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Maloja

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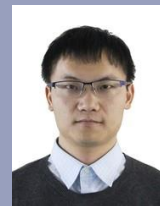
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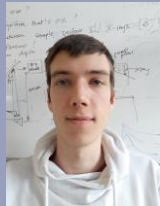
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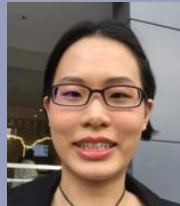
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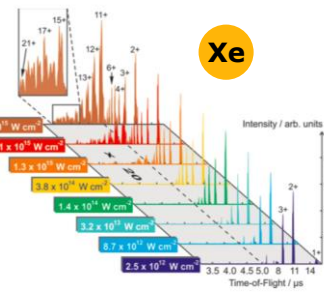
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Thanks to everyone for making this possible!



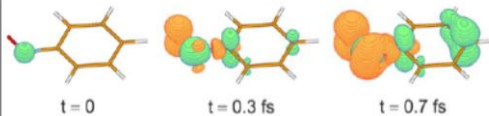
High-intensity X-ray interaction



Sorokin et al., PRL 99, 213002 (2007)

Xe

Charge migration



Kuleff et al., PRL 117, 093002 (2016)

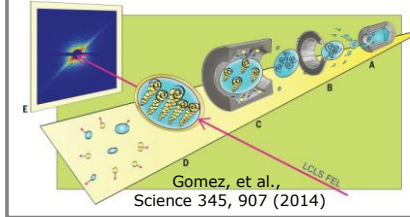
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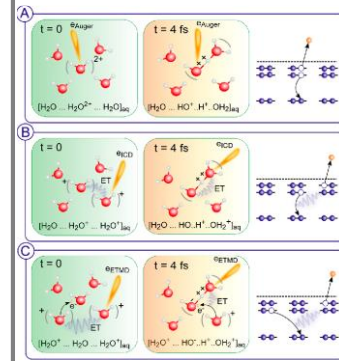
250 – 1800 eV

- Intense few to sub-fs pulses
- Multiple X-ray colors
- Tunable bandwidth and polarization

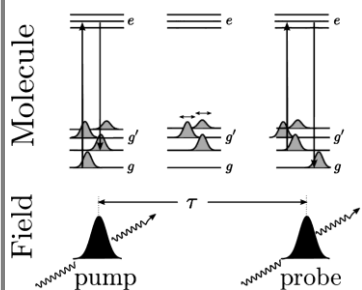
Dynamics and structure of short-lived aggregates



Charge and energy transfer

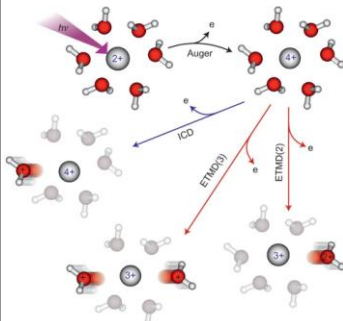


Non-linear photon-matter interaction



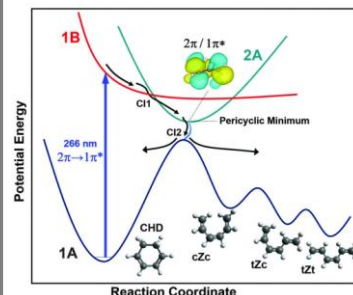
Biggs et al., PNAS 110, 15597 (2013)

X-ray induced chemistry



Stumpf et al., Nat. Chem. 8, 237 (2016)

