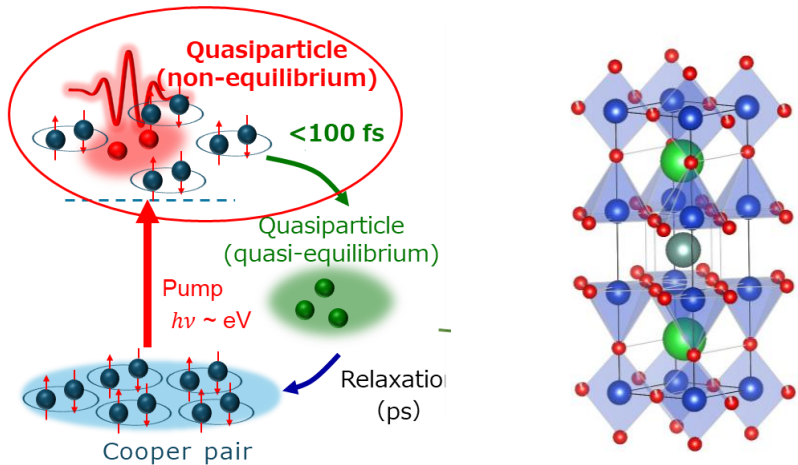


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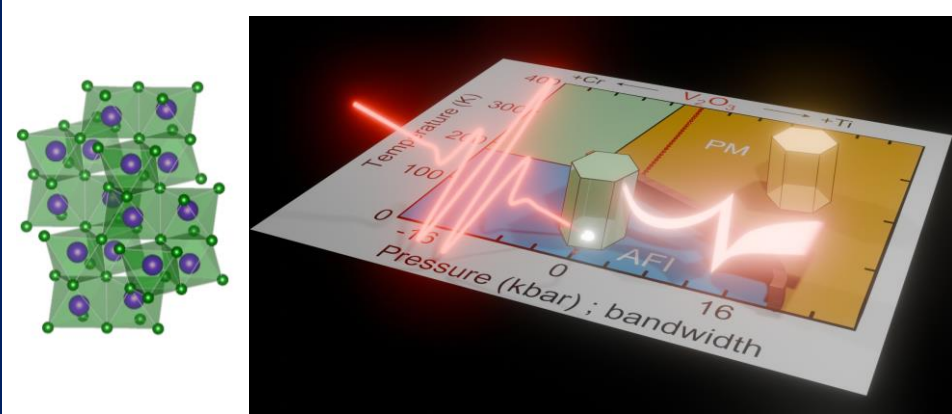
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High- T_c SC cuprate (YBCO)

*Kato et al.,
Ultrafast Phenomena 2024*



Ferroelastic Mott insulator V_2O_5

Amano et al., Nat. Phys. accepted

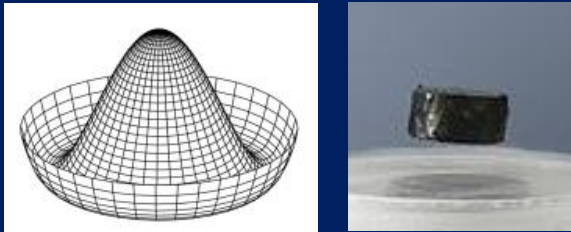
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Symmetry breaking in correlated system

Gauge

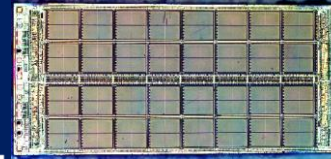


Superconductivity

$K-(ET)_2X$ *Nat. Photon* 12, 474 (2018)

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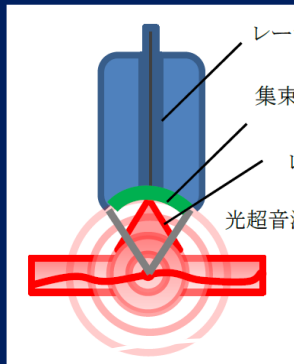


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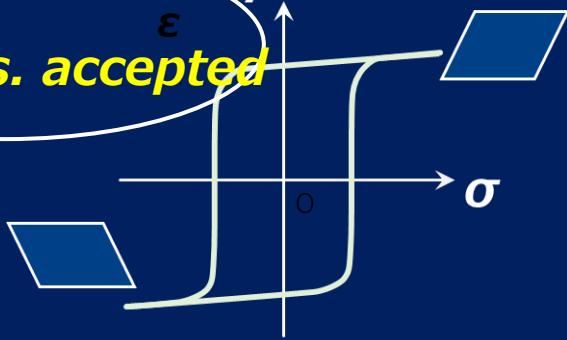
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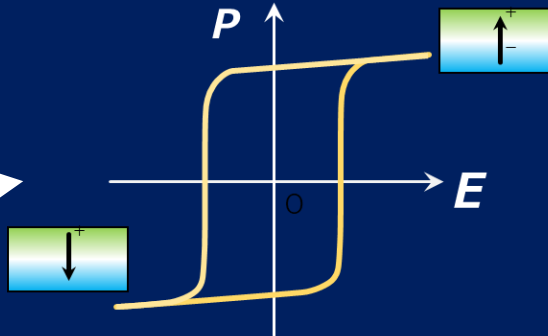
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Nat Phys. accepted

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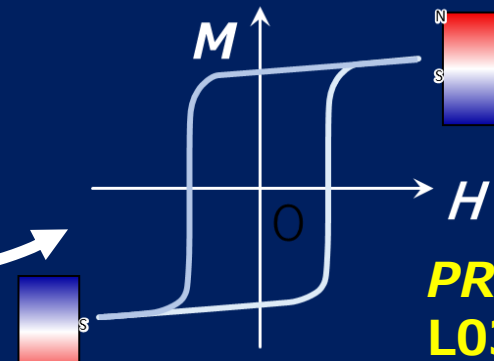
ferro-elastic

Spatial



ferro-electric

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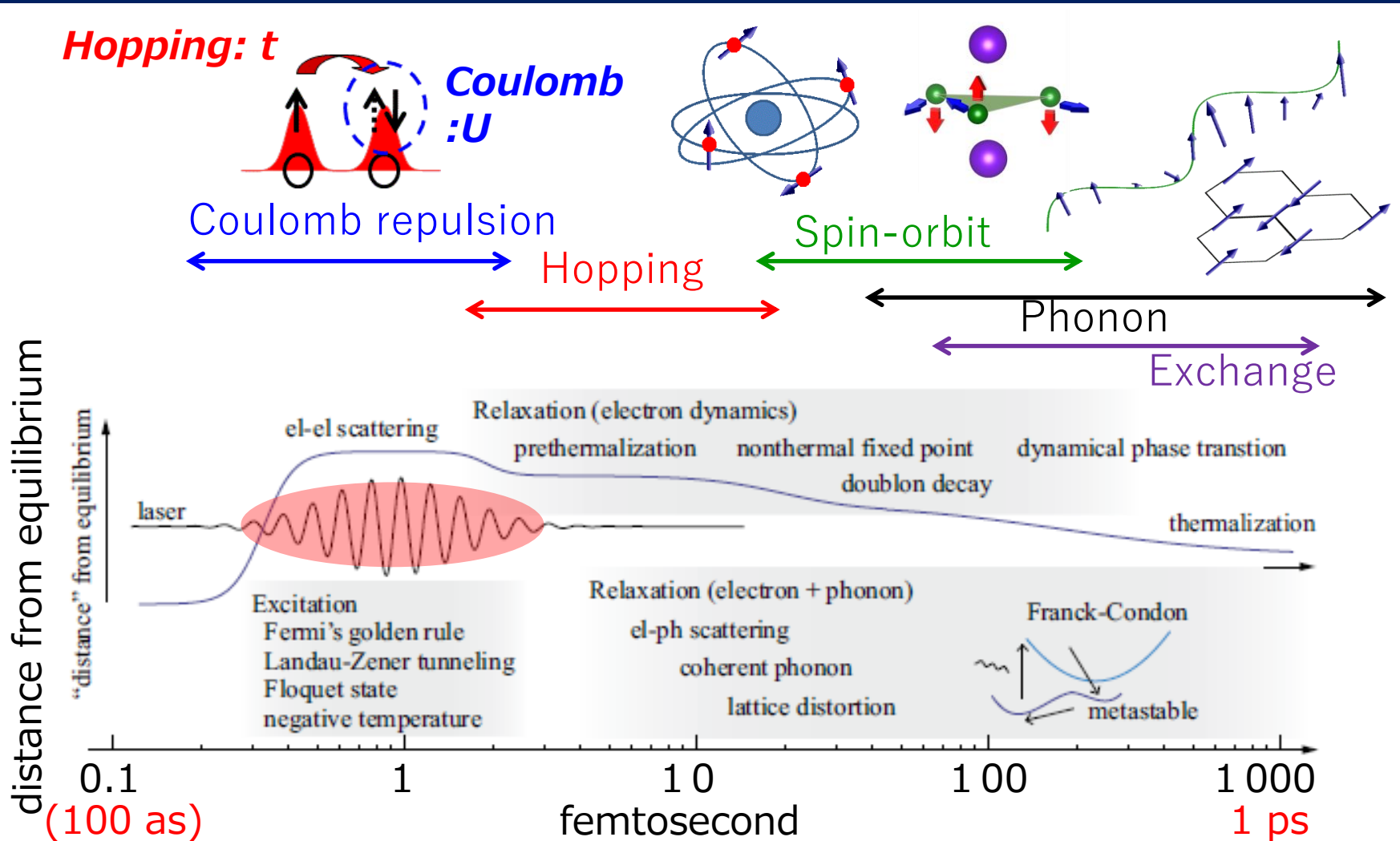
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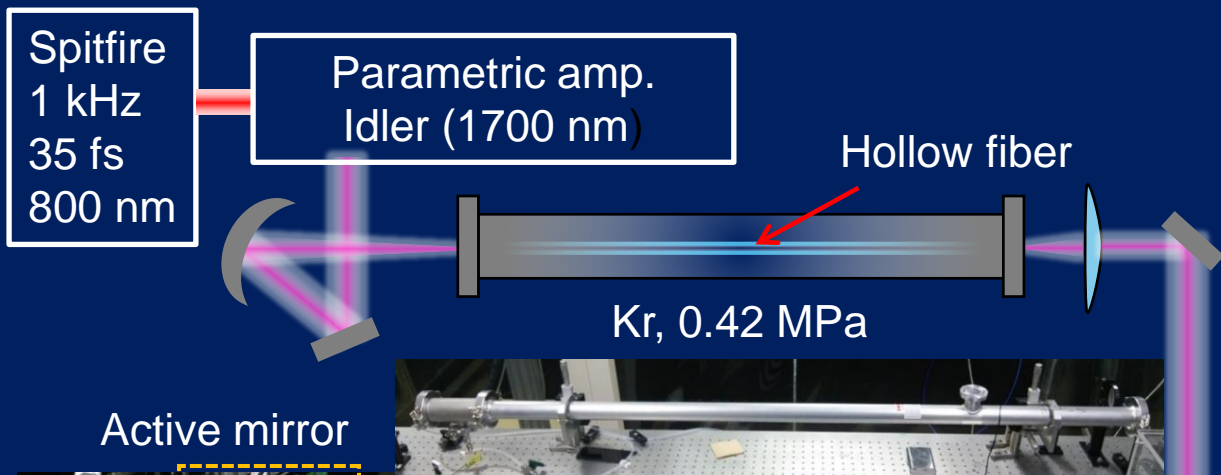
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How fast can we manipulate ?



Aoki, Tsuji, Eckstein, Oka, Werner *Rev. Mod. Phys.* 86, 779 (2014).

