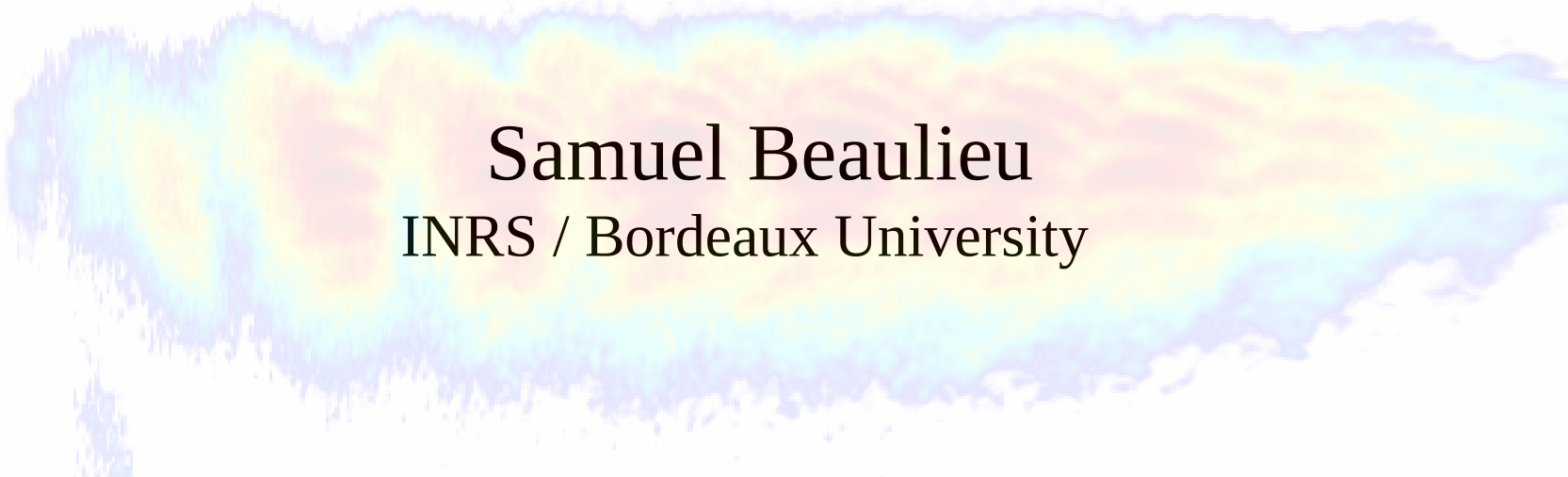




# High-order Harmonic Generation and XUV Free Induction Decay From Electronic Wavepackets



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## Outline

1. Genesis of HHG and Attosecond science ;
2. How we discovered a new HHG mechanism ;
3. XUV spectroscopy without using XUV pulses ;
4. Conclusion.



# 1961 : Perturbative Nonlinear Optics

Featured in Physics

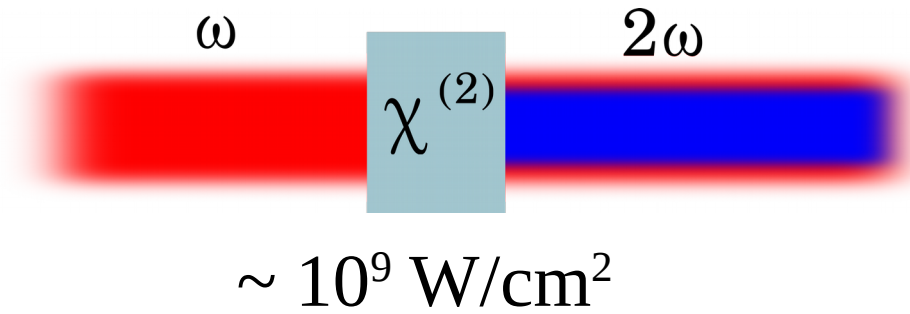
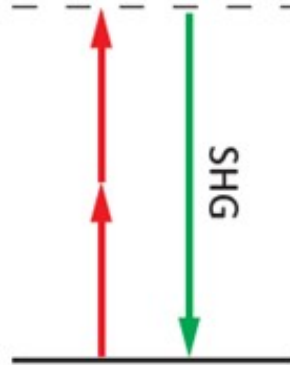
PRL Milestone

Free to Read

## Generation of Optical Harmonics

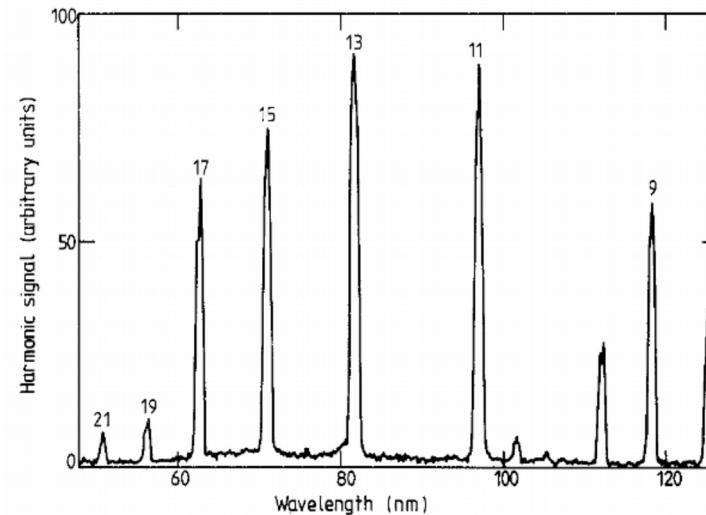
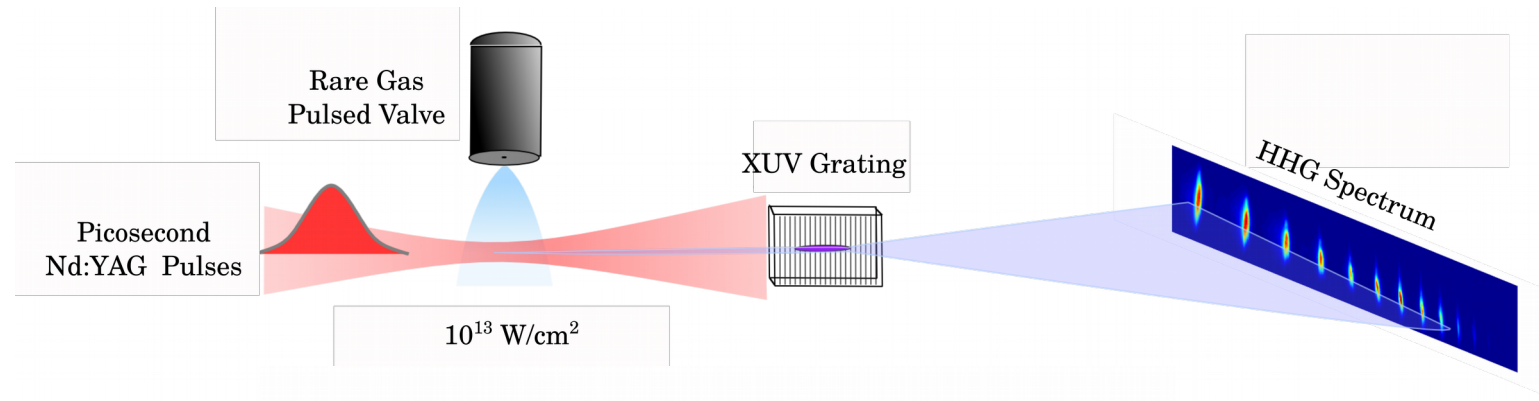
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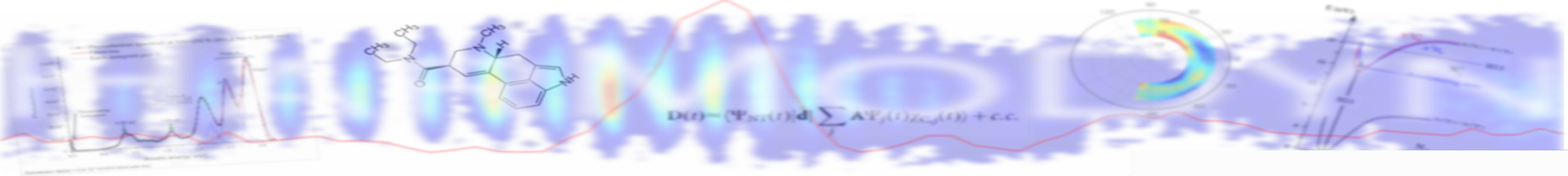


# 1988 : First Observation of High-order Harmonic

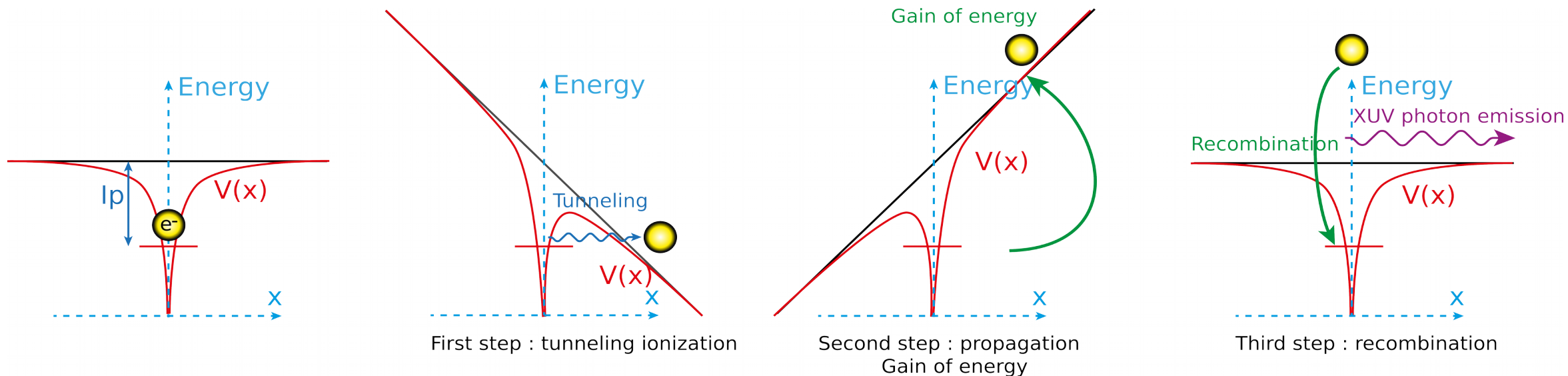


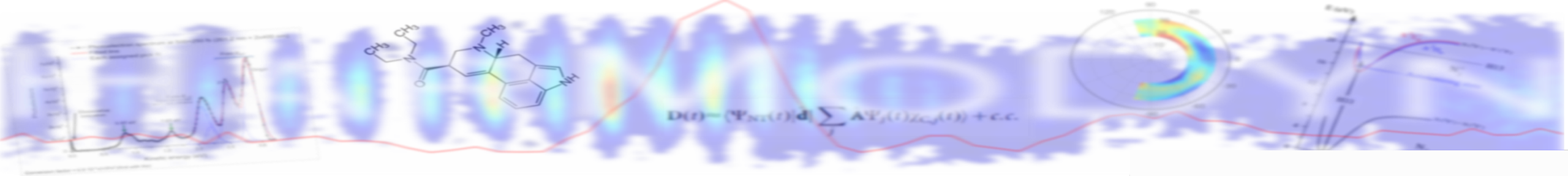
Nonperturbative NLO :  
up to the 21th harmonics



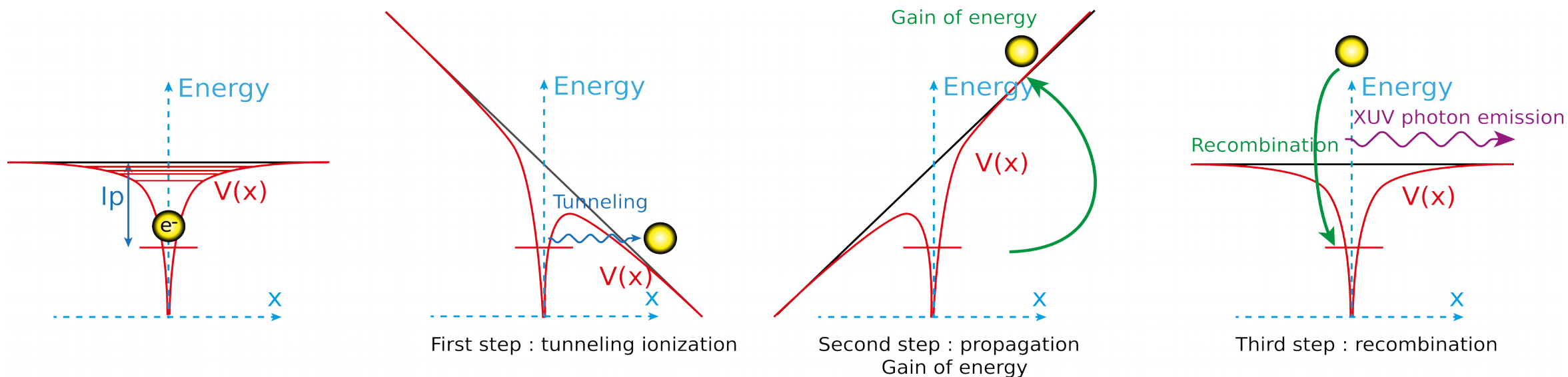


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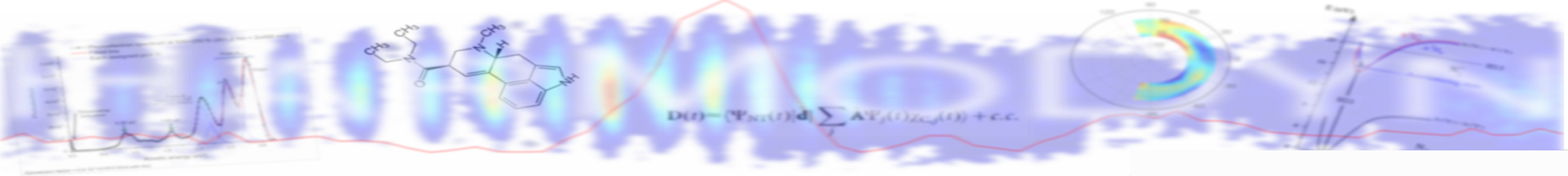




