

# *Challenges Far-from-Equilibrium Using Future Light Sources*

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# What is Equilibrium State of Matter?

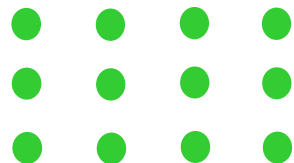
$$F = E - TS$$

**Low T**

*Minimum energy,  
high symmetry, order*

e.g. crystalline

E minimum

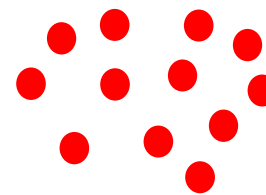


$$F = \textcircled{E} - TS$$

**High T**

*Maximum entropy,  
low symmetry, disorder*

e.g. liquid

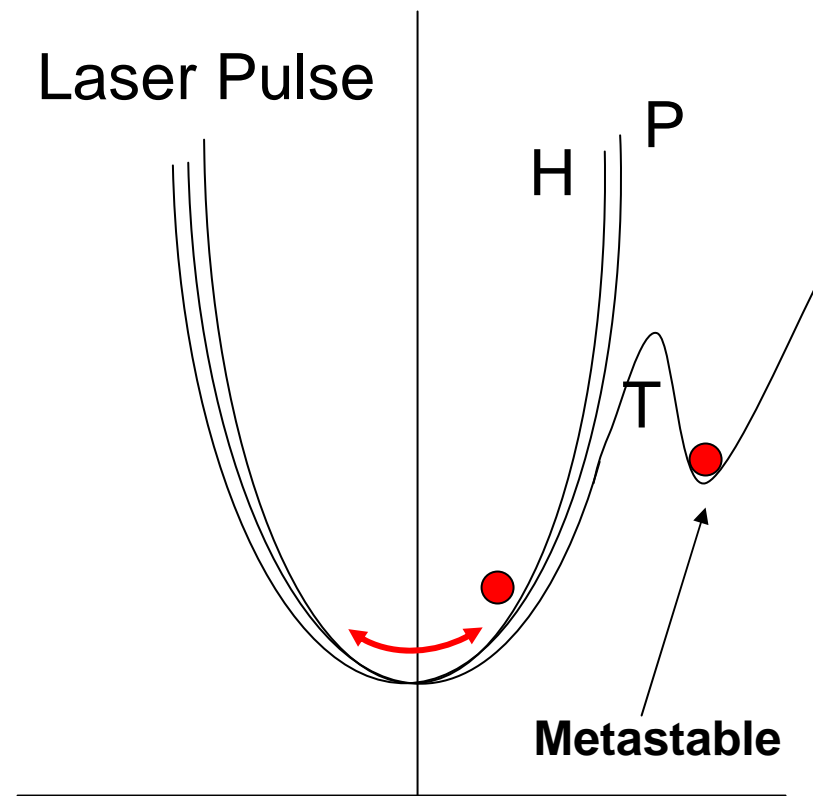


S maximum

$$F = E - T\textcircled{S}$$

# What do we generally mean by 'near-equilibrium studies' ?

- *Laws of thermodynamics and statistical mechanics apply*
- *Born-Oppenheimer approximation is valid*
- *Systems respond linearly when perturbed*
- *Often valid for large systems ( $10^{23}$  atoms or molecules)*



*Lars Onsager, Yale  
Nobel Prize, 1963*

# *Why study systems that are driven far from equilibrium?*

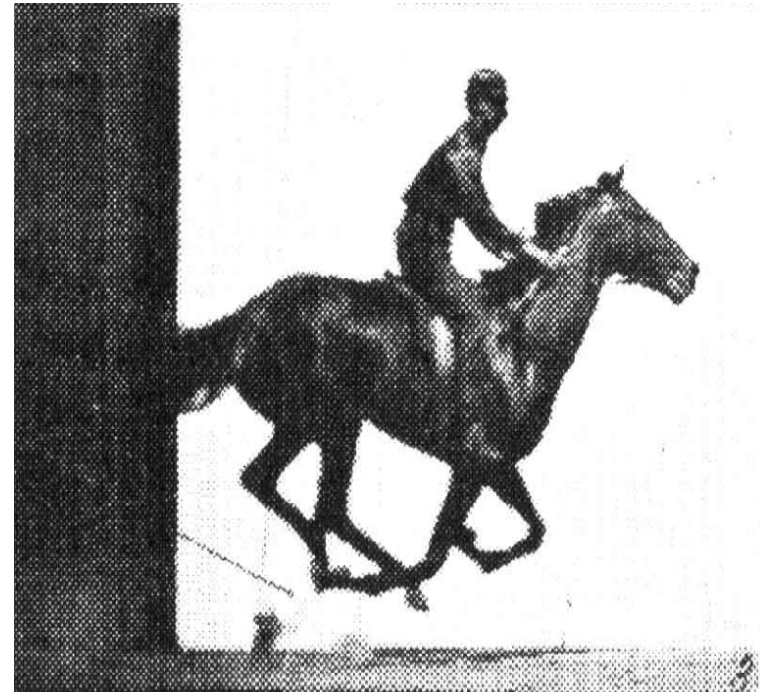
*Far-from-equilibrium systems show non-linear response and are more common in nature*



Tectonic dynamics

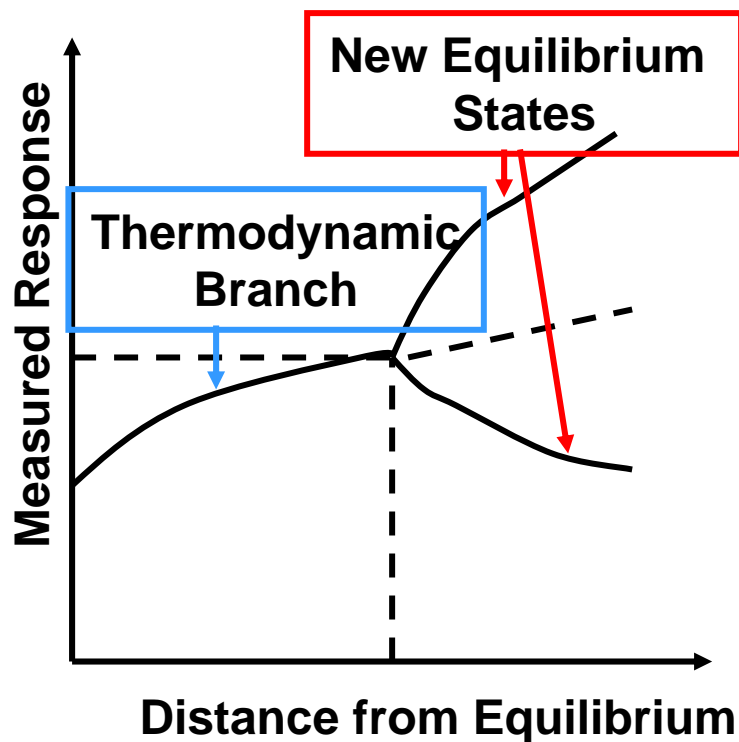


Hurricanes

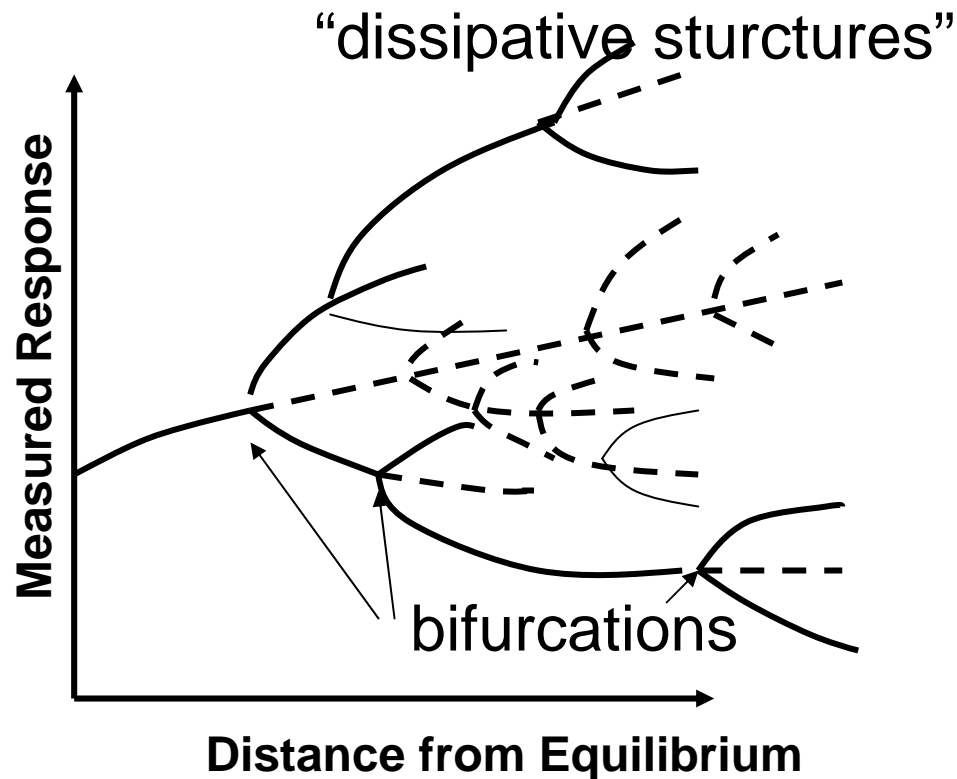


Racing Horse

# How to Describe the Systems Far From Equilibrium?



Evolution of Two New Equilibrium Organized States

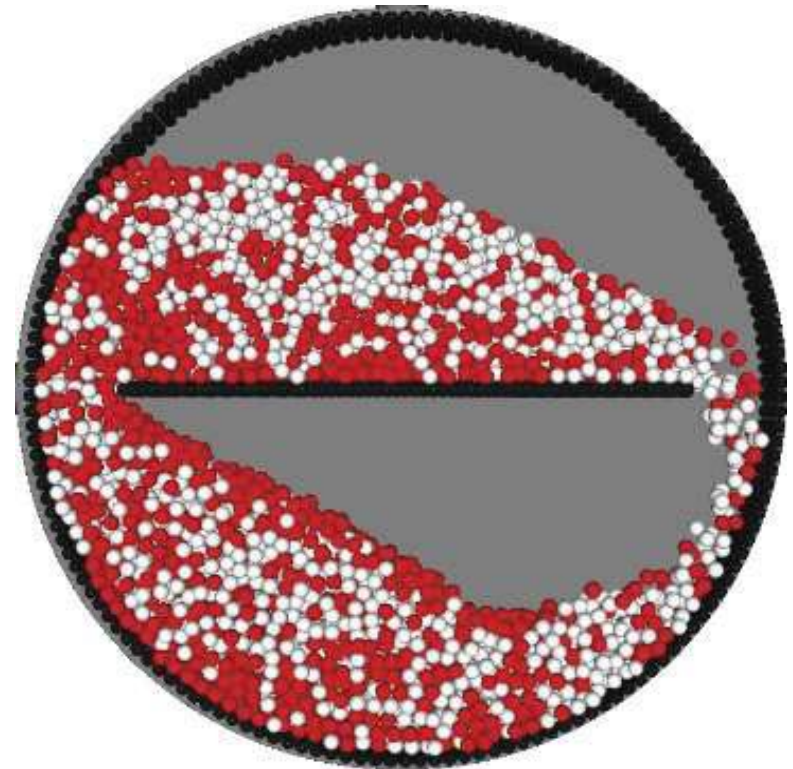
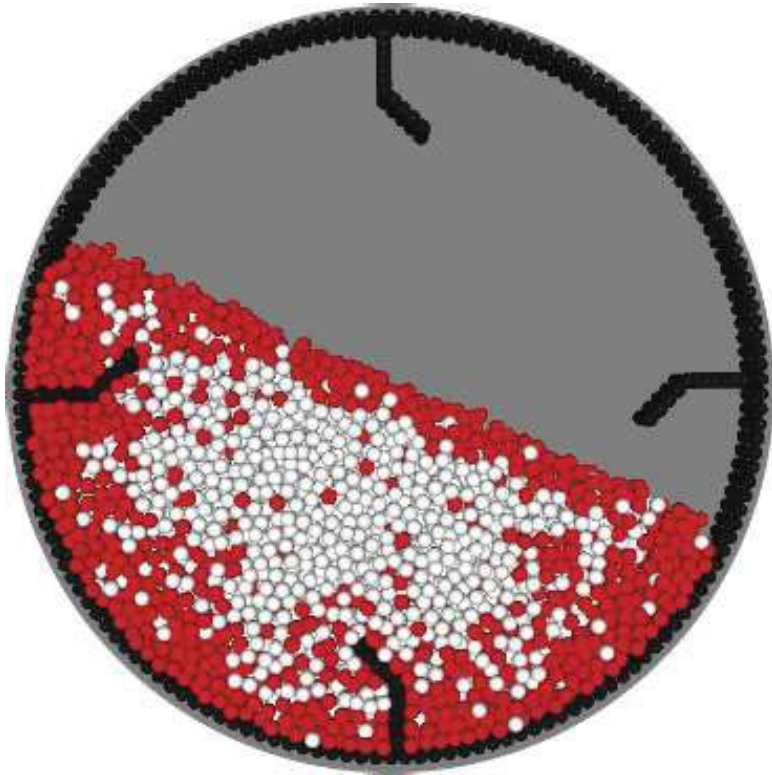


Further Evolution of Multiple Equilibrium States Following Slight Perturbation

See: I. Prigogine, *From Being to Becoming* (W. H. Freeman, San Francisco, 1980)

