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Attociencia, herramientas para controlar los procesos más breves

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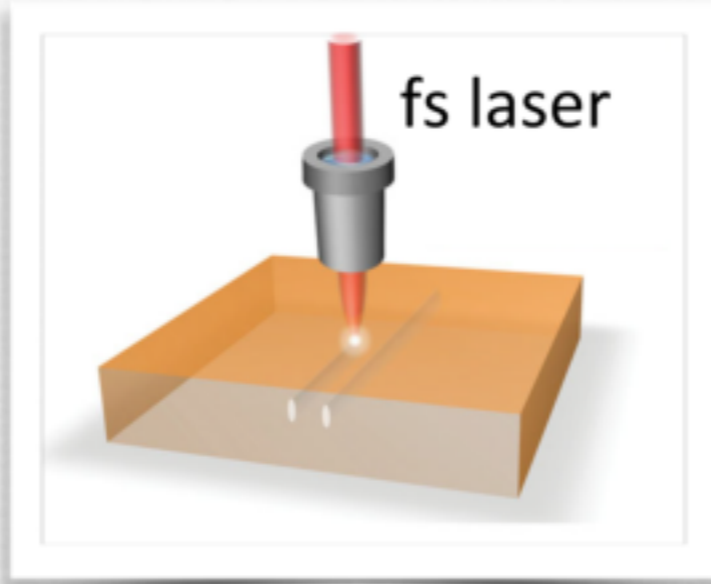


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Fabrication of integrated photonics devices in transparent dielectrics



ACTIVE PHOTONIC DEVICES

Fabrication of compact high-performance devices as waveguide lasers and frequency converters

NEW FABRICATION STRATEGIES

Design of novel approaches for engineering the optical properties of waveguides

FUNCTIONAL 3D DEVICES

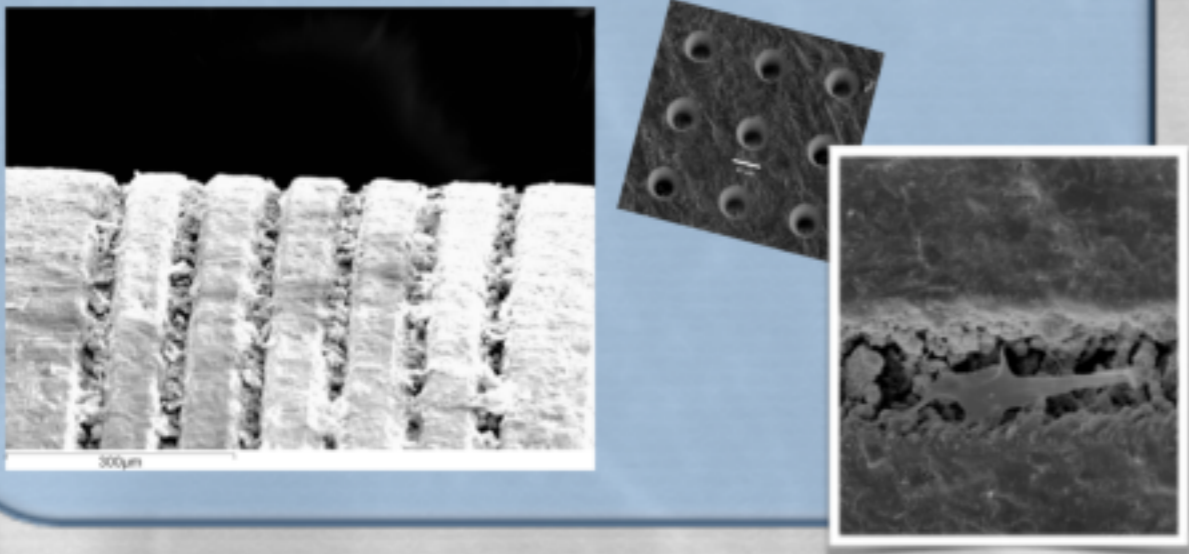
Implementation of 3D photonic circuits with complex geometry



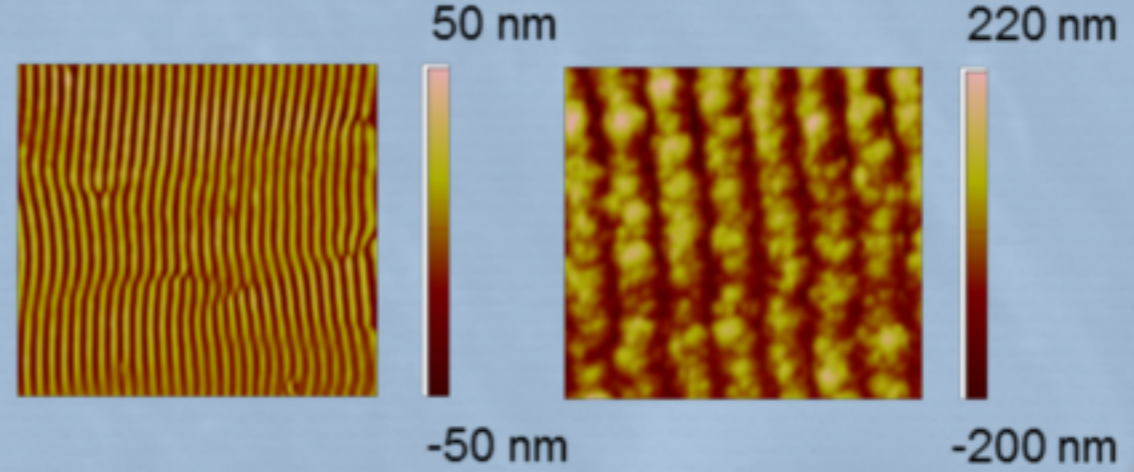
Surface engineering with ultrashort laser pulses.



IMPLANT SURFACE MICROSTRUCTURING FOR IMPROVING TISSUE GROWTH



FEMTOSECOND LIPSS IN POLYMERS

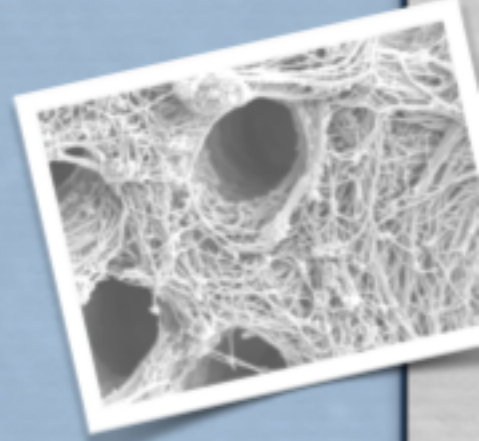
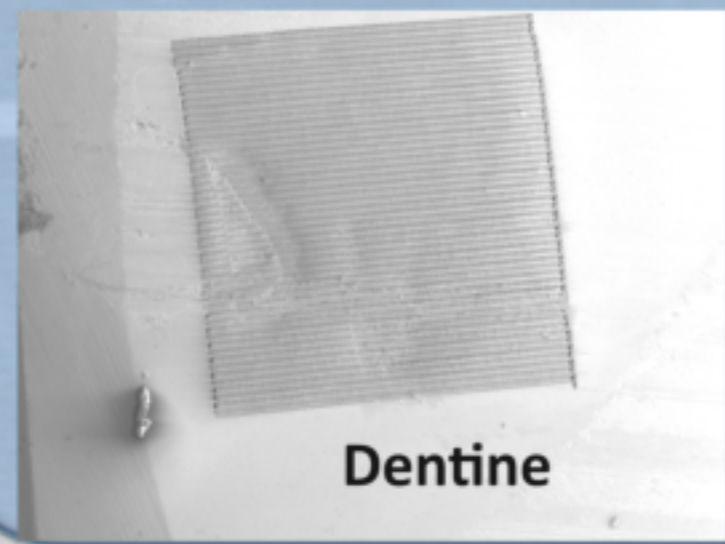


TAILOR-MADE MICROFABRICATION

Hard & brittle materials

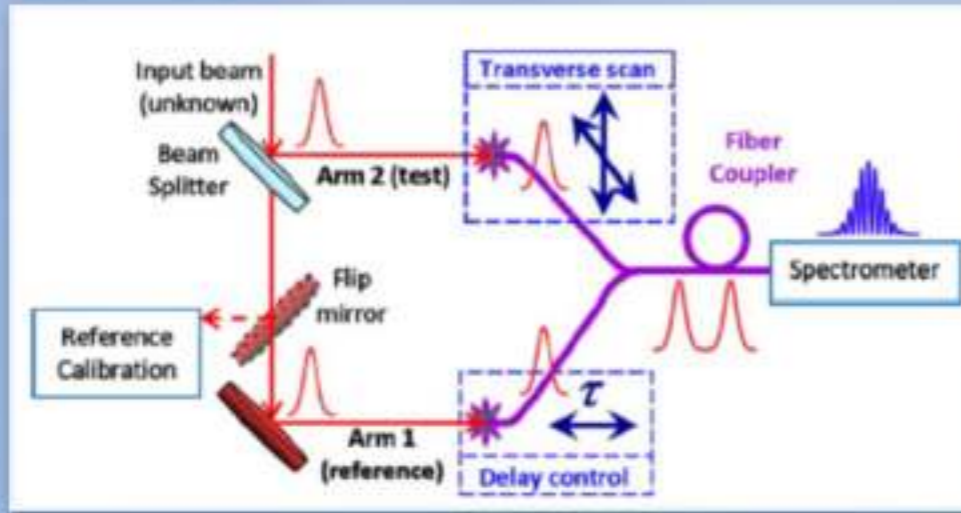


DENTAL TISSUE CONDITIONING FOR ORTHODONTICS

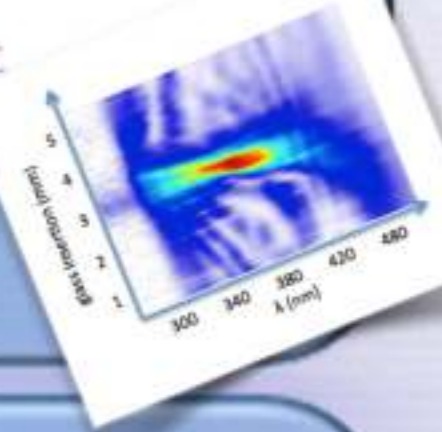
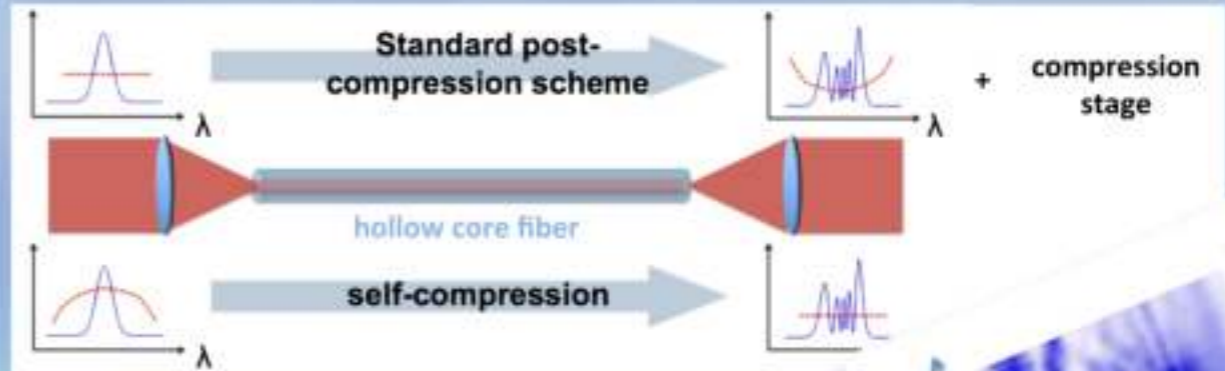


Pulse diagnostics and non-linear propagation

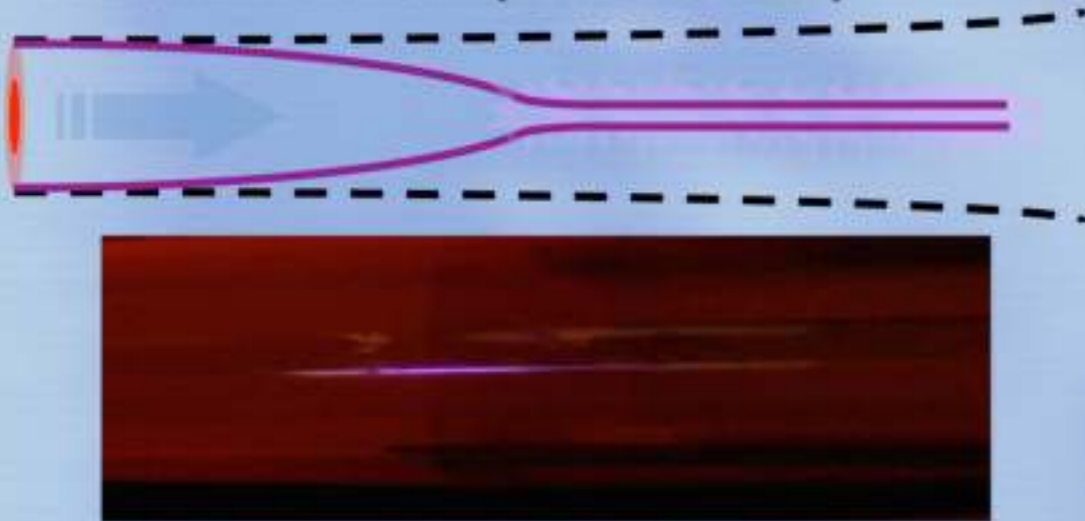
SPATIO-TEMPORAL RECONSTRUCTION (STARFISH)



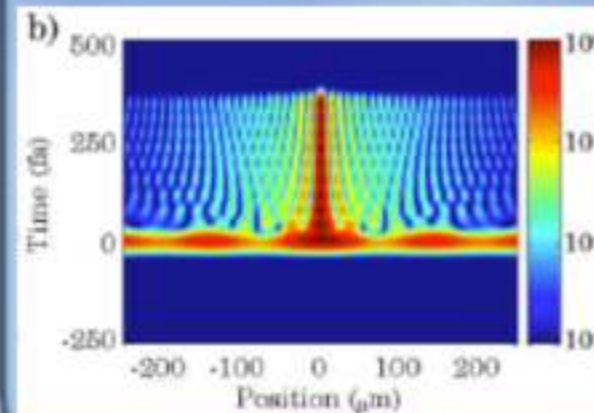
PULSE COMPRESSION



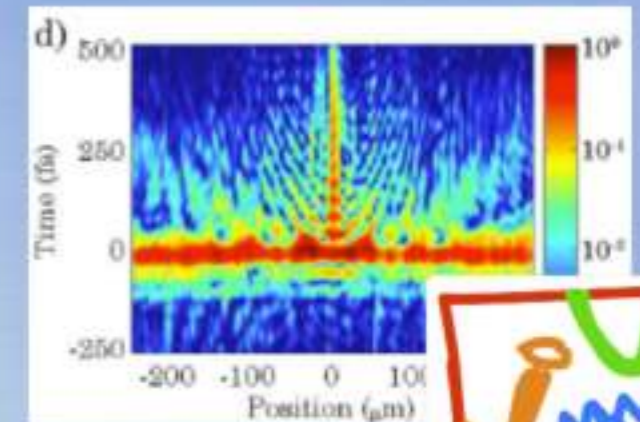
FILAMENTATION (THEO & EXP)



DIAGNOSTICS OF PULSED COMPLEX BEAMS

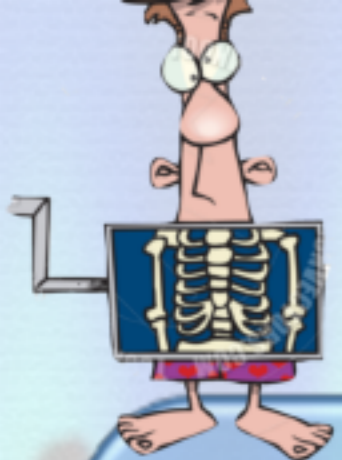


THEO



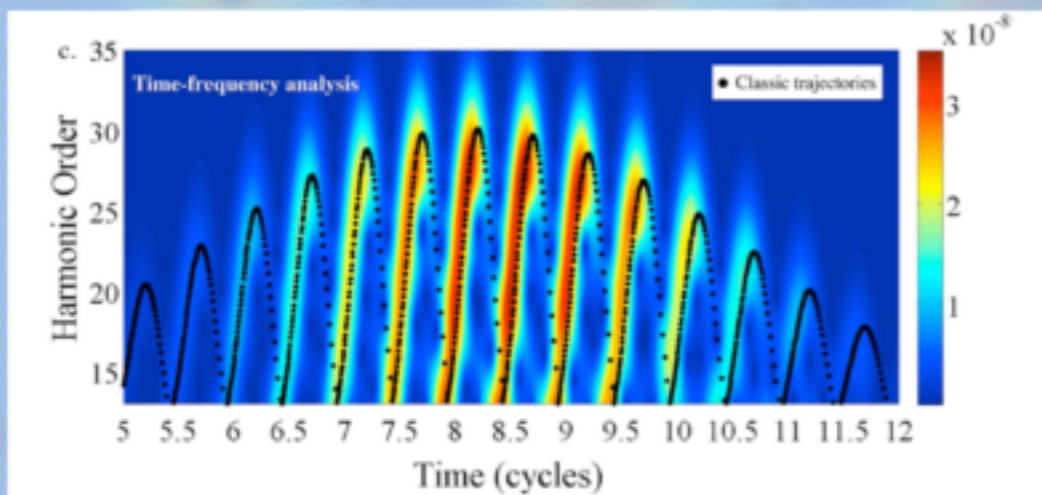
EXP



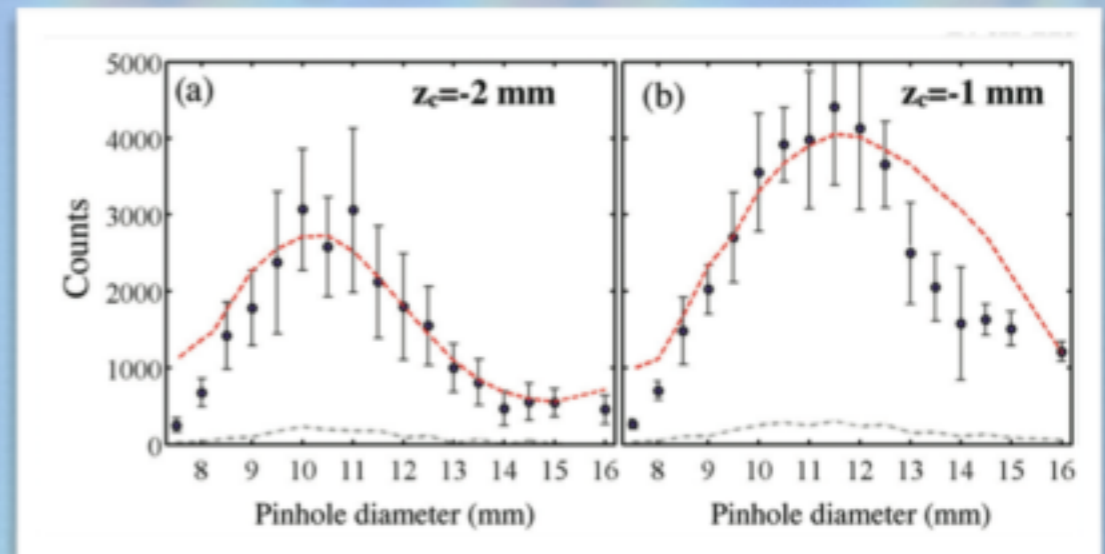


High-order harmonics and Attosecond Science (Theo & Exp)

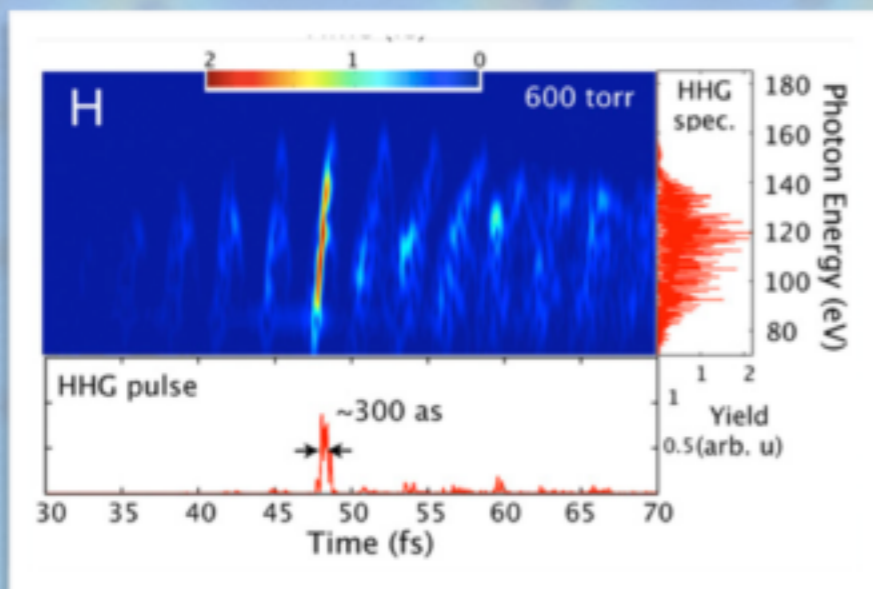
SINGLE ATOM: SFA+
PROPAGATION: DDA



BENCHMARKING WITH EXPERIMENTS

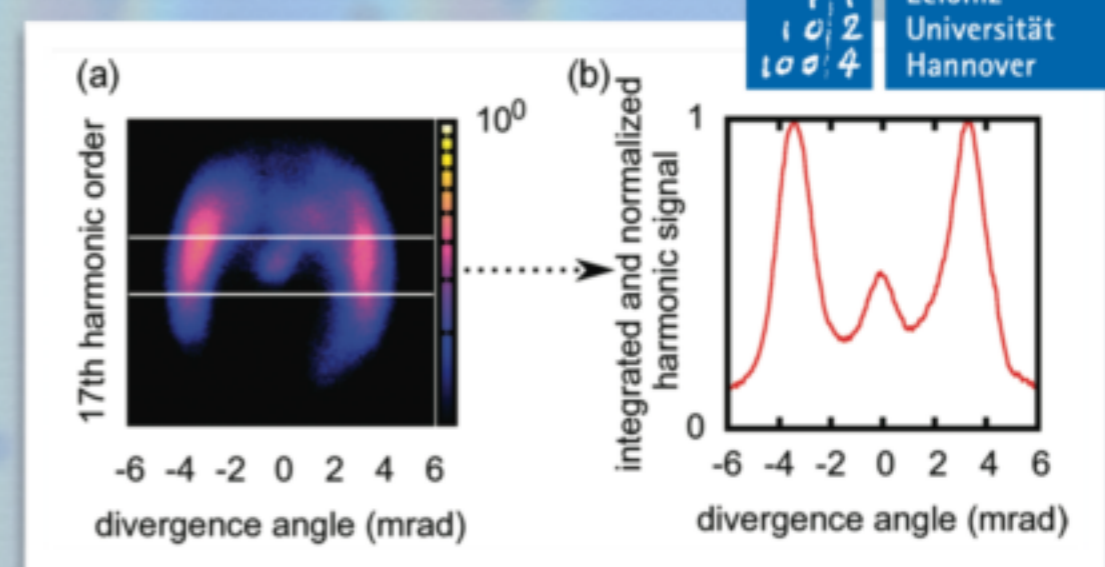


Role of transversal phase-matching



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Isolated X-ray attosecond pulses

