

# The Proton Radius Puzzle

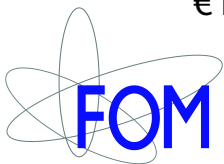
## - precision spectroscopy at extremes -

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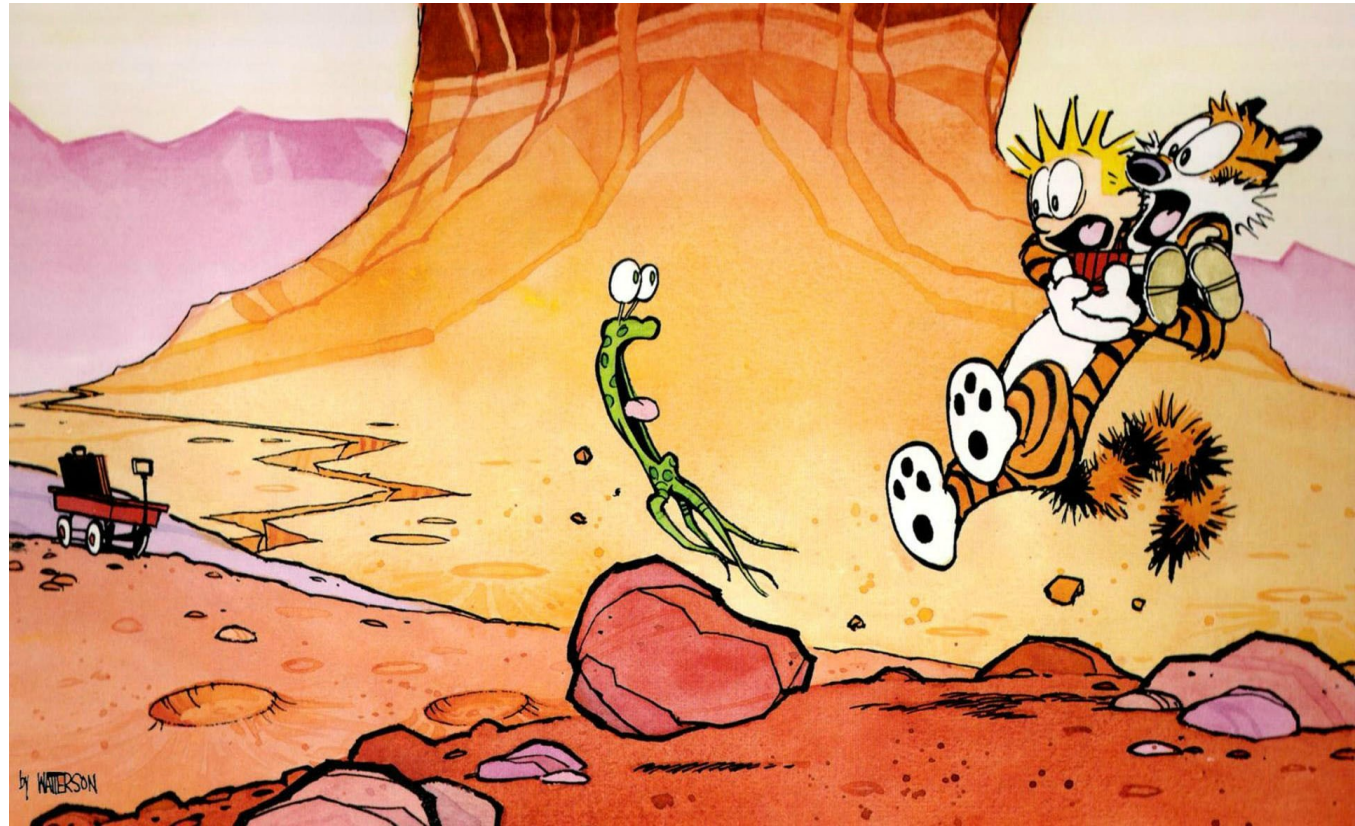
€ from:



- ❑ **Proton Radius & Deuteron Radius Puzzle**
- ❑ **Precision revolution: frequency comb lasers**
- ❑ **Ramsey-comb excitation: power and accuracy combined**
- ❑ **Deep-UV Ramsey-comb excitation of Kr and H<sub>2</sub>**
- ❑ **Prospects for He<sup>+</sup> 1S-2S spectroscopy**
- ❑ **Summary**

Calvin & Hobbes  
meet an alien from  
another planet ...

Cartoon by  
Bill Watterson



## QED:

First seen as 'Lamb shift'  
in 2S-2P in hydrogen by  
W. Lamb in 1947

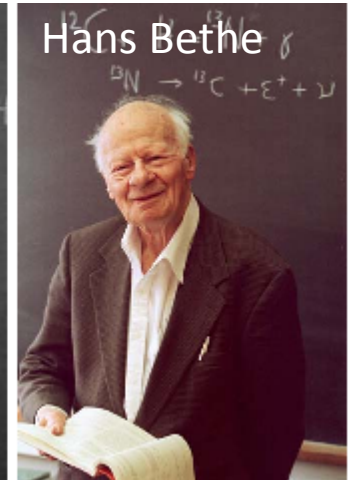
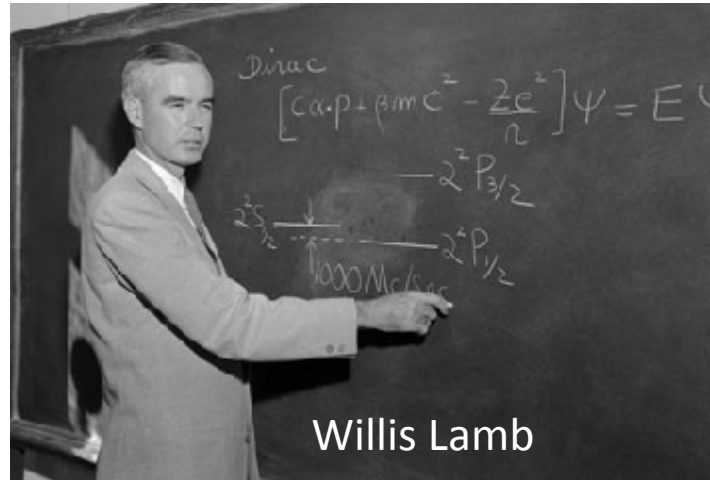
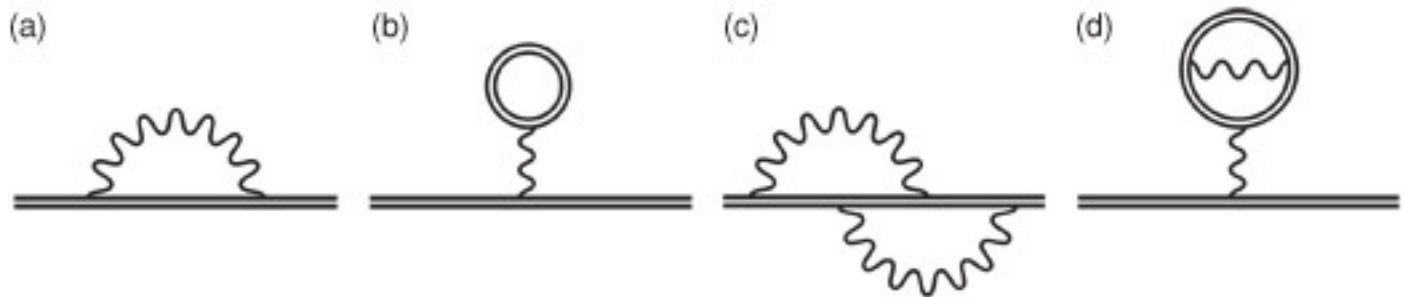
1.0576 GHz (microwaves)

First calculation by Bethe (1947)

Heisenbergs uncertainty  
principle:

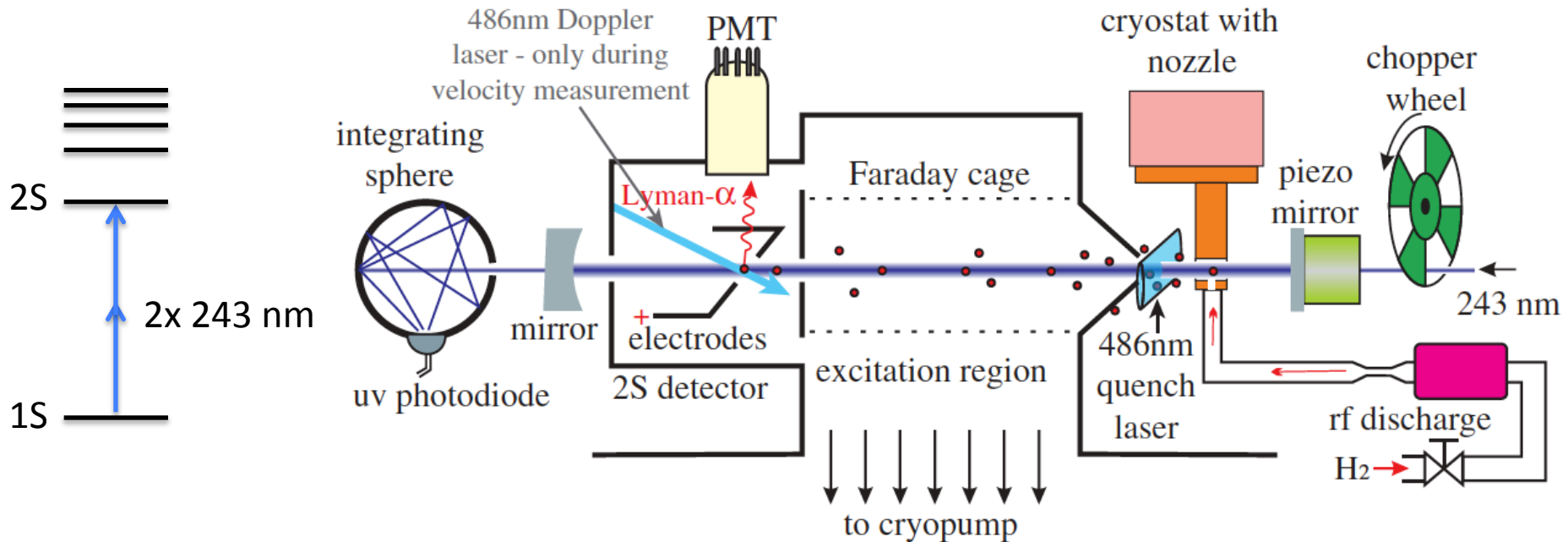
$$\Delta E \Delta t \geq h/4\pi$$

- (a) Self-interaction
- (b) vacuum-polarization
- (c) Two-loop
- (d) ....



Physics Nobel Prize in 1965 for Schwinger, Feynman, and Tomonaga

# MPQ 1S-2S hydrogen experiment in 2011



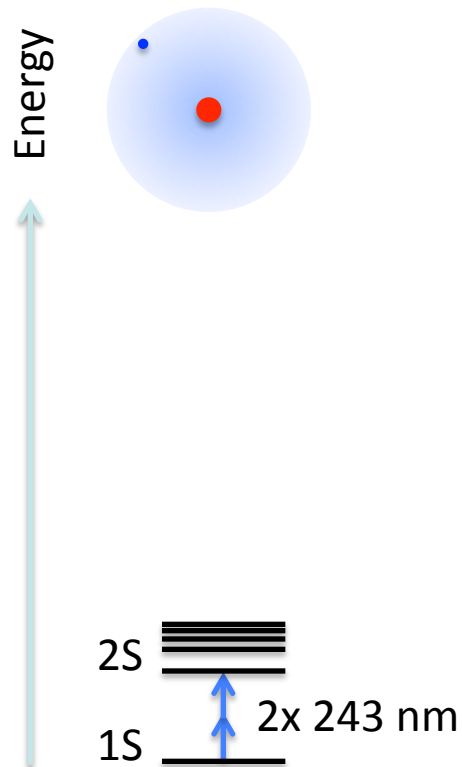
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# The 1S-2S values for H

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Theory	$\Delta\nu_{1S-2S}$	$Z^2$	$2.466\dots\times 10^{12}$
	$\Gamma_{1S-2S}$	$Z^4$	$1.3\times 10^{-3}$
	$\Delta L_{1S-2S}$	$Z^{\geq 3.7}$	7 127 887(44)
	Finite size	$Z^4 r^2$	1102(44)
	(nucl. pol.)		(2)
	$B_{60}+B_{7i}$	$Z^{\geq 6}$	-8(3)
	Test $B_{60}+B_{7i}$		25%
	Rel. acc. $\Delta L_{1S-2S}$		6.3 ppm
Experiment	$\Delta\nu_{1S-2S}$		246606143187.035(10)
	$\delta L(\delta R_{\infty})_{1S-2S}$	$Z^2$	16
	Rel. $\delta L(\delta R_{\infty})$		2.2 ppm

H 1S-2S from  
C.G. Parthey et al.,  
PRL **107**, 203001 (2011)

## Hydrogen (H)

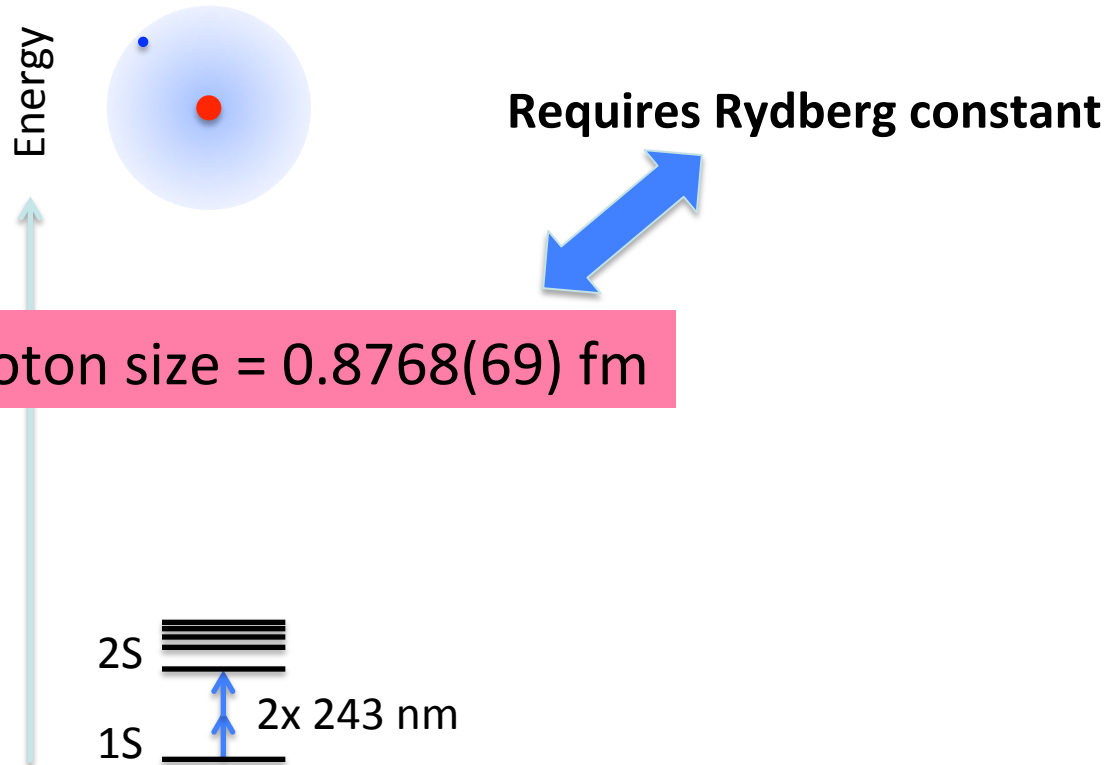


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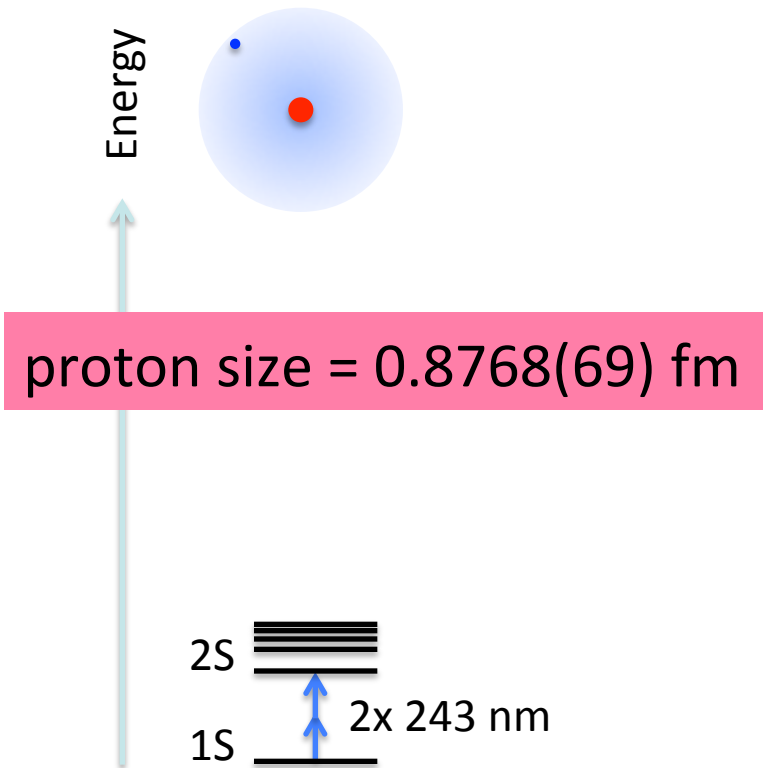
# Obtain the proton radius instead?

## Hydrogen (H)



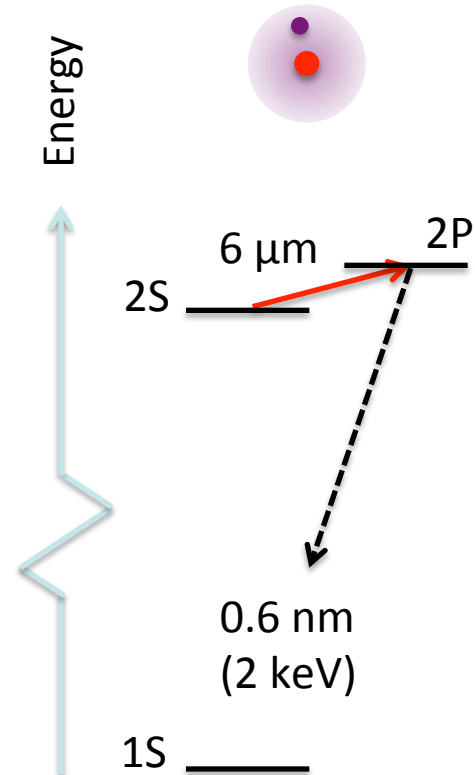
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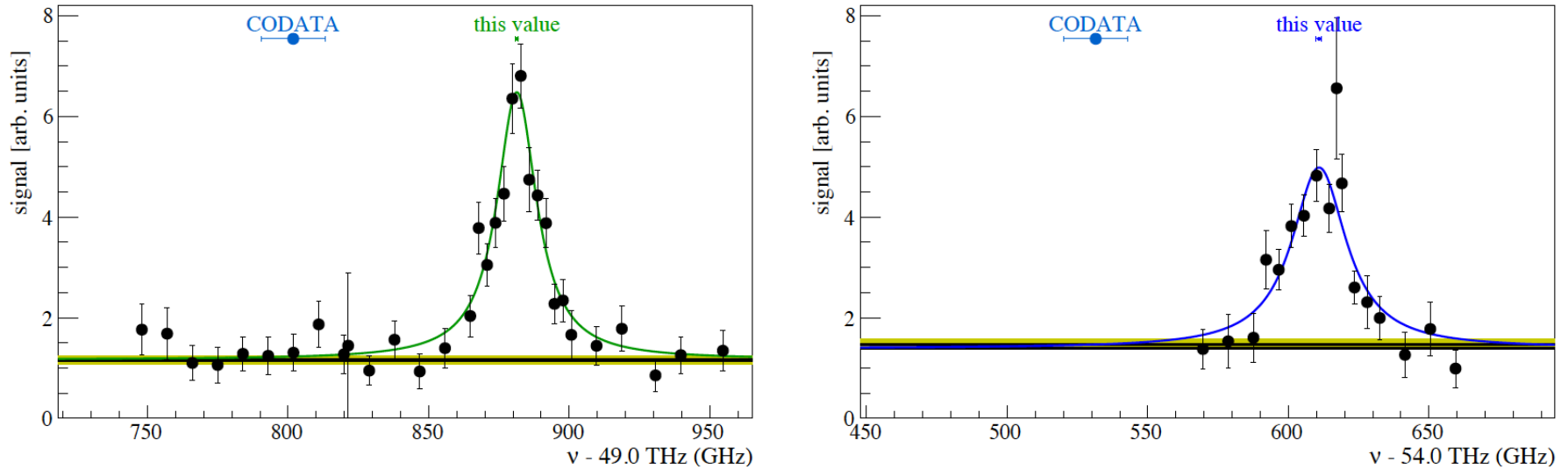
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## Muonic hydrogen ( $\mu\text{H}$ )



R. Pohl et al.,  
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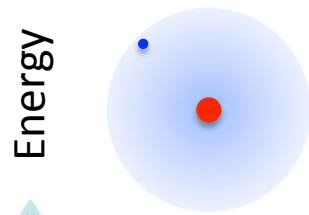




**Fig. 2.** Two resonances measured in  $\mu\text{p}$  see Fig. 1(a). Left:  $2S_{1/2}^{F=1} - 2P_{3/2}^{F=2}$  transition from the  $F=1$  triplet state near  $\lambda = 6.0 \mu\text{m}$  ( $49881.35 \pm 0.65$  GHz). Right: The  $2S_{1/2}^{F=0} - 2P_{3/2}^{F=1}$  transition from the  $F=0$  singlet state near  $\lambda = 5.5 \mu\text{m}$  ( $54611.16 \pm 1.03$  GHz). The horizontal bar indicates the background level (with uncertainty), including data taken without laser. The expected resonance positions calculated using the CODATA value of  $r_E(\text{p})$  are 80 GHz below the observed positions.

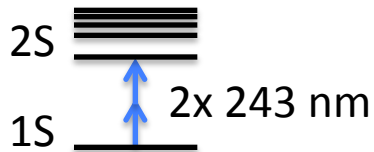
# Proton size 4% smaller?

