

## ***Where Are the Electrons?***

**New opportunities for mapping local chemical interaction dynamics with time-resolved soft x-ray spectroscopy at FELs**

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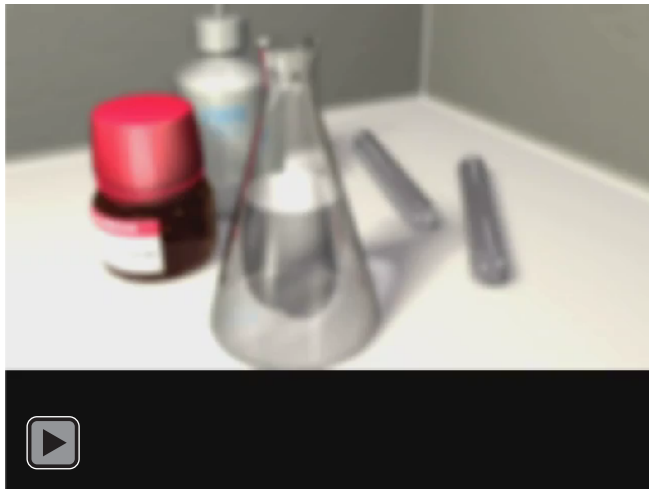
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**Understand, predict, and control the  
relationship of structure and function**

# **Mechanistic understanding on atomic length (Å) and time scales (fs)**

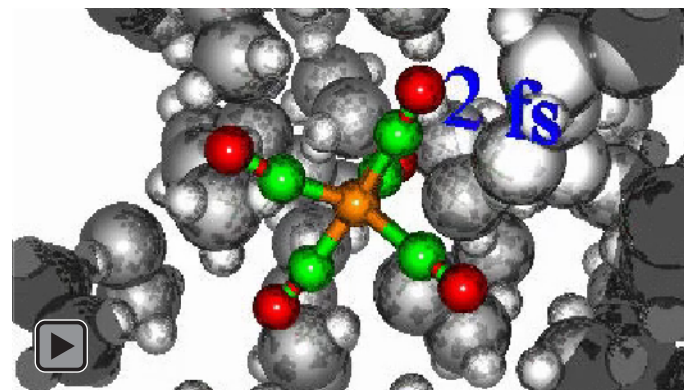
# The molecular movie

## Organic chemistry



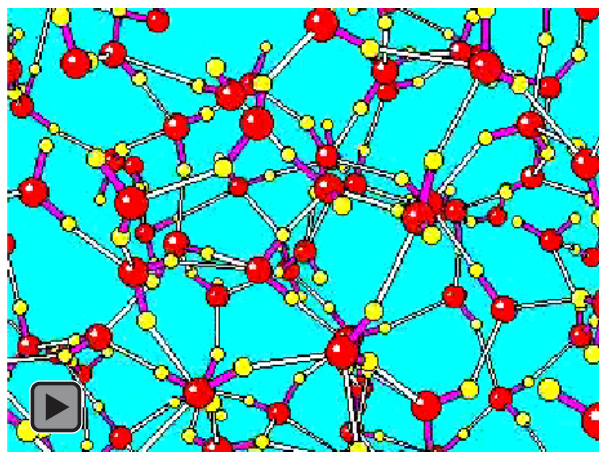
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## Photochemistry



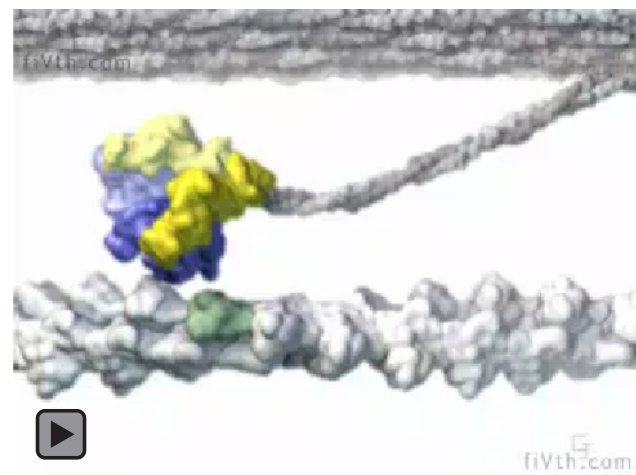
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## Water



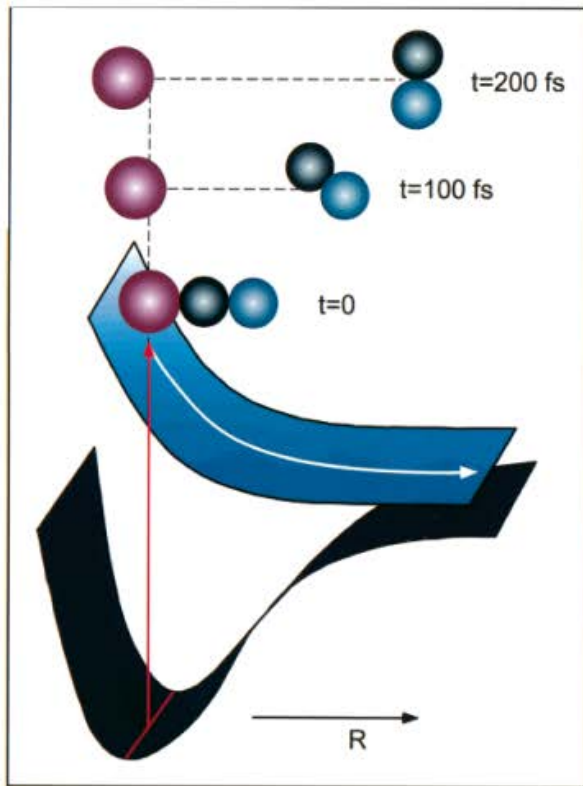
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## Molecular motors

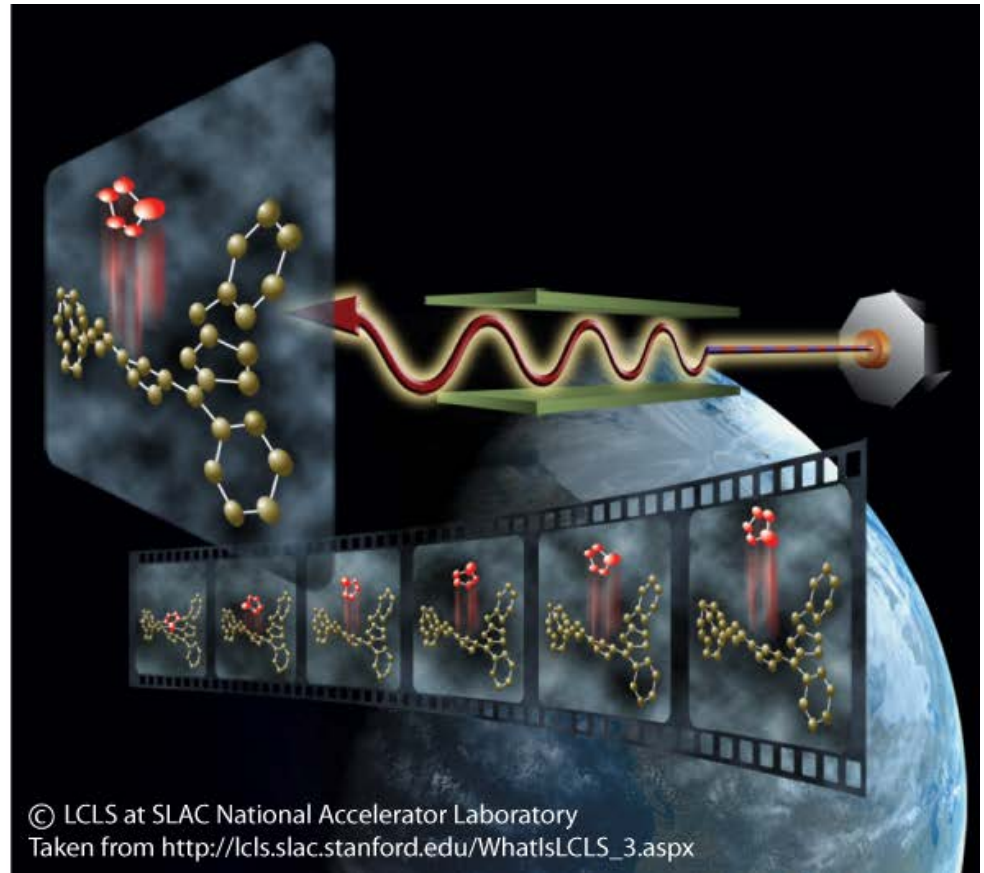


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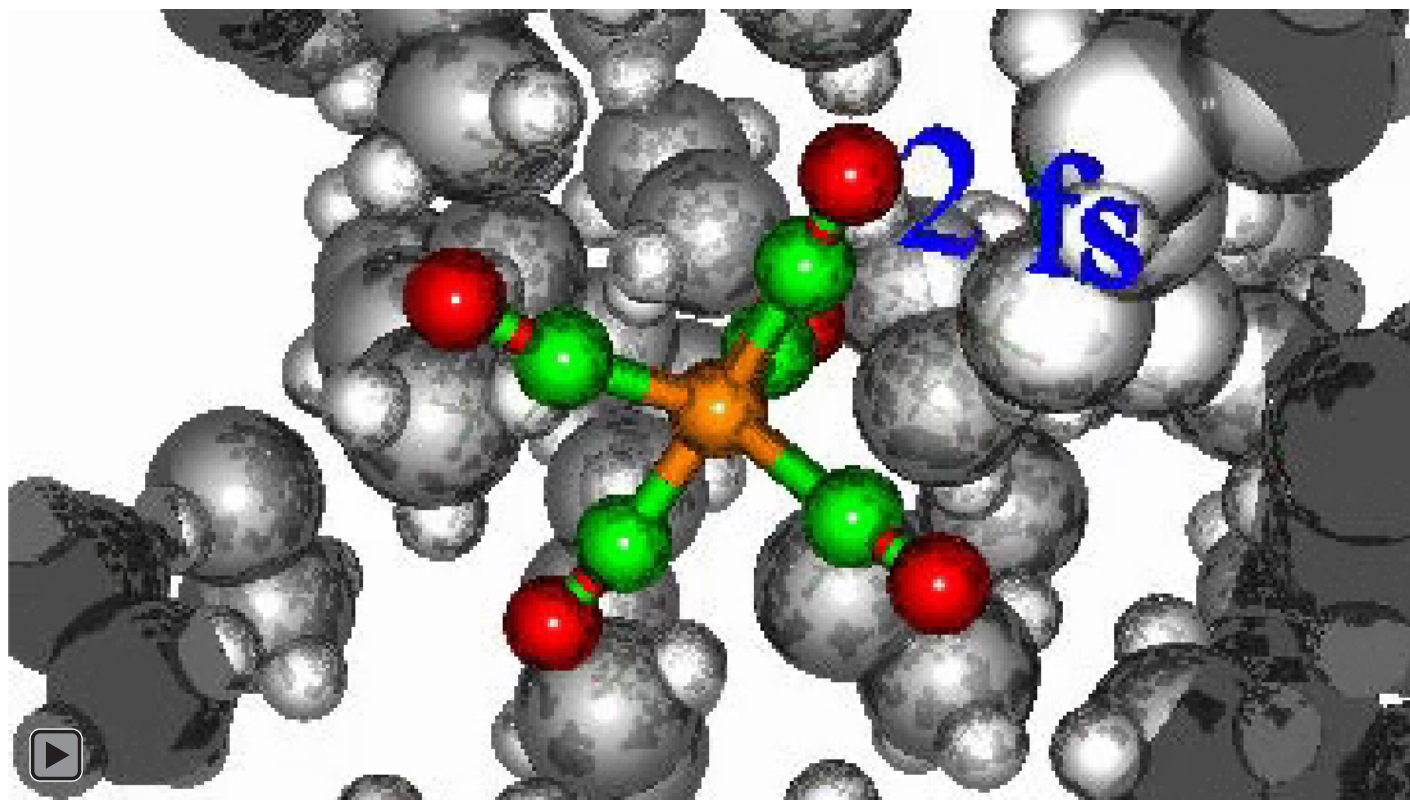


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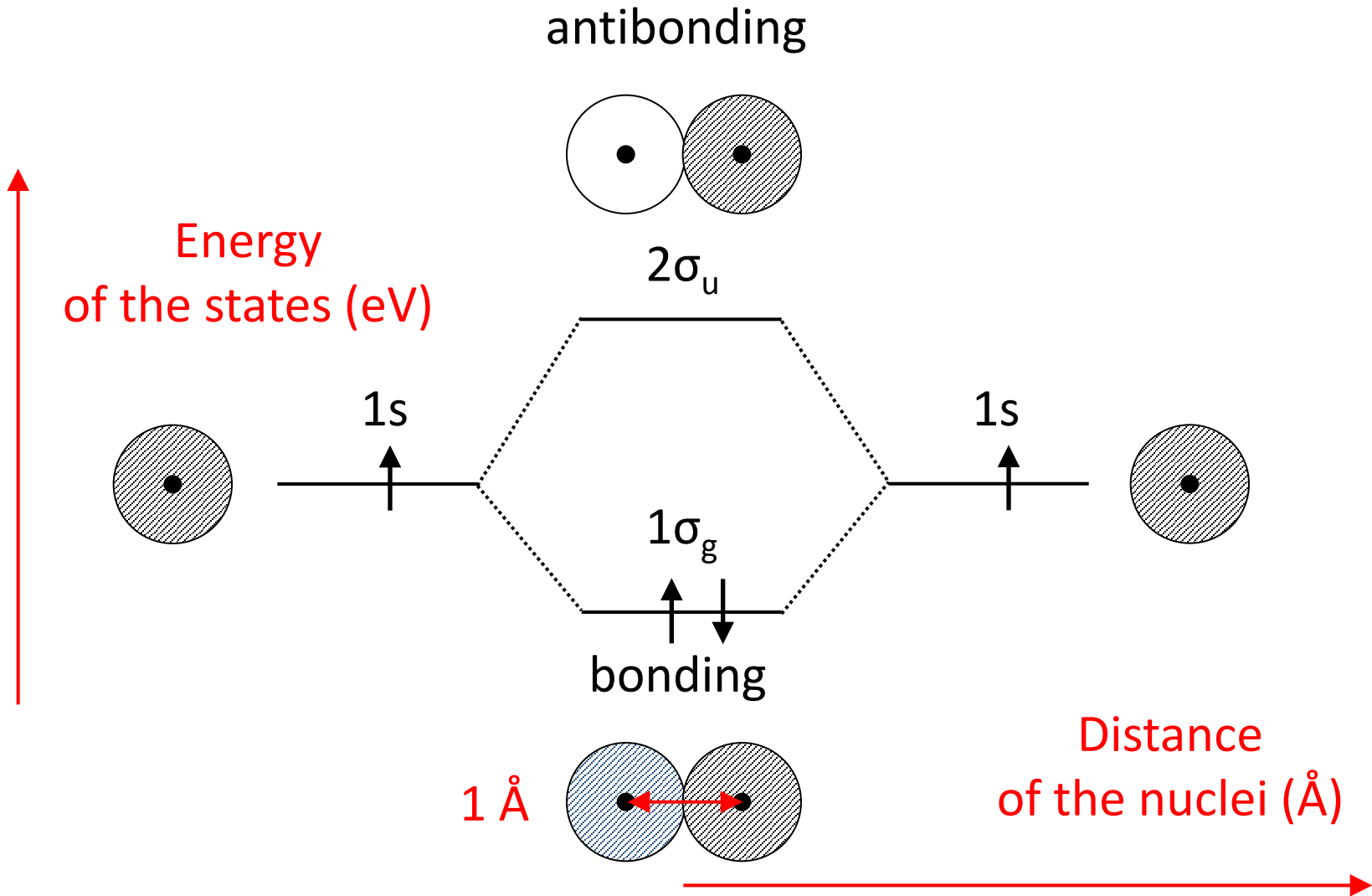
*Molecular dynamics simulation  
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*$\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$  dissociation in ethanol*

