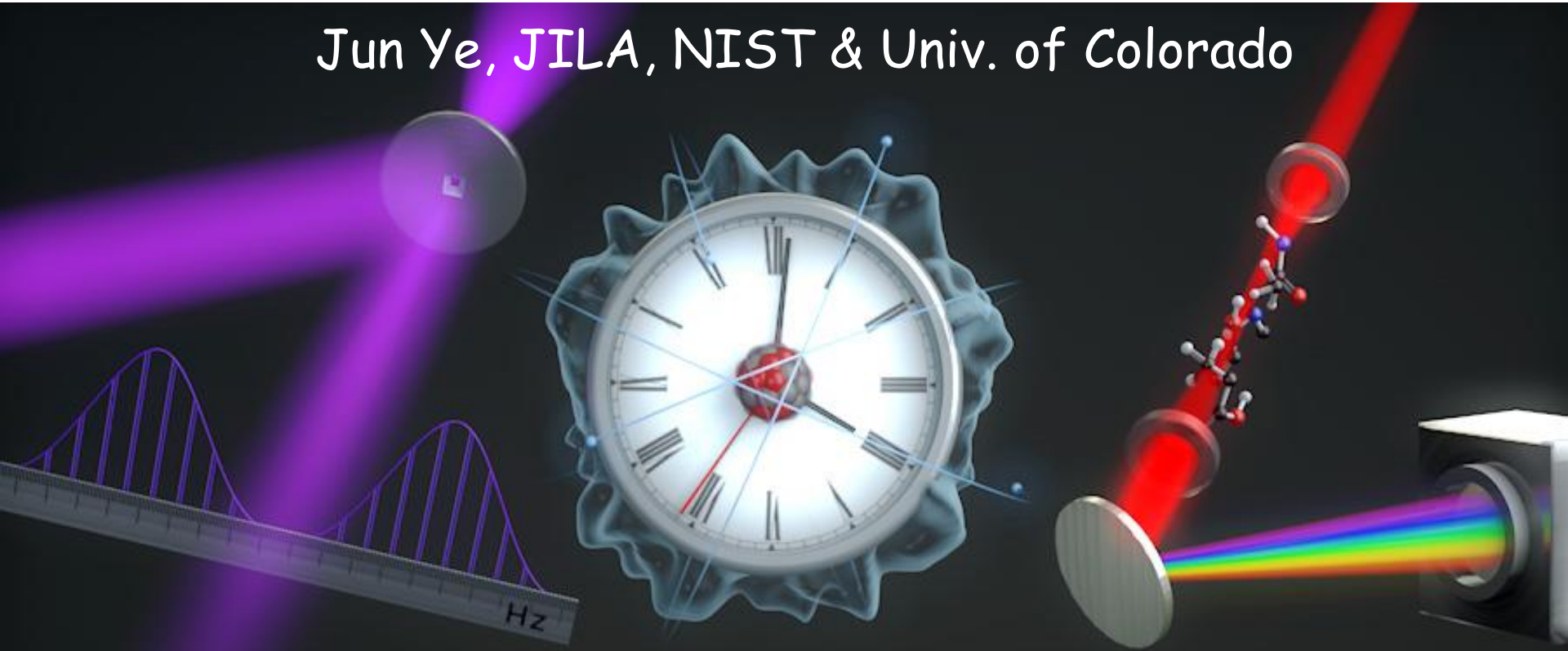
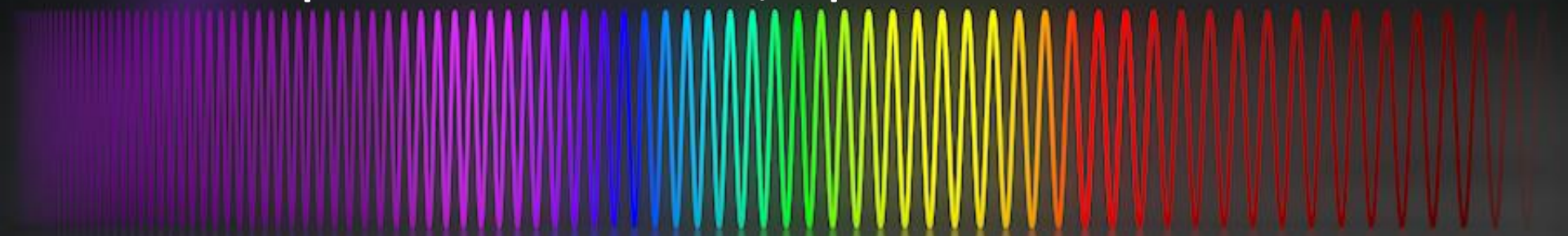


# From XUV comb to X-ray comb?

Jun Ye, JILA, NIST & Univ. of Colorado



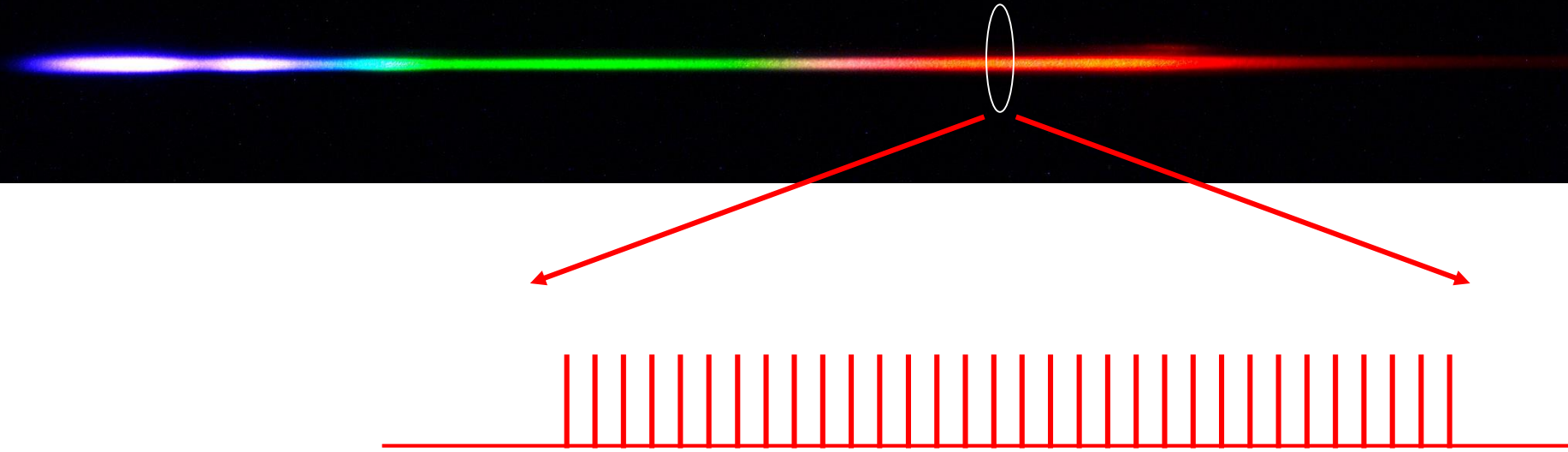
**Spectral width: IR – XUV; Spectral resolution:  $10^{-16}$**



