

# Role of Ultrafast Heterogeneous Melting in Laser Machining Dynamics

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# Outline

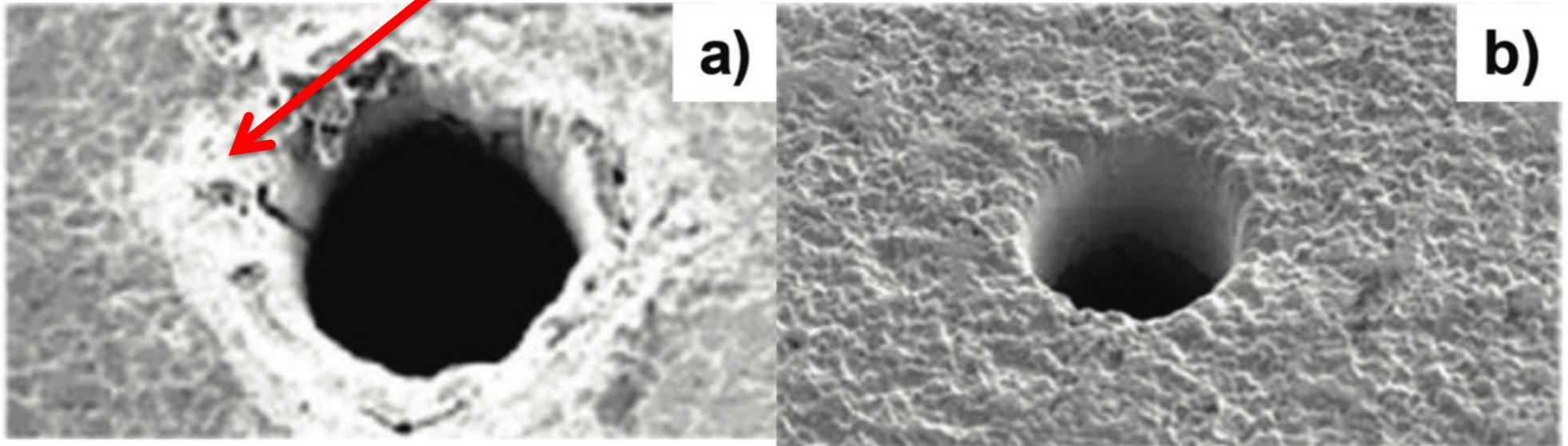
- Ultrafast Laser Machining
- X-ray Pump-probe method
- Excitations in the time domain
- Ultrafast melting of gold films
- Planned GISAXS experiments

# Laser Machining speed Comparison

50 $\mu$ m hole drilled in Alumina plate

Tatsuhiko Aizawa and Tadahiko Inohara, Book Chapter

“heat-affected zone”



**Figure 6.**

*Comparison of the drilled through-hole between fiber lasers and the picosecond laser. (a) Fiber laser drilling, and, (b) Picosecond laser drilling.*

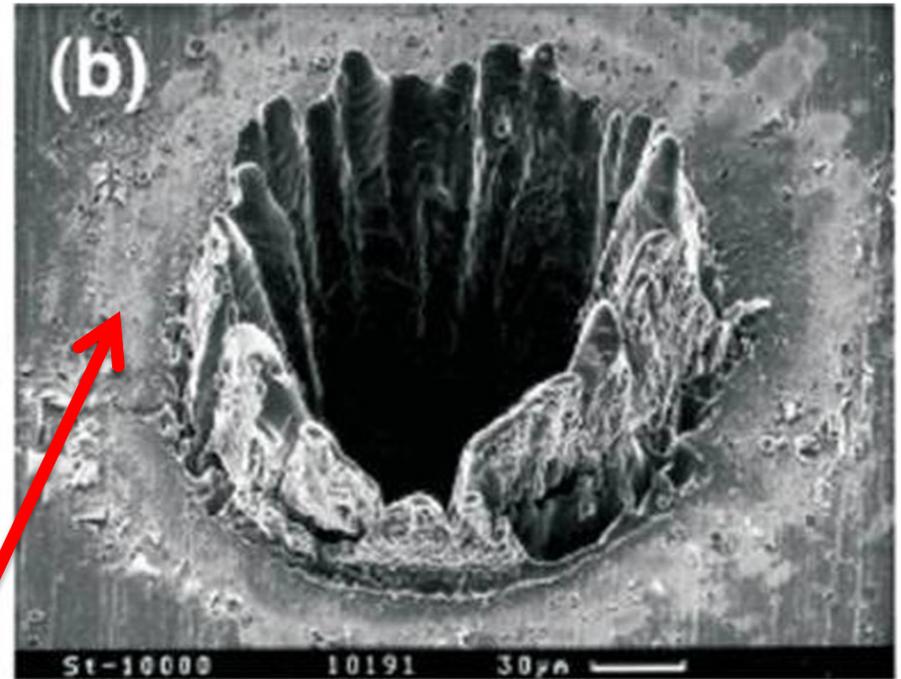
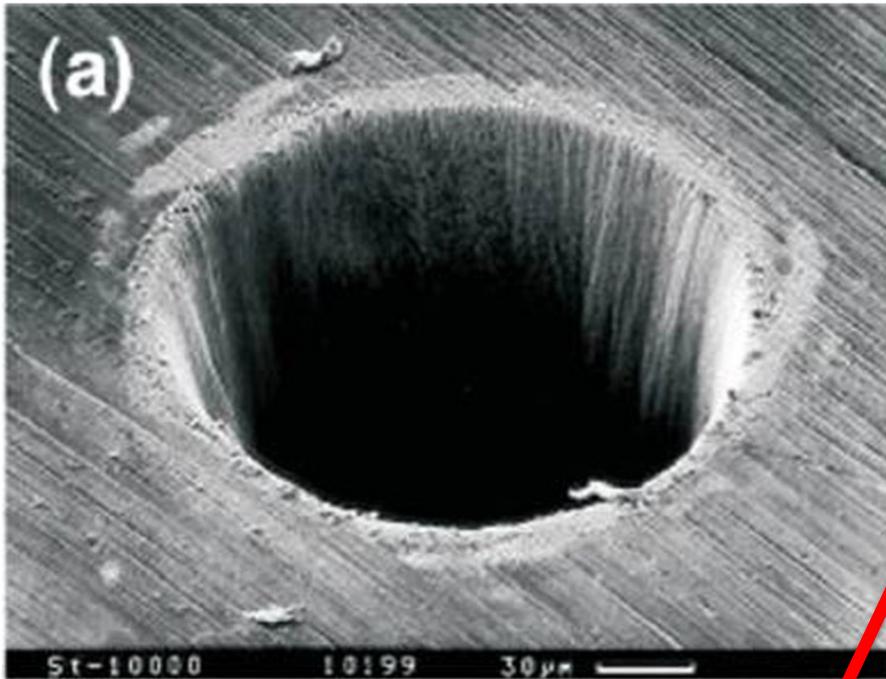
# Laser Machining speed Comparison

100 $\mu\text{m}$  hole drilled in 100 $\mu\text{m}$  steel plate

K. Sugioka and Y. Cheng, Appl. Phys. Rev. 1 041303 (2014)

200fs pulse, 0.5J/cm<sup>2</sup>

3.3ns pulse, 4.2J/cm<sup>2</sup>



“heat-affected zone”

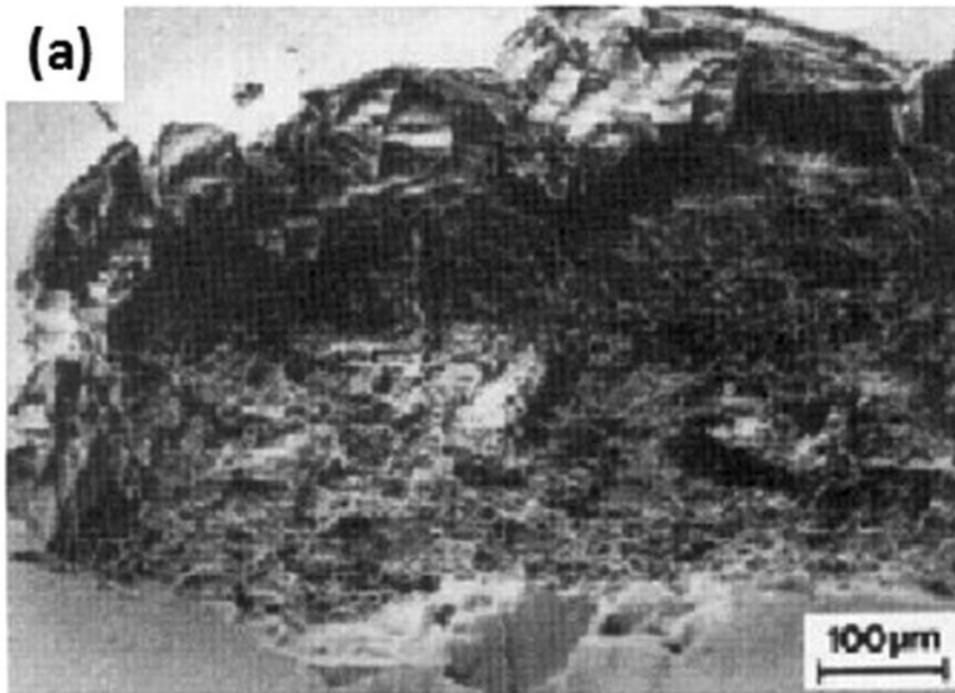
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# Laser Machining speed Comparison

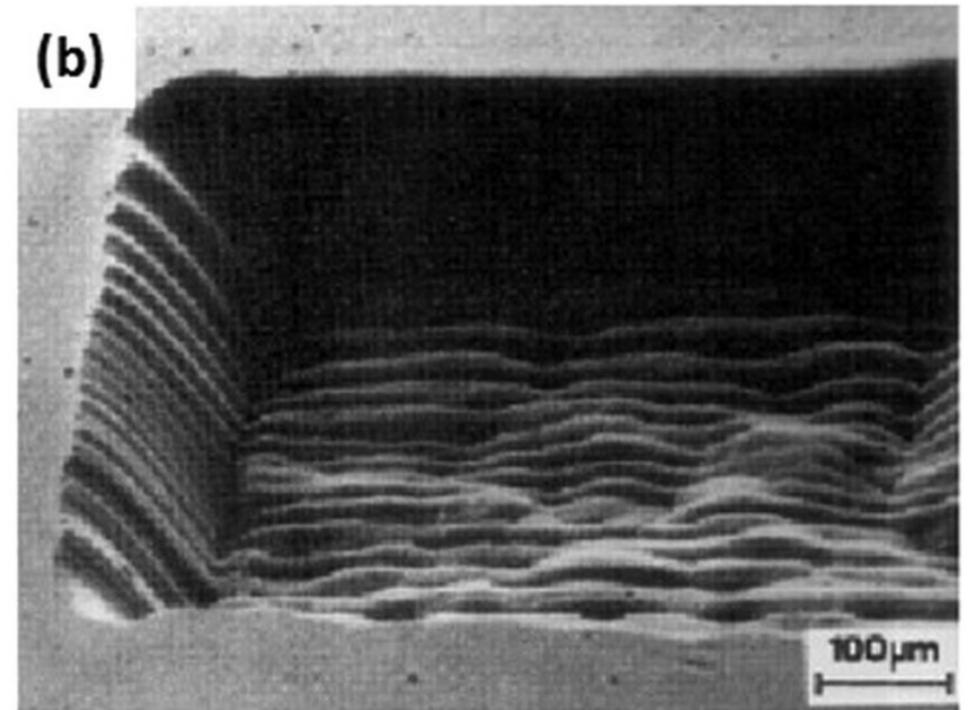
## SEM of laser machined NaCl

Multiphoton Absorption of 248nm (NaCl is transparent)

K. Sugioka and Y. Cheng, Appl. Phys. Rev. 1 041303 (2014)

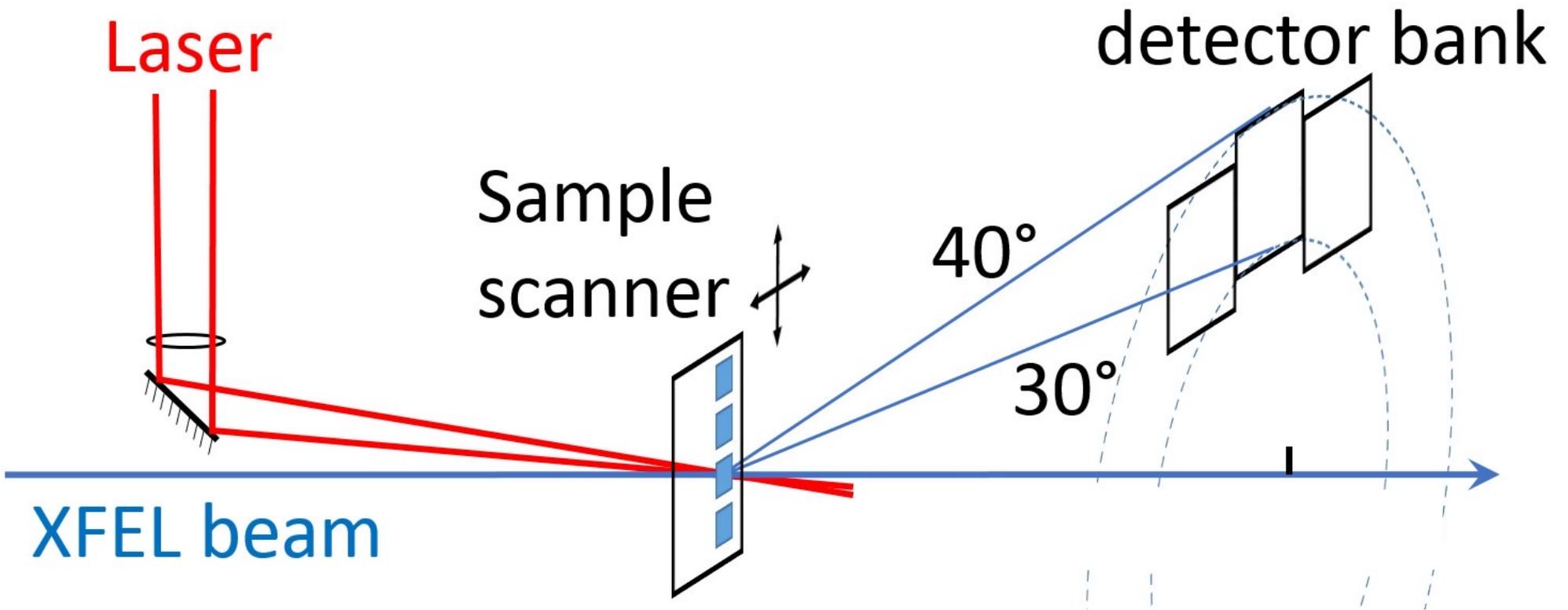


Nanosecond laser (16ns)

