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The 2006 conference will bring together a multidisciplinary group sharing a common interest in the generation of ultrashort pulses in the picosecond, femtosecond, and attosecond regimes and their applications to studies of ultrafast phenomena in physics, chemistry, material science, electronics, biology, engineering, and medical applications. In addition, submissions involving real world applications of ultrafast technology are encouraged. A tabletop exhibit featuring leading companies will be held in conjunction with the meeting.

Meeting Topics

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Applications

Real world applications of ultrafast technology, including ultrafast near-field, nonlinear, and confocal microscopes, high speed communication, micromachining and more.

Invited Speakers

MB1, Atomic Physics with Attosecond Pulses, Anne L'Huillier¹, T. Remetter¹, P. Johnsson¹, J. Mauritsson^{1,2}, K. Varjú¹, T. Ruchon¹, Y. Ni³, F. Lépine³, E. Gustafsson¹, M. Kling³, J. Khan³, R. López-Martens⁴, K. J. Schafer², M. J. J. Vrakking³; ¹Univ. of Lund, Sweden, ²Louisiana State Univ., USA, ³FOM-Inst. AMOLF, Netherlands, ⁴Lab d'Optique Appliquée, Ecole Natl. Supérieure des Techniques Avancées (ENSTA), France.

MB4, Sub 100 Attosecond XUV Pulses, Eric Mevel¹, Inigo Sola¹, Luc Elouga¹, Eric Constant¹, Vasily Strelkov², Luigi Poletto³, Paolo Villioresi³, Giuseppe Sansone⁴, Enrico Benedetti⁴, Jean Pascal Caumes⁴, Salvatore Stagira⁴, Catarina Vozzi⁴, Mauro Nisoli⁴; ¹Celia, France, ²General Physics Inst. of Russian Acad., Russian Federation, ³INFM-DEI, Univ. di Padova, Italy, ⁴INFM, Dept. de Fisica, Politecnico, Italy.

MC4, Ultrafast Chemical Exchange 2-D IR Spectroscopy, Junrong Zheng, Kyungwong Kwak, Michael Fayer; Stanford Univ., USA.

TuA1, Two-Dimensional Optical Spectroscopy of Multi-Chromophore Protein Complexes, Graham R. Fleming¹, Donatas Zigmantas¹, Elizabeth L. Read¹, Thomas Mancal¹, Tobias Brixner², Alastair T. Gardiner³; ¹Lawrence Berkeley Natl. Lab and Univ. of California at Berkeley, USA, ²Physikalishes Inst. EP1, Univ. Würzburg, Germany, ³Div. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Inst. of Biomedical and Life Science, Univ. of Glasgow, UK.

TuB1, Generation of Terawatt Sub-10 fs Laser Pulses Using Optical Parametric Chirped Pulse Amplification, Stefan Witte, Kjeld S. Eikema, Roel Th. Zinkstok, Wim Hogervorst; Laser Ctr. Vrije Univ., FEW, Netherlands.

WA1, Femtosecond Enhancement Cavity: From Real-Time Ultrasensitive Spectroscopy to Coherent Extreme Nonlinear Optics, Jun Ye; JILA, Univ. of Colorado and NIST, USA.

WB1, Direct Observation of Electron Dynamics at Surfaces Using X-ray Spectroscopy, Wilfried Wurth, Alexander Föhlisch; Univ. of Hamburg, Germany.

ThA1, Attosecond Physics: Control and Real-Time Observation of Electronic Dynamics, Ferenc Krausz; Max-Planck-Inst. für Quantenoptik, Germany.

ThB1, Evidence for Ultrafast Superfluorescent Recombination from High-Density Magneto-Plasmas, Young-Dahl Jho¹, Xiaoming Wang¹, David H. Reitze¹, Jun Kono², Alexey Belyanin³, Vitaly Kocharovskiy³, Glenn Solomon⁴; ¹Univ. of Florida, USA, ²Rice Univ., USA, ³Texas A&M Univ., USA, ⁴Stanford Univ., USA.

ThB3, Adaptive Control of Nanoscopic Photoelectron Emission, *Martin Aeschlimann¹, Michael Bauer¹, Daniela Bayer¹, Tobias Brixner², F. Javier Garcia de Abajo³, Walter Pfeiffer², Martin Rohmer¹, Christian Spindler², Felix Steeb¹*; ¹Technische Univ. Kaiserslautern, Germany, ²Univ. Würzburg, Germany, ³Ctr. Mixto CSIC-UPV/EHU, Spain.

ThC1, Deep Tissue Nonlinear Imaging through Femtosecond Pulse Shaping, *Warren S. Warren*; *Duke Univ., USA.*

ThC4, Nonlinear Temporal Focusing Microscopy, *Yaron Silberberg*; *Weizmann Inst. of Science, Israel.*

FA1, Single Molecule Pump-Probe Detection on Coupled Quantum Systems, *Niek F. van Hulst^{1,2,3}, Erik MHP van Dijk³, Jacob P. Hoogeboom³, Jordi Hernando^{3,4}, Maria F. Garcia-Parajo^{2,3,5}*; ¹ICFO - Inst. of Photonic Sciences, Spain, ²ICREA - Inst. Catalana de Recerca i Estudis Avancats, Spain, ³Applied Optics Group, MESA+ Inst. for NanoTechnology, Netherlands, ⁴Dept. de Quimica, Univ. Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, ⁵CREBEC - Lab of NanoBioEngineering, Spain.

FA4, Coherent Nuclear Motion in Ultrafast Reactions in Solution, *Tahei Tahara*; *RIKEN (The Inst. of Physical and Chemical Res.), Japan.*

FB1, A Nanometer-Sized Femtosecond Electron Source at 80 MHz Repetition Rate, *Christoph Lienau, Claus Ropers, Daniel R. Solli, Claus Peter Schulz, Thomas Elsaesser*; *Max Born Inst., Germany.*

Publications

Conference Program

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Agenda of Sessions

Preliminary schedule of events:

Sunday, July 30, 2006

4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	Registration Open	Main Lodge
6:00 p.m.	Dinner	Crocker Dining Hall
7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception	Heather/Toyon/Acacia

Monday, July 31, 2006

7:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.	Registration Open	Main Lodge
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Crocker Dining Hall
8:15 a.m.–8:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks	Merrill Hall
8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.	MB • Attosecond and High Harmonics I	Merrill Hall
10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break	Merrill Hall
10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m.	MC • Two-Dimensional Spectroscopy I	Merrill Hall
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	Crocker Dining Hall
1:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	MD • Generation	Merrill Hall
1:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	ME • Two-Dimensional Spectroscopy II	Chapel
3:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	Coffee Break	Merrill Hall/Chapel
4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	MF • Chemistry and Biology	Merrill Hall
4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	MG • Solid-State Physics	Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Dinner	Crocker Dining Hall
8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.	MH • Poster Session I A MI • Poster Session I B	Heather/Toyon/Acacia

Tuesday, August 1, 2006

7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.	Registration Open	Main Lodge
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Crocker Dining Hall
8:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.	TuA • Biology I	Merrill Hall
10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break	Kiln
10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m.	TuB • High Power Lasers and Propagation	Merrill Hall
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	Crocker Dining Hall
1:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	TuC • Chemistry I	Chapel
1:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	TuD • Plasmonics, Dots and Wells	Merrill Hall
3:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	Coffee Break	Kiln
4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	TuE • Ultrafast Optics I	Merrill Hall
4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	TuF • Hydrogen Bonding	Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Dinner	Crocker Dining Hall
8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.	TuG • Poster Session II A TuH • Poster Session II B	Heather/Toyon/Acacia

Wednesday, August 2, 2006

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Crocker Dining Hall
8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	Registration Open	Main Lodge
8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.	WA • Applications of Combs	Merrill Hall
10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break	Kiln
10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m.	WB • Ultrafast X-Ray Diffraction	Merrill Hall

12:00 p.m.	Lunch	Crocker Dining Hall
1:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	WC • Ultrafast Optics II	Merrill Hall
1:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	WD • Chemistry and X-Rays	Chapel
3:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	Coffee Break	Kiln
4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	WE • Biology II	Chapel
4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	WF • AMO Physics	Merrill Hall
6:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.	Conference Reception	Bonfire Pit

Thursday, August 3, 2006

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Crocker Dining Hall
8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	Registration Open	Main Lodge
8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.	ThA • Attoseconds and High Harmonics II	Merrill Hall
10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break	Kiln
10:30 a.m.–11:45 p.m.	ThB • Plasmas and Plasmons	Merrill Hall
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break (On Your Own)	Crocker Dining Hall
1:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	ThC • Imaging and Microscopy	Merrill Hall
3:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	Coffee Break	Kiln
4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	ThD • Poster Session III A	Heather/Toyon/Acacia
	ThE • Poster Session III B	
6:00 p.m.	Dinner	Crocker Dining Hall
7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	ThF • Postdeadline Session	Merrill Hall

Friday, August 4, 2006

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Crocker Dining Hall
8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Registration Open	Main Lodge
8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.	FA • Chemistry II	Merrill Hall
10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break	Merrill Hall
10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	FB • Ultrafast Electron Studies	Merrill Hall
12:00 p.m.–12:15 p.m.	Closing Remarks	Merrill Hall
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MB • Attosecond and High Harmonics I

Merrill Hall

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

MB • Attosecond and High Harmonics I

Sandro De Silvestri; INFN - *Unità di Ricerca di Milano - Politecnico, Italy*,
President

MB1 • 8:30 a.m.

•Invited•

Atomic Physics with Attosecond Pulses, Anne L'Huillier¹, T. Remetter¹, P. Johnsson¹, J. Mauritsson^{1,2}, K. Varjú¹, T. Rucbon¹, Y. Ni³, F. Lépine³, E. Gustafsson¹, M. Kling³, J. Kban³, R. López-Martens⁴, K. J. Schafer², M. J. J. Vrakking³; ¹Univ. of Lund, Sweden, ²Louisiana State Univ., USA, ³FOM-Inst. AMOLF, Netherlands, ⁴Lab d'Optique Appliquée, Ecole Natl. Supérieure des Techniques Avancées (ENSTA), France. We present experimental results where attosecond pulses are generated, characterized, transported, refocused, synchronized with an IR pulse, and used in a novel application, electron wave packet interferometry.

MB2 • 9:00 a.m.

Observation of Intra-Molecular Vibrational Dynamics Using High-

Harmonic Generation as a Probe, Nicholas L. Wagner, Margaret Murnane, Andrea Wüest, Henry Kapteyn; JILA, USA. Intra-molecular vibrational dynamics in SF₆ are observed, using electrons rescattered during the process of high-order harmonic generation. All of the Raman-active modes of SF₆ are observed, as well as vibrational relaxation.

MB3 • 9:15 a.m.

Ultrafast Soft X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy in Silicon with 20fs Resolution Using HH Radiation, Christian Spielmann¹, Enikoe Seres^{1,2};

¹Physikalisches Inst. EPI, Germany, ²Photonics Inst., Vienna Univ. of Technology, Austria. We followed the modification of the X-ray absorption spectrum above the L-edge of Silicon after excitation with intense laser pulses and gathered information about the carrier and structural dynamics with sub-20 fs resolution.

MB4 • 9:30 a.m.

•Invited•

Sub 100 Attosecond XUV Pulses, Eric Mevel¹, Inigo Sola¹, Luc Elouga¹, Eric Constant¹, Vasily Strelkov², Luigi Poletto³, Paolo Villoresi³, Giuseppe Sansone⁴, Enrico Benedetti⁴, Jean Pascal Caumes⁴, Salvatore Stagira⁴, Catarina Vozzi⁴, Mauro Nisoli⁴, Celia, France, ²General Physics Inst. of Russian Acad., Russian Federation, ³INFN-DEI, Univ. di Padova, Italy, ⁴INFN, Dept. de Fisica, Politecnico, Italy. For the first time, we observe unambiguous signature of broadband (50 eV) XUV harmonic radiation temporally confined down to an isolated attosecond pulse by applying polarization gating to phase-stabilized-few-cycle laser pulses.

Merrill Hall

10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Coffee Break

MC • Two-Dimensional Spectroscopy I

Merrill Hall

10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

MC • Two-Dimensional Spectroscopy I

Maxim Pshenichnikov; Univ. of Groningen, Netherlands, President

MC1 • 10:30 a.m.

Observation of Kinetic Networks of Hydrogen-Bond Exchange Using 2D IR Echo Spectroscopy, Robin M. Hochstrasser, YungSam Kim; Univ. of Pennsylvania, USA. The ultrafast H-bond motions in methanol of acetonitrile and a dicarbonyl having a cis amide dominates the mechanism of vibrational coherence transfer in linear and 2D IR echo spectra. Multiple state coherence transfer is seen.

MC2 • 10:45 a.m.

2D-IR Photon Echo Spectroscopy of Pure Liquid Water—Combination of Novel Nanofluidics and Diffractive Optics Deciphers Ultrafast Structural Dynamics, Alexander Paarmann¹, Darren Kraemer¹, Michael L. Cowan¹, Barry D. Bruner¹, R. J. Dwayne Miller¹, Nils Huse², Jason R. Dwyer², Erik T. J. Nibbering², Thomas Elsaesser²; ¹Inst. for Optical Sciences and Depts. of Chemistry and Physics, Univ. of Toronto, Canada, ²Max-Born-Inst. für Nichtlineare Optik und Kurzzeitspektroskopie, Germany. 2D-IR photon echo studies of the OH stretching vibration in pure liquid water are presented. At room temperature, a 50-fs decay of structural correlations is found. The temperature dependence of the vibrational dynamics is investigated.

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MC3 • 11:00 a.m.

Absorptive Propagation Effects in Femtosecond Four-Wave-Mixing,

Michael K. Yetzbacher; David M. Jonas; Univ. of Colorado, USA. Propagation distortions are examined for frequency resolved pump-probe (FRPP) signals in the perturbative limit. Propagation distortions exhibit qualitative differences that depend on the system dynamics.

MC4 • 11:15 a.m.

•Invited•

Ultrafast Chemical Exchange 2D IR Spectroscopy, Junrong Zheng,

Kyungwoong Kwak, Michael Fayer; Stanford Univ., USA. The 2D IR vibrational echo spectroscopy is applied to study the ultrafast dynamics of organic solute-solvent complexes and carbon-carbon single bond rotation of ethane derivatives in liquids at room temperature.

Crocker Dining Hall

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

MD • Generation

Merrill Hall

1:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

MD • Generation

Franz X. Kaertner; MIT, USA, *Presider*

MD1 • 1:15 p.m.

Holographic Snapshots of Laser Wakefields, Nicholas H. Matlis¹, Stephen Reed², Stephan S. Bulanov², Vladimir Chvykov², Galina Kalintchenko², Takeshi Matsuoka², Pascal Rousseau², Victor Yanovsky², Anatoly Maksimchuk², Serguei Kalmykov¹, Gemady Shvets¹, Michael C. Downer¹; ¹Univ. of Texas at Austin, USA, ²Univ. of Michigan, USA. We report the first single-shot measurements of transverse and longitudinal structure of laser-generated wakefields. Real-time, non-averaged measurements of resonant wakes reveal detailed temporal and spatial features that depend on pulse energy and electron density.

MD2 • 1:30 p.m.

Phase-Mask Control and Stabilization of Optical Filamentation, Thomas Pfeifer, Lukas Gallmann, Mark J. Abel, Daniel M. Neumark, Stephen R. Leone; Univ. of California at Berkeley and Lawrence Berkeley Natl. Lab, USA. Applying a circular phase mask before focusing improves the pointing stability of optical filamentation and helps to enhance the coherent supercontinuum bandwidth. The experiment is supported by simulations showing stabilized guiding without a waveguide structure.

MD3 • 1:45 p.m.

Development of a Multi-Terawatt Ultrabroadband Optical Parametric Chirped Pulse Amplifier, Andrius Marcinkevicius, Franz Tavella, Ferenc Krausz; Max-Planck-Inst. of Quantum Optics, Germany. We report broadband fs 70 mJ non-collinear optical parametric chirped pulse amplification. The picosecond Nd:YAG laser was optically synchronized with a Ti:Sapphire oscillator. This system is projected to deliver a 10 TW pulses.

MD4 • 2:00 p.m.

High Energy Self-Phase-Stabilized Pulses by Difference Frequency Generation and Optical Parametric Amplification, Caterina Vozzi, Cristian Manzoni, Enrico Benedetti, Giovanni Cerini, Giuseppe Sansone, Salvatore Stagira, Orazio Svelto, Sandro De Silvestri, Mauro Nisoli, Giulio Cerullo; Politecnico di Milano, Italy. We generate ultrabroadband self-phase-stabilized near-IR pulses by difference-frequency generation of a hollow-fiber broadened supercontinuum followed by two-stage optical parametric amplification. Energies up to 40 microjoules are demonstrated and a route for energy scaling is indicated.

MD5 • 2:15 p.m.

Enhanced High Harmonic Generation from Ions Using a Capillary Discharge, Tenio Popmintchev¹, Brendan Reagan², David M. Gaudiosi¹, Michael Grisbam², Mark Berrill², Oren Cohen¹, Barry C. Walker³, Margaret M. Murnane¹, Henry C. Kapteyn¹, Jorge J. Rocca²; ¹JILA/Univ. of Colorado, USA, ²Colorado State Univ., USA, ³Univ. of Delaware, USA. We demonstrate a significant increase of the high harmonic cutoff in xenon, from 70 eV to 150 eV, using a pre-ionized plasma created with a capillary discharge.

MD6 • 2:30 p.m.

Shaped UV Pulses with 20 fs Substructures, Christian Schrieber, Stefan Lochbrunner, Eberhard Riedle; Lehrstuhl für BioMolekulare Optik, Ludwig-Maximilians-Univ., Germany. Shaped UV pulses tunable between 295 and 370 nm are generated with 20 fs substructures. Visible NOPA pulses are shaped in a 4-f-setup with a LCD mask and sum frequency mixed with stretched NIR pulses.

MD7 • 2:45 p.m.

Direct UV-AOPDF Ultrafast Laser Pulse Shaping, Sebastien Coudreau, Daniel Kaplan, Pierre Tournois; Fastlite, France. An AOPDF pulse shaper for direct UV operation has been designed in KDP. A resolution of 0.15nm has been measured with a 72mm interaction length. Diffraction efficiencies up to 50% are expected in practical conditions.

ME • Two-Dimensional Spectroscopy II

Chapel

1:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

ME • Two-Dimensional Spectroscopy II

Igor V. Rubtsov; Univ. of Pennsylvania, USA, *Presider*

ME1 • 1:15 p.m.

2D IR Spectroscopy of Hydrogen Bond Switching in Liquid Water, Joseph J. Loparo, Sean T. Roberts, Andrei Tokmakoff; MIT, USA. We use multidimensional infrared spectroscopy to observe the interconversion of hydrogen bonding environments in water. Our experiments show that hydrogen bond switching is concerted with broken hydrogen bonds disappearing on the timescale of intermolecular motions.

ME2 • 1:30 p.m.

Weak IR Modes as Structural Reporters via Dual-Frequency 2D IR Spectroscopy, Igor V. Rubtsov, Dmitry V. Kurochkin, Sri Ram Gopal Narabarisetty; Tulane Univ., USA. Interactions of CN mode with CO and CC stretching modes in 2-cyanocoumarin were measured via dual-frequency 2D spectroscopy. Long-lived vibrational states were detected allowing a new 2D IR strategy which takes advantage of vibrational relaxation.

ME3 • 1:45 p.m.

Different Two-Dimensional Infrared Spectral Signatures for 3_{10} - and α -Helix Octapeptides, Hiroaki Maekawa¹, Nien-Hui Ge¹, Claudio Tomiolo², Alessandro Moretto², Quirinus Broxterman³; ¹Univ. of California at Irvine, USA, ²Univ. of Padova, Italy, ³DSM Res., Life Sciences, Advanced Synthesis and Catalysis, Netherlands. Femtosecond two-dimensional infrared spectroscopy is applied to the amide I modes of homo-octapeptides Z-[L-(α Me)Val]₇-O₂Bu and Z-(Aib)₈-O₂Bu in several organic solvents. Distinct cross-peak patterns that discriminate between 3_{10} - and α -helix structures are obtained.

ME4 • 2:00 p.m.

Multidimensional IR Spectroscopy of Site-Specific Hairpin Folding, Adam W. Smith, Hoi Sung Chung, Ziad Ganim, Andrei Tokmakoff; MIT, USA. 2D IR spectroscopy is used to probe the thermal unfolding of trpzip2 and PG-12, two β -hairpin peptides. The transient thermal unfolding of PG-12 is investigated with dispersed vibrational echo spectroscopy following a nanosecond temperature jump.

ME5 • 2:15 p.m.

