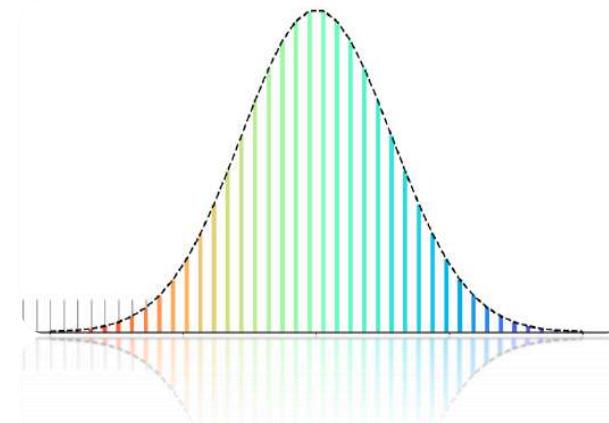


Spectroscopy techniques using frequency-comb : the special case of Dual comb spectroscopy

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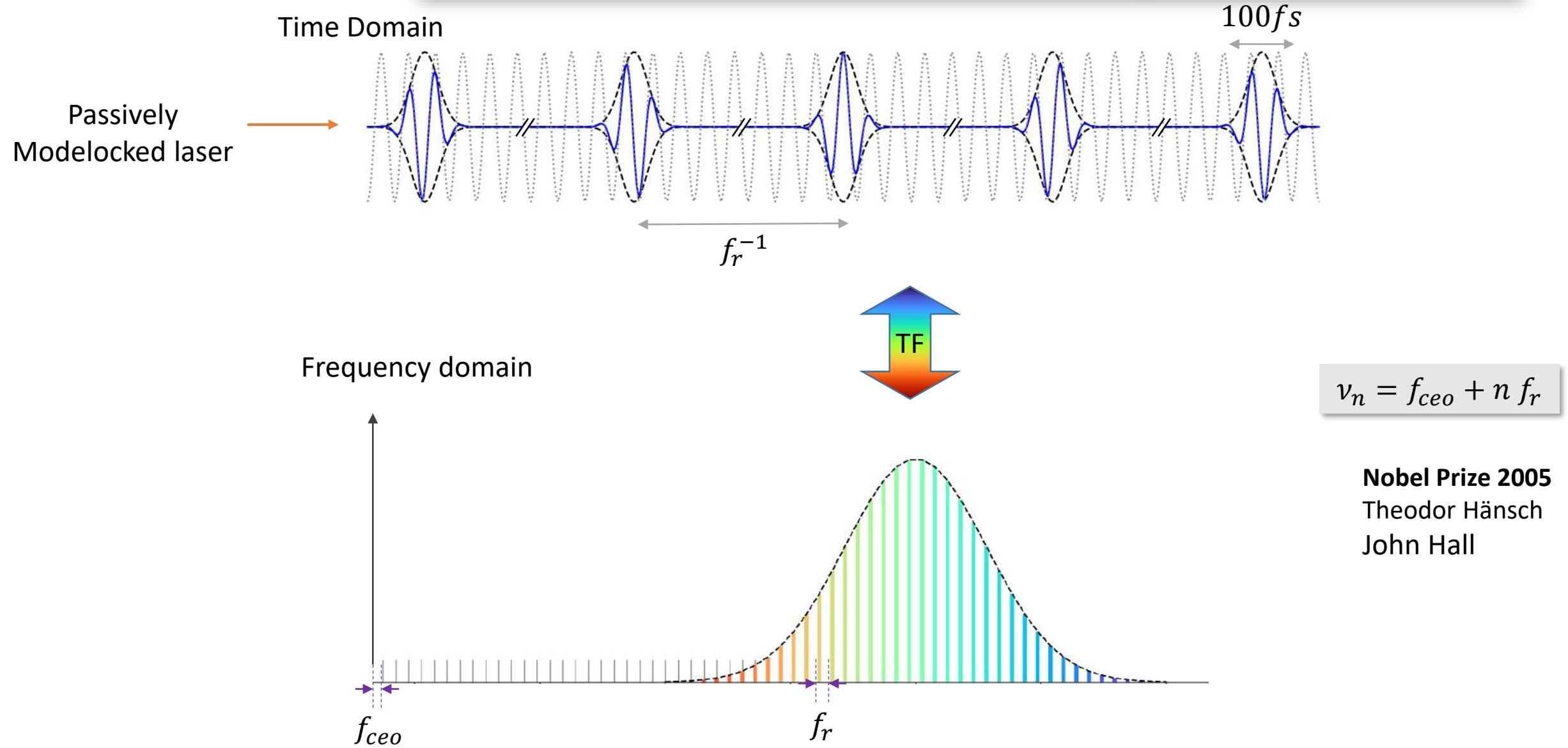
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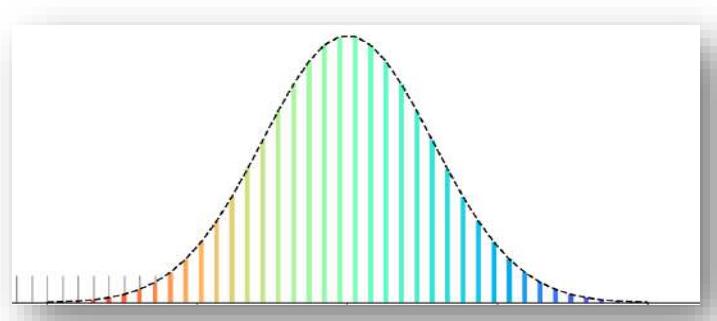
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A Keer-Lens mode-locked frequency comb



Broadband spectroscopy + comb mode resolution + frequency precision

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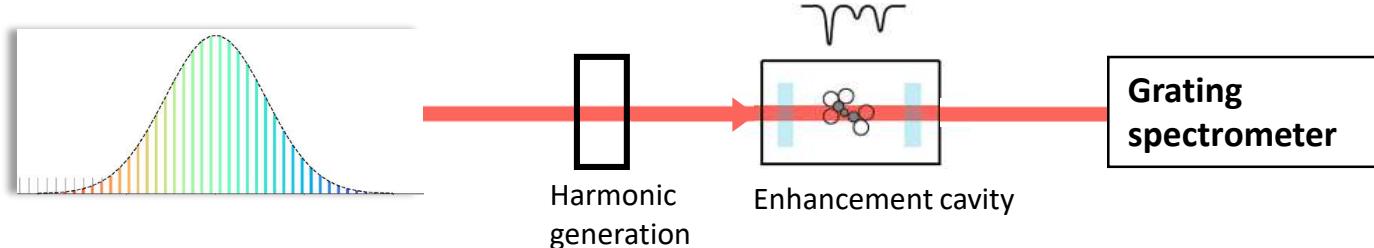
- Using a diffraction grating
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- Other heterodyne measurements (THz)

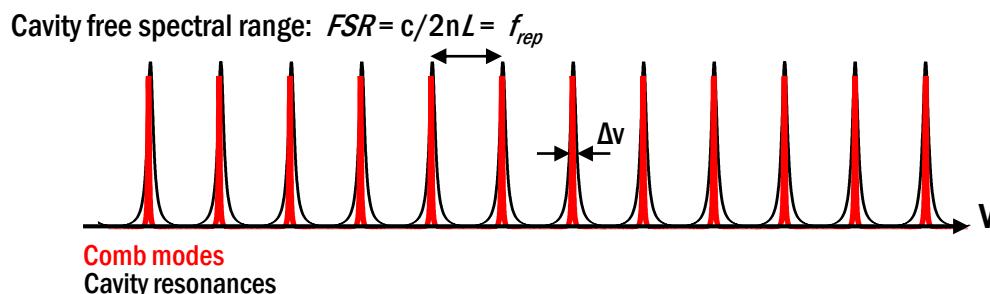
First Cavity-enhanced Frequency-comb spectroscopy

Frequency comb = bright source + broadband + harmonic generation possible



Resolution 0.03 to 0.07 nm in the UV range

[T. Gherman, D. Romanini, Opt. Express 10, 1033 (2002)]
 [G. Méjean, S. Kassi, and D. Romanini – Optics Letters Vol 33 n°11 (2008)]
 [Grilli *et al*, Environmental Science & Technology, Vol 26 (2012)]



In-situ and Real Time Measurements of IO,
 BrO, NO₂, and H₂CO at pptv and ppqv

➤ Mode-locked Cavity enhanced Dual Comb Spectroscopy (ML-CEAS)

Bandwidth between 50 et 100 cm⁻¹ depending on the cavity finesse
 Need of low-dispersion cavity mirrors.



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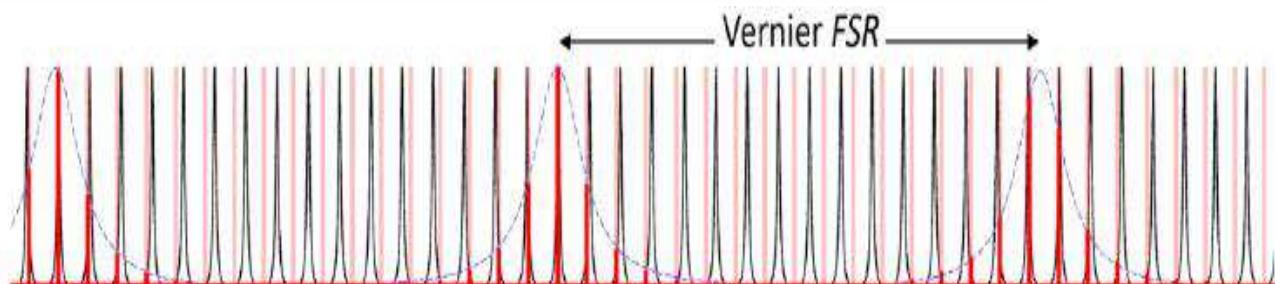


Comb resolution with a Grating-based spectrometer?

➤ Vernier spectroscopy

GHz resolution over 2000 cm^{-1}

[L. Rutkowski and J. Morville, JQSRT , vol 187 (2017)]



[Review: Lu et al, Photonics 2022, 9, 222]

see talk L1_Talk4 Jérôme Morville "Cavity Enhanced Frequency Comb Vernier Spectroscopy d'hydrures métalliques produit par pulvérisation cathodique »

➤ virtually-imaged phasarray (VIPA) spectrometer

1.2 GHz sampling frequency, at 633nm over 10nm bandwidth.

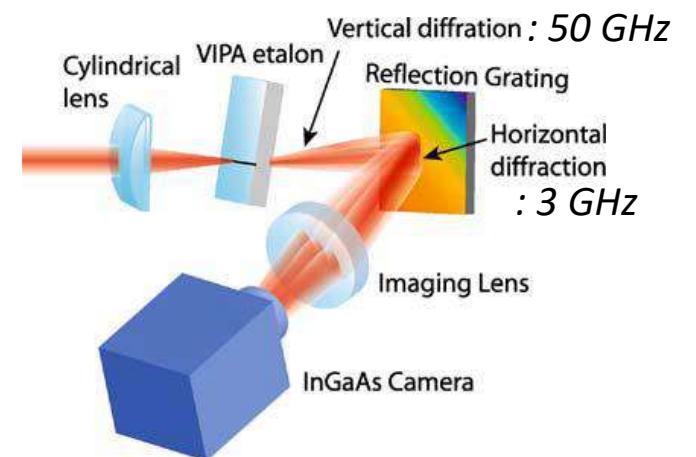
[S.A. Diddams, L. Hollberg, V. Mbele, Nature 445, 627 (2007)]

- First observation of the OD + CO → DOCO kinetics

[B. J. Bjork et al Ye, Science 354, 444-448 (2016)]

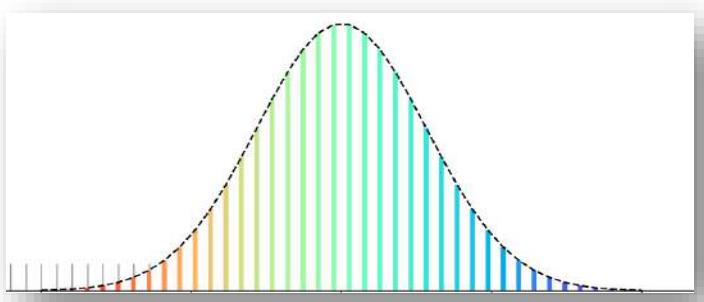
- Recently 94 MHz resolution, observation of N₂, H₂, CH₄ in a plasma