XUV harmonics in gas cell



ÍNDICE

- ✦ **Introducción a la Attociencia**
- ✦ **¿Cómo generamos pulsos de attosegundo?**
- ✦ **¿Cómo controlamos sus propiedades?**





1 segundo

1/1000 **milisegundo**

1/1000000 **microsegundo**

1/1000000000 **nanosegundo**

1/1000000000000 **picosegundo**

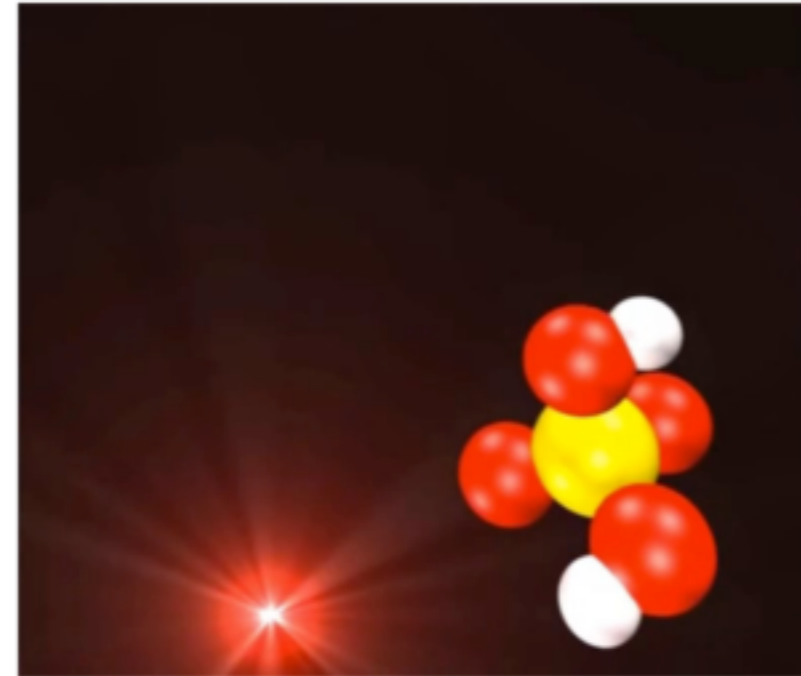
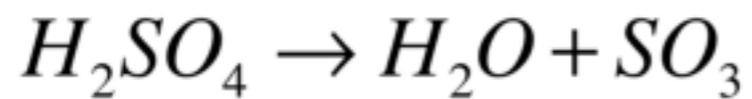
1/1000000000000000 **femtosegundo**

1/1000000000000000000 **attosegundo**

Picosegundos 10^{-12} s.

Reacciones Químicas

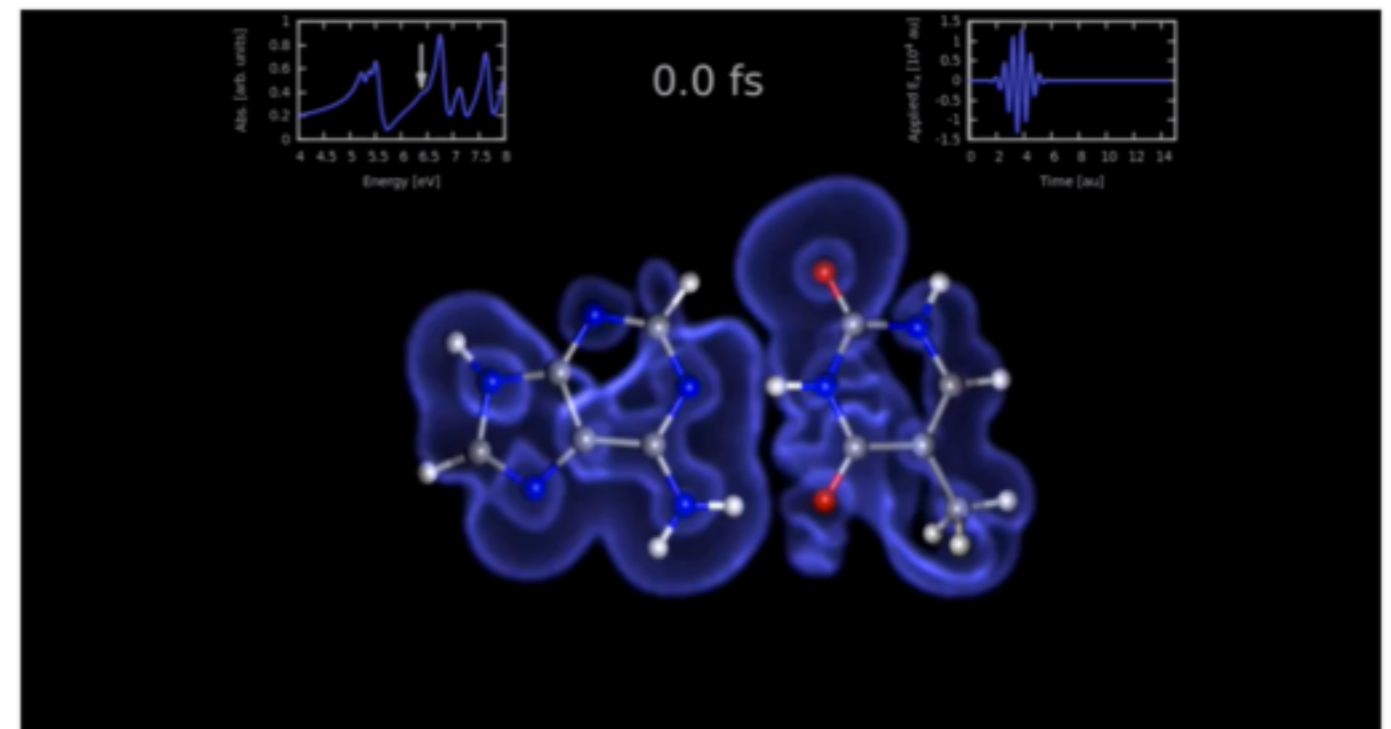
Disociación del ácido sulfúrico



Femtosegundos 10^{-15} s.

Física-Química:

El movimiento de
electrones en moléculas

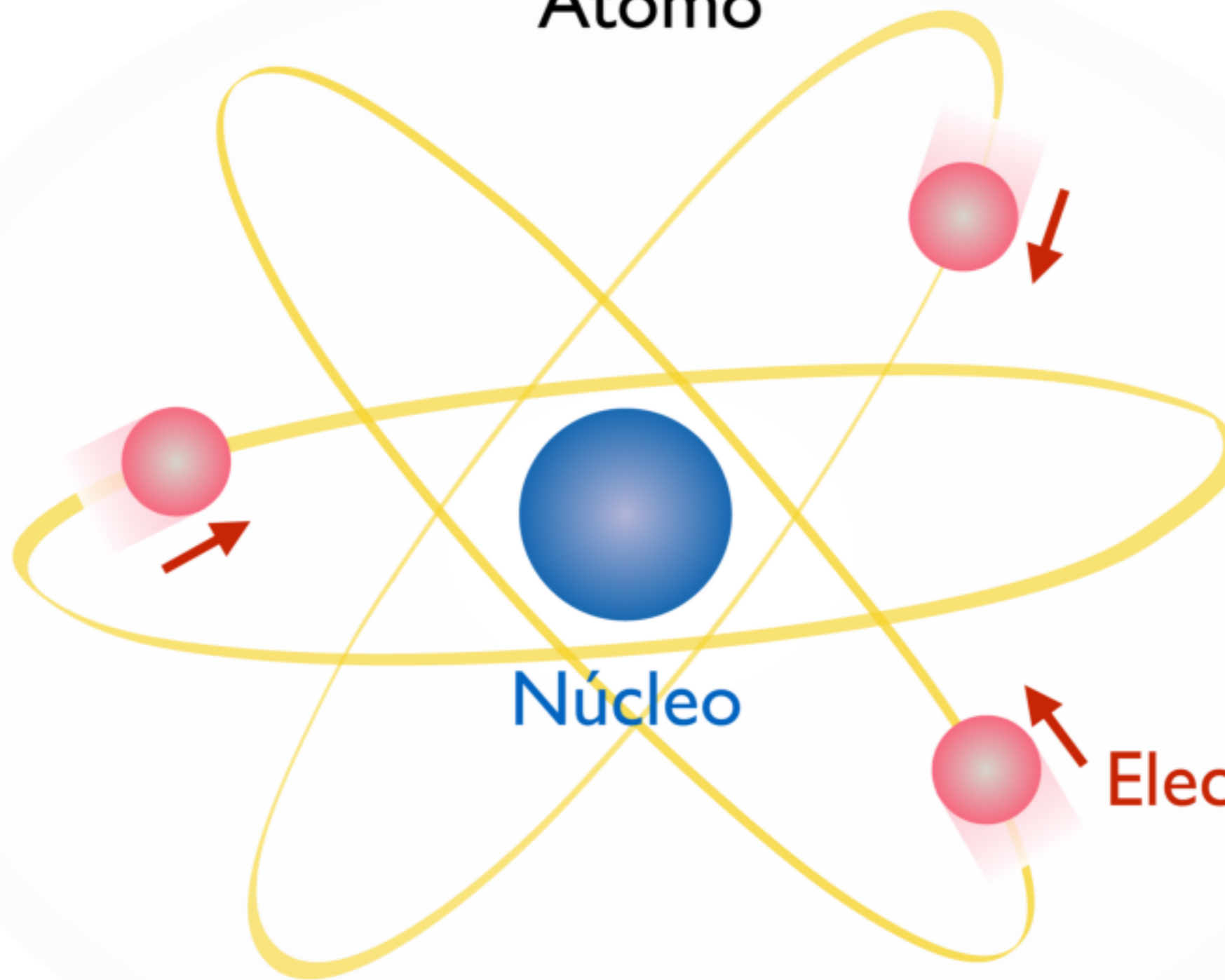


Charge transfer excitation between adenine and thymine

Attosegundos 10^{-18} s.

1/1000000000000000000
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Átomo



Núcleo

Electrón



100 attosegundos

Edad del Universo = 10^{18} segundos

14.000 millones de años

1 segundo

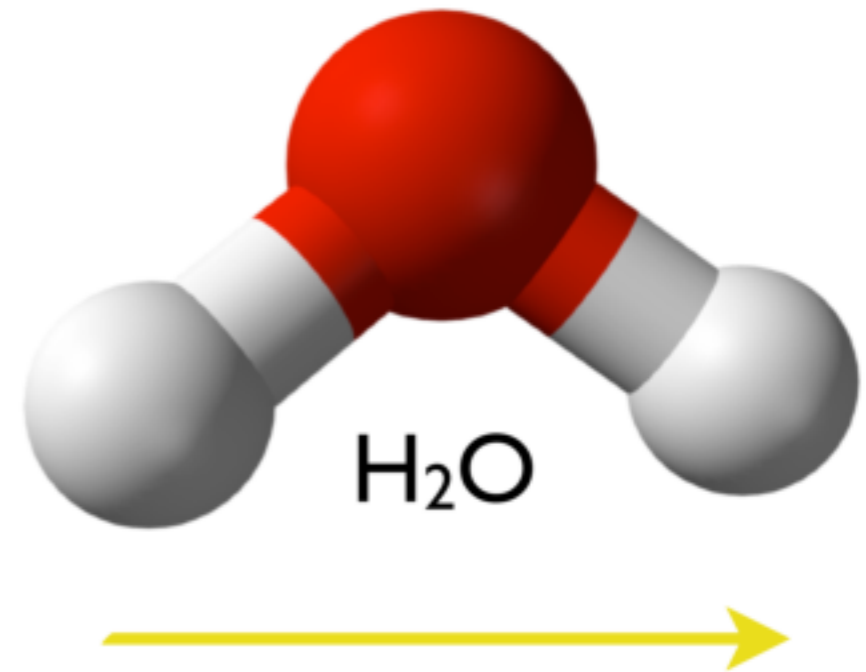


1 attosegundo = 10^{-18} segundos

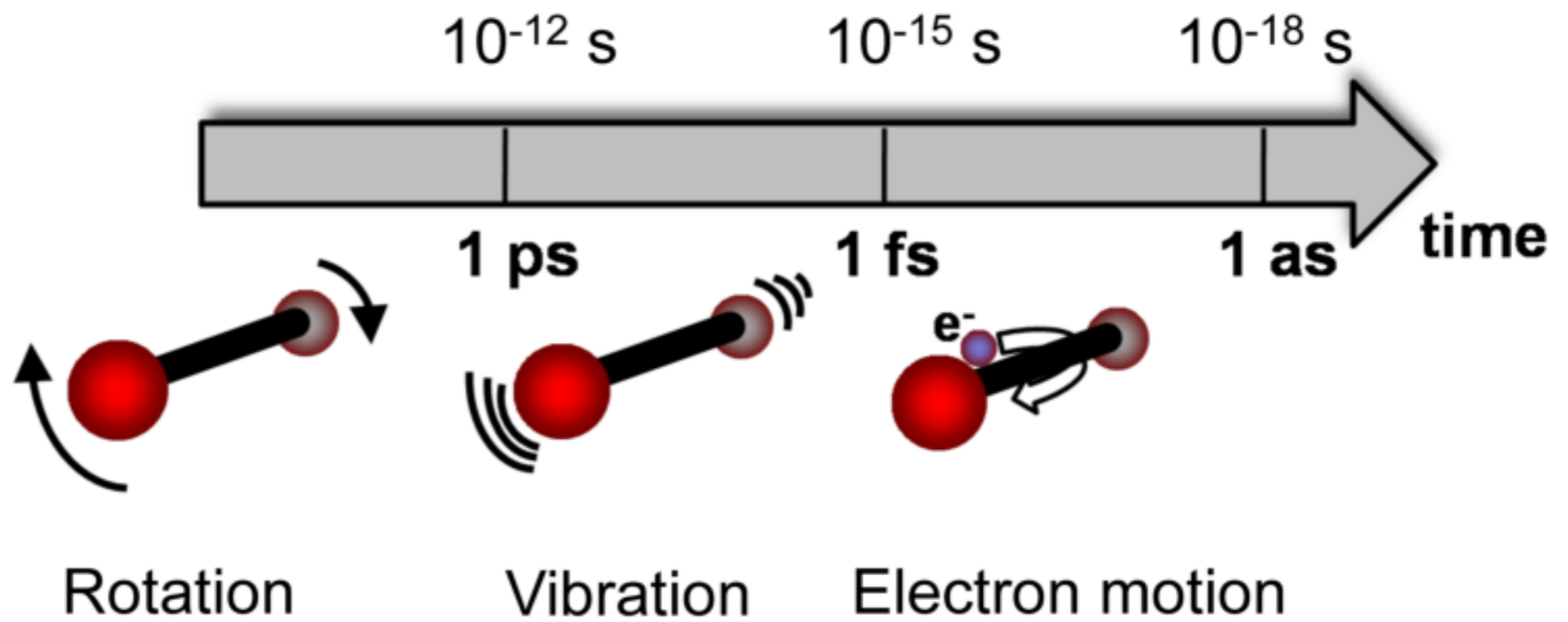
La luz recorre...



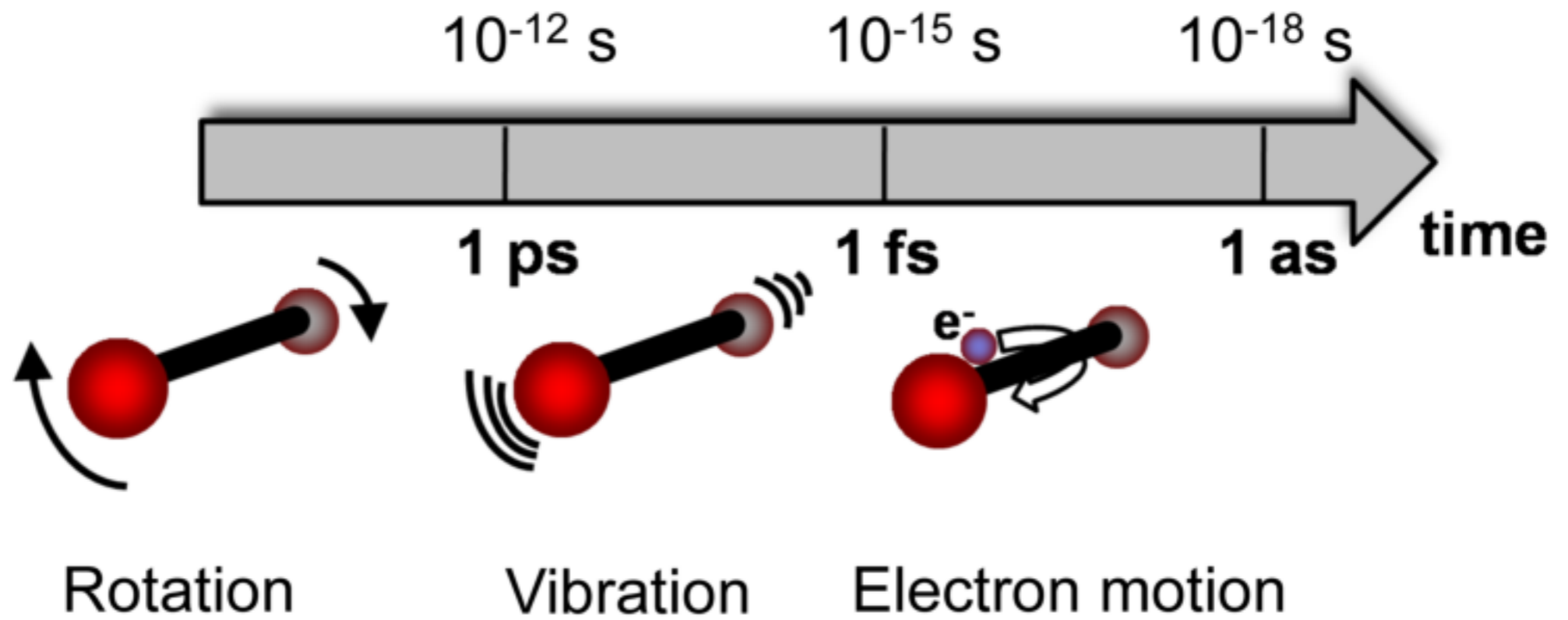
¡7.5 vueltas a la Tierra
en un **segundo!**