Single-Shot, Two Dimensional, Time-Resolved Femtosecond CARS, Yuri Paskover, Yehiam Prior; Weizmann Inst. of Science, Israel. Experimental demonstration of single shot femtosecond three-dimensional phase matched CARS is reported, where two-dimensional temporal information (intensity vs. pump-Stokes and pump-probe delays) is derived by geometrical imaging of the CARS signal beam.

ME6 • 2:30 p.m.

Two-Dimensional Optical Correlation Spectroscopy Applied to Liquid/Glass Dynamics, Kees Lazonder, Maxim S. Psbenichnikov, Douwe A. Wiersma; Ultrafast Laser and Spectroscopy Lab, Materials Science Ctr., Univ. of Groningen, Netherlands. Correlation spectroscopy was used to study the effects of temperature and phase changes on liquid and glass solvent dynamics. This method yielded both intuitive clues and a quantitative measure of the dynamics of the system.

ME7 • 2:45 p.m.

2D Optical Spectroscopy of a Conjugated Polymer with Tunable Visible 15 fs-Pulses from a 200 kHz NOPA, Franz Milota¹, Peter Baum¹, Jaroslav Sperling¹, Eberhard Riedle², Katarina Matuszyna¹, Harald F. Kauffmann¹; ¹Inst. für Physikalische Chemie der Univ. Wien, Austria, ²LS für BioMolekulare Optik, LMU München, Germany. We investigate inter-site electronic coupling and ultrafast dynamics of delocalized molecular excitons in a conjugated polymer by two-dimensional heterodyned three-pulse photon echoes. This gives unbiased insight into exciton scattering and the time-evolution of electron-phonon coupling.

MD • Generation—Continued**MD8 • 3:00 p.m.**

High Resolution Atomic Coherent Control via Spectral Phase Manipulation of an Optical Frequency Comb, *Matthew C. Stowe, Avi Pe'er, Jun Ye, JILA, Univ. of Colorado, USA.* We demonstrate high resolution coherent-control of cold atomic Rubidium utilizing spectral phase manipulation of a femtosecond frequency comb. Transient coherent accumulation versus pulse number is manifested in the enhancement of the signal amplitude and resolution.

MD9 • 3:15 p.m.

5.1 fs Pulses by Filamentation—Prospective of Self-Compression to One Optical Cycle, *Annalisa Guandalini¹, Petri R. Eckle¹, Florian Schapper¹, Arnaud Couairon², Michel Franco³, Andre Mysyrowicz³, Jens Biegert¹, Ursula Keller², ¹Swiss Federal Inst. of Technology (ETH), Switzerland, ²Centre de Physique Théorique, École Polytechnique, France, ³Lab d'Optique Appliquée, École Polytechnique, France.* Intense 5.1-fs pulses, more than 600 THz spectral range, were generated through filamentation in argon. Simulations show that filamentation in a suitable pressure gradient leads to self-compression down to one optical cycle without chirped mirrors.

Merrill Hall

3:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Coffee Break

MF • Chemistry and Biology

Merrill Hall

4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

MF • Chemistry and Biology

Peter Vöhringer, Univ. of Bonn, Germany, Presider

MF1 • 4:00 p.m.

Femtosecond Multidimensional Imaging—Watching Chemistry from the Molecule's Point of View, *Oliver Gessner¹, Anthony M. D. Lee^{1,2}, Albert Stolow^{1,2}, Engelen T-H Chrysostom³, Carl C. Hayden³, ¹Steele Inst. for Molecular Sciences, Canada, ²Dept. of Chemistry, Queen's Univ., Canada, ³Combustion Res. Facility, Sandia Natl. Labs, USA.* Using Femtosecond Multidimensional Imaging we disentangle the complex neutral dissociation mechanism of the NO dimer. We characterize all electronic configurations from start to finish and directly observe the evolution of intramolecular vibrational energy redistribution (IVR).

MF2 • 4:15 p.m.

Vibrational Spectroscopy of Nonlinear Excitations via Excited-State Resonant Impulsive Raman Spectroscopy, *F. X. Morrissey, S. L. Dexheimer, Washington State Univ., USA.* We probe the vibrational modes associated with the equilibrated self-trapped exciton state in a quasi-one-dimensional system using resonant impulsive Raman excitation of the excited state in a pump-pump-probe measurement.

MF3 • 4:30 p.m.

Two-Color Electric Field Resolved Transient Grating Spectroscopy of an Oligophenylenevinylene Dimer, *Andrew M. Moran¹, Rene A. Nome¹, Janice W. Hong², Guillermo C. Bazan², Norbert F. Scherer¹, ¹Univ. of Chicago, USA, ²Univ. of California at Santa Barbara, USA.* Two-color transient grating signals for an oligophenylenevinylene dimer and monomer are measured using spectral interferometry. It is shown that the spectral phases of the signals are particularly sensitive to nuclear dynamics and relaxation.

MF4 • 4:45 p.m.

Ultrafast Polarization-Sensitive Infrared Spectroscopy of Photoactive Yellow Protein and Model Compounds, *Omar F. Mohammed¹, Karsten Heyne¹, Anwar Usman¹, Jens Dreyer¹, Erik T. J. Nibbering¹, Michael A. Cusanovich², ¹Max Born Inst. fuer Nichtlineare Optik und Kurzzeitspektroskopie, Germany, ²Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, Univ. of Arizona, USA.* We use polarization-sensitive ultrafast infrared spectroscopy to derive excited state lifetimes, quantum yields and structural information on the chromophore of photoactive yellow protein and model compounds in the primary events of photoinduced isomerization.

ME • Two-Dimensional Spectroscopy II—Continued**ME8 • 3:00 p.m.**

Direct Probing of the Local Solvent Response During Intermolecular Electron Transfer, *David F. Underwood, David Blank, Univ. of Minnesota, USA.* Following resonant photo-excitation of coumarin 152 in aniline and dimethylaniline, dramatic changes in the local intermolecular solvent response are monitored directly as a function of time during intermolecular electron transfer using third-order non-resonant Raman spectroscopy.

ME9 • 3:15 p.m.

Ultrafast Superheating of Ice, *Hristo Iglev, Marcus Schmeisser, Andy Thaller, Alfred Laubereau, Physics Dept. E11, Technical Univ. Munich, Germany.* Ultrafast temperature jump technique for ice is demonstrated using infrared double resonant spectroscopy. Measurements performed close to the melting point show substantial superheating of the ice sample to 301 K that persists more than 1.3 ns.

Merrill Hall

3:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Coffee Break

MG • Solid-State Physics

Chapel

4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

MG • Solid-State Physics

Steven Cundiff, JILA, USA, Presider

MG1 • 4:00 p.m.

Sub-Picosecond Carrier Dynamics in ZnO Nanowires and Films Measured by Time-Resolved THz Spectroscopy (TRTS), *Jason B. Baxter, Charles A. Schmuttenmaer, Yale Univ., USA.* The transient photoconductivity of ZnO nanowires and polycrystalline and nanoparticle films displays non-Drude behavior. Electron injection occurs on sub-picosecond time scales and decay kinetics indicate that surfaces and interfaces are the dominant sources of recombination.

MG2 • 4:15 p.m.

Coherent Dynamics of the Quantum Hall System, *K. M. Dani¹, D. S. Chemla¹, J. Tignon², E. G. Kavousanaki³, I. E. Perakis³, ¹Lawrence Berkeley Natl. Lab, USA, ²Lab Pierre Aigrain, Ecole Normale Supérieure, France, ³Inst. of Electronic Structure & Laser, Foundation of Res. & Technology-Hellas and Dept. of Physics, Univ. of Crete, Greece.* Using 3-pulse four-wave mixing spectroscopy we excite an intra-band coherence of the photoexcited Quantum Hall system and probe its early dynamics. Many-body theory elucidates the non-instantaneous interactions between photoexcited carriers and magnetoplasmon excitations.

MG3 • 4:30 p.m.

Dynamics of Photoexcited Carriers in Heavy-Electron Systems, *Jure Demsar¹, Verner K. Thorsmølle², John F. Sarrao³, Antoinette J. Taylor³, ¹Jozef Stefan Inst., Slovenia, ²EPFL, Switzerland, ³Los Alamos Natl. Lab, USA.* We have studied the photoexcited carrier dynamics in Kondo insulator and heavy fermion metal. The data suggest that carrier relaxation in both classes is governed by the presence of a hybridization gap in the DOS.

MG4 • 4:45 p.m.

Intraband Spectroscopy of GaSe Nanoparticles and InSe/GaSe Nanoparticle Heterojunctions, *David F. Kelley, Haobua Tu, Univ. of California at Merced, USA.* Femtosecond polarized transient absorption results are obtained for solution-phase GaSe nanoparticles. These results are used to interpret analogous results obtained for GaSe-InSe nanoparticle heterojunctions, indicating that electron transfer occurs upon photoexcitation.

MF • Chemistry and Biology—Continued**MF5 • 5:00 p.m.**

What Determines the Success of Isomerization of the Photoactive Yellow Protein Chromophore? A Picosecond Pump-Probe Study in the midIR, Marloes Groot¹, Luuk J. G. Van Wilderen¹, Ivo H. M. Van Stokkum¹, Rienk Van Grondelle¹, Michel Van der Horst², Klaas J. Hellingwerf², ¹Vrije Univ. Amsterdam, Netherlands, ²Univ. of Amsterdam, Netherlands. We have measured the mid-infrared absorption-difference spectra of PYP photocycle intermediates representing successful and unsuccessful attempts to enter the signaling state. It appears that breaking of the chromophores hydrogen bond with Cys69 is decisive.

MF6 • 5:15 p.m.

Femtosecond Pump-Shaped Dump-Probe Control of Retinal in Bacteriorhodopsin, Patrick Nuernberger, Gerhard Vogt, Tobias Brixner, Gustav Gerber, *Physikalisches Inst., Germany.* We experimentally demonstrate a novel quantum-control scheme involving pump and optimally-shaped dump laser pulses. This allows selective control of molecular dynamics all the way to the product state and provides information on potential energy surfaces.

MF7 • 5:30 p.m.

Experimental Coherent Control of Retinal Isomerization in Bacteriorhodopsin, Valentyn I. Prokhorenko¹, Andrea M. Nagy¹, R.J. Dwayne Miller², Leonid S. Brown²; ¹Univ. of Toronto, Canada, ²Univ. of Guelph, Canada. Coherent control of retinal photoisomerization in bacteriorhodopsin was experimentally accomplished under weak excitation. Using tailored excitation pulses found from optimization experiments we are able to manipulate the absolute isomerization yield within a 50% range.

MF8 • 5:45 p.m.

THz Radiation from Light-Induced Electron and Proton Motion in Bacteriorhodopsin, Géza I. Groma¹, György Váró¹, János Hebling², Jürgen Kubl³, Ida Z. Kozma⁴, Eberhard Riedle⁴; ¹Inst. of Biophysics, Biological Res. Ctr. of the Hungarian Acad. of Sciences, Hungary, ²Dept. of Experimental Physics, Univ. of Pécs, Hungary, ³Max Planck Inst. for Solid State Res., Germany, ⁴Chair for BioMolecular Optics, Ludwig-Maximilians Univ., Germany. Terahertz radiation from oriented bacteriorhodopsin samples was generated by fs light pulses and detected by electro-optic sampling. Simulations indicated that both excited state electron redistribution and early step of proton motion contribute to the phenomenon.

MH • Poster Session IA

Healber/Toyon/Acacia

8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.**MH • Poster Session IA****MH1**

Ultrafast Dynamics of the Itinerant Antiferromagnet UNiGa₃, *Ee Min Elbert Chia, Hae Ja Lee, Namjung Hur, Eric D. Bauer, Tomasz Durakiewicz, Richard D. Averitt, John L. Sarrao, Antoinette J. Taylor; Los Alamos Natl. Lab, USA.* Time-resolved photoinduced reflectivity data for the itinerant antiferromagnet UNiGa₃ showed a divergence of the relaxation time near TN due to the opening of a spin gap, and at the lowest temperatures indicative of spin-fluctuation scattering.

MH2

Spatiotemporal Femtosecond Pulse Shaping Using a MEMS-Based Micromirror SLM, Katherine W. Stone, Maaïke T. W. Milder, Joshua C. Vaughan, Keith A. Nelson; MIT, USA. 2D pulse shaping with a MEMS micromirror SLM allows IR-UV operation at kHz repetition rates. Diffraction-mode phase and amplitude shaping are possible at wavelengths longer than the maximum optical delay of the device.

MH3

Nonlinear Optical Approach to Multiexciton Relaxation Dynamics in Quantum Dots, Vanessa Huxter, Mayrose Salvador, Gregory Scholes; Univ. of Toronto, Canada. We use an nth-order nonlinear transient spectroscopy to directly observe multiparticle dynamics on an ultrafast timescale in semiconductor nanocrystals. Time constants associated with multiexciton recombination and depopulation dynamics are reported.

MG • Solid-State Physics—Continued**MG5 • 5:00 p.m.**

Energy Relaxation and Anomalies in the Thermo-Acoustic Response of Femtosecond Laser-Excited Germanium, Klaus Sokolowski-Tinten¹, Uladzimir Shymanovich¹, Matthieu Nicou¹, Juris Blums^{1,2}, Alexander Tarasevitch¹, Michael Horn von Hoegen¹, Dietrich von der Linde¹, Andreas Morak³, Tobias Wietler⁴; ¹Univ. Duisburg-Essen, Inst. für Experimentelle Physik, Germany, ²Riga Technical Univ., Faculty of Material Science and Applied Chemistry, Latvia, ³Friedrich-Schiller-Univ. Jena, Inst. für Optik- und Quantenelektronik, Germany, ⁴Univ. Hannover, Inst. für Halbleiterbauelemente und Werkstoffe, Germany. Multiple-order, ultrafast time-resolved X-ray diffraction has been used to study the electron-lattice energy exchange and the thermo-acoustic relaxation in femtosecond laser-excited Germanium.

MG6 • 5:15 p.m.

Enhanced Photosusceptibility in the Insulator-to-Metal Phase Transition in Vanadium Dioxide, David J. Hilton¹, Rohit P. Prasadkumar¹, Sylvain Fourmaux², Andrea Cavalleri³, Daniel Brassard², My Ali El Khakani², Jean-Claude Keiffer², Antoinette J. Taylor¹, Richard D. Averitt¹; ¹Los Alamos Natl. Lab, USA, ²Univ. du Quebec, Canada, ³Oxford Univ., UK. We use optical-pump terahertz-probe spectroscopy to measure the photoinduced phase transition in vanadium dioxide thin films. Our measurements reveal a fluence threshold needed to drive this transition that decreases with increasing temperature.

MG7 • 5:30 p.m.

Stimulated Terahertz Emission from Excitons in Cu₂O, Robert A. Kaindl, Rupert Huber, Ben A. Schmid, Y. Ron Shen, Daniel S. Chemla; Lawrence Berkeley Natl. Lab, USA. Using ultrashort THz pulses we observe stimulated emission between internal energy levels of excitons. Emission occurs in Cu₂O due to the 3p to 2s transition at 6.6 meV, with a cross section of 10⁻¹⁴ cm².

MG8 • 5:45 p.m.

Terahertz Nonlinear Response in Lithium Niobate, Thomas Hornung, Ka-Lo Yeh, Keith A. Nelson; MIT, USA. THz SHG is observed in a patterned MgO:LiNbO₃ crystal using crossed THz polariton waves generated by spatiotemporally shaped optical pulses. The experiment foreshadows versatile nonlinear THz spectroscopy with integrated THz field shaping, guidance, and visualization.

MI • Poster Session IB

Healber/Toyon/Acacia

8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.**MI • Poster Session IB****MI1**

Transient 2D-IR Spectroscopy of Thiopeptides: Resolution Enhancement and Observation of Transient Cross-Peaks, Jan Helbing, Valentina Cervetto, Rolf Pfister; Univ. of Zurich, Switzerland. We resolve the dynamics of individual C=O oscillators and observe transient cross peaks in the transient two-dimensional infrared spectra recorded during thiopeptide isomerization.

MI2

Ultrafast Relaxation Dynamics of O-H Bending and Librational Excitations in Liquid H₂O, Satoshi Ashihara^{1,2}, Nils Huse¹, Erik T. J. Nibbering¹, Thomas Elsaesser¹; ¹Max Born Inst. fuer Nichtlineare Optik und Kurzzeitspektroskopie, Germany, ²Inst. of Industrial Science, Univ. of Tokyo, Japan. We determine the vibrational population relaxation dynamics of the intramolecular O-H bending mode of neat liquid water and elucidate the accompanying nonlinear absorption changes of librational bands.

MI3

Nonequilibrium 2D-IR Exchange Spectroscopy: Ligand Migration in Proteins, Jens Bredenbeck¹, Jan Helbing¹, Karin Nienhaus², G. Ulrich Nienhaus^{2,3}, Peter Hamm¹; ¹Physikalisches-Chemisches Inst., Switzerland, ²Dept. of Biophysics, Germany, ³Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA. Two-dimensional exchange spectroscopy maps networks of interconverting chemical species in dynamic equilibrium. We present the extension of ultrafast 2D-IR exchange spectroscopy to the nonequilibrium regime and its application to ligand migration in proteins.

MH • Poster Session IA—Continued

MH4

Memory and Nanostructure Formation in the Intense Field Ionization of Fused Silica, Rajeev Pattabill¹, Eli Simova¹, Cyril Hnatovsky¹, Marina Gertsvoif¹, Rod Taylor¹, Paul Corkum¹, David Rayner¹, Ravi Bhardwaj²; ¹Natl. Res. Council, Canada, ²Univ. of Ottawa, Canada. We propose that memory in ionization and local field effects form self-organized nanostructures when ultrashort laser pulses are focused inside glass. Reduction in ionization threshold constitutes such a memory and is evidenced through transmission measurements.

MH5

Secure Communications over a Public Network Using Ultrafast Optical Technology, Bernard Wu, Eugenii Narimanov; Princeton Univ., USA. We develop a spread-spectrum based approach using ultrafast technology for secure communications over existing fiber-optical networks. Secure channel is encrypted and submerged below the noise floor of the network, allowing cryptographic and steganographic security capabilities.

MH6

Ultrabright 4.5 keV Xe(L) X-ray Source from Optimized Stable Relativistic Channels, Alex B. Borisov, Xiangyang Song, Ping Zhang, Keith Boyer, Charles K. Rhodes; Univ. of Illinois at Chicago, USA. A new technique has been established to produce stable ultra-powerful relativistic channels in high-density plasmas optimized to significantly increase the brightness of the developed 4.5 keV Xe(L) X-ray source.

MH7

Phonon-Polariton Excitation in Ferroelectric Slab Waveguides and Photonic Crystals, Eric R. Statz, David W. Ward, Keith A. Nelson; MIT, USA. Unique THz phonon-polariton properties in LiNbO₃ planar waveguides and photonic crystals are examined experimentally and compared to theoretical expectations.

MH8

Ultrafast X-ray Diffraction and Optical Reflection Measurements of Coherent Optical Phonons of CdTe, Kazutaka G. Nakamura¹, Yoichiro Hironaka¹, Jun Irisawa¹, Ken-ichi Kondo¹, Kunie Isbioka², Masahiro Kitajima²; ¹Tokyo Inst. of Technology, Japan, ²Natl. Inst. of Materials Science, Japan. Coherent optical phonon of CdTe with a frequency of 5-THz is excited by femtosecond laser pulses and detected successfully with femtosecond time-resolved X-ray diffraction as well as with optical reflection measurements.

MH9

Amplitude and Phase Correction of Ultra-Broadband Femtosecond Laser Pulses, Bingwei Xu, D. Abmasi Harris, Yves P. Coello, Vadim V. Lozovoy, Marcos Dantus; Michigan State Univ., USA. We report on the effects of amplitude and phase correction of an ultra-broadband (400 nm) femtosecond laser. This bandwidth generates 4.6-fs pulses with minimized satellite pulses in time profile.

MH10

Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy Analysis of Bacteria: What Femtosecond Lasers Make Possible, Laurent Guyon¹, Matthieu Baudelet¹, Jin Yu¹, Jean-Pierre Wolf¹, Tanguy Amodéo², Emerick Frejafon², Patrick Laloi³; ¹LASIM, France, ²INERIS, France, ³Lab de Microbiologie et Genetique, France. Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy spectra of bacteria, with nanosecond and femtosecond ablation, are compared. High sensitivity for mineral trace detections, larger intensity from molecular bands and precise kinetic study are among benefits using short pulses.

