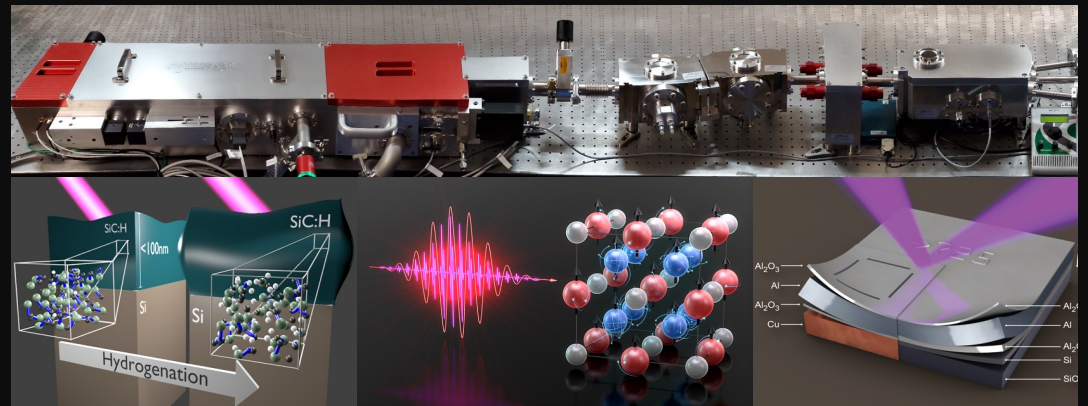


# Putting High Harmonic Quantum Technologies to Work

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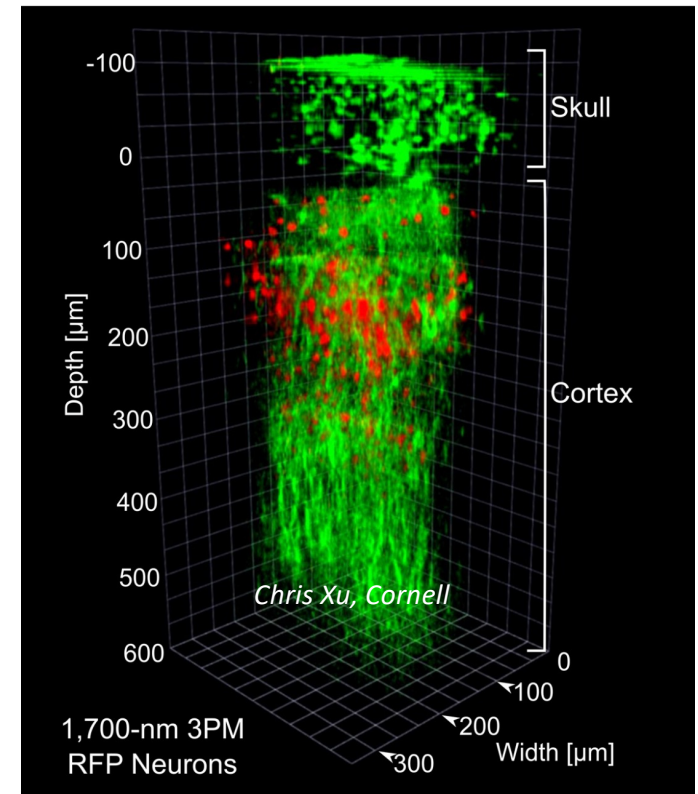
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LEADING IN ULTRAFAST

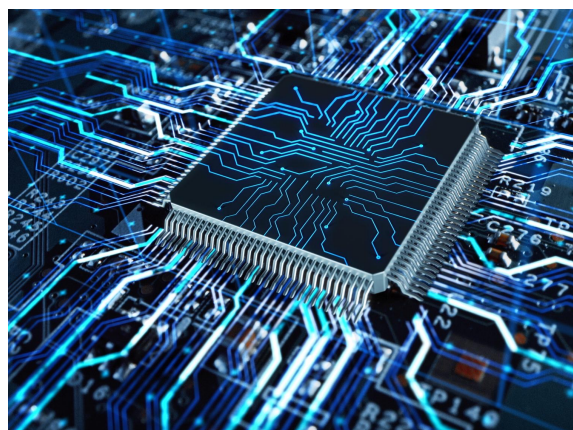
## Putting ultrafast lasers to work

- The largest applications of ultrafast lasers
  - Multiphoton microscopy
  - Precision laser micromachining
- Are enabled by ultrafast...
- But are NOT ultrafast measurements

**High harmonic sources are following  
the same trajectory**

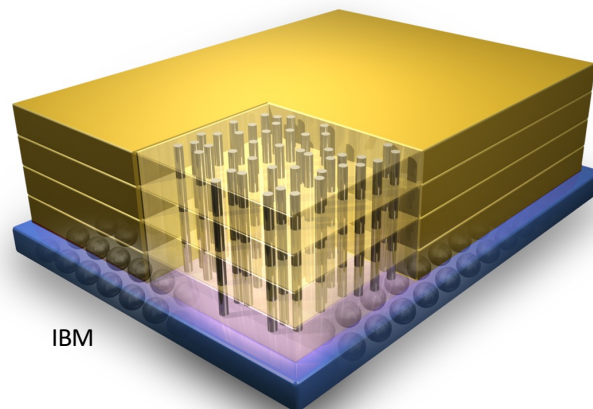


## Nanostructured materials have very different properties than bulk

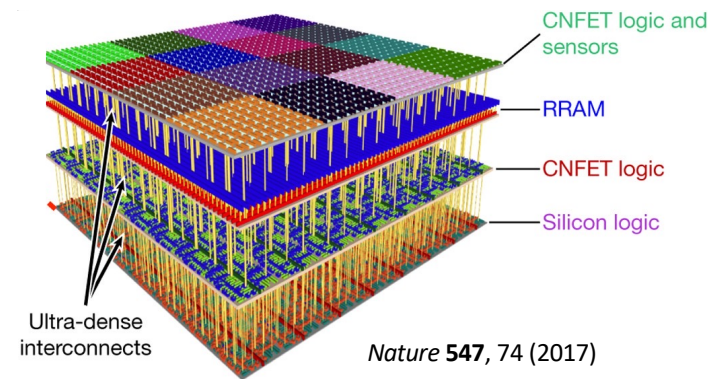


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### 2.5 & 3D packaging



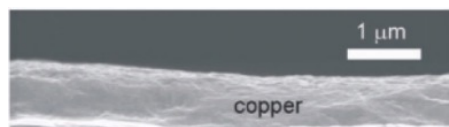
### Novel architectures



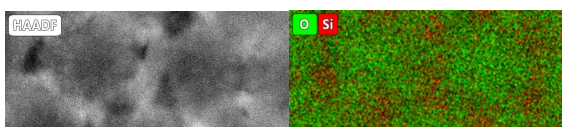
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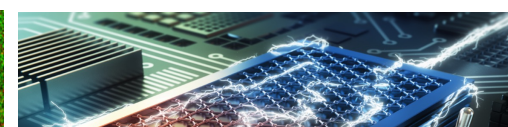
### Mechanical



### Structural/Interface



### Electrical/Magnetic



## Critical need for better functional metrologies

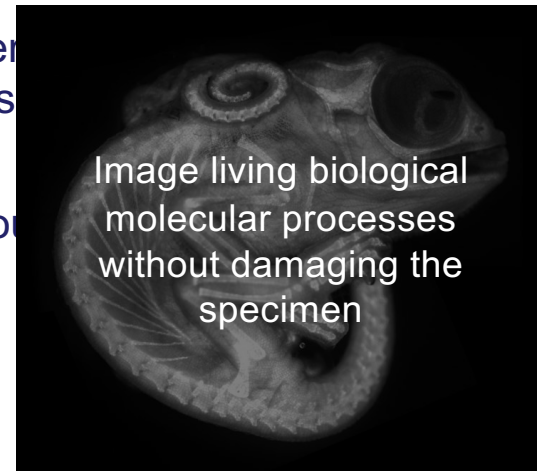
More accuracy, more resolution, low dose, versatility, predictive, buried/interfaces/3D, nanoscale



## The Nano, Bio & Materials Challenge

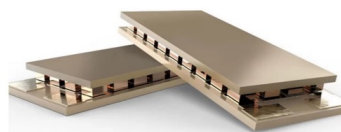
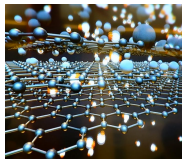
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- Challenge:** New e... o, quantum and ener... hake,  
measure and integ... atomic-scale precis... with structure
- Challenge:** Need... opies that work witho... or labelling



Integrated circuits

Photonic, 2D, quantum materials

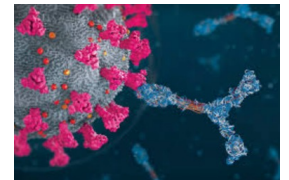


Nano-engineered thermoelectrics

Solar technologies



Bio







## The Nano, Bio & Materials Challenge

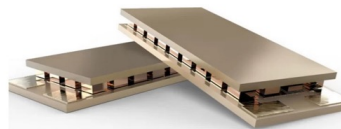
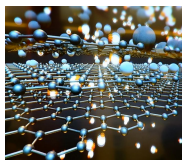
- Conventional methods struggle to characterize *functional* nanoscale (*i. e.*  $\lesssim 100\text{ nm}$ ) properties
- **Challenge:** New energy-efficient nano, quantum and energy devices require that we make, measure and integrate materials, with atomic-scale precision — and correlate function with structure
- **Challenge:** Need functional microscopies that work without cutting, coating, freezing or labelling

***High harmonic sources enable new methods that can see better and see things as they happen!!***



Integrated  
circuits

Photonic, 2D,  
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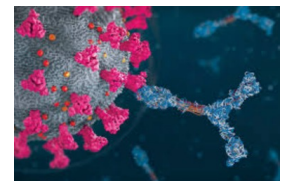


