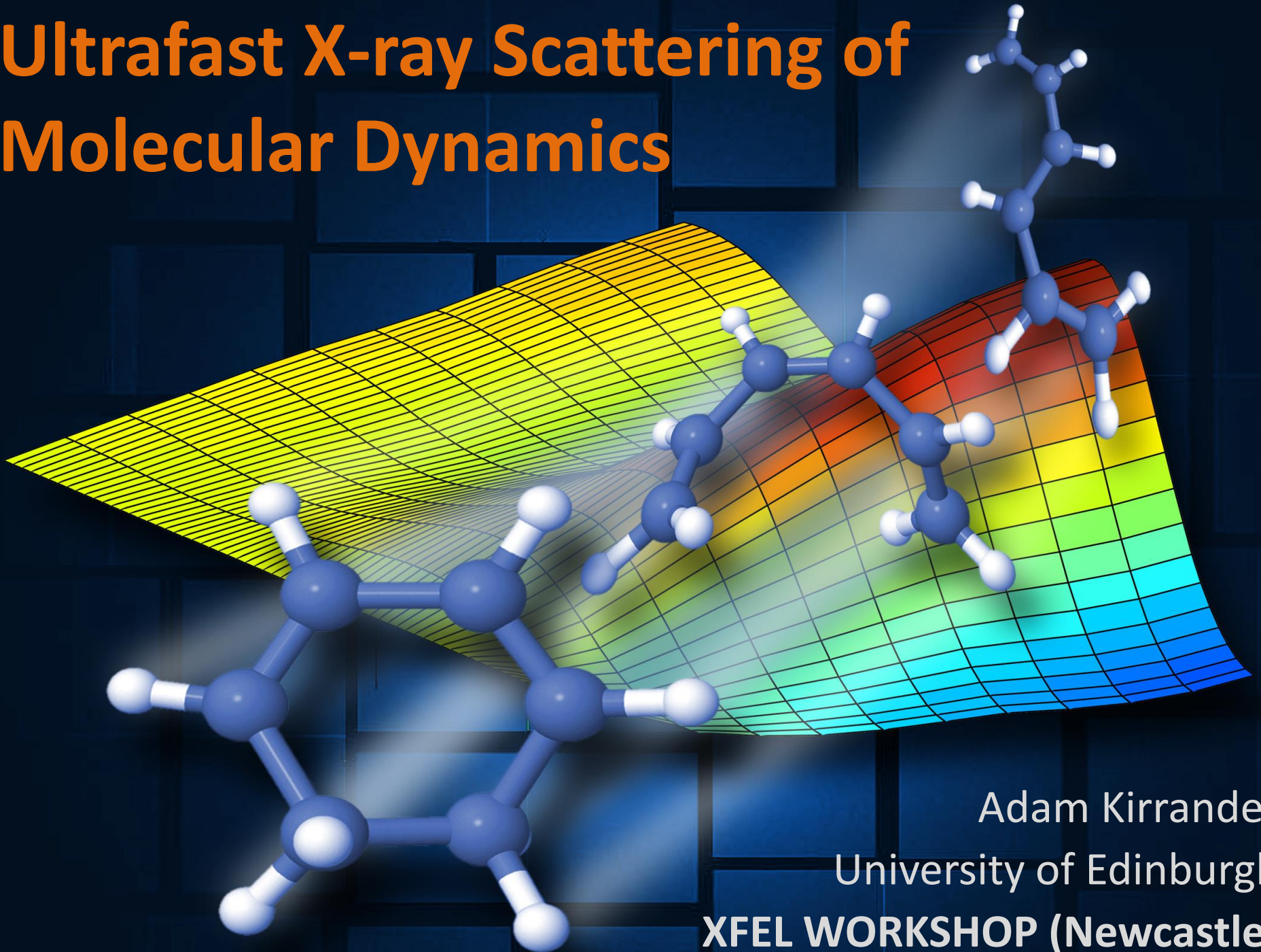


Ultrafast X-ray Scattering of Molecular Dynamics



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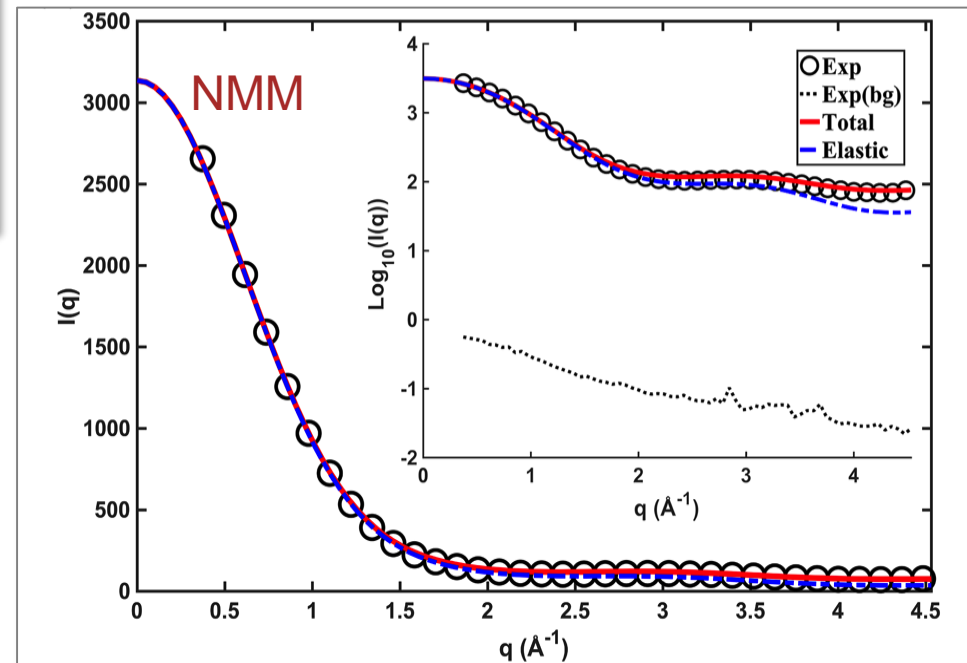
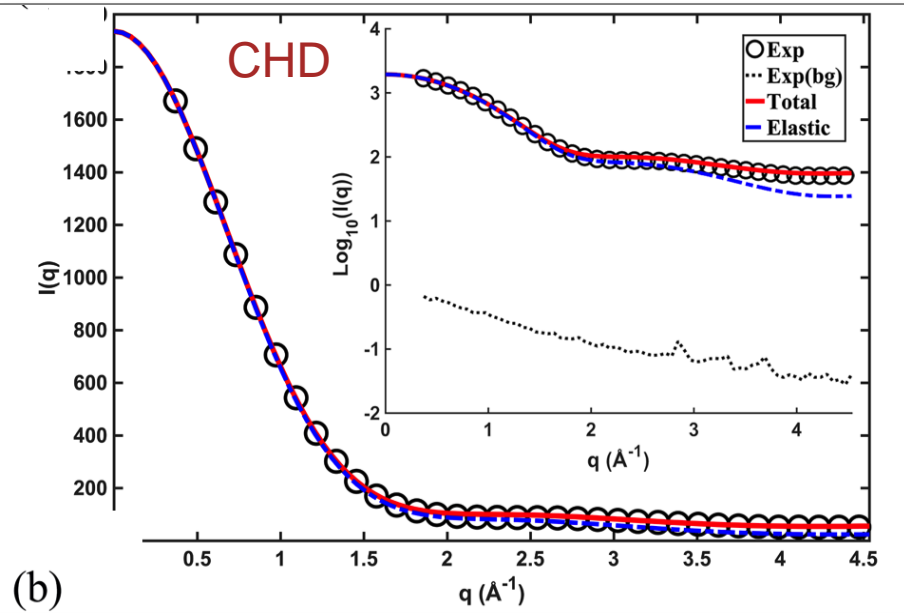
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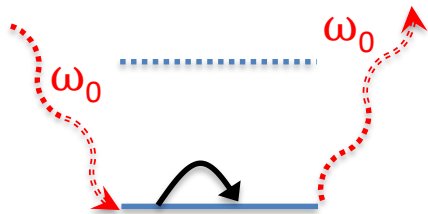
Experiment vs. Theory

