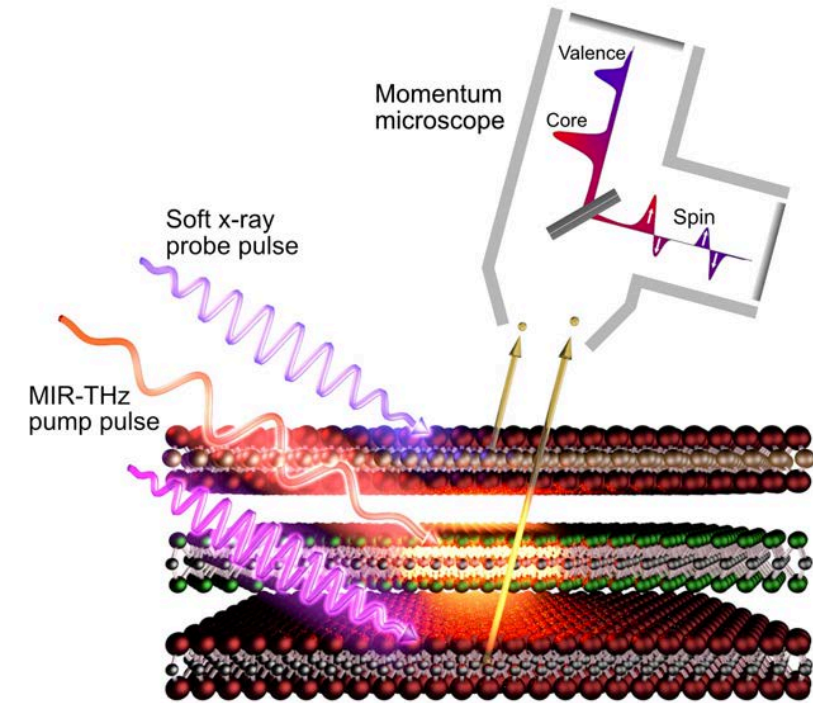


# Complete ultrafast PES @ SXP/EuXFEL

- Science cases
- Instrumentation
- First experiments
- Future direction



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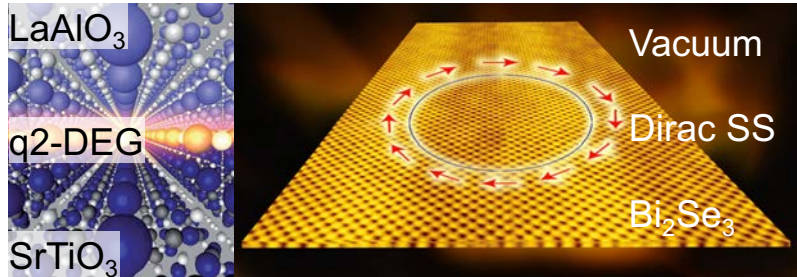
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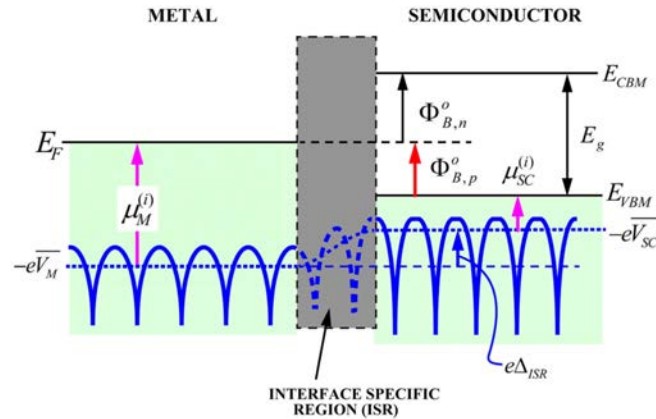
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# Function by interfaces (“1 + 1 > 2”)

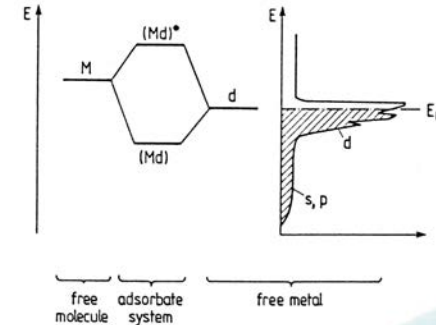
“The interface is (still) a new material, the device, and the catalyst.”



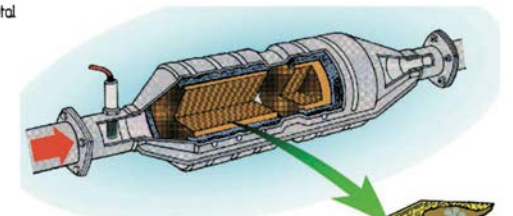
Insulator + insulator  
= interface metal (superconductor)



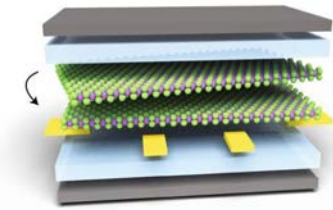
Metal + semiconductor = diode



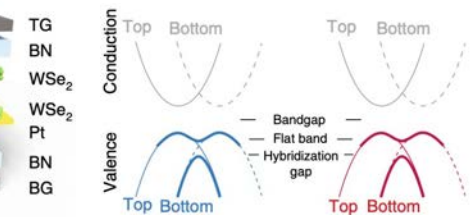
Molecule + metal  
= hybrid system



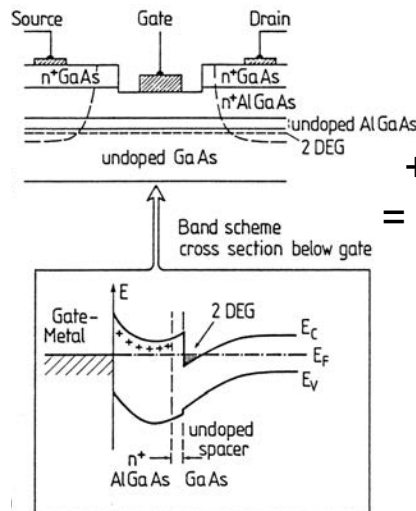
Molecules + metal  
= different molecule



Wang *et al.*, Nat. Mater. **19**, 861 (2020)



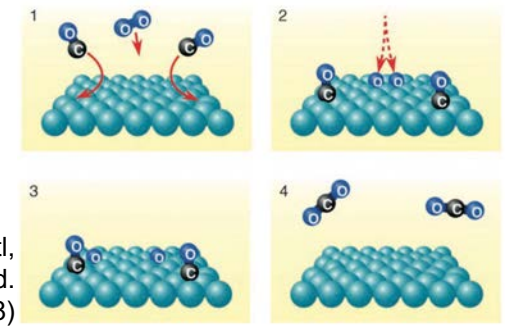
2D semiconductor + 2D semiconductor  
= correlated insulator (superconductor?)



Semiconductor  
+ spacer  
+ semiconductor  
= high- $\mu_e$  transistor



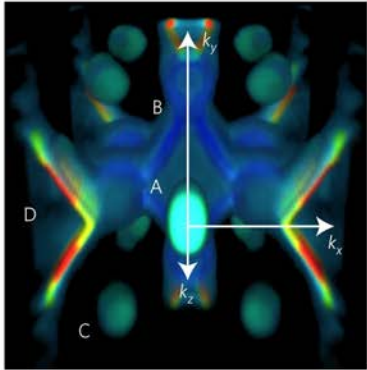
Ertl,  
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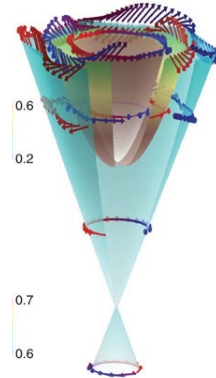
# Function via dynamics

“If you want to understand function, study structure” ... and dynamics!

Band structure



Spin structure



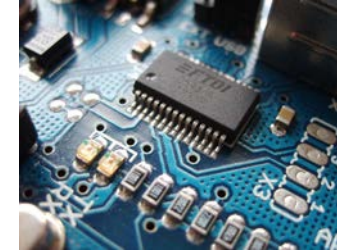
Electron hopping

$$\tau_e = \frac{h}{W} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{h}{1 \text{ eV}}\right) = \mathcal{O}(4 \text{ fs})$$

Exchange interaction

$$\tau_{\text{spin}} = \frac{h}{J_{\text{ex}}} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{h}{100 \text{ meV}}\right) = \mathcal{O}(40 \text{ fs})$$

Electronics



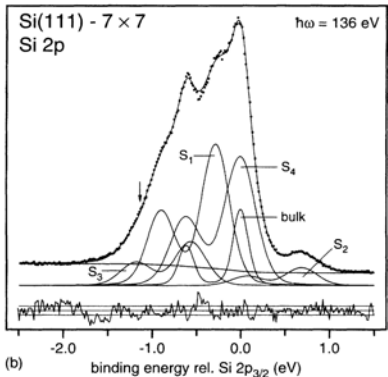
Spintronics



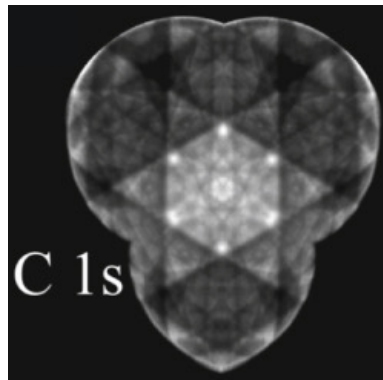
STRUCTURE

DYNAMICS  
(Electrons at interfaces!)