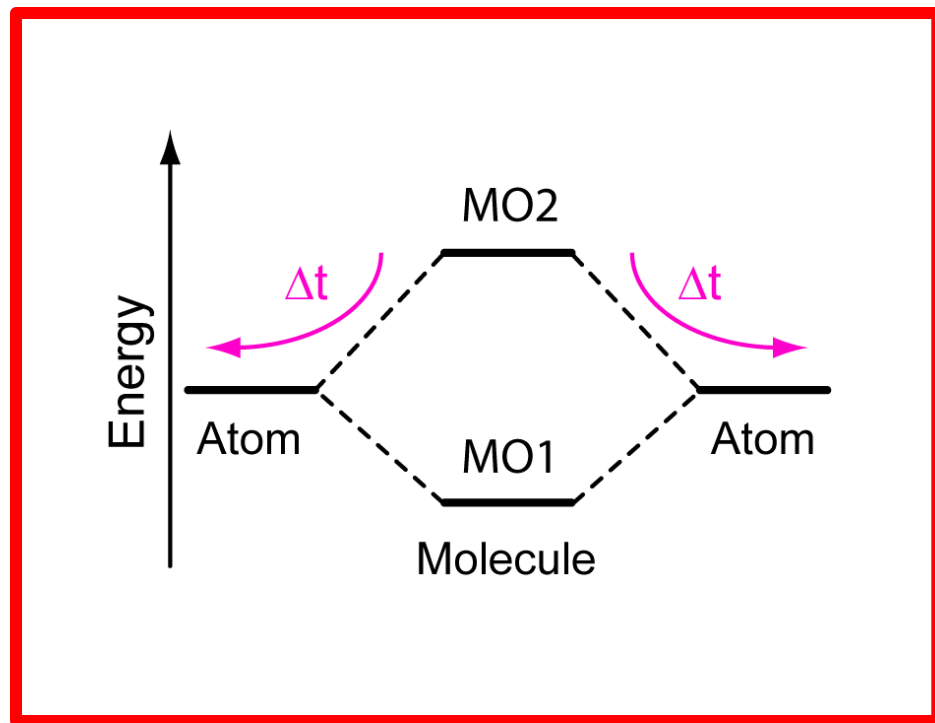
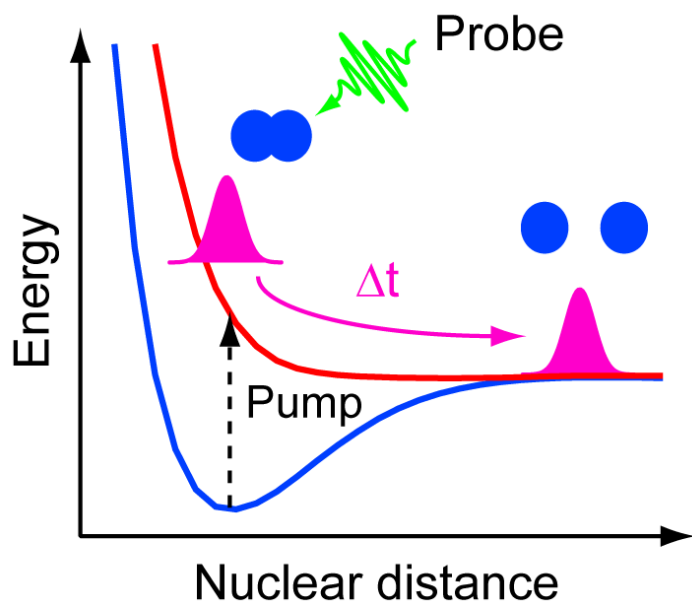
# Bonding

Text book example  $H_2$



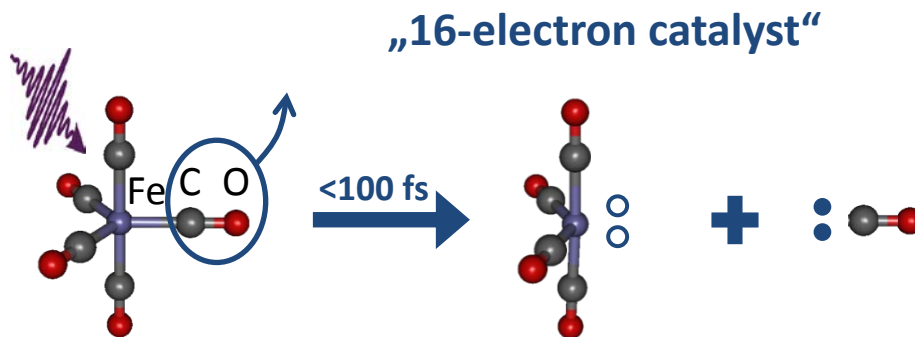
# The electronic structure molecular movie

*Probing chemical interactions and dynamics*



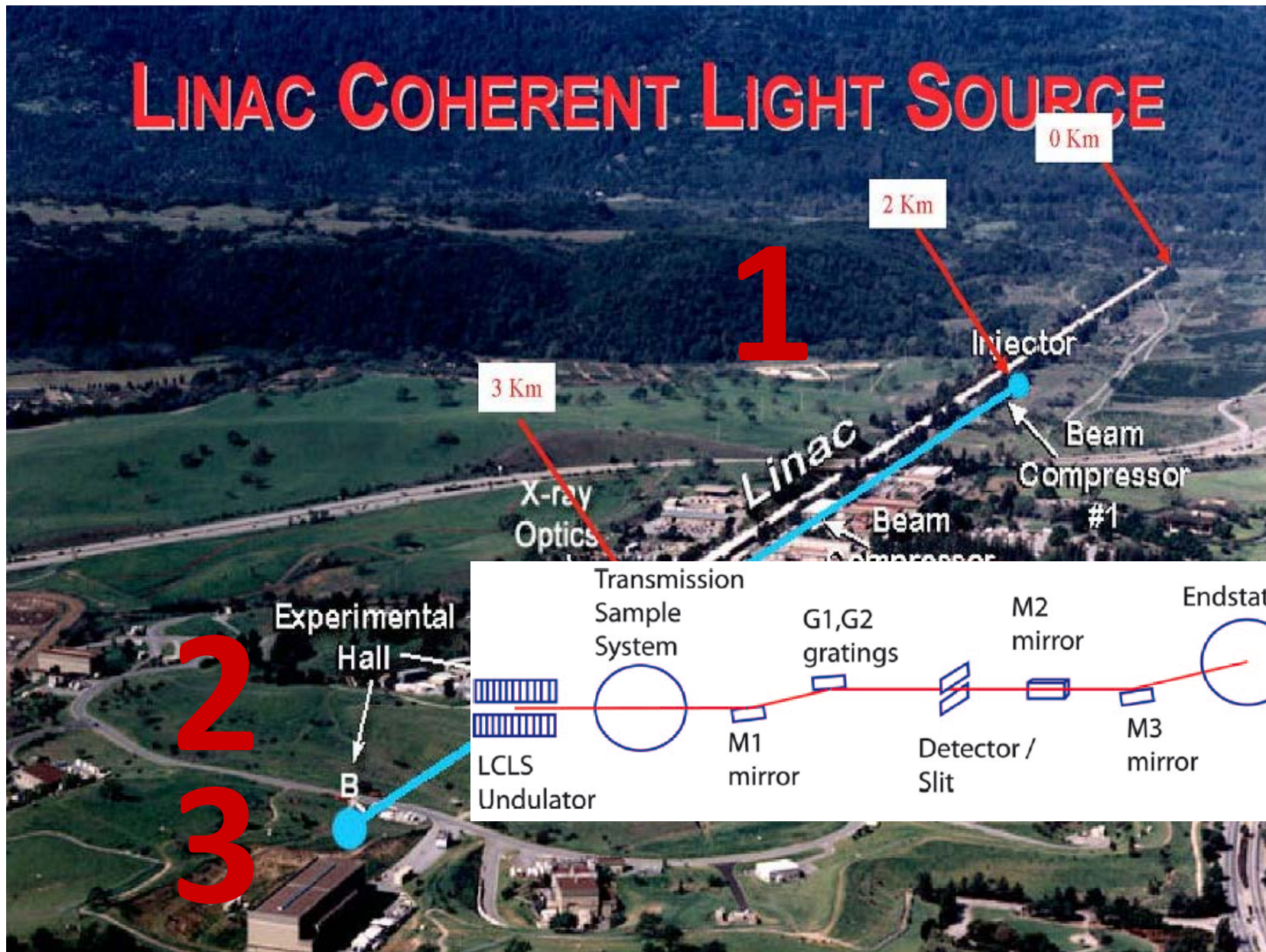
# Application 1

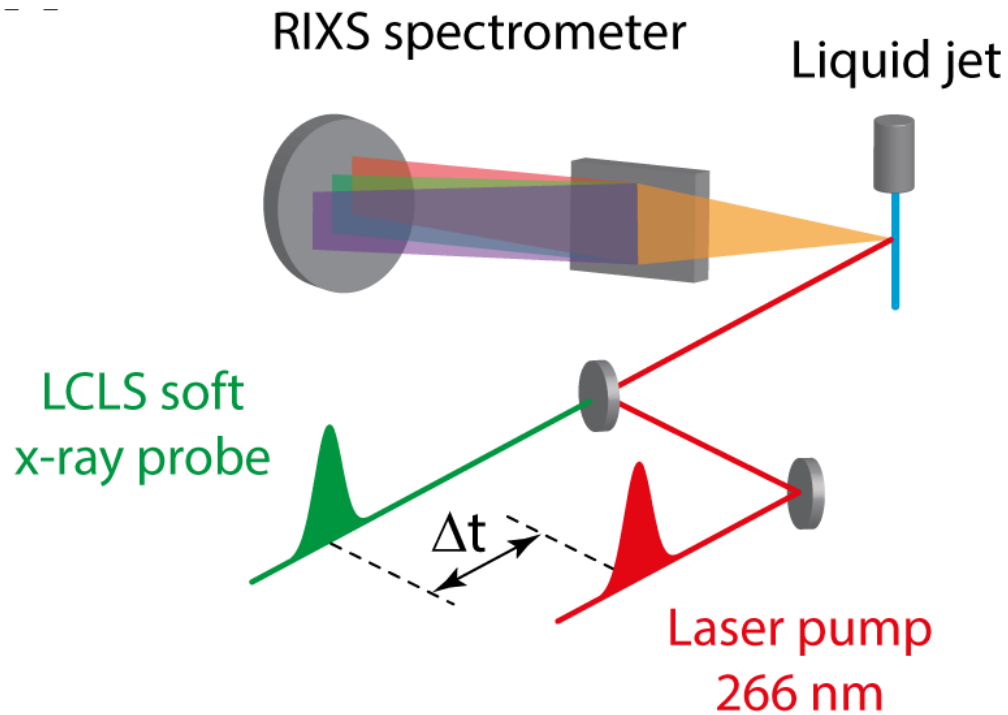
# Ultrafast dynamics of a photochemically activated metal complex



**MLCT excitation**

# LINAC COHERENT LIGHT SOURCE

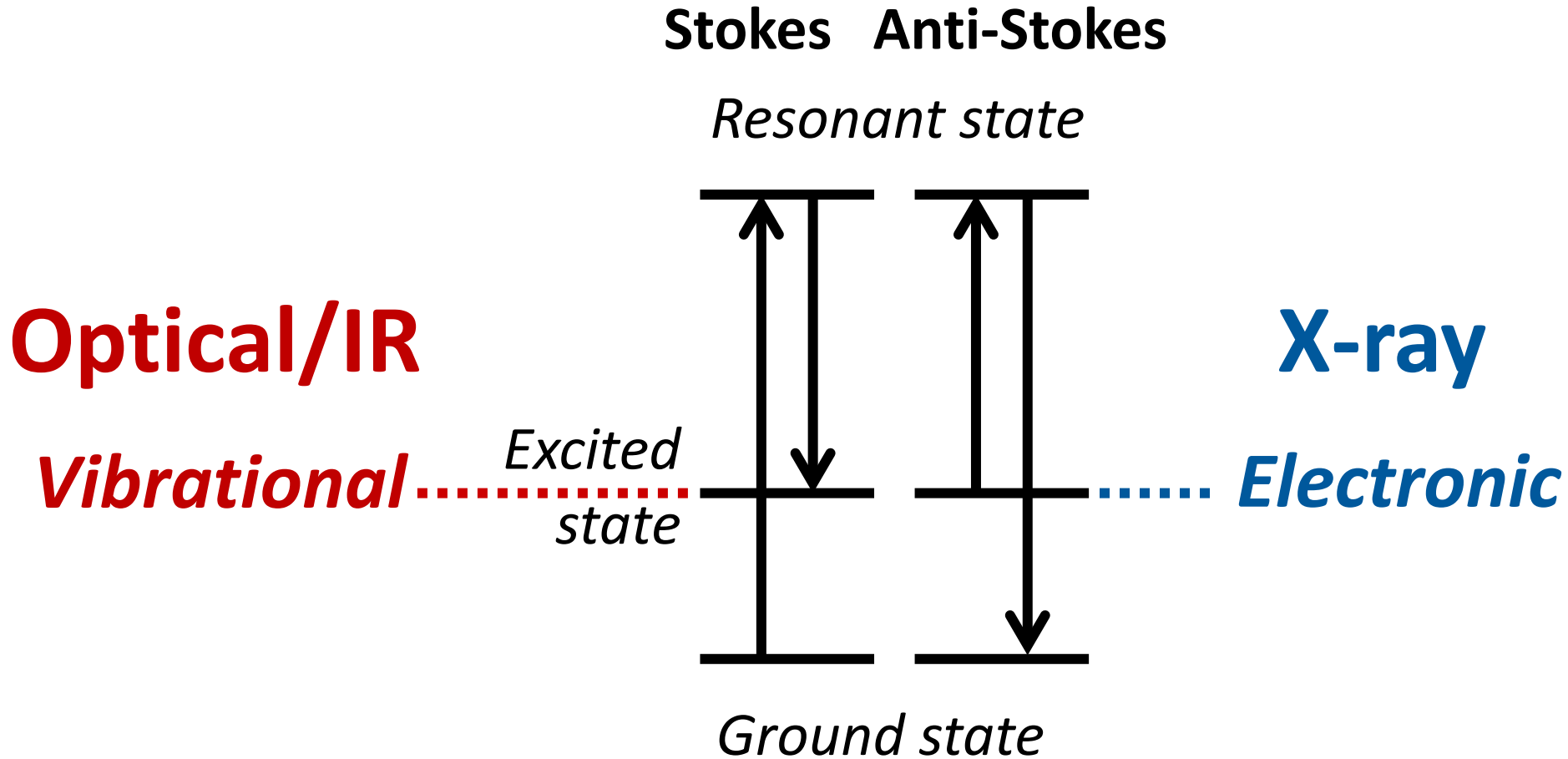


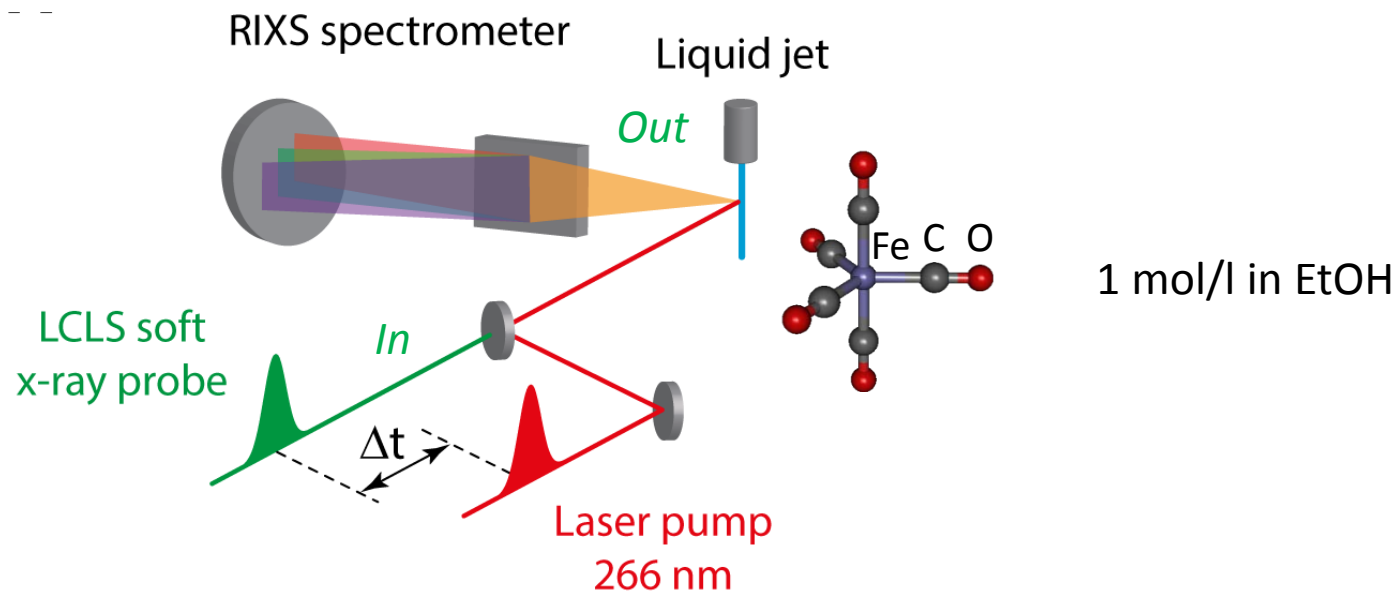


- Flow rate: 1-2 ml/min
- Diameter 20  $\mu\text{m}$
- Replenishment rate of sample: 0.5-1 MHz (100  $\mu\text{m}$  high cylinder) between x-ray shots
- Concentration 1 mol/l in ethanol
- Repetition rate 60 Hz
- Attenuation factor 10
- X-ray pulse length 160 fs
- Time-resolution 350 fs
- Total accumulation time  $\sim 20$  h