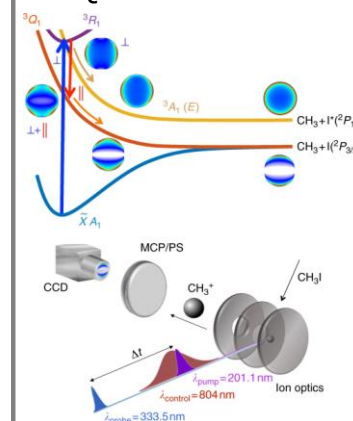
Femtochemistry/ Molecular movie



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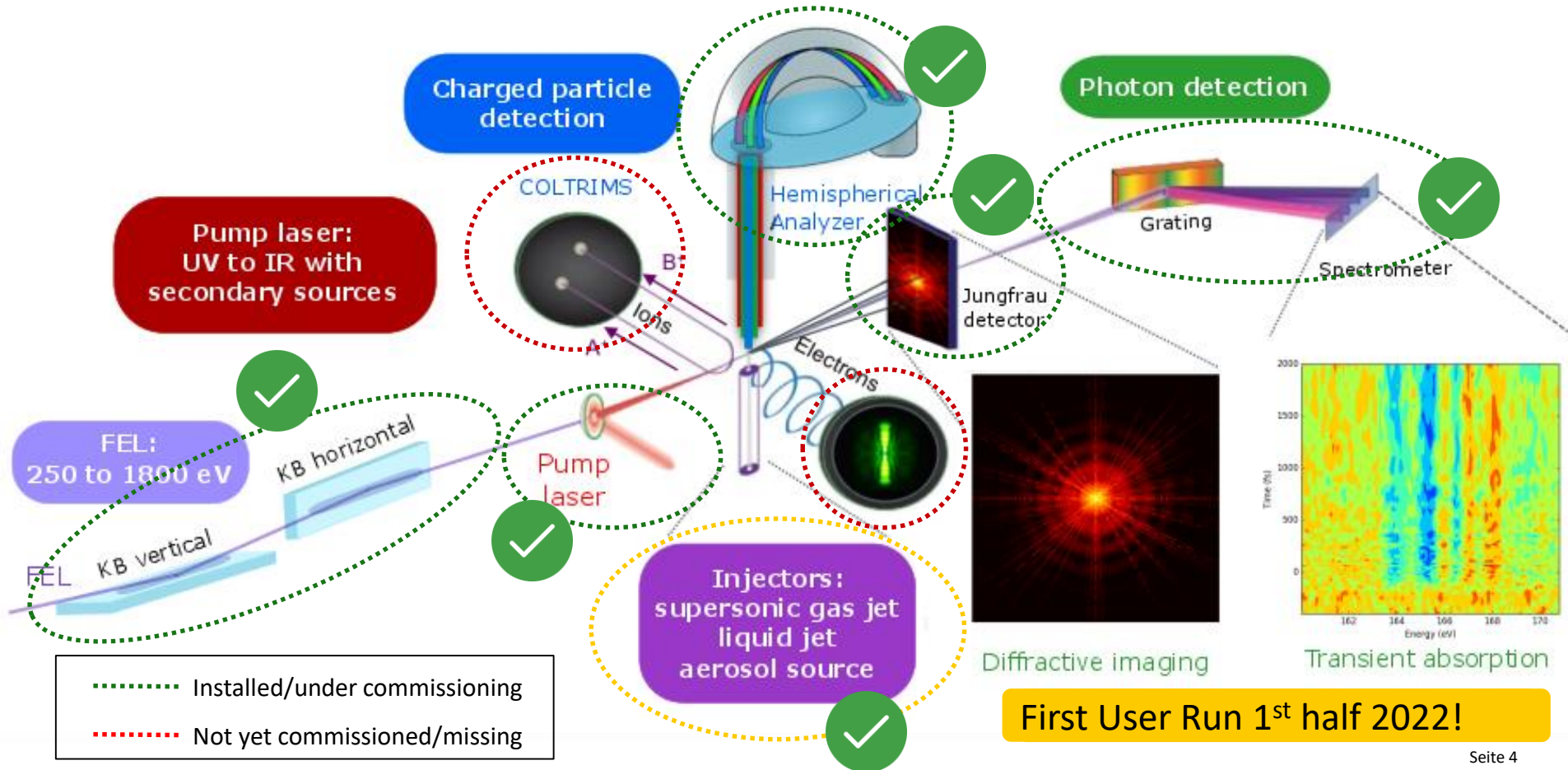


