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Ultrafast phenomena characterisation using time-resolved digital holography

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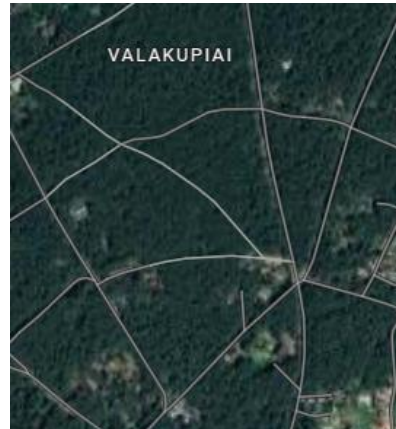
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Prelude

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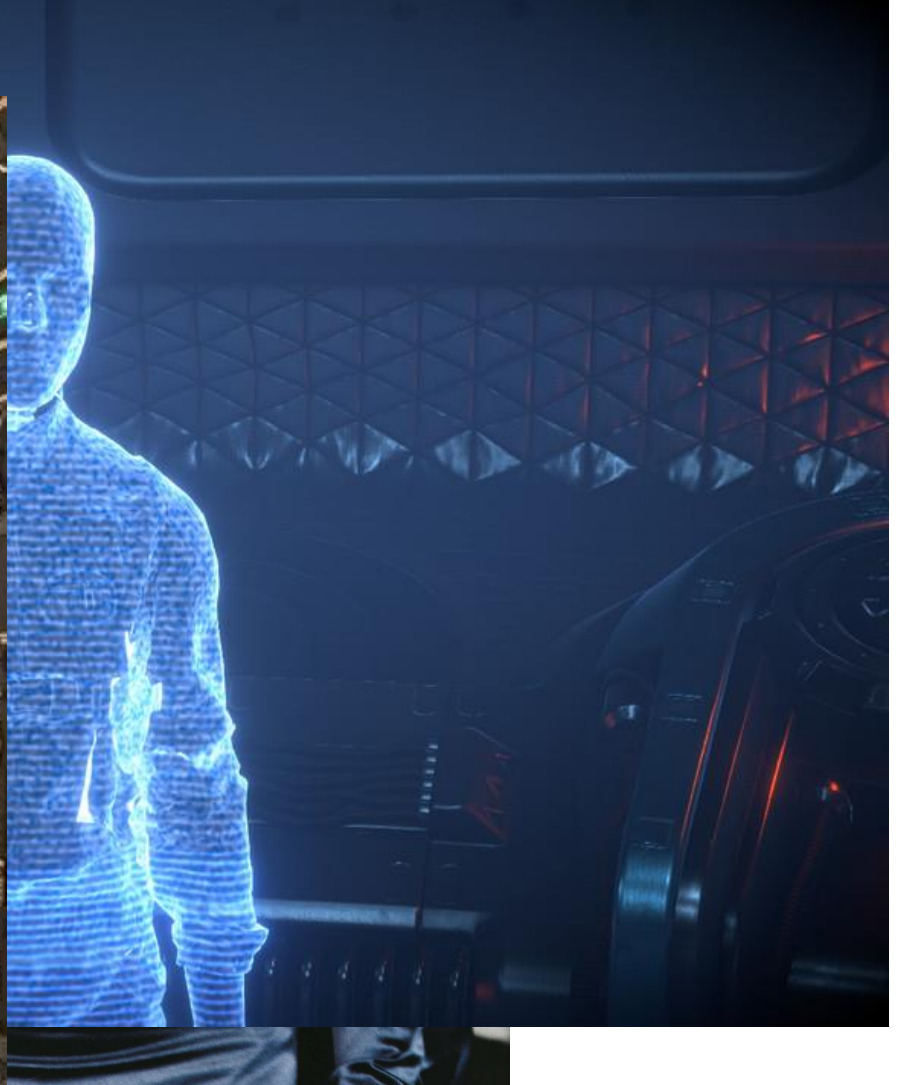
R&D

- EXTREME POWER (TW) LASER SOURCES
- ULTRAFAST NONLINEAR OPTICS
- LASER 3D MICRO/NANOSTRUCTURING
- LASER MICROMACHINING
- ULTRAFAST SPECTROSCOPY
- OPTICS CHARACTERIZATION AND LASER DAMAGE TESTING

Mileišiškės

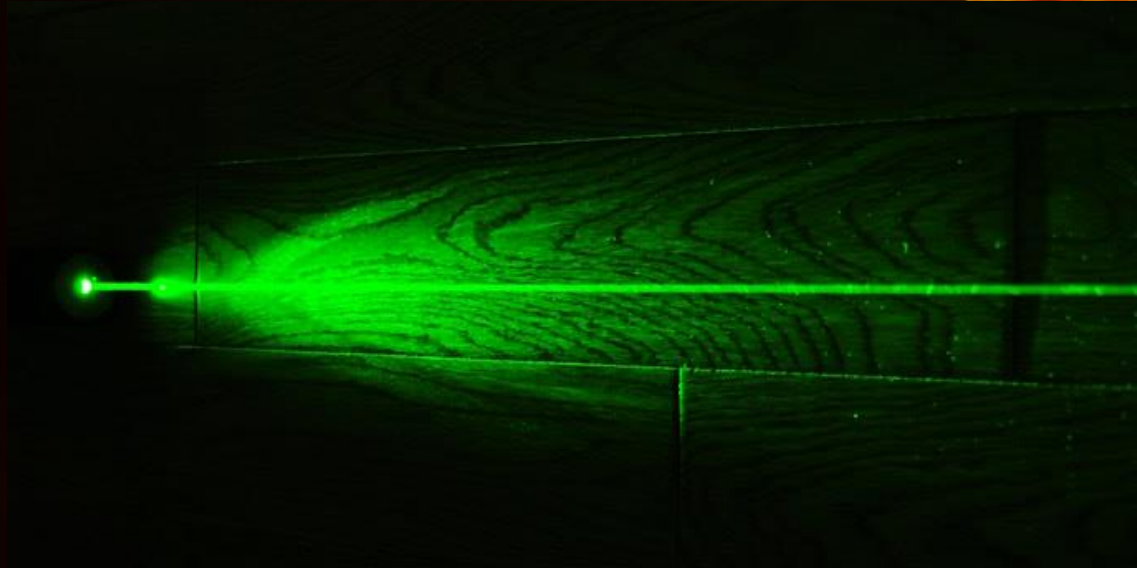
Motivation

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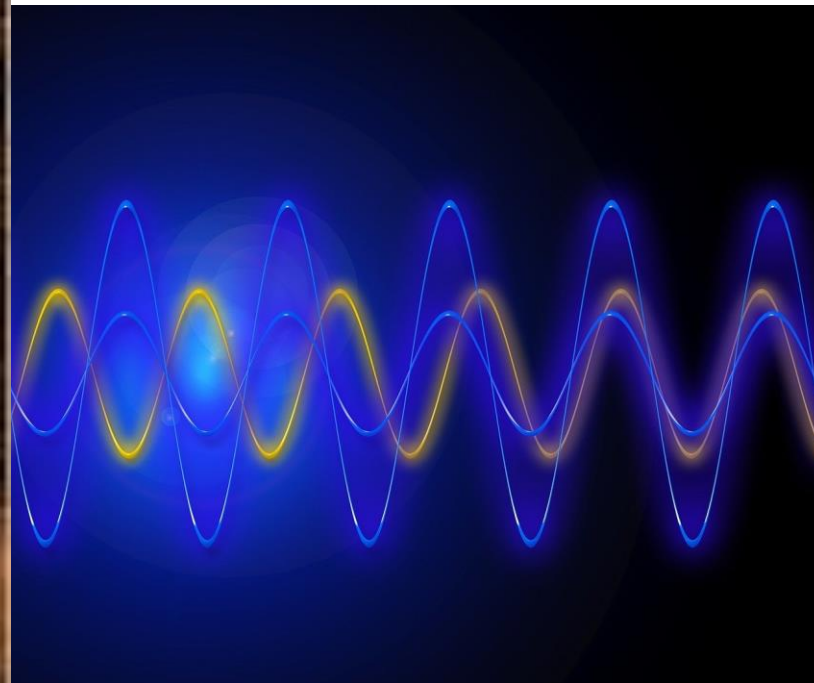
Methodology: Pump-probe

- What is the rate of CCD cameras?
- How fast is ultrafast?



Holography

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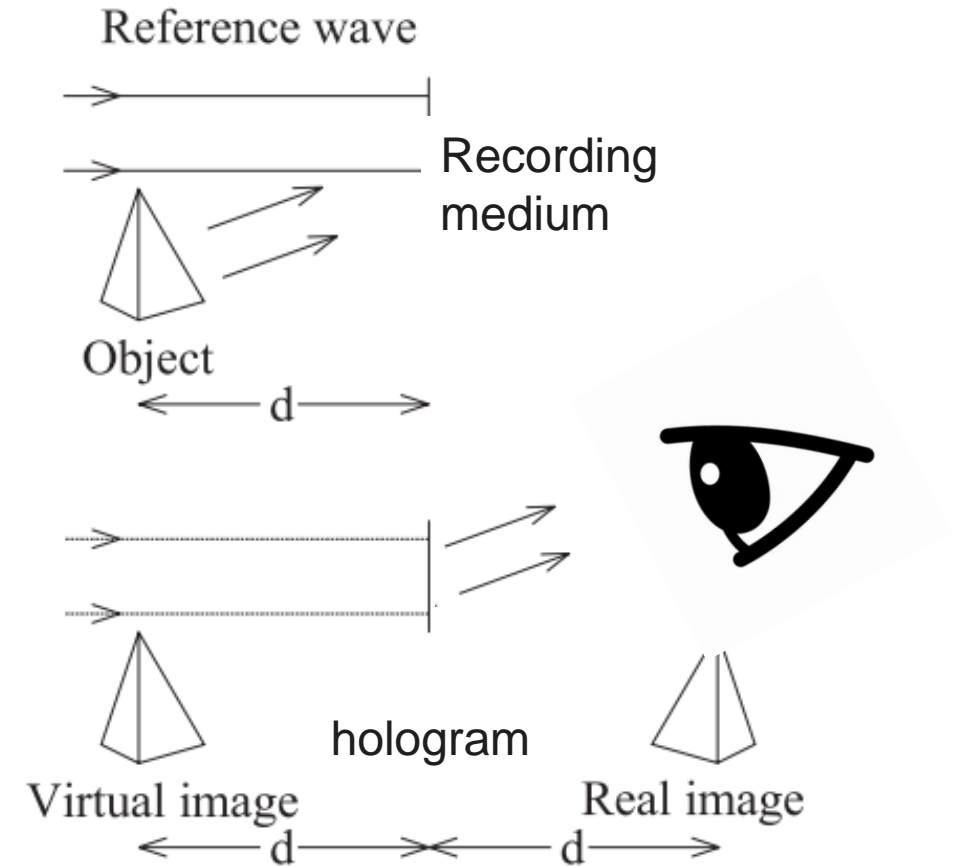
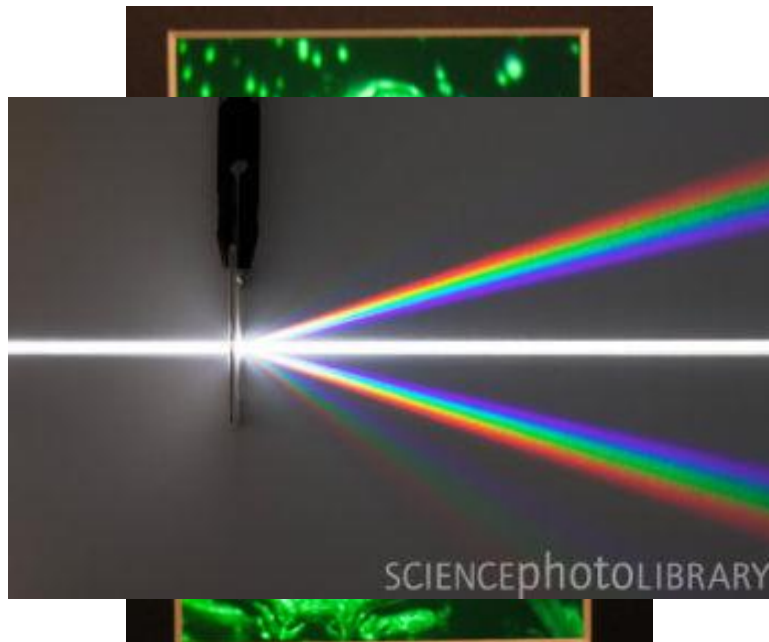


