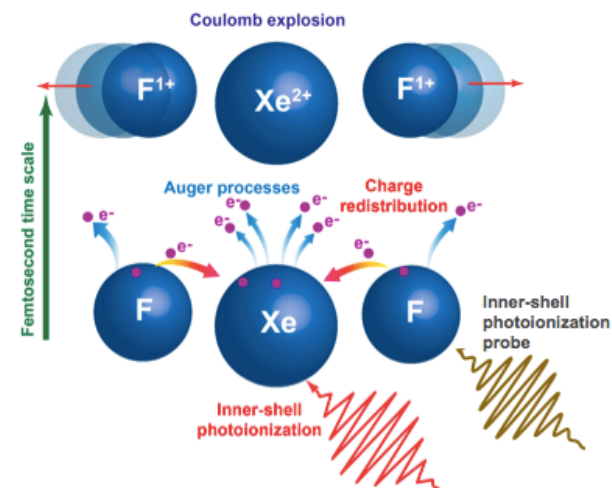
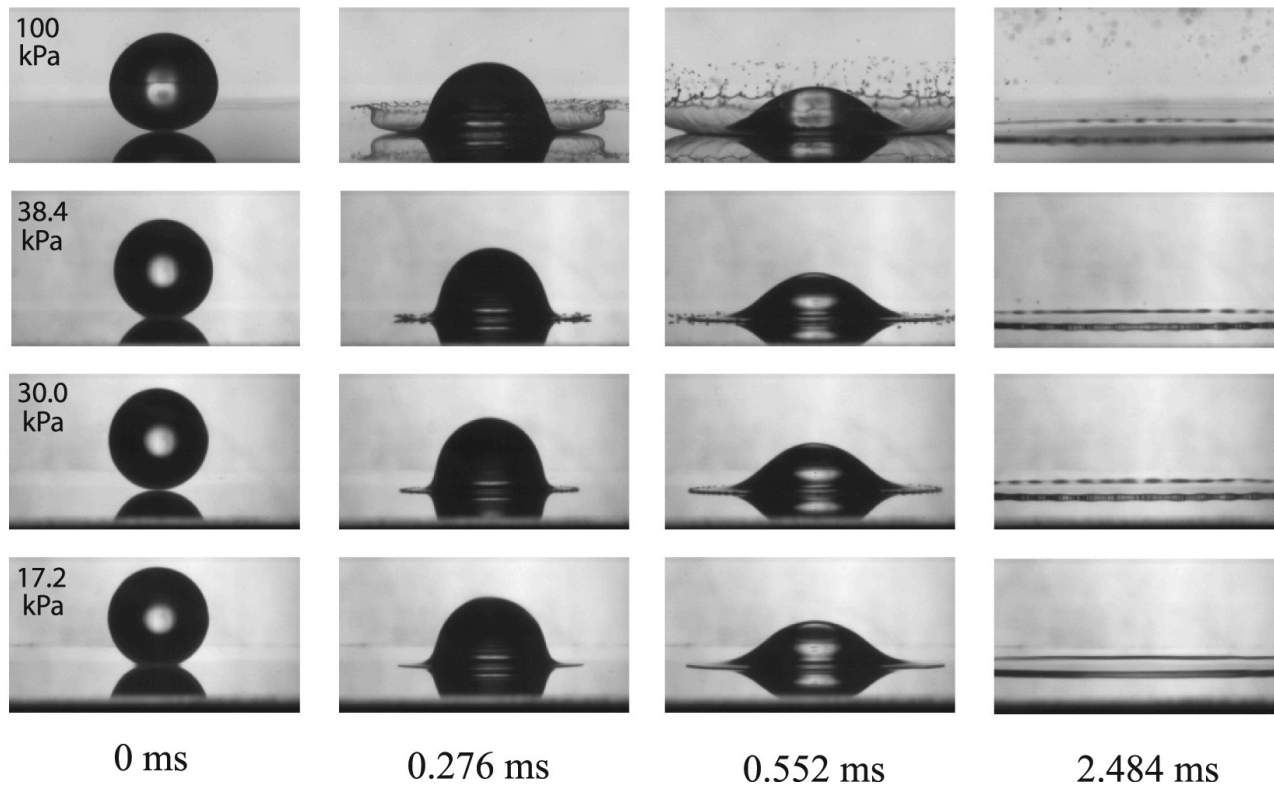


WATCHING THE ULTRAFAST – ULTRASMALL WORLD WITH PUMP-PROBE X-RAY EXPERIMENTS



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STOP-ACTION PHOTOS IN “DAILY” LIFE



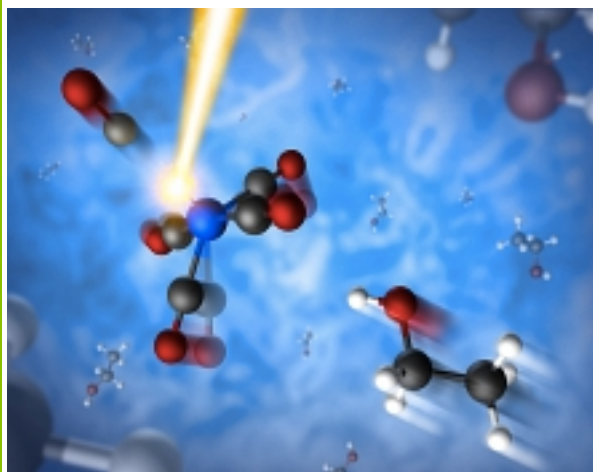
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Splashing on Dry Smooth Surface

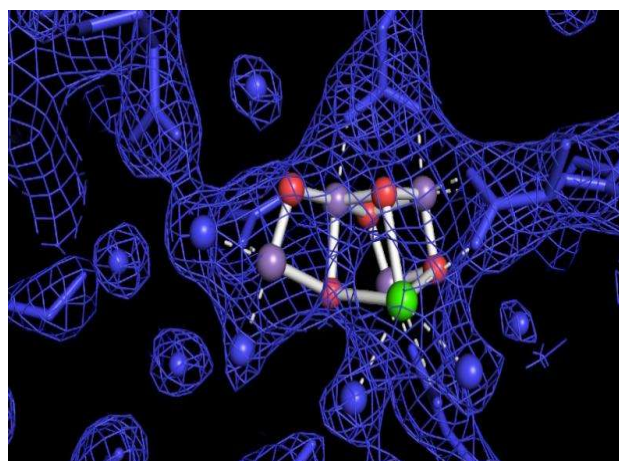
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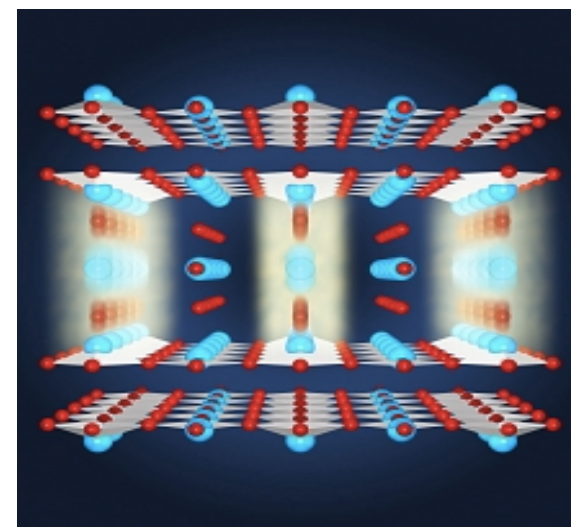
SEE THE ATOMS AND ELECTRONS MOVE



Chemical reactions
in solution



Photosystem II



Light-induced
superconductivity

NOBEL PRIZE CHEMISTRY 1967

for their studies of extremely fast chemical reactions, effected by disturbing the equilibrium by means of very short pulses of energy

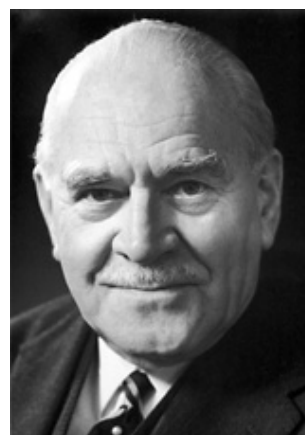
“ Immeasurably fast reactions”



Manfred Eigen

Pressure
Electric field
Temperature

“Flash photolysis”



Ronald George
Wreyford Norrish



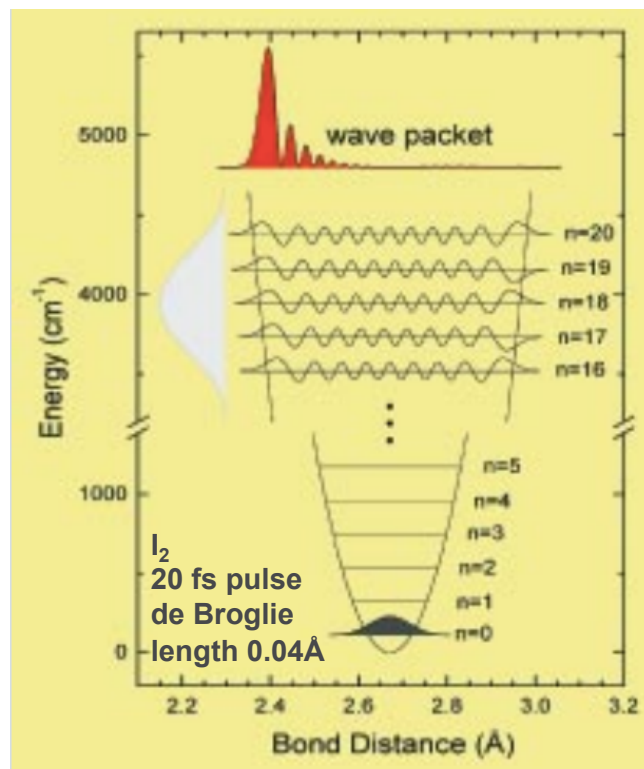
George Porter

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for his studies of the transition states of chemical reactions using femtoscond spectroscopy



Ahmed Zewail



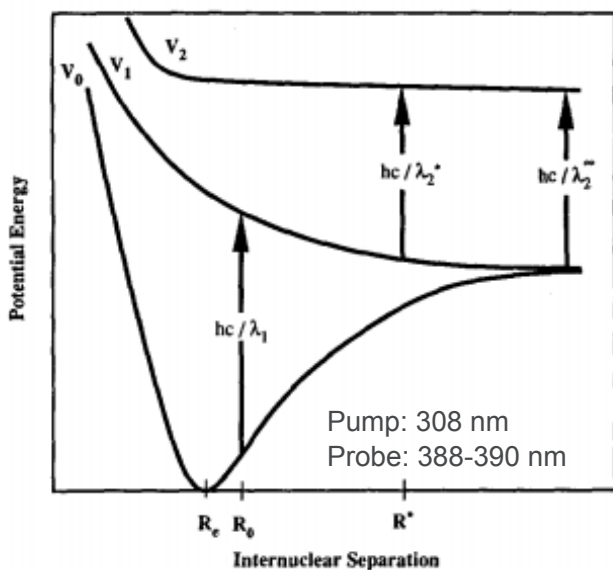
Kinetics to Dynamics

- Coherent excitation
- Localized wavepacket formation
- ~“single molecule trajectory”

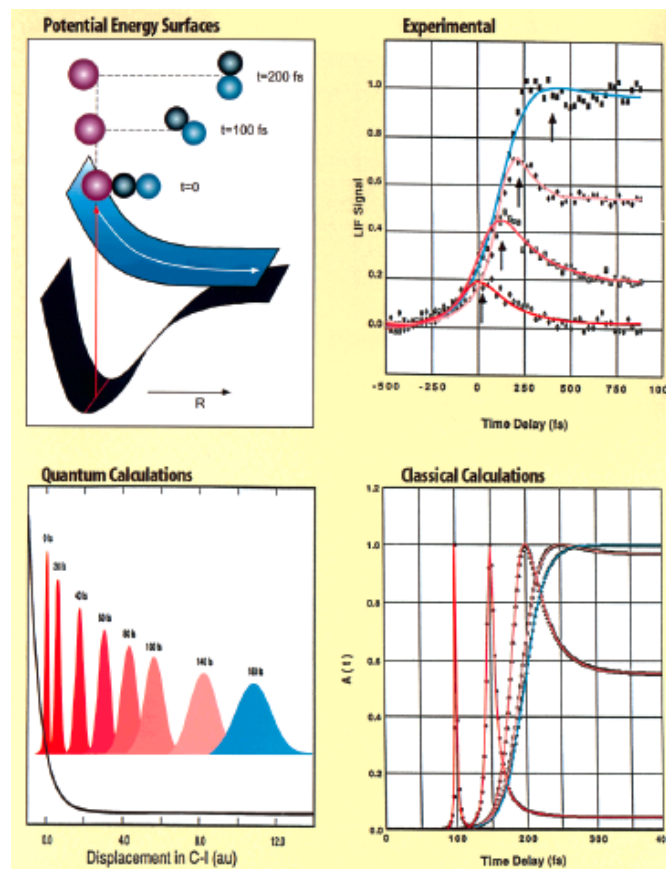
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Femtosecond real-time probing of reactions

Demonstrate wavepacket formation in molecular systems!



