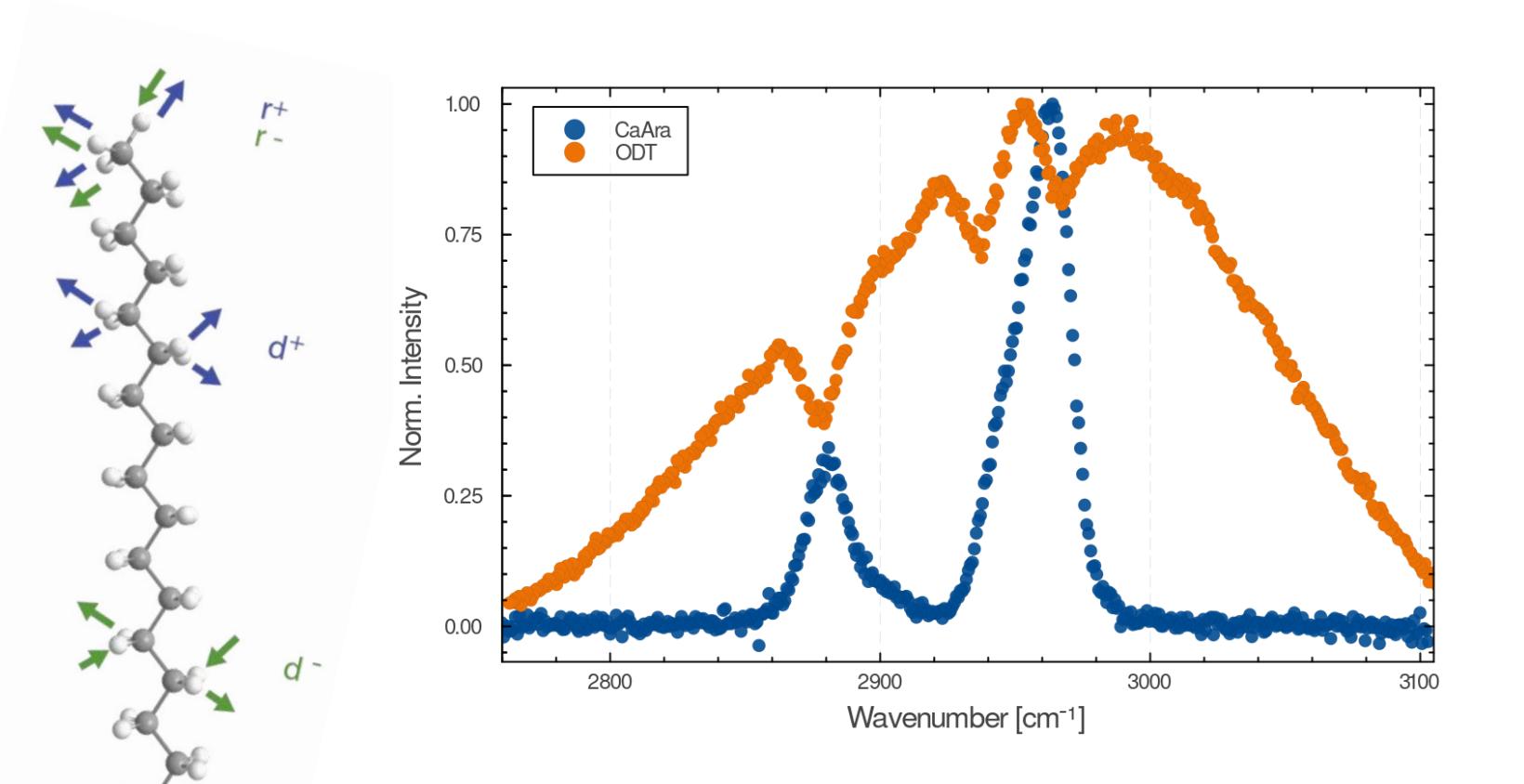
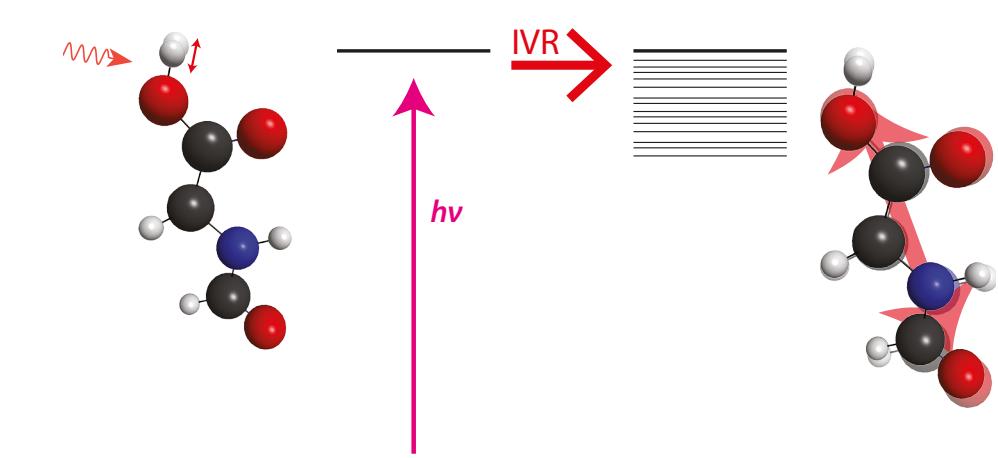


Ultrafast vibrational dynamics of CH-stretch modes of surface adsorbates

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MOTIVATION

- Investigation of internal vibrational energy redistribution (IVR) of long alkyl chains on different substrates (e.g. glass vs. gold)