Quantum control



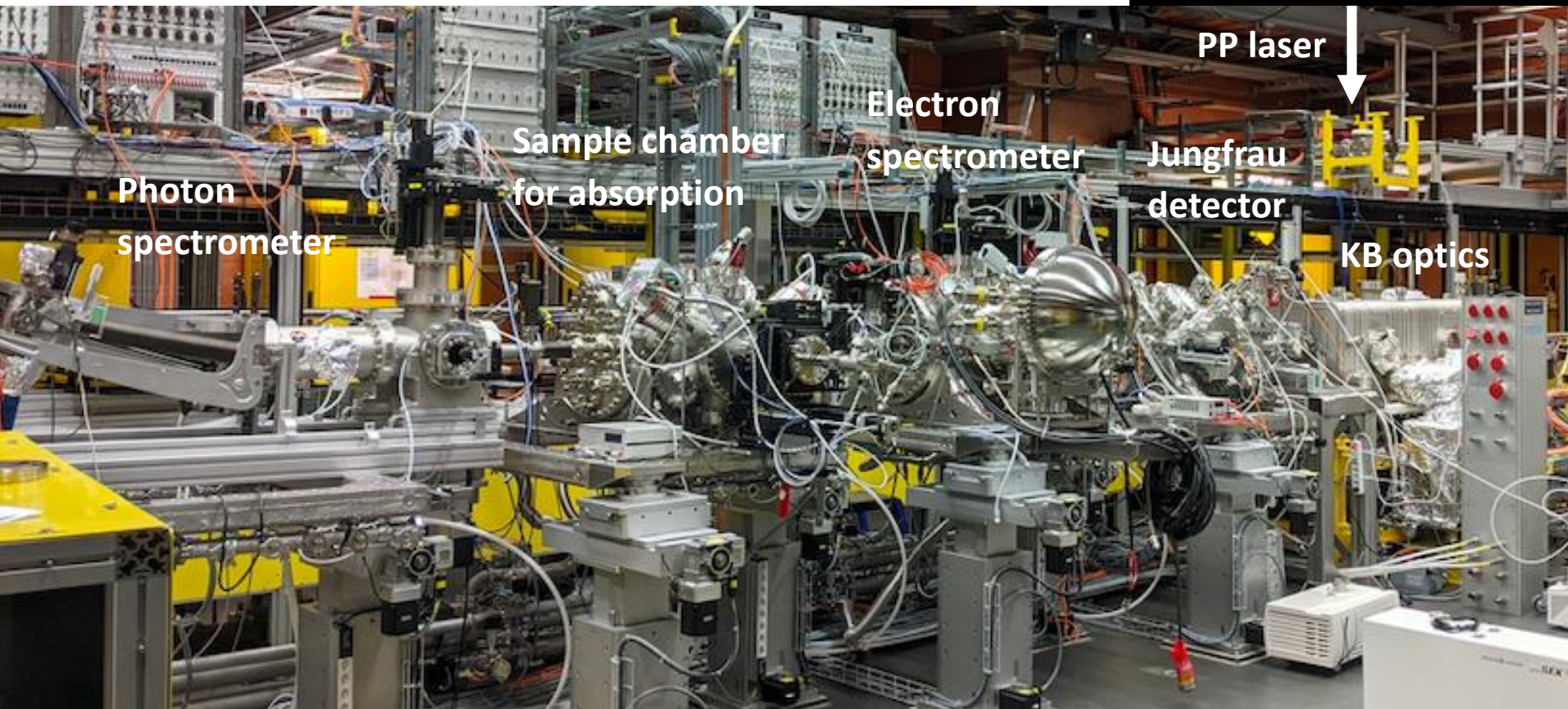
Corrales et al., Nat. Comm. 8, 1345 (2017)

Maloja Instrument Nears Completion



Endstation status

20mJ, 800nm, 35 or 100fs



Photon
spectrometer

Sample chamber
for absorption

Electron
spectrometer

PP laser
↓
Jungfrau
detector

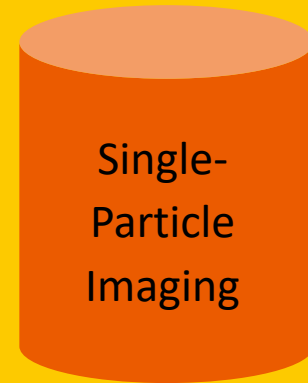
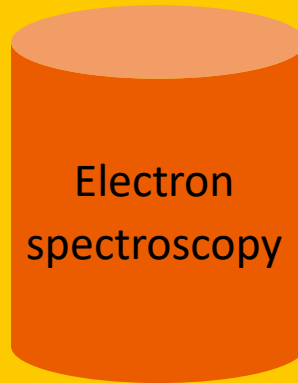
KB optics