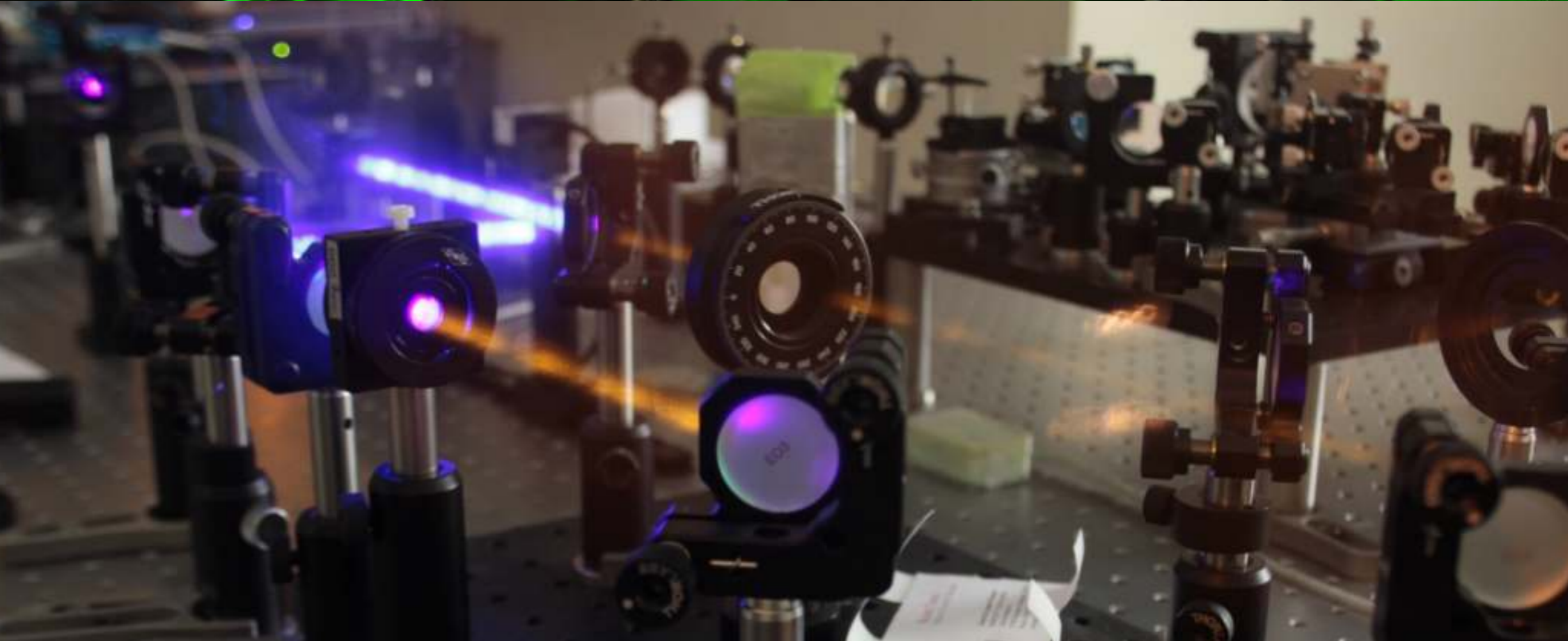


¡una molécula de agua
en un **attosegundo!**









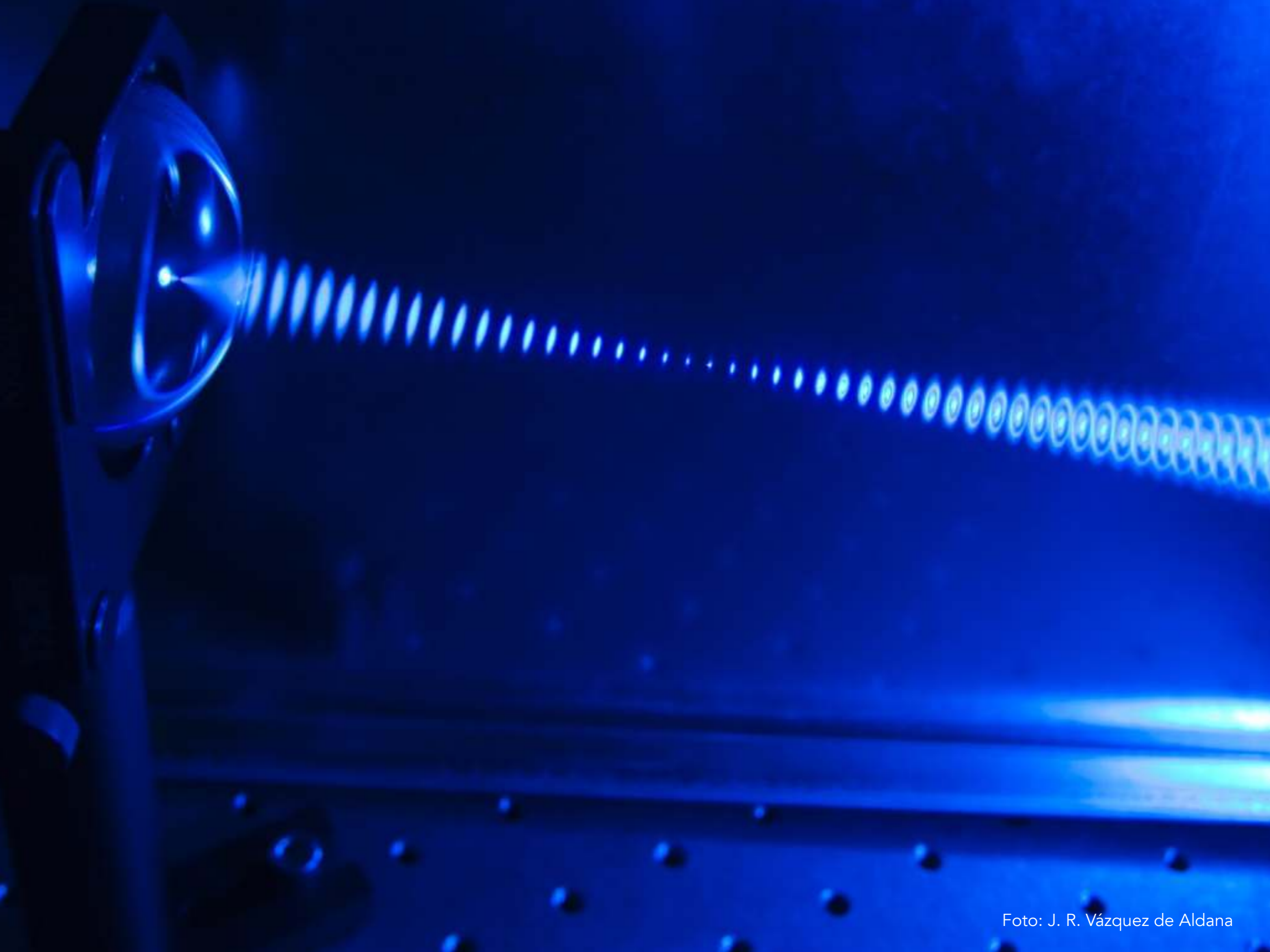
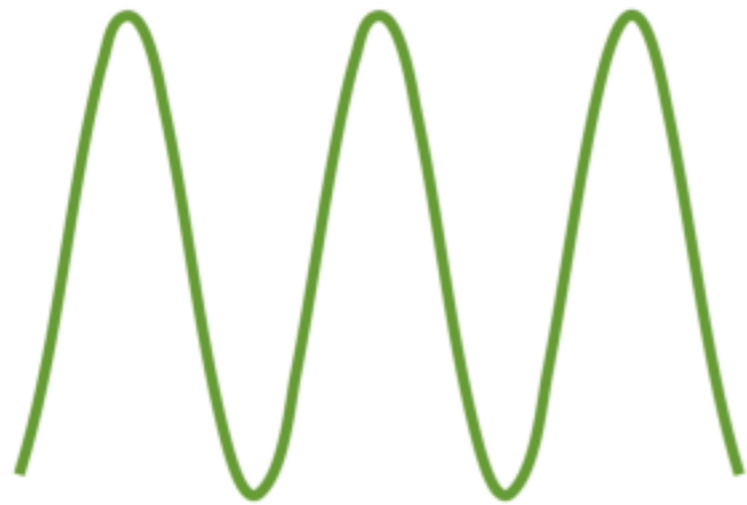


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Construyendo un pulso de luz ultracorto

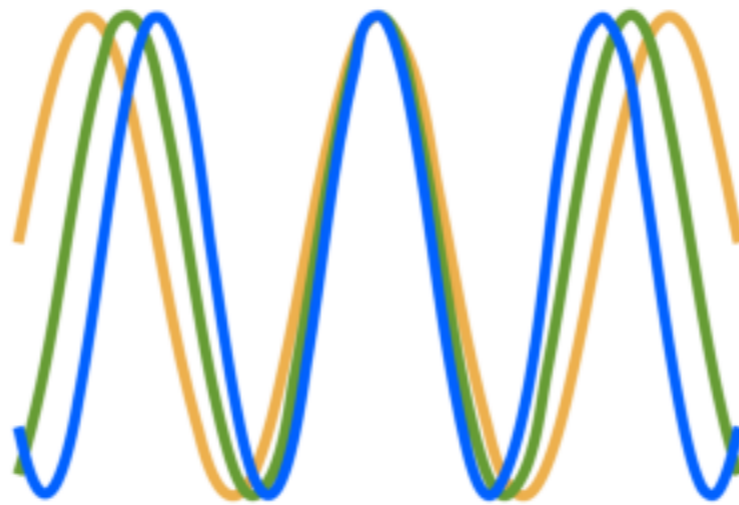
Una sola frecuencia



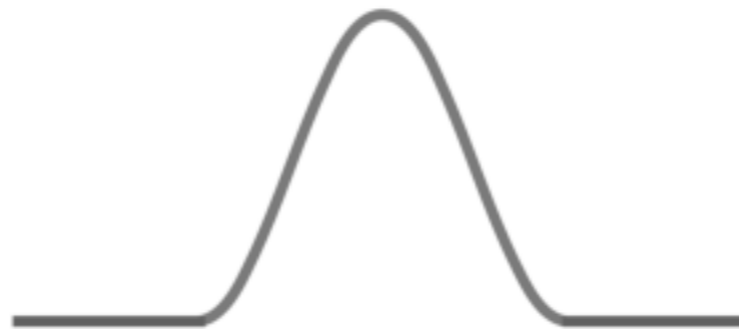
Emisión continua



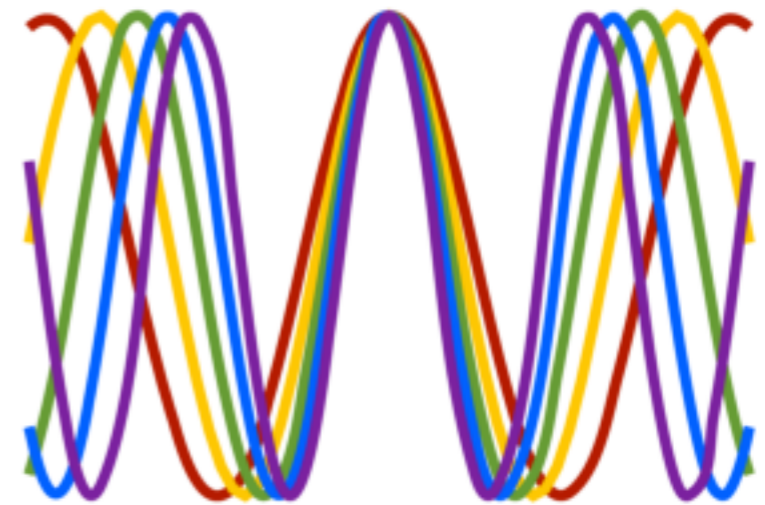
Algunas frecuencias



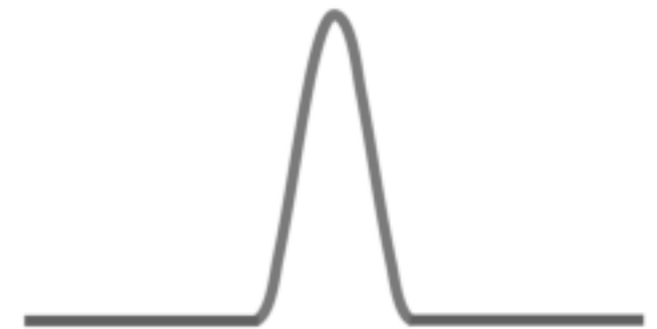
Pulso corto



Muchas frecuencias



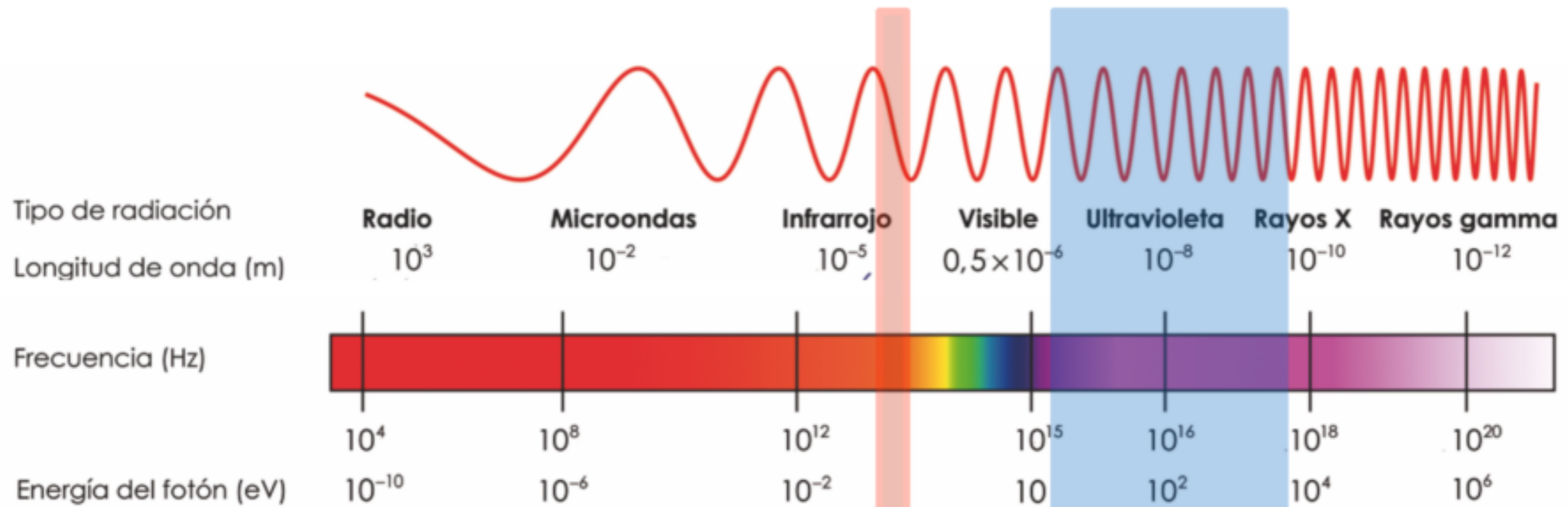
Pulso ultracorto



tiempo



Pulso Largo vs Pulso Corto



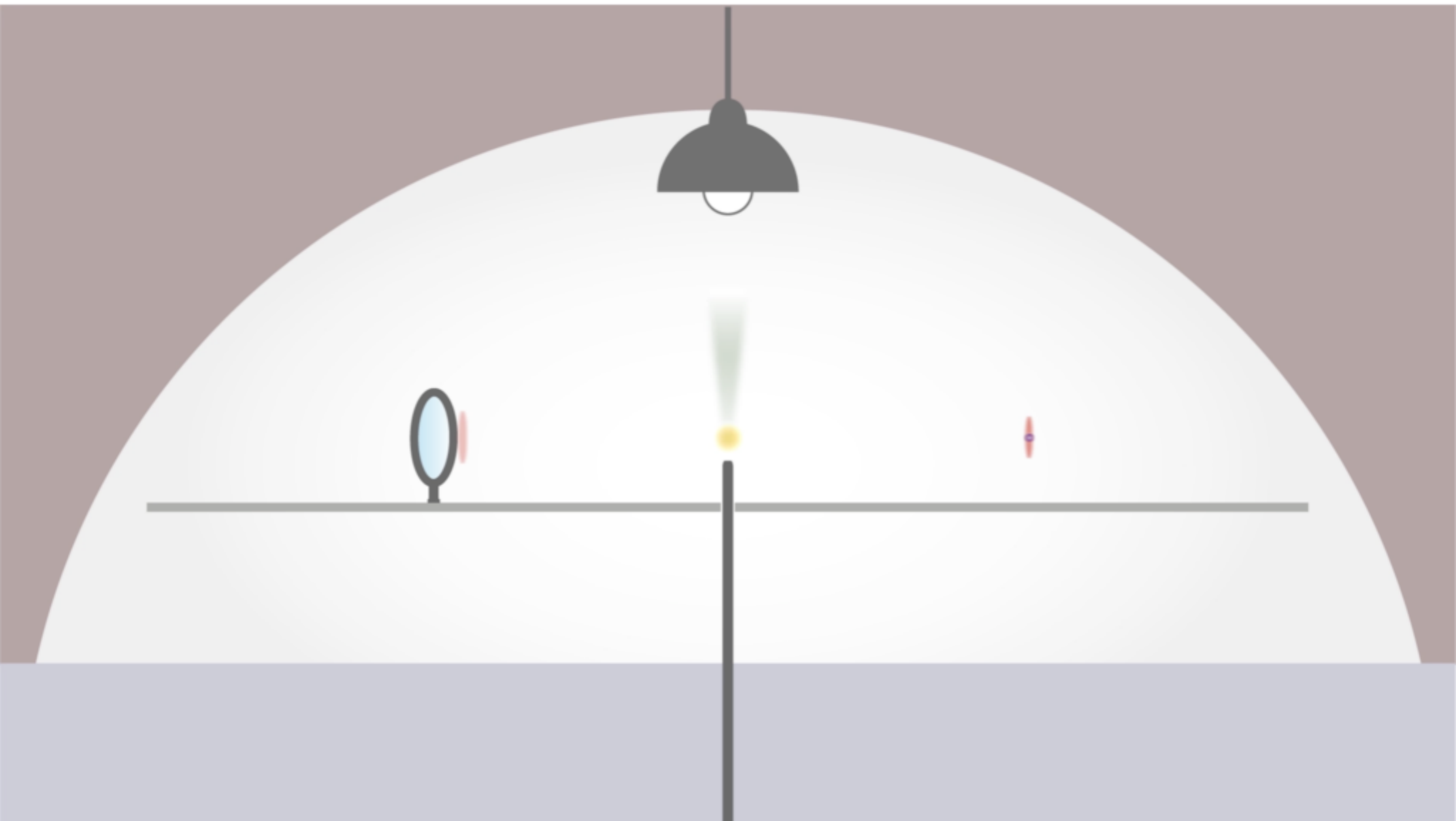
Pulsos de pocos **femtosegundos**

Anchura espectral (0.25 eV)
centrados en 800 nm, 1.5 eV
(1 ciclo=2.7 fs)

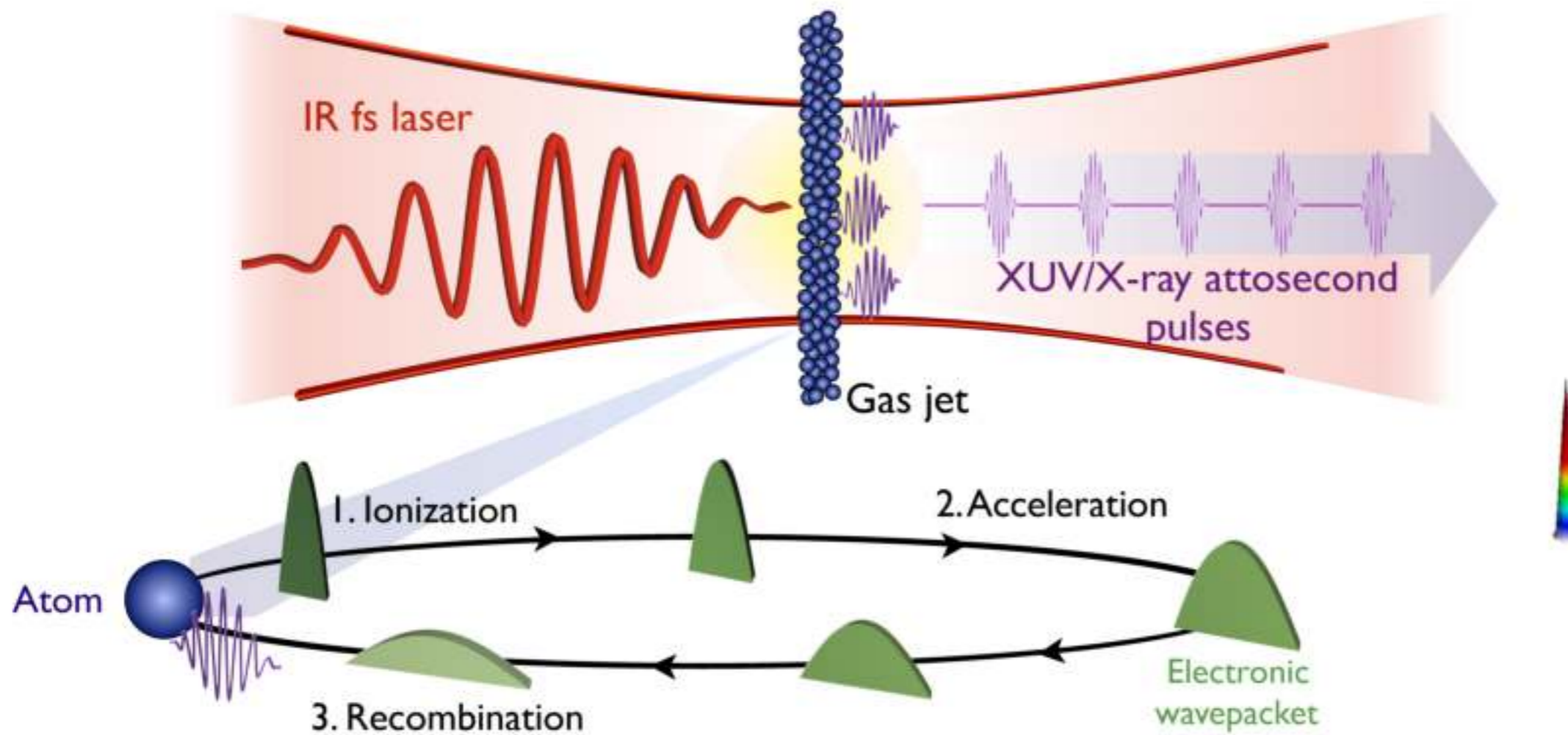
Pulsos de pocos **attosegundos**

Anchura espectral (700 eV)
centrados en 1.5 nm, 800 eV
(1 ciclo= 5 as)

