

## The *in crystallo* optical spectroscopy (icOS) Lab

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### Towards time-resolved icOS (TR-icOS)

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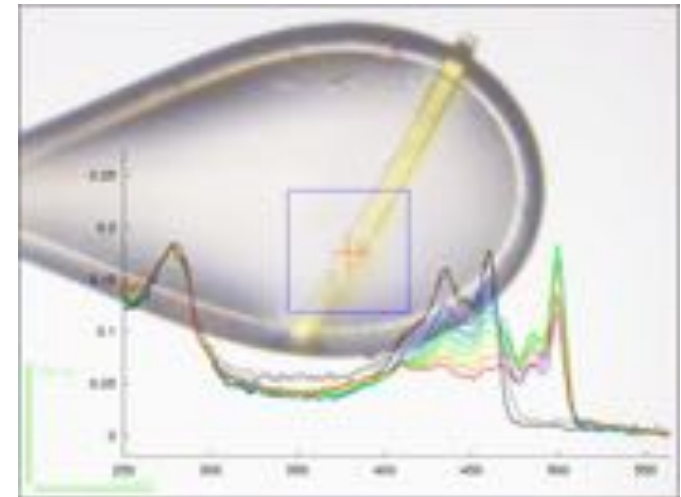
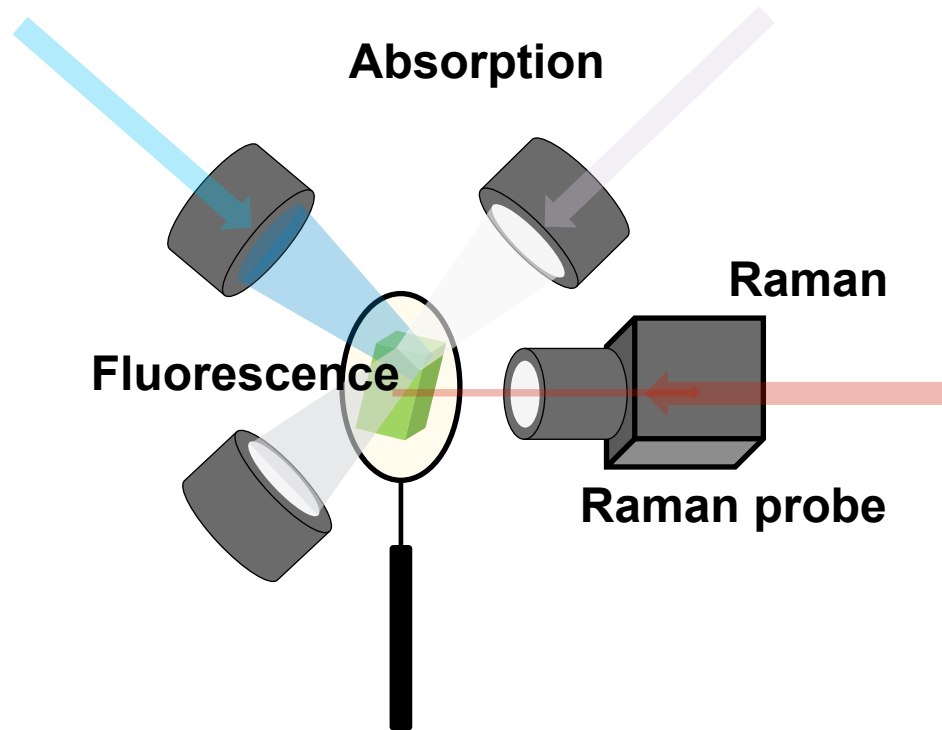
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## Complementary spectroscopy techniques

The *icOS* Lab, an IBS/ESRF platform, located at the ESRF (formerly known as the Cryobench)

- UV-visible abs/fluorescence/Raman spectra directly measured on crystals at **cryogenic** or **room** temperature



# Why performing optical spectroscopy on crystals?

Optical spectroscopy used in complement to MX:

(1) To determine the **functional state** of the crystalline protein

(2) To evaluate the extent of specific **radiation damage** effects

(3) To perform **kinetic crystallography** experiments (structure determination of **unstable species**, in time or dose)

When and where?

- Before or after the diffraction experiment: **Offline setup**
- During the diffraction experiment: **Online setup**

**Offline setup: the icOS Lab – Control Cabin and Experimental Hutch**  
Now in Chartreuse Hall between new ID29 and ID30B



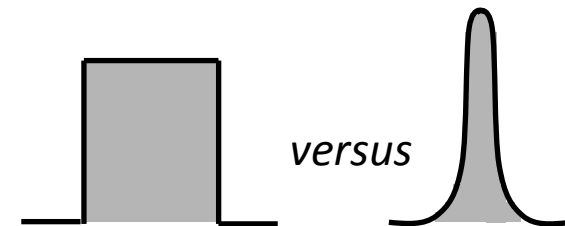
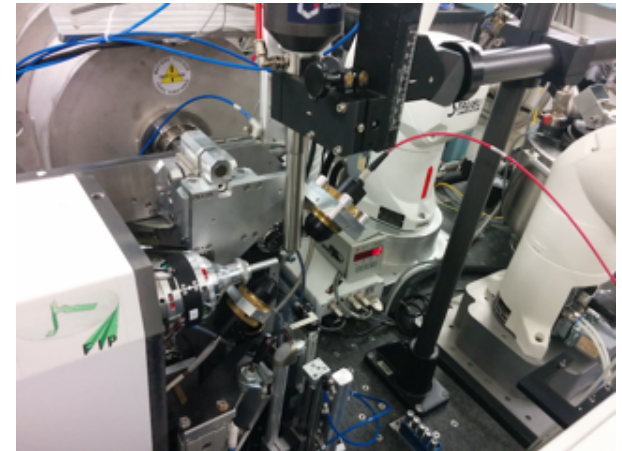
## New automated spectroscopy setup



- Standard MX beamline equipment (minidiffractometer MD2M with 3-click sample centring, back/front lights, on-axis viewer)
- Motorized optical objectives

