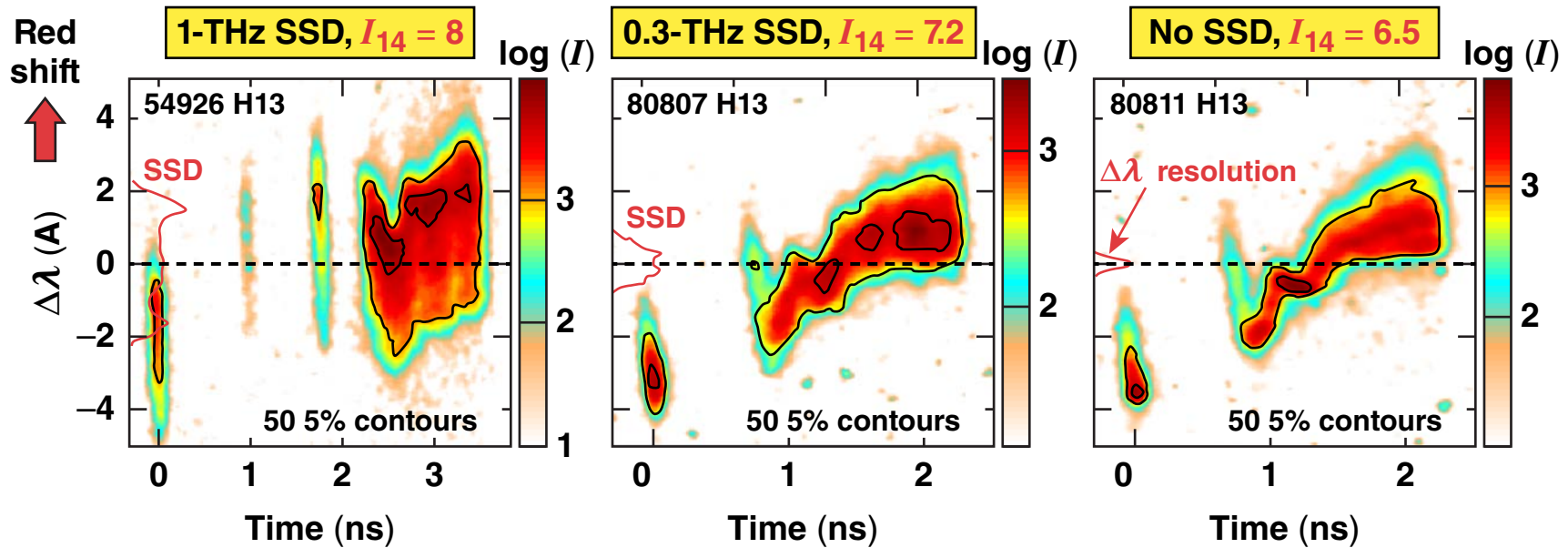


The Influence of Smoothing by Spectral Dispersion on Cross-Beam Energy Transfer



OMEGA cryogenic implosions: $\sim 860 \mu\text{m}$ diam, 8 to 10 μm CH, $\sim 60 \mu\text{m}$ DT ice

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Summary

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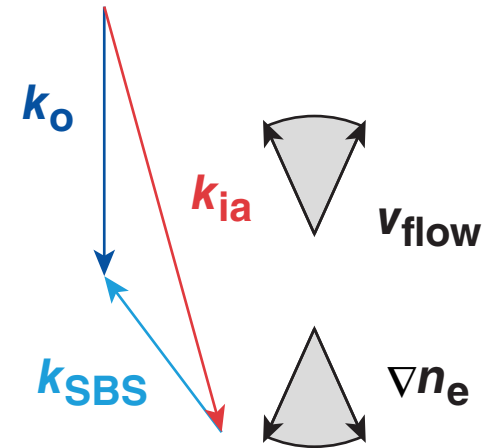
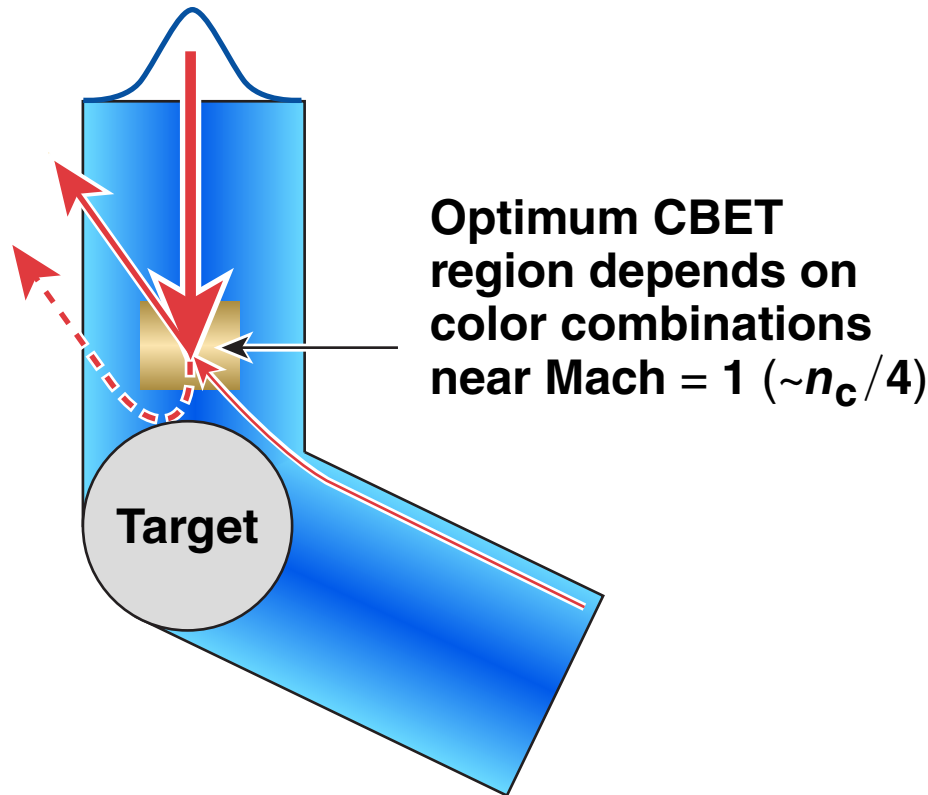
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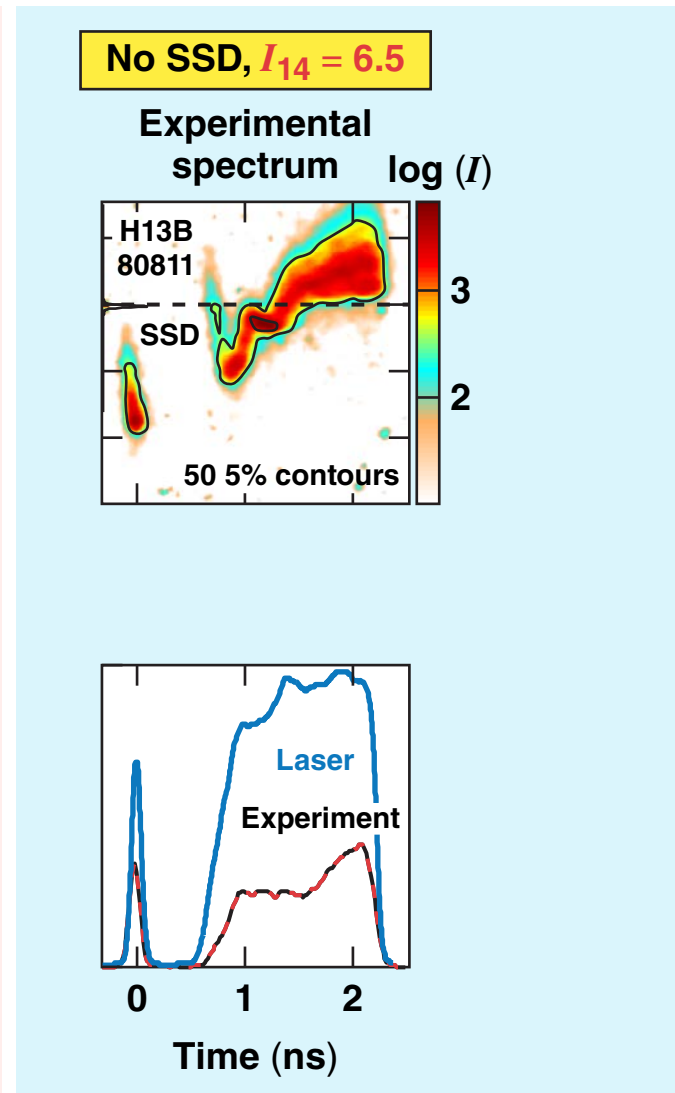
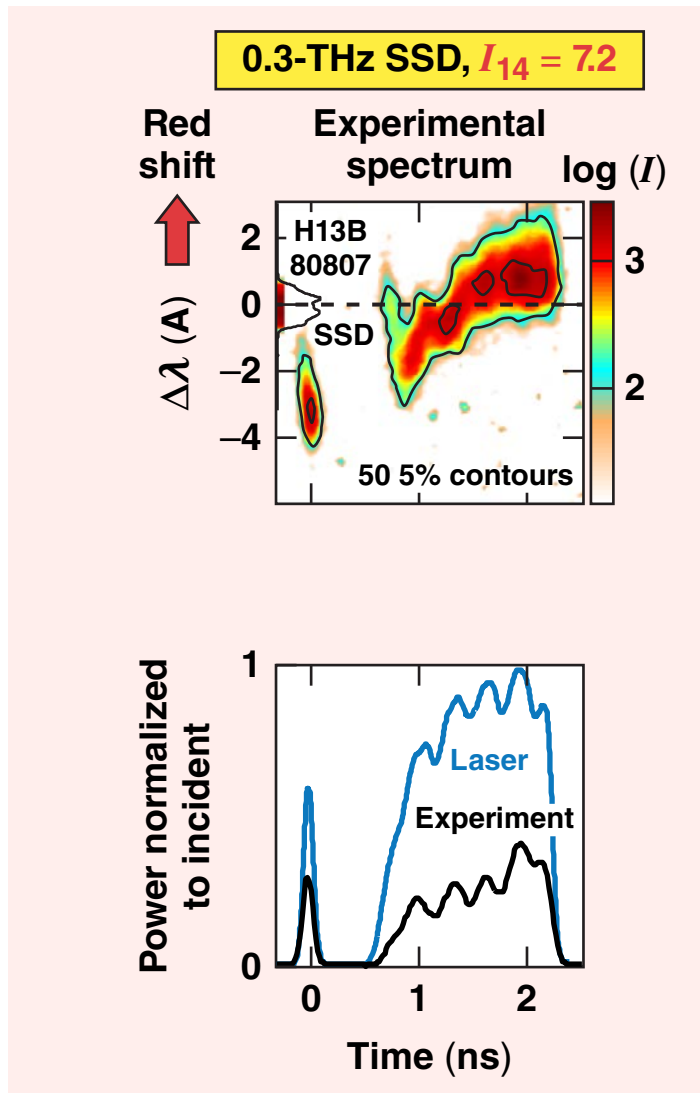
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Broadband SSD can influence the CBET interaction region (density)



