

# Methoden moderner Röntgenphysik II: Streuung und Abbildung

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# Outline

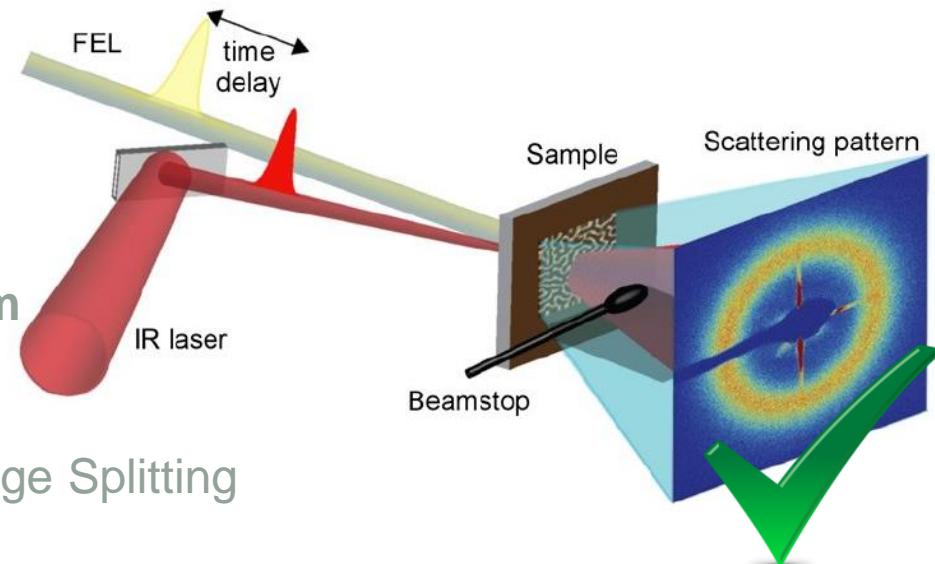
## Part III/2:

### Studies on Magnetic Nanostructures

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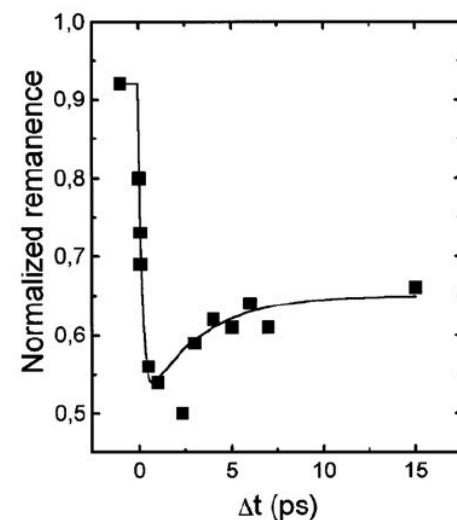
#### [29.6.] X-ray Magnetic Circular Dichroism (XMCD) & Resonant Magnetic Small Angle X-ray Scattering (mSAXS)

- Role of Spin-Orbit Coupling and Exchange Splitting
- Sum Rules
- XMCD and Natural Dicroisms
- mSAXS of Magnetic Domain Patterns



#### [1.7.] Femtomagnetism

- Introduction to Ultrafast Magnetization Dynamics Induced by Femtosecond Infrared Pulses
- Pump-Probe Experiments of Nano-Scale Magnetic Domain Patterns
- Manipulating Magnetism by XUV and THz Pulses
- All-Optical Switching



Time-resolved MOKE (Ni 120 fs)



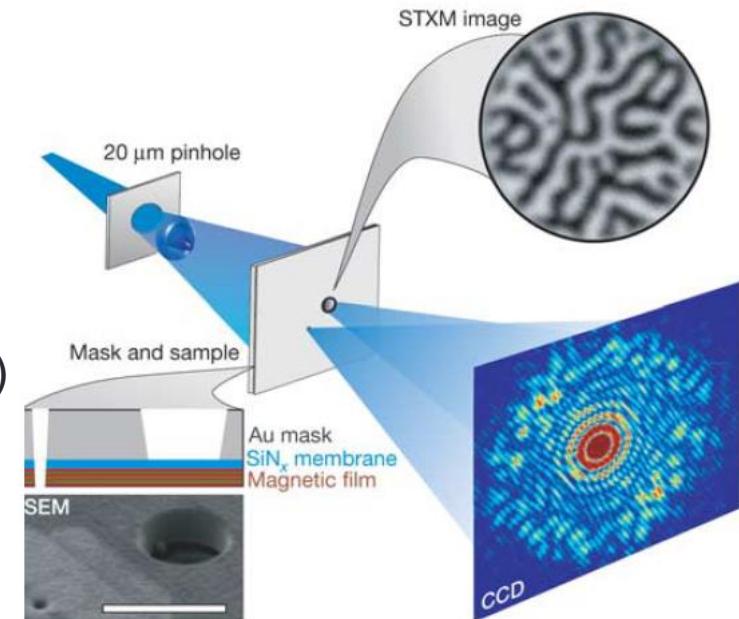
## Part III/3:

### Studies on Magnetic Nanostructures

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#### [6.7.] Imaging of Magnetic Domains (briefly)

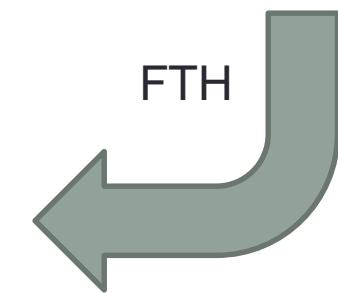
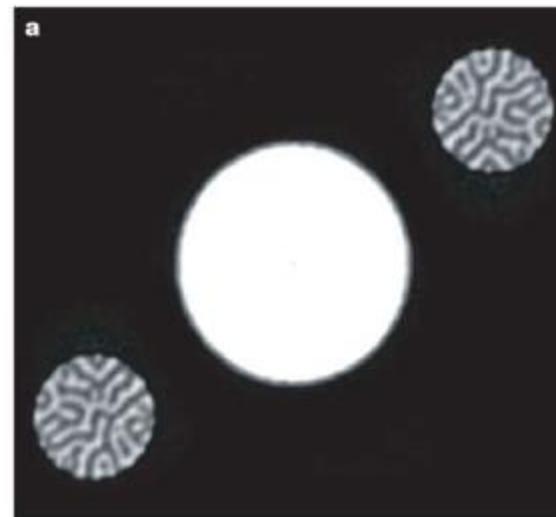
- **Fourier Transform Holography (FTH)**
- Scanning Transmission X-ray Microscopy (STXM)
- Coherent Diffraction Imaging (CDI)



#### Lensless imaging of magnetic nanostructures by X-ray spectro-holography

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# Femtomagnetism

1.) Ultrafast demagnetization (IR pump,  $\lambda = 800 \text{ nm}$ )

- Discovery and typical parameters
- Three-temperature model
- Ultrafast demagnetization of nano-scale magnetic domain patterns
  - **TR Fourier-transform holography**

2.) High X-ray fluences (XUV pump,  $\lambda = 20.8 \text{ nm}$ )

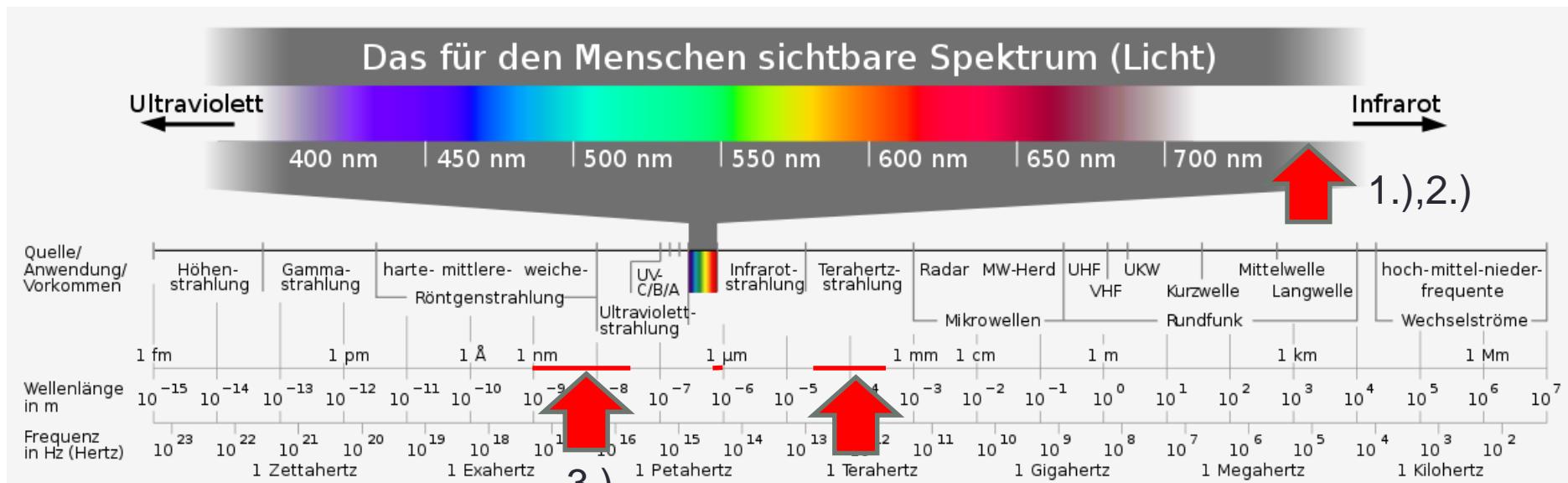
3.) THz dynamics (THz pump,  $\lambda = 100 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ )

4.) All-optical switching (IR pump,  $\lambda = 800 \text{ nm}$ )

- Ferrimagnetic systems
- Is there AOS in ferromagnetic systems?

# Femtomagnetism

## > Electromagnetic spectrum

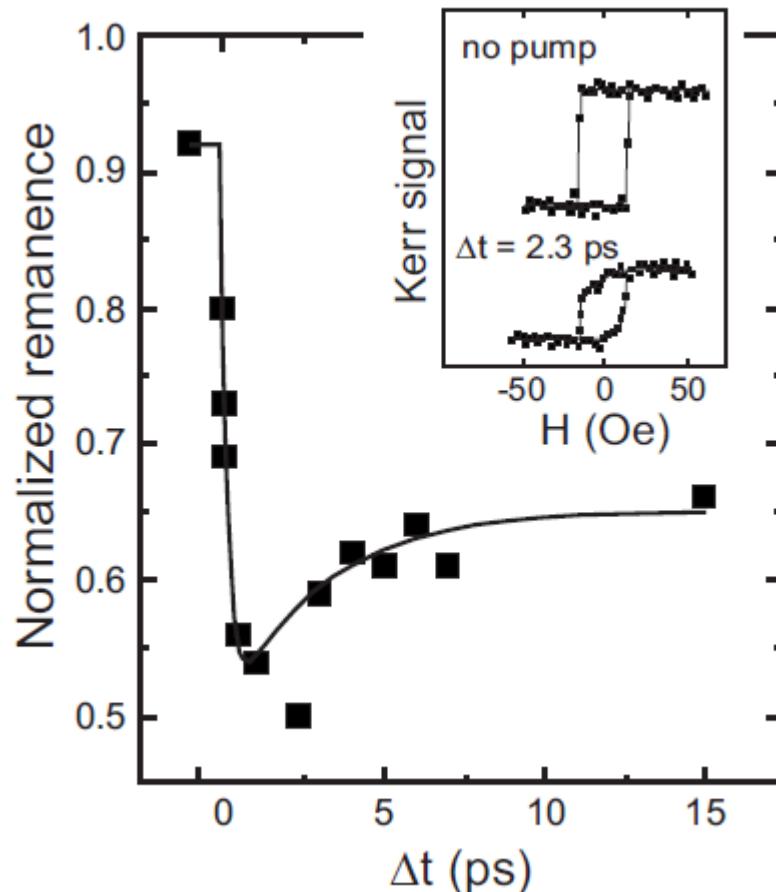


L-edges (soft X-rays)  
M-edges (extreme UV, i.e., VUV/XUV)

# Femtomagnetism

## ➤ Ultrafast demagnetization (IR pump, $\lambda = 800$ nm)

- Discovery and typical parameters



E. Beaurepaire *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **76**, 4250 (1996).

- Pulse duration 70 fs
- In-plane magnetized Ni film
- Characteristic time of demagnetization of 260 fs
- Recovery time of magnetization >100 ps
- Fluence of 7 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup> (=100 GW)  
( $2.8 \times 10^{16}$  Photons/cm<sup>2</sup>,  
 $4 \times 10^{29}$  Photons/(cm<sup>2</sup>s))

- Note:
- non-destructive!
  - one can easily reach multi TW
  - Largest nuclear power station 4.5 GW (thermal)

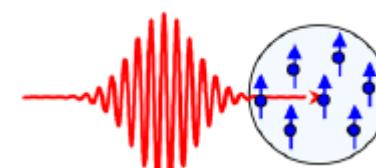
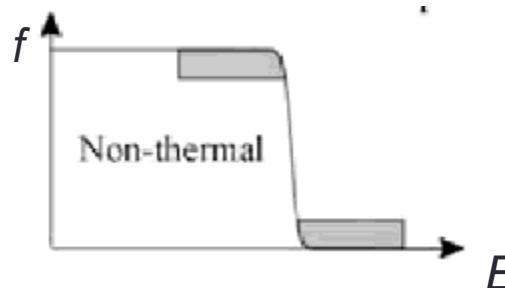
1283 citations (22.06.2020)  
~100 in the last 12 months(!)