Holography

$$h = \beta I$$

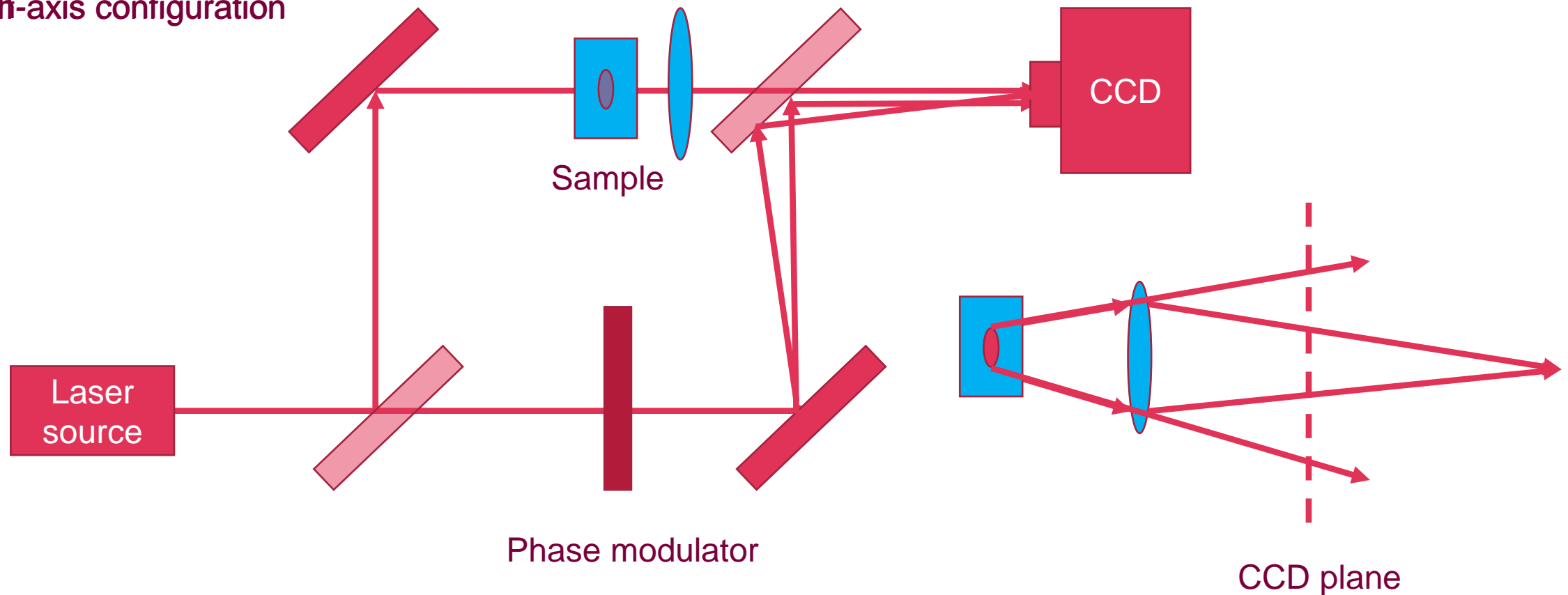
$$I = |O + R|^2 = (O + R)(O + R)^* = o^2 + r^2 + RO^* + OR^*$$

$$Rh = R\beta(O + R)(O + R)^* = \beta(R(o^2 + r^2) + R^2O^* + r^2O)$$



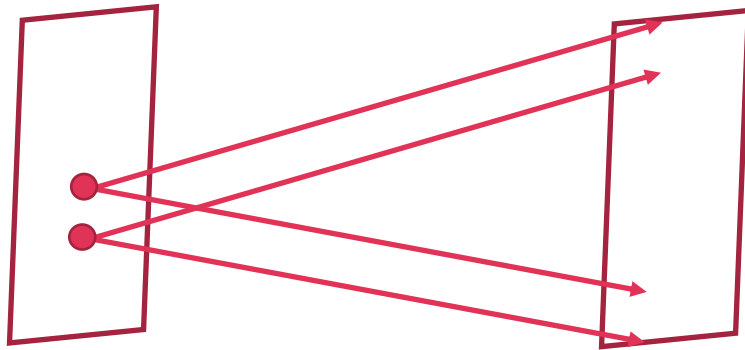
Digital holography setups

Off-axis configuration



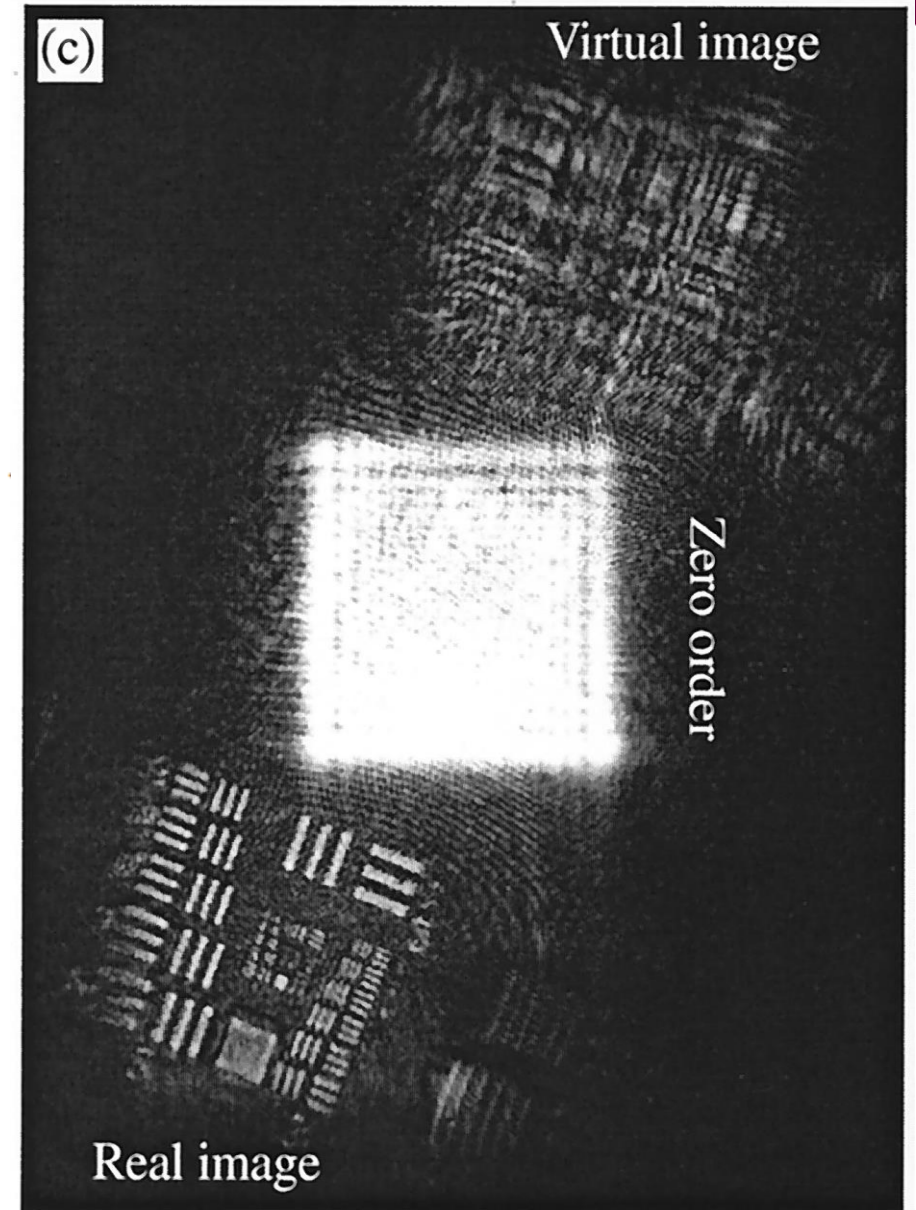
Digital reconstruction

$$\Gamma(\xi, \eta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x, y) R(x, y) g(\xi, \eta, x, y) dx dy$$



$$\Gamma(\xi, \eta) = \mathfrak{F}^{-1}\{\mathfrak{F}(h \cdot R) \cdot \mathfrak{F}(g)\}.$$