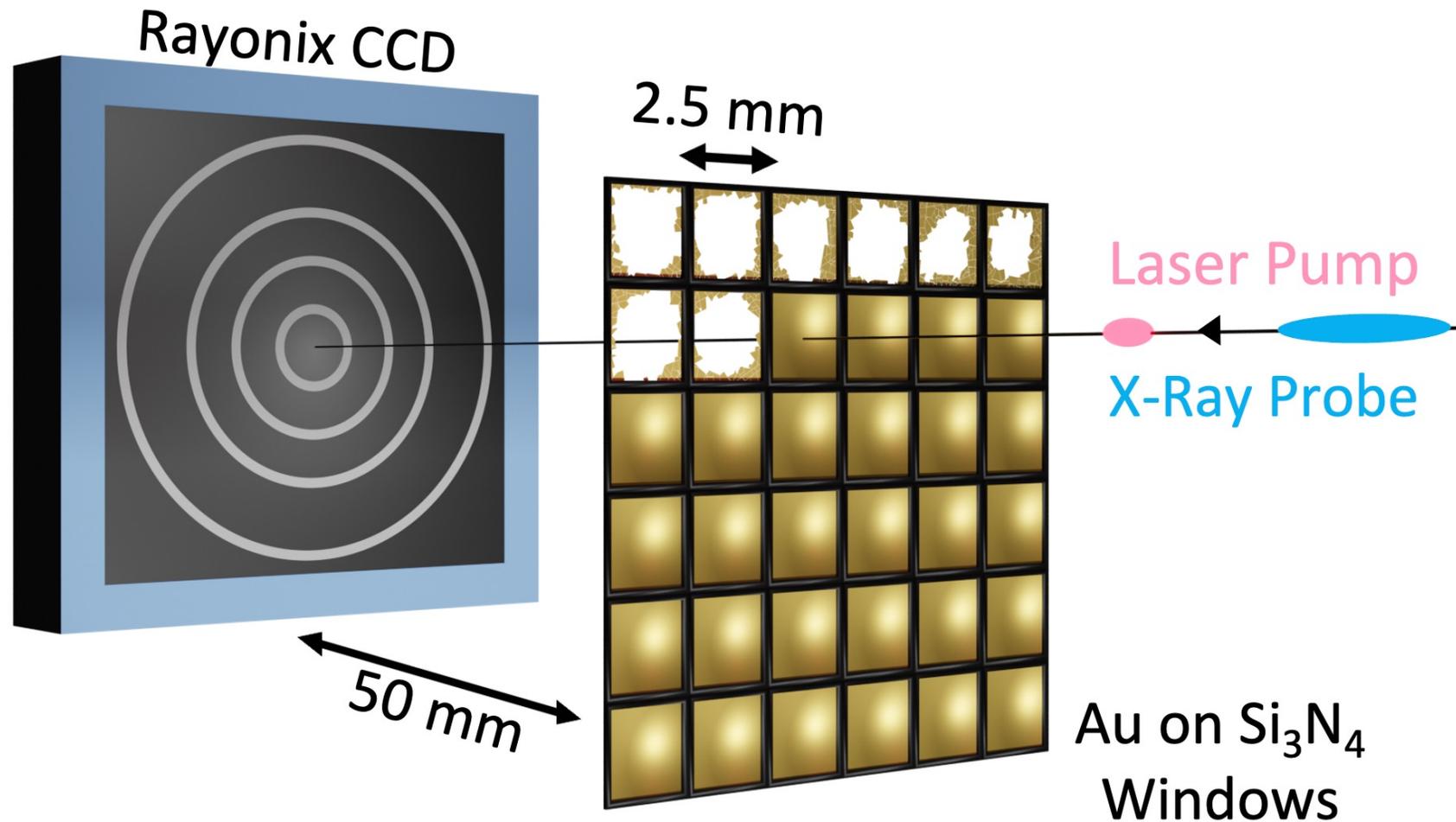


Femtosecond laser (300fs)

# Pump-probe Method using Sample Scanner



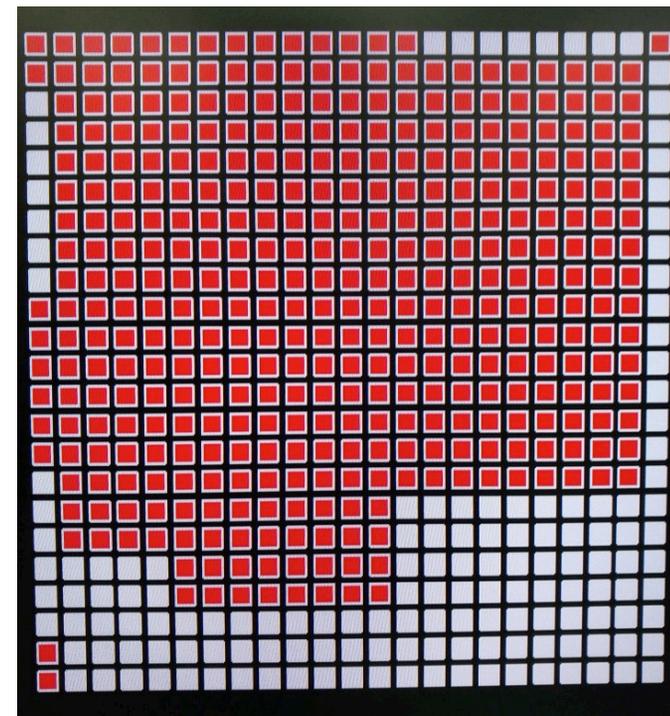
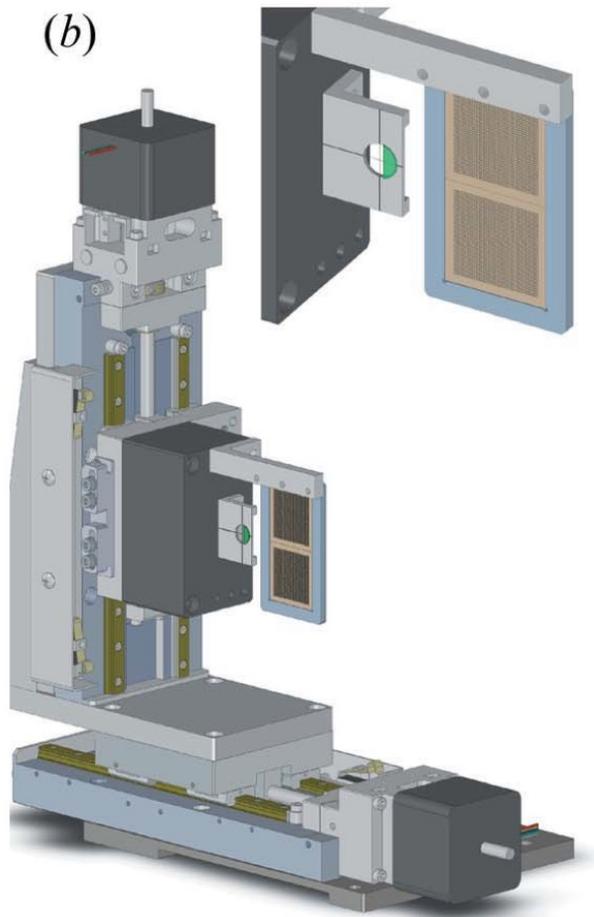
# “Diffract and Destroy” setup



# Scan Stage for MAXIC chamber

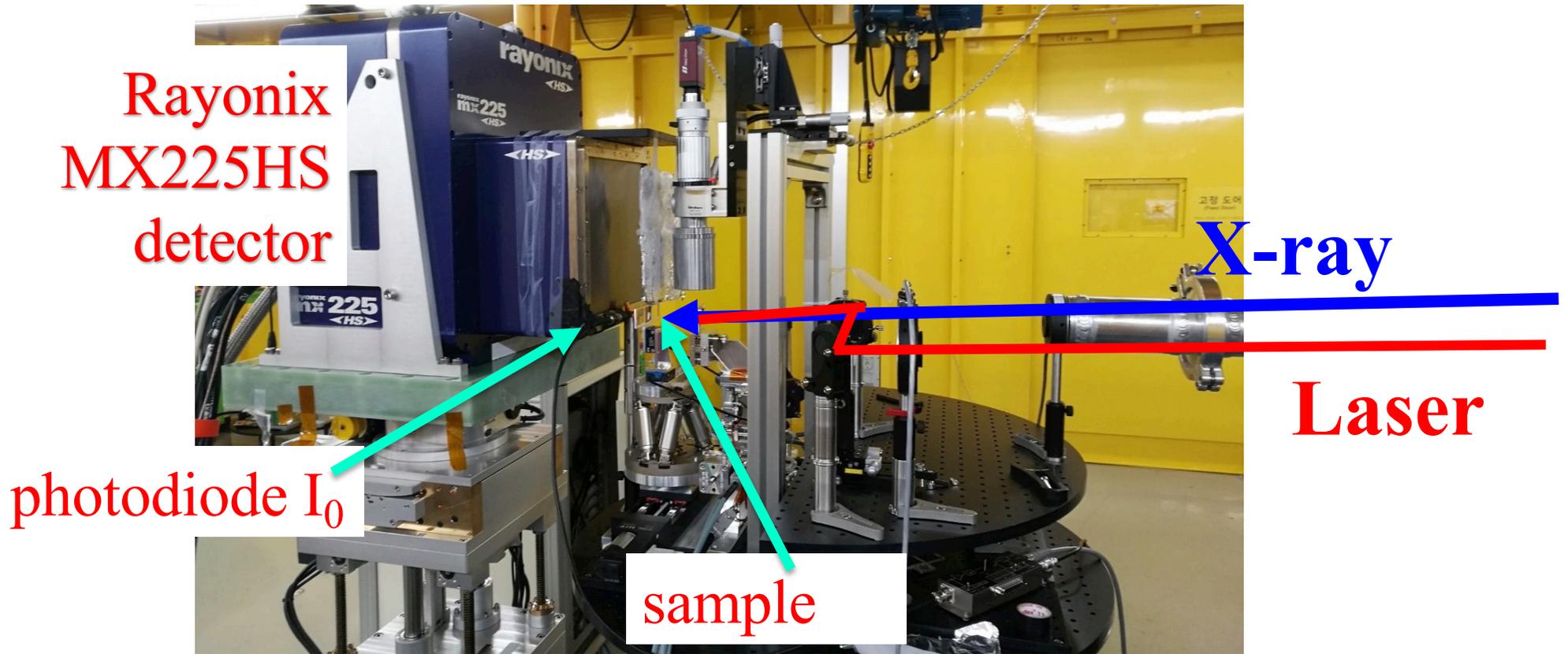
Changyong Song et al, J. Appl. Cryst. 47 188 (2014)

Daewoong Nam, scanning software



23x23 windows

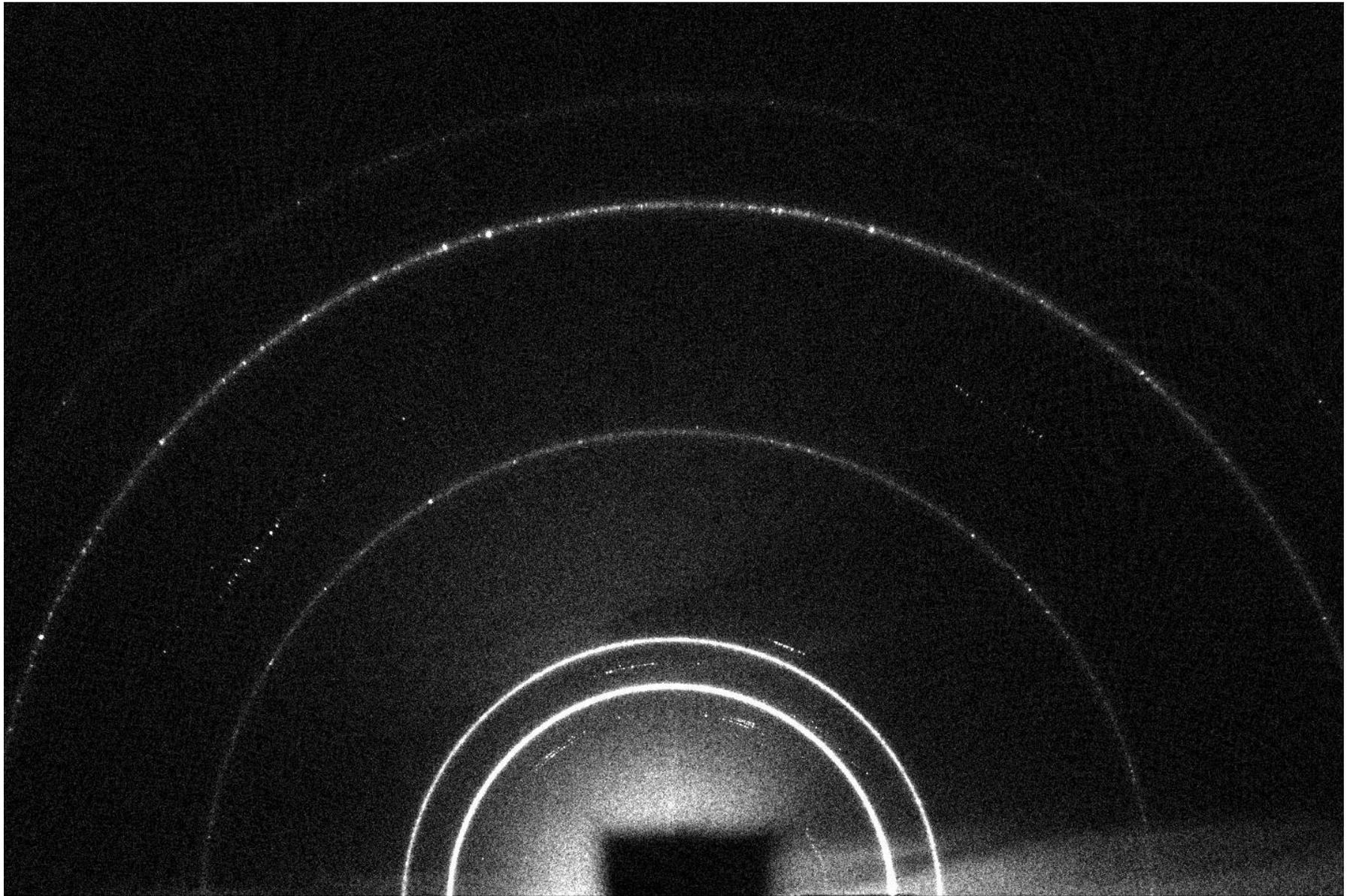
# Experimental set-up at PAL-XFEL September 2017