MH11

Molecular Basis of Non-Photochemical Quenching (NPQ): The Role of the Major Light-Harvesting Complex LHC II, Sergiu Amarie¹, Tiago Barros², Jörg Standfuss², Andreas Dreuw¹, Werner Küblbrandt², Josef Wachteitl¹; ¹Inst. for Physical and Theoretical Chemistry, Frankfurt Univ., Germany, ²Max Plank Inst. of Biophysics, Germany. Although NPQ has been documented for years, its mechanism and exact location is still under debate. Femtosecond spectroscopy on LHCII and thylakoid membranes reveal that zeaxanthin in LHCII is not sufficient for efficient quenching.

MH12

Nature and Dynamics of the Excited States in Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes, Feng Wang, Gordana Dukovic, Louis Brus, Tony Heinz; Columbia Univ., USA. Using two-photon spectroscopy, we show that the optically excited states of semiconducting single-walled carbon nanotubes are excitons. Their dynamics are examined by time-resolved fluorescence measurements.

MI • Poster Session IB—Continued

MI4

Lineshapes and Correlations in Two Dimensional Vibrational Signals of NMA, Tomoyuki Hayashi¹, Zhuang Wei¹, Darius Abramavicius², Sbaul Mukamel¹; ¹Univ. of California at Irvine, USA, ²Vilniaus Univ., Lithuania. Third-order optical response of the coupled amide I and III modes of NMA is calculated varying degrees of correlation between mode frequency fluctuations. The $k_1 = -k_1 + k_2 + k_3$ lineshapes show signatures of anti-correlation, suggesting correlated hydrogen bonding dynamics.

MI5

Chirped Molecular Vibration During Photo-Isomerization in Stilbene Derivative in Solution, Takayoshi Kobayashi^{1,2}, Anne Colonna³, Atsushi Yabushta¹, Izumi Iwakura¹, Eiji Tokunaga⁴; ¹Univ. of Tokyo, Japan, ²Osaka Univ., Japan, ³Ecole Polytechnique, France, ⁴Science Univ. of Tokyo, Japan. The photoisomerisation reaction of 4-methoxy-4'-nitrostilbene in condensed phase was studied by femtosecond pump probe spectroscopy. Transient changes in absorption intensity exhibit oscillations which reflect chirped vibrational motions on the potential surface.

MI6

Coherent Control of Molecular Fragmentation Using Binary Phase Shaped Femtosecond Laser Pulses, Vadim V. Lozovoy, Michael J. Kangas, Tissa C. Gunaratne, Janelle C. Shbane, Marcos Dantus; Michigan State Univ., USA. We report on order-of-magnitude control of the relative yield of photofragment ions achieved with binary phase shaped femtosecond laser pulses. We discuss trends observed related to selective enhancement or suppression of fragment ions.

MI7

Two-Photon Electronic Pump Vibrational Probe of β -apo-8'-carotenal in Solution, Aaron J. Van Tassle, Matthew A. Prantl, Graham R. Fleming; Univ. of California at Berkeley, USA. Results of infrared transient absorption measurements following two-photon excitation to the forbidden S₁ state of the carotenoid β -apo-8'-carotenal are presented. This technique enables the study of subsequent structural dynamics without interference from higher states.

MI8

Accumulative Quantum Control of Photochemical Reactions, Florian Langhoyer¹, Frank Dimler¹, Gregor Jung², Tobias Brixner⁴; ¹Univ. Würzburg, Germany, ²Univ. des Saarlandes, Germany. We demonstrate quantum control over photoreactions in liquid phase involving chemical bond breaking. Stable photoproducts from indocyanine green and green fluorescent protein are generated in a novel accumulative scheme with high product detection sensitivity.

MI9

Slow Fluorescence and Fast Intersystem Crossing—The Xanthone Anomaly, Bjoern J. Heinz¹, Peter Gilch¹, Wolfgang Zintb¹, Christopher Root¹, Bernhard Schmidt¹, Helmut Satzger¹, Franz Milota², Beat Fierz³, Thomas Kiefhaber³; ¹Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany, ²Inst. fuer Physikalische Chemie der Univ. Wien, Austria, ³Div. of Biophysical Chemistry, Univ. of Basel, Switzerland. Intersystem crossing of xanthone in protic solvents proceeds within 1 ps, whereas its fluorescence decays within 60-600 ps. This is due to a delayed fluorescence from a 3np^{*} state energetically close to the 1p1p^{*} state.

MI10

Ultrafast Relaxation of the S₂ Excited State in β -Carotene and Its Homologs: A Role of Intermediate States, Masayuki Yoshizawa¹, Daisuke Kosumi¹, Makito Komukai¹, Kazubiro Yanagi², Hideki Hasbimoto²; ¹Dept. of Physics, Graduate School of Science, Tohoku Univ., Japan, ²"Light and Control", PRESTO/JST, Dept. of Physics, Graduate School of Science, Osaka City Univ., Japan. Carotenoids with several conjugation lengths have been investigated. Time-resolved absorbance change and fluorescence are explained by relaxation of excited states and nonlinear optical effects. A role of intermediate states between S₂ and S₁ is discussed.

MI11

Manipulating Multidimensional Nonlinear Electronic Spectra of Excitons by Coherent Control with Polarization Pulse Shaping, Dmitri V. Voronine¹, Darius Abramavicius², Sbaul Mukamel¹; ¹Univ. of California at Irvine, USA, ²Vilniaus Univ., Lithuania. Femtosecond two-pulse photon echo signals of excitons from a chiral porphyrin dimer are simulated using the cumulant expansion method. Cross peaks are manipulated by coherent control with adaptive polarization pulse shaping combined with genetic algorithm.

MH • Poster Session IA—Continued

MH13

A Simple Linear Technique for Measuring the Spectral Phase of Complicated Pulses with High Resolution, Pamela Bowlan, Pablo Gabolde, Aparna Shreenath, Selcuk Akturk, Rick Trebino; *School of Physics, Georgia Tech, USA*. We present a simplified, alignment-free spectral interferometer using optical fibers. Using spatial fringes the spectral resolution is improved and time-domain filtering is unnecessary. To demonstrate this technique, we measure temporal chirp and a 14-ps double-pulse.

MH14

Impurity-Localized Electronic Changes in Eu:SrGa₂S₄ Studied by Ultrafast X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy, Steven L. Johnson¹, Paul Beaud¹, Gerbard Ingold¹, Daniel Grolimund¹, Maik Kaiser¹, Rafael Abela¹, Yuri Zausbitsyn², Van Thai Pham², Alexander N. Tarnovsky³; ¹Paul Scherrer Inst., Switzerland, ²Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, Switzerland, ³Bowling Green State Univ., USA. The time-dependent electronic structure of Eu:SrGa₂S₄ after excitation by a femtosecond laser pulse is investigated by time-resolved X-ray absorption spectroscopy. We observe a transient shift in the Eu L₃ edge consistent with Eu ionization.

MH15

Strong Field, Ultrafast Ionization of Atoms and Molecules in the Mid-Infrared, Robert J. Levis, Dmitri A. Romanov, Katherine W. Moore, Ryan Compton; *Temple Univ., USA*. The ionization yields for atomic and molecular targets in the strong field, mid-IR regime reveal an exponentially increasing ionization probability as the excitation wavelength increases. The counter-intuitive trend is attributed to transient Rydberg ionization.

MH16

Spectral Dependence of Phase Noise of Stabilized Optical Frequency Combs, Qudsiya Quraisbi^{1,2}, Scott A. Diddams¹, Leo Hollberg¹; ¹NIST, USA, ²Dept. of Physics, Univ. of Colorado, USA. We present the spectral dependence of the phase noise between two optical frequency combs which are frequency shifted from each other by their offset frequencies and both stabilized to the same optical reference.

MH17

Probing Exciton Dynamics of Semiconducting Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes Using Photon Echo Spectroscopy, Ying-Zhong Ma¹, Matthew W. Grabam¹, Grabam R. Fleming¹, Leonas Valkunas², Sergei M. Bachilo³; ¹Dept. of Chemistry, Univ. of California at Berkeley and Physical Biosciences Div., Lawrence Berkeley Natl. Lab, USA, ²Inst. of Physics and Theoretical Physics Dept., Faculty of Physics of Vilnius Univ., Lithuania, ³Dept. of Chemistry, Ctr. for Nanoscale Science and Technology, and Ctr. for Biological and Environmental Nanotechnology, Rice Univ., USA. Three-pulse photon echo peak shifts of single-walled carbon nanotubes were recorded at 975 nm, showing an initial value of 26 fs, a dominant decay time of 59 fs and an oscillatory frequency of 282 cm⁻¹.

MH18

Direct Comparison of the Hollow-Core Fiber and Filamentation Techniques for Few-Cycle Pulse Generation, Lukas Gallmann^{1,2}, Thomas Pfeiffer^{1,2}, Mark J. Abel^{1,2}, Phillip M. Nagel^{1,2}, Daniel M. Neumark^{1,2}, Stephen R. Leone^{1,2}; ¹Chemical Sciences Div., Lawrence Berkeley Natl. Lab, USA, ²Depts. of Chemistry and Physics, Univ. of California at Berkeley, USA. Important experimental parameters of the gas-filled hollow-core fiber and filamentation techniques such as beam pointing stability, beam profile, spatial chirp, spectral phase and their gas pressure dependence were investigated in view of few-cycle pulse generation.

MH19

Using of 2D PPLN Crystal for Surface-Emitted THz-Wave Generation by Optical Rectification of the Laser Pulses, Yuri H. Avetisyan¹, Karo Khachatryan¹, Hiromasa Ito^{2,3}; ¹Yerevan State Univ., Armenia, ²Res. Inst. of Electrical Communication, Tohoku Univ., Japan, ³RIKEN, Japan. The two dimensional periodically poled lithium niobate crystal is proposed for narrow-band THz-wave generation by optical rectification of ultrashort pulses delivered by kHz amplified system. The THz field strength a few tens kV/cm is estimated.

MI • Poster Session IB—Continued

MI12

Adiabatic Passage in the Presence of Excited-State Absorption and Two-Exciton Processes, Boris D. Fainberg^{1,2}, Vladimir A. Gorbunov¹; ¹Holon Inst. of Technology, Israel, ²Tel-Aviv Univ., Israel. We show that excited-state absorption has a profound effect on coherent population transfer in complex molecules that necessitates a more accurate interpretation of experimental data. A method for quantum control of two-exciton states is proposed.

MI13

Investigation of Coriolis Perturbations on the Ro-Vibrational v₁ Band of H₂CO with fs-CARS, Gregor Knopp, Andreas Walsler, Peter Radi, Paul Beaud, Marek Tulej, Thomas Gerber; *Paul Scherrer Inst., Switzerland*. Experiment and simulation of fs-CARS signals from the v₁ band of formaldehyde including a model for 'Coriolis' interactions are presented. 'Coriolis' coupling coefficients and energy shifts are derived from the experiments by a least-square fit.

MI14

Ultrafast Photochromism: Structural and Electronic Dynamics of Indolyl Fulgimides, Markus Braun¹, Stephan Mallemus¹, Florian O. Koller¹, Björn Heinz¹, Wolfgang Zintb¹, Christine Schulz², Steffen Dietrich², Karola Rück-Braun²; ¹Sektion Physik, Ludwig-Maximilians-Univ. München, Germany, ²Inst. für Chemie, Technische Univ. Berlin, Germany. We report on detailed investigations of the complete ultrafast reaction cycle of photochromic indolyl fulgimides observed by the combination of time-resolved transient absorption and fluorescence studies in the UV, VIS, and mid-IR spectral range.

MI15

Resonance Hyper-Raman Spectroscopy of Organic Nonlinear Optical Chromophores, Anne M. Kelley, Lian C. T. Shoute; *Univ. of California at Merced, USA*. Many conjugated organic chromophores with large first hyperpolarizabilities also exhibit strong two-photon-resonant hyper-Raman scattering. The hyper-Raman spectra, excitation profiles, and depolarization ratios provide structural and energetic information about overlapping electronic transitions in these molecules.

MI16

Photo-Excitation Dynamics of Malachite Green in Ionic Liquids Studied by the Transient Grating Method, Masanori Fukuda¹, Yosifumi Kimura², Okitsugu Kajimoto¹, Masabide Terazima¹; ¹Kyoto Univ., Japan, ²Kyoto Univ. Intl. Innovation Ctr., Japan. Photo-excitation dynamics of malachite green in ionic liquids has been studied by the transient grating method. Anomalies of the S₁ lifetime and vibrational energy relaxation are found together with the structural relaxation of ionic liquid.

MI17

Fifth-Order Raman Spectroscopy: Liquid Benzene, Chris J. Milne¹, Yun-Liang Li¹, Thomas I. C. Jansen², Lei Huang¹, R. J. Duwayne Miller^{1,3}; ¹Univ. of Toronto, Canada, ²Univ. of Groningen, Netherlands, ³Inst. of Optical Sciences, Canada. This paper presents the first measurement of the fifth-order Raman response of liquid benzene for the all-parallel and 'Dutch Cross' tensor elements as well as preliminary results for the finite-field molecular dynamics simulation.

MH • Poster Session IA—Continued

MH20

Adaptive Spatial Control of High-Harmonic Generation, Jan Lobbreier, Thomas Pfeifer, Robert Spitzenpfeil, Dominik Walter, Carsten Winterfeldt, Gustav Gerber, Christian Spielmann; *Univ. of Wuerzburg, Germany*. By adaptively controlling the mode structure in a gas-filled capillary with spatially shaped laser pulses we can manipulate the spatial and spectral properties of high-harmonic generation. This complements the control achieved by temporal pulse shaping.

MH21

Measurement of Pressure Dependent Dispersion of Femtosecond Pulses in Air down to 0.01 mbar, Adam Börzsönyi¹, Karoly Osvay^{1,2}, Attila P. Kovács¹, Mihály Görbe¹, Renata Balogh¹, Mikhael Kalashnikov²; ¹Dept. Optics, *Univ. Szeged, Hungary*; ²Max Born Inst., *Germany*. Group-delay dispersion of femtosecond pulses was measured in ambient and low pressure air by spectral interferometry. The validity of Edlén's dispersion formulae is experimentally verified to five orders of magnitude below the atmospheric level.

MH22

Direct Observation of the 'Lubricant of Life' Using Ultrafast Spectroscopies, Klaas Wynne, Neil T. Hunt, David A. Turtton, Lisa Kattner, Richard P. Shanks; *Univ. of Strathclyde, UK*. For the first time we have observed the changes occurring in the terahertz Raman spectrum of a peptide in a secondary-structure transition. Comparison with a phenol model system suggests an origin in hydrogen bonding.

MH23

Ultrafast Fano Dynamics of Quasiparticles in a Semiconductor, JaeDong Lee¹, Junichi Inoue^{1,2}, Muneaki Hase^{3,4}; ¹ICYS, NIMS, *Japan*, ²NML, NIMS, *Japan*, ³MEL, NIMS, *Japan*, ⁴PRESTO, JST, *Japan*. Transient Fano resonance of optical phonon and continuum quasiparticles in a semiconductor is theoretically studied. We find the destructive Fano interference at birth of them, originating from the potential scattering by the q=0 coherent phonon.

MH24

Mechanism of Radical Transfer during Photoactivation of the Flavoprotein DNA Photolyase, Andras Lukacs¹, Marten H. Vos¹, André P. M. Eker², Martin Byrdin³, Klaus Brettef³; ¹LOB, Ecole Polytechnique, *France*, ²Dept. of Cell Biology and Genetics, Medical Genetics Ctr., Erasmus Univ. Medical Ctr., *Netherlands*, ³Service de Bioénergétique, CEA Saclay, *France*. Ultrafast transient absorption experiments on mutant DNA photolyase imply that radical transfer along a chain of tryptophan residues is substantially faster than the ~30-ps photo-induced electron-transfer event initiated by excitation of the radical flavin FADH.

MH25

Slowing Down Molecular Dissociation in Strong Laser Fields, Chunlei Guo; *Inst. of Optics, Univ. of Rochester, USA*. Doubly ionized carbon monoxide, CO²⁺, always appeared to dissociate in previous strong-field experiments and the metastable channel was scantily seen. In this paper, we demonstrate experimental conditions to obtain an abundance of metastable CO²⁺.

MH26

Grism Based Stretcher/Compressor System for Amplified, Femtosecond Kiloherz Lasers, David M. Gaudiosi¹, Emily A. Gibson¹, Steve Kane², Rachel Huff³, Henry C. Kapteyn¹, Charles Dufree³, Jeff Squier³, Ralph Jimenez¹; ¹JILA/Univ. of Colorado and NIST, *USA*, ²Horiba Jobin-Yvon, *USA*, ³Colorado School of Mines, *USA*. We demonstrate a simple and efficient grism based stretcher/compression system. 40 fs, 300 μJ pulses are generated at 5 kHz using this unique amplifier design.

NOTES

• Tuesday, August 1, 2006 •

Main Lodge

Registration Open

7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

TuA • Biology I

Merrill Hall

8:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

TuA • Biology I

Jennifer P. Ogilvie; Univ. of Michigan, USA, Presider

TuA1 • 8:30 a.m.	• Invited •
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Two-Dimensional Optical Spectroscopy of Multi-Chromophore Protein Complexes, Grabam R. Fleming¹, Donatas Zigmantas¹, Elizabeth L. Read¹, Thomas Mancal¹, Tobias Brixner², Alastair T. Gardiner³, Lawrence Berkeley Natl. Lab and Univ. of California at Berkeley, USA, ²Physikalisches Inst. EPI, Univ. Wurzburg, Germany, ³Div. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Inst. of Biomedical and Life Science, Univ. of Glasgow, UK. Two-dimensional optical spectroscopy is used to probe electronic couplings and ultrafast dynamics in photosynthetic light-harvesting complexes. Data and analysis reveal contributions to line-broadening, signatures of weakly- and strongly-coupled chromophores, and pathways of energy transfer.

TuA2 • 9:00 a.m.

Ultrafast Photoreactions in the Green Fluorescent Protein Studied through Time Resolved Vibrational Spectroscopy, Stephen R. Meech¹, Jerome Nappa¹, Michael Towrie², Pavel Matousek², Deborah Stoner-Mae³, Peter J. Tonge³, ¹Univ. of East Anglia, UK, ²Rutherford Appleton Lab, CLF, UK, ³Dept. of Chemistry, Stony Brook Univ., USA. A time and polarisation resolved study of excited state reactions in the green Fluorescent Protein and its mutants is described. The rate and mechanism of the proton relay reaction are determined.

TuA3 • 9:15 a.m.

Ultrafast Energy and Electron Transfer in Photosystem I Direct Evidence for Two-Branched Electron Transfer, Alfred R. Holzwarth^{1,2}, Marc G. Müller¹, Chavdar Slavov¹, Rajiv Luthra², Kevin Redding², ¹Max-Planck-Inst. für Bioanorganische Chemie, Germany, ²Univ. of Alabama, USA. The ultrafast energy and electron transfer processes in photosystem I particles carrying mutations around the primary electron acceptors have been studied. Evidence is provided for electron transfer to occur efficiently in both cofactor branches.

TuA4 • 9:30 a.m.

Decomposing the Excited State Dynamics of Carotenoids in Light Harvesting Complexes and Dissecting Pulse Structures from Optimal Control Experiments, Delmar S. Larsen^{1,2,3,4}, Emmanouil Papagiannakis², Ivo H. M. van Stokkum², Rienk van Grondelle², Mikas Vengris³, Leonas Valkunas³, Richard J. Cogdell⁴, ¹Univ. of California at Davis, USA, ²Vrije Univ., Netherlands, ³Vilnius Univ., Lithuania, ⁴Univ. of Glasgow, UK. Dispersed transient absorption and multi-pump spectroscopies were used to illustrate how the interplay between excited-state dynamics, saturation, and annihilation phenomena in the LH2 protein from Rhodospseudomonas acidophila generates structured pulses in optimal control experiments.

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Coffee Break

10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

TuB • High Power Lasers and Propagation
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Merrill Hall

10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

TuB • High Power Lasers and Propagation

Jens Biegert; ICFO, Spain, Presider

TuB1 • 10:30 a.m.	• Invited •
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Generation of Terawatt Sub-10 fs Laser Pulses Using Optical Parametric Chirped Pulse Amplification, Stefan Witte, Kjeld S. Eikema, Roel Th. Zinkstok, Wim Hogervorst; Laser Ctr. Vrije Univ., FEW, Netherlands. Based on noncollinear optical parametric chirped pulse amplification, generation of near-Fourier-limited 9.8(0.3) fs laser pulses at 30 Hz repetition rate is demonstrated with an intensity exceeding a terawatt and an integrated fluorescence energy below 1%.

TuB2 • 11:00 a.m.

Spatio-Temporal Properties of Single-Cycle THz Pulses Generated by Relativistic Electron Beams in a Laser-Plasma Accelerator, Csaba Toth, Jeroen van Tilborg, Carl B. Schroeder, Cameron G. R. Geddes, Eric Esarey, Wim Leemans; Lawrence Berkeley Natl. Lab, USA. Spatial and temporal properties of single-cycle THz pulses from a laser-plasma accelerator have been measured. Spatio-temporal coupling is observed that can impact pump-probe experiments: aberrations in the THz focusing system cause an apparent double-pulse structure.