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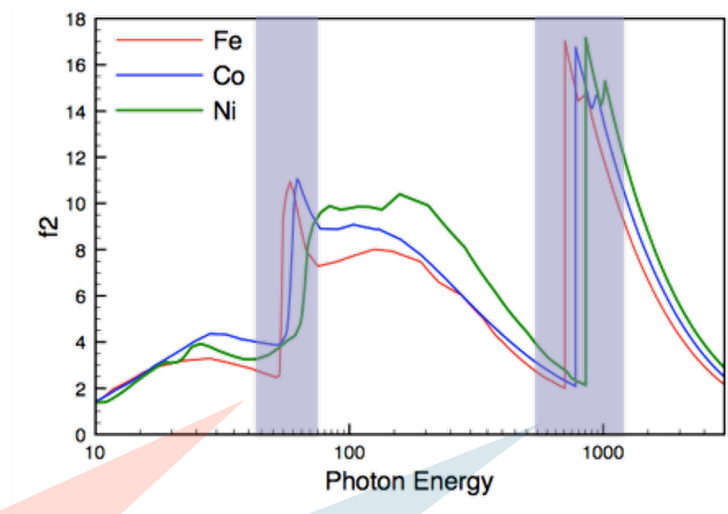


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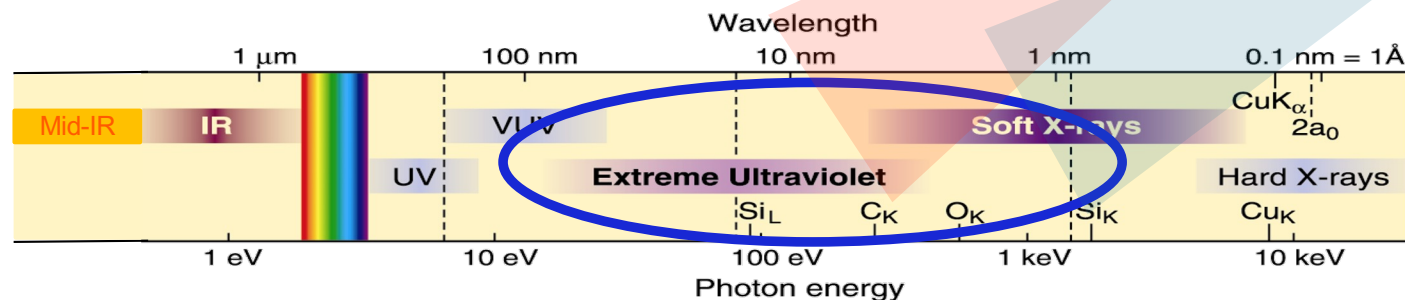


## Coherent Extreme-UV and X-ray light → capture nanoscale processes

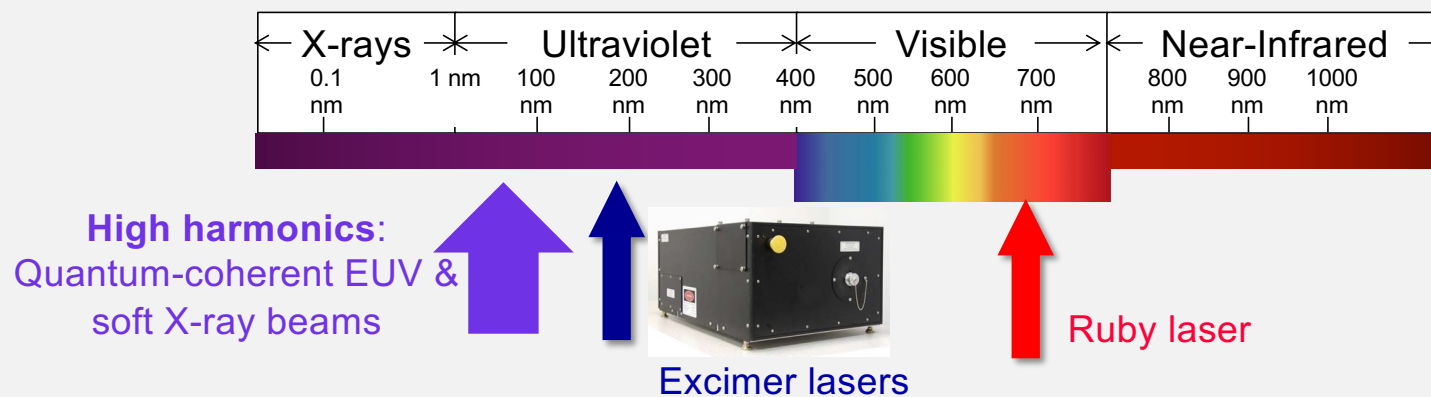
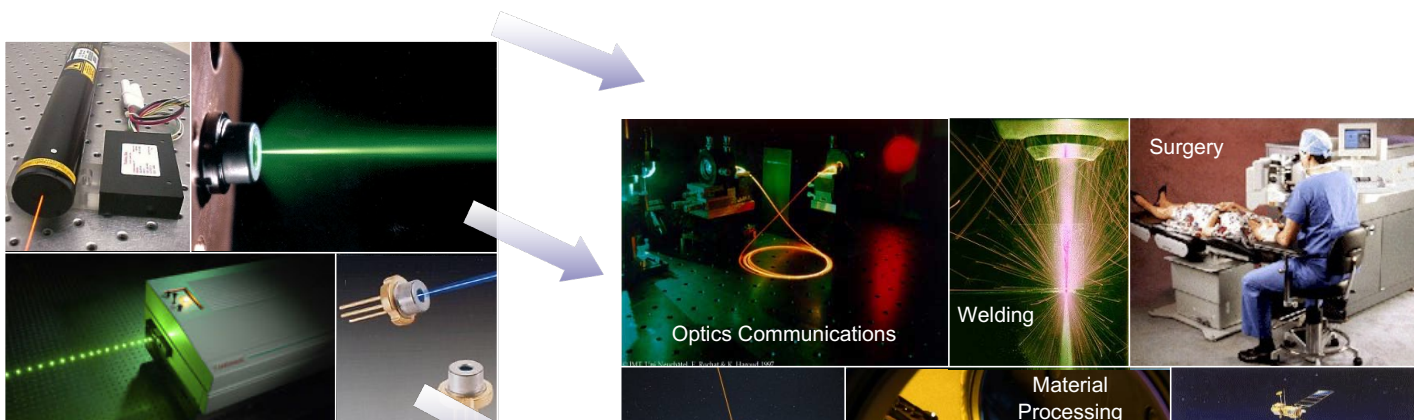
- Wavelengths  $\lambda \sim 1 - 100 \text{ nm}$ ;  $h\nu \sim 10 \rightarrow 1000 \text{ eV}$
- Elemental, chemical, magnetic specificity
- Non-destructive, low-dose compared with SEM, TEM
- Image with few-nm resolution
- Capture dynamics relevant to function ( $\sim \text{fs}$ )



Requires coherence

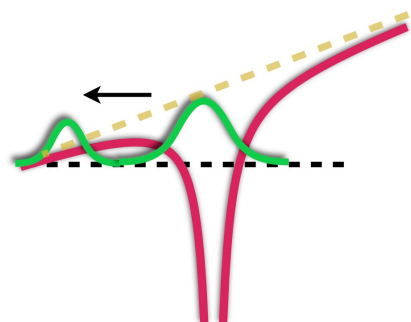
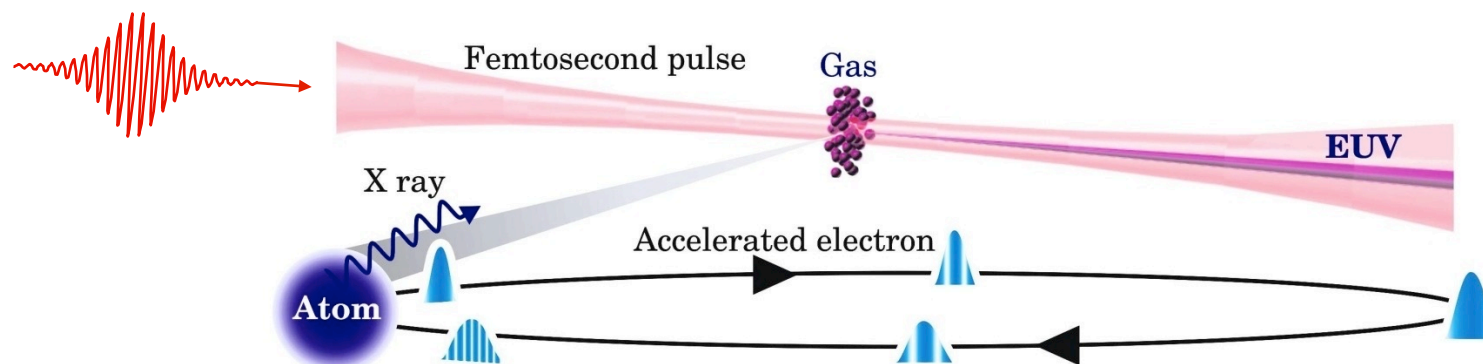


