

# Multimodal Quantum Control Micro-Spectroscopy I

Coherent control of ultrafast molecular dynamics



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# Outline

## I. Coherent Control

- Concepts of Coherent Control
- Learning Loop: Pulse shaping, algorithms
- Applications:
  - Control of 2-Photon-Absorption
  - Control of energy transfer



## II. Single beam CARS

- Nonlinear Raman spectroscopy
- Shaped CARS
- Multimodal microscopy



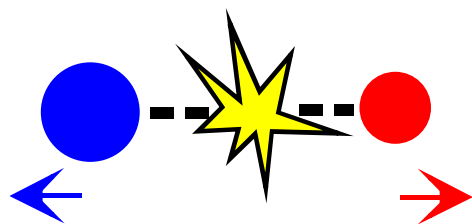
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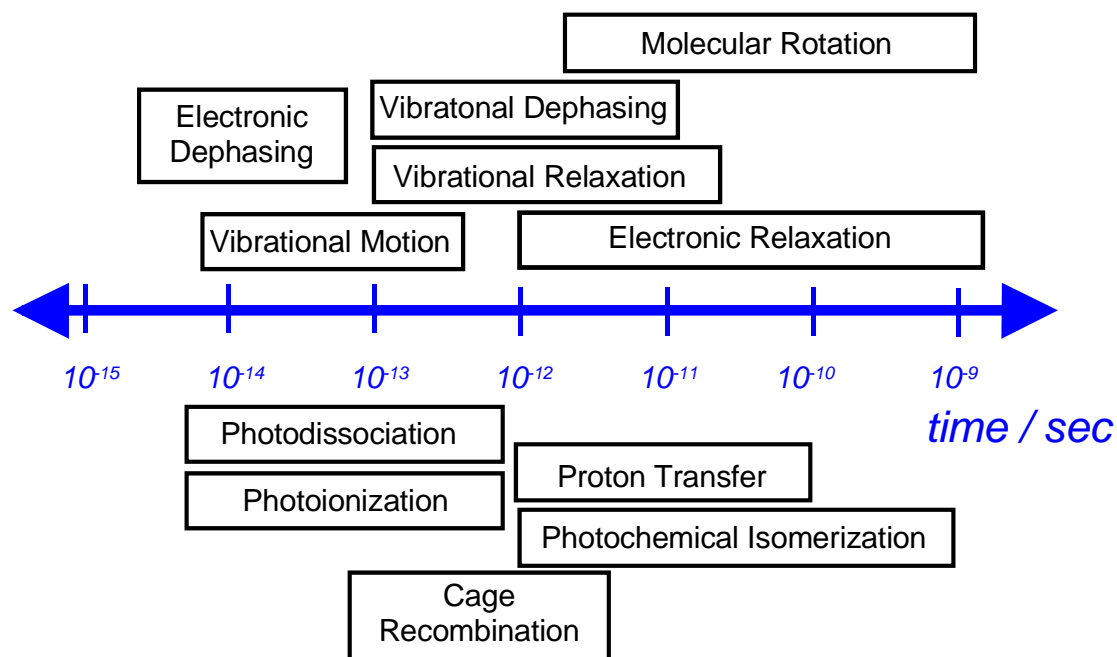


# Femtochemistry

Ultimate timescale for chemical dynamics



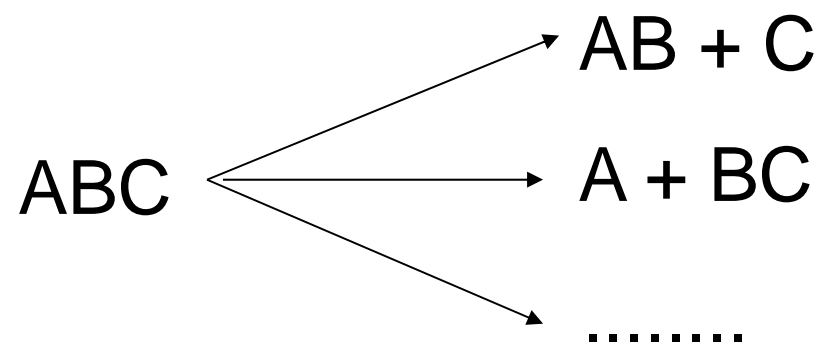
$$v = 1 \text{ km/s}$$
$$= 0.01 \text{ \AA/fs}$$



# Introduction

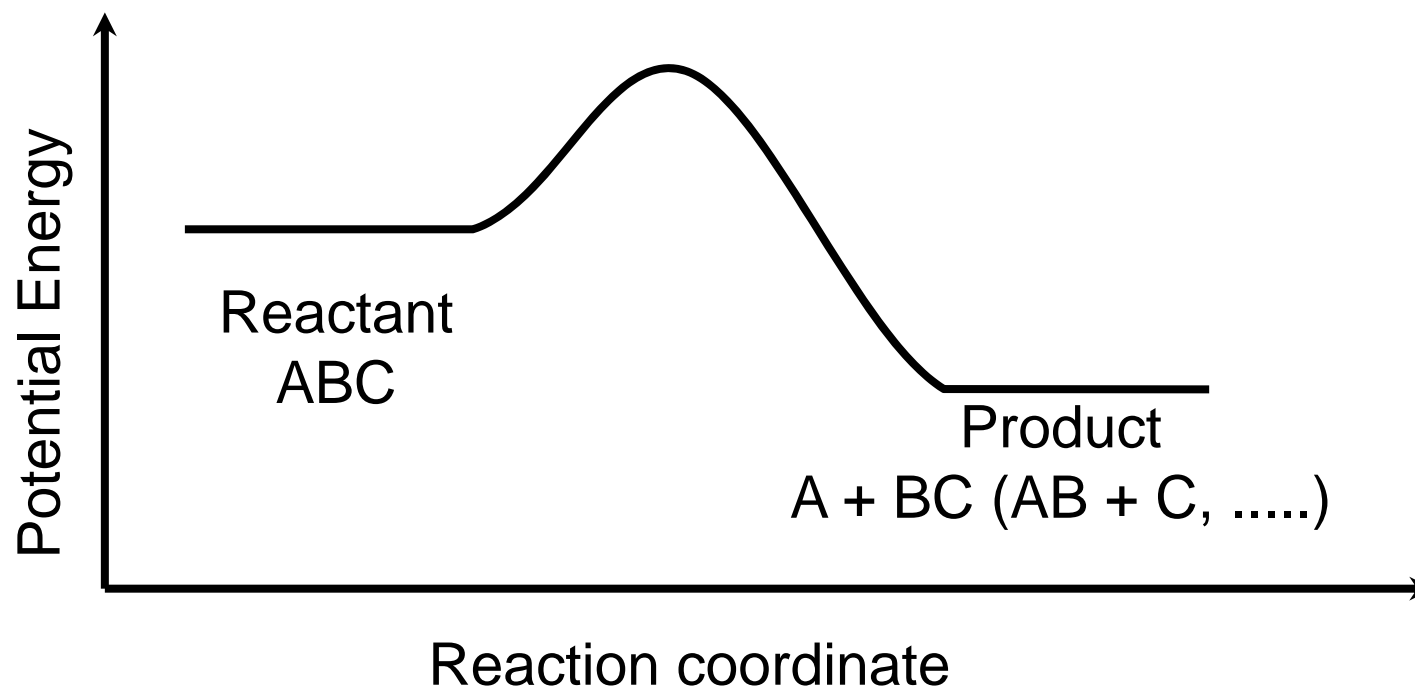
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Chemistry (microscopic)  $\equiv$  Breaking and making bonds



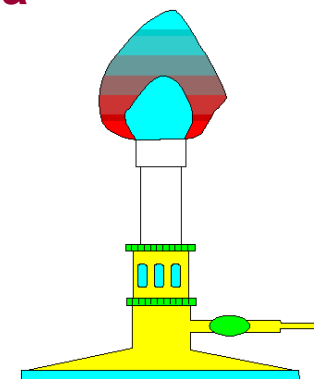
**General goal: Maximize yield of desired products and suppress yield of unwanted byproducts**

Cut through a multidimensional PES:



**How can we supply energy to get over barrier and achieve a specific product?**

→ Typical macroscopic approach: Temperature wanted and unwanted products formed statistically



## Passive control

vs.

## Active control

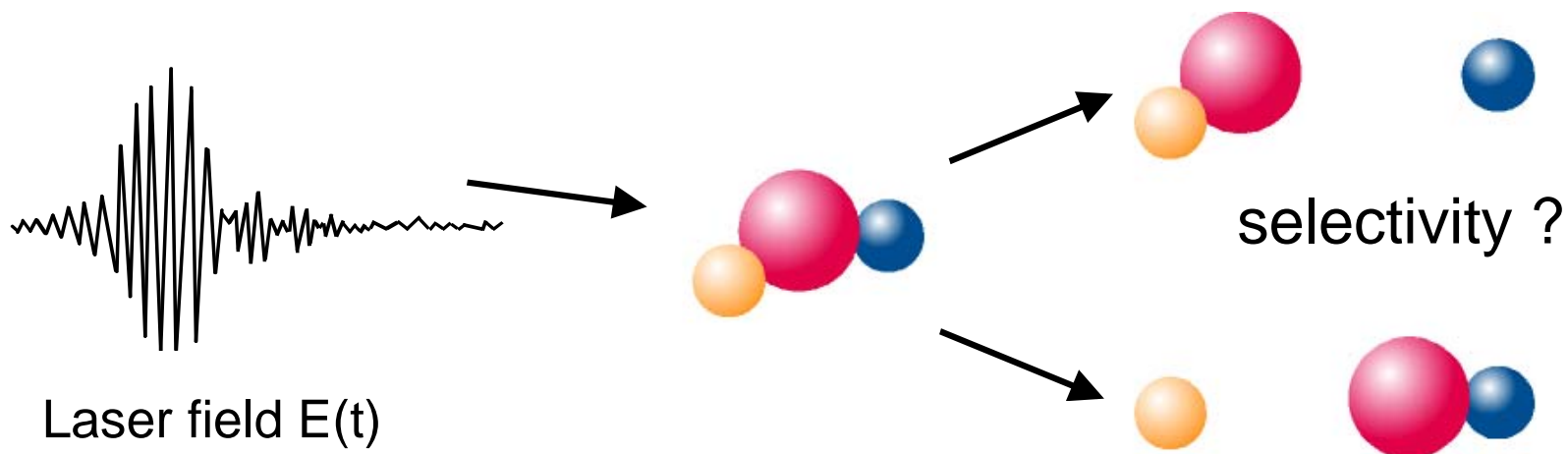
1. *Reactant molecules and any surrounding solvent molecules are **not subjected to manipulation by external influences** during the evolution from reactants to products.*
2. *Evolution of energized reactant molecules is largely or completely **incoherent***
3. *Role of experimenter is to initiate the reaction, without having control of subsequent evolution of the system*
  - Concentration
  - Temperature
  - Pressure
  - pH
  - Solvent
  - Catalyst
  - Synthetic criteria

*External manipulation of molecular dynamics so as to **influence the evolution** of the reactant molecule to generate more or all of a particular product*

- Electric fields
- Optical fields
- .....
- Intensity
- Phase
- Polarization
- Spectral content
- Time dependence



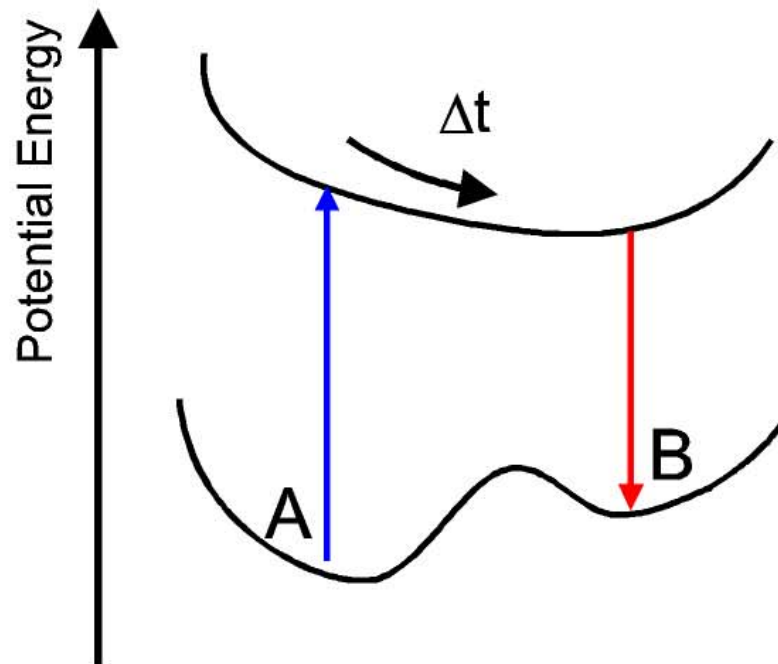
# Coherent control of chemical reactions



- calculation for real molecules complicated (if not impossible)
- experimental realization of predicted E-fields difficult

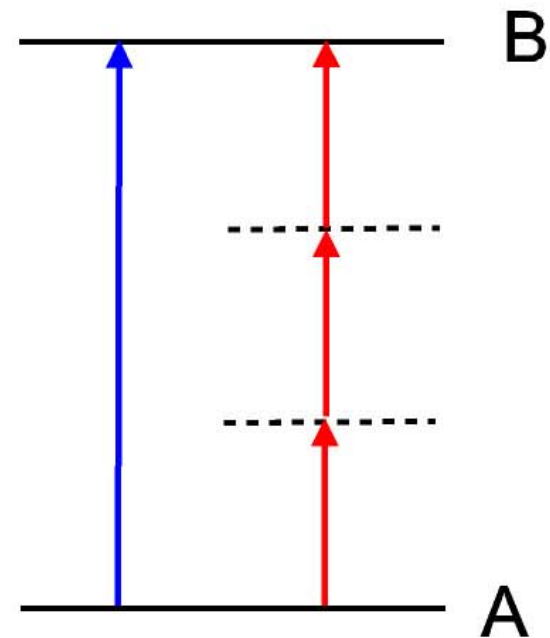
# Control strategies

Tannor-Kosloff-Rice  
JCP 85, 5805 (1986)



time delay:  $\Delta t$

Brumer-Shapiro  
CPL 126, 54 (1986)