$g(\xi, \eta, x, y)$



Pros and cons

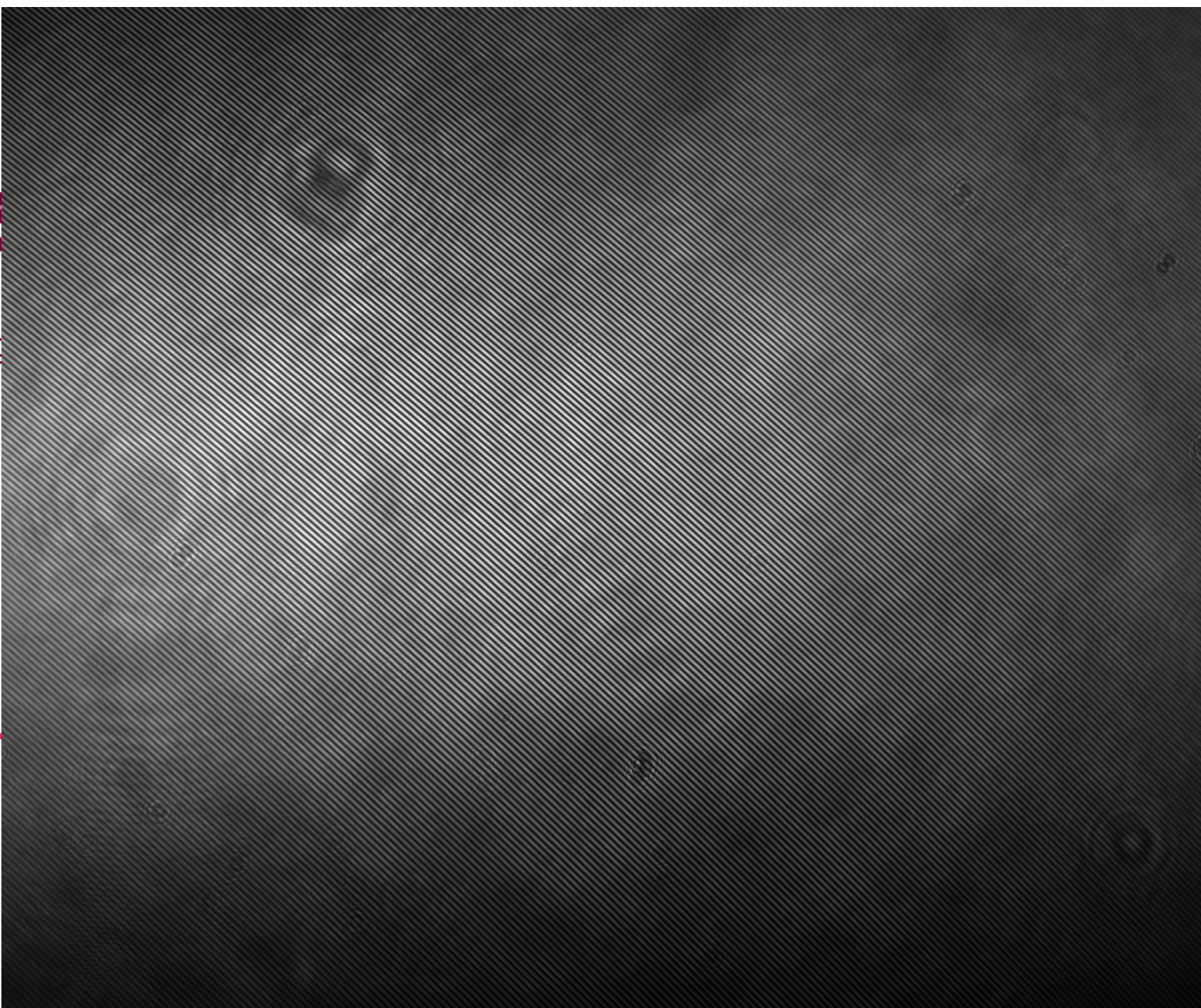
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Quantitative phase	Phase unwrapping
Numerical focusing	Speckle noise
Noncontact	interpretation
Price	
Real-time	
Digital	

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Off-axis config

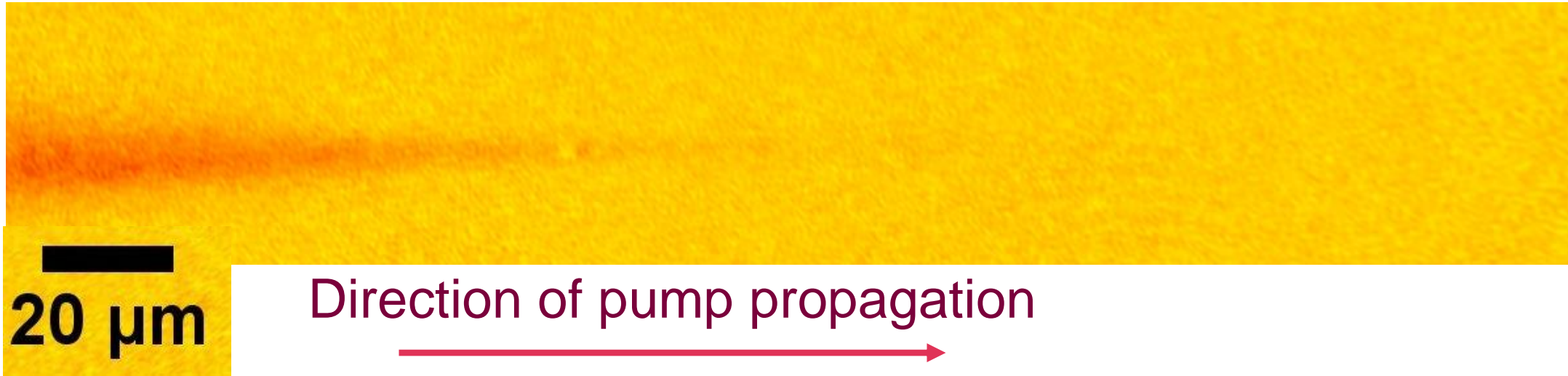
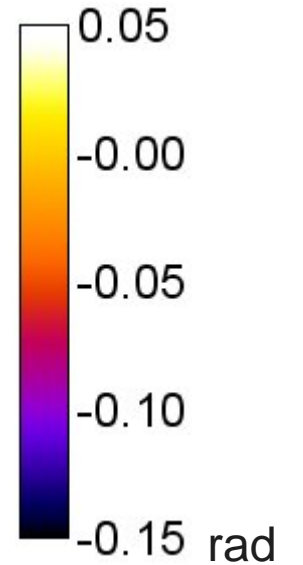
Laser
source

10-30 fs



Material response to laser excitation

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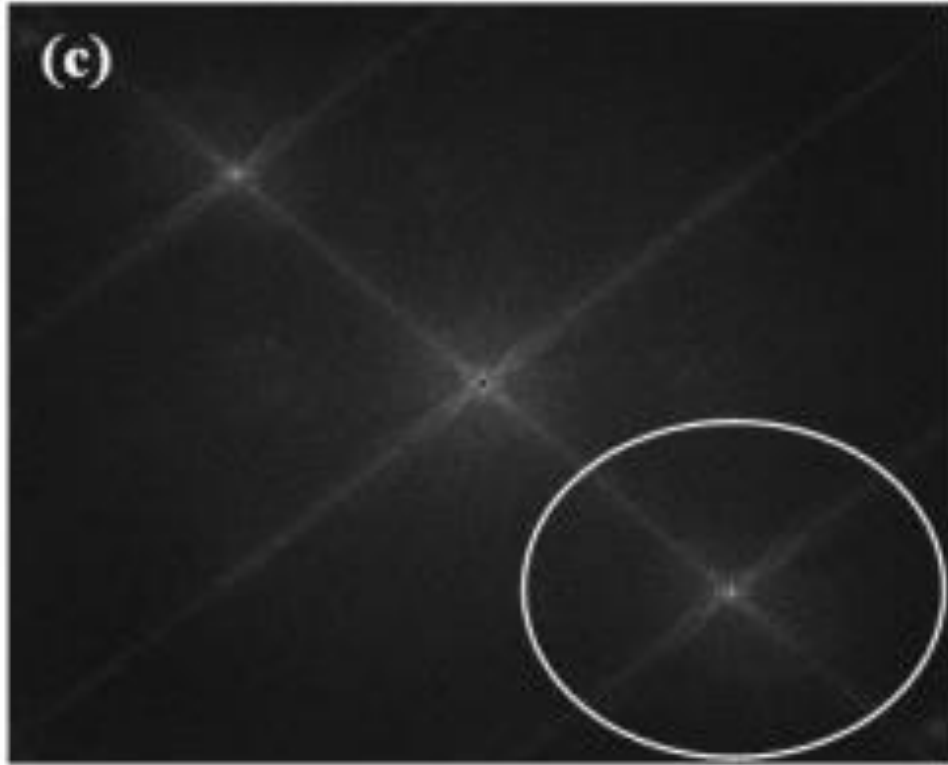


Optical path: $L=n \cdot l$

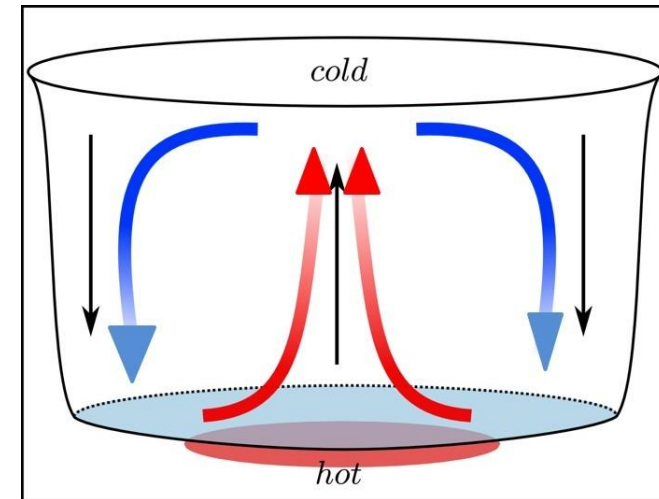
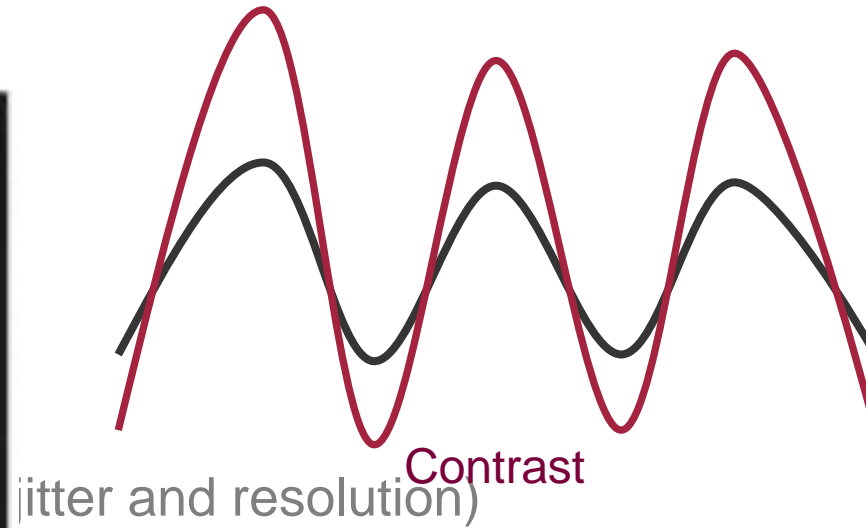
- Light Intensity
- Free electron plasma
- Bound states
- Density
- Phase change
- Absorption
- Temperature
- Strain
- Object size