- Flow and density gradient are generally antiparallel
- As a result of electromagnetic (EM) seeding, only very small stimulated Brillouin scattering (SBS) gains are required

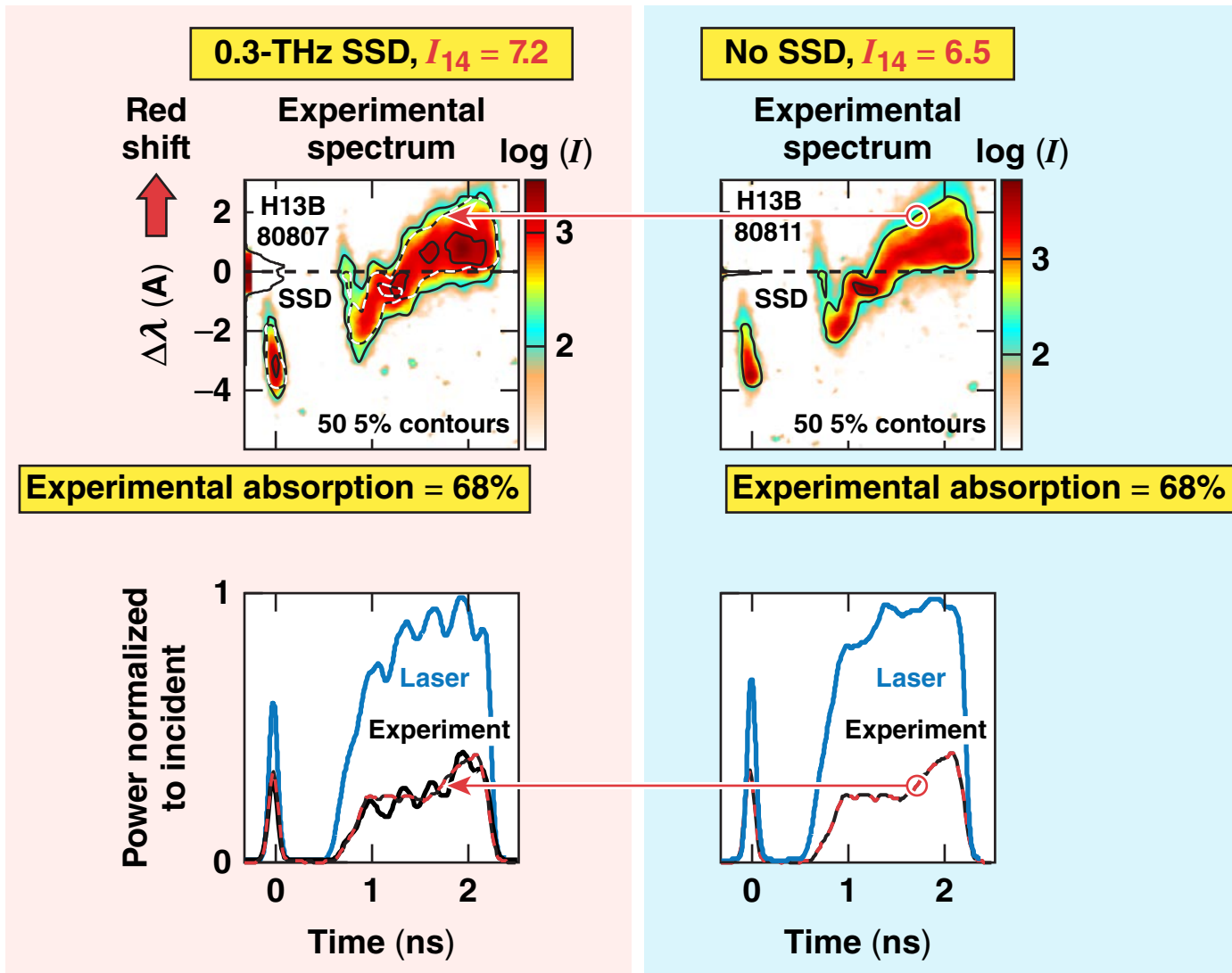
SSD at 0.3 THz smooths the scattered-light spectra but hardly affects the overall spectral shapes or scattered-light powers