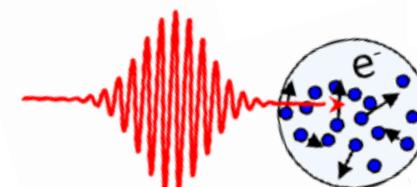
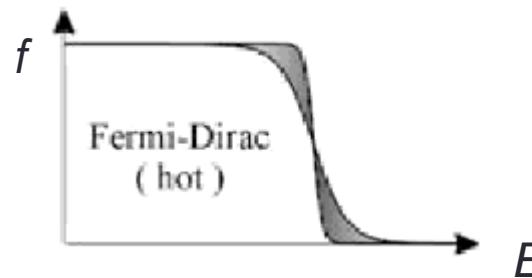
# Femtomagnetism

## > Ultrafast demagnetization

- 1.) Creation of highly excited electrons during the pulse duration ('instantaneous')



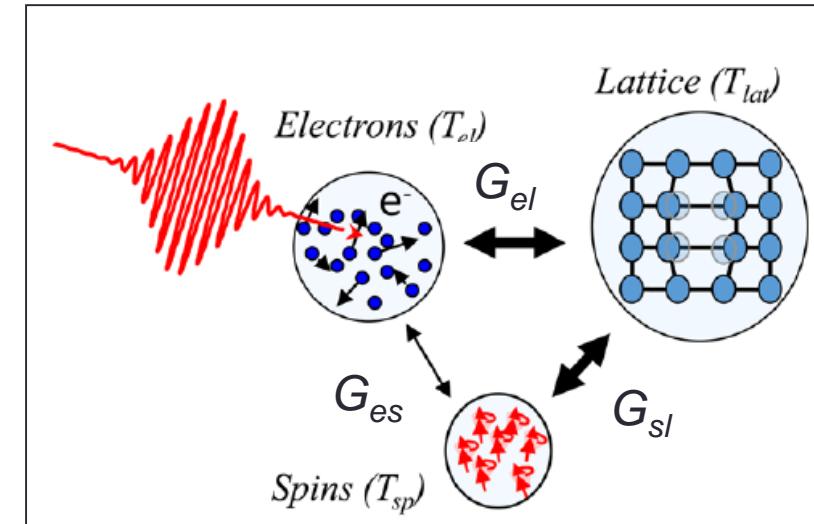
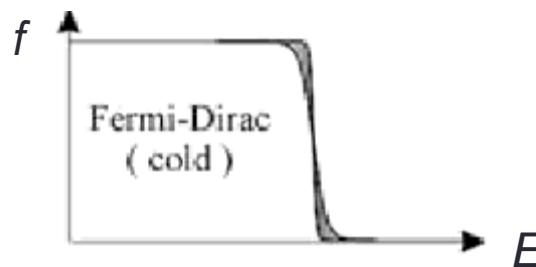
- 2.) Thermalization of electron system (<100 fs) due to electron-electron scattering



# Femtomagnetism

## > Ultrafast demagnetization

3.) Thermalization of electron, phonon, and spin reservoirs (<1 ps)  
due to electron-phonon-, electron-spin-, and phonon-spin-scattering



## → Differential equations (rate equations)

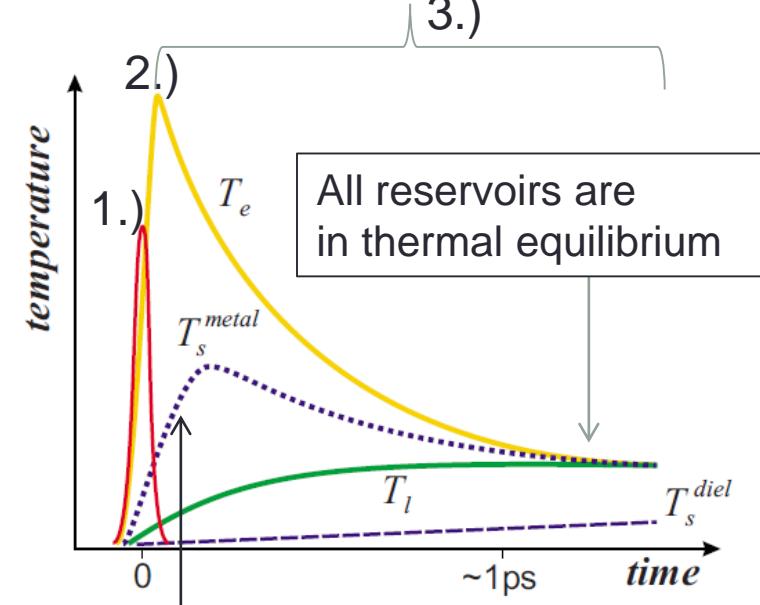
$$C_e d(T_e)/dt = -G_{el}(T_e - T_l) - G_{es}(T_e - T_s) + P(t),$$

$$C_s d(T_s)/dt = -G_{es}(T_s - T_e) - G_{sl}(T_s - T_l), \quad \text{Energy density of pulse}$$

$$C_l d(T_l)/dt = -G_{el}(T_l - T_e) - G_{sl}(T_l - T_s),$$

$C_i$ : specific heat,  $T_i$ : temperature of electrons, phonons, spins

$G_{ij}$ : strength of interaction between electrons, phonons, spins



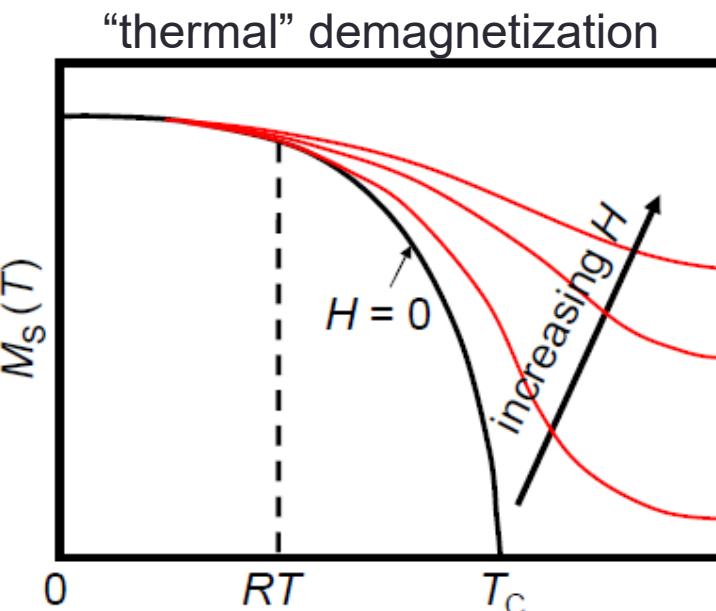
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## > Ultrafast demagnetization

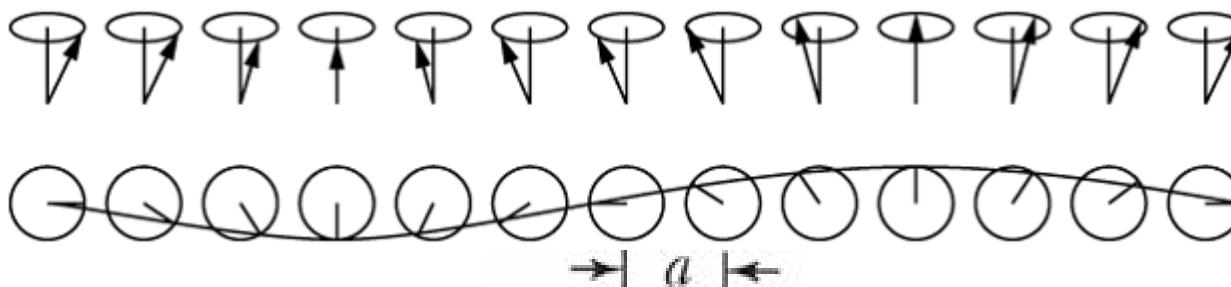
- $T$ -dependence of saturation magnetization (low  $T$ )

$$M_S(T) = M_S(0)(1 - BT^{3/2})$$

$B = 3.3 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-3/2}$  for bulk Co

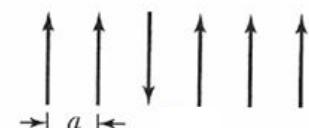


- Collective spin excitations = “magnons” or spin wave (low  $T$ ,  $T \ll T_C$ )



Magnon reduces saturation magnetization by  $\hbar$

- Single spin excitations (high  $T$ , near  $T_C$ )



Single spin exc. reduces saturation magnetization by  $\hbar$



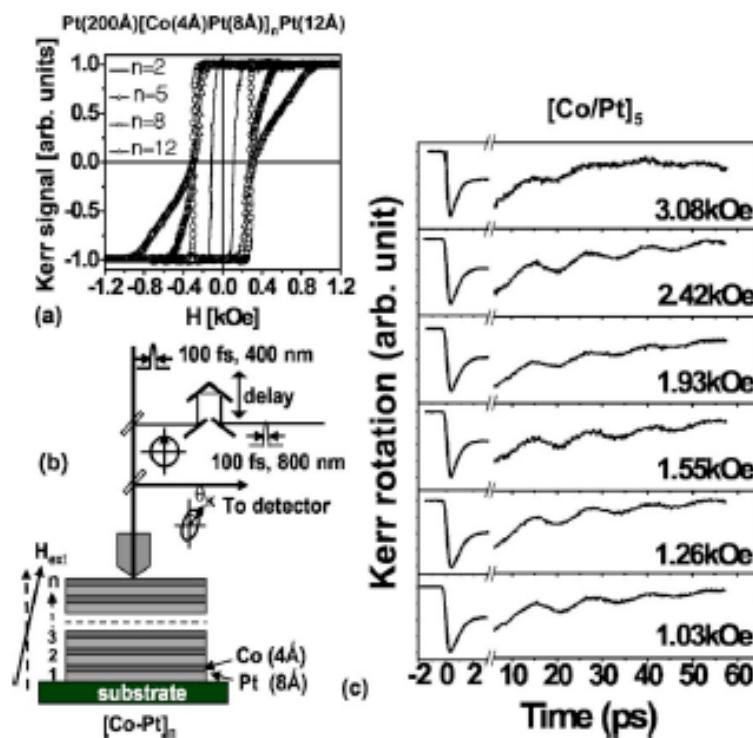
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## > Ultrafast demagnetization

4.) Cooling of sample due to interaction with environment ( $\sim 100 \text{ ps} - 100 \text{ ms}$ )

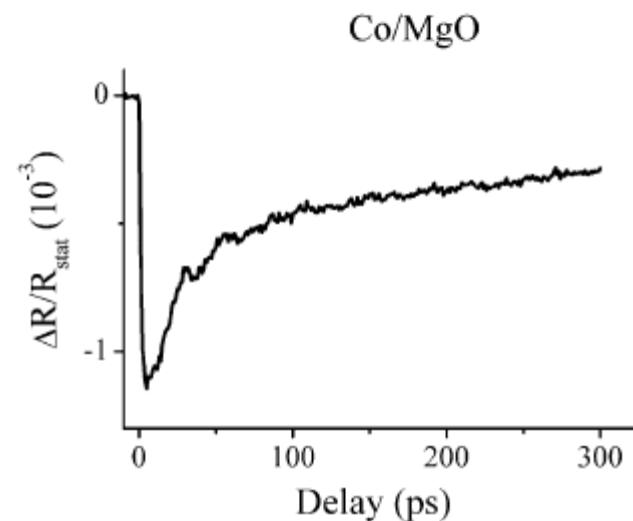
JOURNAL OF APPLIED PHYSICS 101, 09D102 (2007)

Ultrafast magnetization dynamics in high perpendicular anisotropy  
[Co/Pt]<sub>n</sub> multilayers



Chemical Physics 318 (2005) 137–146

Ultrafast magnetization dynamics in ferromagnetic cobalt:  
The role of the anisotropy



# Femtomagnetism

## > Ultrafast demagnetization ... of magnetic domain pattern

First pump-probe data (Co M-edge) taken at FLASH

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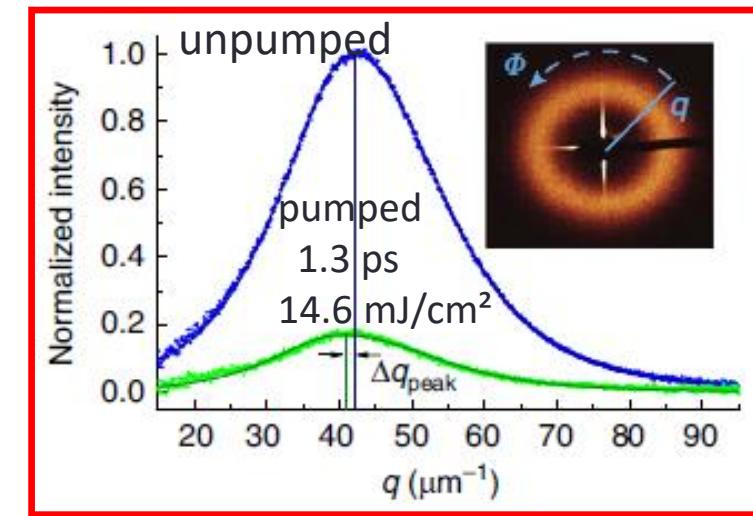
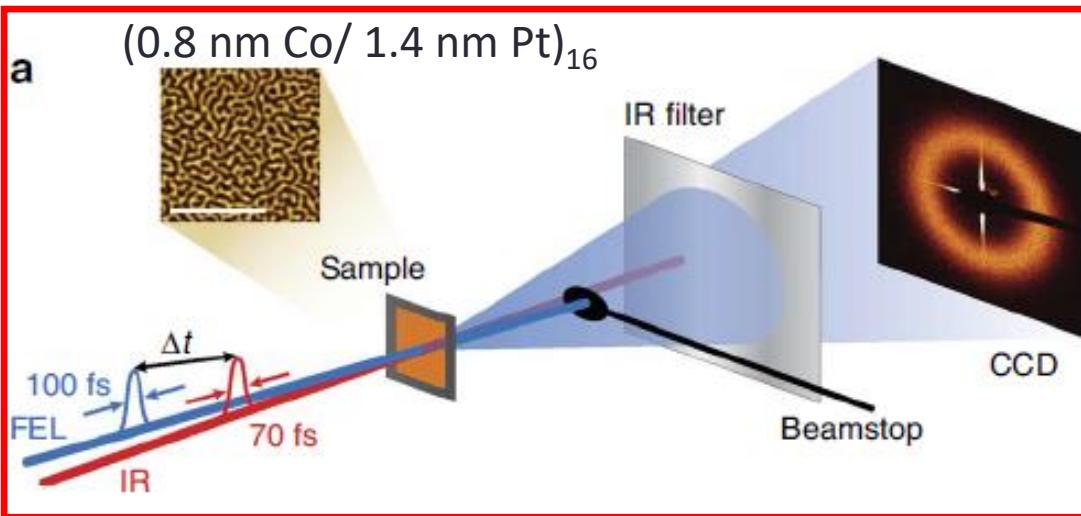
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## Ultrafast optical demagnetization manipulates nanoscale spin structure in domain walls

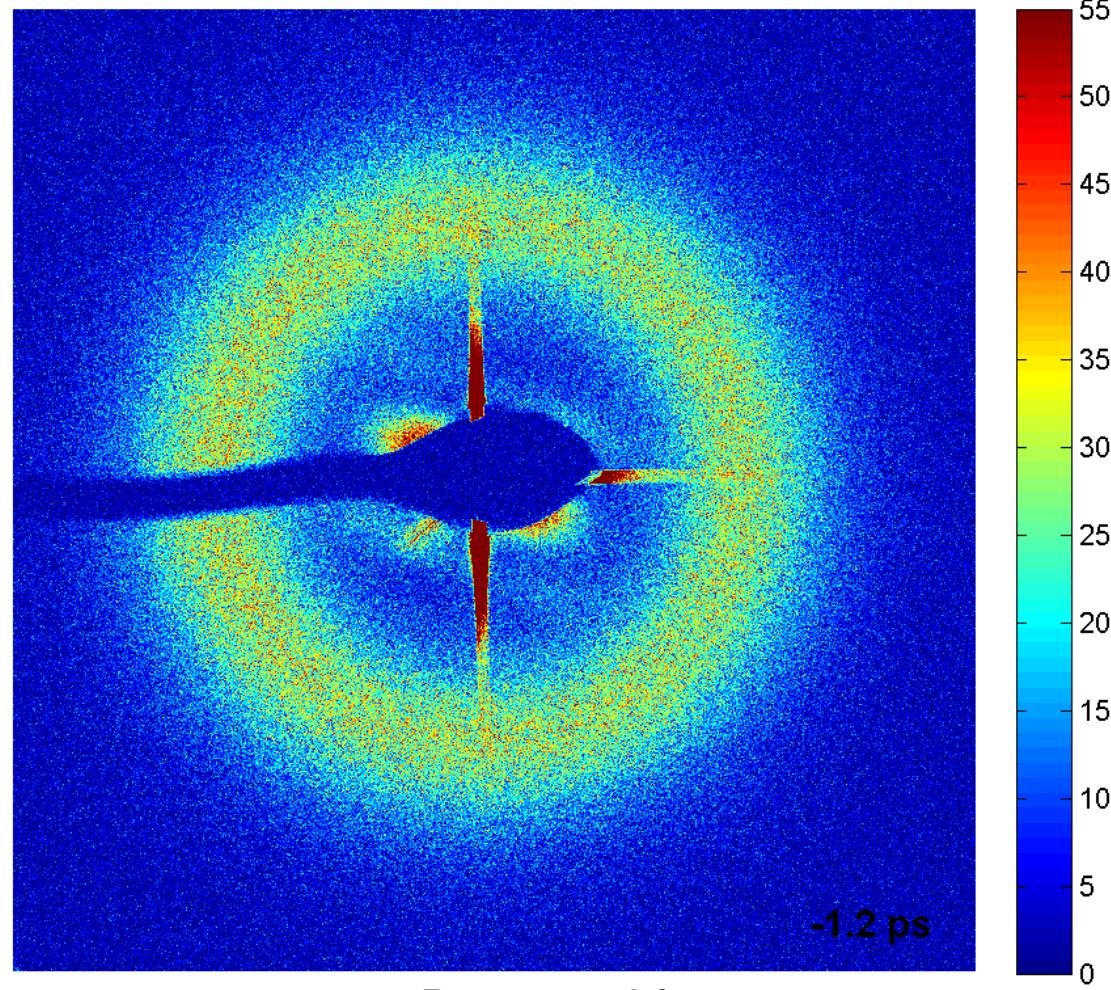
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### IR-pump–XUV-probe experiment



