

INTERNSHIP PROPOSAL

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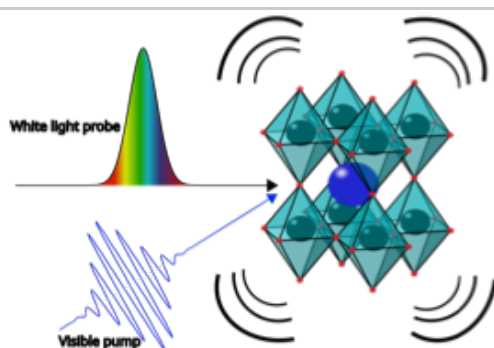
Thesis possibility after internship: YES

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Ultrafast Dynamics and Charge Carrier Localization in Metal Halide Perovskites

Techniques/methods in use: The project involves advanced **time-resolved spectroscopic techniques**, including: **Femtosecond transient absorption spectroscopy (TA)** to monitor carrier relaxation and non-emissive states. **Time-resolved photoluminescence (TRPL)** to determine excitonic lifetimes and radiative processes. **Photo-induced Faraday rotation (PFR)** to probe spin dynamics and carrier localization.

Applicant skills: [?] Background in **solid-state physics**, **optics**, or **semiconductor physics**. Strong interest in experimental research and optical spectroscopy.



Metal halide perovskites (MHPs) have emerged as a class of semiconductors with **exceptional optoelectronic properties**, reaching performances comparable to crystalline silicon in photovoltaics while offering simple and low-cost fabrication. Beyond solar cells, these materials show great promise for **light-emitting devices, spintronics, and quantum photonics**, thanks to their tunable bandgap, large spin-orbit coupling, and long carrier diffusion lengths. A key question remains, however: **how do the structural and dielectric properties of the perovskite lattice influence the motion and recombination of photo-generated carriers?**

After optical excitation in halide perovskites, photons with energy higher than the band gap create electron-hole pairs with excess kinetic energy, known as hot carriers. These carriers first undergo rapid **thermalization** through carrier-carrier scattering, reaching a quasi-equilibrium distribution characterized by a hot-carrier temperature higher than that of the lattice. Subsequently, **hot carrier relaxation** occurs as carriers lose energy to the lattice via carrier-phonon interactions, mainly through optical phonon emission. This cooling process typically happens on the picosecond timescale. In halide perovskites, however, carrier cooling can be unusually slow due to strong electron-phonon coupling and possible phonon bottleneck effects, where emitted phonons are reabsorbed before dissipating.

This internship offers an opportunity to explore the **ultrafast dynamics of charge carriers and excitons** in cutting-edge **MHP materials**. This internship is part of an ongoing research project- ANR SPOIR. The main objectives are to **characterize hot and cold carrier recombination dynamics** over timescales ranging from femtoseconds to nanoseconds, **identify the nature and influence of trapping states** that affect carrier lifetimes and efficiency, and **establish correlations between structural quality and optoelectronic performance**. The project will combine fundamental physics with experimental innovation, providing a strong foundation for future research or a PhD project in the group.