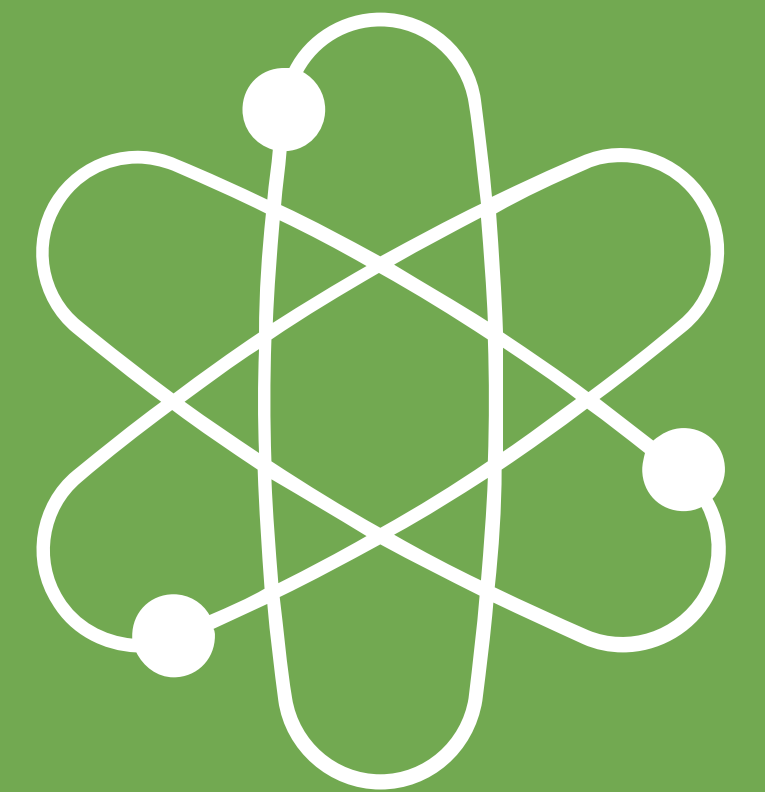


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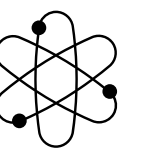
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## Electrons in pulses of light



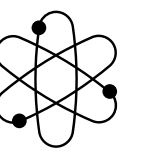
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# The Nobel Prize in Physics