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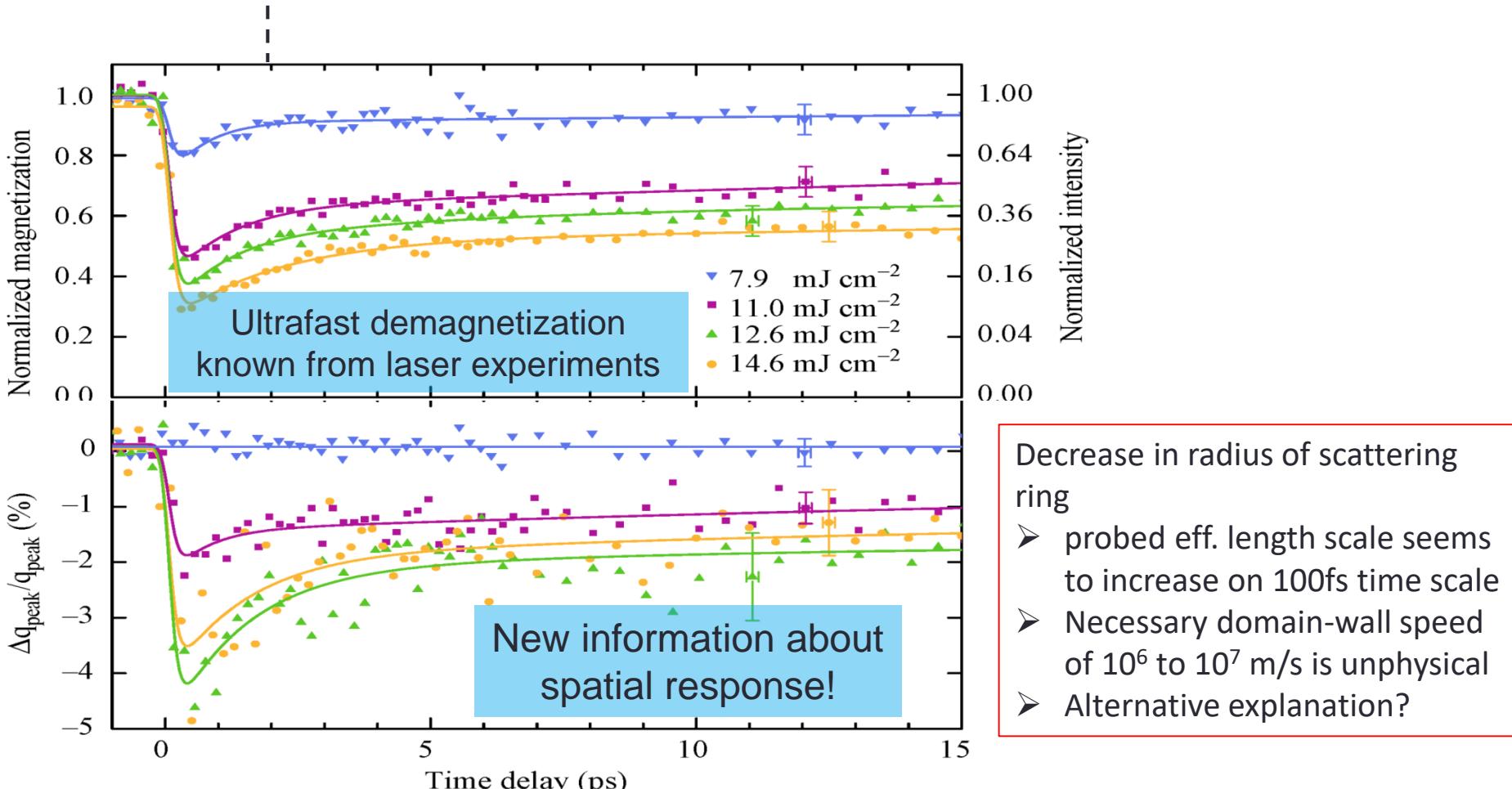
➤ Ultrafast demagnetization   ... of magnetic domain pattern



Data used for Nature Commun. 3, 1100 (2012).

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# Ultrafast superdiffusive spin transport

PRL 105, 027203 (2010)

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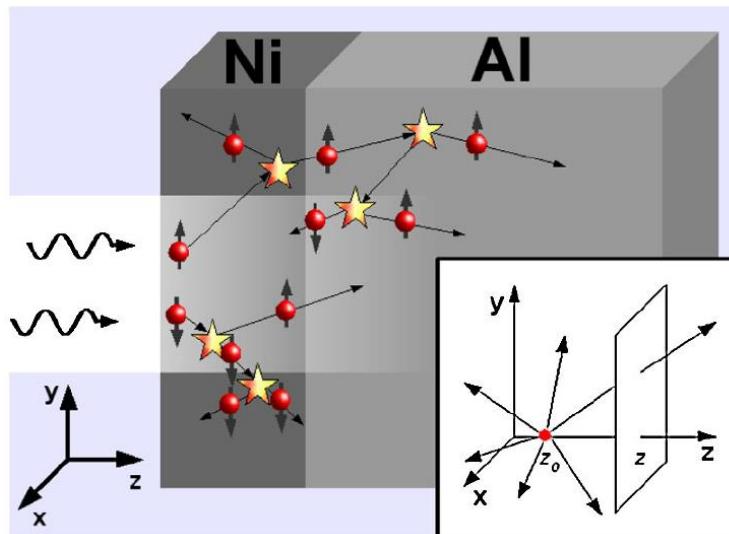
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## Superdiffusive Spin Transport as a Mechanism of Ultrafast Demagnetization

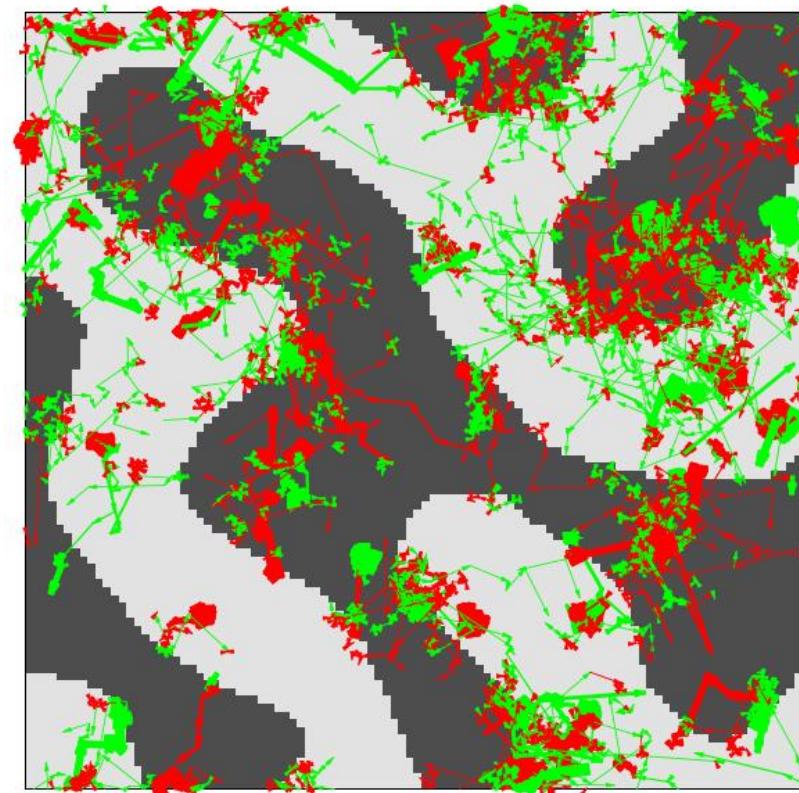
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Monte Carlo simulation for a domain system using the different scattering probabilities for spin-up and spin-down electrons. When electron spin and magnetization point into the same direction the electrons are scattered less. → accumulation of „wrong-spin“ electrons at the domain boundaries



# Femtomagnetism

## > Ultrafast demagnetization ... of magnetic domain pattern

- Explanation of  $q_{\text{peak}}$  shift via superdiffusive currents (spin-dependent electron scattering)

Fermi's golden rule: Scattering rate of electrons from state  $\mathbf{k}$  to  $\mathbf{k}'$

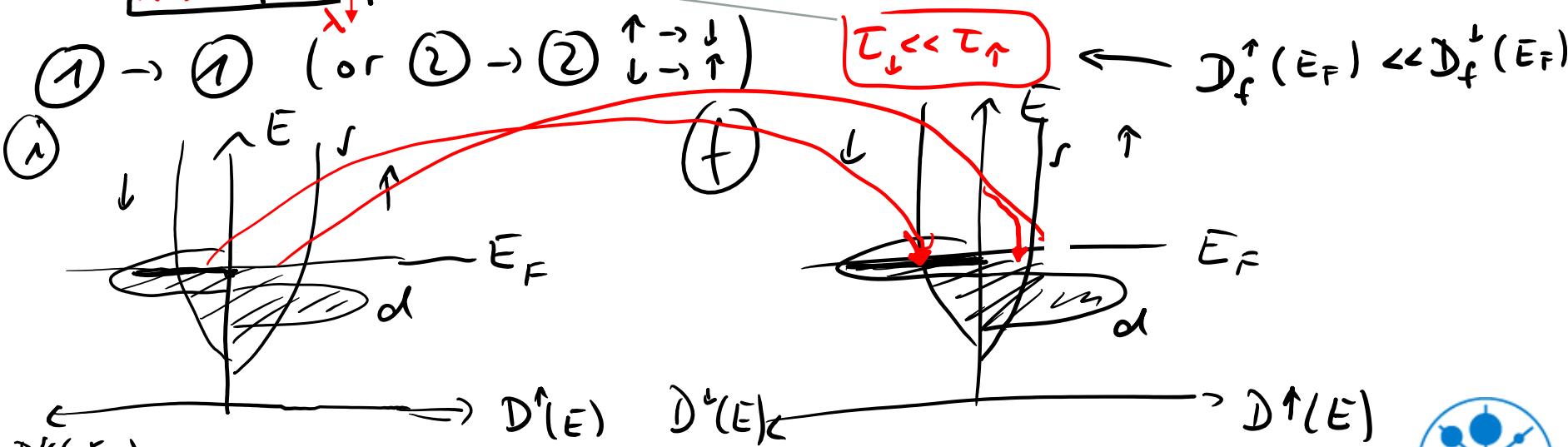
$$\Gamma_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} | \langle \Phi_f(\mathbf{k}') | V | \Phi_i(\mathbf{k}) \rangle |^2 D_f(E_f')$$

time between 2 scattering events  $\tau = (\sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} \Gamma_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'})^{-1}$

good assumption: spin is conserved during scattering

Mean free path:

$$\lambda = v_F \tau$$



# Femtomagnetism

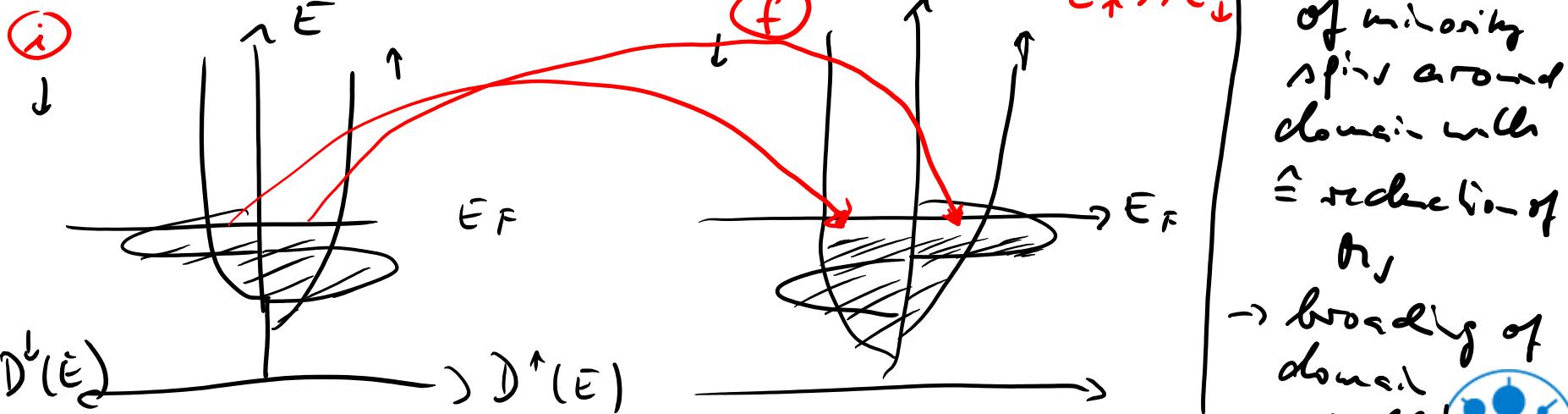
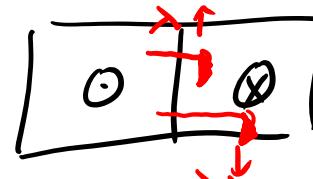
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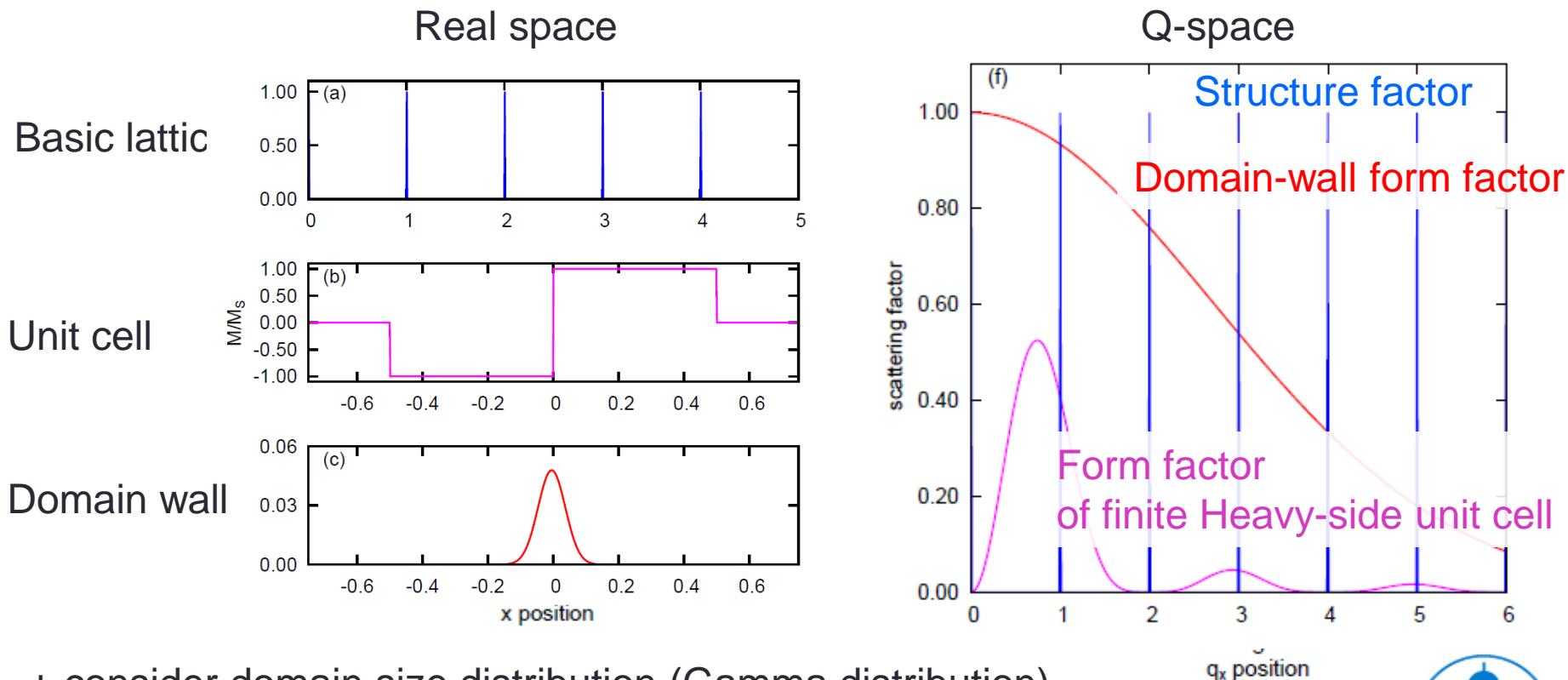
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# mSAXS of magnetic domain patterns

