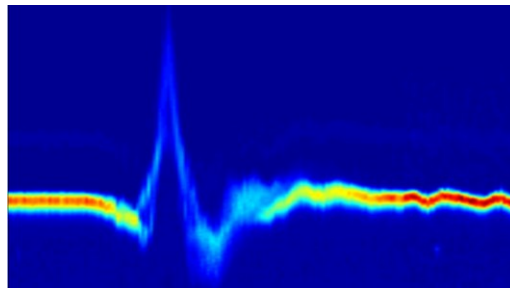


THz streaking of the seeded FLASH pulse

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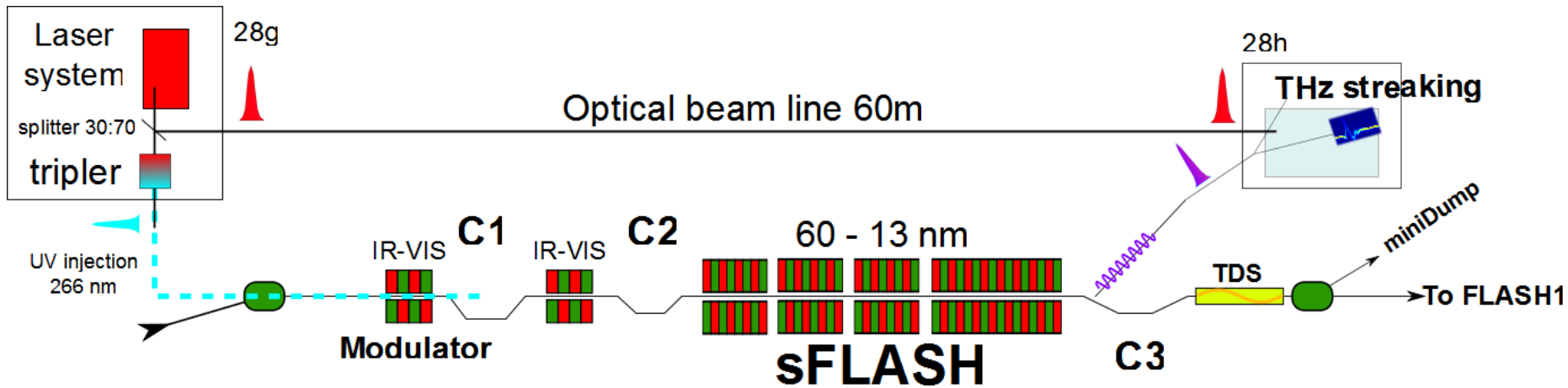
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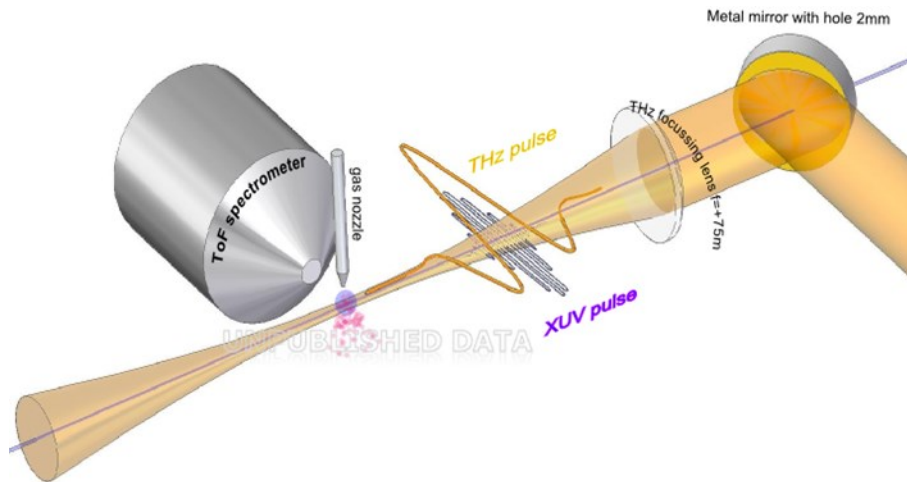
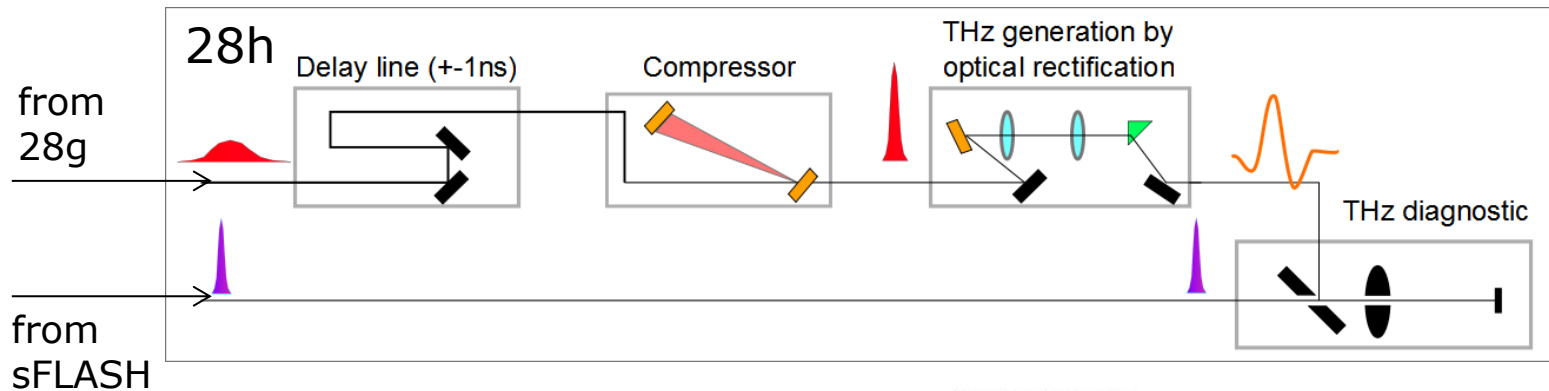
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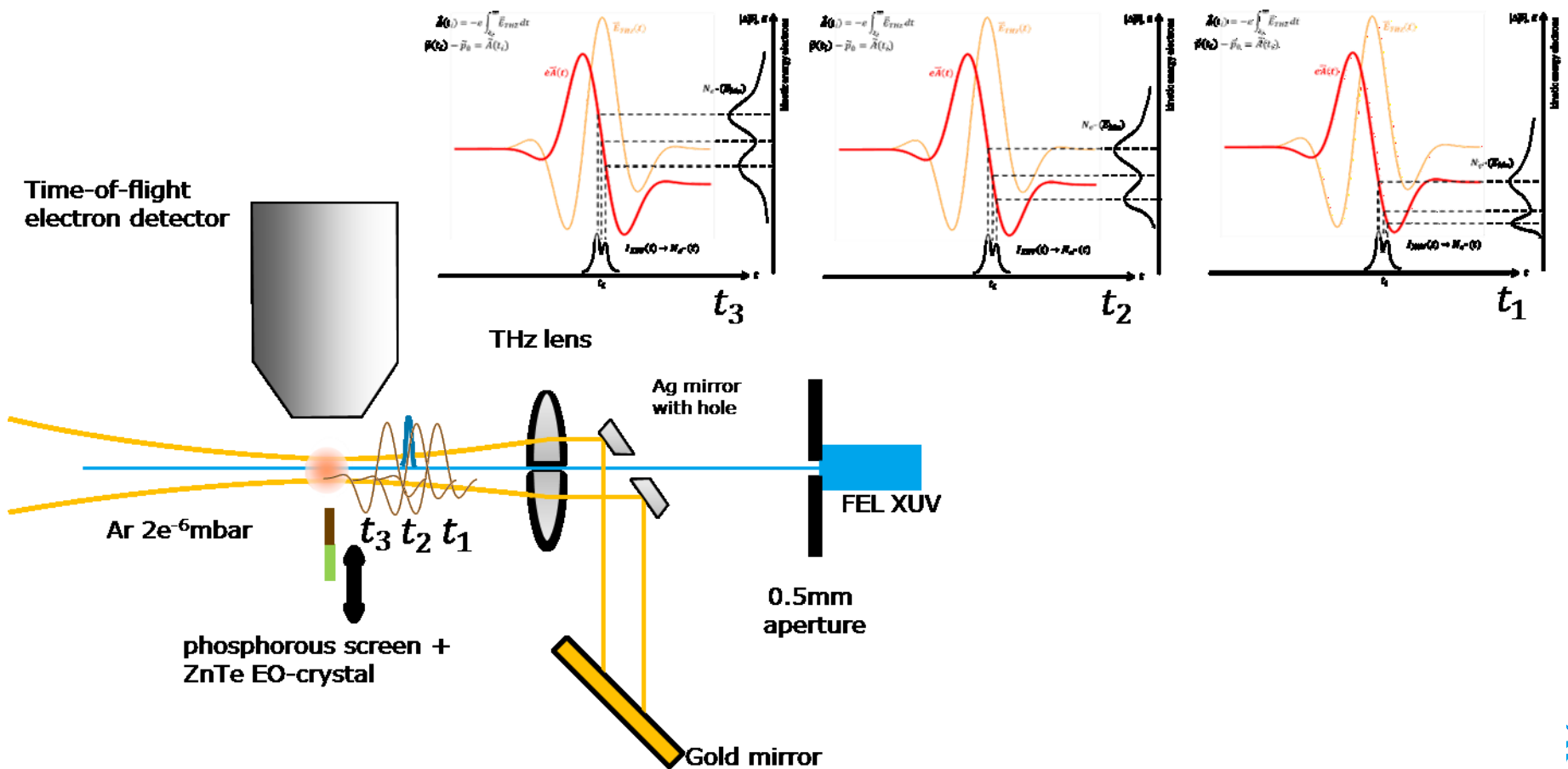
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THz streaking – setup in 28h

