

# Perspectives for Time-Resolved UV to X-ray studies at Synchrotrons

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## TREES



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Opportunities for Time-RESolved Experiments at new Synchrotron radiation facilities

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# Wish list for (bio)chemical dynamics

- Element-selectivity
- Electronic structure
- Spin structure
- Geometric structure
- Time scales:  $\geq 20$  fs to 100s ps
- Condensed phase media (liquid, interfaces, amorphous, etc.)

**The Science determines which tool to use!**

# Sources of short-wavelength pulses

**Synchrotron Radiation ( $\geq 50$  ps)**

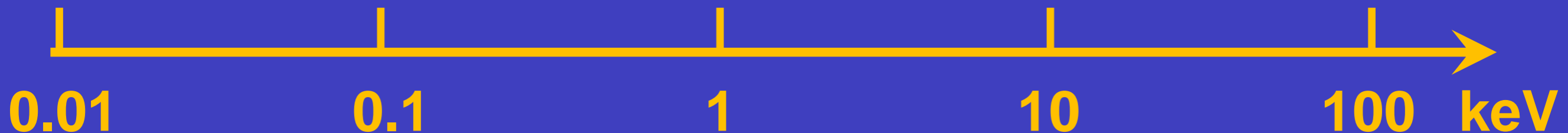
Stability  
Tuneability  
Average flux

**Plasma-based sources ( $\geq 50$  fs)**

**XUV Free electron  
Lasers ( $\geq 50$  fs)**

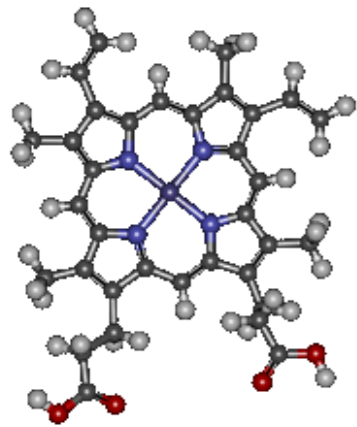
**X-ray Free electron  
Lasers ( $\geq 50$  fs)**

**High Harmonic  
Generation ( $\geq$ As)**



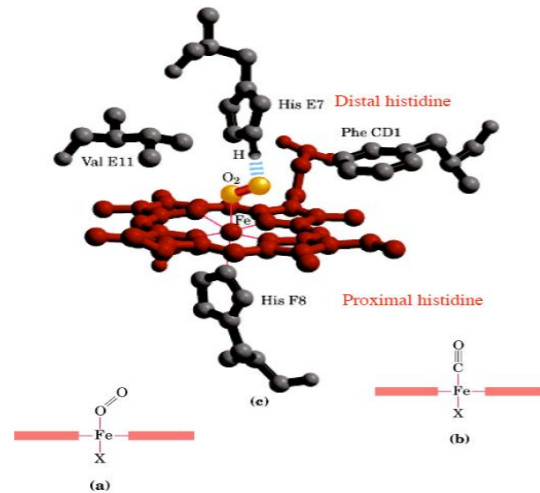
# Protein Dynamics in Solution - From the Chromophore to the Scaffold

10 fs ... 10 ps



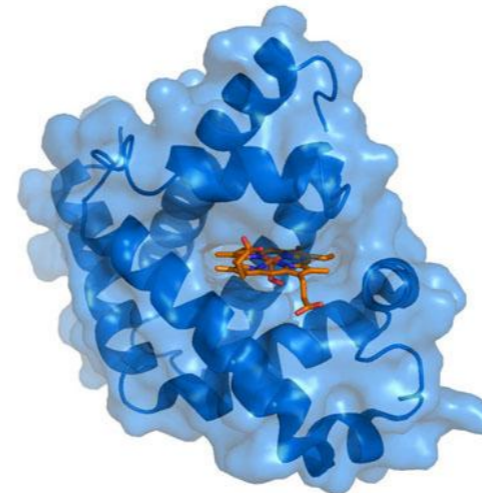
- Spin dynamics**  
(singlet to quintet)
- intramolecular ET (ring to metal, metal to ring)
  - Intramolecular vibrational redistribution (IVR)
  - Electronic relaxation: internal conversion

1 ps ... 10 ps



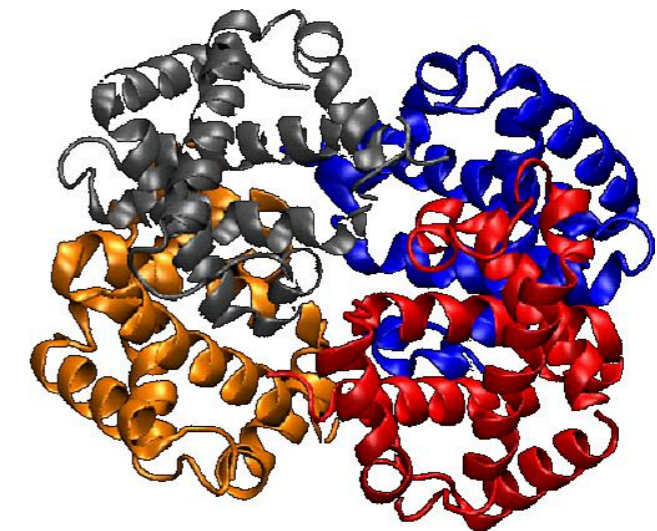
- Structural dynamics
- Ligand dissociation
- Doming
- Cooling

10 ps ... 100 ps



- Dielectric response of amino-acid residues
- Cooling and heat transfer
- Helix motion
- Conformational changes
- Correlated motions
- Role of biological water
- intermolecular ET

ps ... μs



- Cooperativity
- Allostery
- Signaling
- Respiration

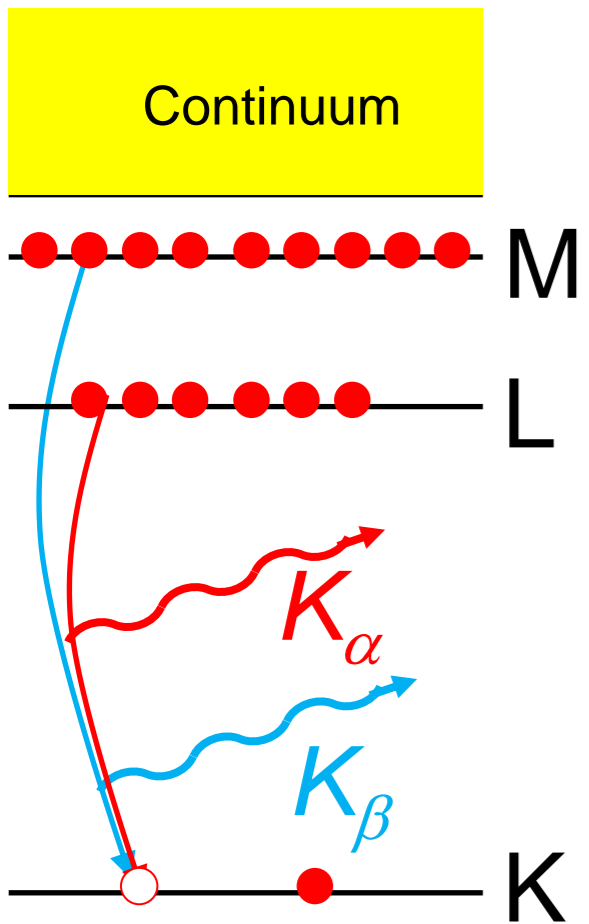
> μs

X-ray protein scattering

X-ray spectroscopy (XAS, XES)

Deep-UV Circular Dichroism

# Core-level spectroscopies

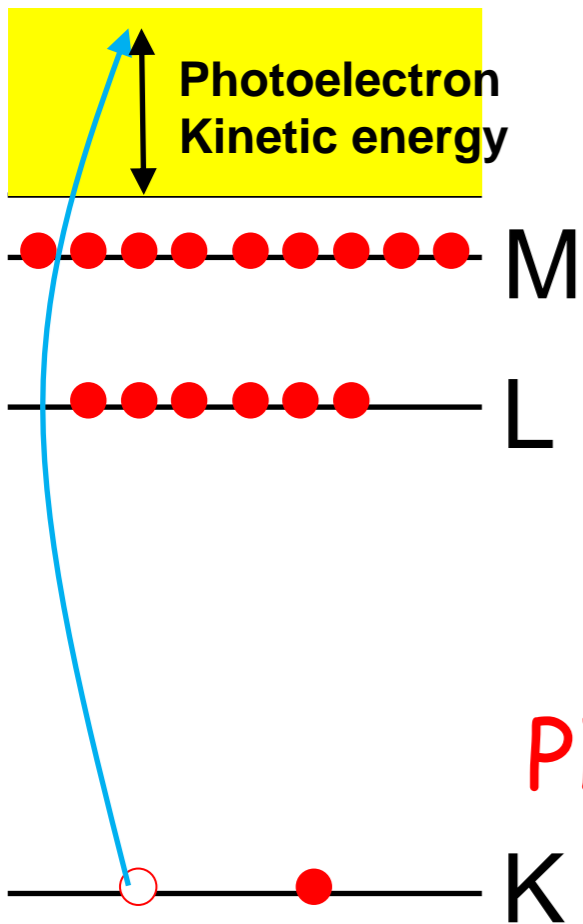
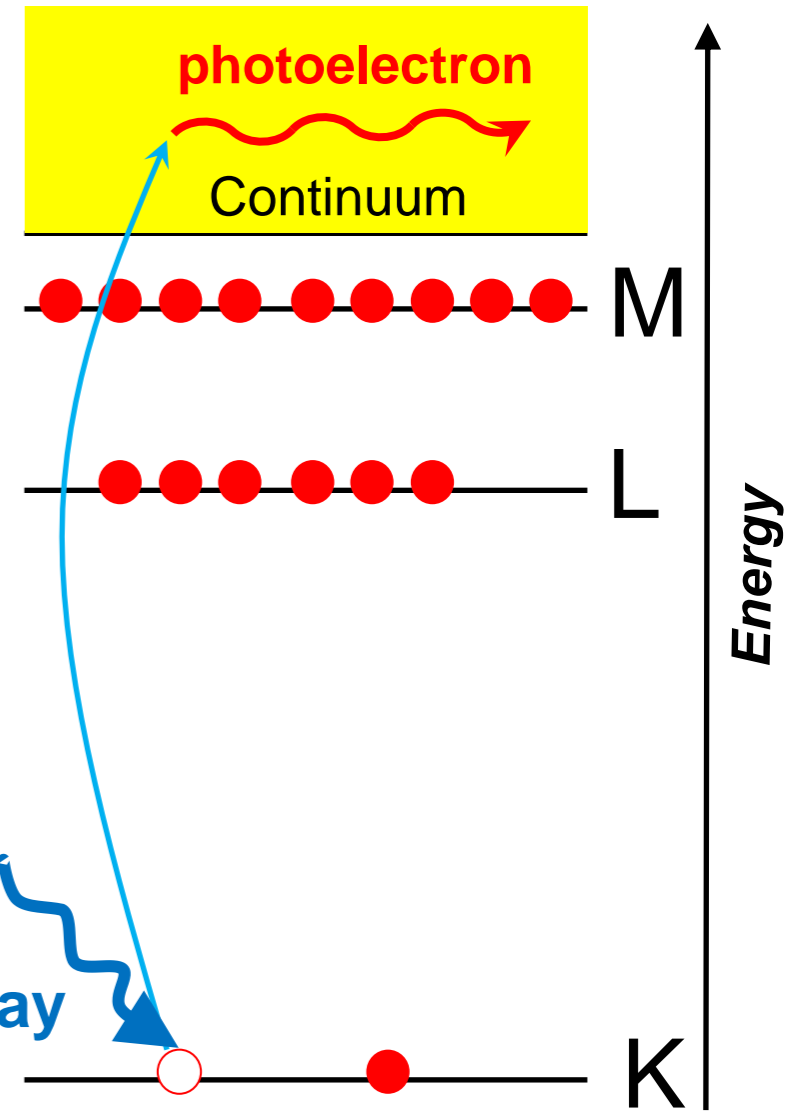
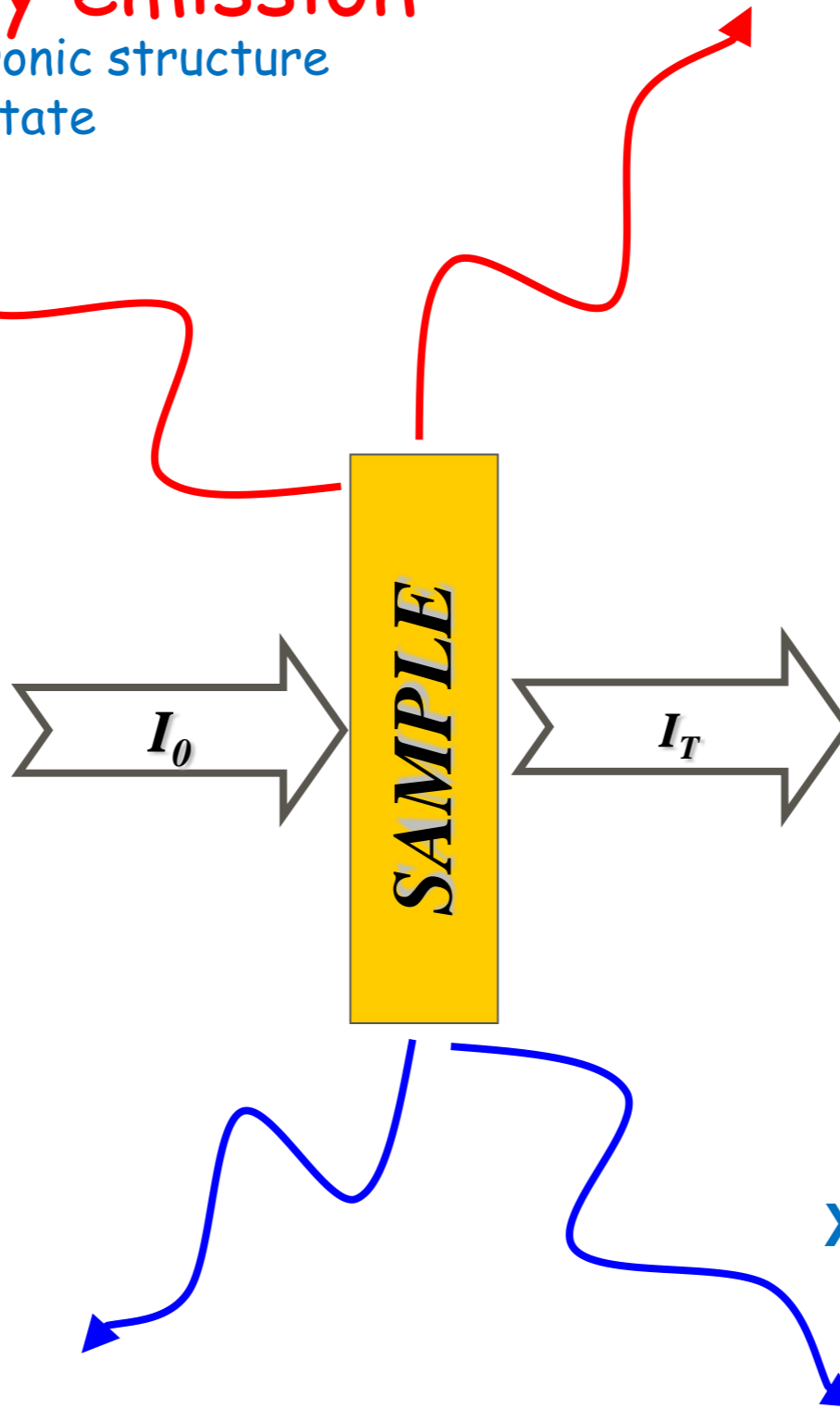


