

# Simulating X-ray Spectroscopies with CP2K

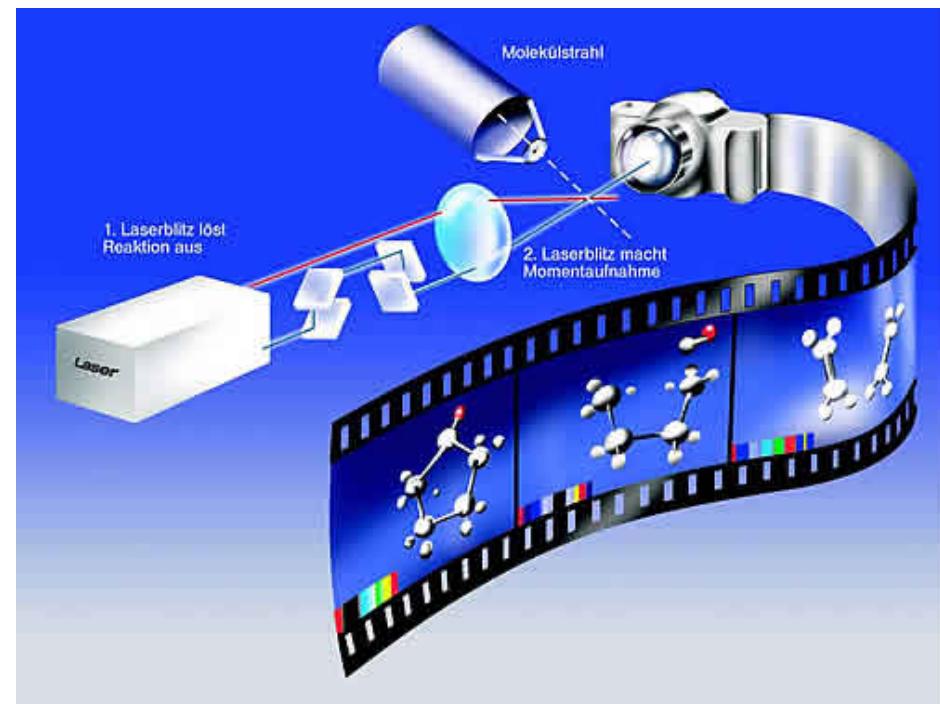
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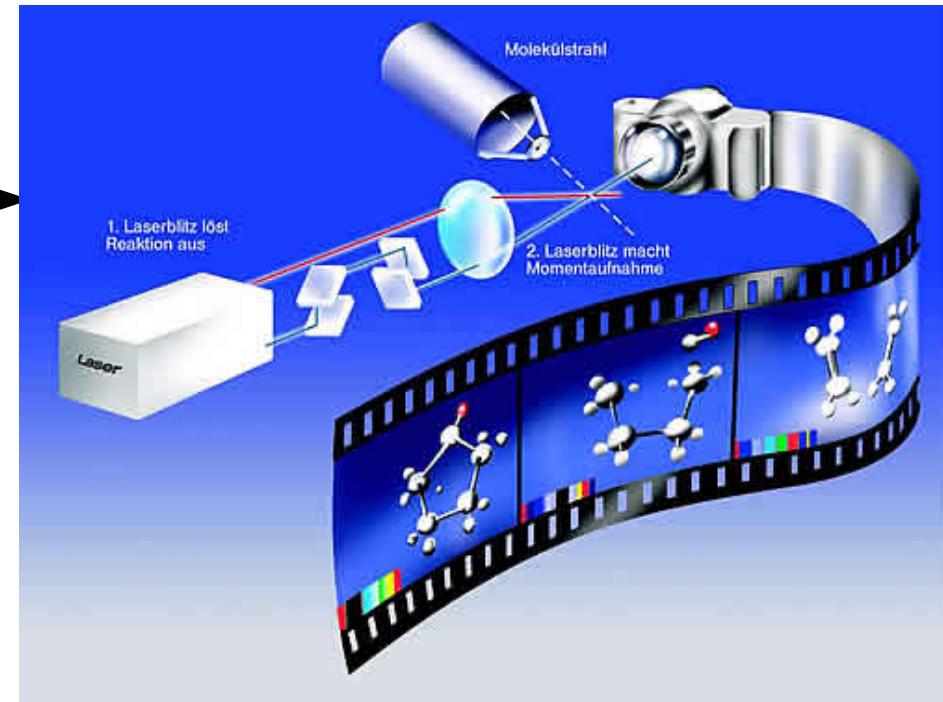
# Theoretical spectrum simulations – Why bother?



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(Source: DESY Hamburg)

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**Theory is required  
to develop the film**



Qualitative  
assignment

Evaluate  
theo. models

Quantitative  
analysis

CP2K

Evaluate  
approximations

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# Outline

## Introduction

### X-ray photo-electron spectroscopy (XPS)

- Example: XPS on H<sub>2</sub>O(g,l,s)
- CP2K input

### Molecular dynamics (MD)

- Basic theory
- Example: H-bond dynamics in H<sub>2</sub>O(l)
- CP2K input

### X-ray emission spectroscopy (XES)

- Example: XES on NH<sub>3</sub>(aq)
- CP2K input

### Bonus example: XPS on perovskite solar cells

# Quantum Chemistry $\mathbf{H}\Psi = E\Psi$

## Hartree-Fock

- 1) Born-Oppenheimer
- 2) Mean-field approx.

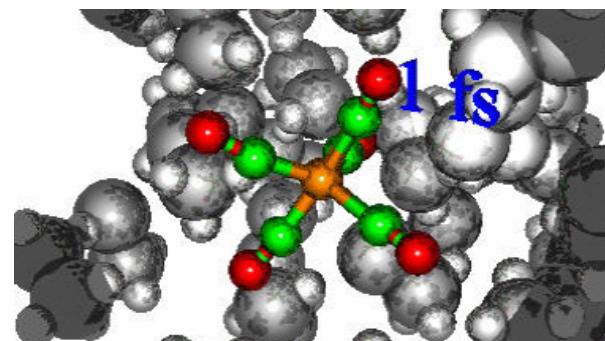
$$\Psi_{HF} = \det | \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots \phi_N |$$

Momentary  
 $e^- - e^-$  correlation  
missing!

## DFT

Singlet determinant

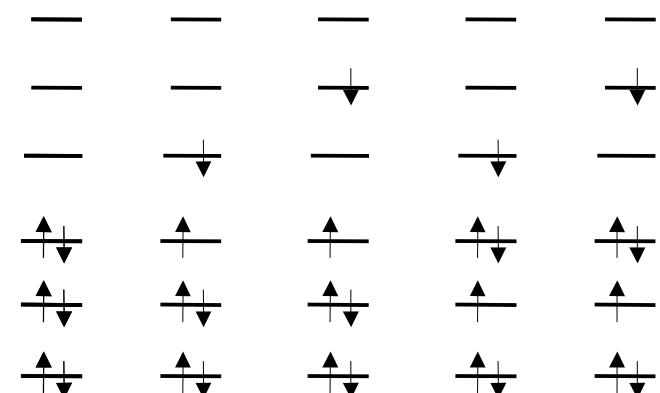
Correlation in  $\mathbf{H}$



## Post-HF

Multi-determinant

Wave function correlated



## Ab initio Molecular dynamics

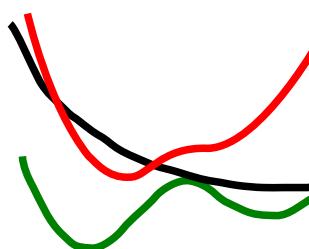
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$$\mathbf{F}_I = -\nabla_I \min_{\phi_i} \{E_{KS}(\{\phi_i\}; \mathbf{R}_I)\}$$

AIMD: CPMD CP2K

## Quantum dynamics

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Phi(\{\mathbf{r}_i\}, \{\mathbf{R}_I\}; t) = H \Phi(\{\mathbf{r}_i\}, \{\mathbf{R}_I\}; t)$$



QMD: Wave packet simulations

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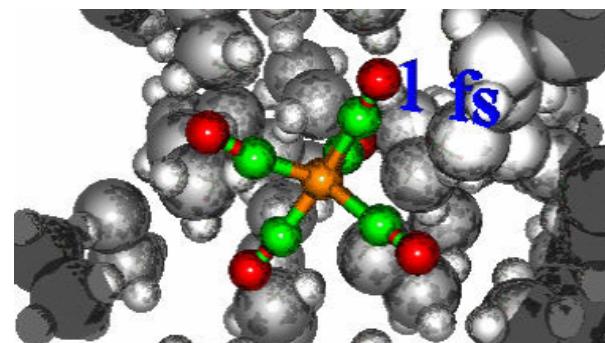
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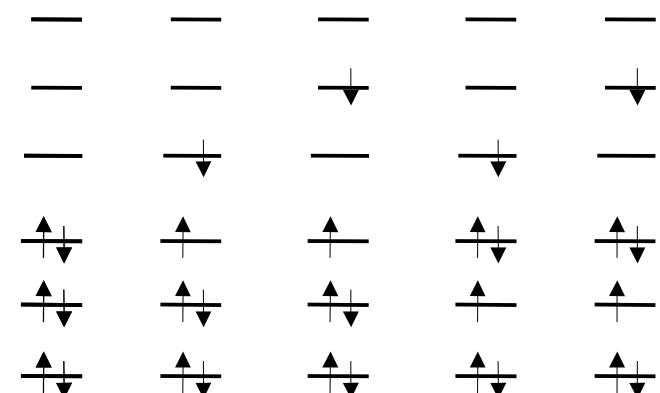
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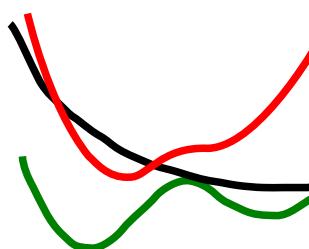
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# Core-level spectroscopy