Experimental scattered-light spectra are inherently broadened by the plasma by

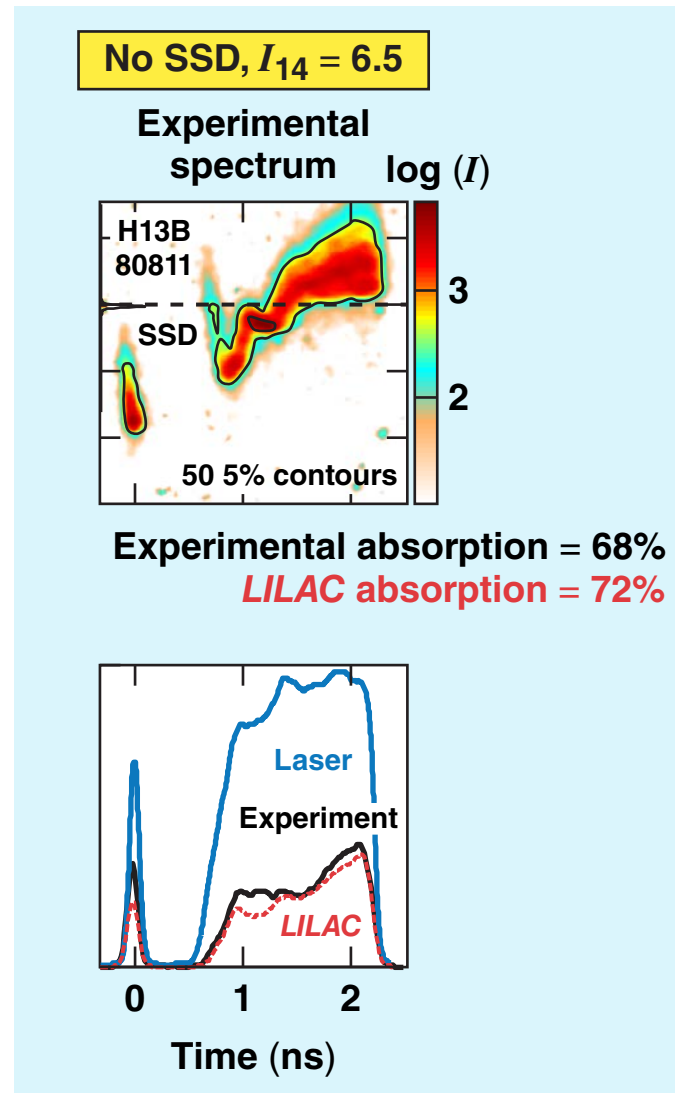
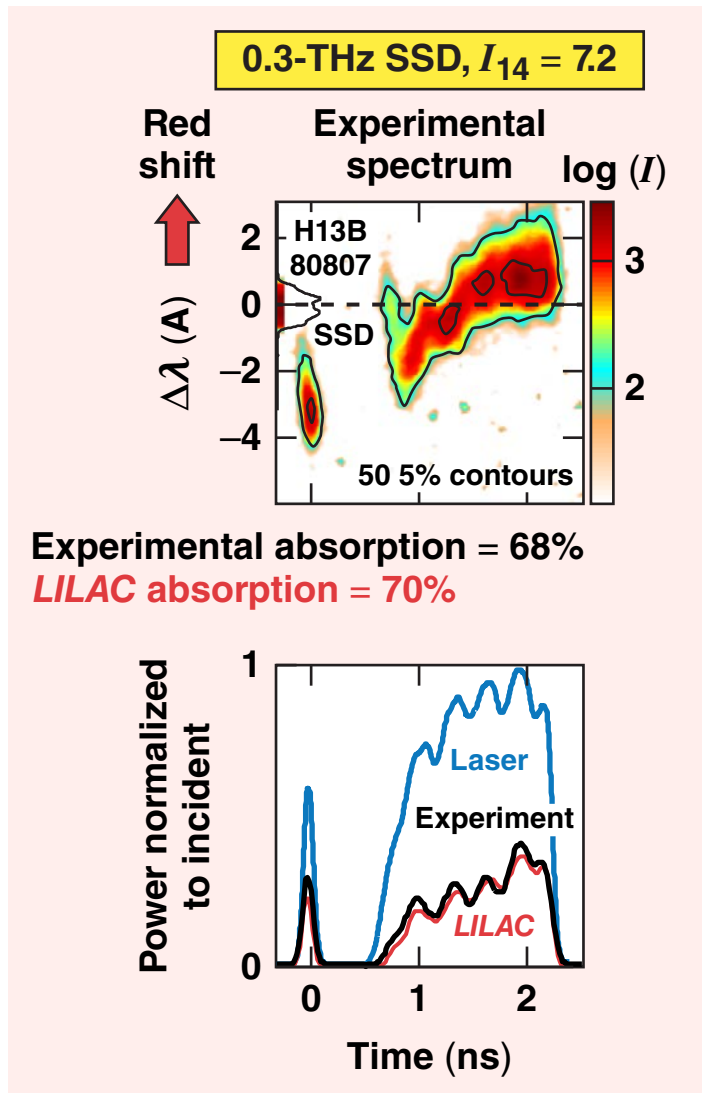
- Dewandre shifts caused by different time-dependent ray paths in the corona (most effective at early times)
- Self-phase modulation, SBS forward scattering, filamentation, etc., in the plasma

Basically, 0.3-THz SSD does not affect the measured spectral shapes, powers, or integrated absorption values



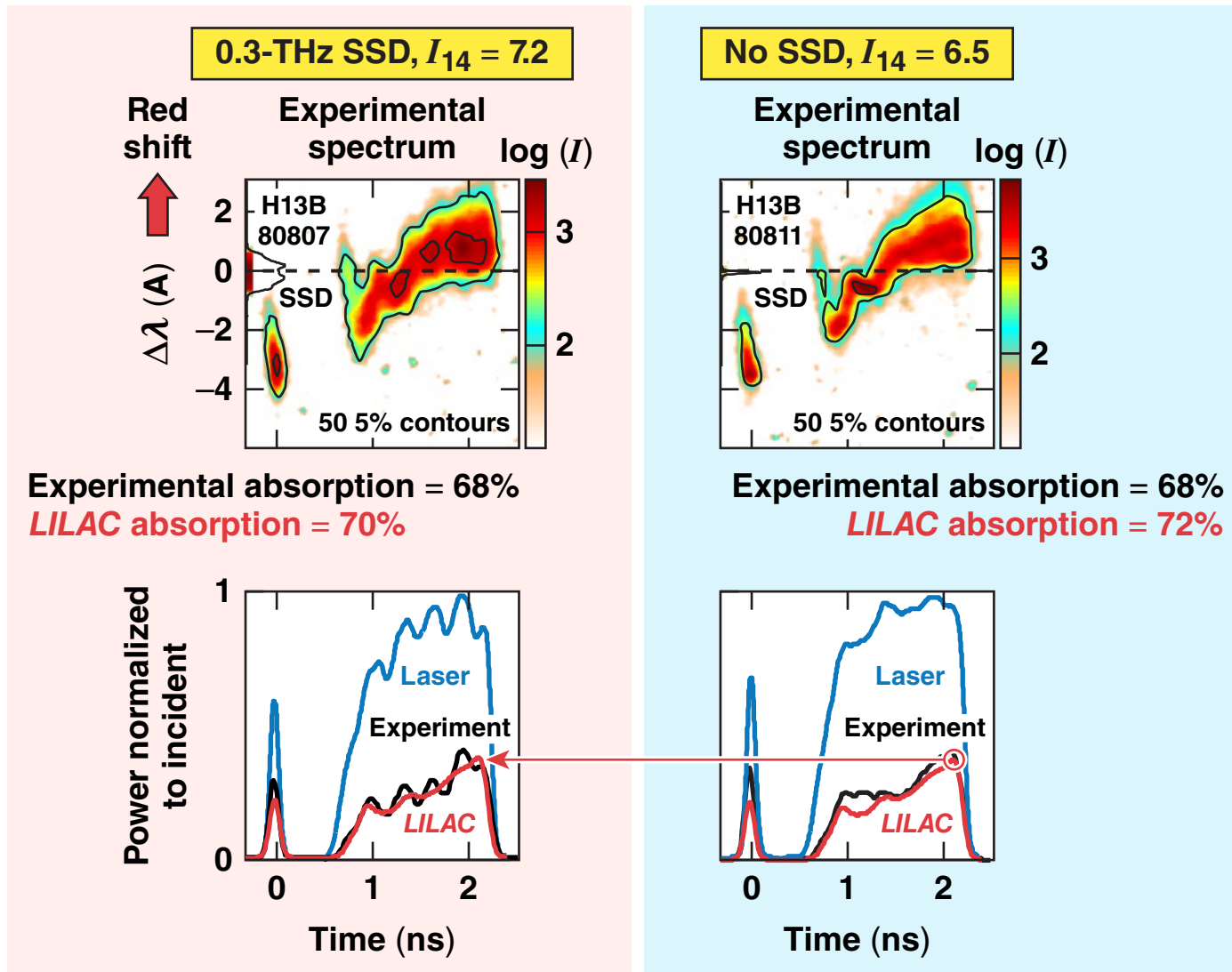
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One-dimensional hydrodynamic simulations (*LILAC*) very well reproduce scattered-light powers and energies