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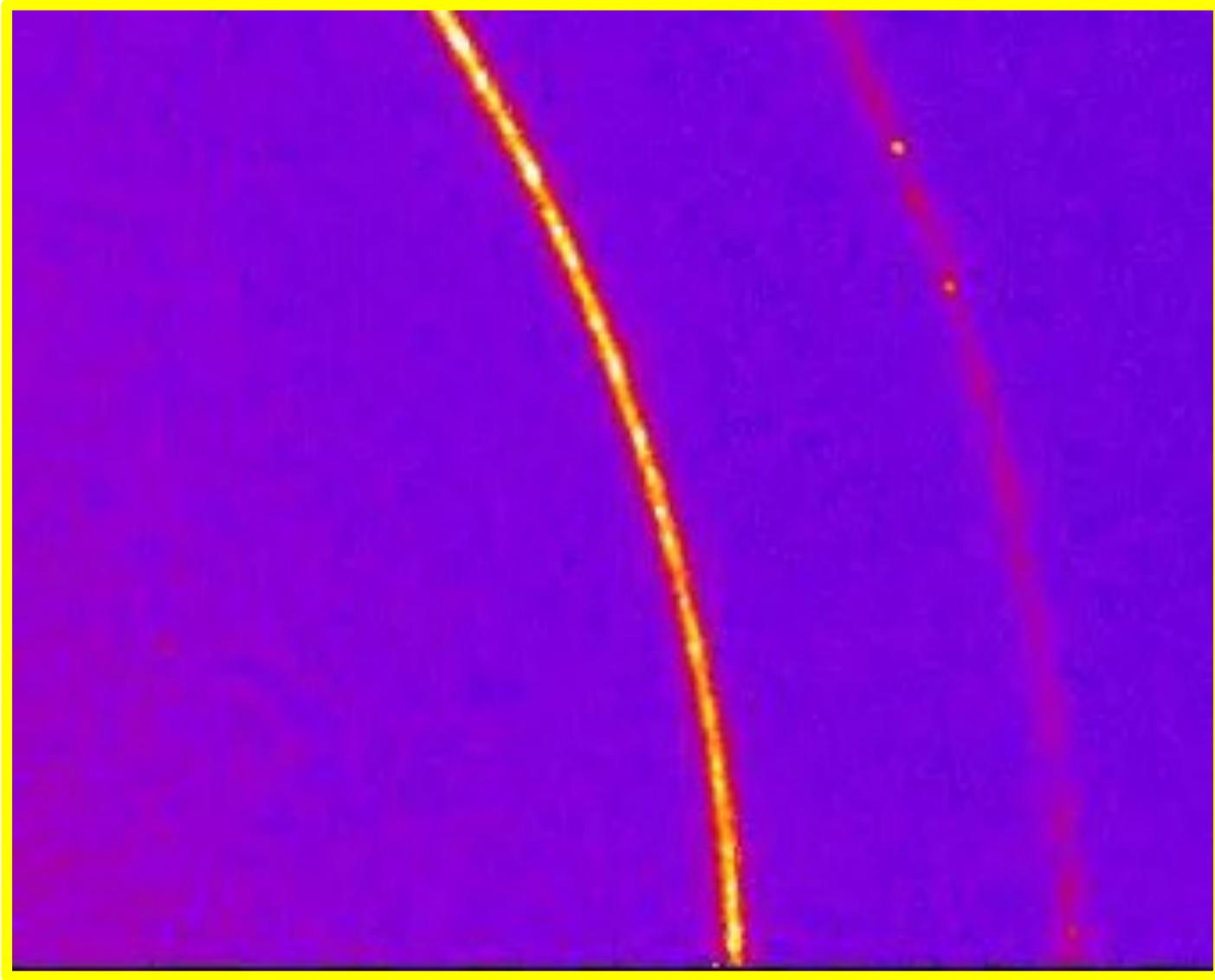


# Raw data #397 300nm film



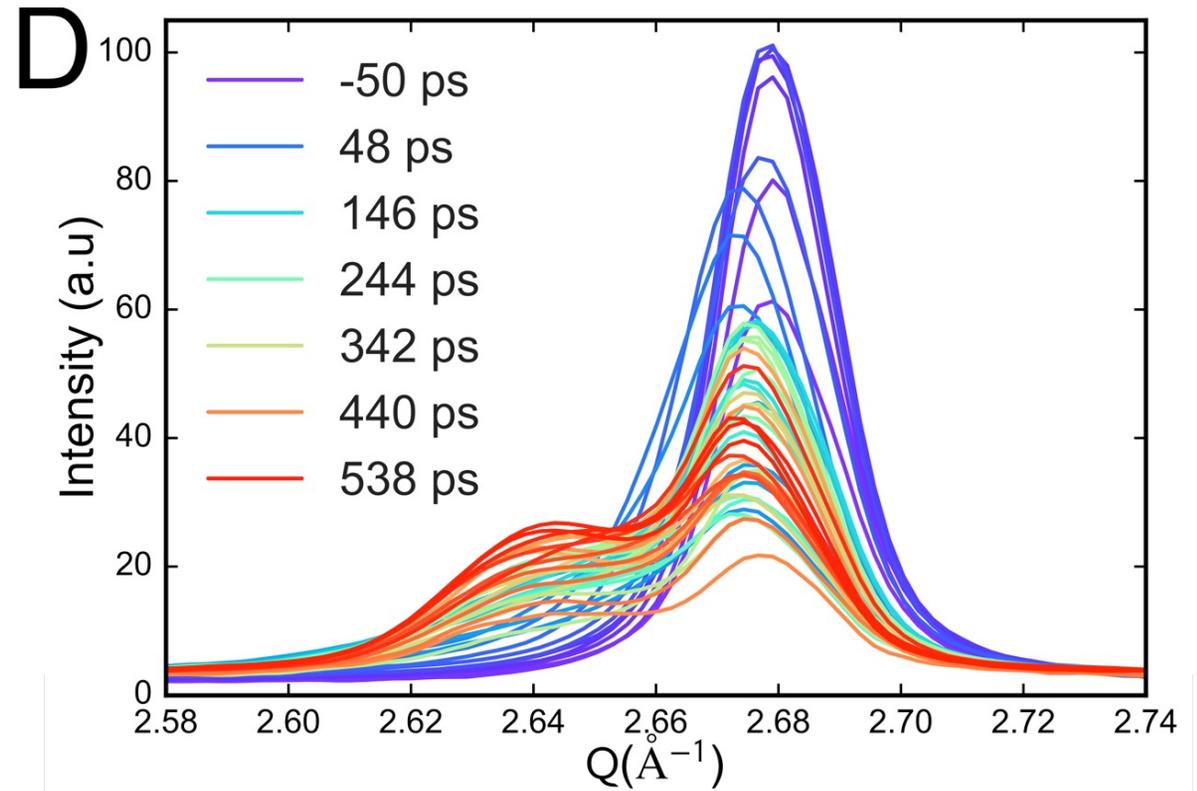
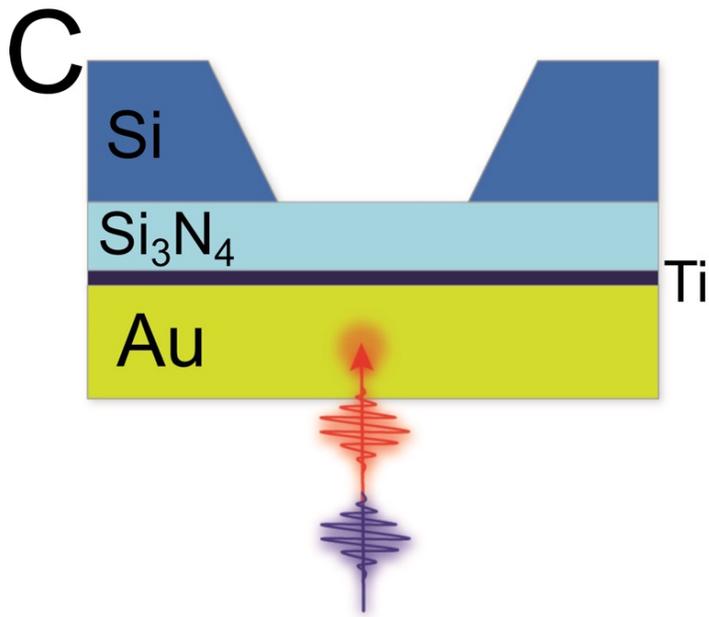
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# Raw data #396 300nm film, 254 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>



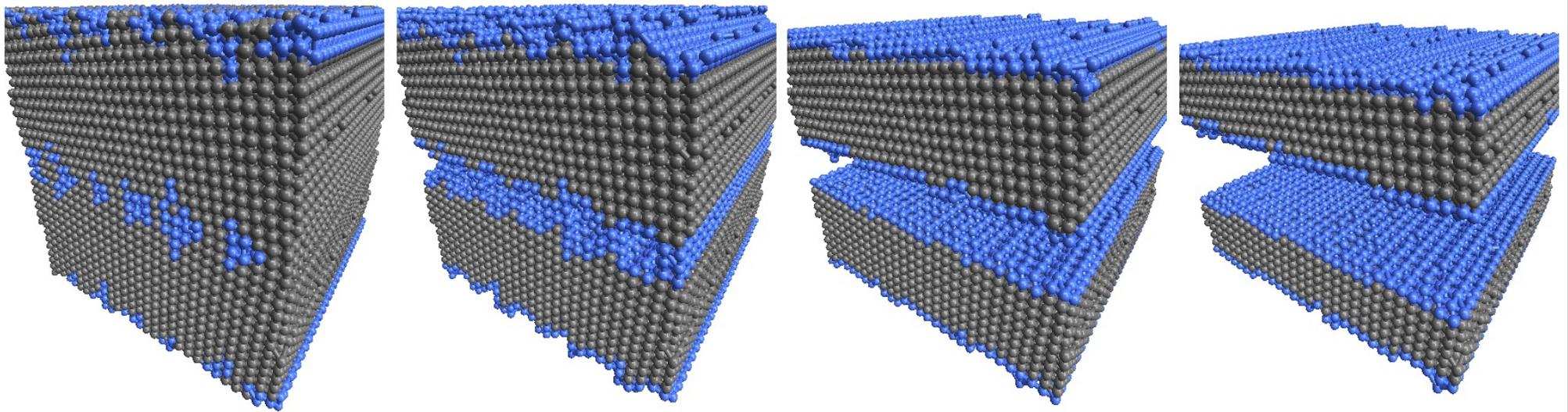
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# Thin Film Sample Format



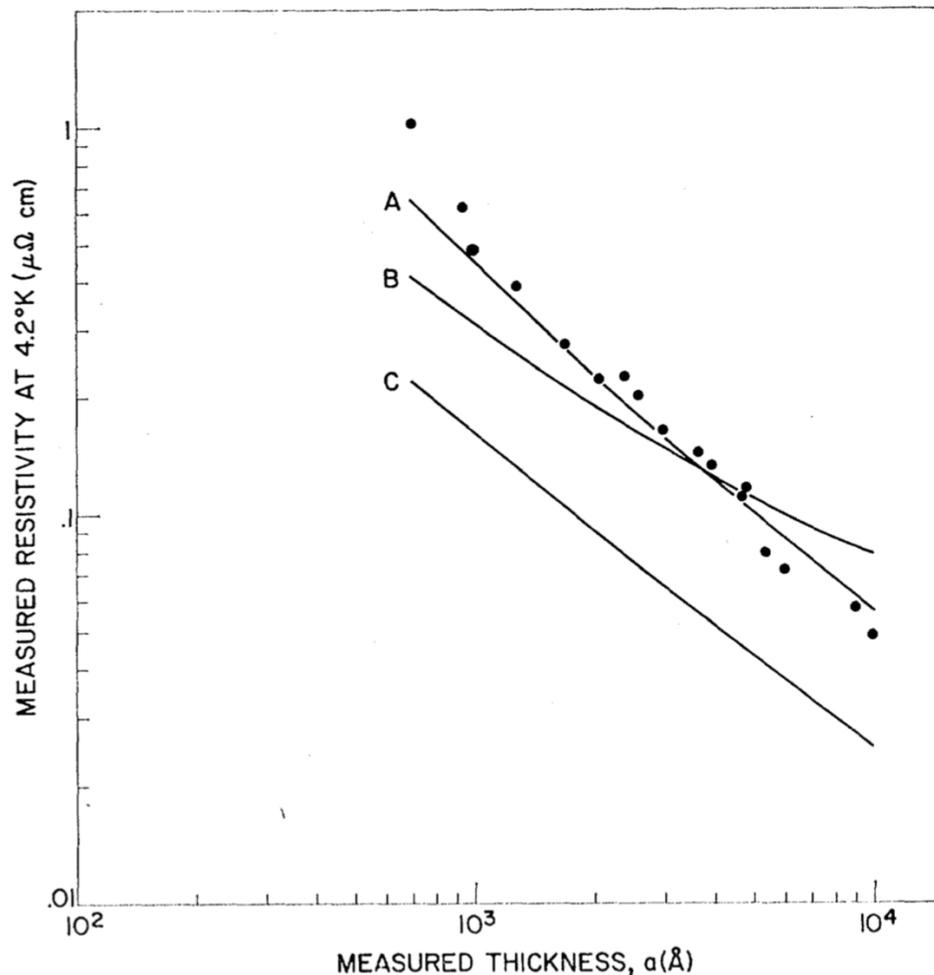
# Force-Field Simulation of GB melting

J. Berry, K. Elder and M. Grant, PRB 77 224114 (2008)

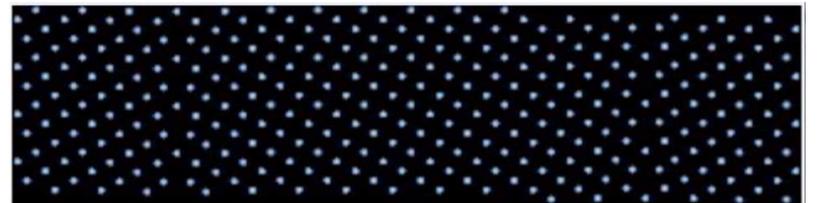


# Resistivity of Al Thin Films

A. F. Mayadas and M. Shatzkes, PRB 1 1382 (1970)



- “Universal curve” of MFP vs electron energy
- Thermal MFP removed at low temperature
- Grain size proportional to thickness (model)



# “Two-temperature” model

I.K. Robinson et al, Journal of Optics **18** 054007 (2016)

J.K. Chen et al, Int J. Heat Transfer **49** 307 (2006)

