

X-ray-probed ultrafast electron and
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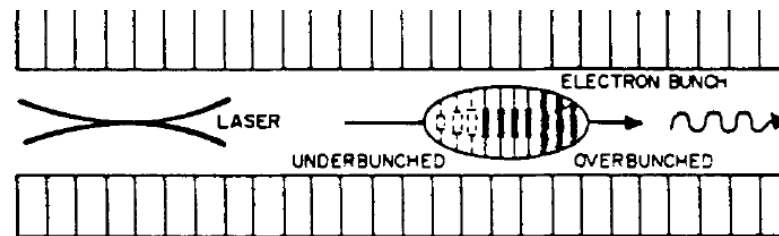
PRODUCTION OF COHERENT XUV AND SOFT X-RAYS
USING A TRANSVERSE OPTICAL KLYSTRON

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ABSTRACT

This paper describes the theory of the production of coherent XUV and soft X-rays using a Transverse Optical Klystron (TOK). A TOK uses a high powered laser in conjunction with an undulator magnet to produce laser-like output of XUV radiation from a relativistic electron beam.



2. *EXTREME ULTRAVIOLET COHERENT
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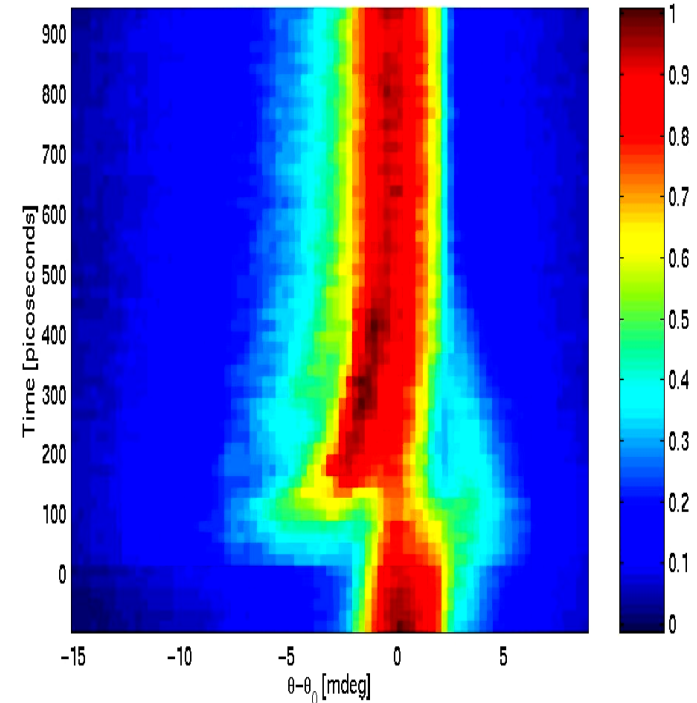
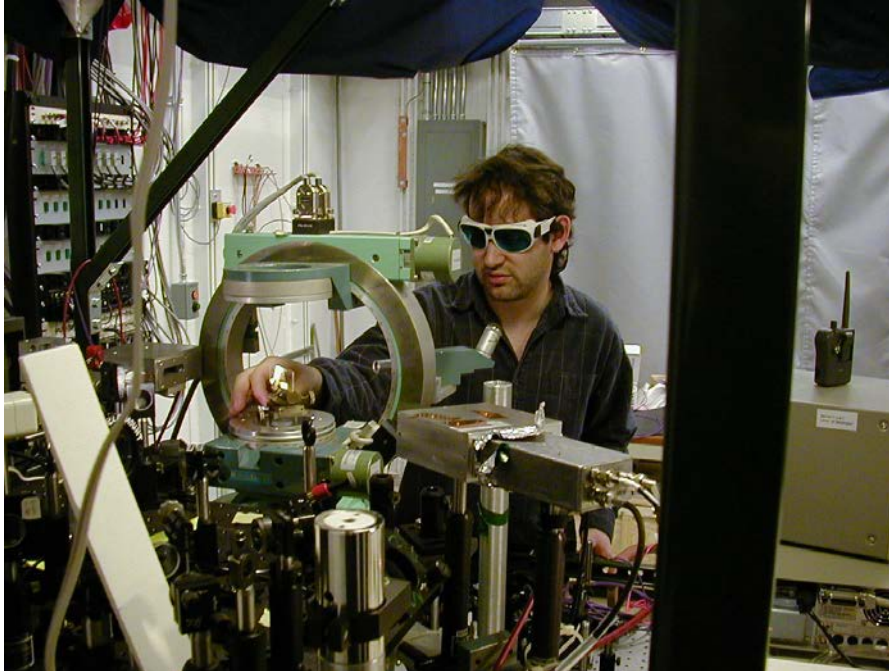
Date Started: September 26, 1983

Anticipated Duration: 4 years

This project is for the development of a new radiation source to be incorporated into the VUV storage ring of the National Synchrotron Light Source (NSLS) which will produce coherent radiation from 500 \AA - to 2000 \AA . Specifically, this radiation source is a Transverse Optical Klystron (TOK) which makes use of a high power laser in the visible region and a permanent magnet undulator structure in conjunction with the circulating electron beam bunches in the storage ring to produce radiation at the harmonics of the laser. The basic approach to this

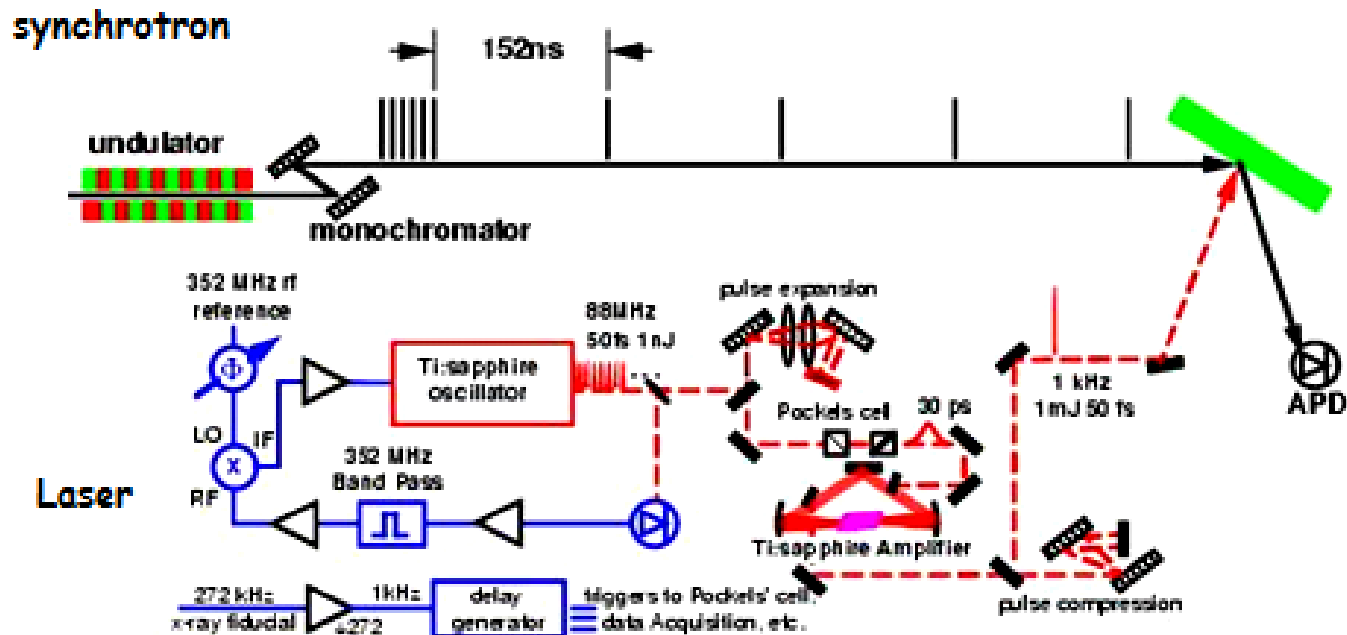
APS Sector 7, 2000 Impulsive excitation of coherent acoustic phonons in InSb.

An ultrafast laser kicks the crystal, and the x-rays probe the response.



MHATT-CAT: Roy Clarke, Steve Dierker, Ron Pindak, Walter Lowe D. Reis et al., Physical Review Letters 86, 3072 (2001).

- Pump-probe uses "slow" detectors to study ultrafast dynamics.
- Temporal resolution limited by probe pulse: ~100 ps at synch.
- Pump-probe delay must be held fixed \ll the pulse duration.
(especially important at synchrotron sources).



$$H\psi(\vec{x}, t) = i\dot{\psi}(\vec{x}, t)$$

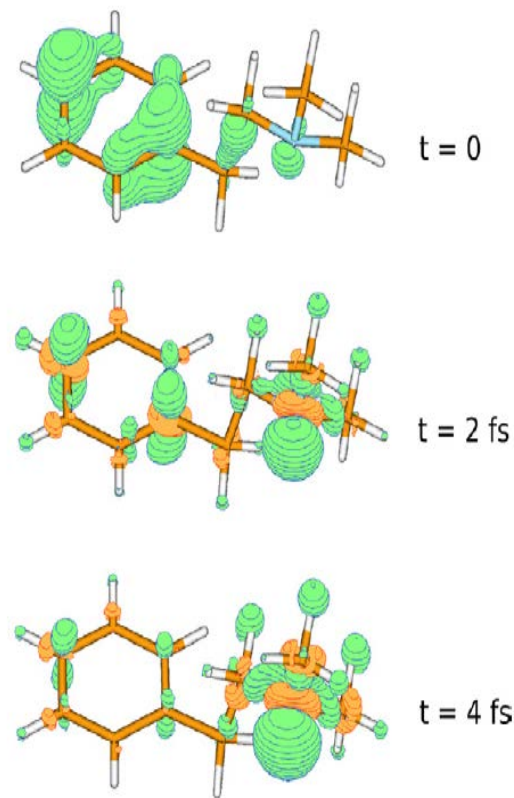
$$(H_0 + H_{\text{int}}(t))\psi(\vec{x}, t) = i\dot{\psi}(\vec{x}, t)$$

H_{int} can be both the shutter speed and the starter pistol

Impulse limit. The “shutter speed” must be fast compared to the natural motion. In quantum mechanics, this means $\Delta\tau < \hbar/\Delta E$

The applied field must be strong enough to alter the natural dynamics.

- **Free electrons:** No resonances below 1MeV; response limited only by c
- **Inner electrons in atoms** can be bound by kilovolts and confined to fractions of an Angstrom, implying **attosecond motion**.
- The time scale for **binding electron** motion in small molecules is determined by their Angstrom sizes and Rydberg binding energies to be **femtoseconds or shorter**.
- The **molecules can also bend and stretch**, on time scales of **tens or hundreds of femtoseconds**.
- Finally, the whole vibrating molecule is usually **rotating** in space, and these rotations can be **many picoseconds**.



Lunnemann et al., Chem Phys Lett 450 232 (2008)

Stimulated Raman in the impulse limit: A swift kick

- **Kramers Heisenberg**

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = (N + 1) \frac{\omega^3 \omega'}{c^4} |\vec{\epsilon} \cdot \alpha_{km} \cdot \vec{\epsilon}'|^2,$$

$$(\alpha_{km})_{ij} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_n \left\{ -\frac{\mu_{nm}^i \mu_{kn}^j}{\omega - \omega_{nk} - i\Gamma} \right\},$$

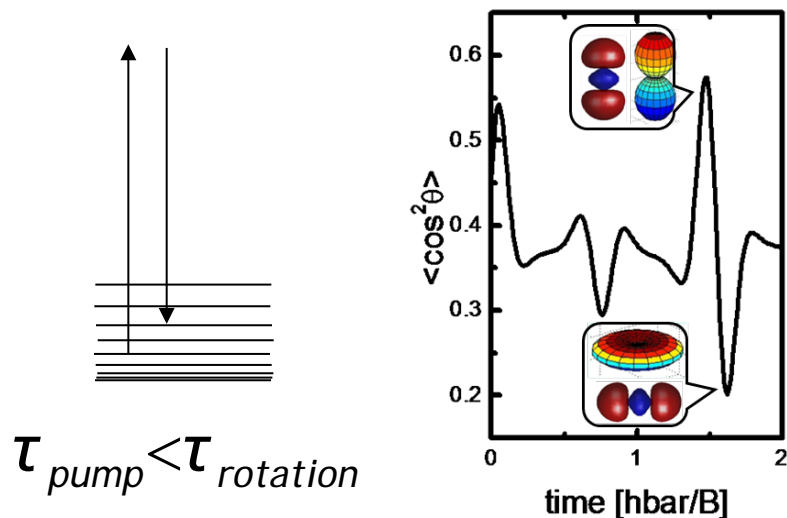
- **Impulse limit:**

$$N = (I_0 / \omega^3 \alpha), \quad F_0 = \int dt I_0.$$

- **Total rate**

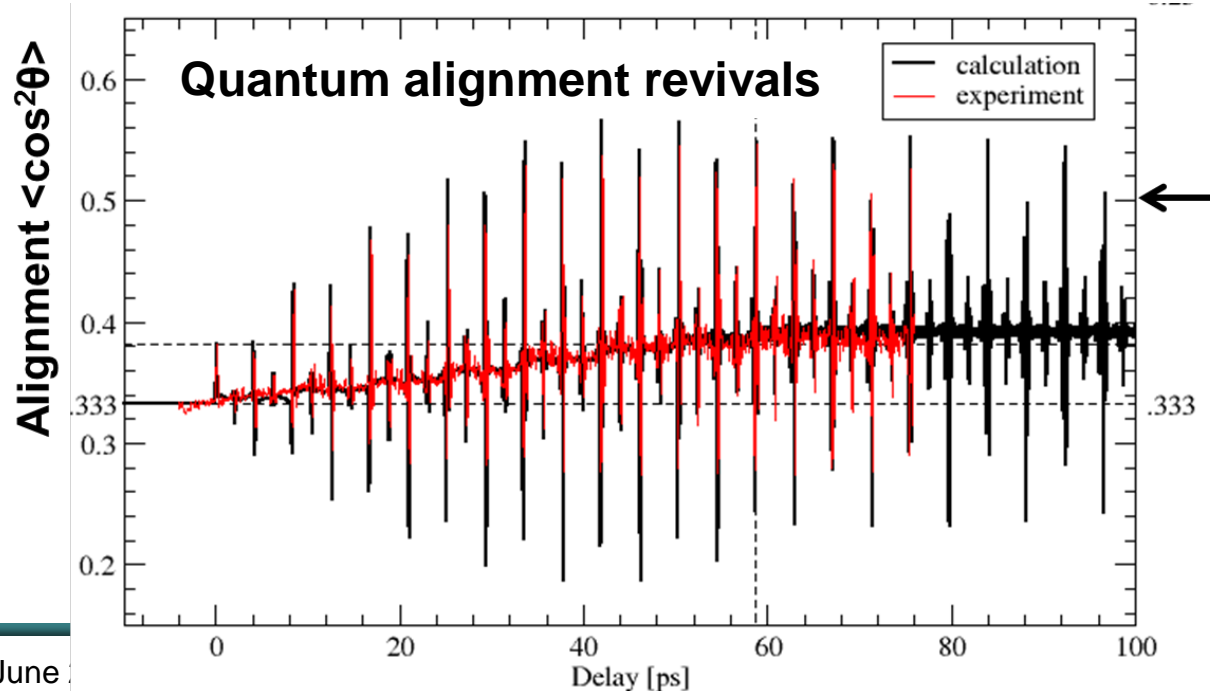
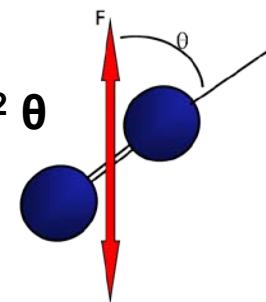
- $P = \int dE (d\sigma/d\Omega) F_0.$
- I_0^2

Impulsive Stimulated Rotational Raman Scattering: Quantum alignment of molecules



Molecular Alignment potential

$$H = -1/4 \Delta\alpha E^2 \cos^2 \theta$$



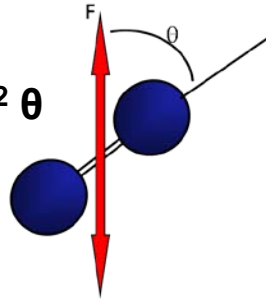
**Shaped pulse solution
(Eight 100 fs kicks over 64 ps)
to optimize alignment**

Cryan, et al. PRA, 80, 063412 (2009).

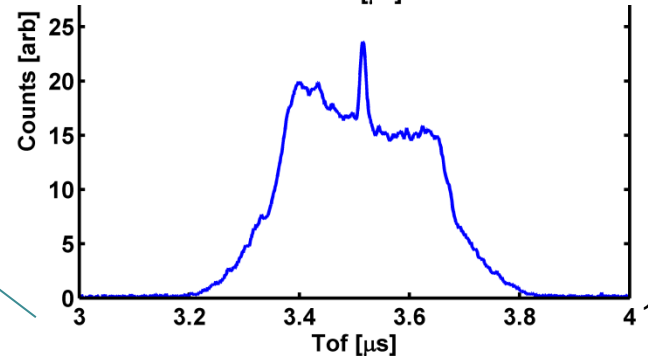
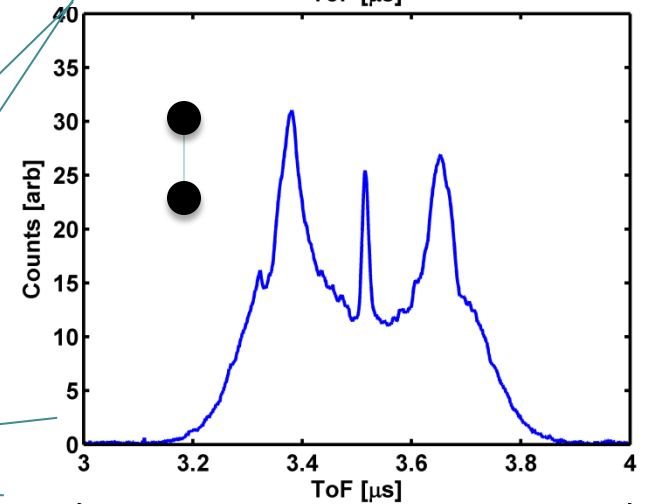
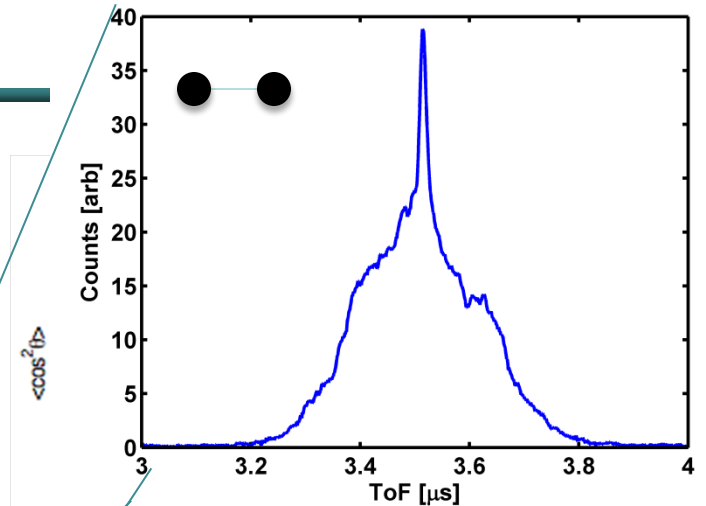
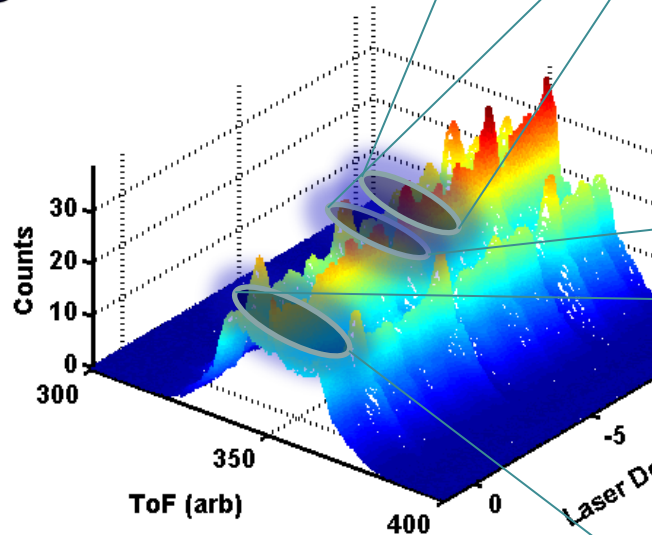
LCLS measurements on aligned molecules

- 800 nm Ti:Sapphire laser is used to impulsively align molecular nitrogen along the laser polarization direction
- Dissociation following ionization by 1100 eV x-rays

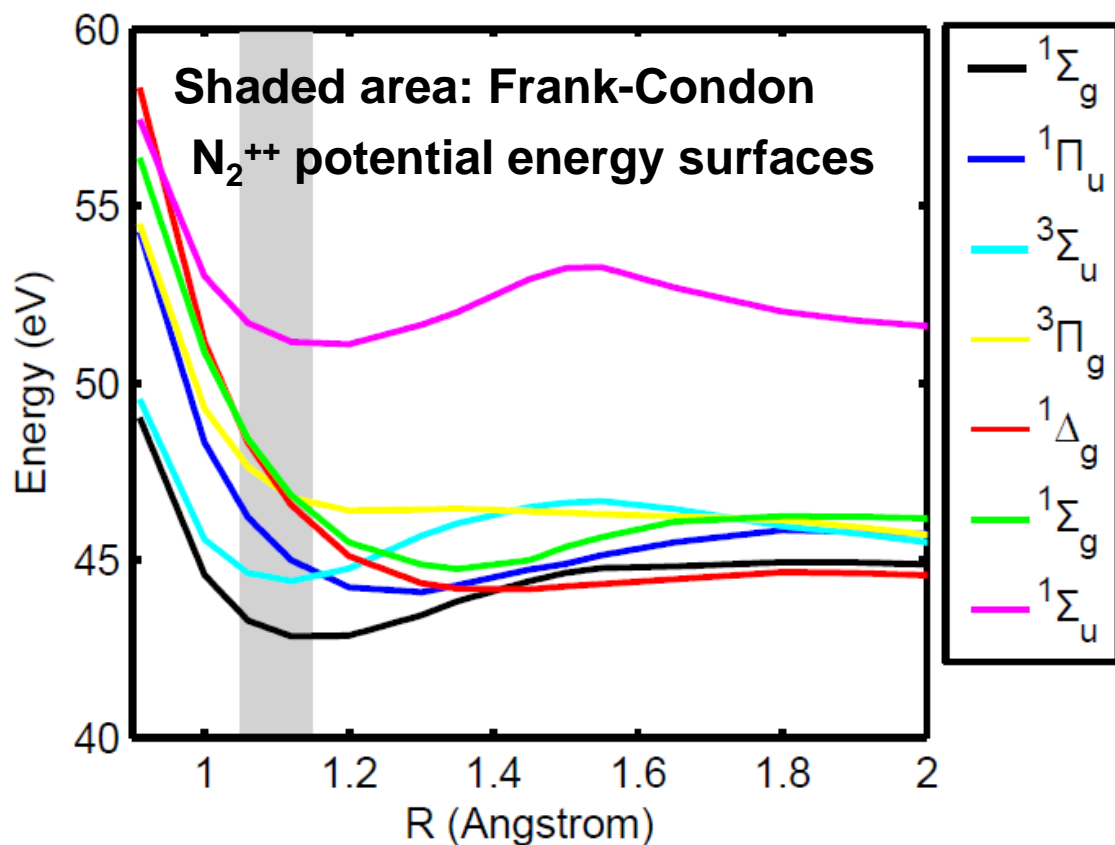
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Glownia, J. M., J. Cryan, et al.
(*Opt. Express* 18(17): 17620-17630 (2010)).