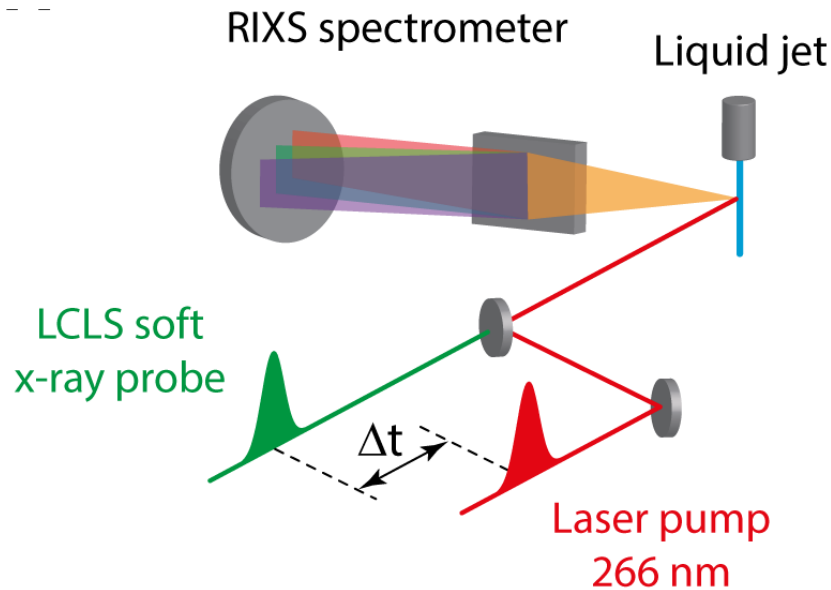
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# Resonant Raman scattering

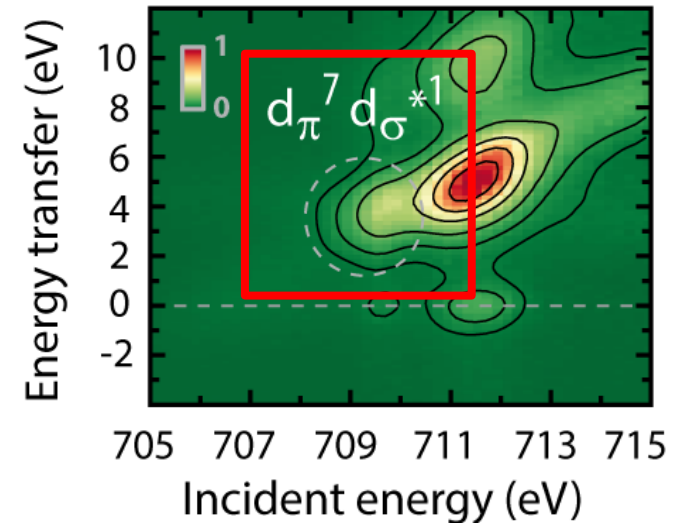




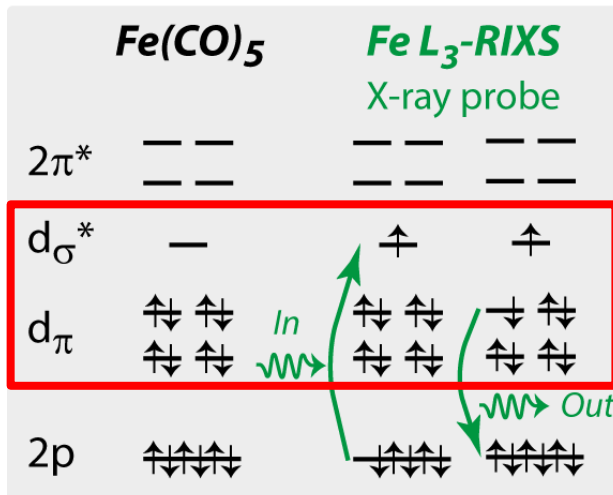
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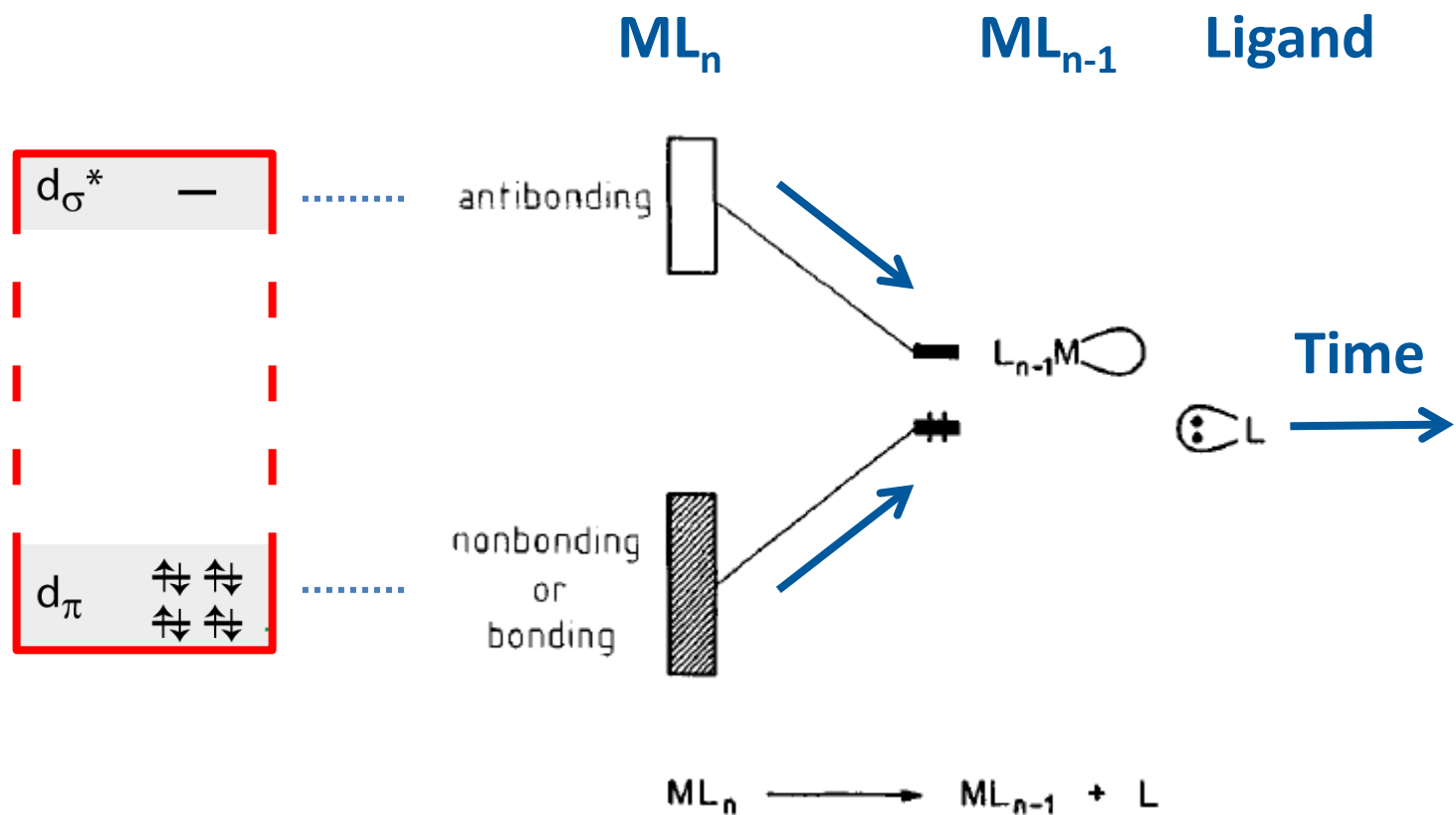
### Fe $L_3$ -absorption edge



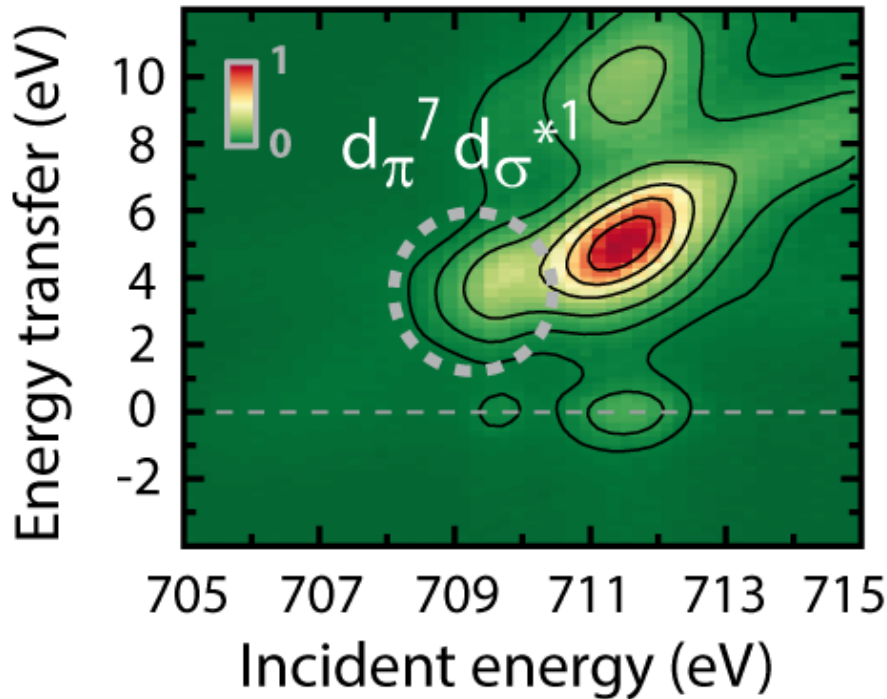
$$\text{Energy transfer} = E_{in} - E_{out}$$



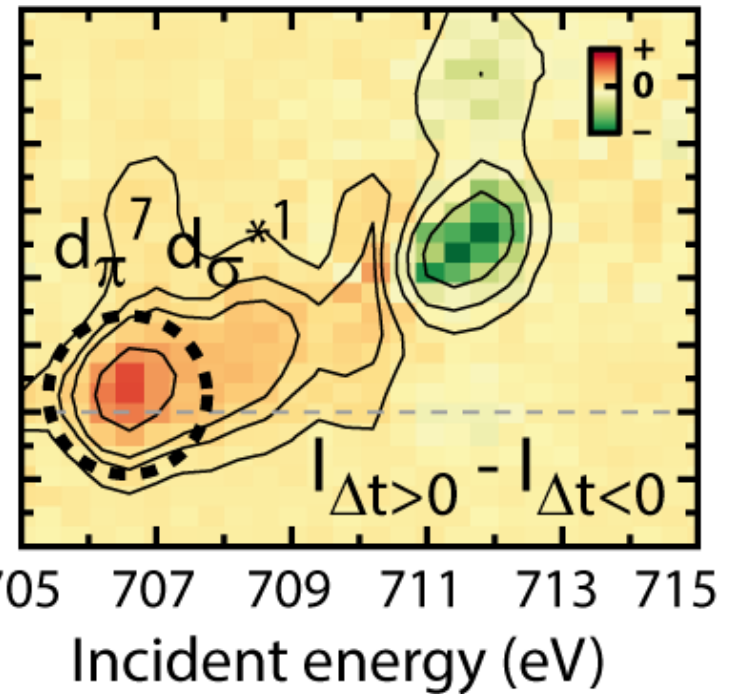
- Probing the ligand-field excited states that determine excited-state behavior
- Probing the frontier orbitals
- Locally at the Fe center
- Probing valence charge density