User operation - Start Q1/2022

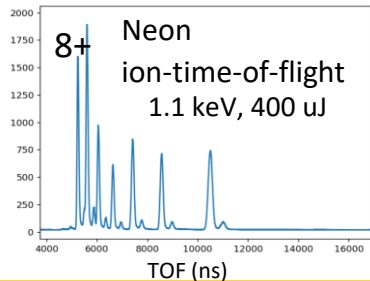
Pilot experiments - Q2/2021

- Time resolved with optical laser
- Two-color X-ray pump probe

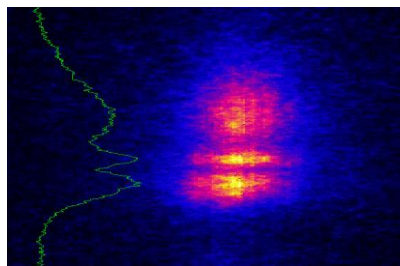
Demonstration experiments – Q1/2021



Sequential multi-photon ionization

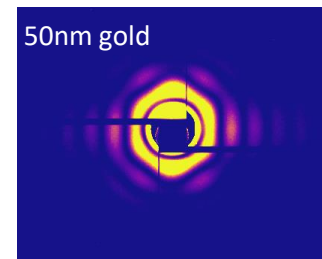


Broadband absorption spectroscopy



2 X-ray colors

Aerosol injector commiss. and SPI on nanoparticles



Jungfrau detector

Optical laser

Jan

Feb

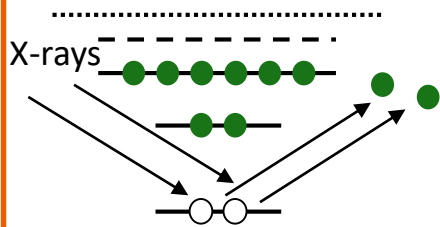
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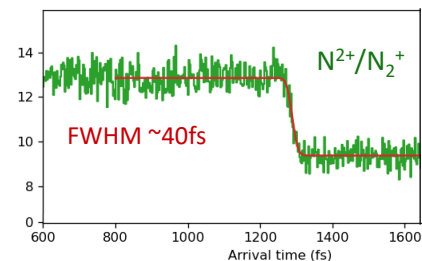
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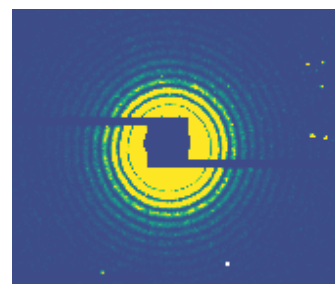
Double core hole spectroscopy neon