## X-ray emission

Electronic structure  
Spin state

## X-ray absorption

Electronic structure  
Local geometry

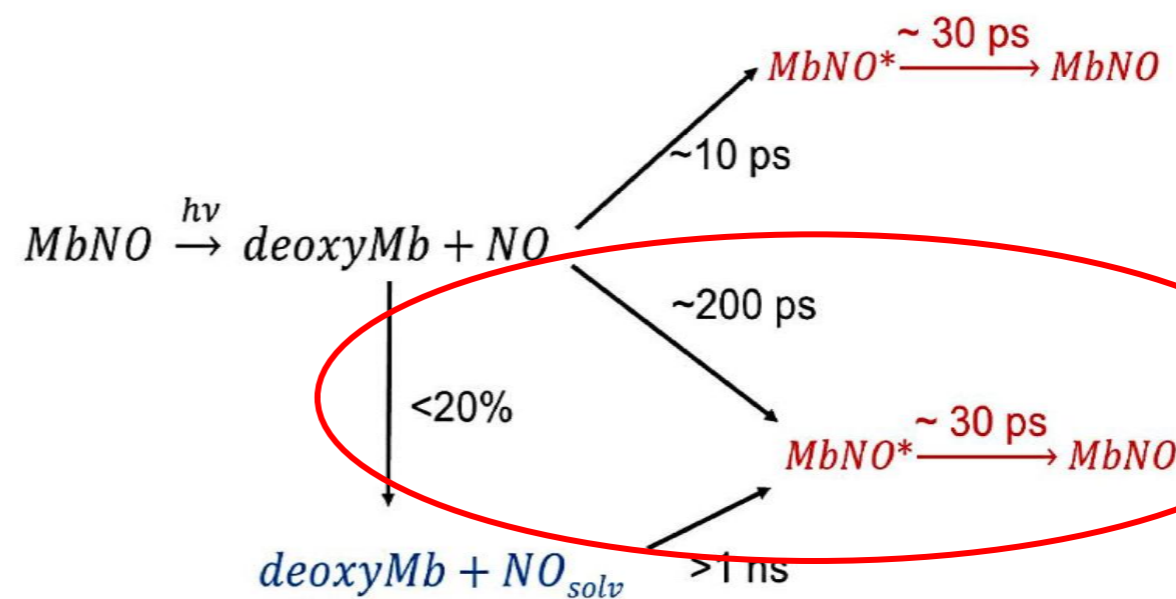
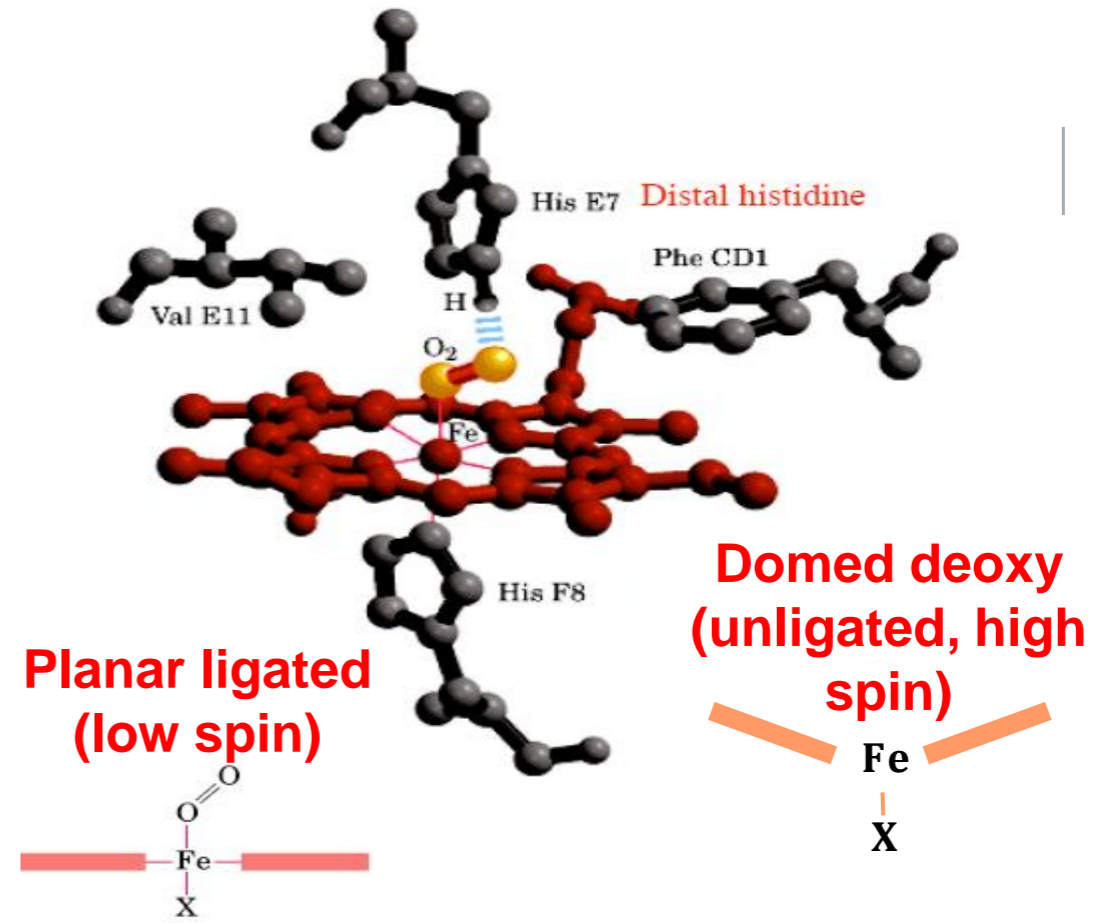
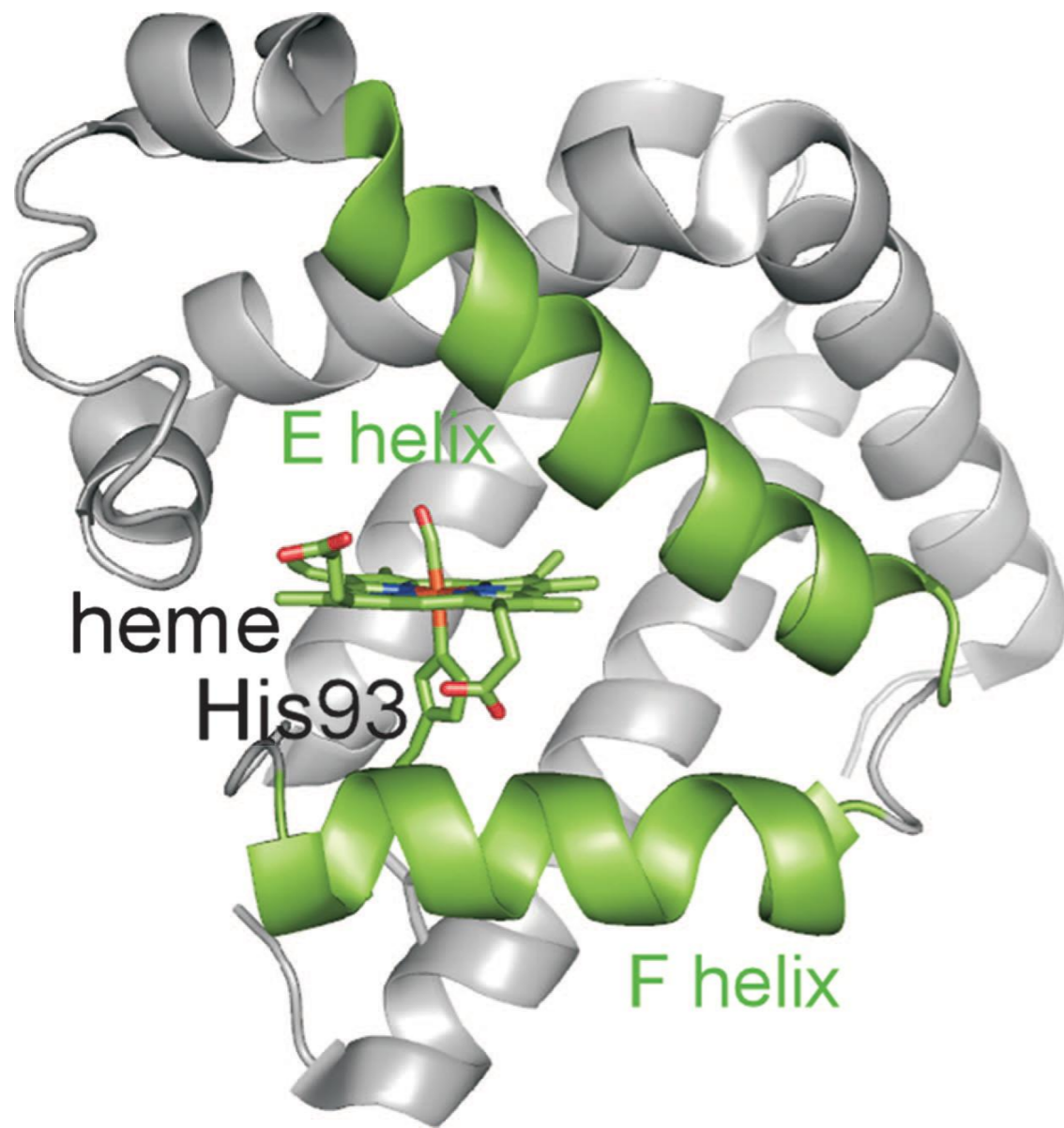


## Photoelectrons

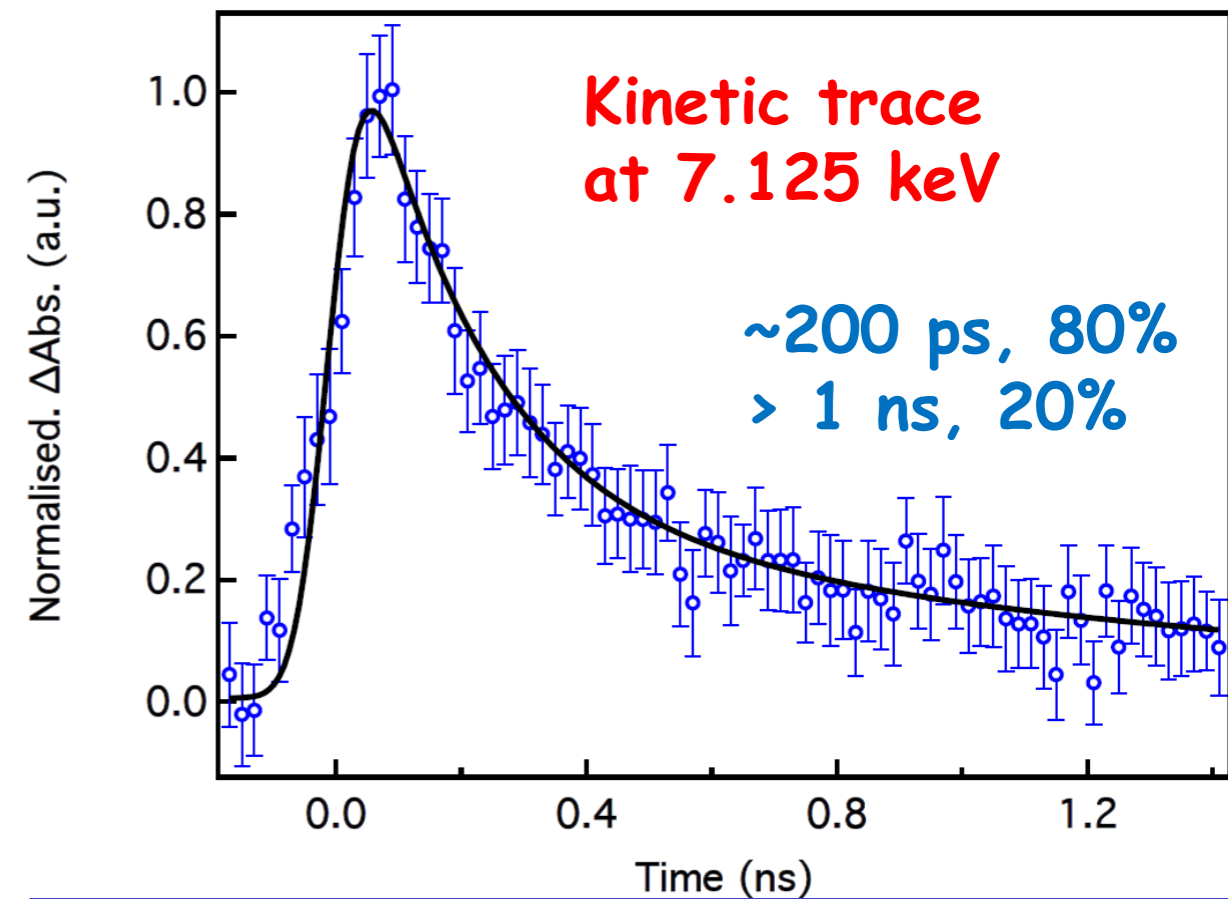
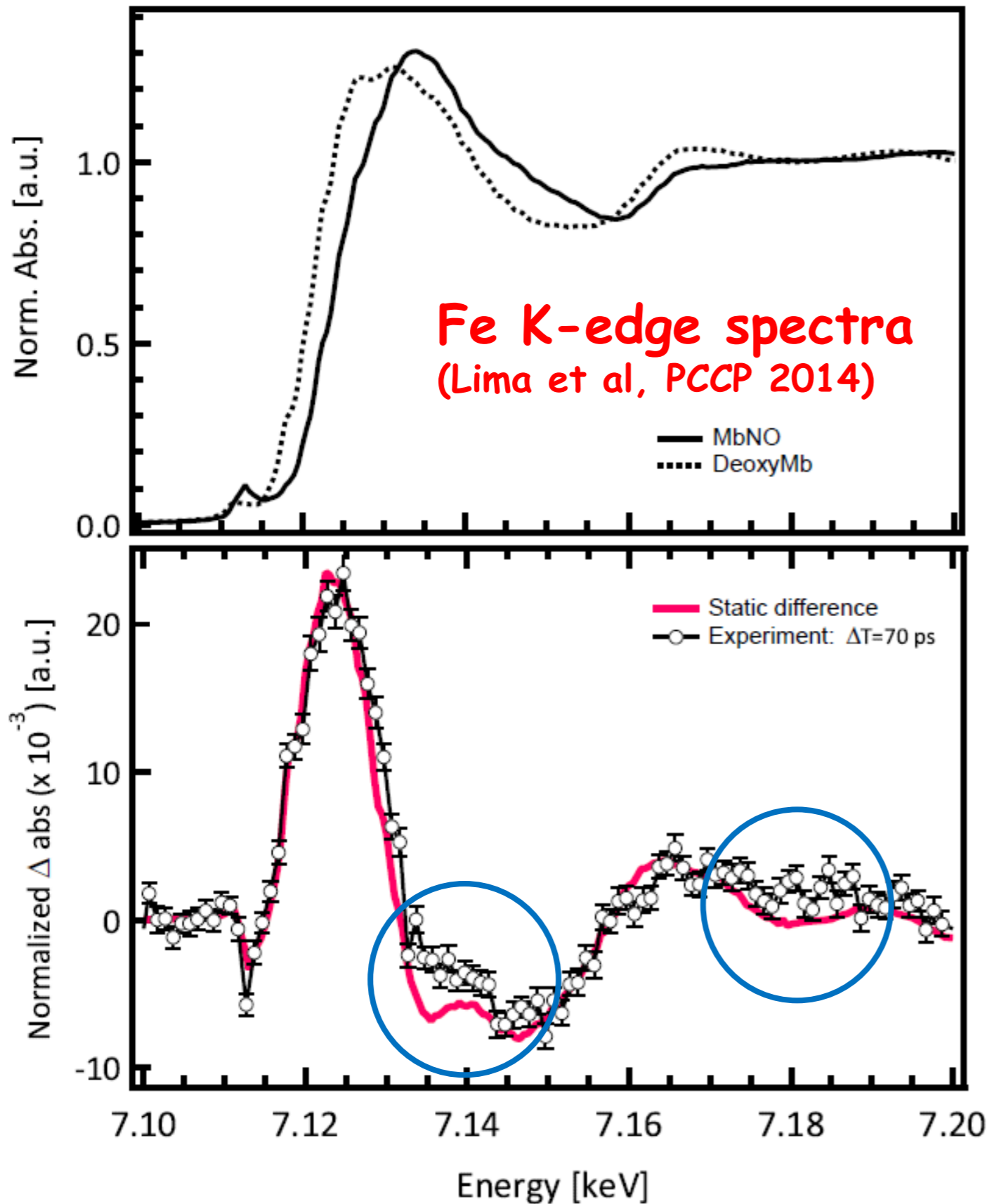
Binding energies  
Chemical bond

XANES, NEXAFS, EXAFS, SEXAFS,  
XES, RIXS, ESCA, UPS, XPS, etc.

# Fundamental processes in respiration

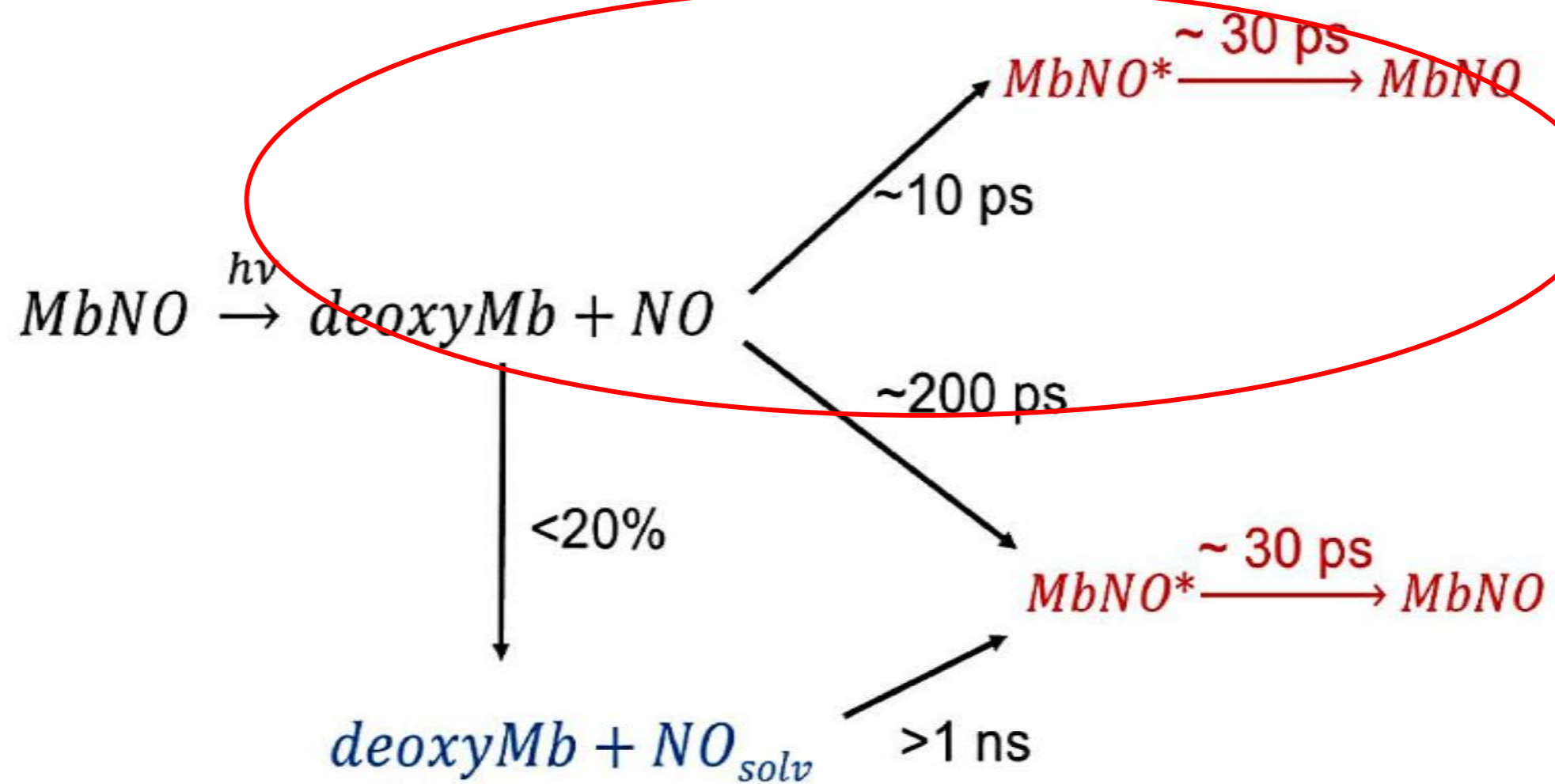


# Local probing: XAS transients of Myoglobin-NO in a physiological solution with 70 ps resolution



- Biosystems are robust !
- Opens opportunities for fs/ps solution XRS, XES, RIXS, etc.