## on-line UV-vis absorption spectroscopy on BM07-FIP2 (large crystals, > 50-100 $\mu\text{m}$ )

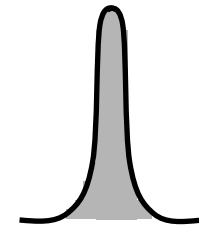
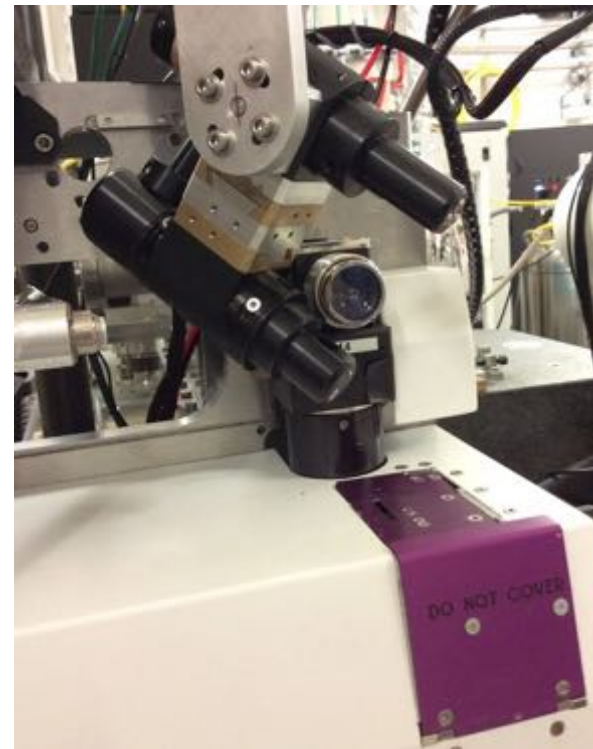
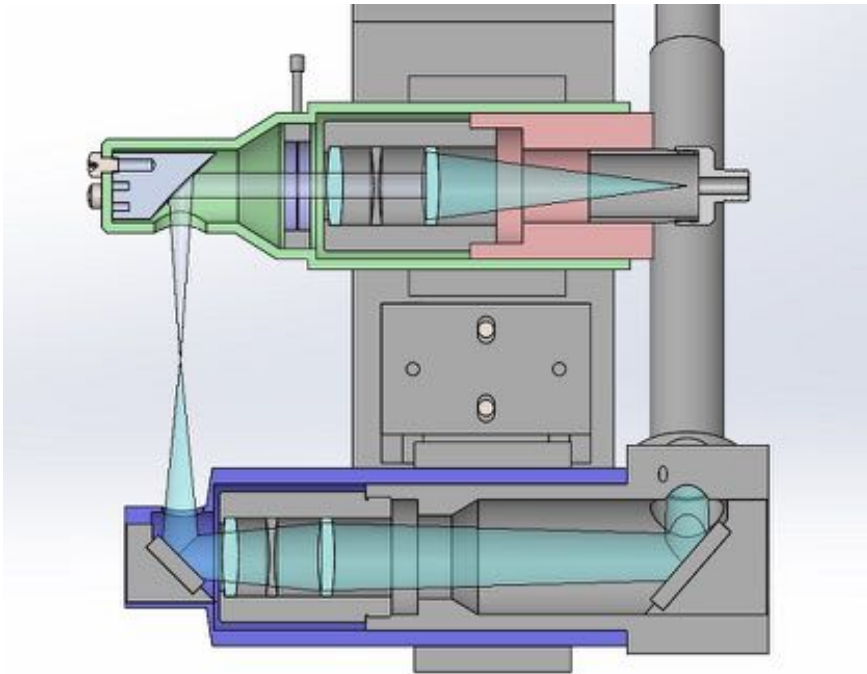
- FIP2 = reconstruction of BM30A-FIP on BM07
- FIP2: 3x to 10x higher flux + Pilatus detector -> faster data collection -> faster time resolution
- Cryogenic (still very) low dose spectroscopic characterization -> complementary to other MX beamlines
- Importance of keeping a TopHat beam vs. Gaussian beam for radiation damage studies



McGeehan *et al.*, *J. Synchrotron Rad.* (2009)

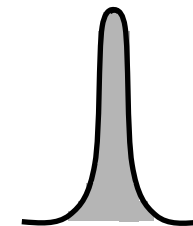
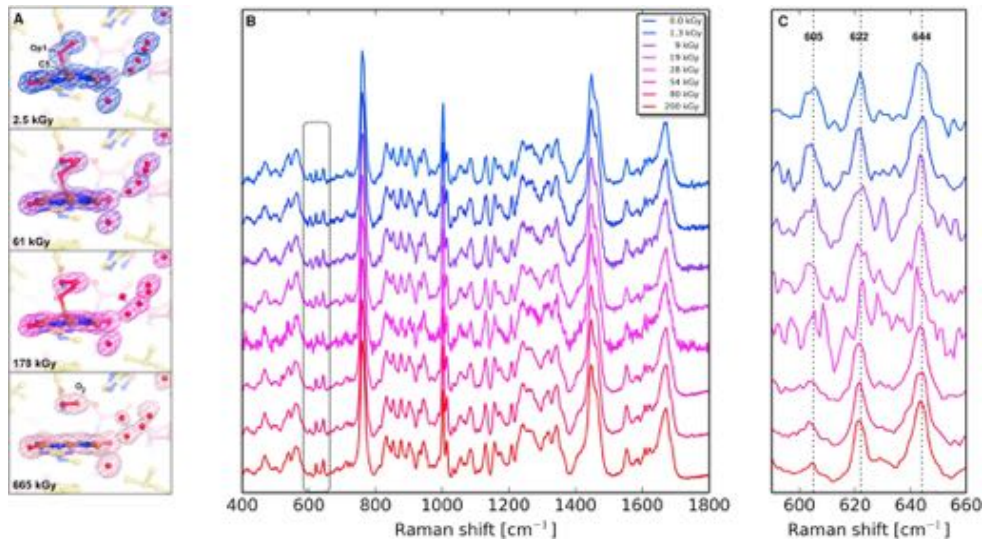
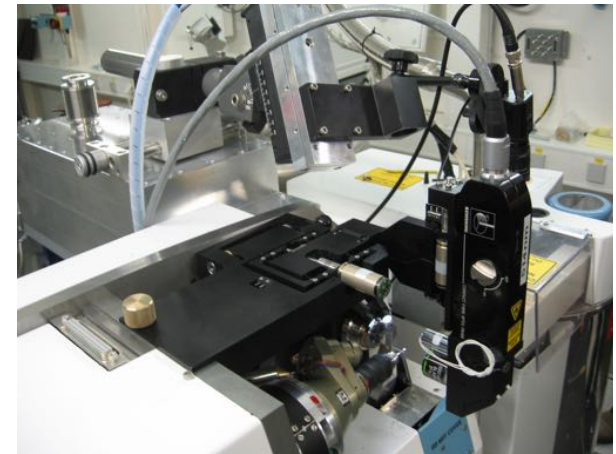
## Future: **on-line UV-vis absorption spectroscopy** on ID30A-3 (smaller crystals, 15-20 $\mu\text{m}$ )