## Tabletop scale lasers in widespread use

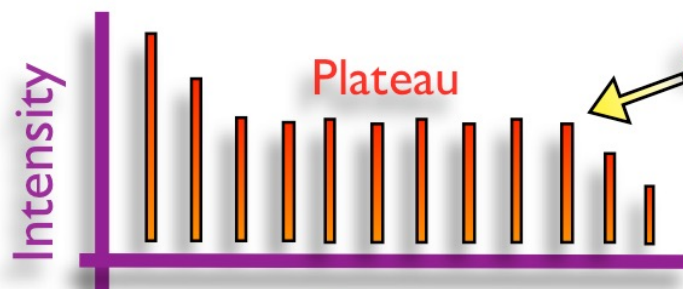




# High harmonic generation



Tunnel ionization



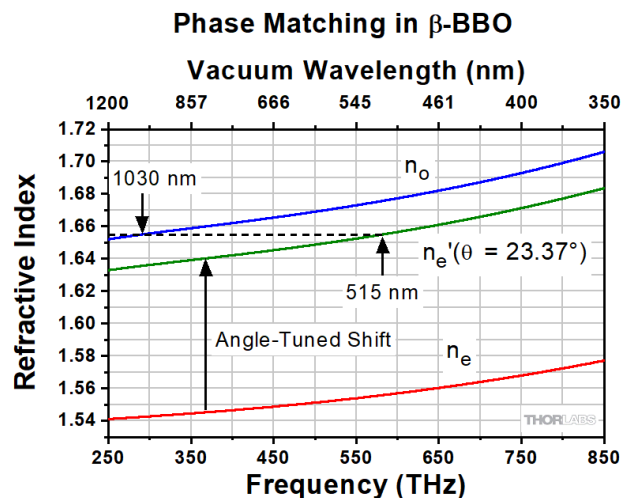
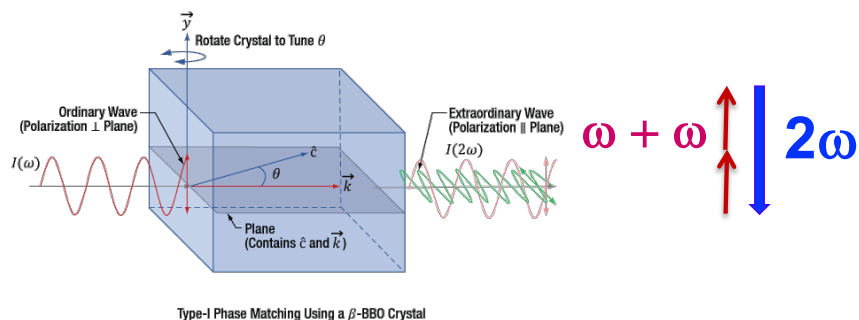
Cut-off

$$E_{\max} \approx I_p + 3.17U_p \propto I\lambda^2$$

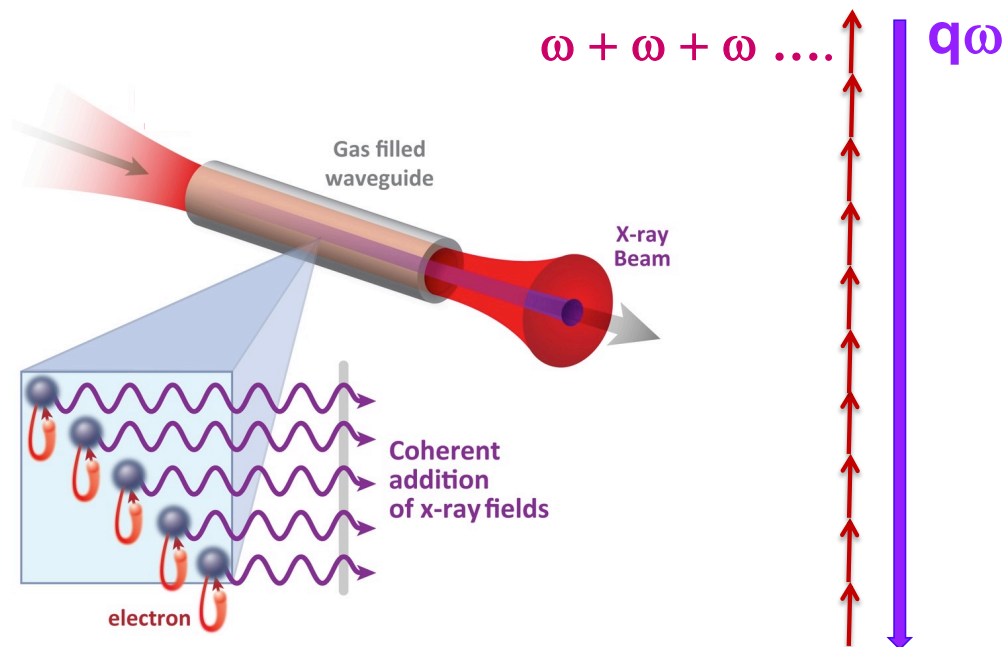
$$\omega + \omega + \dots \quad q\omega$$

# Bright high harmonic emission - *phase matching in time domain*

## Visible NLO: phase matching in spatial domain

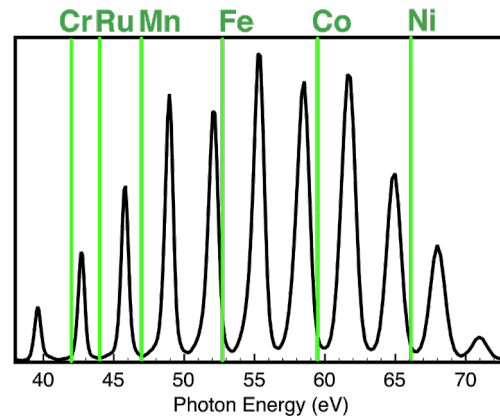


## Extreme nonlinear optics: phase matching in time domain

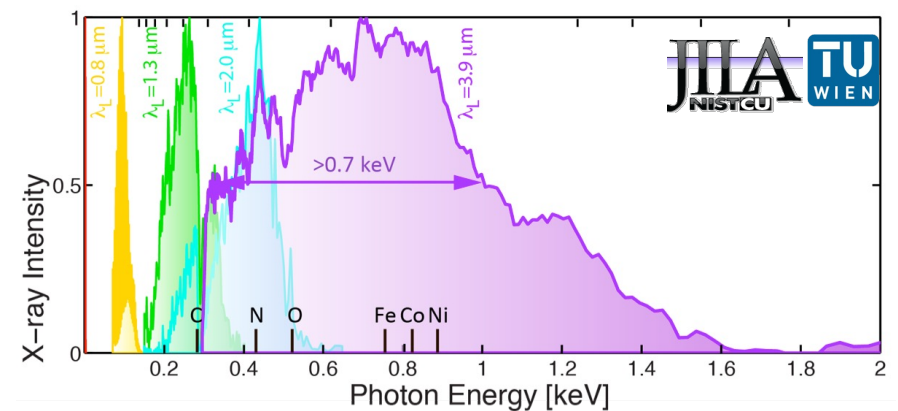


**Laser and x-ray phase velocities are matched at the speed of light *ONLY* during part of the laser pulse**

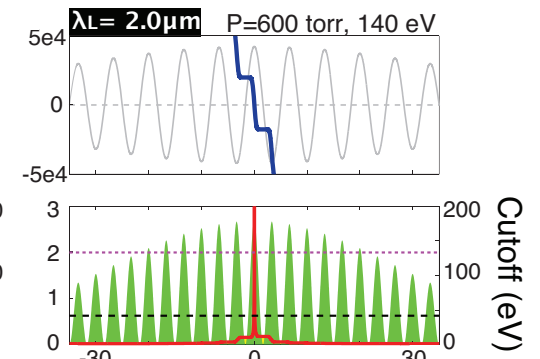
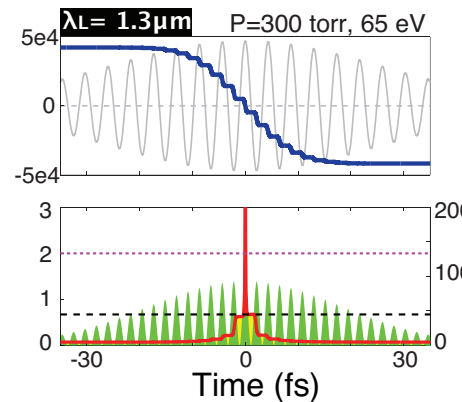
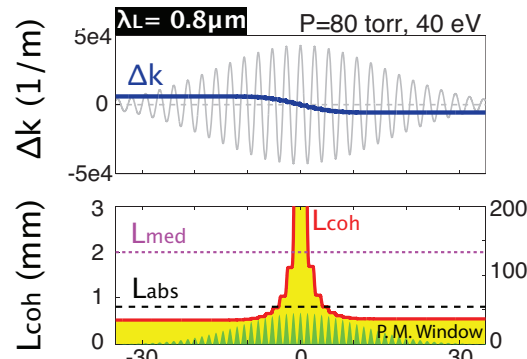
# Phase matching window sculpts the HHG in time and frequency



**Near-IR laser**



**Mid-IR laser**



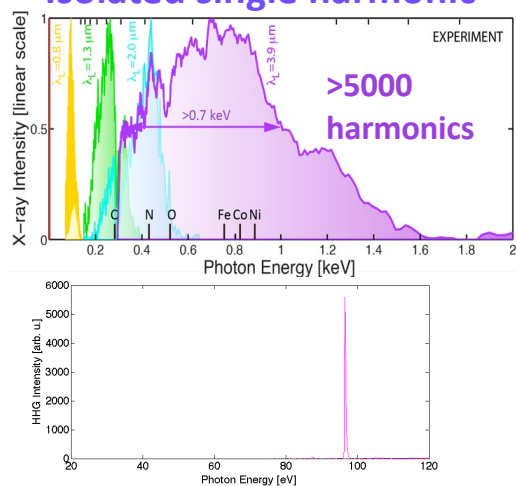
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 Chen et al., *PNAS* **111**, E2361 (2014)



# Tabletop high harmonic sources → new quantum technology enabling *exquisite* control over X-ray light

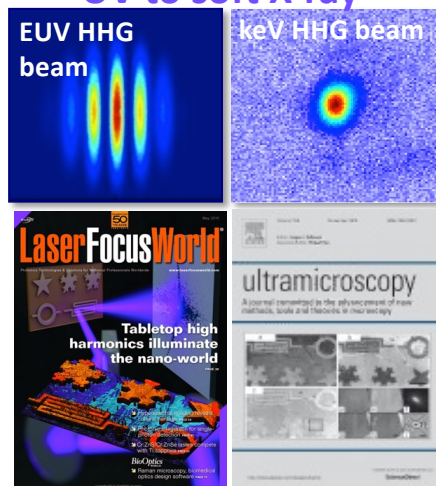
- 12 octave supercontinuum or isolated peaks
- Full temporal coherence: femto to atto to zepto
- Full spatial coherence to keV
- Bright linear, circular and OAM beams
- Unique light source better than we dreamed of!
- **Exquisite control over X-ray light using lasers**

