

# Ions, Atoms & Molecules in Intense Fields: of FELs:

1. huge integrated flux → dilute samples  
from the visible . . . to X-ray FELS
2. huge peak intensities → multi photon
3. extreme short times → electron dynamics

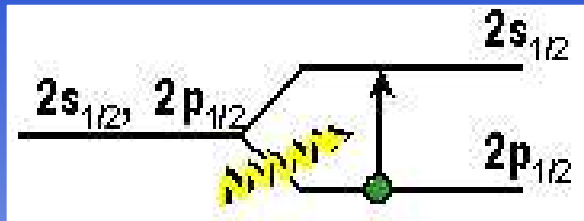


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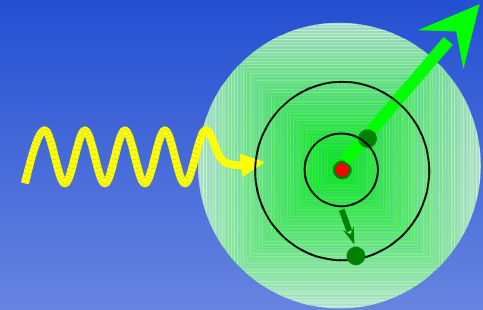


at least three  
New Fields of Research

# I. Precision Spectroscopy & Ionization : Ions



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⋮  
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# ***Highly charged ions***

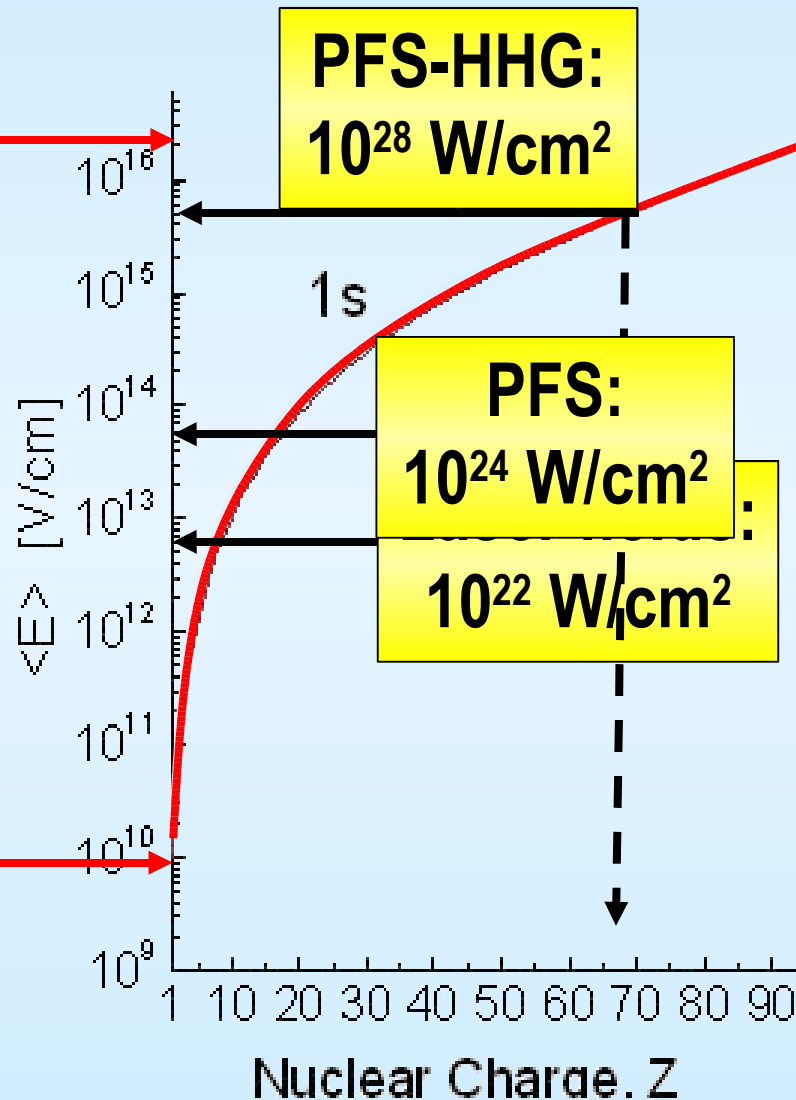
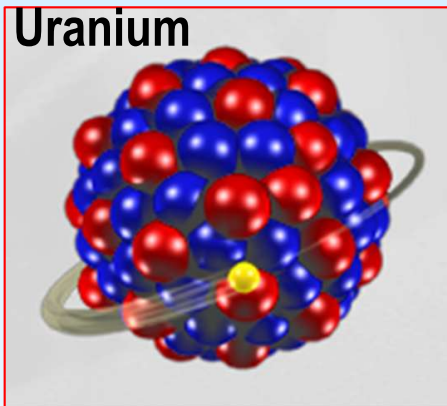
**Ready to go to  
- FEL (4.2006)**

**FEL-EBIT**

- **Formation**
- **Cooling**
- **Storage**
- **Extraction**

***of highly charged ions . . . up to  $\text{Hg}^{78+}$***

# Spectroscopy of Ions



$$\Delta E \approx 500 \text{ eV}$$

$$Z \cdot \alpha \approx 1$$

Quantum  
Electro-  
Dynamics

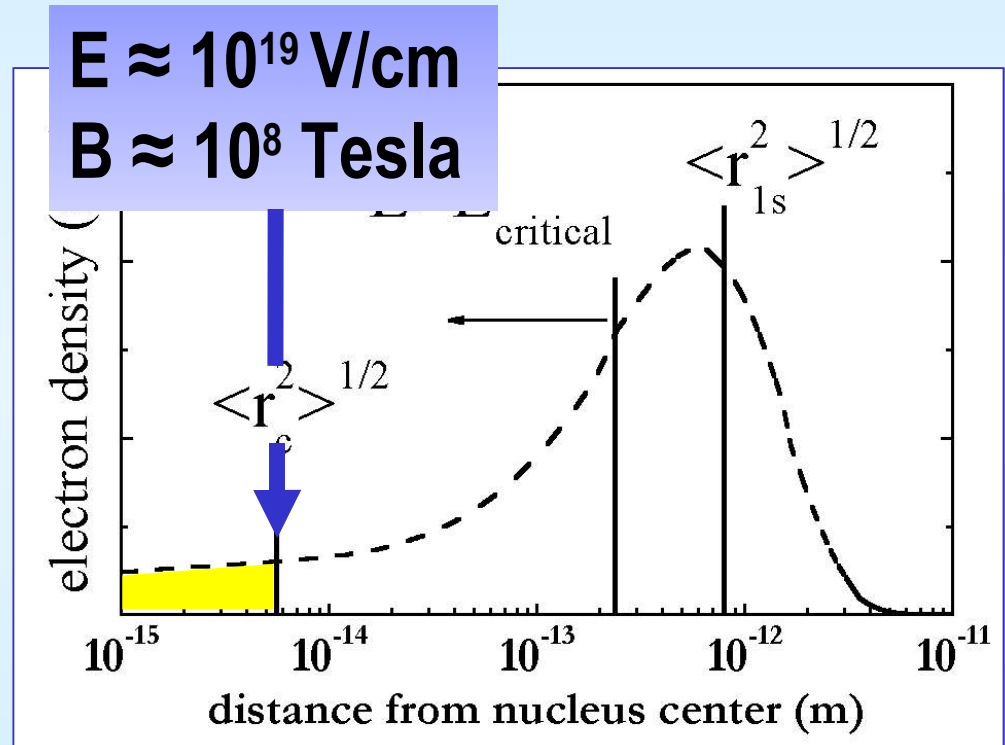
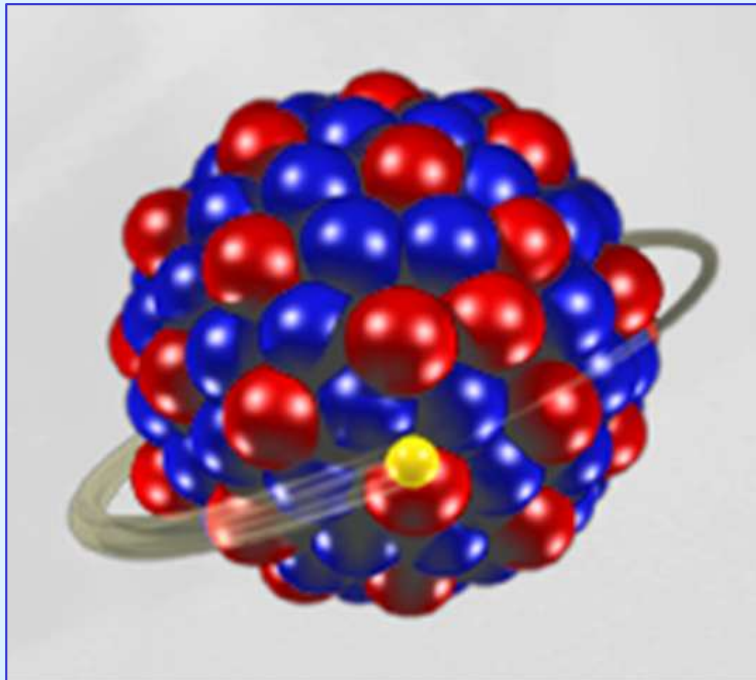
$$\Delta E \approx 10^{-6} \text{ eV}$$

$$Z \cdot \alpha \approx 10^{-2}$$



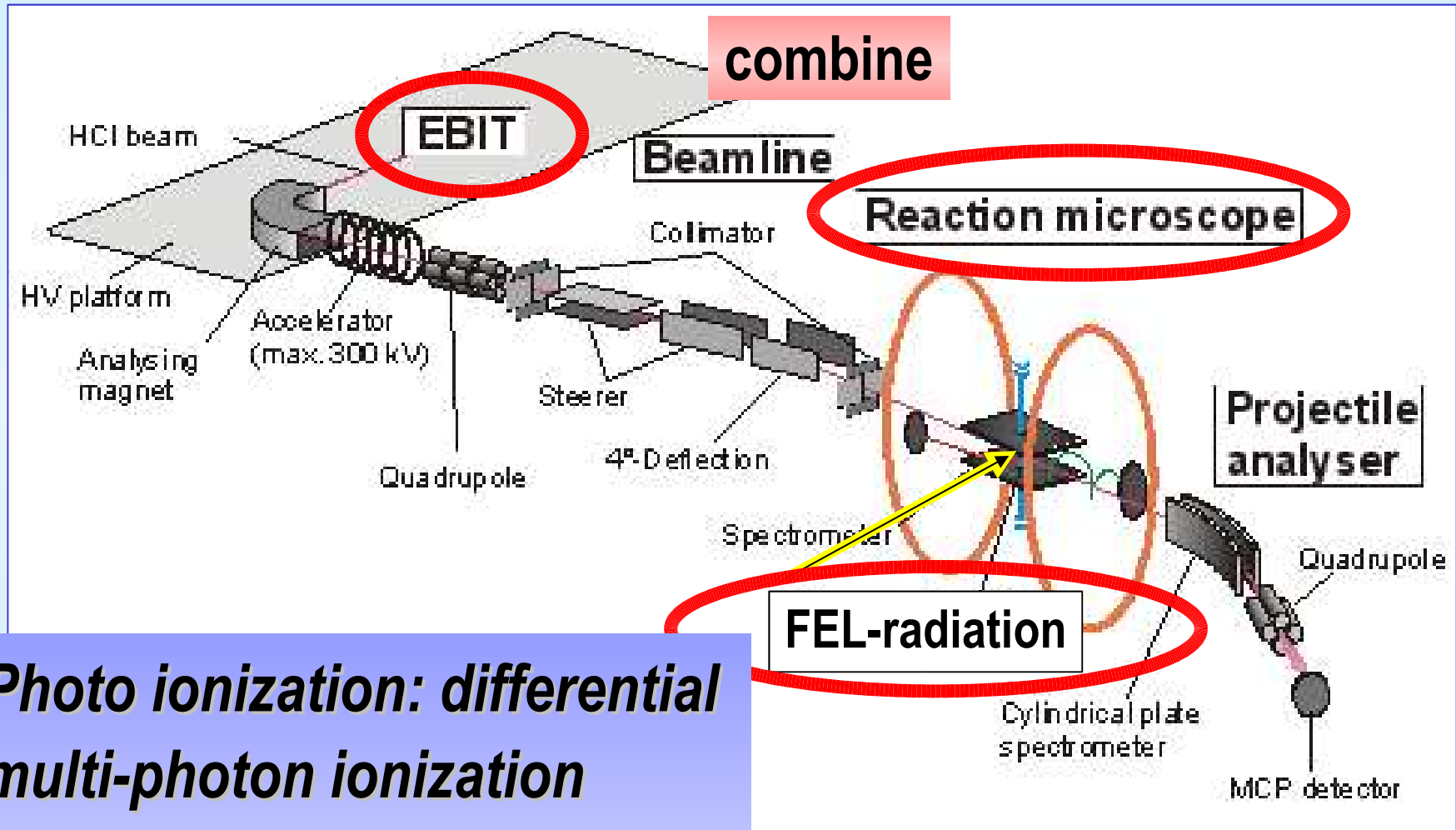
# Spectroscopy of Ions

## Explore the Nucleus



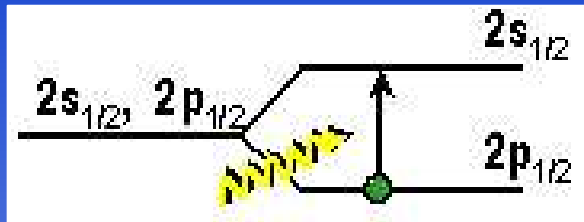
- Fundamental Symmetries

# Extracted Beams

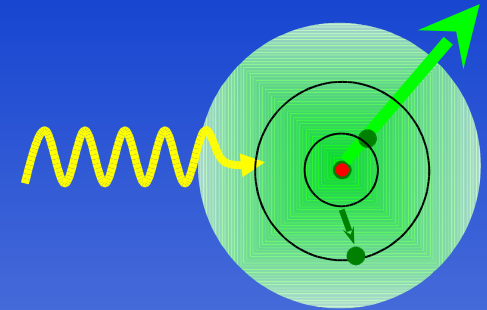


- *Photo ionization: differential*
- *multi-photon ionization*
- *harmonic generation . . .*

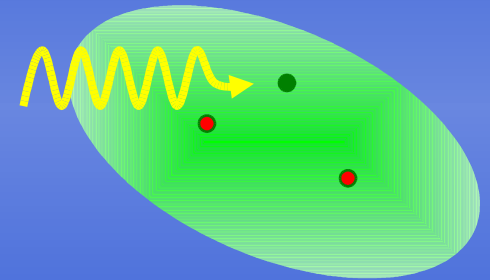
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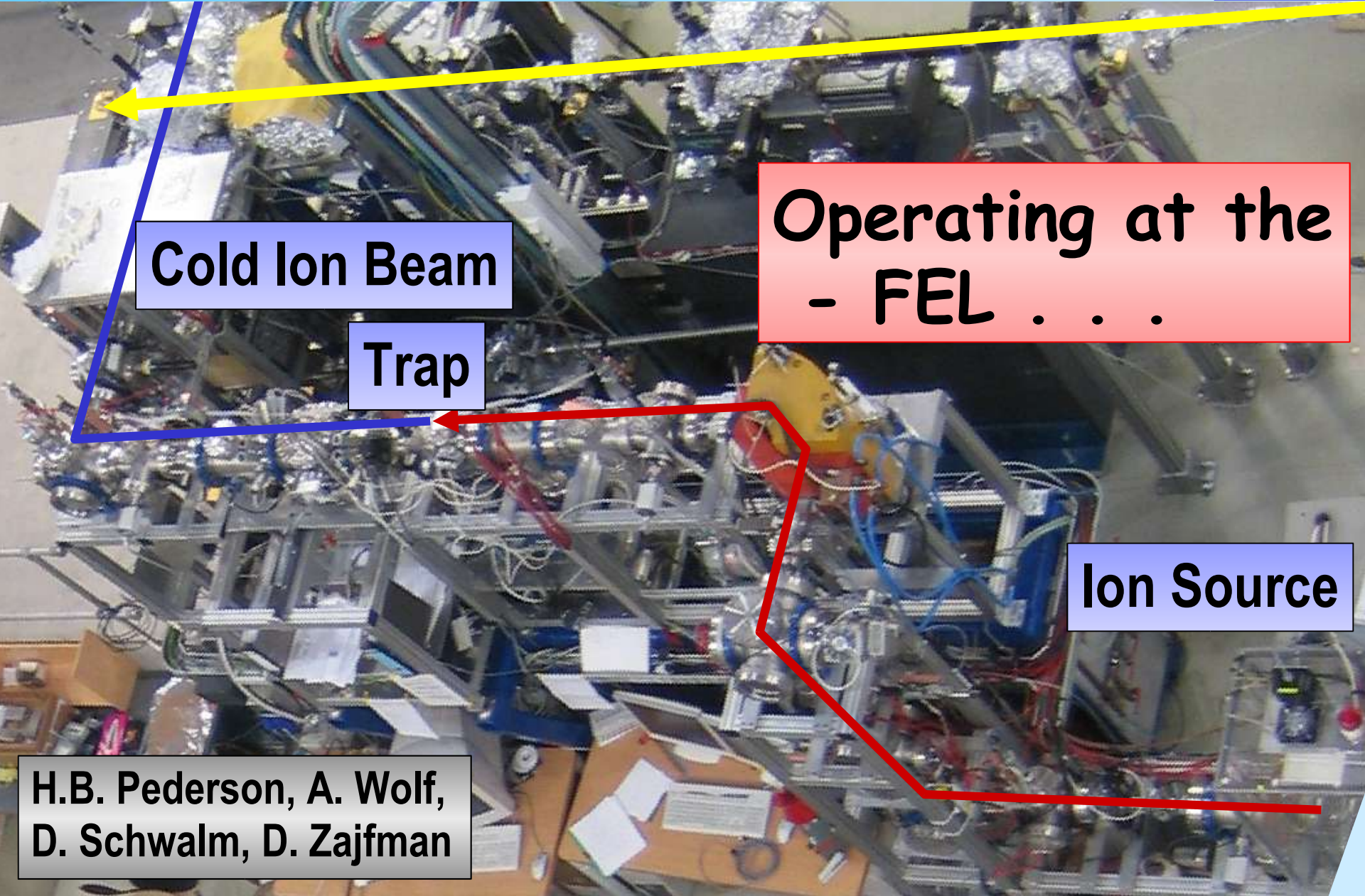


## I. Interaction with Molecular Ions .... very dilute beams





# ***Cold molecular ions***



**Cold Ion Beam**

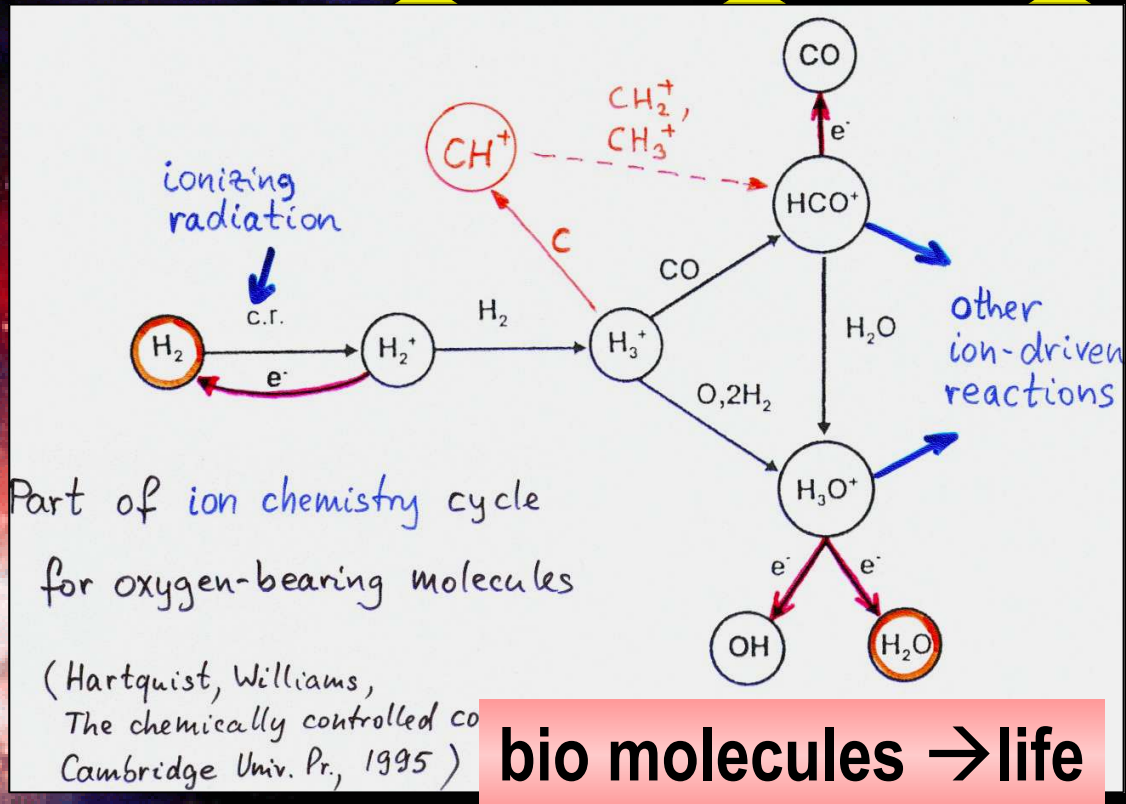
**Trap**

**Operating at the  
- FEL . . .**

**Ion Source**

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# Cold molecular ions



How did molecules form in  
interstellar spaces? ?



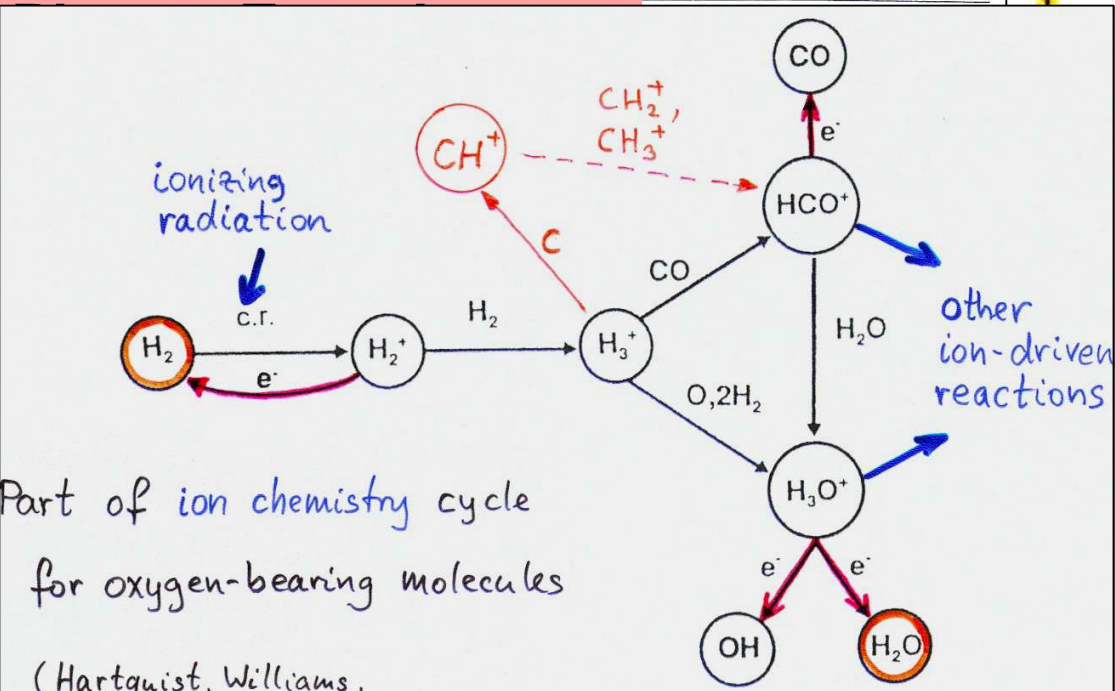
# Cold molecular ions

| Photoreaction | C | $\alpha$ | $\beta$ | Reference |
|---------------|---|----------|---------|-----------|
|               |   |          |         |           |

## Relevant

- Interstellar
- Close to

$H_2O + \nu \rightarrow H_2O^+$   
 $H_3O^+ + \nu \rightarrow OH$   
 $O_2^+ + \nu \rightarrow O + O$   
 $CH^+ + \nu \rightarrow H^+ + C$   
 $CH_2^+ + \nu \rightarrow CH_2$   
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 $CH_4^+ + \nu \rightarrow CH_4$   
 $CH_5^+ + \nu \rightarrow CH_5$   
 $SH^+ + \nu \rightarrow S^+ + H$



Part of ion chemistry cycle  
for oxygen-bearing molecules

(Hartquist, Williams,  
The chemically controlled co  
Cambridge Univ. Pr., 1995)

bio molecules  $\rightarrow$  life  
feasible for the first time

At the FEL:

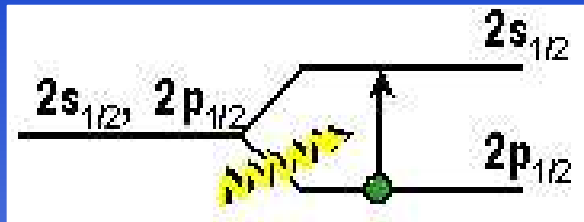
$10^{17}$  photons/sec

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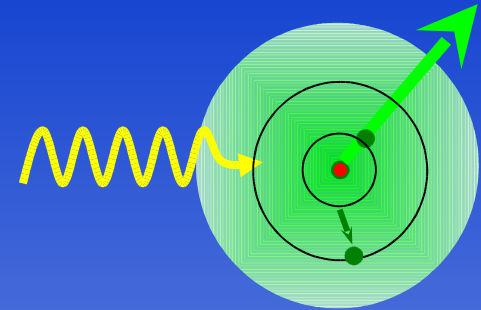
Sternberg & Dalgarno, Chemistry in  
dense photo dominated regions

density  
( $10^5 m^{-3}$ )