XFEL Workshop, Stanford, June 30, 2016

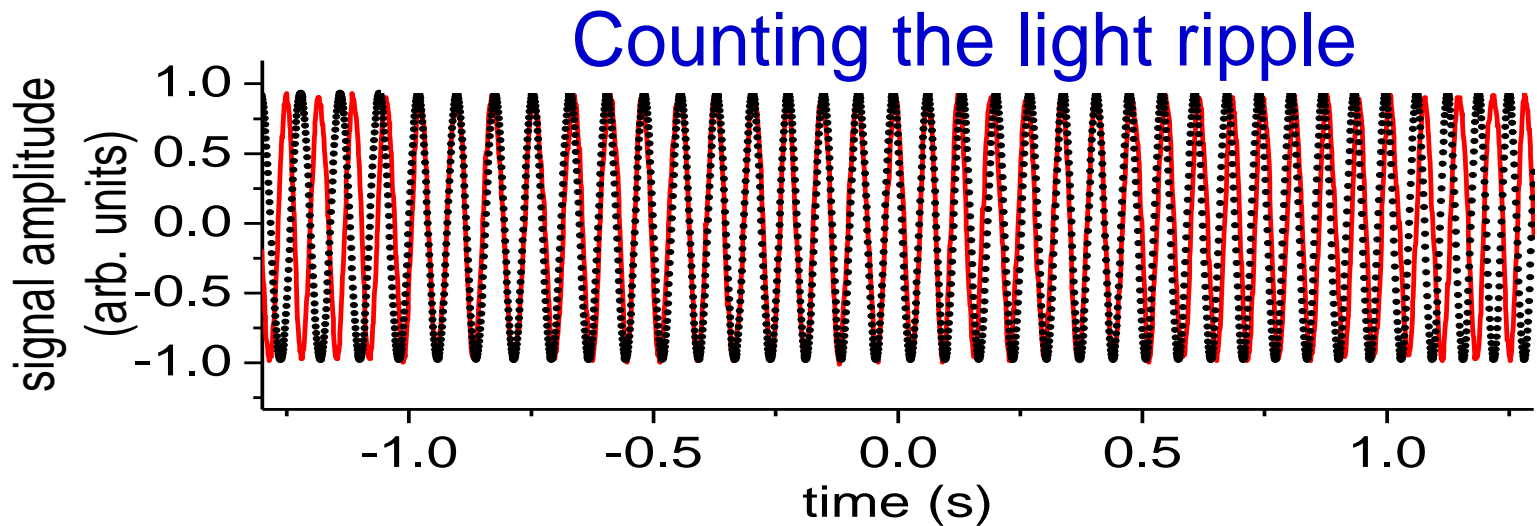
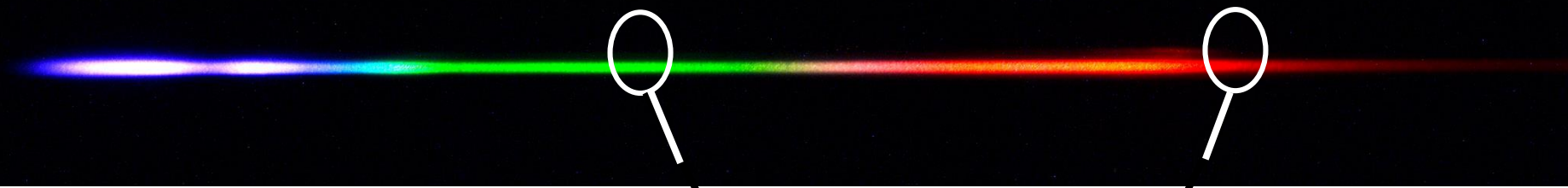
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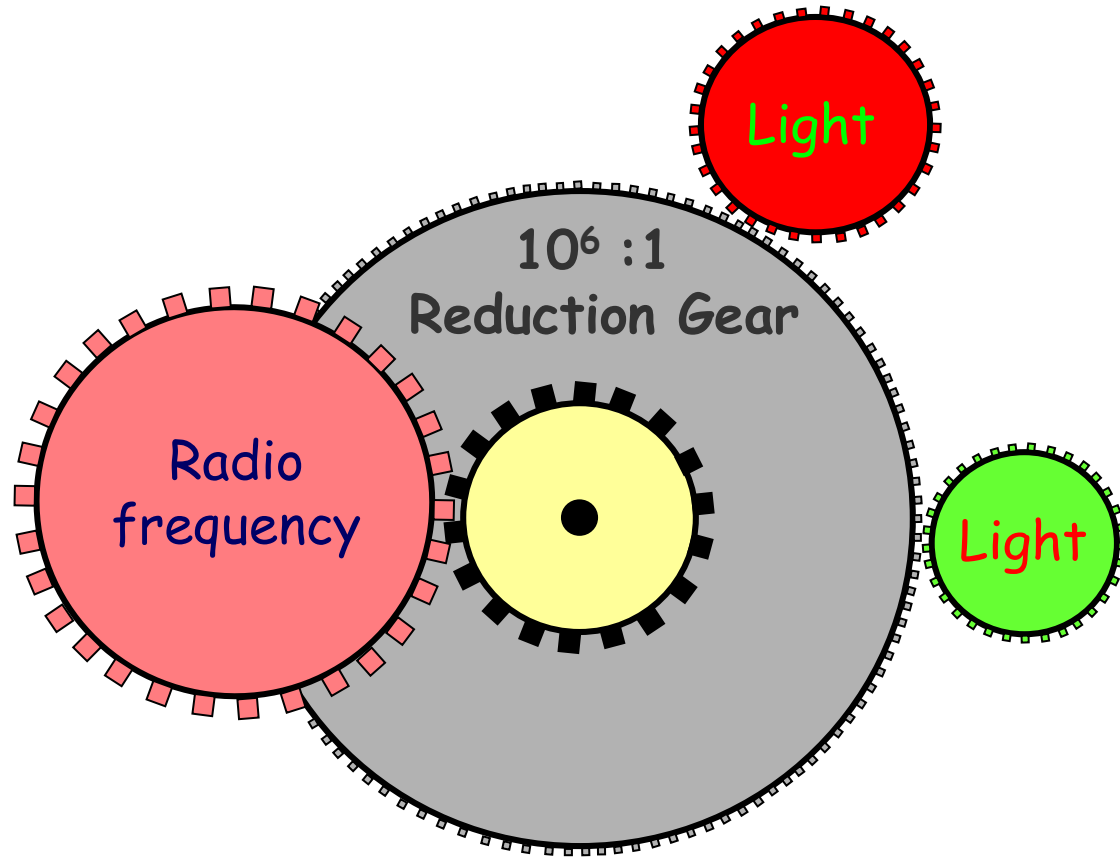
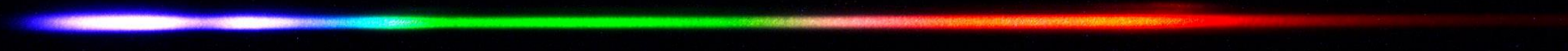
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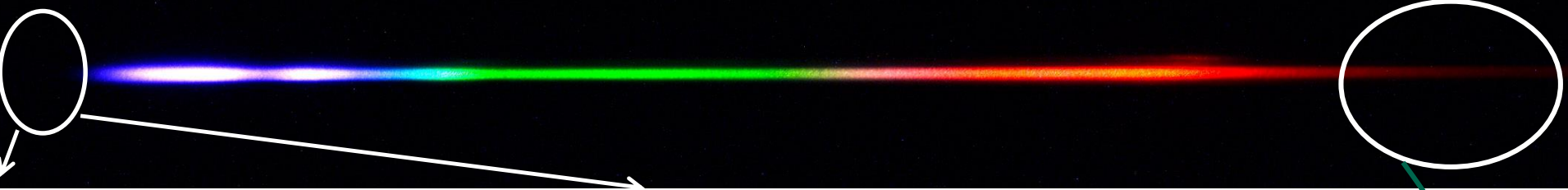
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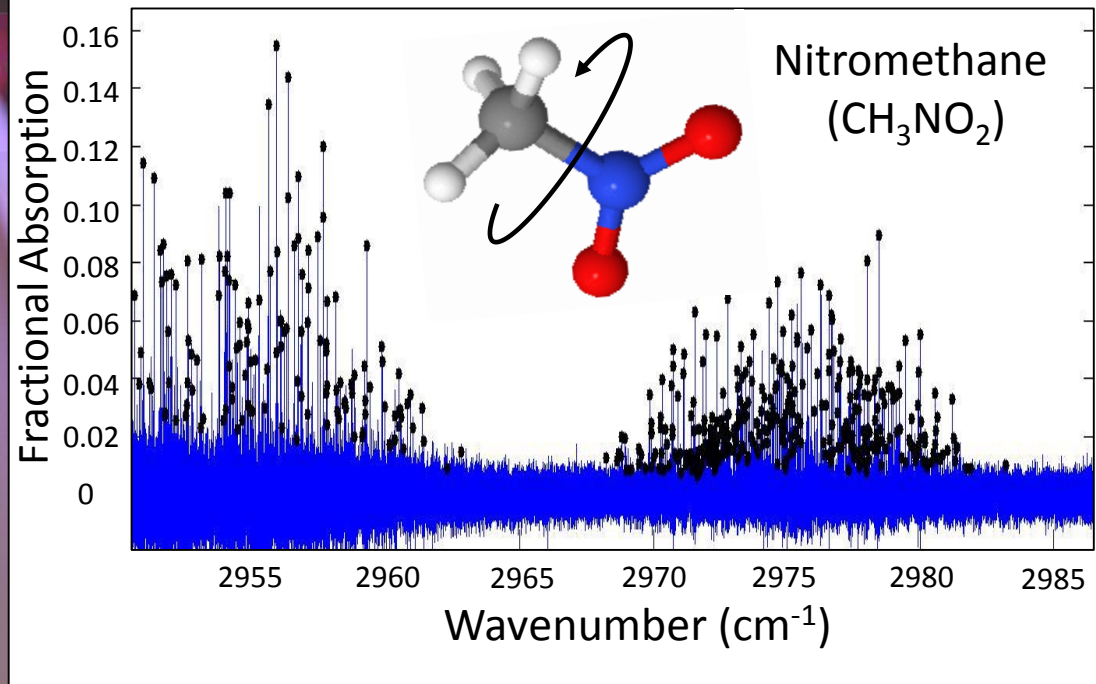
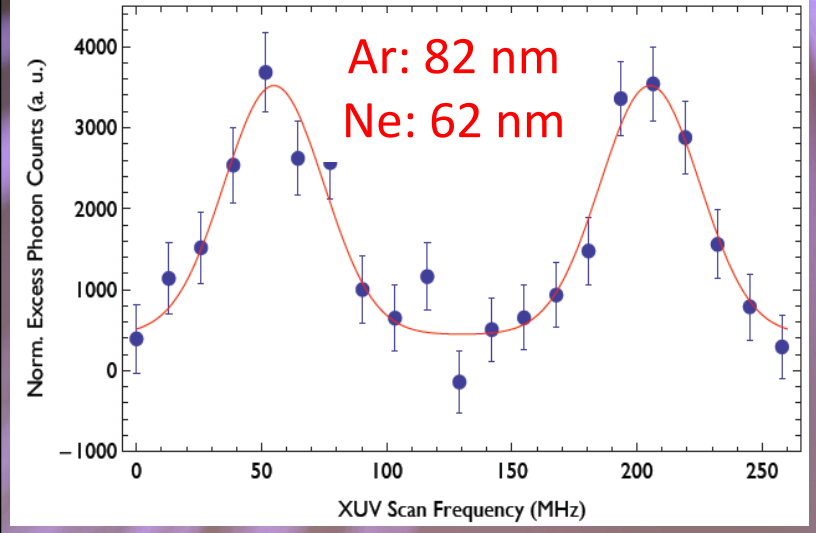
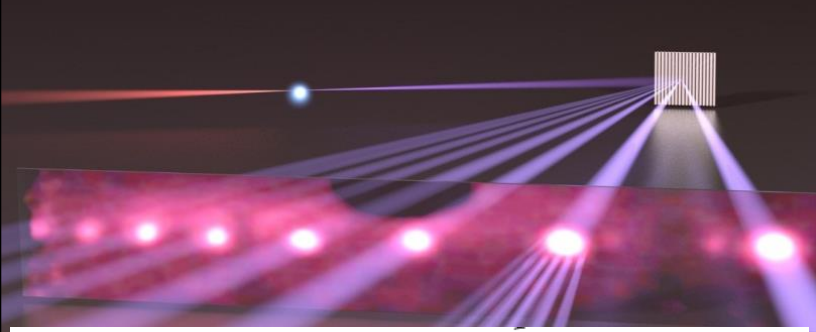


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# Optical frequency comb - millions of stable lasers



XUV comb, Nature 482, 68 (2012).



# Lessons from XUV comb

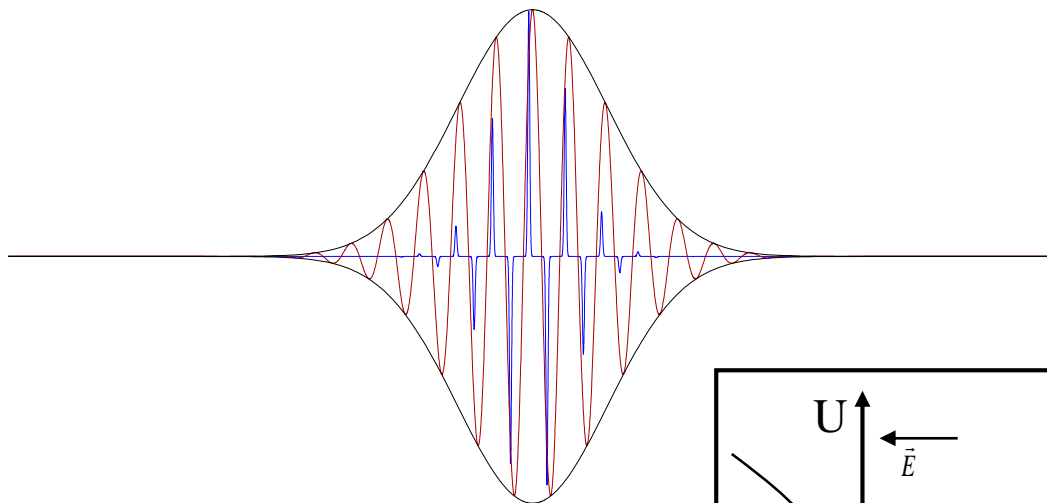
- How to produce XUV radiation at high repetition frequency ?  
(repetition period  $\ll$  decoherence time )
- How to scale up power of the coherent source for applications ?
- How to maintain coherence in the radiation & how to measure/characterize it ?



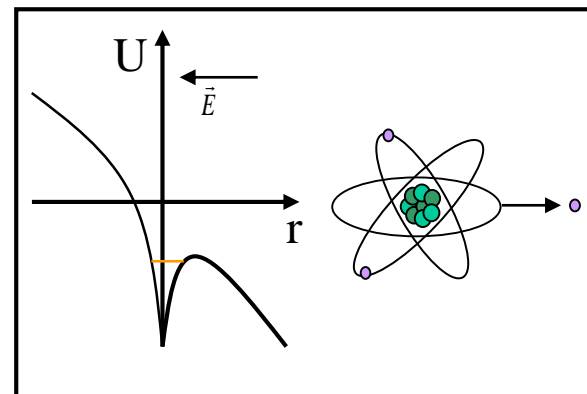
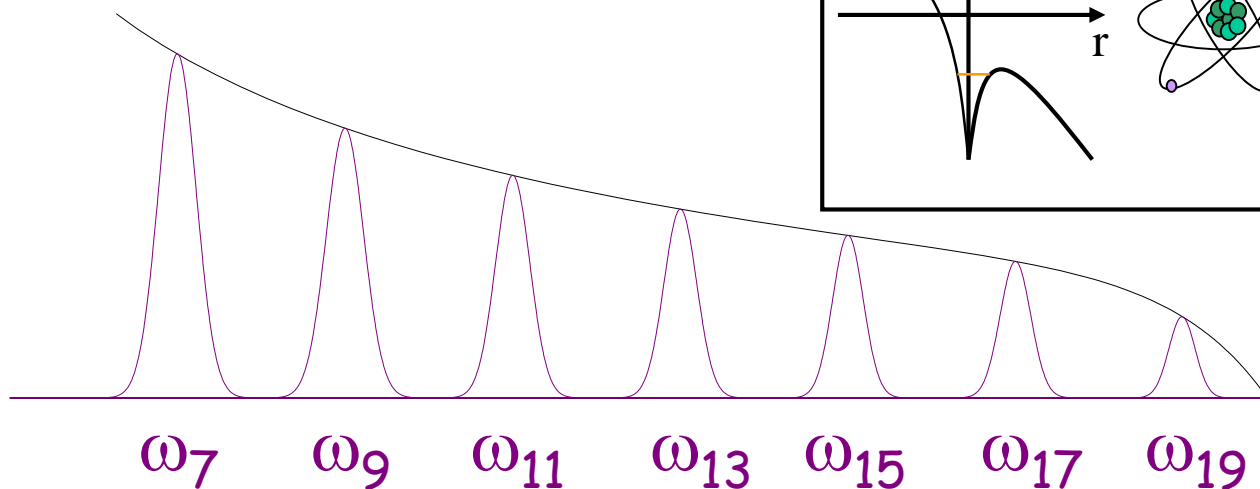
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Harmonic Generation with a single IR pulse - *a train of attosecond pulses*