6 fs NIR pulse (1.3 cycle, CEP stabilized)



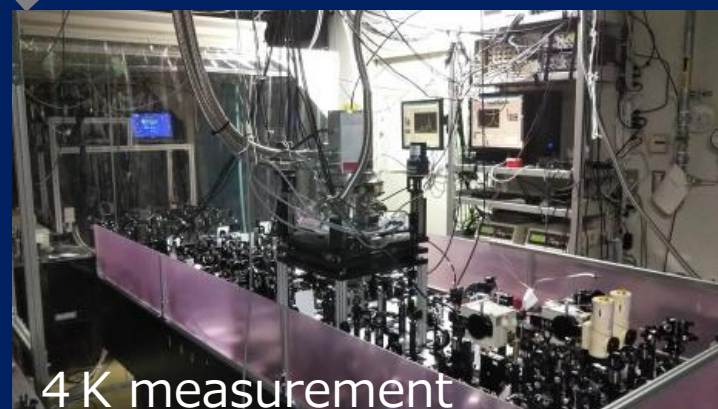
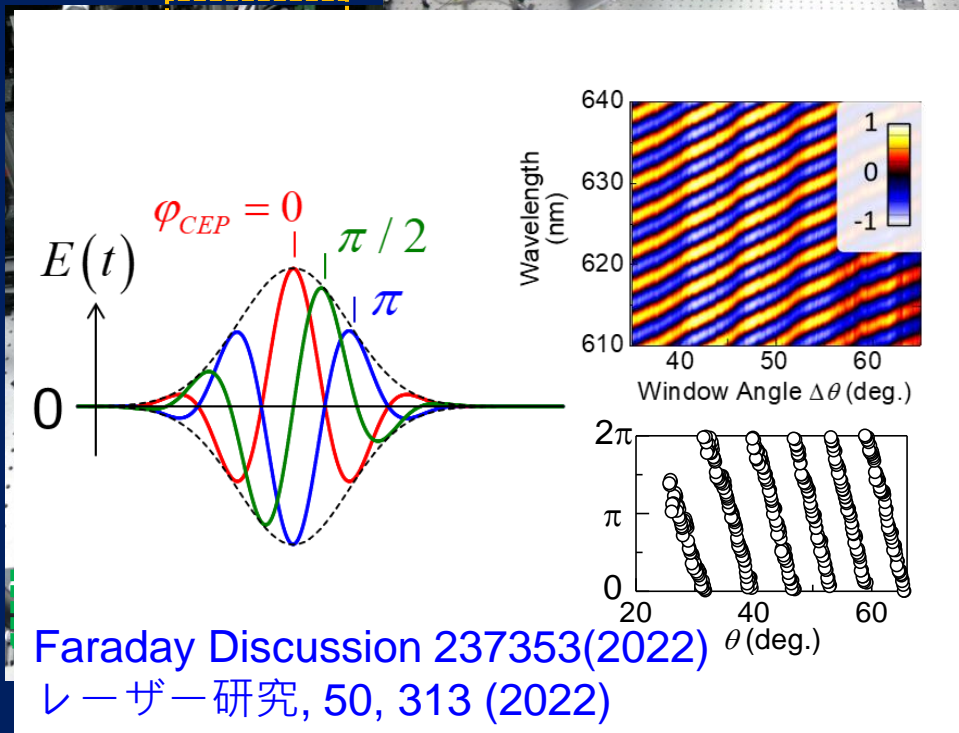
✓ OPA Idler ($\chi^{(2)}$)

$$\varphi_{Idler} = -\frac{\pi}{2} + \varphi_{Pump} - \varphi_{Signal}$$

✓ SPM ($\chi^{(3)}$)

$$\varphi_{SPM} = \frac{\pi}{2} + \varphi_1 + \varphi_2 - \varphi_3$$

→ CEP stable



Pulse width = 6 fs 30 μ J/pulse
 Φ 200 μ m

Max >50 MV/cm !

~20 MV/cm for organics



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Generation dynamics of quasi-particles in high-T_c superconducting cuprate

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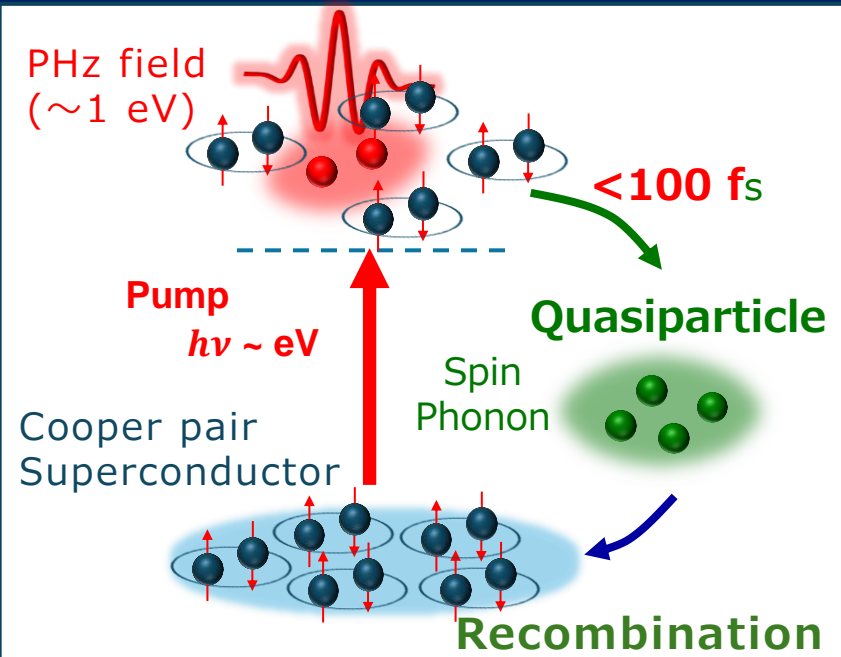
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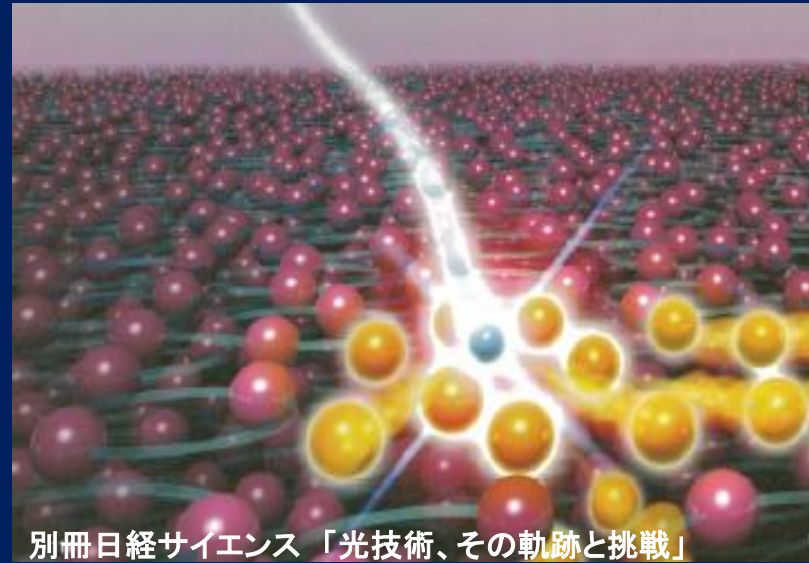
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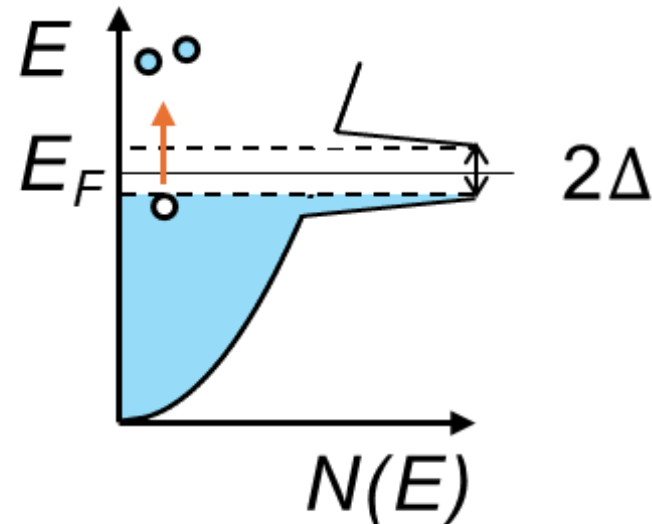
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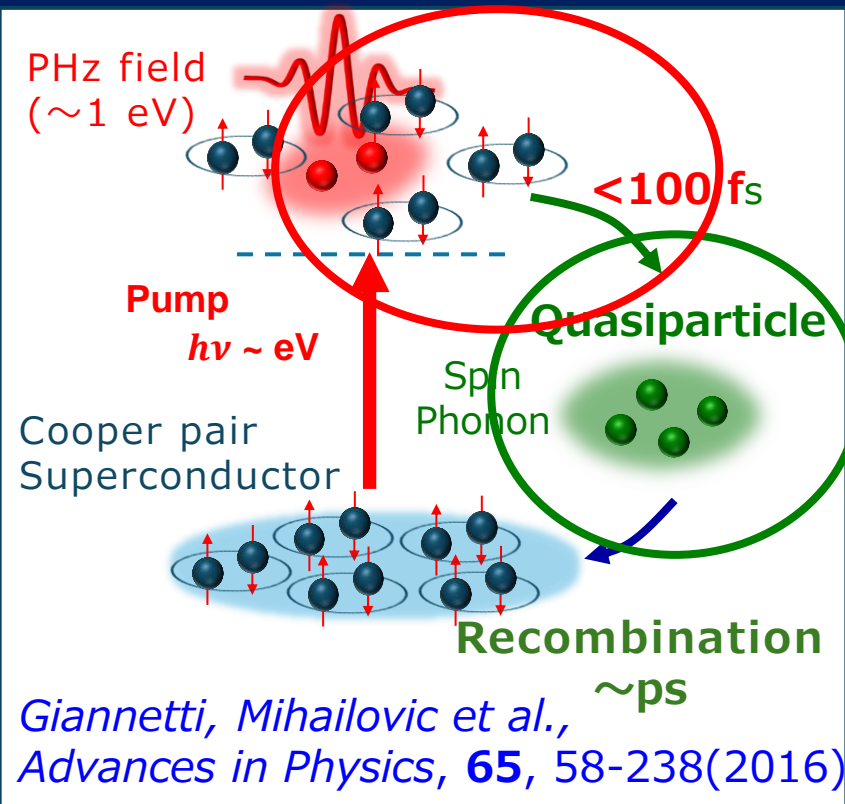
Giannetti, Mihailovic et al.,
Advances in Physics, **65**, 58-238(2016).



Quasi particle(QP)



QP dynamics in HT-SC cuprates



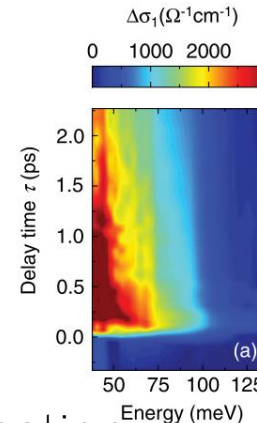
Relaxation of QP

Pashkin *et al.*,
PRL105, 067001(2010) YBCO
Cortés *et al.*,
PRL 107, 097002(2011). BSCCO

THz TDS

Closing of SC gap

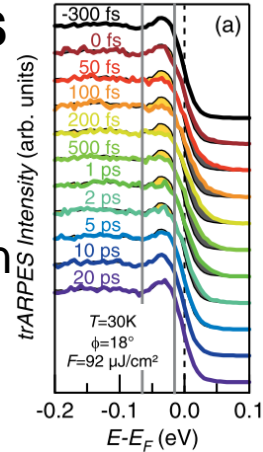
Recombination $\sim 3 \text{ ps}$



tr-ARPES

non-eq. population

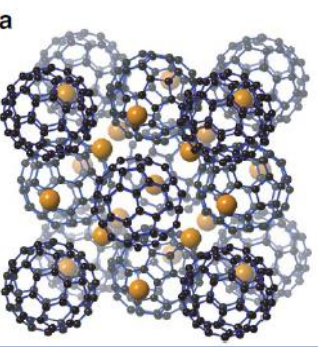
$\rightarrow \text{SC gap} (\sim 10 \text{ meV})$



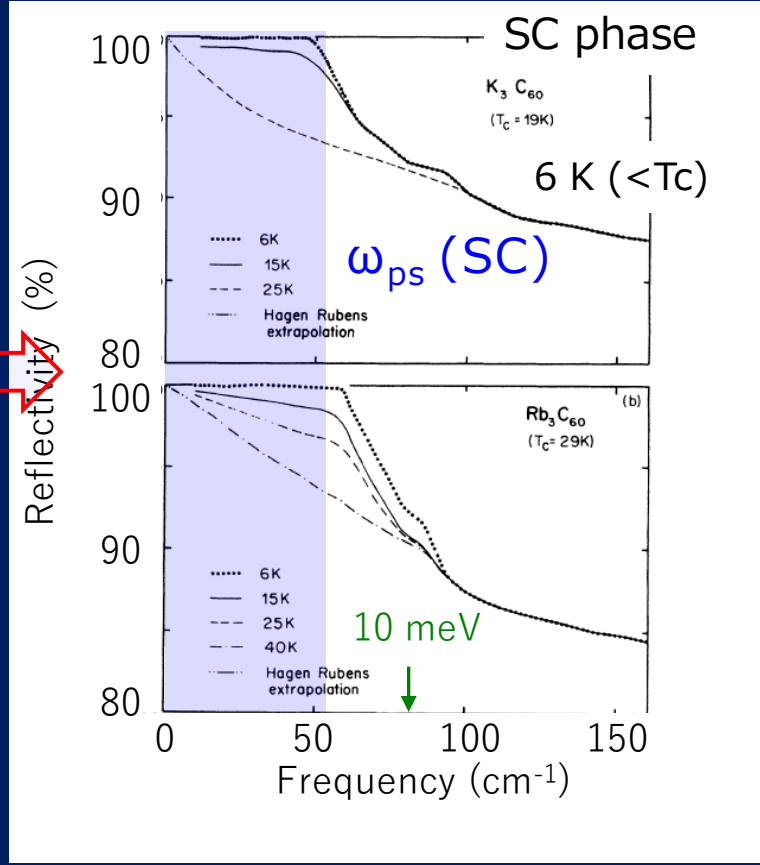
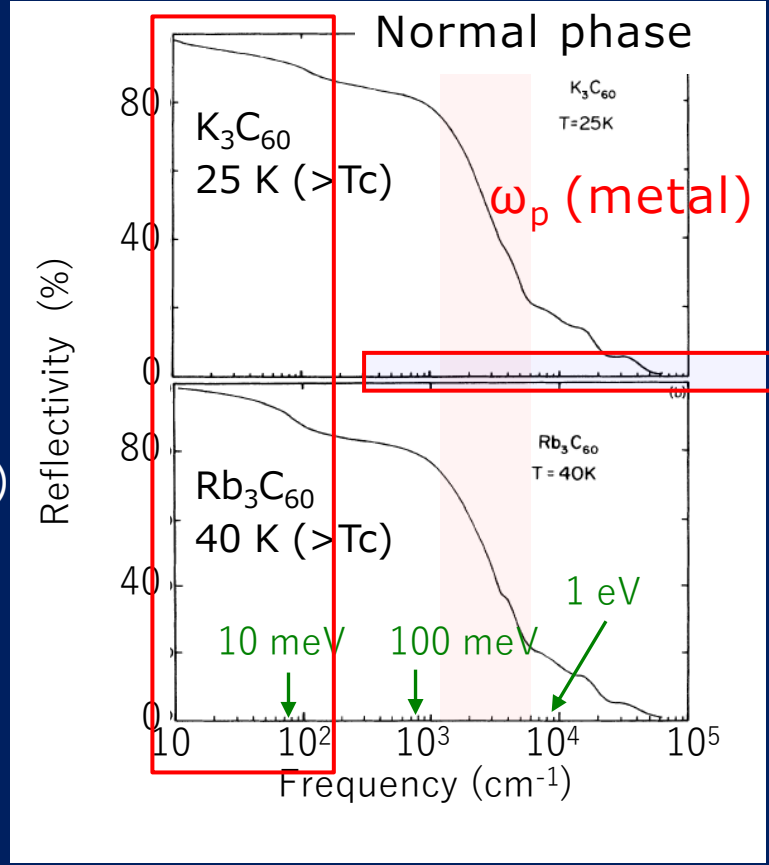
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Phys. Rev. B46 , 14309(1992)
- J. Demsar et al.,
Phys. Rev. Lett. 82, 4918(1999)