TuB3 • 11:15 a.m.

Interfering Lasing Filaments in Dense Absorbing Media, Laurent Guyon¹, François Courvoisier¹, Véronique Boutou¹, Rachel Nuter², Antoine Vinçotte², Stéphanie Champeaux², Luc Bergé², Pierre Glorieux³, Jean-Pierre Wolf⁴, ¹LASIM, France, ²CEA-DAM/le de France, France, ³Lab de Physique des Lasers, France, ⁴Group of Applied Physics, Switzerland. The filamentation of powerful, ultrashort laser pulses in liquids is investigated, both experimentally and numerically, varying two-photon absorption dye concentration. Pump-dump pulse experiments furthermore locks in phase each filament fluorescence leading to bright interference patterns.

TuB4 • 11:30 a.m.

Non-Relativistic Magnetic Continuum Generation, Samuel L. Oliveira, Stephen C. Rand; Div. of Applied Physics, Univ. of Michigan, USA. We report white light generation from magnetic dipoles established by the magnetic component of incident electromagnetic fields in the non-relativistic limit. Radiated power is one quarter of the electric dipole contribution even in dielectric media.

Crocker Dining Hall

Lunch

12:00 p.m.

TuC • Chemistry I

Chapel

1:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

TuC • Chemistry I

Takayoshi Kobayashi; Dept. of Physics, Univ. of Tokyo, Japan, Presider

TuC1 • 1:15 p.m.

Dissociative Wave Packets in Large Molecules: Control and Measurement

Brett J. Pearson¹, David Cardoza¹, Thomas C. Weinacht¹, Mark Baertschy²; ¹Stony Brook Univ., USA, ²Univ. of Colorado at Denver, USA. Ultrafast control experiments in halogenated acetone (CHBr₂COCF₃) uncover a resonant charge transfer mechanism during molecular dissociation. Mechanisms such as this provide a technique for measuring dynamic molecular wave functions.

TuC2 • 1:30 p.m.

Coherent Control of 1,3-Cyclohexadiene Ring Opening

Elizabeth Carroll, Andrei Florean, James L. White, Philip H. Bucksbaum, Roseanne J. Sension; Univ. of Michigan, USA. Control over the cyclohexadiene ring-opening is achieved via multiphoton excitation. A learning algorithm searched for excitation pulses while pulse effectiveness was evaluated using transient absorption. Control parameters are identified through analysis of the search set.

TuC3 • 1:45 p.m.

Coherent Infrared Pulse Sequences for Probing Molecular Chirality

Zhuang, Darius Abramavicius, Shaul Mukamel; Dept. of Chemistry, Univ. of California at Irvine, USA. Novel Polarization configurations in infrared four wave mixing are proposed and simulated using the nonlinear exciton equations (NEE). Application to helical peptides demonstrates higher sensitivity than CD to molecular chirality.

TuC4 • 2:00 p.m.

Robust Basis Functions for Control from Dimension Reduction of Adaptive Pulse-Shaping Experiments

Niels H. Damrauer¹, Matthew A. Montgomery¹, Robert R. Megler²; ¹Univ. of Colorado at Boulder, USA, ²Latent Structures LLC, USA. A new statistical analysis of our adaptive control experiment reveals that only seven simple basis functions are needed to account for ~ 90% of the fitness variance in 11700 laser pulses explored during an optimization.

TuC5 • 2:15 p.m.

Control Strategies for Molecular Switches in Donor-Bridge-Acceptor Systems

Regina de Vivie-Riedle, Dorothee Geppert; Dept. Chemie, LMU, Germany. We investigate donor-bridge-acceptor systems for energy transfer. As bridge a molecular switch is selected, allowing to control the transfer. Optimal control theory is used to find the optimal laserfield that steers the switching process efficiently.

TuC6 • 2:30 p.m.

Ultrafast Chelation Dynamics of Model Photoswitches:**Cyclopentadienyl Manganese and Arene Chromium Tricarbonyl Derivatives with Pendant Sulfides**

Tung T. To¹, Edwin J. Heilweil¹, Charles B. Duke², Theodore J. Burke²; ¹NIST, USA, ²Univ. of Memphis, USA. The chelation dynamics of [Mn(η⁵-C₅H₄C(O)R)(CO)₃] and [Cr(η⁶-C₆H₄C(O)R)(CO)₃] (R=CH₂(SCH₃), CH(SCH₃)₂, C(SCH₃)₃) in solution were investigated on the picosecond timescale. Tailoring the side chain structure and solvent environment influences the reaction rates and chelation pathways.

TuC7 • 2:45 p.m.

A Femtosecond IR and Raman Look on a Nucleophilic Addition in the Electronic Ground State

Peter Gilch, Stefan Laimgruber, Hilmar Schachenmayr, Wolfgang Schreier; Dept. fuer Physik, LMU Muenchen, Germany. A highly reactive ketene intermediate is formed in its electronic ground state via photo-induced hydrogen transfer in 400 fs. The mechanistic details of a nucleophilic addition to this ketene are revealed by femtosecond vibrational spectroscopy.

TuD • Plasmonics, Dots and Wells

Merrill Hall

1:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

TuD • Plasmonics, Dots and Wells

Theodore Norris; Univ. of Michigan, USA, Presider

TuD1 • 1:15 p.m.

Femtosecond Microscopy of Surface Plasmon Propagation in a Silver Film

Atsushi Kubo¹, Niko Pontius², Hrvoje Petek¹; ¹Univ. of Pittsburgh, USA, ²BESSY GmbH, Germany. Propagation of surface plasmon polariton (SPP) in a silver film launched by 10-fs, 400-nm pulsed light is imaged at 0.33-fs delay/frame rate. The dynamics of SPP are simulated based on SPP complex wave vector.

TuD2 • 1:30 p.m.

Terahertz Emission from Nano-Structured Metal Surfaces

Gregor H. Welsb, Neil T. Hunt, Klaas Wynne; Univ. of Strathclyde, UK. Emission of ultrafast terahertz radiation from roughened and nano-patterned surfaces is reported for the first time. It is thought to be caused by a novel process involving multiphoton ionisation and acceleration in the surface-plasmon field.

TuD3 • 1:45 p.m.

Coherent Control of Light in Metal Nanostructures

Peter van der Walle, L. (Kobus) Kuipers, Jennifer L. Herek; FOM Inst. AMOLF, Netherlands. Coherent control of light localization at 'hotspots' in metal nanostructures is investigated theoretically and experimentally. Simulations of the optical response of these structures show a large effect of the pulse shape on the energy distribution.

TuD4 • 2:00 p.m.

Ultrafast Optical Nonlinearities of Metal Nanoparticles: Single-Particle Measurements and Correlation to Structure

Norbert F. Scherer, Matthew Pelton, Rongchao Jin, Justin E. Jureller, Mingzhaob Liu, Hee Y. Kim, Sungham Park, Guyot-Sionnest Philippe; Univ. of Chicago, USA. We have measured nonlinear scattering from plasmons in individual Au nanorods and have correlated second-harmonic activity of Ag nanoparticles and clusters to morphology. The measurements reveal novel ultrafast nonlinear phenomena related to electron confinement.

TuD5 • 2:15 p.m.

Dynamical Electric Metamaterial Response at Terahertz Frequencies

Willie J. Padilla¹, Antoinette J. Taylor¹, Clarke Highstreet², Mark Lee², Richard D. Averitt¹; ¹Los Alamos Natl. Lab, USA, ²Sandia Natl. Lab, USA. Utilizing terahertz time domain spectroscopy, we characterized the electromagnetic response of planar Split Ring Resonators fabricated on GaAs. Optical excitation is sufficient to turn off the electric resonance demonstrating the potential of SRR terahertz switches.

TuD6 • 2:30 p.m.

Time Resolved Magneto-Optical Microscopy of Individual Ferromagnetic Dots

Jean-Yves Bigot, Abdelghani Laraoui, Mircea Vomir, Michele Albrecht, Eric Beaurepaire; Univ. Louis Pasteur, CNRS, France. We have studied the ultrafast magnetization dynamics of individual ferromagnetic CoPt₃ dots. The time resolved magneto-optical Kerr measurements are performed with a confocal microscope with an accuracy of 300 nm and 150 fs.

TuD7 • 2:45 p.m.

Nonlinear Optical Microscopy of a Single Self-Assembled InGaAs Quantum Dot

Markus Betz¹, Markus Wessel¹, Claudia Ruppert¹, Stephan Trumm¹, Hubert J. Krenner², Jonathan J. Finley²; ¹Physik-Dept. E11, Germany, ²Walter Schottky-Inst. and Physik-Dept. E24, Germany. A single InGaAs/GaAs quantum dot is addressed in a two-color femtosecond transmission experiment. We find bleaching signals arising from individual excitonic interband transitions thus providing a scheme for ultrafast optical read-out of one artificial atom.

TuC • Chemistry I—Continued**TuC8 • 3:00 p.m.**

Electron Transfer and Triplet State Formation in Merocyanine/TiO₂ Systems, Martin O. Lenz, Josef Wachtweil; Univ. Frankfurt, IPTC, Germany. The photoinduced dynamics of merocyanine dyes in solution and coupled to semiconductor nanoparticles have been investigated by transient absorption spectroscopy. Ultrafast triplet state formation observed for the uncoupled system is quenched for the merocyanine/TiO₂ system.

TuC9 • 3:15 p.m.

Dynamics of Electron Injection from the Excited State of Anchored Molecules into Semiconductors, Frank Willig, Lars Gundlach, Ralph Ernstorfer, Rainer Eichberger, Winfried Störck, Silke Felber; Habn-Meitner-Inst., Germany. A complete picture of different interfacial electron transfer dynamics has been obtained from transient absorption and two-photon photoemission data when inserting different anchor/bridge groups between the excited organic donor and the electrode surface.

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Coffee Break

3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

TuE • Ultrafast Optics I

Merrill Hall

4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

TuE • Ultrafast Optics I

Antoinette J. Taylor; Los Alamos Natl. Lab, USA, Presider

TuE1 • 4:00 p.m.

High Power Compact THz System Based on Ultrafast Yb-Doped Parabolic Fiber Amplifier, Guoqing Chang¹, Charles J. Divin¹, Chi-Hung Liu¹, Almantas Galvanauskas¹, Theodore B. Norris¹, Steven L. Williamson²; ¹Univ. of Michigan, USA, ²Picomatrix LLC, USA. A power-scalable approach for high power THz generation is demonstrated using optical rectification in GaP pumped by an ultrafast Yb-doped parabolic fiber amplifier. 35 μW THz radiation is obtained from 8.5 W optical power.

TuE2 • 4:15 p.m.

Mode-Locked Ytterbium Fiber Laser with Dispersion Compensation by a Fiber Taper, Robert Herda, Matei Rusu, Samuli Kivistö, Oleg G. Okhotnikov; Optoelectronics Res. Ctr., Finland. We exploit the large anomalous dispersion in the waist of a fiber taper to offset the normal chromatic dispersion of a Yb-doped mode-locked fiber laser. The taper provides sufficient anomalous dispersion to ensure soliton operation.

TuE3 • 4:30 p.m.

A Novel Fast-Mixing Microfluidic Device for Studying Nonequilibrium Systems Using Femtosecond Spectroscopies, Emily A. Gibson¹, Dawn Schaefer², Wafa Amir², David W. M. Marr², Jeff Squier², Ralph Jimenez¹; ¹JILA, USA, ²Colorado School of Mines, USA. We demonstrate the first femtosecond spectroscopy measurements in a microfluidic device. The microfluidic device is characterized using two-photon fluorescence and computer simulations, and pulse propagation through the high N.A. objective is characterized with spectral interferometry.

TuE4 • 4:45 p.m.

20-fps Motion Capture of Phase-Controlled Wave-Packets for Adaptive Quantum Control, Kazubiko Misawa, Kengo Horikoshi, Roy Lang; Tokyo Univ. of A&T, Japan. We developed a sensitive femtosecond wave-packet spectrometer for rapid capture of wave-packet motion at 20 fps. This new method enables us to trace detailed dynamics of coherently controlled wave-packets in condensed matters.

TuE5 • 5:00 p.m.

Detection of Ultrafast Infrared Electric Fields by Chirped-Pulse Upconversion, Kevin J. Kubarych¹, Manuel Joffré²; ¹Univ. of Michigan, USA, ²Lab d'Optique et Biosciences/Ecole Polytechnique, France. Sum-frequency mixing between a chirped 800-nm pulse and a 100-fs infrared pulse allows determination of the IR spectral phase and amplitude using spectral interferometry. A dispersed vibrational echo signal is also measured by upconversion.

TuD • Plasmonics, Dots and Wells—Continued**TuD8 • 3:00 p.m.**

Microscopic Many-Body Analysis of Ultrafast Photocurrents in Semiconductor Nanostructures, Torsten Meier¹, Quang Tuyen Vu¹, Bernhard Pasenow¹, Stephan W. Koch¹, Huynh Thanh Duc², Hartmut Haug³; ¹Dept. of Physics, Philipps Univ., Germany, ²Inst. of Physics, Viet Nam, ³Inst. fuer Theoretische Physik, Goethe Univ., Germany. The dynamics of charge and spin currents generated by two-color femtosecond laser pulses is investigated. Non-Markovian memory effects lead to oscillations in the coherent transients. Consequences arising from the heavy-hole light-hole coupling are predicted.

TuD9 • 3:15 p.m.

Polarized Optical Two-Dimensional Fourier Transform Spectroscopy of Semiconductors, Tianbao Zhang¹, Xiaoqin Li², S. T. Cundiff², I. Kuznetsova³; ¹JILA, NIST and Univ. of Colorado, USA, ²JILA, USA, ³Philipps-Univ. Marburg, Germany. The polarization dependence of optical two-dimensional Fourier transform spectra of excitons and continuum in a GaAs quantum well probes the interplay between many-body interactions and disorder and the fundamental nature of the continuum states.

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Coffee Break

3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

TuF • Hydrogen Bonding

Chapel

4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

TuF • Hydrogen Bonding

Andrei Tokmakoff; MIT, USA, Presider

TuF1 • 4:00 p.m.

Femtosecond Infrared Spectroscopy of HOD in Liquid to Supercritical Heavy Water, Jörg Lindner¹, Peter Vöhringer¹, Dirk Schwarzer²; ¹Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Univ., Germany, ²Max-Planck-Inst. für Biophysikalische Chemie, Germany. Investigation of vibrational energy relaxation of the OH-stretching vibration of HOD in liquid-to-supercritical heavy water as a function of temperature and solvent density by femtosecond mid-infrared spectroscopy.

TuF2 • 4:15 p.m.

Ultrafast Aqueous Bimolecular Acid-Base Proton Transfer: From Direct Exchange to Sequential Hopping, Omar F. Mohammed¹, Jens Dreyer², Erik T. J. Nibbering¹, Dina Pines², Ebud Pines²; ¹Max Born Inst. fuer Nichtlineare Optik und Kurzzeitspektroskopie, Germany, ²Ben Gurion Univ. of the Negev, Israel. We explore the aqueous neutralization reaction between a photoacid ROH and carboxylate bases -OOCR⁻ and show that proton transfer in loose complexes (ROH...H₂O...OOCR⁻) occurs through intermediate water molecules in a sequential von Grothuss type fashion.

TuF3 • 4:30 p.m.

The Role of Water in Intermolecular Proton Transfer Reactions, Bradley J. Siwick¹, Huib J. Bakker²; ¹McGill Univ., Canada, ²FOM—Inst. for Atomic and Molecular Physics (AMOLF), Netherlands. We investigate intermolecular proton transfer in aqueous solution and show the process occurs via a Grothuss-like mechanism involving the conduction of the protonic charge across several water molecules linking the donor-acceptor pair by hydrogen bonds.

TuF4 • 4:45 p.m.

Picosecond Thermometry and Manometry of Hydrogen-Bonded Systems, Marcus Schmeisser, Hristo Iglev, Andy Thaller, Alfred Laubereau; Technische Univ. München, Germany. A method for ultrafast temperature and pressure measurements in H-bonded systems is presented. Using mid-infrared subpicosecond pulses for excitation and probing, we studied temperature jumps in ice where a thermalization within 25 ps was observed.

TuF5 • 5:00 p.m.

Multicolor IR Spectroscopy on Pure Liquid Water, Dan Cringus¹, Maxim S. Pshenichnikov¹, Douwe A. Wiersma¹, Maxim Mostovoy¹, Jörg Lindner², Peter Vöhringer²; ¹Univ. of Groningen, Netherlands, ²Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Univ., Germany. Multicolor infrared ultrafast spectroscopy is applied to investigate the vibrational relaxation dynamics in liquid water at room temperature with both the stretching and the bending mode being photoexcited and probed.

TuE • Ultrafast Optics I—Continued

TuE6 • 5:15 p.m.

Nonlinear Optical Detection of Photonic Jets, *Hirlimann Charles¹, Olivier Crégut¹, Stefan Haacke¹, Nban Le Cong¹, Jean-Luc Rehspringer⁴, Sylvain Lecler²; ¹IPCMS, France, ²LSP, France*. The amplitude of light diffracted in the near field by micrometric spherical silica beads shows caustics named photonic jets. To demonstrate their presence, we performed a femtosecond two-photon excited photoluminescence experiment with 4-Methylumbelliferone.

TuE7 • 5:30 p.m.

Ultrashort Light Pulse Propagation through Resonantly Absorbing Bragg Reflector: Stationary Soliton Excitation, Frequency Conversion, Negative Refraction and Super-Focusing, *Jian Ying Zhou, Jun Tao Li, Qiang Lan, Jian Zhu, Jie Zhang, Ji Zhao; State Key Lab of Optoelectronic Materials and Technologies, Sun Yat-sen Univ., China*. Spatially localized ultrashort light pulse is applied to enhance nonlinear frequency conversion in a resonantly absorbing Bragg reflector. This externally excited gap soliton is shown to experience negative refraction and super-focusing, resulting in spatial-temporal soliton.

TuE8 • 5:45 p.m.

Two-Photon Bio-Imaging with a Mode-Locked Semiconductor Laser, *Hengchang Guo, Ki-ichi Sato, Keijiro Takasbima, Hiroyuki Yokoyama; New Industry Creation Hatchery Ctr. (NICHe), Tohoku Univ., Japan*. We demonstrated two-photon imaging of biological tissues by employing a mode-locked semiconductor laser. Kilowatt-peak-power second-harmonic pulses were obtained from amplified 1.55- μm optical pulses, and were used for two-photon excitation.

TuG • Poster Session II A

Heather/Toyon/Acacia

8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

TuG • Poster Session II A

TuG1

High Power Femtosecond IR Laser Source Based on Noncollinear Optical Parametric Chirped Pulse Amplification, *Darren Kraemer¹, Renzhong Hua², Michael L. Cowan², Kresimir Franjic², R. J. Dwayne Miller^{1,2,3}; ¹Dept. of Chemistry, Univ. of Toronto, Canada, ²Dept. of Physics, Univ. of Toronto, Canada, ³Inst. for Optical Sciences, Canada*. The Optical Parametric Chirped Pulse Amplification (OPCPA) concept has been extended to the IR range to provide high power operation with large bandwidths using KTA in a noncollinear phase matching geometry with pumping at 1053nm.

TuG2

Gradient- and Vortex-Shaped fs Pulses in Air, *Antoine Vinçotte, Luc Bergé; CEA/DAM, France*. Femtosecond pulses exhibiting special distributions in space (sharp gradients, vortex shapes) are examined to monitor multiple filamentation in air. Ultrashort optical vortices are shown to propagate over hundreds of meters before breaking up into filaments.

TuG3

Ultrafast Intramolecular Energy Transfer in Water, *Dan Cringus, Maxim S. Pshenichnikov, Douwe A. Wiersma; Univ. of Groningen, Netherlands*. An unexpectedly fast (0.2 ps) intramolecular energy conversion occurring in H₂O molecule has been revealed using frequency-resolved mid-infrared pump-probe spectroscopy in the spectral region of the OH-stretching vibration.

TuG4

Understanding the Building Blocks of Life—Evidence of Hydrogen-Bonded Aggregation of N-Methylacetamide, *Neil T. Hunt, David A. Turton, Klaas Wynne; Univ. of Strathclyde, UK*. The ultrafast dynamics of N-methylacetamide, peptide-linkage model compound, are reported for the first time as a function of temperature and aqueous concentration. These provide evidence of a phase transition attributable to disruption of Hydrogen-bonded aggregates.

TuF • Hydrogen Bonding—Continued

TuF6 • 5:15 p.m.