- Brand new design (O. Hignette/P. Theveneau, ESRF) - use of parabolic mirrors
- Developed by David von Stetten and now Igor Melnikov



## Future: on-line Raman spectroscopy on ID30B

- Online Raman not suitable for ID29 any more (beam size)
- Similar setup as ID29 (6tec/ESRF design), but re-designed to accommodate the MD2S (P. Jacquet, IBS)
- Radiation damage studies – monitoring specific bond breakage or deformation of groups (or of secondary structures)

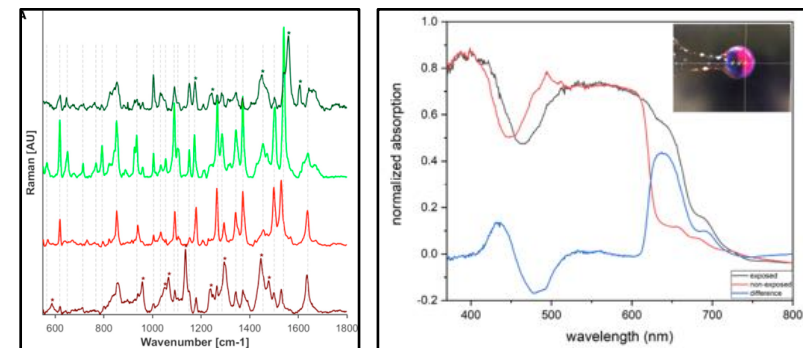
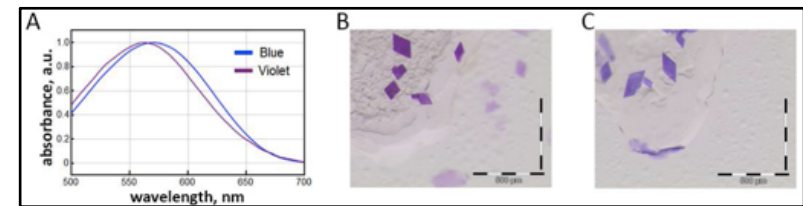
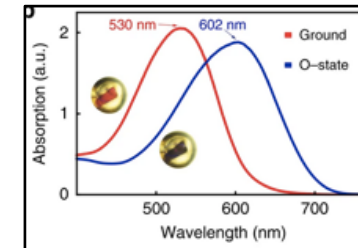
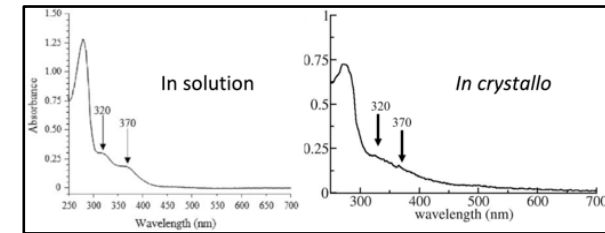


von Stetten *et al.*, *J. Struct. Biol.* (2017)



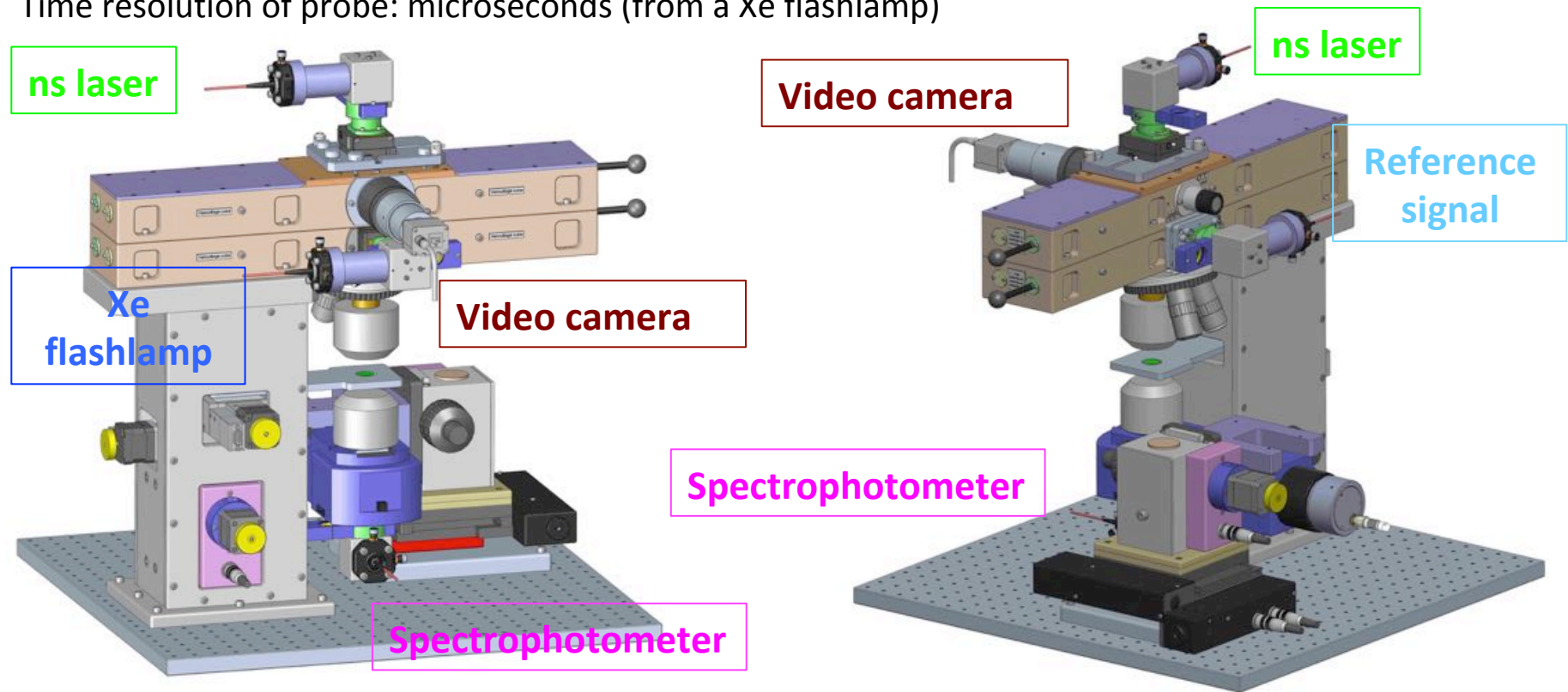
## Recent *icOS* highlights

- Carpentier *et al.*, *Nucleic Acids Res.* (2020) Structural, biochemical and functional analyses of the tRNA-monooxygenase enzyme MiaE
- Kovalev *et al.*, *Nat. Commun.* (2020) – Molecular mechanism of light-driven sodium pumping
- Kovalev *et al.*, *PNAS* (2020) – High-resolution structural insights into the heliorhodopsin family
- De Zitter *et al.*, *JACS* (2020) – Mechanistic Investigations of Green mEos4b Reveal a Dynamic Long-Lived Dark State
- Xu *et al.*, *PNAS* (2020) – Structural elements regulating the photochromicity in a cyanobacteriochrome

