



Development of THz TDS system on the basis of the S-band compact electron linac

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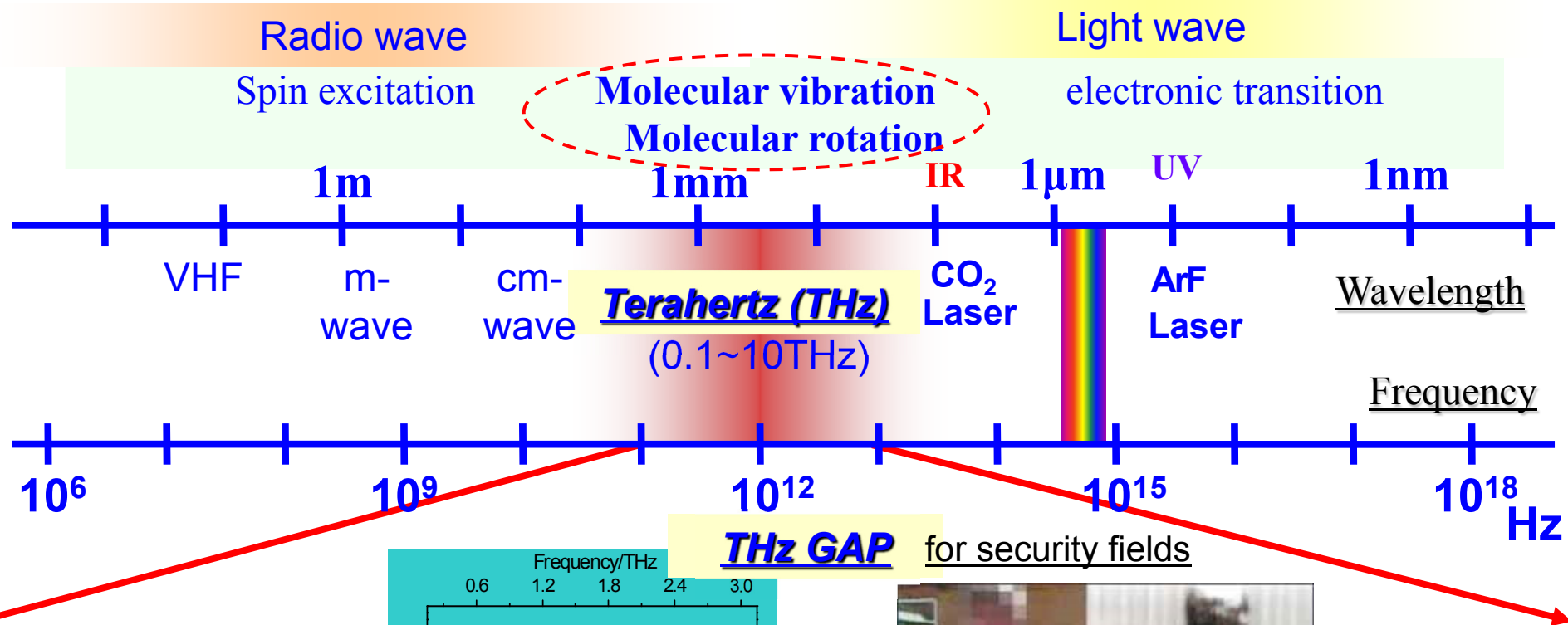
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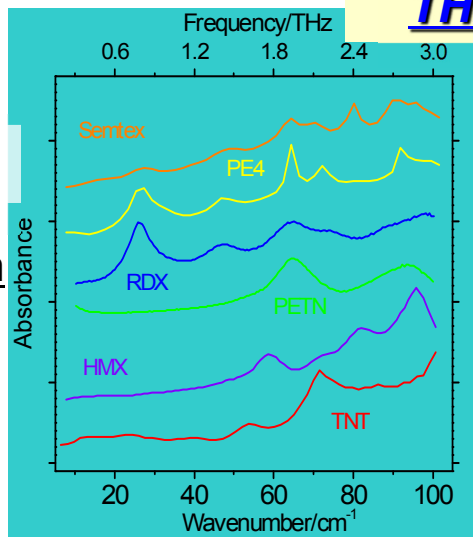
THz GAP

for security fields

Inspection

Finger-print spectrum of explosives

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Imaging



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Methods of THz generation

Type: Broadband (B), Monochromatic (M)

Laser based

Peak power

- Photoconductive antenna with fs-laser (B) 100nw~10mW
- Nonlinear crystal with fs-laser (B) or (M)
- Parametric Oscillation (TPO, is-TPG) (M) 10mW~1W

Accelerator based

High Peak Power

- Free electron laser (FEL) (M) > 1 kW (up to MW)
- **Coherent radiation with ultra-short electron bunch (B)** > 1 kW (up to MW)

Application Fields

Academic : Measurement of complex dielectric constant, reflective index (organic electroluminescence(EL), polymer...) ...etc

Security : Inspection of explosives, illegal drug, handgun, knives ...etc

Medical : Diagnostics of skin/ breast cancer ...etc

Therefore

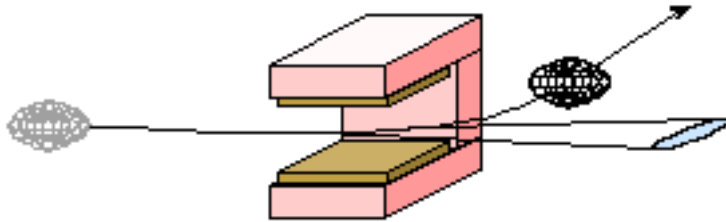
However, THz radiation is strongly absorbed by the atmosphere (water)!
Low peak power THz source can not be applied to industrial uses.

**For the in-situ measurement and the solvation sample measurement,
 High peak-power THz source is strongly required.**

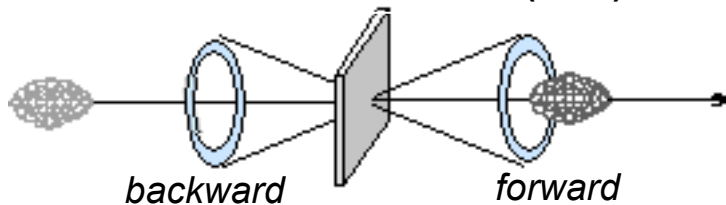
Coherent THz radiation

Coherent radiation methods

Coherent Synchrotron radiation (CSR)



Coherent Transition radiation (CTR)



In our case

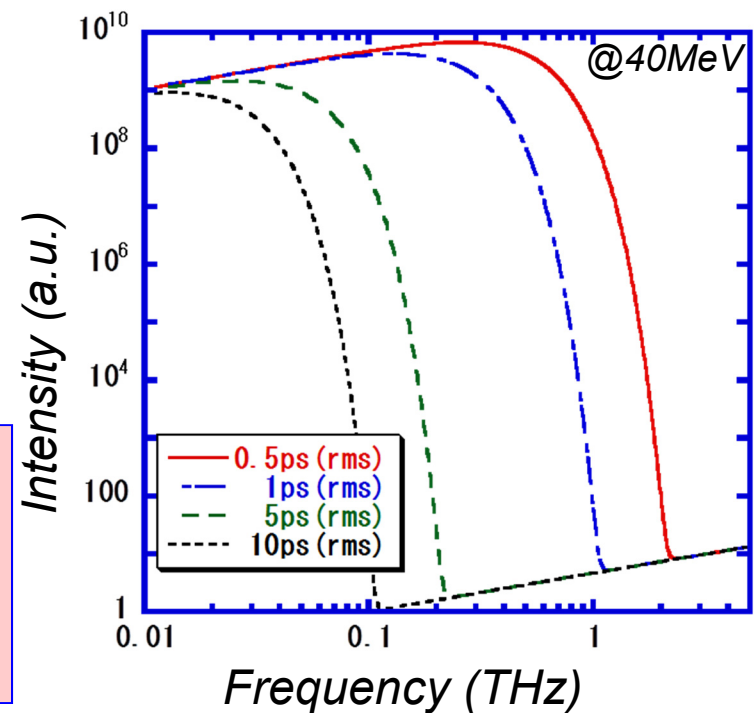
THz **CSR** has been developed for
THz imaging (only measure intensity difference)
THz **CTR** has been developed for
THz time domain spectroscopy (TDS).
(Fourier limited pulse, small spot size)

Critical frequency ω_c

$$\omega_c = \pi c / \sigma_l$$

Intensity of Coherent radiation

$$I_{tot} = I_{inc} (1 + (N - 1) f(\omega))$$



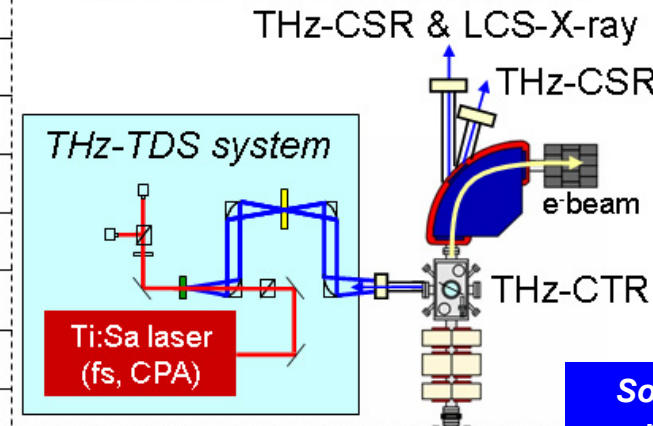
To generate the coherent THz radiation,
the electron bunch should be compressed to less than 0.5 ps.

Electron beam specification

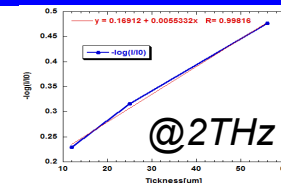
Electron energy (tunable)	10 – 42 MeV
Energy spread (rms)	0.2 – few %
Electron charge	0.5 – 5 nC
Electron bunch length	300 fs – 3 ps
Bunch number /macro pulse	1 – 100
Macro pulse rep. rate	1 – 50 Hz
Electron peak current	>1kA (@1nC, 1ps)
Electron average current	>10 μ A (2nC $\times$ 100 bunches @50 Hz)

THz beamlines

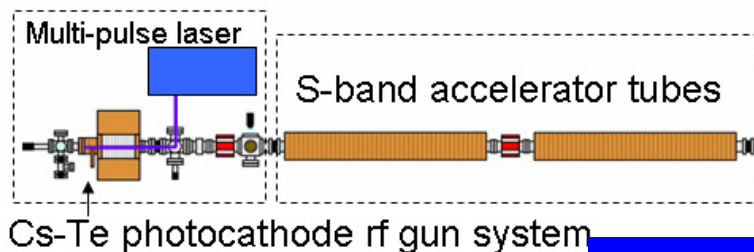
Application beam line



Solvation sample measurement



S-band compact electron linac at AIST



Achromatic arc section (Bunch compressor)

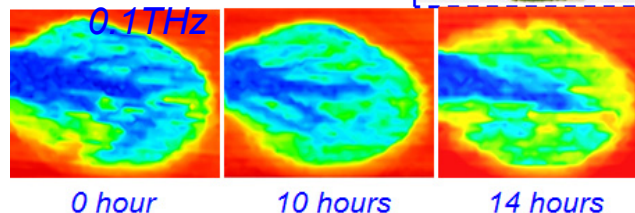
Explosive inspection Inside of Envelope

THz specification

THz freq.: 0.1 ~ 2 THz (up to 5 THz)
 Pulse energy: >100 nJ
 Peak power: >10 kW
 Source: CSR for imaging
 CTR for spectroscopy

Freshness measurement

In-situ water distribution imaging

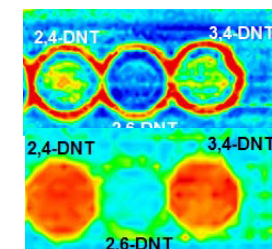


Envelope



Isomers

2,4 2,6 3,4 DNT





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Ultra-short electron beam

THz-CTR Profile measurement with THz Camera (made by NEC corp.)