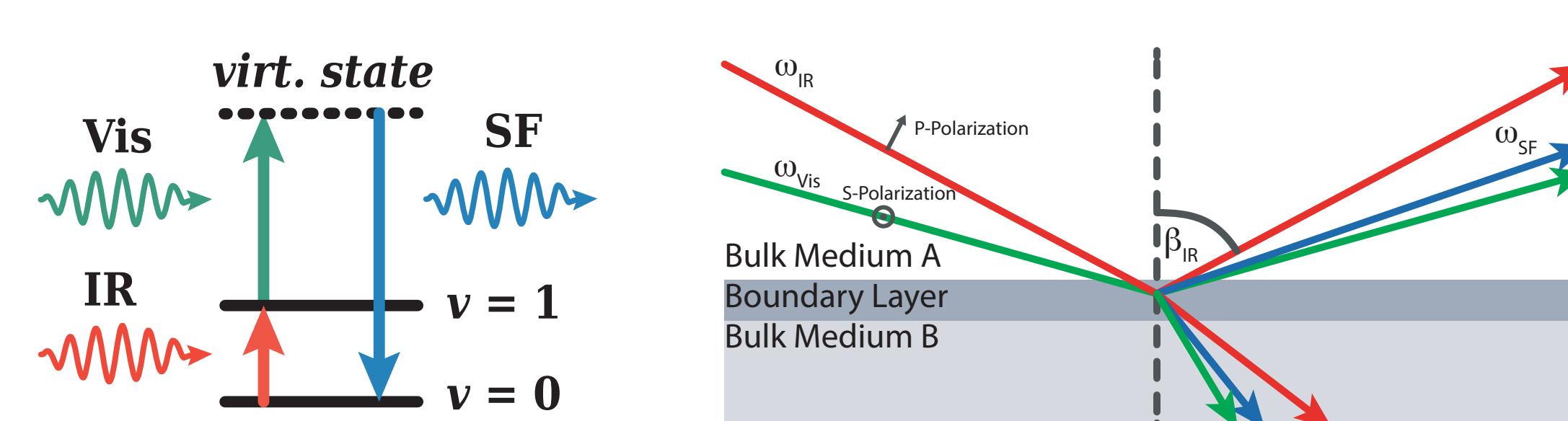
- The NR background is predominant on transition metal surfaces, since the d-electrons are easily excited by the upconversion pulse of SF photon

- NR signal hampers pump-probe experiments

THEORY

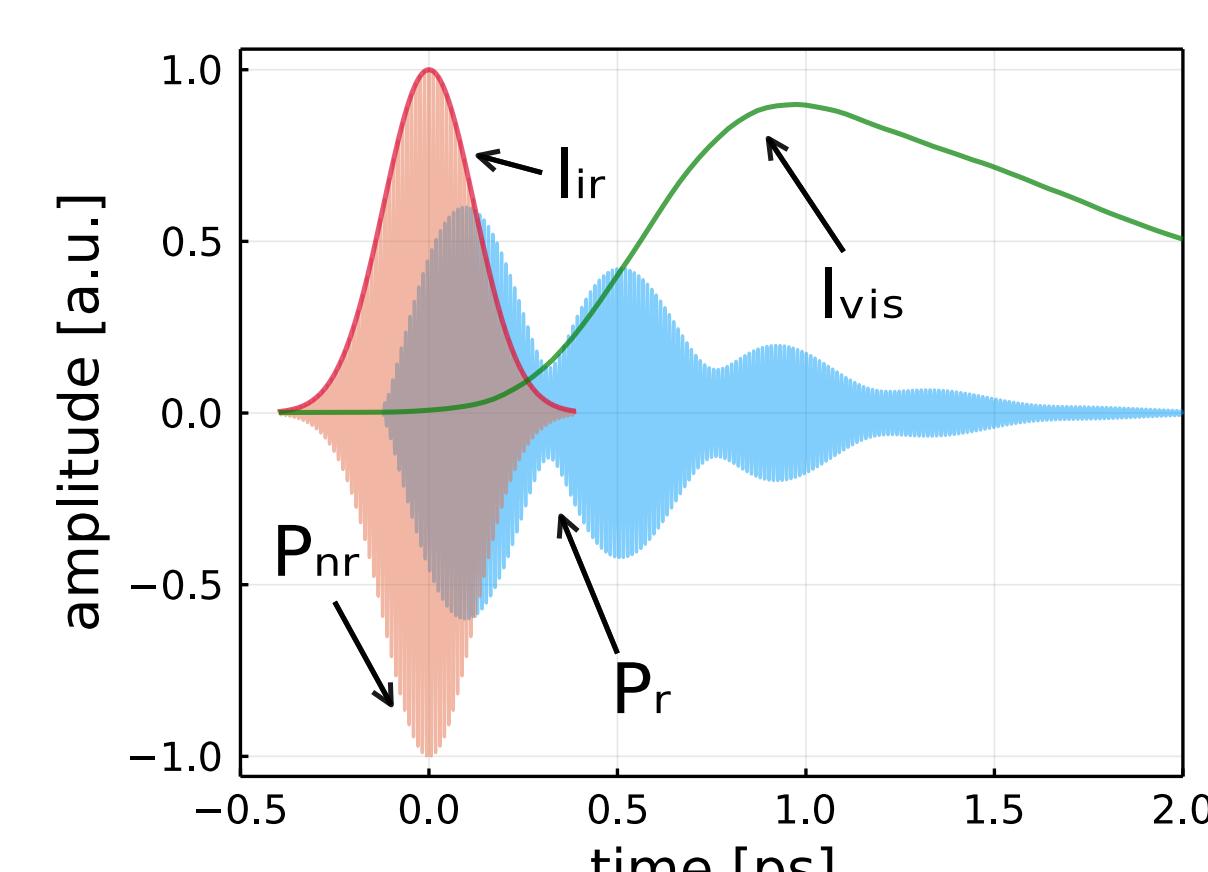
Sum-Frequency-Generation

- Induced second order polarization: $P \propto \chi^{(1)} \cdot E + \chi^{(2)} : E_1 E_2 + \mathcal{O}(\chi^{(3)})$
- Interface selective (SF signal cancels in centro-symmetric media)