- Spectral weight transfer (spectral range of 0.1 ~ 4 eV)
- Build-up of coherent phonons (3.5 & 4.5 THz)

Conventional SC: low energy (\sim meV)



A_3C_{60}
(typical example)
Kasahara et al.,
Nat Commun.
2017



Degiorgi et al., Phys. Rev. B49, 7012(1994)

Drude model (metal)

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_{\infty} - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega(\omega + i\gamma)}$$

$$\omega_p \propto \sqrt{\frac{n}{m^*}}$$

n : carrier number
 m^* : effective mass

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_{\infty} - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega(\omega + i\gamma)} \text{ for } \gamma = 0$$

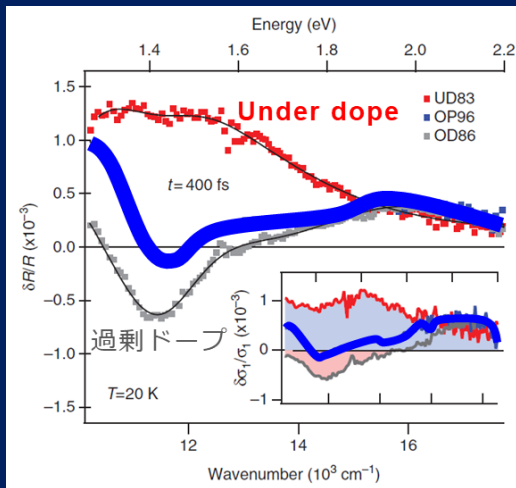
ω_{ps} : SC plasma freq.
 \sim meV

Spectral weight (SW) transfer

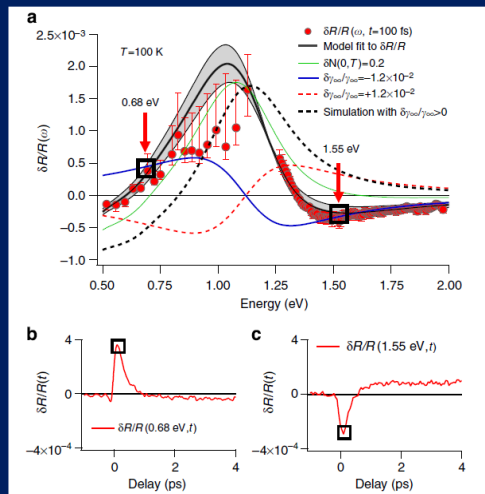
Can be characterize the dynamics of QP generation ?

$\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_{0.92}\text{Y}_{0.08}\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$
 20 K
 pump 1.55 eV
 probe: 1.2–2.2 eV

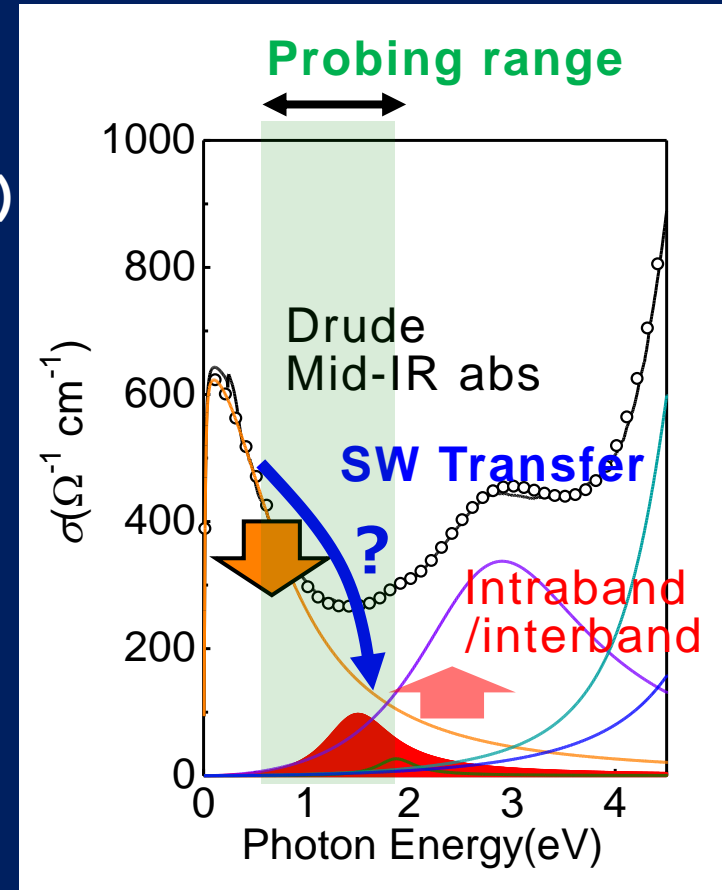
$\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$
 100 K
 pump: 1.55 eV
 probe: 0.5–2.0 eV)



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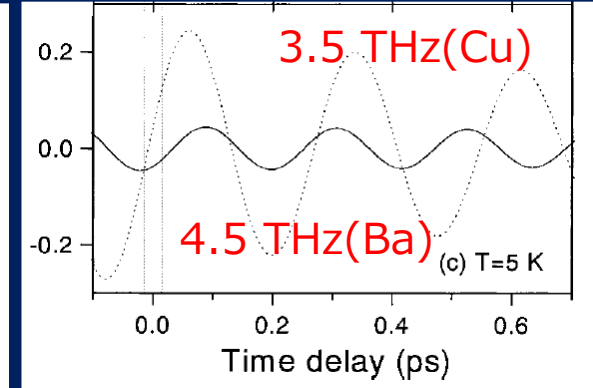
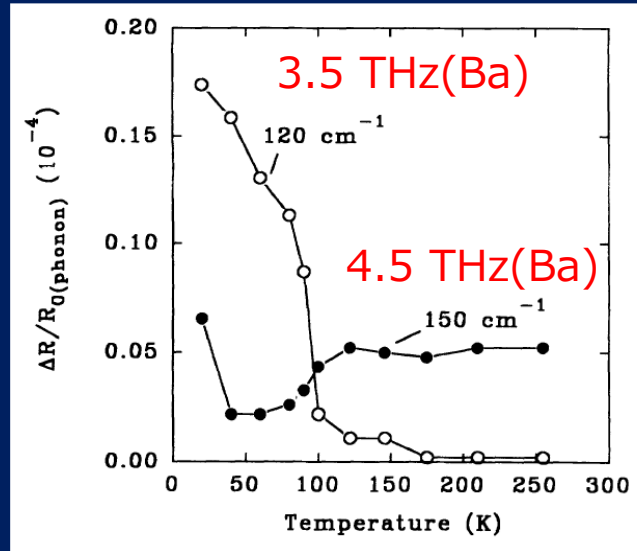
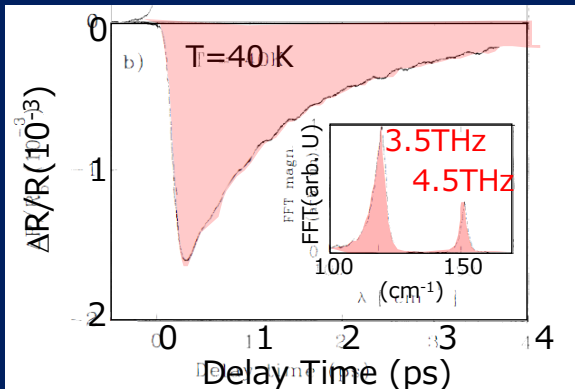
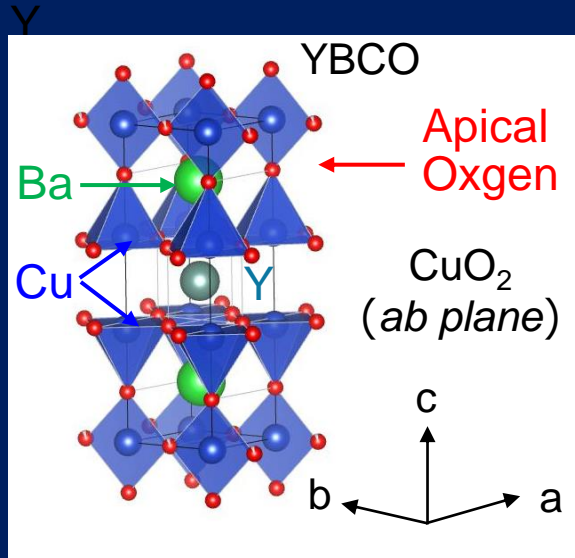


Optimally doped
 Increase of SW in NIR-Vis.

From ext. Drude (mid-IR)
 to Interband tr. ?

- Expansion of spectral range is necessary
- SW transfer reflects the QP dynamics ?

3.5 & 4.5 THz coherent phonons (Ba and Cu)



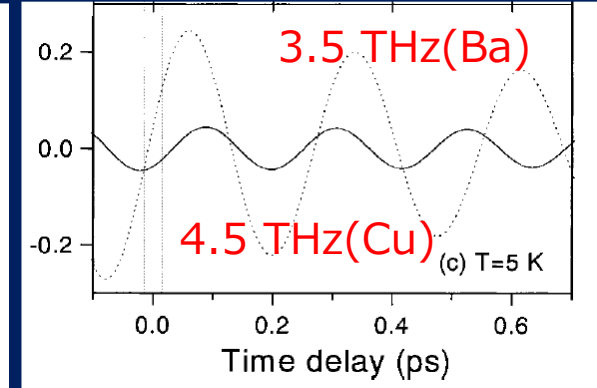
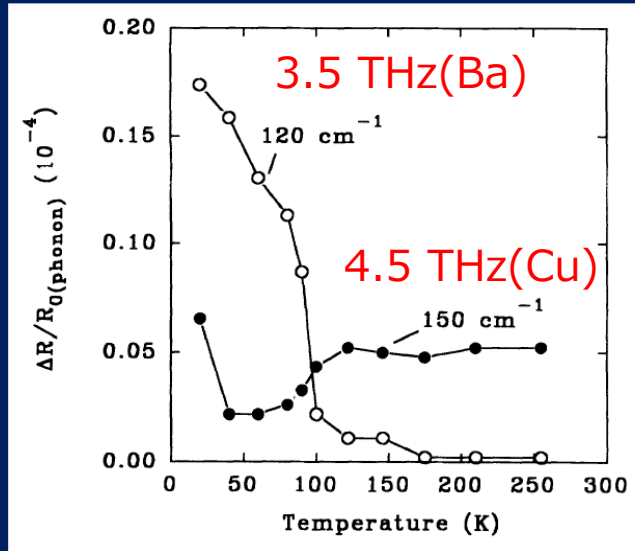
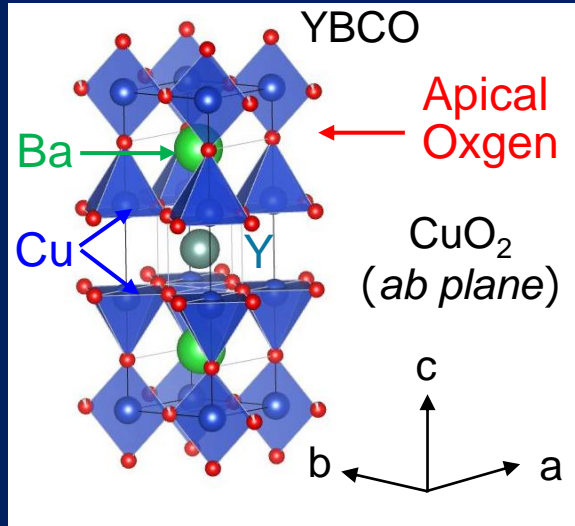
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60 fs pulse, 2 eV

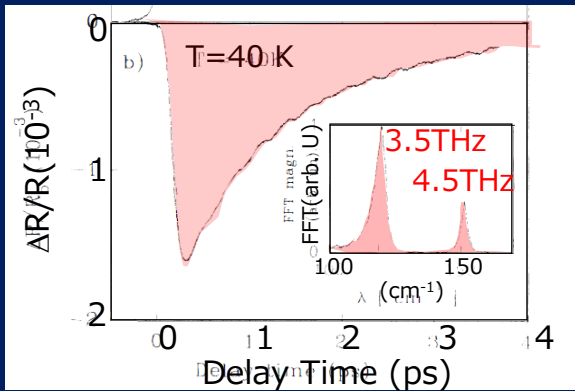
4.5 THz → Cos like (DECP ?)
3.5 THz → Sin like (ISRS ?)