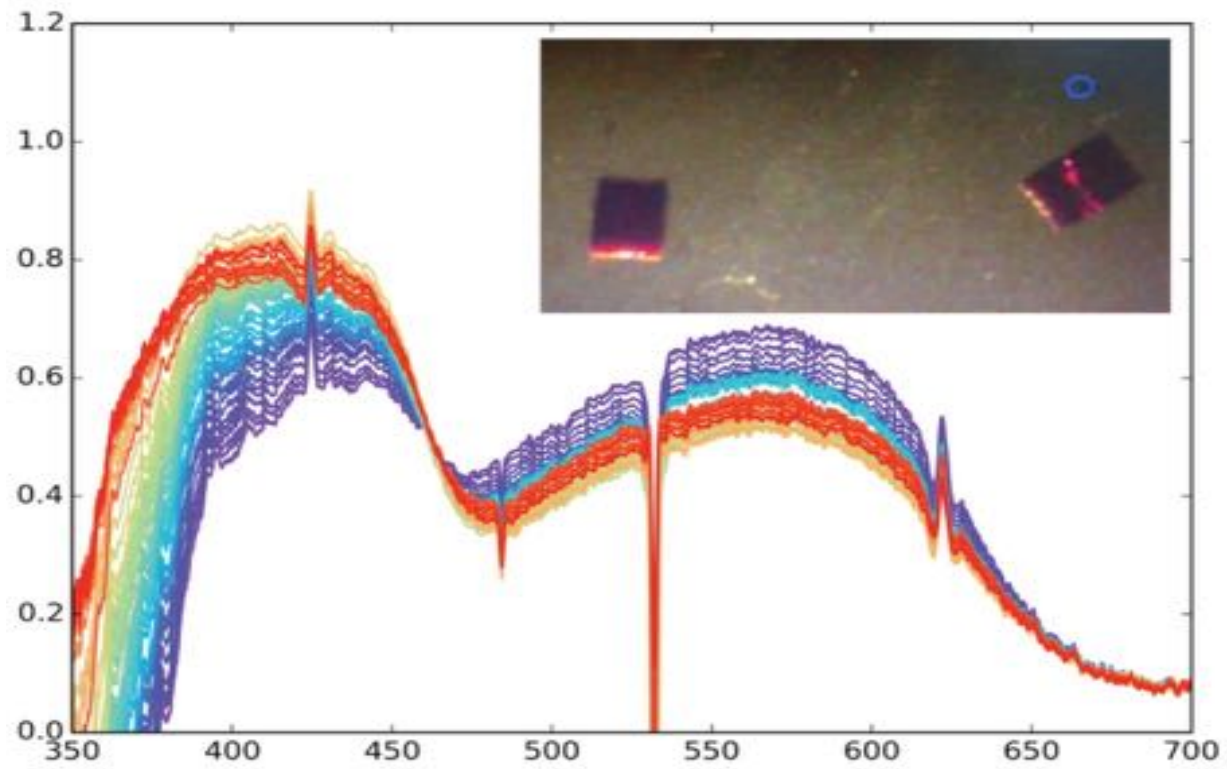


## Microsecond time-resolved UV-vis absorption spectroscopy on *icOS*

- Use with 10-15  $\mu\text{m}$  crystals
- Actinic pulse: nanoseconds (from a tunable ns laser)
- Time resolution of probe: microseconds (from a Xe flashlamp)

