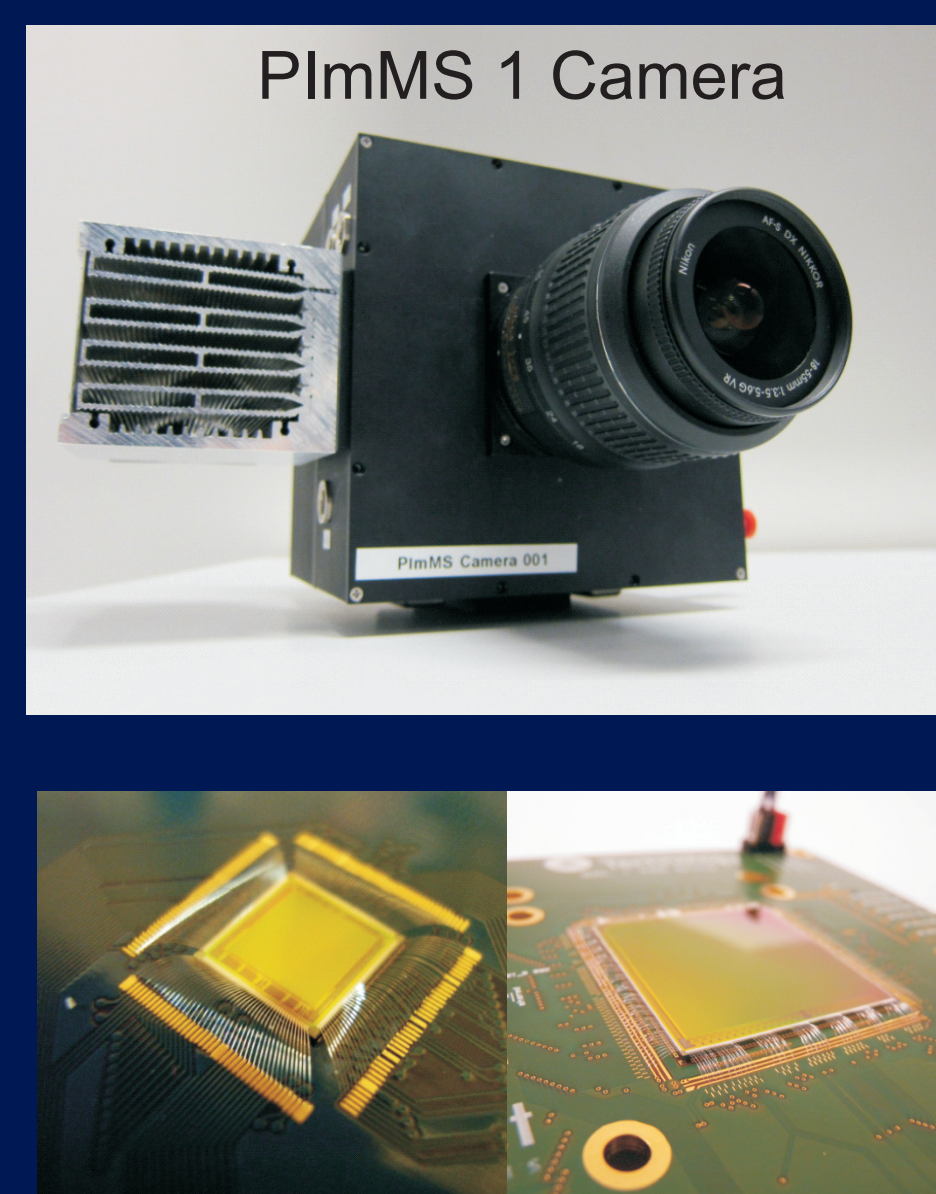


The Pixel Imaging Mass Spectrometry Sensor - Functionality, Performance, and a variety of Applications

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The Pixel Imaging Mass Spectrometry sensor (PlmMS sensor) - a versatile fast Imaging Sensor -