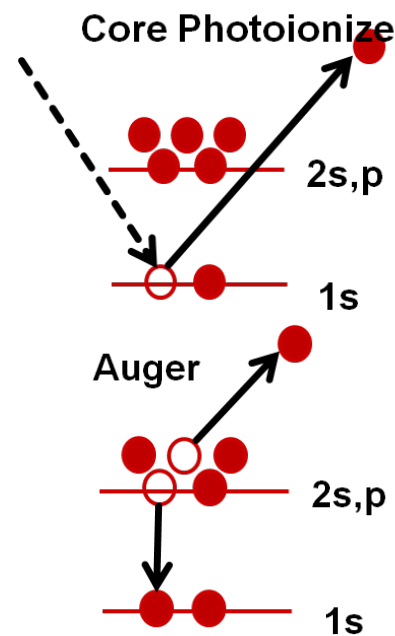


Transient state studies: N_2^{++} Potential Energy Surfaces



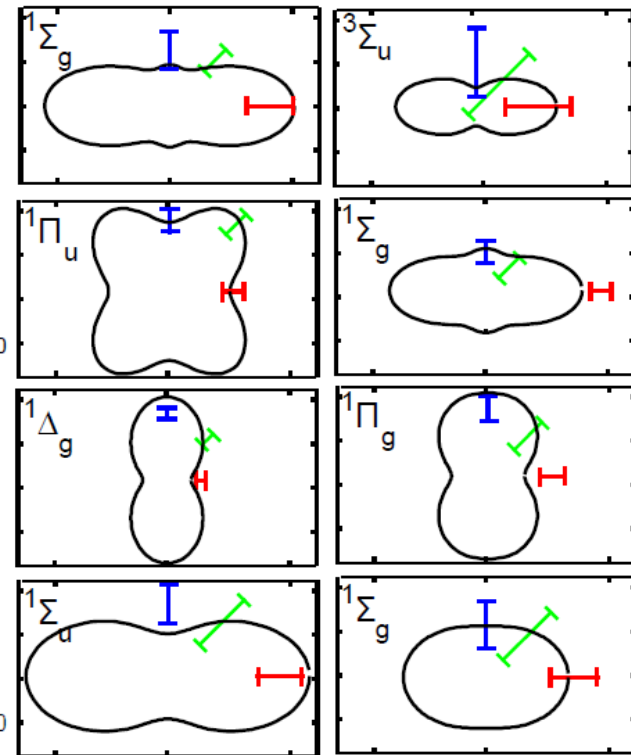
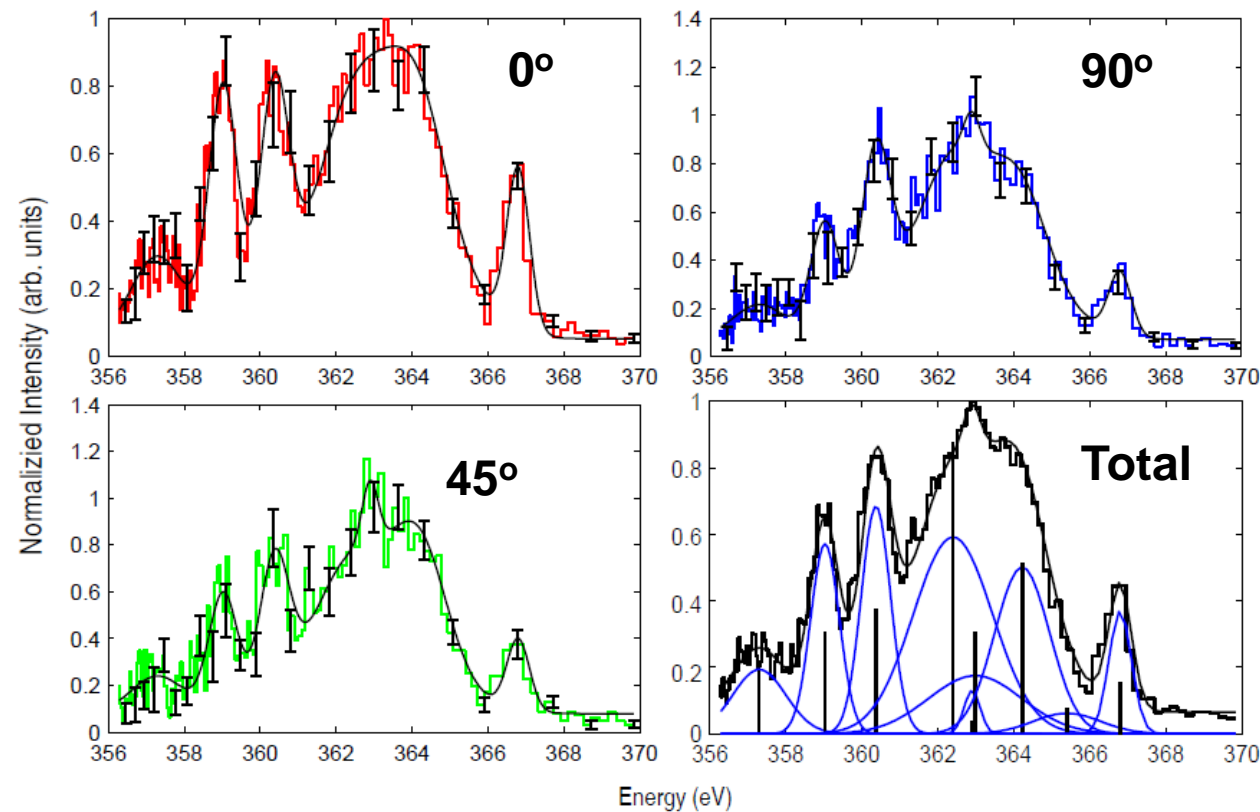
R. W. Wetmore and R. K. Boyd, *J. Phys. Chem.* 90, 5540 (1986).

$$\Gamma_K = \sigma_K F_{IcIs} \approx 10^{15} \text{ s}^{-1}$$



Impulsive dynamics
If Auger time $t < h/\Delta E$

Auger electron energies observed in the molecular frame from $N_2 \rightarrow N_2^+ \rightarrow N_2^{2+}$ at 1.1keV

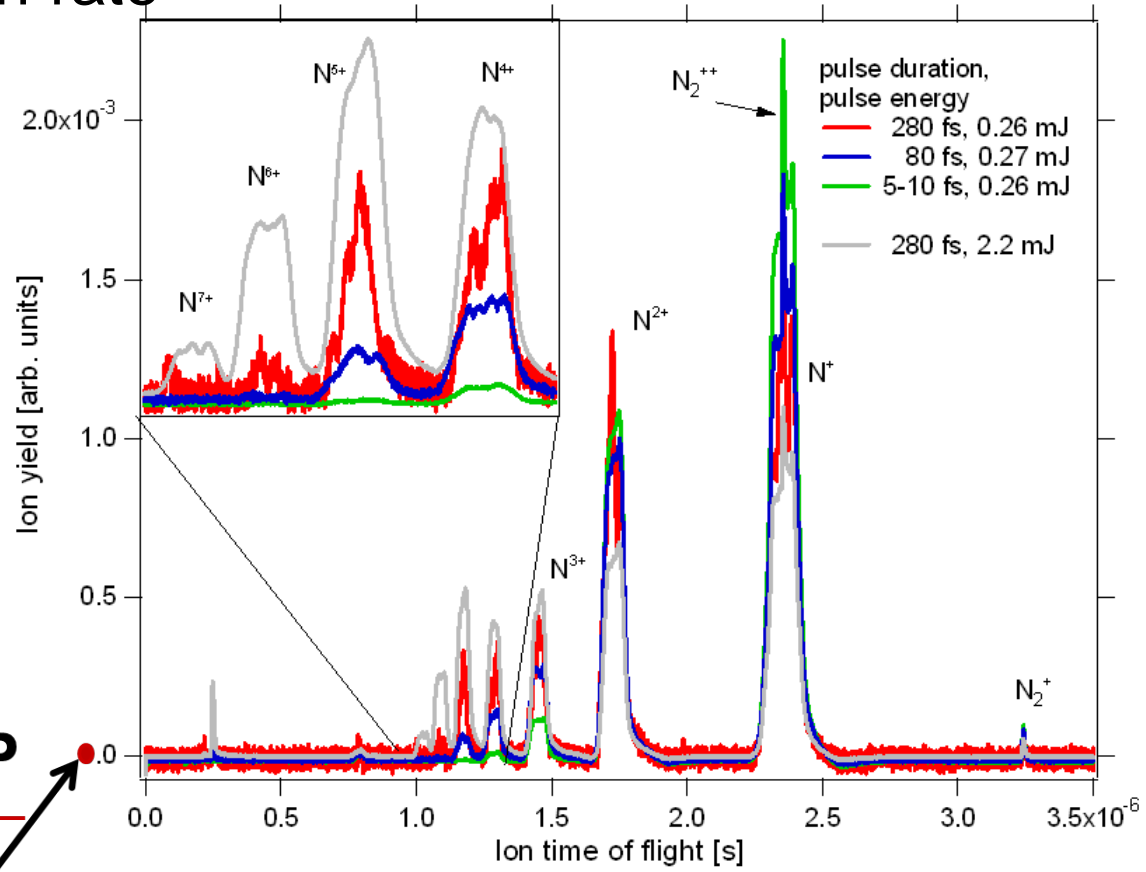
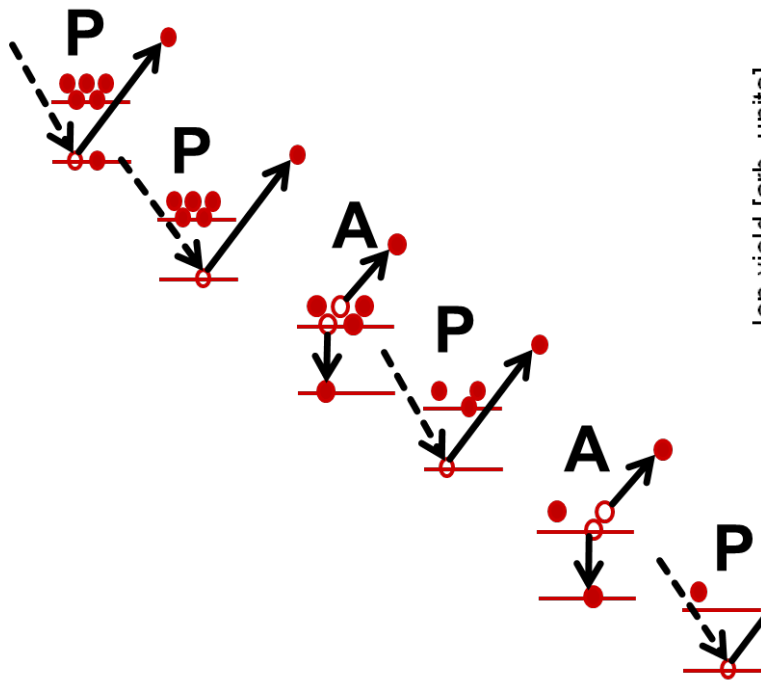


(Cryan et al, J. Phys. B 45
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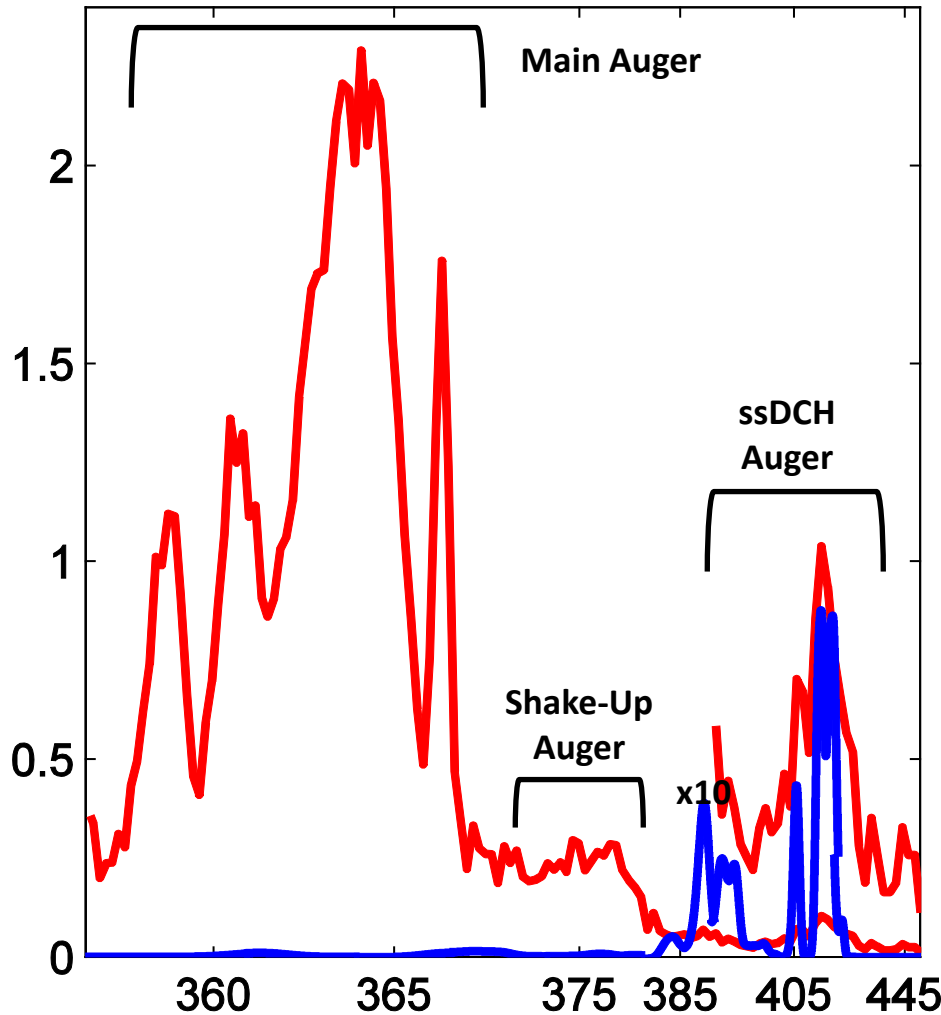
X-ray production of hollow atoms

Double core holes form when the photoionization rate exceeds Auger

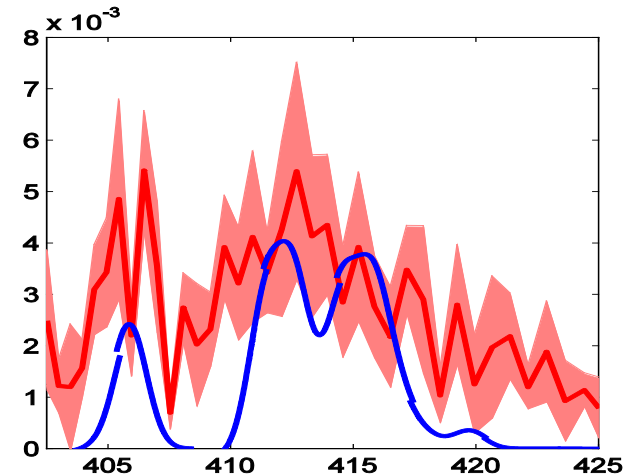
Hoener, M., L. Fang, et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 104(25): 253002 (2010).



Auger spectrum from hollow N₂ (Double core vacancies).



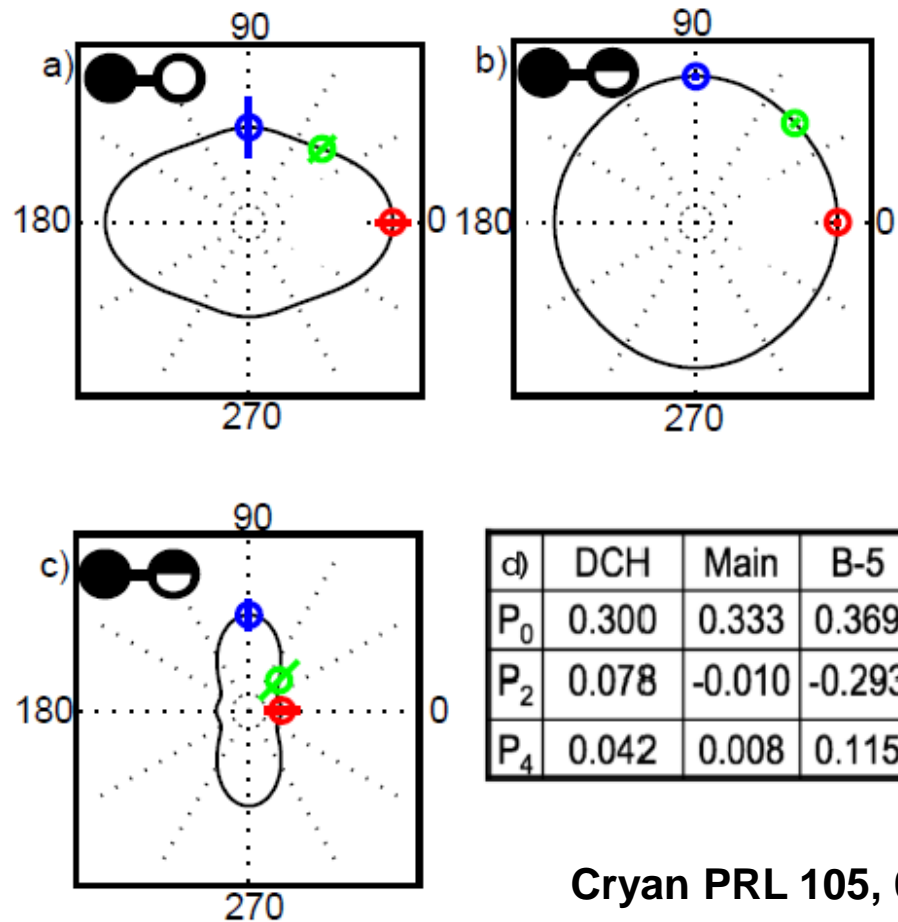
Single-site double core Auger spectrum



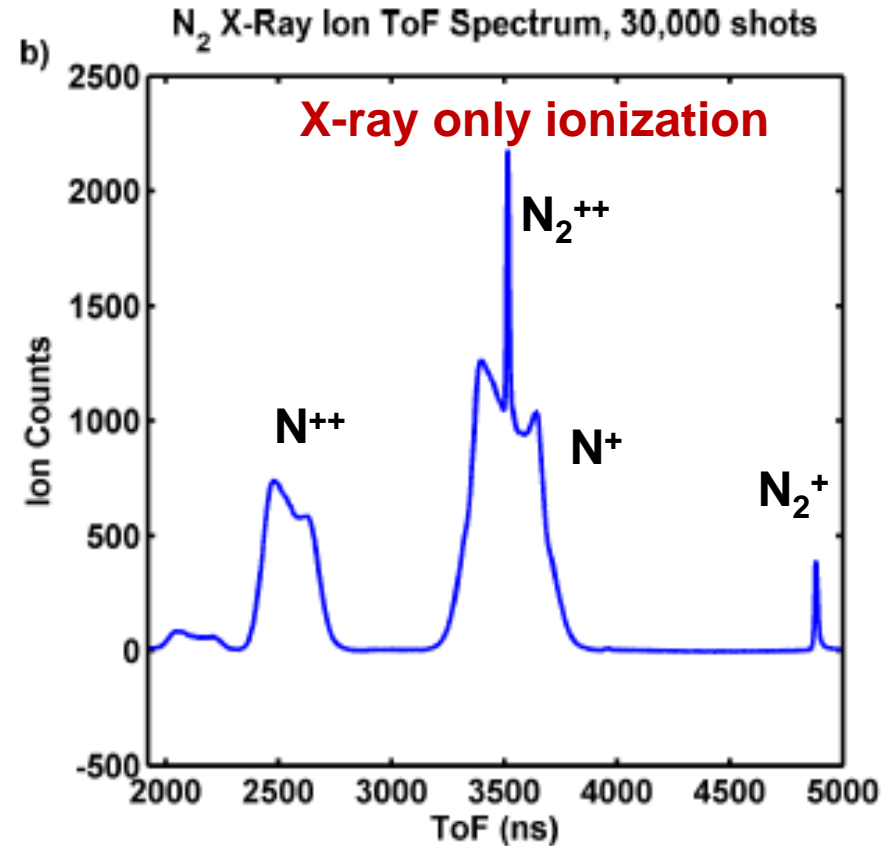
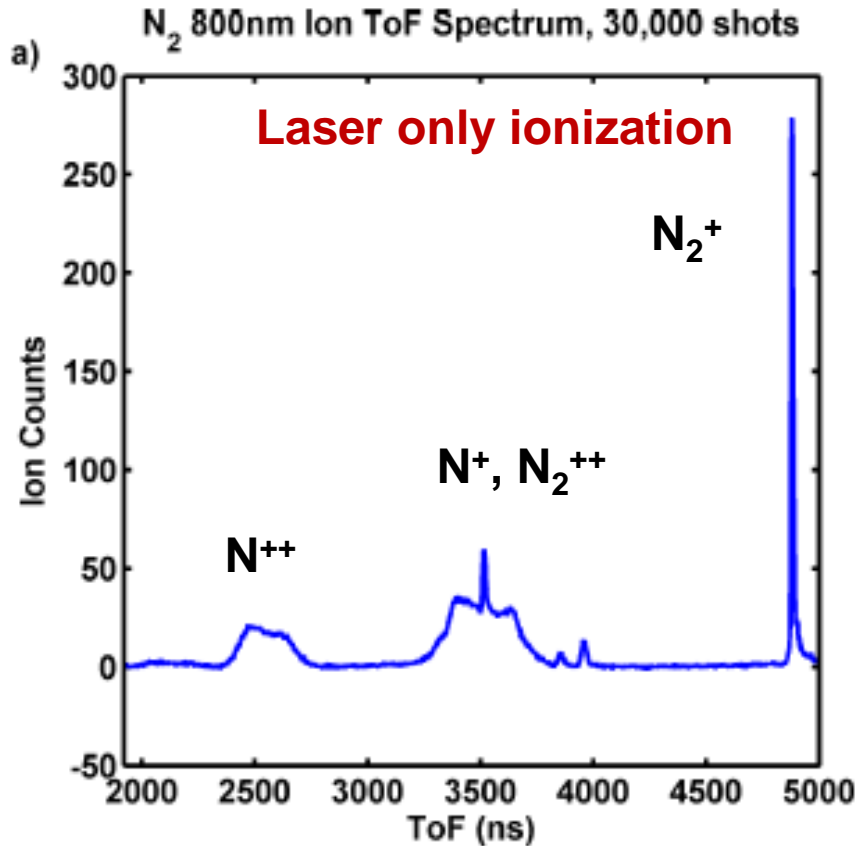
Cryan PRL 105, 083004 (2010)

Cryan, J. P., Glowia, J. M., Andreasson, J., Belkacem, A., Berrah, N., Blaga, C. I., Bostedt, C., Bozek, J., Buth, C., Dimauro, L. F., Fang, L., Gessner, O., Guehr, M., Hajdu, J., Hertlein, M. P., Hoener, M., Kornilov, O., Marangos, J. P., March, A. M., McFarland, B. K., Merdji, H., Petrov, V. S., Raman, C., Ray, D., Reis, D., Tarantelli, F., Trigo, M., White, J. L., White, W., Young, L., Bucksbaum, P. H. & Coffee, R. N.

