

Towards high-fidelity ultrafast excitation of atoms to Rydberg states



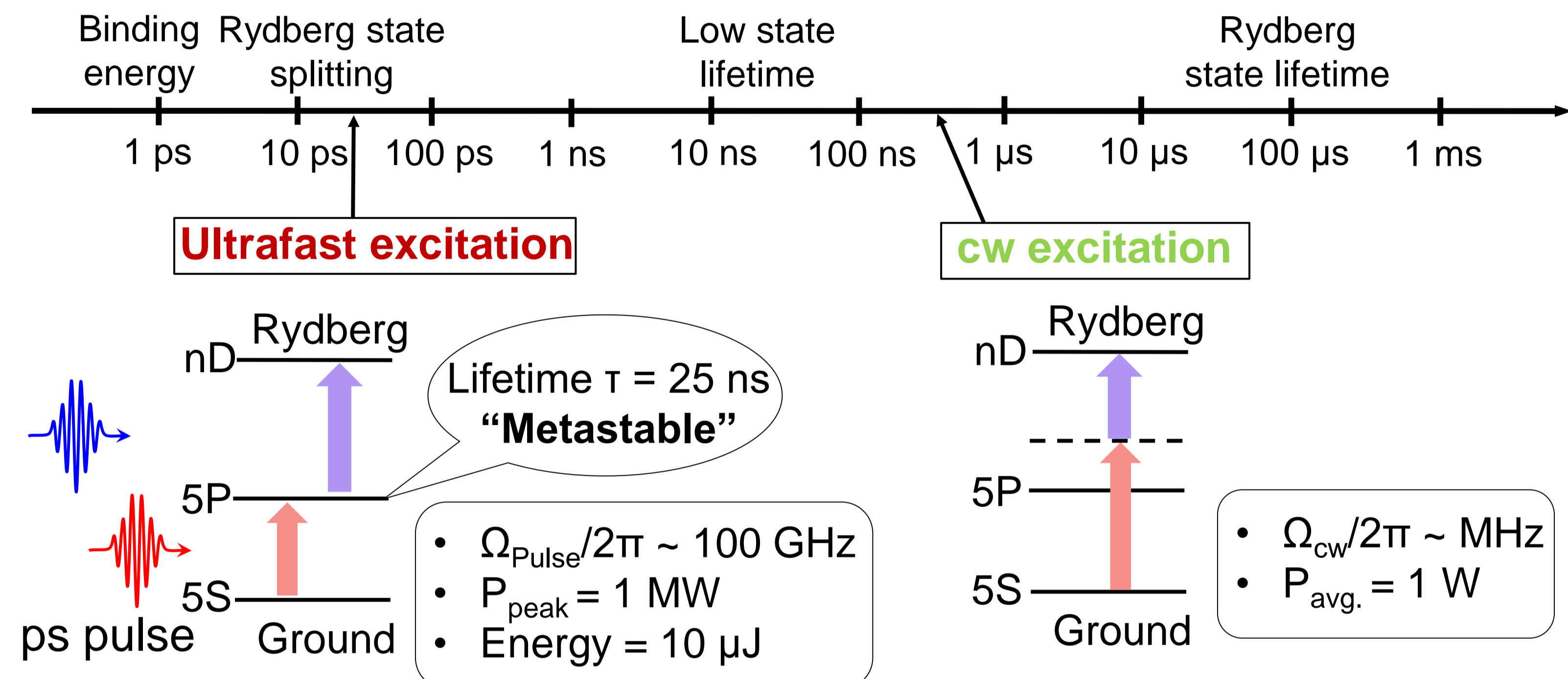