Excellent quantitative agreement!



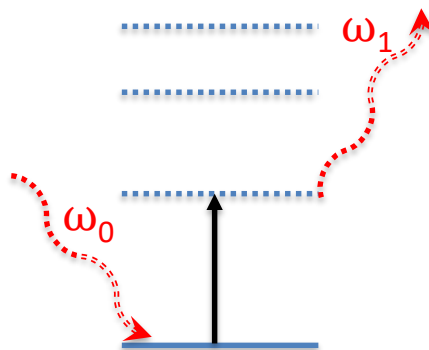
Computational tools: scattering matrix elements from electronic structure calculations

Elastic



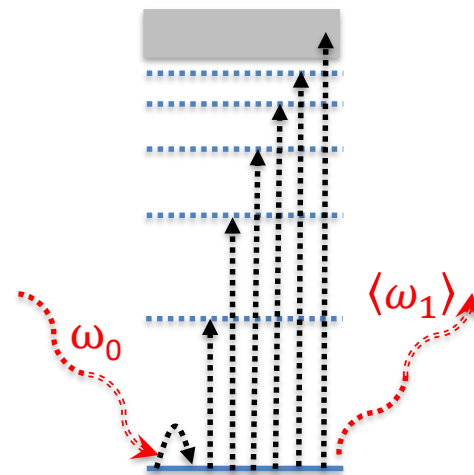
$$|L_{ii}|^2 = \left| \int \rho_i(r) e^{iqr} dr \right|^2$$

Inelastic



$$|L_{ij}|^2 = \left| \int \rho_{ij}(r) e^{iqr} dr \right|^2$$

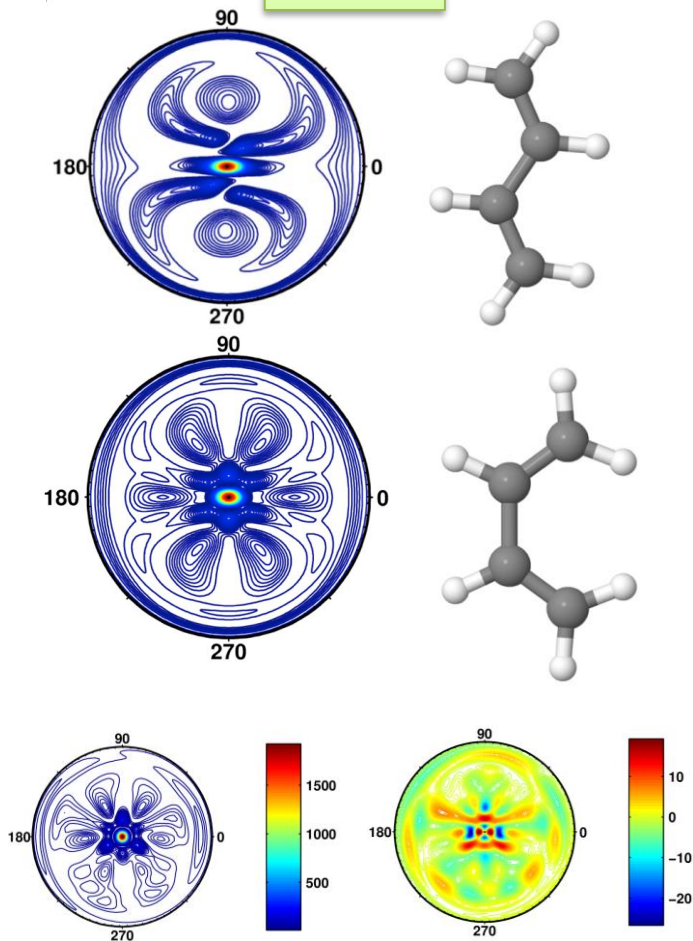
Total



$$\langle L_{ii} \rangle = \iint \Gamma(r_1, r_2) e^{iq(r_2 - r_1)} dr_1 dr_2 + N$$

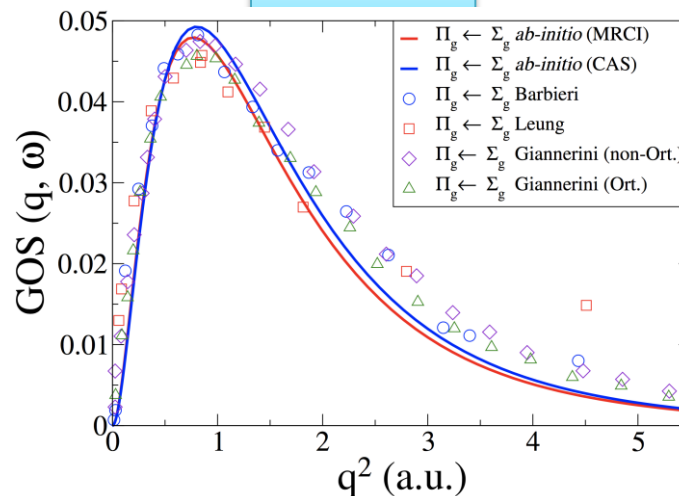
Elastic, inelastic, total X-ray scattering

Elastic



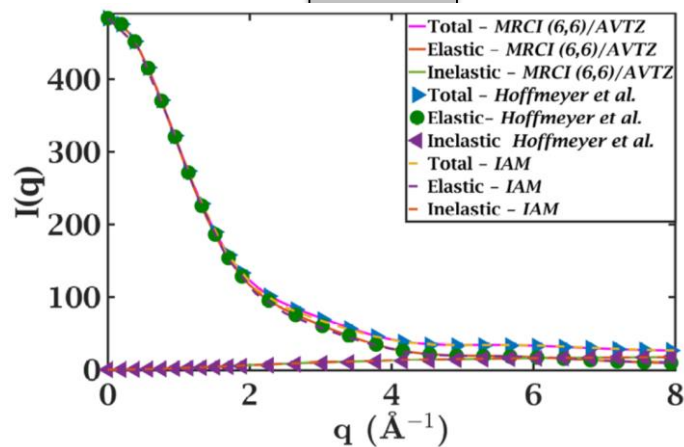
Northey *et al.* JCTC **10** 4911 (2014)