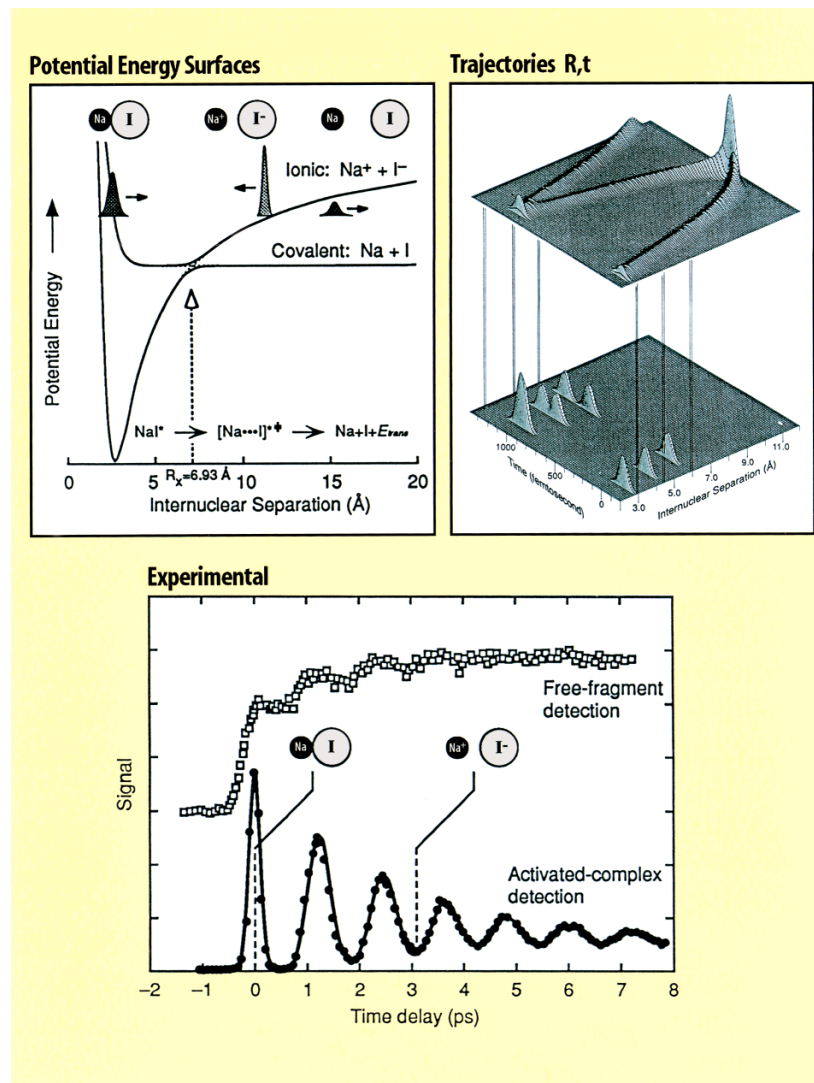
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Probing rxn dynamics on multiple surfaces

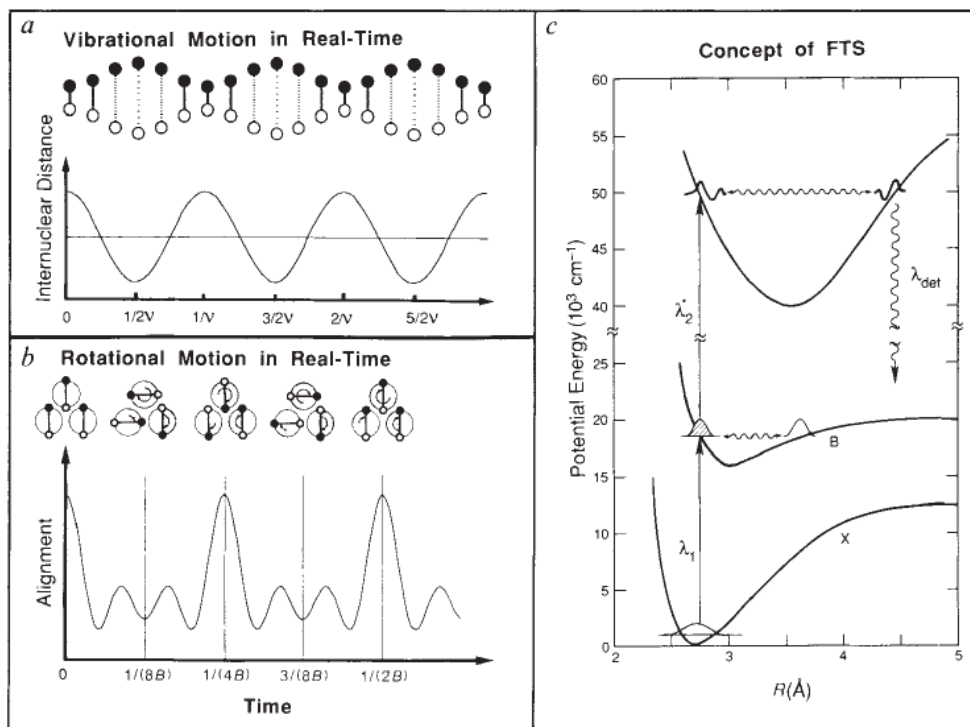


- Vary the probe wavelength to view dynamics of dissociation at different positions along the reaction coordinate (R).
- Detect resonance motion between ionic and covalent forms
- Timescales for reaction and wavepacket spreading (initial localization to $\sim 0.1 \text{ \AA}$)
- Establish concept of *single molecule trajectories*



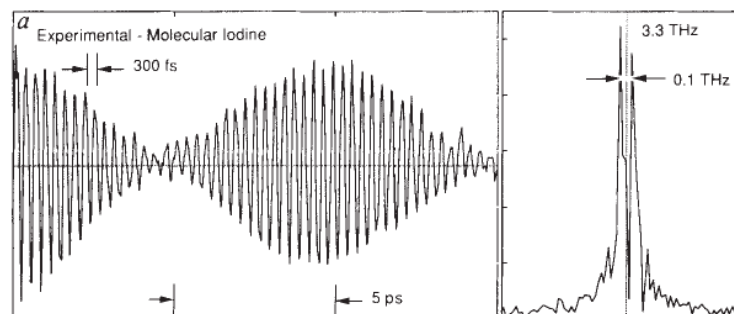
Pump-probe time-domain spectroscopy

Vibrational and rotational wavepacket recurrences yield molecular parameters through Fourier Transform of time domain data



Real time vibration of I₂

FT



- Wavepacket w/ two vibrational states
- Anharmonicity causes beating
- $\nu = 3.3$ THz, (13.5 meV)
- $\Delta\nu = 0.1$ THz, (0.41 meV)

Dantus et al Nature 343, 737 (2000)



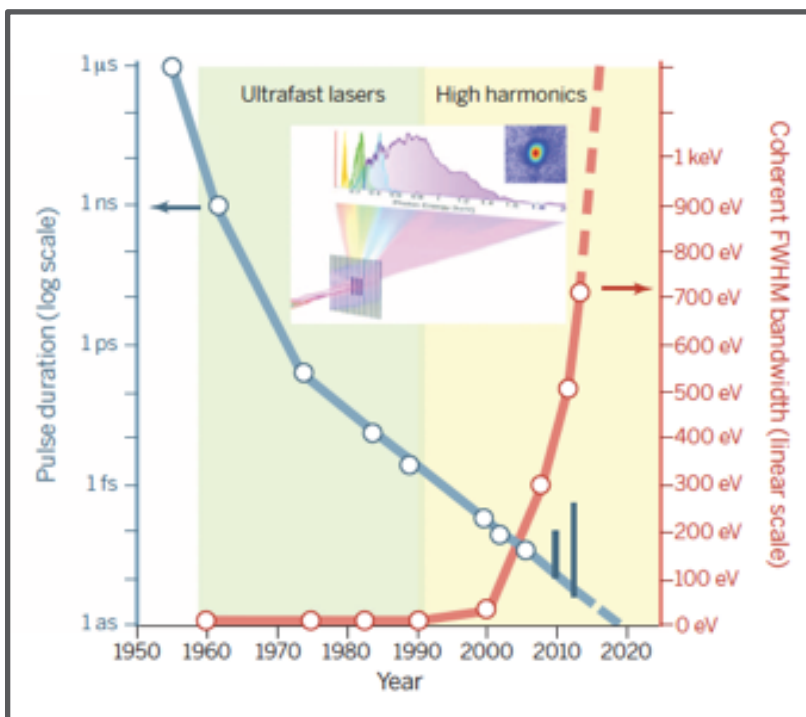
But

optical domain ultrafast pump/probe spectroscopies

do not provide direct structural information
do not reach the electronic timescale

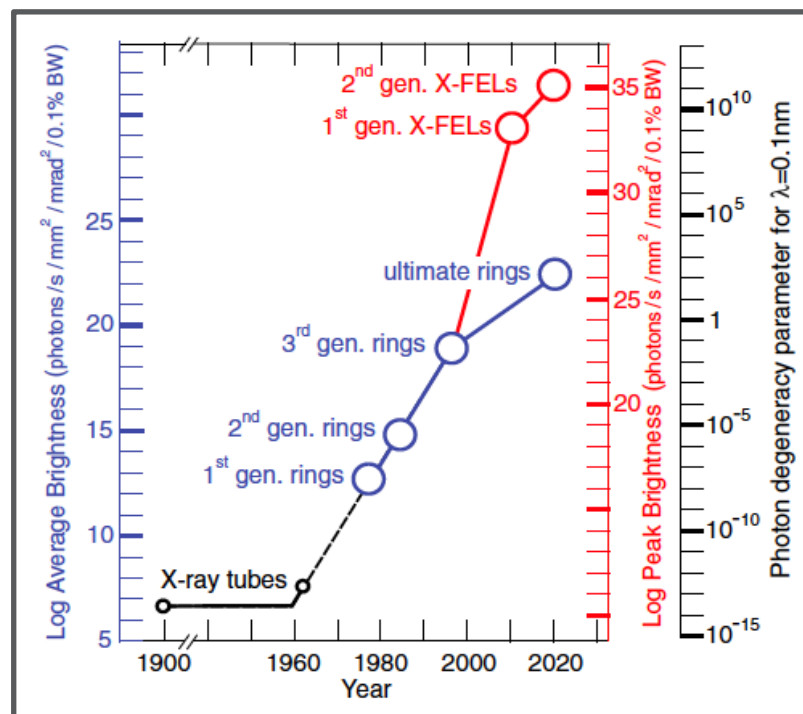
REVOLUTION IN ULTRASHORT X-RAY PULSES

High harmonic generation



10^5 x-rays/pulse/1% BW @ 1 keV
 ~1 fs
 Current world record ~ 50 as

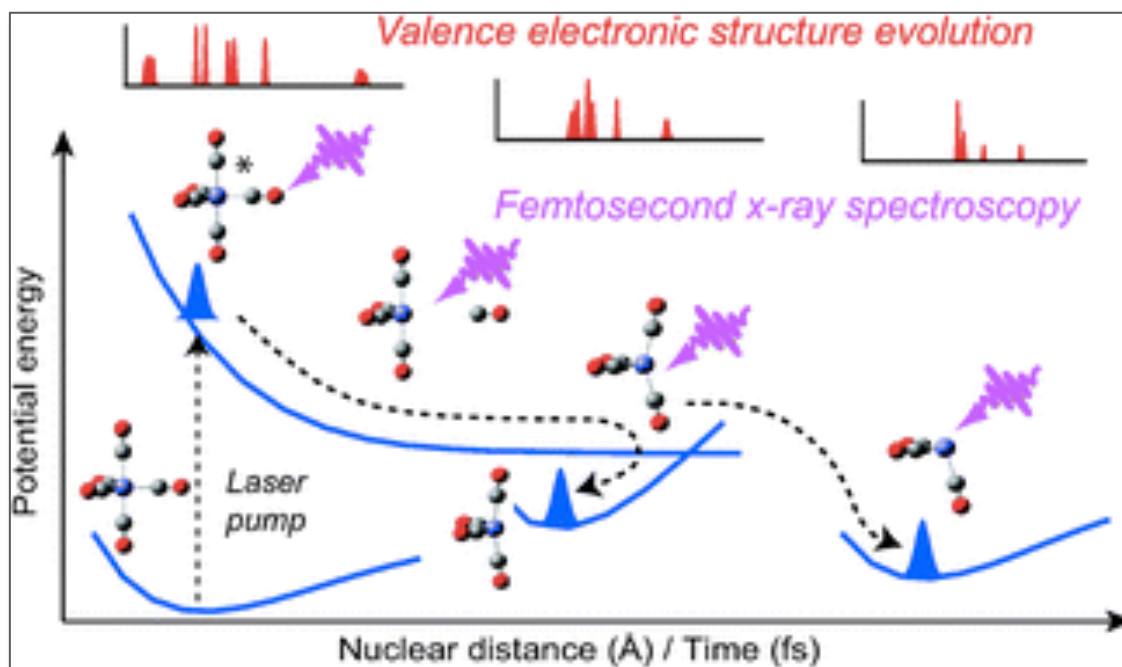
Accelerator-based sources



10^{13} x-rays/pulse/1% BW @ 1 keV
 ~100 fs
 Current record ~ 200 as

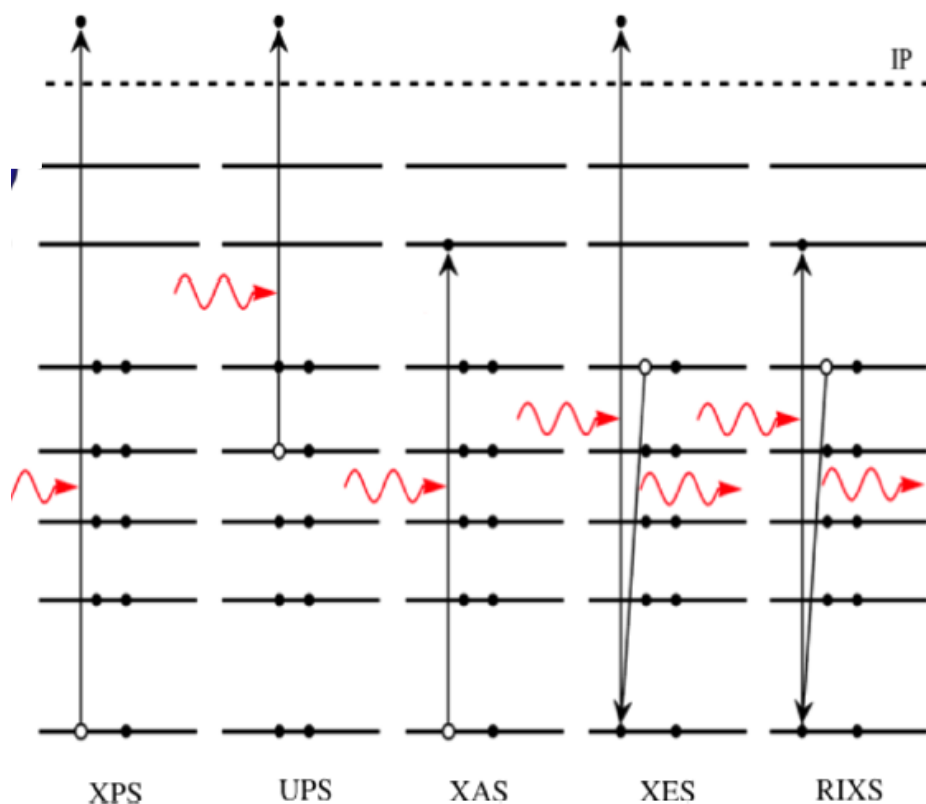
THE PUMP-PROBE CONCEPT – USING X-RAYS

Mapping valence electron rearrangements during chemical rxns



X-RAY SPECTROSCOPIC PROBES

All can be used in the time domain to track dynamics



- Photoelectron spectroscopy
 - binding energies (UPS, XPS)
 - prompt response
- Absorption spectroscopy
 - unoccupied orbitals (XANES)
 - local structure (EXAFS)
- Emission spectroscopy (XES)
 - occupied orbitals
 - spin-state sensitivity
- RIXS
 - spectroscopy w/o core-hole broadening