Time domain

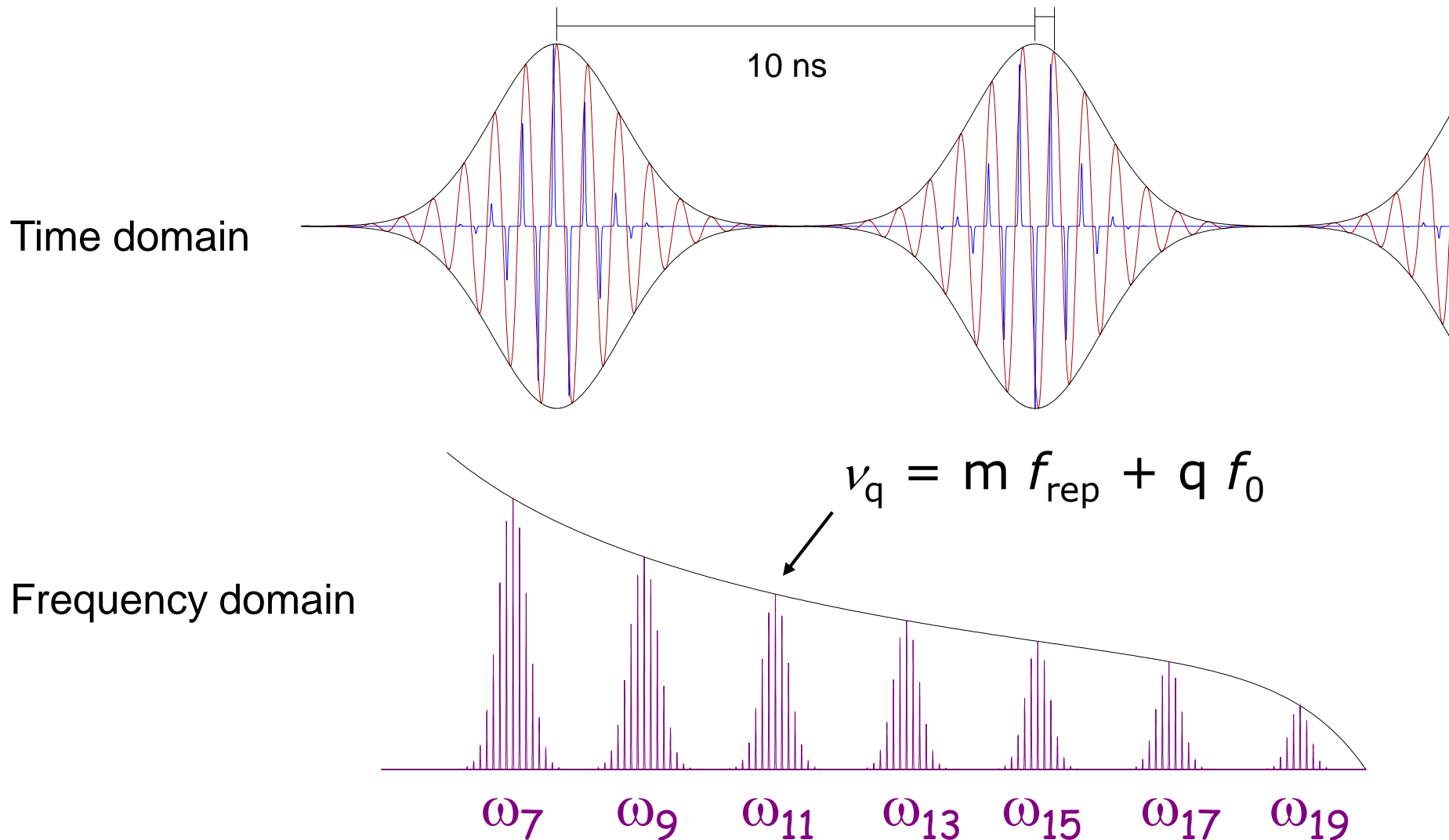


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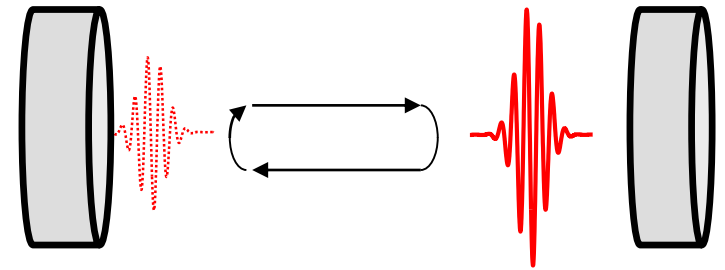
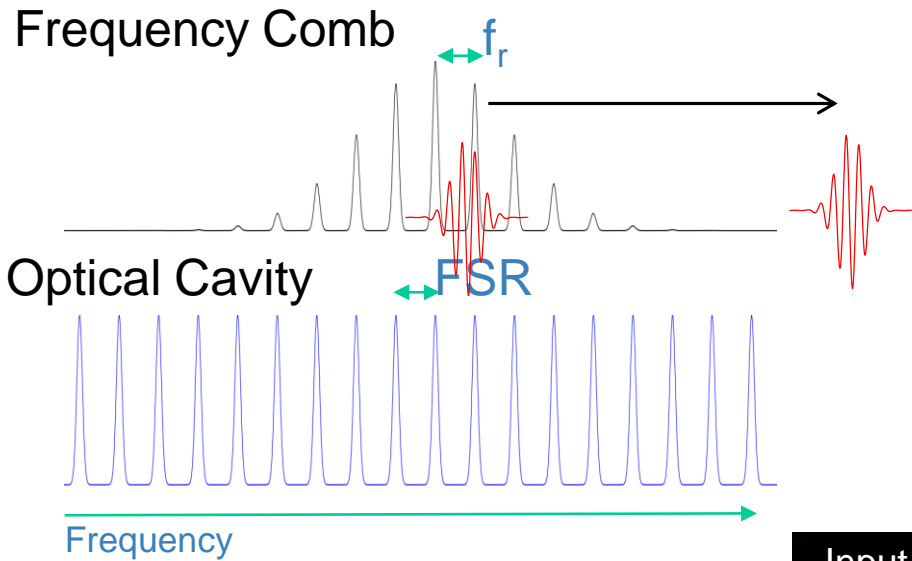
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*The XUV frequency comb is born*



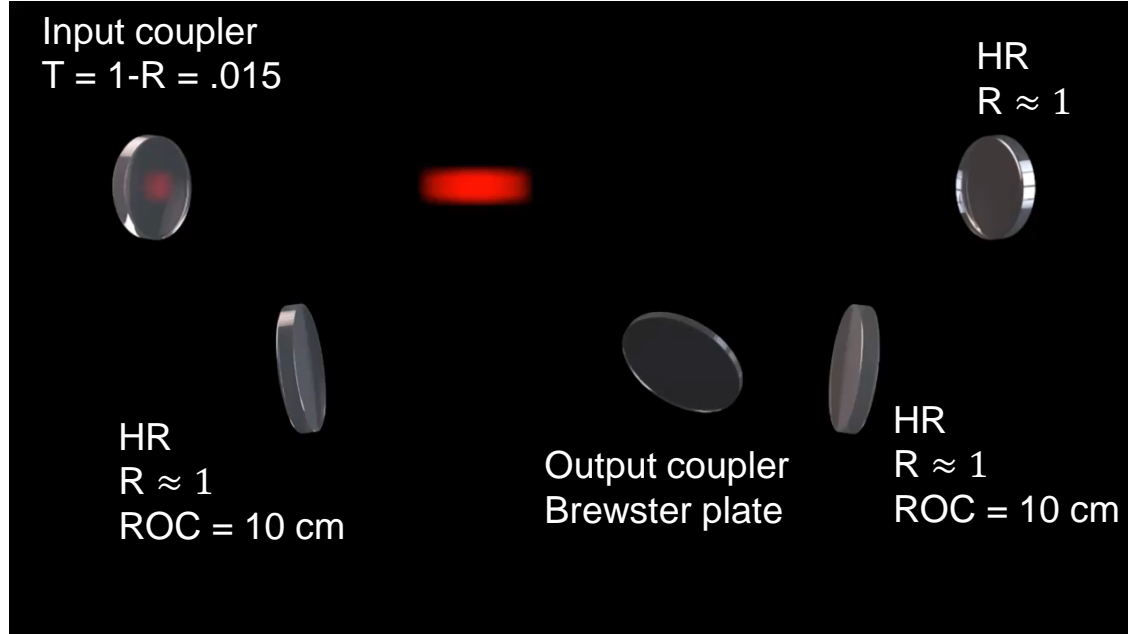


# Enhancement cavity for HHG

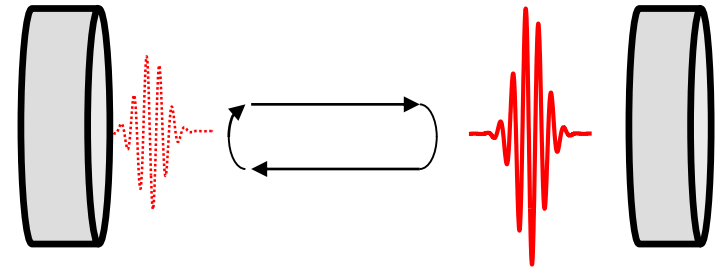
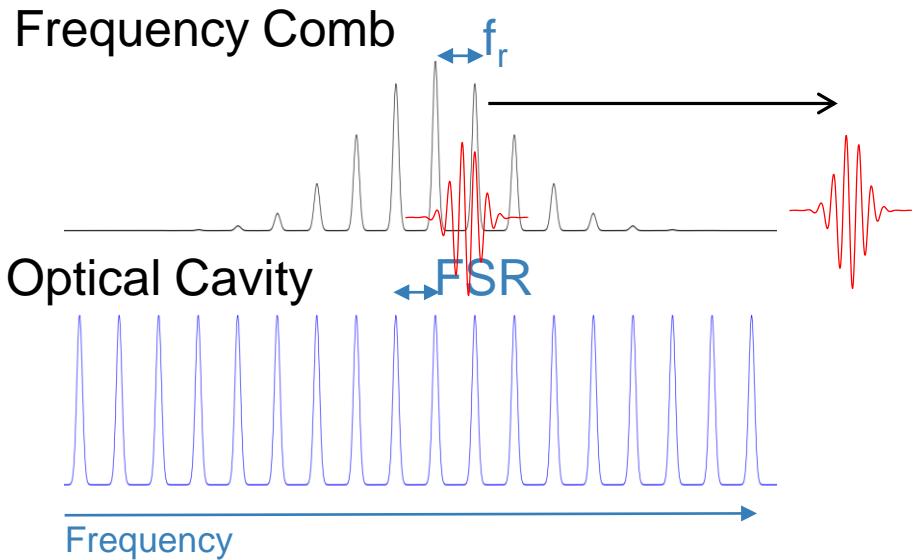


Typical Laser Parameters

- ~ 0.5  $\mu\text{J}$  pulse energy
- 150 MHz repetition rates
- 10-80 W average power
- 1070 nm center wavelength



# Enhancement cavity for HHG



Typical Intracavity Parameters

**200-400  $\mu\text{J}$**  pulse energy

**150 MHz** repetition rates

**2-15 kW** average power

Preserves repetition rate

Recycles unused light

“Tight focus” HHG

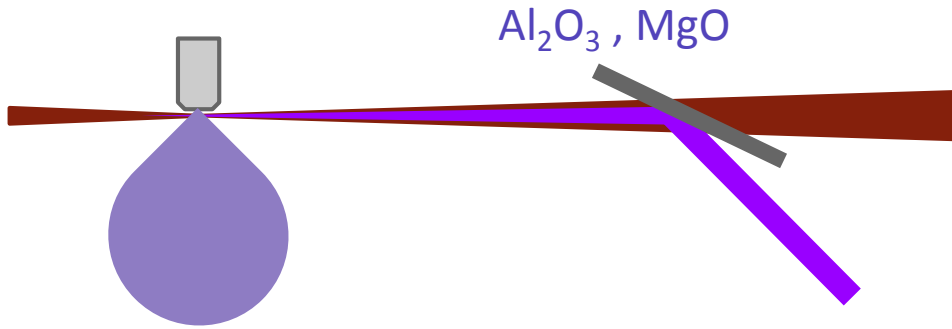
**More power and more sensitivity.**  
 Clean, well-defined mode.  
**Interaction length increase by  $\frac{F}{\pi}$ .**

$$\text{FSR} = c/L$$

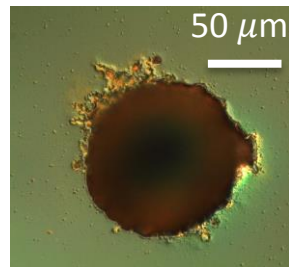
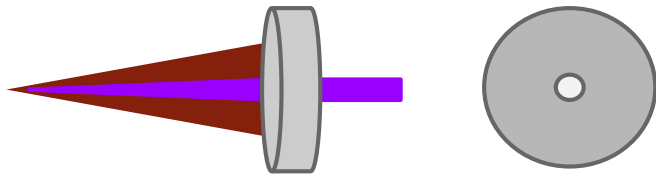
$$F = \frac{2\pi}{\text{Loss}}$$

$$\text{Buildup} = T \frac{F^2}{\pi^2}$$

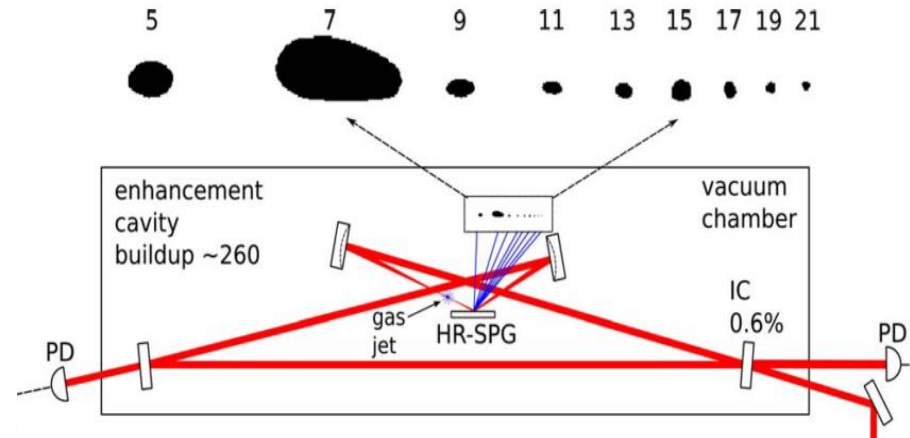
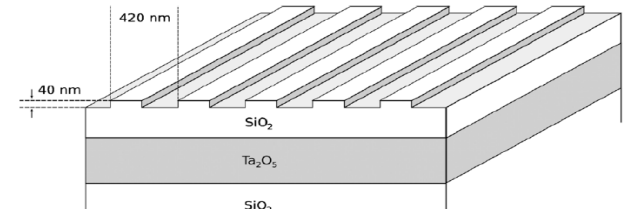
# Out-coupling the XUV



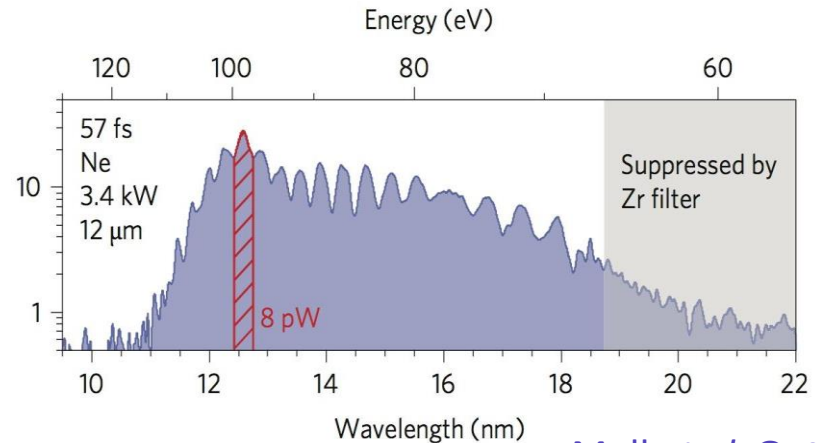
Jones *et al.* PRL (2005), Gohle *et al.* Nature (2005)



Geometric output coupling is a promising route to XUV combs below 10 nm.