✓ Sensitive to SC (3.5 THz)
backing of CuO₂ plain and e-ph interactions

3.5 & 4.5 THz coherent phonons (Ba and Cu)

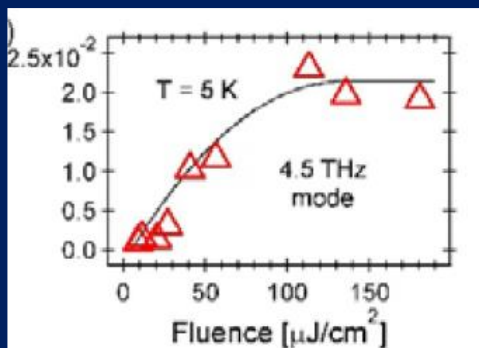


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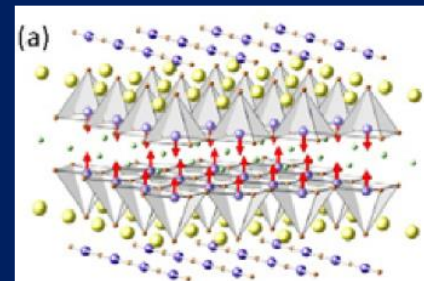


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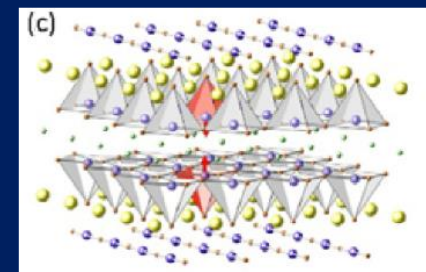
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F. Novelli et al.
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3.5 THz (Ba)
→ macroscopic



4.5 THz (Cu)
→ local mode

✓ Probe energy dependence of CP
✓ DMFT calculation

Objectives: Generation dynamics of QP

Target material $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_y$ ($T_c \sim 92$ K)

1. Spectral weight transfer

(From where ?, To where ? , How fast ?)

✓ Transient reflectivity 0.1 – 4 eV (100 fs)

✓ Spectrum analysis (Drude · Lorentz model)

✓ Time scale of SW transfer
(6 fs pulse measurement)

2. Build-up mechanism of coherent phonons

(build-up times of coherent phonon & SW transfer)

✓ Modulation during 100-200 fs

$\Delta R/R$ spectrum YBCO 0.1~4 eV ($T_c=92$ K)

* Using 100 fs pulse

Previous studies on SC YBCO

- 1) S. G. Han *et al.*, PRL65, 2708(1990)
(1~4 μm films, 2 eV, 60 fs pulse)
- 2) G. L. Eesley *et al.*, PRL65, 3445(1990)
(1 μm film, 2 eV, 80 fs pulse)
- 3) S. V. Chekalin *et al.*, PRL67, 3860(1991)
(150 film/MgO, ~2 eV, 100 fs pulse)
- 4) J. Demsar, PRL82, 4918(1999)
(Bulk ~1.5 eV pump, 80 fs pulse)
- 5) F. Novelli *et al.*
Phys. Rev. B95, 174524 (2017)
(80 nm film/STO, 0.95 eV pump)

✓ < 1.3 eV, > 3 eV ; the first observation

$\Delta R/R$ spectrum YBCO 0.1~4 eV ($T_c=92$ K)

** Using 100 fs pulse*

- ✓ < 1.3 eV, > 3 eV ; the first observation
- ✓ characteristic to SC

$\Delta R/R$ spectrum YBCO ($T_c=92$ K, 10 K)

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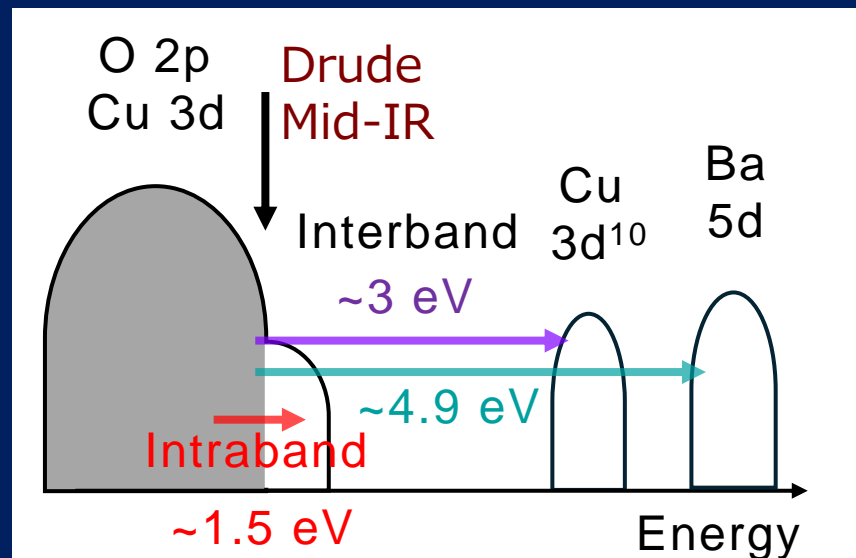
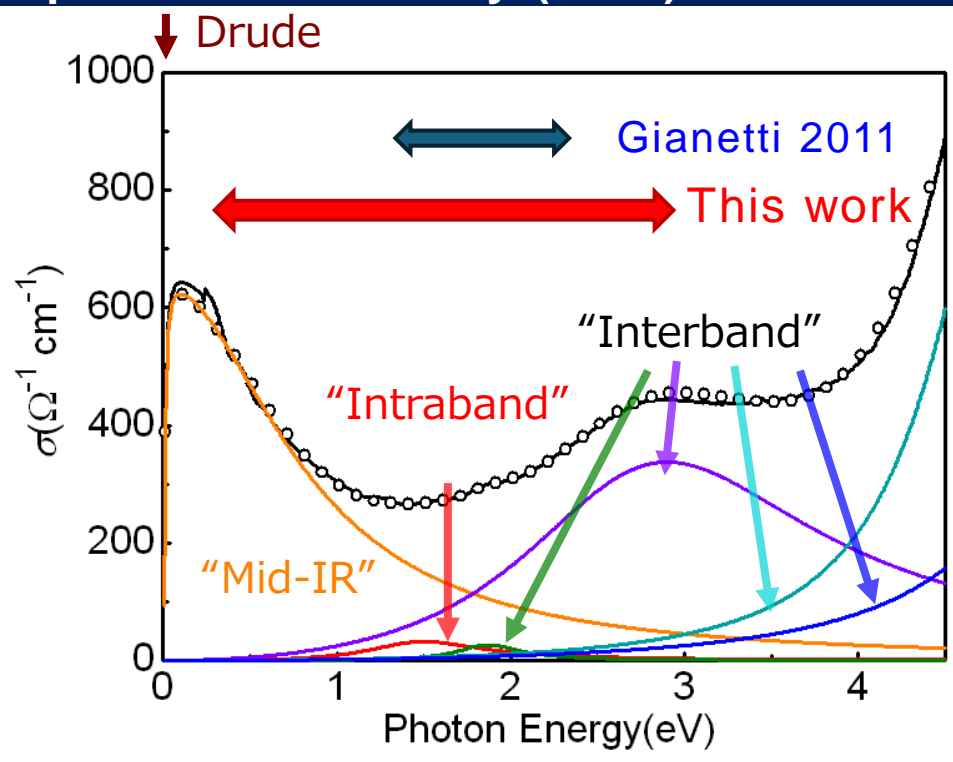
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Drude · Lorentz analysis (steady state)

Optical conductivity (10 K)



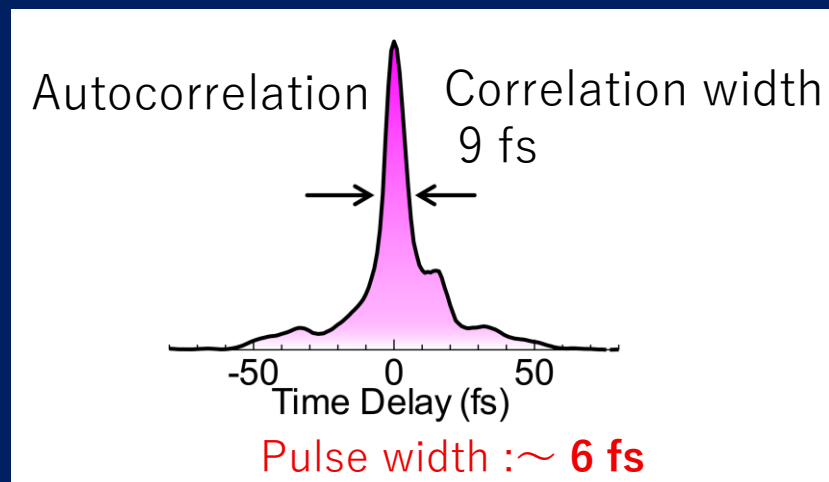
- “Intraband”: partially occupied O2p-Cu3d orbitals
- But, in Bi2212, it is assigned to Zhang Rice singlet-Fermi level

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Dynamics of SW transfer and increase of γ



**Photoinduced SW transfer ;
 ~ 100 fs ?**



Dynamics during < 100 fs time domain

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$\Delta R/R$ measurement using 6 fs pulse

6 fs pulse

✓ $\Delta R/R < 0$

→ "Mid-IR" scattering rate ↑

✓ Oscillations

- T 200~300 fs osc.
- 0-100 fs → T ~ 30-40 fs

✓ $\Delta R/R > 0$

→ "Mid-IR", "Intreband"
spectral weight ↑

$\Delta R/R$ measurement using 6 fs pulse

6 fs pulse

100 fs pulse



✓ $\Delta R/R < 0$ (< 10 fs buildup)
→ "Mid-IR" scattering rate ↑

✓ $\Delta R/R > 0$ (**~ 70 fs buildup**)
→ "Mid-IR", "Intreband"
spectral weight ↑

**Time scales of SW transfer
is determined as ~ 70 fs**

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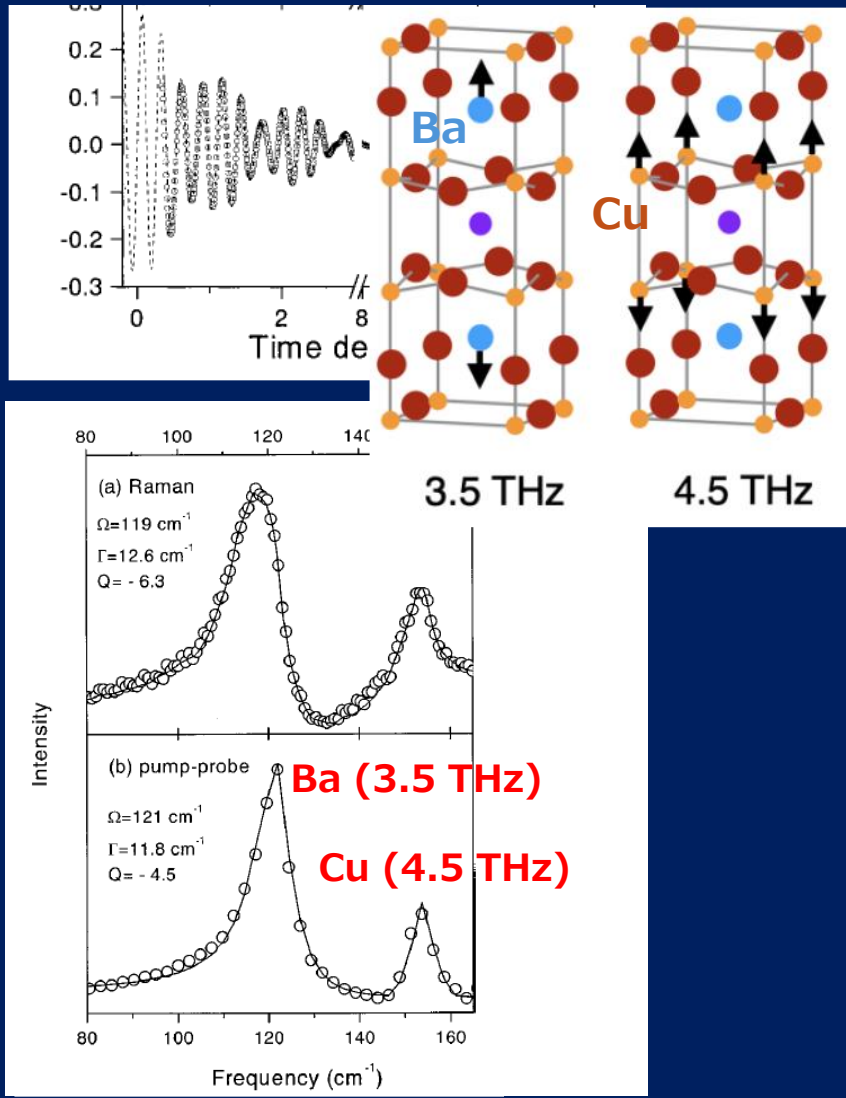
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3.5 & 4.5 THz coherent phonons (Ba and Cu)

80 K



Summary (YBCO)

1. Spectral weight transfer (From where ?, To where ?)

✓ $T < T_c$:

Interband (1.9 eV, 2.9 eV)

→ Intraband(1,5 eV) and mid-IR(0.1 eV)

✓ $T > T_c$:

Interband (4.9 eV) and mid-IR(0.1 eV)

→ Interband(2.9, 1.9 eV)

and Intraband (1.5 eV)

2. <100 fs dynamics (6 fs p-p)

✓ SW transfer ~ 70 fs

✓ 3.5 THz (Ba) modes
is related to SW transfer ?

