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the figures at the end of the submission file.

Our highlights:
It is well known that the electron phonon coupling plays a fundamental role in ultrafast laser-matter processing.
A few years ago, this parameter has been calculated for several materials in a large range of temperatures. Here we show for the example of gold that the electronic temperature is not a proper variable, but rather the complete distribution of free electrons influences the coupling strongly.

Thank you for consideration,
sincerely yours,
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