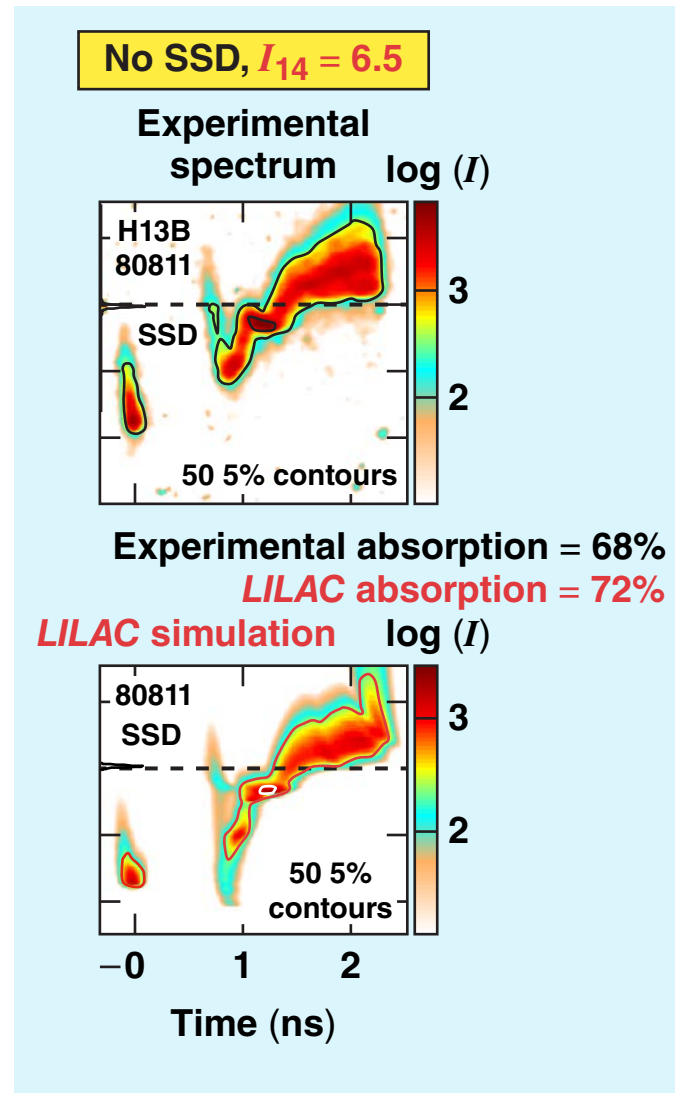
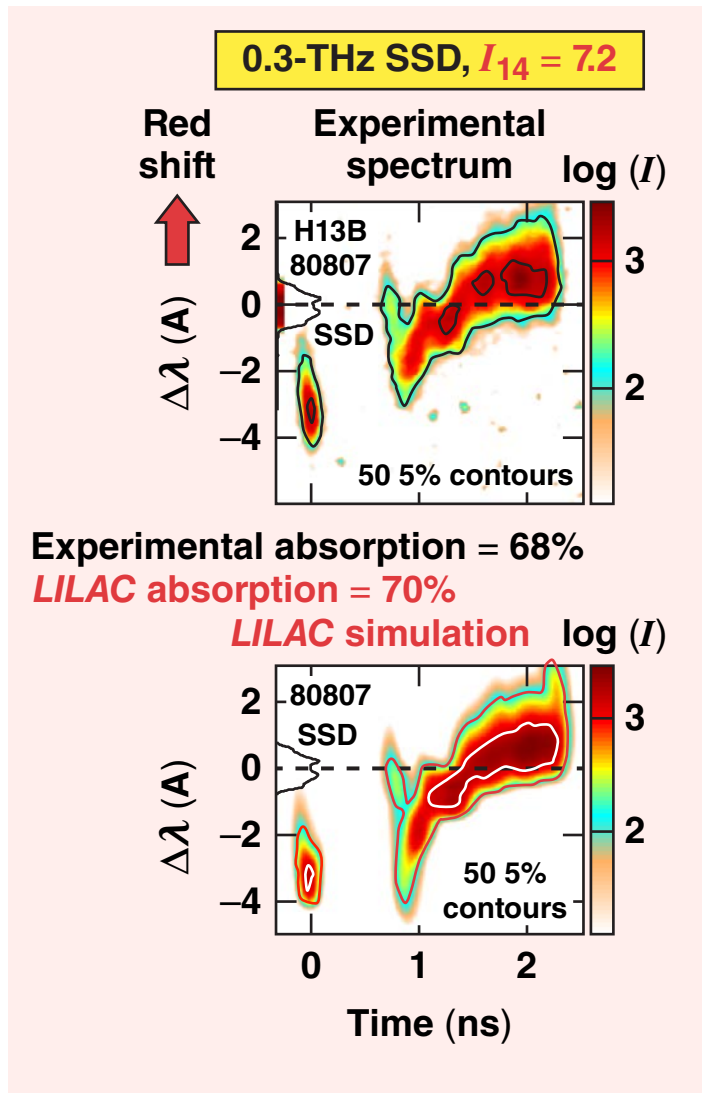
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Scattered-light powers for 0.3- and 0-THz SSD are practically indistinguishable



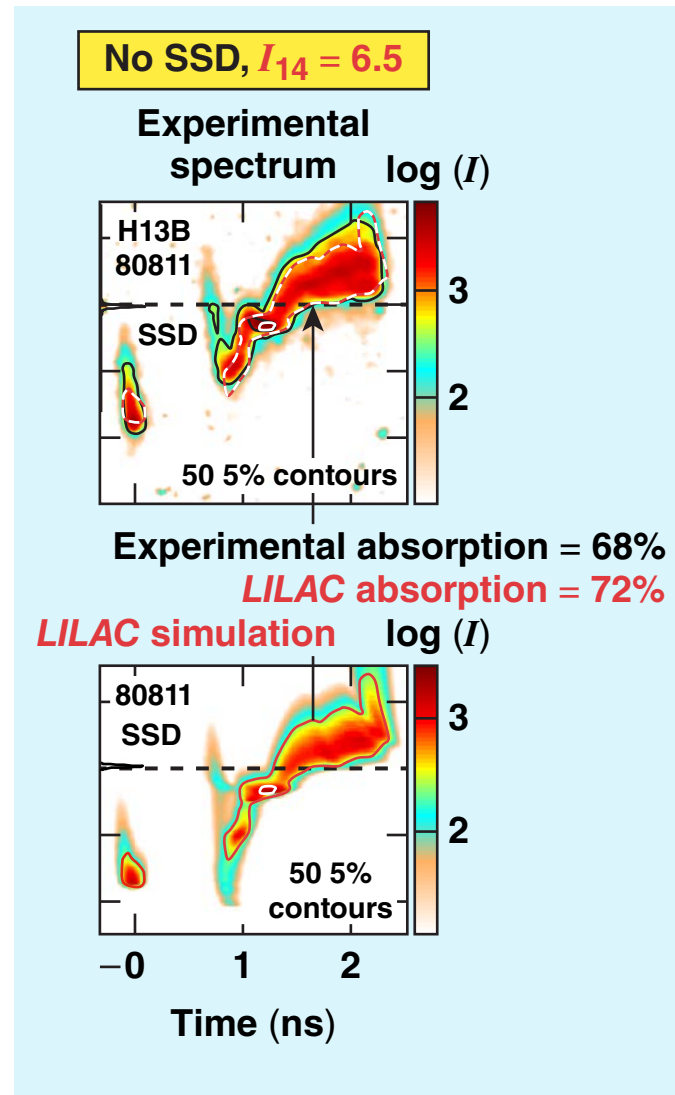
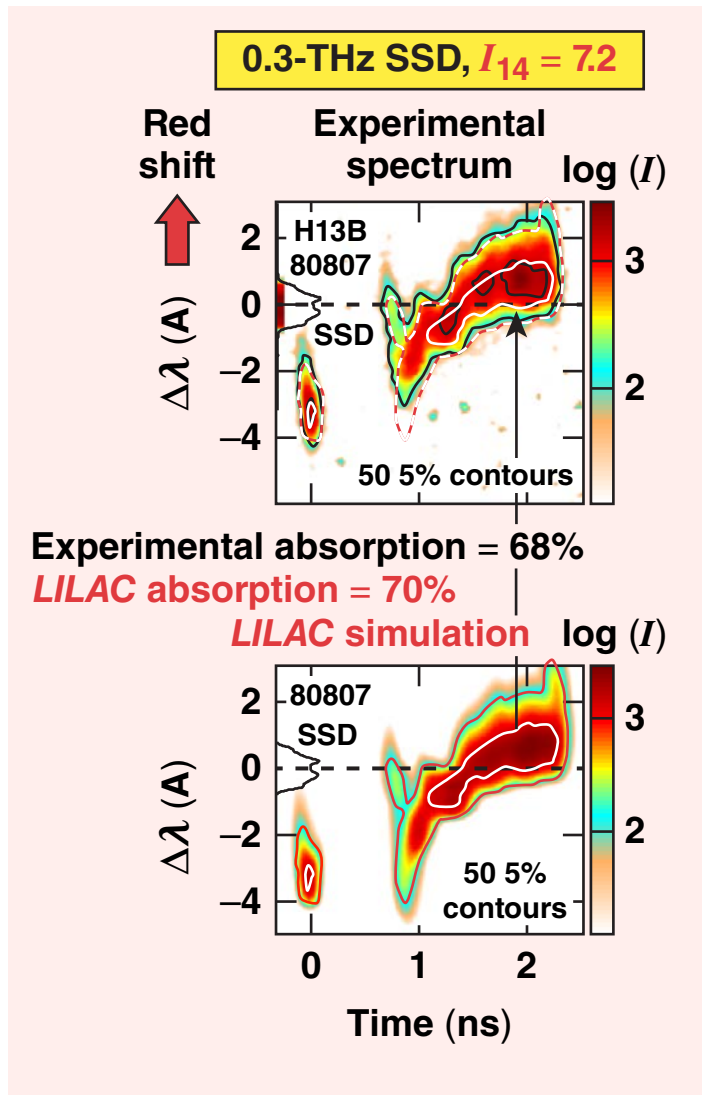
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LILAC also very well reproduces the scattered-light spectra for 0- and 0.3-THz SSD