Non Resonant Suppression

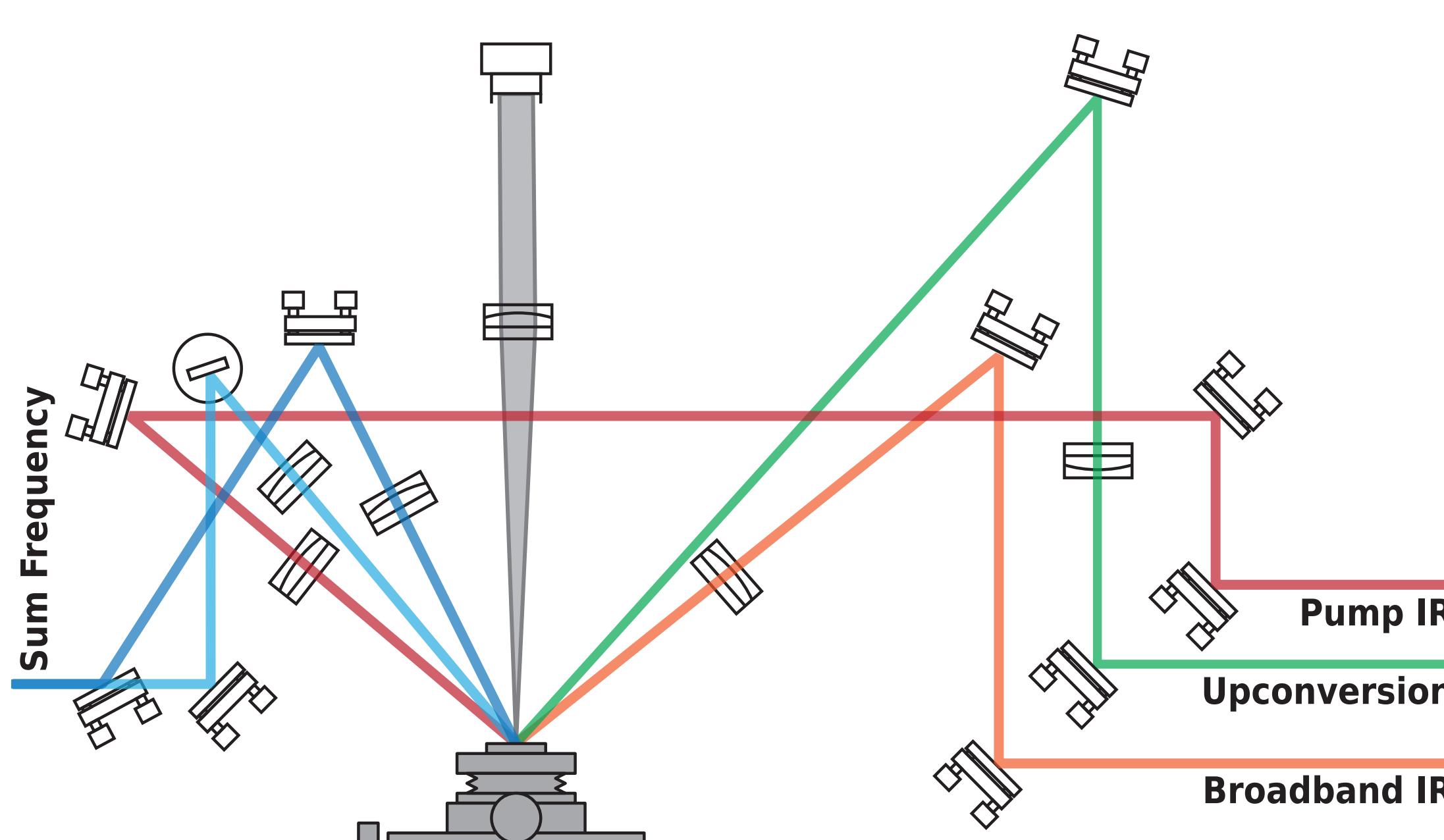
- Substrat polarization is non resonant and exhibits a time profile (P_{NR}) equal to the I_{ir}
- SFG of solely resonant signal is possible by delaying the I_{vis} with respect to I_{ir}
- Time asymmetric shape of I_{vis} is created by a Fabry-Pérot Etalon



