



# Time-domain experiments in diamond anvil cells

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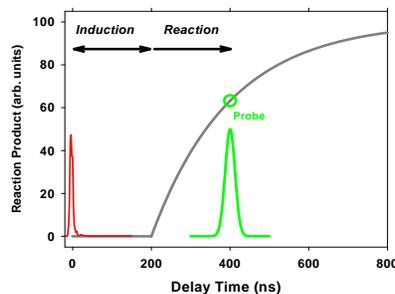
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## Challenges:

- Materials characterization under extreme conditions of high  $P$ - $T$  -strain rate
- New materials synthesis under extremes including non-equilibrium conditions

## New pulsed laser and X-ray techniques:

- Pulsed laser heating
- Ultrafast laser pump-probe techniques
- Combined **Xray synchrotron-pulsed laser experiments**
- Laser driven shock compression in the DAC



## Themes:

- Metals thermal EOS and melting: Pt
- Simple diatomics- molecular dissociation:  $H_2$ ,  $D_2$ ,  $N_2$ ,  $O_2$
- Minerals: MgO
- Noble metals-thermal conductivity: Ar

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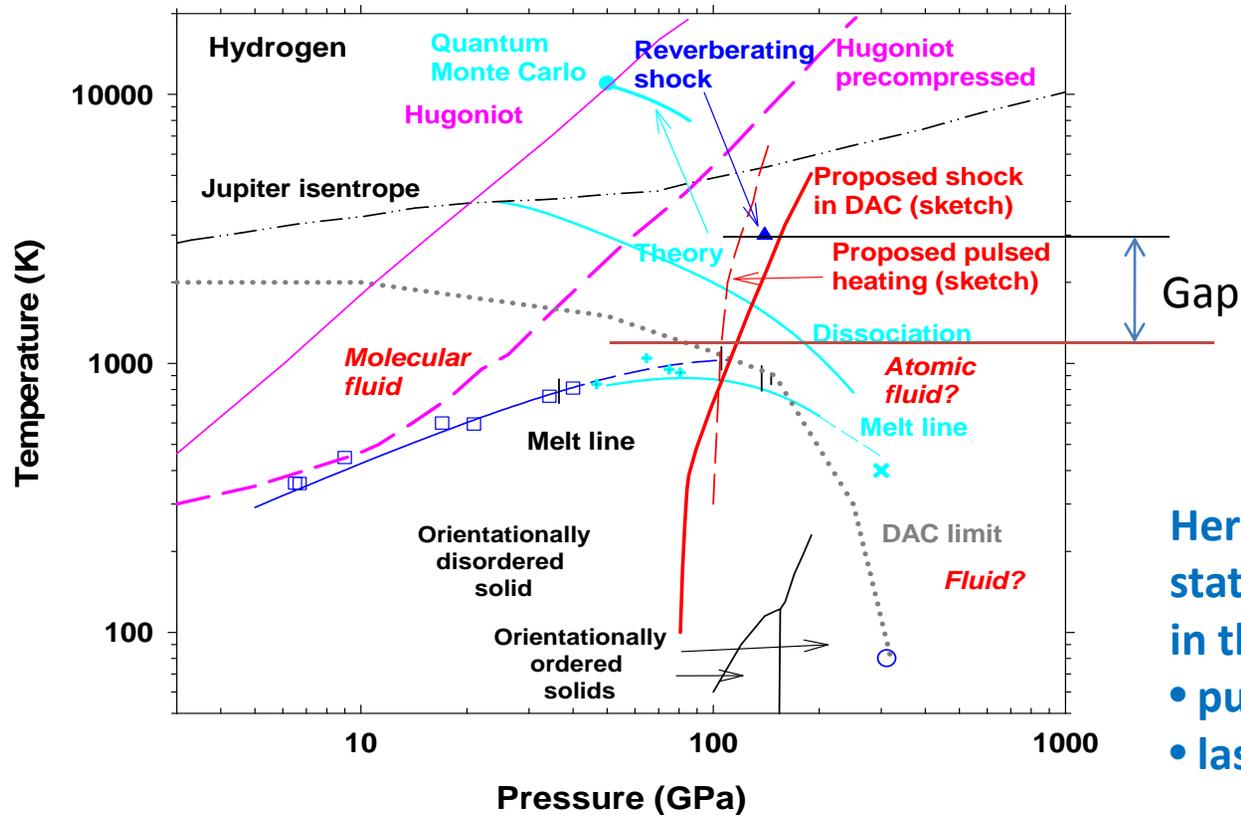
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# Scientific challenges: bridge the gap between static and dynamic experiments in P-T-strain rate conditions reached & probed

## Phase diagram of hydrogen



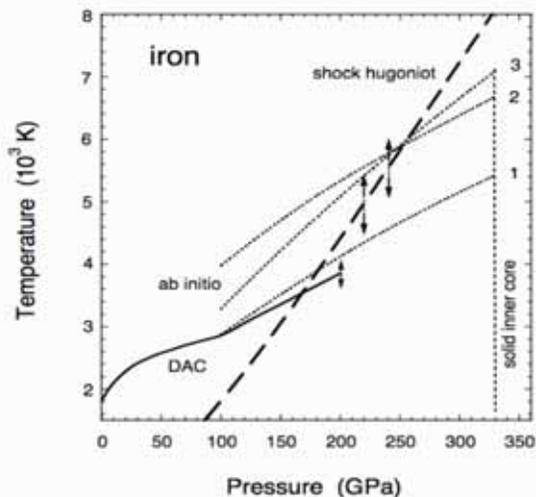
- Extreme P-T conditions are relevant for:
- warm dense matter
  - new materials synthesis
  - fast chemical reactivity
  - materials strength
  - melting curves
  - planetary interior

Here we propose to combine static and dynamic experiments in the DAC by performing

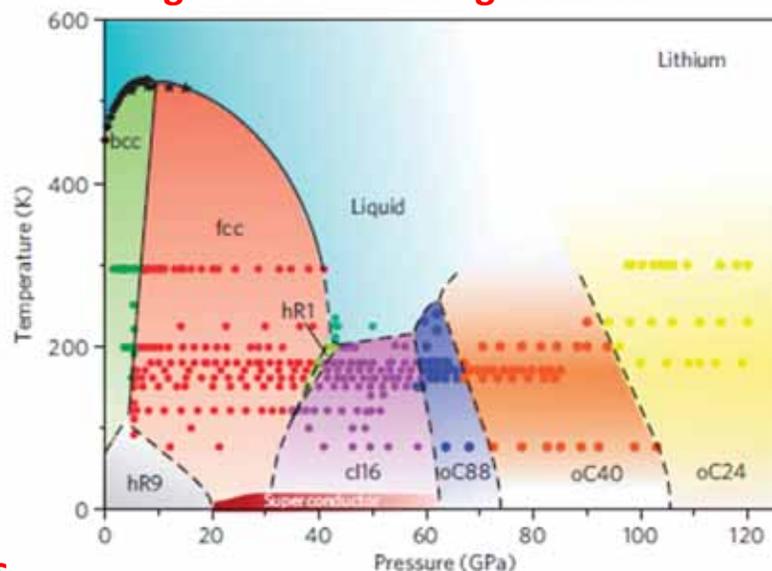
- pulsed laser heating
- laser driven shock in the DAC

# Melting phenomena and properties of fluids at high P-T condition

Shock & static experiments disagree by 1000's K



Dramatic decline of melting line?!  
Diagnostics of melting is scarce



Guillaume et al., 2011

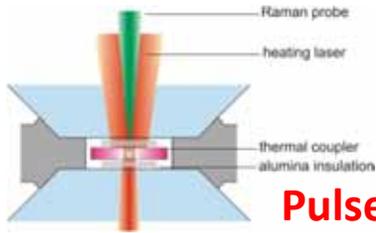
## Problems with static methods

- Instabilities (e.g., diffusion)
- chemical reaction
- indirect criteria and lack of positive observations

**New techniques** are needed to enable accurate measurements of melting phenomena  
*improved laser heating techniques:*

## **Time-resolved X-ray & optical techniques :**

- diffuse peak in XRD
- XAS spectroscopy
- elastic, optical, and vibrational properties

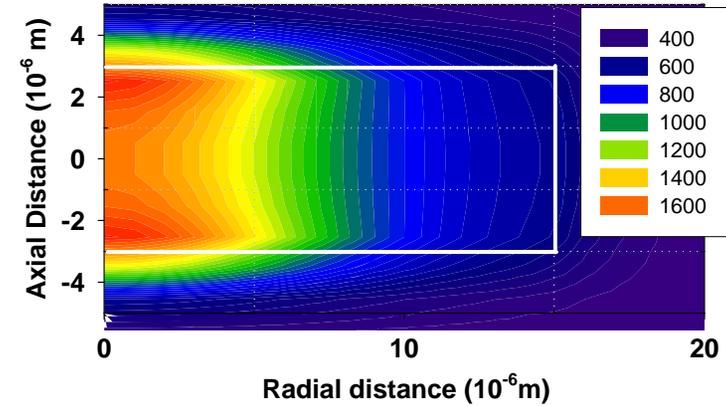
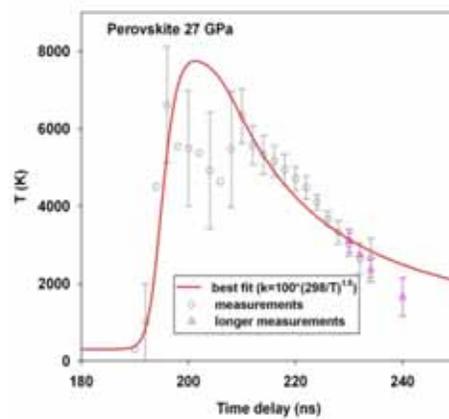
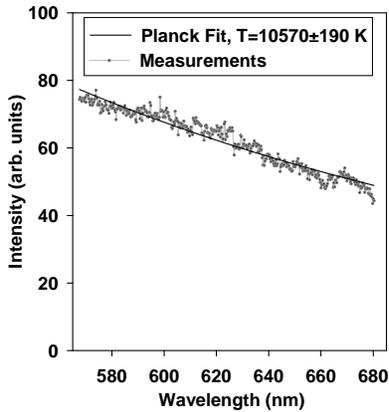


