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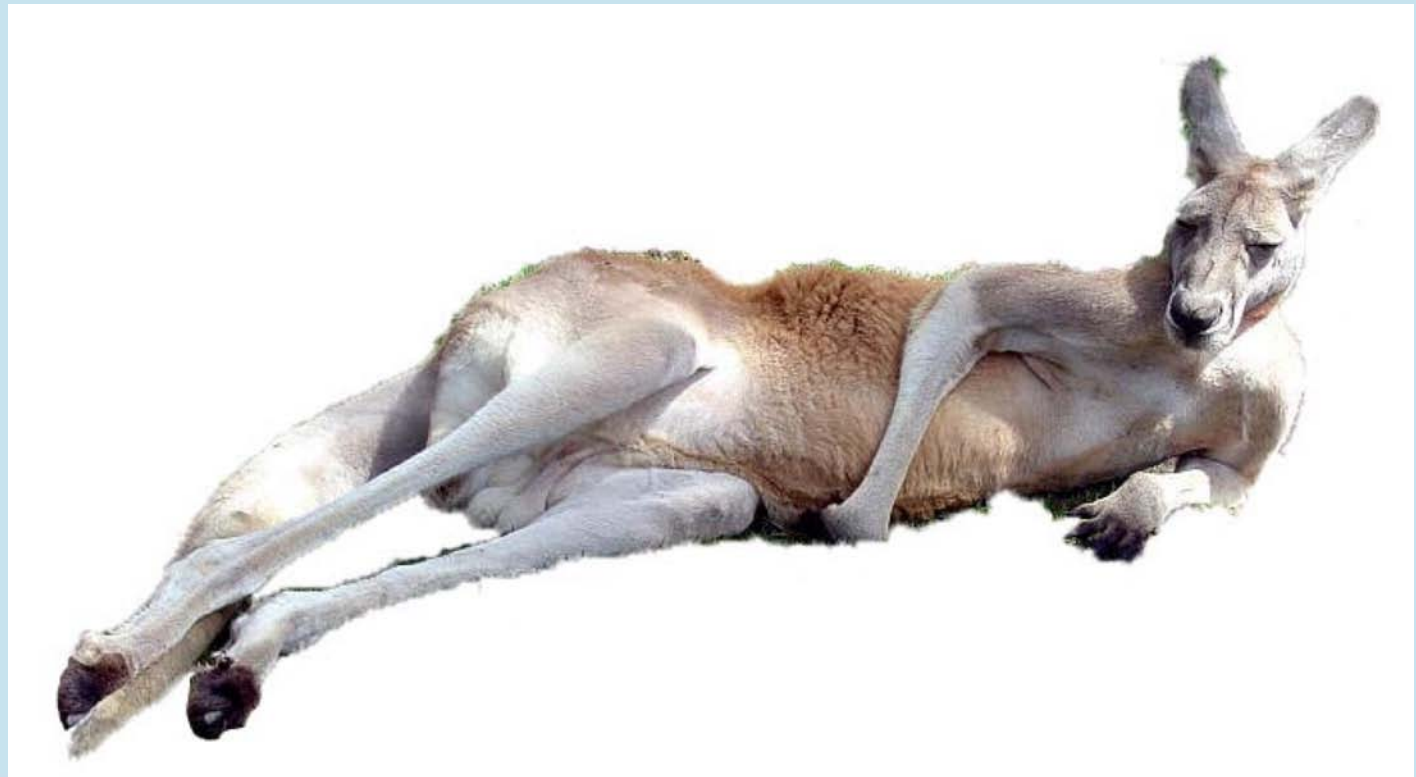


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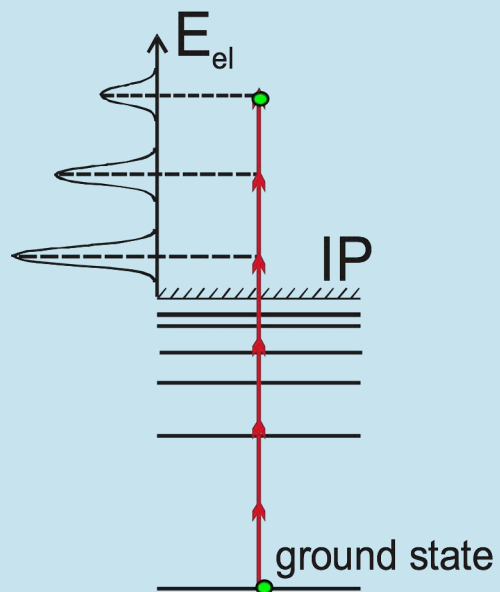


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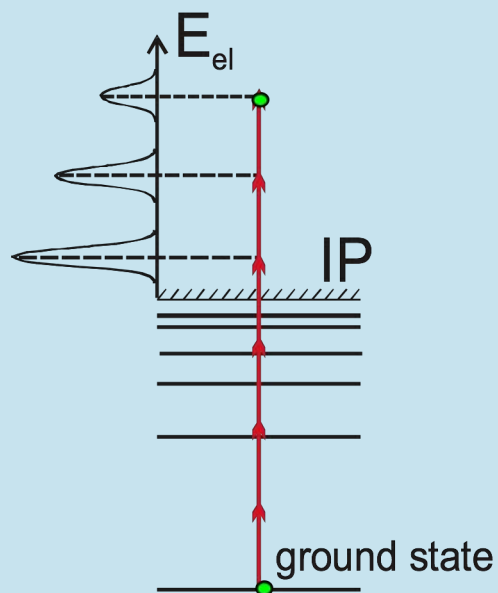


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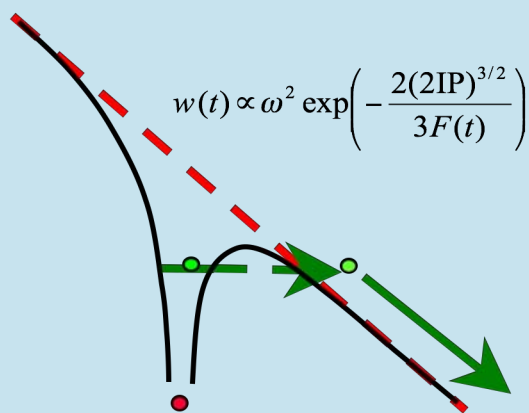
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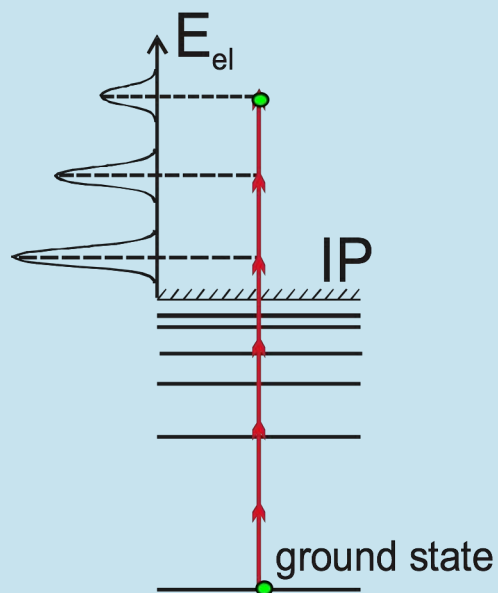
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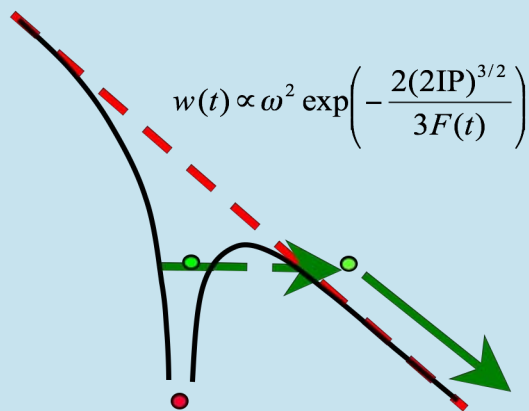
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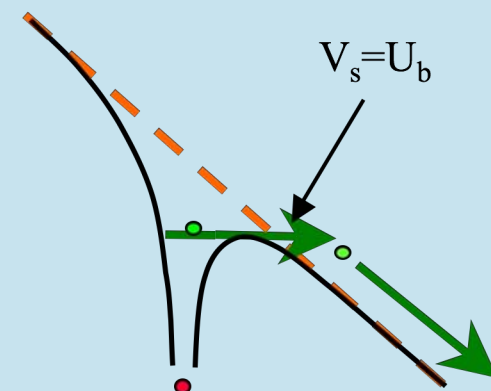


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- complete suppression of the Coulomb-barrier of bound state
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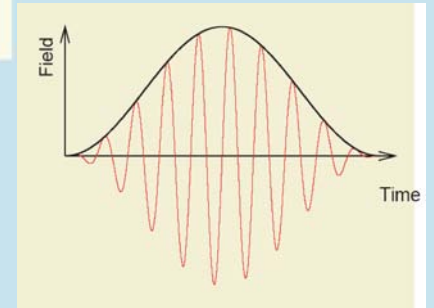
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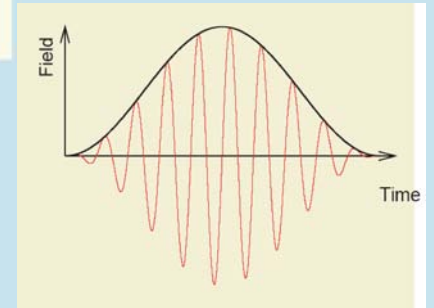


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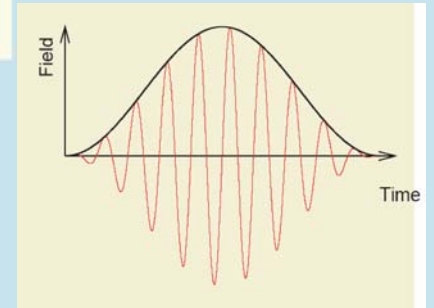
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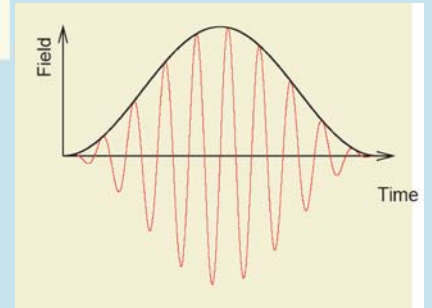
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$$i\mathbf{R}\cdot\dot{\mathbf{a}}(t) = \mathbf{H}\cdot\mathbf{a}(t), \quad \text{with initial condition } \Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, t = 0) = \Psi_0(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$$

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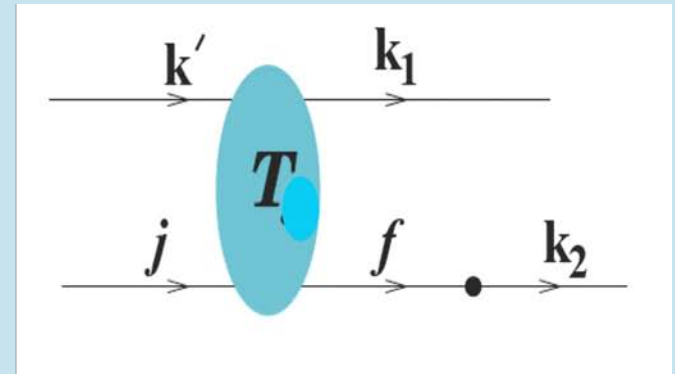
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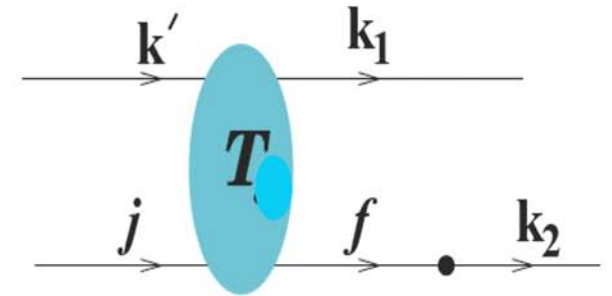
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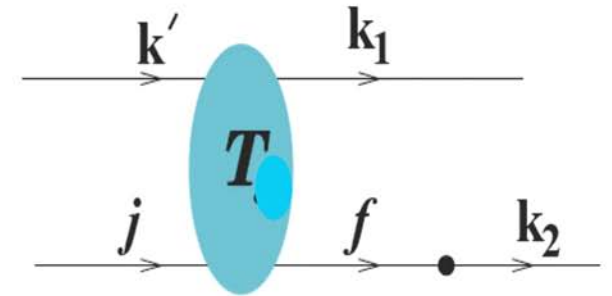
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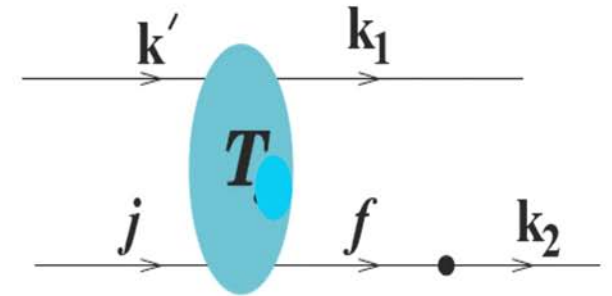
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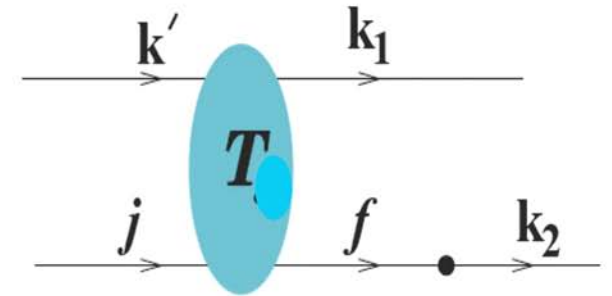
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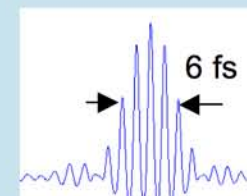
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$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{k}_1d\mathbf{k}_2} = |\langle \Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, t = T) | \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_1\mathbf{k}_2}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) \rangle|^2 \quad T = N \frac{2\pi}{\omega}, \quad N \gg 1$$

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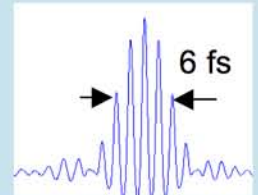
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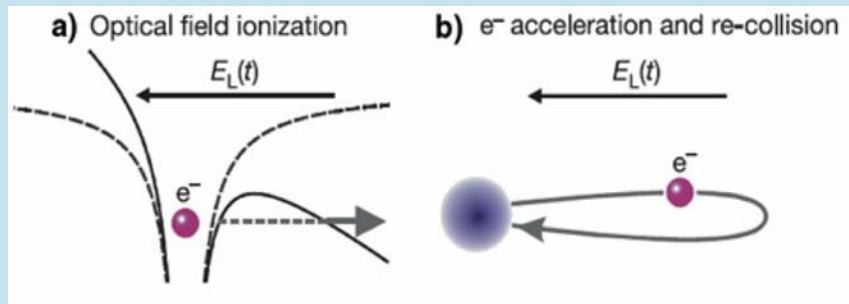
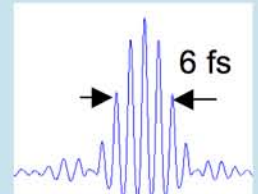
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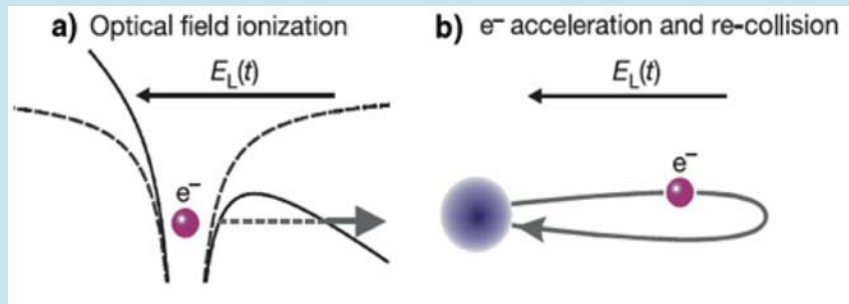
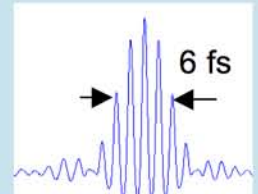
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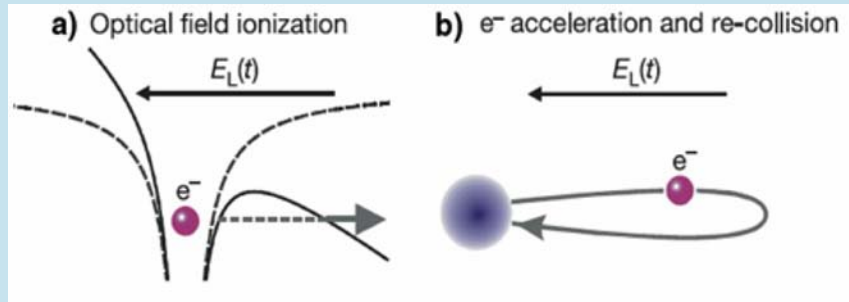
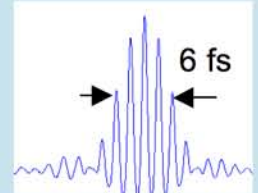
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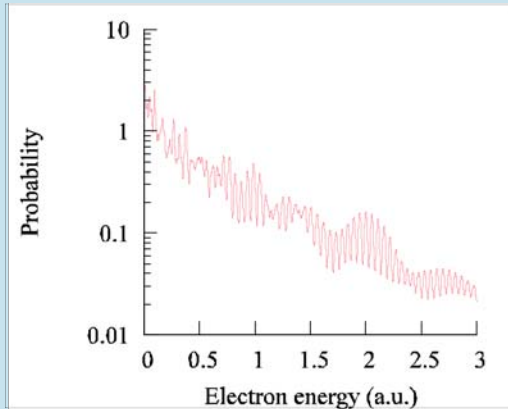