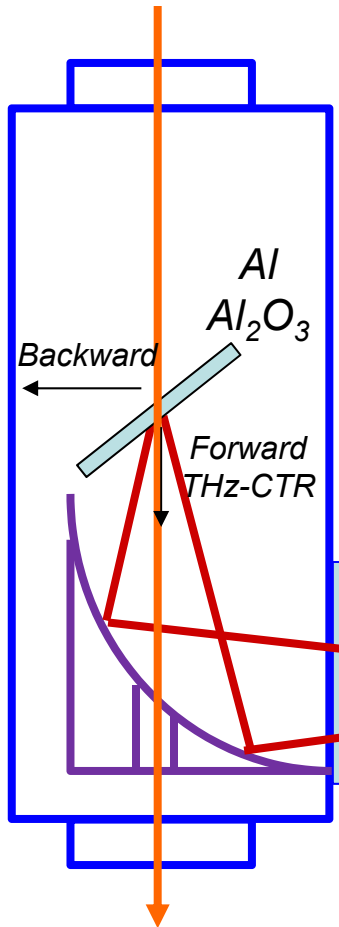


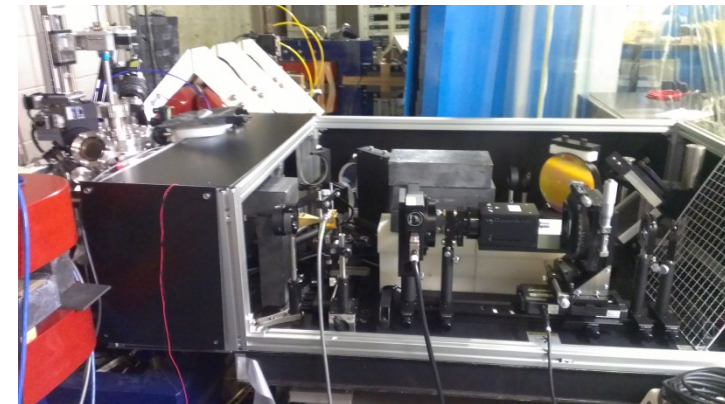
Table . Specifications of product of handy THz camera

Array sensor	Uncooled microbolometer FPA
Array format	320 (H) x 240 (V)
Pixel pitch	23.5 μm
Field of view	ca. 15° (H) x 11° (V)
Output	USB
Weight	ca. 600g (excl. lens and filter)
Size	72 mm (W) x 62 mm (H) x 108 mm (D) (D 165 mm with lens)



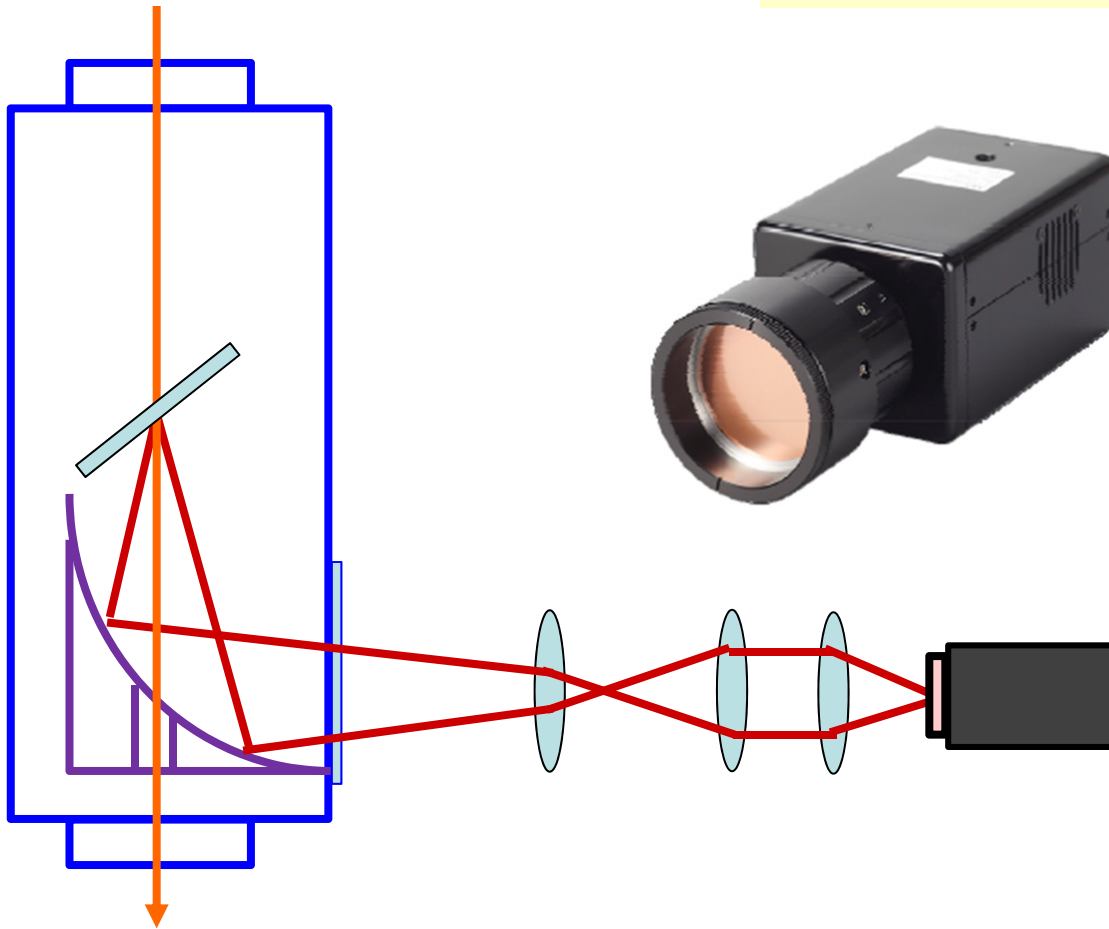
View area : 7.5mm $\times$ 5.6mm
Frame rate: 30Hz