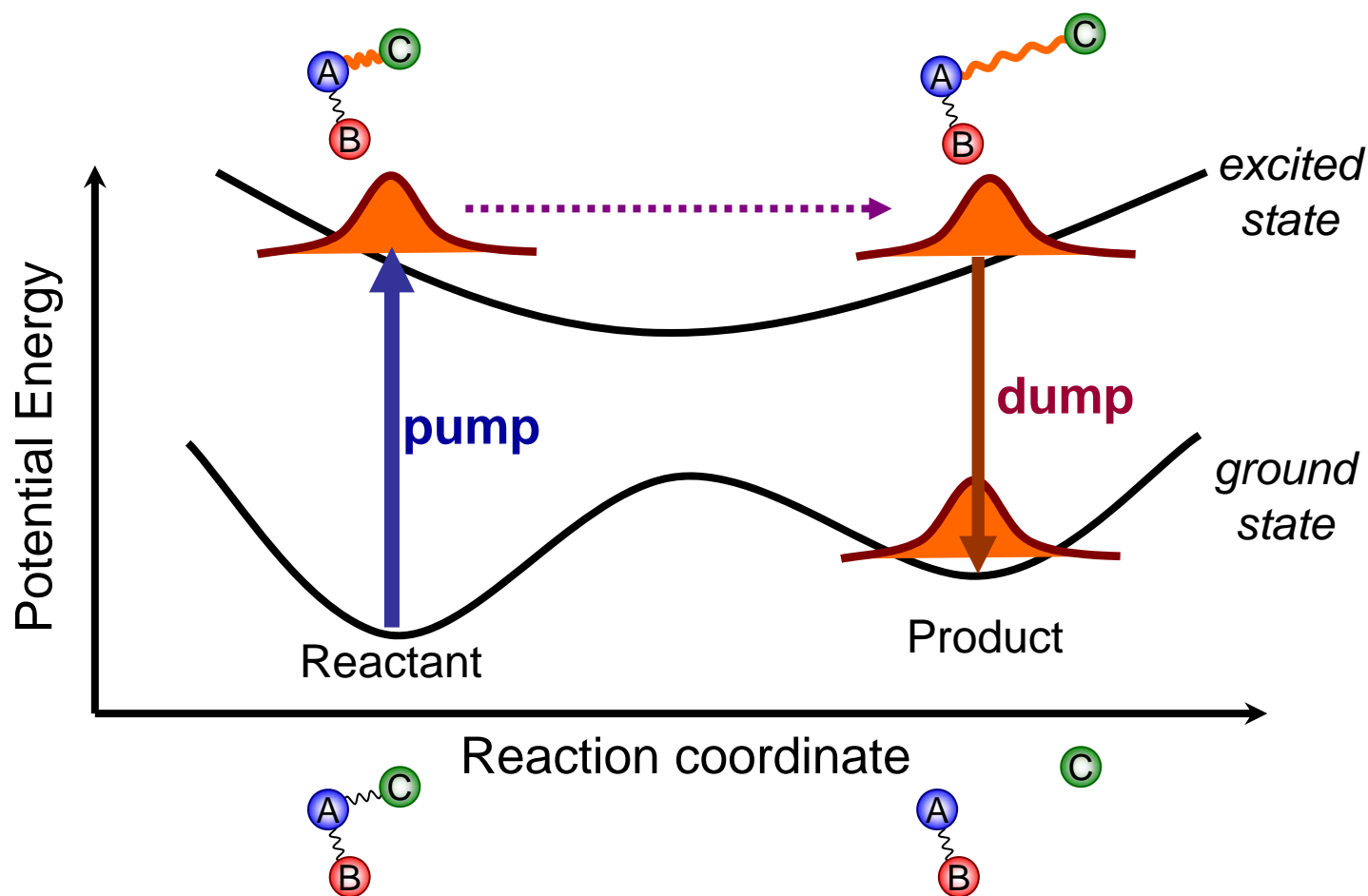


phase difference:  $\Delta\phi = \phi_\omega - \phi_{3\omega}$



# Tannor-Rice scheme

## *Pulse-timing control*

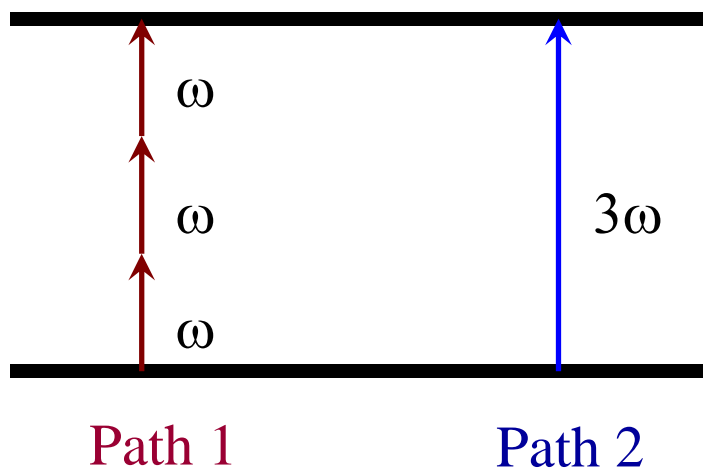


Tannor, D. J., Kosloff, R. & Rice, S. A. Coherent pulse sequence induced control of selectivity of reactions: Exact quantum mechanical calculations. *J. Chem. Phys.* 85, 5805-5820 (1986)



## Brumer-Shapiro scheme: *Multiple-path interference control*

Excite the desired product channel via two different pathways:



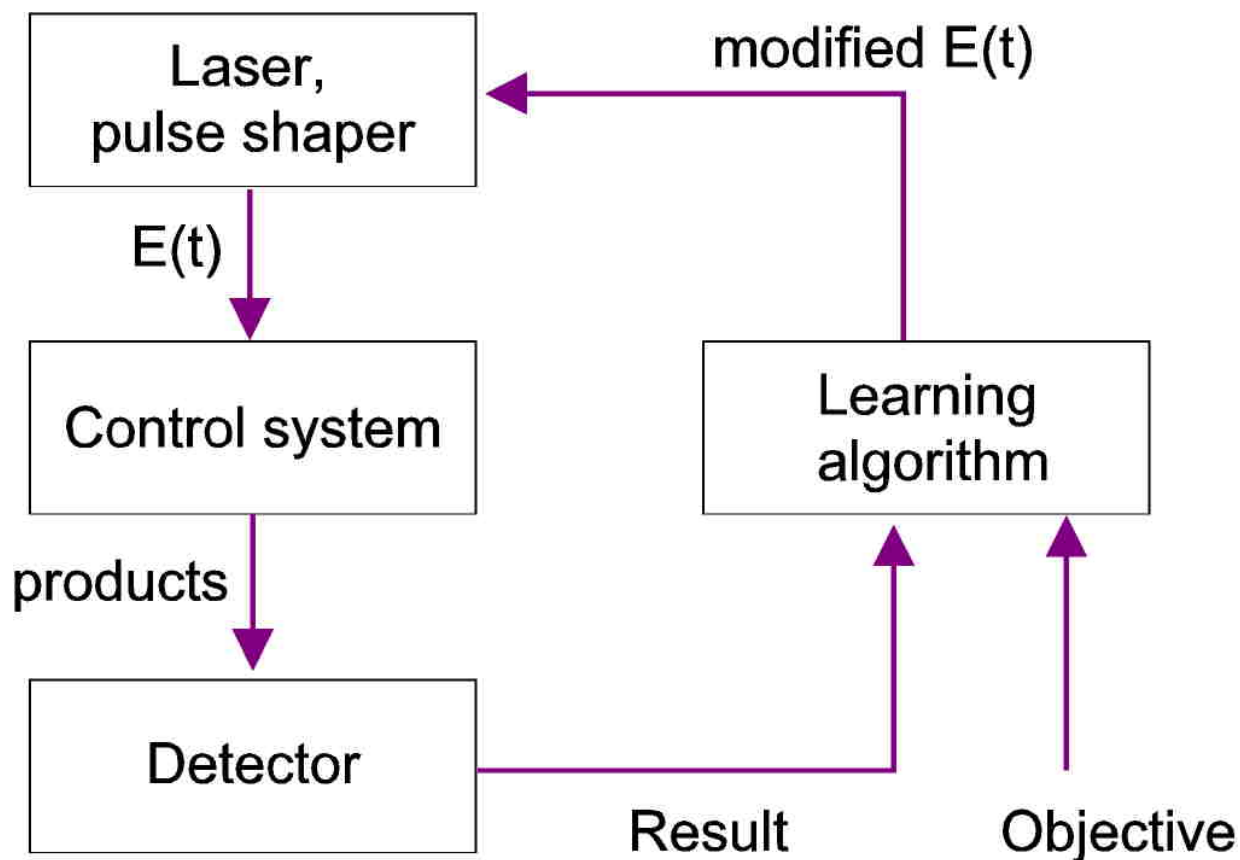
Probability ( $P$ ) of forming a product:

$$P = P_1 + P_3 + 2P_{13}\cos(\phi + \delta_{13})$$



# "teaching lasers to control molecules"

R.S. Judson and H. Rabitz, PRL 68 (1992) 1500



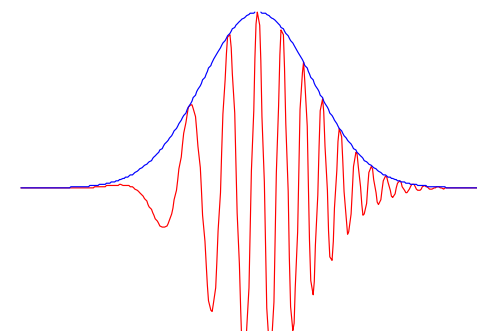
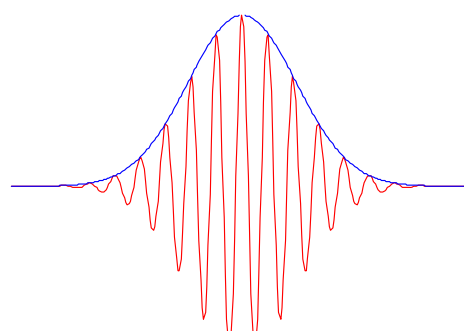
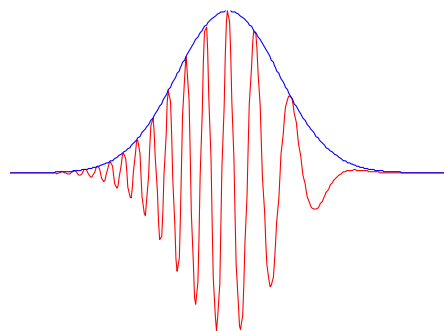


negative  
chirp

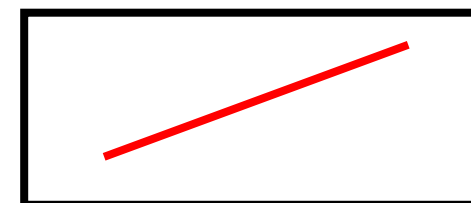
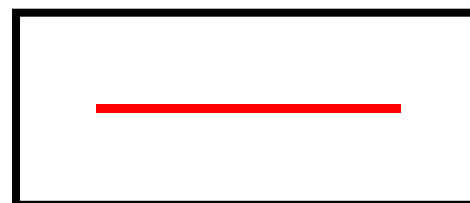
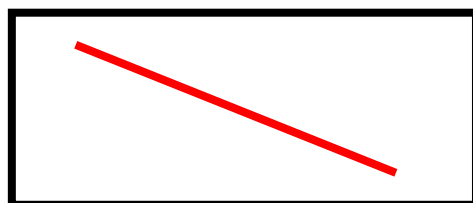
Fourier-  
limited

positive  
chirp

E-field



frequency



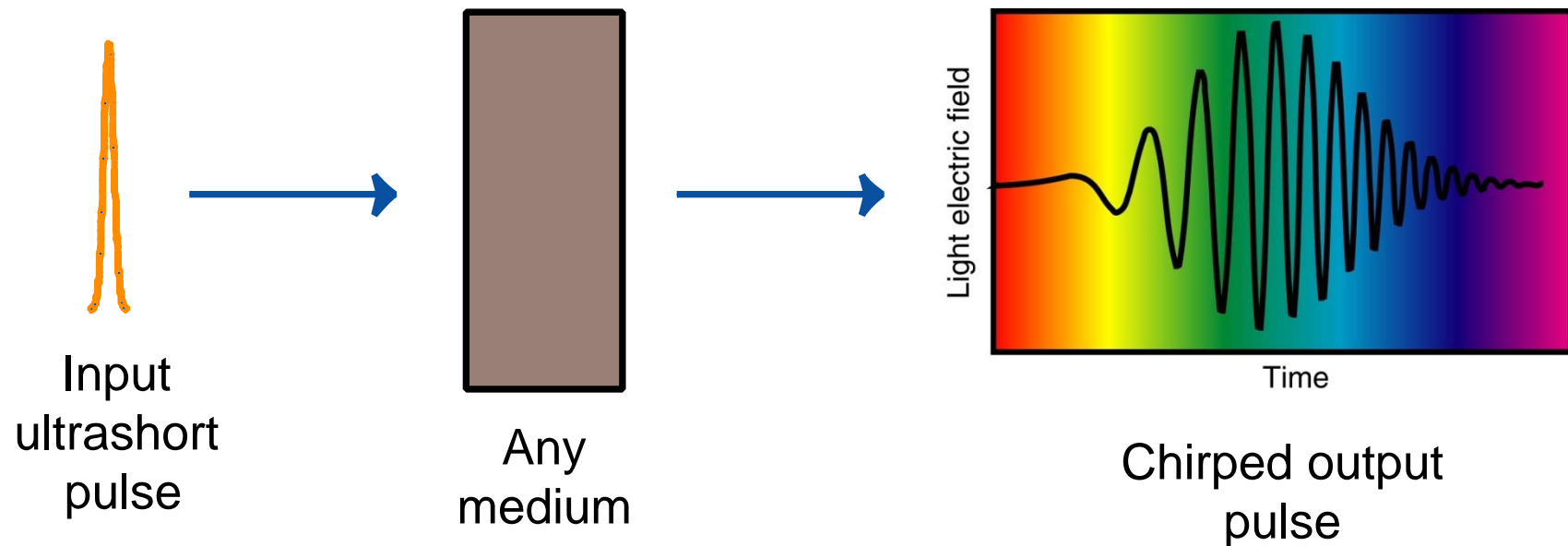
time →

*From R. Trebino, GaTech*



## Simple shaping of fs pulses

Different frequencies travel at different group velocities in materials, causing pulses to expand to highly "chirped" (frequency-swept) pulses.

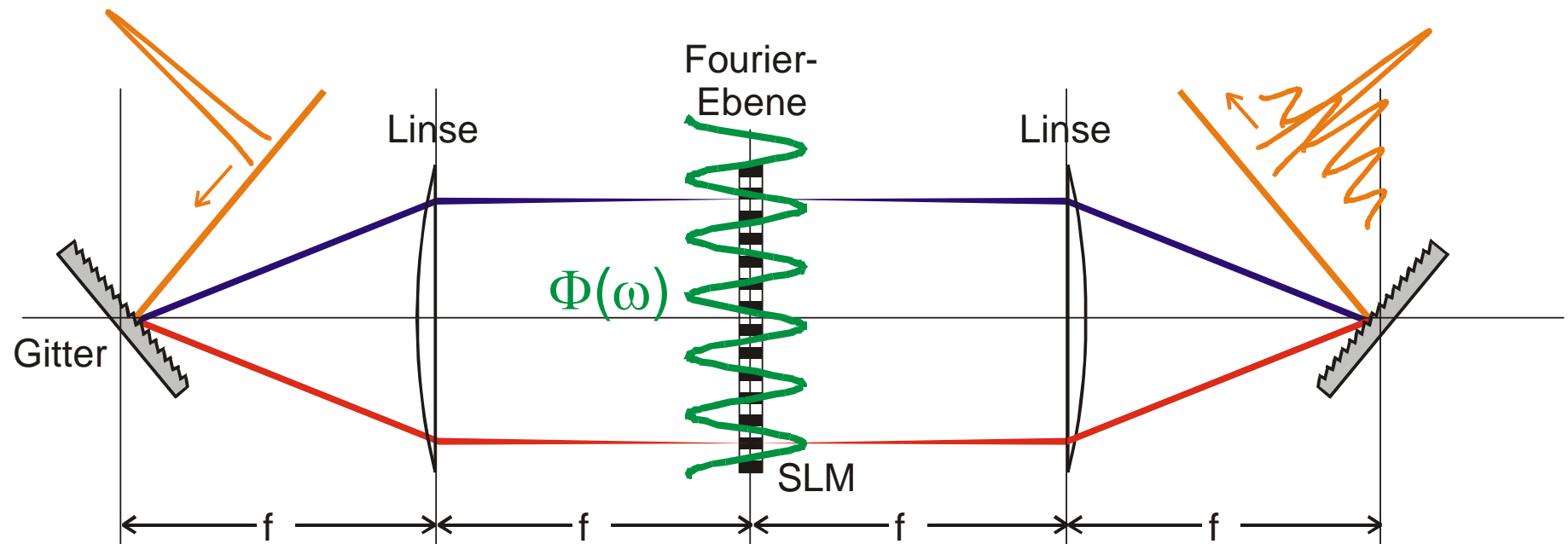


Longer wavelengths almost always travel faster than shorter ones.

