

# Laser machining: what happens with ultrafast lasers?

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# PAL XFEL Control Room



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# Outline

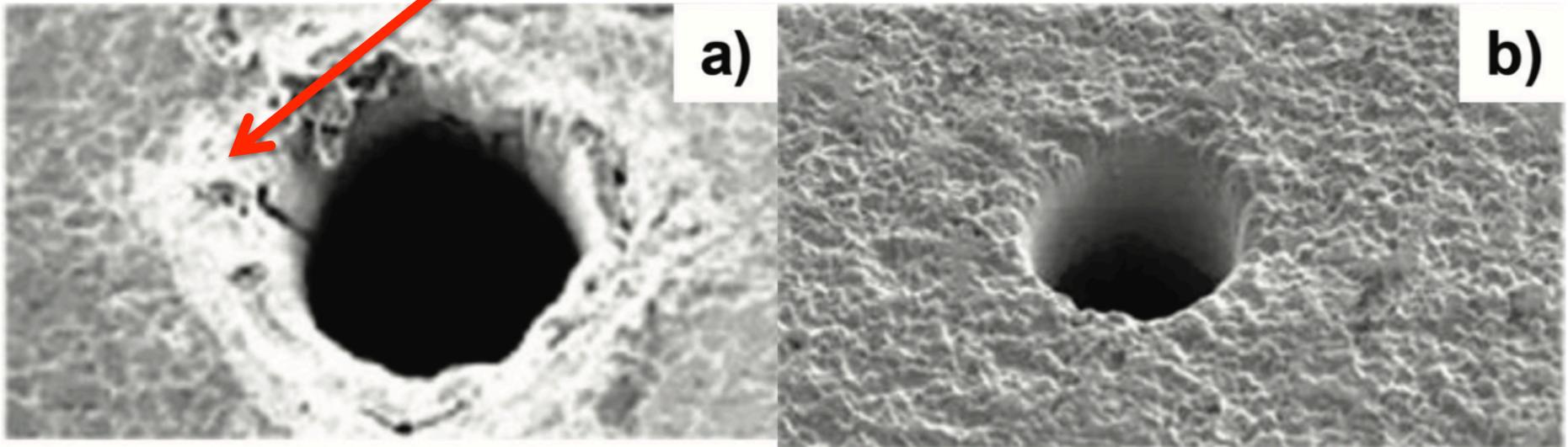
- Ultrafast Laser Machining
- Pump-probe method
- Excitations in the time domain
- Ultrafast melting of gold films

# 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.*

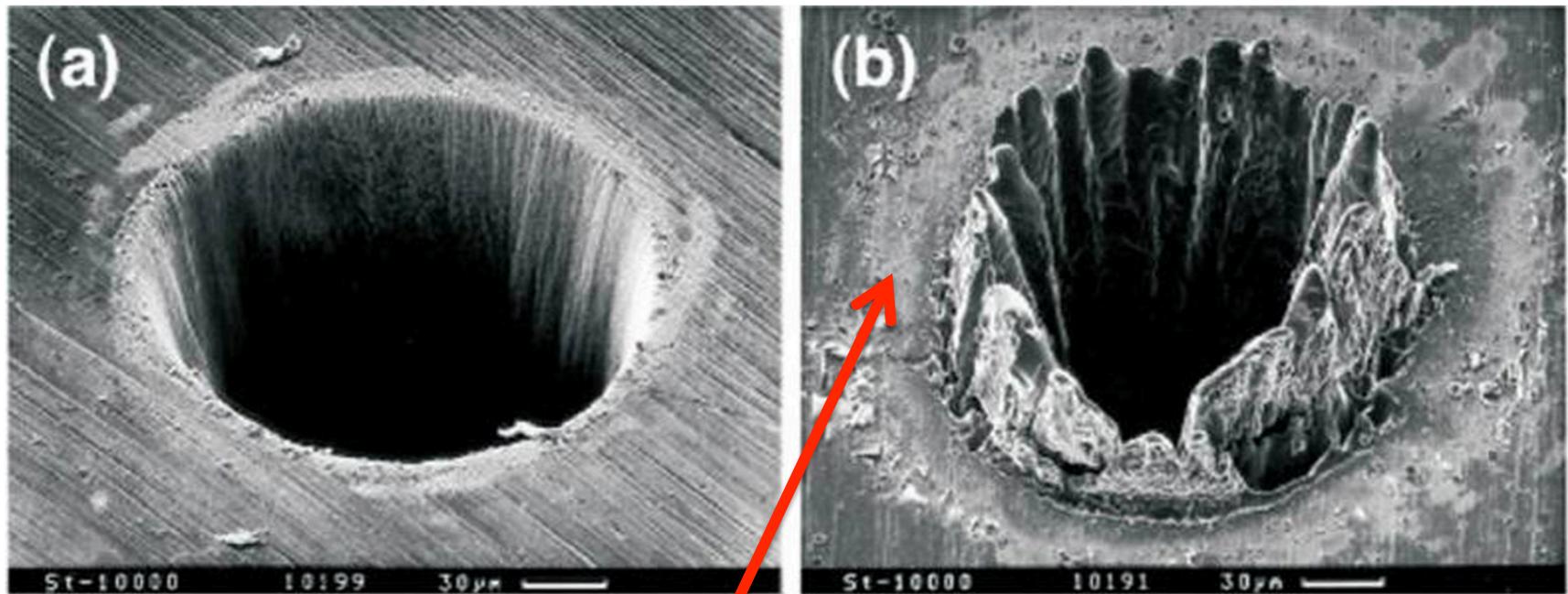
# Laser Machining speed Comparison

100 $\mu$ m hole drilled in 100 $\mu$ 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”

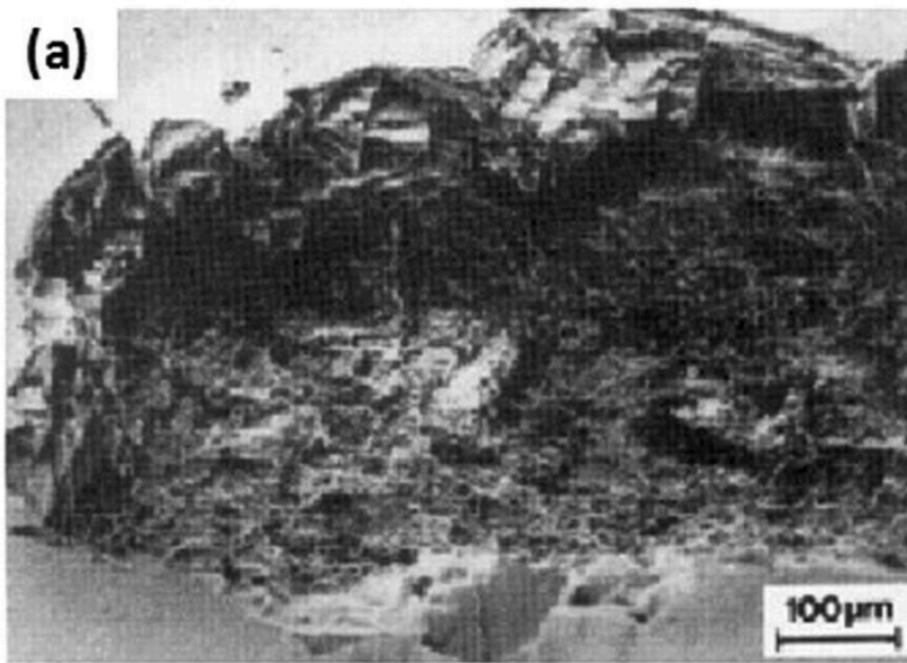
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# Laser Machining speed Comparison