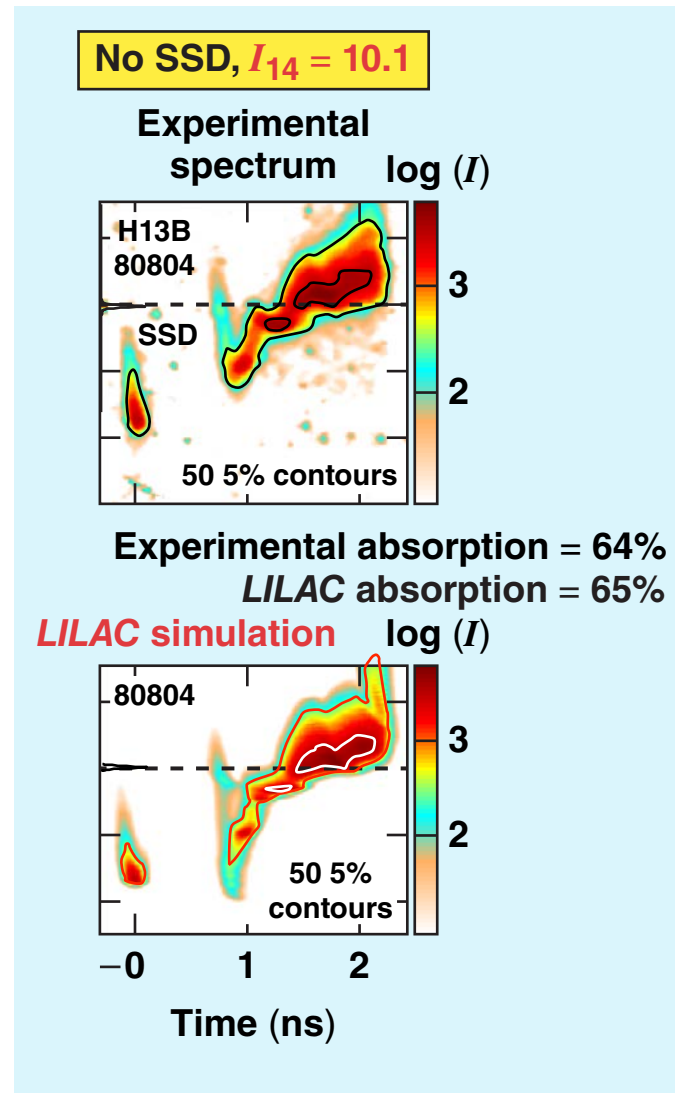
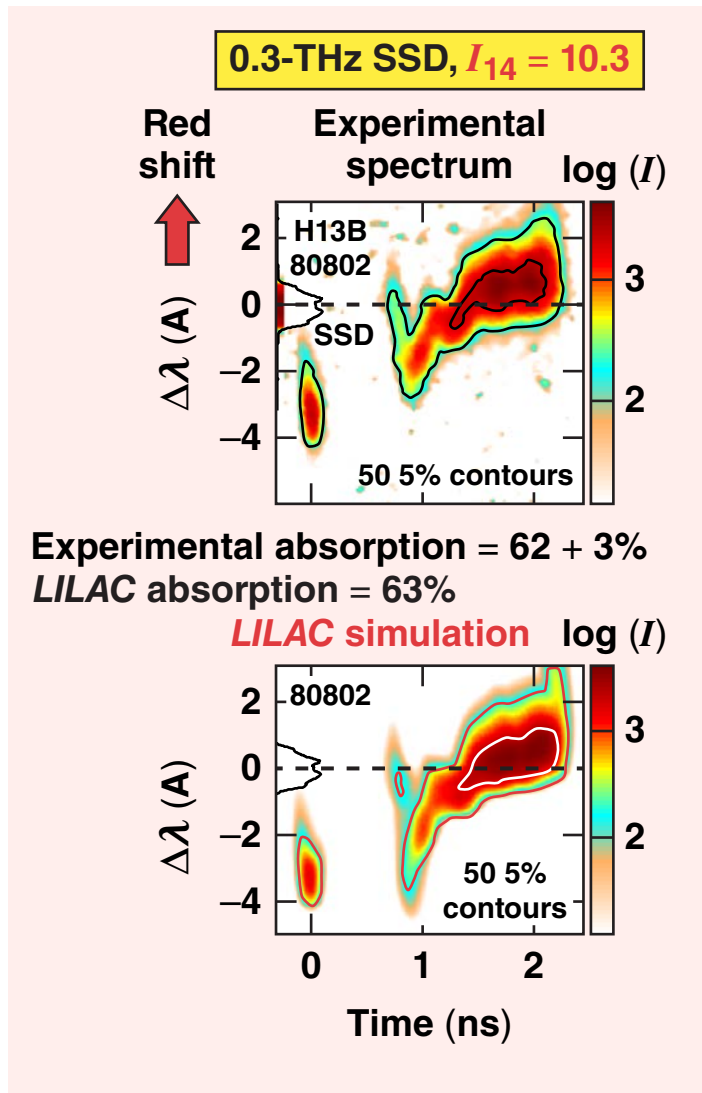
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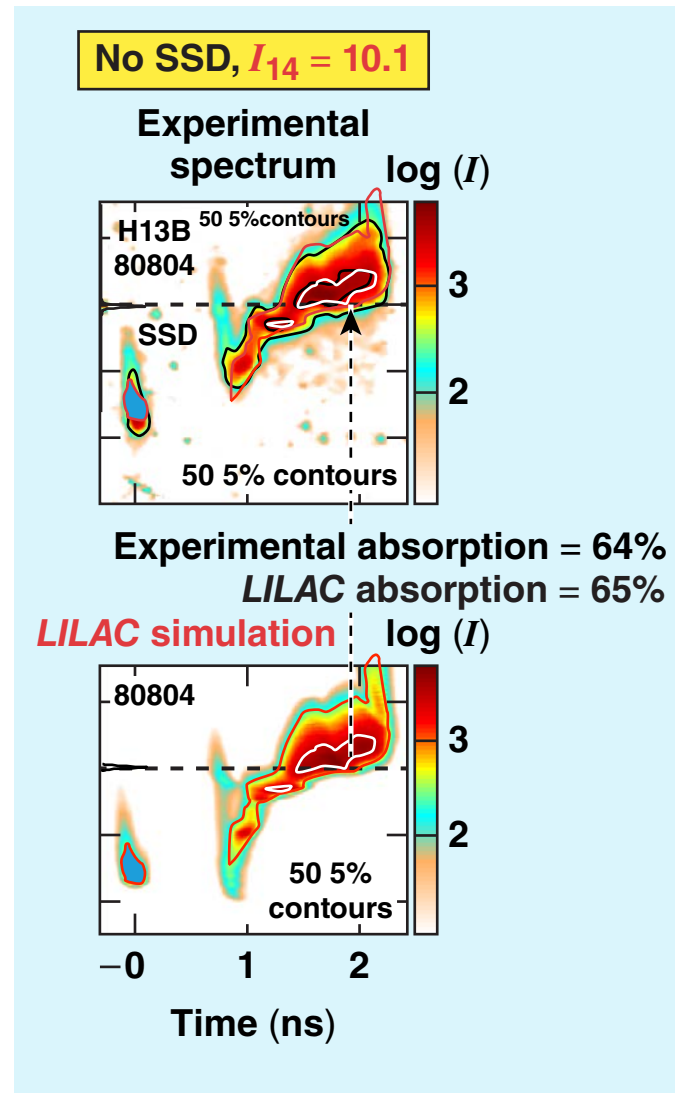
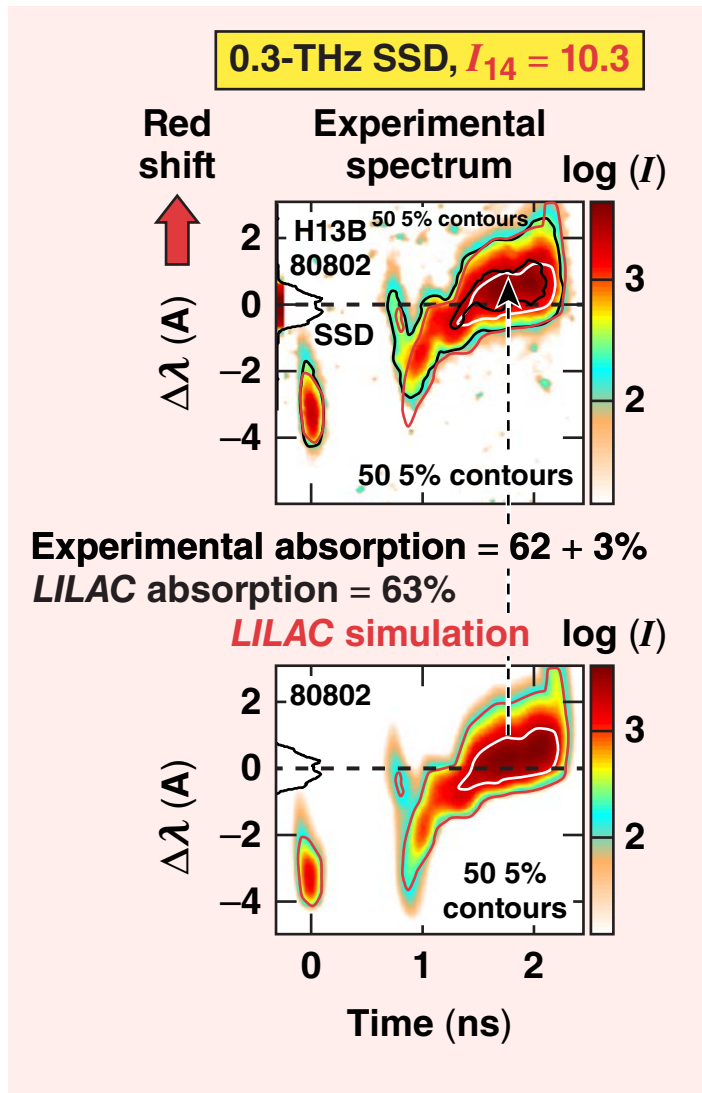
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Experimental and simulated scattered-light spectra are very close for medium (7×10^{14})- and high (10^{15})-irradiation intensities



