

# Ultrafast Strong Field Driven 2D and 3D Semiconductors – Higher Order Many-body Correlations

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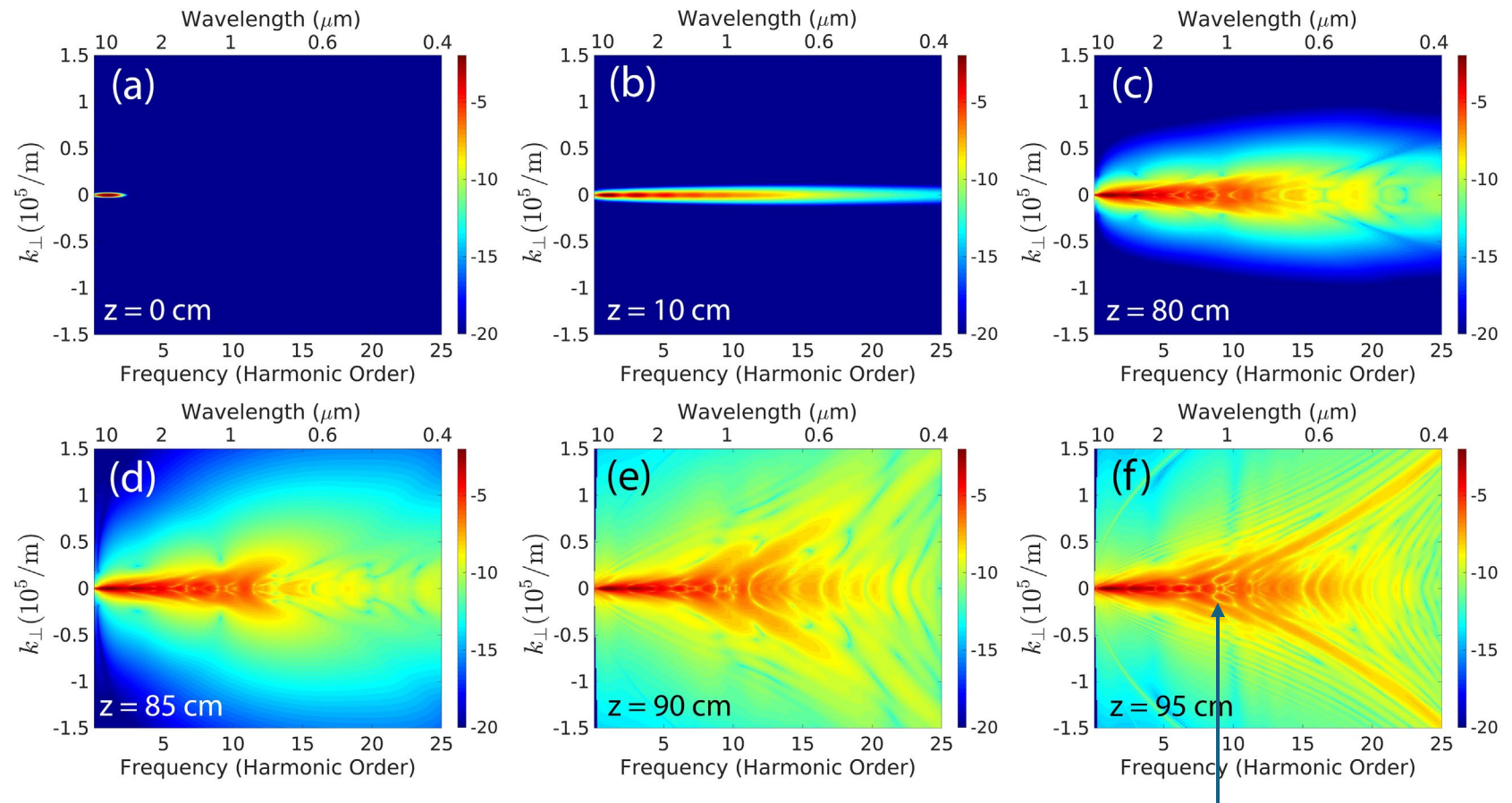
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# Multi-harmonic spanning nonlinear X-wave: extreme long wave infrared dispersive shock regularization – Xenon Gas

- M. Hastings, P. Panagiotopoulos, M. Kolesik and JVM Phys. Rev. Lett. Vol. 132, 253801 (2024)
- Michael Hastings PhD (2024)

- Spectrally resolved far-field
- Transition from modified Kadomtsev-Petviashvili to NLS type behavior

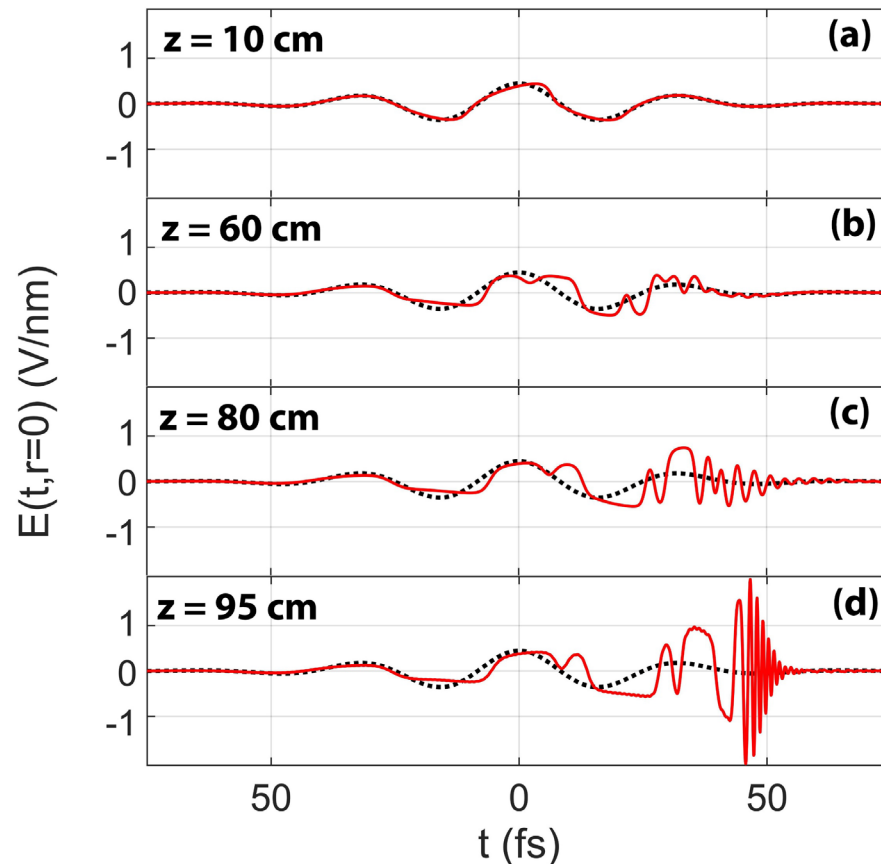


9-th harmonic

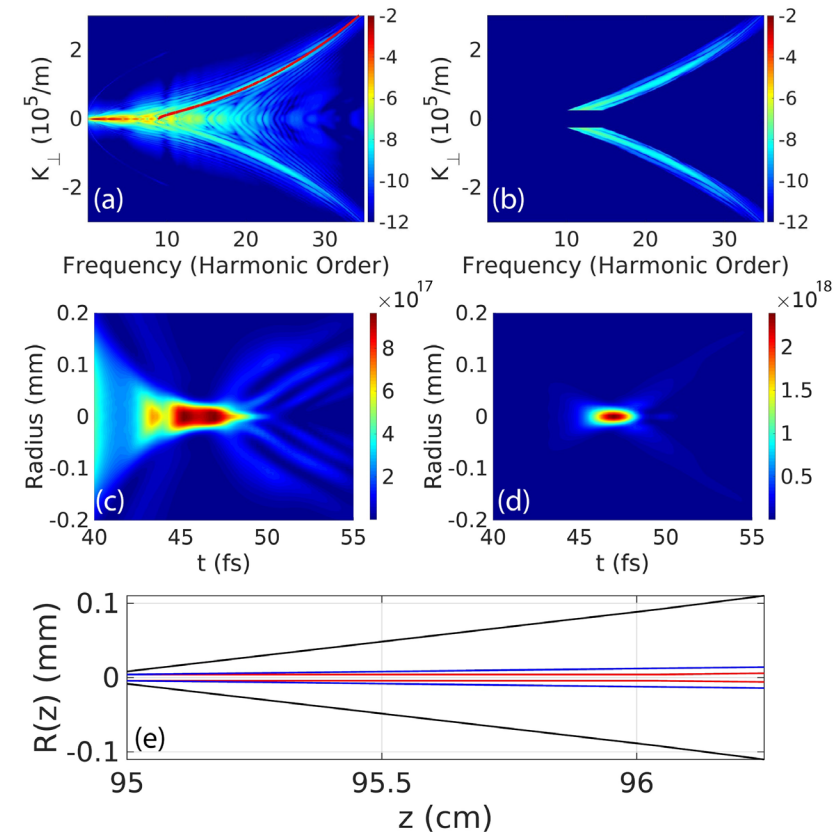


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## On-axis field carrier wave



## Asymptotic X-wave and Filter

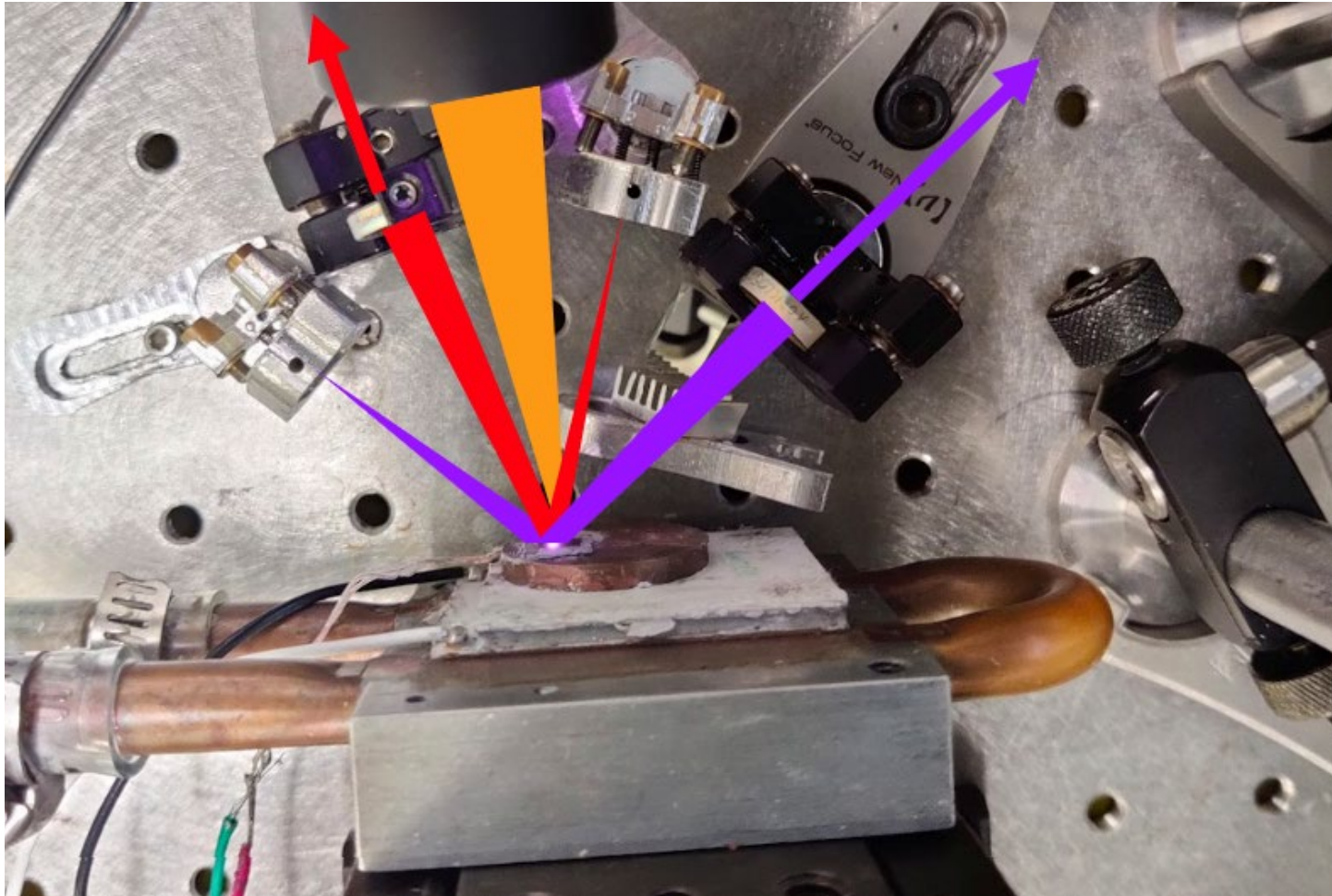


9-th harmonic seeded X-wave propagates linearly and nonlinearly over more than 100 Rayleigh lengths.