# Pulsed versus continuous laser heating in the DAC

**Pulsed laser heating: experiment**

**Finite element calculations, maps**

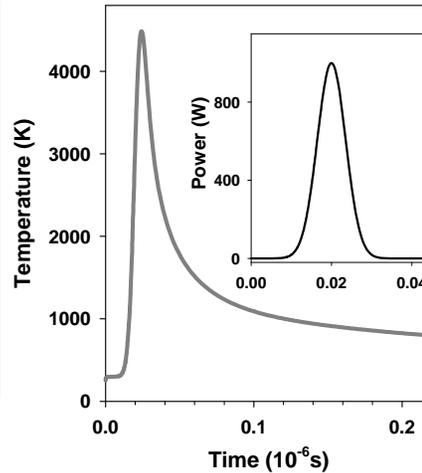
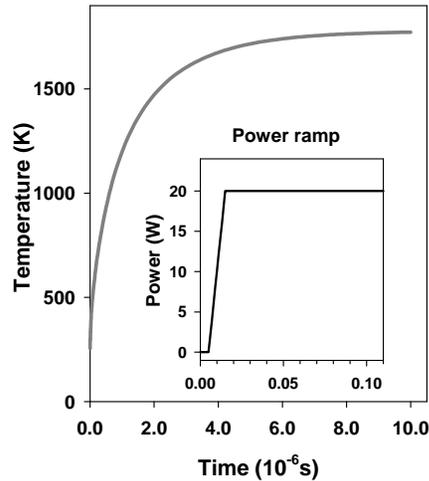
Continuous Heating



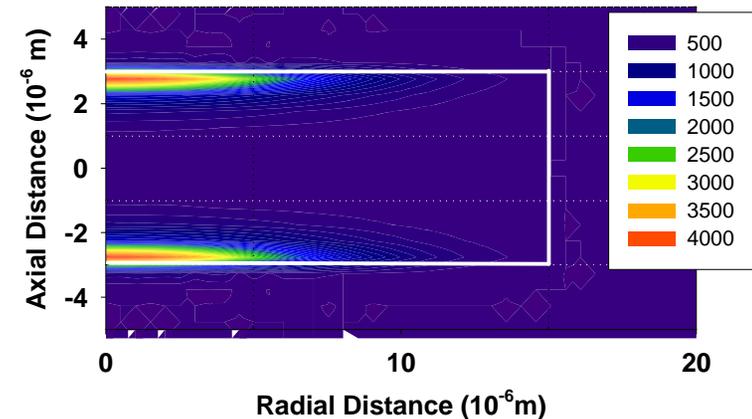
## Temperature histories (FE calculations)

Continuous heating after turning on power

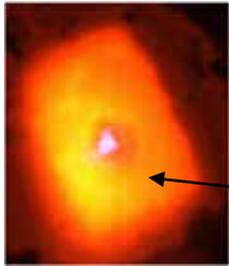
Pulsed heating



Pulsed Heating



- Measurements are very challenging (small volume, strong thermal radiation)
- Uniform in space and time heating in the DAC require longer pulses

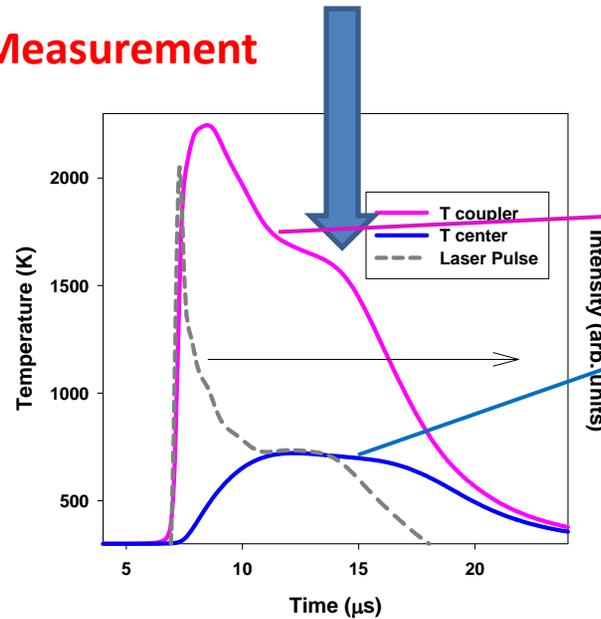


# Time-domain experiments in laser heated DAC: thermal radiation & chemical reactivity suppression

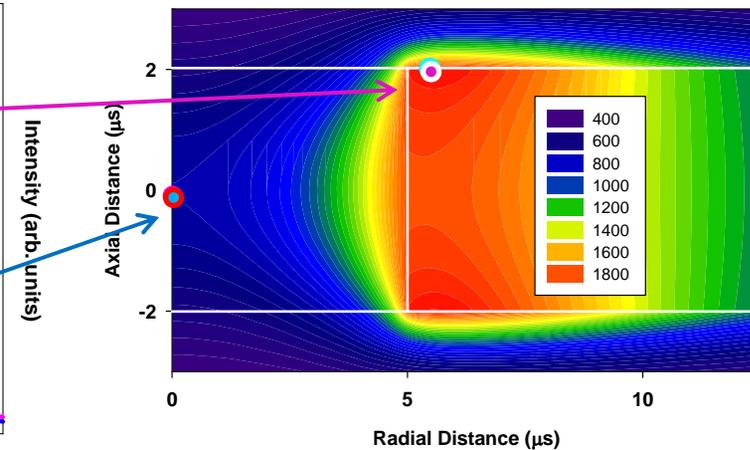
Coupler

Timing for pulsed heat + pulsed  
Raman operation:

**Measurement**



T map: FE calculations

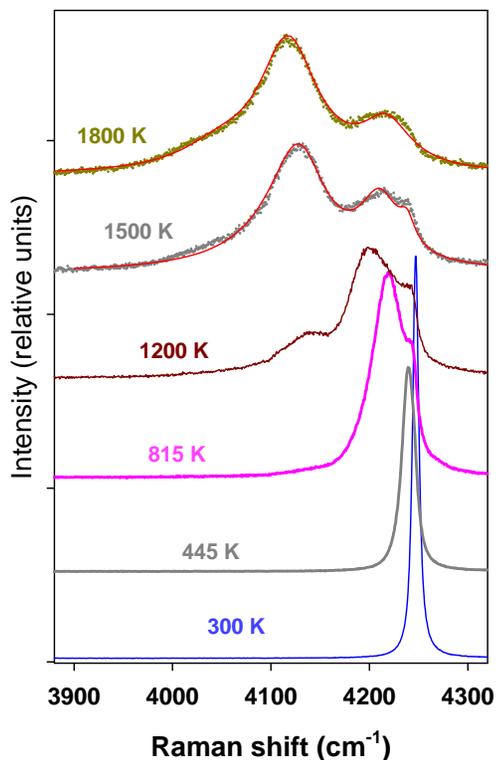


Pulsed heating (ns and  $\mu\text{s}$ ): we discriminate spatially and temporally (by measuring  $\sim 5\text{-}10 \mu\text{s}$  after the arrival of the heating pulse).

# Time-Resolved Raman Spectra of Hydrogen with double-sided microsecond laser heating

Sample:  $H_2$ , Ir Coupler  $P = 10-25$  GPa

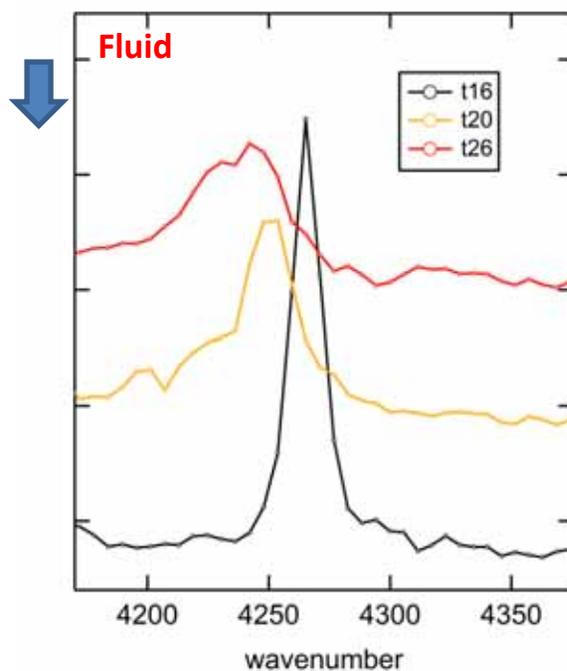
Raman spectra  
CW excitation 60 GPa



Rapidly collected Raman spectra show modified intramolecular bonds above 40 GPa.  
*Subramanian et al. PNAS, 2011*