[Sadiek et al, Optics Express 32, 26 (2024)]



[Adapted from Review of:
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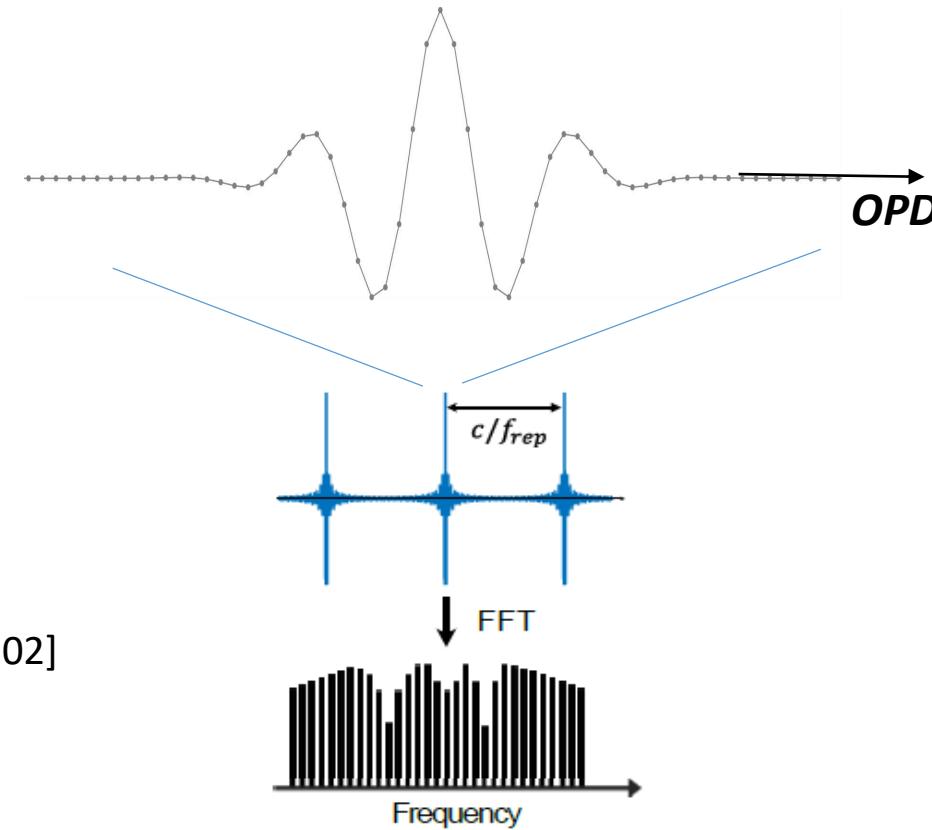
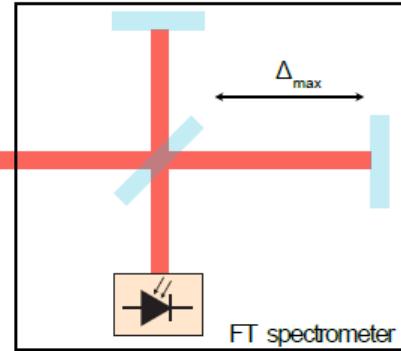
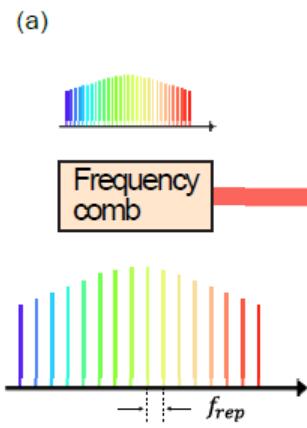
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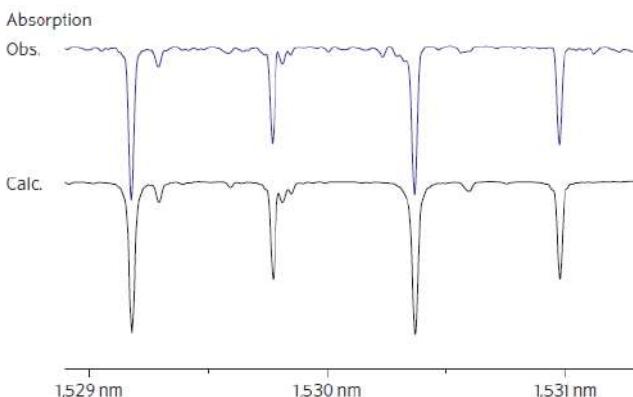
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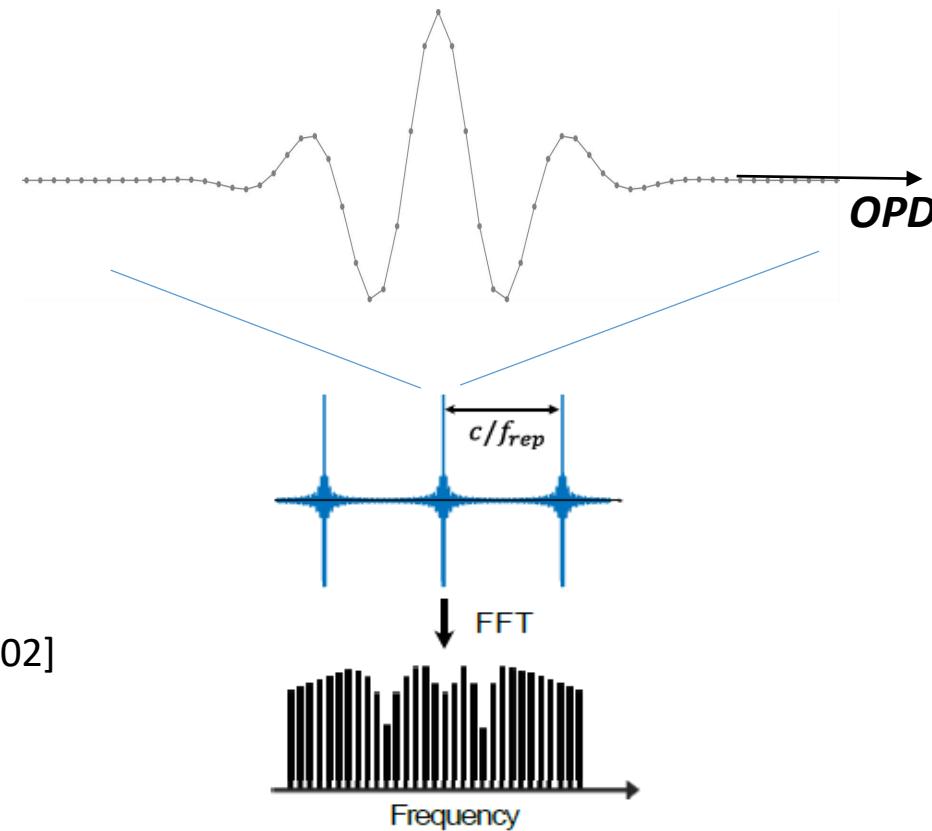
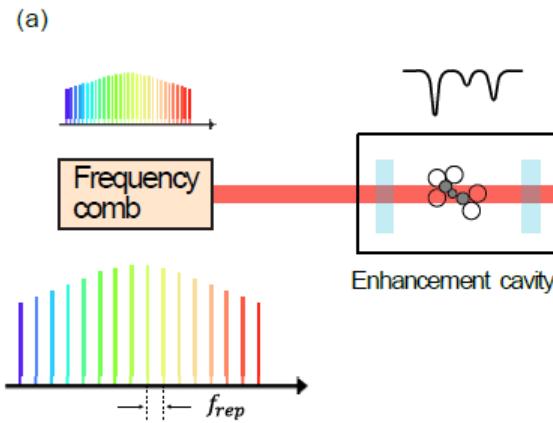
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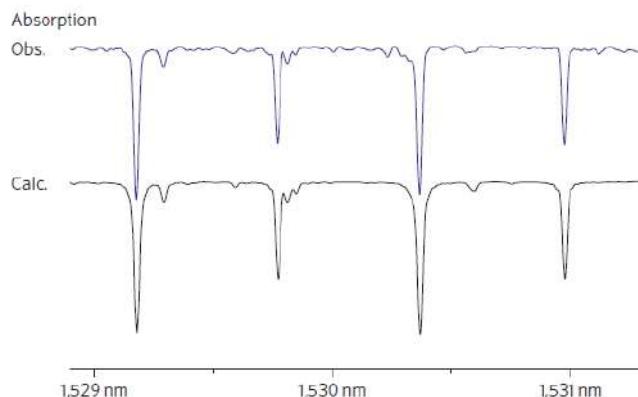
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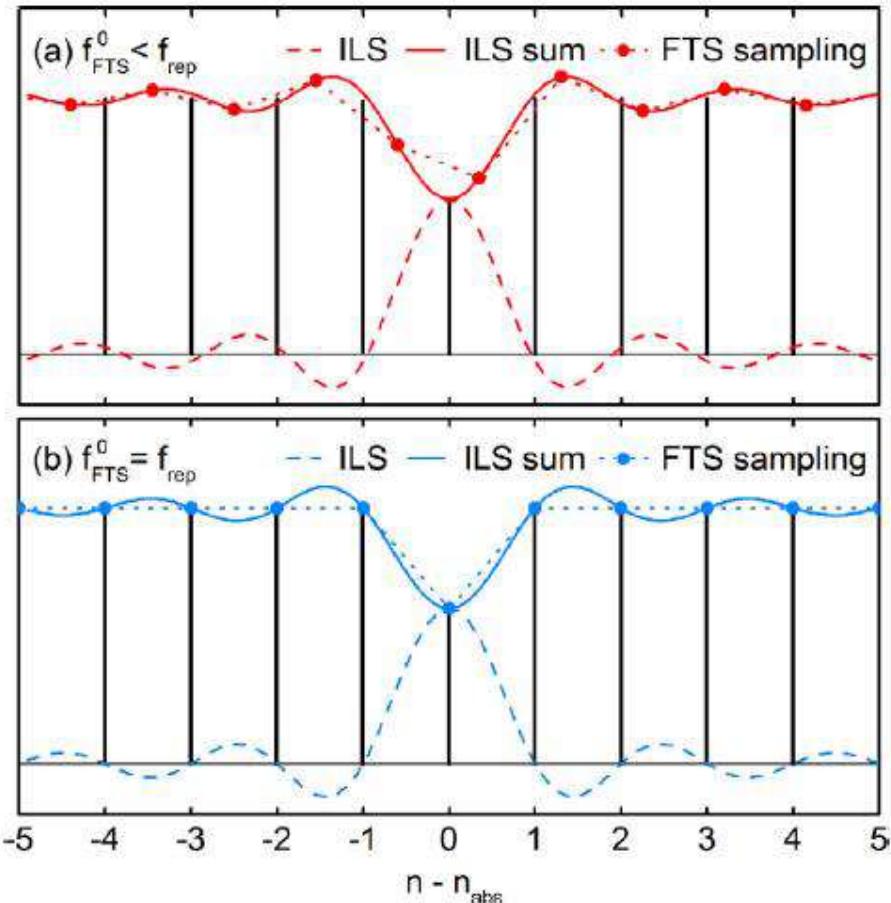


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+ Enhancement cavity : [Kassi et al, Spectrochimica, Spectrochimica Acta Part A 75 (2010) 142–145]
weak b-X transition of $^{16}O_2$ in the atmosphere, at 0.1 cm^{-1} resolution

Comb resolution with a Fourier-Transform Spectrometer?