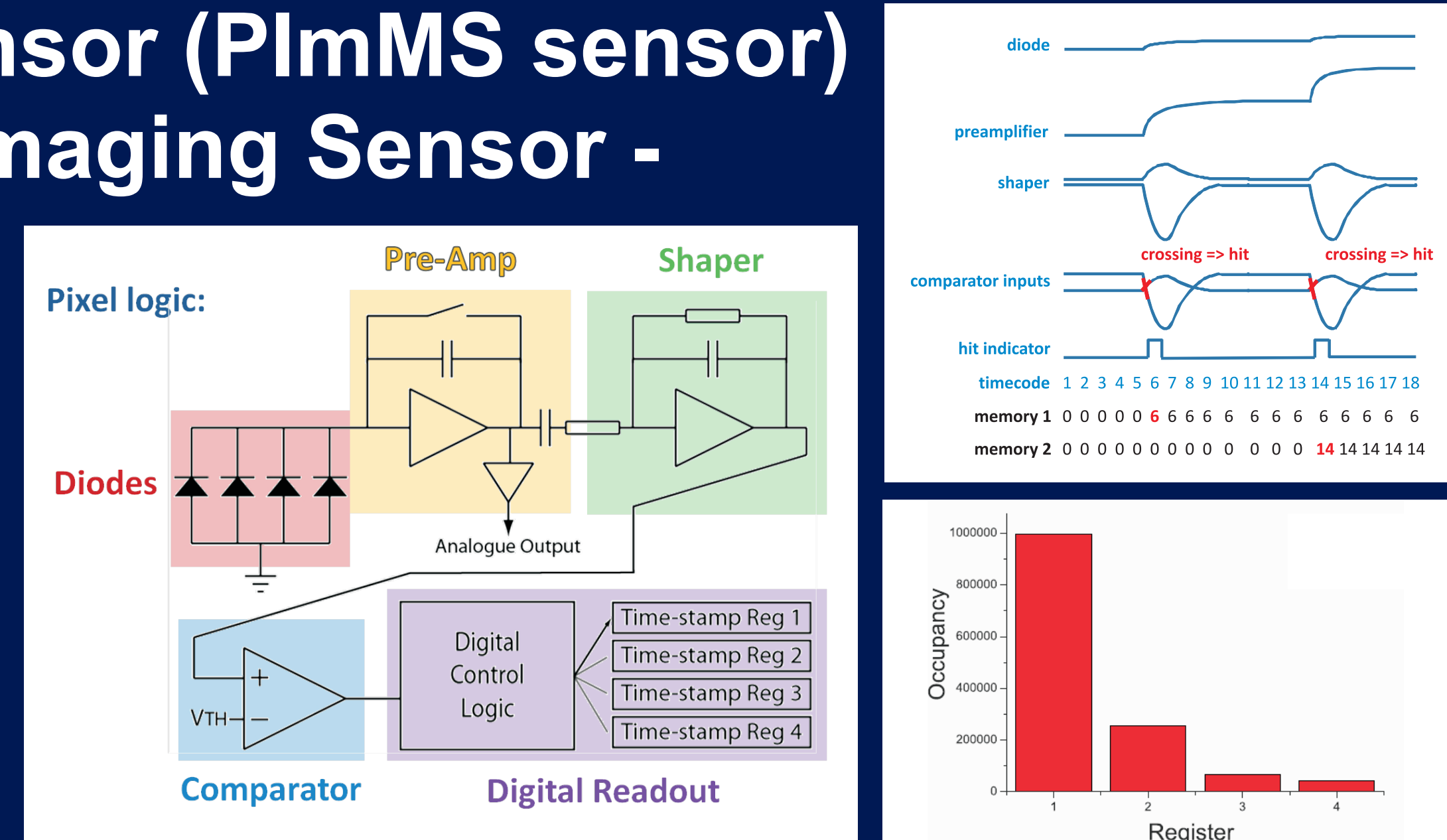
Developed in collaboration with Oxford Physics and the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory [1-3].

- Event counting device:
 - > Ion event time stamp: x, y, t
 - > saves only relevant data
 - > detects any mass
 - > not restricted to pre-selected masses
 - > up to 4 time stamps per pixel
- PlmMS1: 72 x 72 pixels
- PlmMS2: 324 x 324 pixels
- 4 registers in each pixel for multi event detection
- time code width 12.5 ns (down to 6.25 ns)
- maximum repetition rate up to 500 Hz
- based on INMAPS-CMOS technology

Advantages over other time-stamping devices:

- multiple registers per pixel >> no data is lost due to 'shadowing' by earlier events
- can replace CCD camera in existing MCP/phosphor/CCD detection systems