Inelastic



Moreno *et al.* PCCP **19** 19545 (2017)

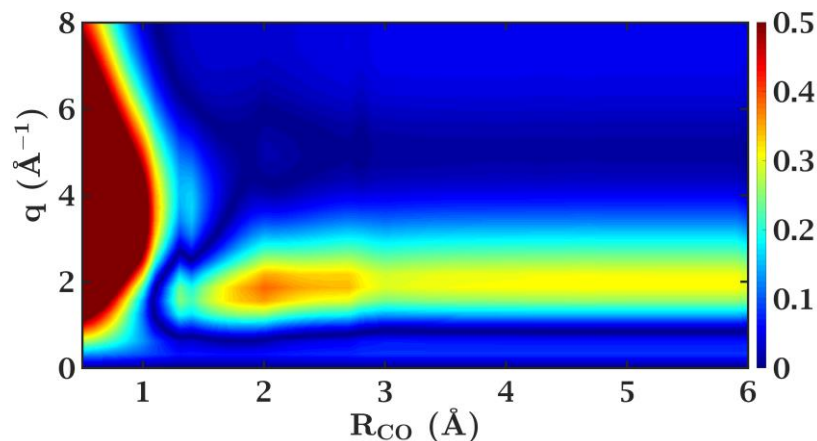
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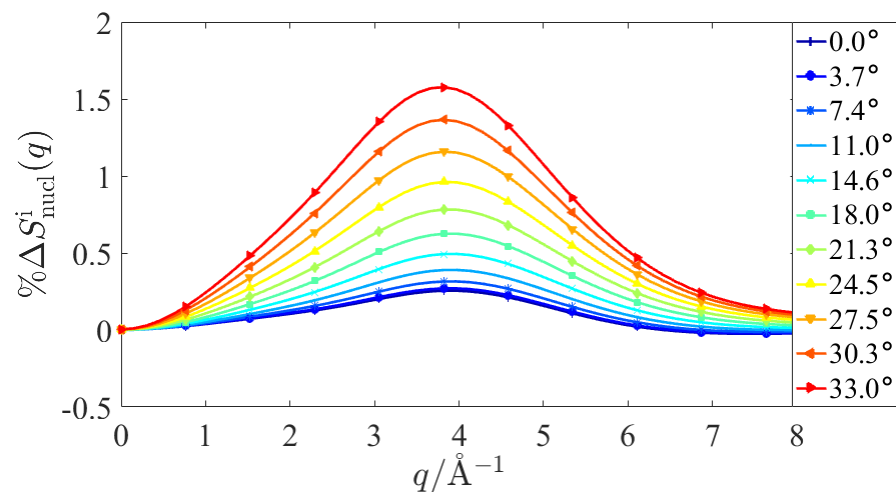
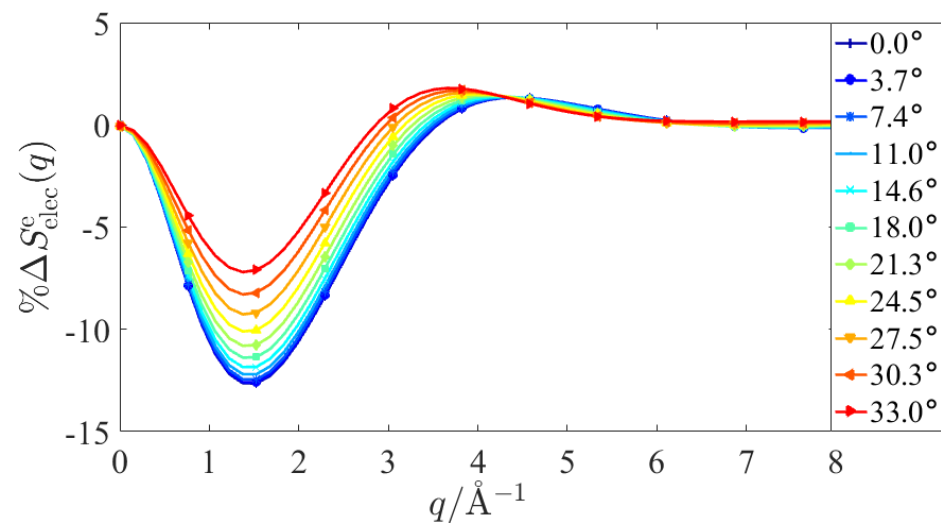
Moreno *et al.* JCTC **15** 2836 (2019)

Inelastic scattering depends on molecular geometry

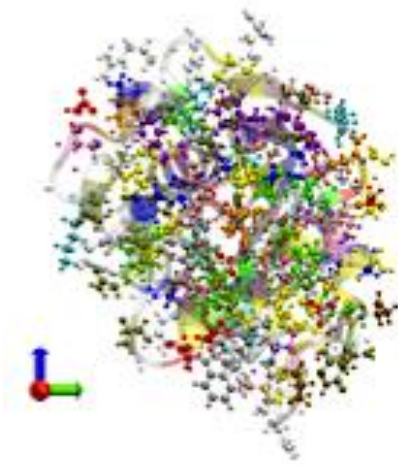
CO₂ inelastic changes as function of geometry (**ground state**)



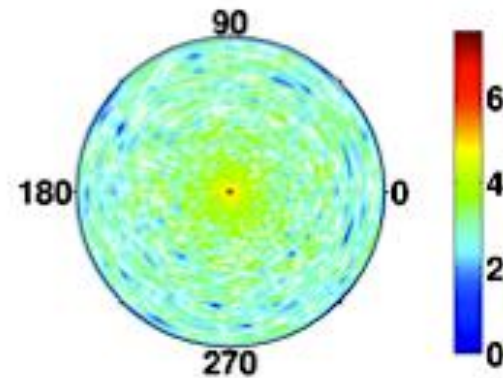
NH₃ (3p) inelastic changes as function of geometry (**excited state**)



Going large: lysozyme (protein)



(a)



(b)

Independent Atom Model gives $\sim 2\%$ error compared to *Ab Initio*

Inversion of data yields *molecular movie*

- Phase-problem
- Insufficient q-range
- Less defined orientation than in crystal**

Diatomics (sine-transform)

*I*₂ wavepacket:

Yang *et al* PRL **117** 153002 (2016)

Glownia *et al* PRL **117** 153003 (2016)

Polyatomics → infer previous knowledge

1. "Unwrapping" (exploit that the initial structure is known)*
2. Optimize weights of semiclassical trajectories in QMD simulation[§]
3. "Million structure" analysis[¶]

Complementary data
incredibly helpful

* Ishikawa Science **350** 6267 (2015)

§ Minitti PRL 255501 **114** (2015)

¶ Stankus Nature Chem. **11** 716 (2019)