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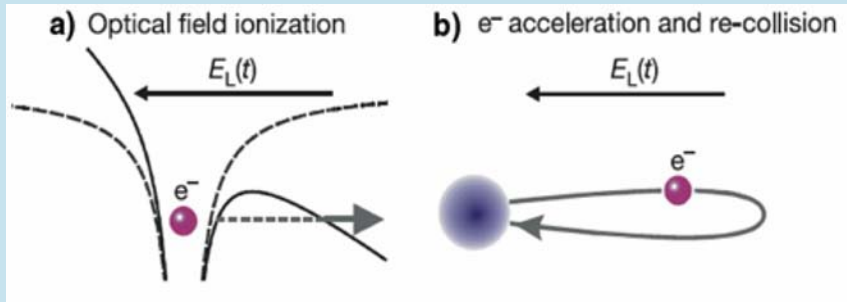
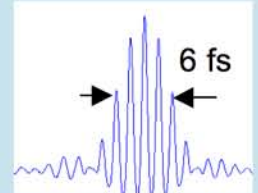
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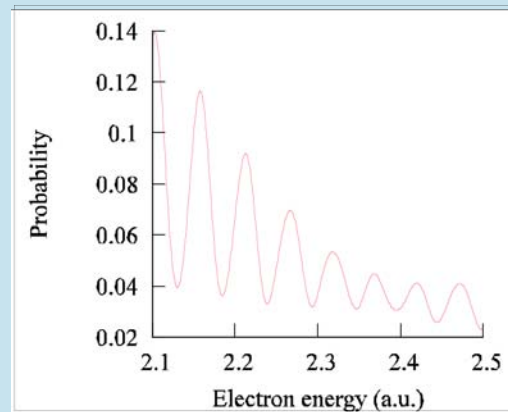
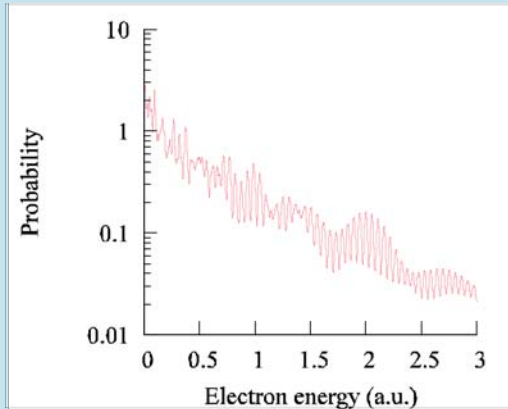


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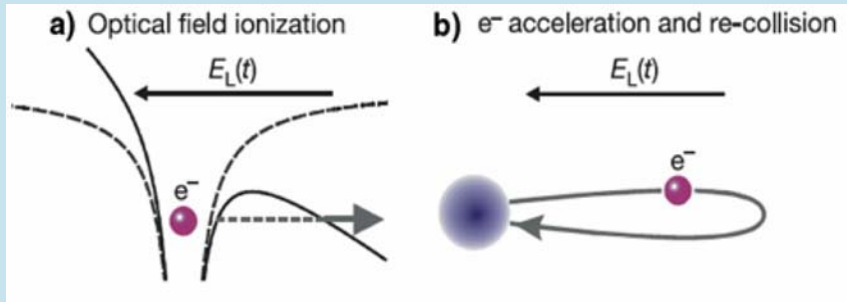
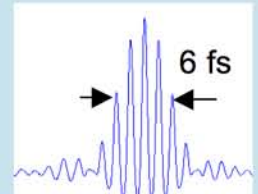
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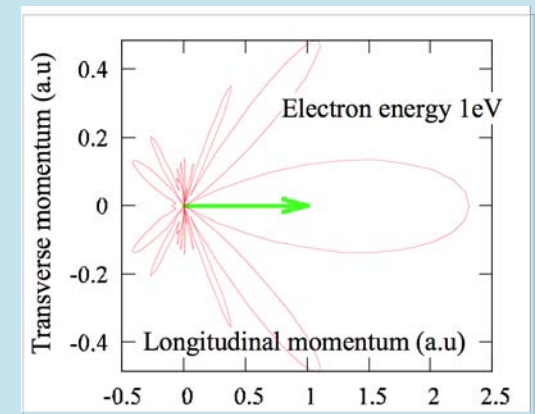
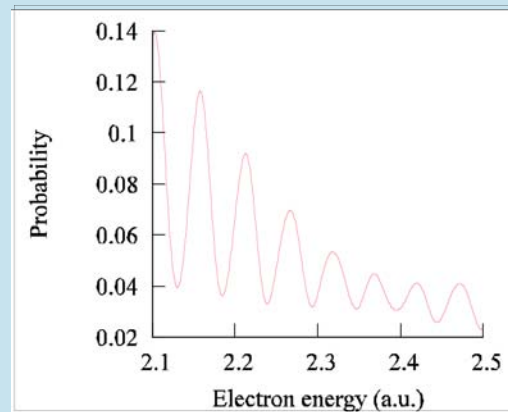
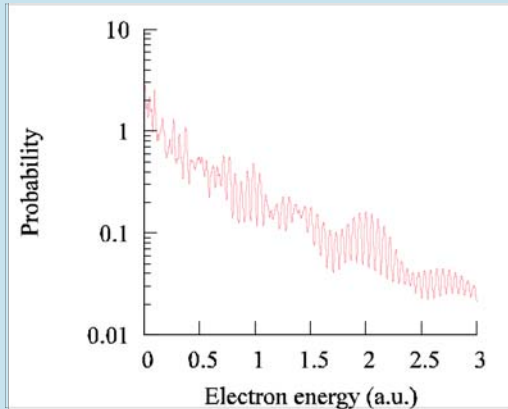


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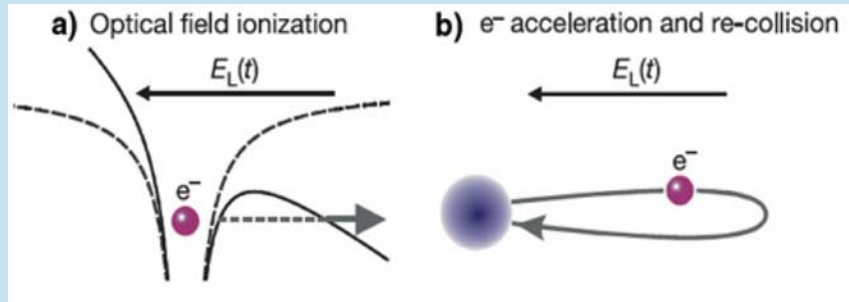
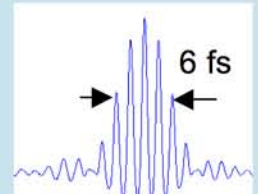
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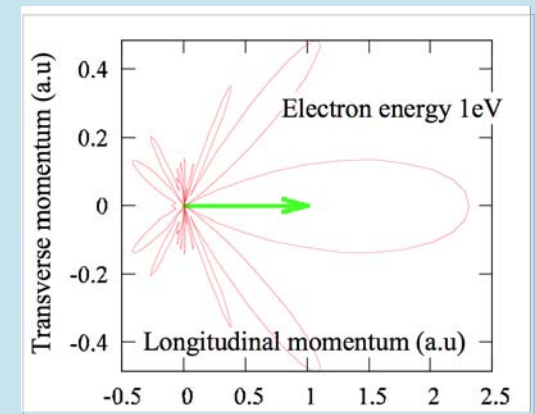
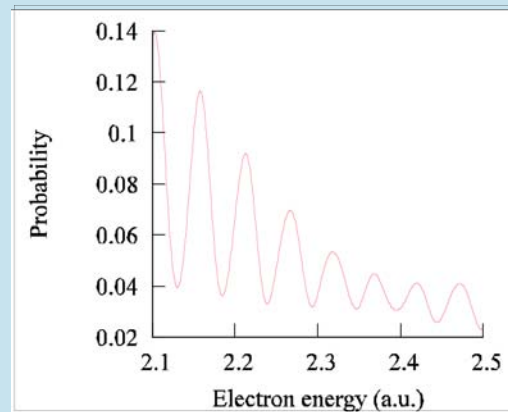
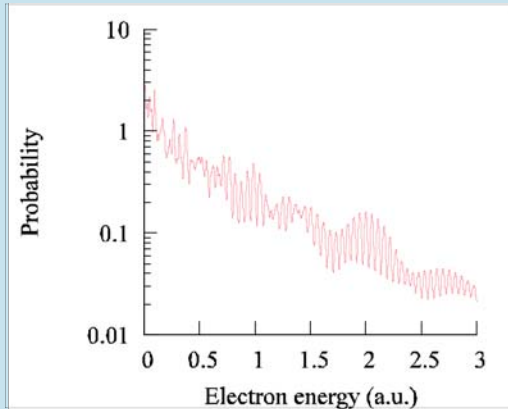


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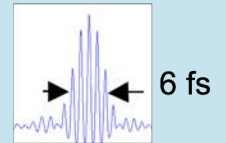
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Ψ_k - Volkov state

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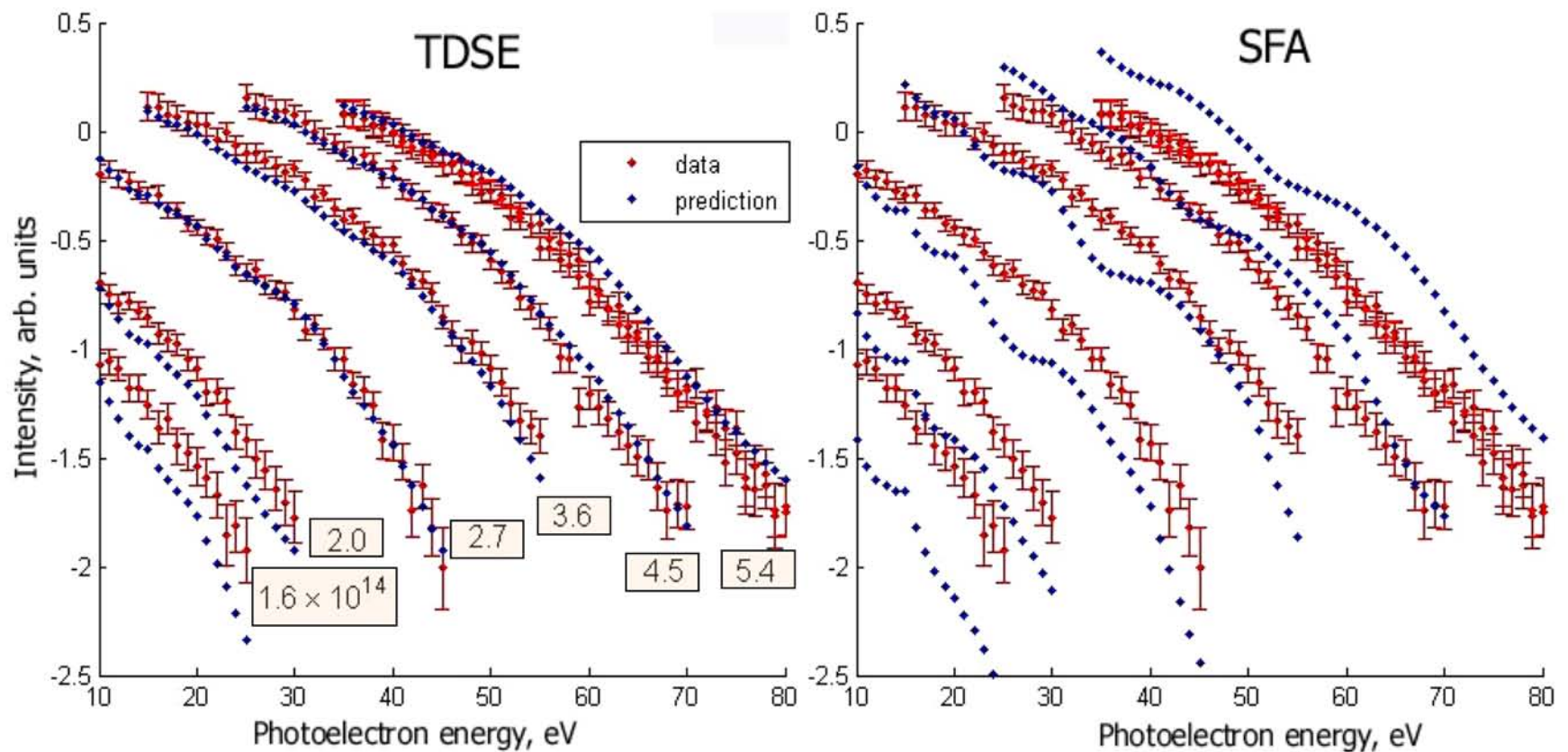
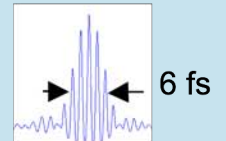
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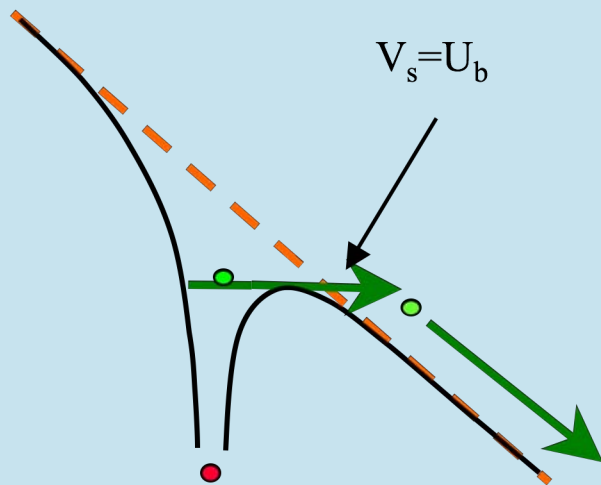
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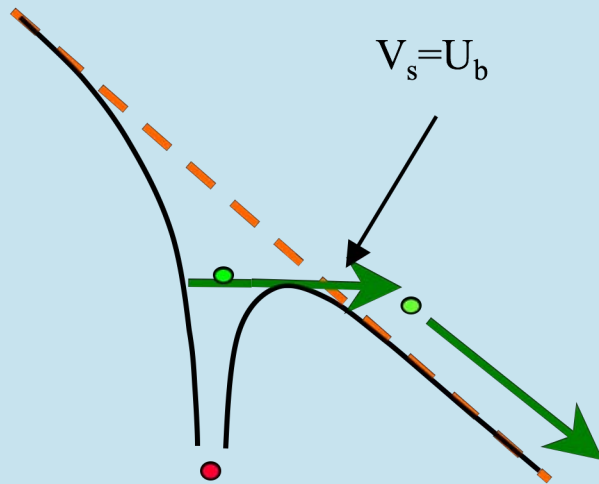
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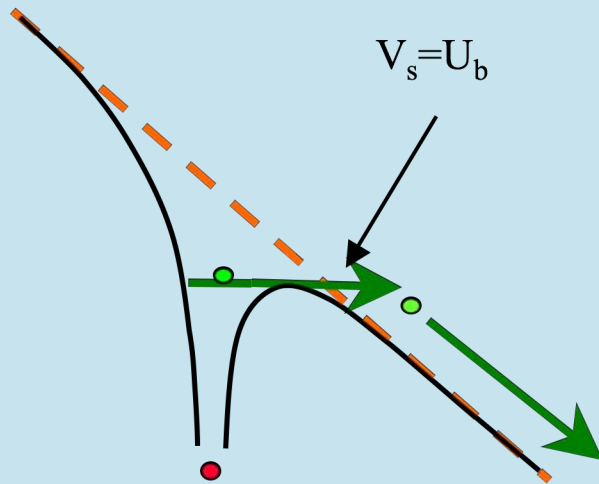