## Broad coherent continuum OR Isolated single harmonic



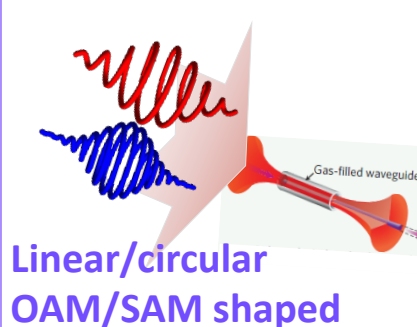
Science **336**, 1287 (2012); Science **350**, 1225 (2015)

## Full spatial coherence: UV to soft X-ray

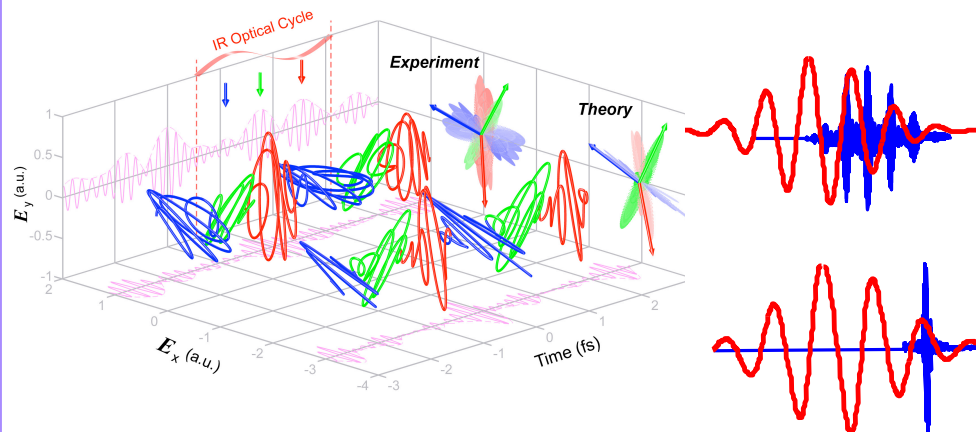


Science **297**, 376 ('02); Science **348**, 530 ('15)

Science **364**, 9486 (2019); Nat. Photon. **13**, 123 (2019); Science Ad. **2**, e1501333 (2016)  
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## Attosecond pulses and pulsetrains: UV to soft X-ray

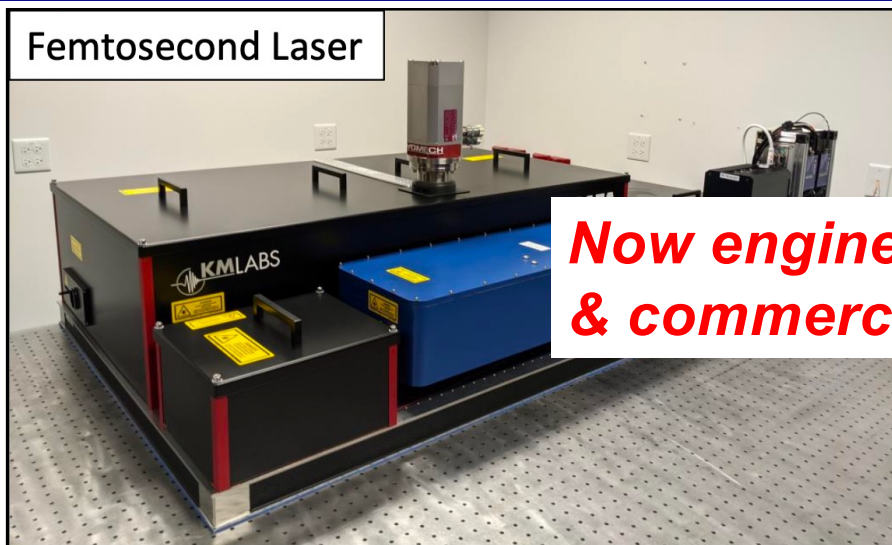


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# Putting EUV High Harmonic Generation to Work

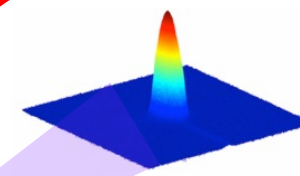
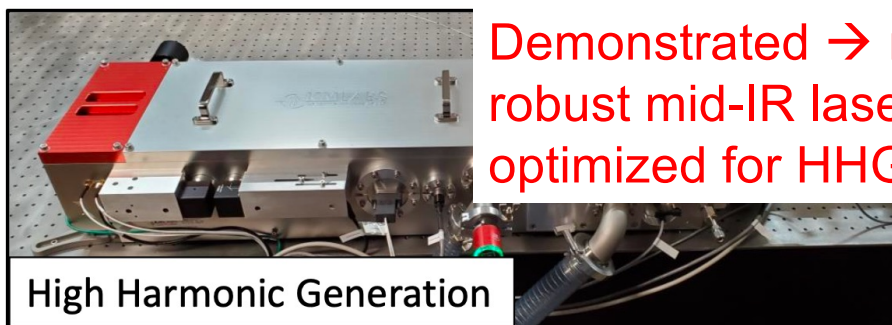
Femtosecond Laser



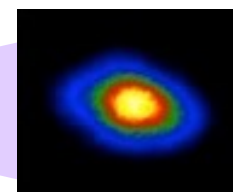
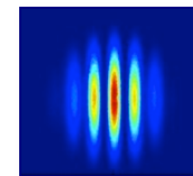
**Now engineered  
& commercial**

**Demonstrated → need  
robust mid-IR lasers  
optimized for HHG**

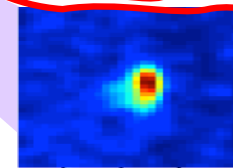
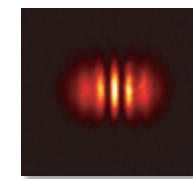
High Harmonic Generation



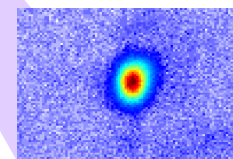
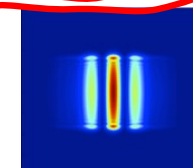
30nm HHG beam (2002)



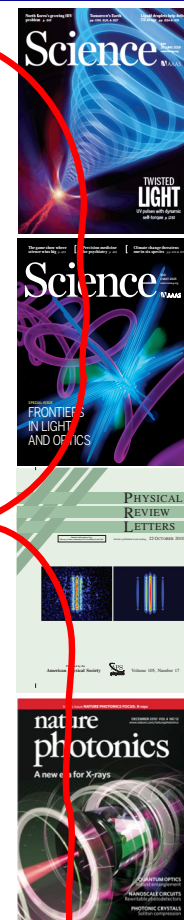
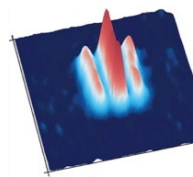
13nm HHG beam (2004)



3nm HHG beam (2010)



1nm HHG beam (2012)

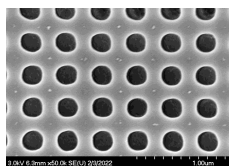


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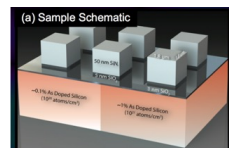
# EUV metrologies: nondestructive, ultrasensitive, functional metrologies

## INDUSTRY Collaborations



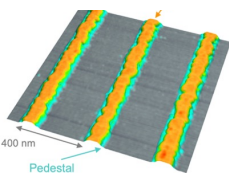
**3M**

**Metamaterials  
Thermal materials**



**imec** **KMLABS<sup>inc.</sup>**  
LEADING IN ULTRAFAST

**ARPES, CDI, 2D**



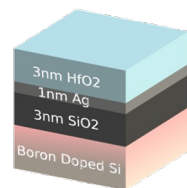
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**Nanoelectronics**



**intel**

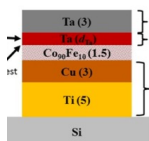
**Thin films**



**Ball Aerospace** **THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA**

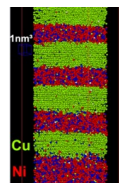
**Detectors**

## NATIONAL LAB Collaborations



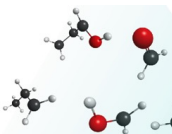
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**Spintronic**



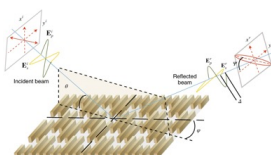
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**Atom Probe**



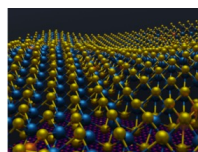
**Argonne**  
NATIONAL LABORATORY

**Combustion**



**NIST**

**Nanoelectronics**



**GORDON AND BETTY MOORE FOUNDATION**

**Quantum, Bio,  
Low dose**

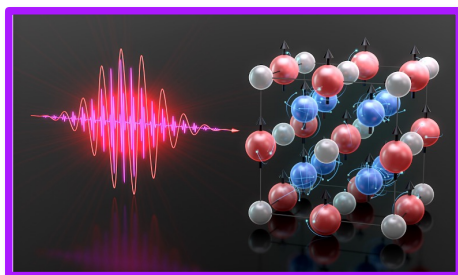
## Unique HHG advantages

- Coherence: diffraction limit
- Short wavelength: high resolution
- Short pulses: functional imaging
- Ultrastable phase: ~pm sensitivity
- Shot noise limited metrology
- Penetrate buried layers, interfaces
- Focus to small <μm spot size
- Element specificity
- Nondestructive & low dose
- Broad access for R&D