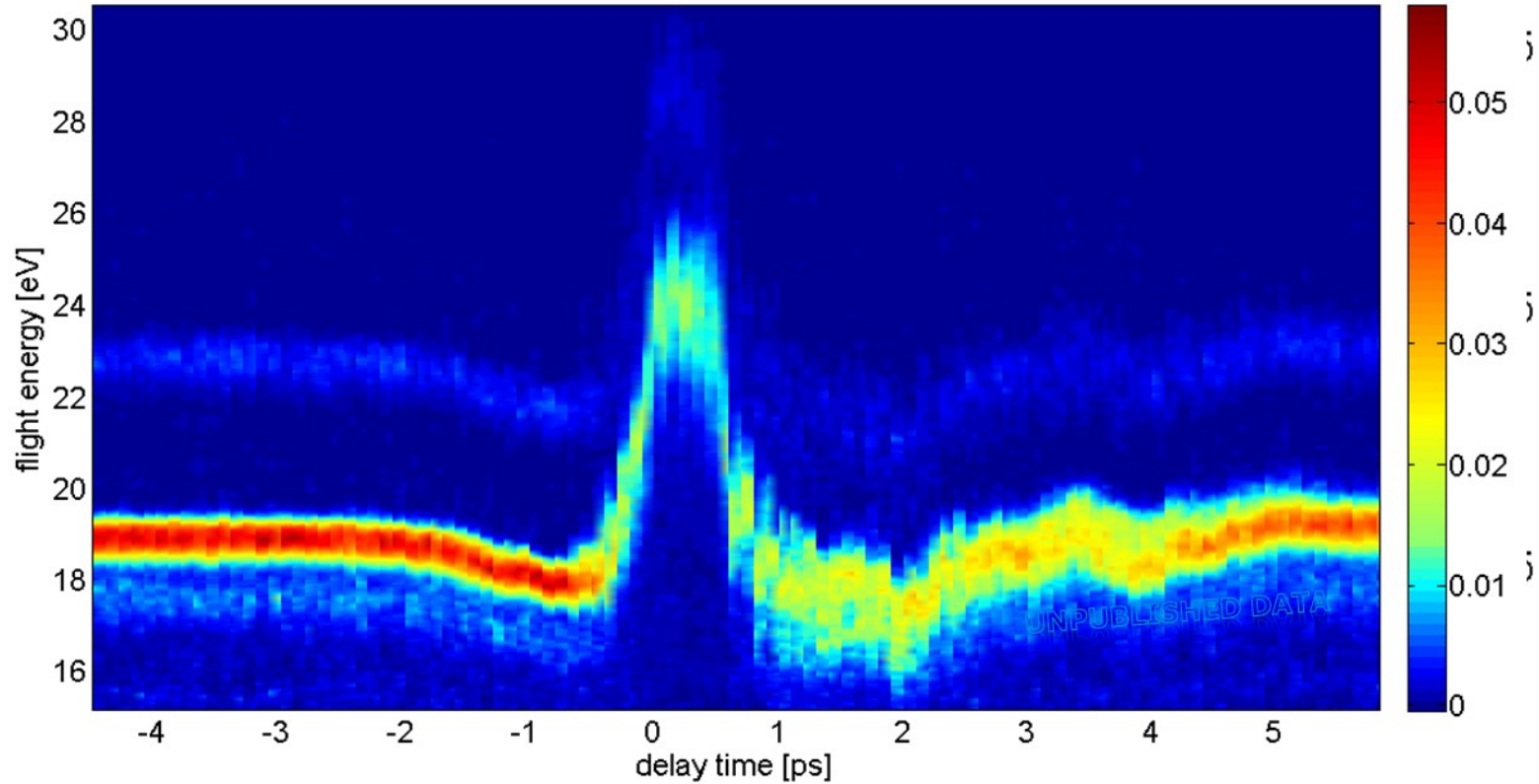


THz streaking – principle



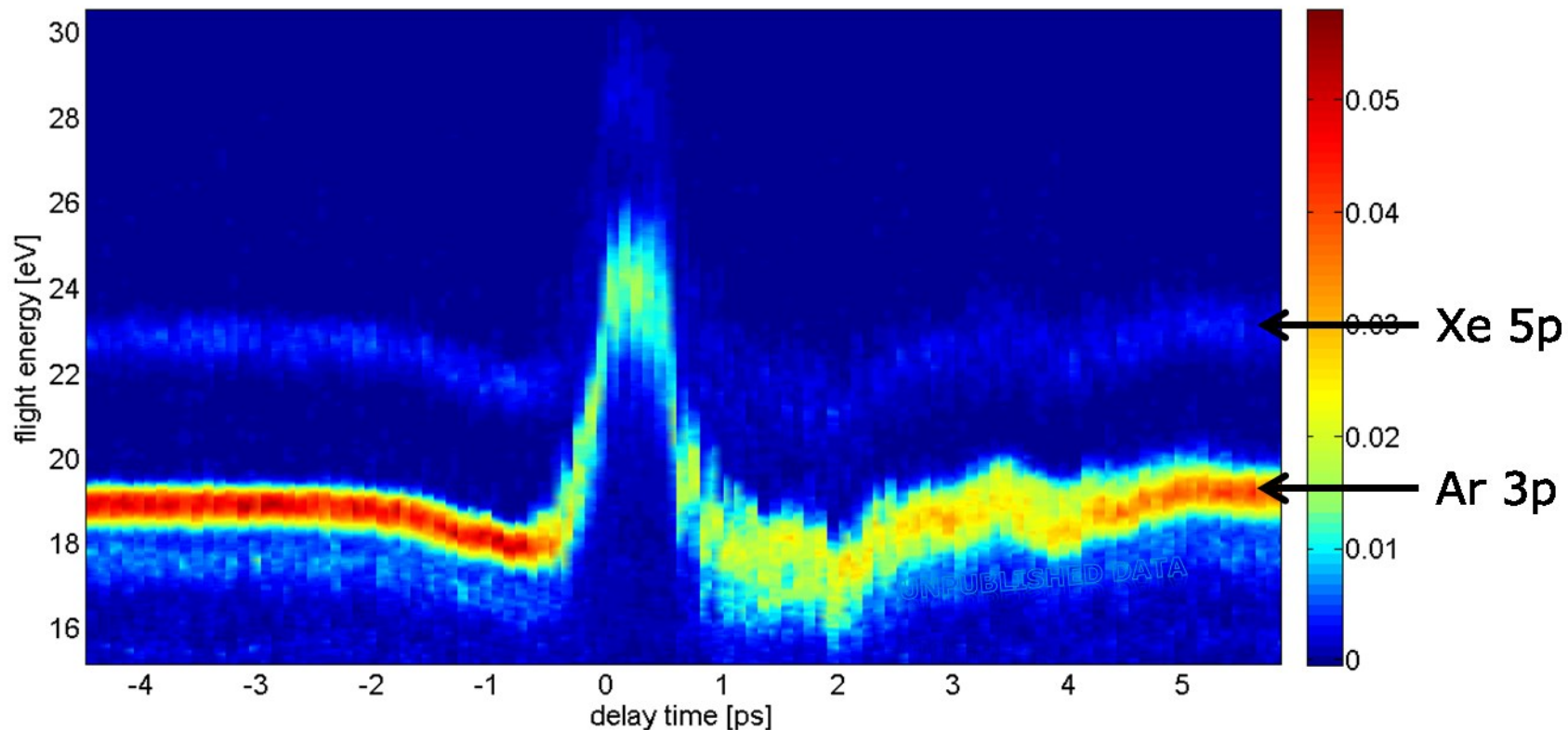
THz streaking with SASE pulses (21.01.2017)

Delay scan - all traces - OXC on - 36nm - SASE - 2.5μJ



THz streaking with SASE pulses

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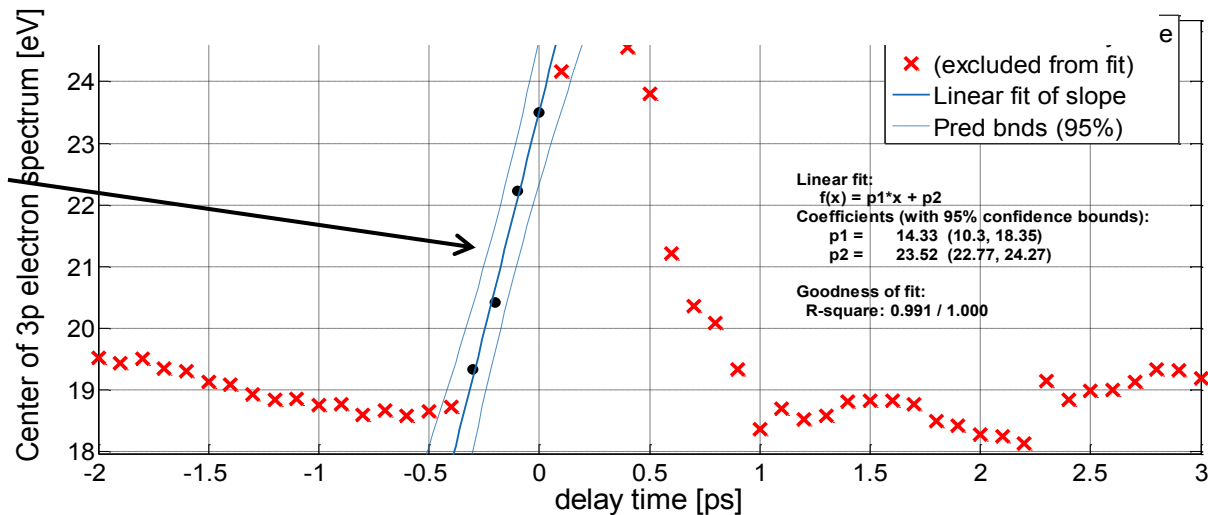
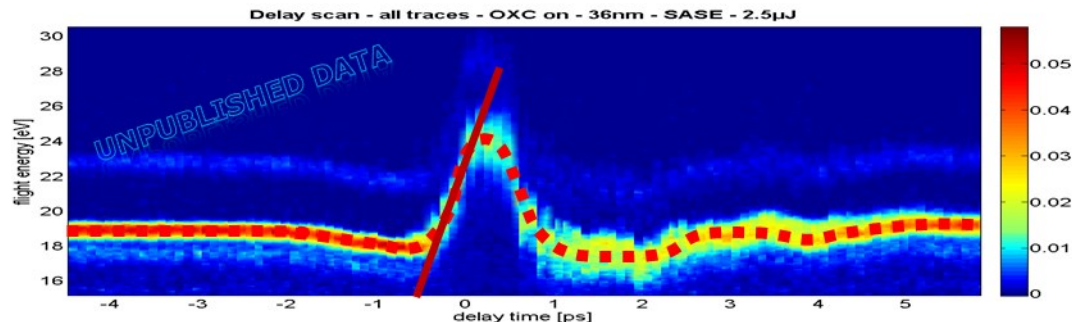


Averaged spectra: 15#/(50fs time bin)

THz streaking with SASE pulses

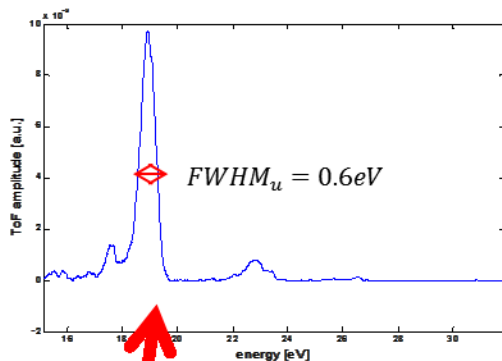
Slope of the
streaking trace
defines
streaking speed.

max.streaking speed
 $s = 14.3 \text{ meV/fs}$



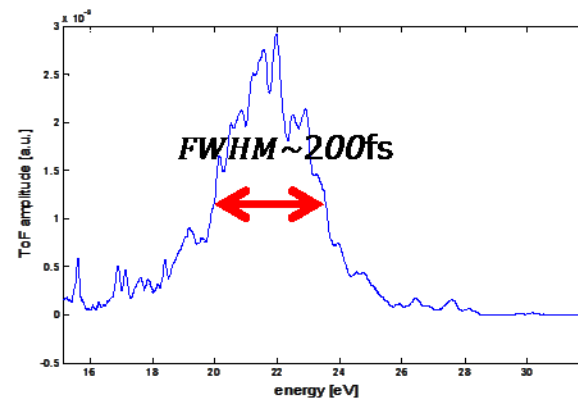
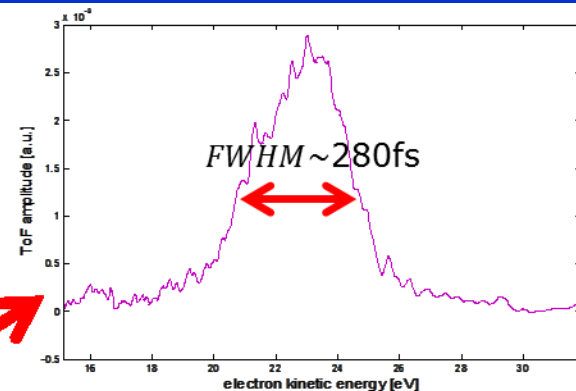
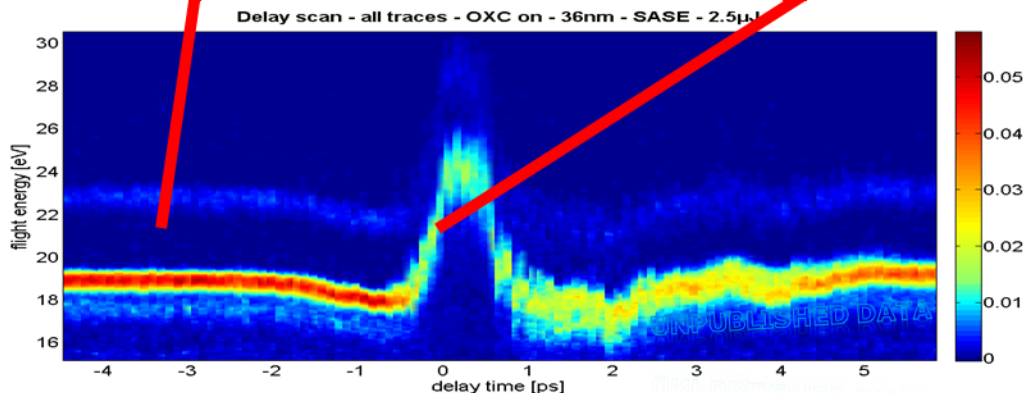
THz streaking with SASE pulses

unstreaked

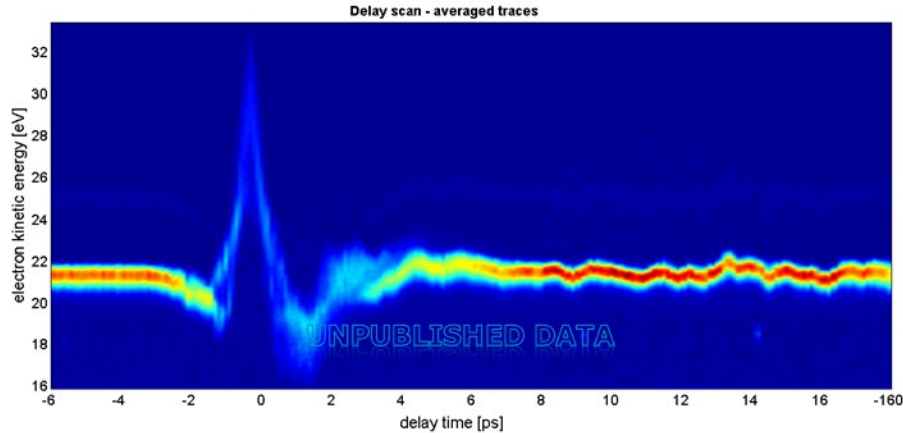


streaking speed
 $s = 14.3 \text{ meV/fs}$

$$\Delta t_{XUV} = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_s^2 - \sigma_u^2}}{s}$$