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| Li | 5.4 | $3.38 \cdot 10^{12}$ | 5.2 |
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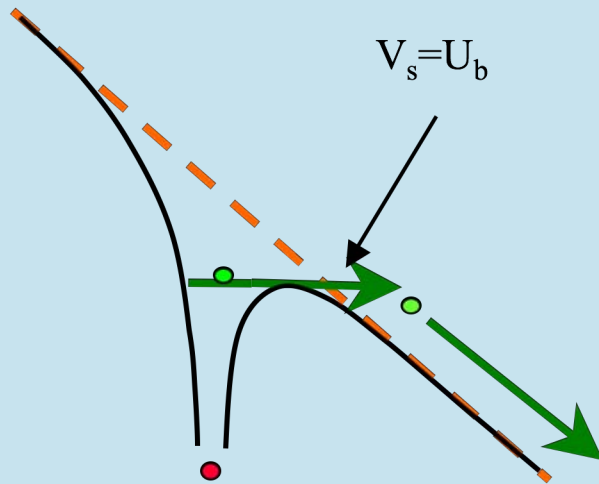
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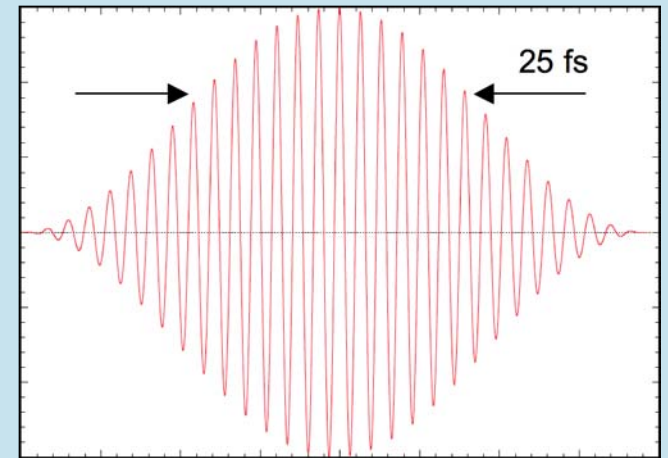
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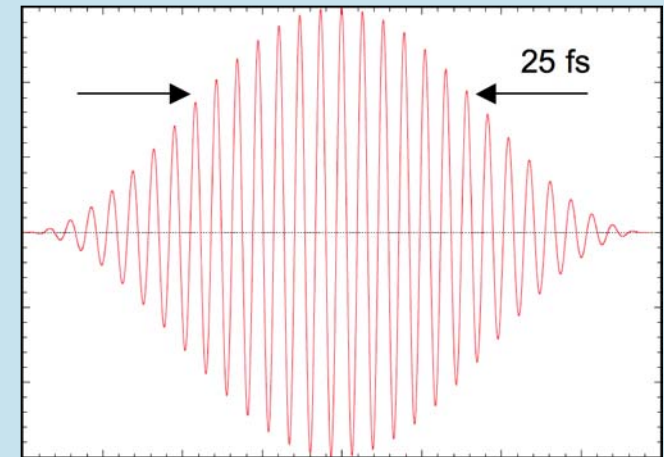
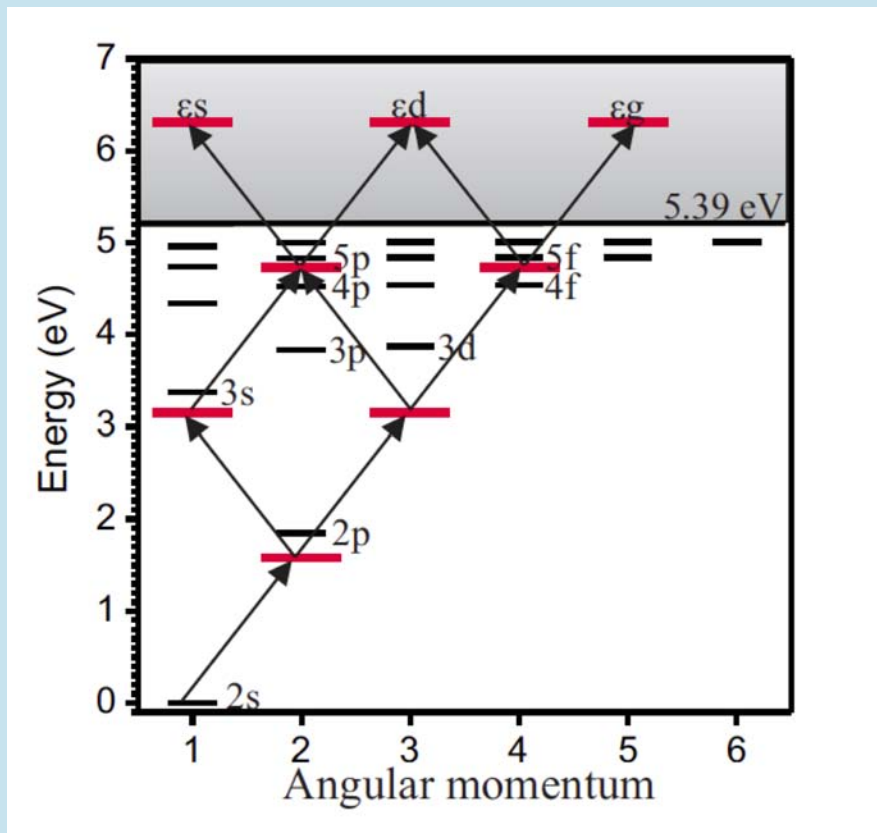


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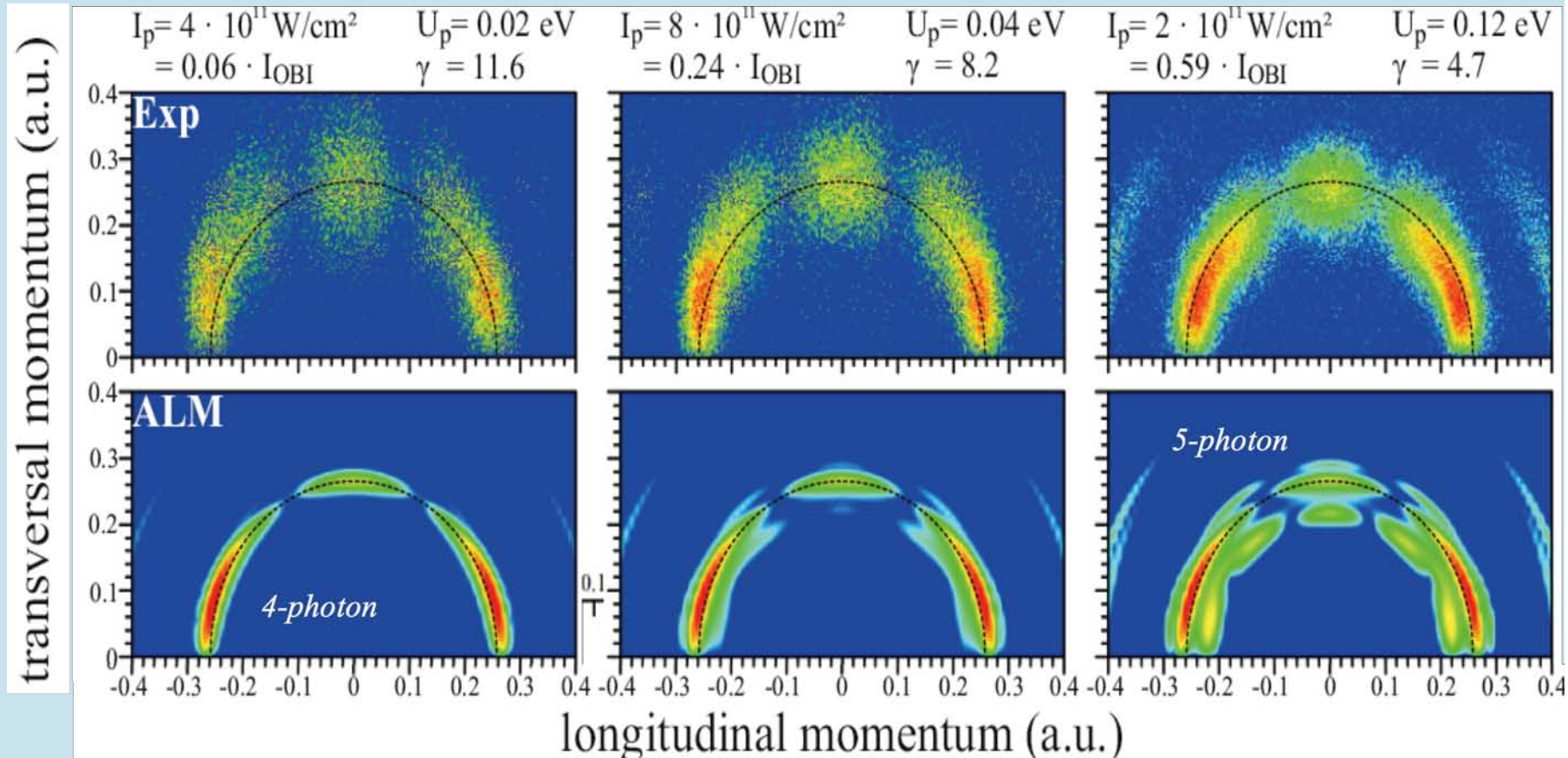
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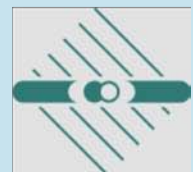
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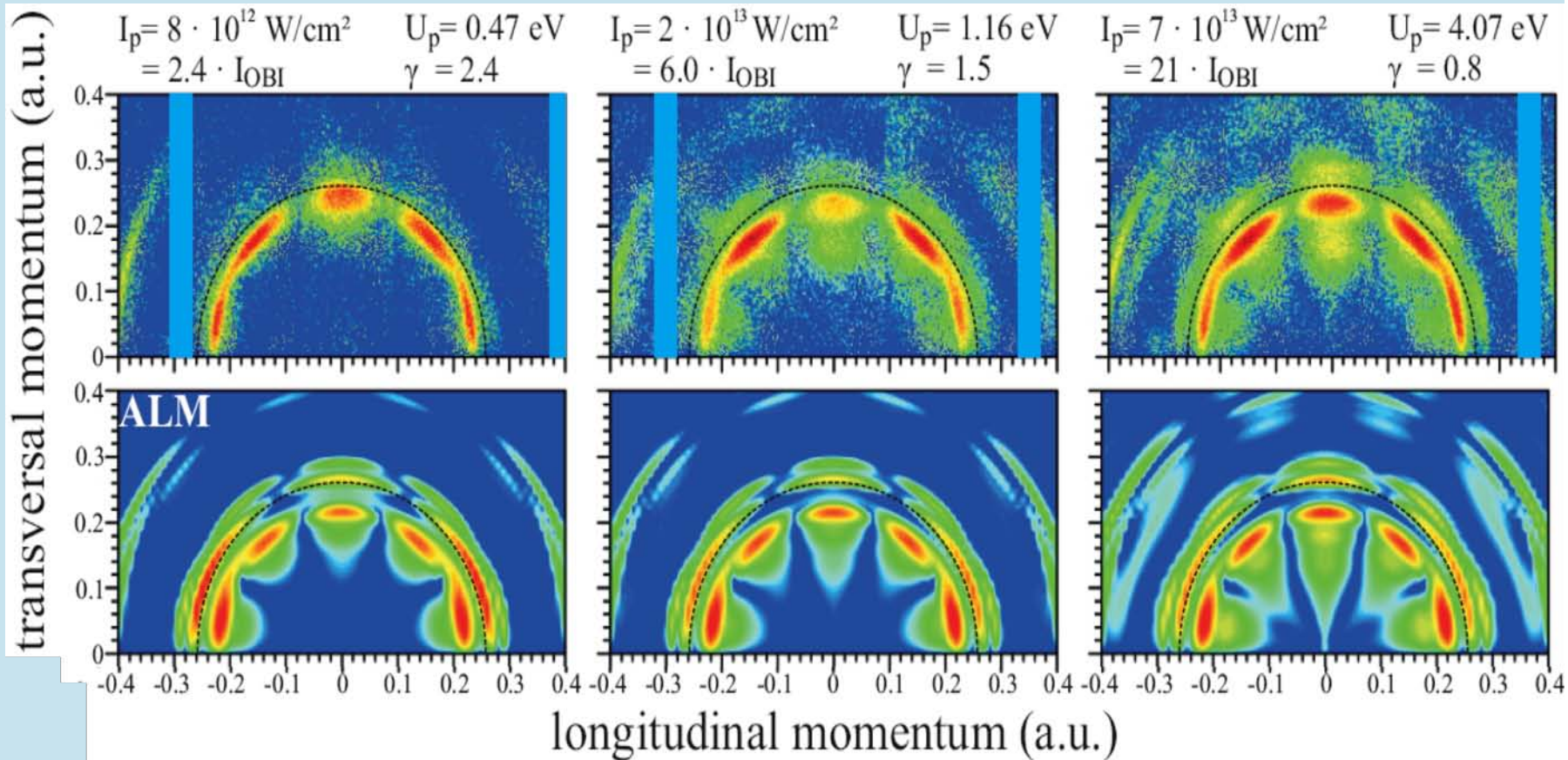
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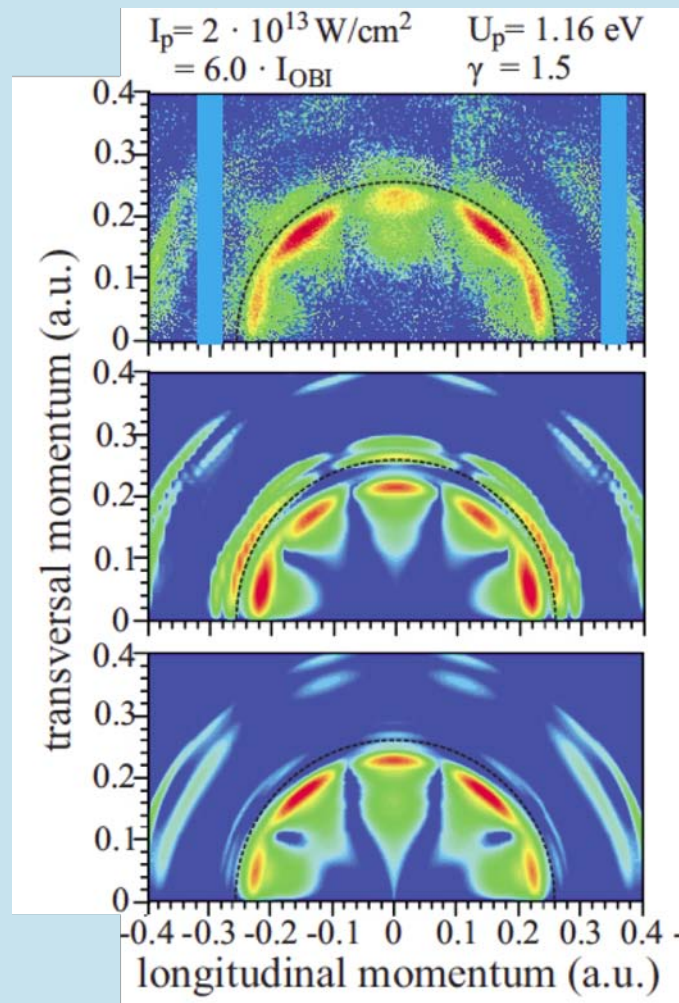
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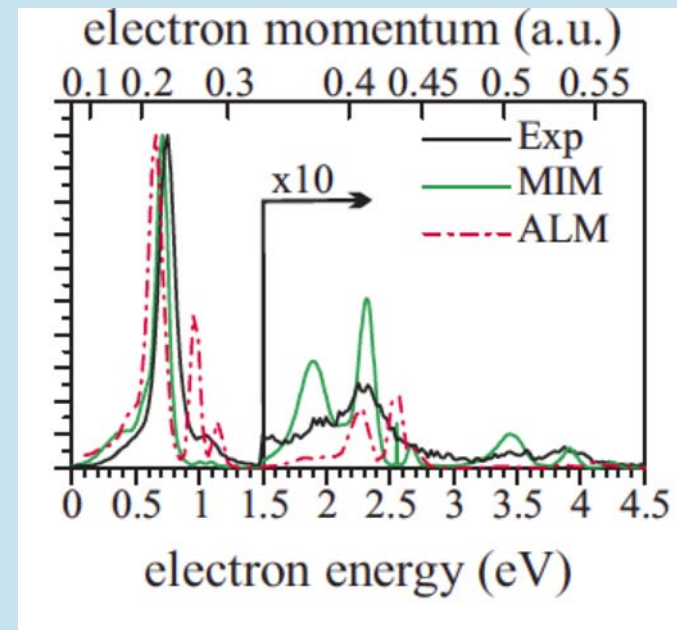
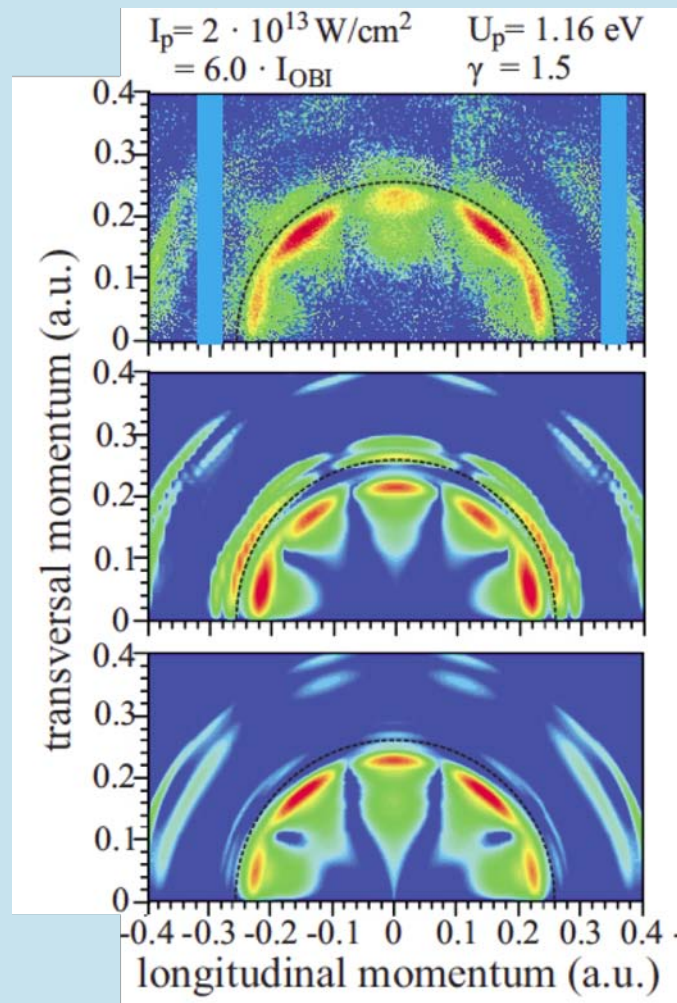
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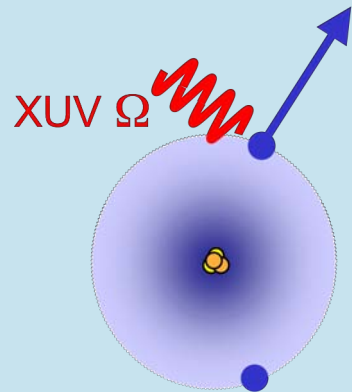
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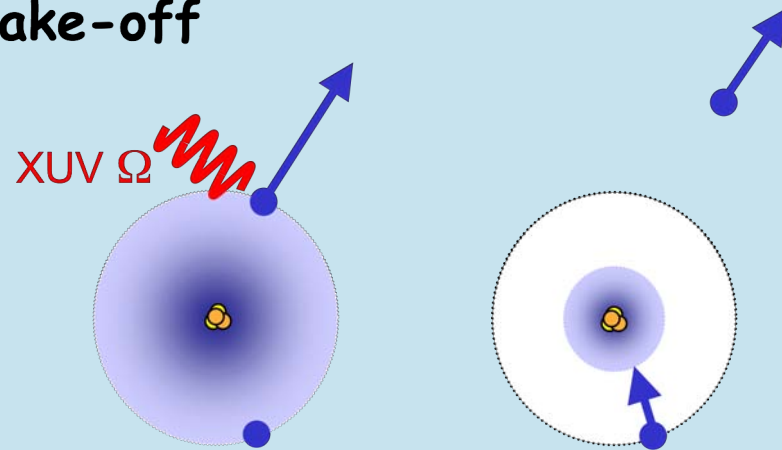
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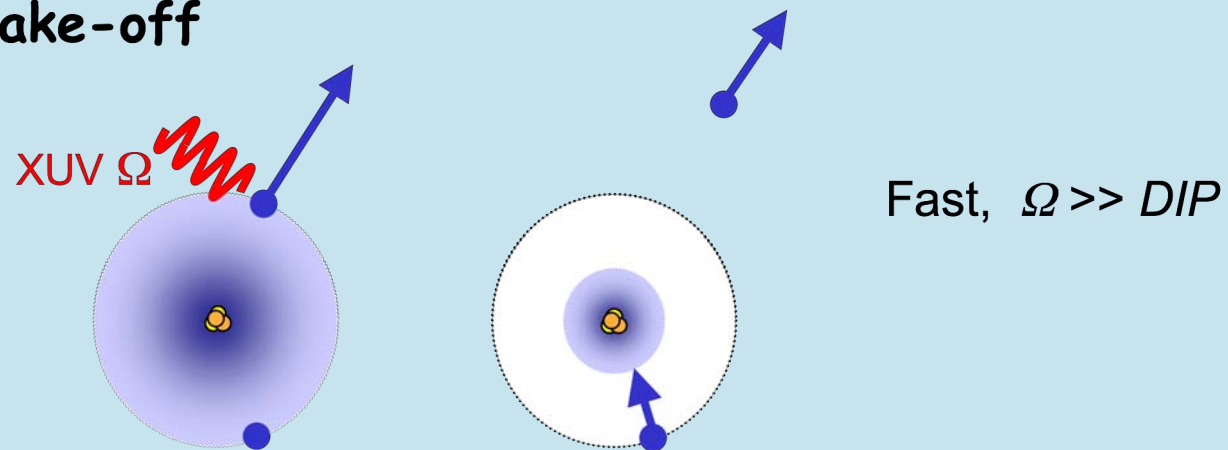
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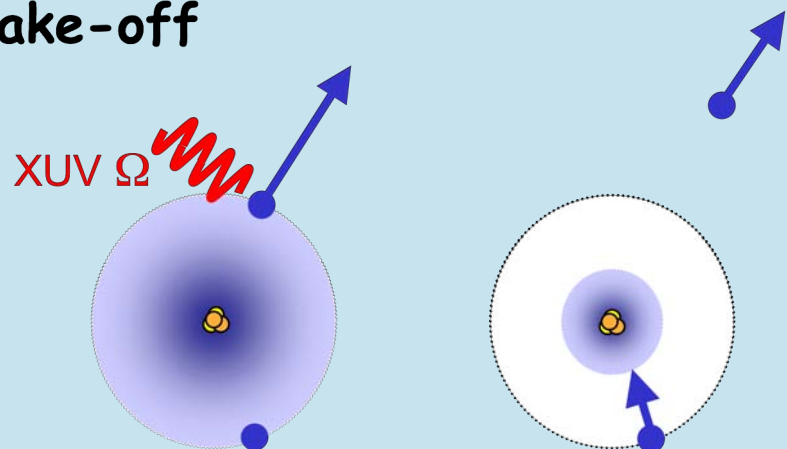
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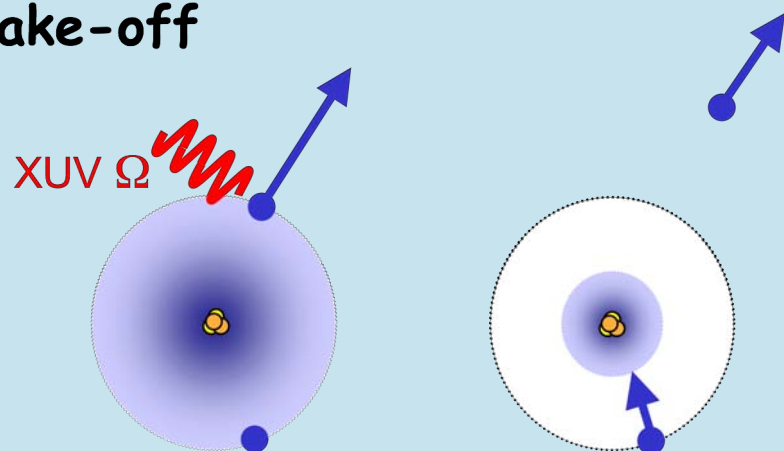


