Electron-phonon interactions in the time domain: from non-equilibrium phonon dynamics to theoretical spectroscopy

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The relentless progress of ultrafast science has created an urgent need to advance ab-initio theory and computational methods to predictively model complex non-equilibrium phenomena resulting from the electron-phonon interaction (EPI) in condensed matter. This talk will illustrate our recent progress in the description of the ultrafast dynamics of electrons and phonons [1], coherent phonons [2] and phonon decoherence [3], based on ab-initio simulations of the EPIs. These advancements play an important role to reproduce and understand the outcome of pump-probe experiments in their full complexity [4].

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