Küpper PRL **112 083002 2014

Scattering of coherent x-rays

- Quantized x-ray field (\hat{a}, \hat{a}^\dagger)
- Non-stationary molecular wavepacket
- Scattering in 1st order perturbation theory

$$\Psi(\bar{\mathbf{r}}, \bar{\mathbf{R}}, t) = \sum_i^N \chi_i(\bar{\mathbf{R}}, t) \varphi_i(\bar{\mathbf{r}}; \bar{\mathbf{R}})$$

$$\hat{H}_{int} = \cancel{\vec{J}\vec{A}} + \textcircled{\vec{A}^2}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \approx \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{Th}} \sum_{i,j}^N \sum_f^\infty W_{fij}(\Delta\omega) \int I(t) \int \chi_i(\bar{\mathbf{R}}, t) \chi_j^*(\bar{\mathbf{R}}, t) L_{fi}(\bar{\mathbf{q}}, \bar{\mathbf{R}}) L_{fj}^*(\bar{\mathbf{q}}, \bar{\mathbf{R}}) d\bar{\mathbf{R}} dt$$

Thomson x-section
window fcn
pulse profile
nuclear wps
scattering matrix elements

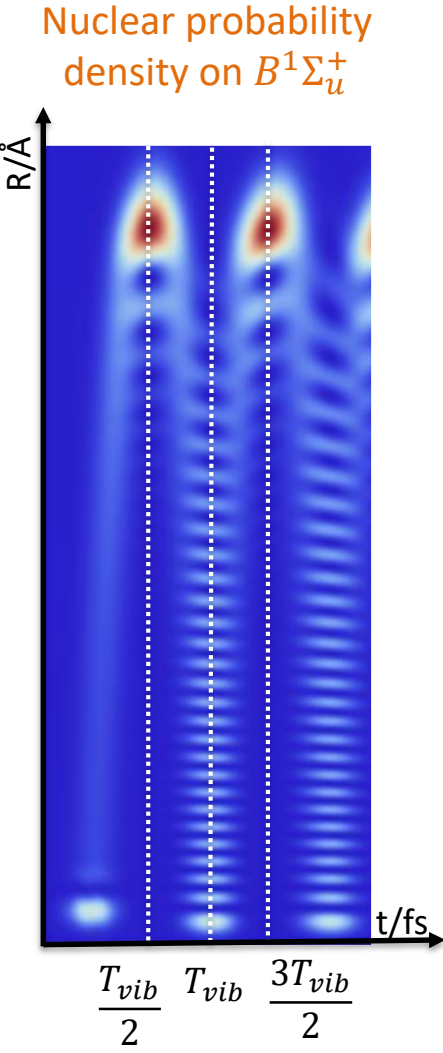
$$L_{fi}(\mathbf{q}, \bar{\mathbf{R}}) = \langle \varphi_f(\bar{\mathbf{R}}) | \hat{L} | \varphi_i(\bar{\mathbf{R}}) \rangle$$

electronic states f and i

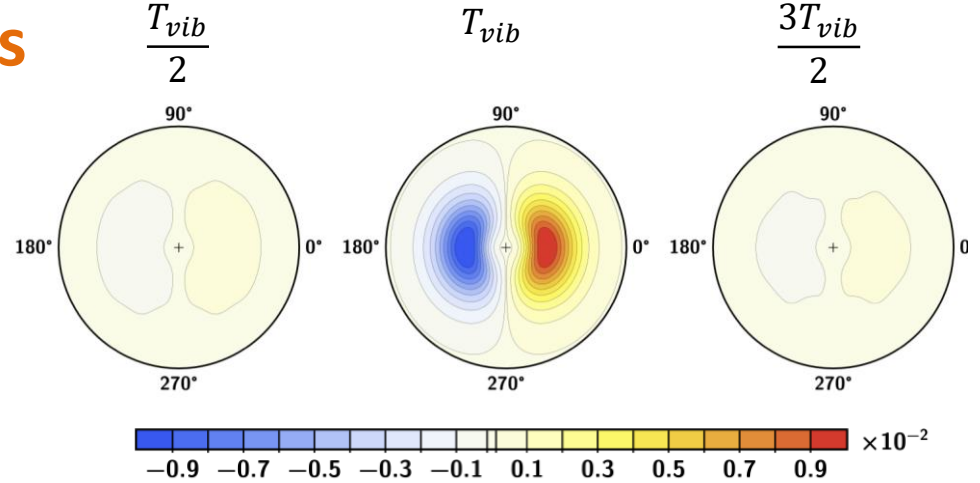
$$\hat{L} = \sum_n e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}_n}$$

scattering operator

Detecting electron dynamics

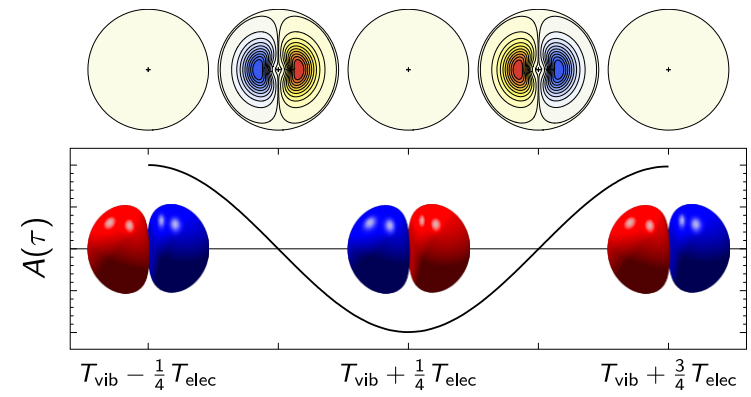


**COHERENT
MIXED**
 $i \neq j$, any f



Not centrosymmetric as elastic and inelastic scattering

Appears at times nT_{vib} when nuclear overlap $|\chi_X(R)\chi_B^*(R)|$ maximal



Transient beating between electronic X and B states with period
 $T_{elec} = 0.3 \text{ fs}$

$T_{vib} = 62 \text{ fs}$

Conclusions

Status of current experiments

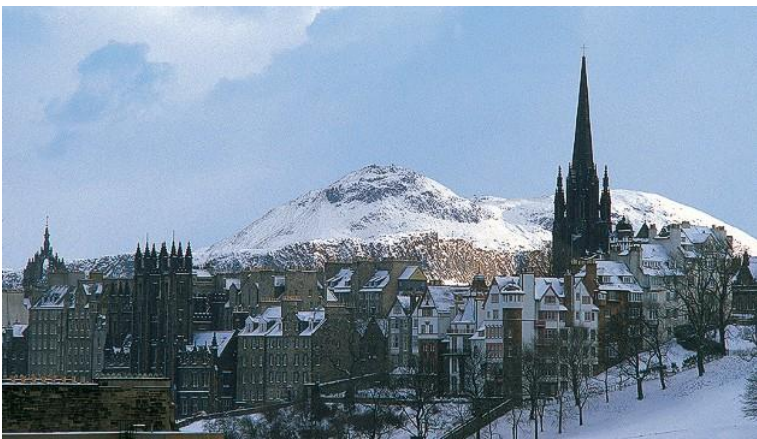
- Structural dynamics - **YES**
- Excited state structure -**YES**
- Many valuable 'tricks', *eg*:
 - Dipole transition moments (anisotropy)
 - Counting electrons (photodissociation kinetics)

Full characterization of molecular wave packet

- Measurement not easy, interpretation often harder

Coherent mixed scattering

- Electron dynamics, electronic transitions, and transient coherences – **intriguing opportunities**



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Physical

Time-resolved imaging of photo-induced dynamics Faraday Discussion

1 - 3 February 2021, Mumbai, India

A **discussion** meeting...

