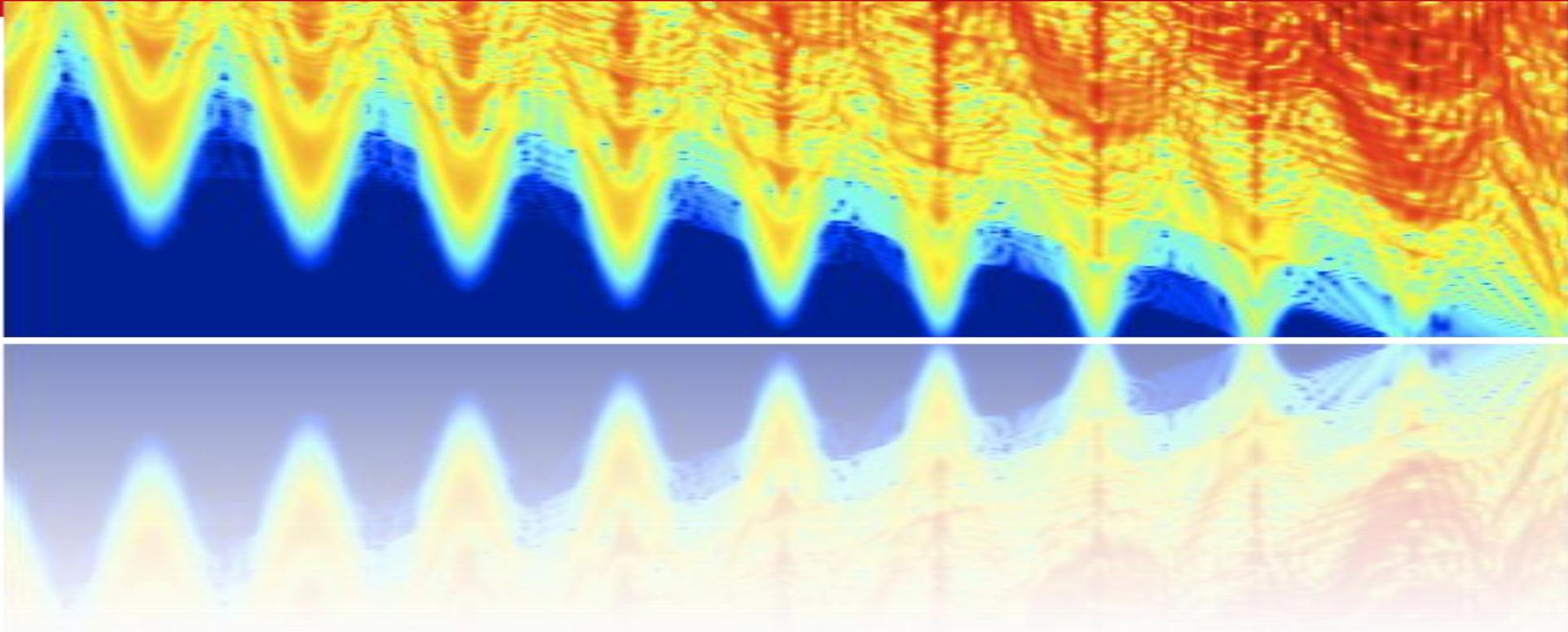


# Attosecond sources based on HHG



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# Time seen from an electron point of view