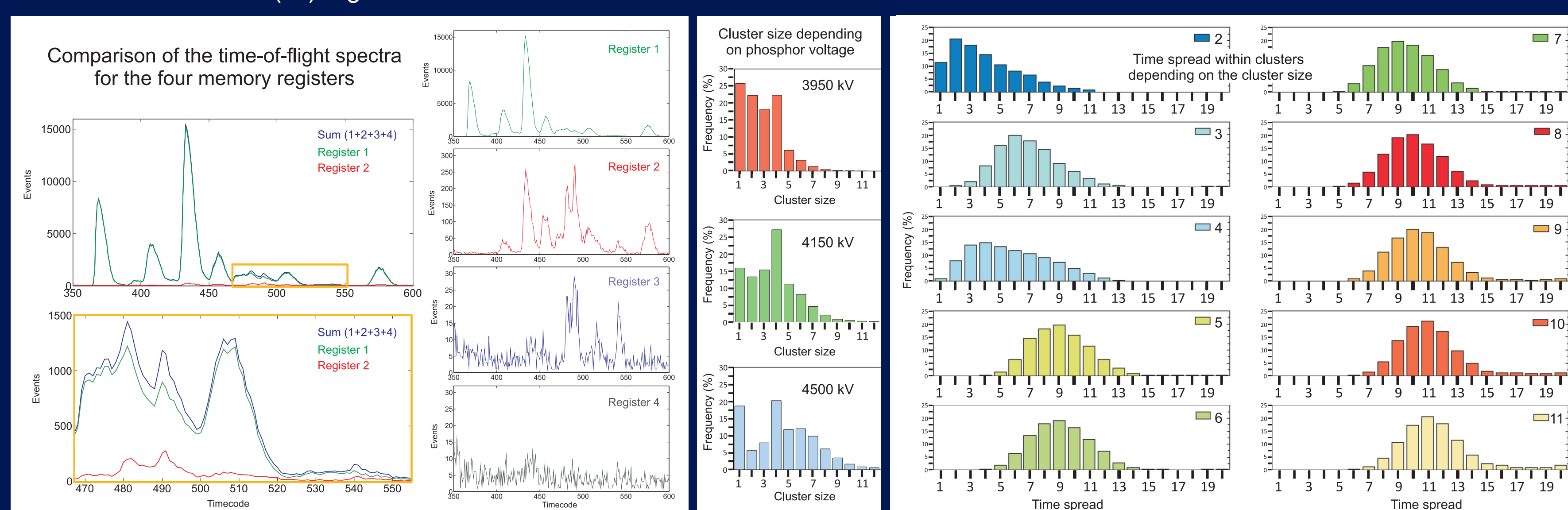
 PlmMS 2 sensor: currently in testing; 324 x 324 pixels, 6.25 ns timing precision, and a more uniform sensitivity over the sensor



Characterisation and Performance

Multiple memories per pixel are important: some of the ions are recorded in the 2nd (3rd) register and would be missed.

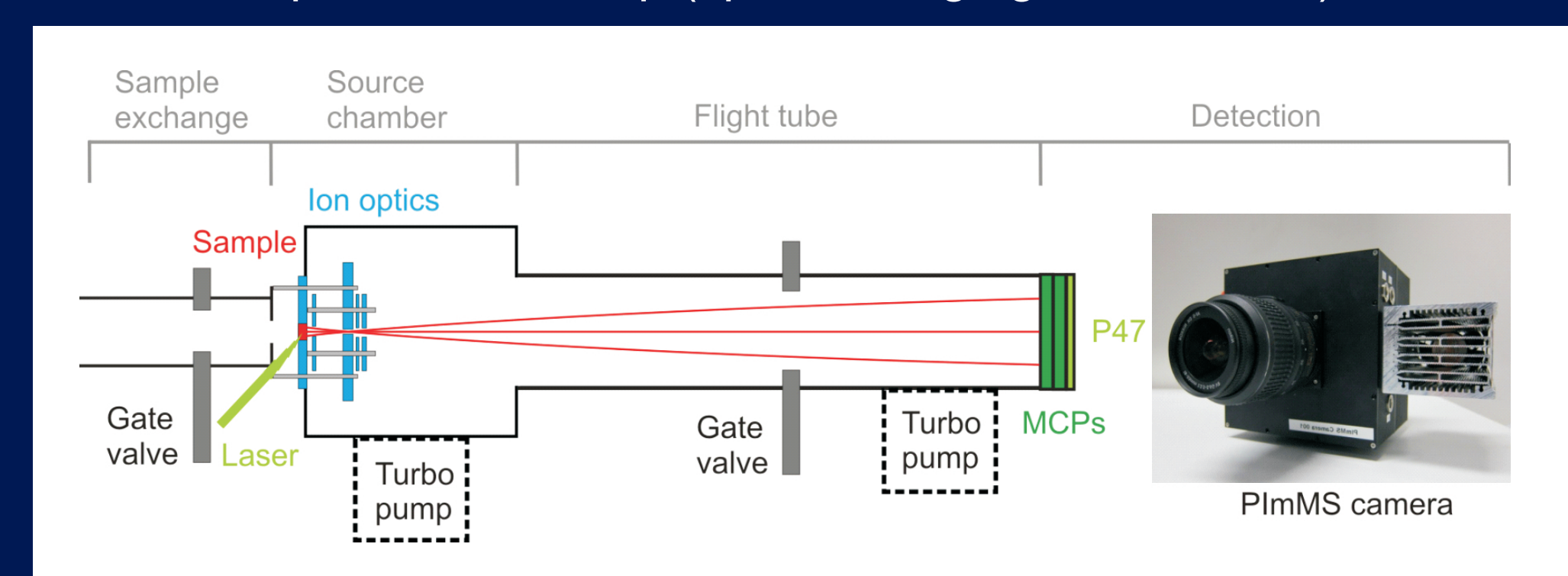
Cluster analysis: clusters can be used to enhance spatial and temporal (mass) resolution by applying a centroiding algorithm [4].