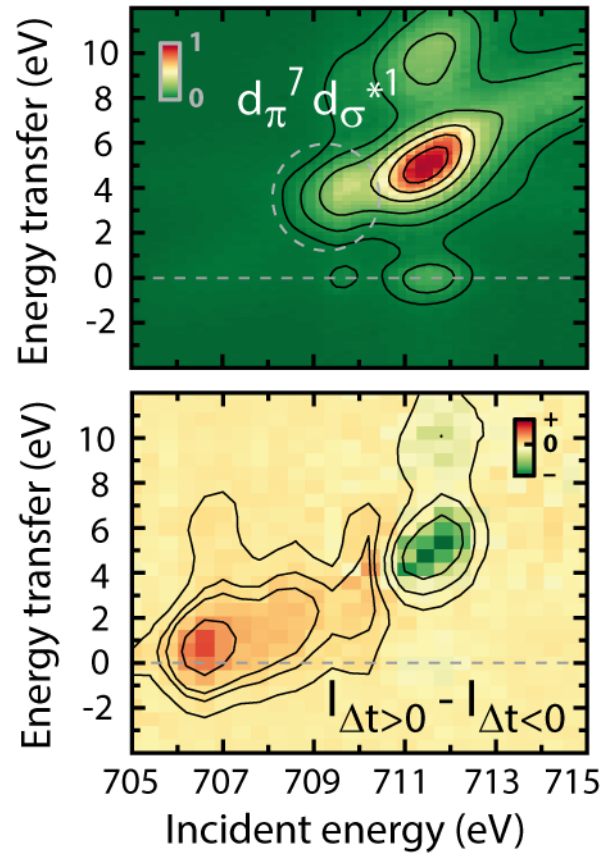
## Fe(CO)<sub>5</sub>



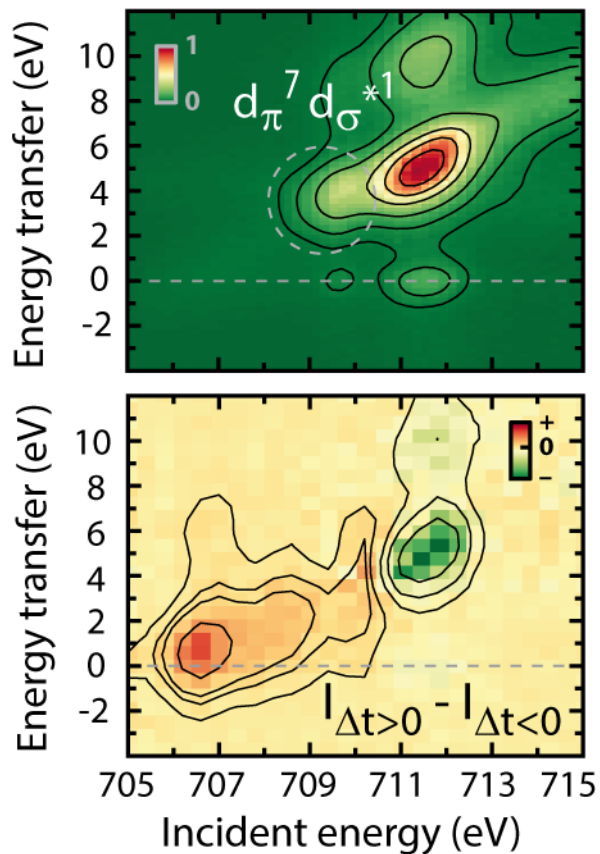
## Fe(CO)<sub>4</sub> fragments



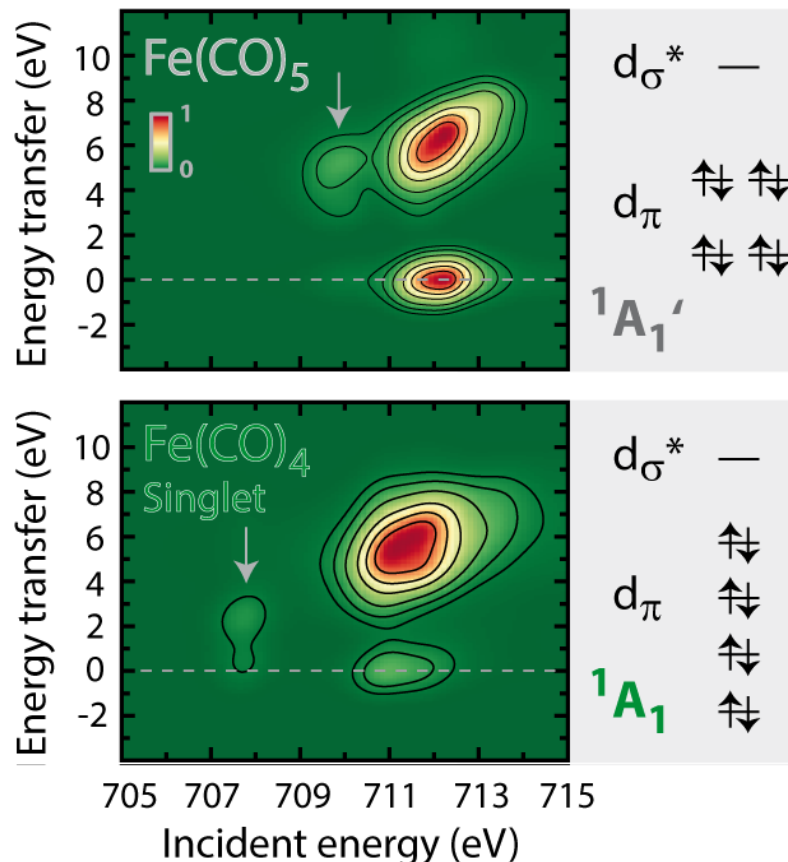
- Fe spin state and bonding of the Fe(CO)<sub>4</sub> photofragments?
- Reaction pathways?



## Experiment



## Theory

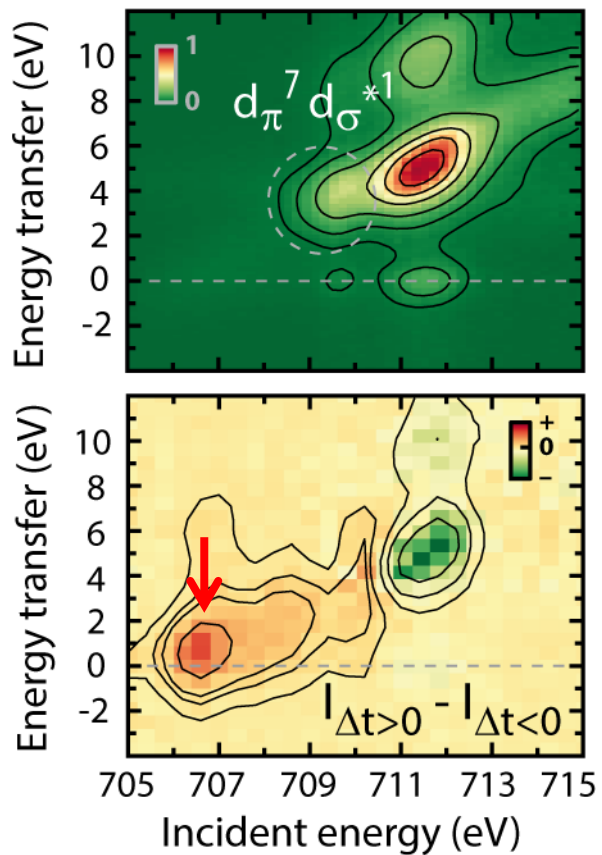


**Novel ab initio quantum chemistry calculations of 3d TM x-ray spectra**

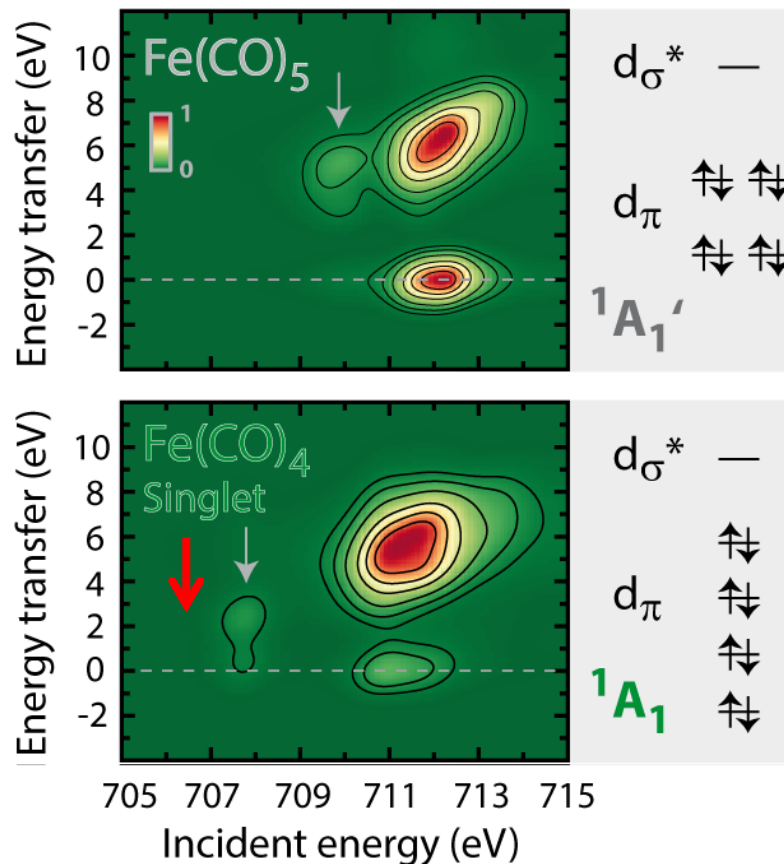
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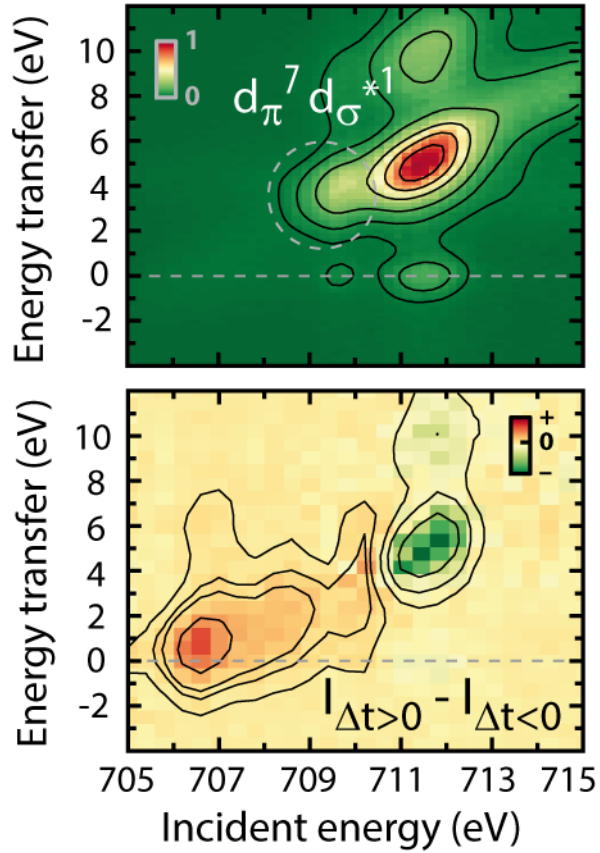
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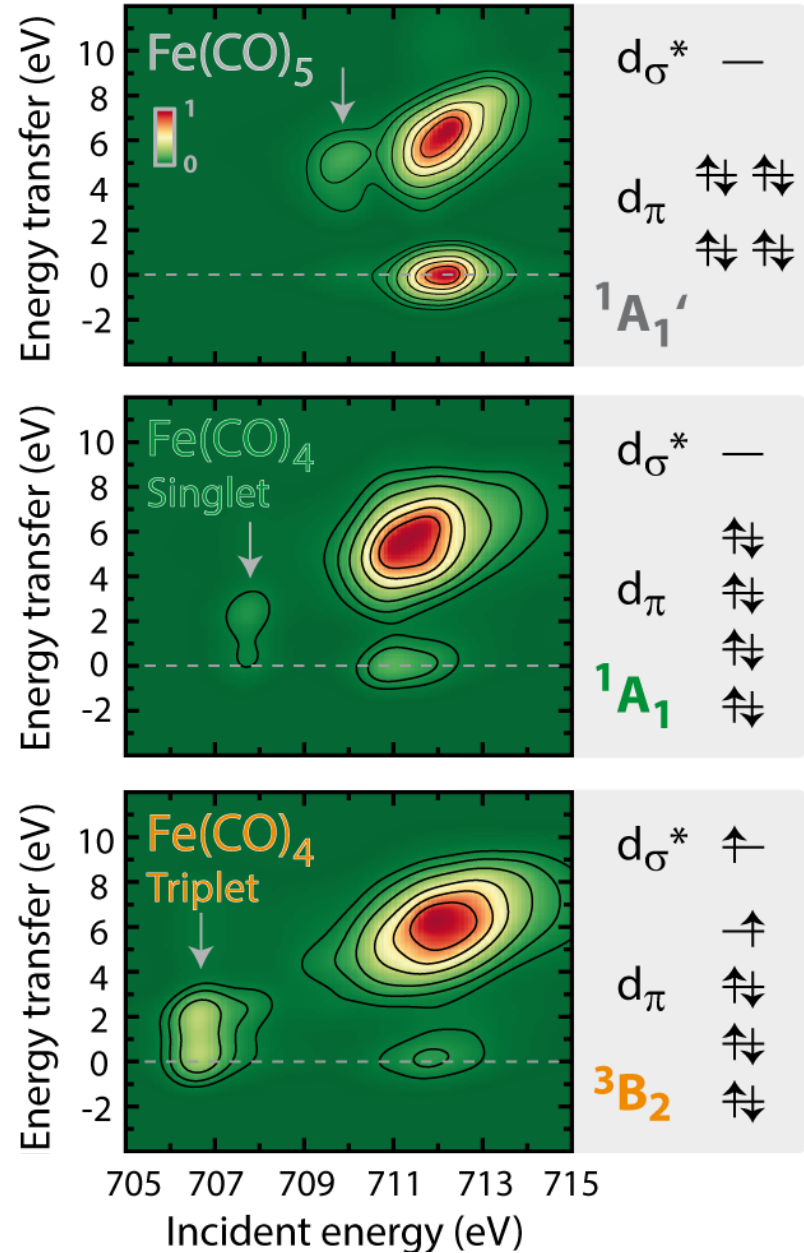
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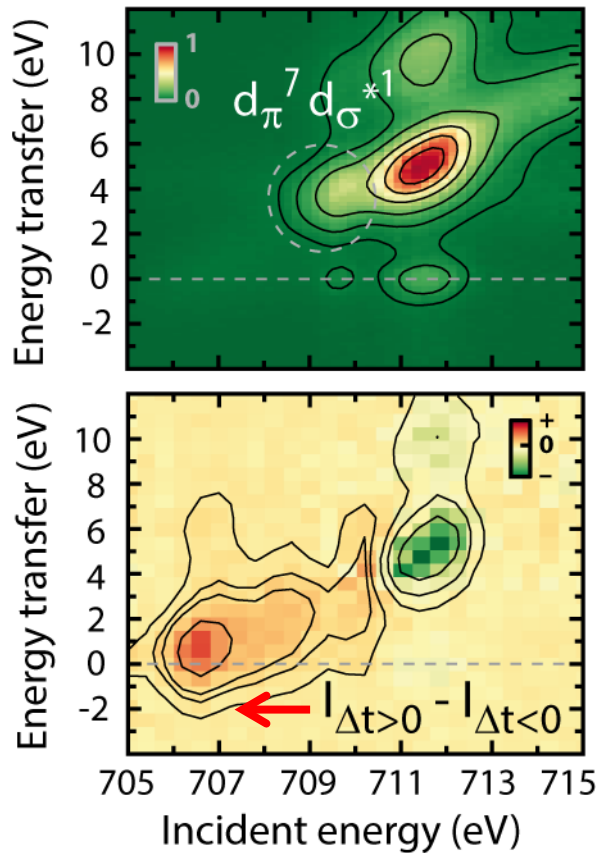
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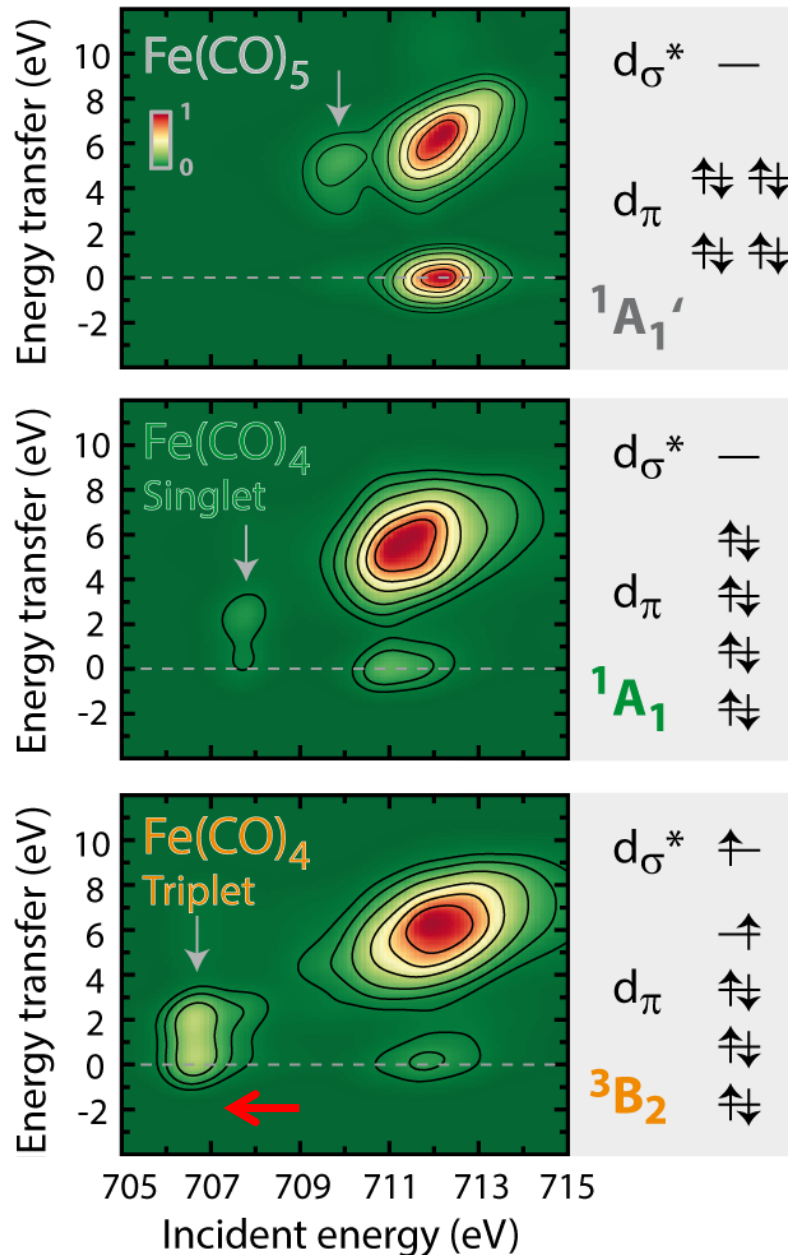
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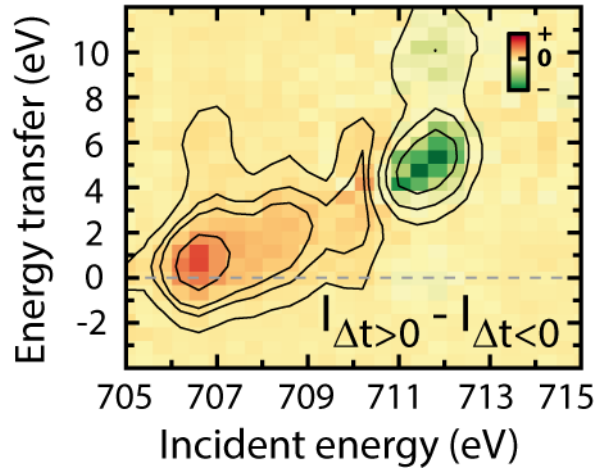
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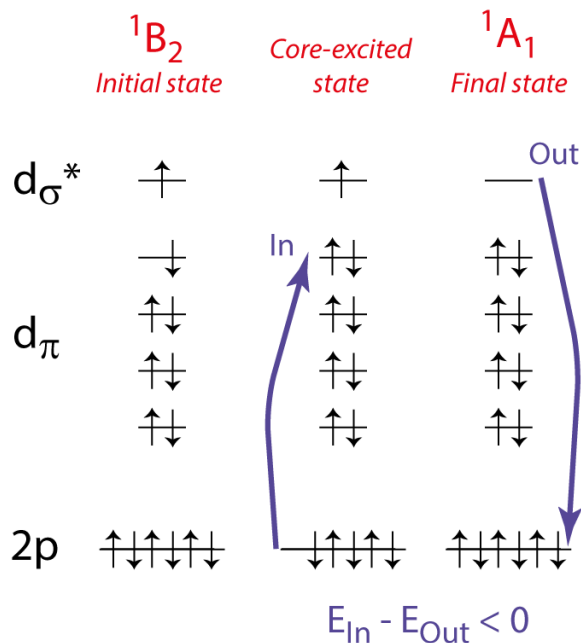
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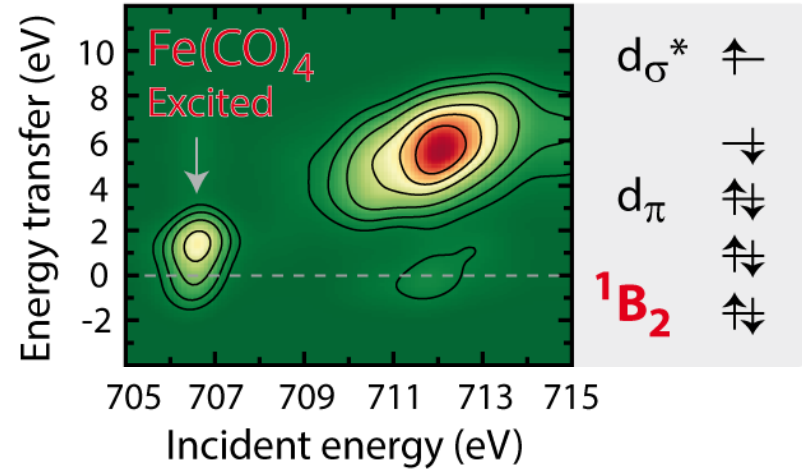
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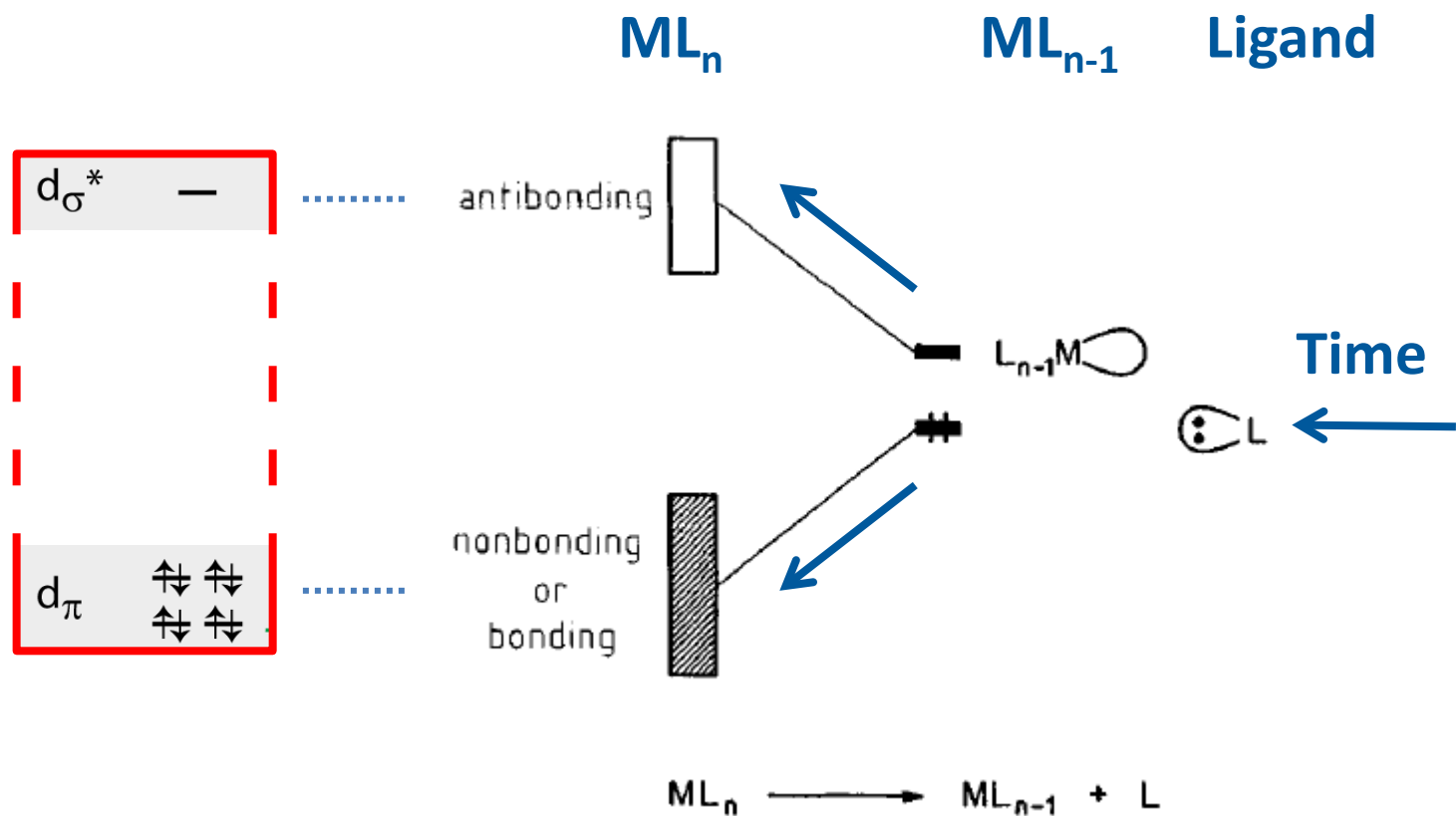