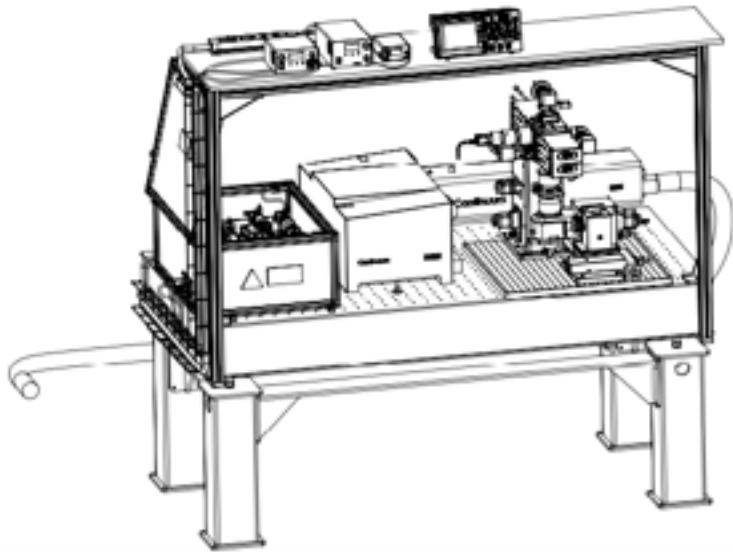


## Feasibility experiment on bacteriorhodopsin crystals

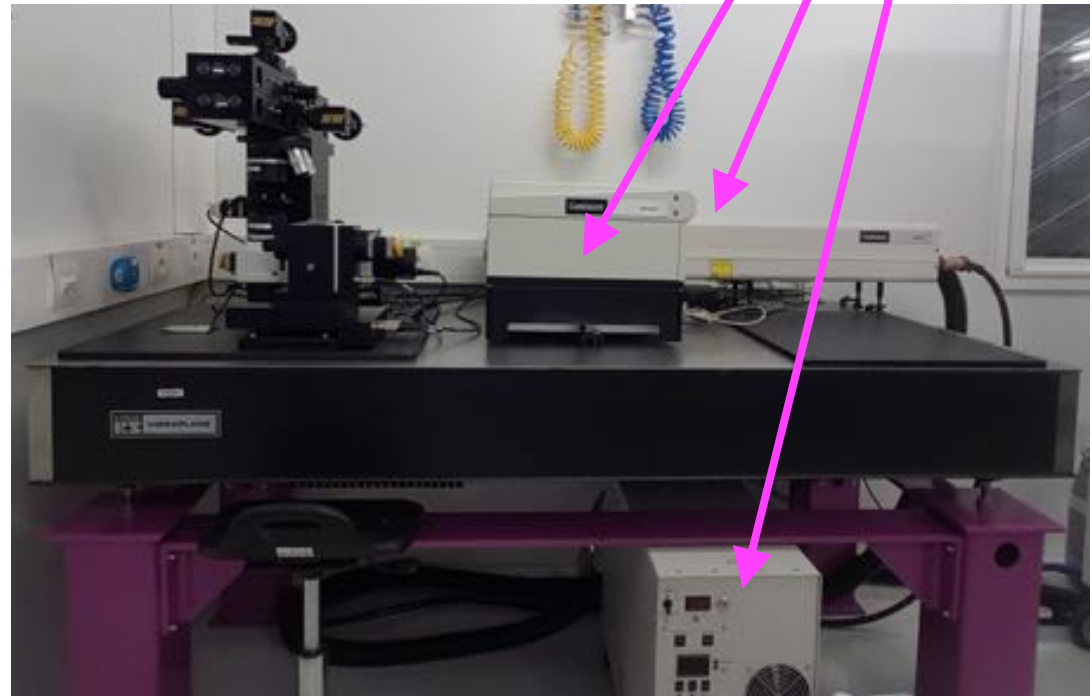


## Building the TR-icOS setup – hopefully working end of 2021

Schematic of final setup

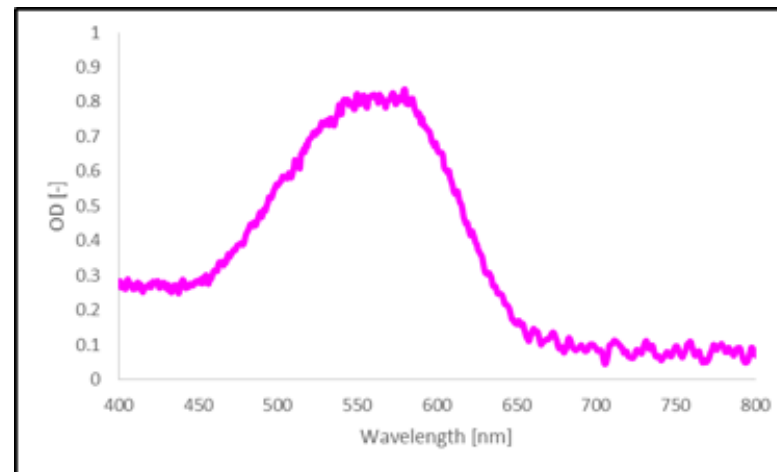
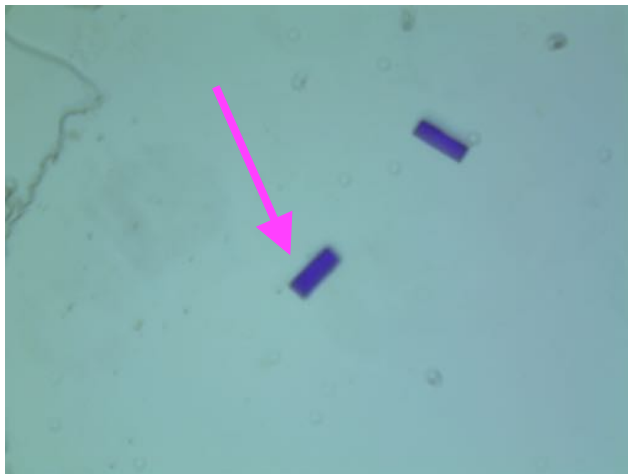
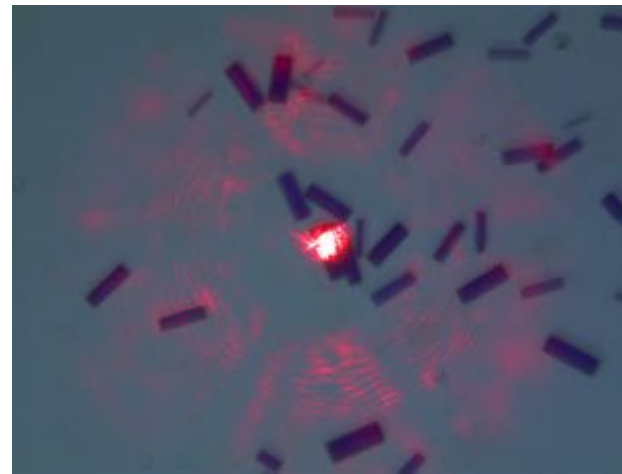
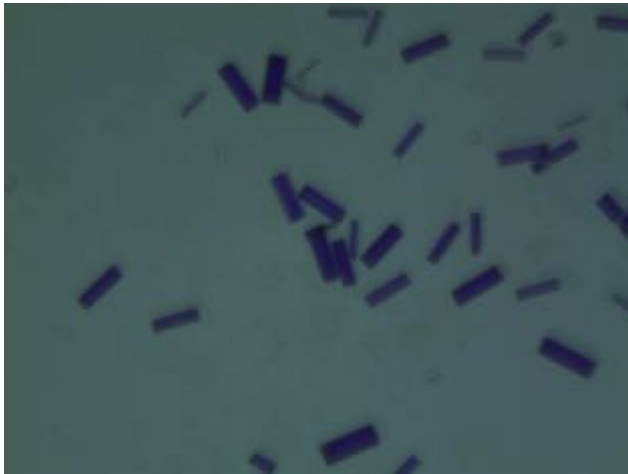