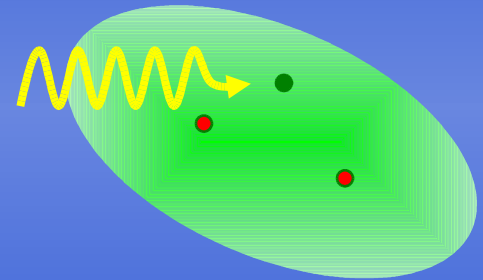
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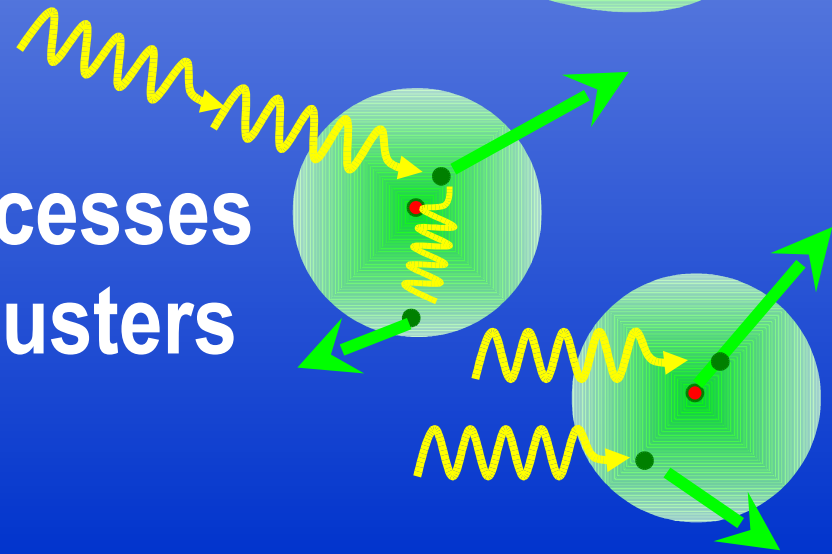
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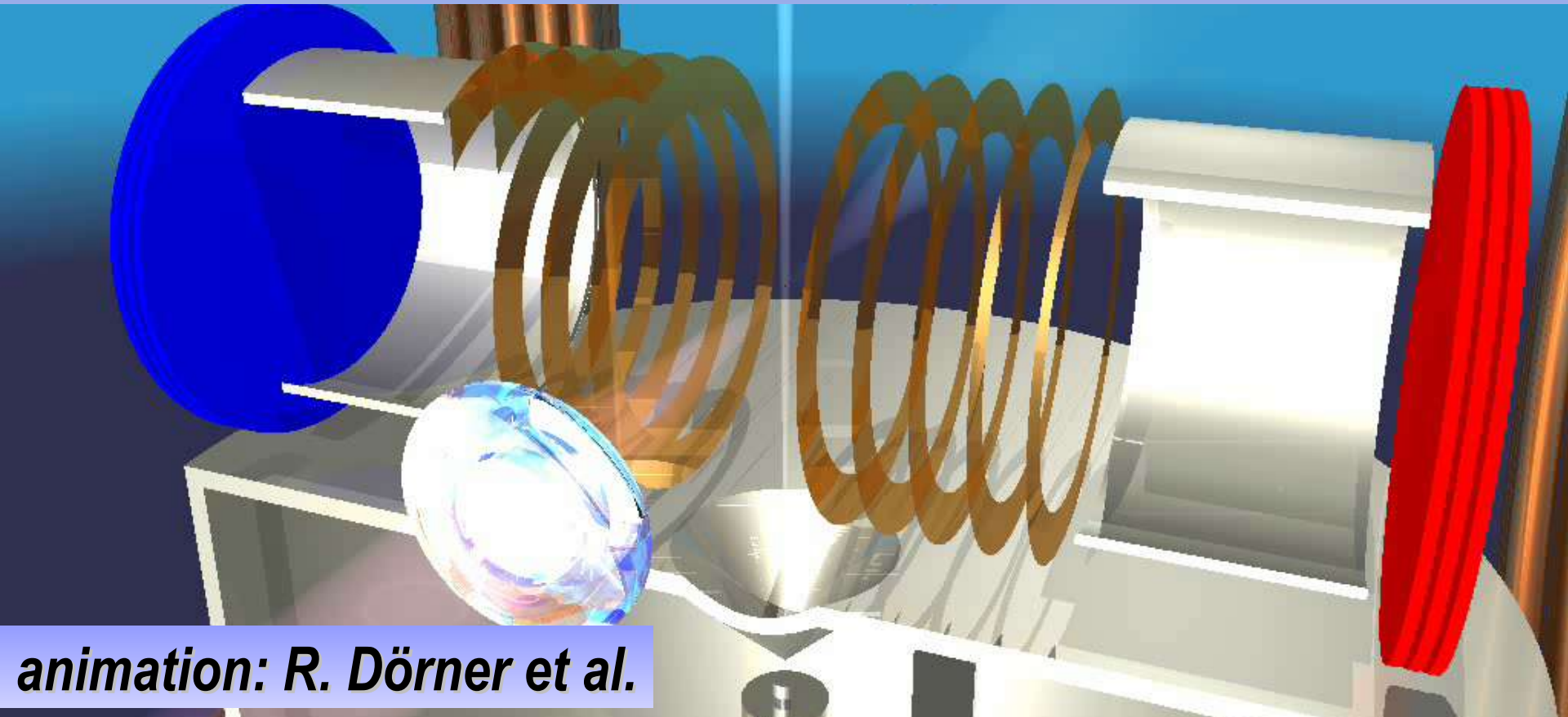
## III. Few- to Multi-Photon Processes in Atoms, Molecules & Clusters Ultra-Fast Phenomena





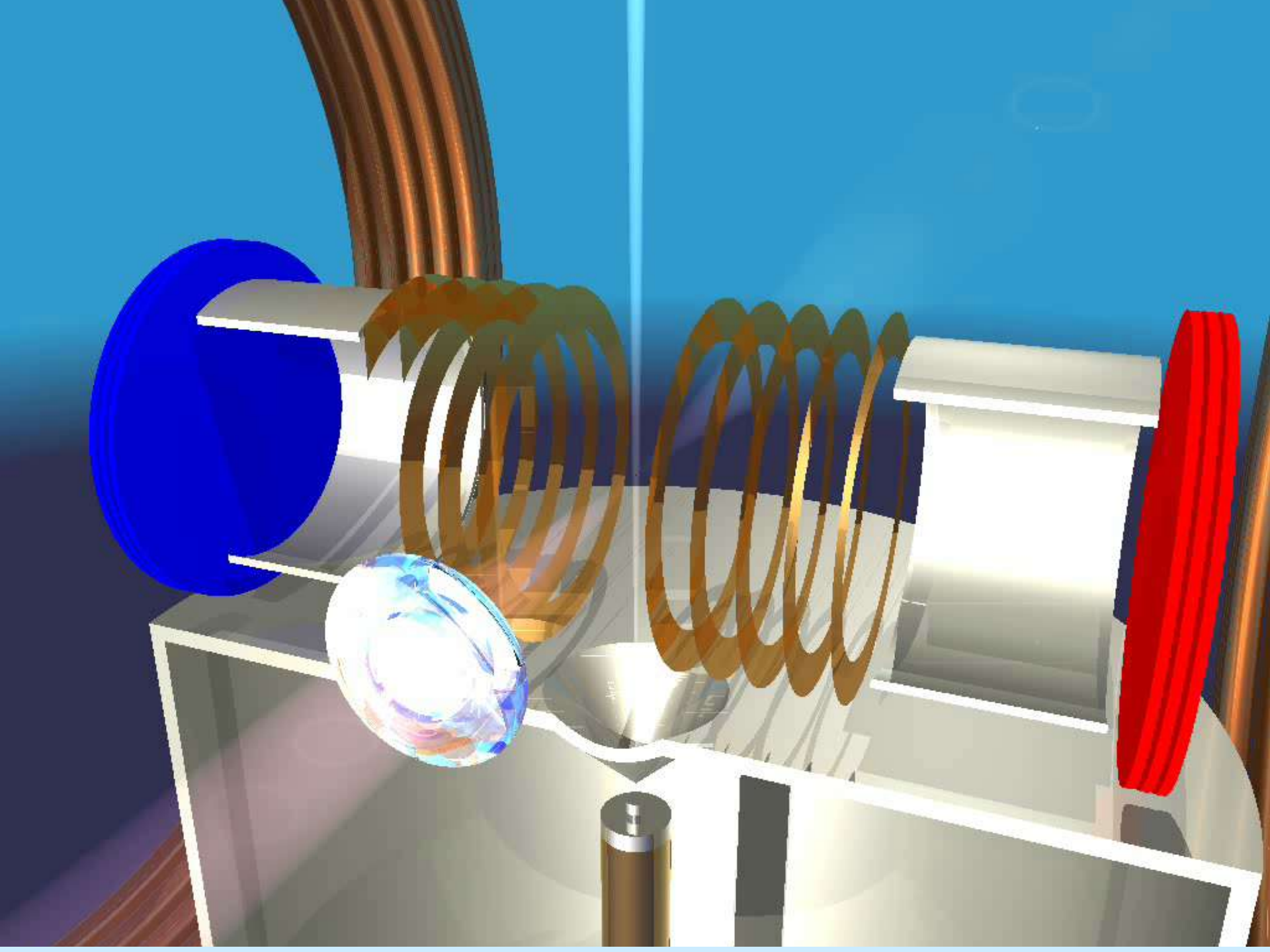
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## ***The “Cloud Chambers”***



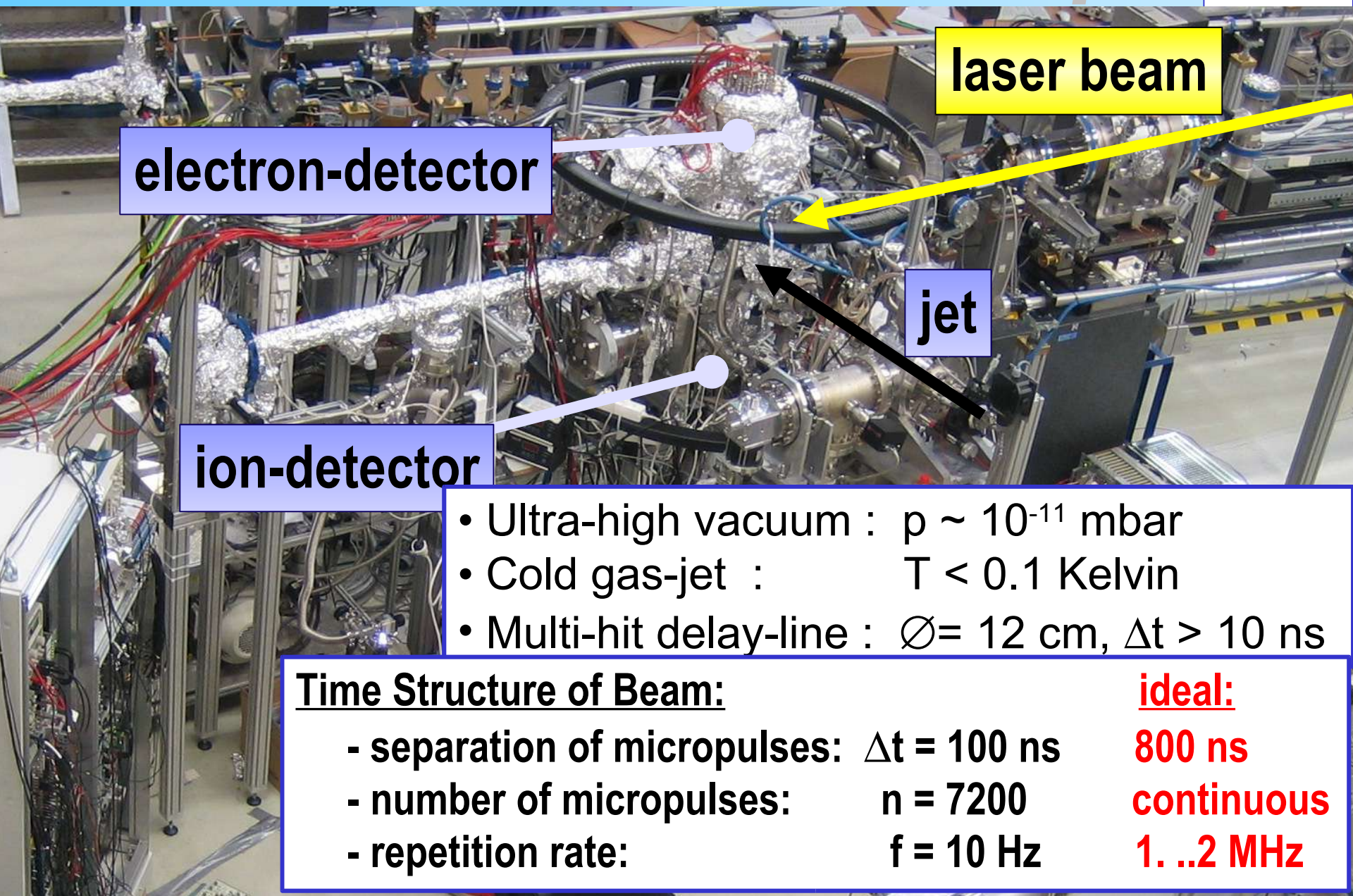
***animation: R. Dörner et al.***

# ***of Atomic & Molecular Physics***





# FEL Reaction Microscope



- Ultra-high vacuum :  $p \sim 10^{-11}$  mbar
- Cold gas-jet :  $T < 0.1$  Kelvin
- Multi-hit delay-line :  $\varnothing = 12$  cm,  $\Delta t > 10$  ns

## Time Structure of Beam:

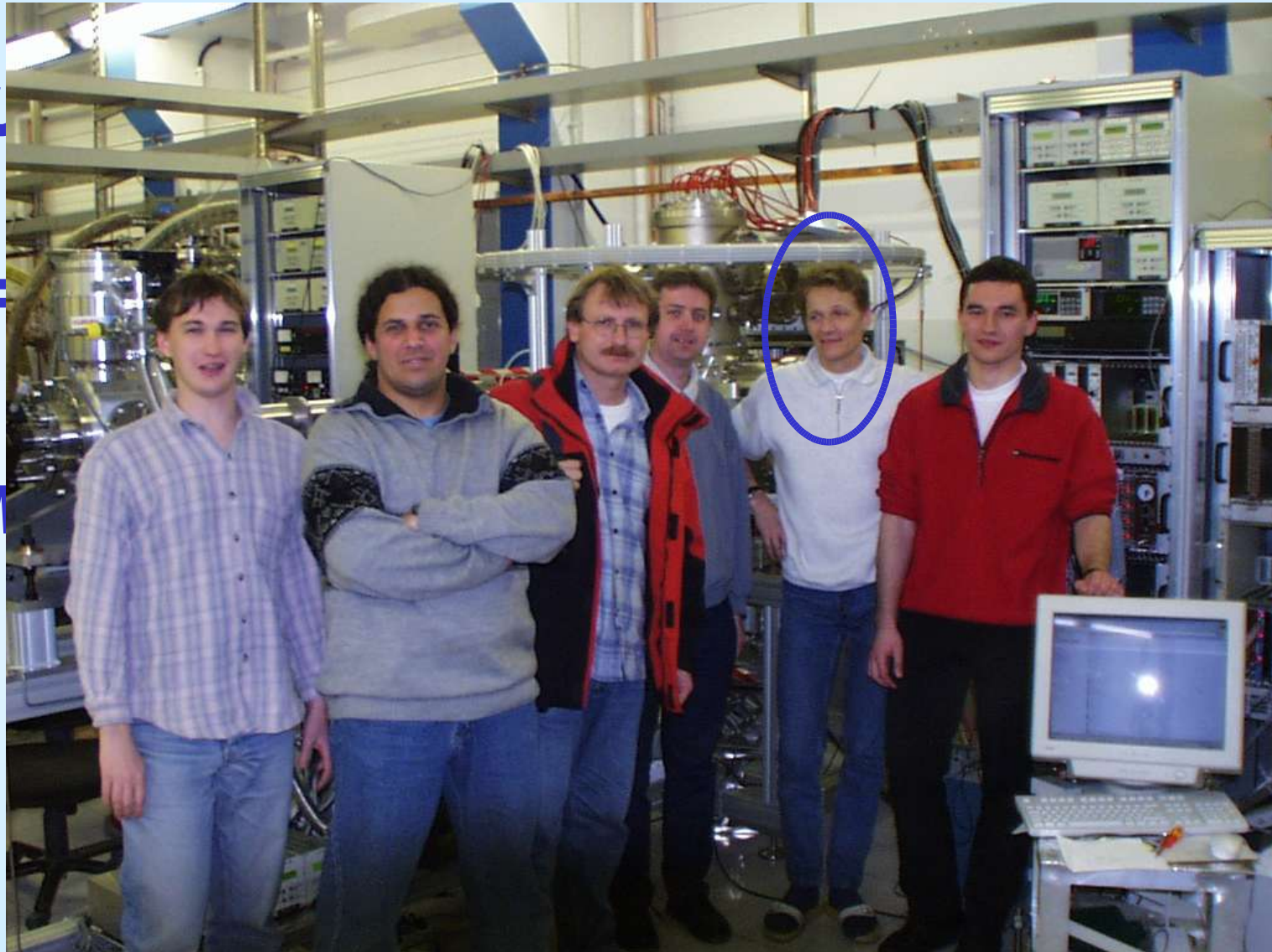
- separation of micropulses:  $\Delta t = 100$  ns
- number of micropulses:  $n = 7200$
- repetition rate:  $f = 10$  Hz

ideal:

**800 ns**  
**continuous**  
**1. ..2 MHz**



# The Heidelberg Group

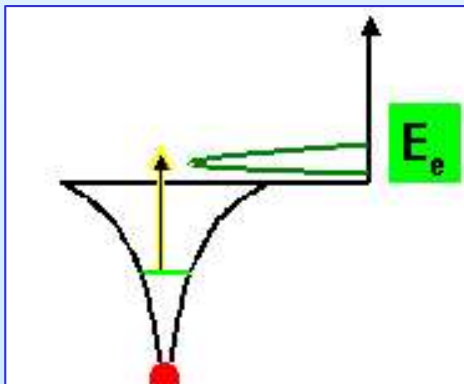
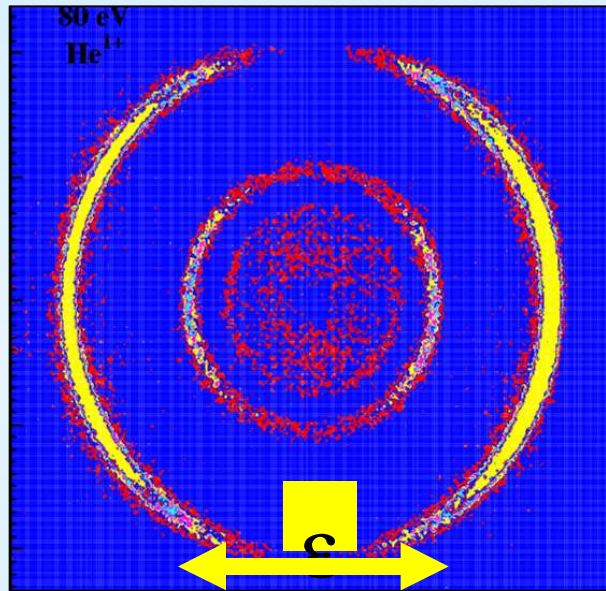


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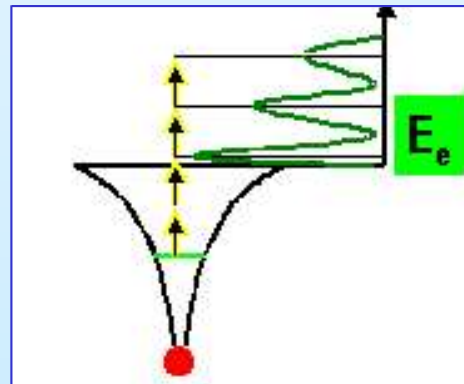
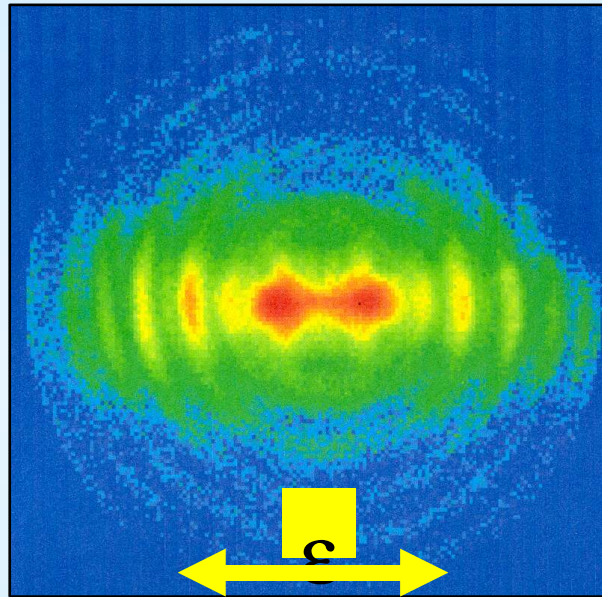
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# Atoms in Intense Fields

photo absorption  
Einstein 1905

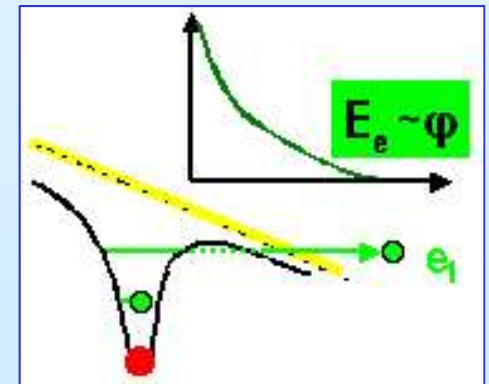
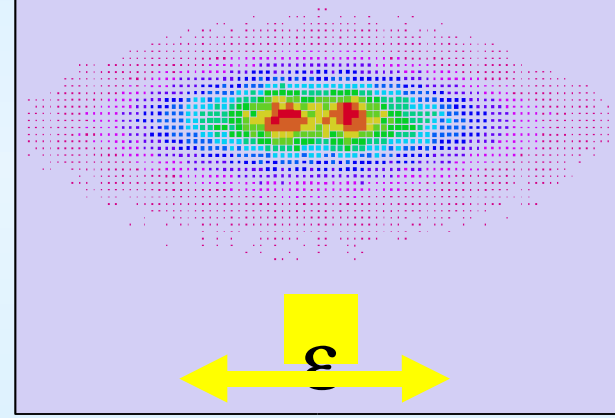


