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From extreme nonlinear optics to ultrafast atomic physics

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Abstract

The interaction of atoms with intense laser radiation leads to the generation of high-order harmonics of the laser field. In the time domain, this corresponds to a train of pulses in the extreme ultraviolet range and with attosecond duration. The short pulse duration and broad bandwidth of attosecond pulses allow us to measure the phase and amplitude of electronic wave packets created by photoionization, which gives access to the temporal dynamics of this process.

This presentation will introduce the physics of attosecond pulse generation and will describe applications in "ultrafast" atomic physics.