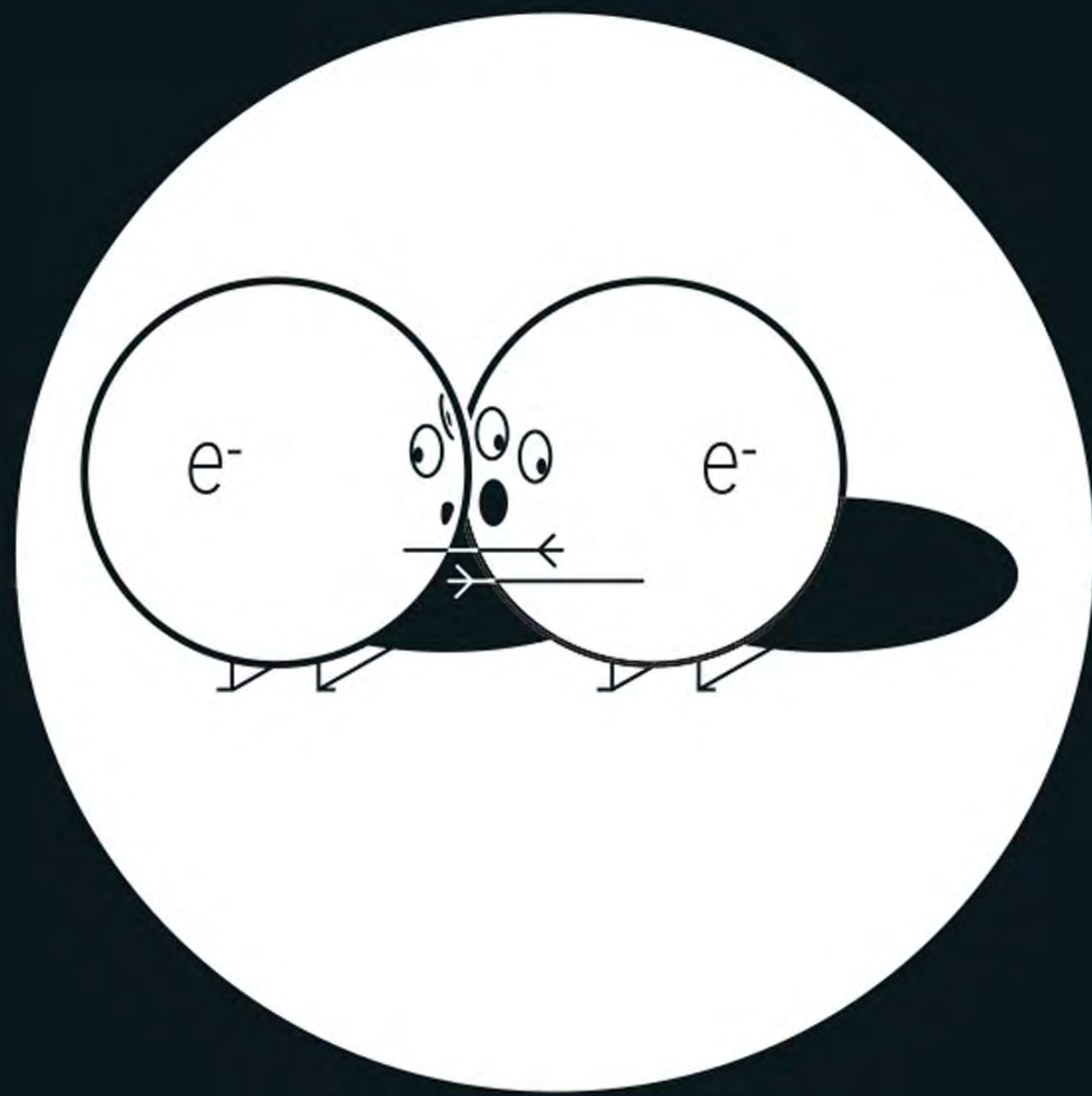
“to the person who made the most important discovery or invention in the field of physics”