Rotating Polarizer, Band Pass Filter(BPF) etc

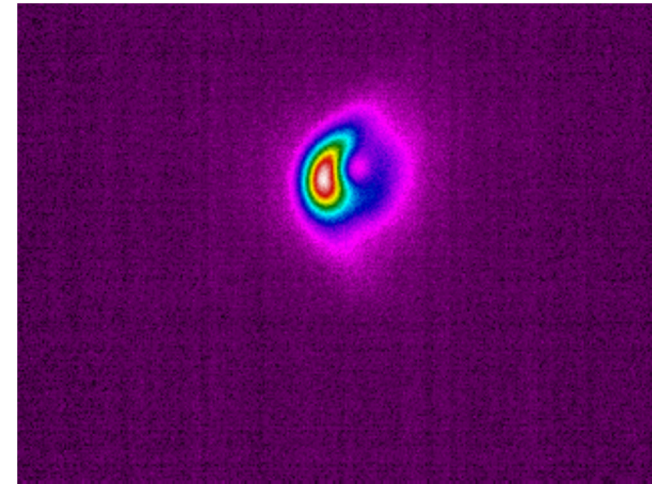


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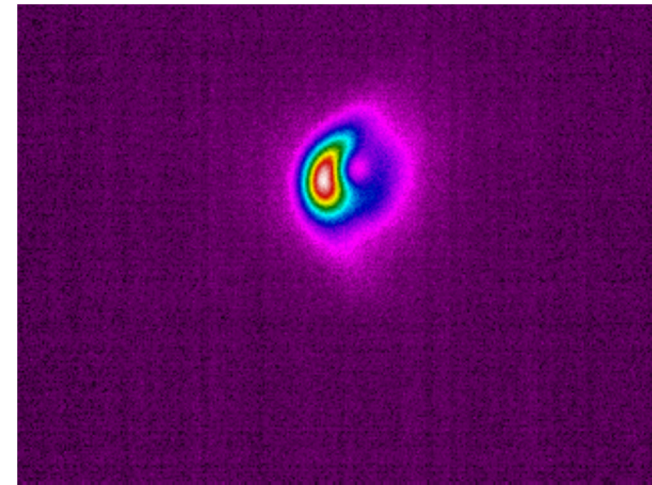
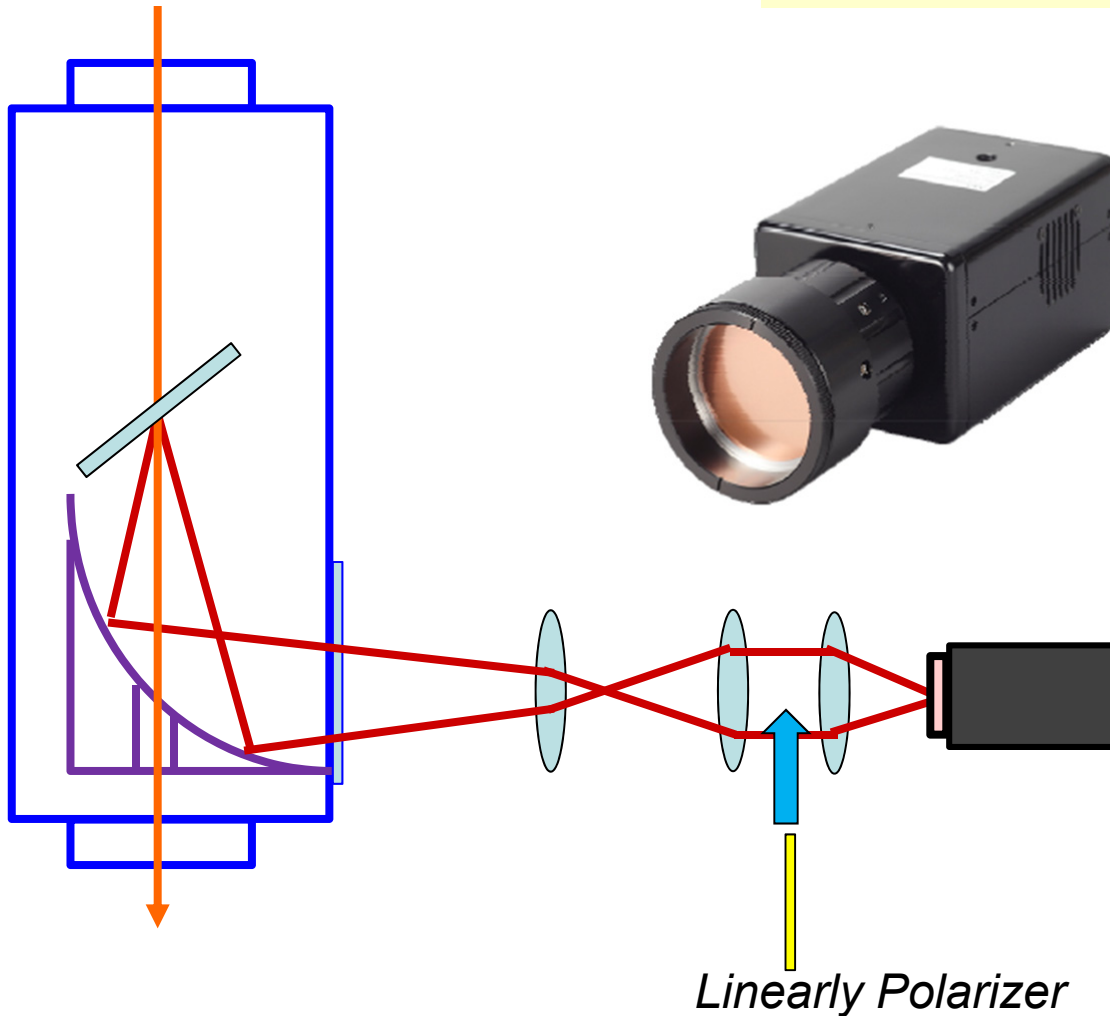
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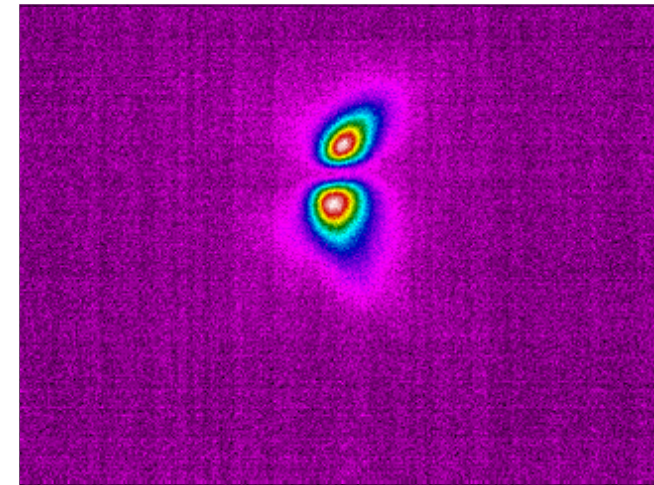
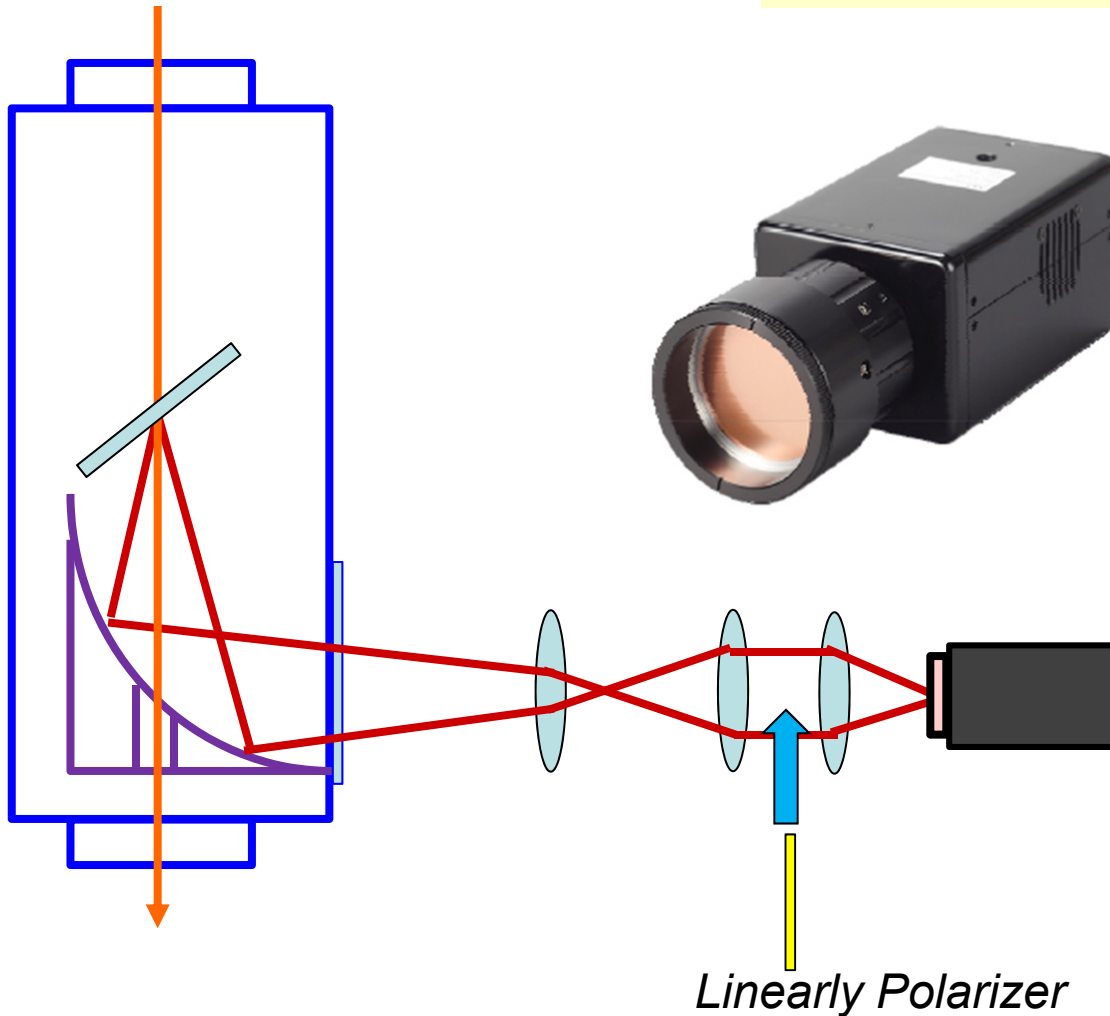
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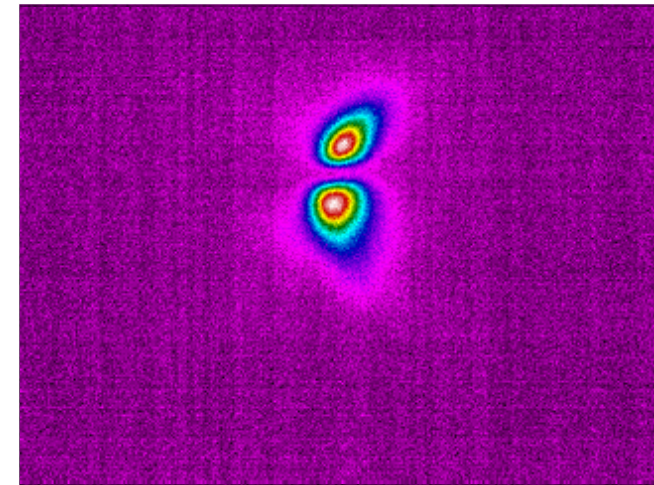
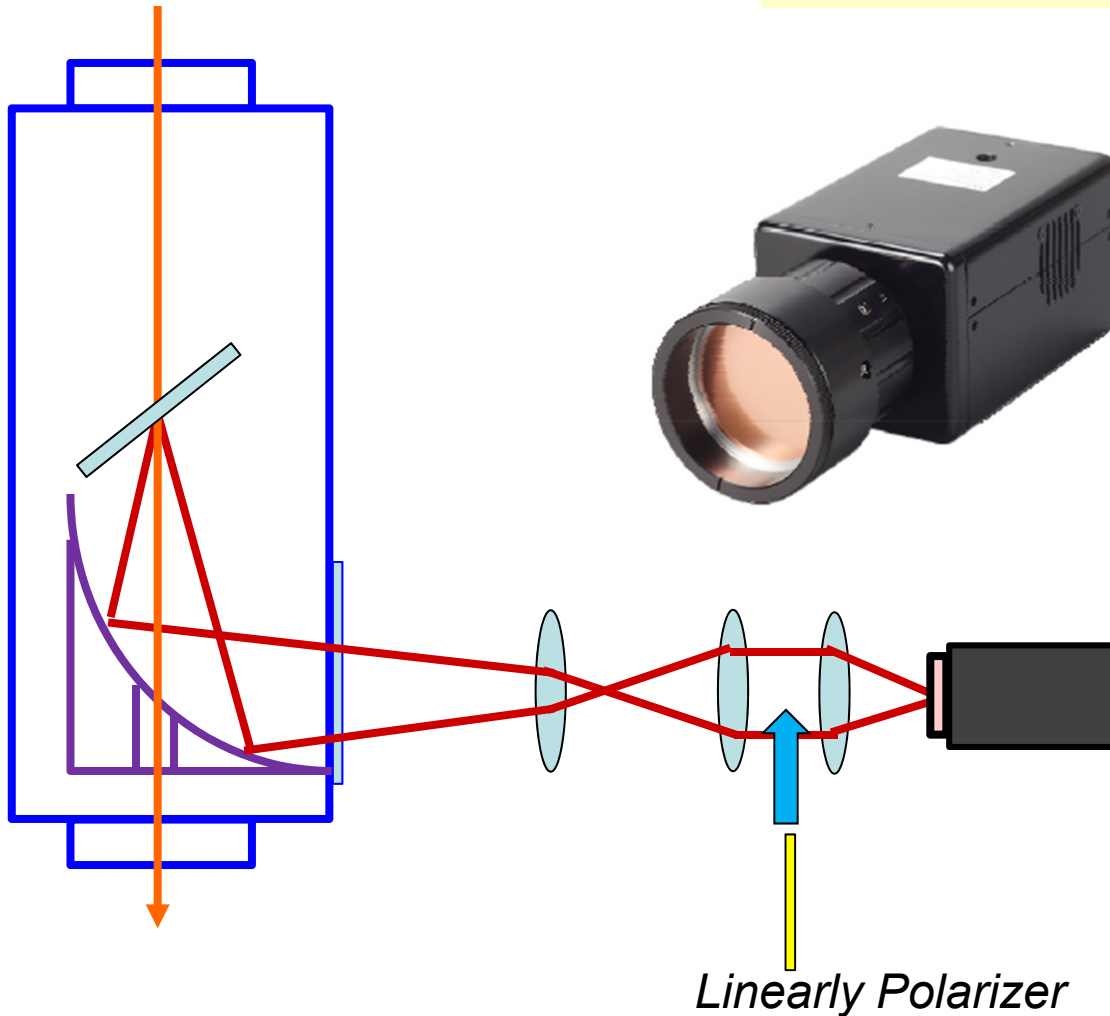
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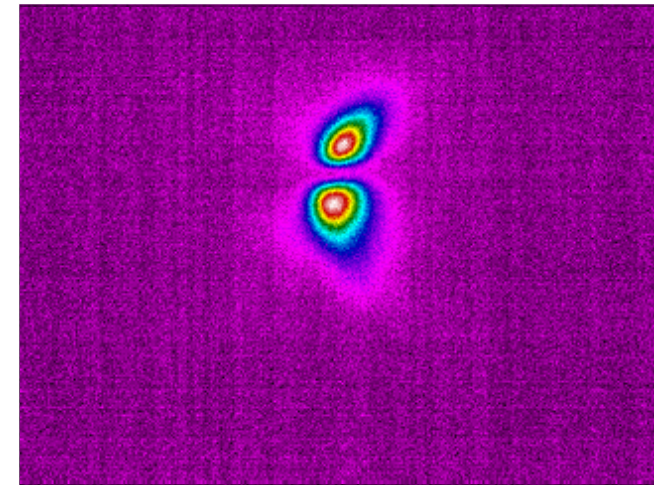
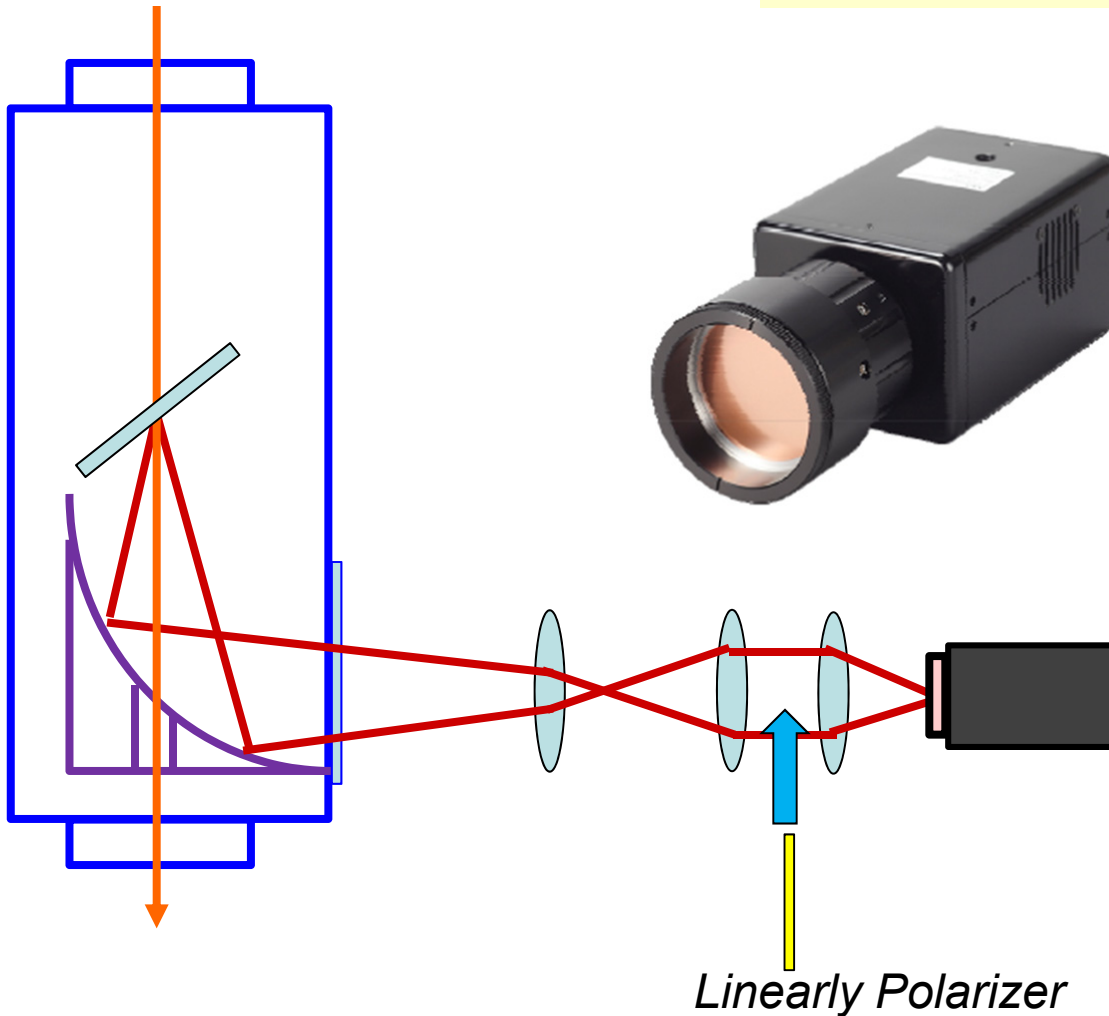