Opto-mechanical setup



Tunable  
nanosecond laser

## Preliminary results on bacteriorhodopsin crystals



## Summary: various available spectroscopies, or soon-to-be

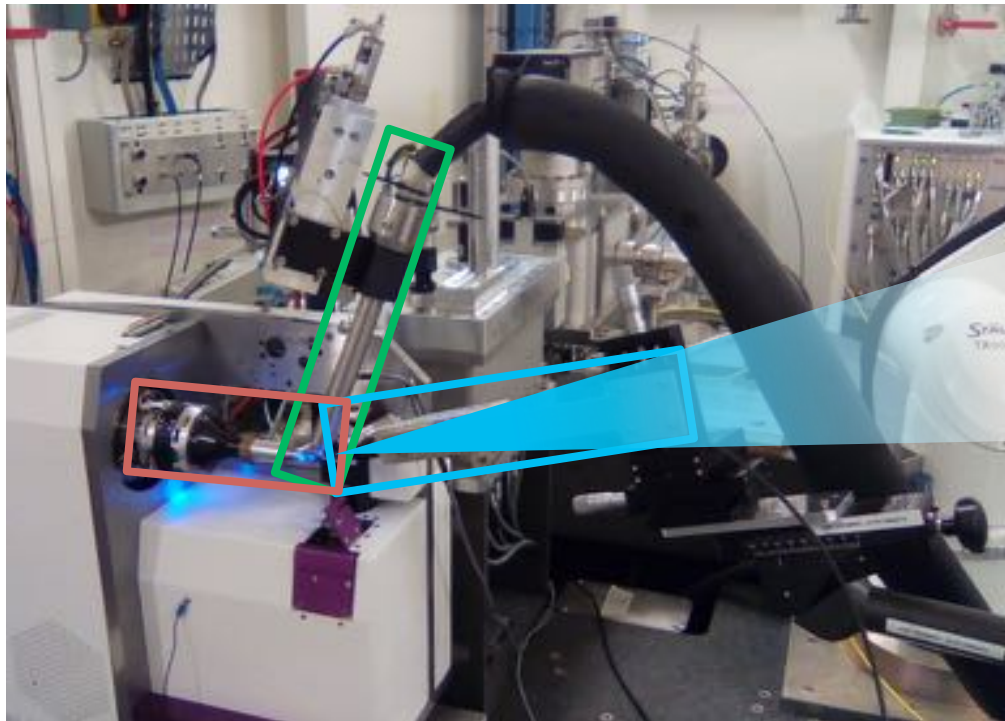
Spectroscopy	Off-line	On-line
UV-vis absorption	<i>icOS</i>	<b>BM07-FIP2</b> (large beam > 50-100 um)
Fluorescence	<i>icOS</i>	<b>ID30A-3 (MASSIF-3)</b> (small beam ~15-20 um)
Raman	<i>icOS</i>	<b>ID30B</b>
Time-resolved UV-vis absorption (microsecond)	<i>icOS</i>	-

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**Example of a time-resolved  
crystallography experiment on ID30A-3  
aided by off-line time-resolved optical  
spectroscopy**

# Time-resolved crystallography setup on beamline ID30A-3

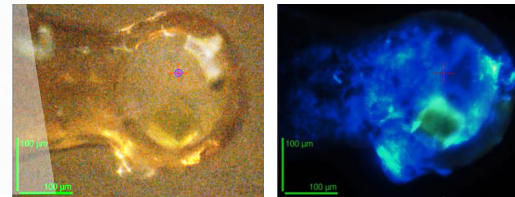


Crystals preservation at RT

HC1 humidity controller



Populate the crystal in light state



470 nm LED

Record oscillation data sets as fast as possible

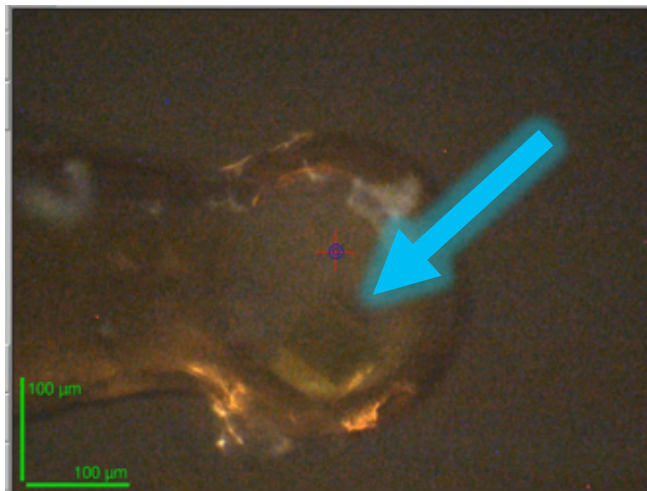
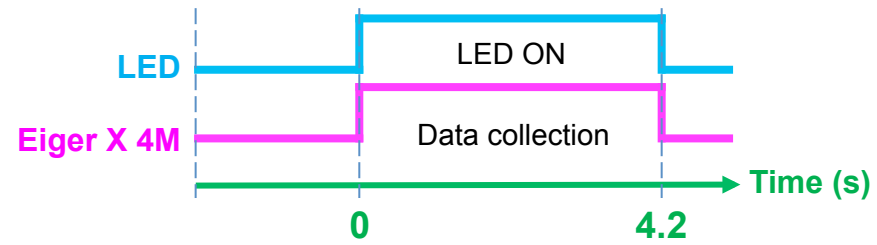
MD2 Microdiffractometer

Eiger X 4M pixel detector



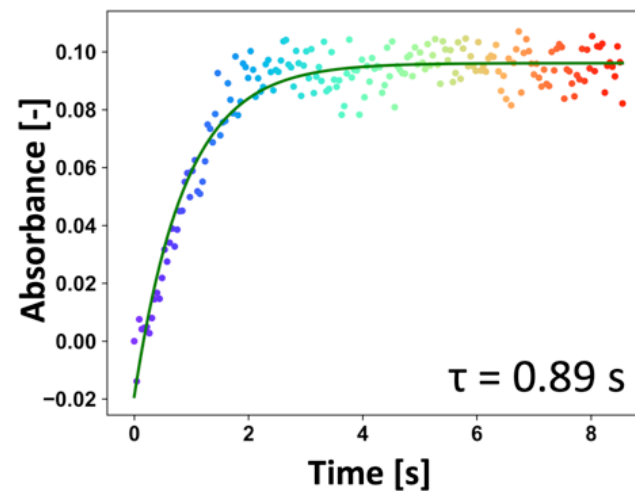
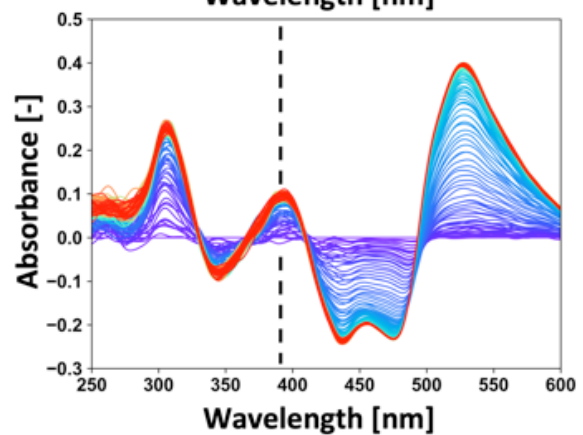
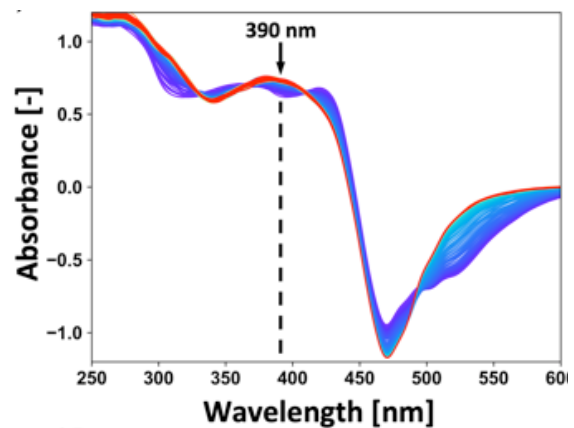
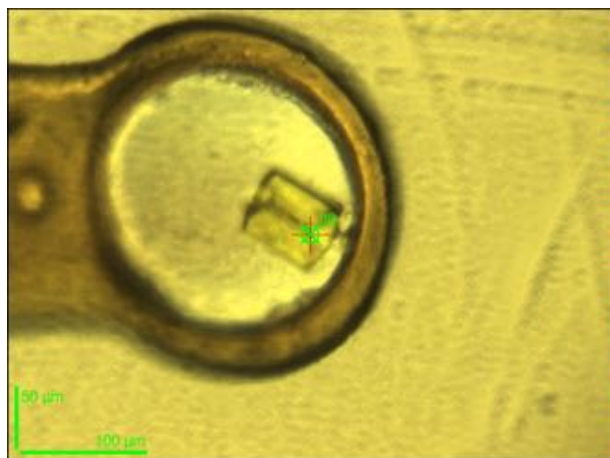