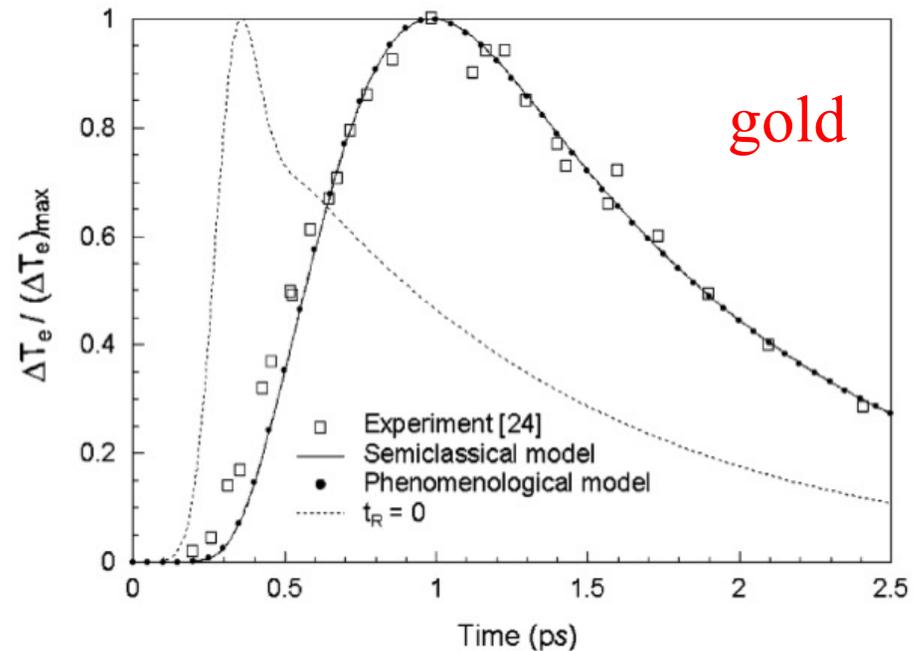
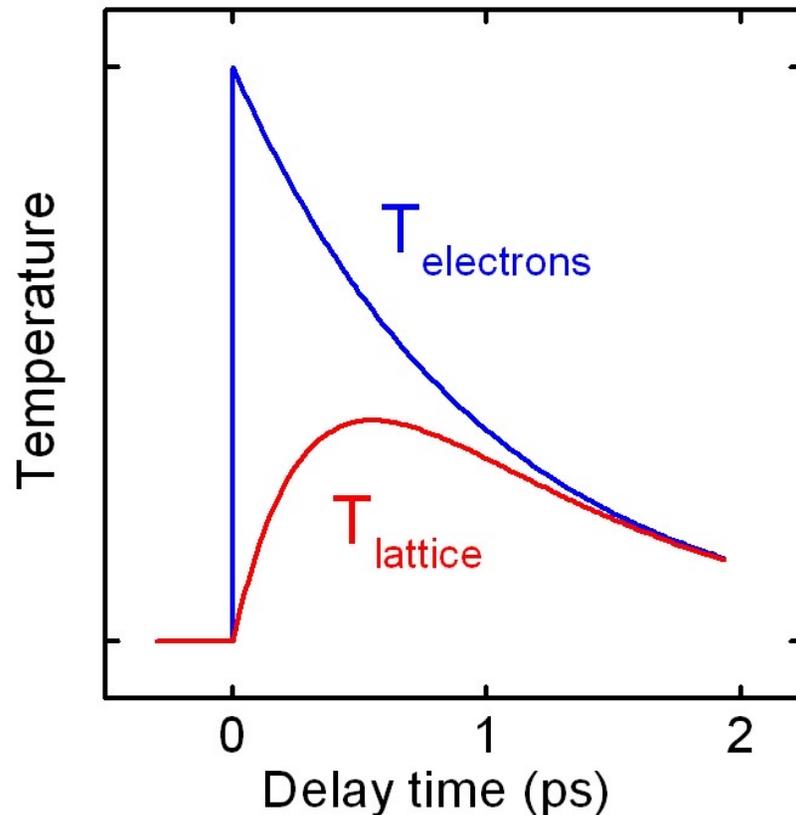
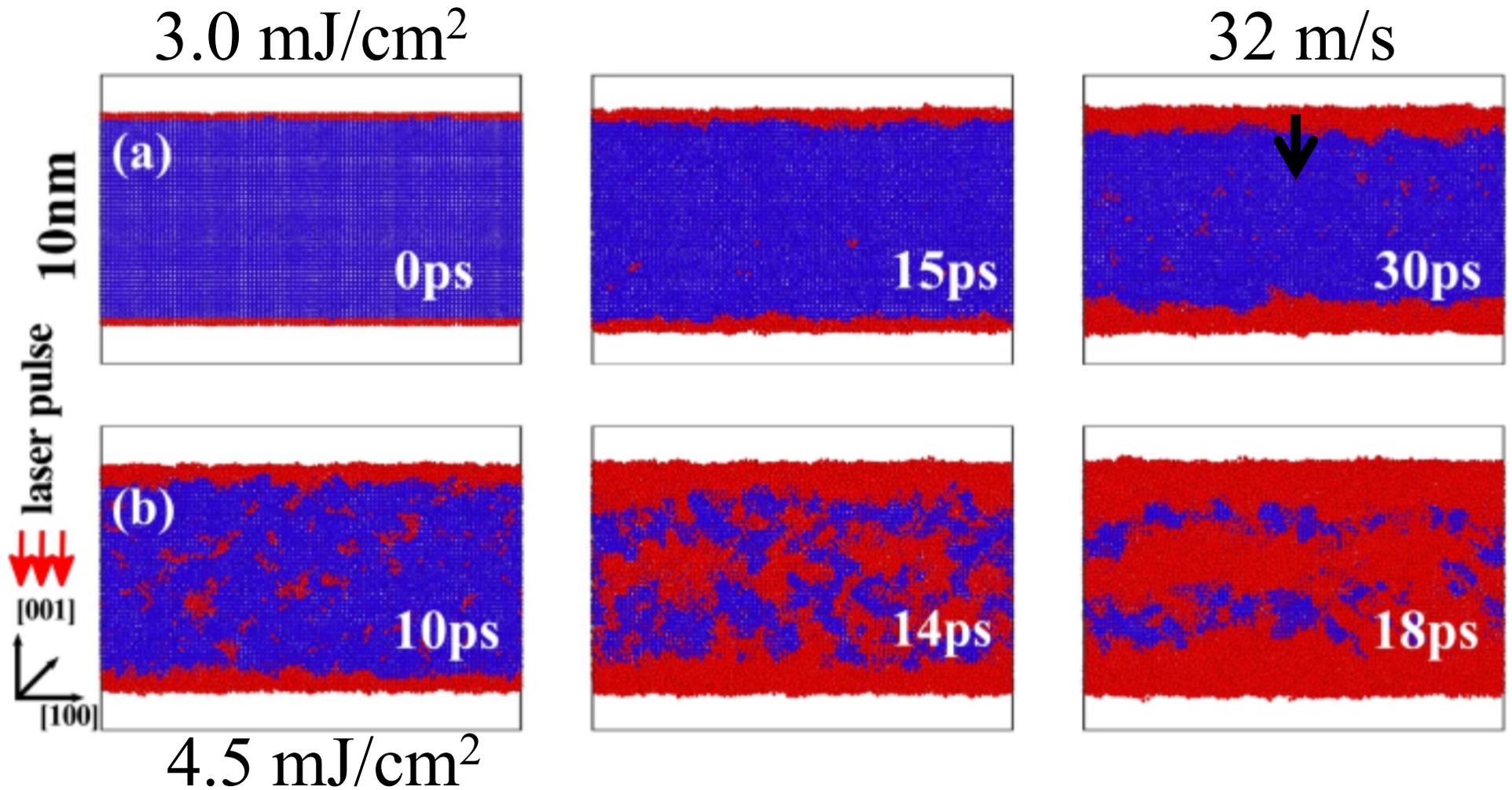


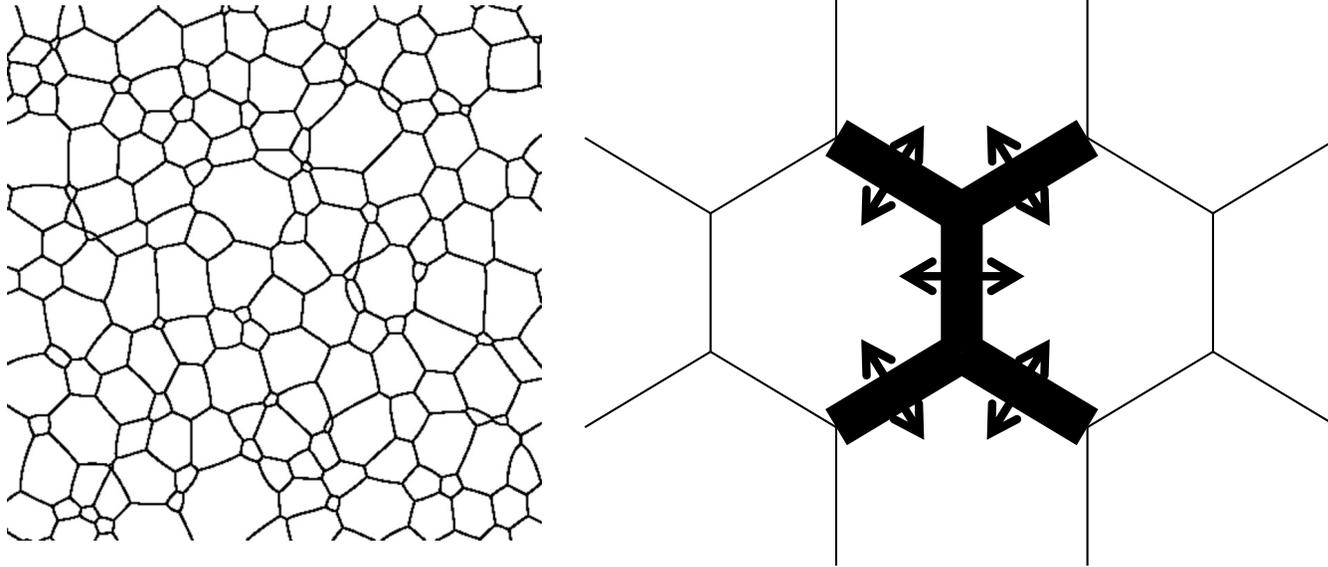
Fig. 2. Comparison of the change in electron temperature at the front surface of an 80-nm gold film irradiated by a 2.8 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>, 800 nm, 150-fs laser pulse.

# 2TM-MD (EAM) simulation Au slab

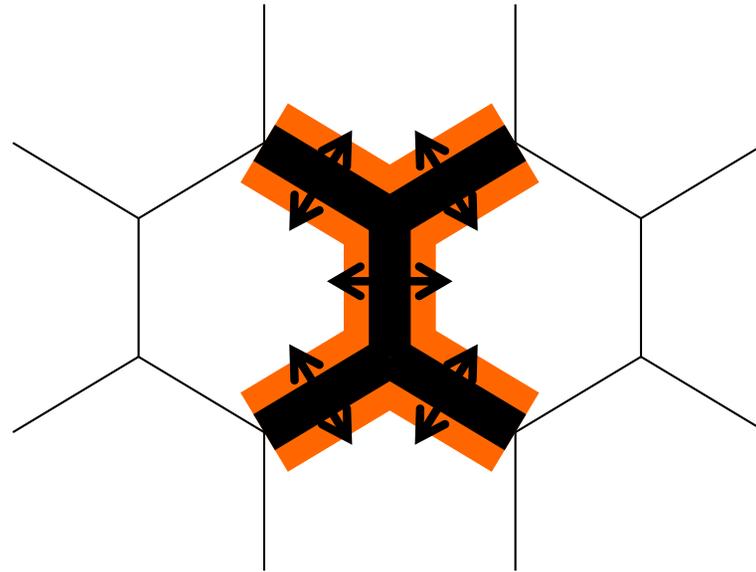
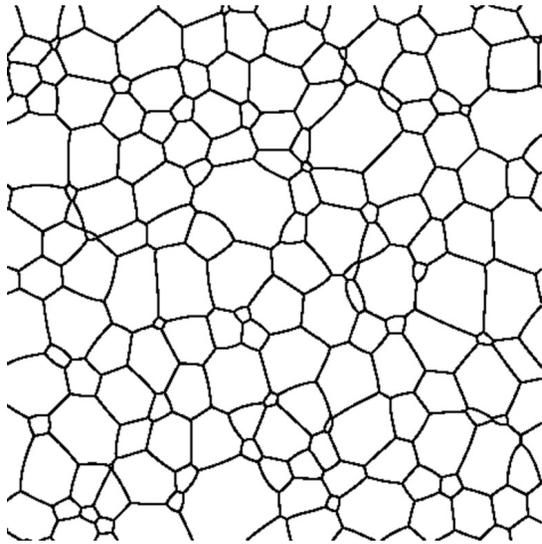
Giret et al, APL **103** 253107 (2013)