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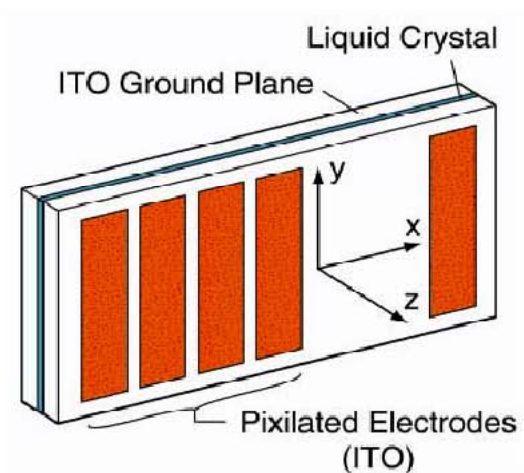
# Shaping of fs-Laser Pulses



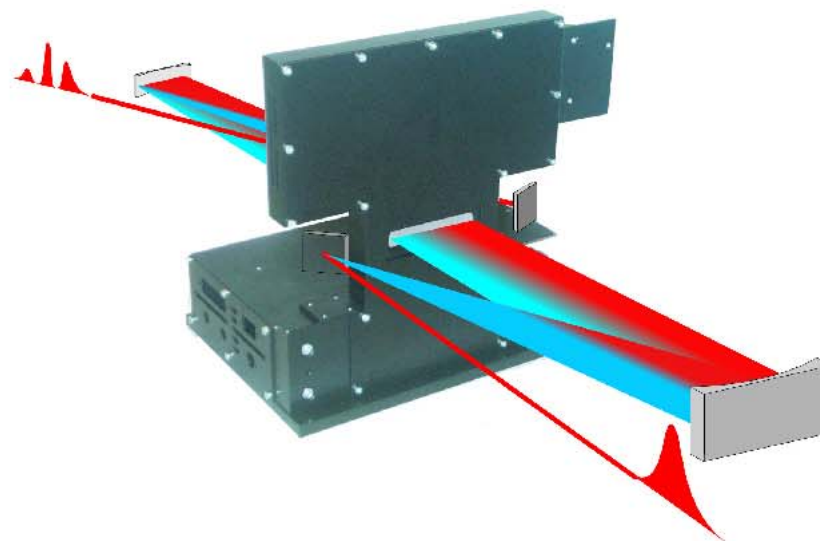
SLM  
640 Pixel

## Liquid crystal spatial light modulator

schematic of liquid crystal



novel shaper with 640 stripes

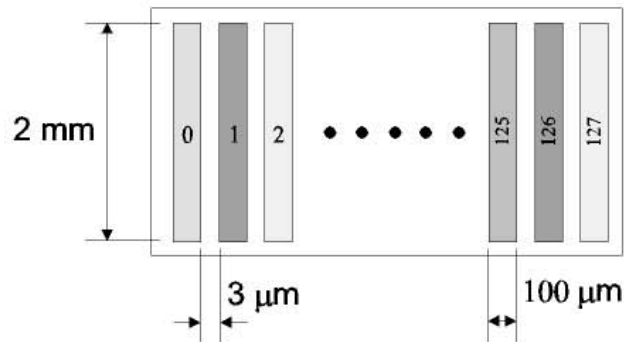


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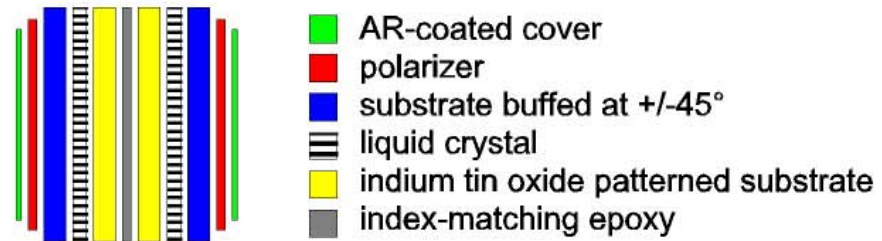
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# Liquid crystal spatial light modulator

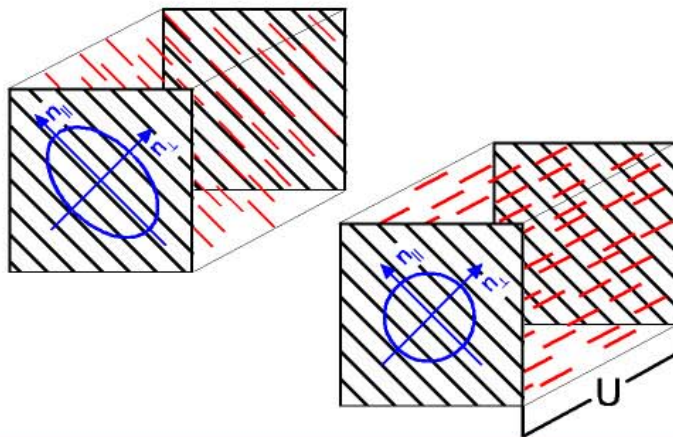
Front view



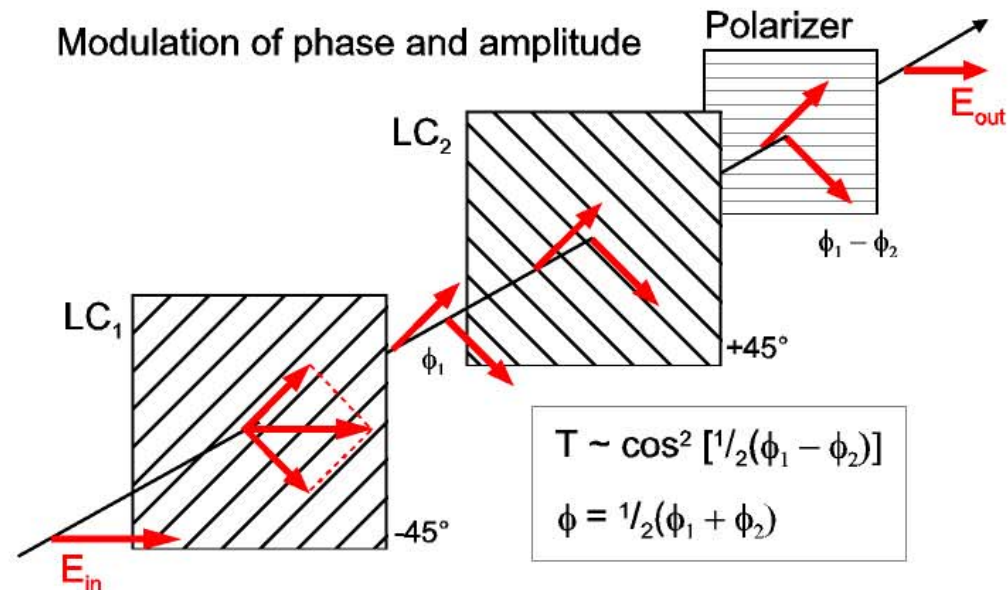
Side view



Electrically induced birefringence



Modulation of phase and amplitude

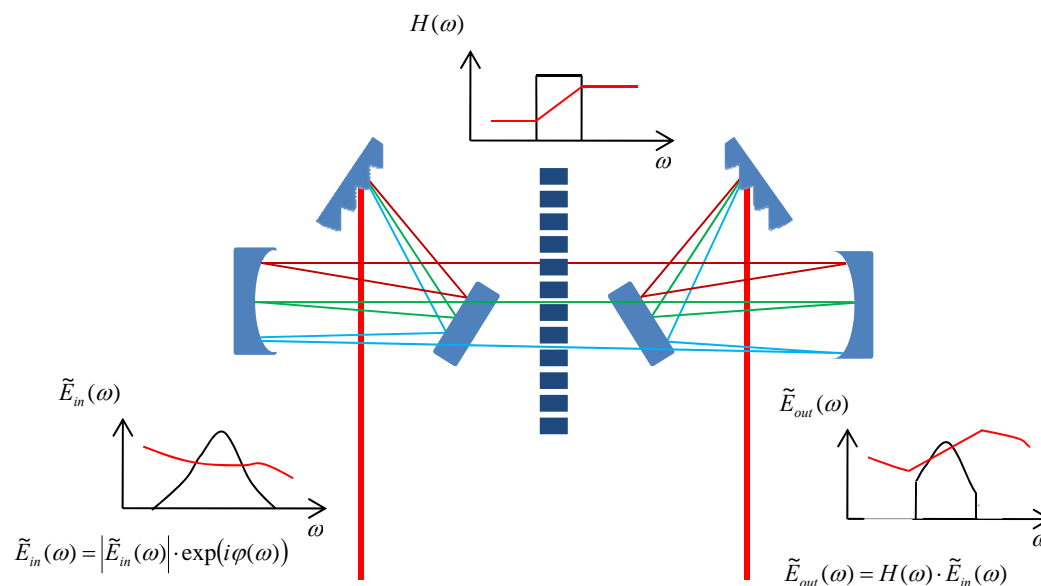






## Principles of pulse shaping (cont'd)

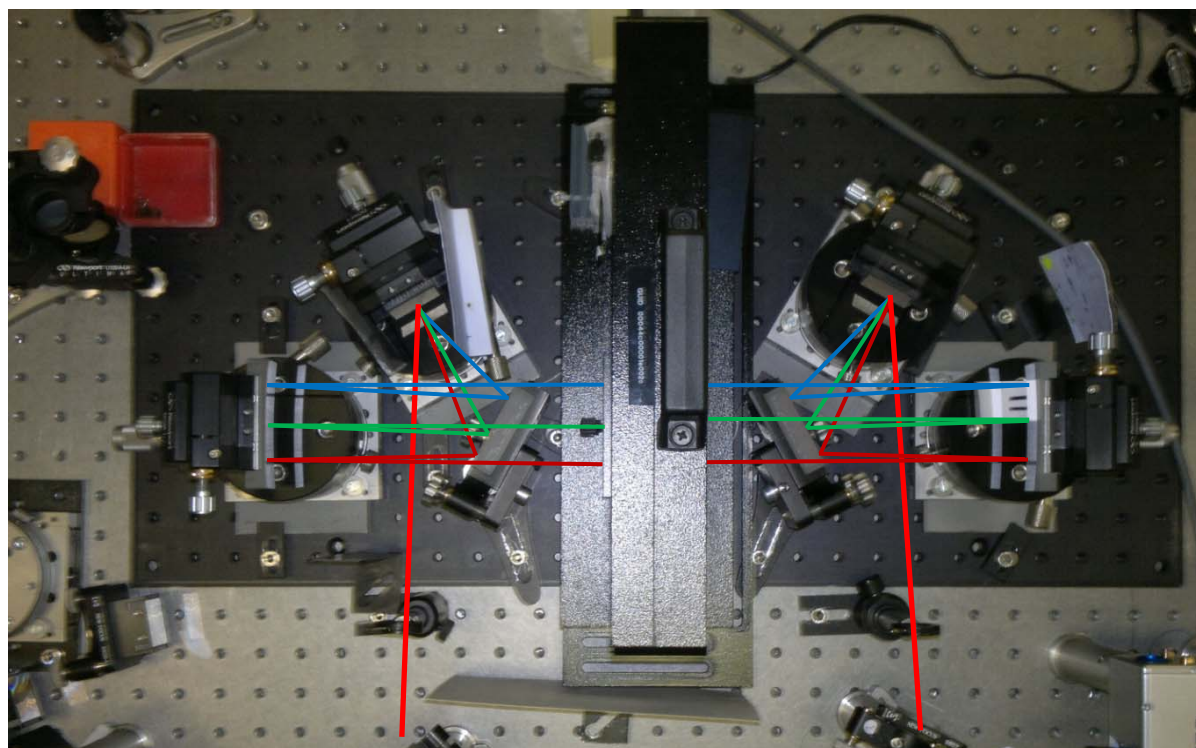
- Singlebeam-CARS uses most often femtosecond laser pulses due to their large bandwidth.
- Pulse shaping cannot be accomplished in the time domain, because no modulator is fast enough.



$H(\omega)$  is a complex mask function, this means amplitude and phase can be controlled.



## Principles of pulse shaping

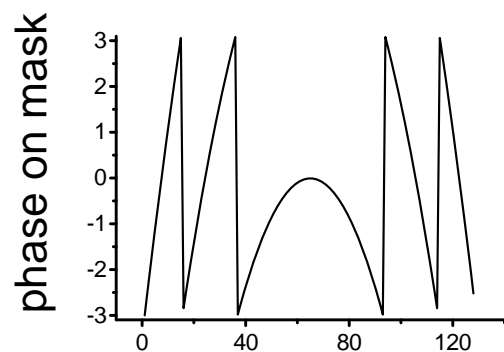


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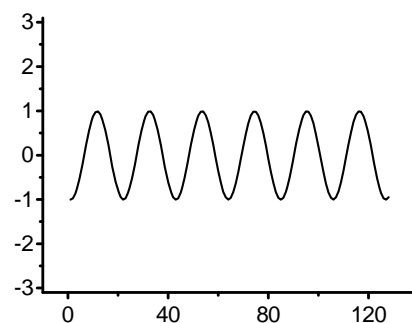
# Parameterization of excitation mechanism



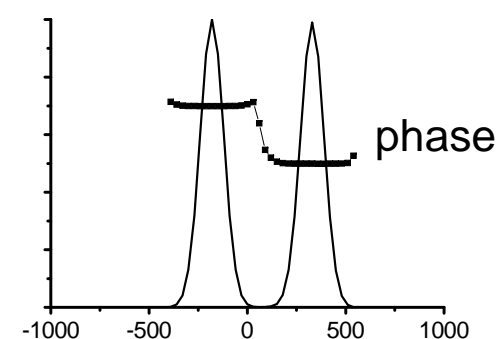
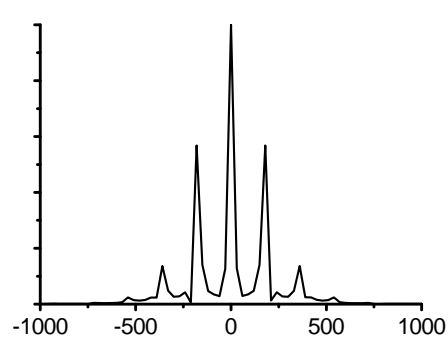
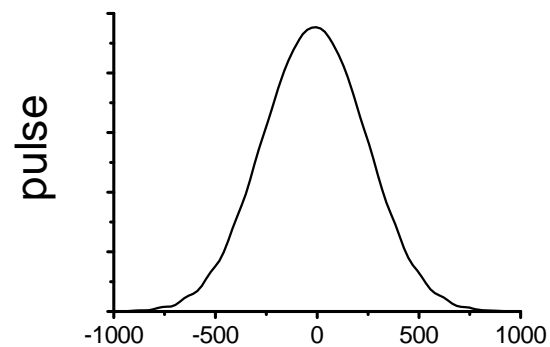
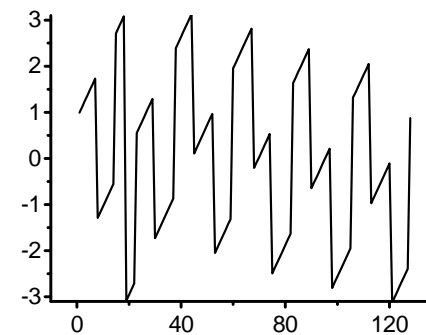
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impulsive