FUNCTION



Chemical structure



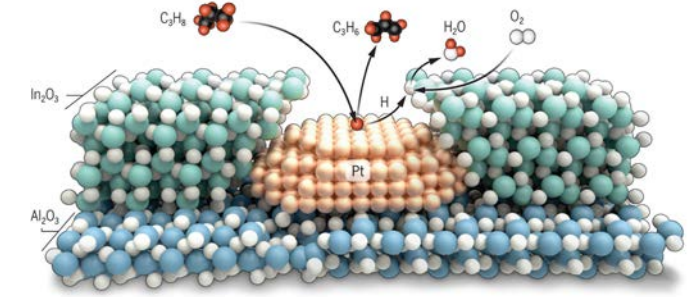
Lattice structure

Charge transfer

$$\tau_{\text{CT}} = \mathcal{O}(\tau_e) = \mathcal{O}(\tau_{\text{core}}) = \mathcal{O}(4 \text{ fs})$$

Lattice vibration

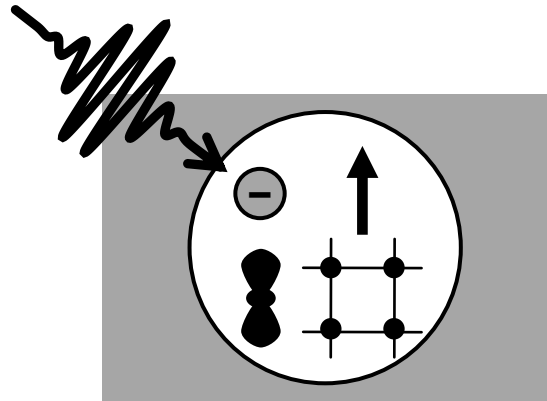
$$\tau_{\text{ph}} = \frac{h}{E_{\text{ph}}} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{h}{10 \text{ meV}}\right) = \mathcal{O}(400 \text{ fs})$$



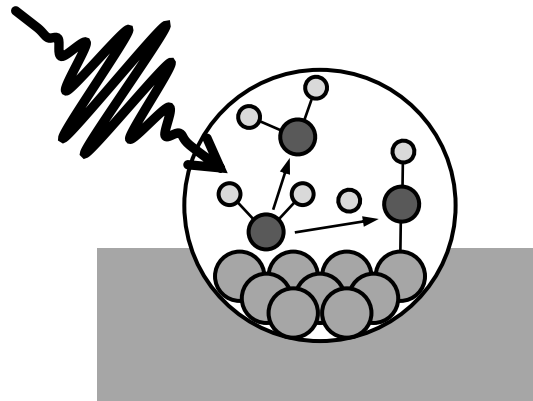
Catalysis

# Science cases

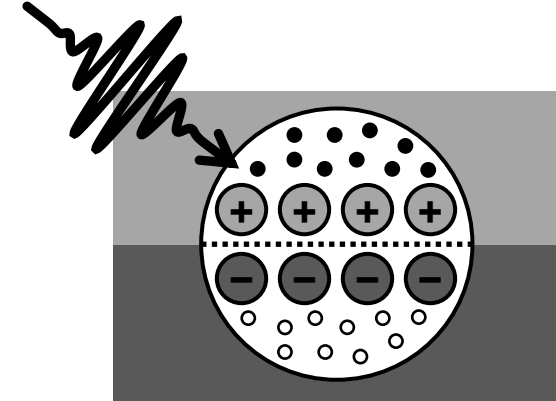
Dynamics of electronic, magnetic, chemical, and geometric structure in materials and at interfaces



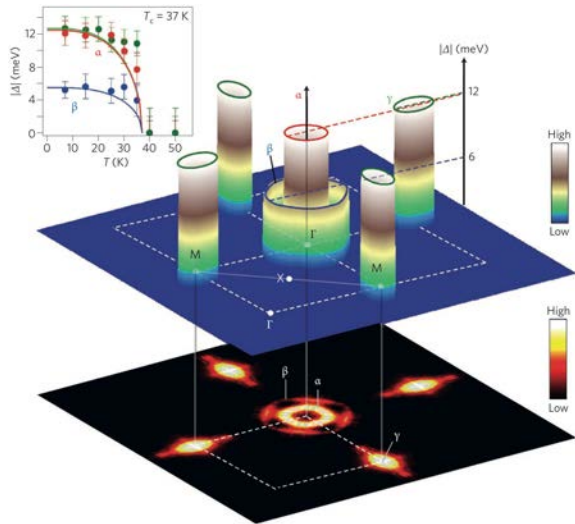
Quantum materials



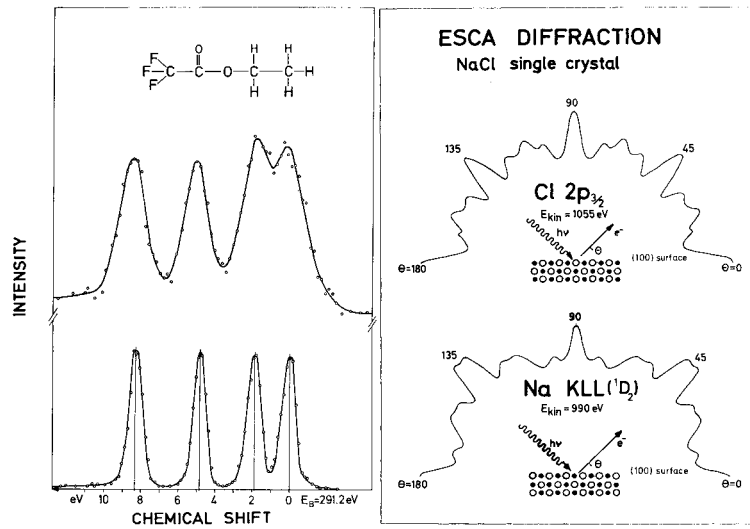
Surface chemistry



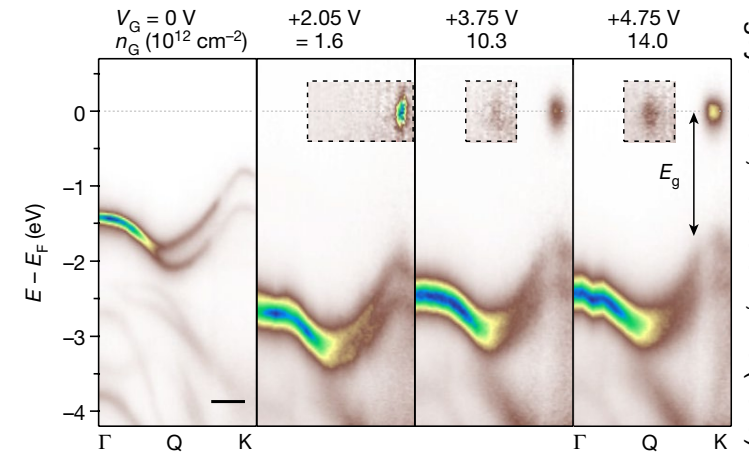
Electronic devices



Gedik & Vishik, Nat. Phys. 13, 1029 (2017)



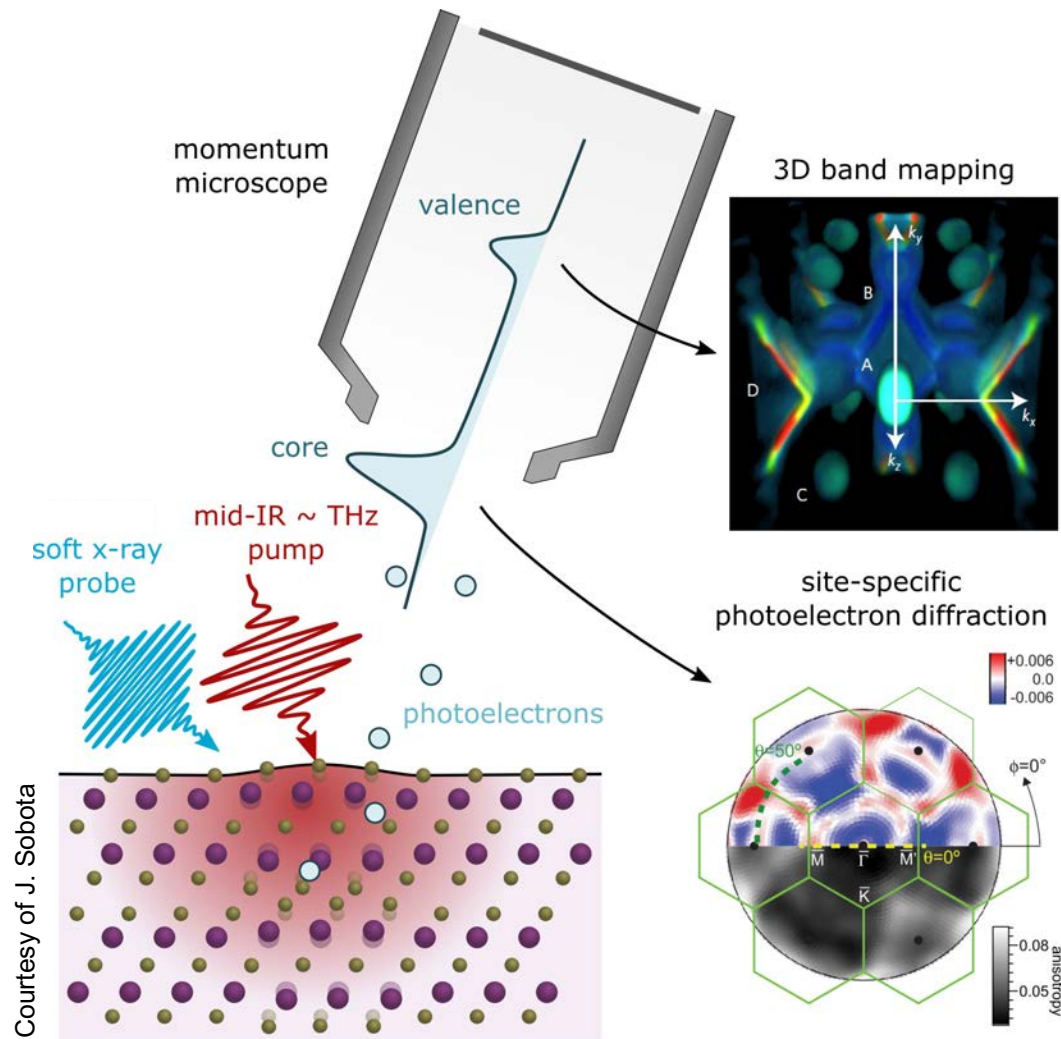
Siegbahn, Rev. Mod. Phys. 54, 709 (1982)



Nguyen et al., Nature 572, 220 (2019)

# The technique

## Complete time-resolved soft x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy



femtosecond time resolution (via pump-probe)

+

tunable MIR-THz pump

- low-energy resonances

+

tunable soft x-ray probe

- **interface sensitivity**
- 3D momentum selectivity
  - core resonances
  - forward scattering