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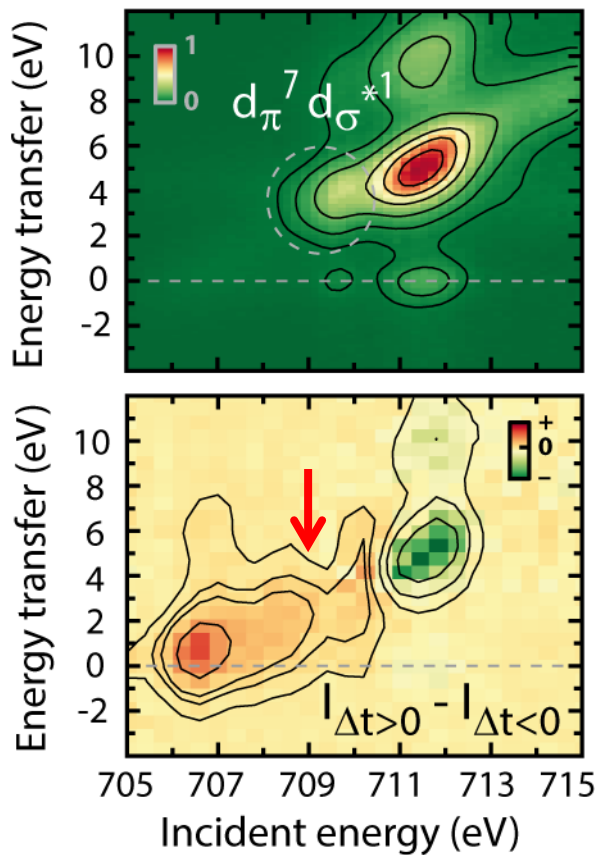
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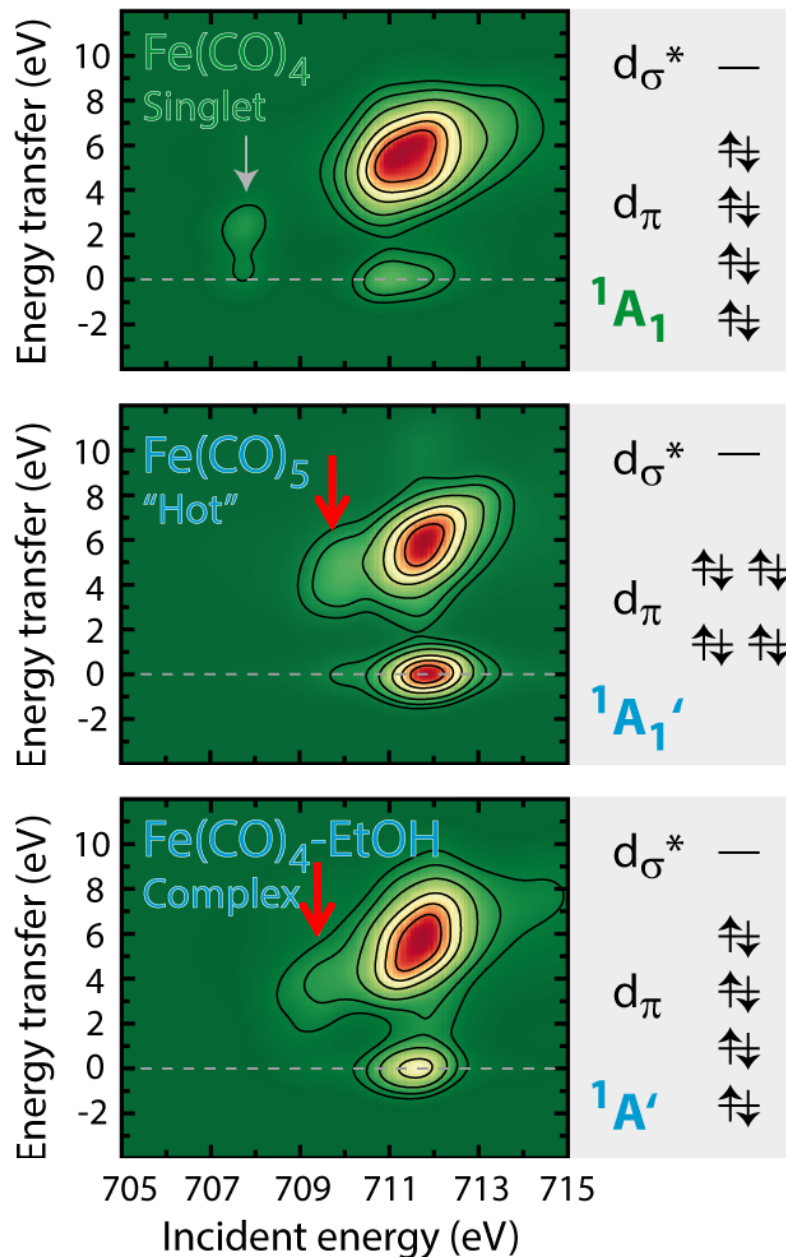


R. Hoffmann, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* **21**, 711-724 (1982).

## Experiment



## Theory



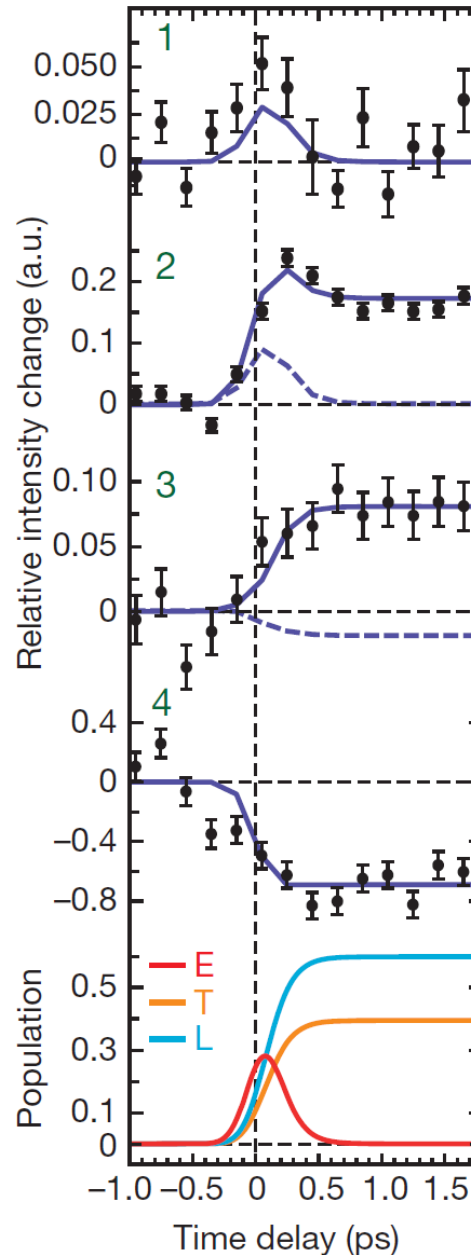
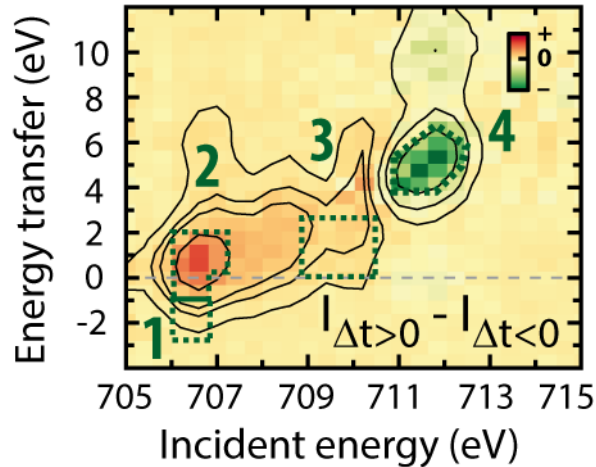
# Fe(CO)<sub>4</sub>

Excited (E)

Excited +  
Triplet (T)

Ligated (L)

Ground state  
(bleach)



Fit  $I(\text{exp})_{i=1,\dots,4}$  with  $I(\text{calc})_{i=1,\dots,4}$

- I. Triplet (T):  $300 \pm 100$  fs
- II. Excited (E): Within resolution
- III. Ligated (L):  $200 \pm 100$  fs