## Hydrogen (H)



Energy

proton size = 0.8768(69) fm



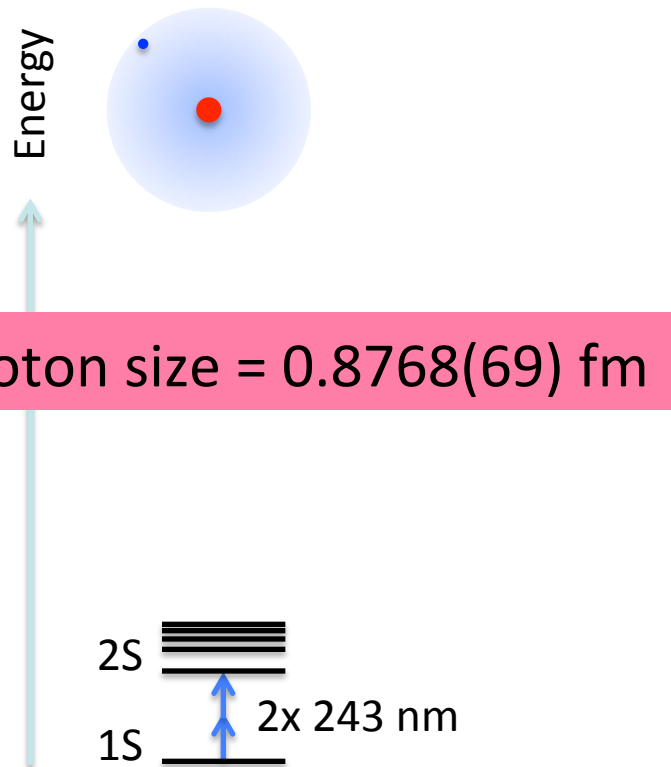
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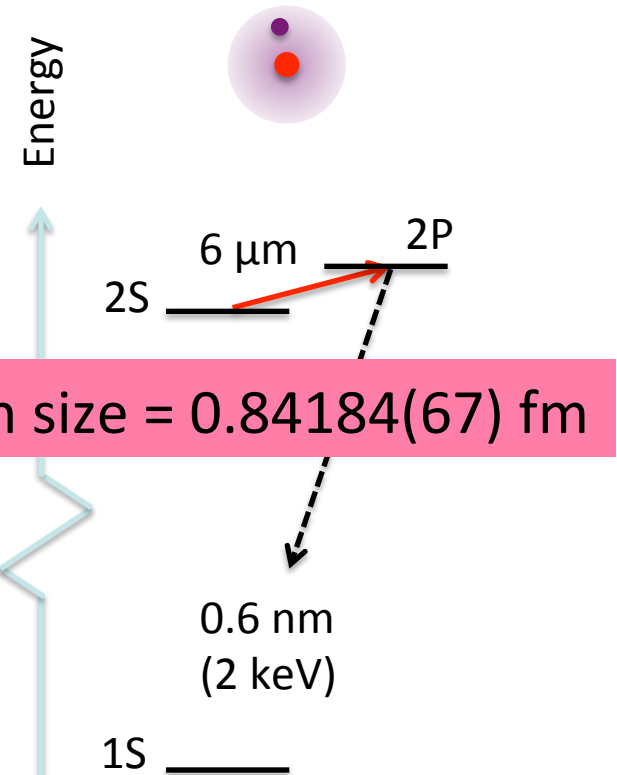
# Conflicting proton radii ?!?

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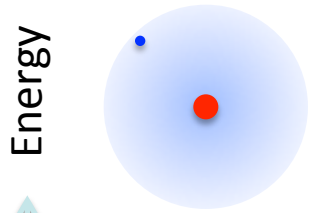
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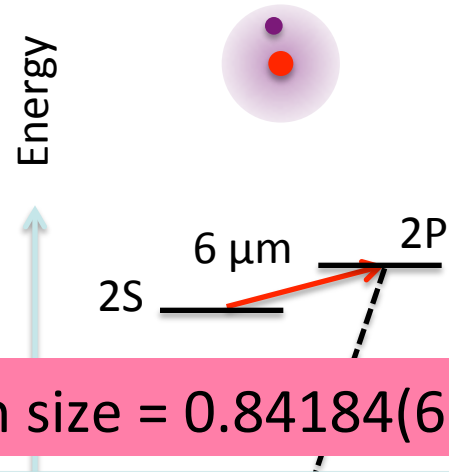
# Proton size or Rydberg constant?

## Hydrogen (H)



proton size = 0.8768(69) fm

## Muonic hydrogen ( $\mu\text{H}$ )

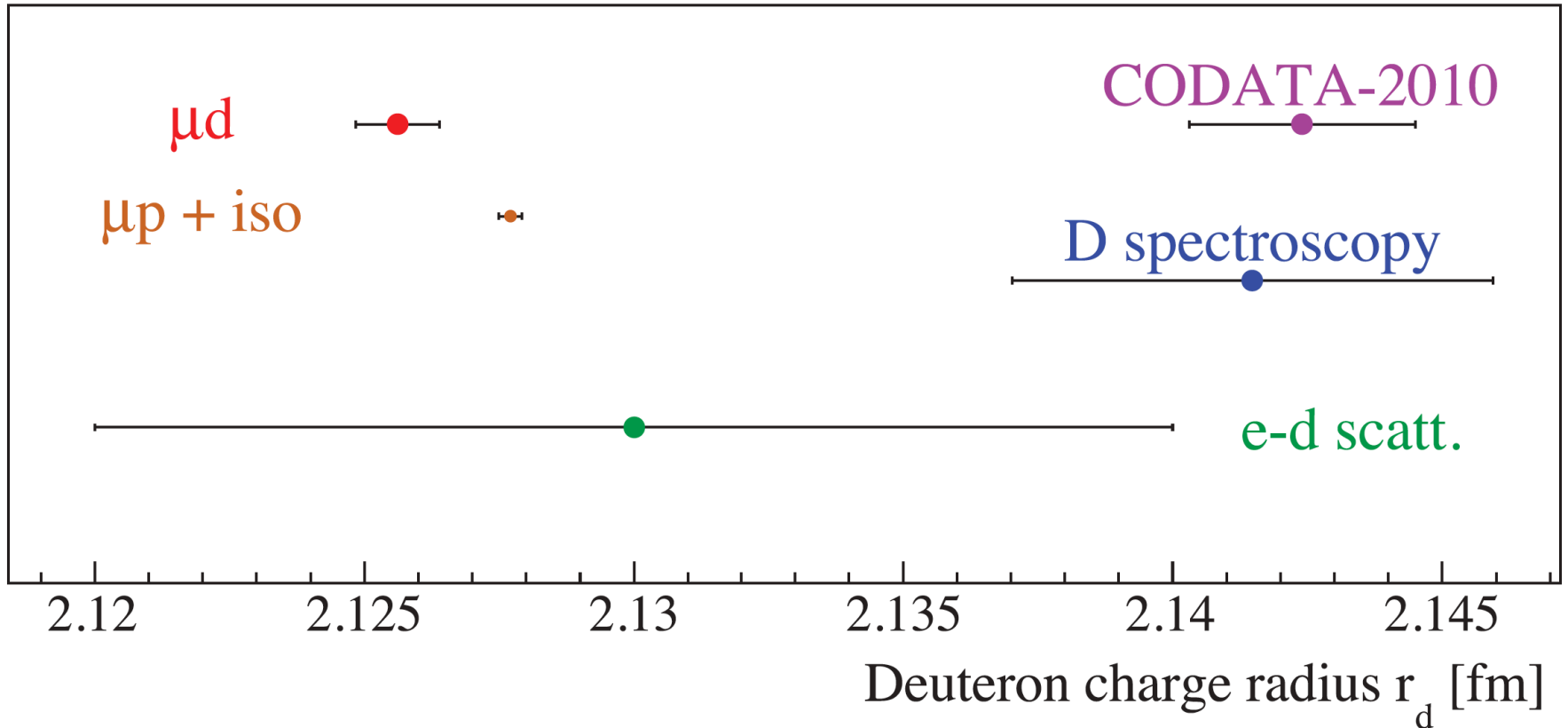


proton size = 0.84184(67) fm

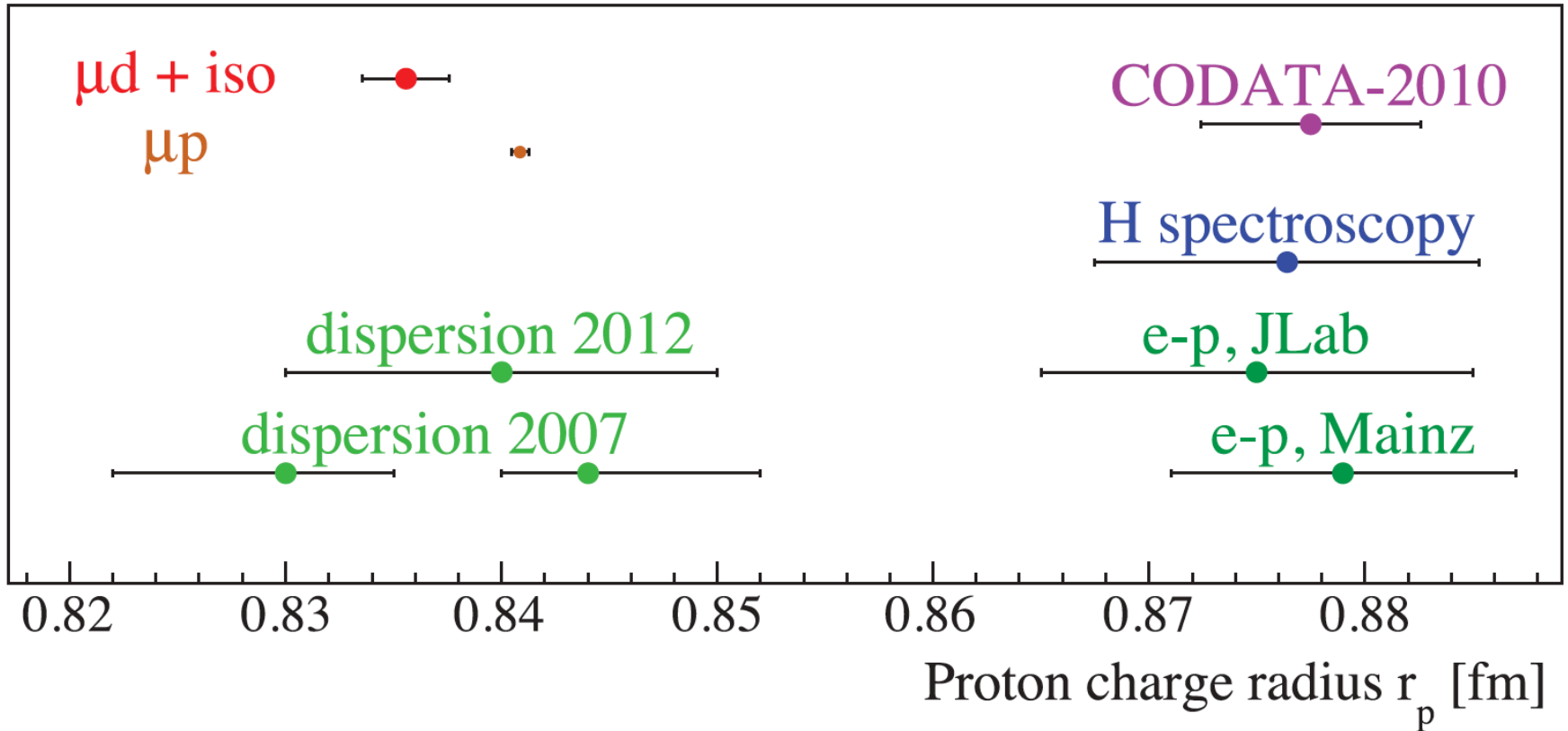
R. Pohl et al., "Laser spectroscopy of muonic **deuterium**",  
Science 353, 669 (2016):

$$r_d = 2.12562(78) \text{ fm}$$

**difference is  $7.5\sigma$**  with CODATA:  $r_d = 2.1424(21) \text{ fm}$



See also arXiv: 1607.03165 (August 2016)



## Shift of Rydberg constant CODATA-2010 value by $7\sigma$ ?

**good:**  $r_p(\mu p)$  and  $r_p(H)$  in agreement

**bad:** difference  $r_d(\mu p)$  and  $r_d(H,D)$  still  $2.5\sigma$  off

**bad:** still  $r_d^2 - r_p^2$  value off by  $2.6\sigma$  between  $(H,D)$  vs.  $(\mu p, \mu d)$

## QED in H and D is off by 110 kHz ? (=44 $\sigma$ of claimed accuracy of 2.5 kHz)

**good:** agreement between  $r_p$  and  $r_d$  from H & D &  $\mu p$  &  $\mu d$

**good:** Rydberg constant unaffected

**bad:** still  $r_d^2 - r_p^2$  value off  $2.6$  by  $\sigma$  between  $(H,D)$  vs.  $(\mu p, \mu d)$

**bad:** extreme shift of QED

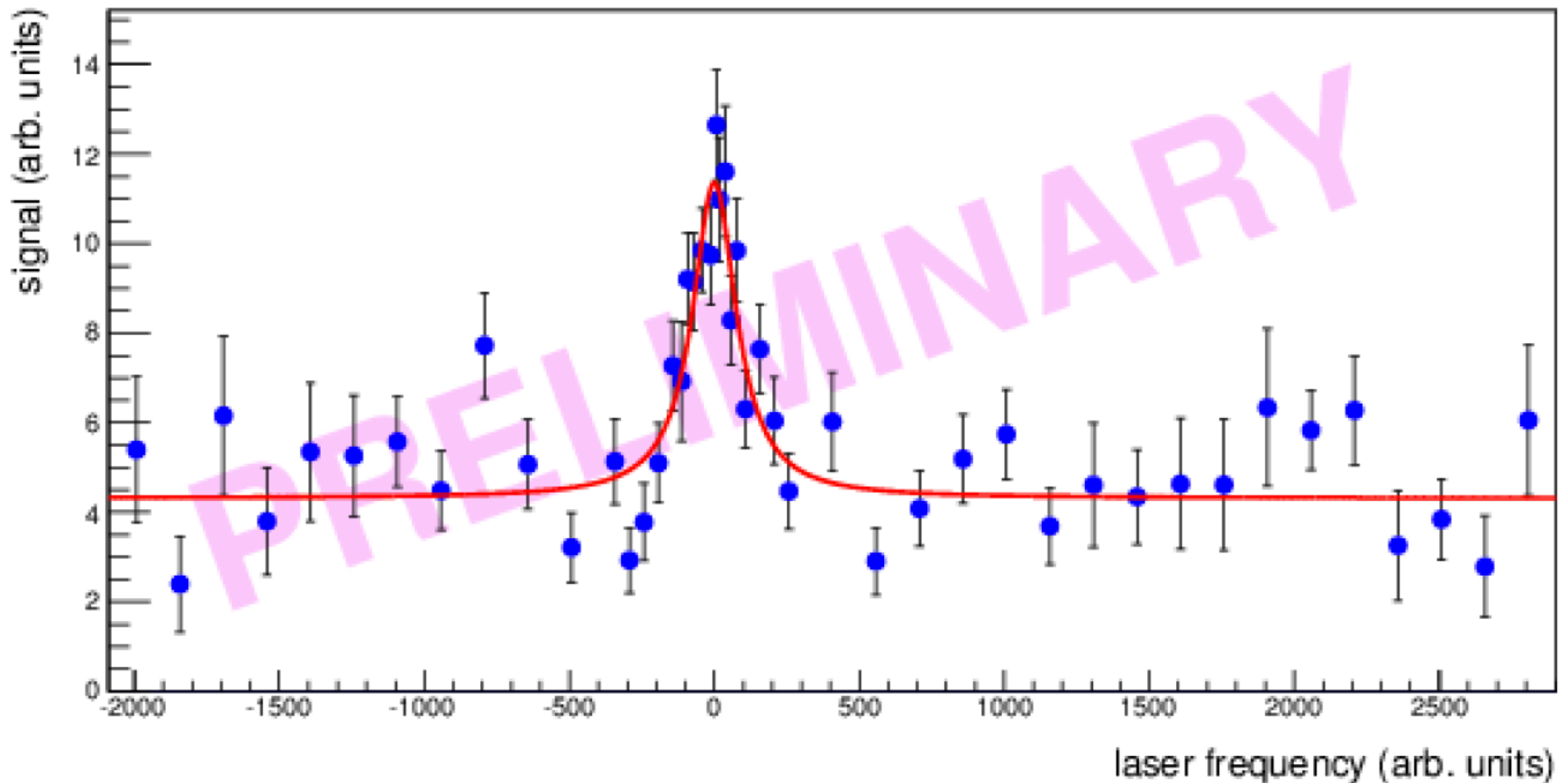
## Shift of all muonic spectroscopy of $14\sigma$ (=80 GHz for $\mu p$ and 104 GHz for $\mu d$ )

or theory missing term in muonic atoms; off by  $160\sigma$  in  $\mu p$  and  $20\sigma$  in  $\mu d$  ?

**good:**  $r_p(\mu p)$  and  $r_p(H)$  in agreement, and also  $r_d(\mu p)$  and  $r_d(H,D)$

**bad:** extreme shifts of either theory or experiment

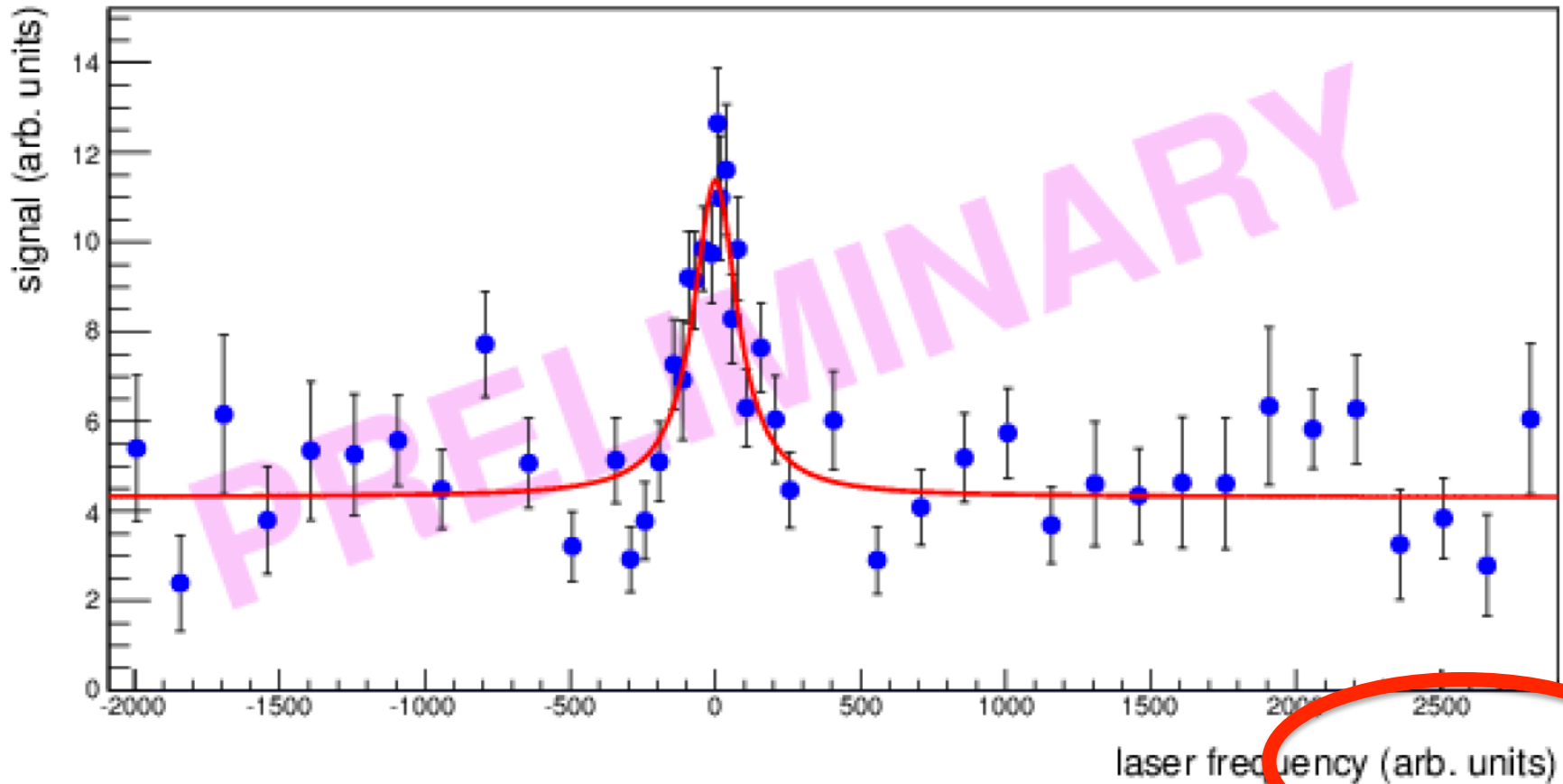
Pohl et al. Science 2016: **“Ultimately, only new experiments can shed more light on the proton and deuteron radius discrepancies”**



From arXiv paper 1609.03440 (12 September 2016) with first result in it on muonic  ${}^4\text{He}$

