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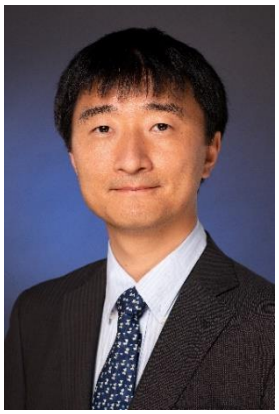

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Research Interest

- High-precision spectroscopy for fundamental physics
- Laser development for optical frequency metrology
- Ion trapping for precision spectroscopy and quantum optics applications

Education

Dr. rer. nat. (German Ph.D. equivalent) **2006 – 2009**
Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics, Germany

Thesis Title: “Frequency combs in the extreme ultraviolet”
Grade: summa cum laude
Supervisor: Prof. T.W. Hänsch

Master of Science in Physics **2004 – 2006**
Department of Physics, The University of Tokyo, Japan

Thesis Title: “Ultrafast spectroscopy of J-aggregates”
Supervisor: Prof. T. Kobayashi

Bachelor of Science in Physics **2000 – 2004**
Department of Physics, The University of Tokyo, Japan

Research Experience

Associate professor (with Tenure) **2025 – present**
Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences
Yokohama National University, Japan

Research fellow **2014 – present**
Laser spectroscopy division (Prof. T.W. Hänsch) (Guest scientist since 2025)
Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics, Germany

Assistant professor **2010 – 2014**
Laser and Synchrotron Research Center (Prof. Y.Kobayashi)
The Institute for Solid State Physics, The University of Tokyo, Japan

Publication Statistics

49 publications in peer-reviewed journals and 4 monographs.
Among them, I am the first or the last author in 24 publications.
Google Scholar citation profile: h-index: 25, i10-index: 35, 2,675 citations.

Teaching Experience

Lectures

Yokohama National University

Electromagnetism II	Spring Semester 2026
Physical Engineering Laboratory Course III	Winter Semester 2025

Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich and Technical University of Munich

Laser Physics and Atomic Spectroscopy	Winter Semester 2023
Atomic Spectroscopy	Winter Semester 2022
Quantum Optics	Winter Semester 2021

Supervision of students

Yokohama National University

Supervision of 6 bachelors and 6 masters students **2025 - present**

Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics

Supervision of 5 bachelors, 6 masters and 3 Ph.D. students **2014 - present**

The University of Tokyo

Supervision of 5 masters and 2 Ph.D. students (with Prof. Y. Kobayashi) **2010 - 2014**
Graduate Teaching Assistant **2004 - 2006**

Grants

Fund for the Promotion of Joint International Research, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
"Development and Applications of Compact XUV Frequency Comb Source"
339k € (2025-2027), Principal Investigator

German Research Foundation, Research Grants Programme
“Testing Quantum Electrodynamics with Lithium Ions”
335k € (2024-2027), Principal Investigator

German Research Foundation, MCQST Seed Funding, EXC-2111
“XUV frequency combs on microchip”
50k € (2024), Principal Investigator

European technology access centre, ACTPHAST4R Innovation project (2023)

European technology access centre, ACTPHAST4R
"Development of hollow core waveguides for extreme ultraviolet wavelengths"
60k € (2022-2023), Principal Investigator

German Research Foundation, MCQST Seed Funding, EXC-2111
"Optical frequency combs at a very low repetition rate"
50k € (2022-2023), Principal Investigator

German Research Foundation, MCQST Seed Funding, EXC-2111
"Experimental and numerical investigations on low-noise XUV frequency comb generation"
50k € (2021-2022), Principal Investigator

Patents

Generating laser pulses and spectroscopy using the temporal talbot effect
US patent US20180233877
Th. Udem and A. Ozawa

Spectral apparatus, detection apparatus, light source apparatus, reaction apparatus, and measurement apparatus
US patent US9594253B2
Takashi Sukegawa, Yohei Kobayashi, Akira Ozawa, Mamoru Endo, Makoto Gonokami

Selected Conference Presentations

Extreme ultraviolet optical frequency combs and applications (invited)
CLEO 2025: Conference on Lasers and Electro-Optics, Long Beach, CA, USA (2025)

Extreme ultraviolet optical frequency combs and applications (invited)
26th International Conference on Spectral Line Shapes, Otsu-city, Japan (2024)

Towards High-Precision Spectroscopy of the 1S–2S Transition in He^+ (invited)
7th European Conference on Trapped Ions (ECTI), Bückeburg, Germany (2023)

Ultra-low repetition rate frequency comb for precision spectroscopy
Postdeadline Session, CLEO Europe, Munich, Germany (2023)

Towards High-Precision Spectroscopy of the 1S–2S Transition in He^+ (invited)
Proton Radius European Network Workshop (PREN), Paris, France (2022)