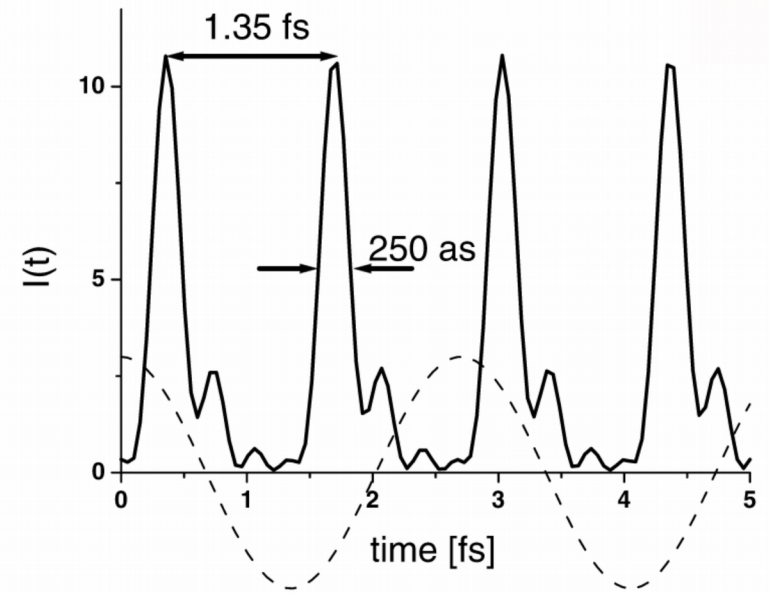
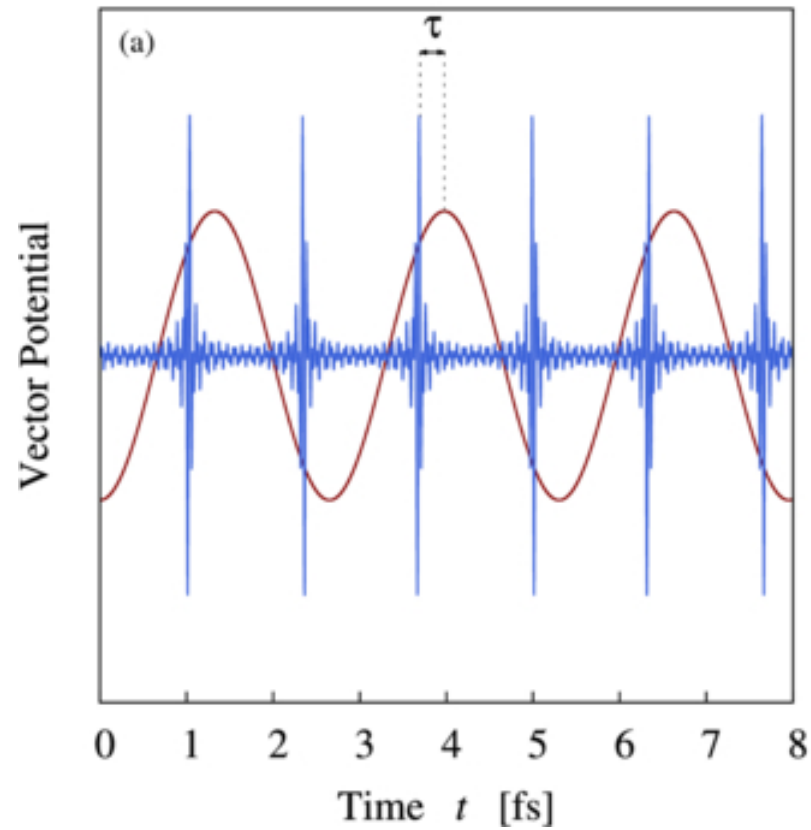
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These three steps occur within a fraction of the driving laser cycle :  
Attosecond ( $10^{-18}$  s) confinement of the emission



## 2001 : Attosecond duration of HHG



RABBIT : Reconstruction of Attosecond Beating By Interference of Two-Photon Transitions

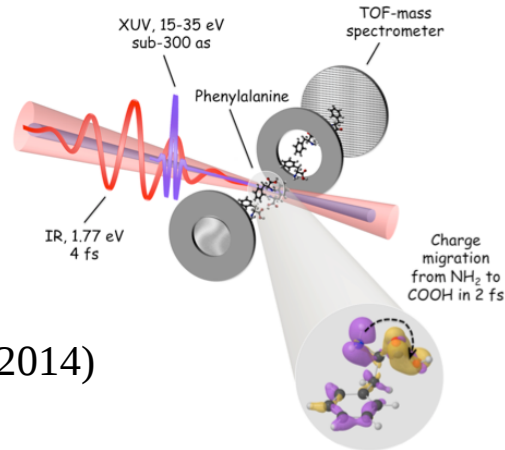


# Trends in Attosecond Science

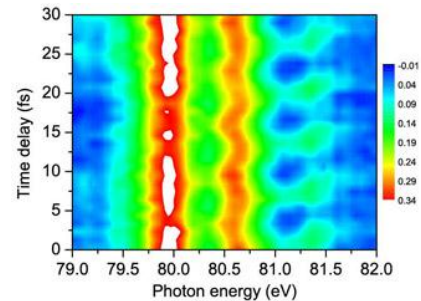
## HHG as a light source

## High Harmonic Spectroscopy

Sub-5 fs charge migration in amino acids

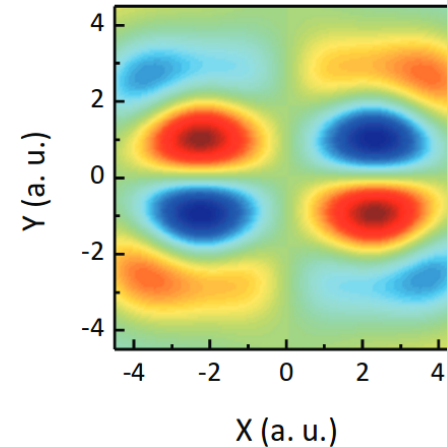
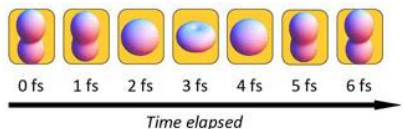


Calegari *et al.*, Science **346**, 336-339 (2014)



Coherent Hole dynamics using Attosecond Transient Absorption

Goulielmakis *et al.*, Nature **466**, 739-743 (2010)

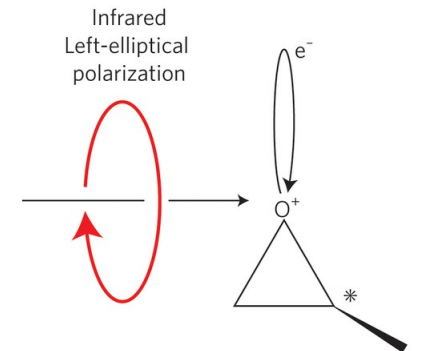


Tomographic reconstruction of molecular orbital

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Probing chirality on sub-fs time scale

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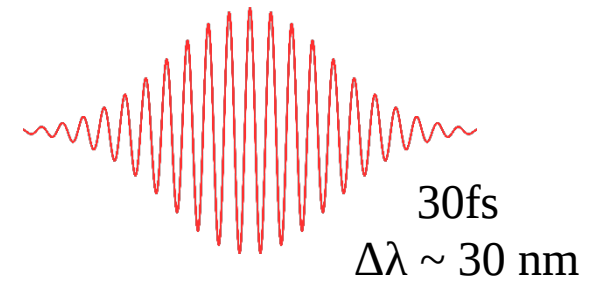
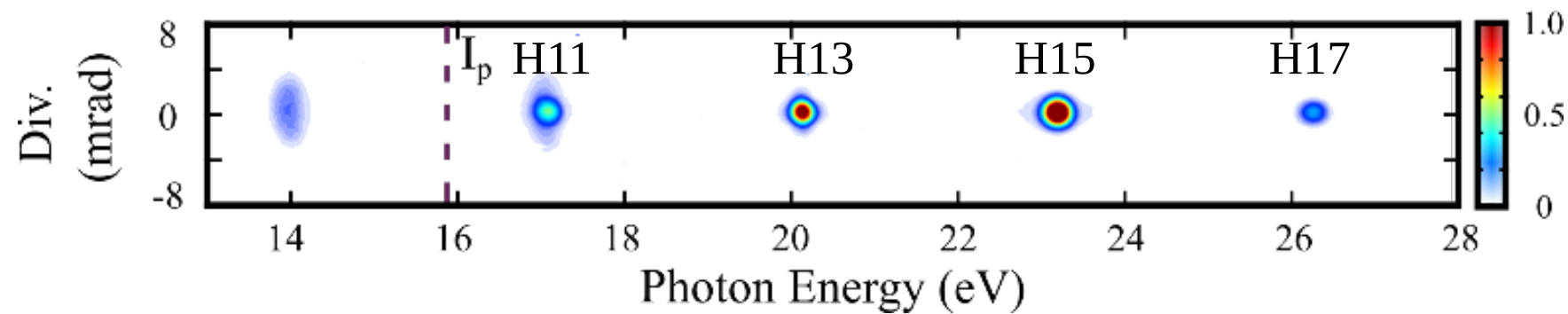
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Our contribution : (*accidental*) discovery of a new HHG mechanism !



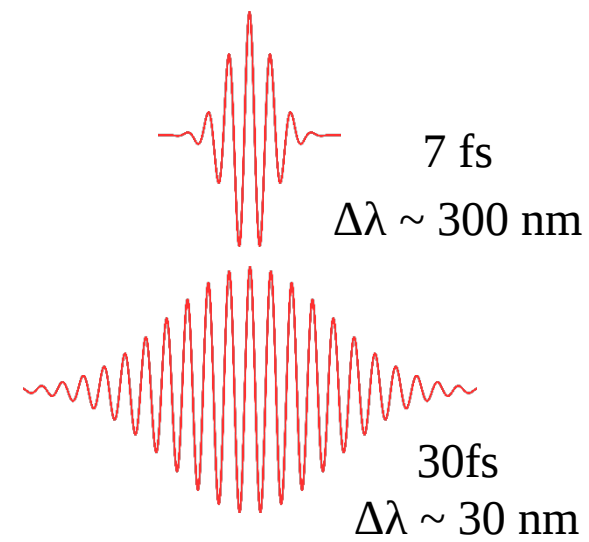
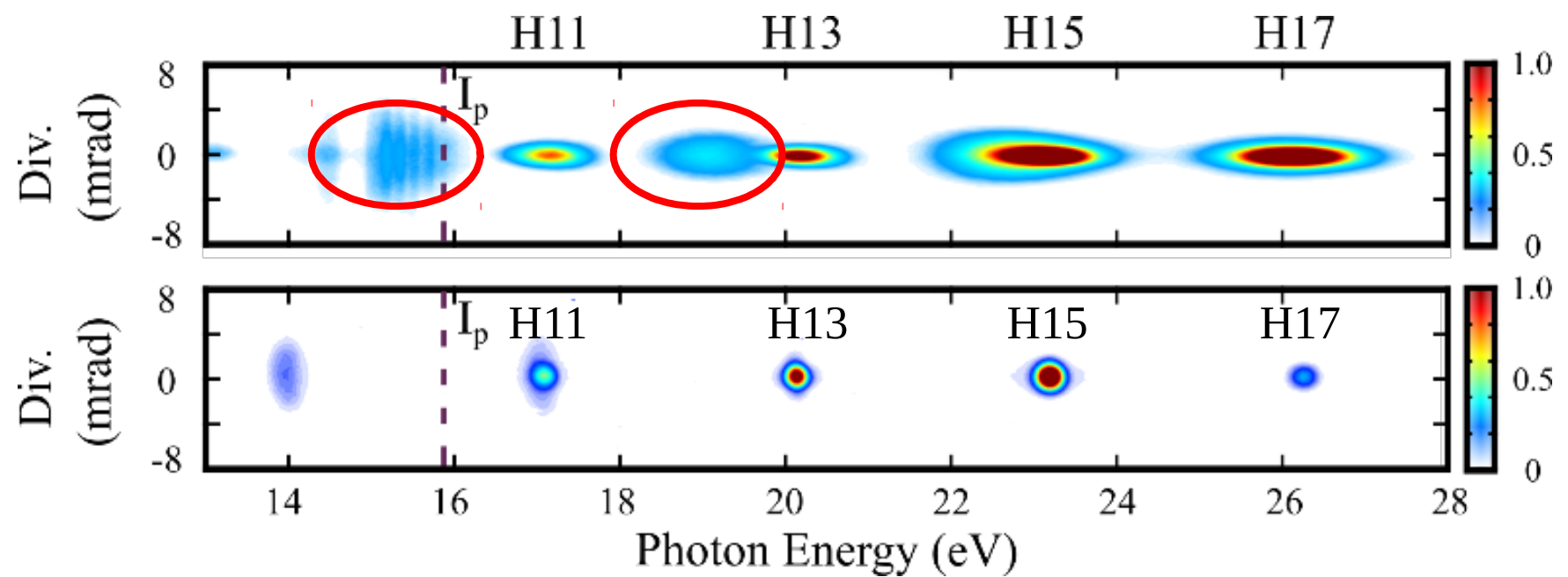