**Age of Earth ( $1.4 \cdot 10^{17}$  sec)**



**Homo-Sapiens ( $1.2 \cdot 10^{10}$  sec)**

**1 year ( $3.1 \cdot 10^7$  sec)**

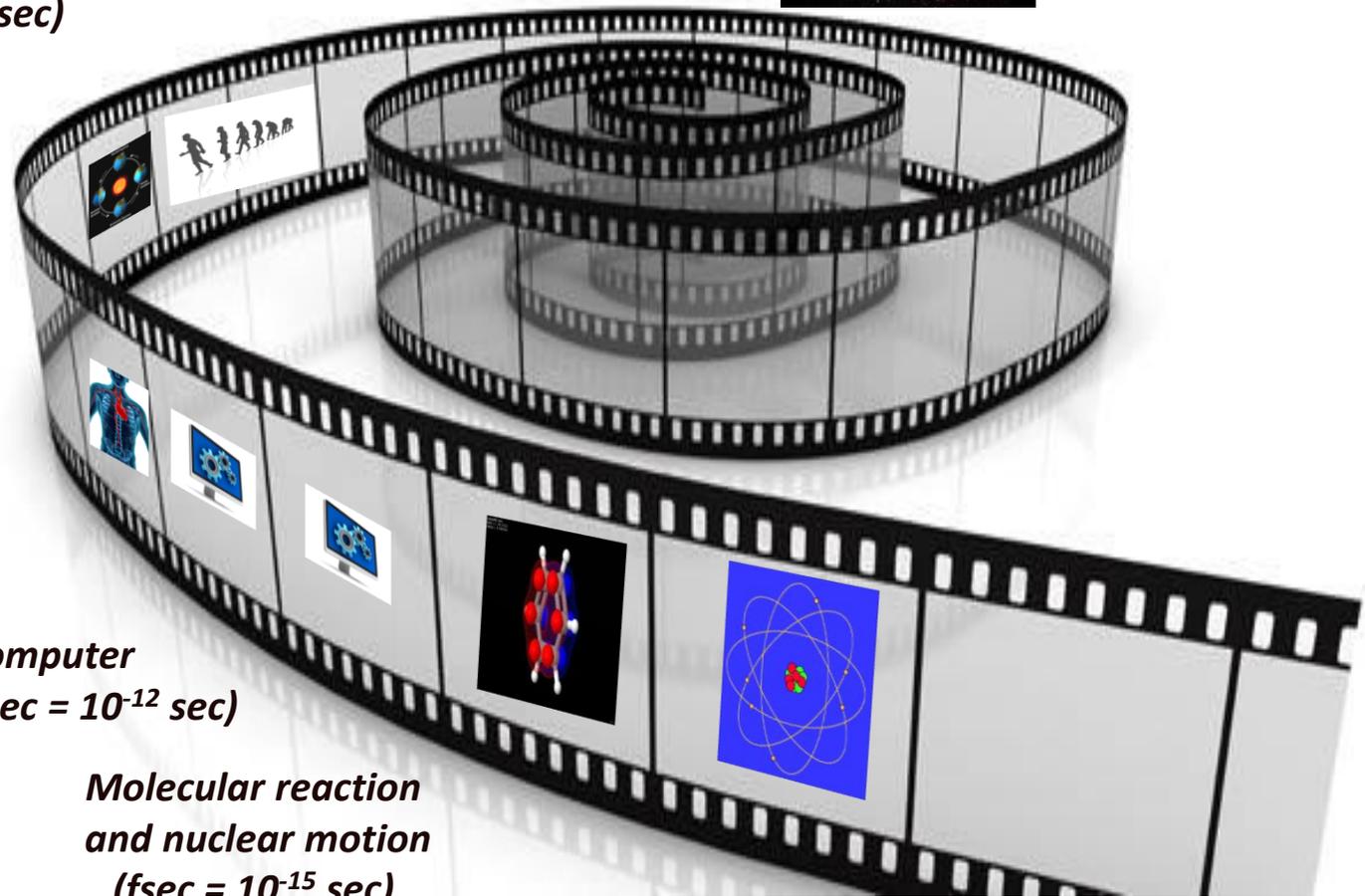
**Human  
Heartbeat (1 sec)**

**PC calculation  
(nsec =  $10^{-9}$  sec)**

**Fastest computer  
Calculation (psec =  $10^{-12}$  sec)**

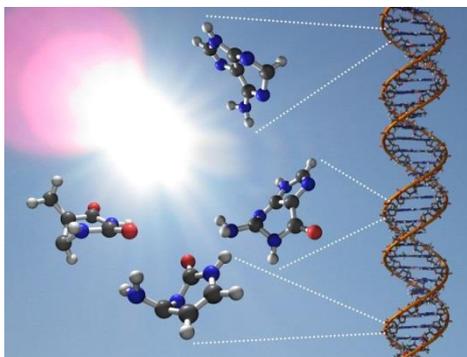
**Molecular reaction  
and nuclear motion  
(fsec =  $10^{-15}$  sec)**

**Electronic motion (asec =  $10^{-18}$  sec)**



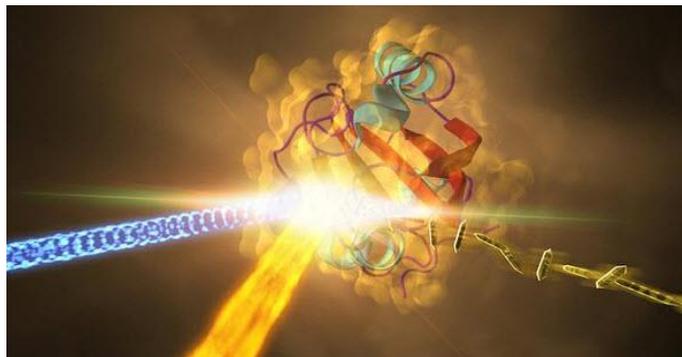
# Motivation: following dynamics from atto to femto

Photo-stability (damages)



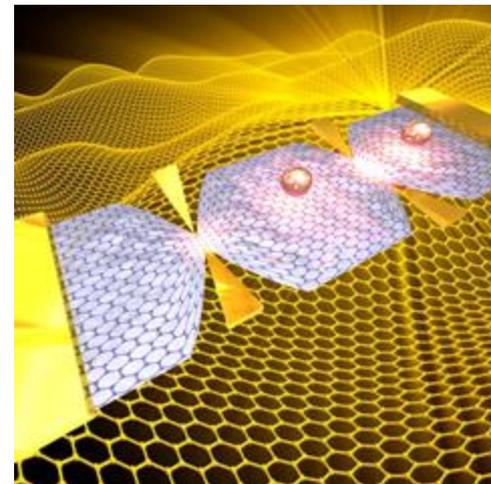
nucleobasis

Ultra-fast photo-induced properties



Photocatalysis (PYP)

Ultra-fast switching of current

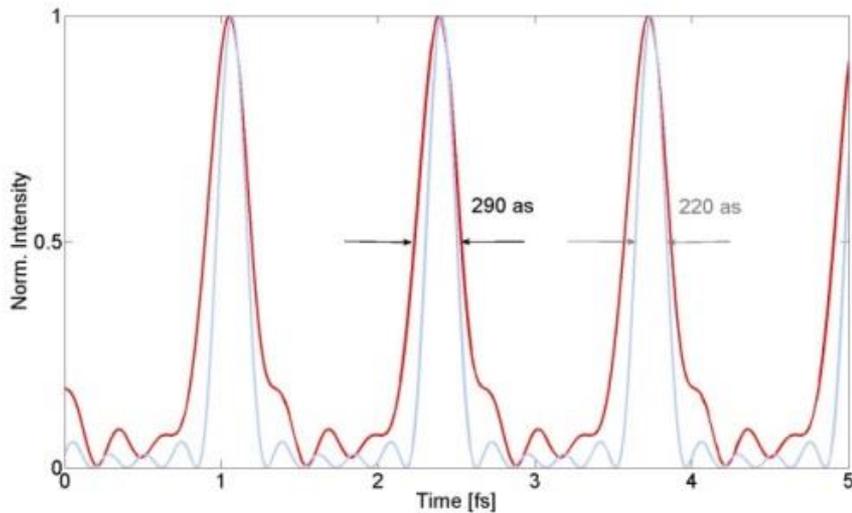
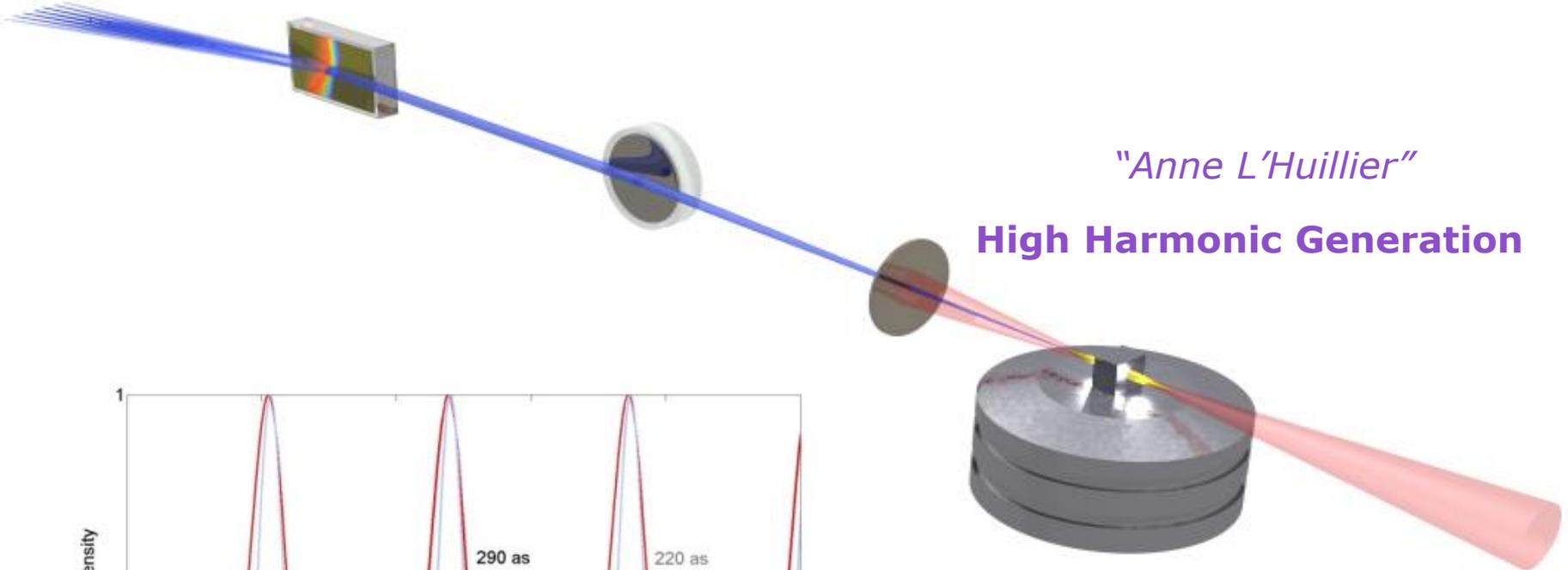


