

Laser Research Center for Molecular Science

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The center aims to develop new experimental apparatus and methods to open groundbreaking research fields in molecular science, in collaboration with the Department of Photo-Molecular Science. Those new apparatus and methods will be served as key resources in advanced collaborations with the researchers from the community of molecular science. The

main targets are (1) advanced photon sources covering wide energy ranges from terahertz to soft X-day regions; (2) novel quantum-control schemes based on intense and ultrafast lasers; and (3) high-resolution optical imaging and nanometric microscopy. The center also serves as the core of the joint research project "Extreme Photonics" between IMS and RIKEN.



Figure 1. Microchip laser developed at the center.

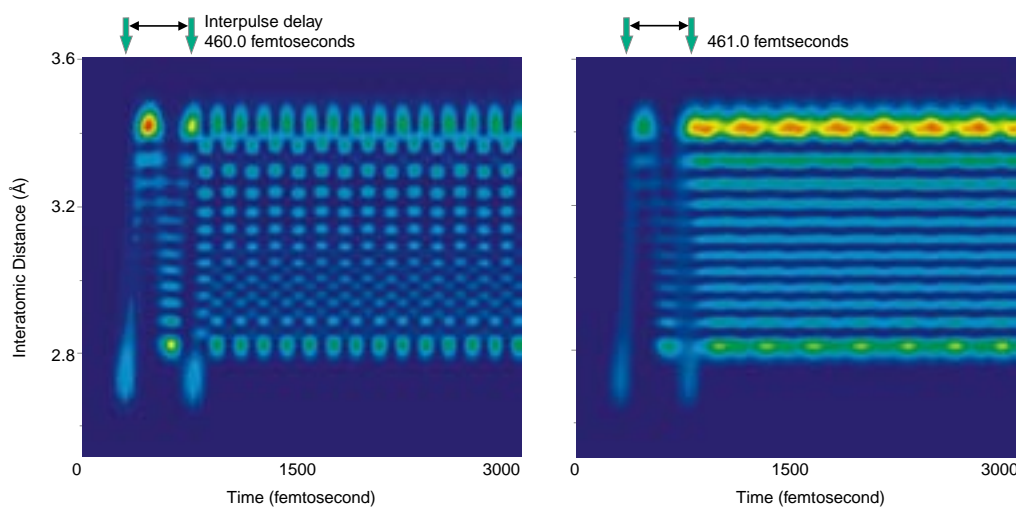


Figure 2. Theoretical simulation of quantum interferometric images generated in a single molecule with a pair of two laser pulses whose timing is controlled on the attosecond (10^{-18} sec) timescale.