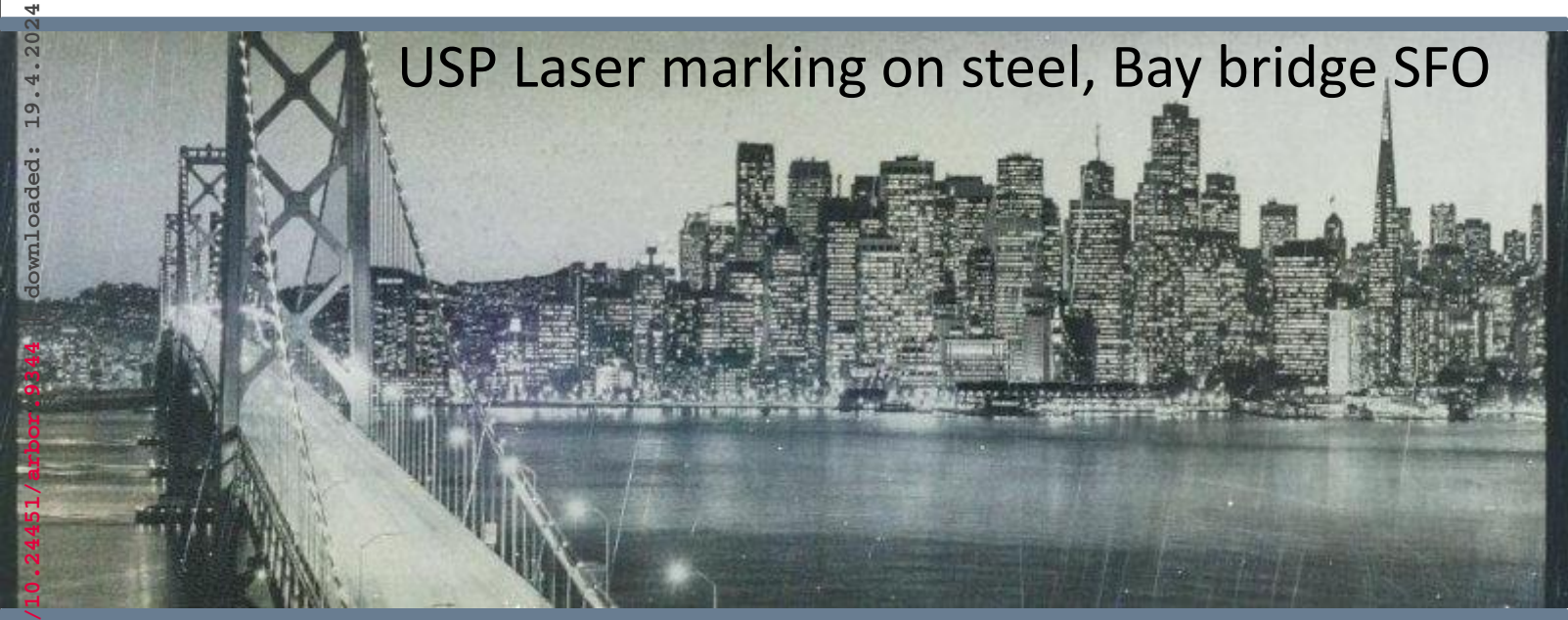


USP Laser marking on steel, Bay bridge SFO



Influence of Pulse Duration in the Pico- and Femtosecond Regime on the Absorptance and Specific Removal Rate

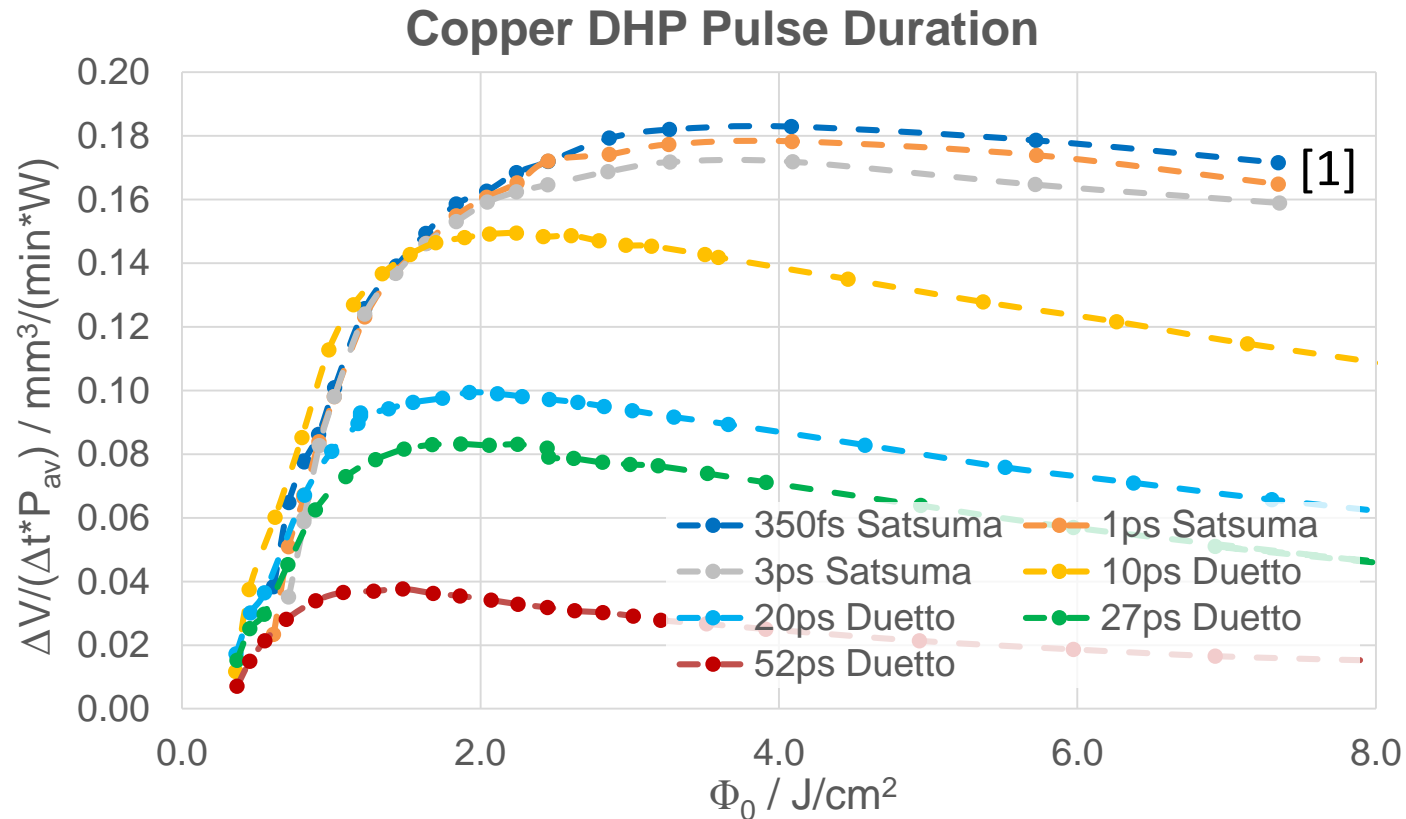
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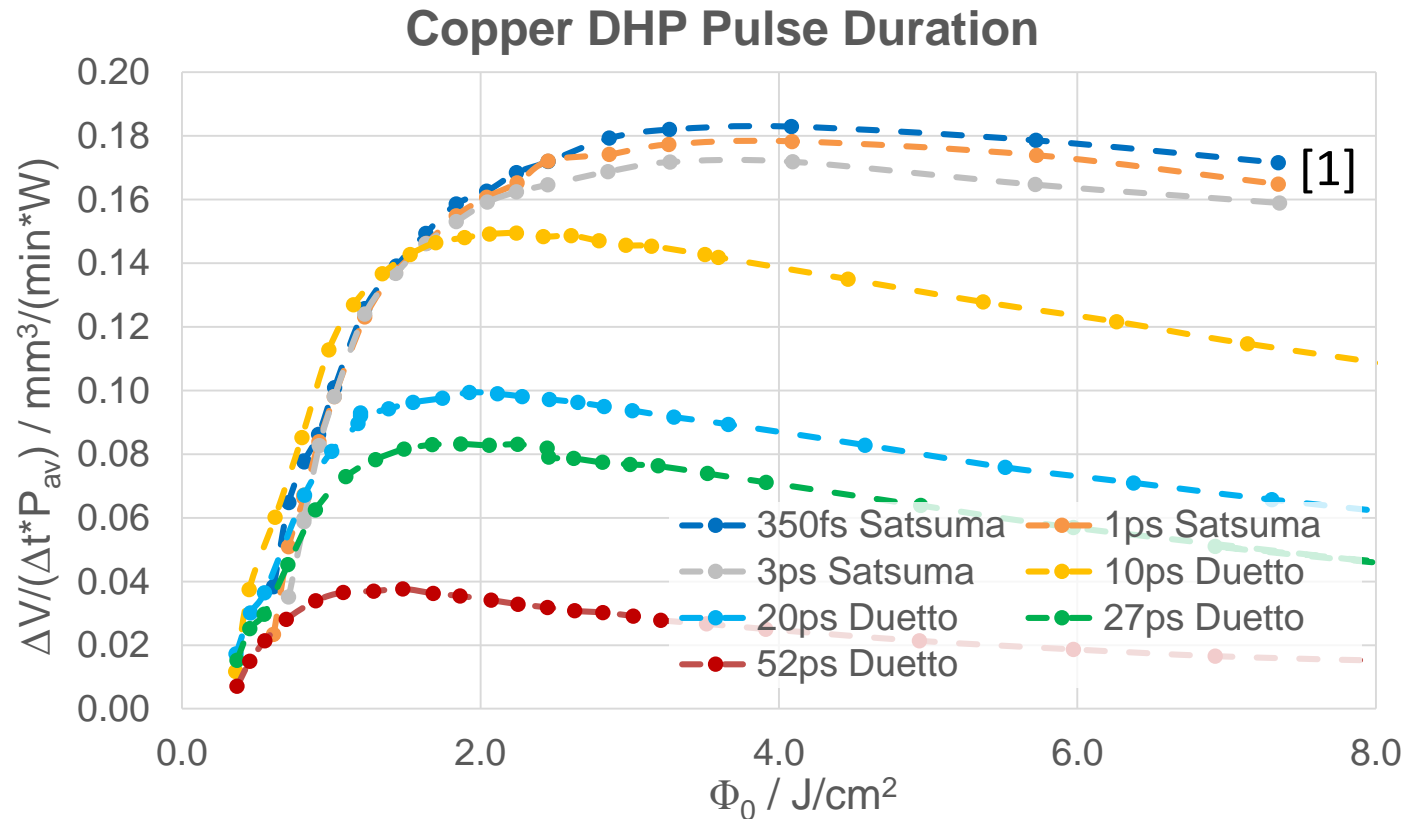
Motivation – Pulse Duration Experiments Copper DHP