multi-photon ionization  
Göppert-Meier 1931



tunnelling ionization

## Mechanism?



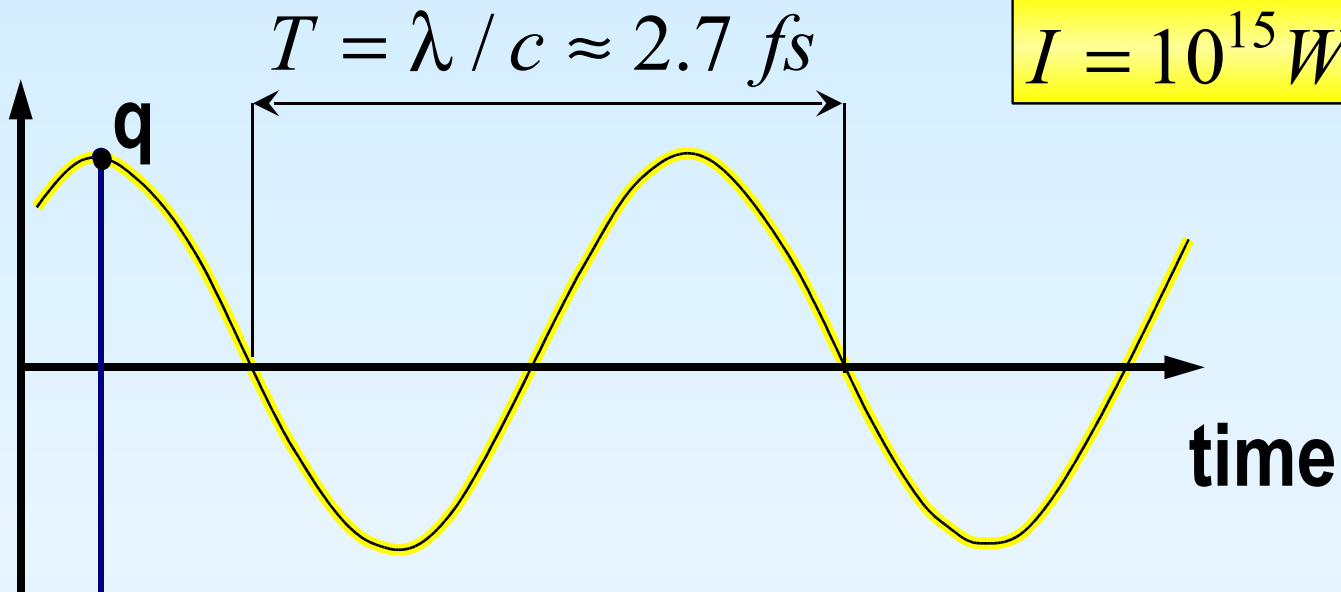


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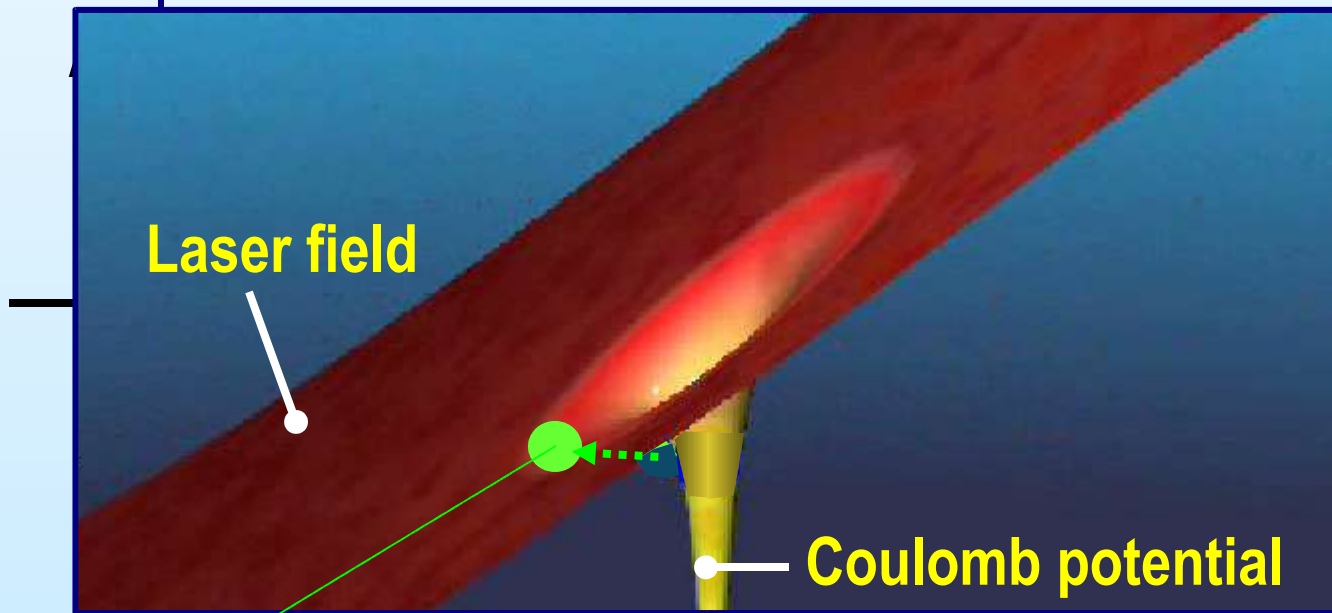
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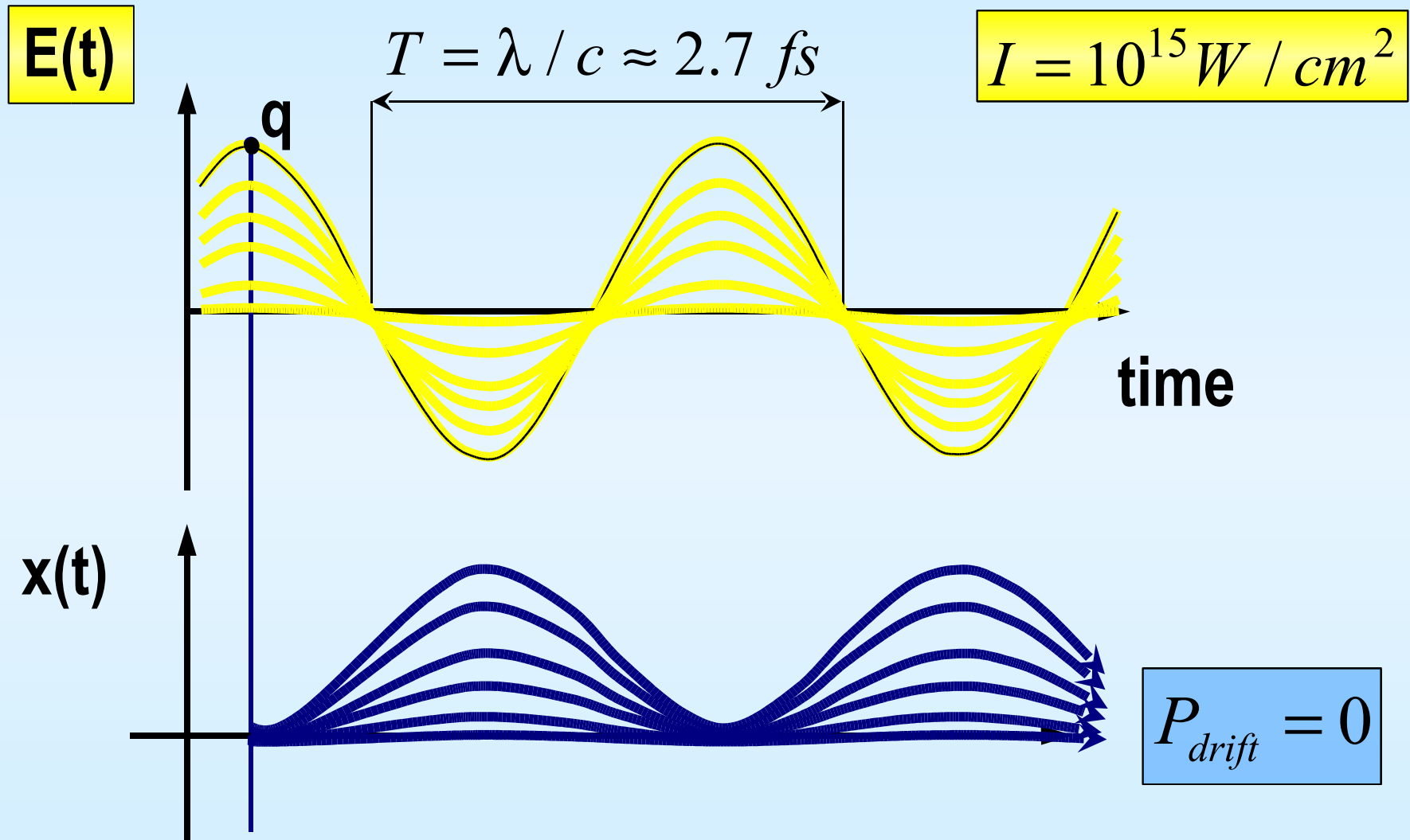
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$$\frac{2I}{c} \approx 50 \text{ eV}$$

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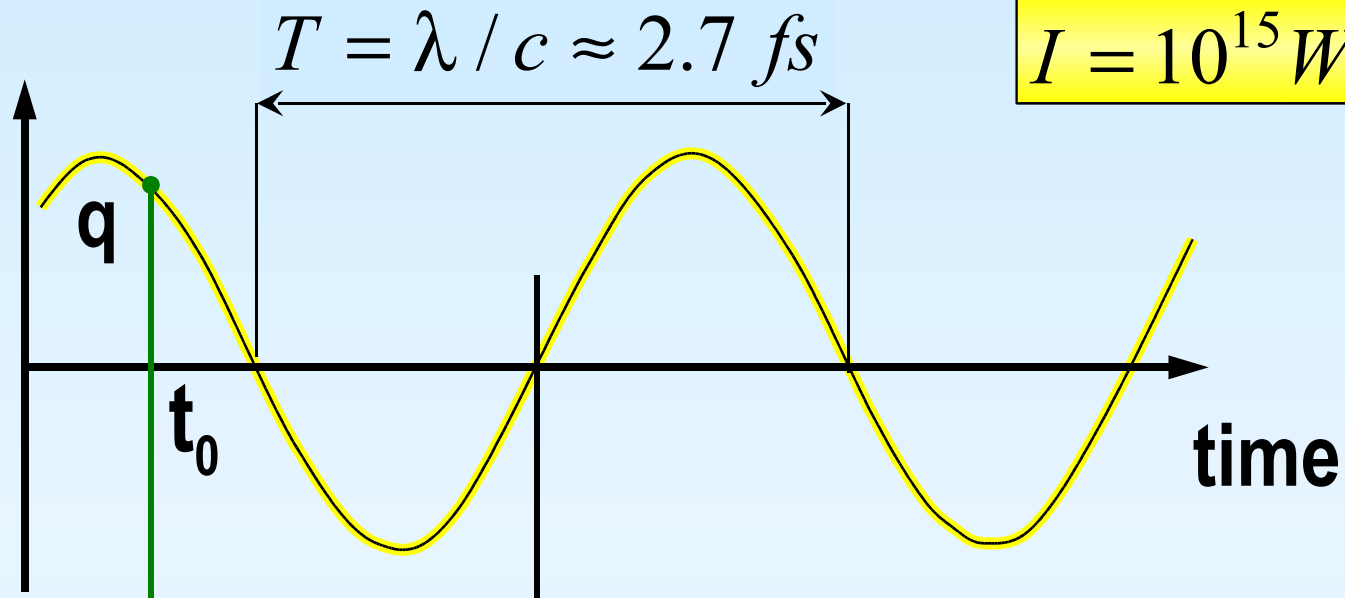


**A Photoelectron/-ion with zero energy!**



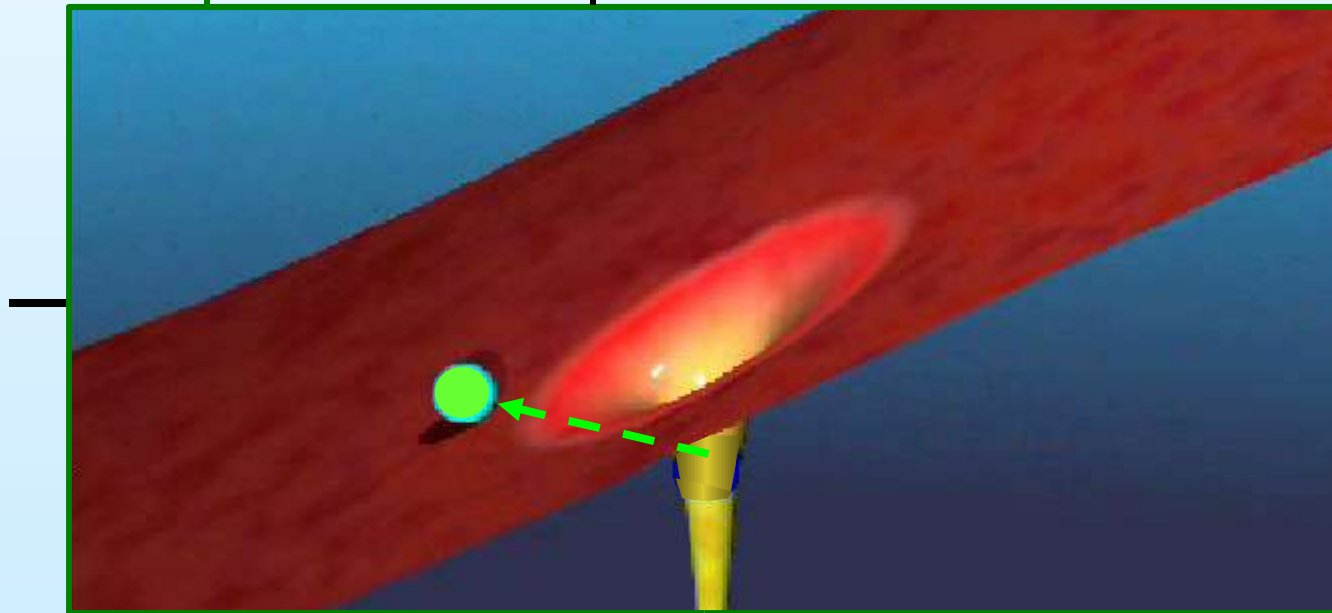
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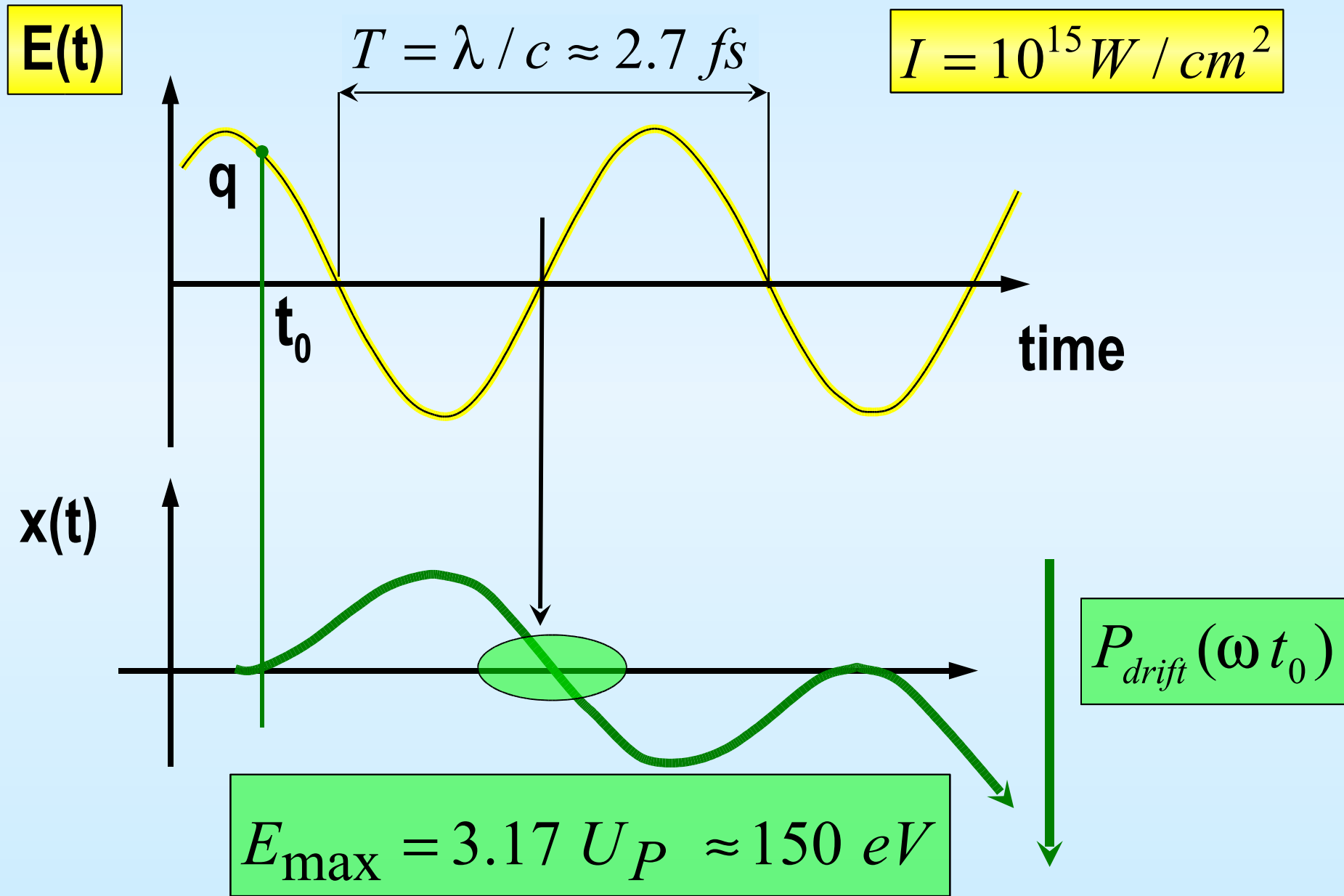
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$$P_{\text{drift}}(\omega t_0)$$

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q

time

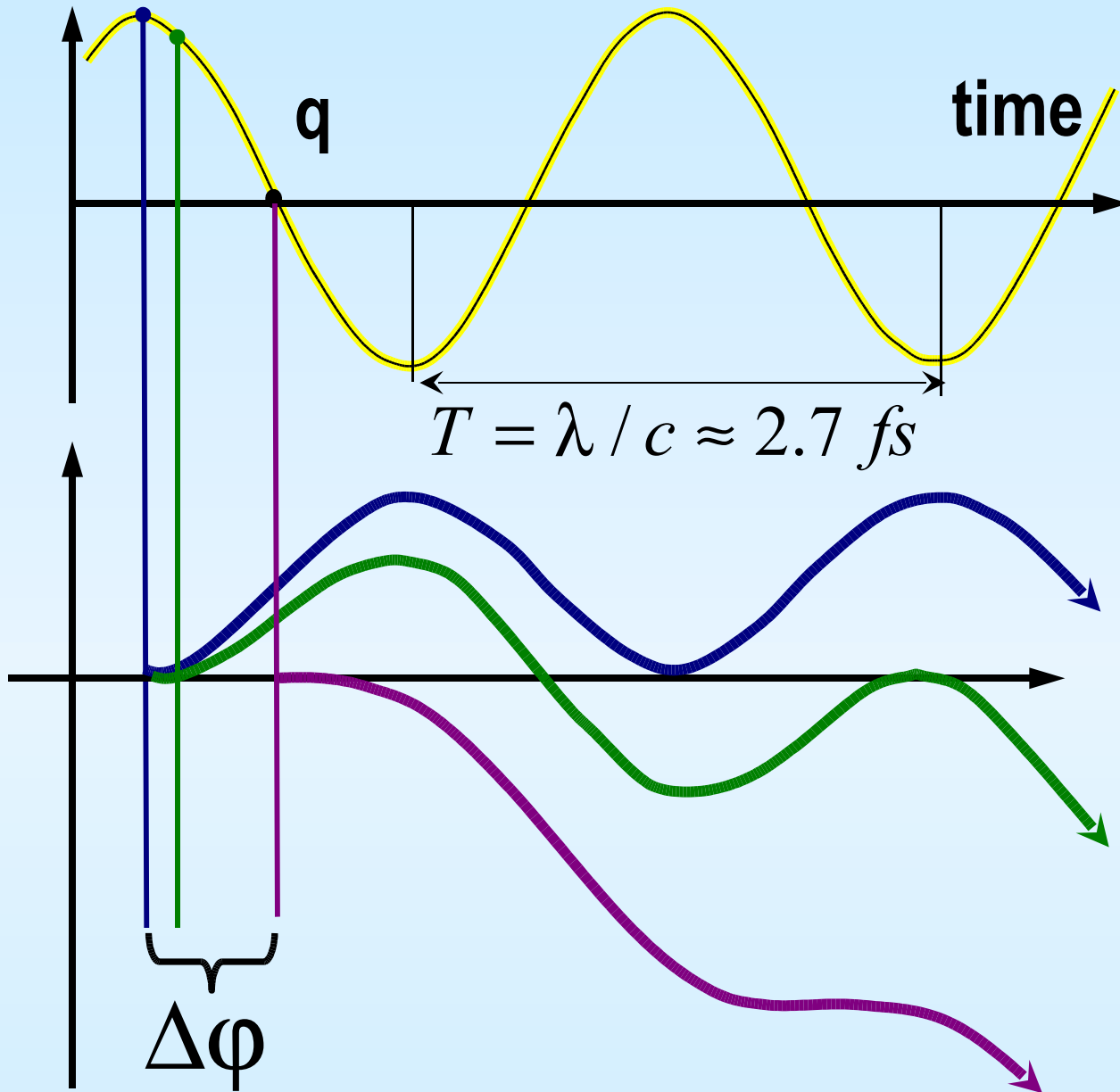
$x(t)$

$$P_{drift}^{\max} = 2 \sqrt{U_p}$$



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$\hat{\varepsilon}$

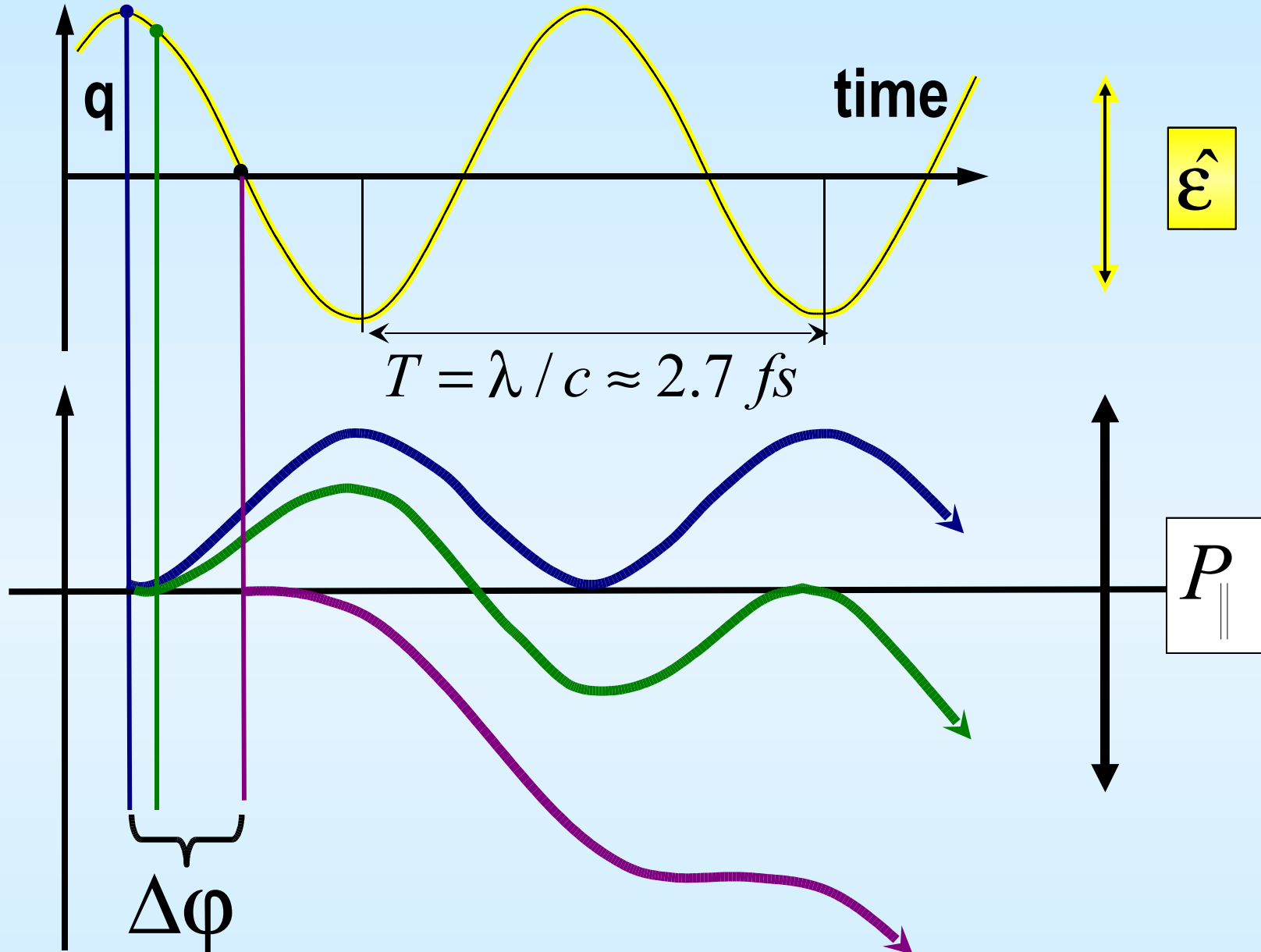
$$T = \lambda / c \approx 2.7 \text{ fs}$$

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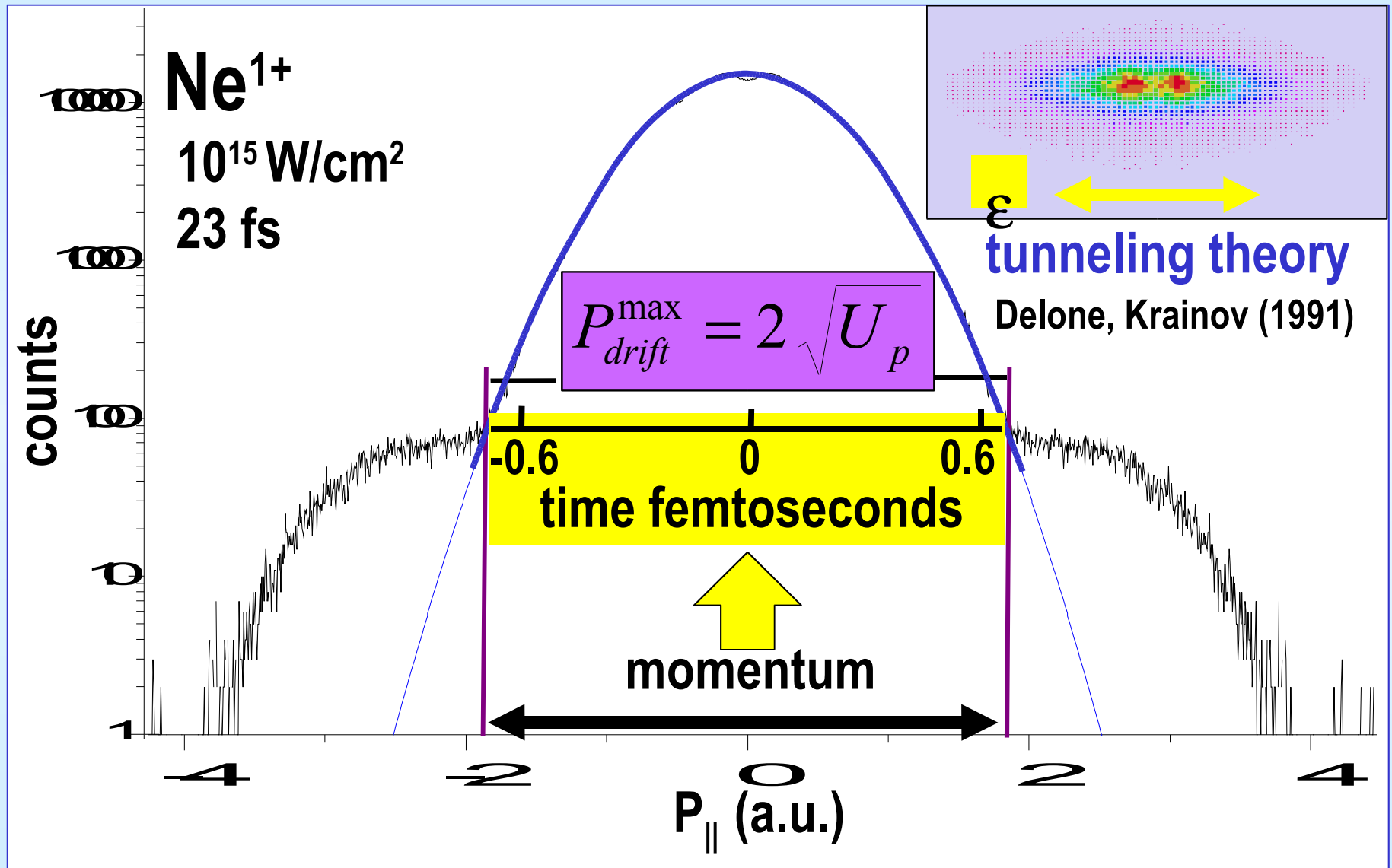
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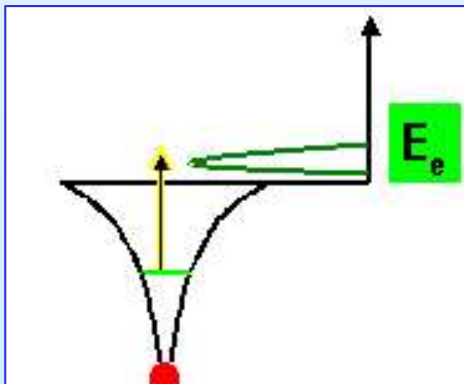
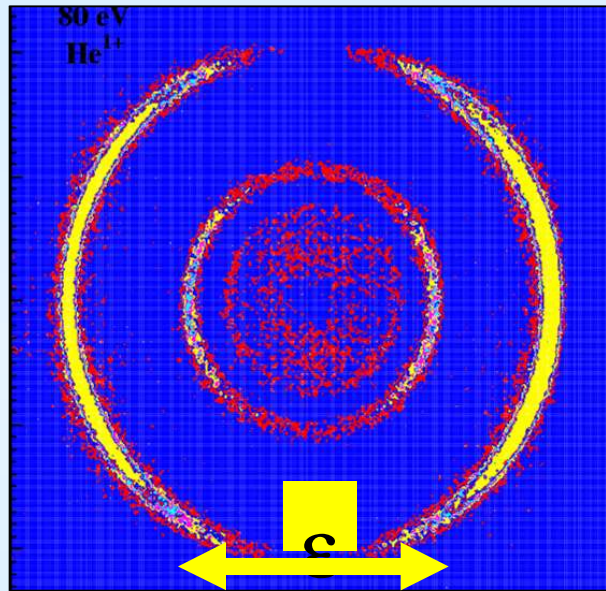