ssDCH Auger angular distributions



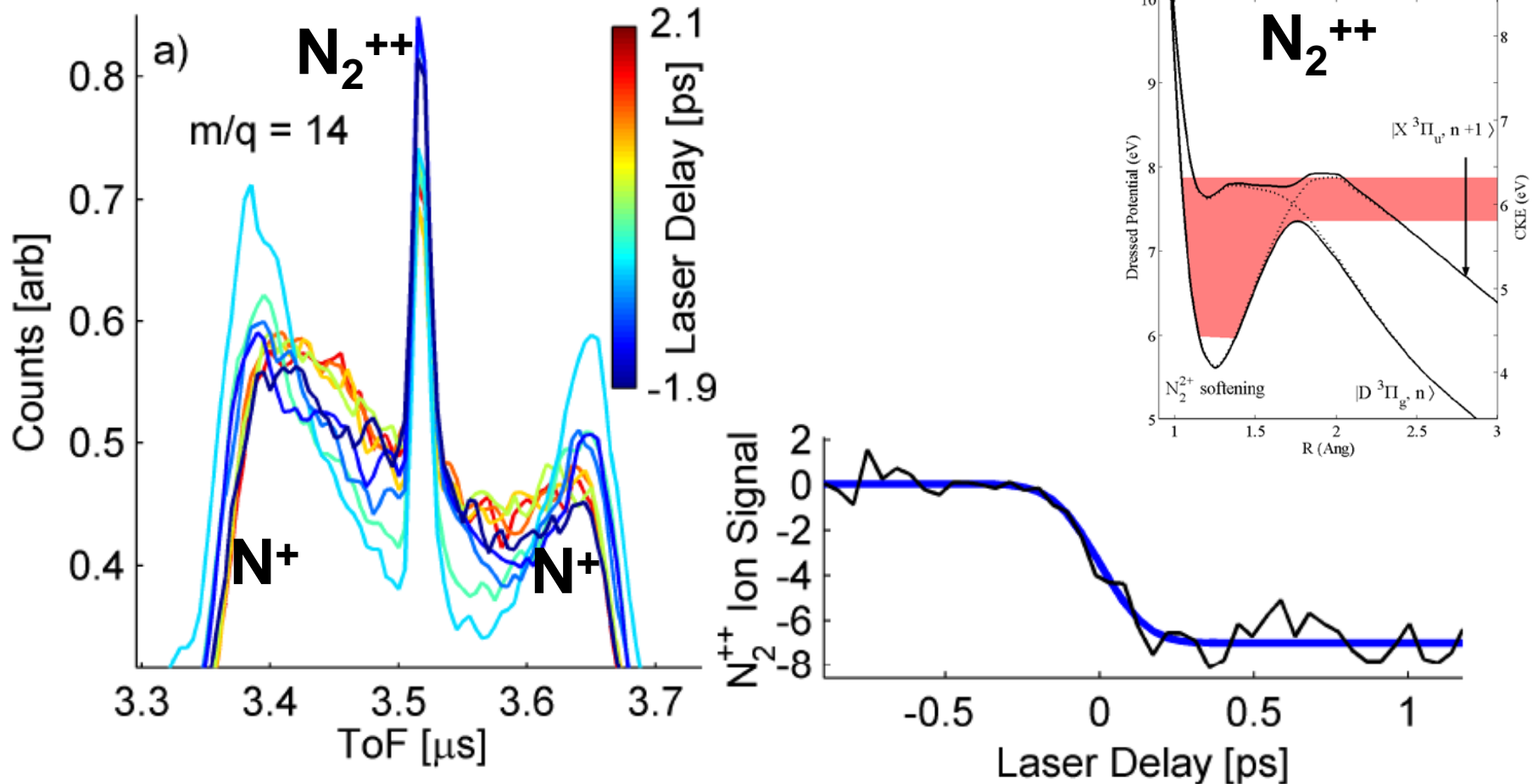
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X-ray fragmentation of molecular nitrogen shows dissociation into charged fragments out to N^{7+}

J.M. Glownia

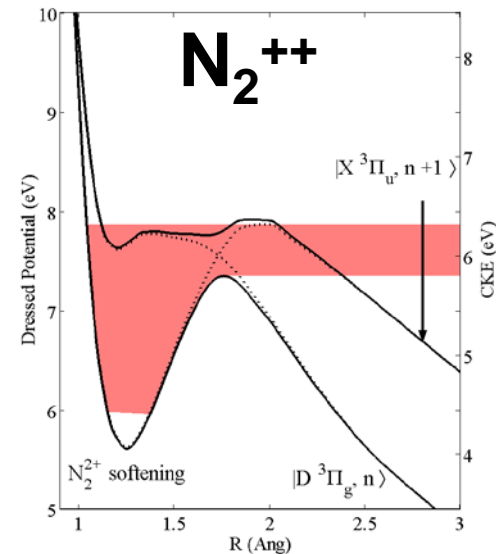
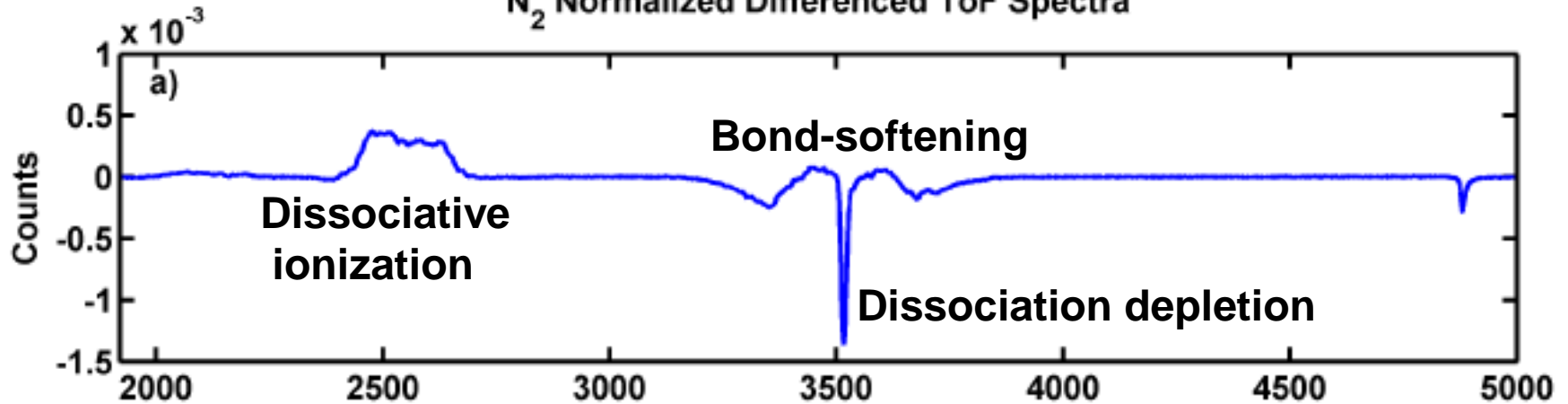
The N_2^{++} can be probed by 800 nm dissociation.



Glownia, J. M., et al. (2010). Opt. Express 18(17): 17620-17630.

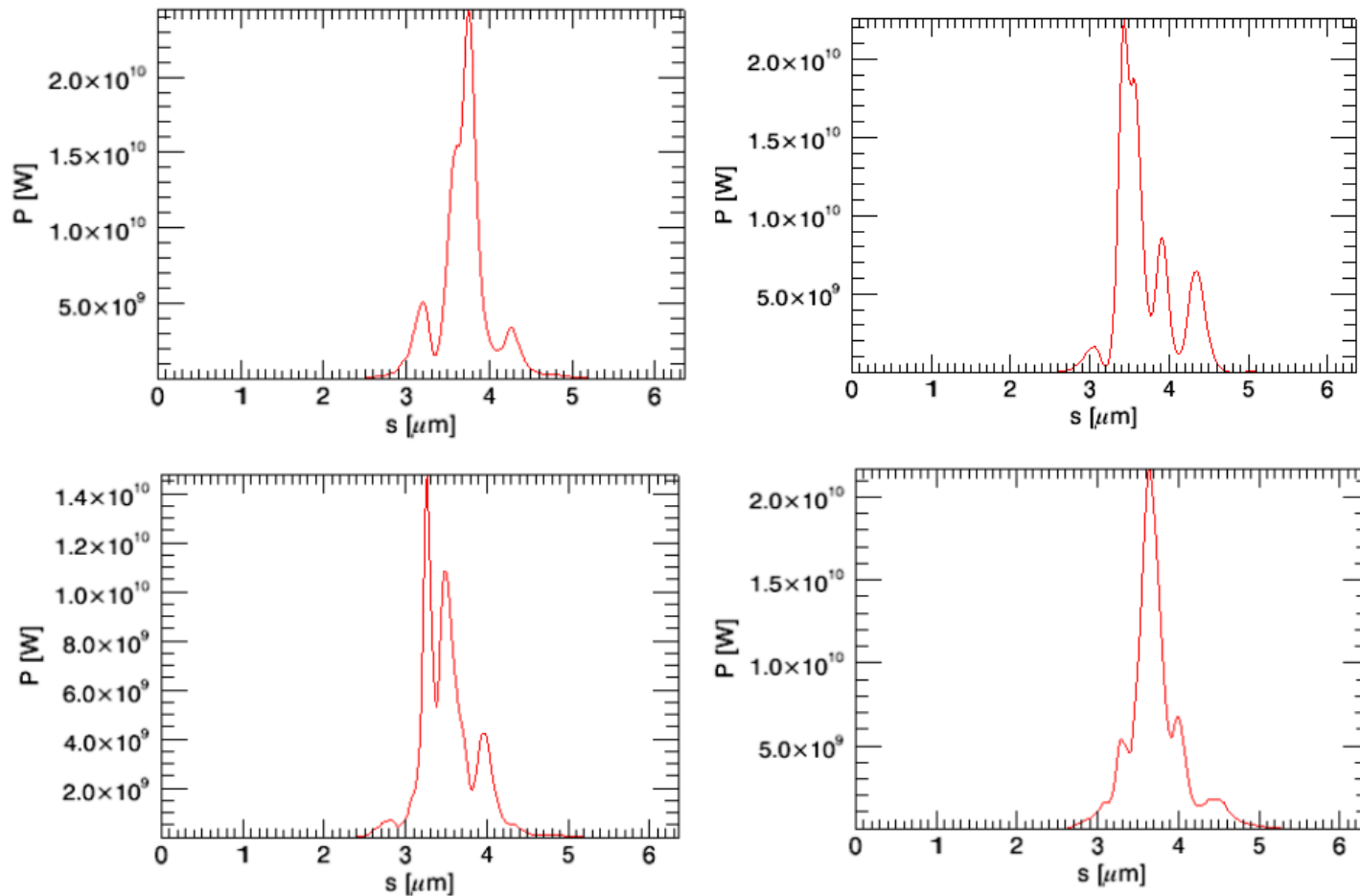
(X-rays followed by IR laser) – (X-rays alone)

N_2 Normalized Differenced ToF Spectra



What impulsive Raman can we observe with single SASE spikes at LCLS?

Average photon number: 2.4×10^{11} , with 20% fluctuation.
Estimated time-bandwidth product ~ 3 times Fourier-transform limit.

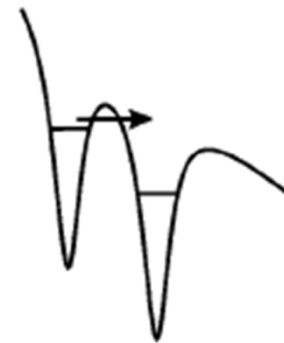
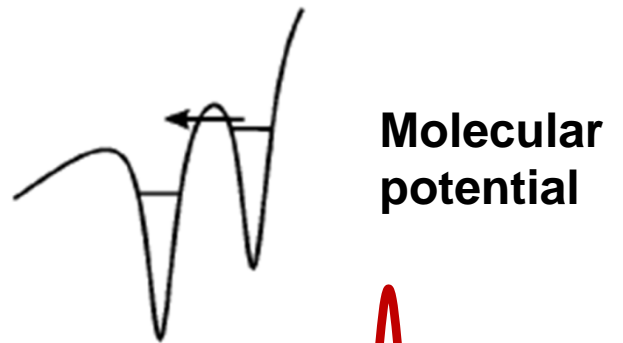


Simulation: Jo Frisch and Yuantao Ding, 15Angstrom

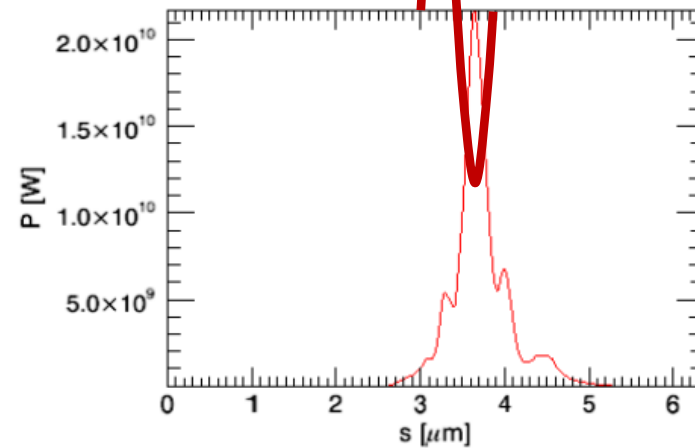
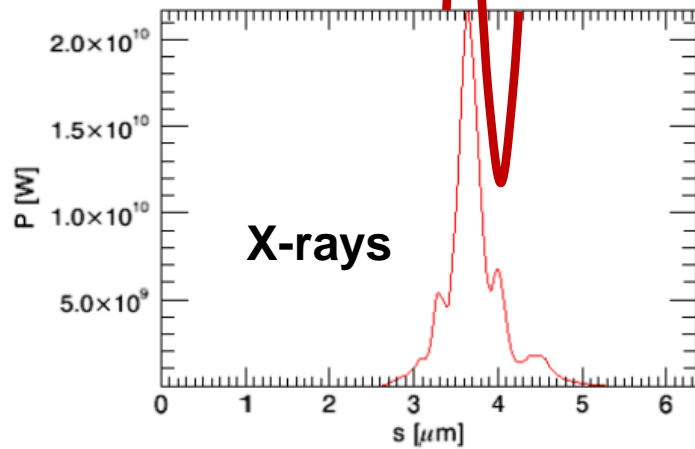
Sub-cycle x-rays can interrogate molecules distorted by a strong visible laser

Look for strong g-u coupling
Asymmetric dissociation

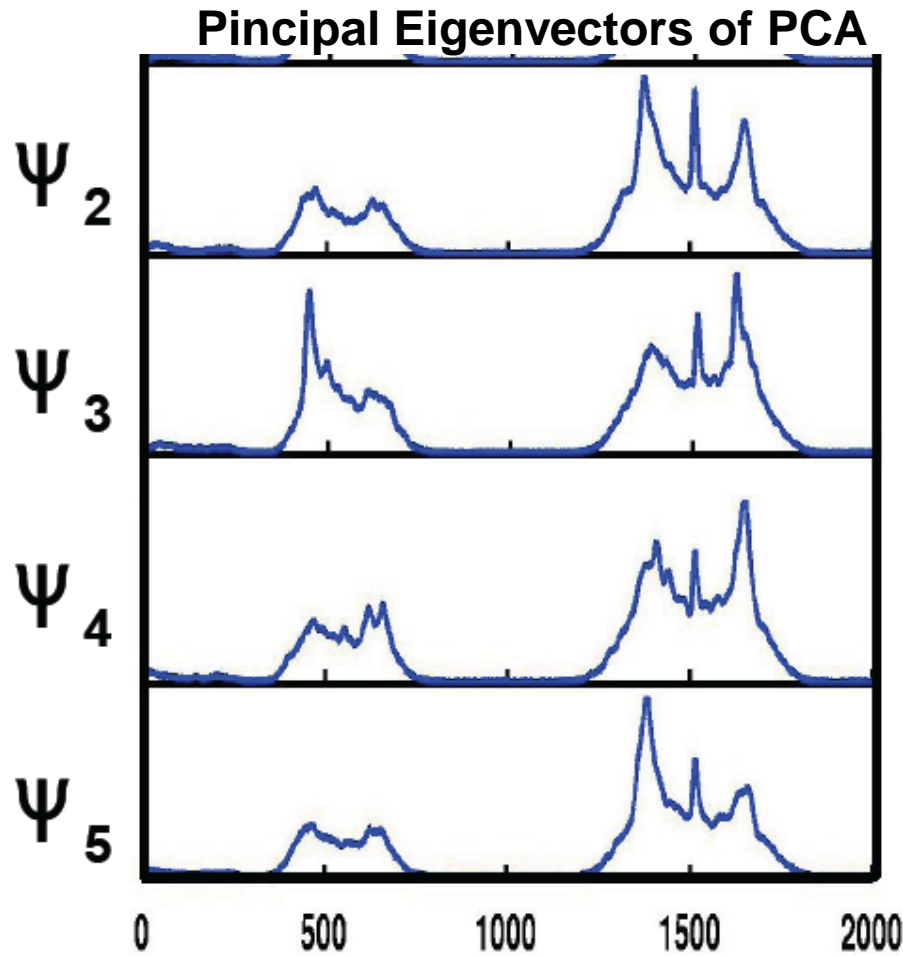
Timing jitter
is a major problem



800nm

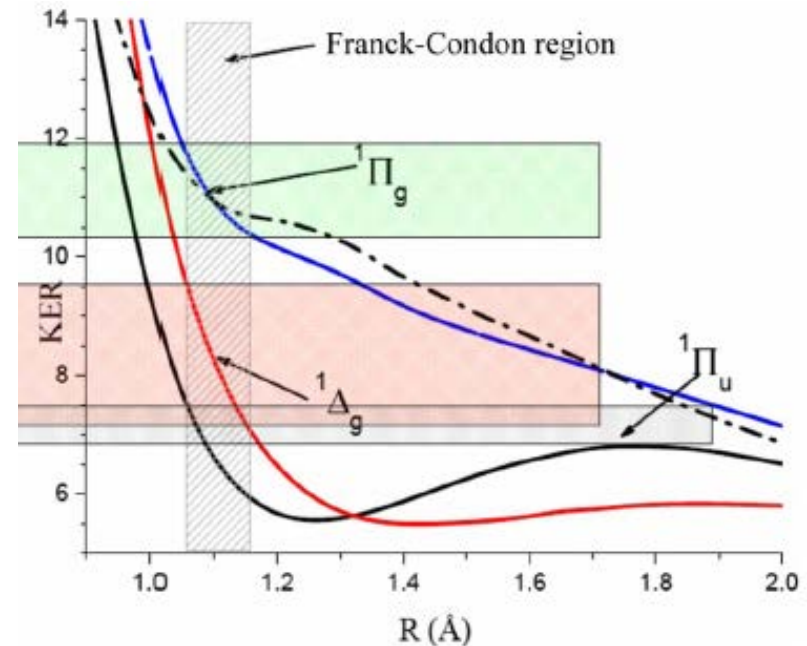


Only slight evidence for charge-asymmetric dissociation in SVD-sorted data



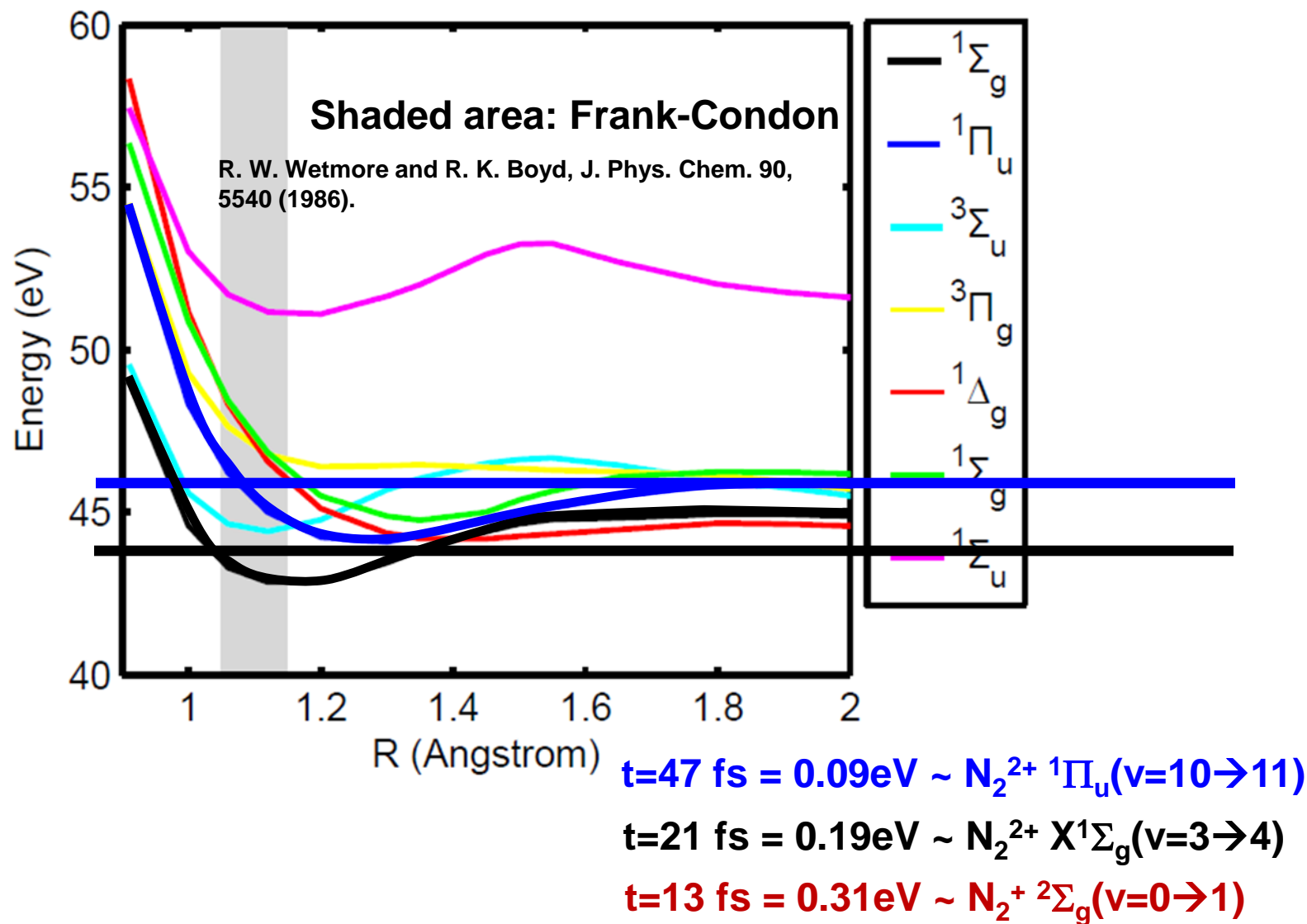
Ourmazd and Fung, unpublished

The Nitrogen dication

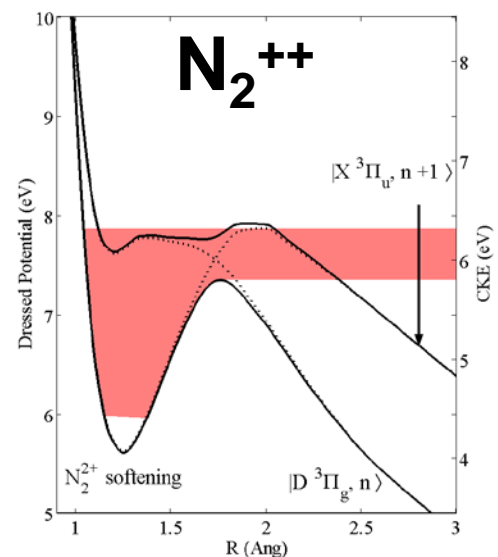
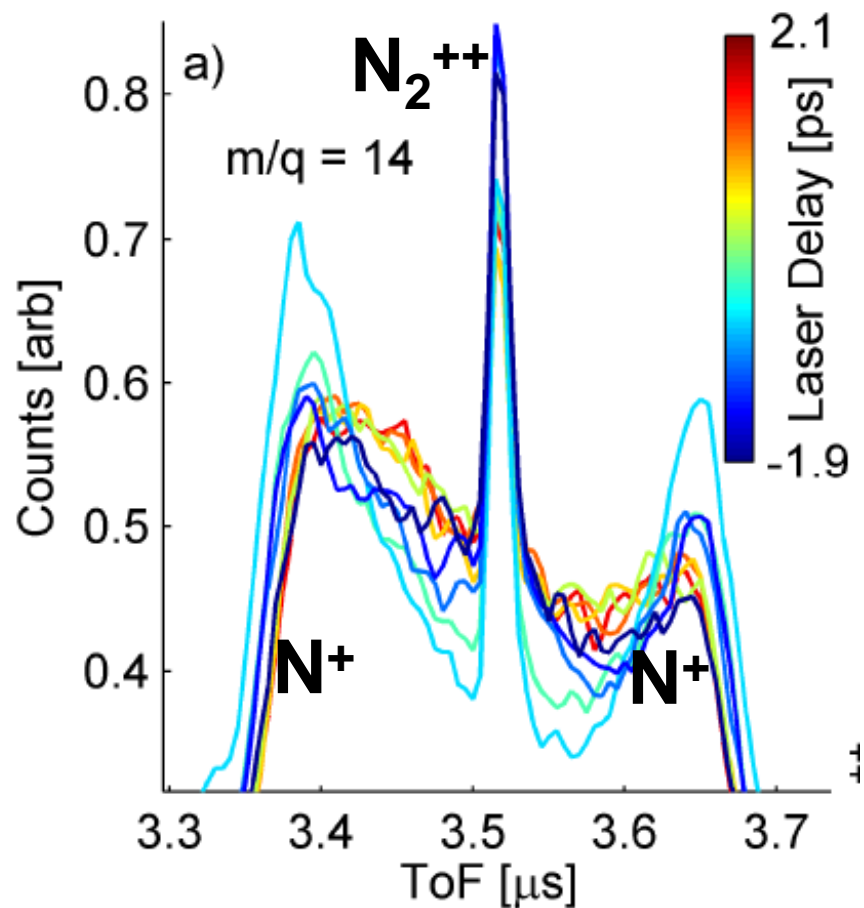


Dissociation channels of some transient dication states might undergo asymmetric dissociation under the influence of strong fields. Analysis has not been conclusive.