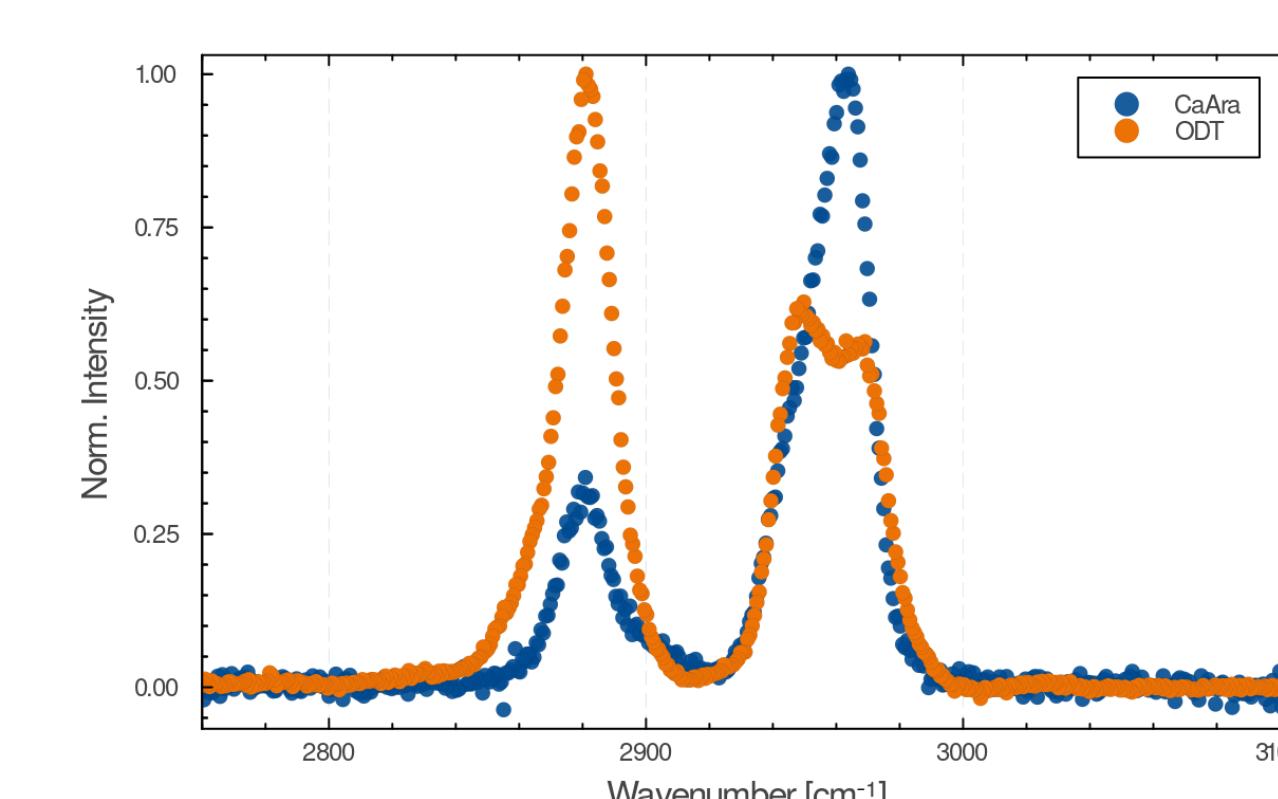
EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

Laser Specifications^[1]