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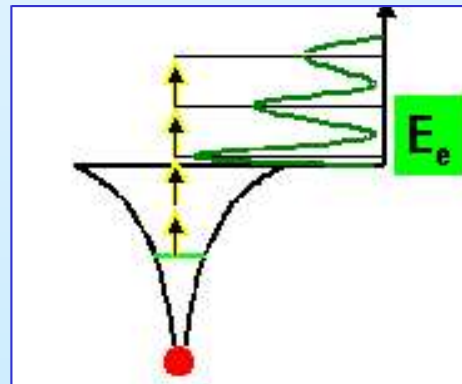
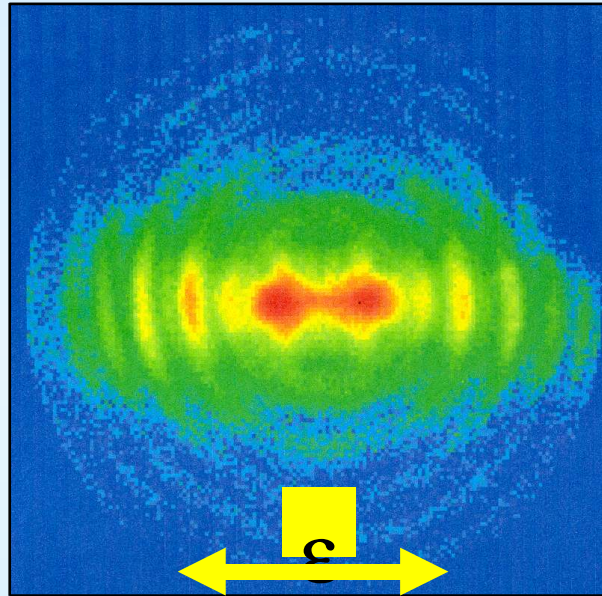


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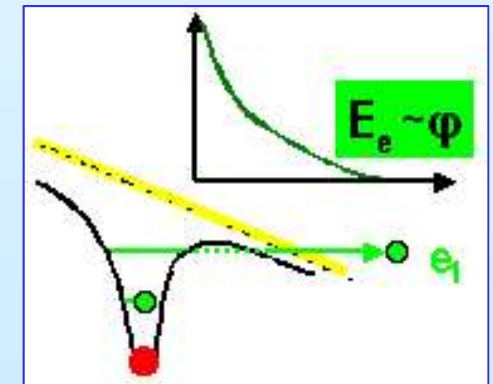
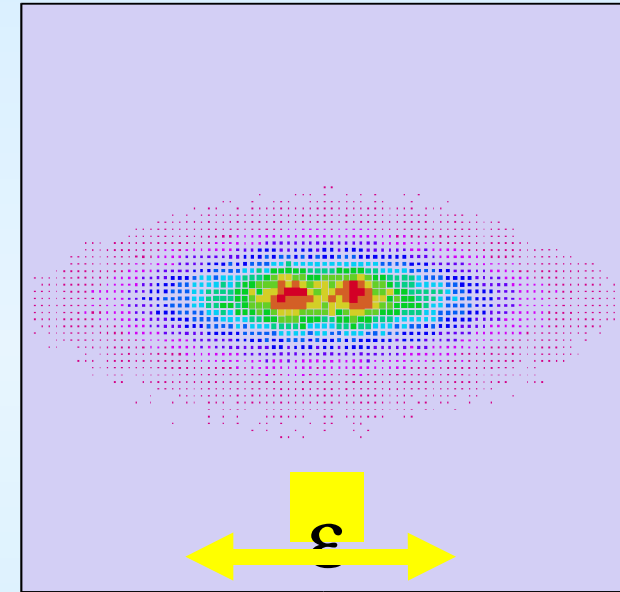
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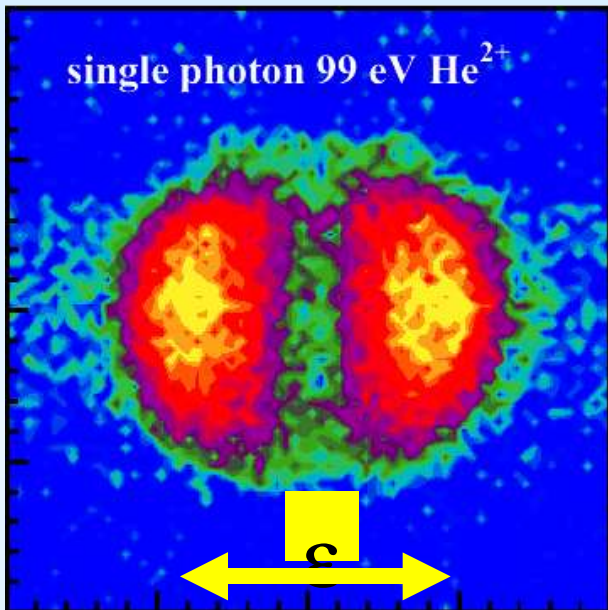


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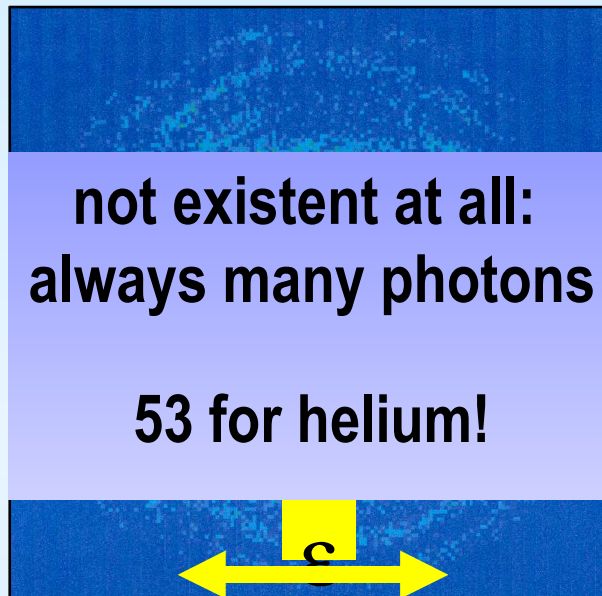
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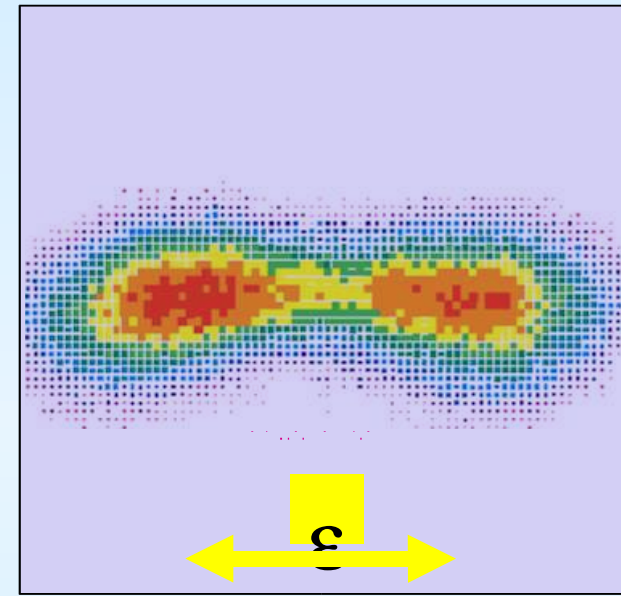
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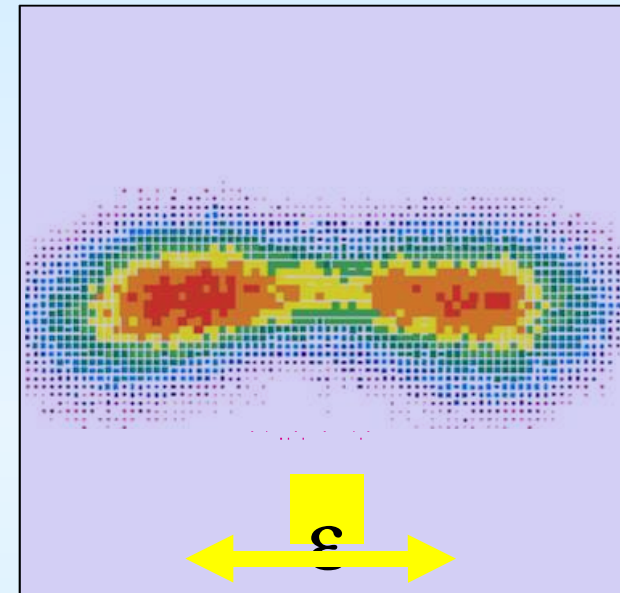
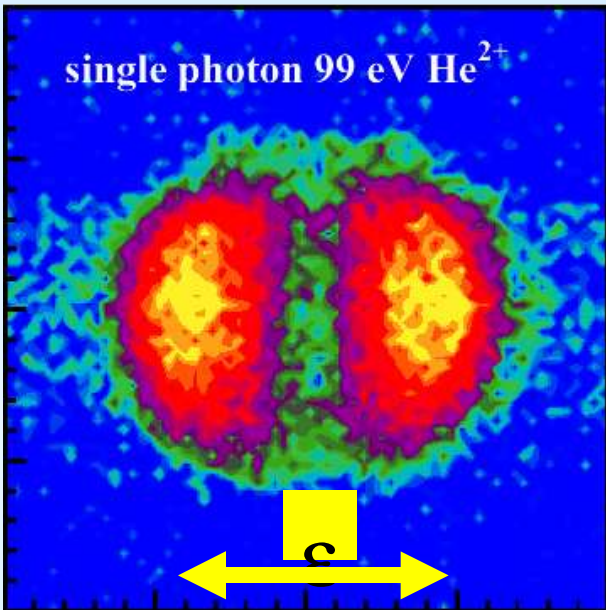
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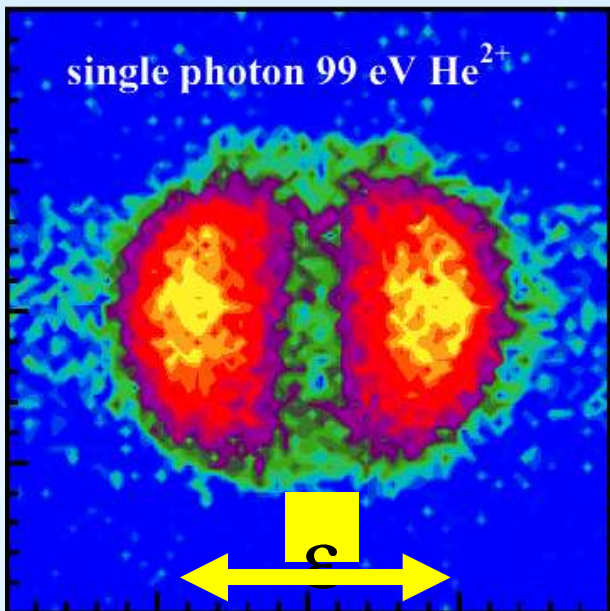
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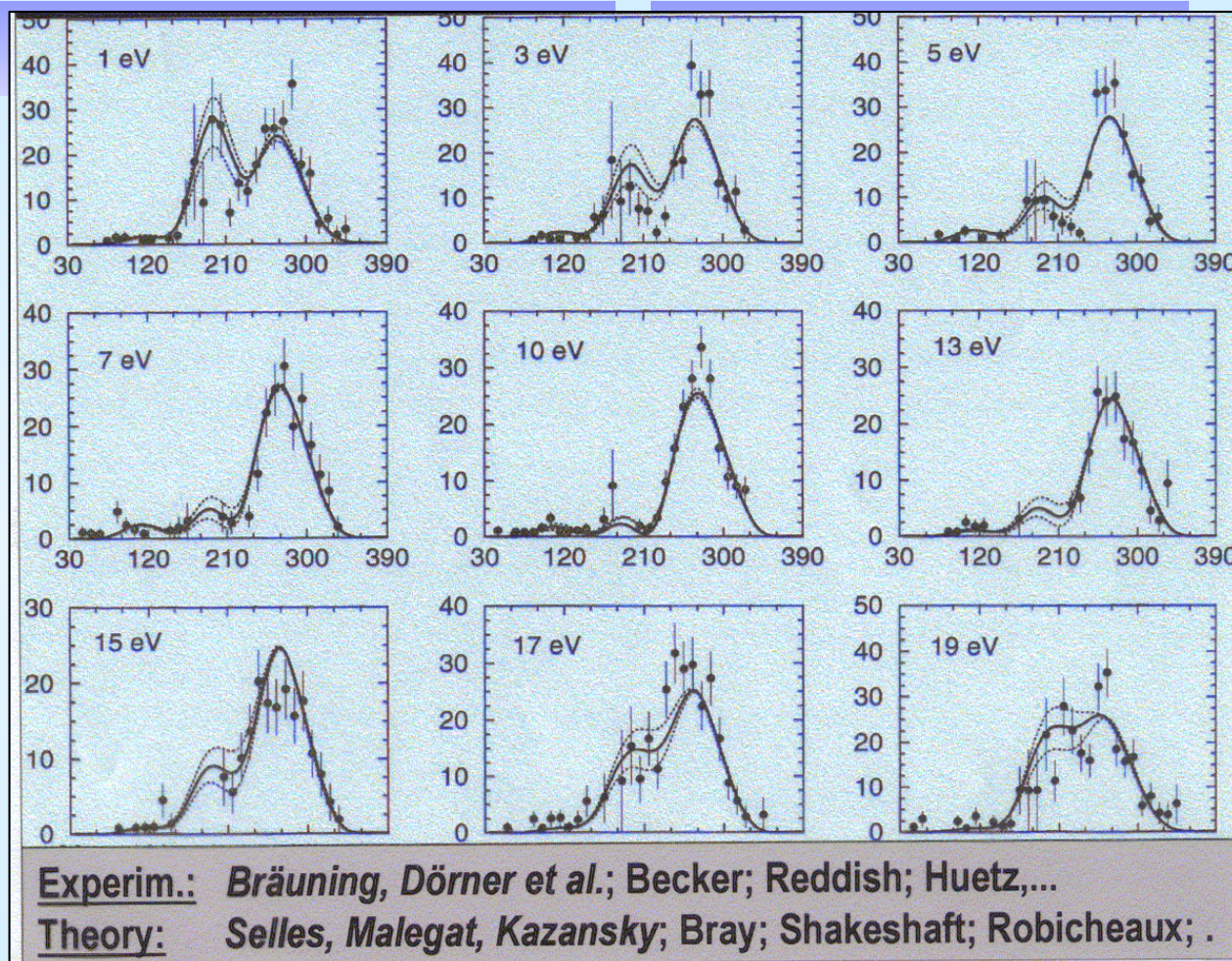
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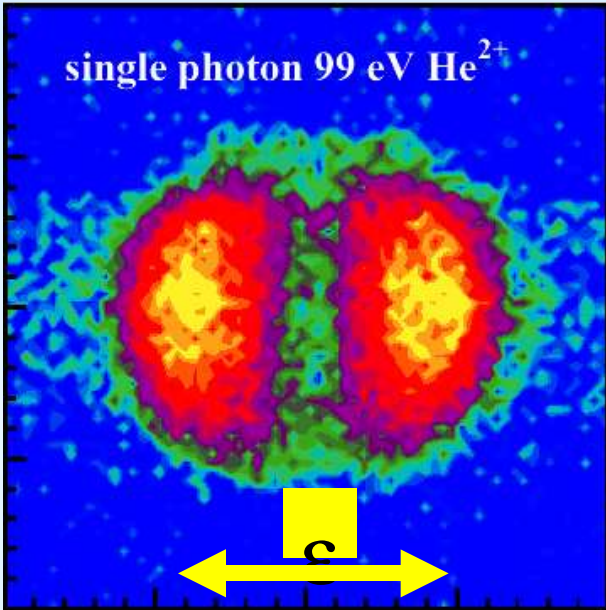
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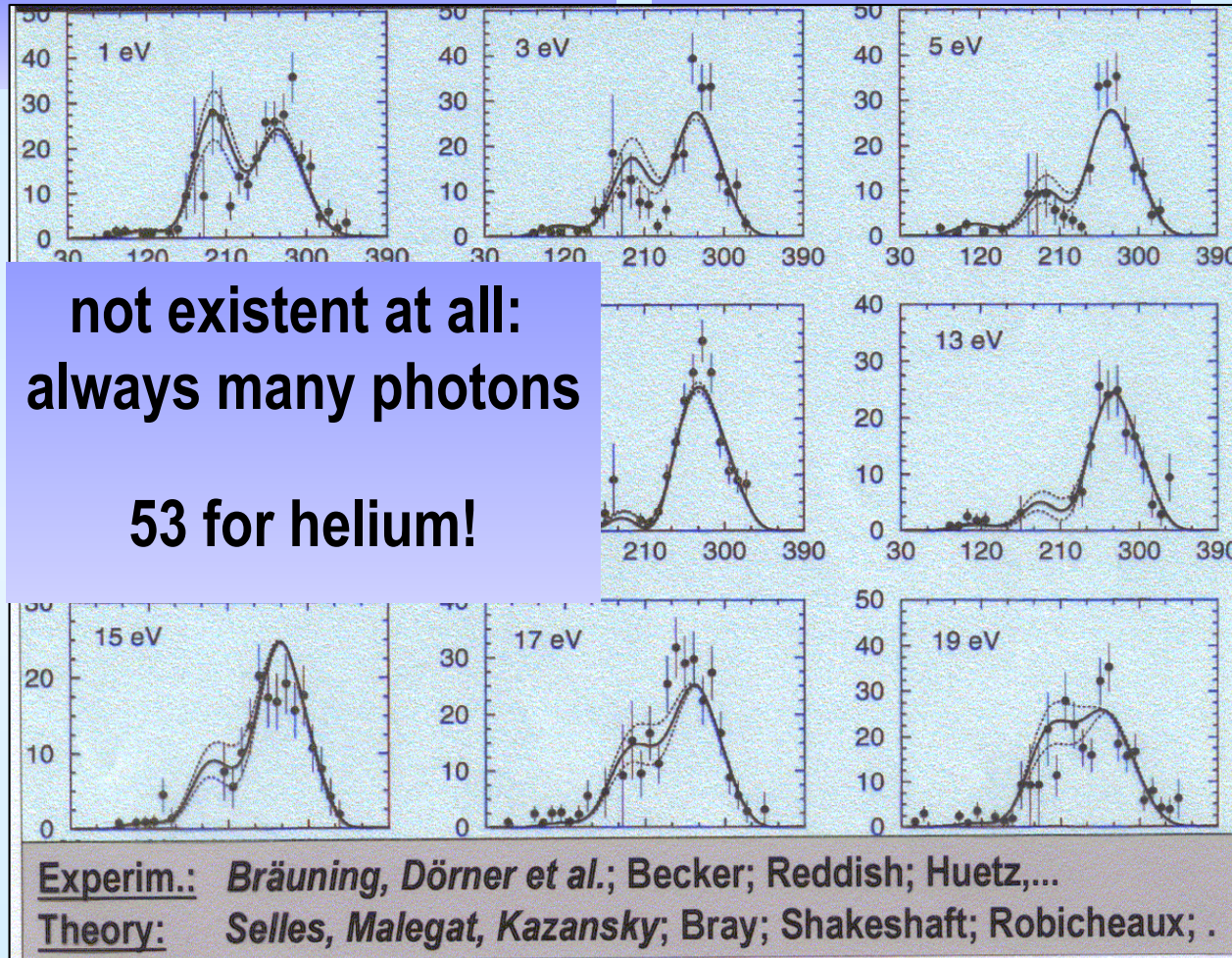
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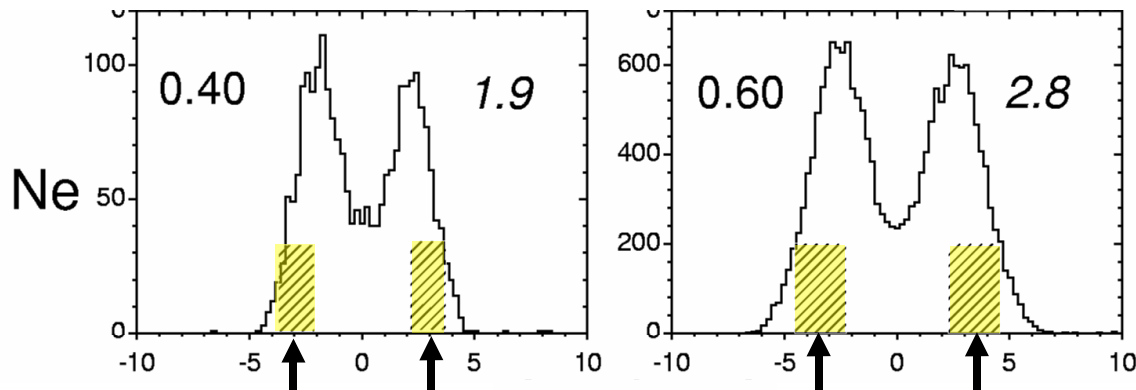
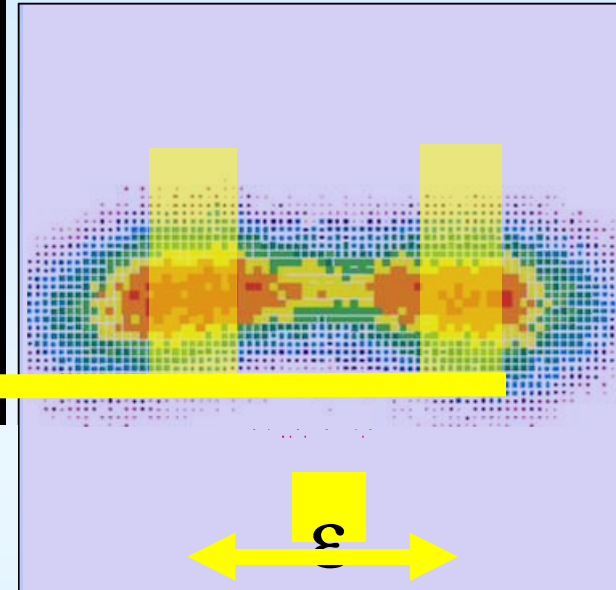
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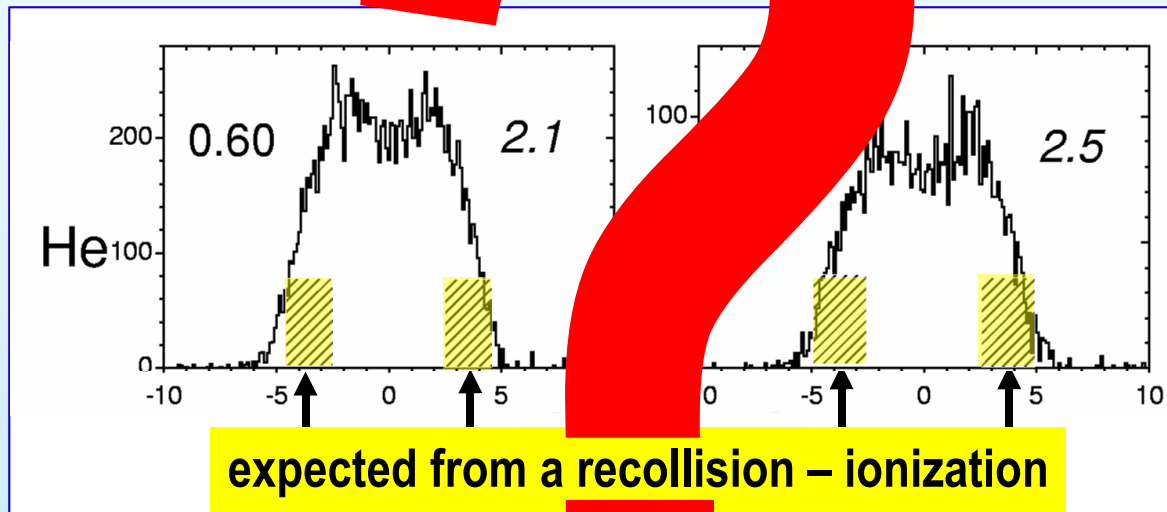
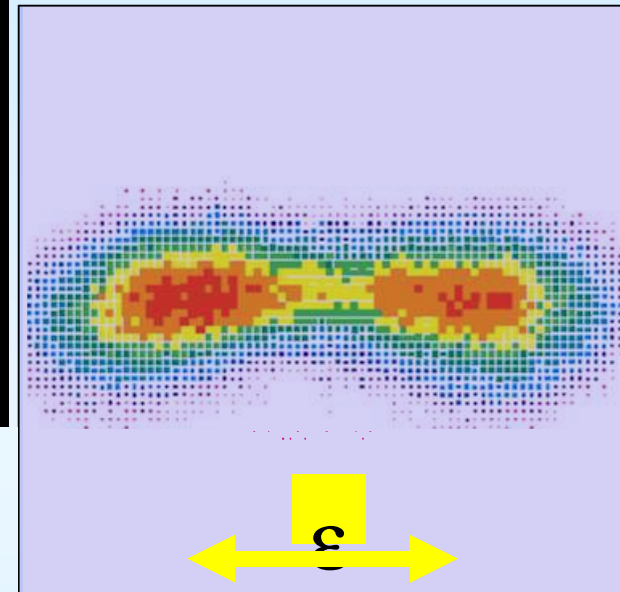
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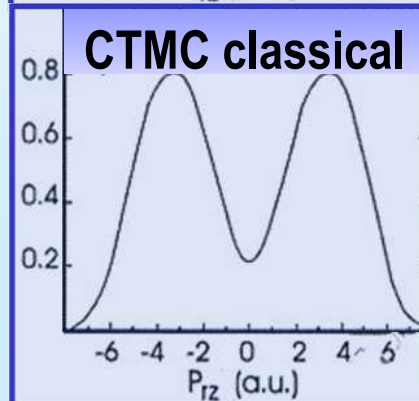
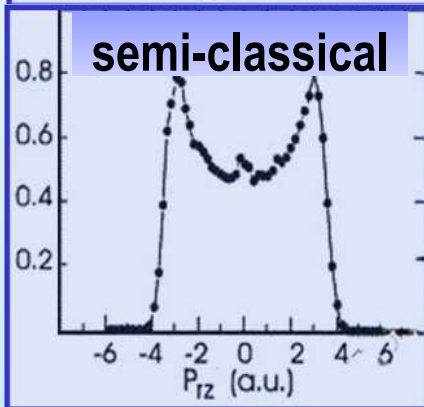
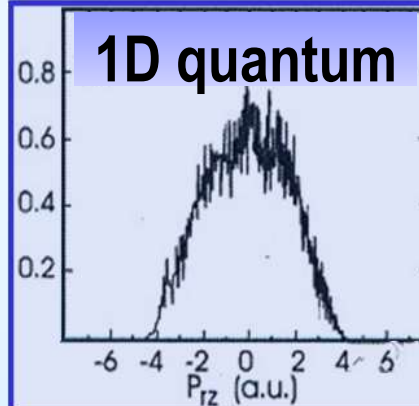
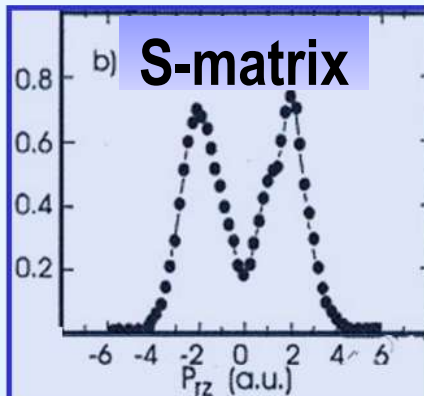
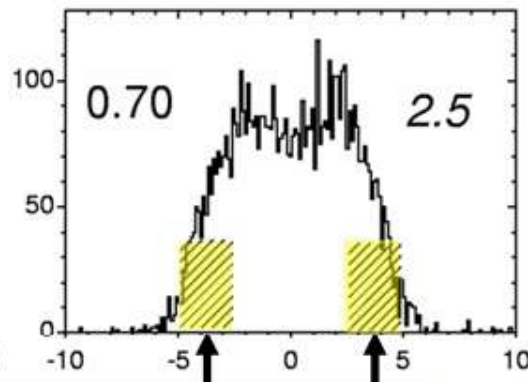
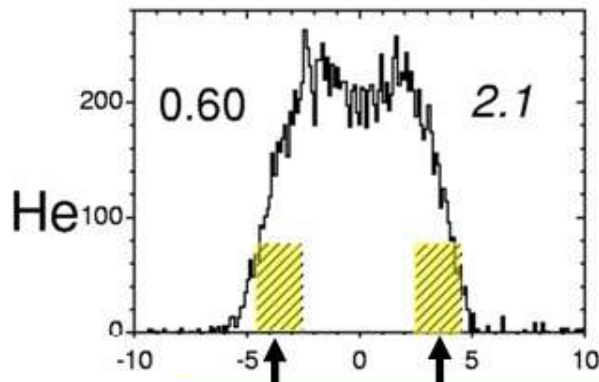
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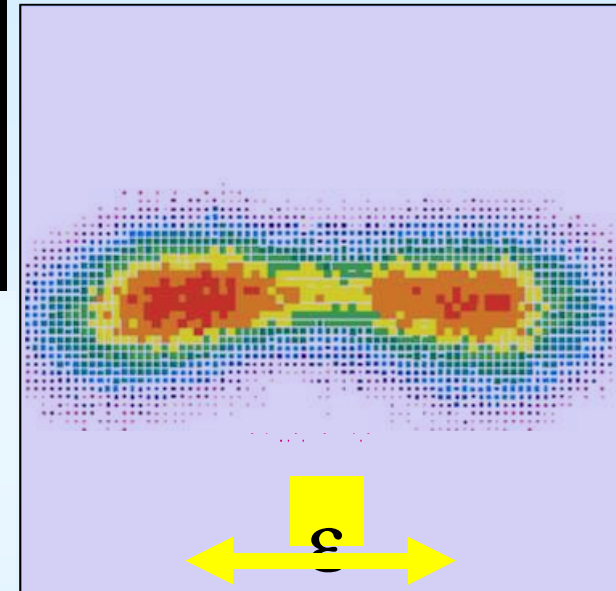