# Grain Boundary Melting

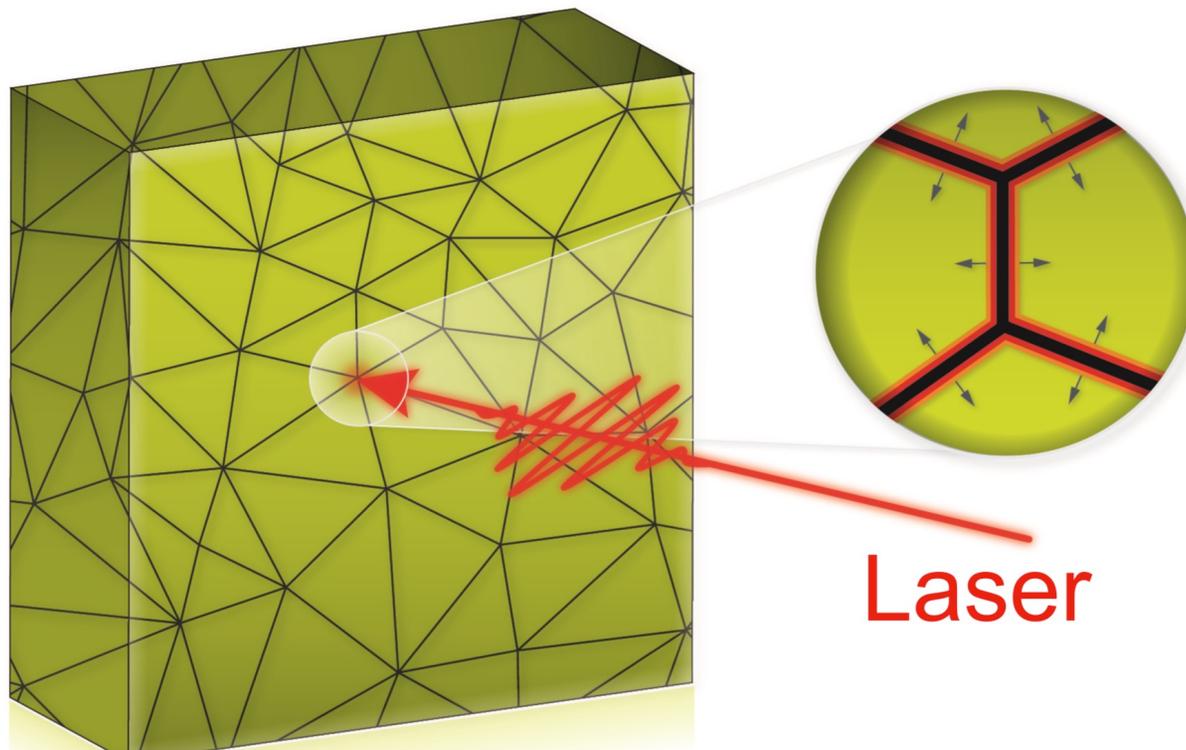


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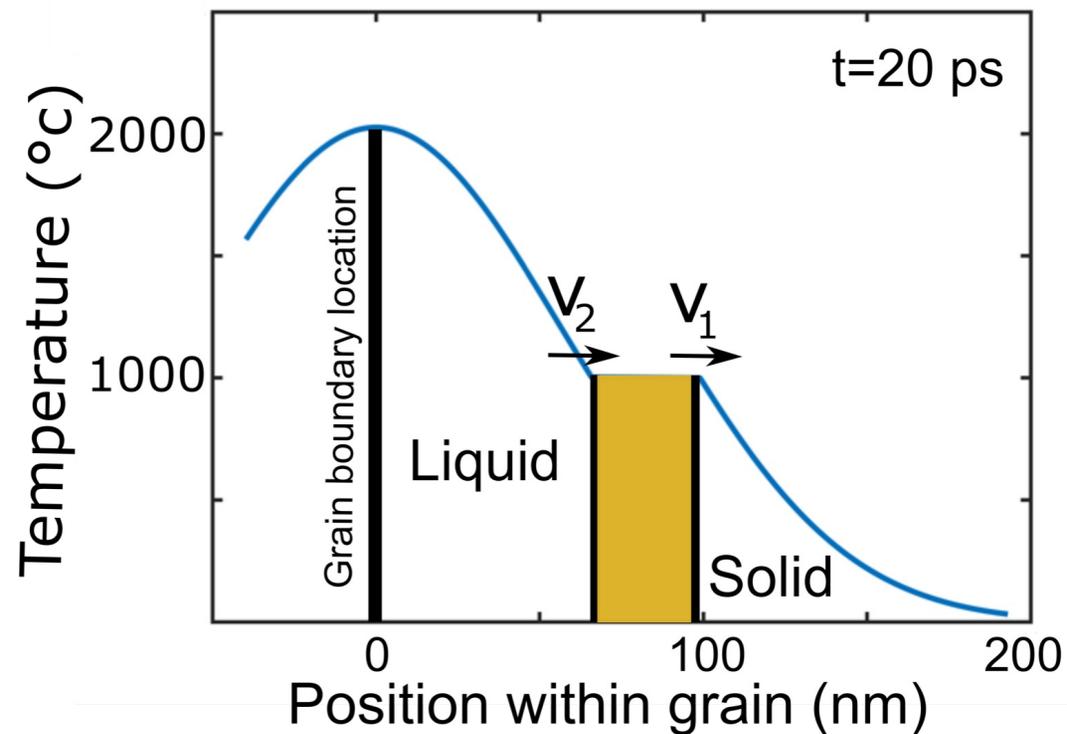
# Grain Boundary Origin of Melting

T. A. Assefa et al Science Advances 6 eaax2445 (2020)

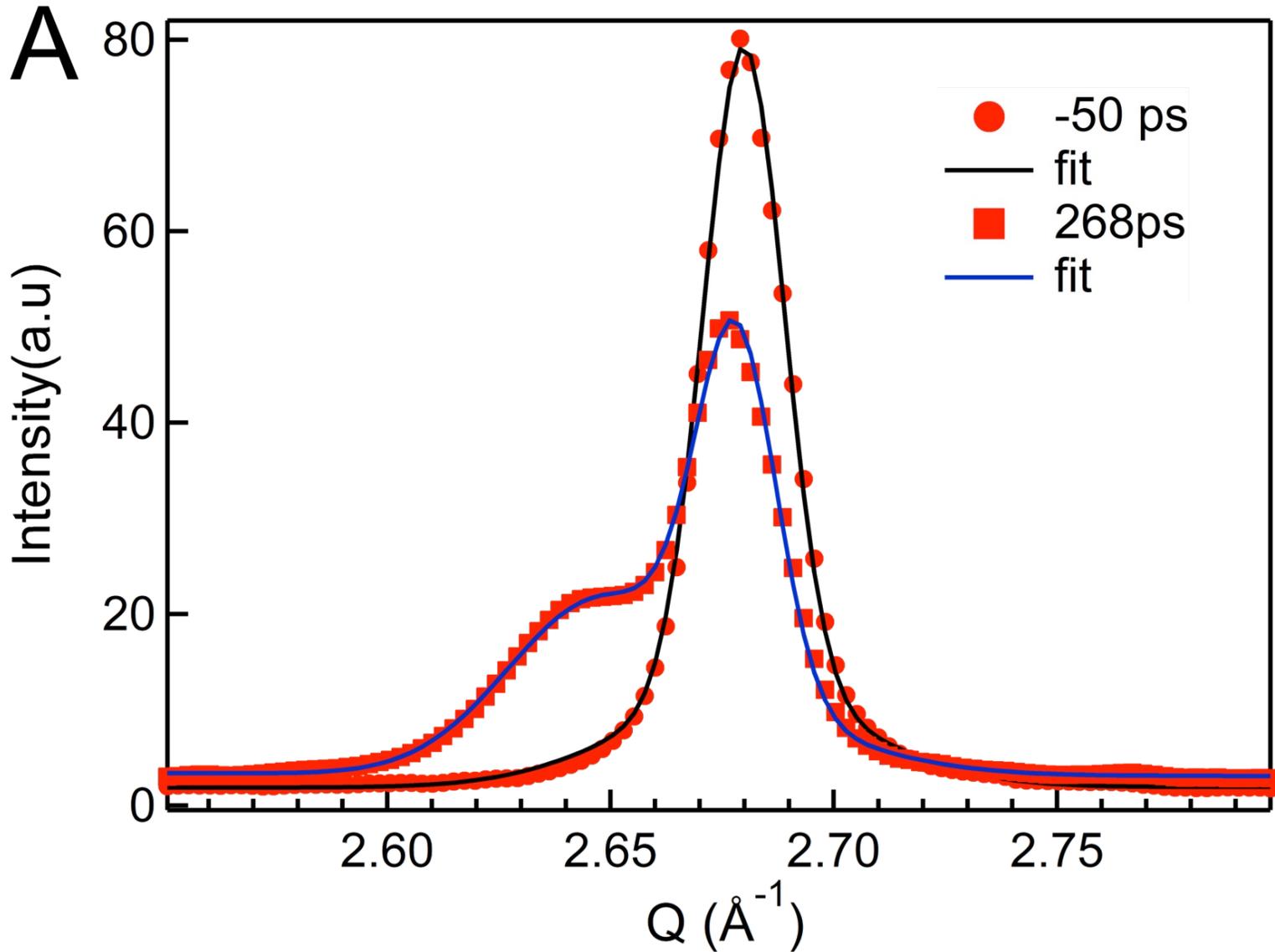


# Grain Boundary Induced Melting

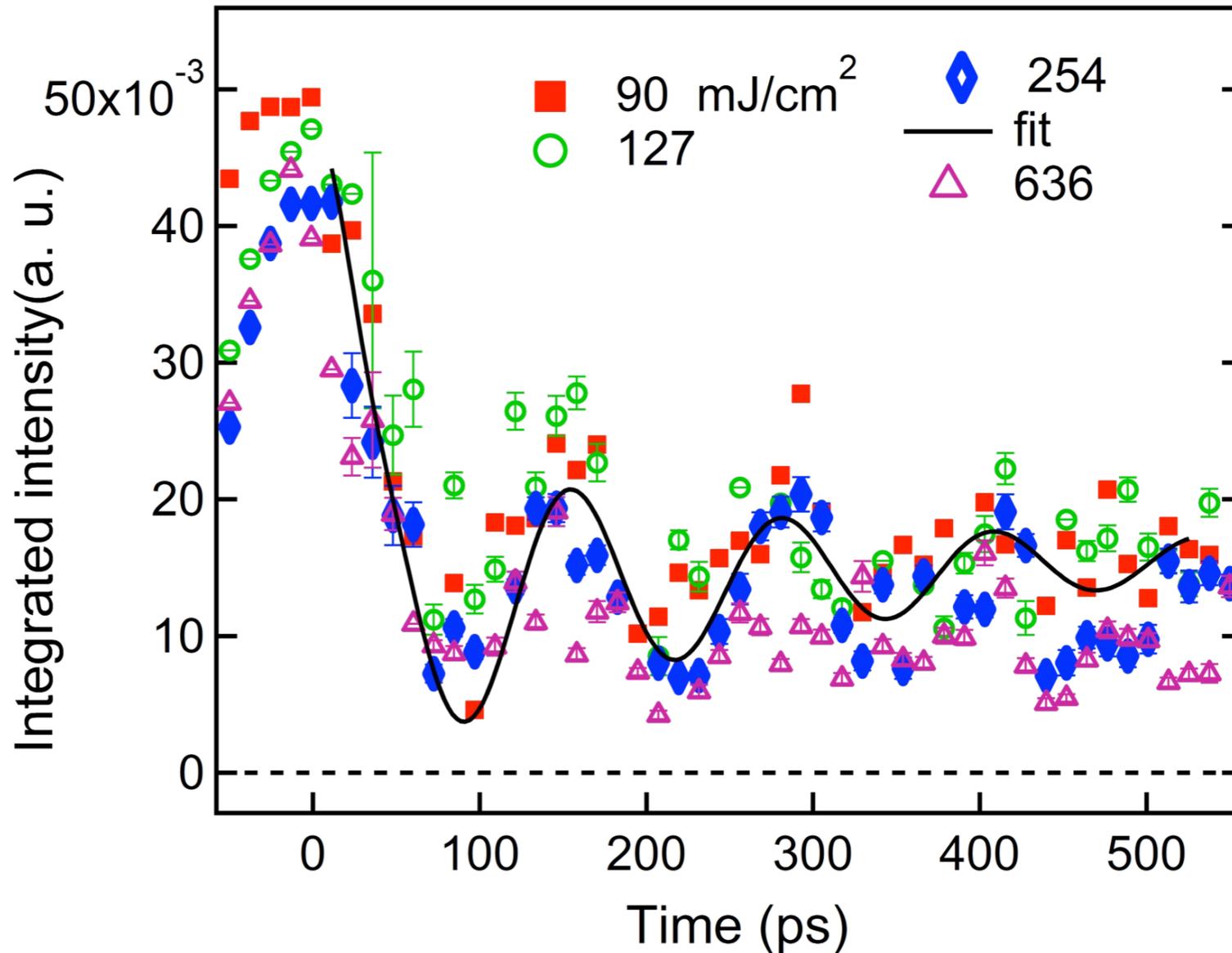
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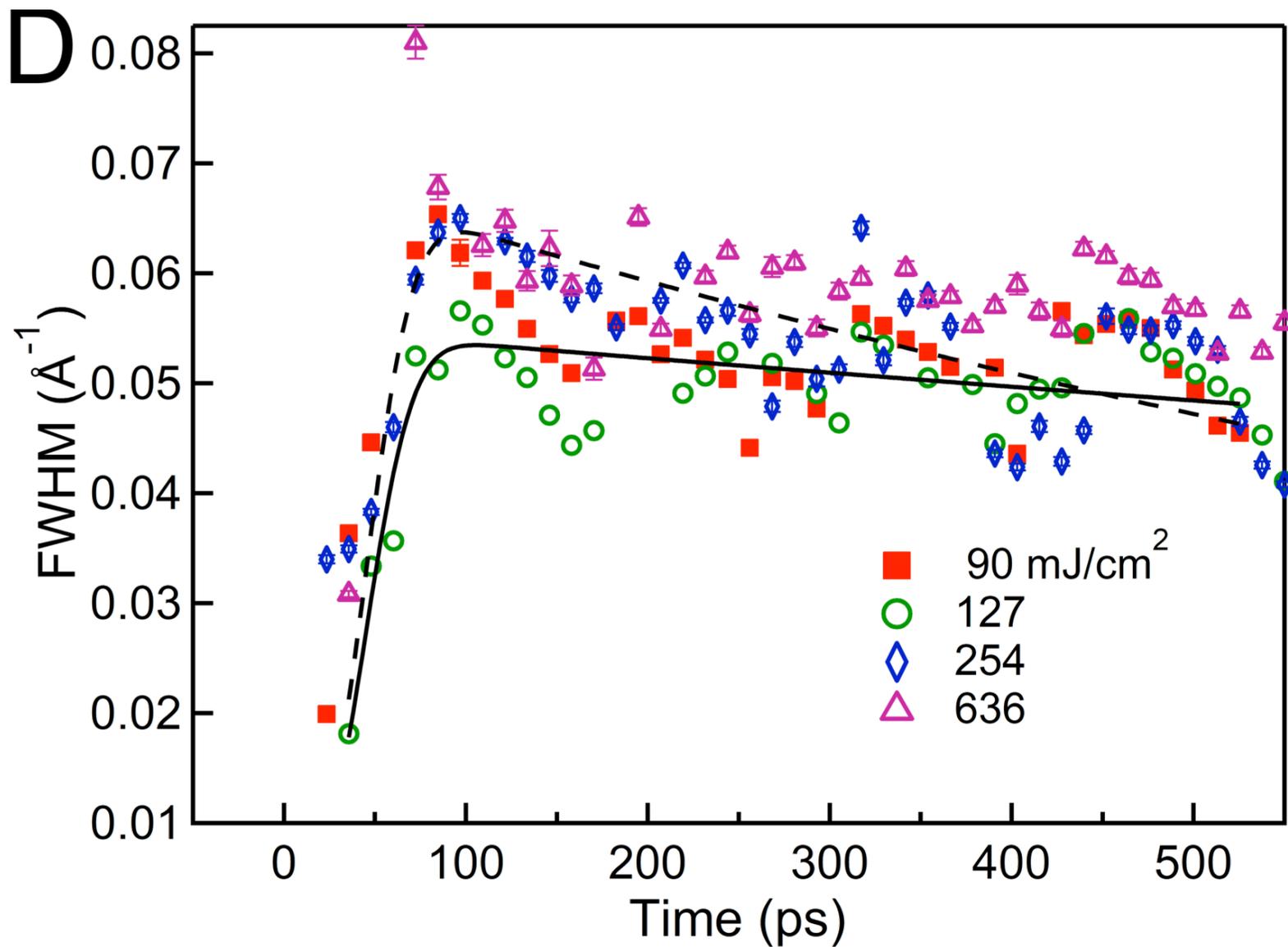
# Deconvolution of Peaks