Parameters

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- Ter
- Spa
- Tra
- Sin



Filtering in Fourier plane



Convection

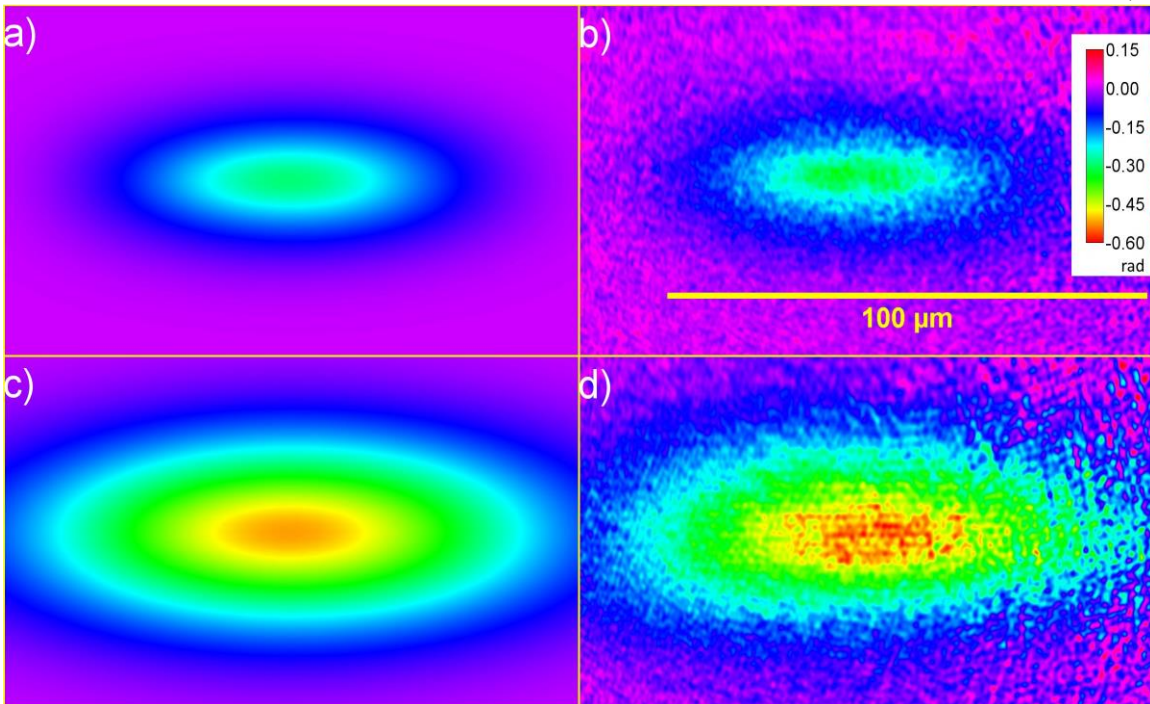
Nonlinear refractive index evaluation

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$$\frac{\partial E_1}{\partial z} = \frac{i}{2k_1} \left(\frac{\partial^2 E_1}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_1}{\partial y^2} \right) + iC_1 |E_1|^2 E_1 + \left| \frac{1}{u_{01}} \frac{\partial E_1}{\partial t} \right.$$

$$\frac{\partial E_2}{\partial z} = \frac{i}{2k_2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 E_2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_2}{\partial y^2} \right) + iC_2 |E_1|^2 E_2 - \frac{1}{u_{02}} \frac{\partial E_2}{\partial t} + \frac{g_{02}}{2} \frac{\partial^2 E_2}{\partial t^2}$$