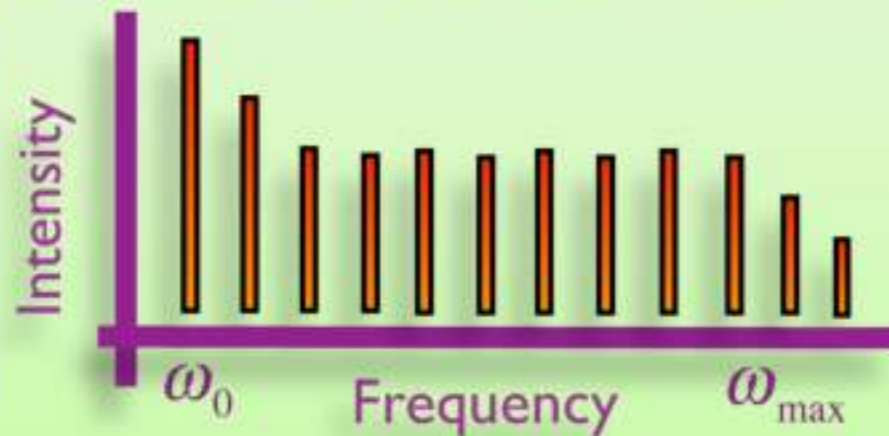
High-order harmonic generation



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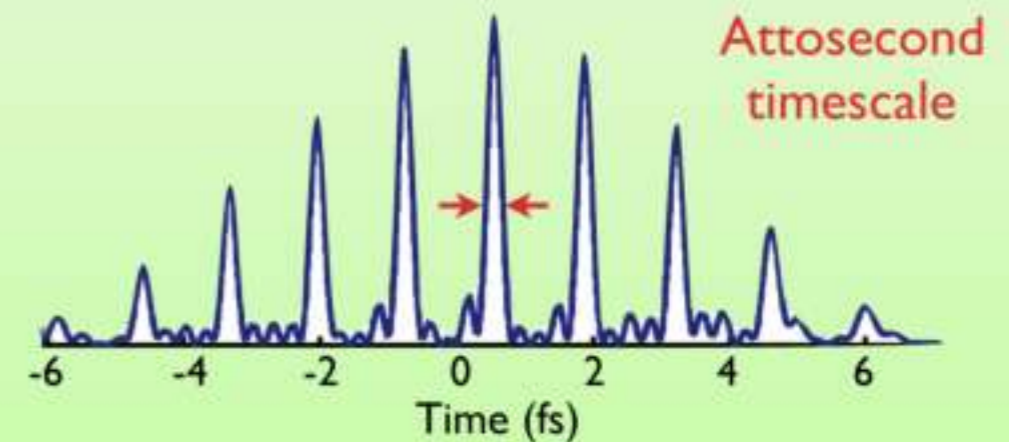


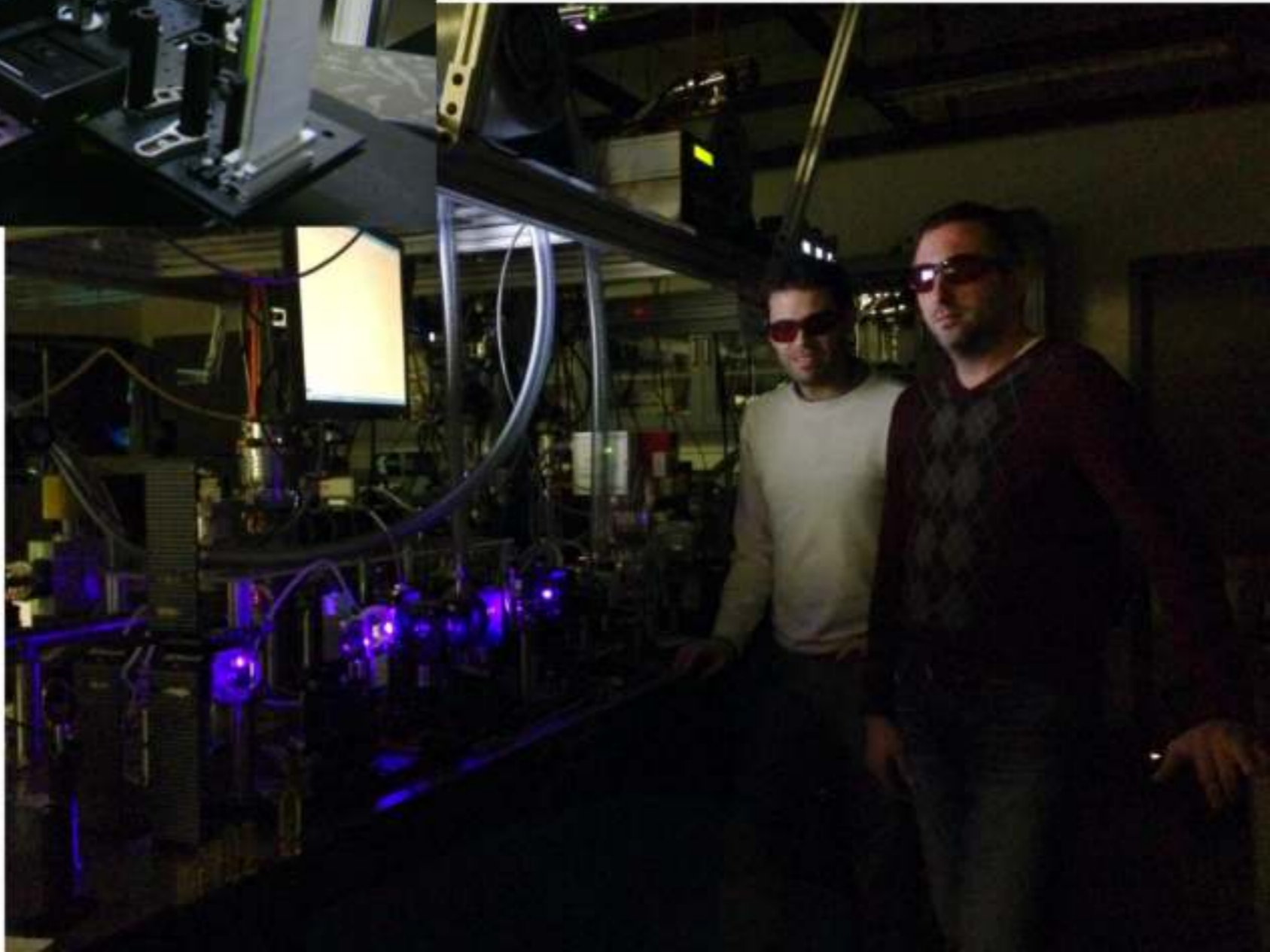
1. High Energy: VUV to X-rays



Fourier Transform

2. Ultrashort pulses: Attosecond (I





Theoretical challenges

At typical laser intensities ($10^{13} - 10^{15} \text{ W/cm}^2$) the interaction between atoms and the laser field is nonperturbative.

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle = H(t) |\psi(t)\rangle \quad H = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} + V + e\vec{E} \cdot \vec{r}$$

Exact solution: Time Dependent Schrödinger Equation (TDSE).

Microscopic
Challenge

3D calculations require huge spatiotemporal grids, and thus are very slow.



We have to use approximations at the microscopic level:
The Strong Field Approximation

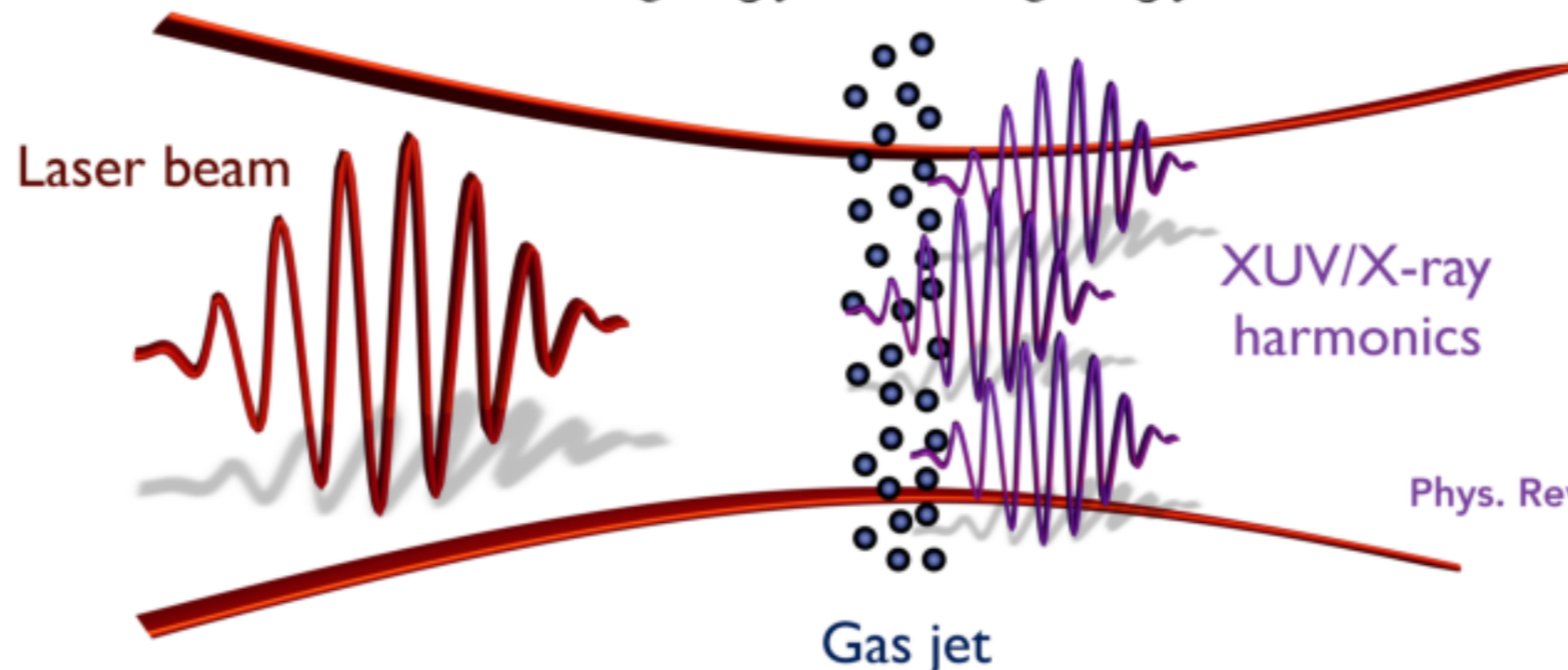
Theoretical challenges

Macroscopic
Challenge



Phase-matching (involves lot of single-atom calculations, and coupling with the Maxwell equations)

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t^2} \vec{E} = \frac{4\pi}{c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{J}$$

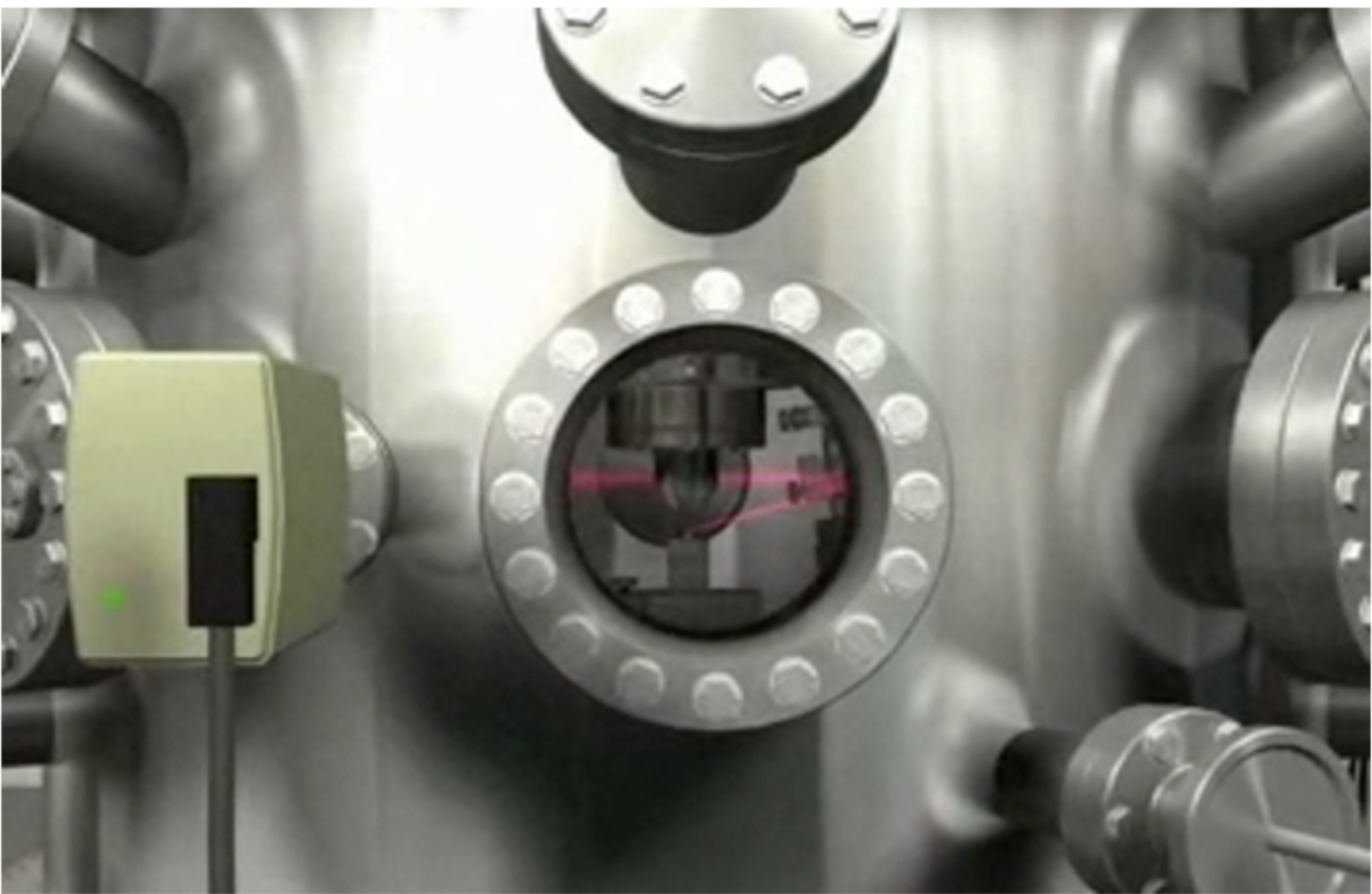


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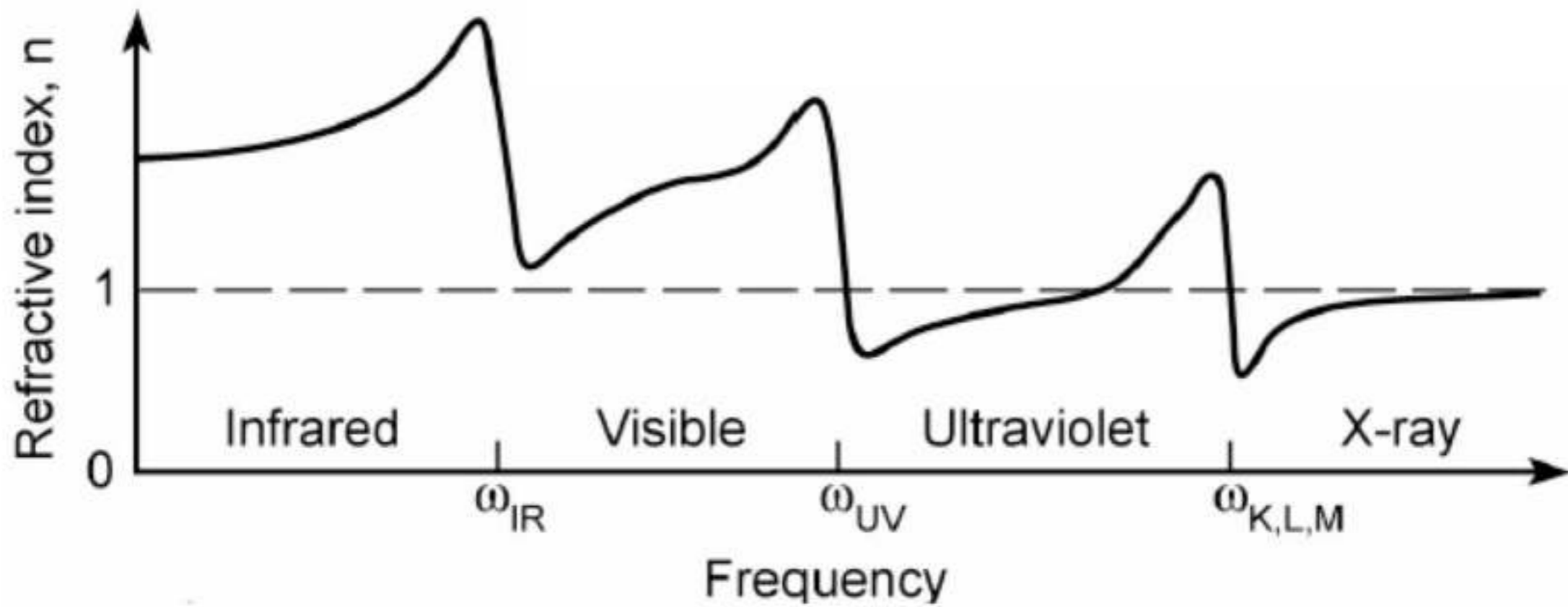
✦ **How do we measure such pulses?**



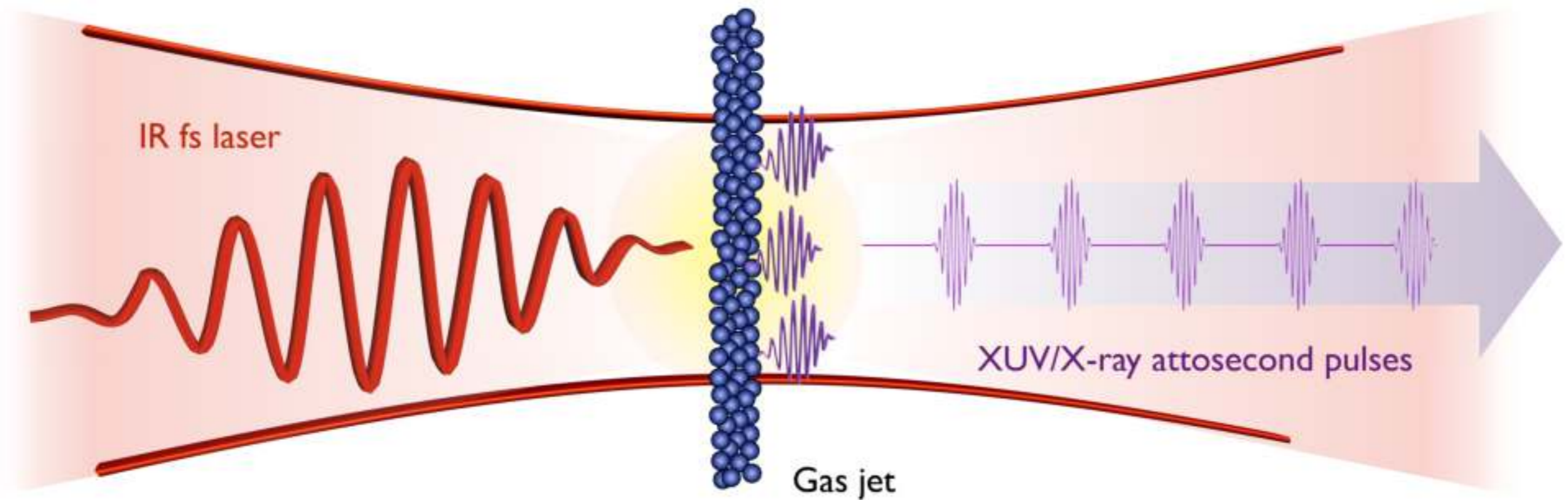


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- ◆ **Energy and pulse duration**
- ◆ **Angular momentum**
 - **Spin: Polarization**
 - **Orbital**

The problem...