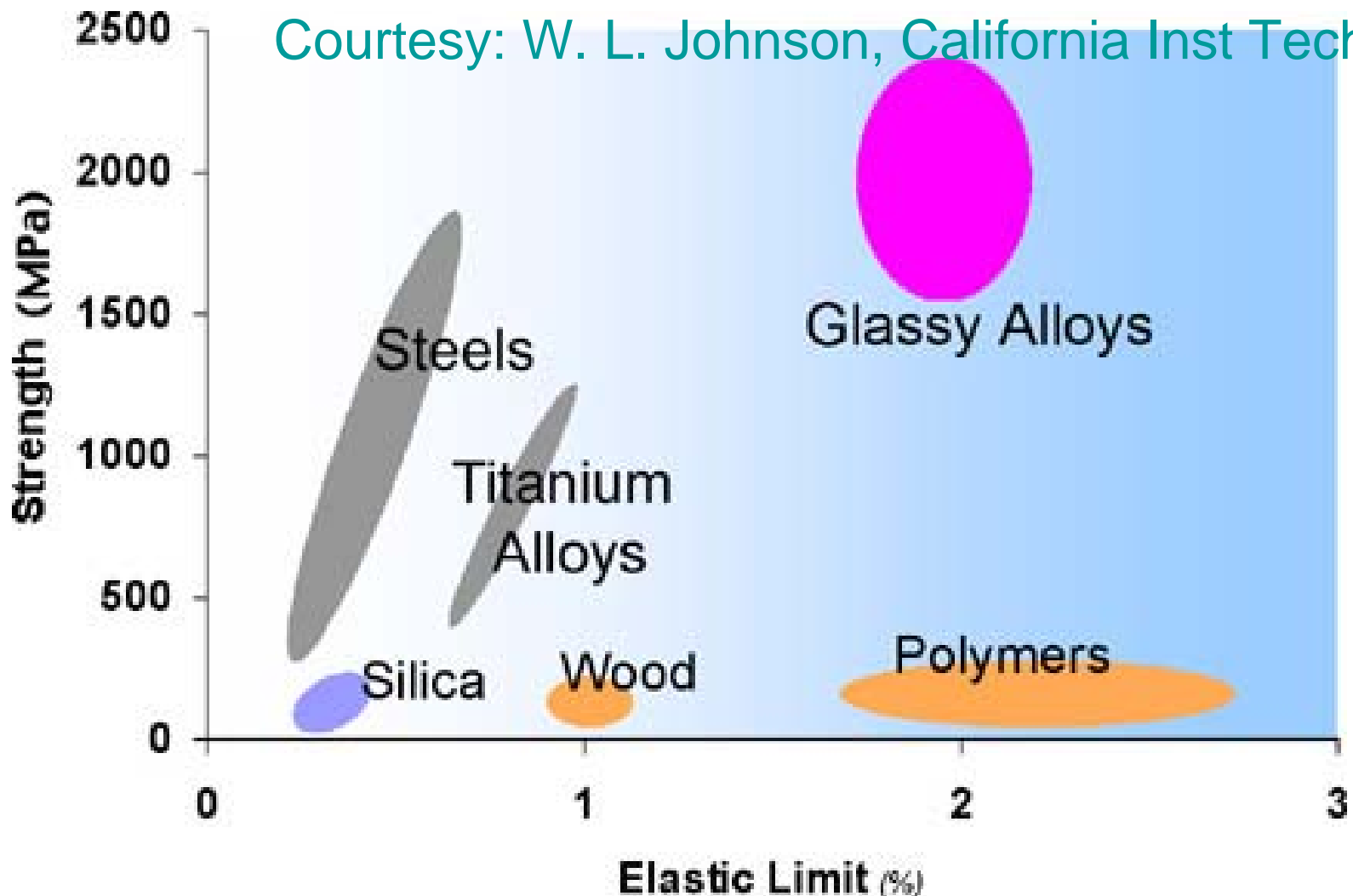
# Mixing Granular Materials

Ottino et al: Science 319, 912, 2008



# Rapid-Cooling Process of Glassy Alloys Far-from-Equilibrium Produces Highest Strength Materials

Courtesy: W. L. Johnson, California Inst Tech



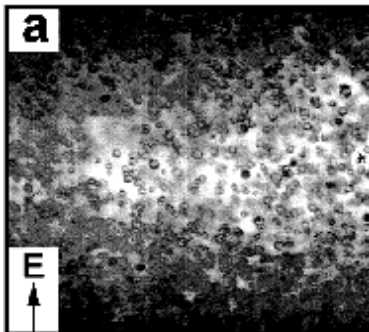
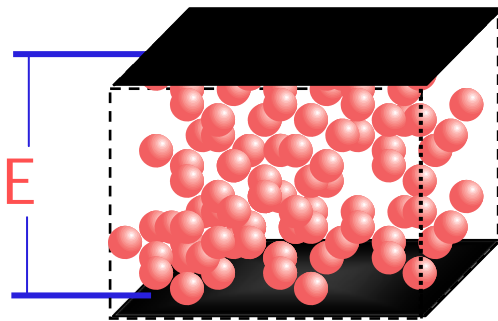


# What is Electro-Rheology (ER)?

*ER fluid consisting of dielectric nano-particles suspended in a nonconducting liquid can change from liquid state to solid state abruptly (1-10 ms)  
Another Far-from-Equilibrium Phenomena.*

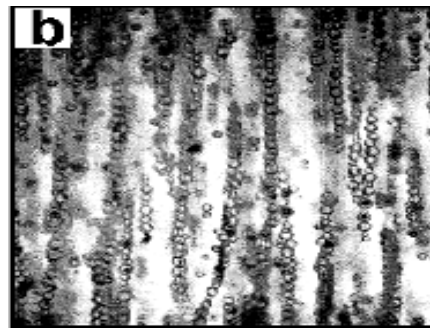
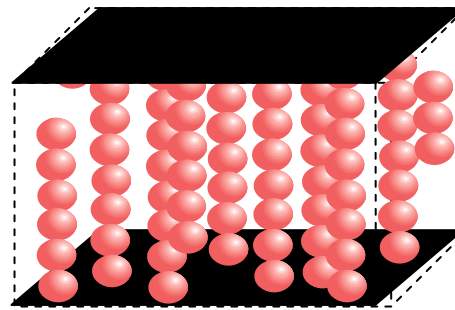
$E=0$

Random distribution



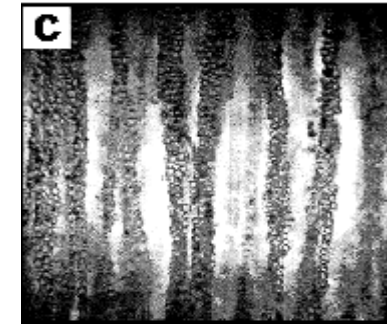
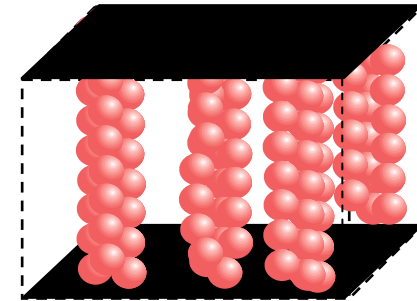
$E>0$

Form chains



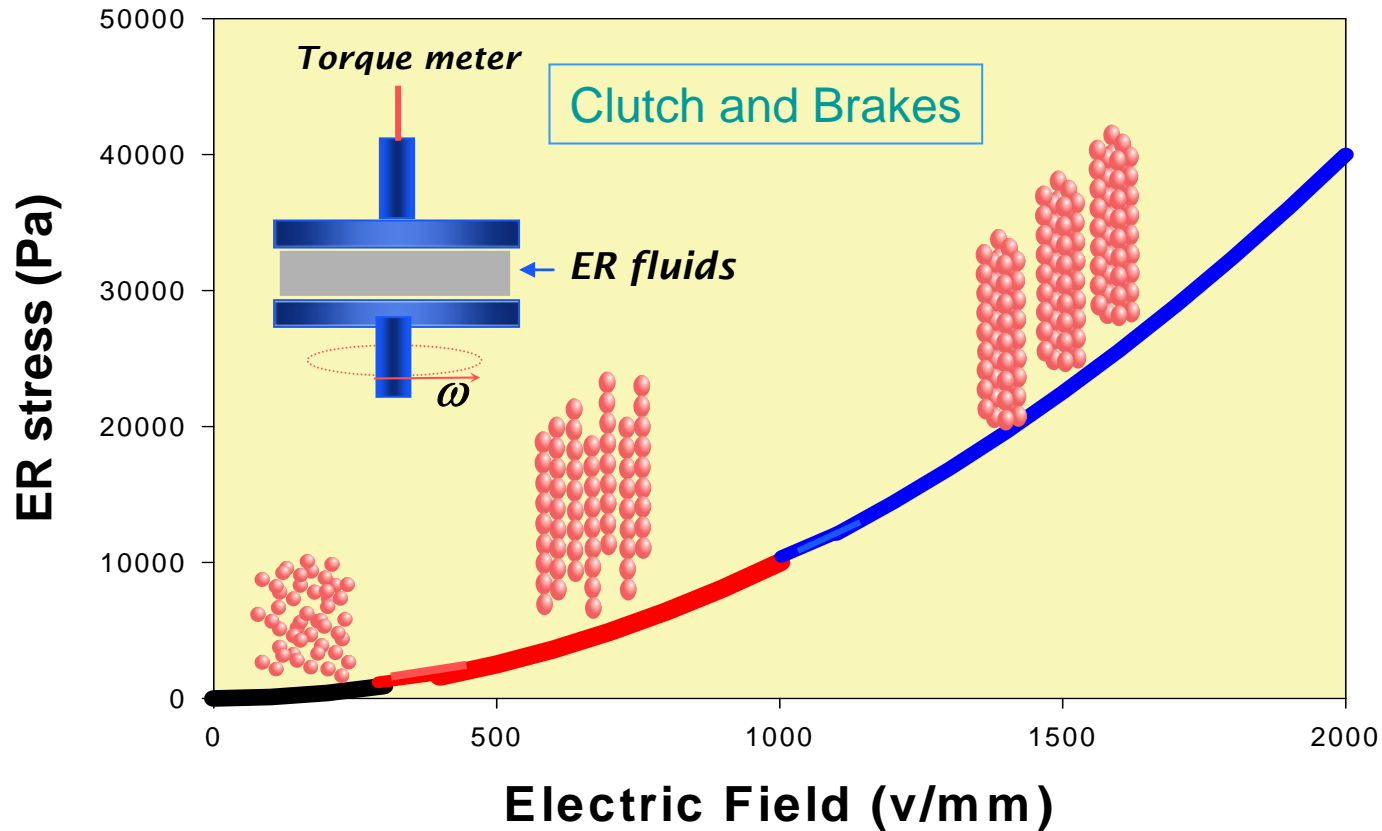
$E>>0$

Form columns



# Giant Nonlinear ER fluids prepared with BaTiO<sub>3</sub>/Urea microspheres in silicone oil

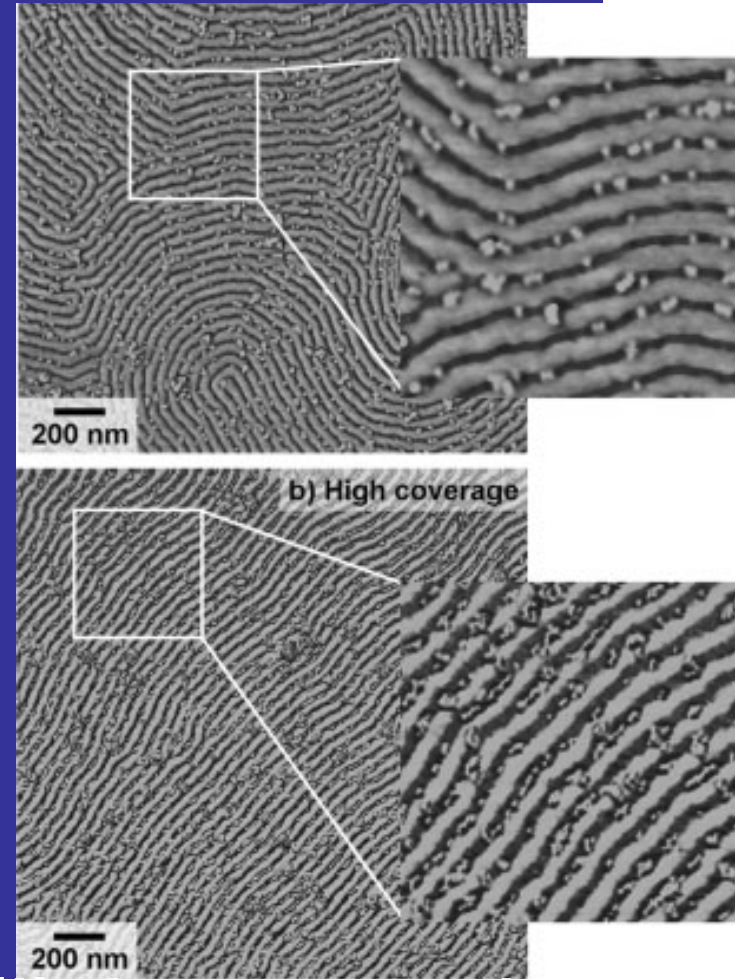
X.X. Huang, S.H. Yang, K.Q. Lu and P. Sheng, Nature Materials 2, 727 (2003).