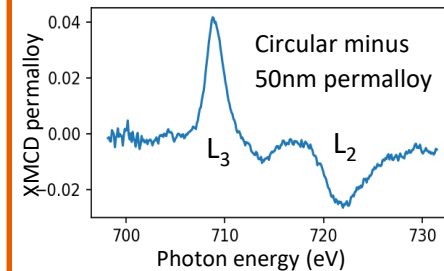
Laser time-resolved experiment with TT



SPI on xenon clusters



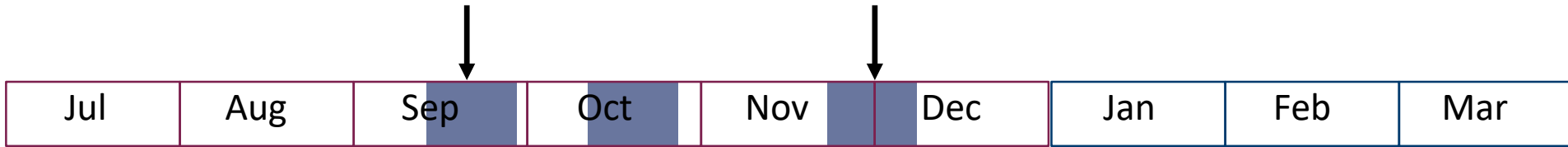
Circular dichroism in permalloy



Pilot Experiments – 2nd half 2021

Commissioning +
Pilot I
Time-resolved photoelectron
spectroscopy

Commissioning +
Pilot III
Single-Particle
Imaging



1st PRC call

Commissioning +
Pilot II
Two-color transient
absorption spectroscopy

Start user
operation

Pilot Experiments – 2nd half 2021

Commissioning +
Pilot I
Time-resolved photoelectron
spectroscopy

Repeat Pilot II

Commissioning +
Pilot III
Single-Particle
Imaging



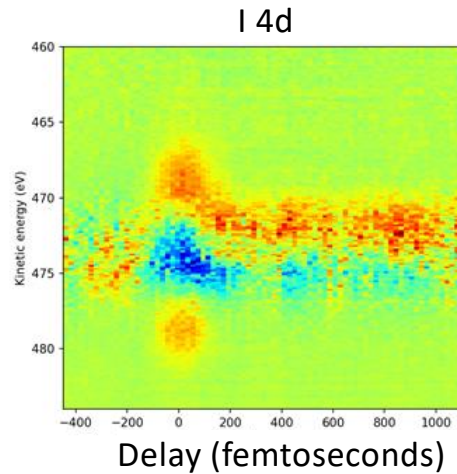
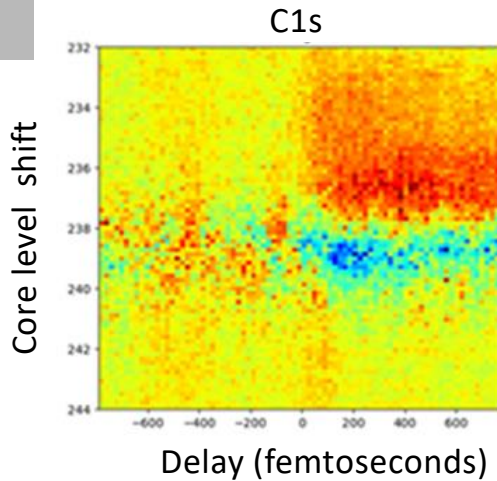
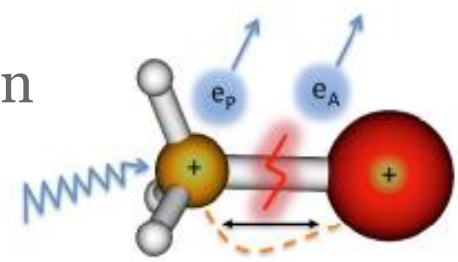
1st PRC call

Commissioning +
Pilot II
Two-dimensional
absorption spectroscopy

Undulator crash

Start user
operation

Pilot I – Time resolved photoelectron spectroscopy



- Excite Methyl iodide CH_3I with optical pulse
- Probe the C1s or I4d photoline
- Dynamics are reflected by chemical shift of the core electrons
- Track dynamics in real time (10s-100s of fs)

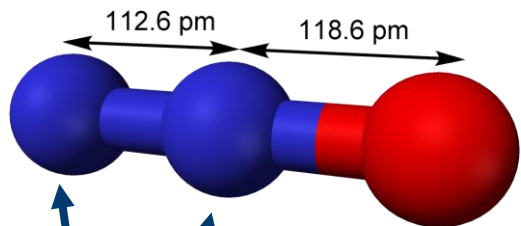
First Maloja pilot successful, showcasing laser and photoelectron capabilities of instrument

Large collaboration with Swiss (ETHZ, EPFL, PSI) and international (D, E, F, US) users, experimentalists and theoreticians

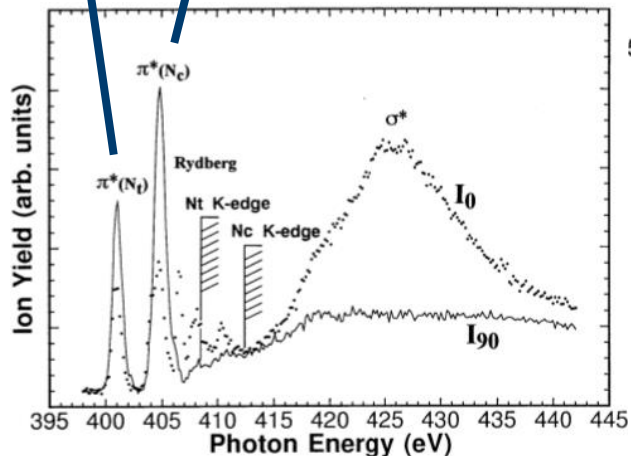


September 2021

Pilot II – Transient absorption spectroscopy with two X-ray colors

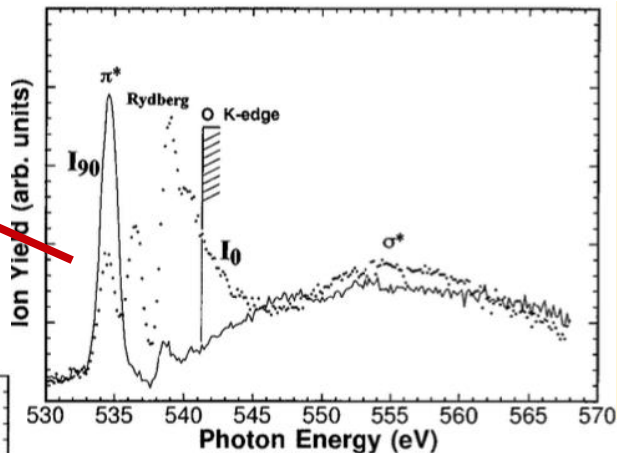


Site-specific resonant pumping at terminal or central N atom with first X-ray color at nitrogen edge