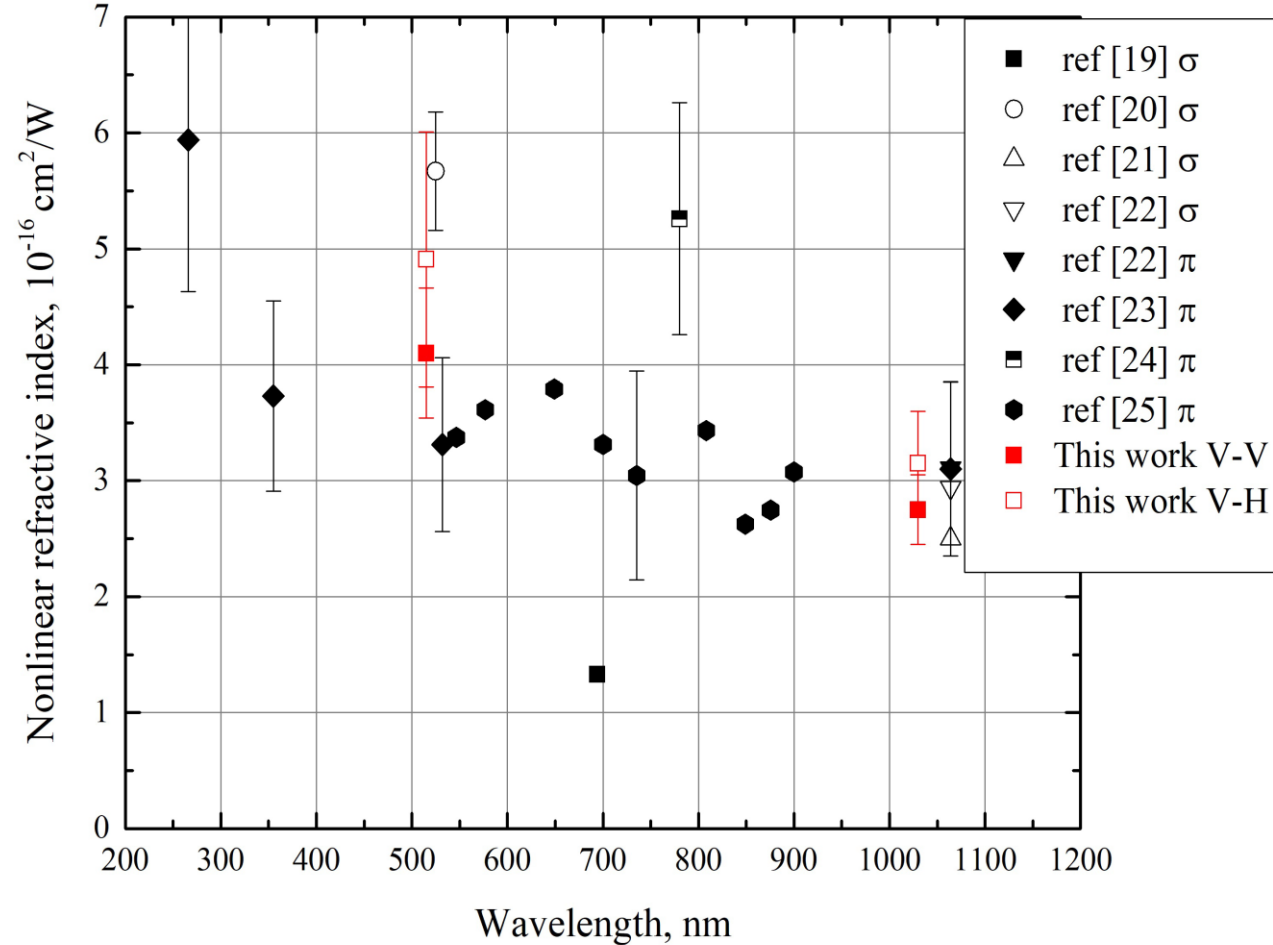
Direction of propagation 



Model

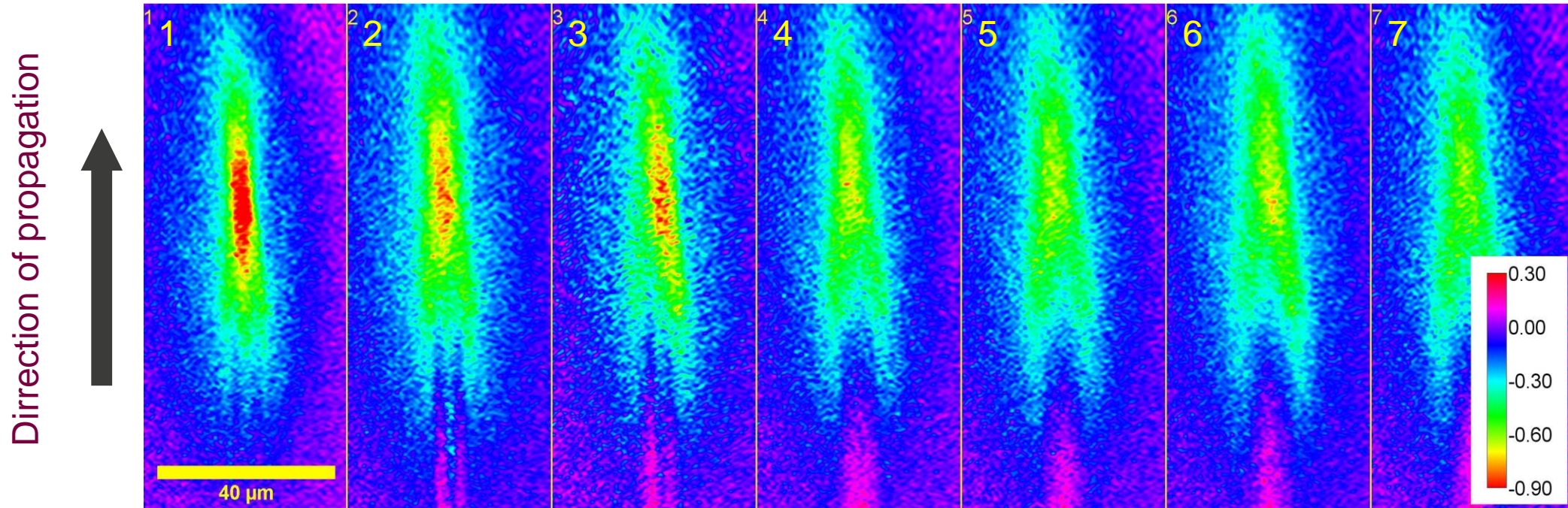
Experiment

Phase shift maps in sapphire



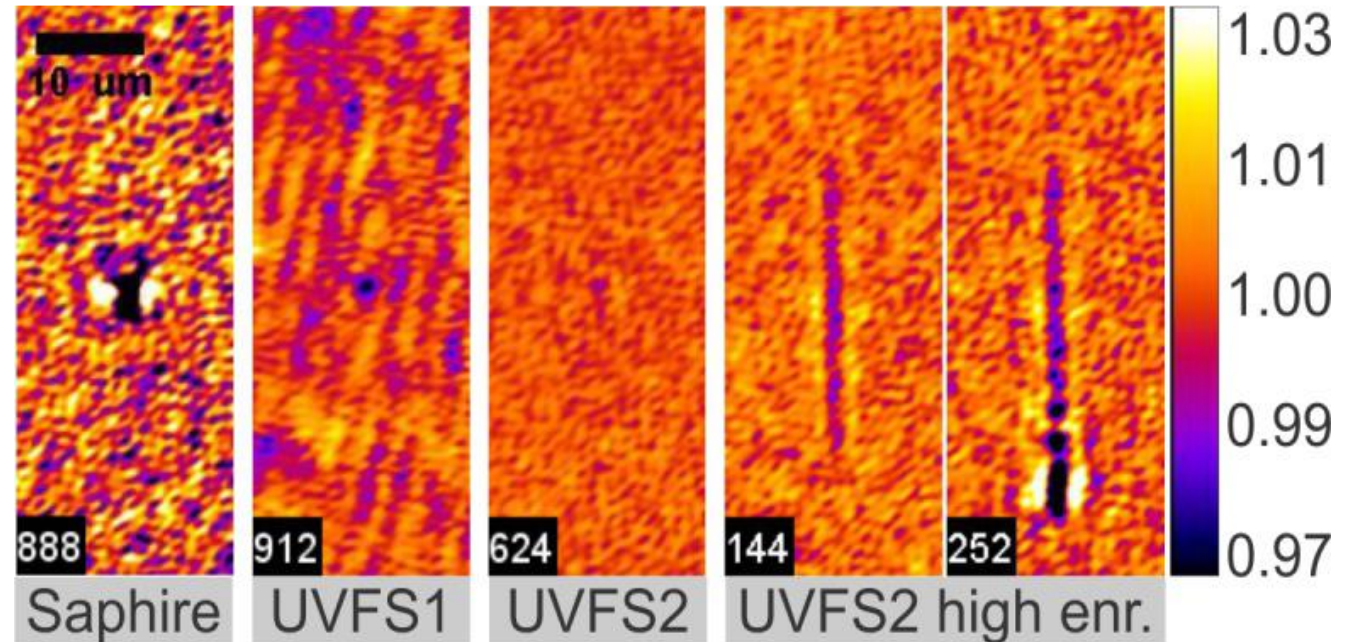
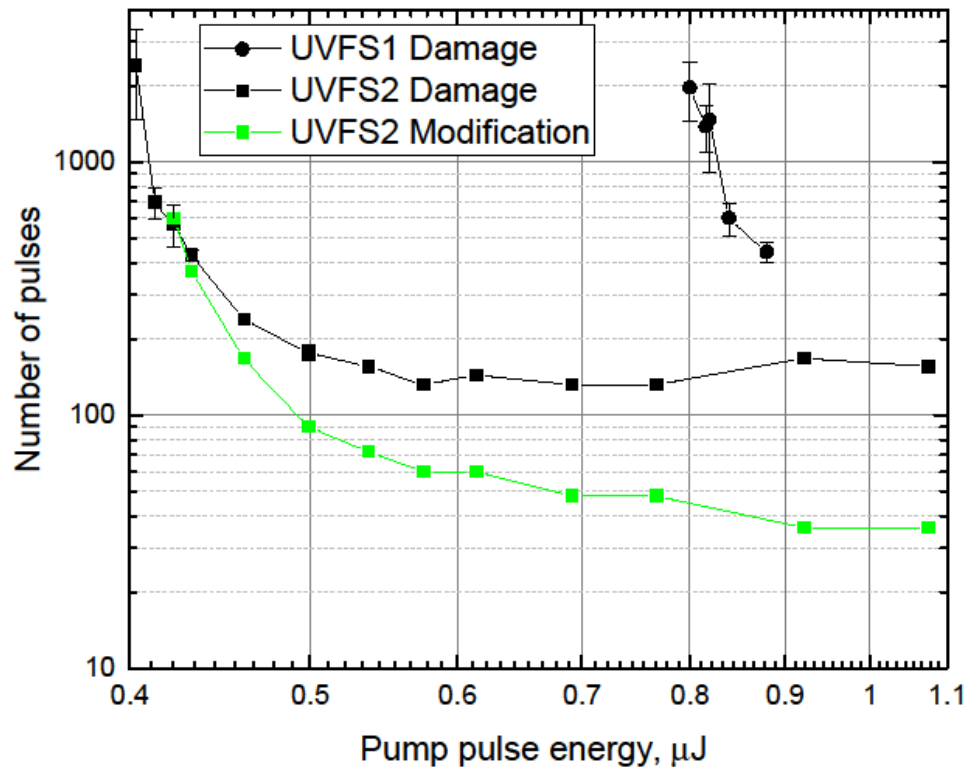
Nonlinear refractive index value of
sapphire in literature

Fatigue effects Nd:CaF₂



Experimental results in Nd:CaF₂. Phase shift dependance on the number of pulses

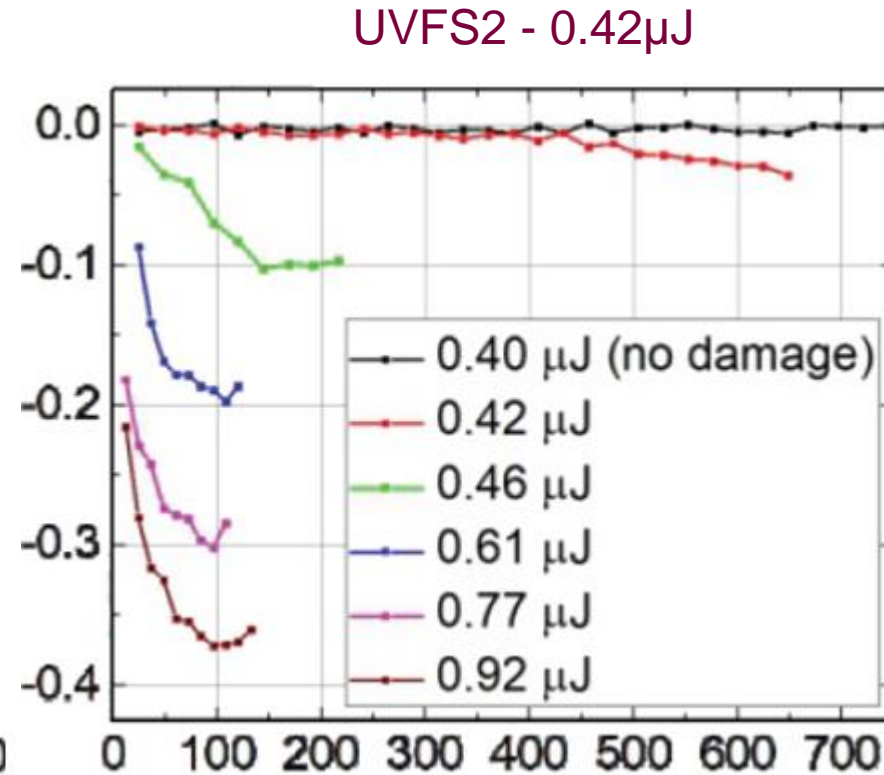
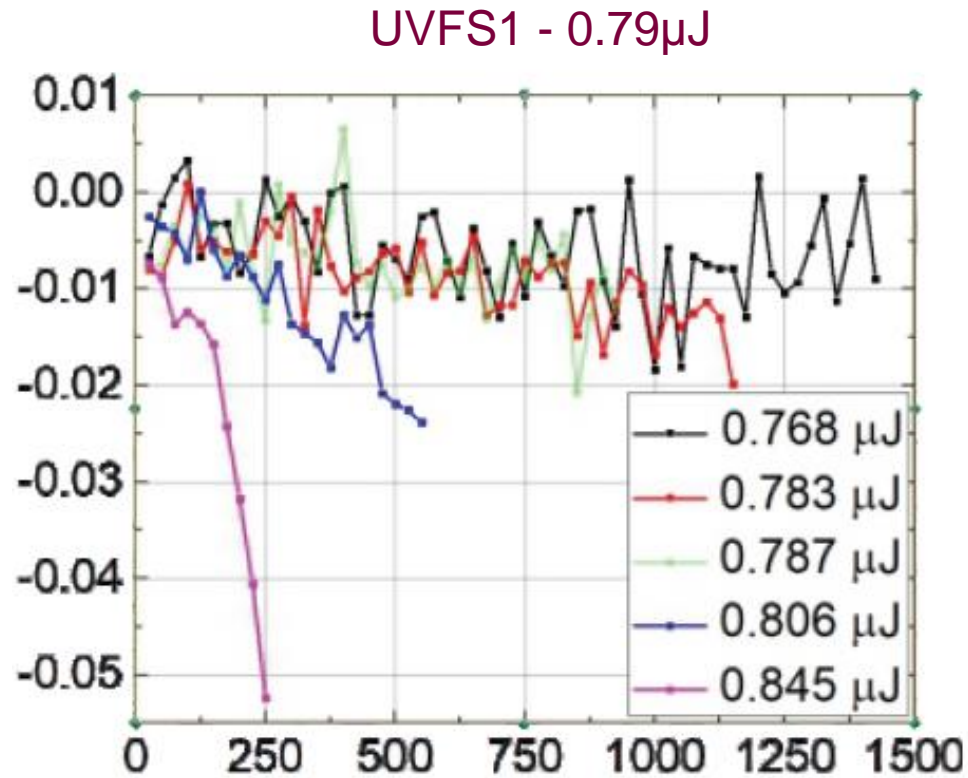
Fatigue in bulk media