# Surface Patterning and Nanoprocessing

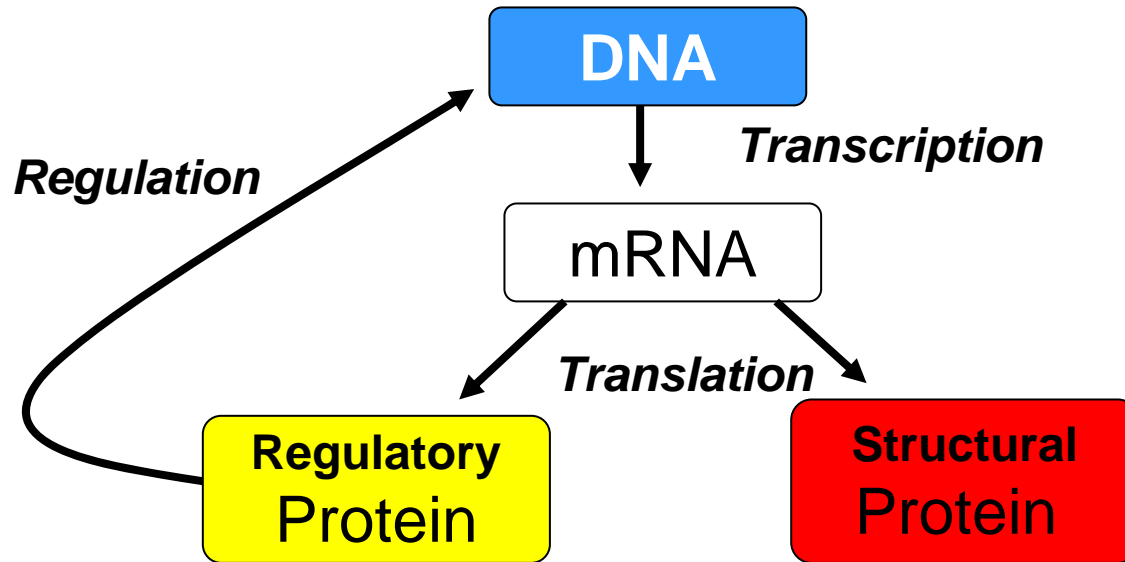
*Selective adsorption of single FePt nanoparticles onto the photochemically modified polymer domains using VUV exposure of PMMA diblock copolymer films (dark stripes)*

Seth B. Darling, et al., *Adv. Mater.* 17, 2446–2450 (2005).



*Ramifications of this far-from-equilibrium processing extend to potential future bit-patterned magnetic-storage media.*

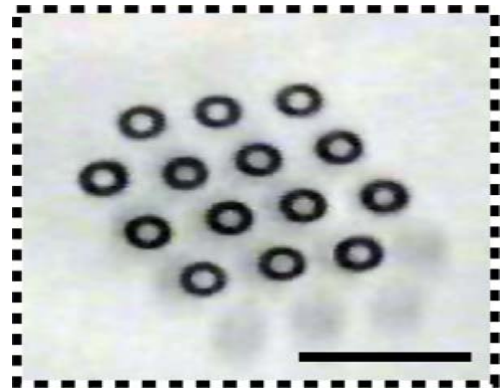
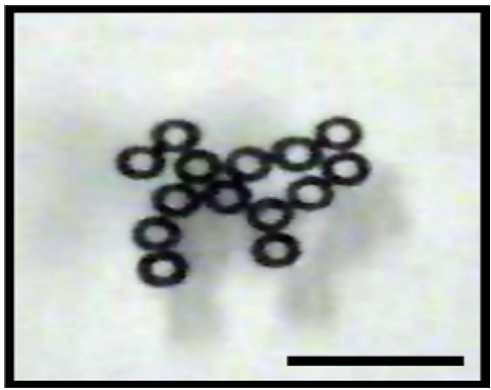
# *Belousov-Zhabotinsky (BZ) Cyclical Reaction: Extension to Living System*



Living systems can reproduce themselves and can collect and exchange information

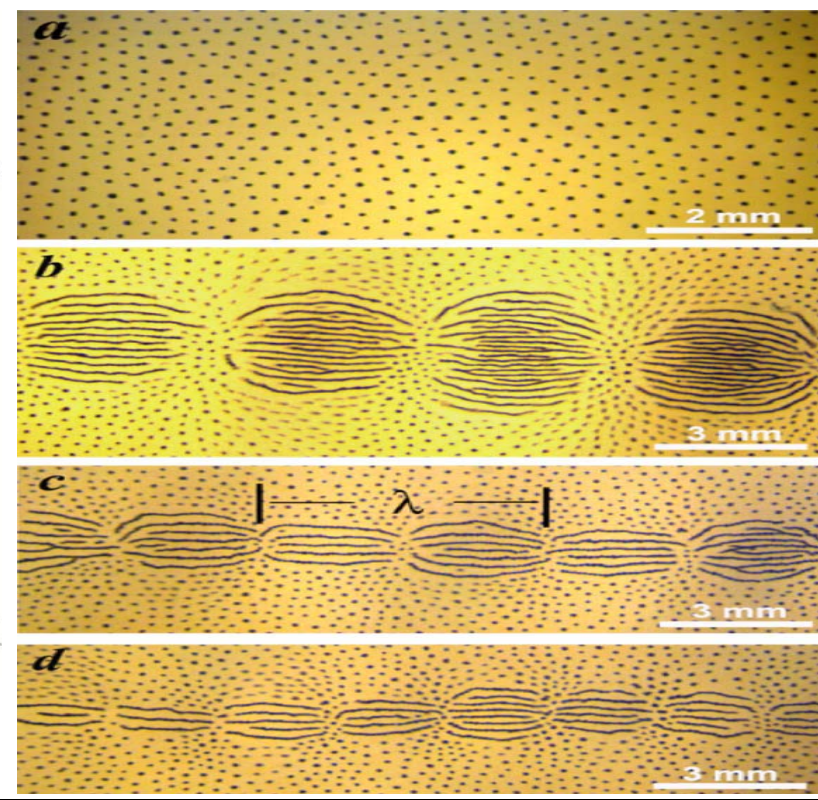
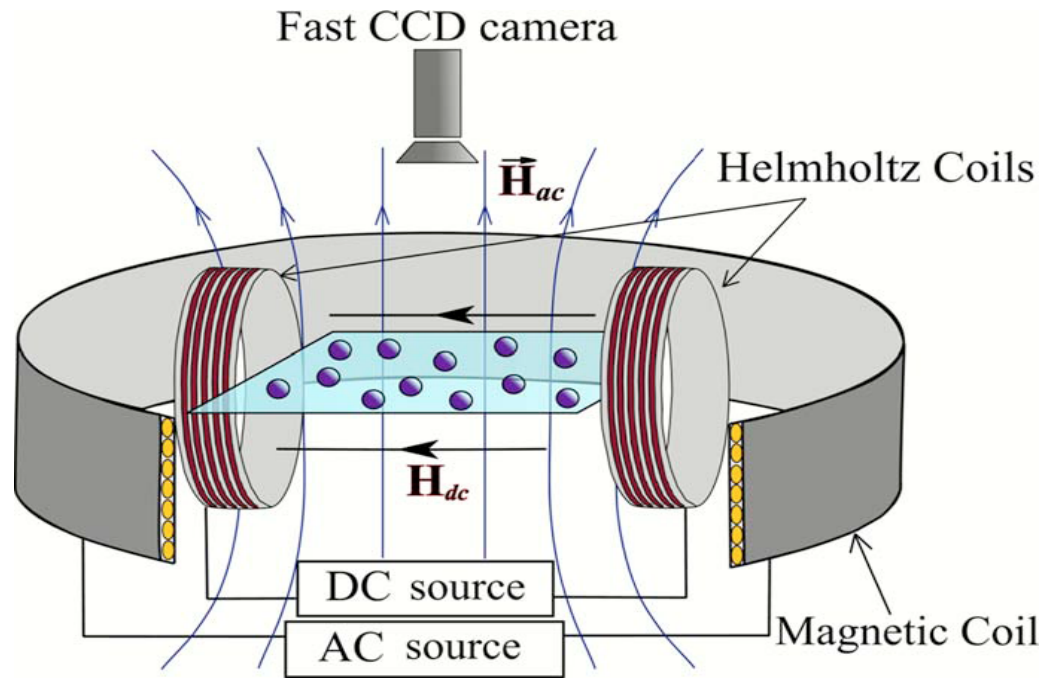
Equilibrium

Far-from-equilibrium



← Energy

→ Heat



*SNEZHKO et al Phys Rev E 73, 041306 2006*

# *How to begin to understand far-from-equilibrium phenomena?*

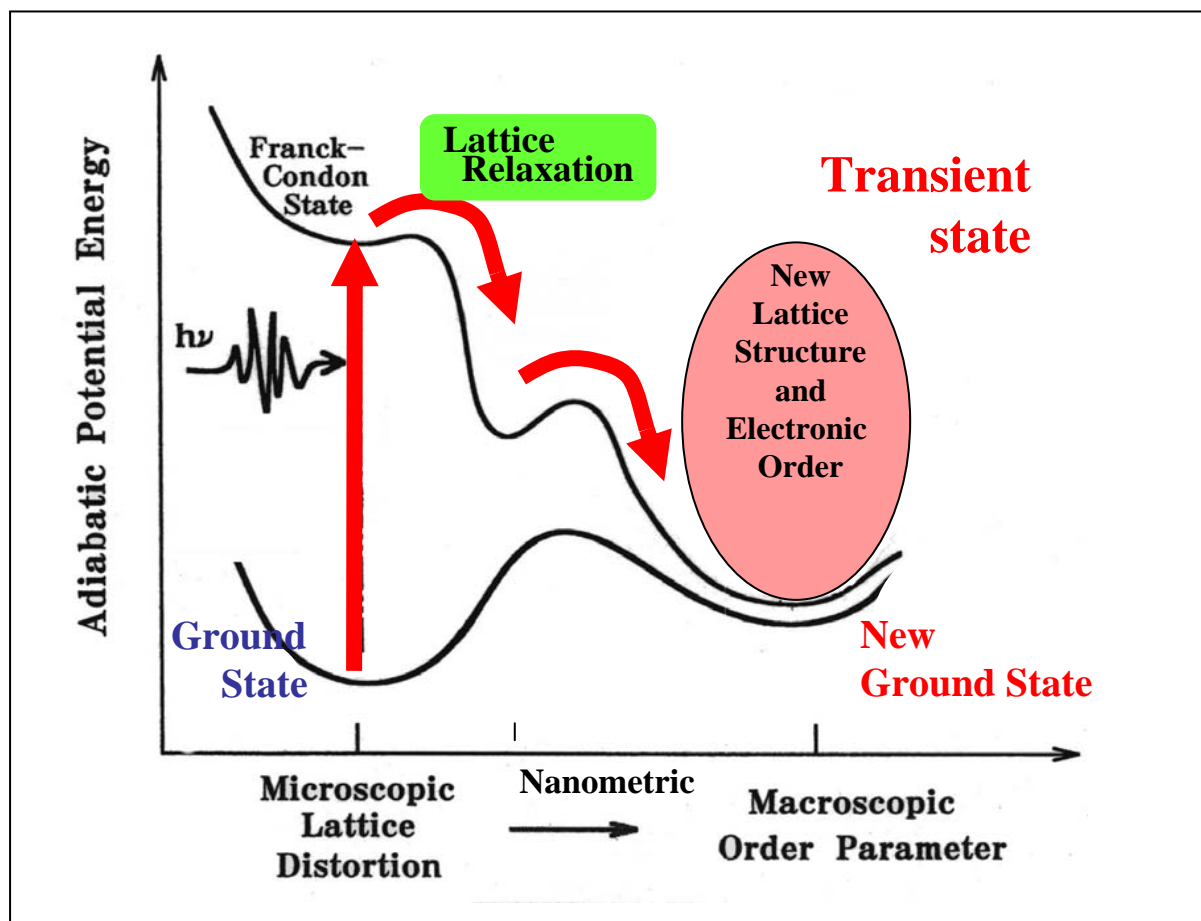
- *Develop a quantitative understanding of far-from-equilibrium dynamics over the characteristic time of the system - from attoseconds to many hours*
- *Determine the pathways, processes and configurations (from self-organized nano-assemblies to chaotic order)*
- *Develop an understanding of the multi-scale behavior of materials and its relationship to emergent properties*

# *How do we prepare a system far from equilibrium?*

- Use of ultrashort laser pulses (fs, TW) to excite electronic excitation ( $\geq 1$  ph/unit cell), photodoping, photochemical manipulation*
  - Use ultrasfast or rapid cooling to freeze the systems that are far from equilibrium*
  - Use of ultrashort high-amplitude strain pulses (shock waves) to develop dynamical “extreme conditions” and to coherently excite vibrational excitations*
  - Use of ultrashort duration several Tesla magnetic field pulses, for example, generated using ultra-relativistic electron bunches, to study the response of magnetic spins*
- Etc. Etc. Etc.....*