Yost *et al.* Opt. Lett. (2008)

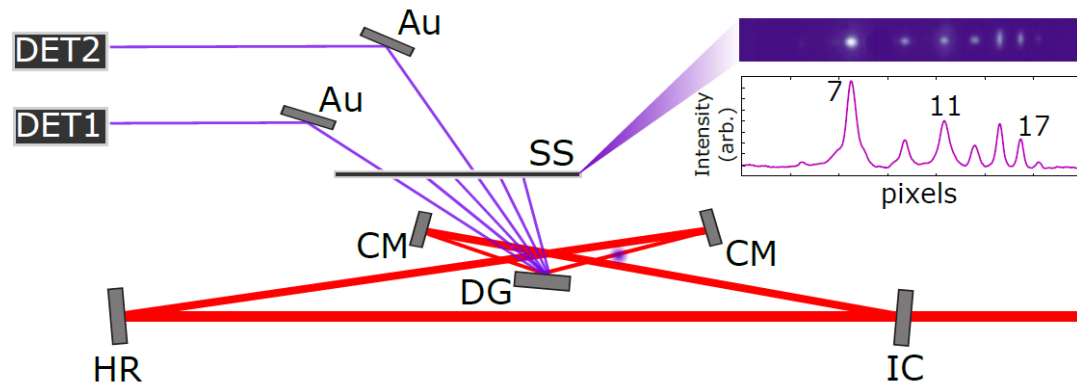


Moll *et al.* Opt. Exp. (2006)

Pupeza *et al.* Nat. Phot. (2013) Pupeza *et al.* PRL (2014)

# The XUV laser pointer

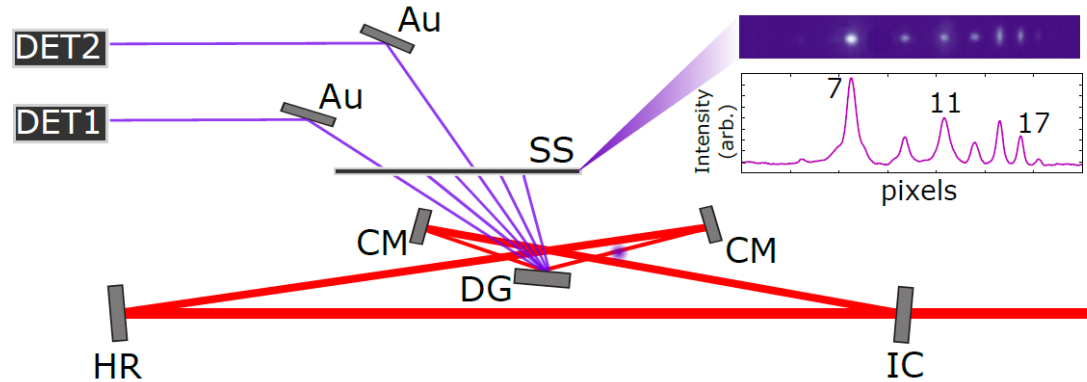
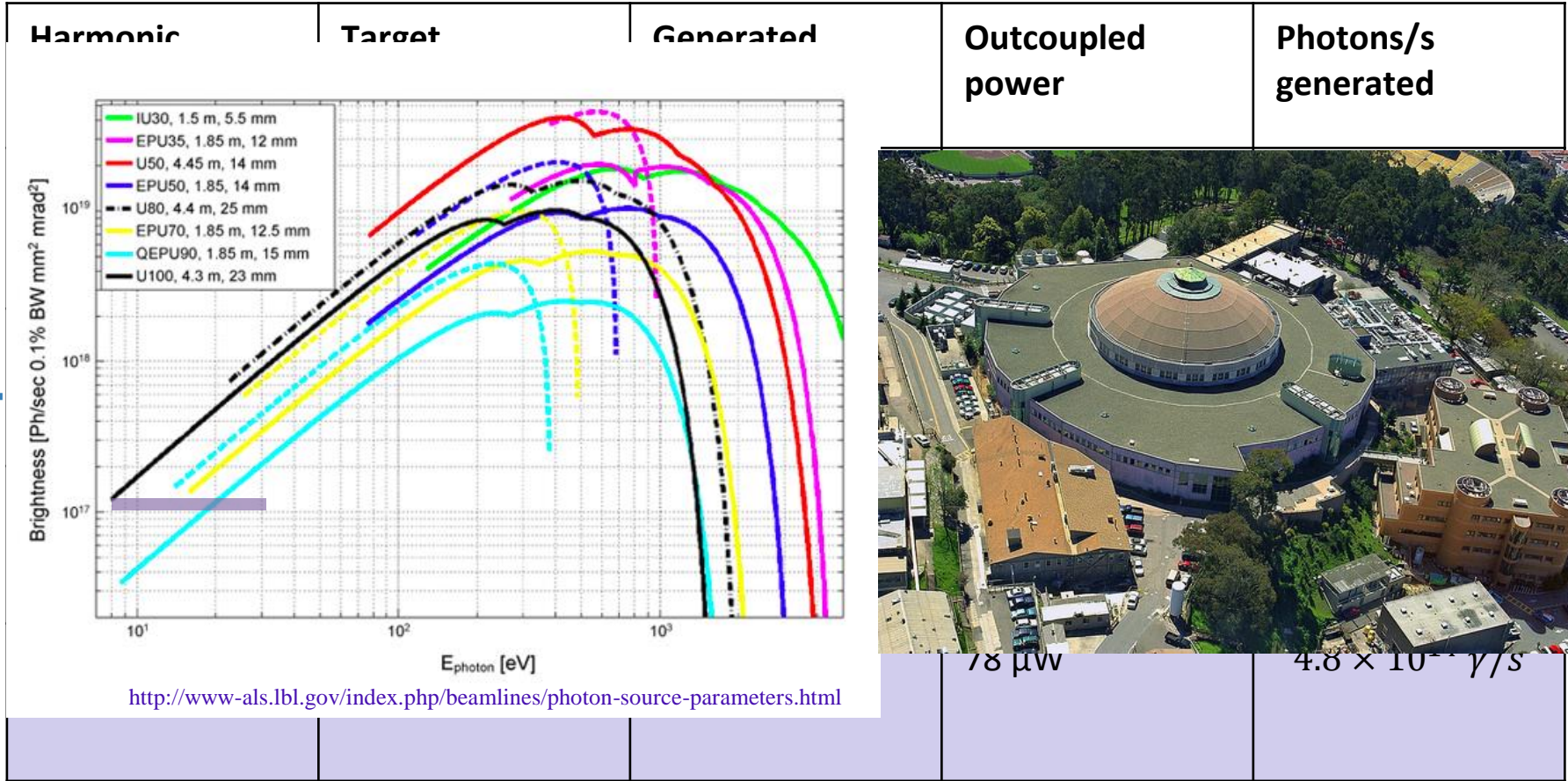
Harmonic	Target parameters	Generated power	Outcoupled power	Photons/s generated
11 <sup>th</sup> , 12.7 eV	100 μm, 100 PSI, 4:1 mix	0.7 mW	60 μW	$3.4 \times 10^{14} \gamma/s$
17 <sup>th</sup> , 19.7 eV	100 μm, 100 PSI, 4:1 mix	0.63 mW	60 μW	$2 \times 10^{14} \gamma/s$
11 <sup>th</sup> , 12.7 eV	50 μm, 400 PSI, 4:1 mix	0.84 mW	71 μW	$4 \times 10^{14} \gamma/s$
11 <sup>th</sup> , 12.7 eV	50 μm, 275 PSI, 9:1 mix	0.93 mW	78 μW	$4.8 \times 10^{14} \gamma/s$



$1.2 \times 10^{17}$  photons / [ s mm<sup>2</sup> mrad<sup>2</sup> .1% bandwidth ]  
 ¼ brightness of the ALS

Benko *et al.* In preparation. 2016

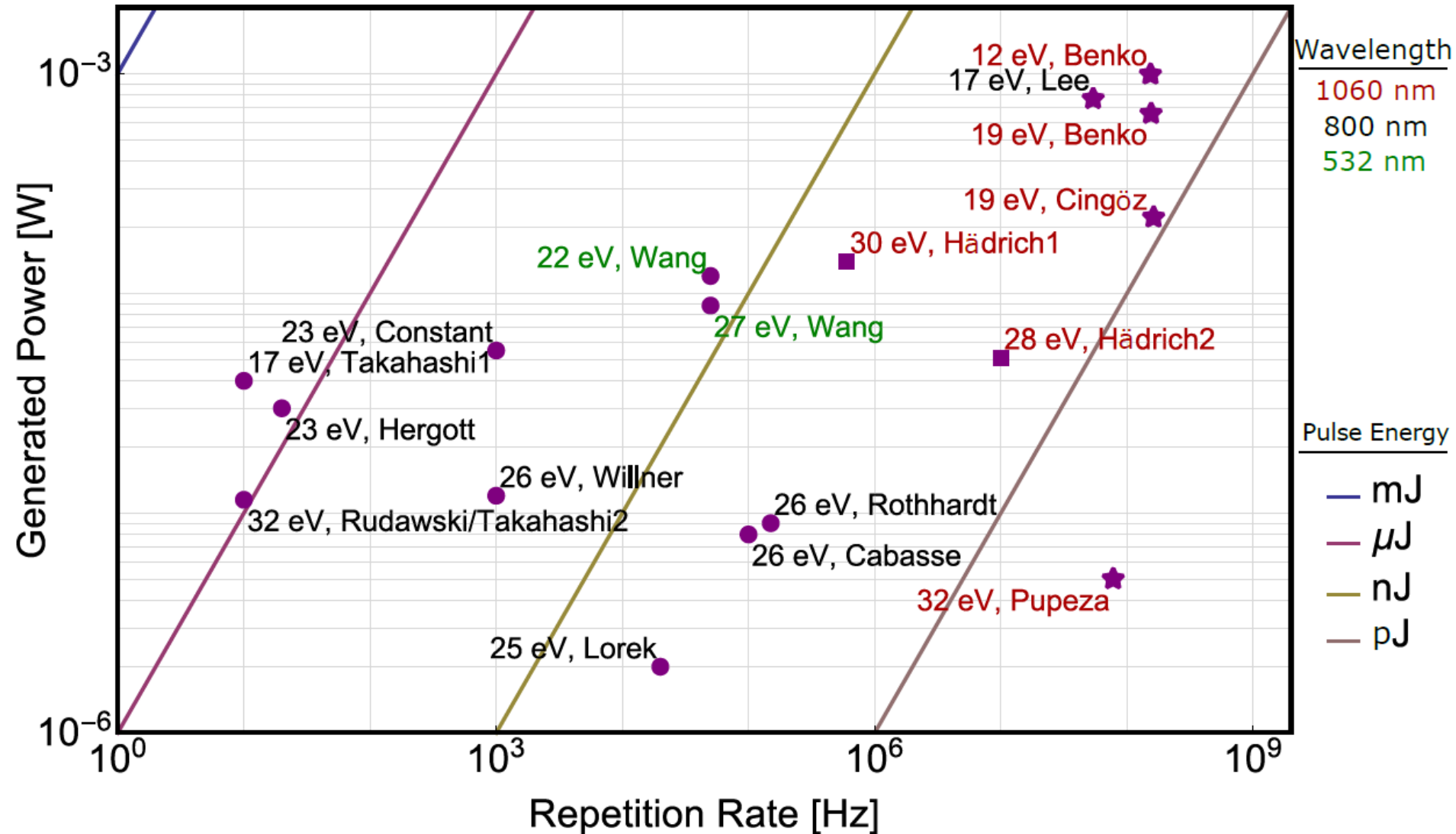
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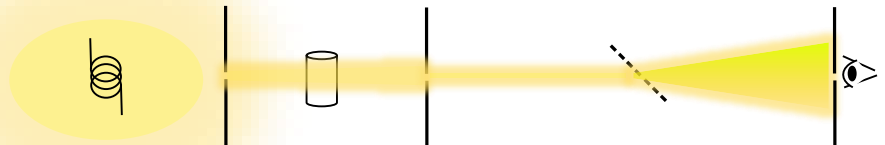
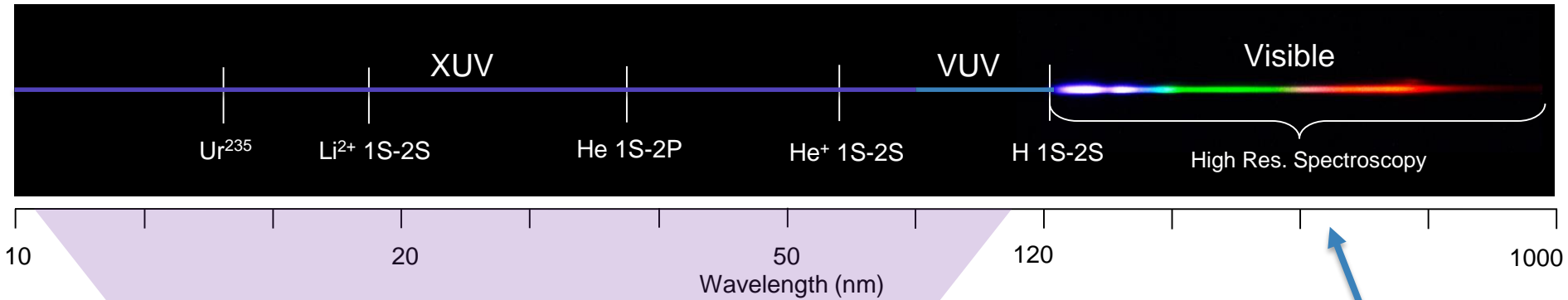
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 $\frac{1}{4}$  brightness of the ALS