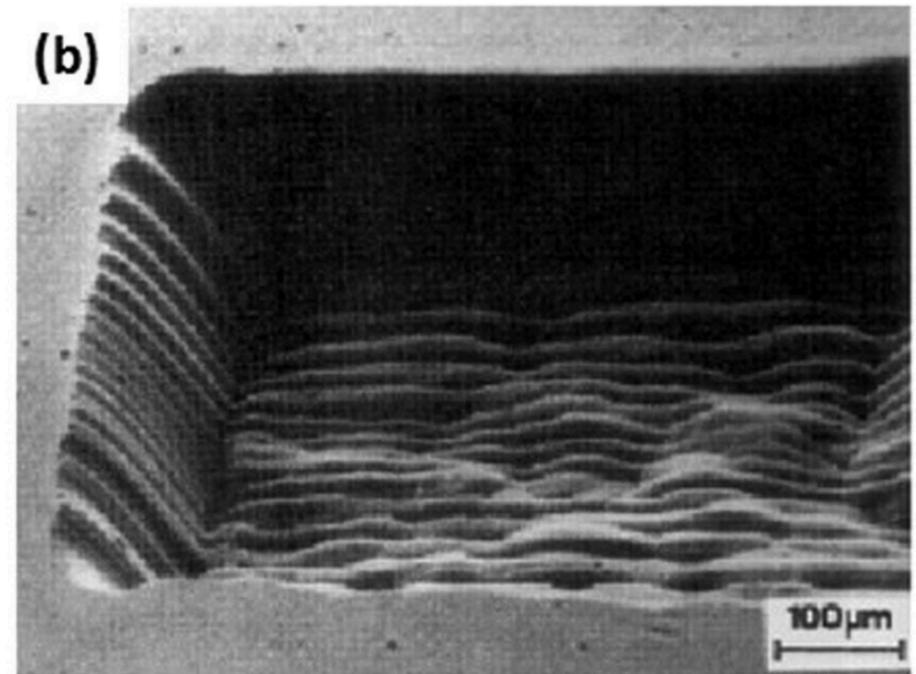
SEM of laser machined NaCl

Multiphoton Absorption of 248nm (NaCl is transparent)

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

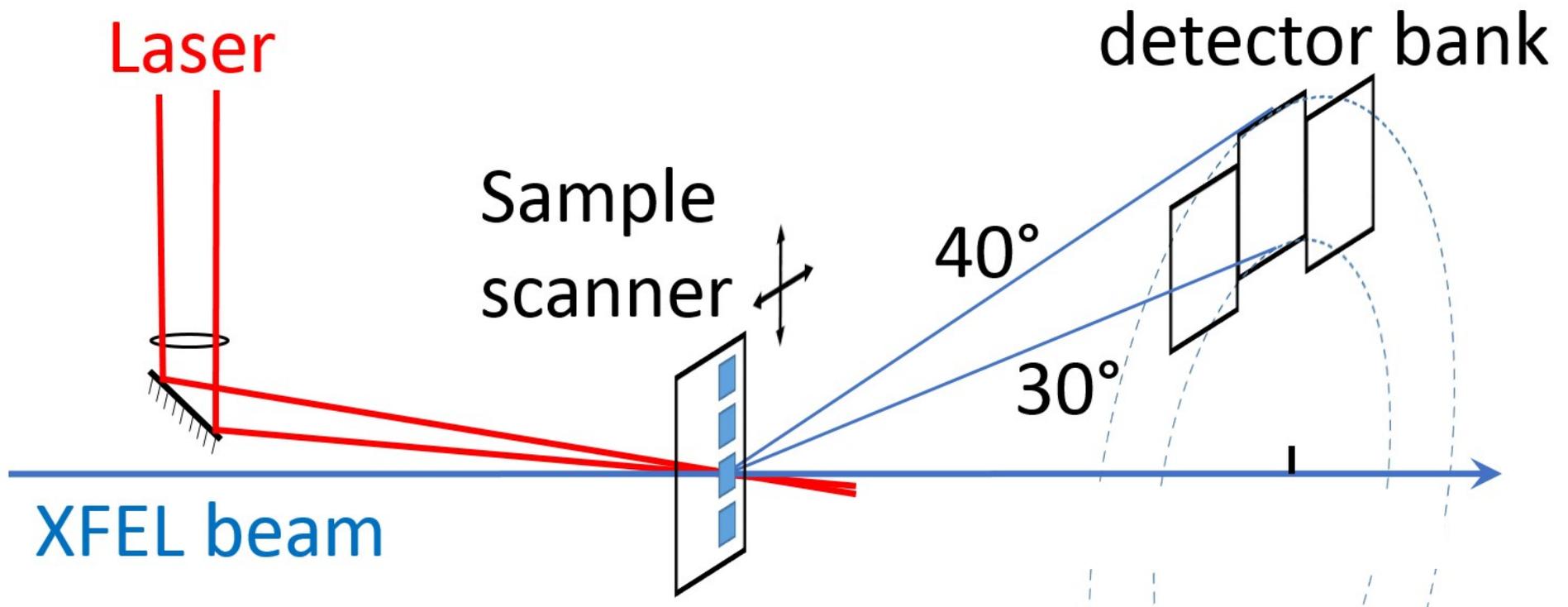


Nanosecond laser (16ns)



Femtosecond laser (300fs)

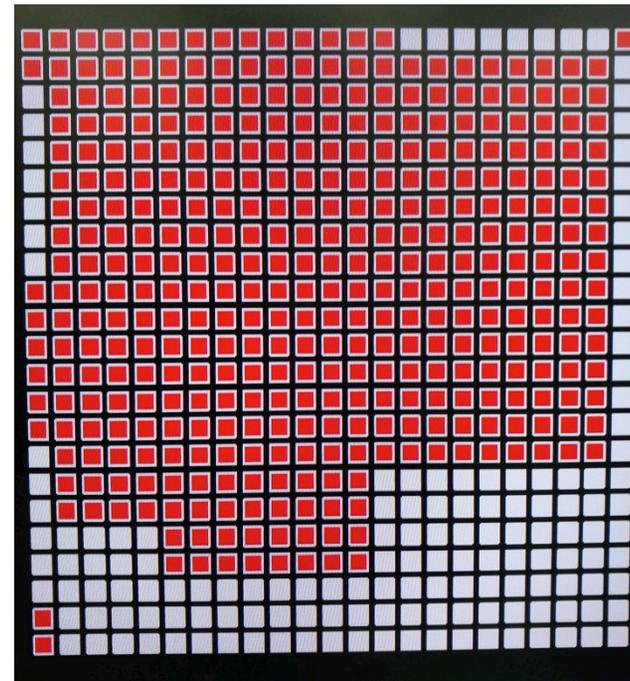
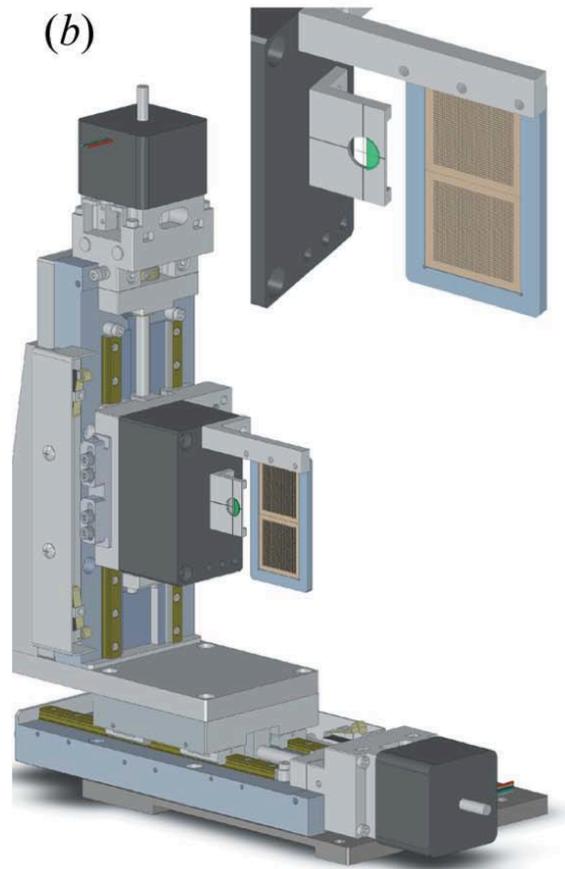
# Pump-probe Method using Sample Scanner