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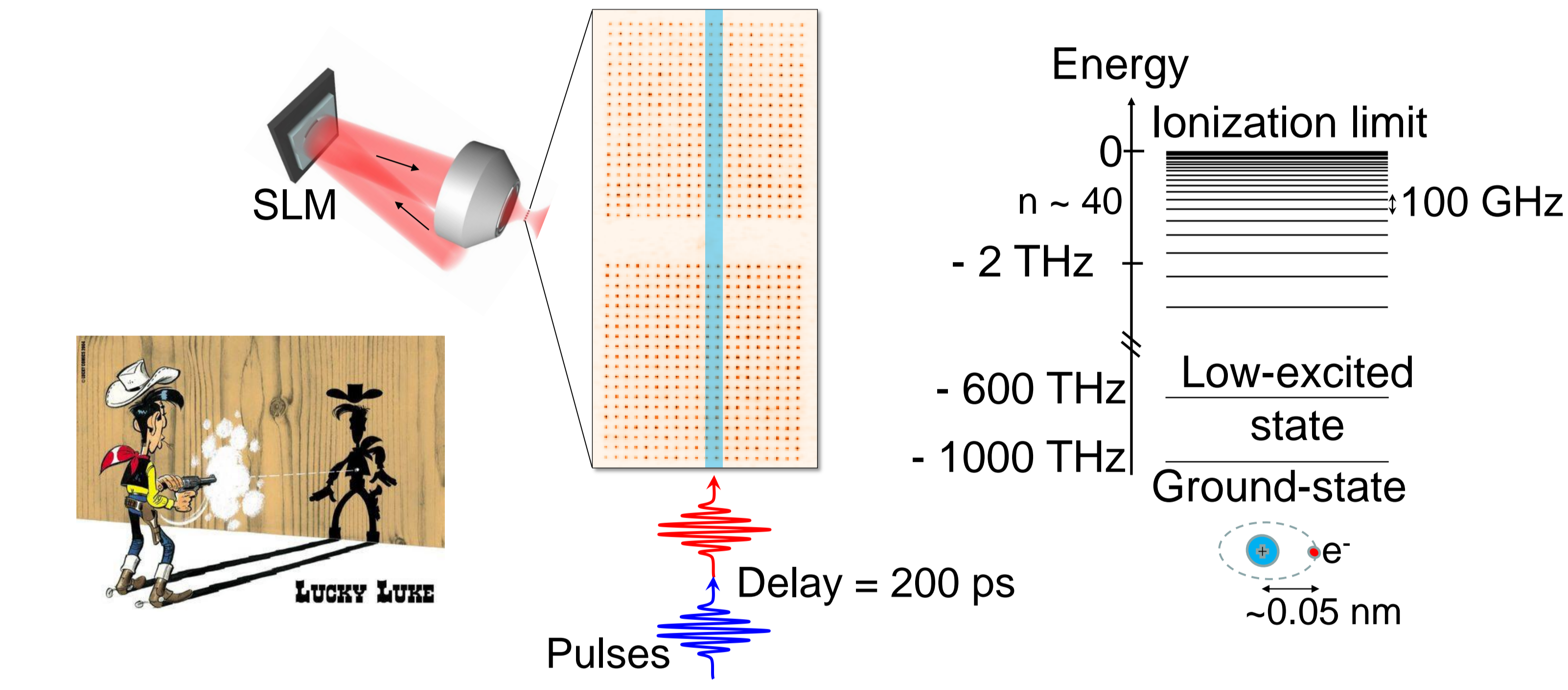
Introduction

