Diamond/Bath/Manchester/Cardiff Collaboration



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Long term collaboration between University of Bath, University of Cardiff, University of Manchester and Diamond Light Source.

- Use pump-probe methods to investigate photo-activated chemical systems
- Jonathan has preformed all the computational studies which has been vital for this investigation



Simple, crystal-engineering approach:

- Use bulky, chelating ancillary fragments
- Photo-inert fragments dominate crystal packing, generating a "reaction cavity"
- Facilitate high conversion whilst reducing crystal strain and fatigue



Pseudo-steady-state



- Fully reversible, with reverse nitrito → nitro process induced on warming
- Very fast photoconversion MS threshold temp ("MS limit") ~ 220 K

- Crystal irradiated *in-situ* at λ = 400 nm
- Complete, 100% conversion to metastable nitrito-ONO isomer below 200 K

Temp / K	NO ₂	ONO
	Occupancy	Occupancy
100	0.00	1.00
200	0.00	1.00
220	0.71	0.29
240	1.00	0.00
250	1.00	0.00
260	1.00	0.00



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Being Predictive

- Combining Arrhenius and JMAK expressions gives expression for ES $\rm t_{1/2}$

$$t_{\frac{1}{2}}(T) = \left[-\frac{1}{Ae^{-\frac{E_a}{RT}}} \ln \frac{1}{2} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left[-\frac{1}{A} \ln \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{E_a}{RT}} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

• Extrapolation allows prediction of t_{1/2} (and hence lifetimes)



Numerical simulation: predict how isomer ratios evolve under different conditions **Input** = kinetic parameters from solid-state kinetic studies

Outputs include: predicted excitation/decay, pseudo-steady-state profiles; pump-probe TR pulse sequences



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Time-resolved Results



Automatic processing

Quick analysis to determine the photo-conversion of each time-bin is crucial to guide the next set of experiment

- Images are sorted into time-bins during data collection
- Diamonds computer cluster was utilised to auto-processed all time-bin simultaneously using xia2/DIALS (peak finding, indexing, integration and scaling)
- A series of structure refinement was then automatically completed and statistical information output

Plot produced 5 minutes after end of collection from the autoprocessing:













































































- How fast can we go?

Pilatus 300K



- Using Pump-MultiProbe techniques, the Dectris Pilatus is limited by the image readout time with millisecond time-resolve at best.
- For a single time-delay the Pilatus can be electronically gated at 200 ns. To accumulate enough intensity may take numerous hours and would be unrealistic for multiple snapshots along a reaction pathway.
- Timepix detector is a continuous readout detector with 25 ns time-resolution.
- Rather than images, the detector records time and position of each photon as well as the laser trigger (or pump source) into the data stream.
- The time-resolution or data binning can be selected in processing.

Tristen/Timepix





Can we go even faster?

Faster speed required the activation light (pump) to be delivered in a short time period. Pulsed laser are ideally suited for these experiments.

PORTO laser

Andy Dent and Ann Fitzpatrix

- The PORTO laser provides a tuneable high-repetition rate pulsed laser for Diamond beamlines. It is portable and can be installed in a suitably equipped experiments hutch within a few days.
- A wavelength range of 210 nm to 2600 nm can be achieve using the OPA.
- The laser pulse width is 290 fs.
- The variable repetition rate of the laser can be adjusted from a single pulse up to 600 KHz, which is greater than the orbit frequency of Diamond.







How fast can we go?



[Pd(Bu₄dien)(NO₂)]BPh₄



 Experimental condition can be optimized by monitoring a single reflections (LED power, temperature, crystal size etc) before collecting an entire dataset







Can we go even faster?



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Thank you for listening