✓ Apical Oxygen CP
is enhanced below T_c

✓ 30-40 fs oscillation
2-phonon ? magnon ?

Ultrafast precursory dynamics of photoinduced insulator to metal transition

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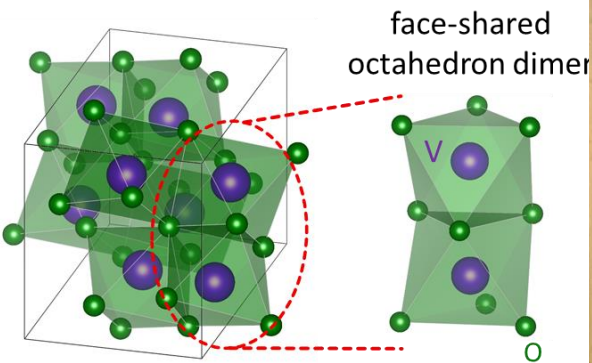
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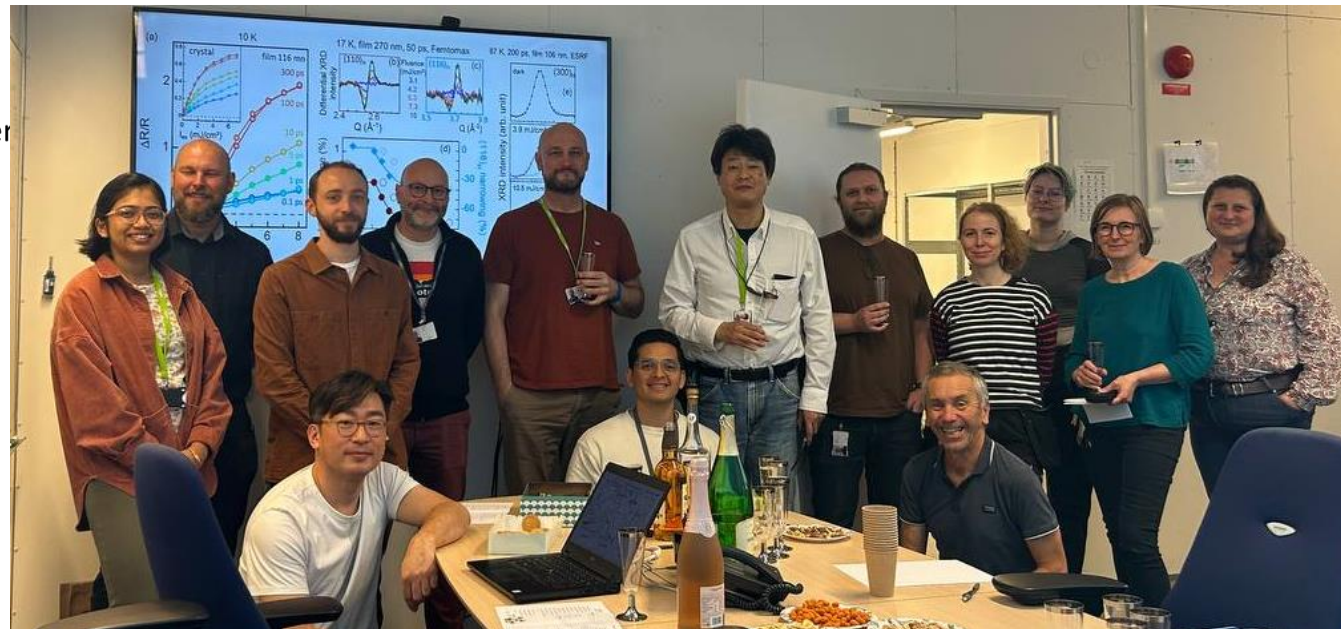
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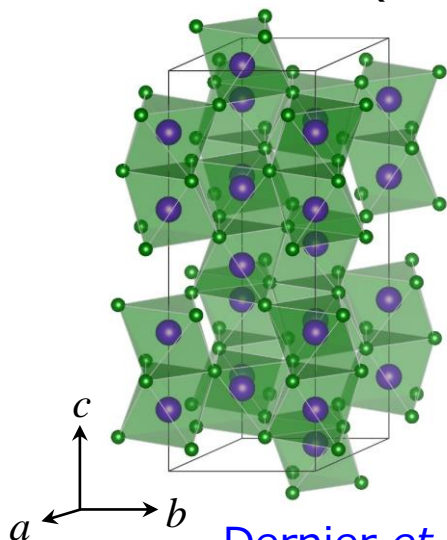


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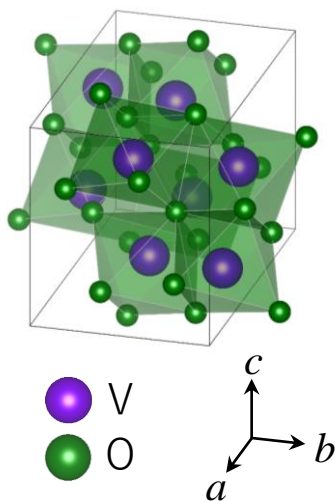
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- iii) Motivation & strategy
- iv) Dynamics of optical gap (100 fs pulse)
 - 100 % phase transition & cooperativity
 - Structural dynamics (transient XRD)
 - Coherent propagation of I-M transition
- v) Precursory dynamics captured by 6 fs pulse
 - I_{ex} dependence of coherent phonons (amplitude, decay, initial phase)

V_2O_3 ; “textbook” Mott insulator, but not so simple

corundum (PM)

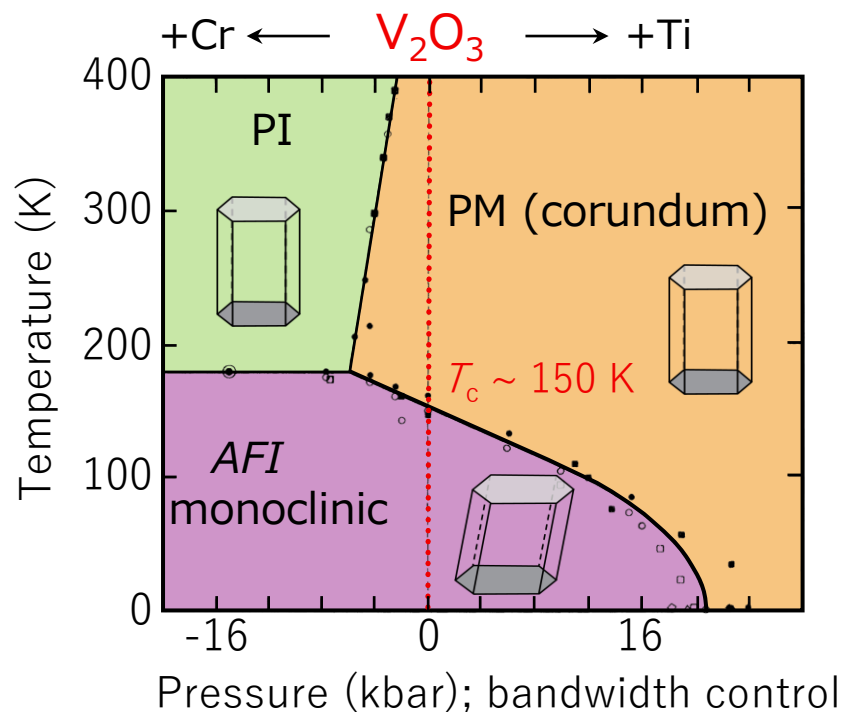


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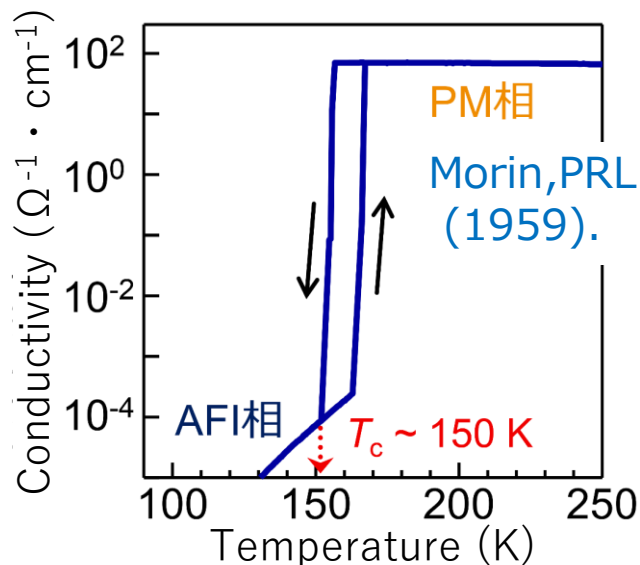


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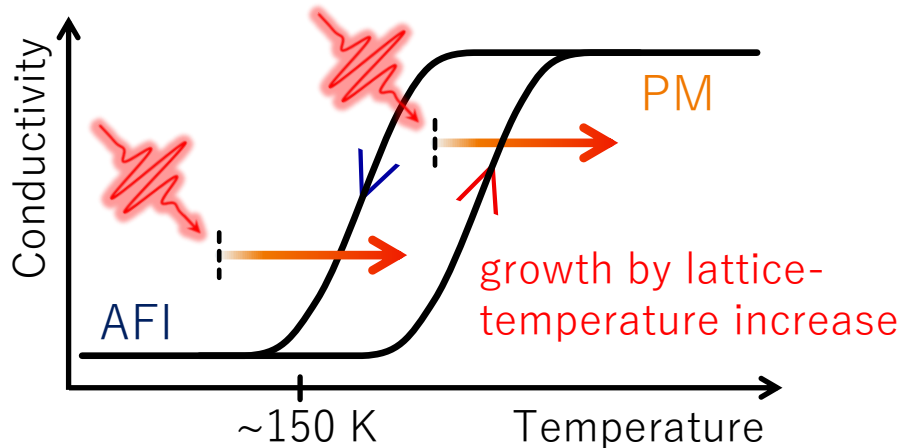
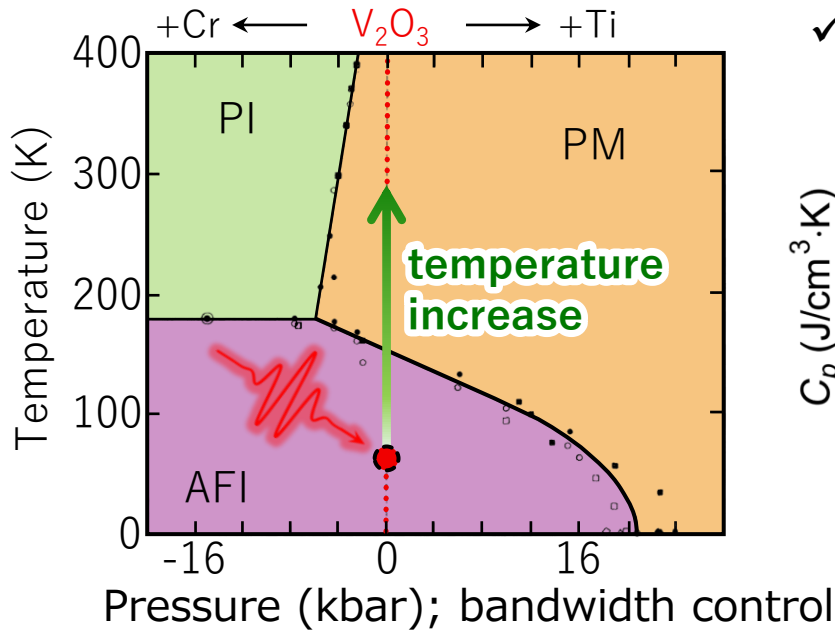
McWhan *et al.*, PRL (1971).