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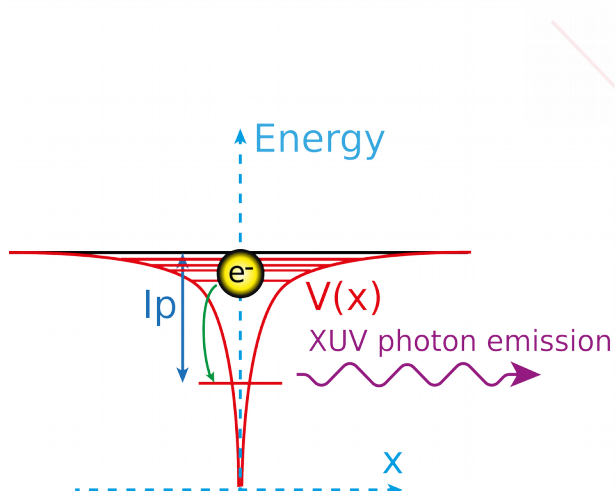
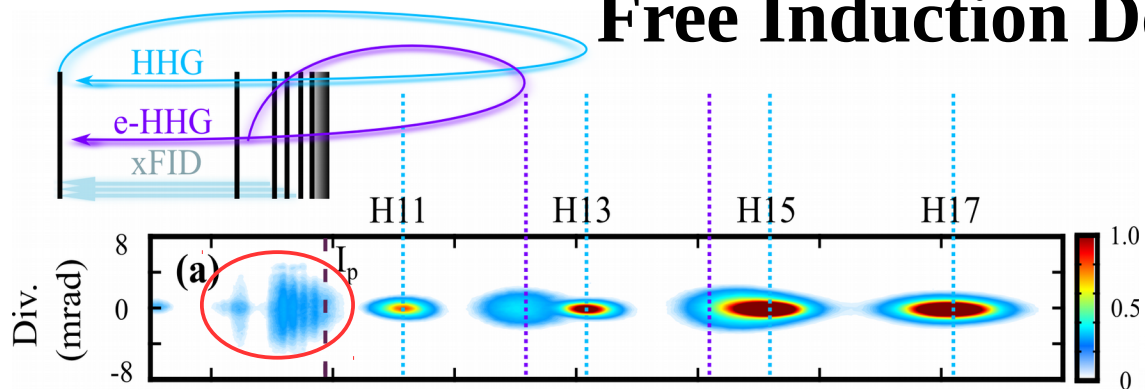


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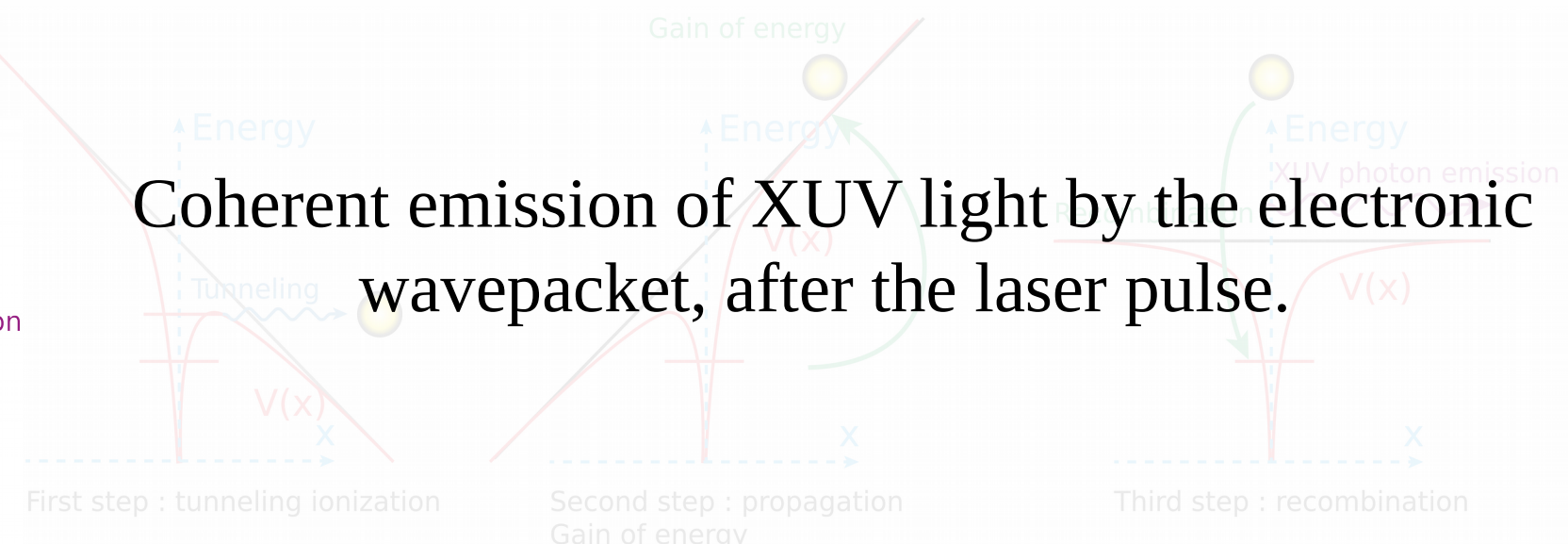


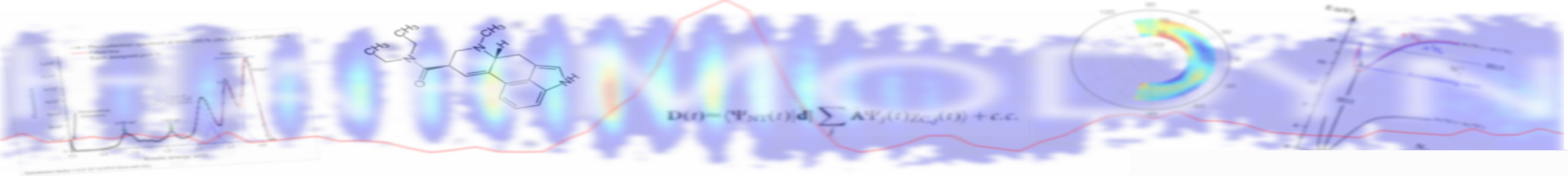


# Free Induction Decay from Rydberg States

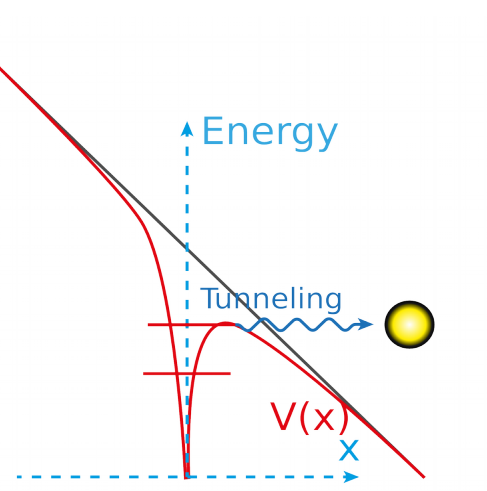
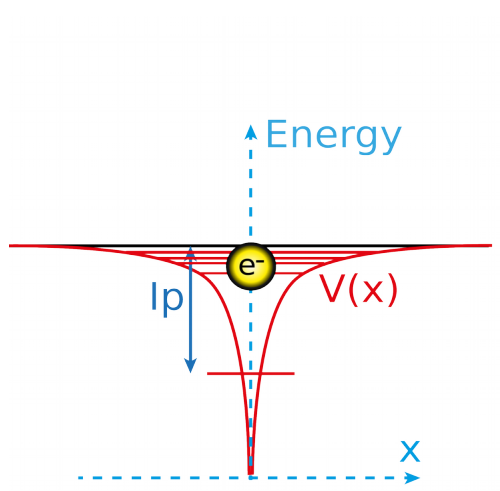
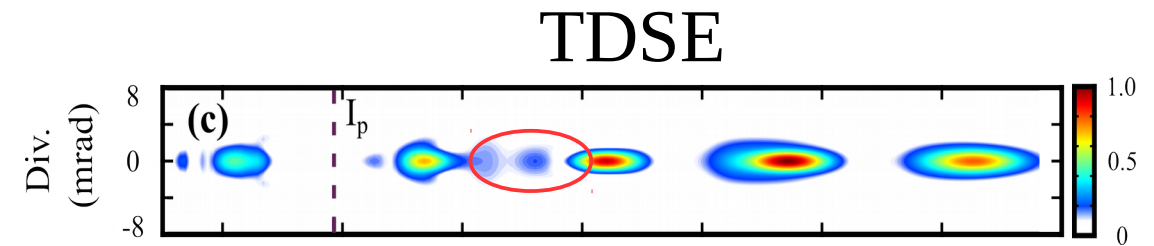
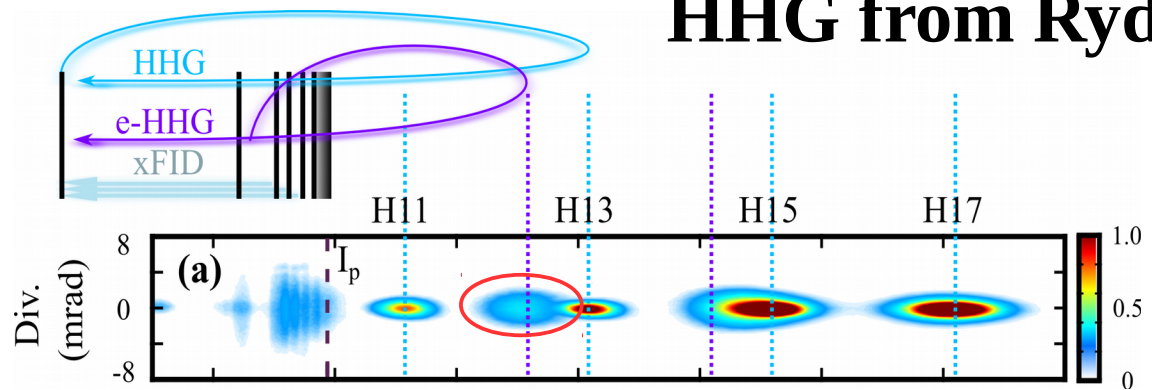


Coherent emission of XUV light by the electronic wavepacket, after the laser pulse.

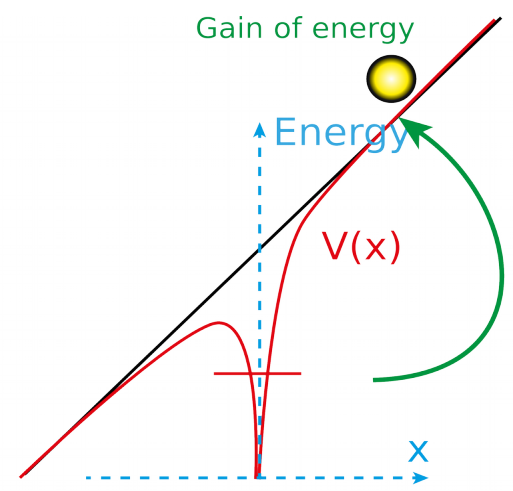




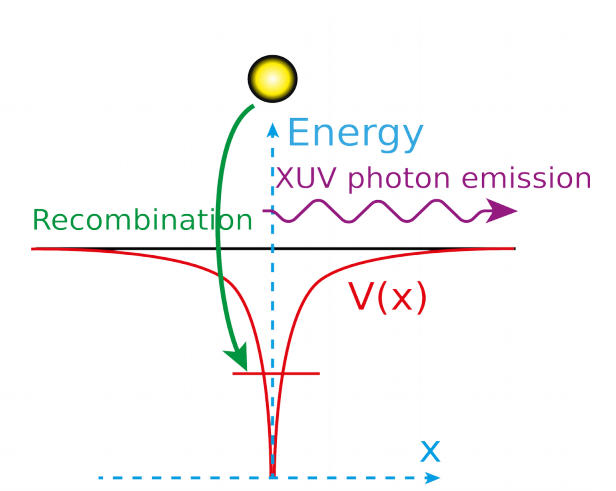
# HHG from Rydberg States (e-HHG)



First step : tunneling ionization



Second step : propagation  
Gain of energy

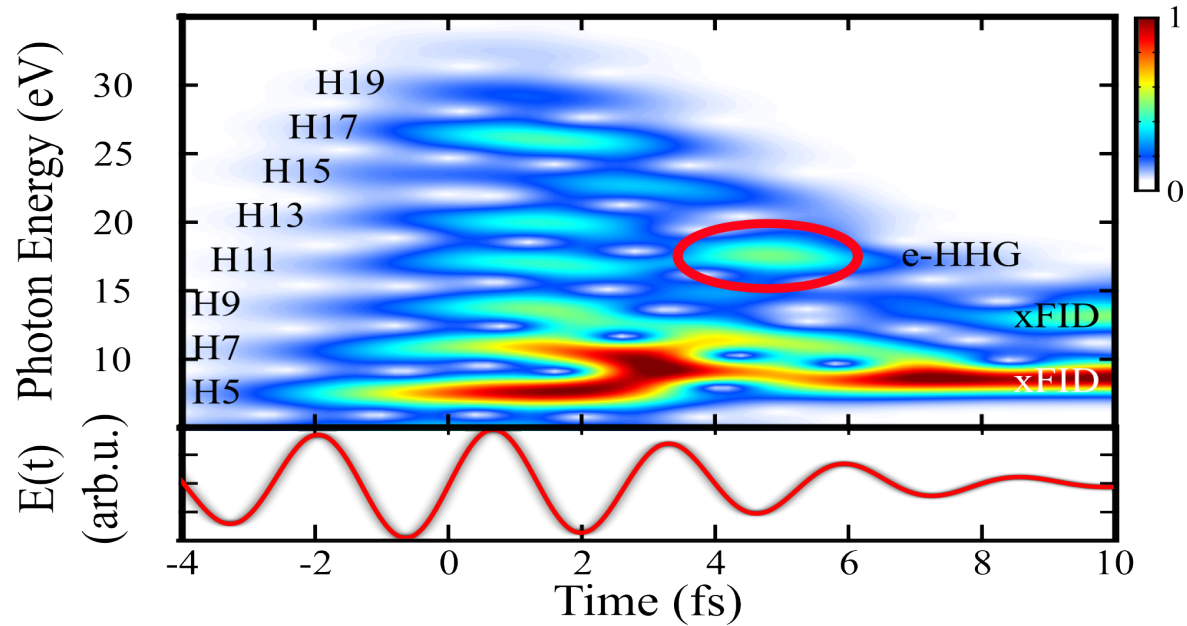


Third step : recombination



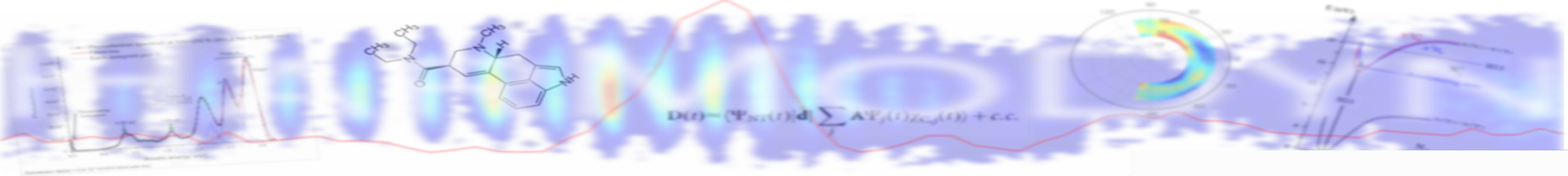


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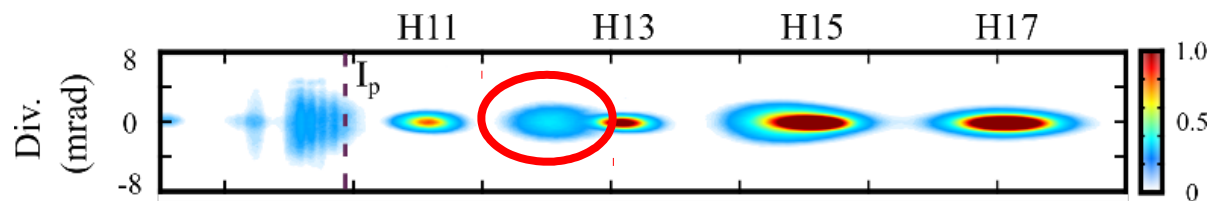
Gabor Analysis of the TDSE : e-HHG is delayed by 4 fs compared to the non-resonant HHG.