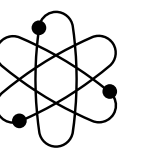




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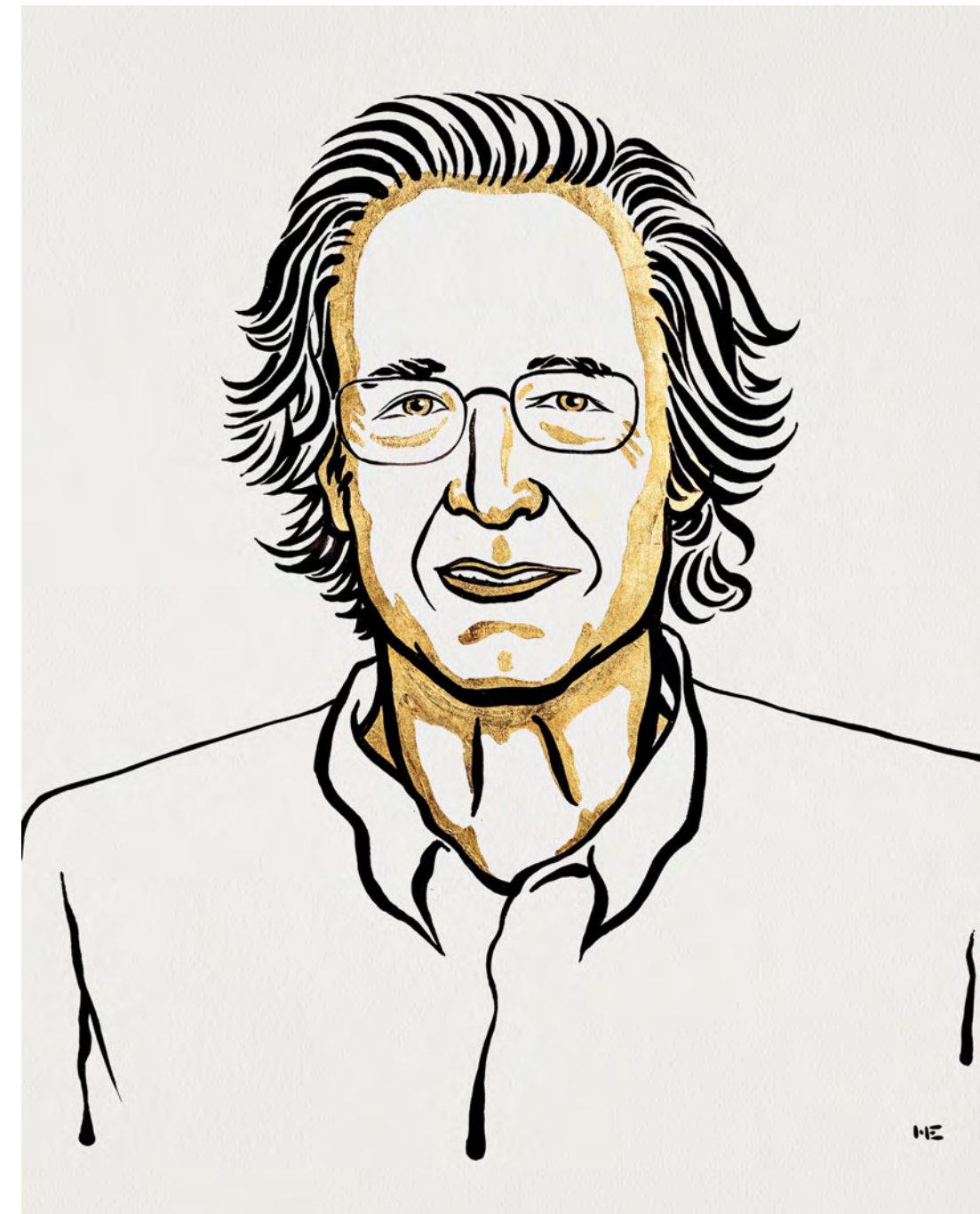
The 2023 physics prize recognises experiments with short pulses of light that can capture momentary images of the movements of electrons.





## 2023 physics laureates

"for experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electron dynamics in matter"



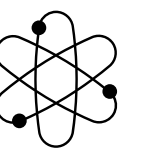
Pierre Agostini  
Born: 1941, French protectorate of Tunisia (now Tunisia)



Ferenc Krausz  
Born: 1962, Hungary

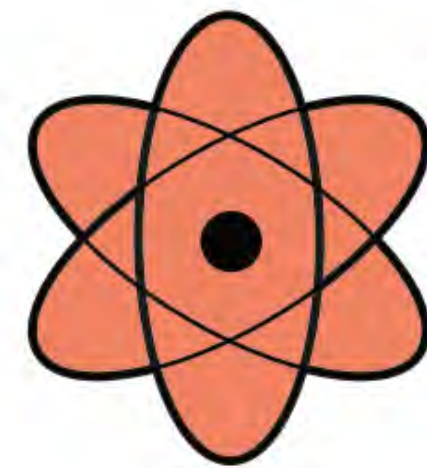


Anne L'Huillier  
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# Time scales

How fast do the electrons in an atom move?