# HHG metrologies

→ nondestructive, functional imaging at high resolution, element specificity



**Magnetic**

Element-resolved  
spin dynamics

**Electronic**

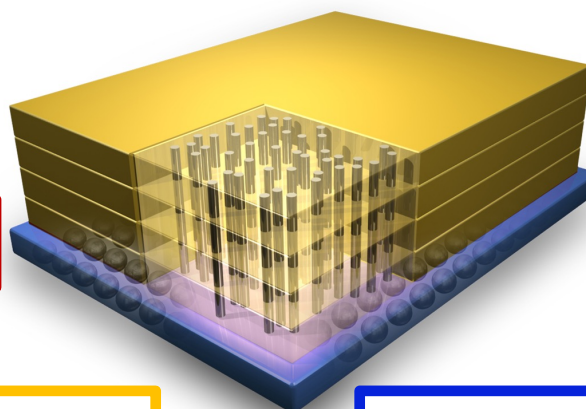
*Adv. Energy Mater. 1402180 (2015)*

| Cleaning Recipe                                    | $E_F - E_V$<br>(eV) | Band<br>Bending<br>(meV) | Surface Band Structure |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$                             | 0.6                 | 180                      | Upward                 |
| $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{NH}_4\text{OH}$      | 0.4                 | 130                      | Upward                 |
| $\text{NH}_4\text{OH} + 3\text{A}^\circ \text{Cu}$ | 0.2                 | 100                      | Downward               |

Band bending, interfacial fields

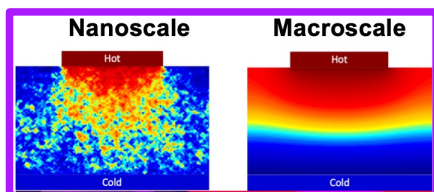
**Transport**

**Interfacial**

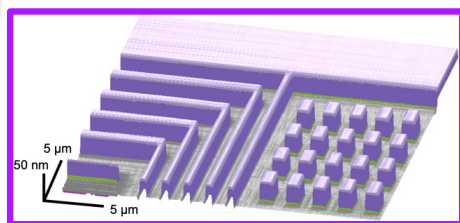


**Structural**

**Elastic**



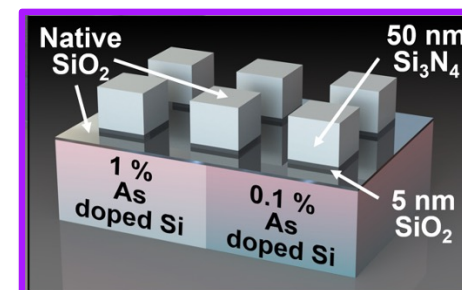
New understanding of  
nanoscale heat flow



Sub-wavelength EUV  
imaging



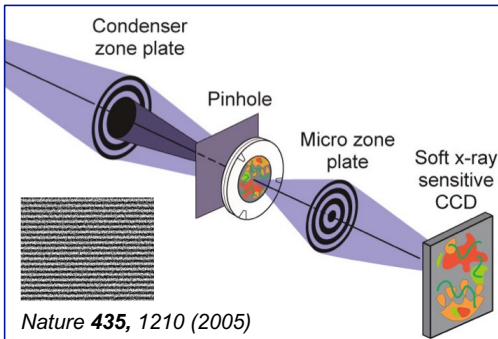
Ultrathin films



Compositional, space &  
depth-resolved imaging



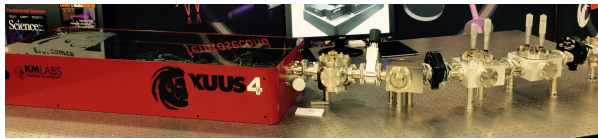
# Coherent diffraction imaging – a revolution in short wavelength imaging



## Traditional X-ray microscopes

- Limited by lossy, imperfect, optics
- ~10x diffraction limited imaging

## Coherent EUV/SXR sources

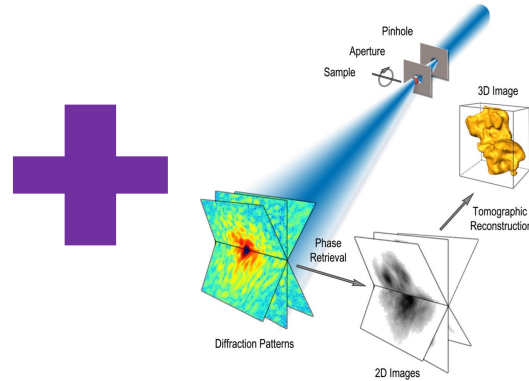


## ALS synchrotron and XFELs x-ray sources



*Science* **280**, 1412 (1998)  
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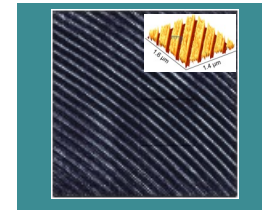
## Coherent imaging



Miao et al., *Nature* **400**, 342 (1999)

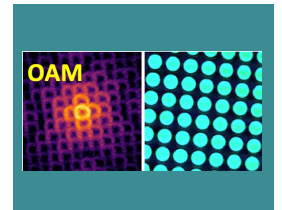
## Fundamentally new imaging

2017: 1<sup>st</sup> sub- $\lambda$  EUV imaging



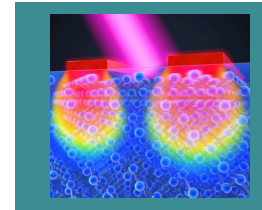
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2023: Periodic samples



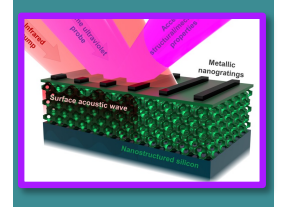
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2021: Nano-hotspot



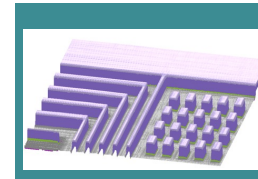
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2023: General transport



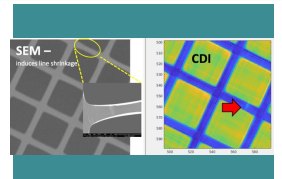
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2021: Nondestructive Maps



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2023: Low-dose OAM

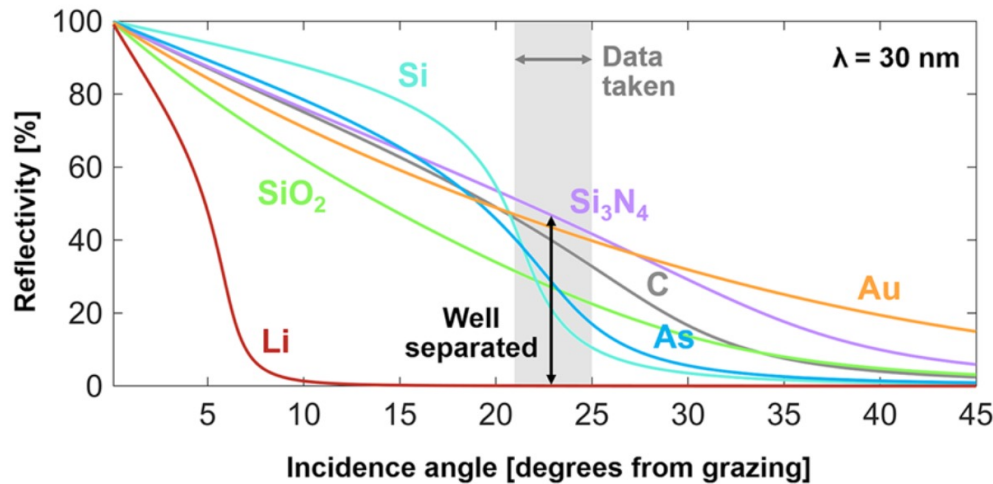


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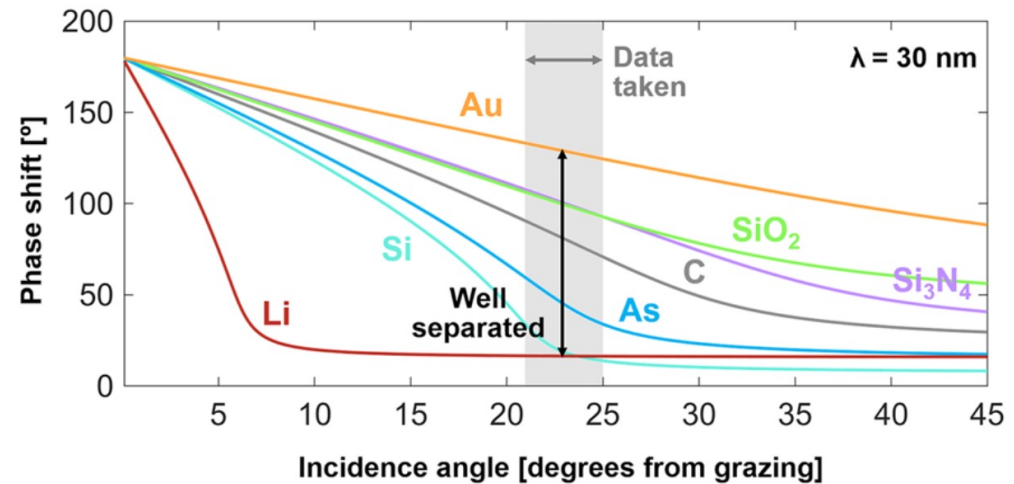


- Most materials still reflect in the EUV ( $\lambda \geq 30 \text{ nm}$ ), with amplitude and phase contrast
- Can build a reflection-mode microscope in the EUV
- Most soft X-ray microscopes work in transmission