# Scan Stage for MAXIC chamber

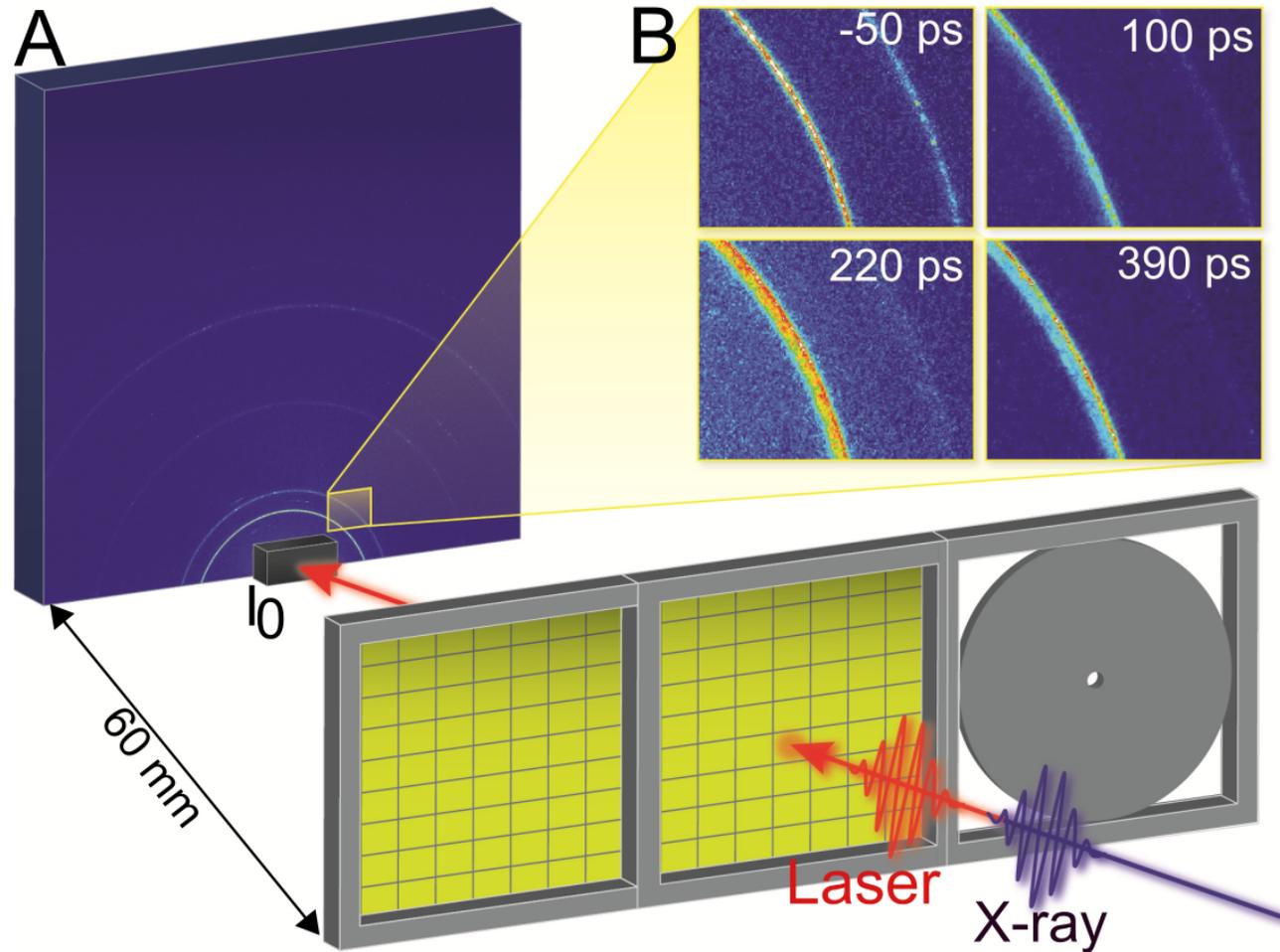
Changyong Song et al, J. Appl. Cryst. **47** 188 (2014)

Daewoong Nam, scanning software

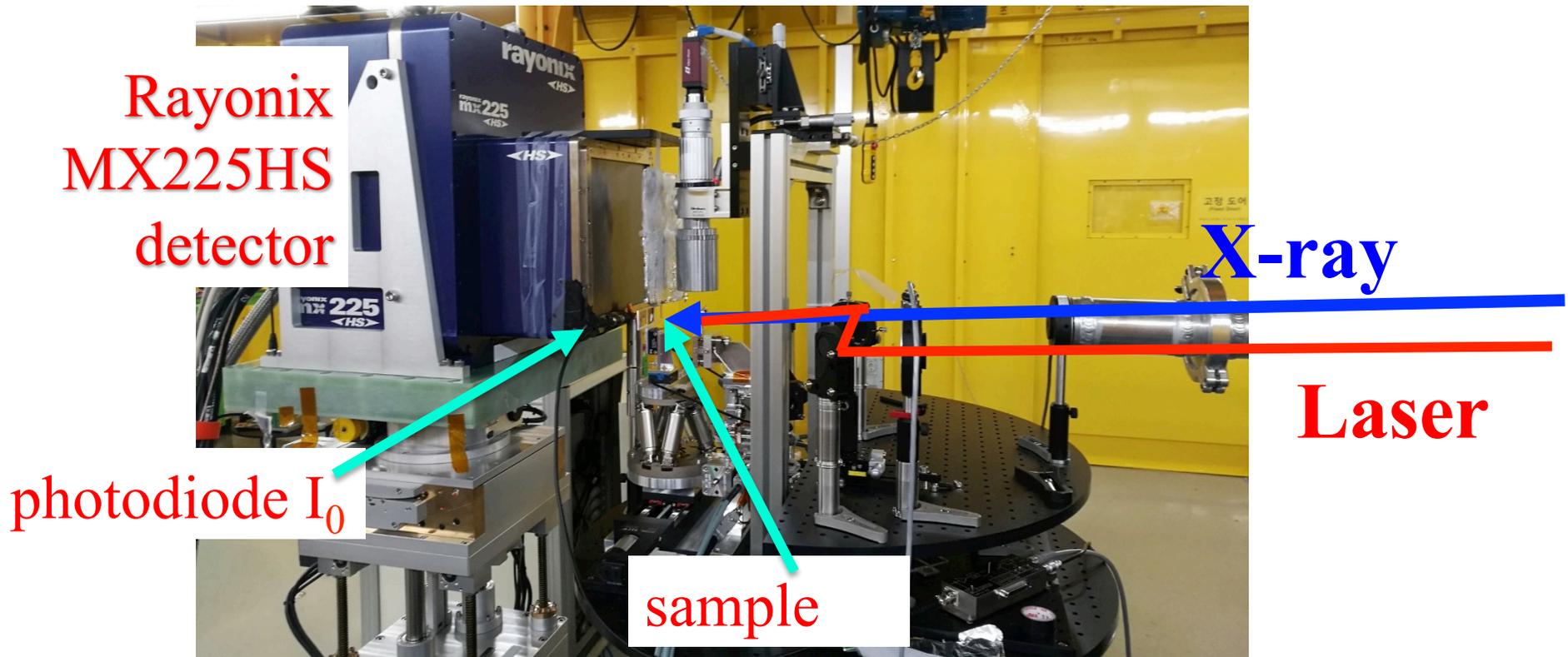


23x23 windows

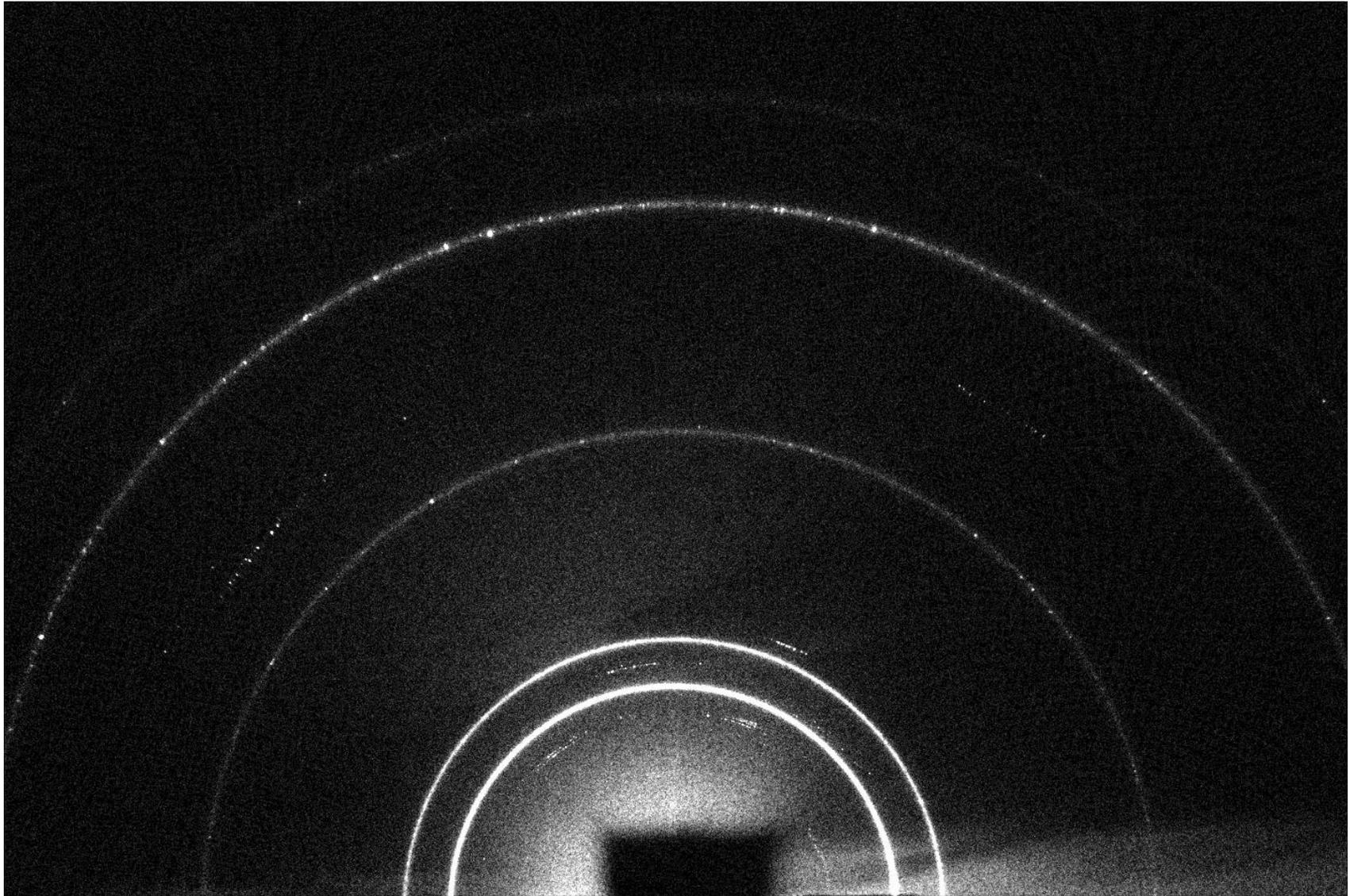
# Melt-front Dynamics in Gold Thin Films using PAL-XFEL