Quantum nano-optoelectronics

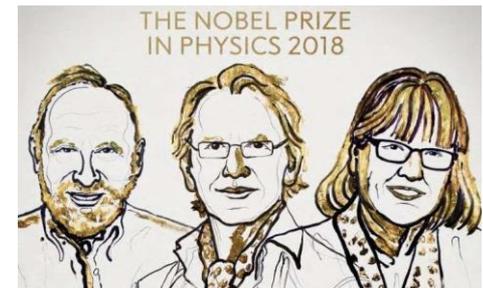
# Shortest flash of coherent light ever produced

*"our generation! And the new generation"*

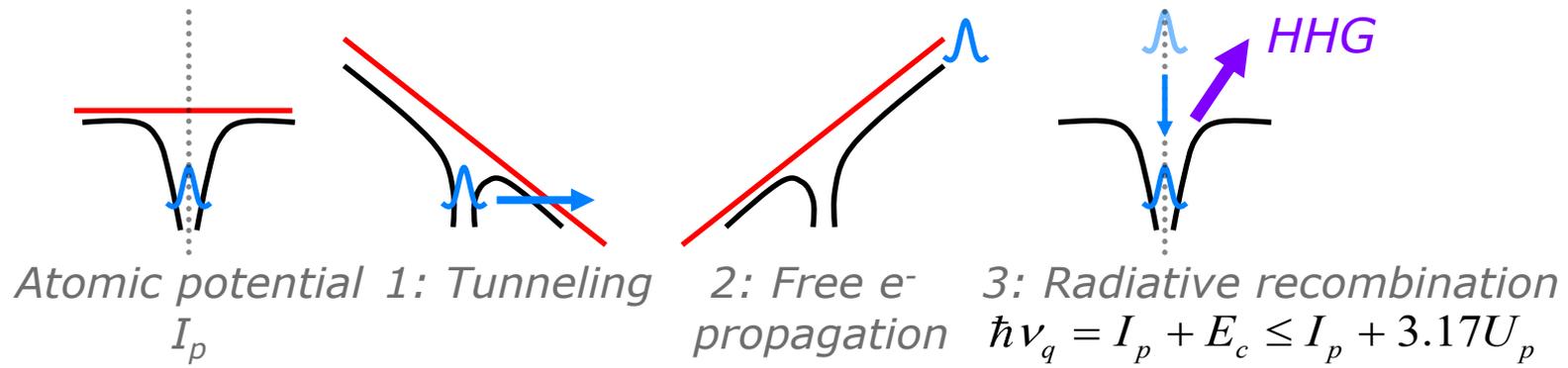
## Attosecond XUV pulses



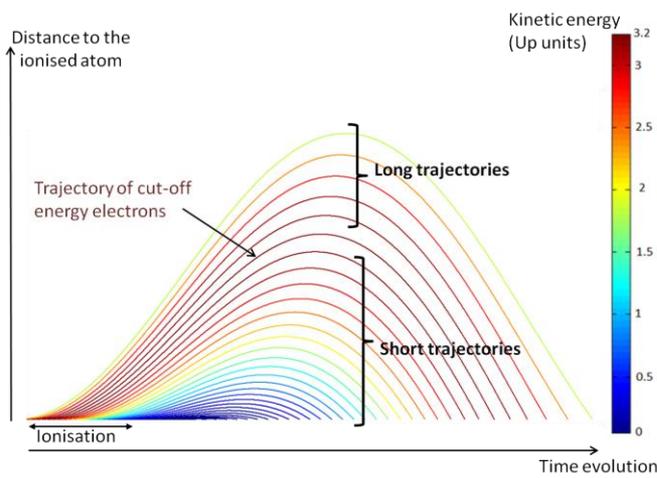
## Ti:Sa Femtosecond CPA laser



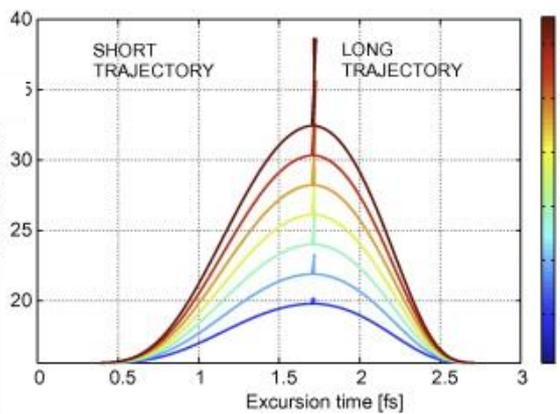
# Conceptual idea of attosecond source based on HHG Flexibility of table top !