# Coupled Cavity Multi-GHz mode-locked SDLs

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Pump



Inner Cavity

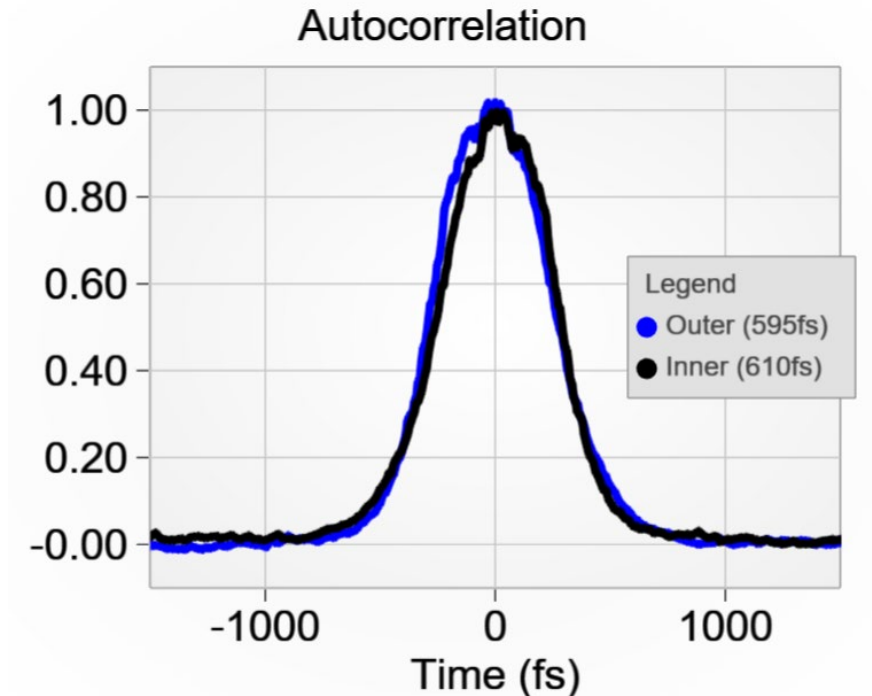
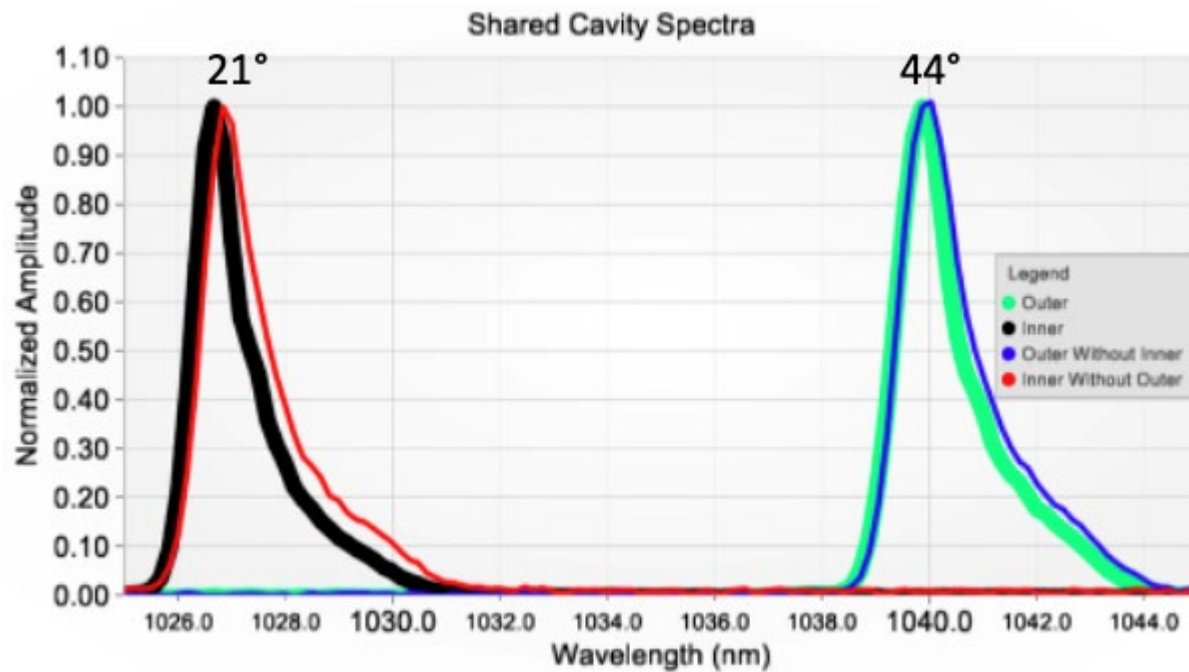


Outer Cavity





# Results



And they are both simultaneously modelocked

	Rep Rate	Pulse Width	$\lambda_0$	Avg Power
Inner	2.110 GHz	595 fs	1027nm	28mW
Outer	2.170 GHz	610 fs	1040nm	32mW

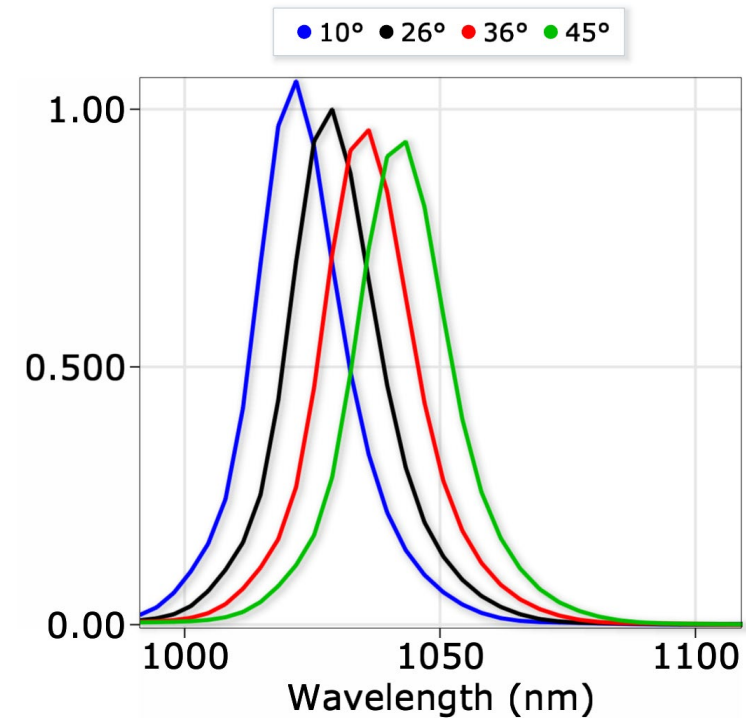
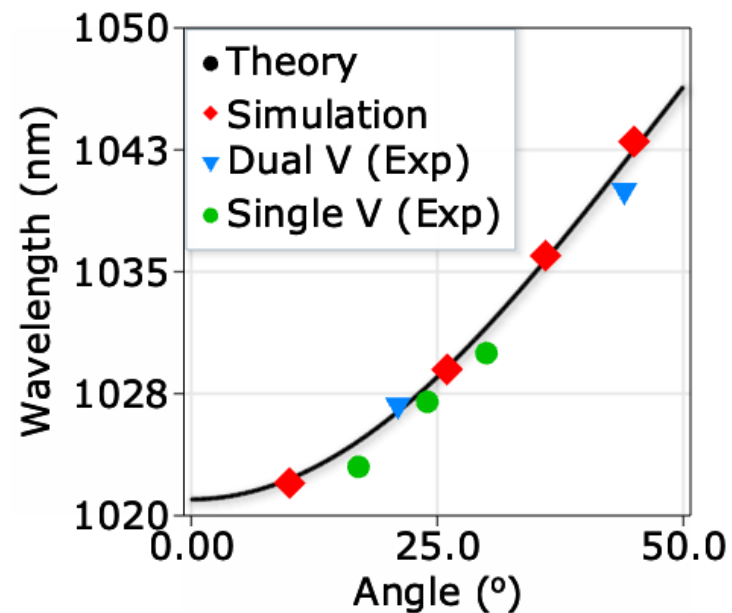


# Classical Optics: Angle Enforced Spectral Filter

Early Microscopic Simulations restricted to a single effective QW

- I. Kilen, J. Hader, **J. V. Moloney**, and S. W. Koch “Ultrafast nonequilibrium carrier dynamics in semiconductor laser mode locking” *Optica*, **192**-197 (2014)

Partial coherence of RPG Periodic Stack enforces Angle selective wavelength filtering

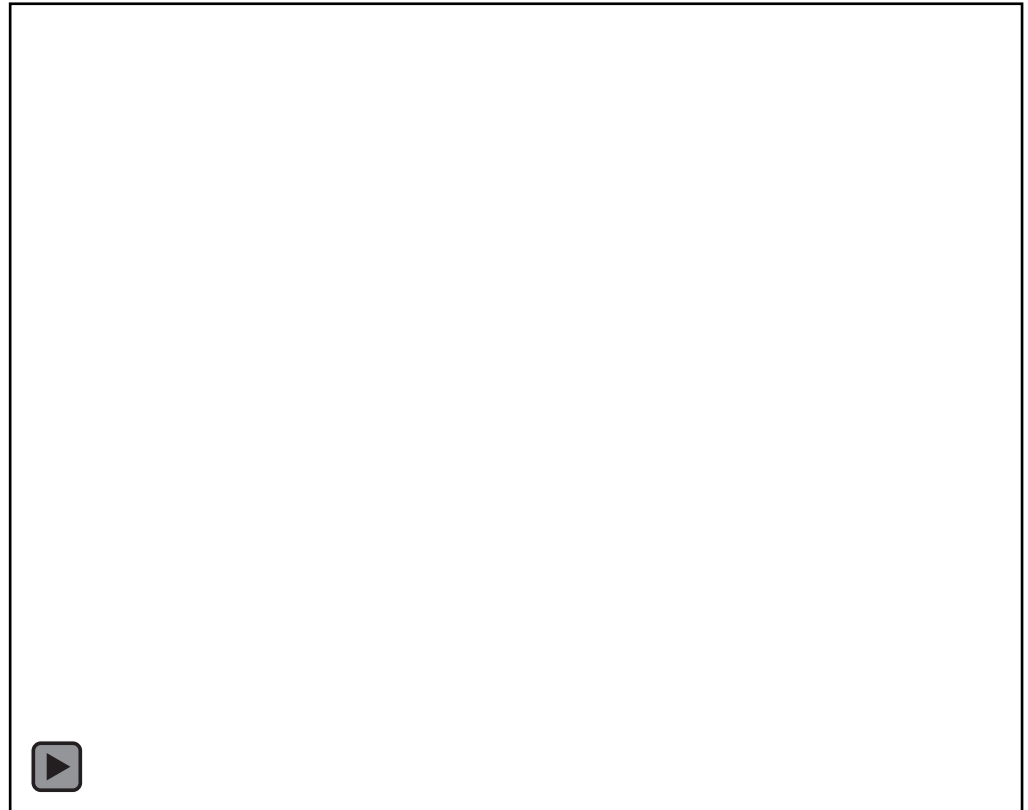
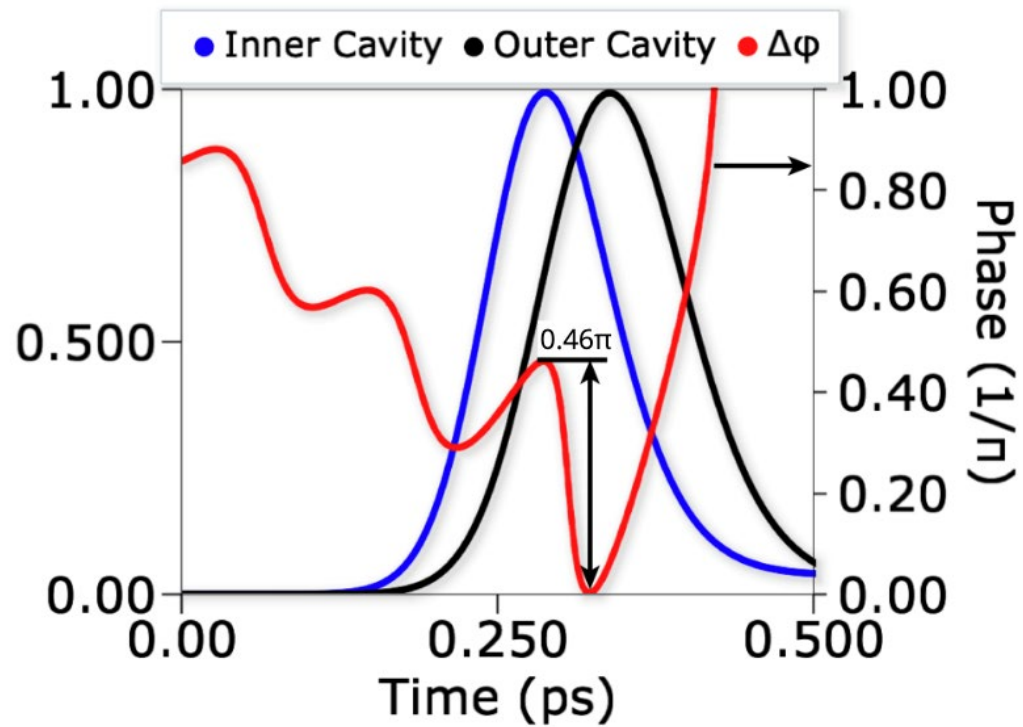


Utility patent 18/750,159 filed June 2024.



# Dual V-Cavity Asymptotic State- Stable Mode-locking


- Finite grating basis expansion of SBE microscopic polarization and populations.