Search for vibrational coherences on the N_2^{2+} Potential Energy Surfaces



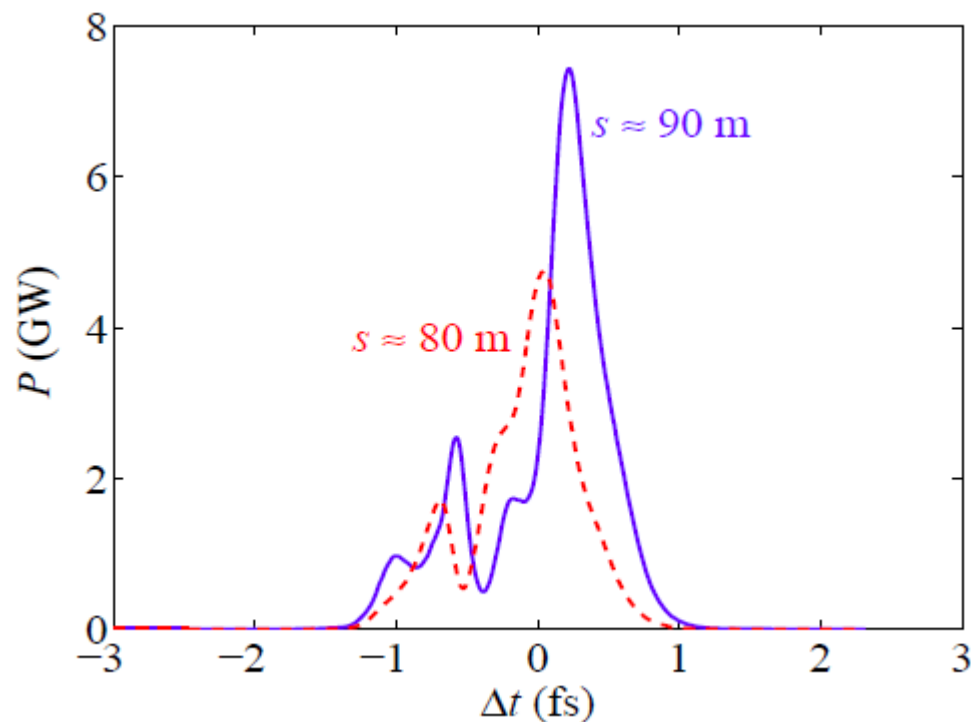
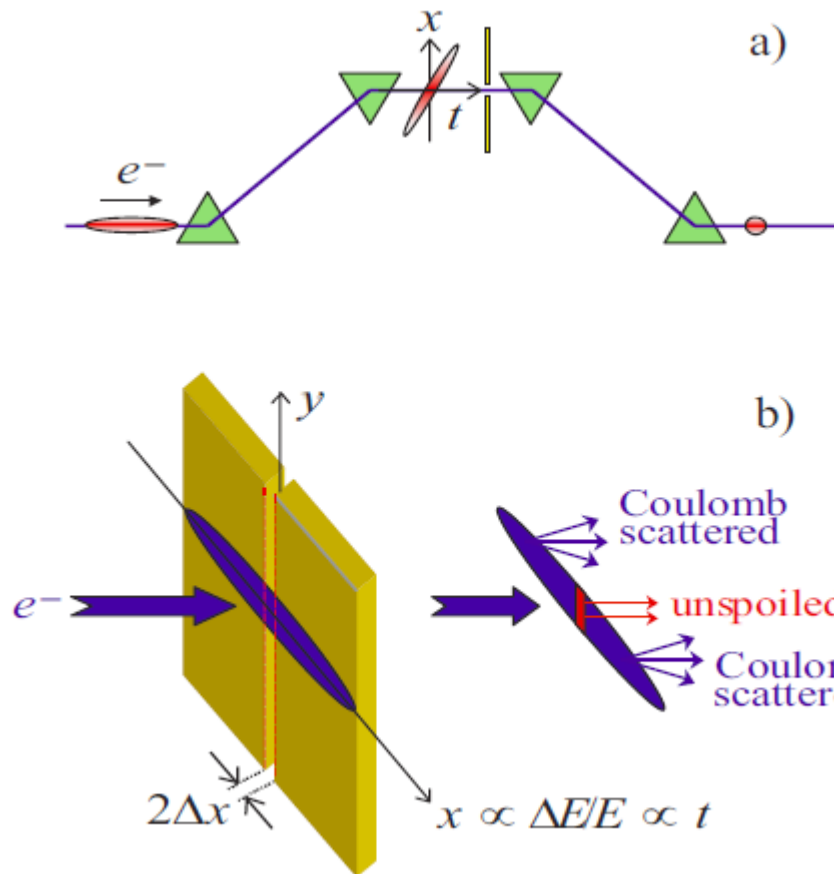
Inconclusive: searching for N_2^{++} vibrational wave packets probed by 800 nm dissociation.



Pump-probe jitter obscures the femtosecond dynamics

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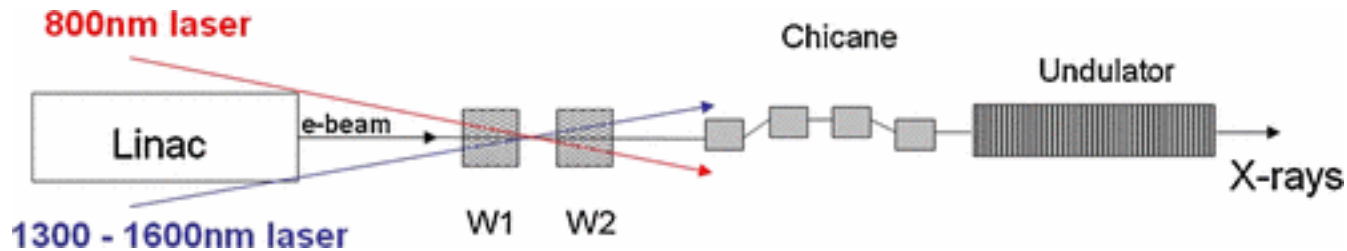
Slotted spoiler to filter attosecond pulses from an x-ray FEL



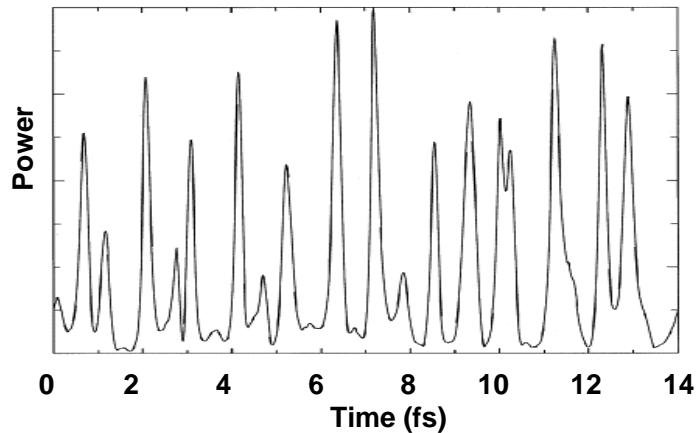
P. Emma et al. / Proceedings of the 2004 FEL Conference, 333-338

Many future ideas to shorten the pulses

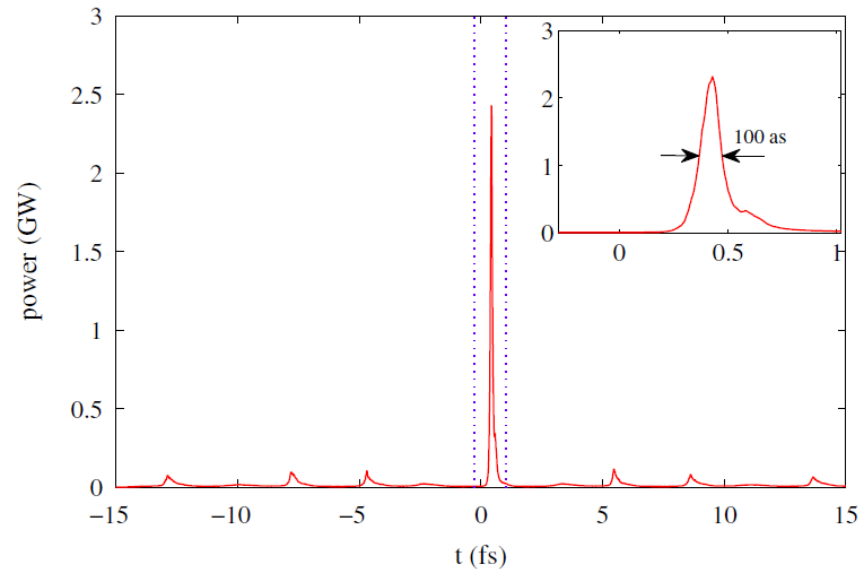
Laser pre-modulated electrons tame SASE



Typical SASE:



Single spike SASE:

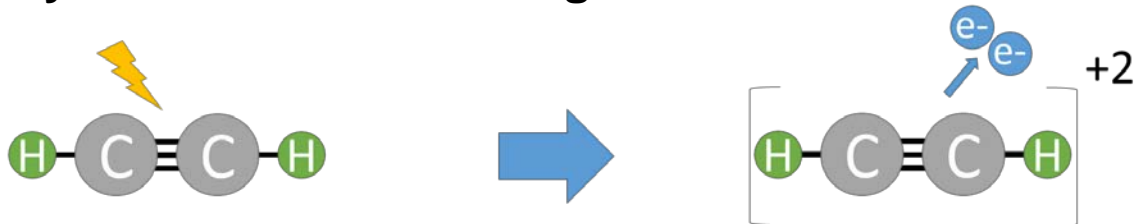


Ding, Y., PRST 12, (2009).

- **Photoionization/Auger-induced motion:**
 - Acetylene to vinylidene.[In review. Conference proceedings: P. H.B., C. Liekhus-Schmaltz, et al. [Ultrafast Phenomena doi:10.1364/UP.2014.11.Fri.B.6]
- **X-ray probe of UV-induced motion**
 - Transient Auger spectroscopy in thymine [McFarland, ...Guehr et al. Nature Comm. 5, 4235 (2014)]
- **X-ray probe of conical intersections**
 - CHD isomerization [Petrovic et al. PRL 108 2012 253006.]

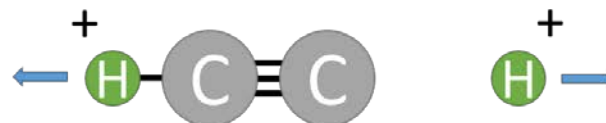
X-ray absorption can lead to internal motion.

Acetylene: The smallest organic molecule that can isomerize.



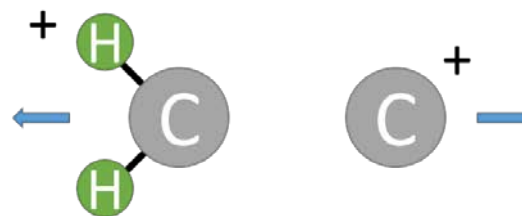
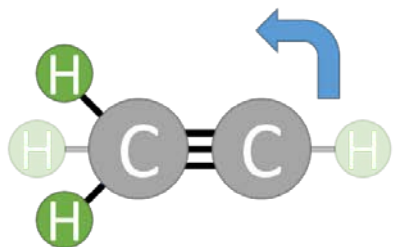
(1) 400 eV x-ray absorption

(2) Auger decay



(3-A) Break the C-C bond

(3-P) Break the C-H bond



(3-V) Isomerize to vinylidene and then fragment.

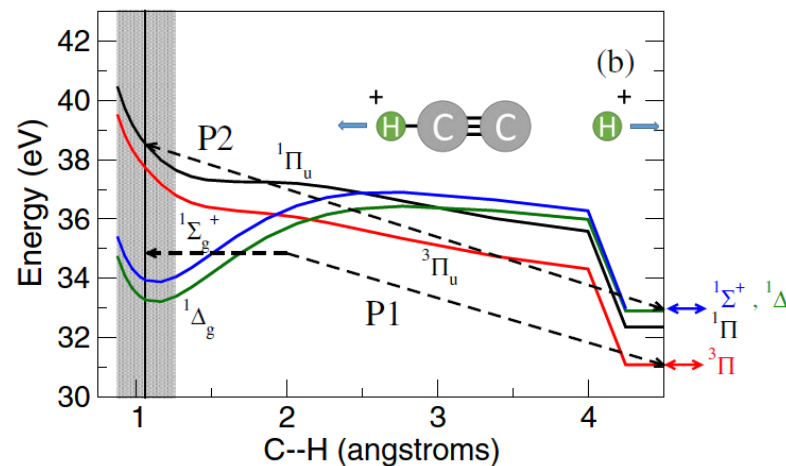
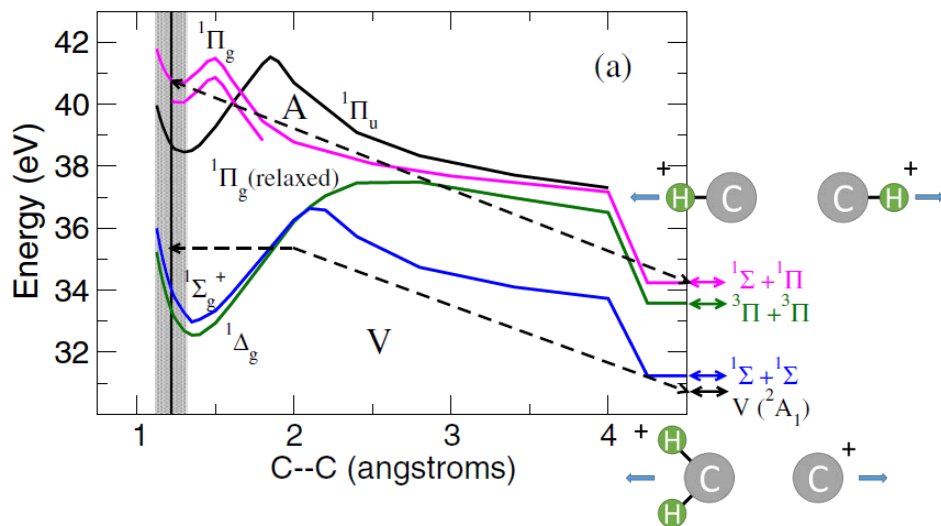
- Proton migration in acetylene leads to vinylidene.



- Acetylene dication is simple enough to model, extensively studied.

<60 fs for isomerization

[T. Osipov et al., Physical Review Letters 90, 233002 (2003).]



[T. Osipov et al. J Phys B 2008 41 091001]

AMO75113: “Initiating New Chemistry with Short X-ray Pulses: Multi-configuration Wavepackets



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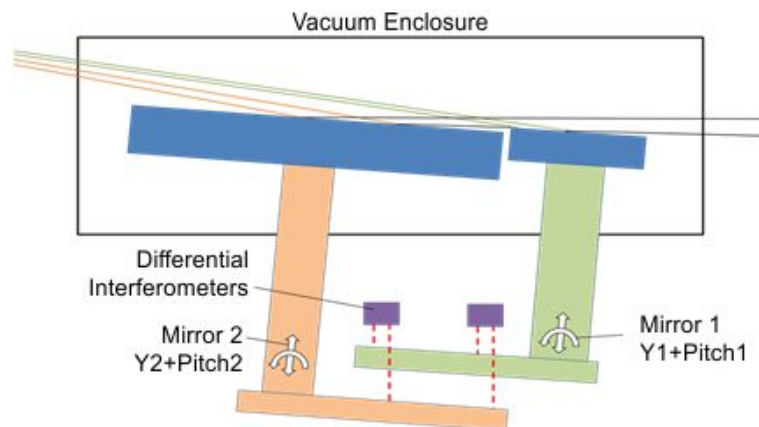
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X-ray-induced processes can be probed by a second time-delayed x-ray pulse



B. Murphy, et al.
J. Phys. Conf. 388 (2012) 142003.

Split-and-delay apparatus

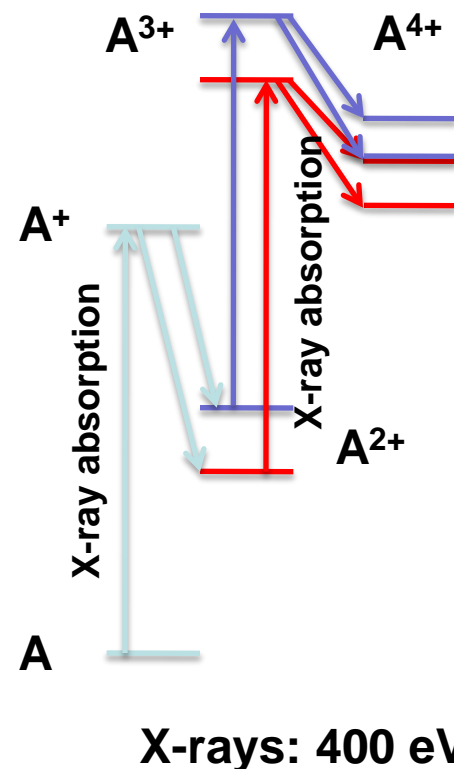
Recorded the following delays:

C_2H_2 : 0, 30, 50, 100 fs

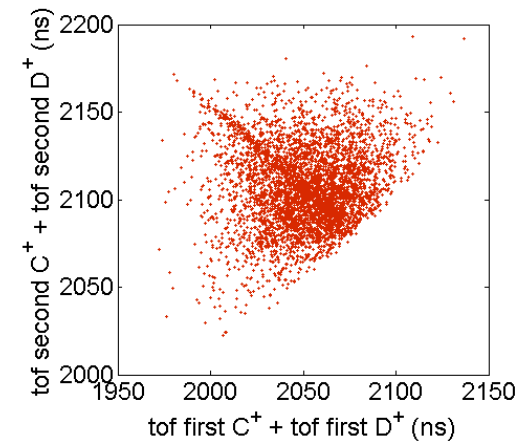
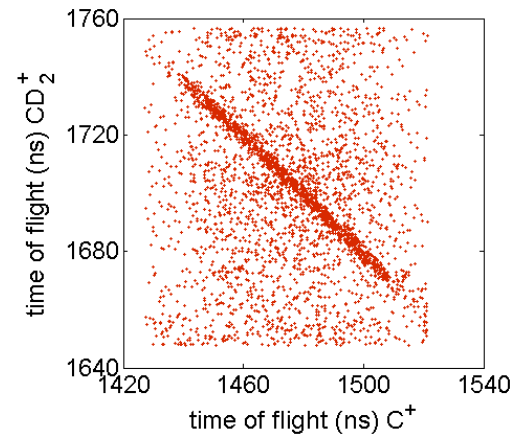
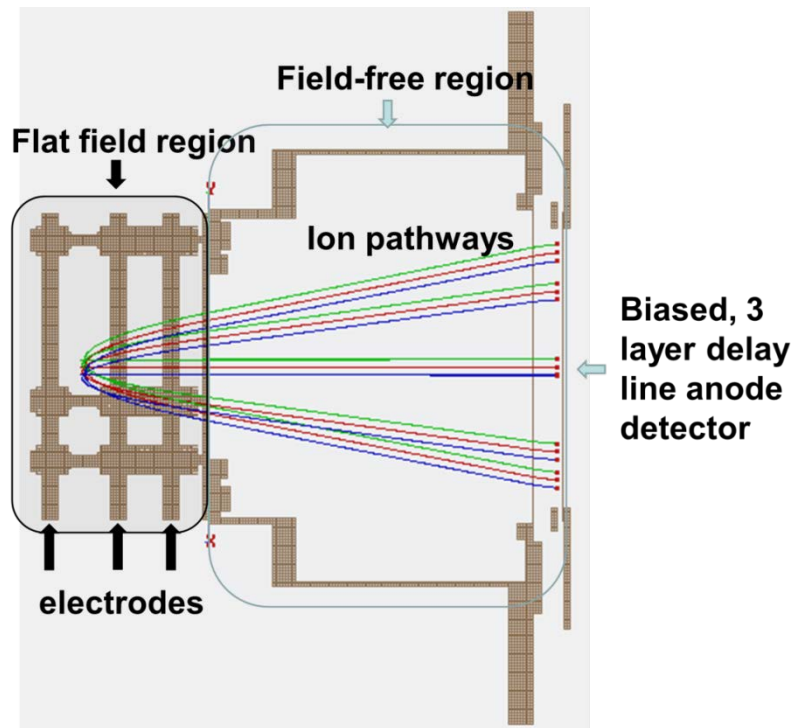
C_2D_2 : 0, 12, 25, 50, 100 fs

OCS: 0, 20, 30, 40, 60, 100 fs

CO: 0, 150 fs



Ion fragmentation momentum



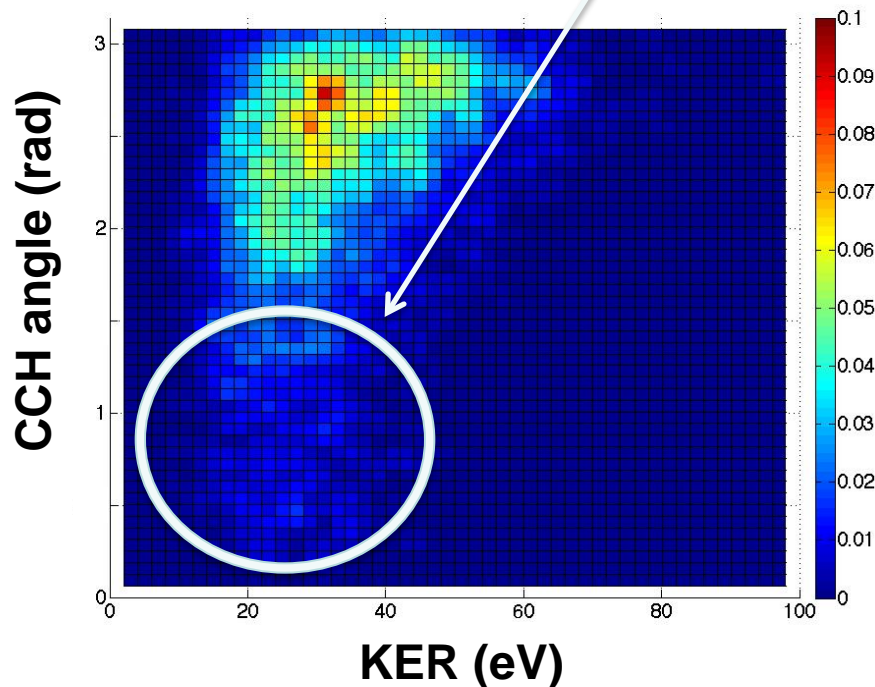
Full momentum recovery for all four fragments using delay line anode detector.