# Power scaling - HHG comparisons

★ Enhancement cavity    
 ● Traditional    
 ■ Compressed CPA



# Charting the extreme ultraviolet landscape (Ultrahigh-resolution XUV spectroscopy)



- High precision tests of QED in H, He and like ions ( $\sim Z^4 - Z^6$ ).
- Next generation "nuclear" clocks in  $^{229}\text{Th}$  and  $^{235}\text{U}$ .
- **Generate coherent, laser-like radiation below 100 nm with frequency combs.**

## Optical Atomic Clocks

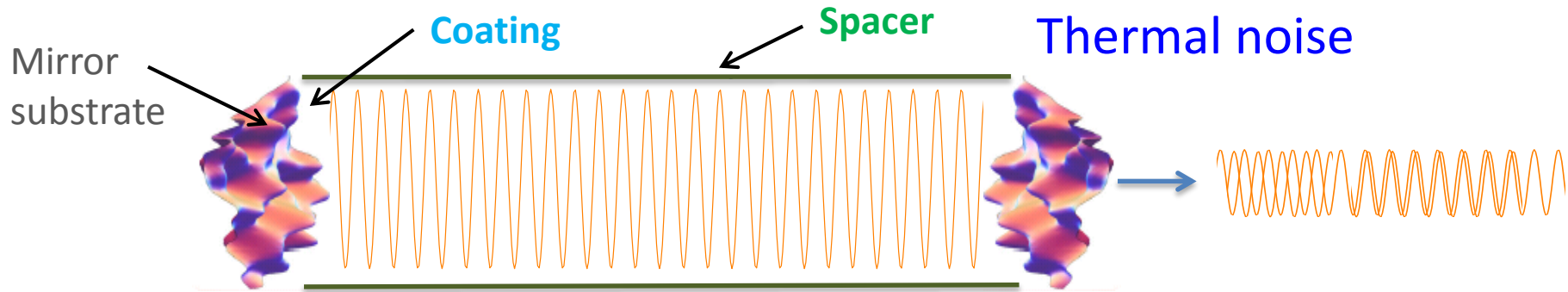
Uncertainty of  
 $\frac{\Delta f}{f} = 10^{-18}$

## Laser stabilization

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = 10^{-16}$$

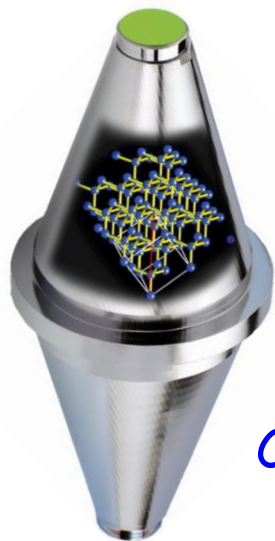


# Optical coherence & spectral resolution

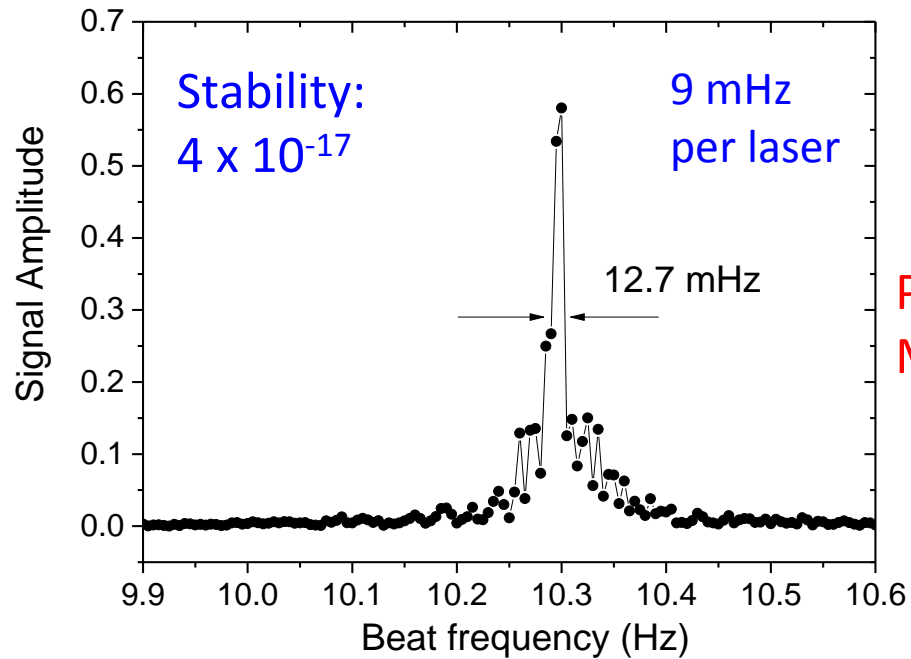


Cavity length  $L \sim 1 \text{ m} \rightarrow \Delta L \sim 10^{-16} \text{ m}$  (size of a nucleus:  $10^{-14} \text{ m}$ )

This level of optical coherence can be transferred to an optical comb



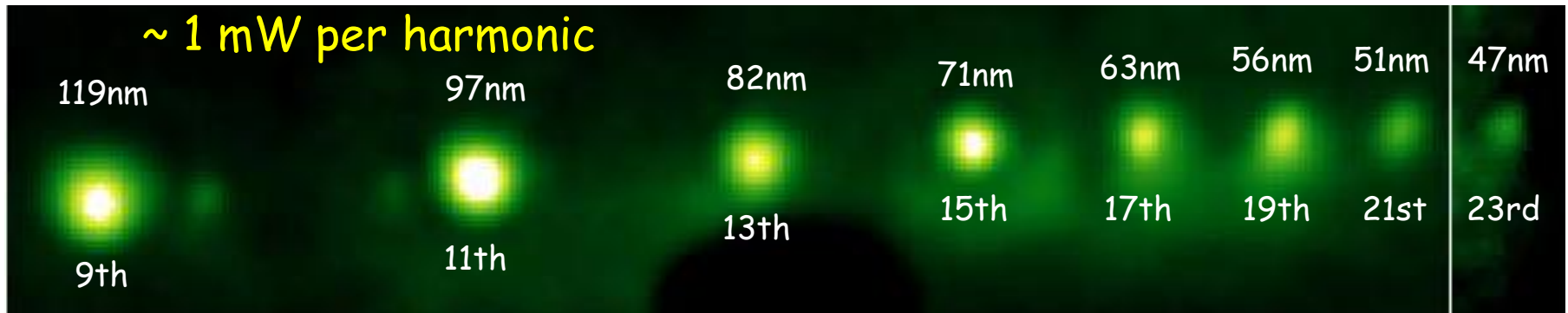
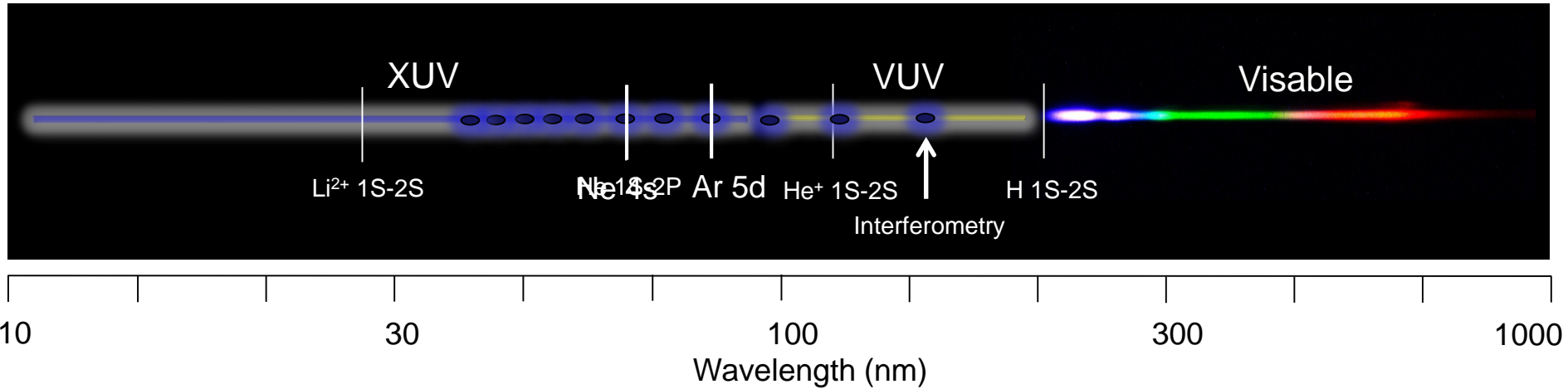
Coherence time  
 $\sim 1 \text{ min}$