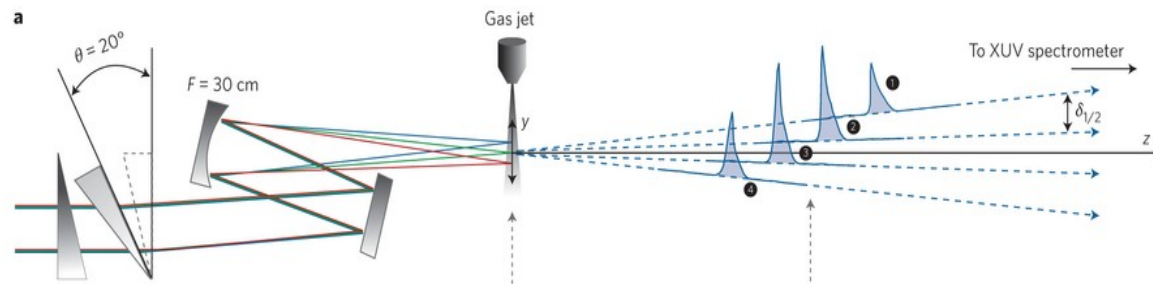


# Temporal resolution of the emission of e-HHG

e-HHG (sub-5 fs)

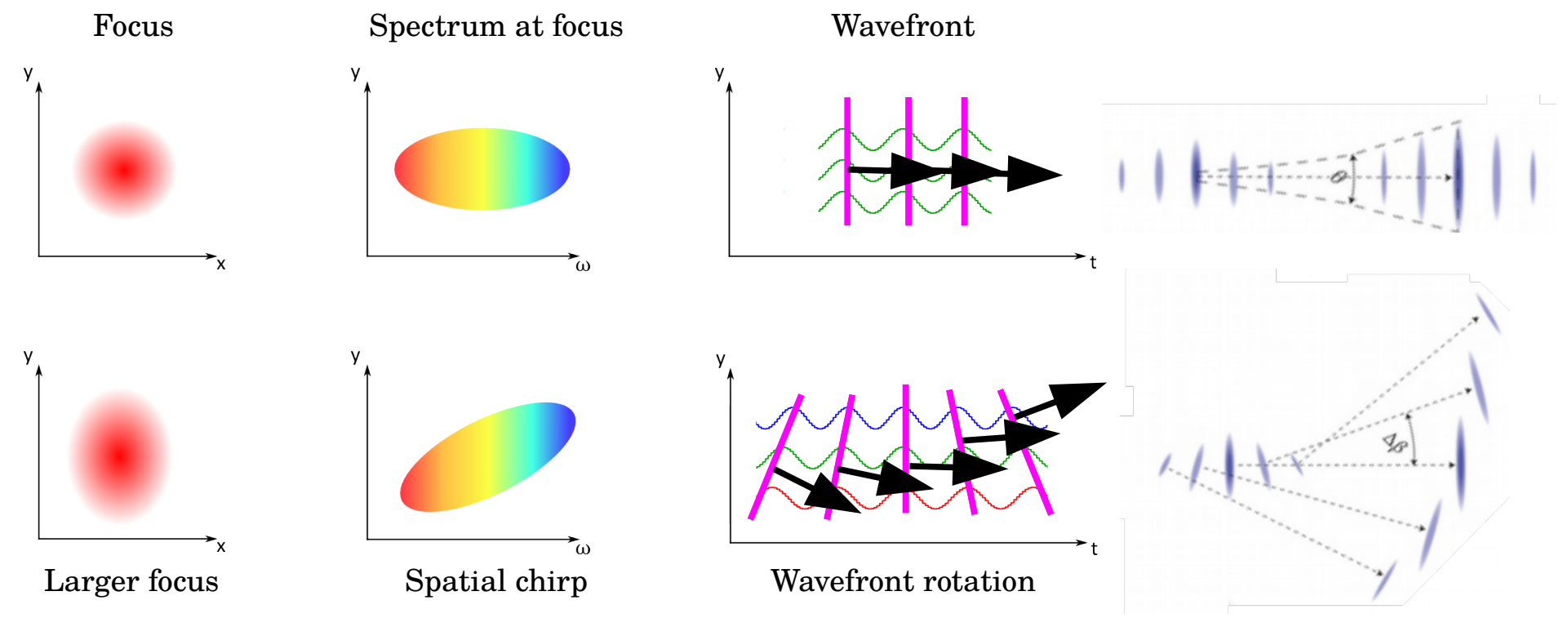


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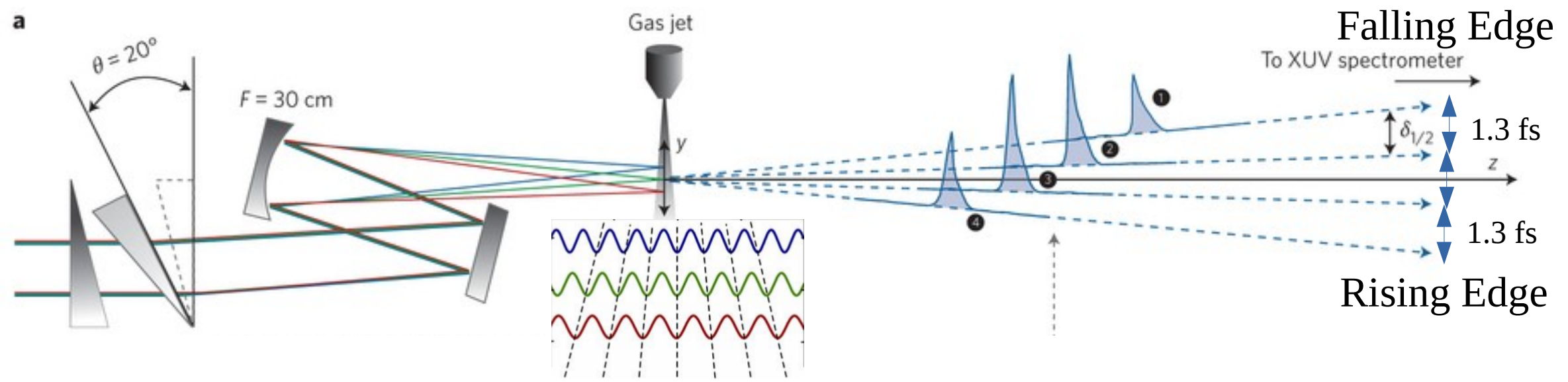


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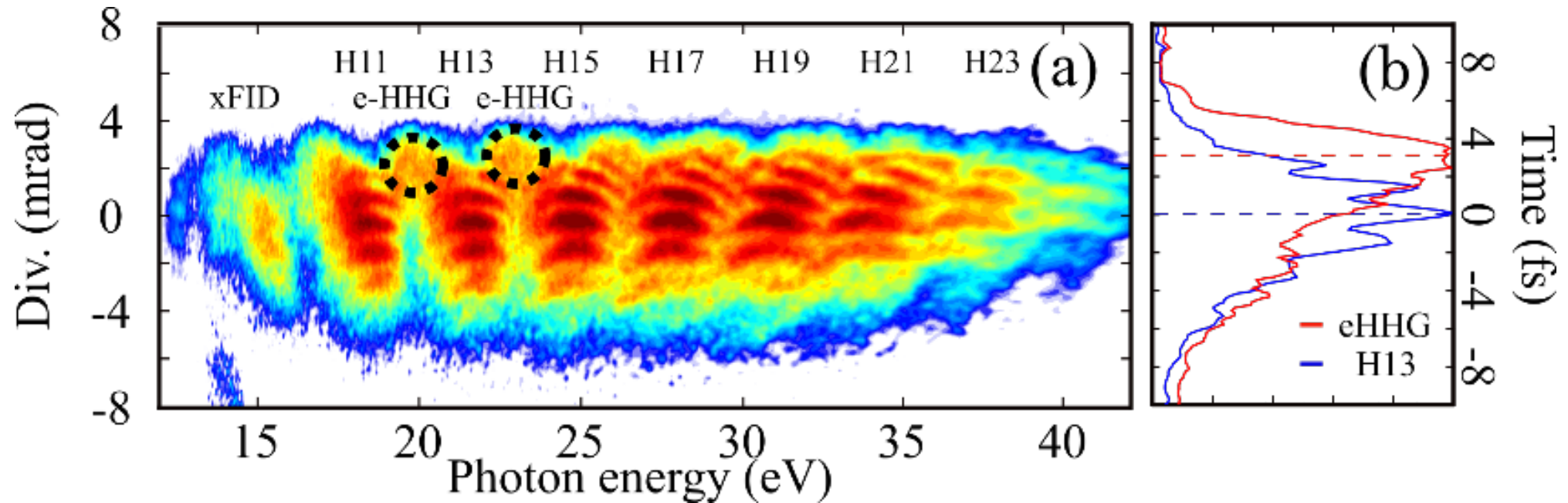
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A simple way to isolate an attosecond pulse from a pulse train



## Attosecond Lighthouse



Single-shot measurement of the spectrum (at 1 kHz) – circumvent the needs of CEP stability



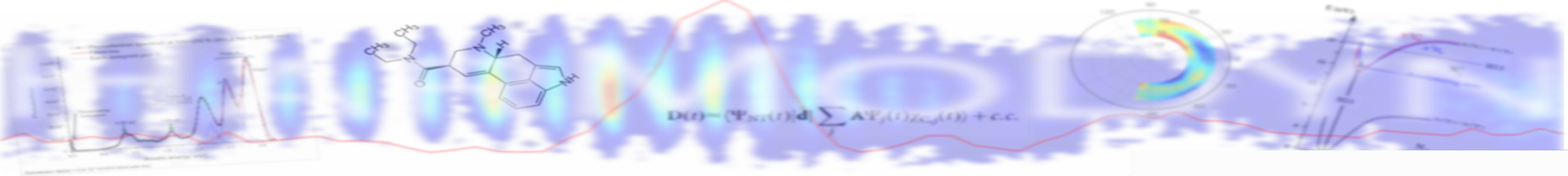


## Partial Conclusion

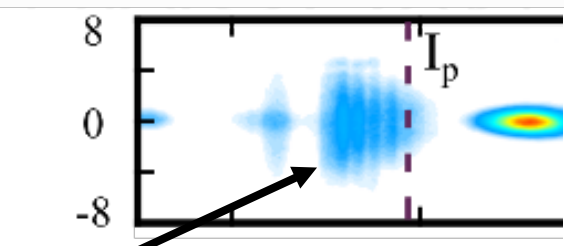
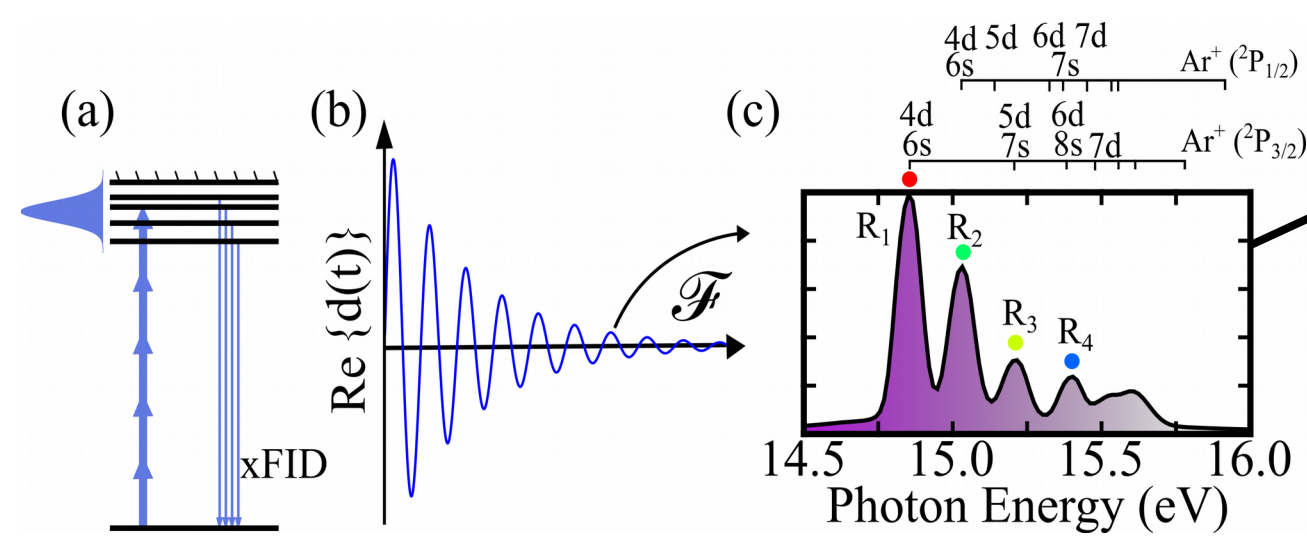
New HHG mechanism from excited states !