## Photoadduct build-up

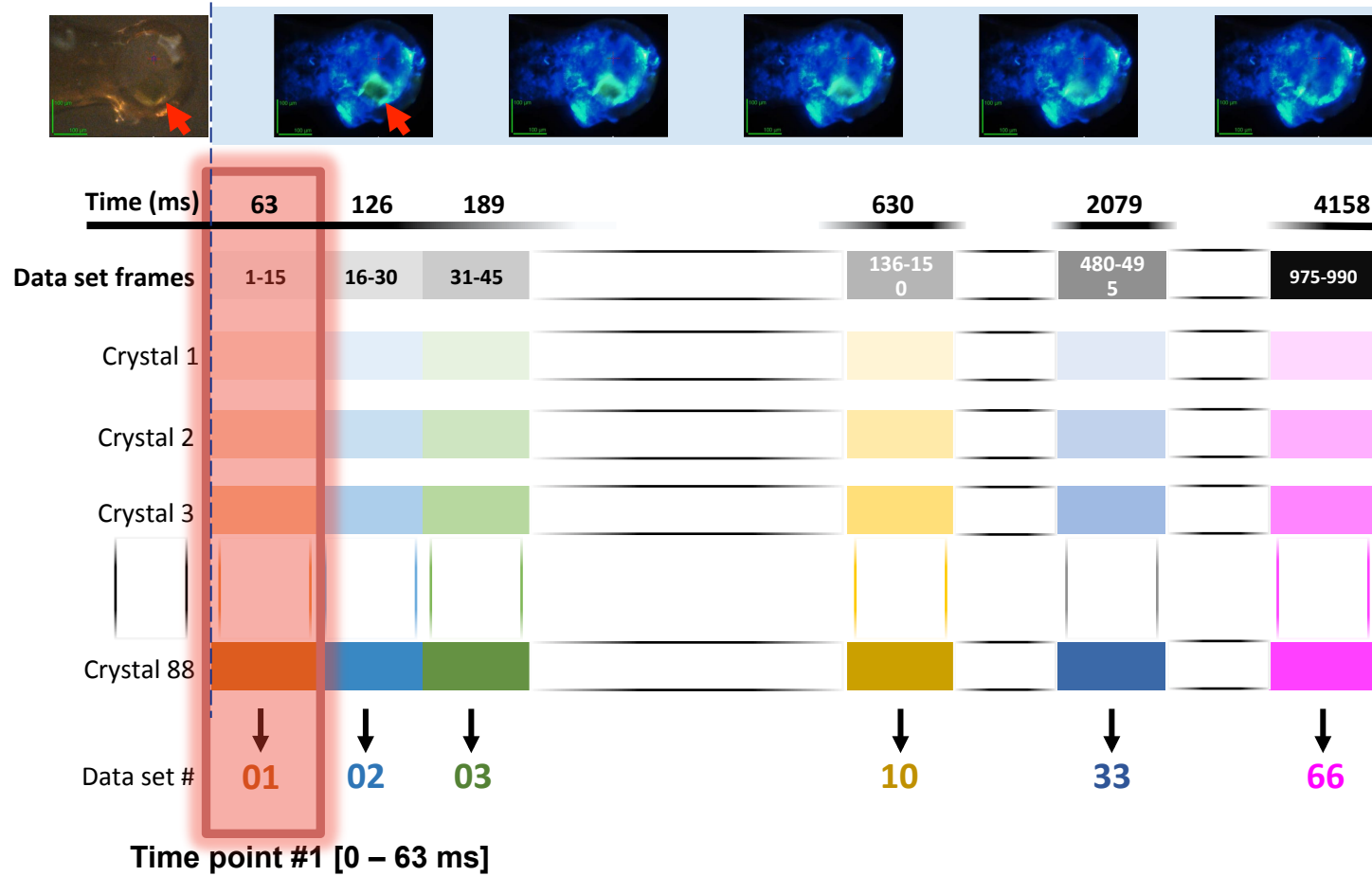


# Spectroscopic characterization of photoadduct build-up

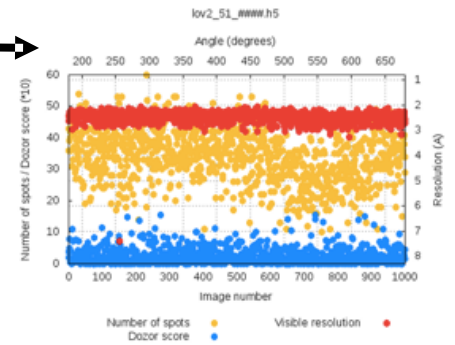
Time-resolved UV-vis absorption spectroscopy at the *icOS* Lab (offline mode), with **41 ms time resolution**