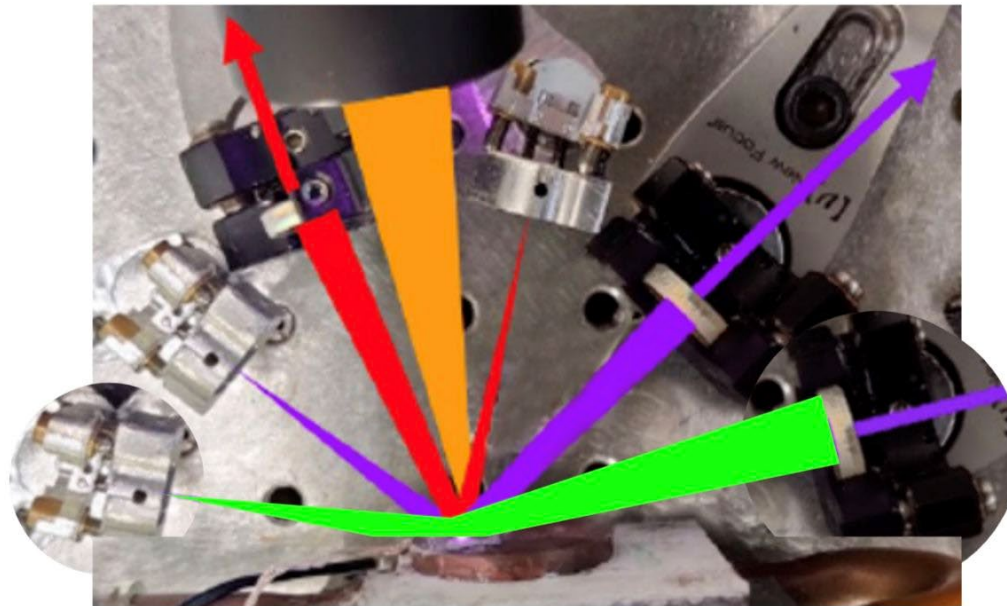




# Triple V-cavity In-plane View

Three Cavity Experiment **Idea**

-  Pump
-  Inner Cavity  
~21°
-  Mid Cavity  
~44°
-  Outer Cavity  
~60°

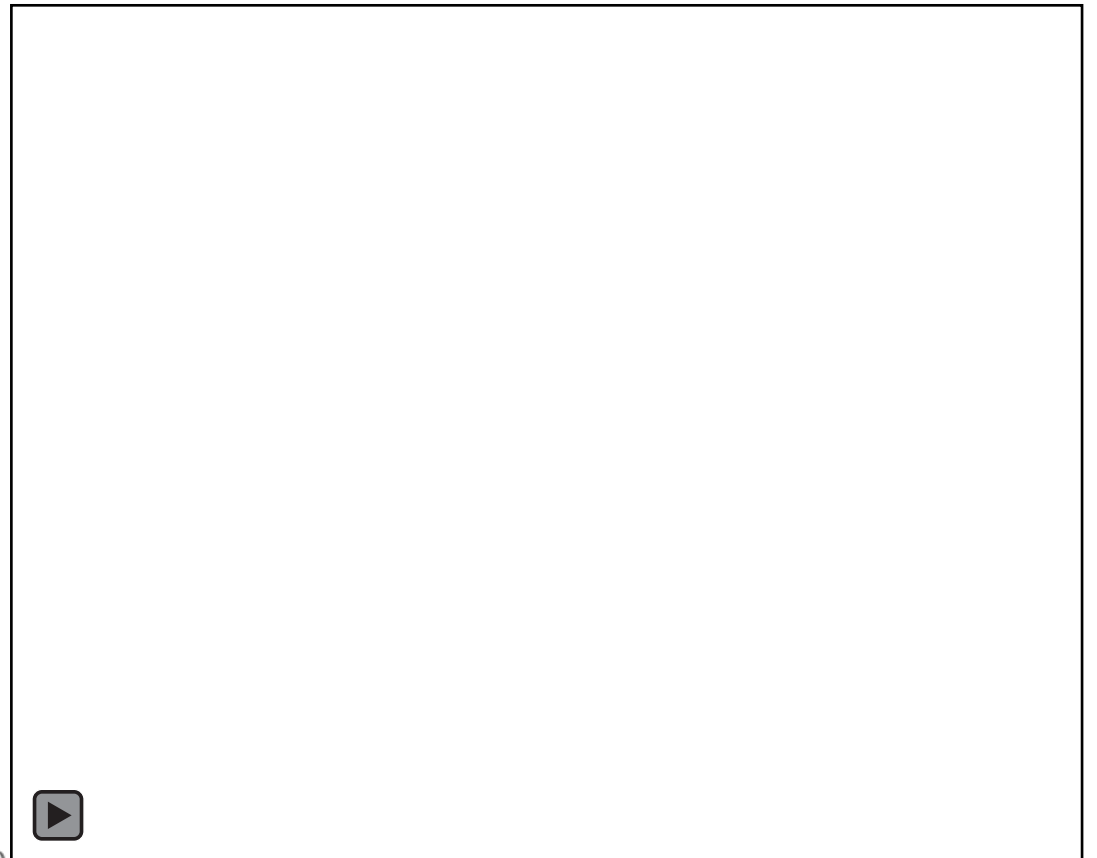
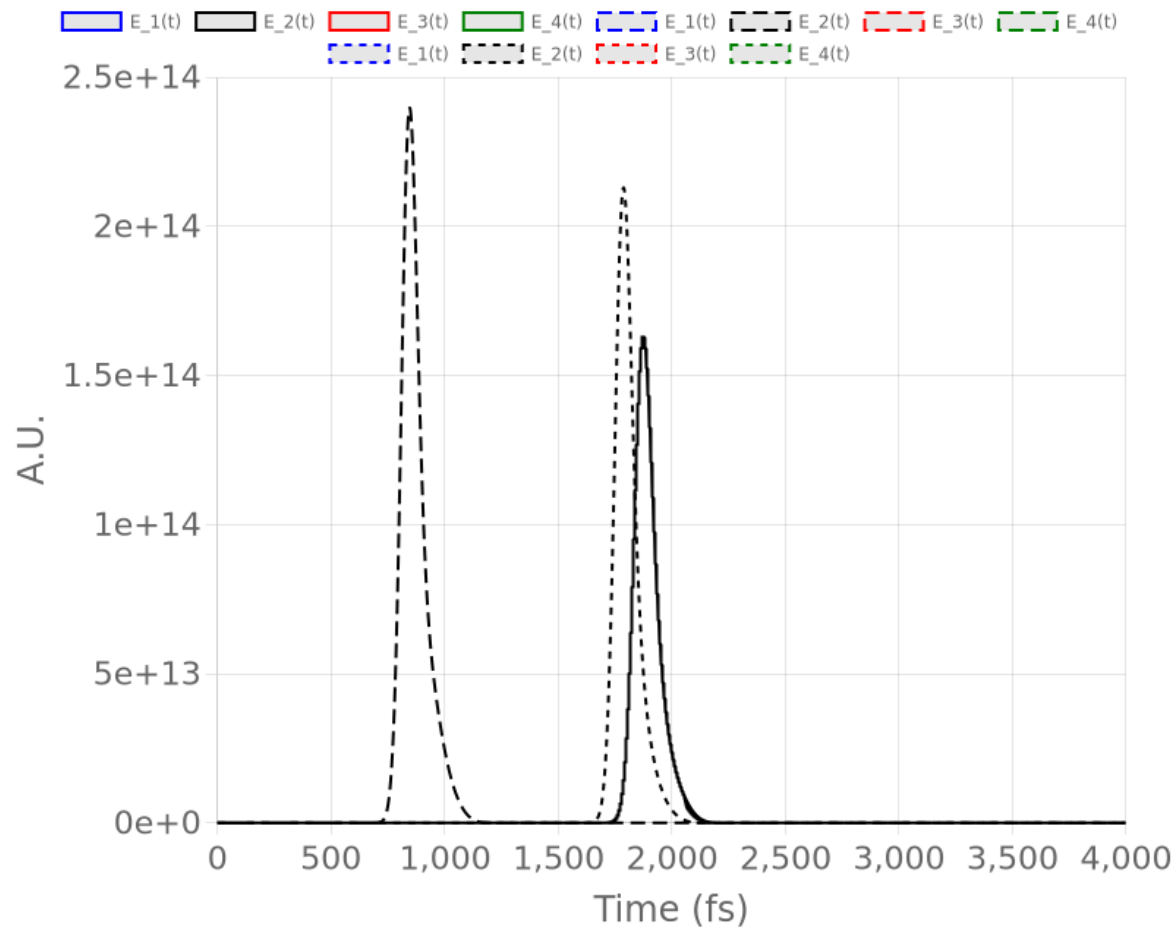






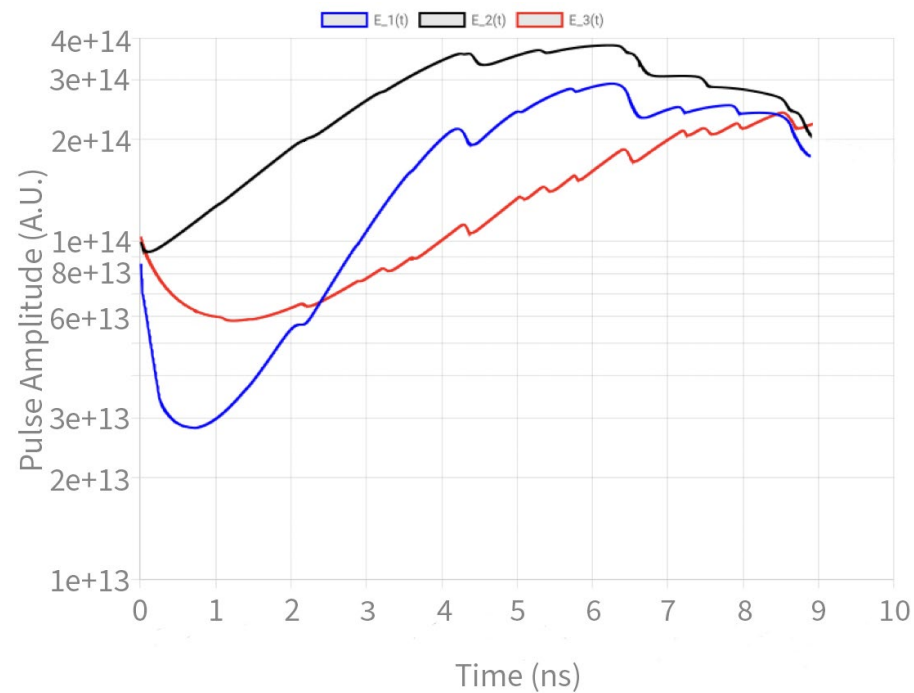
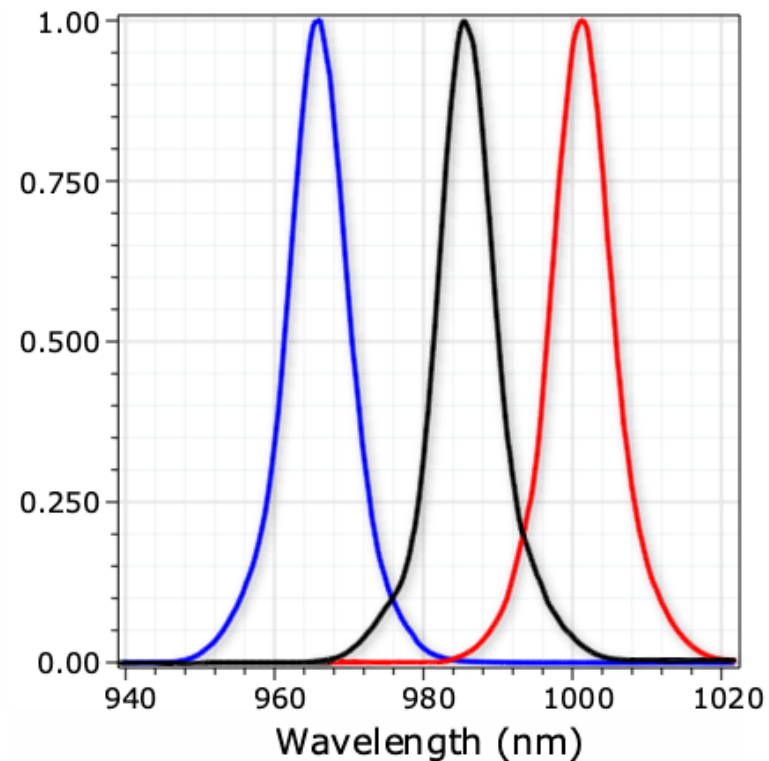
# In-plane Triple V-cavity – Quasi-stable Mode-locking

- Need to increase pump and balance outcoupling losses in each arm for stable mode-locking
- Snapshot at  $t=1.17$  ns





# Unstable Asymptotic State – Spectral Overlap





# High Field Robust, Gauge Invariant SBE solvers

- **structure gauge independent SBE solver (sgi-SBEs)**

- Explicit time-stepping algorithm for evolution of density matrix

$$\rho_{nm}(\mathbf{k}_t, t) = \sum_{m'n'} \langle n\mathbf{k}_t | n'\mathbf{k}_0 \rangle \rho_{n'm'}(\mathbf{k}_0, t_0) \langle m'\mathbf{k}_0 | m\mathbf{k}_t \rangle e^{-i\varepsilon_{nm}(\mathbf{k}_t)(t-t_0)} \quad \text{M. Kolesik et al. PRA 106, 06351, (2022)}$$

- Phases of instantaneous Bloch eigenstates are irrelevant and do not affect calculations

- **Gauge invariant SBEs (GI-SBEs)**

- SBEs transformed to eliminate gauge-dependent quantities
- 2-band GI-SBE for interband coherence:

AM Parks et al, PRL **131**, 236902 (2023)  
AM Parks et al, JOSA B **42**, B47 (2024)

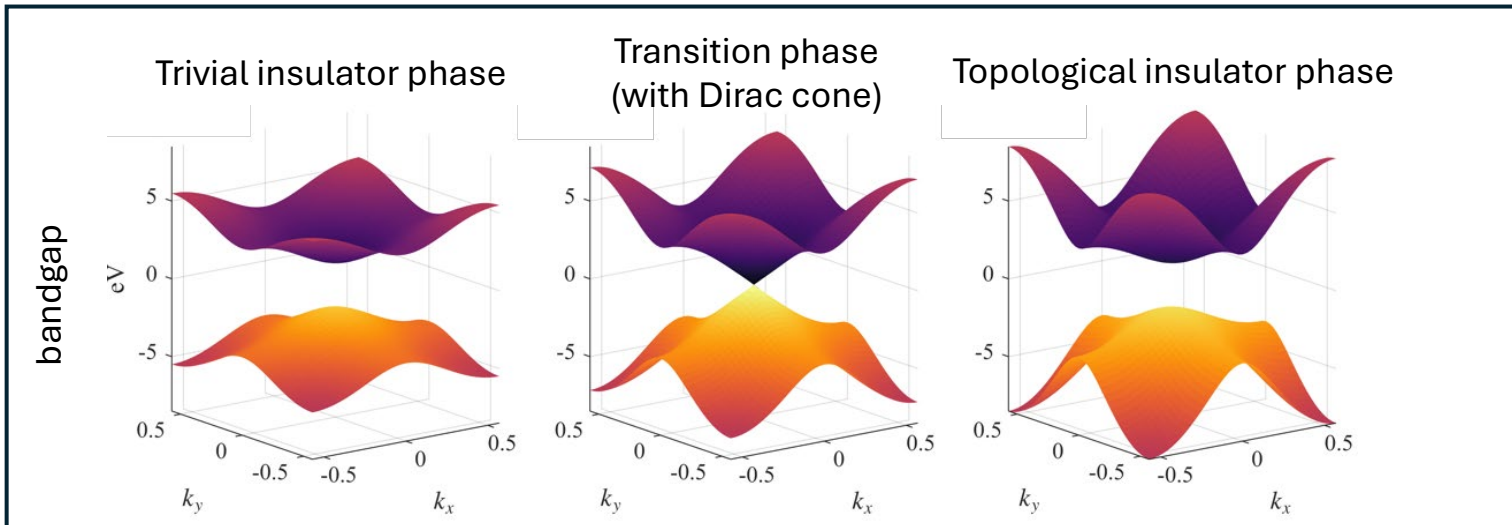
$$\partial_t \rho_{cv} = \mathbf{E}(t) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \rho_{cv} - i[\varepsilon_{cv} + \mathbf{E}(t) \cdot \mathbf{R}_{cv}] \rho_{cv} + iE(t)|d_{cv}|(\rho_{cc} - \rho_{vv})$$