phase-locked

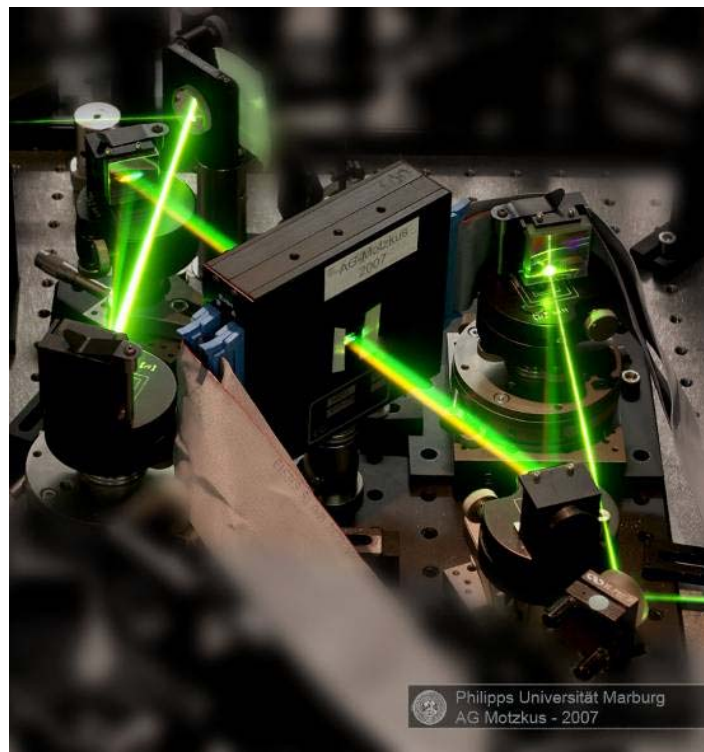


time

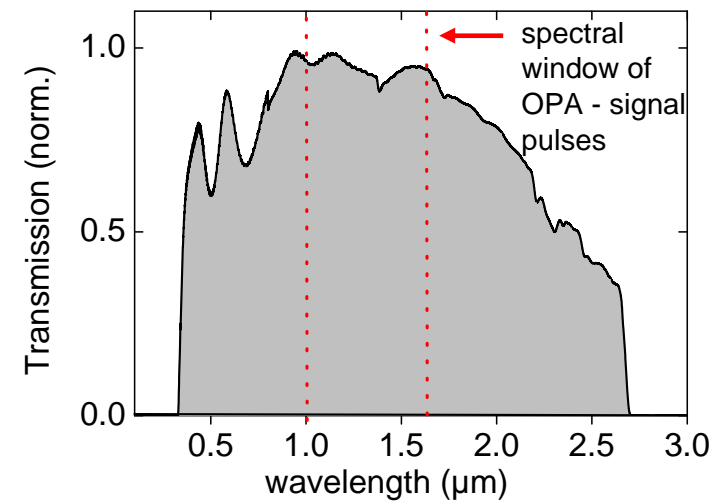


# Spectral range of a liquid crystal mask

NIR / VIS: 4-f-setup



Transmission spectrum of liquid crystal mask CRI-256

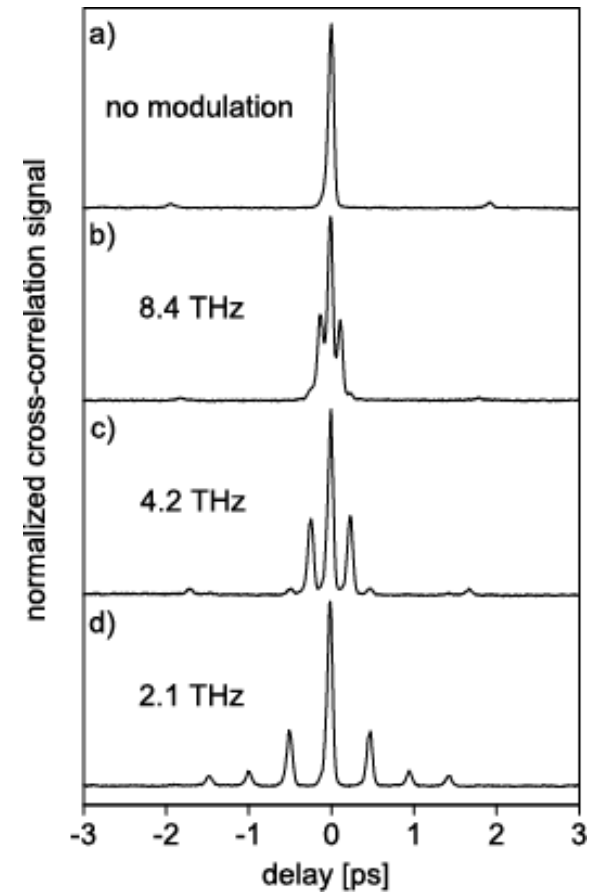
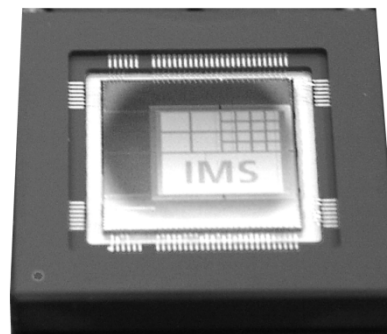
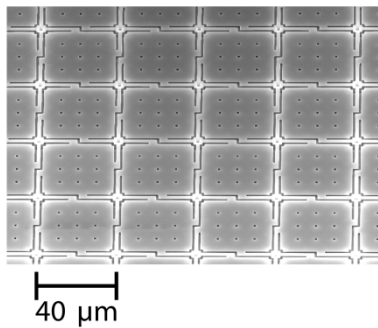
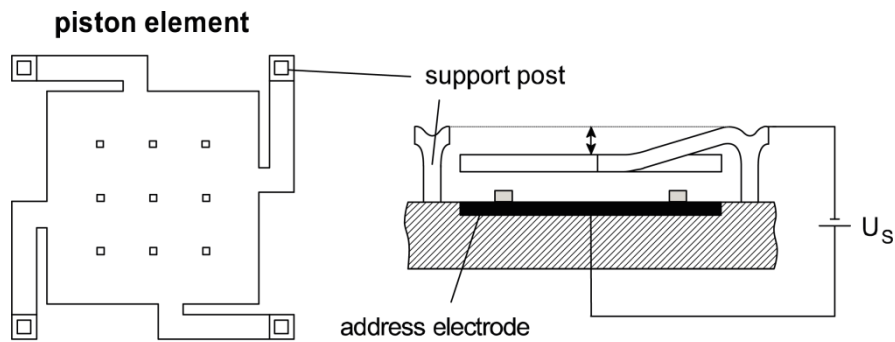


→ No modulation of pulses in the UV and mid IR



# Direct UV shaping

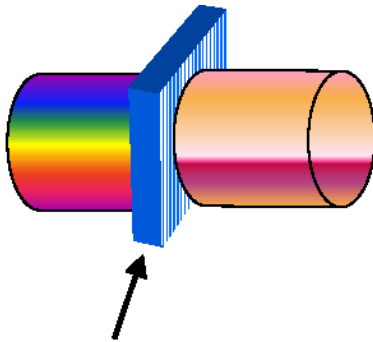
## Micromirror SLM



*Appl. Phys. B* **76** (2003) 711; *JOSA B* **26** (2009) 1538

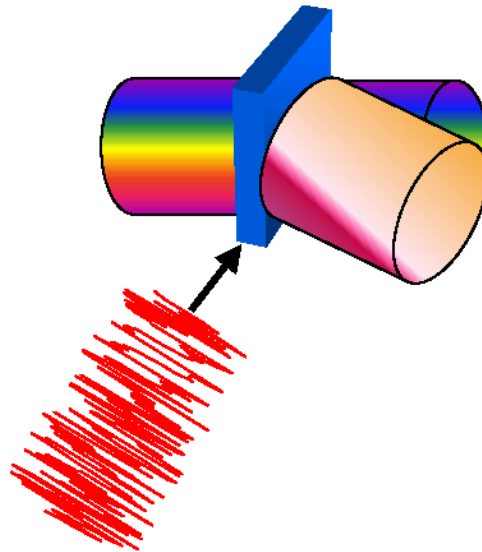
# Methods of pulse shaping

Liquid-crystal modulator



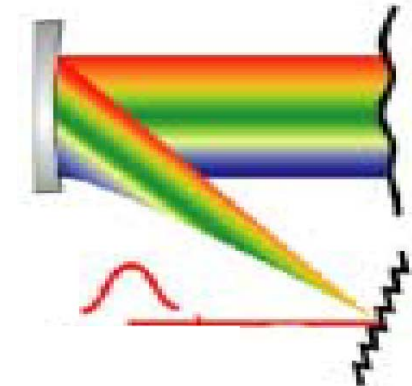
Individually-addressed pixels can vary phase or amplitude

Acousto-optic modulator



Modulated rf field creates an amplitude- and phase-dependent grating

Deformable mirror



Array of movable elements allows phase variations of spectral components

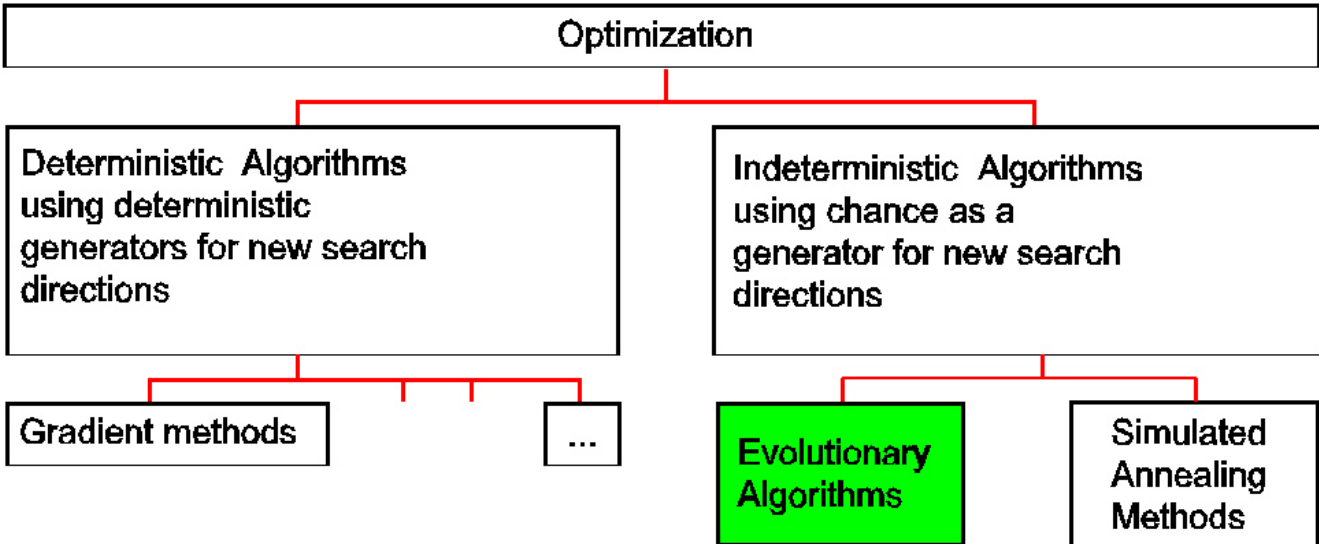
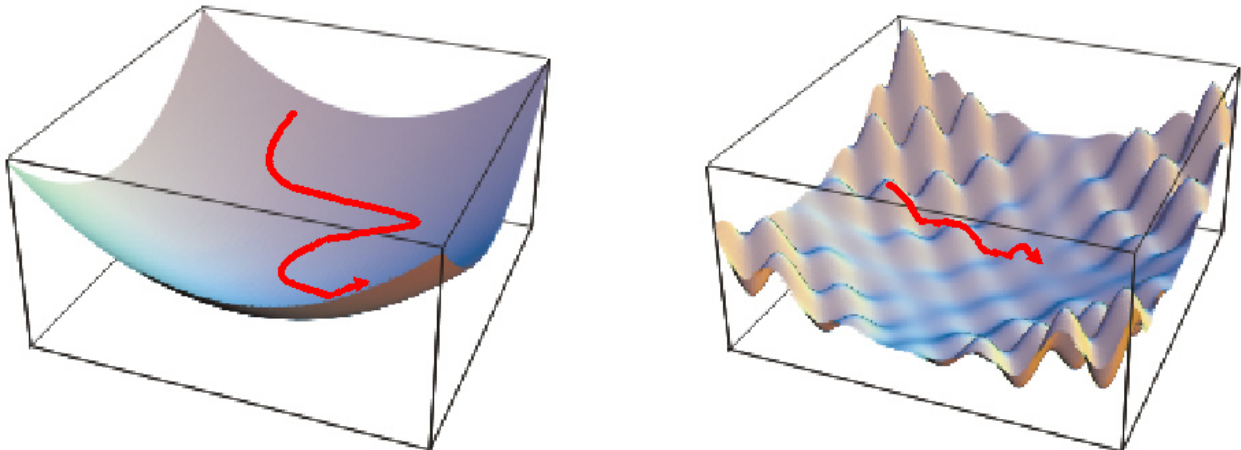
Review: "Femtosecond pulse shaping using spatial light modulators"  
A. M. Weiner, *Rev. Sci. Instr.* **71** (2000) 1929-1960

Tutorial: "A newcomer's guide to ultrashort pulse shaping and characterization"  
A Monmayrant et al., *J Phys B - Atom Mol Opt Phys* **43** (2010) 103001

# Complex fs-pulse shaping techniques

<b>Pulse shaper</b>	<b>LCD</b>	<b>AOM</b>	<b>AOPDF</b>	<b>Def. Mirror</b>
<b>Modulation</b>	Phase, amplitude and polarization	Phase and amplitude	Phase, amplitude and (polarization?)	Phase only
<b>Pixels</b>	128 (650)	1800	450	continuous (16 stamps)
<b>Transmission</b>	70 %	30 %	30 %	95 %
<b>Waveform update Rate</b>	10 Hz	100 kHz	100 kHz	few 10 Hz
<b>Group-delay range</b>	4 ps	3 ps	3 ps	few 5 fs
<b>Additional imposed chirp</b>	Negligible (reflective optics)	270000 fs <sup>2</sup>	12500 fs <sup>2</sup>	No chirp

# Optimization Algorithms

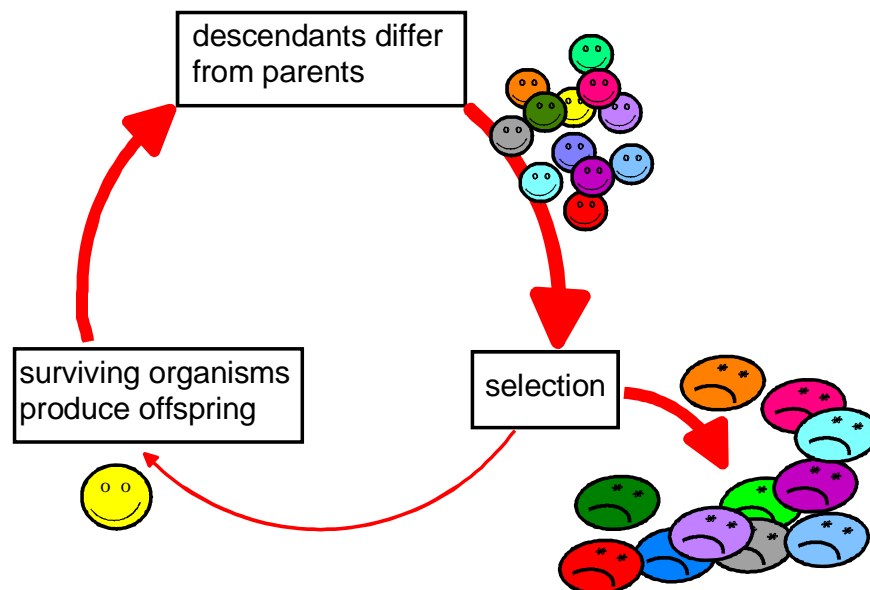






# Evolutionary Algorithms

"survival of the fittest"



Chromosome : vector of numbers

... 1.35 0.83 6.22 9.25 2.76 3.28 4.59 3.47 2.39 5.10 ...

Recombination : multiple cross-over

... 1.35 0.83 6.22 9.25 2.76 3.28 4.59 3.47 2.39 5.10 ...

... 6.34 7.53 9.44 2.98 6.31 0.11 1.52 8.55 8.25 4.72 ...