Silatani et al, PNAS (2015)

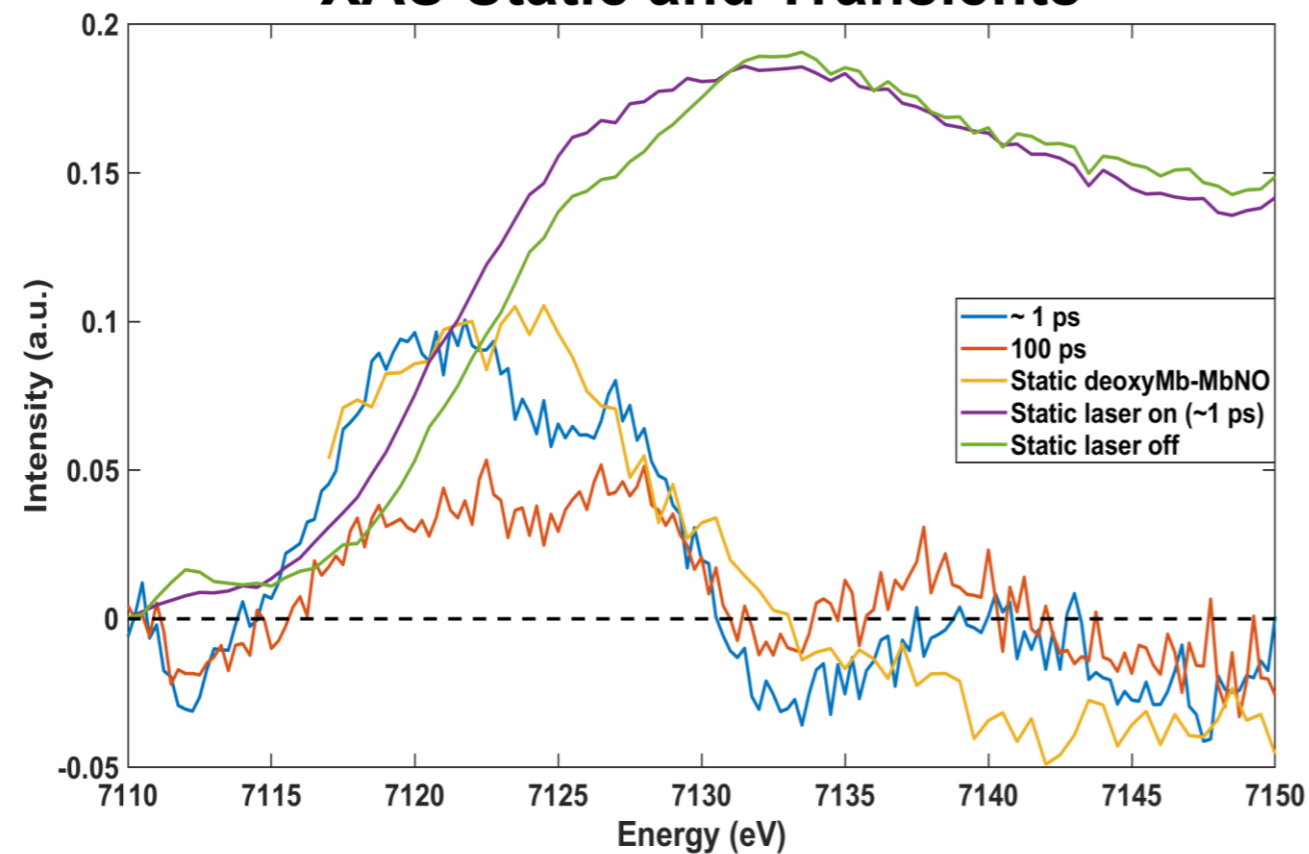


- Slow kinetics (ca. 200 ps) due to recombination from remote NO's
- Domed ligated form populated in  $\sim 200$  ps and decays in  $\sim 30$  ps.
- XFEL experiments to probe the short time components

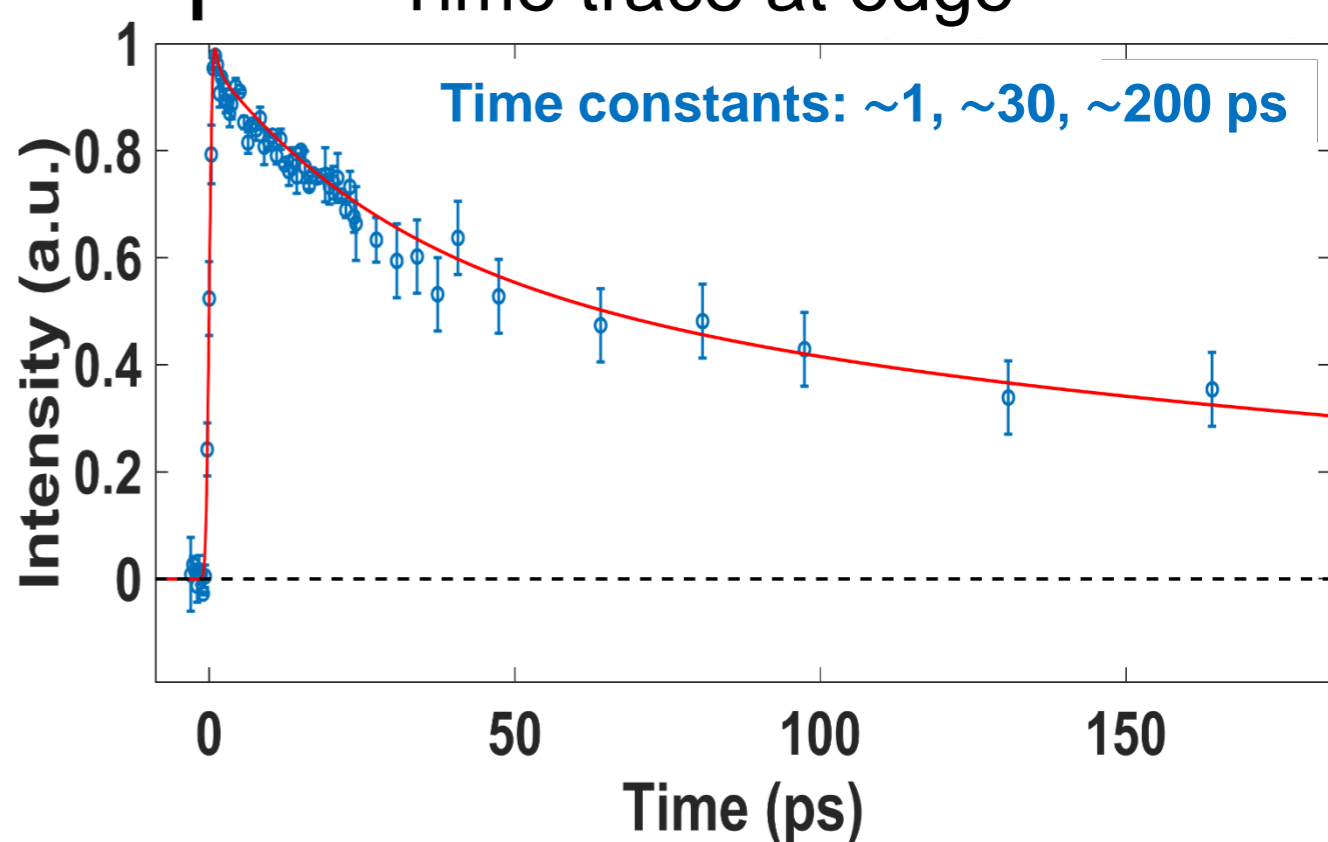


# Femtosecond X-ray absorption studies (Coll. SACLA)

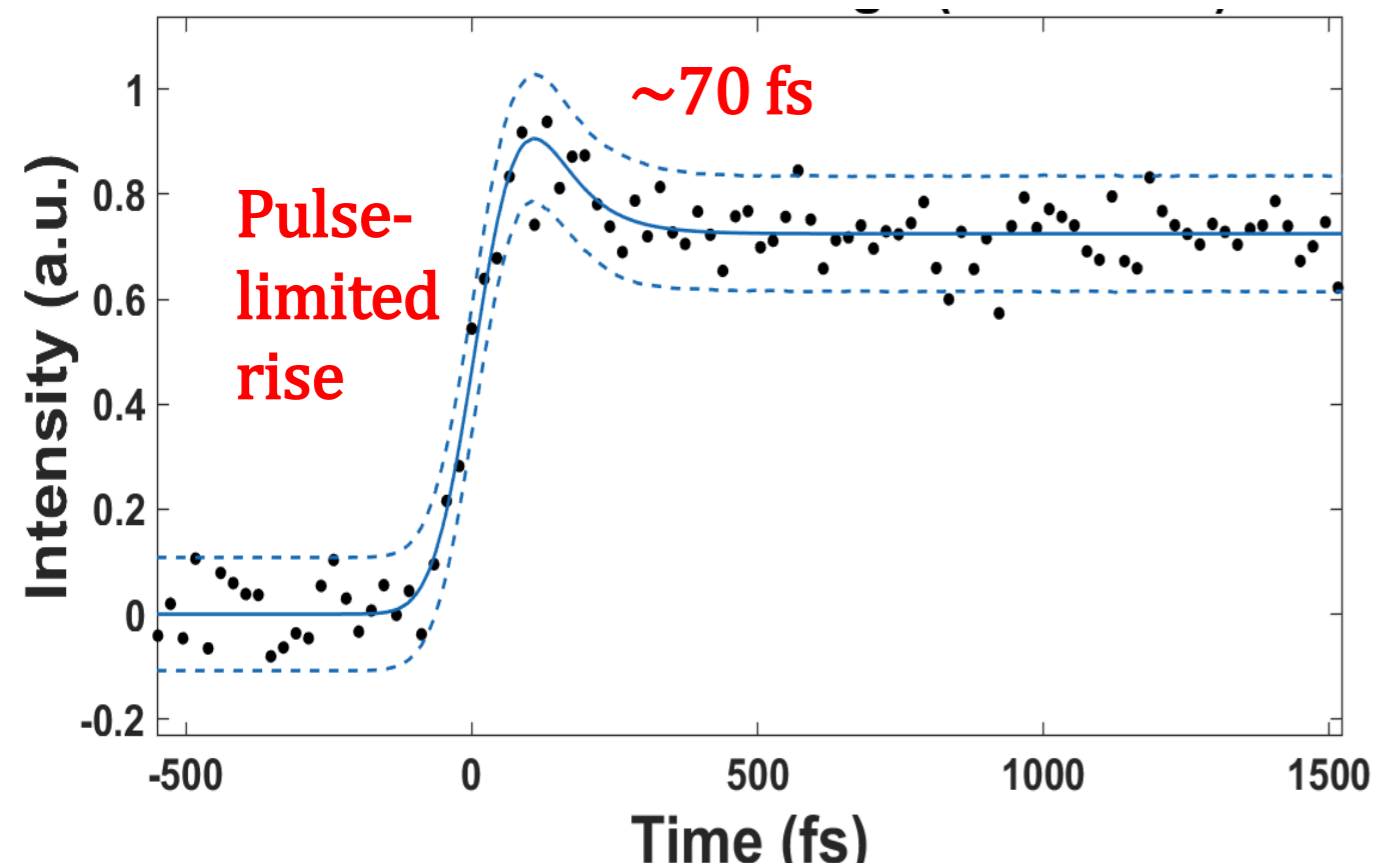
## XAS Static and Transients



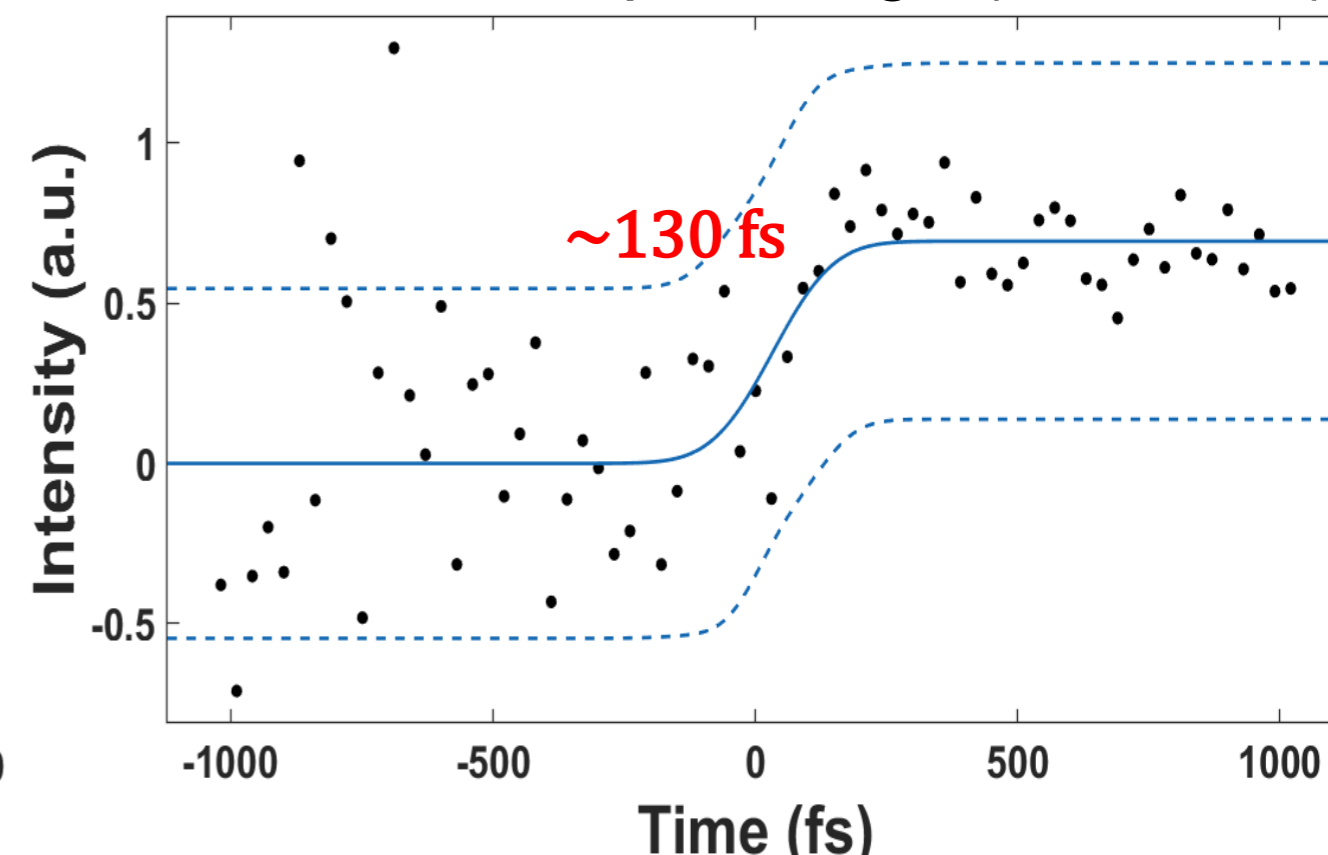
## Time trace at edge



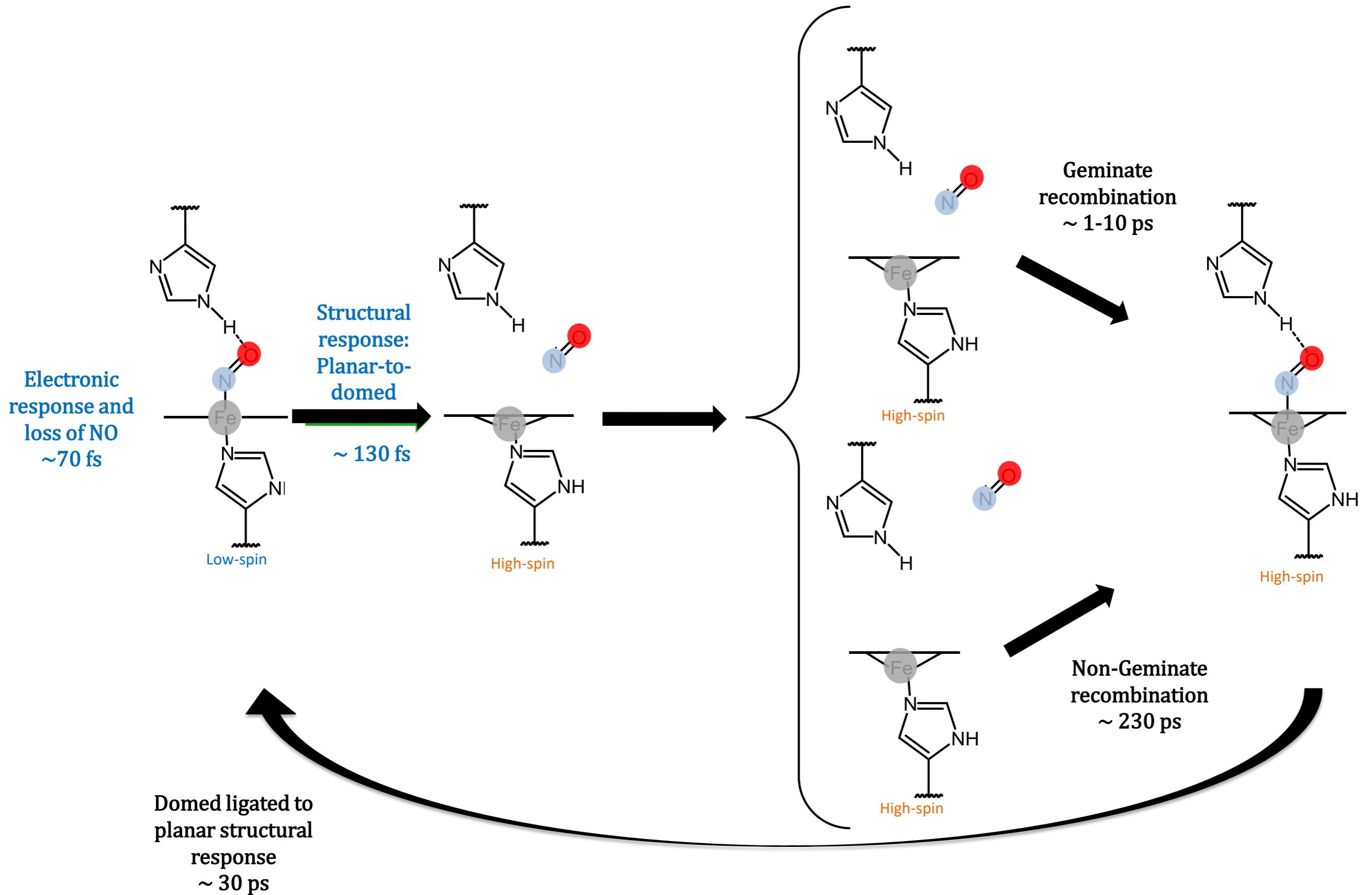
## Time trace at edge (electronic)