## Reflectivity vs Angle in the EUV



## Phase Shift vs Angle in the EUV

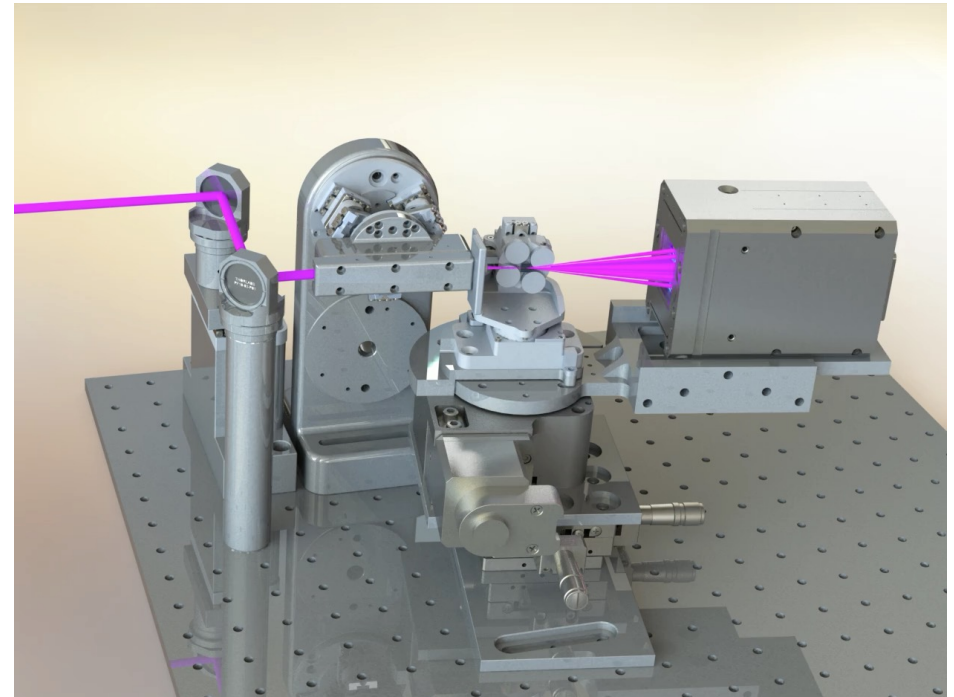
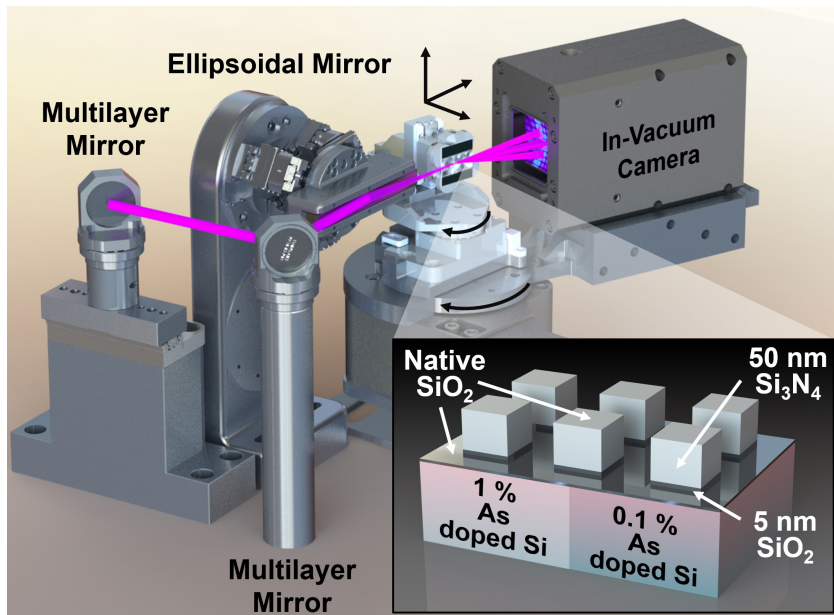


## Phase-sensitive nondestructive EUV Imaging reflectometer

- Unique non-destructive spatial and depth-resolved compositional mapping
- Extract interfaces, layers, dopant profiles, composition of challenging semiconductor test samples (from imec, Samsung, 3M)

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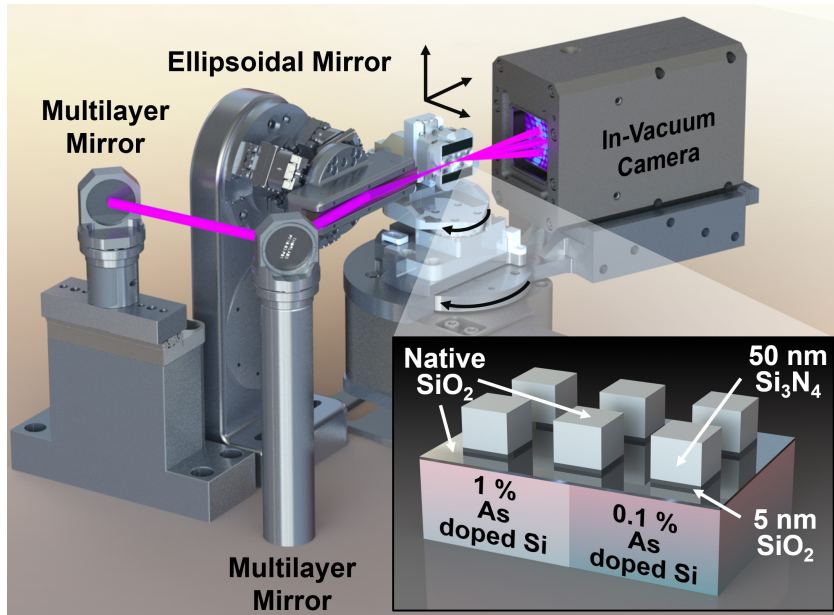
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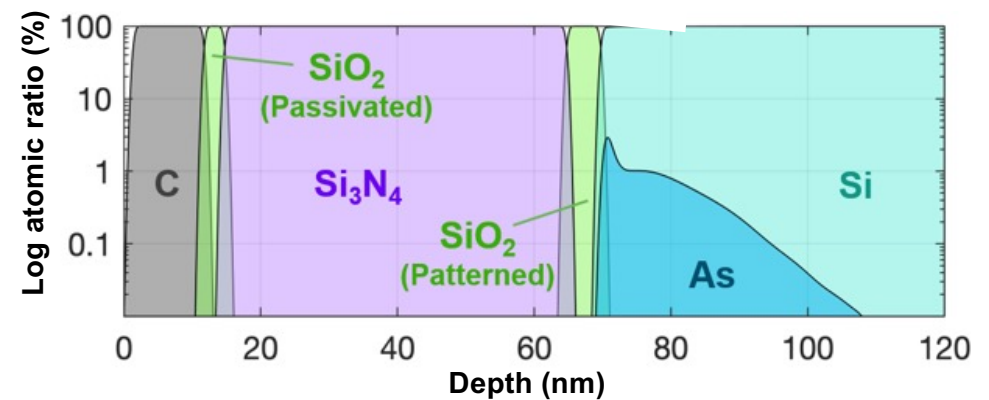
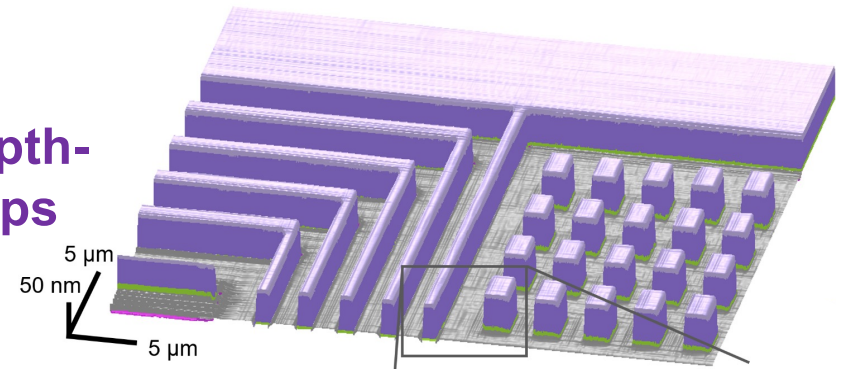
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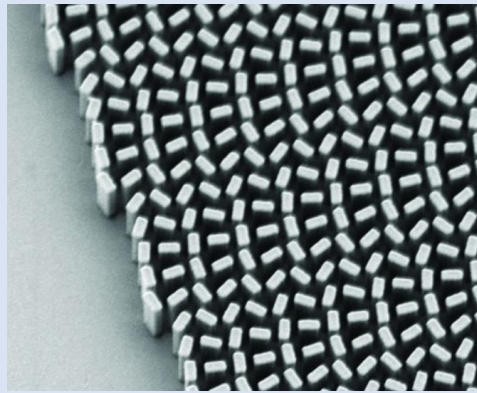
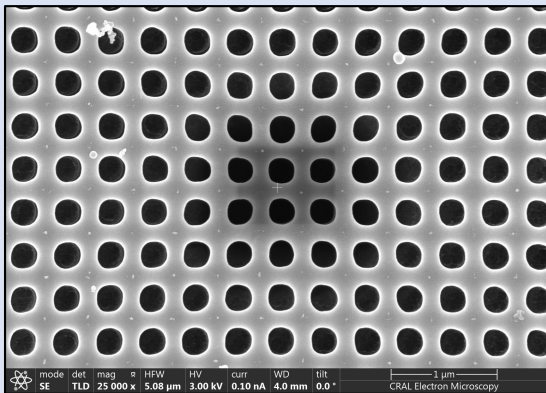


### Spatial & depth-resolved maps

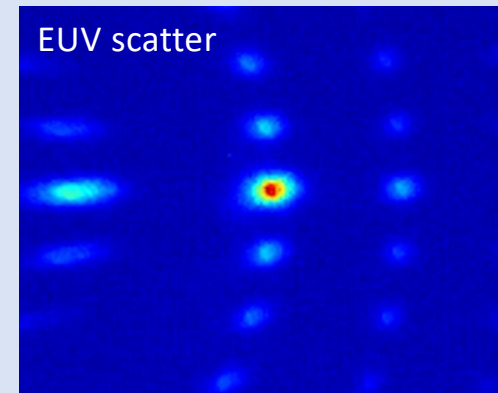


## Metamaterials

Engineered subwavelength nanostructures with precisely controlled optical properties



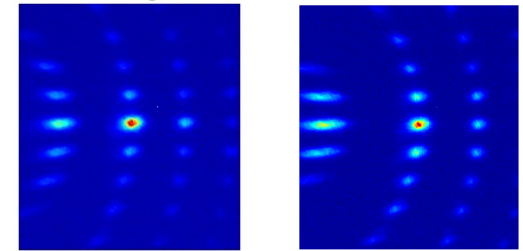
Khorasaninejad et al. Science 352, 6290 (2016)