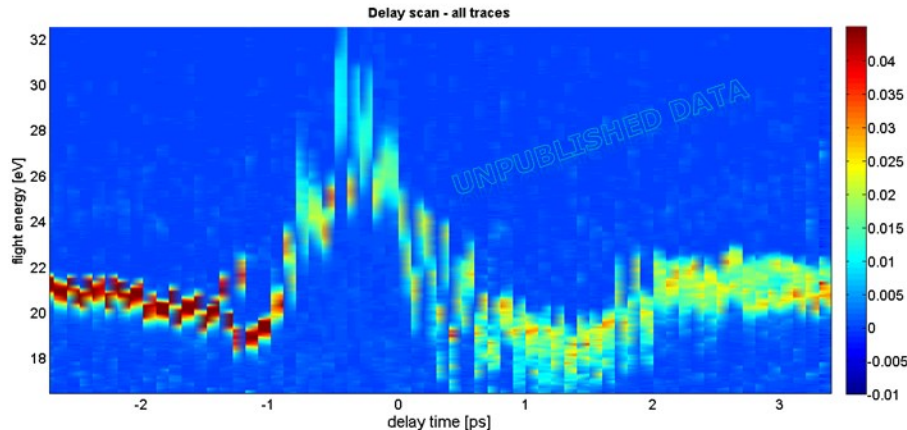
First THz streaking with seeded pulses (28.01.2017)



Averaged delay scan

Single shot

Problems with
climate system in
28g:
a motor induced
vibrations, which
affected the
THz generation



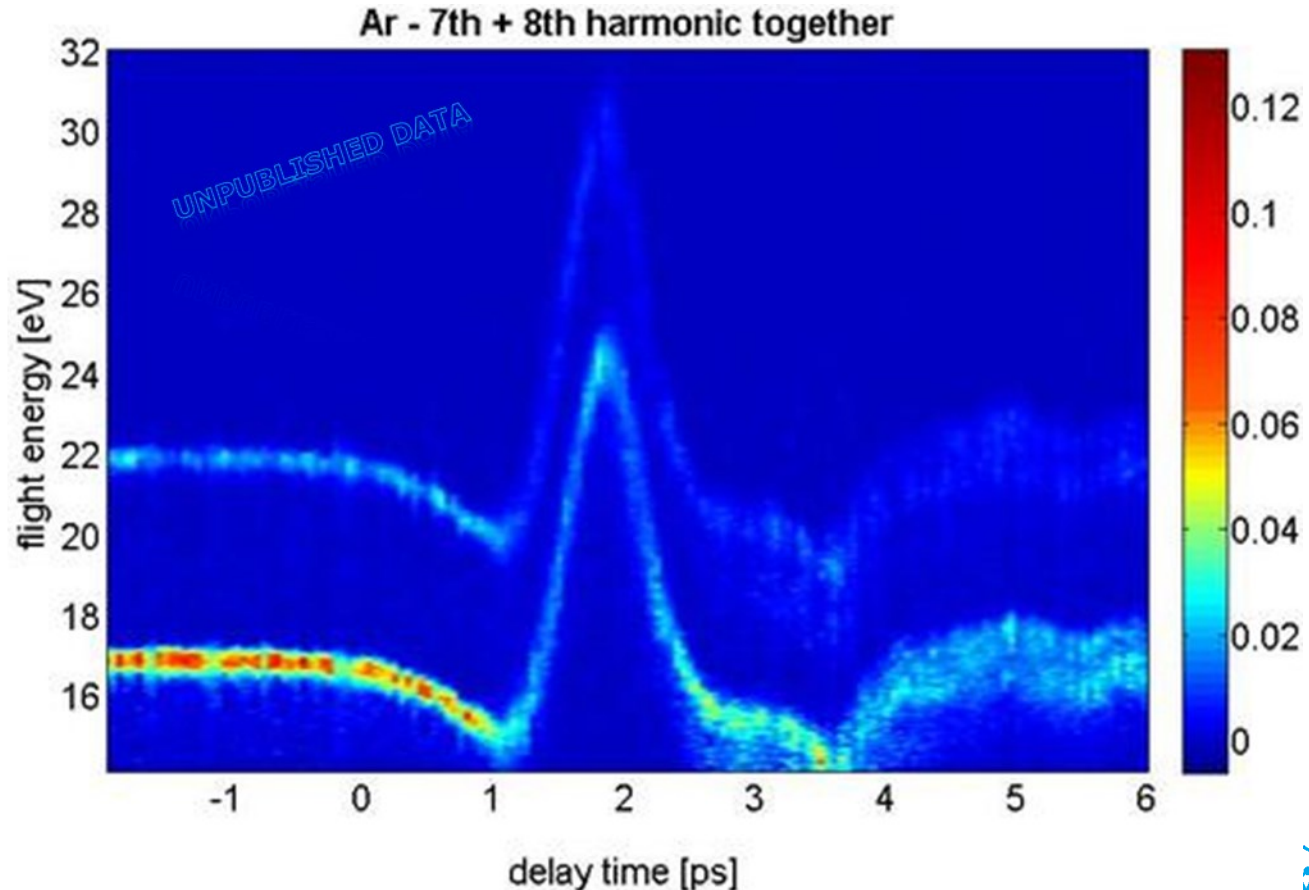
First THz streaking with seeded pulses with two colors

First 3 radiator
to 7th and
4th radiator to
8th harmonic

→ $5\mu\text{J} + 5\mu\text{J}$

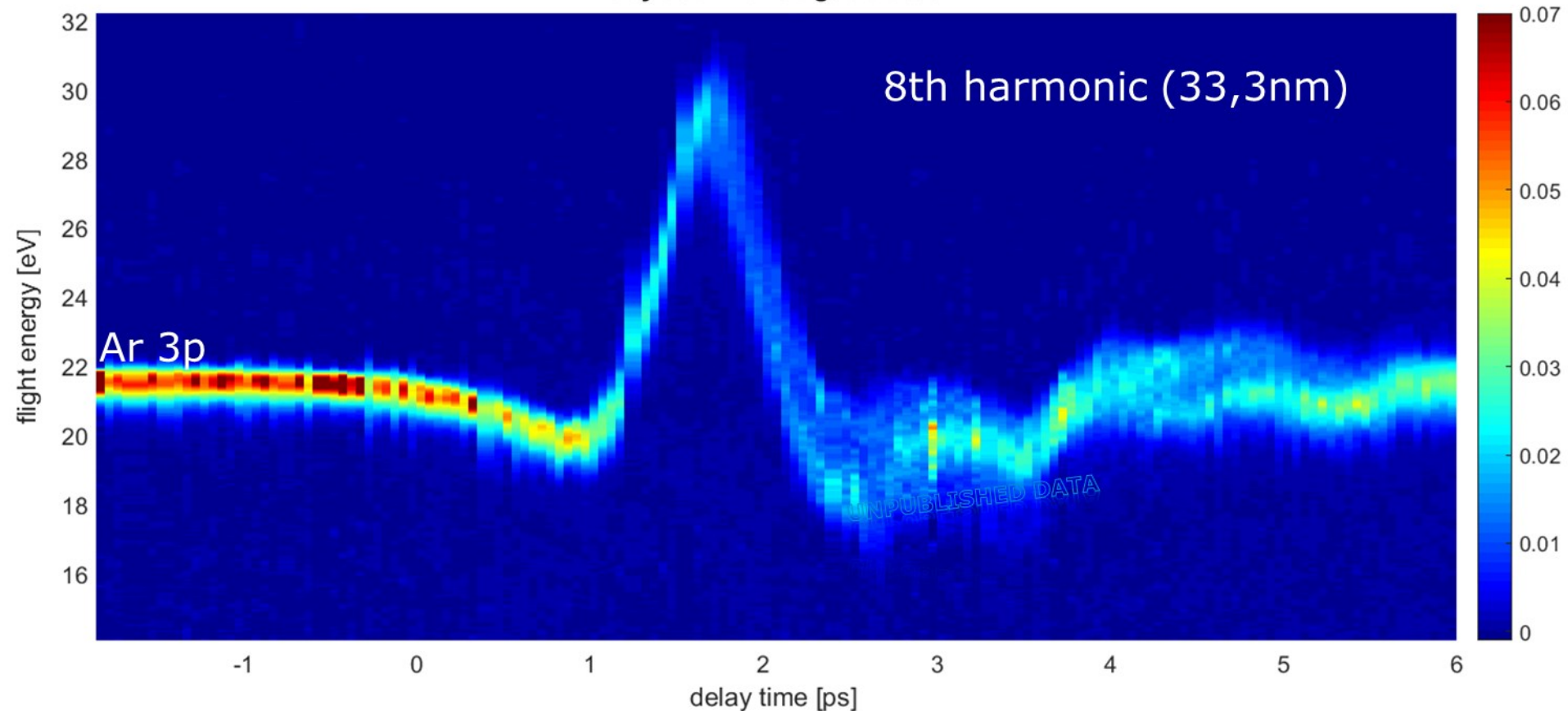
8th

7th

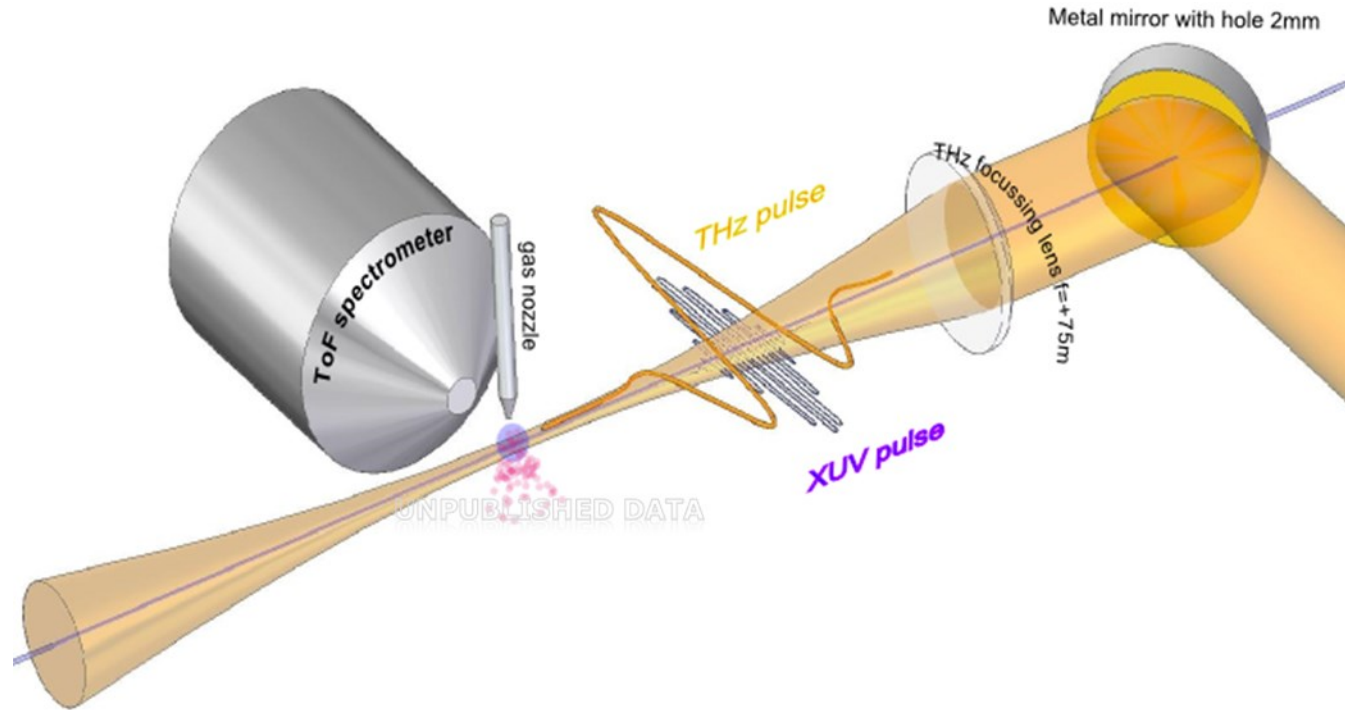


THz streaking with seeded pulses – 8th harmonic only (05.02.2017)