FUNDAMENTAL TIMESCALES

Orbital time 1s electron in hydrogen atom: 150 as

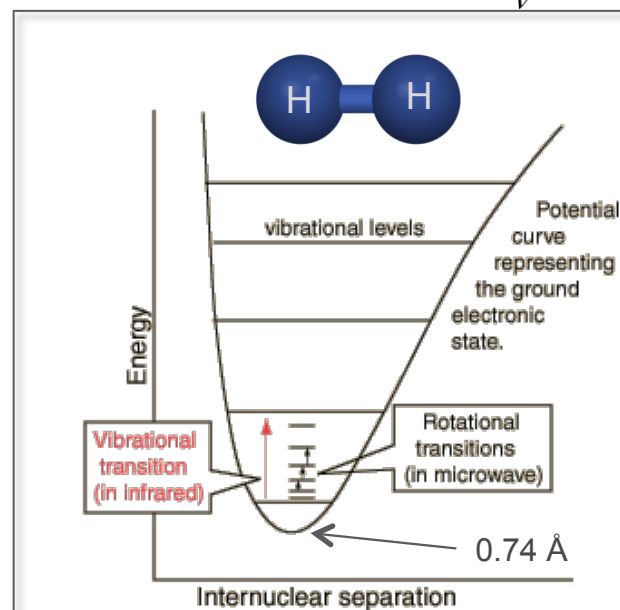
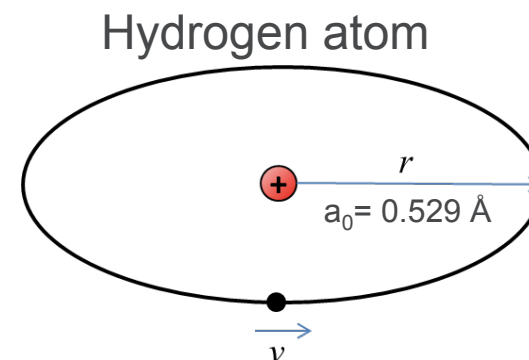
$$T_{\text{orb}} = 2\pi a_0 / (\alpha c) [n^3 / Z^2]$$

Vibrational period in H_2 : $4160 \text{ cm}^{-1} \sim 8 \text{ fs}$

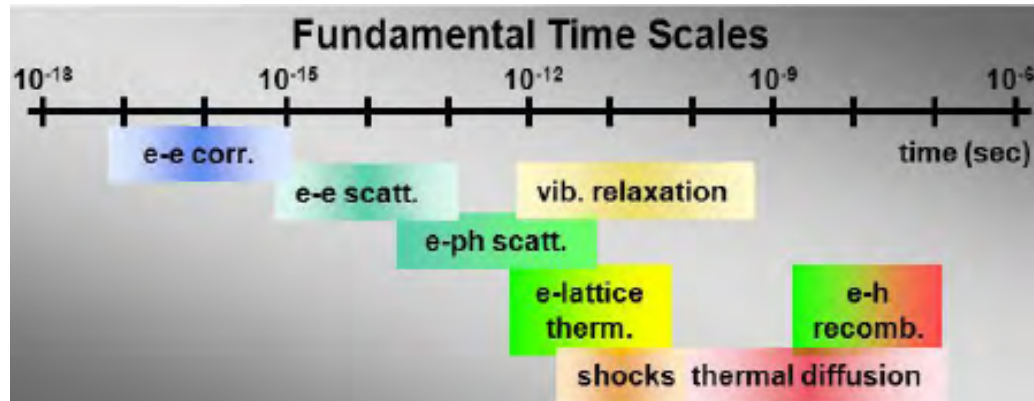
$$T_{\text{vib}} = 2\pi(\mu/k)^{1/2}$$

Rotational period in H_2 : $60 \text{ cm}^{-1} \sim 0.55 \text{ ps}$

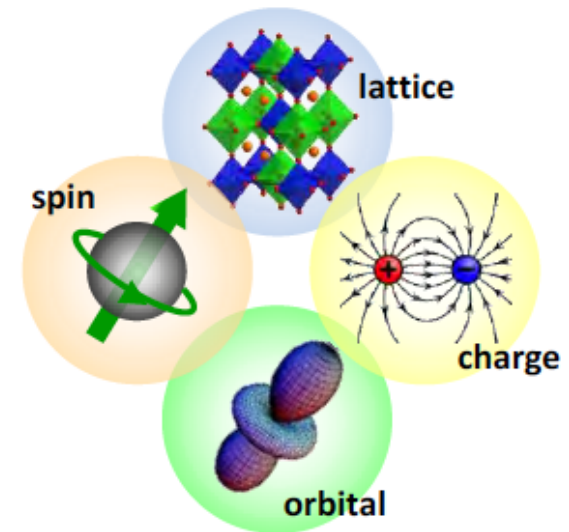
$$T_{\text{rot}} = 2B_e = h / (2\pi)^2 \mu R_e^2$$



Fundamental timescales in condensed matter

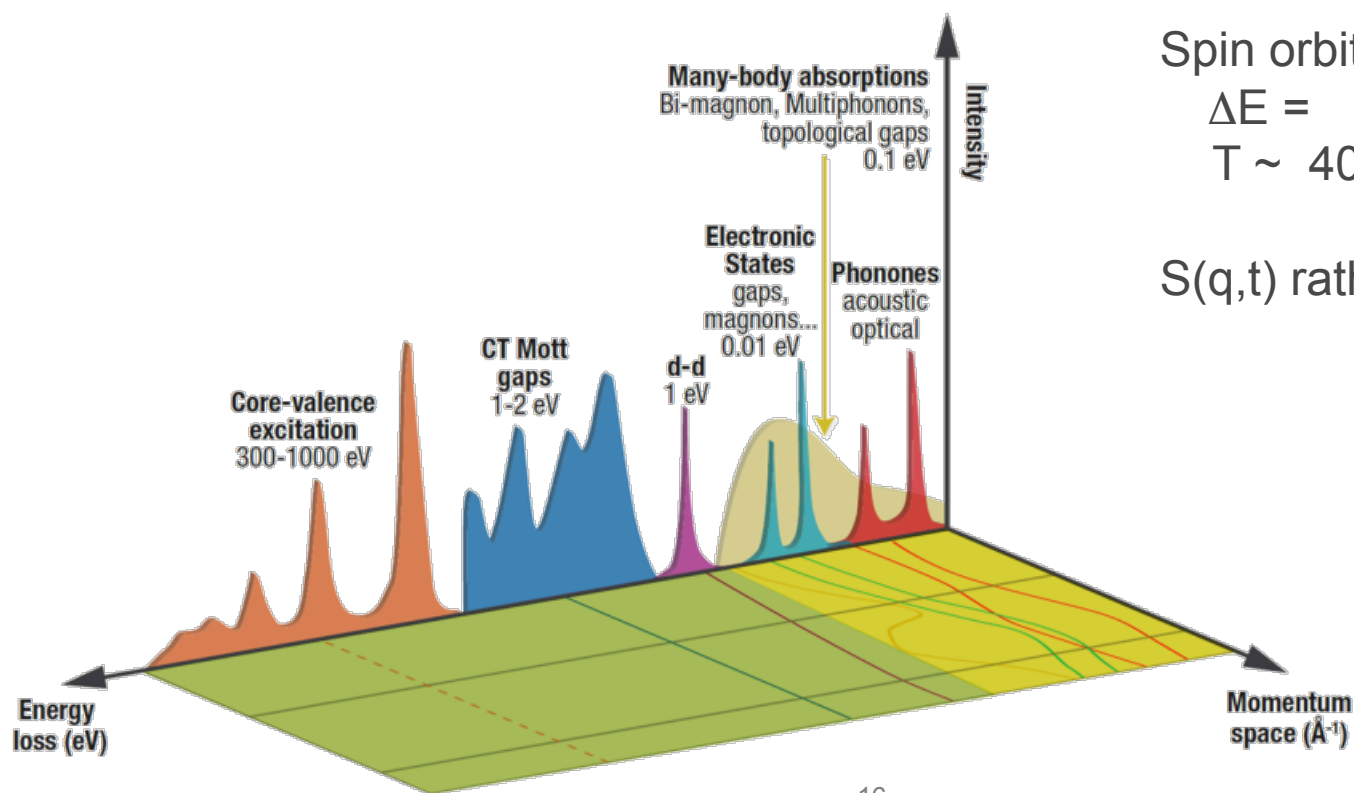


Coupled degrees of freedom



- Can we understand emergent phenomena (high T_c superconductivity, colossal magnetoresistance...) in systems with strongly interacting degrees of freedom?
- Can we control material properties in correlated systems
 - light, fields, pressure, composition...

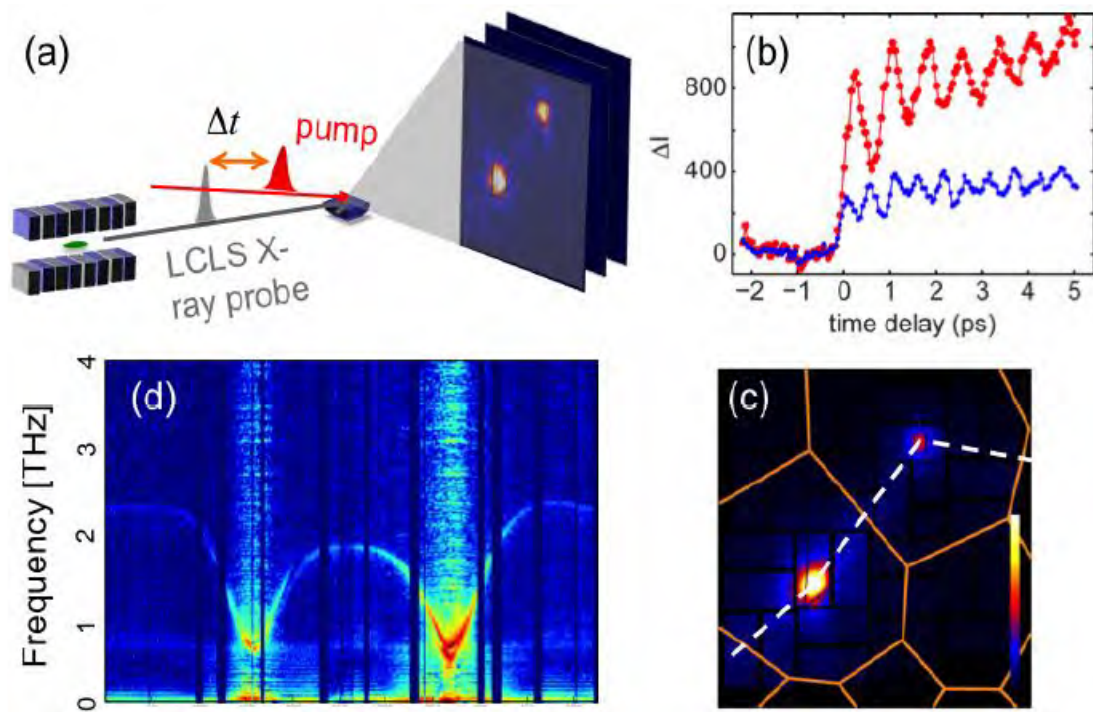
Time domain x-ray spectroscopies provide access to low energy collective excitations



Spin orbit, phonon, magnons...
 $\Delta E = 1-100 \text{ meV}$
 $T \sim 4000 - 40 \text{ fs}$

$S(q,t)$ rather than $S(q,\omega)$

Time-domain phonon spectroscopy



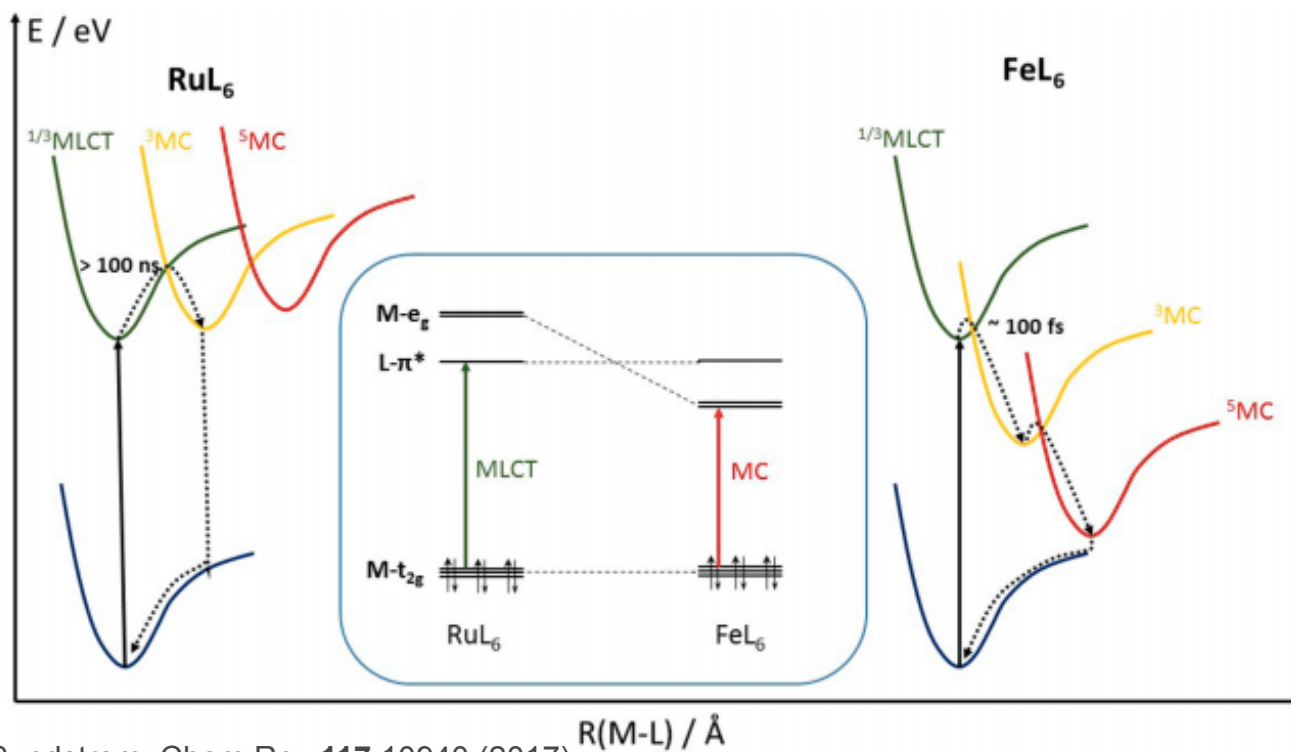
X-ray diffuse scattering

- $\Delta I(t)$ for different momentum xfers (pixels) oscillates with phonon frequency
- Phonon dispersion obtained from Fourier transform of $\Delta I(t)$
- Access to very low energy modes w/ fs pulses