Delayed in time by few femtoseconds.





# XUV-Free Induction Decay (xFID)

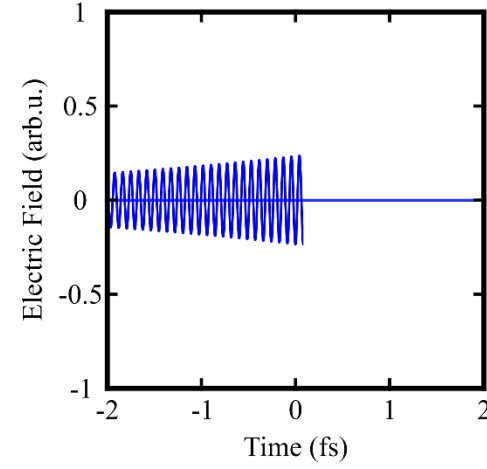
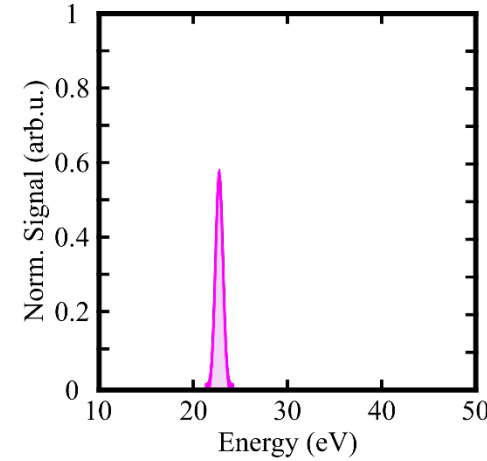
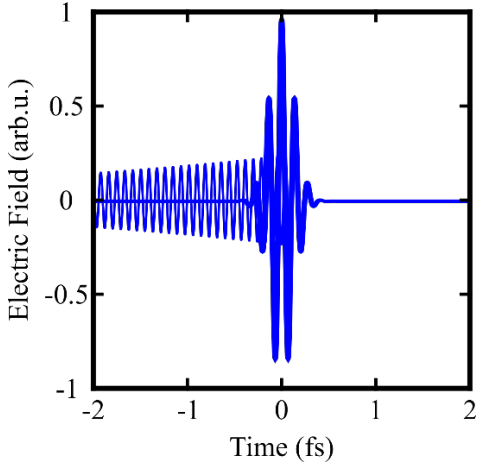
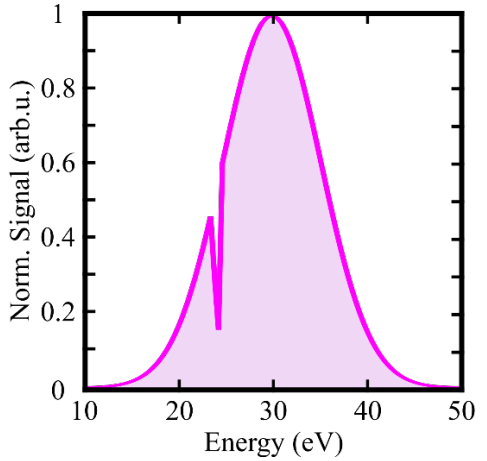




## xFID vs Absorption Spectroscopy

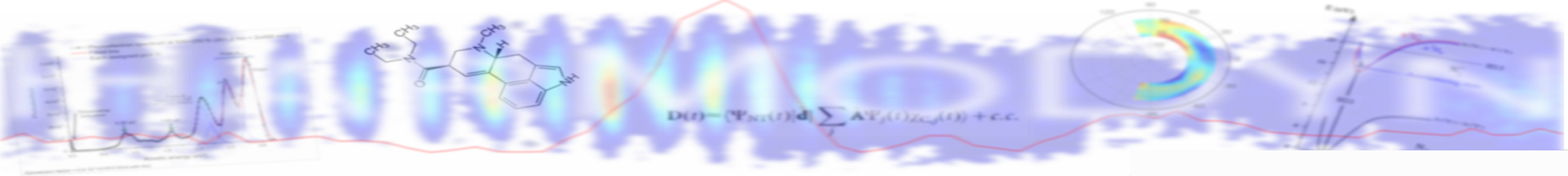
### TAS

- Interference between dipole emission and incoming light
- Poor S/N ratio
- Phase encoded in the (Lorentz-Fano) Lineshape.

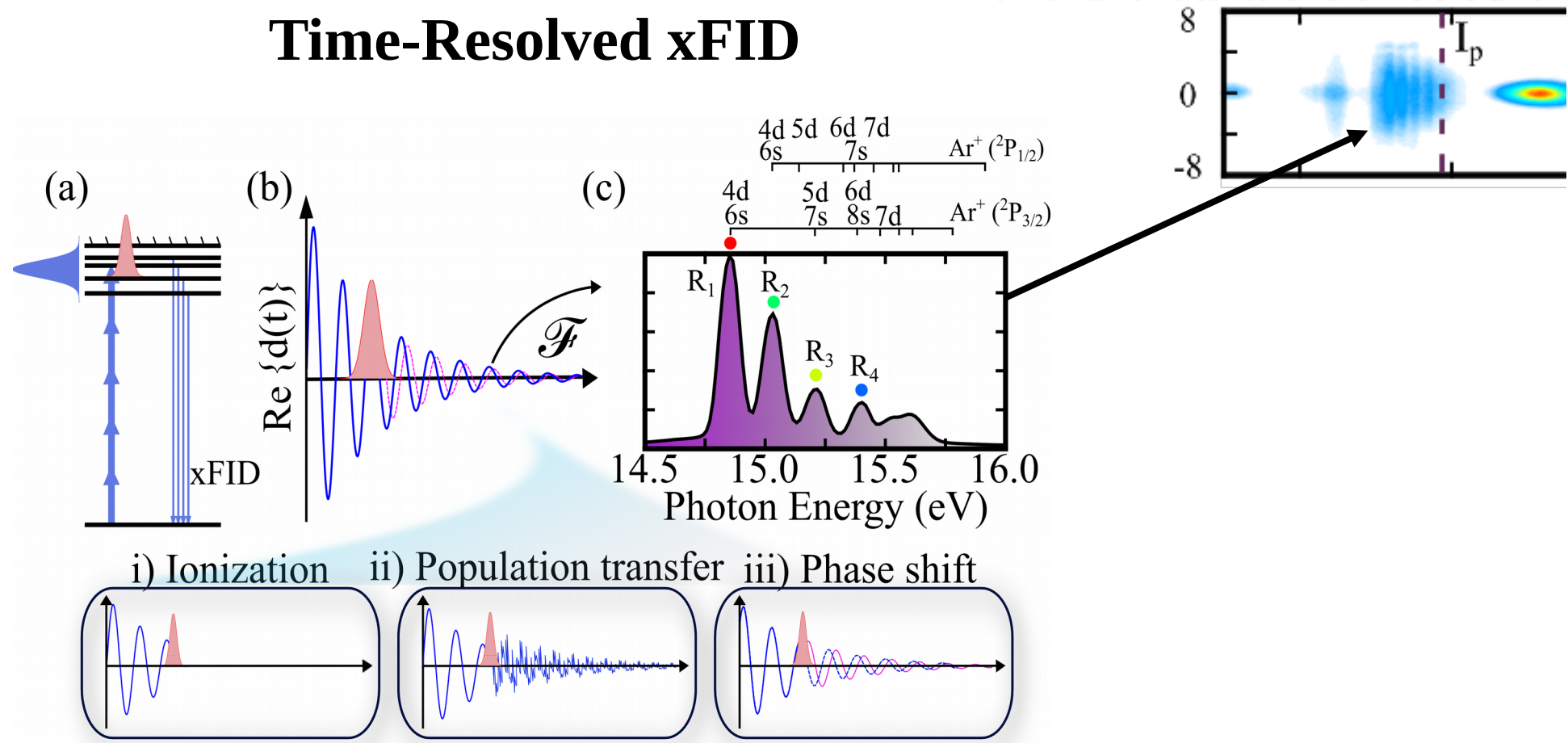


### xFID

- Zero background
- Did we lost the phase information ?



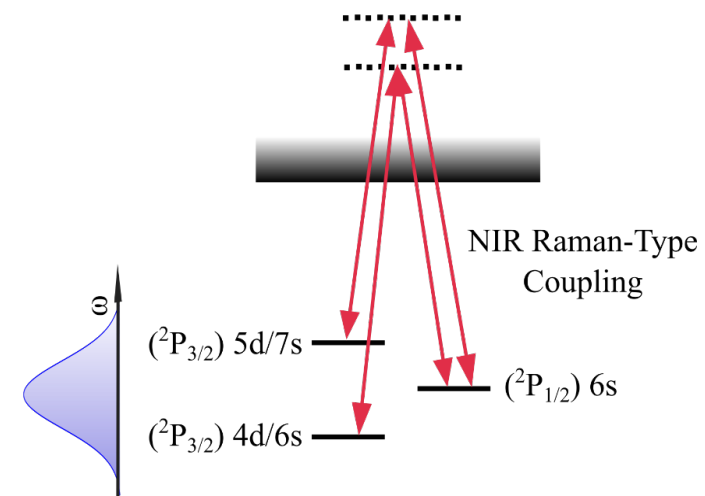
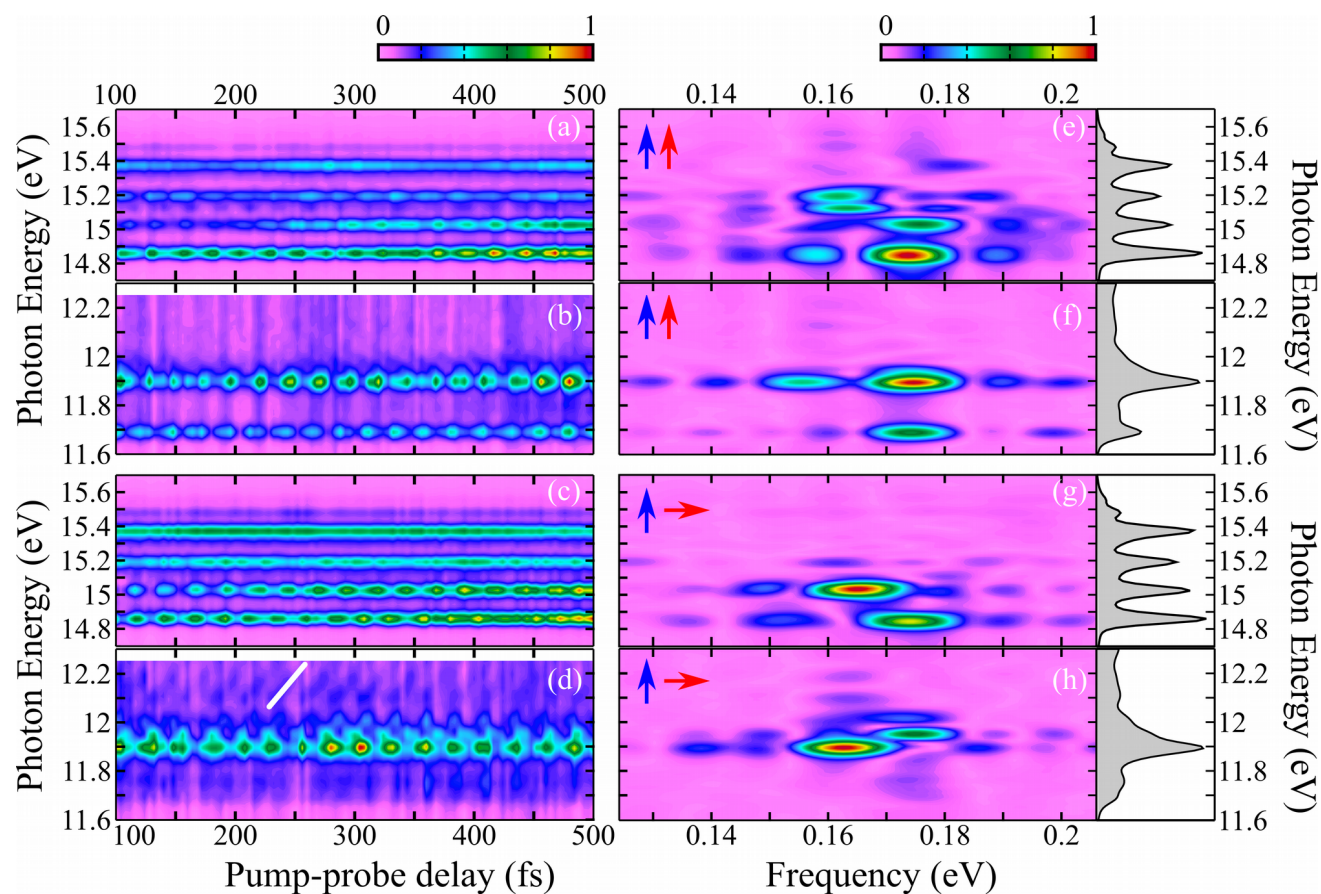
# Time-Resolved xFID