## Time trace at post-edge (structural)



# Proposed photocycle



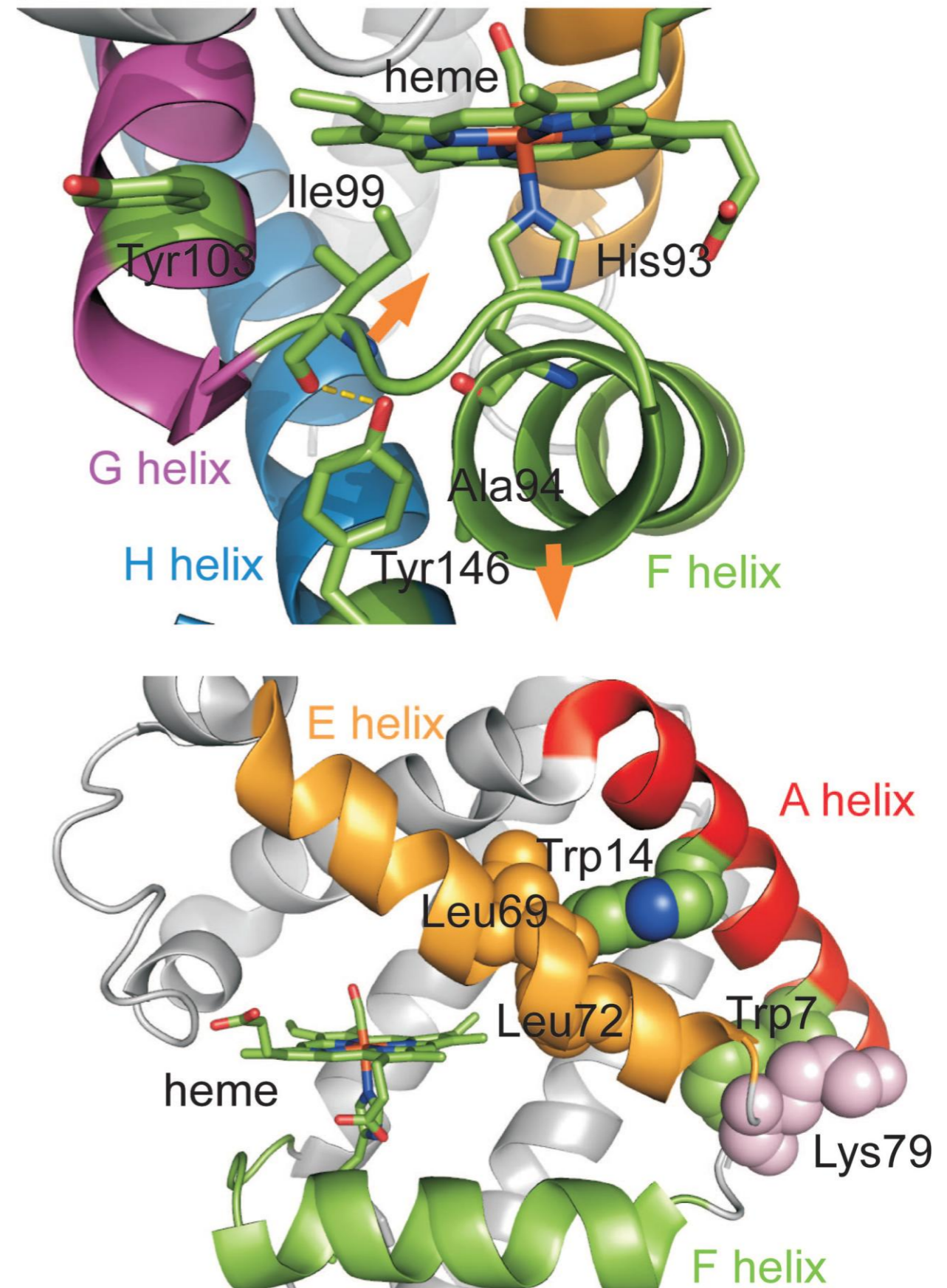
# Environment response

Side chain motion Probed by UV  
resonance Raman of amino-acid residues:  
2-10 ps (Sato et al, PNAS 104 (2007)  
9627-9632)

Levantino et al, Nat. Comm. 2015:  
solution small-angle scattering (SAXS)  
Poor spatial resolution

Baerends et al, Science 2015: Serial  
crystallography studies, non-physiological

## Deep-UV Circular Dichroism

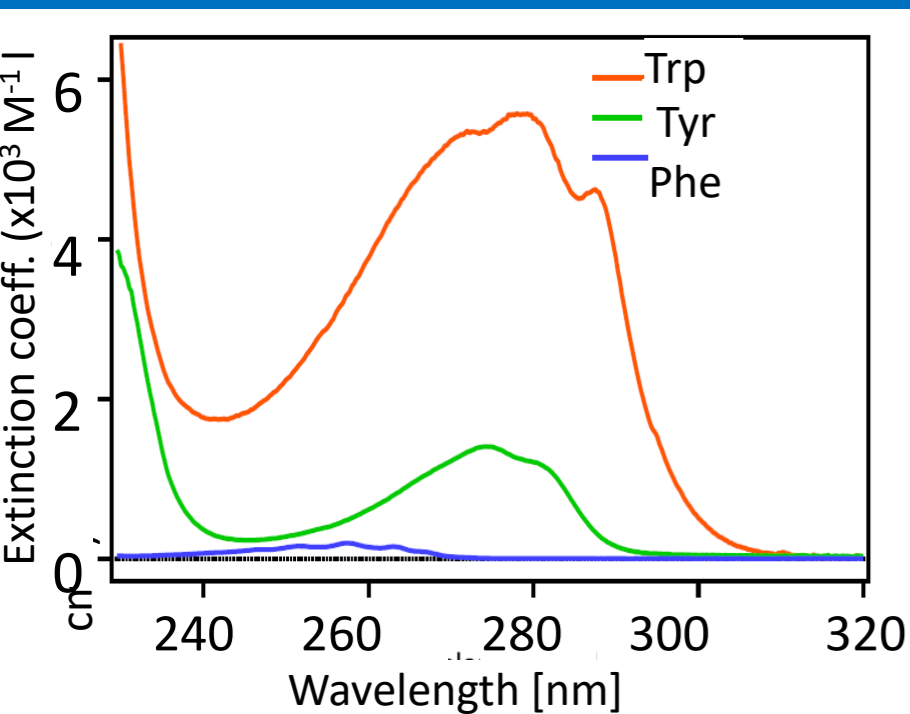


# 2D deep-UV set-up @

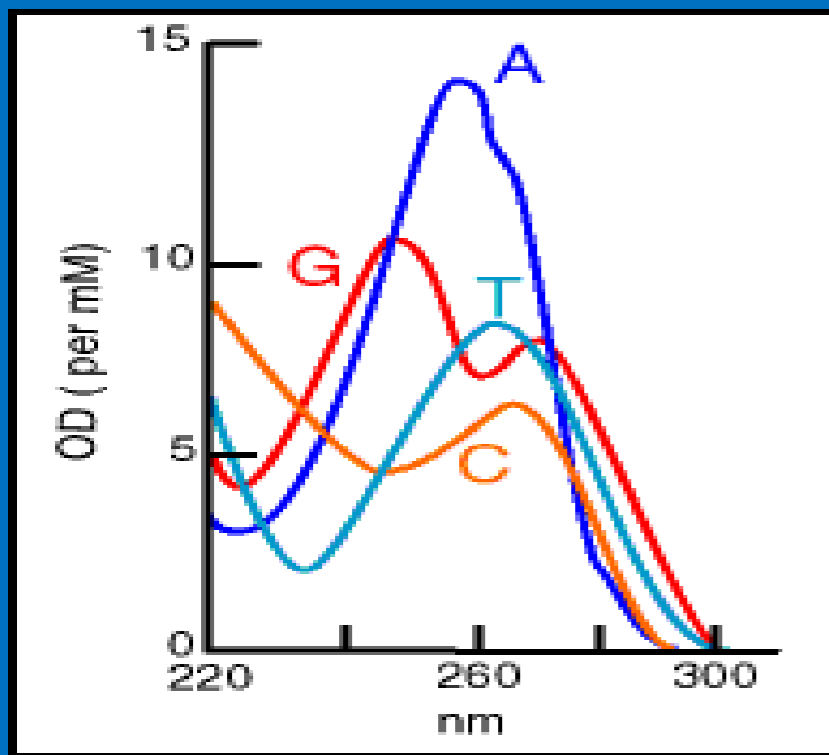


(Auböck et al, RSI 2012; Opt. Letters 2012)

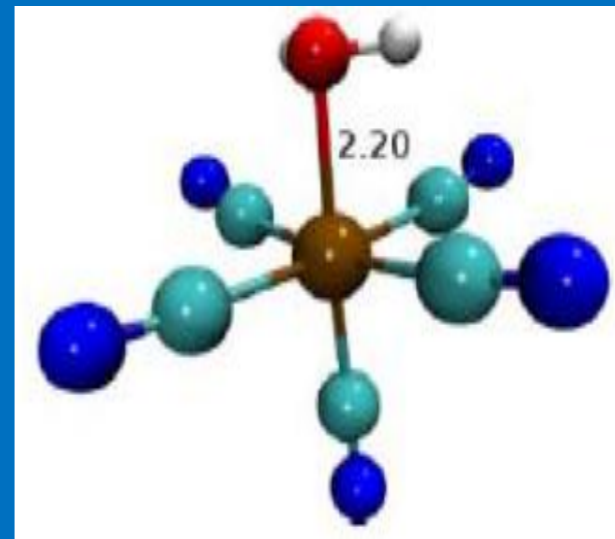
Biology: Amino acid residues and nucleotides



Consani et al, Science (2013)  
Monni et al, PNAS (2015)

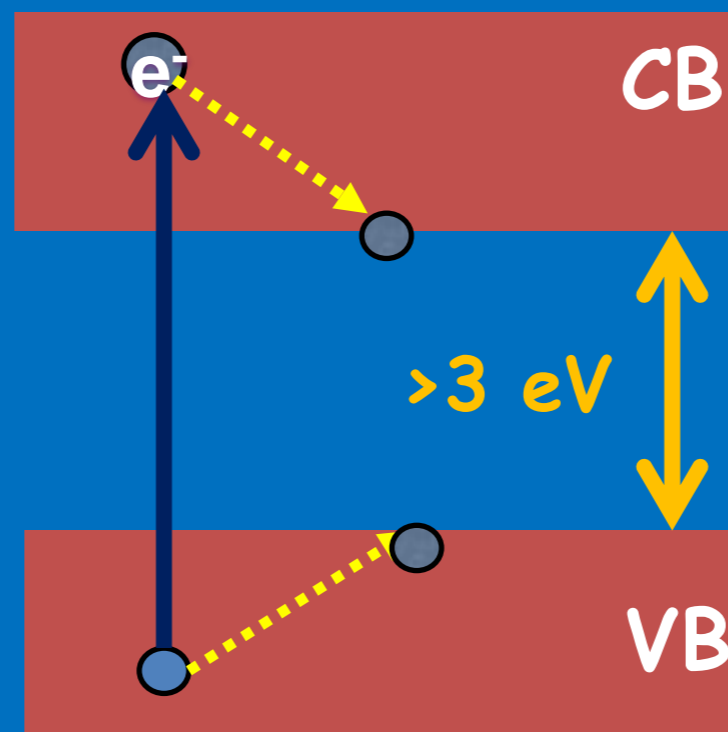


Chemistry: Small molecules



Auböck & Chergui, Nature Chem. (2015)  
Reinhard et al, JACS (2017)  
Monni et al, CPL (2017); PNAS (2018)

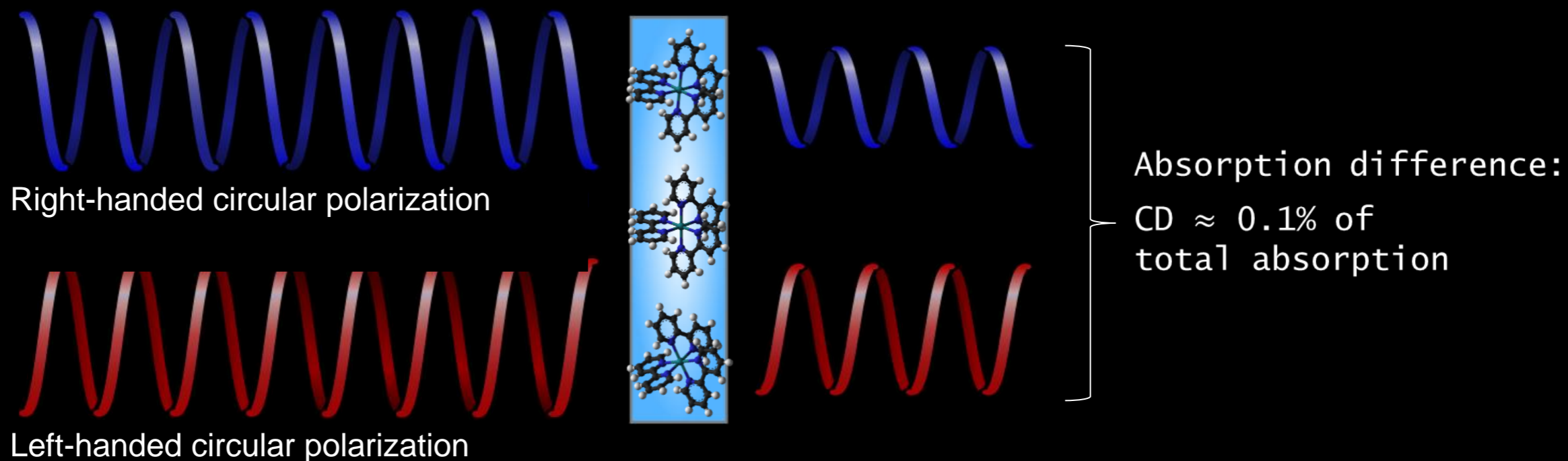
Materials science: Transition Metal oxides



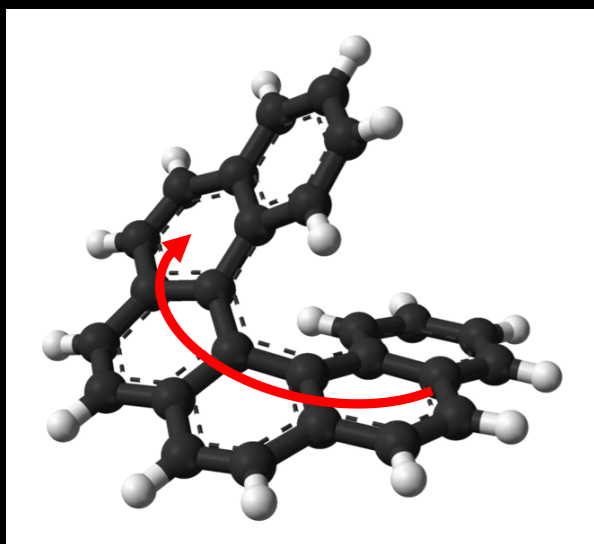
Baldini et al, Nature Comm. (2017);  
JACS (2017); ACS Photonics (2018)  
NanoLetters (2018); Nature Phys.  
(under review)

# CIRCULAR DICHROISM

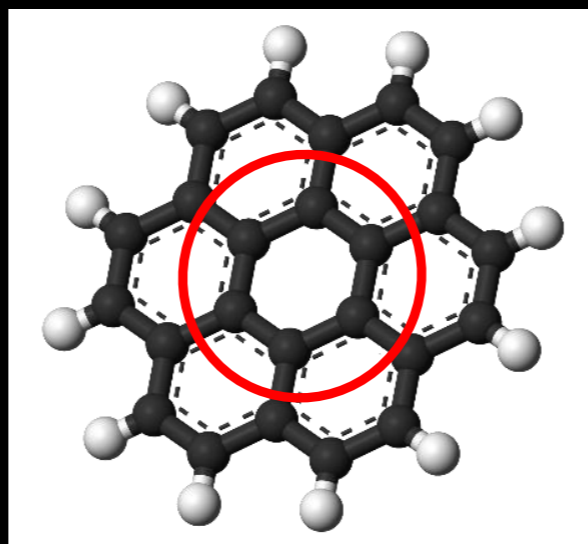
The absorption difference of left- and right-circularly polarized light:



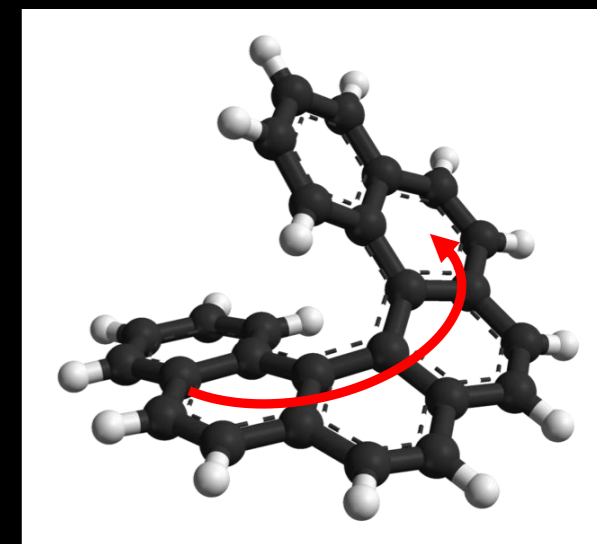
CD transitions are associated with helical charge displacements in chiral systems:



Chiral M-[6]helicene



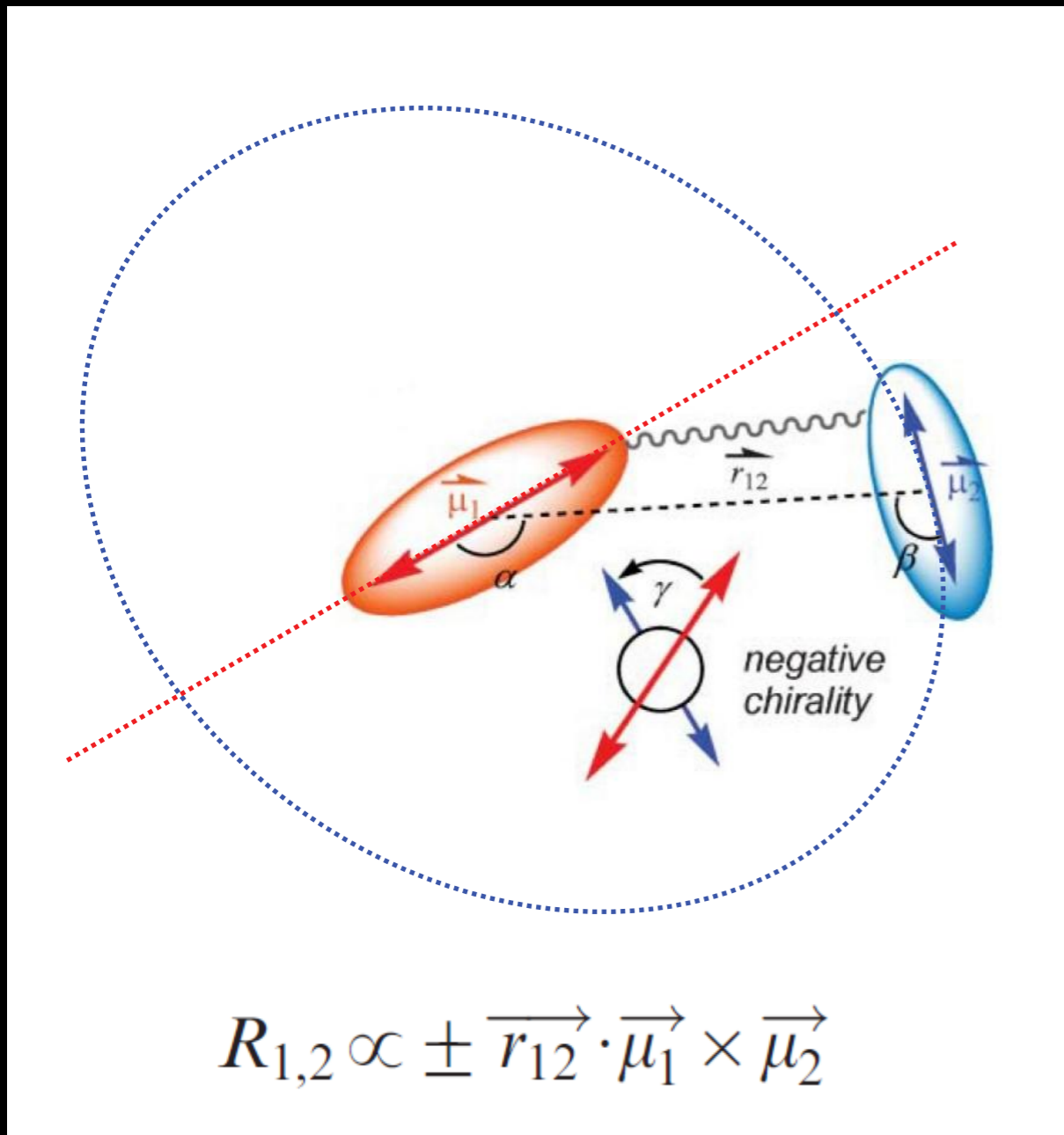
Achiral coronene



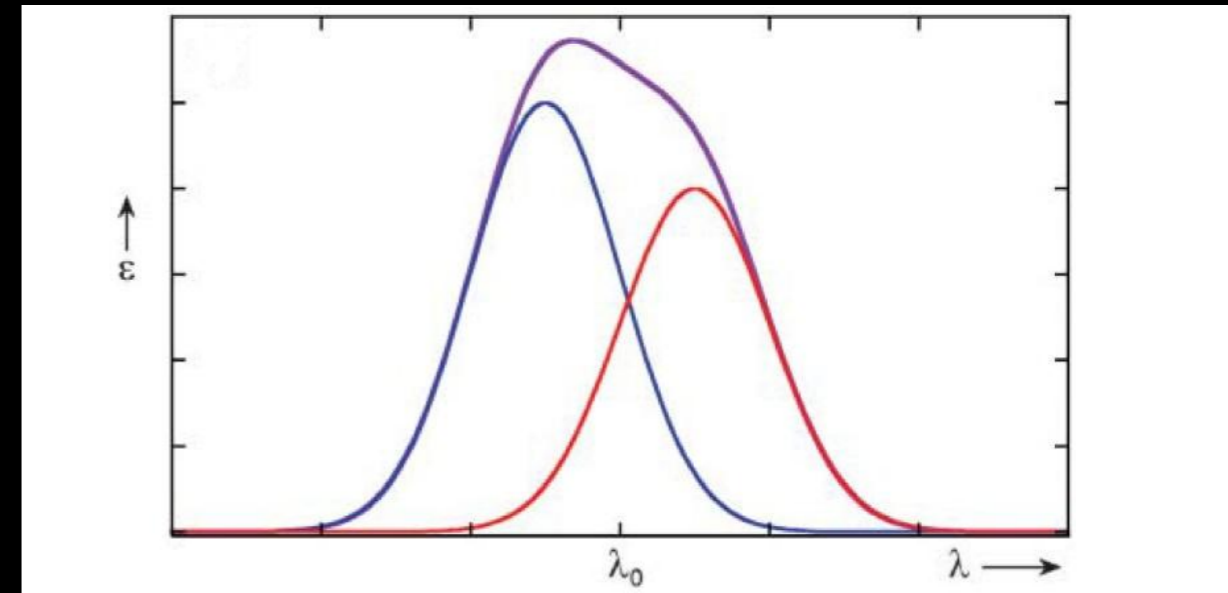
Chiral P-[6]helicene

# ELECTRONIC CD FROM COUPLED CHROMOPHORES

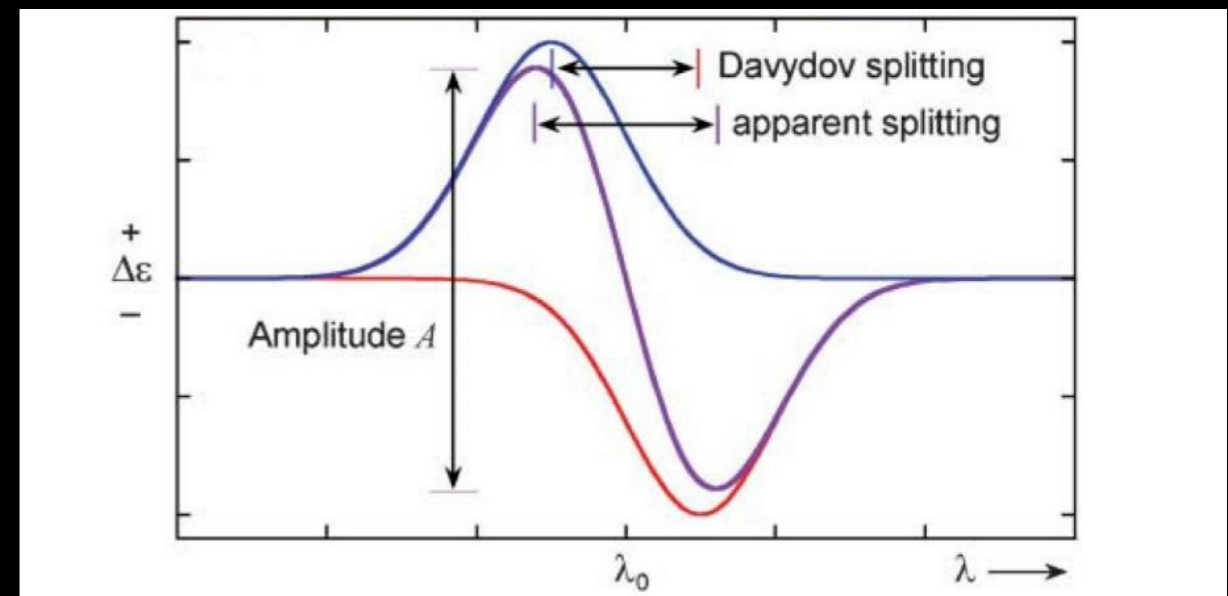
Excitonically coupled chromophores:



Linear absorption:

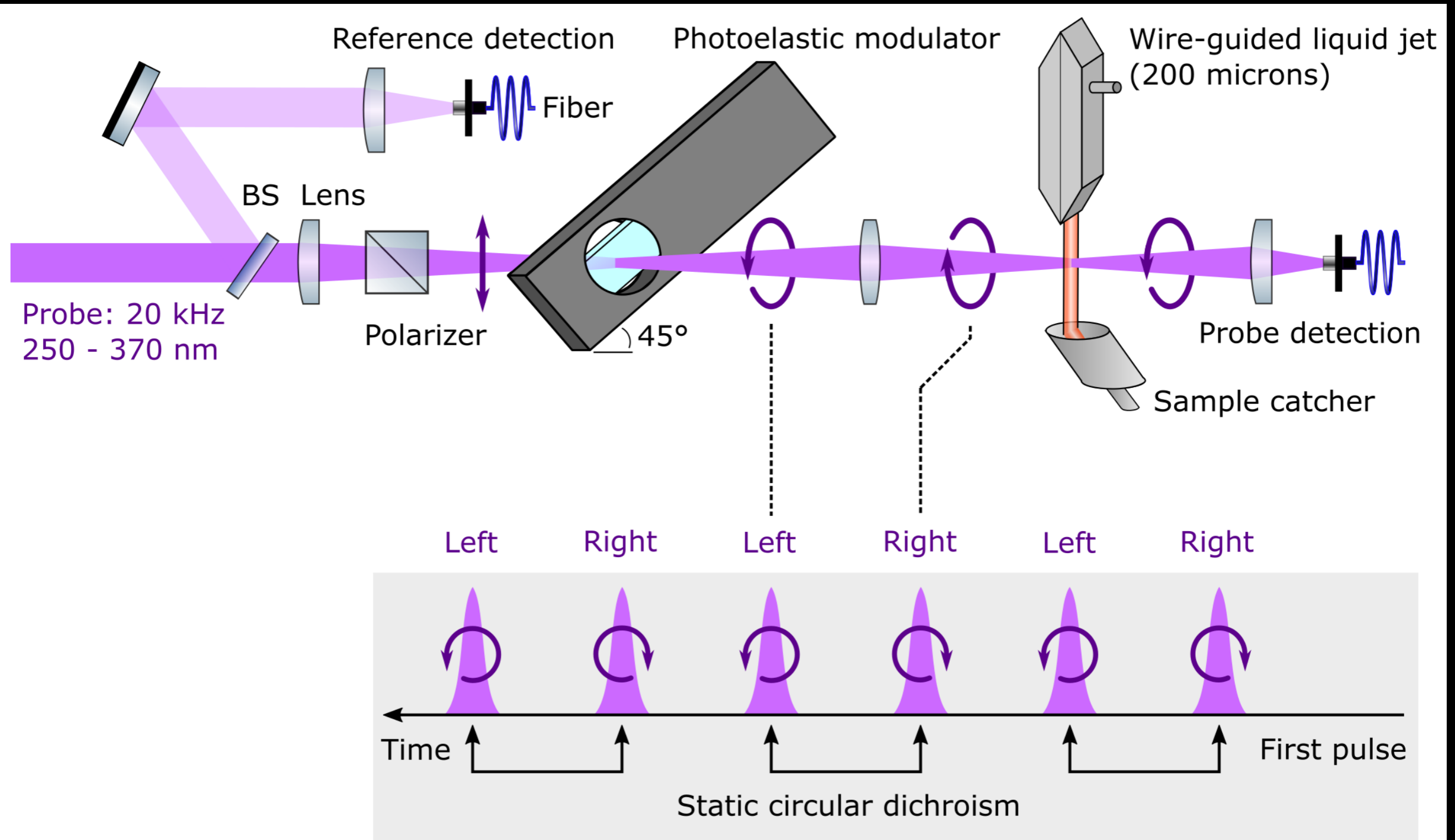


Circular Dichroism:

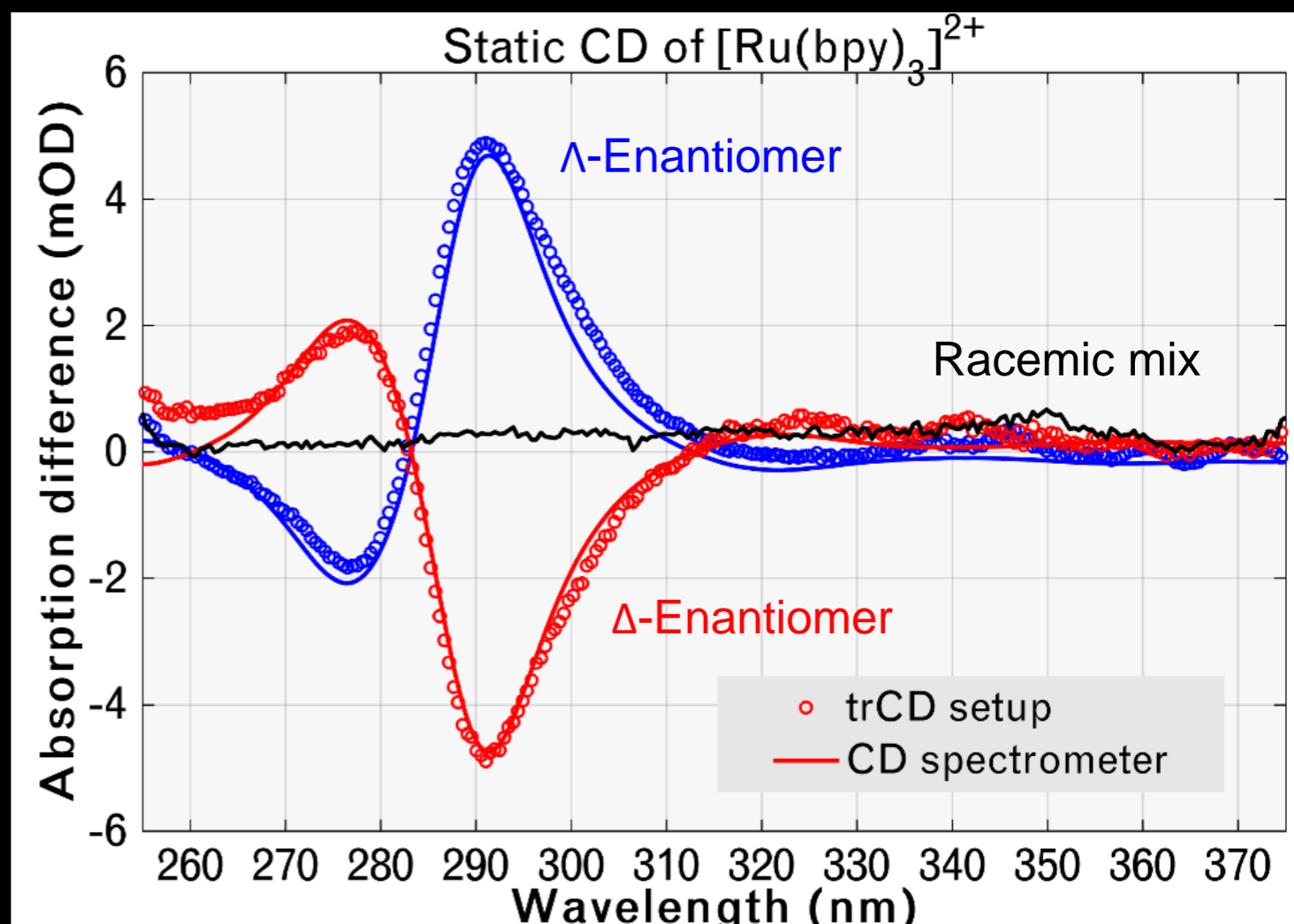
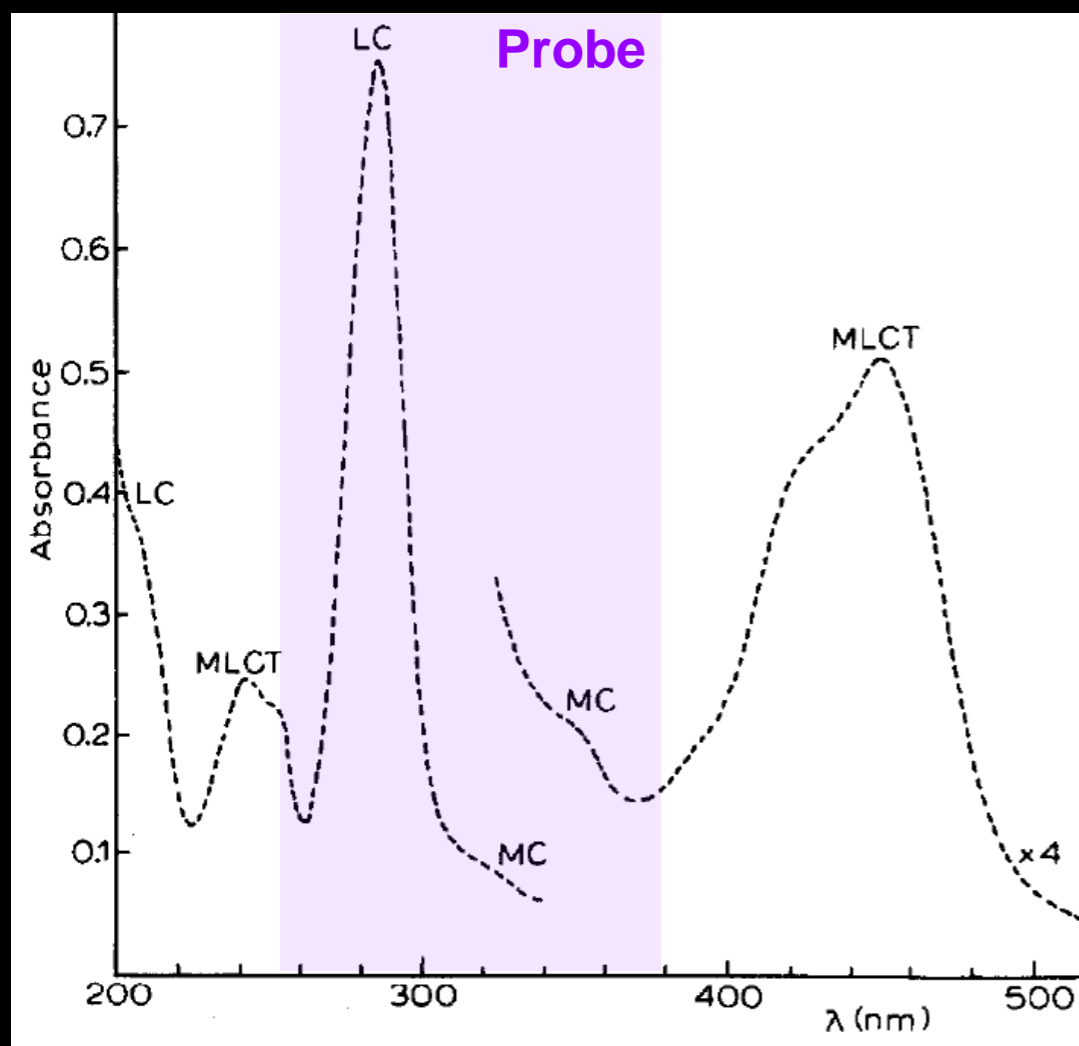


CD probes the geometry of chiral systems of excitonically coupled chromophores!