→ Reaction pathways

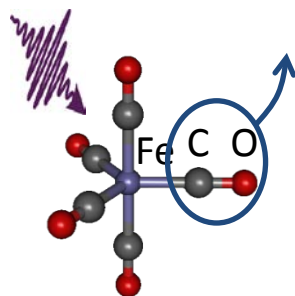
# The reaction pathways of $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ in solution

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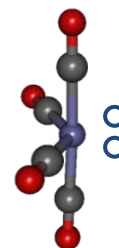
**Interacting**

**Non-interacting**

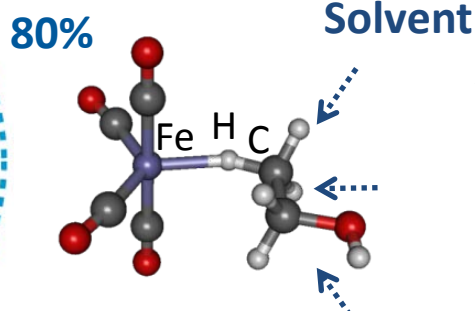
„16-electron catalyst“



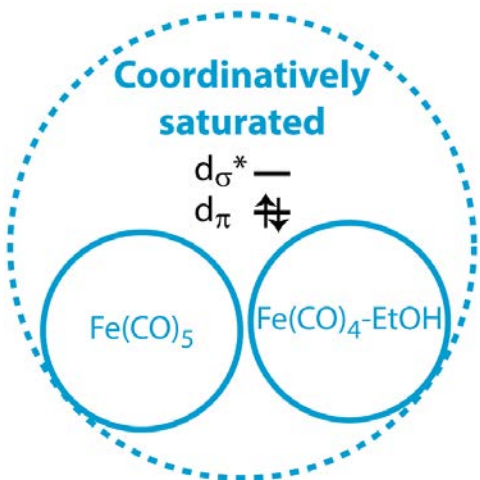
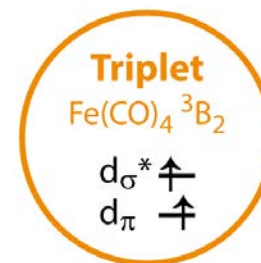
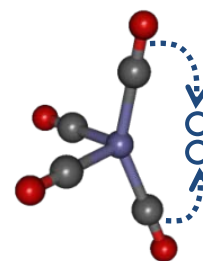
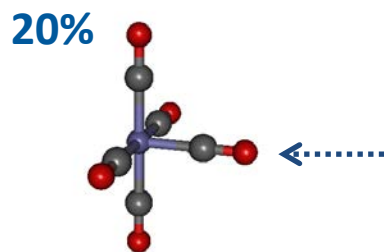
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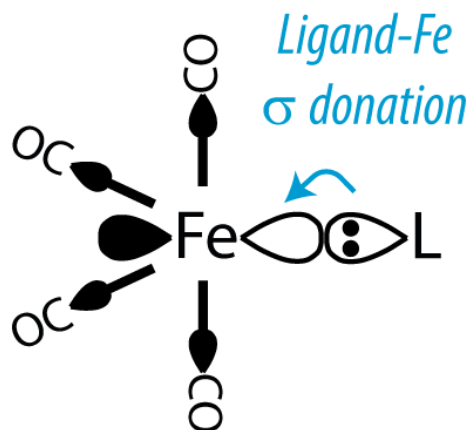
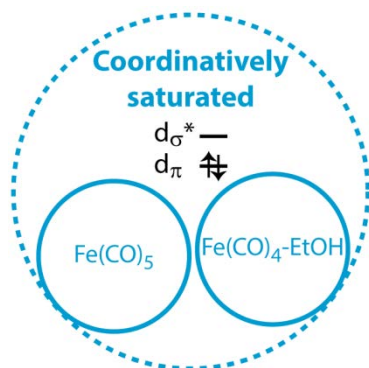
200 fs  
60%



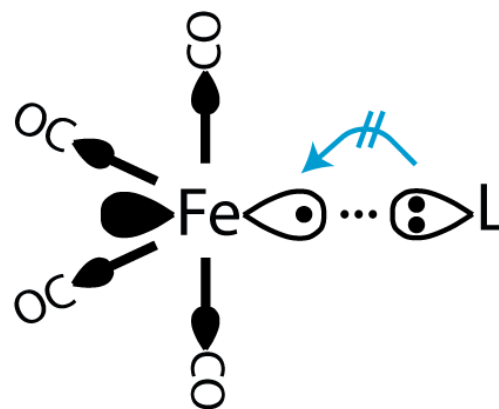
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# Interacting

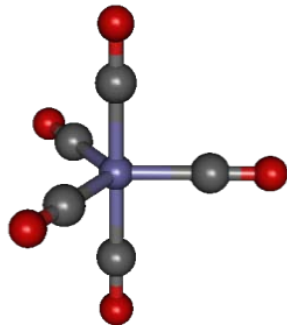


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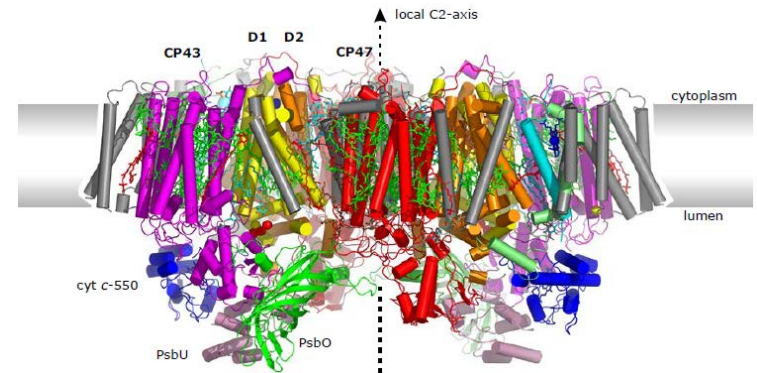


0.1-1 mol/l



# Photosystem II

0.001 mol/l

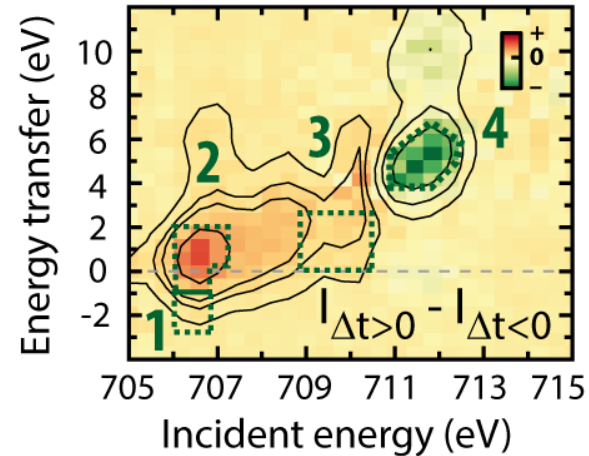
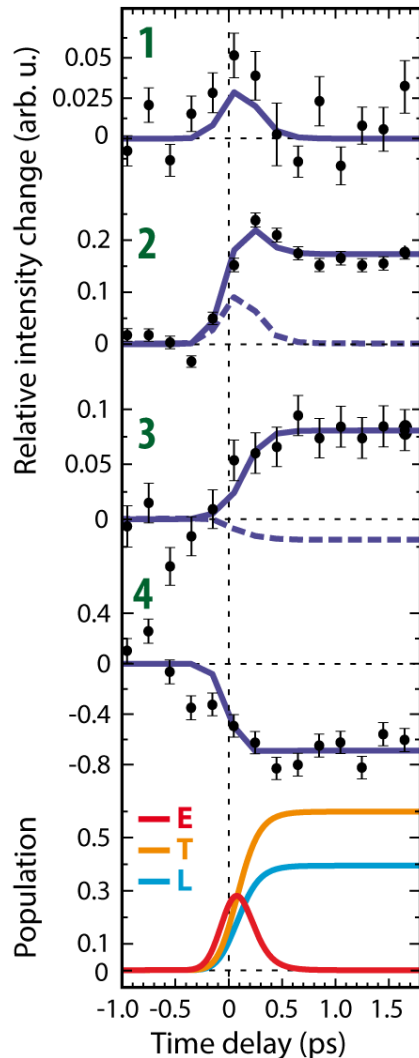


# The challenges

## *Time-resolved soft x-ray spectroscopy*

- 30 fs resolution
- mM concentrations
- Sensitivity  $\ll 1\%$
- Large turnover
- Interpretable observables (theory)

# The count rate is always a challenge

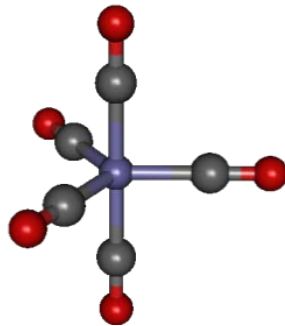


Region	Cts/pulse*
<b>1</b>	0.001
<b>2</b>	0.007
<b>3</b>	0.003

\*Per inc. energy, energy transfer and delay bin, ave.  
over all pos. delays

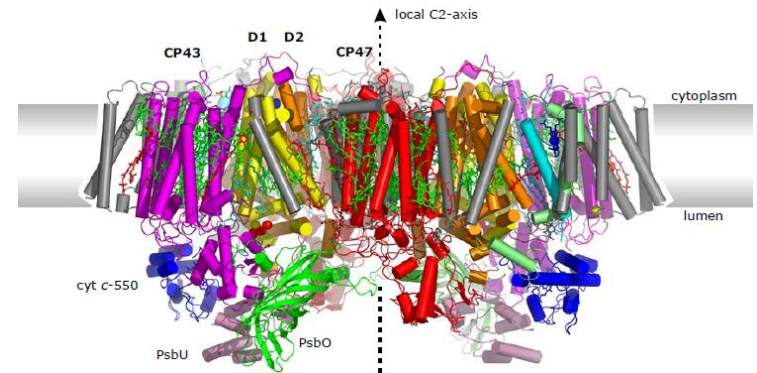


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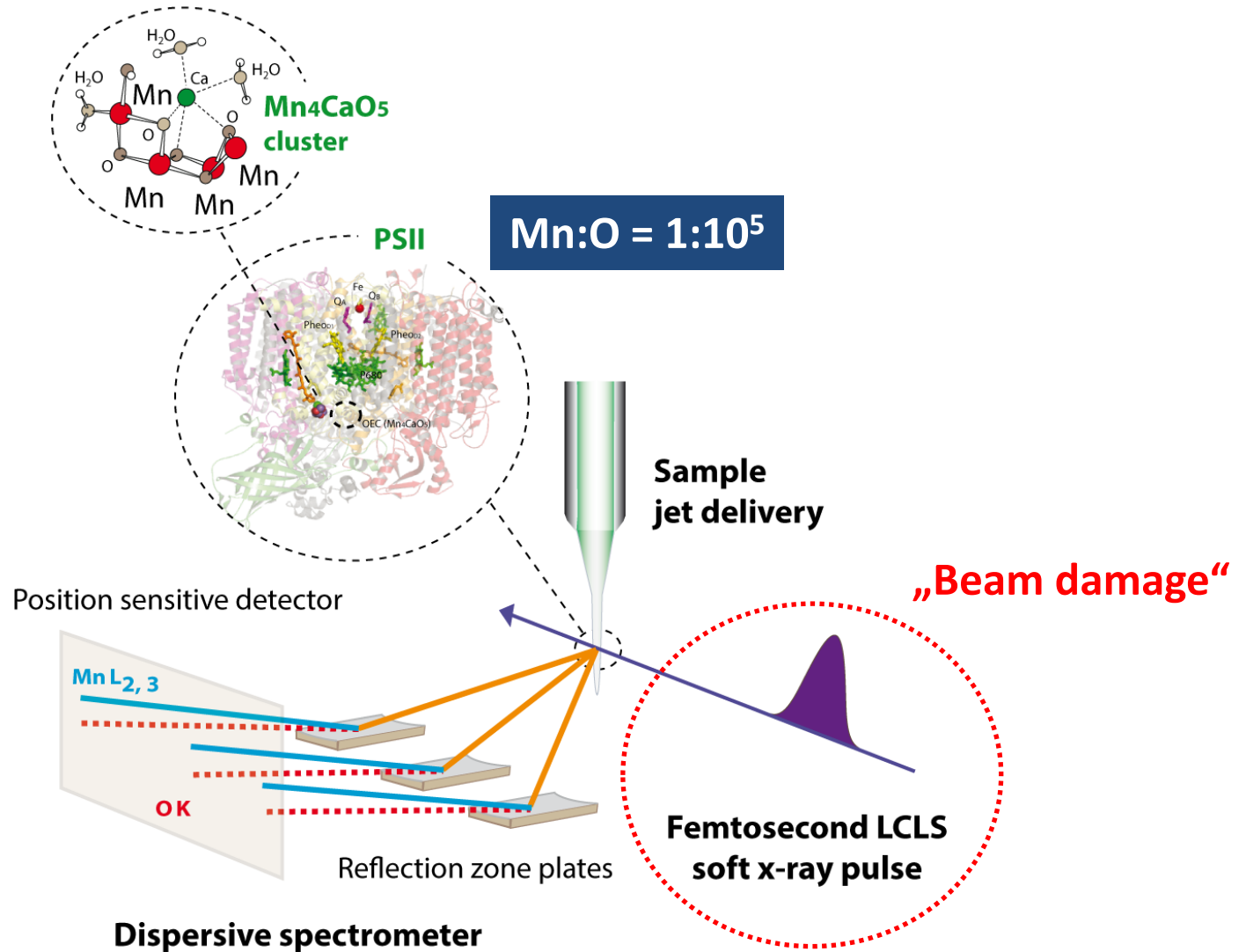
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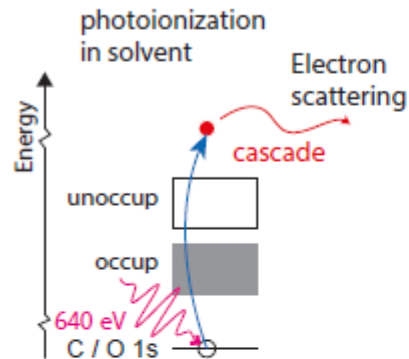
# Application 2

# Mn L-edge absorption spectroscopy of photosystem II



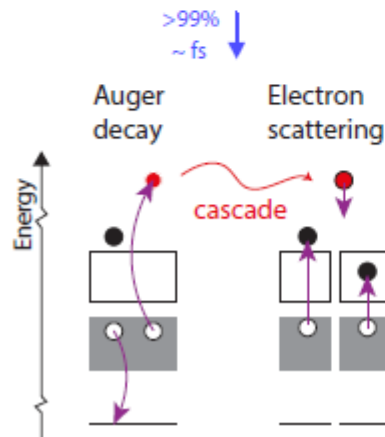
# Why an x-ray FEL?