## Ramsey-type Spectroscopy of the xFID



XUV spectrometer resolution

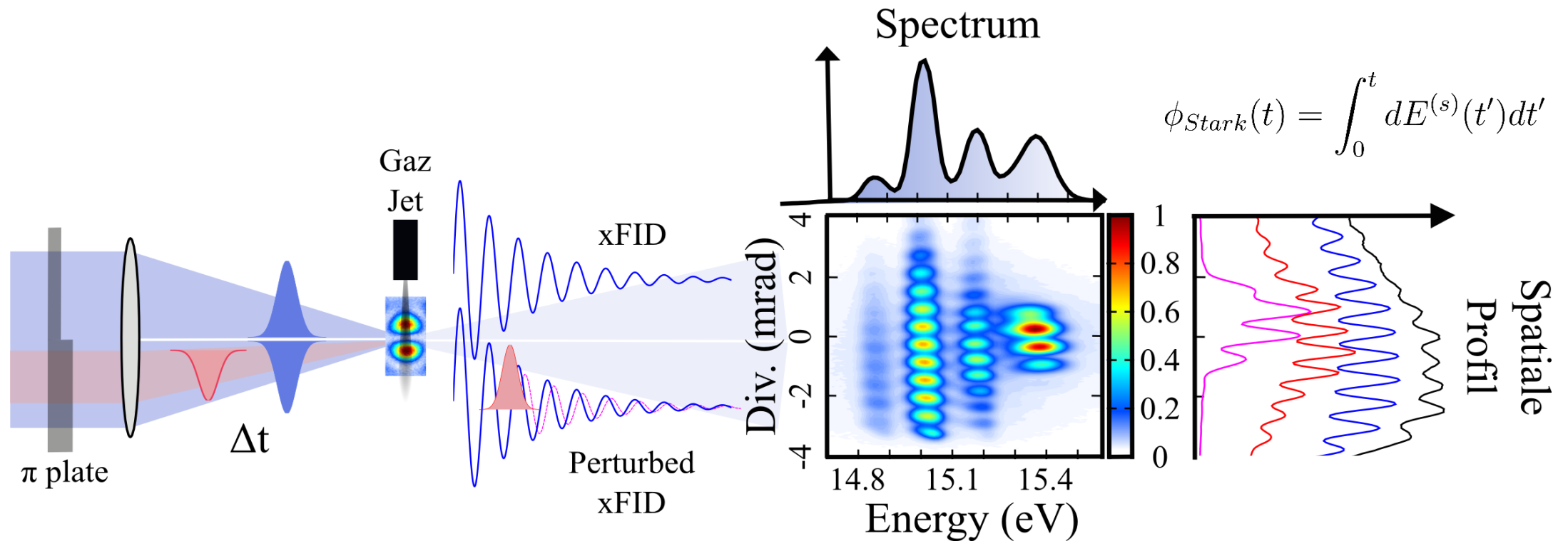
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Achieved spectral resolution

> 1 meV



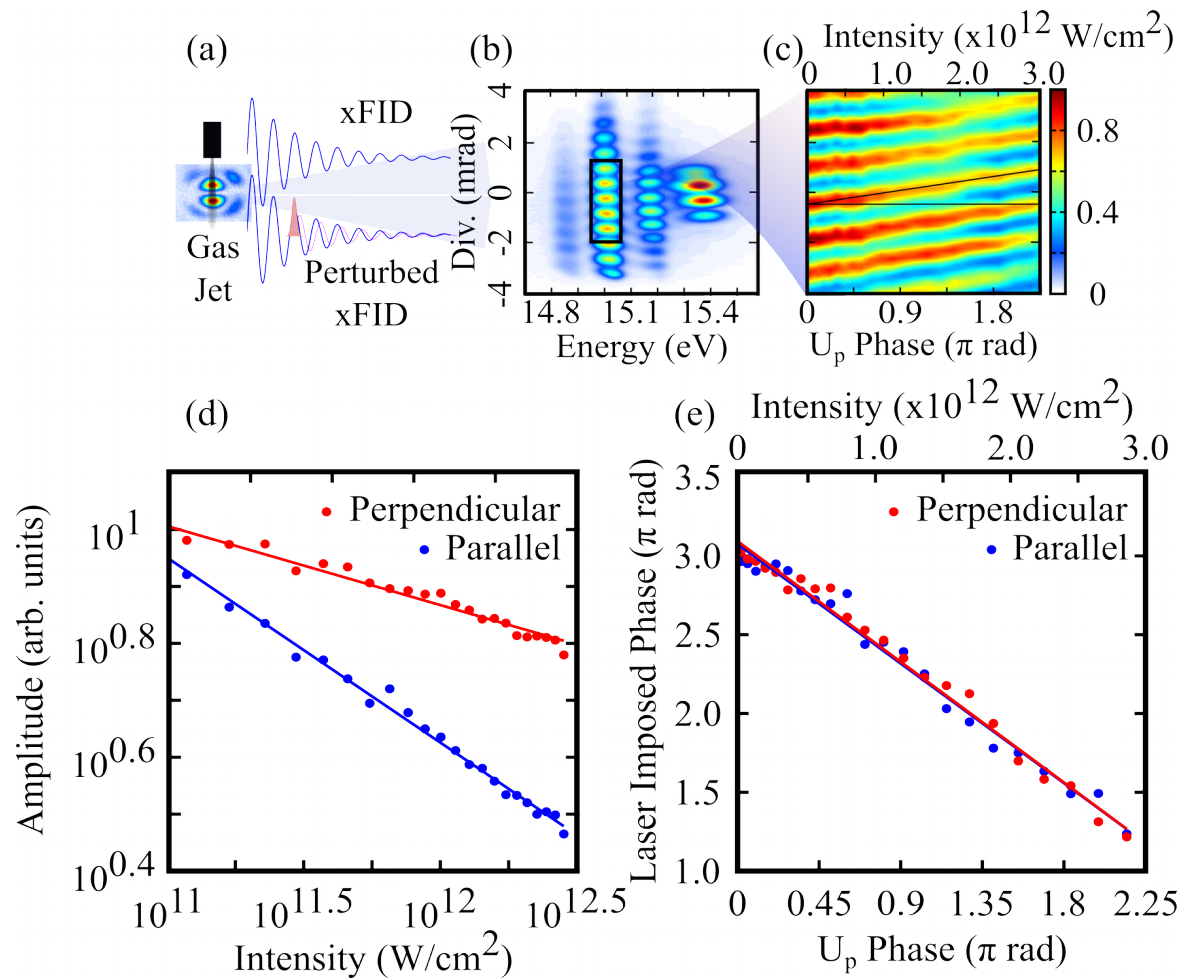
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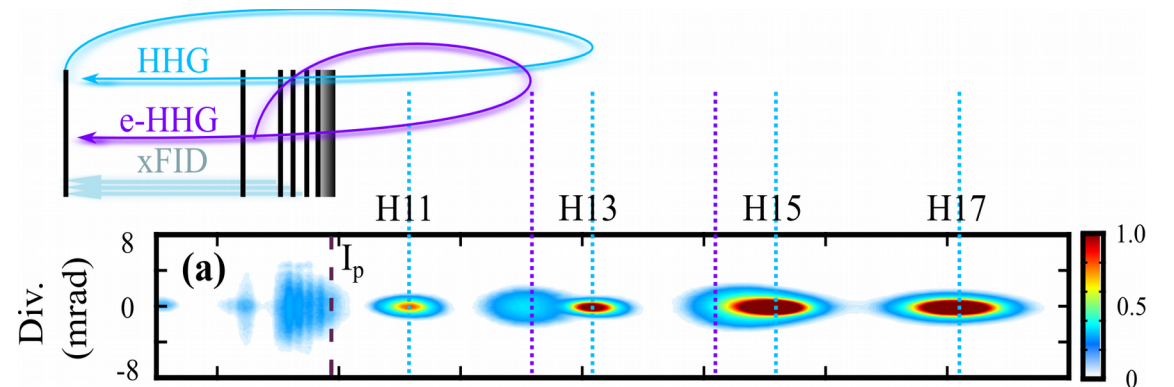
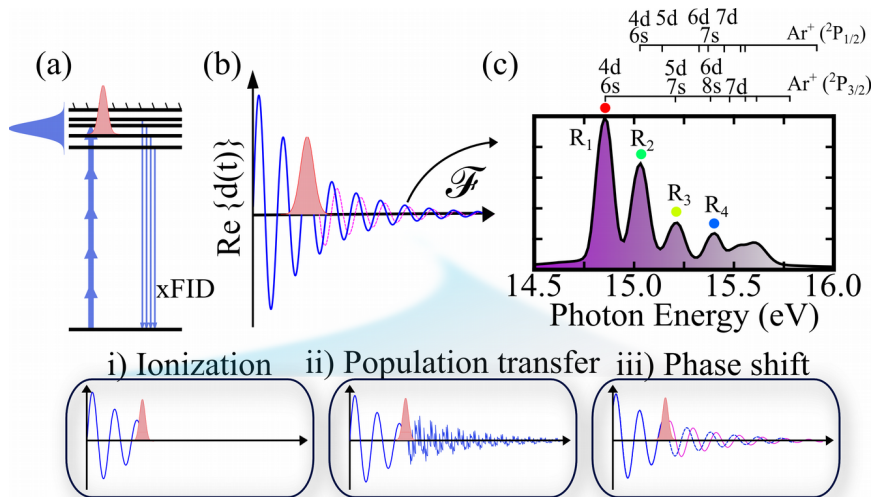
# Laser-Imposed Phase Measurement





# Conclusion

1) New HHG mechanism :  
HHG from Rydberg states



2) Novel time- and phase-resolved  
xFID spectroscopy of electronic  
wavepackets



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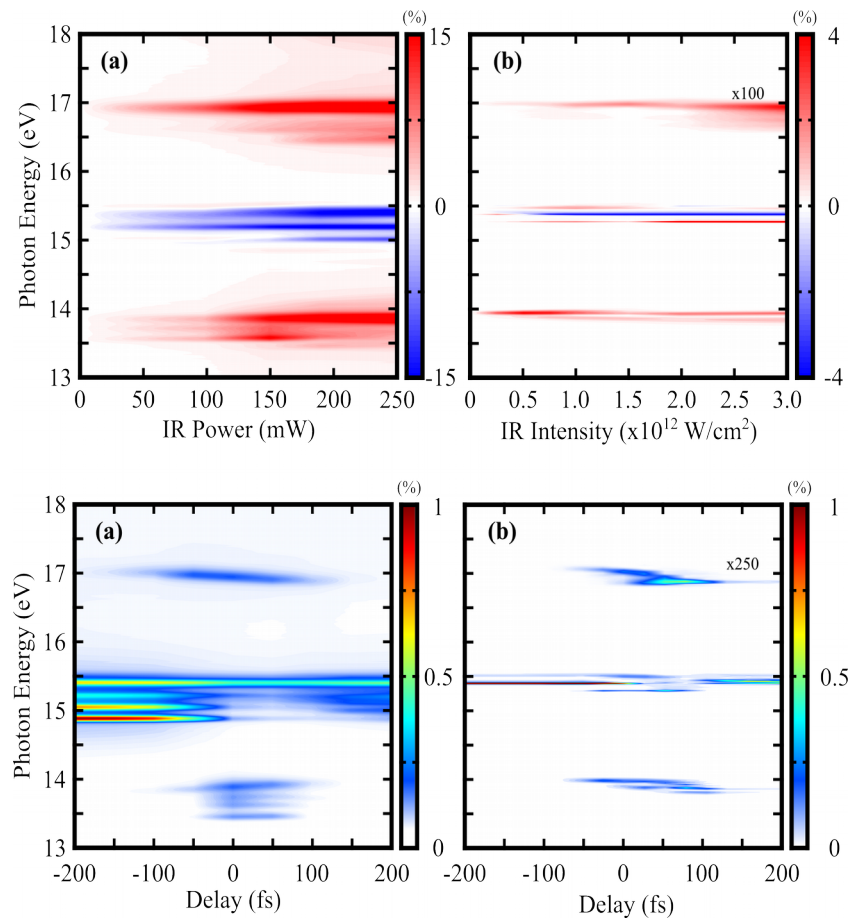
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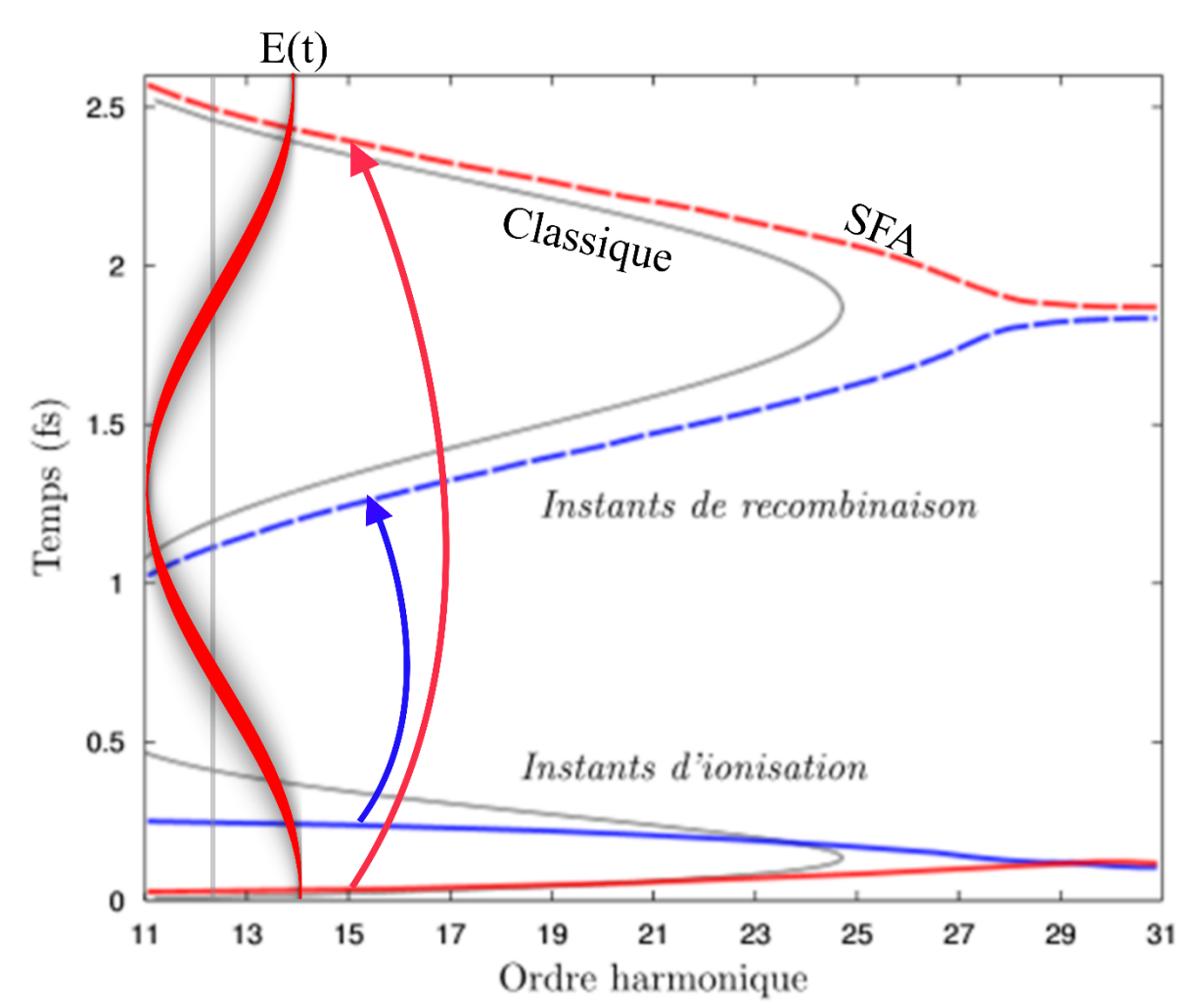
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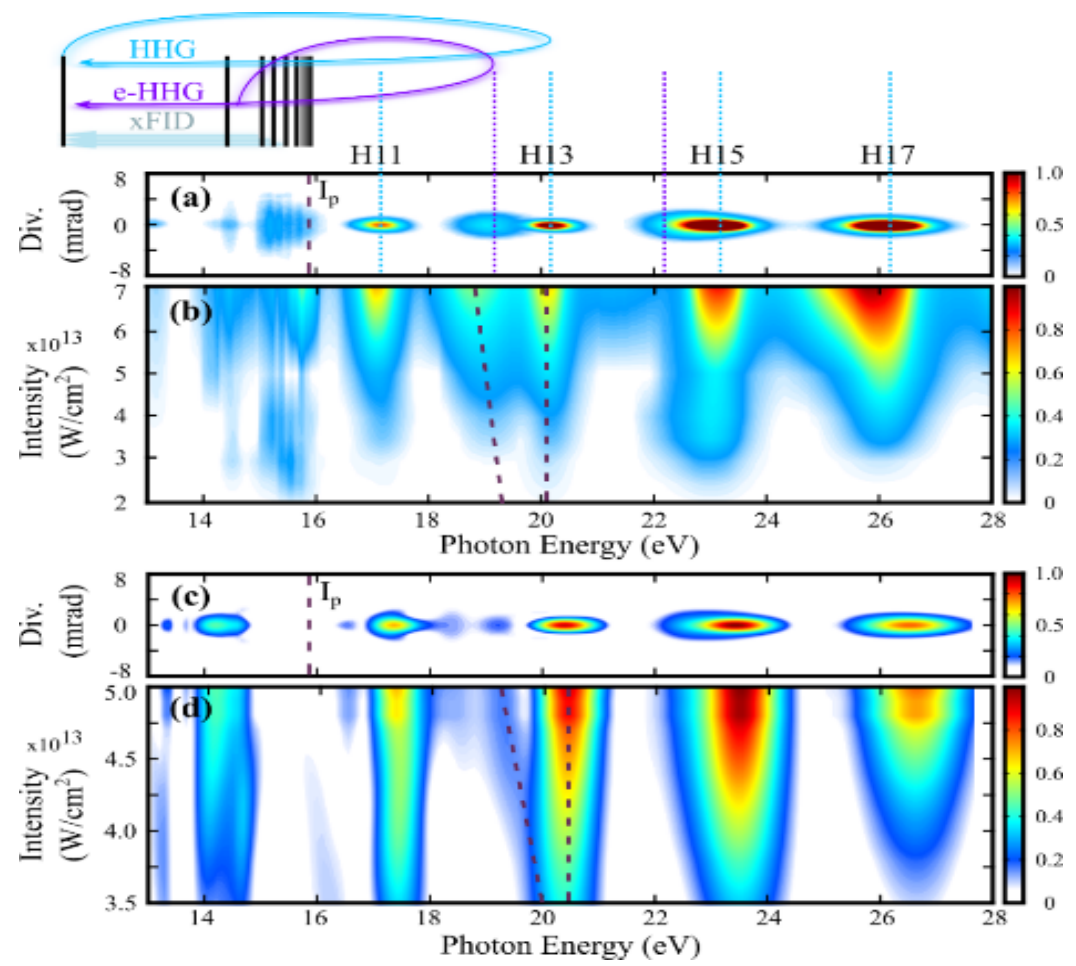