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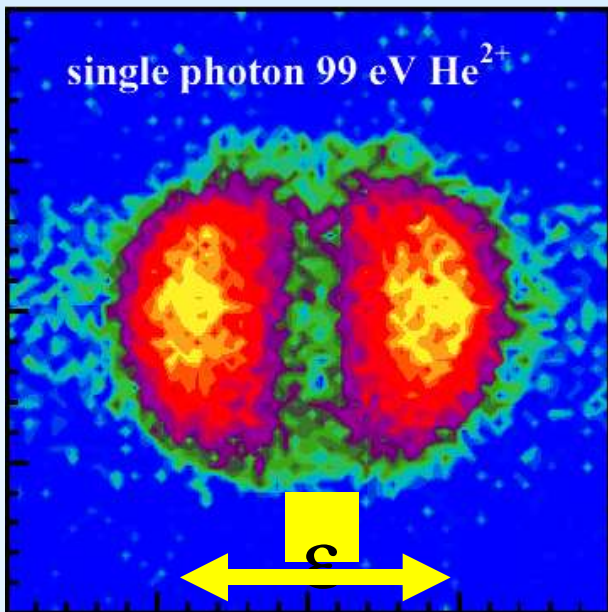


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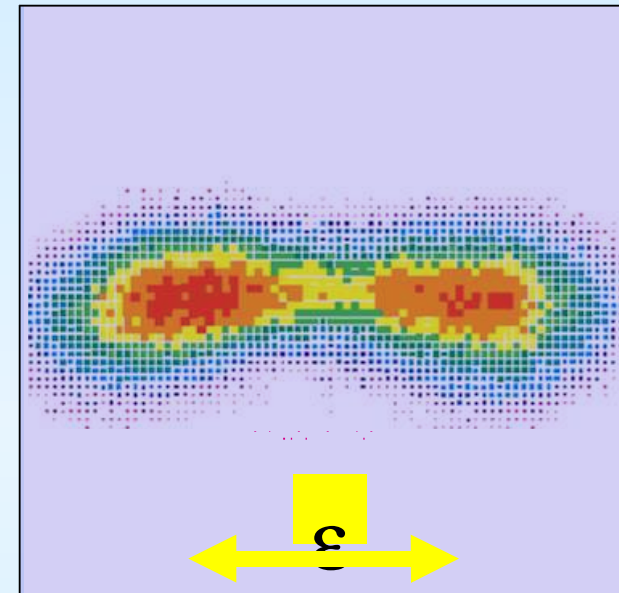


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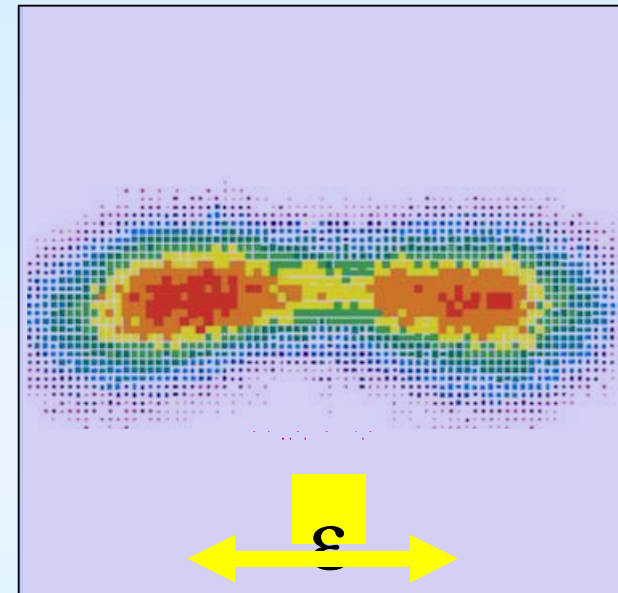
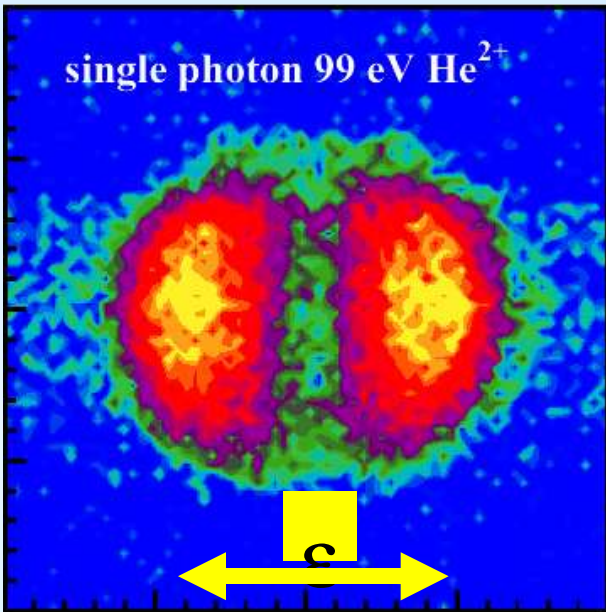
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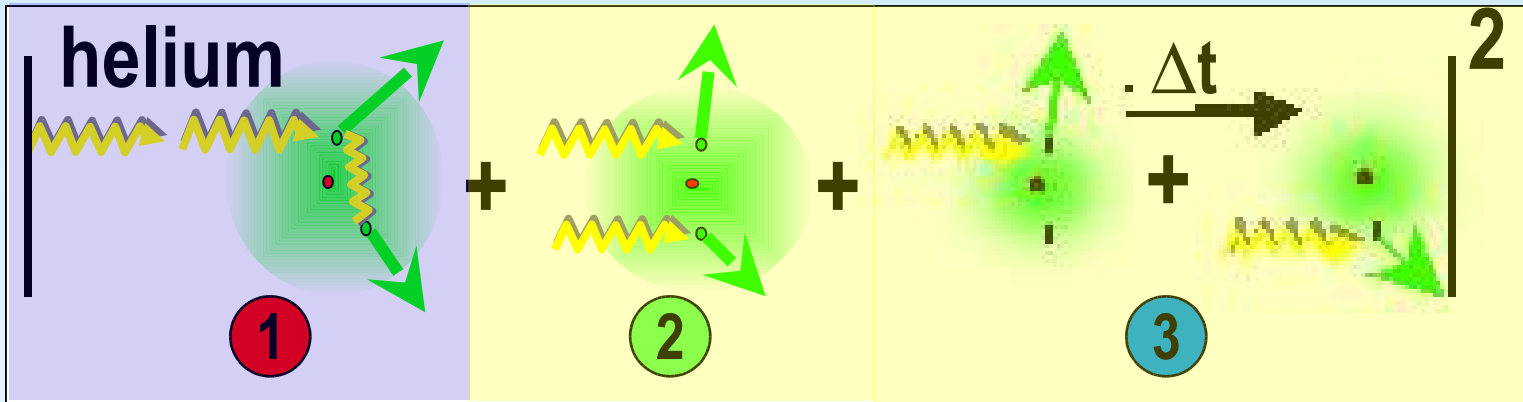
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“not understood”

two active electrons

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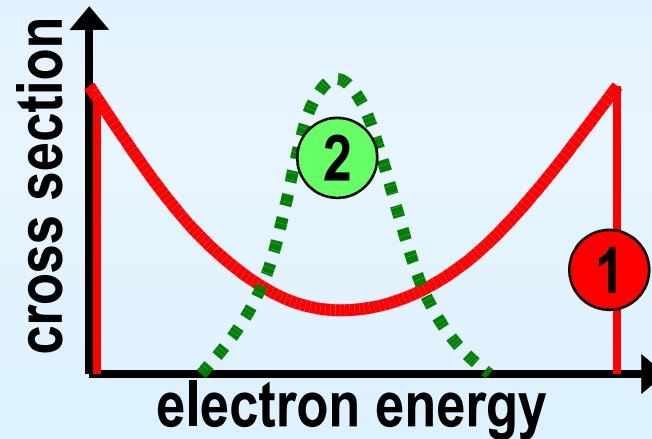
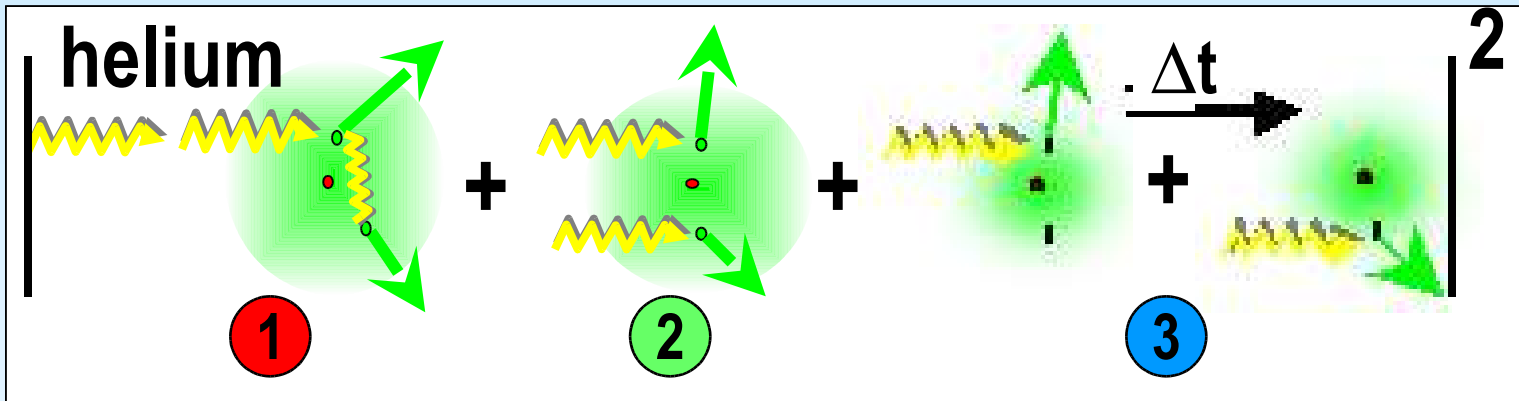


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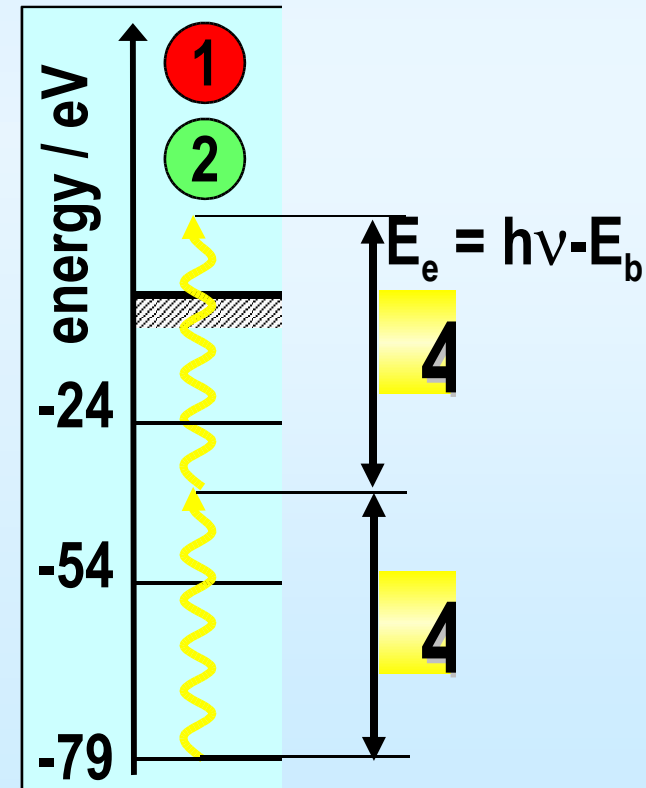
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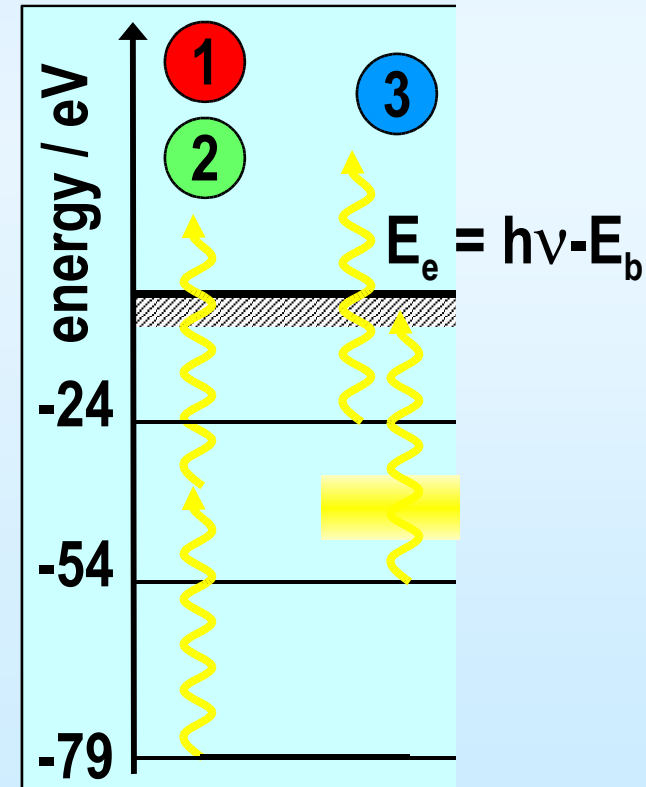
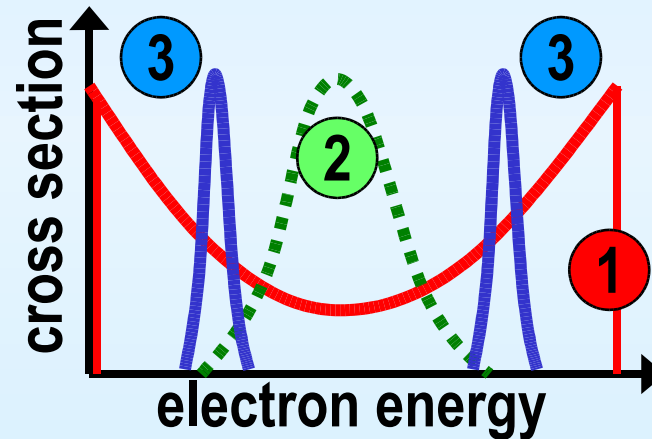
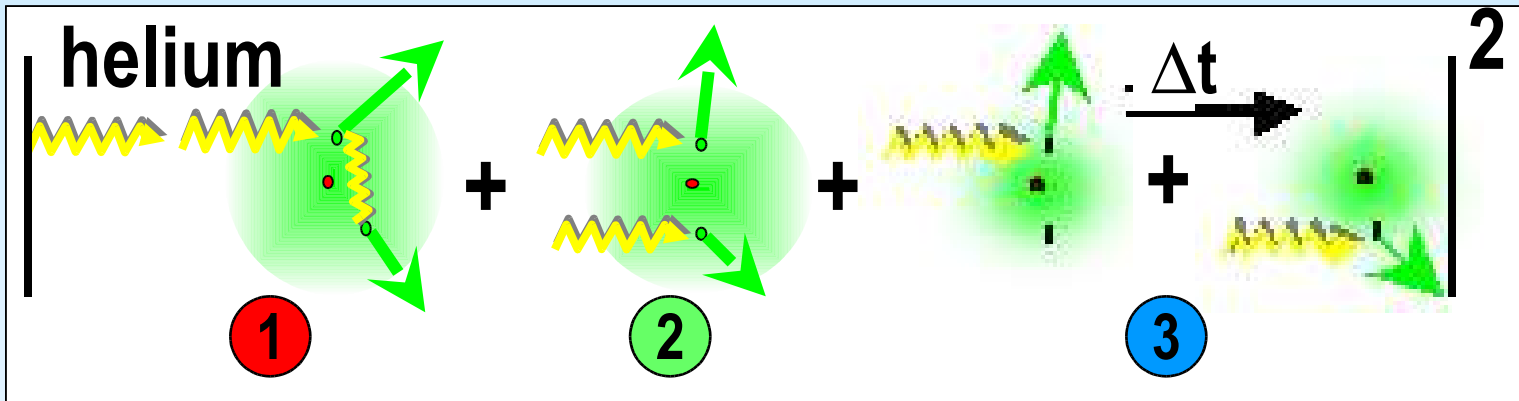
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energy sharing between  
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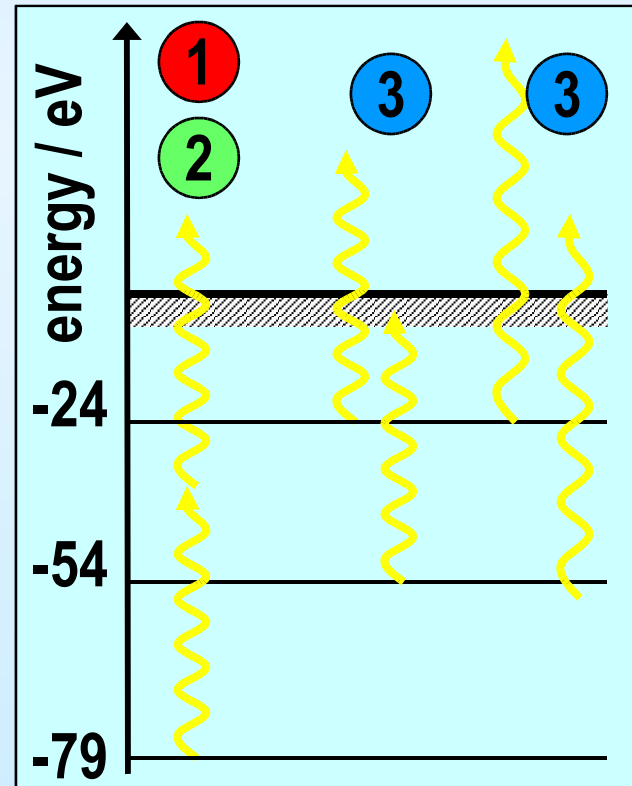
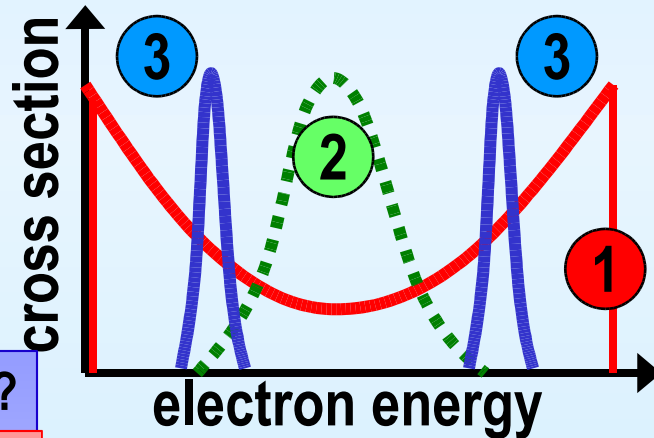
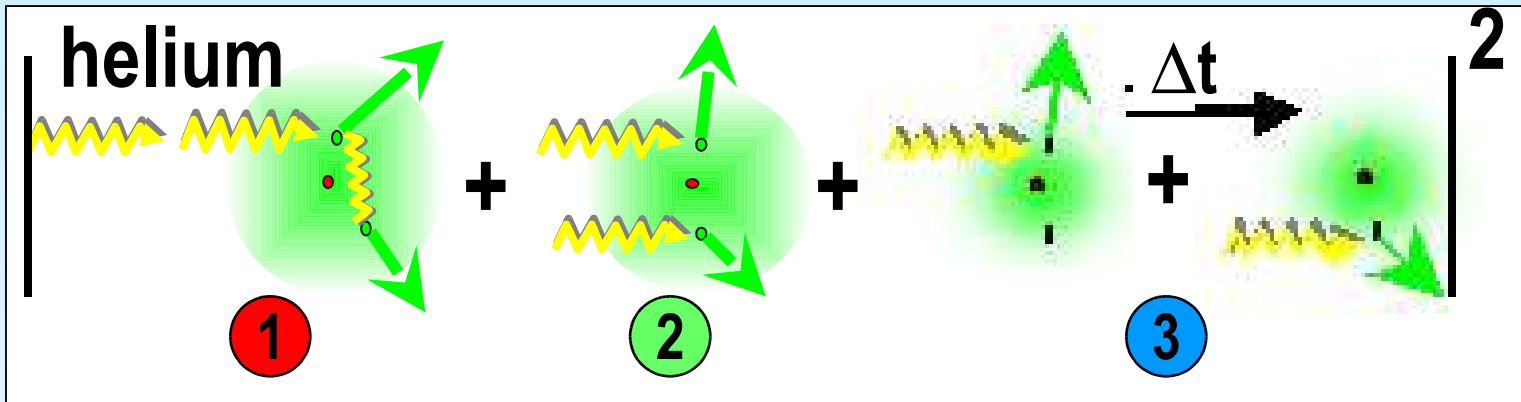


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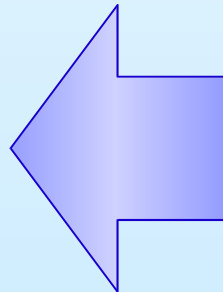
intensity dependence:  
electronic relaxation time

# Few Photons at the FEL!



• intensity dependence ?