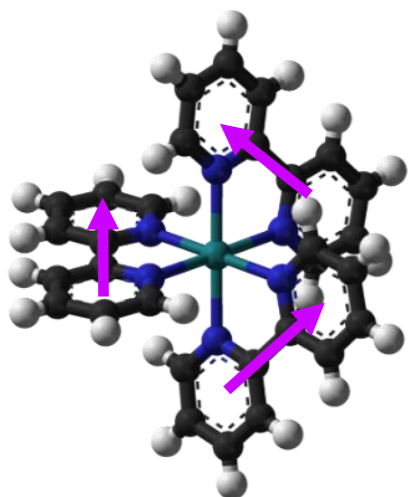
# ULTRAFAST CD SETUP



# STATIC CD PERFORMANCE



1.0 mM aqueous solution

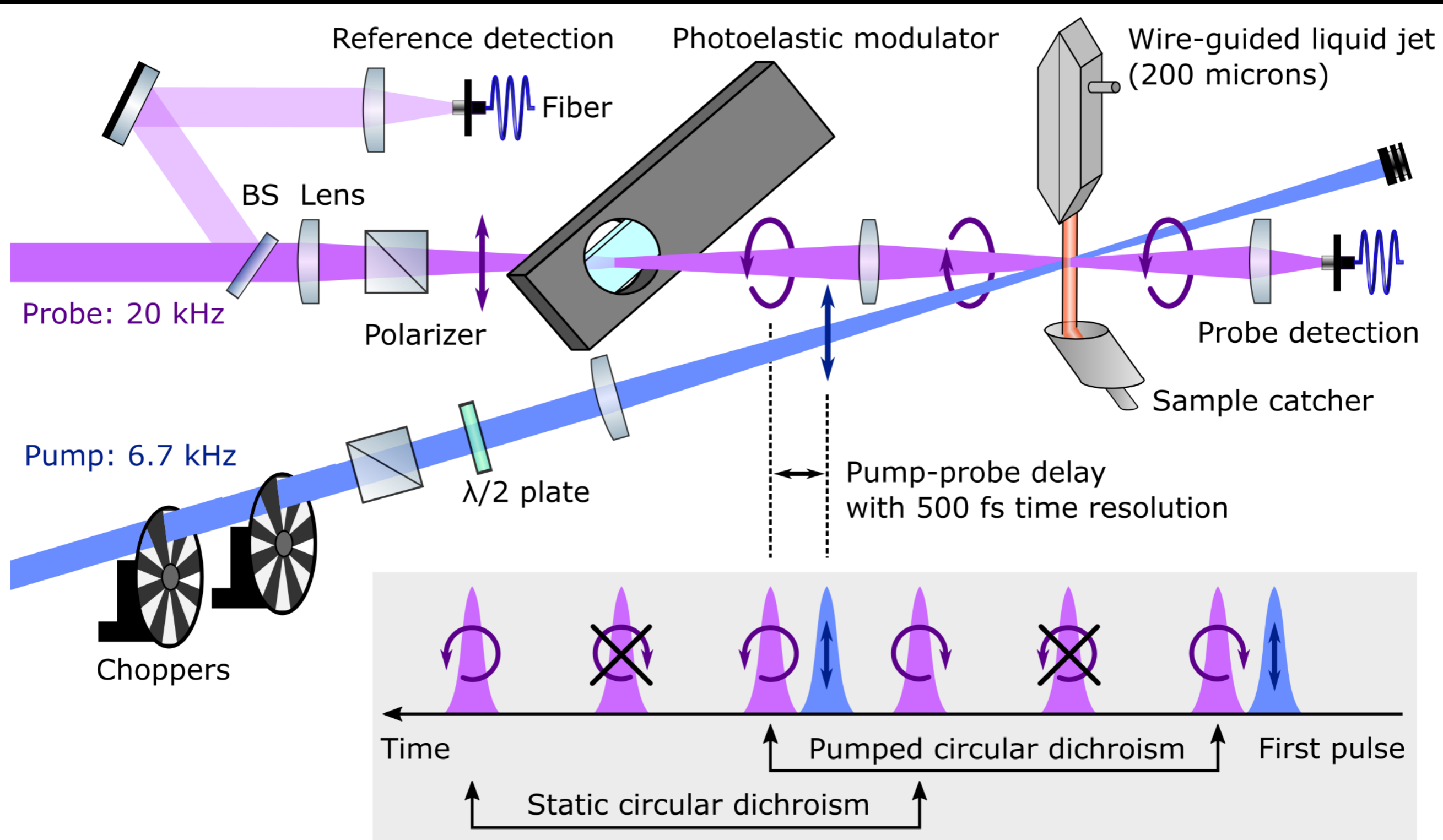


## Performance of static CD acquisition:

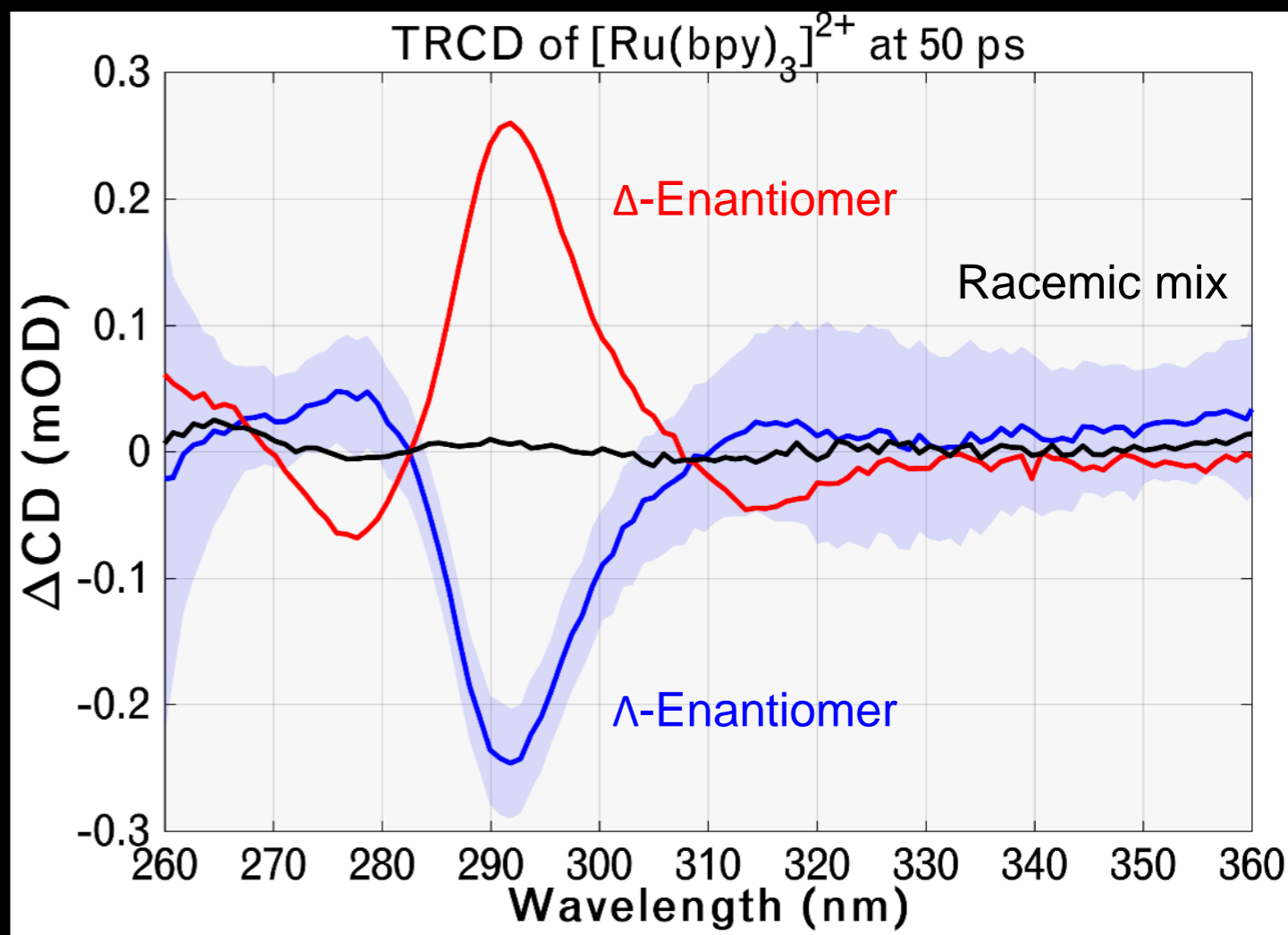
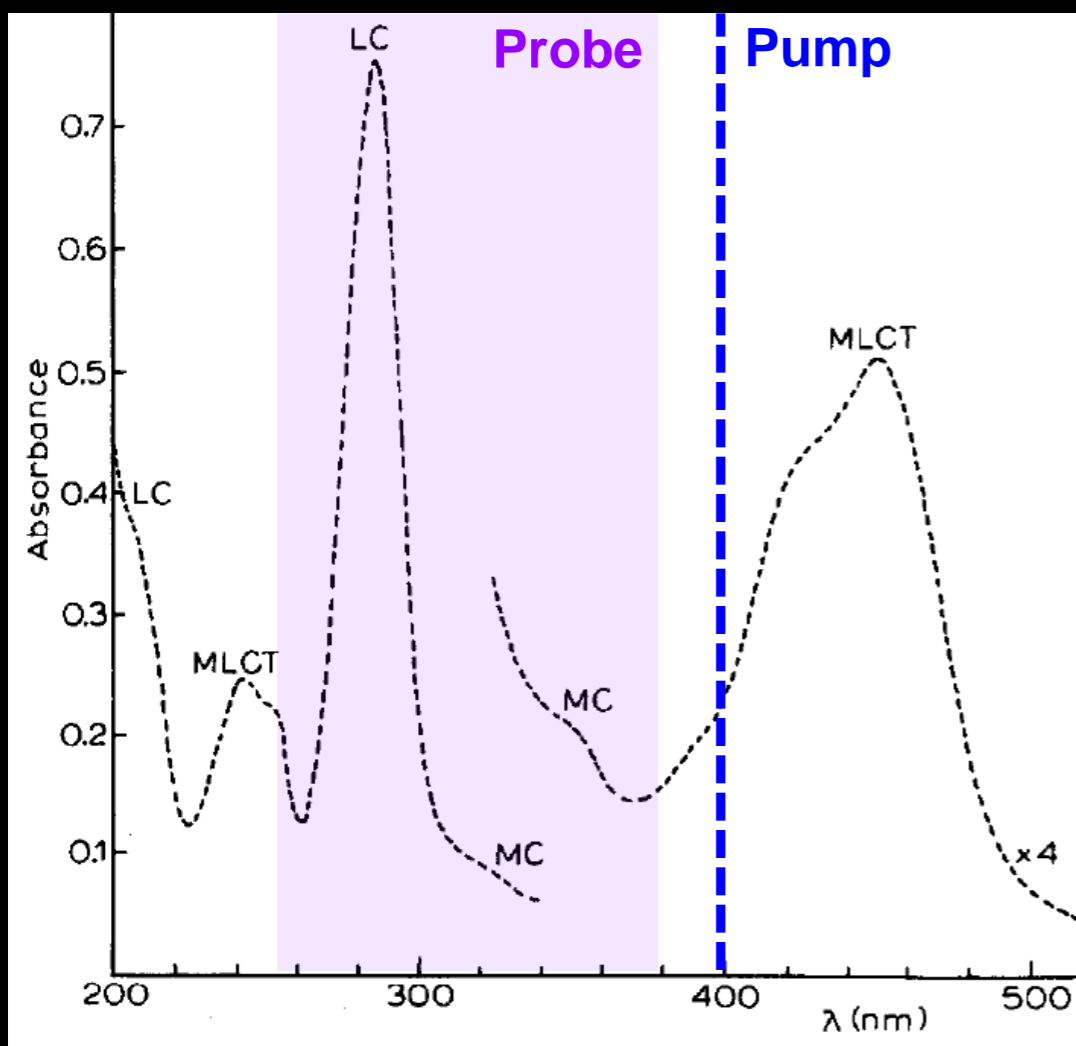
- Good agreement with commercial spectrometer
- Baseline deviations  $< 0.5$  mOD in racemic mix
- Minimization of polarization artefacts via polarization scrambling



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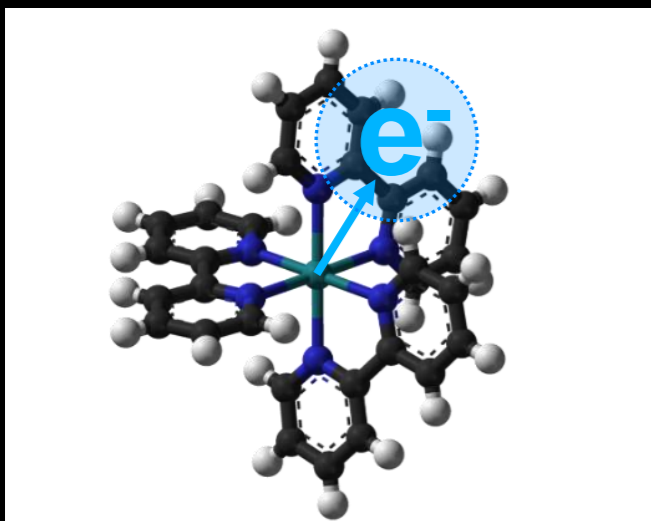


# TRANSIENT CD PERFORMANCE



K. Kalyanasundaram, *Coord. Chem. Rev.* 46, 159 (1982) 0.3 mM aqueous solution, estimated peak fluence:  $2 \text{ mJ cm}^{-2}$

