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Study electron-phonon interactions under high pressures by ultrafast time-resolved spectroscopy XIAOJING TAN, ALEXANDER GON-CHAROV, VIKTOR STRUZHKIN, XIAOJIA CHEN, Geophysical Lab, Carnegie Institution of Washington — We study the electron-phonon interactions in Al under high pressures by ultrafast time-resolved spectroscopy. We observe dramatic change of the pump-probe signals with pressure between 3.0 and 7.5 GPa: a fast decay in order of picosecond, followed by a bump that evolves with pressure. The change can be explained as competitions between electron-phonon coupling, hot electron diffusion and non-Fermi distribution of hot electrons. It's the decrease of electronphonon coupling with pressure that cause hot electron diffusion play the main role for the fast decay, and the change of the non-Fermi electrons distribution results the evolution of the bump with pressure.

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