Explanation of transient peak shift via impact of domain wall width on the scattering pattern of a disordered maze domain pattern

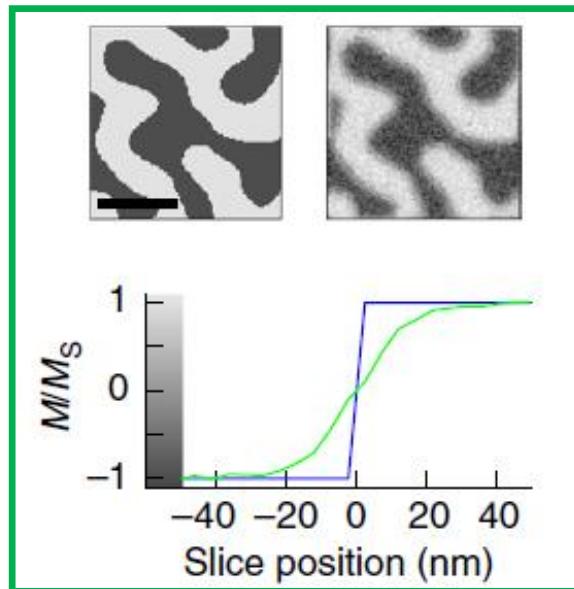
Recap: mSAXS of 1D regular domains with finite domain wall width



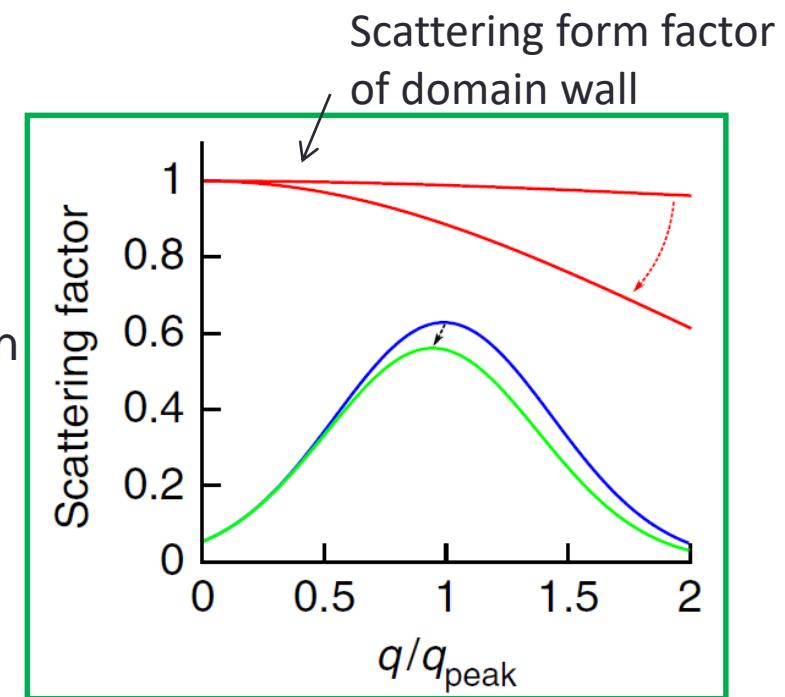
# Femtomagnetism

## > Ultrafast demagnetization ... of magnetic domain pattern

- Explanation of  $q_{\text{peak}}$  shift



Fourier transformation  
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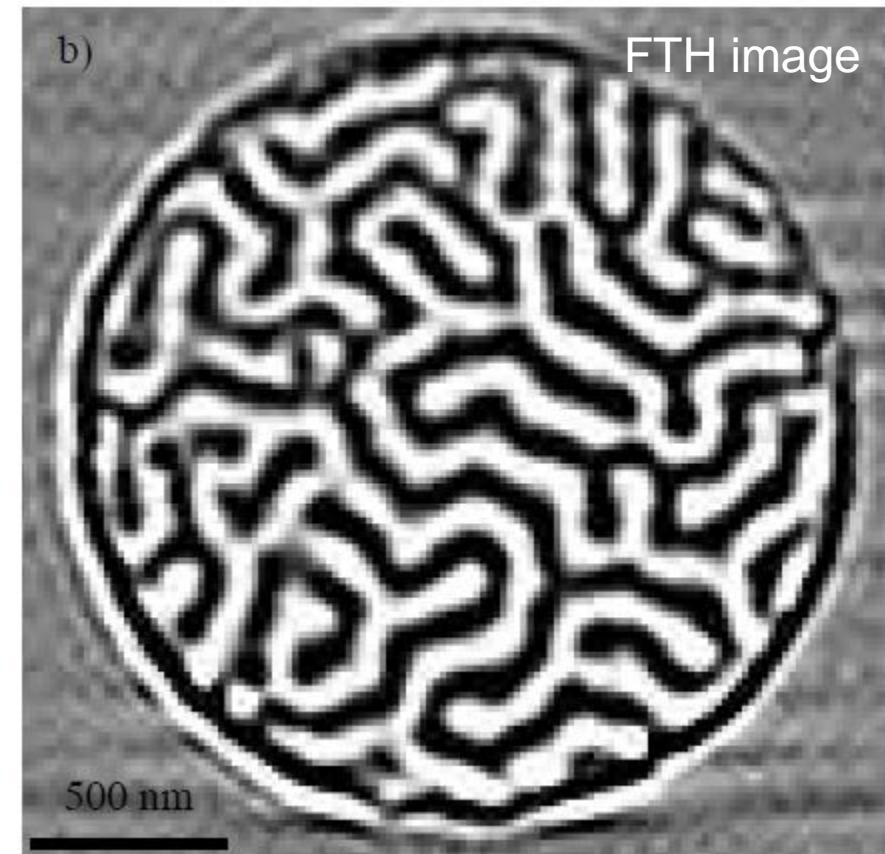
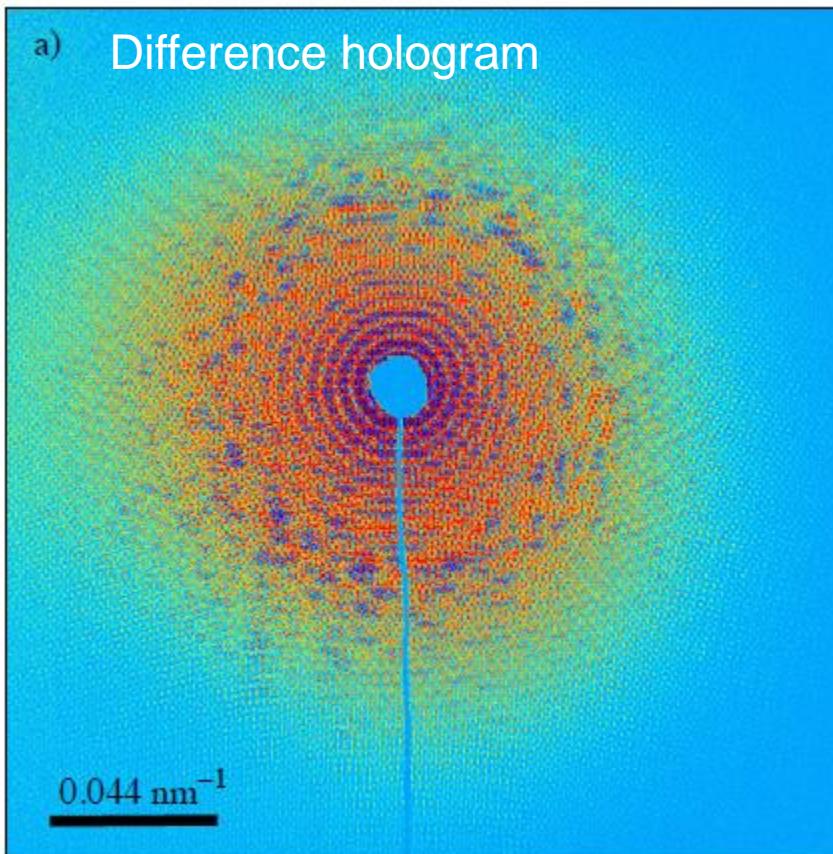


*Super-diffusive* currents  
broaden domain walls  
by 20 nm (FWHM)

Change of scattering form factor of  
domain walls and hence  $q_{\text{peak}}$

B. Pfau *et al.*, Nat. Commun. 3 (2012).

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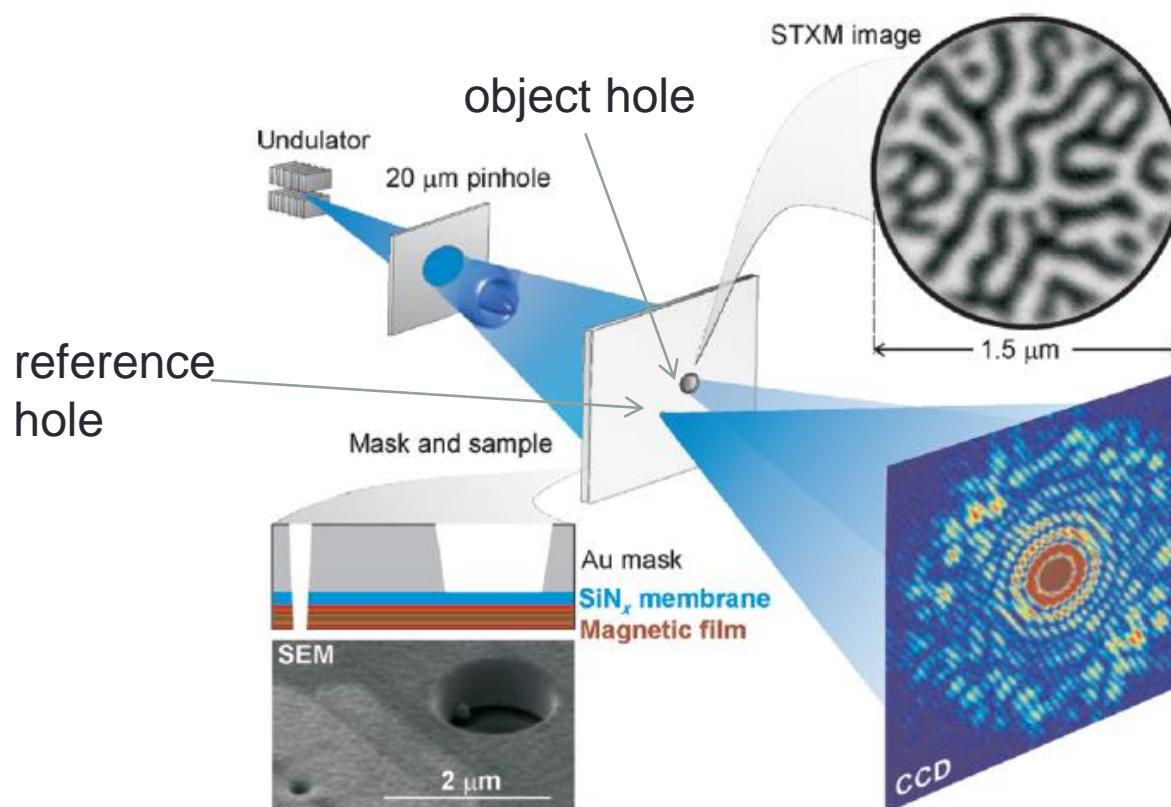
First multi-shot holography at Co M-edge at FERMI: FTH image obtained from ~13000 shots per helicity, sign preserving logscale for the hologram

Sync. Rad News **26**, 27 (2013).

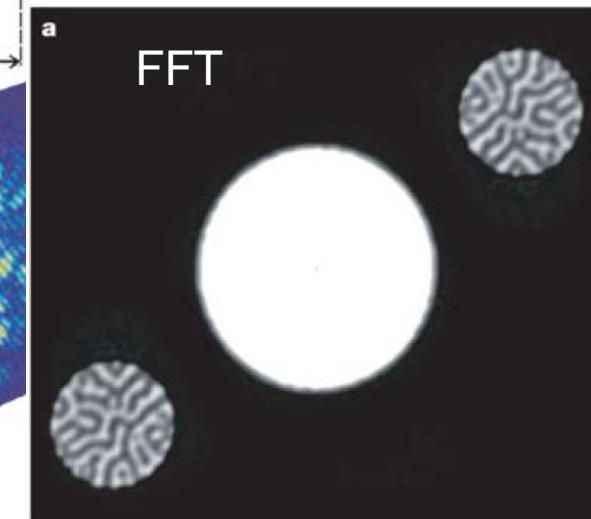
# Imaging of magnetic domain patterns with X-rays

## ► Brief excursion on Lensless Imaging – Fourier transform Holography

	Schlüsselement-Herstellung	Bild-Rekonstruktion
TXM	Zonenplatte	XXXXX
FTH	Optikmaske	XX
CDI	-direkt-	X



Requirement:  
transversal coherence length > largest length scale in sample = mask diameter



# Imaging of magnetic domain patterns with X-rays

## > Lensless Imaging – Fourier transform Holography (FTH)

### Principle:

- Intensity on detector:

$$I(q_x, q_y) = \left| \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi(x, y) \exp(-i(q_x x + q_y y)) dx dy \right|^2$$

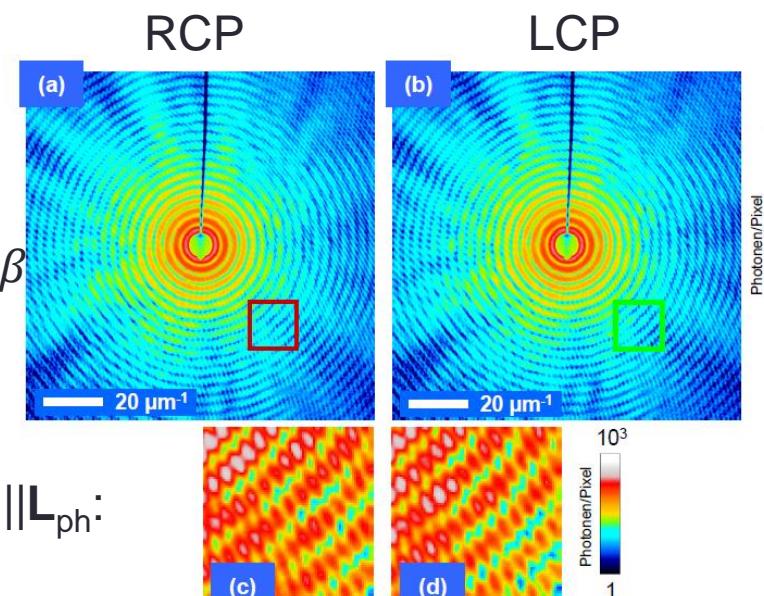
$\Psi(x, y) = t(x, y)\Psi_0$ ,  $\Psi_0$  = illuminating wave (plane wave)