$[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$

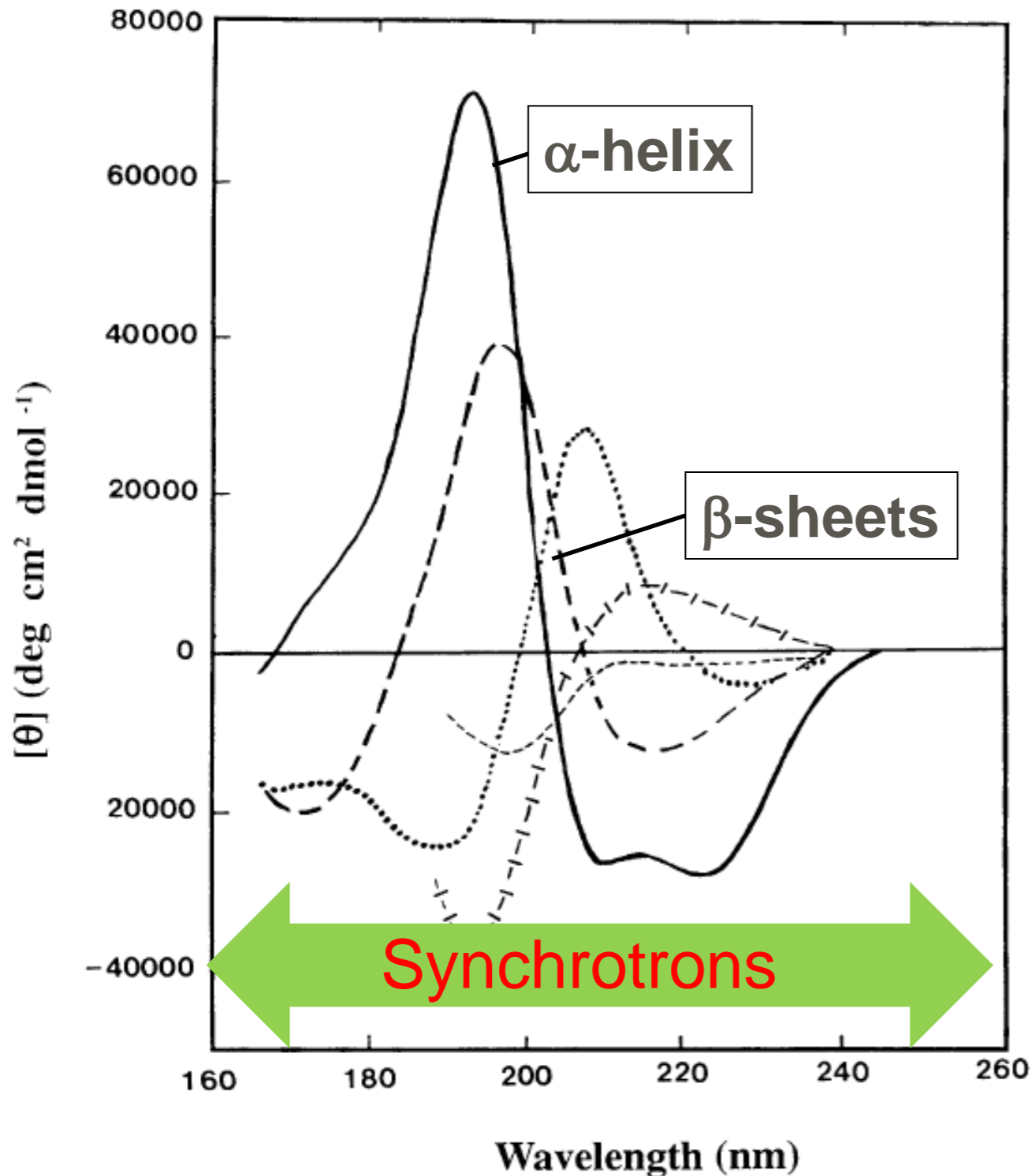


## Performance of transient CD acquisition:

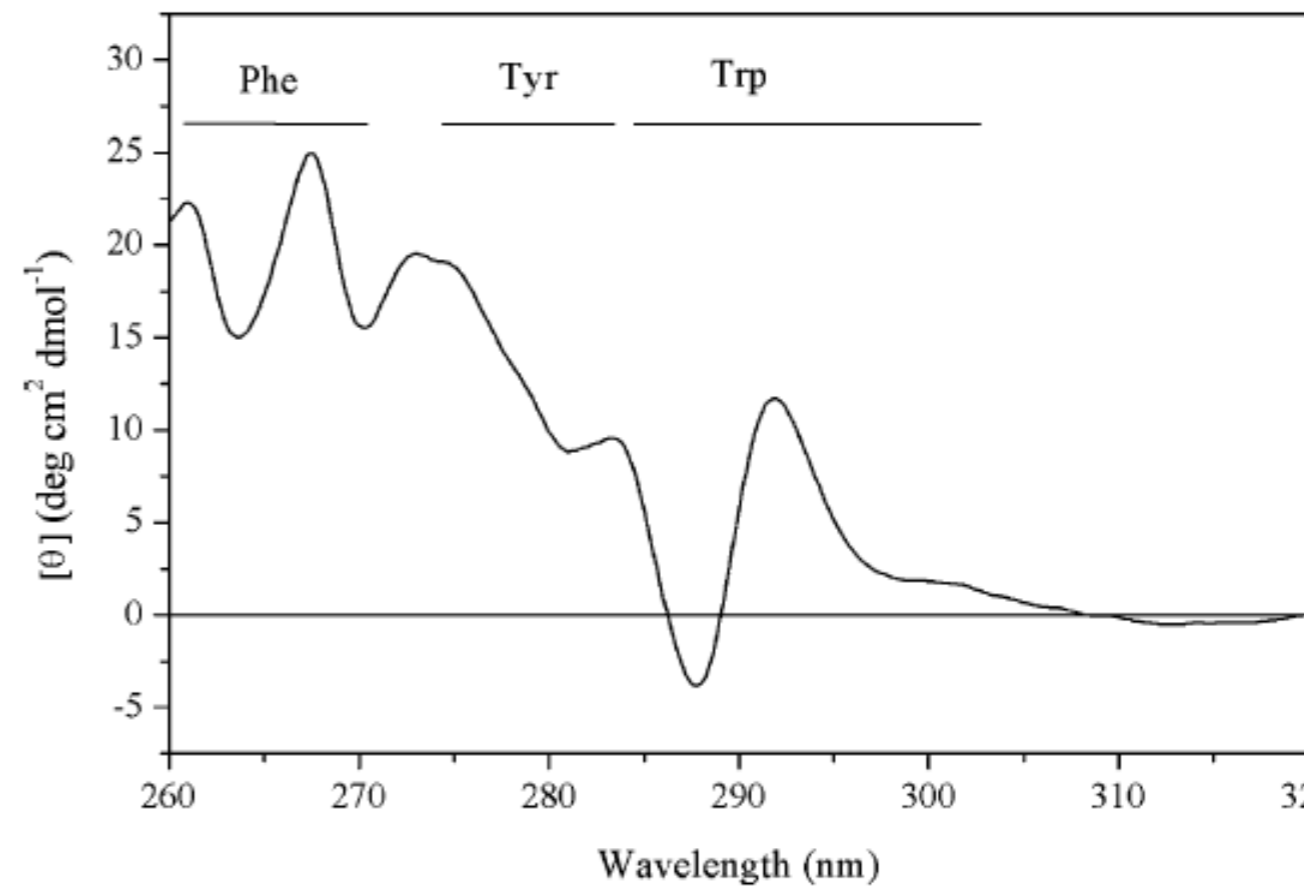
- Baseline deviations  $< 0.02 \text{ mOD}$  in racemic mix
- Precision  $< 0.1 \text{ mOD}$  can be reached routinely in  $< 15 \text{ min}$  of DAQ time
- The TRCD spectra of the two enantiomers display an excellent symmetry

**Oppermann et al, *Optica* (in press)**

# Deep-UV CD of amino-acid residues and helices



Deep-UV CD of secondary structures



Near-UV CD of dehydroquinase

Stability

Tune-ability

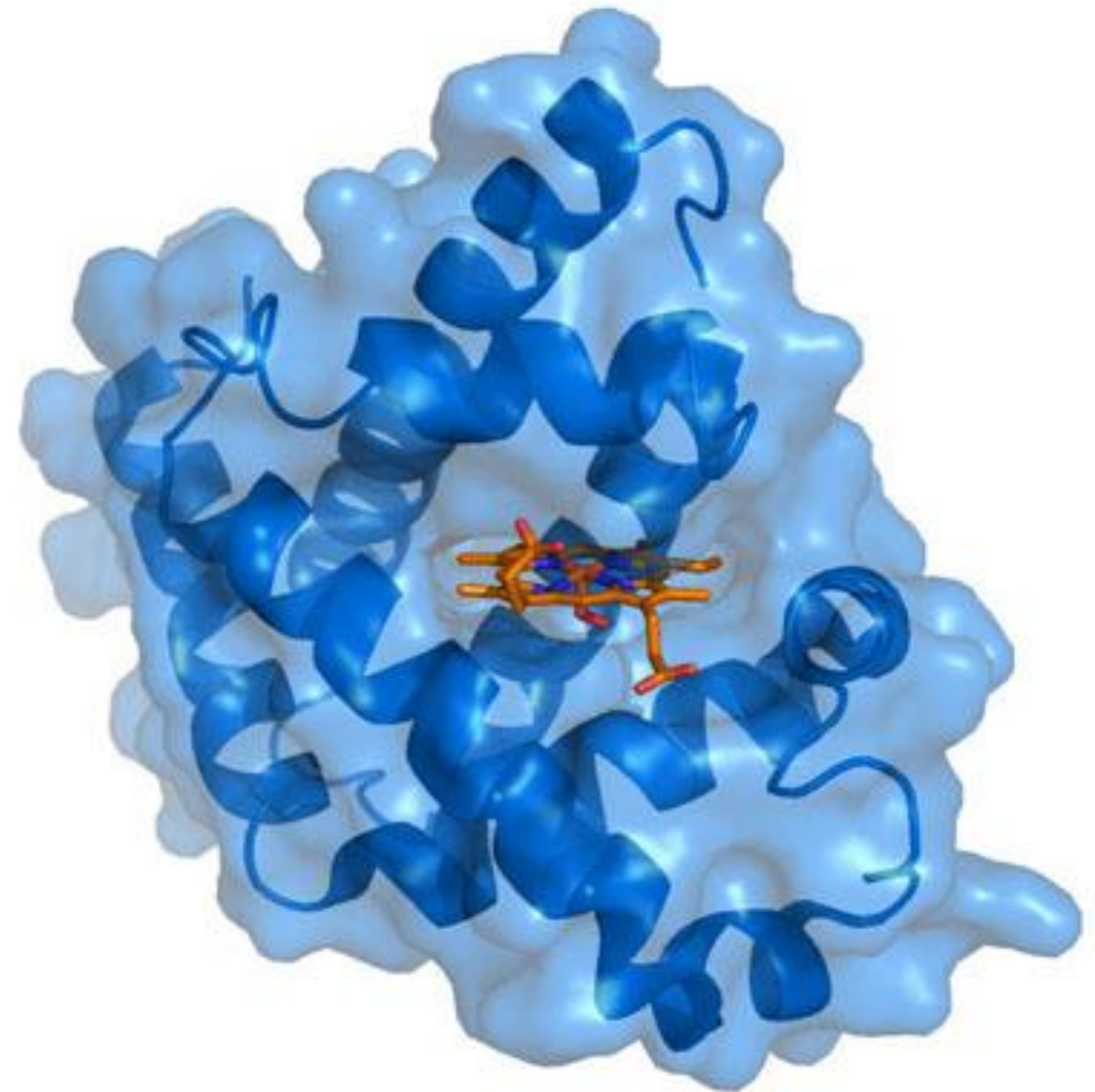
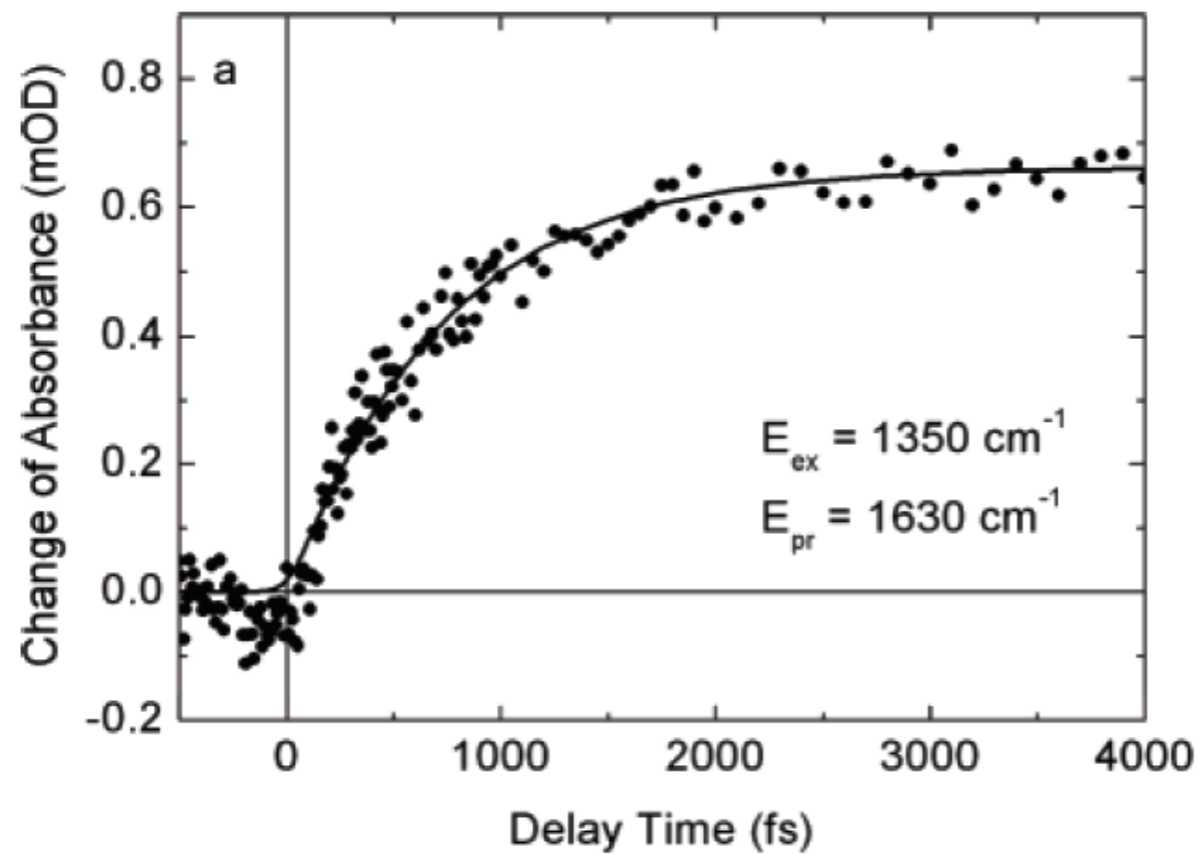
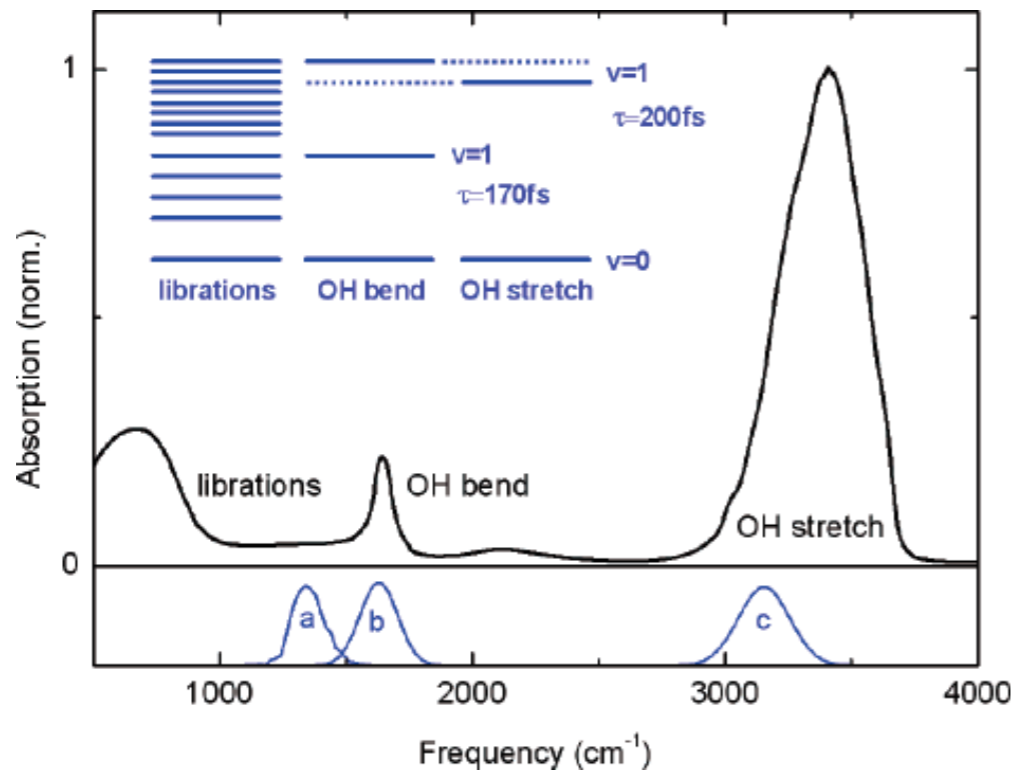
Flux