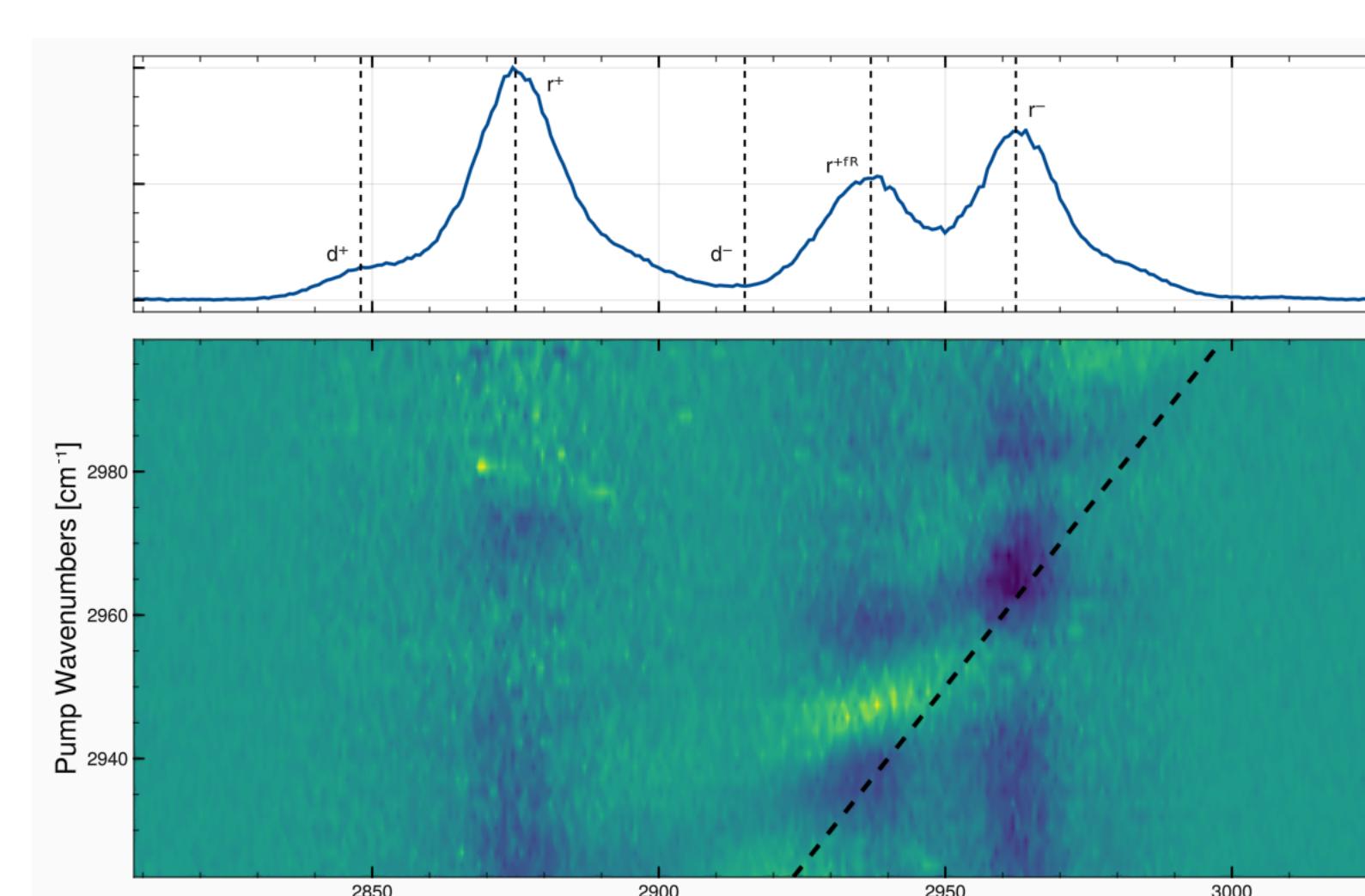
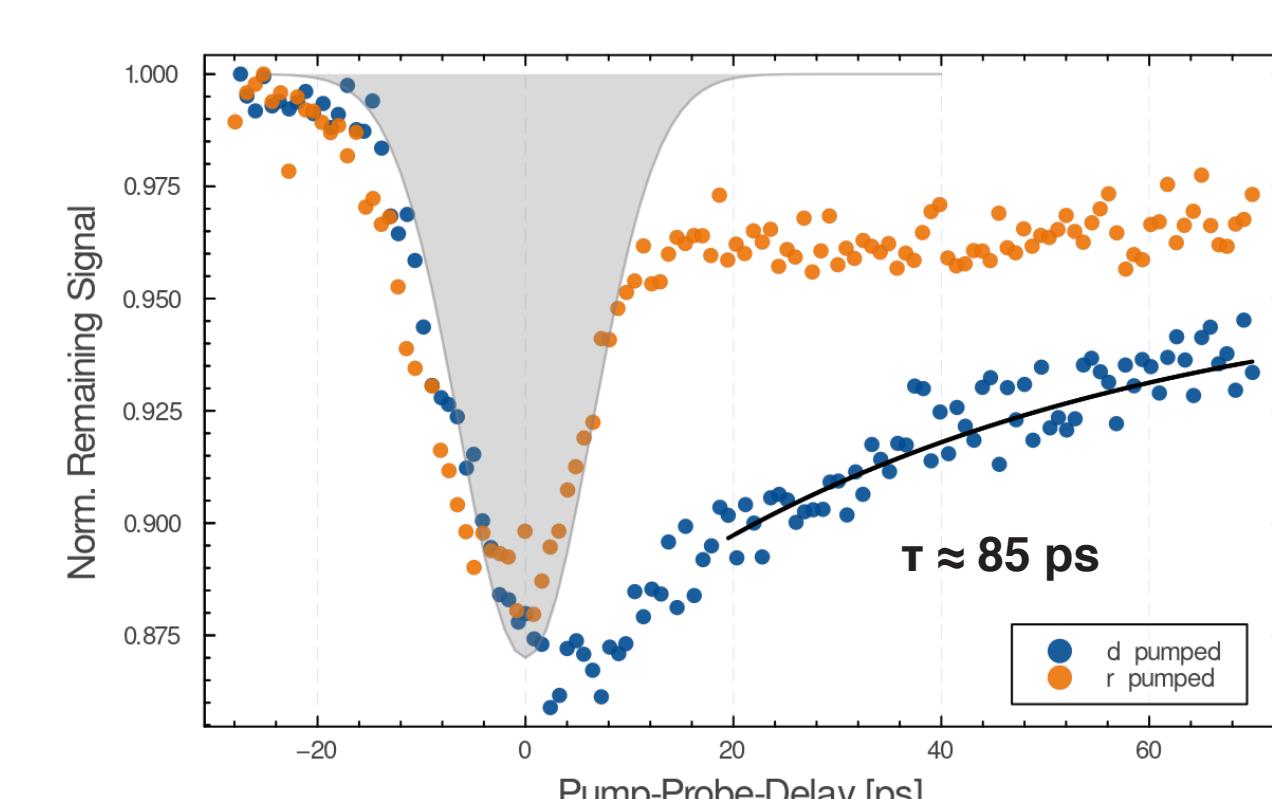
- SHG / Fabry Pérot Etalon: 512 nm **2 kHz** 3 mW 8.6 cm^{-1} (no effect on spectral resolution wanted)
- PG711 DFG (IR Pump / Ekspla): **1 kHz** 20 ps 5 cm^{-1} 1.3 μm (150 mW) - 3.4 μm (100 mW) 3.4 μm (100 mW) - 19.5 μm (0.2 μW)
- fs-OPA (IR Probe / Light Conversion): **2 kHz** 300 fs 200 cm^{-1} 1.5 μm (100 mW) - 16 μm (6 mW)
- Pharos (Pump Laser / Light Conversion): 1024 nm **2 kHz** 6 W 300 fs