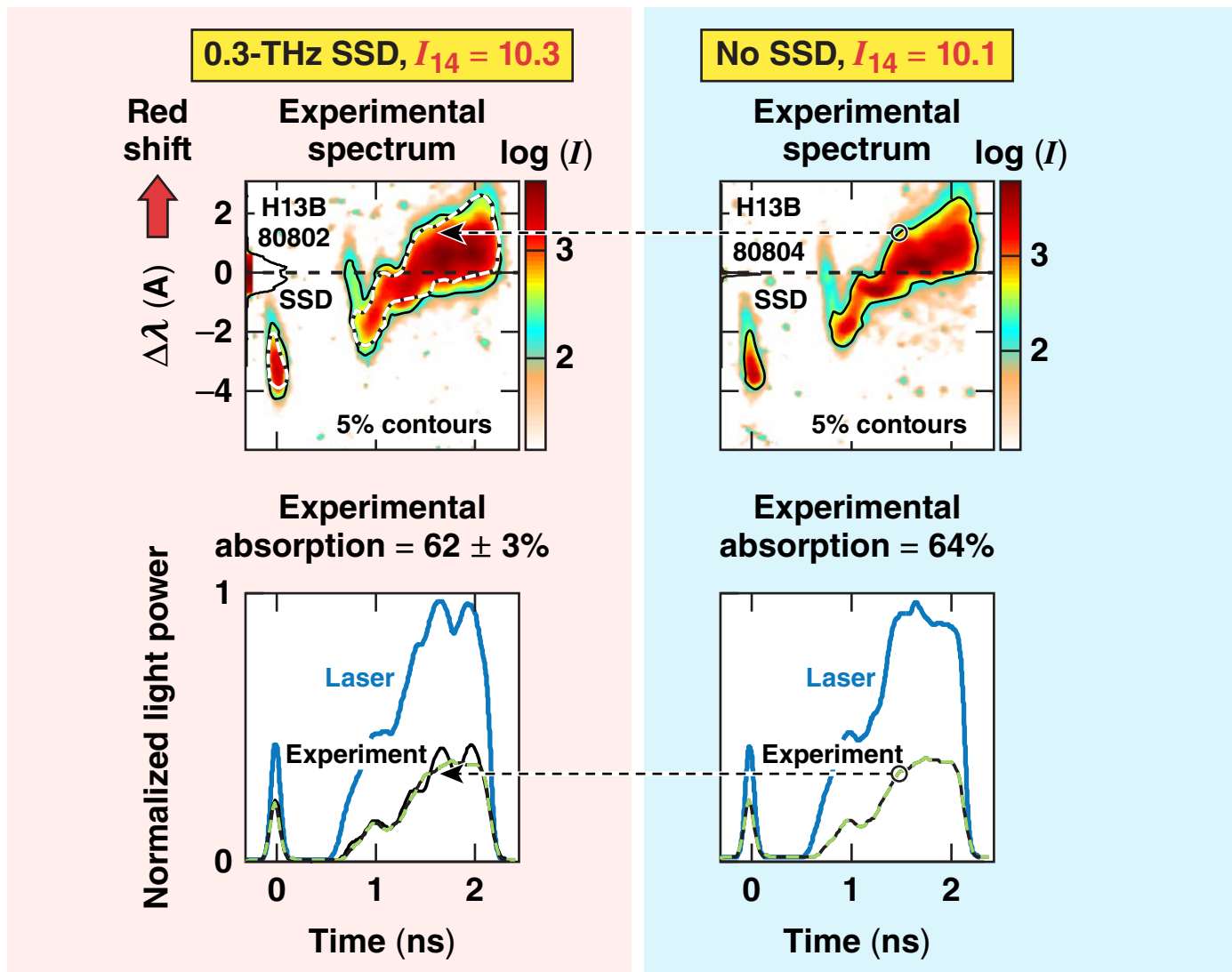
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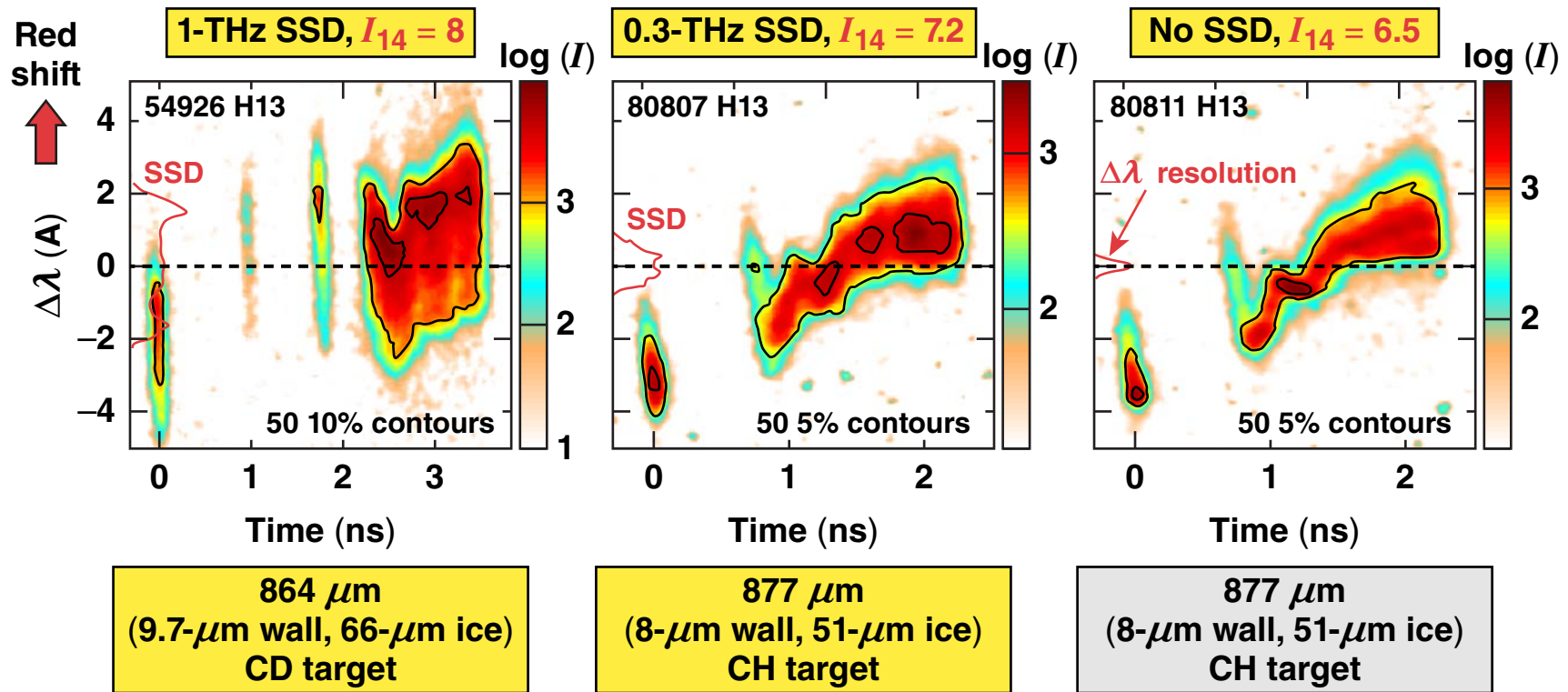
Scattered-light spectra, powers, and absorption depend very weakly on SSD bandwidth ($\lesssim 0.3$ THz) even at higher intensities