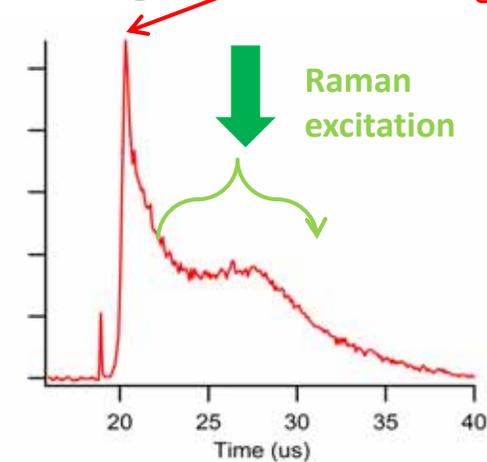


Raman spectra

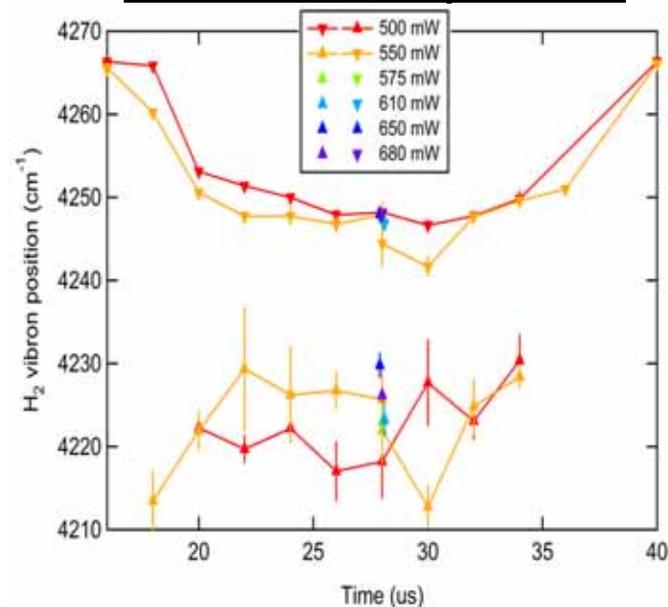


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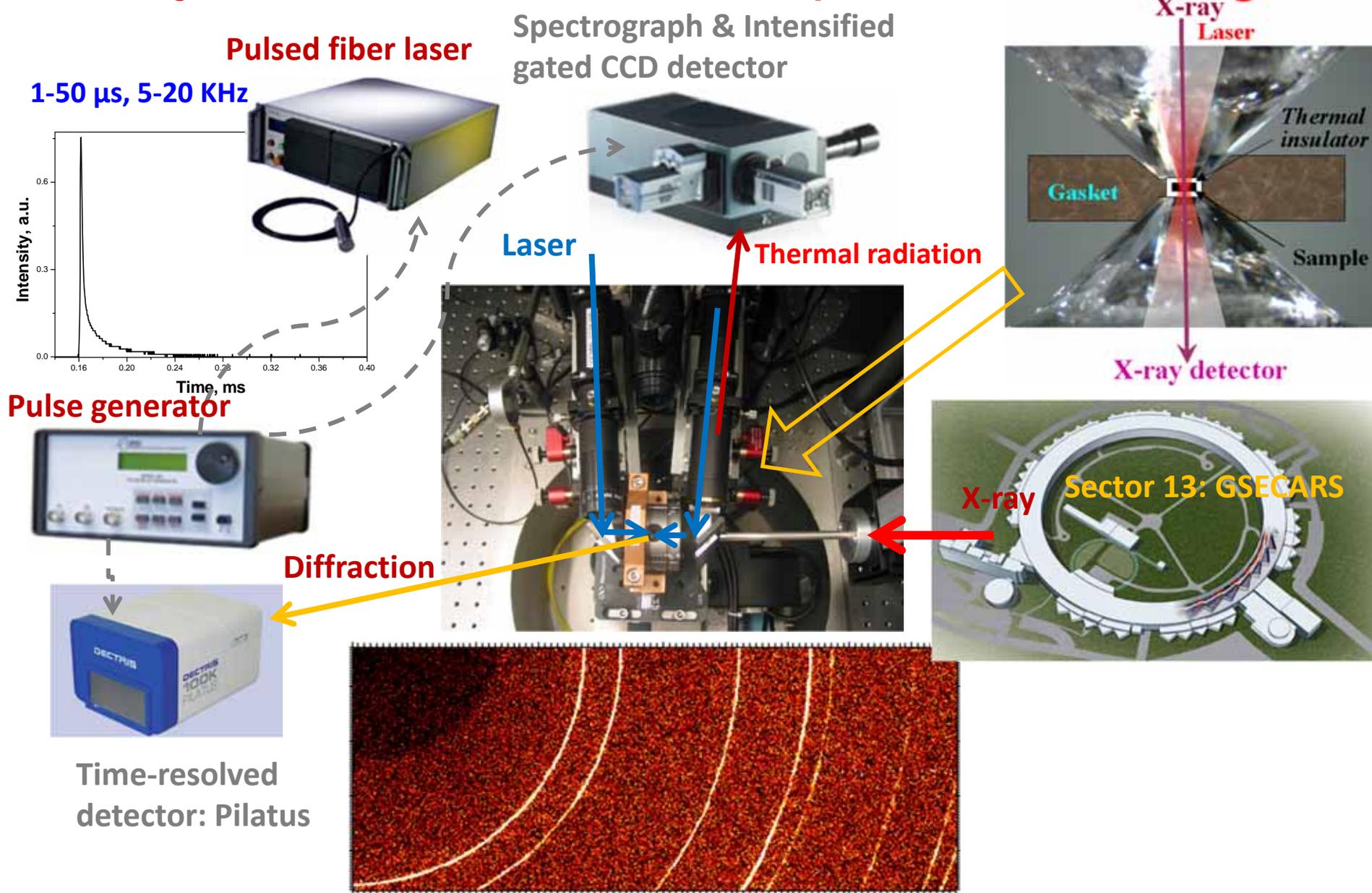
Timing Laser heating



Time-domain experiment



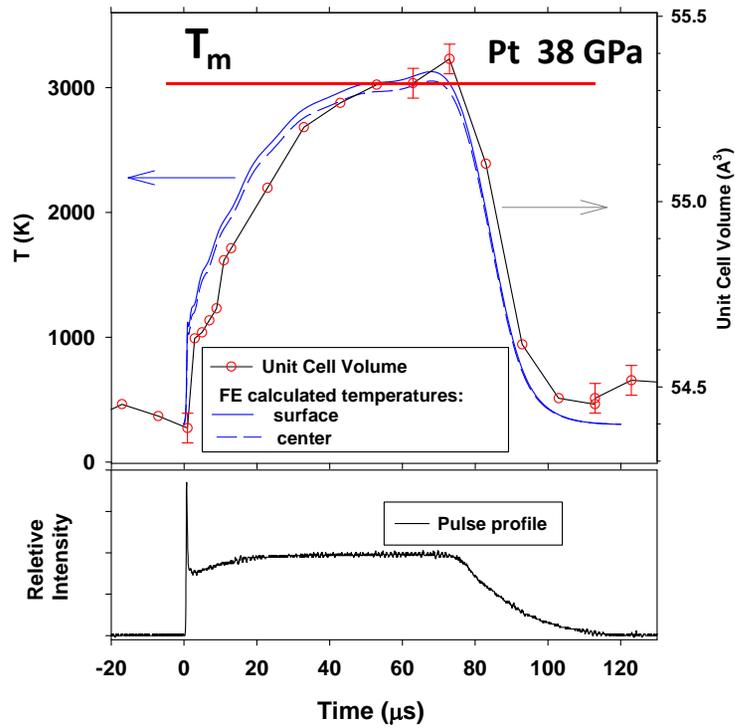
# X-ray diffraction combined with pulsed laser heating



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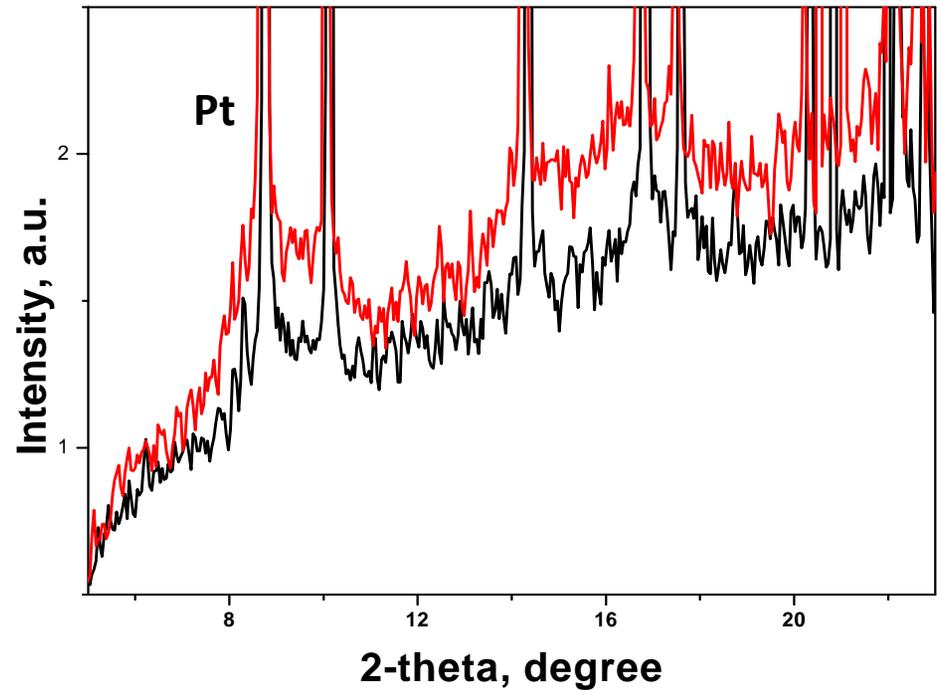
# Pulsed laser heating in the DAC: $\mu\text{s}$ timescales