TDSE calculation by V. Strelkov





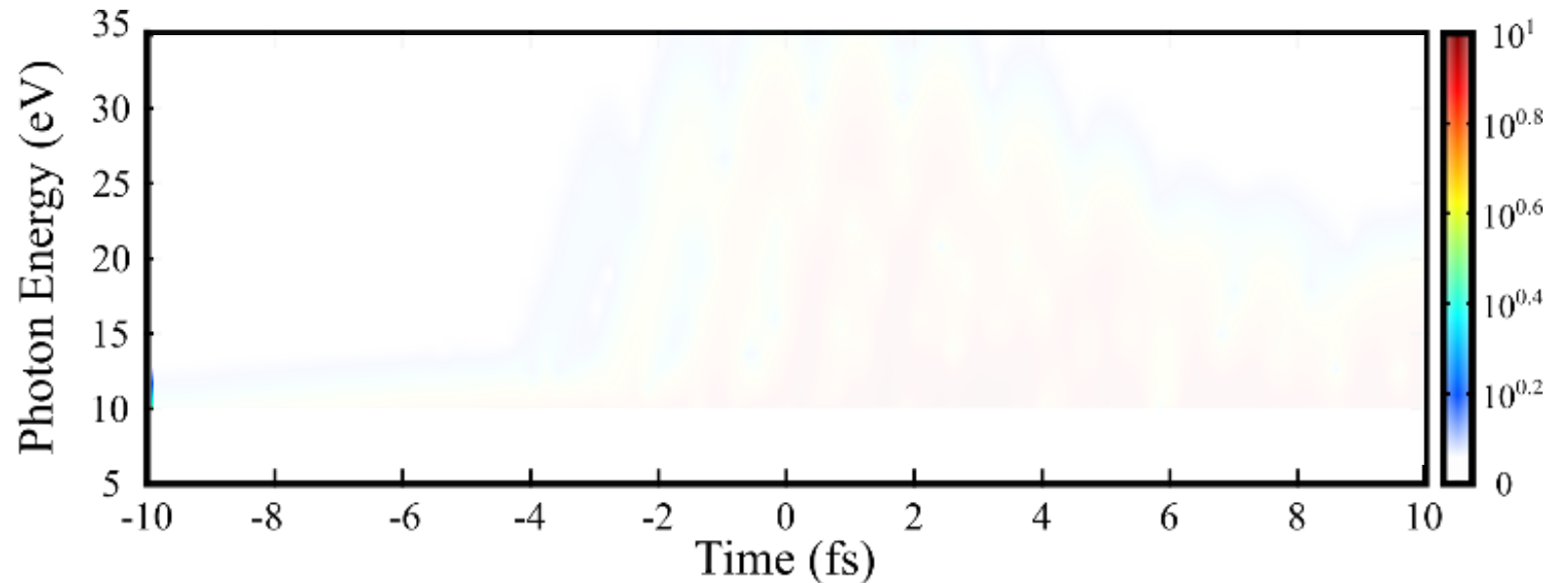
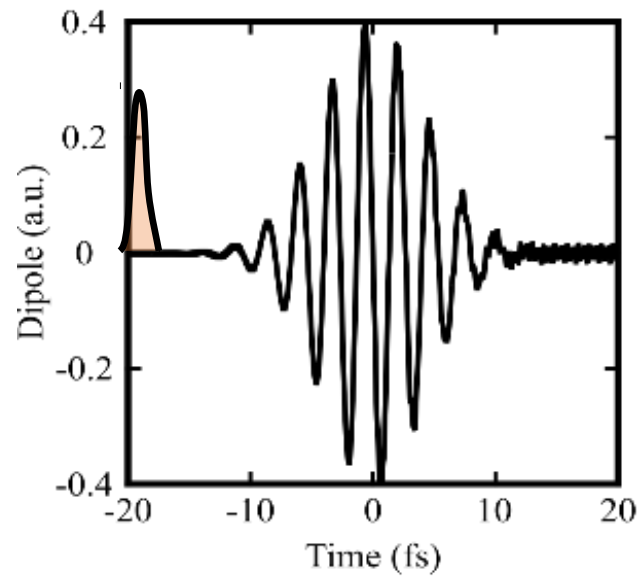






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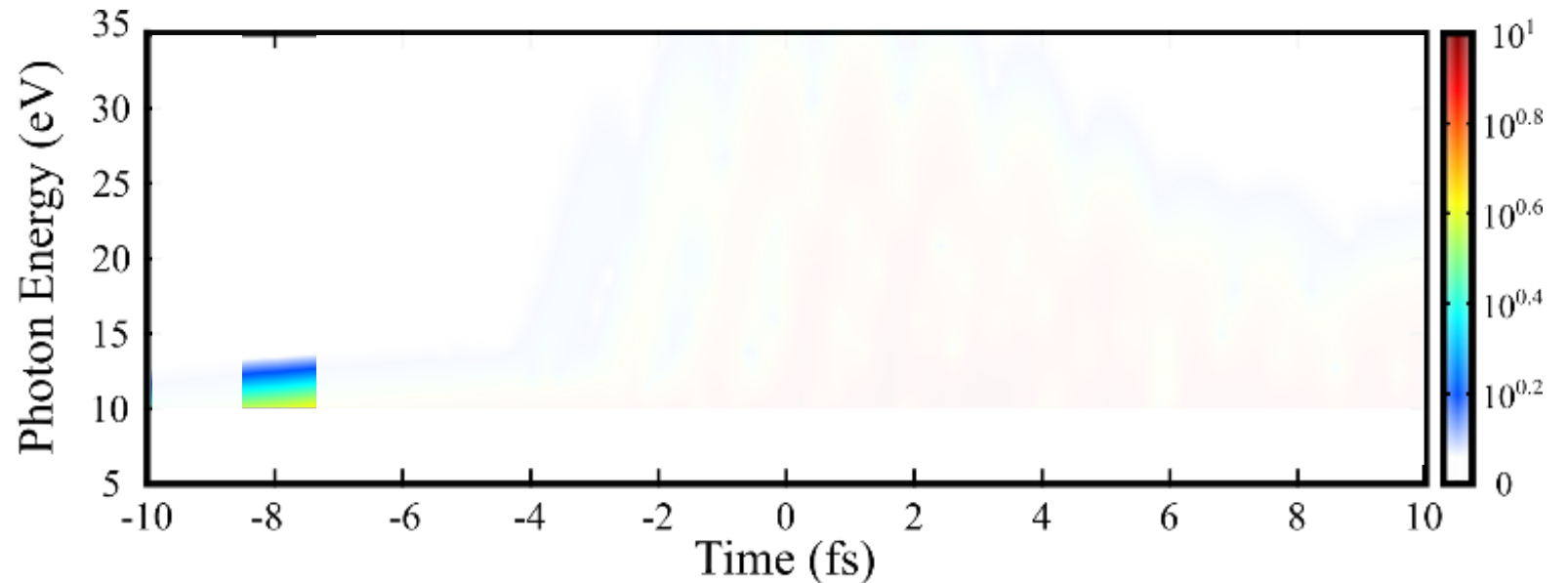
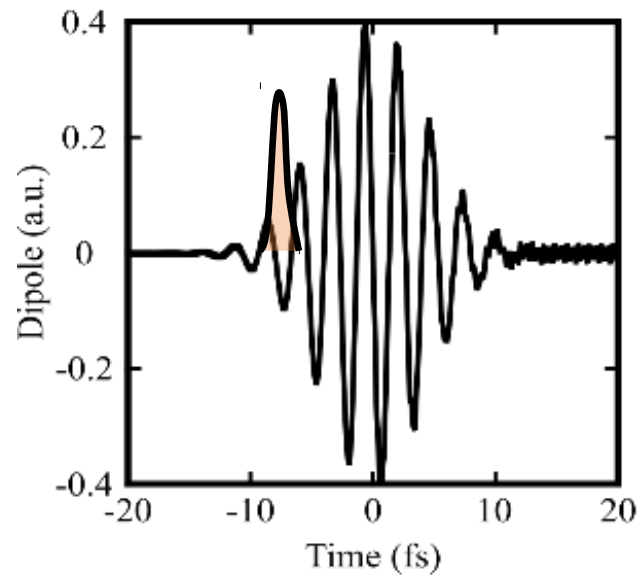
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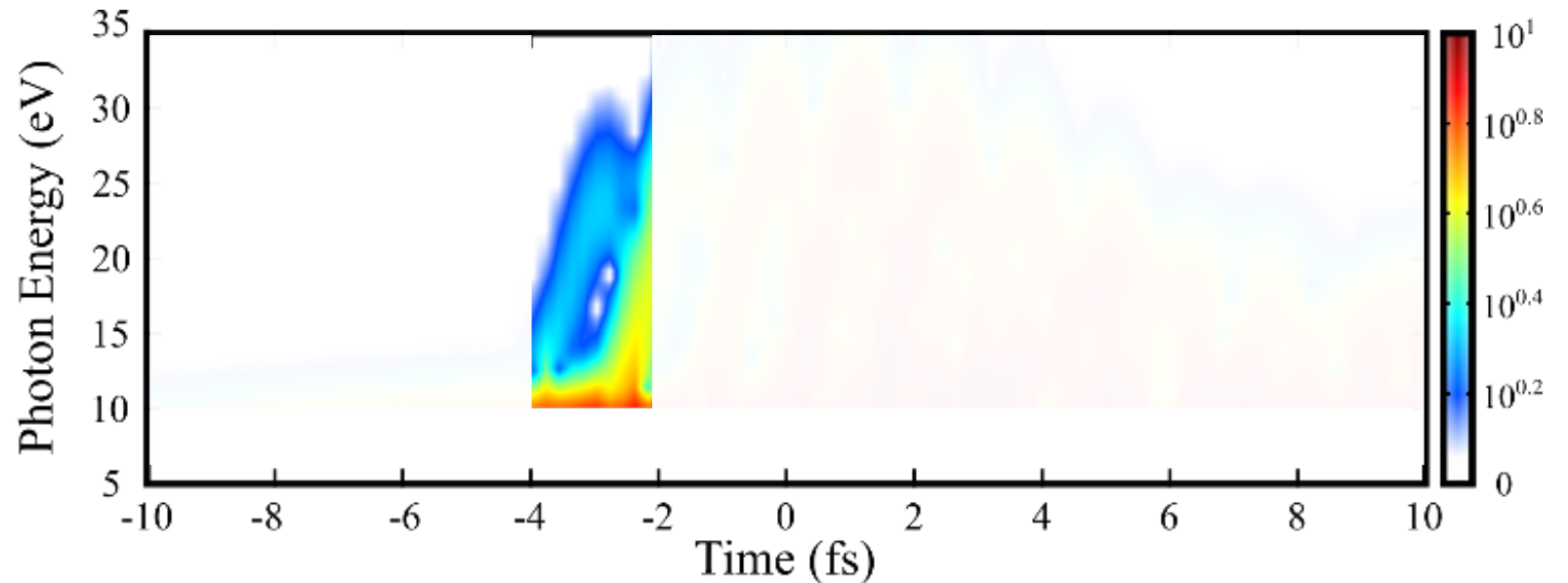
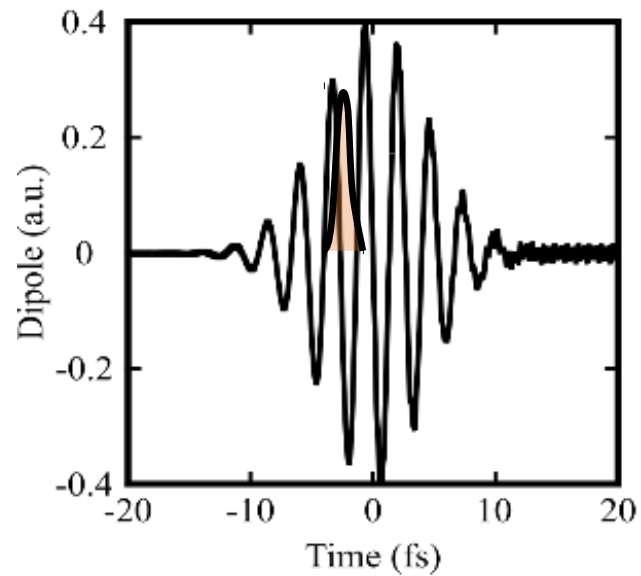
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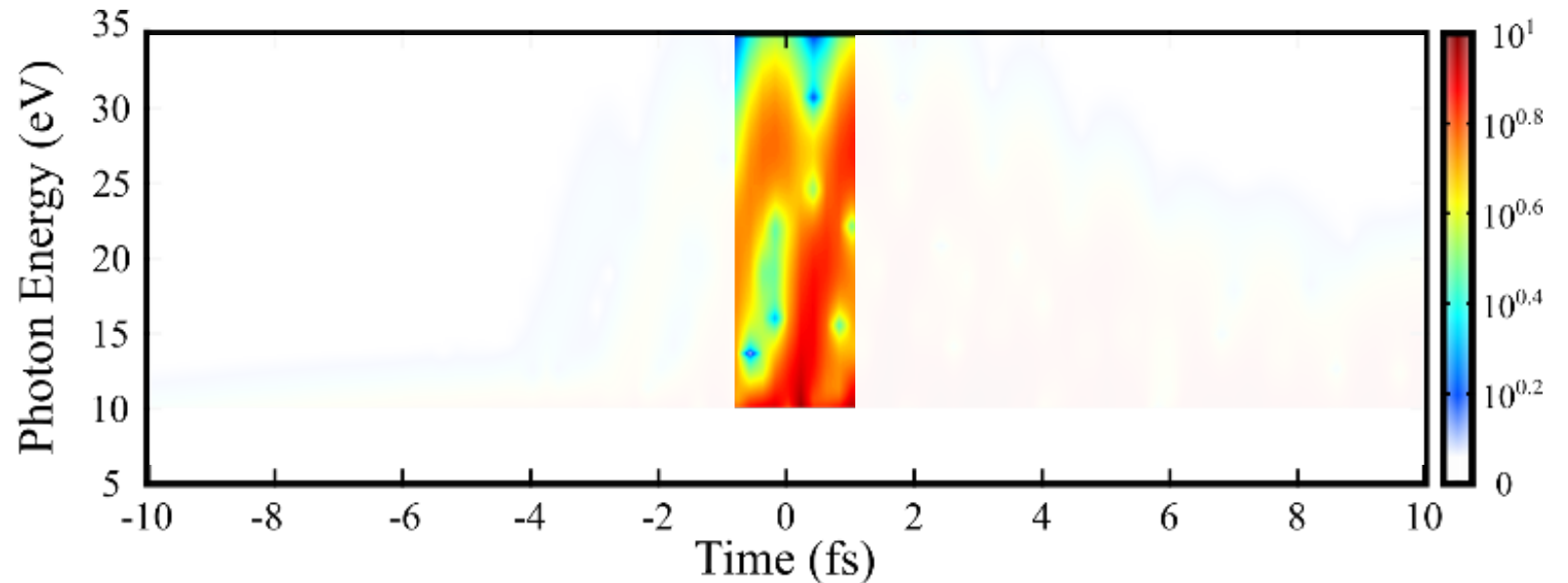
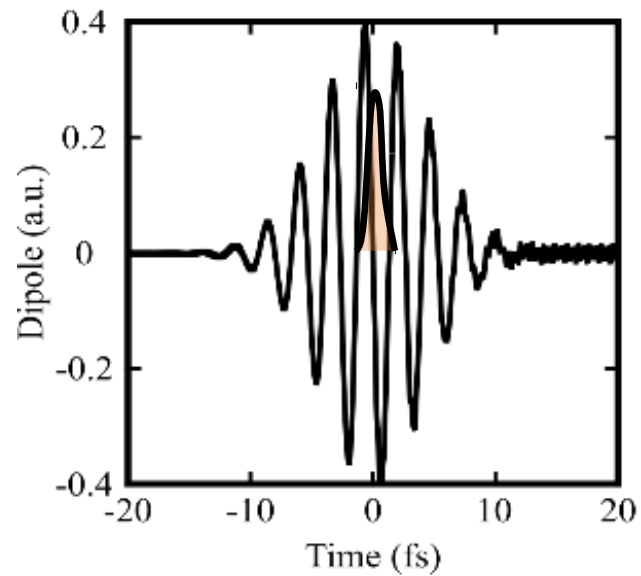