+

ultra-efficient 3D energy-momentum detection

+

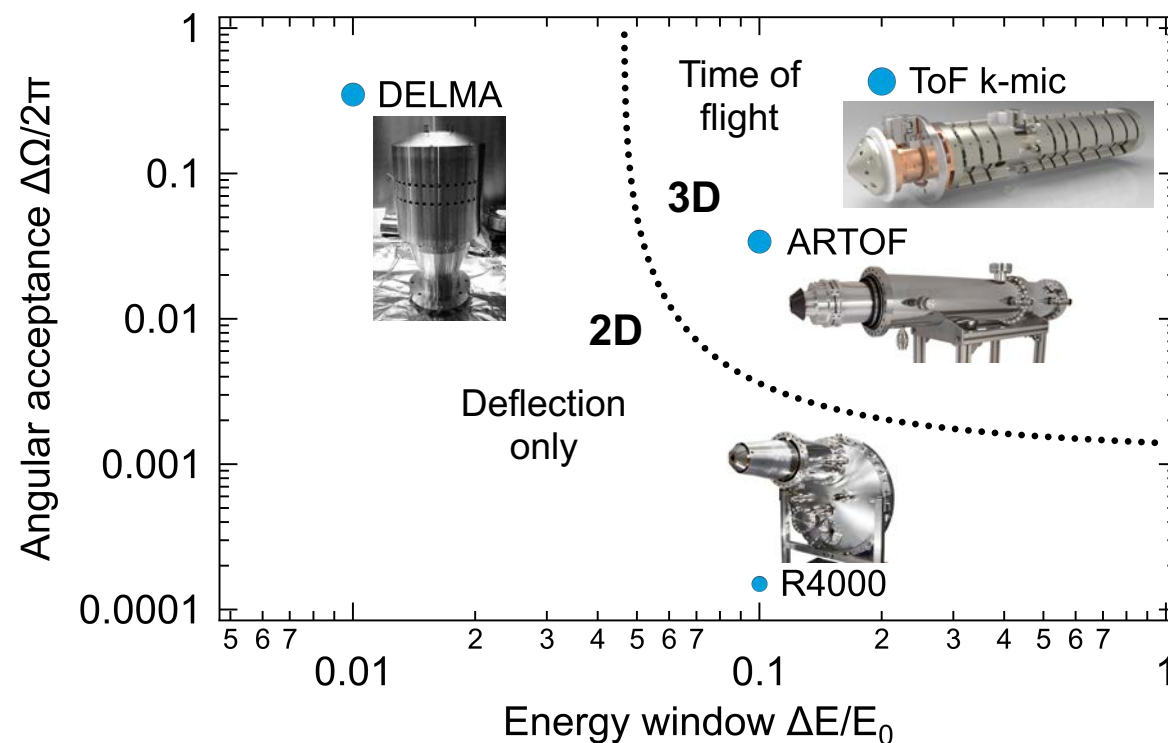
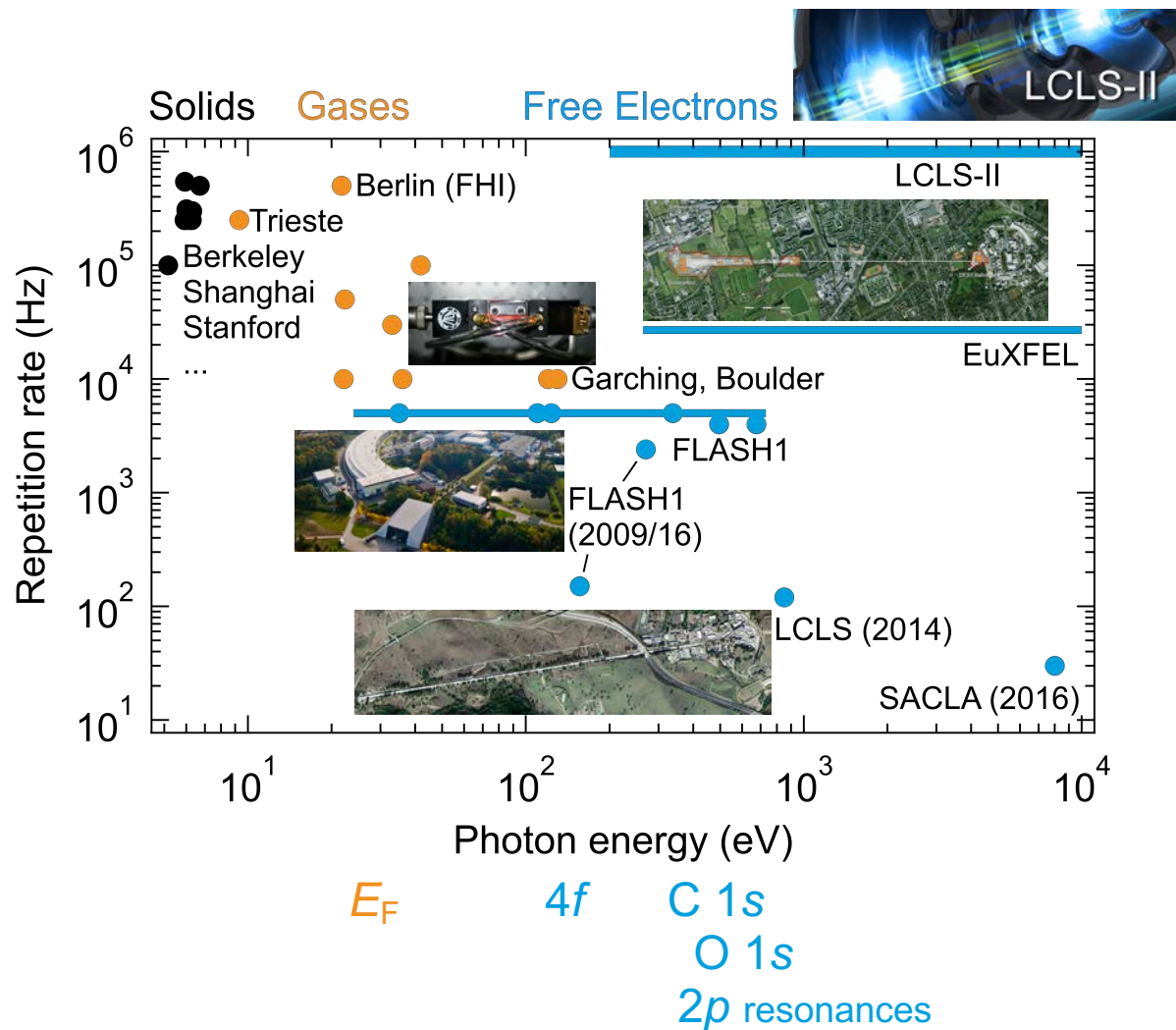
(ultra-efficient 2D spin detection)

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complete ultrafast  
“core-cum-conduction(-cum-spin)”  
photoelectron spectroscopy

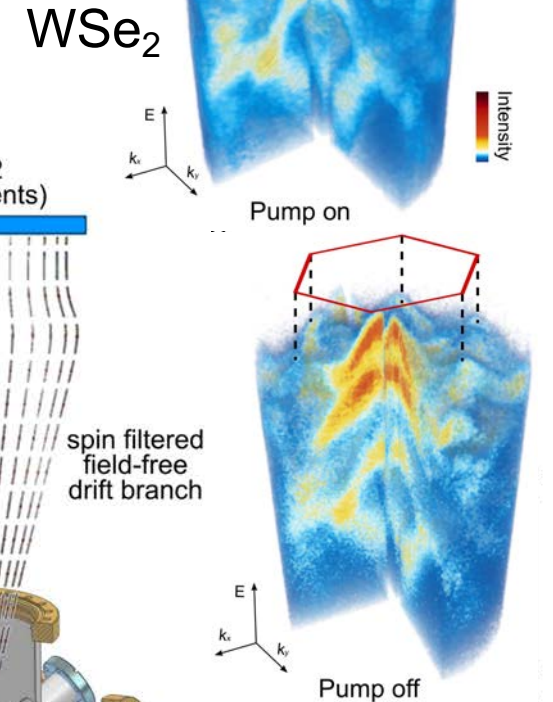
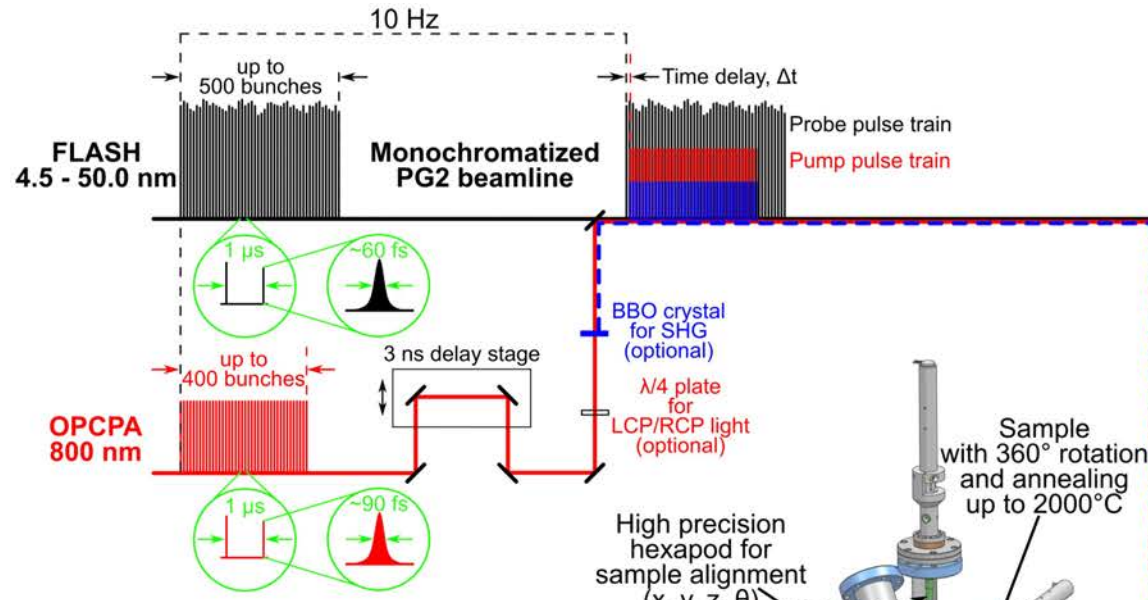
# The source & instrument: kHz...MHz-XFEL + ToF k-mic

Highest repetition rate of soft x-ray pulses + highest efficiency in photoelectron detection