[Rutkowski, L et al, J. Quant. Spectrosc. Radiat. Trans 2018, 204, 63–73 (2018)]

subnominal FTS

Resolution of 111 MHz, over 100 cm^{-1} (CO₂ at $1.5\mu\text{m}$)
[Maslowski, P. et al. Phys. Rev. A, 93, 021802. (2016)]

+ Interleaving
-> precision beyond the Voigt profile

The instrumental function is not impacting the adjacent comb modes

- **Cavity Ring Down - Fourier transform - Comb spectroscopy** -> see talk L1_Talk2 Romain Dubroeucq “Spectroscopie par temps de déclin cavité Fabry Perot par peignes de fréquences »

[Dubroeucq et al, Optics Express, vol 3 (2022) + arXiv:2409.09531 (2024)]
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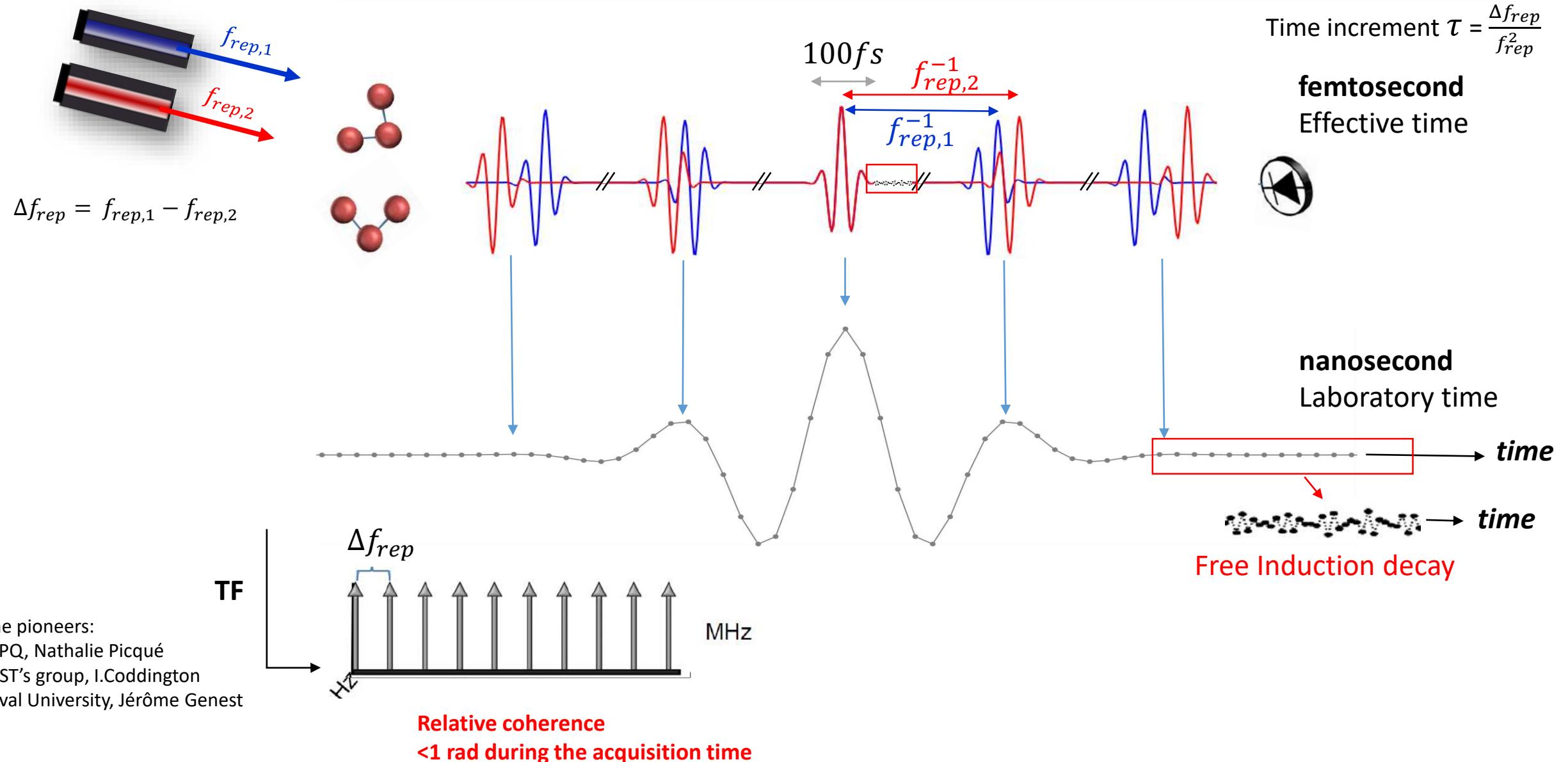
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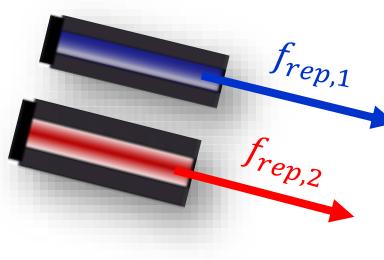
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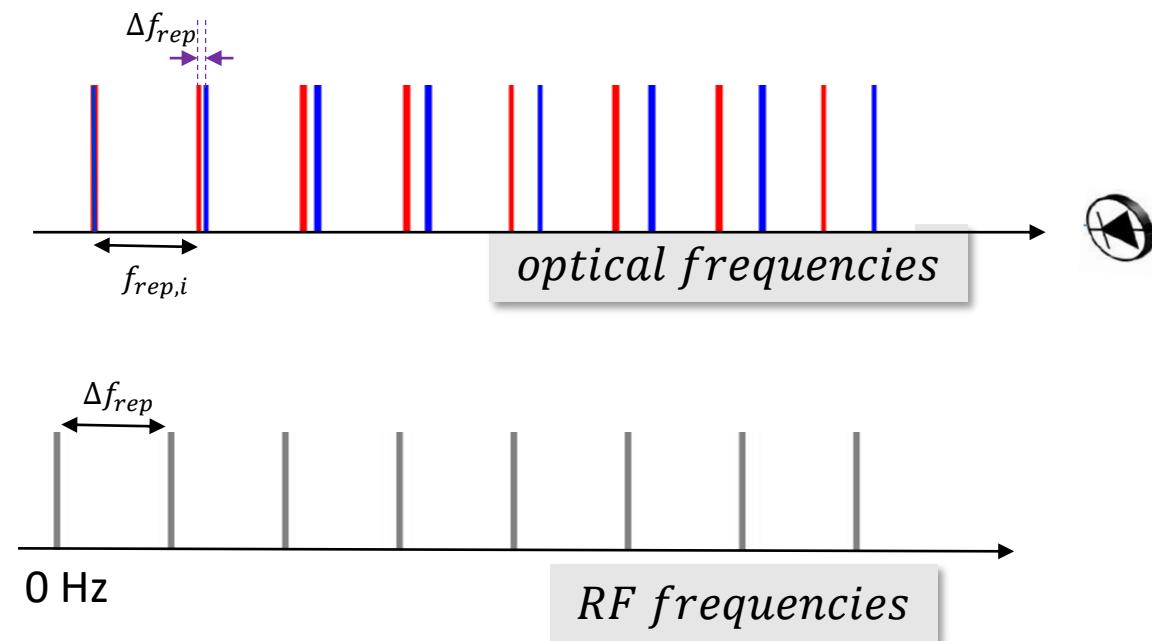


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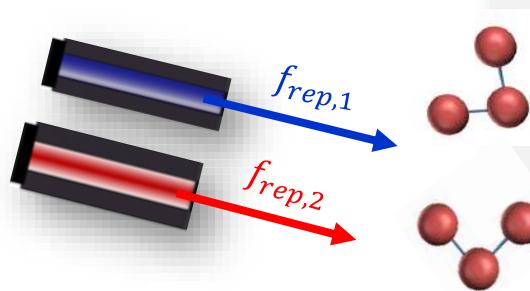
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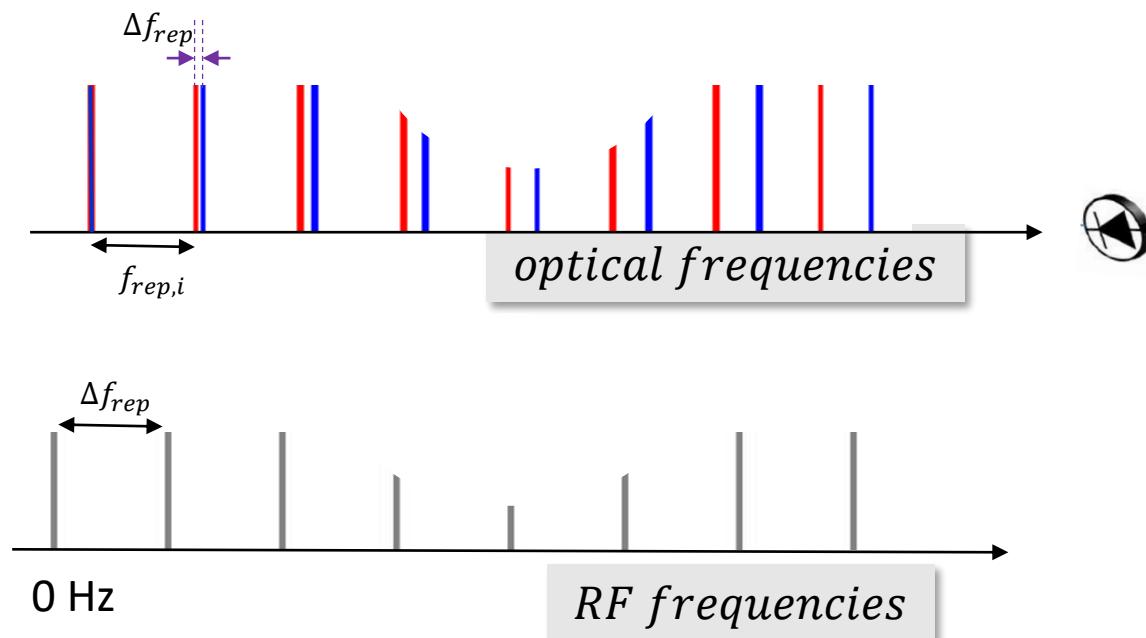
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Dual Comb Spectroscopy

History

2005: Ammoniac detection around $10\mu\text{m}$ (2 KLM free-running TiSa lasers + DFG)

[Schliesser and Keilmann, Optics Express Vol 13, 22 (2005)]

2005: 82.6 MHz resolution in the THz domain [Yasui, E. Saneyoshi, and T. Araki, Appl. Phys. Lett. 87, 061101 (2005)]

2006: Water vapor detection in the THz range (2 KLM TiSa lasers + antenna) [Brown et al, Applied Spectroscopy, Vol 60, n°6 (2006)]

Comb resolution in the THz domain: [Yasui *et al*, Appl. Phys. Lett. 88, 241104 (2006)]

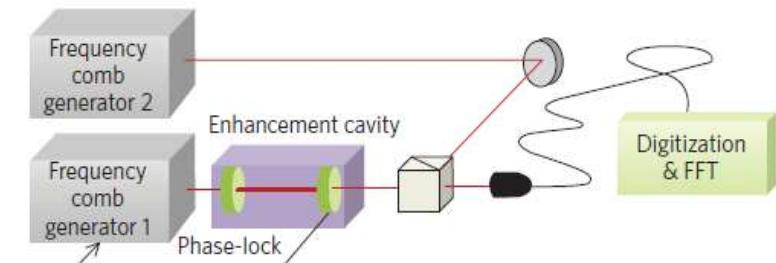
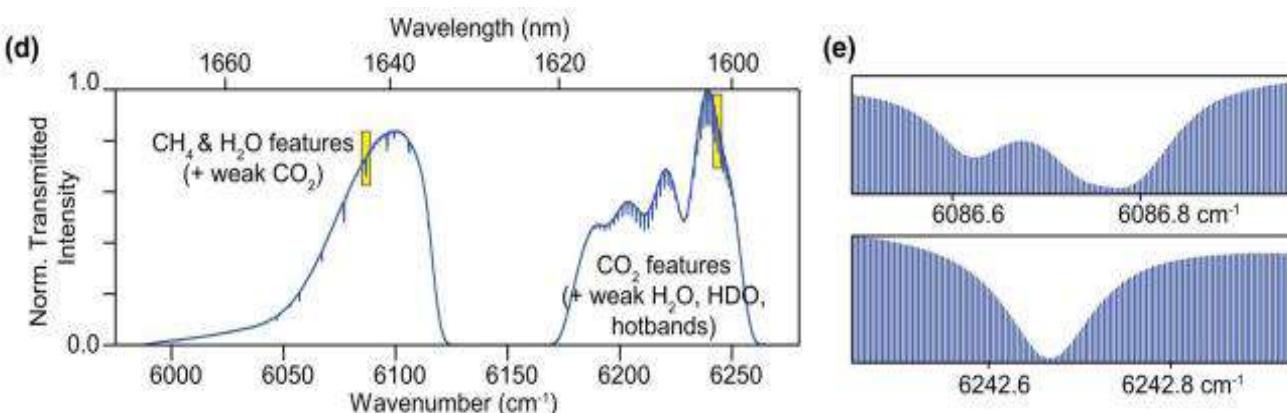
2010's: DCS emerging among the IR spectroscopist community

[Coddington, Opt. Lett. 34(14), 2153–2155 (2009)]

[J. Roy, *et al* Opt. Express Vol20, n°20 (2012)] Comb resolved.