Pulse profile vs  
Thermal expansion  
& temperature histories



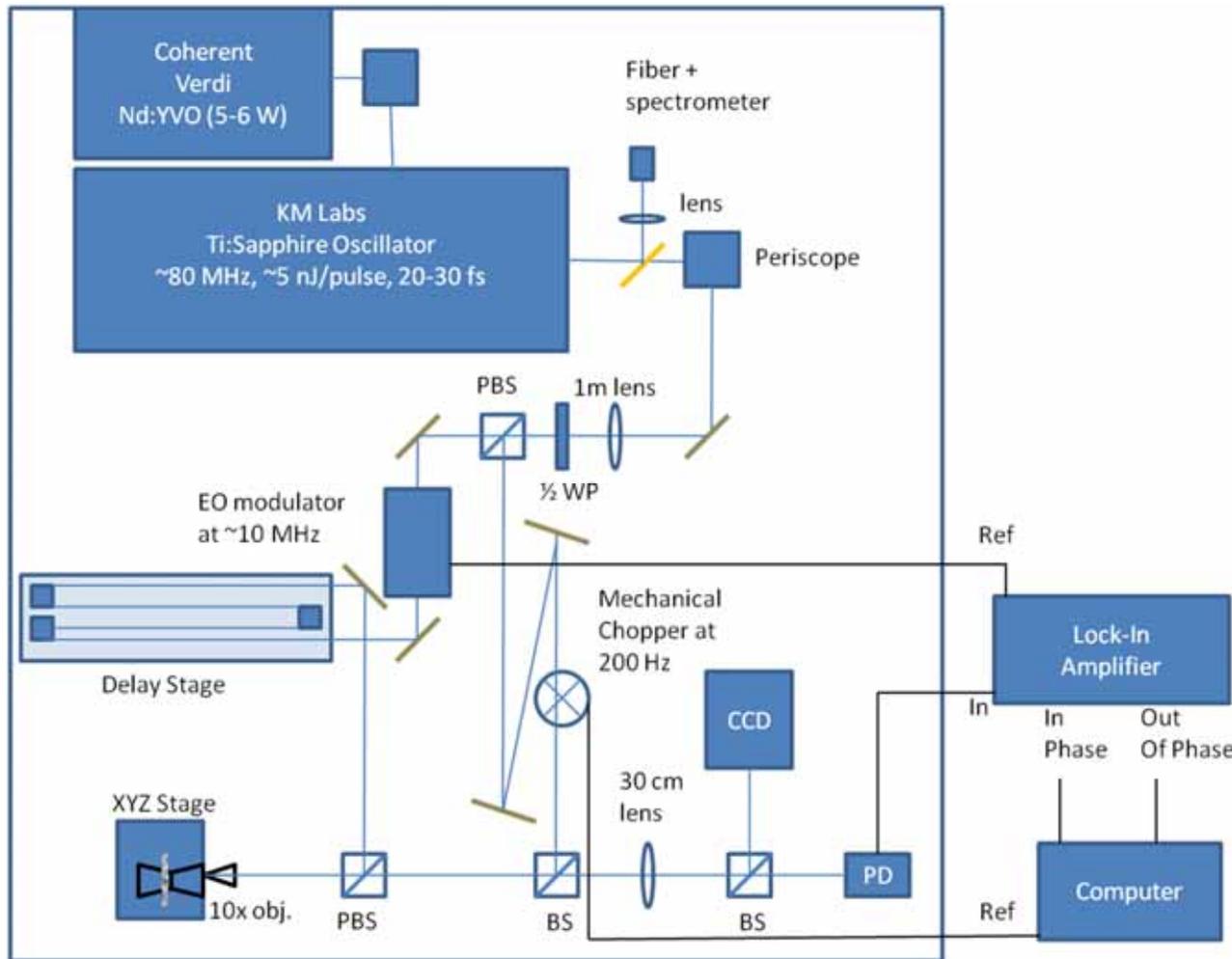
Time-resolved X-ray diffraction

Detection of melting

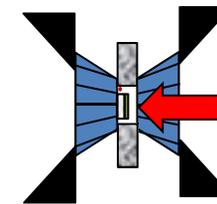


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# Optical Pump-Probe System for Time Domain Thermoreflectance experiments use a double modulation approach



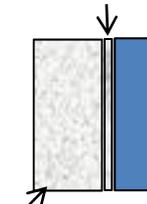
DAC



Pump + Probe

Sample cavity

Aluminum

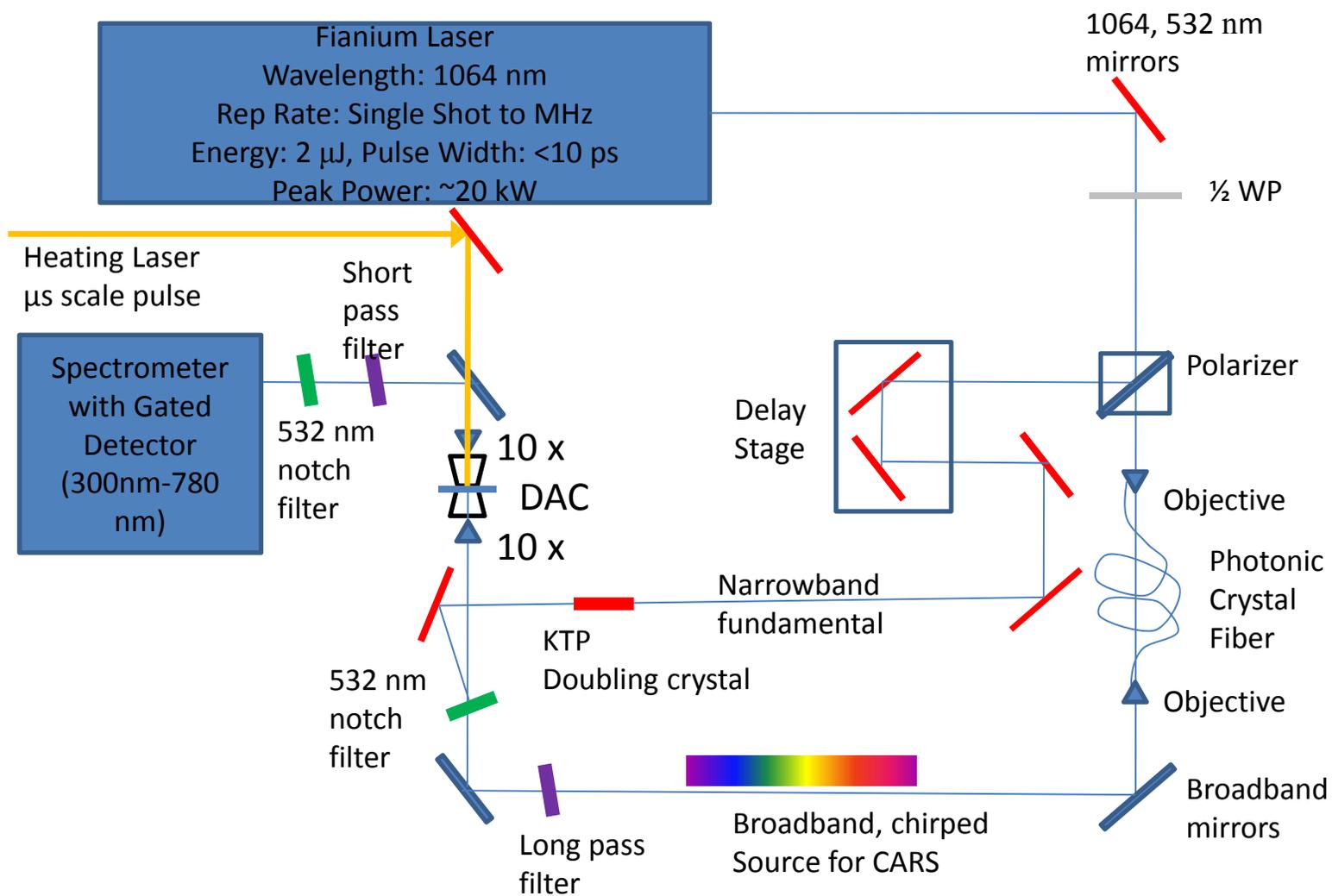


MgO

Argon

$$\Delta T = \frac{(1-R)Q}{C_{Al} A d_{Al}}$$

# We are developing a new coherent Antistokes Raman and broad band spectroscopy systems

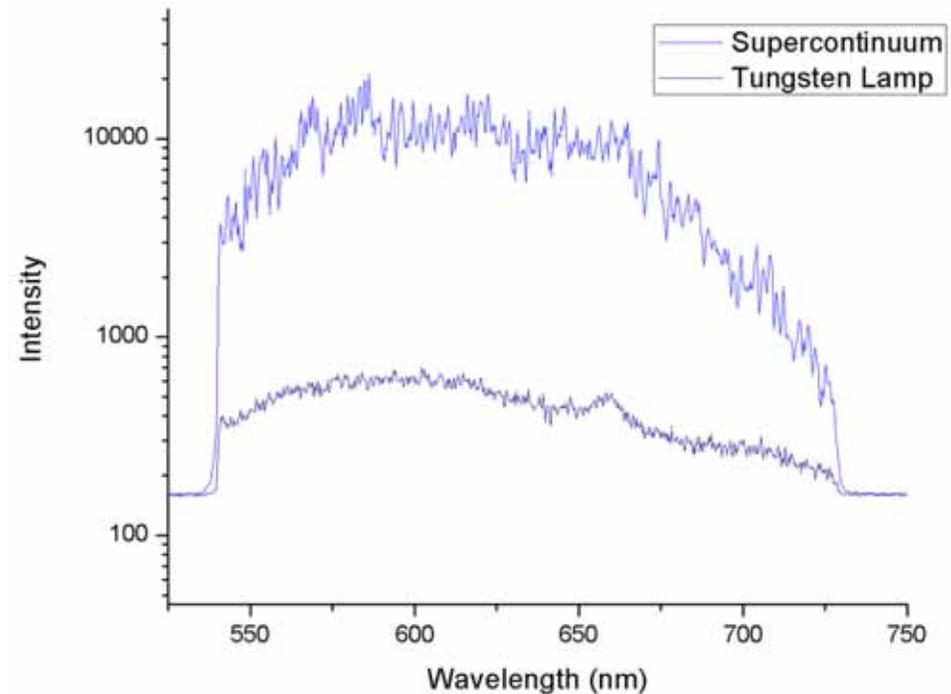
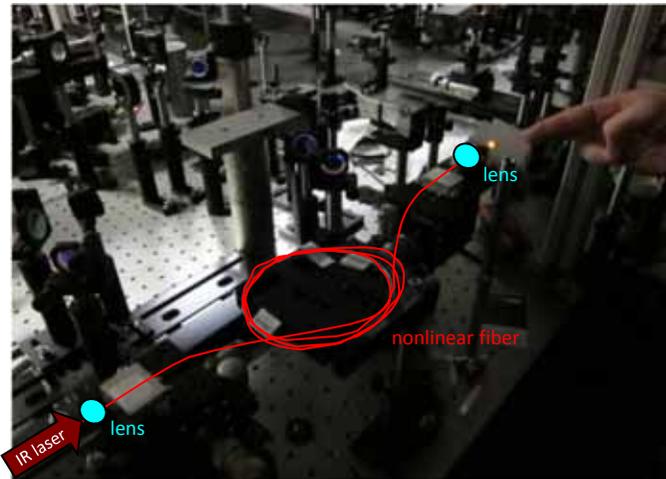


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# Broadband Optical Spectroscopy will enable single shot study of optical properties at the extreme environments attainable in the DAC.