- The spectral widths of scattered-light spectra are only slightly larger for 0.3-THz SSD compared 0 THz
- Time-integrated absorption does not depend on SSD bandwidth
- The scattered-light powers with and without SSD are basically identical

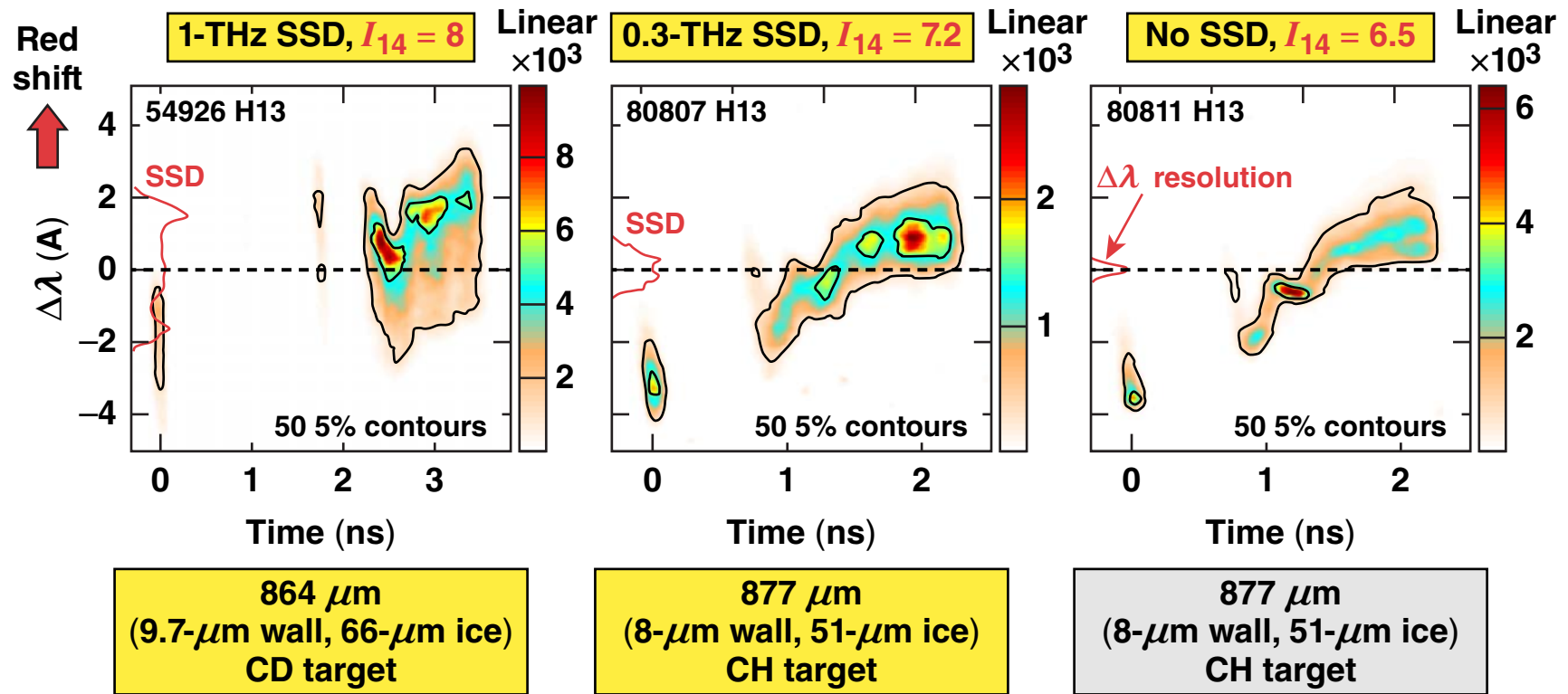
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CBET spectra are sensitive to density at the interaction region for high SSD bandwidths



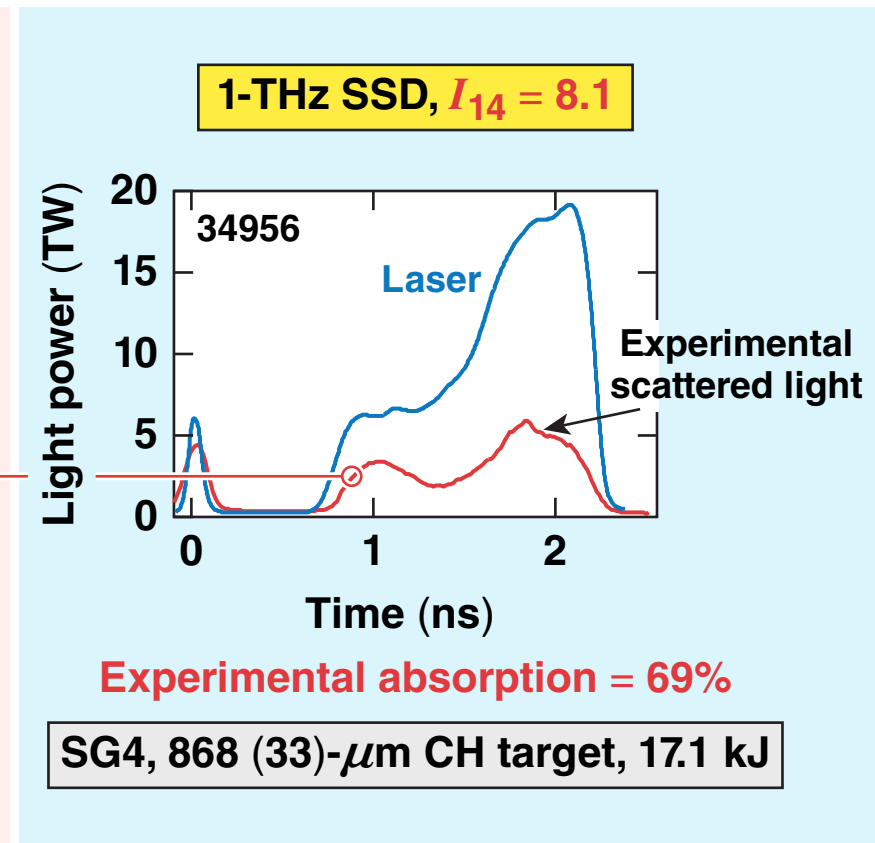
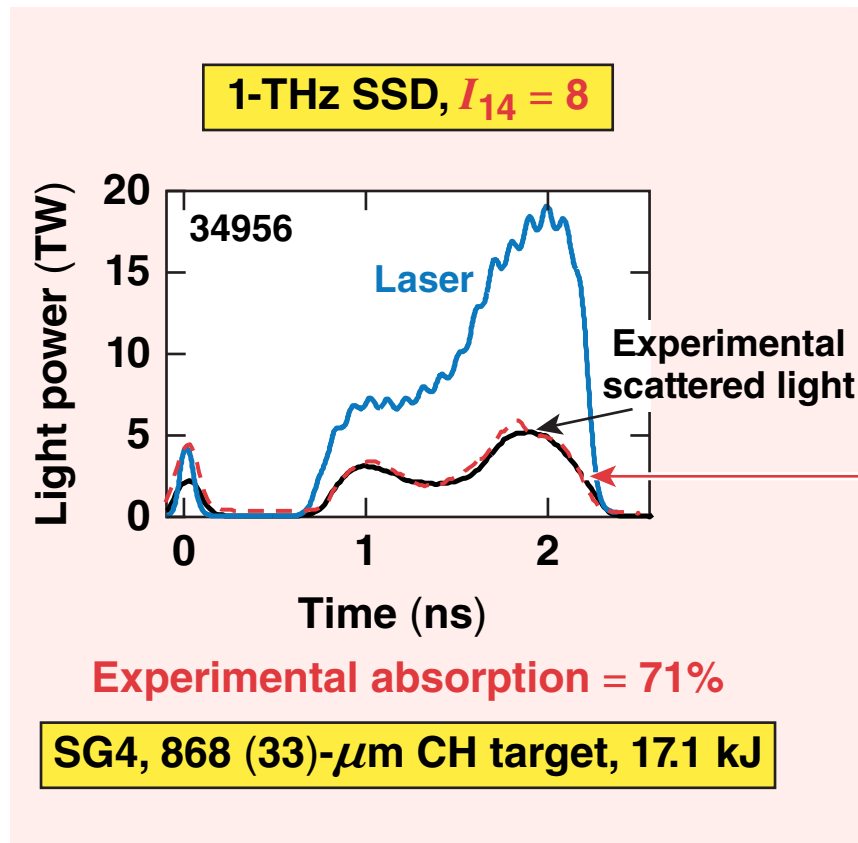
Standard OMEGA cryogenic implosions