2014 -> outside the laboratory

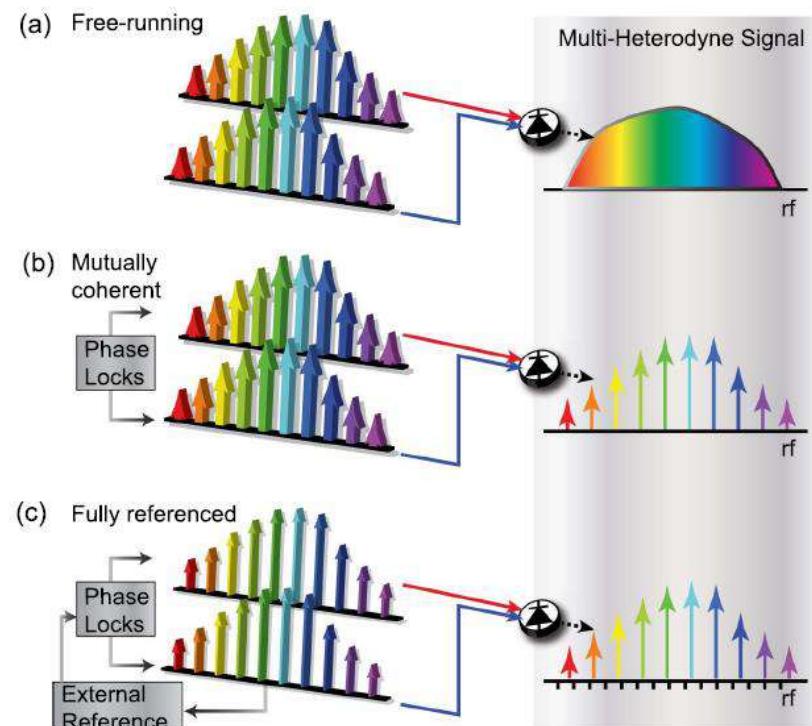
[Rieker et al, Optica, Vol 1, issue 5 (2014)]:



[Bernhardt, B *et al.*. Nature Photon 4, 55–57 (2010).]

4.5GHz resolution, 20nm bandwidth, Yb laser
Acétylène C₂H₂ and Ammoniac NH₃

Dual Comb Spectroscopy Architectures and Applications



[from review : Coddington et al. Optica Vol. 3, No. 4 (2016)]

Typically GHz resolution
+ phase correction algorithms to retrieve the comb structure
[Walsh *et al* J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys. **58** (2025)]

Typically GHz to MHz resolution
+ phase correction
Phase-locked or mutually coherent by the laser architecture (*ex. Part III*)

Sub-MHz resolution -> **Spectral interleaving possible**
Systematic error of **200kHz to 300kHz, at 3.4 μm and 1.5 μm** (Méthane)
[Zolot *et al*, JQSRT, 118, 26-39 (2013)]

-> **HITRAN data base improvement**
Systematic error of **600kHz at 7.8 μm (38.4 THz)** over 1.2THz (N₂O)
[Komagata *et al*, Physical Review Research **5**, 013047 (2023)]

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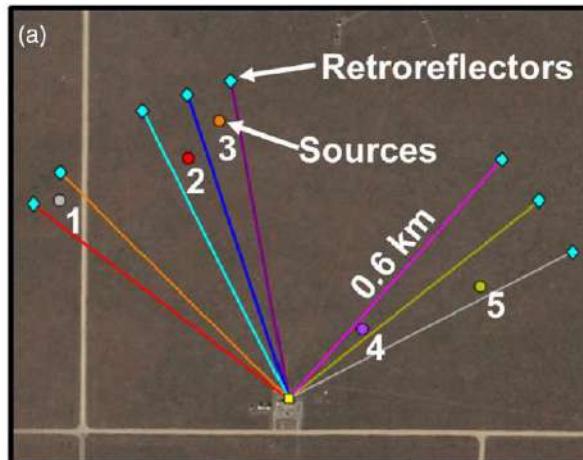


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Long-path absorption LIDAR



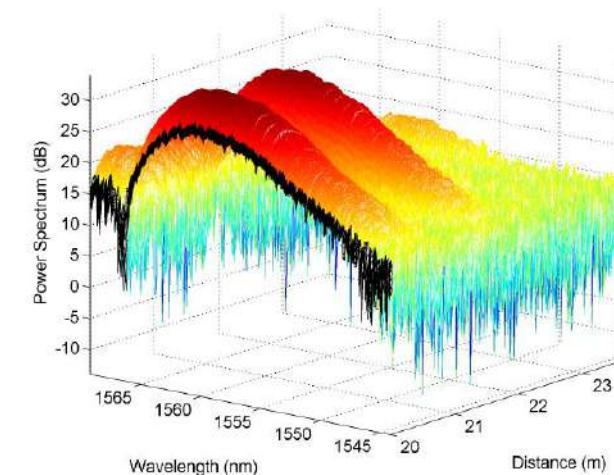
Methan leak detection [Coburn *et al*, Optica Vol. 5, No. 4 (2018)]
 Simultaneous **CH₄, NH₃, CO₂, and H₂O**
 NH₃ : subppm.m and CH₄: ppm.m [Herman2021]

Retroreflection on a natural target (forest):

[W. Patiño Rosas and N. Cézard, Opt. Express **32**, 13614-13627 (2024)]

+ Isotopic ratios

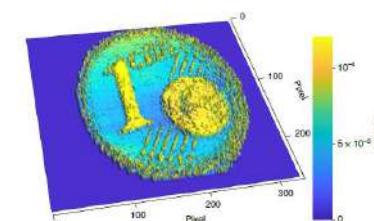
Hyperspectral - LIDAR



HCN absorption line
 From the backscattered light
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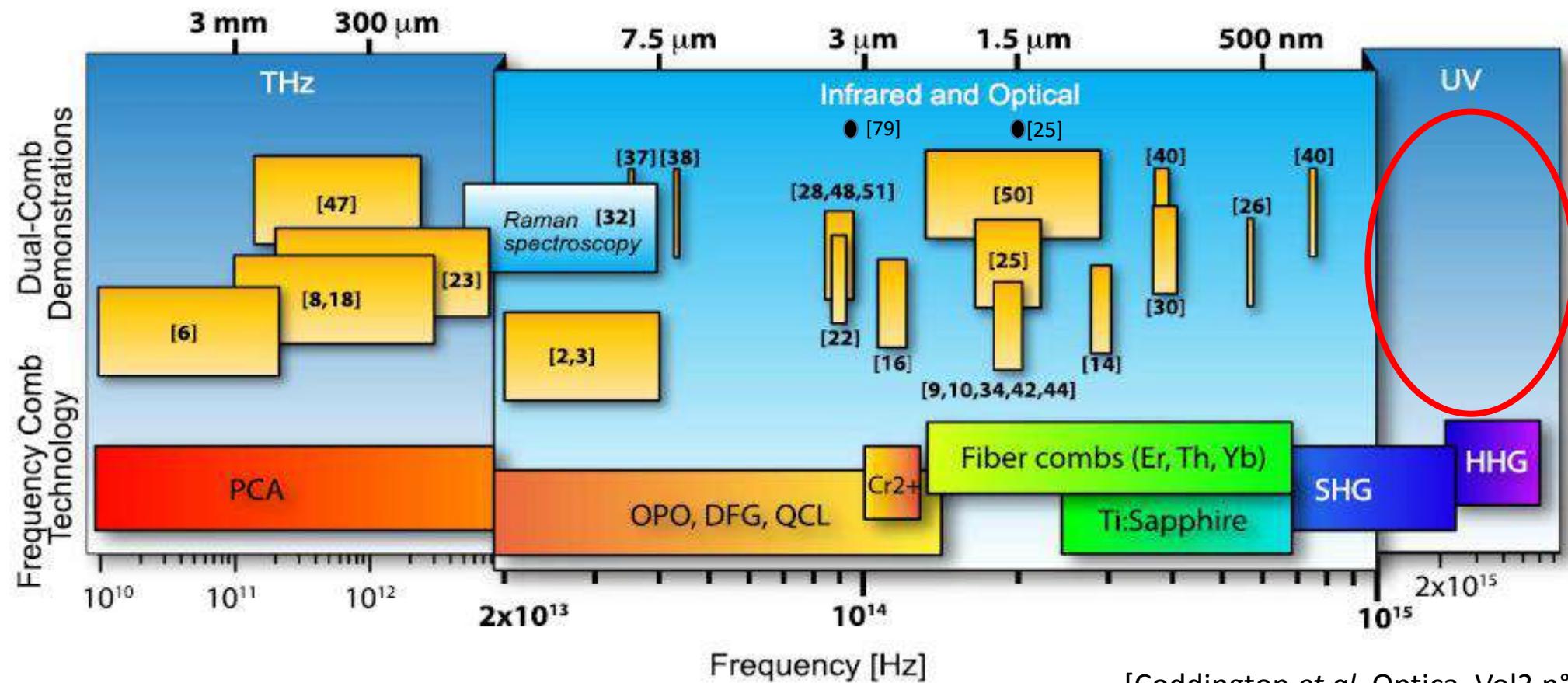
[Boudreau, Optics Express, Vol. 21, No. 6 (2013)]

Hyperspectral - IMAGING



[Vicentini, Nature Photonics,
 vol15, 890 (2021)]

Dual Comb Spectroscopy - Spectral ranges



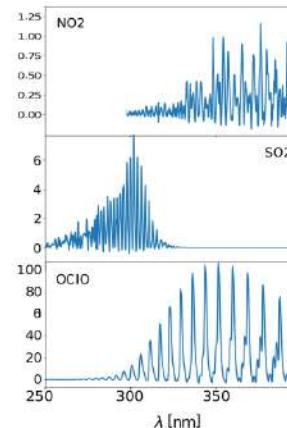
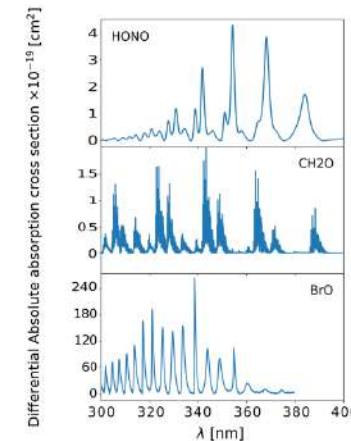
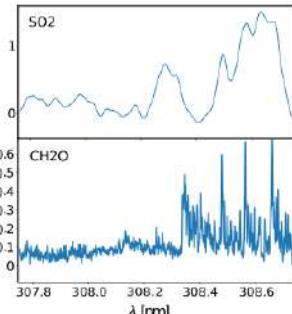
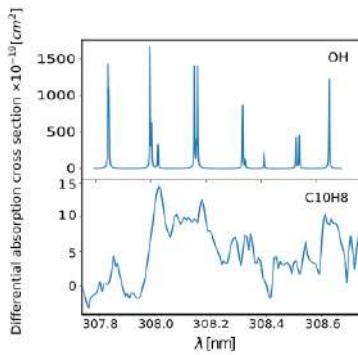
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● EOM

+ Microresonators (chip-based): $1.5 \mu\text{m}$

DCS in the UV and D-UV range - Motivations?

UV atmospheric remote sensing



Absorption line metrology in the UV
broadband and high resolution spectroscopy -> UV congestionned lines

“table-top” synchrotron beamline?