Transform-limited Gaussian pulse
 $\Delta E \Delta T \sim 1.8 \text{ eV fs}$ (FWHM)

Chemical systems exhibit complicated photoexcited state potential energy landscapes

4d, 5d vs 3d transition metals complexes of interest for solar energy



Ponseca ... Sundstrom, Chem Rev 117,10940 (2017)

OUTLINE – FOUR EXAMPLES

- Watching chemical reactions in solution
 - Laser-pump / x-ray probe spectroscopies (TR-RIXS)
- Elucidating the oxygen evolution mechanism in Photosystem II
 - Laser-pump / x-ray probe diffraction and spectroscopy
- Emergent superconductivity
 - Laser-pump / x-ray probe diffraction plus laser-pump / UV probe-photoemission
- Inner-shell electronic dynamics
 - X-ray pump / x-ray probe recoil ion spectroscopy

Example 1: watching chemical reactions in solution

LETTER

doi:10.1038/nature14296

Orbital-specific mapping of the ligand exchange dynamics of $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ in solution

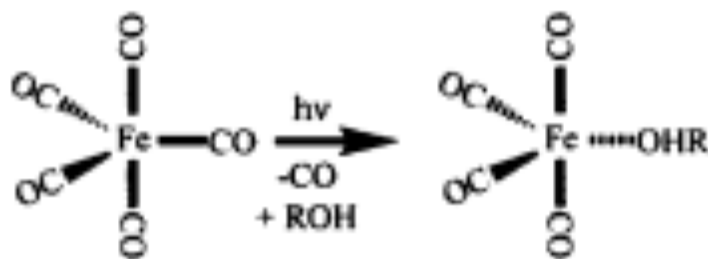
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A classic light-induced chemical reaction in soln

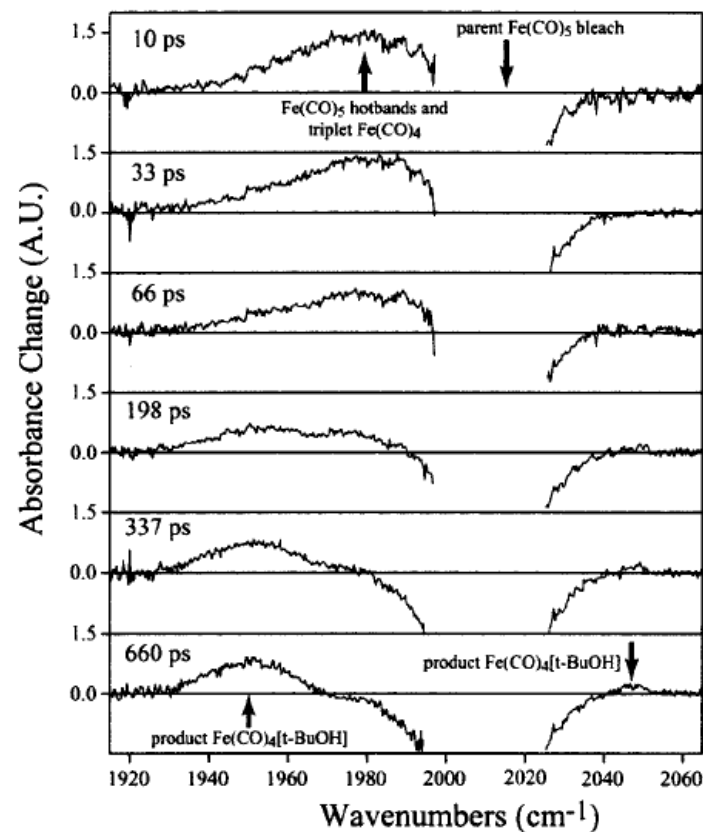
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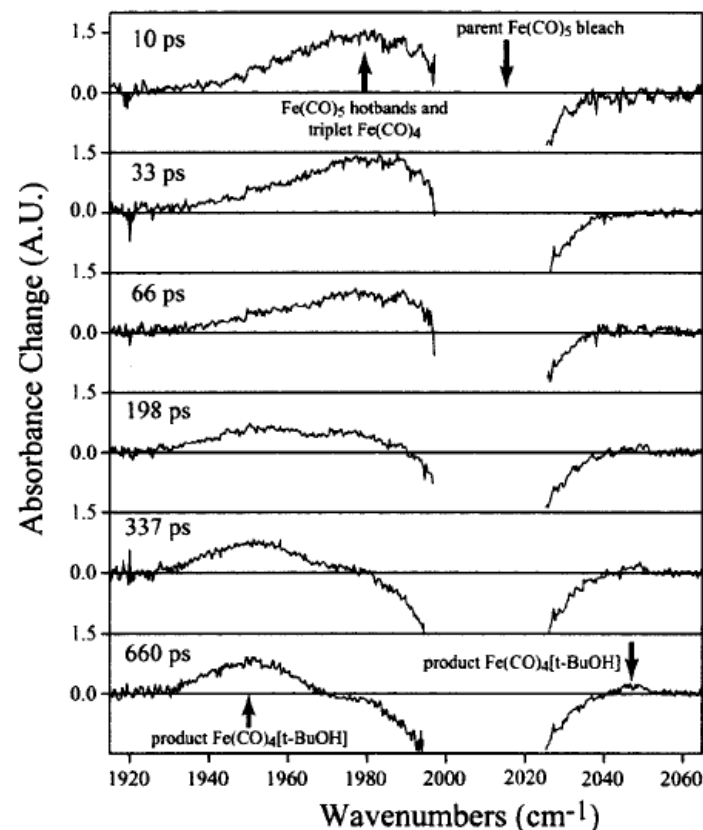
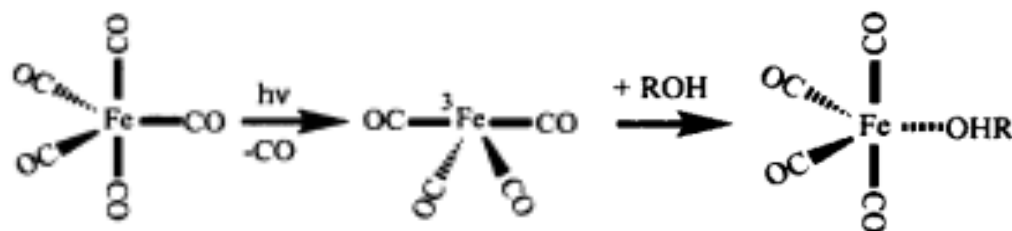


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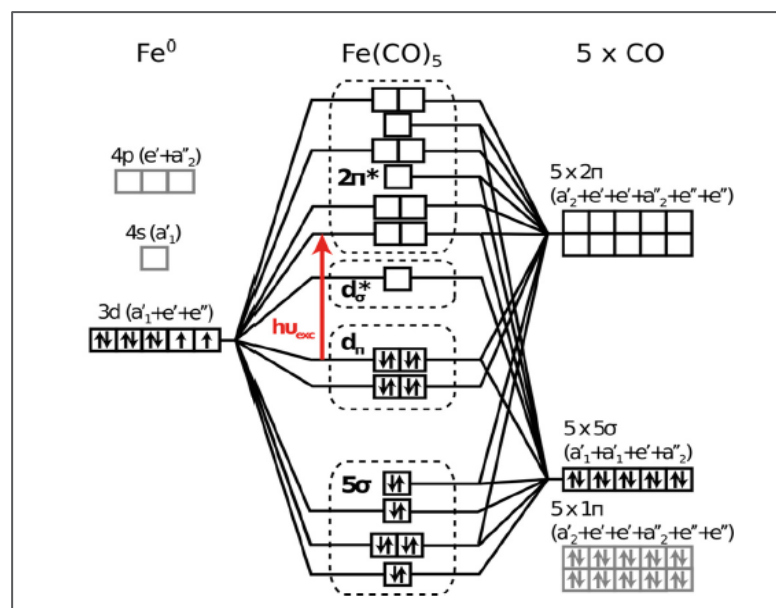
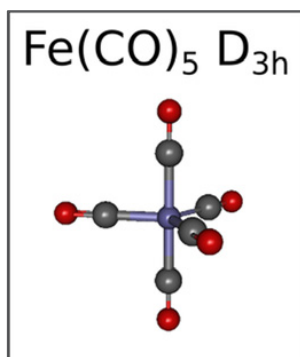


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Revisit with x-rays focused on metal-ctr orbitals

Photoexcitation @ 266 nm: $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5 \rightarrow \text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4 + \text{CO}$

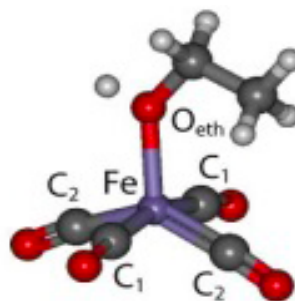
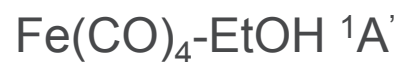
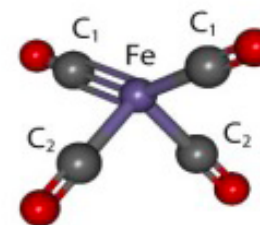
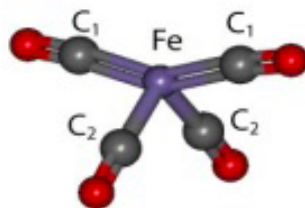
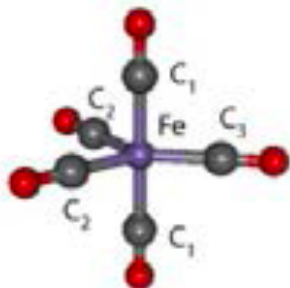
Valence molecular orbital diagram of $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$



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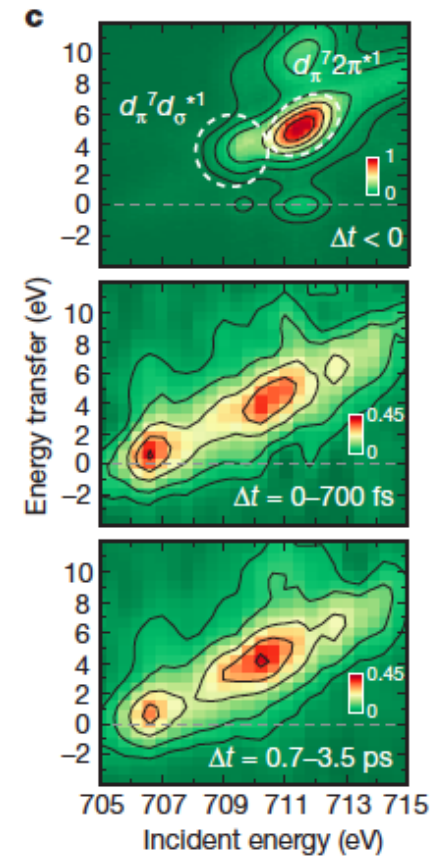
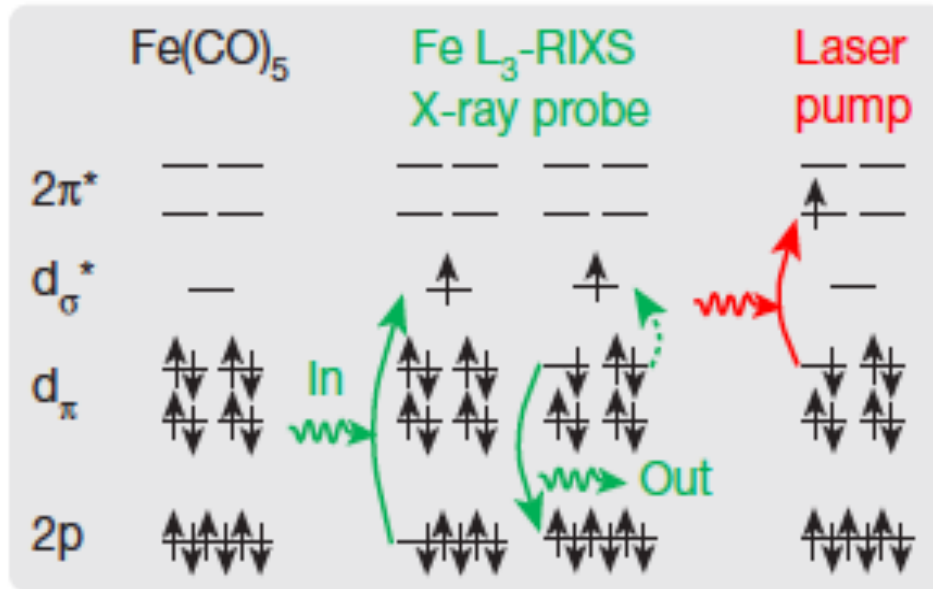
FeCO₅ photochemistry in solution - ethanol