Applications

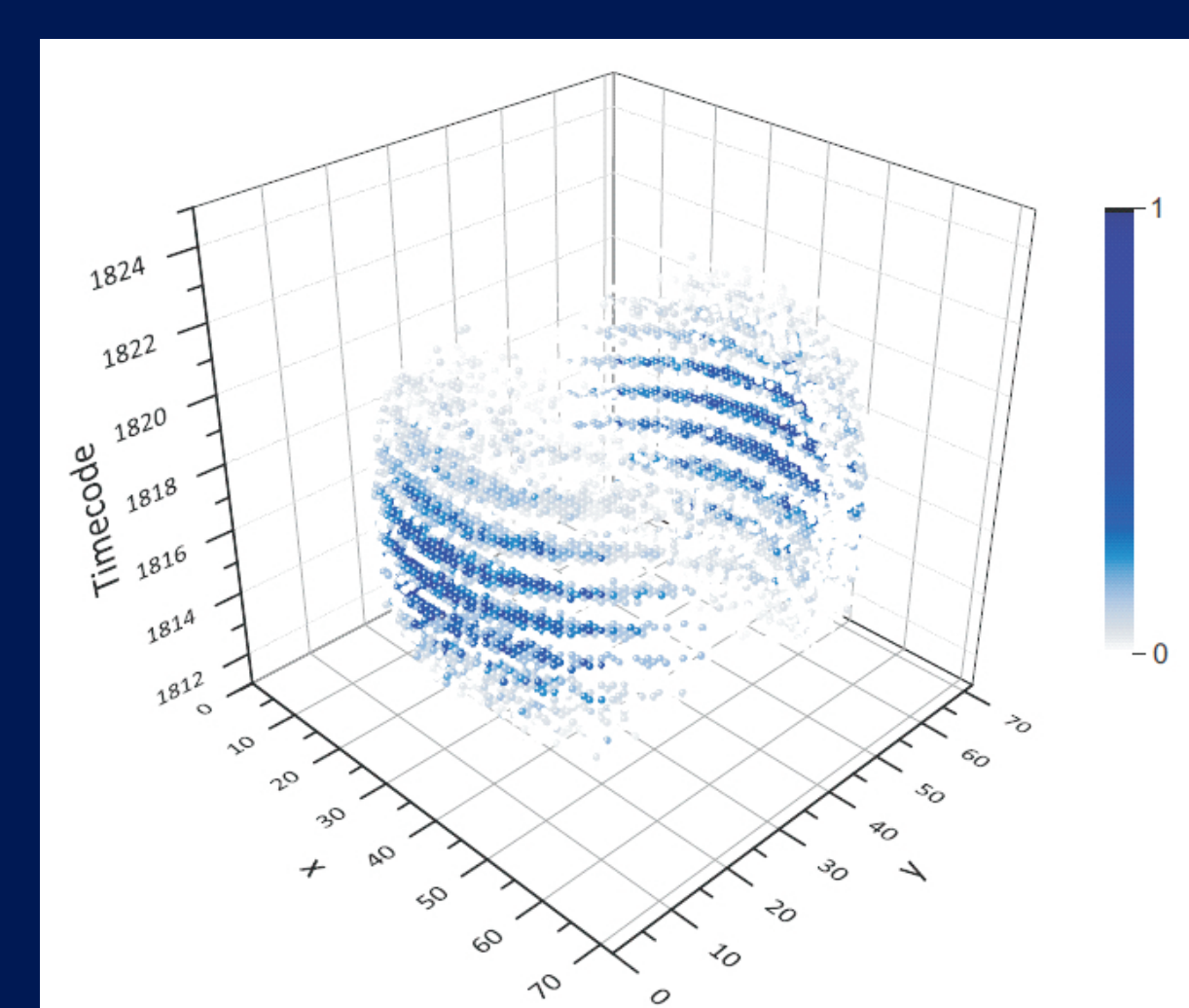
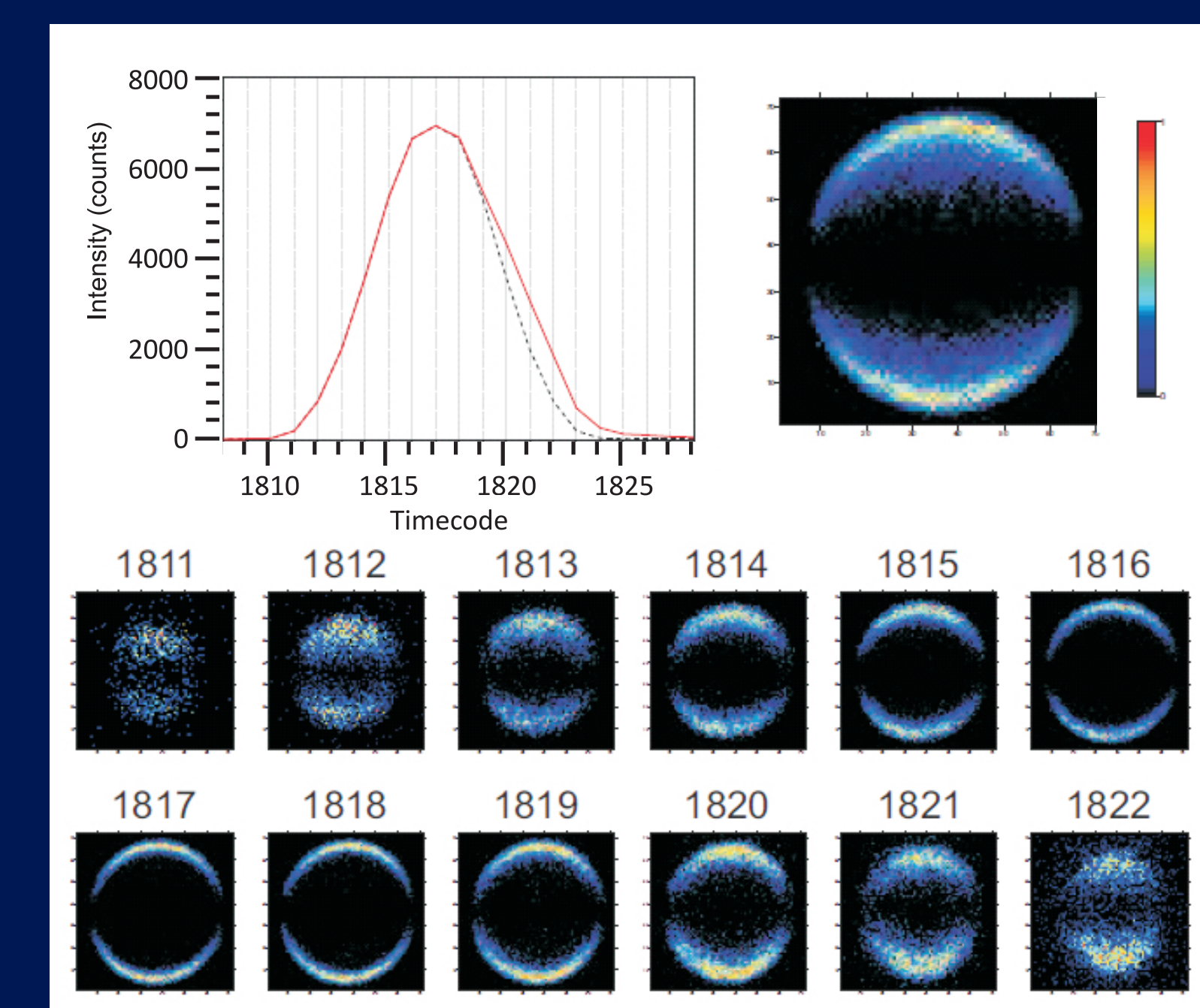
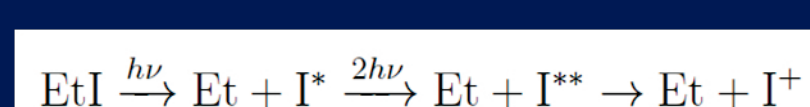
- 3D Velocity-map imaging (VMI)
- Photoelectron - multiple-photoions coincidence VMI
- Spatial imaging mass spectrometry in microscope mode
- Imaging of molecular structure (and follow structural changes in real-time) using Coulomb-explosion VMI (and fs laser pulses)