Permits recovering information about the geometry.

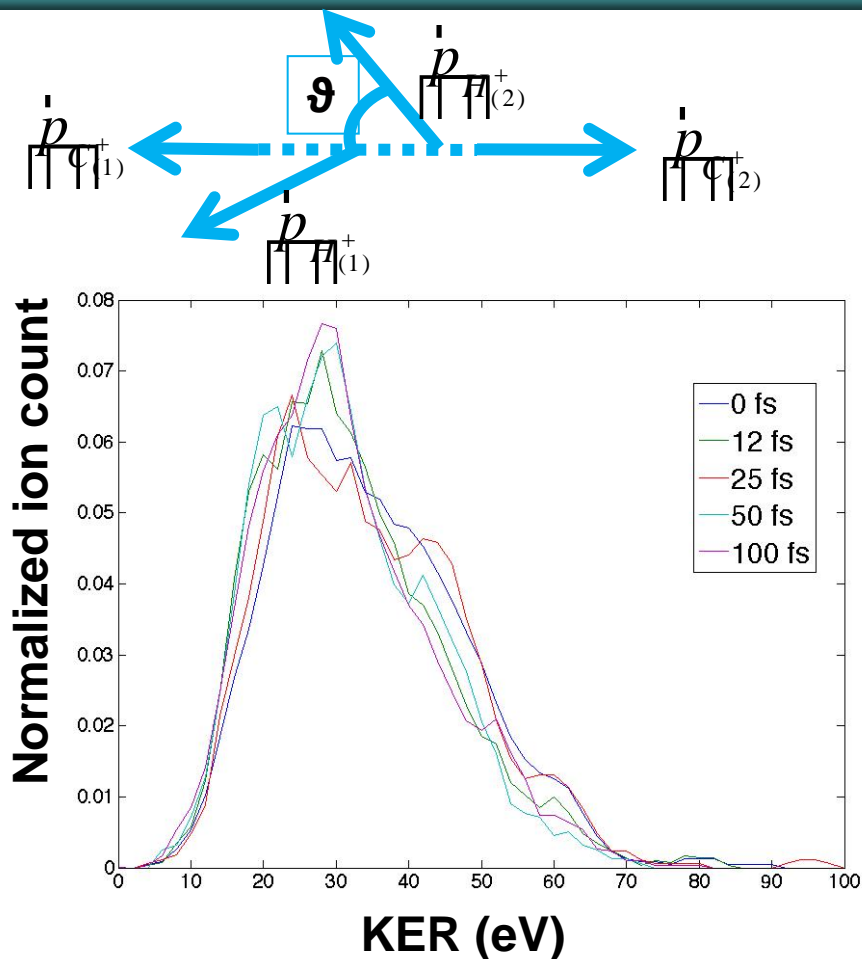
Vinylidene and Acetylene Channels also Have Different KER Distributions

C⁺/C⁺/D⁺/D⁺ channel

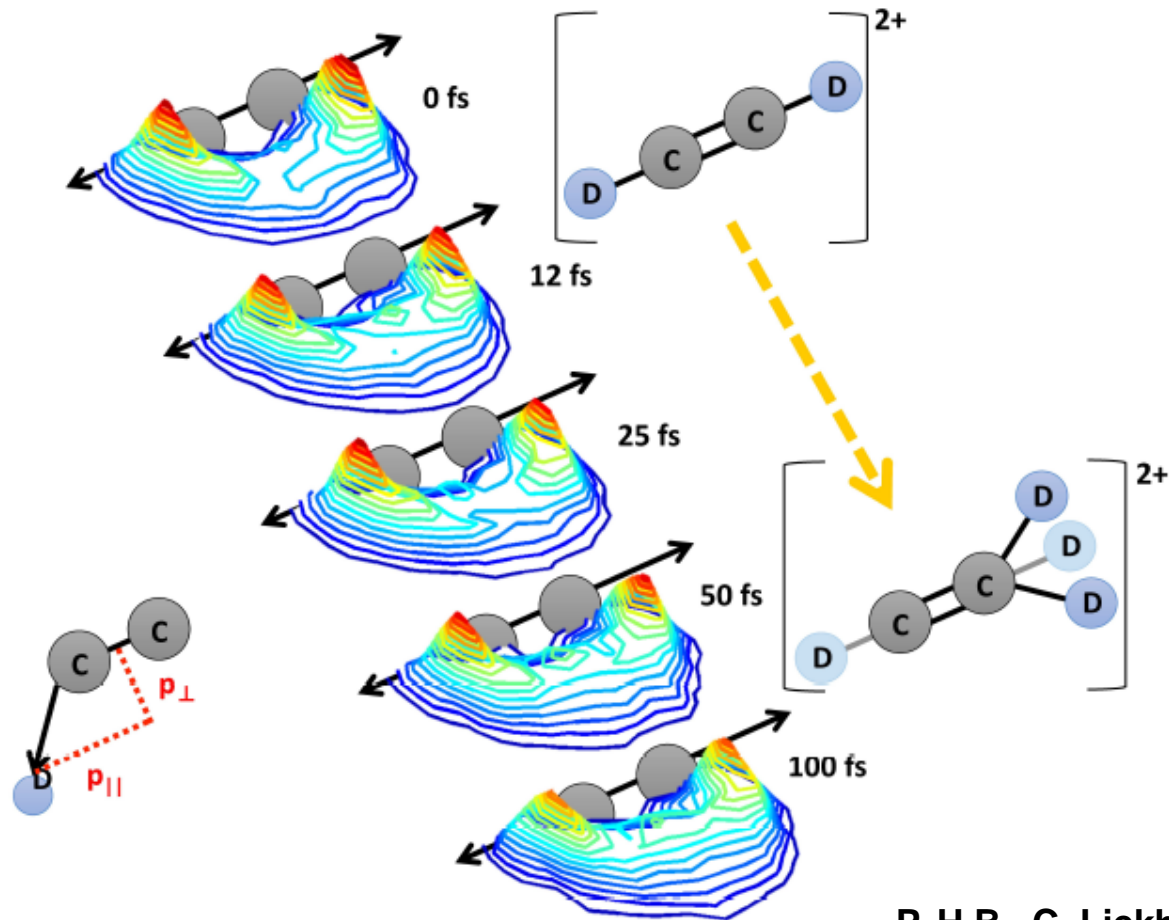
Vinylidene-like



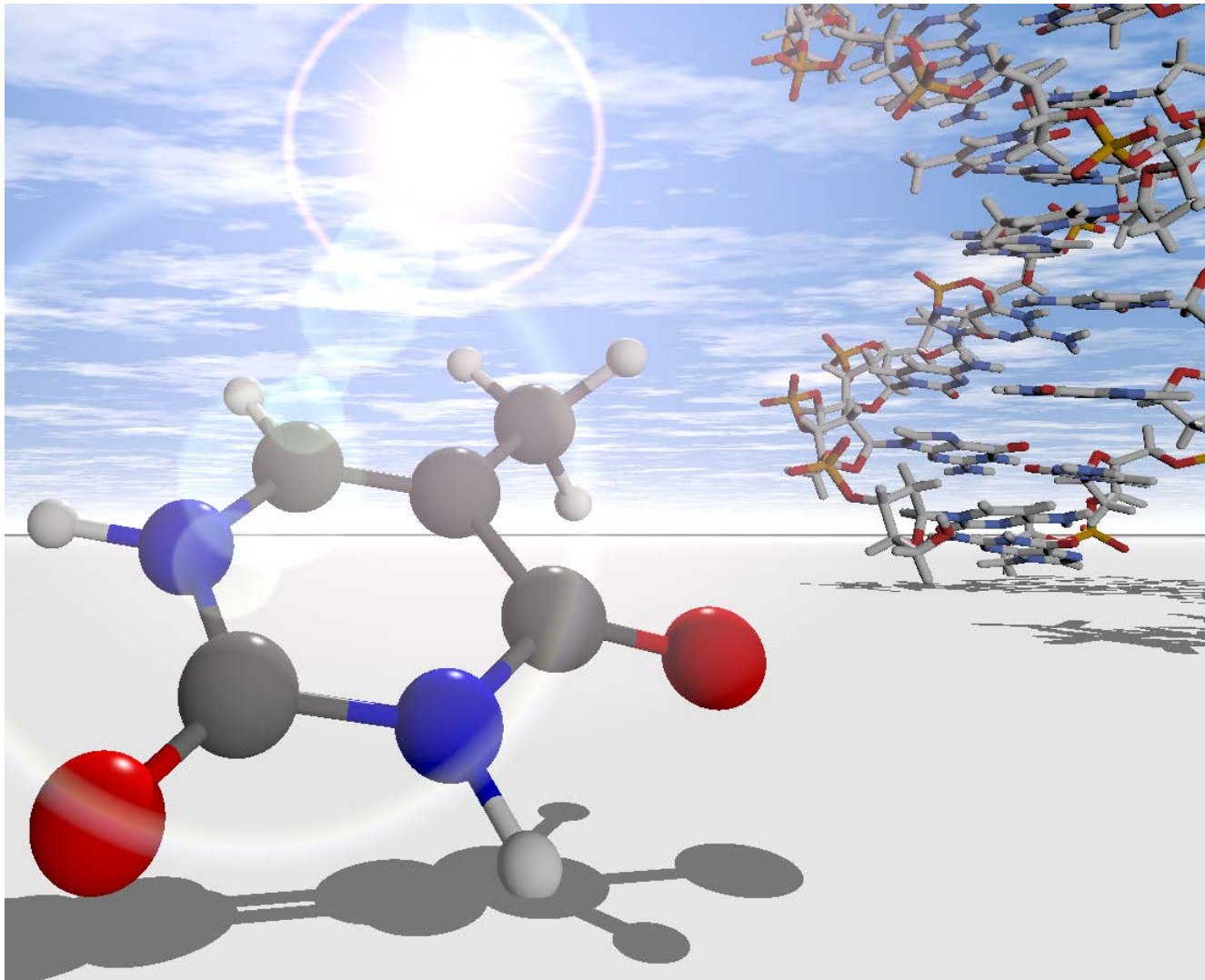
Dependence of KER distribution on proton ejection angle



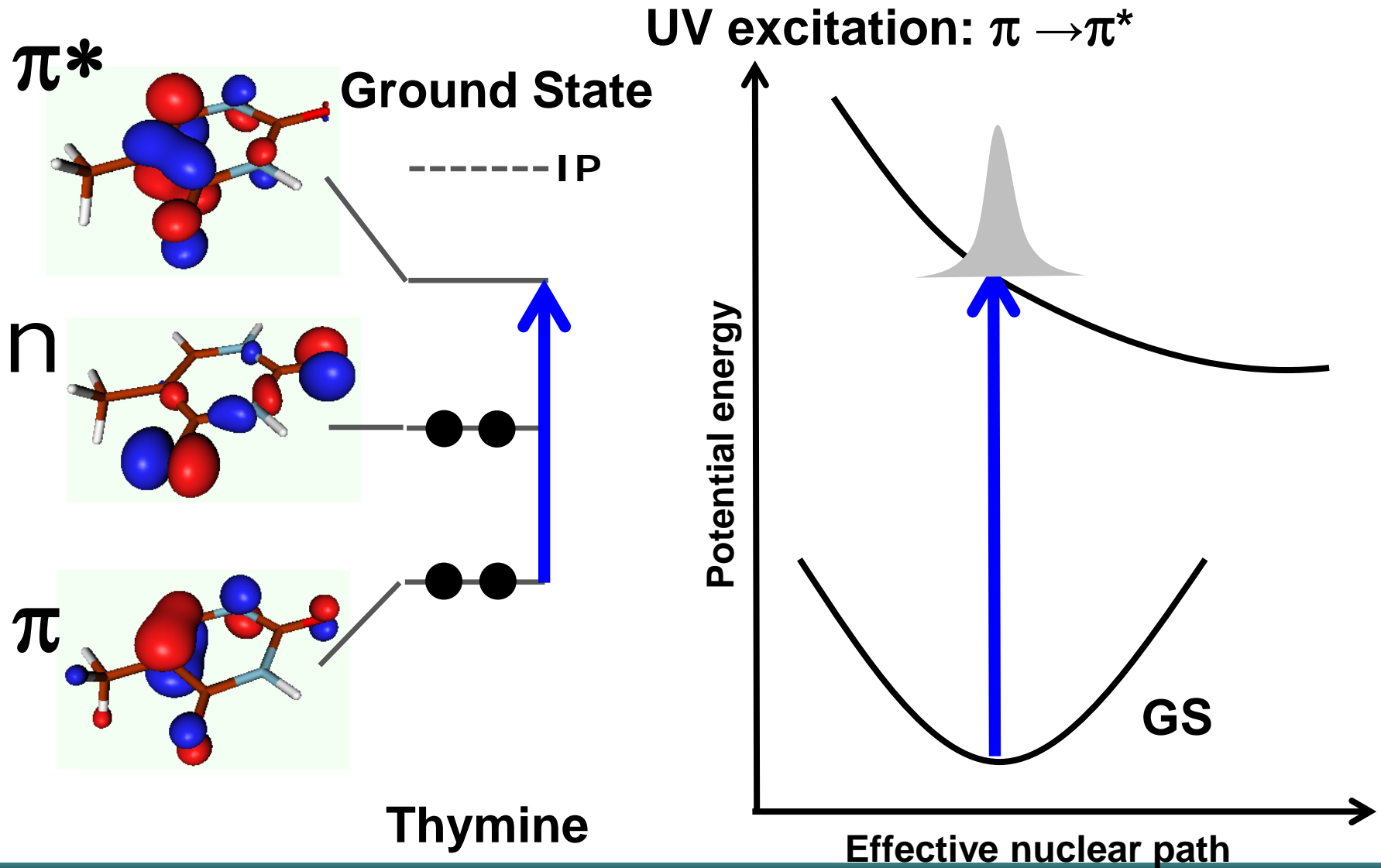
Evolution of KER distribution on x-ray pump x-ray probe time delay



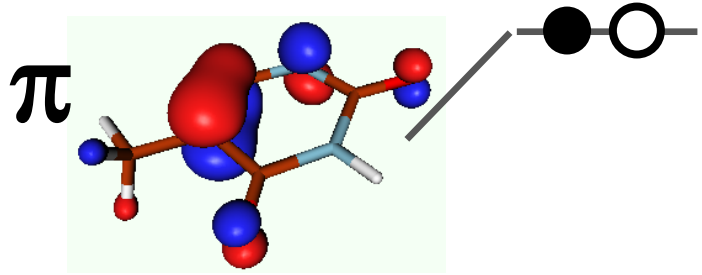
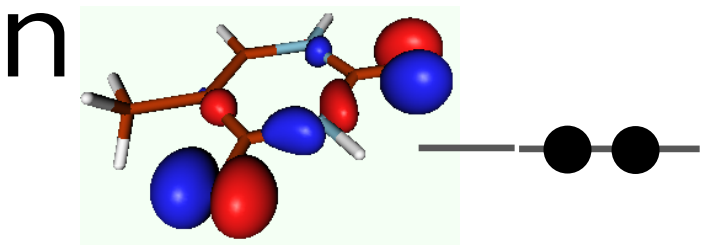
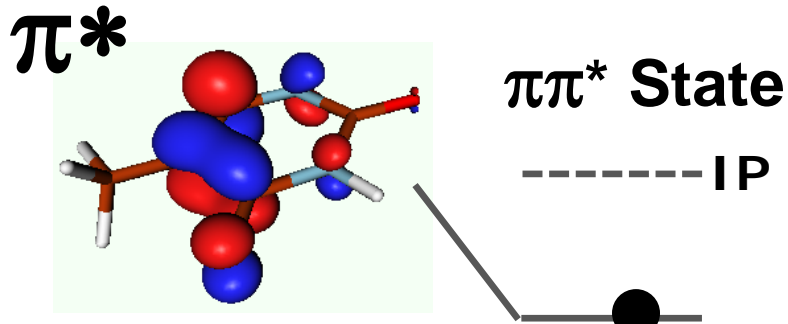
P. H.B., C. Liekhus-Schmaltz, et al.
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Ultrafast electron dynamics: Nucleobase photoprotection

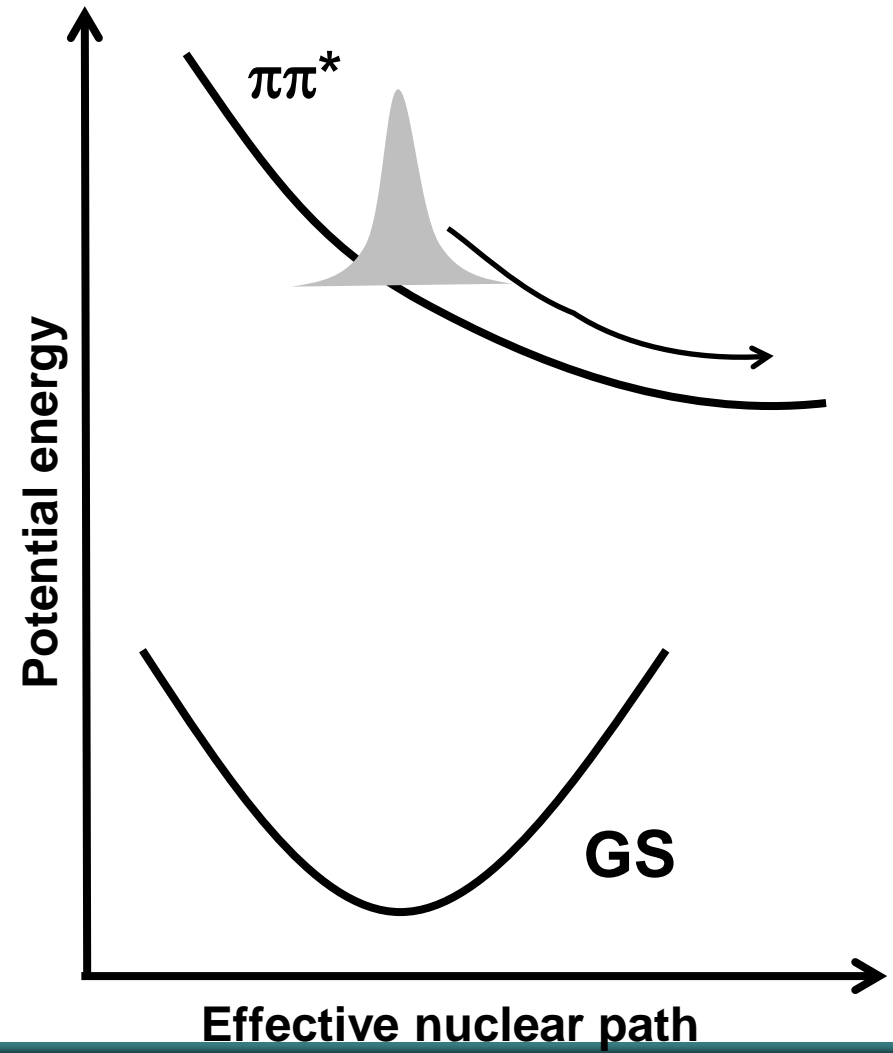


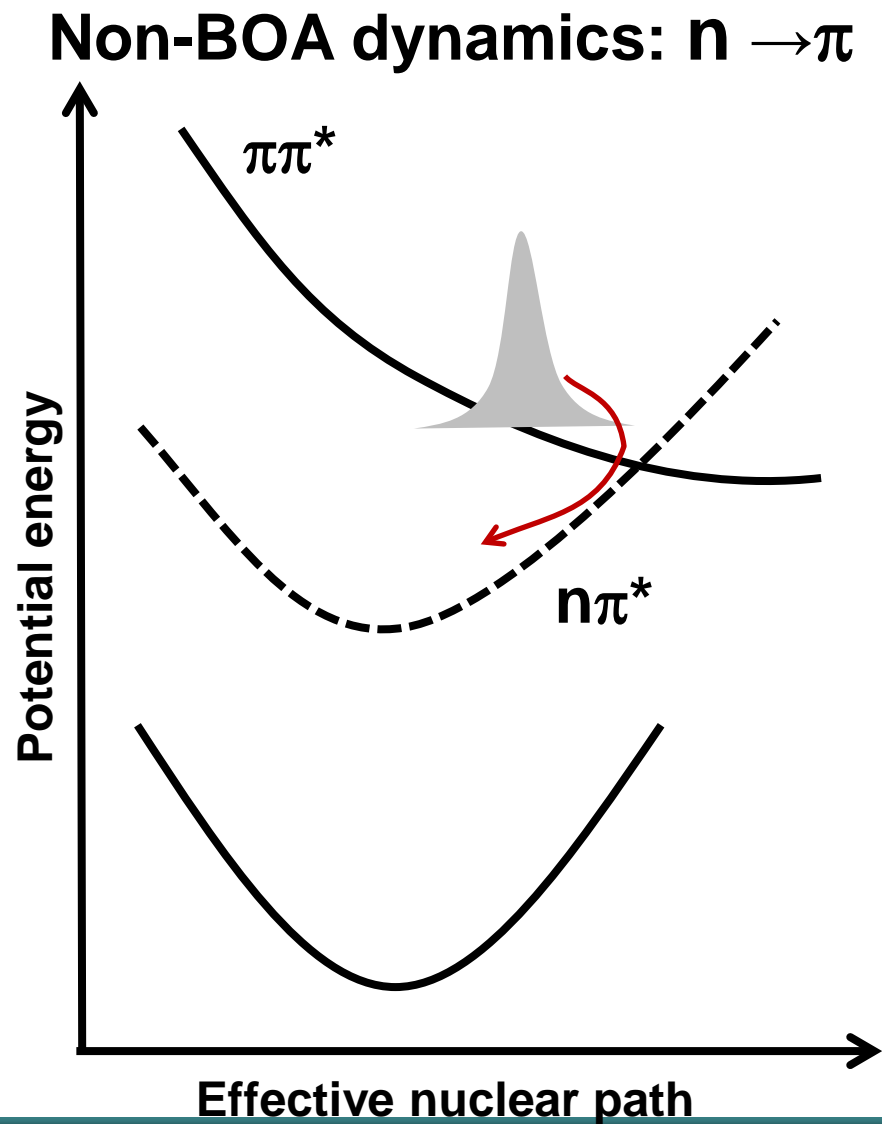
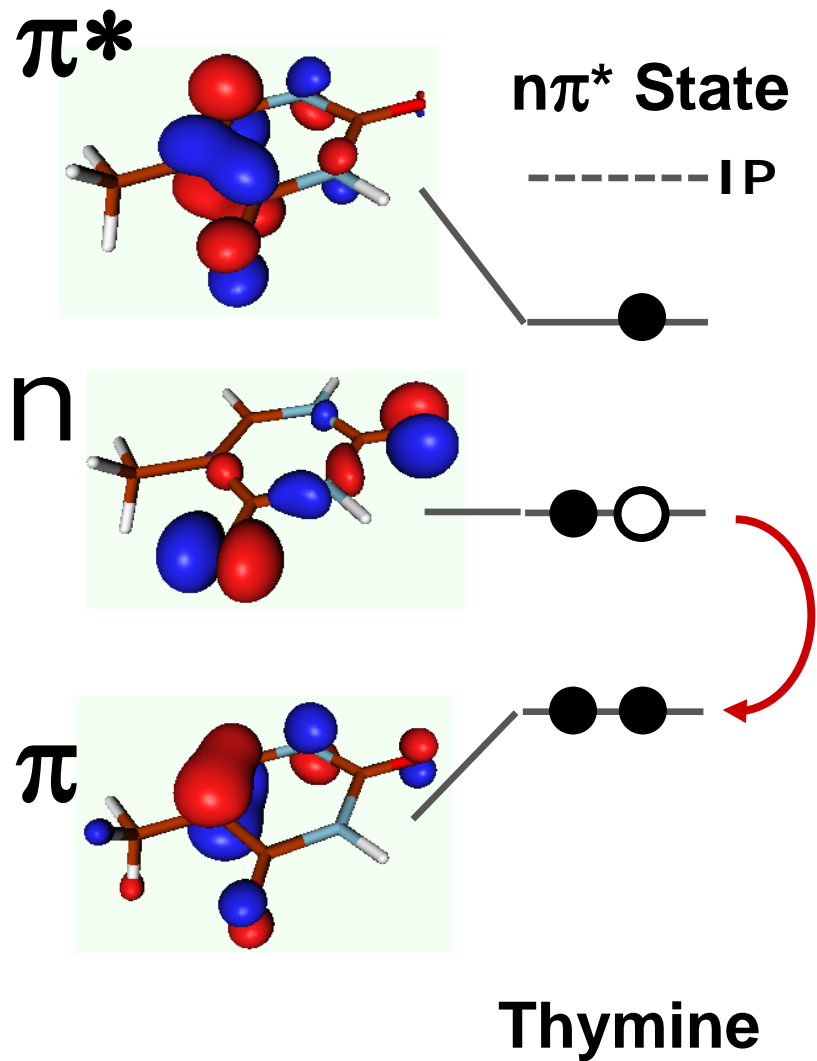
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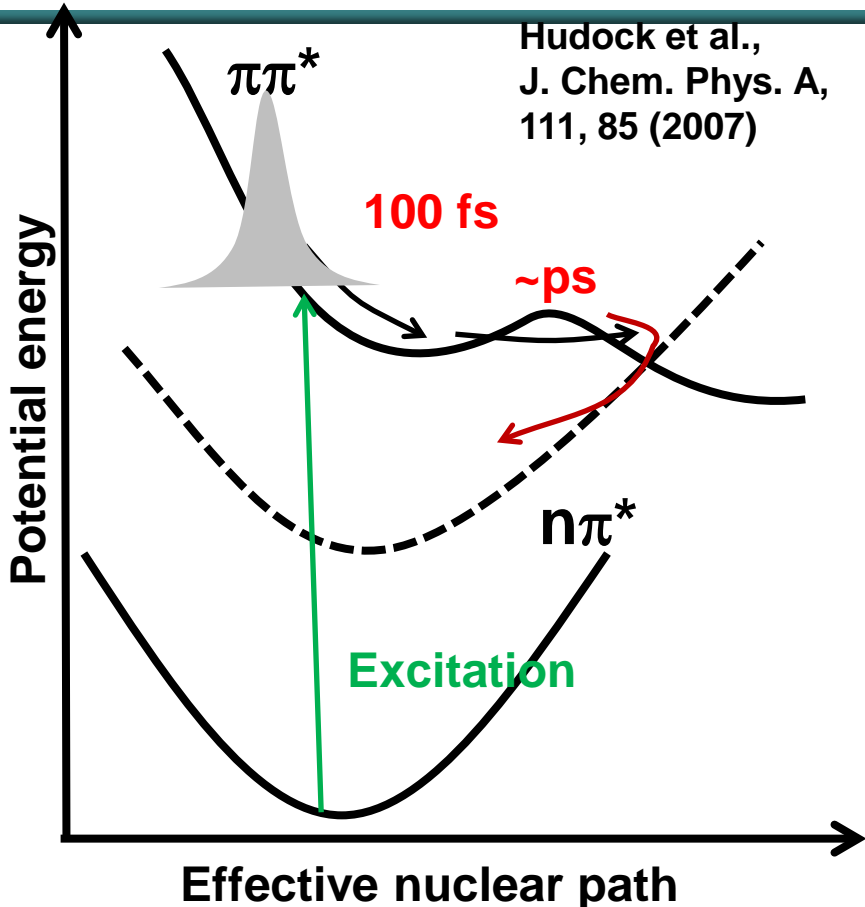
Thymine