**X-ray photo-electron spectroscopy**

**Core-ionization  
(Valence-ionization)**

**X-ray absorption spectroscopy**

**Core-excitation**

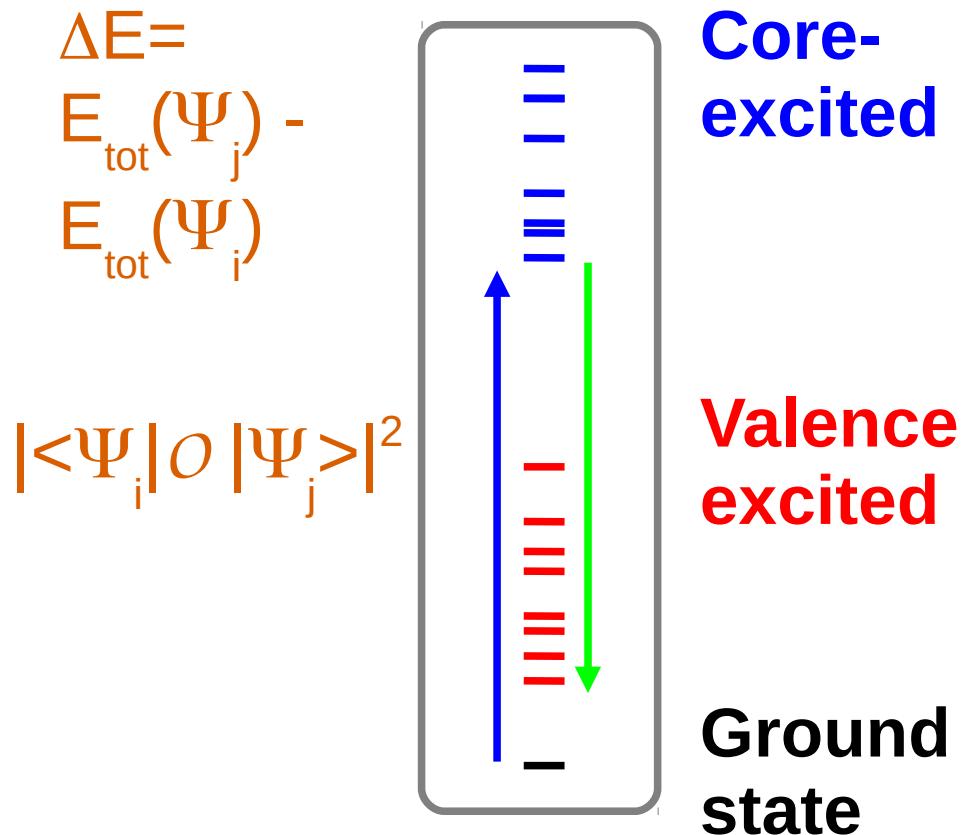
**X-ray emission spectroscopy**

**Fluorescence decay**

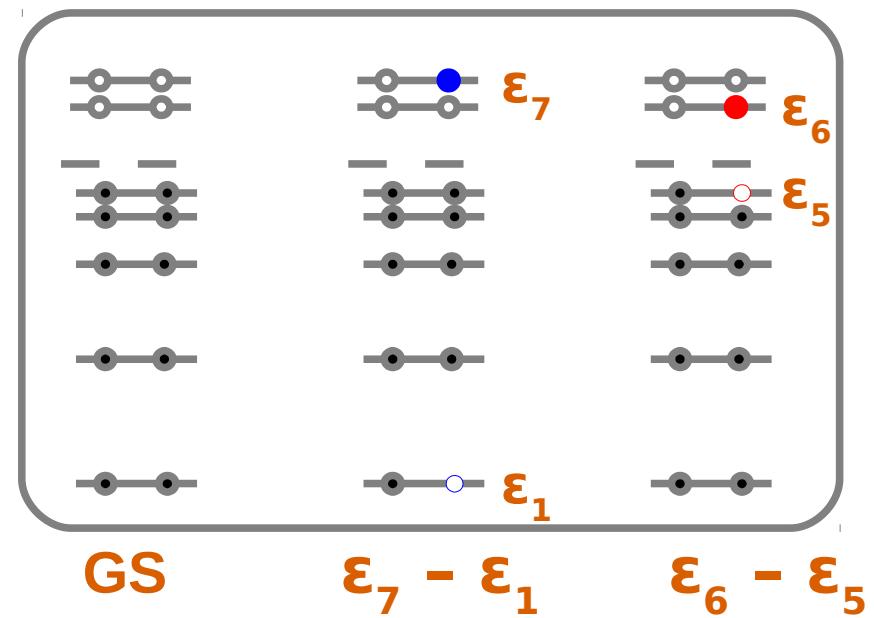
**XPS   XAS   XES**

# Spectrum simulations $H \Psi = E \Psi$

## Accurate methods Electronic states



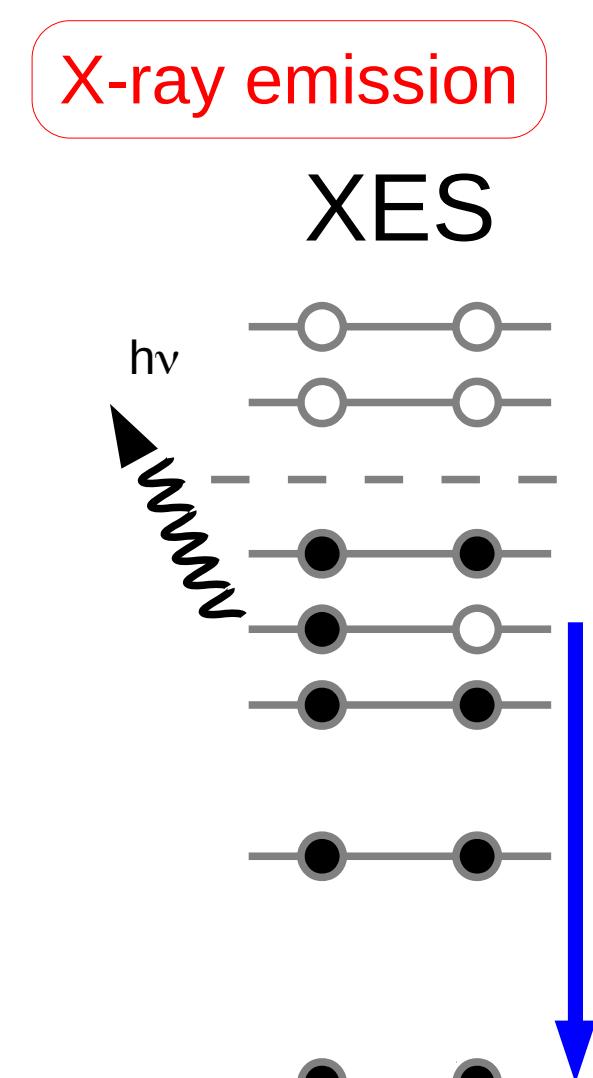
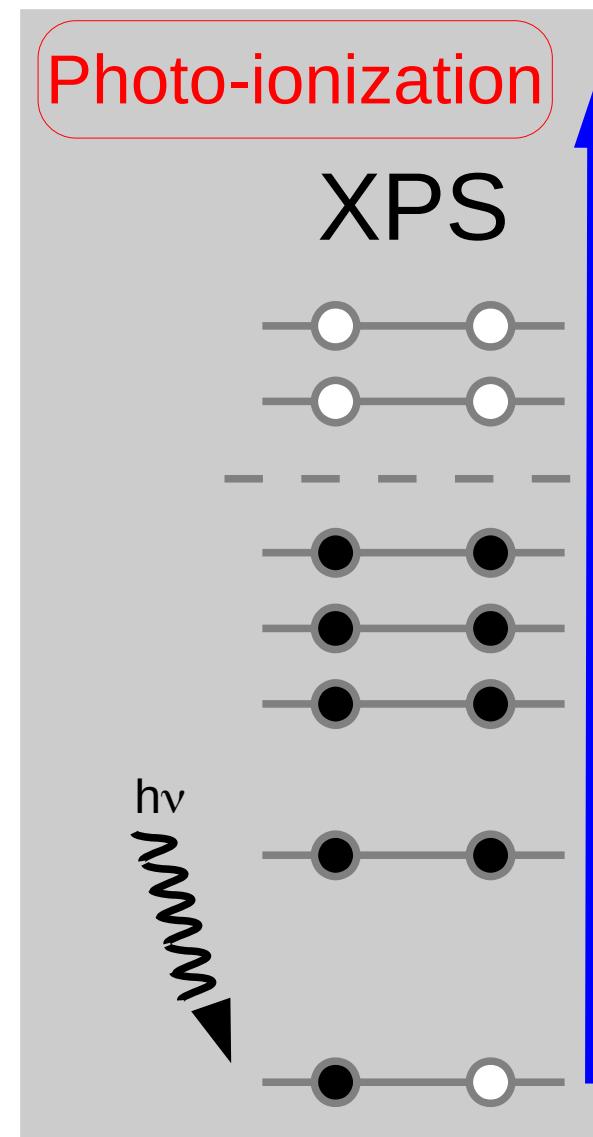
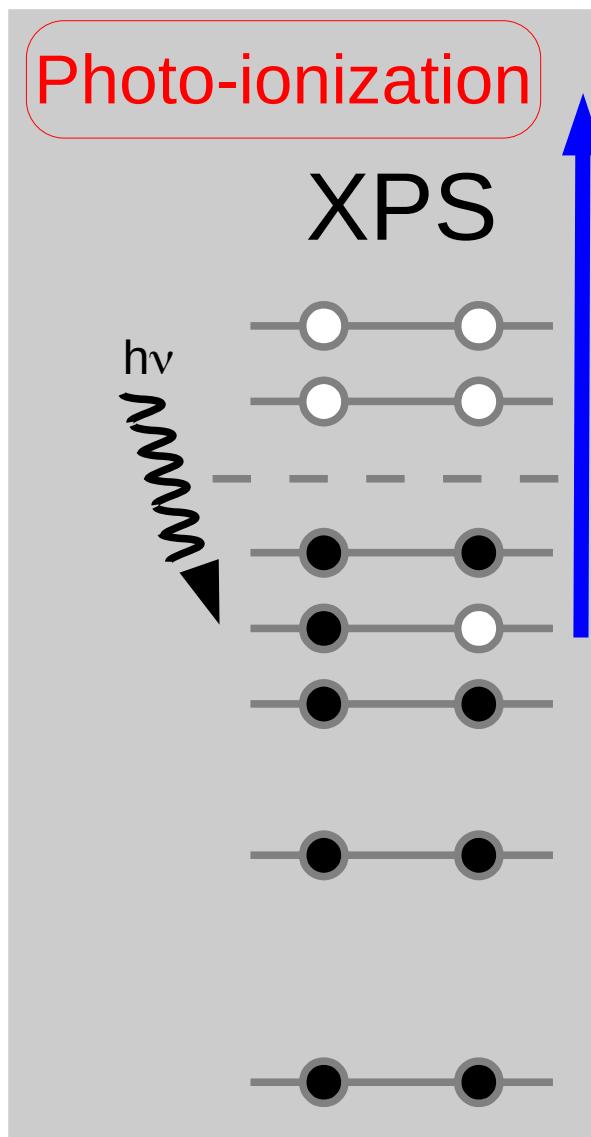
## Approximate methods Molecular orbitals



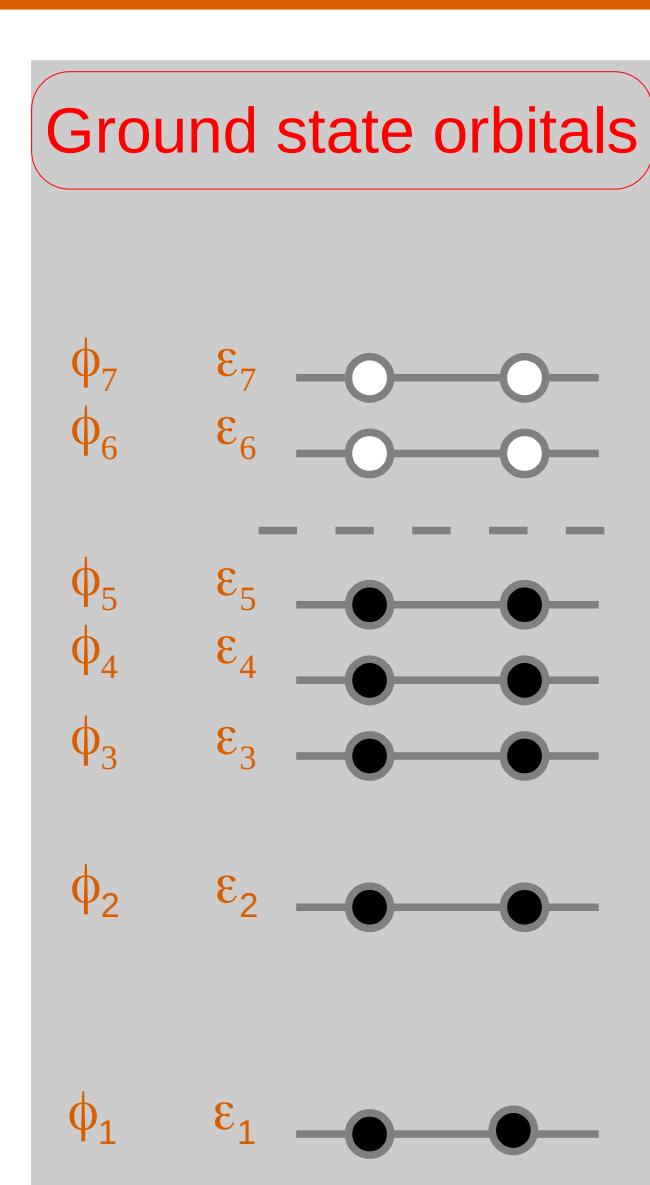
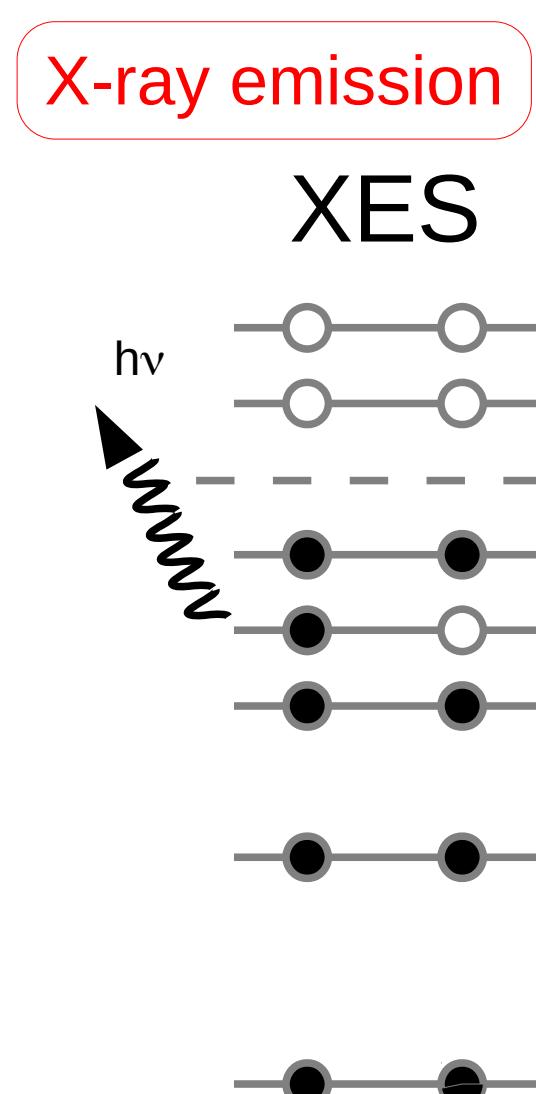
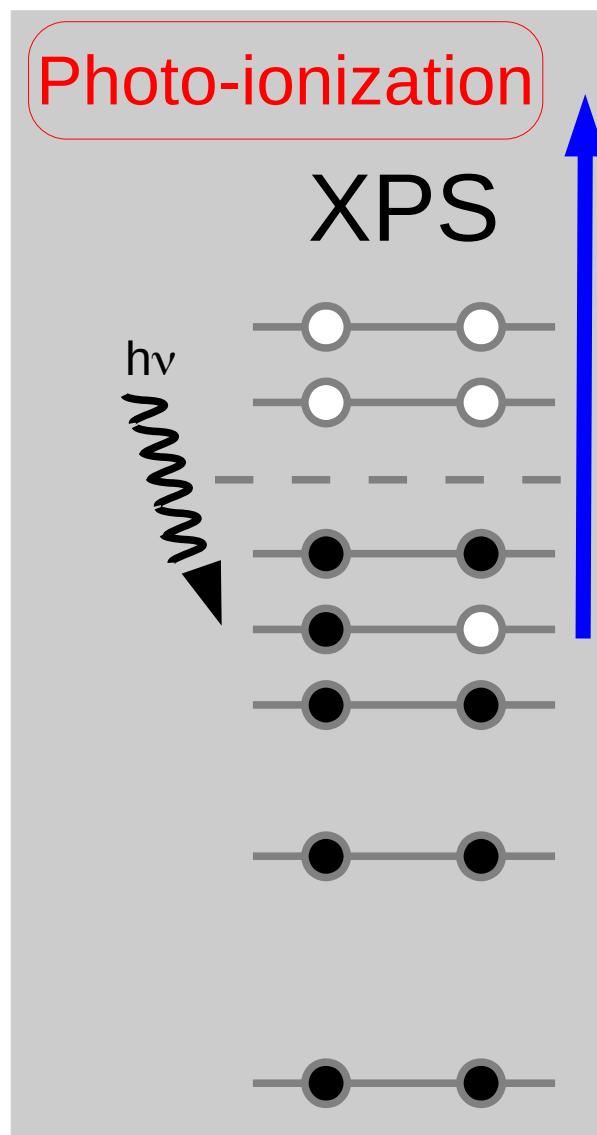
Transition potential DFT

$$|\langle \Psi_i | O | \Psi_j \rangle|^2 = |\langle \phi_n | O | \phi_m \rangle|^2$$

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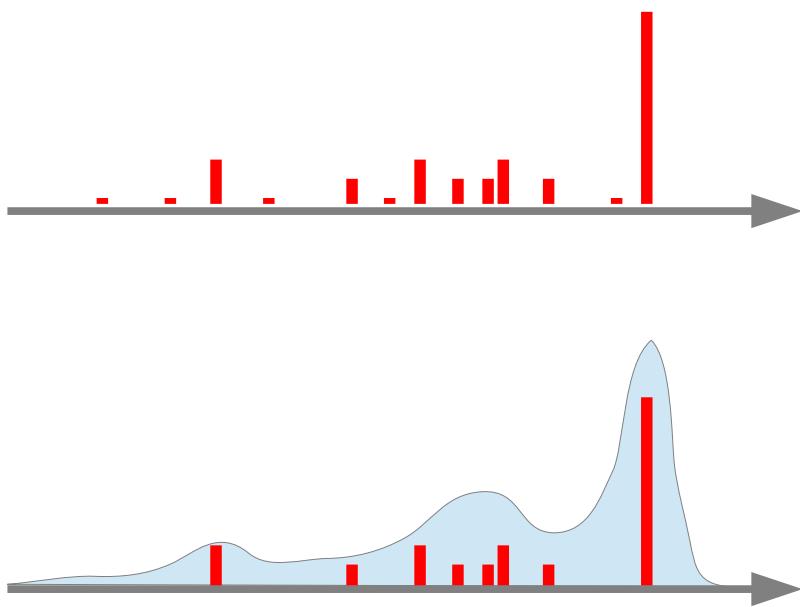


# Spectrum simulations $H \Psi = E\Psi$

## Broadening:

$$E_{\text{tot}}(\Psi_i) - E_{\text{tot}}(\Psi_j)$$

$$|\langle \Psi_j | O | \Psi_i \rangle|^2$$



- Core-hole life-time**
- Vibrational**
- Configurational**
- Experimental**

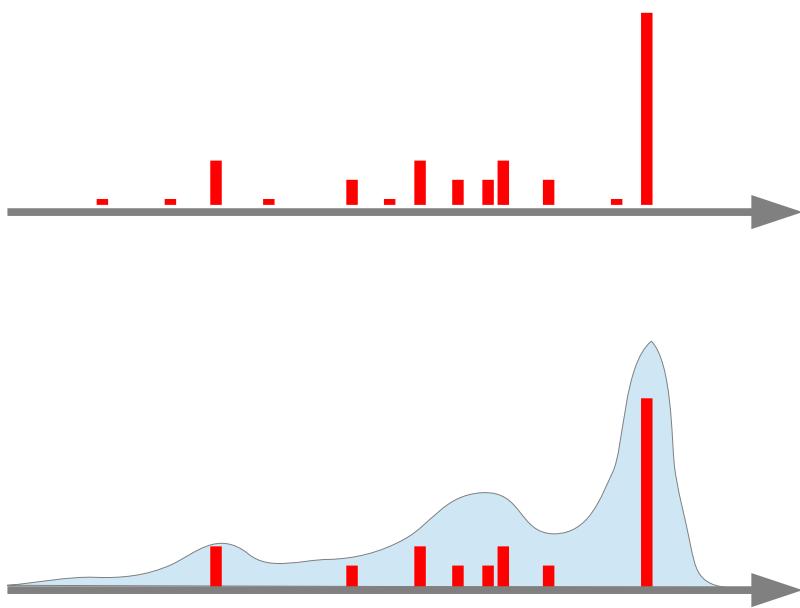
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## Broadening:

How to simulate it?