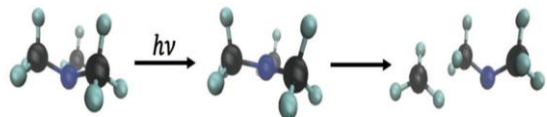
Recorded for posterity

High impact publications

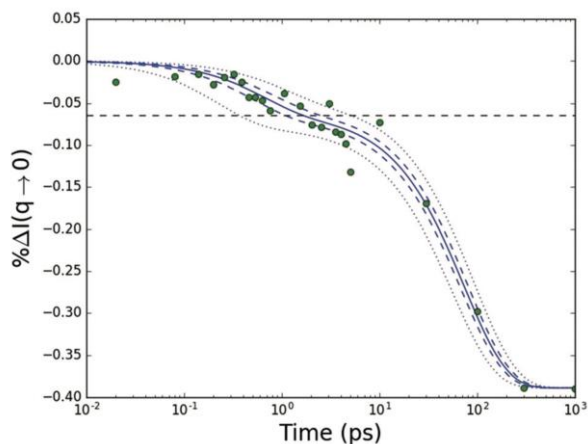


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Counting electrons in photofragments

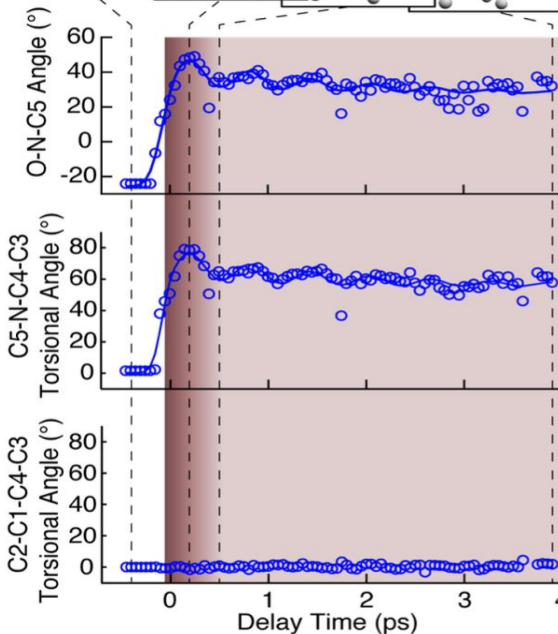
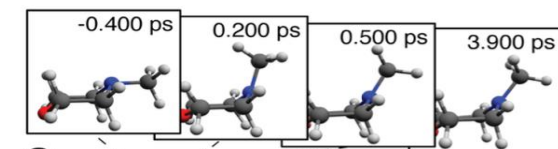
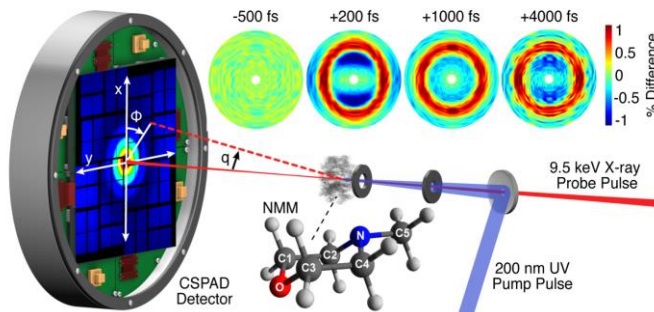


$q \rightarrow 0$ signal for TMA



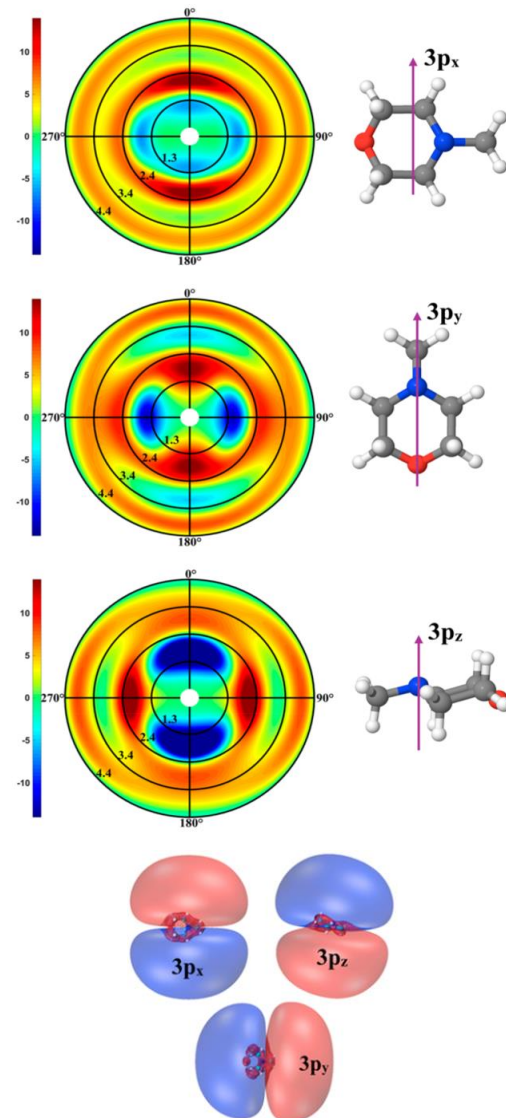
Ruddock *et al.* Angew. Chemie (2019)

Structural dynamics in excited NMM



Stankus *et al.* Nature Chem. (2019)

Anisotropy confirms excited state



Yong *et al.* J. Phys. Chem. Lett. (2018)

Map total wave packet

Complex processes

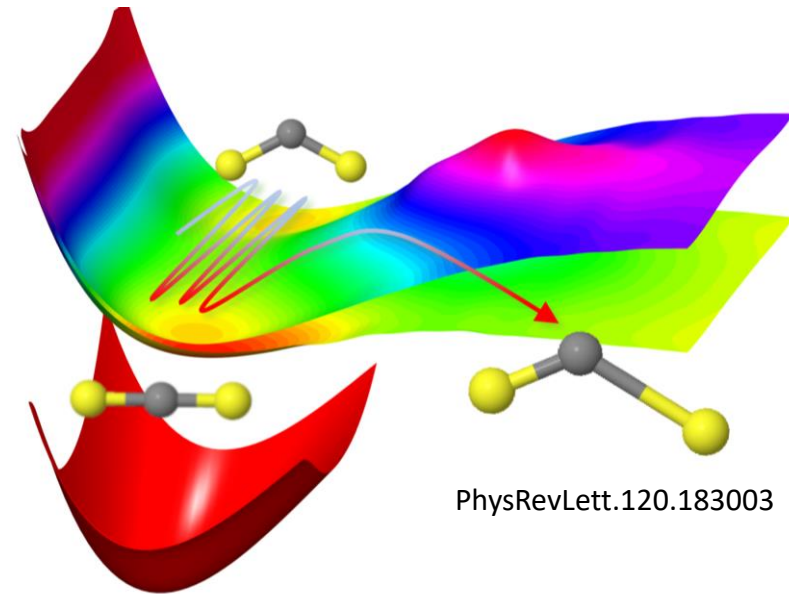
- Nuclear and electronic dynamics
- Nonadiabatic coupling (internal conversion)
- Spin-orbit coupling (intersystem crossing)
- Multiple electronic states

