# MeV-UED Run-4 Summary and Future Capabilities on Chemical Science MeV-UED Instrument Advisory

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### Direct structural probe within femtosecond temporal resolution



#### Theoretical verification from UED measurement observables



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**Experiment:** Run-4, UED119, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Alice Green Thomas Wolf





MeV-UED chemical program

# Experiments summary and capabilities development

### **Discussion** agenda

- Gas Phase Chemical Program in SLAC MeV-UED
- Run-4 gas phase UED experiment summary
  - Run-4 experiments and operation
  - Newly emerged experimental capabilities

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- > Deep UV light generation
- Slit-jet sample delivery
- Electron detection and diagnostics

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# Summary of Run-4 GUED experiments

### GUED Run-4, Nov. 2023 to Jun. 2024

- Very successful user run
  - Many experiments accomplished
  - Two sample delivery protocols offered
  - Multiple laser excitation wavelengths



Run-4 summarv

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# Summary of past Run-4 GUED experiments operation

### Beamtime highlights



#### Direct vs. Stepwise iodine elimination in 2and 3-Iodothiophenes

#### Ring-opening and isomerization of Oxazole



Run-4 results

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# Summary of Run-4 GUED experiments operation



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### Take home messages

#### Achievements

- Standard configuration with flow-cell
  - Stable running condition with efficient usage of machine hours
  - Consistently high success rate with the refined capabilities
- New capabilities expanding science cases with slit-jet sample delivery
  - Successful transition from R&D to user experiments
  - Running up to 250 °C for a Torr level.
  - High quality data for user experiments
- MeV-UED user community expended in chemical science

Remining challenging need further efforts

- Higher repetition rate (Joel's talk),
  - Pushing from 360 Hz to 1080 Hz
- Higher sensitivity in electron detections
  - ✤ Andor optical camera
  - ePix direct detector
- Further improvement on the sample delivery
  - ✤ Slit-jet sample delivery
  - ✤ Up to 500 °C.
- Strong need for improvement of temporal resolution

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#### Improvement in laser capabilities

Current laser capabilities in MeV-UED

**200 nm, 240 nm – 2.4 \mum, mid-IR up to 12 um, THz (100 - 300 um)** 

Gap between 200 and 240 nm (Deep UV generation)



Experimental capabilities





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# Ongoing R&D efforts enabling new capability in GUED

### Improvement in sample delivery system



#### **SLAC** Experimental capabilities

### Slit-jet (Ming-Fu Lin and team)

- Motion and alignment control
- Keep optimizing the designing
- Active cooling (operation efficiency)

### Catcher

- > Dynamic monitoring of sample accumulation
- Larger capacity of sample
- Optimizing the structure
- ✤ Further testing
  - Pushing towards to 500 °C



# Ongoing R&D efforts enabling new capability in GUED

### Improving electron detection and characterization

- Andor optical camera and ePix10K electron direct detector
  - >Andor optical imaging system (phosphor to EMCCD)
    - Larger Q range, higher collection efficiency, Less imaging distortion
  - ►ePix direct detector
    - Higher detection sensitivity, larger Q range, Single-shot detection
- Improvement on temporal resolution (THzbased streaking time-tool)
  - Push from 150 fs to sub-100 fs or even shorter
  - Feasible to observer fast wavepacket dynamics and structure changes





Diffraction patterns Andor vs. ePix

### Conclusion

#### Run-4

Significant achievements and insights into ultrafast chemical dynamics enhancing our understanding of rapid molecular transformations.

#### Ongoing R&D efforts

Through continuous efforts in R&D projects, we have established various *new capabilities*, including advanced sample delivery methods, expanded laser wavelength options, enhanced electron detection techniques, and pushing to the improvement of temporal resolution.

#### Looking forward

Continued advancements in high performance of the electron source and detector technology will further enhance MeV-UED's precision, opening new pathways for studying complex reactions and dynamic processes central to chemical innovation.



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