Towards High-Precision Spectroscopy of the 1S–2S Transition in He^+ (invited)
International Conference on Precision Physics of Simple Atomic Systems (PSAS), Warsaw, Poland (2022)

Towards high-precision spectroscopy of He^+ using extreme-ultraviolet frequency combs (invited)
2nd International Symposium on Precision Measurement Physics (ISPMP), Wuhan, China (2022)

Direct comb spectroscopy by quantum-Zeno-effect assisted detection
Postdeadline Session, CLEO Europe, Munich, Germany (2017)

VUV Frequency Comb Generation and its Applications (invited)
High-Intensity Lasers and High-Field Phenomena (HILAS), Berlin, Germany (2014)

Intracavity High Harmonic Generation At 80 and 10 MHz Repetition Rates (Selected as "Best Paper Awards")
CLEO-PR, Kyoto, Japan (2013)

VUV frequency comb generation based on Yb-doped fiber lasers and its application for comb spectroscopy (invited)
Ultrafast Optics, Davos, Switzerland (2013)

Single comb mode excitation of ground state xenon in VUV
Postdeadline Session II, CLEO, San Jose, USA (2012)

XUV frequency combs (Invited)
SPIE International Symposium, Photonics Europe, Brussels, Belgium (2010)

Current Progress in XUV frequency combs (invited)
2nd International Conference on Attosecond Physics, Manhattan, KS, USA (2009)

High Harmonic Frequency Combs for High Resolution Spectroscopy
16th International Conference on Ultrafast Phenomena, Stresa, Italy (2008)

Awards

The Japan Society of Applied Physics, The 33rd Autumn Meeting, 2012
Young scientist presentation award
High precision spectroscopy using vacuum ultraviolet frequency combs
Akira Ozawa, Yohei Kobayashi

CLEO-PR&OECC/PS 2013 Best Paper Awards
Intracavity High Harmonic Generation At 80 and 10 MHz Repetition Rates
Akira Ozawa, Makoto Kuwata-Gonokami and Yohei Kobayashi

Referee Activities

Applied Physics B, Applied Physics Letters, Optics Express, Optics Letters, Optics Communications, Applied Physics Express, Japanese Journal of Applied Physics, The European Physical Journal Plus, Nature Communications, Nature, Nature Physics, Nature Photonics, Physics Letters A, and others.

Collaborators

Prof. Kasper Van Gasse, Prof. Jelena Vuckovic (Ghent University, IMEC, Stanford University)

Prof. Peter Thirolf (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)

Dr. Gianluca Galzerano, Dr. Francesco Canella (The Polytechnic University of Milan)

Dr. Johannes Weitenberg (Fraunhofer Institute for Laser Technology, RWTH Aachen University)

Dr. Takashi Sukegawa (Canon Inc.)

Prof. Tomoyuki Horikiri (Yokohama National University)

Prof. Thomas Udem

(Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Max-Planck-Institute of Quantum Optics)

Professional references

Prof. Theodor W. Hänsch (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany)
Relationship: Division leader, PhD supervisor

Prof. Thomas Udem (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany)
Relationship: Colleague

Prof. Peter Hommelhoff (Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany)
Relationship: Former colleague

Prof. Dylan Yost (Colorado State University, USA)
Relationship: Former colleague

Publication List

53. Focal length of the thermal lens for unequal diameters of the heating and probing beams
Derya Taray, Vincent Weis, Vitaly Wirthl, Omer Amit, Akira Ozawa, Johannes Weitenberg, and Thomas Udem
Opt. Express 34(12), 21846-21856 (2026)

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O. Amit, D. Taray, V. Wirthl, V. Weis, M. W. Syed, A. Ozawa, J. Weitenberg, S. G. Karshenboim, J. T. M. Walraven, L. Maisenbacher, R. Pohl, Z. Burkley, F. Schmid, T. W. Hänsch, D. C. Yost and Th. Udem
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S. H. Wissenberg, J. Weitenberg, J. Moreno, H. Hartung, M. Möslein, Th. Burkhardt, T. Teschler, F. Schmid Th. Udem, H.-D. Hoffmann, P. G. Thirolf, Th. W. Hänsch, A. Ozawa, C. L. Haefner
Phys. Rev. Research 7, 023071 (2025)

50. Proposal for a computable optical Clock
Omer Amit, Vitaly Wirthl, Derya Taray, Vincent Weis, Soumyadeep Sarkar, Min–Cheol Kim, Mustafa Waqar Syed, Jorge Moreno, Florian Egli, Johannes Weitenberg, Muhammad Thariq, Theodor Strobl, Malte Bieringer, Linus Hein, Savely Karshenboim, Randolf Pohl, Dylan C. Yost, Akira Ozawa, Theodor W. Hänsch and Thomas Udem
J. Phys. Conf. Ser., 2889 012027 (2024)