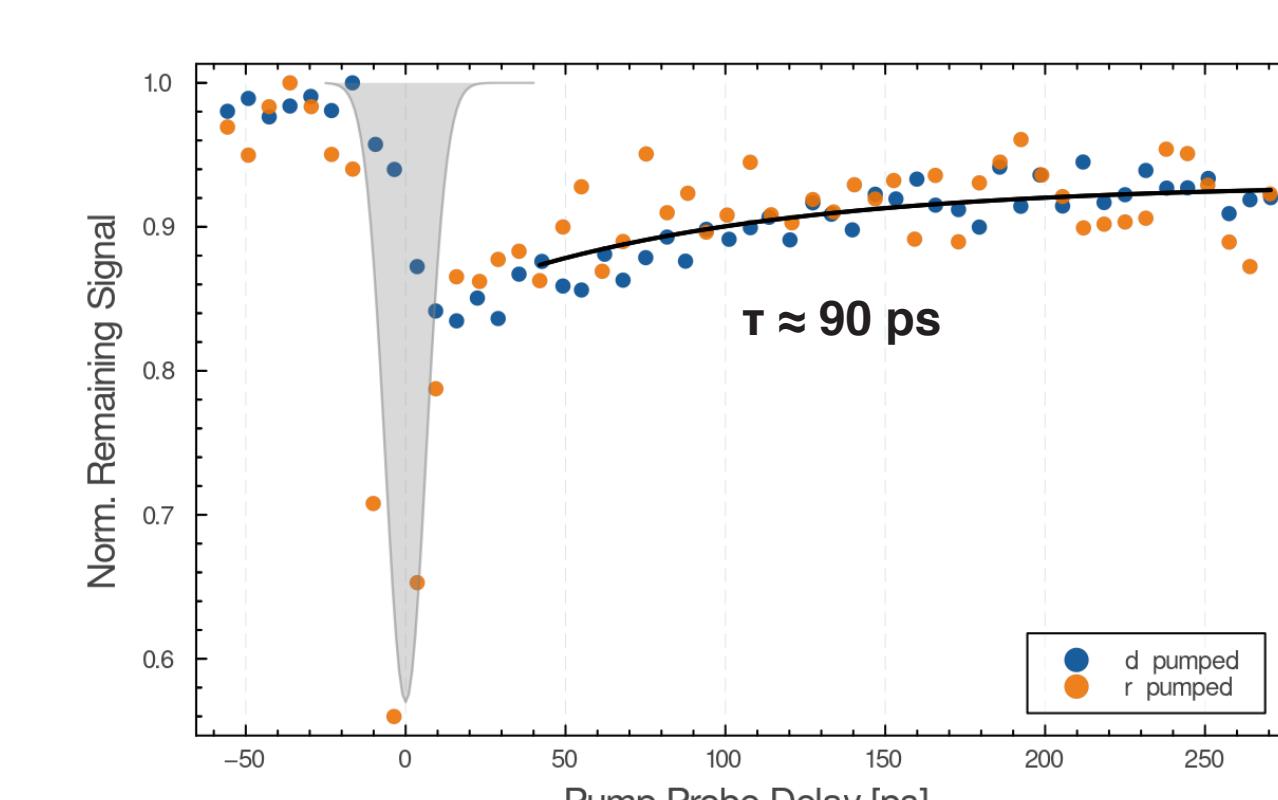
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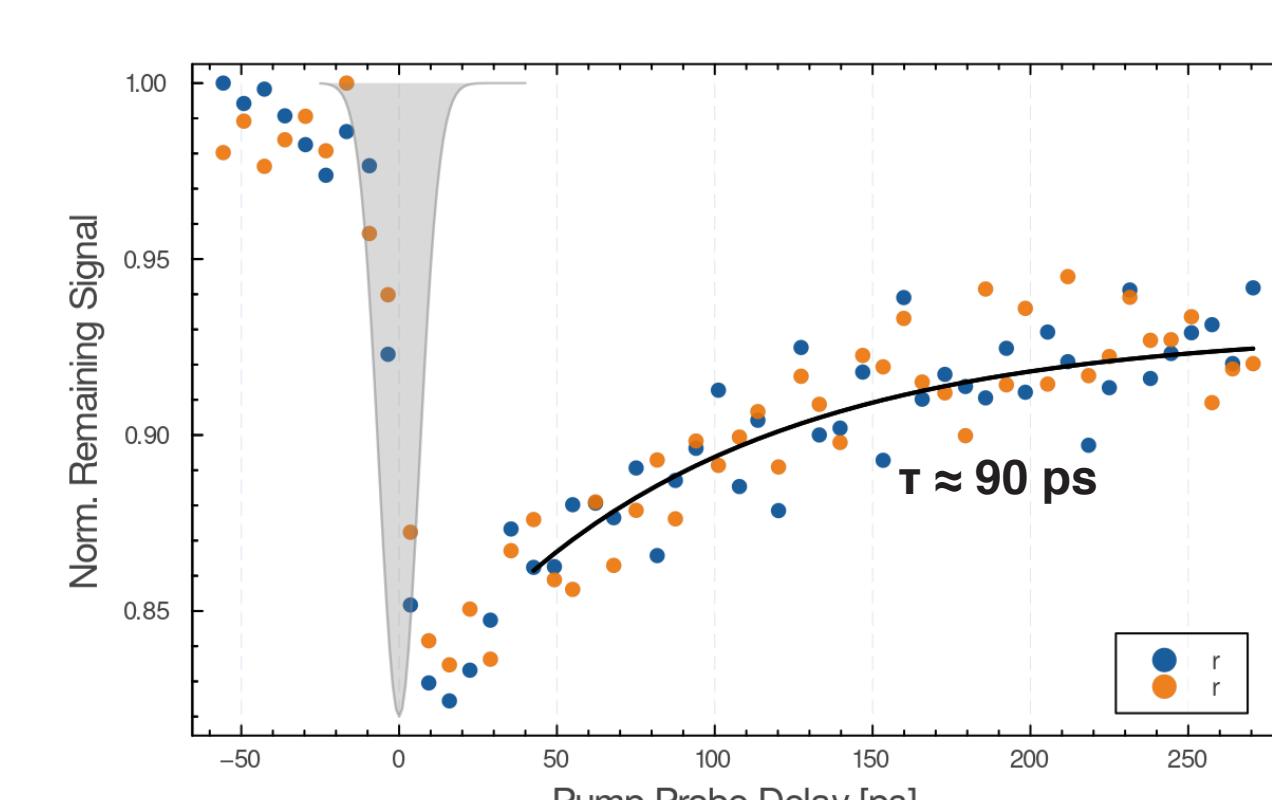
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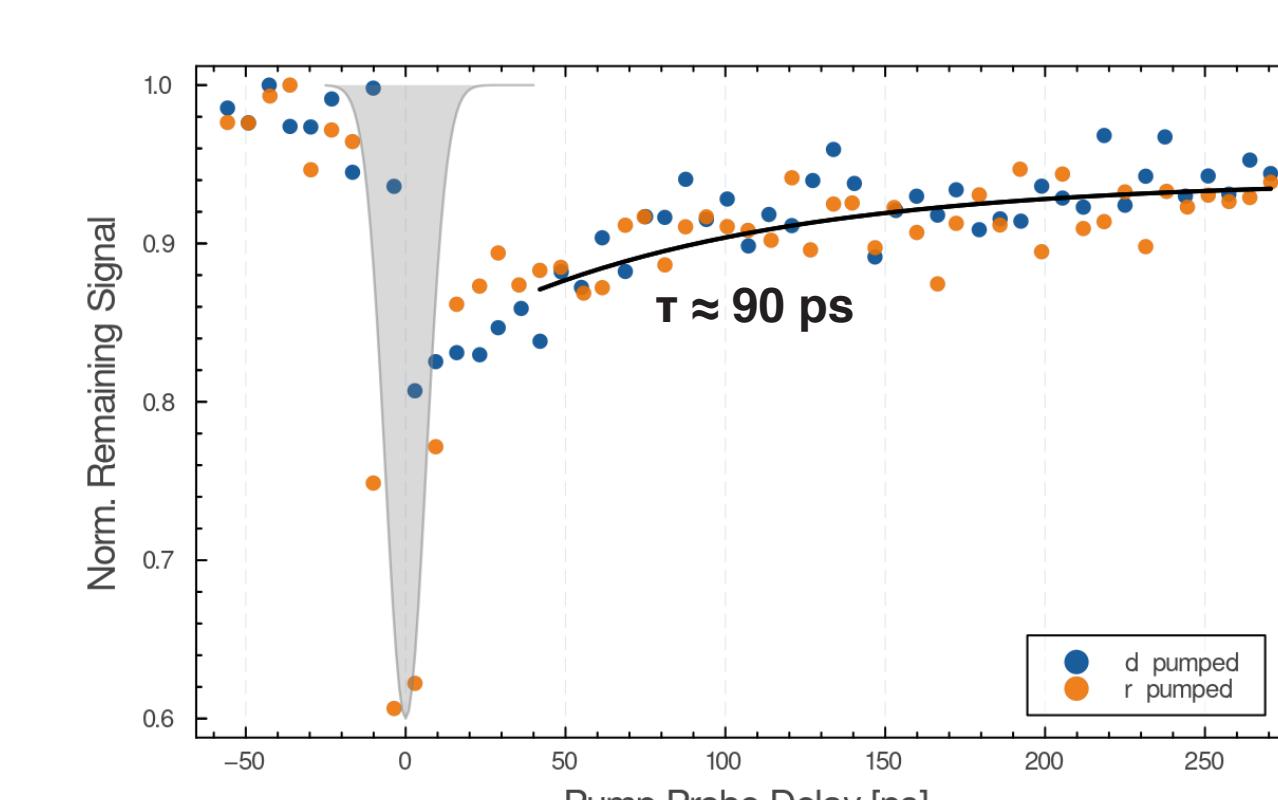
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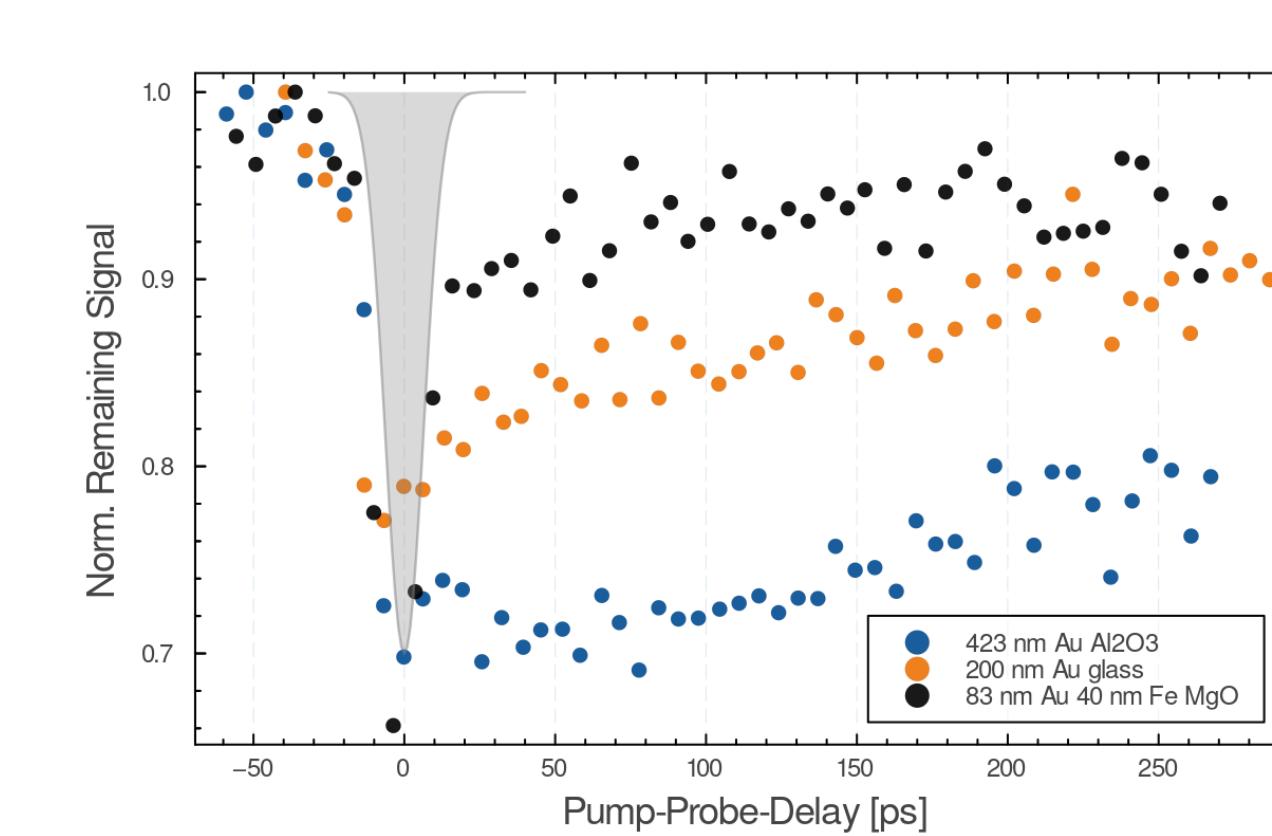