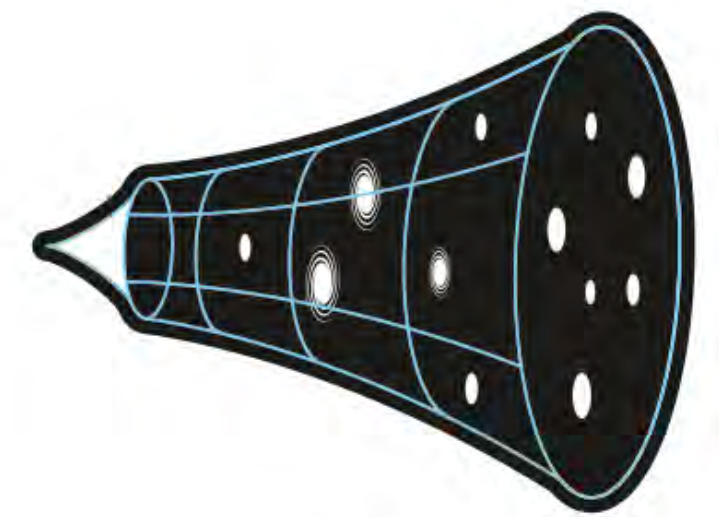
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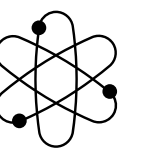
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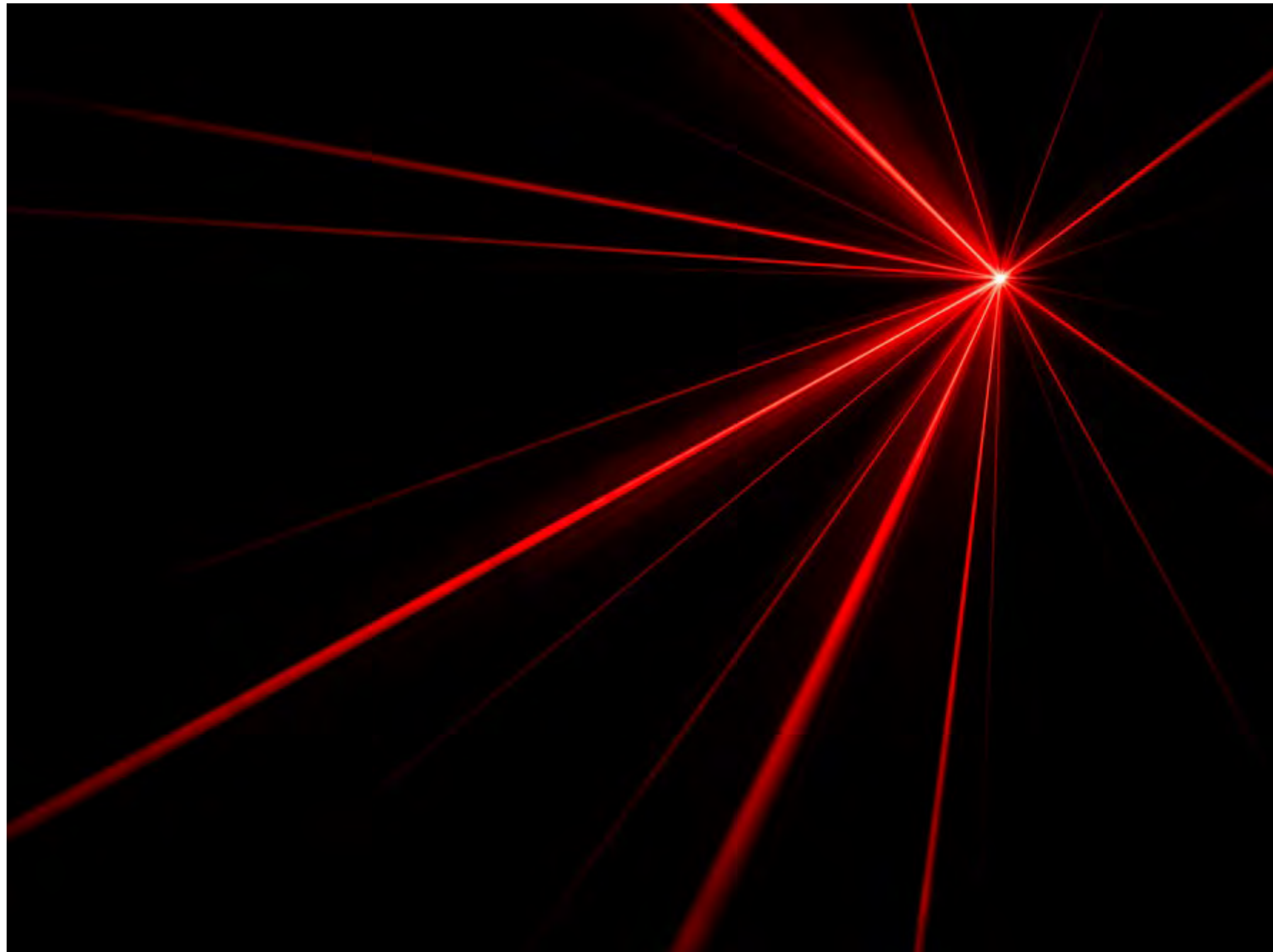