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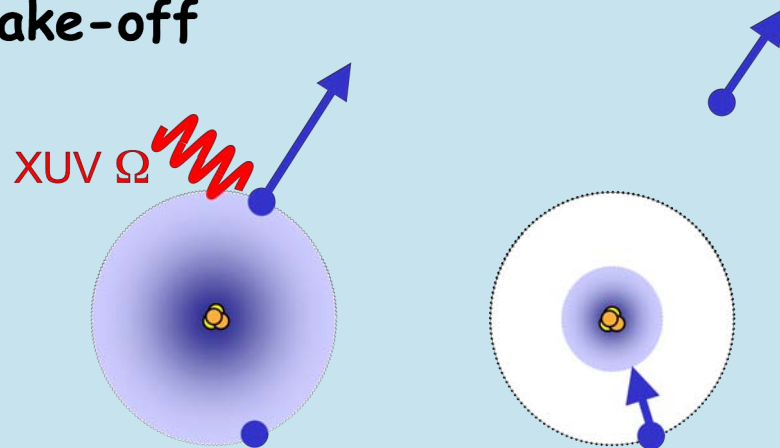
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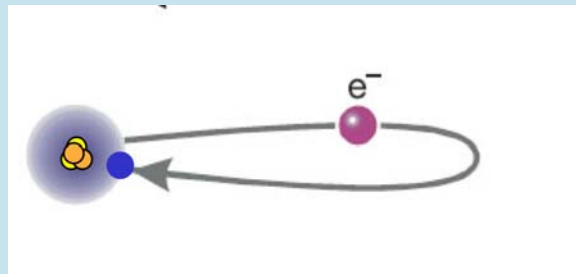
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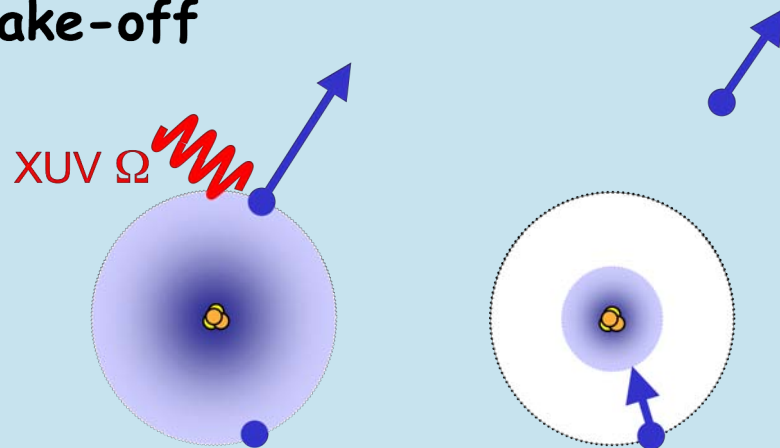
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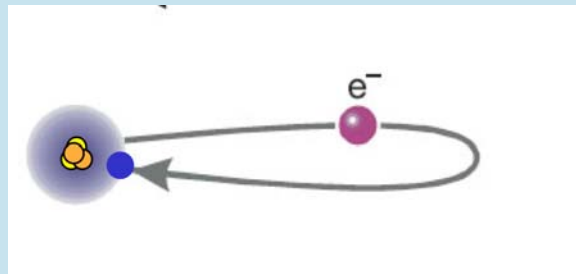
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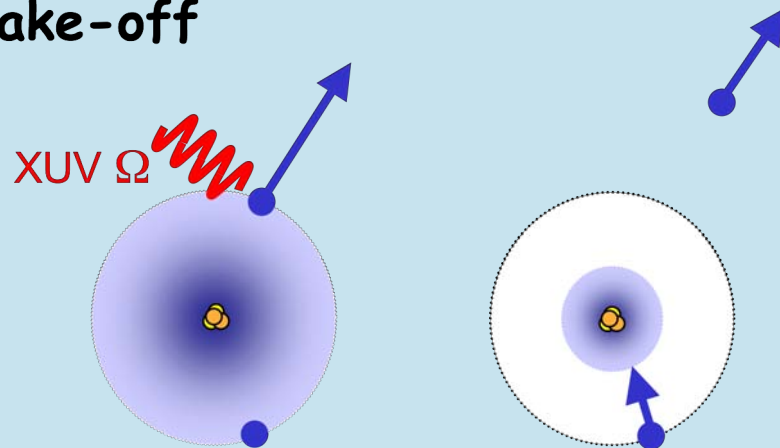
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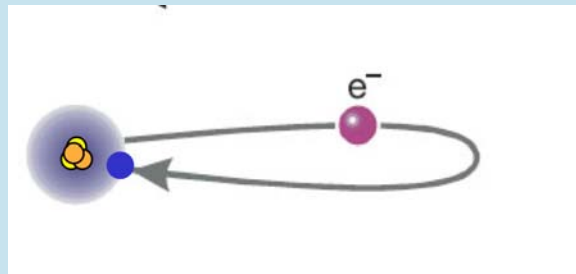
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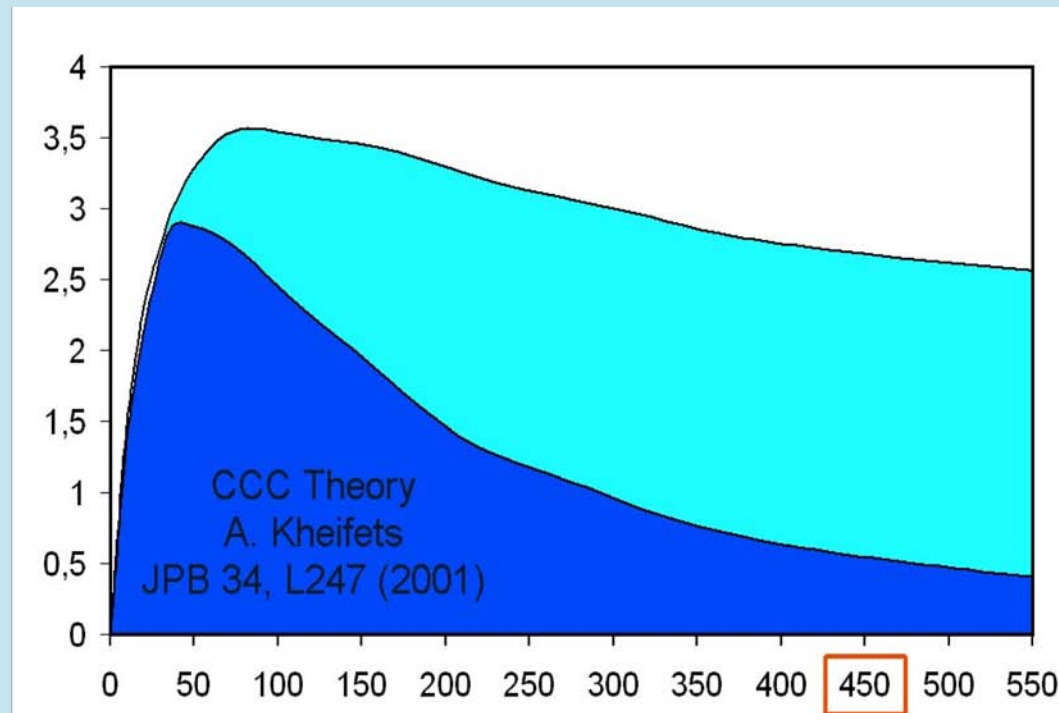
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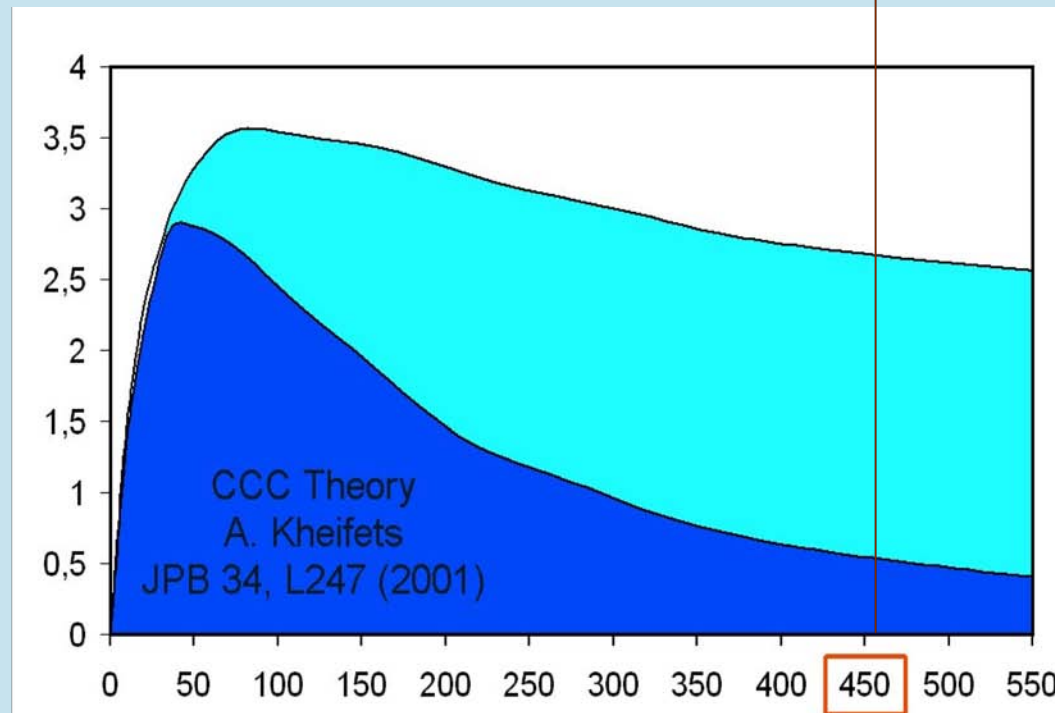


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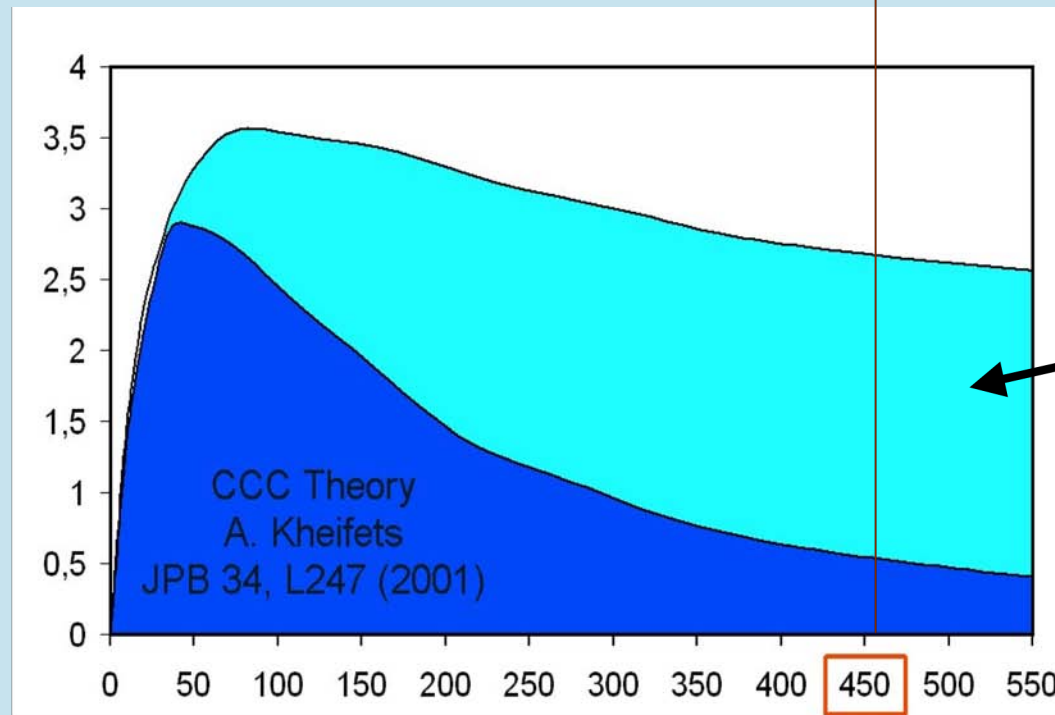