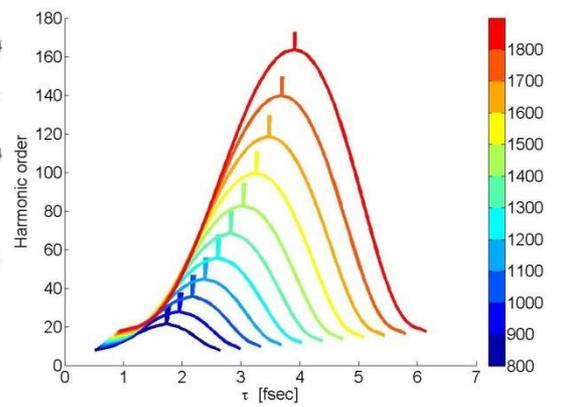
Sub-cycle trajectories



Time-frequency mapping

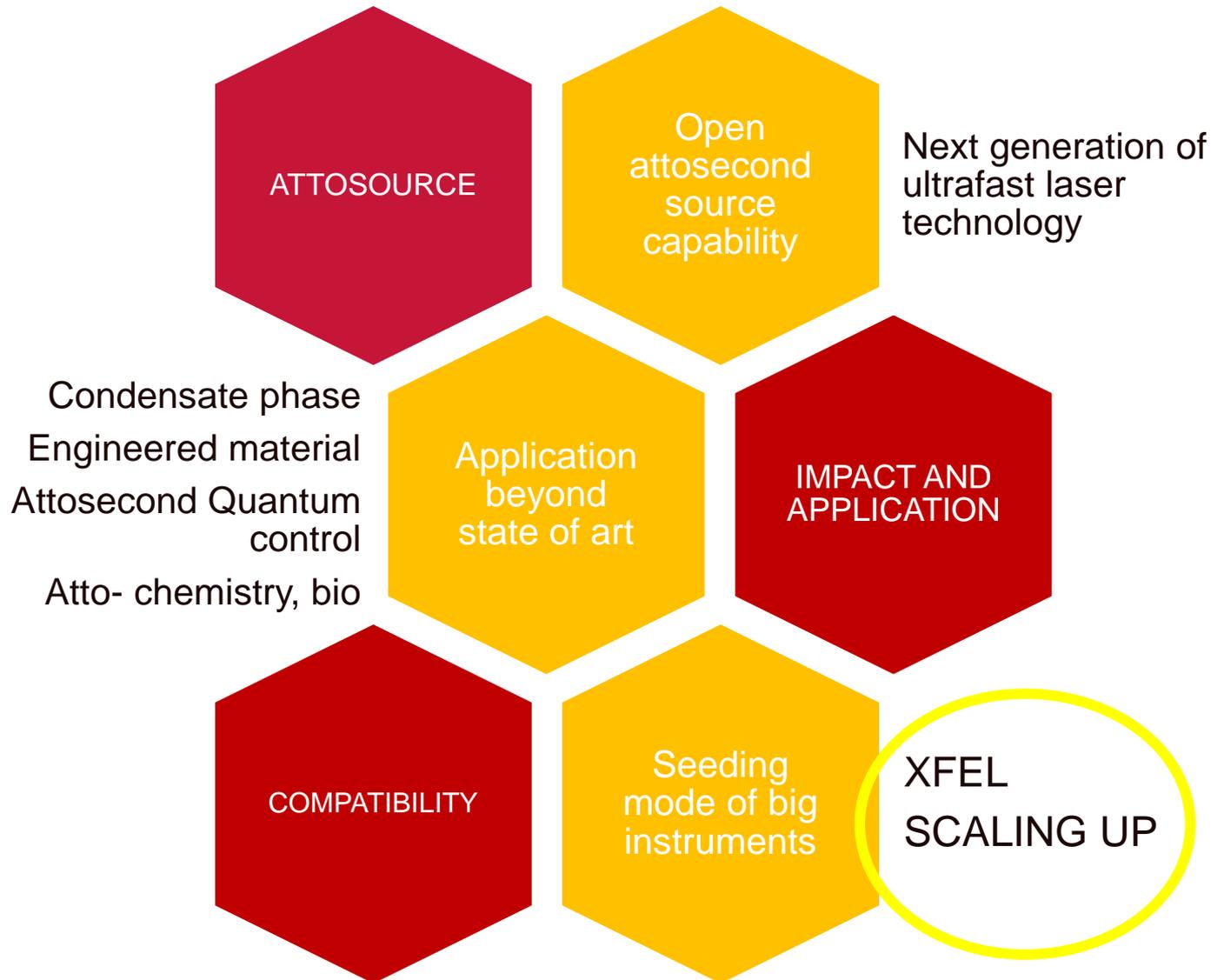


Time-frequency scaling



K. J. Schafer et al., PRL 70, 1599 (1993)  
 P. B. Corkum PRL 71, 1994 (1993)  
 M. Lewenstein et al., PRA 49, 2117 (1994)

# Challenge roadmap and vision strategy of atto@kings



- Improve longitudinal coherence and brilliance
- Improve stability of pulse energy and wavelength
- Produce ultrashort pulse and its control is becoming possible
- Synchronisation of seed and XFEL
- Reduction of saturation length

Adaptability required from the seed:

- X-ray range accessible at high replate
- Polarisation match
- Multi-colour for pump-probe X-X'
- CEP (new!)?

Candidates:

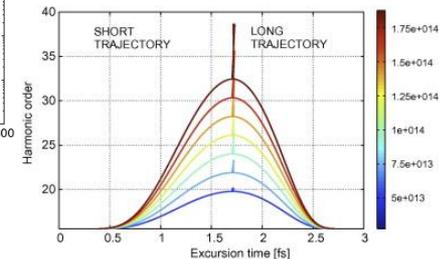
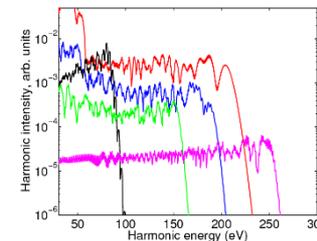
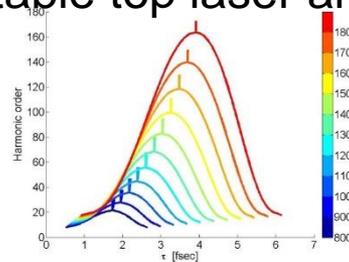
- HHG (XFEL = amplifier)
  - FEL seeding XFEL
  - Laser
- (electron beam manipulation to HHG)

Solution from the flexibility of table top laser and table top HHG

Longer wavelength

Synthesised laser field

High intensity



# High repetition rate laser system for attosource: last achievements

Thin disk intracavity generation

Labaye et al., OL 42, 24, 5170-5173 (2017)

320 W intracavity power  
17.5 MHz  
High pressure Xe cell  
Up to 24 eV  
 $2.6 \cdot 10^8$  ph/s @13.2 eV

Fs oscillator intracavity HHG

Mils et al., RSI 90, 8, 083001 (2019)