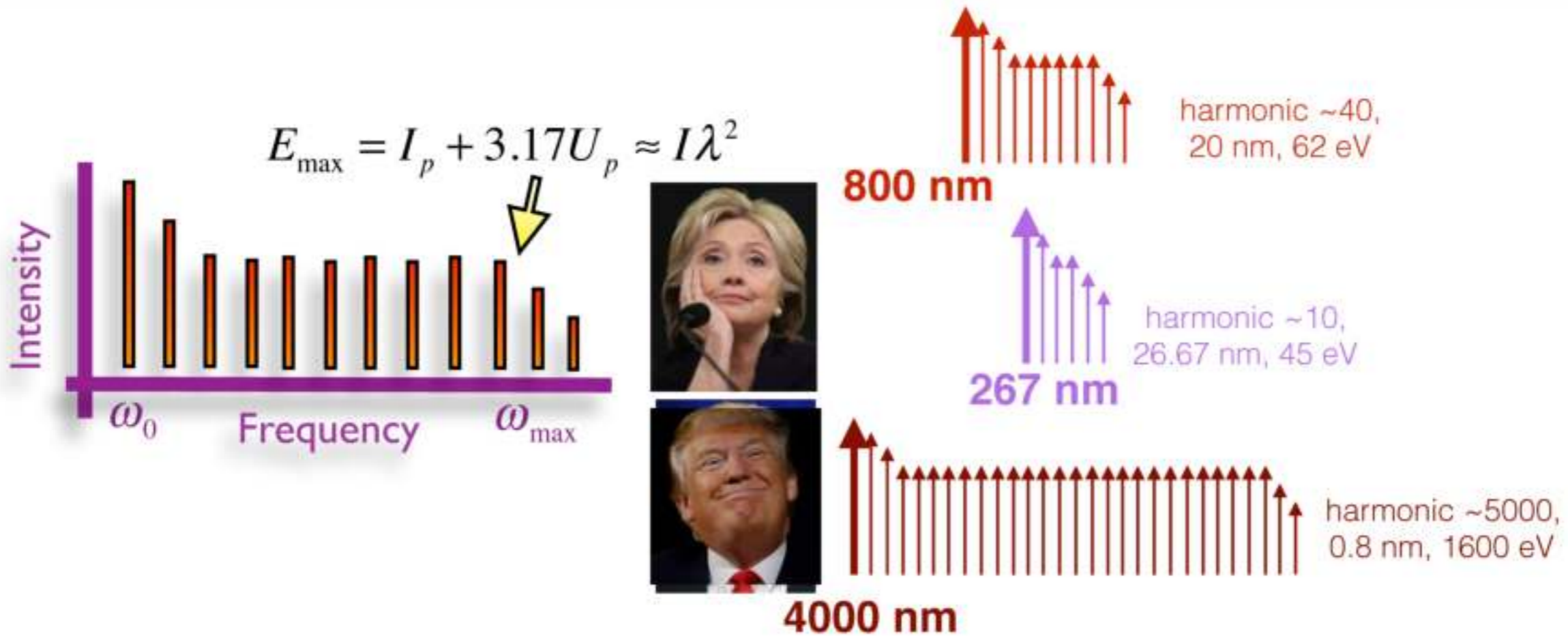
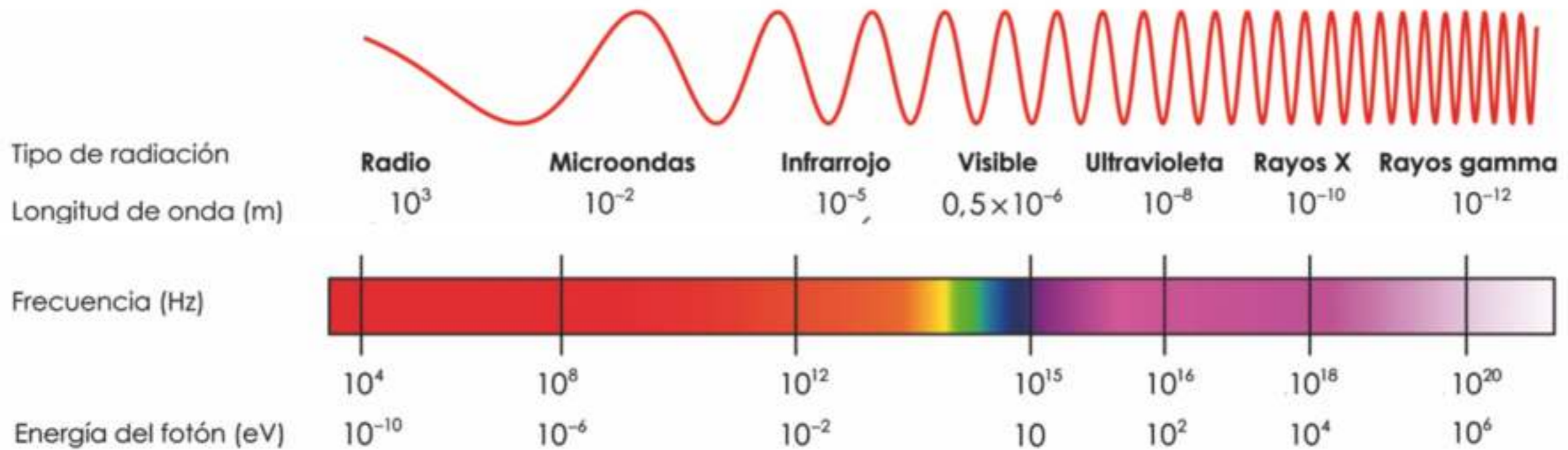
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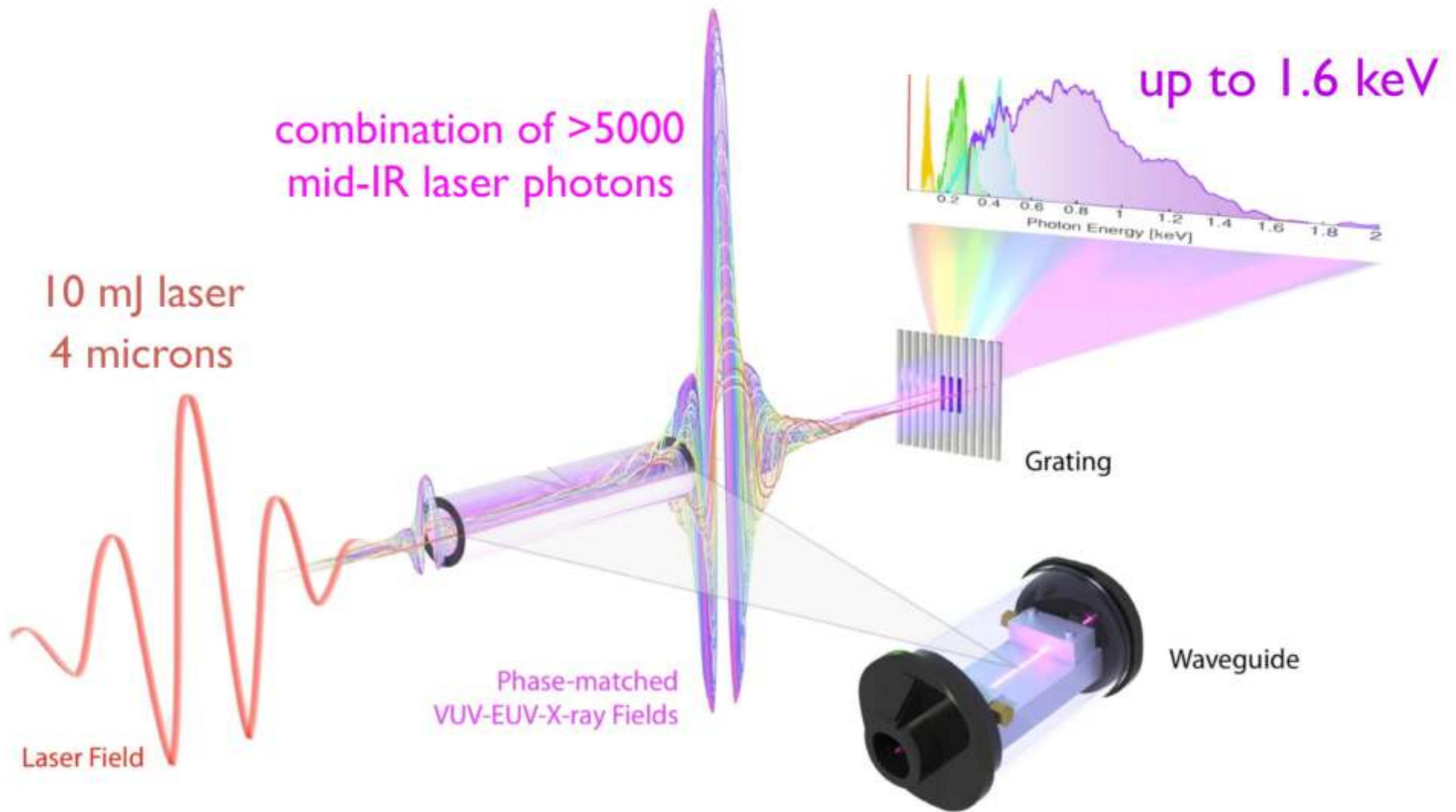


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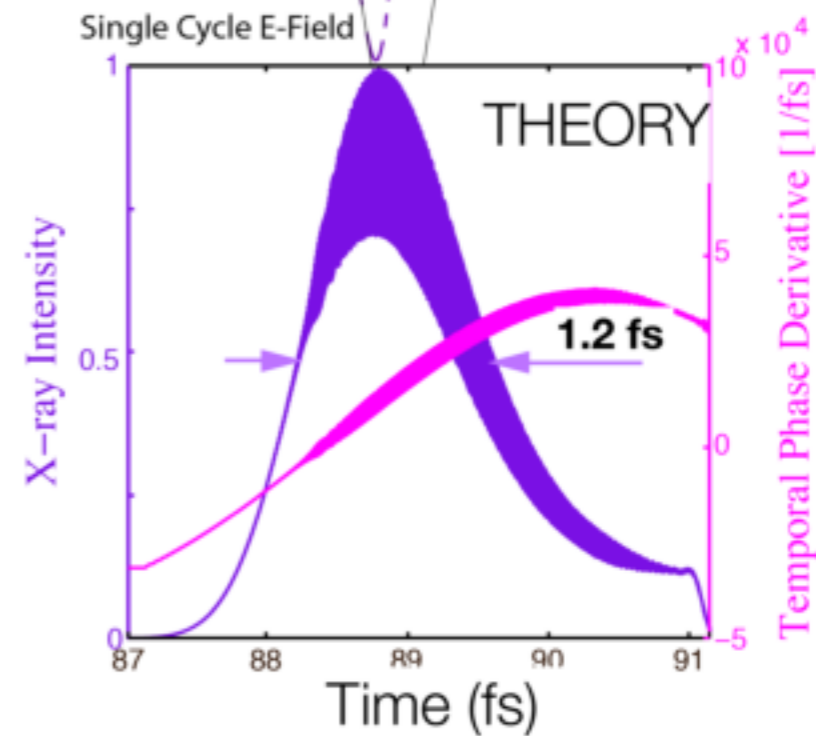
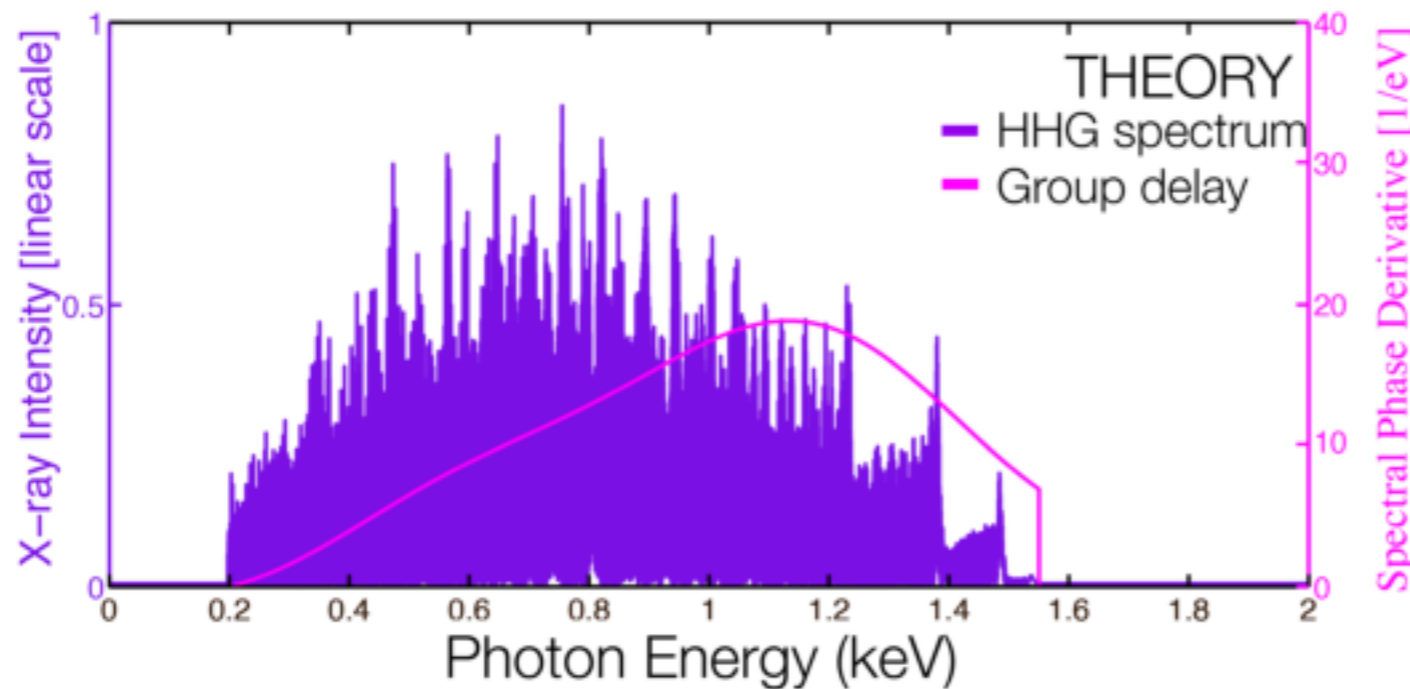
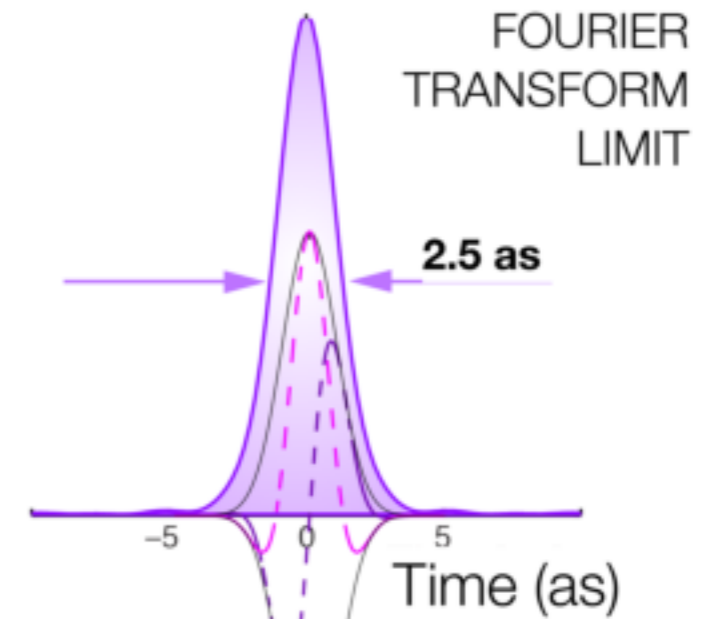
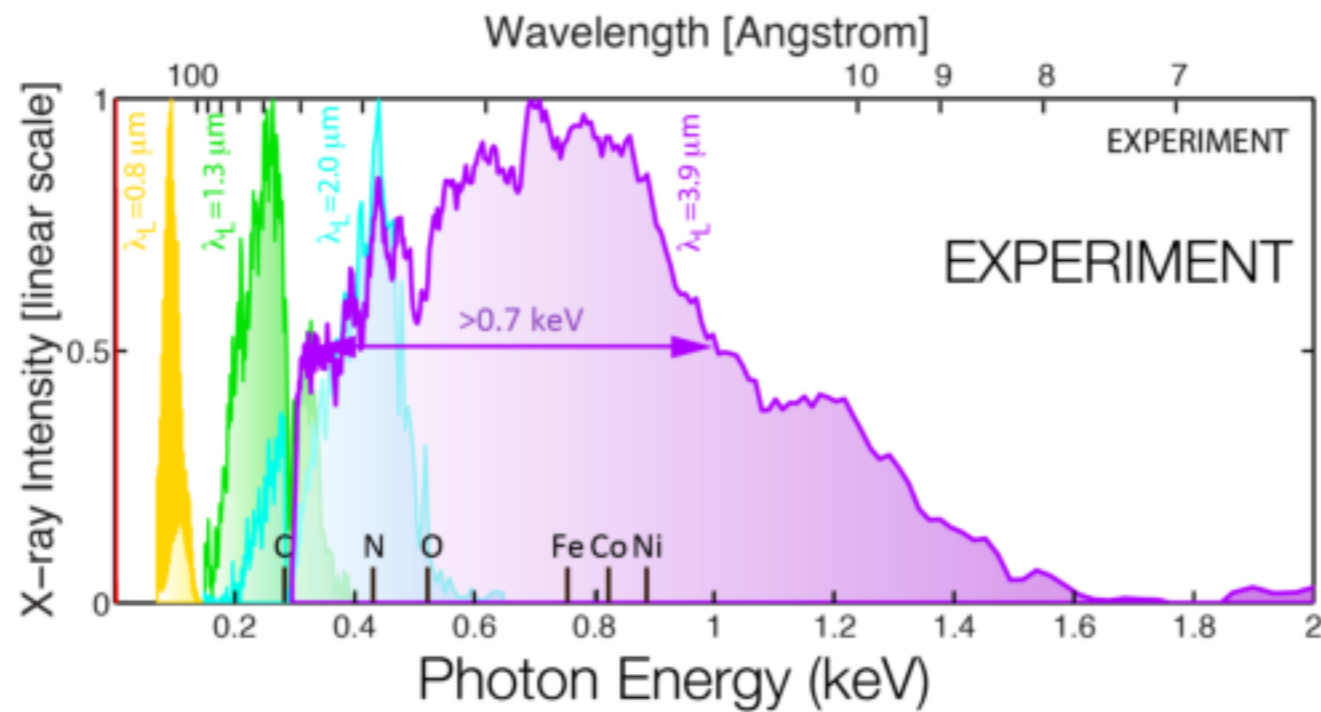
Increasing the energy of attosecond pulses



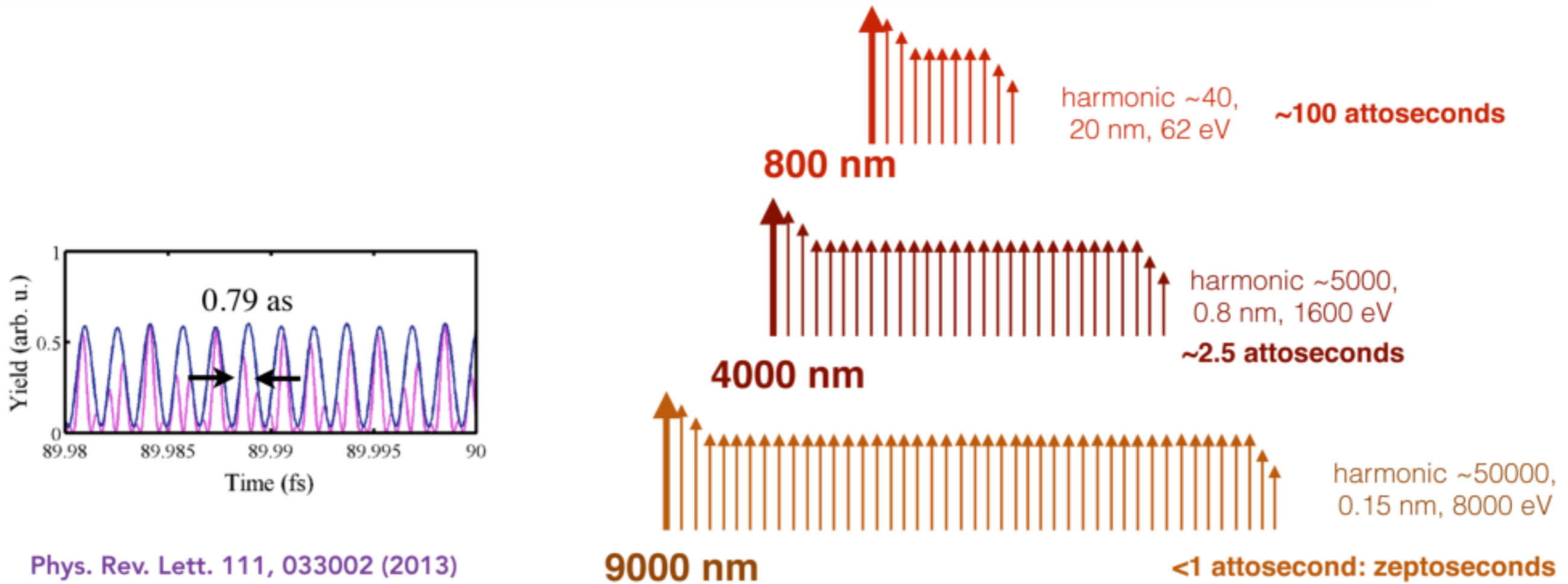
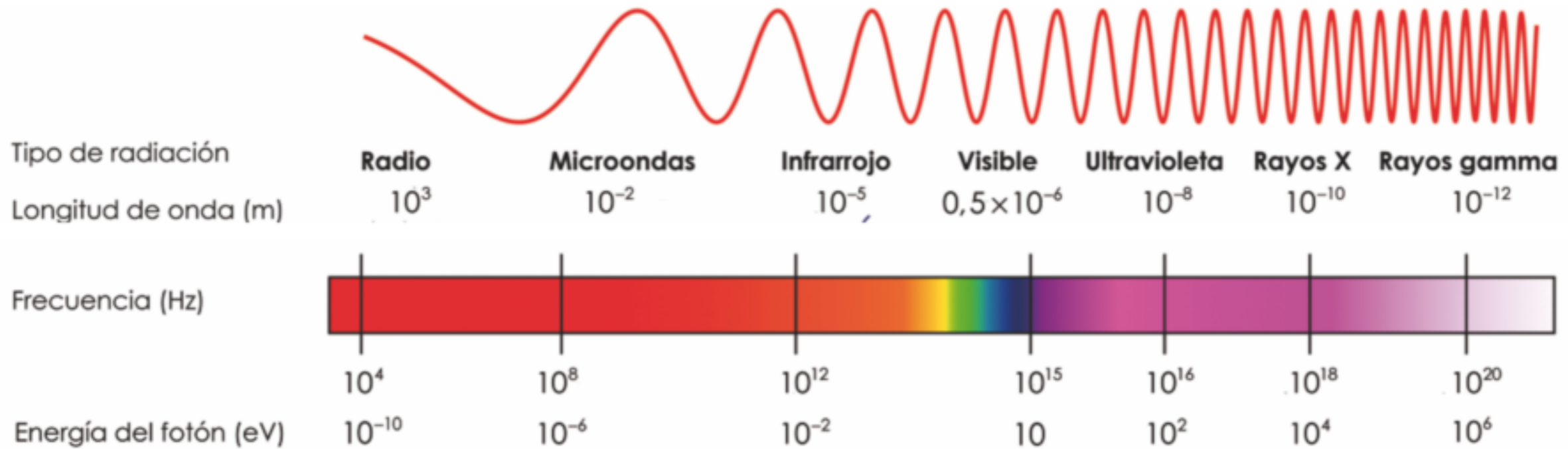
Coherent X Rays



Coherent X Rays



Where is the limit?