49. Astigmatic thermal lensing due to surface bulging in Yb:KYW laser crystals
M. Bieringer, J. Weitenberg, Th. Udem, A. Ozawa
Opt. Mater. Express 14, 2527 (2024)

48. An ultra-stable high-power optical frequency comb
Fabian Schmid,Jorge Moreno,Johannes Weitenberg,Peter Russbüldt,Theodor W. Hänsch,Thomas Udem and Akira Ozawa
APL Photonics 9, 026105 (2024)
Selected as "Editor's Pick"

47. A low repetition rate optical frequency comb
Francesco Canella, Johannes Weitenberg, Muhammad Thariq, Fabian Schmid, Paras Dwivedi, Gianluca Galzerano, Theodor Haensch, Thomas Udem, and Akira Ozawa
Optica, 11, 1 (2024)

46. Toward XUV frequency comb spectroscopy of the 1 S–2 S transition in He+
Jorge Moreno, Fabian Schmid, Johannes Weitenberg, Savely G. Karshenboim, Theodor W. Hänsch, Thomas Udem and Akira Ozawa
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45. Number-Resolved Detection of Dark Ions in Coulomb Crystals
Fabian Schmid, Johannes Weitenberg, Jorge Moreno, Theodor W. Hänsch, Thomas Udem, and Akira Ozawa
Phys. Rev. A 106, L041101 (2022)

44. The Complete $\alpha^8 m$ Contributions to the 1s Lamb Shift in Hydrogen
S. G. Karshenboim, A. Ozawa, V. A. Shelyuto, E. Yu. Korzinin, R. Szafron, and V. G. Ivanov
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43. Very large bandwidth lasers
Akira Ozawa. and Thomas Udem
Nature Photonics 15, 247 (2021)

42. Higher-order logarithmic corrections and the two-loop self-energy of a 1s electron in hydrogen
Savely G. Karshenboim, Akira Ozawa, and Vladimir G. Ivanov
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41. The Lamb shift of the 1s state in hydrogen: Two-loop and three-loop contributions
Savely G. Karshenboim, Akira Ozawa, Valery A. Shelyuto, Robert Szafron, Vladimir G. Ivanov
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40. Simple phase noise measurement scheme for cavity-stabilized laser systems
Fabian Schmid, Johannes Weitenberg, Theodor W. Hänsch, Thomas Udem, and Akira Ozawa
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Byoung-moo Ann, Fabian Schmid, Jonas Krause, Theodor W Hänsch, Thomas Udem and Akira Ozawa
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38. Quantum Zeno Effect assisted Spectroscopy of a single trapped Ion
Akira Ozawa, Josue Davila-Rodriguez, Theodor W. Hänsch and Thomas Udem
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37. Efficient high harmonics generation by enhancement cavity driven with a post-compressed FCPA laser at 10 MHz
Zhigang Zhao, Akira Ozawa, Makoto Kuwata-Gonokami and Yohei Kobayashi
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Johannes Weitenberg, Andreas Vernaleken, Jan Schulte, Akira Ozawa, Thomas Sartorius, Vladimir Pervak, Hans-Dieter Hoffmann, Thomas Udem, Peter Russbüldt, and Theodor W. Hänsch
Opt. Express, 25, 20502 (2017)

35. Single ion fluorescence excited with a single mode of an UV frequency comb
Akira Ozawa, Josue Davila-Rodriguez, James R. Bounds, Hans A. Schuessler, Theodor W. Hänsch and Thomas Udem
Nature Communications, 8, 44 (2017)

34. Mode locking based on the temporal Talbot effect
Thomas Udem and Akira Ozawa
Appl. Phys. B 123: 100 (2017)

33. High repetition pump-and-probe photoemission spectroscopy based on a compact fiber laser system
Y. Ishida, T. Otsu, A. Ozawa, K. Yaji, S. Tani, S. Shin and Y. Kobayashi
Rev. Sci. Instrum. 87, 123902 (2016)

32. Doppler Cooling Trapped Ions with a UV Frequency Comb
Josue Davila-Rodriguez, Akira Ozawa, Theodor W. Hänsch, and Thomas Udem
Physical Review Letters, 116, 043002 (2016)

31. High average power coherent vuv generation at 10 MHz repetition frequency by intracavity high harmonic generation (Selected as Spotlight on Optics, Highlighted Articles from OSA Journals)
Akira Ozawa, Zhigang Zhao, Makoto Kuwata-Gonokami, and Yohei Kobayashi
Optics Express, Vol. 23, Issue 12, pp. 15107-15118 (2015)

30. Dual comb spectroscopy (in Japanese)
Naoya Kuse, Akira Ozawa, Yohei Kobayashi
Journal of the Physical Society of Japan, 69, 1 (2014)