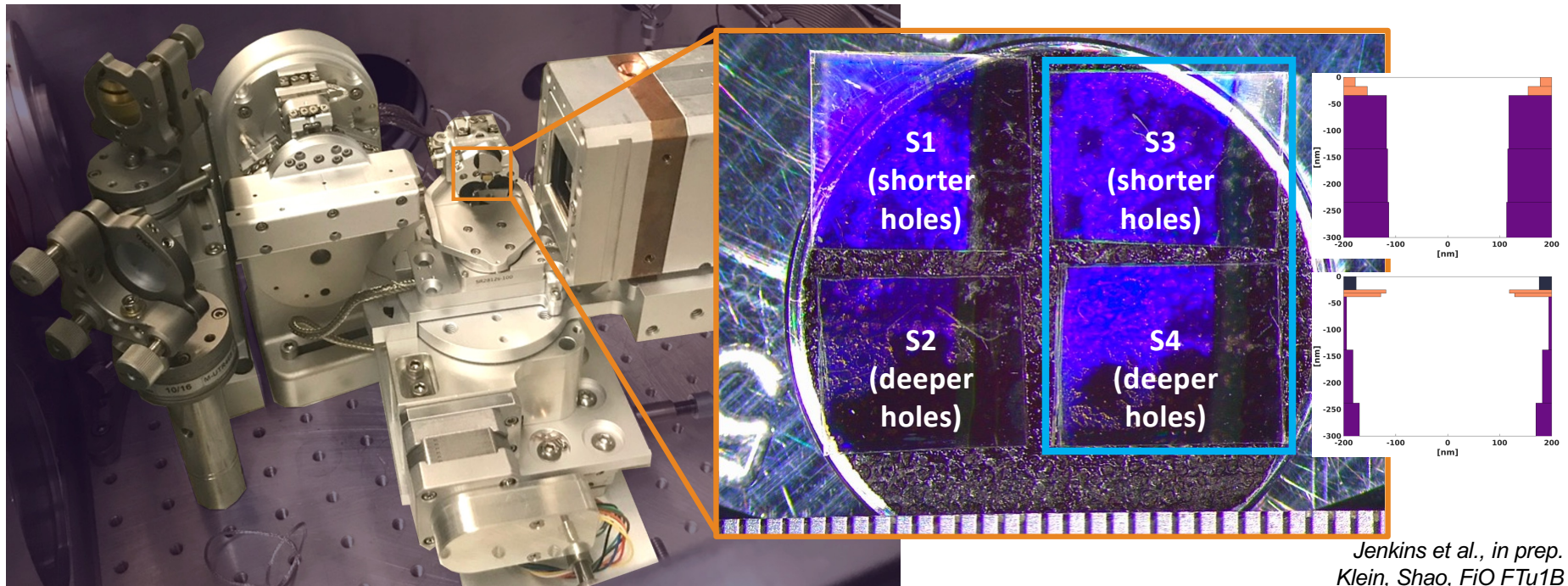
**Challenge:** Beam damage from electron imaging, and sample cutting & coating



- HHG scatterometry is fast, no sample prep, non-destructive
- Extract layer thicknesses, densities, top-surface geometry
- Verified with AFM and very specialized transmission electron microscopy



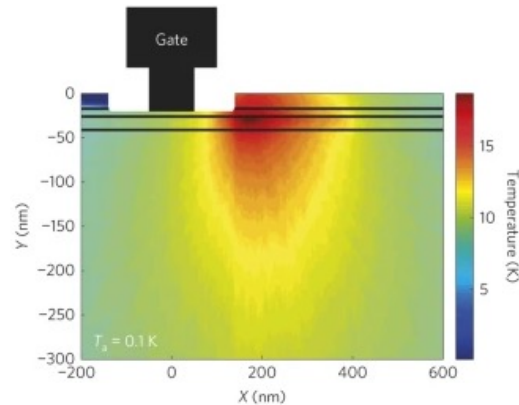
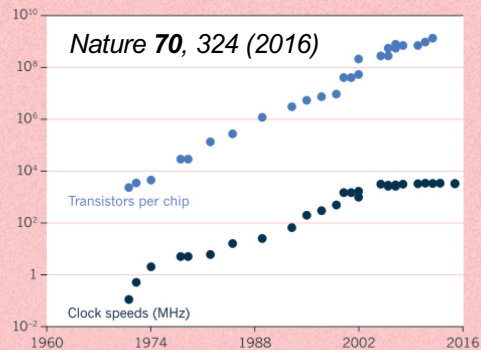
EUV diffraction patterns



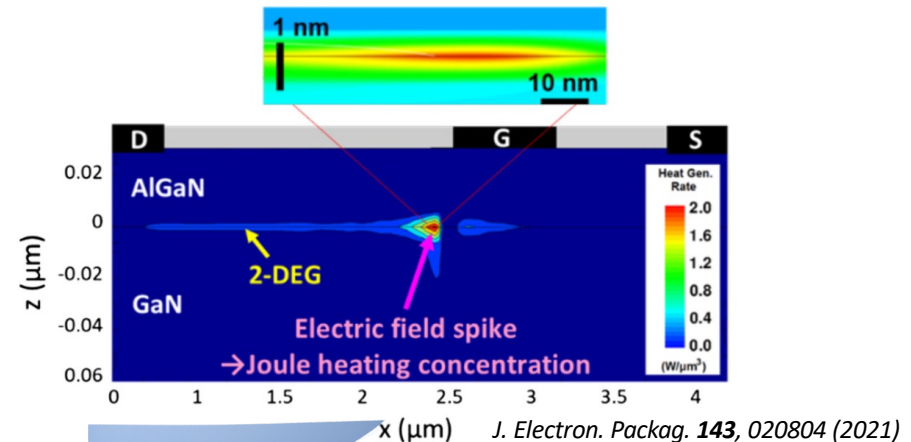
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## MOORE'S LORE

For the past five decades, the number of transistors per microprocessor chip — a rough measure of processing power — has doubled about every two years, in step with Moore's law (top). Chips also increased their 'clock speed', or rate of executing instructions, until 2004, when speeds were capped to limit heat. As computers increase in power and shrink in size, a new class of machines has emerged roughly every ten years (bottom).



*Nat. Mater.* **14**, 187 (2015)



*J. Electron. Packag.* **143**, 020804 (2021)

Quantum devices

Electric vehicles

Communication

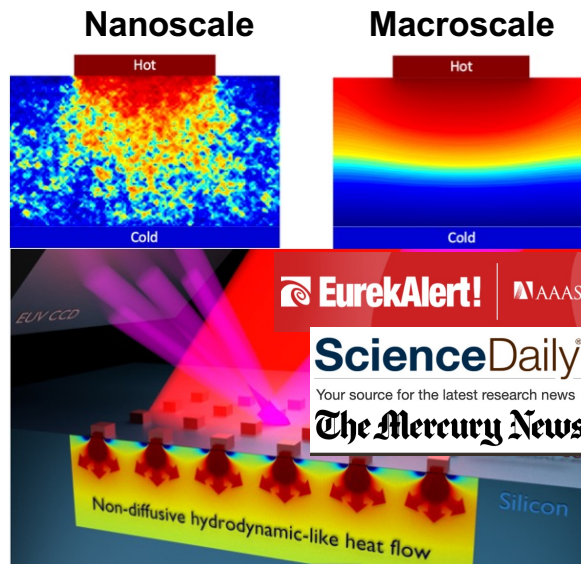
## No general models to describe nanoscale heat transport

Theory and measurements off by 100x, over-predict lifetime, under-predict noise floor

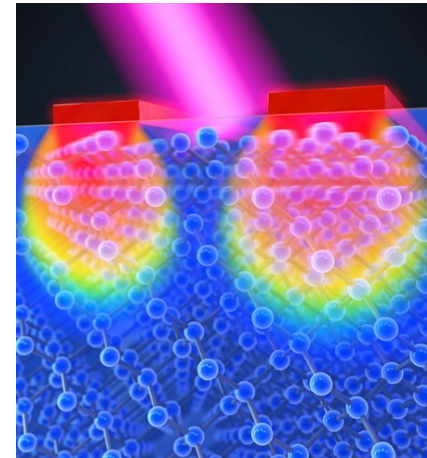
# **First predictive and general understanding of heat transport in nanostructured semiconductors!**



- New findings: Heat can be channeled at the nanoscale in 1D/2D geometries, rather than spreading diffusively
- Achievement: 1<sup>st</sup> comprehensive, predictive, understanding of 1D & 2D nanoscale heat transport
- Significance: Routes for thermal management in nano, quantum, energy devices



**Mechanism: enhanced in-plane phonon scattering → enhanced cross-plane transport**



Karl et al., *Science Advances* **4**, eaau4295 (2018); Frazer et al., *Phys. Rev. Applied* **11**, 024042 (2019)

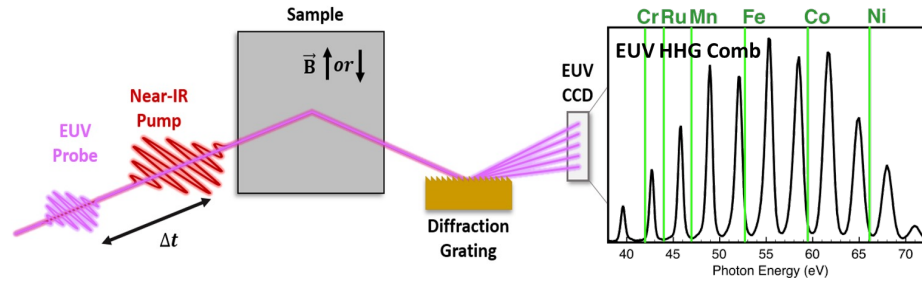
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Honavar et al., *PNAS* **118**, e2109056118 (2021); Knobloch et al., *ACS AMI* **14**, 41316 (2022); McBennett et al., *Nano Letters* **23**, 2129 (2023); submitted (2024)