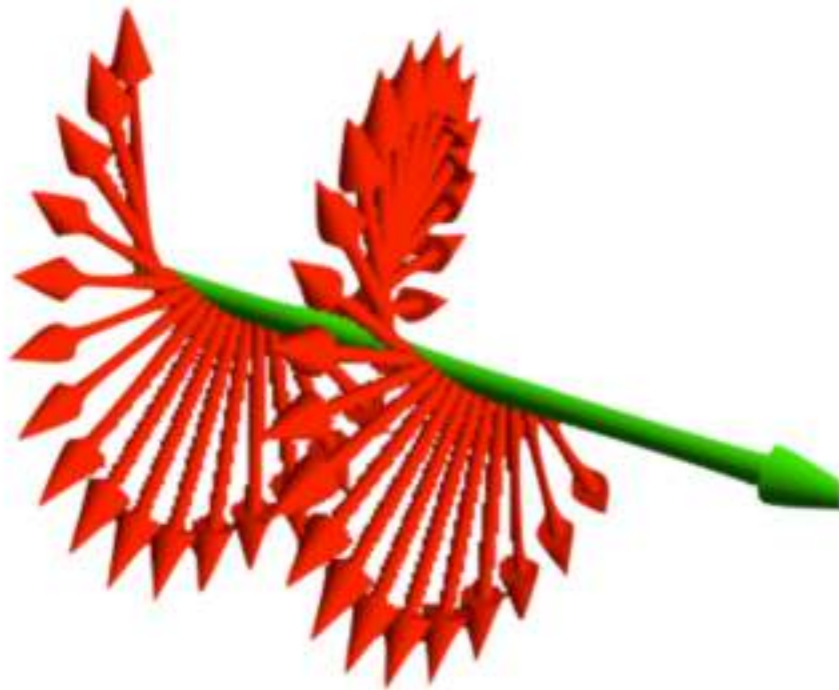


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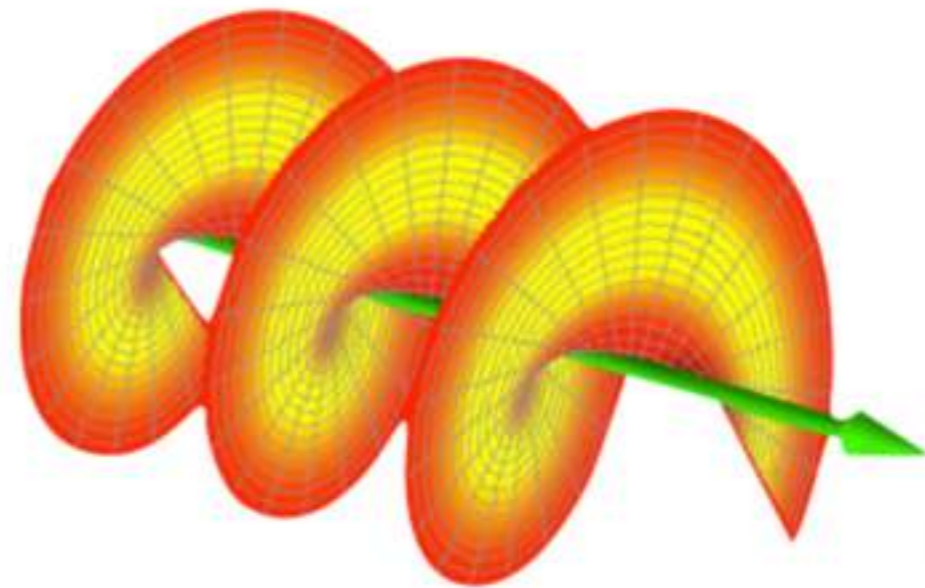
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Light angular momentum

Spin angular momentum
(Polarization)



Orbital angular momentum
(Vortex)





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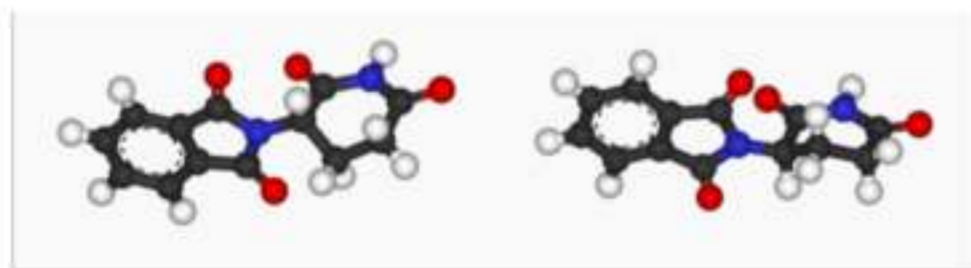
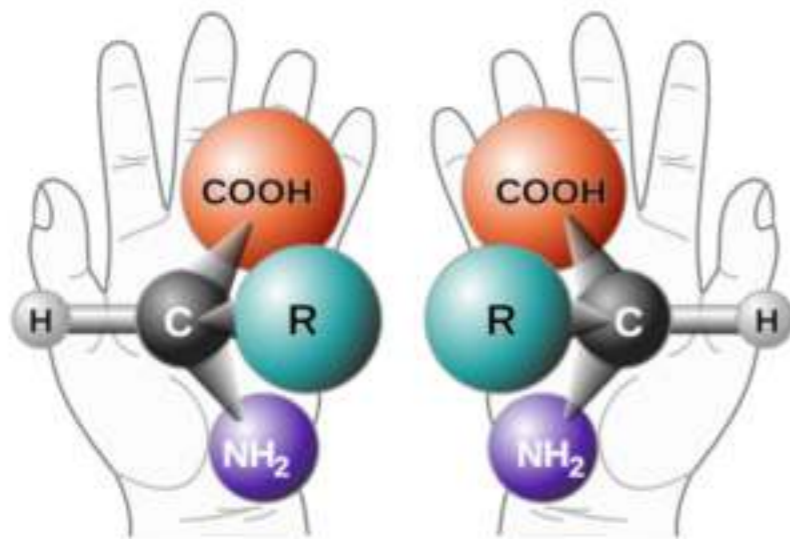
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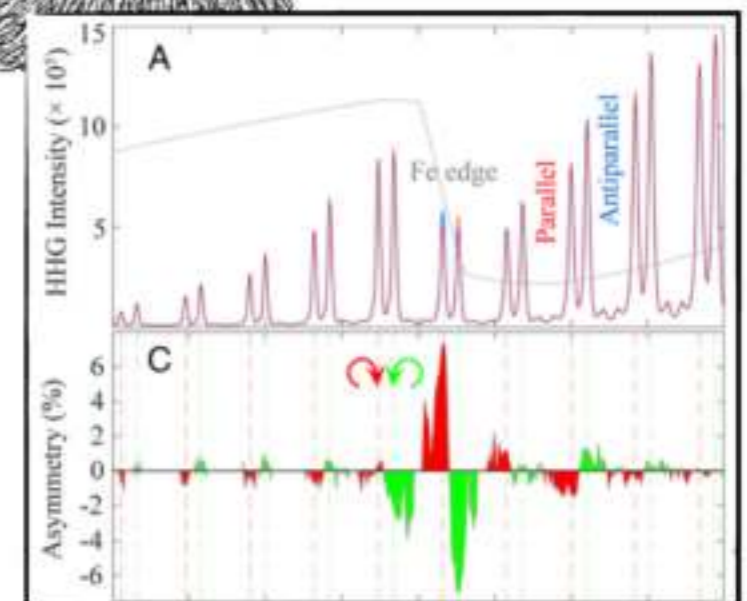
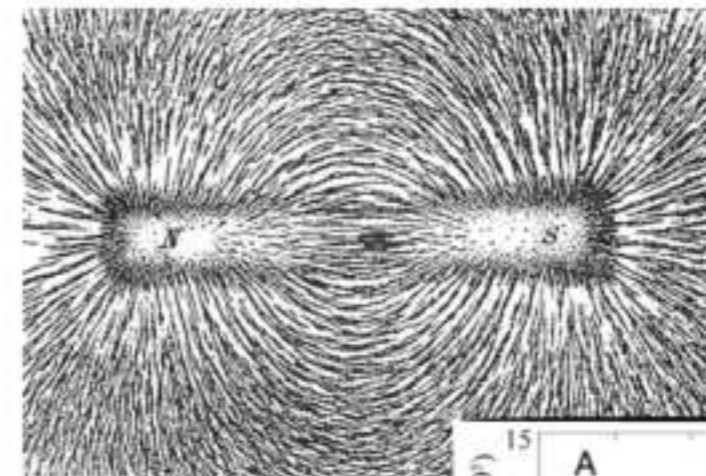
Circularly polarized ultrafast sources enables ultrafast circular dichroism measurements

Chiral molecules

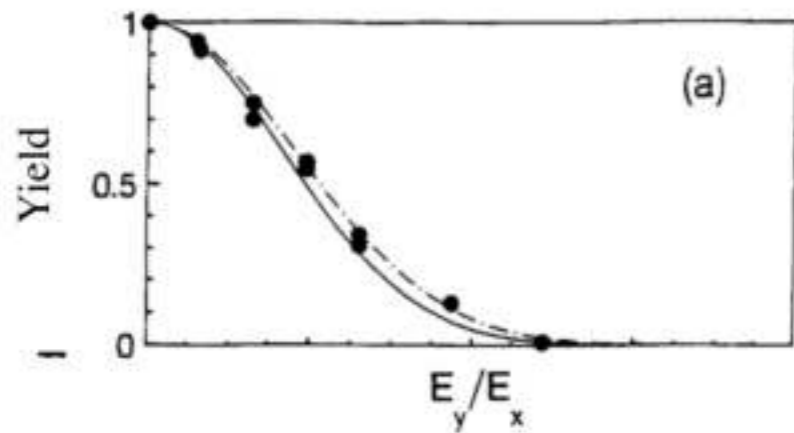


Magnetic materials

X-ray magnetic circular dichroism (XMCD)



Polarization control of harmonics



The yield decreases dramatically with ellipticity

P. Dietrich, N. H. Burnett, M. Ivanov, and P. B. Corkum,
Phys. Rev. A **50**, R3585(R) (1994)

Linearly Polarized



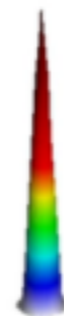
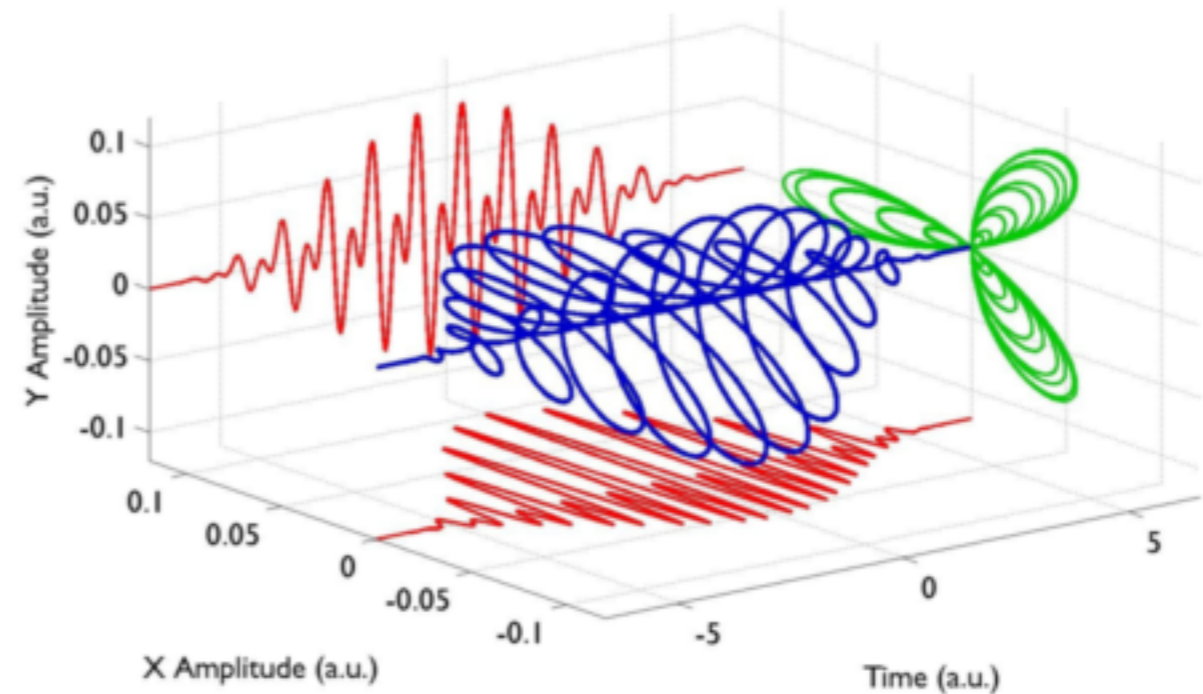
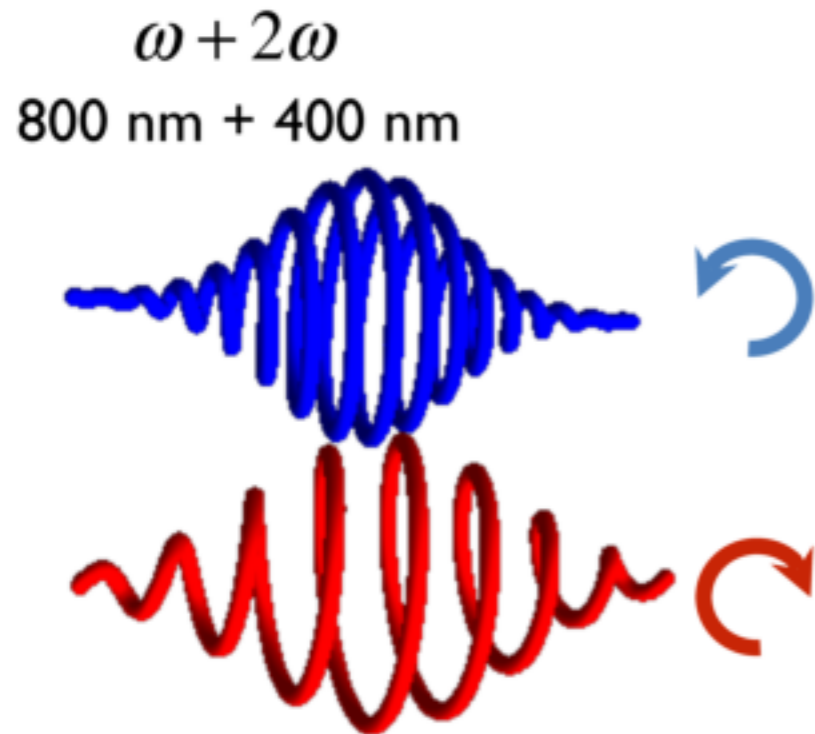
Elliptically Polarized



Circularly Polarized



HHG driven by two-color counter-rotating fields



H. Eichmann, et al. *Phys. Rev. A*, 51, R3414 (1995)

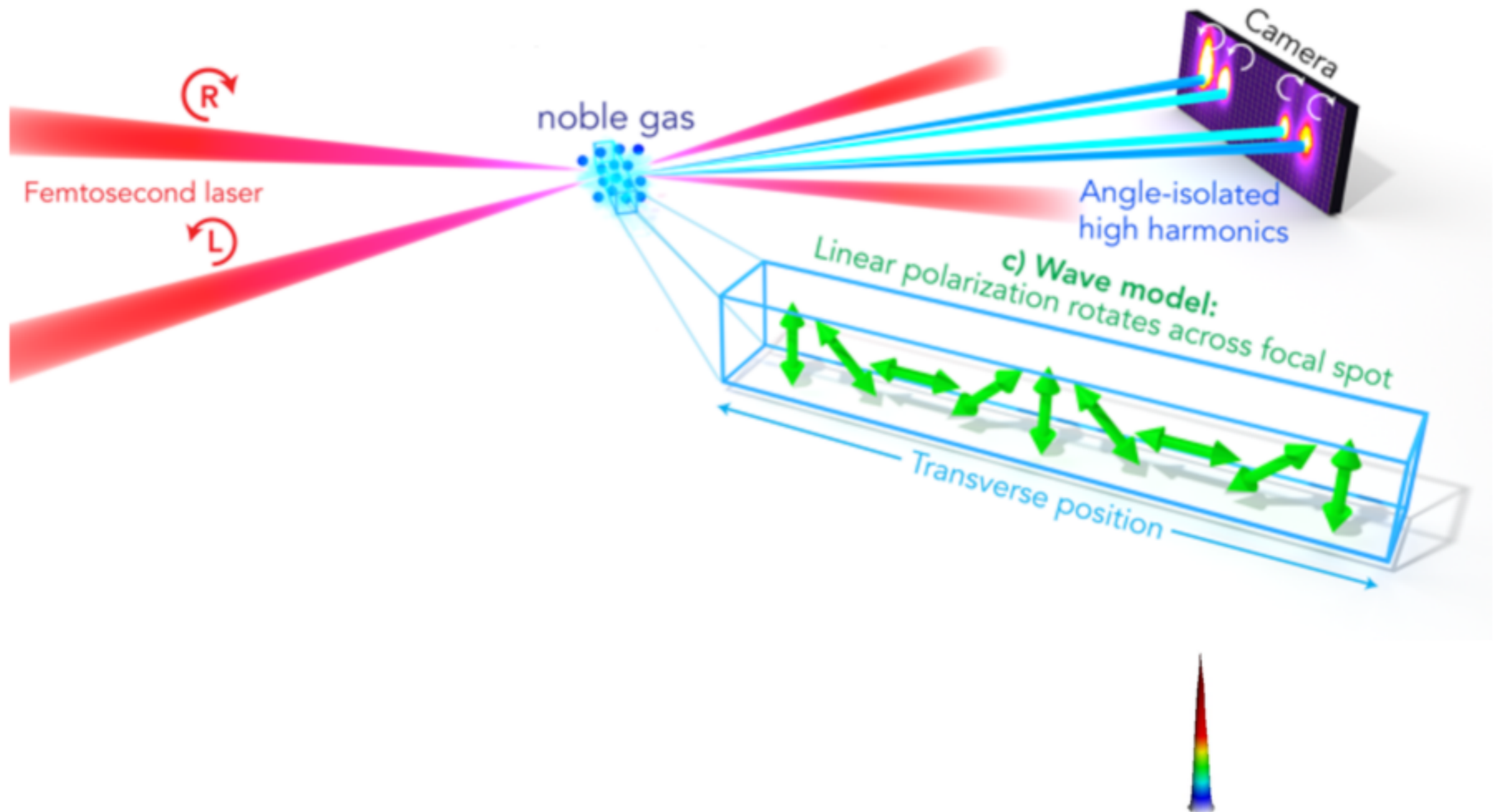
S. Long, et al. *Phys. Rev. A* 52 2262 (1995)

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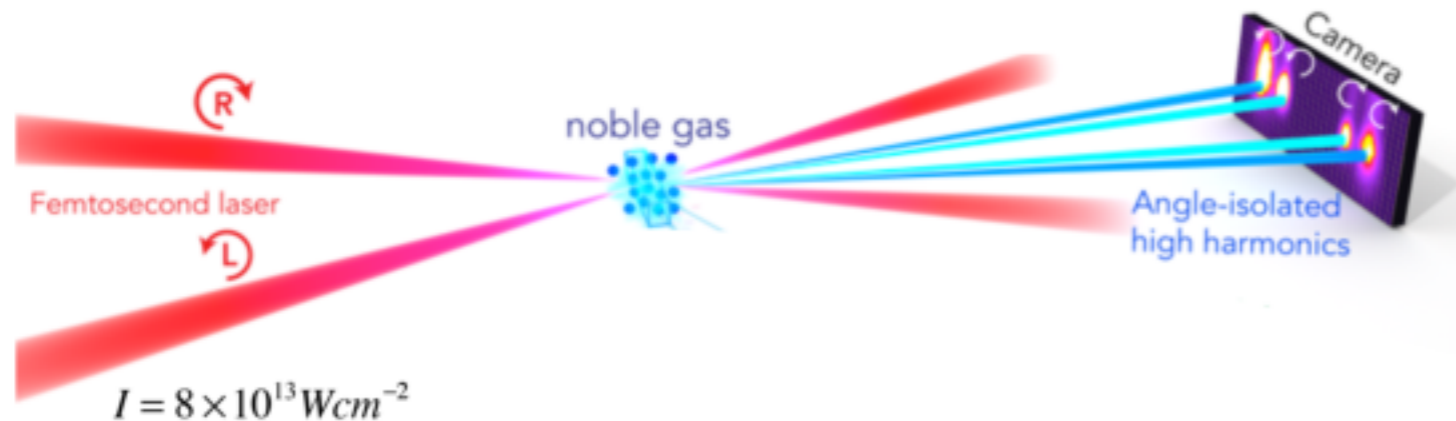
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Macroscopic: Non collinear circularly polarized HHG