Simplest approach:  
Convolution with Gaussian functions

$$I(E) = \sum_i f(\epsilon_i) e^{-(E-\epsilon_i)^2/2\sigma^2}$$

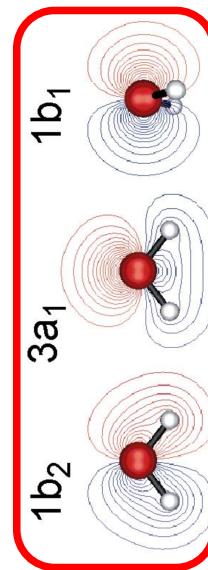
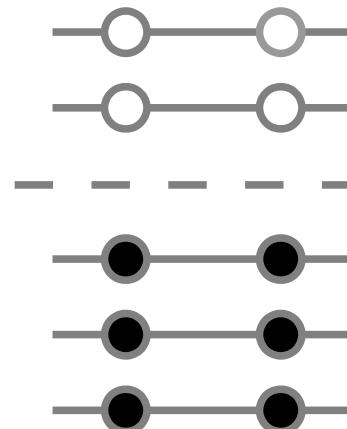
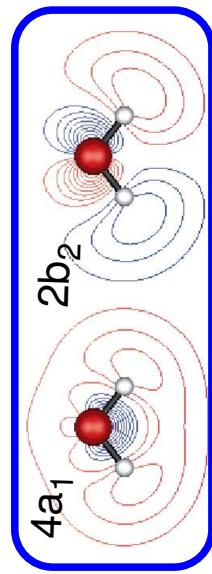


Width parameter

$$\text{FWHM} = 2\sqrt{2 \log(2)}\sigma$$

Other functions, e.g. Lorentzians

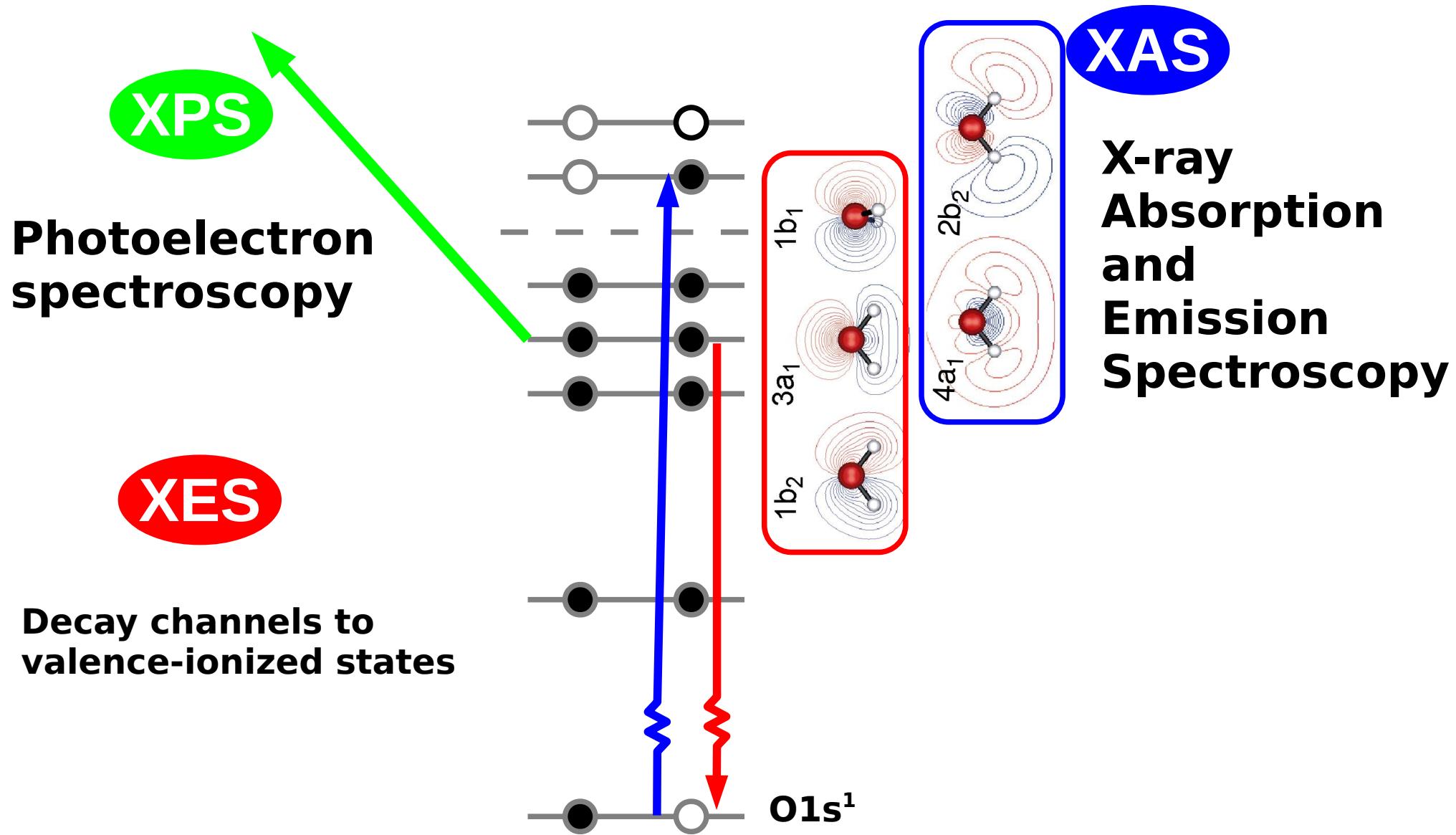
# Molecular orbitals of H<sub>2</sub>O(g) - C<sub>2v</sub> Point group



**O2s (2a<sub>1</sub>)**

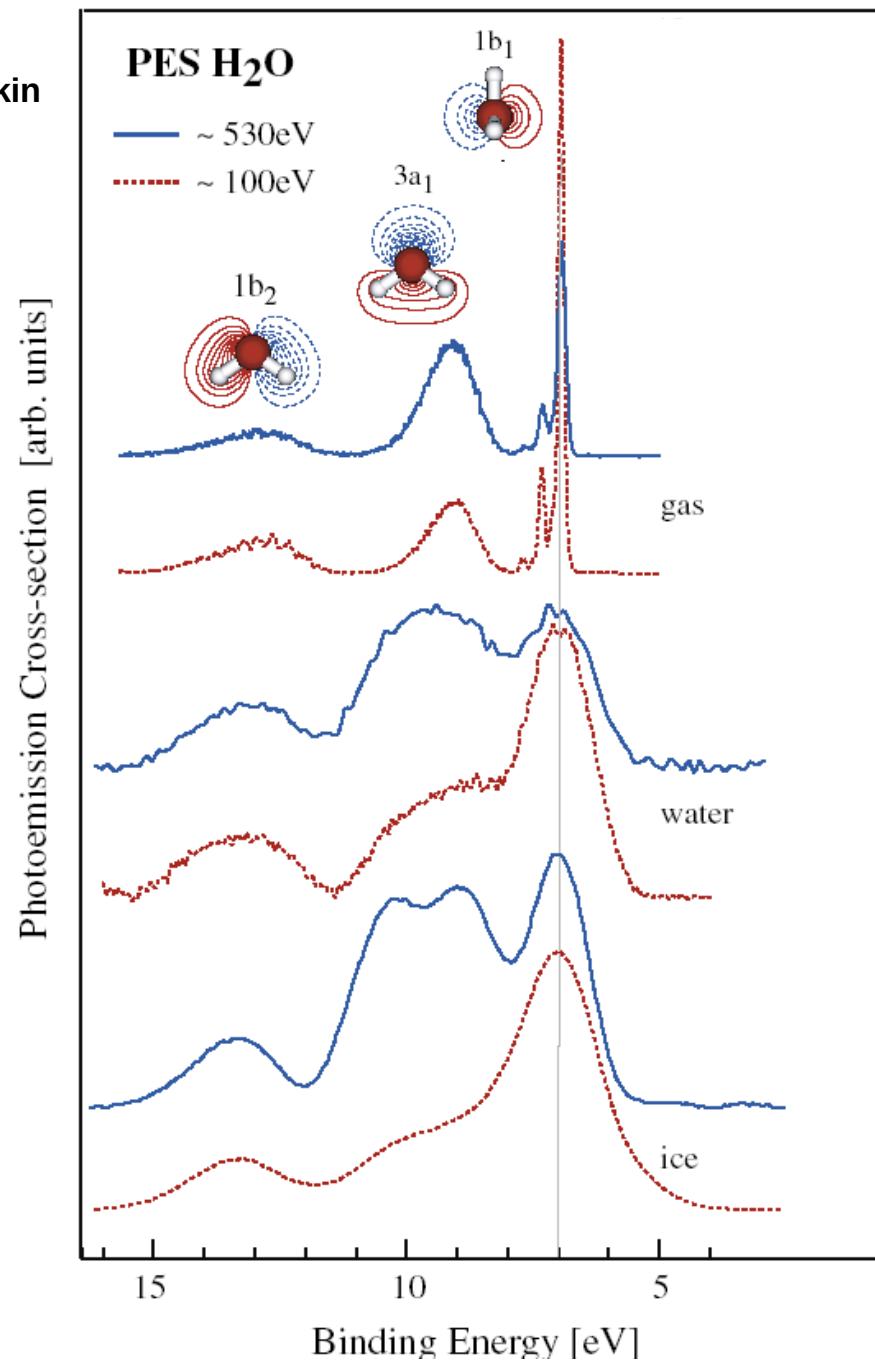
**O1s (1a<sub>1</sub>)**

# X-ray spectroscopy Case study: H<sub>2</sub>O(g)



# Photo-electron spectroscopy of H<sub>2</sub>O(g,l,s)

$$E_{\text{binding}} = E_{\text{photon}} - E_{\text{kin}}$$

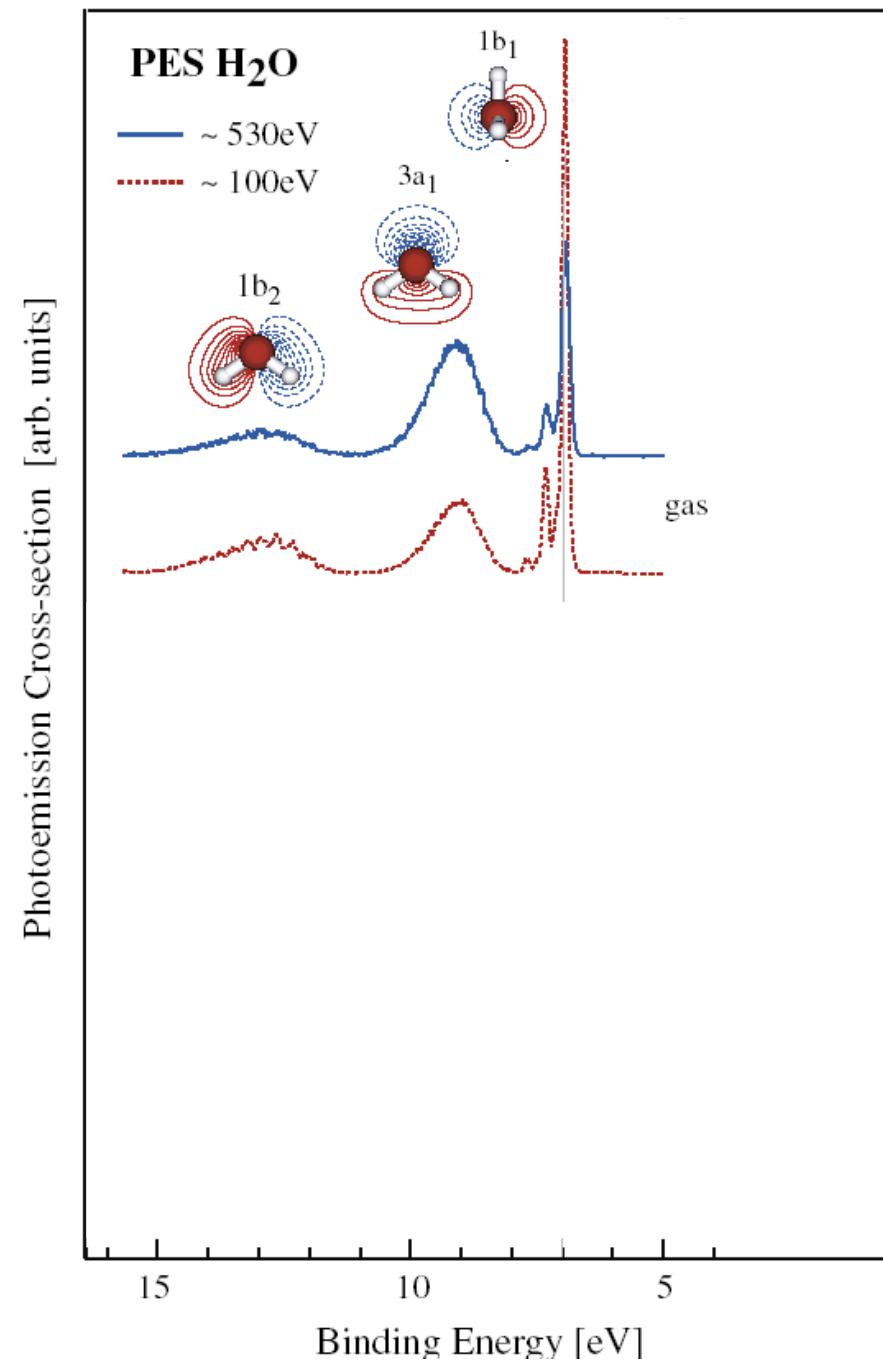


## Koopman's theorem

HF orbital energies  
approximate  
Ionization binding  
energies

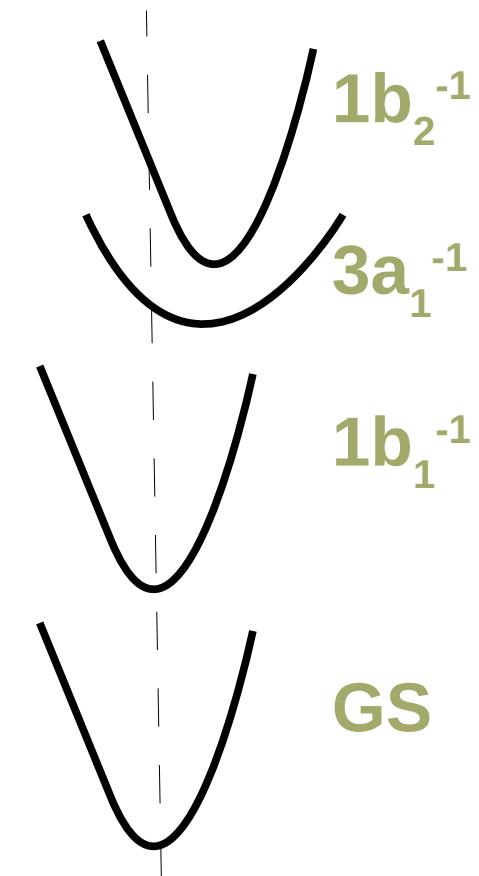
(However, we will  
cheat and also use  
DFT Kohn-Sham  
energies which  
require ad hoc shifts)