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Supercontinuum Generation (SG) results in a very bright, white light source.



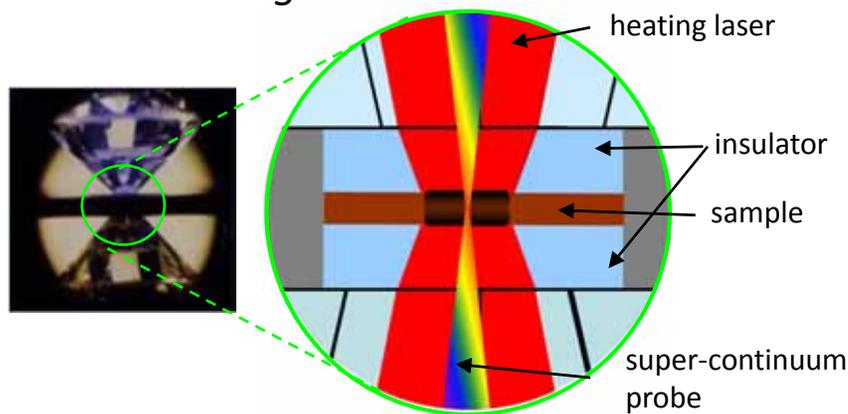
The supercontinuum data was collected in a single shot manner at  $\sim 180$  nJ/pulse into the fiber

Tungsten lamp ( $\sim 3000$  K) data collected at  $10^3$  longer accumulation time.

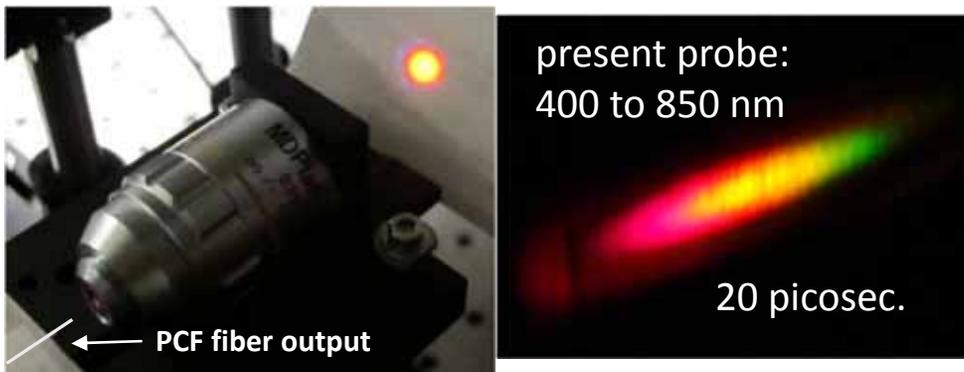
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# Time-domain optical spectroscopy in the diamond-anvil cell.

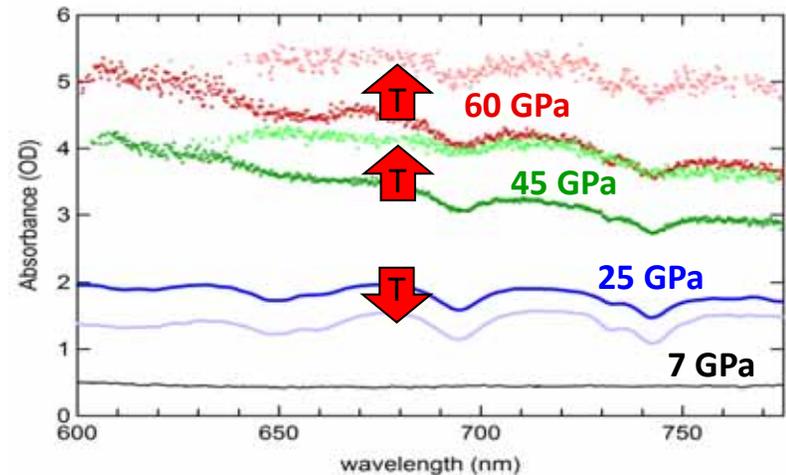
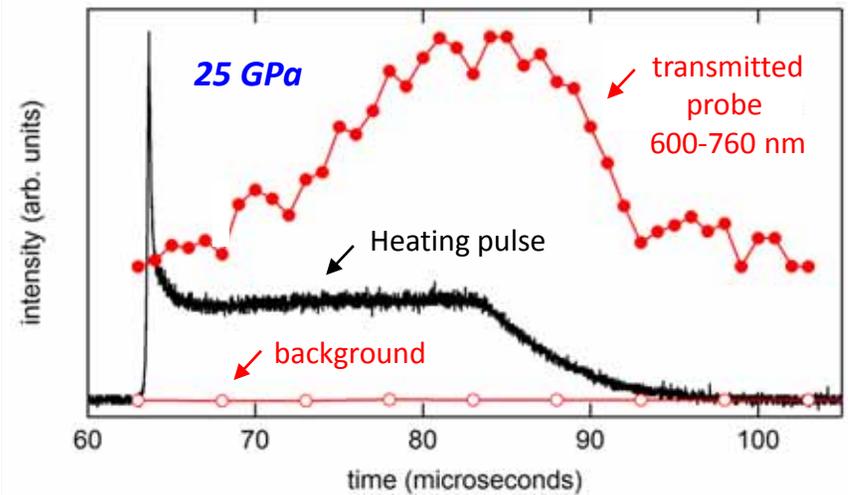
Transient extreme conditions; diamond anvil cell combined with pulsed laser heating.



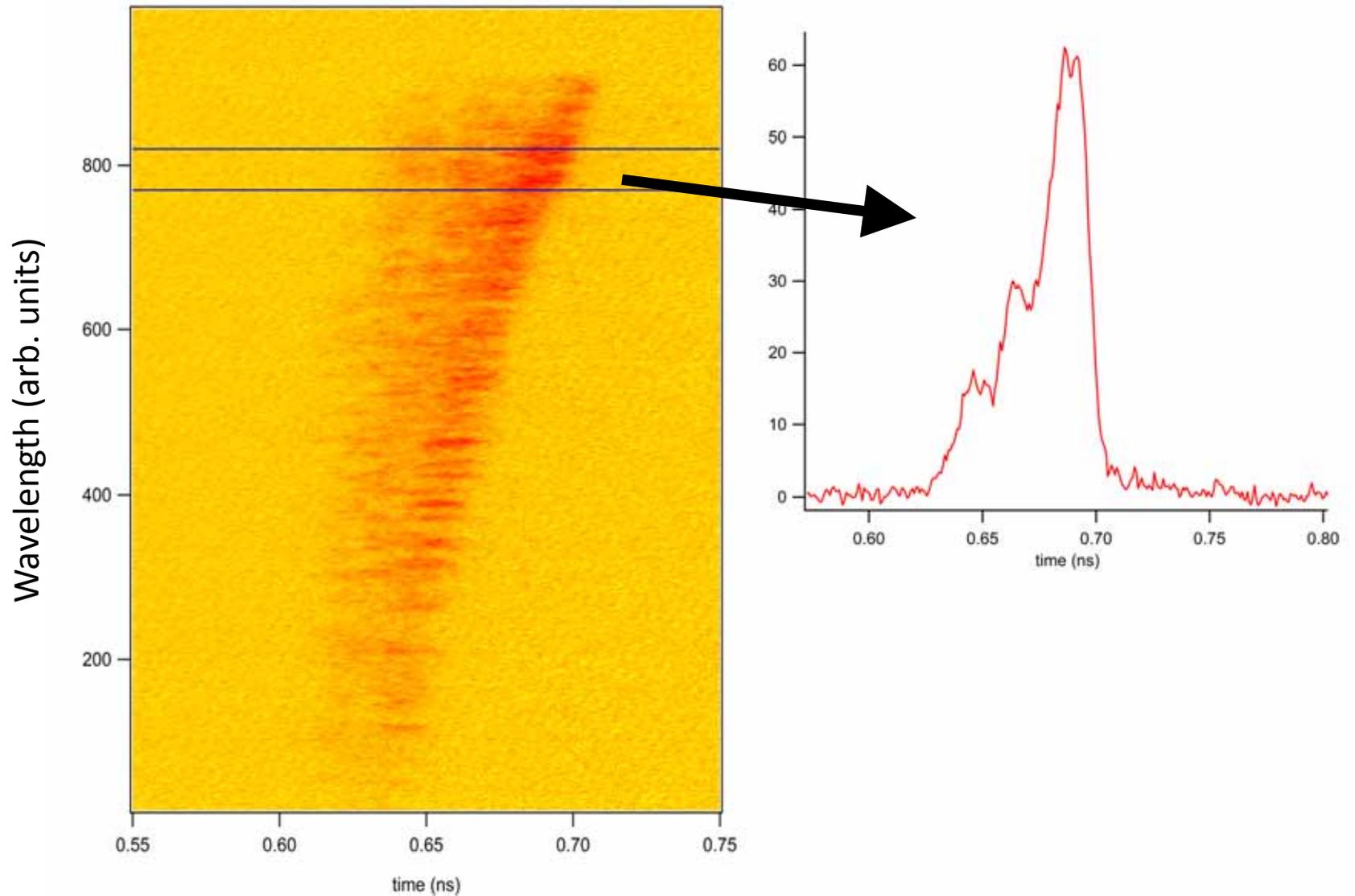
Ultrafast absorption spectroscopy using super-continuum optical probe.