main goal  
of first  
experiments



many  
questions

# Double Ionization: $n \cdot h\nu$

photo absorption

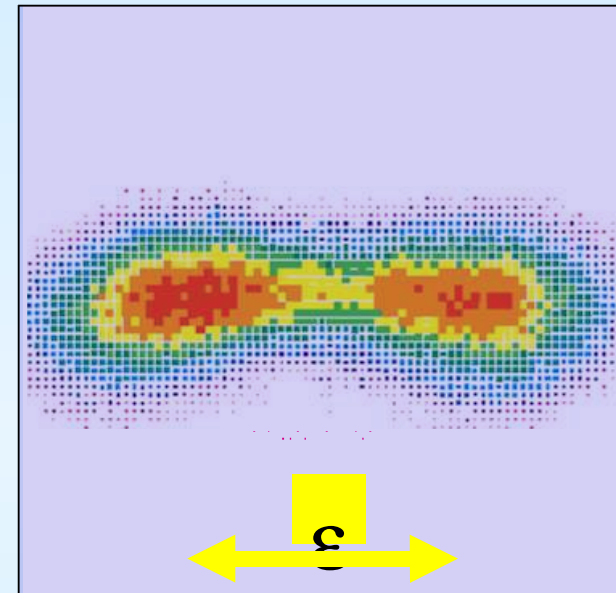
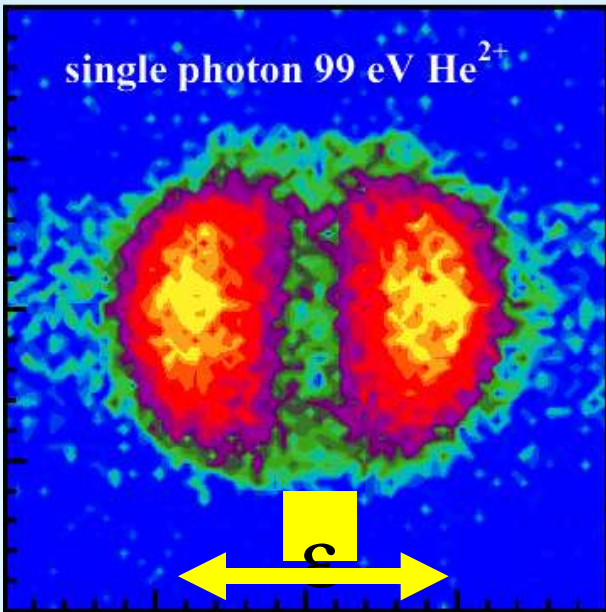
multi-photon ionization

tunnelling ionization



few photons  
interact with  
few electrons

single photon 99 eV  $\text{He}^{2+}$



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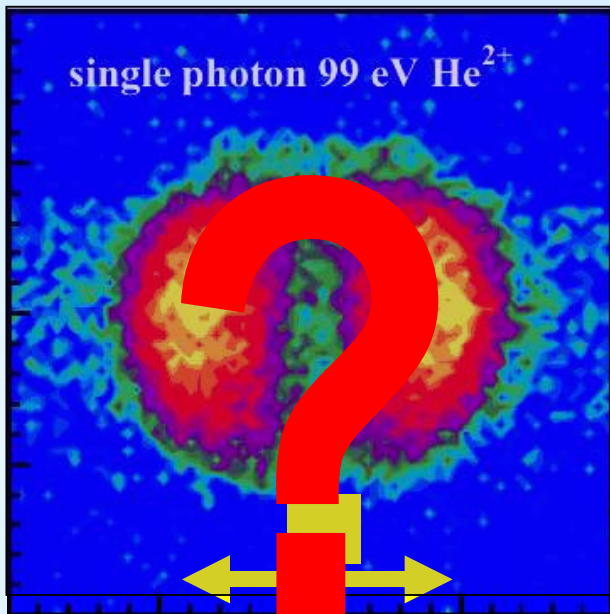


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# Multiple Ionization

## photo absorption



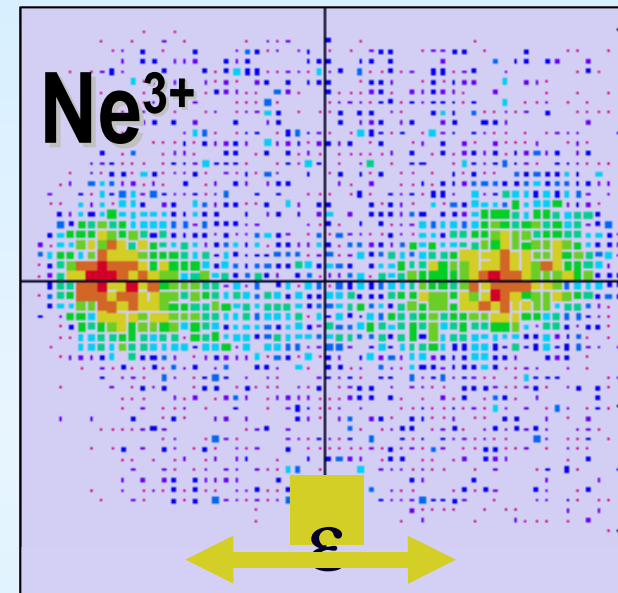
- no fully diff. data

## multi-photon ionization



- no differential data

## tunnelling ionization

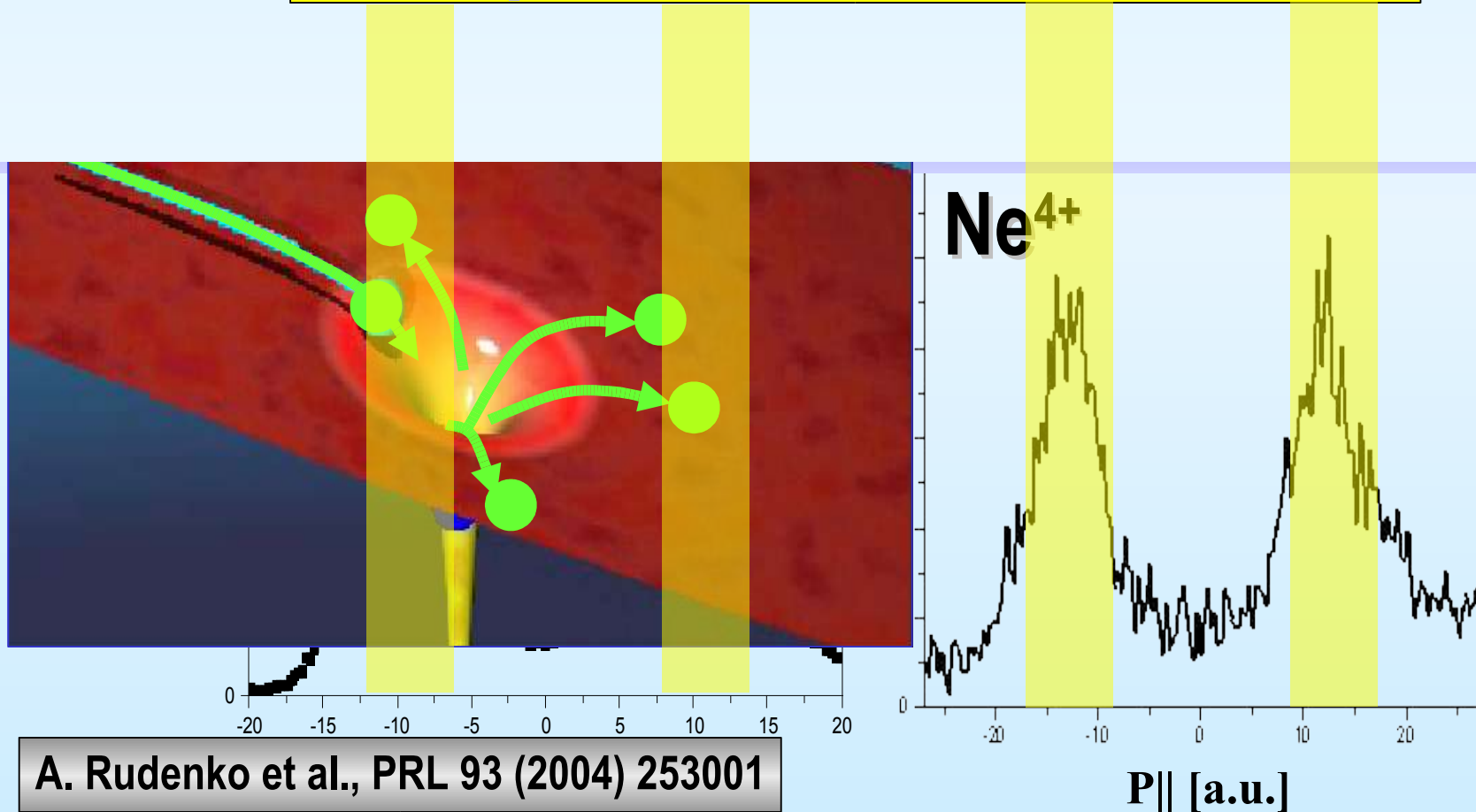


- total yields
- first differential data

**Surprises!**

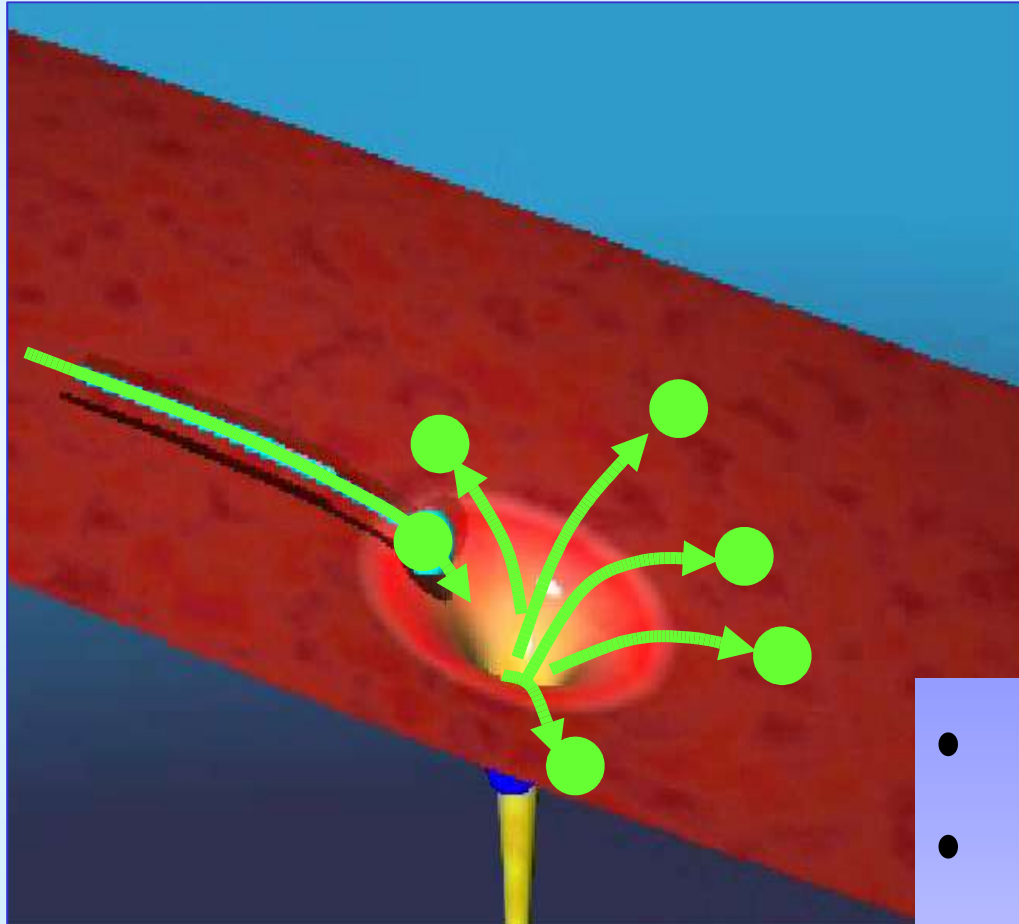
# Structure Dependence

*produced at well defined  
phases in the field!*



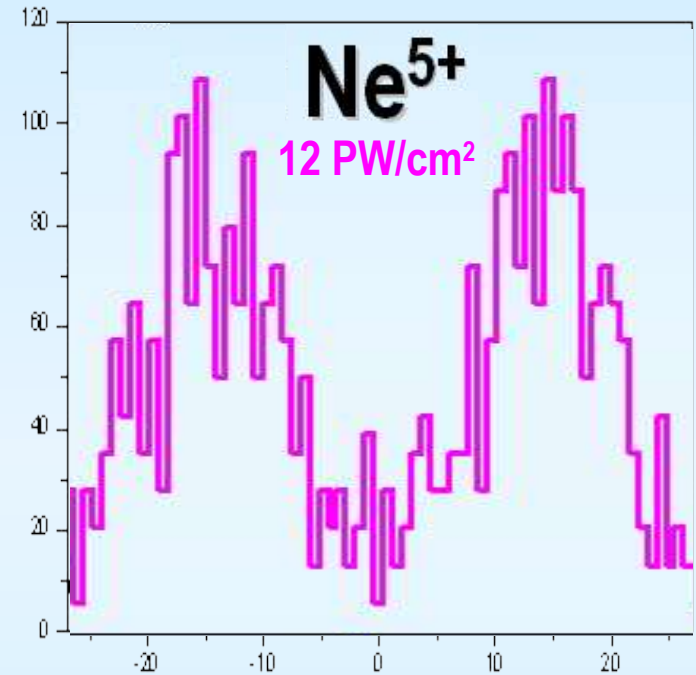
A. Rudenko et al., PRL 93 (2004) 253001

# Structure Dependence



W. Becker, P. Corkum (in preparation)

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- *field assisted,*
  - *strongly correlated,*
  - *400-attosecond*
- many-electron transition***

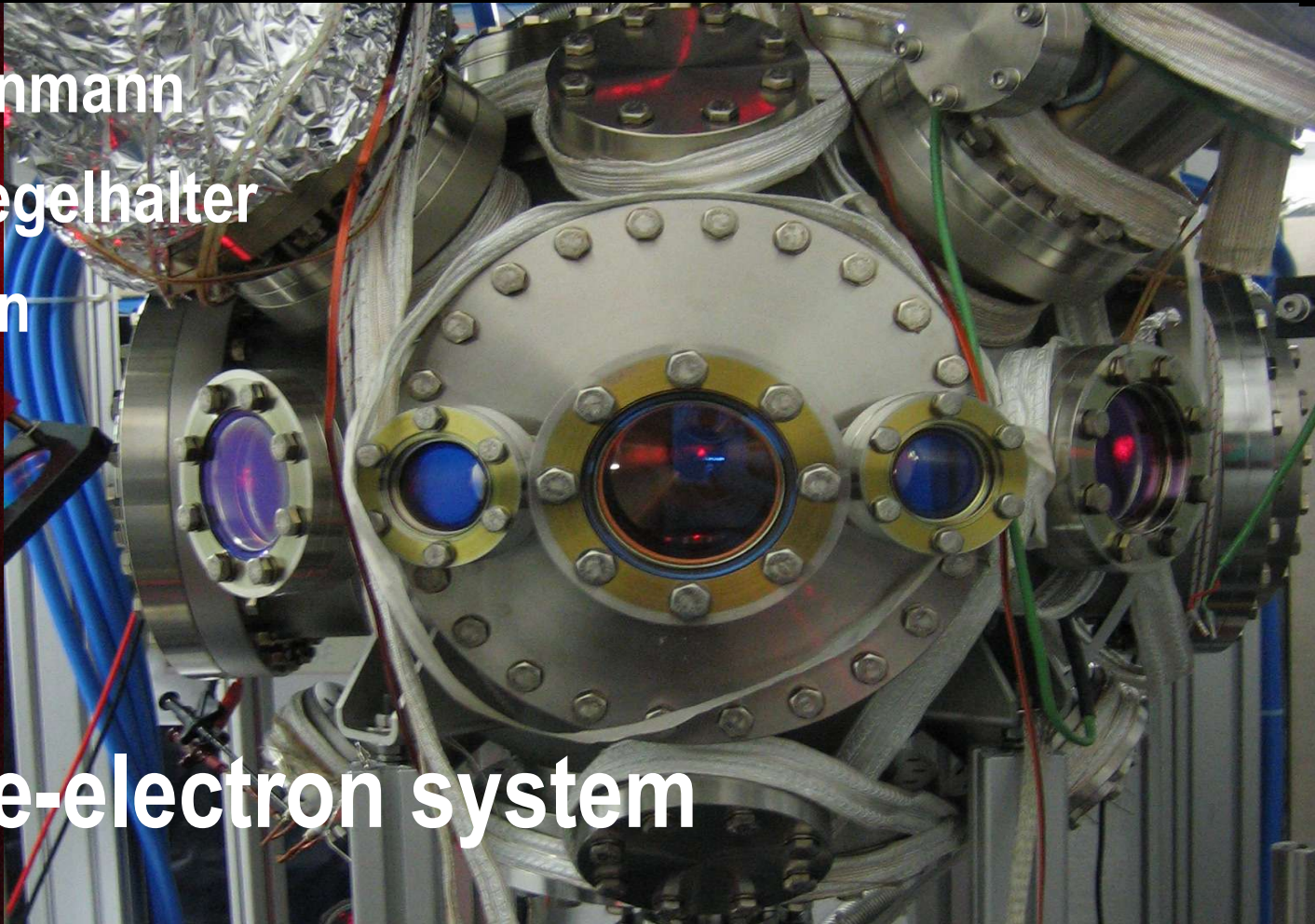


# ***Reaction Microscope***

J. Steinmann

F. Spiegelhalter

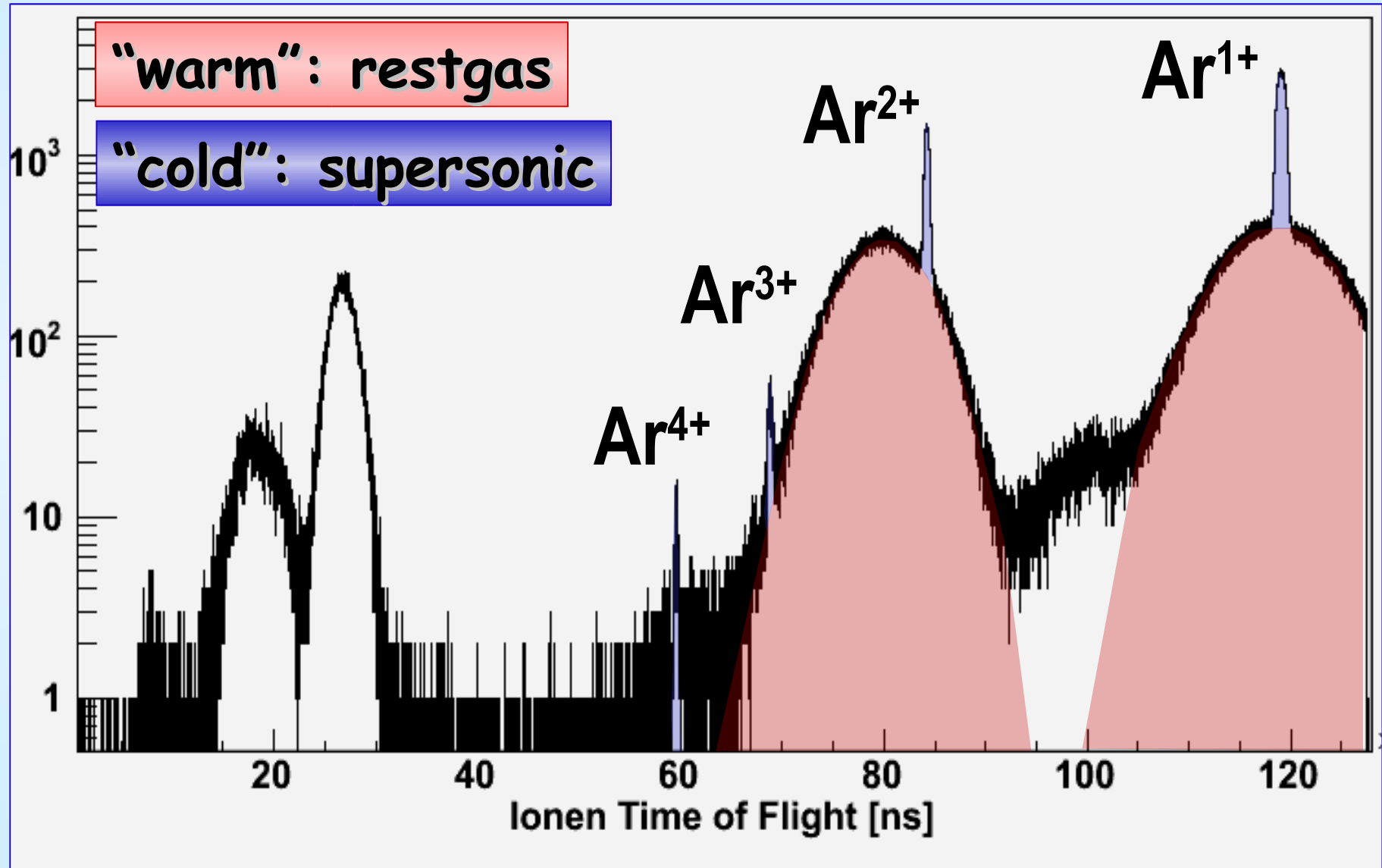
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- three-electron system