High spectral resolution to explore the full dynamic of fundamental transient effects

(combustion, chemical reaction dynamics at the microsecond time scale)



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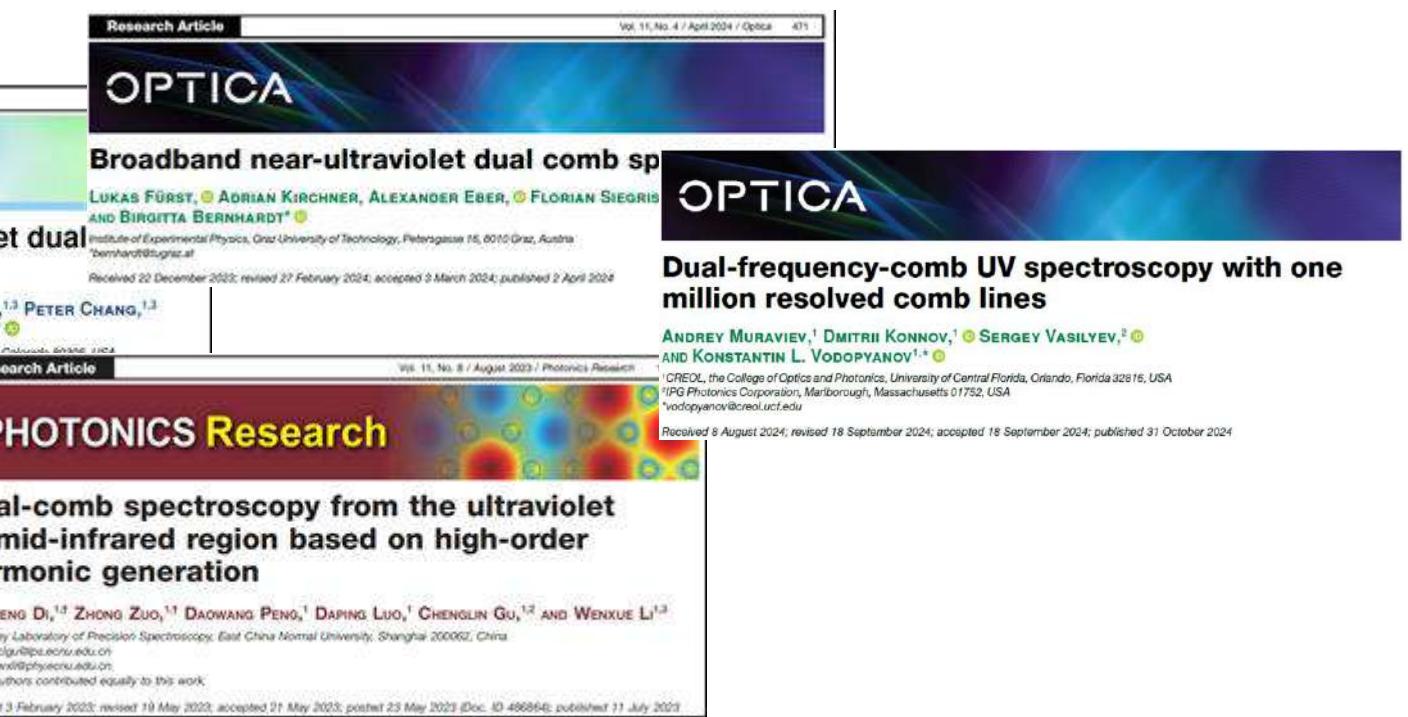
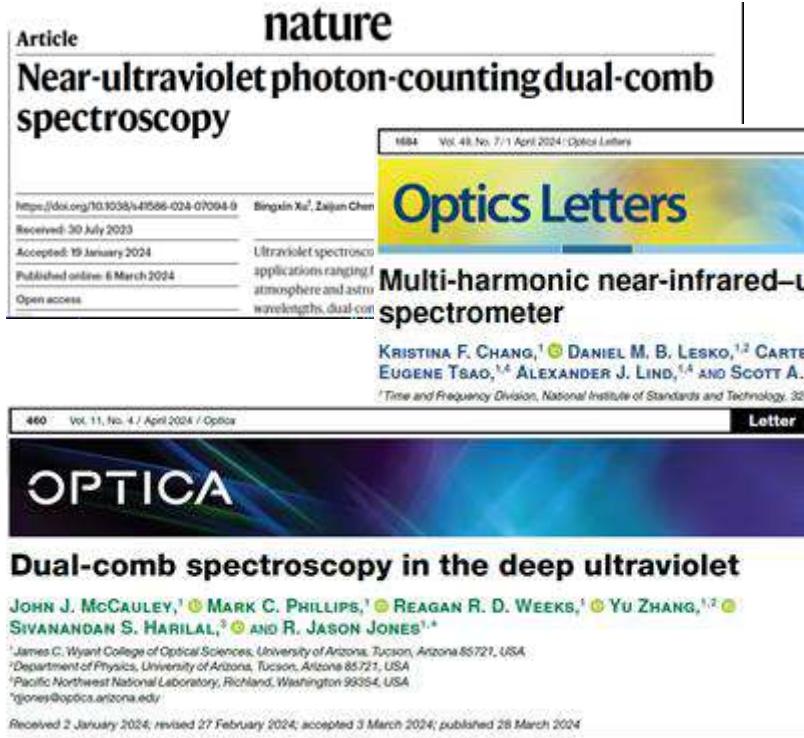


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UV - Dual Comb: State of the art

R. Jason Jones' group in Arizona [McCauley *et al*, Optica, Vol. 11, No. 4, April 2024] (2 Yb fiber comb + **3rd harmonic** - FeI and FeII absorption lines – 2THz wide)
N. Picqué's group at MPQ-Garching [Xu *et al*, Nature, vol°627, 2024] (Erb fiber + EOM combs +**2X SHG** - Cesium – 50GHz wide)
S. Diddams' group in Colorado [Chang *et al*, Optics Letters, vol°49, 7, 2024] (Erb fiber comb + PPNL for **5th harmonic**)
L. Vodopyanov's group in Florida [Muraviev *et al*, Optica, vol 11, 11 2024] (2 KLM laser + **HHG, 7 harmonic**)
B. Bernhardt's group in Graz [Fürst *et al*, Optica vol n°11, 2024] (2 Yb sources in one, **THG + broadening**, 50GHz resolution, 37.5 THz wide)



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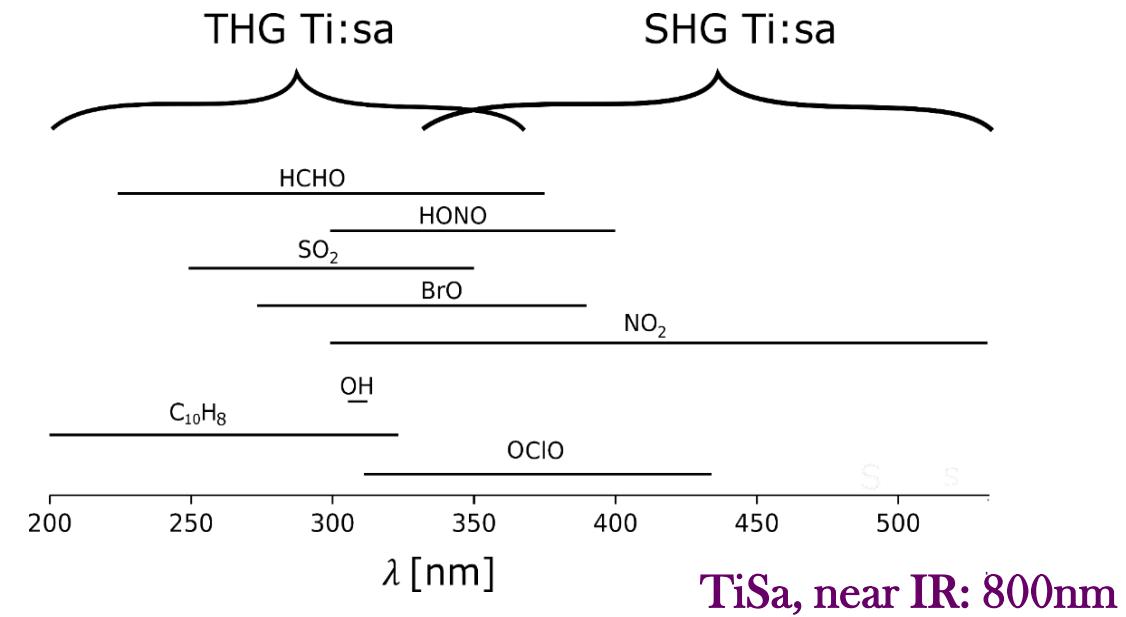
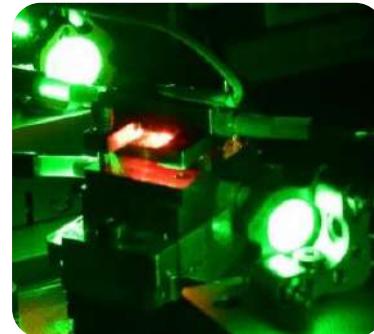


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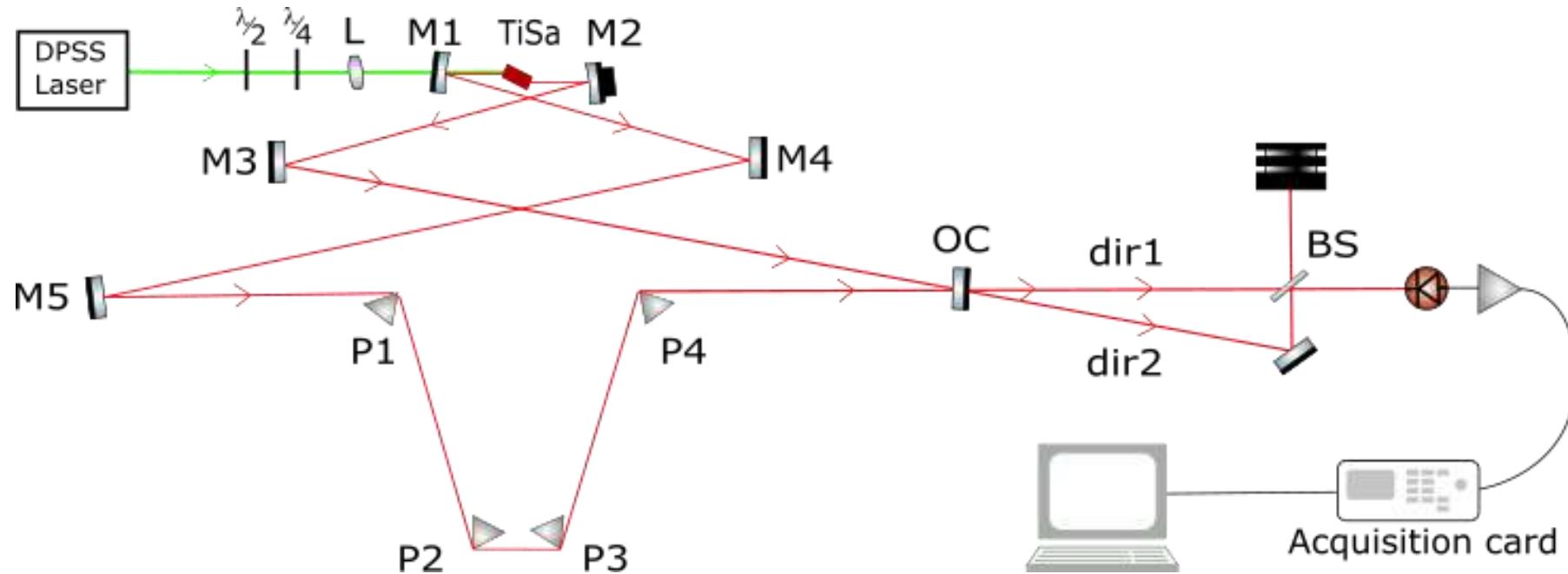
UV-DCS, with a ... TiSa laser !