60 MHz  
Ar  
Up to 40 eV  
 $10^{11}$  ph/s

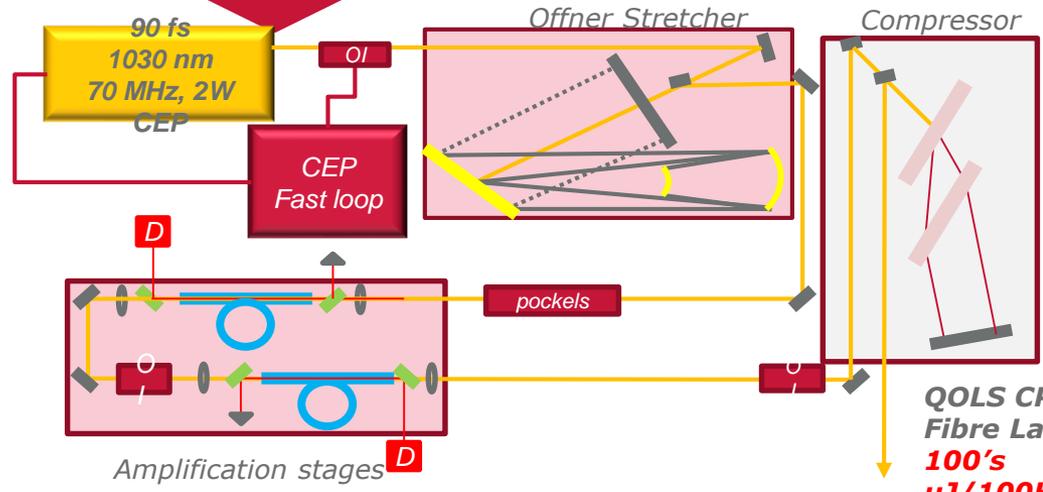
CPA Yb

Being publish by diverse group  
Originally Jena, Bordeaux  
Now MBI, ELI-ALPS, King's

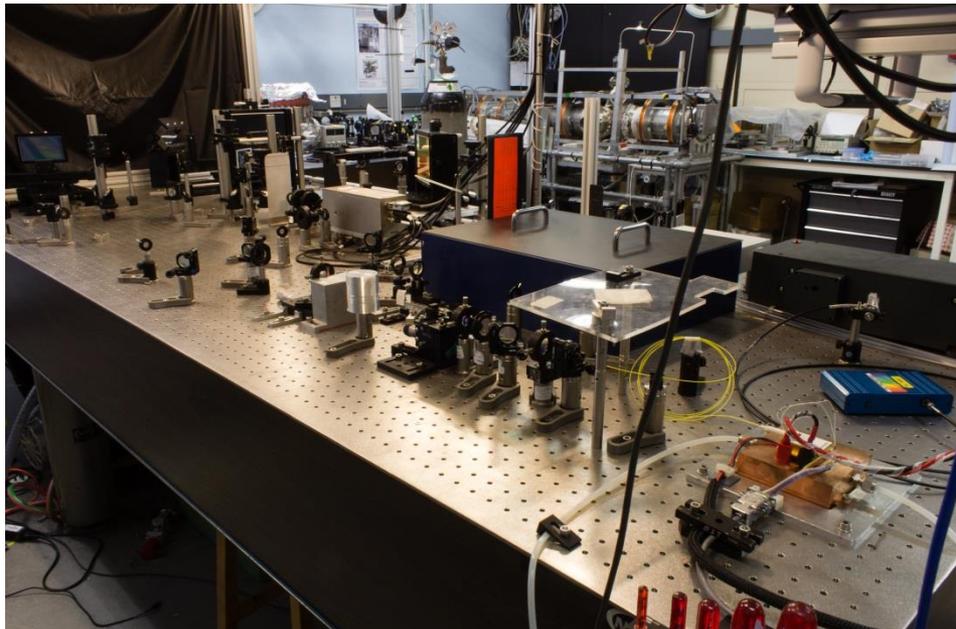
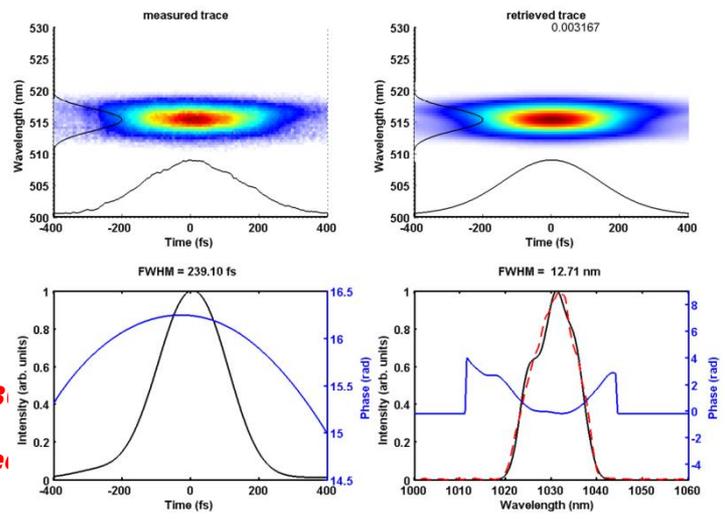
100KHz/1 MHz  
Ar  
Up to 40 eV  
 $10^{11}$  ph/s  
ATTO and scalable



# High rep rate compact Yb CPA technology in UK



**QOLS CPA  
Fibre Laser**  
**100's**  
 **$\mu\text{J}/100\text{KHz}$**   
**300fsec/1030**  
**nm**  
**CEP stabilise**  
**HHG**  
**experiment**