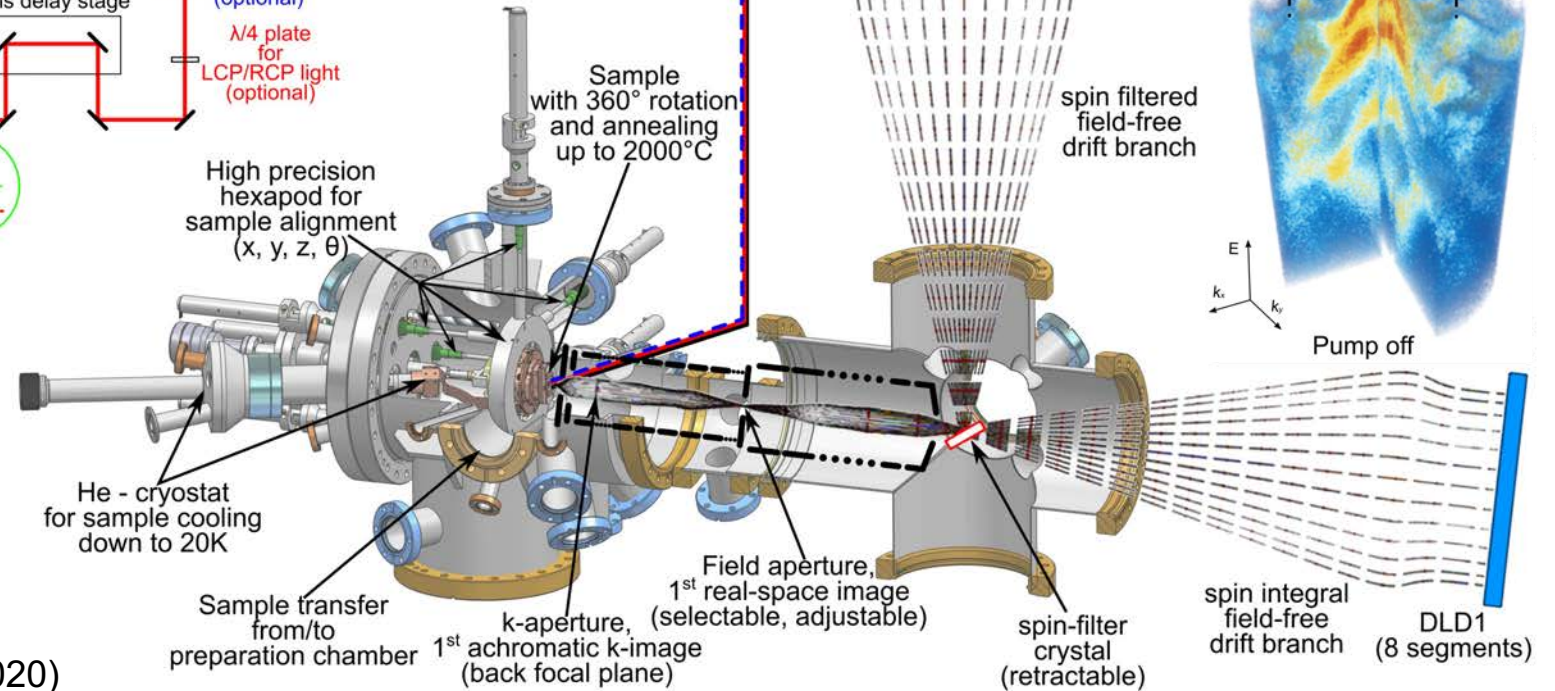
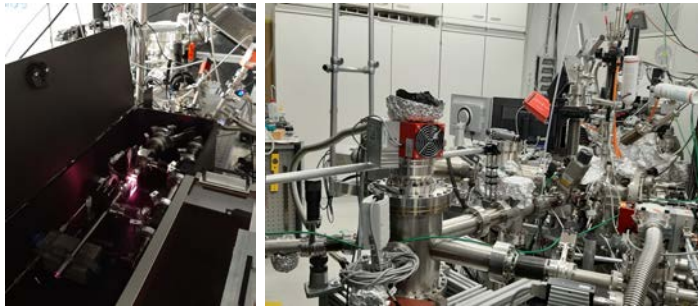


# HEXTOF @ PG2 / FLASH

“The momentum microscopy (ARPES) and photoelectron diffraction (XPD) machine”



HHG lab @ CFEL / DESY

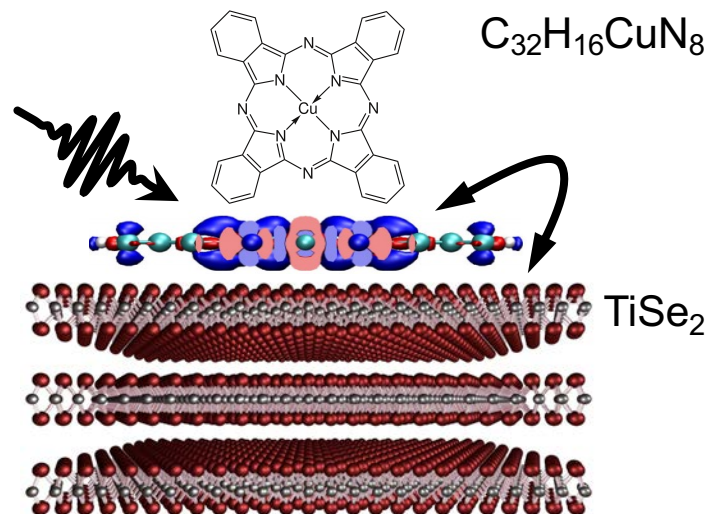
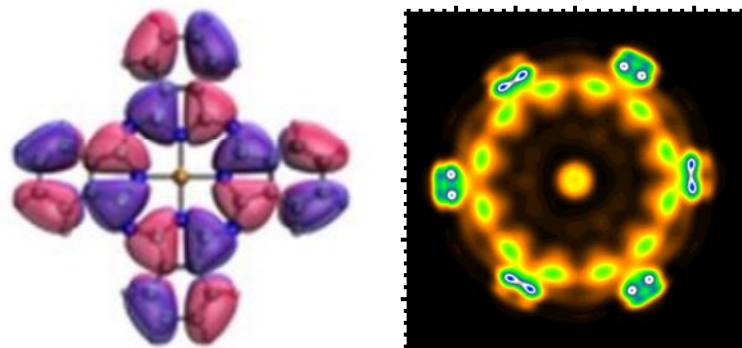


Kutnyakhov *et al.*, Rev. Sci. Instrum. **91**, 013109 (2020)

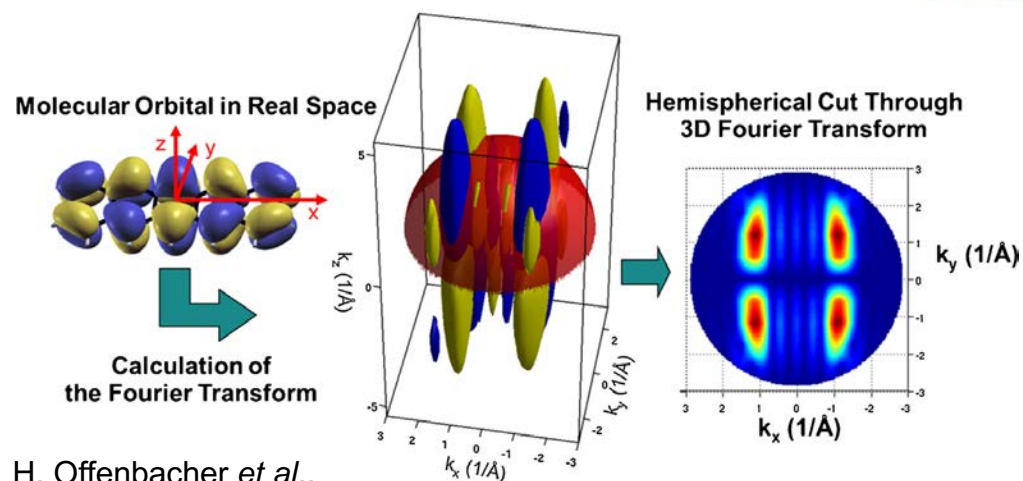
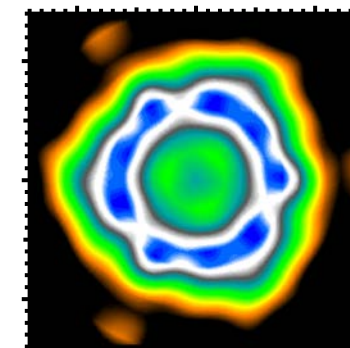
# CuPc / TiSe<sub>2</sub>: “E<sub>F</sub>” + C 1s

Spectral, angular, and temporal dissection of intertwined charge, orbital, and structure dynamics