- Berry connections and TDM phase replaced by a gauge-invariant quantity known as the shift vector  $\mathbf{R}_{cv}(\mathbf{k})$
- Both approaches are particularly well-suited to topological materials, in which the existence of a smooth+periodic Bloch phase is fundamentally prohibited by so-called topological obstruction



# QWZ model for Chern insulator

- HHG in topological materials, challenge of constructing a smooth Bloch gauge
- Robust SBE solvers\* are insensitive to Bloch phases, and can simulate HHG with very high accuracy
- Example: simple model of Qi-Wu-Zhang (QWZ) for 2-band Chern insulator on 2D square lattice
  - Satisfies inversion symmetry, but breaks time-reversal (TR) symmetry
  - Model parameters control transition between trivial and topological phase



## \*References

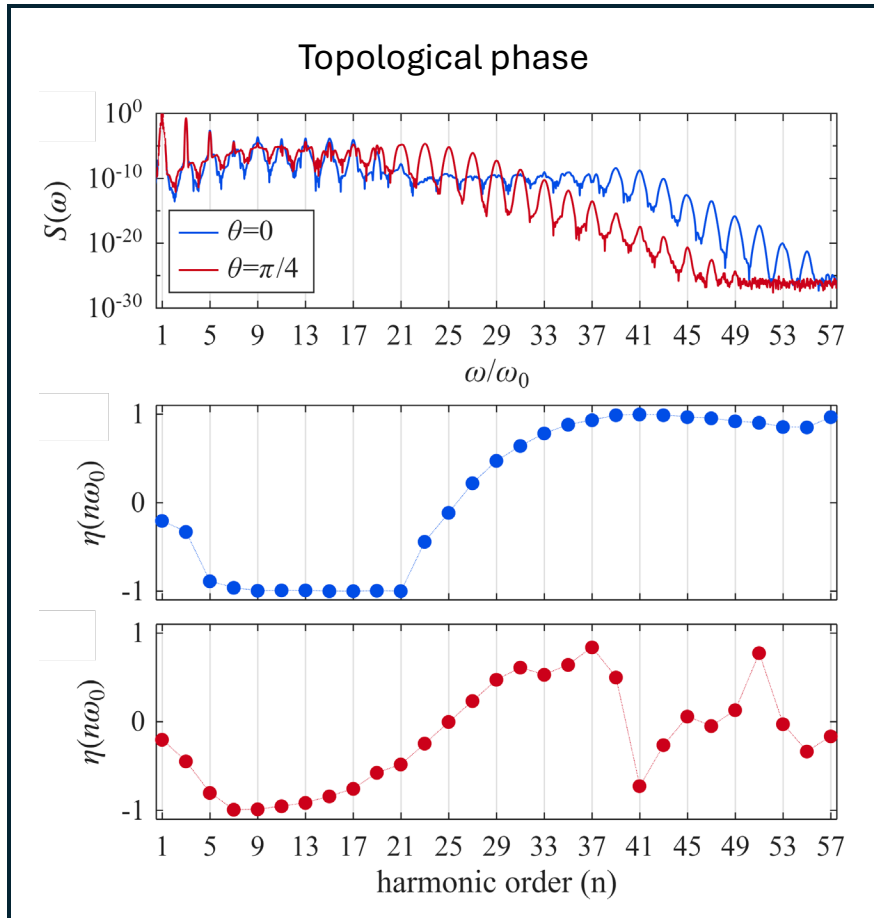
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\*\*Miro's sgiSBEs refs\*\*



# HHG in QWZ model

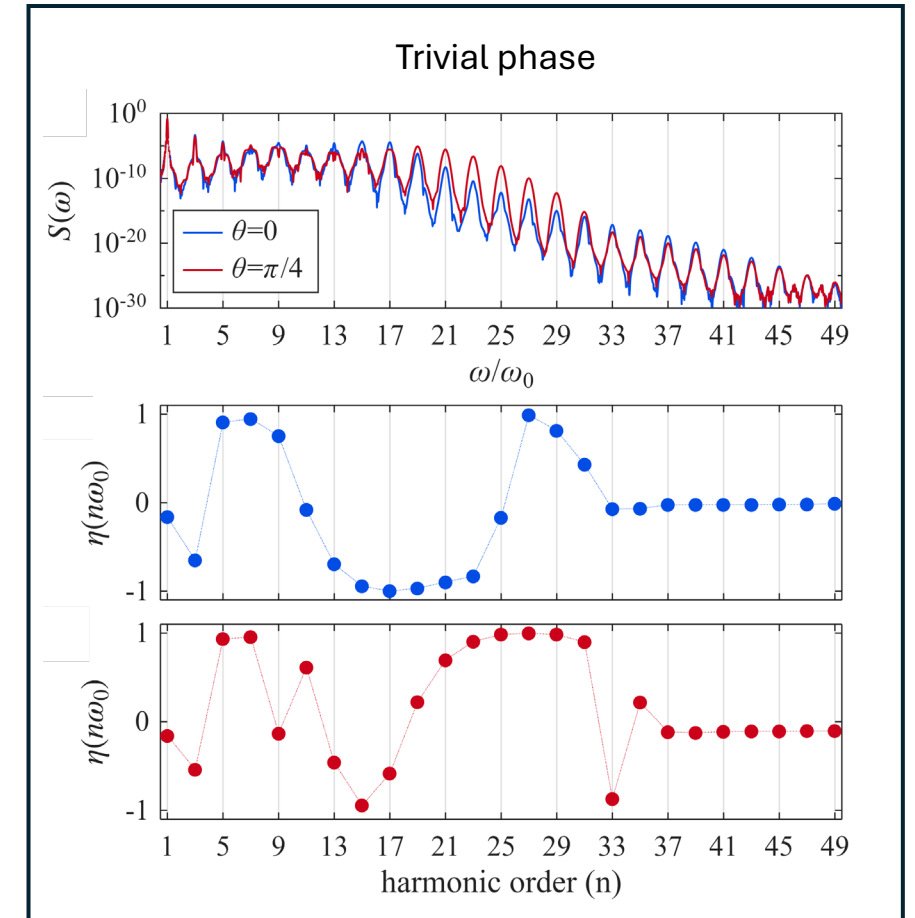
- Successful high-fidelity HHG simulations in QWZ model in both trivial and topological phases
  - Two different orientations of a linearly polarized driving laser
  - Total yield and output ellipticity of generated harmonics are calculated with high precision



← harmonic yield →

← harmonic ellipticity  
( $\Gamma X$  orientation) →

← harmonic ellipticity  
( $\Gamma M$  orientation) →

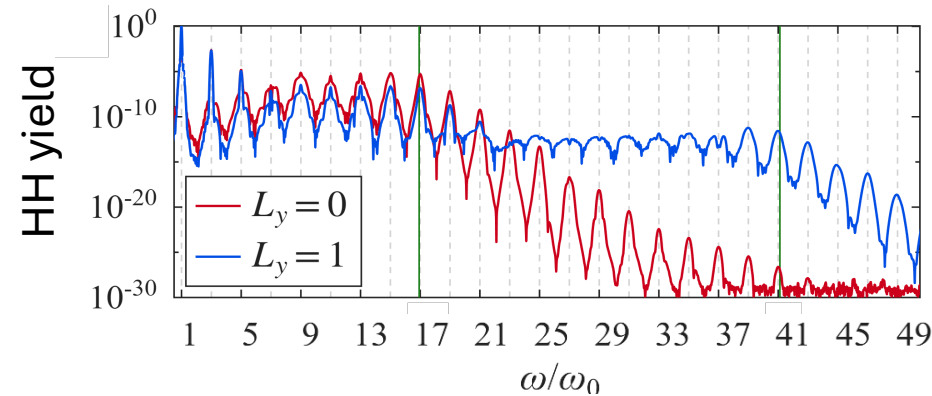






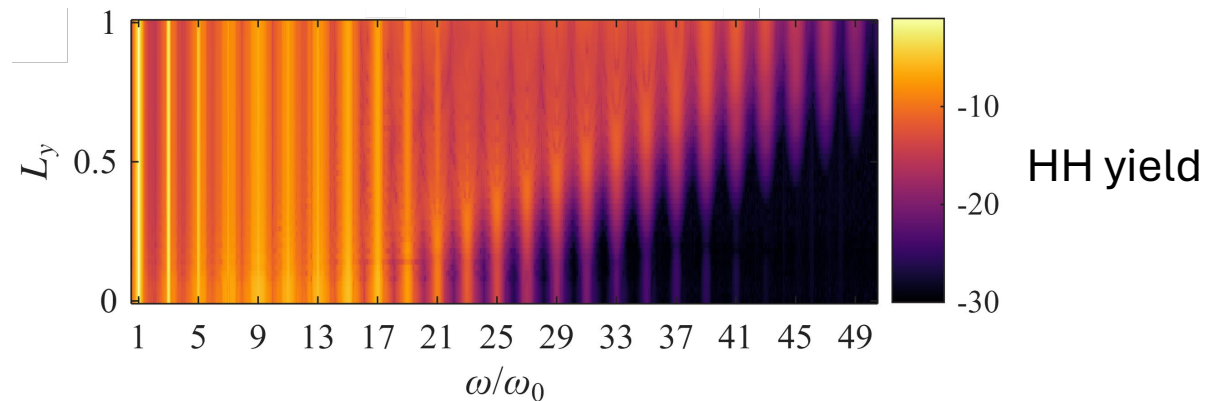
# HHG in QWZ model

- Efficient and robust numerics allow us to investigate k-space origin of HHG phenomena
- Excite with linearly polarized driver along  $\hat{x}$ ; restrict simulation to a region of extent  $L_y$  along  $\hat{y}$ -direction
  - 1D approximation fails to capture multiple-plateau structure of HHG spectrum



$L_y=0 \rightarrow$  1D approximation  
 $L_y=1 \rightarrow$  full 2D Brillouin zone

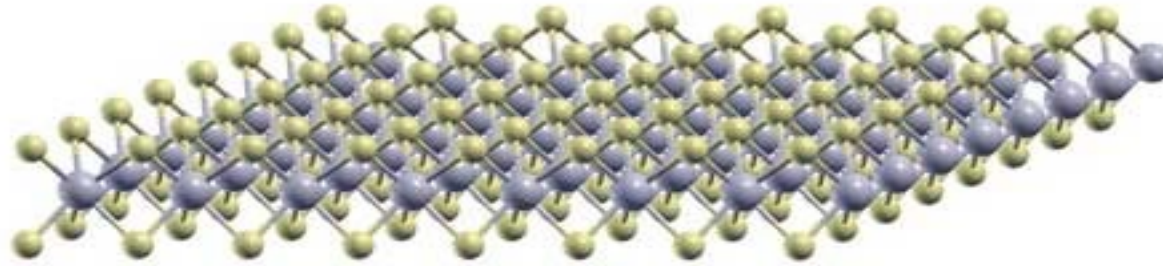
- Increasing simulation region shows that 2nd plateau originates from interference throughout entire BZ