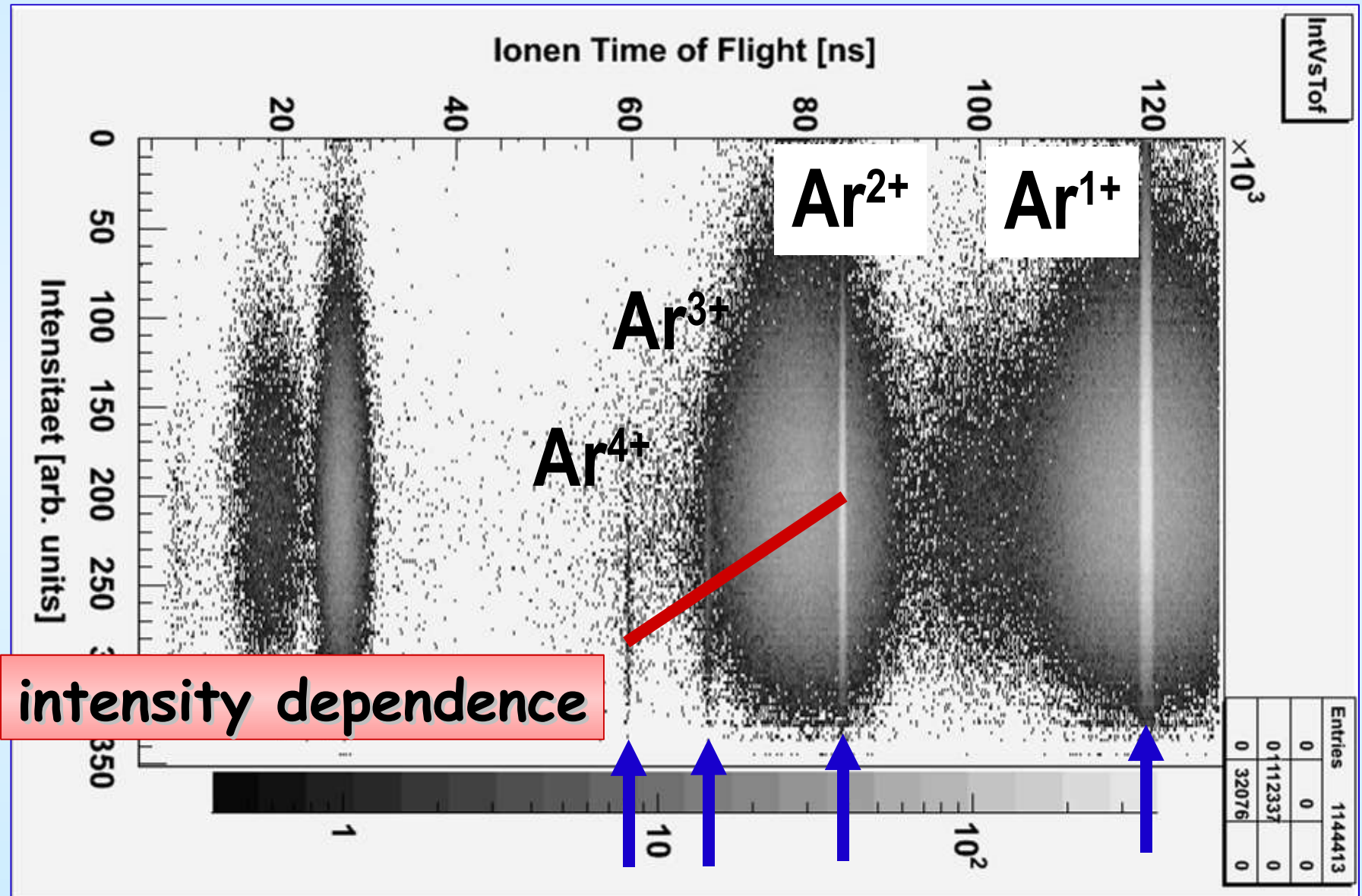
# ***A Lithium MOT!***

# First Results from DESY

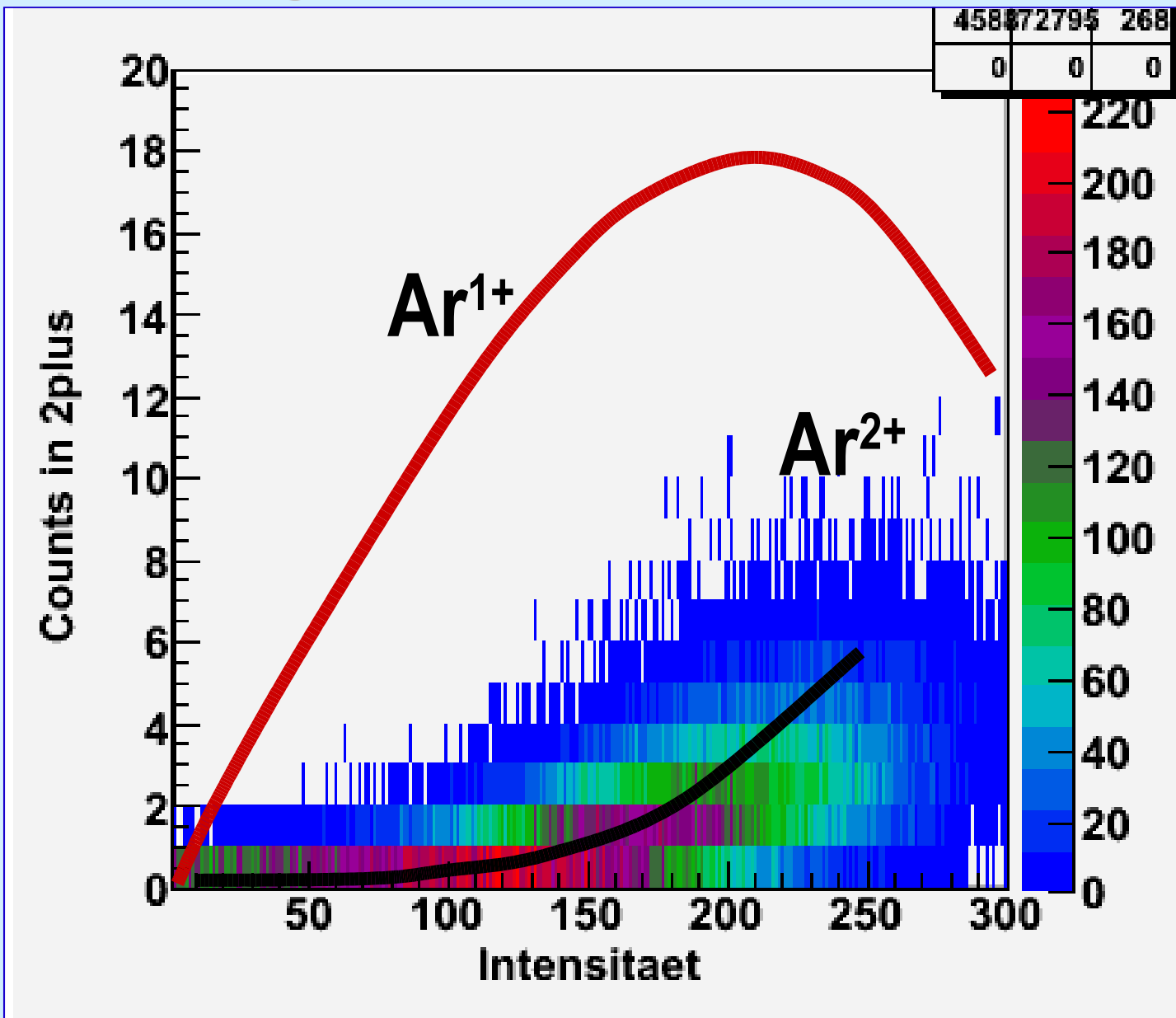




# Intensity Dependence!



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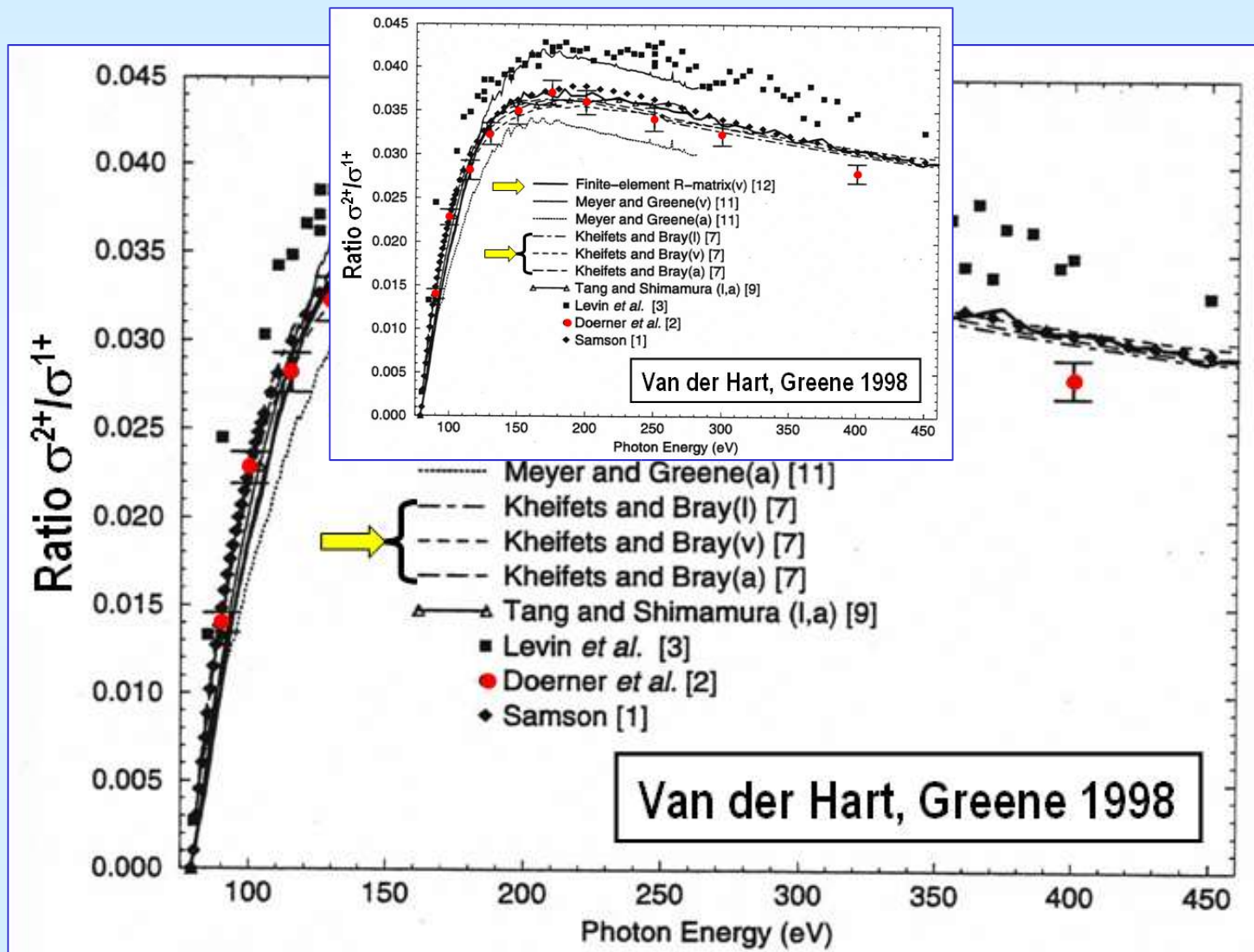




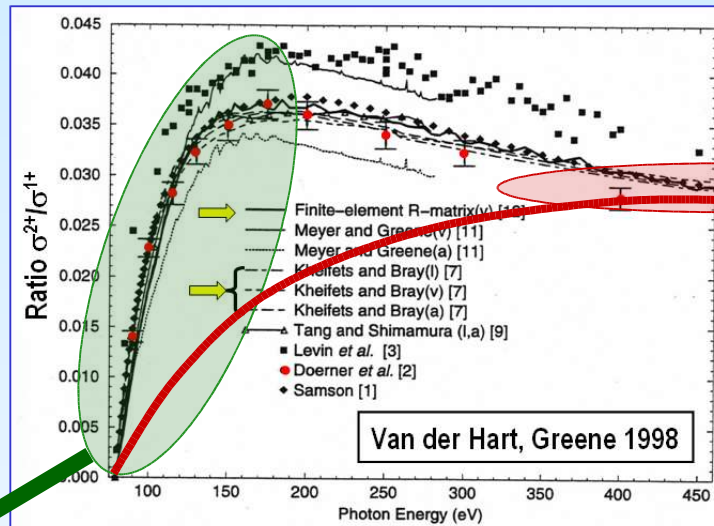
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# Electron Correlation:



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„interception“

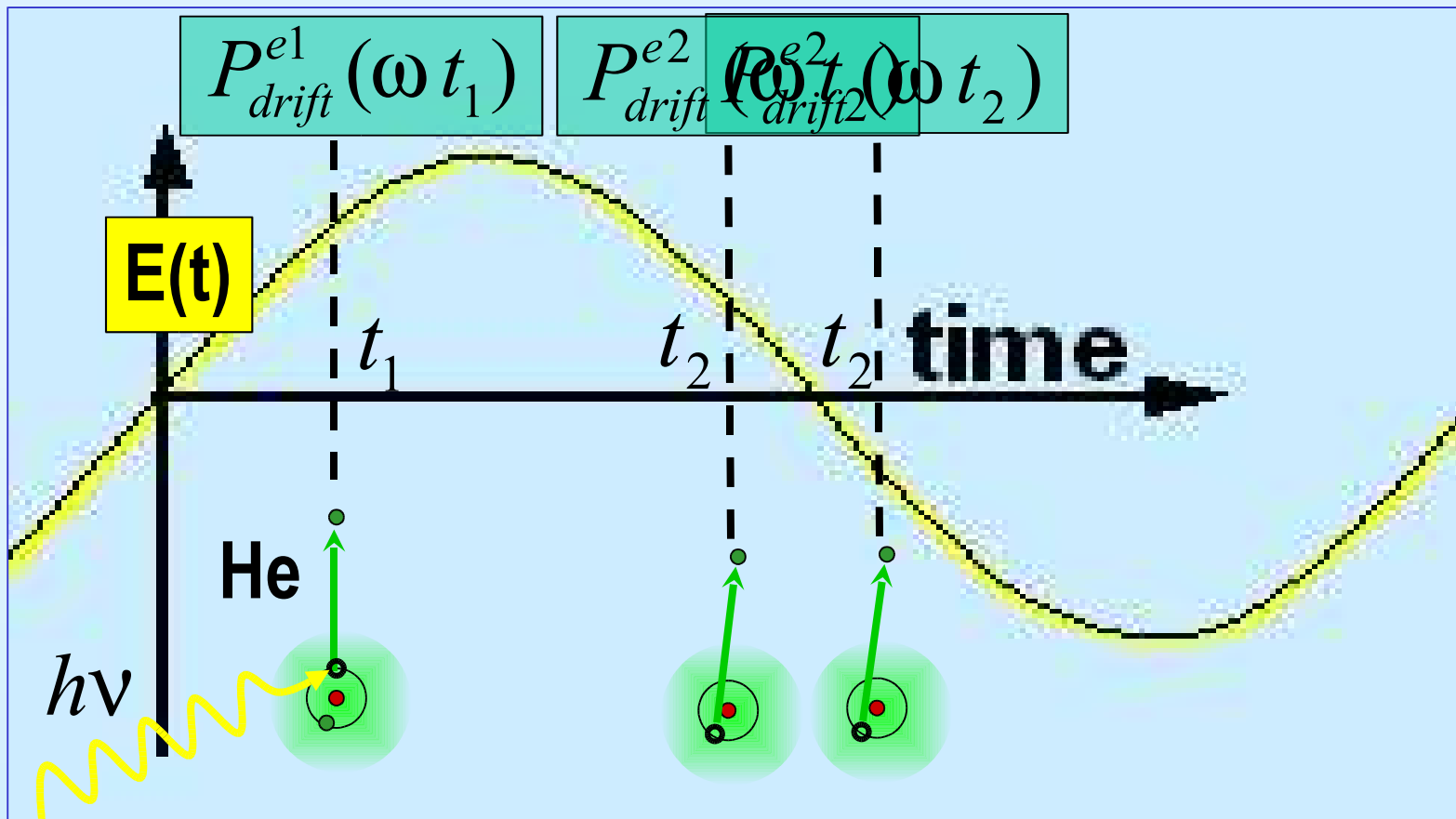
does it take time?

how to measure?

„shake-off“

# Electron Correlation:

$\Delta t \sim 80 \text{ as.} \dots \text{Heisenberg??}$



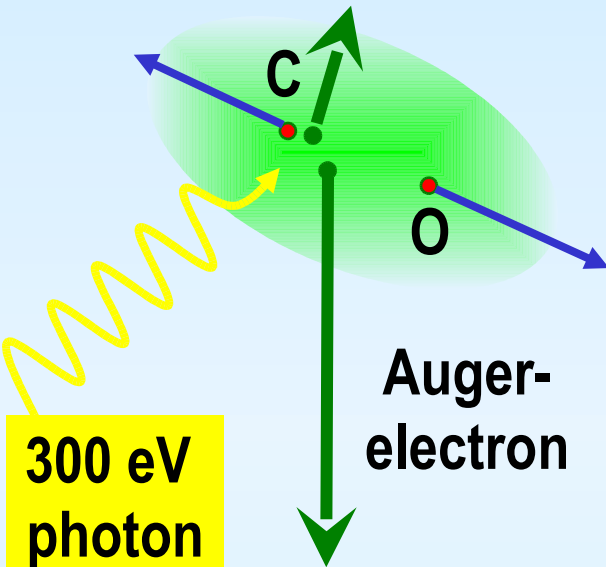


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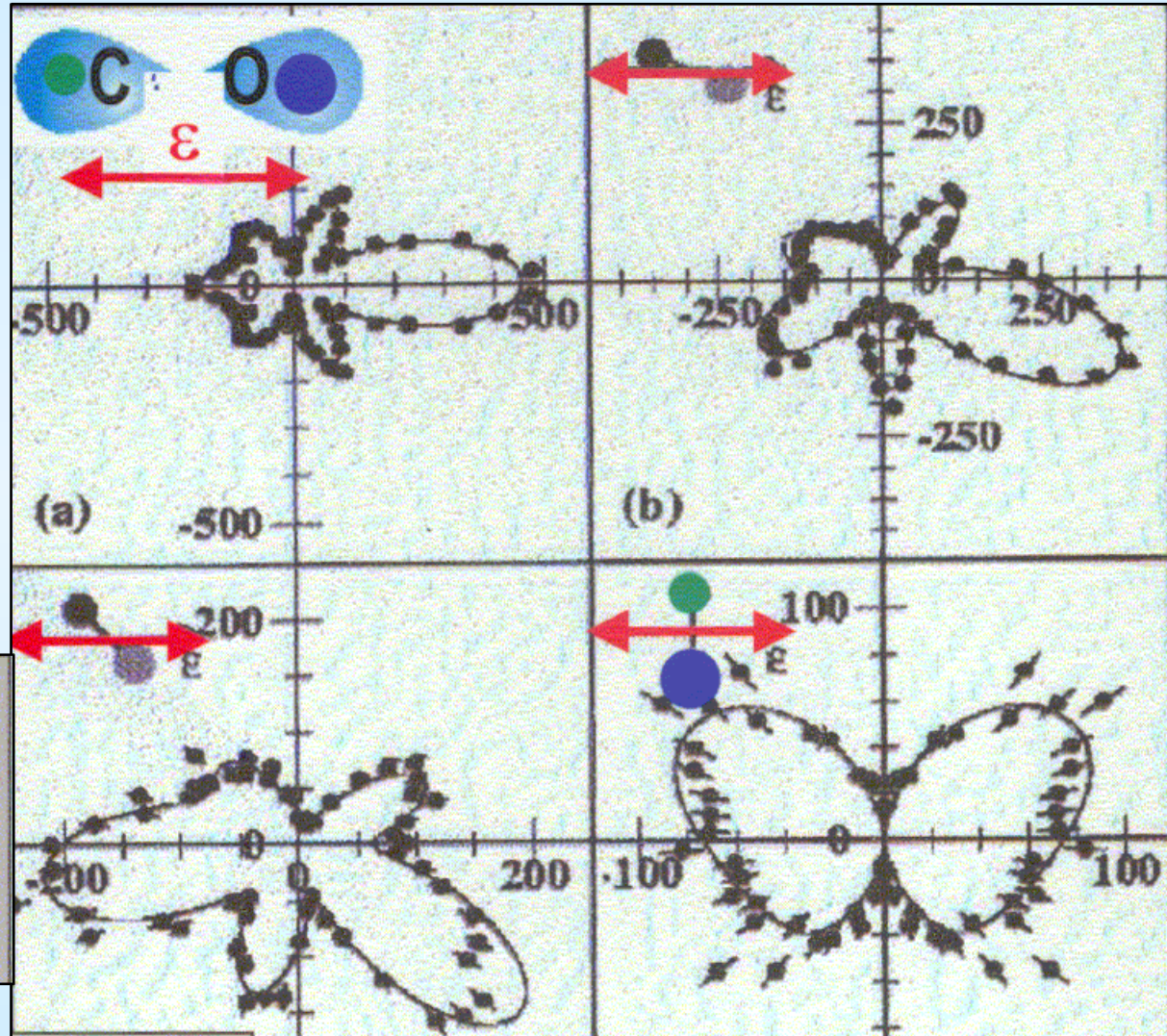
# Dissociation Dynamics

10 eV photo-electron

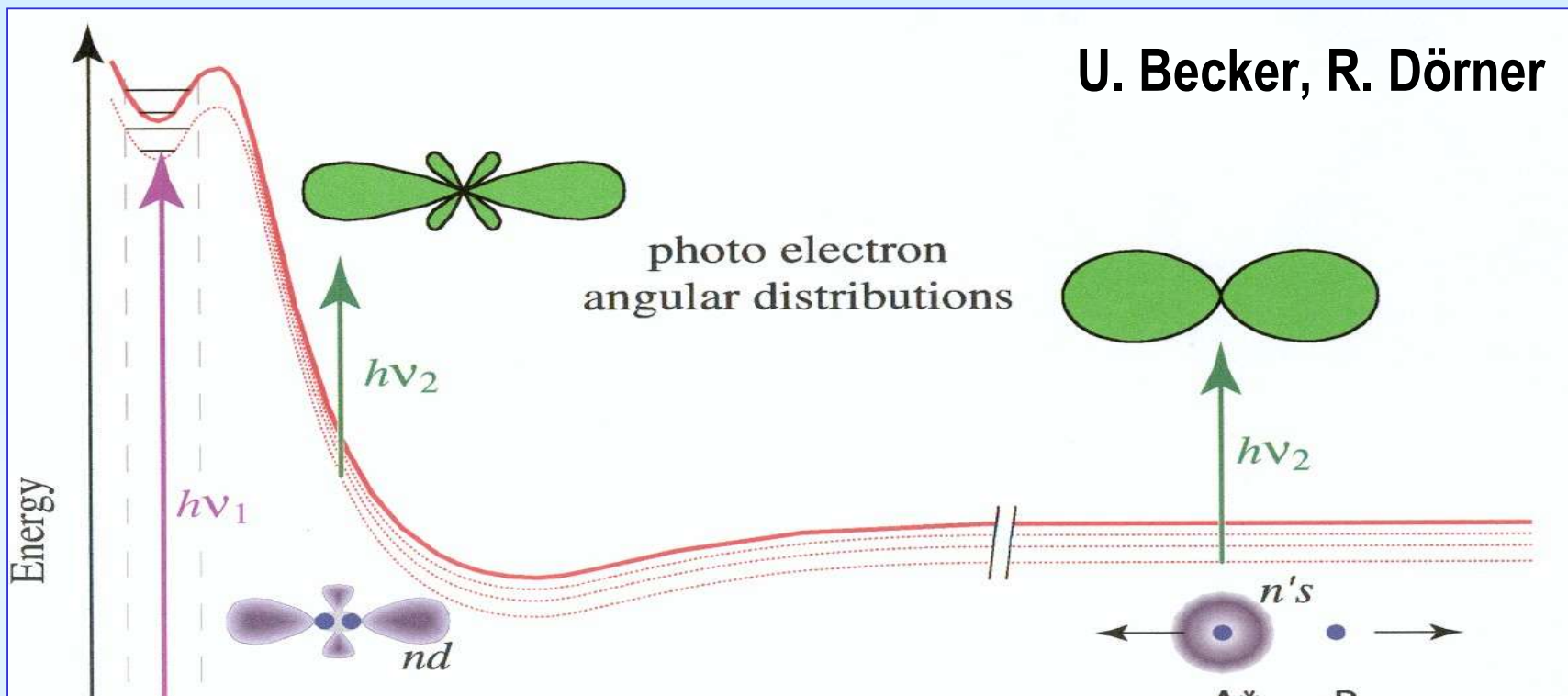


- E. Shigemasa et al., RRL 74 (1995)
- F. Heiser,..., U. Becker PRL 79 (1997)

• Launders, Dörner PRL 87 (2001)



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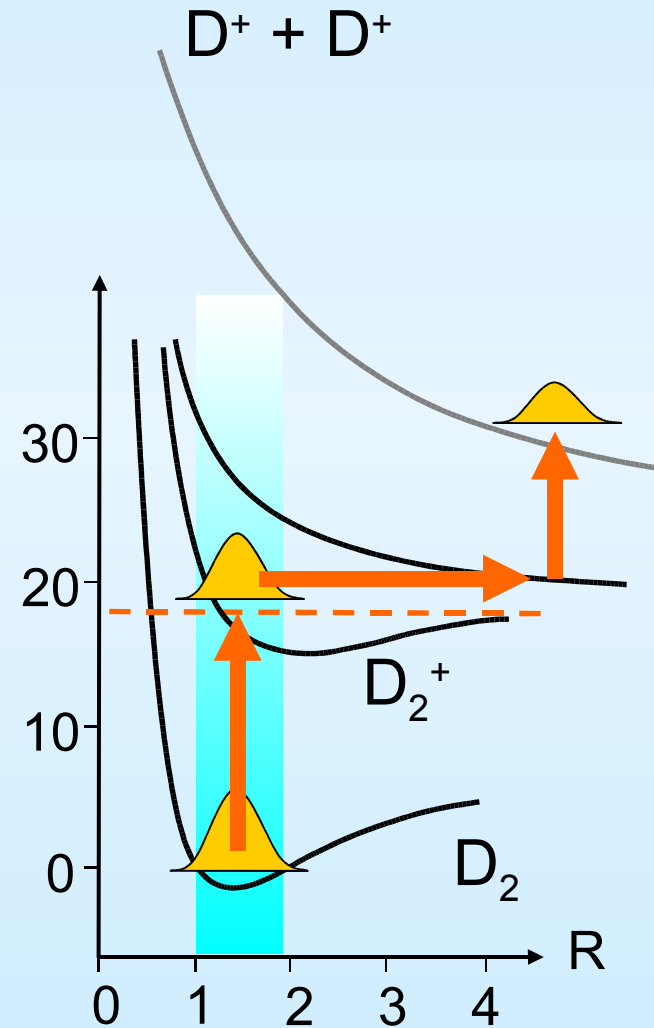
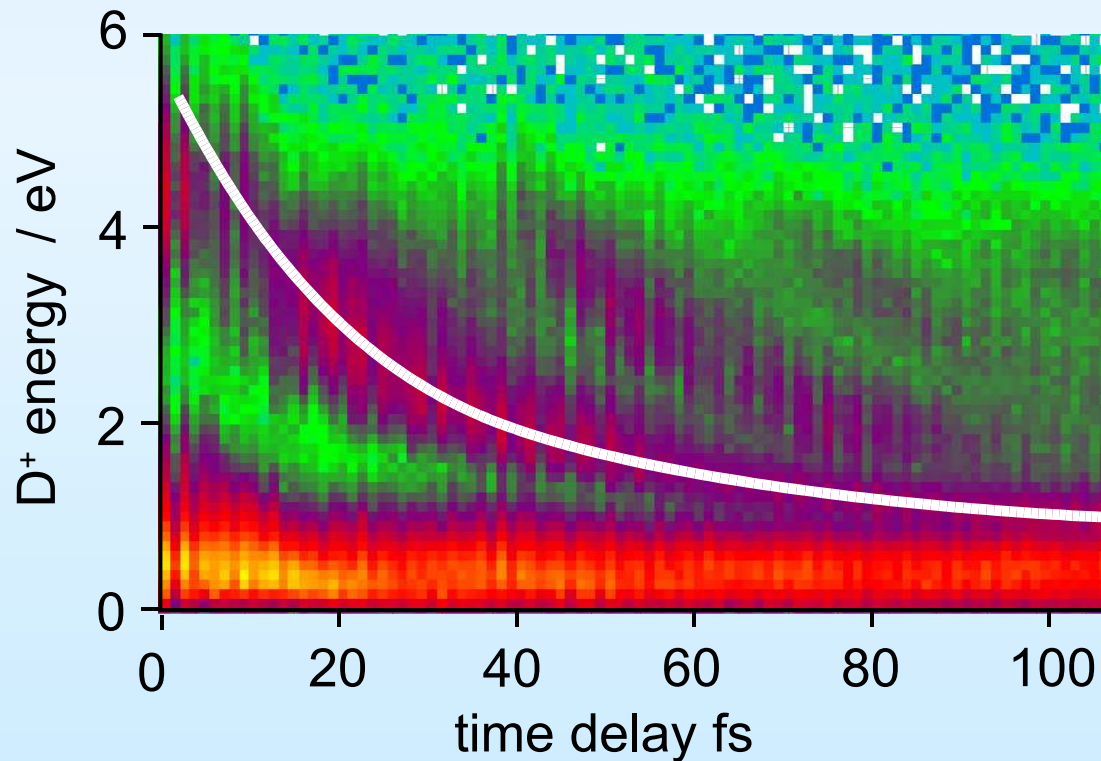