Experiments

- Vibrational spectroscopy
- Photoelectron spectroscopy
- Strong-field measurements
- Diffraction-based techniques, *etc.*

Theory

- Electronic structure
- Nuclear dynamics
- Observables

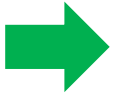
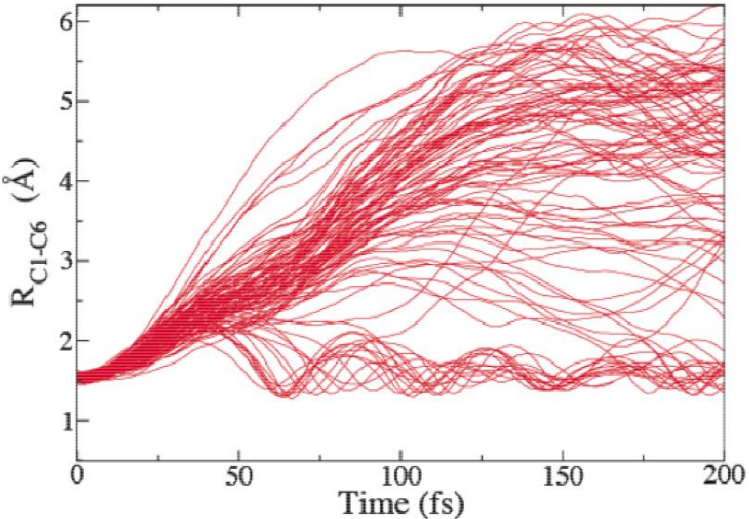


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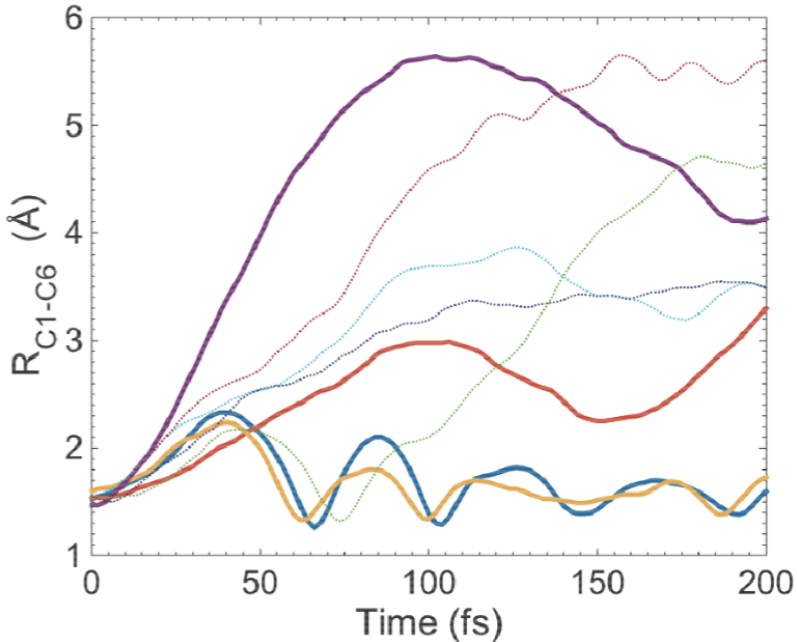
How useful is ultrafast
x-ray scattering?

Computational tools: reconstruct dynamics

Trajectories from QM simulations[§]

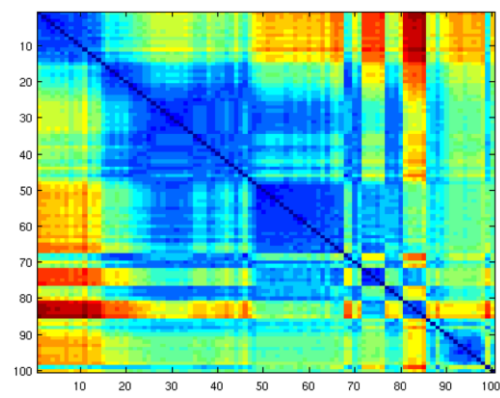


Weighted by experimental data*

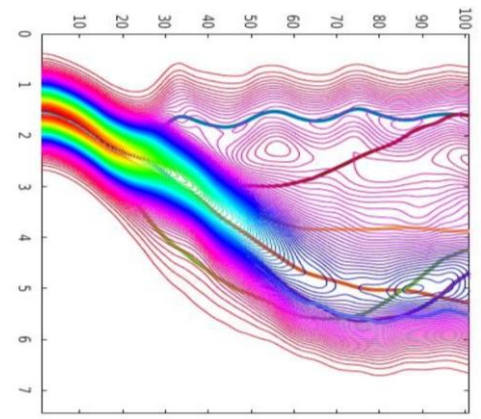


*Quantum yield close to recent CASPT2 simulations

- $\langle \text{RMSD} \rangle_t$ for all trj-pairs
- Clustering algorithm OPTICS (reachability plots)
- 7 clusters