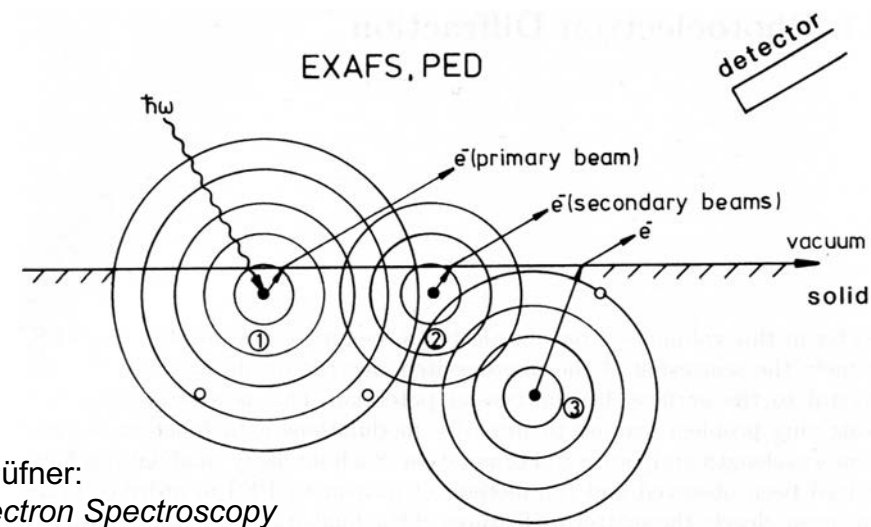
HOMO momentum map



C 1s momentum map



H. Offenbacher *et al.*,  
J. Electron Spectrosc. Relat. Phenom. **204**, 92 (2015)



Stefan Hüfner:  
Photoelectron Spectroscopy



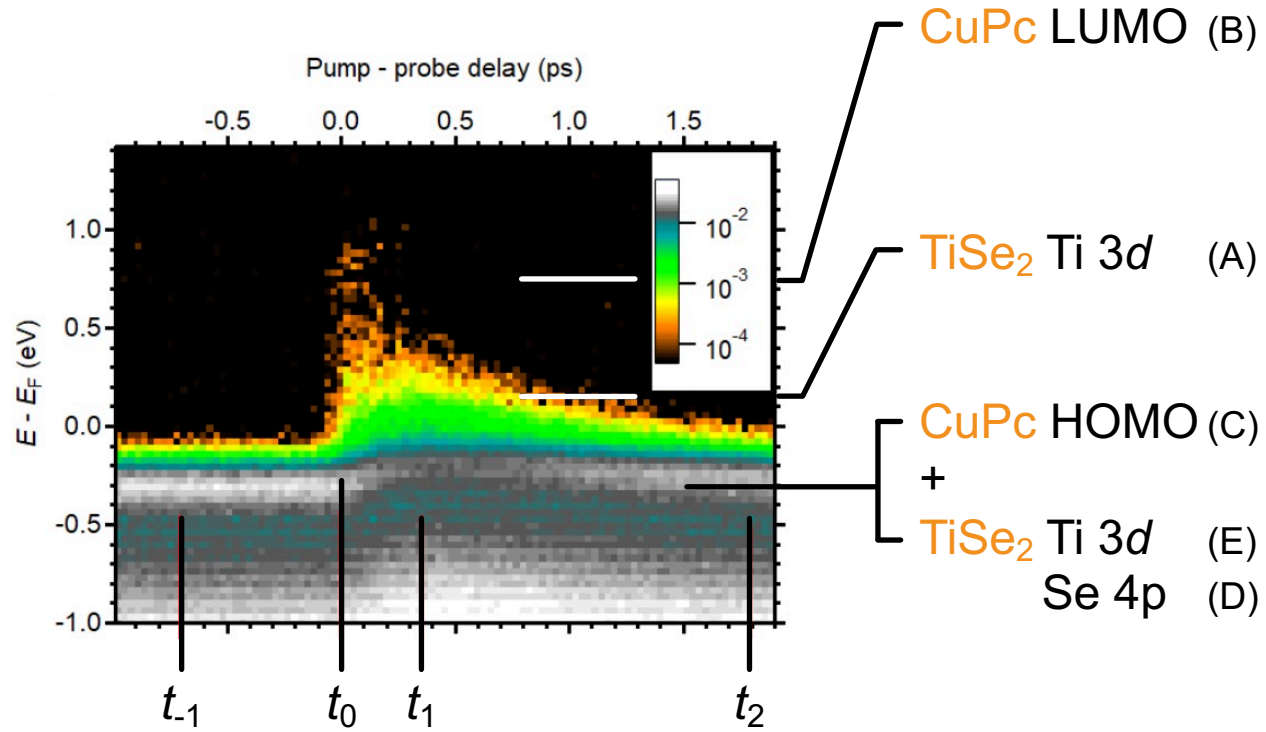
# CuPc / TiSe<sub>2</sub>: “E<sub>F</sub>”

Time-resolved ARPES (k-microscopy)



Kiana Baumgärtner

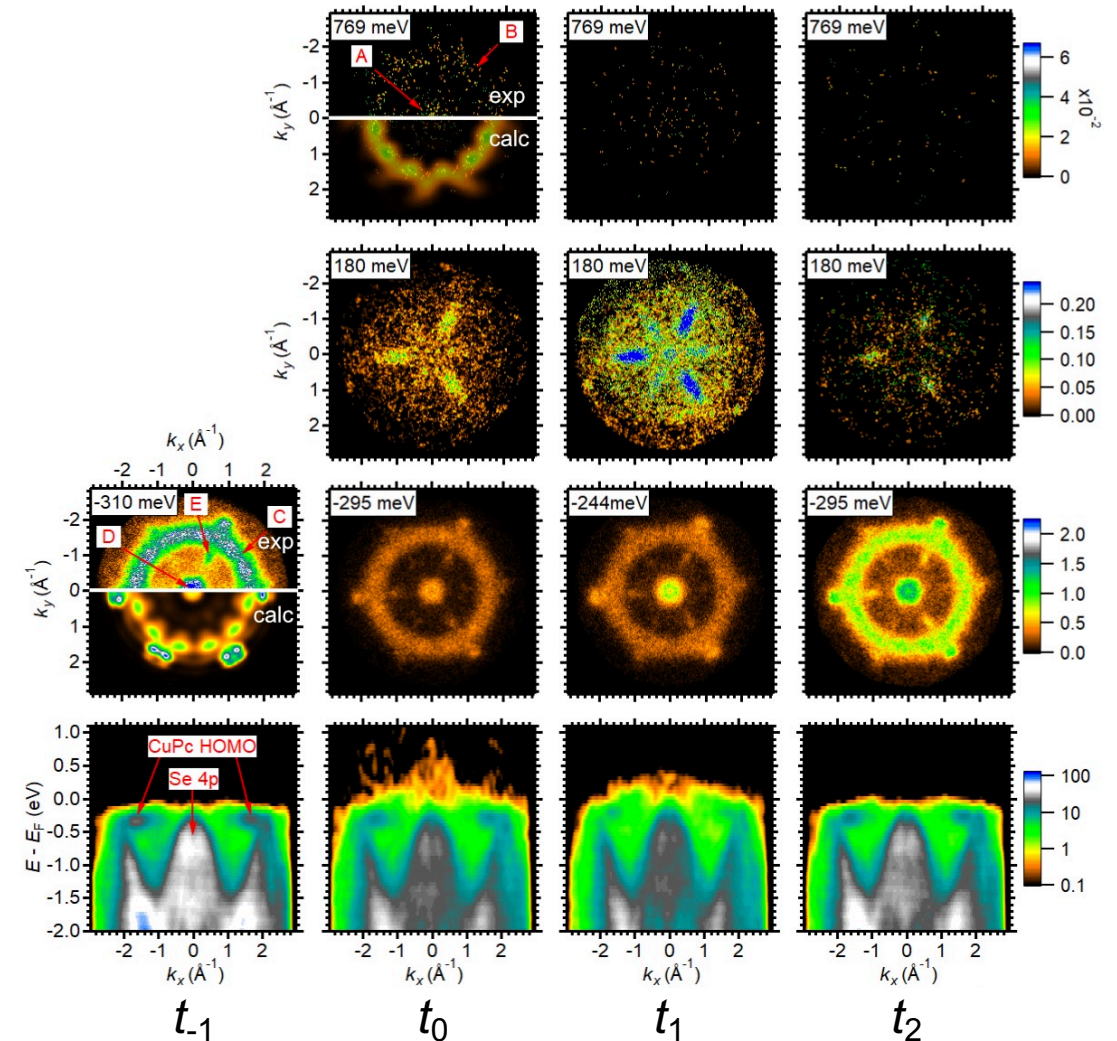
Markus Scholz



$$h\nu_{\text{probe}} = 36.3 \text{ eV}$$

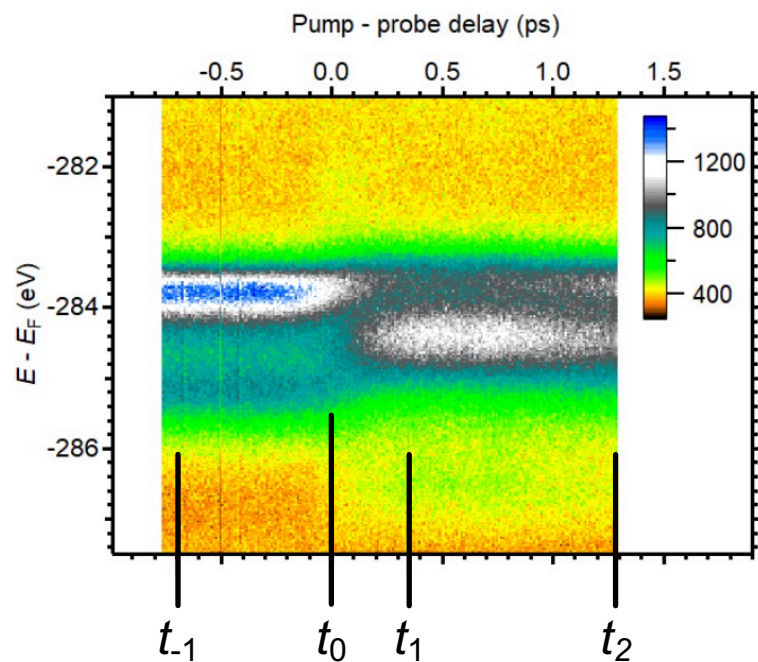
$$h\nu_{\text{pump}} = 1.6 \text{ eV}$$

$$F \approx 3.5 \text{ mJ/cm}^2$$



# CuPc / TiSe<sub>2</sub>: C 1s

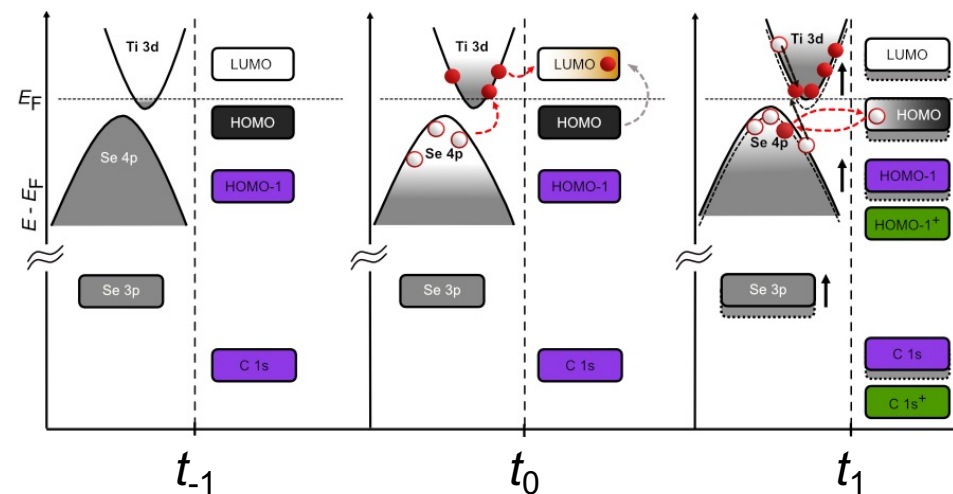
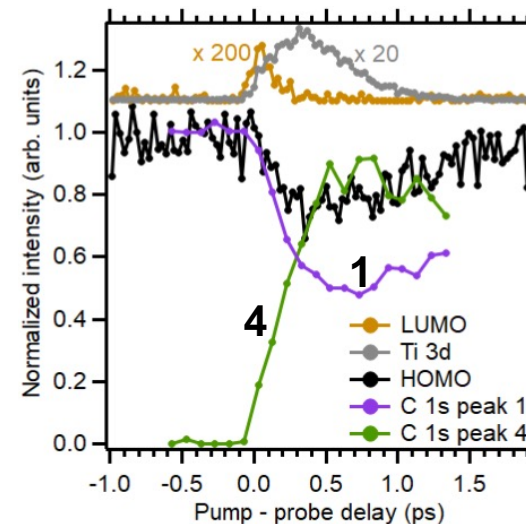
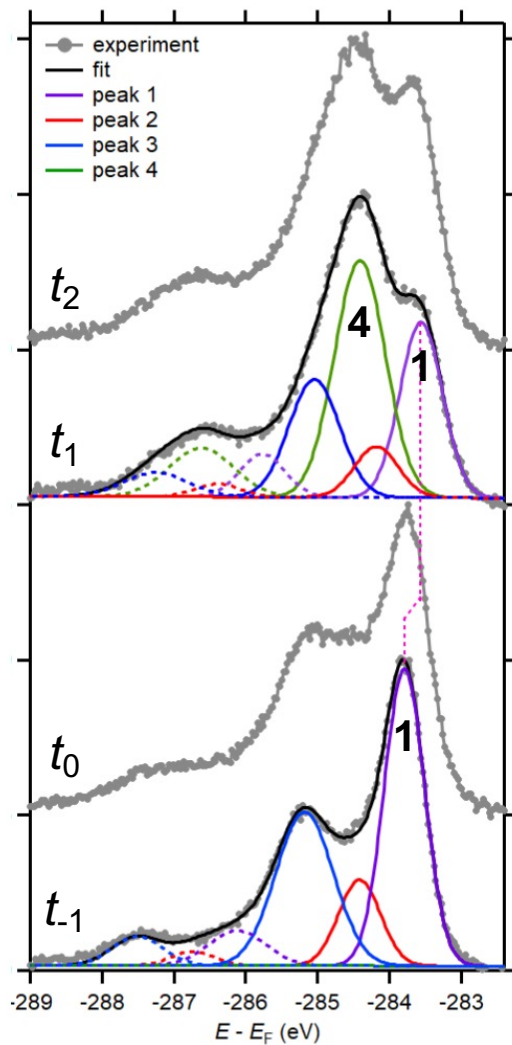
## Time-resolved XPS