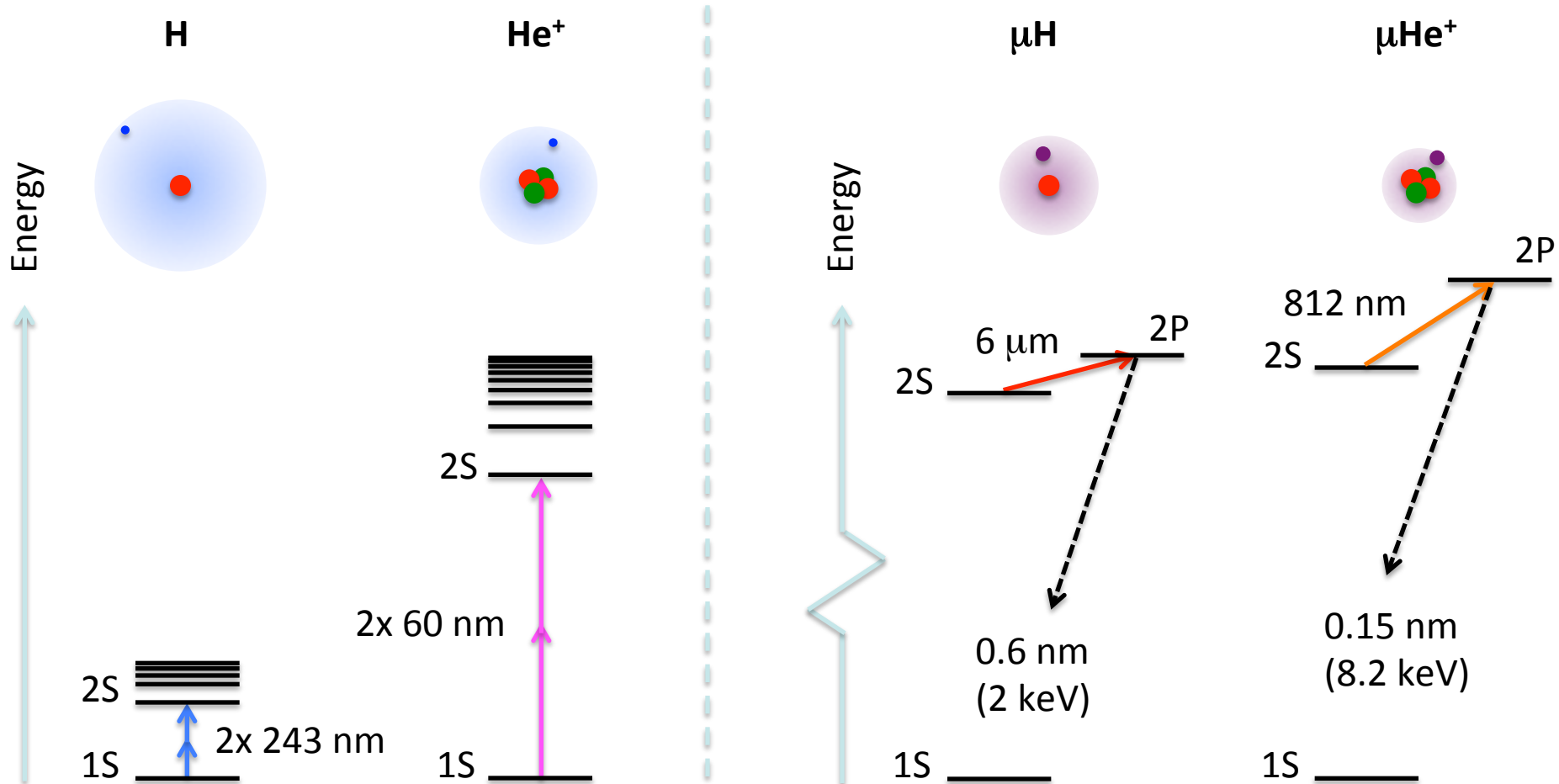


# Preliminary muonic ${}^4\text{He}^+$ (2S-2P)



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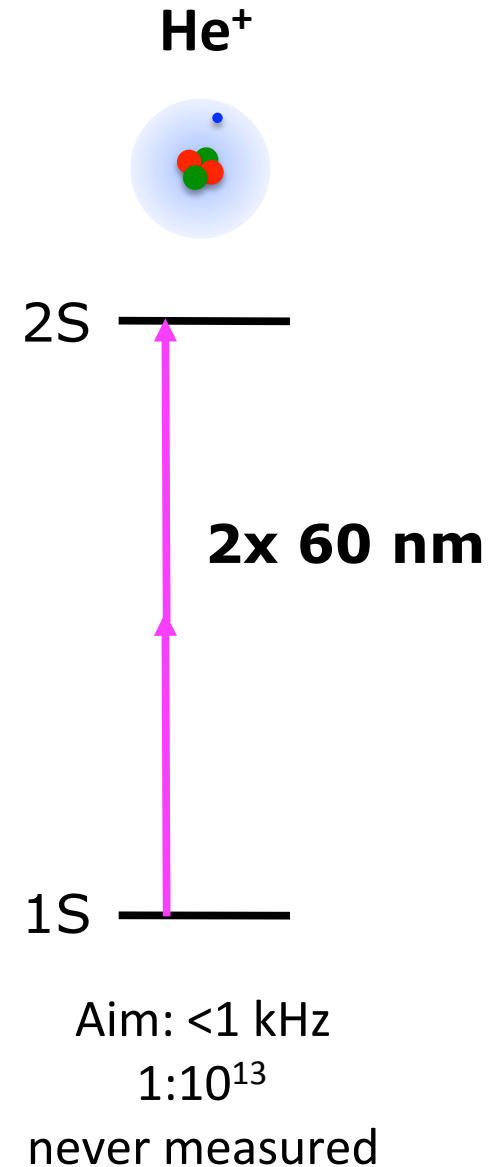
# Normal vs. muonic matter



# The 1S-2S values for H and He+

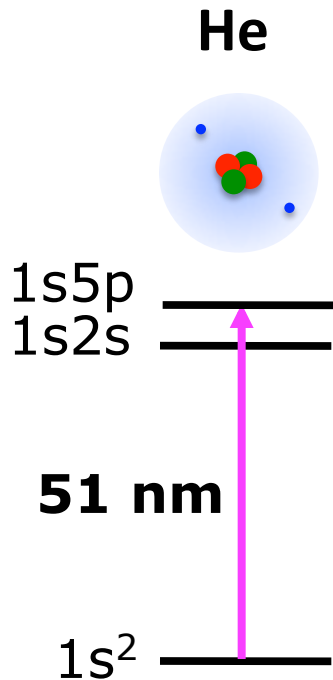
		Scaling	H (kHz)	He <sup>+</sup> (kHz)
Theory	$\Delta\nu_{1S-2S}$	$Z^2$	$2.466... \times 10^{12}$	$9.869... \times 10^{12}$
	$\Gamma_{1S-2S}$	$Z^4$	$1.3 \times 10^{-3}$	$83 \times 10^{-3}$
	$\Delta L_{1S-2S}$	$Z^{\geq 3.7}$	7 127 887(44)	93 856 127(348)*
	Finite size	$Z^4 r^2$	1102(44)	62 079(295)
	(nucl. pol.)		(2)	(40 or 15**)
	$B_{60} + B_{7i}$	$Z^{\geq 6}$	-8(3)	-543(185)
	Test $B_{60} + B_{7i}$		25%	7% or 4%***
Rel. acc. $\Delta L_{1S-2S}$		6.3 ppm	3.7 ppm****	
Experiment	$\Delta\nu_{1S-2S}$		246606143187.035(10)	<b>not measured</b>
	$\delta L(\delta R_{\infty})_{1S-2S}$	$Z^2$	16	65
	Rel. $\delta L(\delta R_{\infty})$		2.2 ppm	0.7 ppm

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# Targets precision spectroscopy in (X)UV

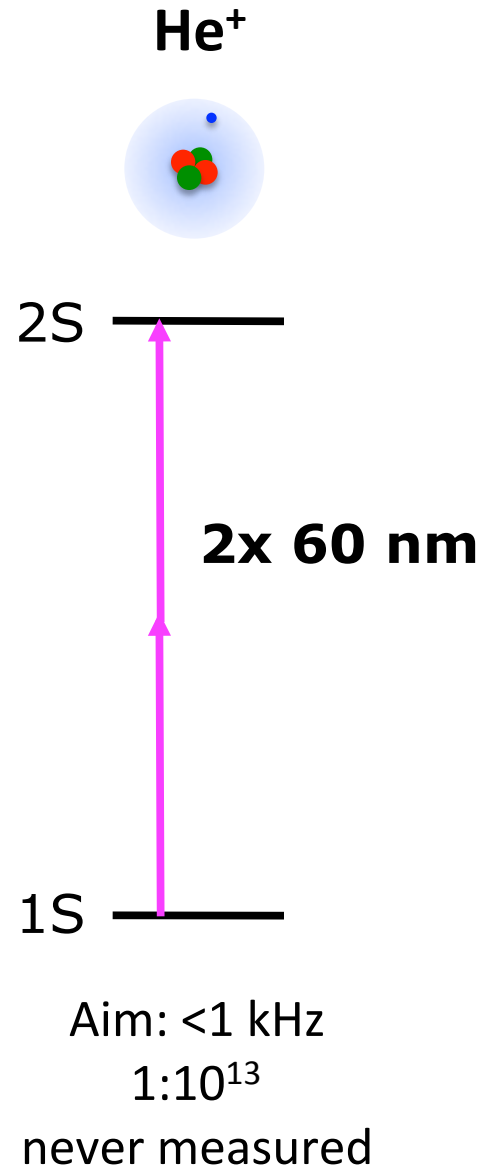
Ramsey spectroscopy,  
comb assisted



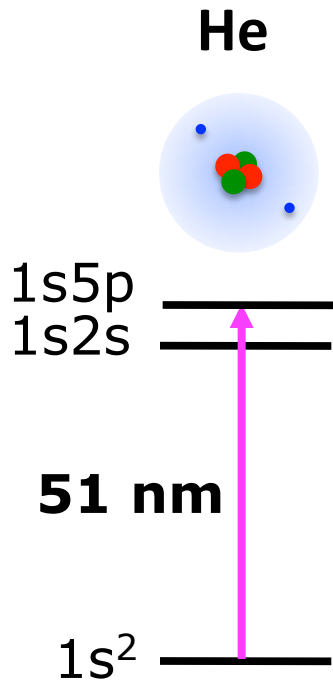
6 MHz

1:10<sup>9</sup>

PRL 105, 063001 (2010)



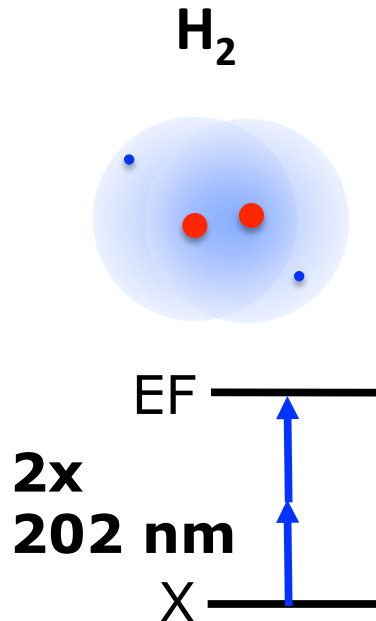
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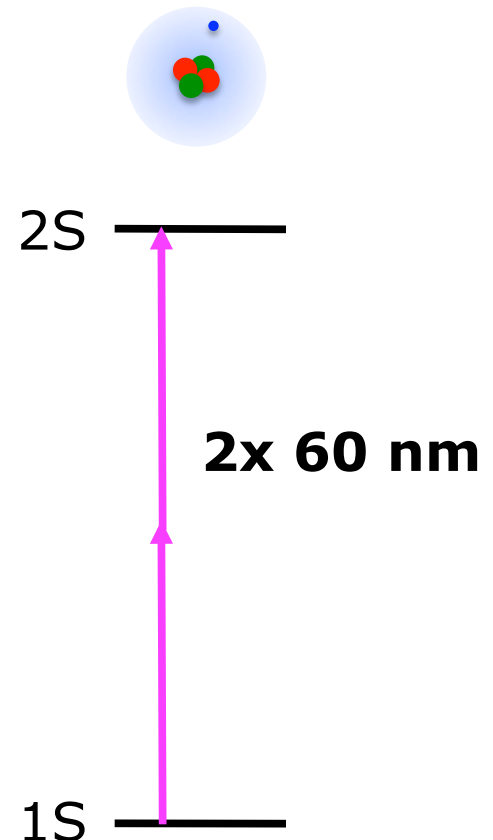
**Ramsey-comb spectroscopy**



Aim: <25 kHz = better than 1:10<sup>11</sup>  
current accuracy ~ 3MHz

J. Chem. Phys. **130**, 174306 (2009)

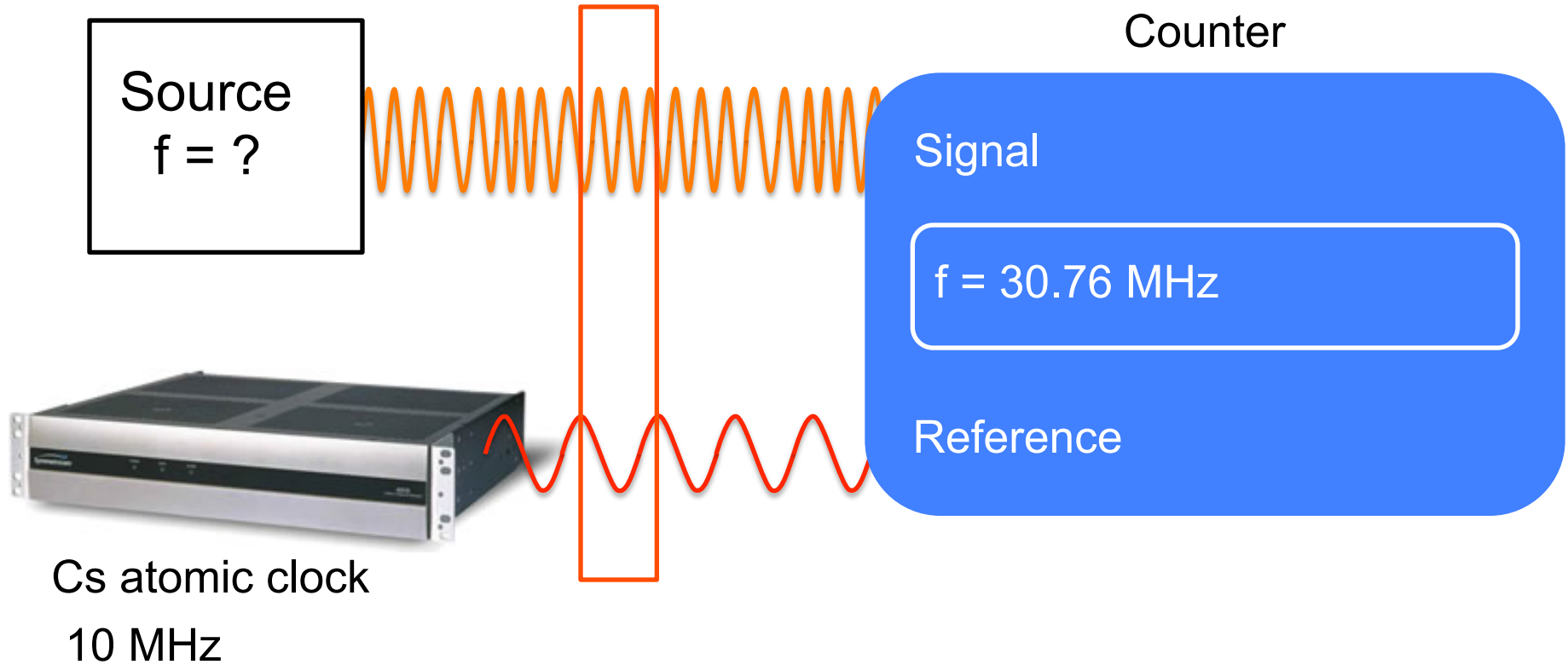
**He<sup>+</sup>**



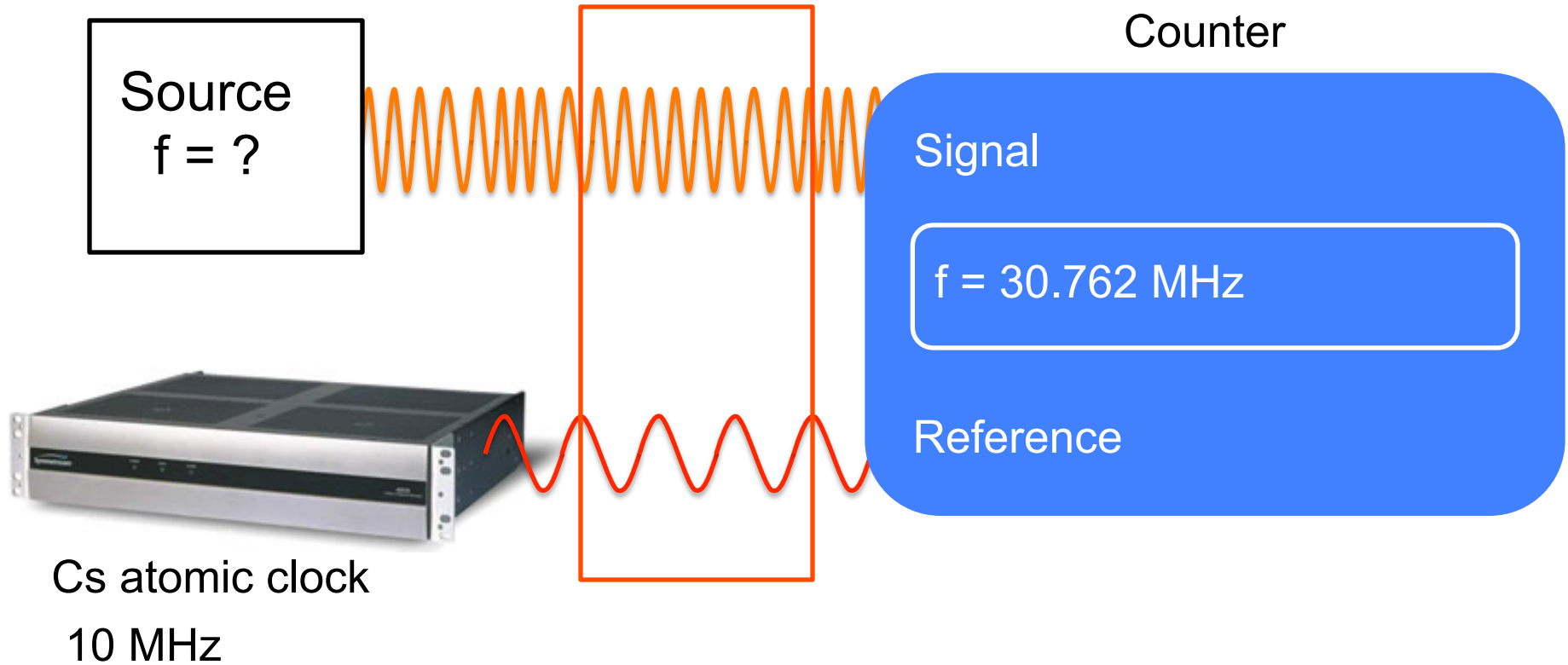
Aim: <1 kHz  
1:10<sup>13</sup>

never measured

# Comparing frequencies



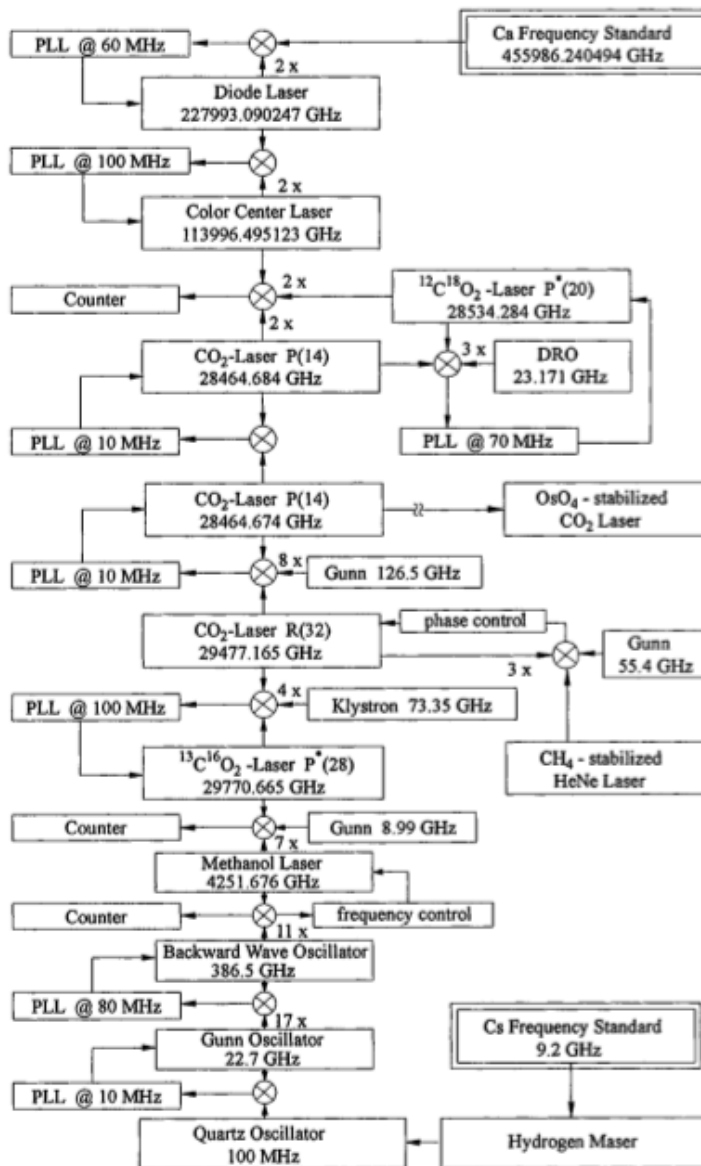
# Comparing frequencies



OK for microwaves up to 100 GHz,  
but optical frequencies at 100's of PHz or even THz ???



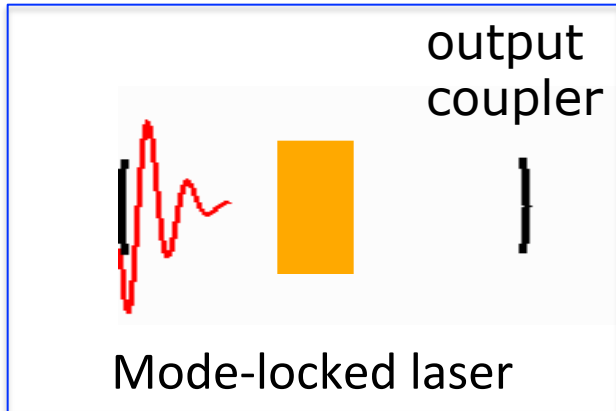
# Frequency chain PTB in 1996



- ❑ Complicated!
- ❑ Exotic lasers
- ❑ Loads of electronics
- ❑ Many people needed to keep it going
- ❑ Big! (>6 m table)
- ❑ Just for 1 frequency!