The primary species involved

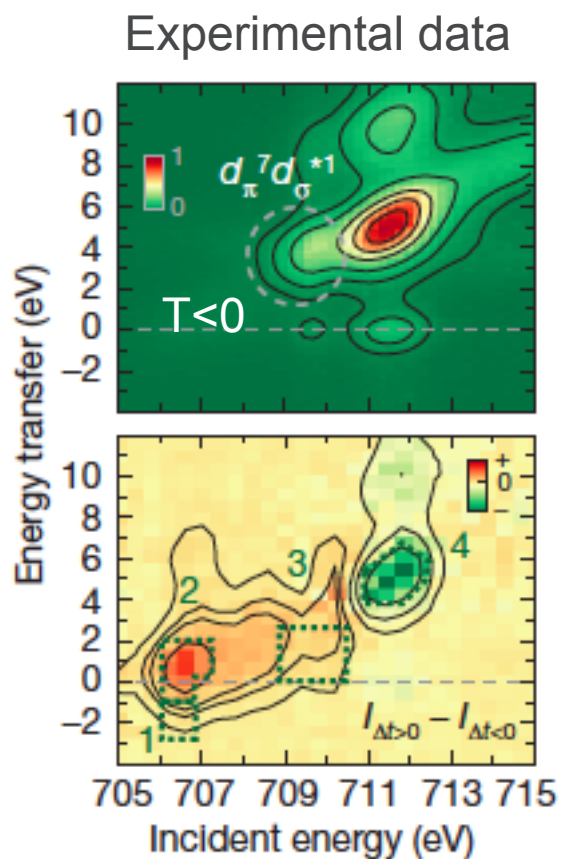


RIXS probes orbital evolution during Fe(CO)₅ ligand exchange

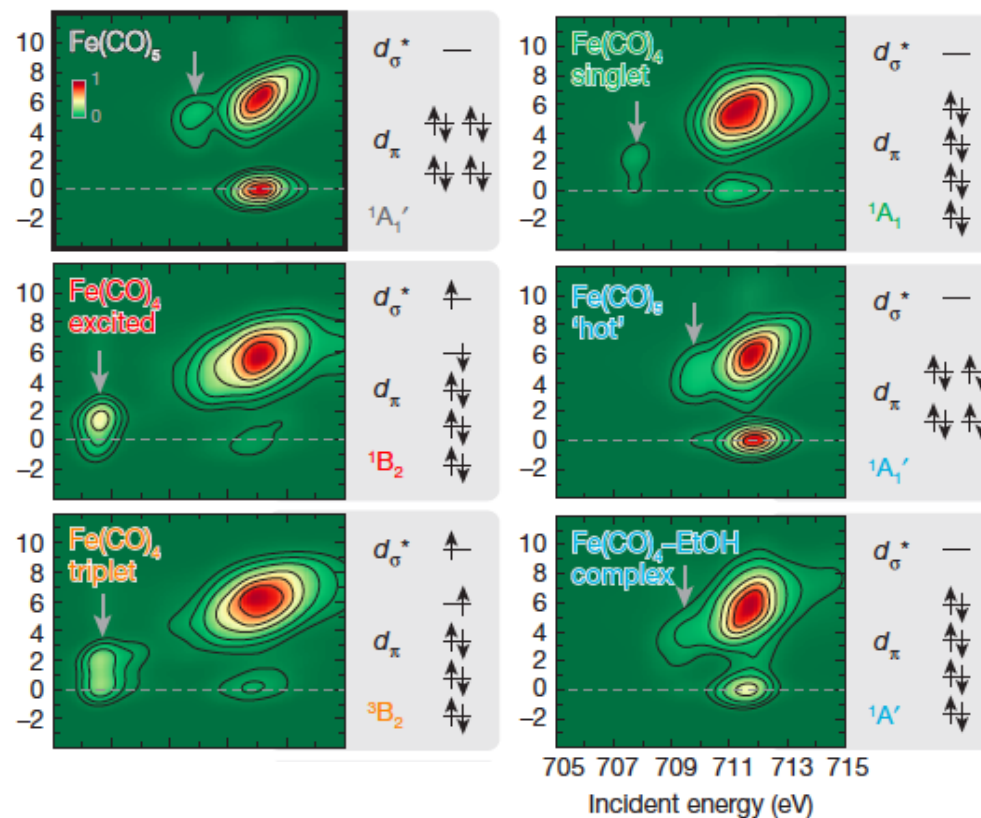
Excite 2p → LUMO and via IXS monitor the d_π → dσ* Fe-centered frontier orbitals on fs timescale



More quantitative analysis of TR-RIXS data

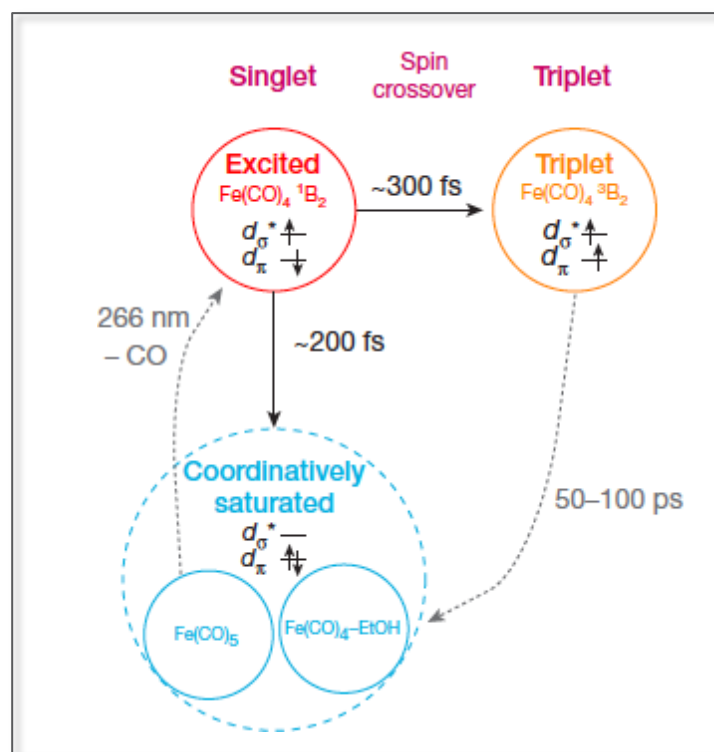
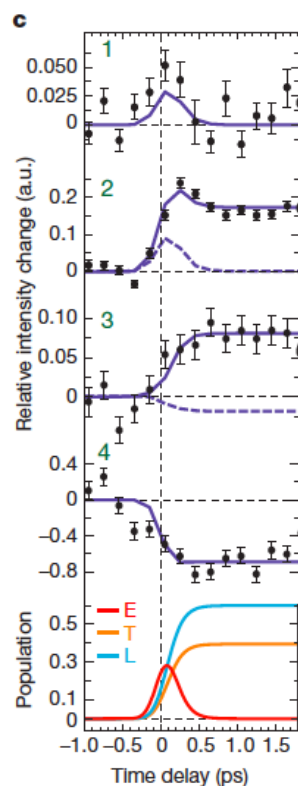


Ab initio Fe L_3 RIXS for relevant species



Deduced kinetic model for ligand exchange

Three component model: Excited Singlet, Triplet and Ligated $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4$



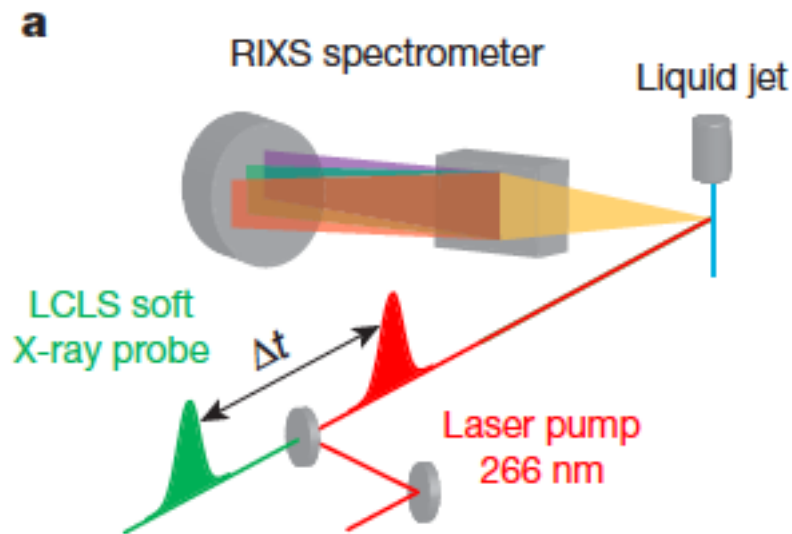
Summary

- Primary rxn steps involve singlet in soln as in gas phase
- Sub-ps ISC to triplet
- Triplet persistent to 3 ps –
- Competing channels of spin-crossover and ligation

TR-RIXS provides capability to correlate orbital symmetry with spin multiplicity and reactivity

Expt'l details: RIXS orbital specific mapping of ligand exchange

$\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ in ethanol solution, 1 M, 20 μm jet



Laser pump:
4.66 eV (266 nm)
5 μJ , 100 fs, 100x400 μm^2

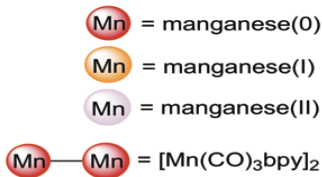
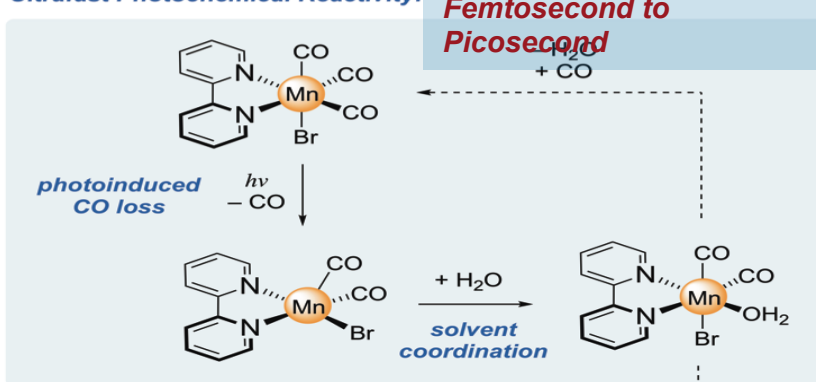
X-ray probe:
703-715 eV, $dE = 0.5$ eV
 1.6×10^{10} photons/pulse
20 x 300 μm^2

RIXS resolution
0.7 eV incident
1.2 eV energy transfer

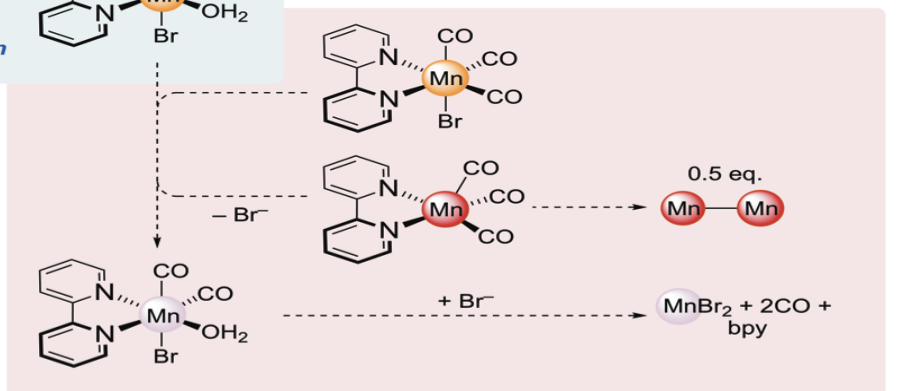
Mn-based catalysts for CO₂ reduction

Understanding photodegradation mechanisms in order to make inexpensive and earth-abundant catalysts – x-ray spectroscopy probes mechanism over wide timescales

Ultrafast Photochemical Reactivity:



- Reduction of CO₂ to CO provides a promising source of renewable fuels and chemical feedstock
- Rhenium tricarbonyl complexes are efficient and stable catalysts, but too toxic and expensive for large-scale applications
- Manganese analogues are promising alternatives but suffer photodegradation that must be overcome



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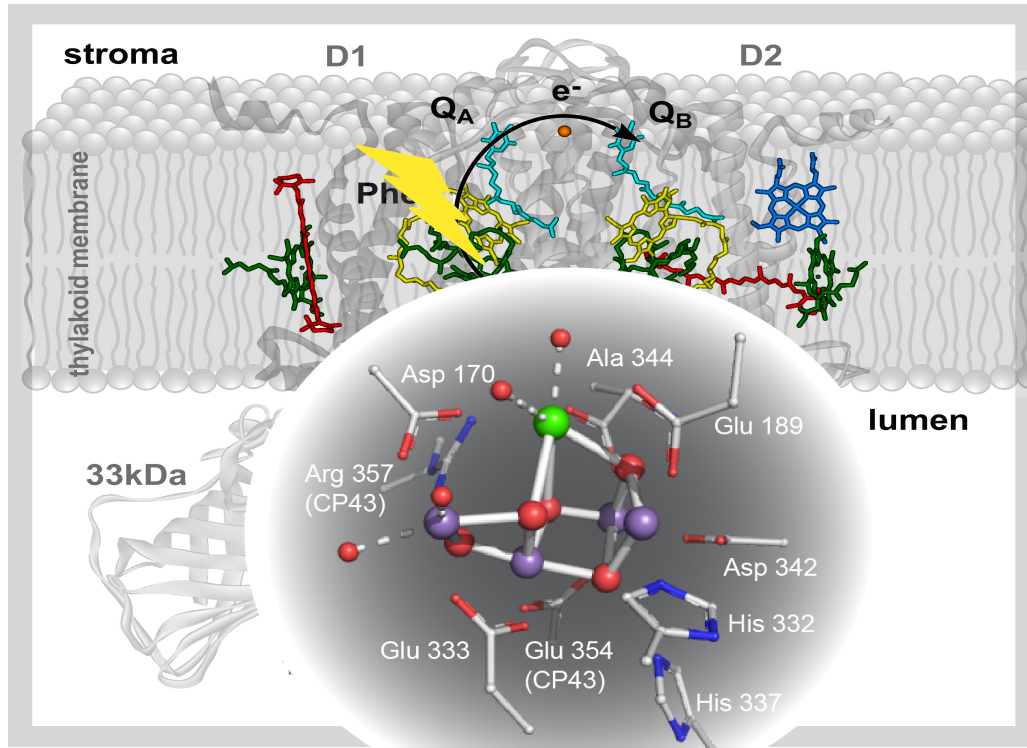
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Photosystem II – structure and mechanism

Slides courtesy Junko Yano

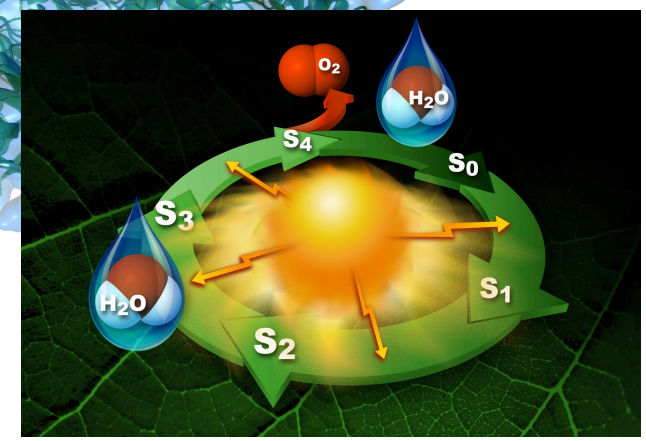
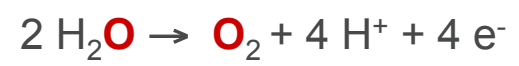
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Water oxidation reaction in photosystem II



- Where and how the O-O bond formation occurs?
- How substrate water comes in?
- How the protein environment modulates the catalytic reaction?