## Oxygen, absorbance with P & T



# First Sweep of the Supercontinuum using a streak camera

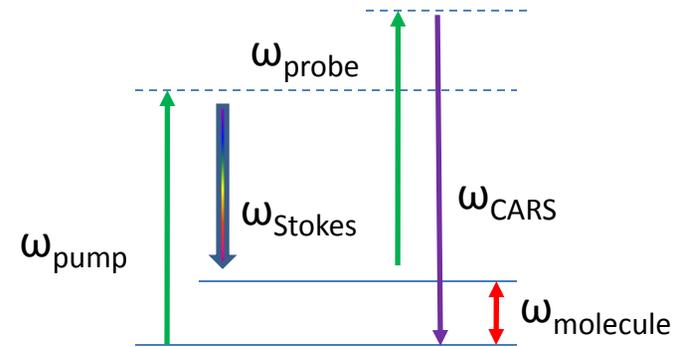
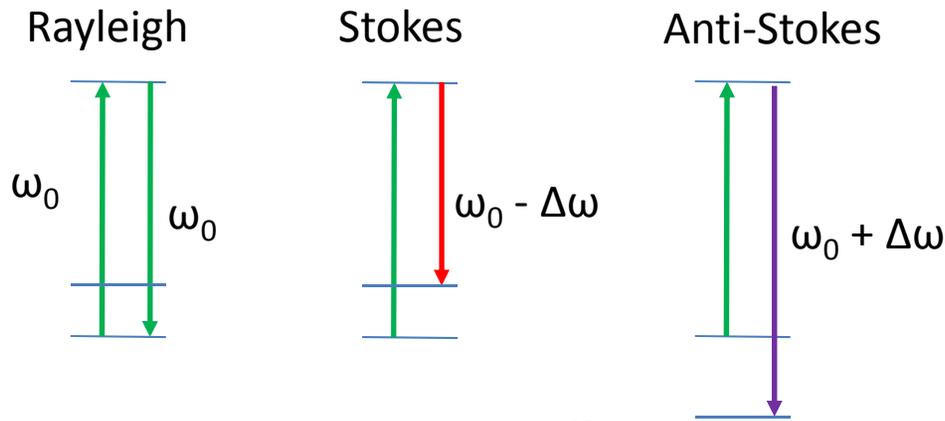




# Spectroscopy (CARS) will be used for time resolved chemistry in the DAC

Raman Effect

CARS

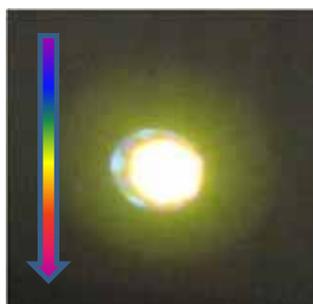


CARS has better conversion efficiency than Raman  
CARS can discriminate from fluorescence and thermal background  
CARS does not have non-resonant background

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{\text{pump}} &= \omega_{\text{probe}} & \lambda &= 532 \text{ nm} \\ \omega_{\text{Stokes}} & & \lambda &= 532 \text{ nm} - 2 \mu\text{m} \\ \omega_{\text{CARS}} & & \lambda &= \sim 300\text{-}532 \text{ nm} \end{aligned}$$

Second harmonic

Supercontinuum

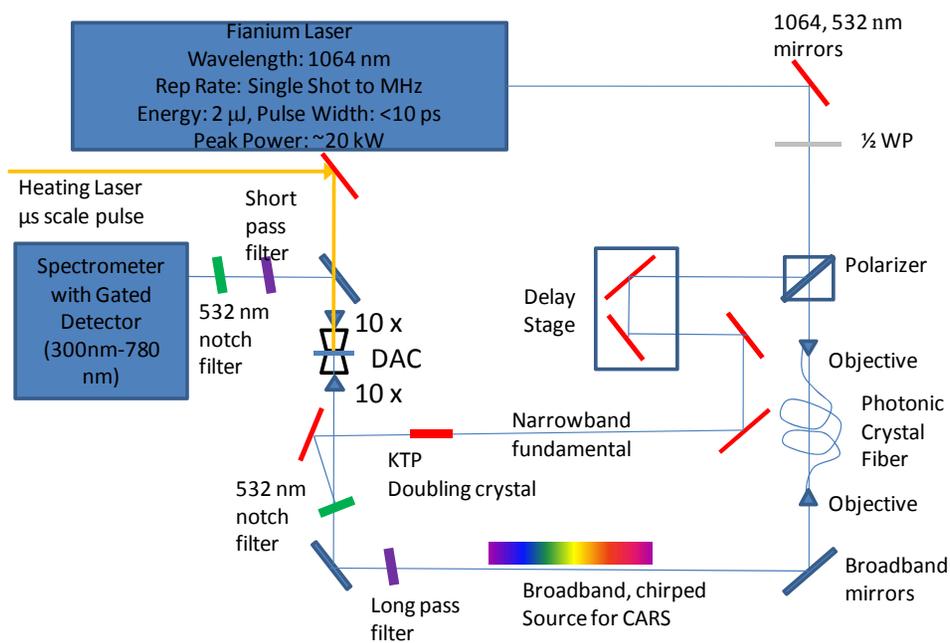


$$\omega_{\text{molecule}} = \omega_{\text{pump}} - \omega_{\text{Stokes}}$$

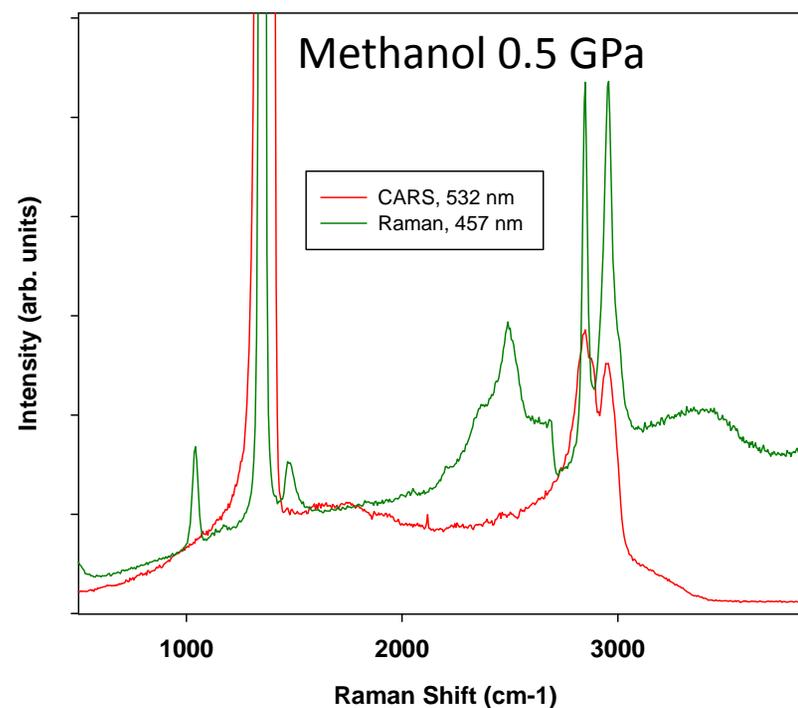
$$I_{\text{CARS}}(\Omega) \propto \left| \chi_{\text{CARS}}^{(3)}(\Omega) \right|^2 I_p^2 I_s$$

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## CARS spectra with supercontinuum at CIW