Other 'Frequency Chains' in e.g. Paris (BNM-SYRTE), Munich (MPQ), NIST

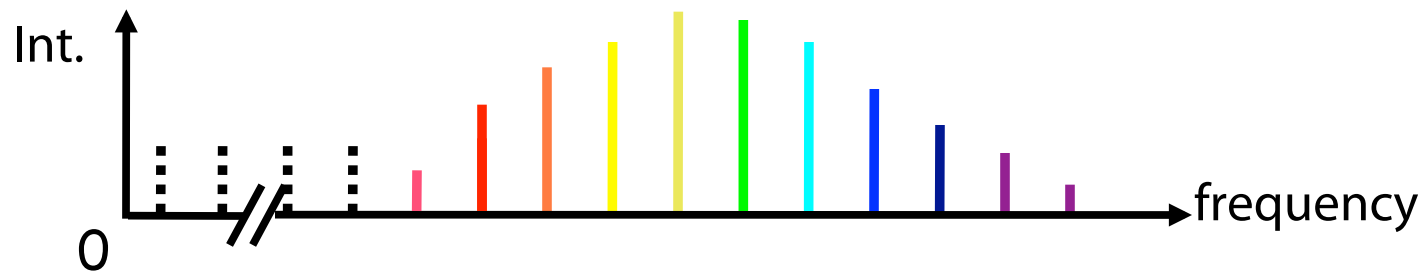
# Frequency comb lasers



Pulses

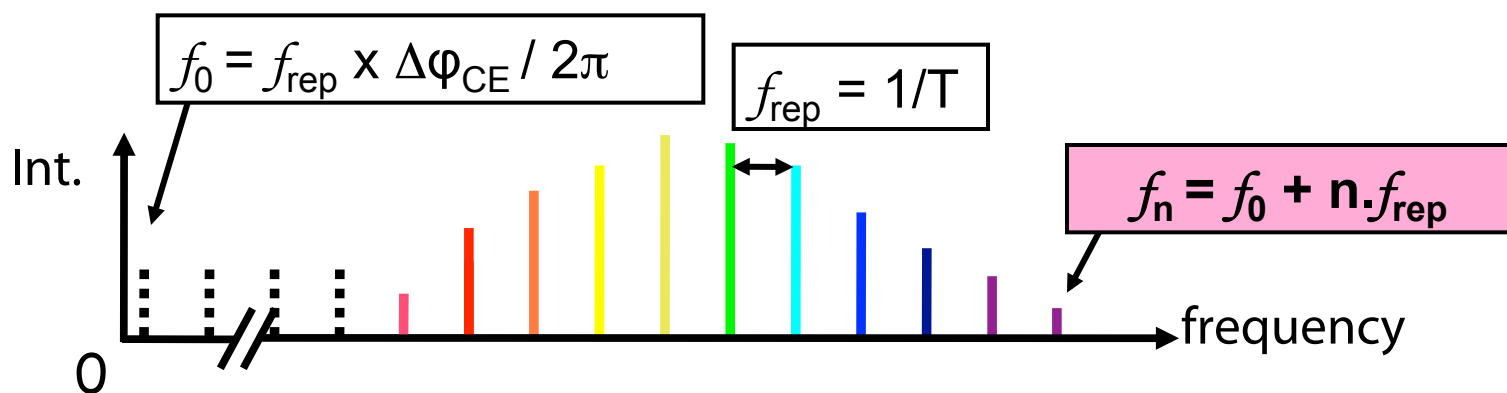
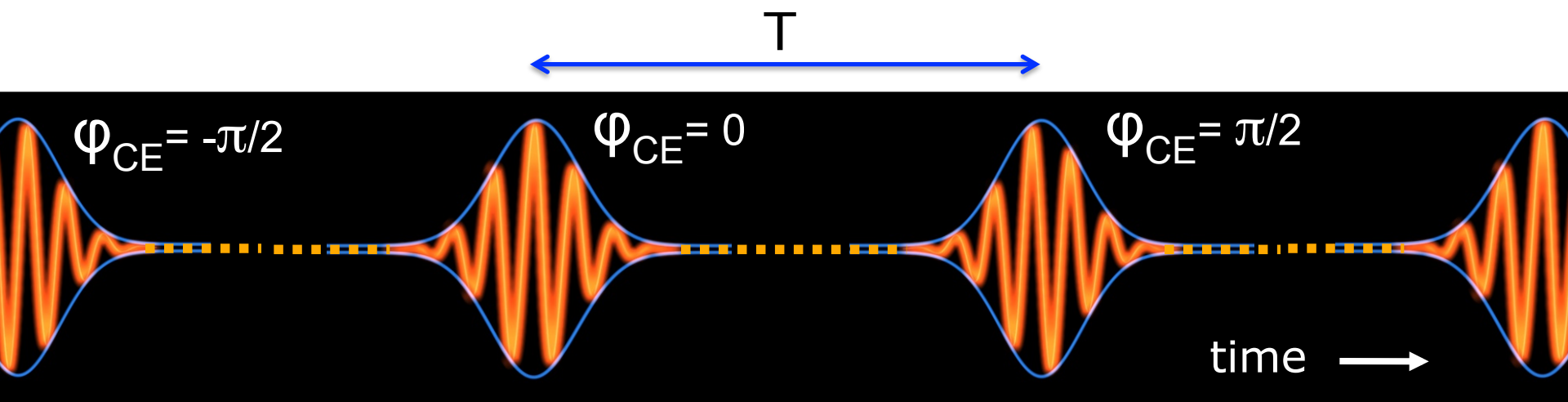


Laser modes

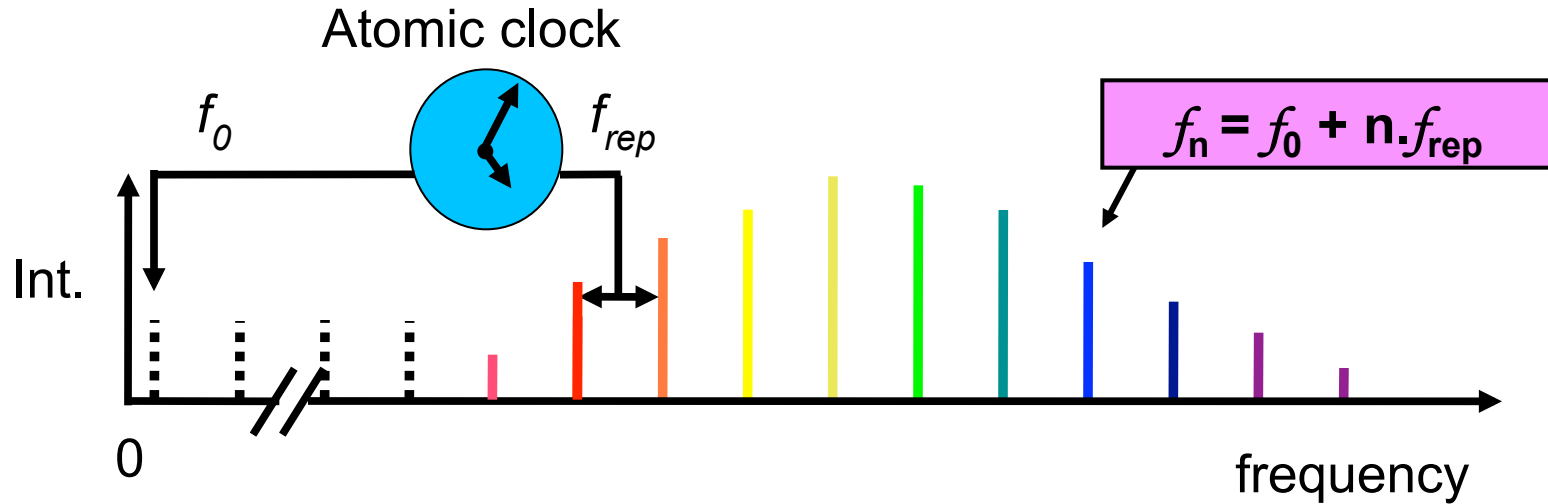


*R. Holzwarth et al. PRL 85, 2264 (2000),  
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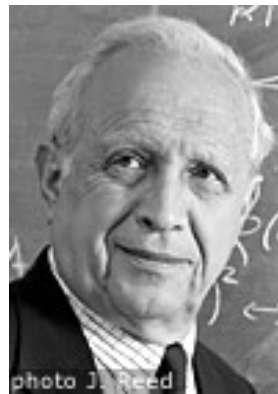
# FC's – infinite pulse trains



# Fully referenced frequency comb



Nobel prize  
2005  
Physics



R.J. Glauber

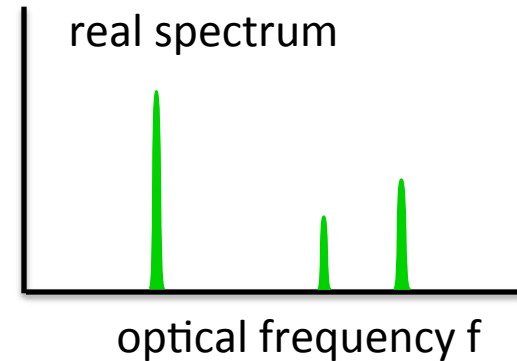
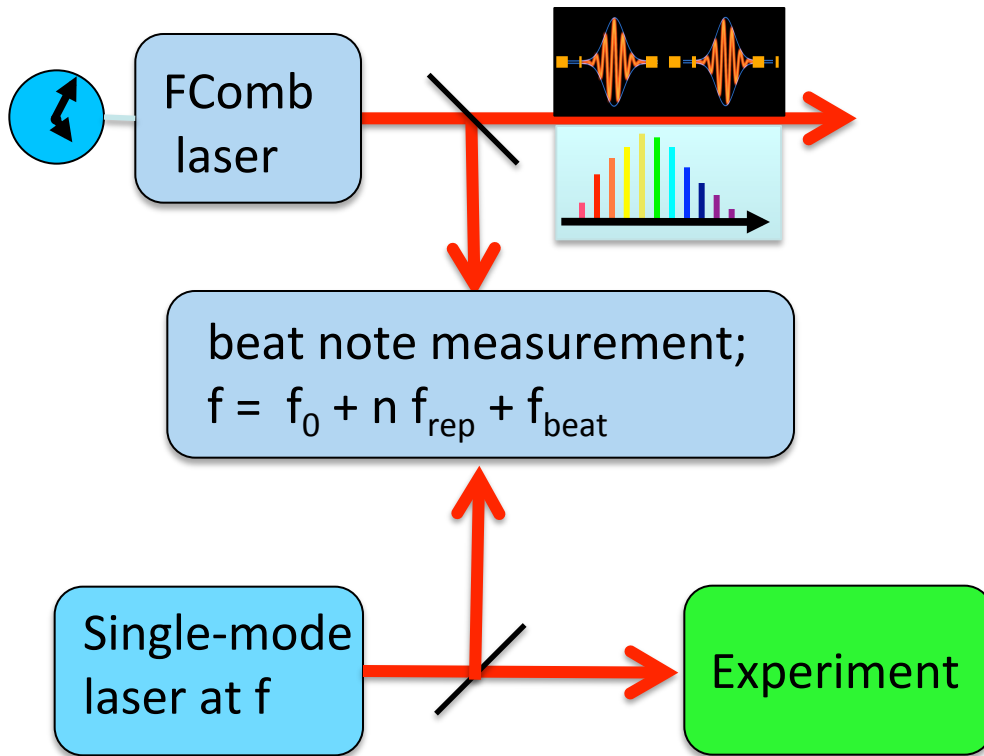


J. Hall

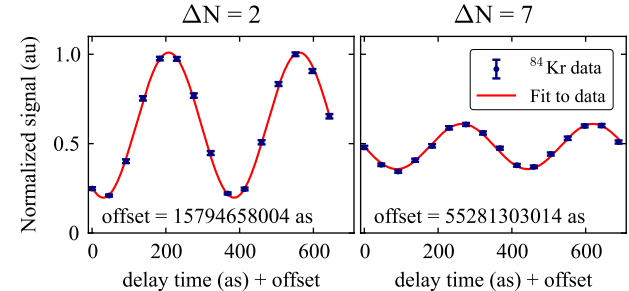
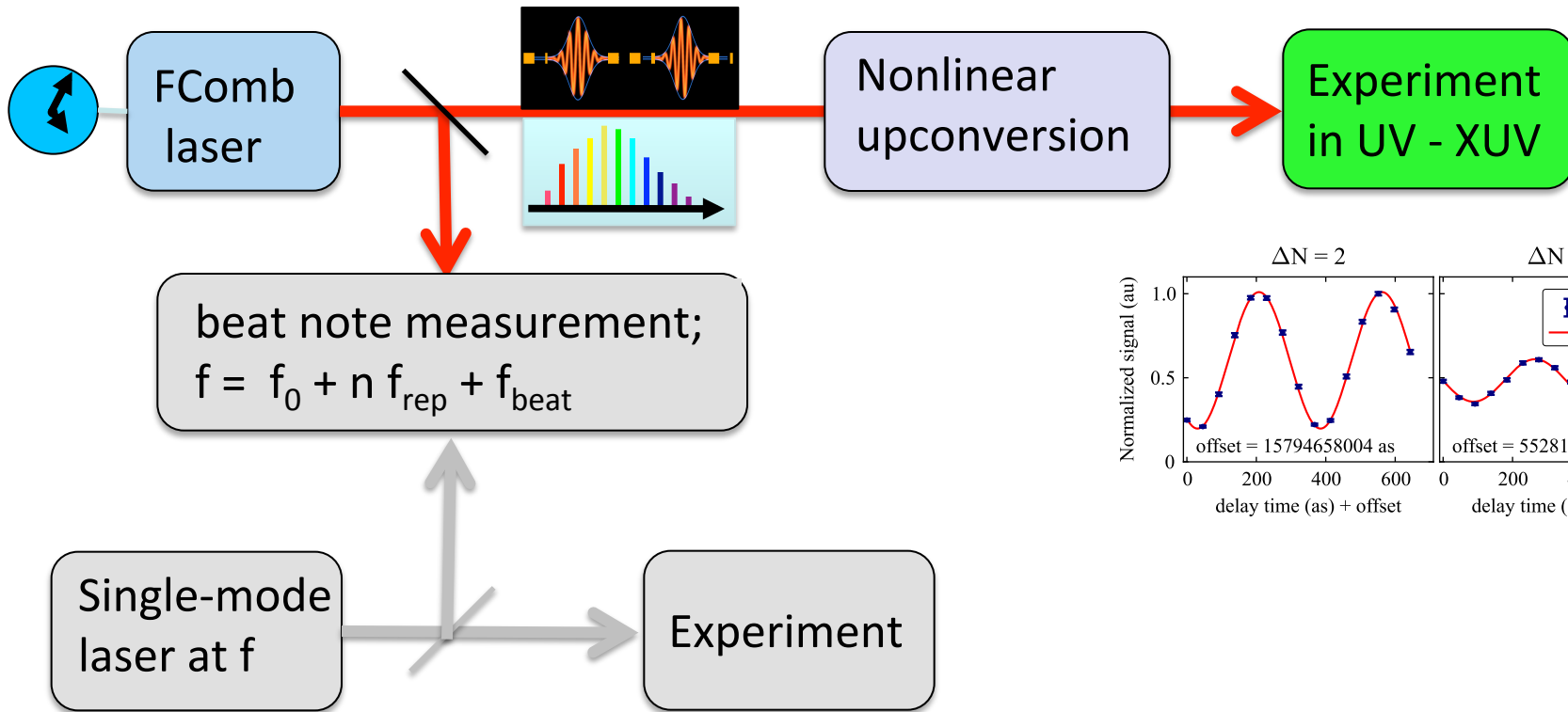


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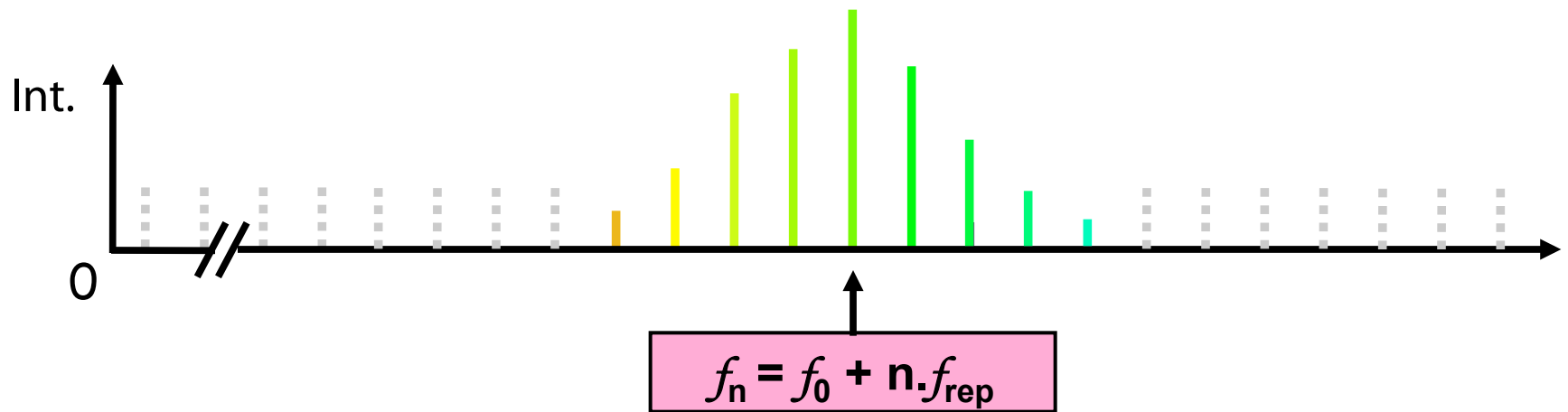
# Comb calibration - traditional



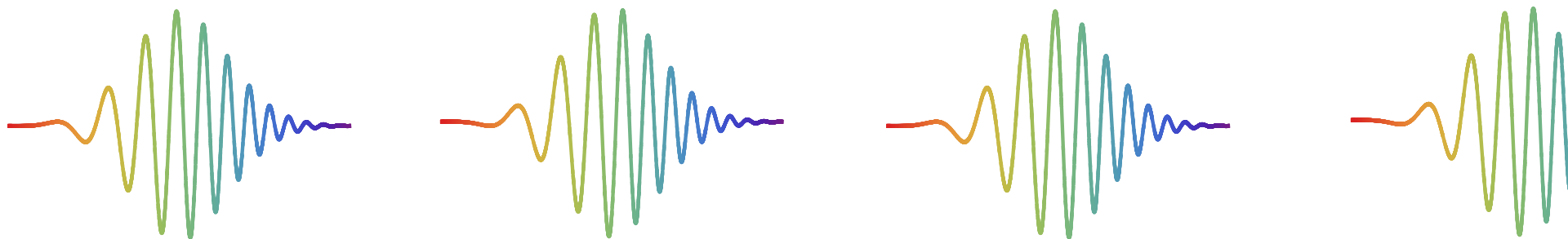
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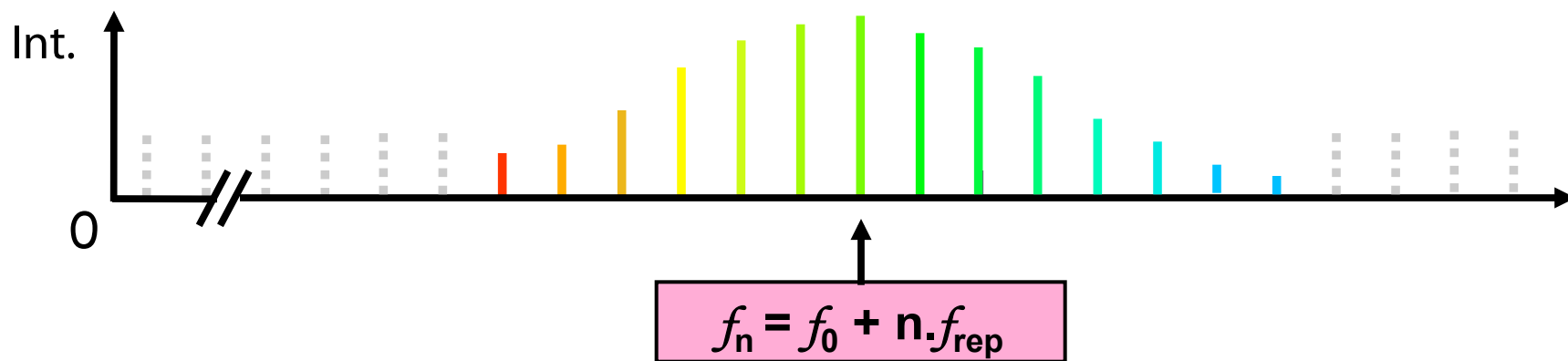
# The essential beauty of frequency combs



# Equal chirp & broadening? – no problem!

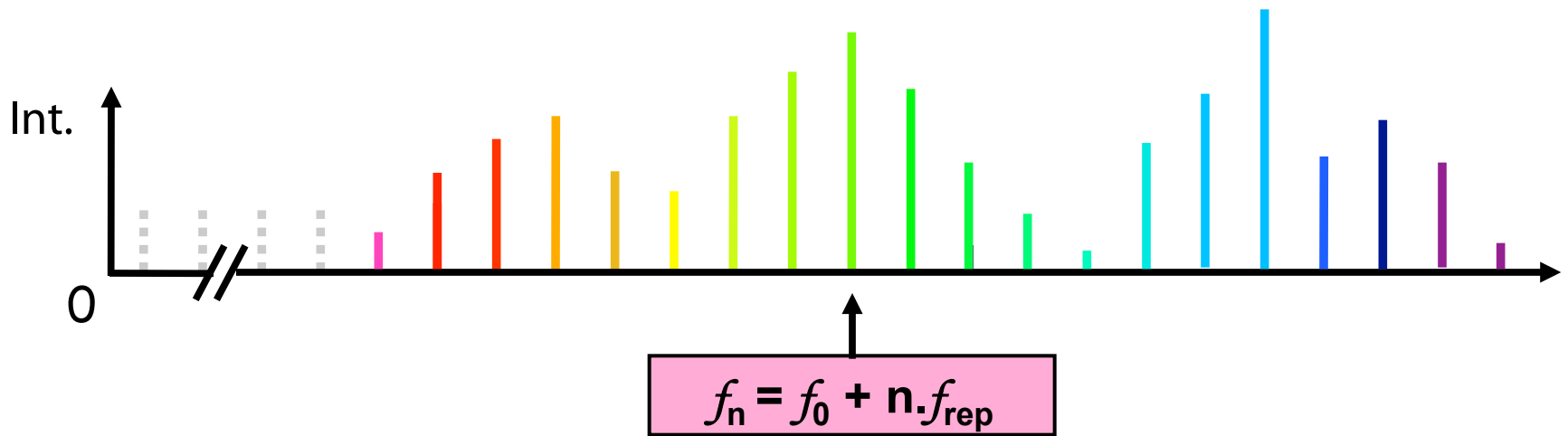
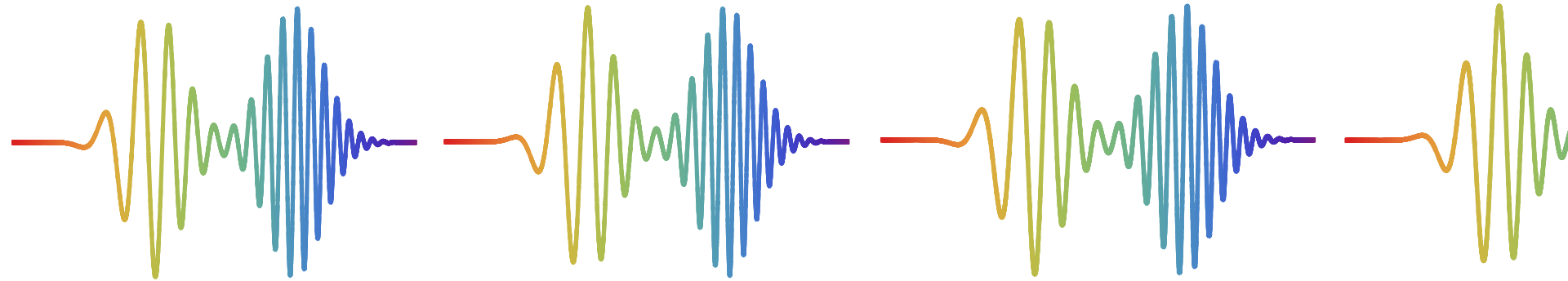