with Linearly Polarizer

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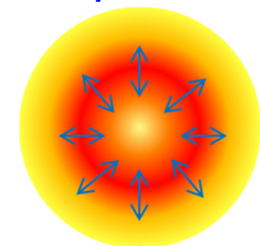
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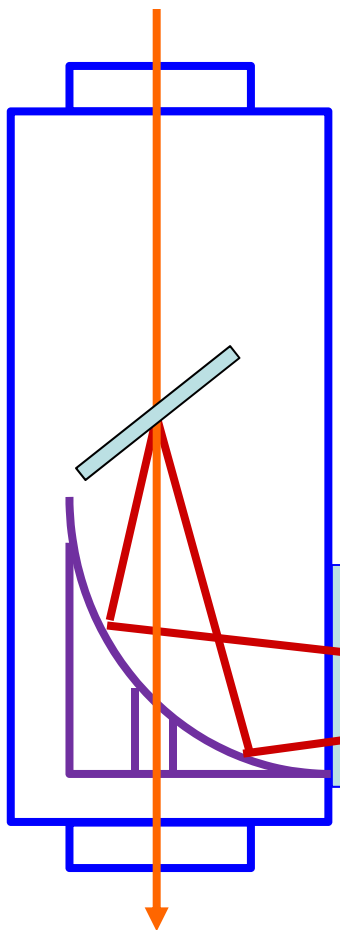
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Radial polarization

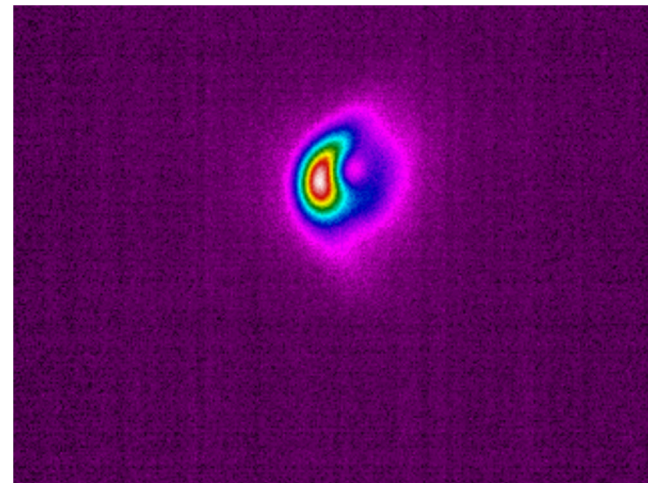
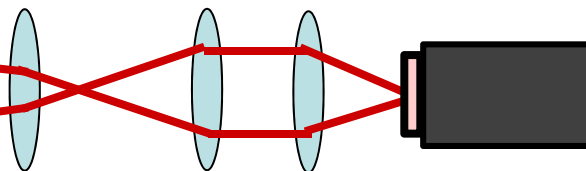