$$h\nu_{\text{probe}} = 371 \text{ eV}$$

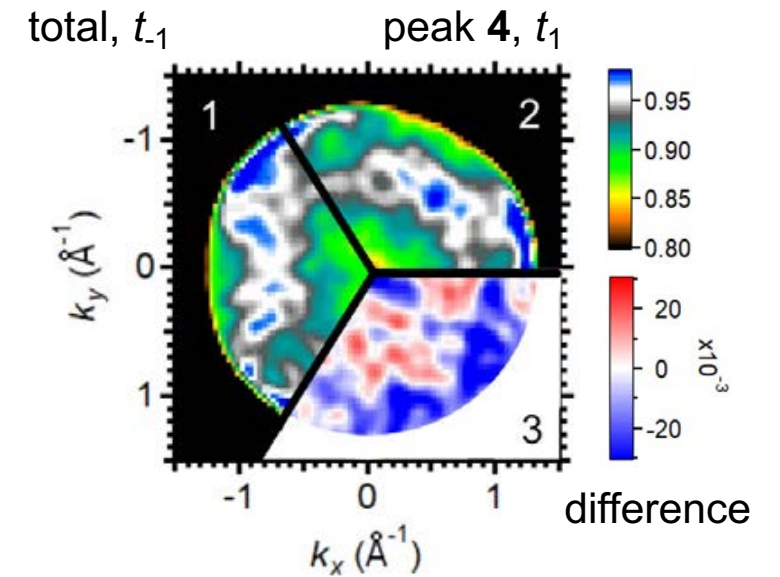
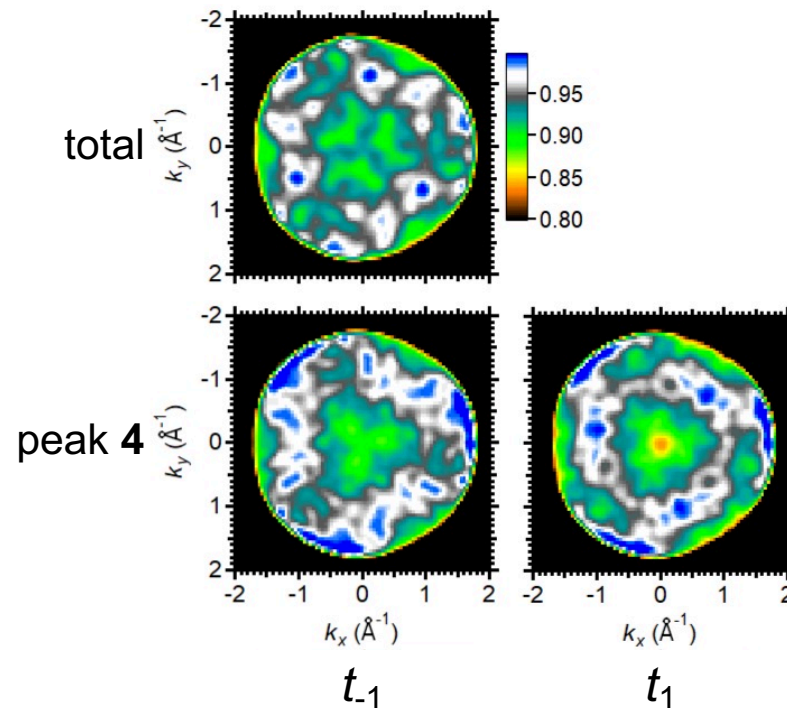
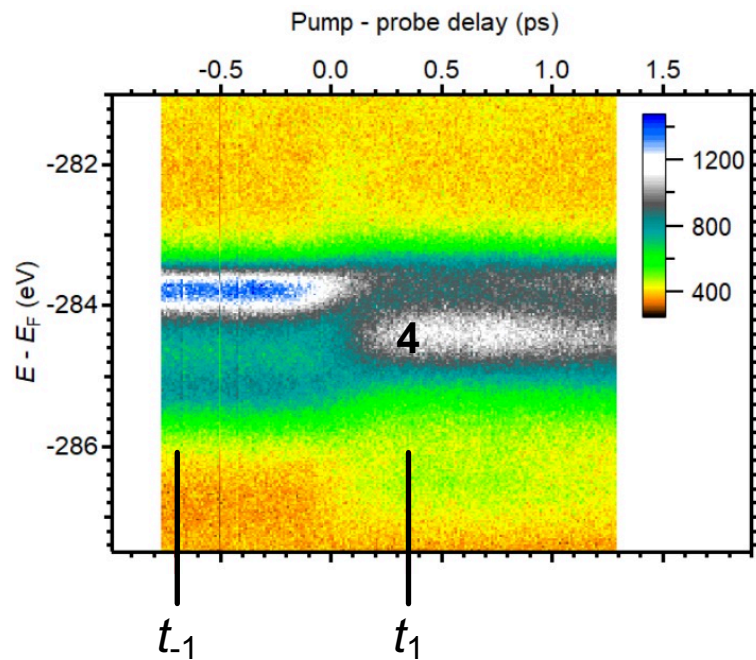
$$h\nu_{\text{pump}} = 1.6 \text{ eV}$$

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# CuPc / TiSe<sub>2</sub>: C 1s

## Time-resolved XPS *cum* XPD



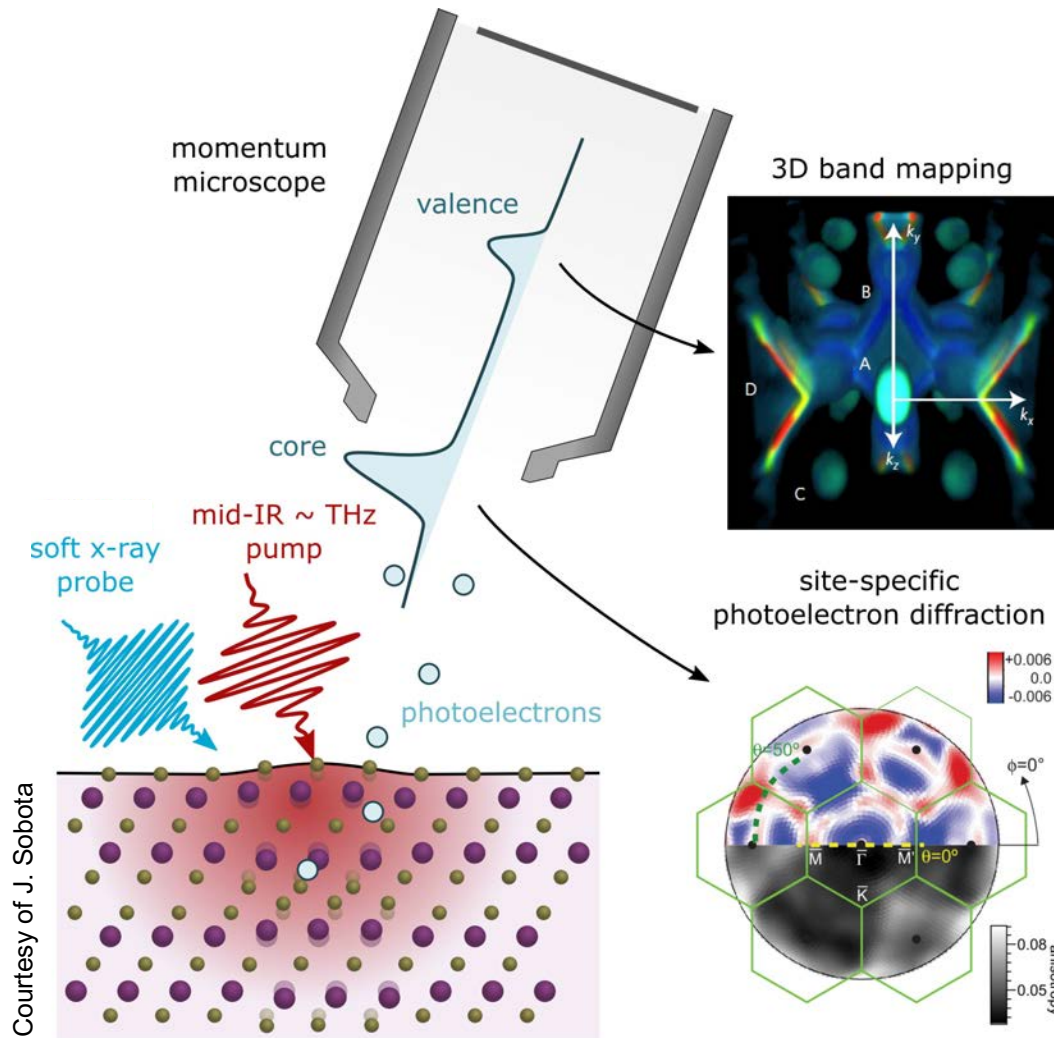
$$h\nu_{\text{probe}} = 371 \text{ eV}$$

$$h\nu_{\text{pump}} = 1.6 \text{ eV}$$

$$F \approx 3.5 \text{ mJ/cm}^2$$

# ToF k-mic @ SXP/EuXFEL

Complete time-resolved soft x-ray core-cum-conduction(-cum-spin) photoelectron spectroscopy