- ▶ Machined squares
- ▶ Used Lasers:
 - ▶ 350fs to 3ps:
 - ▶ Satsuma HP2, Amplitude
 - ▶ $\lambda=1030\text{nm}$, $f_{\text{rep}}=505\text{kHz}$
 - ▶ $w_0=17.2\mu\text{m}$, $M^2=1.3$
 - ▶ 10ps to 52ps:
 - ▶ Duetto, Time Bandwidth
 - ▶ $\lambda=1064\text{nm}$, $f_{\text{rep}}=200\text{kHz}$
 - ▶ $w_0=13\mu\text{m}$, $M^2=1.45$

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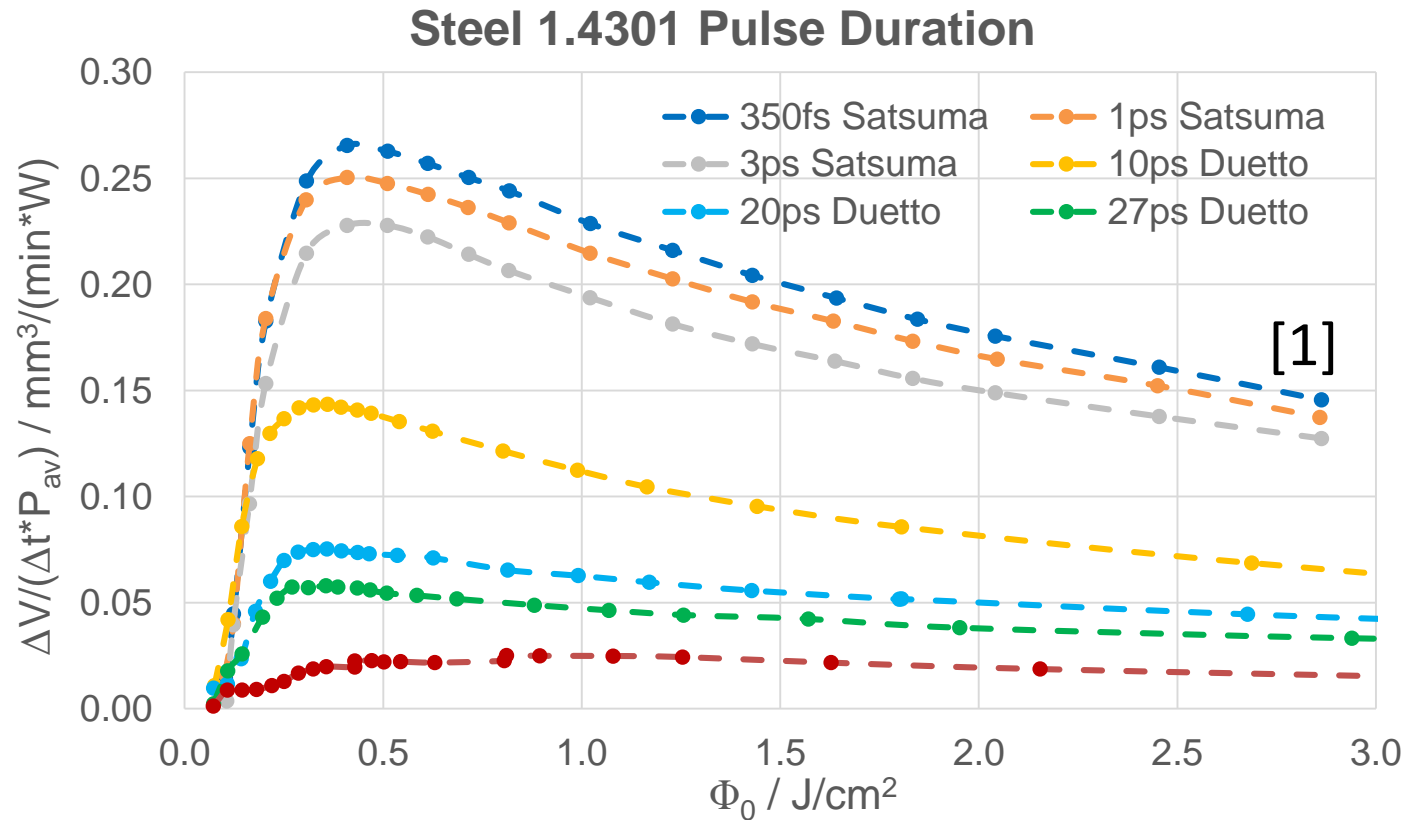
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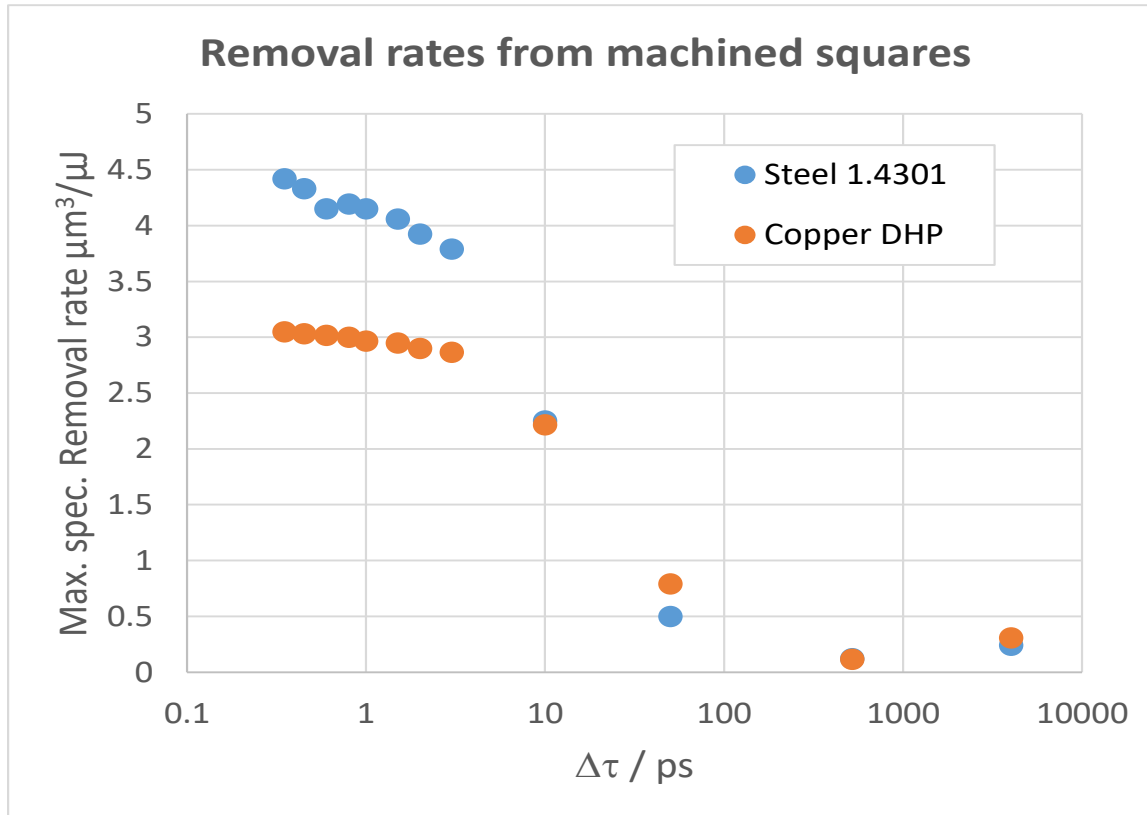
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 - ▶ 3ps to 350fs around 1.2x