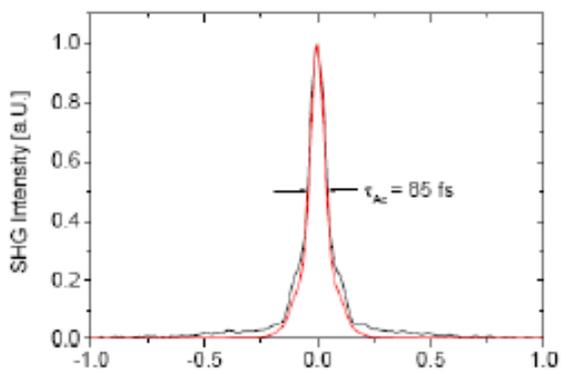
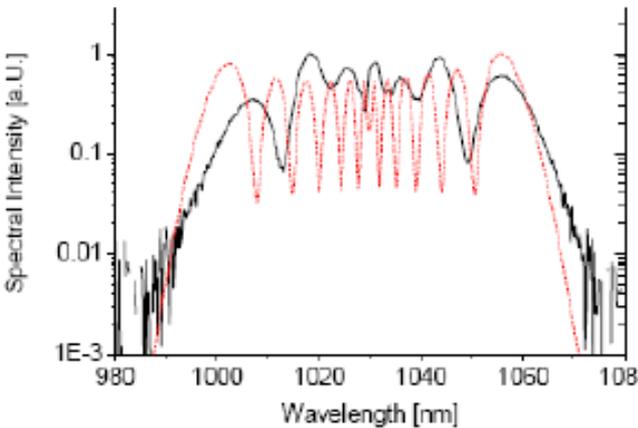
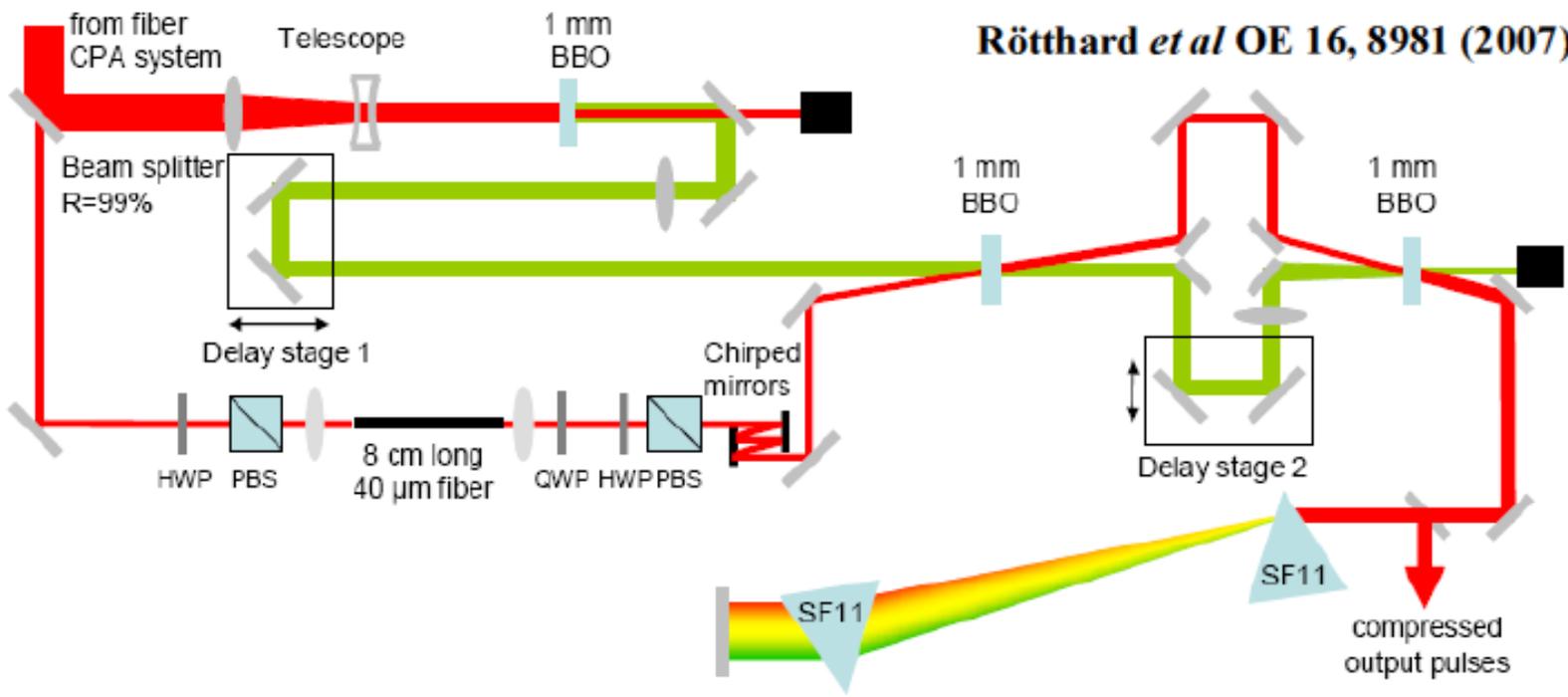
*Table top !  
 After compression  
 8.5  $\mu\text{J}$   
 100 KHz  
 240 fs @ 1030nm*

*S. Driever et al., **Fiber Lasers XI** 8961-108 (2014)  
 A. Zair in preparation (2020)*



# Yb CPA pumping OPCPA technology

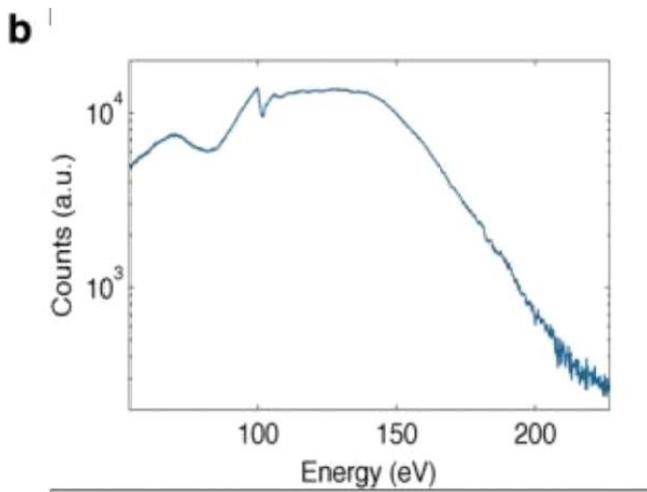
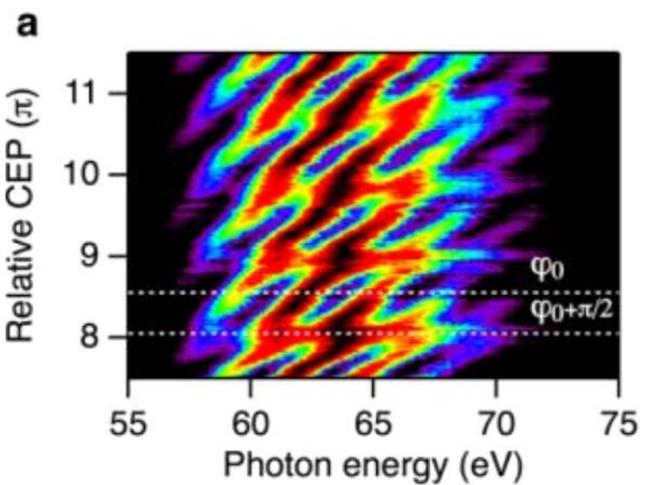
Rötthard *et al* OE 16, 8981 (2007)