Courtesy of J. Sobota

**HHG**

$\leq 500$  kHz

$\lesssim 100$  eV

**trARPES**

**PG2/FLASH**

5 kHz

24...730 eV

**trXPS**  
trARPES  
trXPD

**SXP/EuXFEL**

27/3 kHz

$\gtrsim 700$  eV

**trXPD**  
trXPS  
trARPES

**NEH 2.2/LCLS-II**

1 MHz

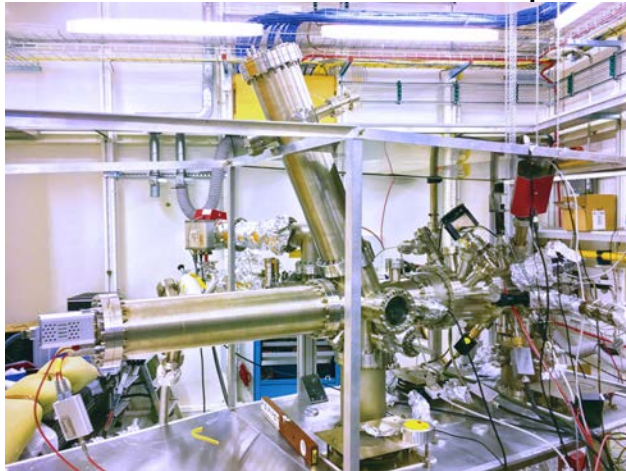
250...1600 eV

**trARPES**  
trXPD  
trXPS

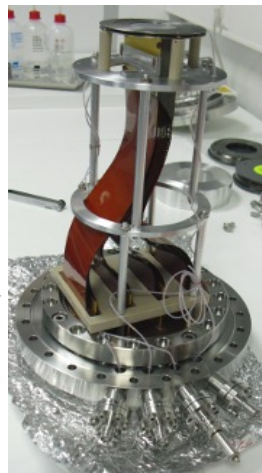
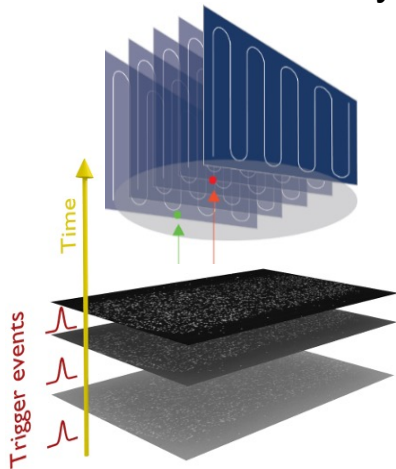
# Contributions to SXP ("Open Port")

Total BMBF funding (Hamburg, Mainz, Kiel, Duisburg, 2013–2022): 5.1 MEUR

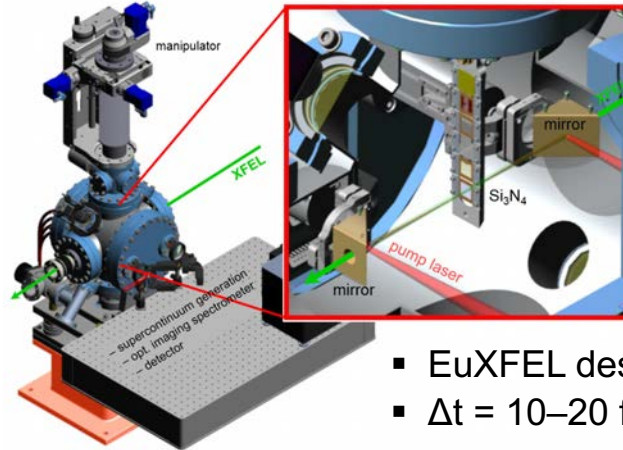
ToF momentum microscope



Multi-channel delay-line detector

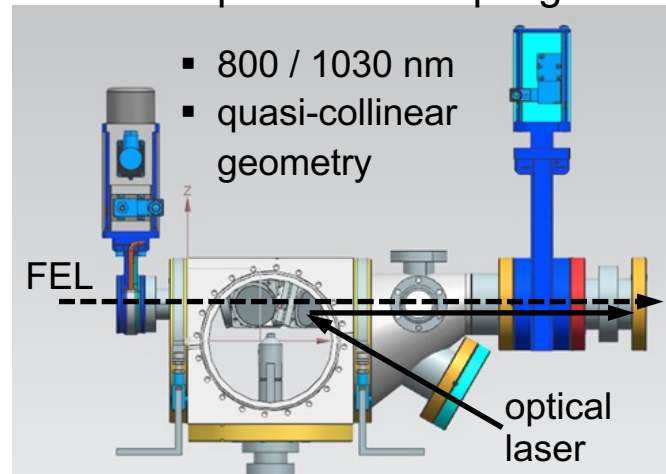


FEL pulse arrival time monitor



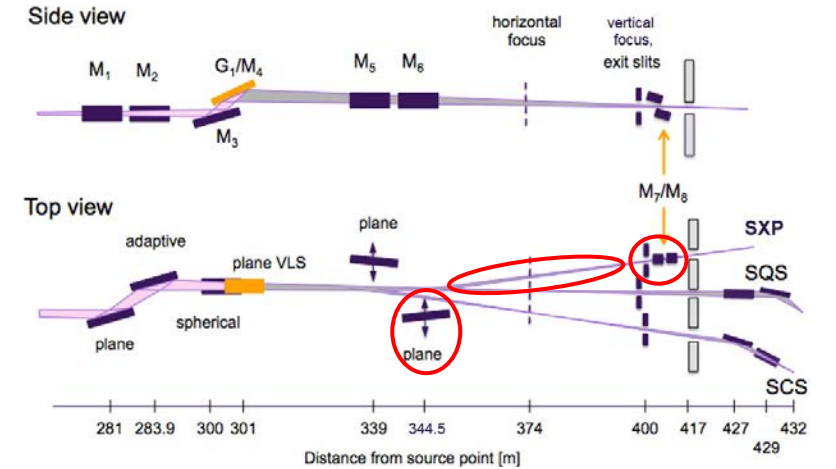
- EuXFEL design
- $\Delta t = 10\text{--}20$  fs

Pump laser in-coupling



- 800 / 1030 nm
- quasi-collinear geometry

X-ray optics



Wavefront propagation simulations



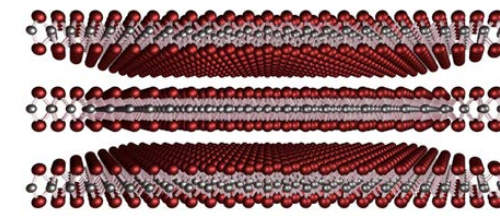
Roughness: 8.0 nm (RMS)

Real-time FEL pulse diagnostics

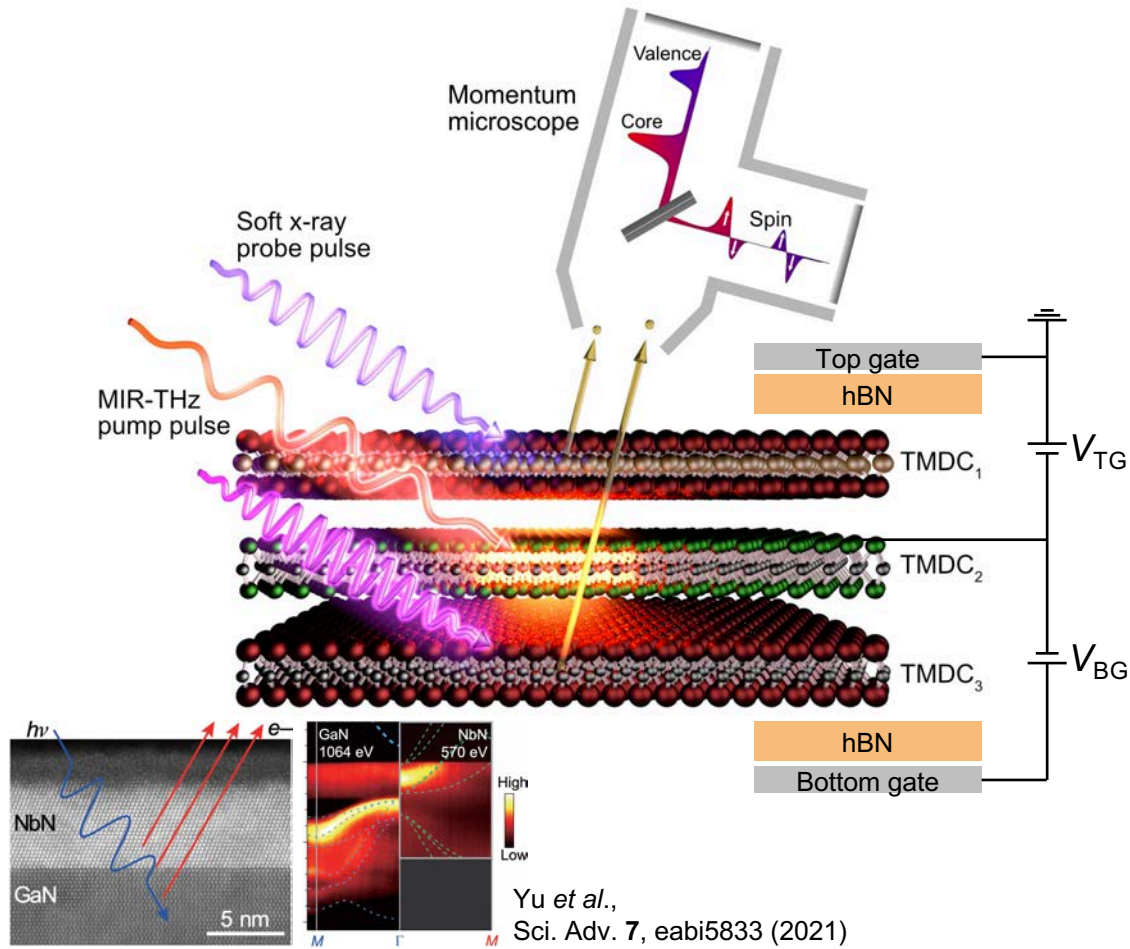


# First experiments: 2D materials (+ molecules)

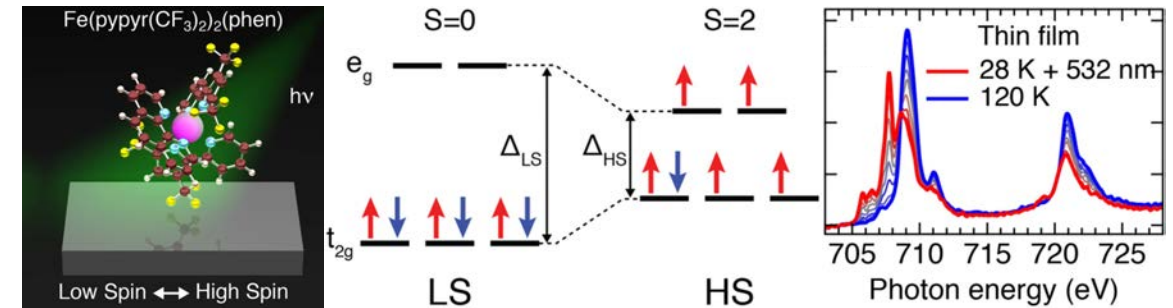
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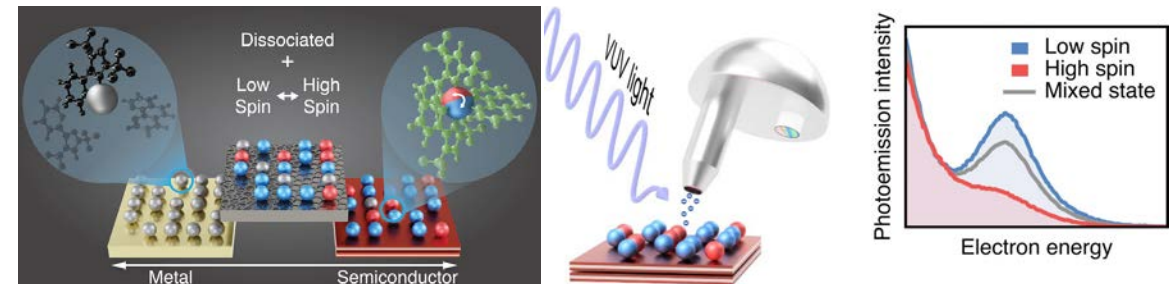
## Layer-selective pump-probe in TMDC heterostructures