- Sufficiently low optical phase noise 0.11 rad (1 kHz : 50 MHz) [Sutyrin et al, Optical Engineering, vol n°12, 2014]
 - + Low harmonics generation (SHG - THG) to reach the UV range
 - > **coherent UV-comb pulses**
- Sufficient power in the UV range (**>10 mW**) -> **OK remote sensing**
- Broad and versatile spectral range (**>10nm**)
 - > **multiples species monitoring**



Home-made bidirectional ring laser cavity

-> intrinsic mutual coherence



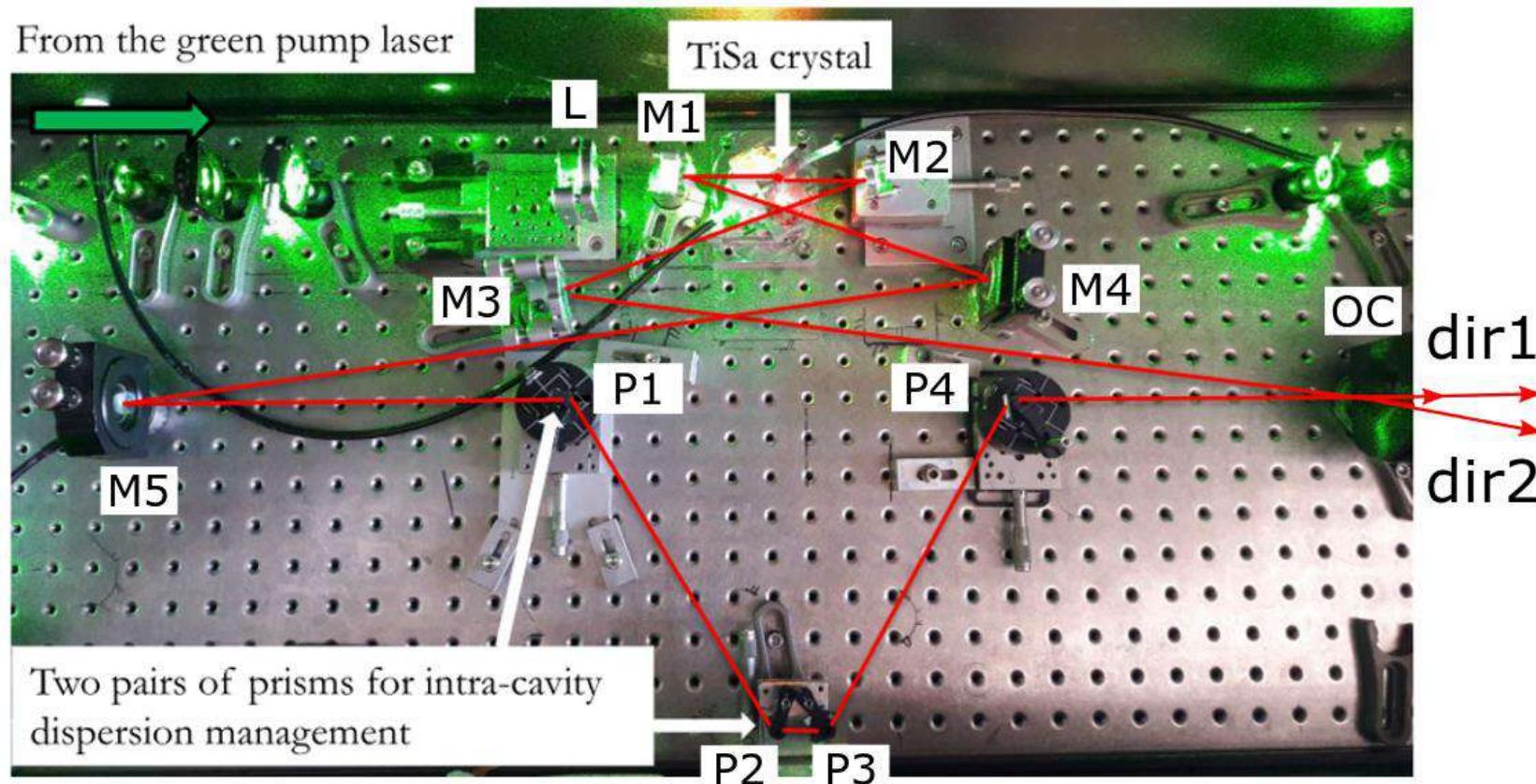
OC: output coupler

BS: beam splitter

P1-4: prisms for dispersion compensation

[Ideguchi *et al*, Optica, vol 3 n°7 ,2016] , [Garduno-Mejia *et al*, Optic Comm, vol n°171, 1999], [Bartels *et al*, Opt. Lett., vol n°24, 1999], [Fortier *et al*, Opt. Lett., vol n°31, 2006], [Pelouch *et al*, Opt. Lett., vol n°17, 1992],

Home-made bidirectional ring laser cavity



Clément Pivard, Dr

[Clément Pivard. *Development of a bidirectional Dual Comb laser source towards atmospheric trace gases monitoring.* PhD thesis, Université Lyon 1 Claude Bernard - Institut Lumière Matière (ILM), defense date: december, 15, 2022.]

Δf_{rep} ?? Asynchronous operation?

How to variate Δf_{rep} ?

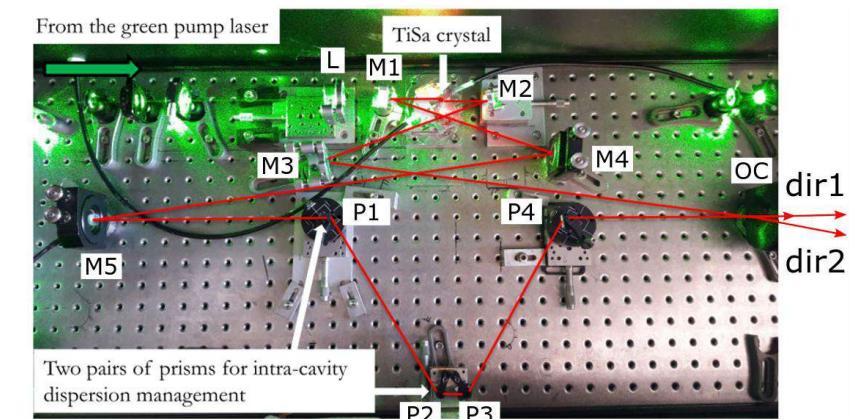
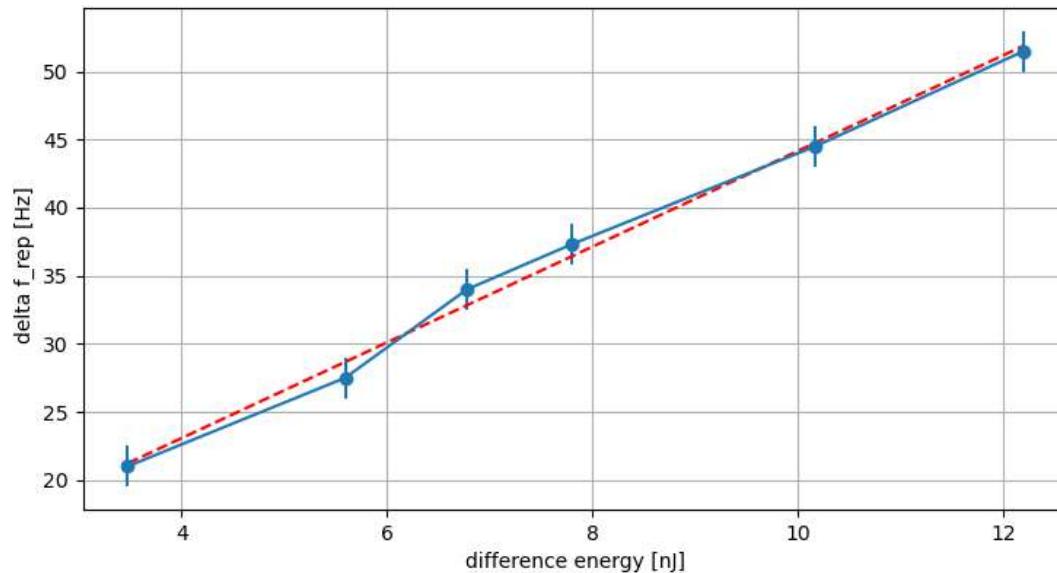
Crystal translation (μm) / Lens translation (μm) / Prism translation (μm) / Mirror adjustment (μm)

Source of Δf_{rep} ?

Correction of the Non-linear Schrodinger equation :

Self-steepening effect: group velocity dependance as function of pulse duration and energy

Predicted group velocity change: $\approx 0.1(2)\text{fs/nJ}$ [Sander *et al*, Optics Express Vol 18 n°5 (2010)]



$$\text{Coef_dir} = 0.25(11) \text{ fs/nJ}$$

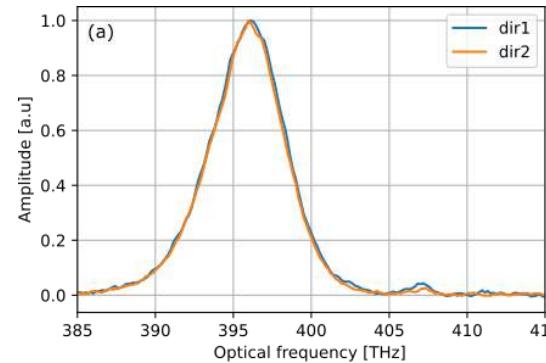
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Behaviour as function of Δf_{rep}

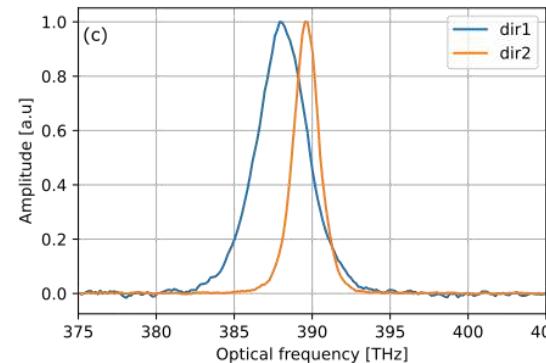
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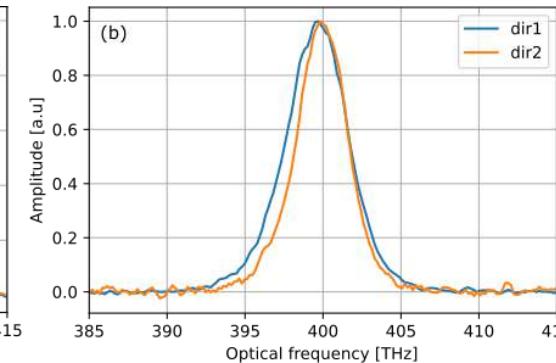
$$\Delta f_{rep} = 1.2 \text{ Hz}$$