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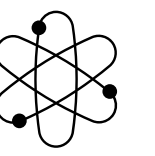


# Laser pulses



Pulses of laser light can help us capture rapid events.

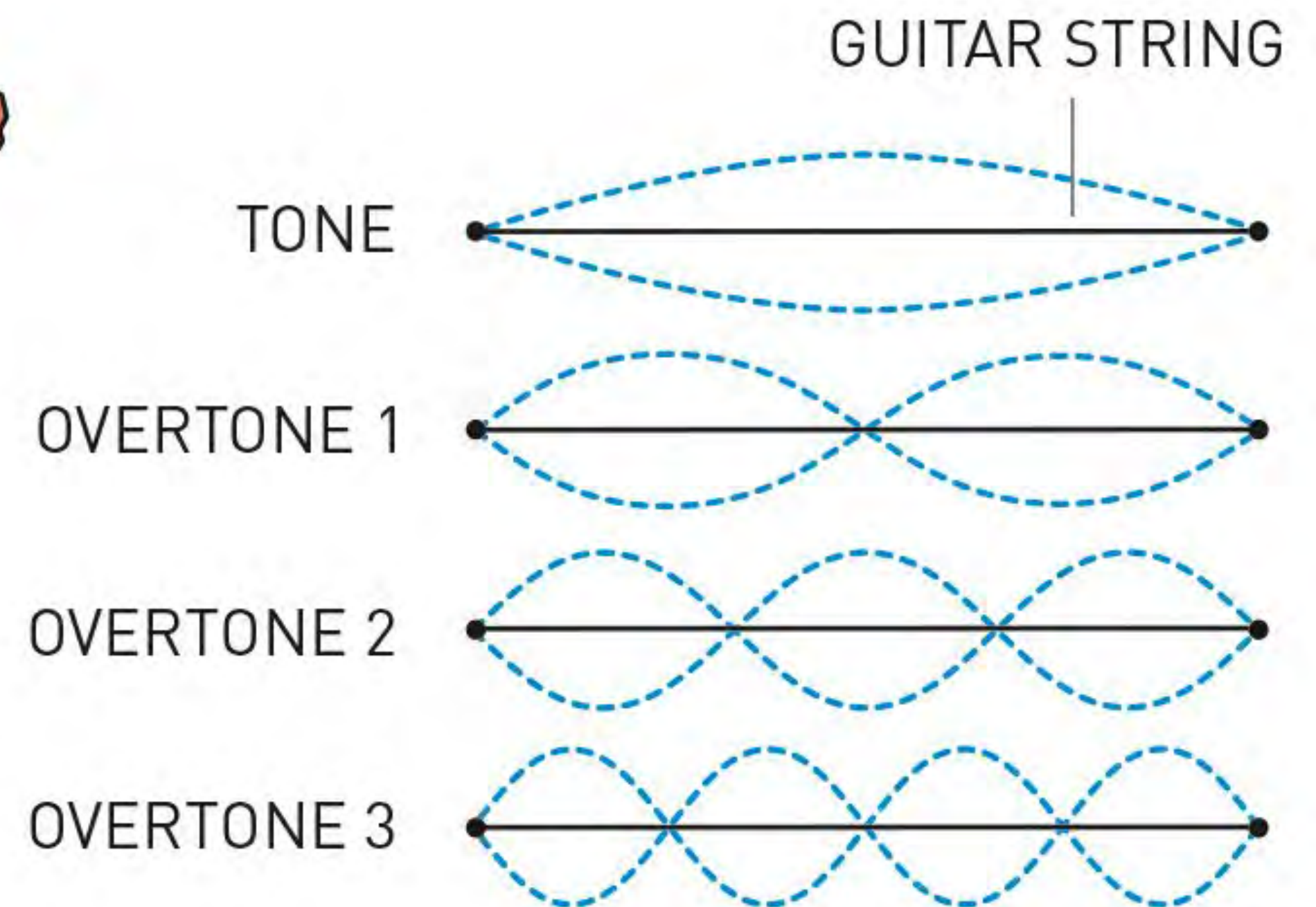
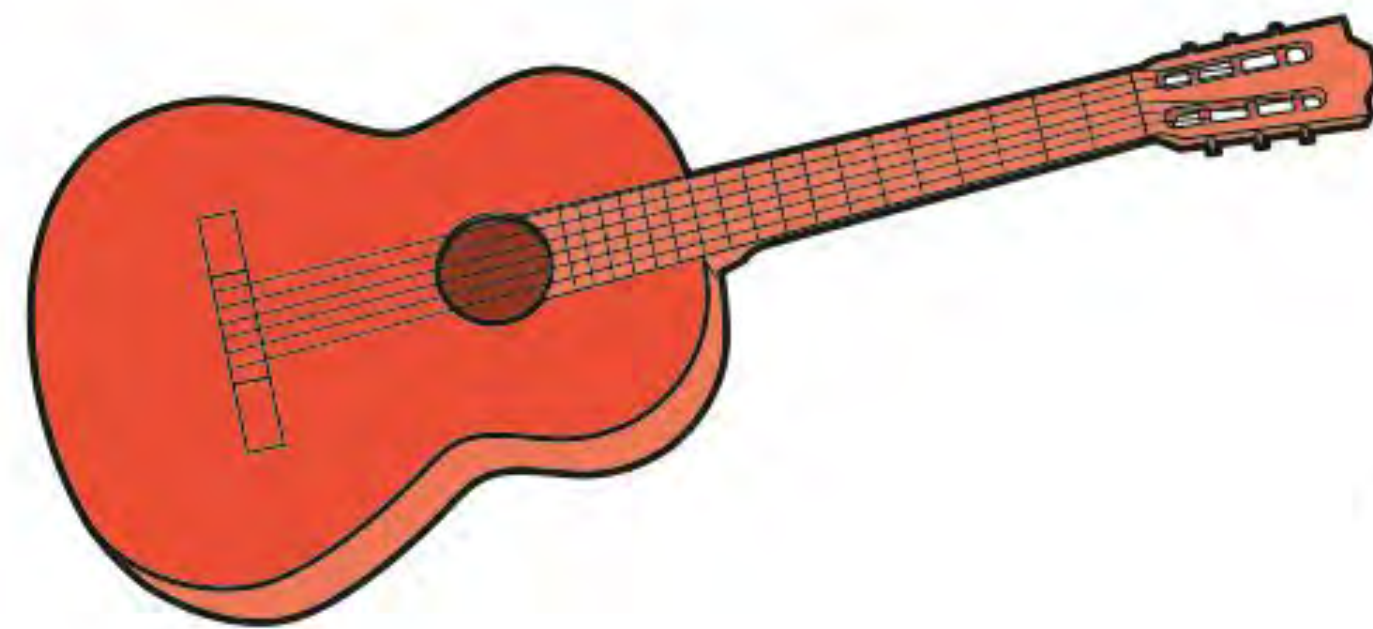
Capturing the movements of the electrons in an atom demands extremely rapid pulses.