Experimental setup (spatial imaging; VMI similar)



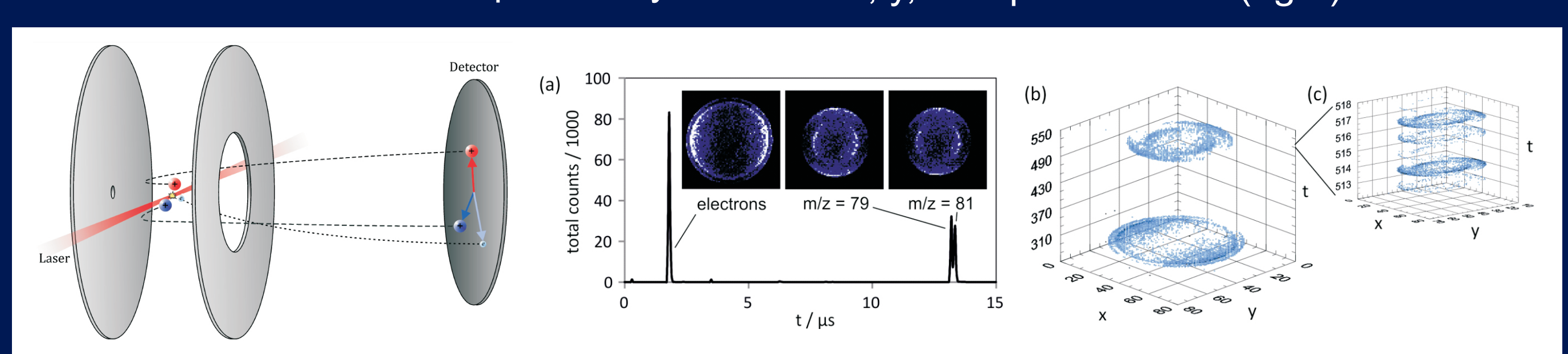
(1) Velocity-Map Imaging: 3D Newton Spheres

Photoinduced dissociation and ionisation of EtI at 245.30 nm (resonant transition) [4]:

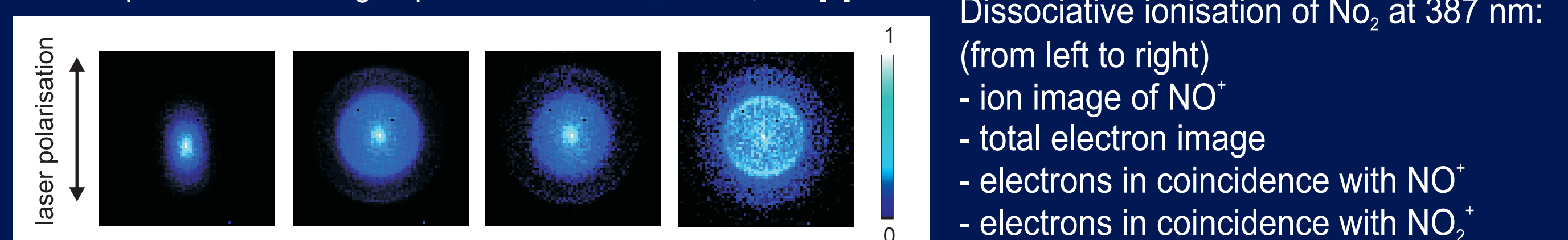


(2) Velocity-Map Imaging: PEPICO on a single detector using pulsed extraction

The pulsed extraction technique to image both electrons and ions on the same detector within the same acquisition cycle. Time-of-flight spectrum, and electron and ion images of Br₂, with the two isotopes resolved, and x, y, t - representation (right).