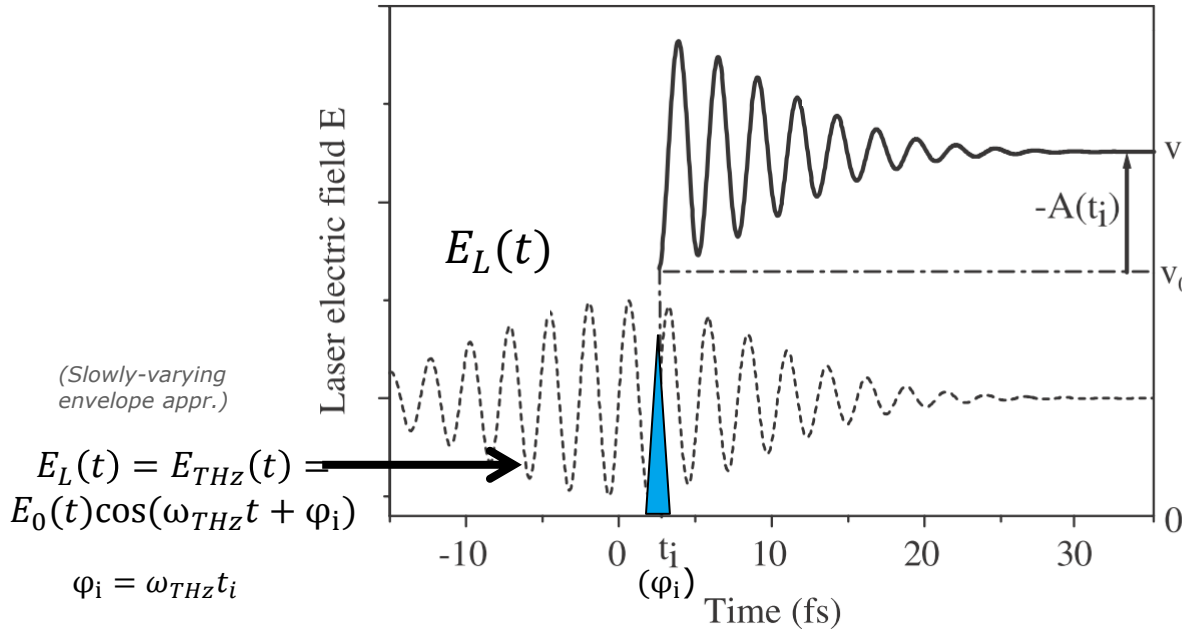
Delay scan - averaged traces



Streaking theory – semiclassical model



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Extra momentum by the laser field.

$$\vec{p} = \vec{p}_0 + e\vec{A}(t_i)$$

$$\Delta\vec{p} = e\vec{A}(t_i) = e \int_{t_i}^{\infty} \vec{E}_L(t_i, t') dt'$$

$$\vec{E}_L(t) = \frac{\partial \vec{A}(t)}{\partial t}$$

Measurable quantity is the final electron kinetic energy W (and not the final momentum)

$$W(t_i) = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} = \frac{(\vec{p}_0 + e \int_{t_i}^{\infty} \vec{E}_L)^2}{2m}$$

Streaking theory – semiclassical model

W is the energy modulation from the quiver field, which can be calculated analytically:

$$W = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} = \frac{\left(\vec{p}_0 + e \int_{t_i}^{\infty} \vec{E}_L\right)^2}{2m} \text{ with } E_L(t) = E_{THz}(t) = E_{0,THz}(t) \cos(\omega_{THz}t + \varphi)$$

$$\Rightarrow W(t_i) = W_0 \pm \sqrt{8W_0 U_p(t_i) \sin(\varphi_i)}$$

$$\text{Ponderomotive energy } \hbar\omega_{THz} \ll U_p(t) = \frac{e^2 E_{0,THz}^2(t)}{4m_e \omega_{THz}^2} \ll W_0 \quad (!)$$

$$\text{Unstreaked kinetic energy } W_0 = \frac{\vec{p}_0^2}{2m} = \hbar\omega_{XUV} - I_{pot} \gg 0 \quad (!!)$$

(Polarization of \vec{E}_L parallel to \vec{v} electrons)



Streaking theory – semiclassical model

Inserting $U_p(t) = \frac{e^2 E_{0,THz}^2(t)}{4m_e \omega_{THz}^2}$ into $W(t) = W_0 \pm \sqrt{8W_0 U_p(t)} \sin(\omega_{THz} t)$

leads to $W(t) \approx W_0 \pm e \sqrt{\frac{2W_0}{m_e}} \frac{E_{0,THz}(t)}{\omega_{THz}} \sin(\omega_{THz} t) = W_0 \pm e \sqrt{\frac{2W_0}{m_e}} A(t) \quad *$

→ $E_{THz}(t) = \frac{1}{e} \sqrt{\frac{m_e}{2W_0}} s(t)$, with streaking speed $s(t) = \frac{\partial W(t)}{\partial t}$



Streaking theory – Gaussian pulse with linear chirp

- > a quantum mechanical model assuming a linearly chirped XUV pulse

$$E_{XUV}(t) = E_{XUV}^0 e^{-a(t-t_0)^2} e^{i(\omega_0(t-t_0)+c(t-t_0)^2)}$$

with the two unknown parameters chirp parameter c and pulse duration $\tau_{XUV} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}}$ leads to the relation

$$\sigma_{\pm} = \sqrt{\sigma_0^2 + \tau_{XUV}^2 s_{eff}^2}$$

with effective streaking speed

$$s_{eff} = \sqrt{s^2 \pm 4cs}$$

with the widths of the spectra σ_{\pm} at each inflexion point of the streaking trace $W(t)$.



Streaking theory – Gaussian pulse with linear chirp

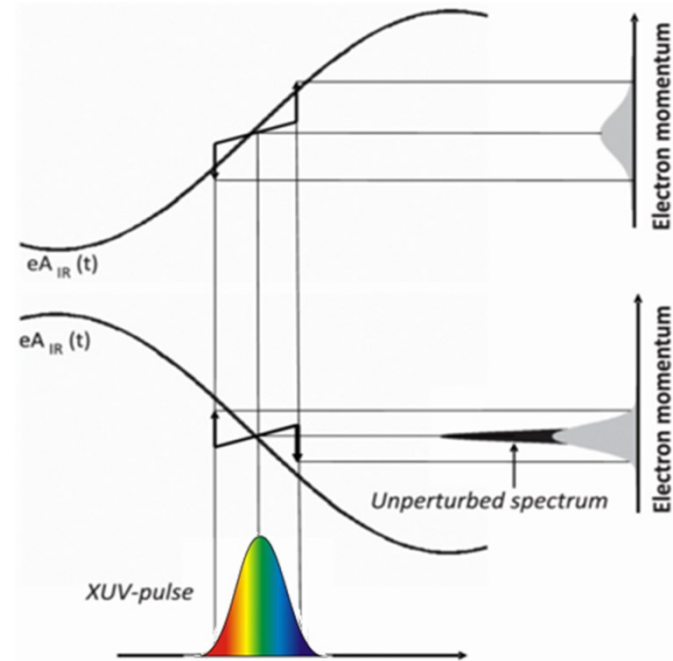
From the two formula $\sigma_{\pm} = \sqrt{\sigma_0^2 + \tau_{XUV}^2(s^2 \pm 4cs)}$ one obtains two equations to determine τ_{XUV} and chirp parameter c

$$\tau_{XUV} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{+,decon}^2 + \sigma_{-,decon}^2}{2s^2}}$$

$$c = \frac{(\sigma_{+,decon}^2) - (\sigma_{-,decon}^2)}{8s\tau_{XUV}^2}$$

with the de-convoluted widths

$$\sigma_{\pm,decon} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\pm}^2 - \sigma_0^2}$$



Streaking theory – Temporal resolution

For the simple case of equal spectral widths $\sigma_+ = \sigma_-$ one obtains the intuitive formula

$$\tau_{XUV} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{+,decon}^2 + \sigma_{-,decon}^2}{2s^2}} = \frac{\sigma_{decon}}{s}$$

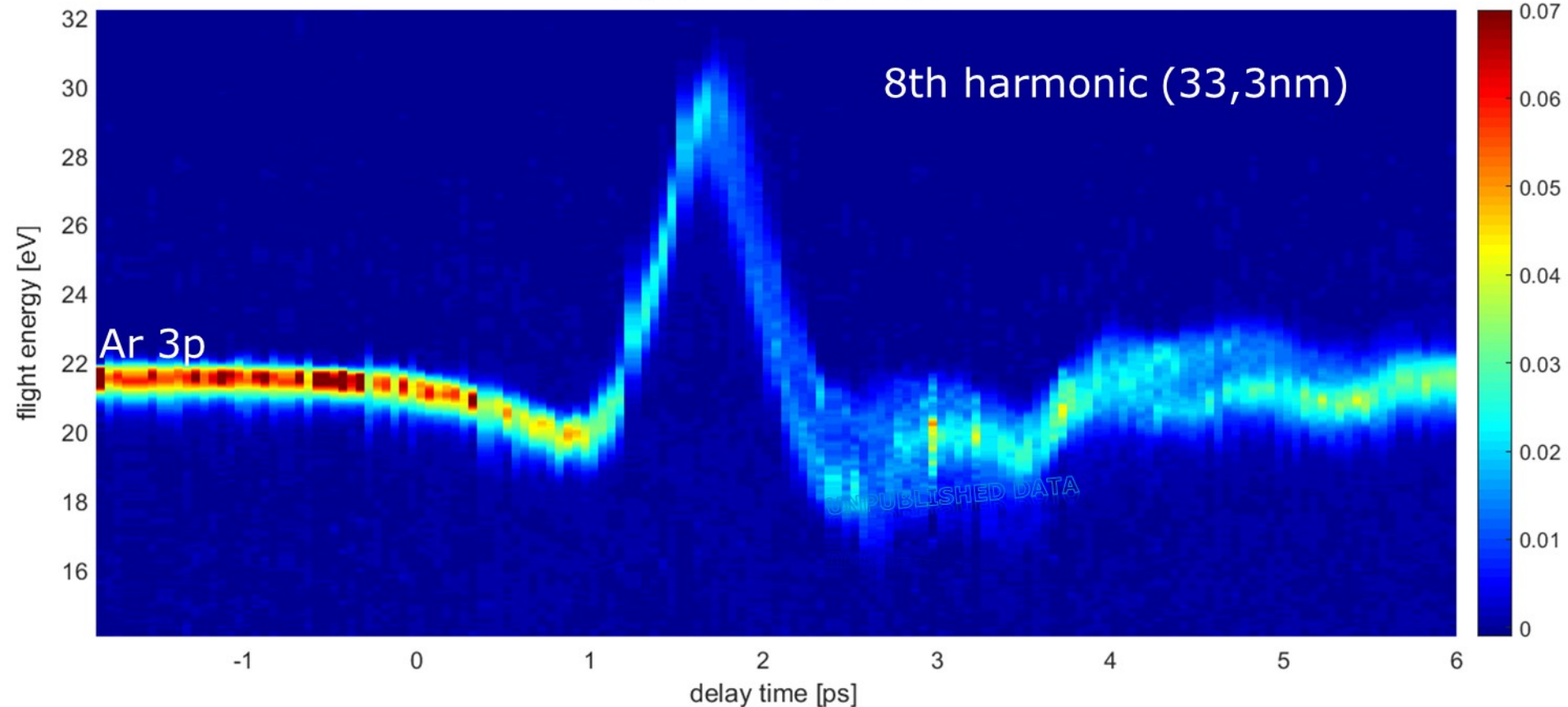
, from which one obtains for the **temporal resolution** τ_{res} of the THz transient field streak camera with the unstreaked width σ_0 (as for every streak camera)