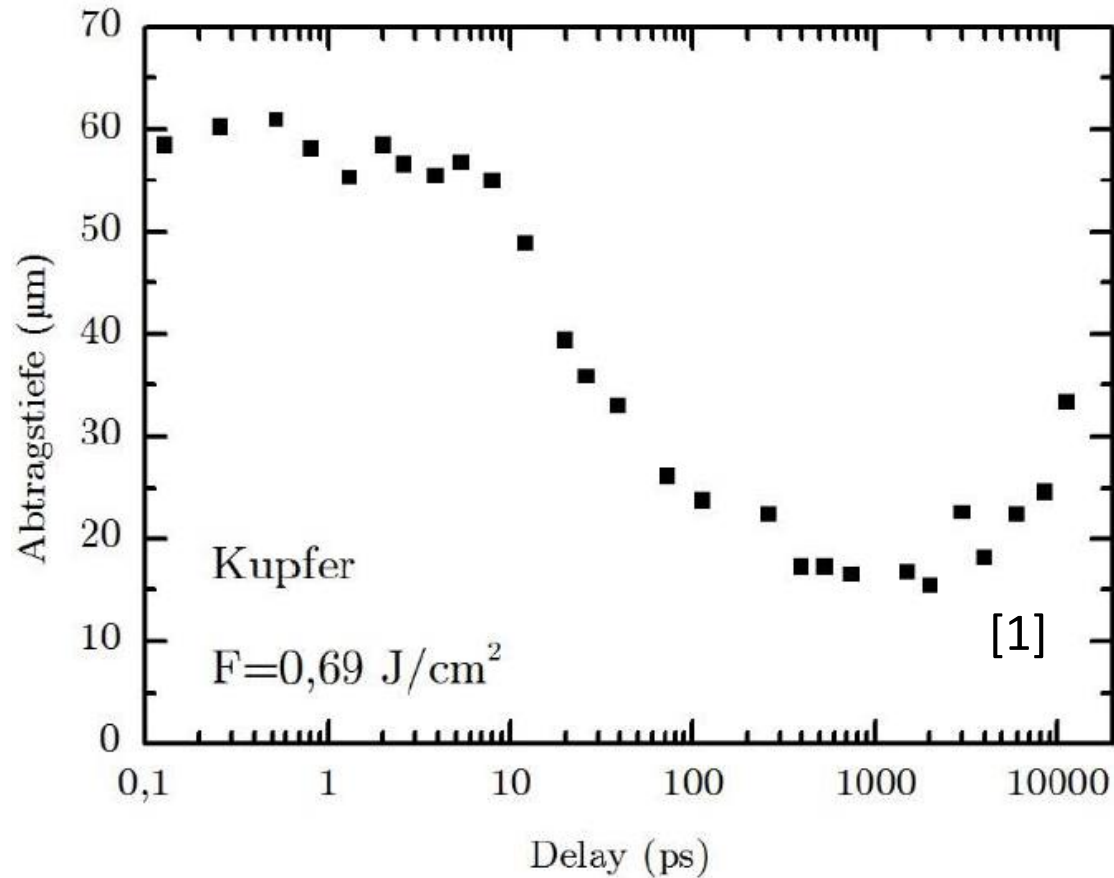
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Motivation – Pulse Duration and Removal Rate

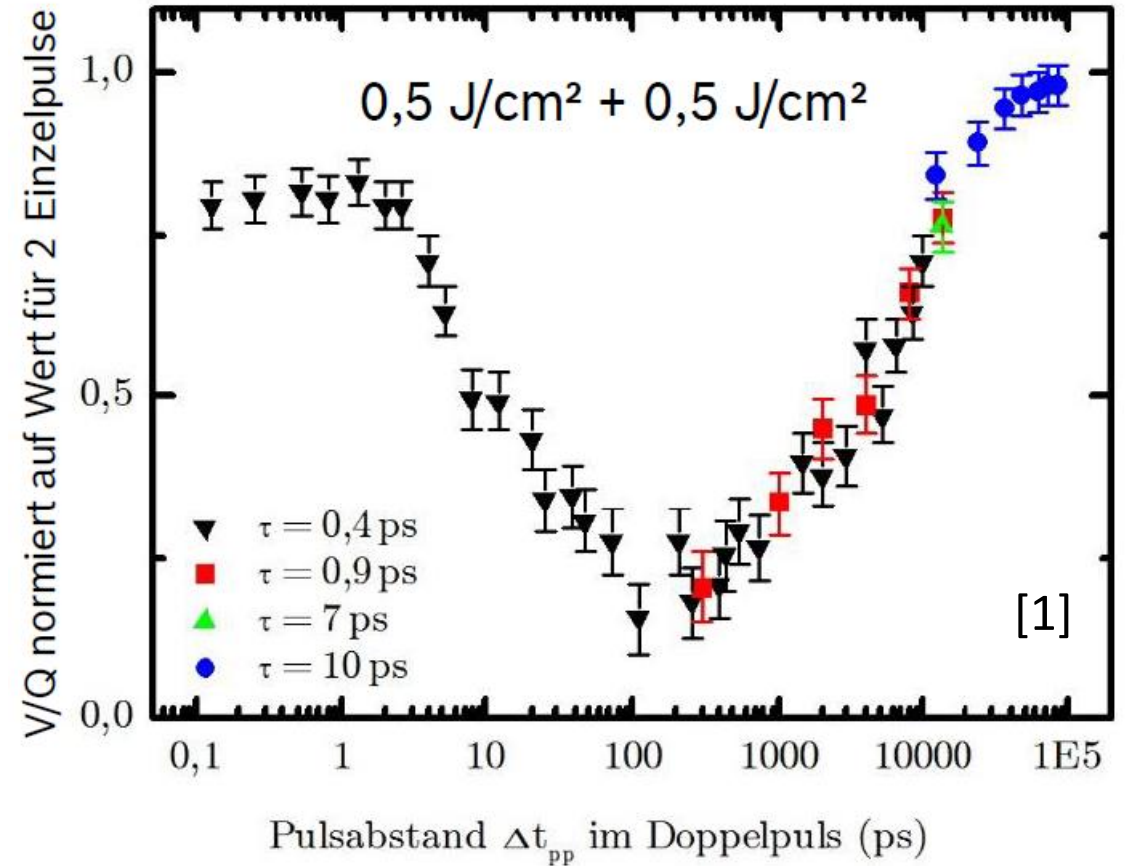


- ▶ Shorter pulse durations lead to higher maximal specific removal rates for both materials
 - ▶ Cu: Rate for fs nearly constant
 - ▶ Steel: Rate increases also for fs