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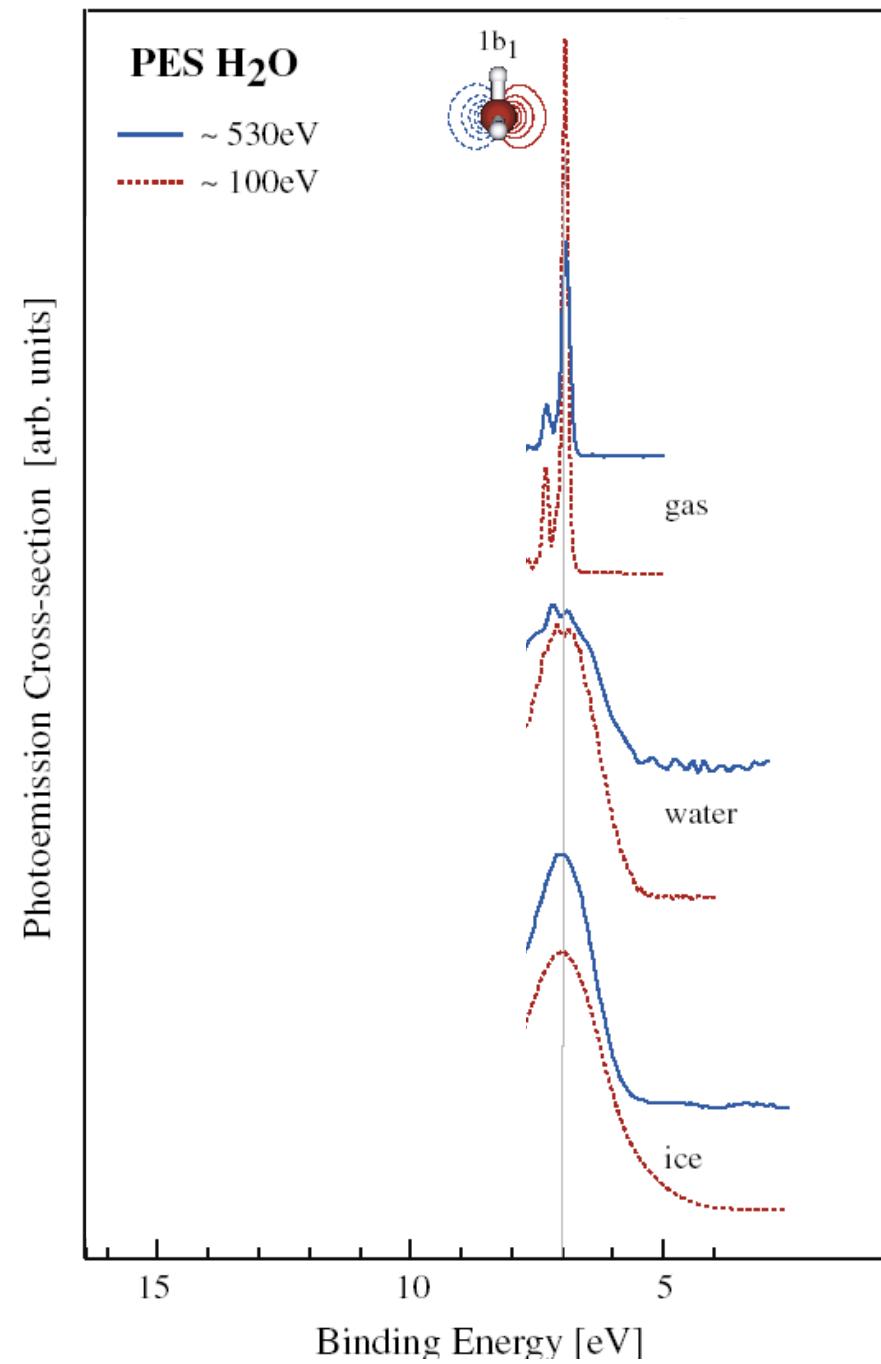
**Franck-Condon**

**Vibrational excitations**

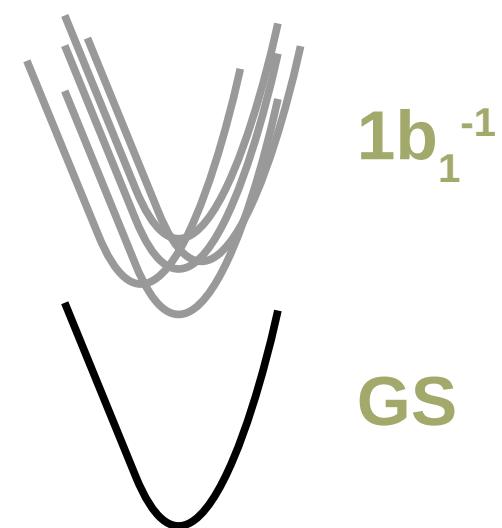


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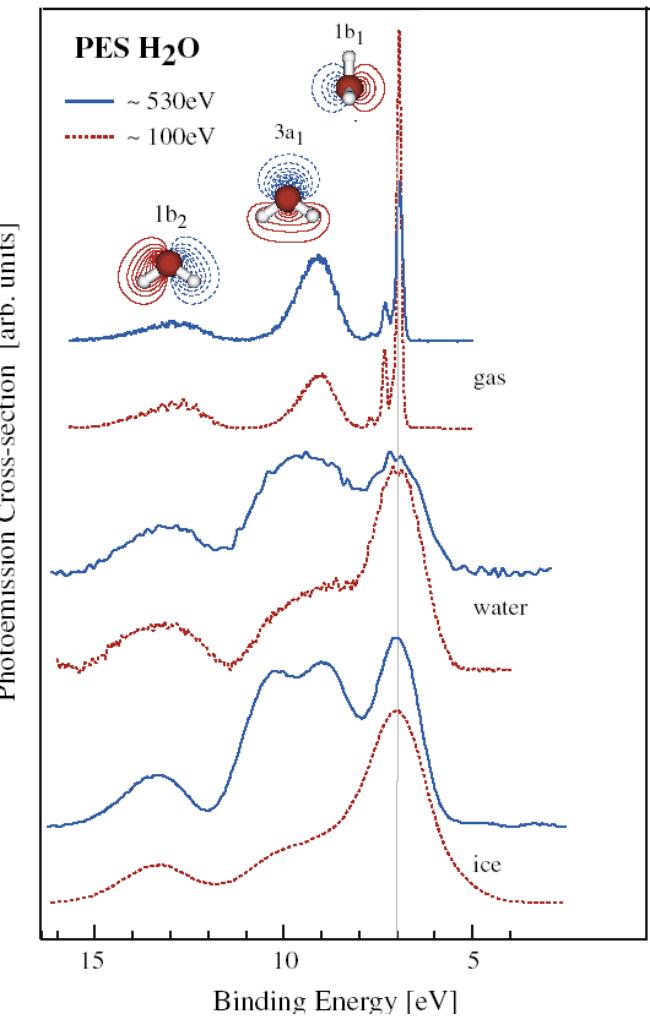
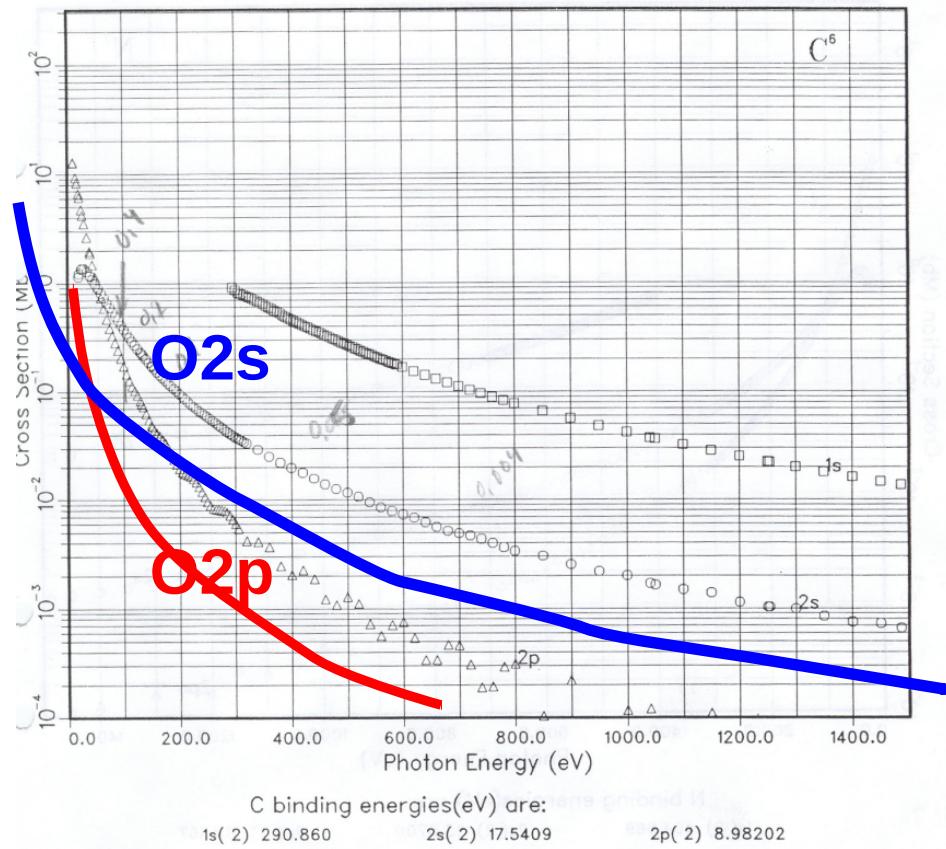
## Inhomogeneous Broadening



(Homogeneous broadening  
is due to finite life-times)

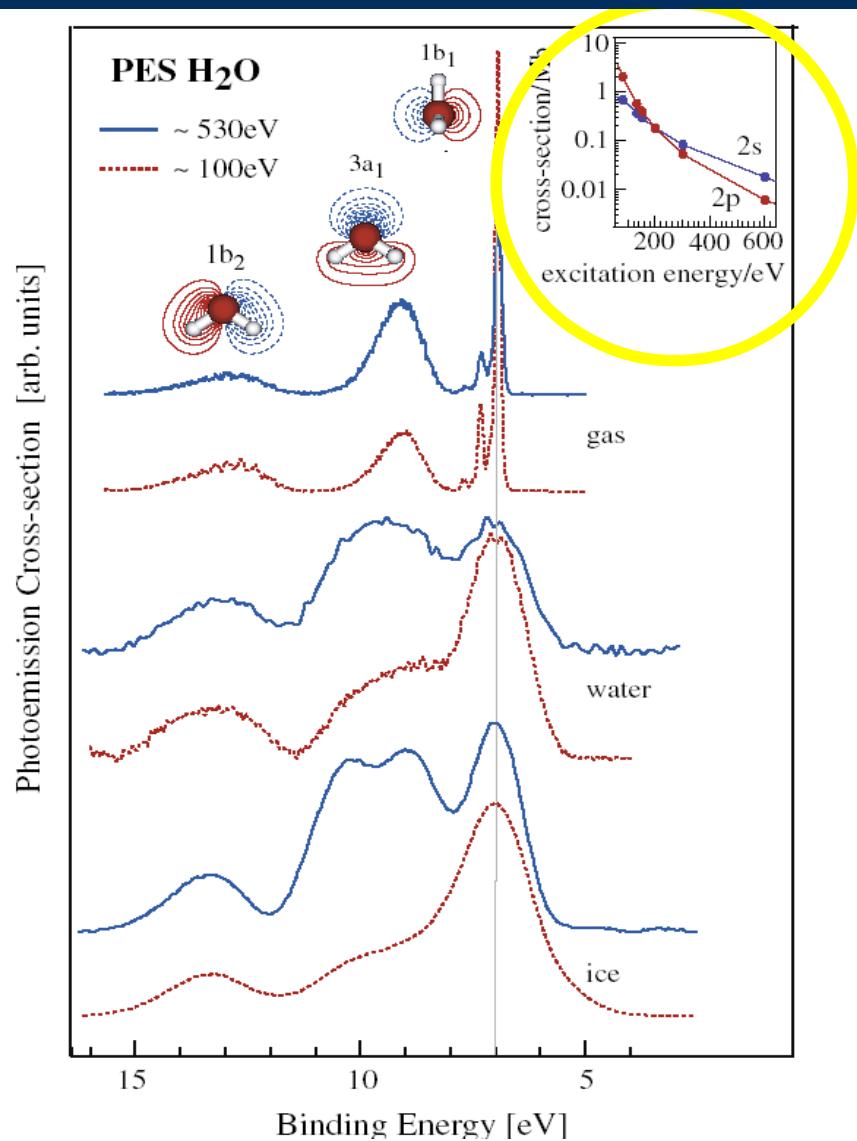
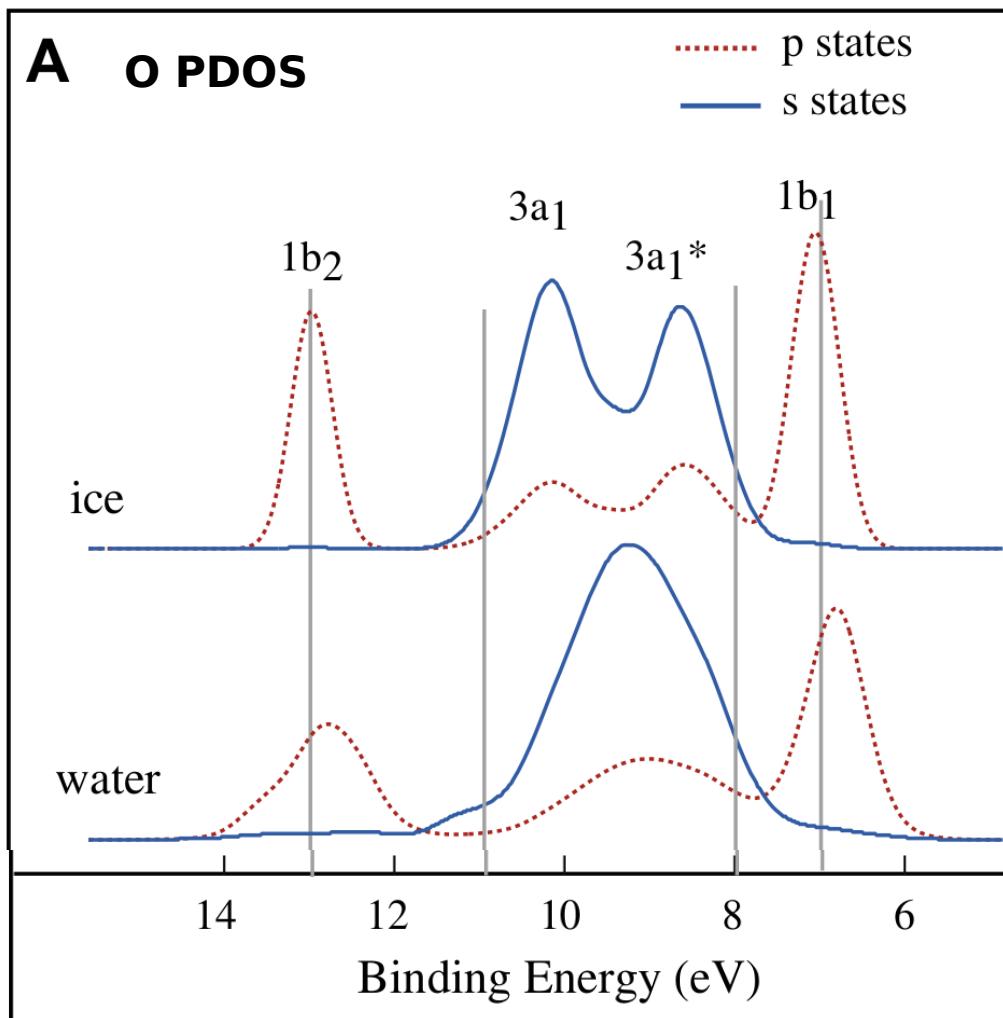
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Cross sections vary with photonenergy