# Photoinduced Solid State Phase Transitions

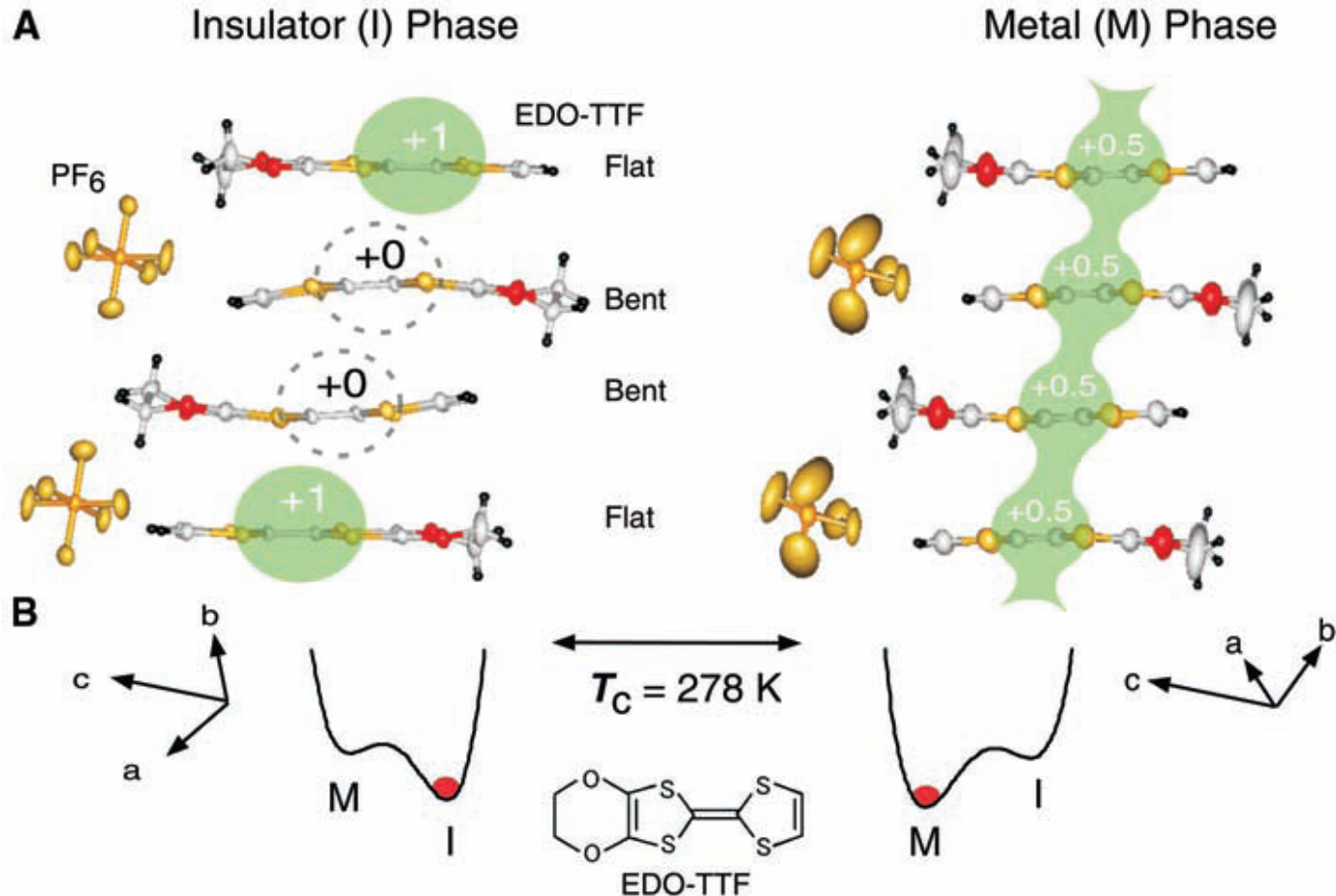
## Far-from-Equilibrium and Multi-scale Processes in Solids



*Energy Relaxation via Specialized Modes leading to Coherent State*

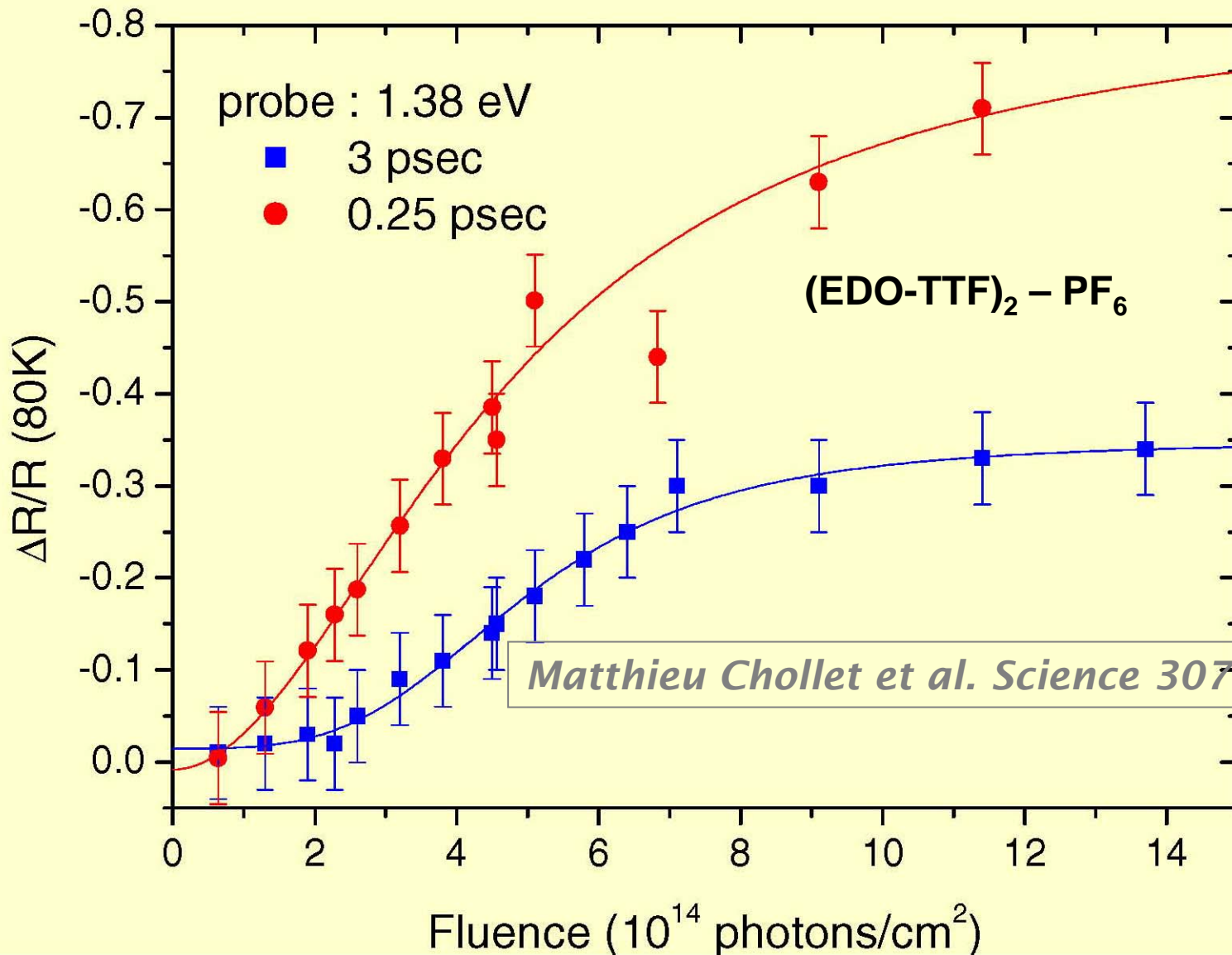


# Gigantic Photoresponse in Organic Salt (EDO-TTF)<sub>2</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> : Metal – Insulator Transition



*Matthieu Chollet et al. Science 307, 86 (2005)*

# Nonlinear Response to Excitation Intensity



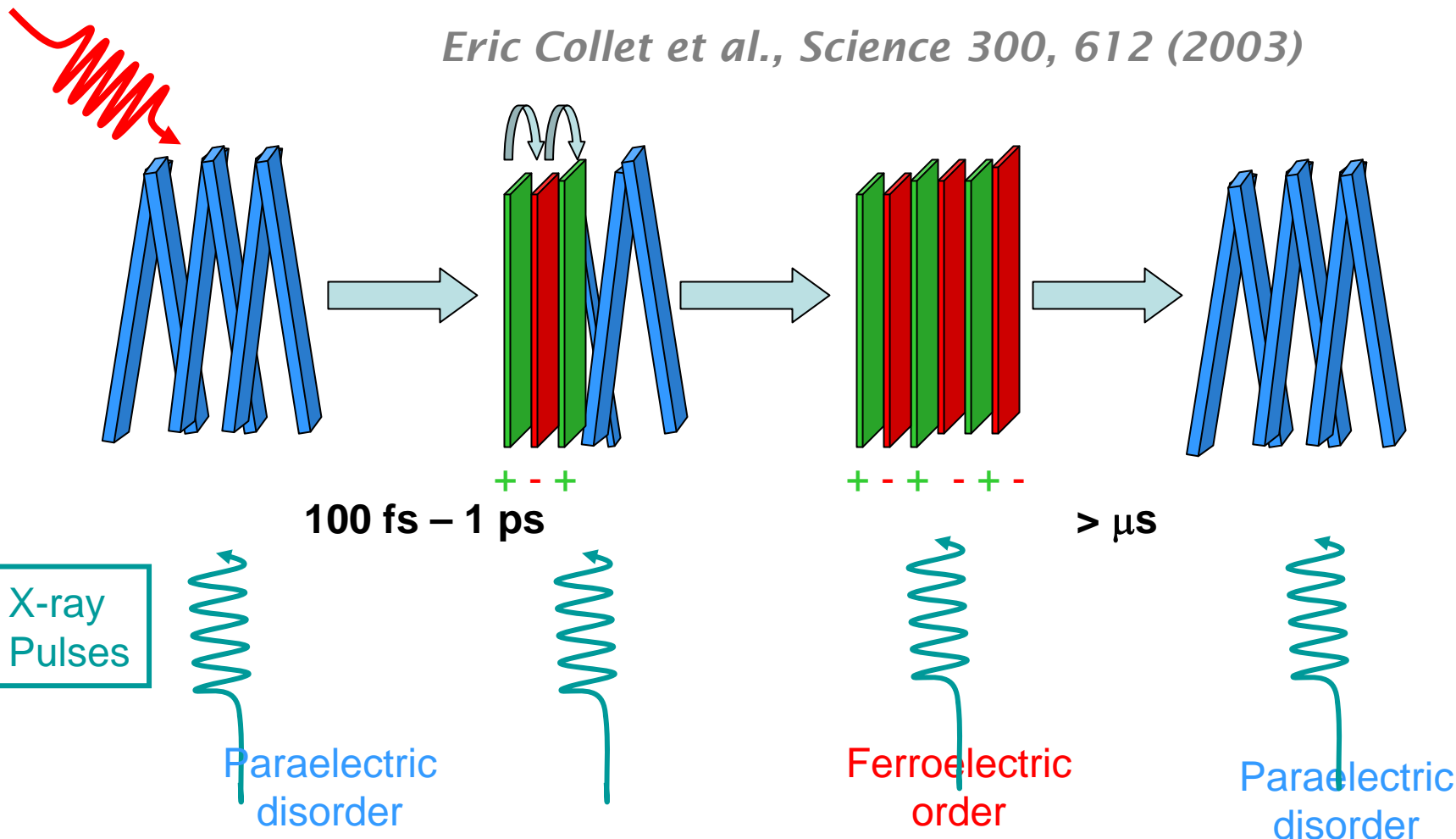
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# Laser-induced Ferroelectric Structural Order in an Organic Charge-Transfer Crystal

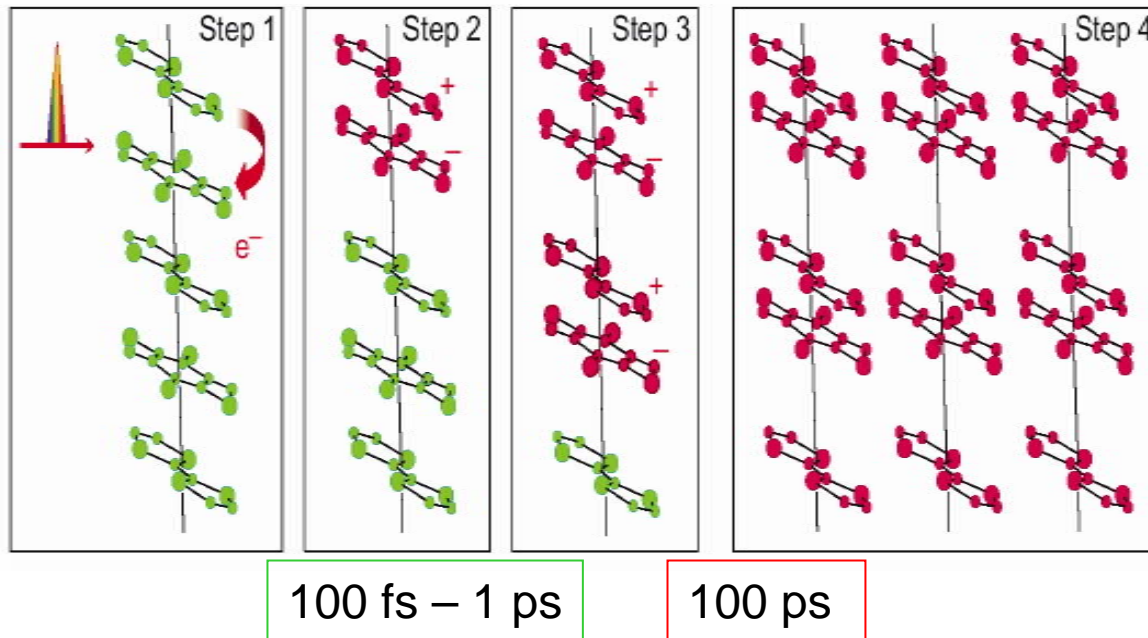
Laser Pulse

*Tetrathiafulvalene-p-chloranil*

*Eric Collet et al., Science 300, 612 (2003)*



# Laser-induced Ferroelectric Structural Order in an Organic Charge-Transfer Crystal



*Step 1. Laser pulse excites a molecule*

*Step 2. Intermolecular charge transfer occurs accompanied by a lattice relaxation, i.e. a dimerization process trapping the excitation*