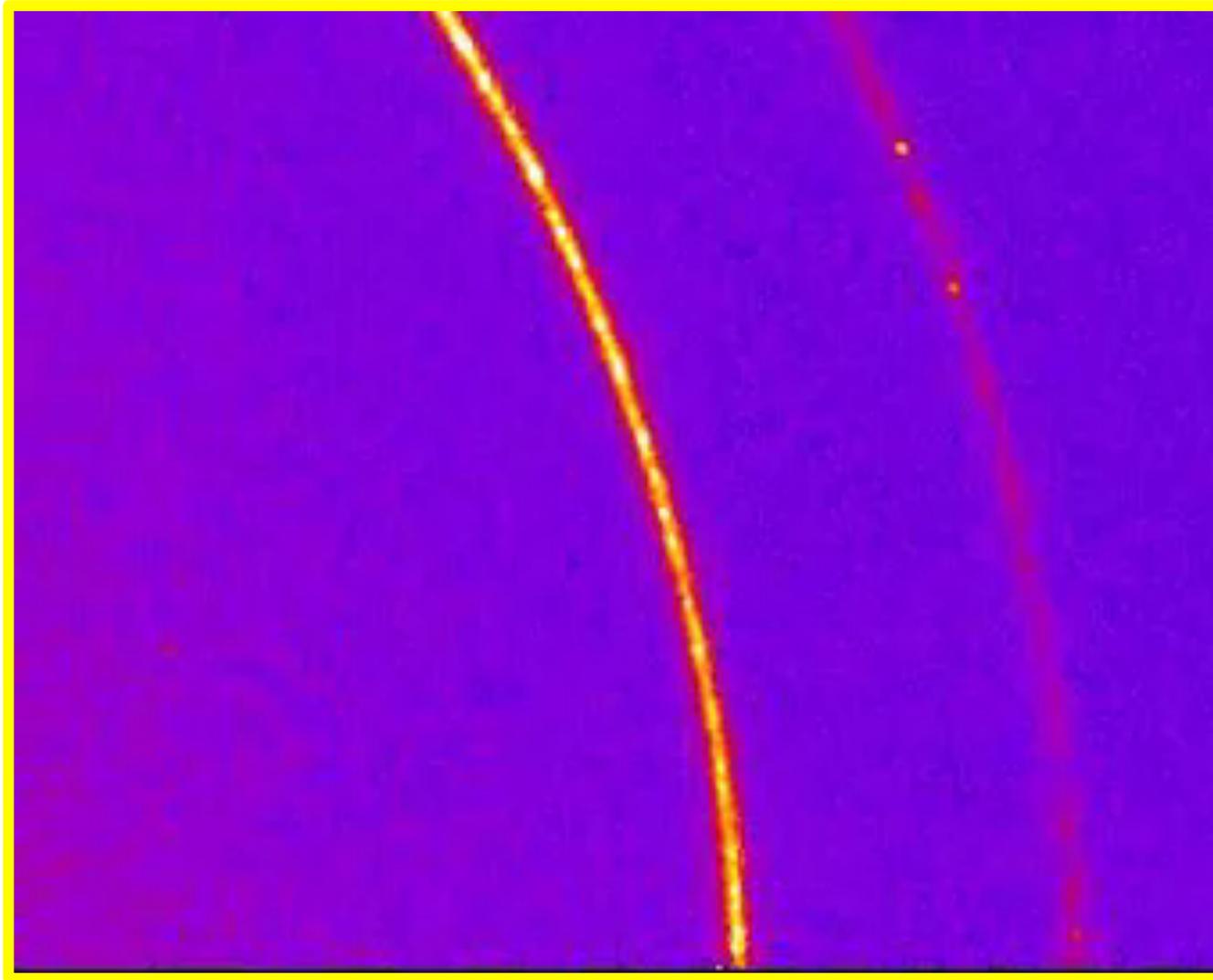
# Experimental set-up at PAL-XFEL September 2017



# Raw data #397 300nm film

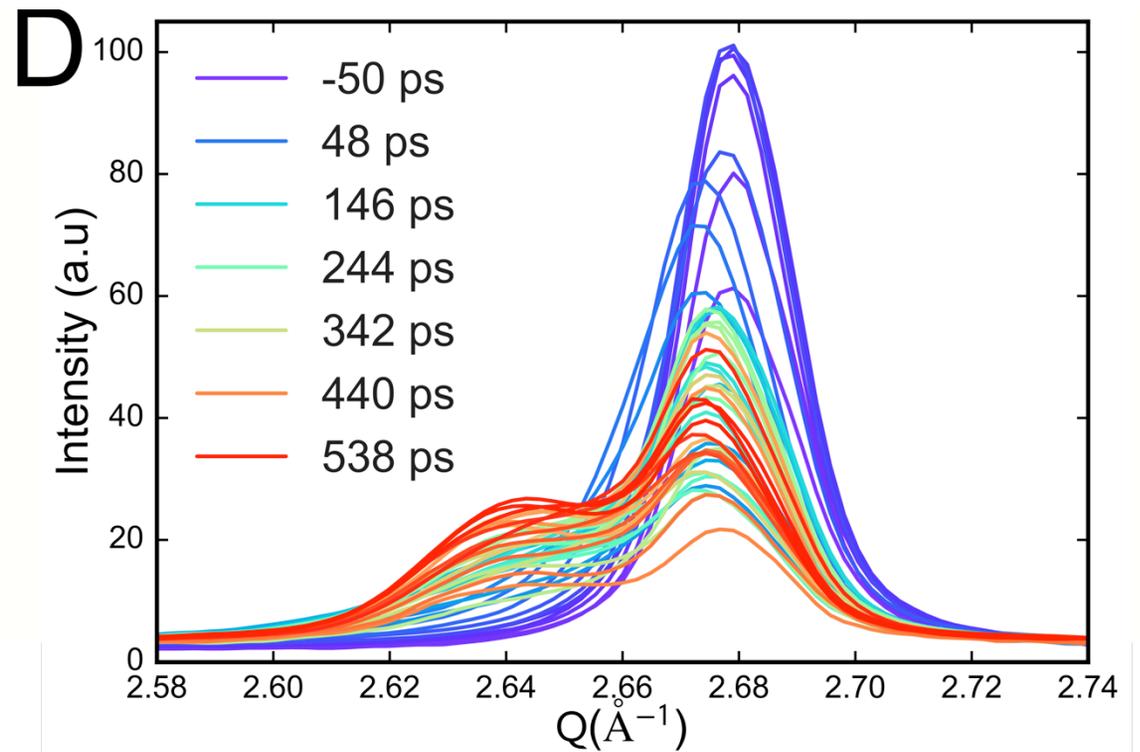
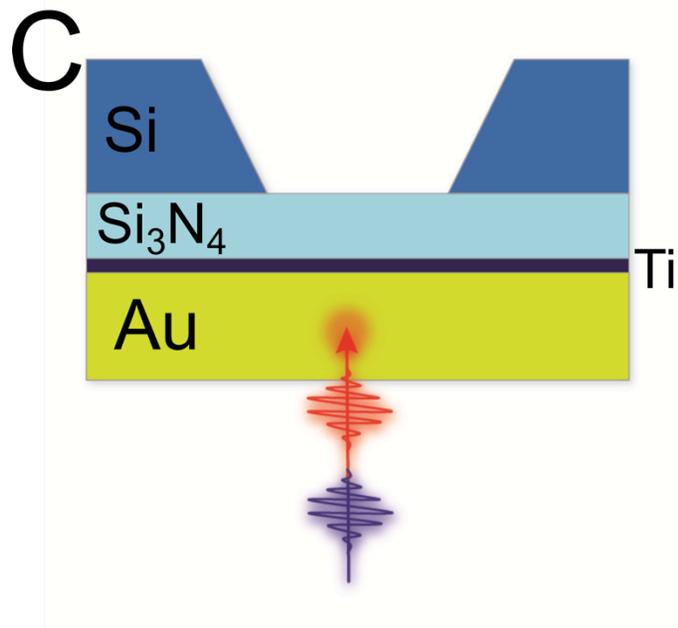