**47 μJ**  
**100 kHz**  
**57 fs**  
**Pc = 500 MW**



# Megahertz repetition rate isolated attosecond pulse generation



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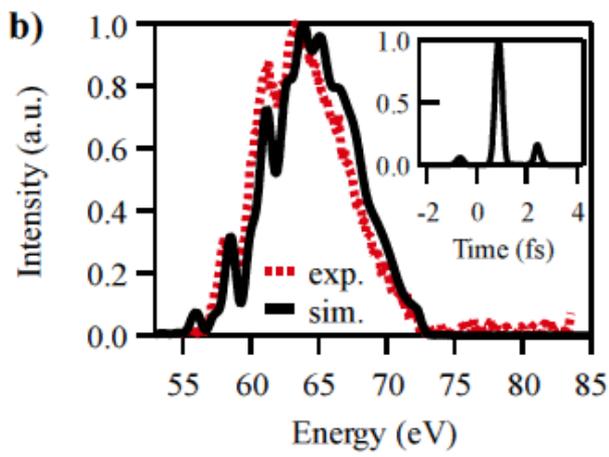
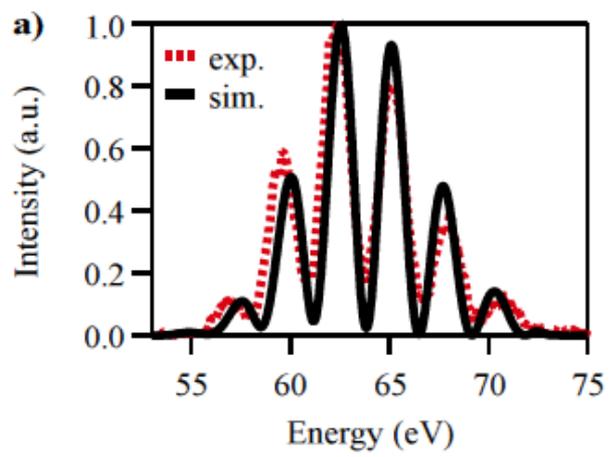
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Towards isolated attosecond pulses at megahertz repetition rates

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Intensity (a.u.)

## **ELI-DC** Brussels

The consortium that is responsible for the coordination of the three research centres during implementation

## **ELI-ALPS** Szeged Hungary

ultrashort laser pulses at high repetition rate

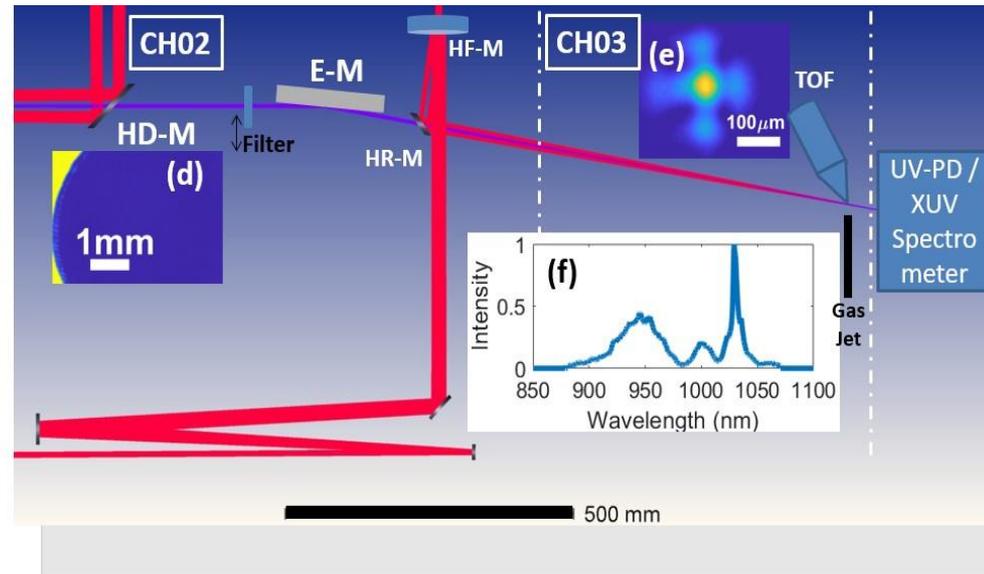
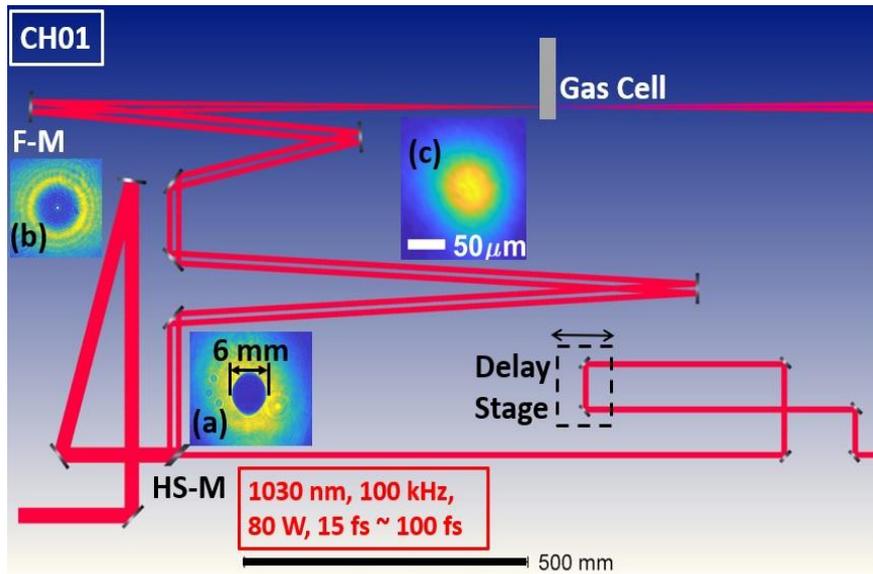
## **ELI-BL** Dolny Brezany Czech Republic

ultrashort x-ray generation, particle acceleration

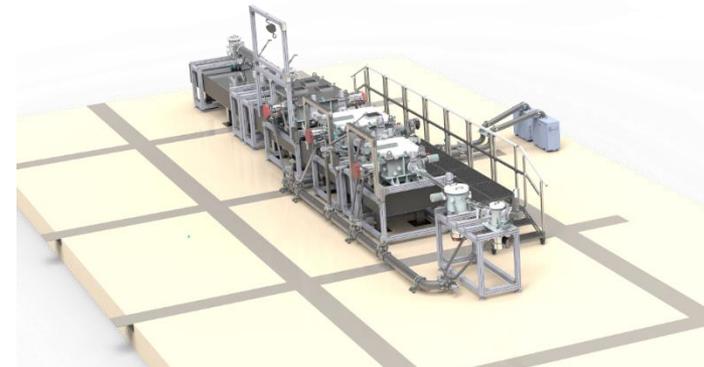
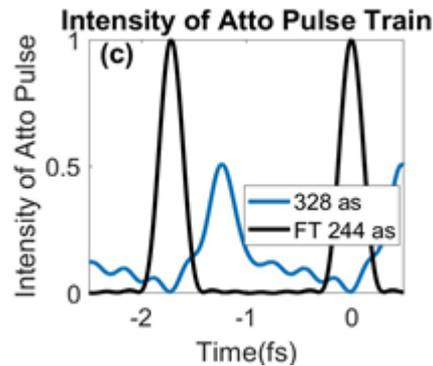
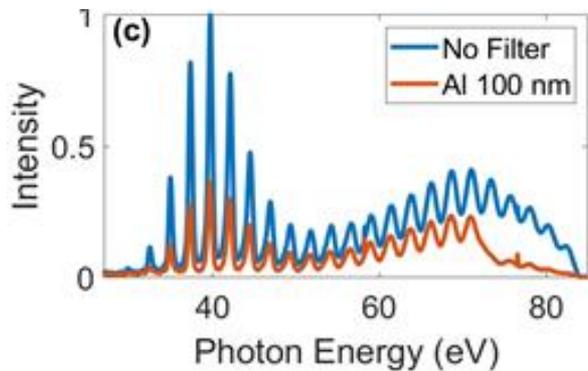
## **ELI-NP** Magurele Romania