$$\tau_{res} = \frac{\sigma_0}{s}$$

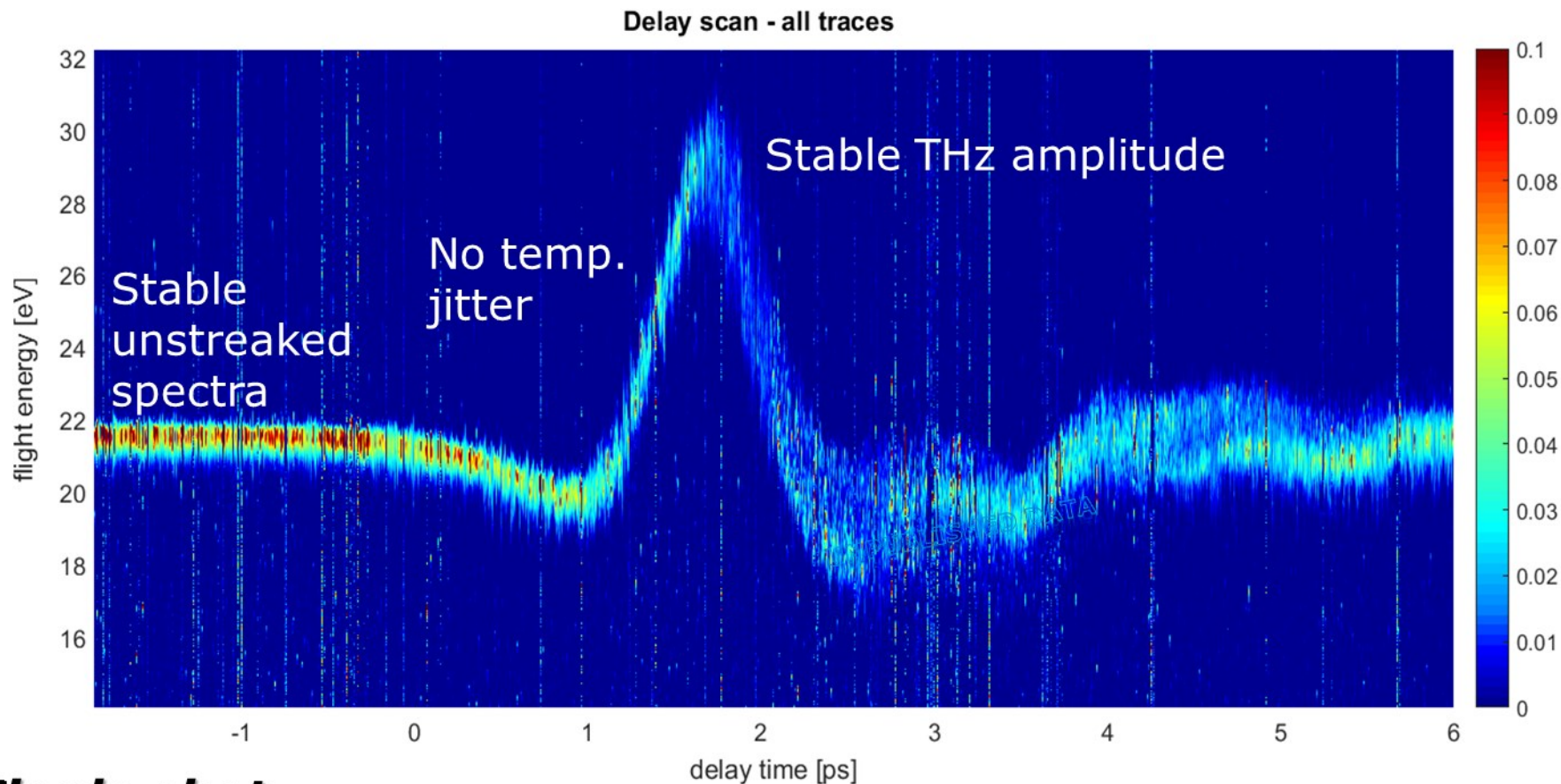


Second try - THz streaking with seeded pulses – averaged data

Delay scan - averaged traces



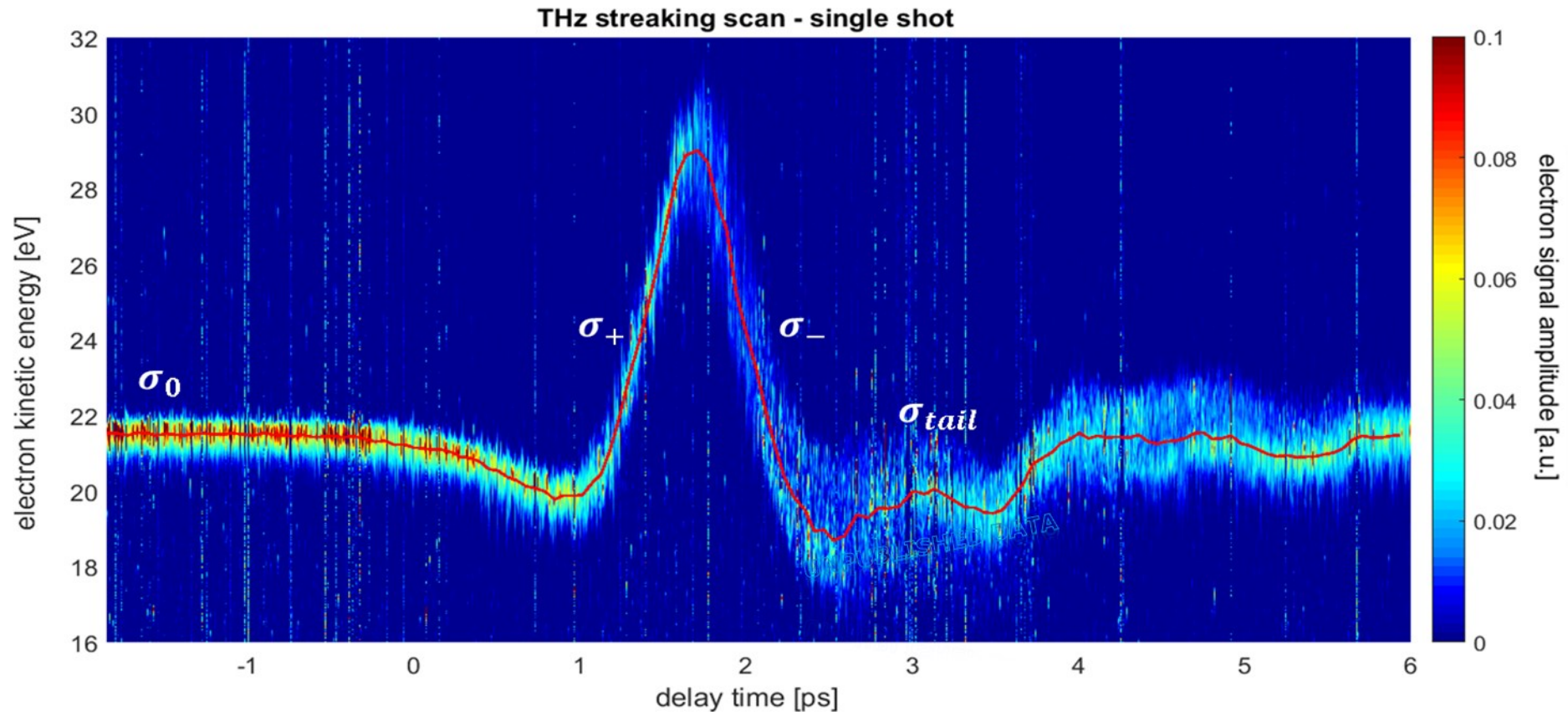
Second try - THz streaking with seeded pulses – single shot data



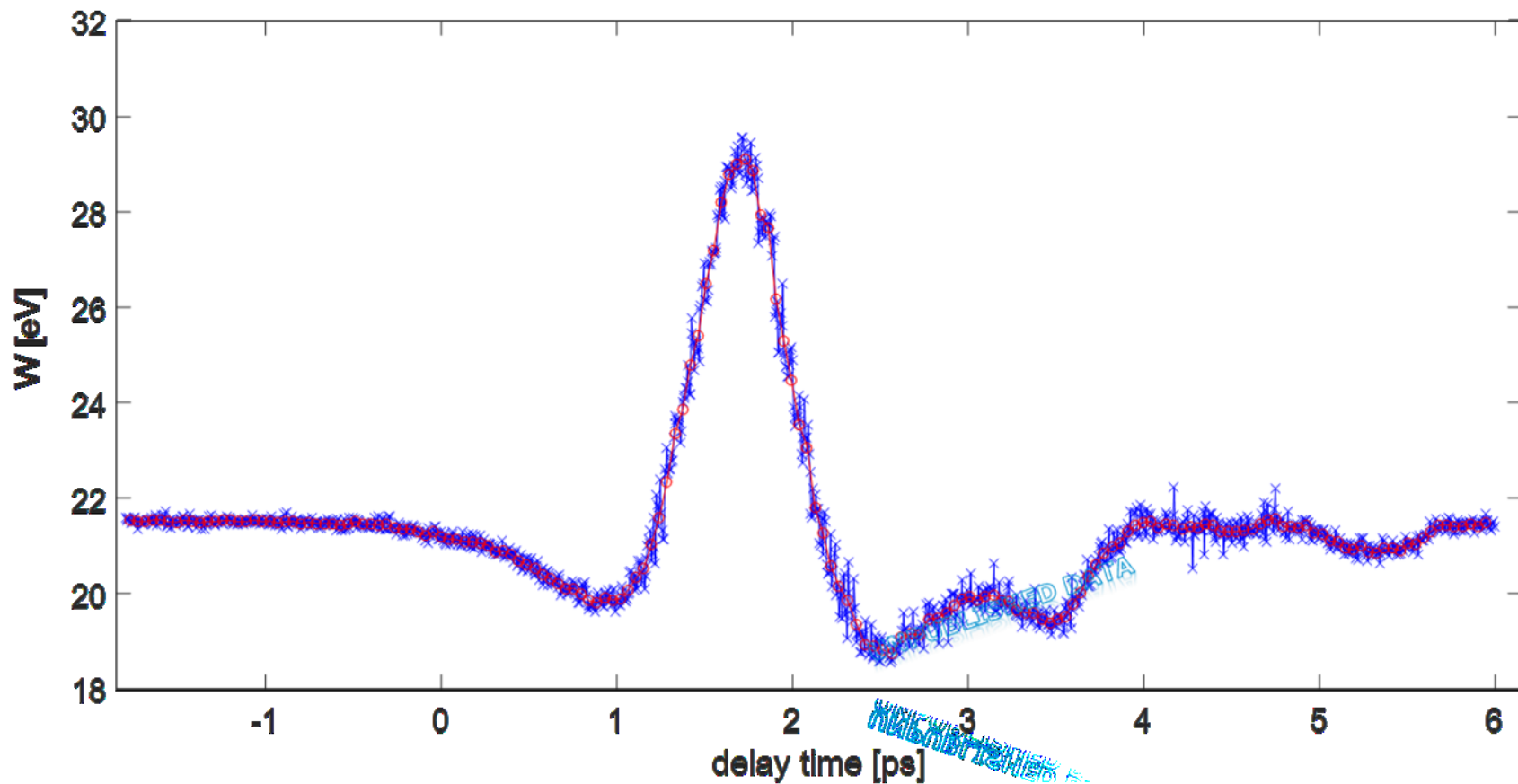
Single shot



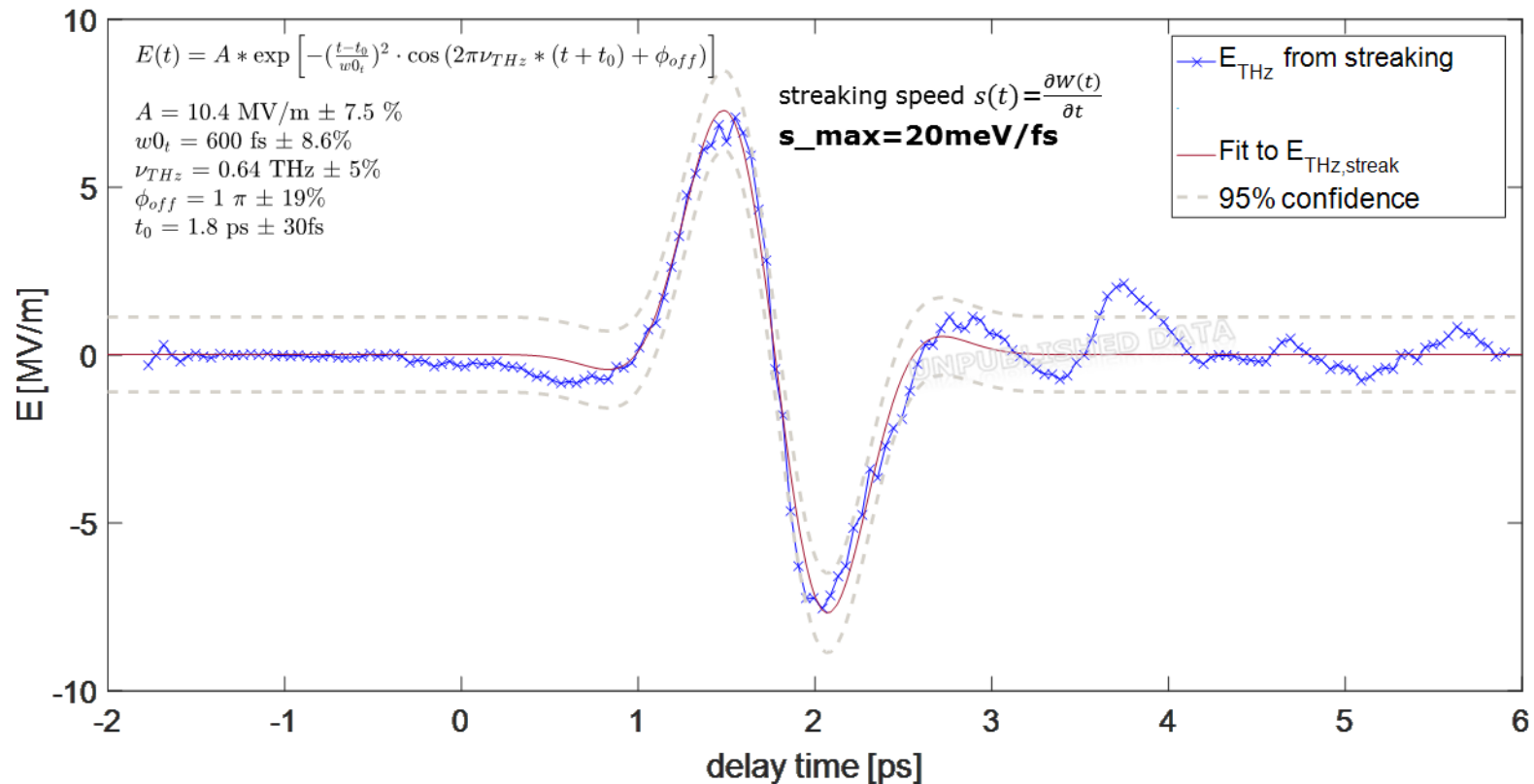
Second try - THz streaking with seeded pulses - definitions