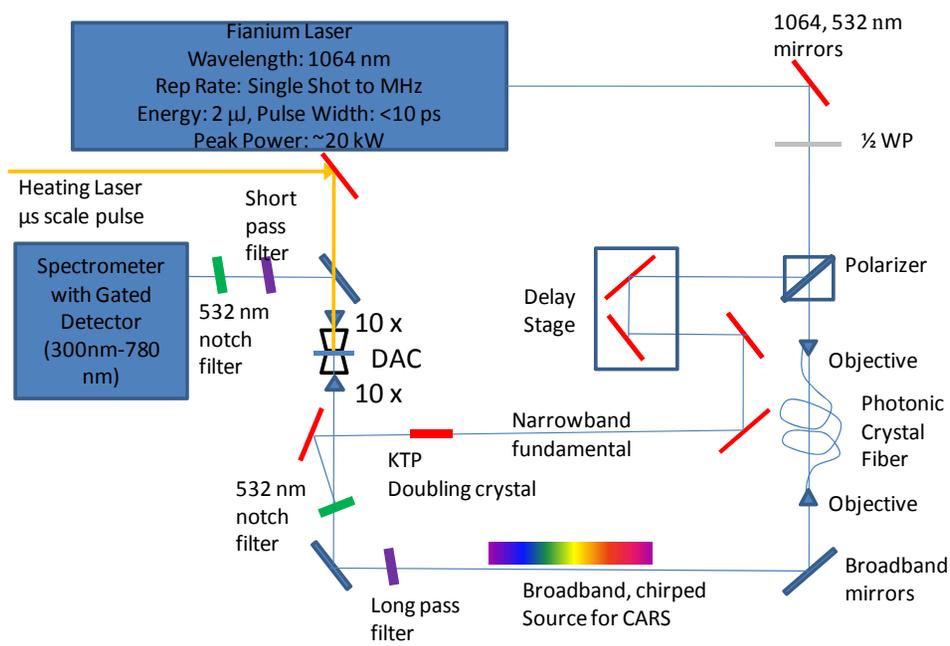
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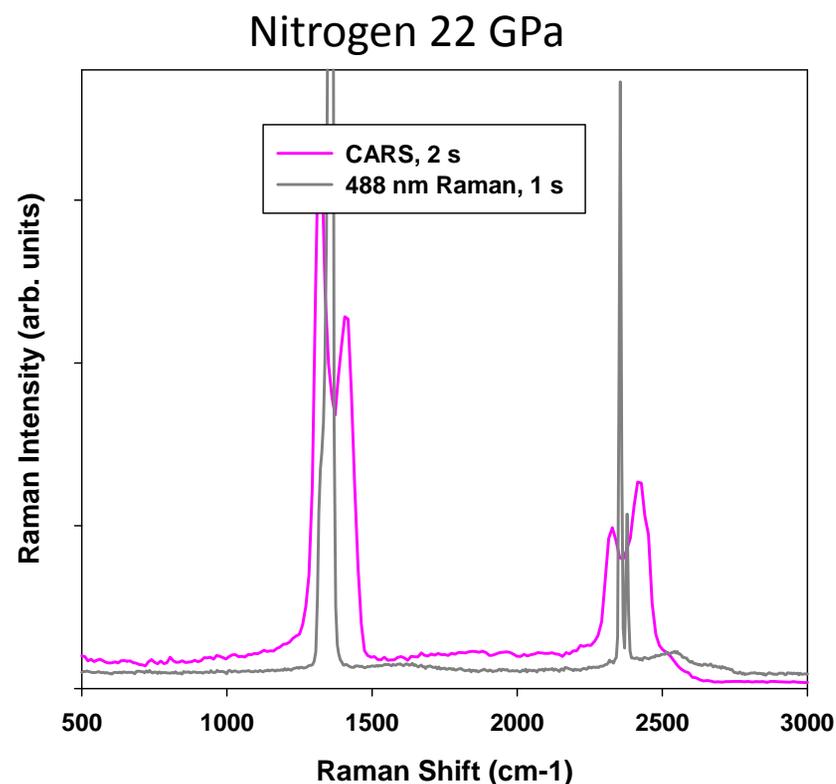
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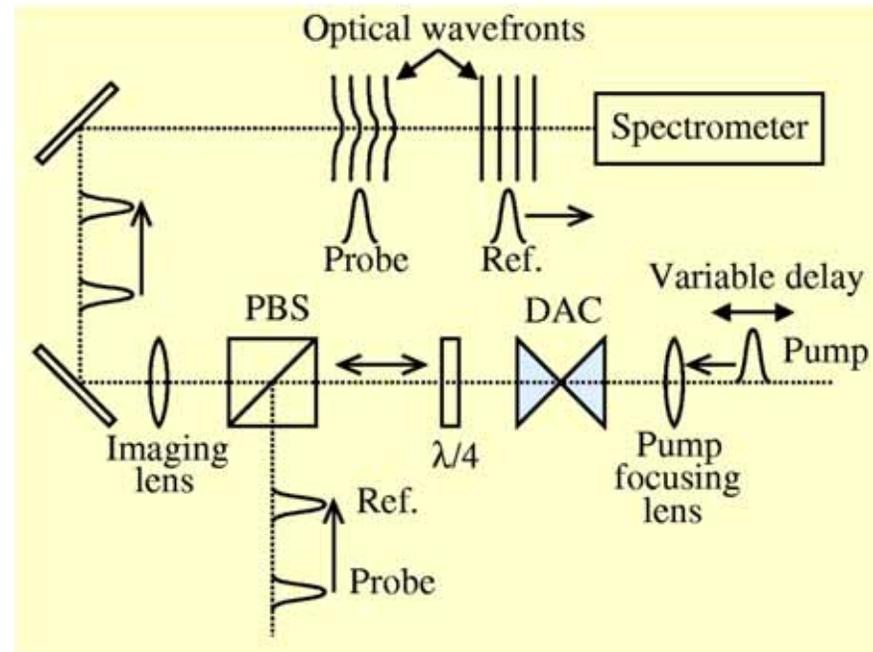
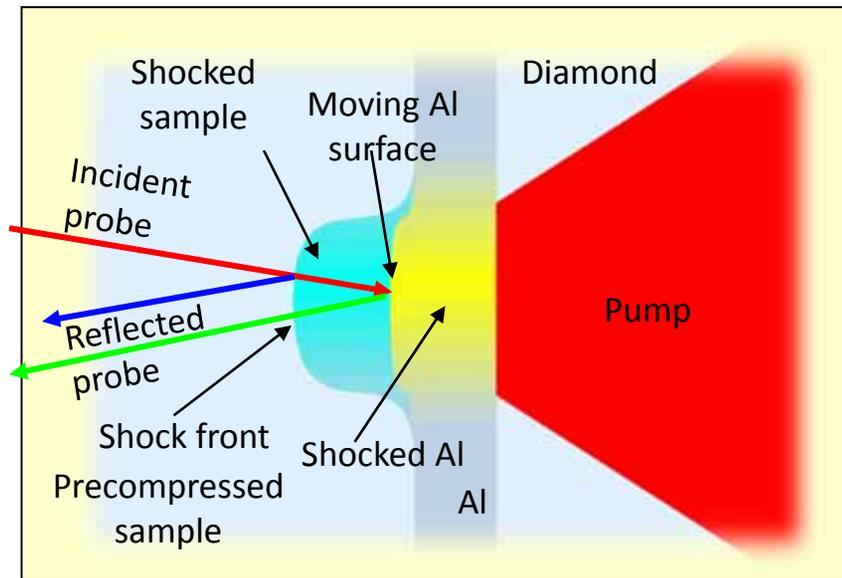
## CARS spectra with supercontinuum



# Laser driven shock compression in the DAC: samples are dynamically compressed in the DAC

## Ultrafast interferometry diagnostics

Schematic

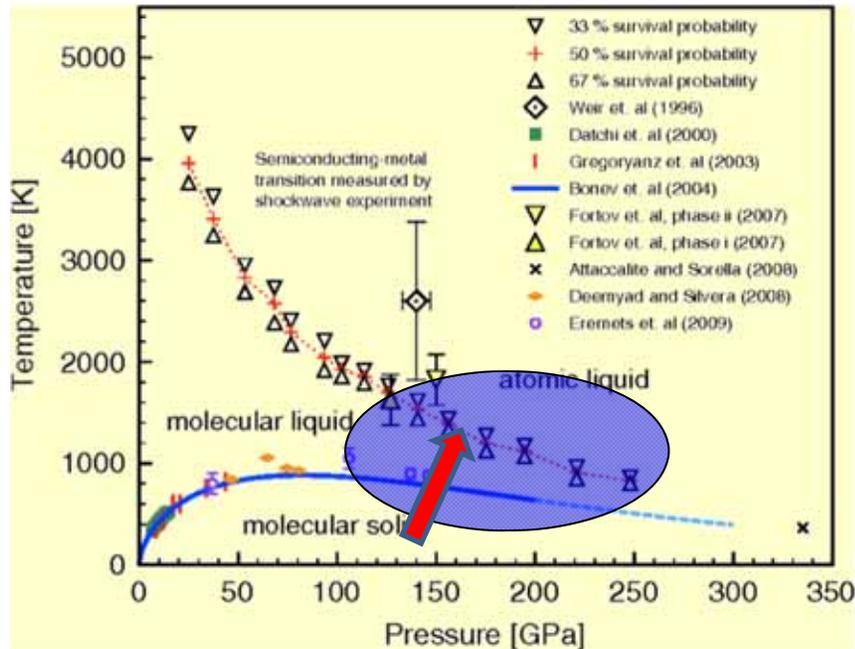


- Precompression in 100 GPa range is possible
- Preheating and precooling if needed
- Ultrafast experiments can be small scale:

*Table top system*, unlike currently better known technique of laser shocks which involves large laser facilities (such as NIF)

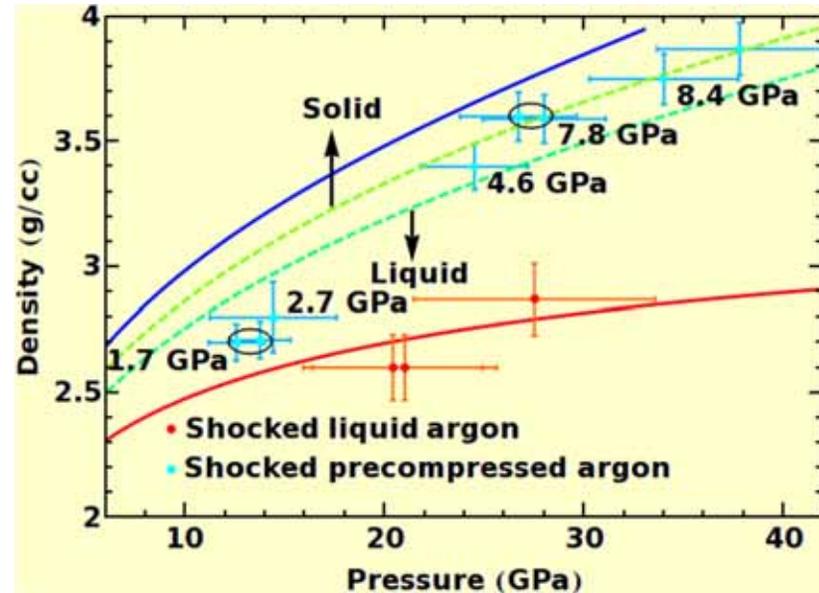
# Observation of Off-Hugoniot Shocked States with Ultrafast Time Resolution: Probing High-pressure, Low-temperature States