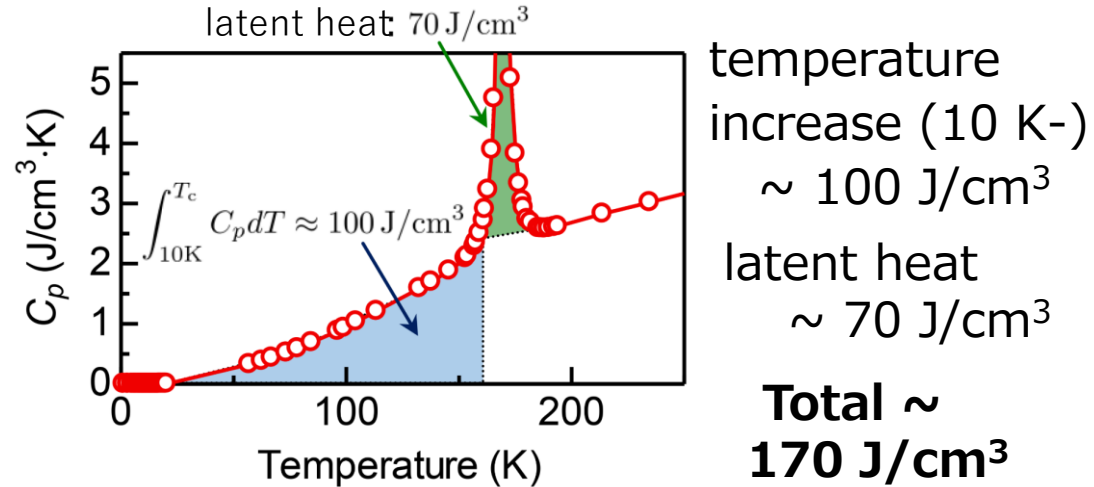
- **AFI-PM: Symmetry change & Volume change**
- **Electron correction and electron-phonon interaction cooperatively work**

- heat capacity: Anderson, J. Am. Chem. Soc. (1936).
- neutron scattering: Word *et al.*, PRB (1981).
- Raman scattering: Kuroda *et al.*, PRB (1977).
- optical conductivity: Barker *et al.*, Solid State Commun. (1970).

Early studies on PIPT (thermal process)



✓ thermally-driven I-M transition

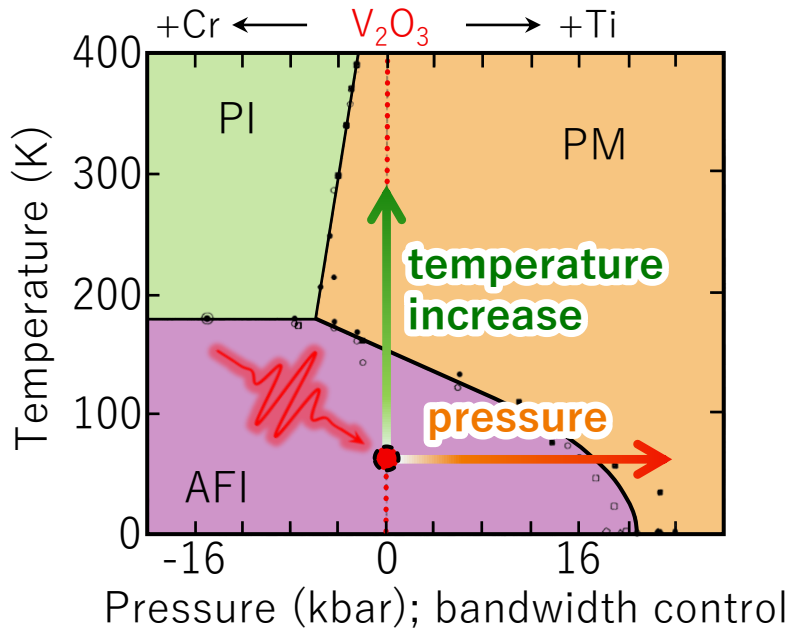


Transient (optical) abs. spectroscopy
(epitaxial film: AFI) [Liu et al., PRL \(2011\)](#).
[Abreu et al., PRB \(2015\)](#).

Transient X-ray scattering
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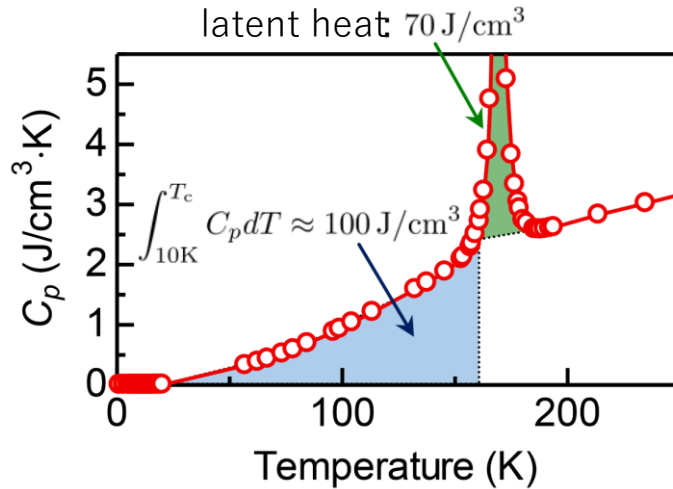
- **Near the transition temp.**
- **Nucleation growth by laser heating**

Thermal vs. Pressure (non-thermal)



D. Babich, PhD thesis,
University of Nantes (2020).

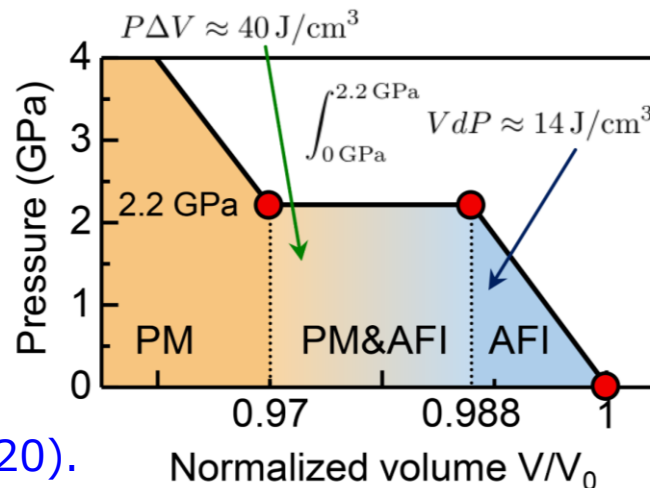
✓ thermally-driven I-M transition



temperature
increase (10 K-)
 $\sim 100 \text{ J/cm}^3$
latent heat
 $\sim 70 \text{ J/cm}^3$

**Total \sim
 170 J/cm^3**

✓ pressure-driven I-M transition



**heat(AFI-PM)
 $\sim 54 \text{ J/cm}^3$**

(Light induced) Pressure-driven IMT is more likely to occur ?

Motivation

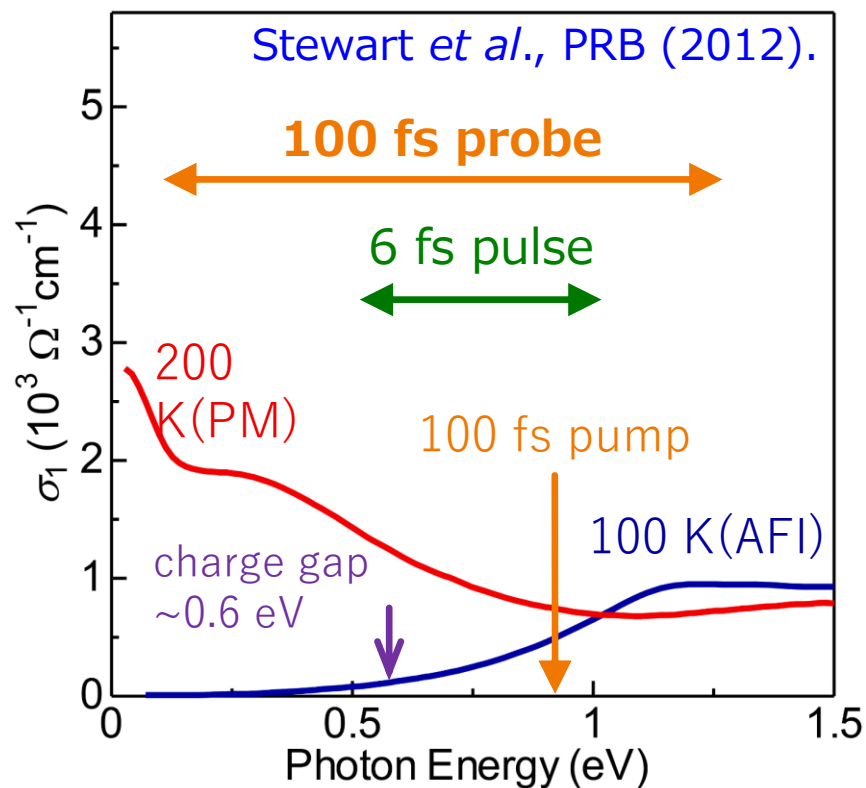
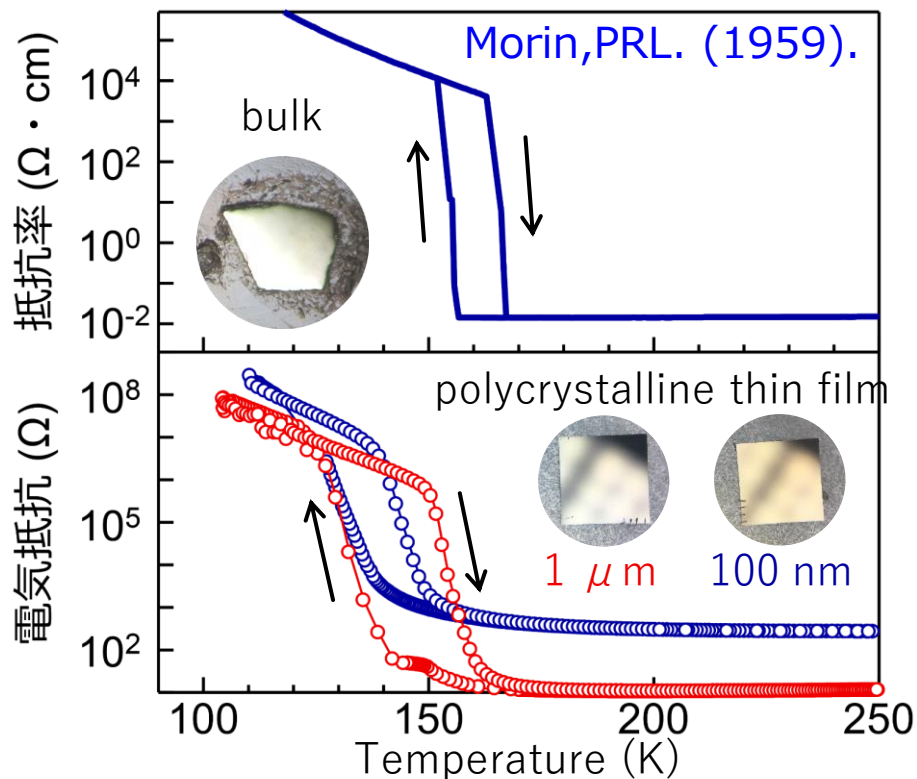
To demonstrate nonthermal IMT in V_2O_3

Strategies

- Low Temperature (10 K, Laser heating does not reach T_c)
- **Optical detection** to measure the **gap closing**
(mid-IR~NIR 100 fs, 6 fs pulses)
- **Time resolved XRD** to confirm symmetry and volume changes
(Time resolution ~ 200 fs)
- **Nanocrystal** (domain 20 nm)

Experimental conditions

Temperature dependences of conductivity Optical conductivity spectra



Sample

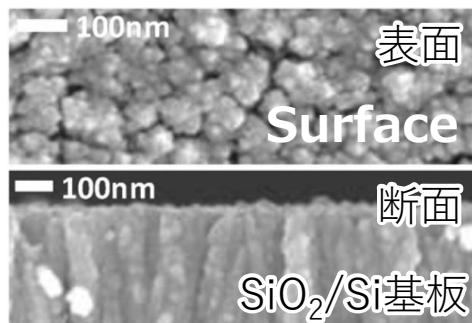
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➤ || c-axis, \perp c-axis