THz-CTR Profile measurement with BPF

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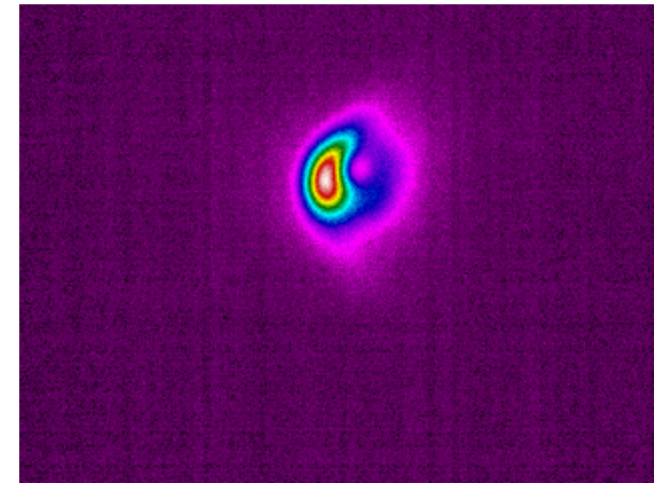
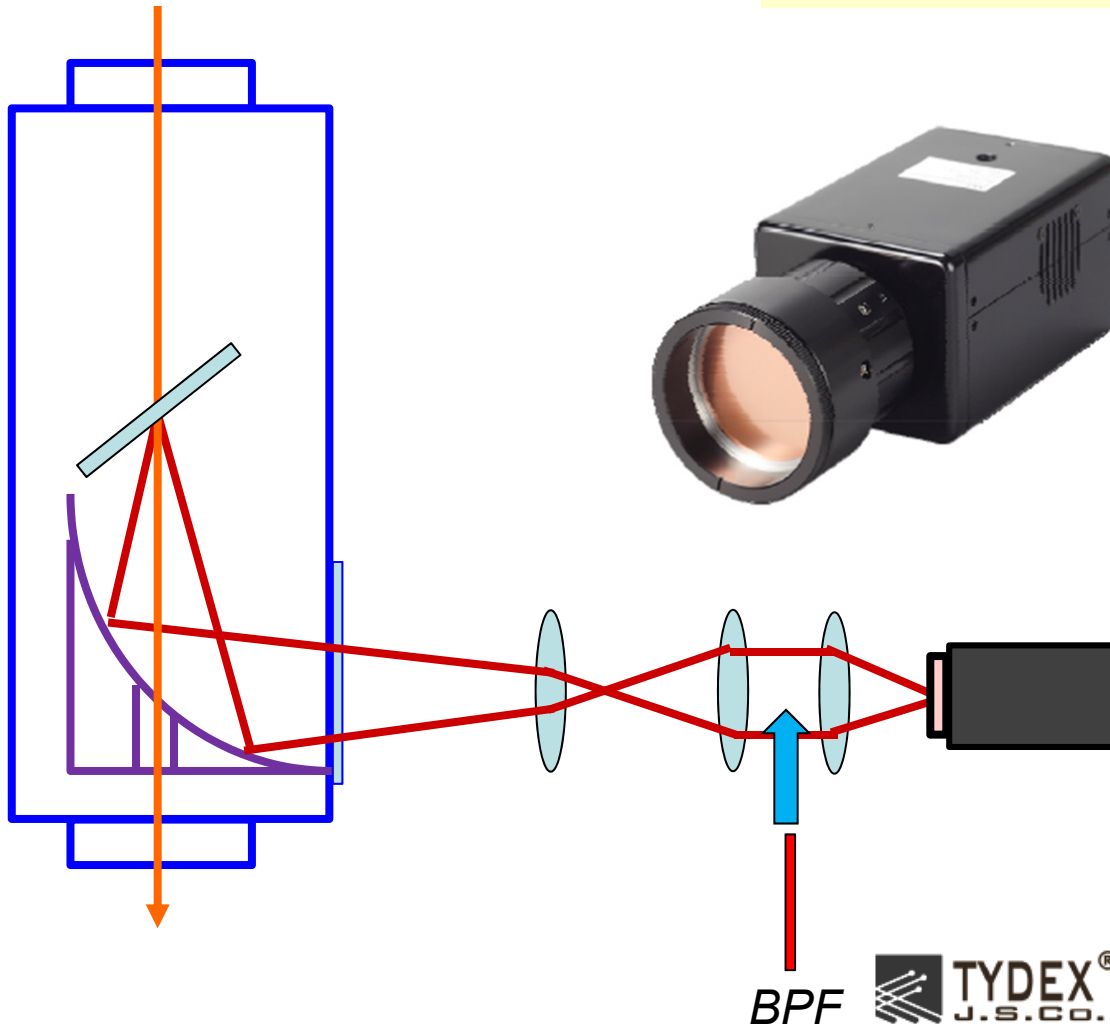
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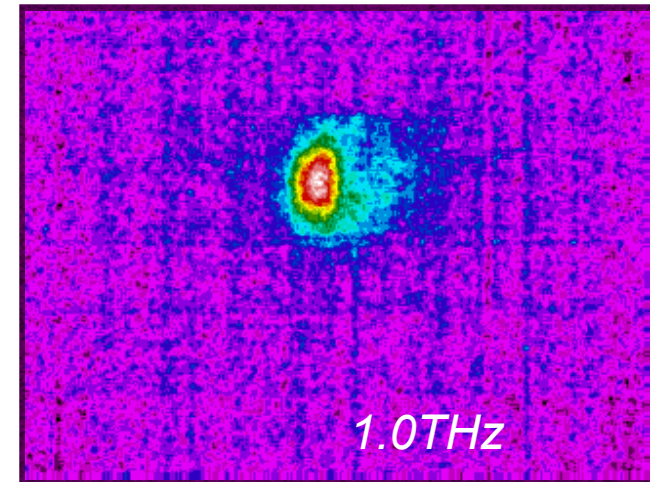
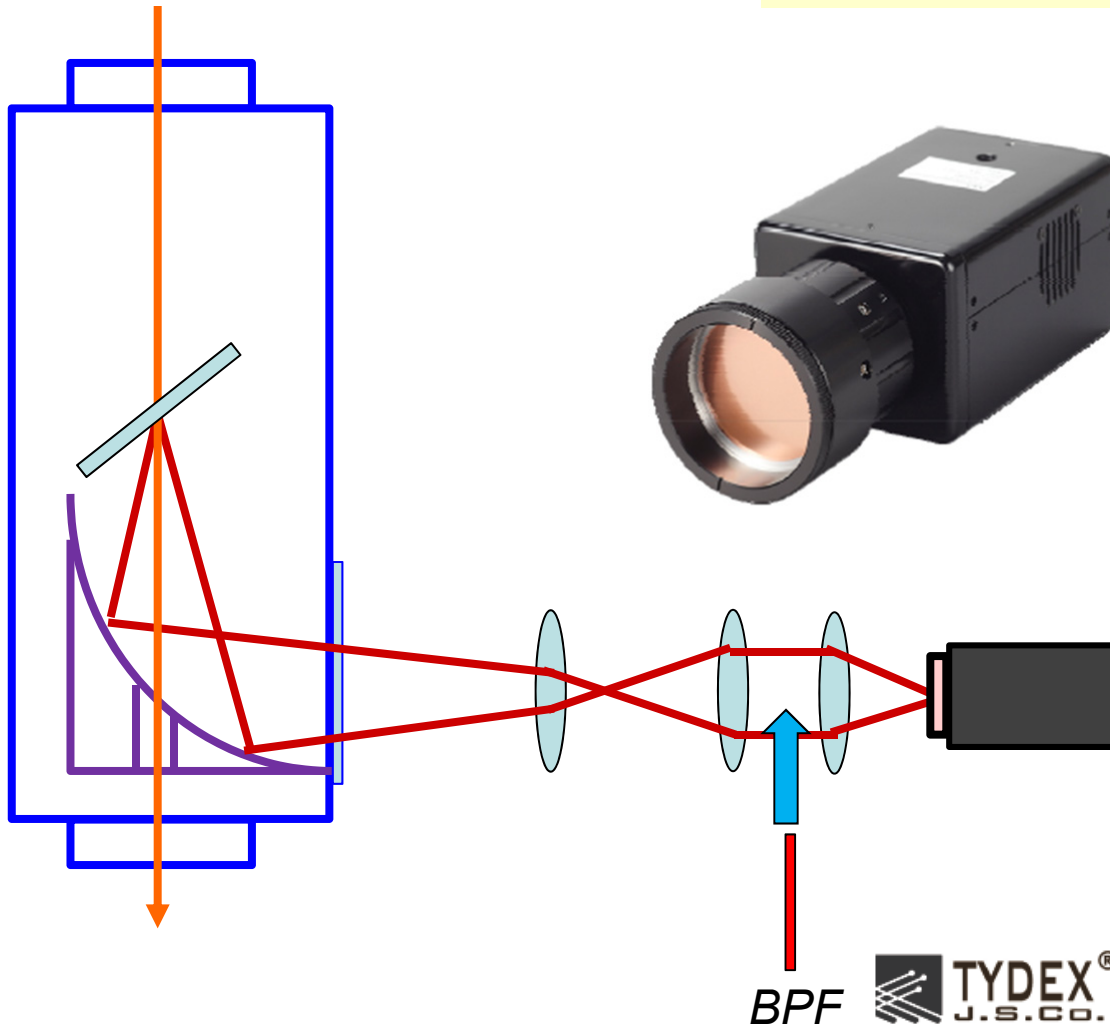
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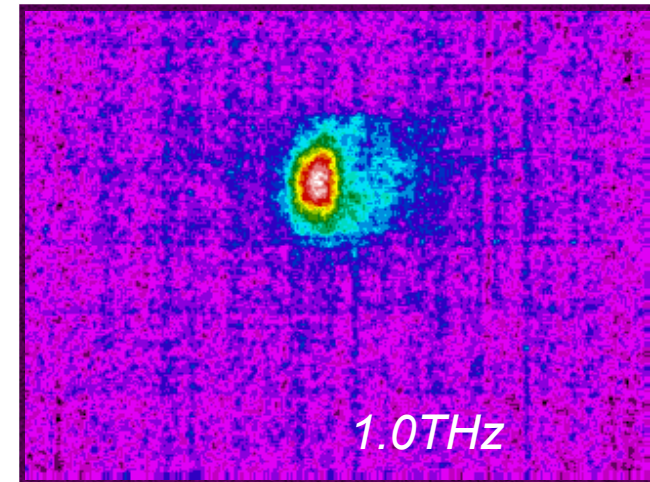
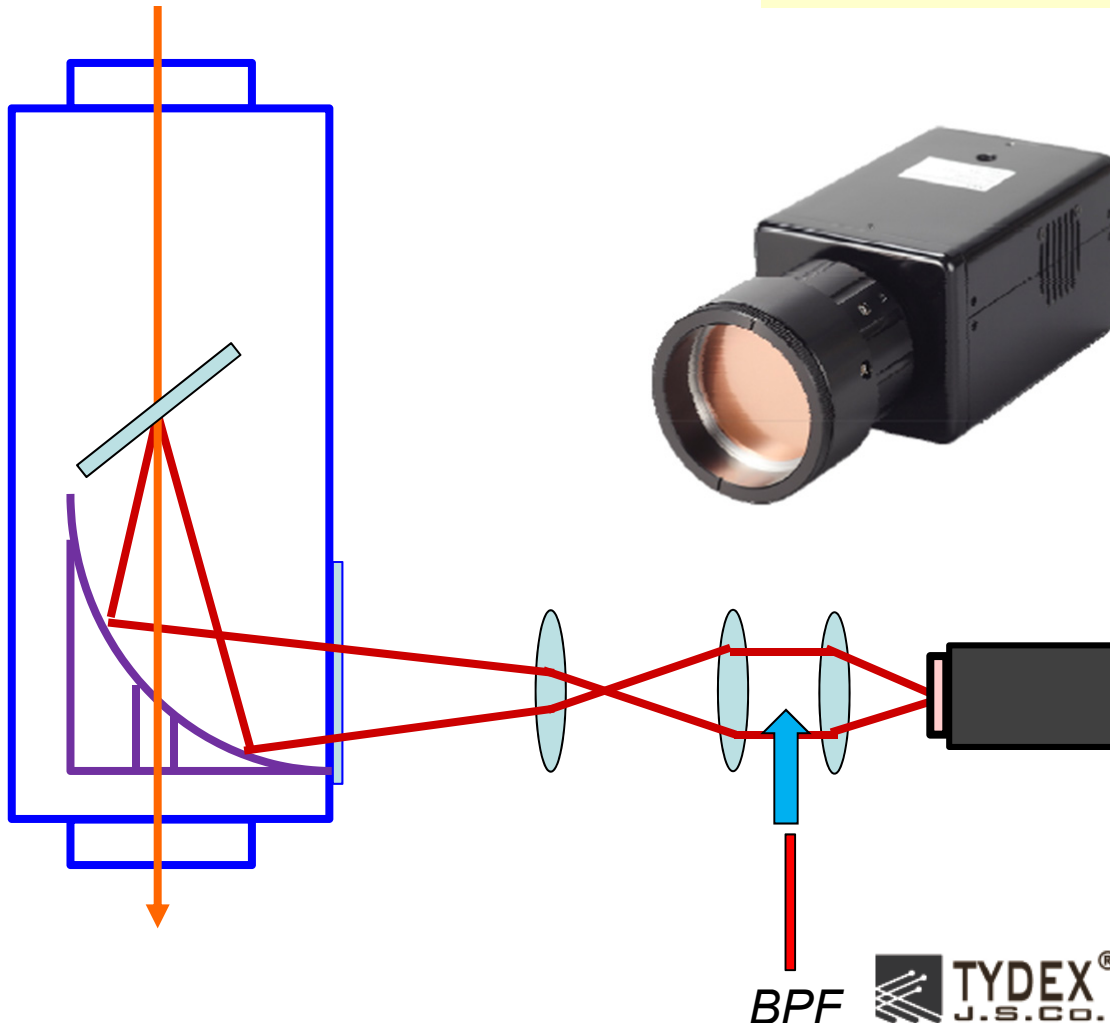
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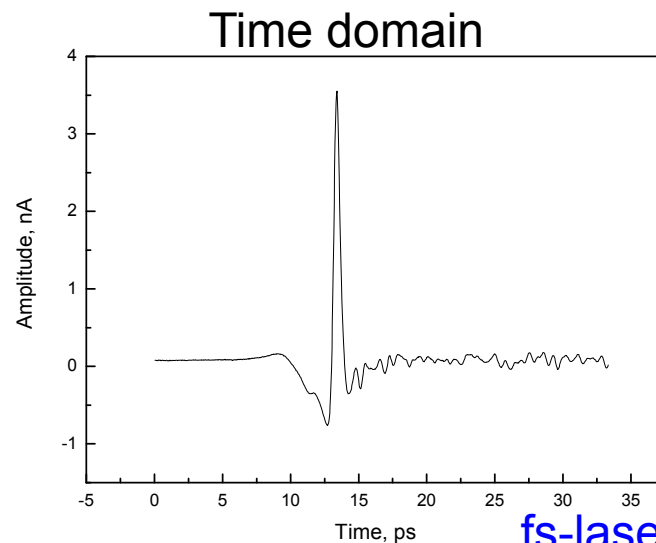
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THz-CTR Time Domain Spectroscopy(TDS) with EO sampling method

THz time-domain spectroscopy (THz-TDS) has recently emerged as a useful probe for the investigation of illegal materials such as explosives and drugs.