Motivation – Two Pulse Burst Experiment



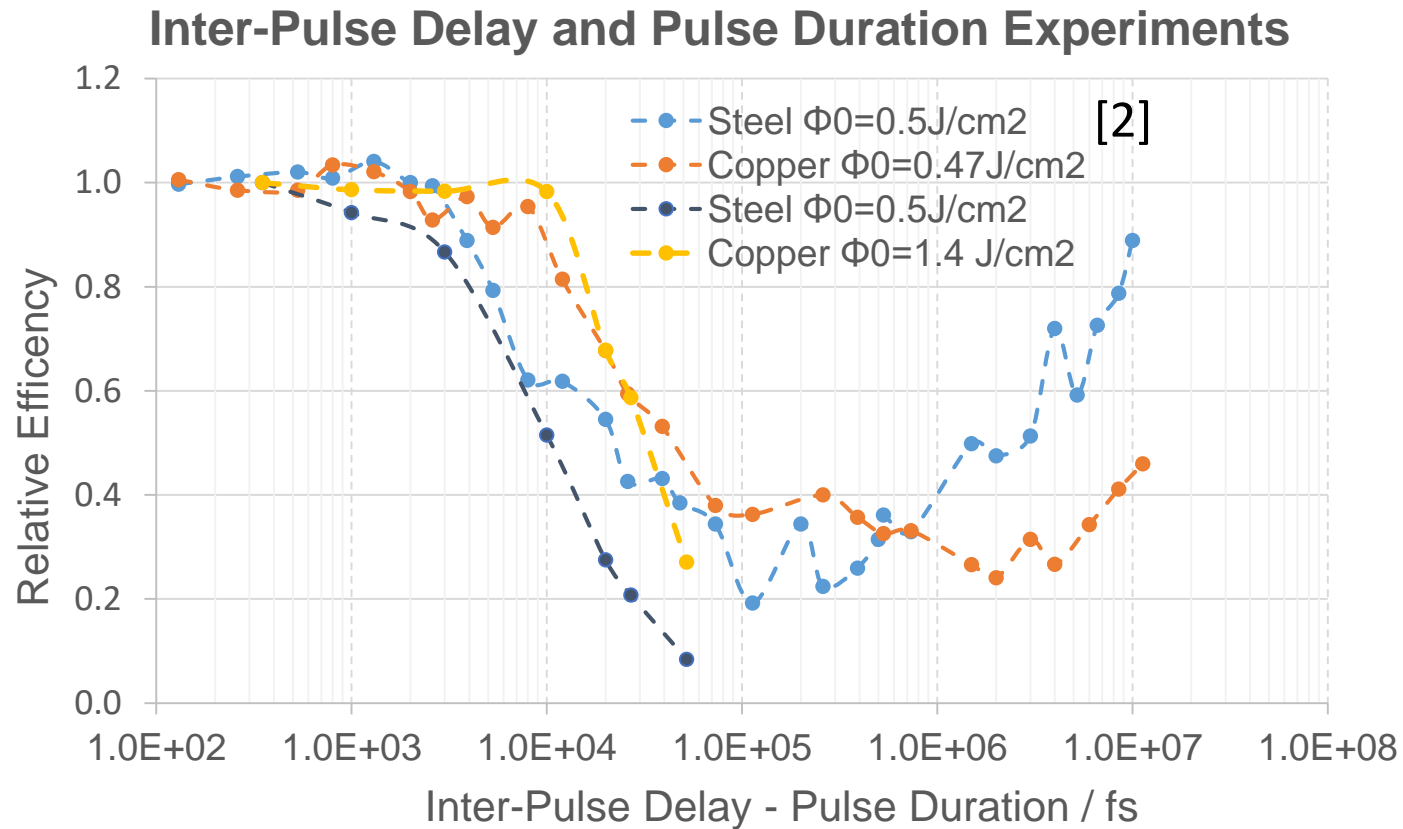
Results for Copper



Results for Steel

[1] A. Michalowski, F. Bauer, T. Bauknecht. (2016). Schwarzwald Workshop IFSW

Motivation – Comparison of Experimental Results



- ▶ Inter-pulse delay for double pulse experiment (DP) and pulse duration (t_p) show very similar behavior for copper and steel
 - ▶ Common cause?

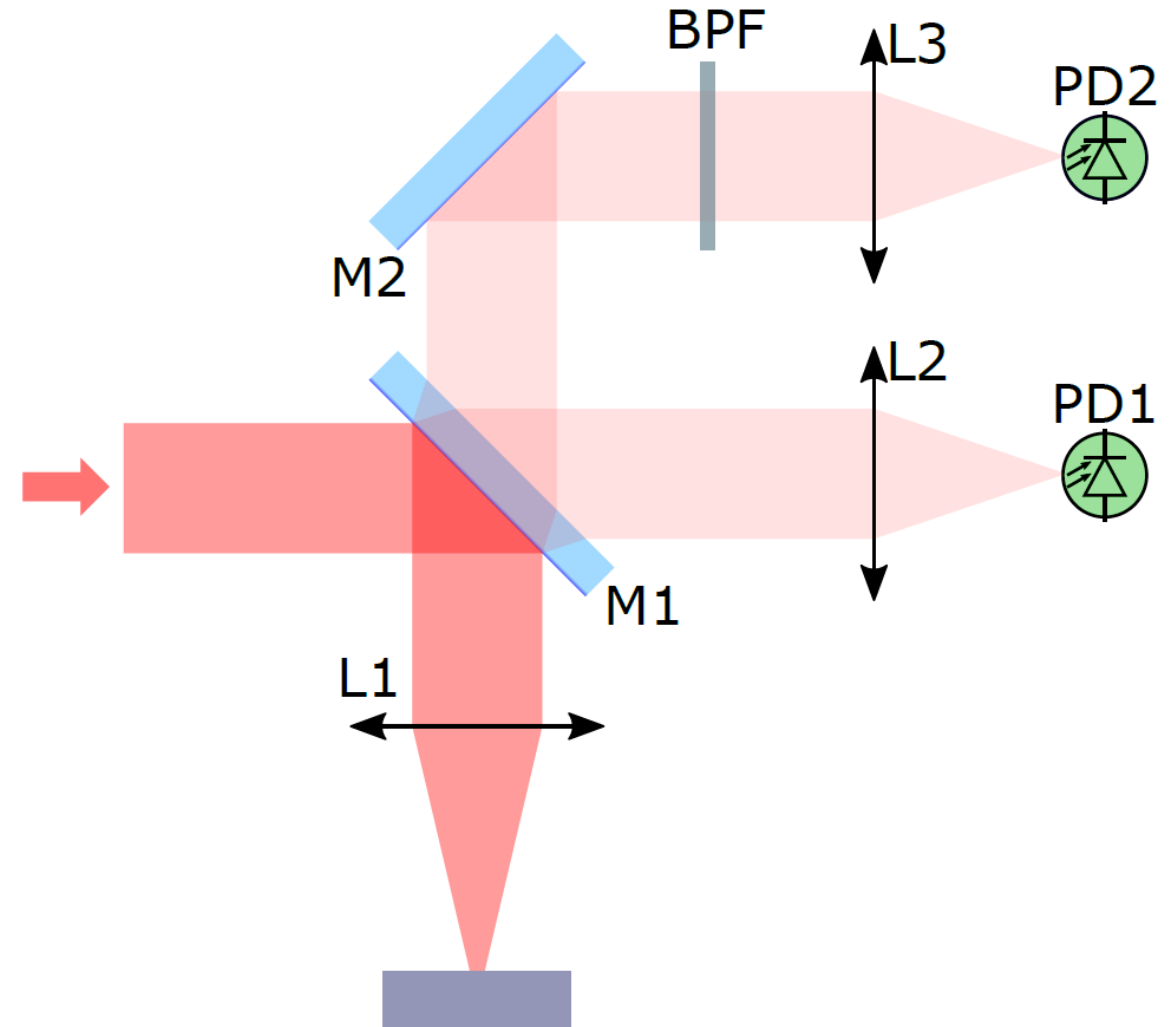
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Motivation – Results and Hypothesis

- ▶ Hypothesis:
 - ▶ Pulse duration dependency: Shielding of pulse by its own processes
 - ▶ Double pulse experiments: Shielding of the second by the processes from the first pulse
 - ▶ Could both results share the same cause -> Shielding
- ▶ Experimental approach:
 - ▶ Reflectivity measurements of single pulses for varying pulse durations
 - ▶ Calorimetric measurements for varying pulse durations