### Transmission function

$$t(x, y) = \exp\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \int_0^d (-i\delta(x, y, z) - \beta(x, y, z) dz)\right)$$

With  $\delta$  and  $\beta$  from  $n = 1 - \delta + \beta$  and for magnetic samples  $\delta = \delta_0 \pm (\epsilon_k \cdot \vec{m})\Delta\delta$  and  $\beta = \beta_0 \pm (\epsilon_k \cdot \vec{m})\Delta\beta$

Identify  $t(x, y)$  as  $f = f_0^C + f_r^C + f_m$



- Scattering factor for circularly polarized light and  $\mathbf{M} \parallel \mathbf{L}_{ph}$ :

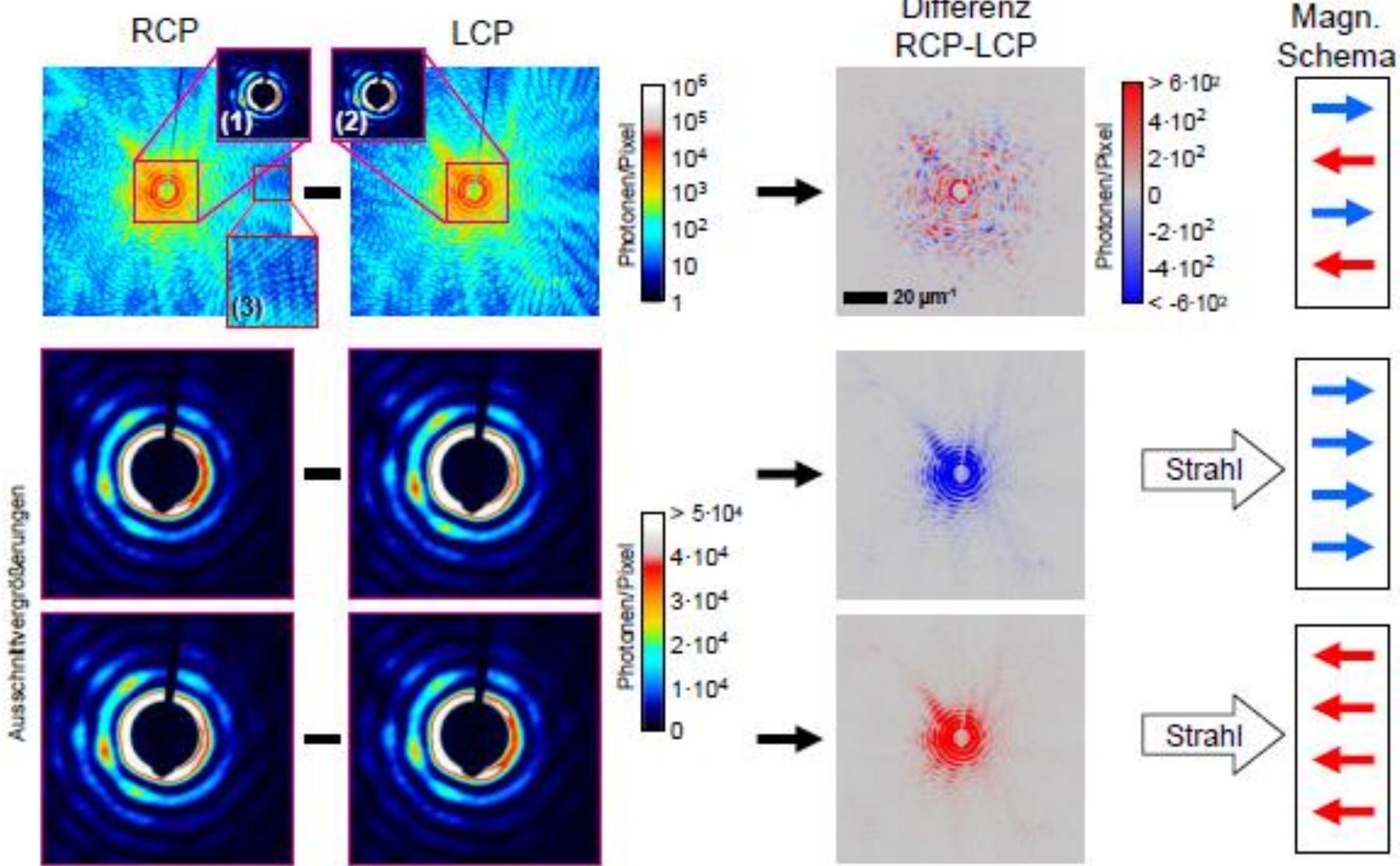
$$I(\vec{Q}) = |\tilde{f}_0^C(\vec{Q}) + \tilde{f}_r^C(\vec{Q}) \pm \tilde{f}_m(\vec{Q})|^2 = |\tilde{f}_C \pm \tilde{f}_m|^2$$

$$\Delta I = I(RCP) - I(LCP) = 2 \cdot (\tilde{f}_C^* \tilde{f}_m + \tilde{f}_C \tilde{f}_m^*)$$

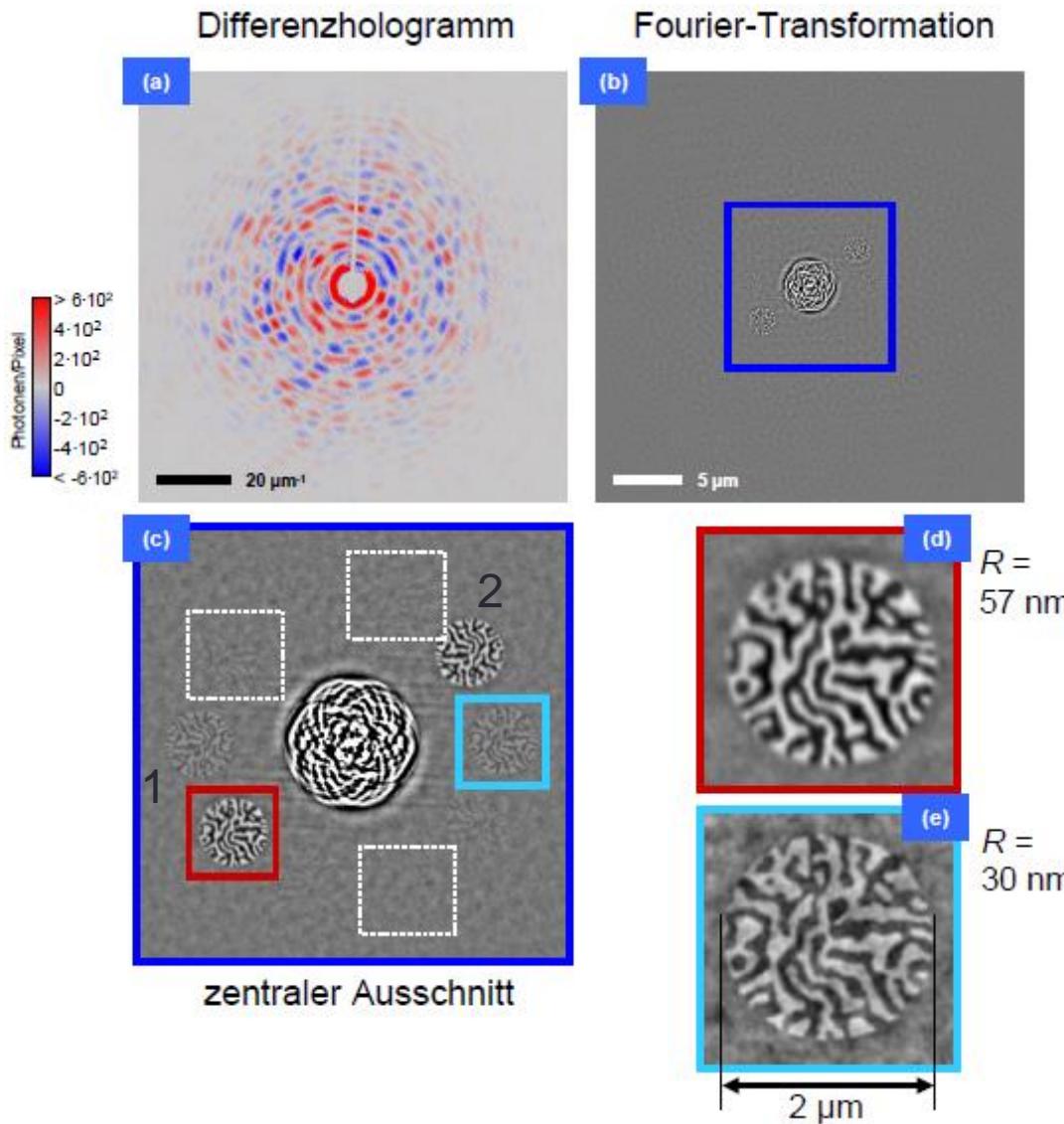
Subtle differences!



# Imaging of magnetic domain patterns with X-rays



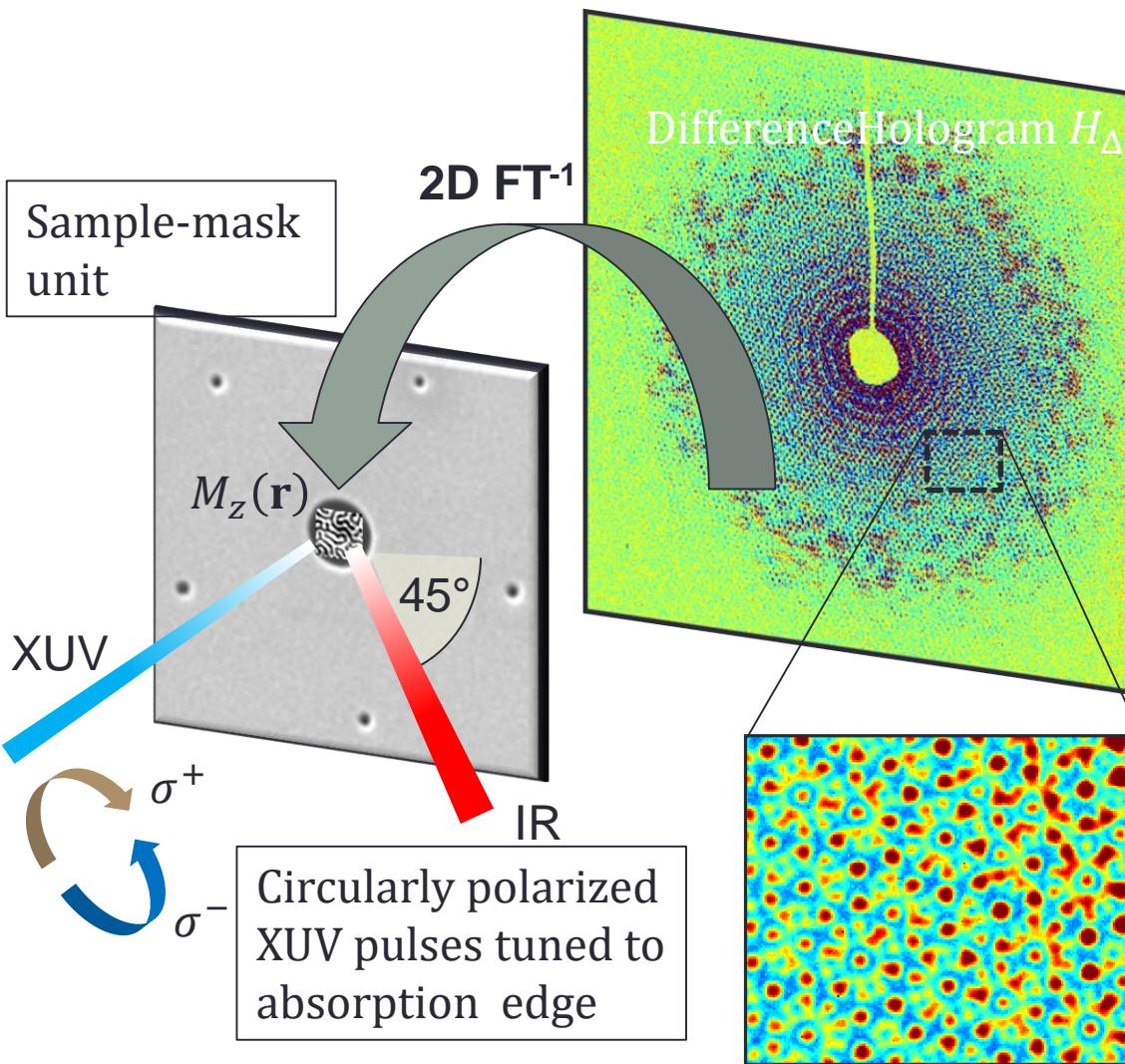
# Imaging of magnetic domain patterns with X-rays



- FT of hologram shows Patterson map of the holographic mask with the magnetic structure
- object-hole autocorrelation in center
- 10 reference-hole-object-hole cross correlations (2 for each reference hole) arranged outside provide an image of magnetic domain pattern in object hole
- Large (small) diameter of reference holes yield high (low) contrast but low (high) resolution

# Femtomagnetism

> Ultrafast demagnetization ... of magnetic domain pattern -



## Experimental parameters at FERMI

- ~10x600 shots per helicity (@1  $\mu$ J due to extremely instable conditions of the FEL at that time
- $4.1 \text{ mJ/cm}^2 \leq \text{IR fluence} \leq 16.3 \text{ mJ/cm}^2$
- Repetition rate 10 Hz
- $\lambda = 20.8 \text{ nm}$  (M-edge of Co)
- Fixed time delay of 1 ps
- Pump laser ( $\lambda = 780 \text{ nm}$ ) at 45° with respect to sample surface
- Sample:  $(\text{Co}(0.4 \text{ nm})/\text{Pd}(0.2 \text{ nm}))_{30}$

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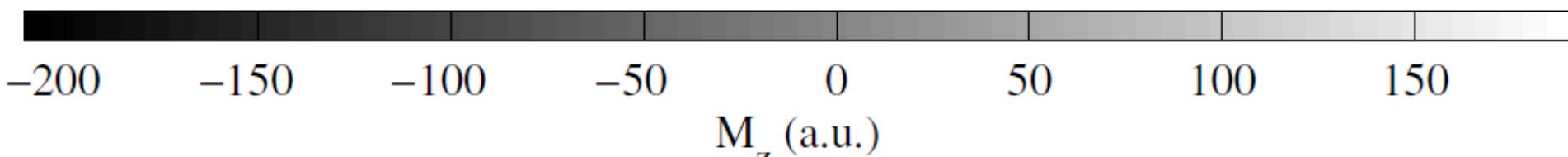
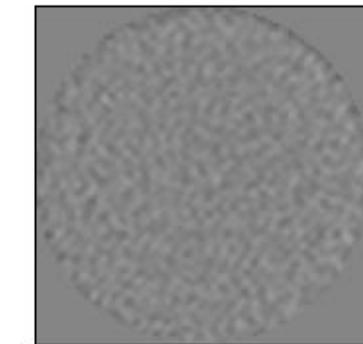
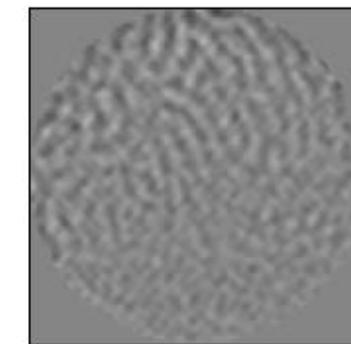
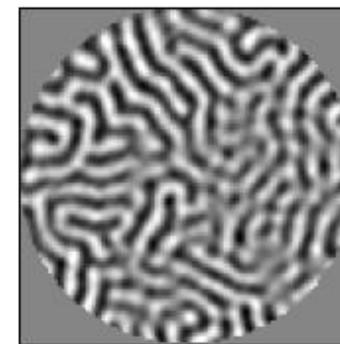
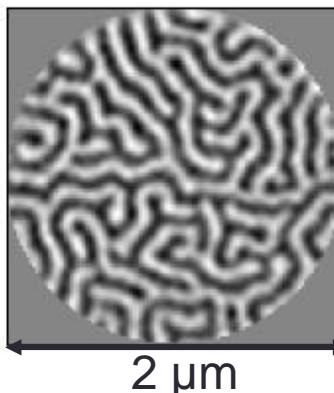
reference