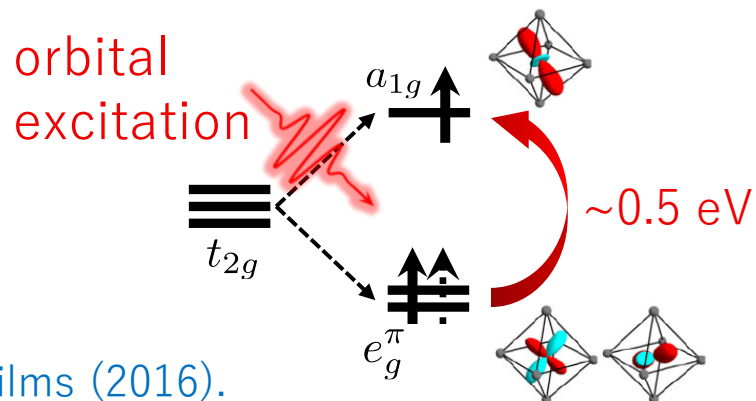
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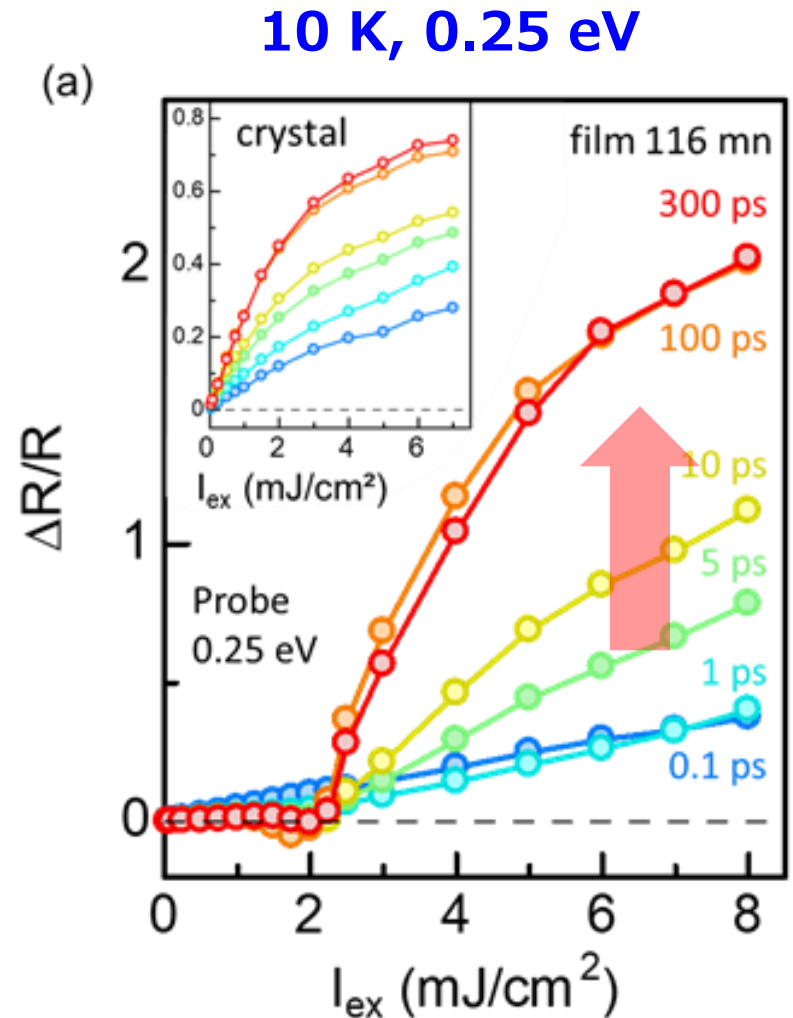
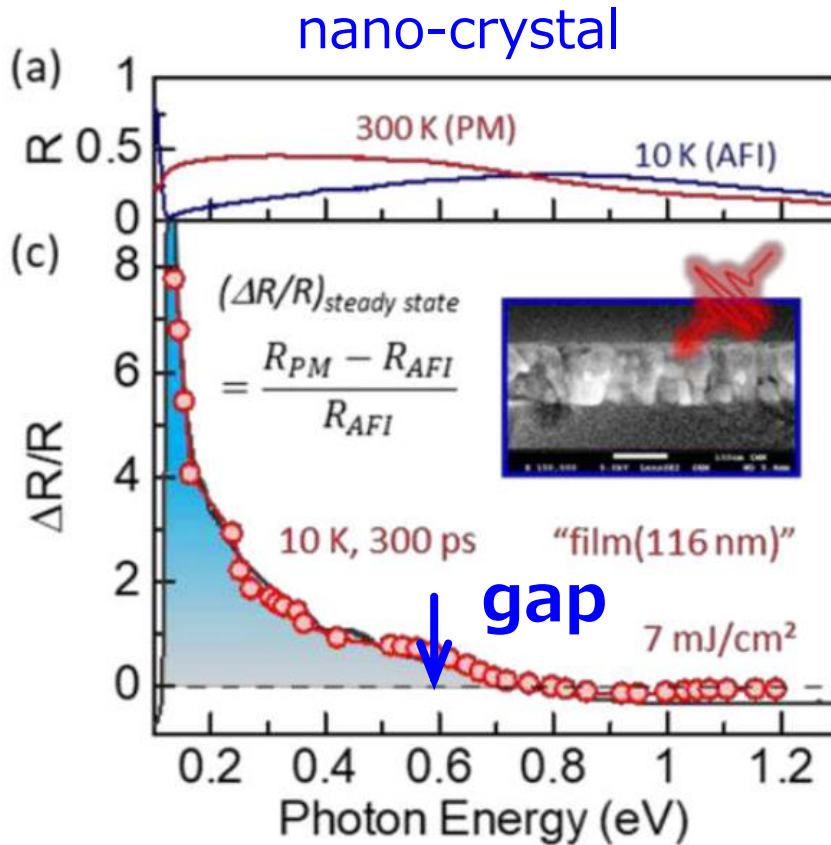
domain size: ~ 20 nm (AFI)



Querré *et al.*, Thin Solid Films (2016).



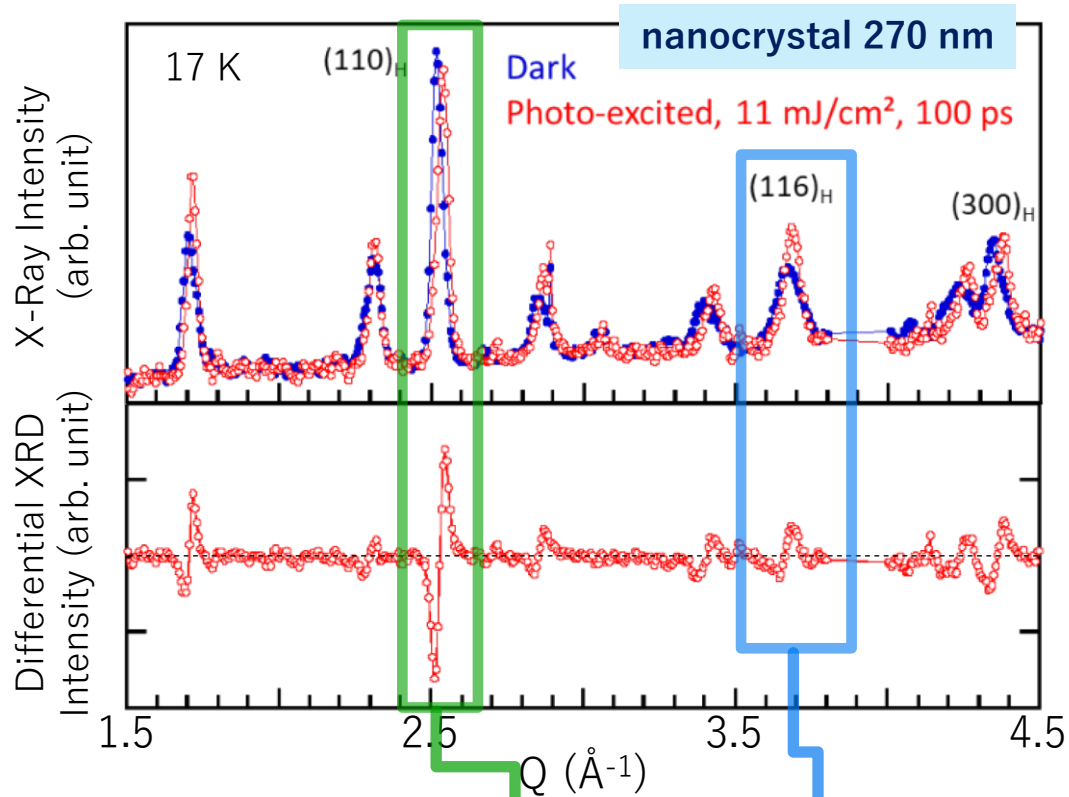
PIPT in V_2O_3 nanocrystal vs. bulk at 10 K

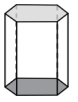
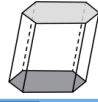


Amano et al.,
Nat. Phys. accepted

optical gap is closed in 30ps (nano-crystal)

Transient XRD (symmetry & volume)



	V-V distance	Symmetry
PM	2.700 Å	Colundam 
AFI	2.745 Å	monoclinic 



FemtoMAX

- Pump: 0.95 eV (from OPA)
- Time resolution ~ 210 fs

Transient XRD : Symmetry & Volume changes

Symmetry change

Monoclinmic \rightarrow Corundum

• **completed in ~ 3 ps**

$v_{\text{sound}} = 4.2$ nm/ps (transverse)

Domain size ~ 20 nm

Yelon and Kenn,

Solid State Comm. 29, 775 (1979)

Volume decrease ($\sim 1.5\%$ I \rightarrow M)

Delayed ~ 9 ps (incubation time)

rise time depends on film thickness

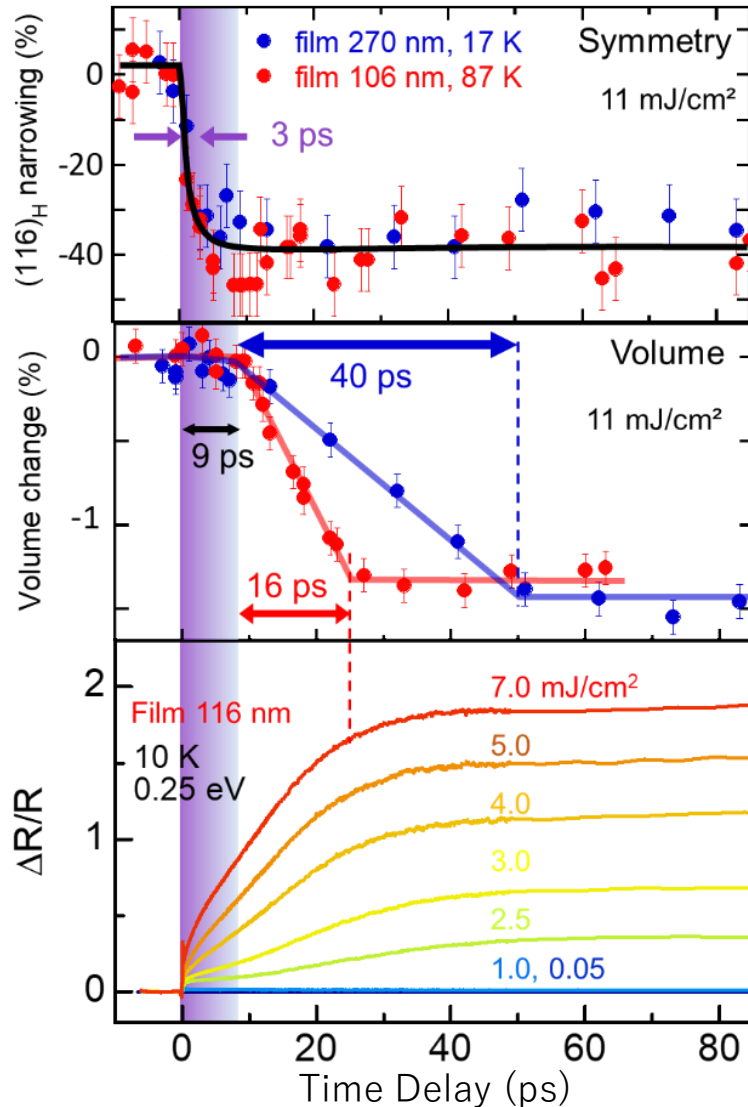
$d = 106$ nm | **~ 16 ps**

$d = 270$ nm | **~ 40 ps**

$v_{\text{sound}} = 7.4$ nm/ps (Longitudinal)