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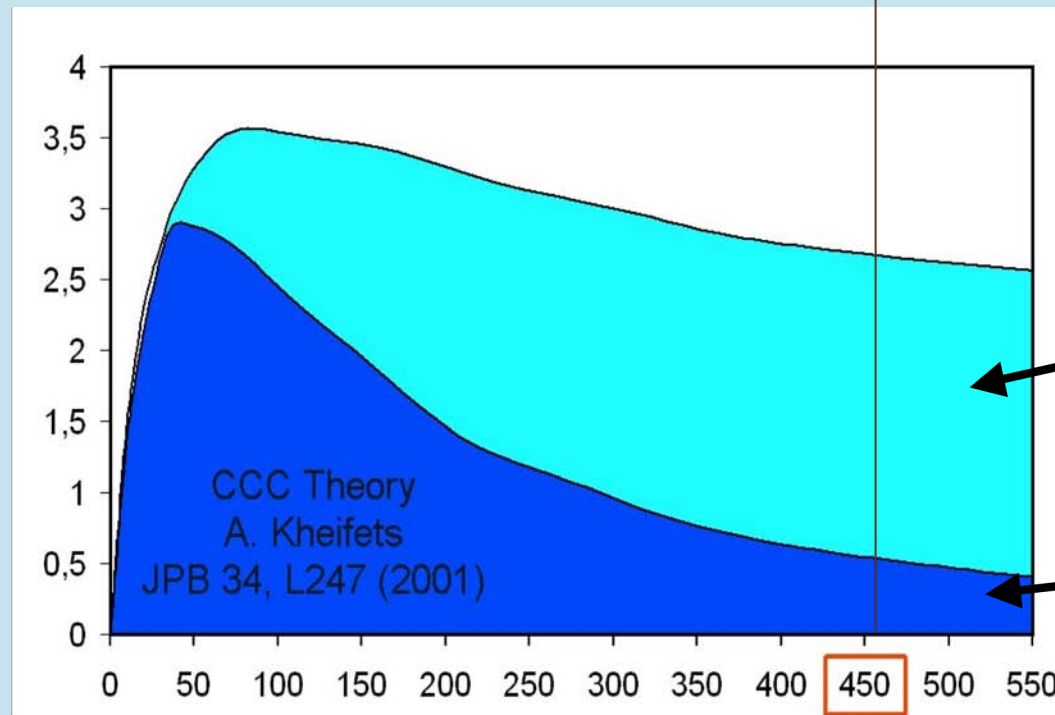


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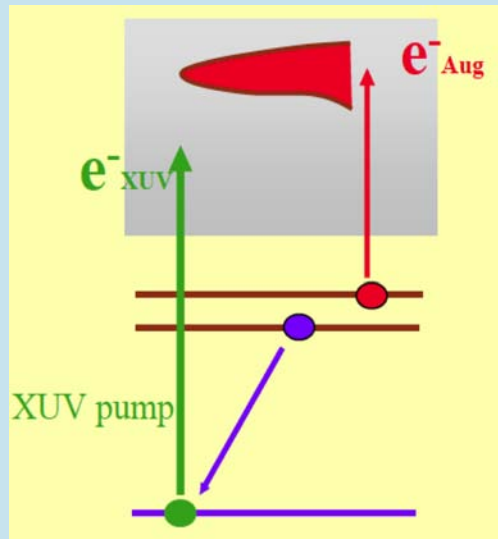
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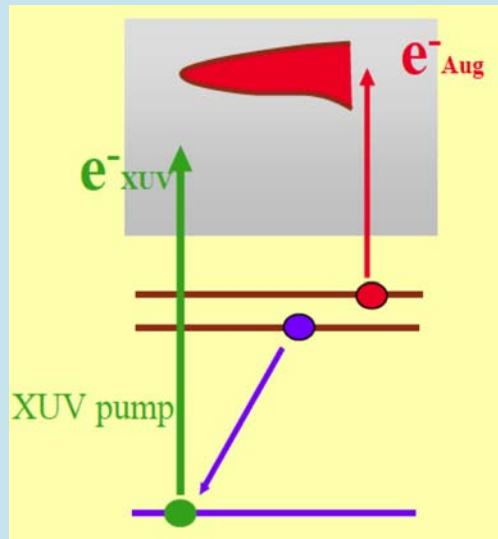
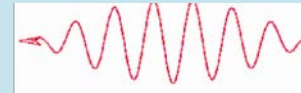
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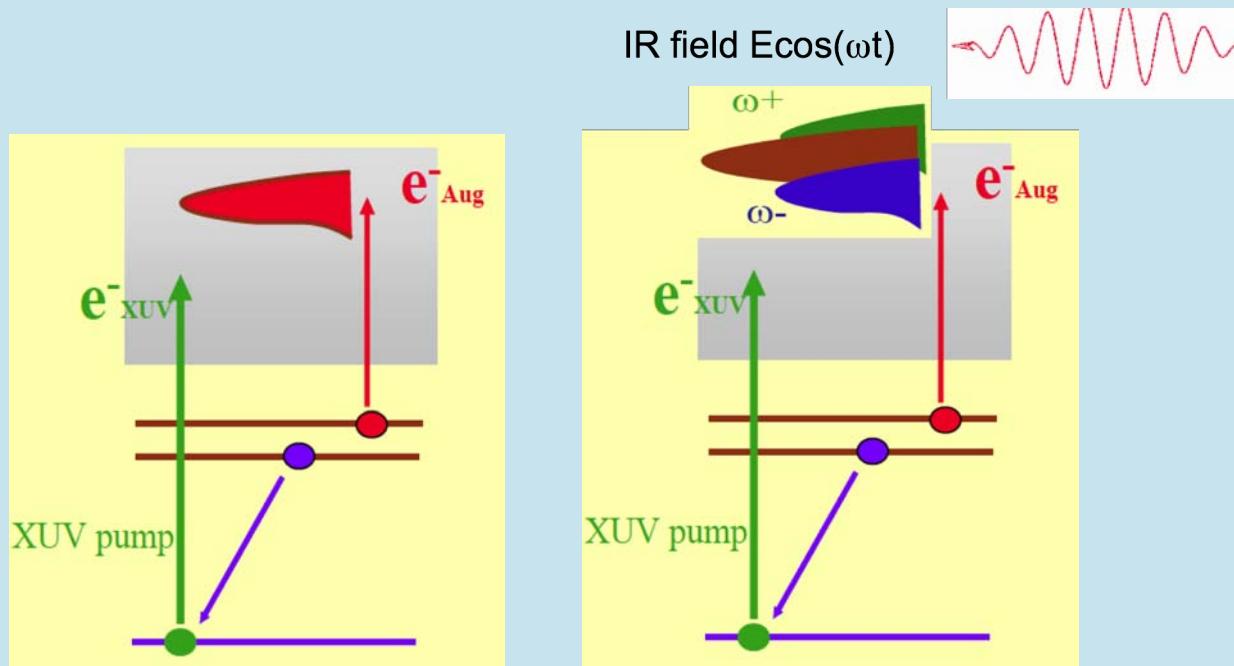
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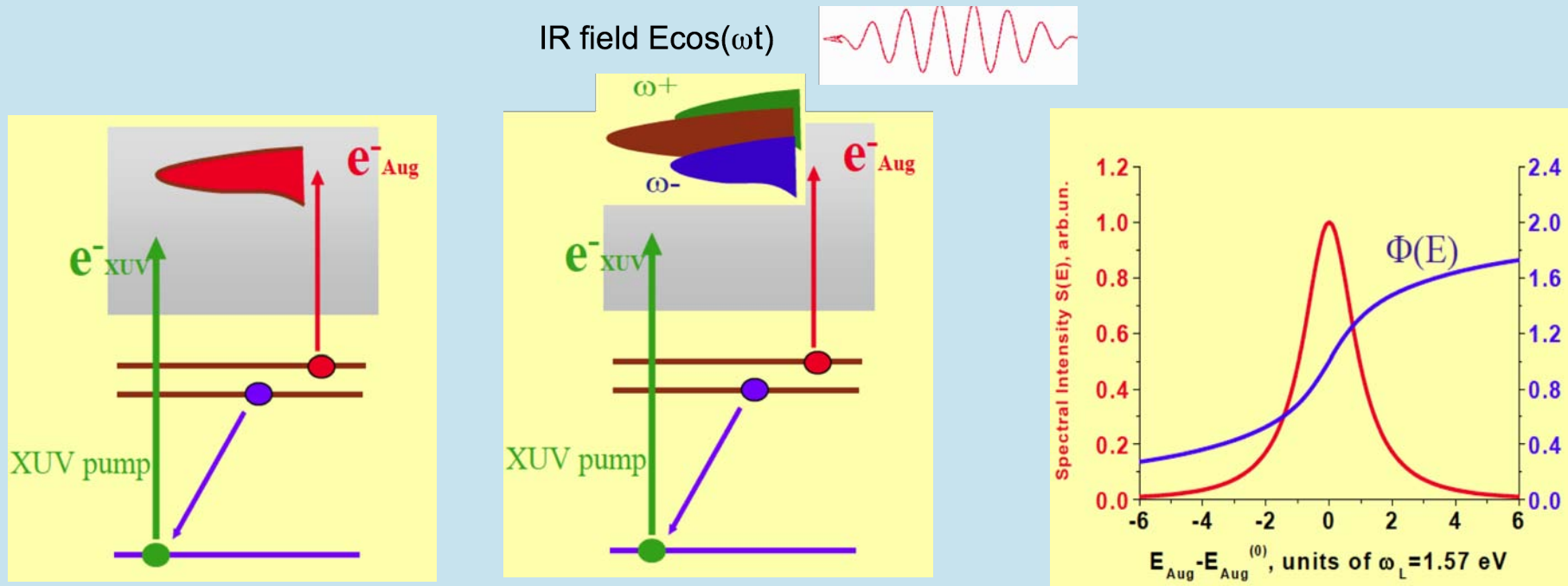
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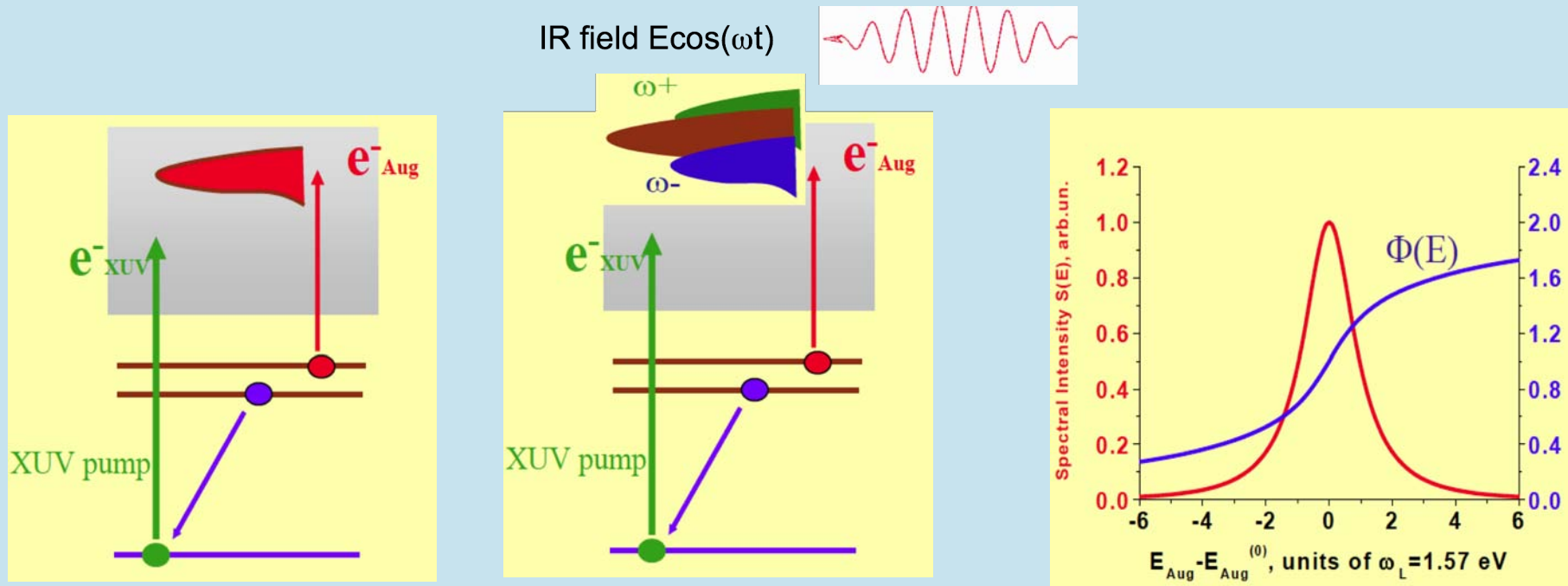
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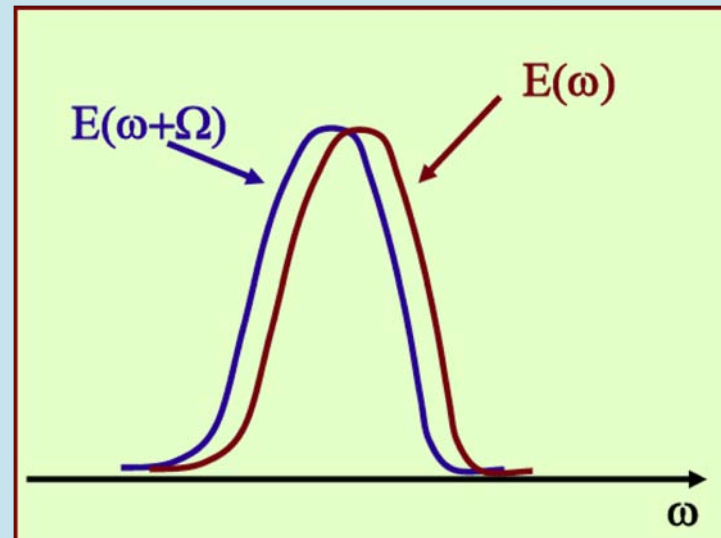
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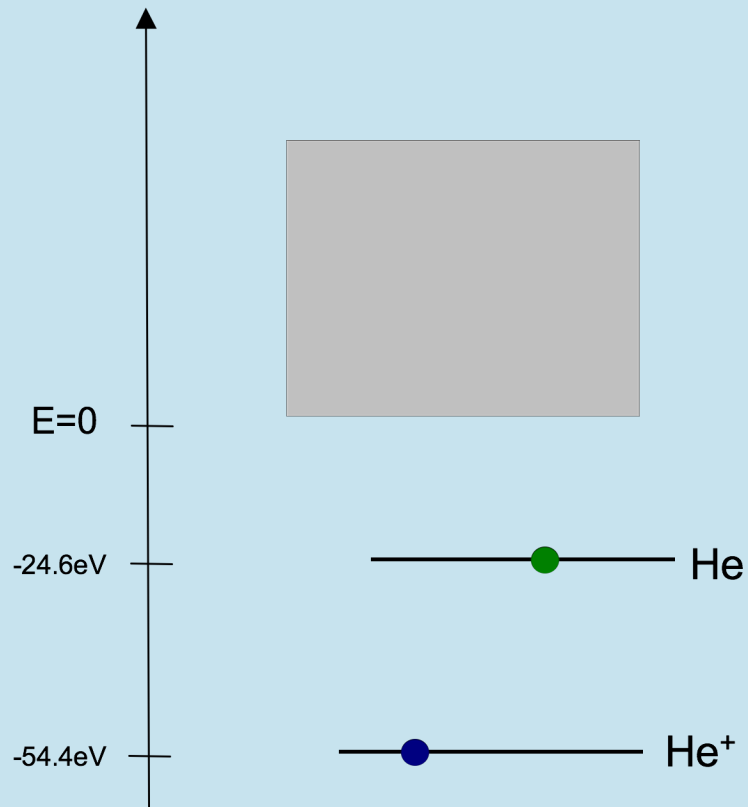
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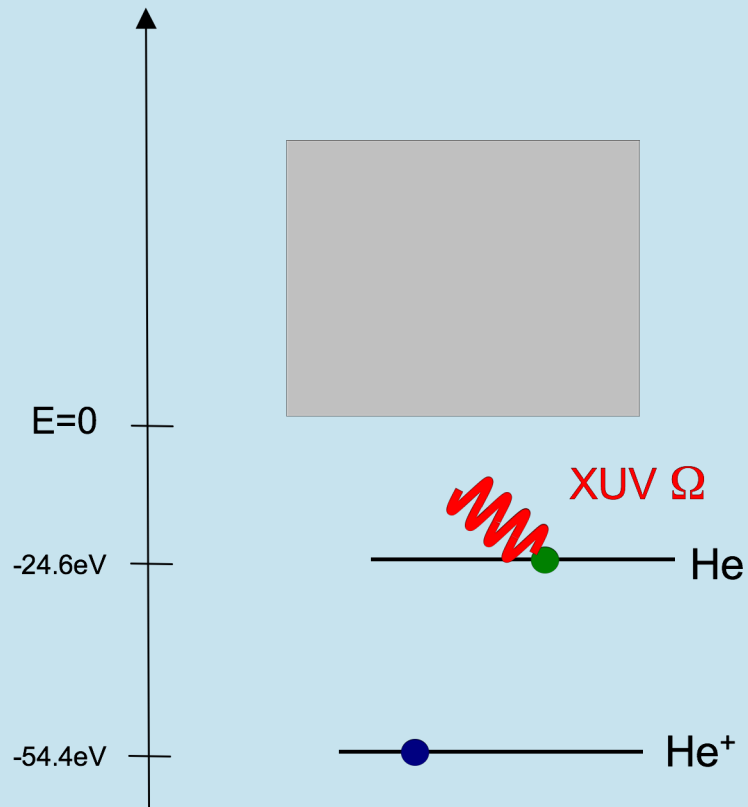
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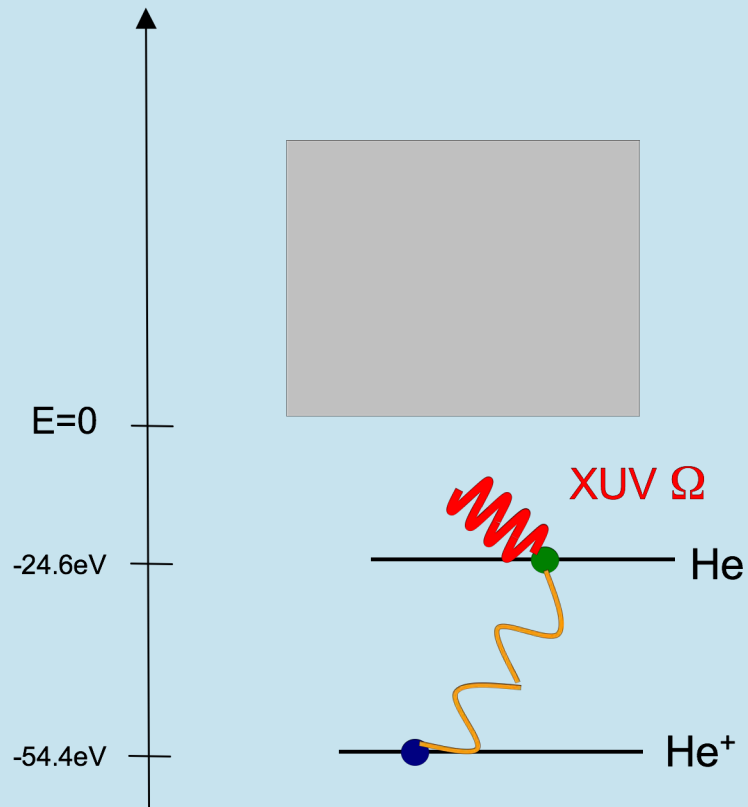
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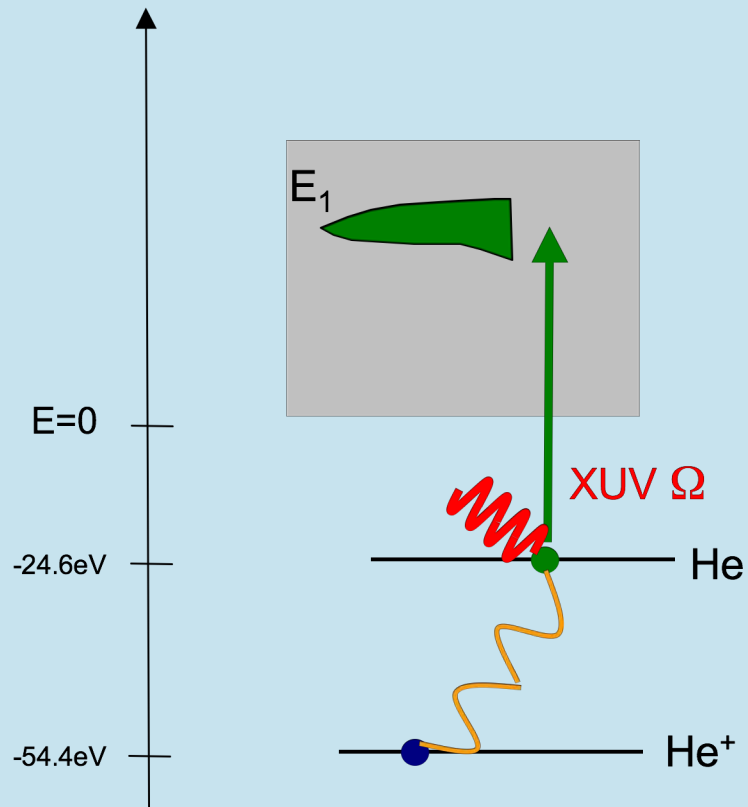
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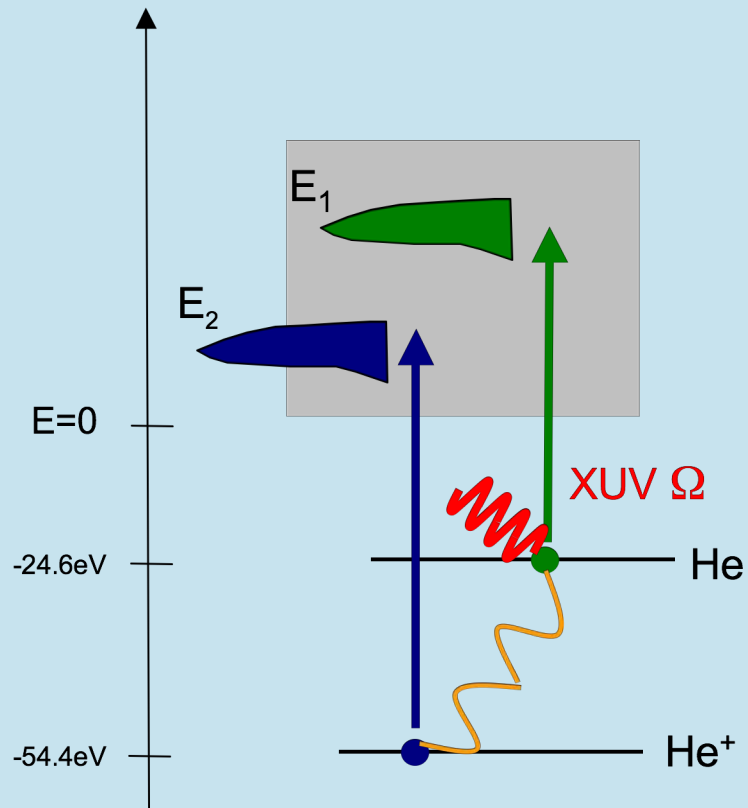
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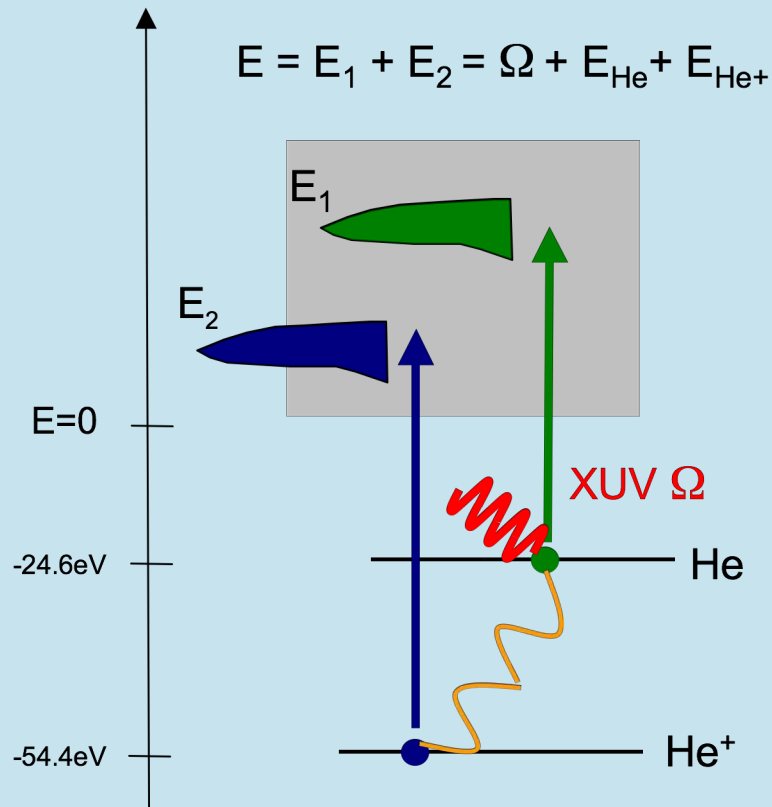


