



*Extreme Light
Missions and Challenges
(An Ultrafast Tour)*

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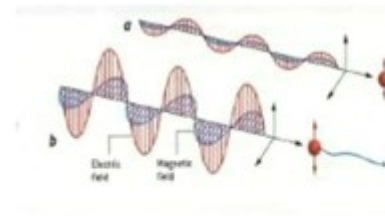
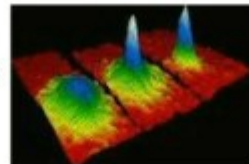
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Laser Physics

Cold Atoms
feV-neV



Relativistic
Optics
GeV-TeV

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1960

Atomic, molecular and optical (AMO) Physics

- Atom Optics
- Quantum Optics
- Metrology
- Condensed-Matter Physics
- Quantum Information Science (Quantum Computer)
- Chemistry

Relativistic/ultraRelativistic Optics

Plasma physics

- Accelerator physics
- Nuclear Physics
- Cosmology
- NL QED
- General Relativity
- Extradimension physics

The plasma medium

Surface plasma harmonics

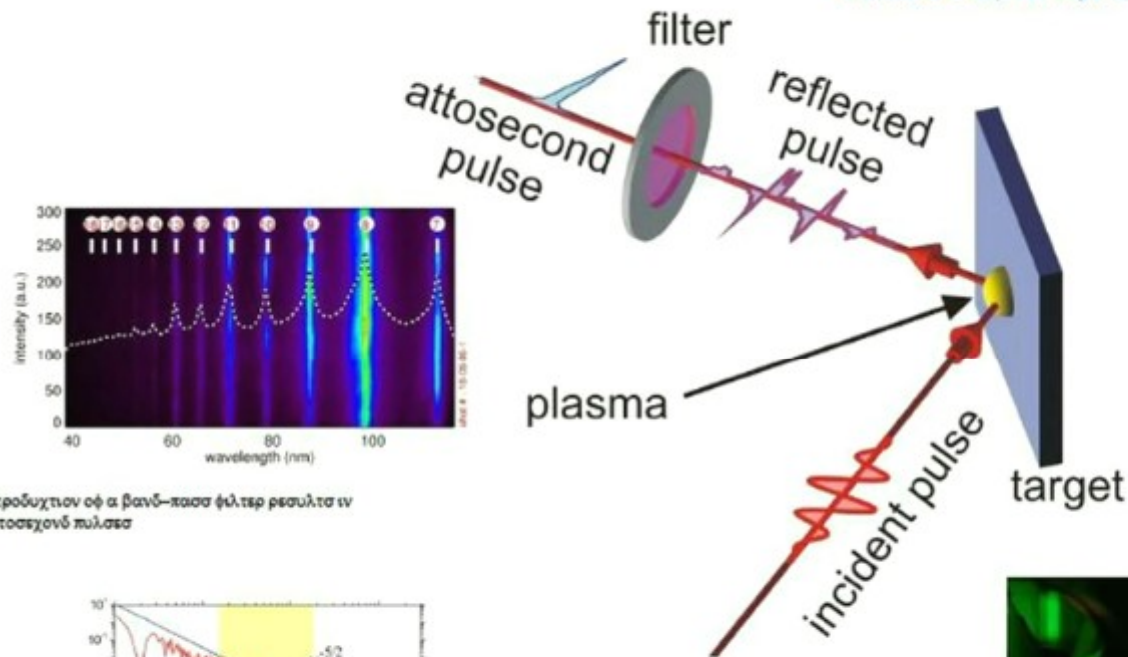
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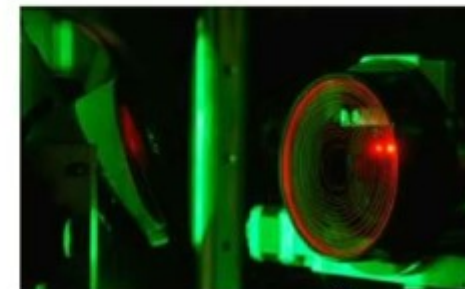
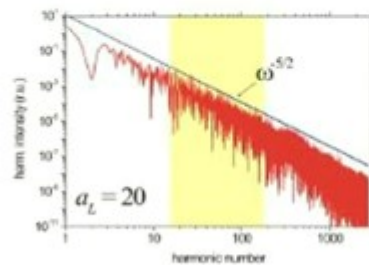
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Testing Quantum Vacuum

The idea is to come with a laser intense enough to breakdown vacuum and observe its elements.