1-THz SSD shows sensitivity of scattered light spectra to the density in the CBET interaction region

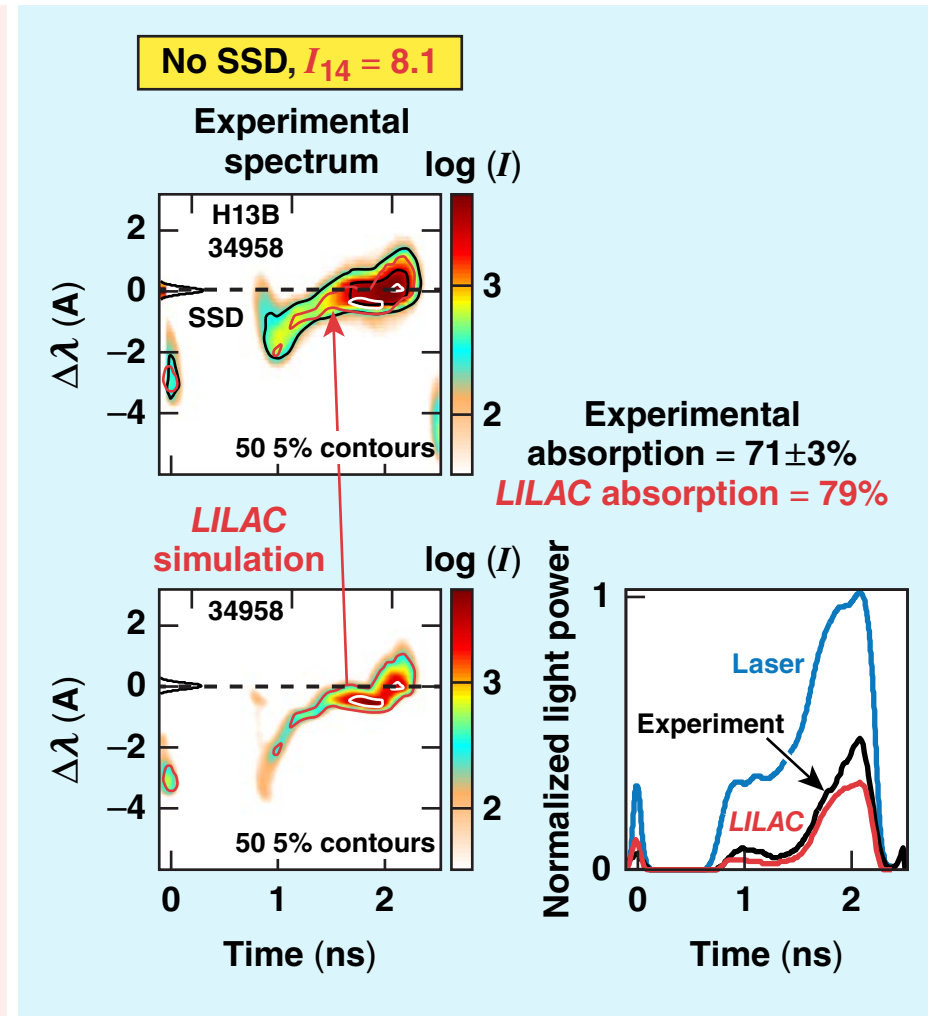
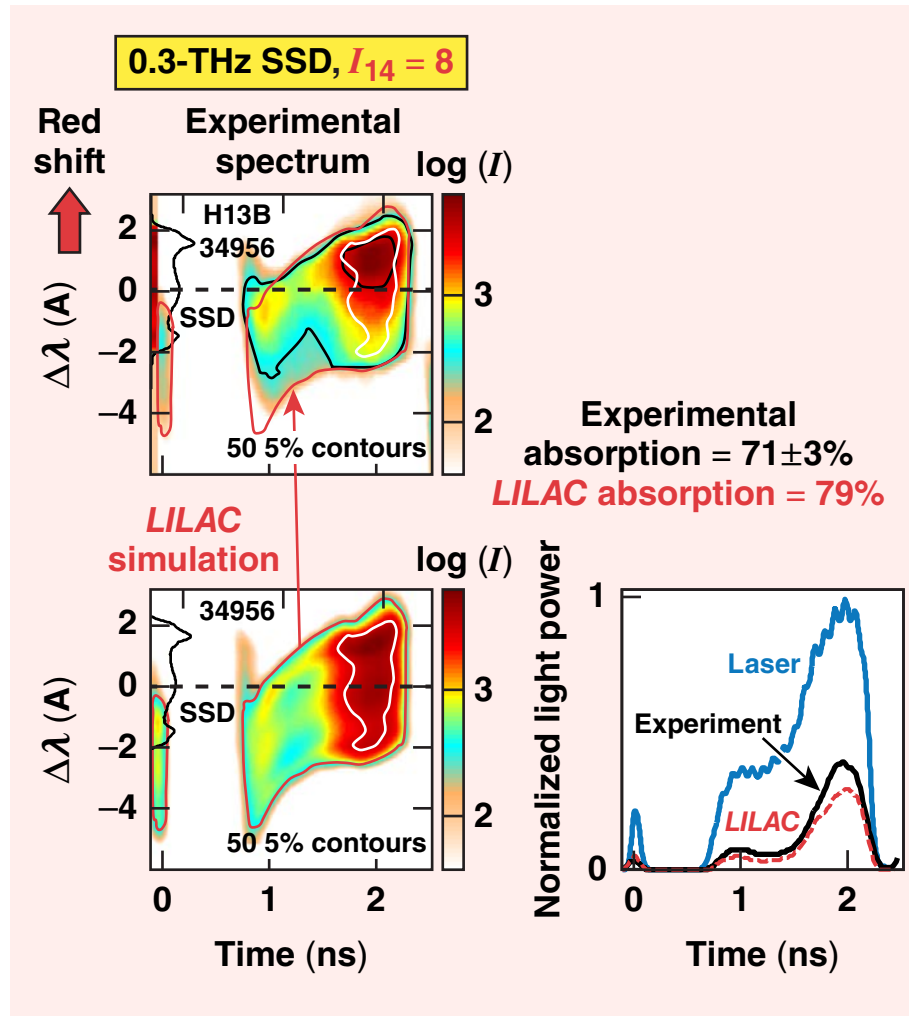


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The scattered-light powers and absorption are surprisingly independent of SSD bandwidth (0 versus 1 THz)



For 1-THz SSD, the centroid of the scattered-light spectrum is shifted but the 5% contour is extremely well modeled by *LILAC*



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