## Mechanisms of x-ray damage



### Direct photodamage by x-ray interaction

- ionization 'spurs' / 'blobs' [Nave 1995]
- electron scattering ~fs [Schreck 2014]
- Coulomb explosion ~100 fs [Neutze 2000]

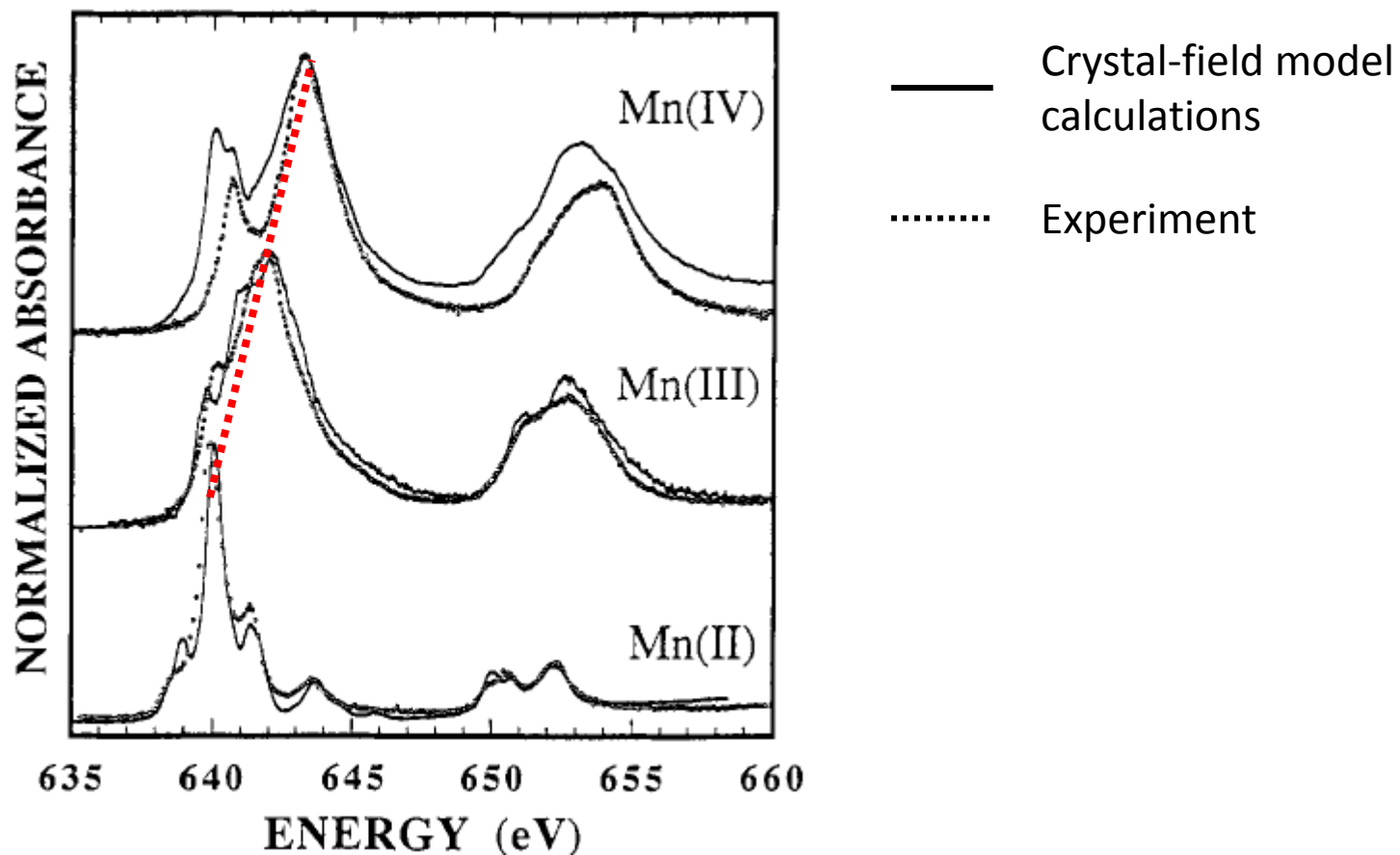


### Indirect damage by radicals

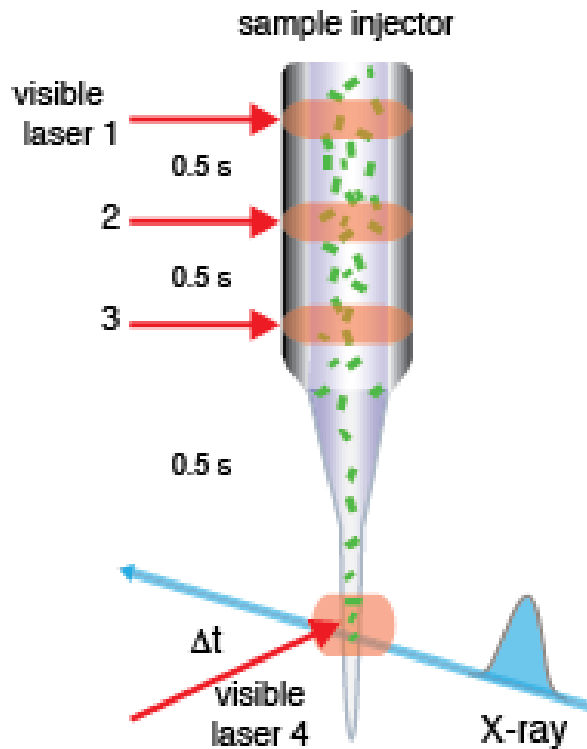
- radicals modify protein
- radicals reduce Mn cluster
- radical diffusion ~ $\mu\text{s}$ ..ms
- dose dependence

***Probe before destroy (fs pulses)***

# Probing the oxidation state of 3d TM atoms with L-edge absorption spectroscopy

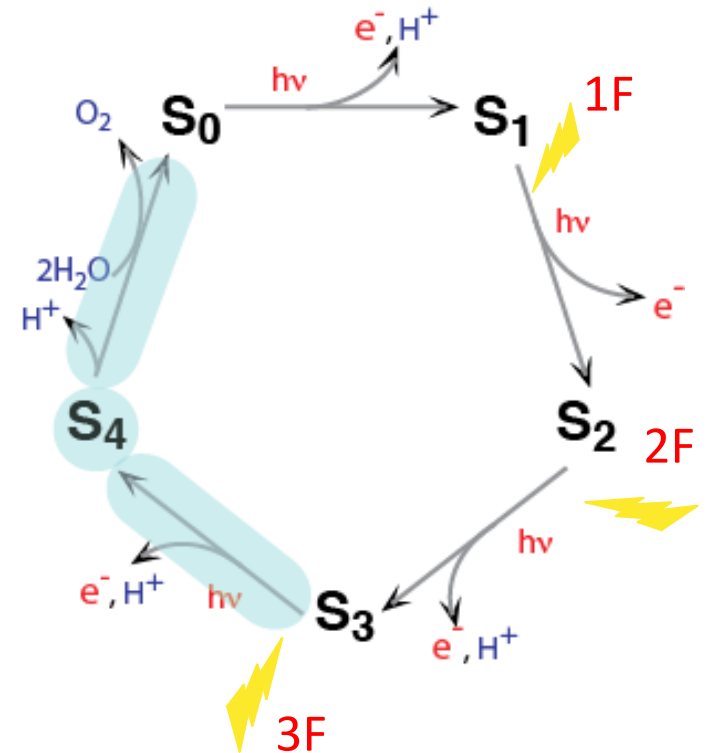


# Bonding, spin and oxidation states of PSII



## Visible pump laser

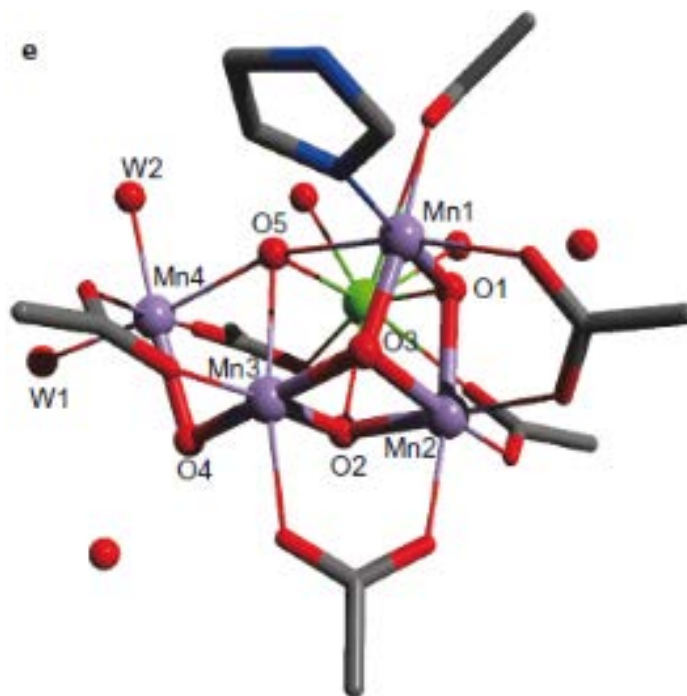
- multiple flashes (1F, 2F, 3F)
- flash spacing
- flash saturation

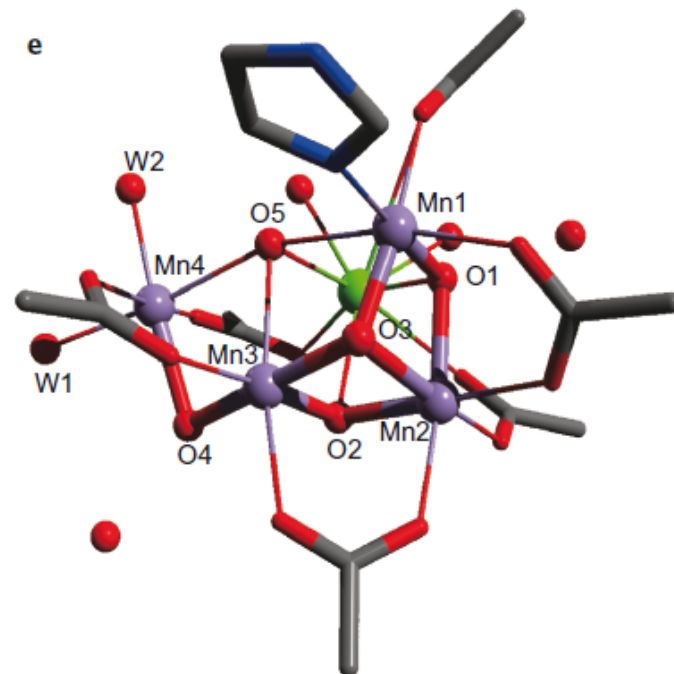
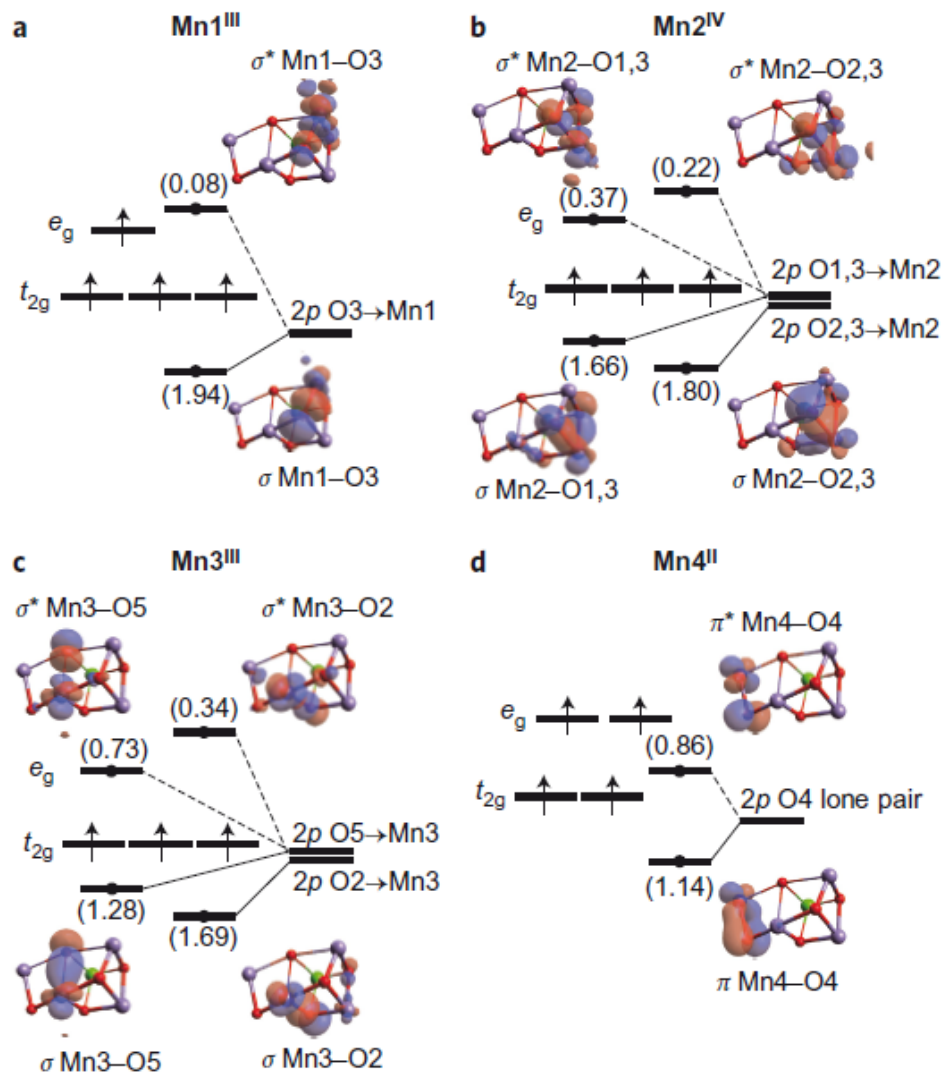


# An outlook

# Entangled quantum electronic wavefunctions of the $Mn_4CaO_5$ cluster in photosystem II

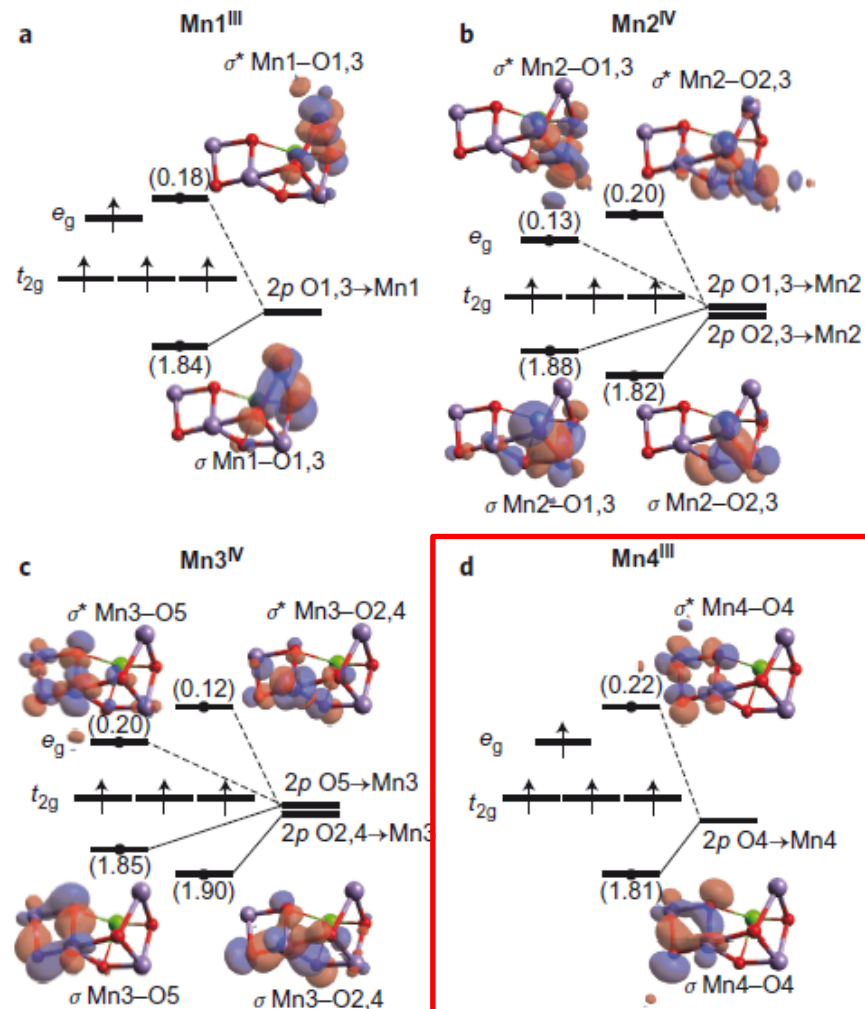
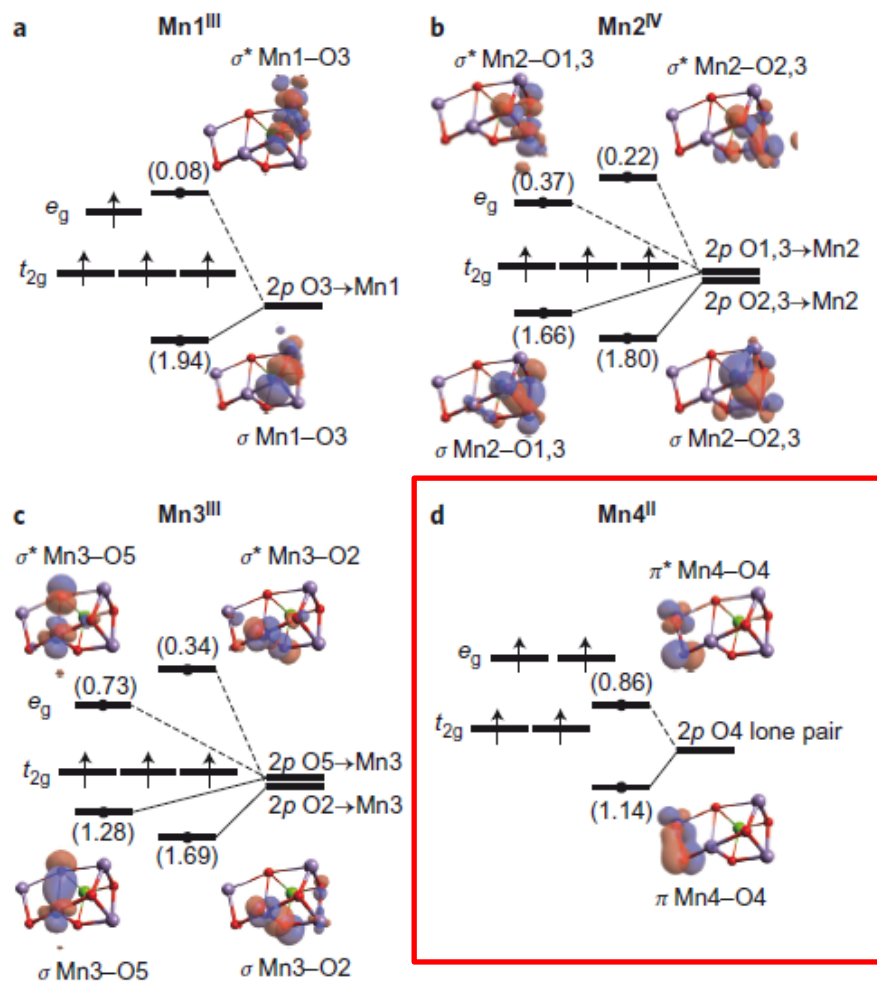
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# X-ray diffraction structure