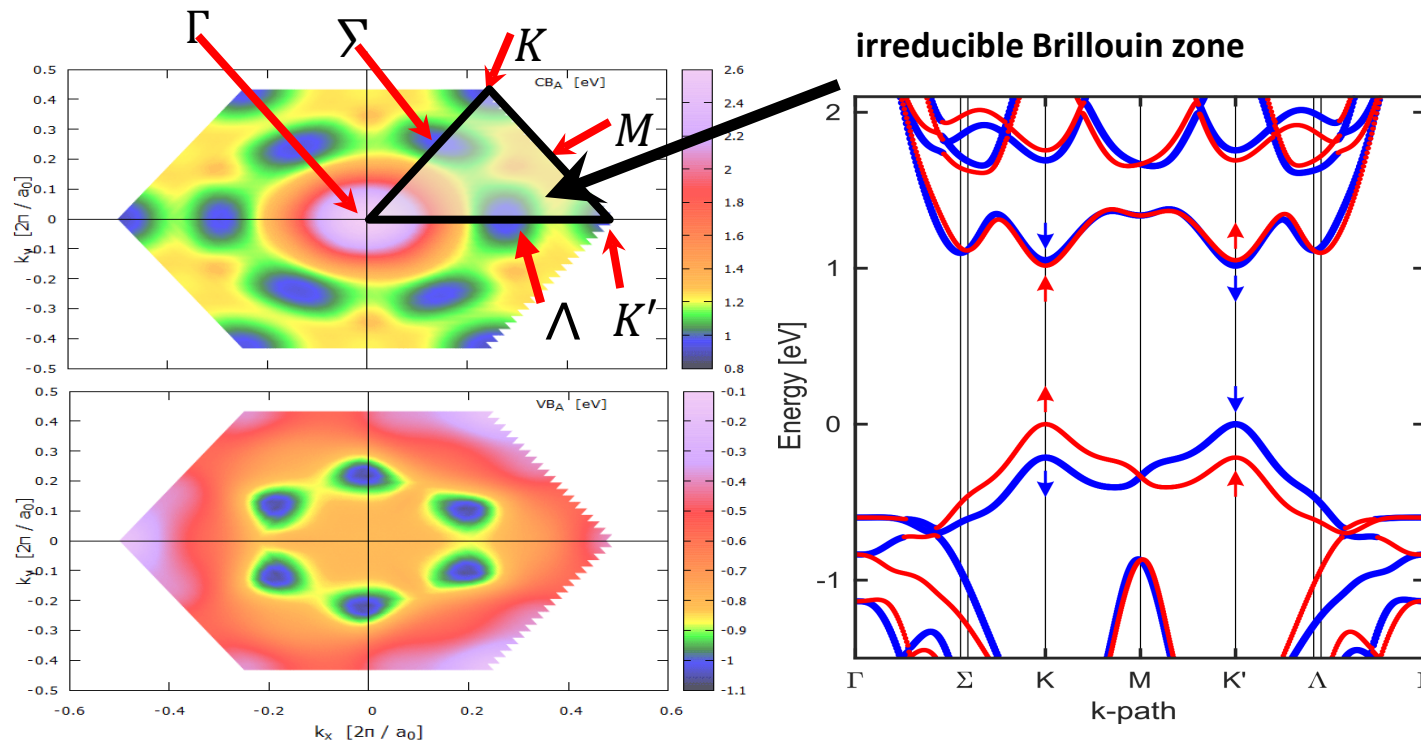


# Extreme Nonlinear Optics in TMDCs

## Transition Metal Dichalcogenides $\text{MX}_2$



### DFT Input Bandstructure



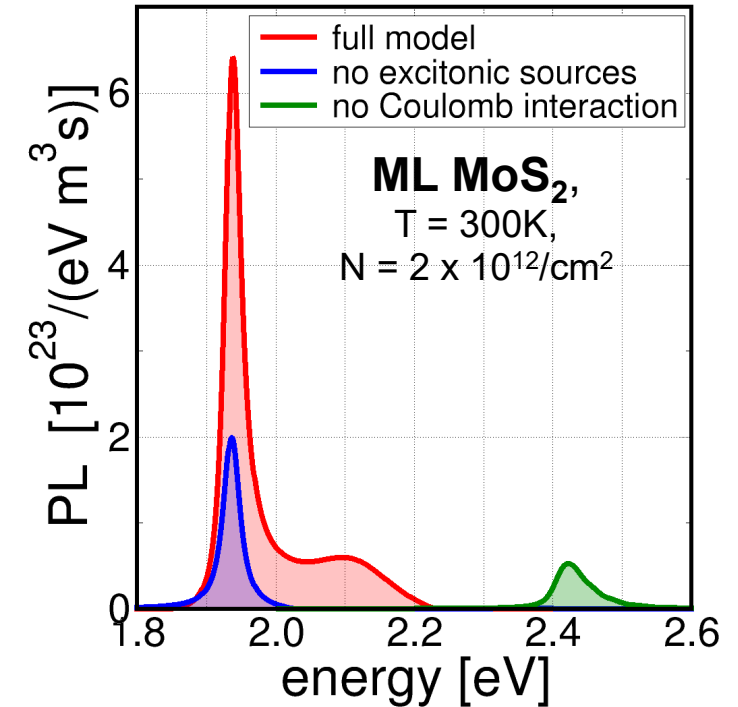


# Semiconductor Luminescence Equations

J. Hader and J.V. Moloney, "Photo Luminescence and Radiative Carrier Losses in Monolayer Transition Metal Dichalcogenides," Nano Lett. 24, 5231-5237 (2024)

Equation of motion for photon assisted polarizations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Pi_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}^{ij} = & \sum_{i',j'} \left[ \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{k}}^{ii'} \delta_{jj'} - \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{k}}^{jj'} \delta_{ii'} \right] \Pi_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}^{i'j'} \\
 & - \left( 1 - f_{\mathbf{k}}^i - f_{\mathbf{k}}^j \right) \sum_{i',j',\mathbf{k}'} V_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}'}^{ij'ji'} \Pi_{\mathbf{k}',\sigma}^{i'j'} \\
 & - \sum_{\mathbf{k}'} \left[ \Gamma_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}^j + \Gamma_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}^i \right] \Pi_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}',\sigma}^{ij} \\
 & - A_{\sigma}(t) \mu_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}^{ij} \left[ f_{\mathbf{k}}^i f_{\mathbf{k}}^j + \sum_{i',j',\mathbf{k}'} C_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}^{i'jji'} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$



excitonic resonances,  
bandgap renormalization

scatterings, dephasing

Coulomb correlations beyond the Bloch equation level

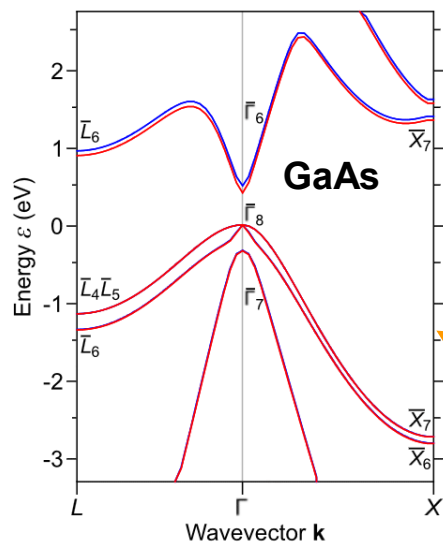
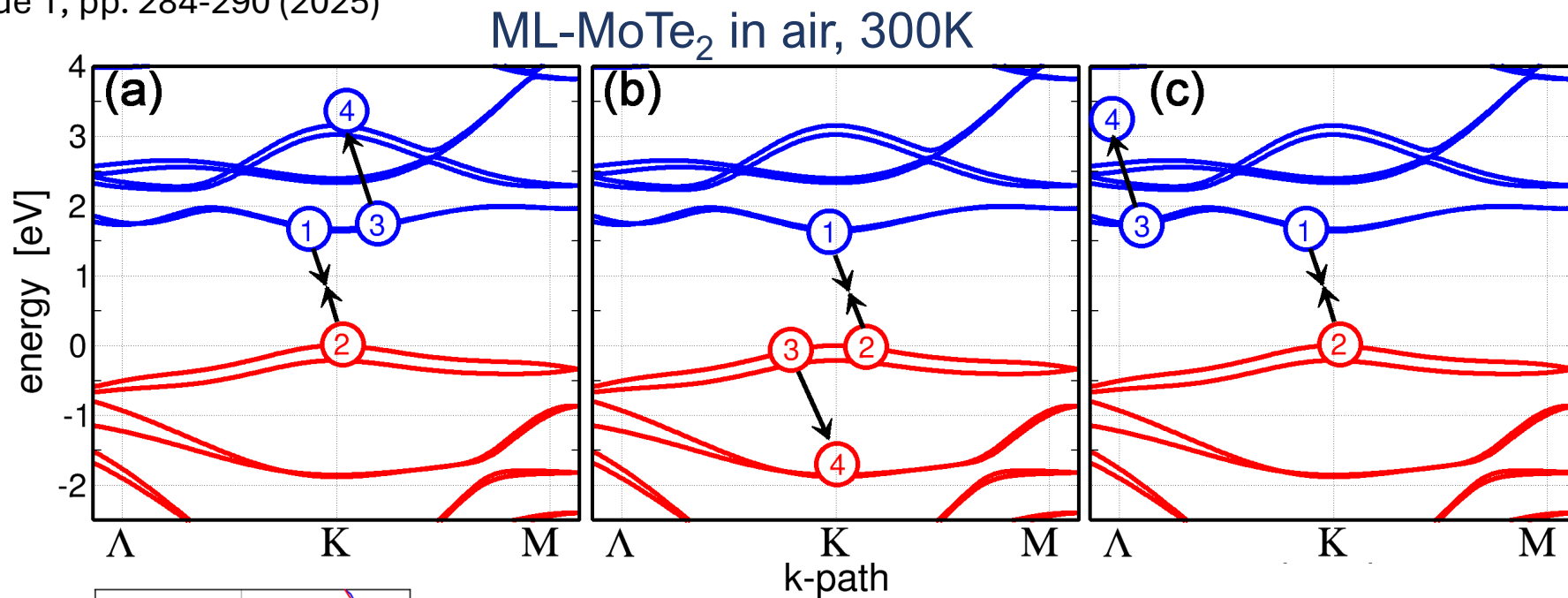
■ Strong Coulomb in ML-TMDC → PL from correlated states





# Auger-Meitner Loss in ML-TMDC

J. Hader and J.V. Moloney, Free Carrier Auger–Meitner Recombination in Monolayer TransitionMetal Dichalcogenides, Nano Letters, Vol. 25, Issue 1, pp. 284-290 (2025)



- much stronger Coulomb interaction
- Auger excited carriers can reach higher/lower bands
- strong bandgap renormalizations can bring remote bands into resonance with bandgap

III-V: -- no higher/lower bands can be reached  
-- intraband transitions require large momentum transfer  
→ weak Coulomb transfer



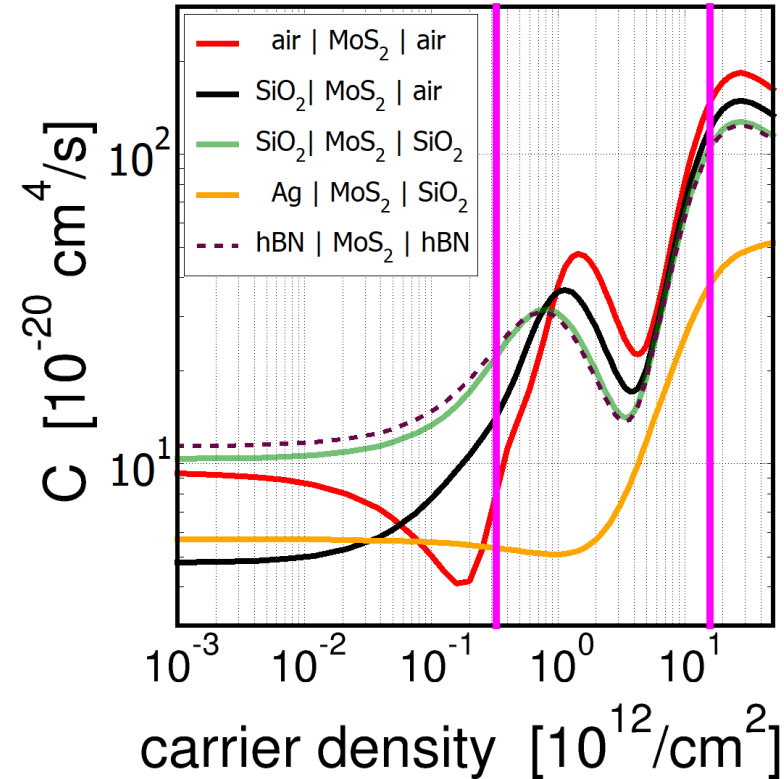
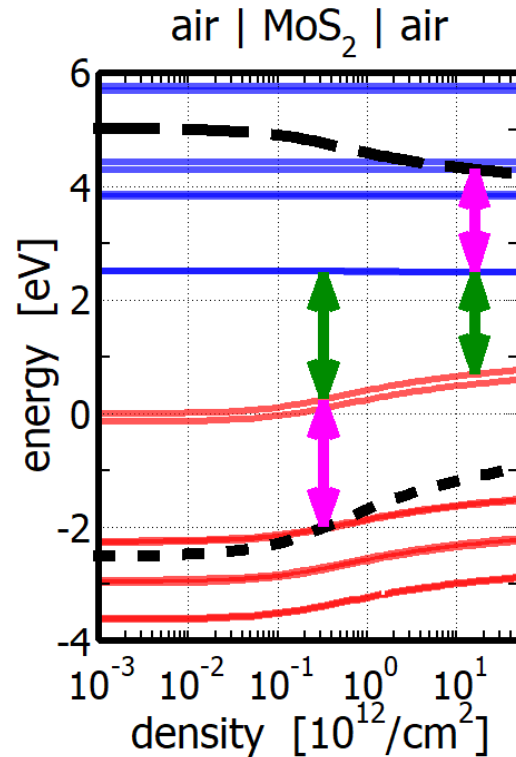
# Auger-Meitner Loss in ML-TMDC

## Density- and environment-dependence

ML-MoS<sub>2</sub>, 300K

J. Hader, et al.,

Nano Lett. **25**, 284 (2025)



- Loss increases when bands become resonant with gap
- Loss decreases with increased required momentum transfer
- Strong dependence on density and dielectric environment since both influence the bandgap

