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Femtosecond passively mode-locked fiber lasers using saturable Bragg reflectors, •Hyunil Byun, Jason Sickler, Jonathan Morse, Jeff Chen, Dominik Pudo, Erich Ippen, and Franz Kärtner; *Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 77 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139 USA.*

We demonstrate a soliton fiber laser with 280-fs pulses at 408-MHz repetition rate, and a stretched-pulse regime fiber laser with 179-fs pulses at 234-MHz repetition rate. Both use saturable Bragg reflectors for mode-locking and/or self-starting.

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Nano-FROG: Frequency Resolved Optical Gating by a Nanometric Object at the Focal plane of a high NA Objective, •Jérôme Extermann¹, Luigi Bonacina¹, François Courvoisier², Denis Kiselev¹, Yannick Mugnier³, Ronan Le Dantec³, and Jean-Pierre Wolf¹; ¹GAP-Biophotonics Université de Genève, Genève, Switzerland, ²Institut FEMTO-ST Université de Franche-Comté, UMR CNRS 6174, Besançon, France, ³Symme Polytech' Savoie, Annecy le Vieux, France.

We present a technique to characterize ultrashort pulses at the focal plane of a high numerical aperture (NA) objective with unprecedented spatial resolution, by performing a FROG measurement with a single nanocrystal as nonlinear medium.

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A New Generalized Projections Algorithm Geared Towards Sub-100 Attosecond Pulse Characterization, •Justin Gagnon¹, Vladislav Yakovlev^{1,2}, Eleftherios Goulielmakis¹, Martin Schultze¹, and Ferenc Krausz^{1,2}; ¹Max-Planck-Institut für Quantenoptik, D-85748 Garching, Germany, ²Department für Physik, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, D-85748 Garching, Germany.

We developed a new algorithm for characterizing attosecond pulses from streaked spectra. We compare our algorithm to the current one used for attosecond characterization, and show that it is better suited for sub-100 attosecond pulses.

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Autocorrelation Experiments with Ultrashort Soft X-ray FEL Pulses, •Rolf Mitzner², Wolfgang Eberhardt¹, Matthias Neeb¹, Tino Noll¹, Mathias Richter³, Sebastian Roling², Marco Rutkowski², Björn Siemer², Andrej Sorokin³, Kai Tiedtke⁴, and Helmut Zacharias²; ¹BESSY GmbH, Albert-Einstein-Str. 15, 12489 Berlin, Germany, ²Physikalisches Institut, Universität Münster, D-48149 Münster, Germany, ³PTB, Abbe-Str. 2-12, D-10587 Berlin, Germany, ⁴DESY, Notkestr.85, 22603 Hamburg, Germany.

We report first direct measurements of the average coherence time and pulse length of fs soft X-ray pulses from the free electron laser at DESY (FLASH) by means of linear and nonlinear autocorrelation.

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Characterization of Mid-Infrared Pulses, •Kevin F. Lee^{1,2}, Adeline Bonvalet^{1,2}, and Manuel Joffe^{1,2}; ¹Laboratoire d'Optique et Biosciences, Ecole Polytechnique, Centre National

de la Recherche Scientifique, 91128 Palaiseau, France, ²Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale, U696, 91128 Palaiseau, France.

We characterize mid-infrared pulses using upconversion to the visible regime by mixing with two collinear time-delayed replicas of an 800 nm chirped pulse. The phase is encoded as a function of the time-delay.

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Noncollinear optical parametric amplification of cw light, continua and vacuum fluctuations, •Markus Breuer, Christian Homann, and Eberhard Riedle; *LS für BioMolekulare Optik, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Oettingenstraße 67, 80538 München, Germany.*

Seed sources for NOPAs are compared. Single-mode cw light renders Fourier-limited femtosecond and fully tunable picosecond μ J output pulses, OPG leads to random spectral fluctuations and a sapphire continuum delivers identical pulses on every shot.

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Intensity and phase measurements of the spatio-temporal electric field of focusing ultrashort pulses, •Pamela Bowlan, Pablo Gabolde, and Rick Trebino; *Georgia Tech School of Physics, 837 state st, Atlanta GA 30332, USA.*

We present the first technique for directly measuring the complete spatio-temporal field of ultrashort pulses at and near a focus. Our method uses an experimentally simple and high-spectral-resolution variant of spectral interferometry (SEA TADPOLE).

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Modeling of octave-spanning sub-two cycle Titanium:sapphire lasers: simulation and experiment, •Michelle Y. Sander, Helder M. Crespo, Jonathan R. Birge, and Franz X. Kaertner; *Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and Research Laboratory of Electronics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA.*

It is shown that a one-dimensional temporal model can quantitatively predict the spectral output and pulse shape of a sub-two-cycle octave-spanning Ti:sapphire laser.

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Ultra-Broadband Infrared Pulses from a Potassium-Titanyl Phosphate Optical Parametric Amplifier for VIS-IR-SFG Spectroscopy, •Oleksandr Isaienko and Eric Borguet; *Chemistry Department, Temple University, 1901 N. 13th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19122, USA.*

A non-collinear KTP-OPA to provide ultra-broadband mid-infrared pulses was designed and characterized. With proper pulse-front and phase correction, the system has a potential for high-time resolution vibrational VIS-IR-SFG spectroscopy.

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Spatially resolved Ar* and Ar+* imaging as a diagnostic for capillary based high harmonic generation, •Richard Chapman¹, Jeremy Frey¹, Christopher Froud², Edward Rogers², William Brocklesby², Matthew Praeger³, James Grant-Jacob², and Sarah Stebbings³; ¹Department of Chemistry, University of Southampton SO17 1BJ, UK, ²Optoelectronics Research Centre, University of Southampton, SO17 1BJ, UK, ³Department of

Physics & Astronomy, University of Southampton, SO17 1BJ, UK.

Spectrally resolved imaging of Ar/Ar+ created by high harmonic generation is demonstrated, and used as a diagnostic of capillary geometry on XUV generation efficiency.

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Polarization, ionization and spatial gates in single attosecond pulse generation, •Valer Tosa¹, Carlo Altucci², and Raffaele Velotta²; ¹National Institute R&D Isotopic and Molecular Technologies, 400293 Cluj-Napoca, Romania, ²CNISM, Dipartimento Scienze Fisiche, Universita FedericoII, 80126, Napoli, Italia.

We show that in polarization-gating techniques ionization dynamics and three-dimensional propagation effects act as

additional gates in single attosecond pulse generation. We propose novel laser field configurations generating single harmonic bursts using long laser pulses

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Chirped-pulse Raman amplification for two-color high-intensity, Peng Dong, Franklin Grigsby, and •Mike Downer; FOCUS Center, University of Texas at Austin, Department of Physics, Austin, TX 78712, USA.

We report generation and compression of millijoule-level first Stokes sideband (873nm) of 800nm TW pulses by inserting a multi-stage barium nitrate Raman shifter-amplifier into a conventional Ti:sapphire chirped pulse amplification system.