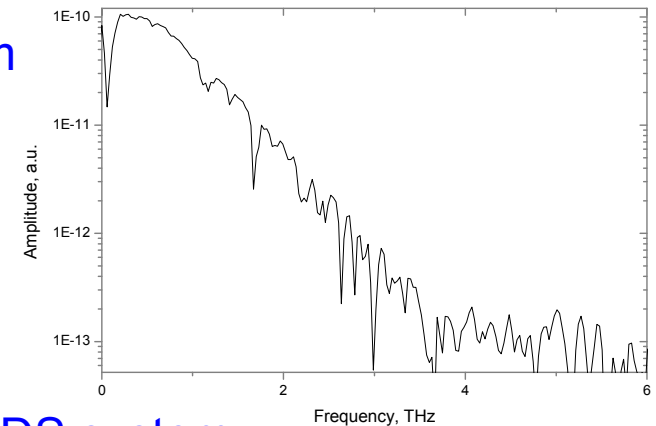
(Temporal decoding)



Fourier
transform



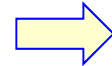
Frequency domain



fs-laser based THz-TDS system

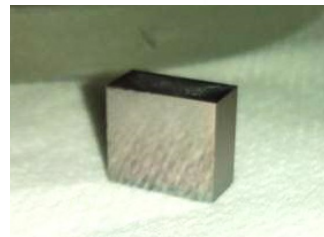
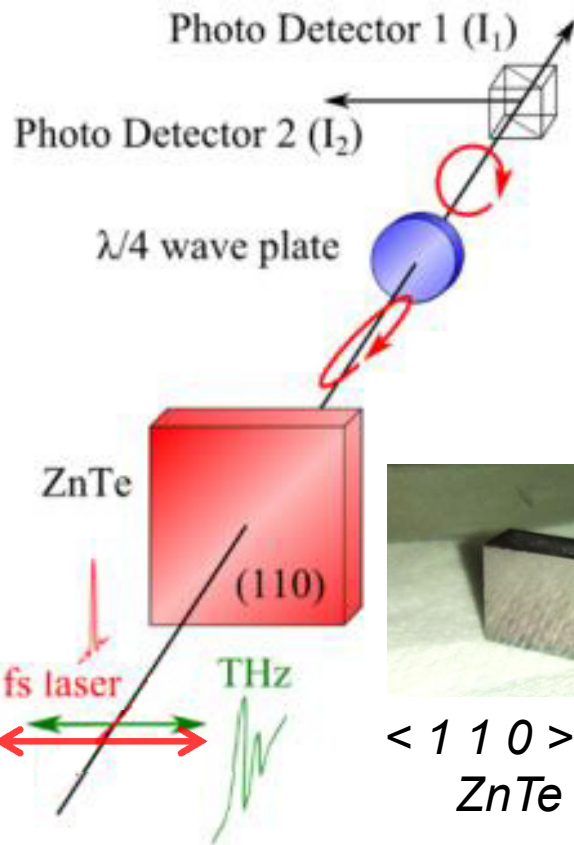
Principle of EO sampling method for THz-TDS

Irradiated THz can make Pockels effect in EO crystal

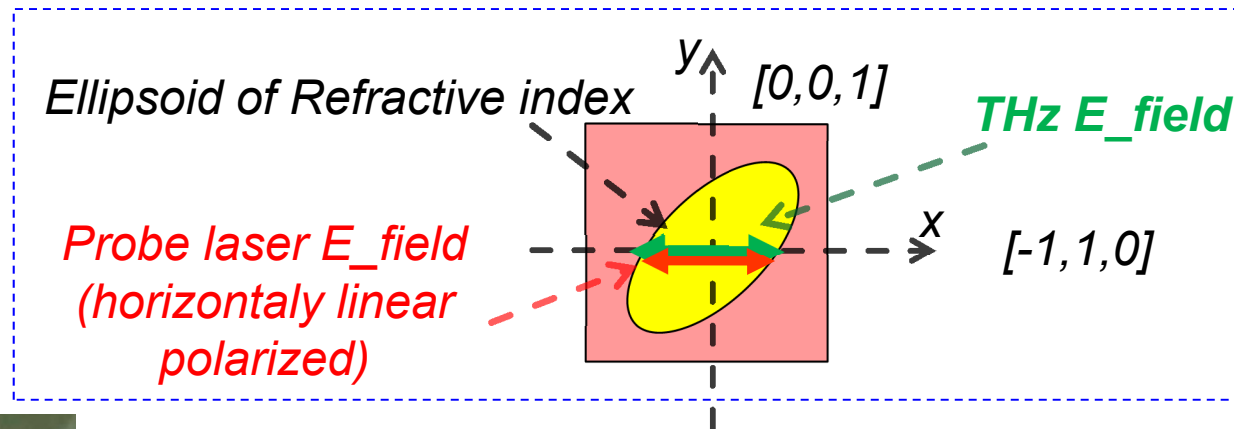


Measurement of the phase difference Γ

$$\Gamma = \frac{2\pi d}{\lambda} n_0^3 r_{41} E_{THz}$$



$\langle 110 \rangle$ oriented ZnTe crystal



• Initial E_{field} of probe laser

$$E_{in} = E_0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{horizontal} \\ \leftarrow \text{vertical} \end{array}$$

• Output E_{field} of probe laser

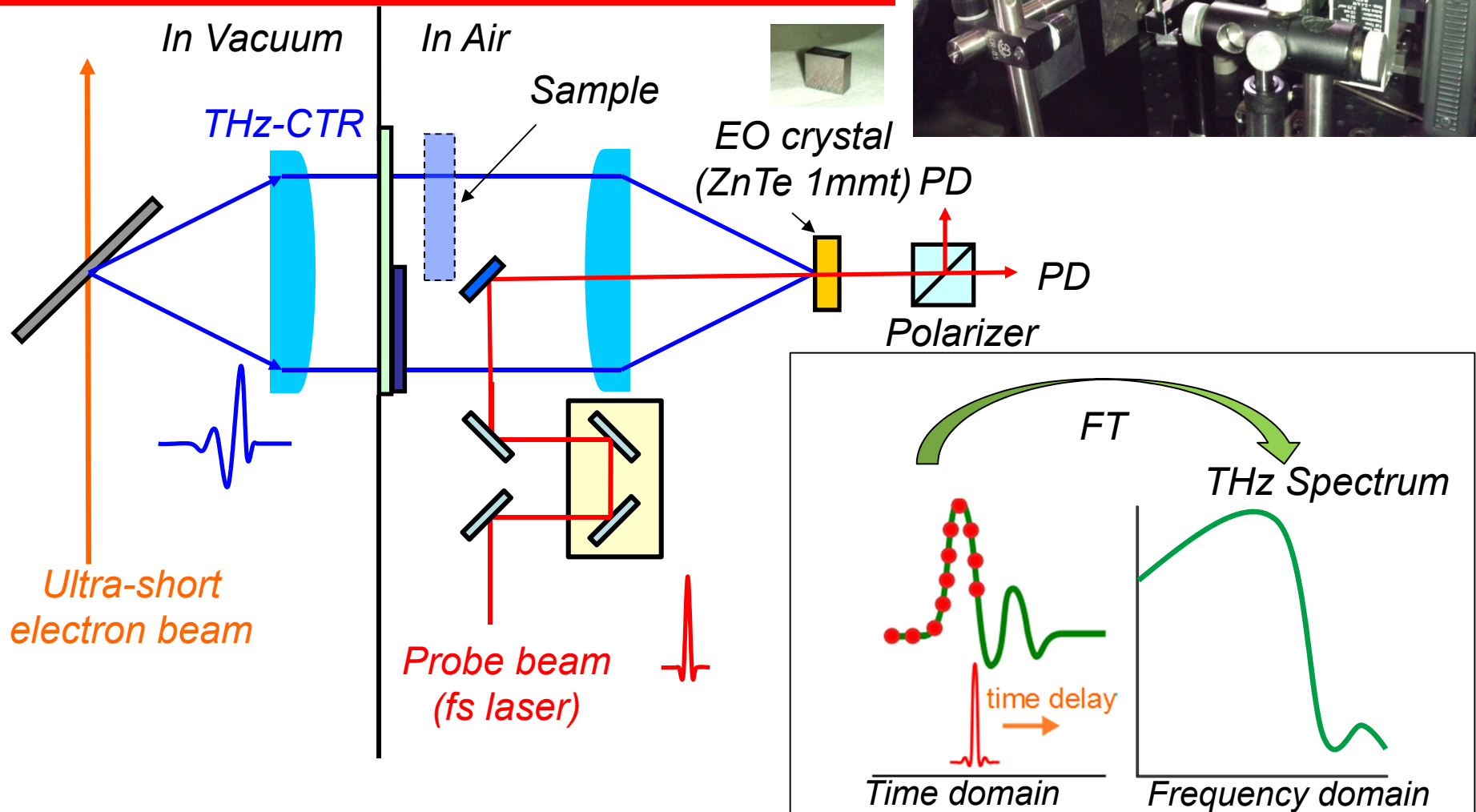
$$E_{out} = E_0 \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\Gamma}{2} \\ i \sin \frac{\Gamma}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{horizontal} \\ \leftarrow \text{vertical} \end{array}$$

Setup of THz-CTR

Time-domain spectroscopy (TDS)

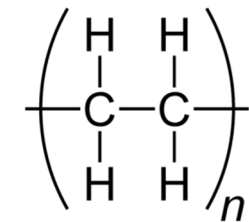
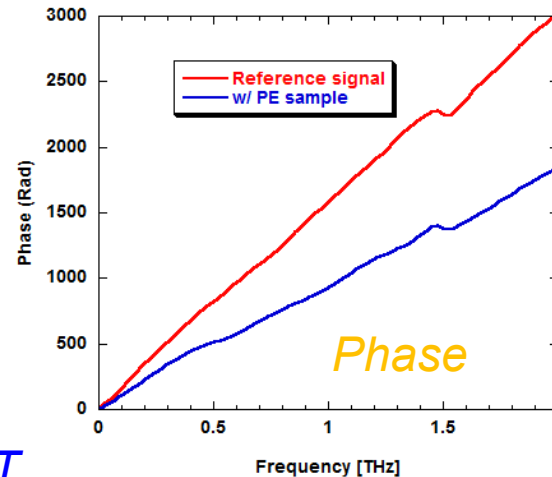
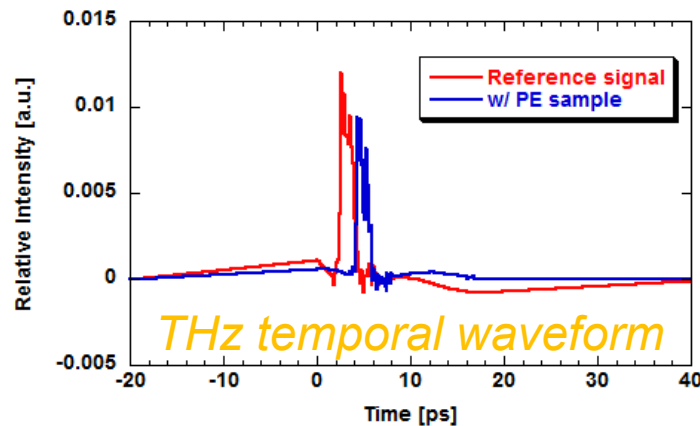
with EO sampling method