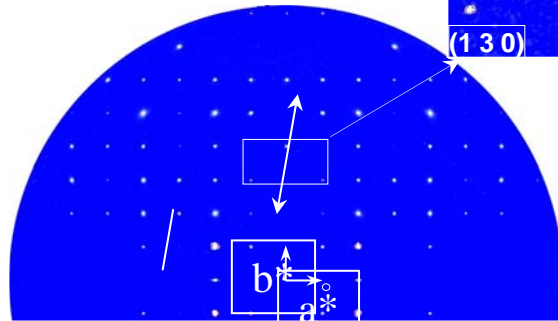
*Step 3. Cooperative order take place with the self-multiplication of the excited molecule in the stack*

*Step 4. Interstack interactions lead to the 3D ordering of the dimers, with a photon efficiency so high that one photon transforms a few hundred molecules*

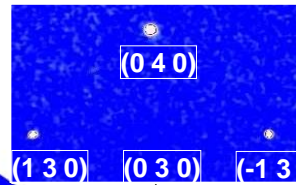
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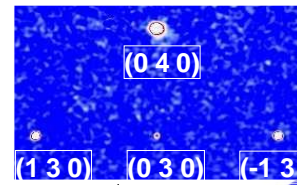
2 ns before laser irradiation



*Paraelectric phase*



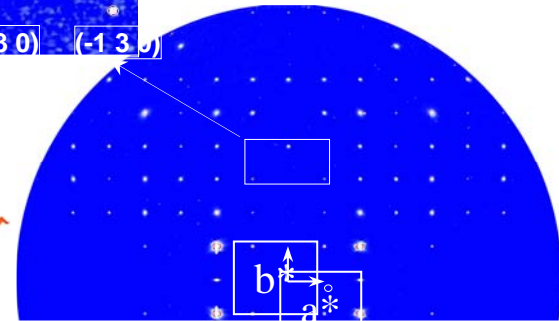
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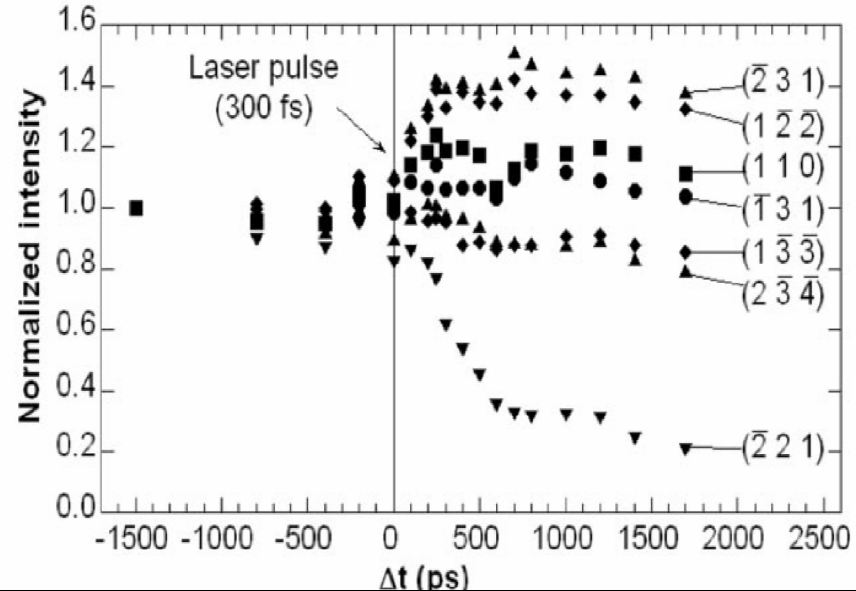
1 ns after laser irradiation



*Photo-induced ferroelectric order*

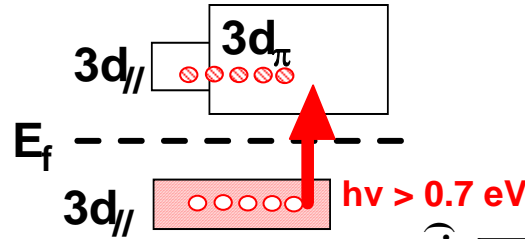
Space group  $P2_1/n$   
 $(0\ k\ 0)$  :  $k = 2n+1$  absent  
 $(h\ 0\ l)$  :  $h+l = 2n+1$  absent

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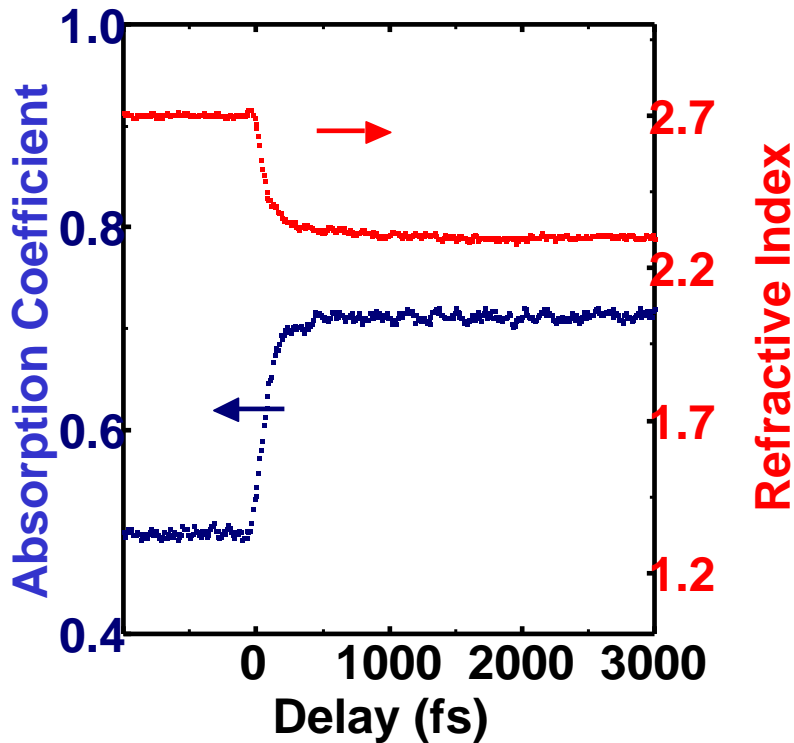


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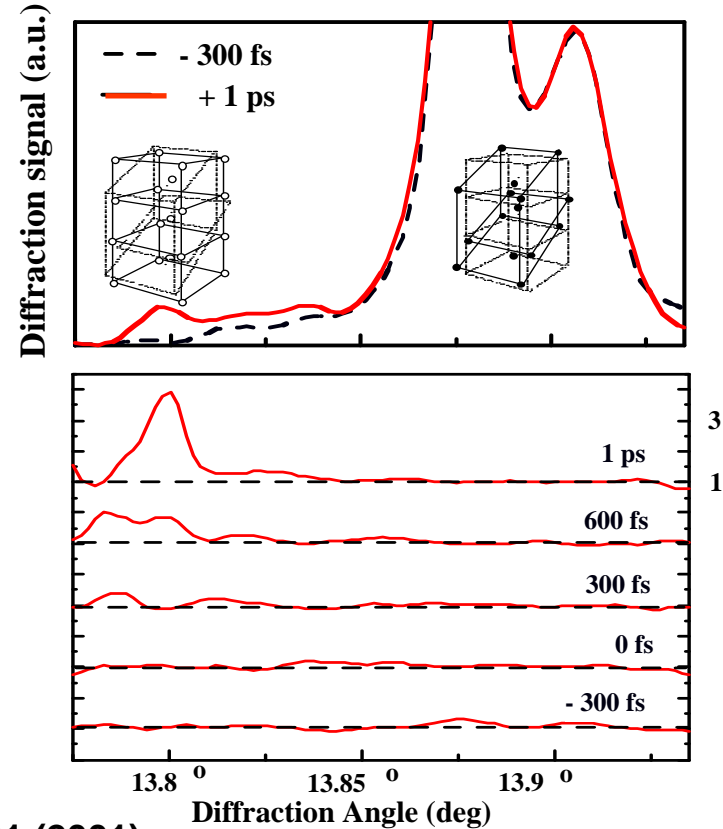
# Structural & Electronic Transition in



Optical: 100 fs

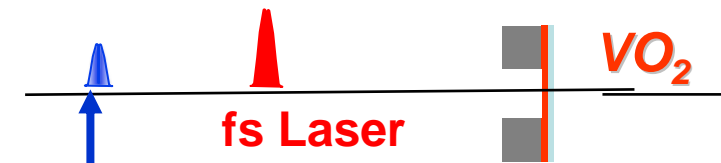


X-rays: 300 fs

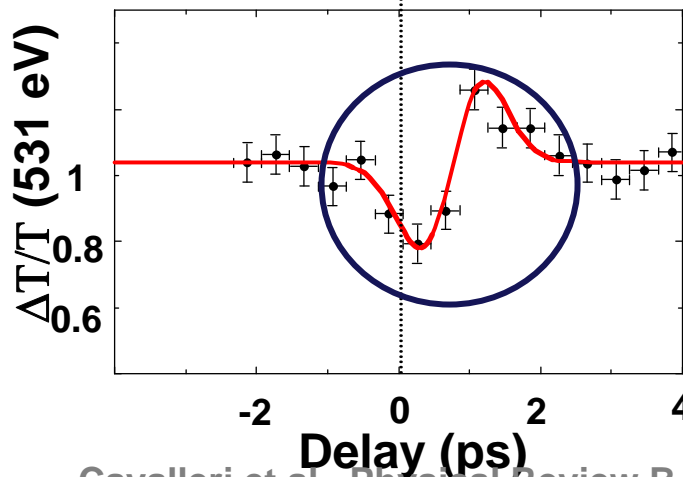
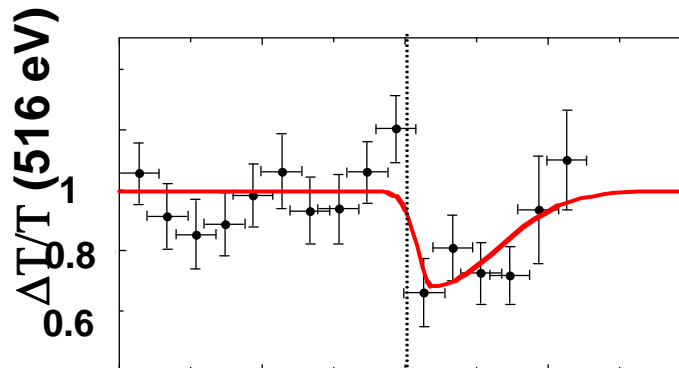
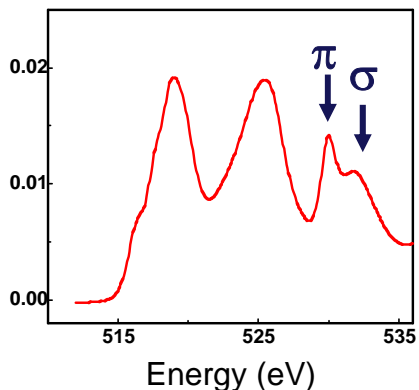
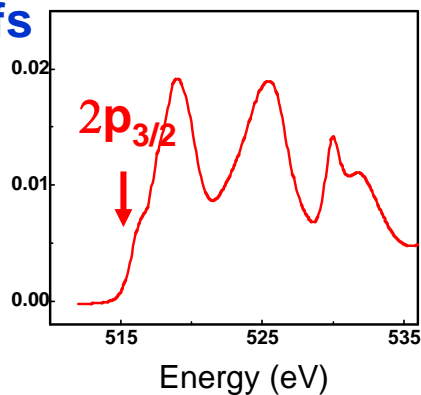


Cavalleri et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 87, 237401 (2001)