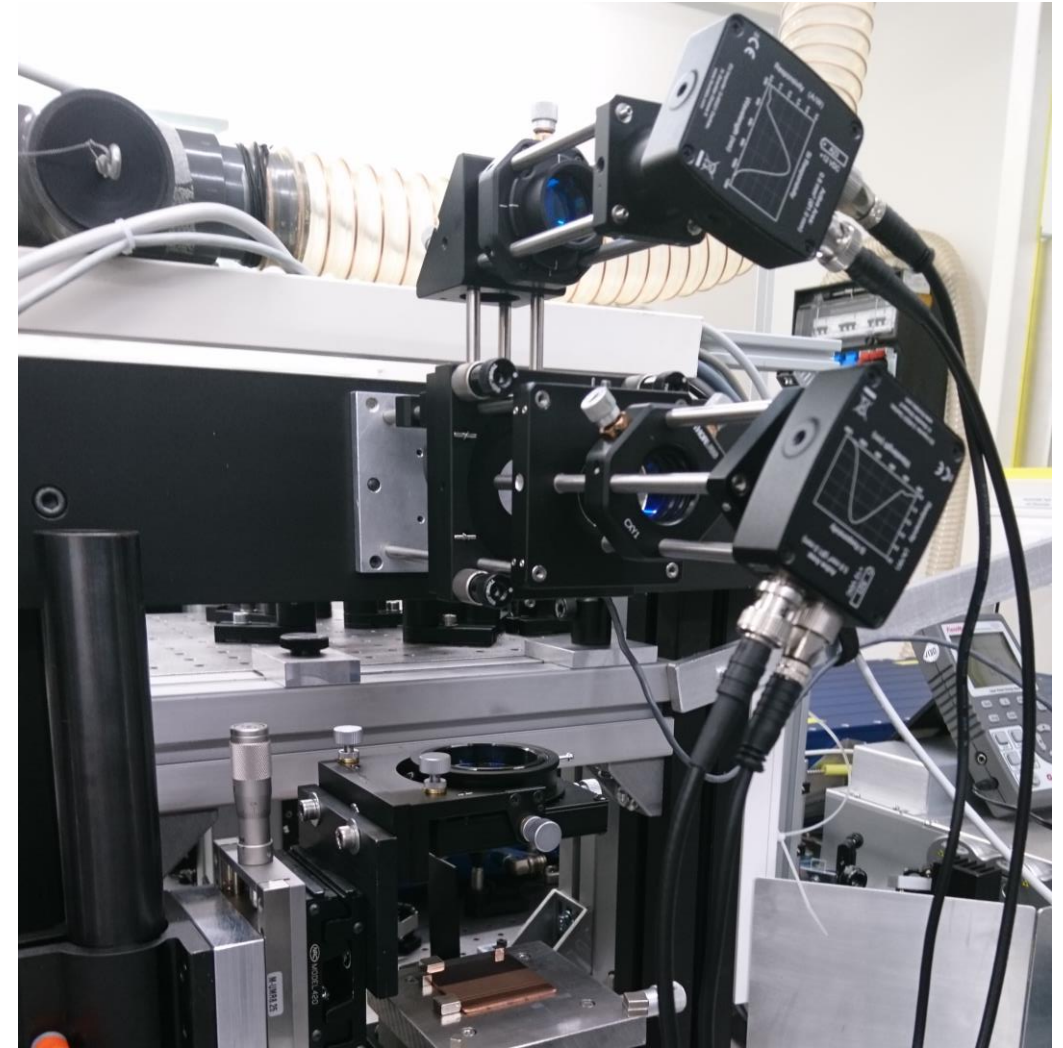
Reflectivity Measurement – Setup

- ▶ Laser beam guided by M1 through L1 onto sample
- ▶ Transmission of M1 focused by L2 onto PD1
 - ▶ **Reference signal**
- ▶ Reflection from sample back on M1
- ▶ Transmission of back reflection guided by M2 through BPF and L3 onto PD2
 - ▶ **Back reflected signal**
- ▶ Ratio indicates **relative reflectivity**

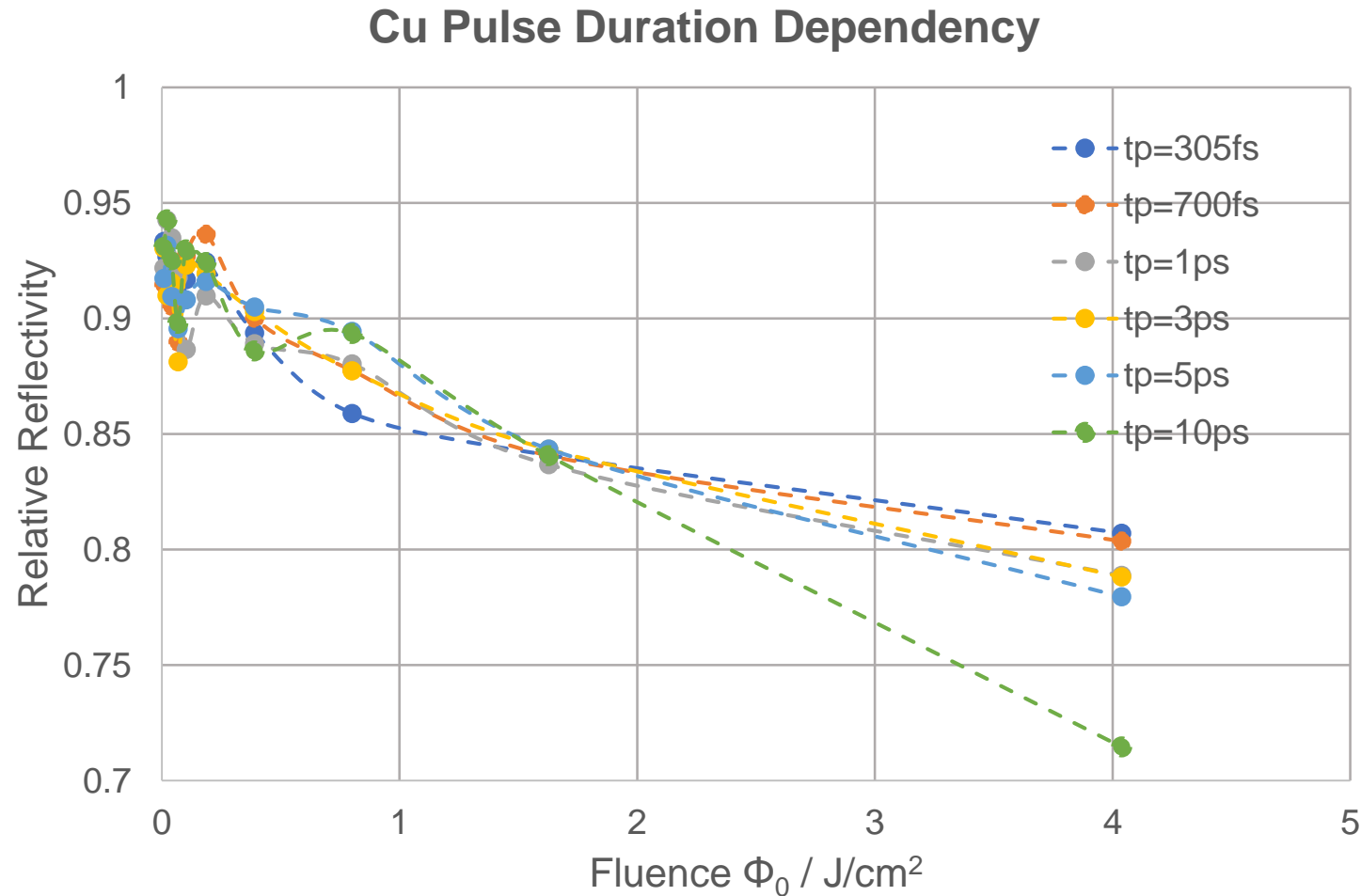


Reflectivity Measurement – Setup

- ▶ Laser: Satsuma HP2, Amplitude Systèmes, $\lambda = 1030\text{nm}$, $f_{L1} = 100\text{mm} \rightarrow w_0 = 13\mu\text{m}$, $M^2 = 1.6$
- ▶ M1 & M2: HR1030/45 PW1025C, Laser Components GmbH
- ▶ PD1 & PD2: DET10A2, Thorlabs GmbH, Si detector, 200-1100nm, 1ns rise time
- ▶ BPF: Hard coated OD 4, 1025nm CWL, 50nm bandpass filter, Edmund Optics
- ▶ Oscilloscope: LeCroy waveRunner 104MXi, 1GHz, 10GS/s
- ▶ Signal integrated (Simpson method)