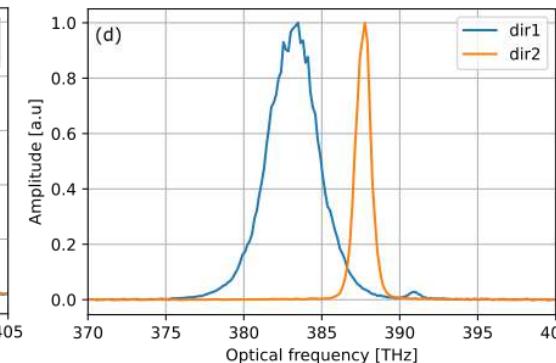
$$\Delta f_{rep} = 107 \text{ Hz}$$



$$\Delta f_{rep} = 10.4 \text{ Hz}$$



$$\Delta f_{rep} = 425 \text{ Hz}$$

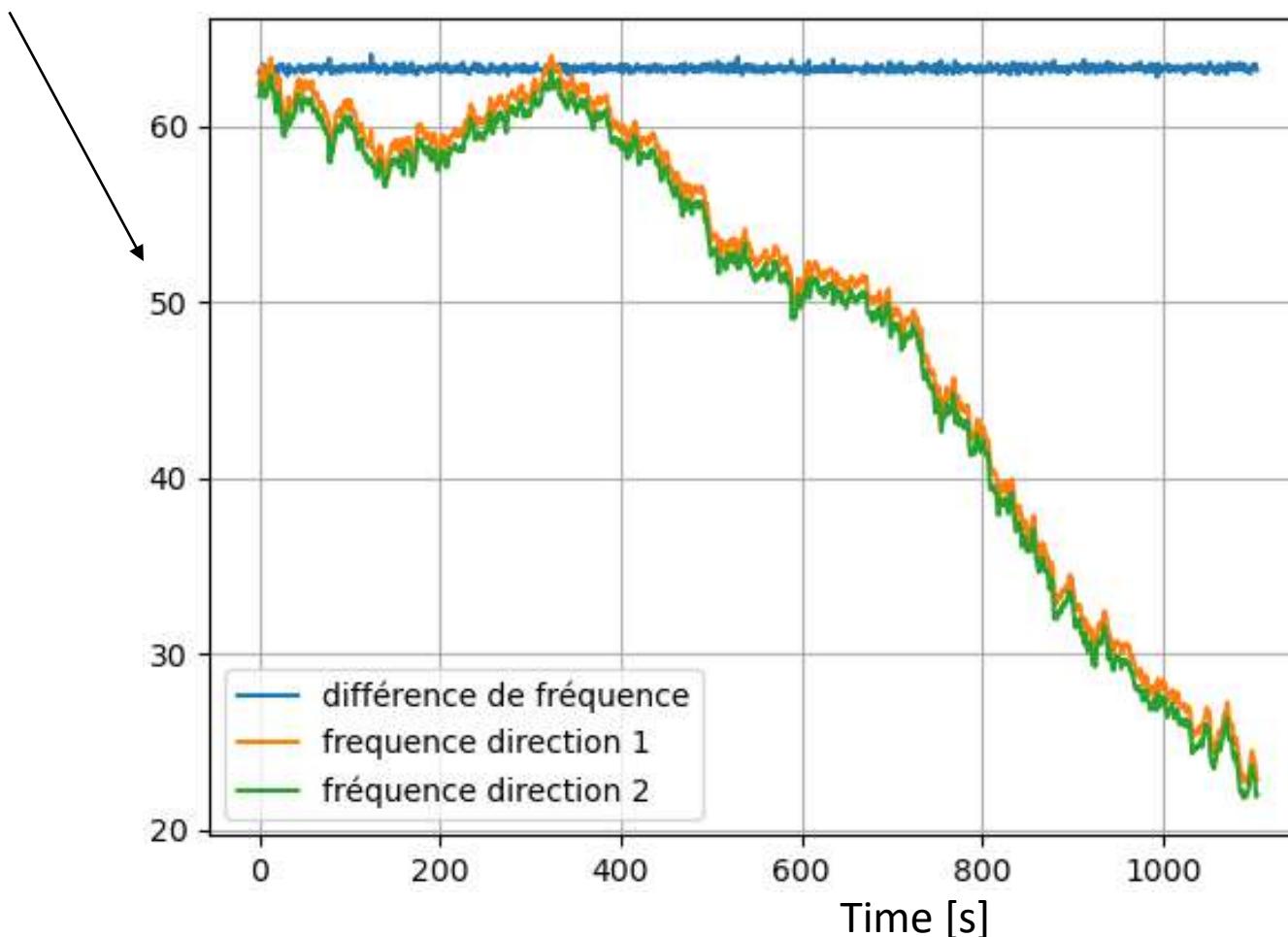


[S. Galtier, C. Pivard, J. Morville and P. Raioux 'High-resolution dual comb spectroscopy using a free-running, bidirectional ring titanium sapphire laser.' Opt. Express, **30** n°12, 21148-21158 (2022)]

Mutual coherence of f_{rep1} and f_{rep2}

f_{rep1} , f_{rep2} and Δf_{rep} measurements using a frequency counter FCA3000 Tektronix™

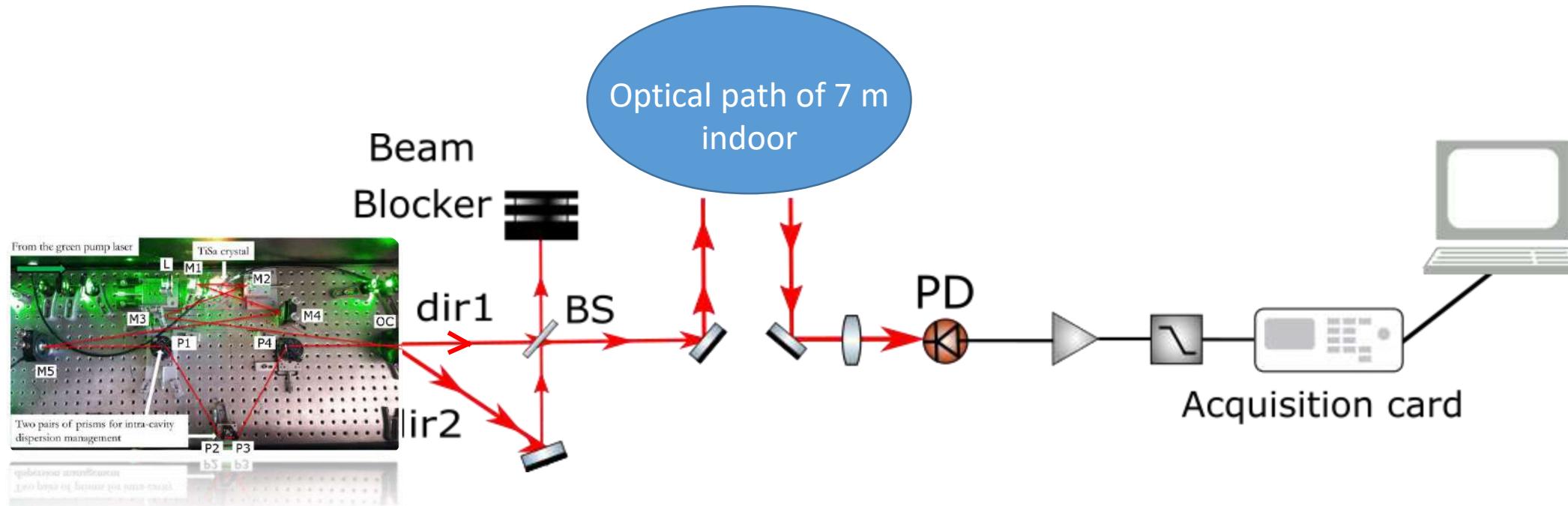
Frequency [Hz] -118.504 300 MHz



$$\Delta f_{rep} = 0.89 \pm 0.14 \text{ Hz}$$

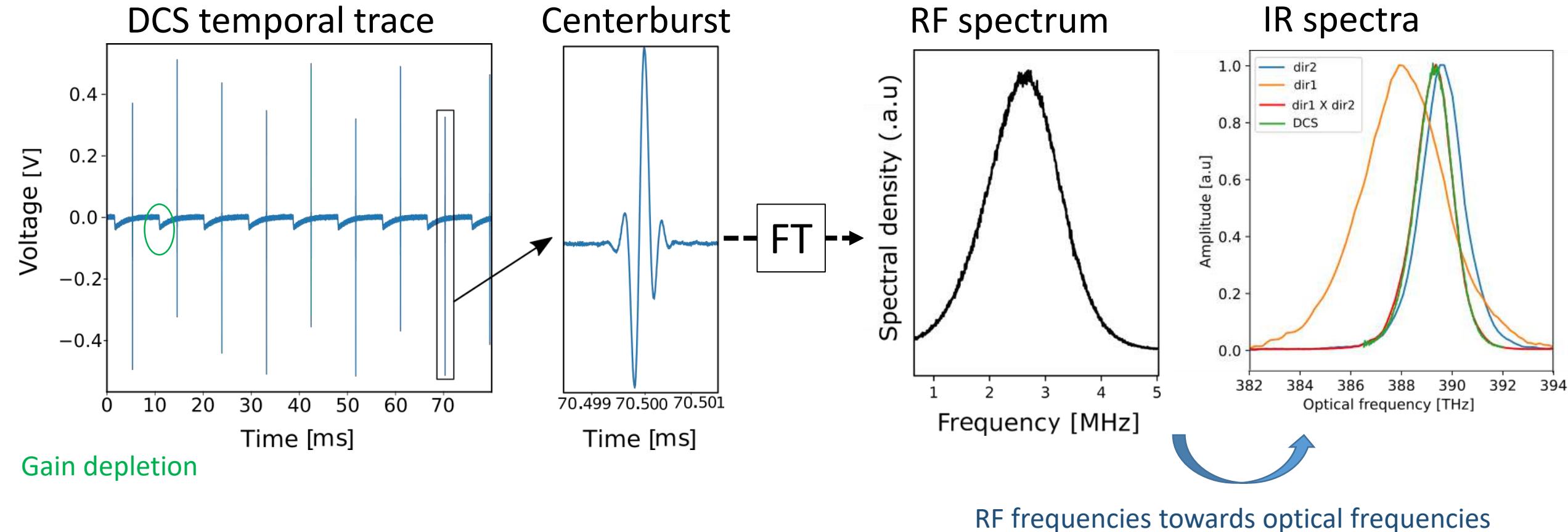
[Armand Veau M1 internship 2022]

Di-oxygene DCS measurement



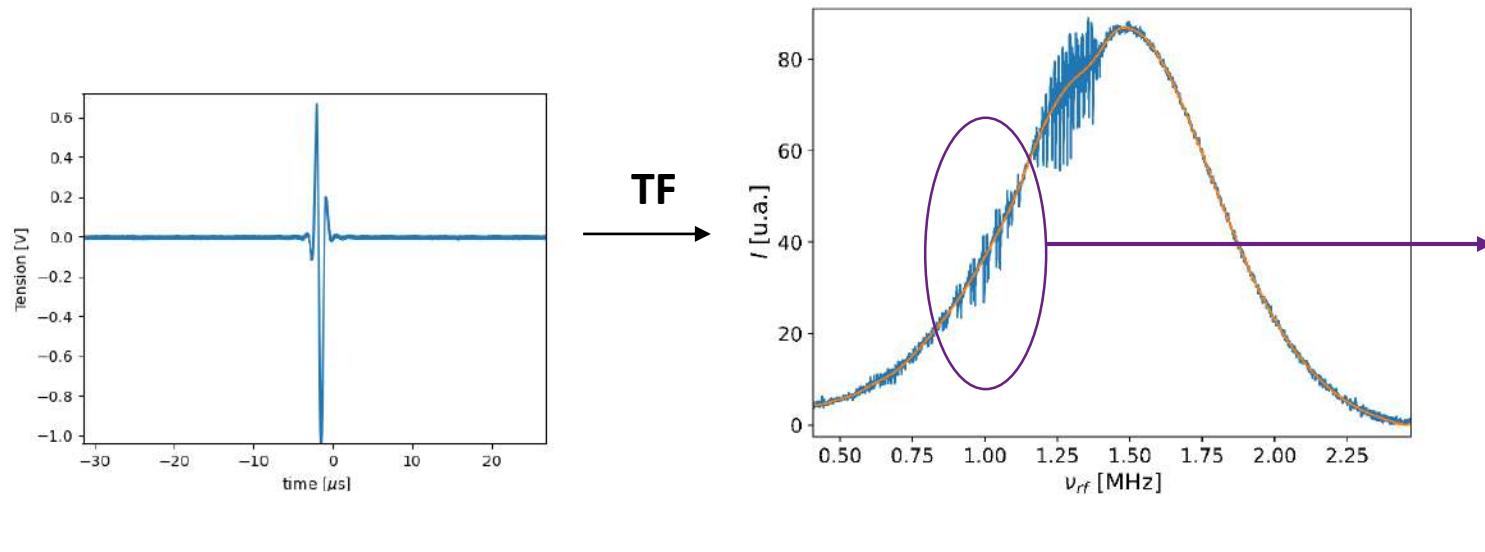
Schematic setup for O_2 DCS spectroscopy

DCS signal: temporal trace and retrieved spectrum



$$\nu_{opt} \approx \frac{f_{rep}}{\Delta f_{rep}} \times \left(k f_{rep} \pm (\nu_{RF} - \Delta f_{CEO}) \right)$$