# fs Oxygen Edge Spectroscopy: p bands

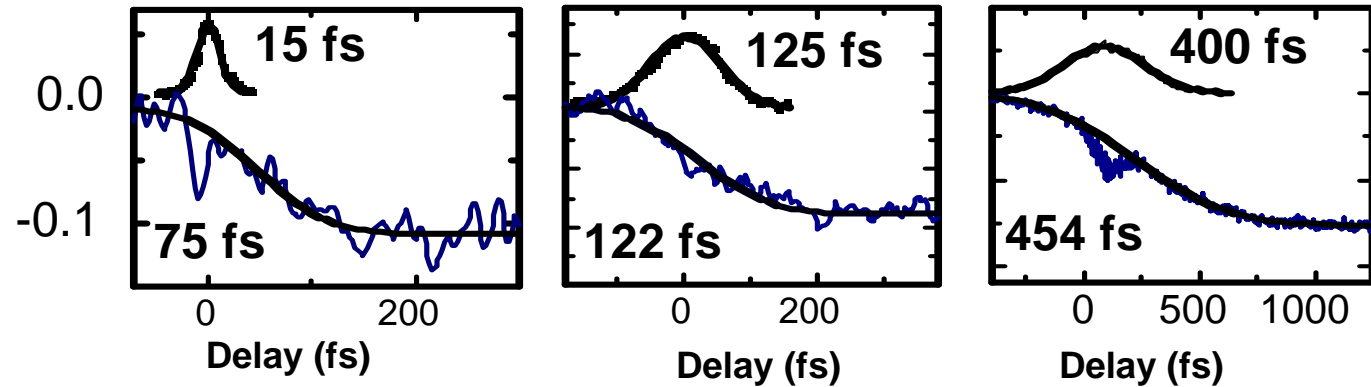


ALS Sliced Resolution (0.1 eV)  
Pulse: 100 fs

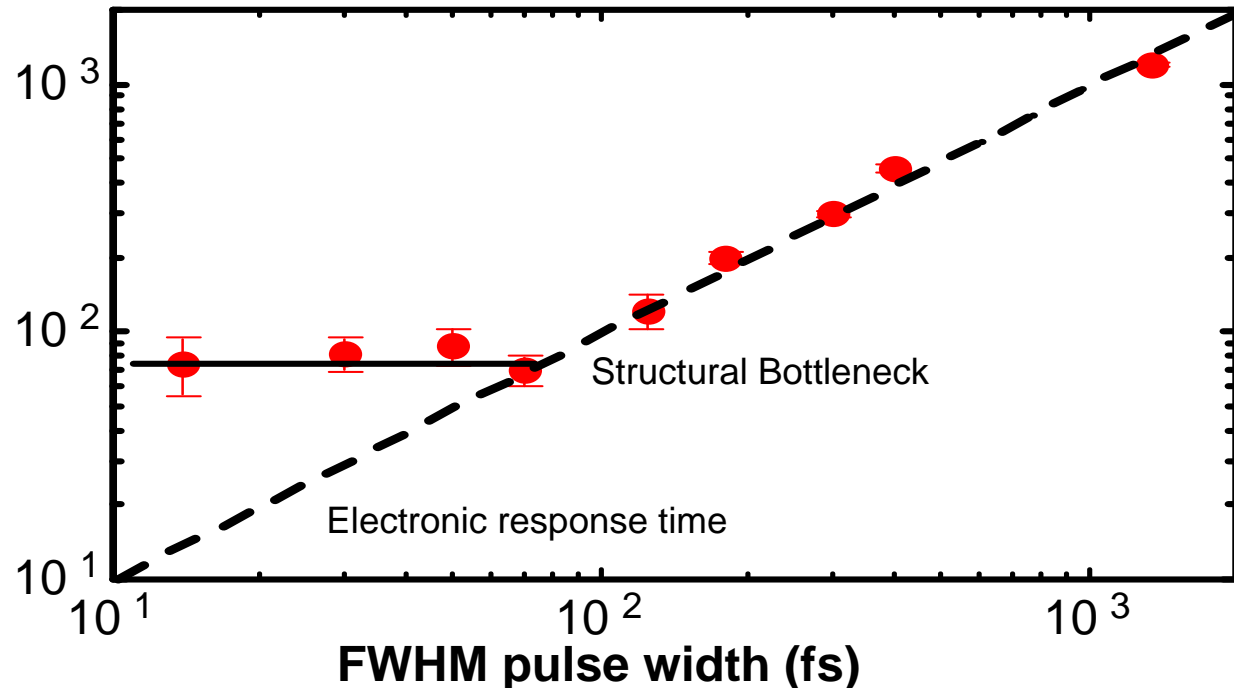


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# Phase Transition Time in $\text{VO}_2$ : 75 fs

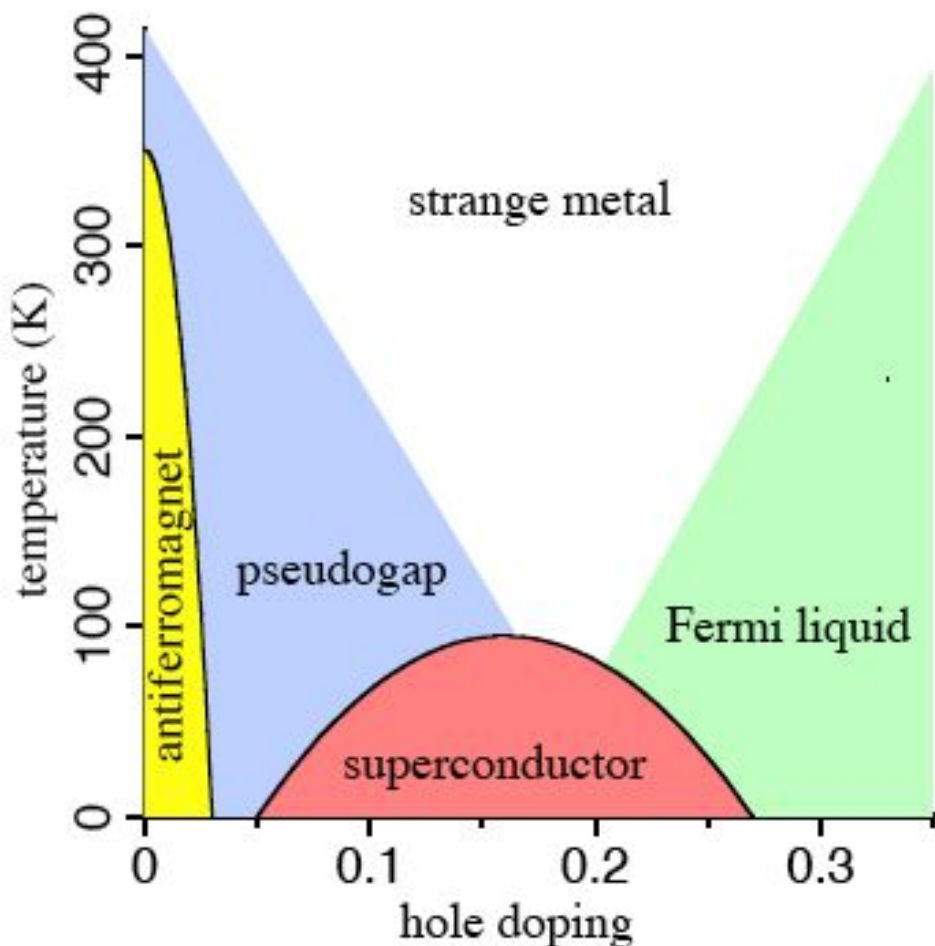


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# Phase Diagram of the high $T_c$ superconductors



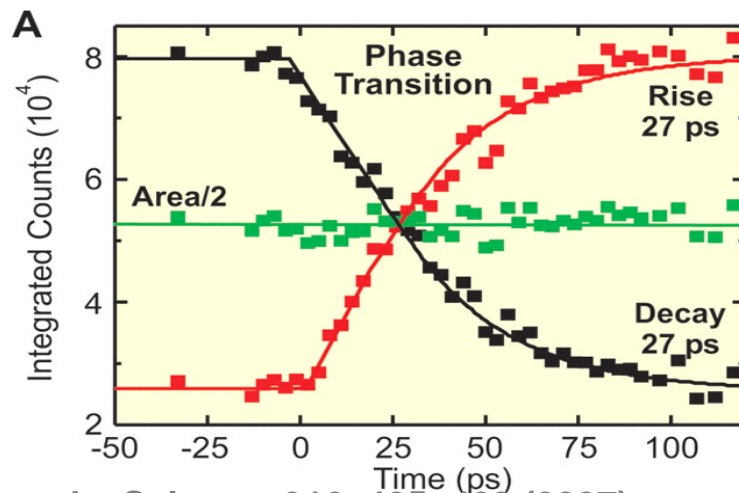
- *Coupled  $\text{CuO}_2$  layers*
- *Doping the AFM insulator  $\rightarrow$  SC*
- *Nonmonotonic  $T_c$  versus doping*
- *Maximum  $T_c \sim 50\text{-}150\text{ K}$*

*Control?*

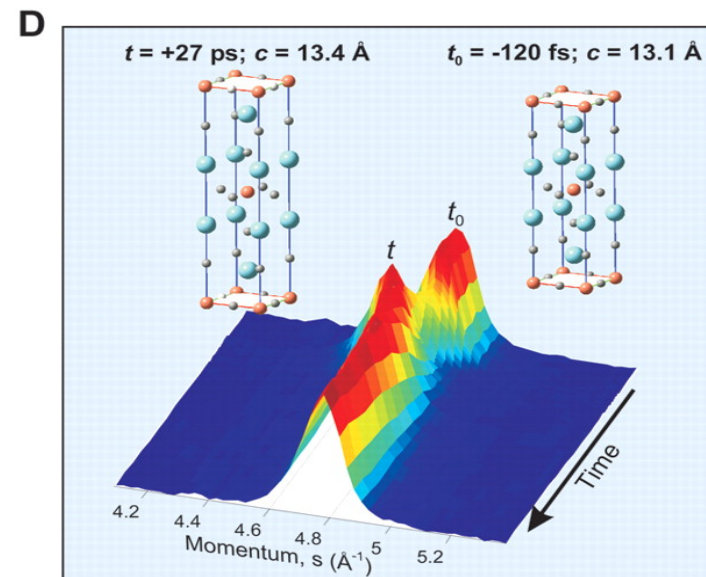
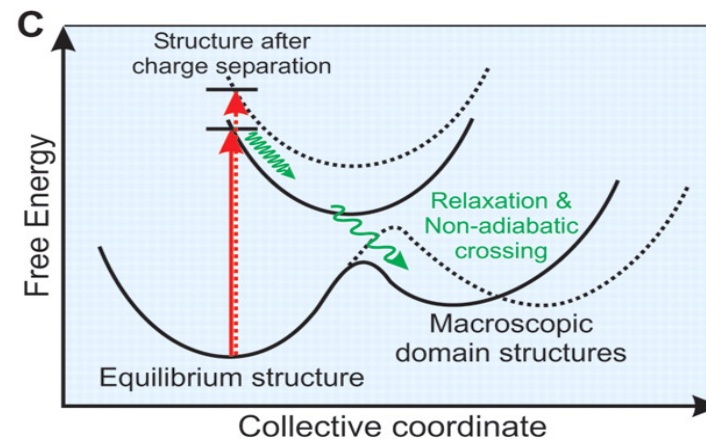
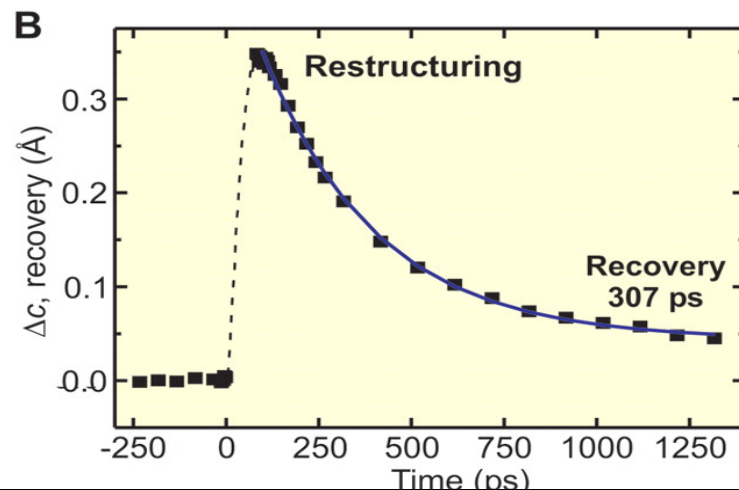
*Can we replace 'chemical doping' with 'photodoping' to realize superconducting phase?*