# Refined structure

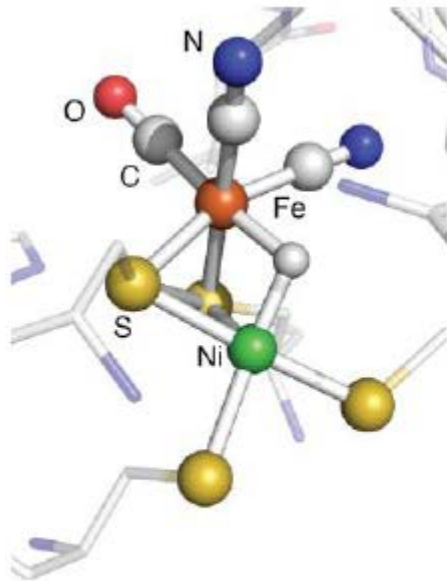


Hydrogenase

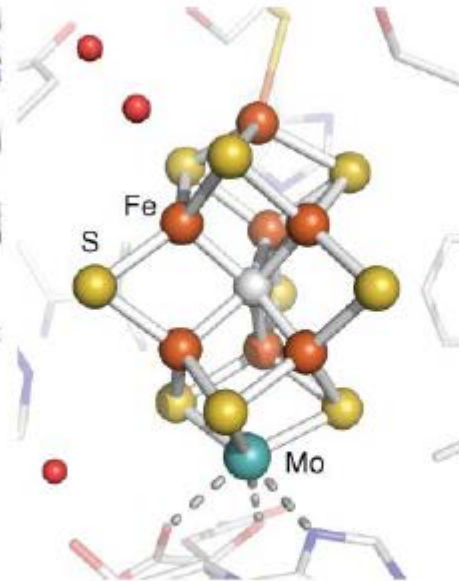
Nitrogenase

Photosystem II

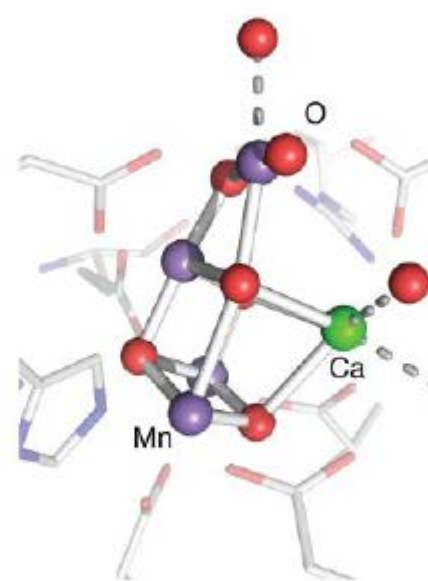
Cytochrome C oxidase



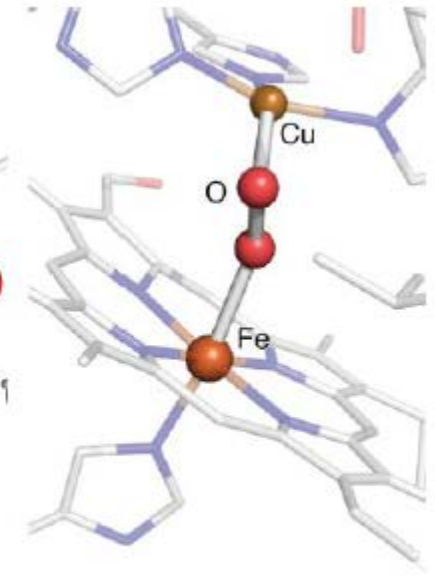
NiFe H<sub>2</sub>ase  
 $2\text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{H}_2$



FeMoS Nitrogenase  
 $\text{N}_2 \rightarrow \text{NH}_3$



Mn<sub>4</sub>Ca Water oxidase  
 $2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + 4\text{H}^+$

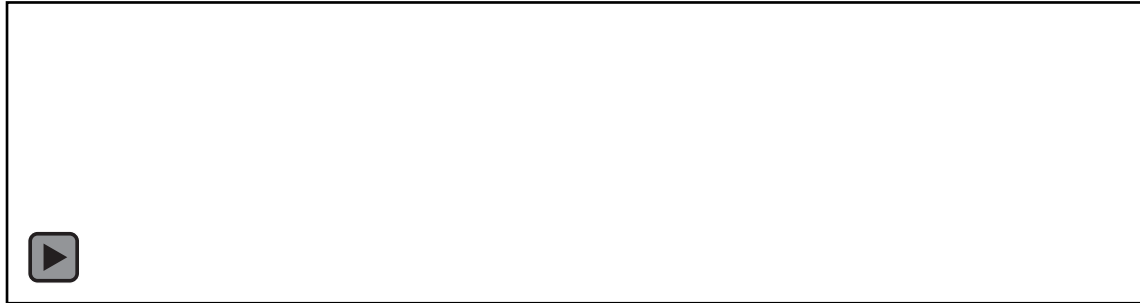


FeCu Cyt c oxidase  
 $\text{O}_2 + 4\text{H}^+ \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

**Let's leave the ball-and-stick picture behind and have a look at the orbitals!**

# Liquid jets

„Rayleigh“ jet



GDVN



Animations by Chris Smith, SLAC  
National Accelerator Laboratory

Jet	Flow rate (min <sup>-1</sup> )	Sample consumption (12 h)
„Rayleigh“ jet	1 ml	1 l
GDVN	10 $\mu$ l	10 ml
Eletrospinning	< 1 $\mu$ l	< 1 ml

Nozzle



*X-rays  
on jet*

SXR-LCLS  
09/2010

## Jet

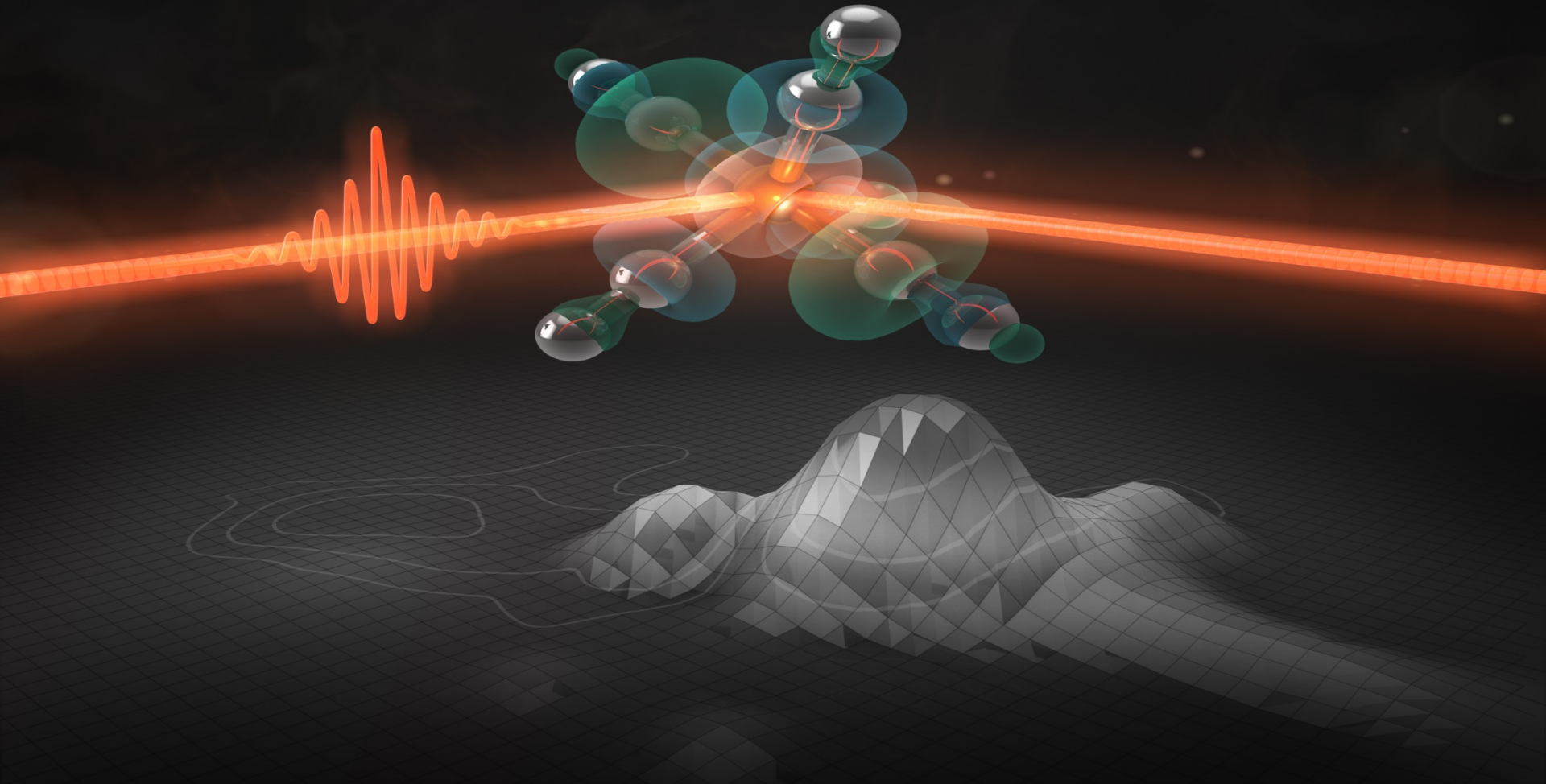
- Flow rate: 1-2 ml/min
- Diameter 20  $\mu\text{m}$
- Replenishment rate of sample:  
0.5-1 MHz for 100  $\mu\text{m}$  high cyliner  
between x-ray shots

This and the available optical laser densities for sample excitation limits the ideal repetition rate to 100-300 kHz!

# Soft x-ray spectroscopy of 3d TM atoms

- Mechanistic explanation of molecular photocatalysis
- The local chemistry in metalloproteins

# Orbital-specific mapping of chemical interactions and dynamics



Ph. Wernet et al., *Nature* **520**, 78-81 (2015)

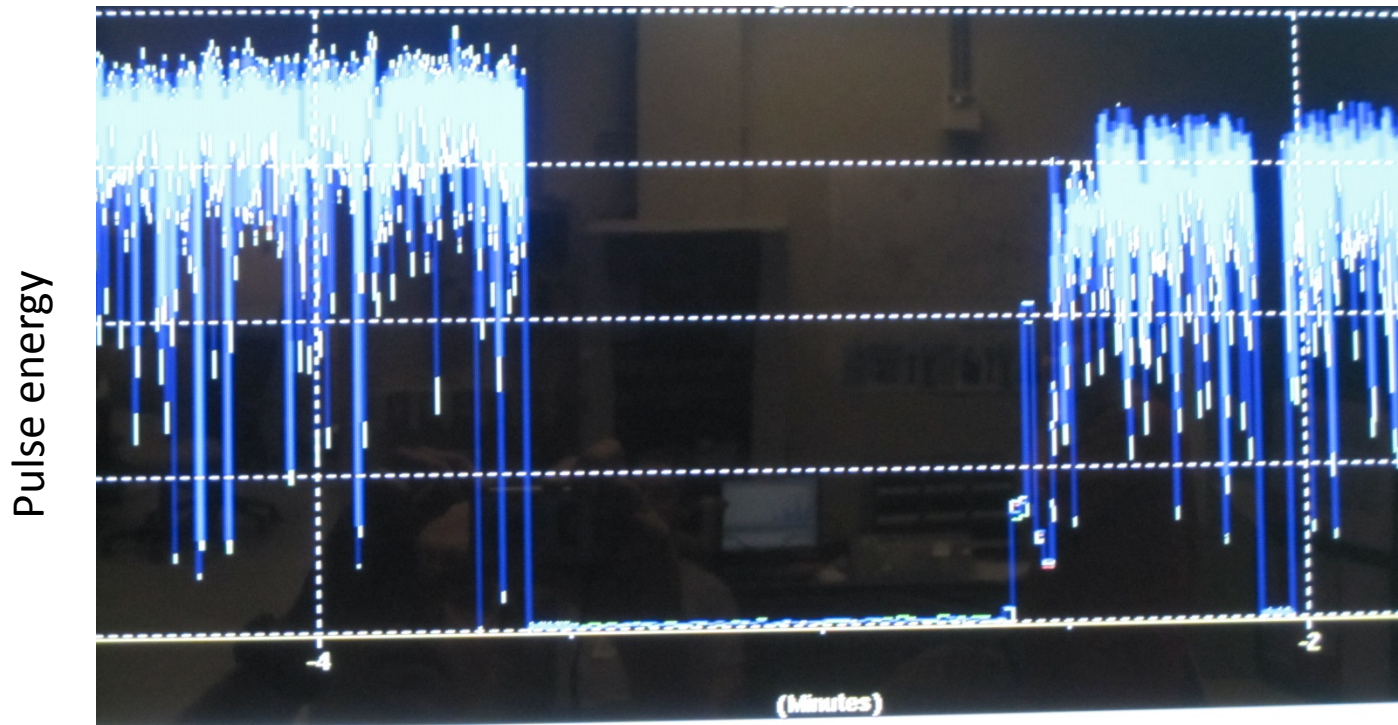
# Ultrafast support at LCLS

*Saturday, September 4, 2010*

The red phone (MCC) rings  
Bill Schlotter picks up „Uhum,  
aha“, hangs up and informs us  
„They lost a Klystron,  
maintenance is on its way.“  
Beam is back, we are confused,  
that was too fast...

Beamloss

We realize the beamloss



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30

60 seconds

# Thank you



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