# PP kinetics of Crystal Peak

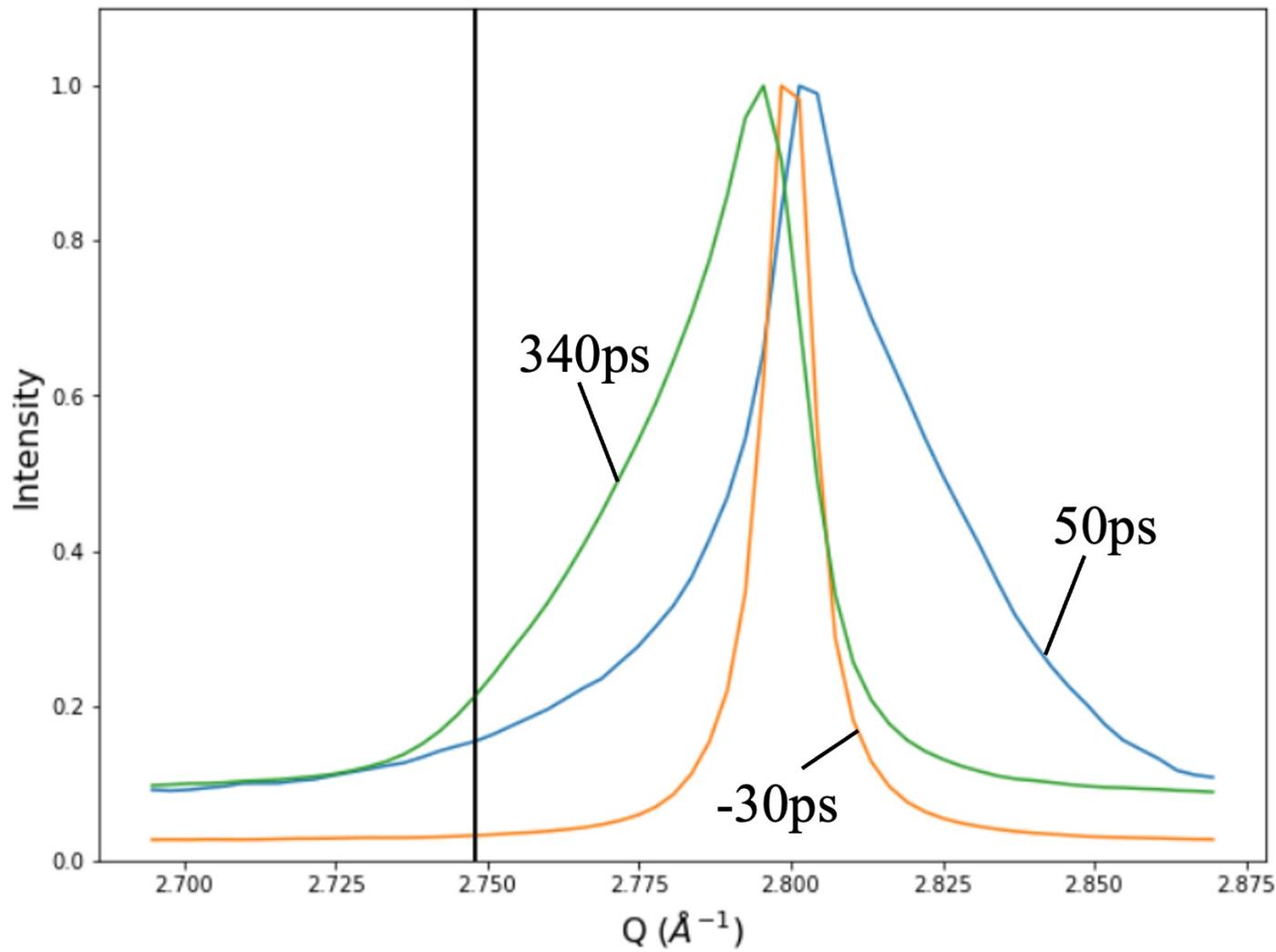


# Width of Melt-Front Peak



# Palladium is Different from Gold

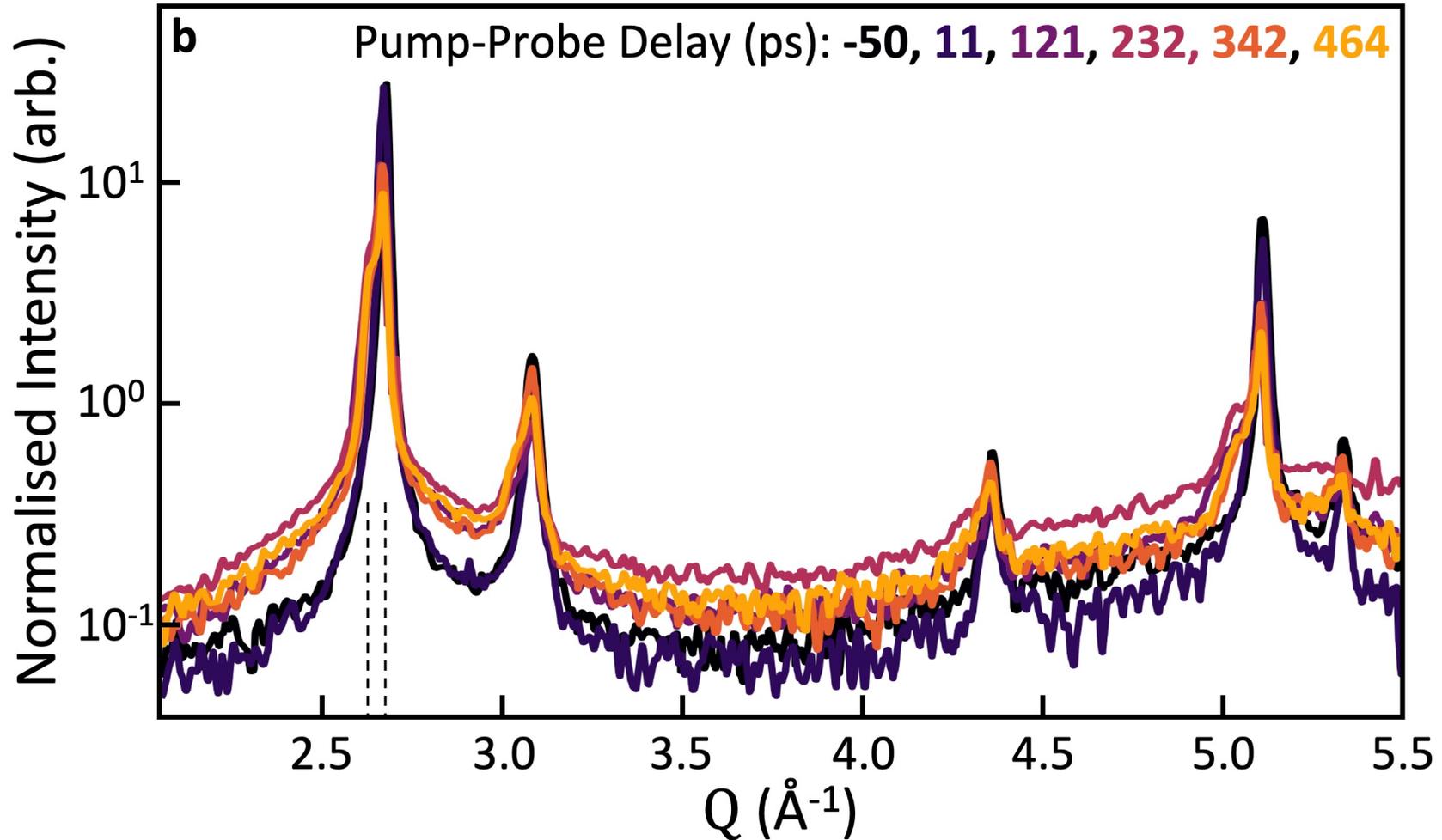
A. F. Suzana, et al, Phys. Rev. B 107 214303 (2023)

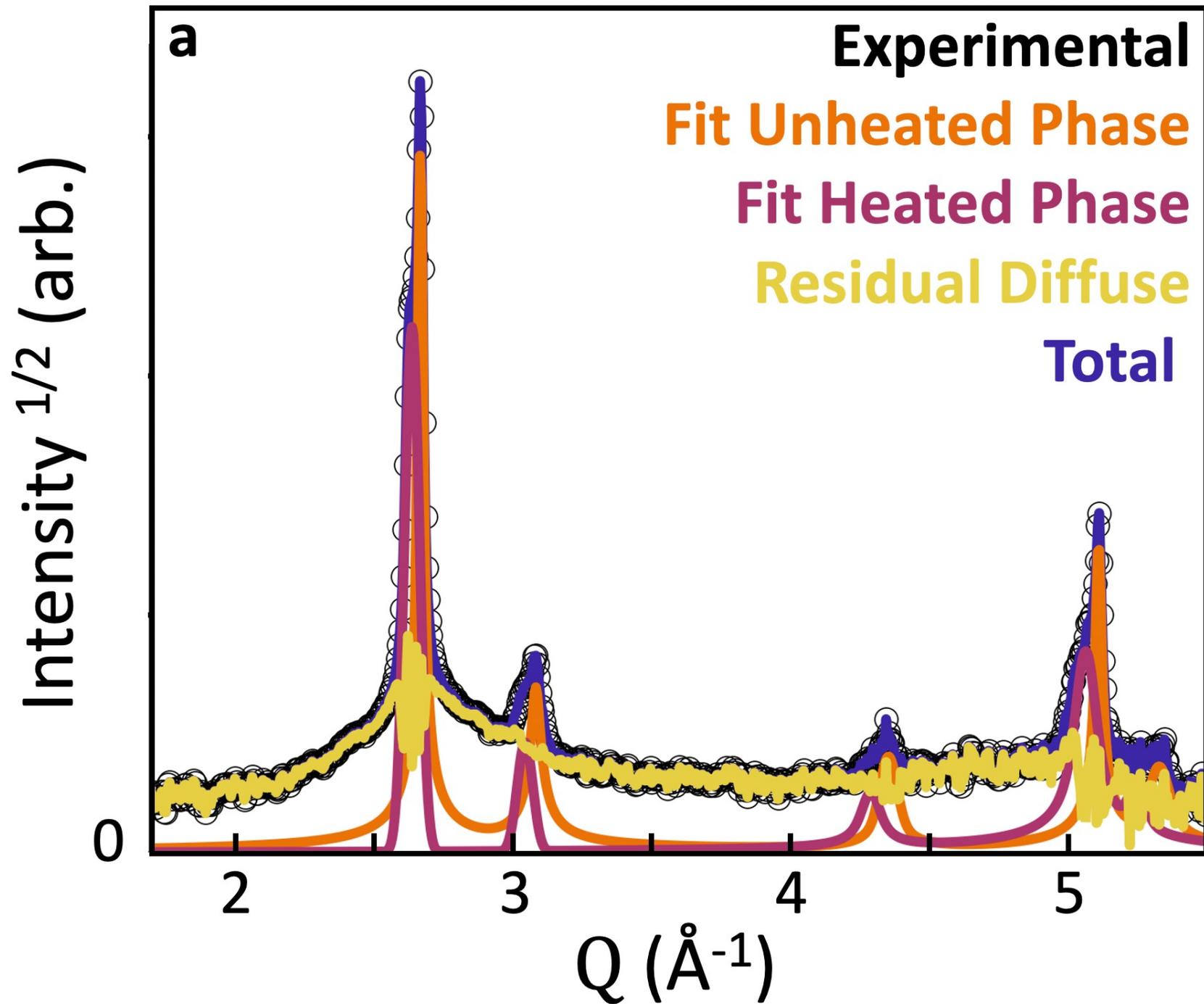


- (111) Bragg peak vs time delay
- 300 nm Pd thin film
- PAL XFEL
- laser fluence 800 mJ cm<sup>-2</sup>

