Ultrafast Laser, Plasmonics, Spectroscopy, Quantum Control

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# Spectroscopy and Quantum Control with Designed Light

Ultrafast lasers emit short optical pulses, composed of a number of different frequency components. We study novel light-matter interactions and develop advanced spectroscopy and quantum control schemes using designed laser fields. Future prospects include the applications into ultra-sensitive molecular analysis, nano-spectroscopic imaging, reaction control, and ultrafast opto-electronics.

## Ultrashort Optical Pulses



Superposition of multiple frequencies



#### Mode-locked laser



**Optical Synthesizer** 

#### **Infrared Range**



Vibrational resonances

#### Delay time Grating Probe Signal Pump

#### Time-resolved spectroscopy

Resonances of molecular vibrations exist in the infrared range (wavelength of 2-20 micron). Ultrashort pulses in the infrared detect molecular structure and dynamics, and furthermore, can drive vibrational motions and the resulting chemical reactions.

#### Strong-Field Nonlinear Optics



High harmonic generation in solids toward VUV/EUV attosecond source



## Spectroscopy and Reaction Control



**Protons in Oxides** 



Phonon Polaritons