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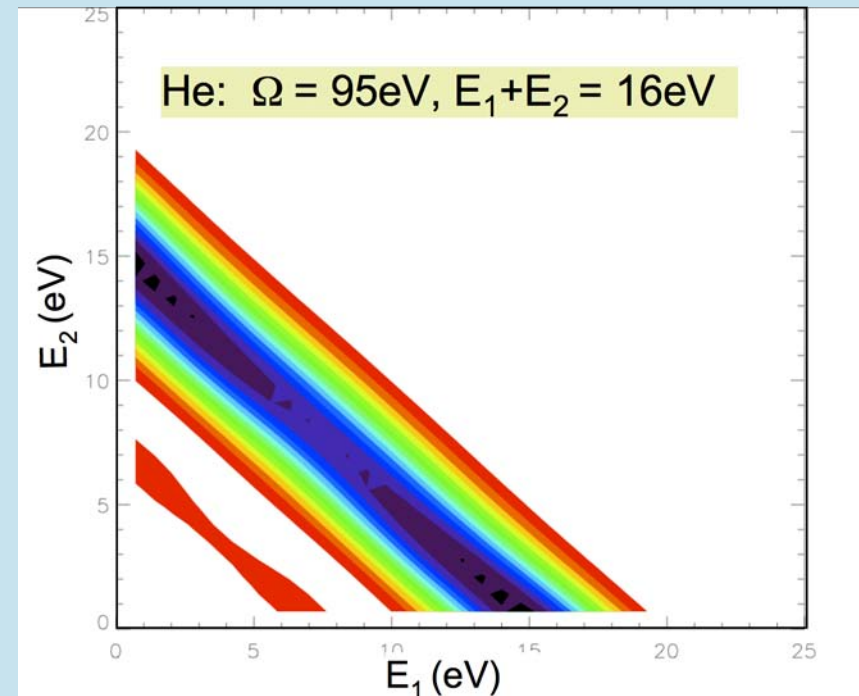
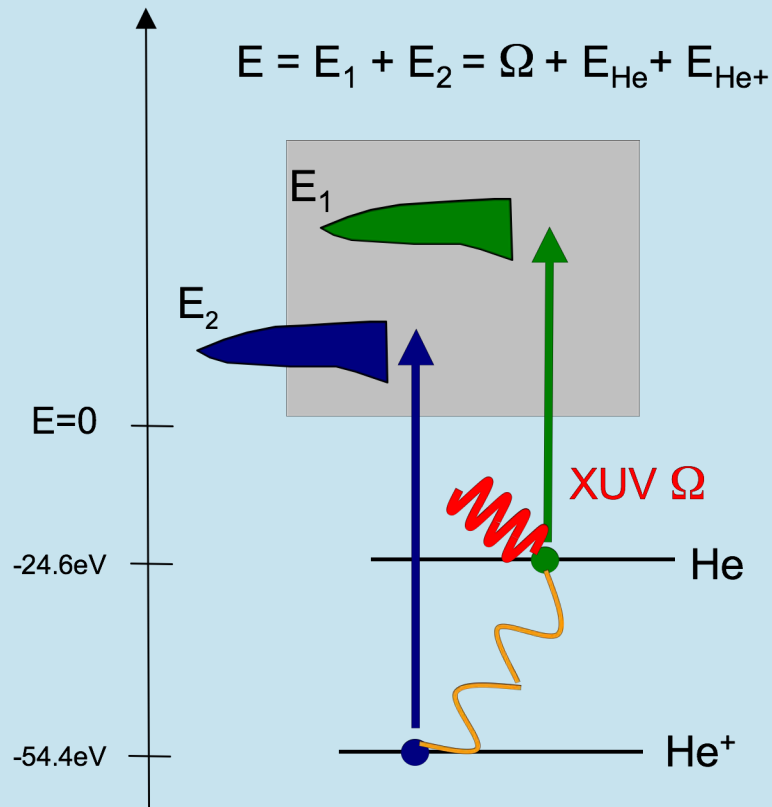
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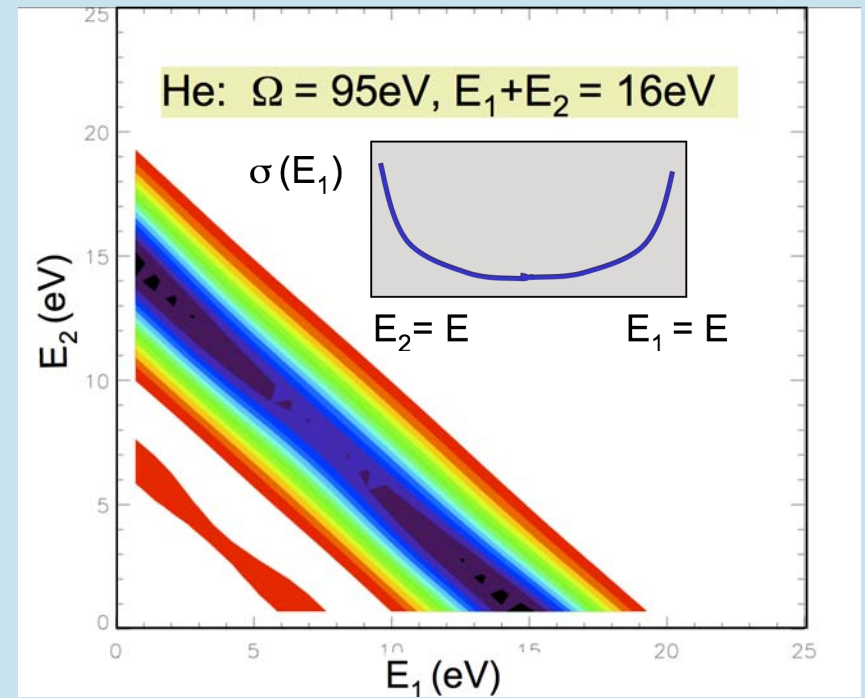
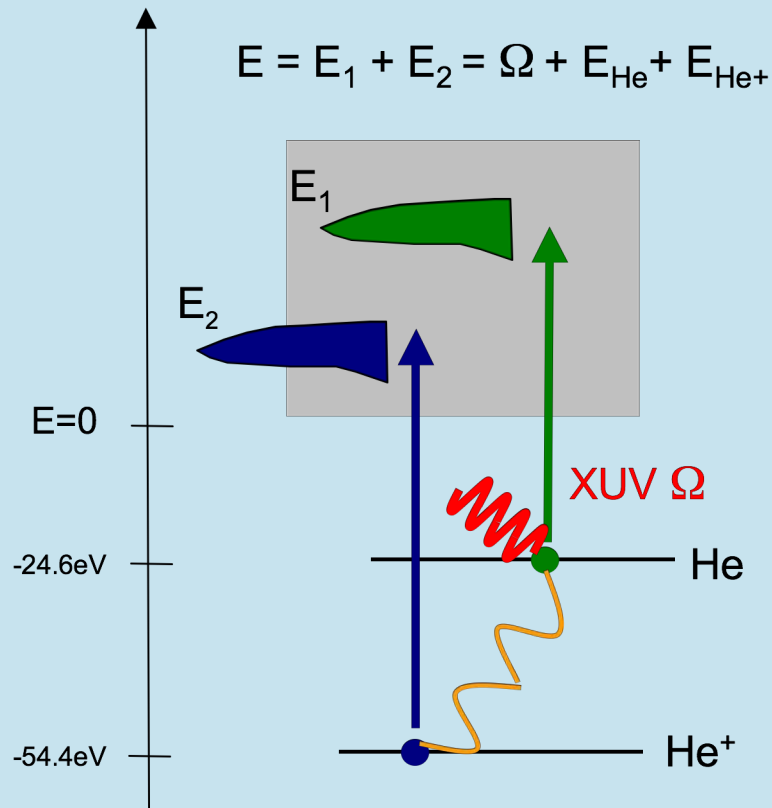
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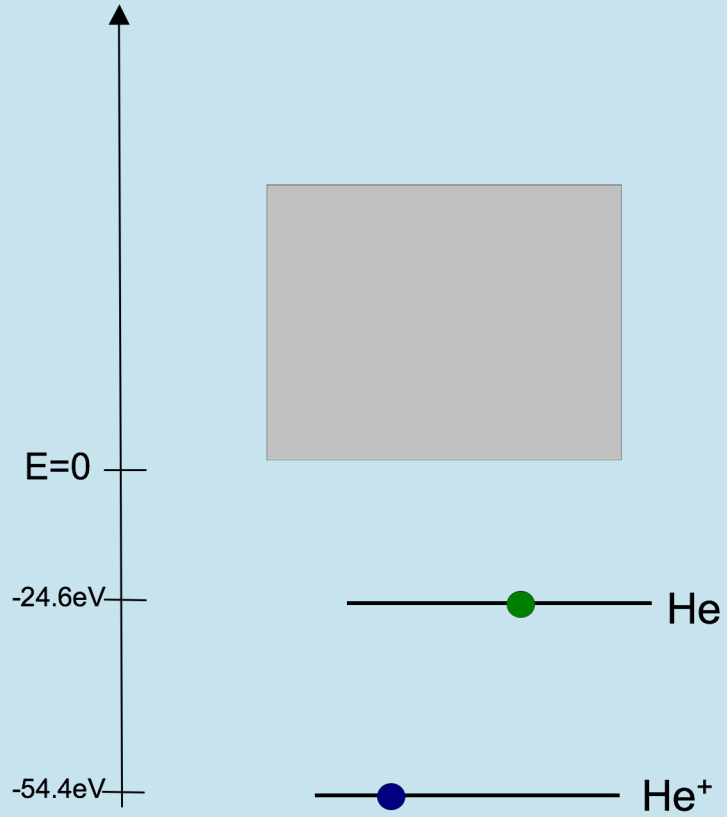