Phases and amplitudes changed, **but frequencies at the same position!**

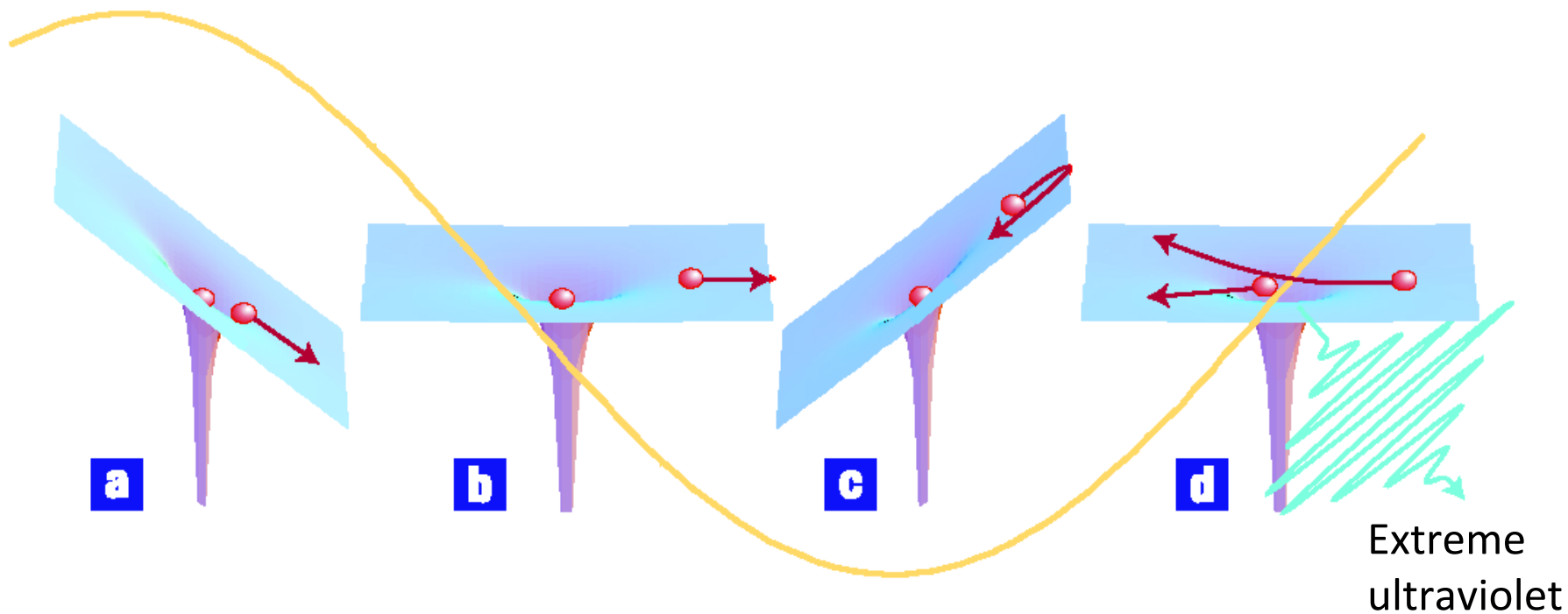
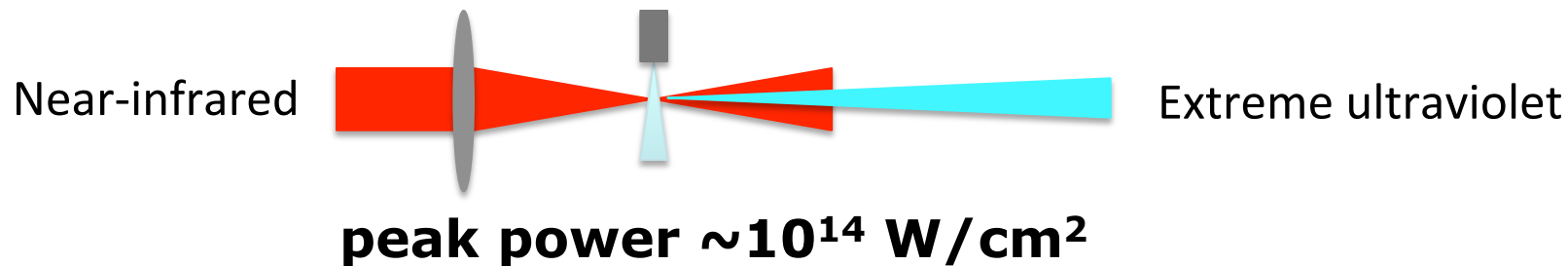




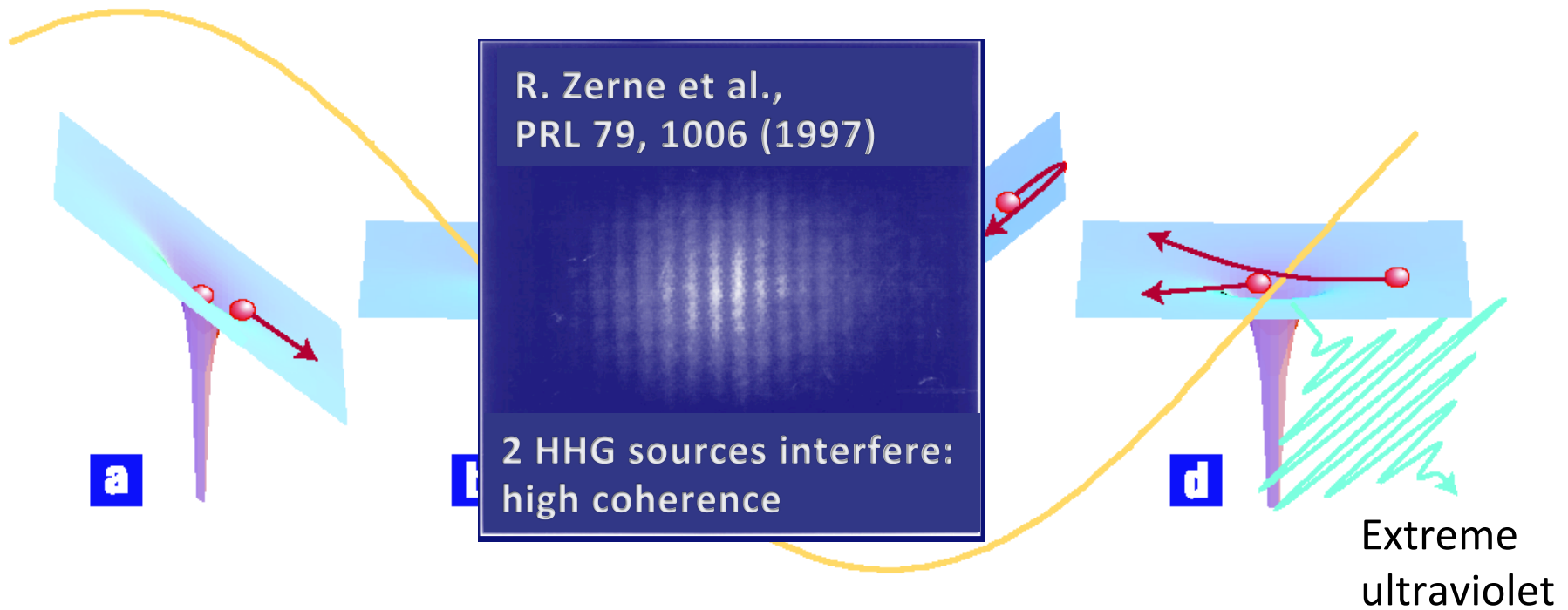
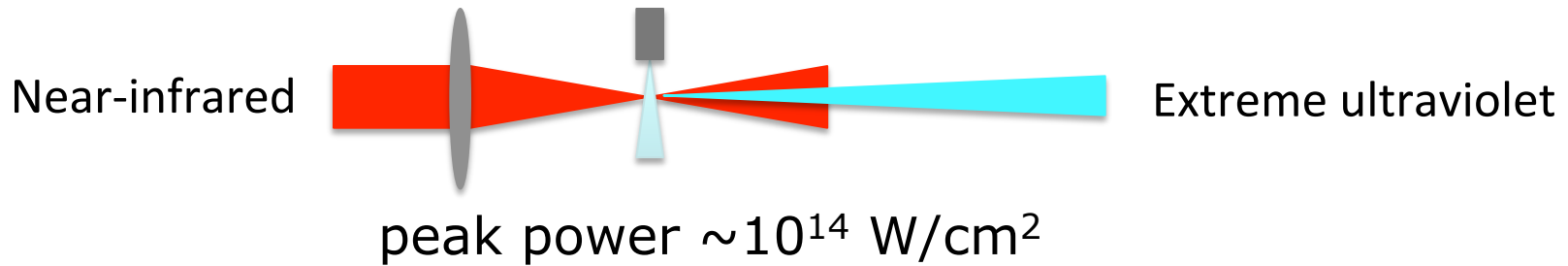
Terrible but equal pulse distortion = OK!



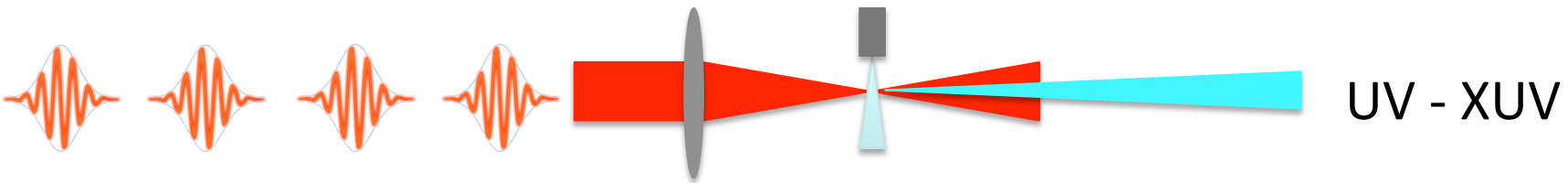
# XUV? Upconversion through HHG



# Laser upconversion through HHG



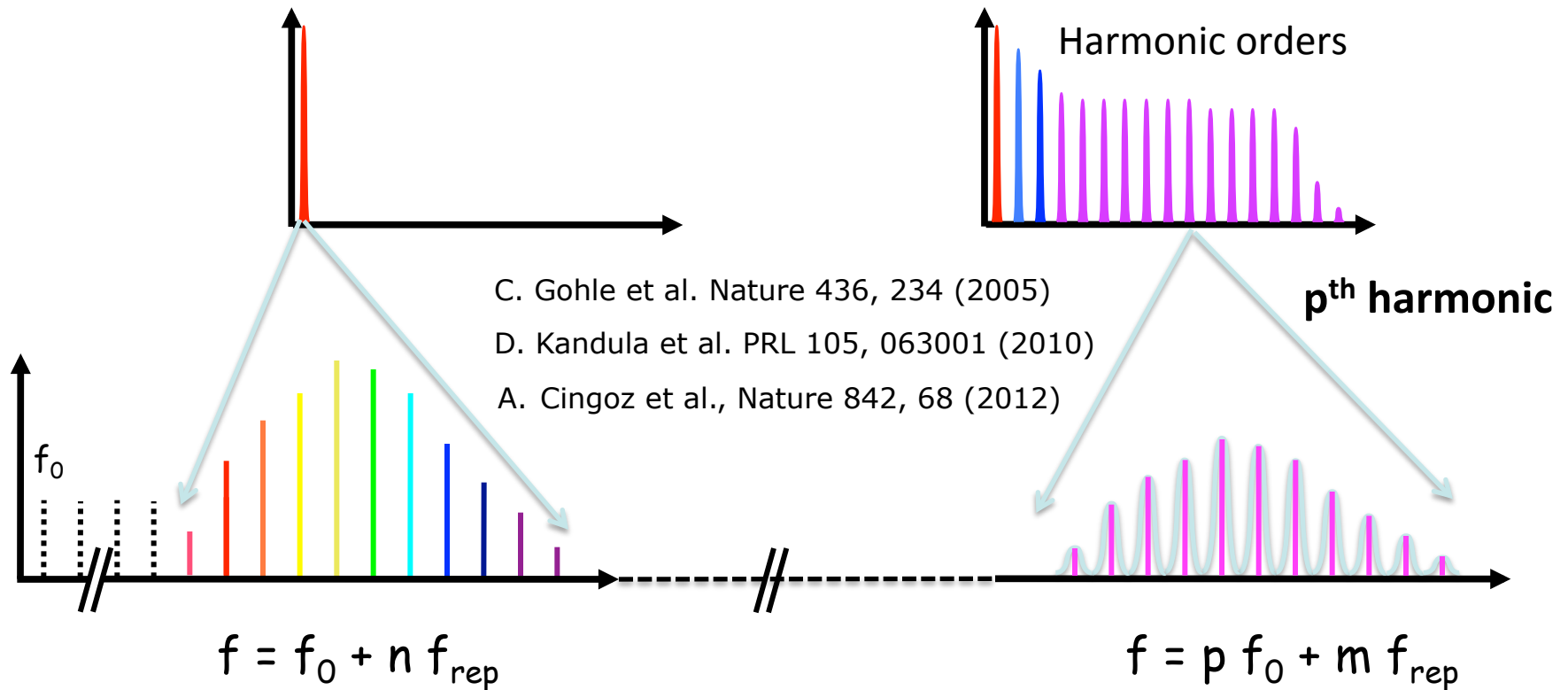
# Comb upconversion through HHG



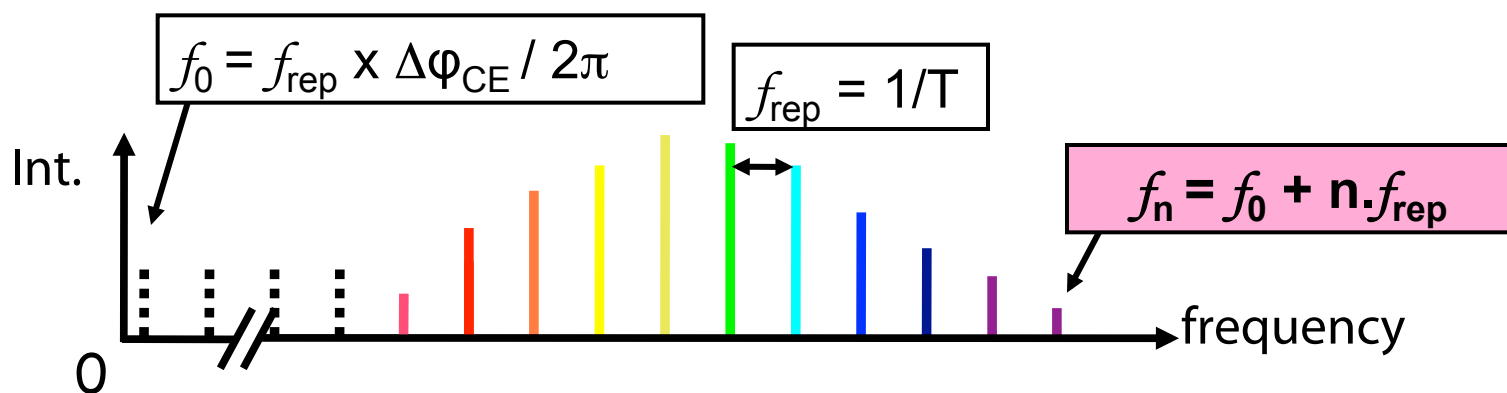
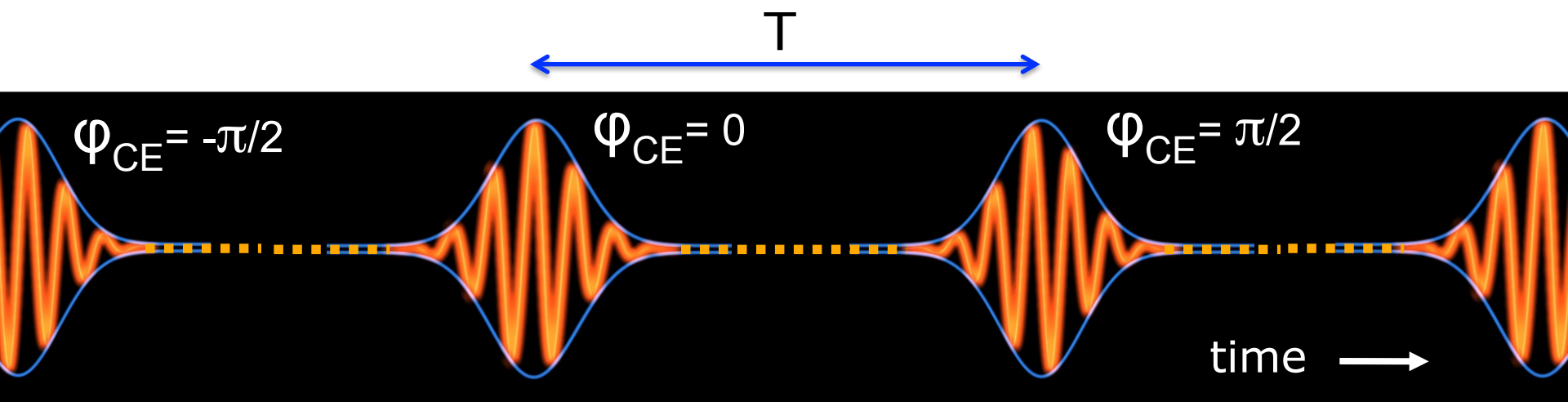
NIR comb

$10^{14} \text{ W/cm}^2$

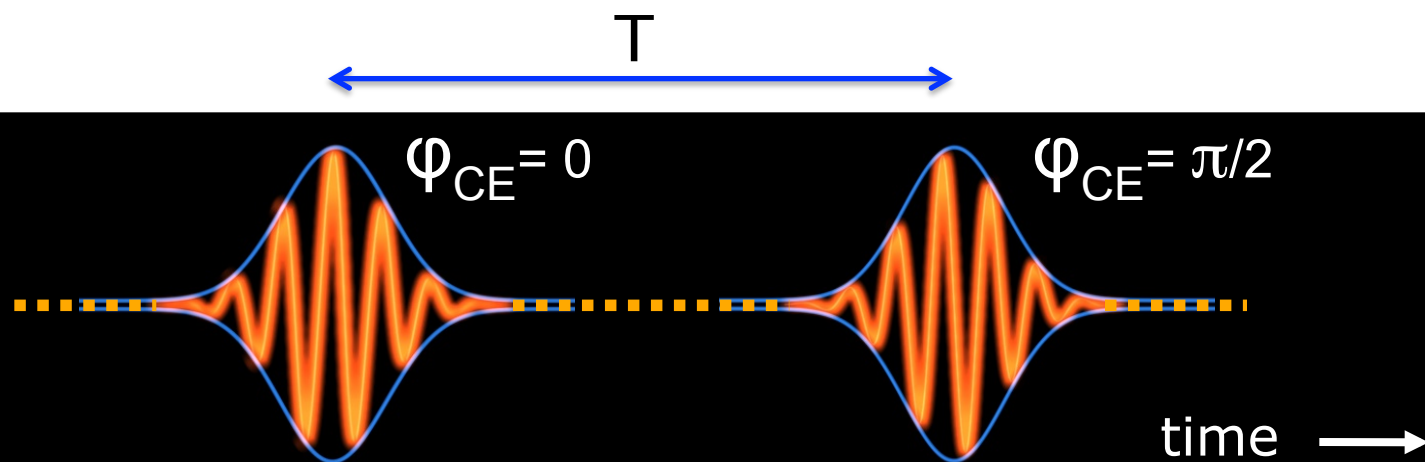
Comb for each harmonic



# FC's – infinite pulse trains



# Heresy! 2 pulses, but mJ energy



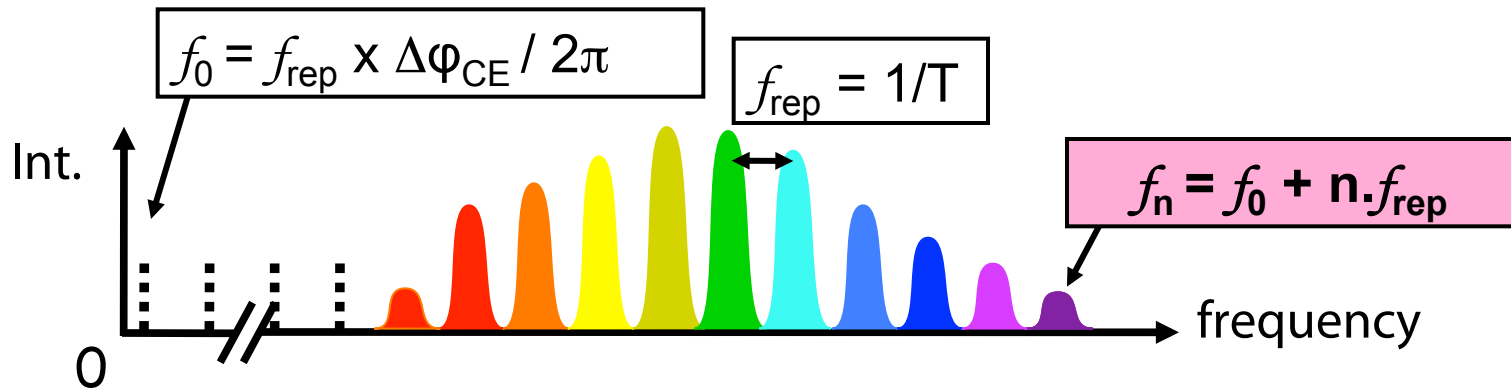
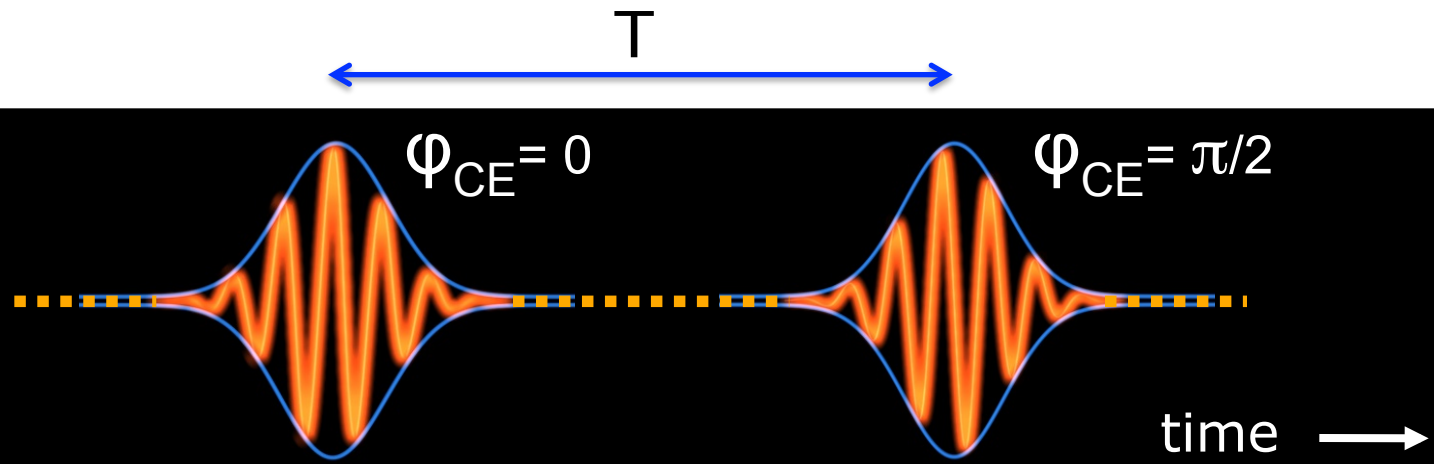
The Black Knight with  
chopped-off limbs...