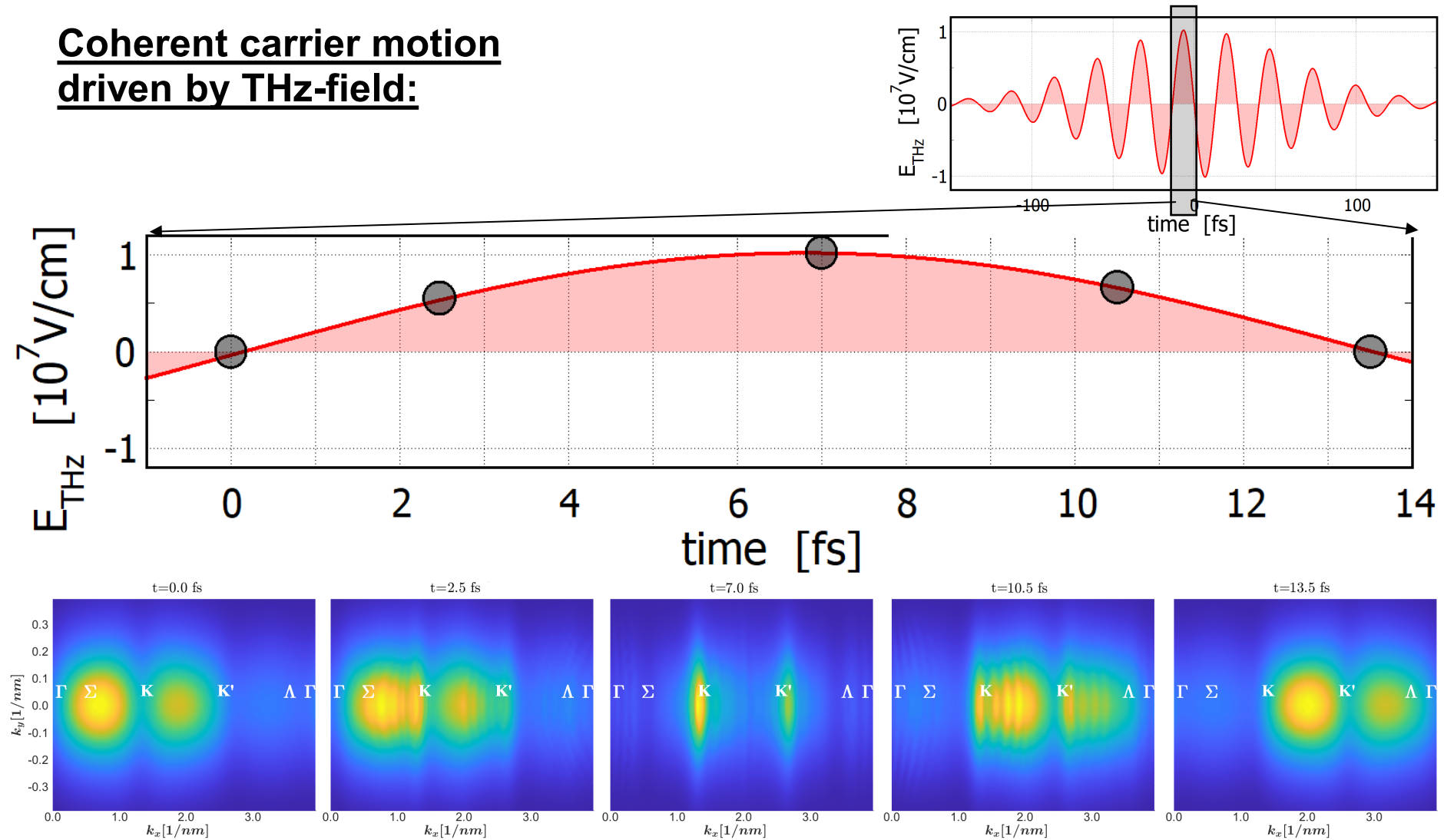






# HHG in ML TMDC, $\lambda = 8 \mu\text{m}$ ; $E_0 = 10.24 \text{ MV/cm}$

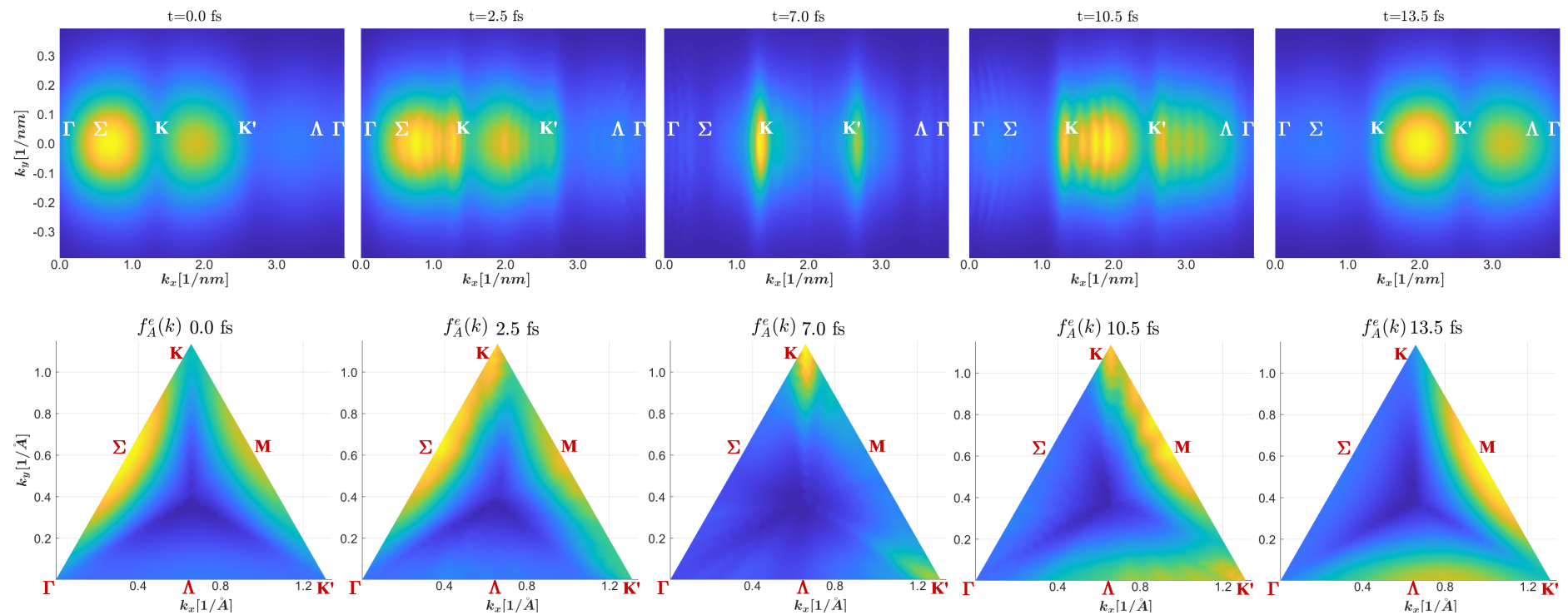
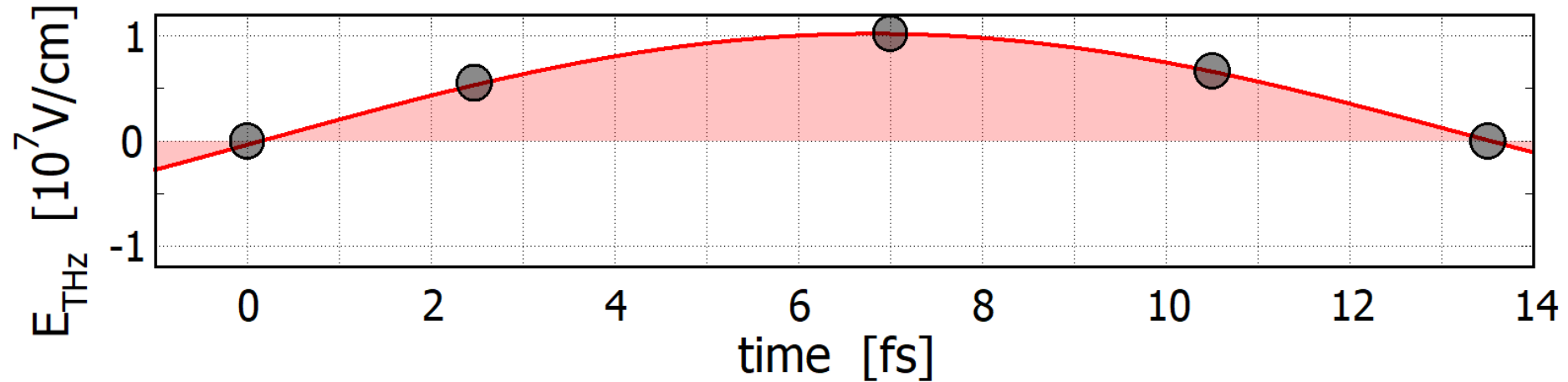
Coherent carrier motion  
driven by THz-field:



■ carrier distributions vary with optical field on single fs scale



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# Polarization Dephasing Due to Scatterings

## Diagonal scattering contributions corresponding to $T_2$ -time:

$$\frac{\hbar}{\pi} \frac{d}{dt} p_{\mathbf{k}}^{\lambda\mu} \Big|_{corr.} = p_{\mathbf{k}}^{\lambda\mu} \left[ \frac{1}{T_2(\mathbf{k})} \right]$$

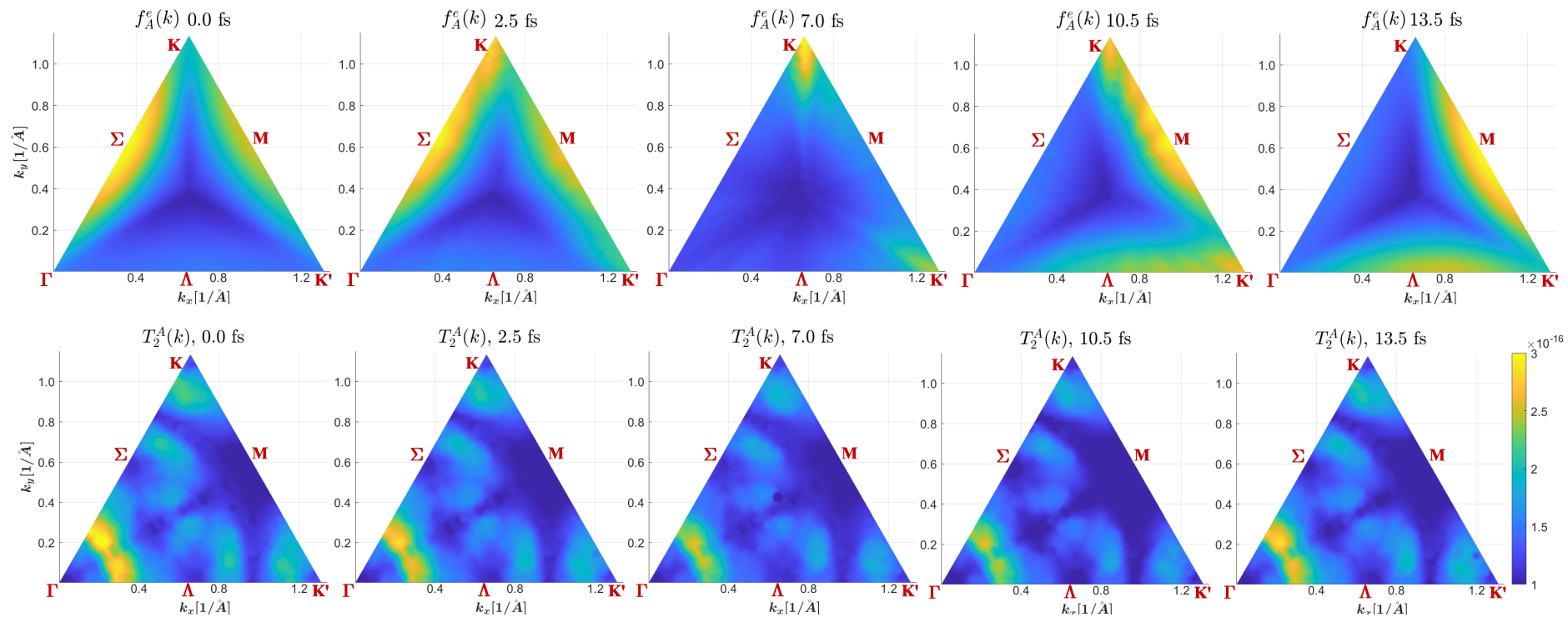
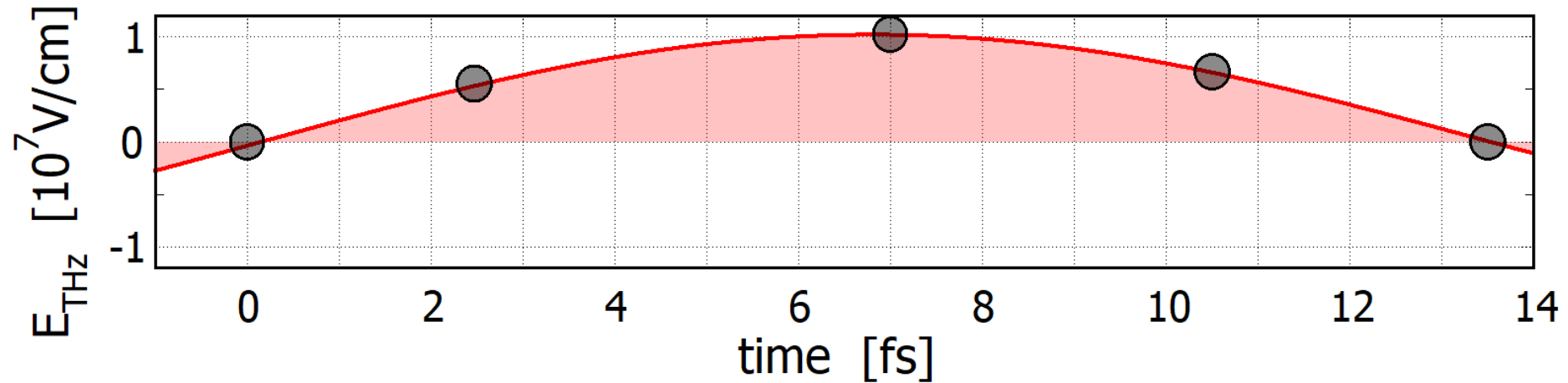
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\hbar}{\pi} \frac{d}{dt} p_{\mathbf{k}}^{\lambda\mu} \Big|_{corr.} = & p_{\mathbf{k}}^{\lambda\mu} \left[ \sum_{\substack{i_1 \\ \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}'}} V_{\mathbf{q}}^{i_1\mu\mu i_1} W_{\mathbf{q}}^{i_1\mu\mu i_1} \mathcal{D} \left( \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^{\mu} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\mu} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}}^{i_1} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}'}^{i_1} \right) \left[ f_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}}^{i_1} \left( 1 - f_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\mu} - f_{\mathbf{k}'}^{i_1} \right) + f_{\mathbf{k}'}^{i_1} f_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\mu} \right] - \right. \\ & p_{\mathbf{k}}^{\lambda\mu} \sum_{\substack{i_1 \\ \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}'}} V_{\mathbf{q}}^{i_1\lambda\lambda i_1} W_{\mathbf{q}}^{i_1\lambda\lambda i_1} \mathcal{D} \left( \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^{\lambda} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\lambda} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}}^{i_1} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}'}^{i_1} \right) \left[ f_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}}^{i_1} \left( 1 - f_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\lambda} - f_{\mathbf{k}'}^{i_1} \right) + f_{\mathbf{k}'}^{i_1} f_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\lambda} \right] + \\ & \sum_{\substack{i_1 \\ \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}'}} V_{\mathbf{q}}^{i_1\mu\mu i_1} W_{\mathbf{q}}^{i_1\lambda\lambda i_1} \mathcal{D} \left( \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\lambda} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^{\lambda} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}}^{i_1} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}'}^{i_1} \right) p_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\lambda\mu} \left[ f_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}}^{i_1} \left( 1 - f_{\mathbf{k}}^{\lambda} - f_{\mathbf{k}'}^{i_1} \right) + f_{\mathbf{k}'}^{i_1} f_{\mathbf{k}}^{\lambda} \right] - \\ & \sum_{\substack{i_1 \\ \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}'}} V_{\mathbf{q}}^{i_1\lambda\lambda i_1} W_{\mathbf{q}}^{i_1\mu\mu i_1} \mathcal{D} \left( \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\mu} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^{\mu} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}}^{i_1} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}'}^{i_1} \right) p_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\lambda\mu} \left[ f_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}}^{i_1} \left( 1 - f_{\mathbf{k}}^{\mu} - f_{\mathbf{k}'}^{i_1} \right) + f_{\mathbf{k}'}^{i_1} f_{\mathbf{k}}^{\mu} \right] + \\ & p_{\mathbf{k}}^{\lambda\mu} \sum_{\substack{i_1, j_1 \\ \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}'}} V_{\mathbf{q}}^{\mu i_1 i_1 \mu} W_{\mathbf{q}}^{\mu j_1 j_1 \mu} \mathcal{D} \left( \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^{\mu} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\mu} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}'}^{j_1} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}}^{j_1} \right) p_{\mathbf{k}'}^{j_1 i_1} p_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}}^{j_1 i_1} - \\ & p_{\mathbf{k}}^{\lambda\mu} \sum_{\substack{i_1, j_1 \\ \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}'}} V_{\mathbf{q}}^{\mu j_1 j_1 \mu} W_{\mathbf{q}}^{\mu i_1 i_1 \mu} \mathcal{D} \left( \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^{\mu} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\mu} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}'}^{i_1} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}}^{i_1} \right) p_{\mathbf{k}'}^{j_1 i_1} p_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}}^{j_1 i_1} + \\ & \sum_{\substack{i_1, j_1 \\ \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}'}} V_{\mathbf{q}}^{\mu i_1 i_1 \mu} W_{\mathbf{q}}^{j_1 \lambda \lambda j_1} \mathcal{D} \left( \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\lambda} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^{\lambda} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}'}^{j_1} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}}^{j_1} \right) p_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\lambda\mu} p_{\mathbf{k}'}^{j_1 i_1} p_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}}^{j_1 i_1} - \\ & \sum_{\substack{i_1, j_1 \\ \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}'}} V_{\mathbf{q}}^{\mu j_1 j_1 \mu} W_{\mathbf{q}}^{i_1 \lambda \lambda i_1} \mathcal{D} \left( \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\mu} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^{\mu} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}'}^{j_1} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}}^{j_1} \right) p_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\lambda\mu} p_{\mathbf{k}'}^{j_1 i_1} p_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}}^{j_1 i_1} + \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu \leftrightarrow \lambda, \quad i \leftrightarrow j$$