Phase diagram of hydrogen



Bonev et al., (2010)

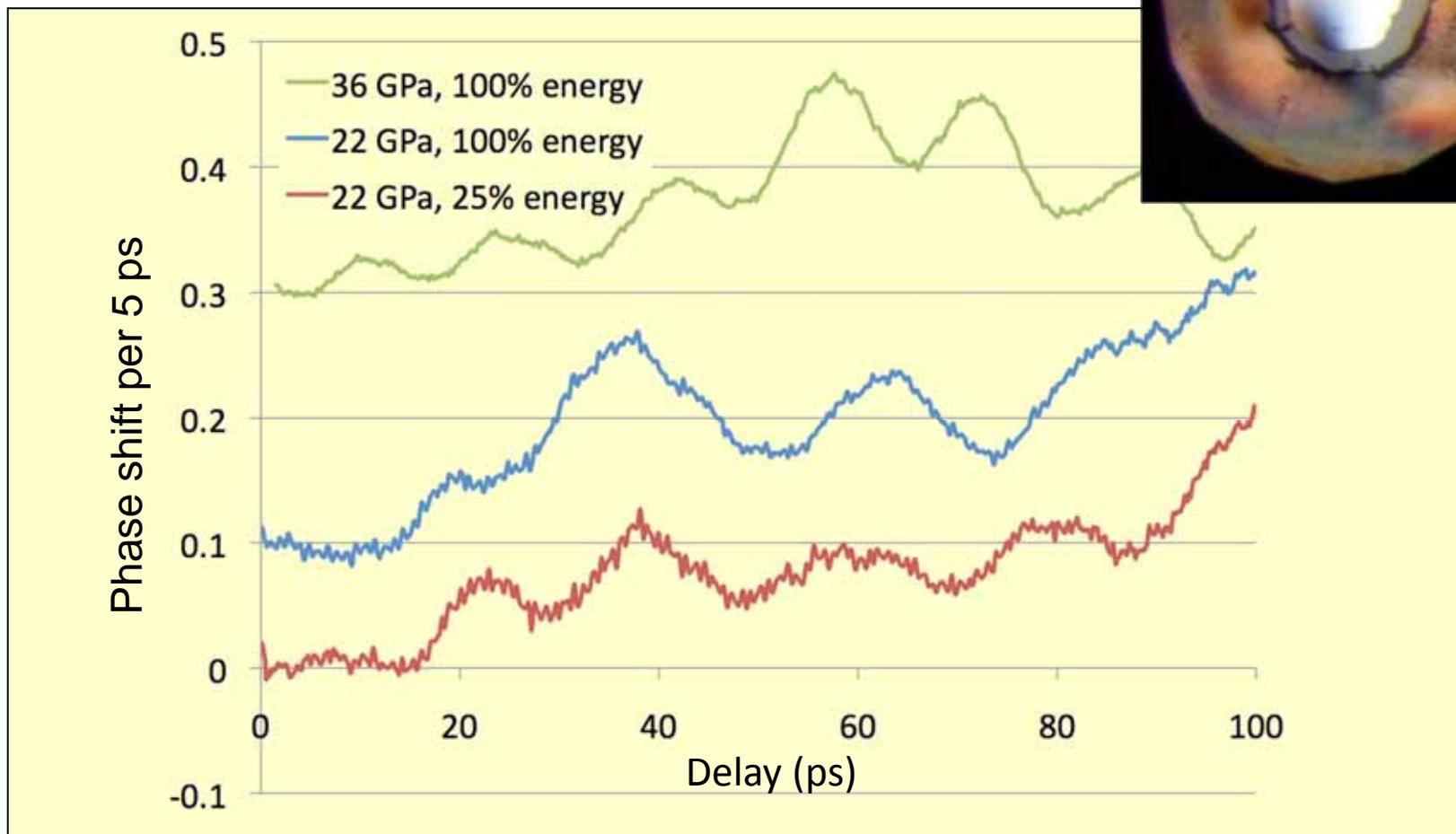
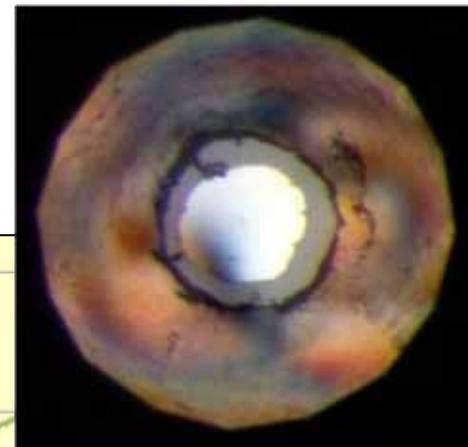
Example of data for Ar



Armstrong et al., in press

Laser shocks in the DAC can generate and detect 10s GPa shock waves (and low pressure acoustic waves) in materials under precompression of 10s GPa

## First shots on deuterium



- Shock and particle velocities of  $\sim 12$ - $13$  km/s and  $\sim 1$  km/s for precompression ranging up to 36 GPa, giving a shock pressure  $\sim 10$  GPa.

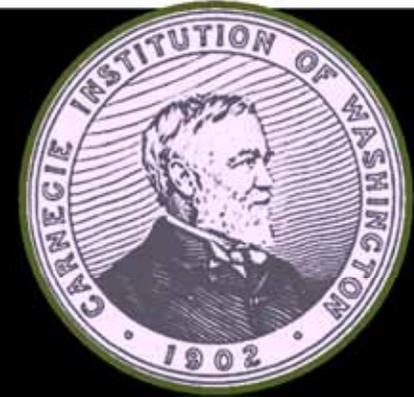
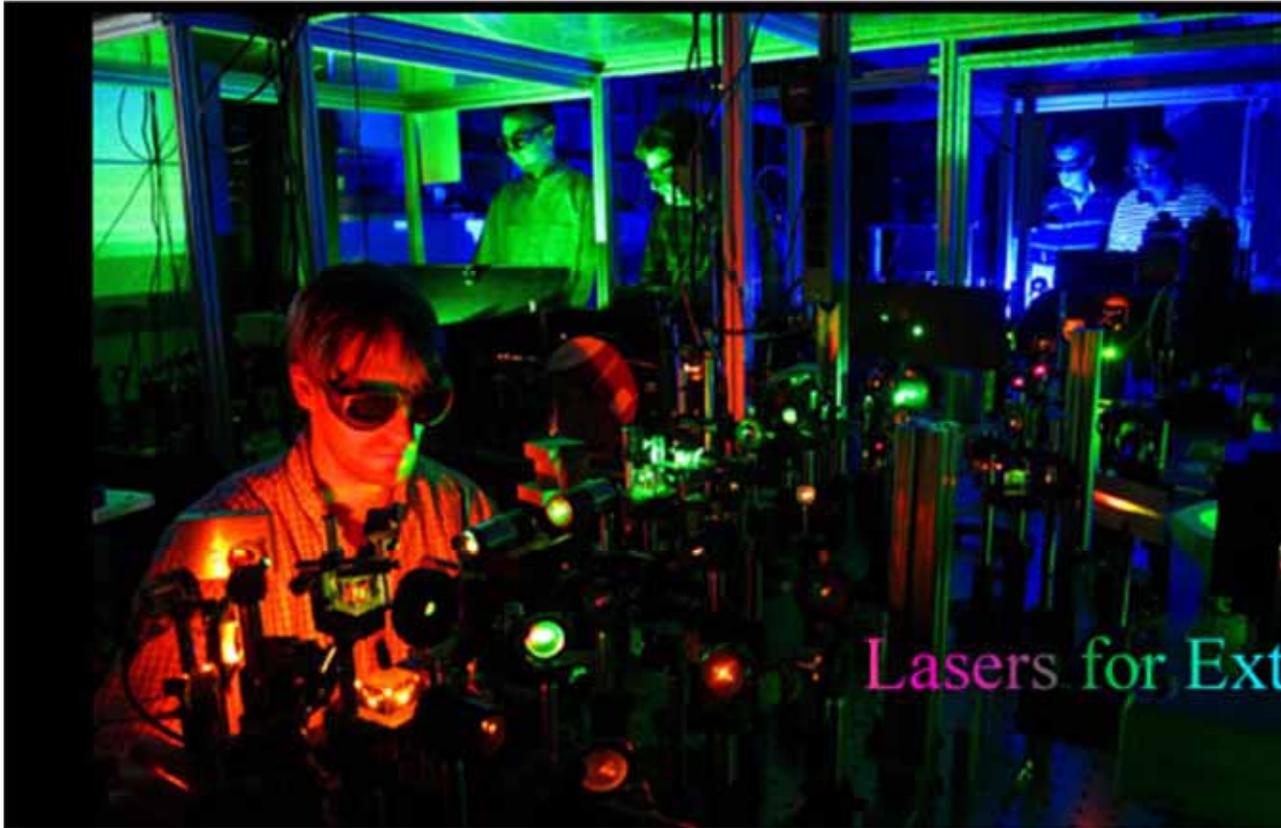
- Possible phase transition over the duration of the probe window

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## Outlook: the field is mature

We are looking for new opportunities which will be given by new generation synchrotron sources

- Pulsed laser techniques have a great abilities to:
  - access unavailable previously extreme P-T conditions
  - overcome problems of containing and probing chemically reactive and mobile materials
  - study vibrational, optical, elastic, transport properties under extreme conditions
- The full potential of these techniques will be reached with further development of ultrafast (ps to fs) pump-probe & **single-shot** techniques coupled to pulsed laser heating and laser shocks in the DAC.
  - perform experiments in a time domain to access the time scale and dynamics of phase transitions & chemical reactions
- We are looking forward for developing new combined X-ray – optical techniques at synchrotron beamlines (e.g., ERL, Petra III, XFEL, NSLS-II)



# Lasers for Extreme Conditions