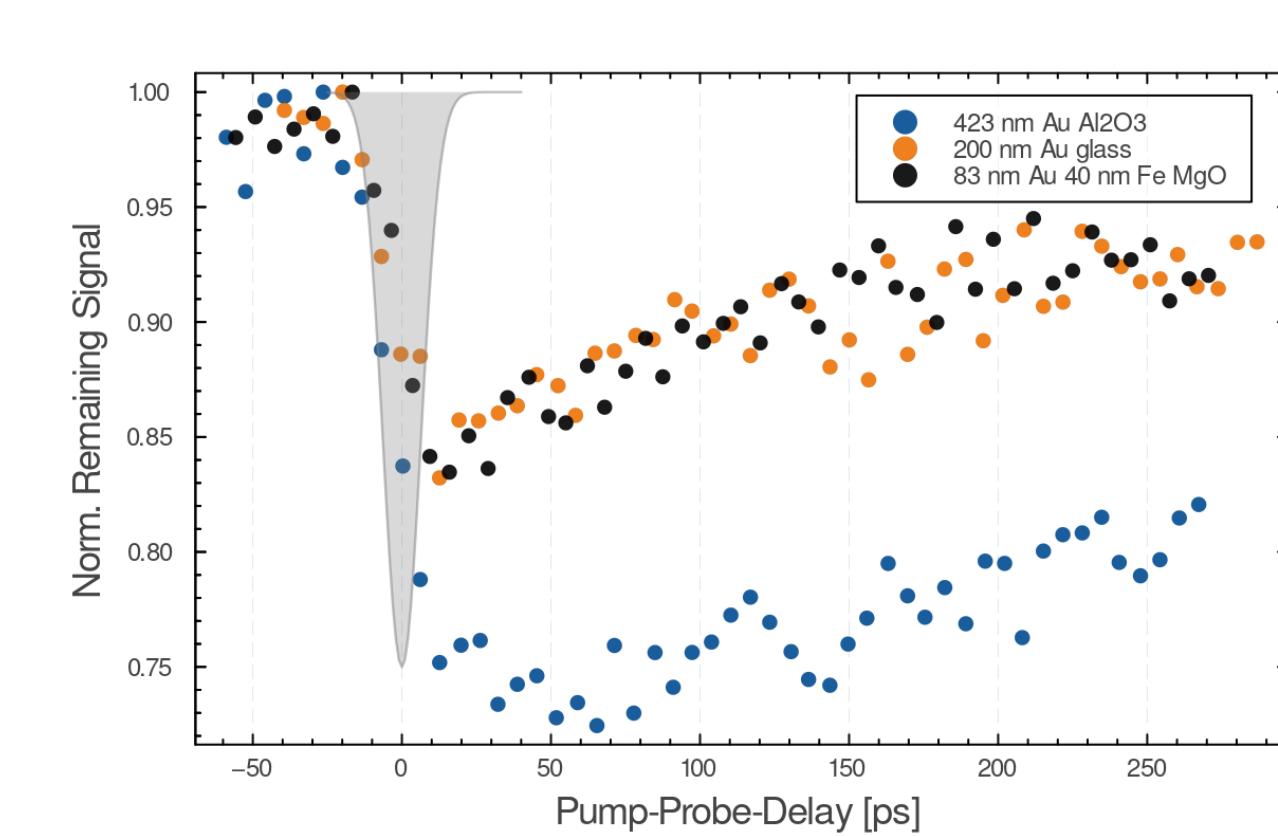
ODT vs. UDT



- Pumping r^- mode of ODT on Au: rapid bleach around time zero is more pronounced in comparison to CaAra on glass
- Similar time constants for energy redistribution from the CH-stretching to deformation modes for CaAra, ODT and UDT
- Signal increase in r_{fr} mode at time zero for ODT/UDT

OUTLOOK

- Influence of gold thickness on dynamics?
 - 83 nm Au + 40 nm Fe on MgO
 - 200 nm Au on glass
 - 423 nm Au on sapphire
- d^- pumped: c) exhibits very different dynamics in comparison to a) and b)
- r^- pumped: all three substrates result in different dynamics

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