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# Stratified Structure Propagation Equation (SSPE)

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## Unidirectional Optical Pulse Propagation Equation

M. Kolesik, J.V. Moloney, and M. Mlejnek\*

$$\partial_t \vec{D}_f(\vec{k}) = -i\omega(\vec{k})\vec{D}_f(\vec{k}) + \frac{i}{2}\omega(\vec{k})[\vec{P}_{NL}(\vec{D}, \vec{k}) - \frac{1}{k^2}\vec{k}\vec{k} \cdot \vec{P}_{NL}(\vec{D}, \vec{k})]$$

- Restricted to unbounded regions – plane wave modes in  $M^*$  below.
- No explicit boundary conditions

$$\partial_t \vec{D}(t, k_z, k_\perp) = -i\omega(\vec{k})\vec{D} - \frac{i}{2\mu_0\epsilon\omega(\vec{k})N} \int (\nabla\nabla \cdot \vec{P} - \Delta\vec{P})M^*(\vec{r} | k_z k_\perp) dV$$

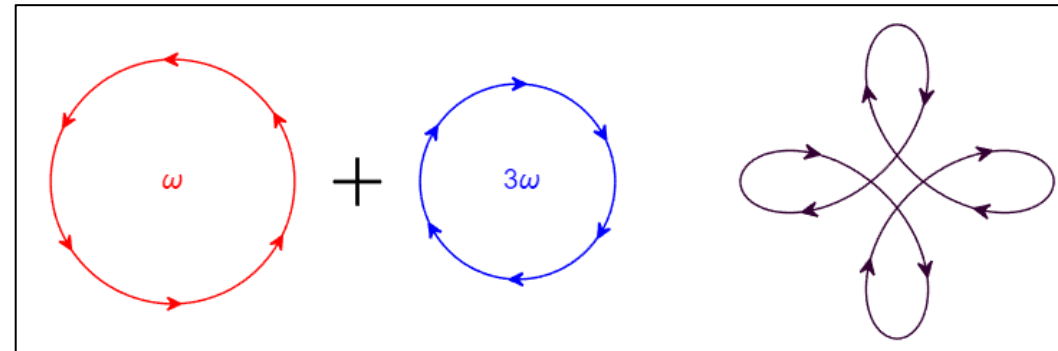
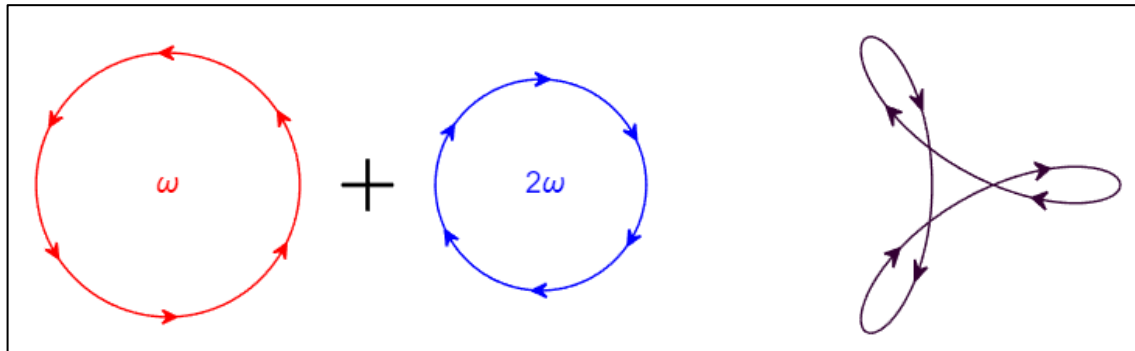
- $M^*$  based on slab boundary conditions needs suitably orthonormalized modes mapped to numerical grid



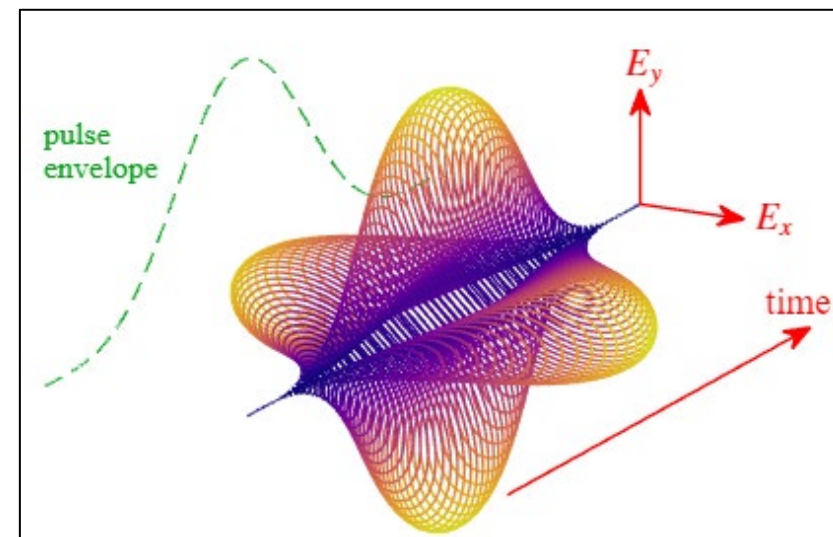


# Extreme NLO with complex driving fields

- N-foil driving field: combine LCP and RCP optical fields with different frequencies:  $\omega$  and  $(N - 1)\omega$ 
  - Combined field will have N-fold rotational+reflection symmetry (in long-pulse limit)



- Polarization vector of pulse has non-trivial time evolution
- Adding higher harmonics can reduce symmetry from  $D_N$  to  $C_N$  (preserve rotation but remove reflection symmetry)
- How does symmetry of optical field interact with material?
- Our robust SBE solvers can treat complex driving fields in 2D & 3D systems, including materials with non-trivial topology





# Challenges in Computing Many-Body Correlations

$$\frac{\hbar}{\pi} \frac{d}{dt} f_{\mathbf{k}}^{e,i} \Big|_{\text{corr.}}^{\text{ee}} = \sum_{\substack{i_1, i_2, i_3 \\ \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}'}} V_{\mathbf{q}; \mathbf{k}}^{ii_1 i_2 i_3} W_{\mathbf{q}; \mathbf{k}}^{i_3 i_2 i_1 i} \mathcal{D} \left( \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^{e,i} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{q}}^{e,i_1} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}'}^{e,i_2} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}}^{e,i_3} \right) \\ \left[ (1 - f_{\mathbf{k}'}^{e,i_2})(1 - f_{\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}}^{e,i_3}) f_{\mathbf{k}}^{e,i} f_{\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{q}}^{e,i_1} - (1 - f_{\mathbf{k}}^{e,i})(1 - f_{\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{q}}^{e,i_1}) f_{\mathbf{k}'}^{e,i_2} f_{\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}}^{e,i_3} \right]$$

- Energy conserving delta function saves one dimension
- Computational grid points off of uniform grid – linear interpolation of fff, ff and f functions
- 500 speed up with combination of an efficient algorithm and specialized cache friendly hardware

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_{\Omega} \kappa(A, C, E) f_A f_C f_E d\Omega &= [(f_b - f_a)\alpha + f_a] \cdot [(f_d - f_c)\beta + f_c] \cdot [(f_f - f_e)\gamma + f_e] \\ &\quad \text{constant} \\ &= f_a f_c f_e \cdot [-\alpha\beta\gamma - \alpha\beta - \alpha\gamma - \beta\gamma - \alpha - \beta - \gamma - 1] + \bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet \\ &= f_a f_c f_e w_{\text{Total}} \end{aligned}$$

- Algorithm: Precompute factored, sorted and accumulate weights – factor of 50 speed up

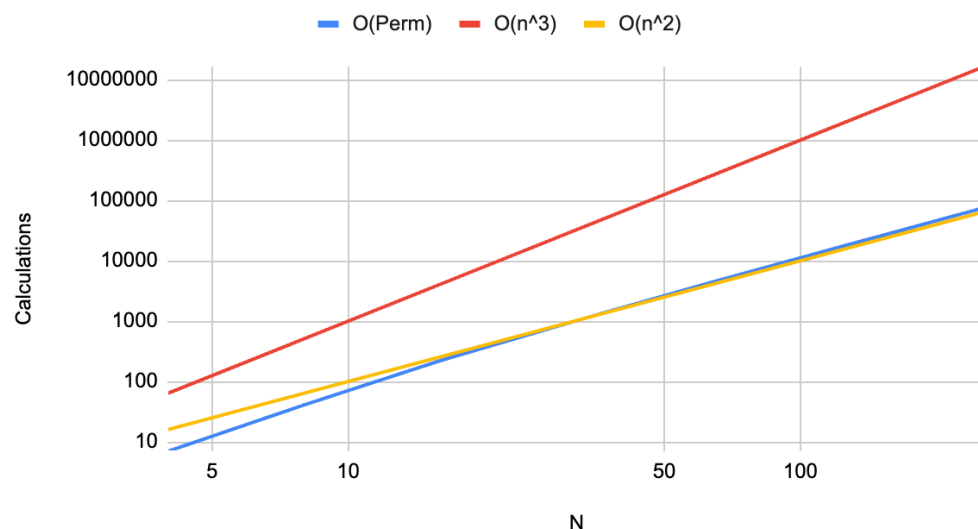


# Algorithm and Hardware Acceleration – Many-body Correlations

Weights file is:

- 1D and sequentially ordered
- takes maximum advantage of CPU multi-level caches
- optimally ordered for Advanced Vector Extensions (AVX) in modern CPUs
  - Each AVX-512 Vector register performs 8 double precision floating point operations **per CPU clock cycle**

$O(\text{Perm})$ ,  $O(n^3)$  and  $O(n^2)$



We tested the performance on a number of INTEL and AMD 64Core CPUs and a range of nVidia GPUs

- In initial tests we see a average speed of 50 on CPUs and 500 on GPUs over a naïve hand coded implementation



# Summary of Future Challenges

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- Build a computational framework that rigorously captures nonlinear, nonequilibrium interactions in finite solids
- Design computationally feasible gauge invariant SBE sources that faithfully capture the symmetry, gauge invariance,...
- Evaluate and incorporate many-body correlations into the simulation framework
- Design algorithms that exploit new hardware acceleration