# Raw data #396 300nm film, 254 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>



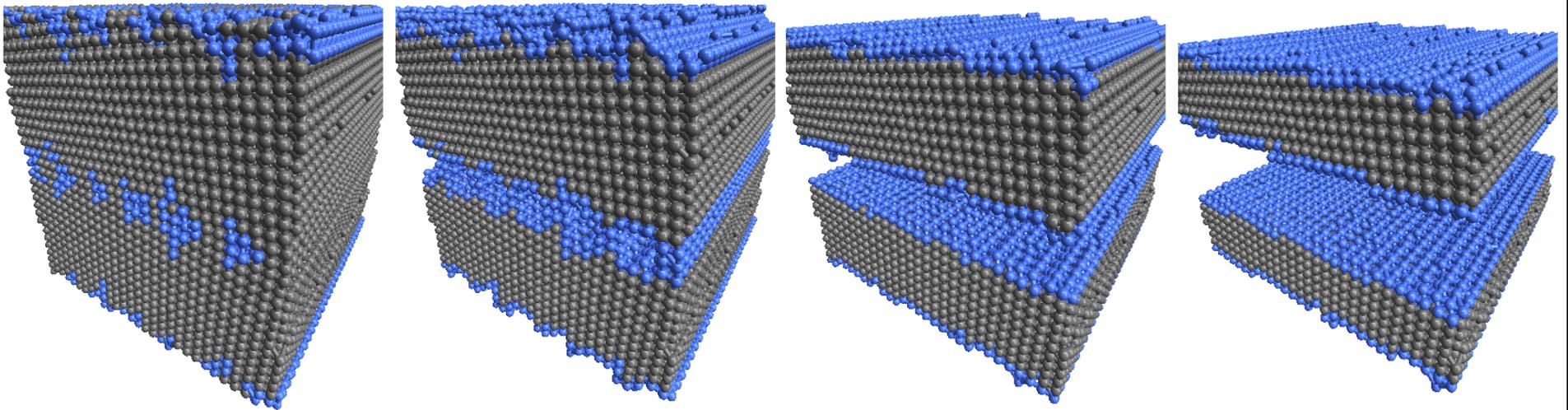
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# Thin Film Sample Format



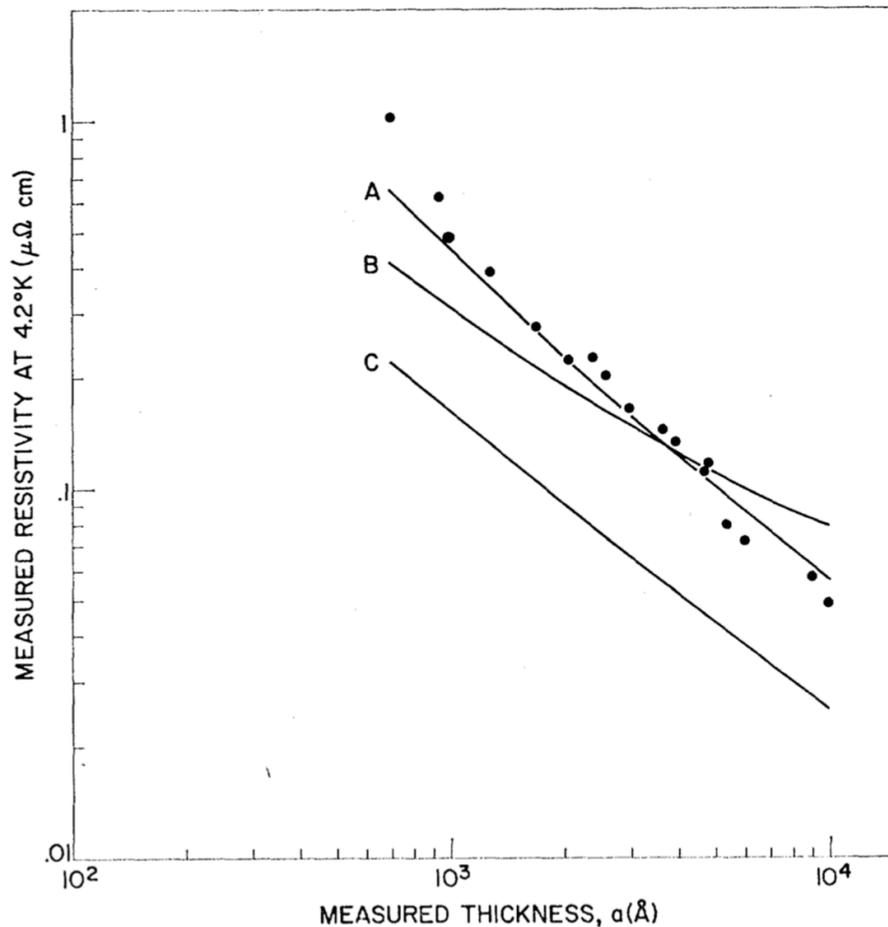
# Force-Field Simulation of GB melting

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)

