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# Studies of some sunlight energy conversion systems using time-resolved techniques



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Topics (present and past group members):

- Dye-sensitized solar cells (DSSC): Chinmai Mysorekar, Mateusz Gierszewski, Adam Glinka, Jan Sobuś
- Perovskite solar cells:

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 Water-splitting systems with Ru compunds: Iwona Grądzka-Kurzaj, Mateusz Gierszewski



# Femtosecond transient absorption (TA)

We need laser pulses to measure very short charge transport times in solar cells.







Pulse duration: ~100 fs

10 fs (10<sup>-14</sup> s) is as much
shorter than 1 minute, as
1 minute is shorter than
the Universe age.

#### Femtosecond pulses





# Other stationary and time-resolved techniques

**Current-voltage measurements (PV characteristics)** 

Incident Photon to Current Efficiency (IPCE) spectra

Stationary absorption of solid samples (also with integrating sphere)

Picosecond time-resolved fluorescence (TCSPC) (~10 ps resolution)

Nanosecond flash photolysis (~10 ns resolution)

Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (sub-ms resolution)

Femtosecond up – conversion (new)



#### Charge dynamics in perovskite solar cells





Charge cooling dynamics, exciton dissociation, charge population decay due to charge recombination and interfacial charge transfers observed in the bleach band.



In the typical samples more than 80% of light is absorbed within the first 100 nm of perovskite layer for the excitation wavelength below 500 nm. Transient absorption can be used as very unique interface selective steady-state probing!



## Distribution of low dimensional phases in 2D perovskites







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## Changes due to ion segregation in mixed halide perovskites



Triple cation mixed halide perovskite:  $FA_{0.76}MA_{0.19}Cs_{0.05}Pb(I_{0.81}Br_{0.19})_3$ 



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Time / ps

#### Observation of coherent acoustic phonons









Determination of charge injection and recombination in transient absorption:



#### Charge separation processes in dye sensitized solar cells





Correlations of ultrafast charge dynamics with DSSC photovoltaic parameters (e.g. photocurrent)



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