4 photons



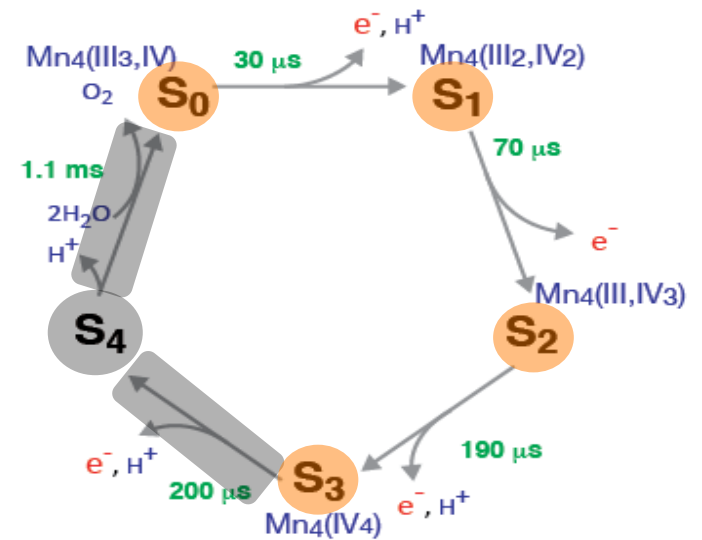
Understanding the mechanism of the water oxidation reaction in Photosystem II

Status prior to XFEL experiments:

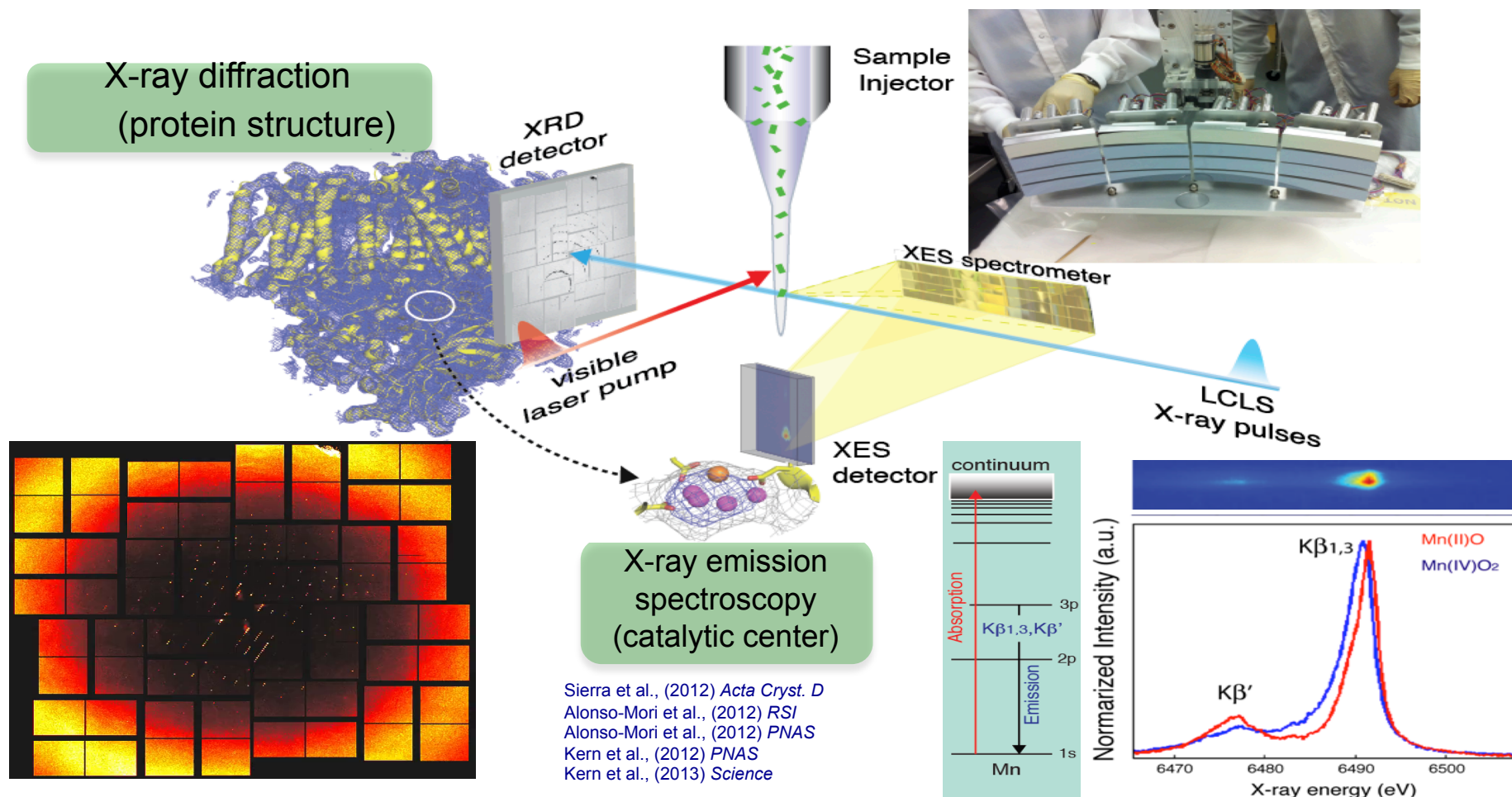
- High-resolution crystal structure of **the dark (S_1) state**.
- Information from **various advanced spectroscopies** (EPR, IR, Optical, and X-ray) of the stable S (S_1 , S_2 , S_3 , and S_0)-states at cryo. temp. that predict possible structure and electronic structure of those states.
- Proposed water oxidation mechanisms from theoretical studies.

Gaps:

- Requires high-resolution **room temperature structure** of **each S-state** as well as **time-points** during the transitions.
- Capability (methods) for interpreting structural information together with spectroscopic data.
- **Charge/spin localization/delocalization** between metals and ligands during the catalytic cycle.
- **Theoretical capabilities** to simulate detailed electronic structures, in particular, for multinuclear complexes, and at *room temperature*.

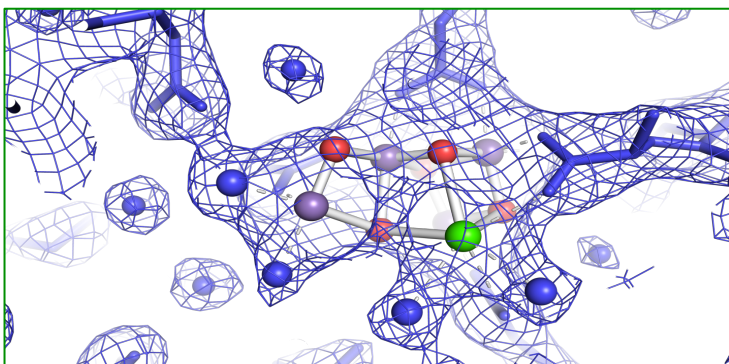


Simultaneous x-ray crystallography and spectroscopy at RT



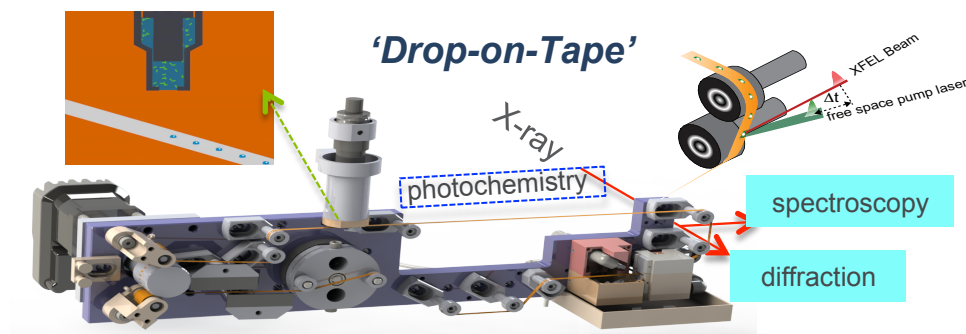
High resolution structure of OEC in light activated state!

Enabled by improved sample delivery and data collection efficiency



Structure of the oxygen evolving Mn_4Ca complex in photosystem II in the S1 and S3 state at RT to 2.25 Å.

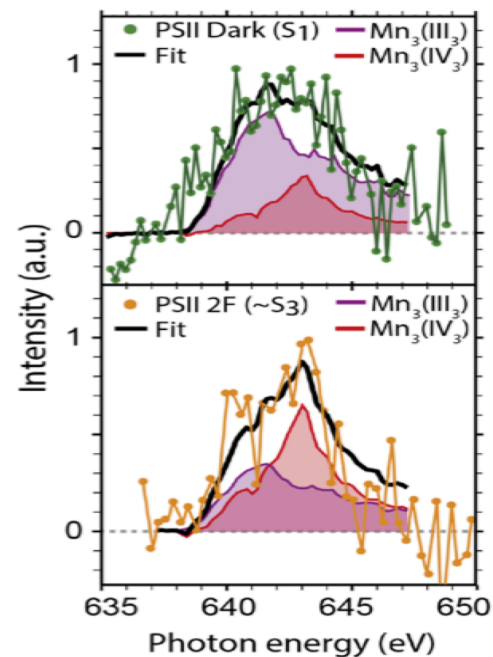
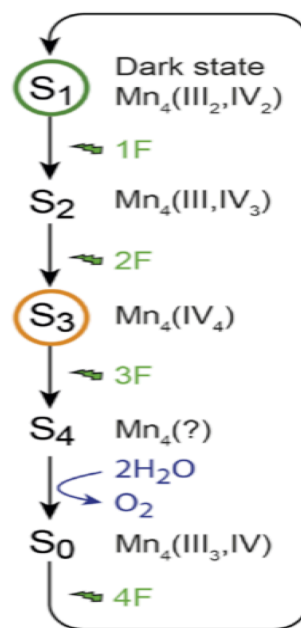
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Future Outlook

- High-resolution data collection of the **transient states** to understand the **sequence of events** and the role of **protein dynamics** that enable the multielectron catalysis.
- Application of metal L-edge XAS and RIXS to understand the evolution of the Mn electronic structure at room temperature.
- High rep. rate of LCLS-II realizes some of the photon-hungry spectroscopy of dilute protein samples.

Courtesy J. Yano

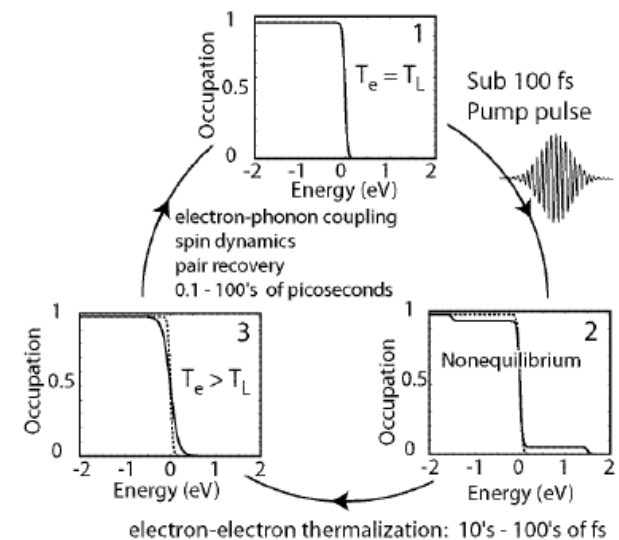
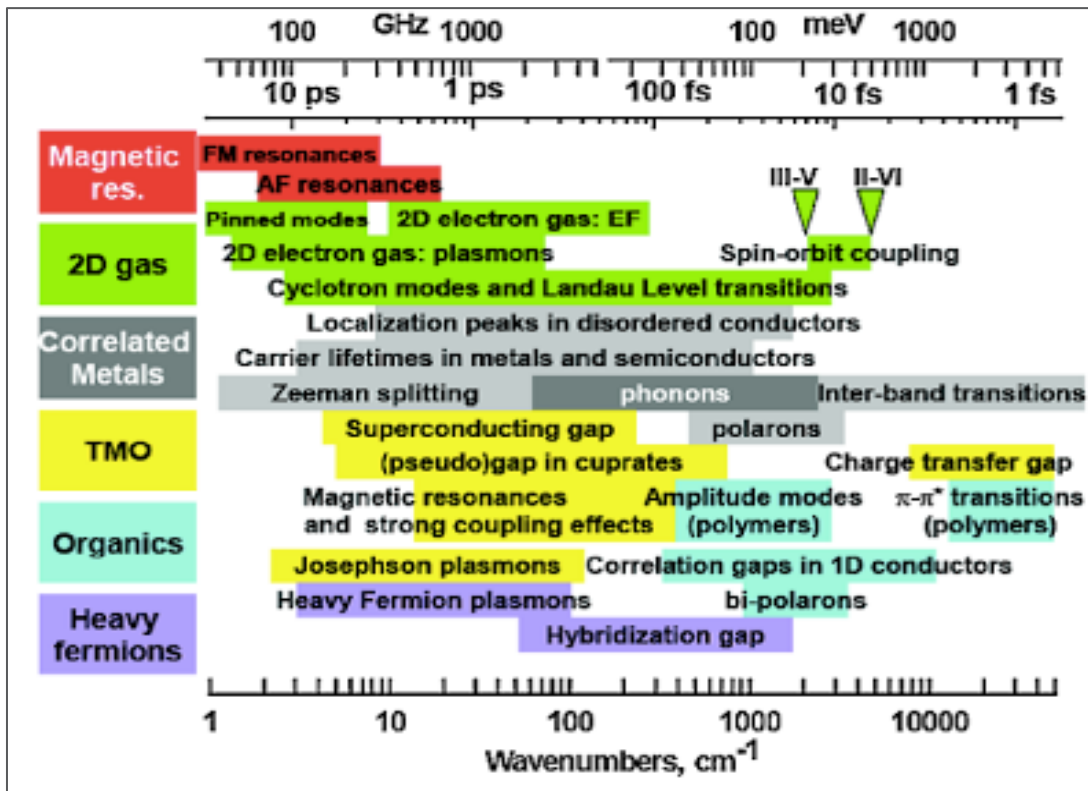