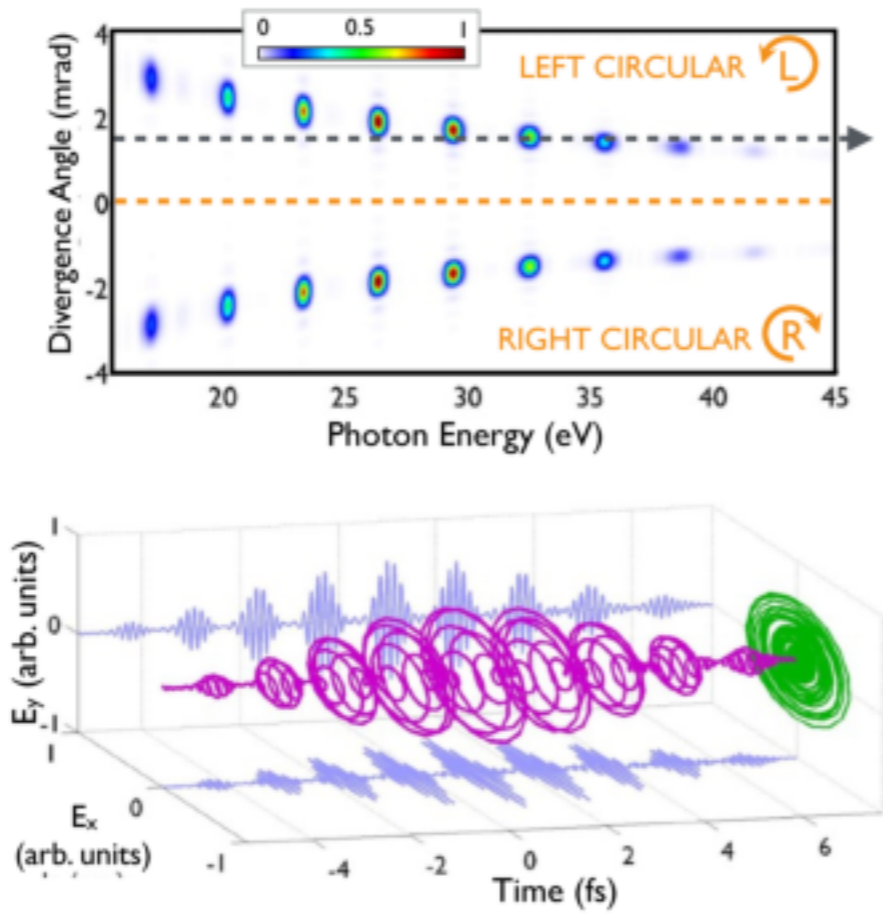


Circularly polarized attosecond pulses

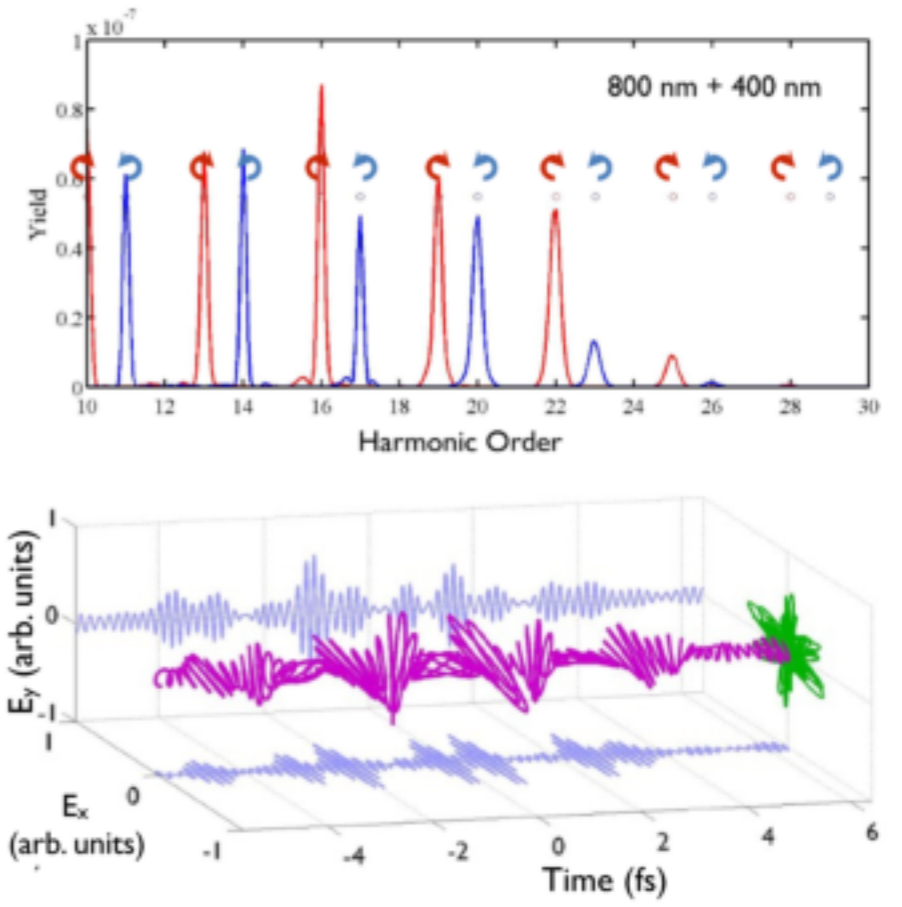
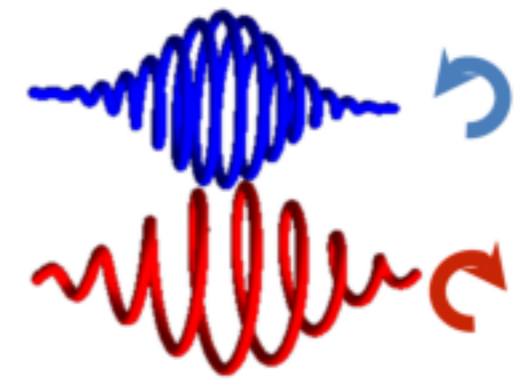
NON-COLLINEAR ONE-COLOR



Long (15 fs) driving pulse: Circularly polarized attosecond pulse train



COLLINEAR TWO-COLOR HHG



Nature Photonics 9, 743 (2015).
 Physical Rev. A 93, 043855 (2016).

Science Advances 2, e1501333 (2016).
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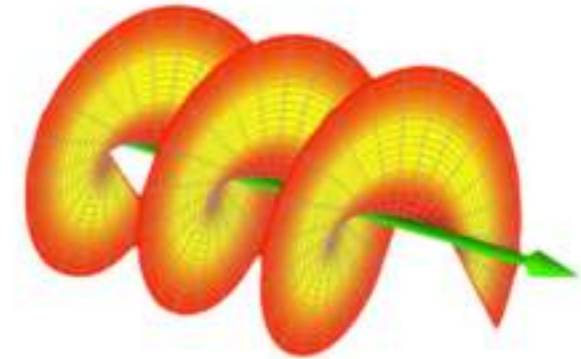
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Optical vortices

Optical vortex: field structure with a spiral phase ramp about a point-phase-singularity.



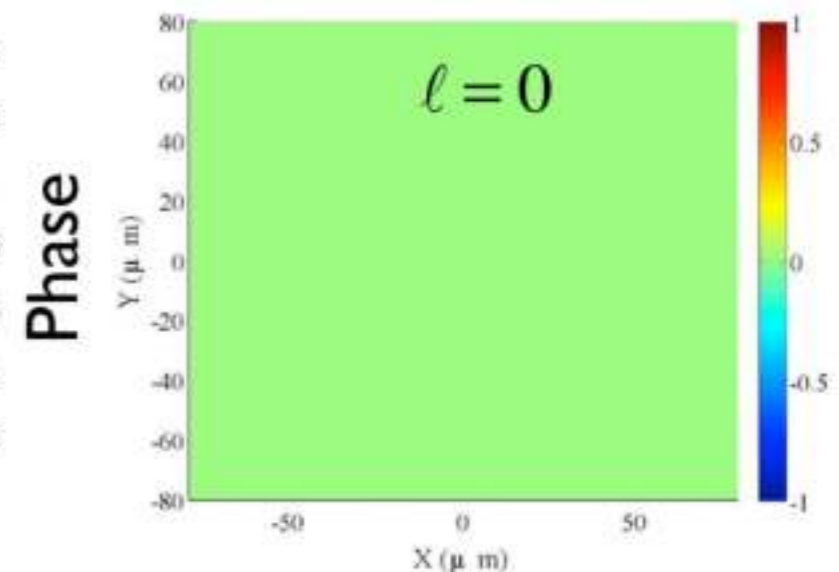
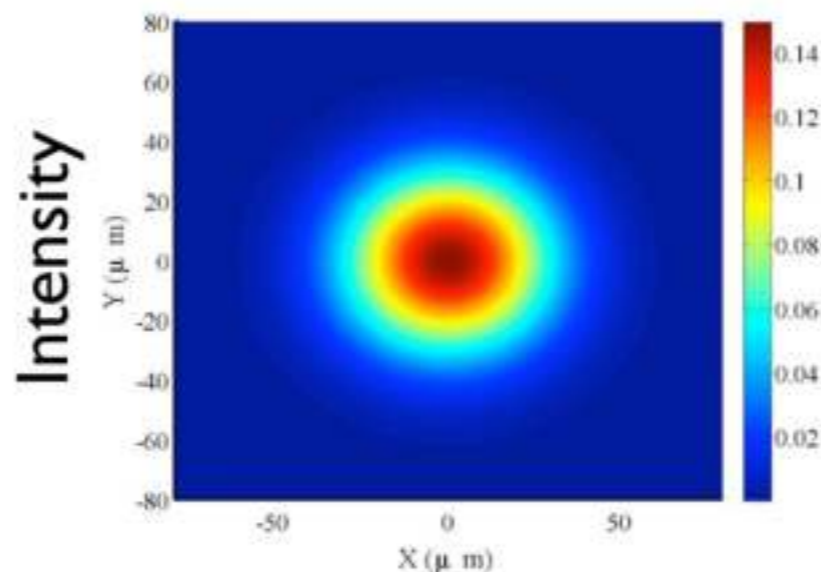
OAM beams described by Laguerre-Gauss modes:

$$LG_{\ell,p}(\rho,\phi,z) = E_0 \frac{W_0}{W(z)} \left(\frac{\rho}{W(z)} \right)^{|\ell|} L_p^{|\ell|} \left[\frac{2\rho^2}{W^2(z)} \right] \exp\left(-\frac{\rho^2}{W^2(z)} \right) \exp\left(ik \frac{\rho^2}{2R(z)} + i\zeta(z) + i\ell\phi \right)$$

ℓ Topological charge

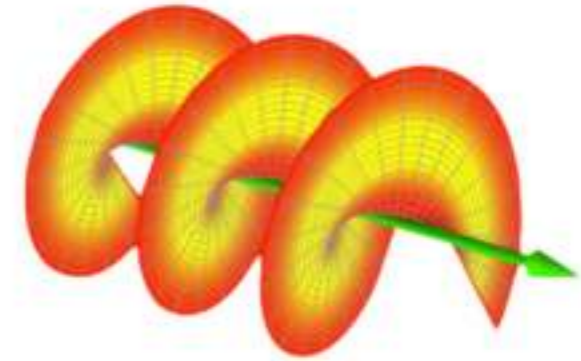
p Radial nodes

$LG_{0,0}$



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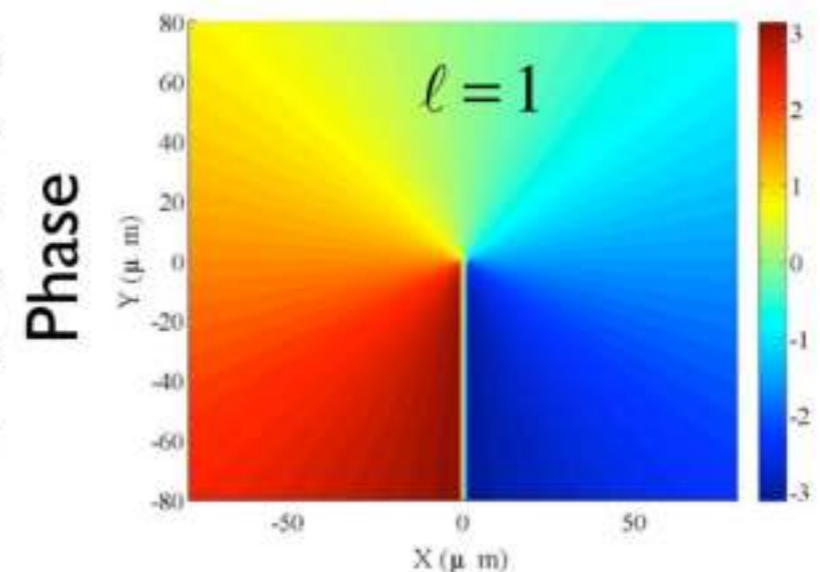
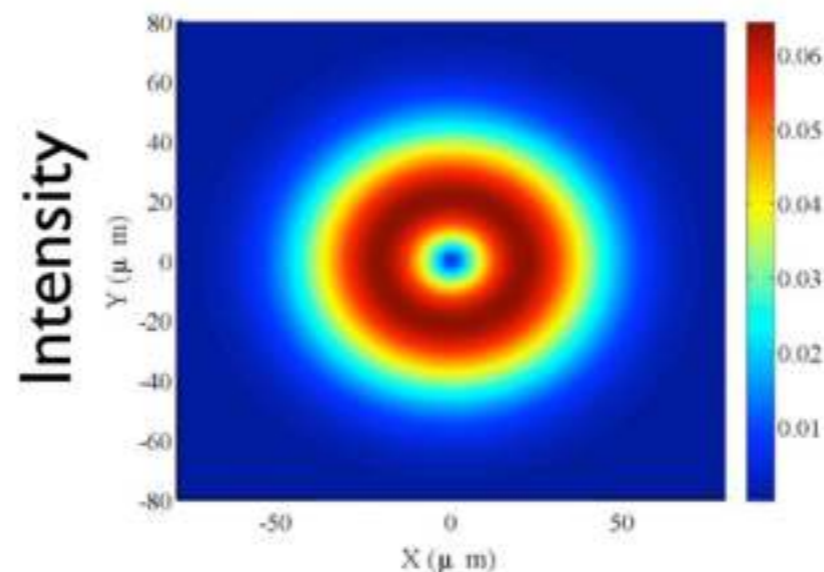
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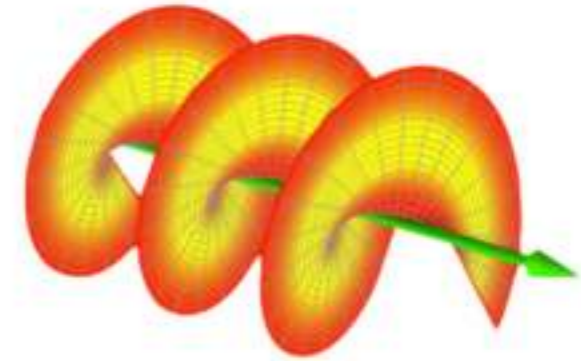
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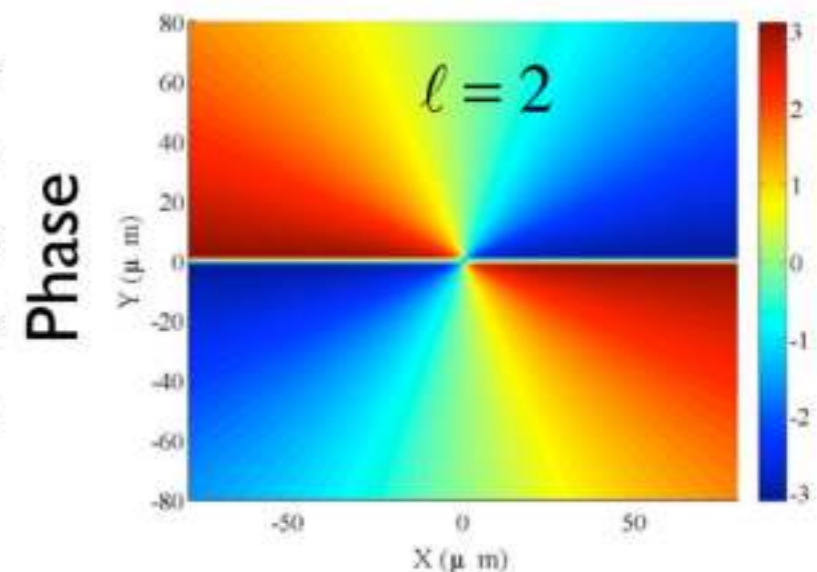
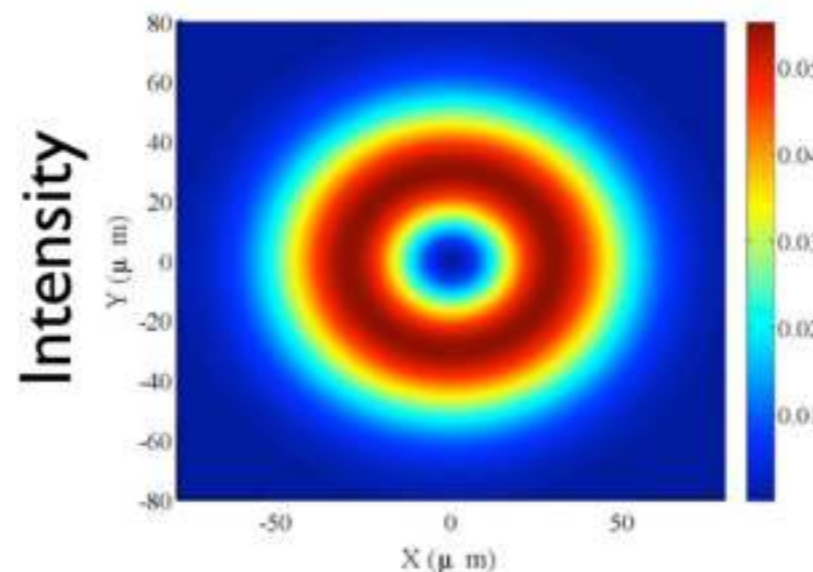
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Why are OAM beams interesting?

- Radiation-matter interaction implies *exchange* of energy and *momentum* (= mechanical forces)
 - Light torques on moving atoms
- Fundamental processes can be modified by the presence of OAM
 - Modification of selection rules in atomic ionization.

M. Babiker et al, PRL 73, 1239 (1994)

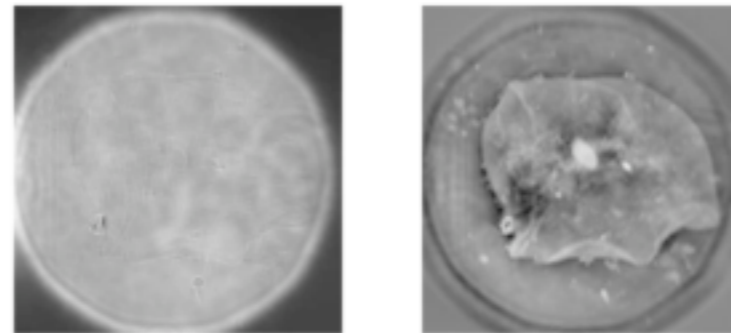
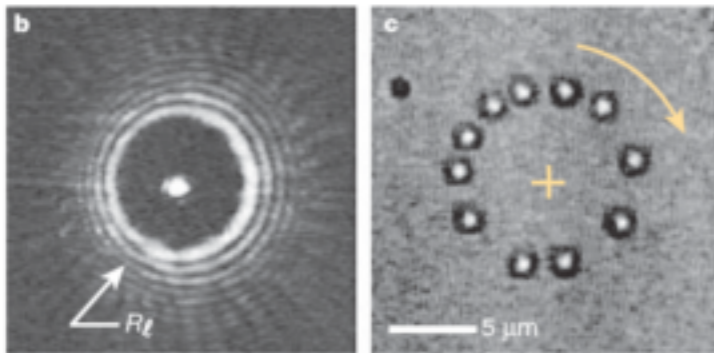
A. Picón et al, New. J. Phys 12, 083053 (2010)

● Technical applications

- Optical communications
- Micromachine actuators.