# Excess Diffuse signal between Bragg peaks

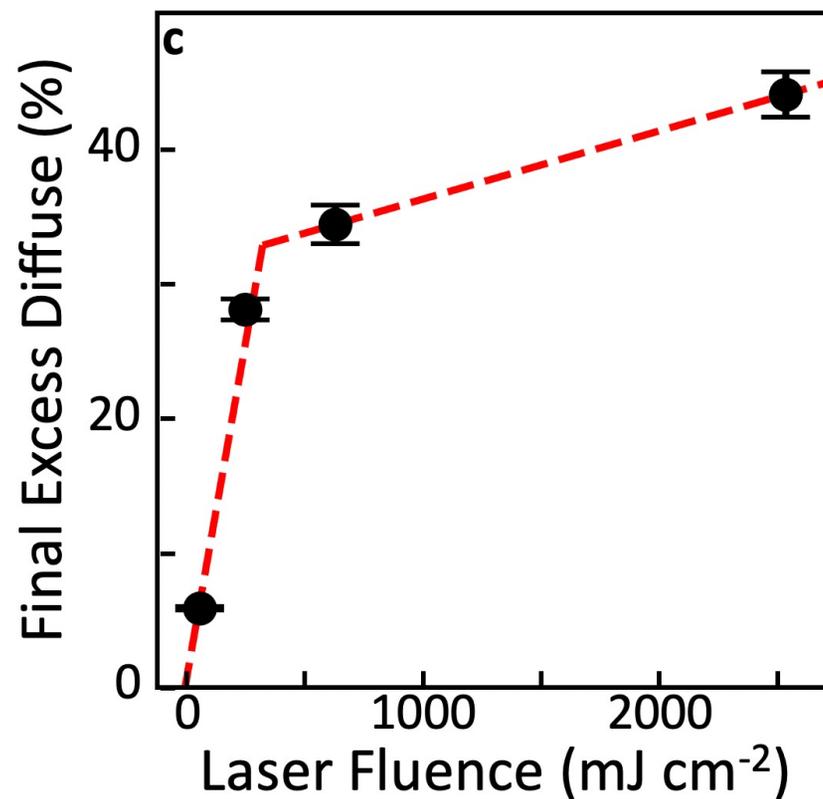
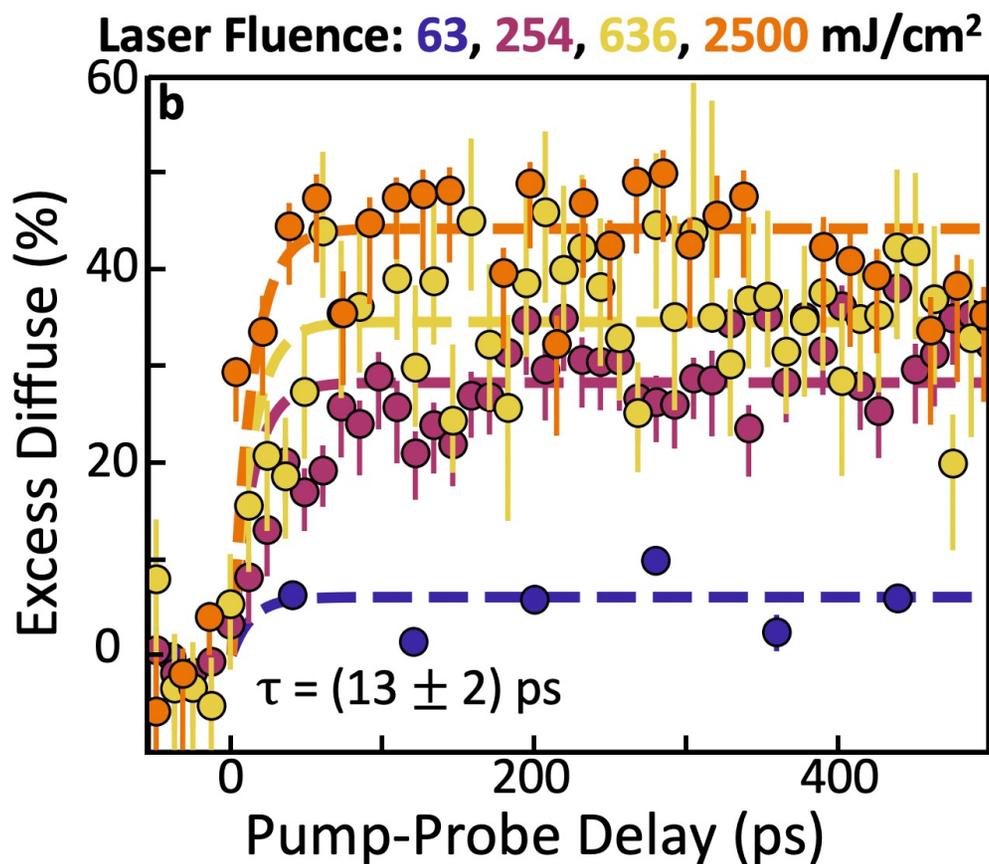
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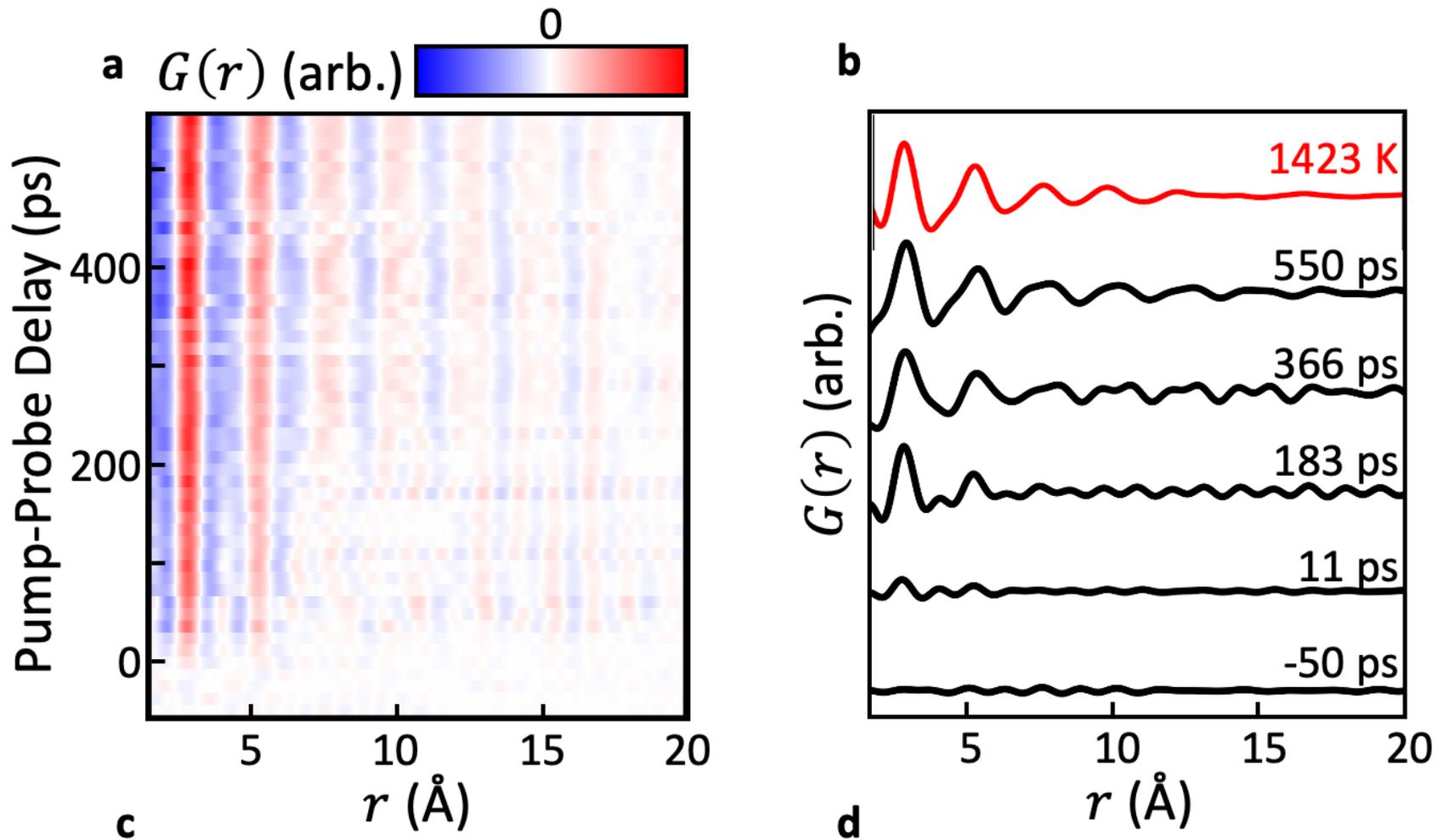
# Time and Fluence dependence

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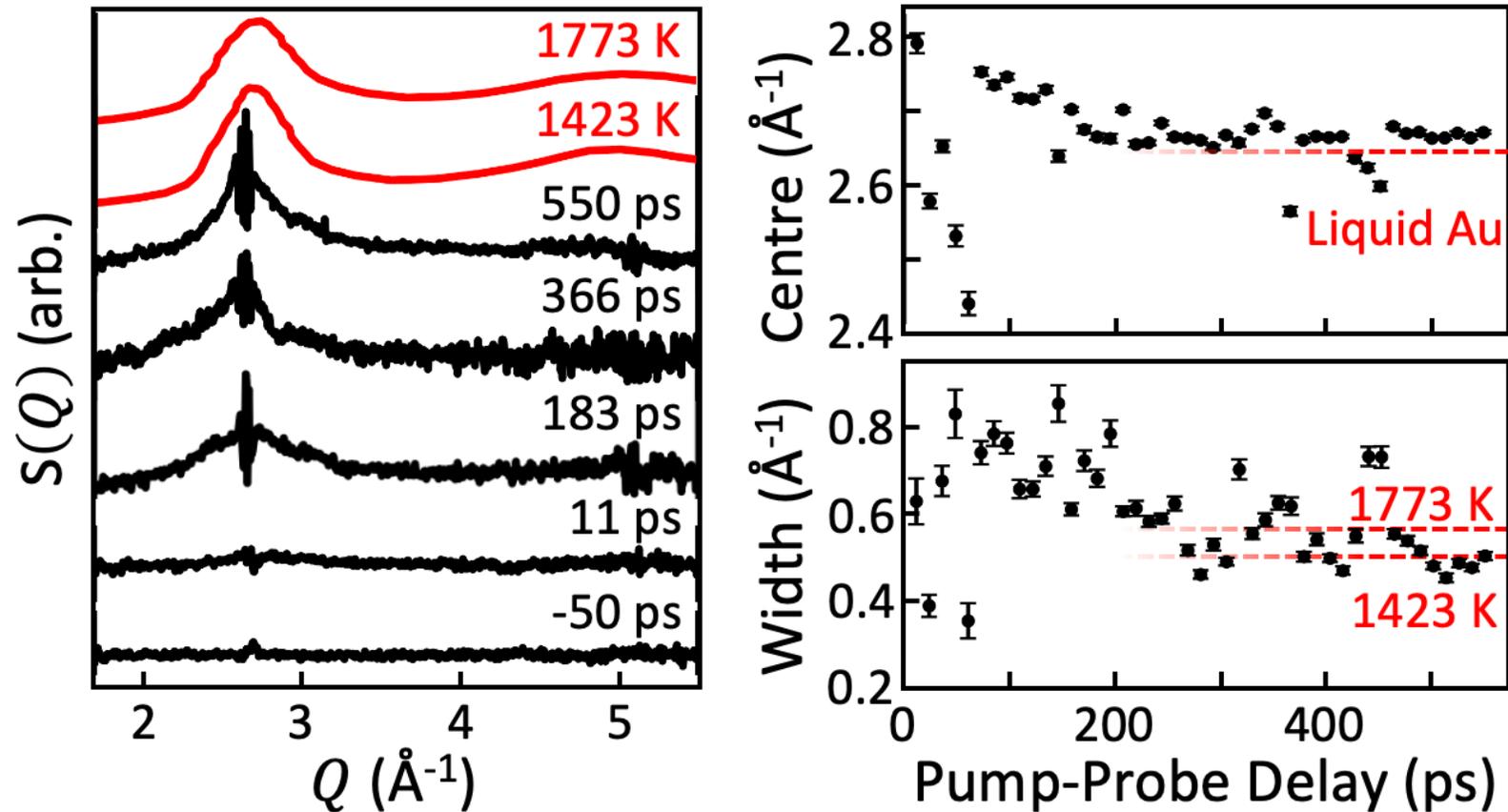
# PDF evolves slightly with time

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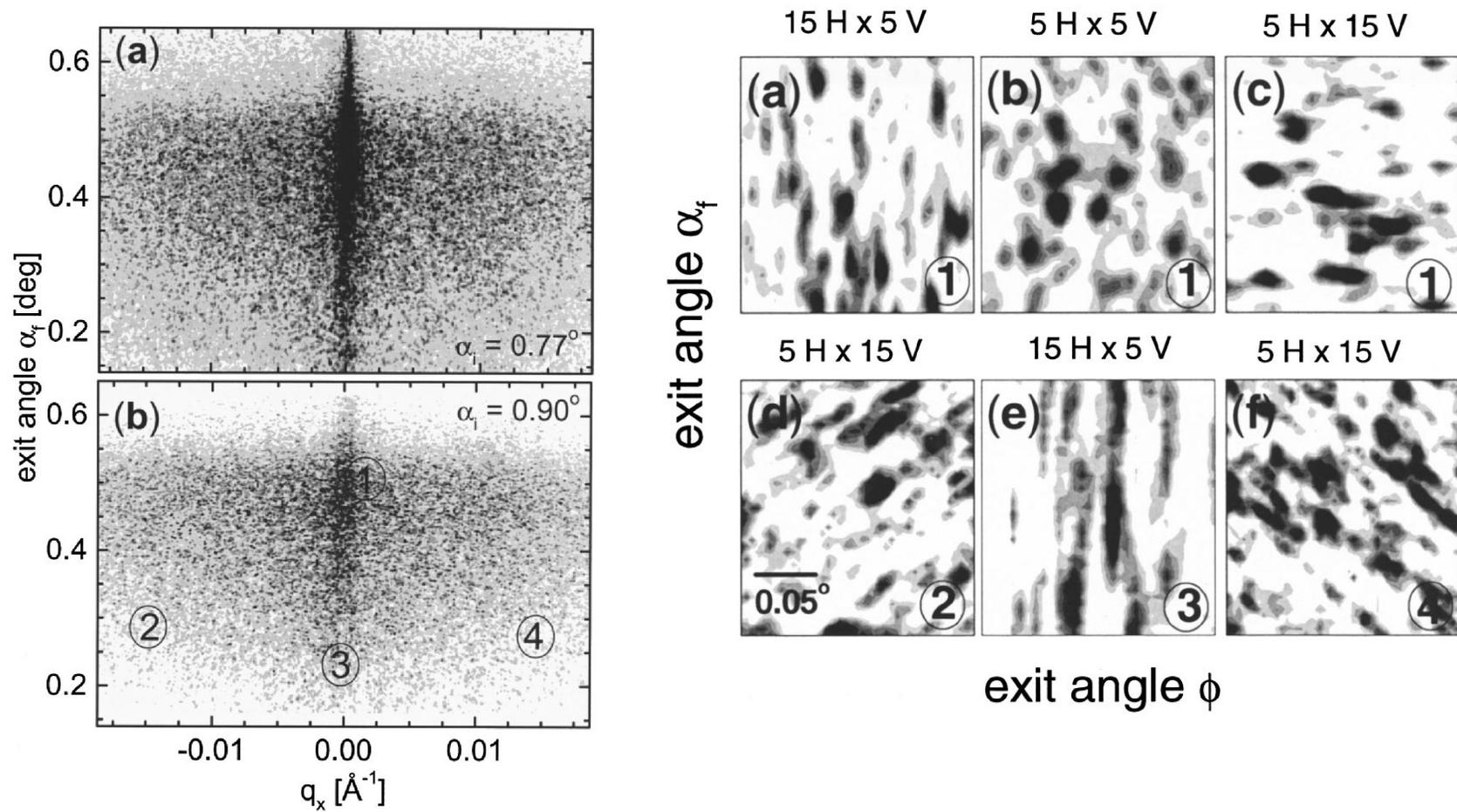
# Liquid structure evolution in time