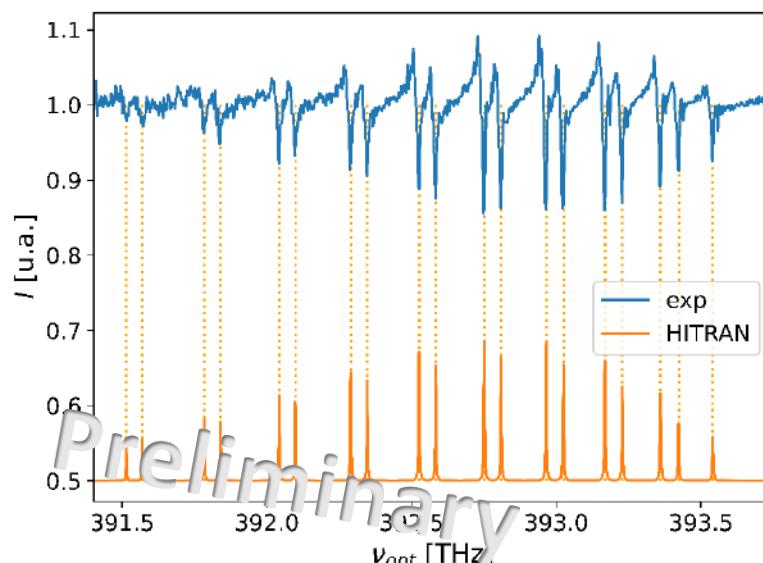
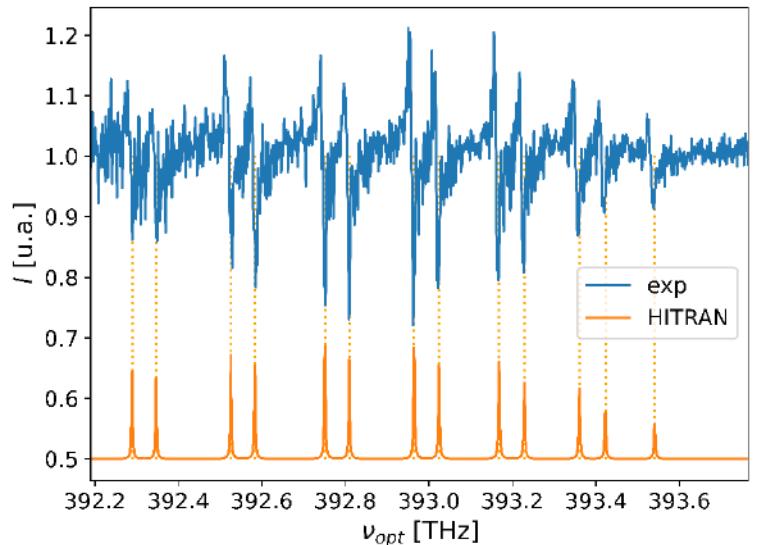
Di-oxygene DCS measurement



One-shot measurement - **3 ms acquisition time**
 Instrumental line-width: 0.7 GHz in the optical domain
 sensitivity per spectral element at 1 second $\approx 10^7 / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

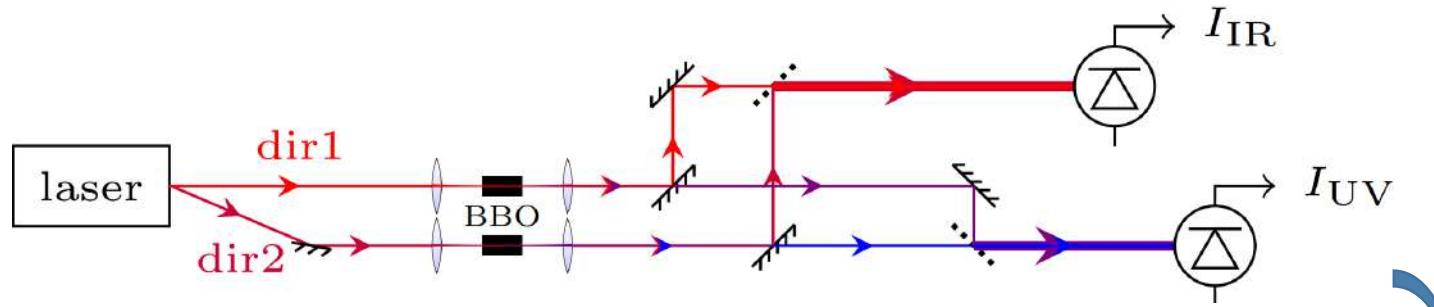
$b^1\Sigma_g^+ - X_3\Sigma_g^-$ electronic transitions of oxygen with ambient linewidth of **1.5GHz**
 → **GHz resolution level**
 → **Asymmetric lineshape under investigation**

[S. Galtier, C. Pivard, J. Morville and P. Rairoux 'High-resolution dual comb spectroscopy using a free-running, bidirectional ring titanium sapphire laser.' Opt. Express, **30** n°12, 21148-21158 (2022)]



Preliminary

Firssts results on UV -DCS



The principle

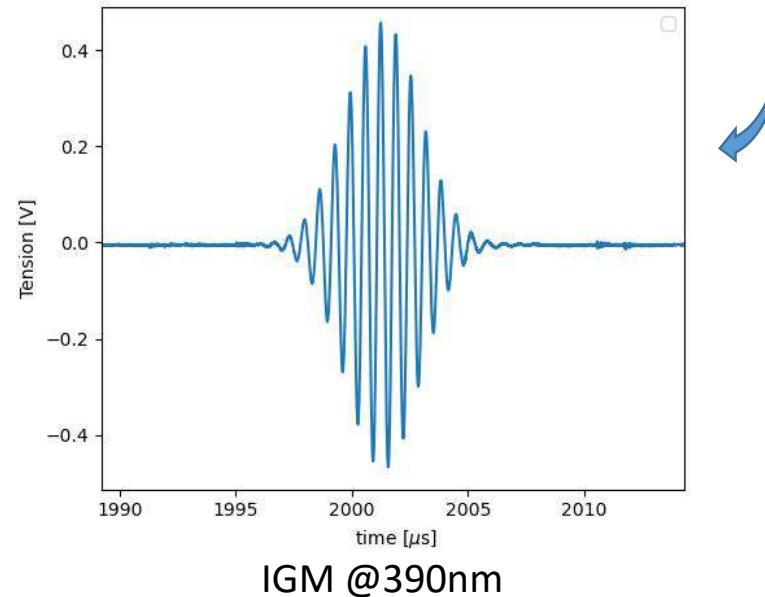
BBO crystal

- type I phase matching - 1mm thick

8% to 20% SHG efficiency

Power: **10 to 80 mW at 400nm**

-> **UV-IGM - Contraste 66%**



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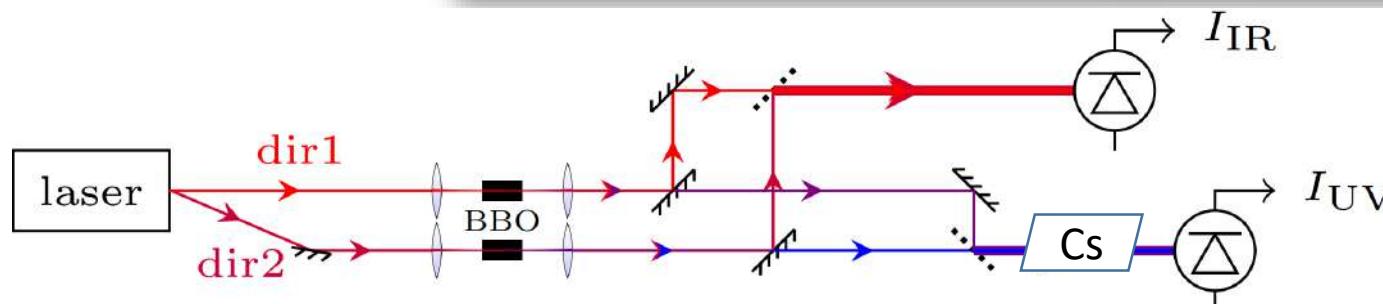
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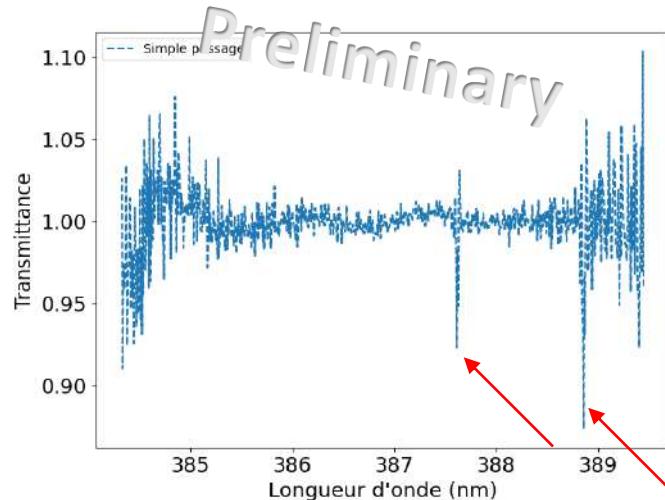
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Cs measurement



Schematic setup using a
Cs vapor cell



Retrieved UV spectra from FFT of a 2.5ms window around the IGM centerburst.
Singe shot interferogram.

2 resonances of ^{133}Cs - atomic linewidth $\approx 1\text{GHz}$.
 $6S_{1/2}-8P_{3/2}$ @ 387.615 nm
 $6S_{1/2}-8P_{1/2}$ @ 388.861 nm

-> Cs lines to assess the resolution of the spectrometer ?

-> Towards quantitative transmission measurement using a NO₂ spectral lines in a vacuum gas chamber.

Conclusion and perspectives

Frequency comb spectroscopy

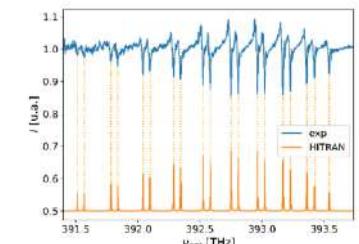
- **Frequency comb spectroscopy**

Variety of spectrometers: Speed - accuracy/precision - Spectral coverage

- **Dual Comb in the UV range:**

The free-running bidirectional KLM TiSa laser at ILM

- Δf_{rep} observed from 0 to 450 Hz – measurement of **resolved molecular lines**.
- UV Spectroscopic measurements with $\approx 10\text{mW}$ total power



- **How to improve the sensitivity:**

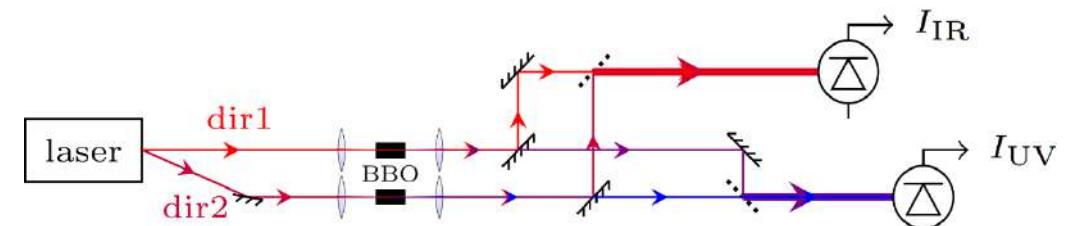
Averaging protocols: a posteriori (computing) or real-time correction protocols.

Address the asymmetrical line shapes.

- **Field-deployable instrument ?**

- Frequency comb spectroscopy at other spectral ranges ?

The case of Ramsey-Comb spectroscopy (XUV)



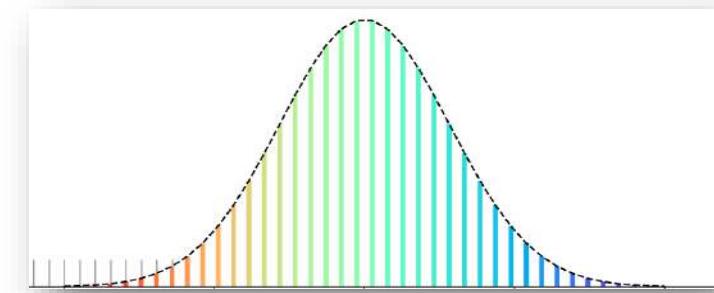
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