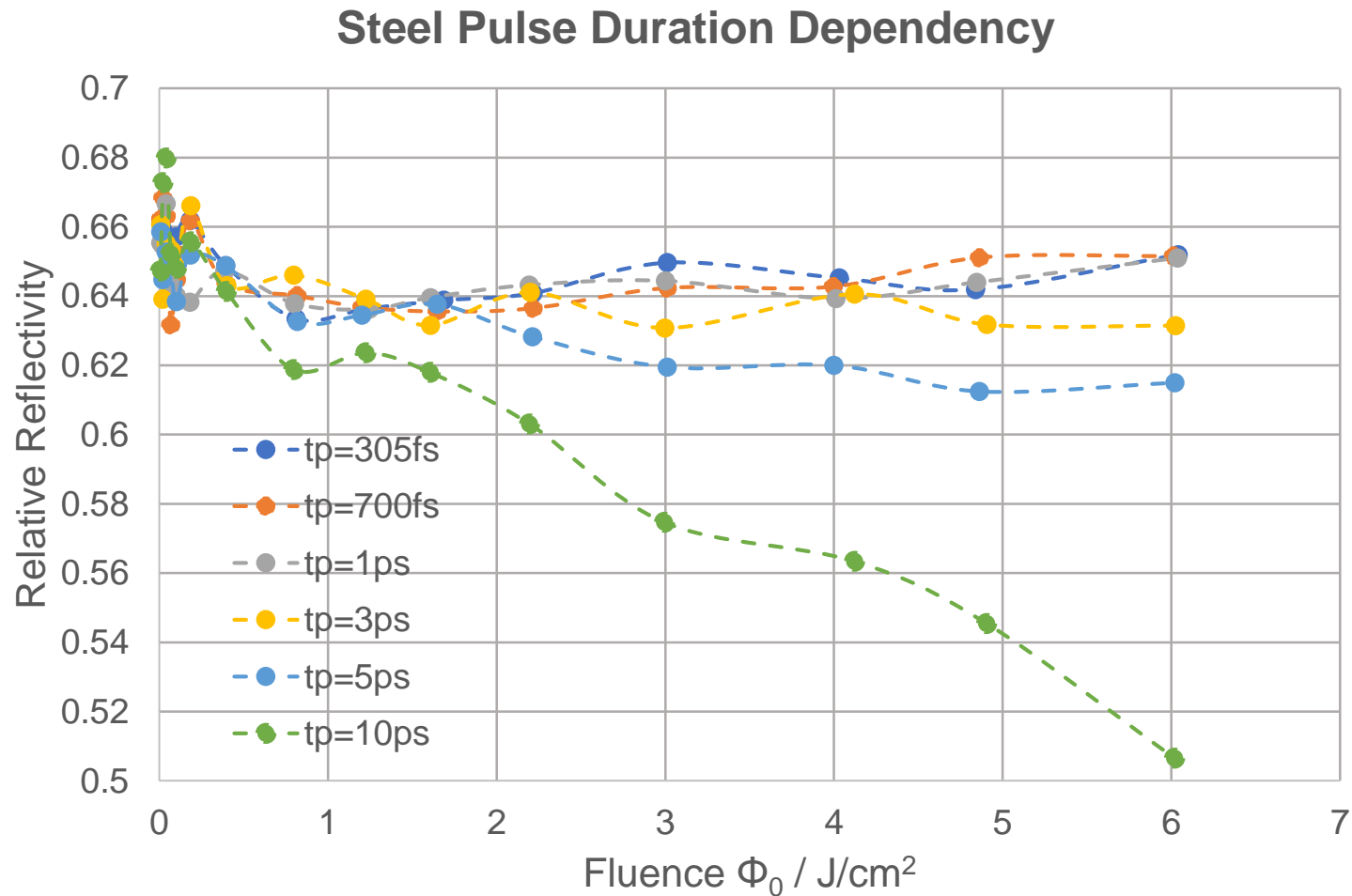


Reflectivity Measurement – Results Copper DHP



- ▶ Decreasing reflectivity by increasing fluence
- ▶ At $\Phi_0=4$ J/cm² small separation for 305fs to 5ps
 - ▶ 10ps nearly 10% reduced reflectivity
 - ▶ Pulse duration dependent reflection indicated for 10ps
- ▶ Higher threshold fluence due to single pulse (incubation)

Reflectivity Measurement – Results Steel 1.4301



- ▶ For 305fs to 1ps similar values
- ▶ 3ps decreasing reflectivity after $\Phi_0=3$ J/cm²
- ▶ 5ps decreasing reflectivity after $\Phi_0=2$ J/cm²
- ▶ 10ps decreasing reflectivity already after $\Phi_0=1$ J/cm²
 - ▶ Pulse duration dependency indicated from 3ps to 10ps

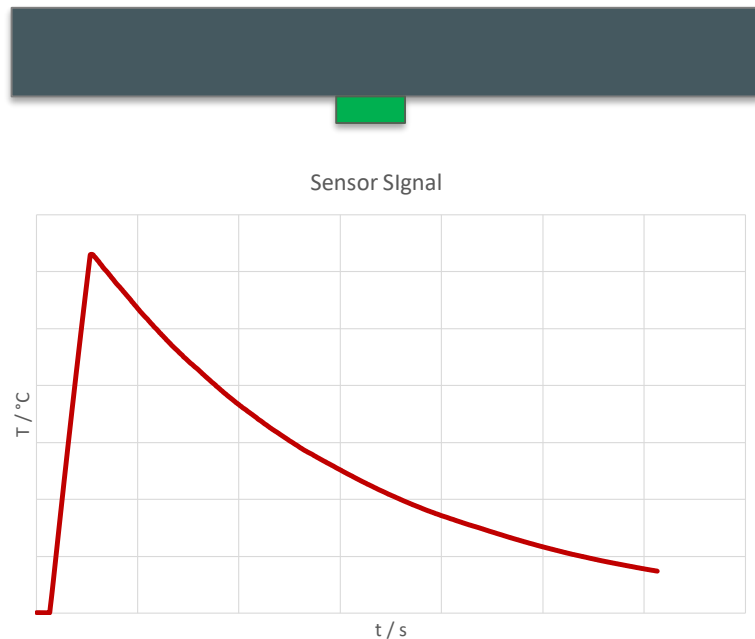
Calorimetry



- ▶ A part of the incoming energy is always converted to heat
- ▶ Sample is heated up, T measured with a PT1000
- ▶ Cooling after irradiation

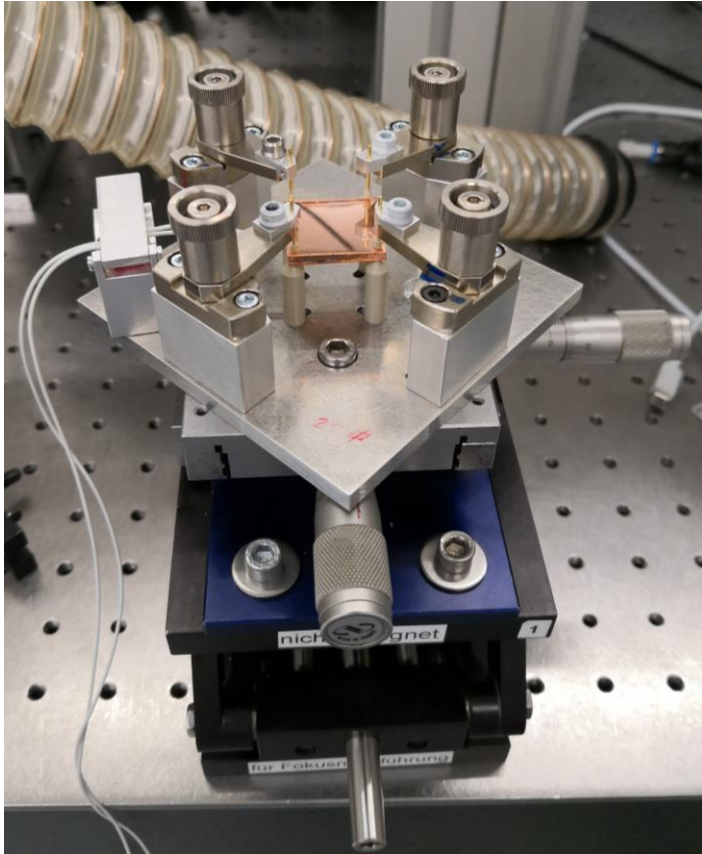
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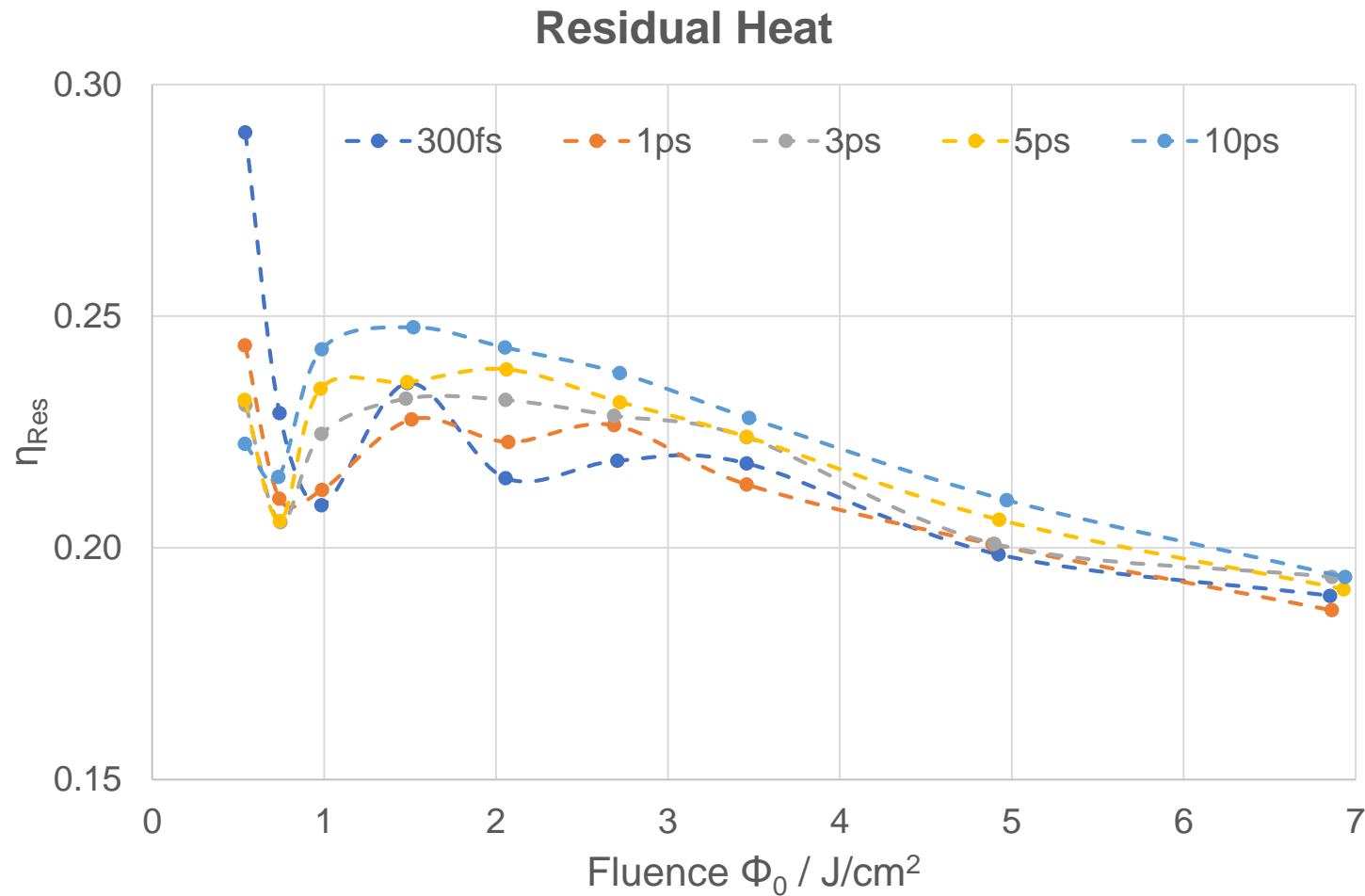
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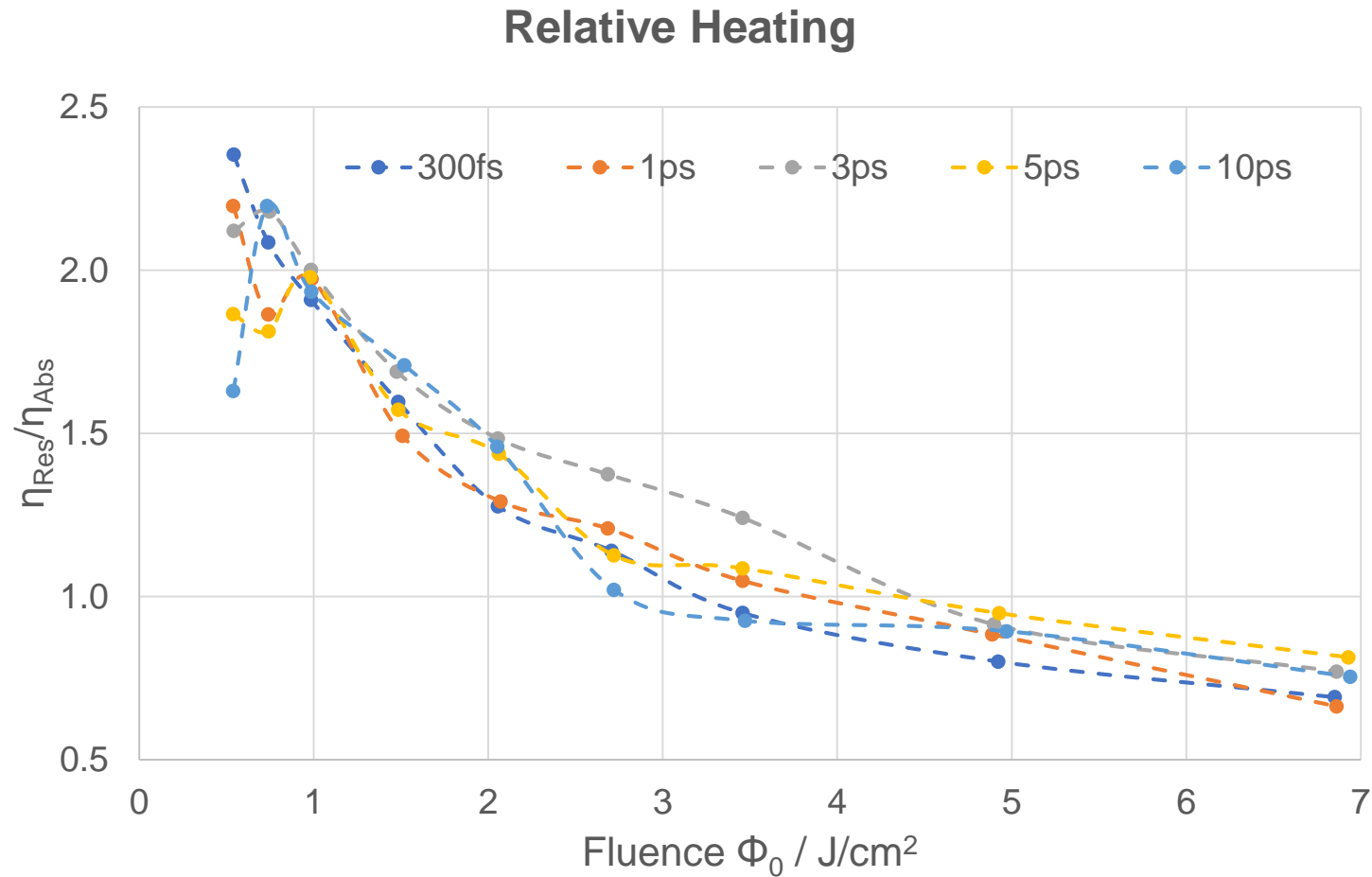
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Calorimetry – Results Copper DHP