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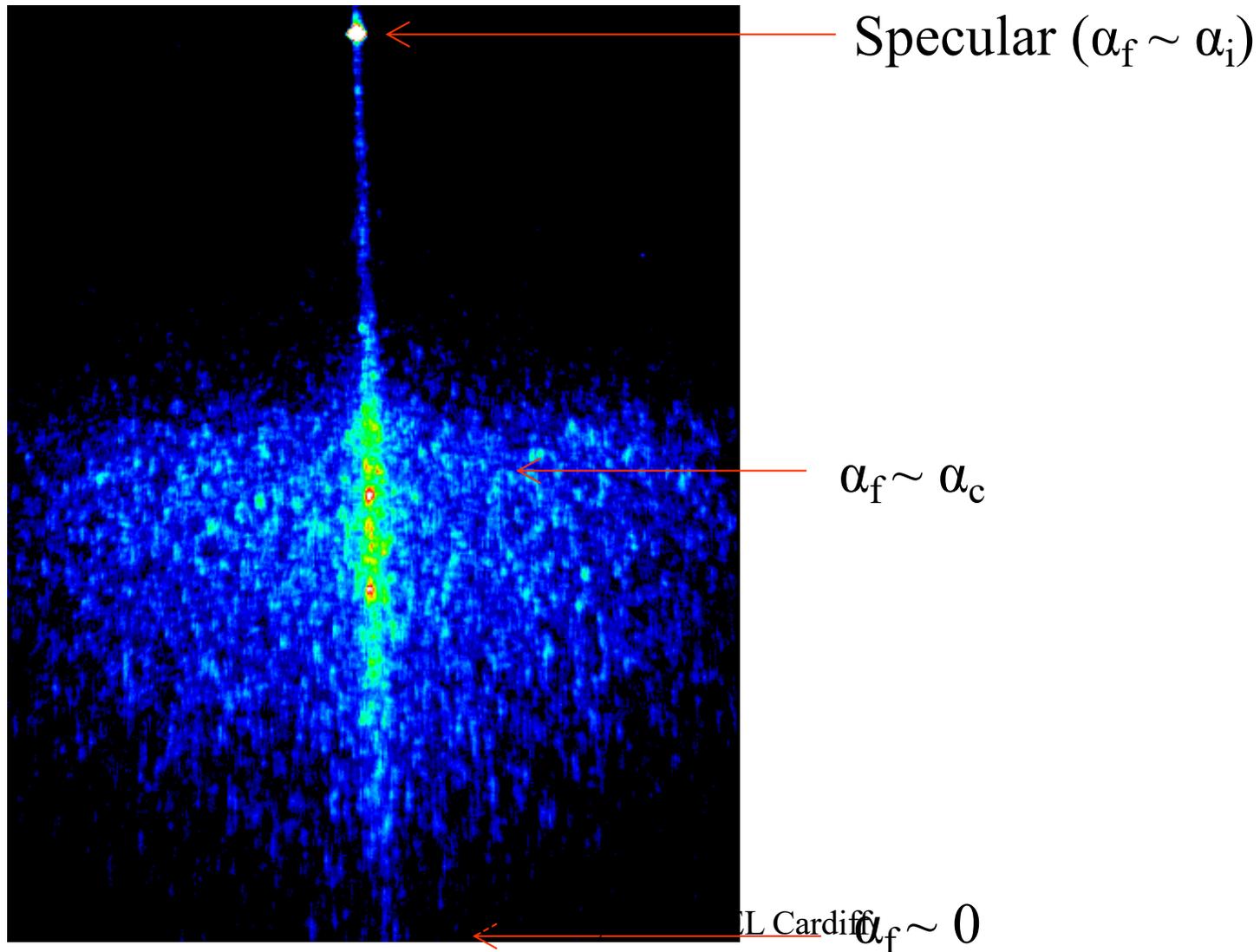
# GISXS Geometry sees film nanostructure

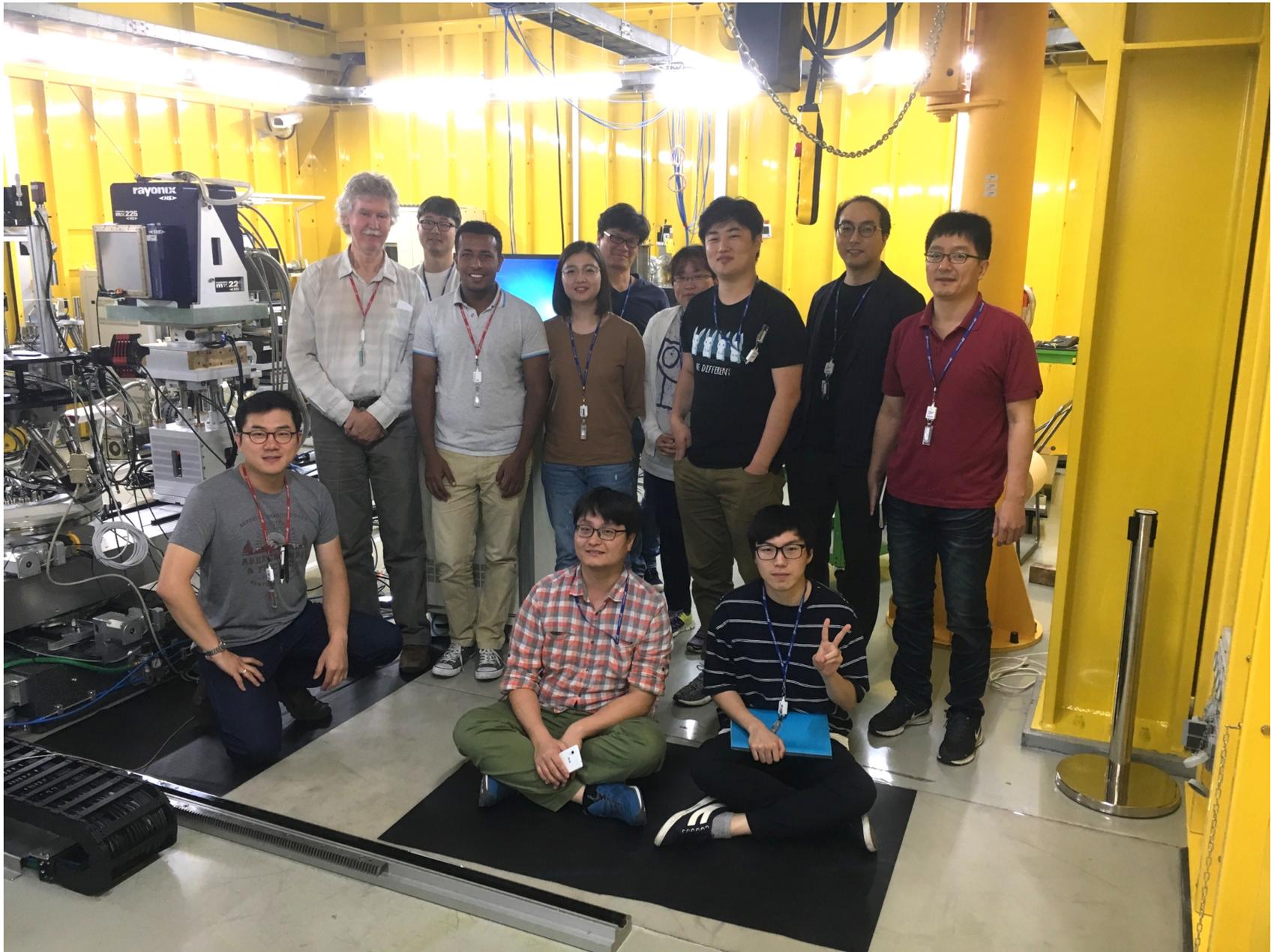
F. Pfeiffer, W. Zhang and IKR, Appl. Phys. Letters 84 1847-9 (2004)



# Coherent Structure in “Yoneda” Peak

Grazing-exit diffraction from a 1000Å Au polycrystalline film





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# PAL XFEL Control Room



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# Role of Ultrafast Heterogeneous Melting in Laser Machining Dynamics

- Ultrafast lasers are better for machining
- Pump-probe approach to understand excitations
- Sample scanner for single-shot destructive pump
- Melt-front picture of Ultrafast melting

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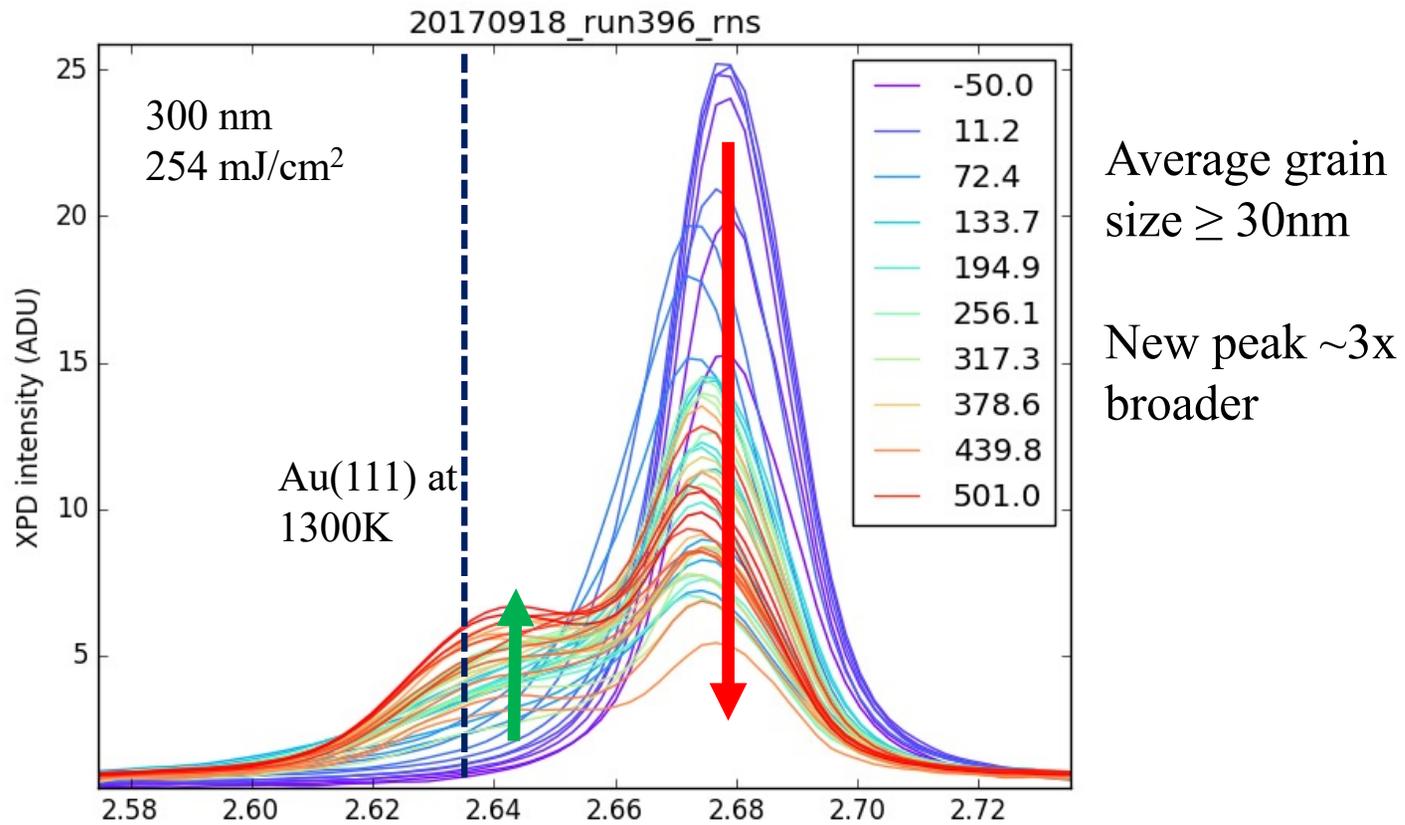


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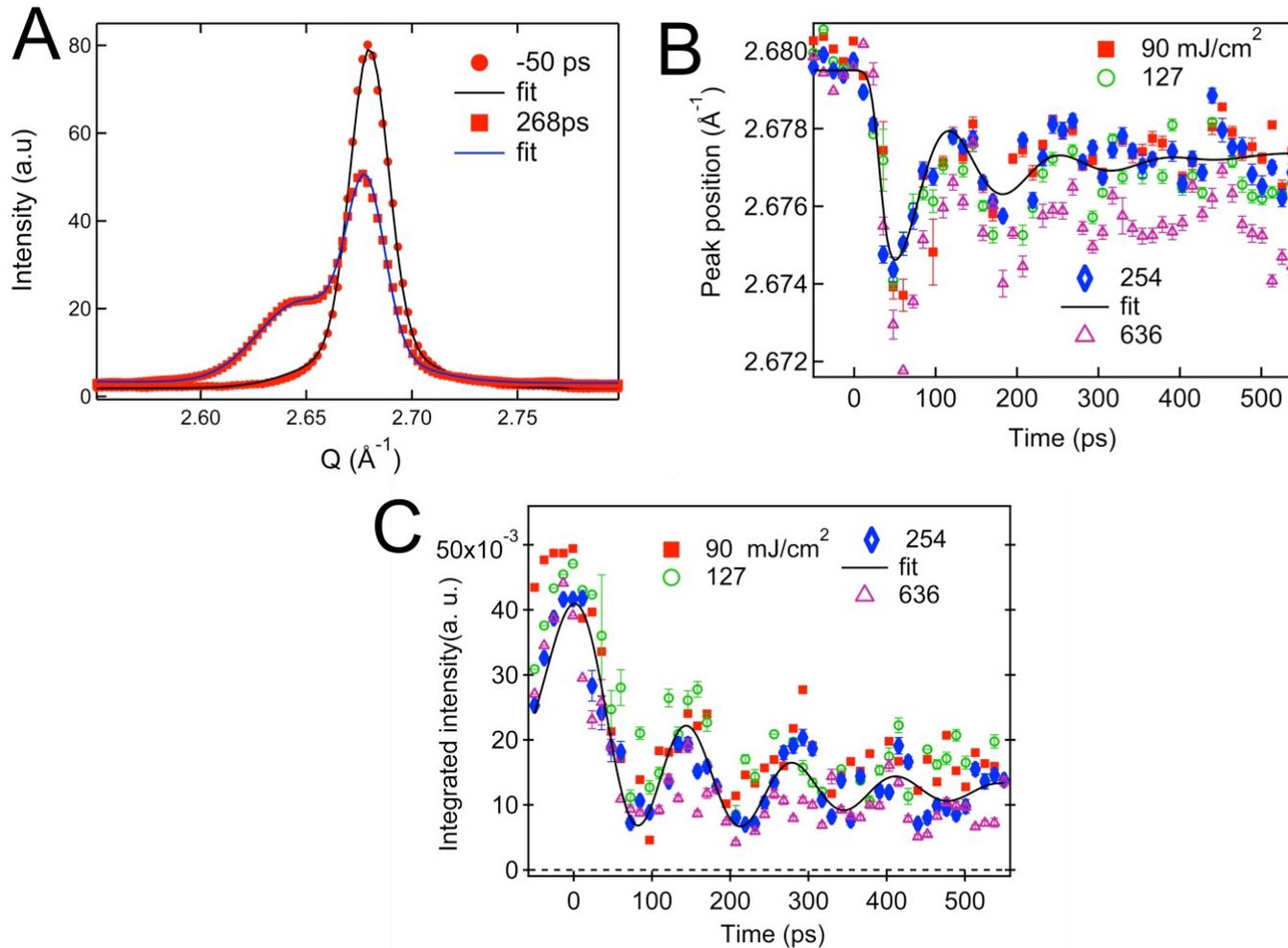


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# PyFAI integration around ring



# Response of the Crystal 111 peak



# Response of New Peak

Material trapped at the melting point