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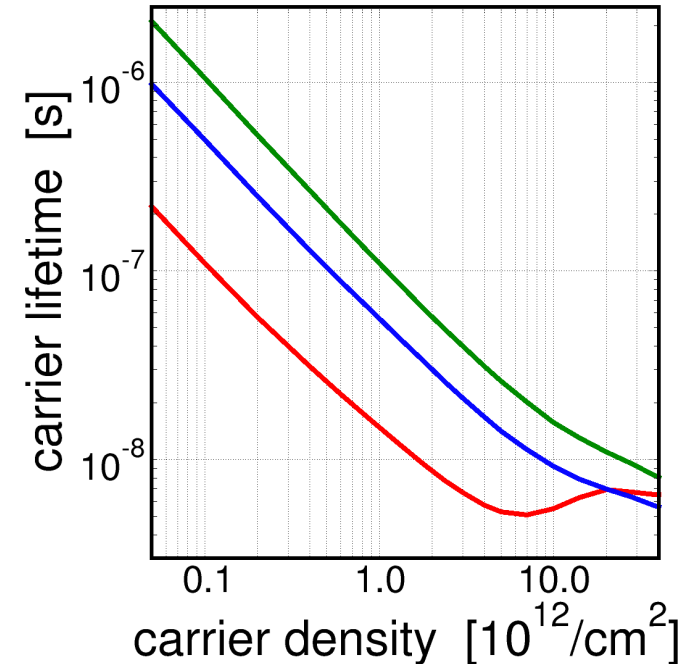
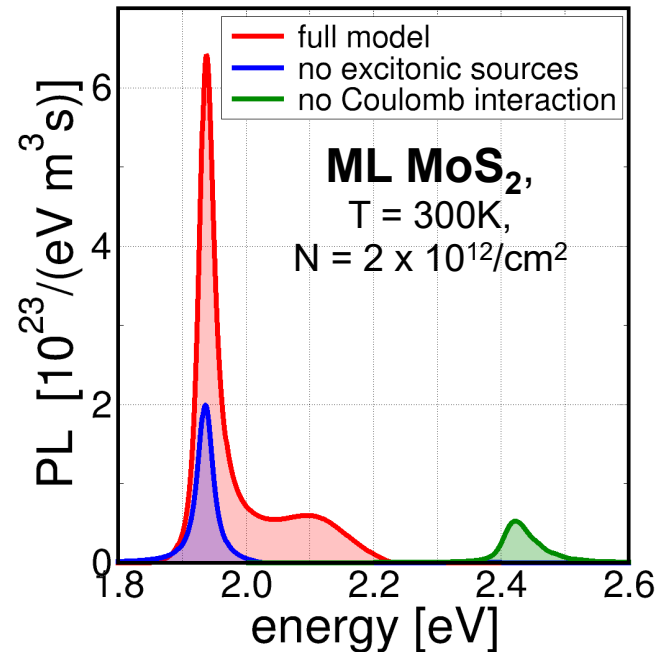




# Semiconductor Luminescence Equations

## Equation of motion for excitonic correlations:

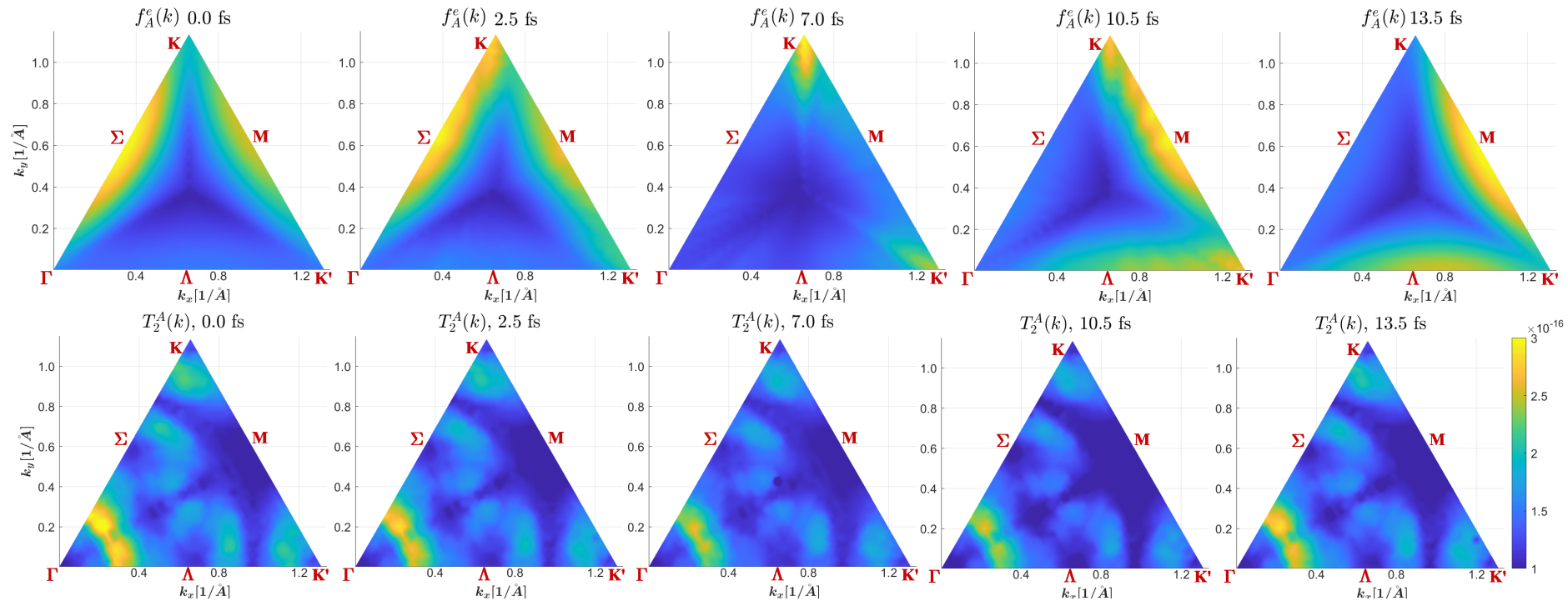
$$\begin{aligned}
 i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} C_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'}^{i' j i j'} = & \sum_{i'', i''', j'', j'''} \left[ \left( \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{k}}^{i i''} \delta_{i' i'''} - \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{k}'}^{i' i'''} \delta_{i i''} \right) \delta_{j j''} \delta_{j' j'''} + \left( \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{k}}^{j j''} \delta_{j' j'''} - \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{k}'}^{j' j'''} \delta_{j j''} \right) \delta_{i' i''} \delta_{i i'''} \right] C_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'}^{i'' j'' i'' j'''} \\
 & + V_{\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{k}}^{i j' j i'} \left[ f_{\mathbf{k}}^j f_{\mathbf{k}'}^i (1 - f_{\mathbf{k}'}^{j'}) (1 - f_{\mathbf{k}}^{i'}) - f_{\mathbf{k}'}^{j'} f_{\mathbf{k}}^{i'} (1 - f_{\mathbf{k}}^j) (1 - f_{\mathbf{k}'}^i) \right] \\
 & + (1 - f_{\mathbf{k}'}^{i'} - f_{\mathbf{k}'}^{j'}) \sum_{i'', j'', \mathbf{k}''} V_{\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{k}''}^{j' i'' i' j''} C_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}''}^{i'' j i j''} - (1 - f_{\mathbf{k}}^i - f_{\mathbf{k}}^j) \sum_{i'', j'', \mathbf{k}''} V_{\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}''}^{i j'' i'' j'} C_{\mathbf{k}'', \mathbf{k}}^{i' j'' i'' j'} \\
 & - 2 \sum_{\mathbf{k}''} \left\{ \left[ \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}''}^{j' *} + \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}''}^{i' *} \right] C_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}''}^{i' j i j'} + \left[ \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}''}^j + \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}''}^i \right] C_{\mathbf{k}'', \mathbf{k}}^{i' j i j'} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$



- Coulomb correlations beyond Hartree-Fock dominate PL and radiative carrier lifetimes



# Shortcomings of $T_2$ -Approximation



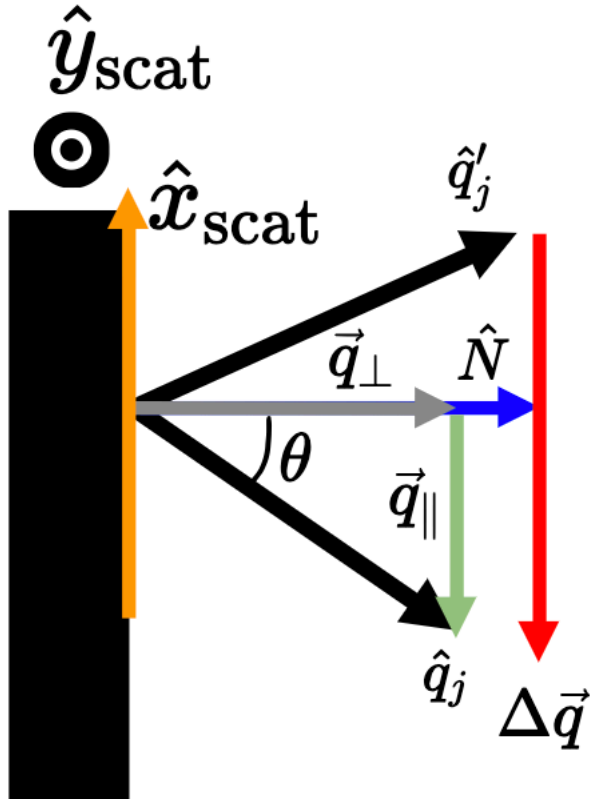
- Unrealistically short dephasing times of tenths of fs due to neglect of compensation between diagonal and off-diagonal terms
- Missing dephasing due to polarization interferences
- Use of static screening can create unphysical singularities in case of non-equilibrium distributions:

$$W_q = \frac{1}{\epsilon(q, \omega)} V_q, \quad \epsilon_q = 1 - V_q \sum_k \frac{f_{k-q} - f_k}{\epsilon_{k-q} - \epsilon_k}$$

can be positive or negative  
in non-equilibrium



# Transverse Spatial Gratings



Defining the Grating  
Directions:

$$\hat{g}_q = \frac{\vec{\nabla} g \times \hat{N}}{|\vec{\nabla} g \times \hat{N}|}$$

$$\hat{g}_p = \frac{\vec{\nabla} g \times \hat{N} \times \hat{N}}{|\vec{\nabla} g \times \hat{N}|}$$

$$\text{Grating Period: } \Lambda = \frac{\lambda}{2|\vec{q}_{||}|}$$

$$\text{Grating Direction: } \hat{g}_p = \frac{\vec{q}_{||}}{|\vec{q}_{||}|}$$

$$\text{Period Vector: } \vec{\nabla} g = \hat{g}_p \Lambda = \Lambda \frac{\vec{q}_{||}}{|\vec{q}_{||}|}$$

$$s_p = \hat{g}_p \cdot \hat{q}_j + \frac{m\lambda}{|\vec{\nabla} g \times \hat{N}|} \quad s_q = \hat{g}_q \cdot \hat{q}_j$$

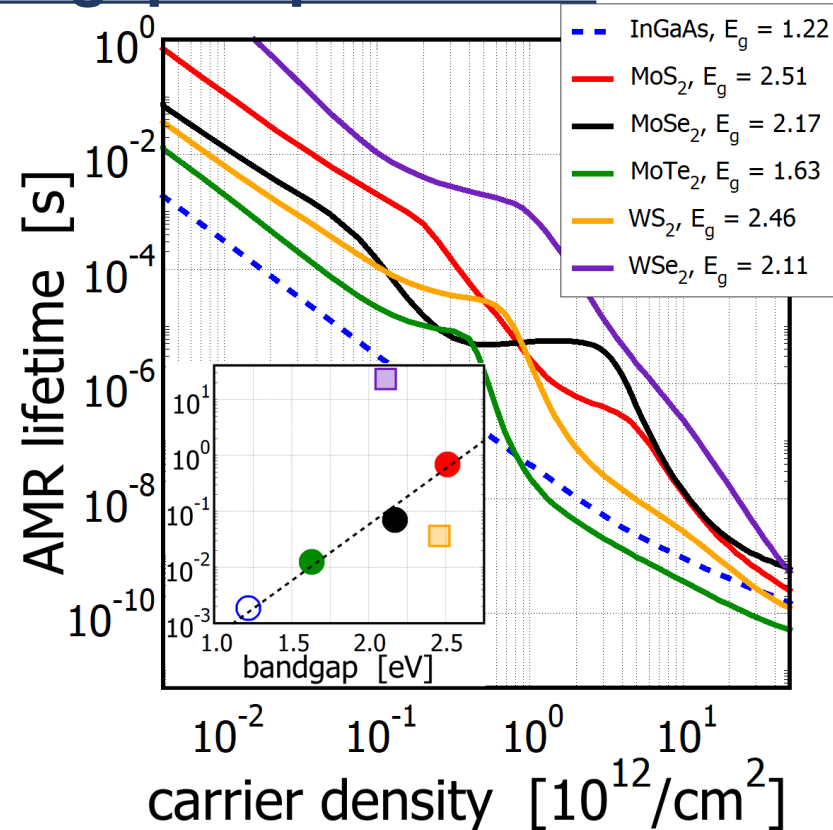
$$\text{Generalized: } \hat{q}'_m = s_p \hat{g}_p + s_q \hat{g}_q + \sqrt{1 - s_p^2 - s_q^2} \hat{N}$$

$$\text{Single plane: } \hat{q}'_m = (1 + 2m) \vec{q}_{||} + \sqrt{1 - |\vec{q}_{||}|^2} (1 + 2m) \hat{N}$$



# Auger-Meitner Loss in ML-TMDC

## Density- and bandgap-dependence



TMDC in air,  
300K

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Nano Lett. **25**, 284 (2025)

- Auger losses show similar dependence on bandgap as III-V materials
- Auger loss magnitude similar to conventional III-V materials for similar wavelengths despite much stronger Coulomb interaction.
- Density dependence more complicated due to resonant higher bands