4.1 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>

8.2 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>

12.2 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>

16.3 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>

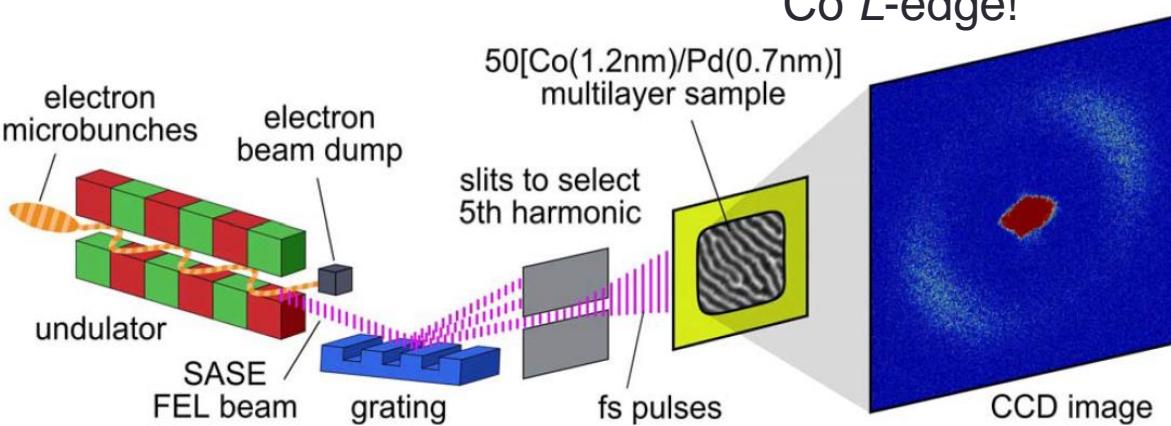


- Blurring due to domain rearrangements initiated by quasi-static heating (thermal demagnetization)
- Global contrast scale  $\propto$  saturation magnetization → ultrafast demagnetization on the nanoscale
- Small contrast at high fluences due to high demagnetization and/or domain rearrangements
- Resolution of 40 nm limited by exp. geometry is too low to resolve domain wall broadening

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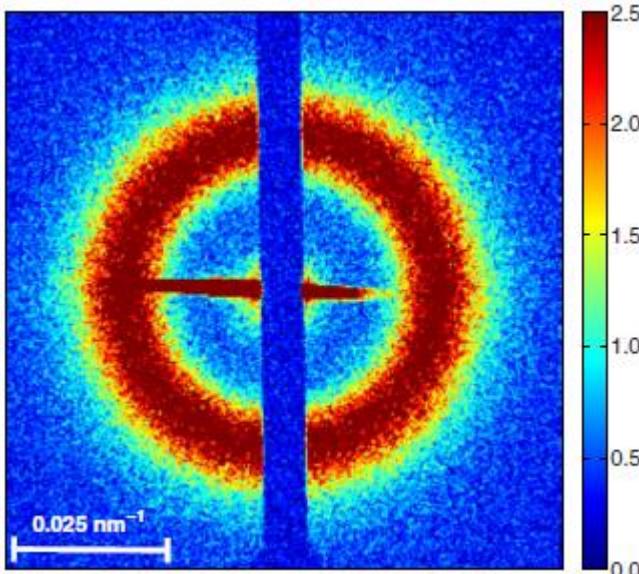
# Femtomagnetism

## > High X-ray fluences



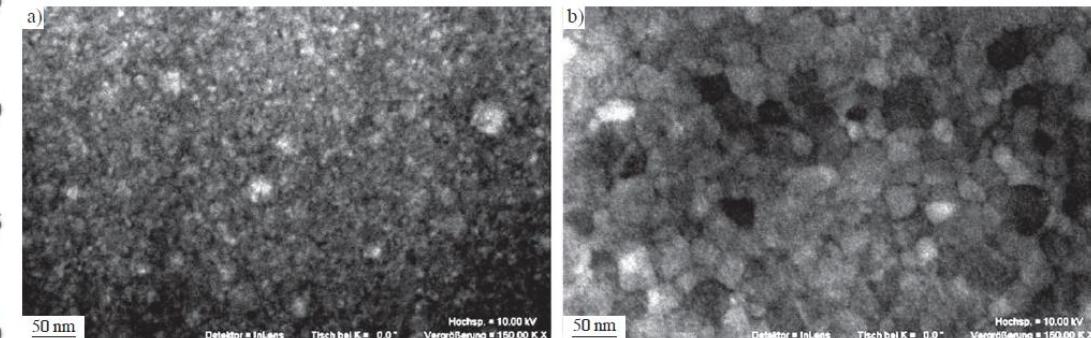
Establish first magnetic scattering at an FEL; due to experimental limitations only  $7 \cdot 10^3$  photons per pulse at the sample  
PRB **79**, 212406 (2009)

Experiments performed at  
**Free-electron Laser in Hamburg,  
FLASH**



First single-shot magnetic scattering at the Co *M*-edge, intensity of  $1.3 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ W/cm}^2$  leads to a recrystallization of the multilayer sample

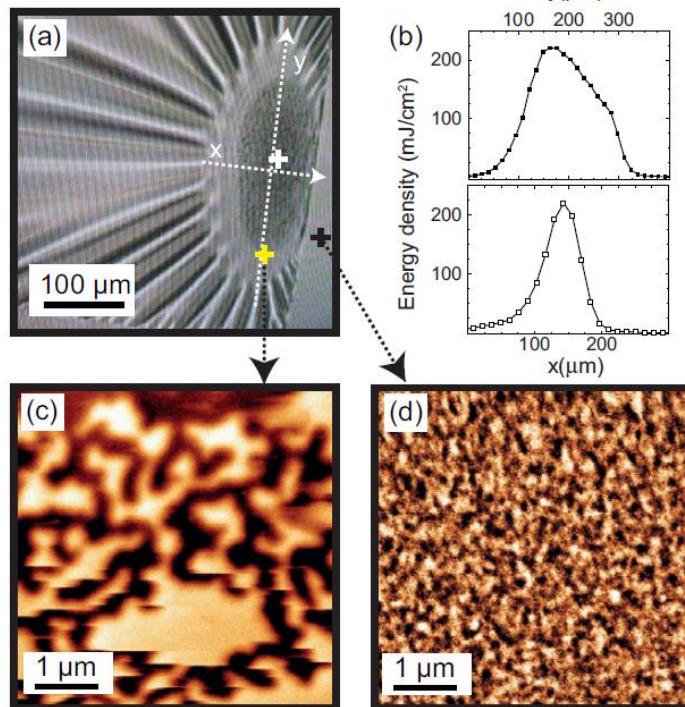
PRB **81**, 100401(R), (2010), Sync. Rad. News **26**(6), 27 (2013).



# Femtomagnetism

- > High IR fluences
  - Beam damage

Fluence of 200 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup> (IR pump)



## Femtosecond-laser-induced modifications in Co/Pt multilayers studied with tabletop resonant magnetic scattering

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- Some experiments can only be done in single-shot mode (sample destroyed after one pulse)
- Many membranes for systematic studies needed
- Need to care about unintentional impacts of pump AND probe beams

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## > High X-ray fluences

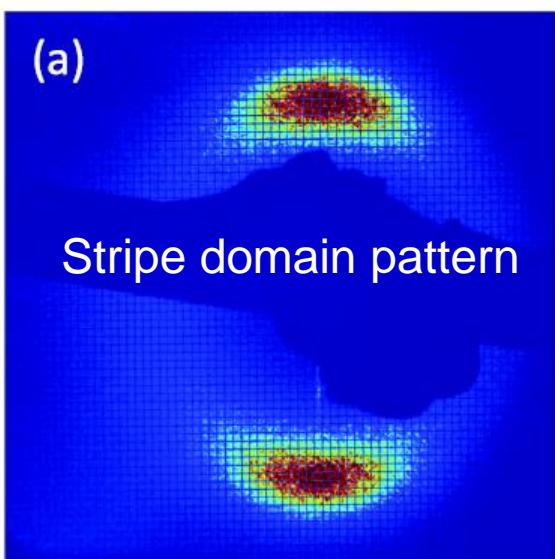
### Breakdown of the X-Ray Resonant Magnetic Scattering Signal during Intense Pulses of Extreme Ultraviolet Free-Electron-Laser Radiation

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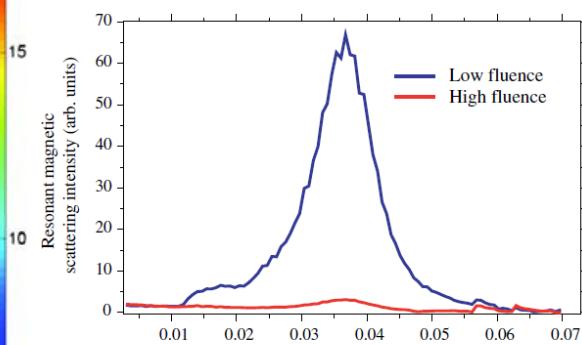
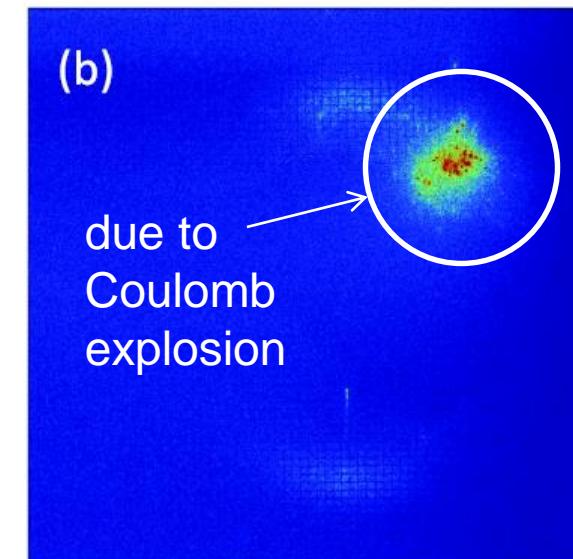
What is happening at high X-ray fluences ( $\lambda = 20.8 \text{ nm}$ , i.e., M-edge of Co)?

Experiment at FLASH (Free-electron Laser in Hamburg), pulse duration of  $\sim 100 \text{ fs}$

1000 shots à  $7.5 \text{ mJ/cm}^2$



1 shot à  $5 \text{ J/cm}^2$



- Intra-pulse “quenching”/ breakdown of the resonant mSAXS signal
- Violation of principle “diffract before destruct”
- X-ray pulse does not only act as a non-invasive probe

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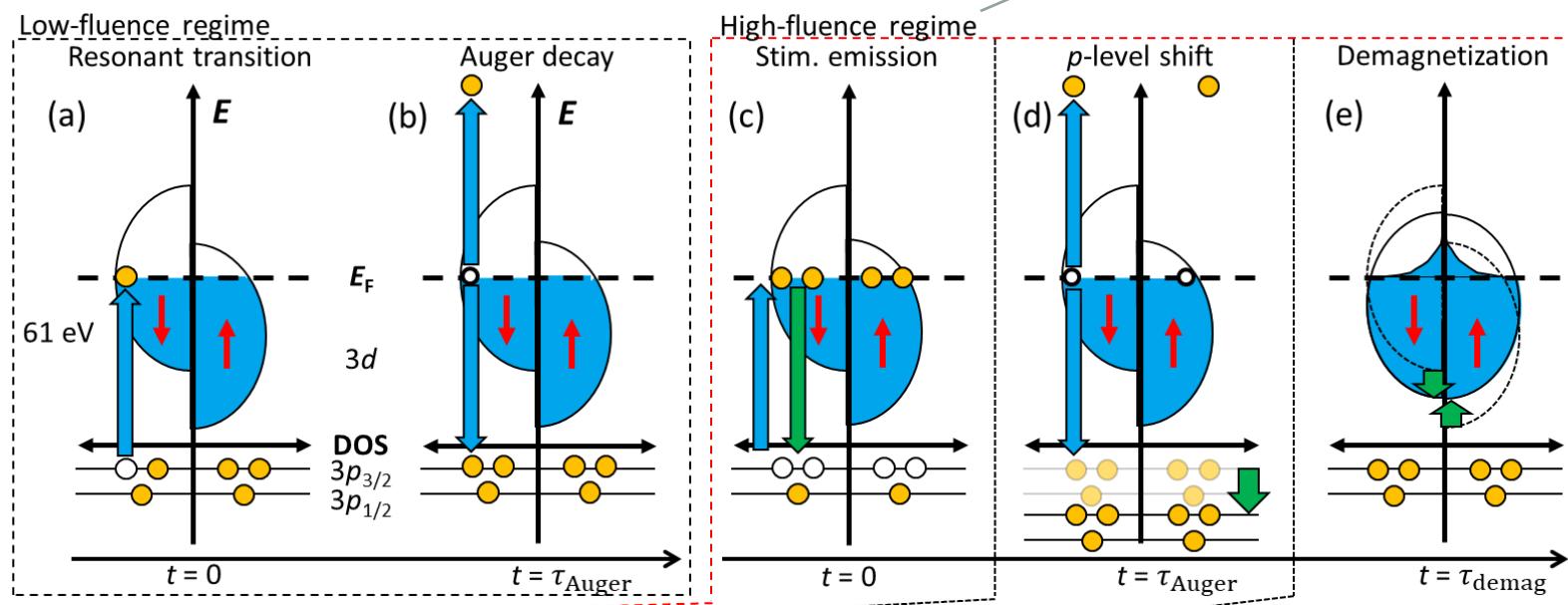
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## > High X-ray fluences

Possible reasons for quenching (ongoing research)

- 1.) Creation of highly ionized state and changing band-structure
- 2.) Stimulated elastic forward scattering
- 3.) Ultrafast demagnetization

