

**Master Thesis in Physical Chemistry, group of J. Hauer:  
“Transient absorption from femto- to microseconds”**

We are seeking an interested student for a Master’s project in physical chemistry, in the sub-field of time-resolved spectroscopy.

*Brief description:* In transient absorption of pump-probe spectroscopy, an excitation pulse with femtosecond duration (pump) initiates a photochemical or photophysical event in an absorbing species such as a molecule or a solid. The dynamics of this initiated event is monitored by the transmission of a delayed probe-pulse. In the spectroscopic setup to-be-constructed in this Master thesis, we address the fact that photochemical events occur on a multitude of time-scales: from intramolecular relaxation (fs) over vibrational cooling (fs-picoseconds) to diffusion-limited steps (up to microseconds, depending on the environment). We want to construct a spectrometer capable of addressing all relevant timescales of such reactions, from femtoseconds to microseconds. This will be achieved by employing a modern dual-amplifier laser system recently acquired in the group.

*Requirements:* an interest in physical chemistry, willingness to be involved in construction of the experimental setup and solving technological challenges, ability (or willingness to learn) to program in LabView, ability to work in a team and under the supervision of experienced researchers.

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