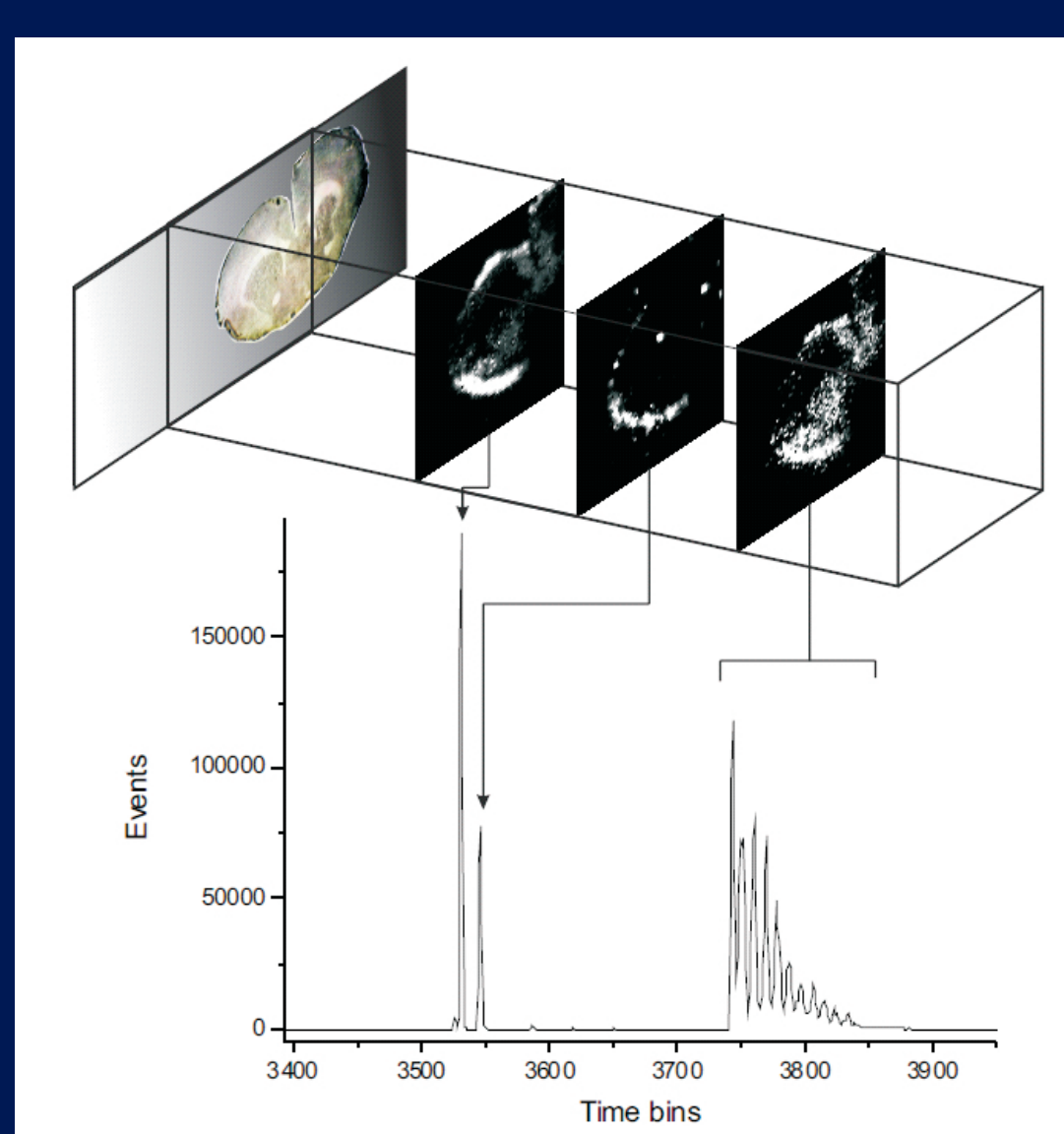


In cooperation with the group of Ben Whitaker, Leeds, UK [5]