Towards a Molecular Movie: Real Time Observation of Hydrogen Bond Breaking by Transient 2D-IR Spectroscopy in a Cyclic Peptide, *Christoph Kolano¹, Jan Helbing¹, Peter Hamm¹, Wolfram Sander²; ¹Physikalisch-Chemisches Inst., Switzerland, ²Lehrstuhl für Organische Chemie II, Germany*. Transient two-dimensional infrared spectroscopy (T2D-IR) has been used to observe in real time the non-equilibrium structural dynamics of intramolecular hydrogen bond breaking in a small cyclic disulfide-bridged peptide.

TuF7 • 5:30 p.m.

A Complete Experimental and Numerical Study of the Terahertz Dynamics of Methanol, *David A. Turton, Neil T. Hunt, Andrew R. Turner, Gregor H. Welsb, Klaas Wynne; Dept. of Physics, Univ. of Strathclyde, UK*. Advanced spectroscopies including terahertz absorption and third-order Raman scattering have been combined with molecular-dynamics simulations and instantaneous normal-mode analysis. This yields, for the first time, a deep understanding of the ultrafast dynamics of biologically-important liquids.

TuF8 • 5:45 p.m.

Structure and Dynamics of Rotaxanes Studied by Femtosecond Infrared Spectroscopy, *Sergey Yermenko¹, Olaf F. A. Larsen¹, Sander Woutersen¹, Pavol Bodis², Wybren Jan Buma², Jeffrey S. Hannam³, David A. Leigh³; ¹AMOLF, Netherlands, ²Van 't Hoff Inst. for Molecular Sciences, Univ. of Amsterdam, Netherlands, ³School of Chemistry, Univ. of Edinburgh, UK*. 2D IR spectroscopy allows revealing the structure of a rotaxane, while its dynamics is investigated with photon echo spectroscopy. The results demonstrate possibility of a real-time study of structure and dynamics of molecular devices.

TuH • Poster Session II B

Heather/Toyon/Acacia

8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

TuH • Poster Session II B

TuH1

Thymine Dimer Formation Probed by Time-Resolved Vibrational Spectroscopy, *Wolfgang J. Schreier¹, Tobias E. Schrader¹, Florian O. Koller¹, Peter Gilcb¹, Wolfgang Zintb¹, Bern Kobler²; ¹Chair for BioMolecular Optics, Ludwig-Maximilians-Univ., Germany, ²Dept. of Chemistry, Ohio State Univ., USA*. Cyclobutane pyrimidine dimers are the major photoproducts formed when DNA is exposed to UV light. Femtosecond time-resolved vibrational spectroscopy shows that thymine dimers are formed in thymidine oligonucleotides < 20 ps after photoexcitation.

TuH2

Primary Reaction of Sensory Rhodopsin II Mutant D75N, *Mirka-Kristin Verhoeven¹, Sergiu Amarie¹, Martin O. Lenz¹, Josef Wachtweitl¹, Johann P. Klare², Martin Engelbard²; ¹Johann-Wolfgang-Goethe Univ., Germany, ²Max-Planck-Inst. für Molekulare Physiologie, Germany*. The primary reaction of the sensory rhodopsin II mutant D75N has been investigated using femtosecond transient absorption spectroscopy. A reaction mechanism taking into account all observations including the slower photoresponse has been worked out.

TuH3

Modeling of the Extreme Nonlinear Optical Response of Semiconductor Nanostructures, *Daniel Golde, Torsten Meier, Stephan W. Koch; Dept. of Physics, Philipps Univ., Germany*. In extreme nonlinear optics the Rabi and transition frequencies are on the same order of magnitude. In this highly nonperturbative regime, the band dispersion characteristically modifies the response of semiconductor quantum wells and wires.

TuH4

Phase-Sensitive Resonance in Scattering of Continuous Waves on Femtosecond Solitons in Photonic Crystal Fibers, *Anatoly Efimov¹, Antoinette J. Taylor¹, Alex V. Yulin², Dmitry V. Skryabin², Jonathan C. Knight²; ¹Los Alamos Natl. Lab, USA, ²Univ. of Bath, UK*. Using cross-correlation frequency-resolved optical gating we observe the phase-sensitive resonance in the interaction of a soliton with a continuous wave in a birefringent photonic crystal fiber, which leads to generation of new spectral components.

TuG • Poster Session II A—Continued

TuG5

Time- and Frequency-Resolved Two-Dimensional Transient Absorption Imaging of Beta-Carotene in Solids, Jun Takeda, Yoshinori Makishima, Akihito Ishida; *Yokobama Natl. Univ., Japan*. Ultrafast transient absorption imaging implemented on a single shot basis is demonstrated. Using this method, we can successfully obtain time-frequency two-dimensional mapping of the absorbance change of beta-carotene in solids with very short accumulation.

TuG6

Rotational Wave Packet Dynamics Correlated to Ultrafast Non-Time-Stationary Linear and Nonlinear Optical Susceptibilities, Omid Masibzadeh¹, Mark Baertschy², Randy Bartels¹; ¹Colorado State Univ., USA, ²Univ. of Colorado, USA. Rotational wavepacket dynamics produced by a ultrafast pulses are related to linear and nonlinear optical susceptibilities. Limitations of wavepacket dynamic probing through optical susceptibilities are revealed. Correlations between nonlinear order and fractional revivals are discussed.

TuG7

A Proposed Tabletop Attosecond Pulse Coherent Soft X-ray Source, Tomas Plettner, Robert L. Byer; *E.L. Ginzton Labs, USA*. We propose a micro-undulator free-electron laser based system powered by an attosecond bunched electron beam generated from a laser-driven particle accelerator as a tabletop source of coherent attosecond deep-UV to soft X-ray pulses.

TuG8

Well Resolved Coherent Raman Spectra from Femtosecond Pulses, Sukendu Nath, Diana C. Urbanek, Sean J. Kern, Mark A. Berg; *Univ. of South Carolina, USA*. Coherent anti-Stokes Raman spectra with resolution better than the inherent linewidths of organic liquids are measured with 50 fs pulses. Data is collected in both time and frequency and analyzed in a 2D frequency-frequency format.

TuG9

Spatio-Temporal Couplings of Gaussian Pulses and Beams, Selcuk Akturk, Xun Gu, Pablo Gabolde, Rick Trebino; *Georgia Tech, USA*. We show that there are four previously undiscovered first order spatio-temporal couplings in ultrashort laser pulses. Our model not only identifies all possible couplings, but also yields explicit relations between the different couplings.

TuG10

Photochemistry of a Retinal Protonated Schiff-Base Analogue Mimicking the Opsin Shift of Bacteriorhodopsin, Osbrat Bismuth¹, Noga Friedman², Mudi Sheves², Sanford Rubman¹; ¹Dept. of Physical Chemistry, The Hebrew Univ., Israel, ²Dept. of Organic Chemistry, Weizmann Inst., Israel. Photochemistry of retinal protonated Schiff-base analogue mimicking opsin shift of bacteriorhodopsin is studied. Results rule out correlations between BR's absorption red shifting and internal conversion catalysis. Indications for the involvement of multiple excited states uncovered.

TuG11

High-Energy Down-Chirped Few-Cycle Pulse Generation in Filaments, Christoph P. Hauri, Michele Merano, Alexandre Trisorio, Rodrigo B. Lopez-Martens; *Lab d'Optique Appliquée, France*. We report the generation of clean 1.8 mJ, sub-10-fs pulses generated by self-guided beam propagation of intense 40-fs pulses in argon and demonstrate the low energy fluctuations of such a system running at 1 kHz.

TuG12

Attosecond Pulse Production and Orbital Tomography with Orthogonally Polarized Two-Color Few-Cycle Pulses, Markus Kitzler¹, Jeremie Caillaud², Armin Scrinzi¹, Andrius Baltuska¹; ¹Photonics Inst., Vienna Univ. of Technology, Austria, ²Lab de Chimie Physique – Matière et Rayonnement, Univ. Pierre et Marie Curie, France. We theoretically investigate the potential of orthogonally polarized two-color few-cycle pulses for important applications in attosecond physics, such as attosecond pulse production and orbital tomography.

TuG13

Coherent Control of Fluorescent Proteins with a Compact High-Resolution Spectral Phase Shaper, S. Postma¹, H. L. Offerhaus¹, V. Subramaniam¹, N. F. van Hulst²; ¹Univ. of Twente, Netherlands, ²ICFO Inst. de Ciències Fotòniques, Spain. We present coherent control measurements on two photon fluorescence of a fluorescent protein, by spectral phase shaping of a femtosecond pulse. Properties of a compact high resolution spectral phase shaper will also be discussed.

TuH • Poster Session II B—Continued

TuH5

Dynamical Properties of Terahertz Radiation from Coherent Longitudinal Optical Phonons Confined in a GaAs/AlAs Multiple Quantum Well, Kohji Mizoguchi¹, Masaaki Nakayama¹, Shingo Saito², Atsushi Syouji², Kiyomi Sakai²; ¹Dept. of Applied Physics, Osaka City Univ., Japan, ²KARC, Natl. Inst. of Information and Communications Technology, Japan. We have investigated the dynamical properties of intense terahertz waves from coherent longitudinal optical phonons in a GaAs/AlAs multiple quantum well, which is radiated in accordance with the group velocity of the phonon-polariton branch.

TuH6

Shear Picosecond Ultrasonics in Crystals with Broken Symmetry, Thomas Pezeril, Nikolay Chigarev, Pascal Ruello, Samuel Gougeon, Denis Mounier, Jean-Marc Breteau, Pascal Picart, Vitaly Gusev; *LPEC, France*. Shear hypersonic generation and detection by femtosecond laser pulses in opaque single crystals is investigated. Experiments reveal a non-local volumetric mechanism of plane shear sound excitation and the role of anisotropy in acousto-optic detection.

TuH7

Carotenoid Excited State Kinetics in Purple Bacterial Reaction Centers with the Primary Electron Donor Oxidized, Su Lin, Evaldas Katilius, Neal W. Woodbury; *Dept. of Chemistry and Biochemistry and the Ctr. for the Study of Early Events in Photosynthesis, Biodesign Inst. of ASU, Arizona State Univ., USA*. Carotenoid singlet excited state kinetics in wild type reaction centers from *Rhodobacter sphaeroides* was investigated using ultrafast laser spectroscopy under conditions where the primary electron donor is either neutral or oxidized.

TuH8

Characterization of Magnetization Dynamics Using Terahertz Emission Spectroscopy, James M. Schleicher¹, Shayne M. Harrel¹, Charles A. Schmuttenmaer¹, Eric Beaurepaire², Jean-Yves Bigot²; ¹Yale Univ., Dept. of Chemistry, USA, ²IPCMS at the CNRS, France. THz pulse emission is used to study demagnetization dynamics in polycrystalline iron and nickel films of thickness from 5 to 60 nm. Bulk and surface contributions each play a role, and their origins are discussed.

TuH9

Transient Holographic Detection of Surface Deformation Using Extreme Ultraviolet Radiation, Ra'anan I. Tobey¹, Mark E. Siemens¹, Oren Cohen¹, Henry C. Kapteyn¹, Margaret M. Murnane¹, Keith A. Nelson²; ¹JILA, Univ. of Colorado, USA, ²MIT, USA. We extend the use of Gabor Holography with Extreme Ultraviolet Radiation to study surface deformations on ultrafast timescales. The use of EUV light allows surface sensitive probing with sub-Angstrom displacement resolution and sub-100fs time resolution.

TuH10

Single-Shot, High-Resolution, THz Field Reconstruction Using Phase-Retrieval, Balakishore Yellampalle, KiYong Kim, Richard D. Averitt, George Rodriguez, James H. Glowina, Antoinette J. Taylor; *Los Alamos Natl. Lab, USA*. Single-shot, high-resolution reconstruction of ultrafast THz fields is possible by using a characterized chirped probe pulse in an electro-optic mixing measurement. We identify the reconstruction as a phase-retrieval problem and present an iterative reconstruction technique.

TuH11

Ultrafast Dynamics of Polarization Induced at Surface Plasmon Resonances in One Dimensional Metallic Plasmonic Crystal, Arvind S. Vengurlekar¹, Achanta Venu Gopal¹, Teruya Isibibara²; ¹Tata Inst. of Fundamental Res., India, ²Frontier Res. System, RIKEN, Japan. Femtosecond pump-probe measurements reveal that lifetime of surface plasmons at the upper energy edge of the band gap in a plasmonic crystal is about 2ps but is much smaller at the other edge.

TuH12

Ligand Interconversion Dynamics in the Primary Docking Site of Heme Proteins in Various Solvents, Seongbeun Kim, Manbo Lim; *Pusan Natl. Univ., Republic of Korea*. Interconversion dynamics of ligand in the primary docking site of myoglobin and hemoglobin in various solvents at 283K was investigated by probing time-resolved vibrational spectra of CO photodissociated from these proteins.

TuG • Poster Session II A—Continued

TuG14

MHz-Rate White Light Generation Using a Novel Positive-Dispersion Cavity-Dumped Ti:Sapphire Laser, Xibin Zhou, Henry Kapteyn, Margaret Murnane, JILA and Dept. of Physics, Univ. of Colorado and NIST, USA. We obtain 0.45 μJ from a cavity-dumped Ti:sapphire oscillator stably operating in the positive-dispersion regime. The pulse can be compressed to 60-fs using a prism pair, and can generate white light continuum through self-filamentation.

TuG15

Ac Stark-Mediated Quantum Control with Two-Color Pulses in Two- and Three-Level Systems, Carles Serrat, Yurii Lotko; Univ. Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain. The optical Stark shift of two-color pulses propagating in two- and three-level media is critical for the phase-sensitivity of four-wave mixing. We present a coherent control scheme for potential ultrafast nonlinear optical spectroscopy techniques.

TuG16

Isolated EUV Pulses via CEP-Insensitive Nonlinear Stabilization in a Waveguide, Arvinder S. Sandhu¹, Etienne Gagnon¹, Ariel Paul¹, Isabell Thomann¹, Amy Lytle¹, Tracey Keep¹, Margaret Murnane¹, Henry Kapteyn¹, Ivan Christov²; ¹JILA, USA, ²Sofia Univ., Bulgaria. We discuss a new regime of harmonic generation, where isolated femtosecond EUV pulses are generated via a mechanism relatively insensitive to carrier-envelope phase. This approach allows for selective control of the EUV energy and bandwidth.

TuG17

Unique Behavior of Lattice Modulation Phase Induced by Ligand Motion of a Mixed-Valence Metal-Halogen Complex, Fumito Araoka; Univ. of Tokyo, Japan. A highly time-resolved pump-probe measurement for a halogen-bridged mixed-valence metal complex, $[\text{Pt}(\text{en})_2\text{Br}_2](\text{ClO}_4)_4$, shows sinusoidal modulations accompanying with a unique behavior of probe-wavelength-dependent phase, suggesting an existence of a ligand motion coupled with the lattice vibration.

TuG18

High Spectral Irradiance White Light Continuum Z-Scan, Mibaela Balu, David J. Hagan, Eric W. Van Stryland; College of Optics and Photonics/CREOL and FPCE, USA. We generate high-energy, high-quality supercontinua in Krypton gas for Z-scan measurements of nonlinear absorption and refraction spectra in optical materials throughout the visible. This eliminates the need for tunable sources (OPA's) for nonlinear measurements.

TuG19

Dynamics of One-Dimensional Exciton in Porphyrin J Aggregates by Sub-5fs Transient Absorption Experiment, Takayoshi Kobayashi, Akira Ozawa; Univ. of Tokyo, Japan. Time-resolved pump-probe experiment was applied to porphyrin J aggregates. The new relaxation model with two kinds of Auger processes is proposed and investigated to explain the spectral and decay features of experimental results.

TuG20

Control of Third Order Dispersion of Ultrashort Laser Pulses, Miklós Erdélyi, Attila P. Kovács, Katalin Mecsek, Gábor Szabó; Dept. of Optics and Quantum Electronics, Hungary. We propose a system with a birefringent crystal, which is able to control the third order dispersion in a wide range independently of the second order one. Numerical simulations and experimental results are presented.

TuG21

Ultrasimple Extremely Broadband Transient-Grating Frequency-Resolved-Optical-Gating Device, Dongjoo Lee, Selcuk Akturk, Pablo Gabolde, Rick Trebino; Georgia Tech, USA. We demonstrate an ultrasimple, compact, extremely broad band, alignment-free, and single-shot Transient-Grating Frequency-Resolved-Optical-Gating device that can measure (amplified) UV, visible, and IR pulses without change of optics.

TuG22

Generation of 460nm Femtosecond Laser Pulse by Sum Frequency Synchronized Femtosecond Ti:Sapphire Laser and Picosecond Nd:YVO₄ Laser, Huan Zhao, Peng Wang, Jiangfeng Zhu, Haimian Han, Zhiyi Wei; Lab of Optical Physics, Inst. of Physics, Beijing Natl. Lab for Condensed Matter Physics, China. Broad-band femtosecond laser of 460nm is generated by sum frequency the synchronized Ti:Sapphire femtosecond laser and picosecond Nd:YVO₄ laser. It presents a new way to generate ultrafast laser at new wavelength through nonlinear frequency mixing.

TuH • Poster Session II B—Continued

TuH13

Time-Resolved THz Spectroscopy: Ultrafast Charge Carrier Dynamics in Low-Dimensional Solids, Christian Frischkorn, Luca Perfetti, Tobias Kampfrath, Martin Wolf; Freie Univ. Berlin, Germany. Ultrashort broadband THz pulses are applied to probe the femtosecond charge carrier dynamics in graphite and carbon nanotubes revealing information on the temporal evolution of the electronic temperature and scattering rate and the plasma frequency.

TuH14

Ultrafast Optoelectronic Probing of Charge Carrier Mobility in Organic Devices, Juan Cabanillas-Gonzalez¹, Tersilla Virgili¹, Alessio Gambetta¹, Guglielmo Lanzani¹, Thomas D. Anthopoulos², Dago M. De Leeuw²; ¹Dept. di Fisica, Italy, ²Philips Res. Labs, Netherlands. We report sub-picosecond charge mobility measurements in an organic semiconductor obtained by probing with ultrashort pulses the temporal evolution of the electroabsorption signal following ultrafast charge generation.

TuH15

Damaging DNA with Ultrafast Hard X-rays, Ting Guo, Fang Shan, Joshua D. Carter; Univ. of California at Davis, USA. Preliminary results on damaging DNA with ultrafast X-rays seem to suggest that ultrafast X-rays generated with an ultrafast laser are more effective to cause strand breaks in DNA than conventional continuous-wave X-rays.

TuH16

Time-Resolved Photoluminescence of GaAs/AlGaAs Asymmetric Quantum Wells, Jenette N. Mateo^{1,2}, Arnel Salvador²; ¹CV-CNO Product Engineering, Philippines, ²CMPL, Natl. Inst. of Physics, Univ. of the Philippines, Philippines. Time-resolved photoluminescence was performed on a coupled GaAs/AlGaAs asymmetric quantum well at room temperature. Streak camera images at different biases show indirect transition between narrow well and wide well non-resonant tunneling via acoustic phonons.

TuG • Poster Session II A—Continued

TuG23

Anharmonic Bend-Stretch Coupling in Water, Jörg Lindner¹, Peter Vöhringer¹, Maxim S. Psbenichnikov², Dan Cringus², Douwe A. Wiersma²; ¹Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Univ., Inst. für Physikalische und Theoretische Chemie, Germany, ²Univ. of Groningen, Dept. of Physical Chemistry, Netherlands. A change of the transient absorption of the stretch which decays with the bend lifetime is observed by exciting the bending and probing the stretching mode, and interpreted as anharmonic mode coupling.

TuG24

Photoionization Mechanisms of Atmospheric Gases Probed by Terahertz Pulses, Zoltan Mics¹, Filip Kadlec¹, Petr Kuzel¹, Pavel Jungwirth², Stephen E. Bradforth³, V. Ara Apkarian⁴; ¹Inst. of Physics, Czech Republic, ²Inst. of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry, Czech Republic, ³Univ. of Southern California, USA, ⁴Univ. of California at Irvine, USA. We use optical pump-terahertz probe spectroscopy for exploring photoinduced ionization and plasma formation in atmospheric gases. Multiphoton versus strong-field photoionization processes are investigated using variable intensity, polarization and wavelength of the femtosecond optical pump pulses.

TuG25

Multidimensional Anisotropic Spectroscopy for the Study of Intramolecular Charge Transfer, Dao Lap Van, McDonald David, Hannaford Peter; CAOUS, FISE, Swinburne Univ. of Technology, Australia. The multidimensional anisotropic spectroscopy is applied to the study of intramolecular charge transfer of the DCM molecule in different solutions. The experimental results demonstrate the potential of such multidimensional spectroscopy for investigating molecular dynamics.