→ ... 1.35 7.53 6.22 9.25 6.31 0.11 1.52 3.47 8.25 4.72 ...

also possible : intermediary recombination

Mutation : Change the value of a vector element

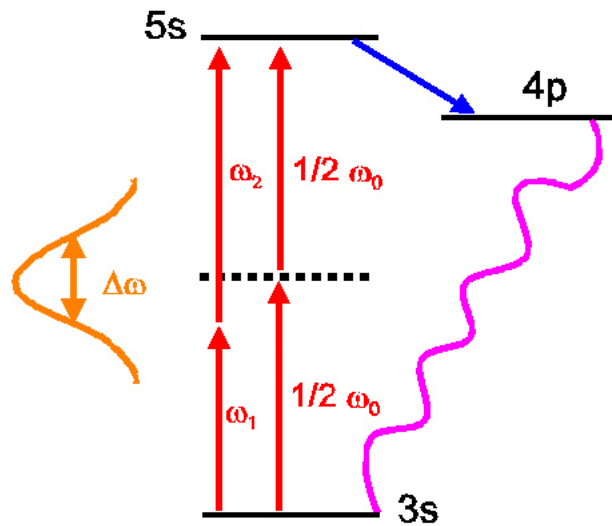
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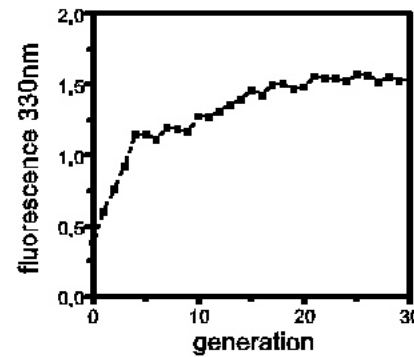
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## Coherent control of two photon transition

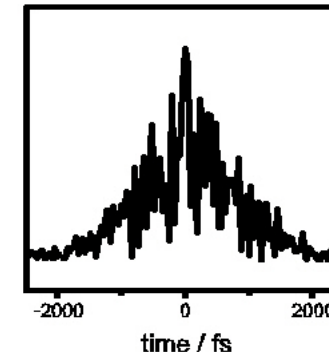
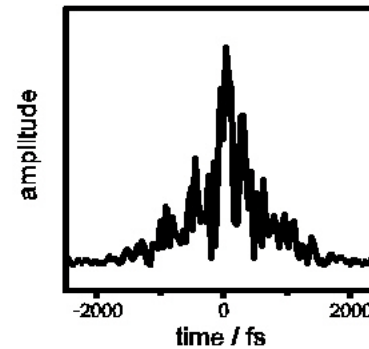
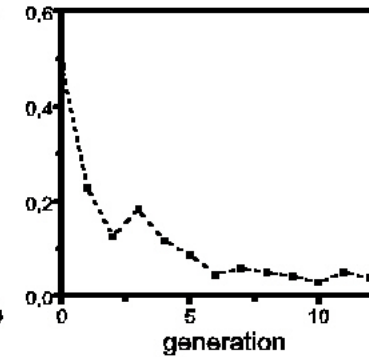
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Maximization



Minimization

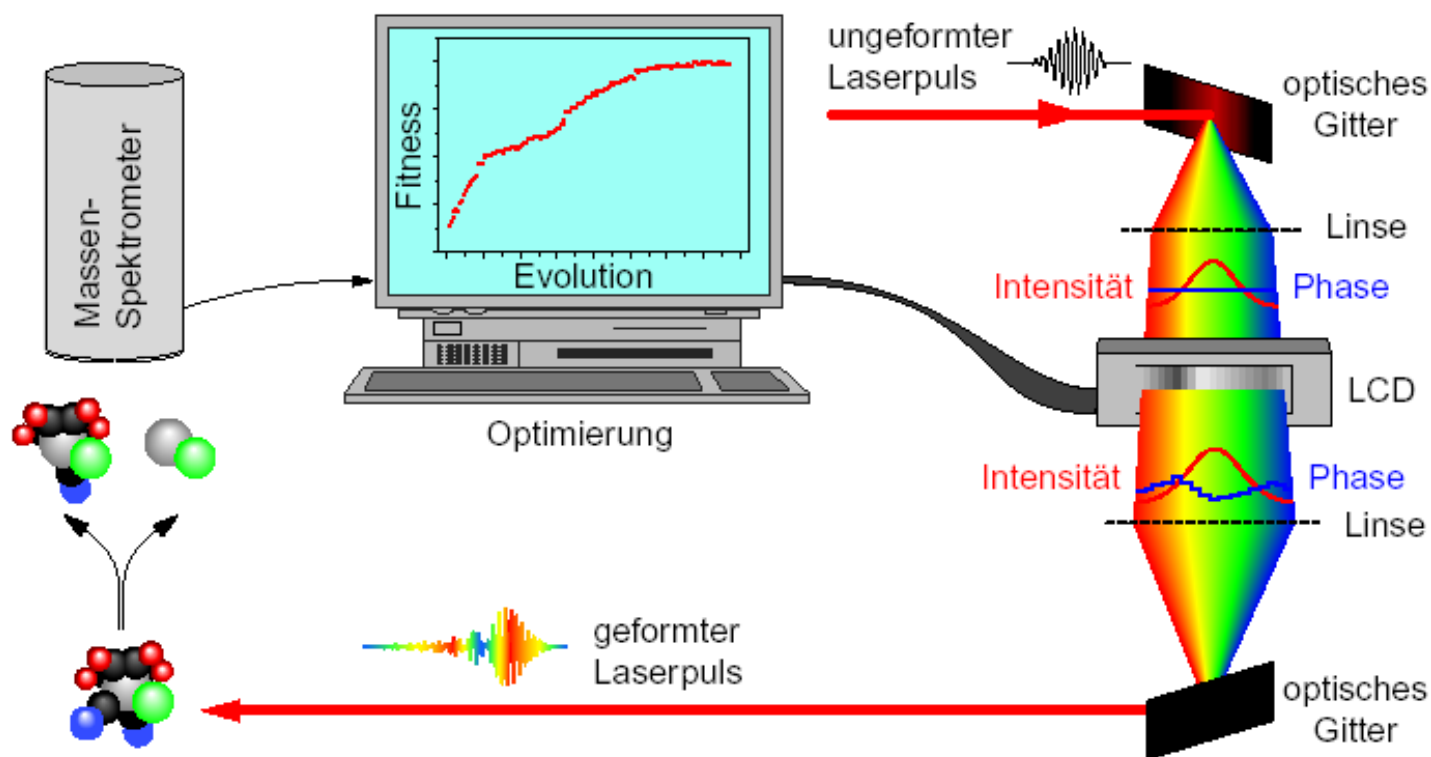


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See also Silberberg group, e.g. Nature 396 (1998)

# Control of Chemical Reactions by Feedback-Optimized Phase-Shaped Femtosecond Laser Pulses

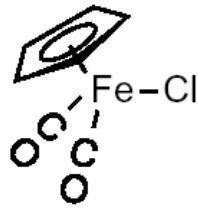
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V. Seyfried, M. Strehle, G. Gerber



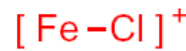
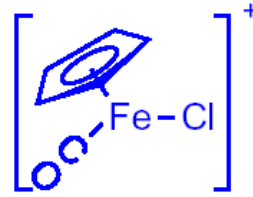
# Control of photofragmentation, cont.

Ausgangsstoff

Cyclopentadienyl-Eisen-dicarbonyl-chlorid



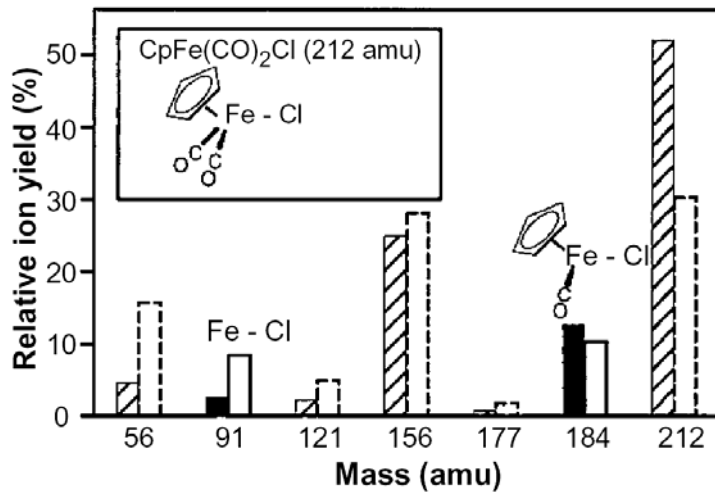
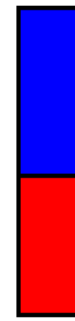
Endprodukte



Produktausbeuten

4,9 : 1

1,2 : 1



Zeit



optimierter Laserpuls  
(Produktverhältnis maximal)

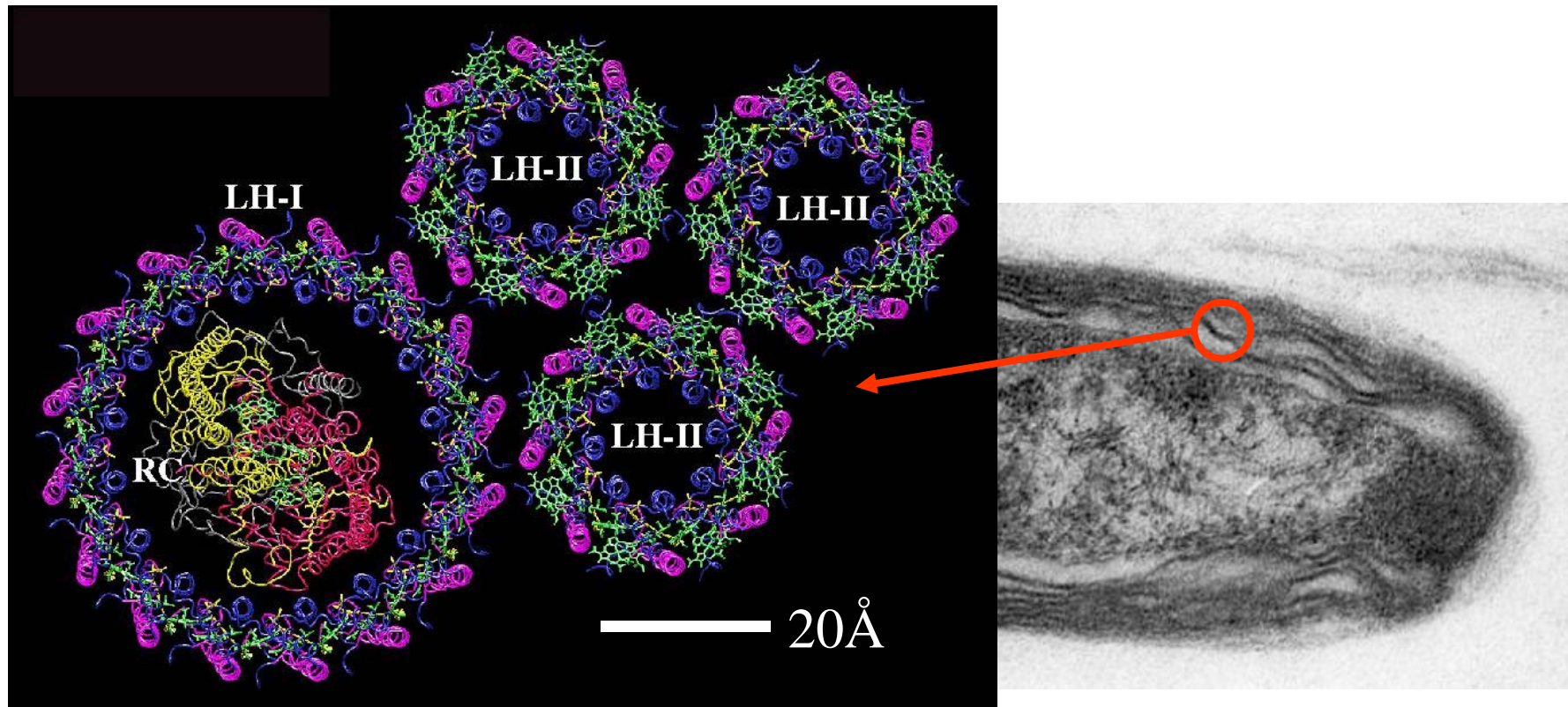
optimierter Laserpuls  
(Produktverhältnis minimal)

Changing the pulse shape  
changes the product ratio

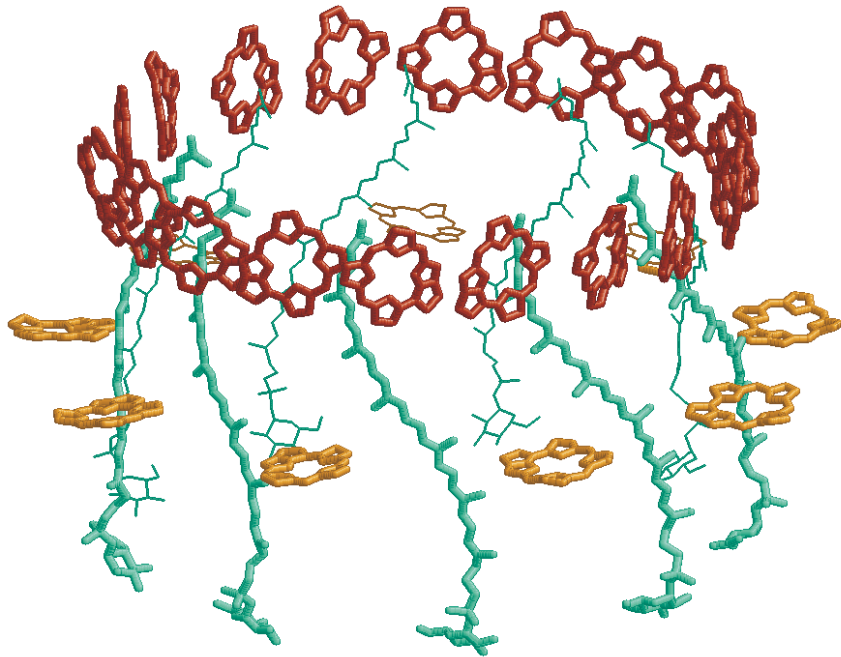
# Photosynthetic purple bacteria



*Light harvesting + reaction center unit*



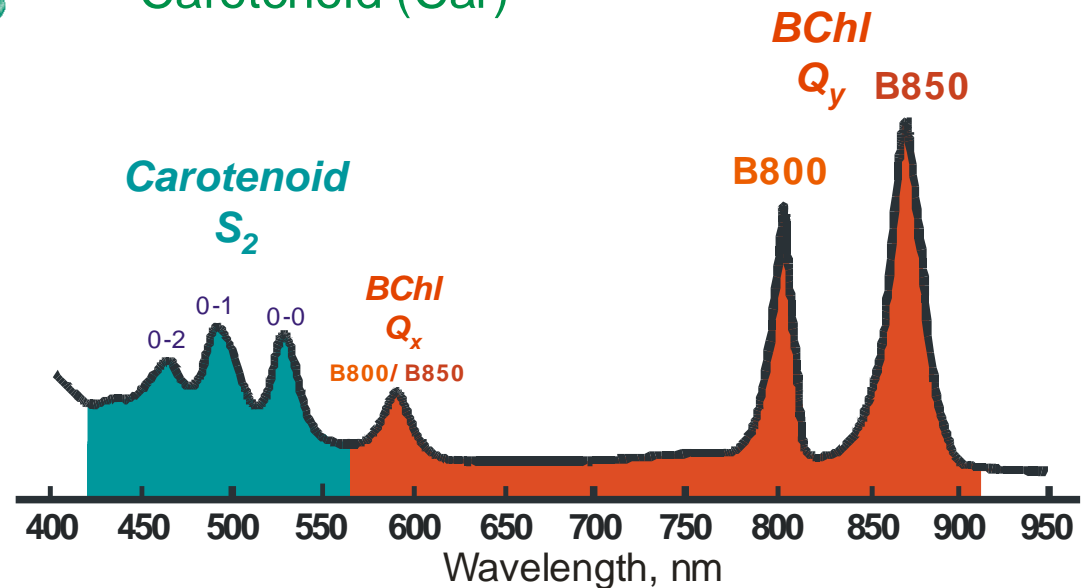
# LH2 from *Rps. acidophila*



B850 Bacteriochlorophyll (BChl)