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Condensed matter and materials

Excitations in strongly correlated materials

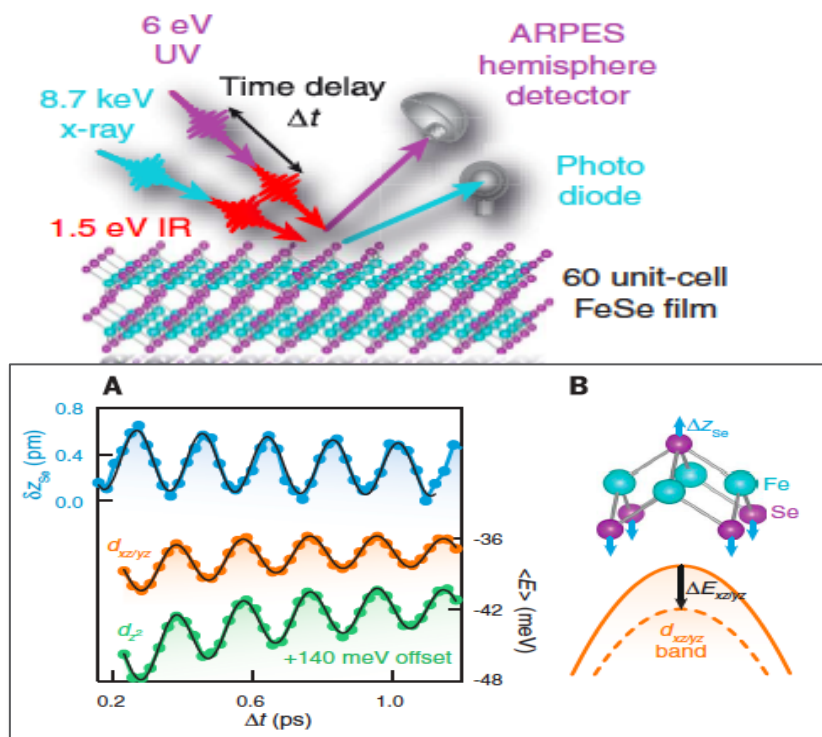


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Combining TR-XRD + TR-ARPES yields orbitally-resolved electron-phonon coupling

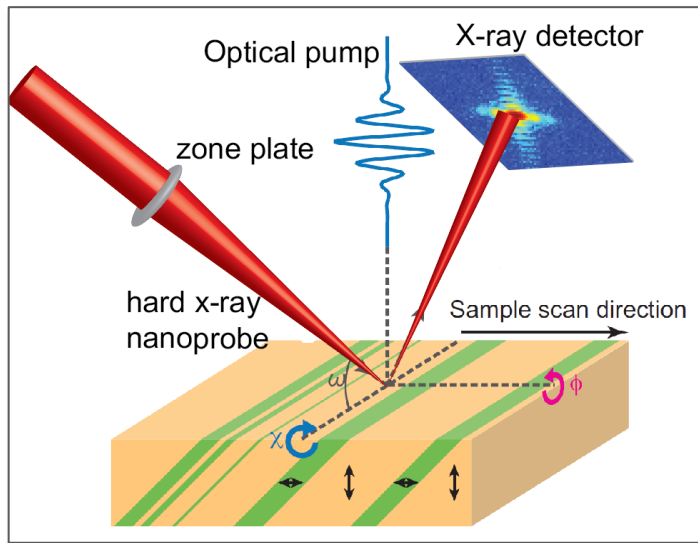
Provides quantitative guidance for many-body theory

- Single mode response of A_{1g} optical phonon allows “lock-in” of two separate time-resolved measurements
- Diffraction \rightarrow atomic displacement
ARPES \rightarrow band structure $d_{xz/yz}$ and d_{z^2}
- Determination of potential seen by Fe electrons due to Se anion movement
- Measured value is an order of magnitude larger than DFT result \rightarrow theory guidance



Light activated domain dynamics in ferroelectrics

APS: Nanofocused x-ray beam circumvents spatial averaging to reveal emergent phenomena on the mesoscale

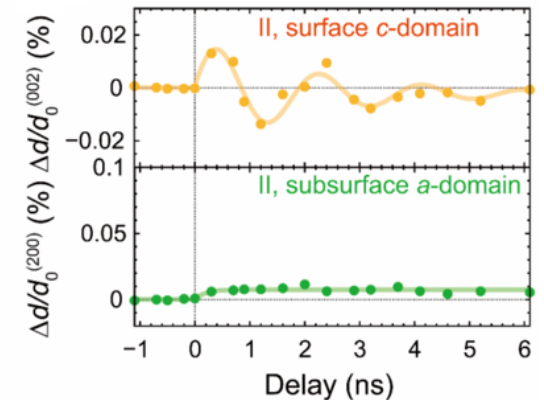
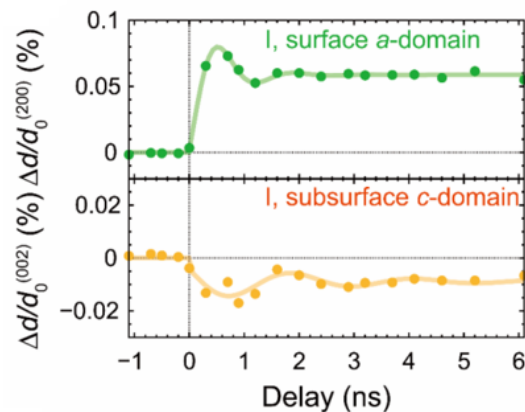


7ID-C@APS

X-ray beam size: 400 nm

X-ray pulse duration: 100 ps

- Domain-dependent gigahertz acoustic wave
- Photoinduced large surface electric field
- Derived domain wall speed of 2.5 m /s



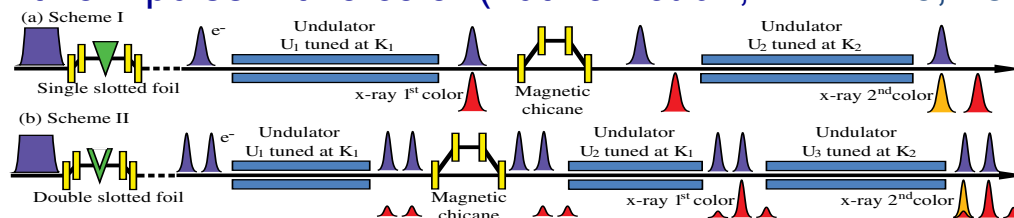


X-ray pump / x-ray probe studies

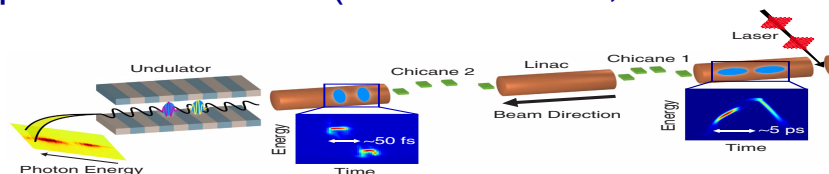
watching & controlling inner-shell electron motion
understanding radiation damage

X-ray pump/x-ray probe capabilities at LCLS

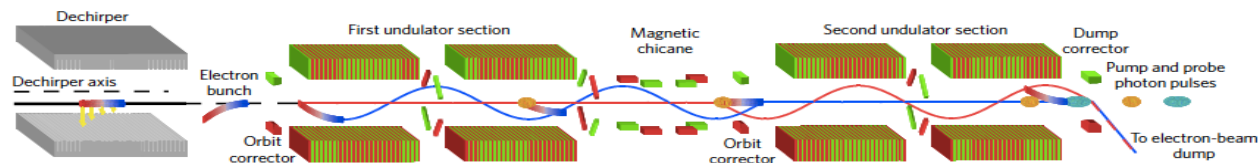
One e-bunch – two x-pulse – two color (Lutman *et al.*, PRL **110**, 134801 (2013))



Two e-bunch – two x-pulse – two color (Marinelli *et al.*, Nat. Comm. **6**, 6369 (2015))



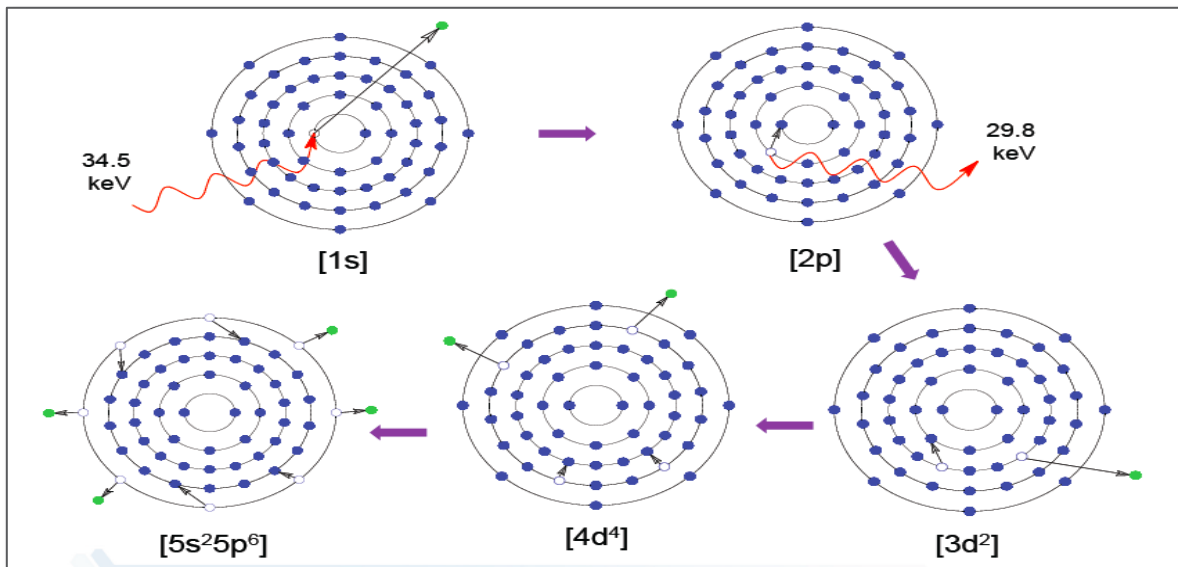
Fresh-slice multicolor (Lutman *et al.*, Nat. Photon. **10**, 745 (2016))



Motivation: inner-shell vacancies initiate radiation damage

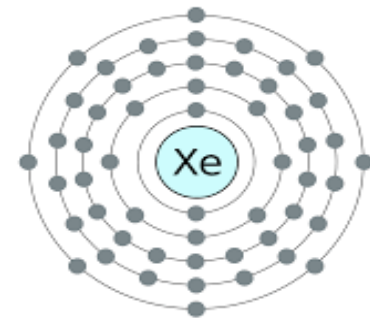
Radiation damage limits resolution in x-ray imaging applications

Localized damage can be used for therapies [Gohkberg..Cederbaum Nature (2015)]



54: Xenon

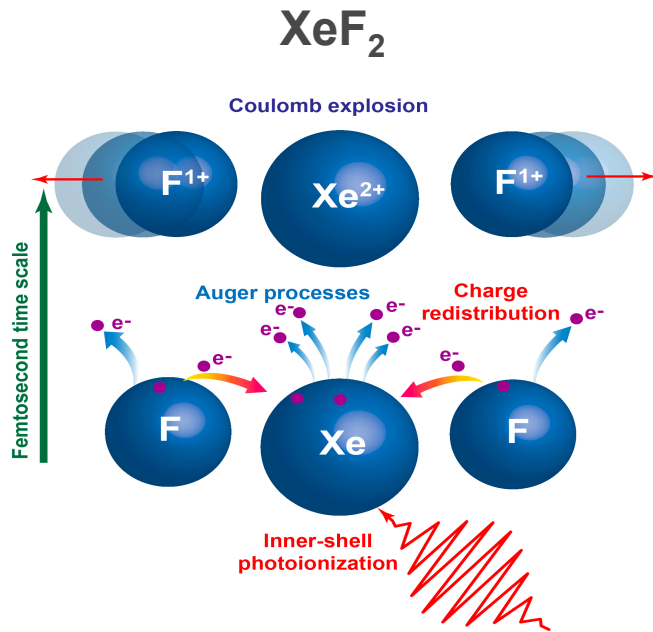
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Single K-shell vacancy in Xe can create Xe^{8+}

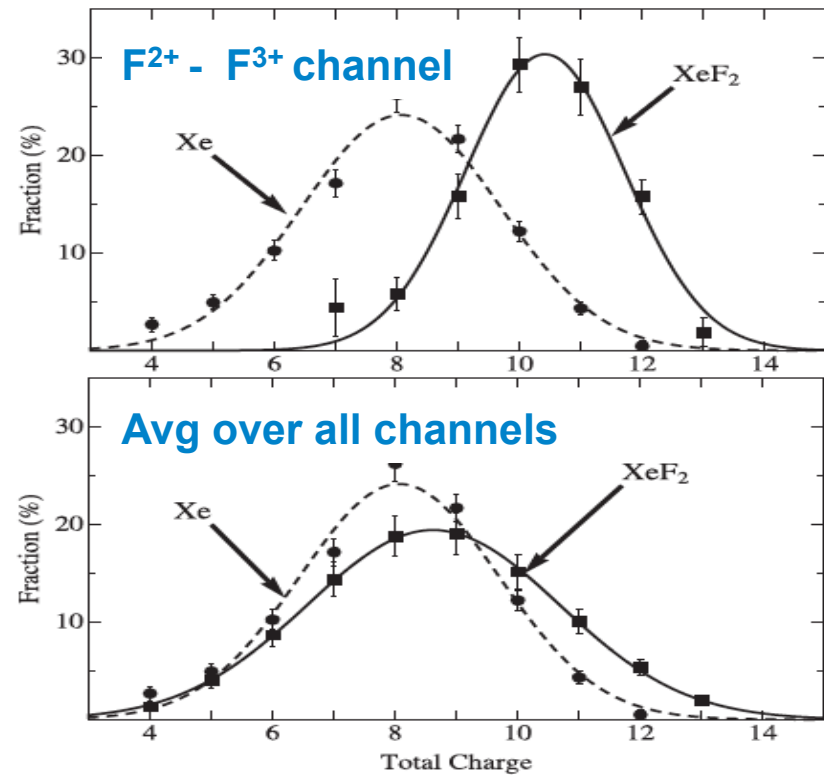
Cascade happens on tens of fs timescale

What happens in “complex” environment?