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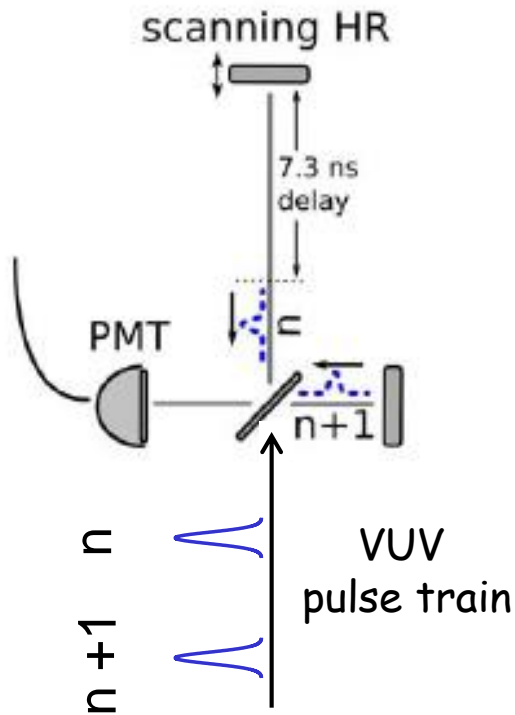
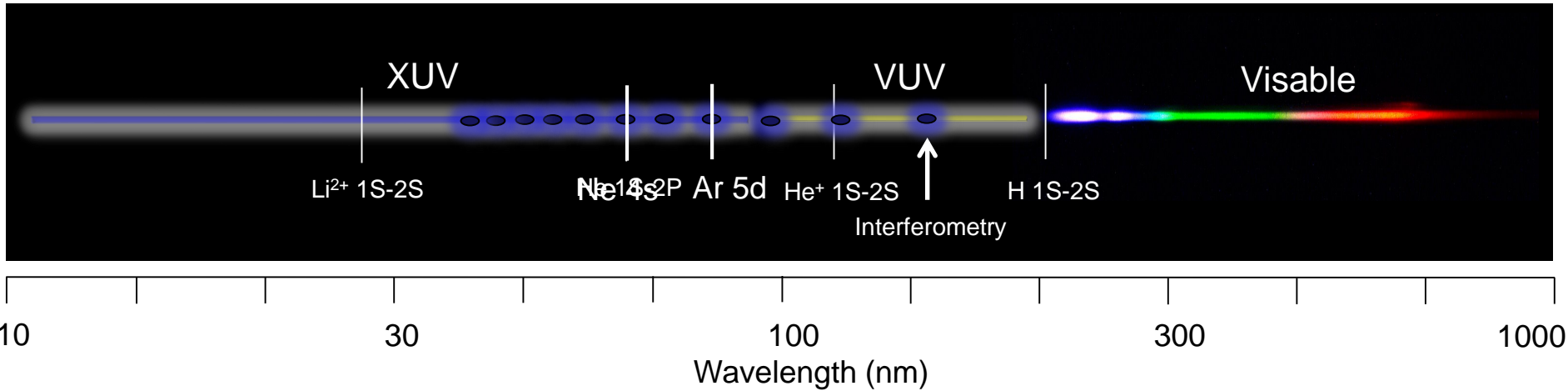
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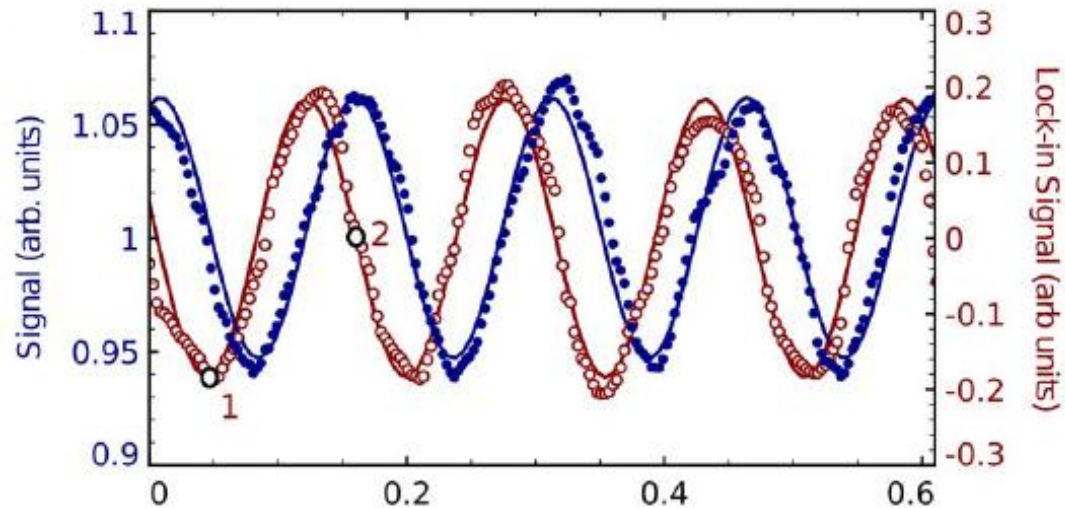


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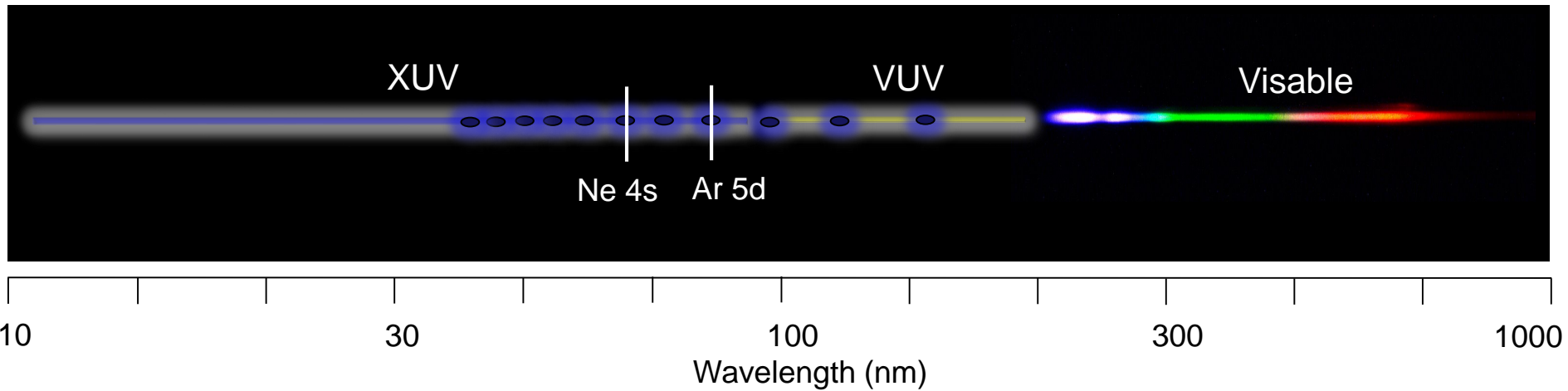


Interfere HHG pulses  $n$  and  $n+1$  :

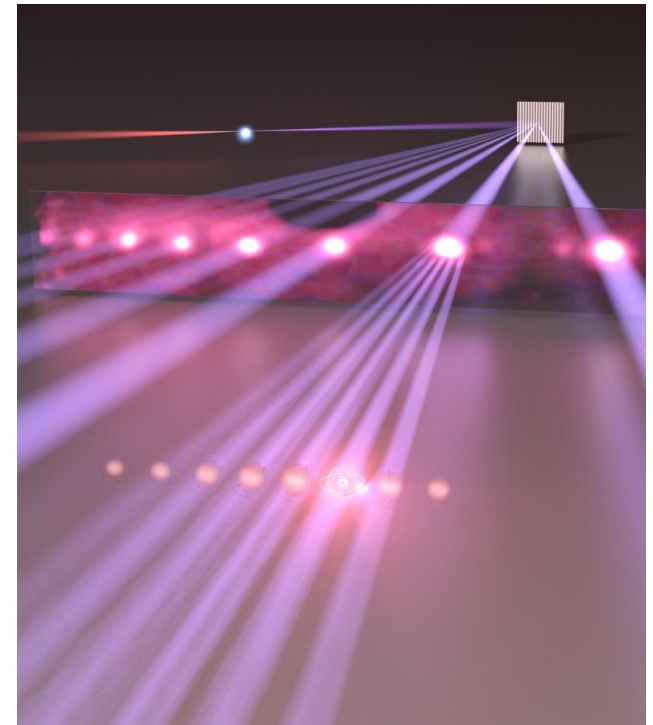
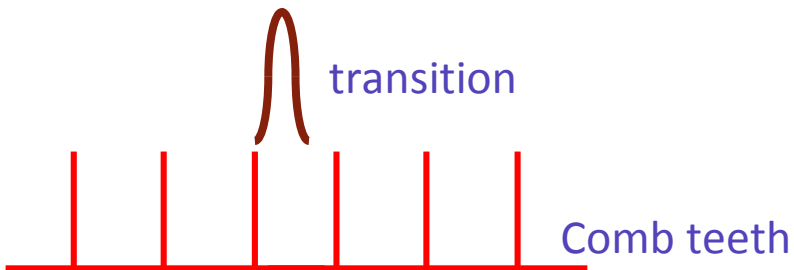
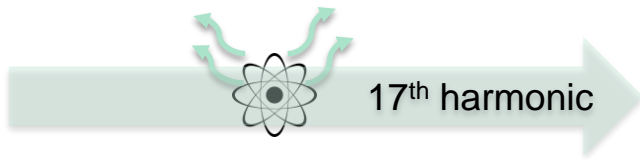


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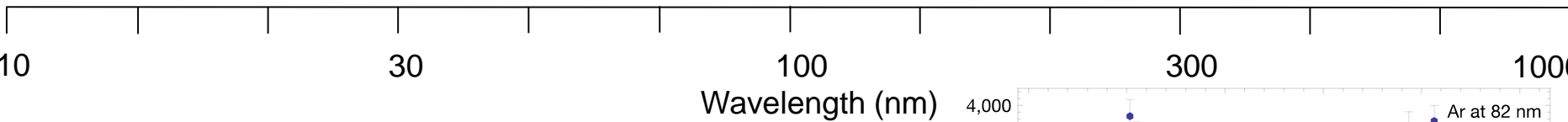
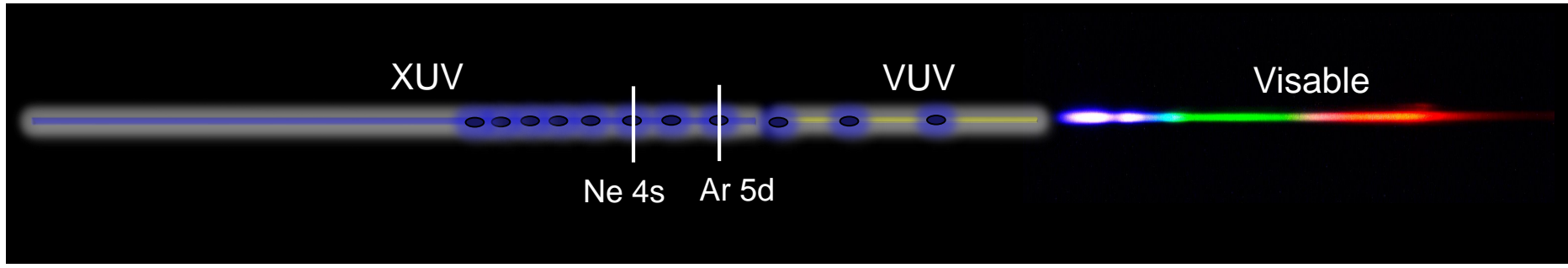


- Scan **single tooth** of XUV comb across resonance
- Direct fluorescence detection
- Transition linewidth  $\sim 10$  MHz

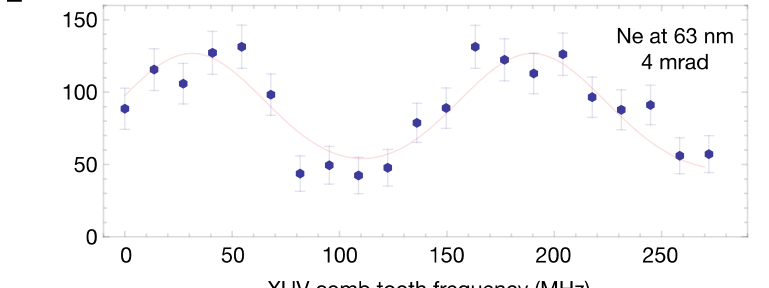
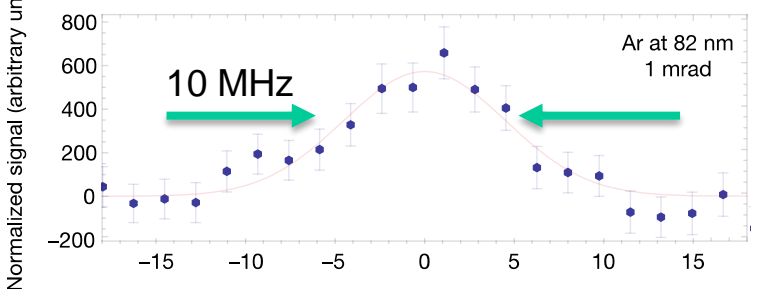
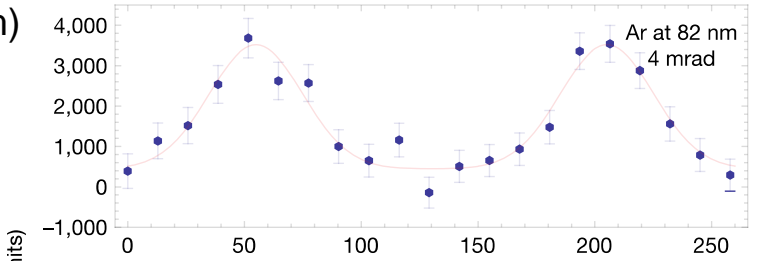
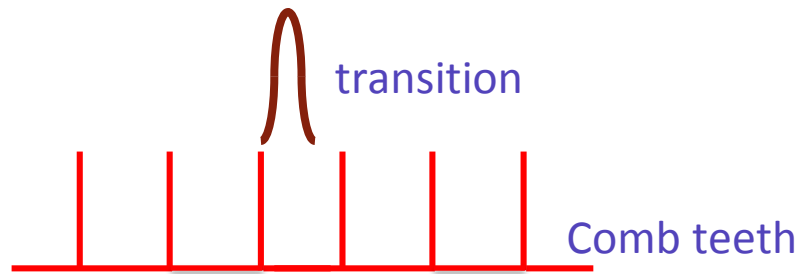
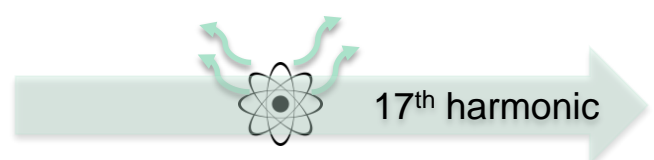