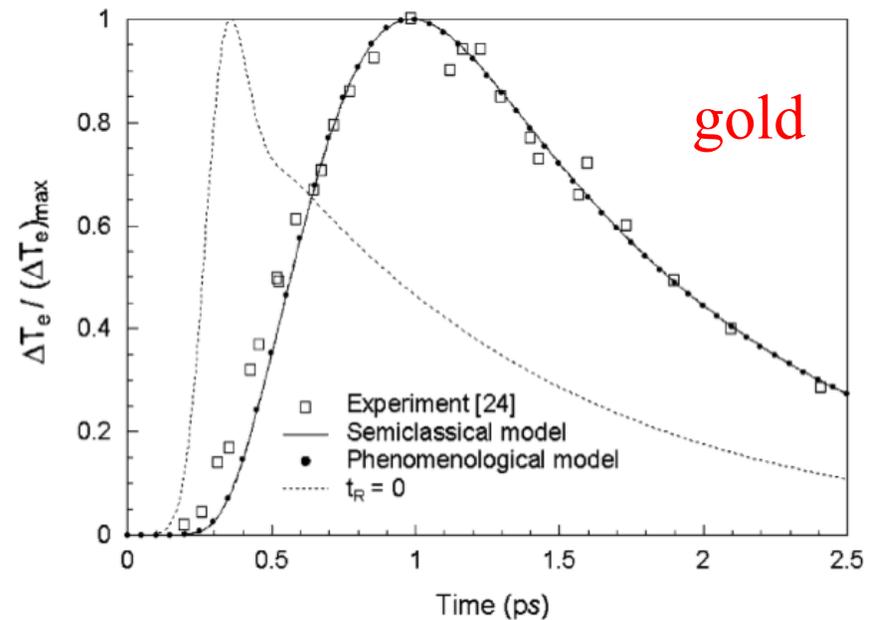
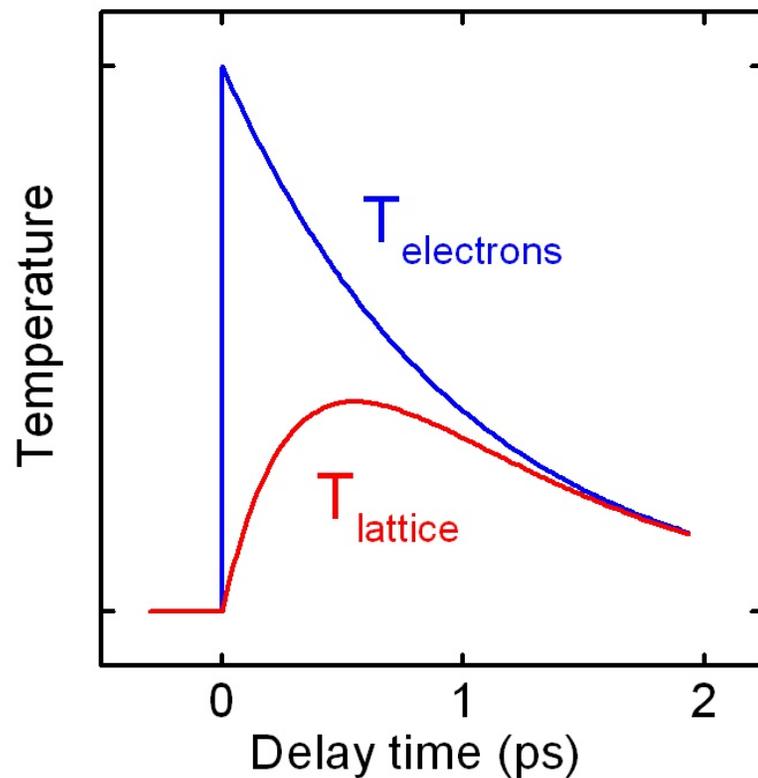
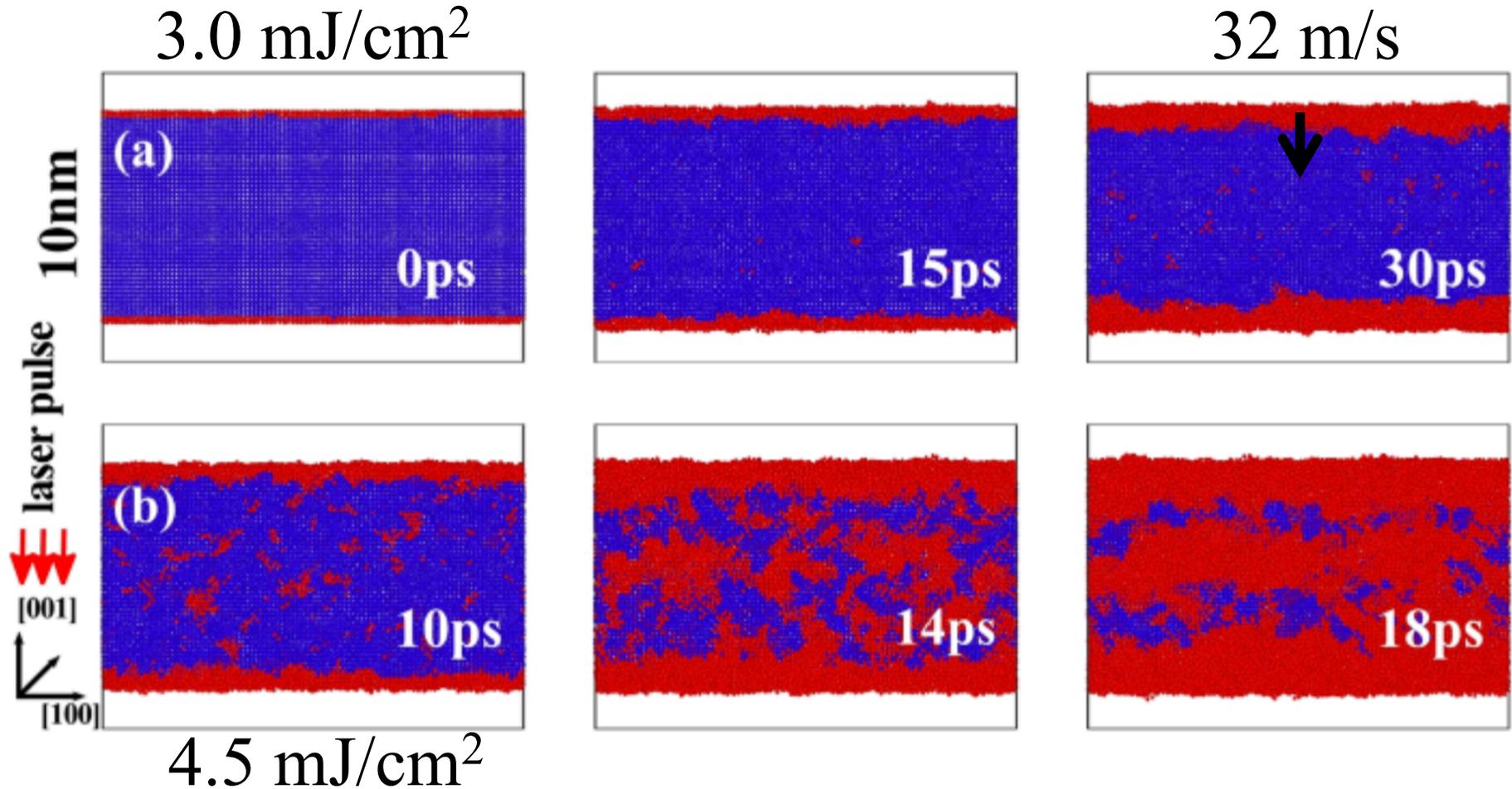


Fig. 2. Comparison of the change in electron temperature at the front surface of an 80-nm gold film irradiated by a 2.8 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>, 800 nm, 150-fs laser pulse.