independent of temperature

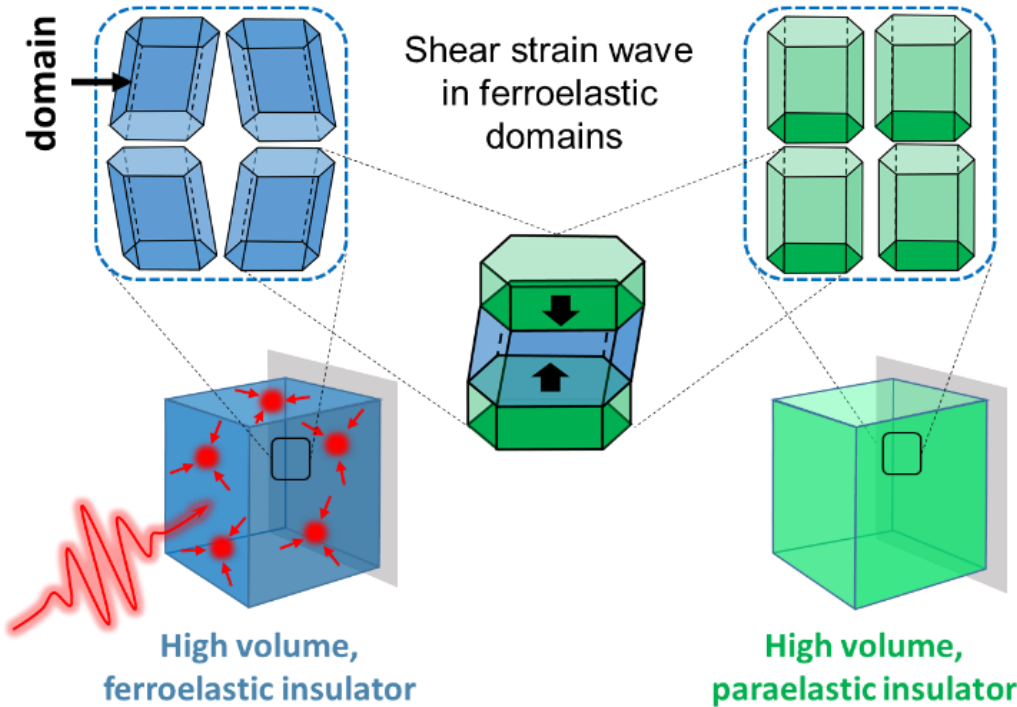
\rightarrow **nonthermal process**



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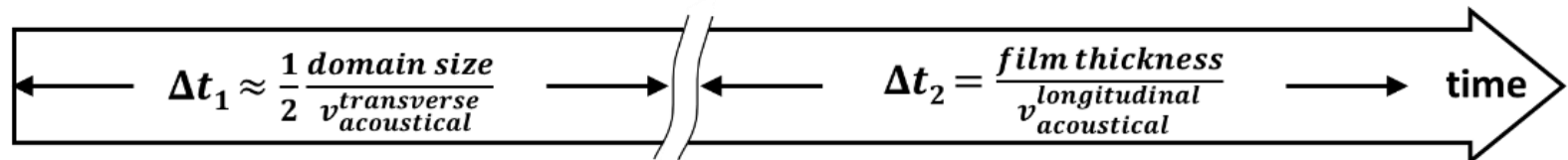
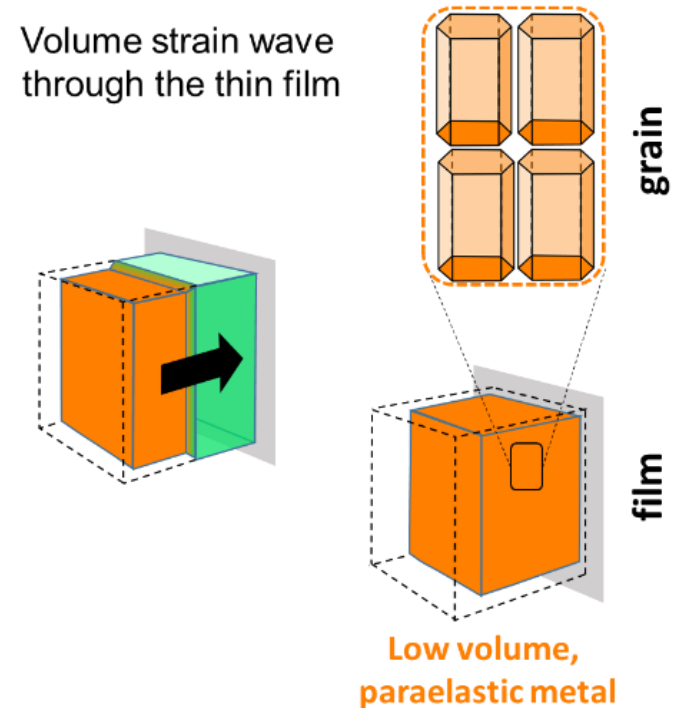
strainwave
in domain (Transverse)

$$v_{\text{sound}} = 4.2 \text{ nm/ps}$$



strainwave
in thin film (longitudinal)

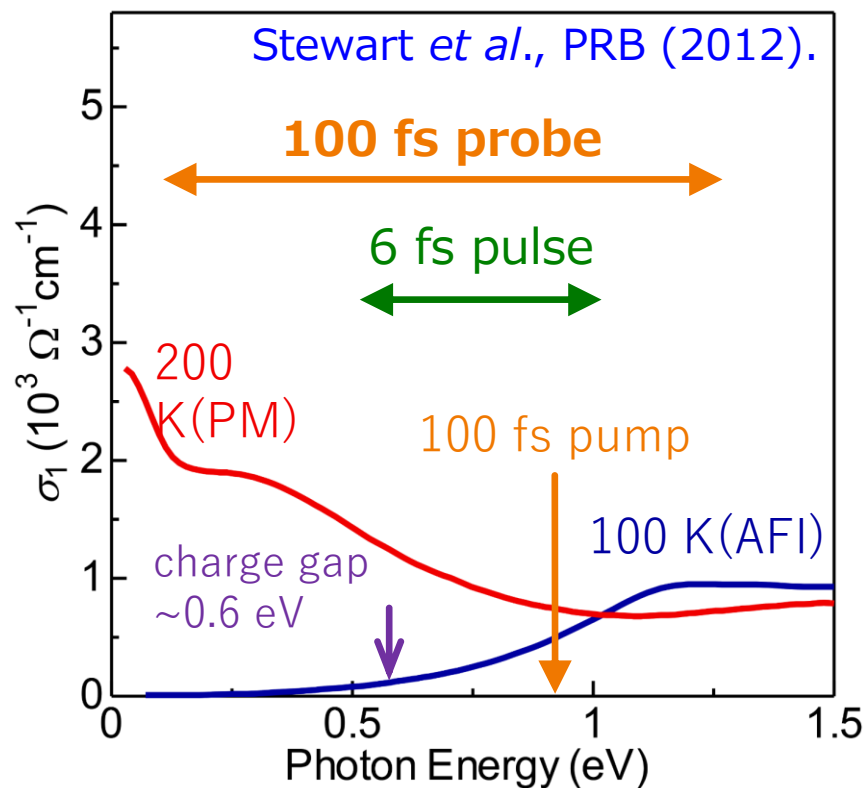
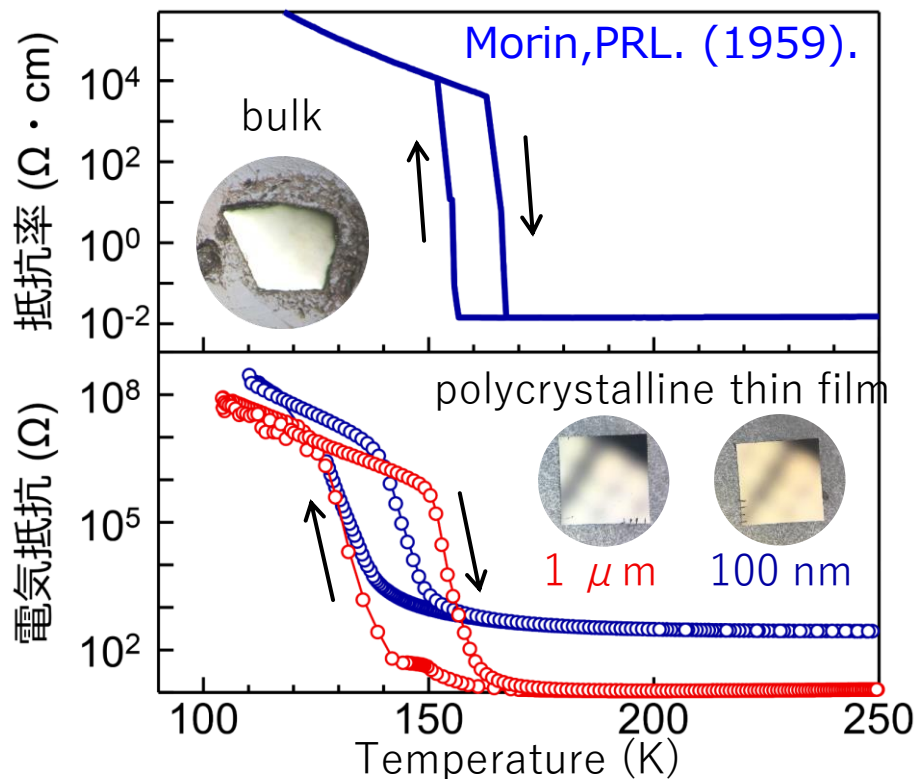
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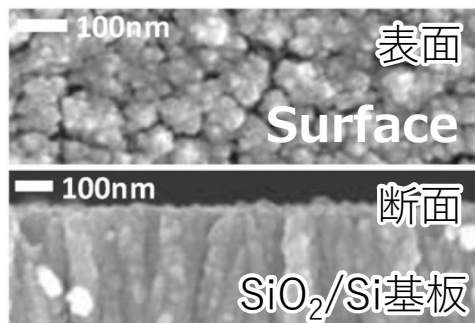
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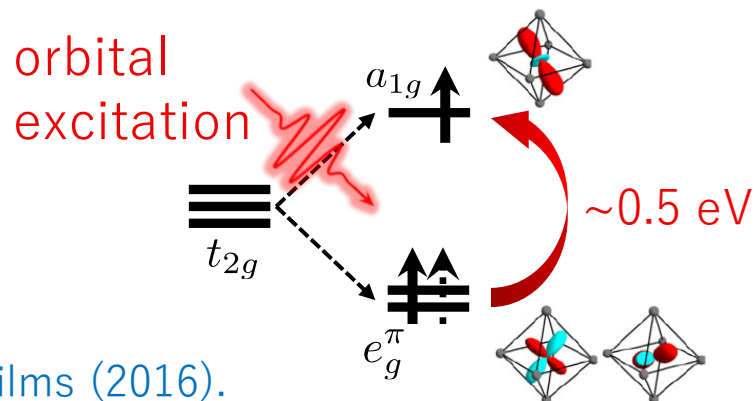
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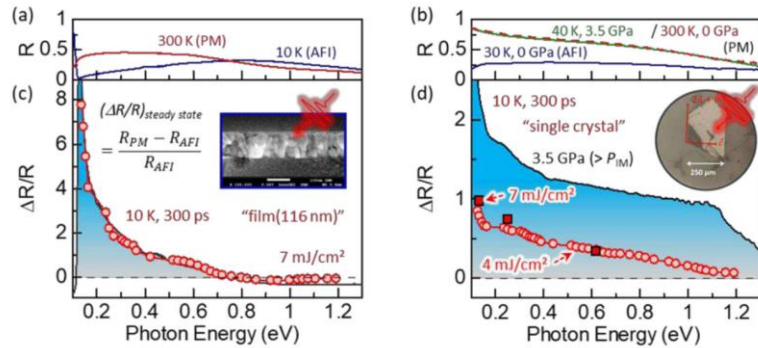
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Summary (V_2O_3)

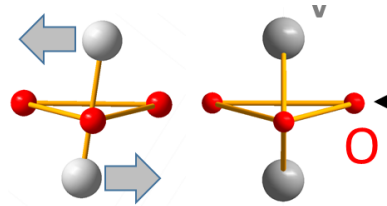
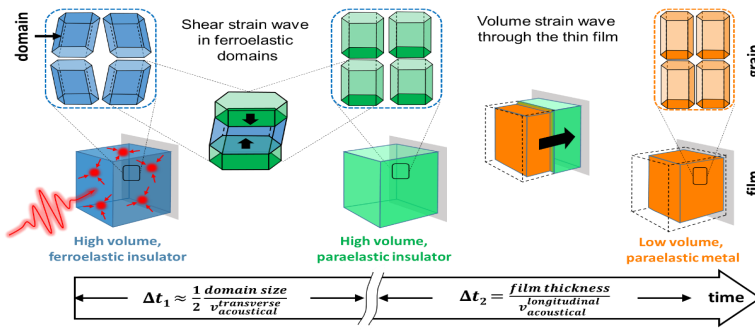


1: Mott gap dynamics

- 100 % change of $\Delta R/R$ only in the nanocrystal
- Gap closing is characterized by 30ps (100 nm)
- Temporal change of isobestic point

2: Structural dynamics

- Symmetry change < 3 ps
- Volume change 25 ps (106 nm), 50 ps(270 nm)
- Incubation time for volume change (~ 9 ps)

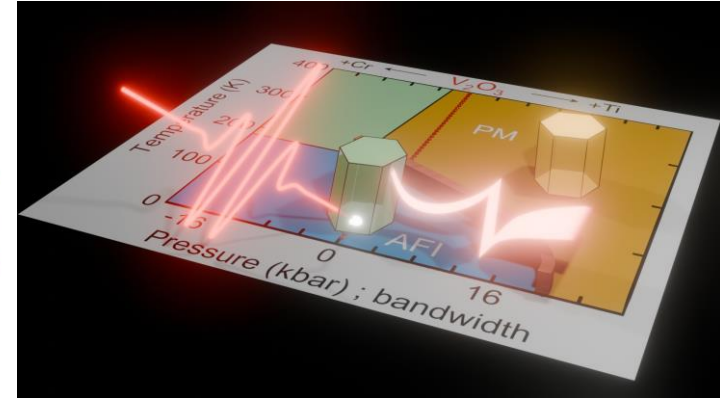
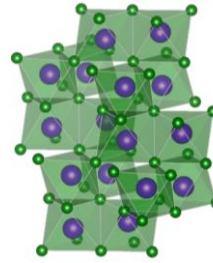
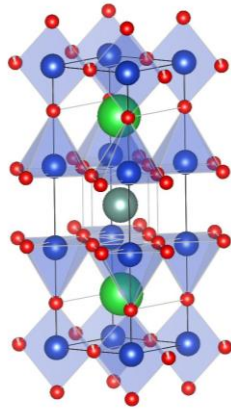
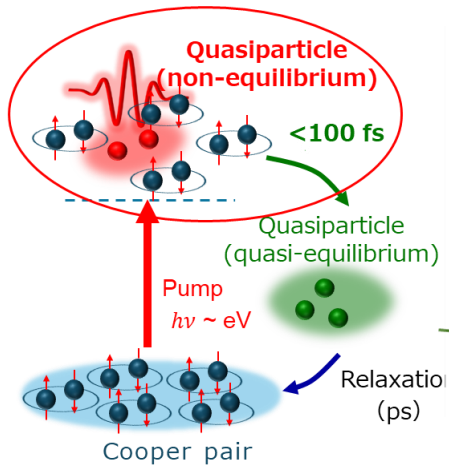


3: precursory dynamics

- 3 characteristic V-V modes ($237, 276, 322 \text{ cm}^{-1}$)
- Only 237 cm^{-1} (shear) mode shows nonlinearity
- 237 cm^{-1} also shows lifetime shortening ($< 1/10$!)

Immediate disappearance of the af interaction ?

Summary



High- T_c SC cuprate (YBCO)

*Kato et al.,
Ultrafast Phenomena 2024*

Ferroelastic Mott insulator V_2O_3

Amano et al., Nat. Phys. accepted

Ultrafast dynamics (toward $< 1 \text{ fs}$) can clarify the microscopic mechanism of symmetry change