The retrieved kinetic energy modulation W

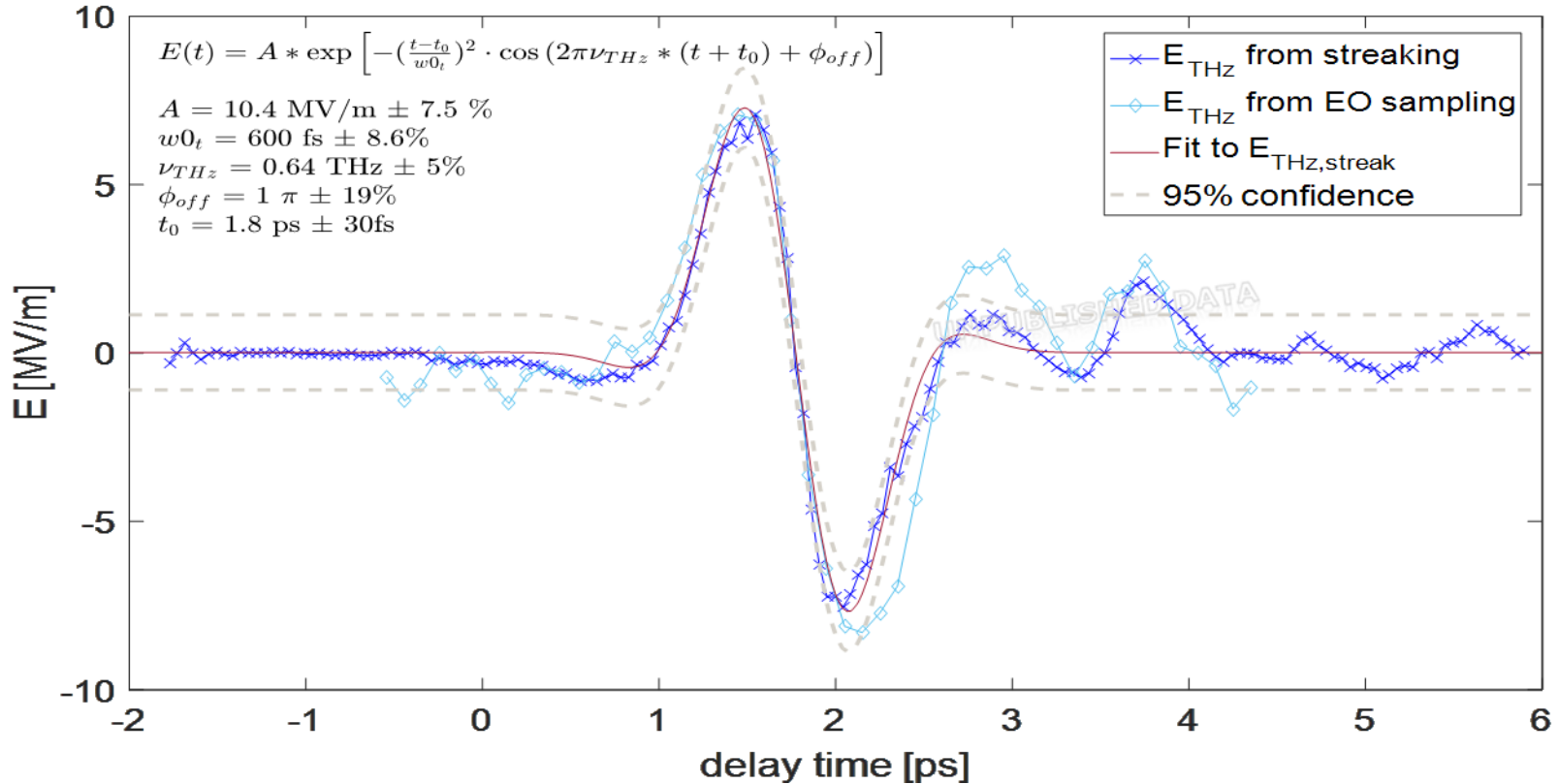


Derived electrical field of the THz pulse

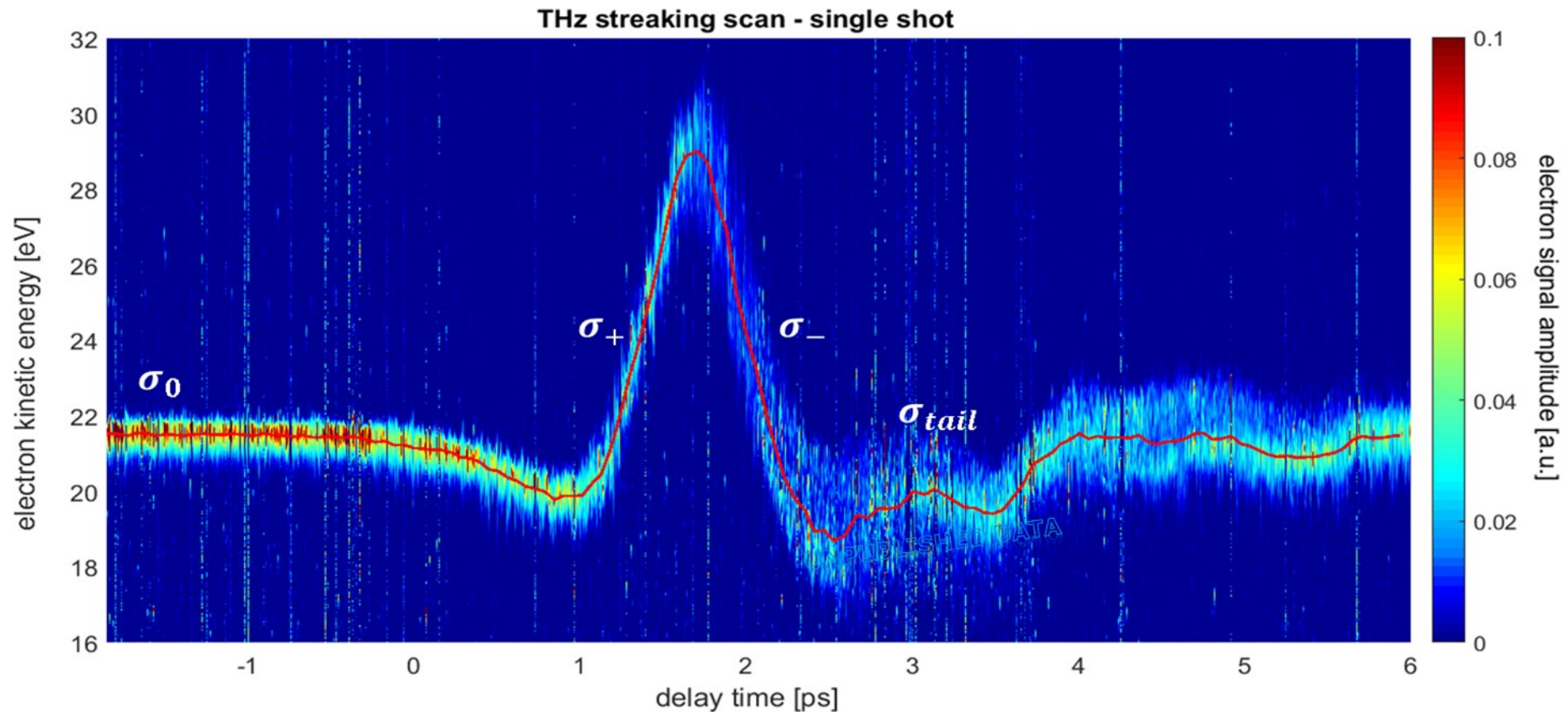


$$E_{THz}(t) = \frac{1}{e} \sqrt{\frac{m_e}{2W_0}} \frac{\partial W(t)}{\partial t}$$

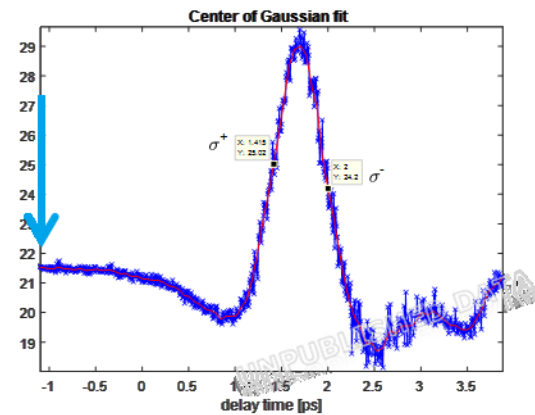
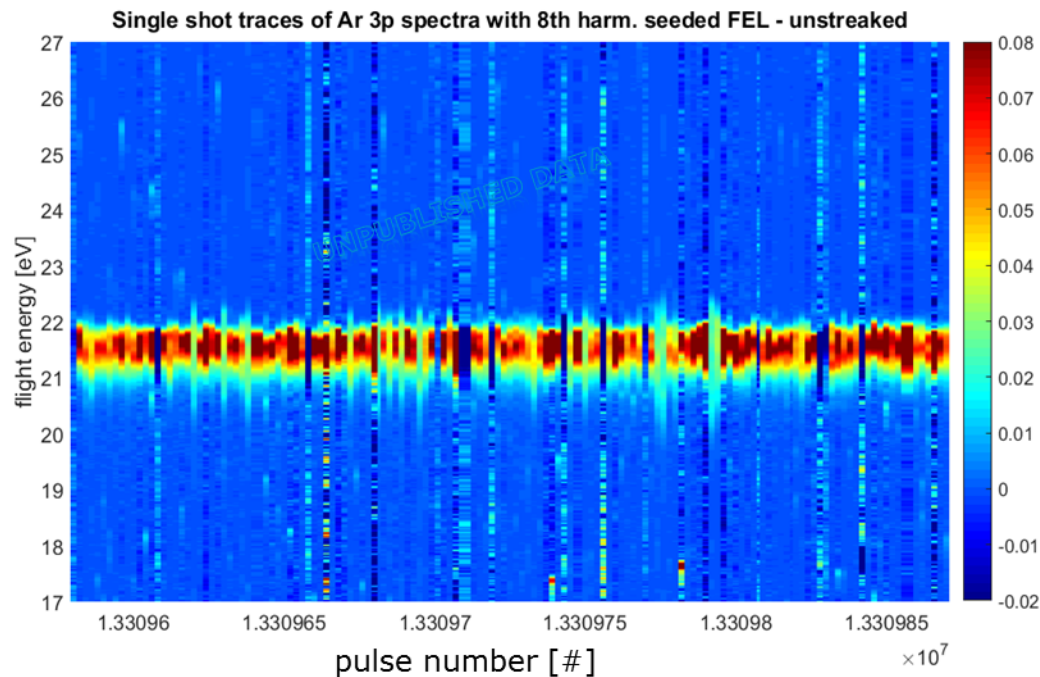
... with electro optical sampling



Second try - THz streaking with seeded pulses - definitions



Single shot analysis - σ_0



$$\tau_{res} = \frac{\sigma_0}{S}$$

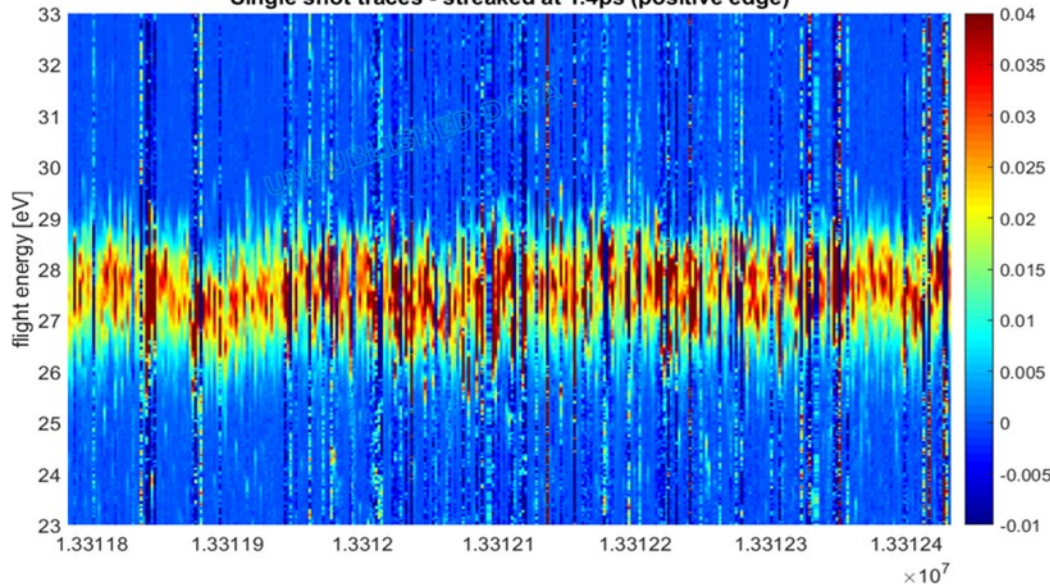
(s_max=20meV/fs)

$$\overline{\sigma_0} = 0.37 \text{ eV} \Leftrightarrow \tau_{res} = 19 \text{ fs}$$