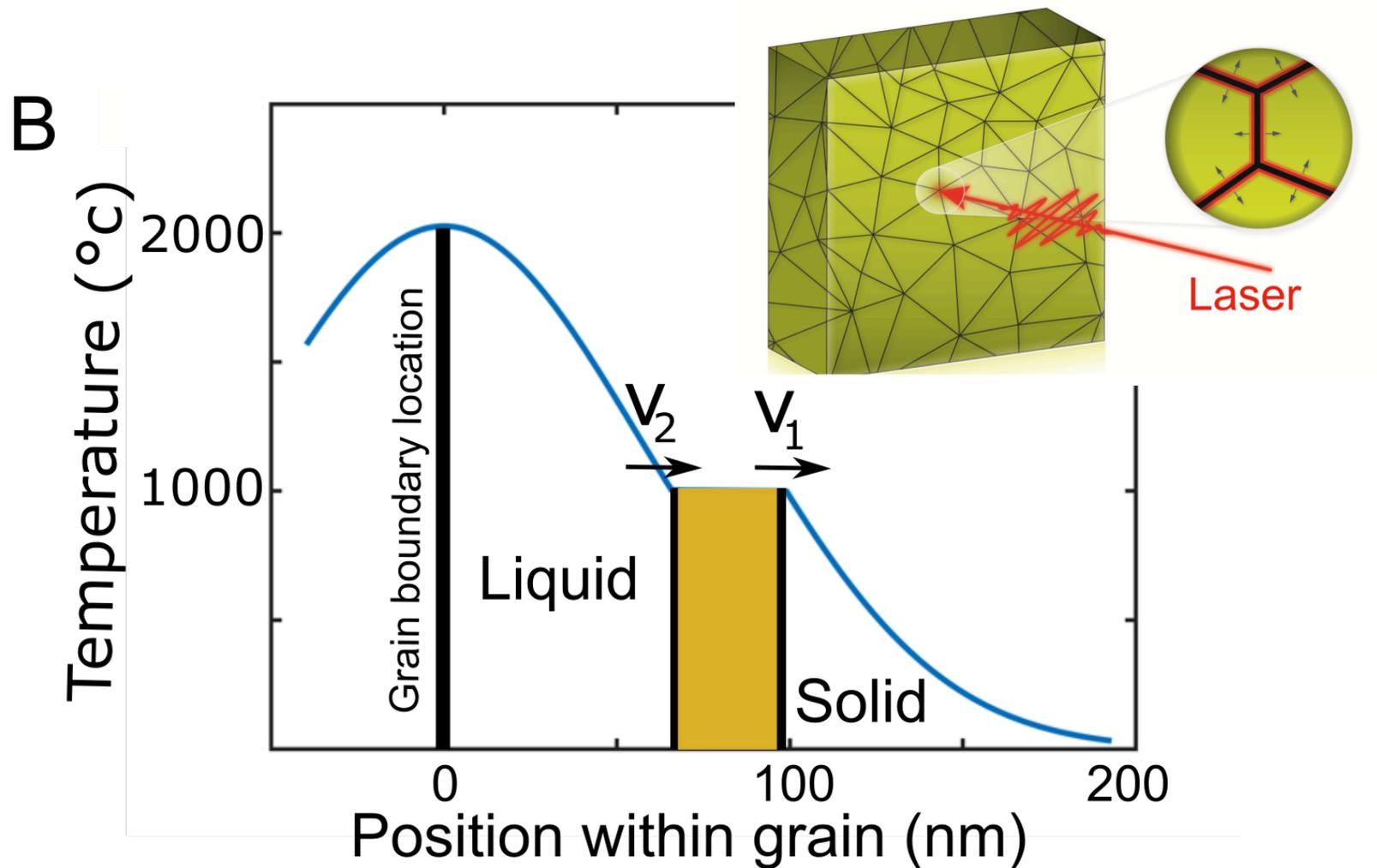
# 2TM-MD (EAM) simulation Au slab

Giret et al, APL 103 253107 (2013)