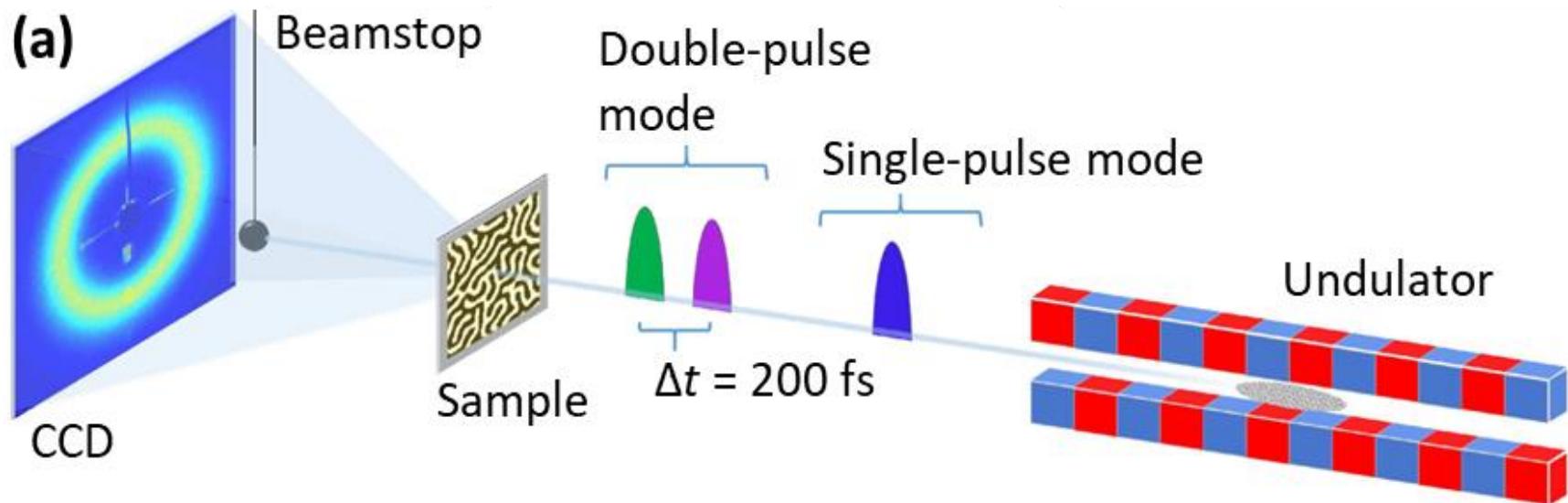


L. Müller et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **110**, 234801 (2013)

# Femtomagnetism

## ➤ High X-ray fluences

- Fluence dependence of quenching (measured at FEL FERMI in Trieste, Italy)



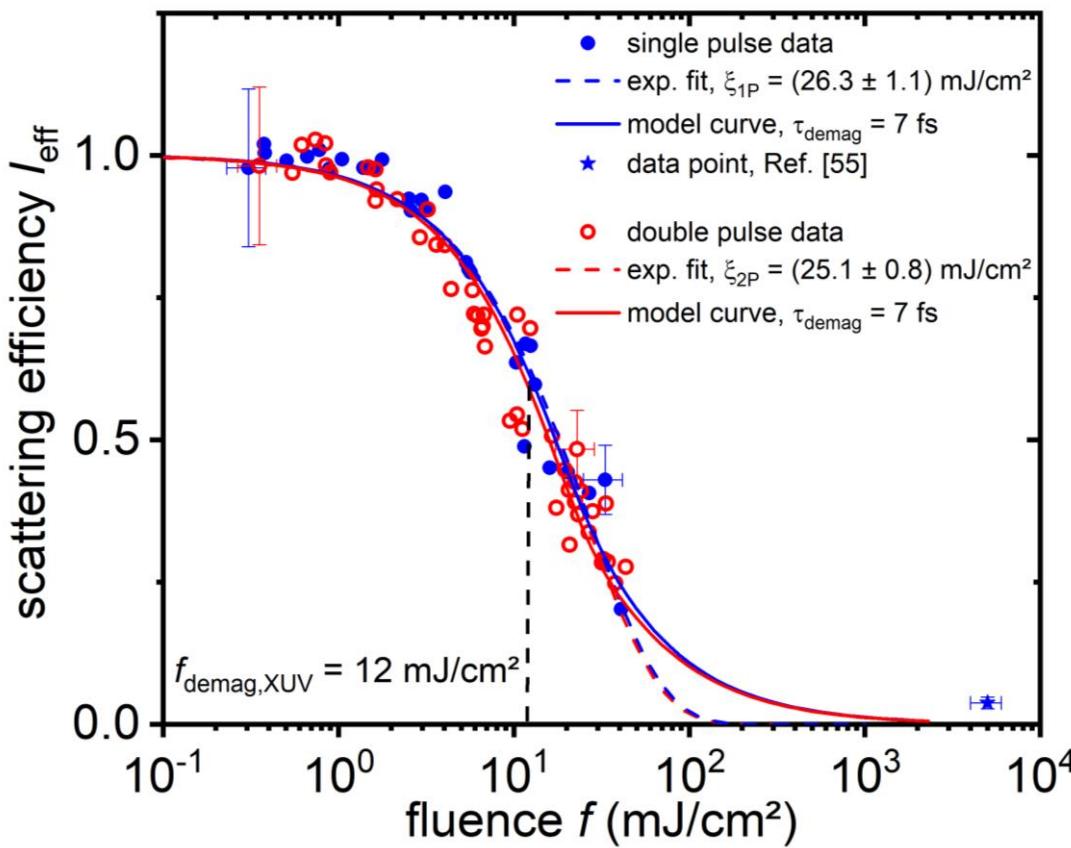
Experimental parameters at FERMI:

- **FEL single pulses & FEL double pulses with temporal delay of  $\Delta t = 200 \text{ fs}$**
- **Detuned conditions:** Photon energy  $E_{\text{ph}}$  shifted by  $\Delta E = 1.4 \text{ eV}$  with respect to  $E_{\text{res}}$
- Fluence  $f$  variation:  $0.3 \text{ mJ/cm}^2 < f < 60 \text{ mJ/cm}^2$

# Femtomagnetism

## ➤ High X-ray fluences

- Fluence dependence of quenching (measured at FEL FERMI in Trieste, Italy)



- Quenching effect sets in at low fluences typically used in „classical“ pump-probe experiments!
- ➔ Effect superimposed on data!
- Similarity of both curves
- ➔ Demagnetization seems to quench the scattering intensity!
- Sub-20-fs demagnetization time

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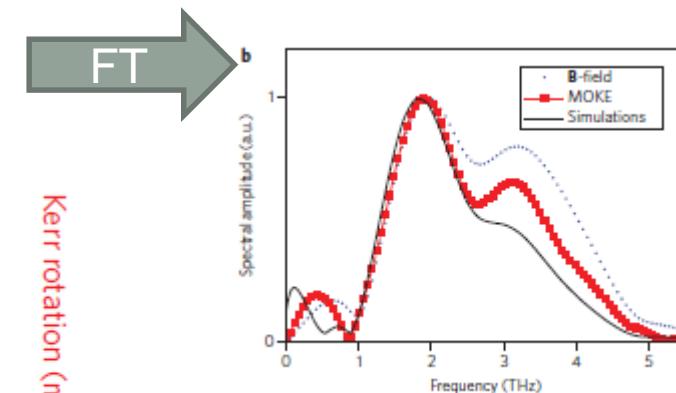
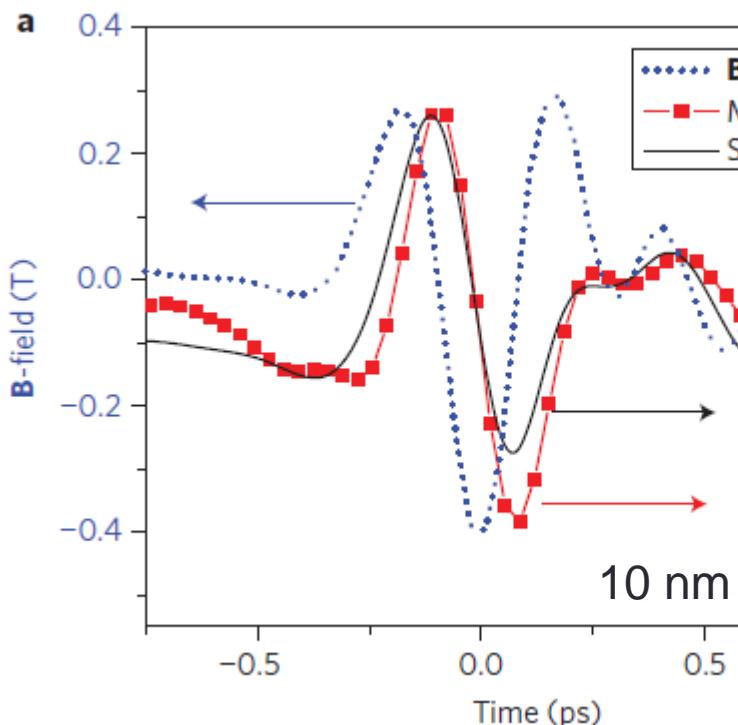
## ➤ THz dynamics

Idea and typical parameters

Off-resonant magnetization dynamics  
phase-locked to an intense phase-stable  
terahertz transient

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Coherent control of magnetization (magnetization can follow **B**-field of THz-pulse)

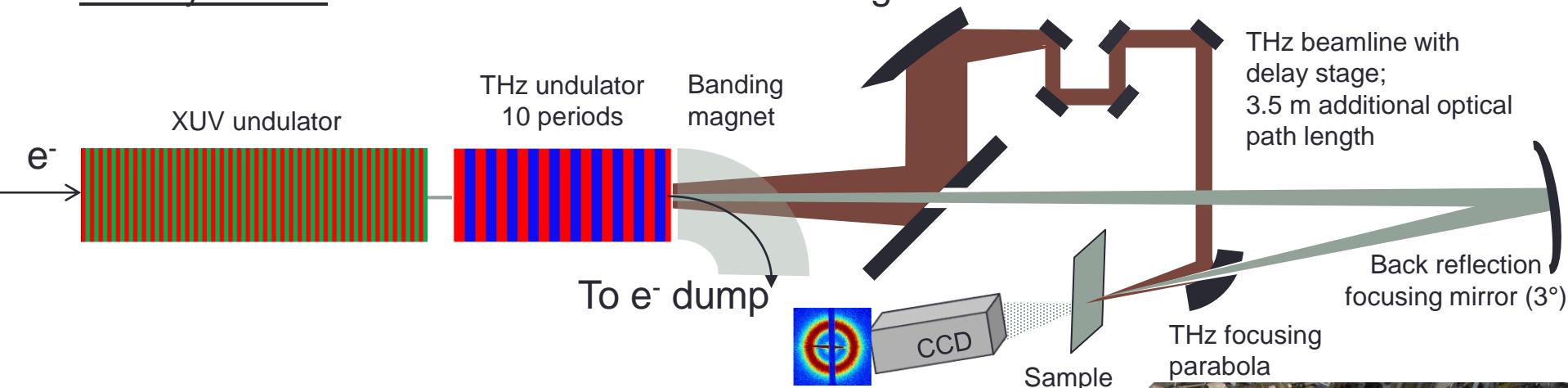


- Fluence of 10 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>
- $|B|$ -field of 200 mT
- $|E|$ -field of 60 MV/m
- role of  $E$ -field?

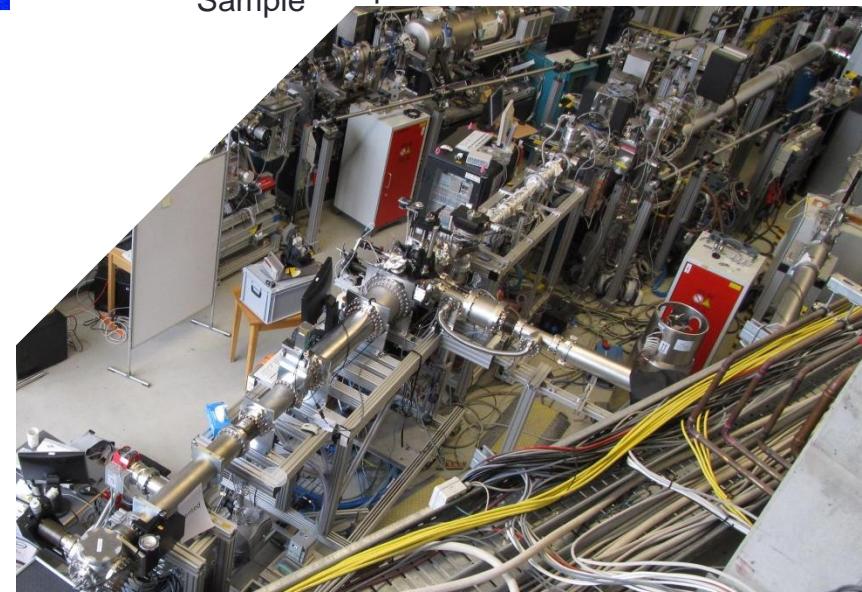
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## > THz dynamics

What are we doing?



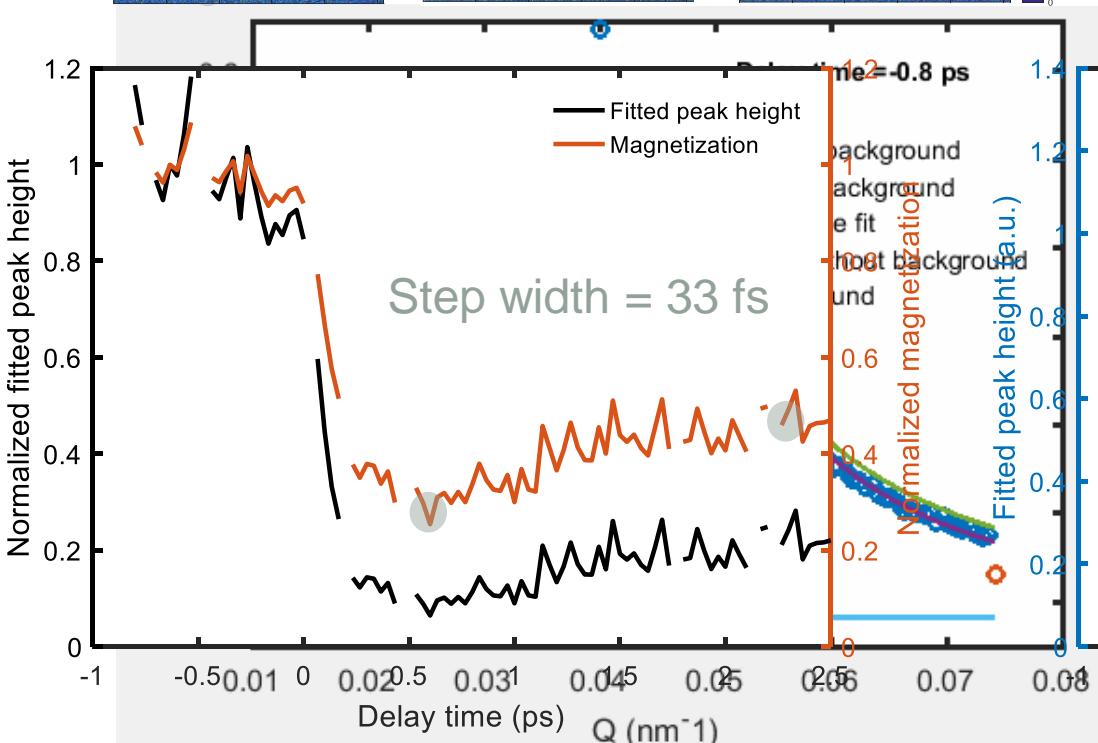
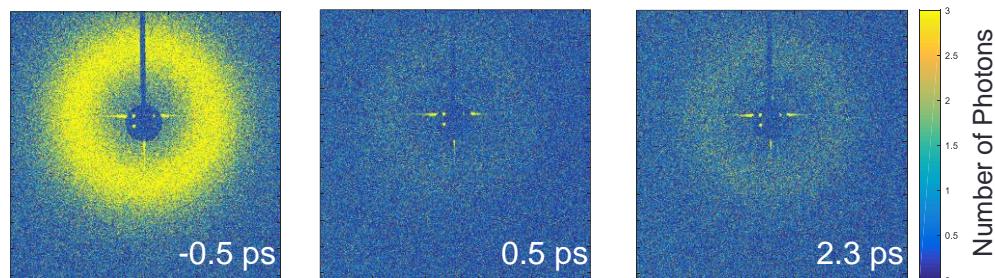
- THz radiation produced from same electron bunch as XUV by a separate electromagnetic undulator with 10 periods
  - Produces *10 full cycles of THz radiation*
- Intrinsic synchronization of XUV and THz pulse; jitter as low as 5 fs (rms)
  - Measurements under phase-stable conditions
- THz frequencies from 1.5 – 30 THz