UV excitation: $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$

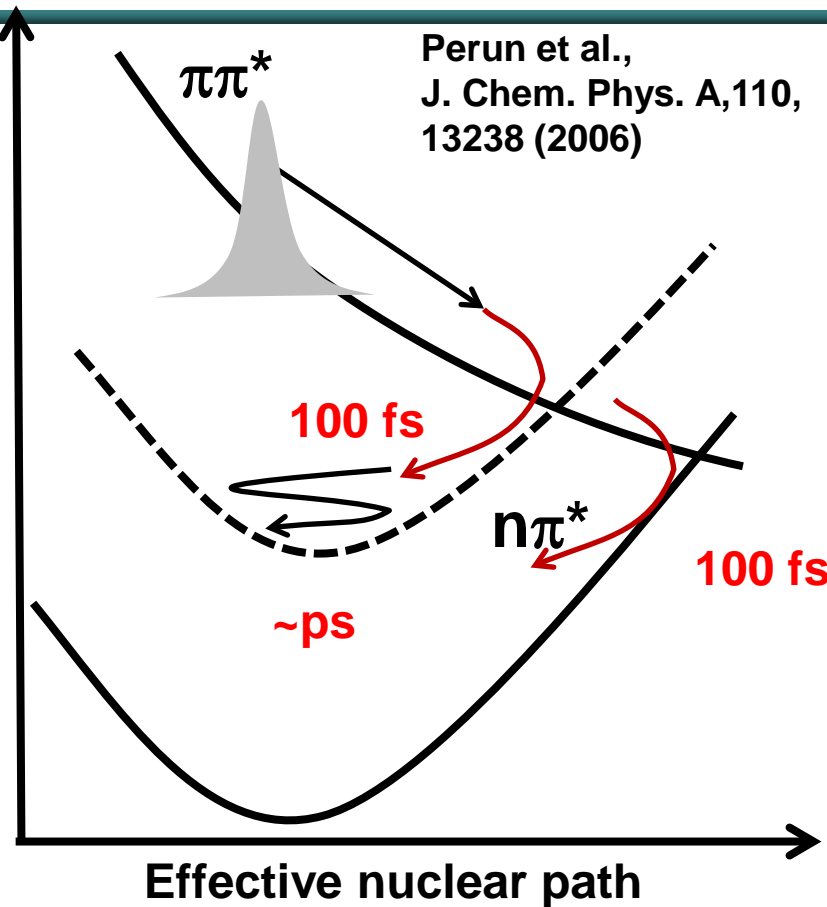




DNA photoprotection (thymine)



Hudock et al.,
 J. Chem. Phys. A,
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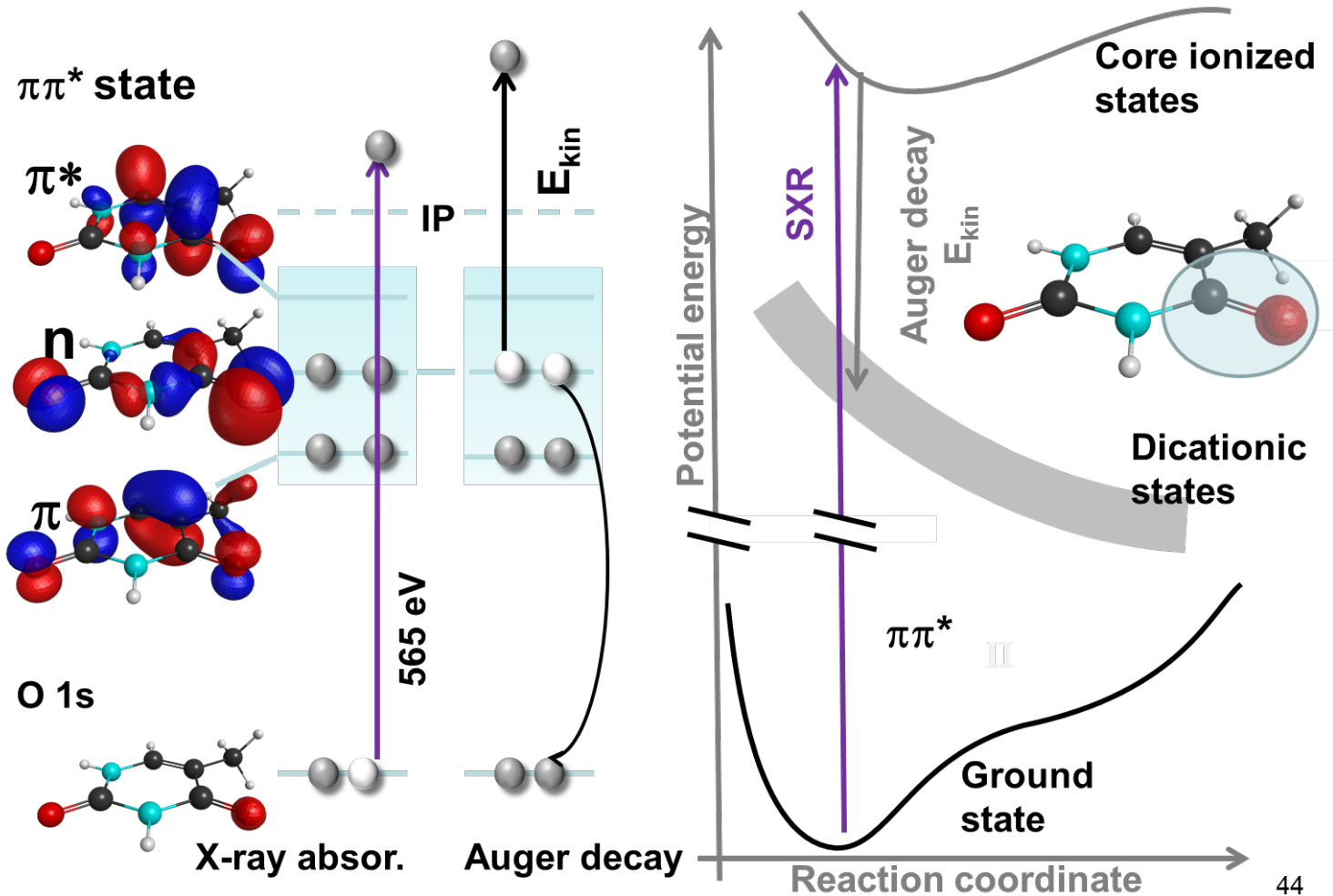
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Fast: 100 fs – relaxation from FC to minimum
 Medium: ~ ps – tunneling through barrier

Fast: 100 fs – non-BOA dynamics
 Medium: ~ ps – vibrational relaxation

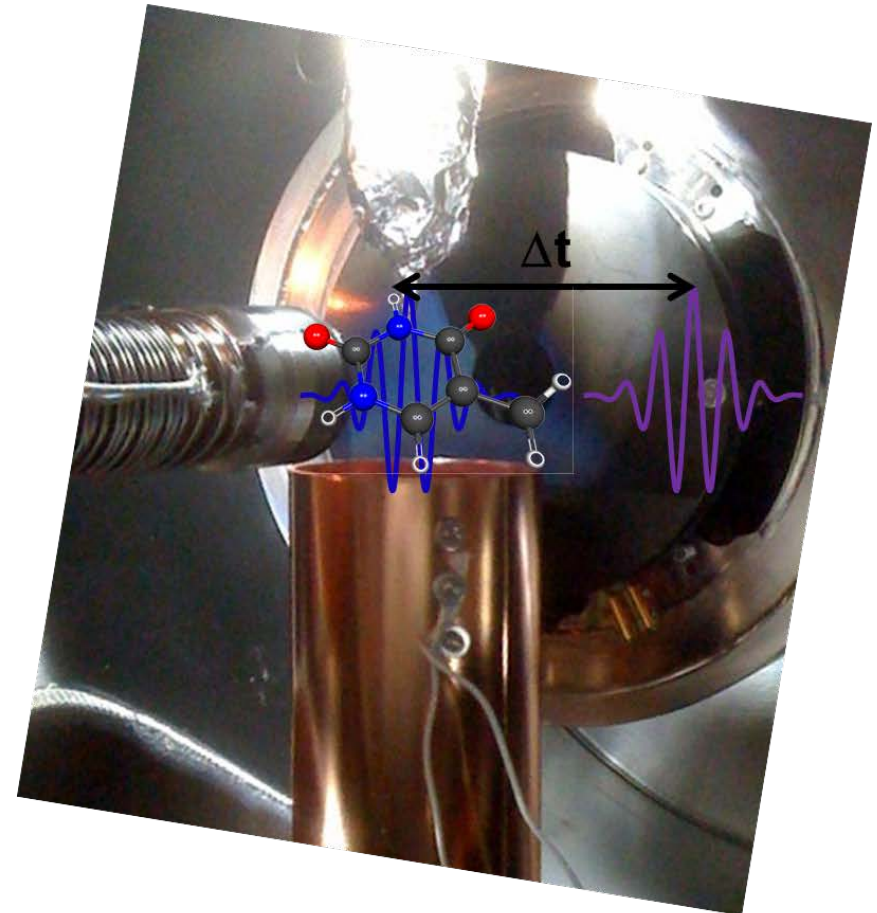
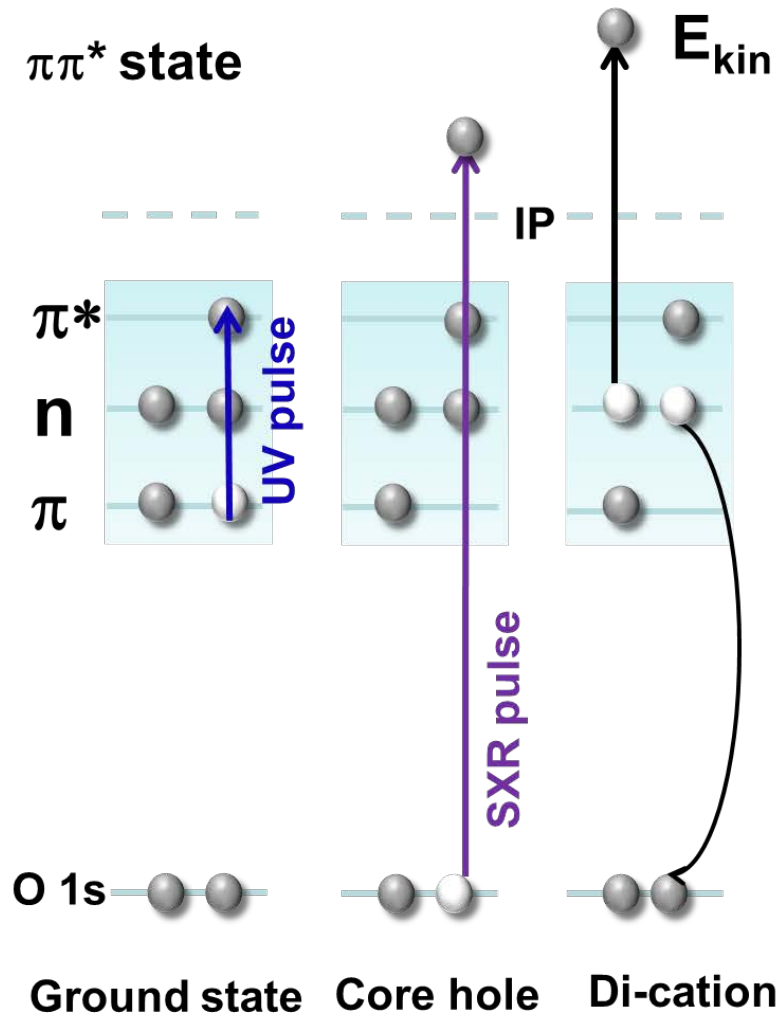
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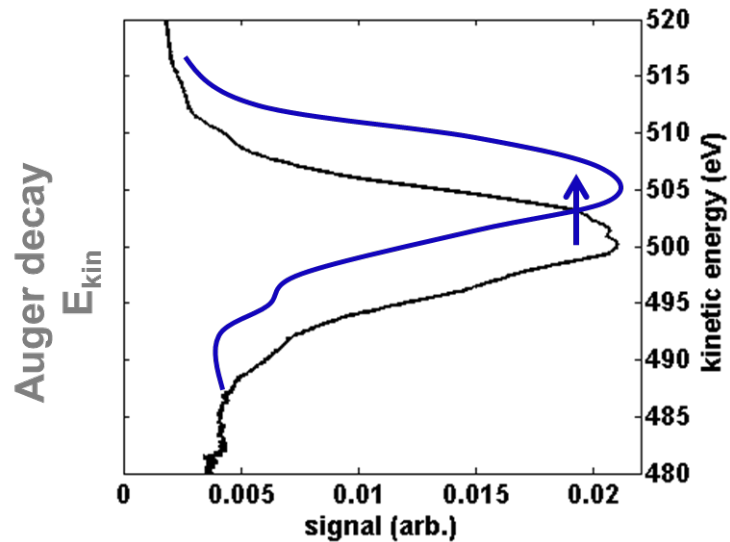
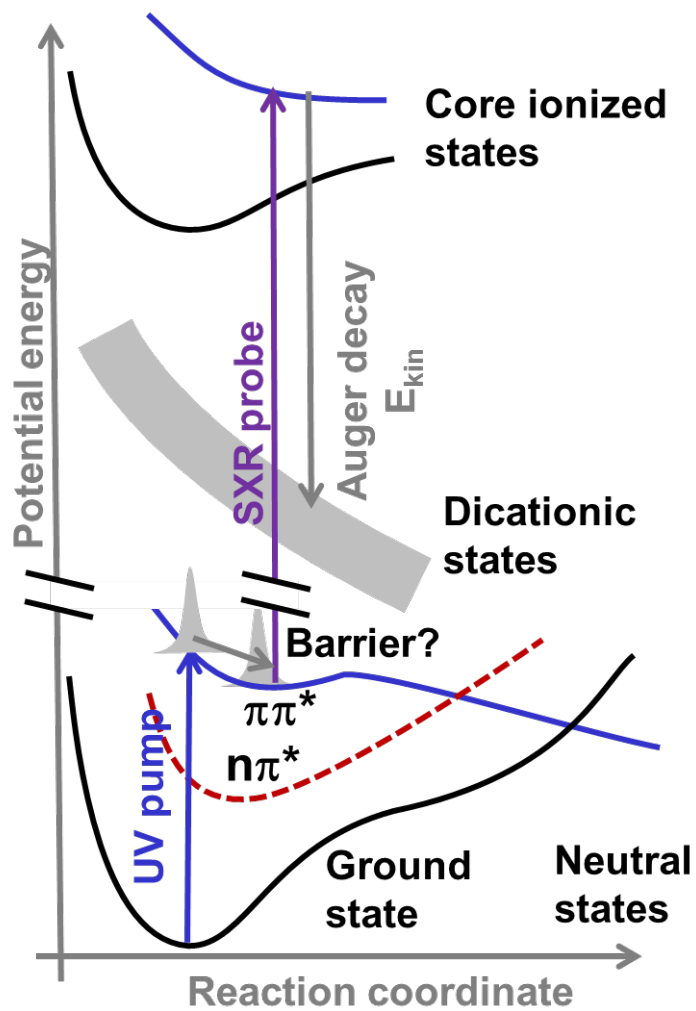
Auger decay creates valence vacancies at oxygen.



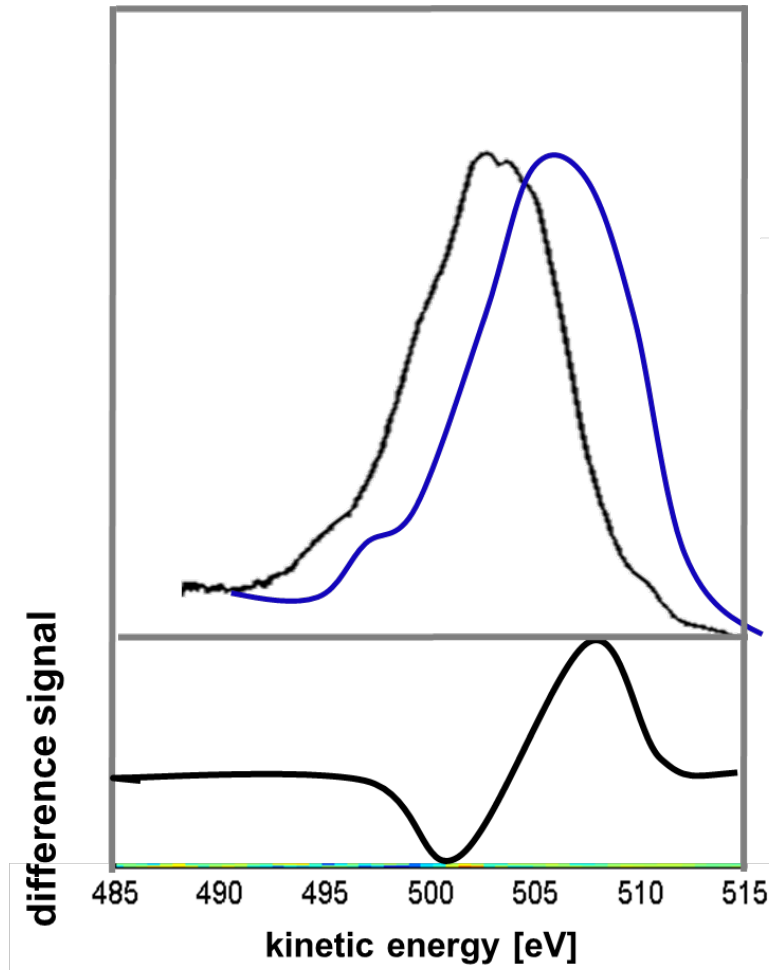
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Pump probe scheme and setup.

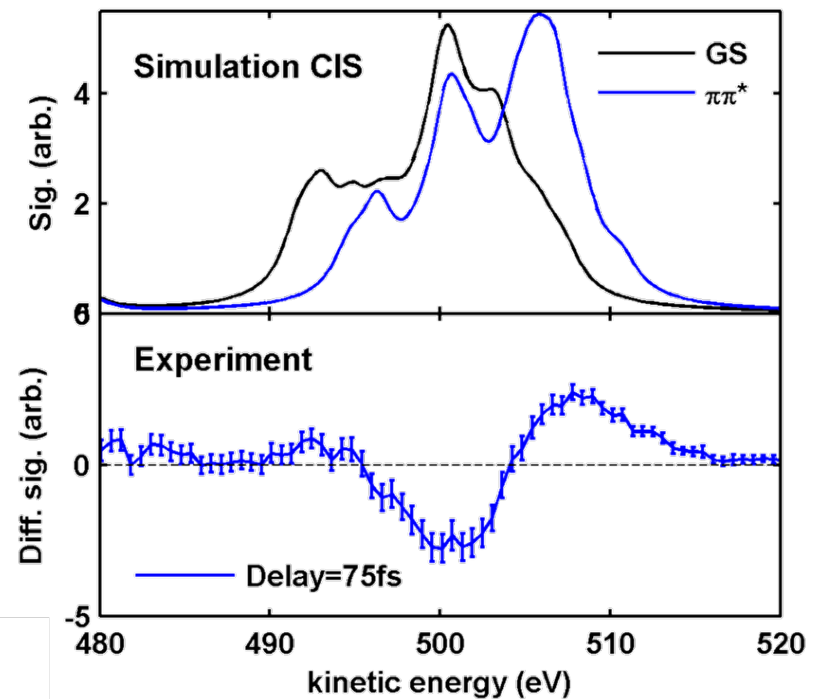




The the shift due to C-O expansion is visible.