"Snapshots" of the time-evolution  
of intra-molecular potentials

"Movie" of the dissociation reaction

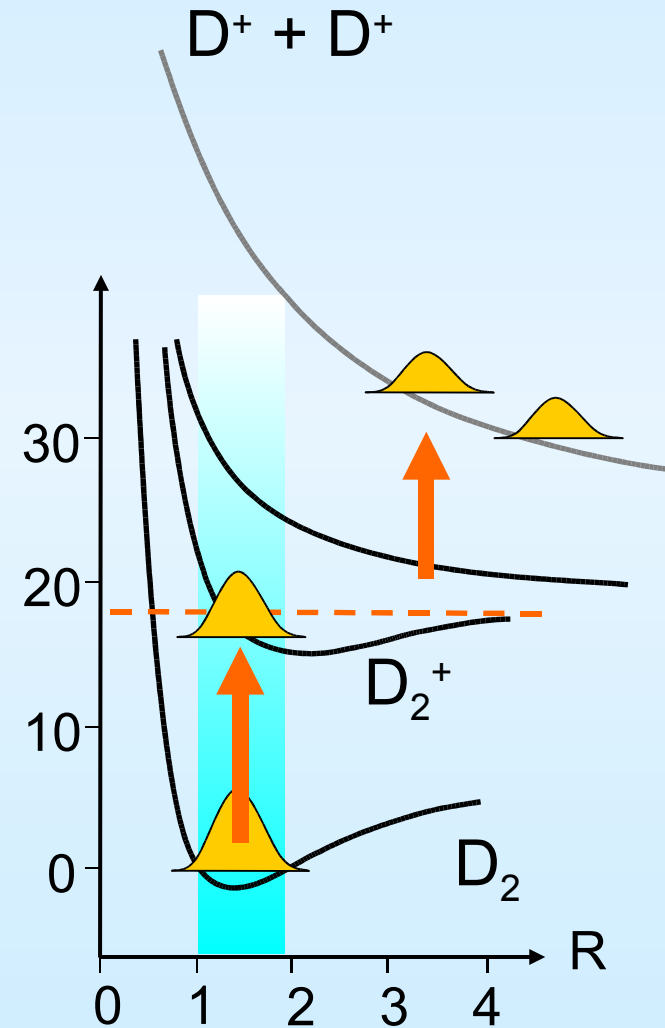
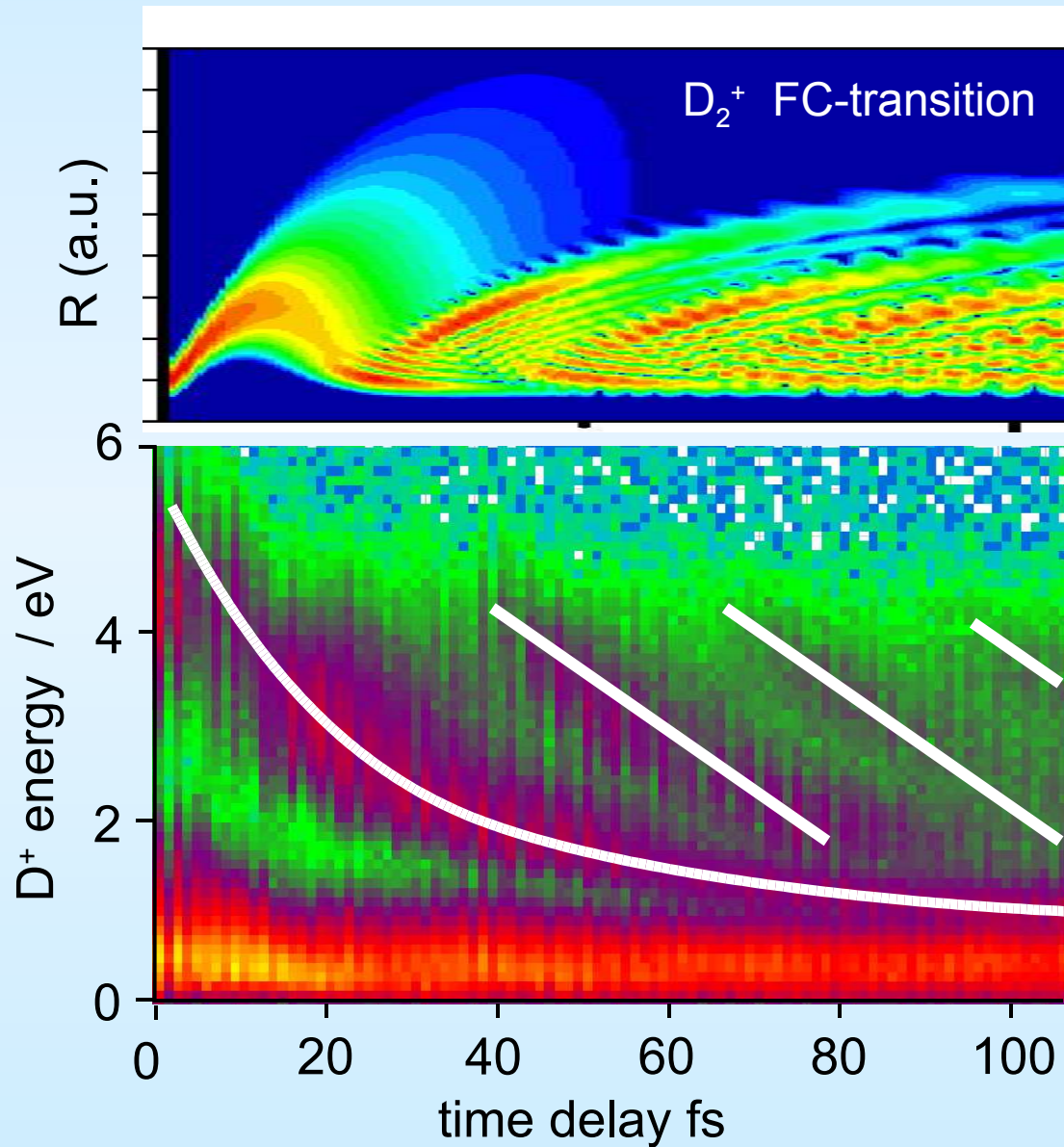


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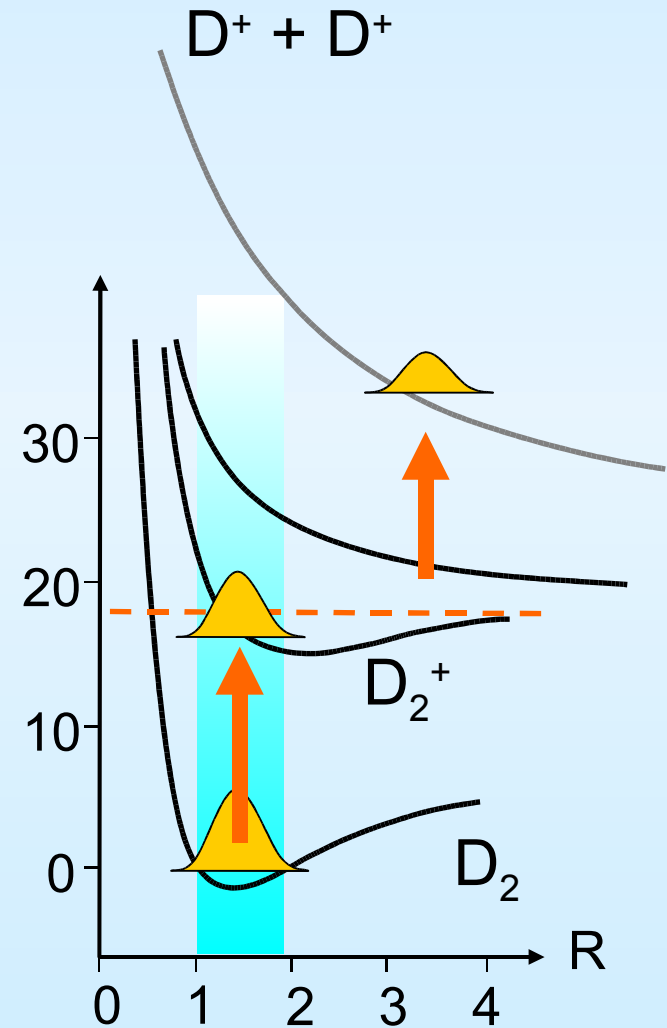
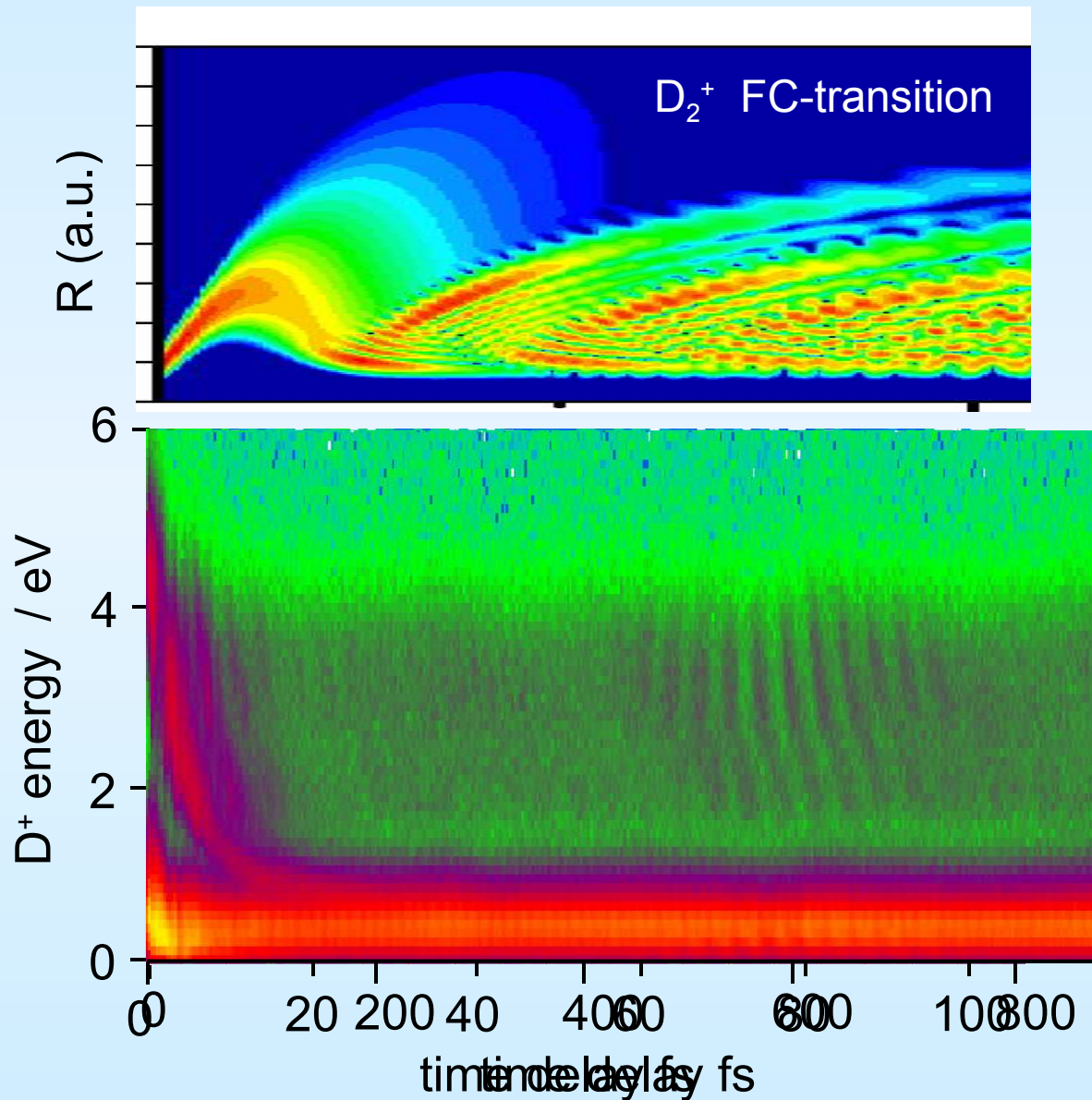




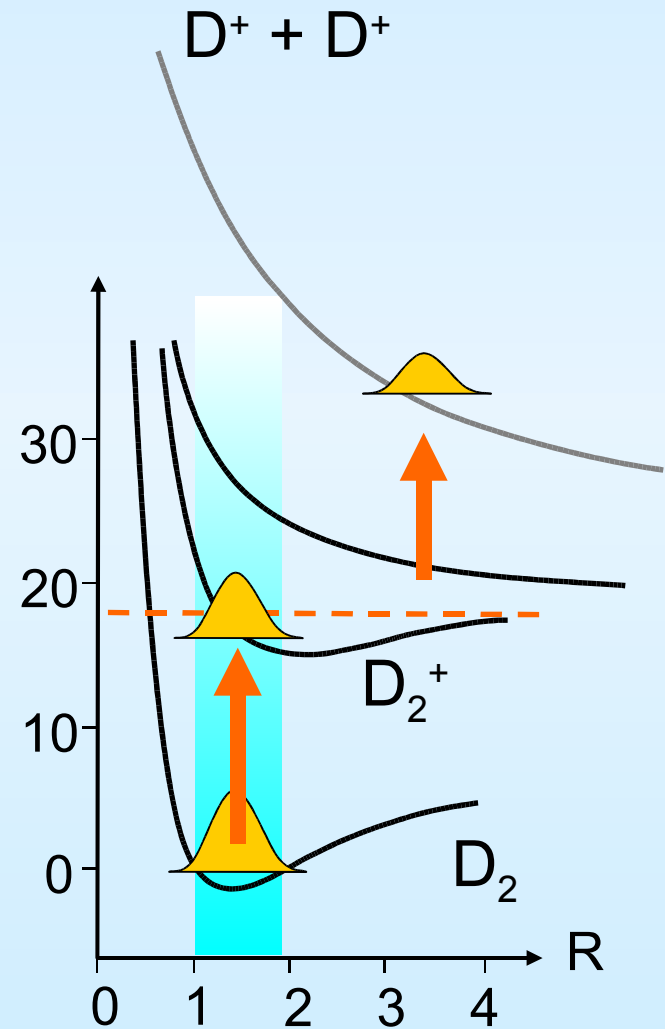
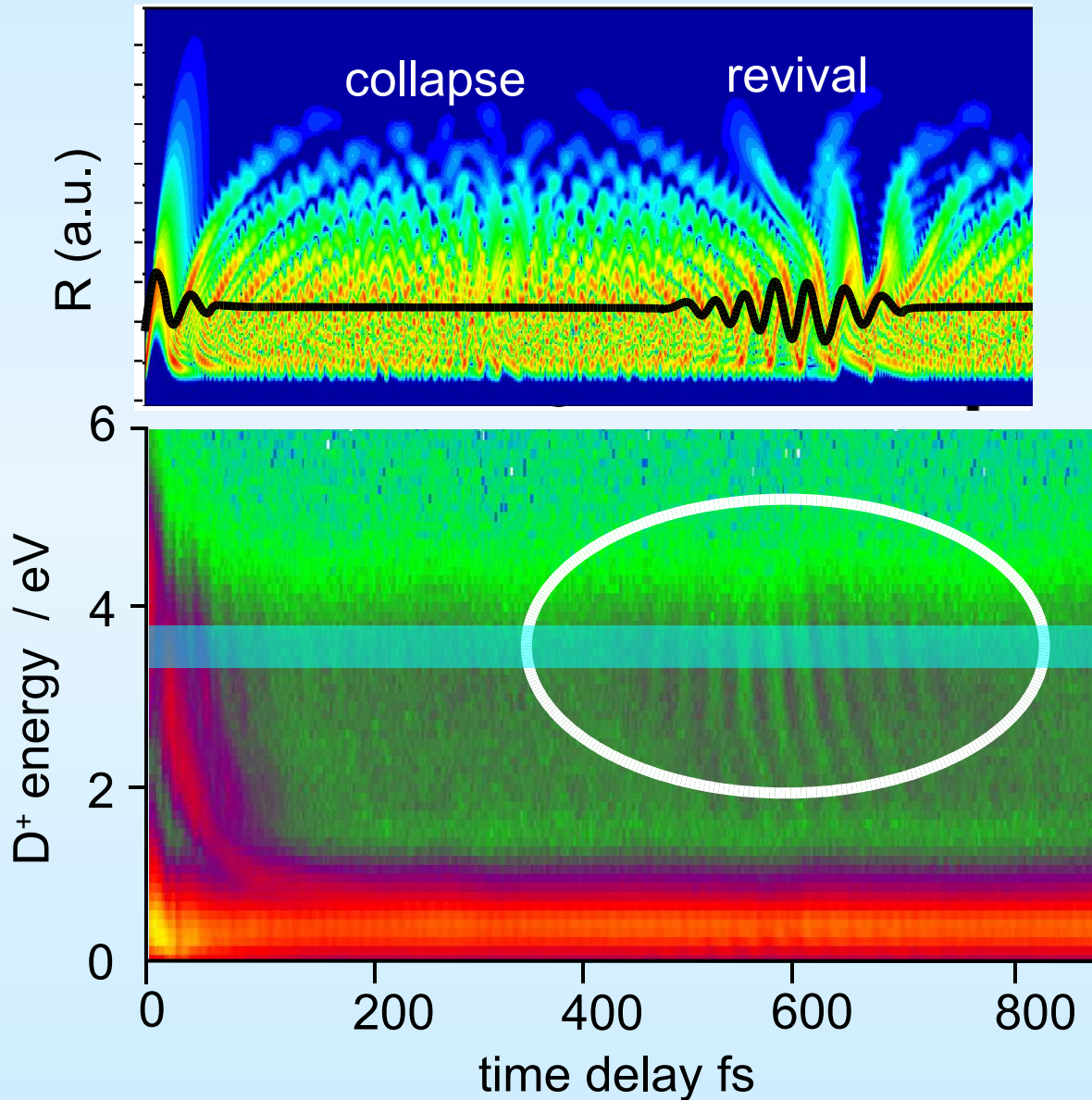
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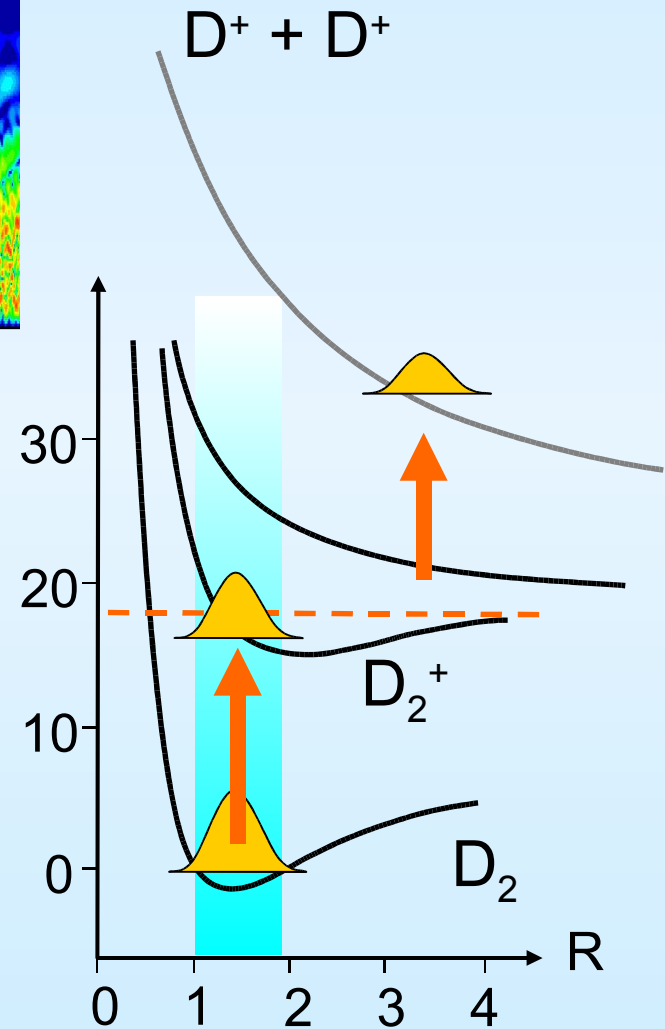
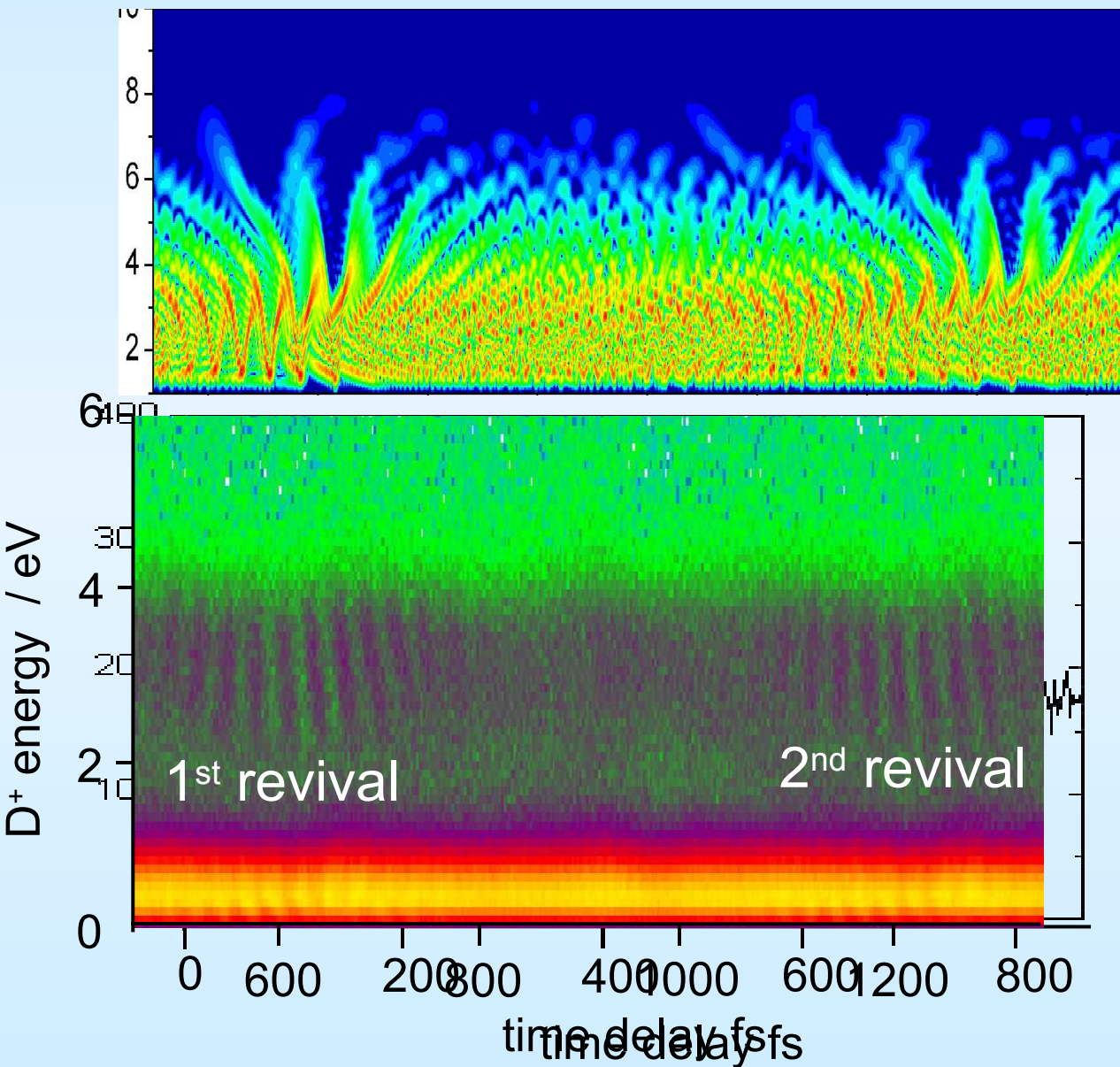


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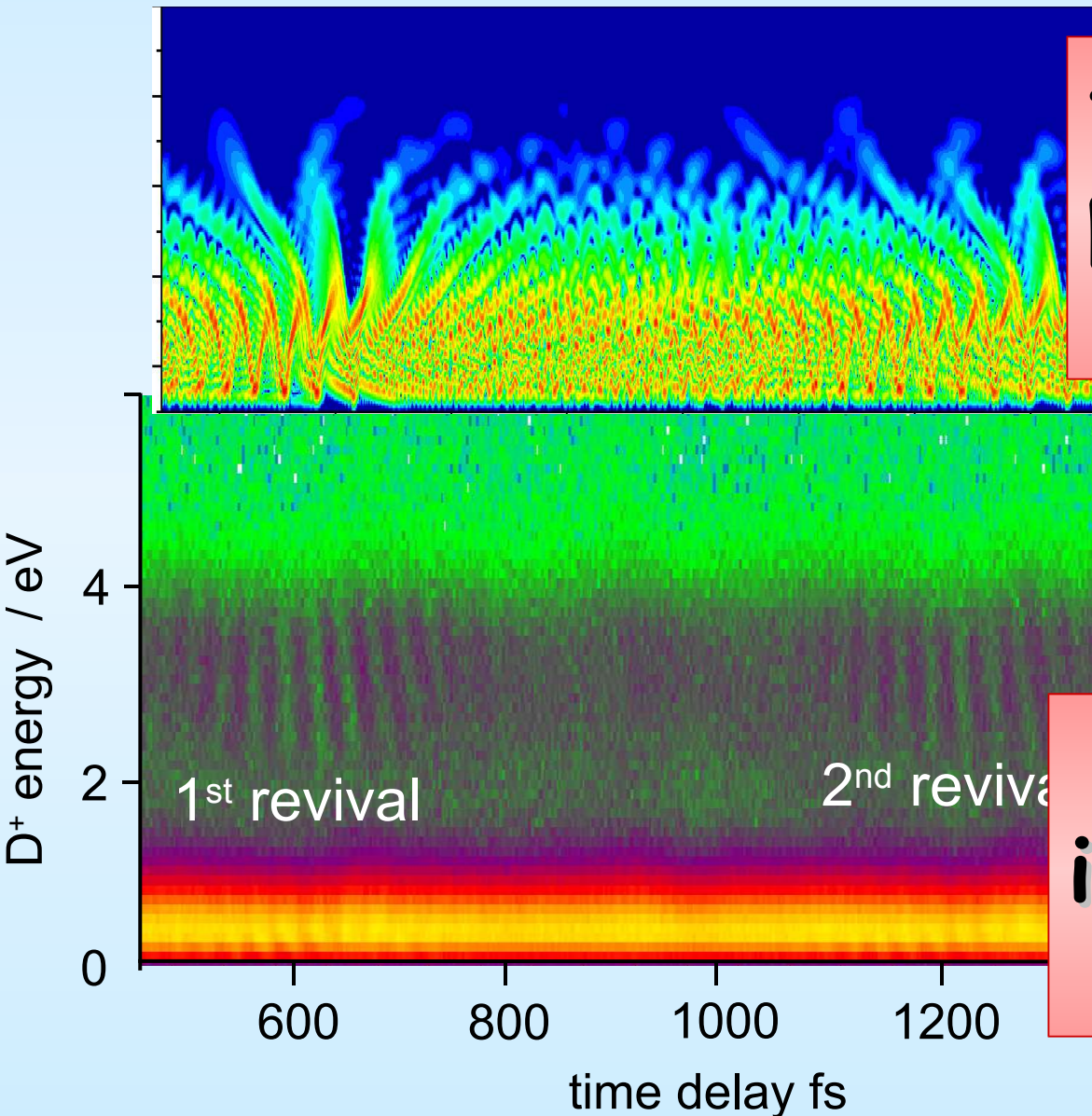


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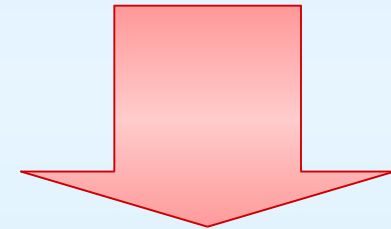




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time resolved  
photo electron  
spectroscopy



follow the  
intra-molecular  
potentials !

End