My goal is to excite atoms to Rydberg states in 10 ps, as fast as possible, with an efficiency of more than 90%. This has never been achieved on such ultrafast timescale so far. I learn to use pulse lasers, non linear optics and spectral shaping to achieve this goal.

Rydberg atom

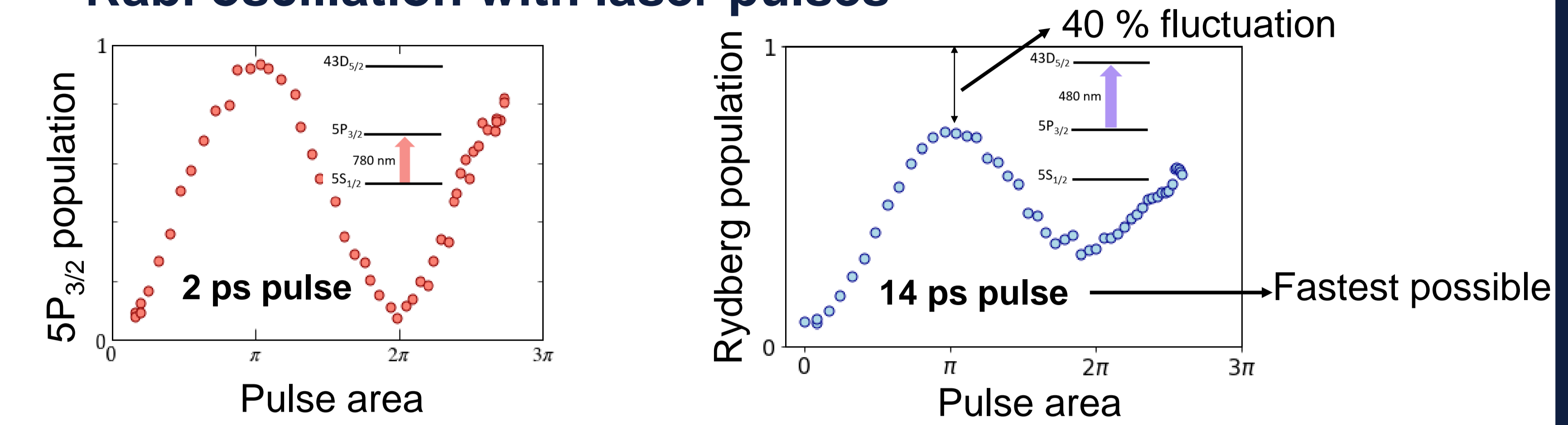


Experiment setup



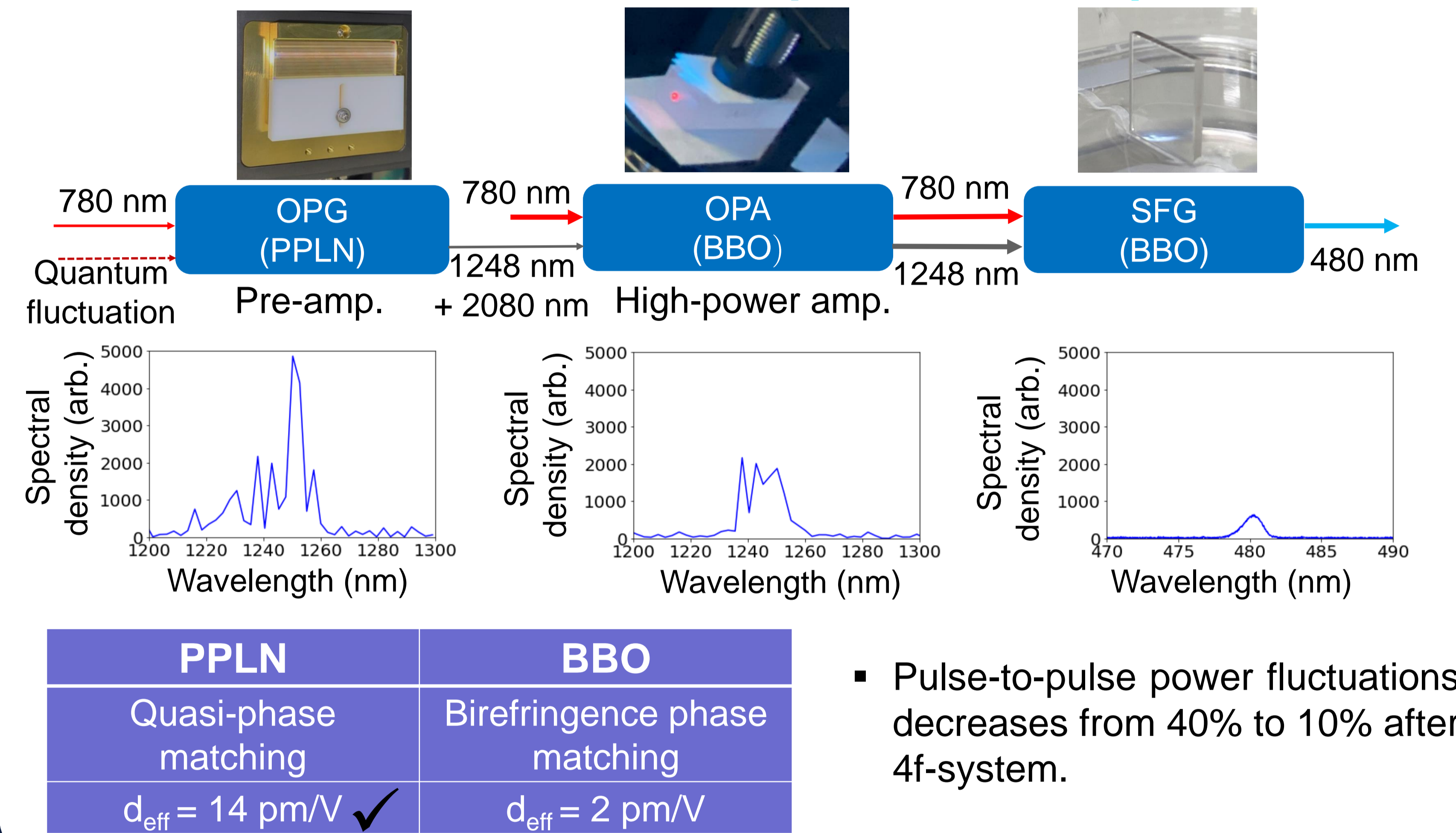
Ultrafast Rabi oscillation

Rabi oscillation with laser pulses



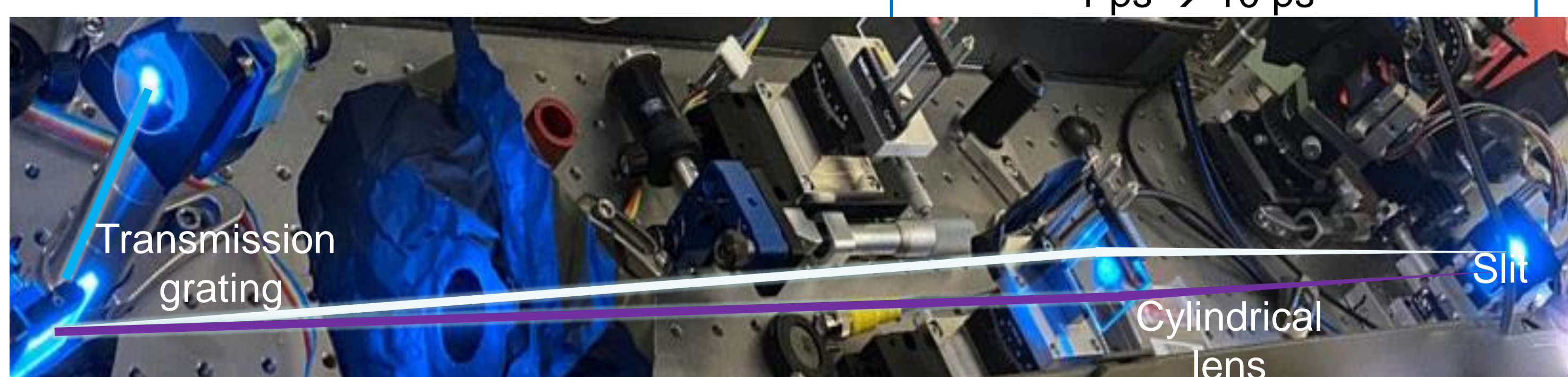