Optical damage threshold fatigue

Transmission images of optical
damage in transparent bulk media

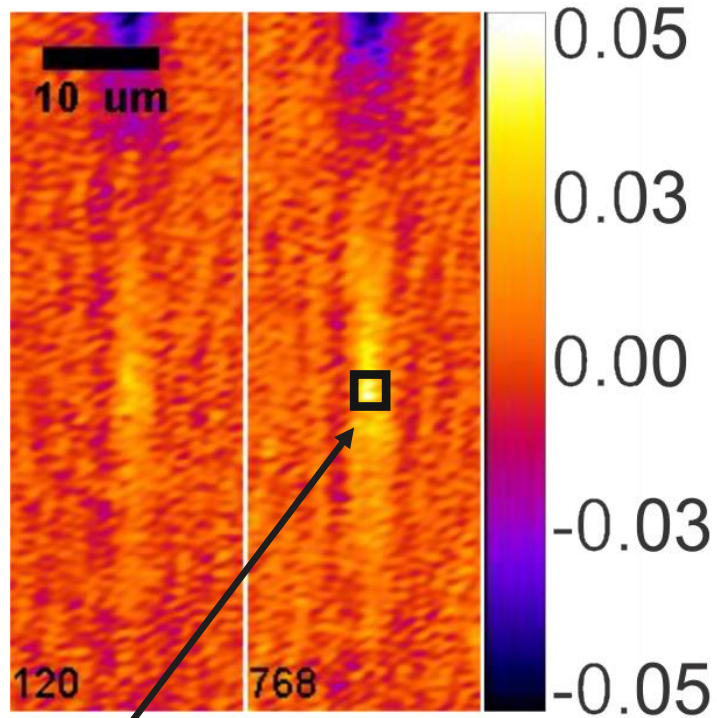
Fatigue in bulk media



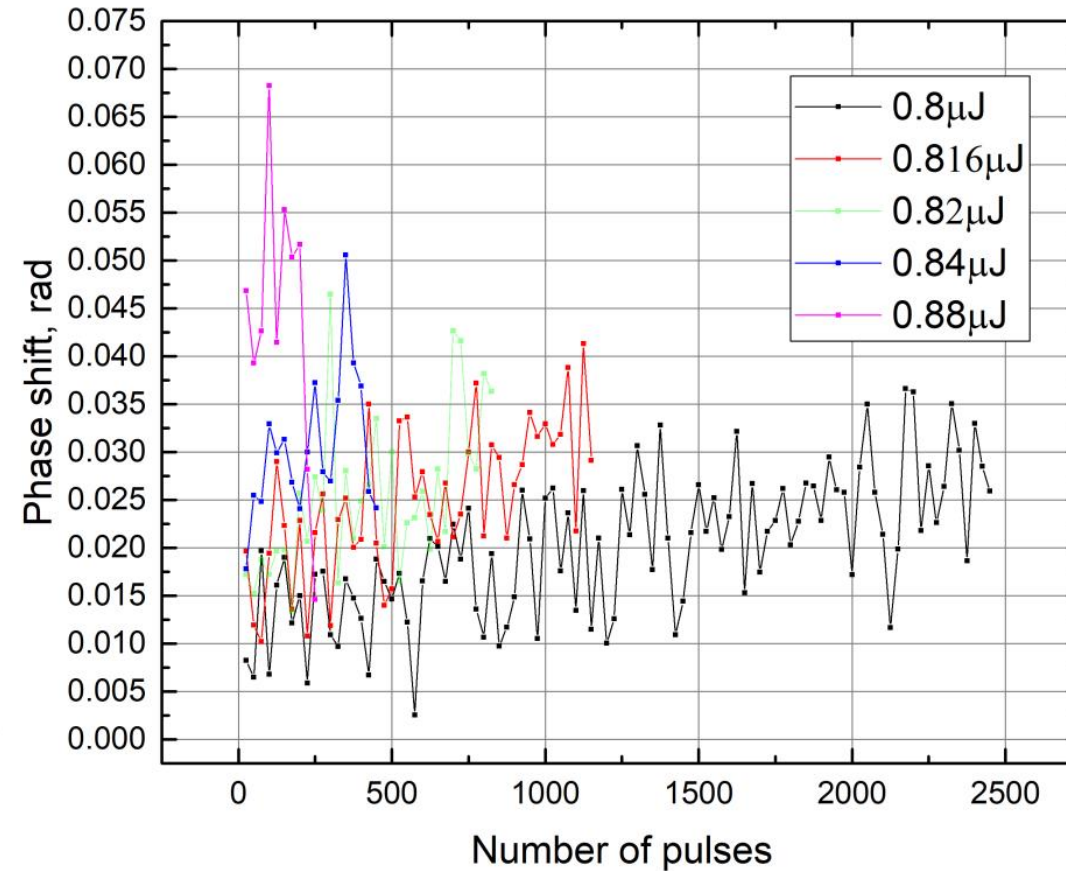
Evolution of self-trapped excitons signal in UVFS samples

Fatigue in bulk media

$$q = 6 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$



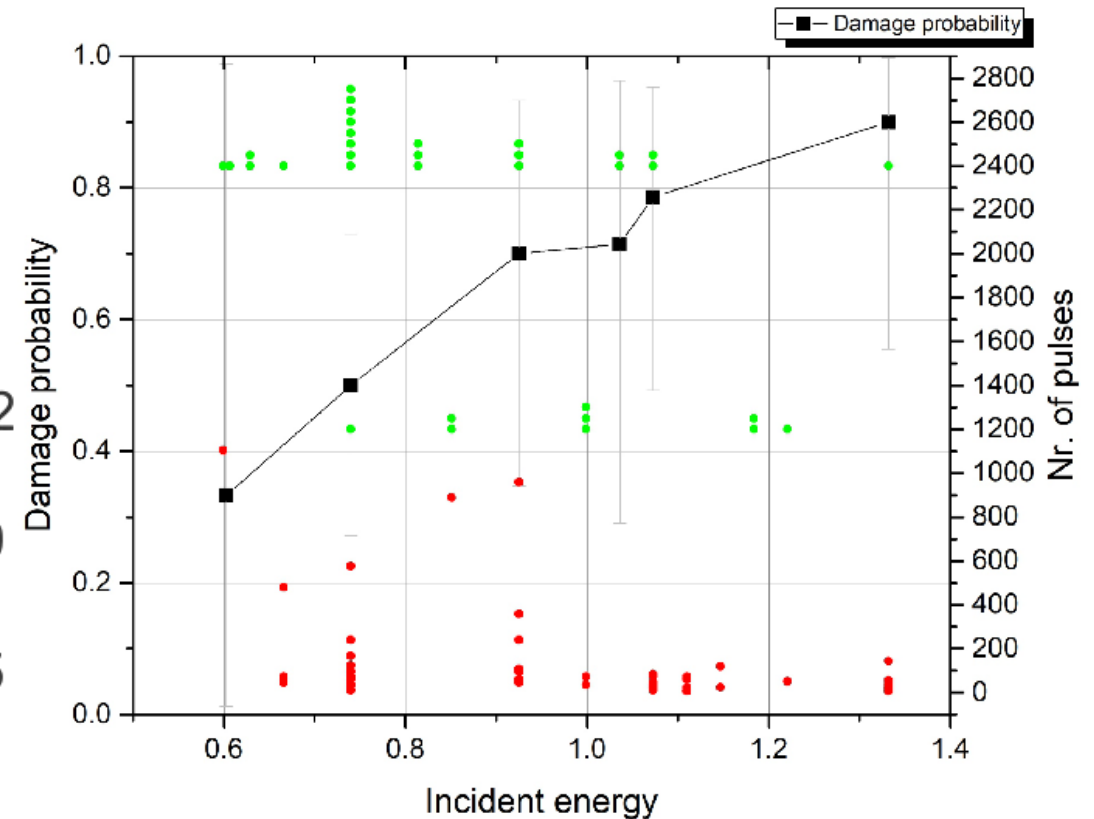
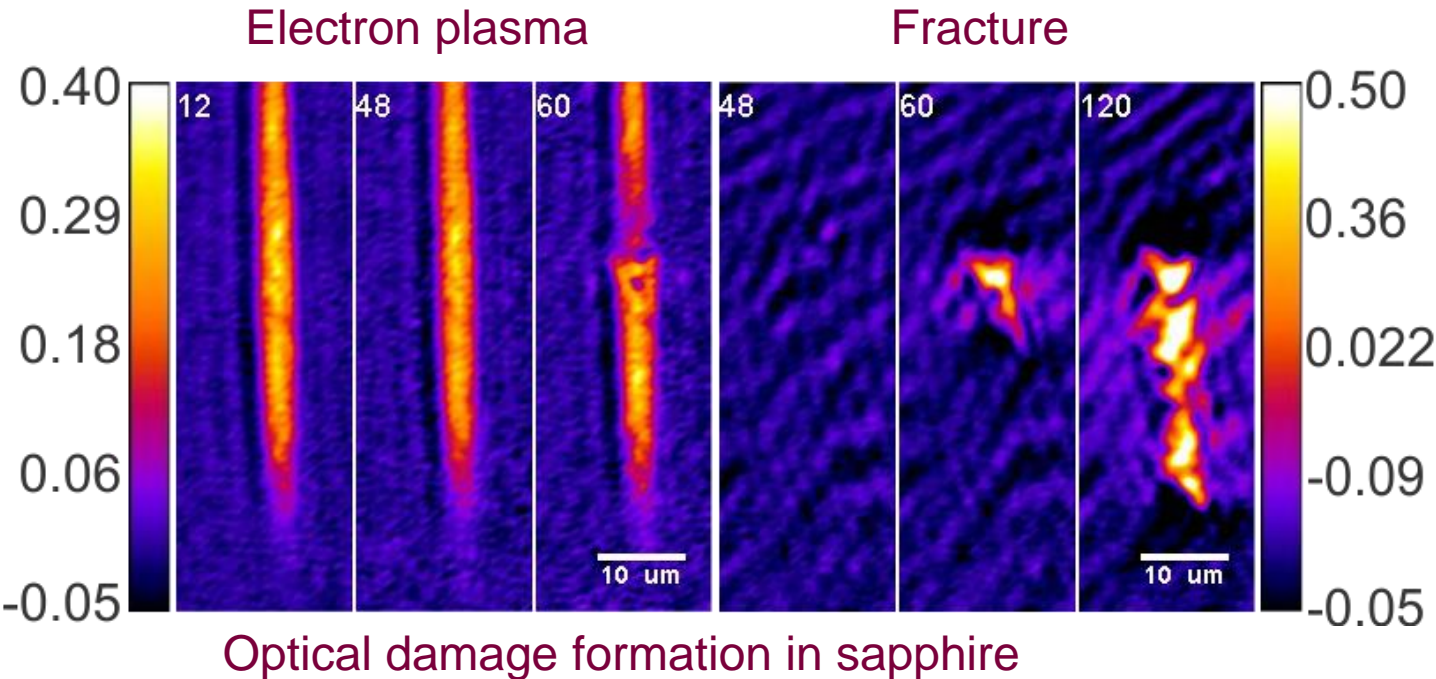
Area of interest