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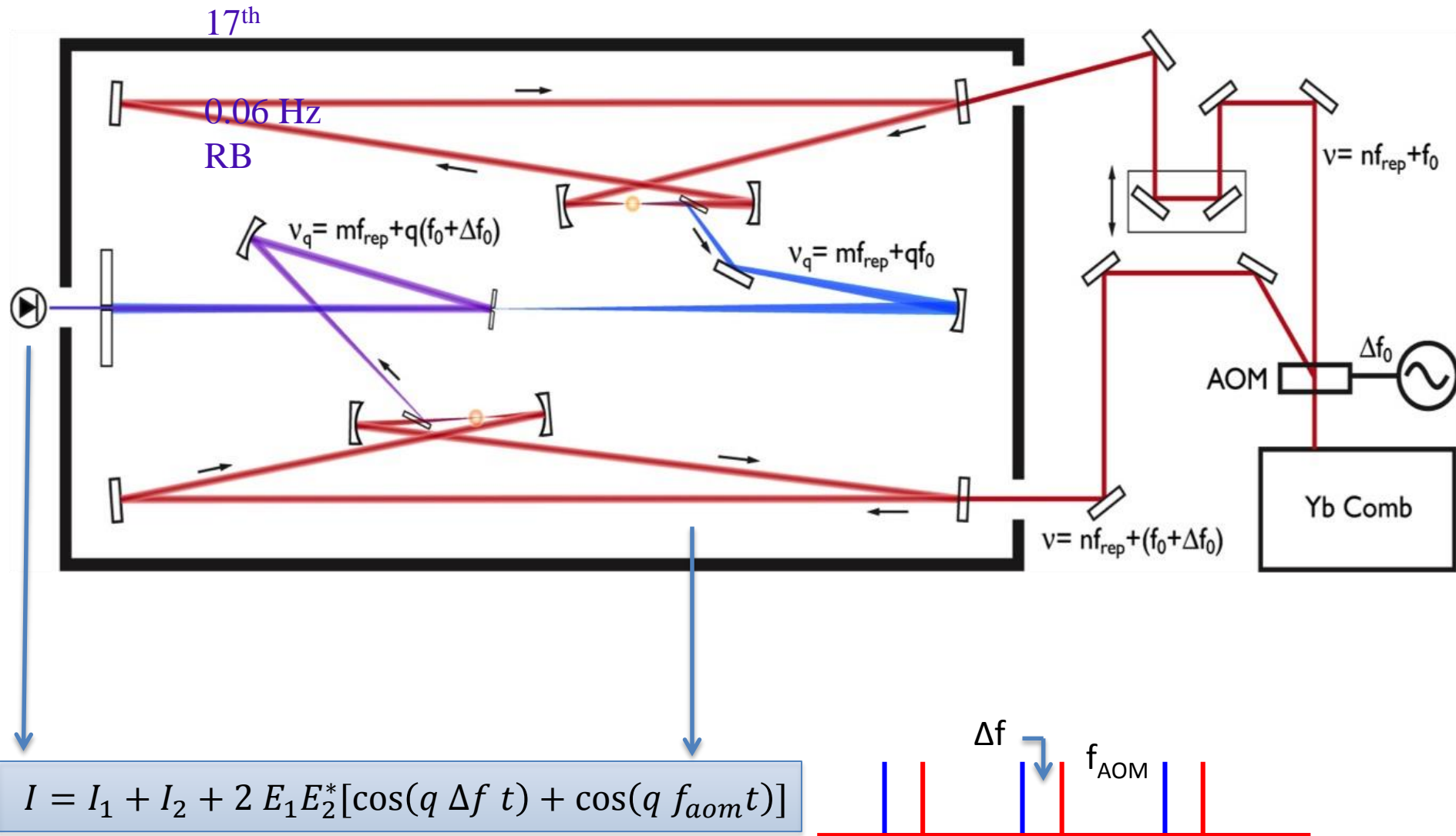
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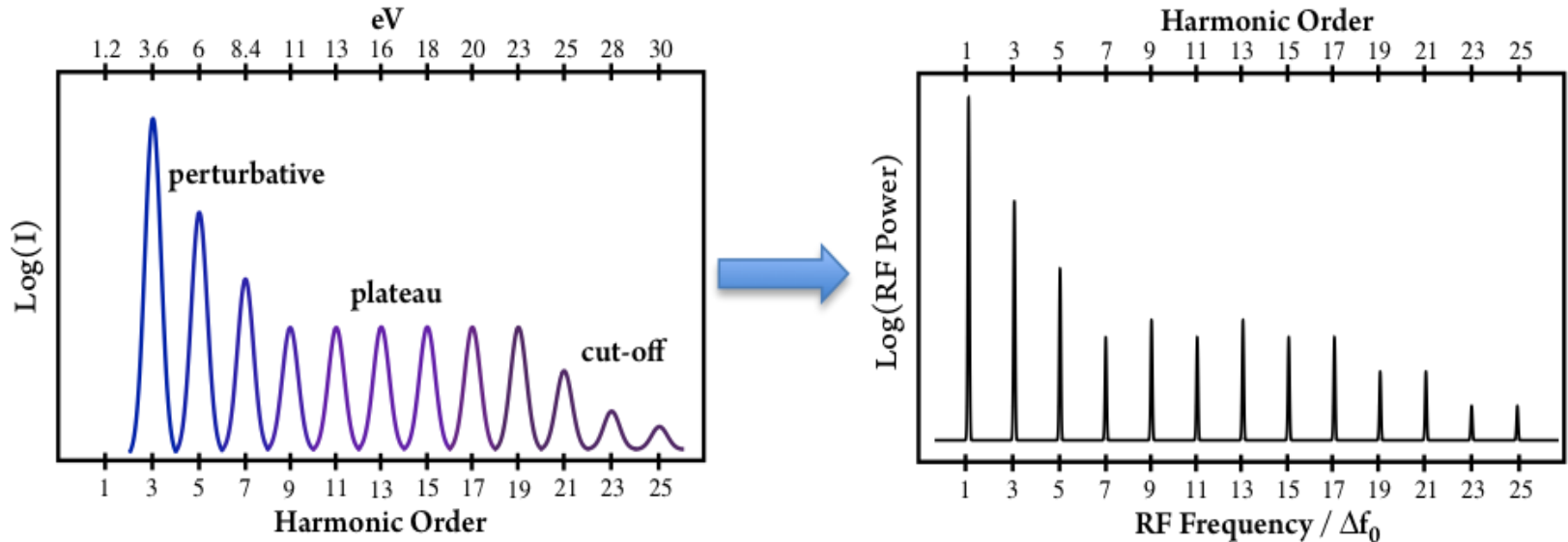
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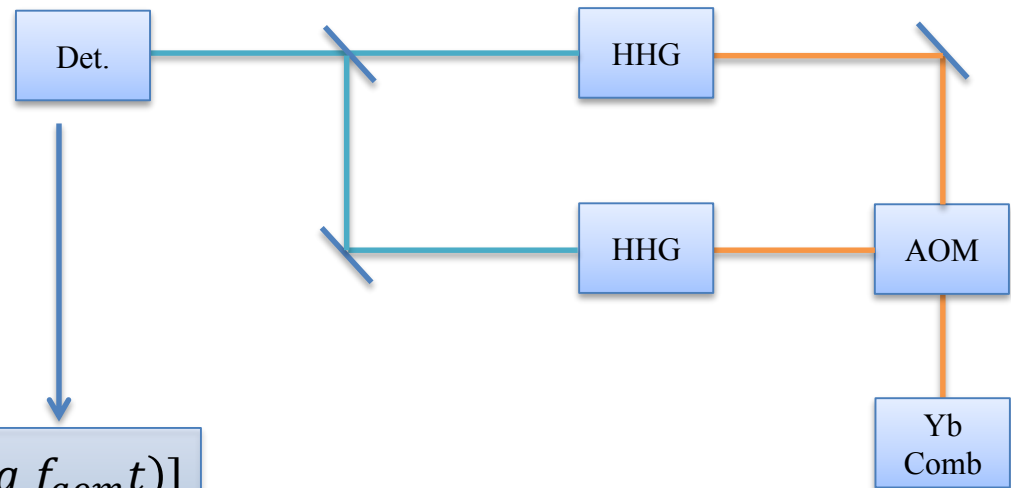
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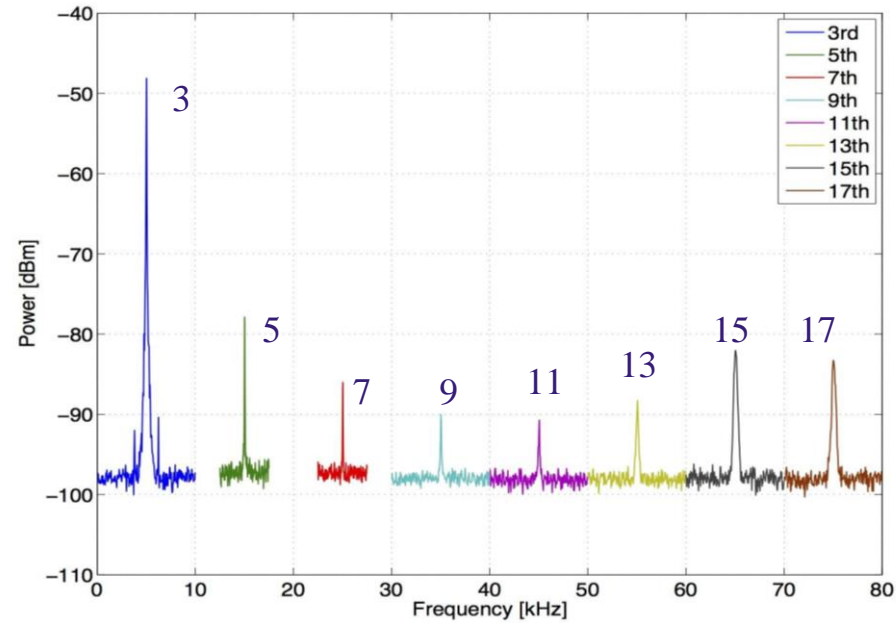
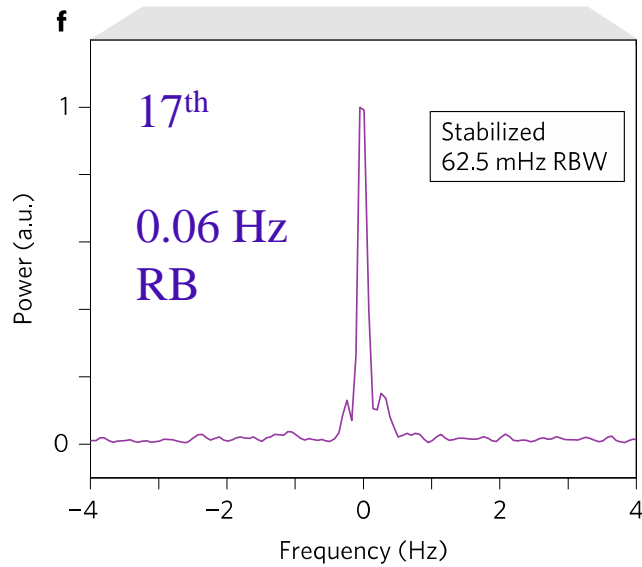