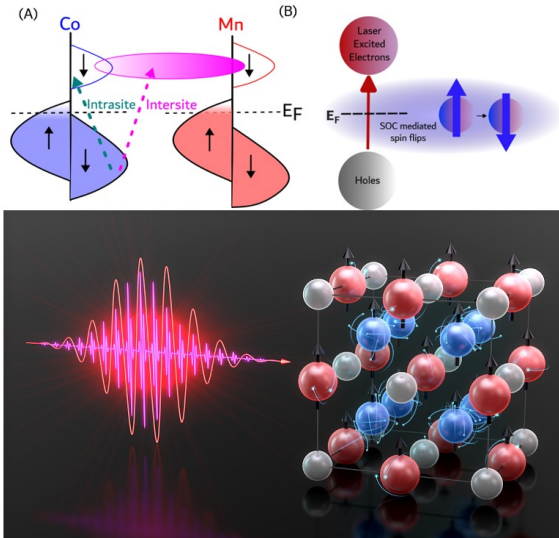


# High harmonics probe the site-specific dynamic magnetic state

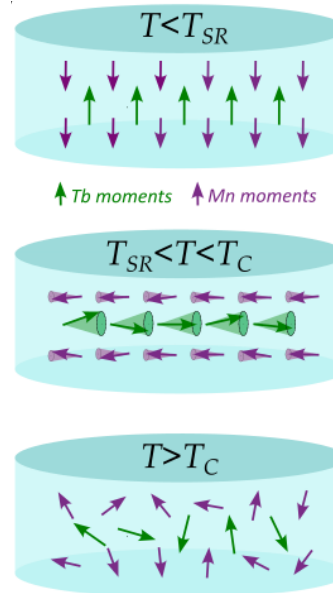
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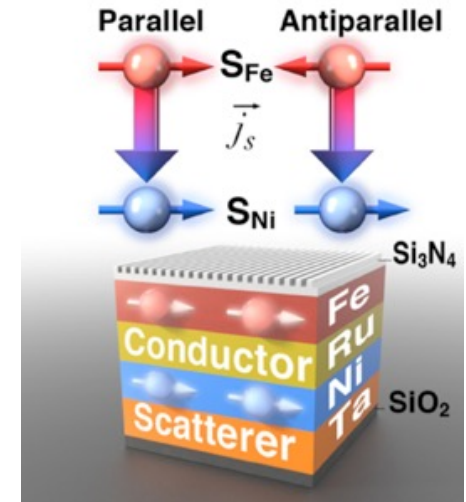
## Spin transfer, Spin flips ( $\sim$ fs)



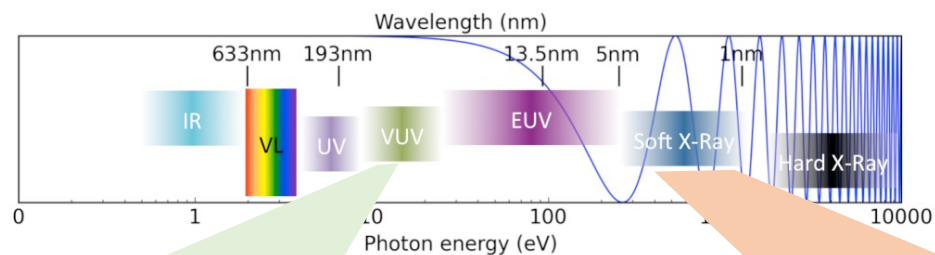
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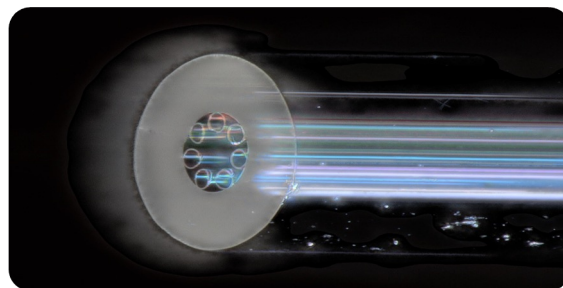
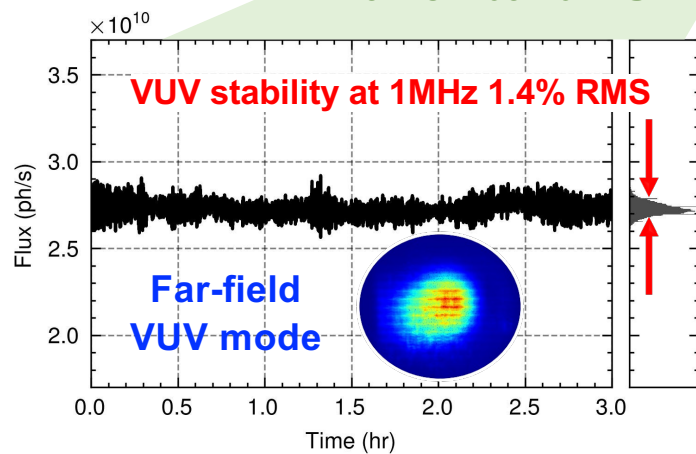
## Spin transport ( $\sim$ fs)





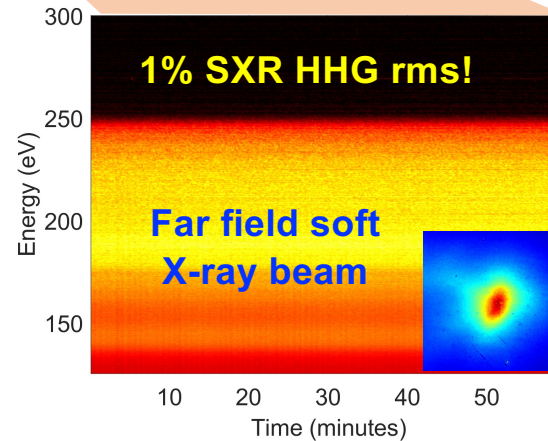


## Narrowband VUV



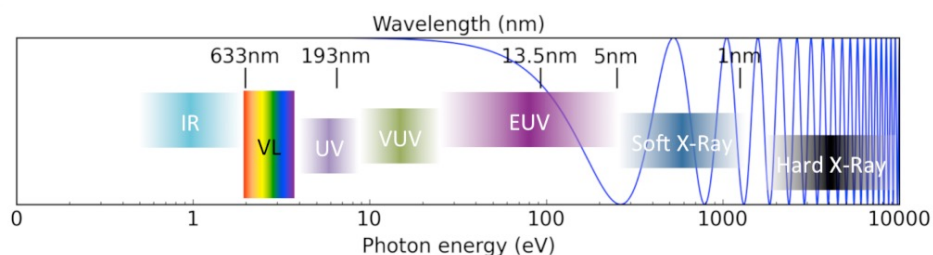
Anti-resonant hollow-core fibers

## Broadband SXR



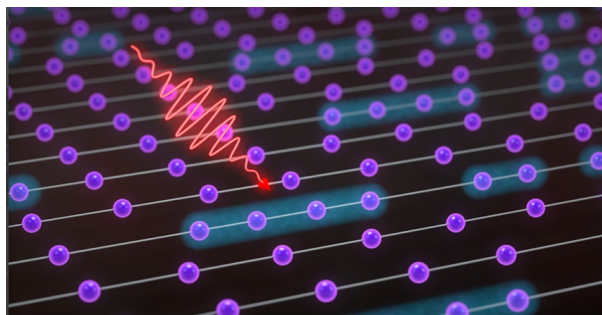
# VUV spectral region – hard, neglected, but important!

**VUV**  
~60-200 nm  
~6-20 eV



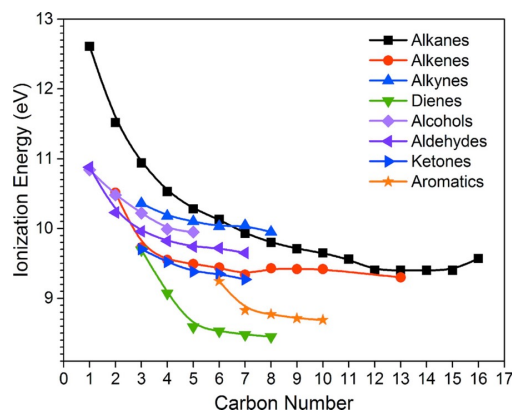
H. Kim, No. RWTH-2017-02814. Fachgruppe Physik (2016)

**Photoelectron and photovoltage spectroscopies: electronic structure**



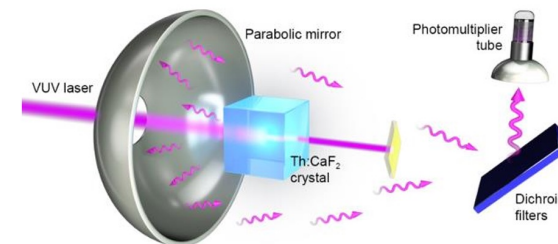
Zhang et al., *Nano Letters* **23**, 8392 (2023)

**Access molecular ionization energies: combustion, hypersonics**



Zhou et al., *J. Synchrotron Rad.* **23**, 1035 (2016)  
Couch et al., *Proc. Combustion Institute* **38**, 1737 (2021)

**VUV combs for nuclear clocks**



$^{229m}\text{Th}$  nuclear state  
 $8.338 \pm 0.24$  eV (~148nm)

Kraemer et al., *Nature* **617**, 706 (2023)  
Zhang et al., *Nature* **633**, 63 (2024)

## Summary

- High harmonic sources are a unique quantum technology allowing exquisite control over EUV and soft X-ray light
- The limits of HHG technology are not yet known: 10keV, 50keV?
- HHG technology is already a useful tool
  - First sub-wavelength EUV imaging
  - Non-destructive maps of heterostructures for quantum technologies
  - New understanding about nanoscale thermal transport
  - New understanding of spin and charge dynamics
  - Distinguish electron-electron screening and scattering in quantum materials
  - Bright future – everything scales with the wavelength