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**Notice: In C<sub>2v</sub> symmetry only a<sub>1</sub> can have oxygen s-sym.**

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# XPS in CP2K

## In CP2K:

### PDOS section

```
&FORCE_EVAL
  &DFT
    ...
  &SCF
    ...
  &END SCF
  &PRINT
    ...
  &PDOS
    FILENAME ./PDOS_H2O
    NLUMO 10
    &LDOS
      LIST 1 4 7
    &END
    &LDOS
      LIST 2
    &END
  &END PDOS
  &END PRINT
  &END DFT
&END FORCE_EVAL
```

### Output

# Projected DOS for atomic kind 0 at iteration step i = 0, E(Fermi) = -0.092095 a.u.					
#	MO Eigenvalue [a.u.]	Occupation	s	p	d
1	-0.813984	2.000000	0.60602572	0.01485316	0.00068085
2	-0.811458	2.000000	0.59241283	0.02442027	0.00070482
3	-0.805771	2.000000	0.60812885	0.01594420	0.00052020
4	-0.804528	2.000000	0.59910583	0.02034290	0.00058688
5	-0.803092	2.000000	0.60470405	0.01908272	0.00068245
6	-0.799728	2.000000	0.60995065	0.02078783	0.00054705
7	-0.799365	2.000000	0.61494883	0.01871139	0.00061605
8	-0.796444	2.000000	0.60950411	0.01896750	0.00060187
9	-0.795593	2.000000	0.60359670	0.01937689	0.00061605
10	-0.794065	2.000000	0.60611548	0.02118279	0.00058782
11	-0.792778	2.000000	0.60035120	0.02380201	0.00062264
12	-0.792114	2.000000	0.61390238	0.01770367	0.00056747
13	-0.791049	2.000000	0.61781343	0.02008600	0.00057487
14	-0.789865	2.000000	0.61436528	0.02173526	0.00060204
15	-0.787285	2.000000	0.61022220	0.01937101	0.00072422
16	-0.786506	2.000000	0.60903629	0.02144700	0.00059809
17	-0.785677	2.000000	0.61293620	0.01899232	0.00056839

# Projected DOS for atomic kind 0 at iteration step i = 0, E(Fermi) = -0.242711 a.u.					
#	MO Eigenvalue [a.u.]	Occupation	s	p	d
1	-0.901554	2.000000	0.60829071	0.02924920	0.00078405
2	-0.454223	2.000000	0.00000000	0.66362894	0.01043279
3	-0.318901	2.000000	0.12519439	0.78167809	0.00218947
4	-0.242711	2.000000	0.00000000	0.94836955	0.00021426
5	0.031826	0.000000	0.06525583	0.08045666	0.00491060
6	0.114429	0.000000	0.00000000	0.16861035	0.01700454

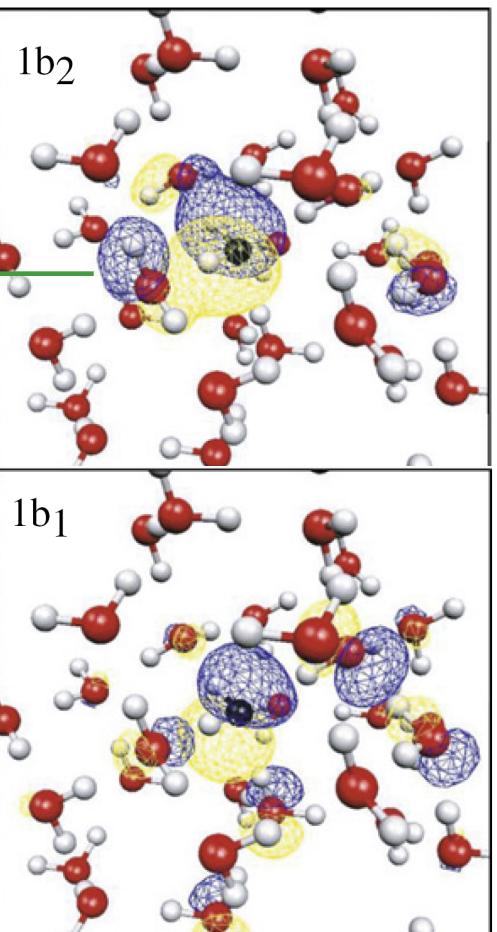
e.g. PDOS\_H2O-k1-1.pdos

# Molecular Dynamics

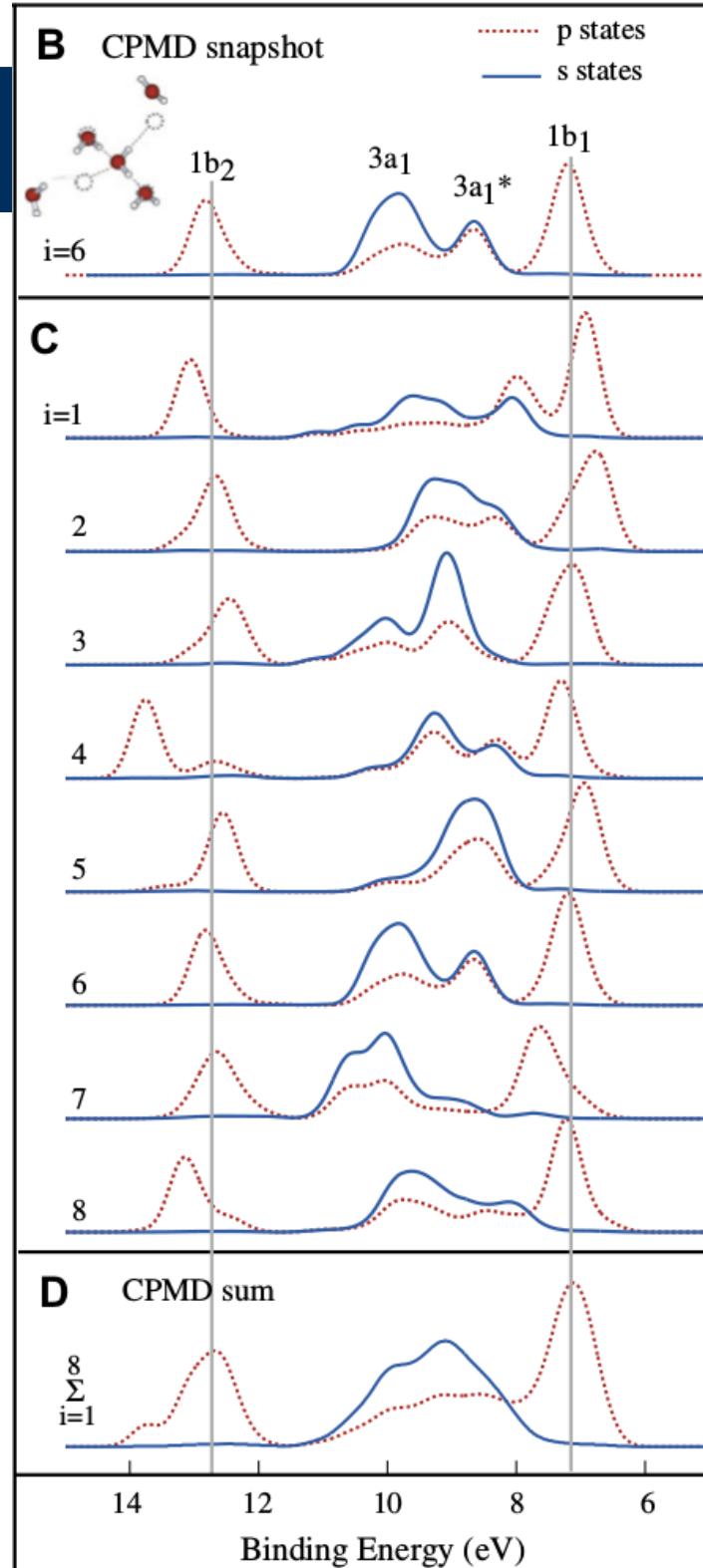
## Molecular dynamics (MD)

Why bother with MD?

- Temperature
- Bond dynamics
- Reactions
- (Much more!)



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**Two problems:** Calculating forces and integrating EoMs

**Velocity Verlet**

$$\mathbf{R}(t + \delta t) = \mathbf{R}(t) + \mathbf{V}(t)\delta t + \frac{1}{2M} \mathbf{F}(t)\delta t^2$$

$$\mathbf{V}(t + \delta t) = \mathbf{V}(t) + \frac{1}{2M} [\mathbf{F}(t) + \mathbf{F}(t + \delta t)] \delta t$$

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**Classical MD:**

Force fields

- Good for larger systems

$$V = 4\epsilon \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - 2 \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 \right]$$

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**Ab initio MD (AIMD):**

Born-Oppenheimer MD

- In CP2K

Car-Parrinello MD

- In CPMD

# Molecular Dynamics

## Born-Oppenheimer MD

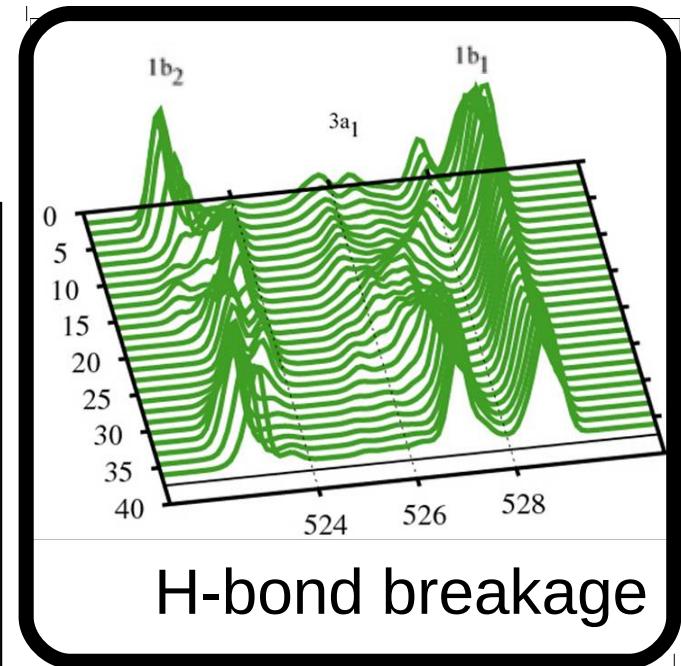
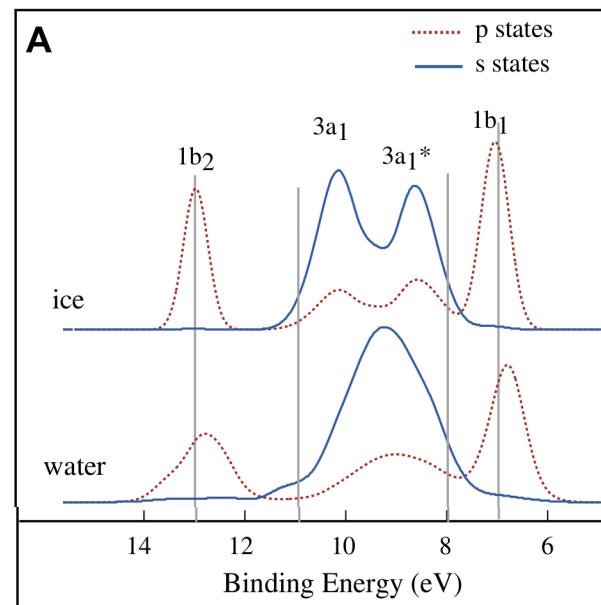
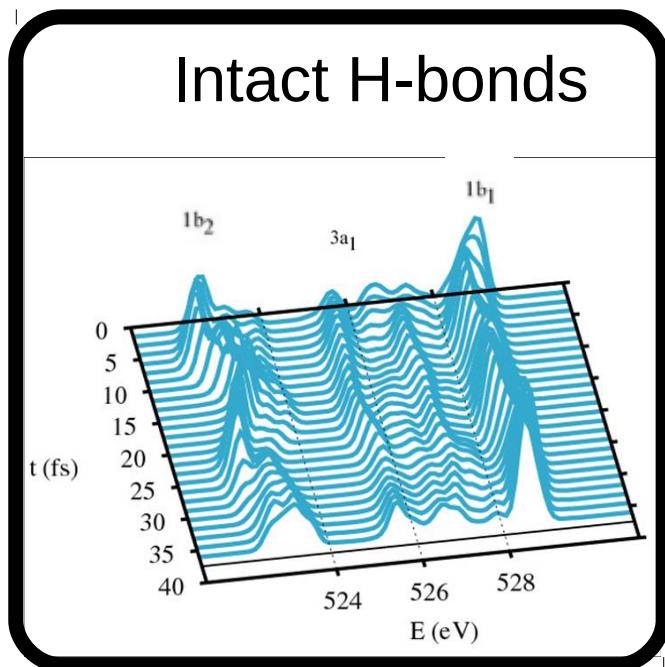
Parameter-free force expression

$$\mathbf{F}_I = -\nabla_I \min_{\phi_i} \left\{ E_{\text{KS}}(\{\phi_i\}; \mathbf{R}_I) + \text{constr.} \right\}$$