(pump-probe technique)



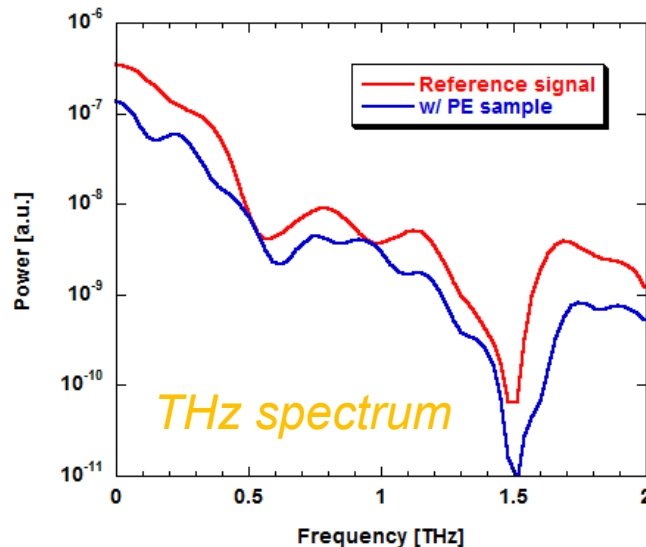
THz-TDS Result with Polyethylene(PE) sample

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Sample:
Polyethylene(PE) plate
(1 mm)

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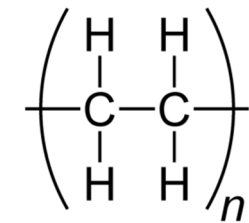
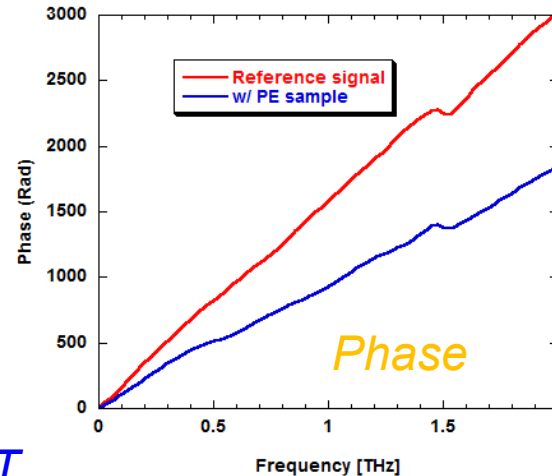
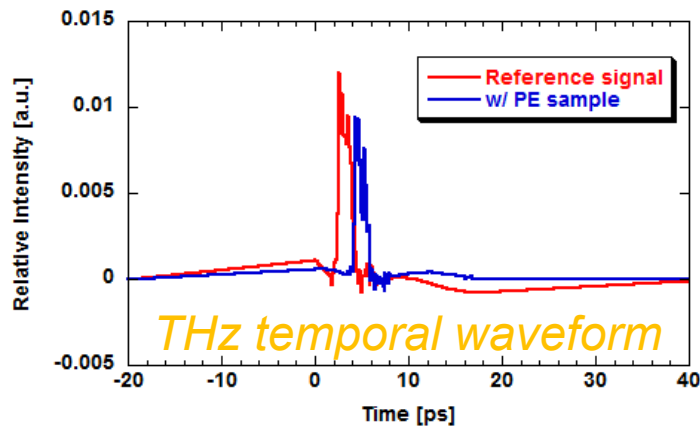


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Refractive index

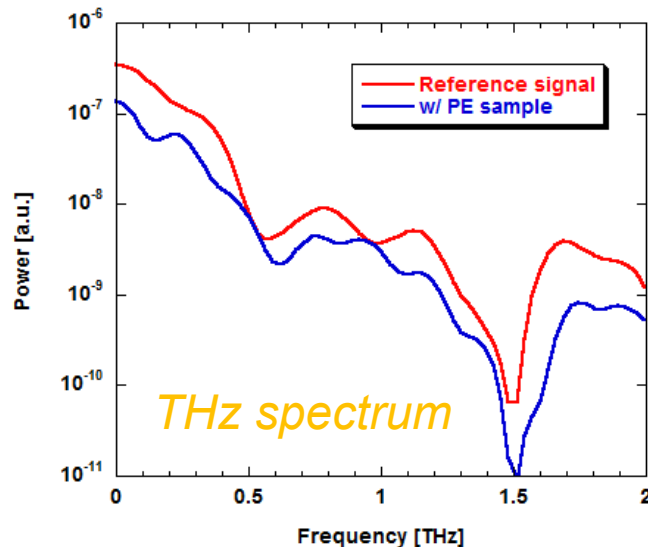
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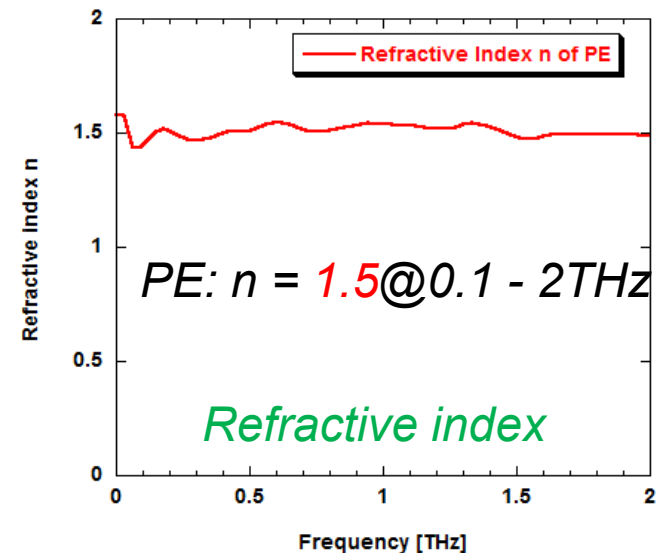


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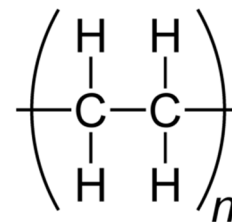
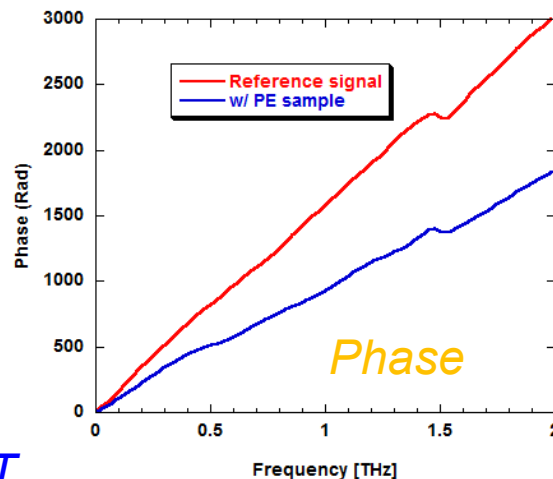
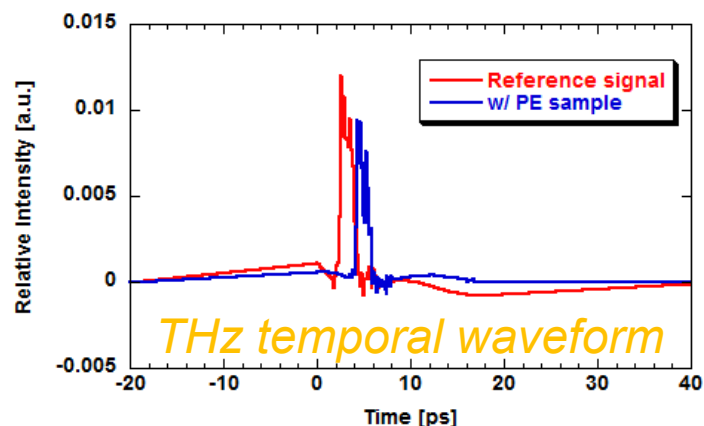


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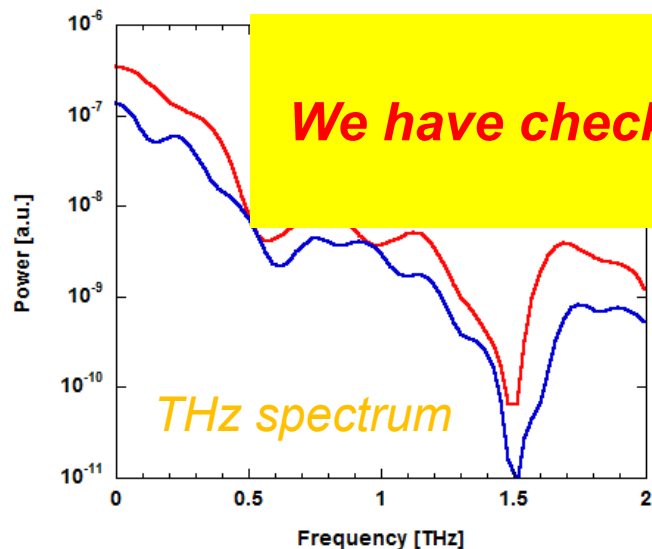
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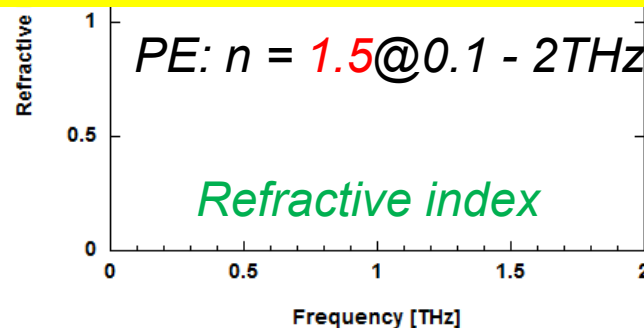
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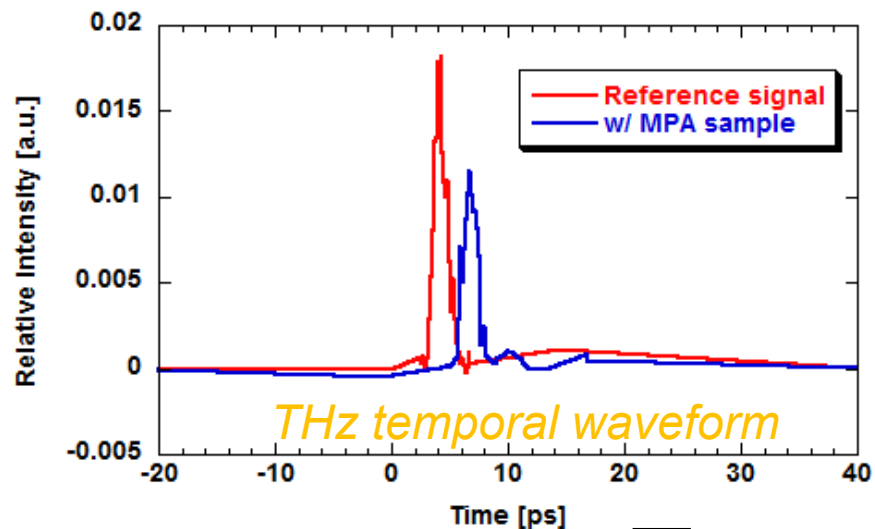