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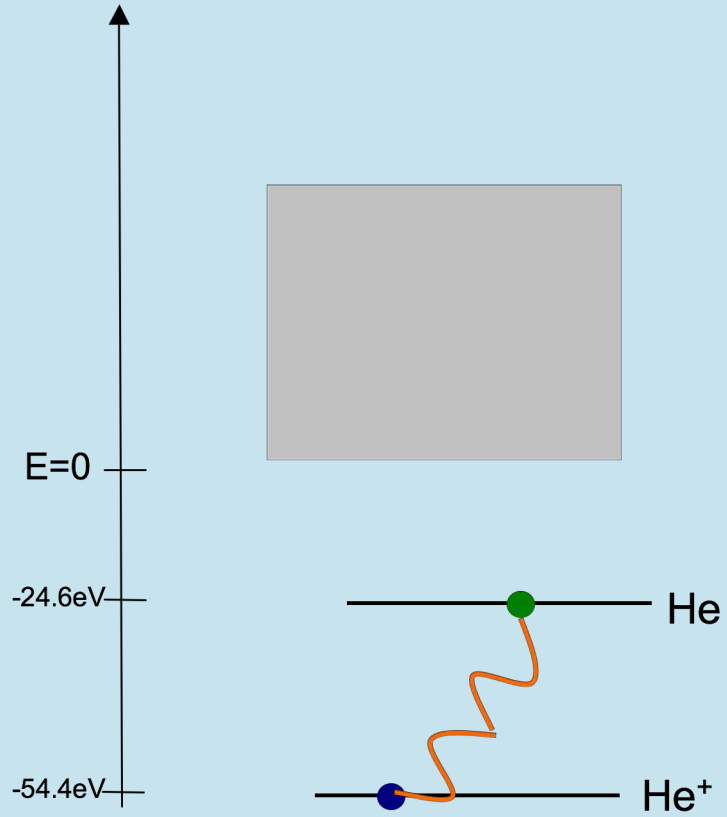
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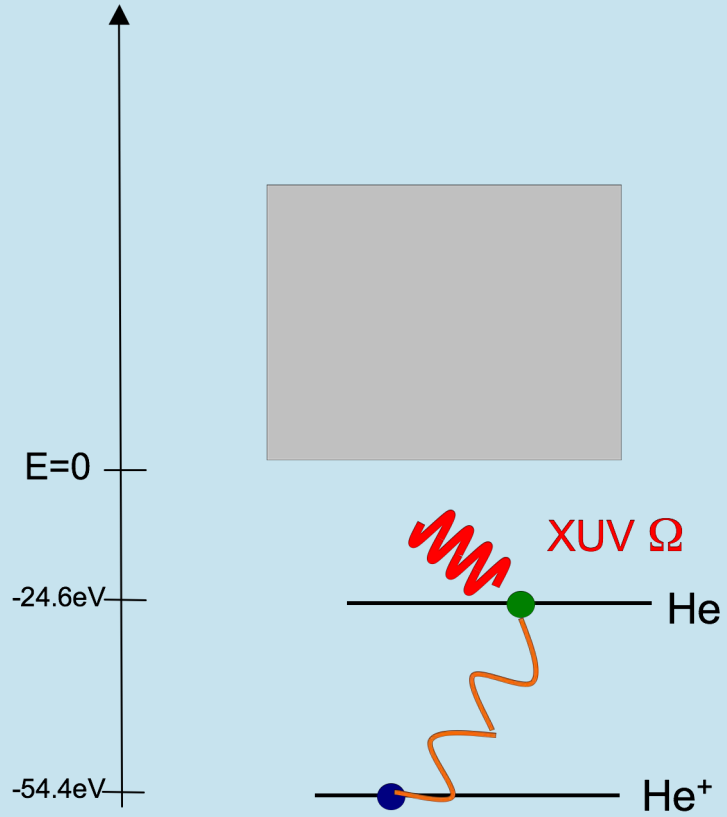
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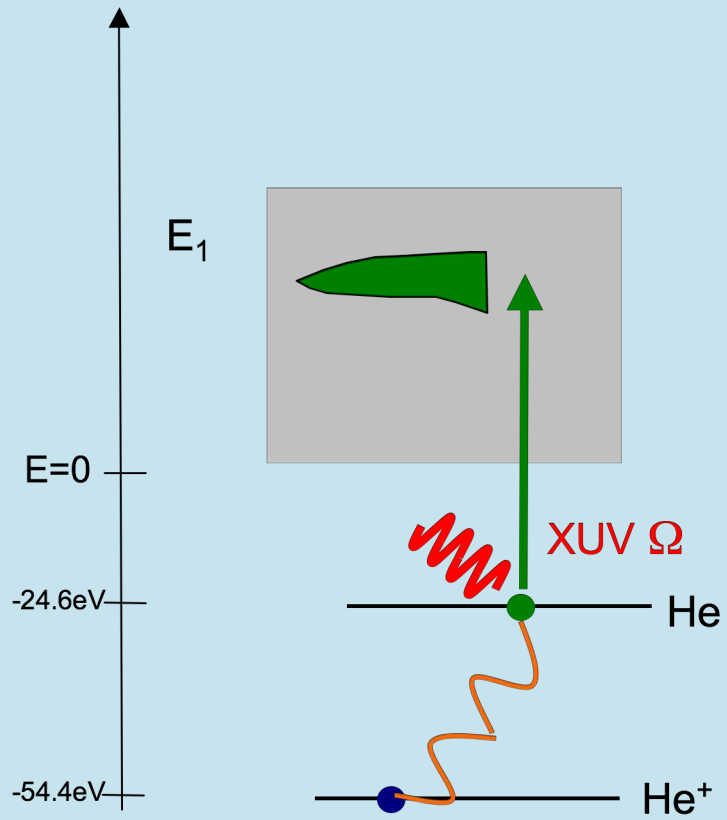
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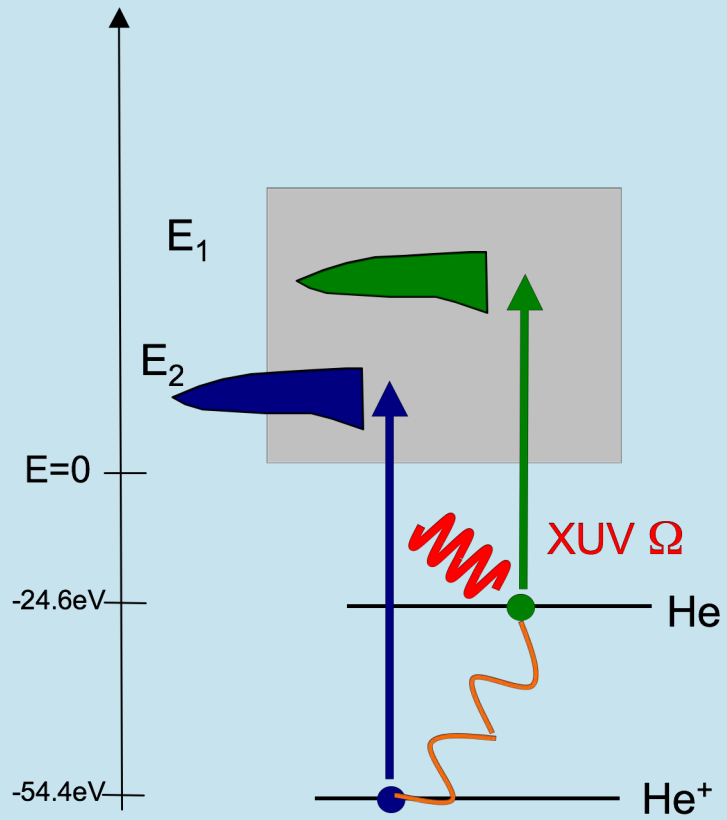
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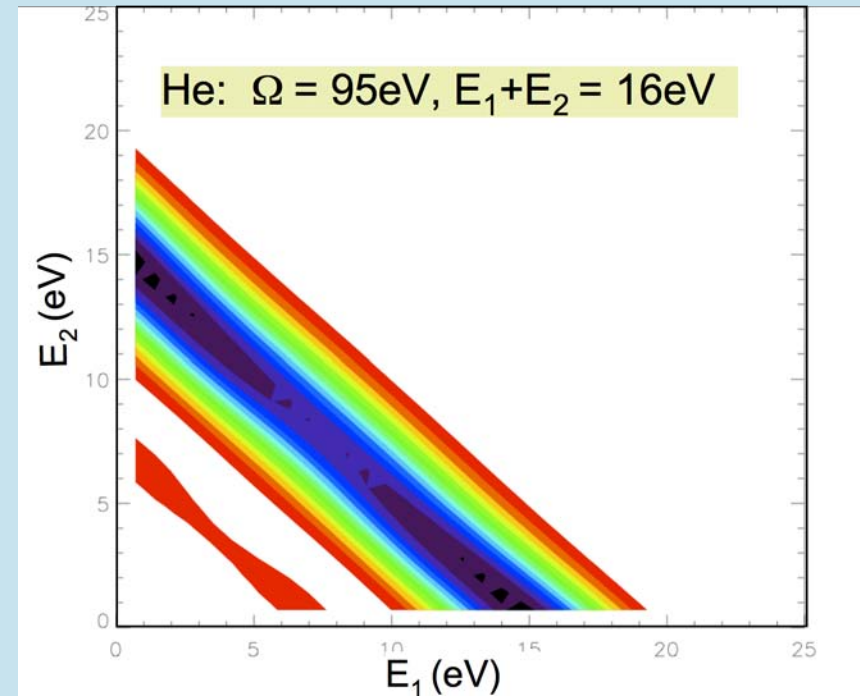
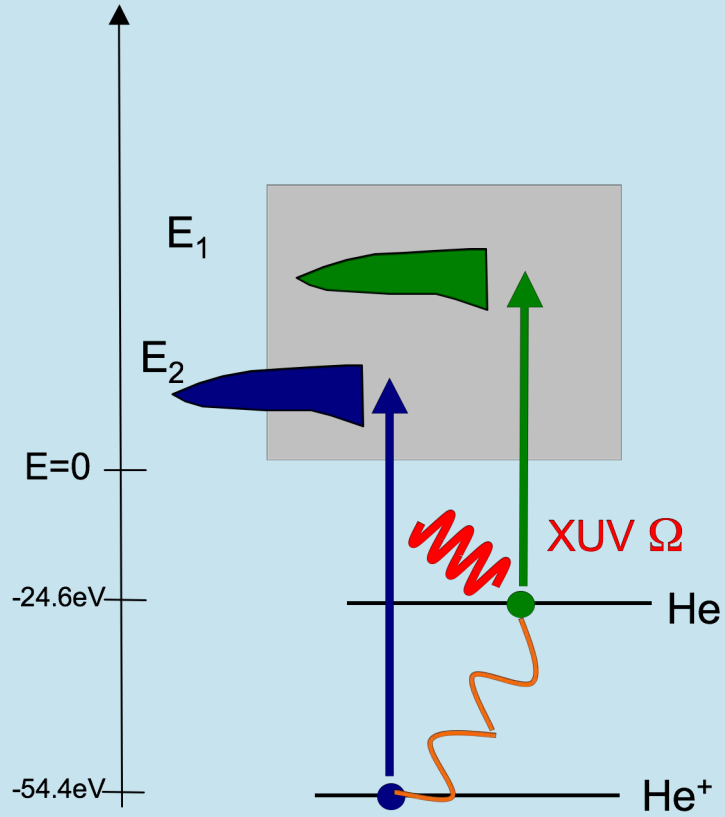
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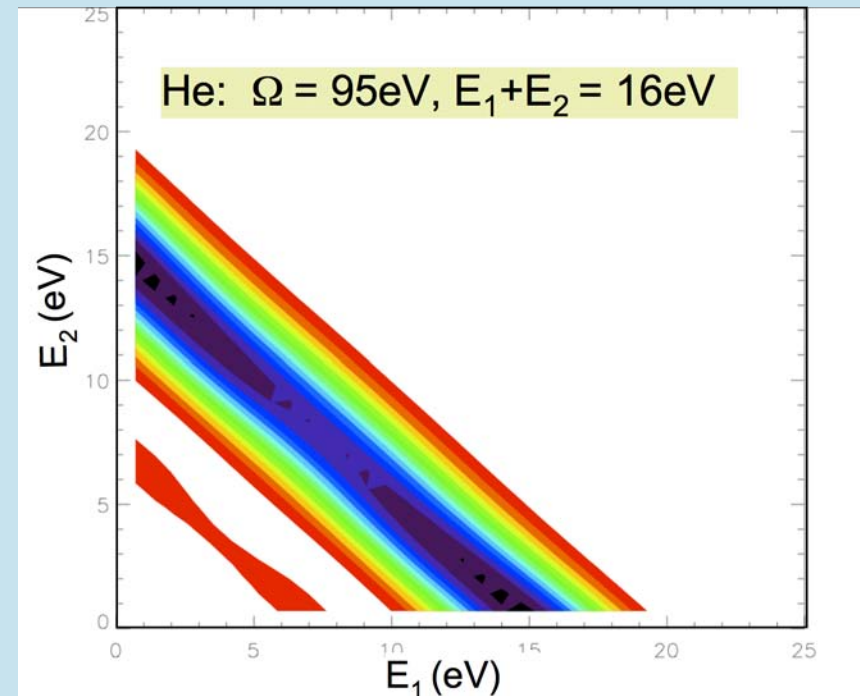
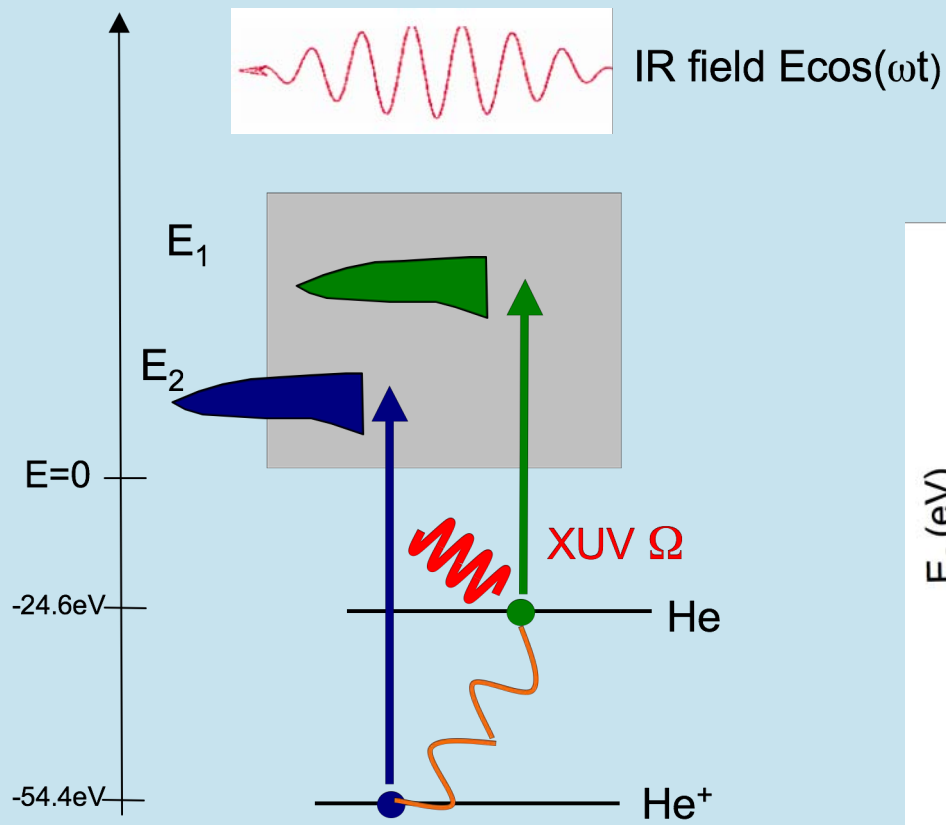
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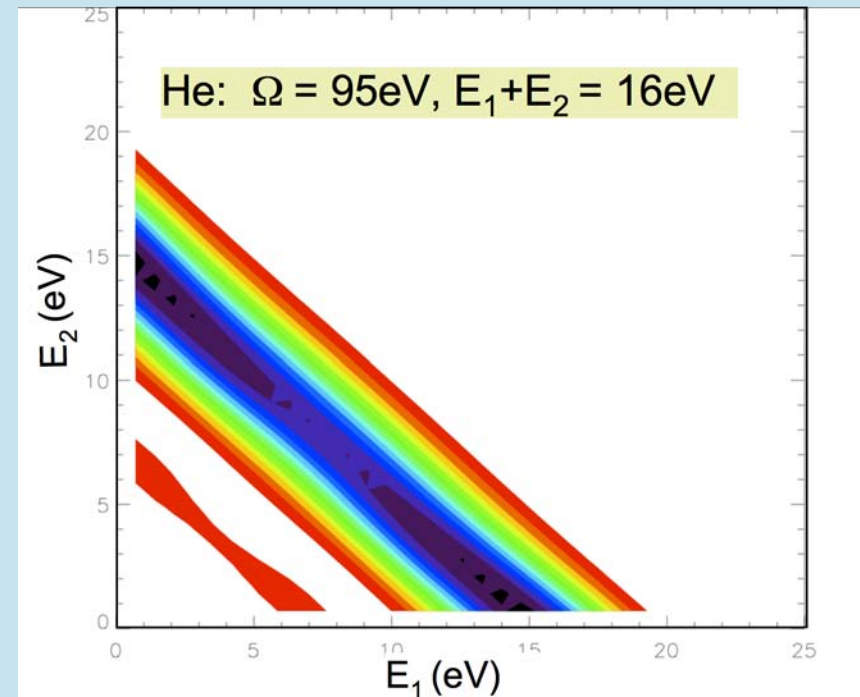
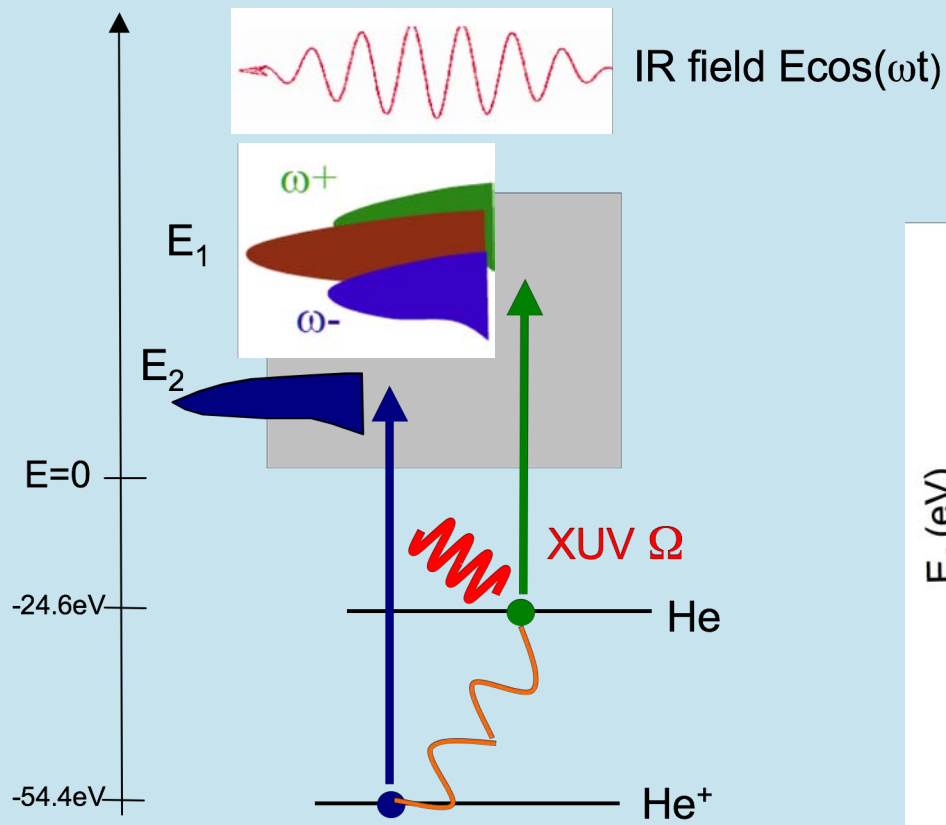
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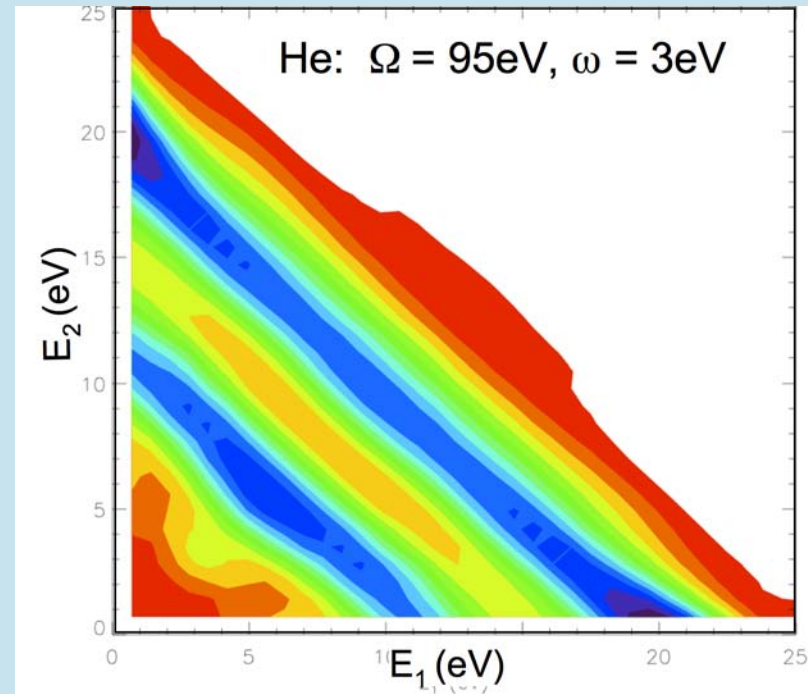
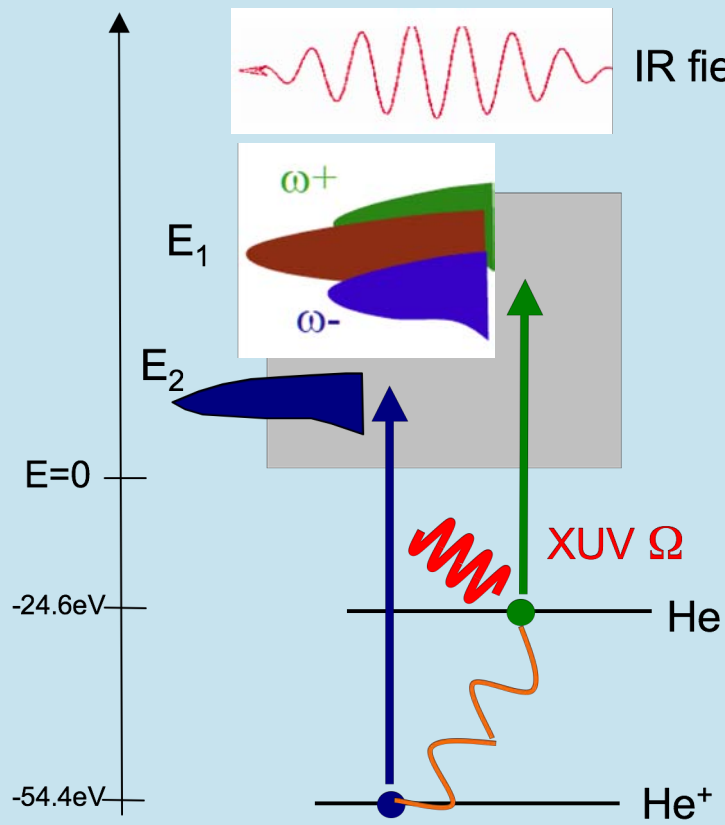
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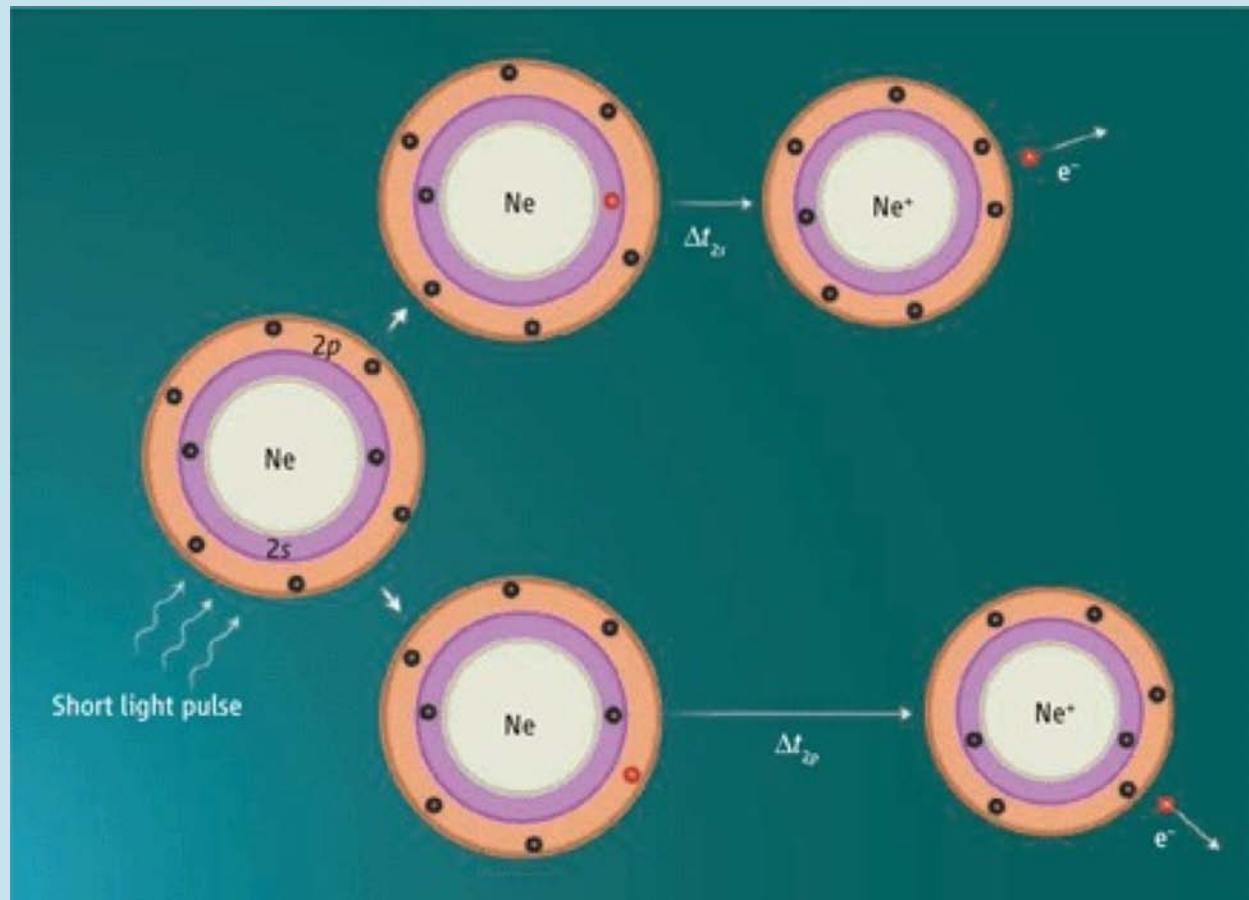
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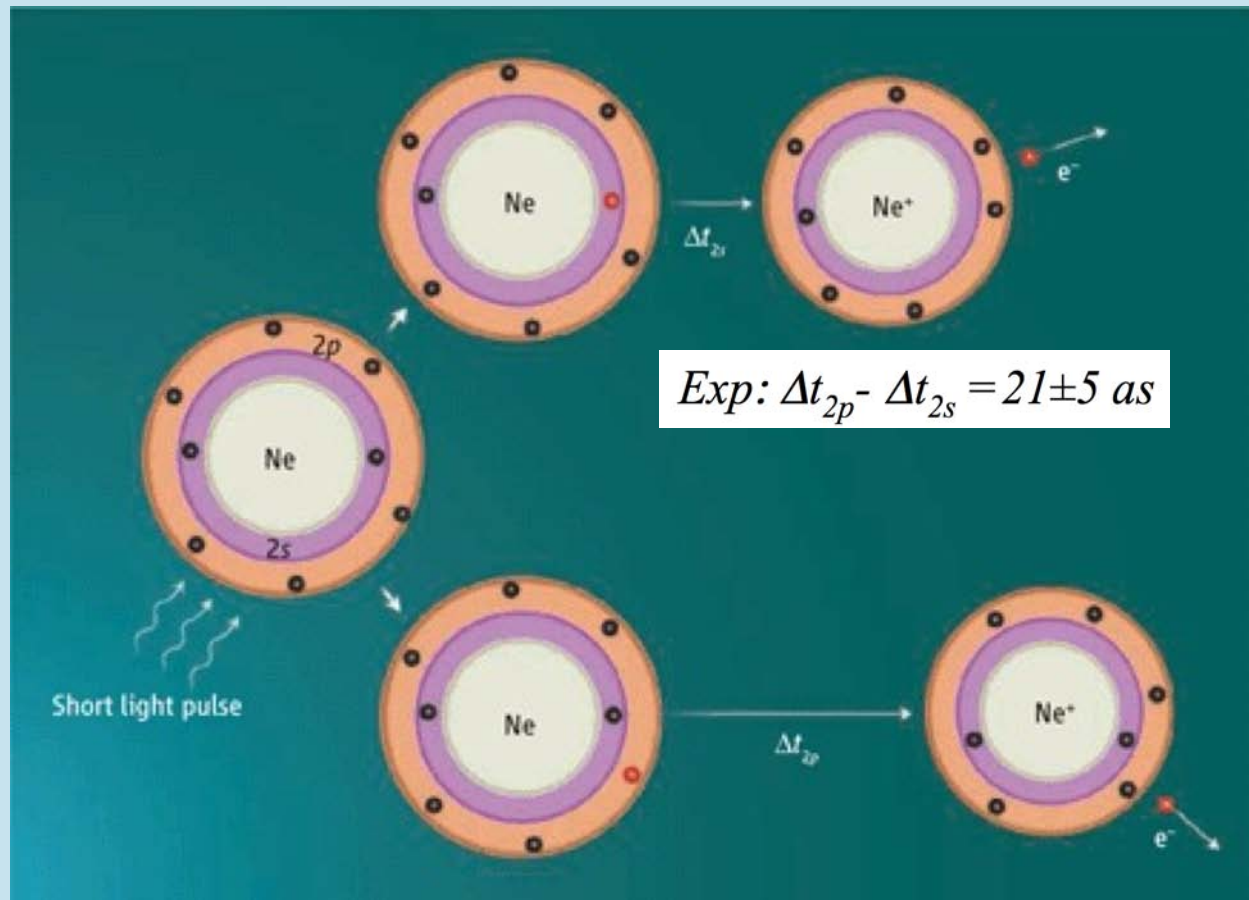