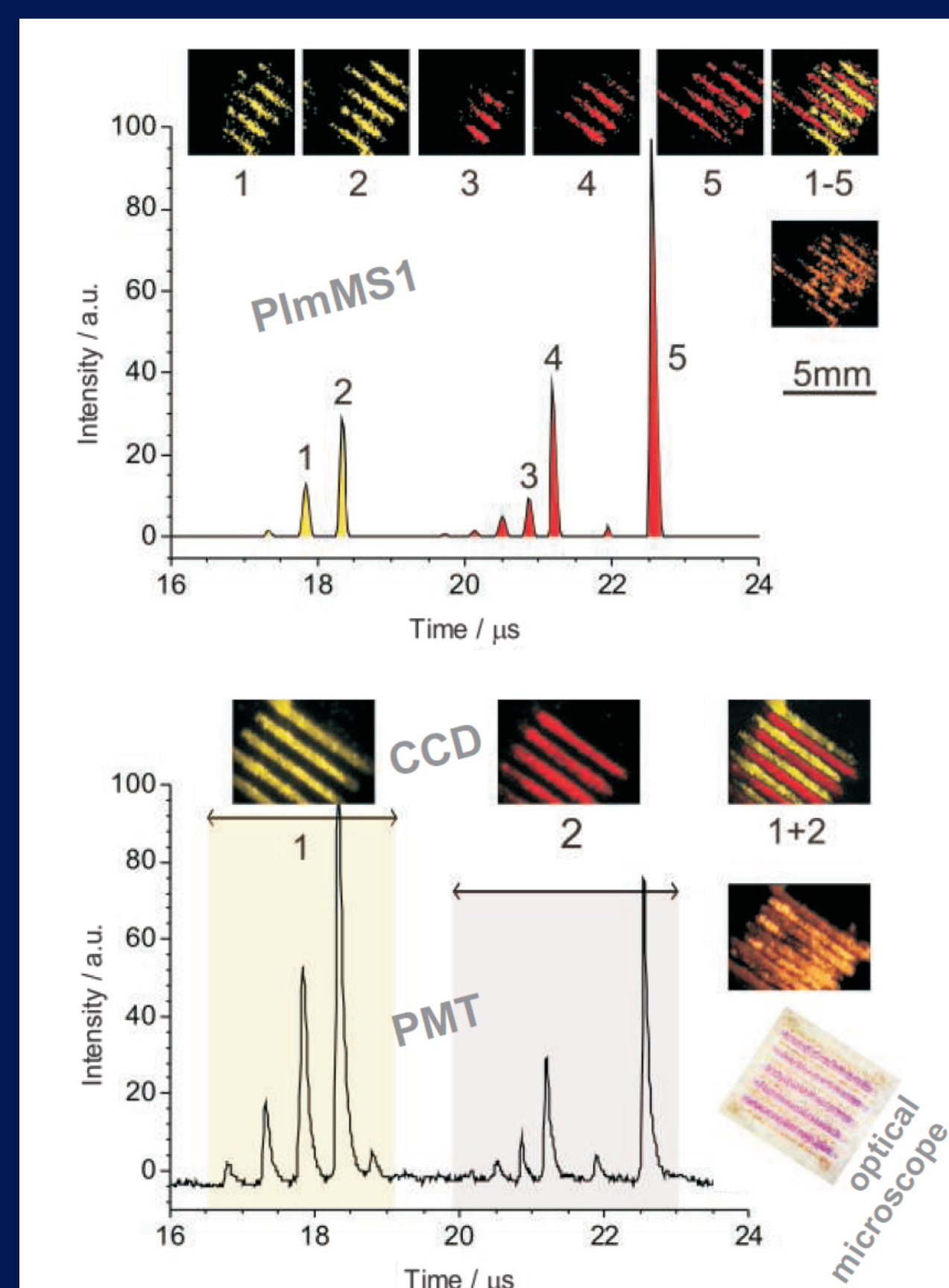


(3) Spatial Imaging Microscope-mode mass imaging of surfaces

Right: Alternating stripes of two dyes (Auramine O and Rhodamine 6G) demonstrate multi-mass imaging [6]
Below: Tissue imaging



Performance:
Spatial resolution:
< 20 μm
Mass resolution:
> 2000 m/Δm



(4) Imaging of Molecular Structure and Motion Coulomb explosion velocity-map imaging & ion-ion covariance analysis [7,8]

>> See also Poster We-T10-10:

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