Electronic orbitals optimized at each step

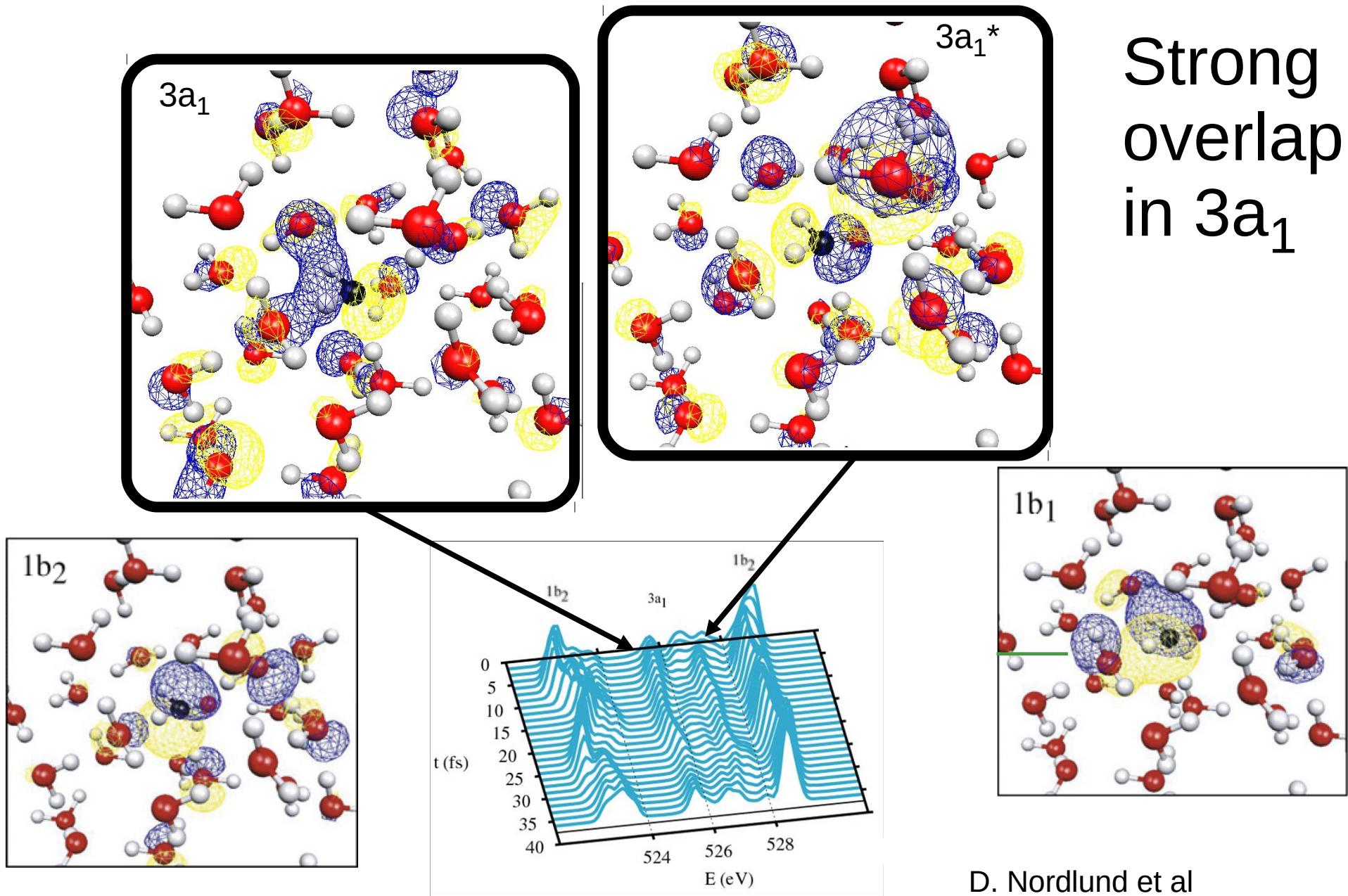
# Time evolution of the electronic structure due to hydrogen bond dynamics

## Hydrogen bond dynamics



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# Hydrogen bonding in water



# Molecular Dynamics in CP2K

## In CP2K:

### Use MD as run type

```
&GLOBAL
  PROJECT liquid_water_md
  RUN_TYPE MD
  IOLEVEL LOW
&END GLOBAL
```

```
&MOTION
  &MD
    → ENSEMBLE NVT
    → STEPS 500
    → Timestep 1
    → TEMPERATURE 300.0
    &THERMOSTAT
      REGION MASSIVE
      TYPE CSVR
      &CSVR
        TIMECON 20
      &END CSVR
    &END THERMOSTAT
  &END MD
  &PRINT
    &TRAJECTORY
      &EACH
        MD 5
      &END
    &END TRAJECTORY
    &VELOCITIES OFF
    &END
    &RESTART
      &EACH
        MD 10
      &END
      ADD_LAST NUMERIC
    &END
    &RESTART_HISTORY OFF
    &END
  &END PRINT
&END MOTION
```

### MD Section

- Ensemble
- Time step
- Temperature
- Thermostat
- Printing

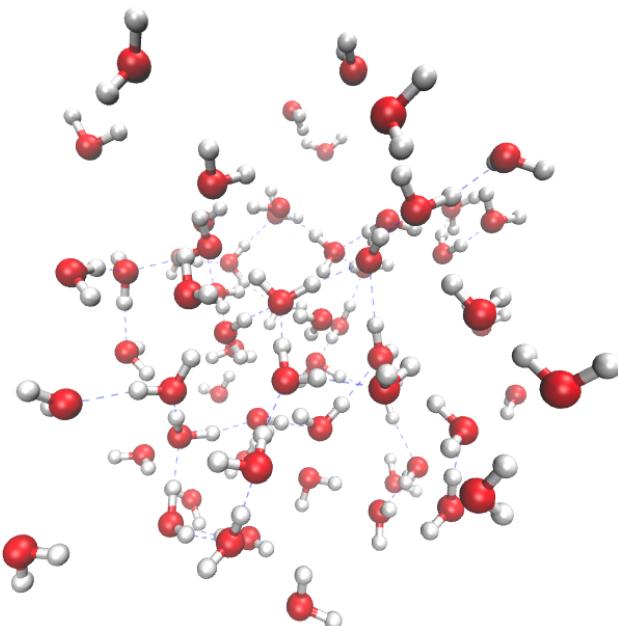
# Molecular Dynamics in CP2K

Time, temperature, and energies

In CP2K:

Output

Trajectory



#	Step Nr.	Time[fs]	Kin.[a.u.]	Temp[K]	Pot.[a.u.]	Cons Qty[a.u.]	UsedTime[s]
0	0.000000	0.273612846	300.000000000	-1101.195048677	-1100.921435831	0.000000000	
1	1.000000	0.260788851	285.939262507	-1101.187798871	-1100.921315744	185.706952075	
2	2.000000	0.251306678	275.542630917	-1101.180757600	-1100.920989497	79.281784041	
3	3.000000	0.245390724	269.056143752	-1101.180382929	-1100.921719691	74.824822441	
4	4.000000	0.242953031	266.383360562	-1101.180715807	-1100.922038801	74.627564488	
5	5.000000	0.244483398	268.061315781	-1101.173607104	-1100.921241154	81.450230681	
6	6.000000	0.248146396	272.077572772	-1101.170366895	-1100.920782952	80.918141057	
7	7.000000	0.243194901	266.648556557	-1101.176391675	-1100.920844694	68.497354319	
8	8.000000	0.266614350	292.326571080	-1101.193920451	-1100.921755529	79.407844959	
9	9.000000	0.282143251	309.353075672	-1101.207672144	-1100.922823669	50.431842566	
10	10.000000	0.277957975	304.764172501	-1101.205146651	-1100.922196436	67.354678559	
11	11.000000	0.267186222	292.953594182	-1101.193865916	-1100.920825588	62.275034669	
12	12.000000	0.268798850	294.721743890	-1101.190595790	-1100.920813534	74.036419125	
13	13.000000	0.273868615	300.288043575	-1101.192085651	-1100.921504962	82.080369944	
14	14.000000	0.260863451	286.021057303	-1101.188315315	-1100.921489325	60.489270956	
15	15.000000	0.246732390	270.527199517	-1101.178095043	-1100.920685259	73.977594214	
16	16.000000	0.241390703	264.670361900	-1101.173192957	-1100.920360170	68.257580375	
17	17.000000	0.243886285	267.406617622	-1101.176766365	-1100.920488230	77.877416690	
18	18.000000	0.263436205	288.841926755	-1101.190322074	-1100.921032269	73.244974266	
19	19.000000	0.280008882	307.012868808	-1101.205372283	-1100.922310150	66.950812683	
20	20.000000	0.278566222	305.431079195	-1101.203508831	-1100.921750388	74.972466874	
21	21.000000	0.274697146	301.188869741	-1101.198046242	-1100.920612145	124.051279855	
22	22.000000	0.280446095	307.492246630	-1101.202198249	-1100.920967212	101.725280184	
23	23.000000	0.2980504788	318.520996969	-1101.213382017	-1100.921909393	92.342588647	
24	24.000000	0.293909603	322.254171119	-1101.217940920	-1100.922053166	79.395465559	
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E.g. water\_liquid-1.ener

# Molecular Dynamics in CP2K

## In CP2K:

### Initial guess of wave function

- ASPC (recommended) for faster convergence in the SCFs while keeping stability
- USE\_GUESS for the same initial guess for all steps

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    ...
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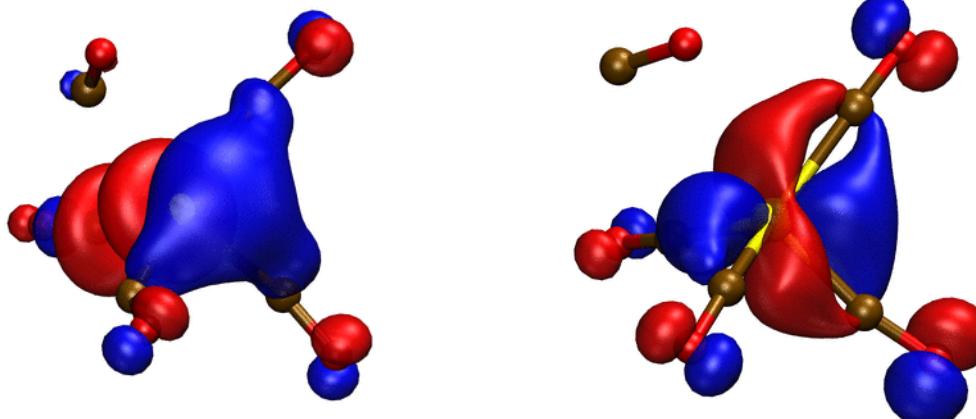
# Molecular Orbitals in CP2K

## In CP2K:

### Plotting molecular orbitals

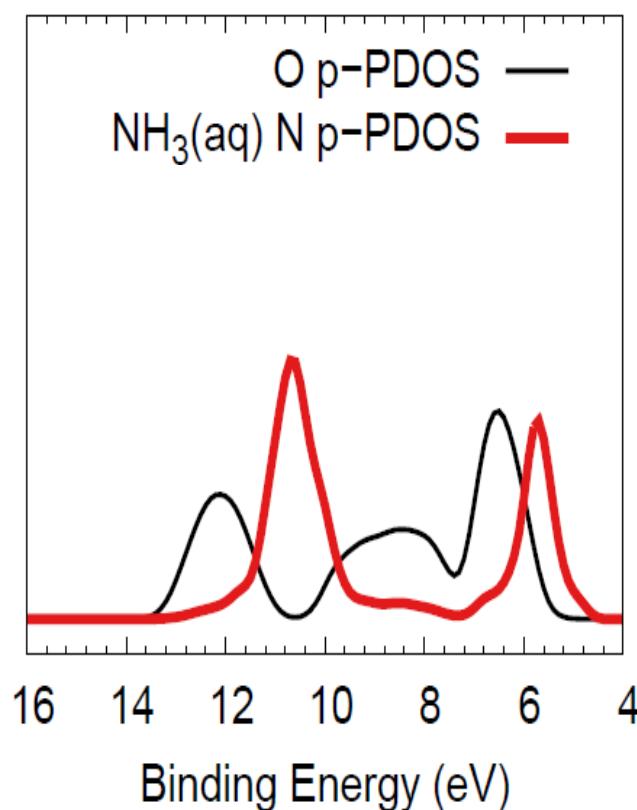
- Cube-file format **.cube**
- Can be visualized in software like VMD, VESTA, or GaussView
- Be careful when writing and storing cube-files as they take up a lot of space!