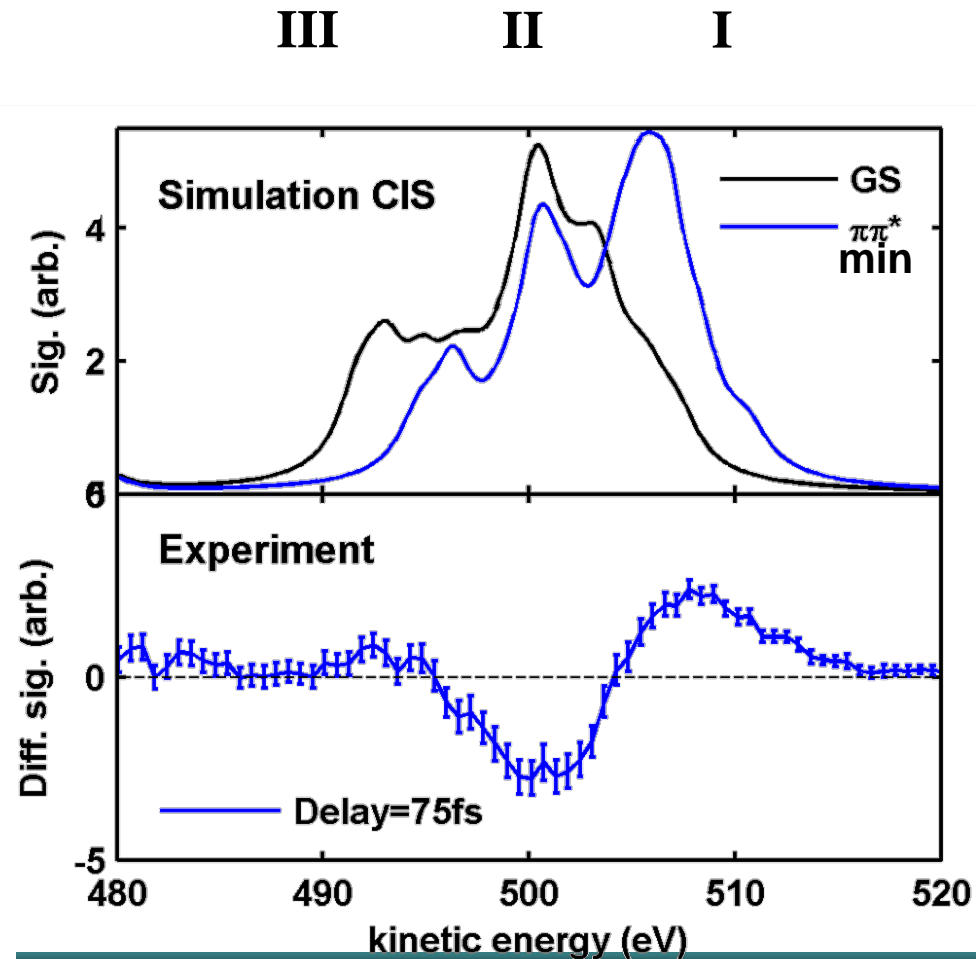
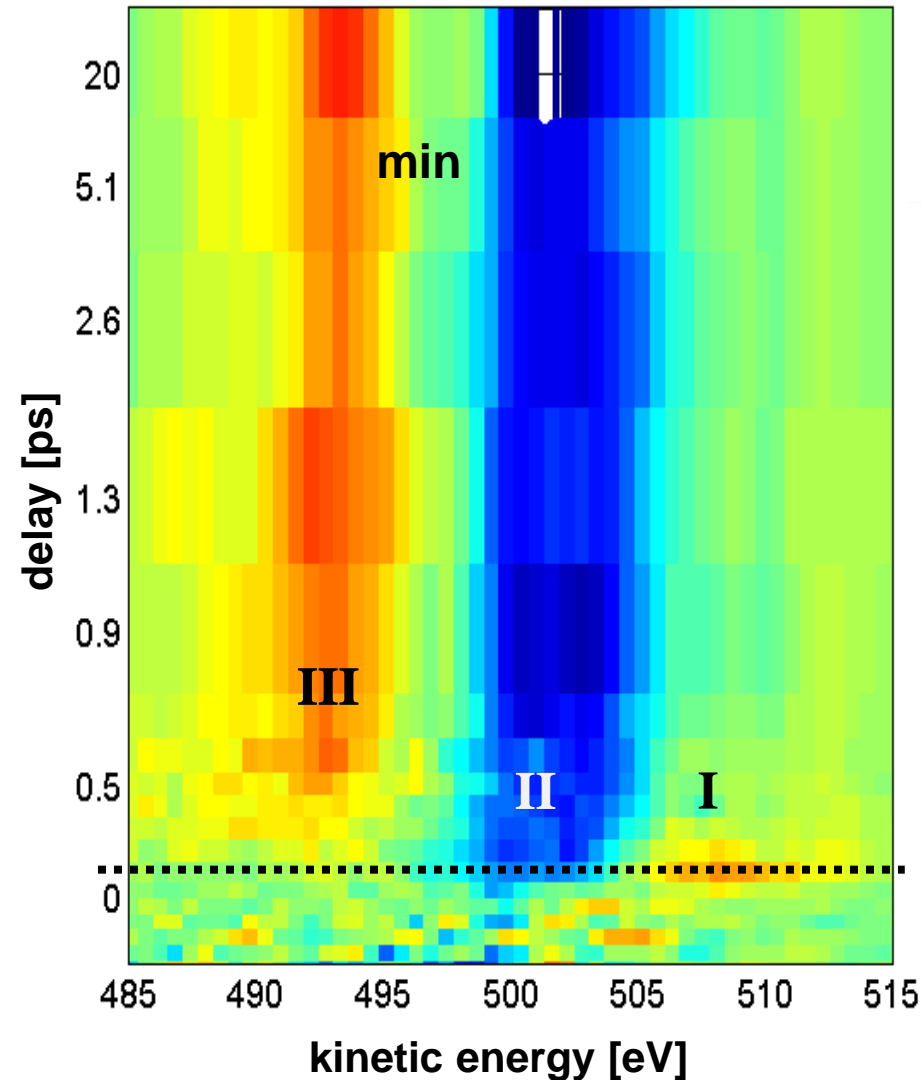


Just after UV excitation



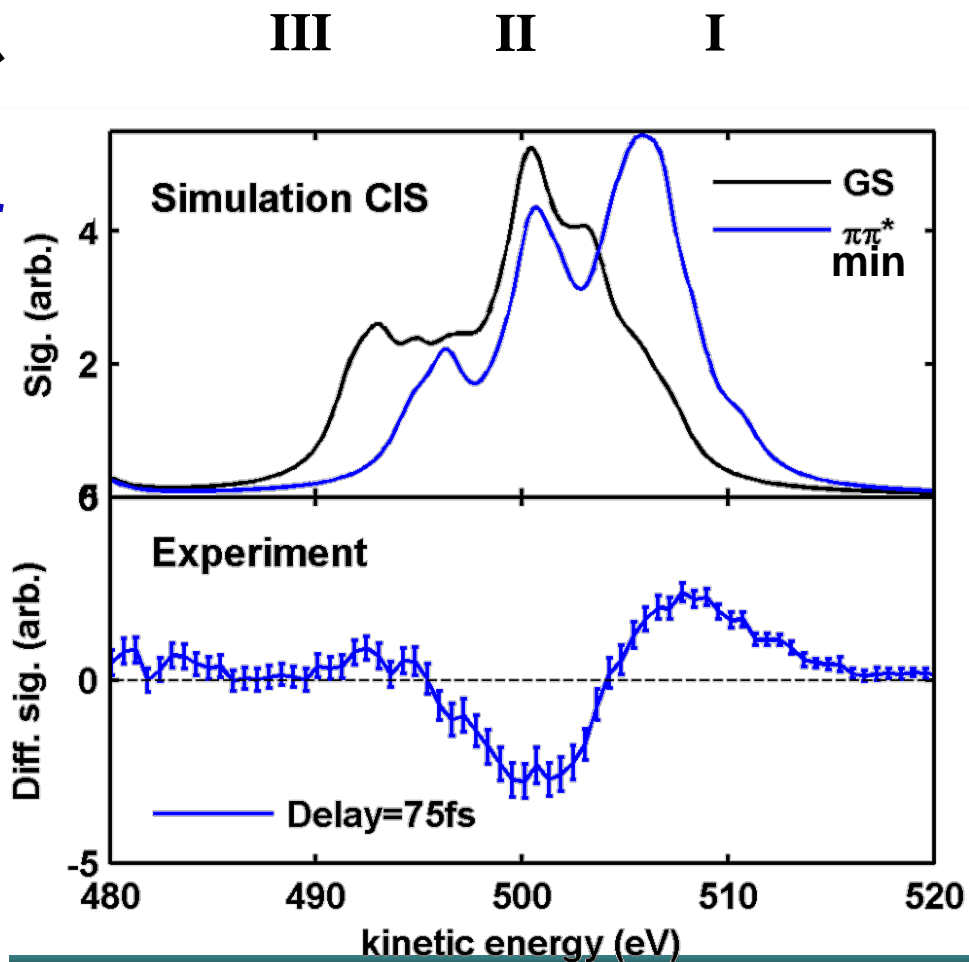
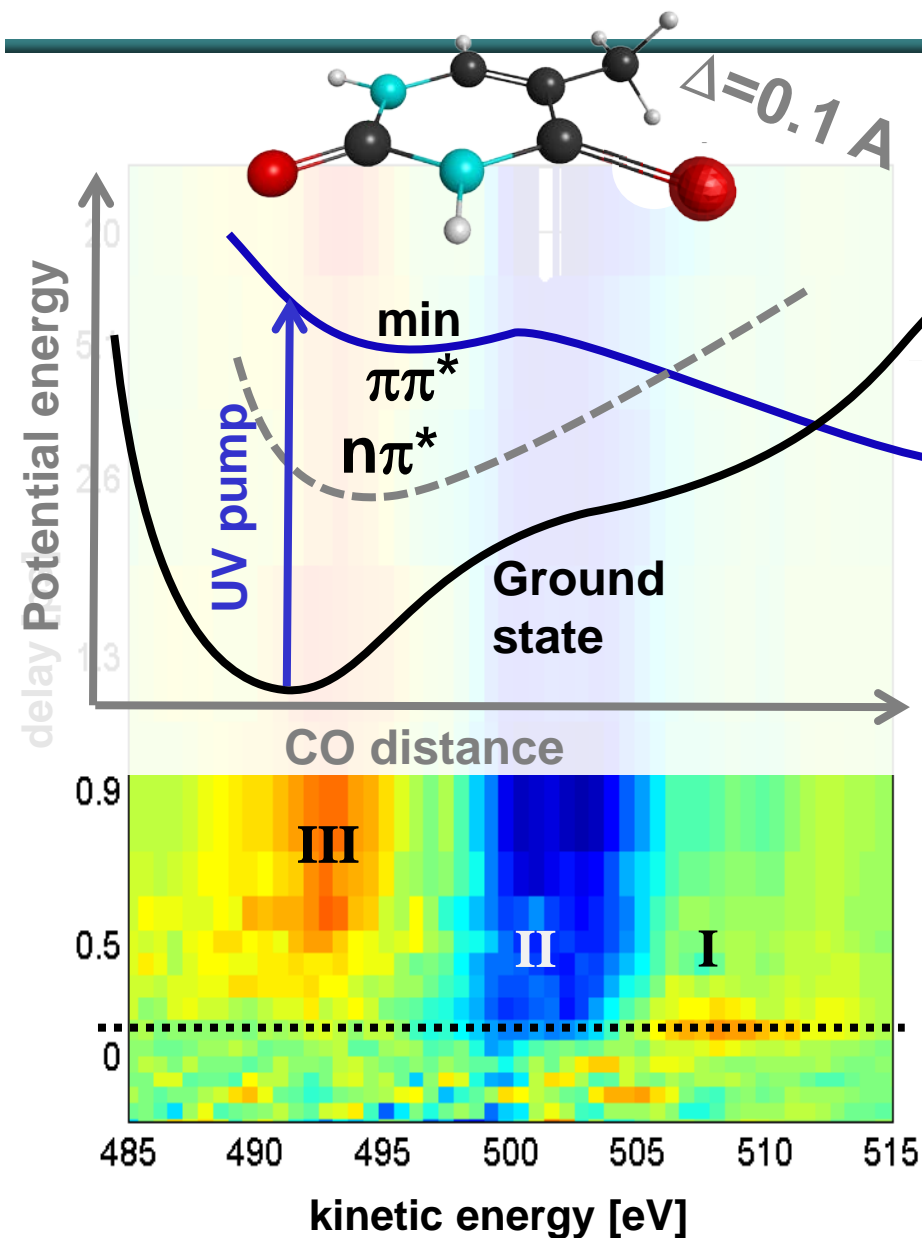
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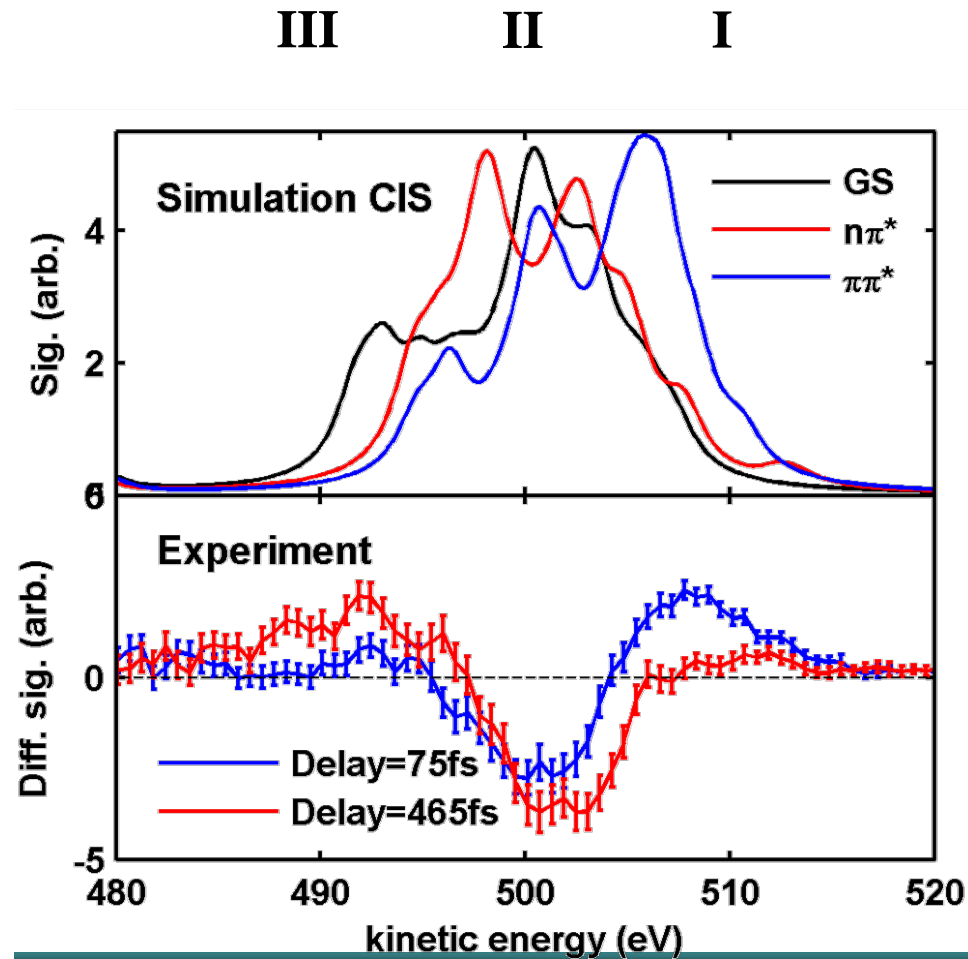
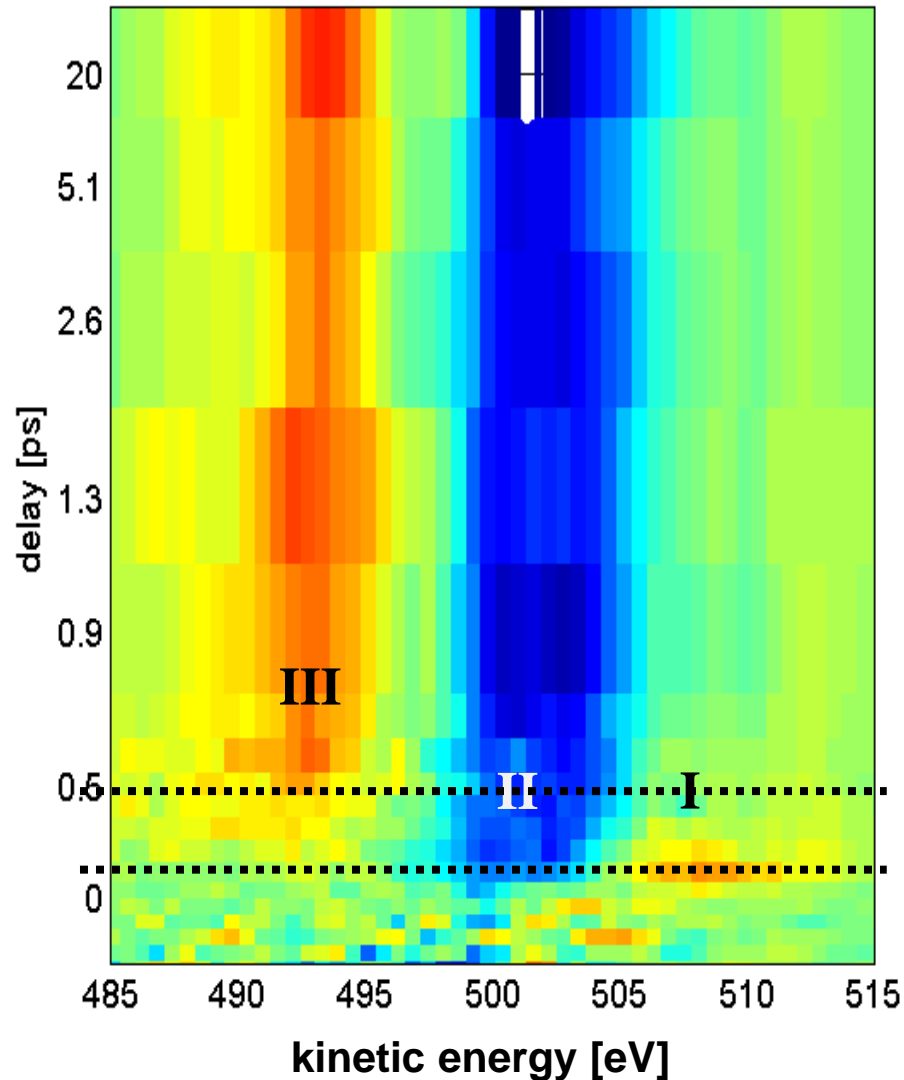
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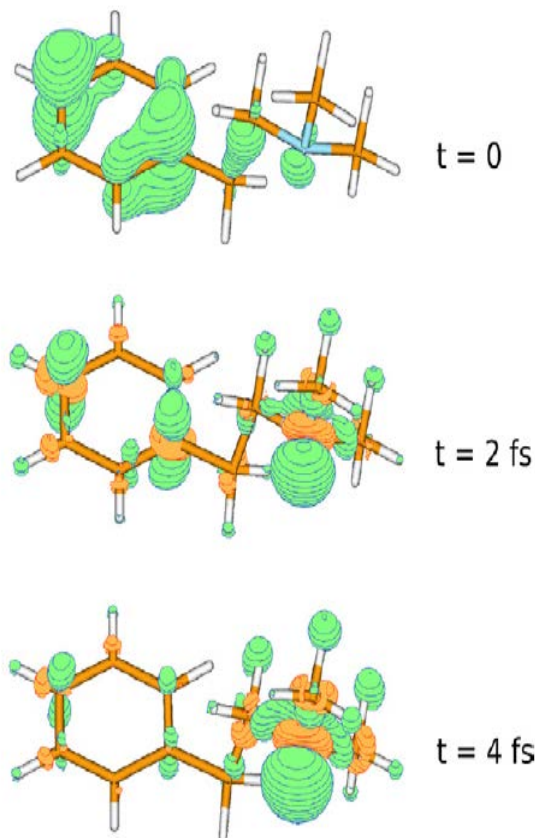
We do not observe a barrier!

McFarland, Farrell, Miyabe...Guehr,
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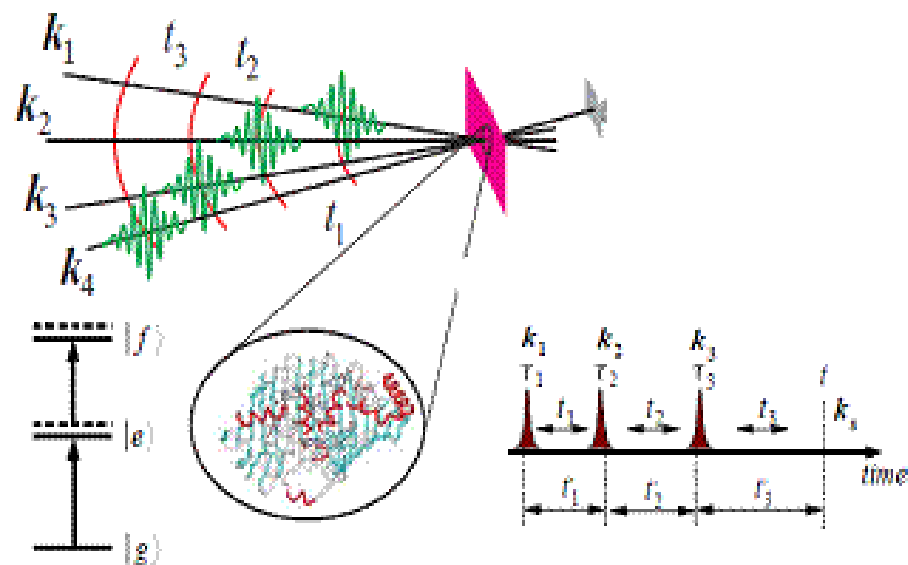


Electronic Raman: Mapping electrons as they cross the molecule in a few femtoseconds

Core excitation creates localized electron disturbances. Correlation drives nonlocal electron transport in molecules

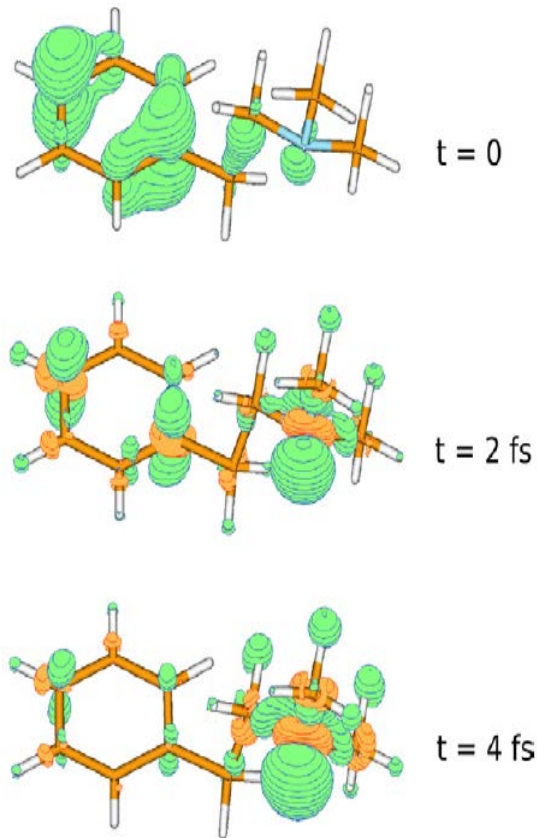


Measured via multi-dimensional spectroscopy. We need to make: Electron wave packets in neutral molecules, created at specific atoms, and then tracked over femtoseconds