"Monty Python  
and the Holy Grail"

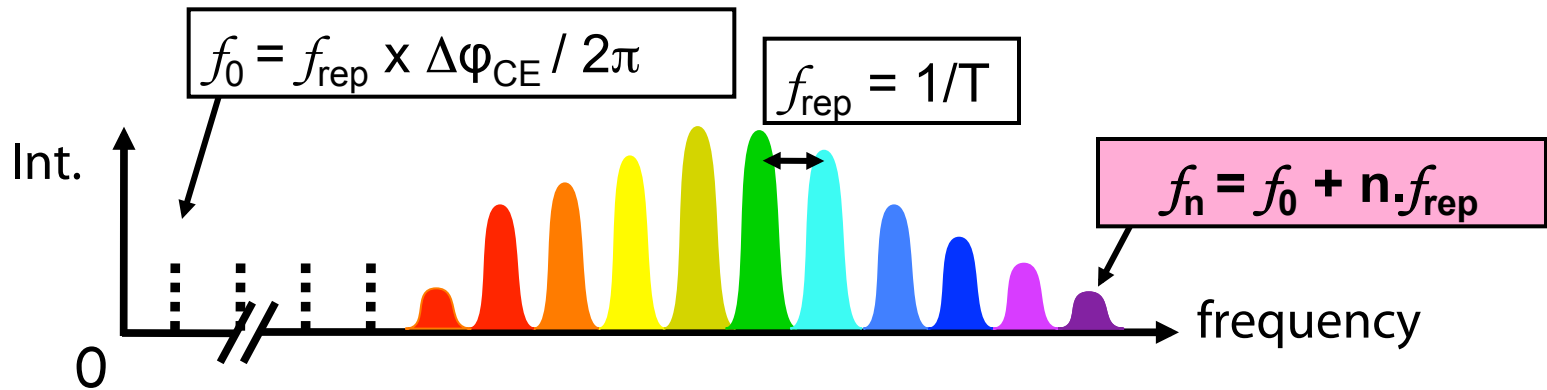
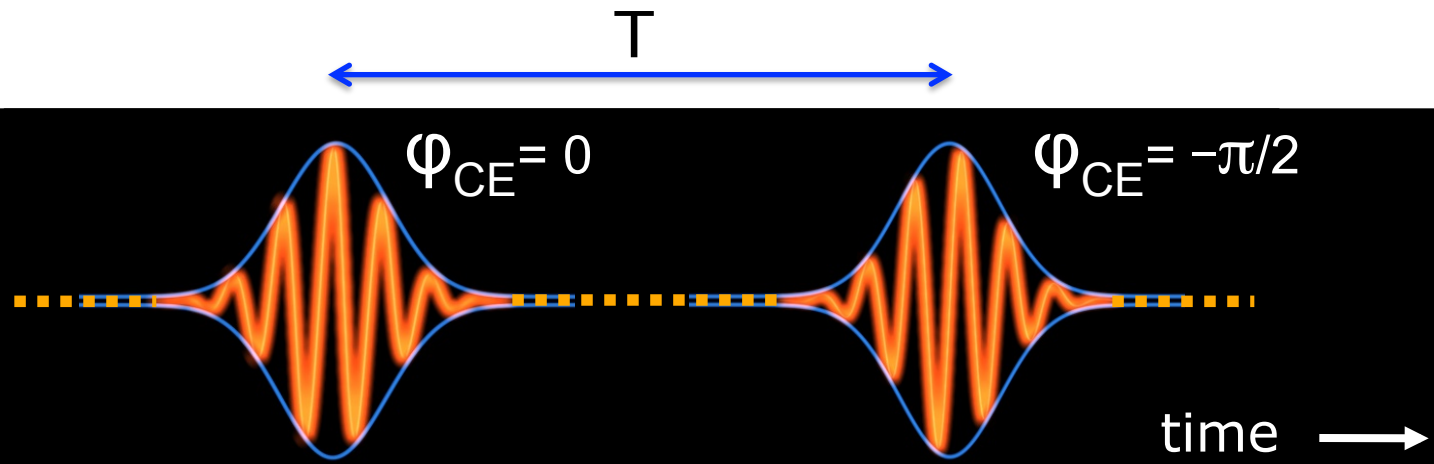
(1975)



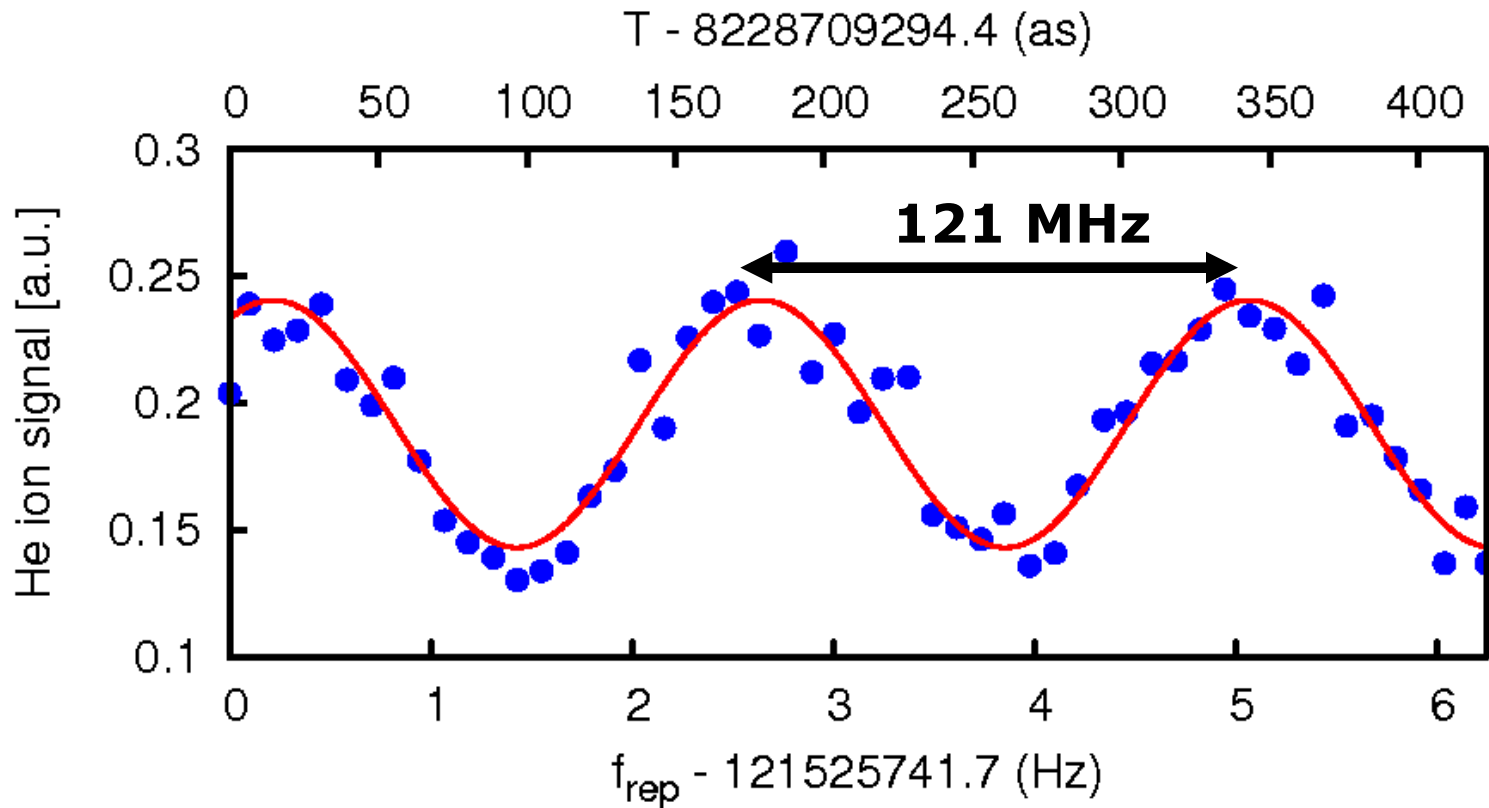
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## Accuracy 6 MHz at 51 nm

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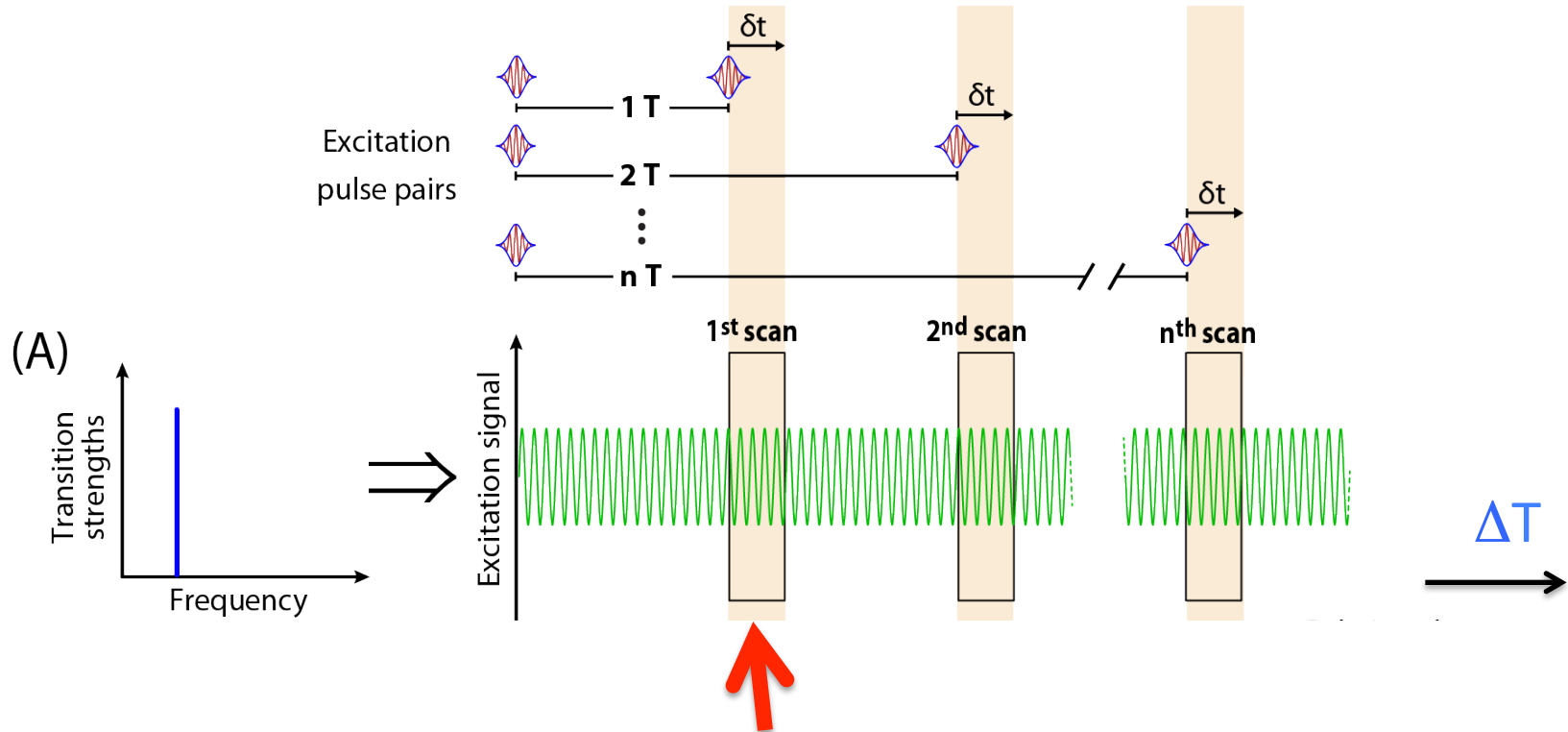
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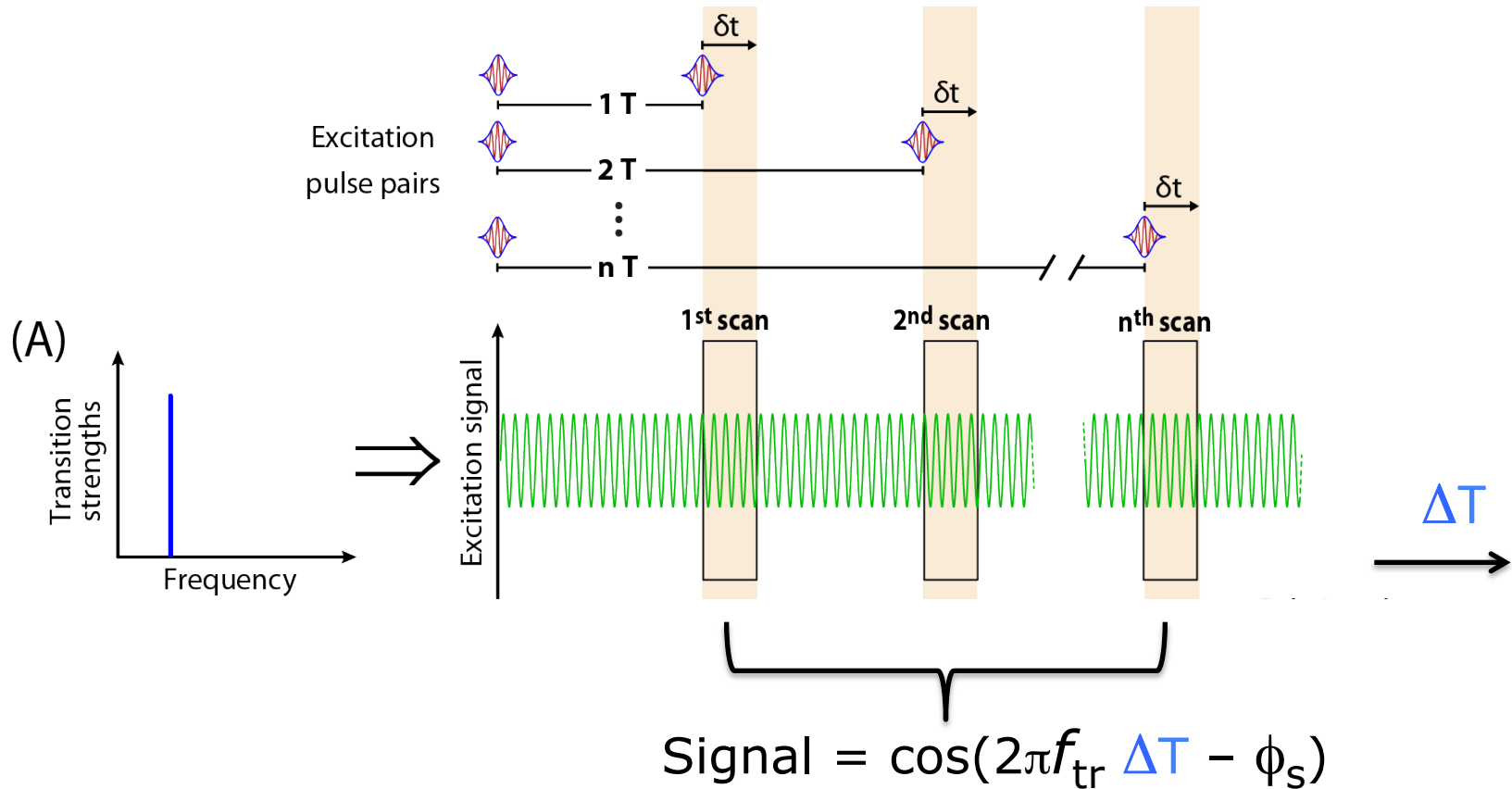
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$$\text{Signal} = \cos(2\pi f_{\text{tr}} \Delta T - \phi_s)$$

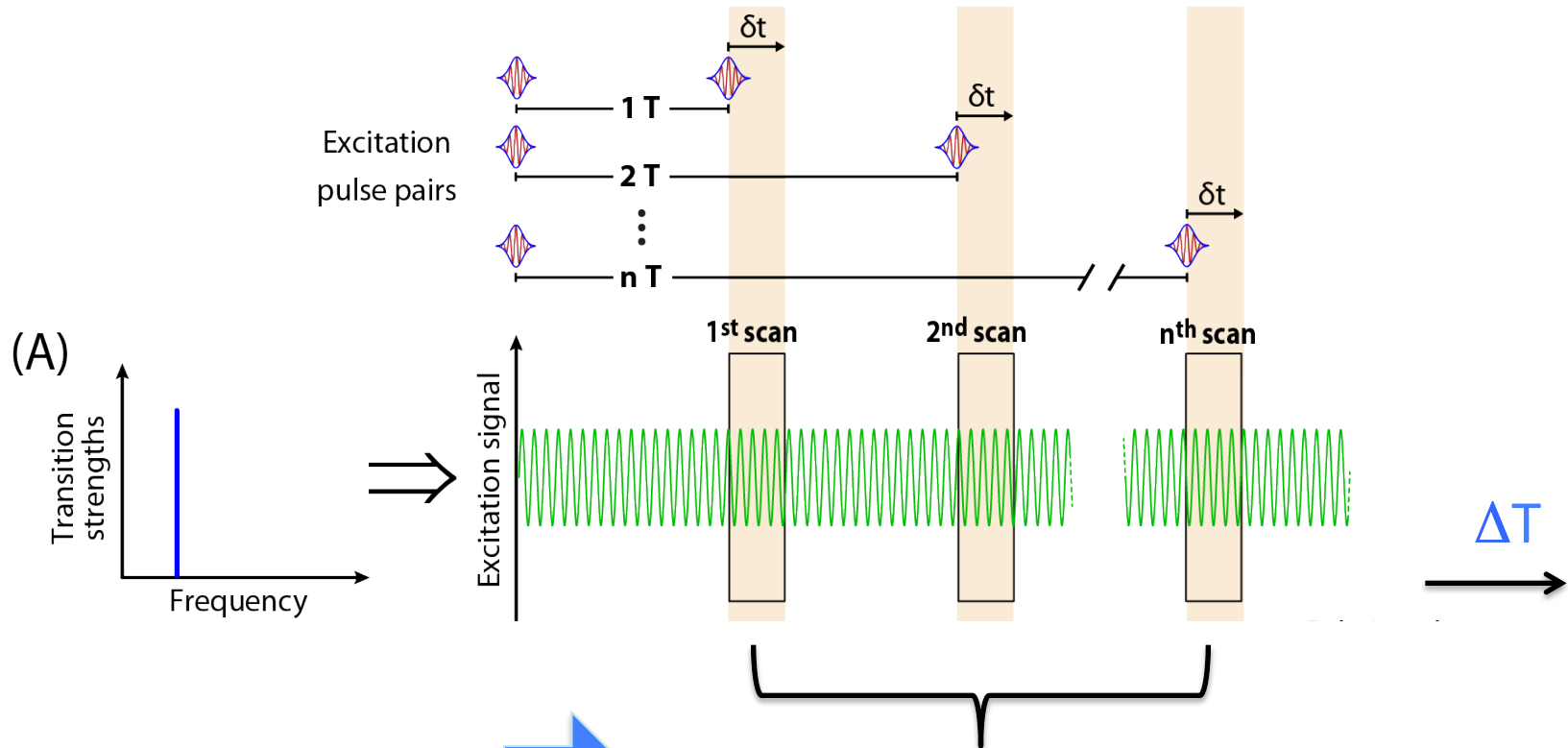
$$\text{Error of } \Delta f_{\text{tr}} = \Delta \phi_s / 2\pi \Delta T$$

# From Ramsey to Ramsey-comb



$$\text{Error of } \Delta f_{tr} = \Delta \phi_s / 2\pi \Delta T$$

# Constant phase = comb precision!

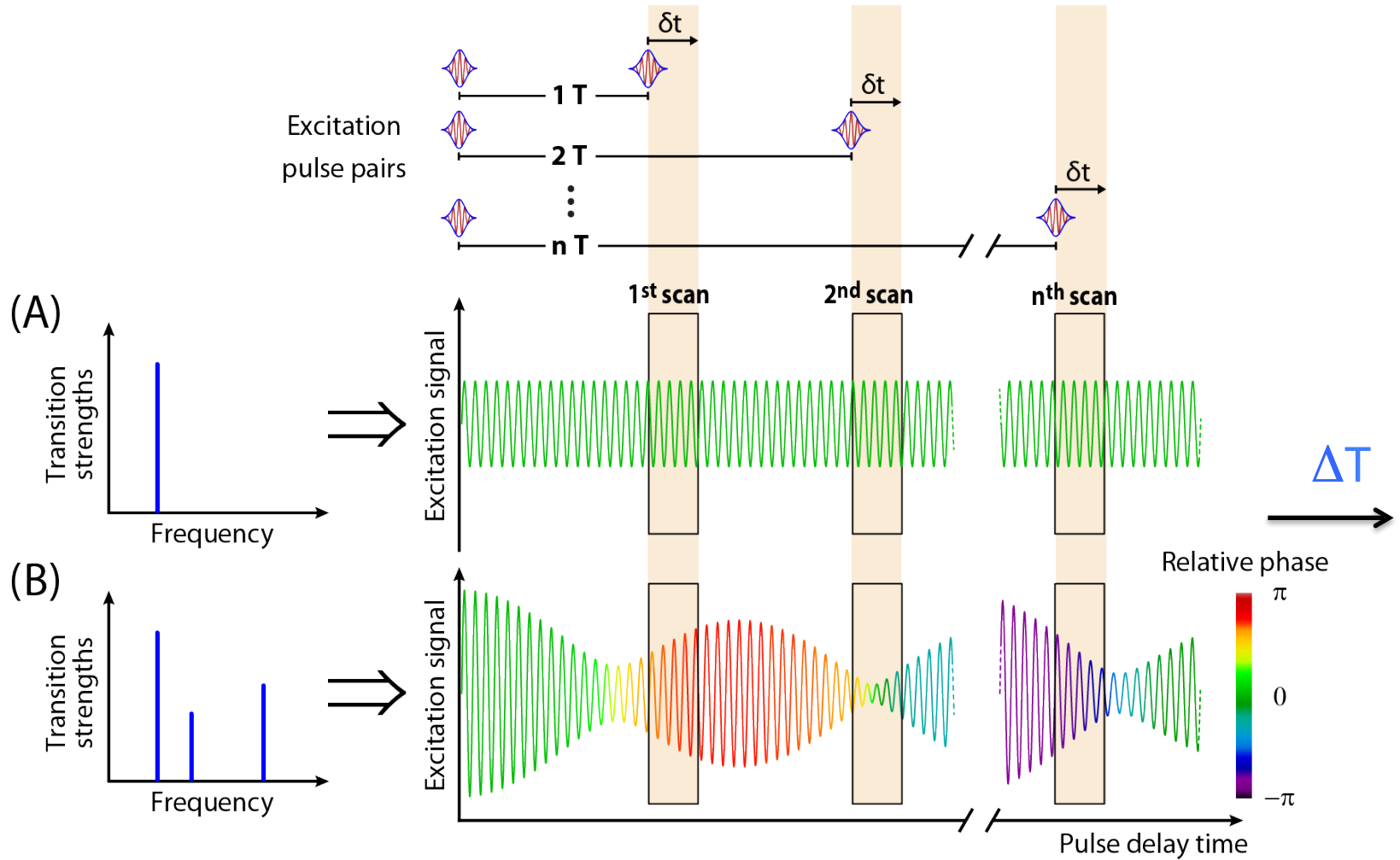


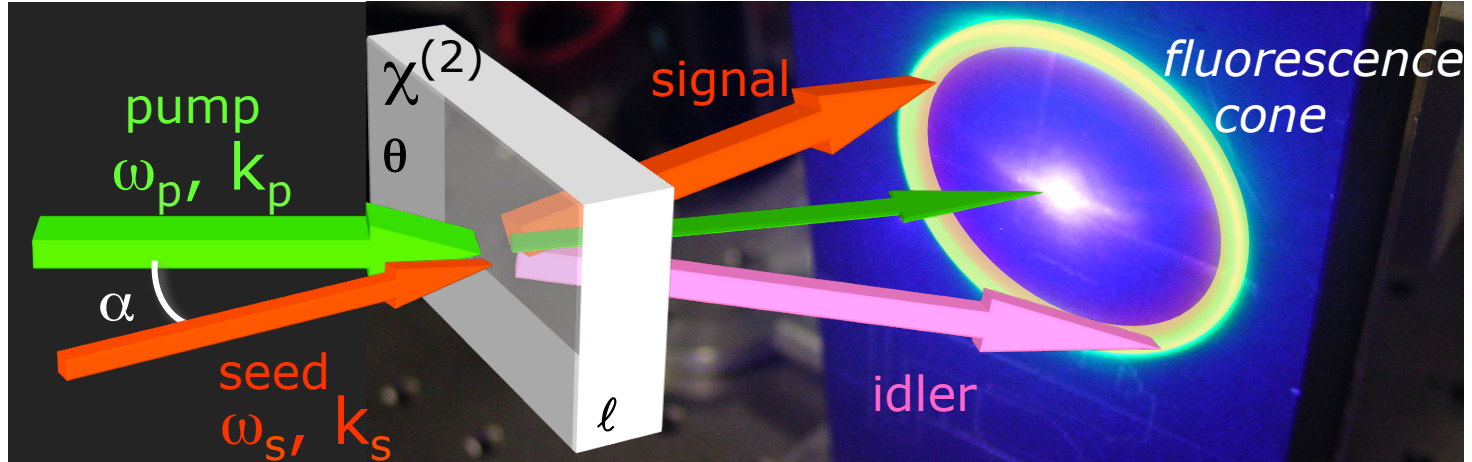
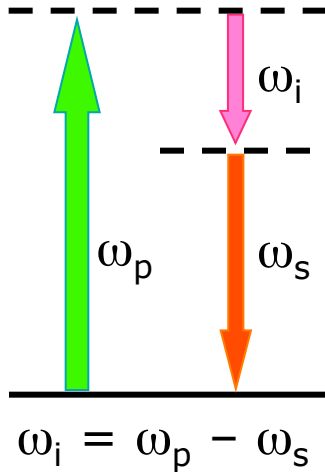
**Constant phase  $\phi_s$**   
**Better than  $\lambda / 2000$**   
**Accuracy recovered,**  
**& also suppression of**  
**AC Stark effect!**