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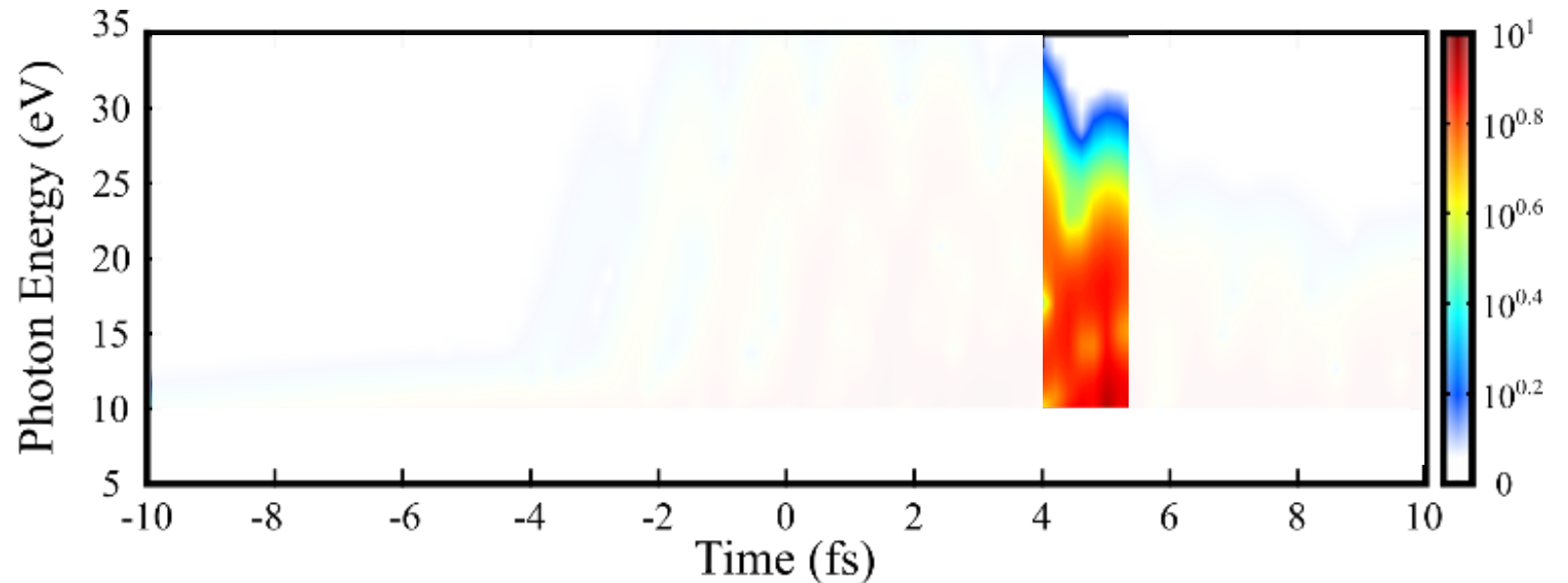
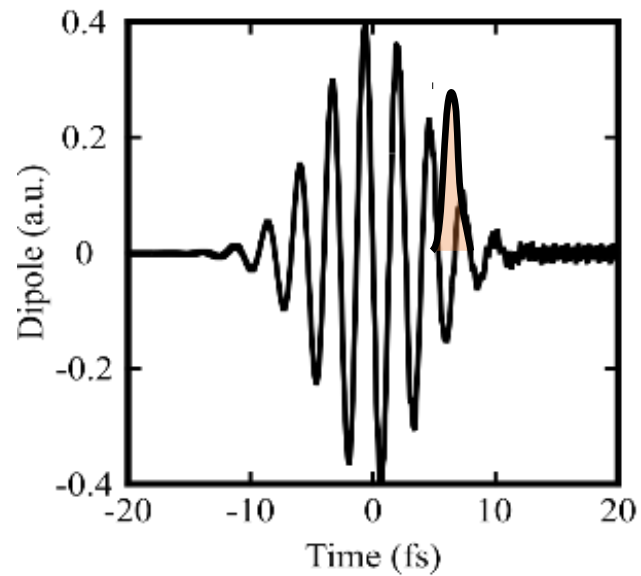
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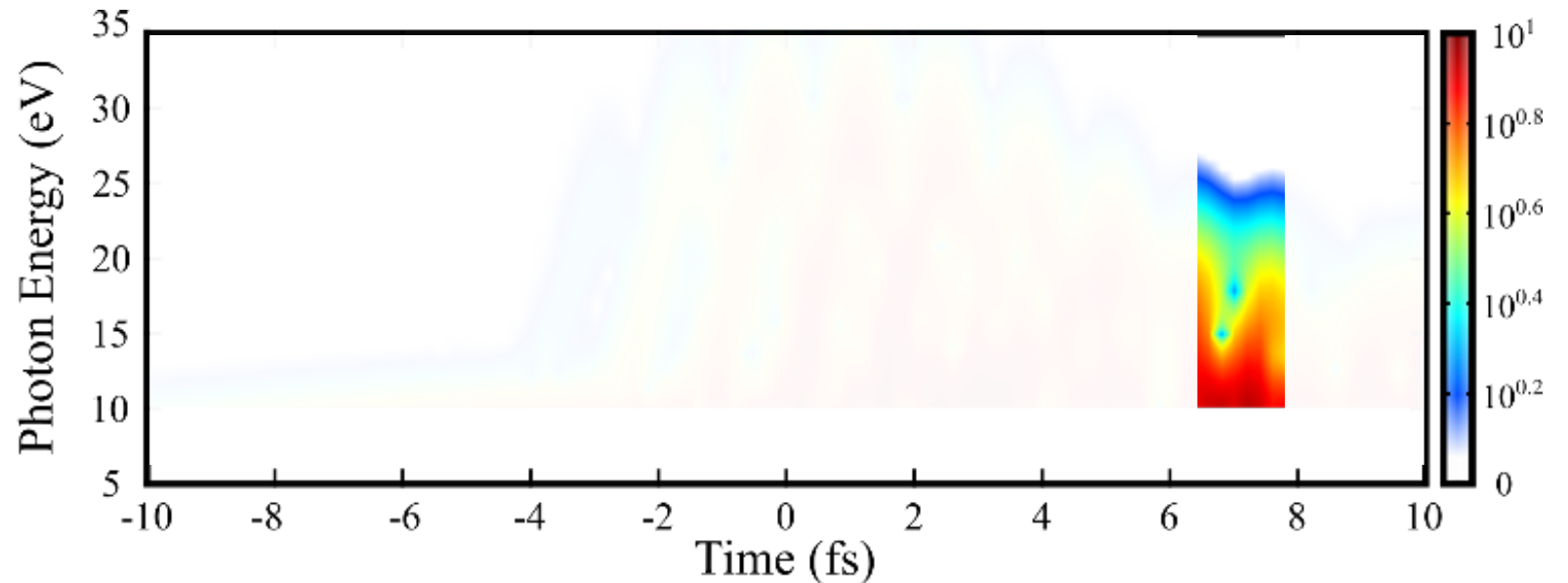
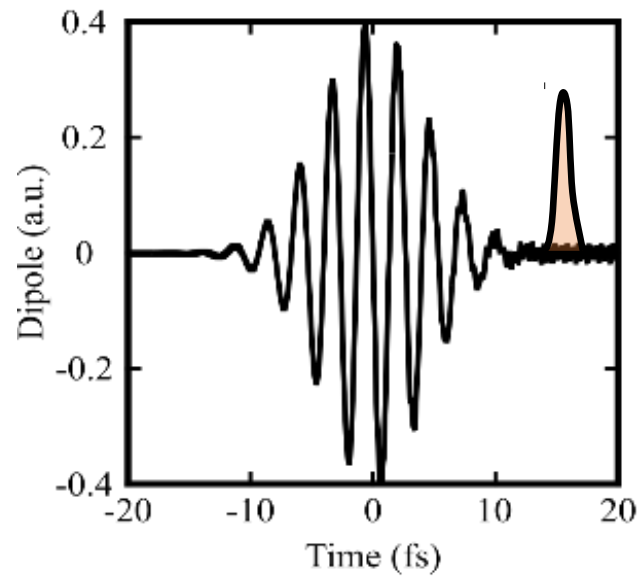
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