B800 BChl

Rhodopin glucoside  
Carotenoid (Car)

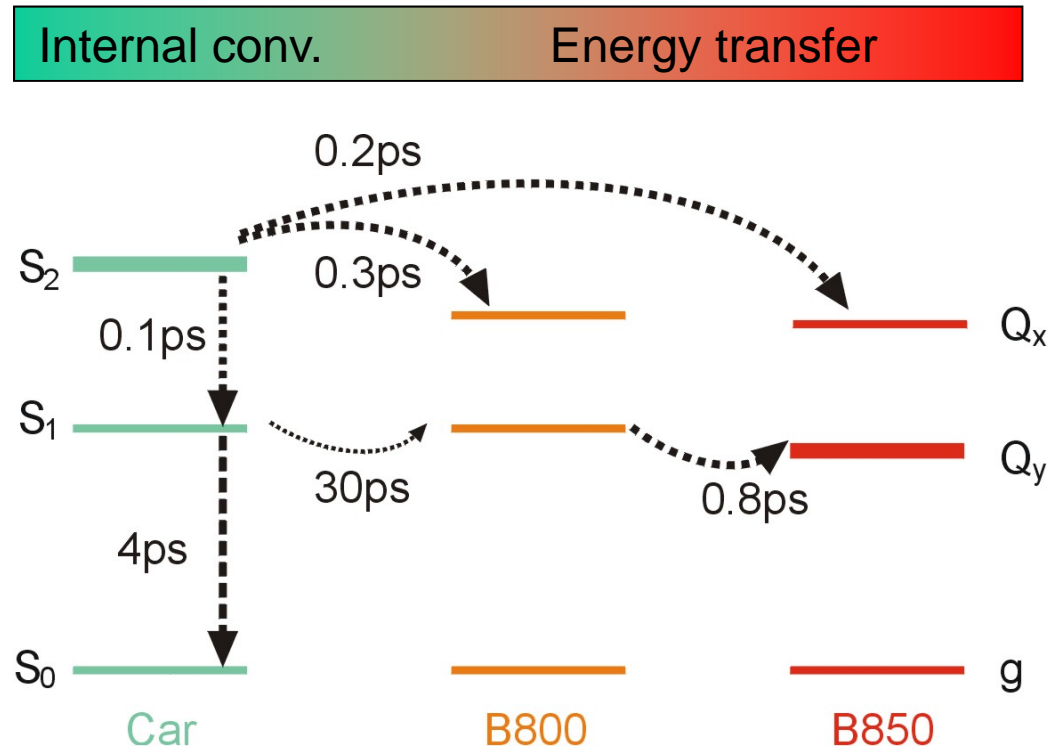
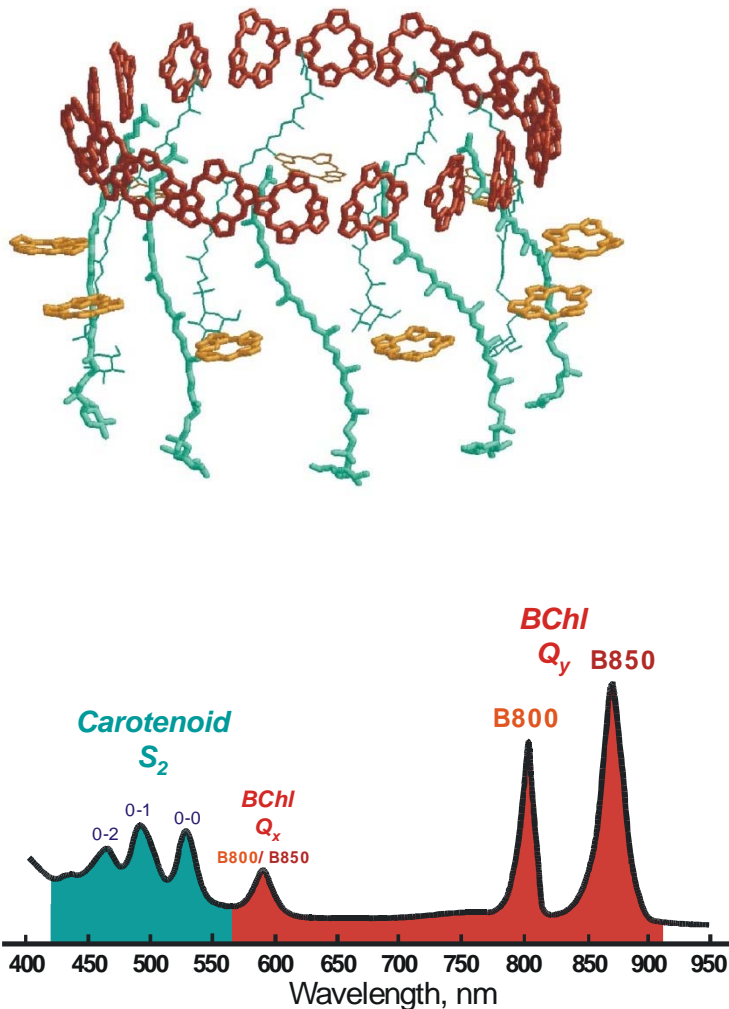


Collaboration with  
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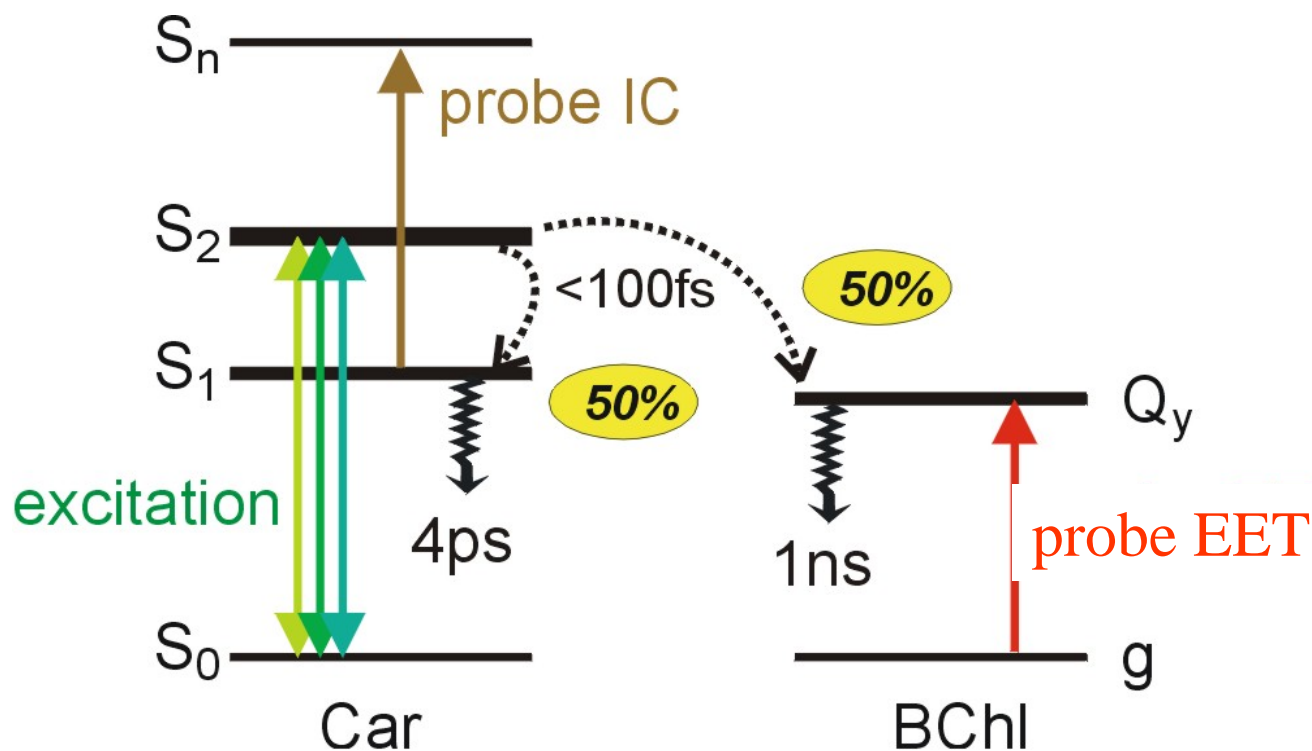
# LH2 of *Rps. Acidophila* - Standard model



Polivka & Sundström, *Chem. Rev.* (2004)



## Competing deactivation IC-EET

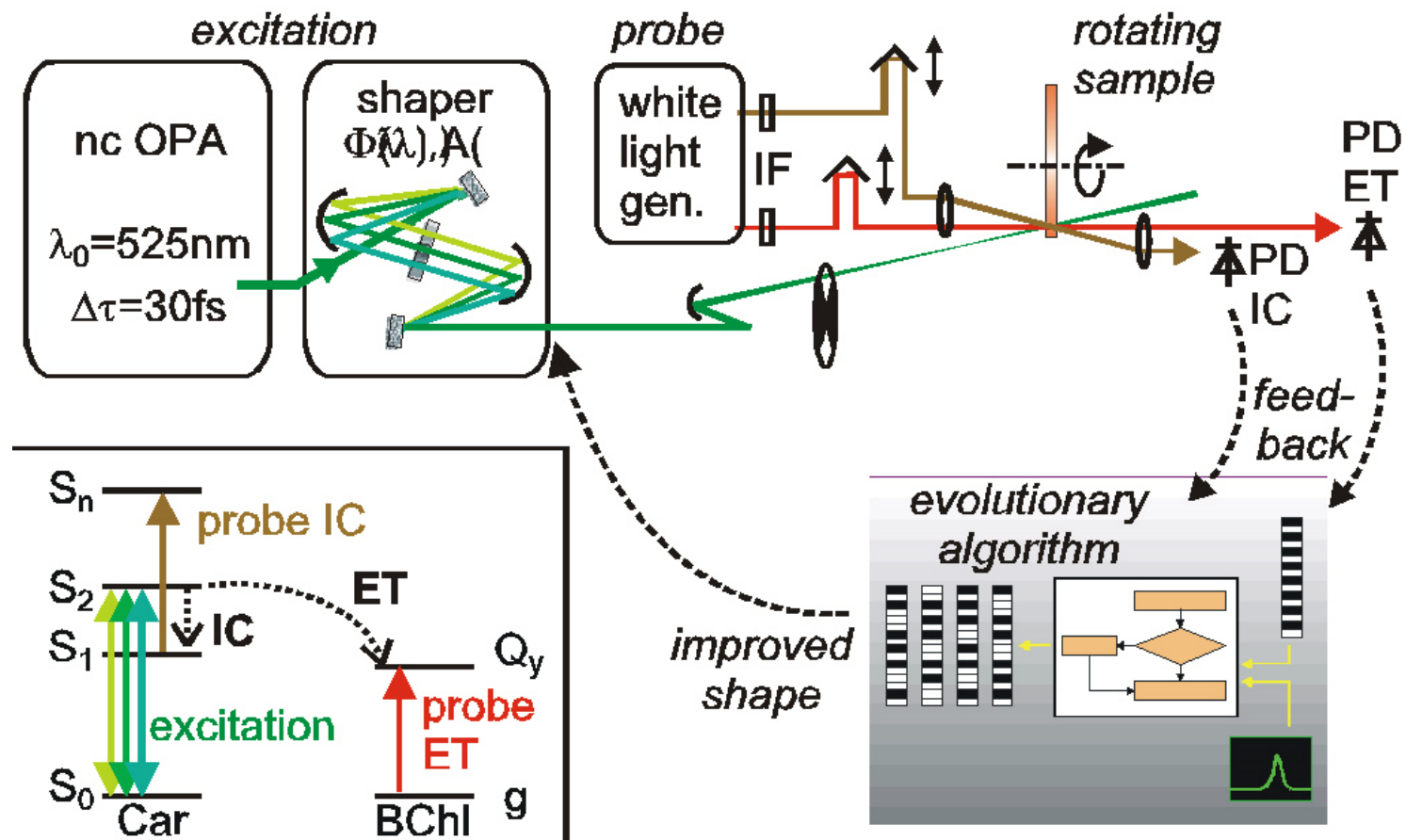


- Significant loss channel IC
- Negligible cross talk IC-EET
- Energy funnel precludes back transfer