- ▶ Similar and nearly constant residual heat for all pulse durations
- ▶ High reflectivity of copper indicated

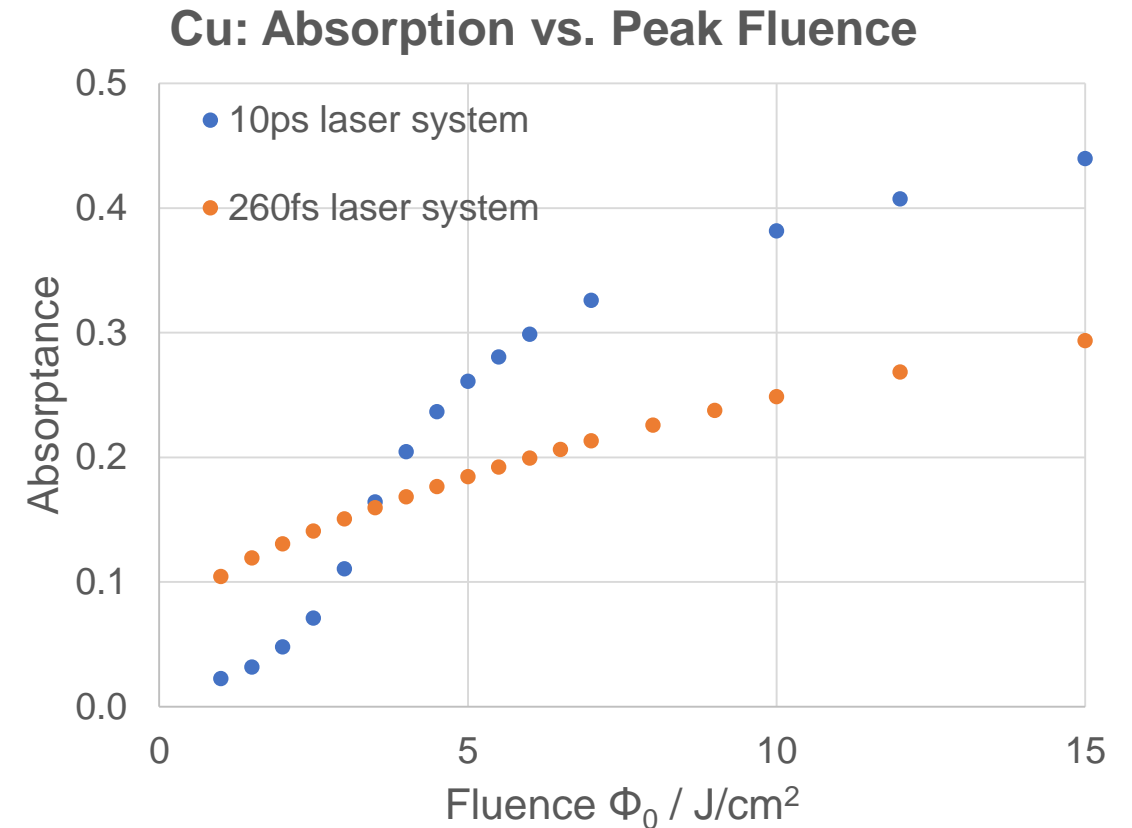
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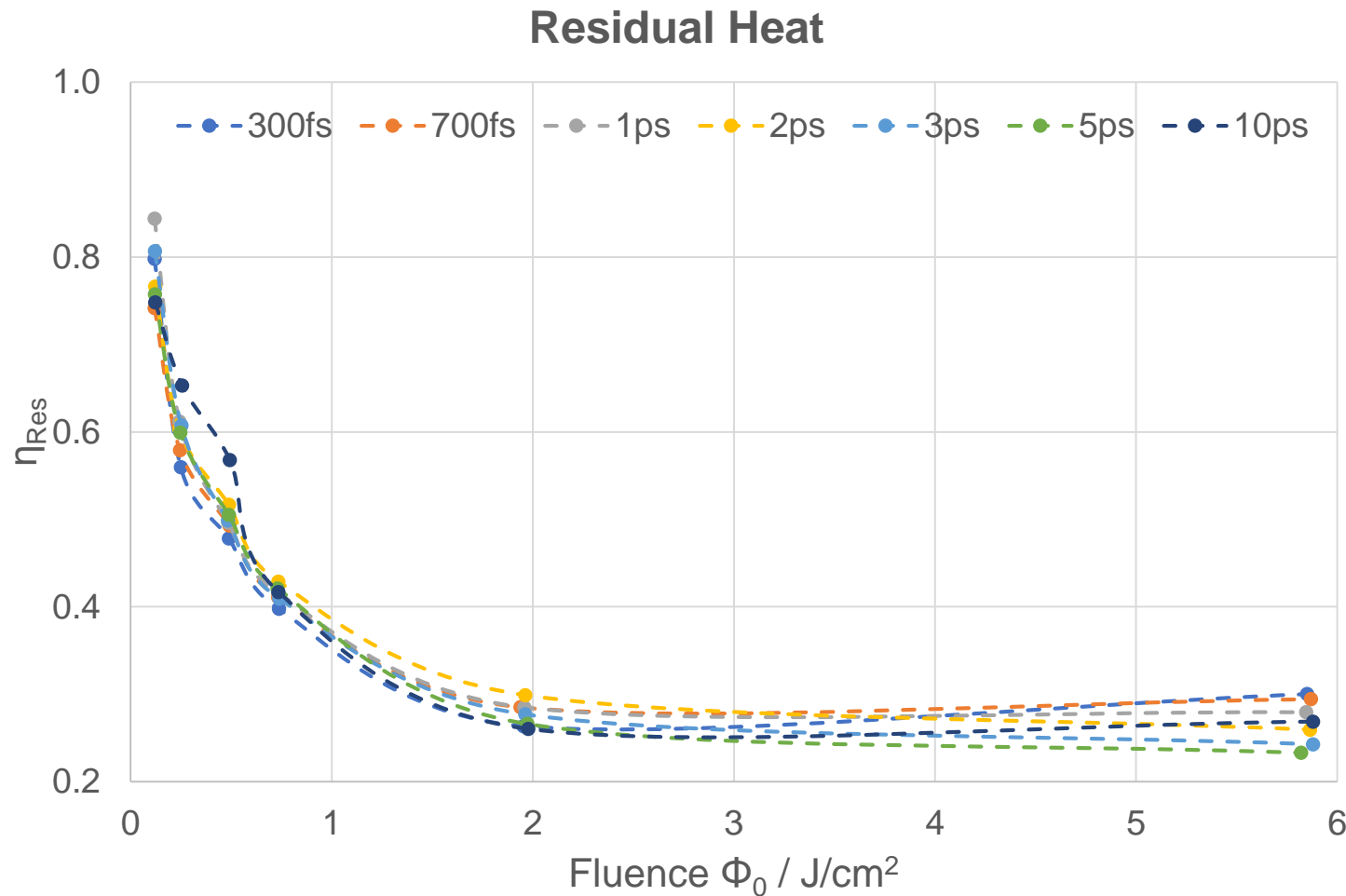
- ▶ No evidence for major impact by pulse duration
- ▶ Exceptional high relative heating meaning residual heat much higher than absorptance
 - ▶ H1: Plasma causes higher absorption -> additional energy transfer
 - ▶ H2: Fluence dependent absorption