Signal =  $\cos(2\pi f_{tr} \Delta T \phi_s)$

Error of  $\Delta f_{tr} = \phi_s / 2\pi \Delta T$

# Complex spectra possible

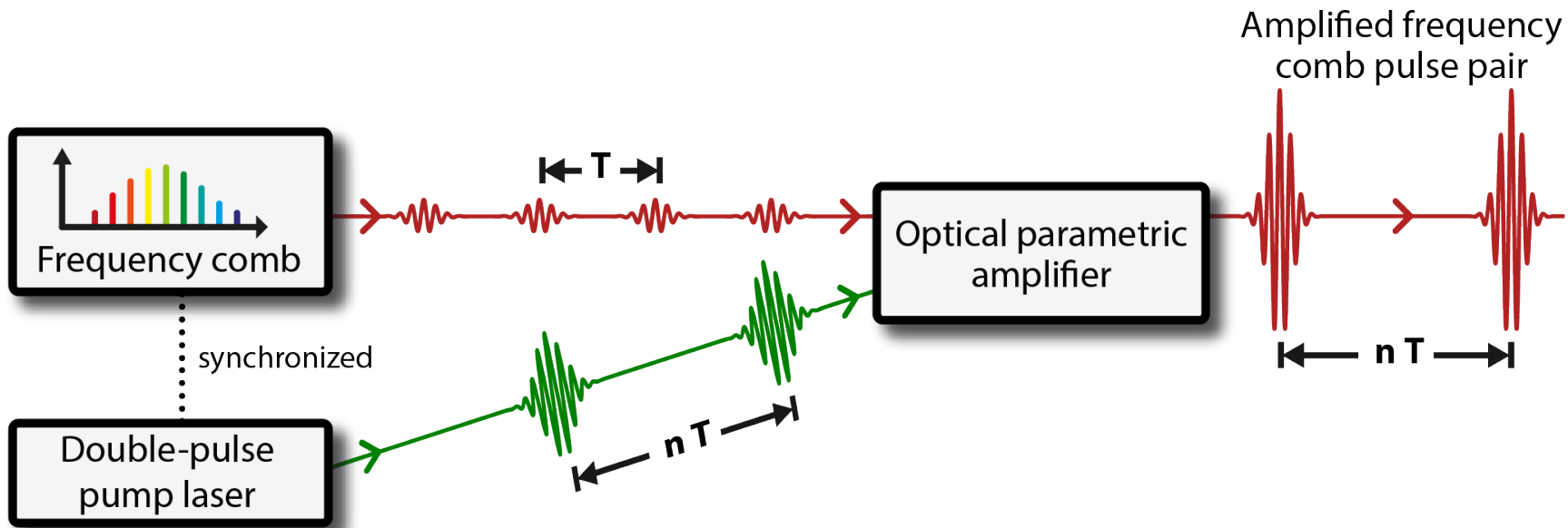




BBO crystals pumped by 532 nm 50 ps at intensities of 7 GW/cm<sup>2</sup>

- Tuning over 700-1000 nm with little effort
- Bandwidth adjustable from 300 nm to 0.2 nm
- No memory effect (no dissipation)
- Two comb pulses amplified by two synchronized equal pump pulses; microradian pointing sensitivity!**

# Power & accuracy: Ramsey-comb excitation



- J. Morgenweg, K.S.E. Eikema, Laser Physics Letters **9**, 781-785 (2012)  
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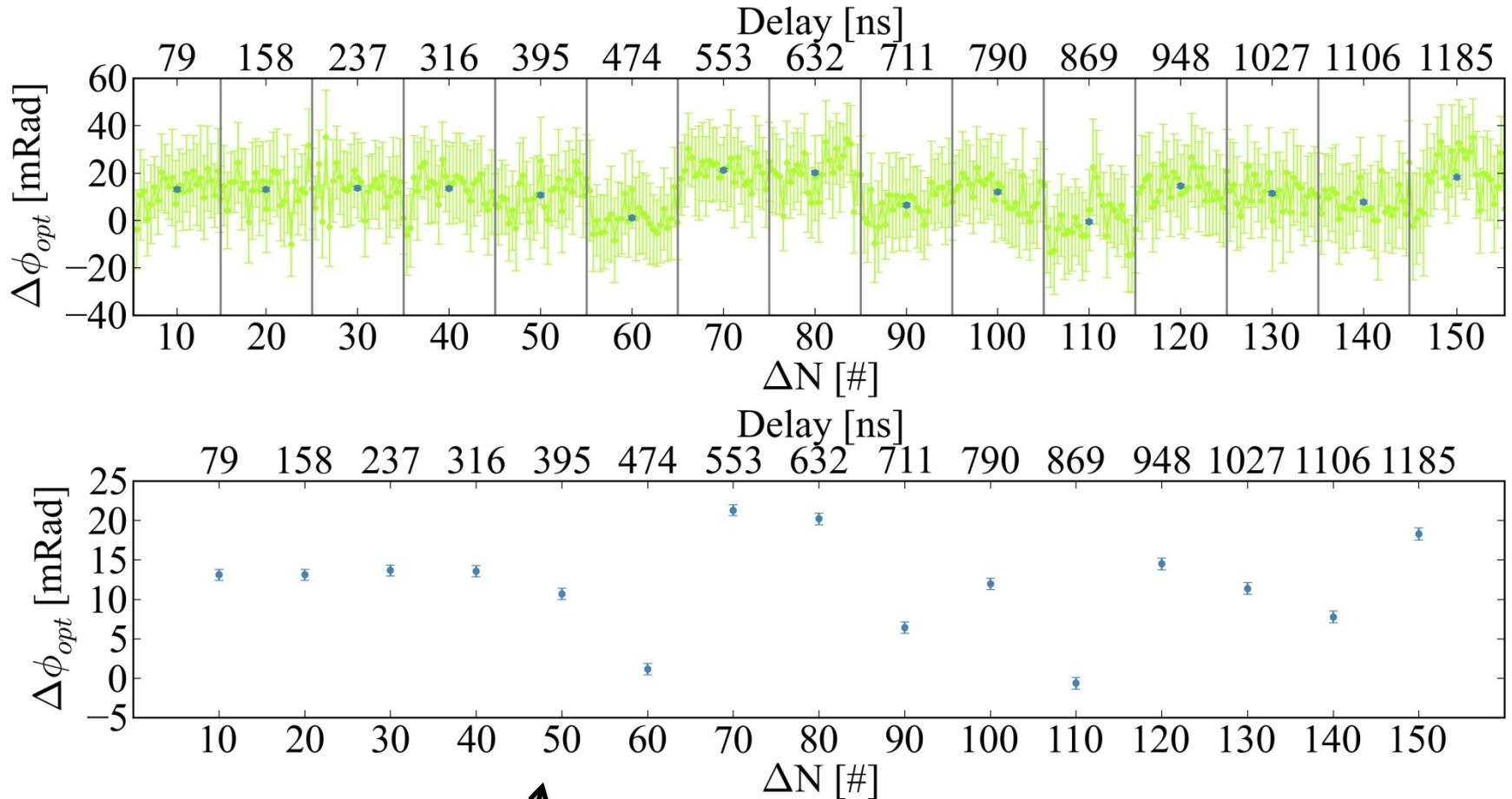


Jonas  
Morgenweg

- Combines high pulse energy with kHz accuracy (or even better)
- Signal well defined in time: efficient signal detection
- Analysis purely based on phases in the time domain: no lineshape
- Constant phase effects eliminated, including the AC-Stark effect!
- High energy pulses = easy frequency (up)conversion to UV and XUV
- High power gives a lot of flexibility when looking for signal

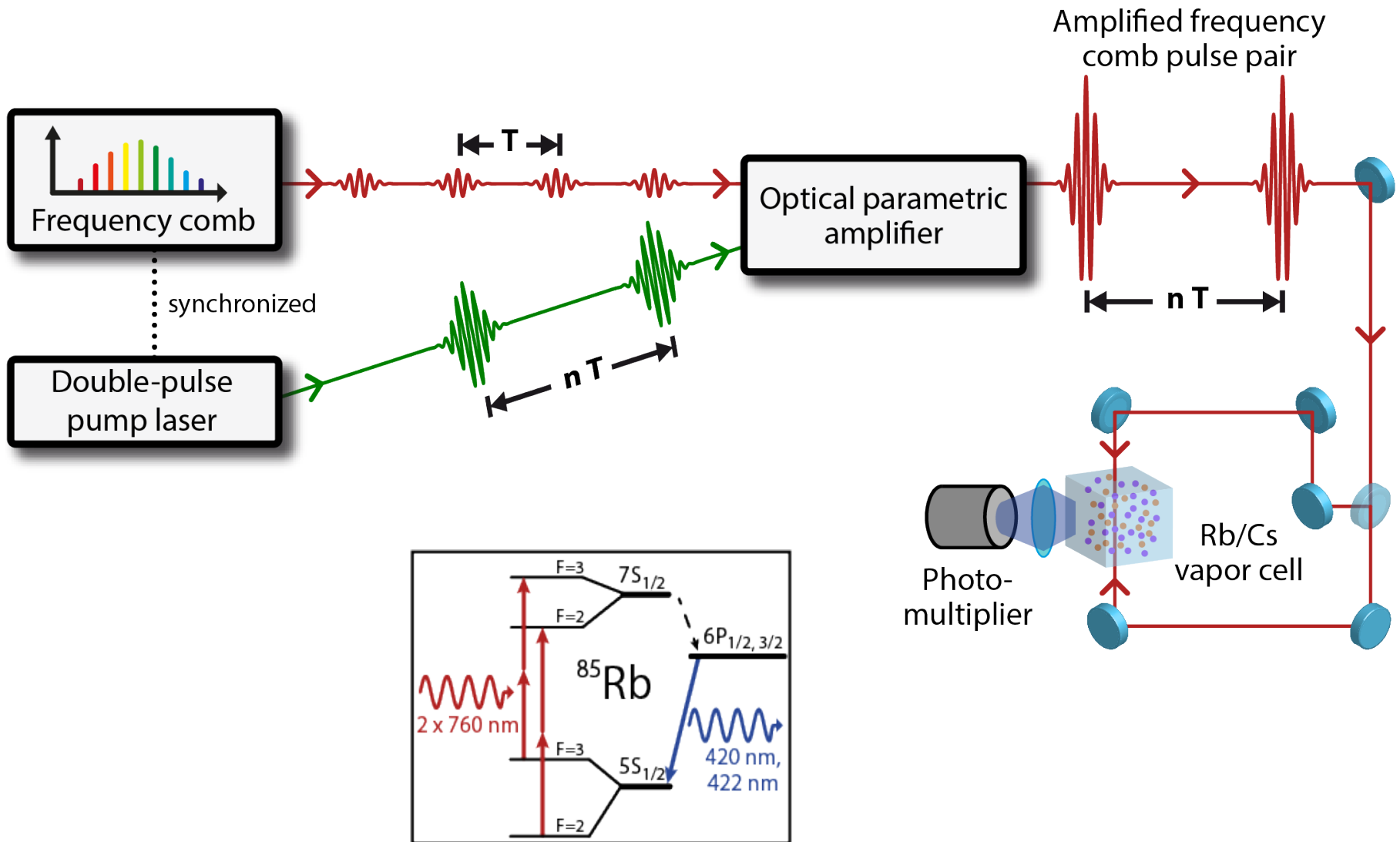


# Phase difference of the amplified pulses

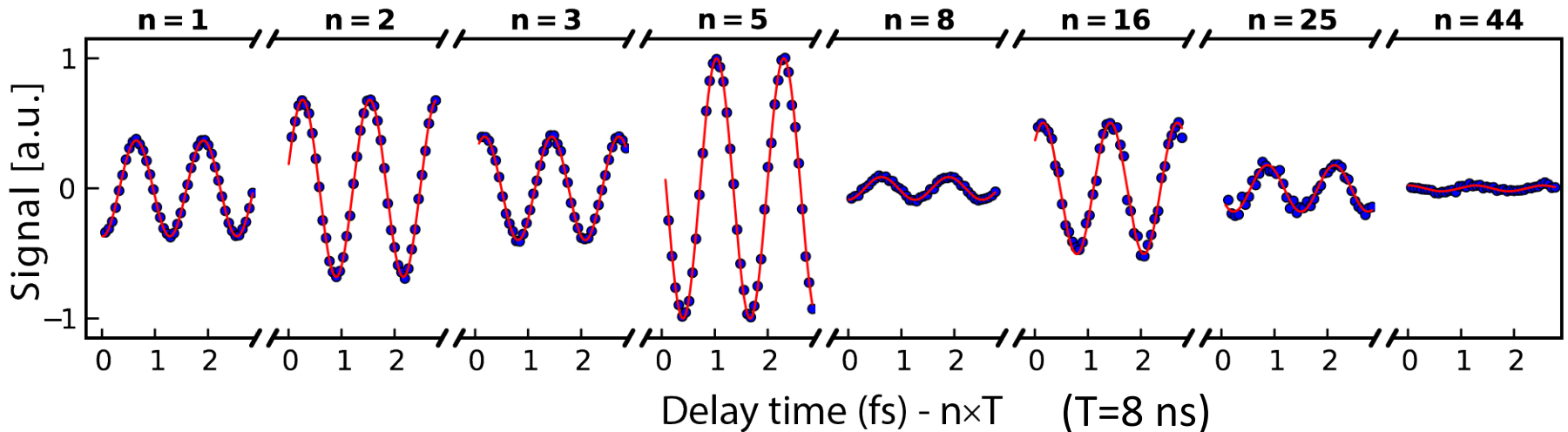


Older measurement; variation after 400 ns mostly due to the measurement method

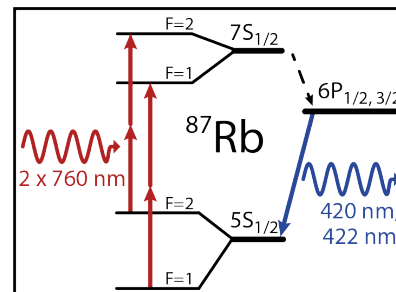
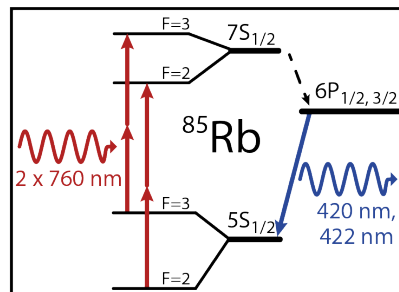
# Ramsey-Comb spectroscopy test



Rubidium, 5S-7S (2 x 760 nm)



- Two-photon Ramsey-signals at multiple macro-delays  $n \times T$
- Amplitude modulation from multiple resonances



Frequency description		Result [kHz]
$^{85}\text{Rb}, 5\text{S}_{1/2} - 7\text{S}_{1/2}$	Center of gravity	$788,796,960,604(4)_{\text{stat}}(3)_{\text{sys}}$
	Hyperfine $A_{7\text{S}}$	$94,684(2)_{\text{stat}}(2)_{\text{sys}}$
$^{87}\text{Rb}, 5\text{S}_{1/2} - 7\text{S}_{1/2}$	Center of gravity	$788,797,092,128(6)_{\text{stat}}(3)_{\text{sys}}$
	Hyperfine $A_{7\text{S}}$	$319,761(6)_{\text{stat}}(3)_{\text{sys}}$
$^{133}\text{Cs}, 6\text{S}_{1/2} - 9\text{S}_{1/2}$	Center of gravity	$806,761,363,429(5)_{\text{stat}}(3)_{\text{sys}}$
	Hyperfine $A_{9\text{S}}$	$109,999(3)_{\text{stat}}(1)_{\text{sys}}$

### Publications:

J. Morgenweg, I. Barmes and K.S.E. Eikema, Nature Physics **10**, 30-33 (2014)

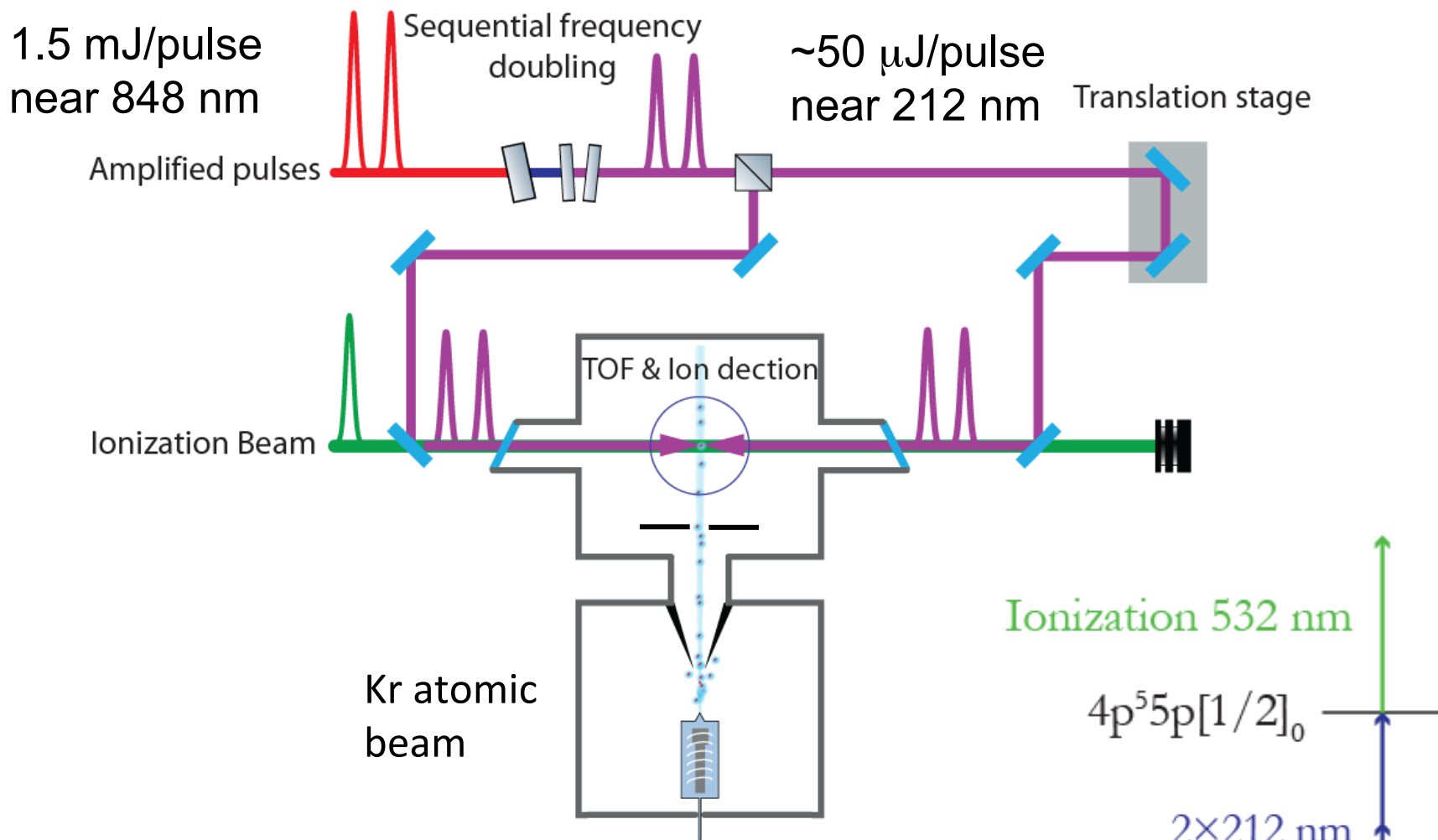
J. Morgenweg and K.S.E. Eikema, PRA **89**, 052510 (2014)

Compares well with previous full-reprate direct comb excitation:

I. Barmes, S.Witte and K.S.E. Eikema:

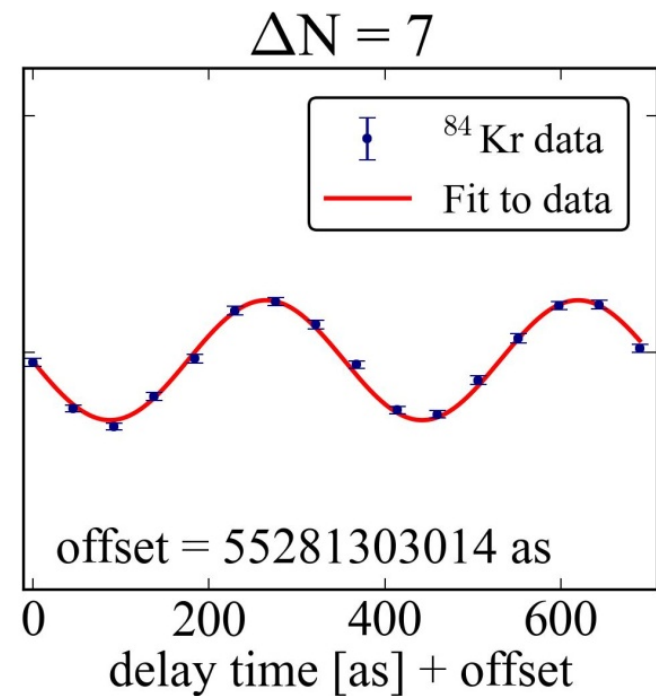
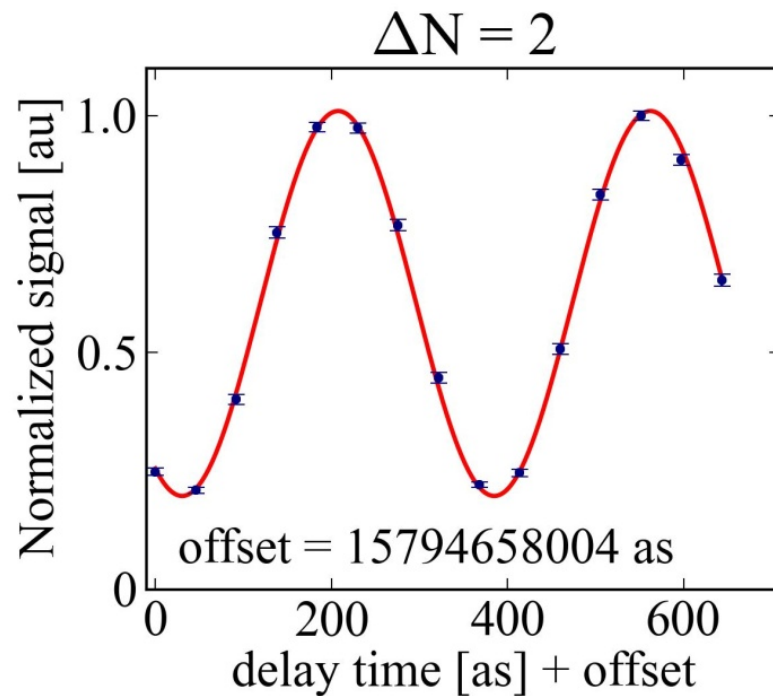
Nature Photonics **7**, 18 (2013) and PRL **111**, 023007 (2013)

# Kr excitation at 2x 212 nm



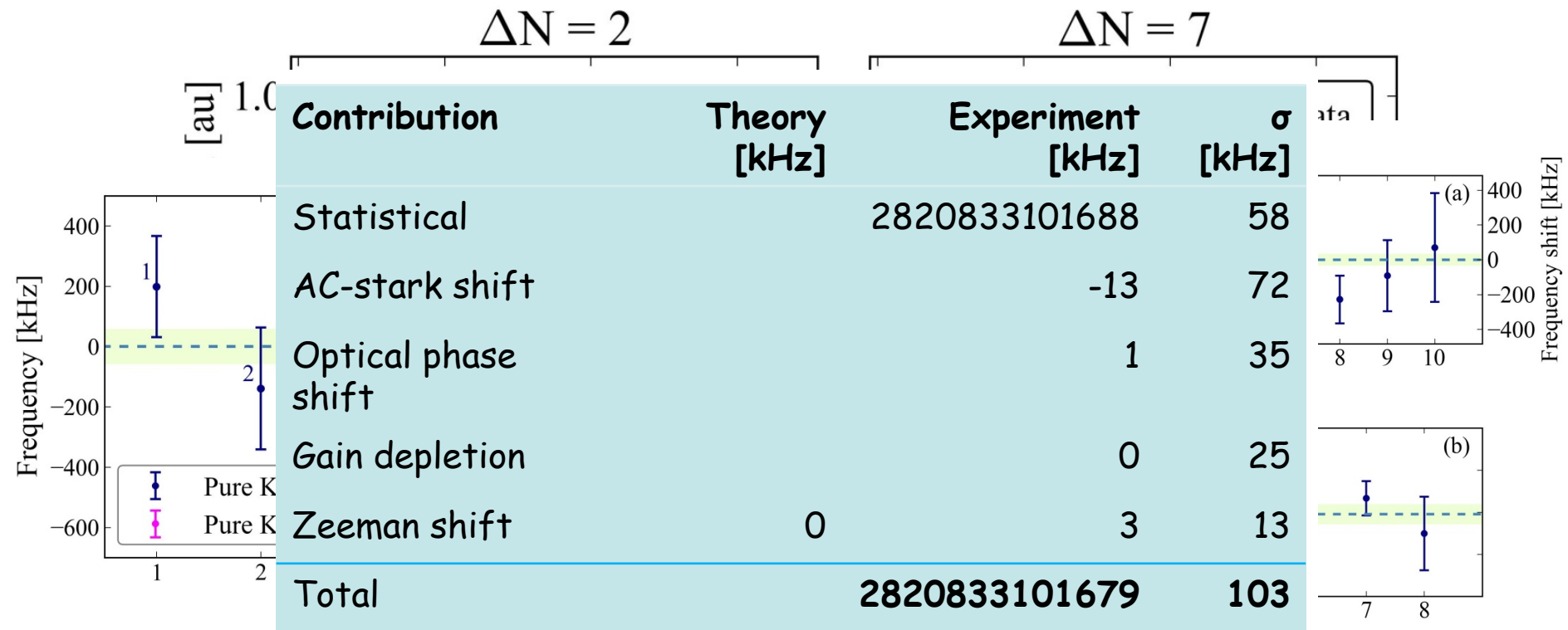
- ❑ Collision point must be in atomic beam
- ❑ Coherent control blue-red pulses suppresses single-side excitation
- ❑ Overlap of beams in excitation region (using Sagnac configuration)

- Ramsey-interference signals
- Account for all systematic effects



# Results in krypton at 212 nm

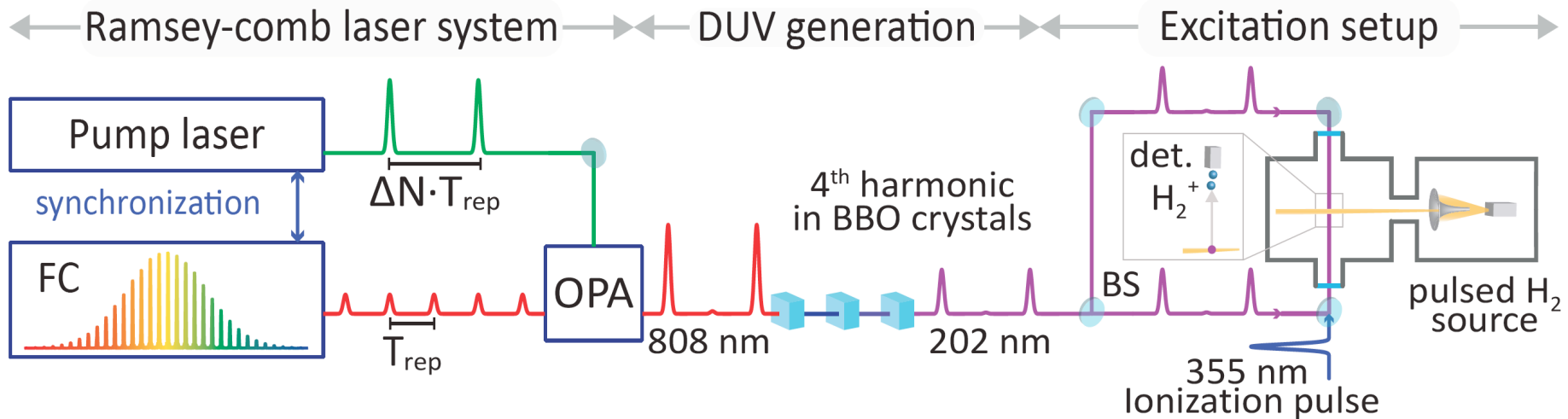
- Ramsey-interference signals
- Account for all systematic effects



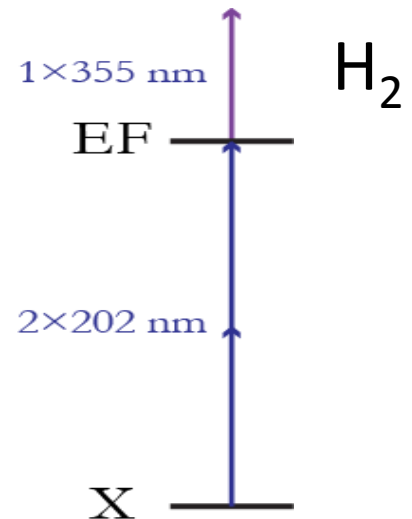
Improvement of 34 times over previous measurements

Accepted by PRL September 2016.

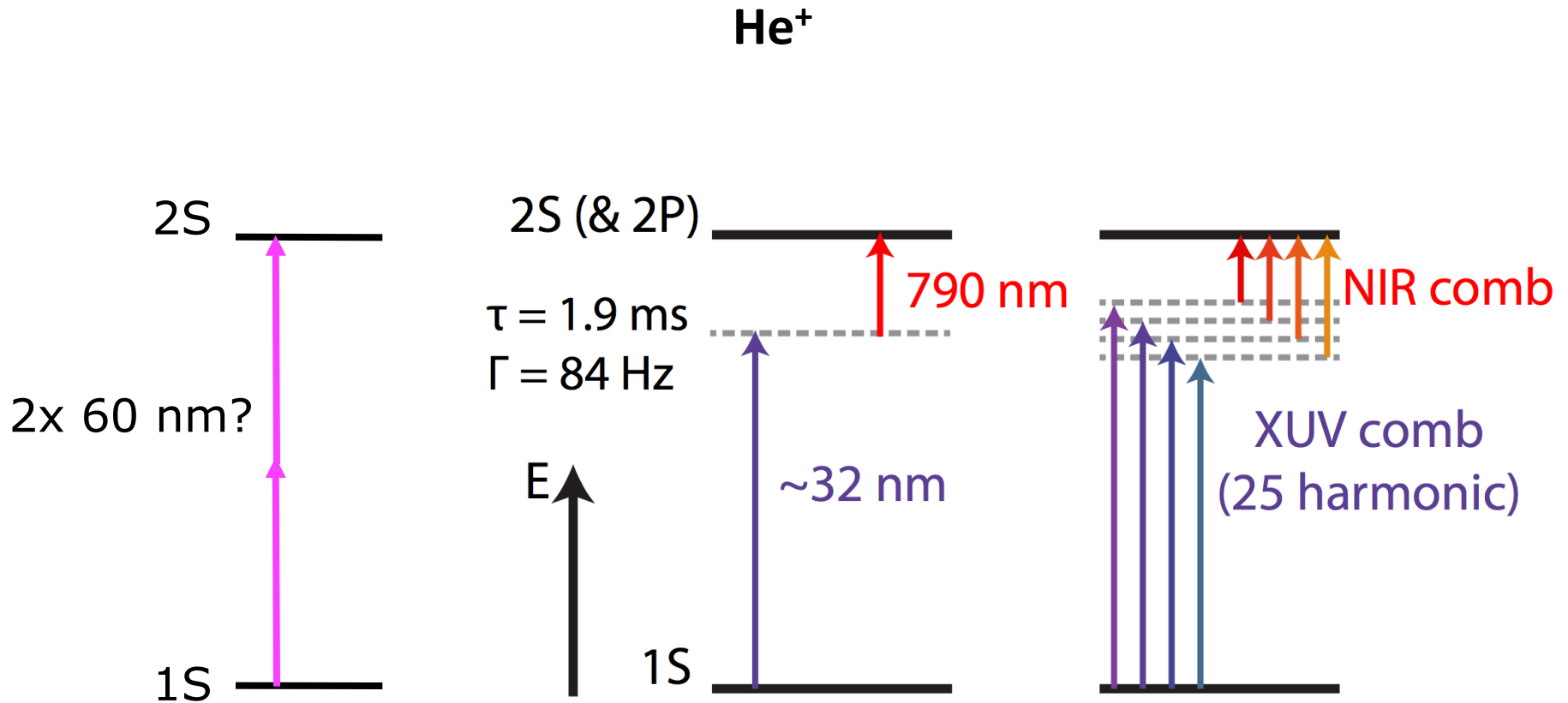
# Next: H<sub>2</sub> (X-EF) spectroscopy at 2x202 nm



- Excitation 2x202 nm, tens of  $\mu\text{J}/\text{pulse}$
- Beam  $\sim 1$  mm diameter
- Ionization with 355 nm pulse
- Single-sided excitation suppressed by  $\lambda/4$  plates and chirped pulses

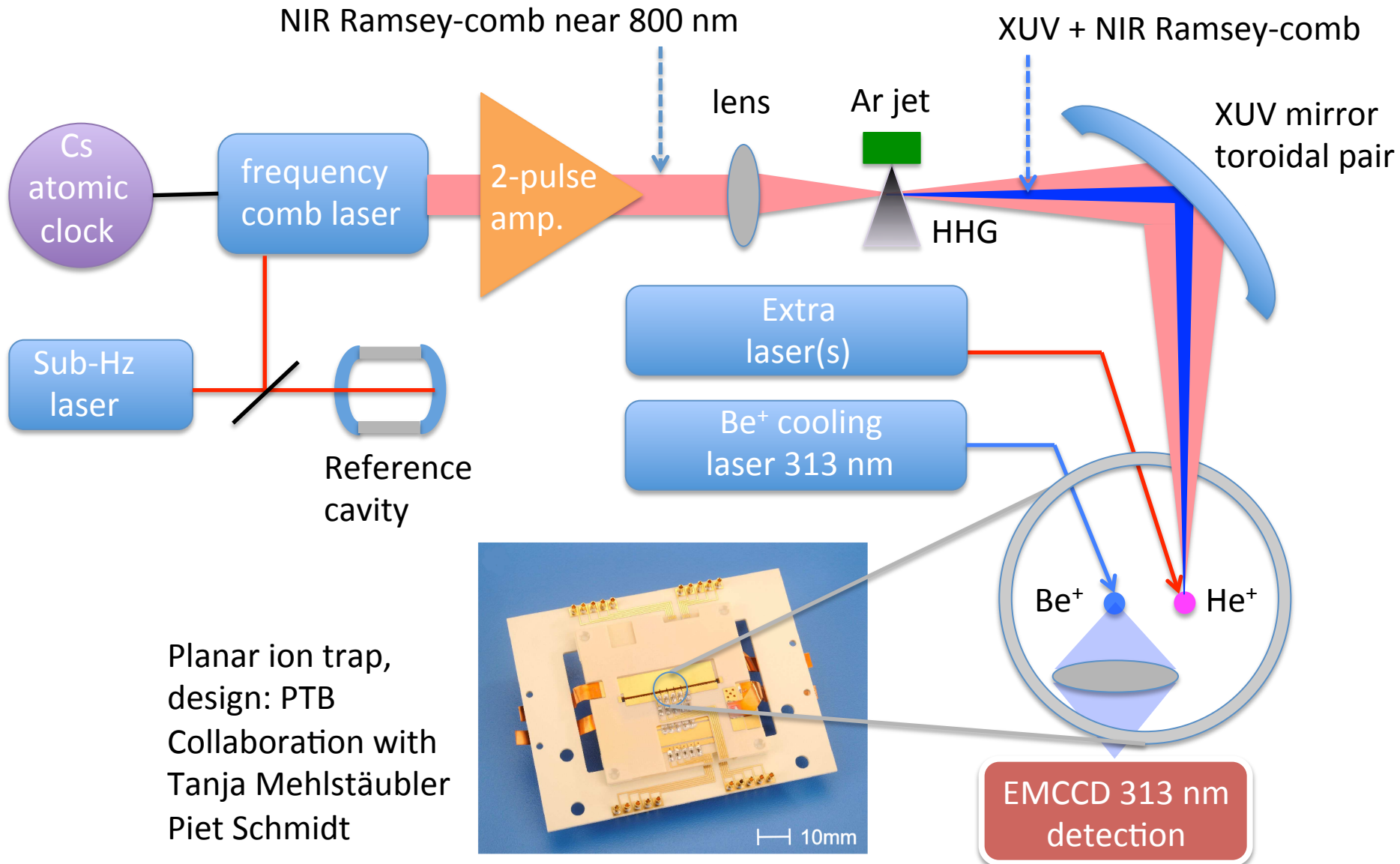






After applying a bunch of tricks the target accuracy is  $\sim 1\text{kHz}$  or better...

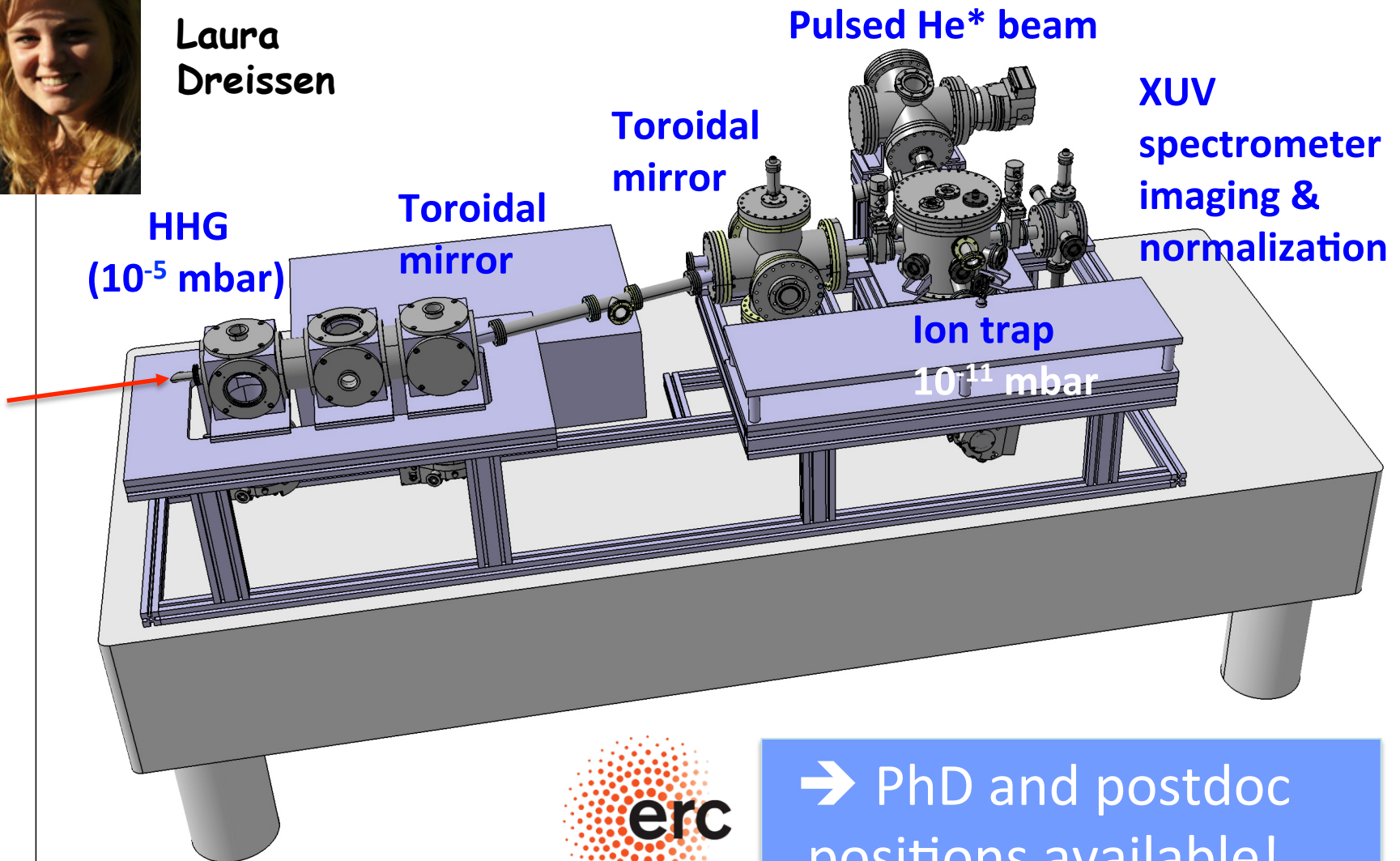
# Setup 1S-2S excitation of He<sup>+</sup>



# Design He+ experiment vacuum setup



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→ PhD and postdoc positions available!

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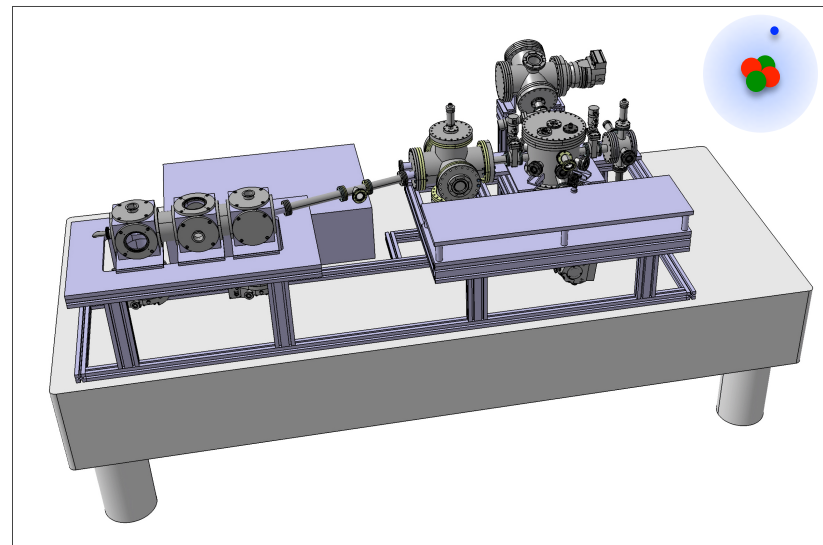
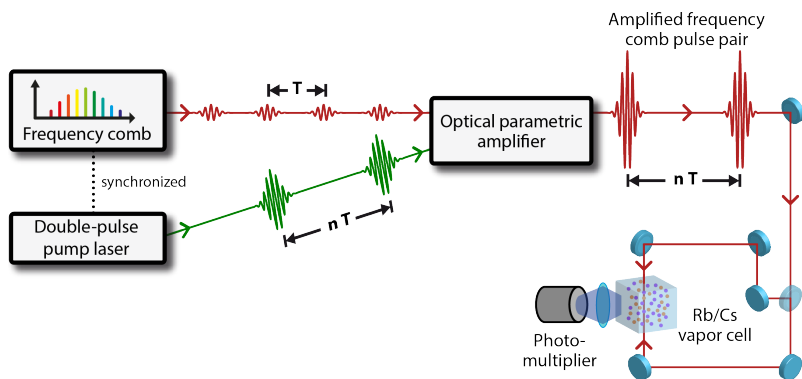
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# Summary

- ❑ Proton Radius Puzzle in a confusing state
- ❑ More measurements in muonic and electronic systems required
- ❑ Ramsey-comb spectroscopy enables precision measurements at ever shorter wavelengths; now deep-UV demonstrated
- ❑ Extension of Ramsey-comb spectroscopy to 30 nm seems feasible
- ❑ Good prospects for contributions to the proton radius puzzle by Ramsey-comb spectroscopy of  $H_2$  (X-EF) &  $He^+$  (1S-2S)



# Avoiding delay dependent phase shifts in HHG