29. 6-GHz, Kerr-lens mode-locked Yb:Lu2O3 ceramic laser for comb-resolved broadband spectroscopy
Mamoru Endo, Akira Ozawa and Yohei Kobayashi
Optics Letters, Vol. 38 Issue 21, pp. 4502 (2013)

28. VUV frequency comb generation and its application to high precision spectroscopy (in Japanese)
Akira Ozawa and Yohei Kobayashi
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27. 10-MHz, Yb-fiber chirped-pulse amplifier system with large-scale transmission gratings
Yohei Kobayashi, Nozomi Hirayama, Akira Ozawa, Takashi Sukegawa, Takashi Seki, Yoshiyuki Kuramoto and Shuntaro Watanabe,
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26. Static FBG strain sensor with high resolution and large dynamic range by dual-comb spectroscopy
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25. Vuv frequency-comb spectroscopy of atomic xenon
Akira Ozawa and Yohei Kobayashi
Phys. Rev. A 87, 022507 (2013)

24. Vacuum ultraviolet frequency comb generation and applications (in Japanese)
Akira Ozawa and Yohei Kobayashi
Japanese journal of optics, 41,9 (2012)

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Naoya Kuse, Akira Ozawa Yohei Kobayashi,
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22. Chirped-pulse direct frequency-comb spectroscopy of two-photon transitions
Akira Ozawa and Yohei Kobayashi
Phys. Rev. A 86, 022514 (2012)

21. Kerr-lens mode-locked Yb:KYW laser at 4.6-GHz repetition rate
M. Endo, A. Ozawa and Y. Kobayashi
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Yutaka Nomura, Yoshiaki Ito, Akira Ozawa, Xiaoyang Wang, Chuangtian Chen, Shik Shin, Shuntaro Watanabe, and Yohei Kobayashi
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16. Power scaling of femtosecond enhancement cavities and high-power applications
I. Pupeza, T. Eidam, J. M. Kaster, B. Bernhardt, J. Rauschenberger, A. Ozawa, E. Fill, Th. Udem, M. F. Kling, J. Limpert, Z. Alahmed, A. M. Azzeer, A. Tünnermann, Th. W. Hänsch, and F. Krausz
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15. Carrier-envelope phase-locked pump-probe experiment for independent phase/delay manipulation
Shunsuke Adachi, Akira Ozawa, Takayoshi Kobayashi
Chemical Physics Letters 489 130–133 (2010)

14. Self-compensation of third-order dispersion for ultrashort pulse generation demonstrated in an Yb fiber oscillator
Naoya Kuse, Yutaka Nomura, Akira Ozawa, Makoto Kuwata-Gonokami, Shuntaro Watanabe, and Yohei Kobayashi
Optics Letters, 35 3868-3870 (2010)

13. Modeling and optimization of single-pass laser amplifiers for high-repetition-rate laser pulses
Akira Ozawa, Thomas Udem, Uwe D. Zeitner, Theodor W. Hänsch, Peter Hommelhoff
PHYSICAL REVIEW A 82 033815 (2010)

12. Power scaling of a high-repetition-rate enhancement cavity
Ioachim Pupeza, Tino Eidam, Jens Rauschenberger, Birgitta Bernhardt, Akira Ozawa, Ernst Fill, Alexander Apolonski, Thomas Udem, Jens Limpert, Zeyad A. Alahmed, Abdallah M. Azzeer, Andreas Tünnermann, Theodor W. Hänsch

and Ferenc Krausz
Optics Letters, Vol. 35, Issue 12, pp. 2052-2054 (2010)

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A. Ozawa, W. Schneider, F. Najafi, T.W. Hänsch, Th. Udem, P. Hommelhoff
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10. **Ultraviolet enhancement cavity for ultrafast nonlinear optics and high-rate multiphoton entanglement experiments**
Roland Krischek, Witlef Wieczorek, Akira Ozawa, Nikolai Kiesel, Patrick Michelberger, Thomas Udem and Harald Weinfurter
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9. **Cavity-enhanced dual-comb spectroscopy**
Birgitta Bernhardt, Akira Ozawa, Patrick Jacquet, Marion Jacquey, Yohei Kobayashi, Thomas Udem, Ronald Holzwarth, Guy Guelachvili, Theodor W. Hänsch, Nathalie Picqué
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Akira Ozawa and Takayoshi Kobayashi
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A. Ozawa, A. Vernaleken, W. Schneider, I. Gotlibovych, Th. Udem, T.W. Hänsch
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A. Ozawa, J. Rauschenberger, Ch. Gohle, M. Herrmann, D.R. Walker, V. Pervak, A. Fernandez, R. Graf, A. Apolonski, R. Holzwarth, F. Krausz, T.W. Hänsch, Th. Udem
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A. Ozawa, K. Takimiya, T. Otsubo, T. Kobayashi
Chem. Phys. Lett. 409 224 (2005)