Adachi et al, J. Chem. Phys., 102, 19, 1995

Resonantly probe at oxygen K-edge



Goal:
Probe core-hole induced dynamics in N₂O by X-ray pump-probe spectroscopy

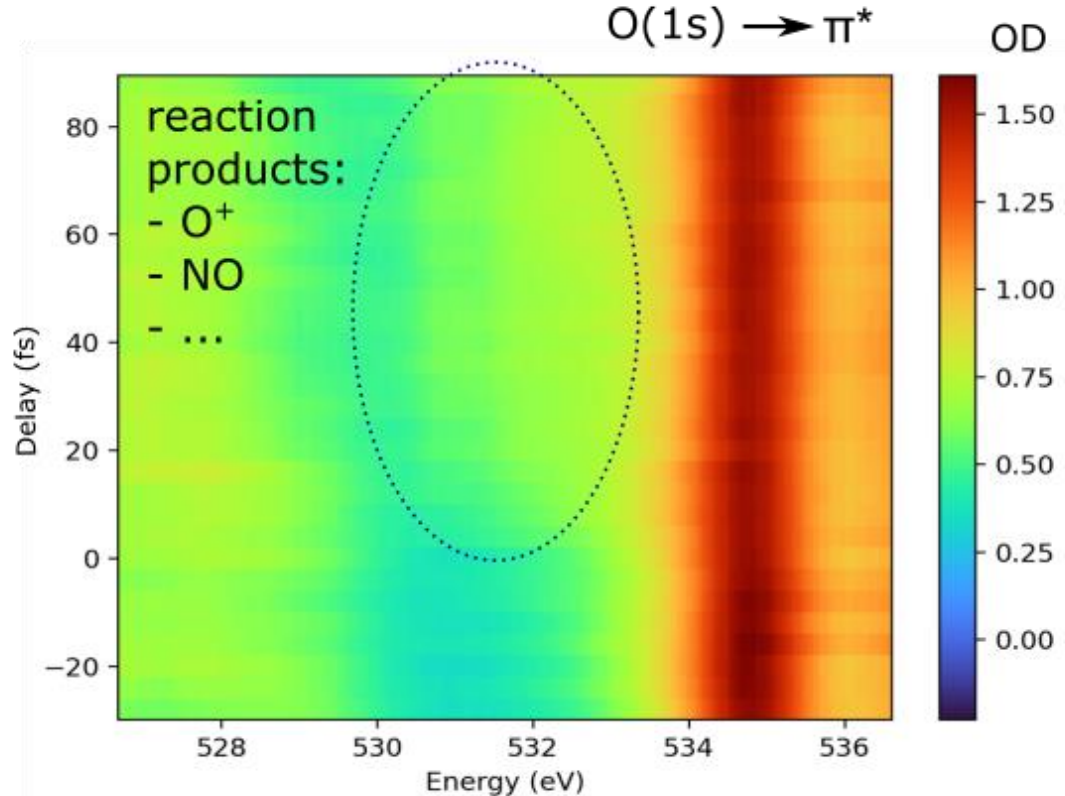
October 2021



Pilot II - Transient absorption spectroscopy with two X-ray colors

- Fixed pump energy, tuned on resonance
- Scan probe energy in 1eV steps
- Record spectrum after sample
- Record spectrum before sample using electron spectrometer
- Data for CO₂ and N₂O

N₂O transient absorption spectrum



Outlook and conclusions

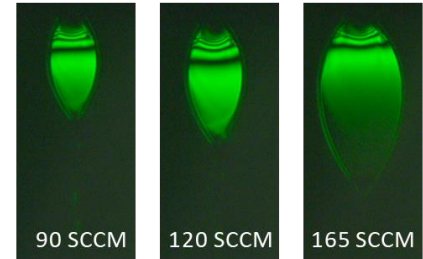
- Commissioning + Pilot III in March – Single-Particle Imaging
- Start 1st User Run:
 - 1st User Experiment in March - Single-Particle Imaging
 - ...

- Open commissioning tasks:
 - COLTRIMS spectrometer and injector
 - Liquid jet



COLTRIMS spectrometer

Varying thickness with gas pressure



Liquid jet

Successful 2021 due to close collaboration with machine side!