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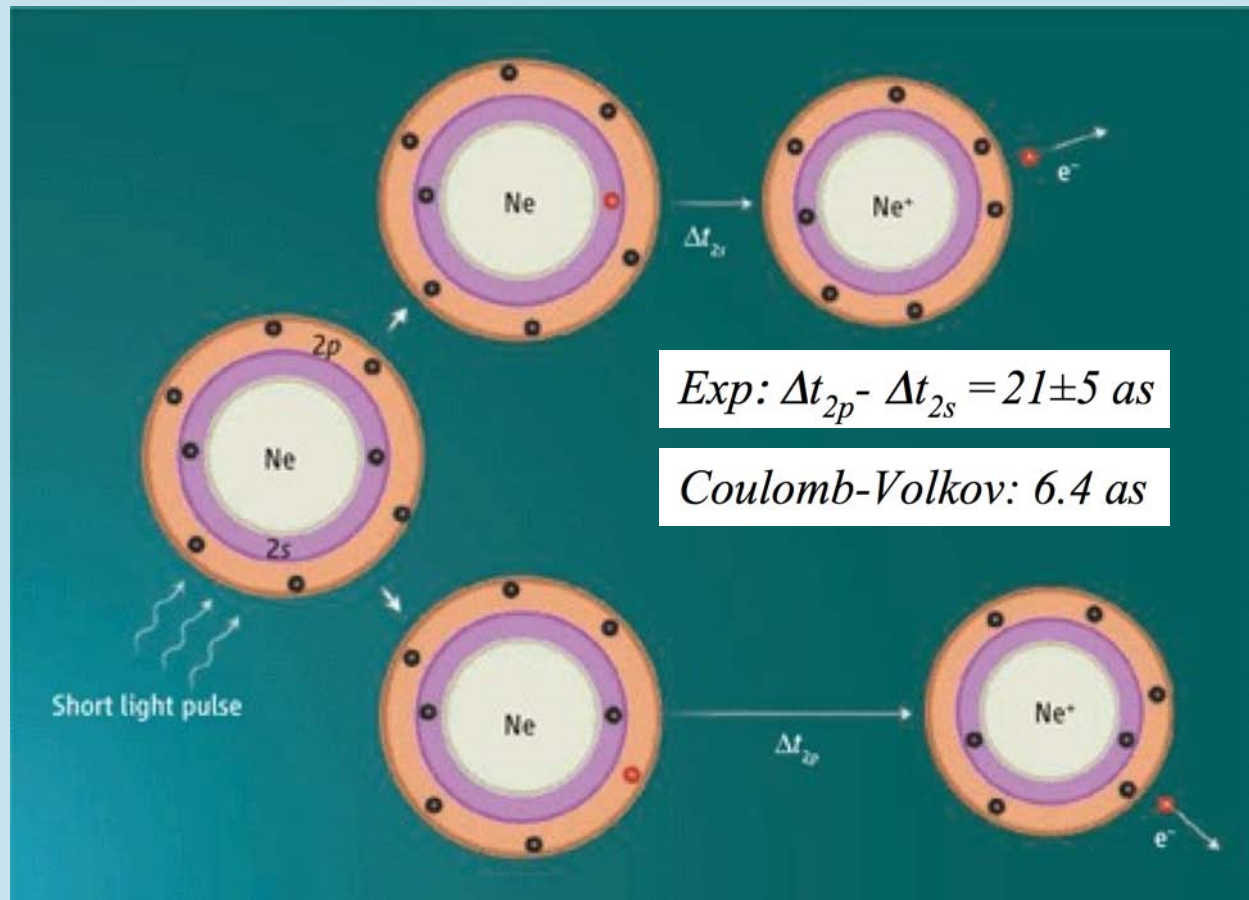


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