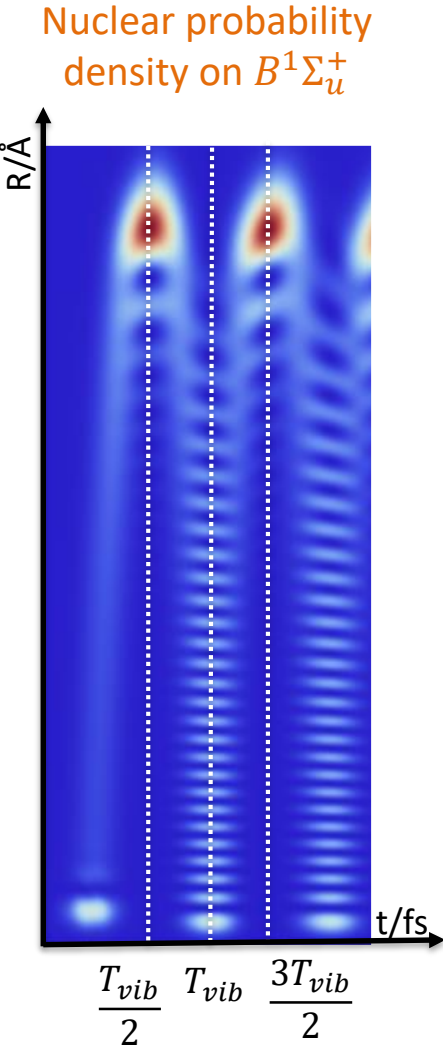


Probability density plot for unweighted simulation



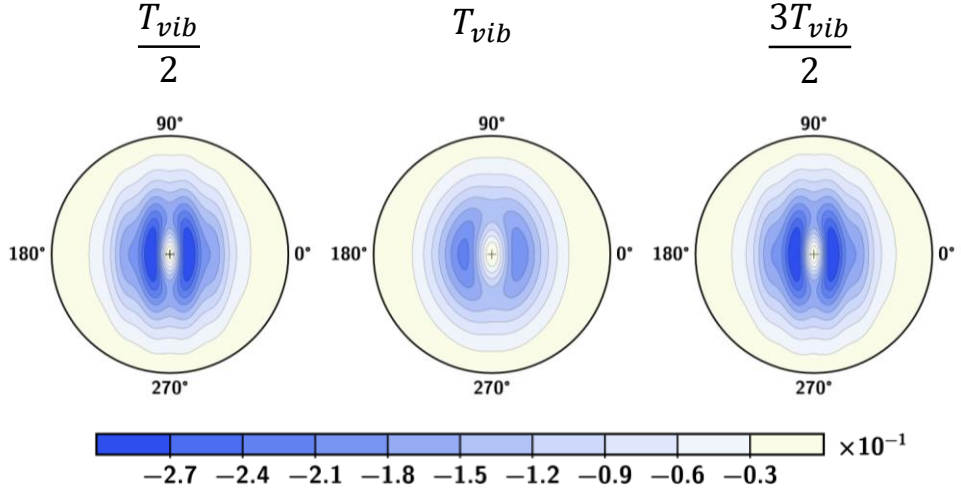
[§]AI-MCE/SA3-CASSCF(6,4)/cc-pVDZ

Difference Signal



$T_{vib} = 62 \text{ fs}$

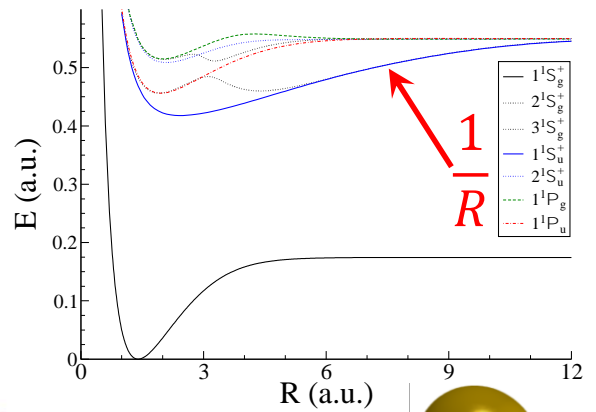
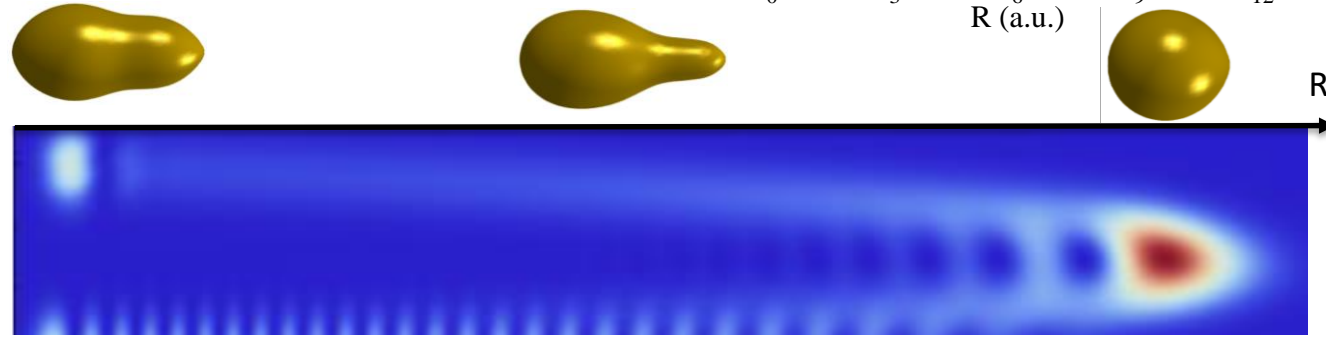
ELASTIC
 $i = j = f$



Signal < 0 at all times \Rightarrow expanded electron density compared to X-state
Changes in signal correspond to changes in e^- density