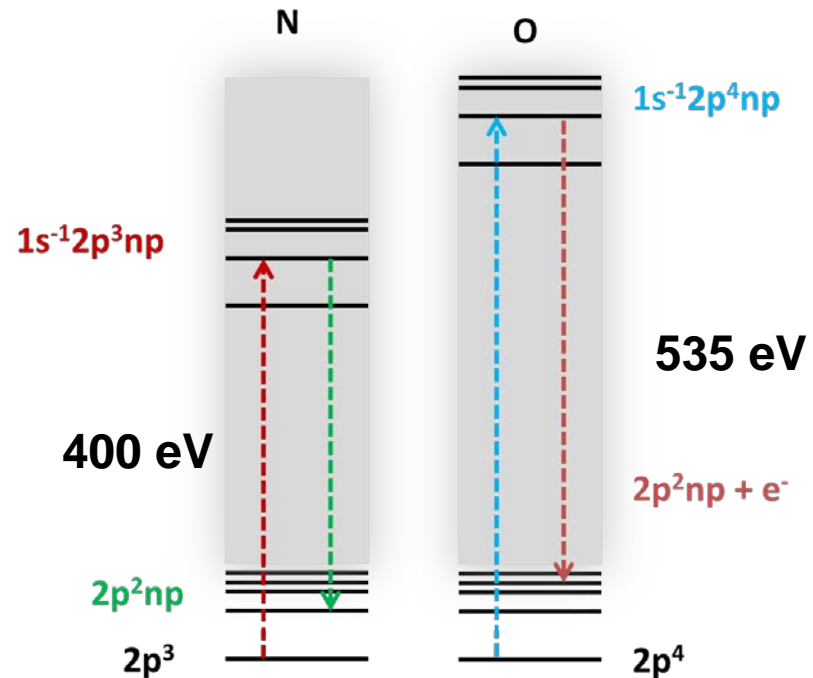


Lunnemann et al., Chem Phys Lett 450 232 (2008); Mukamel et al., Ann Rev. P. Chem. 64, 101 (2013)

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Example of how this could work: Send in three x-rays, k_1 , k_2 , and k_3 and read out the **final Auger electron spectrum**
Autoionization makes this challenging



Lunnemann et al., Chem Phys Lett 450 232 (2008); Mukamel et al., Ann Rev. P. Chem. 64, 101 (2013)

Stimulated Raman in the impulse limit: A swift kick

- **Kramers Heisenberg**

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = (N + 1) \frac{\omega^3 \omega'}{c^4} |\vec{\epsilon} \cdot \alpha_{km} \cdot \vec{\epsilon}'|^2,$$

$$(\alpha_{km})_{ij} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_n \left\{ -\frac{\mu_{nm}^i \mu_{kn}^j}{\omega - \omega_{nk} - i\Gamma} \right\},$$

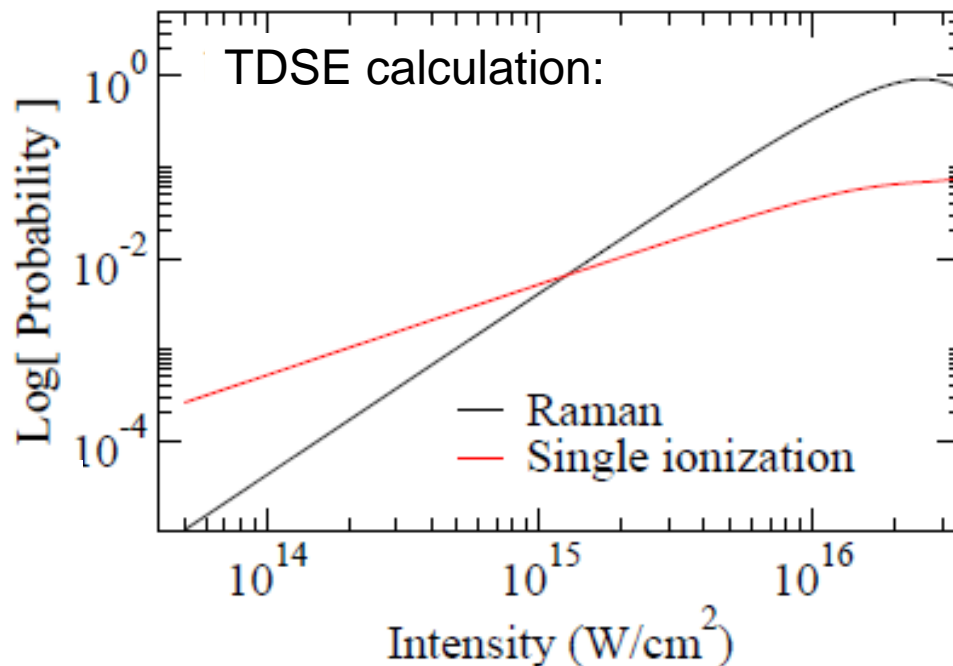
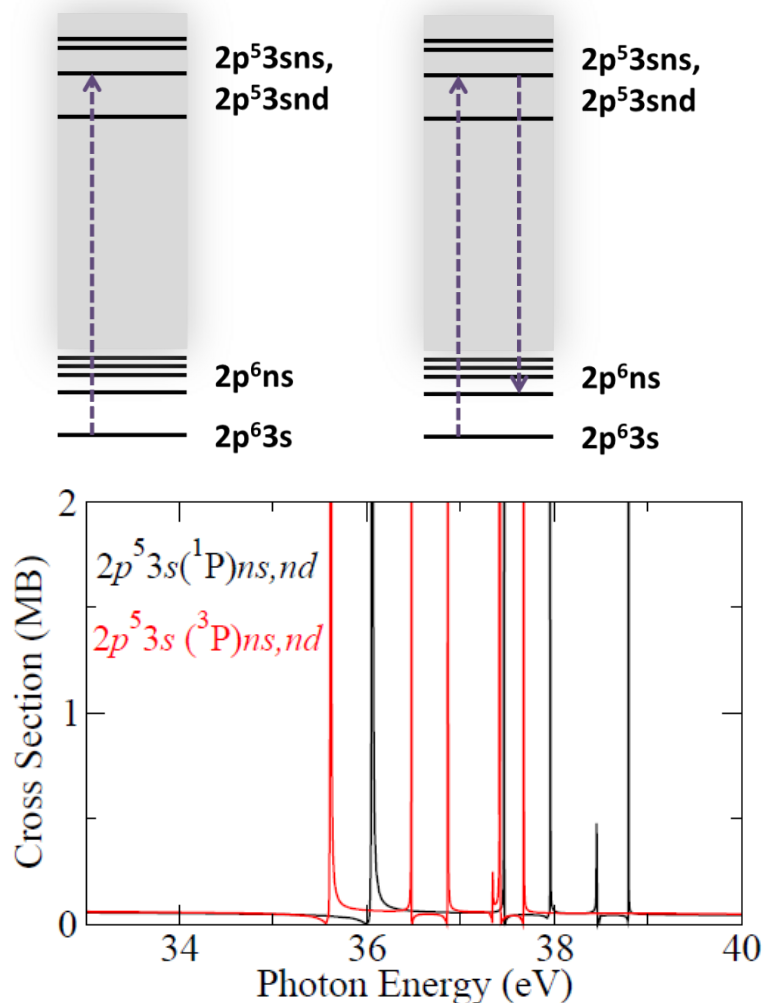
- **Impulse limit:**

$$N = (I_0 / \omega^3 \alpha), \quad F_0 = \int dt I_0.$$

- **Total rate**

- $P = \int dE (d\sigma/d\Omega) F_0.$
- I_0^2

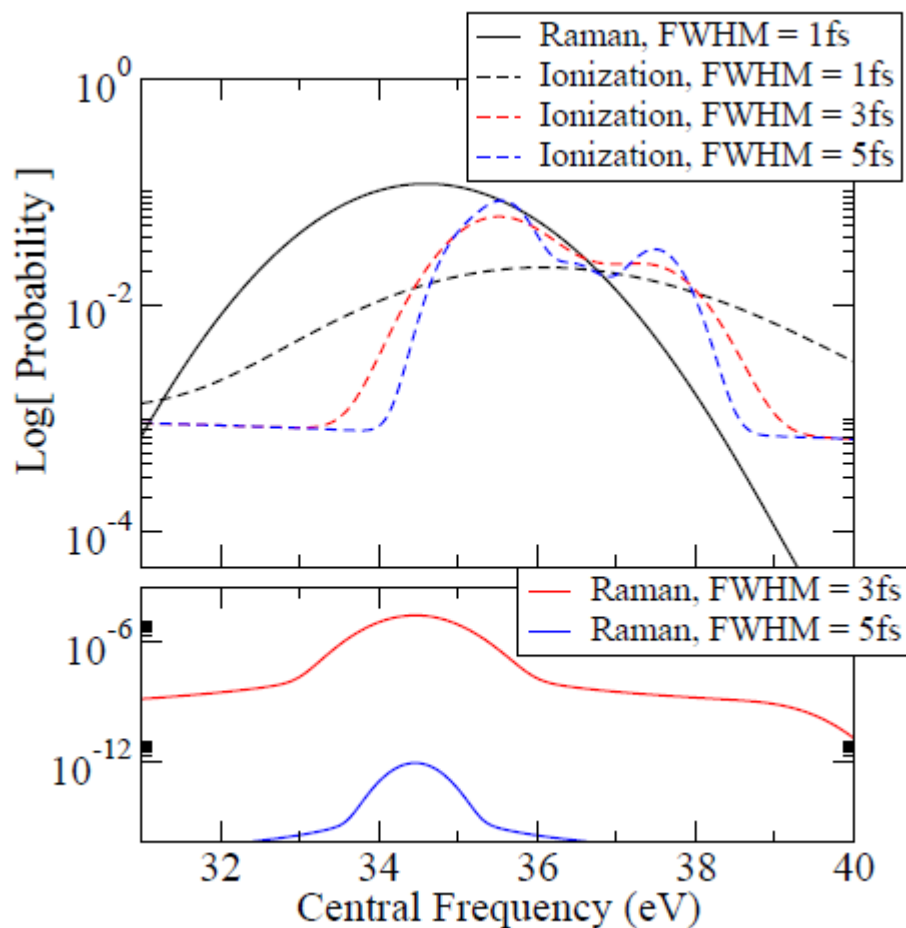
HHG example we can study: Impulsive excitation of $2p \rightarrow ns, nd$ in Na



- Strong field regime in the XUV when 2-photon rates exceed 1-photon rates: $\sim 10^{15} W/cm^2$
- Well below saturation
- But it's even better than that...

Miyabe and Bucksbaum, PRL 114, 143005 (2015)

Transient Impulsive Giant Electronic Raman (TIGER) redistribution *turns on* for 1fs TL pulses

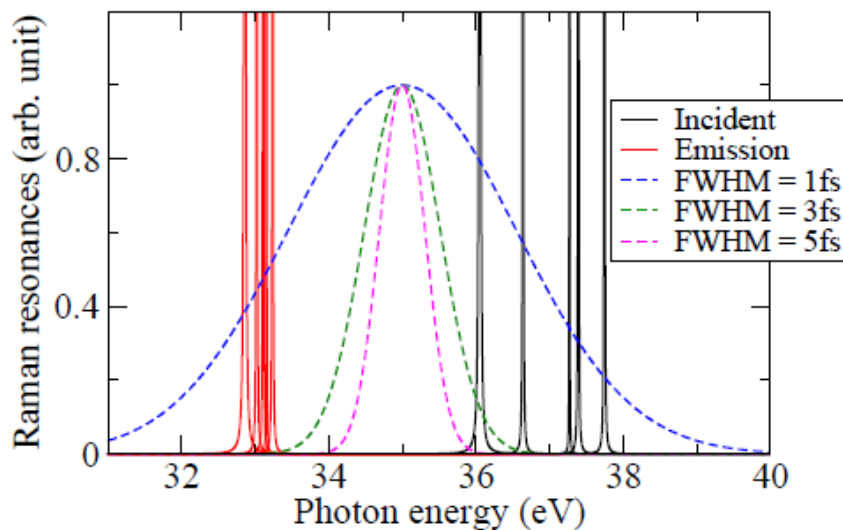


5 microjoule TL pulses

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How it works:

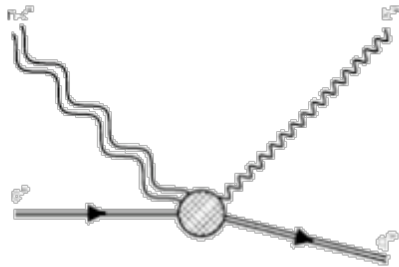
- Trillion-fold increase in TIGER rate from 5fs to 1fs is due to the coherent spectral broadening:



- Coherent femtosecond pulses produce *sub-angstrom* wave packets;
- Efficiently suppress ionization and Auger backgrounds;
- Has element specificity

X-ray Nonlinear Compton Scattering

David Reis, Matthias Fuchs, et al. arXiv:1502.00704 [physics.optics]



$$e + n\omega_0 \rightarrow e' + \omega$$

$$\sigma^{(2)} \approx \eta^2 \sigma_0 \propto I$$

$$\eta = \frac{eE_{\text{rms}}}{m\omega} \ll 1$$

Kinematics:

$$\omega' = \frac{n\omega}{1 + \frac{n\omega}{m} \left(1 + \frac{U_p}{n\omega}\right) (1 - \cos\theta)}$$

recoil ponderomotive correction scattering angle

photons from field

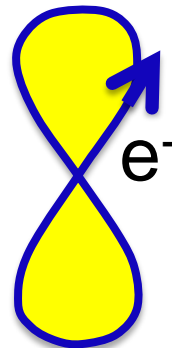
At $\omega = 9 \text{ keV}, I = 10^{20} \text{ W/cm}^2$:

$$E \sim 3 \text{ keV}/\text{\AA}$$

$$\eta \sim 10^{-3}$$

$$U_p = \frac{1}{2} m c^2 \eta^2 \sim 0.2 \text{ eV}$$

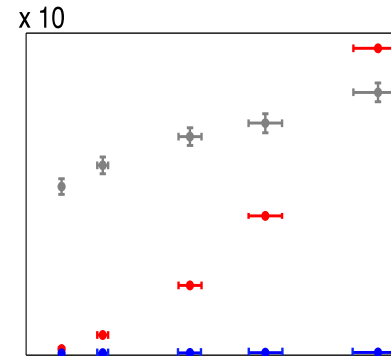
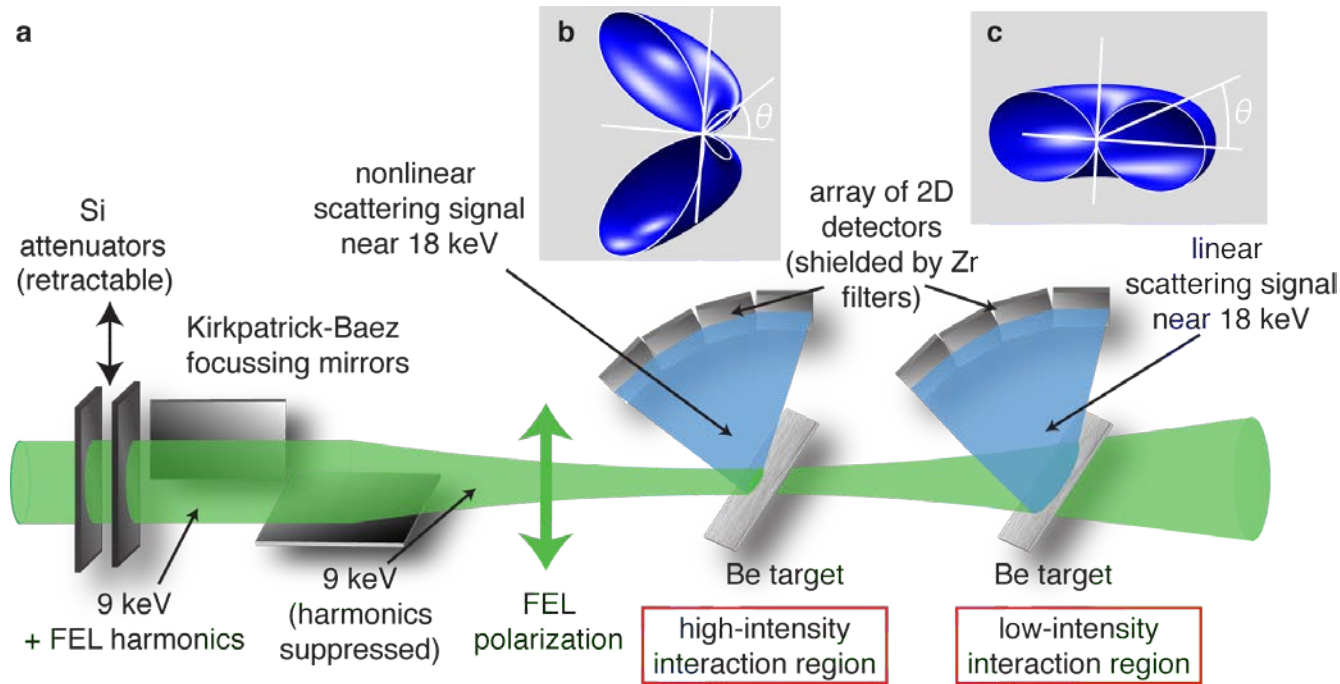
$$(x_0 \sim 3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ \AA} (\sim 10 r_0))$$



Differential cross-section, semi-classical nonlinear QED e.g.

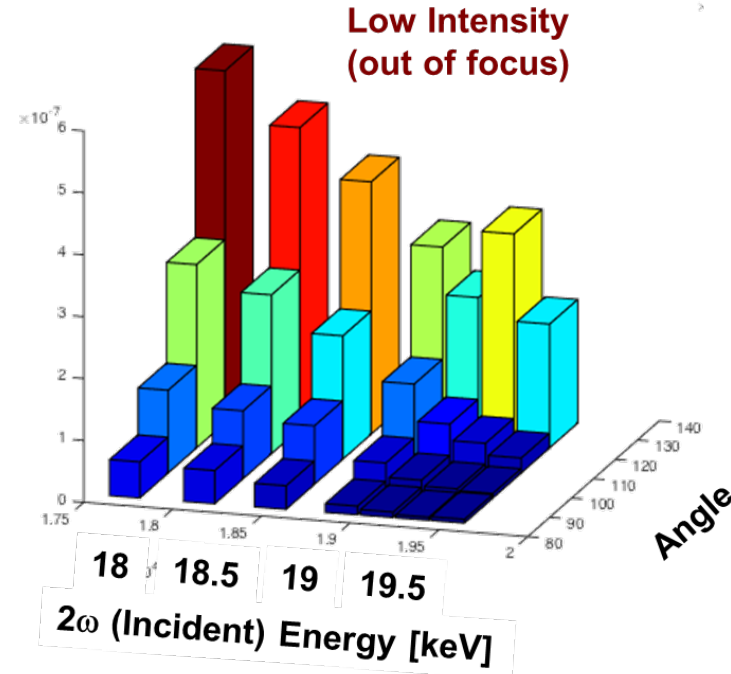
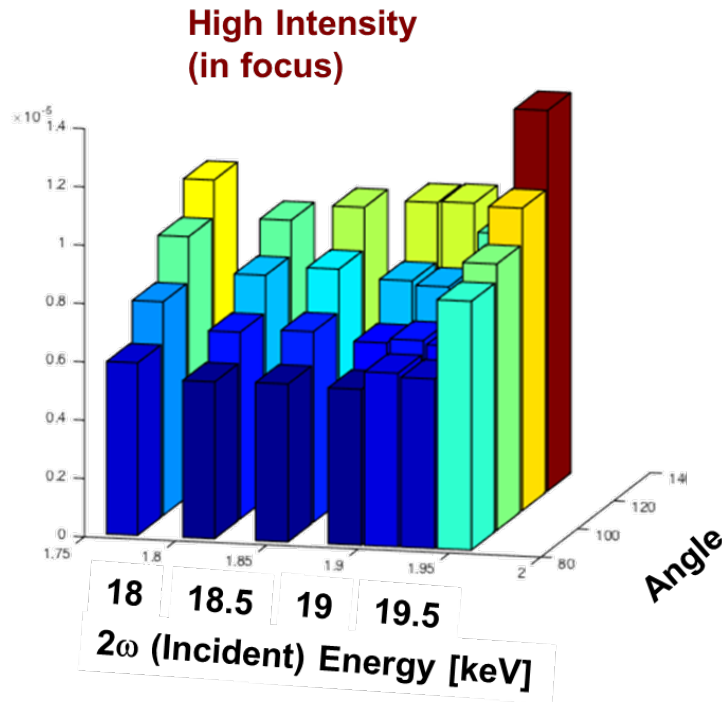
L. S. Brown and T. W. B. Kibble, Phys. Rev. 133, A705 (1964).

Experimental Setup

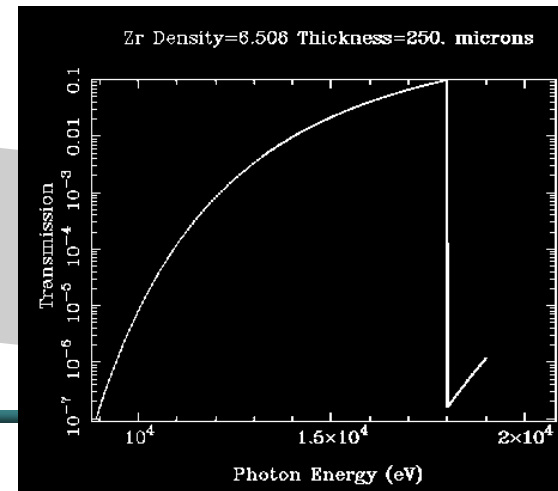


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Non free-electron-like behavior

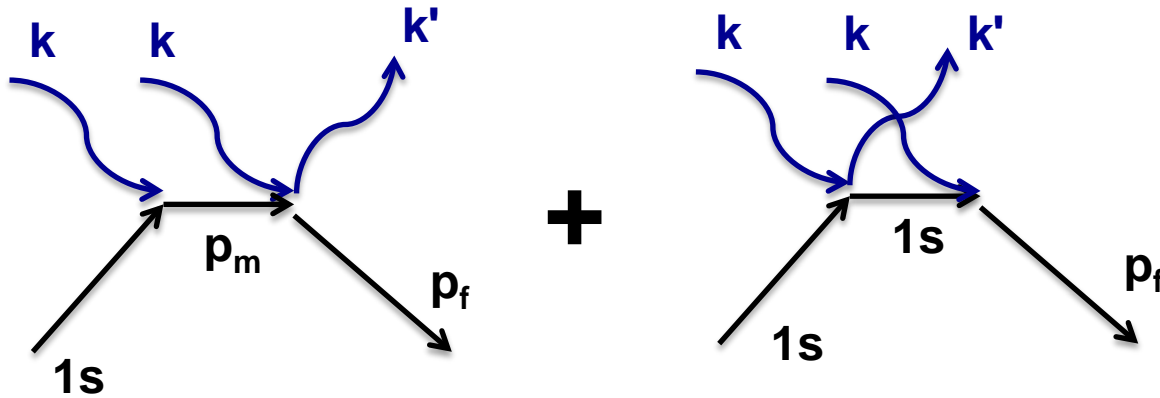


NL Compton shows unexpected additional red shift of > 800 eV @ 90°



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Bound-state nonlinear-Compton scattering



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Nonlinear Compton Collaboration

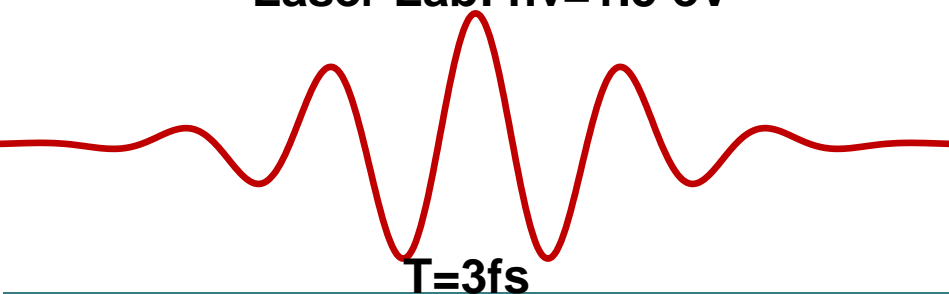
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Ion takes up extra momentum

Strong fields and short wavelengths can induce dynamics in molecules

- Molecules are highly interactive multi-particle systems.
- Strong infrared fields couple to the polarizability in molecules, rotations and vibrations.
- Strong optical fields couple to electrons, induce ionization and structural changes, ATI, HHG
- Short wavelengths excite inner electrons, leading to exotic many-electron excited states, Auger relaxation.

Laser Lab: $h\nu=1.5$ eV



LCLS: $h\nu=1500$ eV