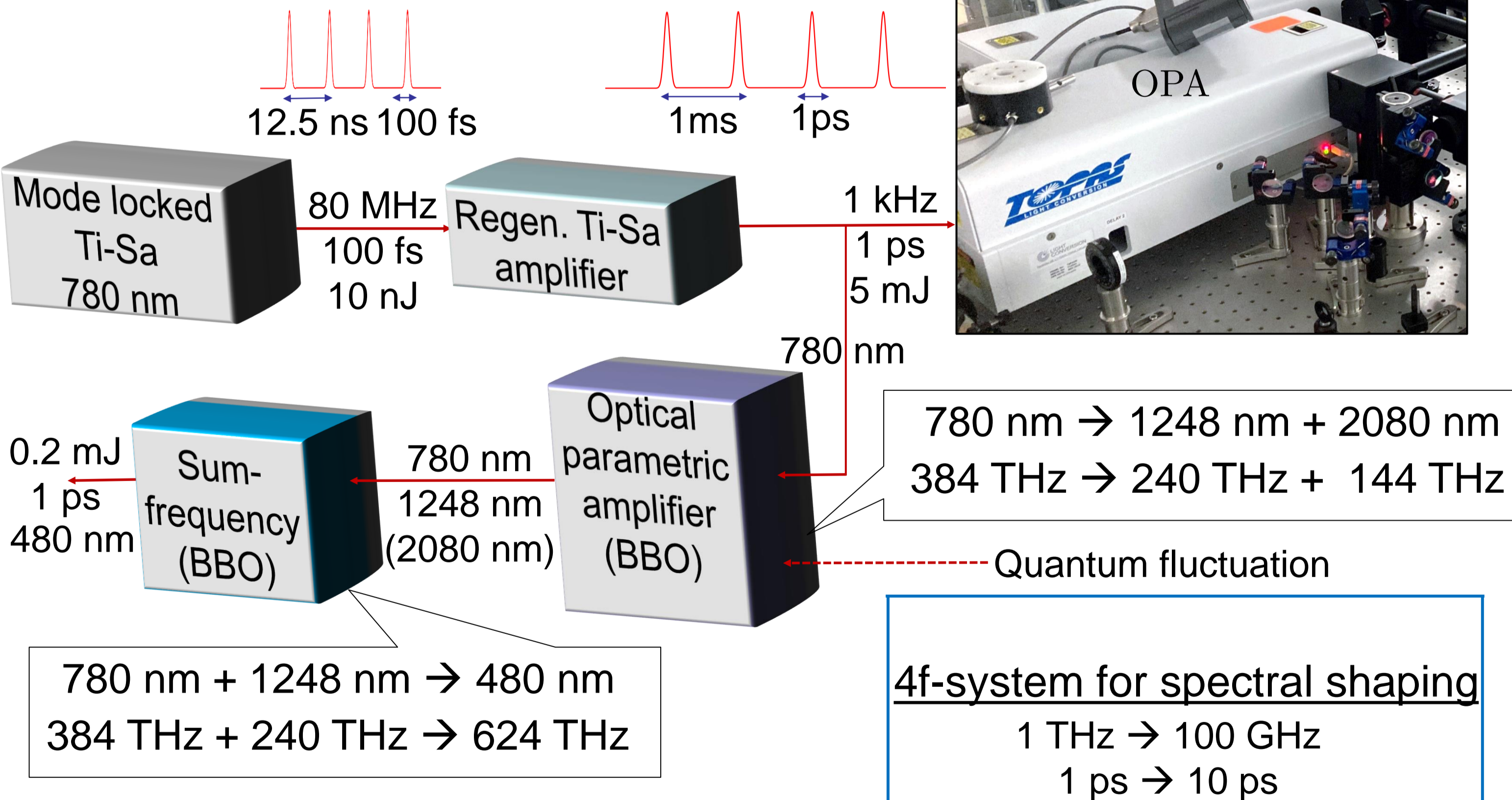
- Excite >95% atoms from |5S> to |5P> and successfully bring 75% atoms from |5P> to |43D>.
- Pulse-to-pulse fluctuations of 480 nm laser originate from OPG process using BBO crystal.