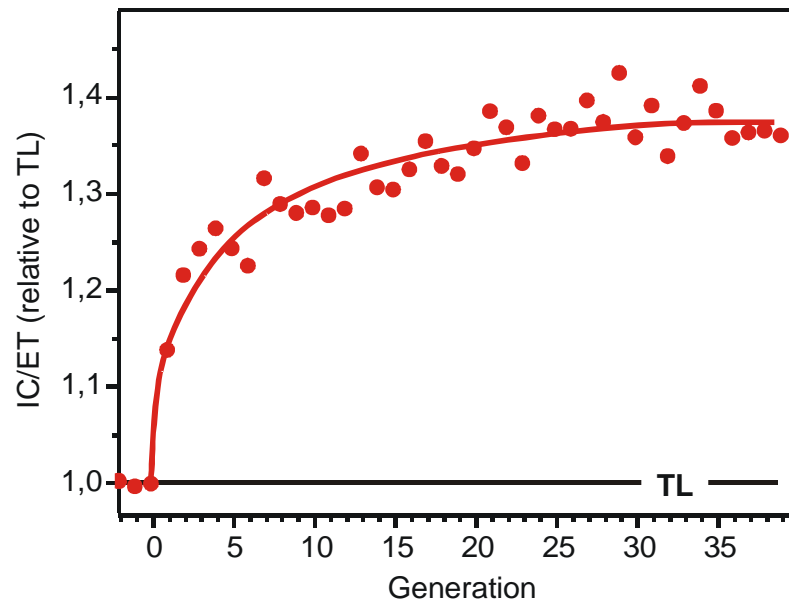
# Closed-loop approach on LH2



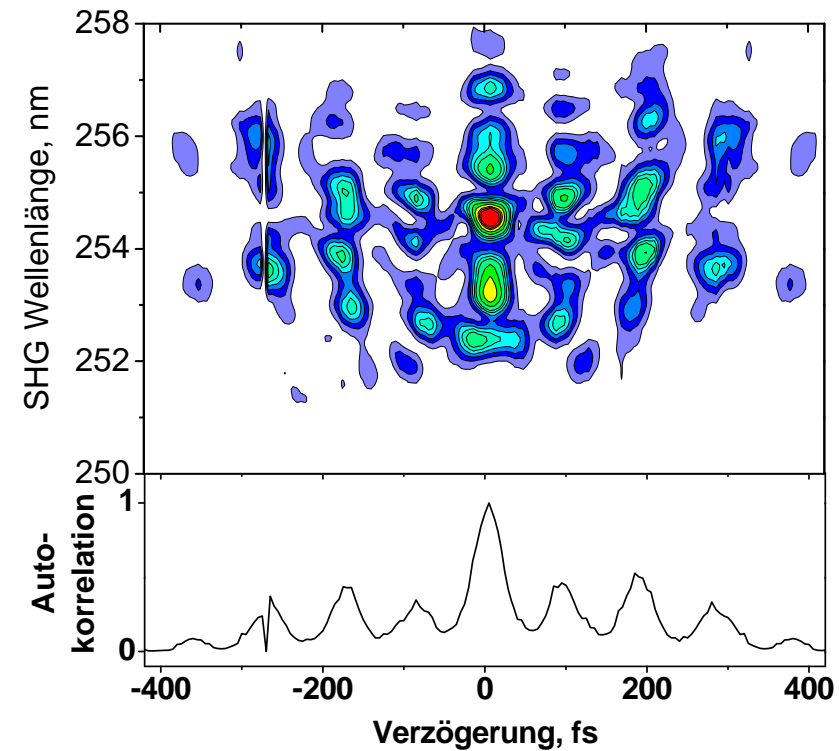


# 64-parameter optimisation of IC/EET

Convergence curve



Optimal pulse FROG trace



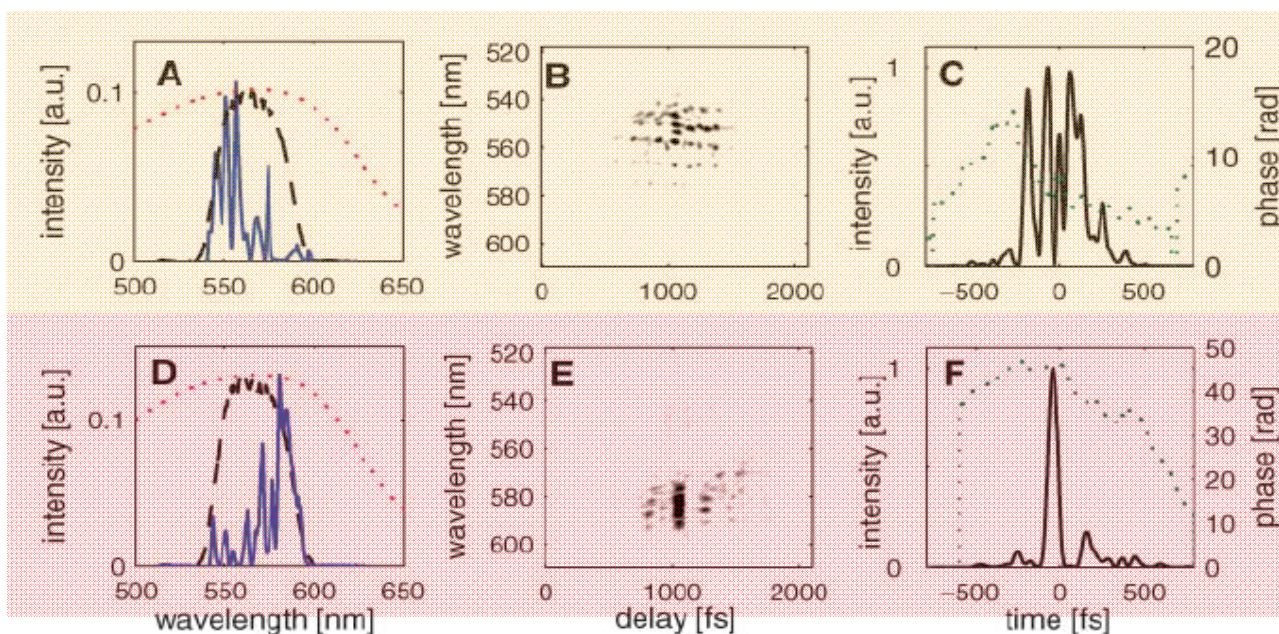
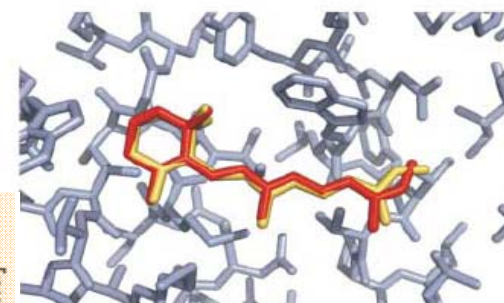
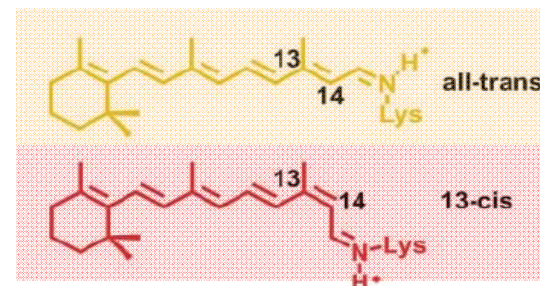
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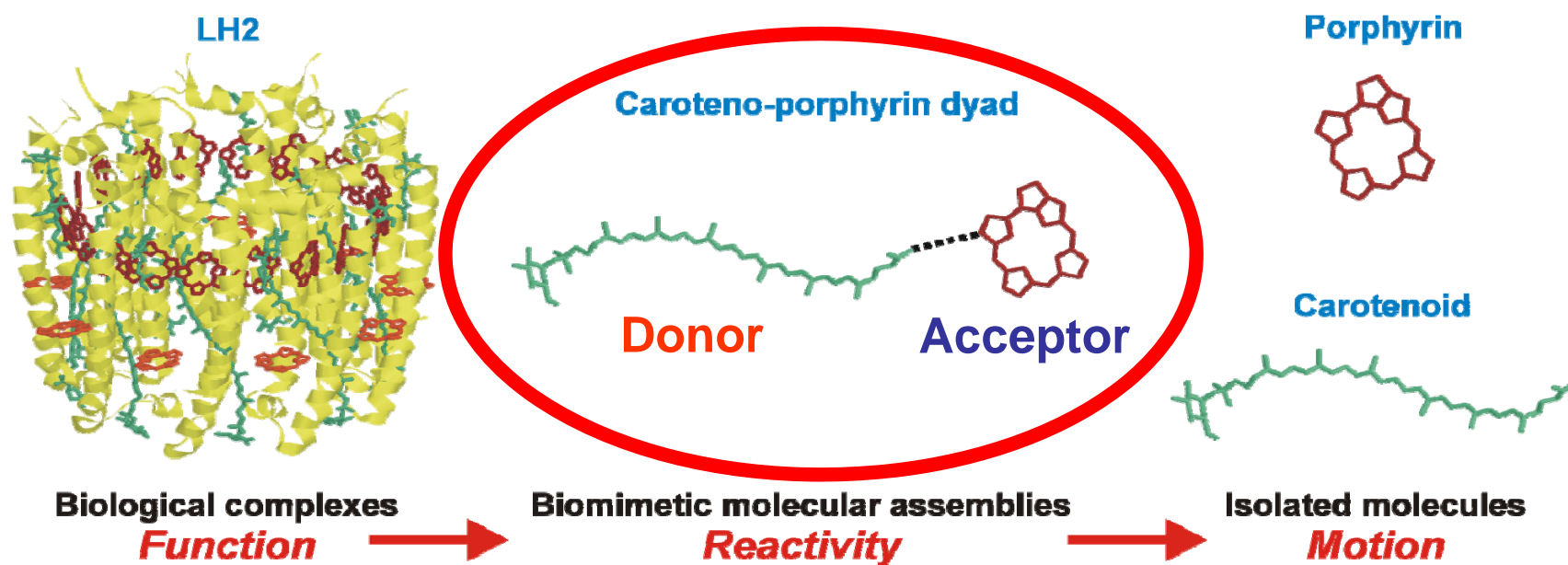
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# Reducing the complexity

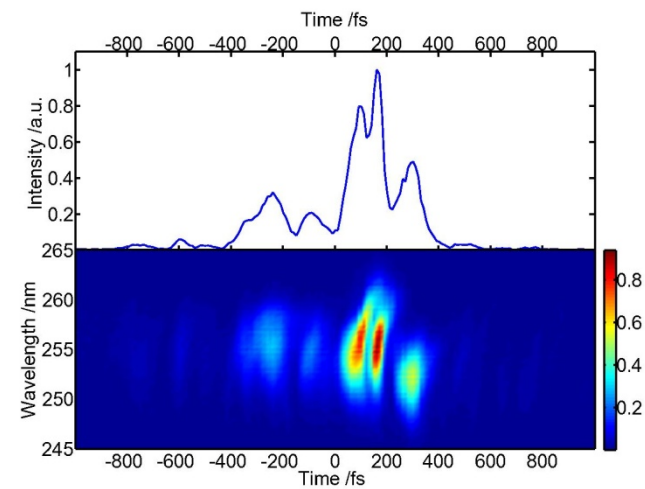
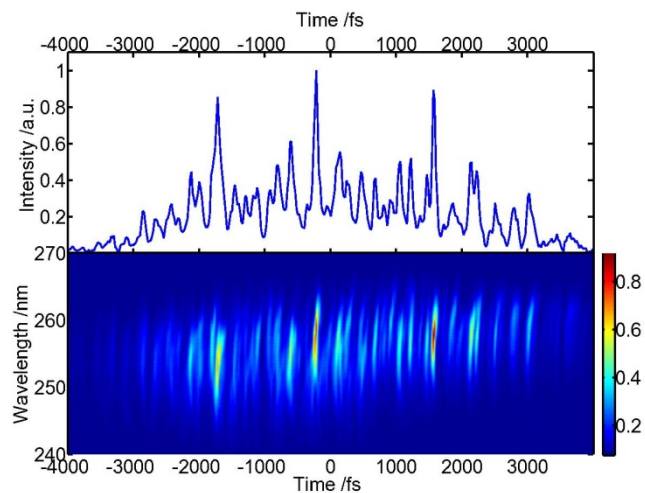
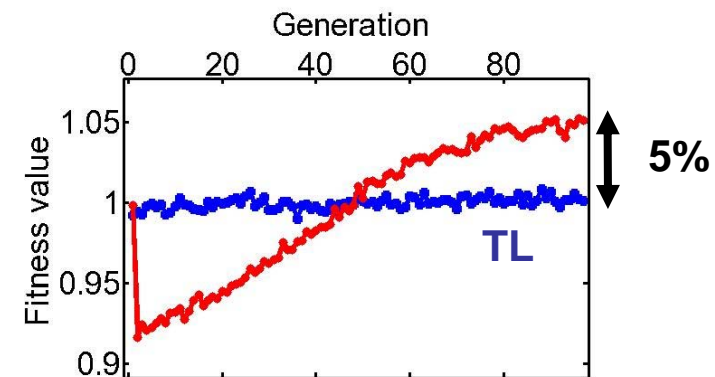
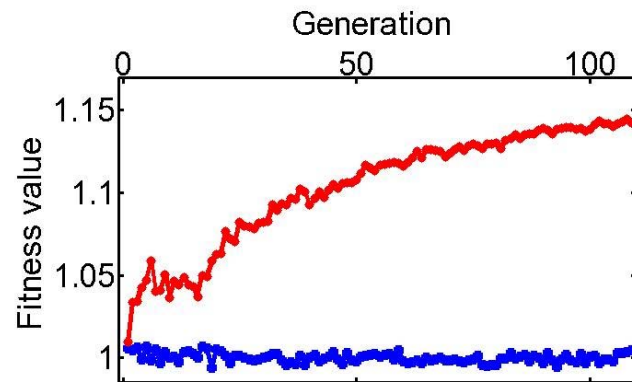




# Control of Dyad complex

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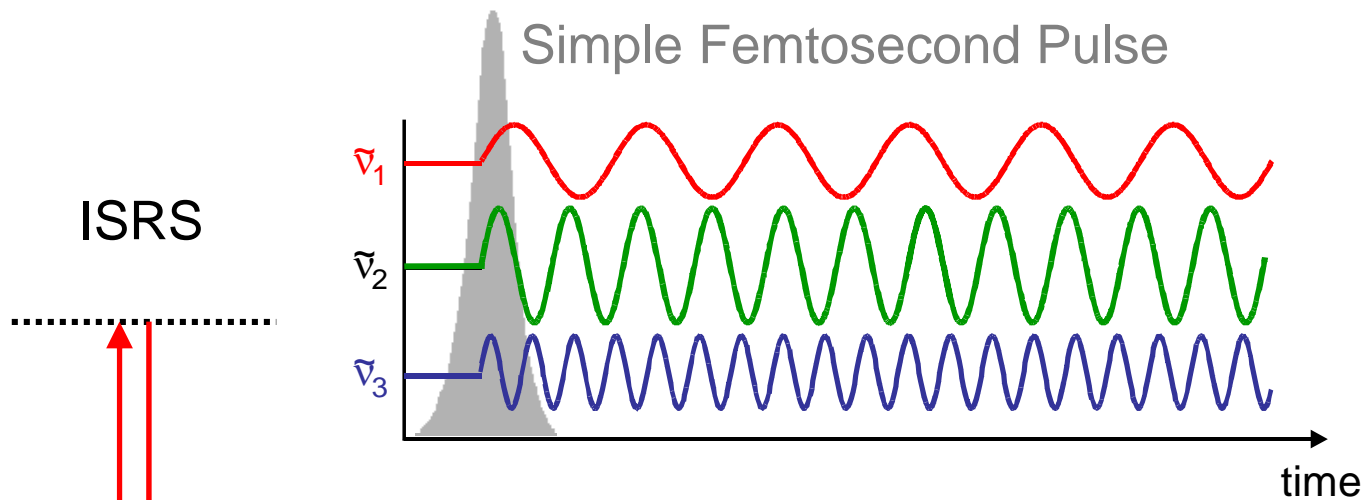


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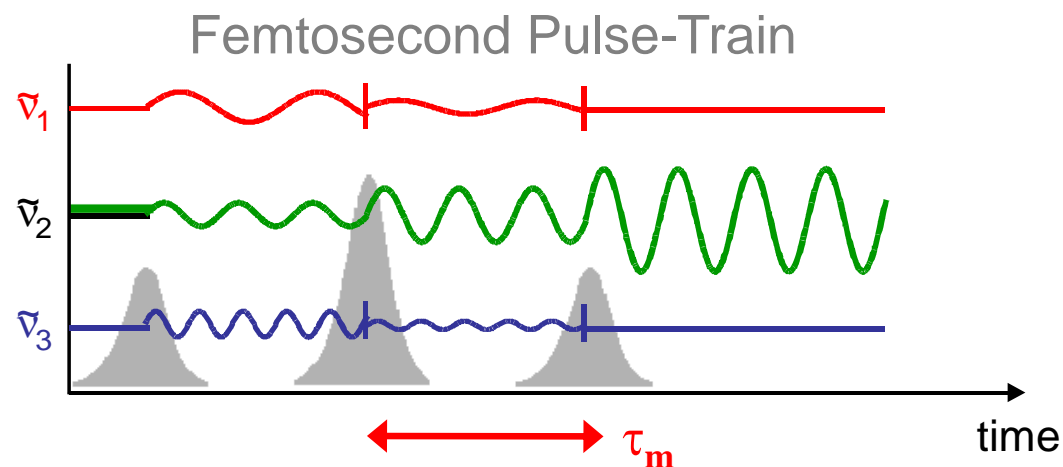
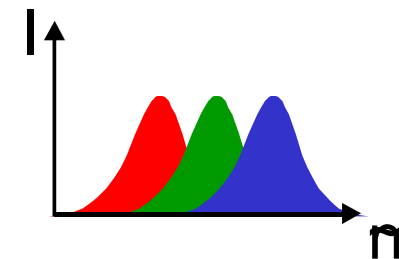
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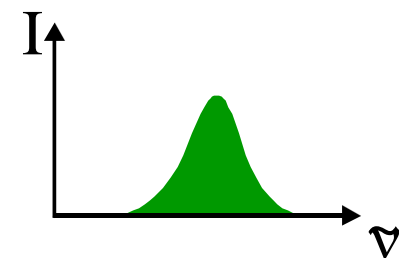
# Multipulses: Impulsive stimulated Raman scattering