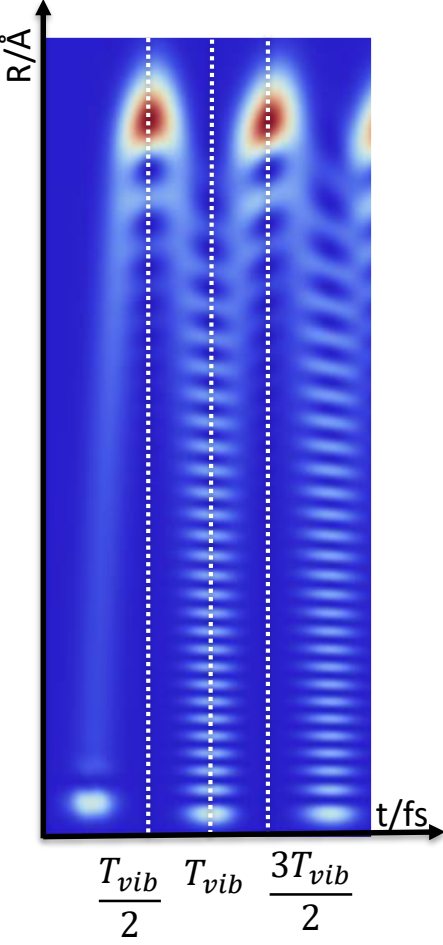
Electron transfer

Electron-density iso-surfaces for wavepacket on $B^1\Sigma_u^+$ state

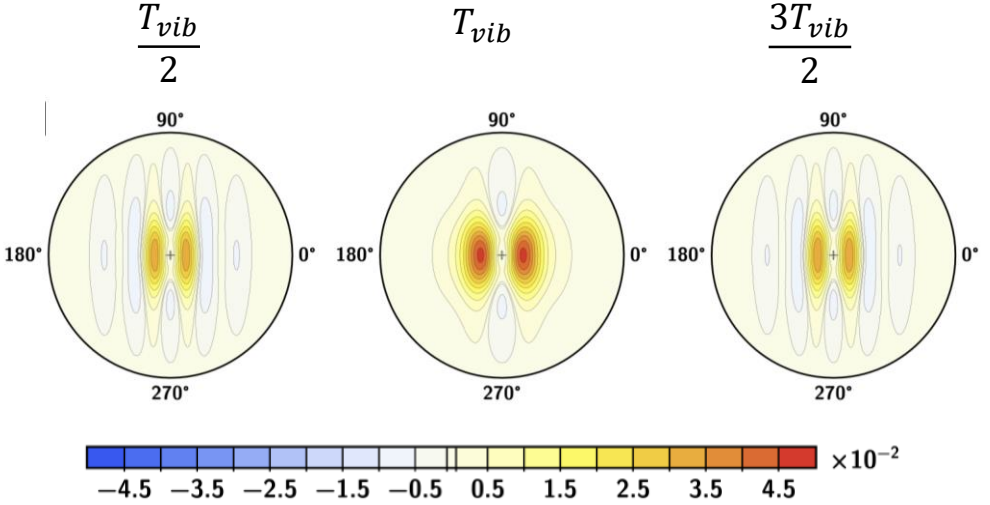


Difference Signal

Nuclear probability density on $B^1\Sigma_u^+$



INELASTIC
 $i = j \neq f$

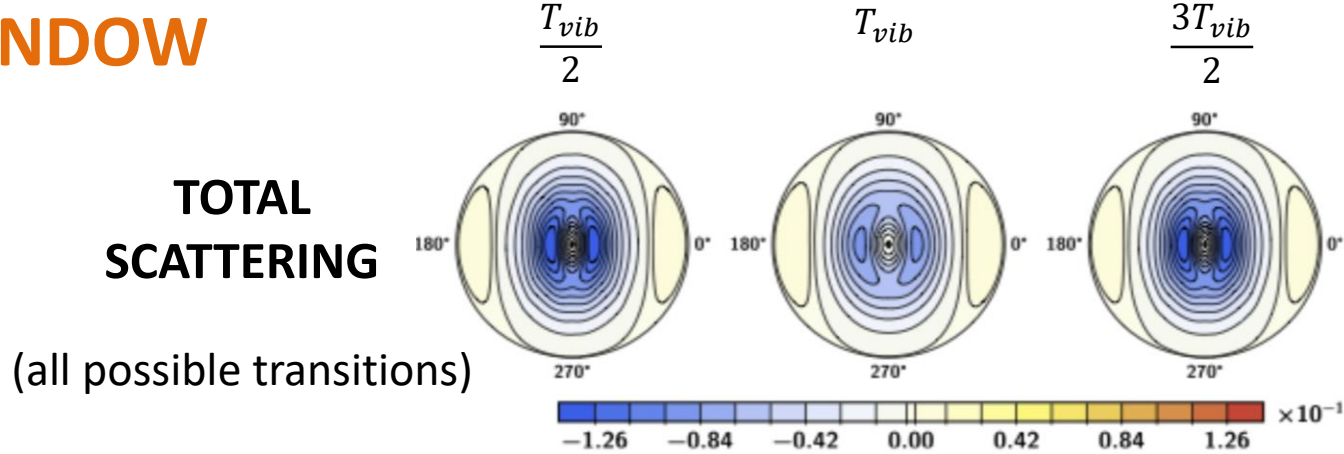


Signal predominantly $> 0 \Rightarrow$ inelastic transitions from B-state more likely

The inelastic component changes with geometry
 \Rightarrow in contrast to the Independent Atom Model (IAM)

$T_{vib} = 62 \text{ fs}$

DETECTION WINDOW



Coherent mixed term vanishes for **LARGE DETECTION WINDOW** in present case (symmetry)

$$\Lambda_{ji}(\vec{q}, \vec{R}) = \langle \varphi_j(\vec{R}) | \hat{L}^\dagger \hat{L} | \varphi_i(\vec{R}) \rangle$$

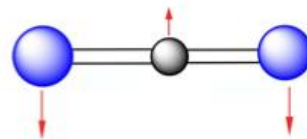
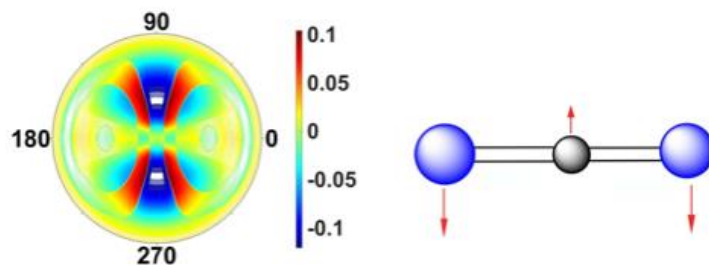
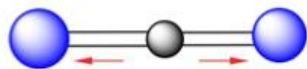
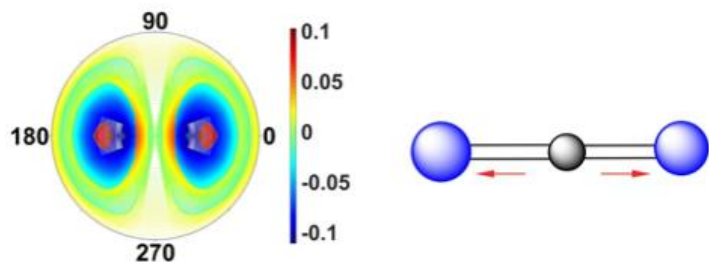
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{Th} W(\Delta\omega) \sum_{ij} \int I(t) \langle \chi_j(t) | \Lambda_{ji}(\vec{q}, \vec{R}) | \chi_i(t) \rangle dt,$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma_{bg}}{d\Omega} + \frac{d\sigma_{2e}}{d\Omega} + \frac{d\sigma_{cm}}{d\Omega}$$

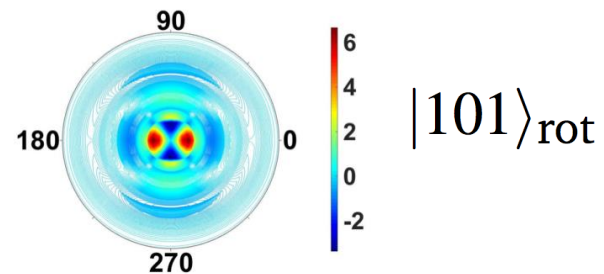
What can we measure?

Elastic scattering:

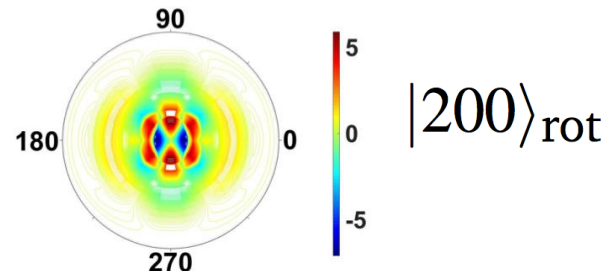
1. Structure
2. Dynamics
3. Electron density
4. Rotational and vibrational states



CS₂ vibrations



(b)



CS₂ rotations

How to calculate matrix elements L_{ij}

1. Ab-initio electronic wfs
2. Matrix-elements analytic (Gaussian basis)

$$f^0(\mathbf{q}; \bar{\mathbf{R}}, \alpha) = \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{r}}[\rho_{\text{tot}}^{(N_{\text{el}})}(\mathbf{r}; \bar{\mathbf{R}}, \alpha)](\mathbf{q})$$

Fourier
Transform

$$g_s(\mathbf{r}) = N_s(x - x_s)^{l_s}(y - y_s)^{m_s}(z - z_s)^{n_s}e^{-\gamma_s(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}_s)^2}$$

GTO
primitives

$$\mathcal{F}_x[xf(x)](q) = -i\frac{d}{dq}\mathcal{F}_x[f(x)](q)$$

Recurrence
relation

$$\mathcal{F}_x[g(x; l)](q) = \frac{i^l \sqrt{\pi} e^{-q^2/4\gamma}}{2^l \gamma^{(2l+1)/2}} \sum_{p=0}^{l/2} (-1)^p \frac{l! \gamma^p q^{l-2p}}{(l-2p)! p!}$$

Analytic