480 nm laser pulses (version 2)

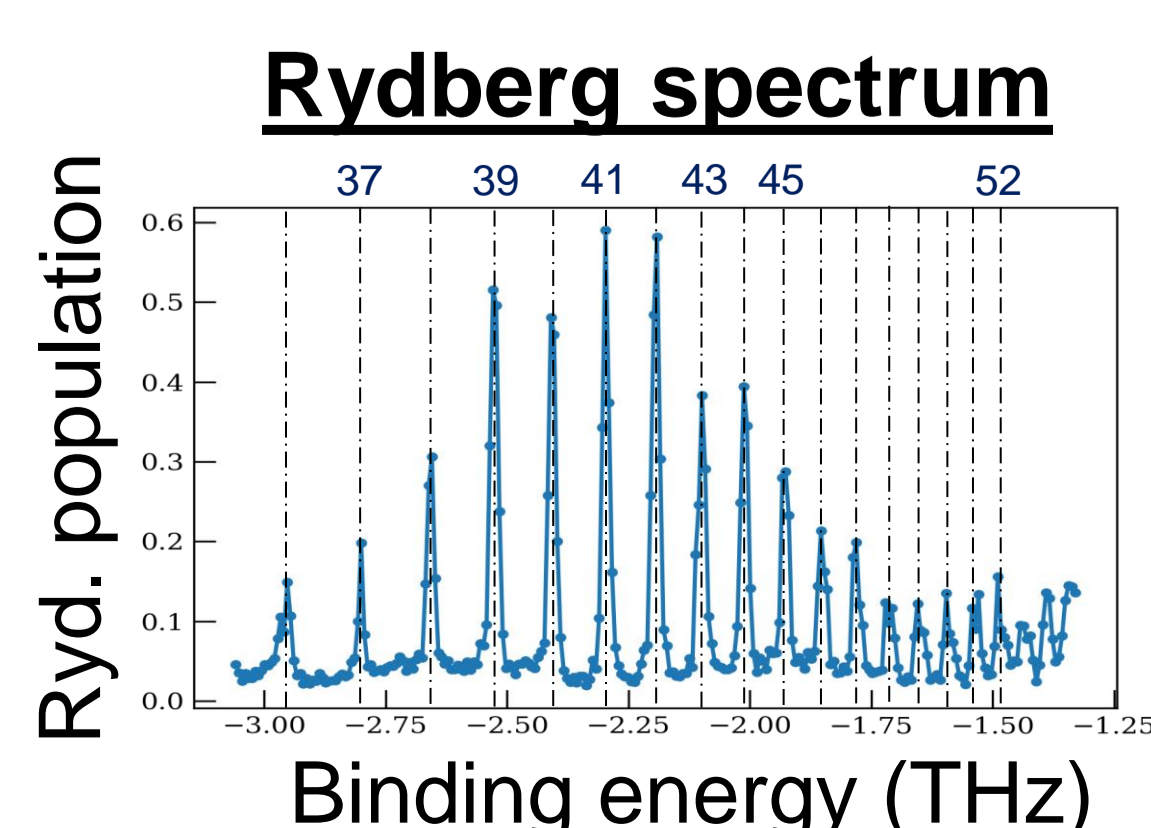


480 nm laser pulses (version 1)

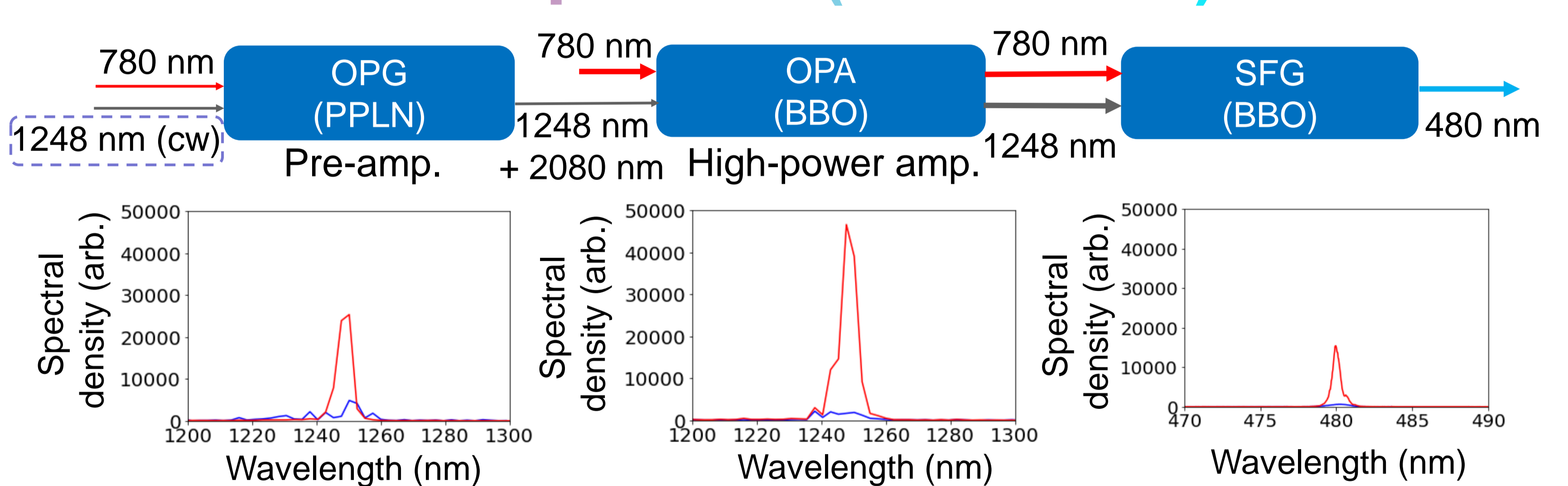
Laser pulses setup



- OPA amplifies quantum fluctuation.
- Same BBO crystal is used for two-stage amplification (pre-amp. / high-power amp.)
- 4f-system reduce pulse bandwidth from 1 THz to 100 GHz and resolve Rydberg spectrum.



480 nm laser pulses (version 3)



- Amplification of coherent state by adding injection seeding.
- Generate nearly Fourier-transform limited pulses.
- We can further reduce pulse-to-pulse power fluctuations from 10% to 5%.

Future plan

Implementation of high fidelity ultrafast controlled-Z gate

- [Y. Chew *et al.*, Nature Photonics **16**, 724 (2022)].....
- Improve the fidelity of Rydberg excitation scheme via homemade system of laser pulses.
- Further reduction of the spread of the wavefunction by preparing squeezed motional state of the atom.

Ultrafast many-body electron dynamics in tweezer system

- [M. Mizoguchi *et al.*, PRL **124**, 253201 (2020), V. Bharti *et al.*, arXiv2201.09590 (2022)]