J. Wang et al, Nat. Photonics 6, 488 (2012)

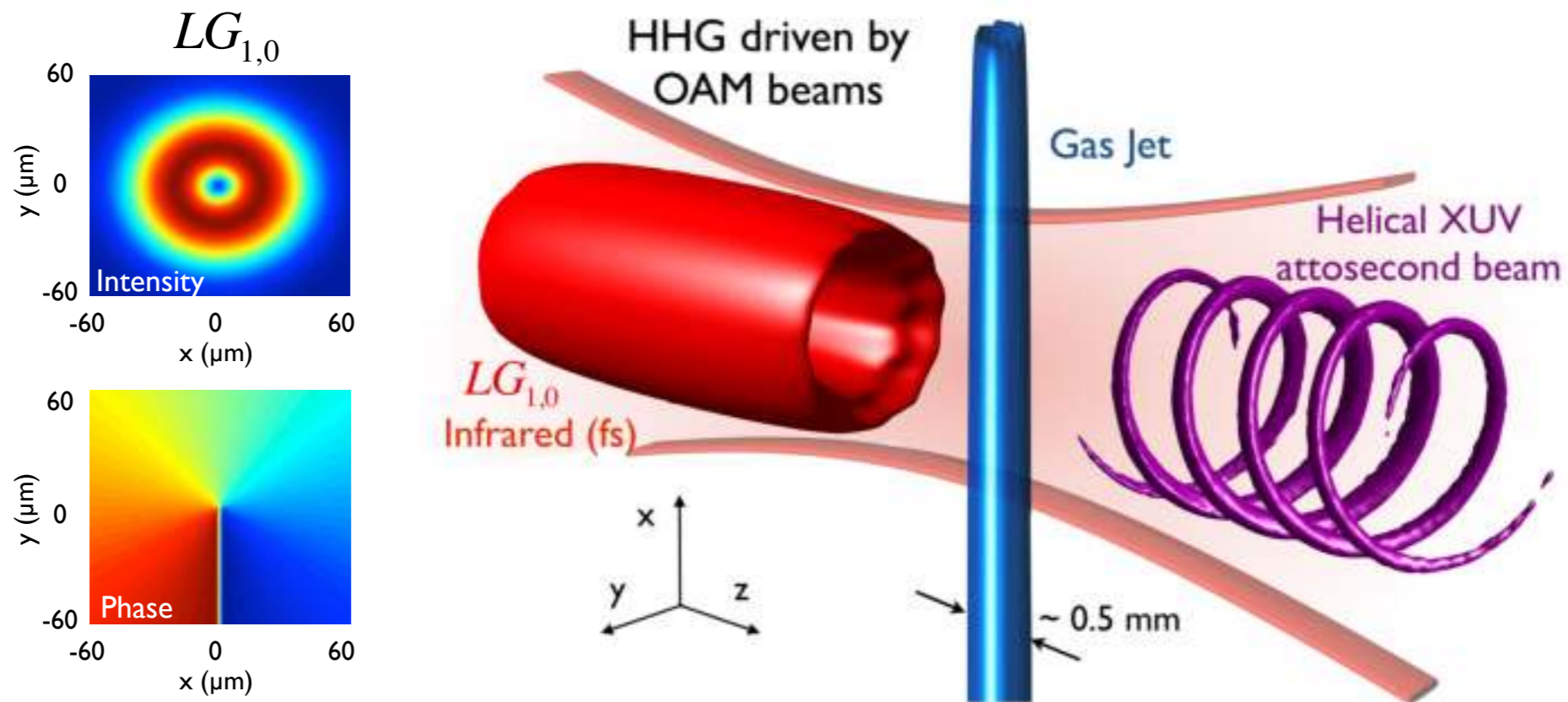
- Phase contrast microscopy



Review: D.G. Grier et al, Nature 424, 21 (2006)

A. Jesacher et al, PRL 94, 233902 (2004)

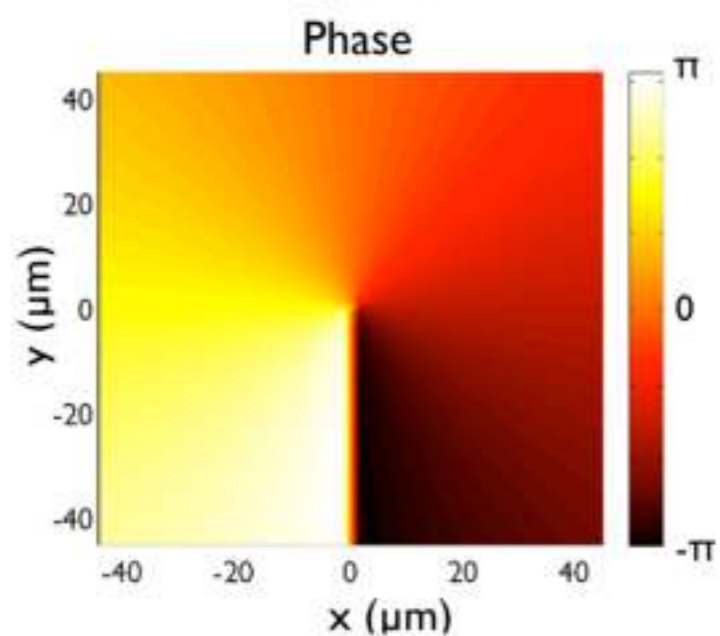
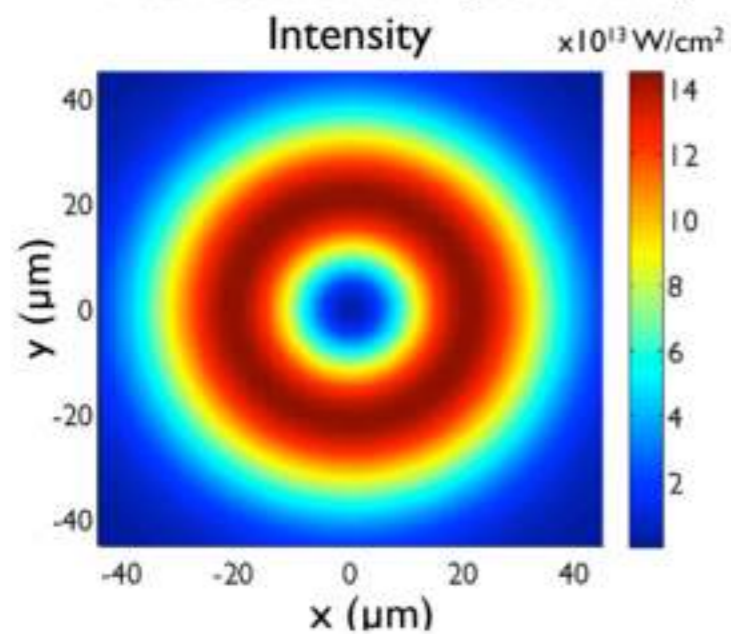
OAM-High Harmonic Generation



First experiment: M. Zürch, et al. Nature Physics 8, 743-746 (2012)

Harmonic vortices are emitted with the **same OAM as the fundamental beam.**

Fundamental (800 nm)

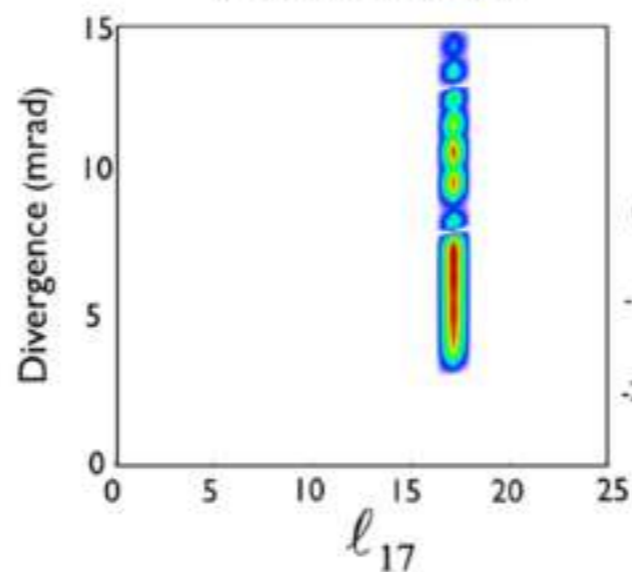
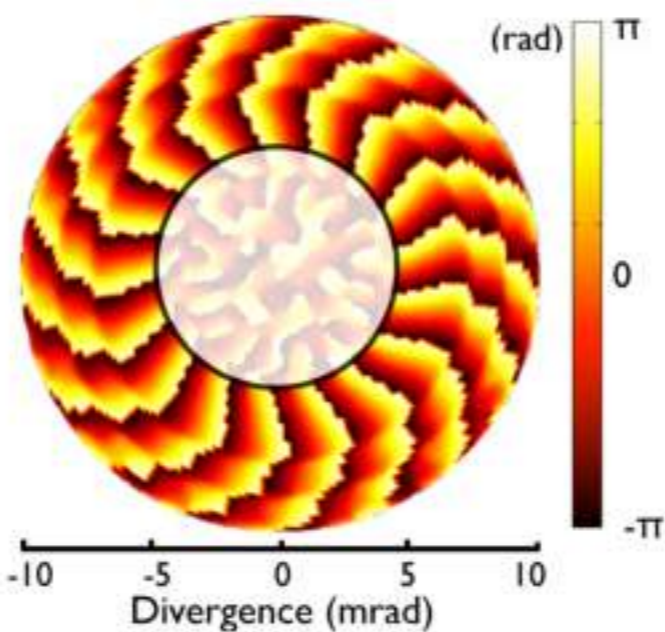
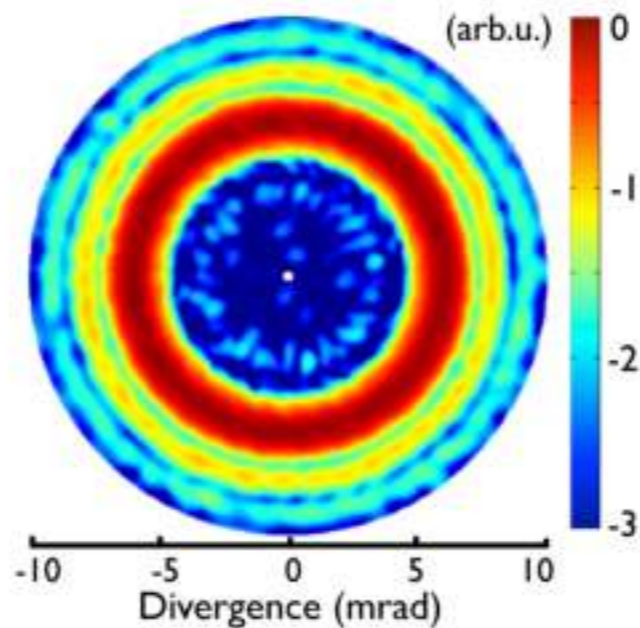


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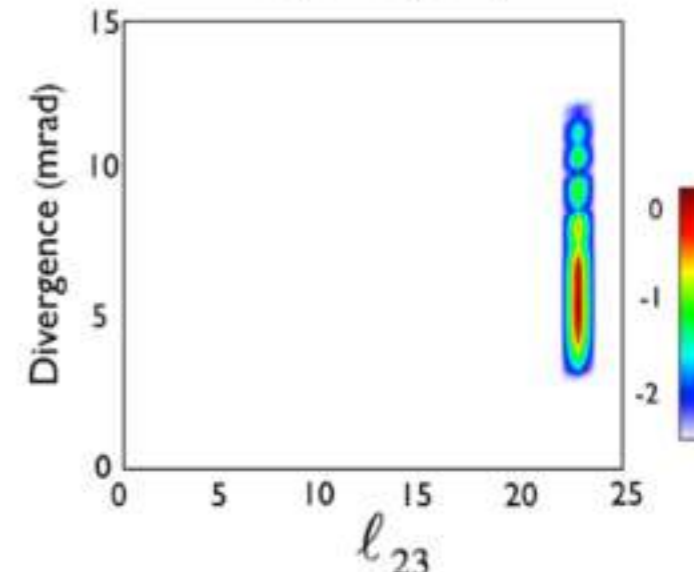
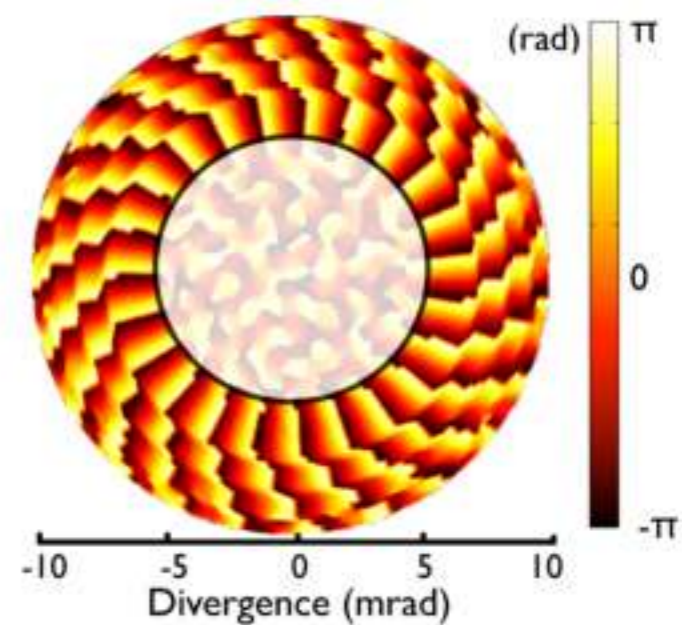
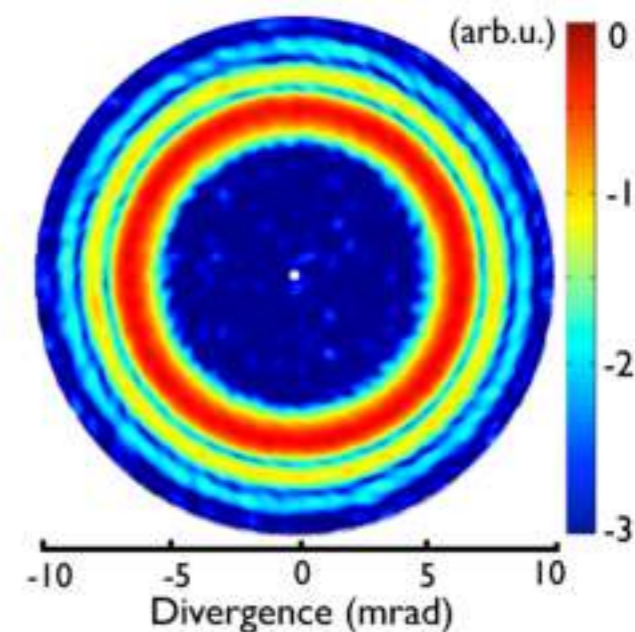


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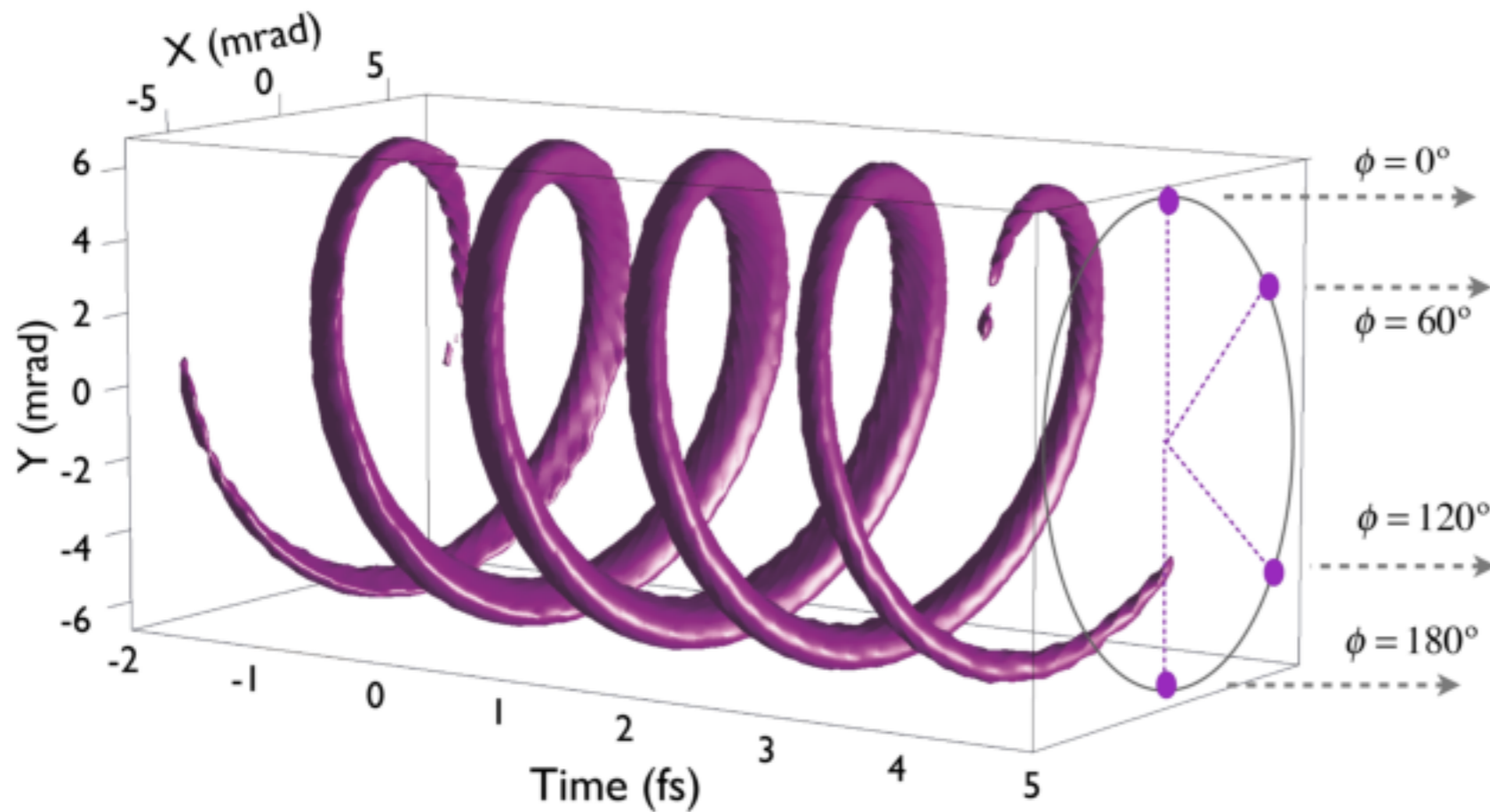
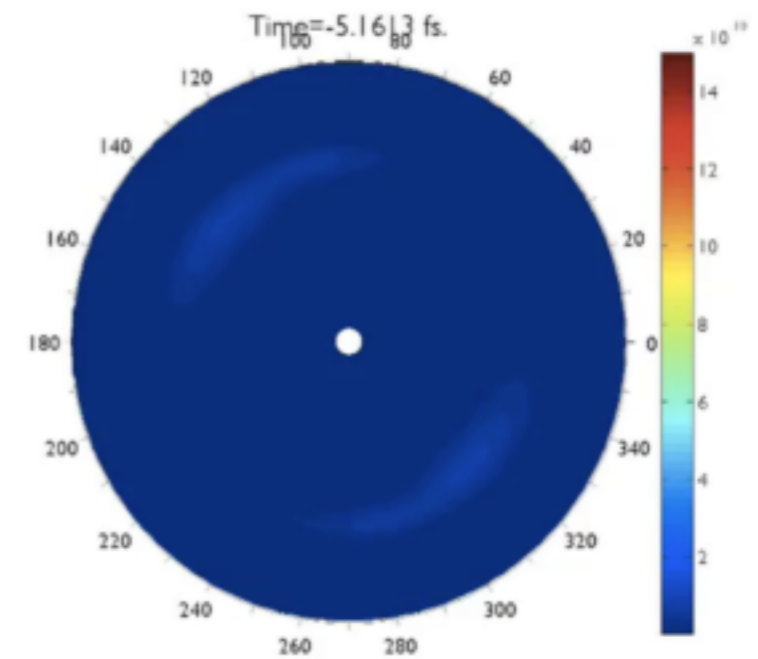
17th Harmonic, 47 nm, 26 eV



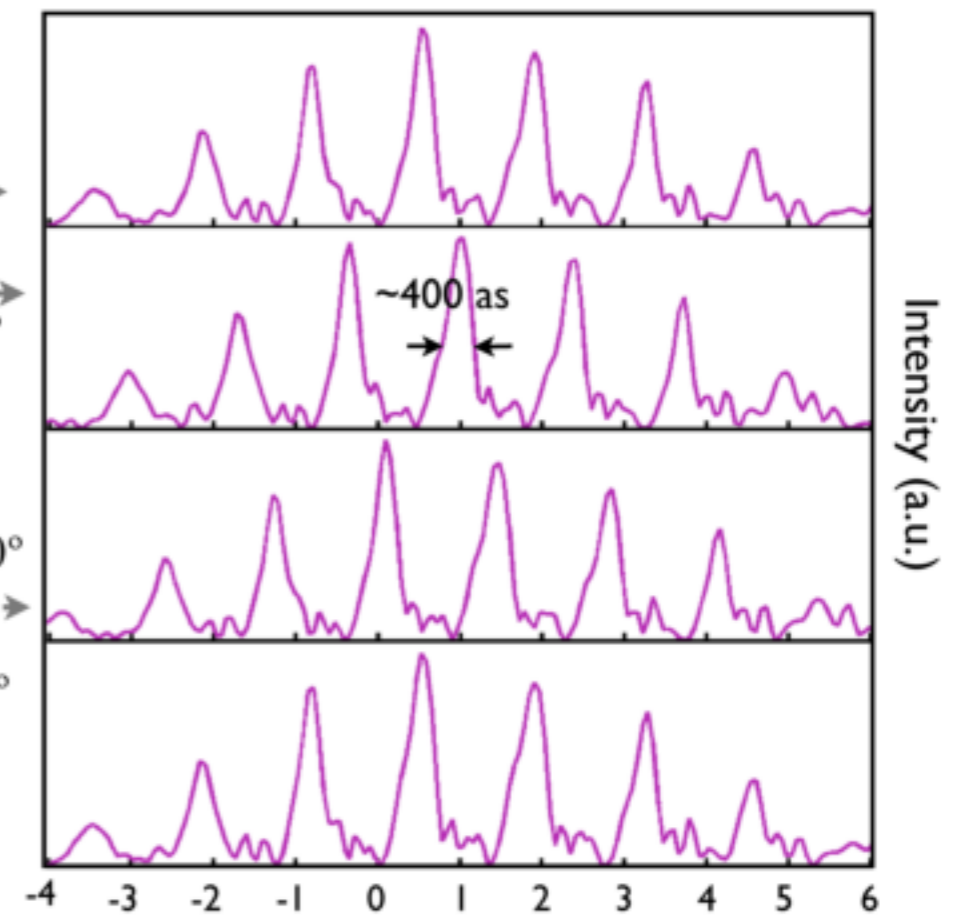
23rd Harmonic, 35 nm, 35 eV



Attosecond OAM beam



$\phi = 0^\circ$
 $\phi = 60^\circ$
 $\phi = 120^\circ$
 $\phi = 180^\circ$



CONCLUSIONES

Hoy en día podemos generar y medir pulsos de attosegundo controlando:

- ♦ **Su energía y duración**
- ♦ **Su momento angular:**
 - **Polarización**
 - **Momento angular orbital**

¿Límites?
Rayos X duros
Zeptosegundos



¿Interacción espín-órbita en la generación de pulsos de attosegundo?

Aplicaciones en:
Generación de corrientes magnéticas.
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