Calorimetry – Two Temperature Model

- ▶ Two phase change models for melting and evaporation under superheating
- ▶ Calculated for a temporal gaussian shaped pulse, rotation symmetric model -> Yiming Zhang
- ▶ TTM based on:
 - ▶ S.Y. Wang, Y. Ren, C.W. Cheng, J.K. Chen, D.Y. Tzou. Applied Surface Science, Volume 265, (2013)
 - ▶ Y. Ren, J. K. Chena, Y. Zhang. Journal of Applied Physics 110, 113102 (2011)

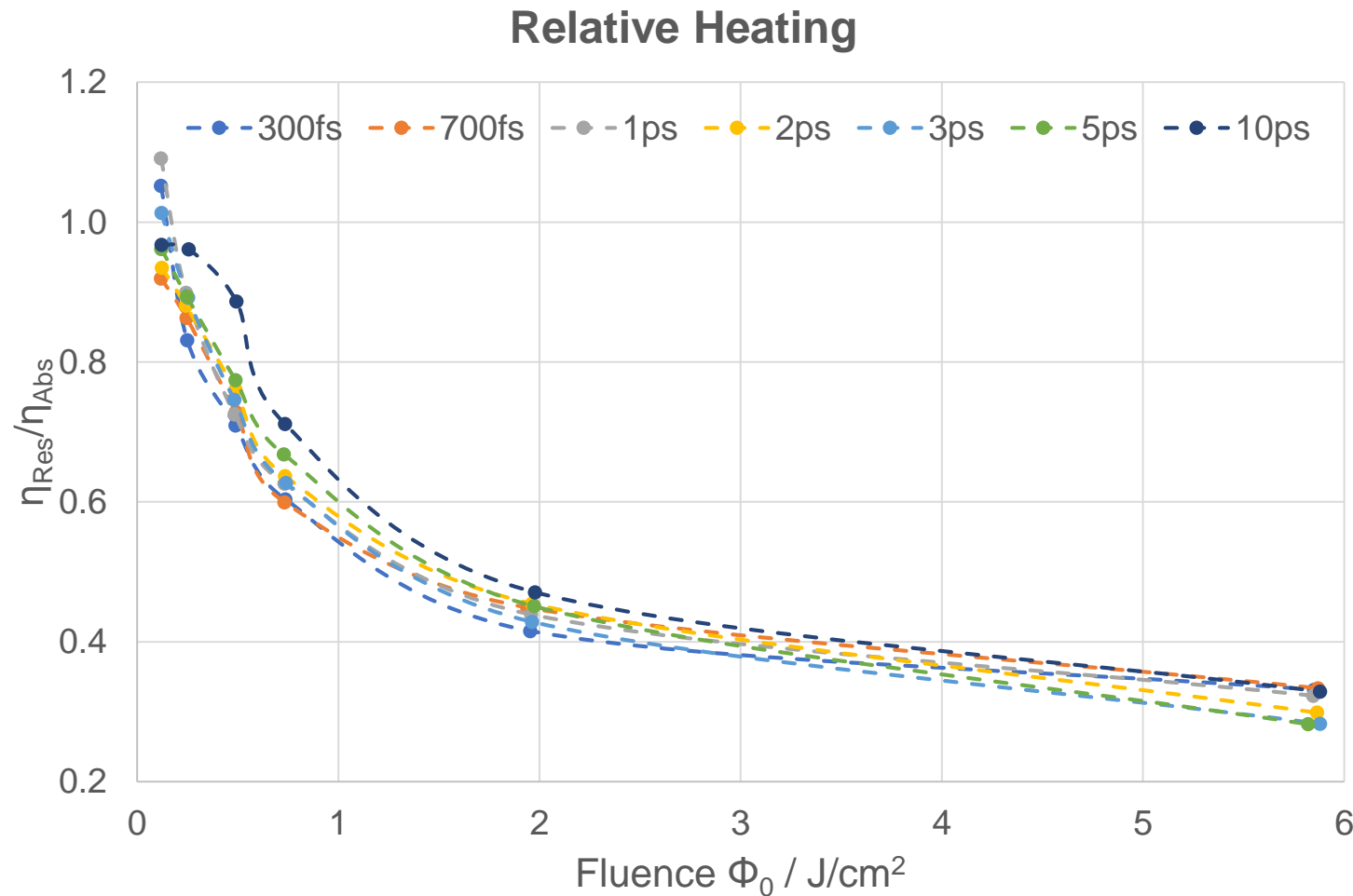


Calorimetry – Results Steel 1.4301



- ▶ Residual heat on steel for low fluences unusually high
- ▶ Fast decreasing toward 30%
- ▶ No evidence for impact by pulse duration

Calorimetry – Results Steel 1.4301



- ▶ Relative heating >1 at low fluences caused by high residual heat
- ▶ Trend follows curves from residual heat

Conclusion

- ▶ Reflectivity measurement supports shielding hypothesis
 - ▶ Pulse duration dependent intra-pulse shielding for steel
 - ▶ For copper only reasonable difference with 10ps pulses
 - ▶ Both comparable with pulse duration and double pulse experiments
- ▶ Decreasing reflectivity of copper with increasing peak fluence compatible with TTM simulation
 - ▶ However, reflectivity experiment cannot determine reason for decreasing reflectivity by increasing fluence

Conclusion

- ▶ No major evidence of pulse duration dependency indicated by calorimetry
 - ▶ Evidence was not necessarily assumed
- ▶ Two unusual results from calorimetry
 - ▶ Cu: residual heat higher than absorptance
 - ▶ 1. Hypothesis: Plasma from ablation causes higher absorption -> additional insert of energy
 - ▶ 2. Hypothesis: Fluence dependent absorption -> TTM simulation
 - ▶ Pulse duration dependency compatible with simulation
 - ▶ No such behavior for steel or at least only for 10ps
 - ▶ Steel: high residual heat for low fluences
 - ▶ No TTM simulation found for steel

Thank You for Your Attention