TuG26

Supermode Noise Correlation of Harmonically Modelocked Lasers, Sangyoun Gee, Franklyn Quinlan, Sarper Ozharar, Peter Delfjett; CREOL/College of Optics, USA. Two types of supermode noise, uncorrelated and correlated, are demonstrated for two different types of harmonically modelocked lasers. The correlated supermode noise is originated from the excitation of multiple correlated optical supermodes.

TuG27

Molecular Orientation via Molecular Anti-Alignment, Erez Gersbnabel¹, Ilya Sb Averbukh¹, Robert J. Gordon²; ¹Weizmann Inst. of Science, Israel, ²Univ. of Illinois at Chicago, USA. We show that field-free molecular orientation induced by a half-cycle pulse may be considerably enhanced by an additional laser pulse inducing molecular anti-alignment. Two qualitatively different enhancement mechanisms are identified depending on the pulse order.

NOTES

• Wednesday, August 2, 2006 •

Main Lodge

Registration Open

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

WA • Applications of Combs

Merrill Hall

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

WA • Applications of CombsErich Ippen; MIT, USA, *President***WA1 • 8:30 a.m. • Invited •****Femtosecond Enhancement Cavity: From Real-Time Ultrasensitive Spectroscopy to Coherent Extreme Nonlinear Optics**, Jun Ye; JILA, Univ. of Colorado & NIST, USA. No abstract available.**WA2 • 9:00 a.m.****Spectral Line-by-Line Pulse Shaping of a Mode-Locked Laser and a Phase Modulated CW Laser**, Zhi Jiang, Daniel E. Leaird, Andrew M. Weiner; Purdue Univ., USA. We demonstrate line-by-line pulse shaping control on both a mode-locked laser and a phase modulated CW laser. Independent manipulation of individual spectral lines leads to synthesis of user-specified ultrafast optical waveforms with unprecedented frequency resolution.**WA3 • 9:15 a.m.****High-Resolution Spectral Fingerprinting with a Stabilized Femtosecond Laser Frequency Comb**, Scott A. Diddams, Leo Hollberg, Vela Mbele; NIST, USA. We demonstrate a novel optical spectroscopy technique combining a stabilized femtosecond frequency comb with a spectrometer that resolves individual comb elements. Rapid parallel data acquisition over many terahertz with hertz-level resolution can be achieved.**WA4 • 9:30 a.m.****Mapping of the Optical Frequency Comb to the Atom Velocity Comb**, Ticijana Ban, Damir Aumiler, Hrvoje Skenderović, Goran Picbler; Inst. of Physics, Croatia. A mode-locked fs laser is used to map the laser frequency comb into the velocity comb of the Rb atoms at room temperature. Modified DFCS is developed and density matrix treatment is used.**WA5 • 9:45 a.m.****Demonstration of Frequency Comb Laser Spectroscopy in the Vacuum-Ultraviolet**, Roel Th Zinkstok, Stefan Witte, Wim Ubachs, Wim Hogervorst, Kjeld S. E. Eikema; Laser Ctr. Vrije Univ., FEW, Netherlands. High-resolution spectroscopy at 125 nm is performed on xenon, using amplified frequency comb pulse trains that are frequency upconverted in a gas cell, thereby demonstrating the potential for sub-MHz accuracy in the vacuum-ultraviolet.

Kiln

10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Coffee Break

WB • Ultrafast X-ray Diffraction

Merrill Hall

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10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

Christoph Rose-Petruck; Brown Univ., USA, *President***WB1 • 10:30 a.m. • Invited •****Direct Observation of Electron Dynamics at Surfaces Using X-ray Spectroscopy**, Wilfried Wurth, Alexander Föblich; Univ. of Hamburg, Germany. With an X-ray spectroscopic technique based on the use of the lifetime of a core excited state as an “internal clock” we investigate electron transfer between adsorbed atoms and metallic substrates on (sub)-femtosecond time scales.**WB2 • 11:00 a.m.****Carrier Dependent Stability of a Semiconductor Lattice Measured with Femtosecond X-ray Diffraction**, Kelly J. Gaffney, Pat B. Hillyard, Aaron M. Lindenberg, Simon Engemann, Anniruddha Deb, Drew A. Meyer; SSRL/SLAC, USA. The melting dynamics of laser excited InSb have been studied with femtosecond X-ray diffraction. These measurements have allowed us to characterize the atomic motion occurring during the initial stages of a photo-induced phase transition.**WB3 • 11:15 a.m.****Probing Strain Propagation in Nanolayered Perovskites by Ultrafast X-ray Diffraction**, Matias Bargheer¹, Clemens v. Korff Schmising¹, Mareike Kiel¹, Nikolay Zhavoronkov¹, Michael Woerner¹, Thomas Elsaesser¹, Ionela Vrejoiu², Marin Alexe², Dietrich Hesse²; ¹Max-Born-Inst., Germany, ²Max-Planck-Inst. für Mikrostrukturphysik, Germany. Propagating strain waves in SrTiO₃ launched from PbZr_{0.2}Ti_{0.8}O₃ films are measured by time-resolved X-ray diffraction. X-ray interference among contributions from differently strained regions allow to determine absolute transient strain amplitudes down to $\Delta a(t)/a_0 \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-5}$.**WB4 • 11:30 a.m.****Lattice Motions from THz Phonon-Polaritons Measured with Femtosecond X-ray Diffraction**, Andrea Cavalleri¹, Simon Wall¹, Nicky Dean¹, Chris Simpson¹, Matteo Rini², Robert Schoenlein², Munira Khatif, David W. Ward³, Eric Stutz⁴, Keith A. Nelson²; ¹Dept. of Physics, Univ. of Oxford, UK, ²Lawrence Berkeley Natl. Lab, USA, ³Dept. of Chemistry, Univ. of California at Berkeley, USA, ⁴Dept. of Chemistry, MIT, USA. We use femtosecond X-ray diffraction to measure coherent lattice motion associated with the excitation and propagation of THz phonon polaritons in LiTaO₃.

Crocker Dining Hall

Lunch

12:00 p.m.

WC • Ultrafast Optics II

Merrill Hall

1:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

WC • Ultrafast Optics II

Mauro Nisoli; Politecnico di Milano, Italy, *Presider*

WC1 • 1:15 p.m.

Measurement of the Complete Electric Field of an Ultrashort Laser Pulse from a Single-Exposure Digital Hologram, Pablo Gabolde, Rick Trebino; Georgia Tech, USA. Using a very simple apparatus, we generate multiple digital holograms in a single-exposure interferogram from which we experimentally reconstruct the complete electric field, $E(x,y,z,t)$, of a potentially complex ultrashort laser pulse in a single shot.

WC2 • 1:30 p.m.

Ultrasensitive Second-Harmonic Generation Frequency-Resolved Optical Gating Using a Fiber-Pigtailed Aperiodically Poled Lithium Niobate Waveguide at 1.55 μ m, Houxun Miao¹, Andrew M. Weiner¹, Shang-Da Yang², Carsten Langrock³, Rostislav V. Roussev³, Martin M. Fejer²; ¹Purdue Univ., USA, ²Natl. Tsing-Hua Univ., Taiwan, ³Stanford Univ., USA. We retrieve intensity and phase profiles of few hundred femtosecond optical pulses at 6 nW average power via second-harmonic generation FROG using a new fiber-pigtailed aperiodically poled lithium niobate waveguide with apodized design.

WC3 • 1:45 p.m.

Two-Dimensional Spectral Shearing Interferometry (2DSI) for Few-Cycle Pulse Characterization and Optimization, Jonathan R. Birge, Richard Ell, Franz X. Kärtner; MIT, USA. We demonstrate a new pulse measurement technique, two-dimensional spectral shearing interferometry, which is particularly amenable to the online optimization of few-cycle lasers. We show initial results of measurements from a 5 fs Ti:sapphire oscillator.

WC4 • 2:00 p.m.

Chirped Mirrors without Dispersion Oscillations by Brewster's Angle Incidence, Peter Baum¹, Markus Breuer¹, Eberhard Riedle¹, Günter Steinmeyer²; ¹LMU München, Germany, ²Max-Born-Inst. (MBI), Germany. We experimentally demonstrate a new generation of chirped mirrors designed for Brewster's angle incidence. Dispersion oscillations are virtually eliminated and extremely clean 5.6-fs-pulses are generated. We show the general applicability for various spectroscopic pulse requirements.

WC5 • 2:15 p.m.

Pulse Self-Compression of Supercontinuum in Photonic Nanowires, Mark A. Foster¹, Qiang Cao², Rick Trebino², Alexander L. Gaeta¹; ¹Cornell Univ., USA, ²Georgia Tech, USA. Photonic nanowires exhibit broad regions of anomalous group-velocity dispersion and large effective nonlinearities allowing for efficient pulse self-compression. Experimentally, we demonstrate self-compression of 70-fs pulses to 6.8-fs. Simulations predict potential compression to near single-cycle durations.

WC6 • 2:30 p.m.

Pulse Polarization Splitting with Propagation through an Ultrafast Transient Waveplate, Klaus Hartinger, Randy A. Bartels; Colorado State Univ., USA. The decomposition of a linearly polarized laser pulse into two distinct, orthogonally polarized laser pulses after propagation through an ultrafast time-varying waveplate is demonstrated with transiently aligned, linear molecules.

WD • Chemistry and X-Rays

Chapel

1:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

WD • Chemistry and X-Rays

Henry Kapteyn; Univ. of Colorado Boulder, USA, *Presider*

WD1 • 1:15 p.m.

Optical Stark Effect in Semiconducting Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes, Daobua Song¹, Feng Wang¹, Gordana Dukovic¹, M. Zbeng², E.D. Semke², Louis E. Brus¹, Tony Heinz¹; ¹Columbia Univ., USA, ²DuPont Central Res. and Development, USA. A strong optical Stark effect has been observed in the 1D system of semiconducting single-walled carbon nanotubes for non-resonant excitation.

WD2 • 1:30 p.m.

Real Time Observation of Nonlinear Coherent Phonon Dynamics in Semiconducting Single Wall Carbon Nanotubes, Cristian Manzoni¹, Alessio Gambetta¹, Giulio Cerullo¹, Guglielmo Lanzani¹, Enzo Menna², Moreno Meneghetti²; ¹Physics Dept., Politecnico di Milano, Italy, ²Dept. of Chemical Sciences, Univ. of Padova, Italy. Sub-10-fs visible pulses allow real time detection of coherent phonons in single-walled carbon nanotubes. Nonlinear coupling between radial breathing (250 cm⁻¹) and the carbon-stretching (1600 cm⁻¹) modes is experimentally observed and theoretically modeled.

WD3 • 1:45 p.m.

Ultrafast Dynamics of Fe(II) Polypyridyl Chromophores: Design Implications for Dye-Sensitized Photovoltaics, James K. McCusker, Amanda L. Smeigh; Michigan State Univ., USA. Femtosecond time-resolved spectroscopy has been used to probe charge transfer-state deactivation in Fe(II) complexes. A sub-100 fs process is implicated as a reason why TiO₂-based photovoltaic devices utilizing these chromophores as sensitizers exhibit low photocurrents.

WD4 • 2:00 p.m.

Ultrafast XAFS of Transition Metal Complexes, Taewoo Lee, Frank Benesch, Christian Reich, Chris Laperle, Xiaodi Li, Margaret Grant, Christoph Rose-Petruck; Brown Univ., USA. Ultrafast laser pump-XAFS probe spectra of ironhexacyanide solvated in water have been measured using a laser-driven plasma x-ray source. A new x-ray source driven by a 15-W, 5-kHz laser system has been developed.

WD5 • 2:15 p.m.

Picosecond X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy of Photochemical Transient Species in Solution, Mumira Khalil¹, Matthew A. Marcus², Amanda L. Smeigh³, James K. McCusker³, Henry H. W. Chong⁴, Robert W. Schoenlein⁴; ¹Univ. of California at Berkeley, USA, ²Advanced Light Source, Lawrence Berkeley Natl. Lab, USA, ³Michigan State Univ., USA, ⁴Materials Sciences Div., Lawrence Berkeley Natl. Lab, USA. A photoinduced Fe^{II} spin crossover reaction in solution is studied with ultrafast X-ray absorption spectroscopy. The iron-nitrogen bond lengthens by 0.21±0.03 Å in the high-spin transient excited state relative to the ground state.

WD6 • 2:30 p.m.

Femtosecond X-ray Diffraction on DIABN Single Crystals, Markus Braun¹, Christopher Root¹, Tobias E. Schrader¹, Peter Gilch¹, Wolfgang Zinth¹, Mattias Bargbeer², Clemens v. Korff Schmising², Mareike Kieß², Nikolai Zhavoronkov², Michael Woerner², Thomas Elsaesser²; ¹Sektion Physik, Ludwig-Maximilians-Univ. München, Germany, ²Max-Born Inst., Germany. Structure sensitive methods like time-resolved X-ray diffraction and transient absorption in the mid-IR are combined with UV/VIS transient absorption spectroscopy to probe the charge transfer photo-reaction in single crystals of an aminobenzonitrile derivative.

WC • Ultrafast Optics II—Continued**WC7 • 2:45 p.m.**

Design and Fabrication of Efficient Reflection Grisms for Pulse Compression and Dispersion Compensation, Steve Kane¹, Herb Dinger¹, Fred Tortajada¹, Bruno Touzet¹, Rachel Huff², Jeff Squier², Charles Durfee², Emily Gibson³, Ralph Jimenez³, ¹Horiba Jobin Yvon, USA, ²Colorado School of Mines, USA, ³JILA/NIST/Univ. of Colorado, USA. Efficient reflection grisms for pulse compression and material-dispersion compensation have been designed and demonstrated in a CPA system. Designs for 800-nm and 1030-nm ultrafast applications are characterized using off-the-shelf diffraction gratings.

WC8 • 3:00 p.m.

eXtreme Chirped Pulse Amplification Using Semiconductor Optical Amplifiers, Kyungbum Kim, Shinwook Lee, Peter J. Delfyett, College of Optics and Photonics/CREOL/FPCE, USA. Implementing a method called “eXtreme Chirped Pulse Amplification”, we demonstrate an all-semiconductor high power mode-locked semiconductor laser system generating ~1.4kW record peak power.

WC9 • 3:15 p.m.

High Performance Passively Mode-Locked 1.3μm Quantum-Dot Lasers, Jean-Philippe Tourrenc, Maria Teresa Todaro, Stephen P. Hegarty, Carmel Kelleher, Brian Corbett, Guillaume Huyet, John G. McInerney, Tyndall Natl. Inst., Ireland. We measured pulsewidth, time-bandwidth product and timing jitter in passively mode-locked two-section InAs quantum-dot lasers emitting at 1310 nm. Two distinct stable mode-locked regions were identified, each with robust short pulses and low timing jitter.

Kiln

3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**Coffee Break****WE • Biology II**

Chapel

4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.**WE • Biology II**

Eberhard Riedle; LS fuer BioMolekulare Optik, Germany, Presider

WE1 • 4:00 p.m.

Energy Transport in a Peptide Helix, Virgiliu V. Botan¹, Ellen Backus¹, Peter Hamm¹, Alessandro Moretto², Claudio Toniolo², ¹Zurich Univ., Switzerland, ²Padova Univ., Italy. We investigate energy transport through a α_{10} -helix by locally heating with a chromophore that rapidly dissipates energy and measuring temperature at various distances from the chromophore with the help of vibrational labels.

WE2 • 4:15 p.m.

Ultrafast Energy Transfer in the Soret Band of Linear Porphyrin Arrays, Hanju Rhee¹, Taiba Joo¹, Naoki Aratani², Atsubiro Osuka², ¹Pobang Univ. of Sci. and Tech., Republic of Korea, ²Dept. of Chemistry, Kyoto Univ., Japan. Energy transfer in the S₂ state of a donor-acceptor porphyrin array system has been probed by 60 fs time-resolved fluorescence spectra. Detailed energy transfer channels and mechanism are revealed for this multi-level system.

WD • Chemistry and X-Rays—Continued**WD7 • 2:45 p.m.**

Ultrafast Optical and X-Ray Measurements of Femtosecond Lattice Dynamics in Photoexcited Bismuth, David M. Fritz¹, Bernhard Adams², Christian Blome³, Phillip H. Bucksbaum⁴, Adrian L. Cavalieri⁵, Simon Engemann⁶, Stephen Fahy⁷, Paul H. Fuoss², Kelley J. Gaffney⁶, Patrick Hillyard⁴, Michael Horn-von Hoegen⁸, Matthias Kammler⁹, Jen Kaspar⁴, Aaron M. Lindenberg⁶, Soo-Heyong Lee¹, Brian McFarland⁸, Drew Meyer⁸, Eamonn Murray⁷, Matthieu Nicou⁸, Juana Rudat², David P. Siddons¹⁰, Klaus Sokolowski-Tinten⁸, Dietrich von der Linde⁸, Jerome B. Hastings⁶, David A. Reis¹, ¹Univ. of Michigan, USA, ²Argonne Natl. Lab, USA, ³Duestches Elektronen-Synchrotron, Germany, ⁴Stanford Univ., USA, ⁵Max-Planck-Inst. of Quantum Optics, Germany, ⁶Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lab, USA, ⁷Univ. College, Ireland, ⁸Univ. Duisburg-Essen, Germany, ⁹Univ. Hannover, Germany, ¹⁰Brookhaven Natl. Lab, USA. We present the first detailed measurements of the interatomic potential of photoexcited bismuth using ultrafast optical and x-ray scattering. Our results show that electronic softening is responsible for the strong chirp in phonon frequency.

WD8 • 3:00 p.m.

Investigation of Plume Dynamics with Ultrafast Hard X-Ray Absorption Spectroscopy, Ting Guo, Fang Shan, Rhiannon Porter, Univ. of California at Davis, USA. Results on plume dynamics of pulsed laser ablation of metal thin films in helium at ambient pressure studied with ultrafast hard x-ray absorption spectroscopy/imaging are presented. The x-ray absorbing plume propagated at 4×10^2 m/sec.

WD9 • 3:15 p.m.

Ultrafast Electron Dynamics in C₆F₆/Cu(111) after a Localized or Delocalized Excitation, Patrick S. Kirchmann¹, Panagiotis A. Loukakos¹, Uwe Bovensiepen¹, Martin Wolf¹, Setburaman Vijayalakshmi², Franz Hennies², Annette Pietzsch², Mitsuru Nagasono², Alexander Föhlisch², Wilfried Wurth²; ¹Freie Univ. Berlin, Germany, ²Univ. Hamburg, Inst. für Experimentalphysik, Germany. Comparing optical and core-hole excitation, we study relaxation dynamics of excited electrons at C₆F₆/Cu(111) interfaces. The pronounced tenfold difference in relaxation times is attributed to electron transfer across the interface and intra-molecular electron delocalization, respectively.

Kiln

3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**Coffee Break****WF • AMO Physics**

Merrill Hall

4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.**WF • AMO Physics**

Randy Bartels, Colorado State Univ., USA, Presider

WF1 • 4:00 p.m.

Three-Pulse Photon Echo in a Dense Potassium Vapor, Virginia O. Lorenz¹, Steven T. Cundiff², Wei Zhuang³, Shaull Mukamele³, ¹JILA / Univ. of Colorado and NIST, and Dept. of Physics, Univ. of Colorado, USA, ²JILA / Univ. of Colorado and NIST, USA, ³Dept. of Chemistry, Univ. of California at Irvine, USA. Time-integrated three-pulse photon echo (3PE) and time-resolved 3PE measurements in dense potassium vapor reveal clear signatures of non-Markovian dynamics. We pursue a molecular dynamics simulation to study the many-body effects contributing to the response.

WF2 • 4:15 p.m.

Determination of the CEO Phase-Ionization of He with Circularly Polarized 5.5-fs Pulses, Jens Biegert¹, Petrisa R. Eckle¹, Philip Schlu¹, Mathias P. Smolarski², André Staudte², Markus Schöffler², Ottmar Jagutzki², Reinhard Dörner², Ursula Keller¹, ¹Swiss Federal Inst. of Technology (ETH), Switzerland, ²Inst. für Kernphysik, Germany. The intensity distribution in momentum space of He, ionized with circularly polarized ultrashort laser pulses, shows a clear dependence on the pulses carrier-envelope phase. A numerical simulation reproduces the characteristics found in the experiment.

WE • Biology II—Continued**WE3 • 4:30 p.m.**

Multiphoton Quantum Control Spectroscopy of Beta-Carotene, *Tiago Buckup, Timo Lebold, Alexander Weigel, Wendel Wobleben, Marcus Motzkus; Philipps Univ. Marburg, Germany.* Quantum control is used to disentangle the congestion of spectral features of beta-carotene after multiphoton excitation with tunable tailored sub-30fs pulses in the near-IR. We coherently controlled the triplet over the singlet population.