Electron plasma induced phase shift
dependence on number of excitation pulses

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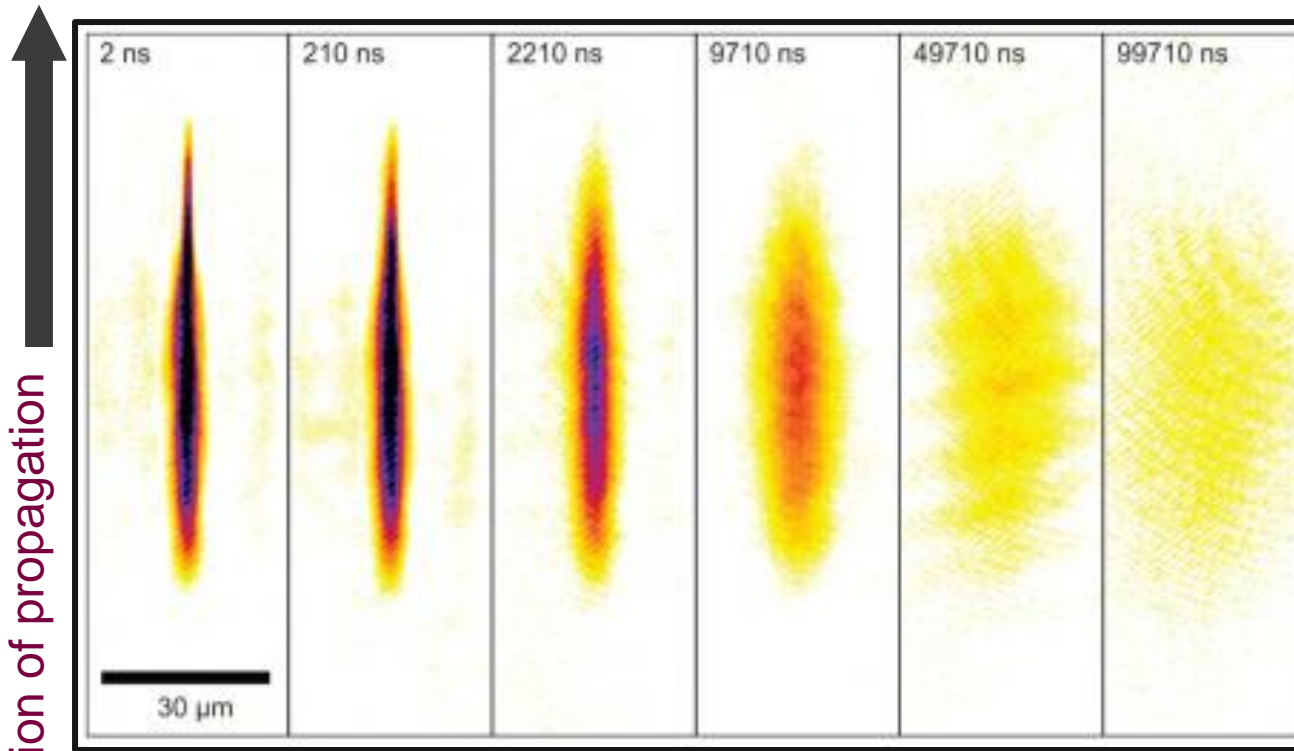


$$q = 1.3 - 2.4 \cdot 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

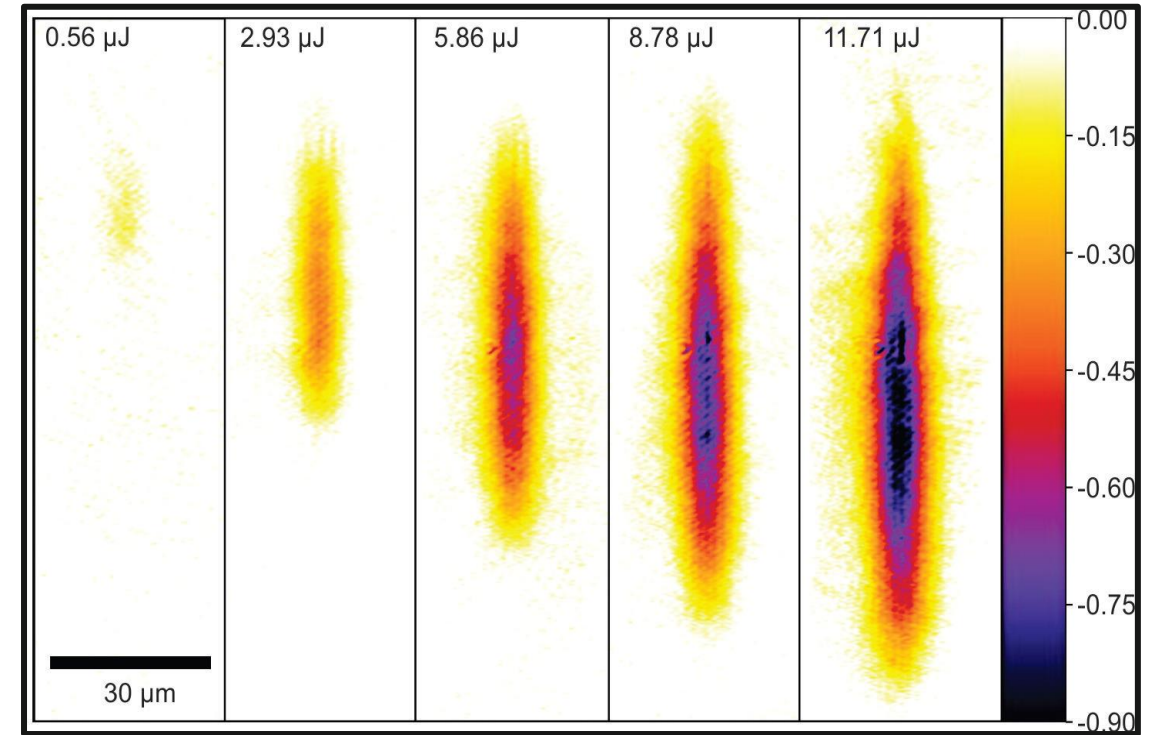
Optical damage probability in bulk sapphire
as a function of energy when irradiated with
multishot femtosecond laser pulses

Evaluation of energy residual following nonlinear interaction

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Thermal diffusion



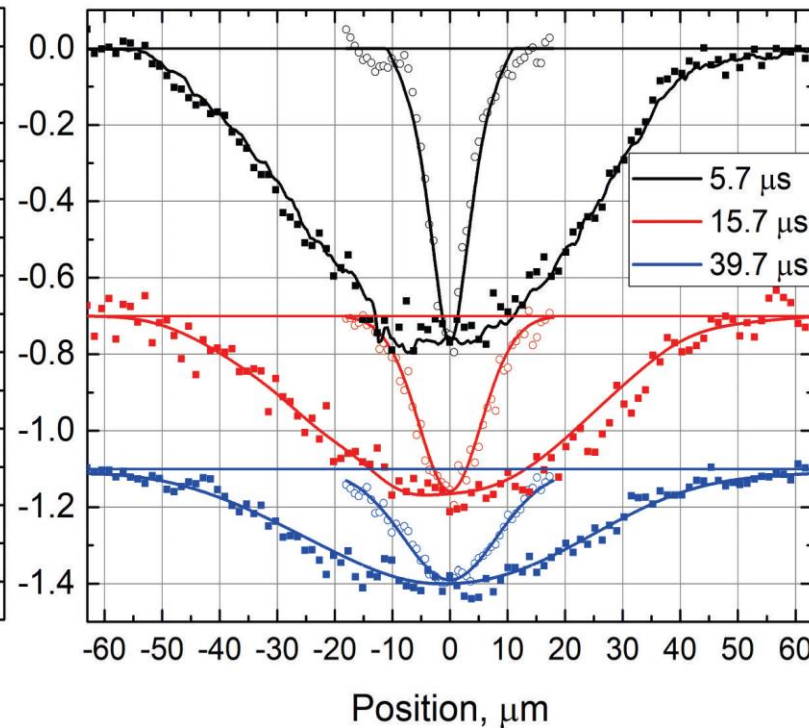
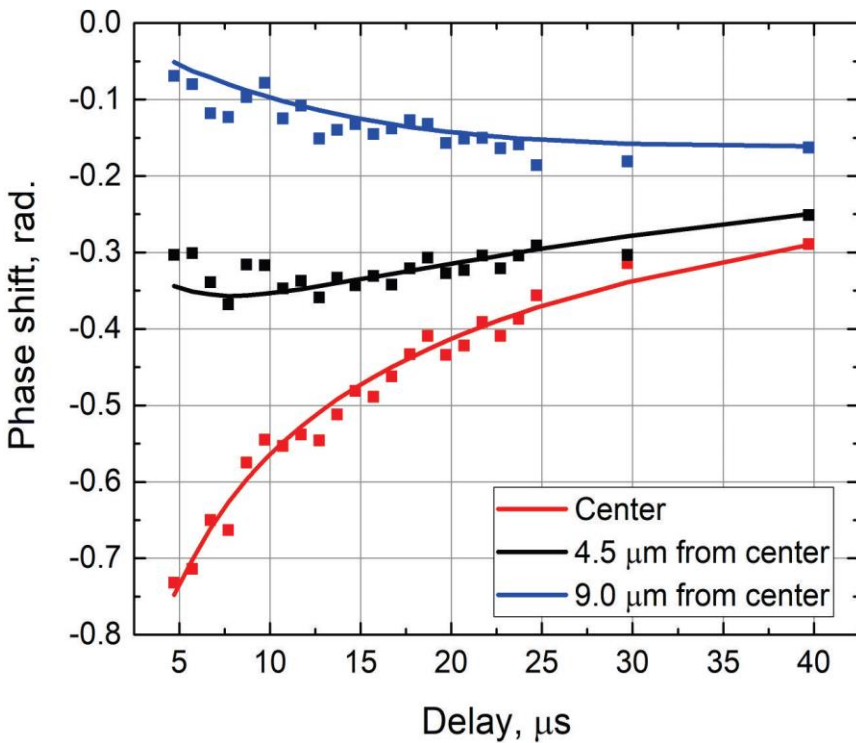
Energy dependence

Phase maps of thermal lens structure in radians

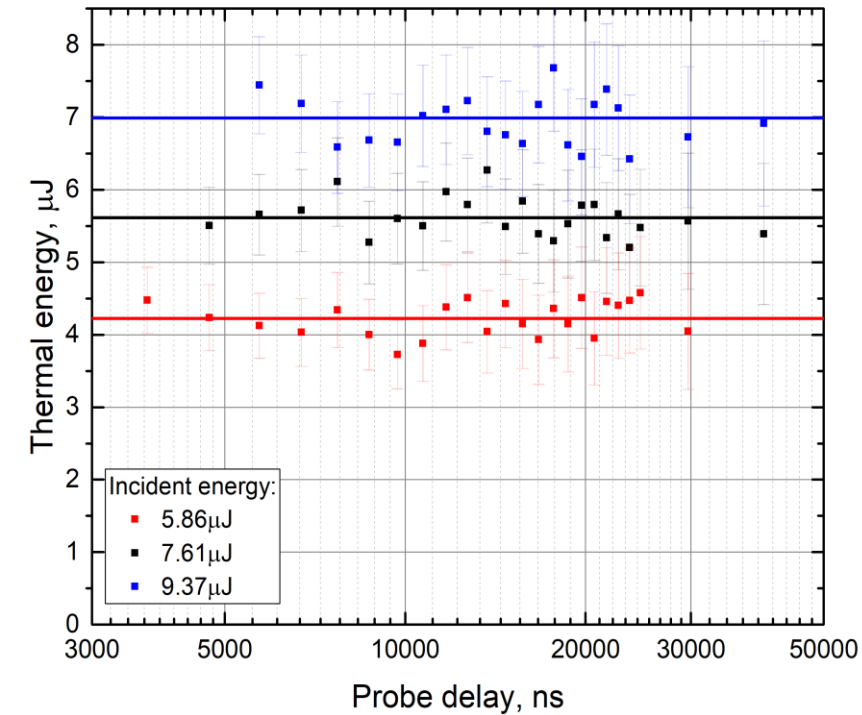
Thermal wave

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\lambda_x \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\lambda_y \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\lambda_z \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) + I(x, y, z, t) = C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$