- Higher charge in molecule vs atom
- Evidence for “Interatomic Coulombic Decay”

R.W. Dunford et al., PRA 86, 033401 (2012)



TIME-RESOLVED X-RAY SPECTROSCOPY OF XeF₂

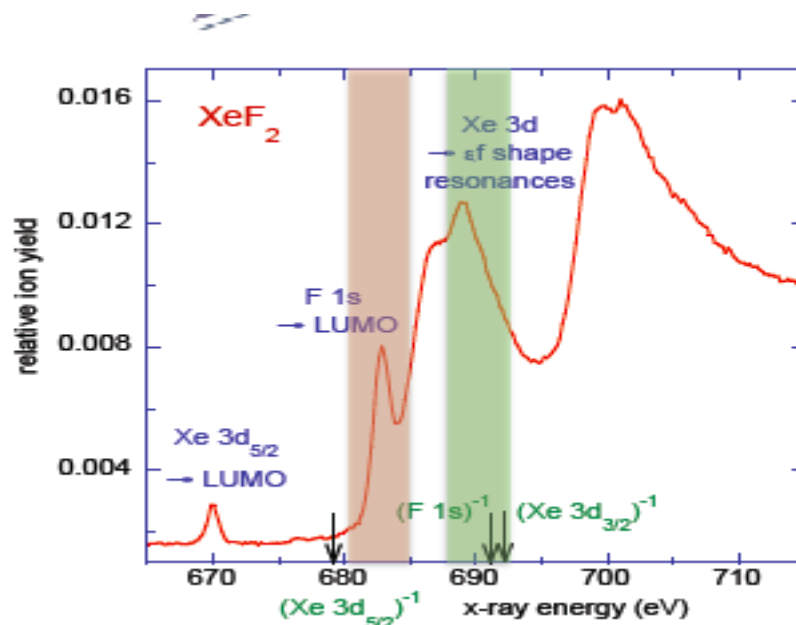
Early two-color SASE x-ray pump/probe: Lutman PRL (2013) scheme

Monitor competition

Auger decay
Charge redistribution
Coulomb Explosion

Pump: 690 eV
Xe 3d → εf shape resonance
Probe: 683 eV
F⁺, F²⁺ 1s → 2p
10-fs pulses
Δt = 4, 29, 54 fs

33 μJ combined pulse energy
20% optics efficiency
5 μm² focal spot
1.3 × 10¹⁶ W/cm² peak intensity

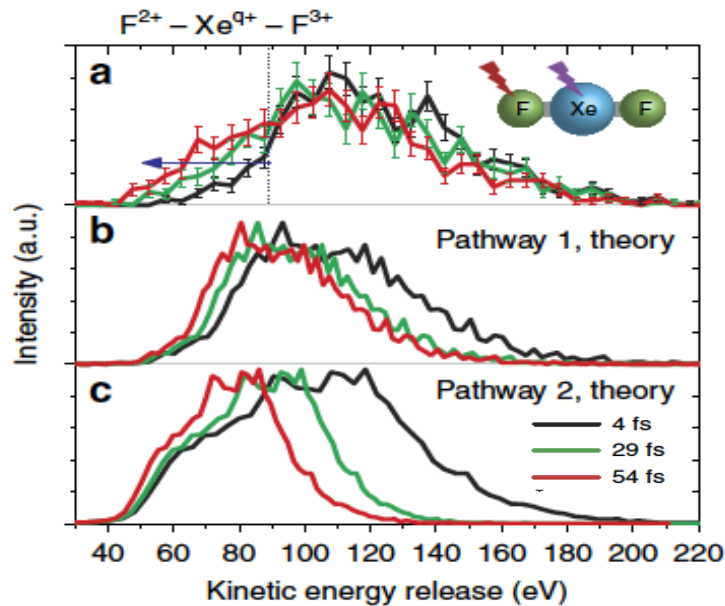


Southworth *et al.*, JCP **142**, 224302 (2015)

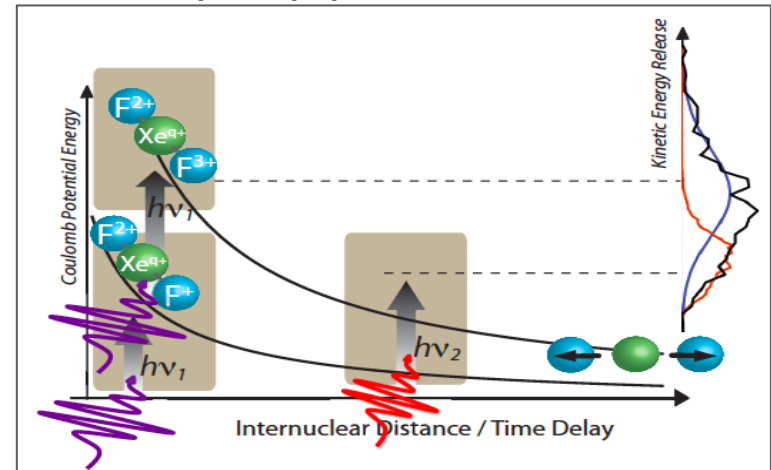
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THE $F^{2+} Xe^{q+} F^{3+}$ BREAKUP CHANNEL

Time-dependent dynamics manifest in recoil ion energies



Static + pump/probe KER observed

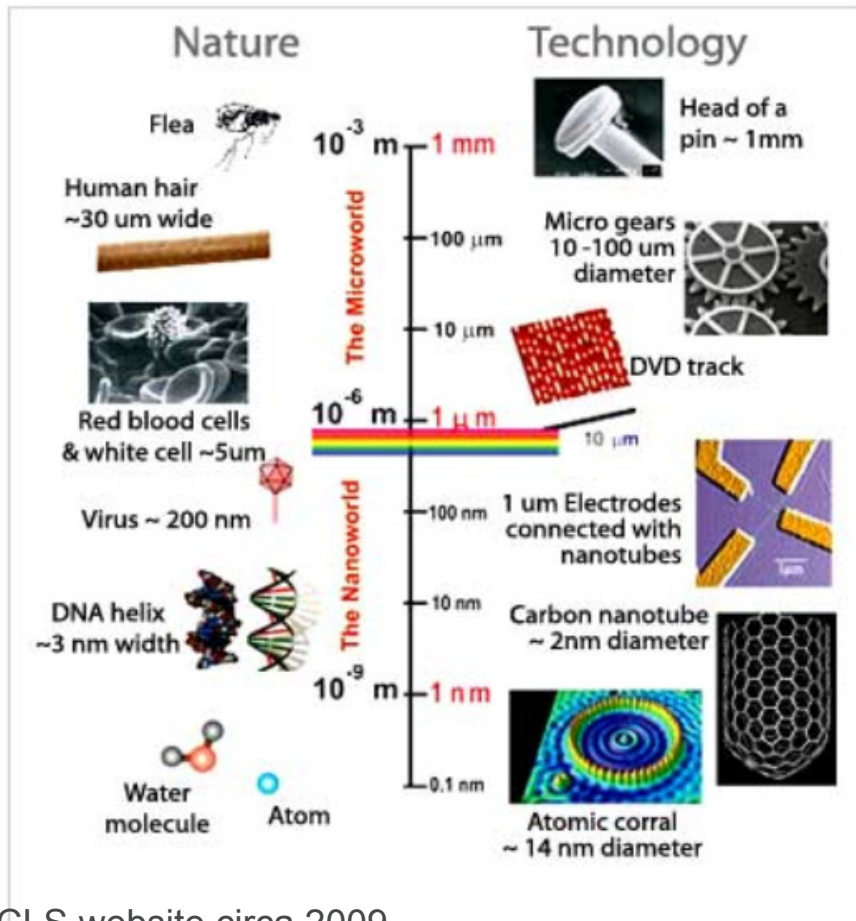


- KERs modeled w/classical eqns of motion & Coulomb forces consistent w/observations
- KER is a ruler for internuclear distance
- 600,000 x-ray shots 800 $F^{2+} - Xe^{q+} - F^{3+}$ coincidences

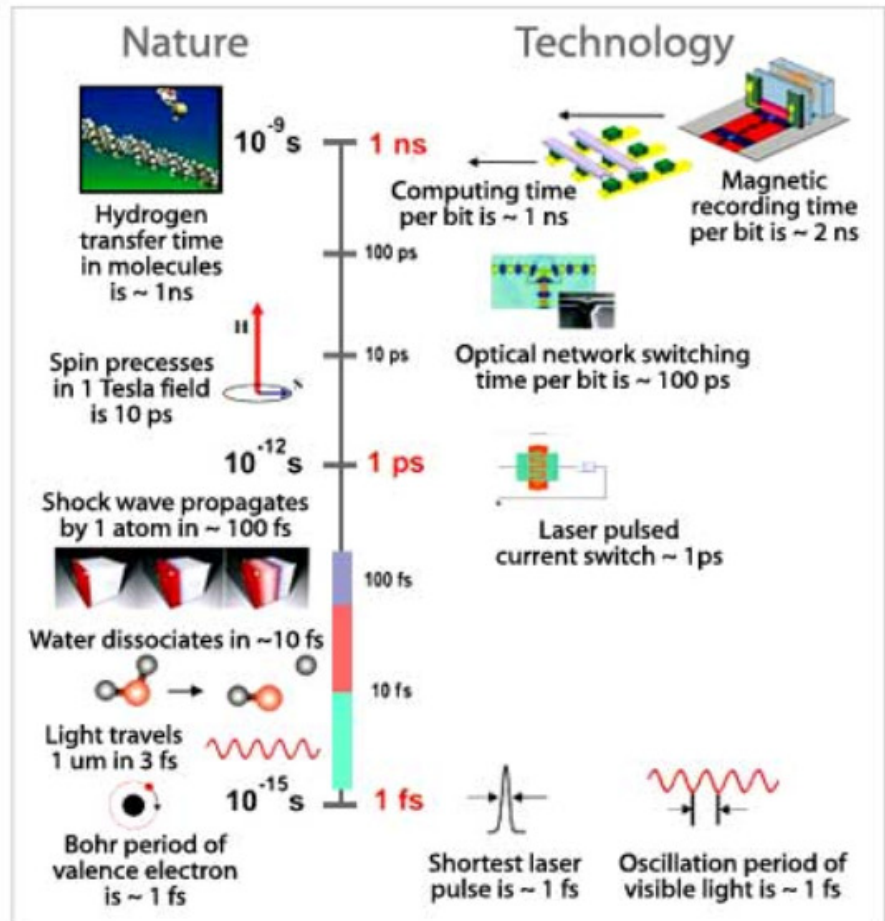
Outlook is bright for molecular movies

- Multiple timescales contain interesting scientific problems in chemistry, biology, materials science.
- For the nanoscale, mesoscale phenomena the picosecond - microsecond timescale and nanofocusing available at synchrotrons is ideal
- For atomic-scale phenomena the attosecond – femtosecond timescales available at XFELs is becoming more readily available with multiple XFELs just coming online.

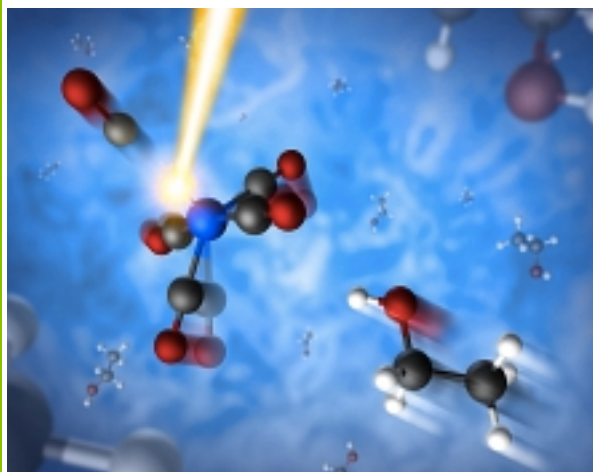
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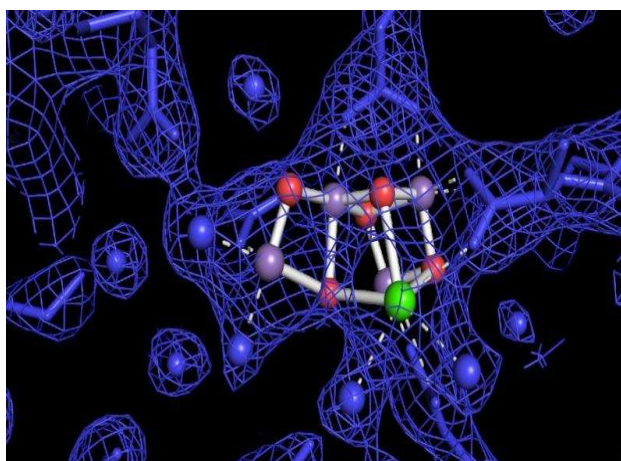
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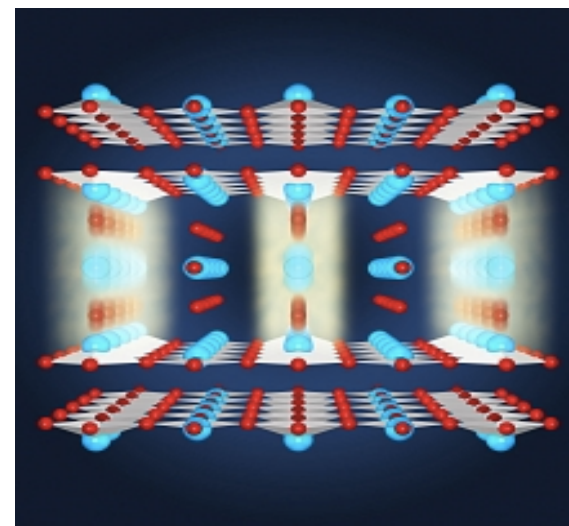
SEE THE ATOMS AND ELECTRONS MOVE



Chemical reactions
in solution



Photosystem II



Light-induced
superconductivity