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        ...
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              → NLUMO 2
              &EACH
                MD 10
              &END
              WRITE_CUBE .TRUE.
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# XES allows us to access N p-PDOS in NH<sub>3</sub>(aq)

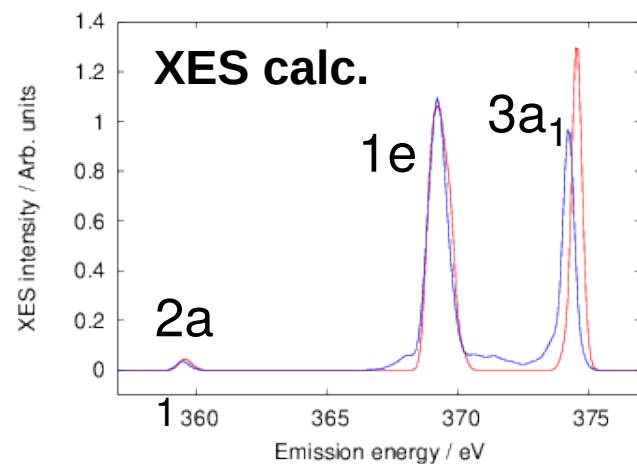
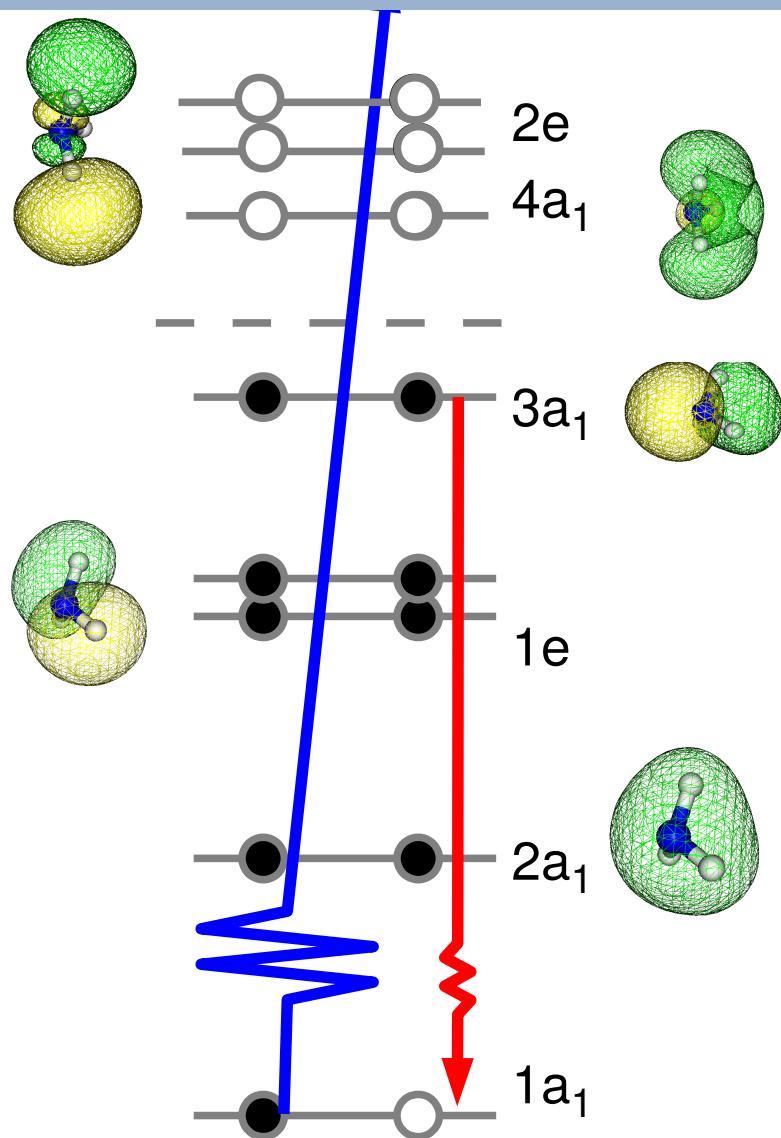
Aqueous ammonia:  
Energy mismatch in orbital mixing



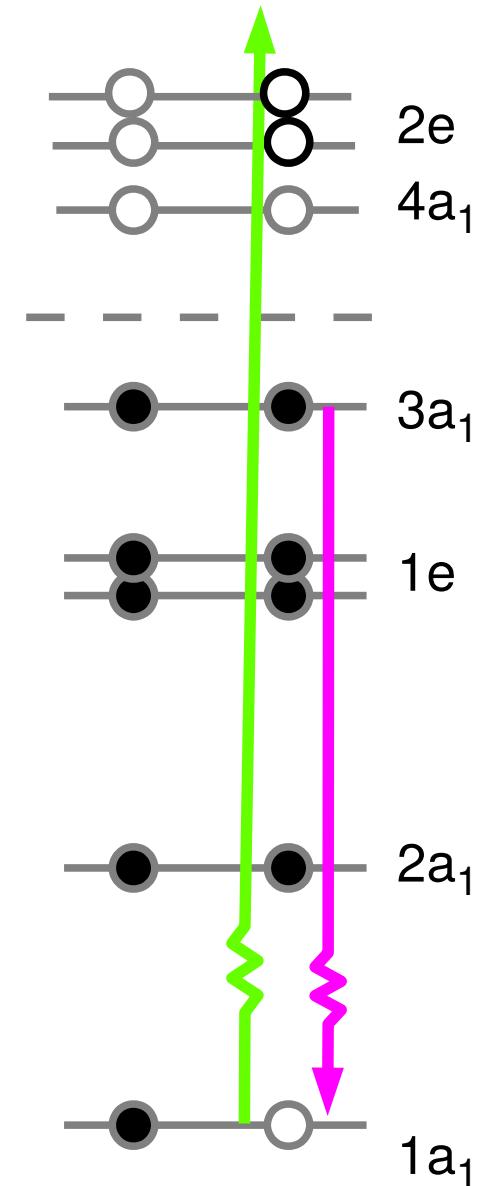
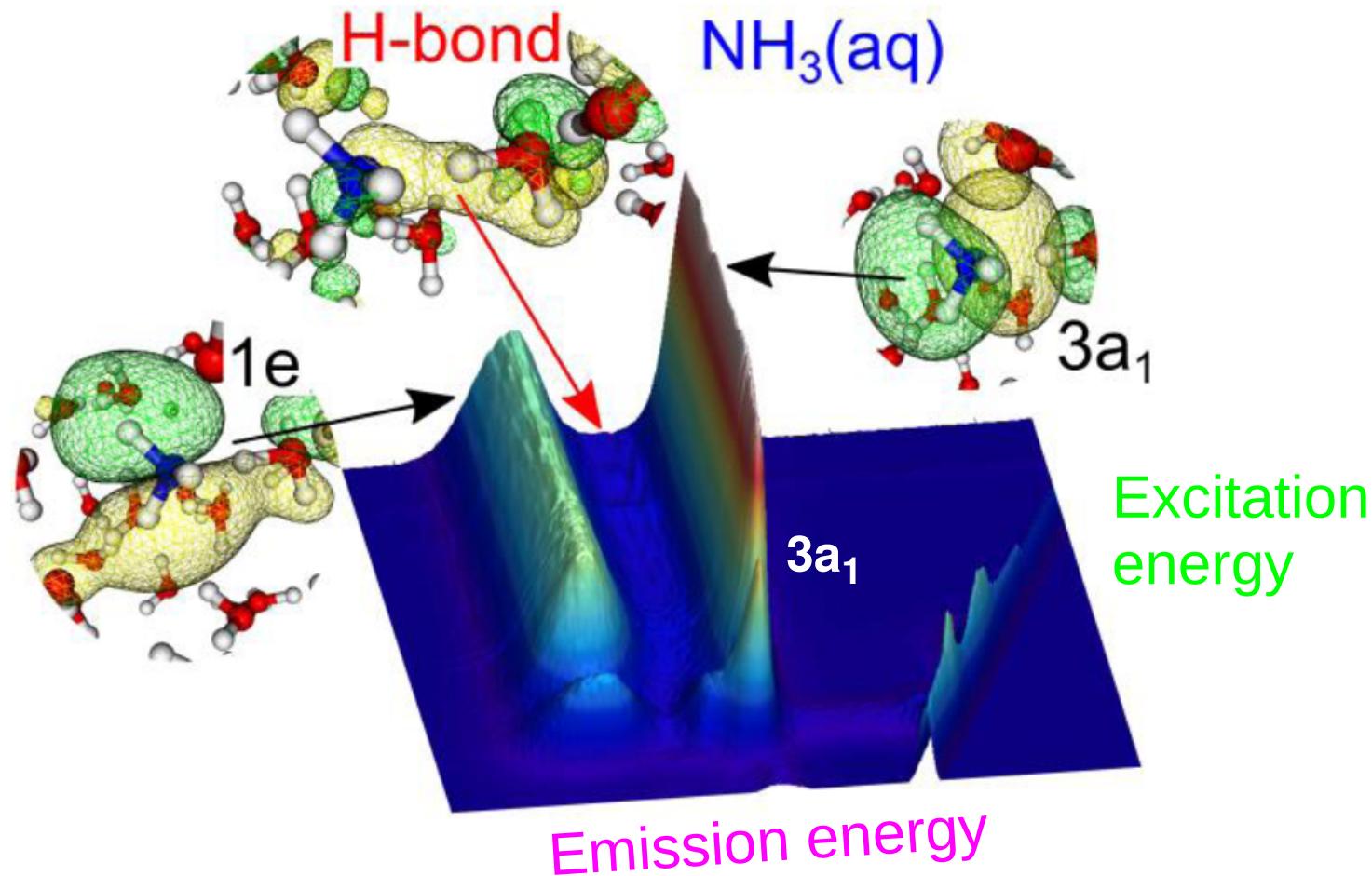
**O PDOS would dominate in valence XPS**

**N K-edge XES can cut-out N p-PDOS**

# Electronic structure of $\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$ and $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$



# X-ray emission spectroscopy of $\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$ and $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$



L. Weinhardt, E. Ertan, M. Iannuzzi, M. Weigand,  
O. Fuchs, M. Bär, M. Blum, J. D. Denlinger, W. Yang,  
M. Odelius E. Umbach, and C. Heske.  
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# XES in CP2K

## In CP2K:

### XAS section

- Choose method to compute transition potential
- Remember to use an all electron potential / basis set
- The optimal method might vary between systems

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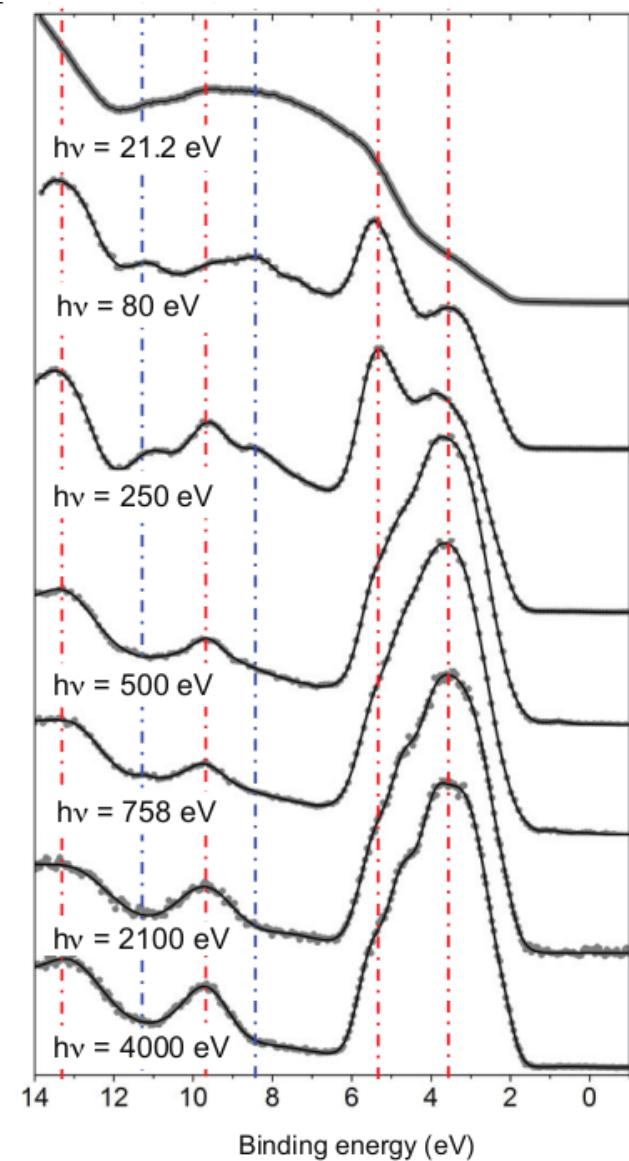
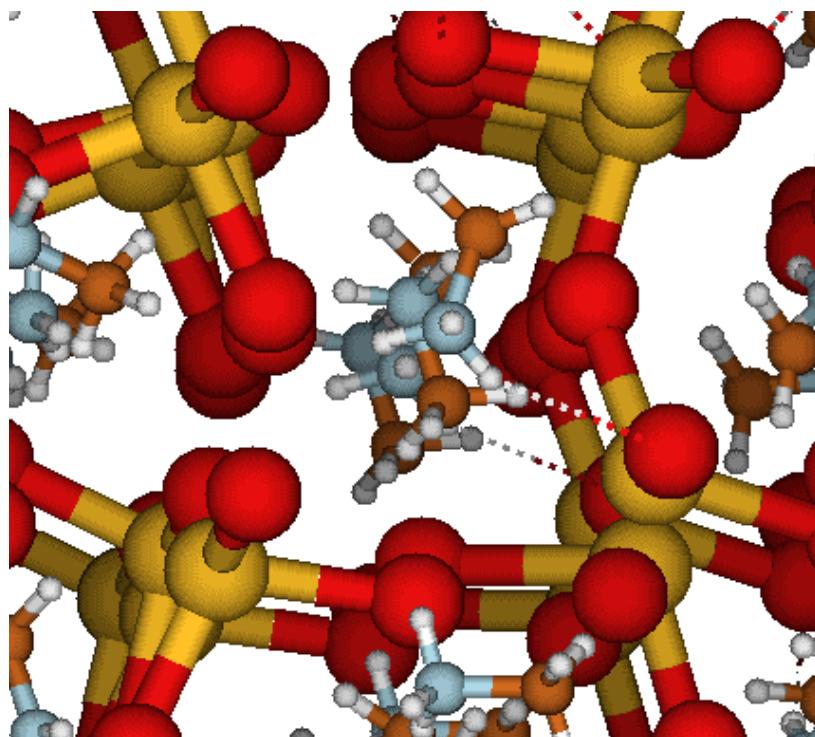
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XAS_TOT_EL	5