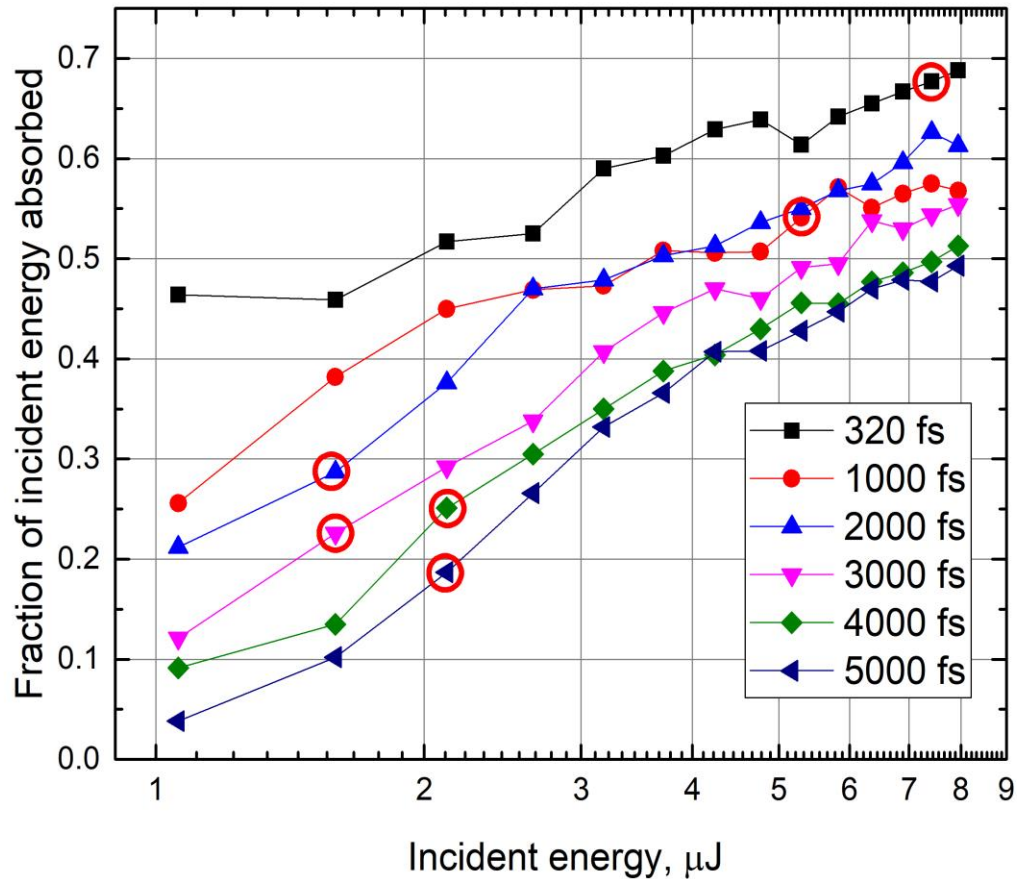
Comparison between the experimental results
and thermal diffusion model



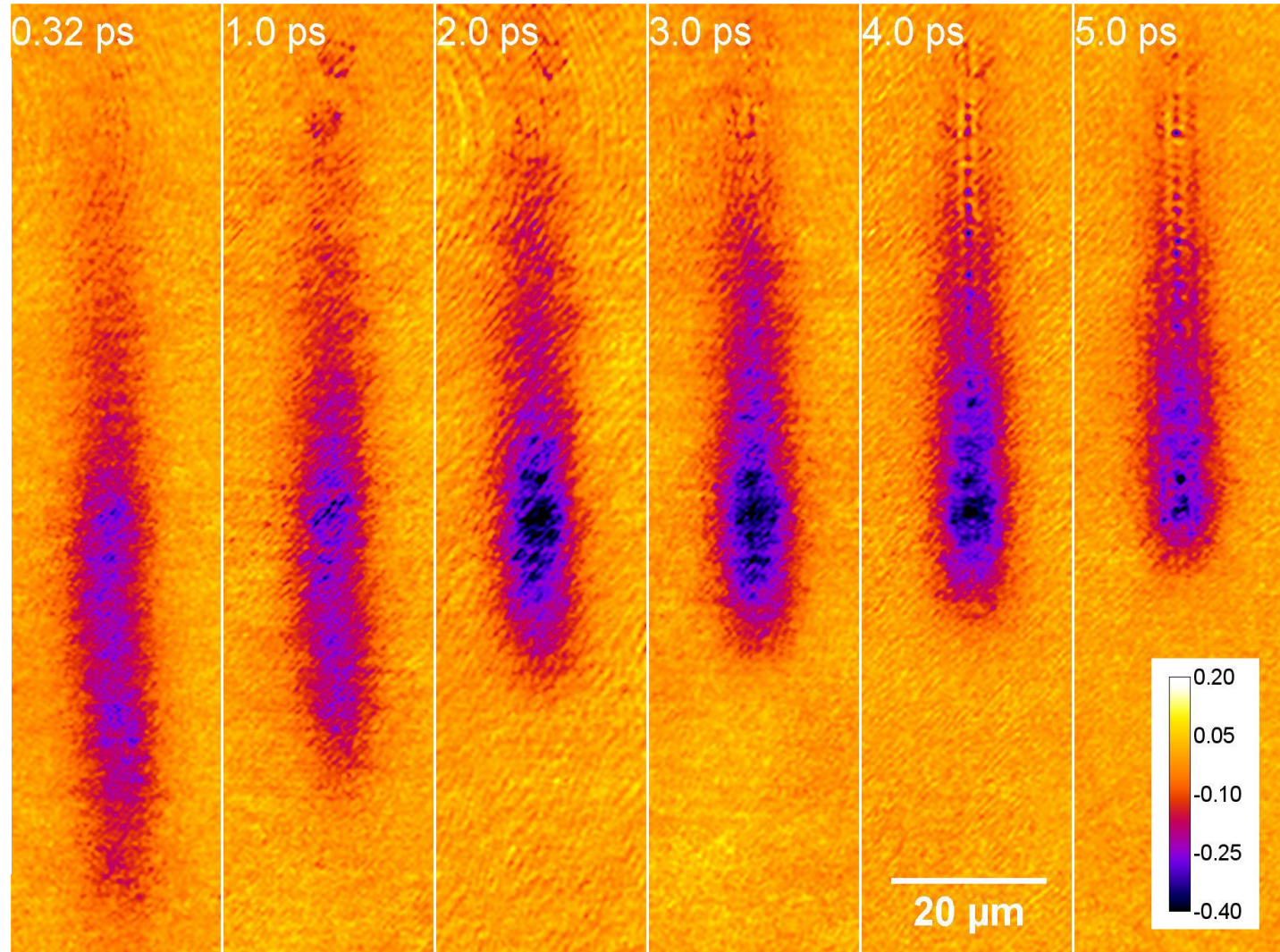
Evaluated residual
energy

Evaluation of residual energy for different pump pulse durations

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Thermalized energy fraction



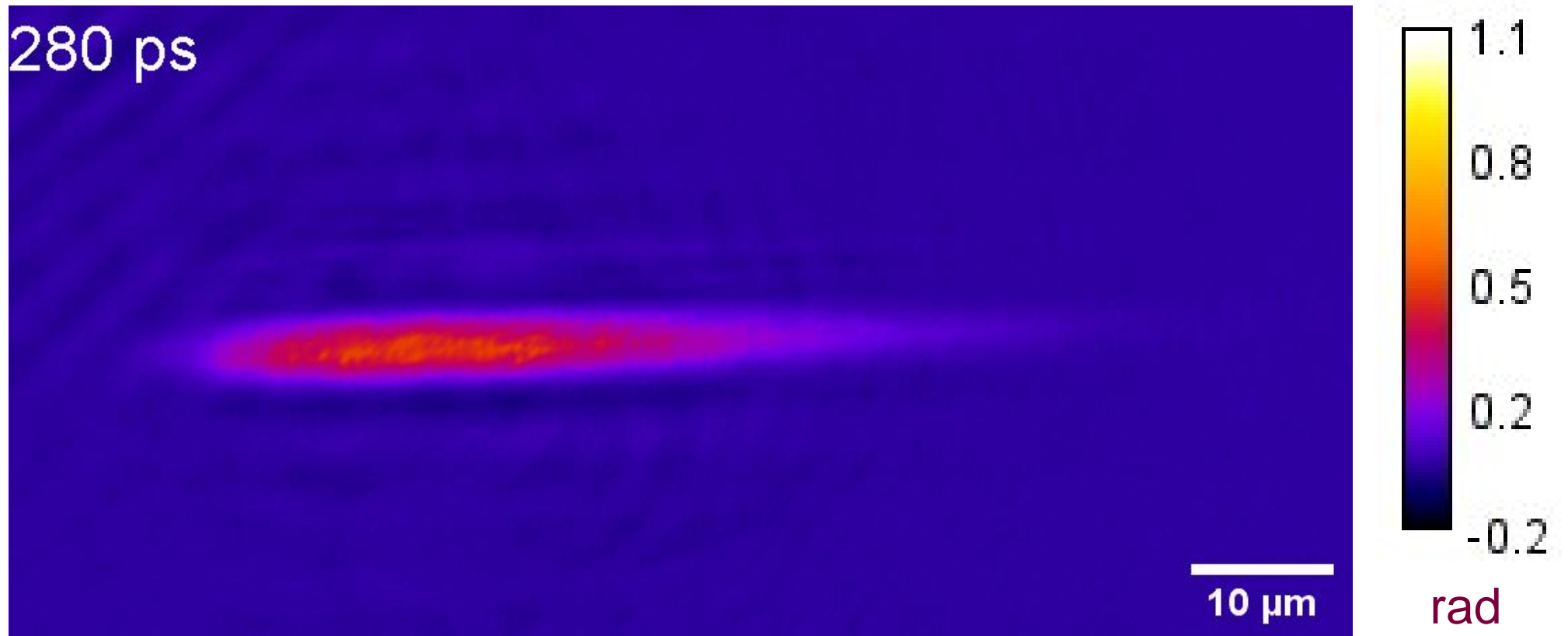
Thermal lens created by pulses of same energy but different duration

Prospects

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- Nondestructive shockwave amplification
- Ferroelectric domain inversion imaging
- Attosecond holography
- Semiconductors characterization
- Material response to burst excitation

Shockwave
In diamond





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