## Ultrafast spincrossover on TMDC surfaces



Rohlf *et al.*,  
J. Phys. Chem. Lett. **9**, 1491 (2018)



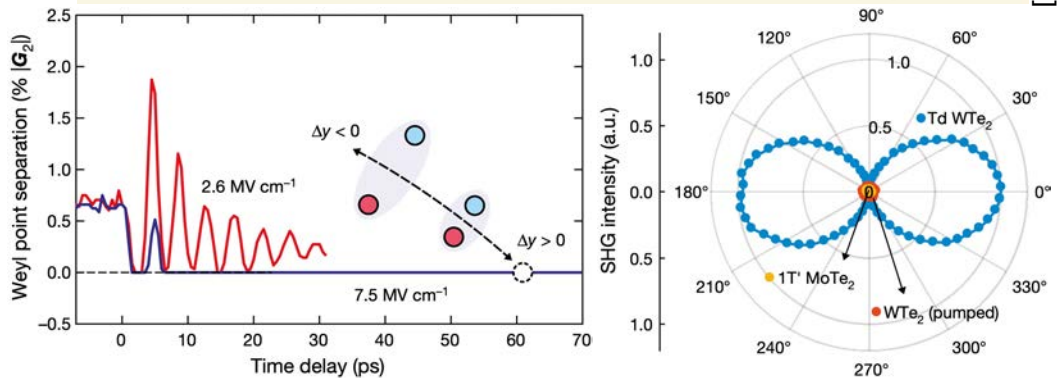
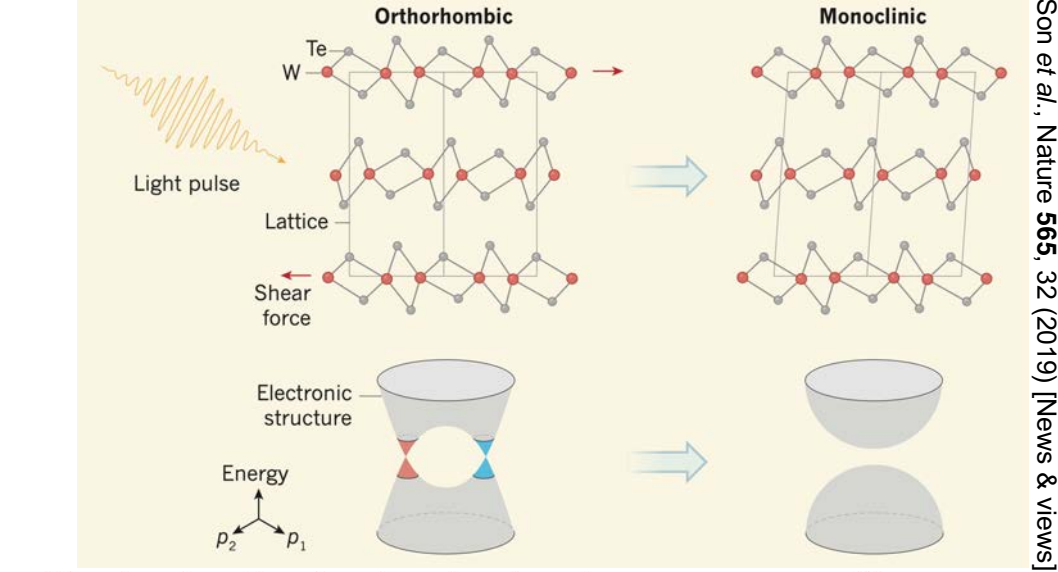
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Rohlf *et al.*,  
J. Phys. Chem. C **125**, 14105 (2021)

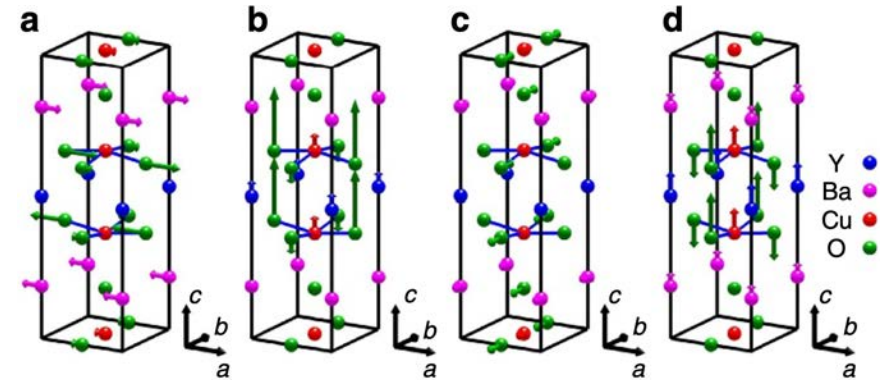
# First experiments: Topological & correlated materials

KTH Stockholm / JGU Mainz

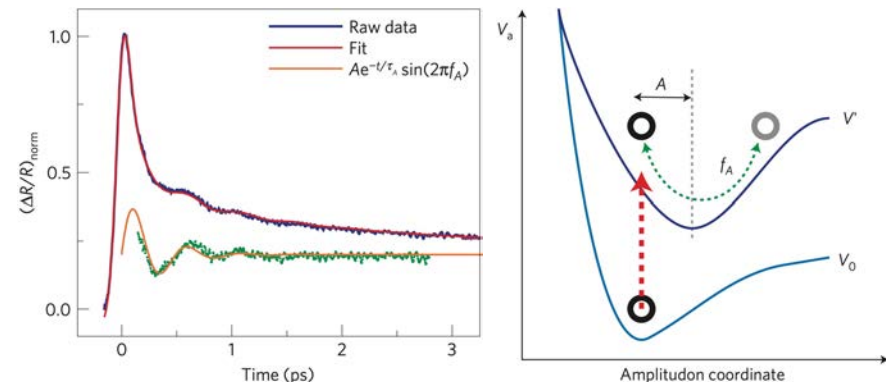
## Ultrafast strain-induced topological phase transition



## Ultrafast dynamics of coexisting electronic orders

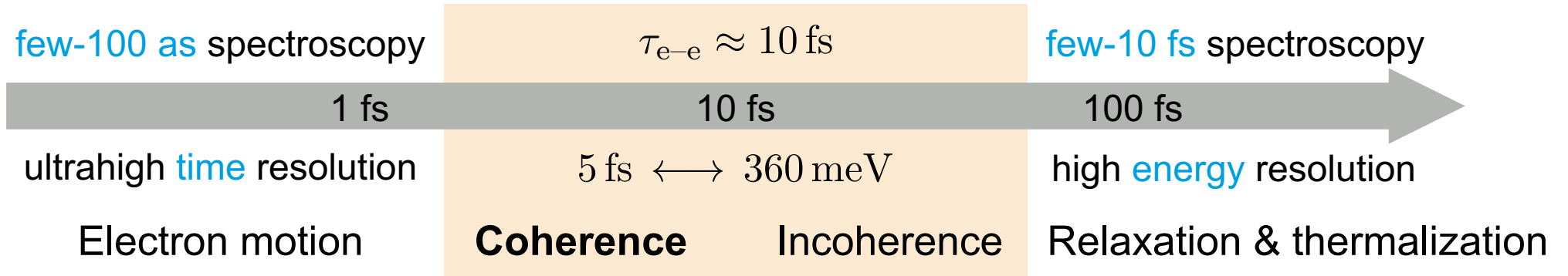


Forgan *et al.*, Nat. Commun. **6**, 10064 (2015)

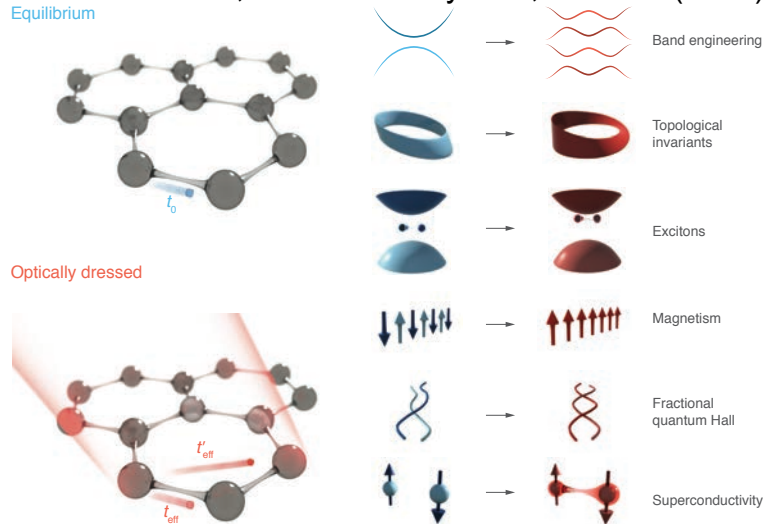


# Future direction

## Tracking of coherent electron dynamics in quantum materials with 5-fs soft x-ray pulses



de la Torre *et al.*, Rev. Mod. Phys. **93**, 041002 (2021)



- laser-induced coherences
- Coulomb-induced correlations
- resonantly coupled excitations
- quantum-kinetic retardations

cf. Axt & Kuhn,  
*Femtosecond spectroscopy in semiconductors: a key to coherences, correlations and quantum kinetics*,  
Rep. Prog. Phys. **67**, 433 (2004)

### Quantum materials dynamics in real time

- observe on timescales shorter than typical interaction times
- control the outcome of interaction processes

### Quantum engineering of correlated many-particle states