# Far-From Equilibrium Phase Transitions in Cuprates Observed by **Ultrafast Electron Crystallography**

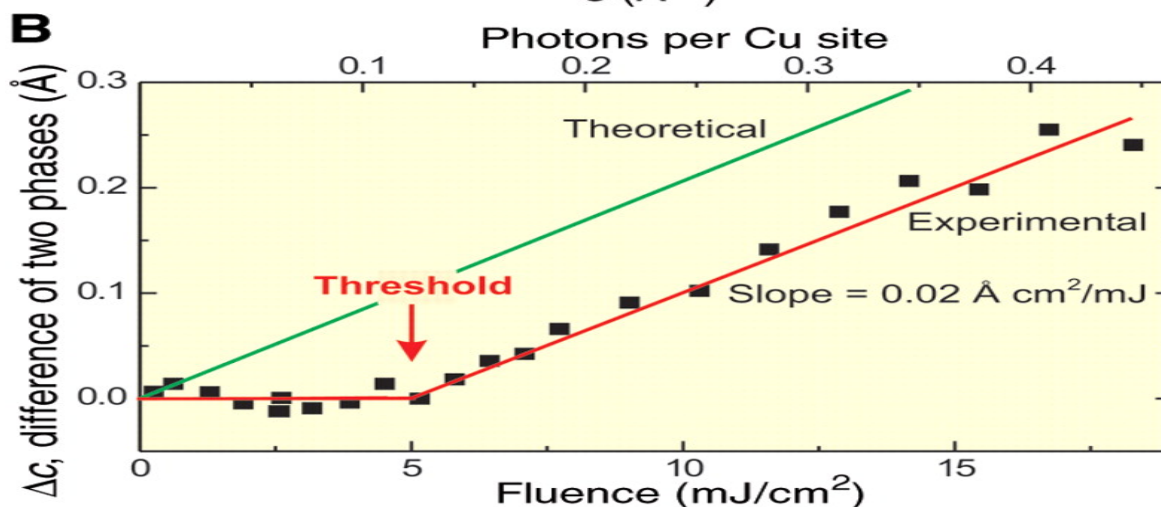
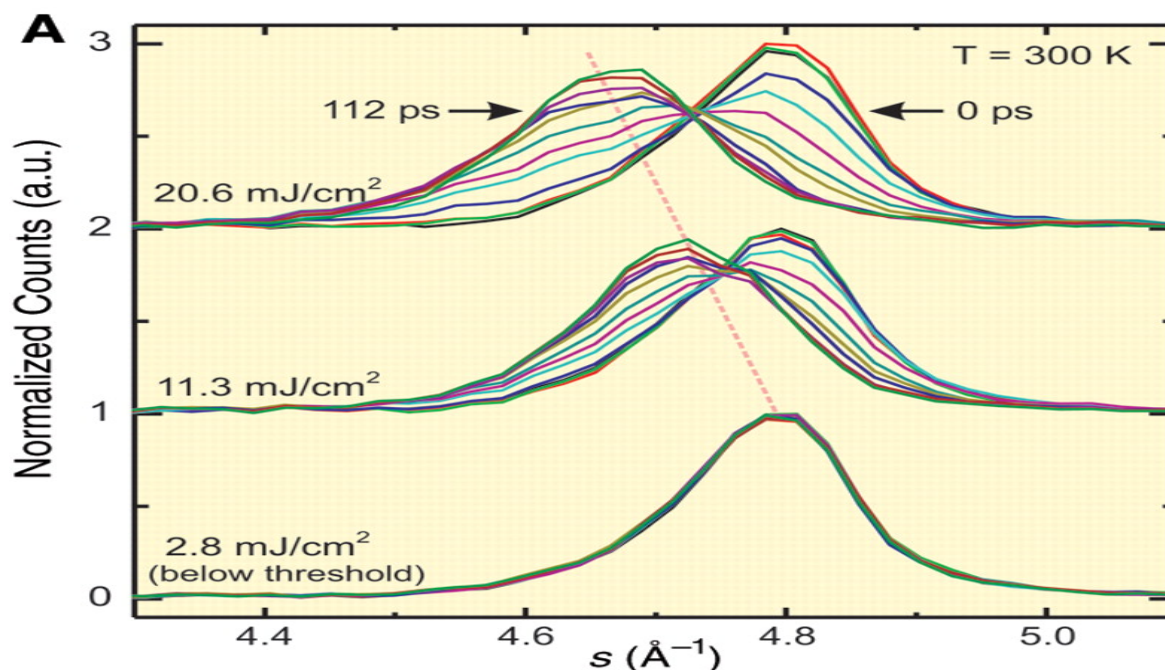
## Time scales and trajectories of structural changes



N. Gedik et al., *Science* 316, 425-429 (2007)

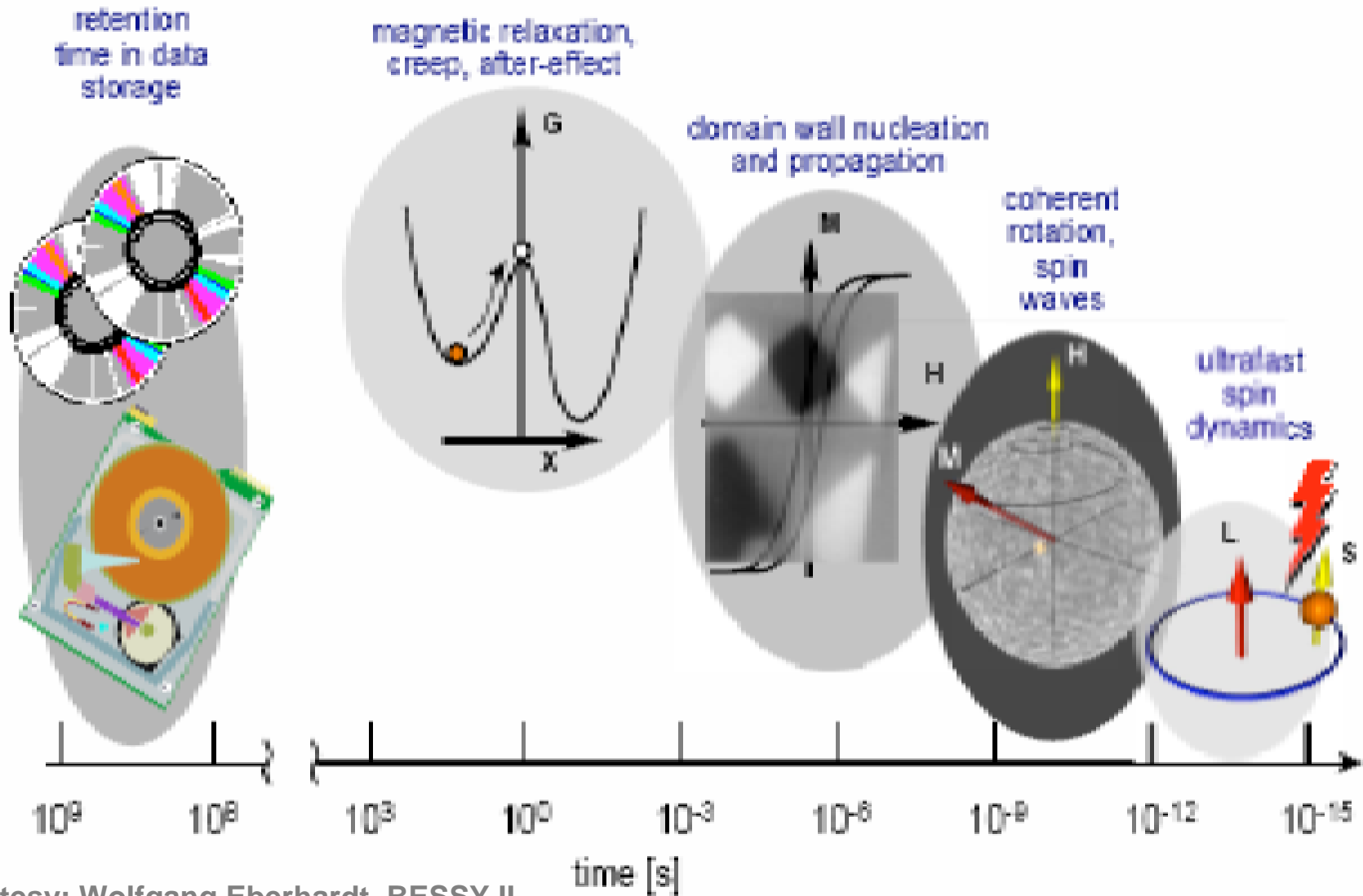


# Threshold behavior and fluence dependence



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# Magnetic Switching Timescales

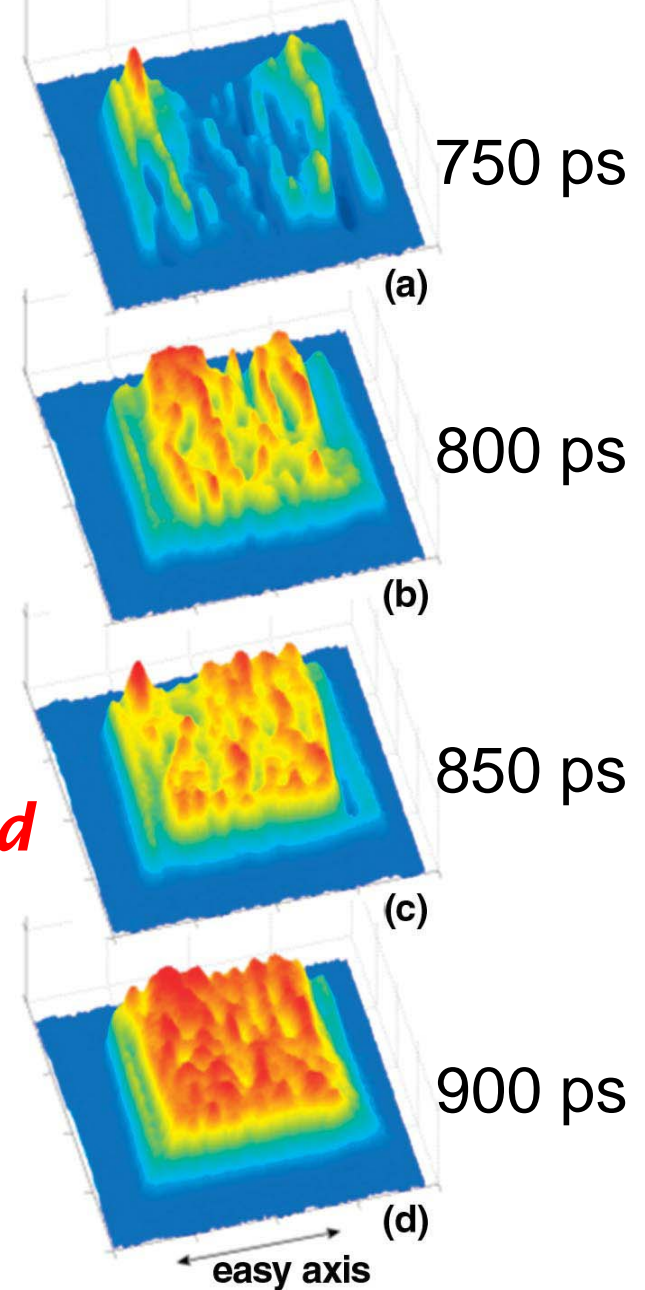


Courtesy: Wolfgang Eberhardt, BESSY II

*Far-from-equilibrium picosecond time-resolved evolution of a nonequilibrium magnetic domain pattern of mesoscopic Ni<sub>80</sub>Fe<sub>20</sub> thin-film*

Choi et al. PRL **95**, 237211 (2005)

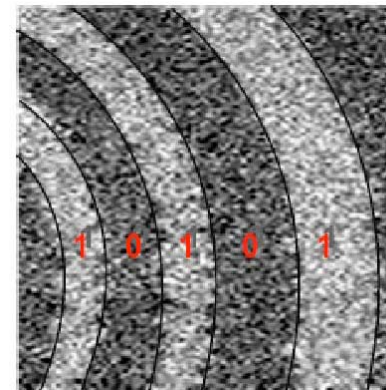
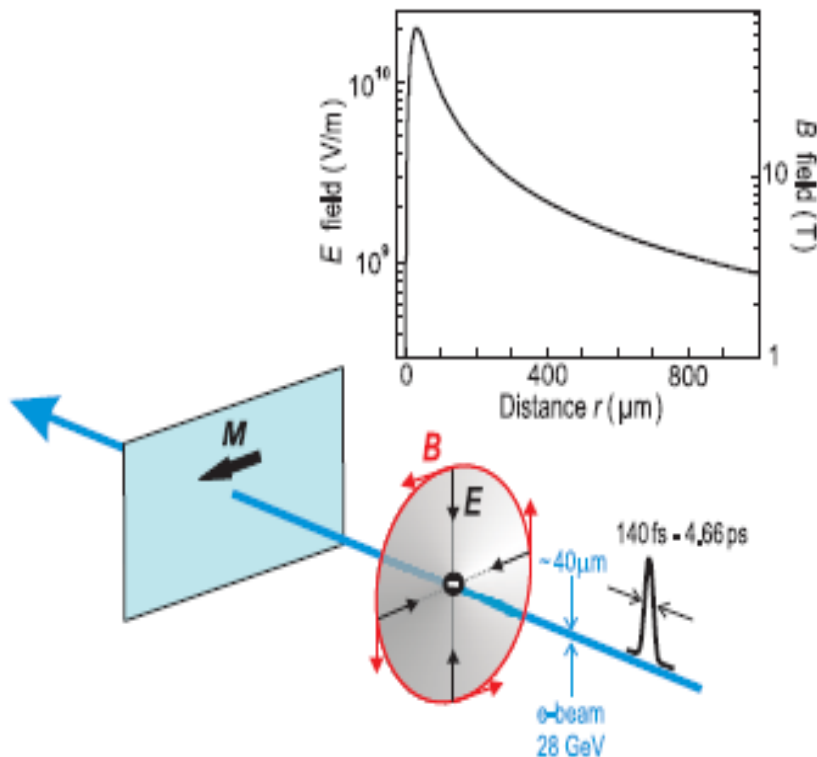
*Spatiotemporally resolved domain images representing the easy-axis magnetization component at selected time points after the onset of a magnetic switching field of 0.24 ns rise time (10%–90%) and 24 kA/m.*



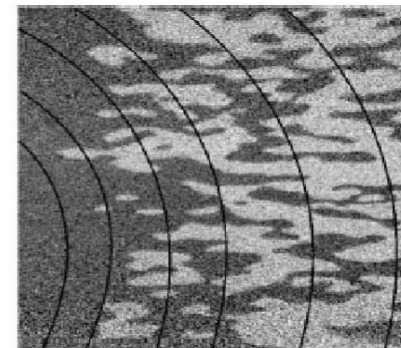
# Pump: Relativistic GeV Electron Bunch (Generated Pulse E-M Field $\sim 10^9$ V/m)