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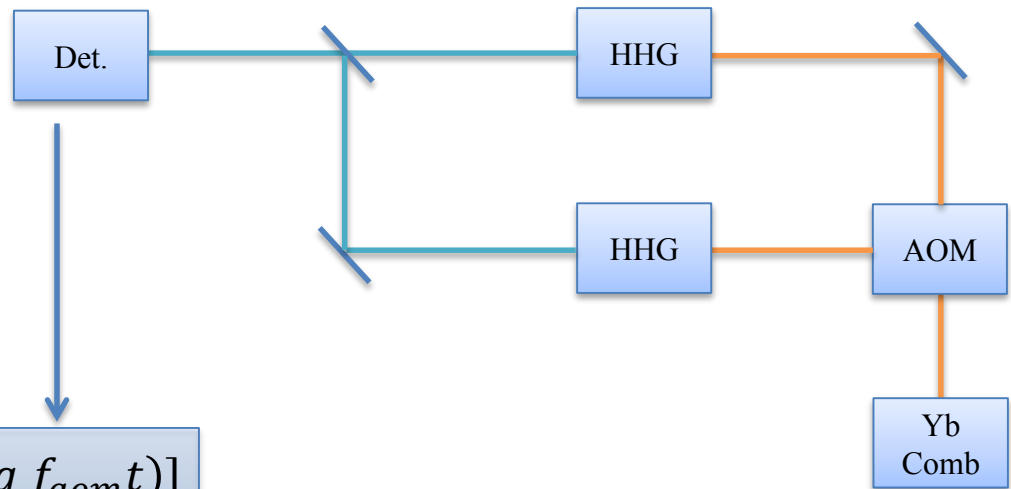
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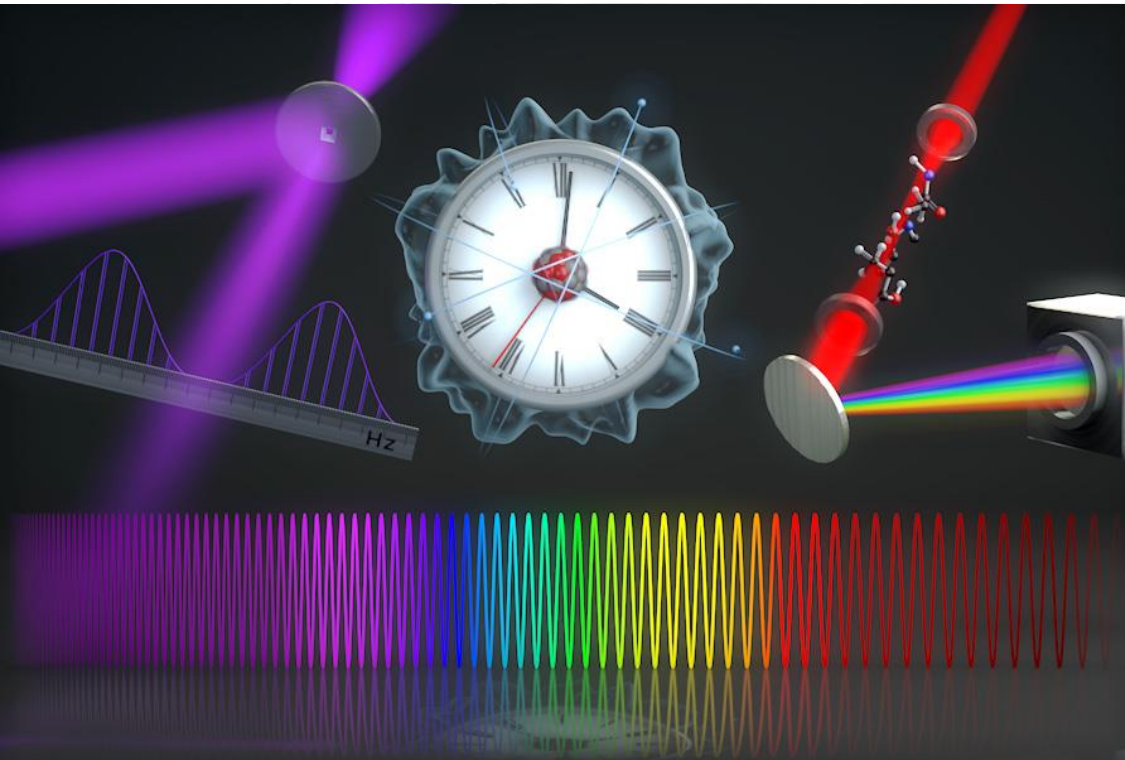
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# XUV (& other) frequency combs



<http://www.nsf.gov/> Discovery -- Combing frequencies

**Christoph Heyl, Gil Porat, Stephen Schoun**

XUV frequency combs for precision measurement, frequency metrology, and strong-field physics.

- **Very coherent light from 10 nm – 100 nm**
- **Among highest photon fluxes available on table-top**
- **“Simple” architecture with room for improvement**

I. Hartl, A. Ruehl, M. Fermann, IMRA America

F. Adler (Tiger Optics)  
T. Alison (U. Stony Brook)  
A. Cingöz (AOSense)  
A.J. Fleisher (NIST)  
A. Foltynowicz (Umea U.)  
S. Foreman (U. San Fran)  
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A. Marian (MPG, Berlin)  
P. Masłowski (U. Torun)  
K. Moll (Precision Photon.)  
A. Pe'er (Bar-Ilan U.)  
T. Schibli (U. Colorado)  
L. Sinclair (NIST)  
M. Thorpe (Bridge Photon.)  
D. Yost (Colo. State U.)

# HHG Seed for XFEL

Gil Porat, Christoph Heyl,  
Stephen Schoun

Demonstrated  
Experimentally

$P_{\text{avg}}=80\text{W}$ ,  $f_{\text{rep}}=154\text{ MHz}$ ,  
 $\tau=120\text{fs}$ ,  $\lambda=1\mu\text{m}$



Intracavity HHG  
12 kW IR power,  $F\sim 400$



$\sim 1\text{ mW}$  at 12.7 eV  
( $\sim 3 \times 10^6$  photons/pulse)

Similar power up to 30 eV

- HHG cutoff photon energy scales as  $\lambda^2$
- HHG efficiency scales as  $\lambda^{-6.5}$
- $\lambda=2\mu\text{m}$  driven HHG demonstrated 0.5 keV generation at  $f_{\text{rep}}=10\text{ Hz}$
- Frequency comb at  $\lambda=2\mu\text{m}$  soon to reach  $\sim 100\text{ fs}$  pulses at 50 MHz repetition rate with  $\mu\text{J}$  pulse energy

Predicted

$P_{\text{avg}}=150\text{W}$ ,  $f_{\text{rep}}=50\text{ MHz}$ ,  
 $\tau=100\text{fs}$ ,  $\lambda=2\mu\text{m}$



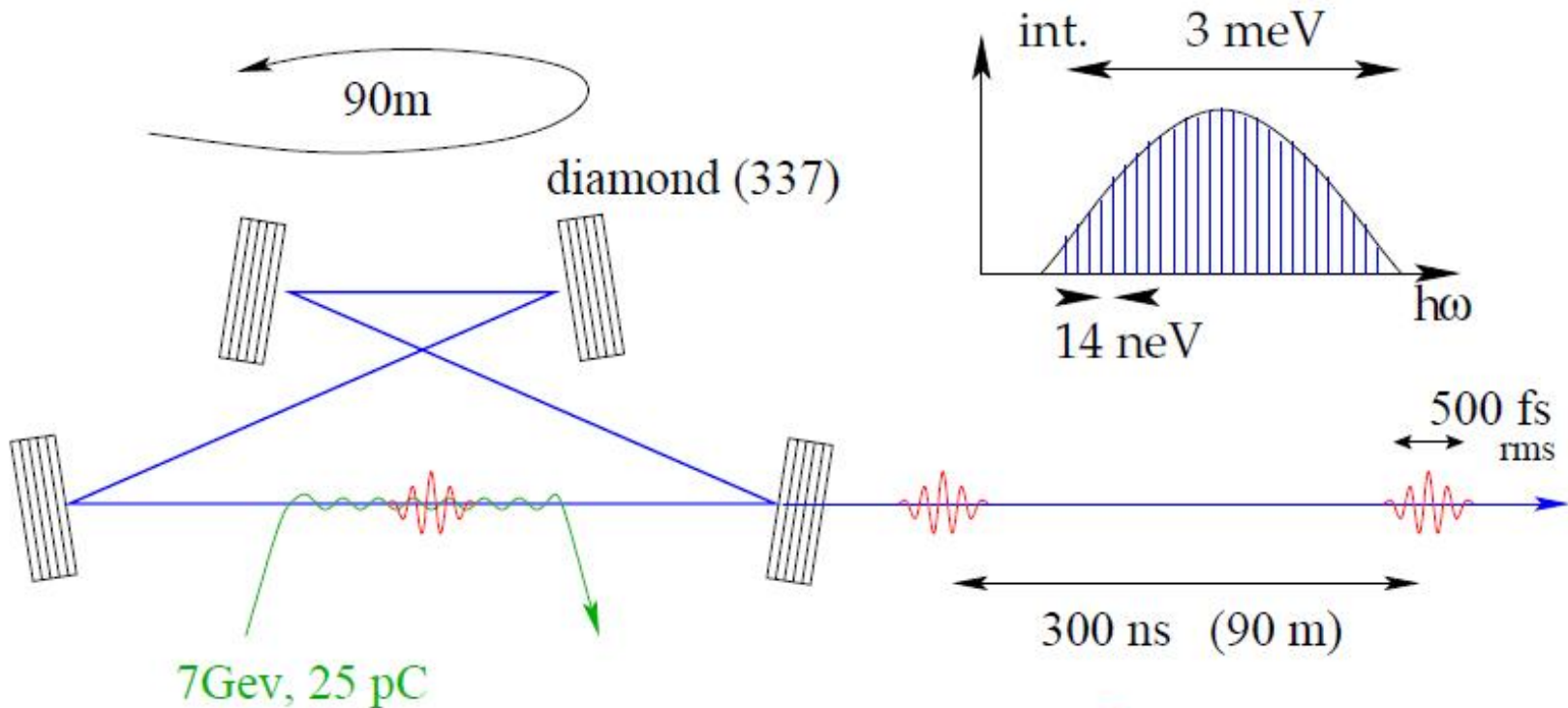
Intracavity HHG  
10 kW IR power,  $F\sim 500$



$\sim 10 - 100\ \mu\text{W}$  at 0.5 keV  
( $\sim 10^3 - 10^4$  photons/pulse)

# XFELO

Design example: XFELO for 14.4 keV



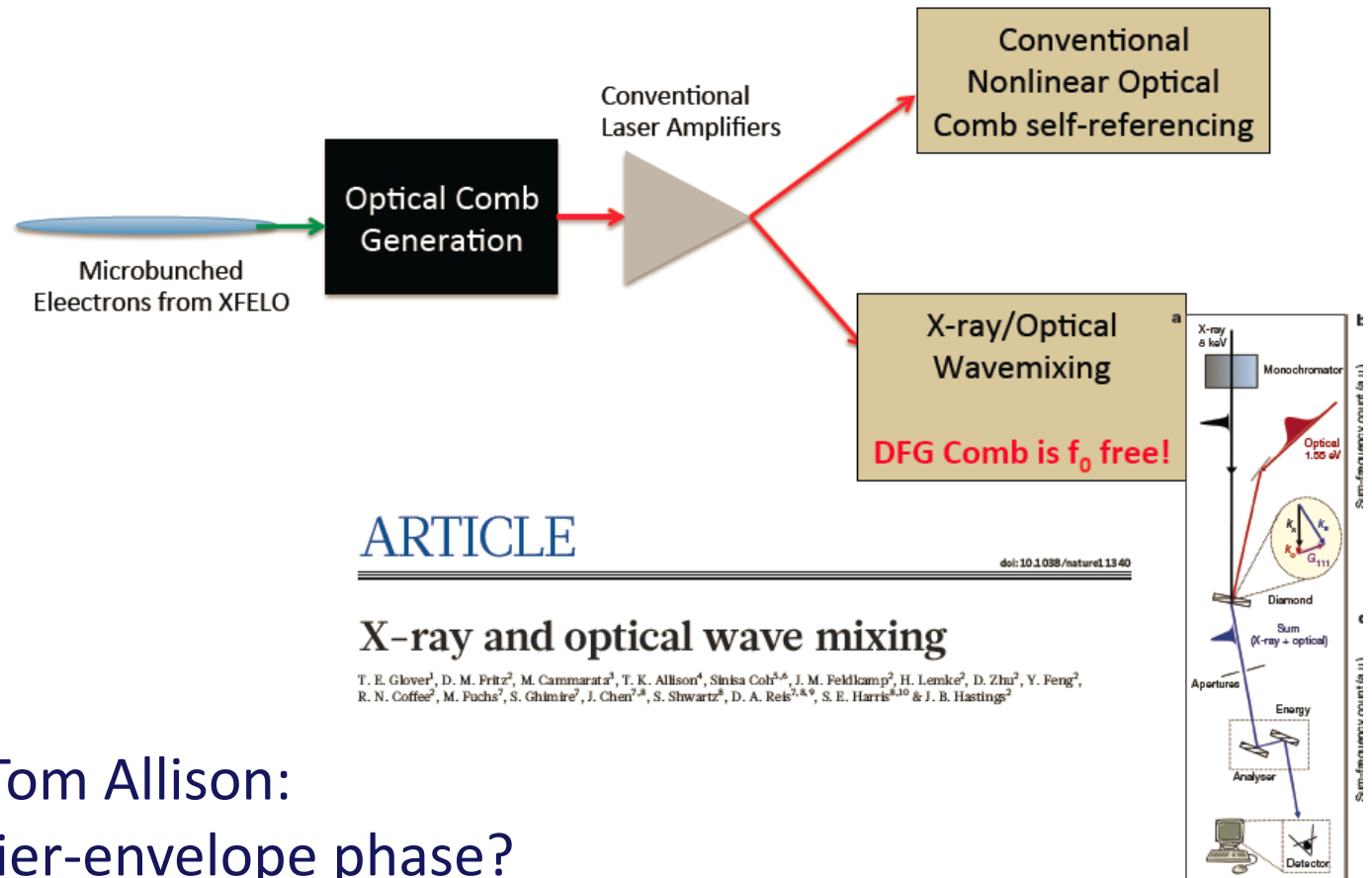
$6.5 \cdot 10^8$  photons/pulse

Kwang-Je Kim et al.: PRL 100, 244802 (2008)  
PRST-AB 12, 030703 (2009)

parameters from R. Lindberg (ANL)

# Leo Hollberg: High resolution spectroscopy with X-ray comb

If you could...



Chris Corder & Tom Allison:  
X-ray comb carrier-envelope phase?