WE4 • 4:45 p.m.

Direct Observation of Ultrafast Dynamics in DNA Bases, *Helmut Satzger¹, Dave Townsend¹, Marek Z. Zgierski¹, Albert Stolow^{1,2}; ¹Natl. Res. Council of Canada, Canada, ²Dept. of Chemistry, Queen's Univ., Canada.* Time-resolved photoelectron spectra of adenine and 9-methyl adenine are presented. Differences in the spectra together with calculated Franck-Condon structures proof unambiguously the involvement of the pi-sigma-star deactivation channel in the reaction dynamics of adenine.

WE5 • 5:00 p.m.

Following Photoinduced Dynamics in Bacteriorhodopsin with 7 fsec Impulsive Vibrational Spectroscopy, *Anat Kaban¹, Mudi Sheves², Sanford Rubman²; ¹Dept. of Physical Chemistry, Hebrew Univ., Israel, ²Dept. of Organic Chemistry, Weizmann Inst. of Science, Israel, ³Dept. of Physical Chemistry, Hebrew Univ., Israel.* Spectral modulations induced by 6fsec photoexcitation of bacteriorhodopsin are Fourier analyzed. Long lived undulations are assigned to ground state vibrational coherences, while possible excited state contributions are very short lived consisting mainly of HOOP motions.

WE6 • 5:15 p.m.

Real-Time Observation of Carbon Double Bond Transformation during Photo-Isomerization of Bacteriorhodopsin, *Atsushi Yabushita¹, Takayoshi Kobayashi^{1,2}; ¹Univ. of Tokyo, Japan, ²Osaka Univ., Japan.* The modulation in the frequency of the C=C stretching mode was observed by pump-probe measurement. The period of the modulation, corresponding to the modulation of the mean C=C bond length, was found to be ~200fs.

WE7 • 5:30 p.m.

Ultrafast Conformational Changes in Carboxy-Myoglobin Studied by Time-Resolved Circular Dichroism, *Thibault Dartigalongue, François Hache, LOB, France.* Conformational changes following photodissociation of carboxy-myoglobin are studied by time-resolved circular dichroism. We observe a distortion of the proximal histidine which builds up in 10 ps and relaxes in 100 ps.

WE8 • 5:45 p.m.

Ultrafast Unzipping of a Beta-Hairpin Peptide, *Wolfgang Zinth¹, Tobias E. Schrader¹, Wolfgang J. Schreier¹, Florian O. Koller¹, Thorben Cordes¹, Galina Babizki¹, Robert Denschlag¹, Paul Tavan¹, Markus Löweneck², Shou-Liang Dong², Louis Moroder², Christian Renner²; ¹BioMolecular Optics, Physics Dept., Univ. of Munich, Germany, ²Max-Planck-Inst. für Biochemie, Germany.* Light induced switching of a beta-hairpin structure is investigated by femtosecond IR-spectroscopy. While the unzipping process comprises ultrafast kinetics and is finished within 1ns, the folding into the hairpin structure is a much slower process.

Bonfire Pit

6:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

Conference Reception

WF • AMO Physics—Continued**WF3 • 4:30 p.m.**

Direct Distinction between Phase Shift and Time Delay with Carrier-Envelope Phase-Controlled Pulses, *Shunsuke Adachi, Akira Ozawa, Takayoshi Kobayashi; Dept. of Physics, Faculty of Science, Univ. of Tokyo, Japan.* Phase-locked pump-probe measurement is implemented with carrier-envelope phase-controlled pulses, and direct distinction between phase-shift and time-delay is demonstrated. The carrier-envelope phase is a new controllable parameter in phase-coherent experiments, which enables, e.g., optical phase cycling.

WF4 • 4:45 p.m.

Coherent Population Control of Rydberg Atom by Adiabatic Rapid Passage, *H. Maeda, J.H. Gurian, D.V.L. Norum, Tom F. Gallagher; Dept. of Physics, Univ. of Virginia, USA.* We have demonstrated that the binding energy of a Rydberg atom is controlled as a function of a chirp of a microwave field through sequences of one-photon or a single multi-photon adiabatic rapid passage.

WF5 • 5:00 p.m.

Femtosecond Dynamics of Fano-Resonance in Zn, *Muneaki Hase^{1,2}, Masabiro Kitajima¹, Jure Demsar²; ¹Natl. Inst. for Materials Science, Japan, ²PRESTO, JST, Japan, ³J. Stefan Inst., Slovenia.* We have studied transient reflectivity dynamics in Zn by femtosecond spectroscopy. At high excitation densities coherent phonon spectra exhibits strongly asymmetric lineshape, attributed to Fano interference due to coupling of phonon to electronic continuum.

WF6 • 5:15 p.m.

Ultrafast Dynamics of Autoionization in O₂ Probed by Laser-Field-Assisted XUV Photoionization, *Changjun Zhu¹, Kyung Sik Kang¹, Kyung Taec Kim¹, Mi Na Park¹, Tayyab Imran¹, Chang Hee Nam¹, E. Krishnakumar²; ¹Coherent X-Ray Res. Ctr., Dept of Phys., KAIST, Republic of Korea, ²Tata Inst. of Fundamental Res., India.* Autoionization in O₂ is investigated using laser-field-assisted extreme ultraviolet photoionization under static and dynamic conditions. The static photoelectron spectrum is reconstituted and the dynamic behaviors for three categories of photoelectron peaks are studied.

WF7 • 5:30 p.m.

Control of Dissociative Ionization of Ethanol Molecule by Cascaded Double Ultrashort Laser Pulse Excitation, *Hiroki Yazawa¹, Tadamasu Sbiyama¹, Yoshitaka Suda¹, Fumibiko Kamari¹, Ryuji Itakura², Kaoru Yamanoouchi²; ¹Keio Univ., Japan, ²Univ. of Tokyo, Japan.* Dissociative ionization of ethanol at C-O bond cleavage, which is induced by the movement of nuclear wave packet on the potential energy surface, is studied under irradiation of various types of double ultrashort laser pulses.

WF8 • 5:45 p.m.

Time-Resolved Imaging of H₂⁺ (D₂⁺) Nuclear Wave Packets, *Artem Rudenko, Thorsten Ergler, Bernold Feuerstein, Karl Zrost, Claus Dieter Schröter, Robert Moshammer, Joachim Ullrich; Max Planck Inst. für Kernphysik, Germany.* The spatio-temporal evolution of H₂⁺ (D₂⁺) nuclear wave packets is visualized using time-resolved Coulomb explosion imaging. We study the motion of the dissociating and bound parts of the wave packet, its dephasing and fractional revivals.

Bonfire Pit

6:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

Conference Reception

• Thursday, August 3, 2006 •

Main Lodge

Registration Open

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

ThA • Attoseconds and High Harmonics II

Merrill Hall

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

ThA • Attoseconds and High Harmonics II

Margaret Murnane; JILA, USA, *Presider*

ThA1 • 8:30 a.m.

Invited •

Attosecond Physics: Control and Real-Time Observation of Electronic Dynamics, Ferenc Krausz; Max-Planck-Inst. für Quantenoptik, Germany. No abstract available.

ThA2 • 9:00 a.m.

Tunable Isolated Attosecond Pulses, Mauro Nisoli, Giuseppe Sansone, Enrico Benedetti, Francesca Calegari, Caterina Vozzi, Salvatore Stagira, Sandro De Silvestri; Politecnico di Milano, Italy. Using the polarization gating technique with few-cycle phase-stabilized pulses, we have achieved the generation of isolated attosecond pulses tunable in a broad spectral region, corresponding to more than 26 eV.

ThA3 • 9:15 a.m.

Measurement and Control of Attosecond Pulse Formation, Nirit Dudovich, Olga Smirnova, Jerome Lauesque, Yann Mairesse, Mishu Yu Ivanov, David Villeneuve, Paul Corkum; Natl. Res. Council of Canada, Canada. We show that attosecond pulses can be measured as they are produced and the production process can be controlled. We manipulate the harmonic spectrum and also create transient diffractive elements in the nonlinear medium itself.

ThA4 • 9:30 a.m.

Continuum Harmonic Radiation in the Extreme Ultraviolet Region Using Synthesized Sub-10-fs Two-Color Field, Masanori Kaku¹, Yu Oishi¹, Akira Suda¹, Fumihiko Kannari², Katsumi Midorikawa¹; ¹RIKEN, Japan, ²Keio Univ., Japan. When the synthesized sub-10-fs two-color field was used for high harmonic generation, a continuum centered at 30 nm with a spectral bandwidth of 8 nm was obtained with an energy of 10 nJ.

ThA5 • 9:45 a.m.

Basis for Ultrafast Imaging of Molecular Orbitals with High-Order Harmonic Generation, Tsuneto Kanai, Shinichirou Minemoto, Hirofumi Sakai; Dept. of Physics, Graduate School of Science, Univ. of Tokyo, Japan. We investigate ellipticity dependence of high-order harmonic generation in aligned molecules both experimentally and theoretically. Our model reproduces experimental results including geometrical and quantum interference effect and provides a basis for imaging of molecular orbitals.

Kiln

10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Coffee Break

ThB • Plasmas and Plasmons

Merrill Hall

10:30 a.m.–11:45 p.m.

ThB • Plasmas and Plasmons

Robert Schoenlein; Lawrence Berkeley Natl. Lab, USA, *Presider*

ThB1 • 10:30 a.m.

Invited •

Evidence for Ultrafast Superfluorescent Recombination from High-Density Magneto-Plasmas, Young-Dabl Jbo¹, Xiaoming Wang¹, David H. Reitze¹, Jun Kono², Alexey Belyanin³, Vitaly. Kocharovsky³, Glenn Solomon⁴; ¹Univ. of Florida, USA, ²Rice Univ., USA, ³Texas A&M Univ., USA, ⁴Stanford Univ., USA. Ultrafast cooperative recombination from dense electron-hole plasmas is observed in quantum wells pumped by femtosecond pulse in strong magnetic fields. At a critical fluence and field strength, superfluorescent bursts with randomly fluctuating direction are observed.

ThB2 • 11:00 a.m.

Nanolocalized Nonlinear Photoprocesses under Coherent Control, Mark I. Stockman; Georgia State Univ., USA. We theoretically show that coherent control yields nonlinear photoprocesses in metal nanostructures nanolocalized in areas whose positions are controllable on nanoscale, in agreement with recent experiments. We explore various nanoantenna media for controlled nanolocalized photoprocesses.

ThB3 • 11:15 a.m.

Invited •

Adaptive Control of Nanoscopic Photoelectron Emission, Martin Aeschlimann¹, Michael Bauer², Daniela Bayer³, Tobias Brixner⁴, F. Javier Garcia de Abajo³, Walter Pfeiffer², Martin Robner¹, Christian Spindler², Felix Steeb¹; ¹Technische Univ. Kaiserslautern, Germany, ²Univ. Würzburg, Germany, ³Ctr. Mixto CSIC-UPV/EHU, Spain. We show experimentally that optimally polarization-shaped femtosecond laser pulses provide spatial control over electron photoemission from nanostructures. Emission patterns are manipulated with subdiffraction resolution, illustrating the potential of electric near-field control in nanophotonics.

Crocker Dining Hall

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

ThC • Imaging and Microscopy

Merrill Hall

1:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

ThC • Imaging and Microscopy

Niek van Hulst; Univ. of Twente, Netherlands, *Presider*

ThC1 • 1:15 p.m.

Invited •

Deep Tissue Nonlinear Imaging through Femtosecond Pulse Shaping, Warren S. Warren; Duke Univ., USA. Two-photon absorption and self phase modulation can be detected deep in tissue with modest laser powers, using shaped femtosecond pulses. This permit microscopic-resolution images of biologically important targets.

ThC2 • 1:45 p.m.

Selective Two-Photon Imaging of a Biological Sample, Jess M. Gunn, Stephanie Bonner, Rebekah Martin, Laura Schelbas, Janelle Shane, Marcos Dantus; Michigan State Univ., USA. The use of phase shaping to selectively enhance the excitation of dyes in biological samples is shown. Resulting images show high contrast without the use of filters or tuning the laser.

ThC3 • 2:00 p.m.

Optically Active Sum Frequency Generation Microscopy for Cell Imaging, Kai Zhang, Na Ji, Haw Yang, Yuen-Ron Shen; Univ. of California at Berkeley, USA. Optically active sum-frequency generation microscopy was applied to imaging cells, utilizing the intrinsic chirality of DNA and RNA molecules as the contrast mechanism.

ThC4 • 2:15 p.m.

Invited •

Nonlinear Temporal Focusing Microscopy, Yaron Silberberg; Weizmann Inst. of Science, Israel. Optical sectioning nonlinear microscopy, which is usually obtained by spatial focusing of a laser beam, is expanded by using temporal focusing of short laser pulses. We discuss various forms and applications of this new method.

ThC5 • 2:45 p.m.

Time-Resolved Single-Beam CARS with Shaped Supercontinuum from a Photonic Crystal Fiber, Bernhard von Vacano, Wendel Wobleben, Marcus Motzkus; Philipps Univ. Marburg, Germany. Photonic crystal fibre supercontinuum generated from a standard 100 fs Ti:Sapphire-oscillator is successfully compressed and phase-tailored in a fs-pulse shaper. Using this supercontinuum, we present a novel scheme for time-resolved single-beam CARS microscopy.

ThC6 • 3:00 p.m.

Novel Applications of Broadband Excitation to Multiphoton Microscopy, Jennifer P. Ogilvie^{1,2}, Delphine Débarre², Xavier Solinas², Jean-Louis Martin², Antigoni Alexandrou², Emmanuel Beaufort², Manuel Joffré²; ¹Univ. of Michigan, USA, ²Lab d'Optique et Biosciences, France. We report a single-laser time-resolved Fourier transform implementation of coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering microscopy that provides high resolution spectrally-resolved images. We also demonstrate coherent-control-based two-photon fluorescence microscopy for selective fluorescence excitation in live organisms.

ThC7 • 3:15 p.m.

In-vivo Multi-Nonlinear Optical Imaging of a Living Cell Using a Single Femtosecond Ti:Sapphire Oscillator, Hideaki Kano, Hiro-o Hamaguchi; Univ. of Tokyo, Japan. A supercontinuum light source generated from a photonic crystal fiber has been used to obtain both multiplex coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering (CARS) and two-photon excitation fluorescence images of a living cell simultaneously with high speed.

Kiln

3:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Coffee Break

ThD • Poster Session III A

Heather/Toyon/Acacia

4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

ThD • Poster Session III A

ThD1

Probing and Controlling the Nonlinear Optical Properties of Nanometer Silver Antenna Clusters, Jess M. Gunn, Melinda Ewald, Marcos Dantus; Michigan State Univ., USA. The emissive properties of dendritic silver thin films due to two-photon excitation are explored. Emission is observed to occur at points more than 10 μm from the focal spot, and is polarization dependent.

ThD2

Electronic Structure in Real Time: Femtosecond Photoelectron Spectroscopy Using VUV Photons Produced by High Harmonic Generation, Philippe Wernet, Kai Godehusen, Olaf Schwarzkopf, Jerome Gaudin, Wolfgang Eberhardt; BESSY, Germany. We explore the potential of time resolved photoelectron spectroscopy with fs VUV and soft x-ray pulses to study, in real time, changes of the valence bands of molecules during chemical reactions in the gas phase.

ThD3

Determination of Electronic Mixing in Purple Photosynthetic Bacteria by Two-Color Three Pulse Photon Echo Peak Shift, Dilworth Y. Parkinson^{1,2}, Hohjai Lee^{1,2}, Grabam R. Fleming^{1,2}; ¹Univ. of California at Berkeley, USA, ²Physical Biosciences Div., Lawrence Berkeley Natl. Lab, USA. One- and two-color three pulse photon echo peak shift spectroscopy was used to determine that the electronic coupling between H and B in *Rb. sphaeroides* reaction centers is $\sim 300\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

ThD4

High Intensity VUV-FEL Interaction with Solids: First Experimental Results, Klaus Sokolowski-Tinten¹, Nikola Stojanovic¹, Dietrich von der Linde¹, Ulf Zastraub¹, Frank Perner², Eckart Förster², Ryszard Sobierajski³, Robert Nietubyc³, Marek Jurek³, Jacek Krzywinski³, Libor Juba⁴, J. Cibelka⁴, A. Velyhan⁴, Jaroslav Kuba⁵, J. Chalupecky⁵, Thomas Tschentscher⁶, Sven Toleikis⁶, Stefan Düsterer⁶, Harald Redlin⁶; ¹Univ. Duisburg-Essen, Inst. fuer Experimentelle Physik, Germany, ²Friedrich-Schiller-Univ. Jena, Inst. für Optik- und Quantenelektronik, Germany, ³Inst. of Physics PAS, Poland, ⁴Acad. of Sciences of the Czech Rep. Inst. of Physics, Czech Republic, ⁵Czech Technical Univ., Czech Republic, ⁶HASYLAB at DESY, Germany. Results from first experiments at the VUV free electron laser facility at DESY (Hamburg) addressing the interaction of ultrashort high intensity VUV-pulses with solids will be discussed.

ThD5

Nonlinear THz Spectroscopy on n-Type GaAs, Peter Gaal¹, Klaus Reimann¹, Michael Woerner¹, Thomas Elsaesser¹, Rudolf Hey², Klaus H. Ploog²; ¹Max-Born-Inst., Germany, ²Paul-Drude-Inst., Germany. Nonlinear propagation experiments with intense THz pulses on n-type GaAs show even at room temperature coherent polarizations with lifetimes of more than 1 ps contrary to the predictions of Drude theory.

ThD6

Ultrafast Charge Transfer Dynamics of a Modified Double Helical DNA, P. Manoj^{1,2}, Chang-Ki Min¹, Taiba Joo¹, C. T. Aravindakumar²; ¹Pohang Univ. of Sci. and Tech., Republic of Korea, ²Mabarma Gandhi Univ., India. We studied ultrafast dynamics of electron transfer in a double helical DNA modified by 2-aminopurine by time-resolved fluorescence. Charge transfer dynamics varies with the nature and position of the bridge between the donor and acceptor.

ThD7

Characterization of Ultrashort Electron Pulses, Christoph T. Hebeisen, Ralph Ernstorfer, Maber Harb, Thibault Dartigalongue, Lili Zhu, Robert E. Jordan, R. J. Dwayne Miller; Univ. of Toronto, Canada. Two methods for measuring the duration of femtosecond electron pulses using time-dependent scatterers—the laser ponderomotive potential and electrons emitted by a metal surface during the early stages of plasma formation—are discussed.

ThE • Poster Session III B

Heather/Toyon/Acacia

4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

ThE • Poster Session III B

ThE1

Enhancement of Raman Modes in Complex Molecules by Coherent Control, Jürgen Hauer¹, Tiago Buckup¹, Hrvoje Skenderovic², Karl-Ludwig Kompa³, Marcus Motzkus¹; ¹Philipps Univ. Marburg, Germany, ²Inst. of Physics, Croatia, ³MPI für Quantenoptik, Germany. Using coherent control the vibrational modes in complex solvated molecules are enhanced by femtosecond pulse shaping compared to Fourier-limited excitation. The crucial role of electronic resonant transitions for the enhancement of selective states is explored.

ThE2

Quantum Control of Two-Photon Fluorescence in Solution, Valeria D. Kleiman, Daniel G. Kuroda; Dept. of Chemistry, Univ. of Florida, USA. A novel, compact, and high-resolution phase modulator in reflective mode is presented and used to coherently control two-photon fluorescence of Rhodamine 6G in solution. Two pulses sets that minimize or maximize the fluorescence are found.

ThE3

A New Class of Ultrafast Photoswitchable Chromopeptides, Thorben Cordes¹, Kerstin Riesselmann², Stefan Herre², Karola Rück-Braun², Wolfgang Zinth¹; ¹Lehrstuhl fuer BioMolekulare Optik, Germany, ²Technische Univ. Berlin, Germany. Photochemical properties of a new ultrafast photoswitch (hemithioindigo-based) are investigated by transient absorption spectroscopy. The applicability as a trigger molecule for fast structural changes in small peptides is tested on a biologically relevant structure.

ThE4

Intermolecular Communication and a Vibrationally Adiabatic Basis Treatment of Small-Molecule Dynamics in Low Temperature Solids, Craig T. Chapman¹, Mary A. Robrdanz², Jeffrey A. Cina¹; ¹Univ. of Oregon, USA, ²Walsb Univ., USA. We investigate intermolecular communication between a Ca atom and an I₂ molecule in a cryogenic Ar matrix. An adiabatic-basis approach to simulating ultrafast spectroscopic signals from small, matrix-isolated molecules is also presented.