# X-ray data collection principle



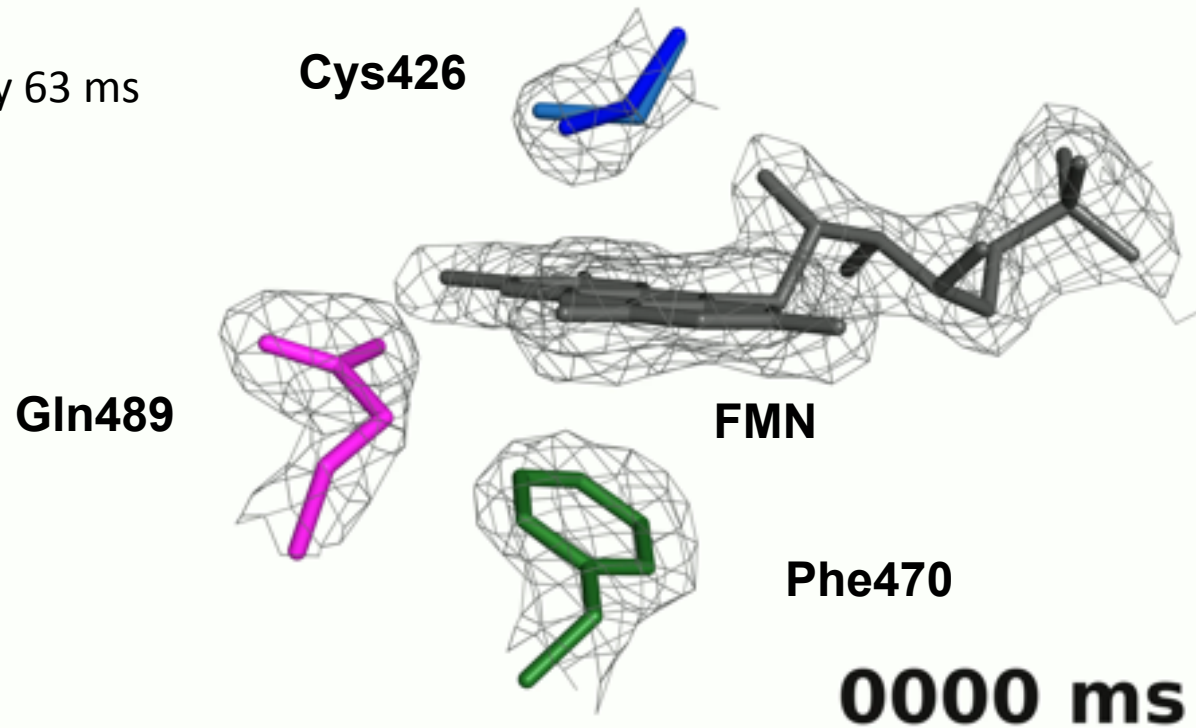
0.5% transmission  
 4.5E+10 ph/s flux  
 115 – 162 kGy / data set



**66 complete datasets**  
 (resolution **2.3-2.8 Å**)  
 composed by HCA  
 (Santoni *et al.*, *J. Appl. Cryst.* (2017))  
**4.2 s of build-up probed**  
 with a **63 ms time resolution**

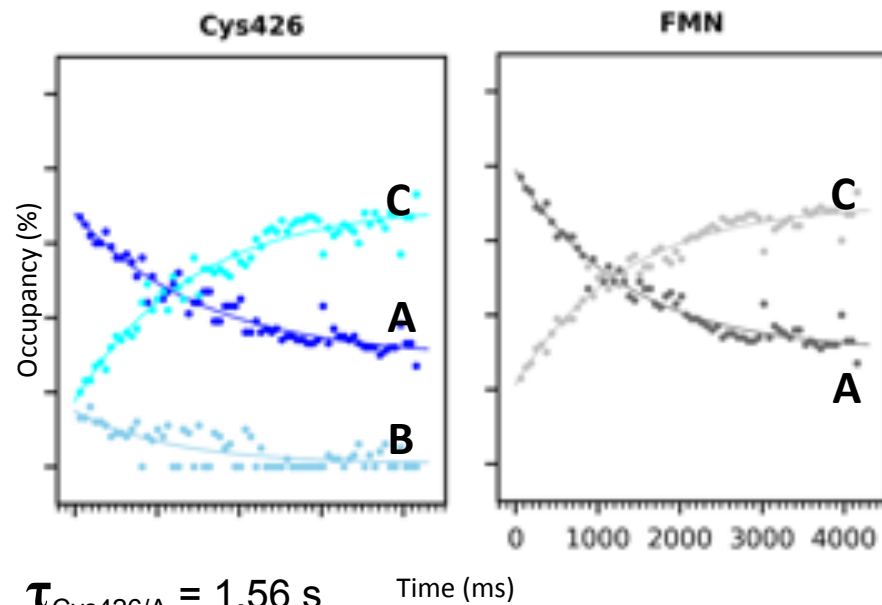
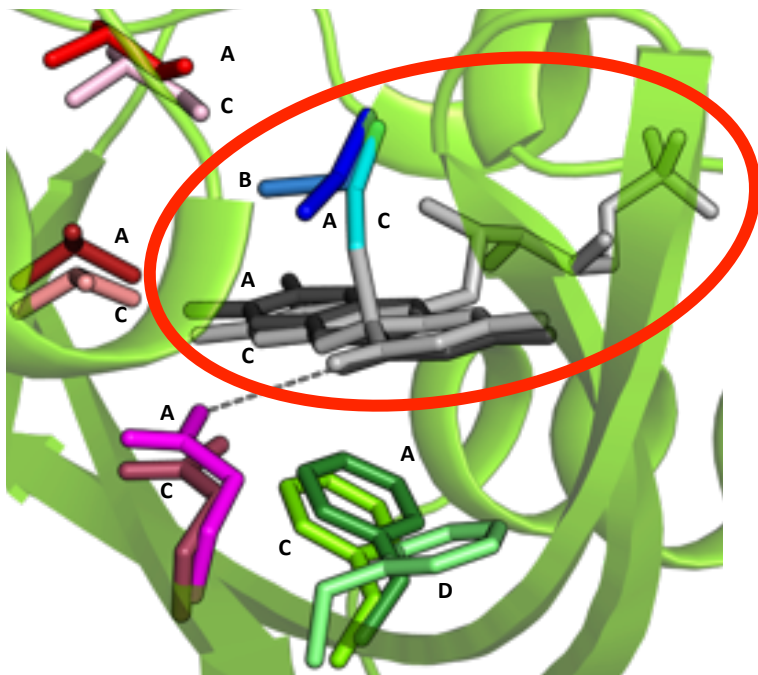
# Molecular movie of the photoadduct population build-up in a LOV2 crystal

- 66 time points
- One frame every 63 ms
- Slowed x2



Aumonier *et al.*, *IUCrJ* (2020)

## Diffraction-based calculation of the build-up time constant



$$\tau_{\text{Cys426/A}} = 1.56 \text{ s}$$

$$\tau_{\text{Cys426/B}} = 1.19 \text{ s}$$

$$\tau_{\text{Cys426/C}} = 1.43 \text{ s}$$

$$\tau_{\text{average}} = 1.39 \text{ s}$$

Time (ms)

$$\tau_{\text{FMN/AC}} = 1.33 \text{ s}$$

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