

Ultrafast dynamics at heterogeneous interfaces: Two-photon photoelectron spectroscopy

Electron and energy transfer processes across heterogeneous interfaces are of fundamental interest because of their widespread applications in photochemistry, electrochemistry, fuel cells, solar cells and other electronic devices. The photo-induced electron relaxation dynamics across such interfaces occurs at femtosecond time scales. Thus, to develop a detail insight into the interfacial dynamical behaviour, we use time- and angle-resolved two-photon photoelectron (2PPE) spectroscopy, which investigates the interfacial properties at femtosecond time scales. Ion-solvent interaction on single crystal surfaces and transport properties of photo-excited electrons in non-equilibrium states are few of the important phenomena which we investigate using this sophisticated spectroscopy. This module will provide a hands-on experience of the daily activities and basic operation of a 2PPE lab. The participants will have an exposure to a state of the art ultrafast Ti:sapphire LASER system, ultra-high vacuum chamber (UHV) and a short overview of the data collection system including the analysis methods.