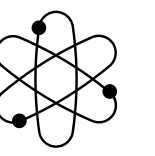


# Overtones

Light waves, like sound waves, can have overtones.

Anne L'Huillier created overtones of laser light by causing it to pass through a gas.



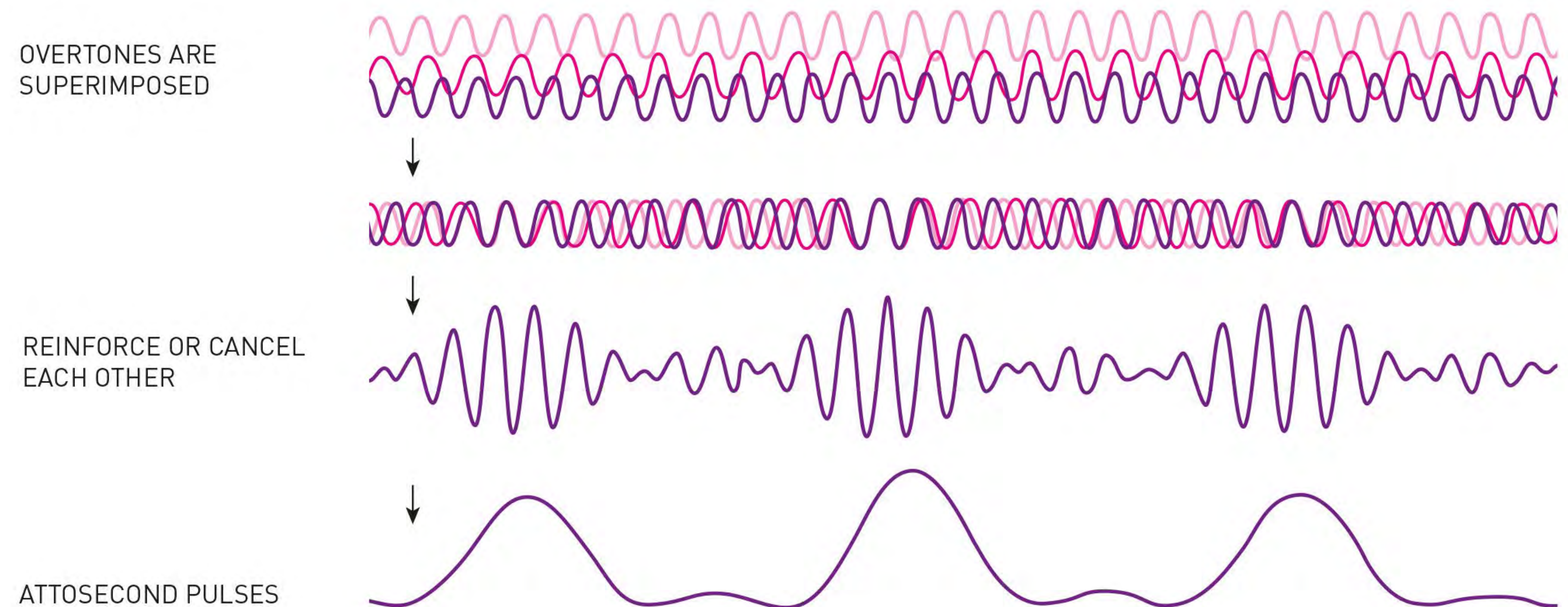


# The combination of light waves

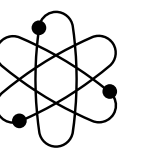
The combination of light waves of varying wavelengths can generate pulses of light.

Pierre Agostini created a train of attosecond pulses of light.

Ferenc Krausz isolated a single pulse.







# Applications

The potential to study processes inside of atoms and molecules.

Possible practical applications in a variety of fields from electronics to medicine.



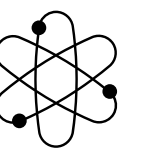


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“Even now, 30 years afterwards, we are still learning new things.”

Anne L'Huillier, 2023 Nobel Prize laureate in physics

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