Courtesy: Jo Stohr, SLAC

**Magnetization Pattern**  
ferromagnetic  $\text{Fe}_{30}\text{Co}_{70}$  film



**Pulse: 4ps**

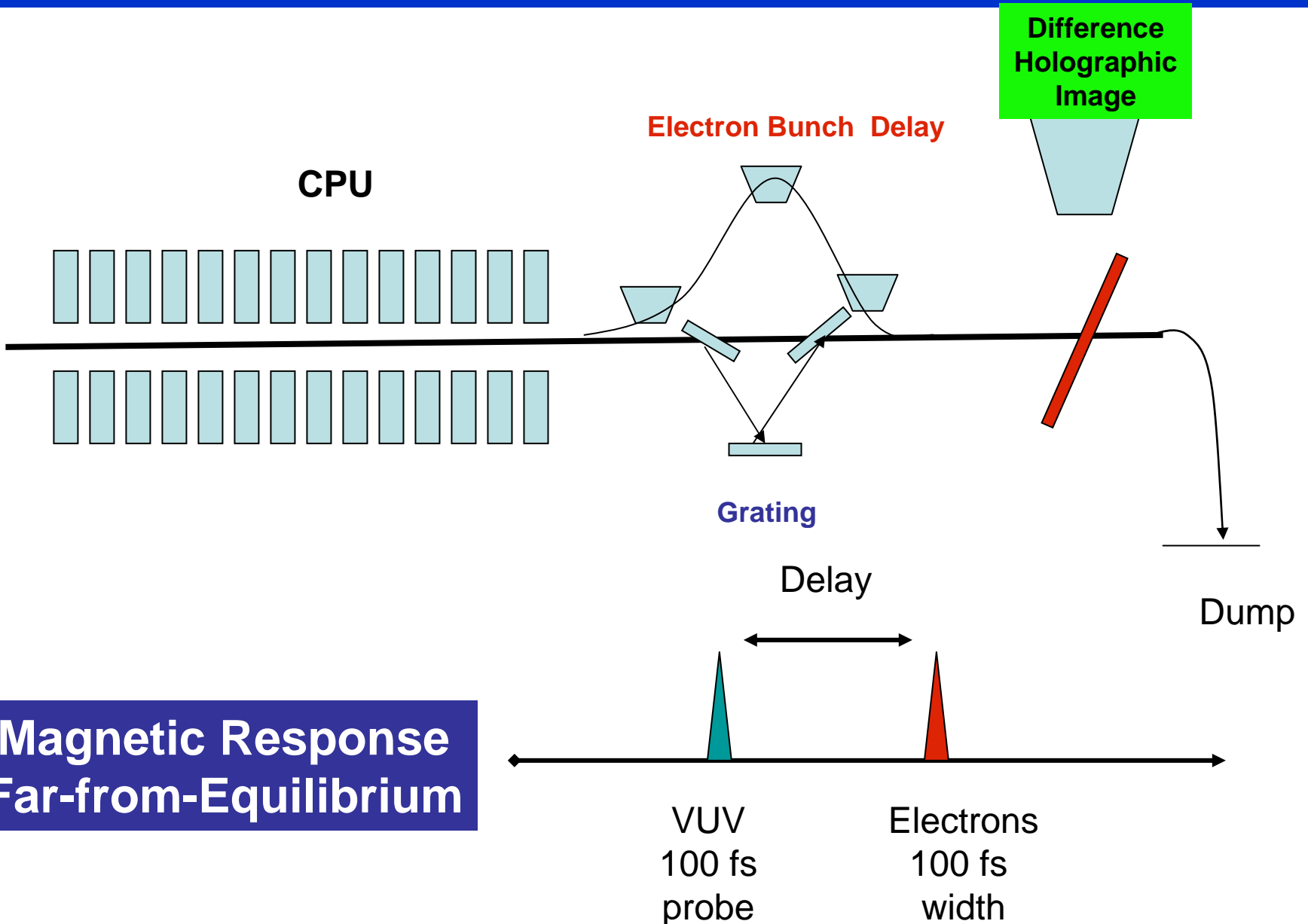


**Pulse: 140 fs**

$90 \mu\text{m}$

C. Stamm, et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 94, 197603 (2005)

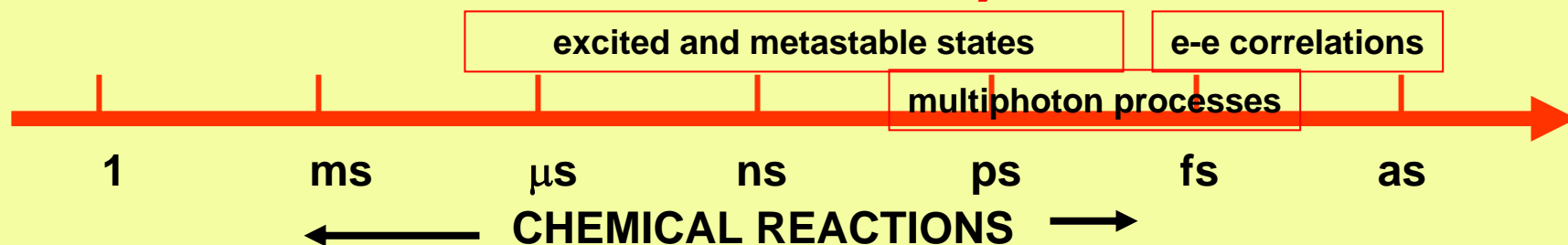
# GeV Electron Pump - VUV Circularly-Polarized Probe



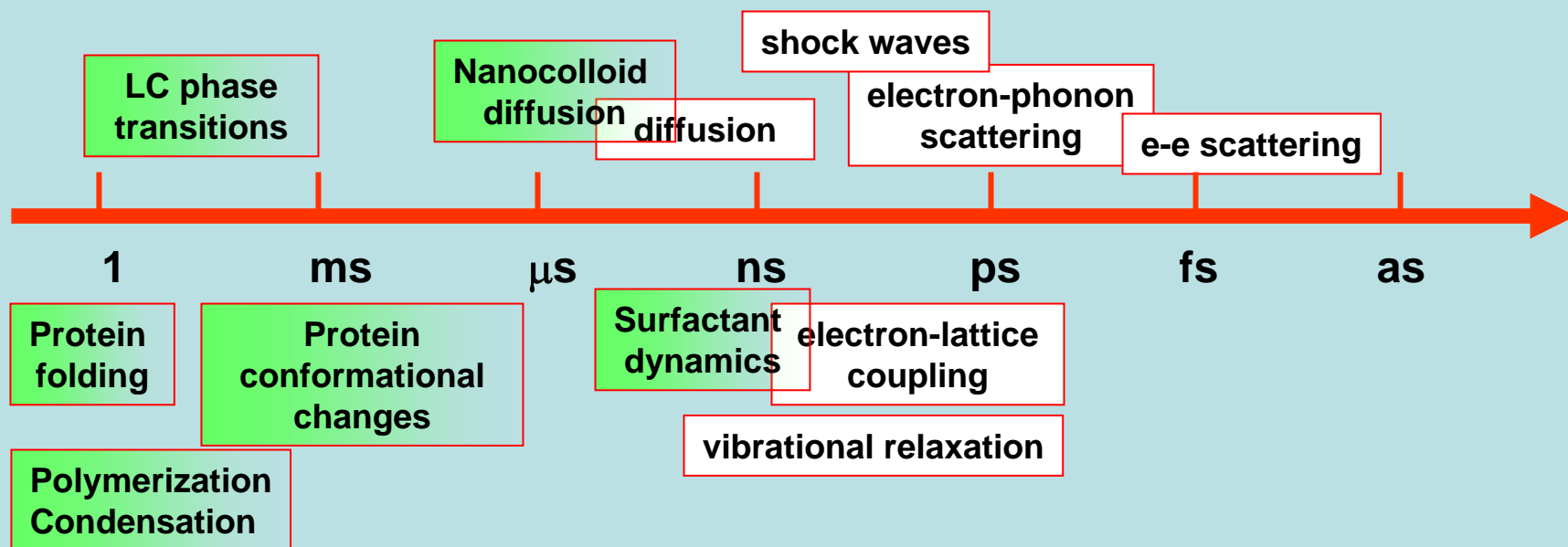
**Magnetic Response  
Far-from-Equilibrium**

# Characteristic Times of Various Phenomena

## Atomic, Molecular and Chemical Physics:



## Hard and Soft Condensed Matter Physics:





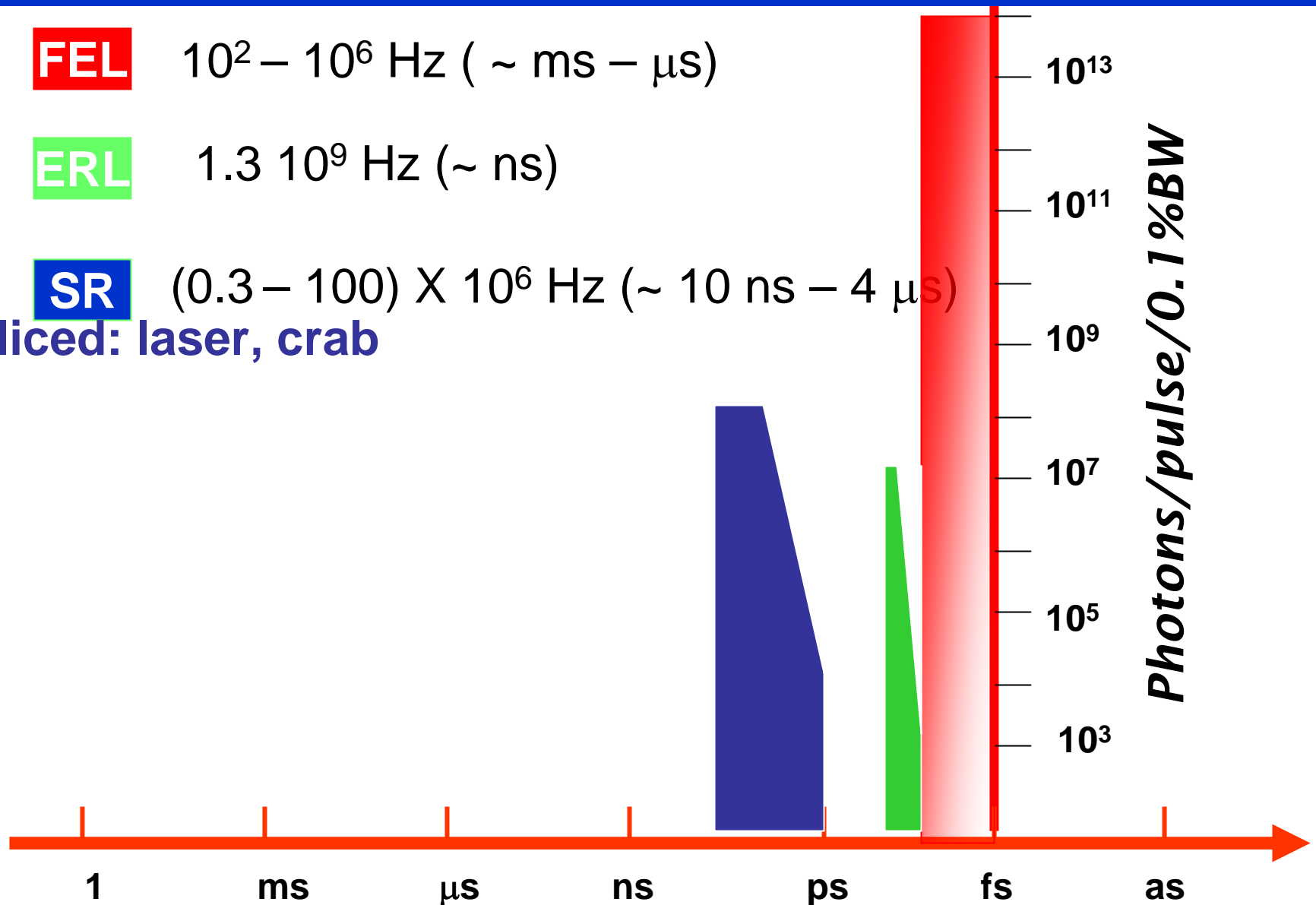
# Typical Pulse Resolution and Rep Rate (Hz)

**FEL**  $10^2 - 10^6$  Hz ( $\sim$  ms -  $\mu$ s)

**ERL**  $1.3 \times 10^9$  Hz ( $\sim$  ns)

**SR**  $(0.3 - 100) \times 10^6$  Hz ( $\sim$  10 ns - 4  $\mu$ s)

Sliced: laser, crab



# *Combining Many fs-ps Probes with nm spatial resolution*

- *Optical reflectivity and absorption*
- *Impulsive Raman*
- *fs-ps ARPES*
- *fs-ps NEXAFS in the soft and hard x-rays*
- *fs-ps Diffraction*
- *fs-ps EXAFS*
- *fs-ps Coherent Imaging*
- *fs-ps Coherent Diffraction*
- *ps-ms SAXS*
- *Etc. Etc.....*

# *Summary:*

## *Studies Far-from-Equilibrium*

- *Light sources, present and future, will provide unprecedented opportunity to **understand far-from- equilibrium processes in nature**, i.e., bio-, chemical-, soft- and hard-matter and their interfaces.*
- ***Deterministic control of matter** using extreme excitation pulses is not only feasible, but can be investigated using future and present light sources.  
E.g., quantum control with coherent light fields*

# Summary:

## Studies Far-from-Equilibrium

- **Time-resolved (fs-ps) along with spatially-resolved (nm) maps to trace the pathways, processes and self-organization that follow the bifurcation are essential.**
- **Support with modeling through solutions to non-linear differential equations to describe **multi-scale dynamics** can be accomplished using a combined molecular-dynamics and Monte Carlo approach to describe atom and carrier dynamics, respectively. These are peta-scale computational problems.**

Thank You All