ultra-intense optical and gamma ray pulses

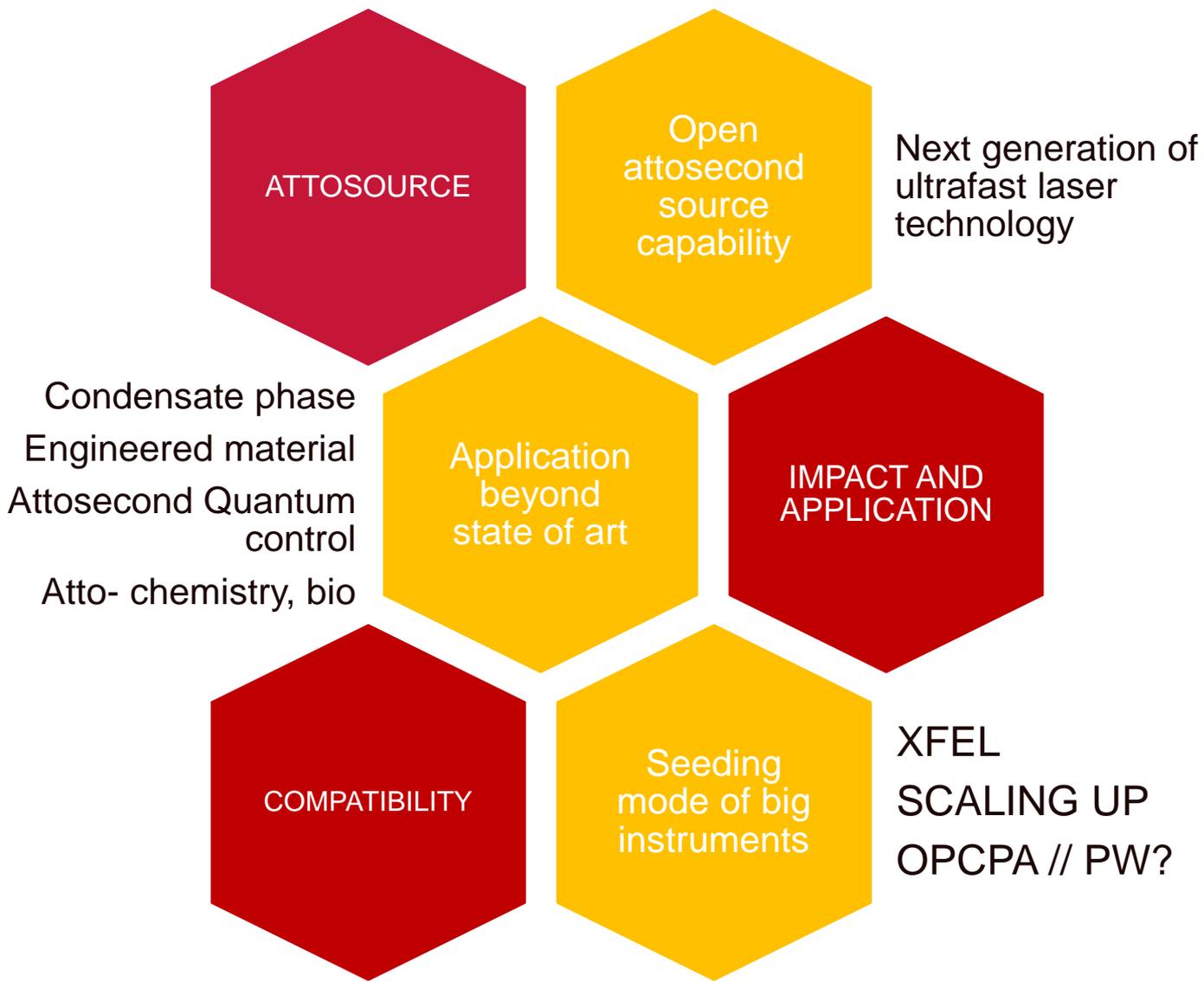


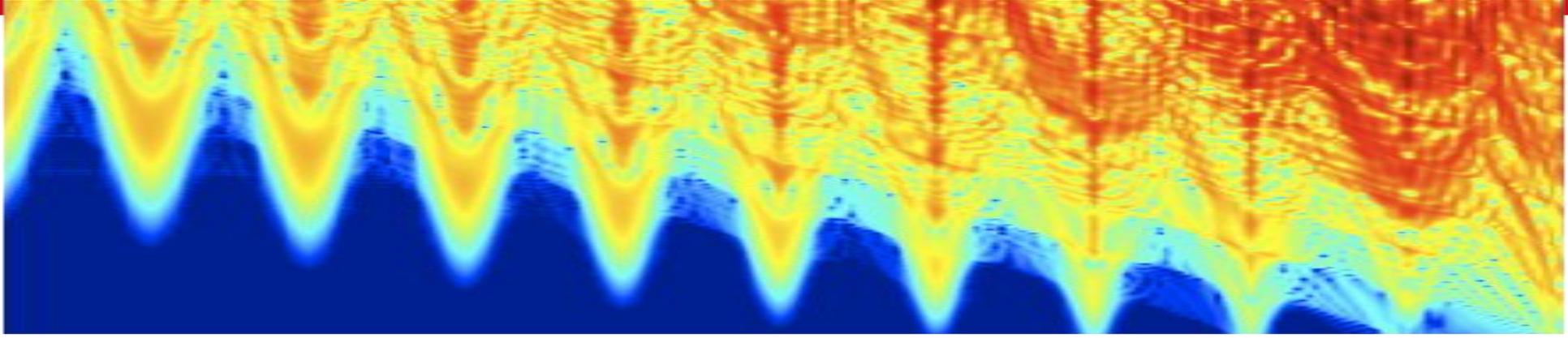


Proof of operation: temporal profile from RABITT



# Potential of merging HHG and XFEL is huge





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