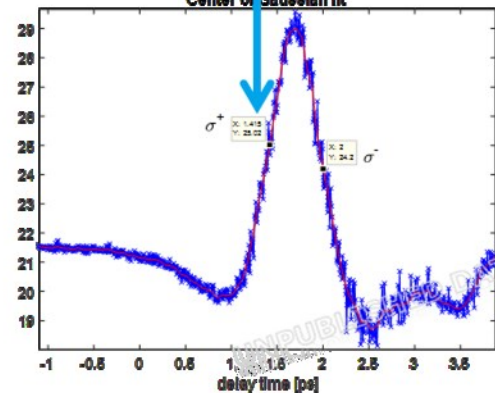
$$\bar{E}_{XUV} = (\overline{21.56} + 15.75) \text{ eV} \pm 0.12 \text{ eV} = 37.3 \text{ eV} \pm 0.3\%$$

Single shot analysis - σ_t

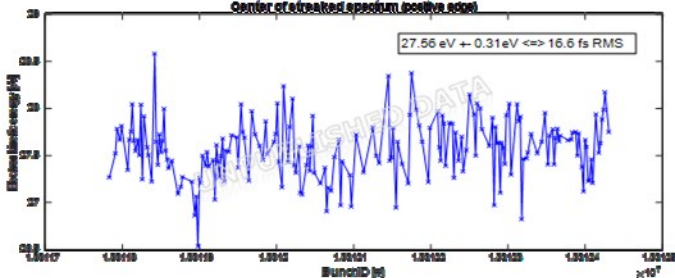
Single shot traces - streaked at 1.4ps (positive edge)



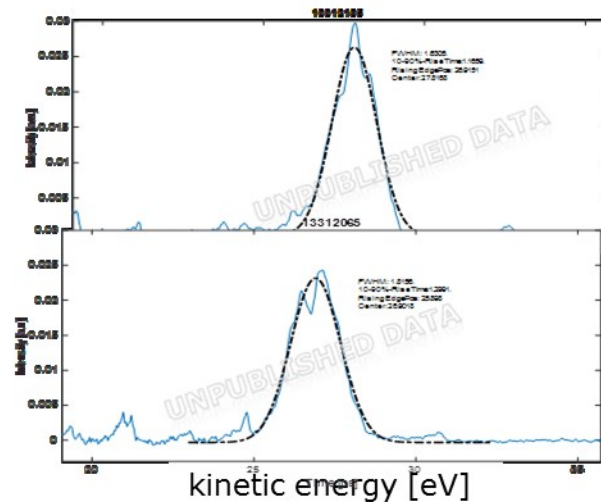
Center of Gaussian fit



Center of streaked spectrum (positive edge)

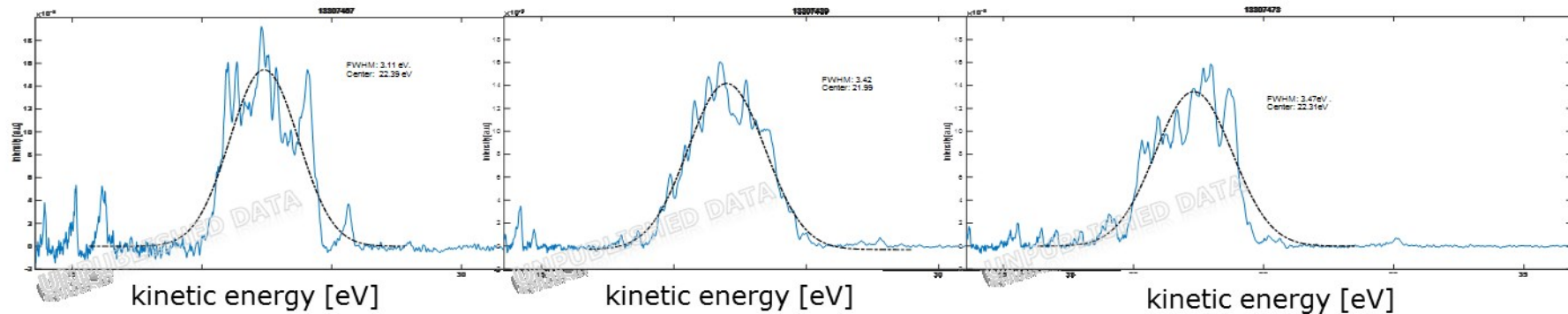
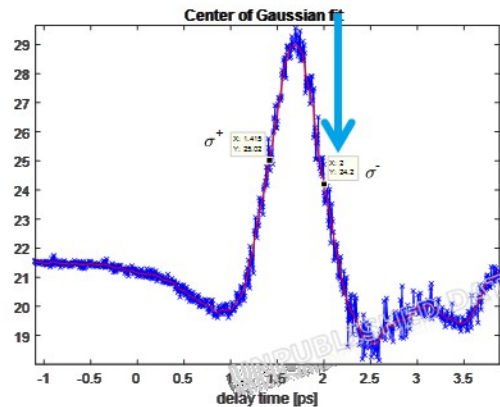
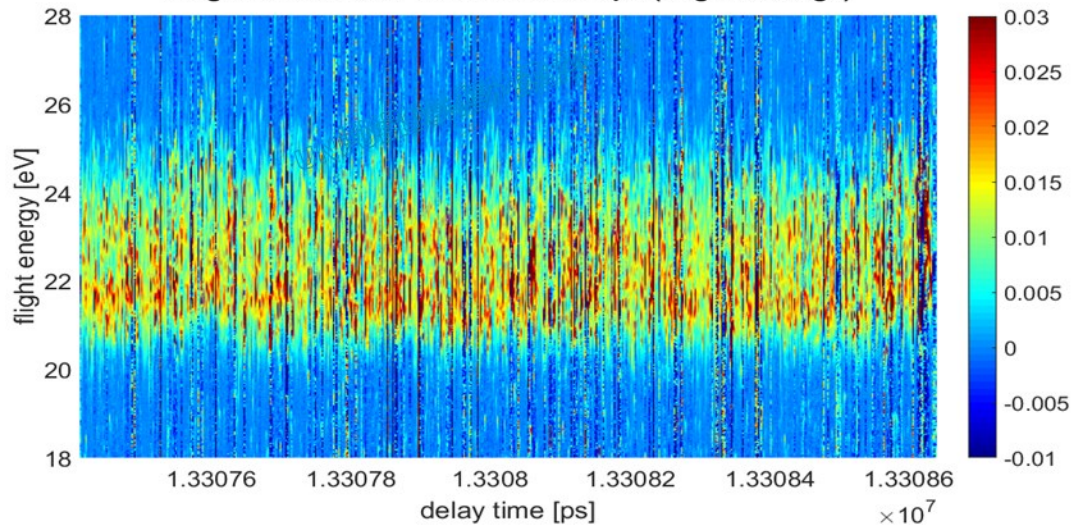


**Temporal jitter:
 $\sim 16\text{fs RMS}$**



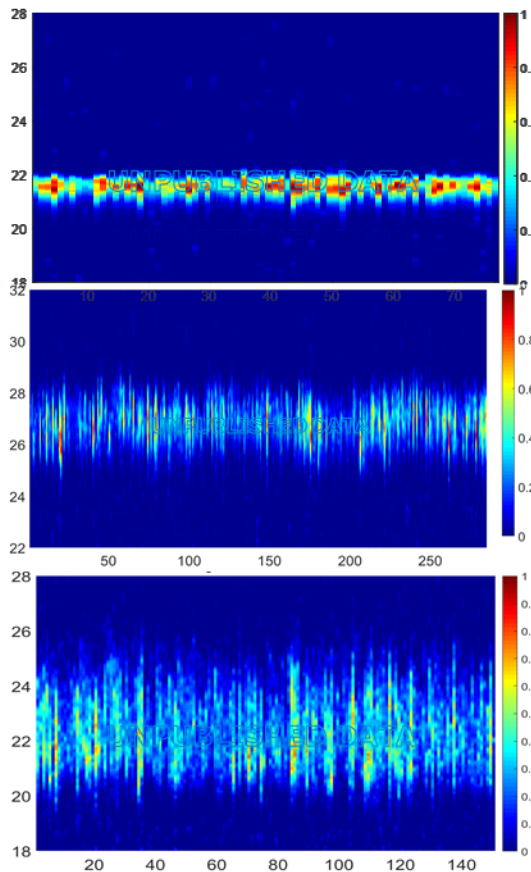
Single shot analysis - σ_-

Single shot traces - streaked at 2.0ps (negative edge)

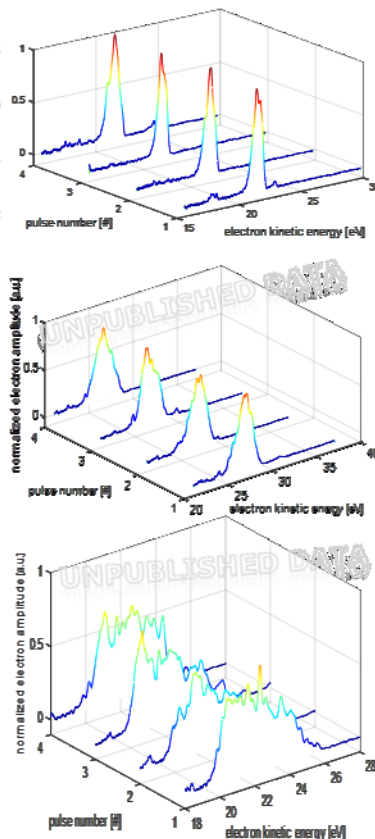


Single shot analysis – overview

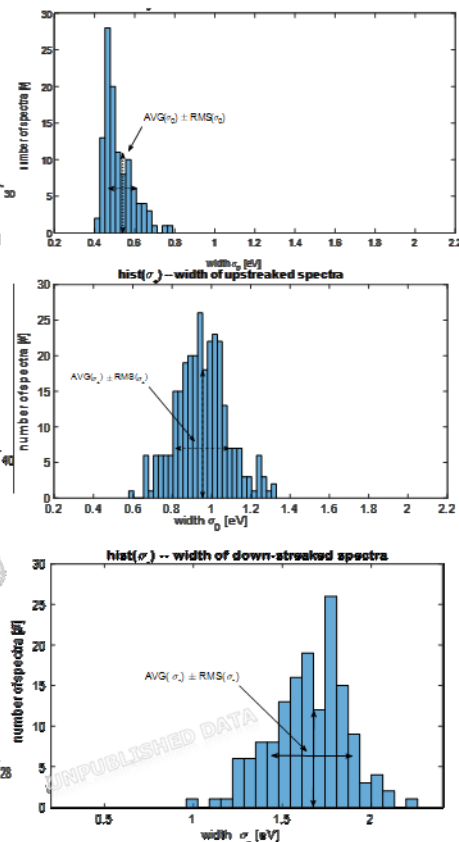
All spectra of a series



Single spectra



Histograms of the σ -widths



$$\sigma_0 = 0.37\text{eV} \pm 12\%$$

$$\sigma_+ = 0.95\text{eV} \pm 14\%$$

$$\sigma_- = 1.65\text{eV} \pm 13\%$$

XUV pulse parameters from THz streak camera

$$\sigma_0 = 0.37\text{eV} \pm 12\%$$

$$\sigma_+ = 0.95\text{eV} \pm 14\%$$

$$\sigma_- = 1.65\text{eV} \pm 13\%$$

$$\tau_{XUV} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{+,decon}^2 + \sigma_{-,decon}^2}{2S^2}}$$

$$c = \frac{(\sigma_{+,decon}^2) - (\sigma_{-,decon}^2)}{8S\tau_{XUV}^2}$$

$$\sigma_{+,decon} = 0.87\text{eV} \pm 17\%$$

$$\sigma_{-,decon} = 1.61\text{eV} \pm 13.5\%$$

$$\tau_{XUV,RMS} = 64.6\text{fs} \pm 11\%$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_{XUV} &= -2.7 \frac{\text{meV}}{\text{fs}} \pm 46\% \\ &= -2.3 \frac{\text{nm}}{\text{ps}} \end{aligned}$$