### Output spectrum

Emission spectrum for atom 1, index of excited core MO is 1, # of lines 5						
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2	485.71459420	-0.00563467	-0.22020527	-0.07102793	0.05356708	1.000000
3	497.86840667	-0.87279925	0.01937984	0.00882570	0.76223201	1.000000
4	501.75564296	-0.02221103	-0.87187036	-0.28115240	0.83969793	1.000000
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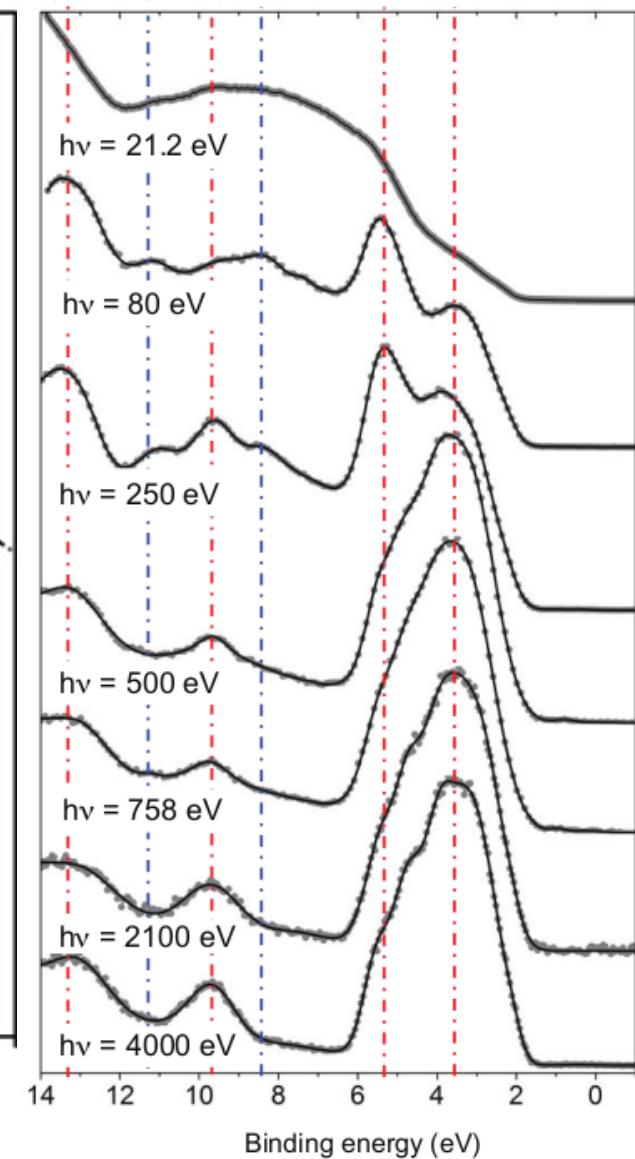
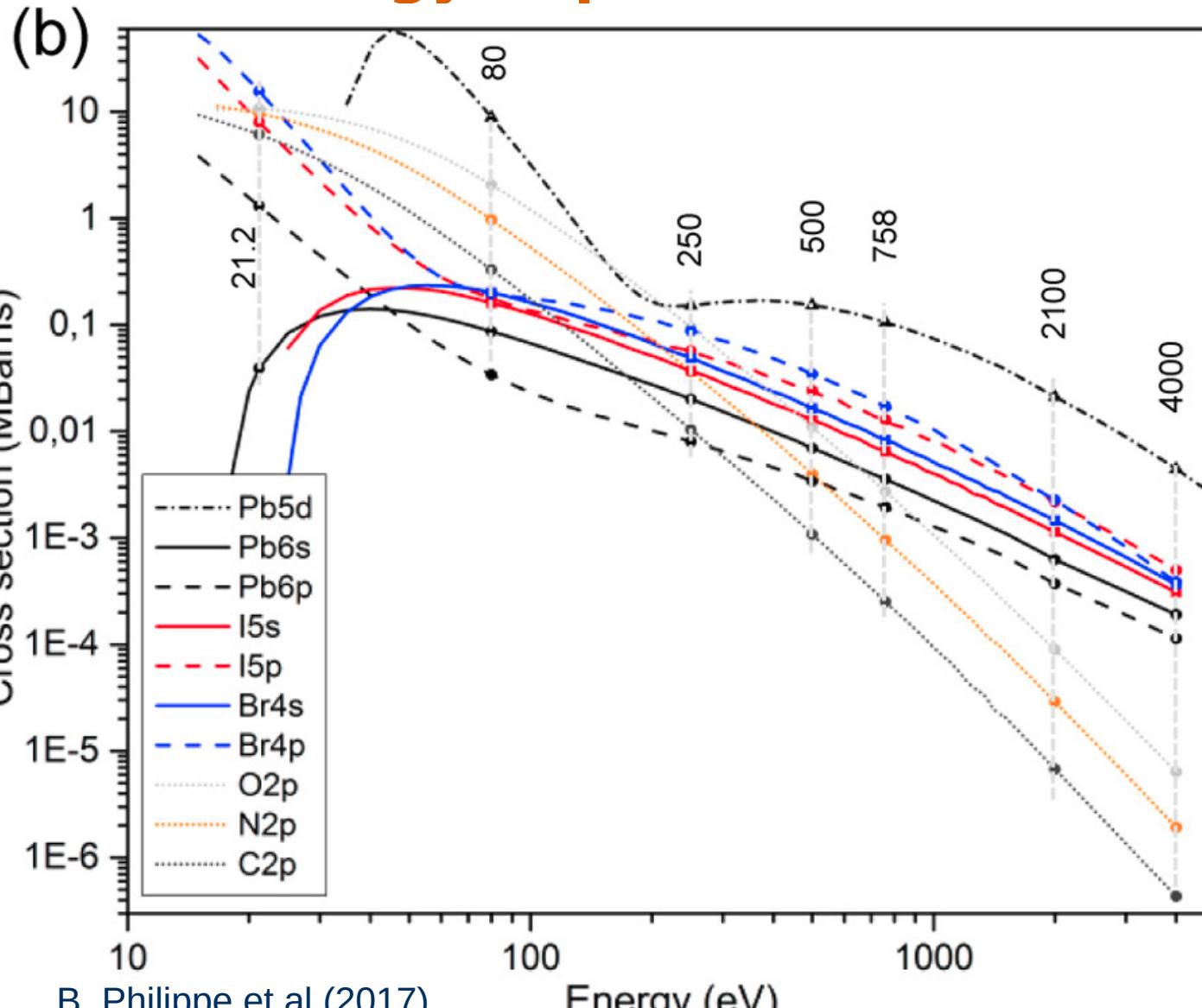
# Perovskite solar cells: $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$

## Photo-energy dependence in XPS



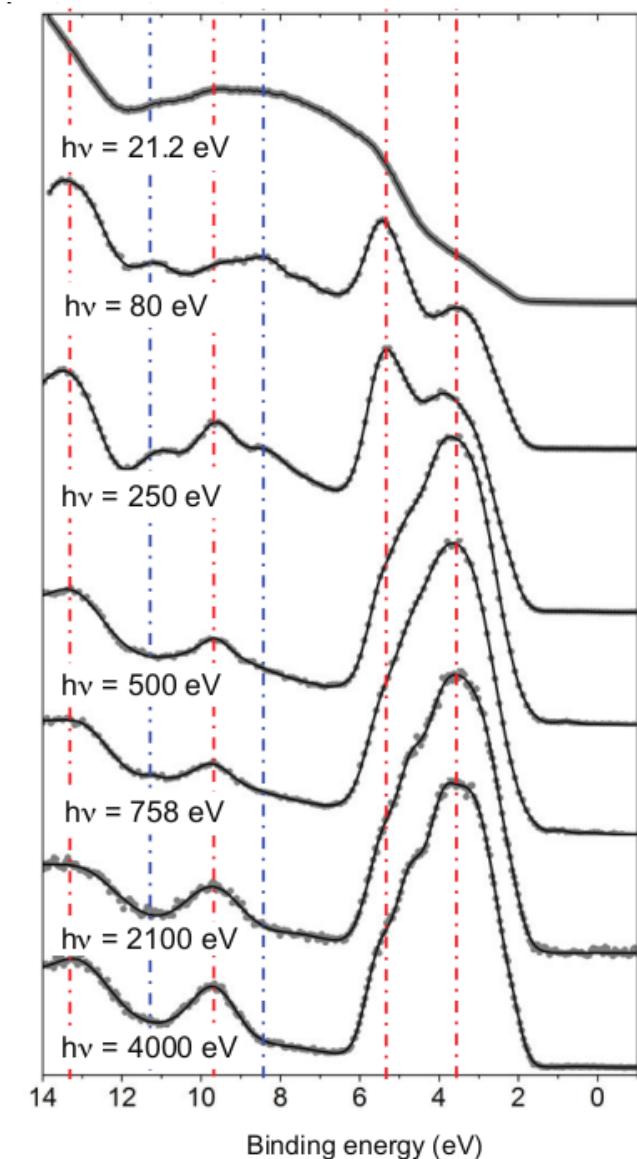
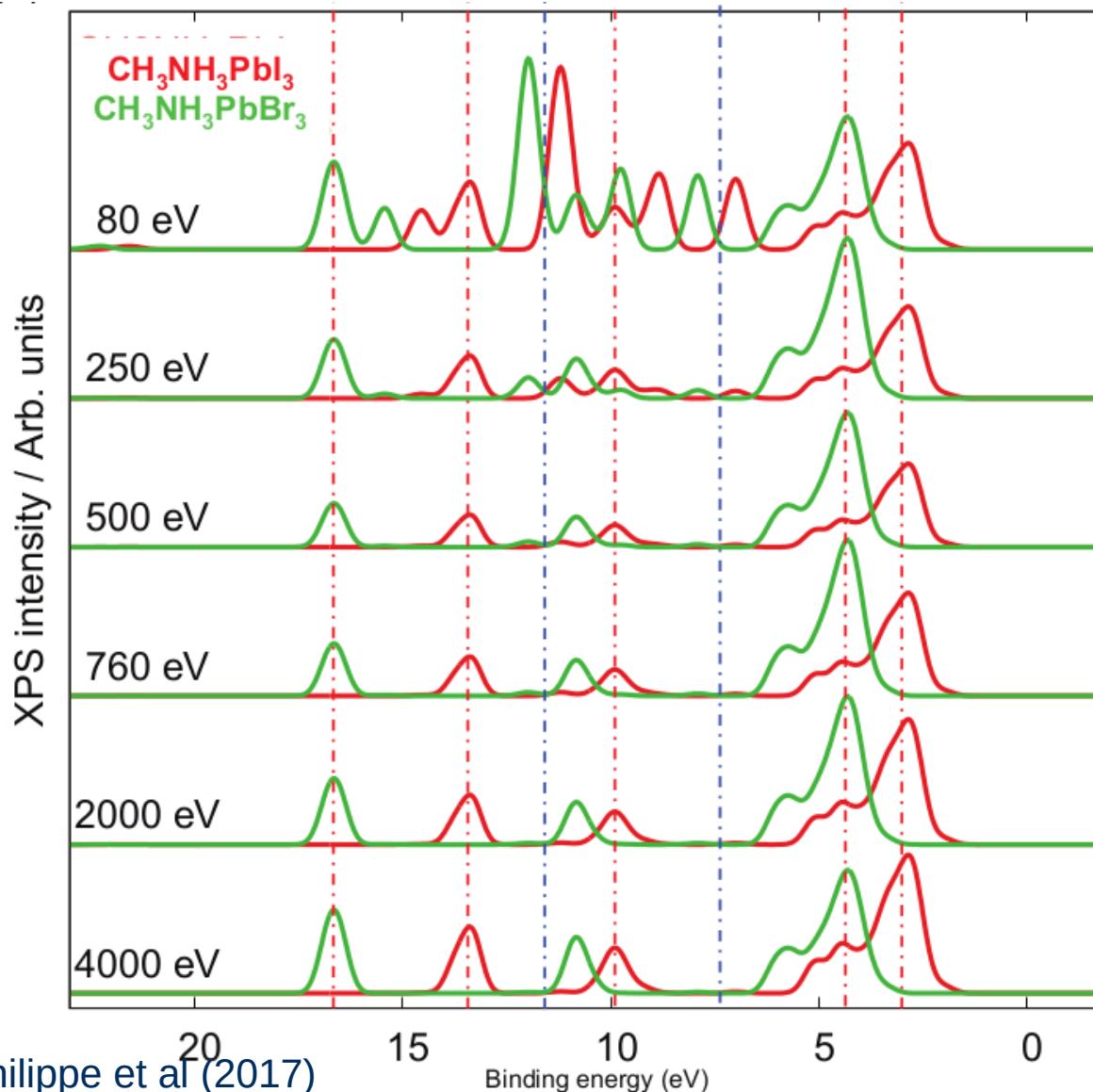
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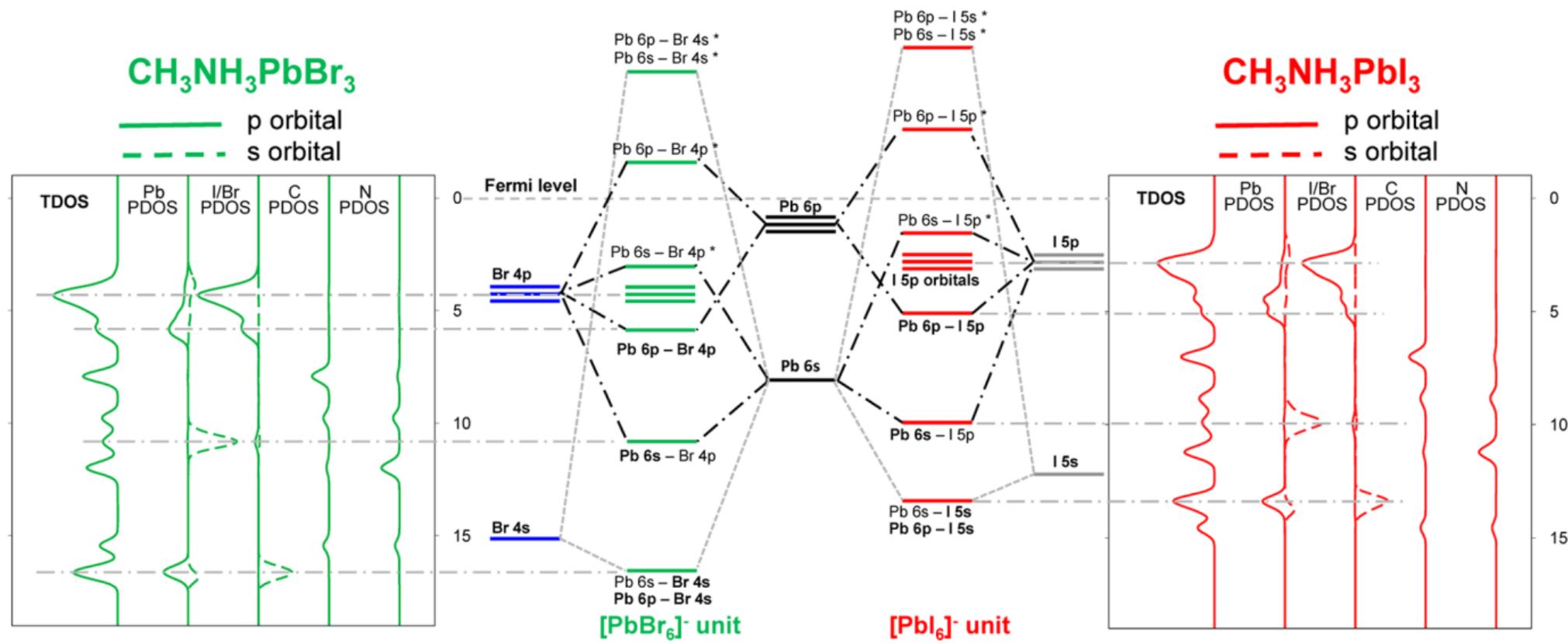
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## Understanding the valence band from orbitals



# **Thank you for your attention!**

**Questions?**