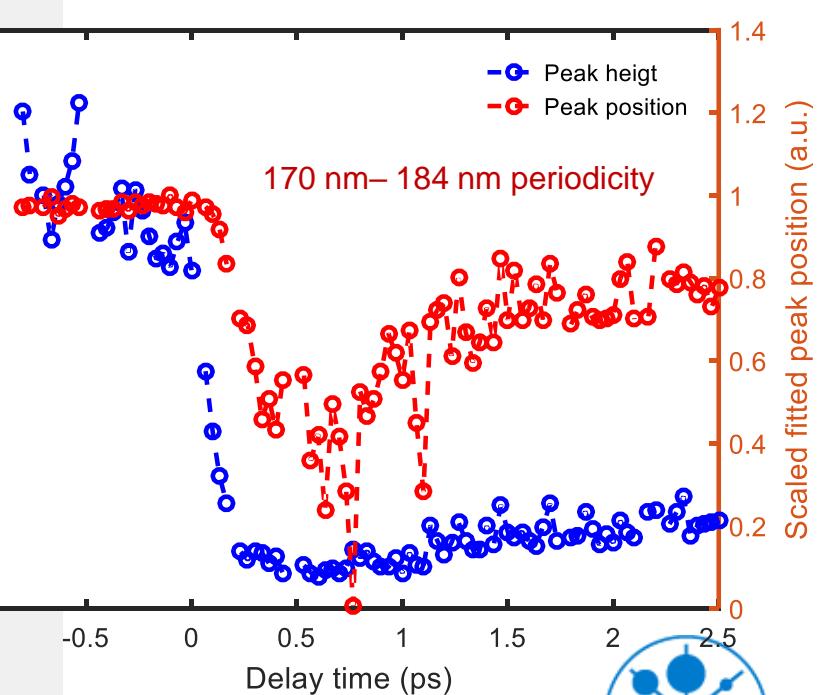
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## THz dynamics

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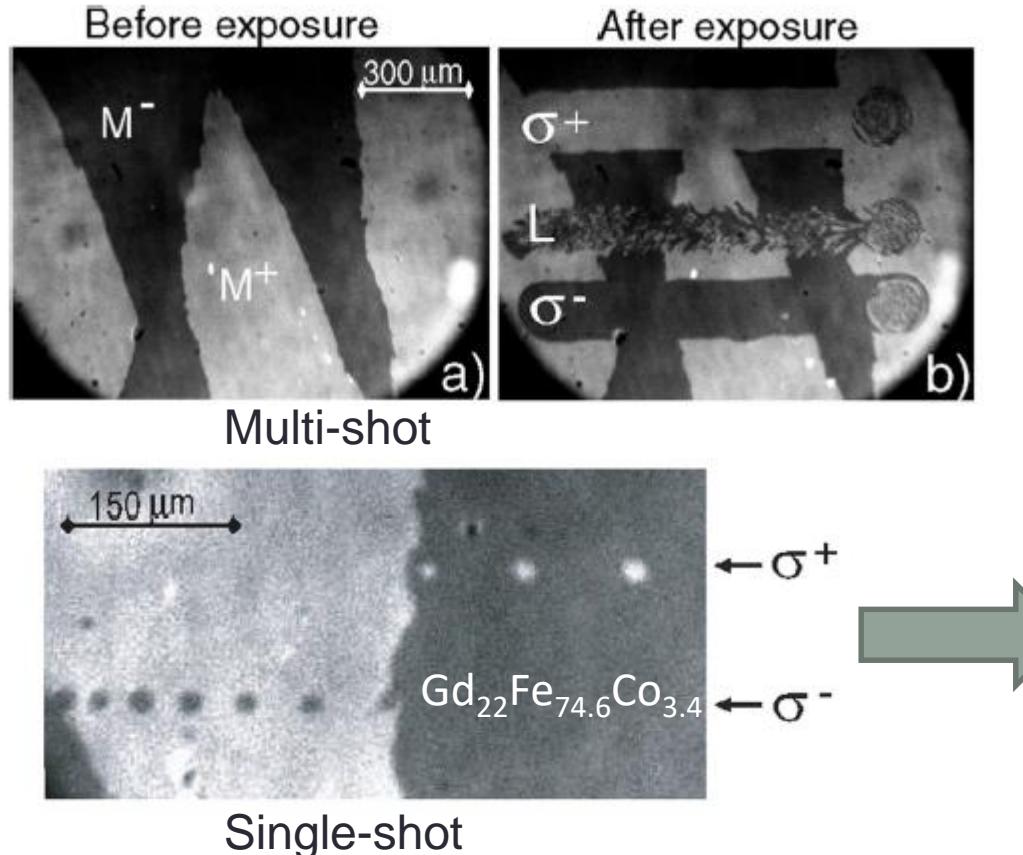
- THz radiation (30  $\mu\text{m}$  and longer) from FLASH demagnetizes a nanoscale magnetic domain systems.
- The demagnetization is accompanied by a shift in the  $S(q)$  peak position of  $\sim 8\%$ .
- In contrast to IR demagnetization, the dynamics of both seems to be different



# Femtomagnetism

## > All-optical (helicity-dependent) switching

- Discovery for ferrimagnetic materials



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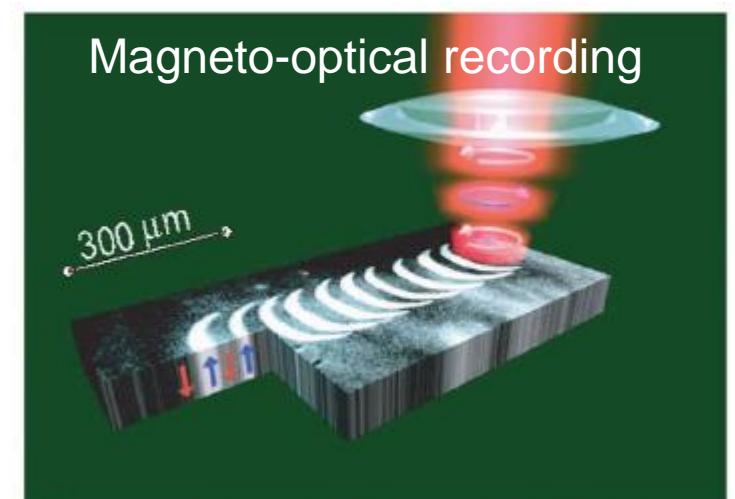
## All-Optical Magnetic Recording with Circularly Polarized Light

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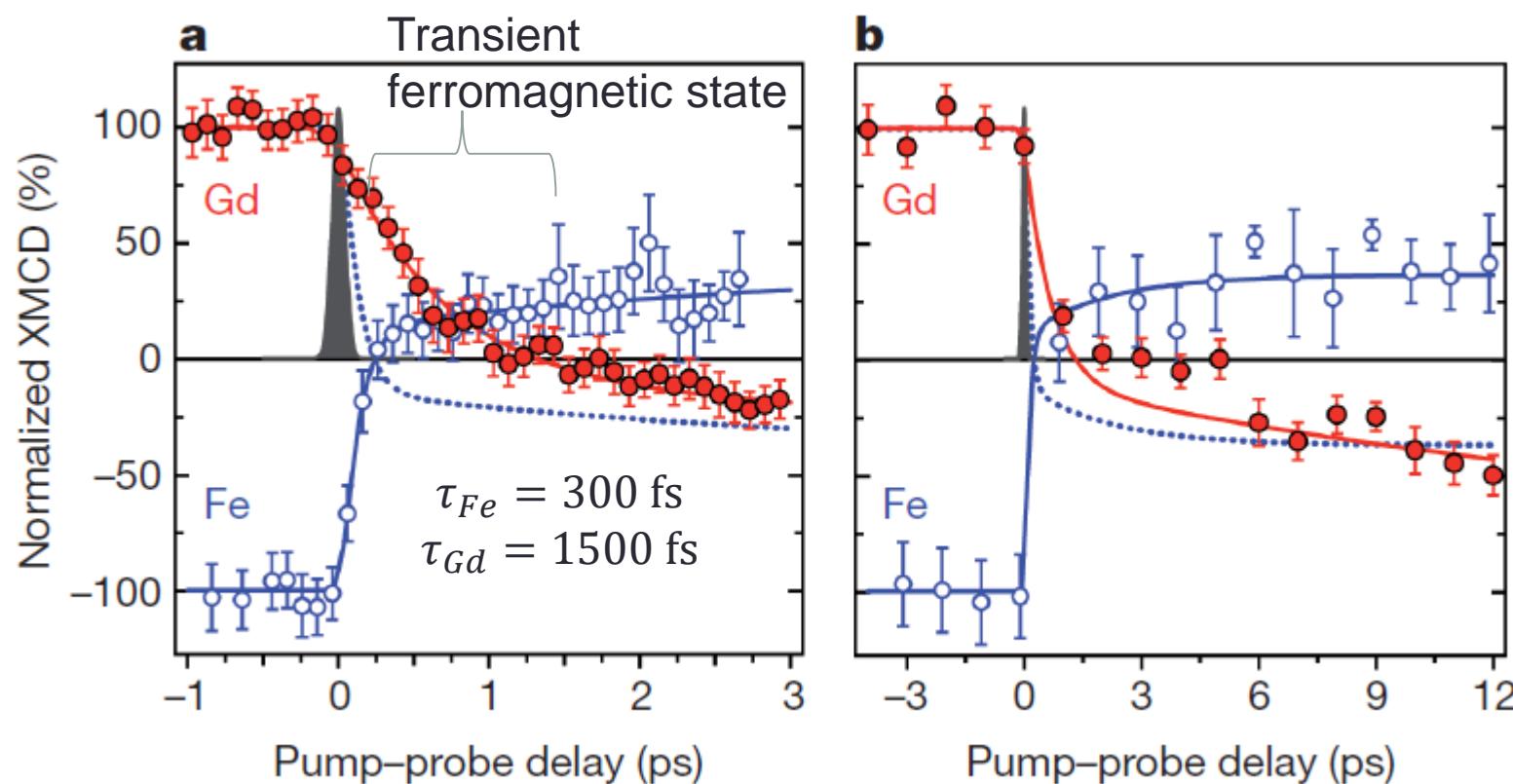
## > All-optical switching

- Time-resolved and element-selective studies

### Transient ferromagnetic-like state mediating ultrafast reversal of antiferromagnetically coupled spins

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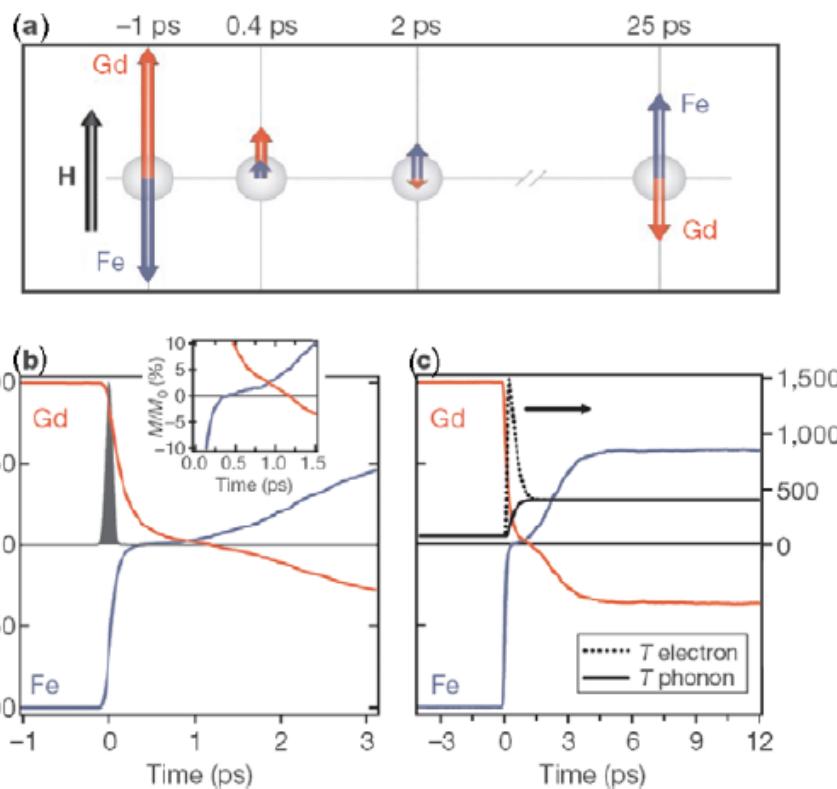
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# Femtomagnetism

## > All-optical switching

- Time-resolved and element-selective studies (theoretical model)



## Laser-induced magnetization dynamics and reversal in ferrimagnetic alloys

### Helicity-independent AOS switching:

- 0-0.3 ps: complete demagnetization of Fe
- 0.4-1.5 ps: transfer of magnetic moment from Gd to Fe to enhance entropy leads to switching of magnetization of Fe
- 1.5-2 ps: antiferromagnetic coupling between Gd and Fe leads to reversing magnetization of Gd
- > 2 ps: Recovery of magnetic moments due to cooling

→ All-optical switching of ferrimagnets!

### Helicity-dependent AOS switching due to

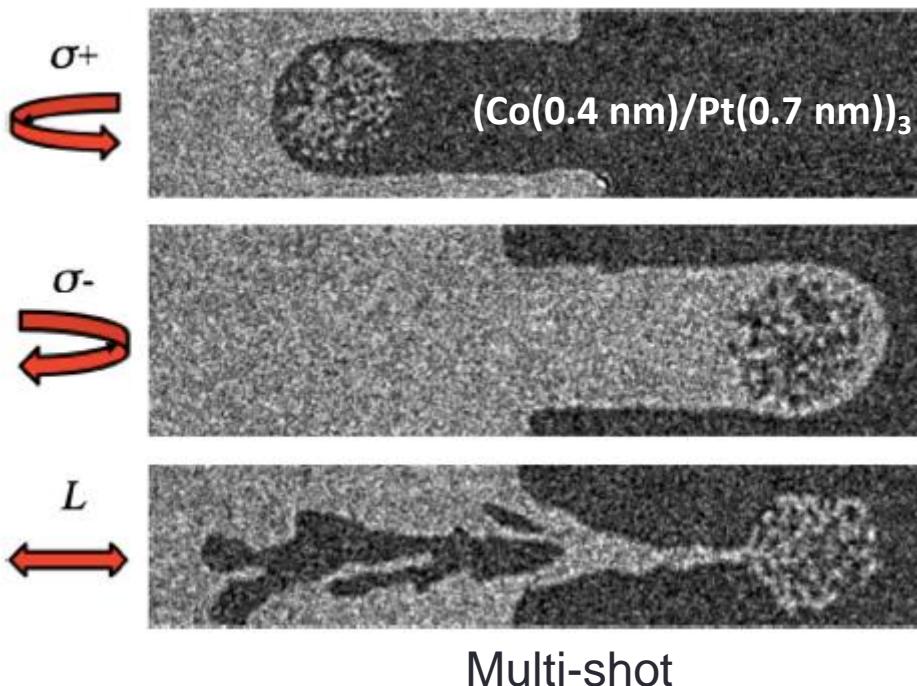
- MCD effect (%-effect at off-resonance) + transfer of angular momentum?
- Inverse Faraday effect?



# Femtomagnetism

## > All-optical switching

- Is there all-optical switching for ferromagnetic materials?



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# All-optical control of ferromagnetic thin films and nanostructures

C.-H. Lambert et al., Science 345, 1337 (2014).

## Many open questions, like e.g.:

- Does deterministic single-pulse HD-AOS work in ferromagnets?
- If yes, for which parameters?
- Underlying mechanisms?
  - Inverse Faraday effect
  - MCD

We had a beamtime at FLASH in December 2017 and mid 2018 at FERMI to tackle these questions! Results are difficult to interpret... BUT a PhD thesis will be submitted tomorrow.