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excitation

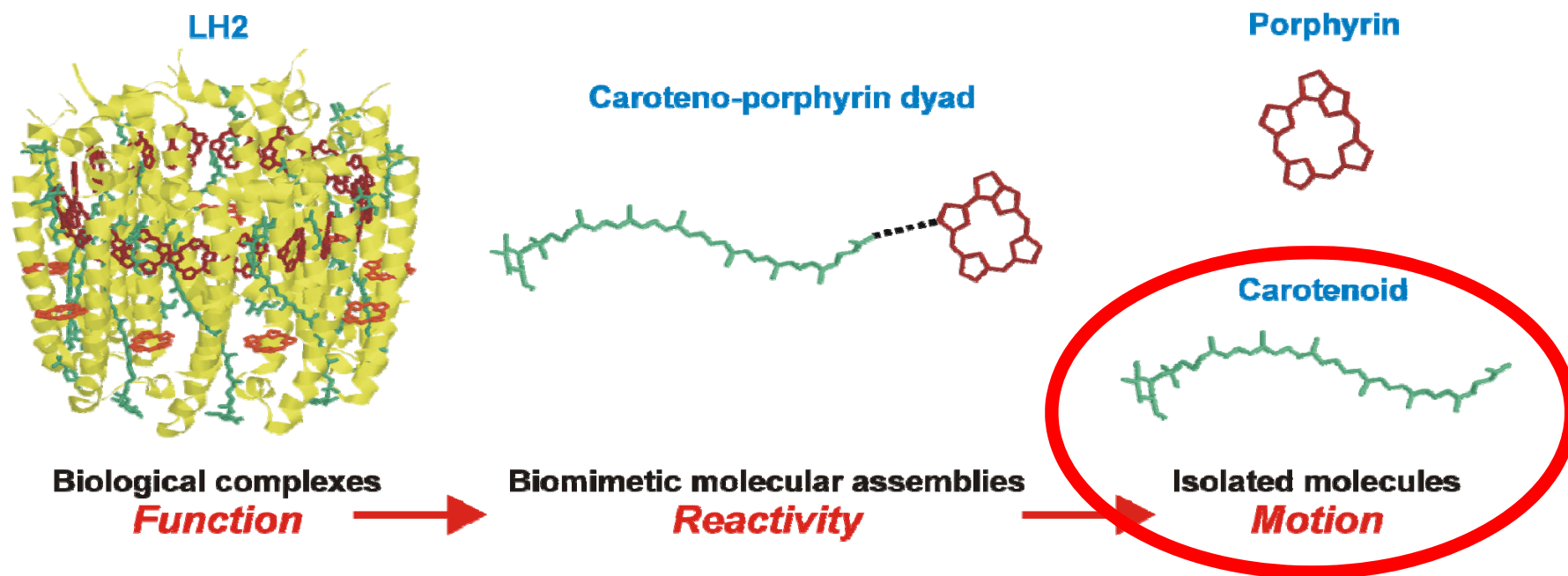


Selective  
Raman excitation



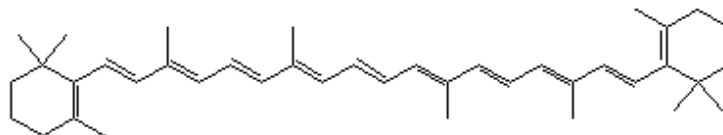


# Further reduction of complexity

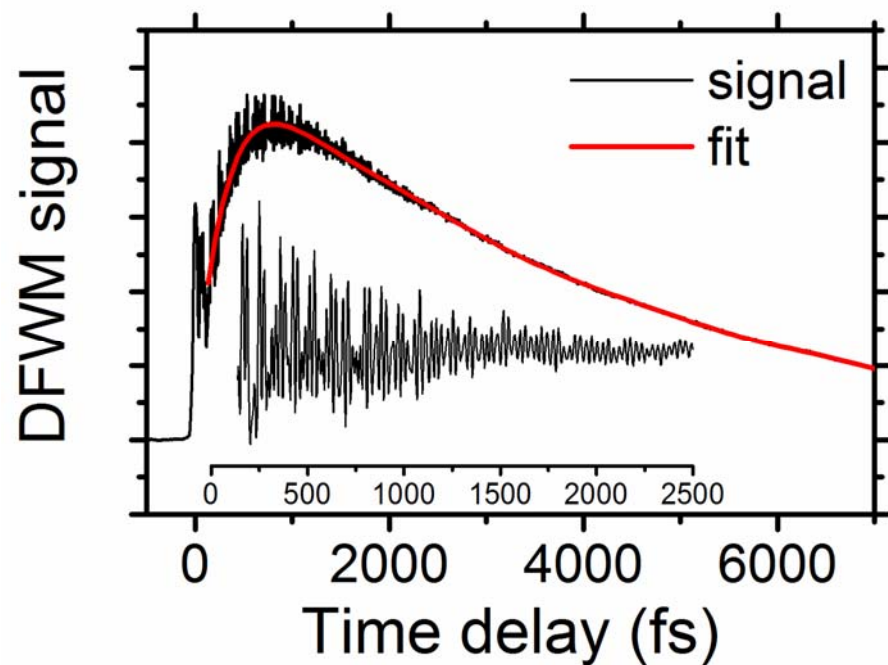




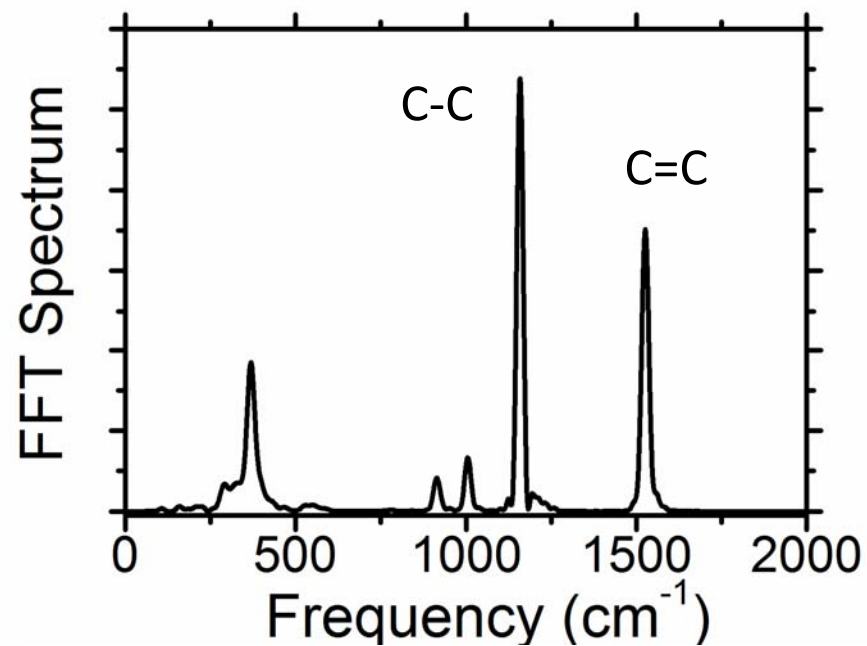
# Wavepackets in $\beta$ -Carotene



Transient



FFT spectrum

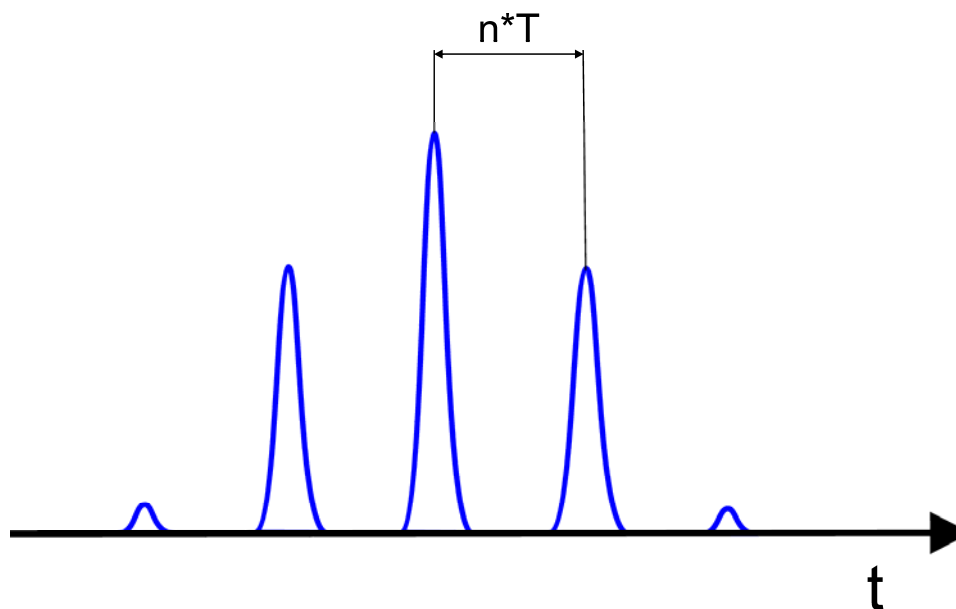






# Pulse Spacings

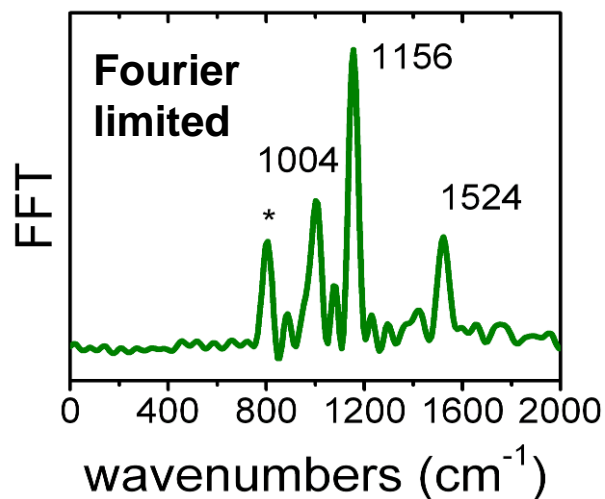
Energy (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	T(fs)	2 T(fs)	3 T(fs)	4 T(fs)	5 T(fs)
1524	21.9	43.8	65.7	87.6	109.5
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1004	33.2	66.4	99.6		





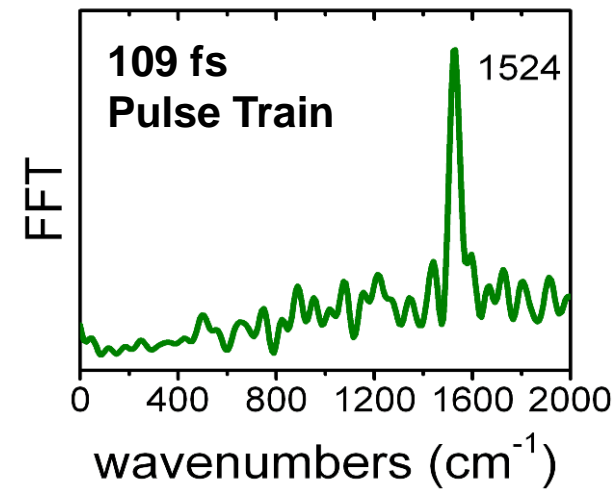
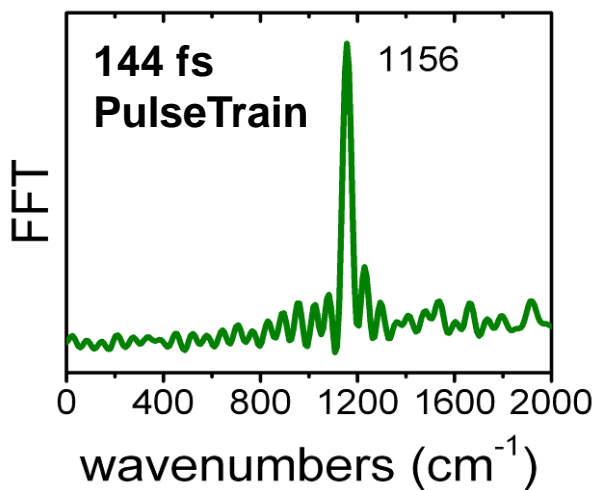
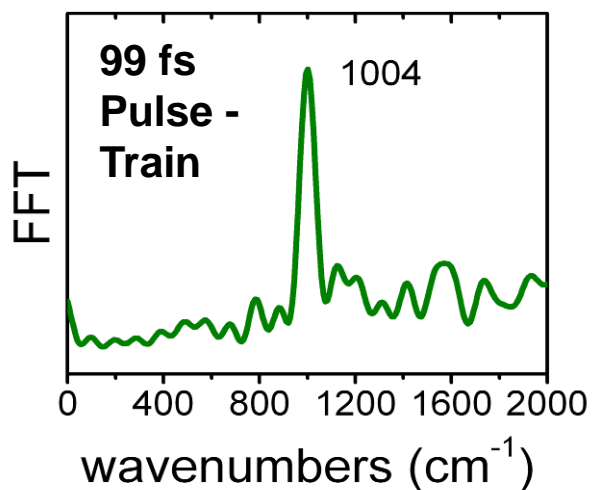
# Control of ground state vibrations

Nonlinear Raman spectra



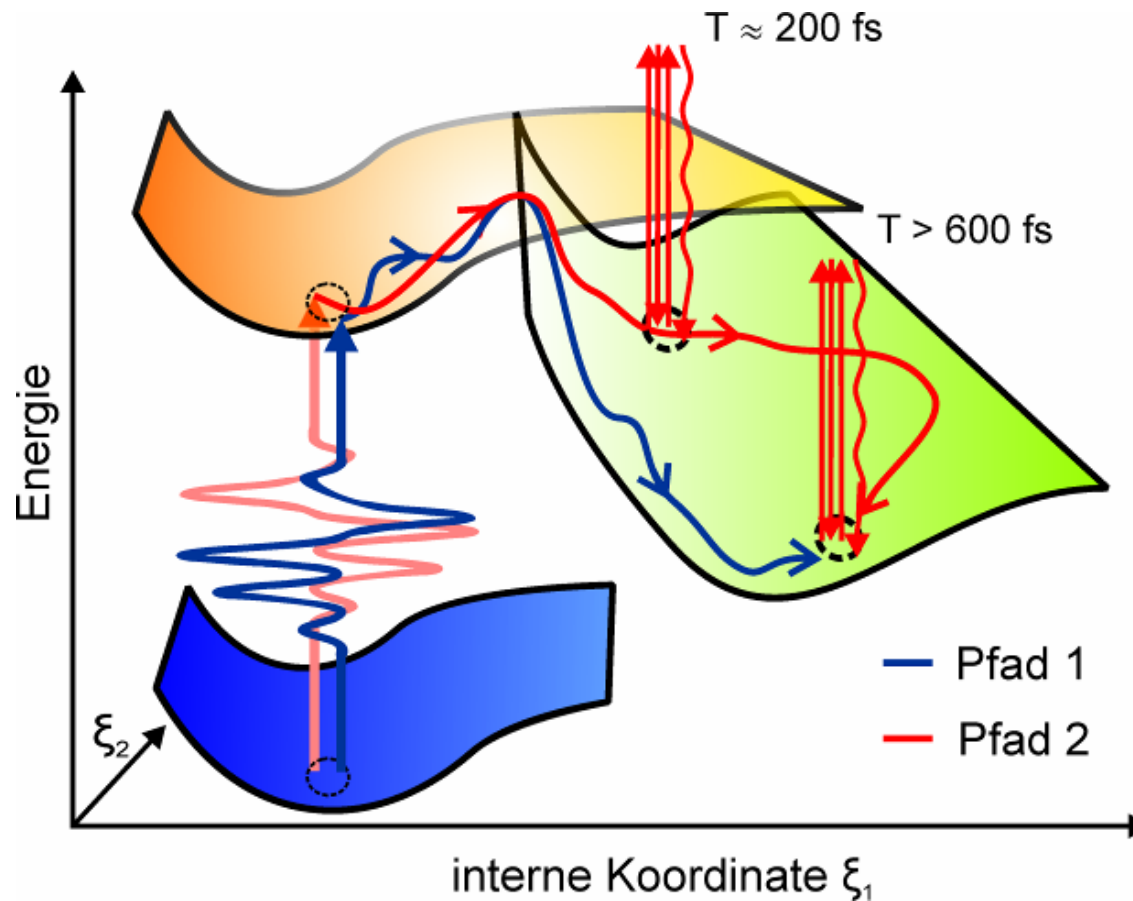
→ Modes can be selectively excited

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# Control of excited state dynamics in carotene



- Additive phase term  $c$  affecting the wavepacket evolution?
- Need for further theoretical investigation



# Coherent Control + Spectroscopy = Quantum Control Spectroscopy (QCS)<sup>1-4</sup>

- Modify the excitation to learn more about the dynamics
- Several possible „new“ molecular responses :

Example of QCS-approach:

→ Disentanglement of complex dynamics in carotenoids!

- (1) *Faraday Discuss.* **153** (2011) 213
- (2) *IEEE J. Quantum Electronics* **18** (2012) 449
- (3) *Chem. Phys.* **350** (2008) 220
- (4) *PNAS* **105** (2008) 7641