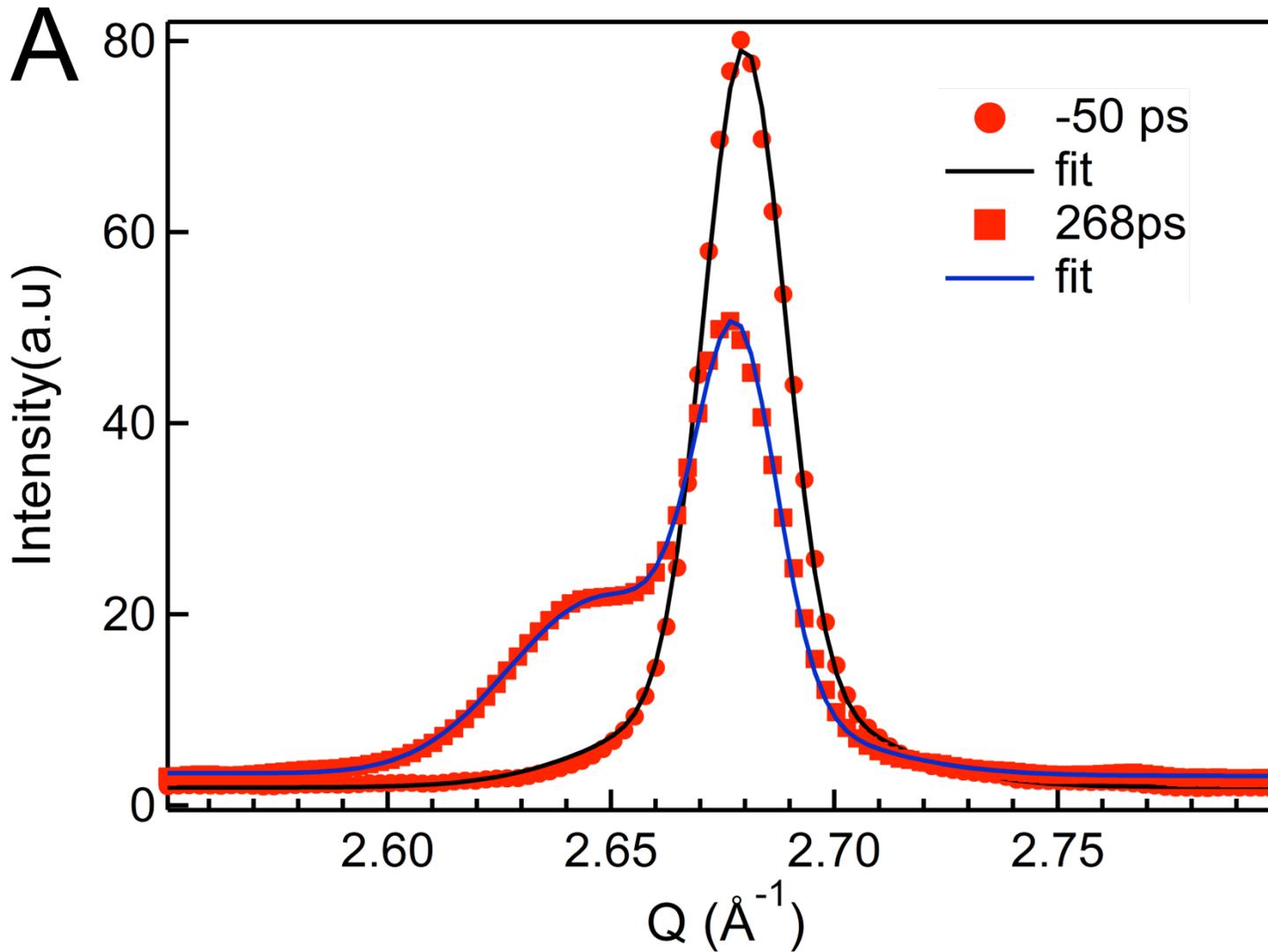


# Double Melt-Front Picture

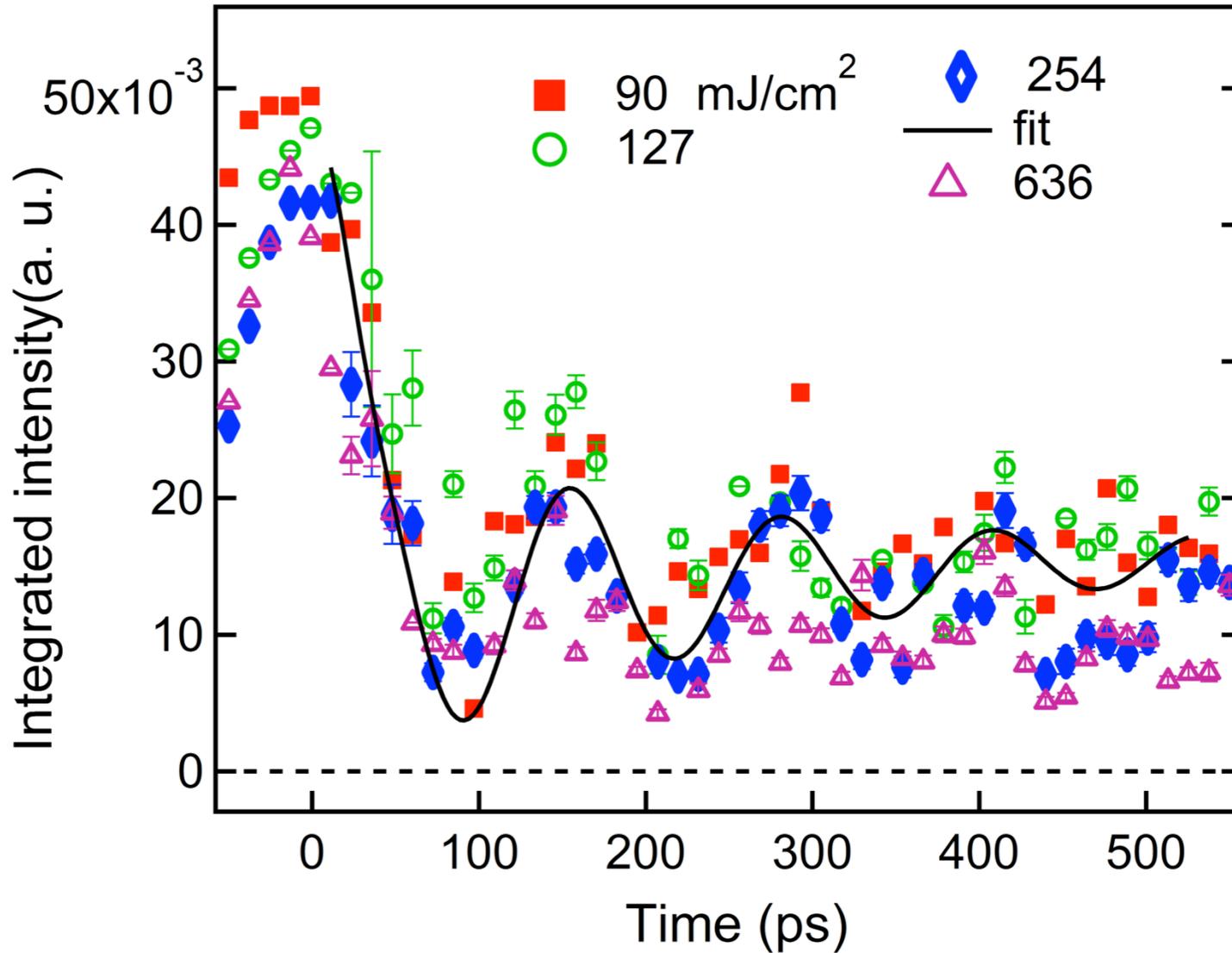
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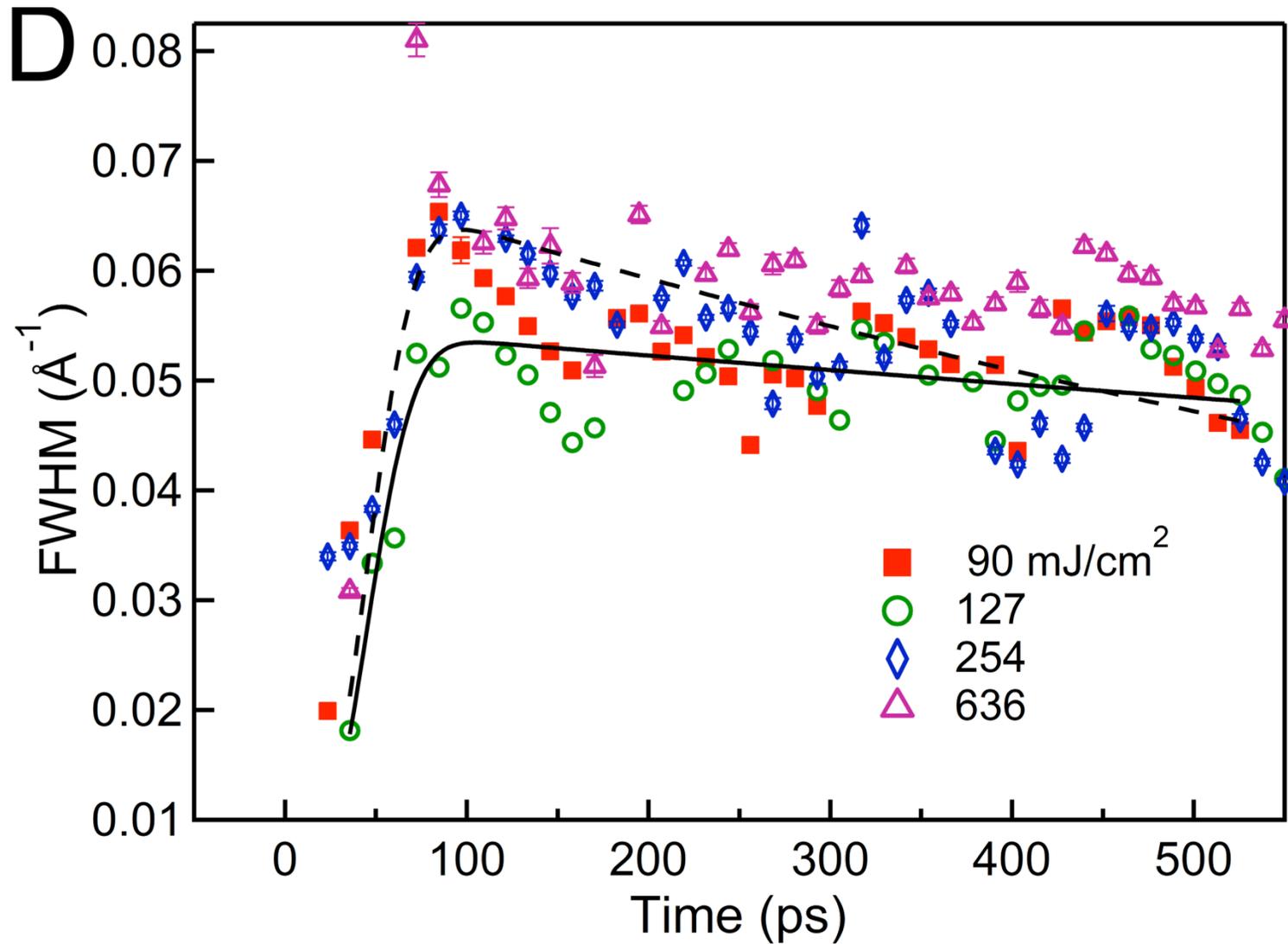
# Deconvolution of Peaks

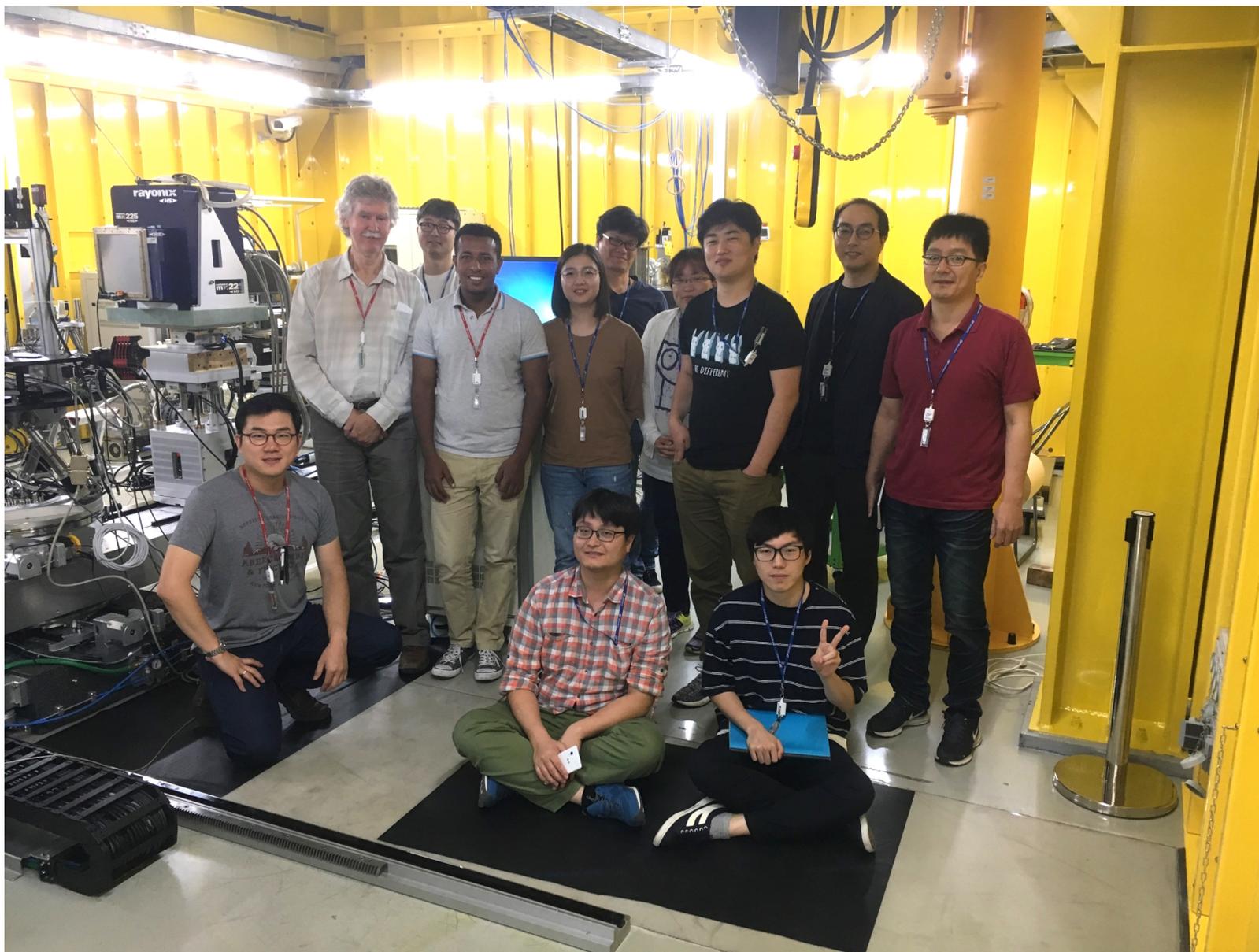


# PP kinetics of Crystal Peak



# Width of Melt-Front Peak





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# Laser machining: what happens with ultrafast lasers?

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

T. Assefa et al, *Science Advances* (2019)

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