ThE5

Multidimensional Infrared Spectroscopy of a Peptide NH•••O Intramolecular Hydrogen Bond, Jaebun Park¹, Robin M. Hochstrasser²; ¹Pohang Accelerator Lab, Republic of Korea, ²Univ. of Pennsylvania, USA. Stimulated three pulse photon echoes and heterodyned 2D-IR echoes of acetylproline-NHMe in CHCl₃ are reported. Multidimensional-IR spectroscopy clearly shows the potential to disentangle congested spectra by spreading them into two dimensions and expose multiple structures.

ThE6

Multi-Cycle Driven Isolated Attosecond Pulse Generation, Thomas Pfeifer, Lukas Gallmann, Mark J. Abel, Phillip M. Nagel, Daniel M. Neumark, Stephen R. Leone; Univ. of California at Berkeley and Lawrence Berkeley Natl. Lab, USA. Conversion of 1% fundamental to a separate wavelength before high-harmonic generation can be used to quadruple the attosecond-pulse period to two optical cycles. In simulations, a 24-fs pulse can produce an isolated attosecond pulse.

ThE7

Ultrafast Interfacial Carrier Dynamics in UV-Blue Photoluminescing ZnSe Nanoparticles, Victor V. Matylytsky¹, Josef Wachtveitl¹, Alexey Shavel², Nikolai Gaponik², Alexander Eychmüller²; ¹Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Univ. Frankfurt, IPTC, Germany, ²Technical Univ. Dresden, IPCE, Germany. Relaxation dynamics of photogenerated charge carriers in ZnSe-nanoparticles were examined via transient absorbance spectroscopy. Using an electron quencher we were able to assign observed dynamics to the relaxation of the electron in the conduction band.

ThE8

Energy Transport Mechanisms in Doped Organic Films, Stefan Lochbrunner, Martin Schlosser; Lehrstuhl für BioMolekulare Optik, Ludwig-Maximilians-Univ., Germany. Energy transfer pathways are characterized by ultrafast absorption spectroscopy in thin PMMA films highly doped with perylene bisimide dyes. We find a high exciton mobility and a multistep mechanism for the transfer to acceptor units.

ThD • Poster Session III A—Continued

ThD8

Raman Coherence Beats of Interacting Quantum Well Magnetoexcitons, Jigang Wang¹, K. M. Dani¹, D. S. Chemla¹, J. Tignon², E. G. Kavousanaki³, I. E. Perakis³; ¹Lawrence Berkeley Natl. Lab, USA, ²Lab Pierre Aigrain, Ecole Normale Supérieure, France, ³Inst. of Electronic Structure and Laser, Foundation of Res. and Technology-Hellas and Dept. of Physics, Univ. of Crete, Greece. Three-pulse four-wave-mixing spectroscopy reveals a long-lived, optically induced inter-Landau-level Raman coherence arising from interacting magnetoexcitons, in contrast to uncorrelated exciton dephasing processes. By comparing to theory, we identify the resulting contributions to the coherent response.

ThD9

Ultrafast Dynamics of the Green Fluorescent Protein: Probing the Solubility of Antibodies Fragments, Pascal Didier¹, Luca Guidoni¹, Jean-Yves Bigot¹, Etienne Weiss²; ¹IPCMS, Univ. Louis Pasteur, CNRS, France, ²ESBS, Univ. Louis Pasteur, France. We report a strong correlation between the excited-state dynamics of a Green Fluorescent Protein mutant (GFPuv) fused with a Single Chain antibody fragment (scFv) and the intrinsic solubility of the antibody fragment.

ThD10

Landau Damping of Coherent Plasmons, Michael P. Hasselbeck¹, Denis Seletskiy¹, Mansoor Sheik-Babae¹, L. Ralph Dawson²; ¹Dept. of Physics, Univ. of New Mexico, USA, ²Ctr. for High Technology Materials, Univ. of New Mexico, USA. We use ultrafast THz spectroscopy to study damping of coherent plasmon oscillations in InSb. Spatial confinement restricts the plasmon wave vector resulting in collisionless or Landau damping of the collective electronic motion.

ThD11

Coherent Phonons in the Zone-Boundary Region of Solid Ar Doped with Cl₂, Mizubo Fushitani¹, Nikolaus Schwentner¹, Maike Schröder², Oliver Kühn²; ¹Inst. für Experimentalphysik, Germany, ²Inst. für Chemie und Biochemie, Physikalische und Theoretische Chemie, Germany. We observed coherent zone-boundary phonons of solid Ar doped with Cl₂ in pump-probe spectra. Comparison with diatomics-in-molecules simulation shows that specific motions of Ar atoms in the (100) plane are responsible for the observed oscillations.

ThD12

Ultrafast Gigantic Photo-Response in (EDO-TTF)₂PF₆ Initiated by 10-fs Laser Pulses, Jiro Itatani^{1,2}, Matteo Rini¹, Andrea Cavalleri³, Ken Onda^{2,4}, Tadabiko Ishikawa¹, Shin-ya Koshibara^{2,4,5}, Xiangfeng Shao^{2,6}, Hideki Yamochi^{2,6}, Gunzi Saito⁶, Robert W. Schoenlein¹; ¹Lawrence Berkeley Natl. Lab, USA, ²Japan Science and Technology Agency, Japan, ³Univ. of Oxford, UK, ⁴Tokyo Inst. of Technology, Japan, ⁵High Energy Accelerator Res. Organization (KEK), Japan, ⁶Kyoto Univ., Japan. We photoexcited a charge-ordered organic salt (EDO-TTF)₂PF₆ with sub-10-fs optical pulses. The photo-induced metallic phase appeared within 50-fs after pumping, characterized by large changes in reflectivity ($\Delta R/R \sim 0.8$) followed by strong coherent phonon modulation.

ThD13

Femtosecond Dynamics of Coherent Optical Phonons in Graphite, Kunie Ishioka¹, Muneaki Hase¹, Masabiro Kitajima¹, Hrvoje Petek²; ¹Natl. Inst. of Materials Science, Japan, ²Univ. of Pittsburgh, USA. Femtosecond dynamics of the coherent C-C stretching of graphite is reported. After the initial upshift and recovery, the phonon frequency adiabatically follows the oscillation of the interlayer mode, providing a time-domain manifestation of anharmonic coupling.

ThD14

2D Fourier Transform Electronic Spectroscopy of Photosynthetic Reaction Centers: Mapping Coupling in the B Band, Gregory S. Engel, Tessa R. Calhoun, Donatas Zigmantas, Tomáš Mancal, Hohjai Lee, Graham R. Fleming; Univ. of California at Berkeley, USA. The B800 band of the reaction center complex of *Rhodobacter sphaeroides* has been probed with two-dimensional Fourier transform electronic spectroscopy using 40 fs pulses and evidence for coupling within the band will be presented.

ThD15

Dispersion Relations in Two-Dimensional Spectroscopy, Katherine A. Kitney, Allison A. Ferro, David M. Jonas; Univ. of Colorado at Boulder, USA. Kramers-Kronig relations are applied to two-dimensional Fourier transform spectra of a silicon naphthalocyanine. Transformed spectra agree qualitatively with experiment, but the real and imaginary parts of two-dimensional spectra contain independent information.

ThE • Poster Session III B—Continued

ThE9

Electron Transfer in Triarylmethane Lactones: From the sub-100 fs Regime to Solvent Control, Uli Schmidhammer¹, Stefan Lochbrunner¹, Eberhard Riedle¹, Jerzy Karpiuk²; ¹Lehrstuhl für BioMolekulare Optik, Ludwig-Maximilians-Univ., Germany, ²Inst. of Physical Chemistry, Polish Acad. of Sciences, Poland. The electron transfer in triarylmethane lactones can be as fast as 50 fs exceeding the inertial solvation. Changing the character of the excited state switches to complete solvent control.

ThE10

Signature of Chemical Exchange in 2D Vibrational Spectroscopy; Simulations Based on the Stochastic Liouville Equations, Wei Zhuang, Frantisek Sanda, Tomoyuki Hayashi, Thomas Jansen, Shaul Mukamel; Dept. of Chemistry, Univ. of California at Irvine, USA. The stochastic Liouville equations are employed to investigate the combined signatures in coherent vibrational spectroscopy of chemical exchange and spectral diffusion in molecular complexes and of hydrogen bonding fluctuations in water.

ThE11

Pulse Shape Control of Population Transfer in LDS750, Omer Nabmias, Oshrat Bismuth, Ofir Shoshana, Sanford Rubman; Dept. of Physical Chemistry, Hebrew Univ., Israel. Quantum control experiments are conducted to investigate population transfer in LDS750 in solutions. The optimal pulse found by a shaper has nonlinear chirp, and it follows the dynamic Stokes shifting of the excited state emission.

ThE12

Selective Measurement of Ultrafast Exciton Spin Relaxation in Quantum Dots, Jeongho Kim, Cathy Y. Wong, Gregory D. Scholes; Univ. of Toronto, Canada. An ultrafast transient polarization grating method is proposed as a means of measuring the dynamics of exciton spin relaxation in colloidal quantum dots. Measurement for CdSe quantum dots shows that spin relaxation is selectively probed.

ThE13

Mode-Selective O-H Stretching Relaxation in a Hydrogen Bond Studied by Ultrafast Vibrational Spectroscopy, Wolfgang Werncke, Valeri Kozich, Jens Dreyer, Satochi Asbibara, Thomas Elsaesser, Max-Born-Inst., Germany. The 200 fs decay of O-H stretching population in an intramolecular hydrogen bond is governed by mode-selective excitation of fingerprint modes with a significant O-H bending character, followed by energy randomization within 10 ps.

ThE14

Femtosecond 3D IR Spectroscopy, Feng Ding, Eric C. Fulmer, Martin Zanni; Univ. of Wisconsin, USA. By using a novel fifth order pulse sequence and Fourier transforming the three coherence times of the response signal, three-dimensional spectra were obtained for a series of model systems.

ThD • Poster Session III A—Continued

ThD16

Distortion of Ultrashort Pulses Caused by Aberrations, Zoltan L. Horvath, Attila P. Kovács, Zsolt Bor; Dept. of Optics and Quantum Electronics, Univ. of Szeged, Hungary. The effect of the primary wave aberrations (spherical aberration, astigmatism and coma) on ultrashort pulses is studied by the Nijboer-Zernike theory. The results of the geometrical and the wave optical treatments are compared.

ThD17

Subpicosecond Time-Resolved Photoluminescence of Carrier Transfer in AlGa_{1-x}N Using Difference-Frequency Generation, Gregory A. Garrett, Anand V. Sampath, Hongen Shen, Michael Wraback; US ARL, USA. Ultraviolet photoluminescence from Al_xGa_{1-x}N epilayers exhibiting strong carrier localization is time-resolved with system response down to 300 fs using optical gating by frequency downconversion in a nonlinear crystal.

ThD18

Laser-Assisted Photoelectric Effect on Pt(111), Luis Miaja¹, Guido Saathoff², Chifong Lei¹, Margaret M. Murnane¹, Henry C. Kapteyn¹, Martin Aeschlimann², John L. Gland³; ¹JILA, USA, ²Dept. of Physics, Univ. of Kaiserslautern, Germany, ³Dept. of Chemistry, Univ. of Michigan, USA. We observe the laser-assisted photoelectric effect on a surface for the first time. Simultaneously illuminating Pt(111) with the fundamental and 27th harmonic of a Ti:sapphire femtosecond laser results in energy modulation of the photoelectron spectrum.

ThD19

Is High Harmonic Generation a Single-Active-Electron Process? Ariel Gordon, Franz X. Kärtner; MIT, USA. We show that the bound electrons, set to motion by the recolliding electron, emit much of the radiation during high harmonic generation. This may explain the significantly higher conversion efficiencies found with heavier noble gases.

ThD20

Optimal Control of Molecular Alignment with the Feedback of Ion Images, Takayuki Suzuki, Yu Sugawara, Shinichirou Minemoto, Hirofumi Sakai; Univ. of Tokyo, Japan. We optimally controlled molecular alignment of N₂ in the nonadiabatic region with the feedback of ion images. Doubly-peaked pulses were obtained as optimum pulses. Advantages of double peaks were investigated by both experiments and simulations.

ThD21

Generation of Sub 3-fs Optical Pulses Using Induced Phase Modulation in an Ar-Gas-Filled Hollow Fiber, Eiichi Matsubara^{1,2}, Toshiyuki Naoi^{1,2}, Toshihiko Kito^{1,2}, Eisuke Haraguchi^{1,2}, Taro Sekikawa^{1,2}, Mikiyo Yamasbata^{1,2}; ¹Hokkaido Univ., Japan, ²Japan Science and Technology Agency (CREST), Japan. We demonstrate the first pulse compression using induced- and self-phase modulations in an Ar-gas-filled hollow fiber. By feedback chirp compensation, 2.95-fs optical pulses are generated in the visible region.

ThD22

Direct Frequency-Comb Photo-Association of Ultracold Rb₂ Molecules, Avi Pe'er¹, Evgeny Shapir², Matthew C. Stowe¹, Moshe Shapir², Jun Ye¹; ¹JILA, Univ. of Colorado, USA, ²Univ. of British Columbia, Canada. We describe a novel method for photo-association of vibrationally cold molecules from a cold atomic cloud. The method relies on coherent accumulation of shaped, phase stabilized pulses to coherently control the molecular wave-packet dynamics.

ThD23

Terahertz Amplification in High-Dielectric Materials, Ka-Lo Yeh, Thomas Hornung, Joshua C. Vaugban, Keith A. Nelson; MIT, USA. Terahertz polariton amplification is demonstrated via a discrete titled pulse front generated by a glass echelon structure. A conceptual scheme for very substantial further amplification is presented.

ThD24

Realization and Characterization of an All-Fiber Temporal Differentiator for Sub-Picosecond Optical Waveforms, Yongwoo Park¹, Jose Azana¹, Mykola Kulishov², Radan Slavik³; ¹Inst. de la Recherche Scientifique, Canada, ²Photonic Systems Group, Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, McGill Univ., Canada, ³Inst. of Radio Engineering and Electronics, Czech Republic. A newly-developed all-fiber ultrafast differentiator is fully characterized using a simple and robust fiber optics-based spectral interferometry. The results confirm the reliability of this device for differentiating arbitrary optical signals with sub-picosecond temporal features.

ThD25

Multi-Wavelength Erbium-Doped Fiber Lasers on the Assistance of High-Nonlinear Photonic-Crystal Fibers, Liu Xueming; Xi'an Inst. of Optics and Precision Mechanics, China. Based on self-stability effect of four-wave mixings in high-nonlinear photonic-crystal fibers, multi-wavelength erbium-doped fiber lasers are proposed and demonstrated experimentally at room temperature. The proposed lasers have the capacity of switching and tuning with excellent uniformity and stability.

ThD26

Real-Time Investigation of Elementary Steps for Photo-Induced Phase Transition in a Model Dimer, Larry Lüer¹, Cristian Manzoni¹, Giulio Cerullo¹, Guglielmo Lanzani^{1,2}, Moreno Meneghetti²; ¹Inst. of Photonics and Nanotechnology, Italy, ²Dept. of Physical Chemistry, Italy. Using femtosecond pump and probe spectroscopy and ab-initio calculations, we show that photoexcitation of dimers of tetramethyl-tetrathiafulvalene cations induces predominantly coherent phonons that lead to photo-induced phase transitions in linear chains of these materials.

•Friday, August 4, 2006•

Main Lodge

Registration Open

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

FA • Chemistry II

Merrill Hall

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

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Norbert Scherer; Univ. of Chicago, USA, Presider

FA1 • 8:30 a.m.

•Invited•

Single Molecule Pump-Probe Detection on Coupled Quantum Systems, Niek F. van Hulst^{1,2,3}, Erik MHP van Dijk³, Jacob P. Hoogeboom³, Jordi Hernando^{3,4}, Maria F. Garcia-Parajo^{2,3,5}; ¹ICFO - Inst. of Photonic Sciences, Spain, ²ICREA - Inst. Catalana de Recerca i Estudis Avancats, Spain, ³Applied Optics group, MESA+ Inst. for NanoTechnology, Netherlands, ⁴Dept. de Quimica, Univ. Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, ⁵CREBEC - Lab of NanoBioEngineering, Spain. We present a single-molecule study on exciton dynamics in multichromophoric systems, combining fs pump-probe, emission-spectra and fluorescence-lifetime analysis. A wide range of static disorder and exciton delocalisation accelerates dephasing and relaxation rate of the exciton.

FA2 • 9:00 a.m.

Observation of Anharmonic Coupling in the Time Domain with Femtosecond Stimulated Raman, Renee R. Frontiera, Philipp Kukura, Richard A. Mathies; Univ. of California at Berkeley, USA. Coherent motion of low frequency bending vibrations is impulsively excited in CDCl₃ and subsequent couplings between the C-D stretch and the low frequency coherences are detected in real time by femtosecond stimulated Raman spectroscopy (FSRS).

FA3 • 9:15 a.m.

Coherently Controlled Multidimensional Optical Spectroscopy, Katherine W. Stone, Thomas Horning, Joshua C. Vaughan, Keith A. Nelson; MIT, USA. Multidimensional optical spectroscopy of potassium dimer is demonstrated using a 2D femtosecond pulse shaper with excellent phase stability. Coherent control of intramolecular dynamics is achieved by introducing specific pulse sequences and chirps.

FA4 • 9:30 a.m.

•Invited•

Coherent Nuclear Motion in Ultrafast Reactions in Solution, Tabei Tabara; RIKEN (The Inst. of Physical and Chemical Res.), Japan. Coherent nuclear motions in ultrafast photoisomerization, photodissociation and excited-state proton transfer were investigated by pump-probe spectroscopy with time-resolution of 30-70 fs. The observed nuclear motion and its relevance to the reaction coordinate are discussed.

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10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Coffee Break

FB • Ultrafast Electron Studies

Merrill Hall

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

FB • Ultrafast Electron Studies

Tobias Brixner; Univ. Würzburg, Germany, Presider

FB1 • 10:30 a.m.

•Invited•

A Nanometer-Sized Femtosecond Electron Source at 80 MHz Repetition Rate, Christoph Lienau, Claus Ropers, Daniel R. Solli, Claus Peter Schulz, Thomas Elsaesser, Max Born Inst., Germany. We observe multiphoton electron emission from ultrasharp metallic tips illuminated with 7-fs-light pulses. Local field enhancement confines this emission to the tip apex, demonstrating the potential of this source for ultrafast electron imaging with nanometer-resolution.

FB2 • 11:00 a.m.

Time-Resolved Photoemission of an Insulator-Metal Transition, Luca Perfetti, Panagiotis A. Loukakos, Martin Lisowski, Uwe Bovensiepen, Martin Wolf; Freie Univ. Berlin, Germany. Time-resolved photoemission is employed to visualize directly an ultrafast insulator to metal transition and the excitation of a coherent phonon mode in the Mott insulator 1T-TaS₂.

FB3 • 11:15 a.m.

Electronic Thermal Expansion and the Mechanism of Coherent Acoustic Phonons Generation in Metals, Shoubua Nie, Hyuk Park, Xuan Wang, Rick Clinite, Jim Cao; Physics Dept., Natl. High Magnetic Field Lab, USA. We have investigated the thermal expansion dynamics of metal film using femtosecond electron diffraction. We show that the electronic thermal expansion from the transient heating of conduction electrons contributes significantly in driving coherent acoustic phonons.

FB4 • 11:30 a.m.

Femtosecond Electron Diffraction Study on the Melting Dynamics of Gold, Ralph Ernstorfer, Maher Harb, Christoph T. Hebeisen, Thibault Dartigalongue, Robert E. Jordan, Lili Zbu, R. J. Dwayne Miller; Univ. of Toronto, Canada. The melting process in gold was resolved using femtosecond electron diffraction. The results support a thermally-driven melting mechanism with homogeneous nucleation, which is in qualitative agreement with previous work on aluminum.

FB5 • 11:45 a.m.

Time-Resolved Photoemission Spectroscopy of the Photo-Induced Phase Transition in VO₂, Tadasbi Togasbi¹, Kazuya Yamamoto¹, Ritsuko Eguchi¹, Yasutaka Takata¹, Ashish Chainani¹, Takayuki Kiss², Syunsuke Tsuda³, Yosuke Nagao³, Yuji Muraoka³, Zenji Hiroi³, Shik Shin^{1,3}; ¹Spring8 Ctr., Riken, Japan, ²Riken, Japan., ³Inst. for Solid State Physics, Univ. Tokyo, Japan. We have demonstrated the photo-induced insulator-metal transition in VO₂ using time resolved photoemission spectroscopy with a near infrared (1.48 eV) pump, vacuum ultraviolet (8.85 eV) probe technique.

Merrill Hall

12:00 p.m.–12:15 p.m.

Closing Remarks