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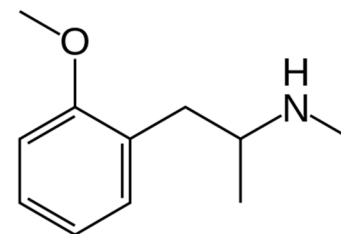
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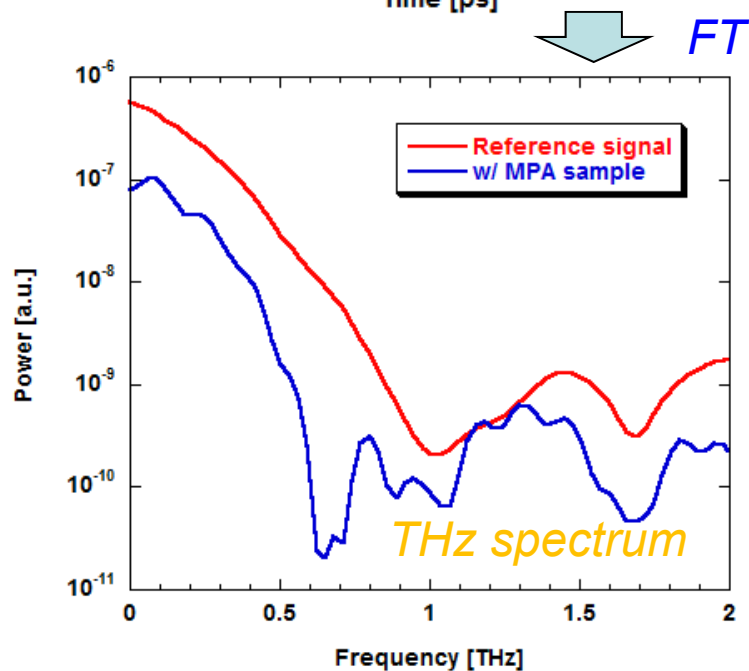
THz-TDS Result with drug sample (MPA)



(Imitation Drug of Methamphetamine)



Pellet (1 mmt) of
Methoxyphenamine hydrochloride (MPA)

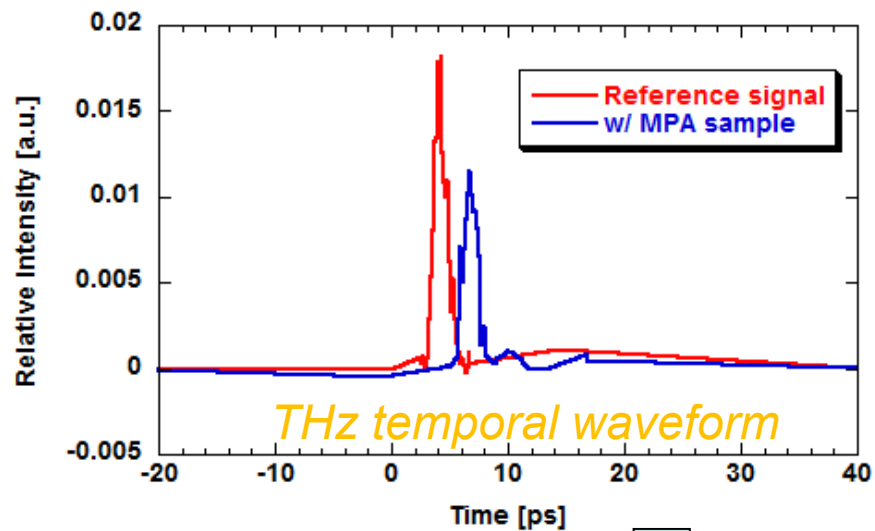


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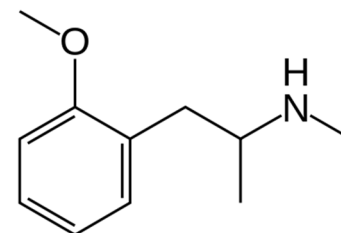
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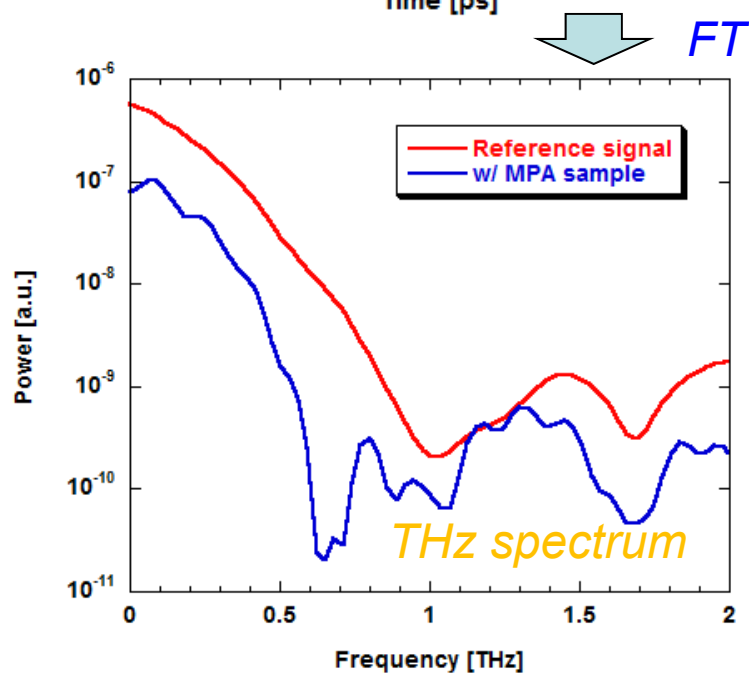
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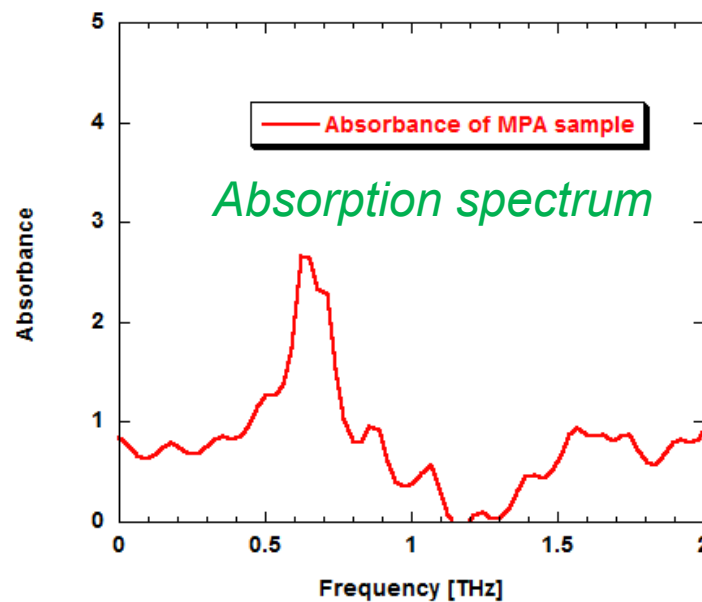


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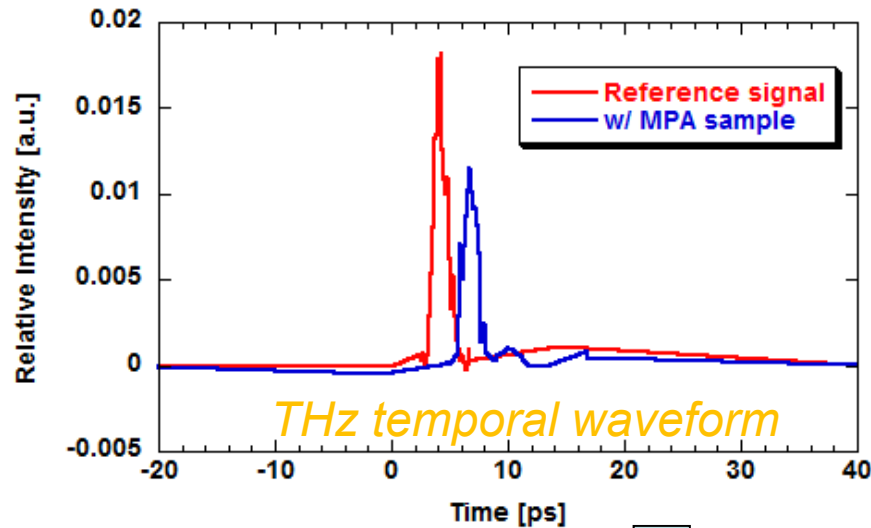


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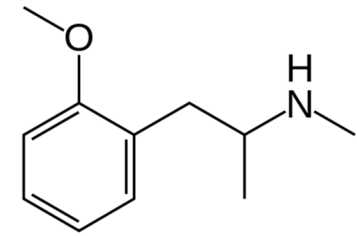
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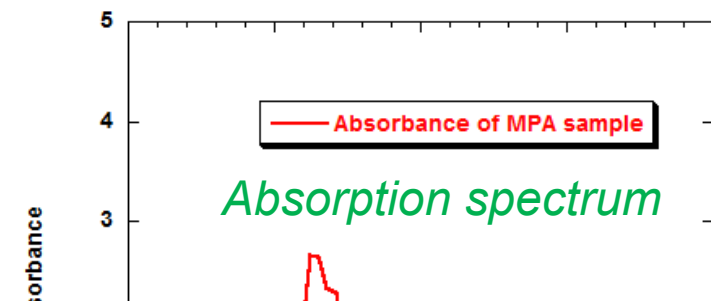
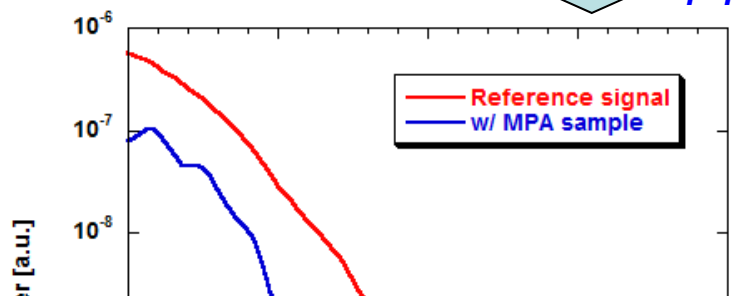
THz-TDS Result with drug sample (MPA)



(Imitation Drug of Methamphetamine)



Pellet (1 mmt) of
Methoxyphenamine hydrochloride (MPA)



The sample absorption has been successfully measured in atmosphere.
However, the accuracy of the THz-TDS system should be improved.
One of the solutions is the single-shot measurement
with the chirped pulse laser (spectral decoding).
Now, we are preparing the single-shot scheme.

Frequency [Hz]

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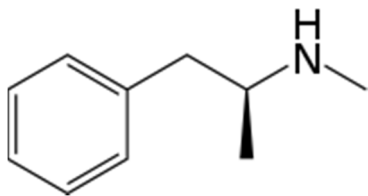
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