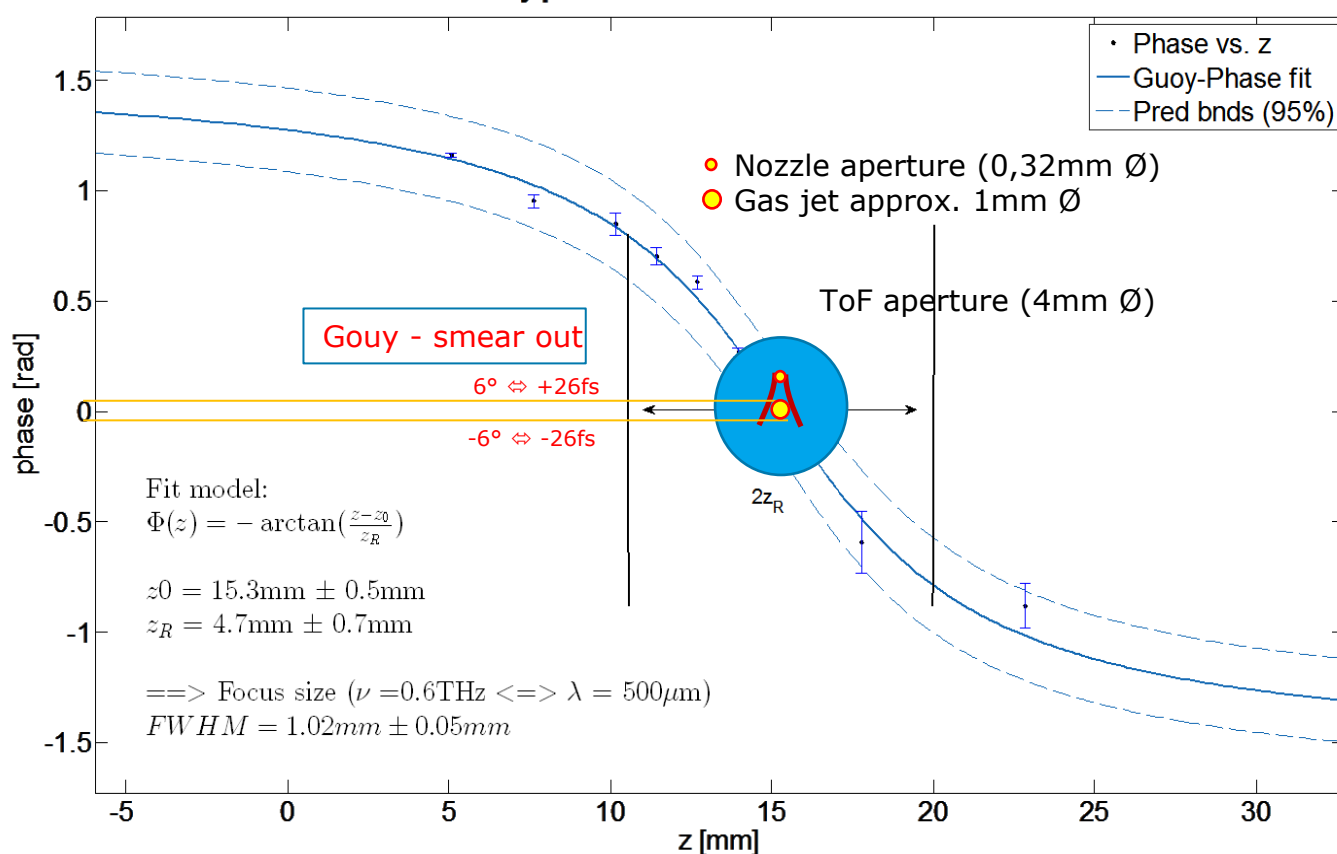
Conclusions

1. Even with only one time-of-flight detector it is possible to determine the pulse duration of a single pulse with $\sim 10\%$ uncertainty !
2. The chirp is negative \Leftrightarrow anomalous dispersion or logic error ?



Influence of the Guoy phase shift

Gouy phase measurement of THz focus



$$E(t) = A * \exp \left[-\left(\frac{t-t_0}{w_0} \right)^2 \cdot \cos(2\pi\nu_{THz} * (t+t_0) + \phi_{off}) \right]$$

$$A = 10.4 \text{ MV/m} \pm 7.5 \%$$

$$w_0 = 600 \text{ fs} \pm 8.6 \%$$

$$\nu_{THz} = 0.64 \text{ THz} \pm 5 \%$$

$$\phi_{off} = 1 \pi \pm 19 \%$$

$$t_0 = 1.8 \text{ ps} \pm 30 \text{ fs}$$

Compensate the spectral
Guoy broadening

$$\sigma_{\pm,real} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\pm,meas}^2 - s^2 * \tau_{Guoy}^2}$$



$$\tau_{XUV,RMS} = 59 \text{ fs} \pm 11 \%$$

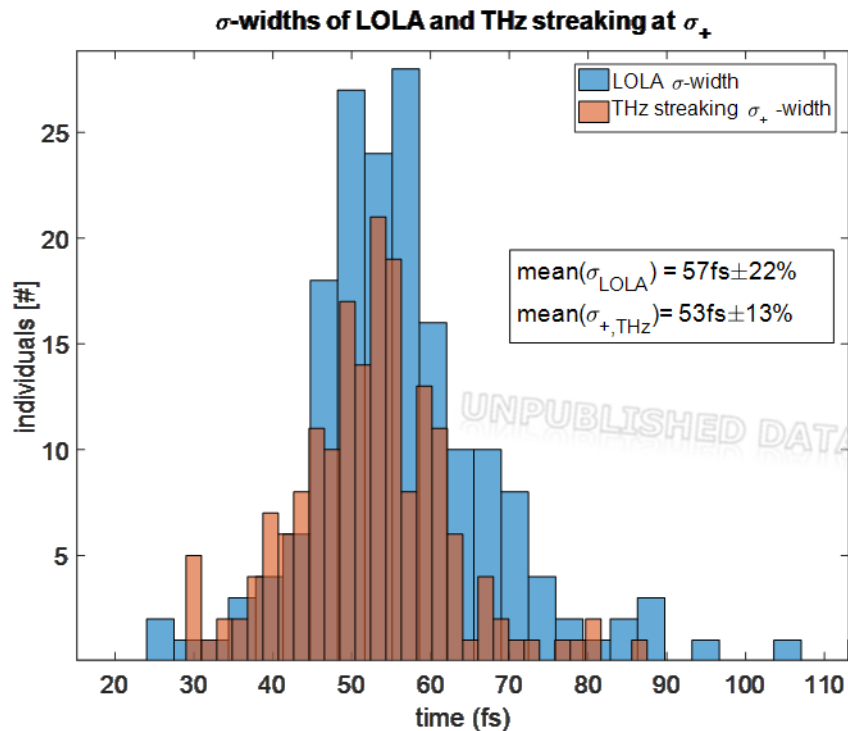
$$\tau_{XUV,FWHM} = 138 \text{ fs}$$

$$c_{XUV} = -3.2 \frac{\text{meV}}{\text{fs}} \pm 46 \%$$



Comparison with TDS measurement on electron bunch

- Last seminar we presented a method how to estimate the XUV light pulse duration from a TDS electron bunch energy streak trace.



TDS: $\tau_{XUV, RMS} = 57\text{fs} \pm 22\%$

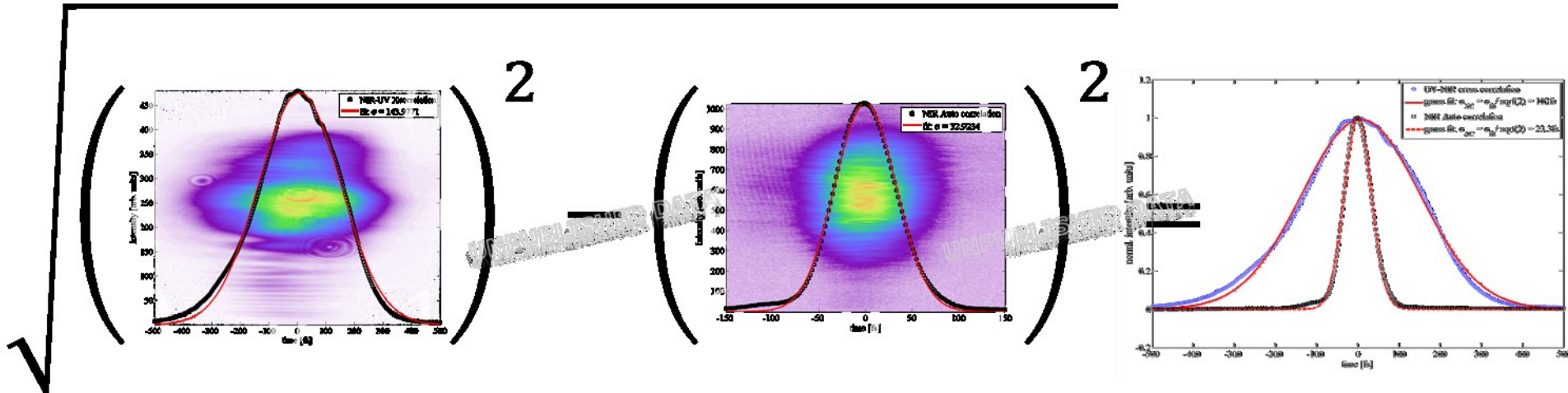
THz: $\tau_{XUV, RMS} = 59\text{fs} \pm 12\%$

A direct comparison of the widths histograms shows comparability of both measurement methods.

(But a single shot correlation didn't succeed)

The optical seed pulse

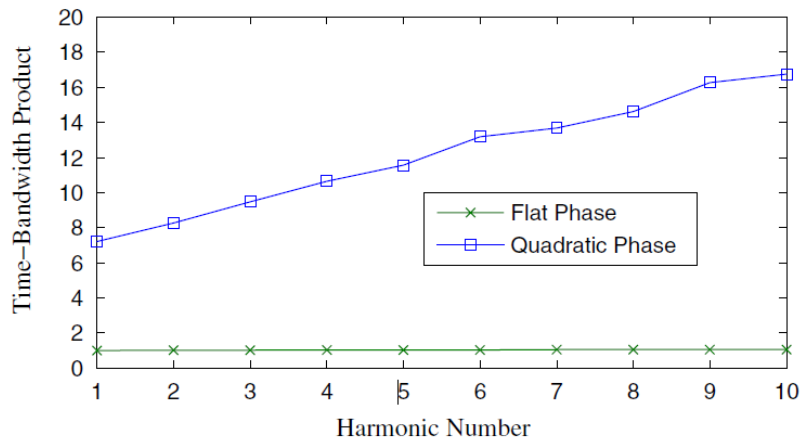
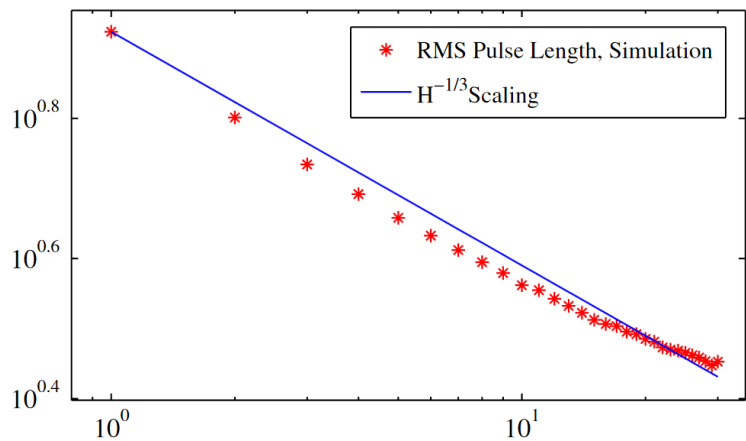
- We have established a pulse duration measurement (Mehdi Kazemi) to measure the temporal duration of the 266nm seed pulse using a single-shot line DFG cross-correlation setup.



$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{142fs}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{32fs}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} = 99fs \text{ RMS} \pm 10\% \equiv 234fs \text{ FWHM} > 140fs \text{ FWHM (TDS and THz)}$$

(Fourier limit: 60fs FWHM) ➔ strong chirp !

Test of theory on pulse properties of HGHG seeded pulses



For 8th Harmonic

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_{XUV,FEL} &= 0.93 * (8)^{-\frac{1}{3}} * \tau_{optical} \\ &= 0.47 * \tau_{266nm} \\ &= 0.47 * 234fs \text{ FWHM} \\ &= 110fs \text{ FWHM} \\ &< 135fs \text{ FWHM (TDS,THz)}\end{aligned}$$

Does this plot means, that HGHG works as a chirp enhancer ?

Test theory by inducing chirp in a controlled way in the optical seeder and measure chirp c of FEL !



Outlook

- > Upgrade THz streak camera with 2 more ToF's to measure each $\sigma_{\pm,0}$ on single shot basis and try to test single shot correlation with TDS again
(although the pulse-to-pulse fluctuation of the seeded FEL pulse duration are already small)
- > Test the chirp measurement by implementing chirp (finite glass plates) in the optical seeder and measure the chirp rate c via THz streaking and compare the result with HGHG theory by Rattner/Stupakov.

→ opens the path way to phase controlled XUV FEL pulses !



Summary

- > A THz streak camera has been implemented and commissioned for a seeded FEL pulse **(first time in the world !)**.
- > The THz diagnostic has measured the pulse properties of
 - SASE XUV pulses
 - seeded XUV pulses
 - measured with simultaneous two color emission of sFLASH
- > Evidence for a linear chirp of a seeded FEL has been found **(first time in the world)!**
- > The simultaneous average pulse duration of sFLASH measured with THz streaking and the TDS-energy-drop showed similar values.



Thank you for your attention !