Time-resolution

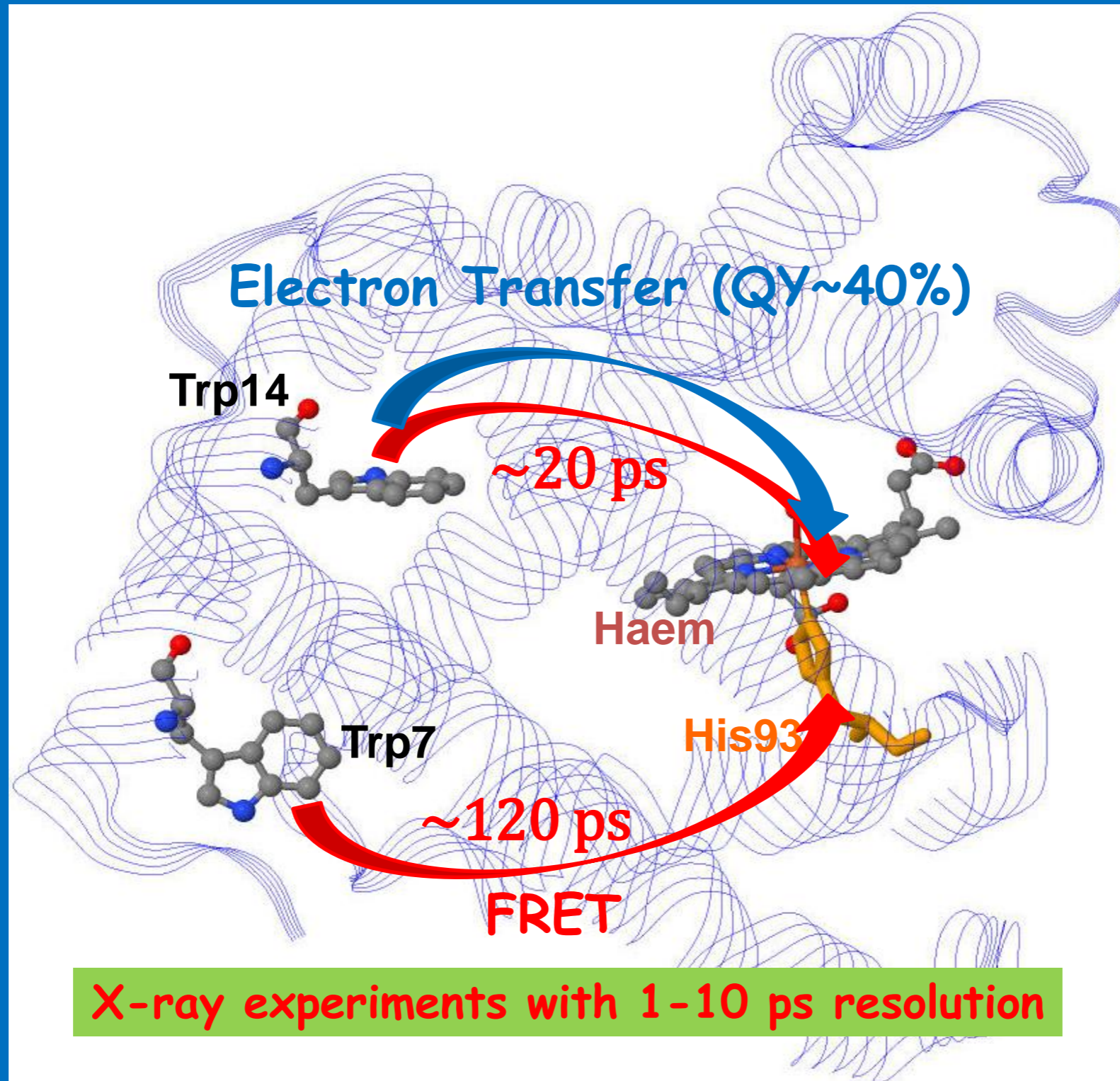
Compatible with UV res. Raman

Extension to the X-ray domain

# Non-photoinduced biological functions: Laser T-jump

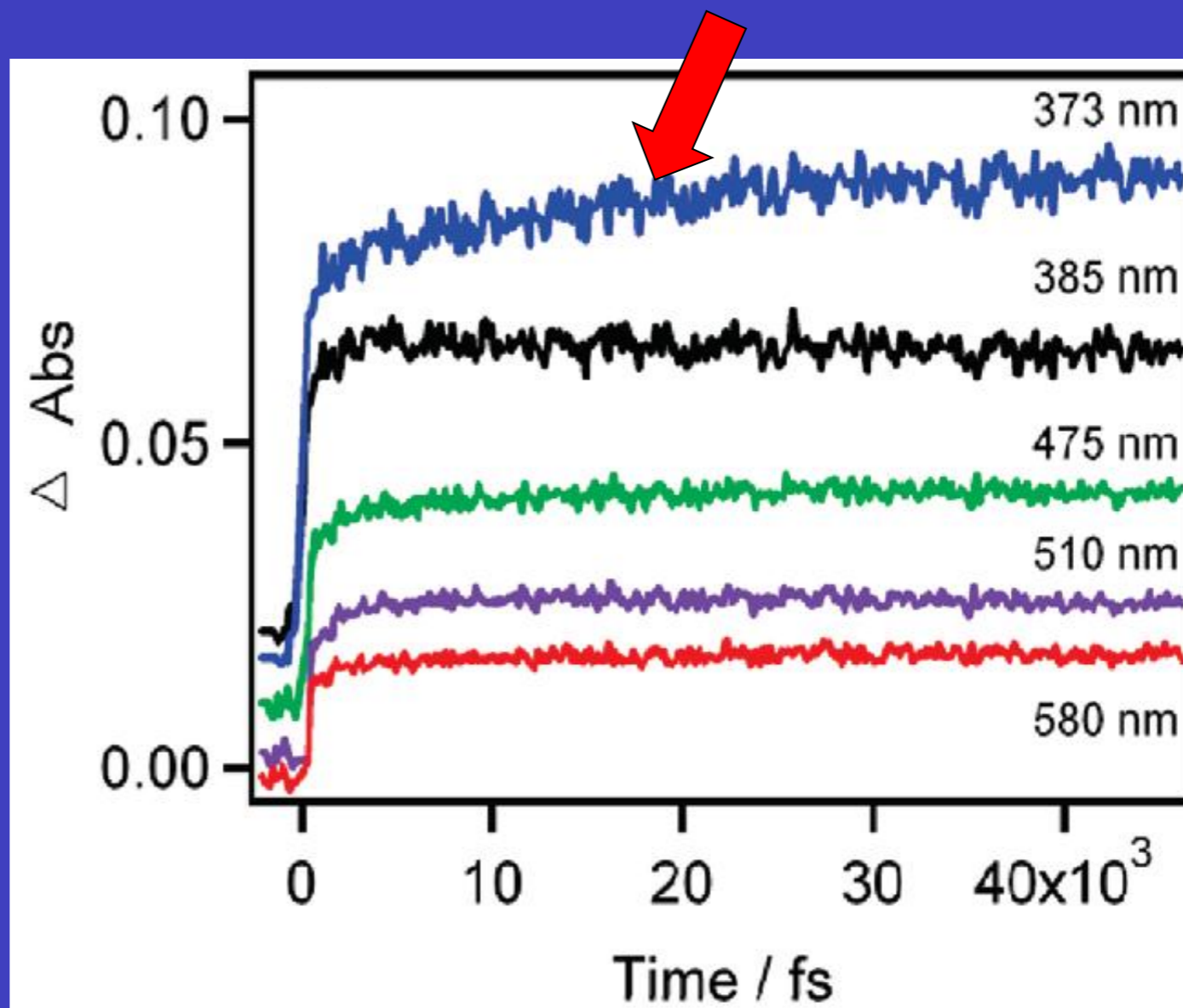
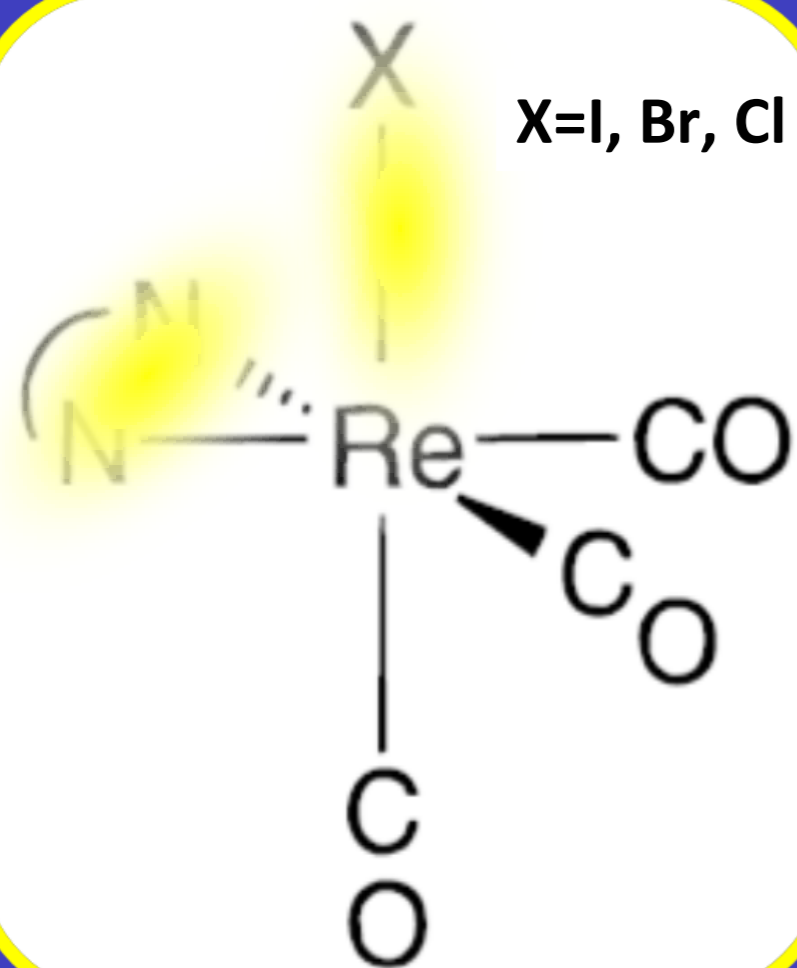


# Open scientific questions: electron transfer in heme Proteins (hemoglobin, myoglobin, cytochromes, etc.)



Deep-UV to visible transient absorption: Consani et al, Science (2013)  
Monni et al, PNAS (2015); JACS (submitted)

# Open scientific questions: intramolecular electron transfer and solvation dynamics



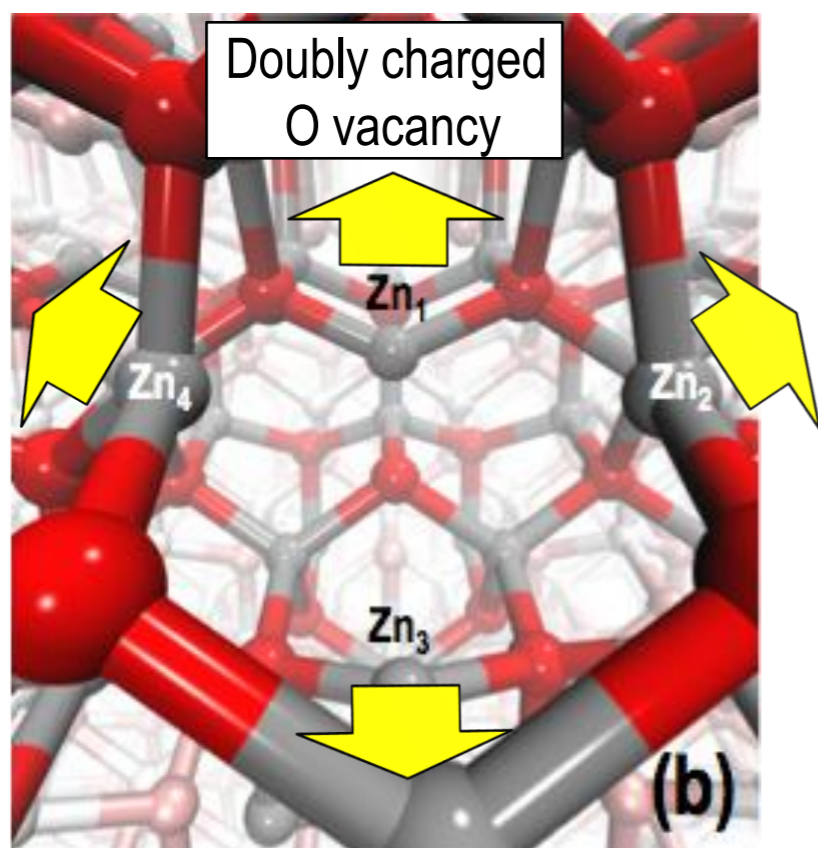
Cannizzo et al, JACS 2008  
El Nahhas et al, JPCA 2010  
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Delayed electron transfer, two-centre electron transfer?

Change of transition dipole due to solvation?

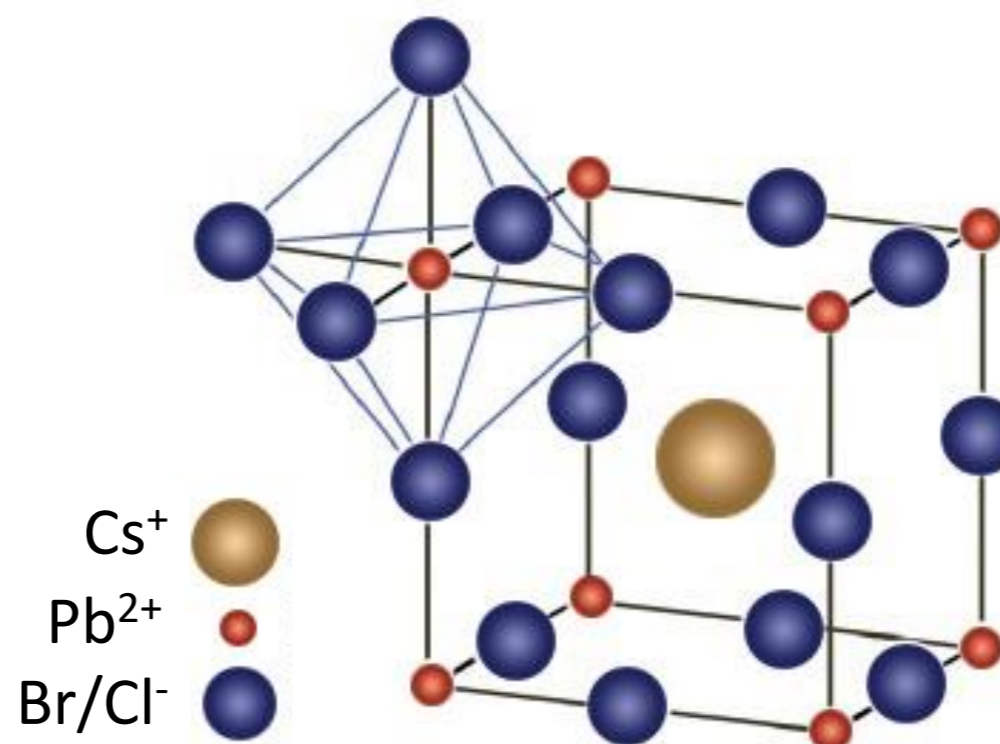
X-ray experiments with 1-10 ps resolution

## Charge carrier trapping in transition metal oxides



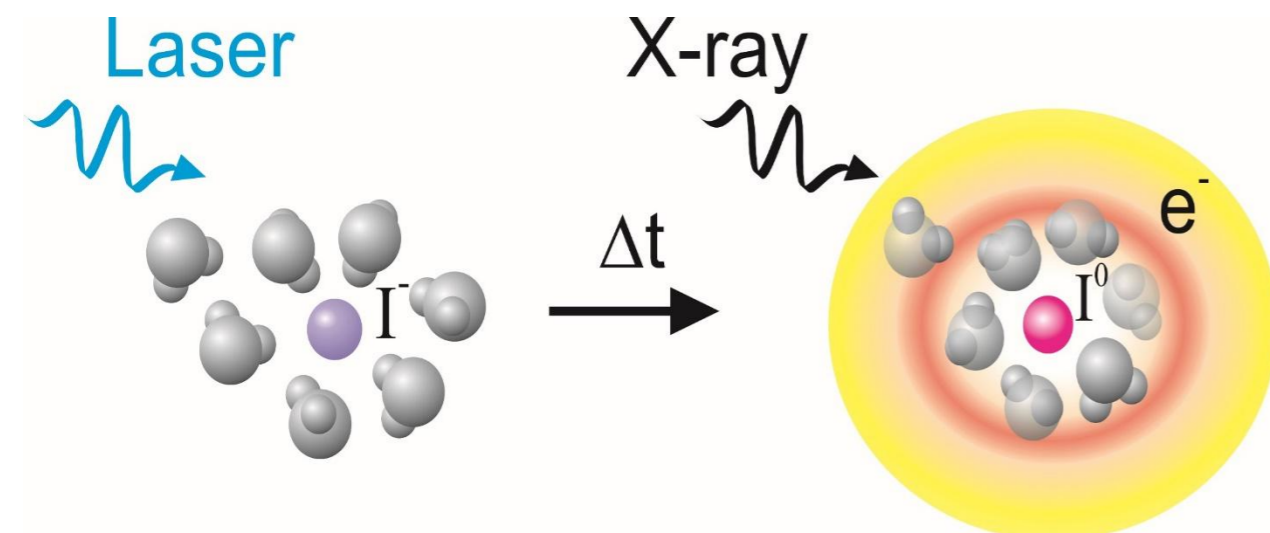
Penfold et al, Nature Comm. (2018)

## Charge carrier dynamics in perovskites



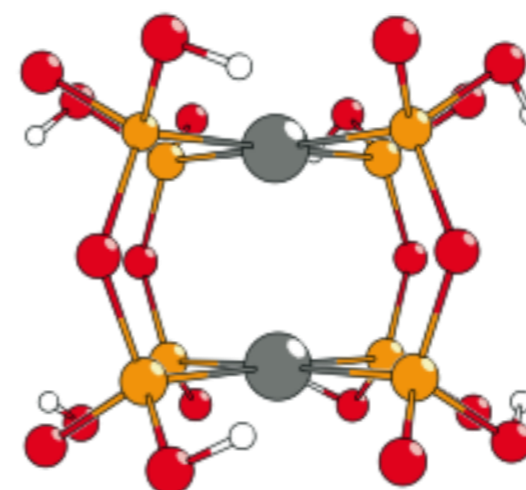
Santomauro et al, Struct. Dyn. (2017)

## Electronic solvation dynamics

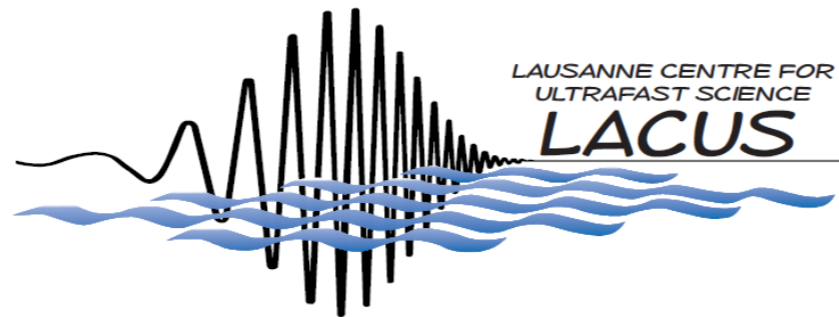


Pham et al, JACS (2007); JACS (2011)

## “Dark” states in chemical dynamics



Monni et al, PNAS (2018)

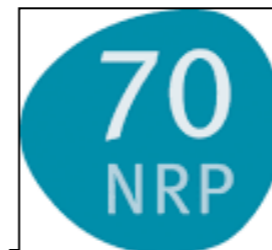


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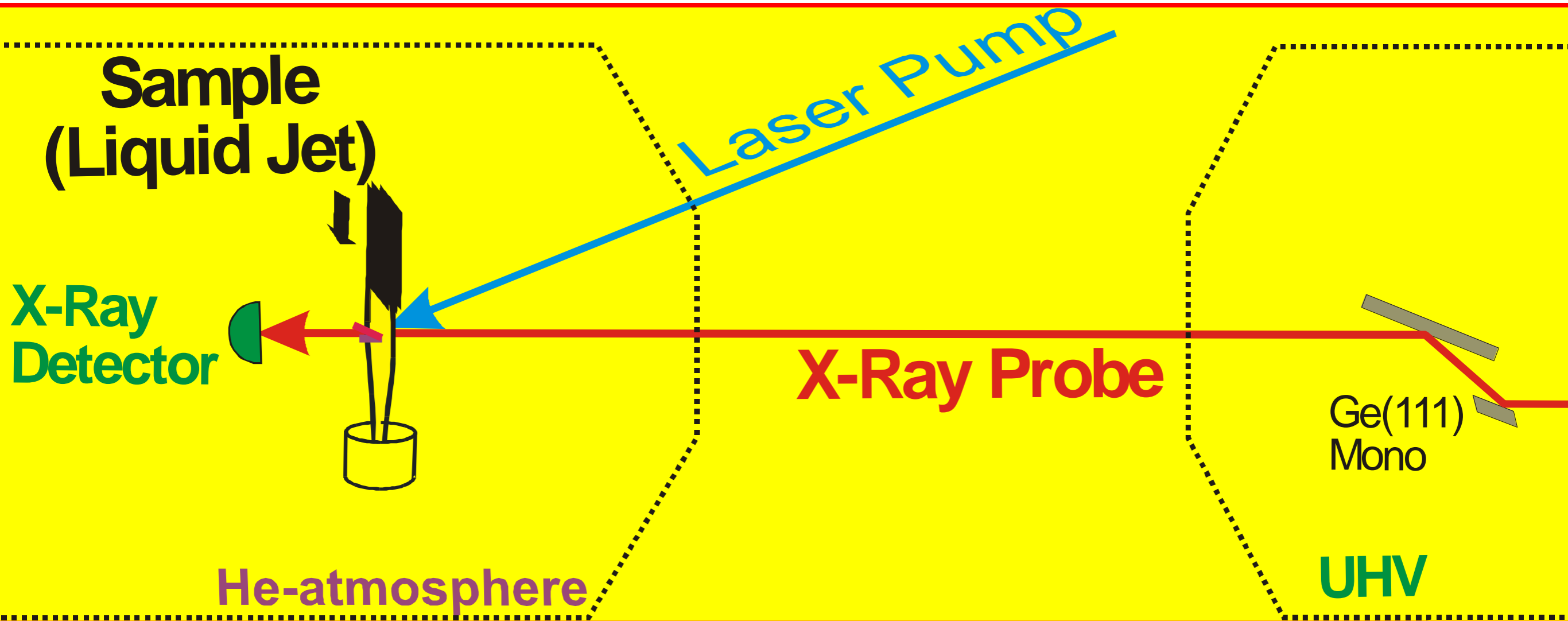
T. Katayama  
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# Optical Pump/X-ray probe experiments

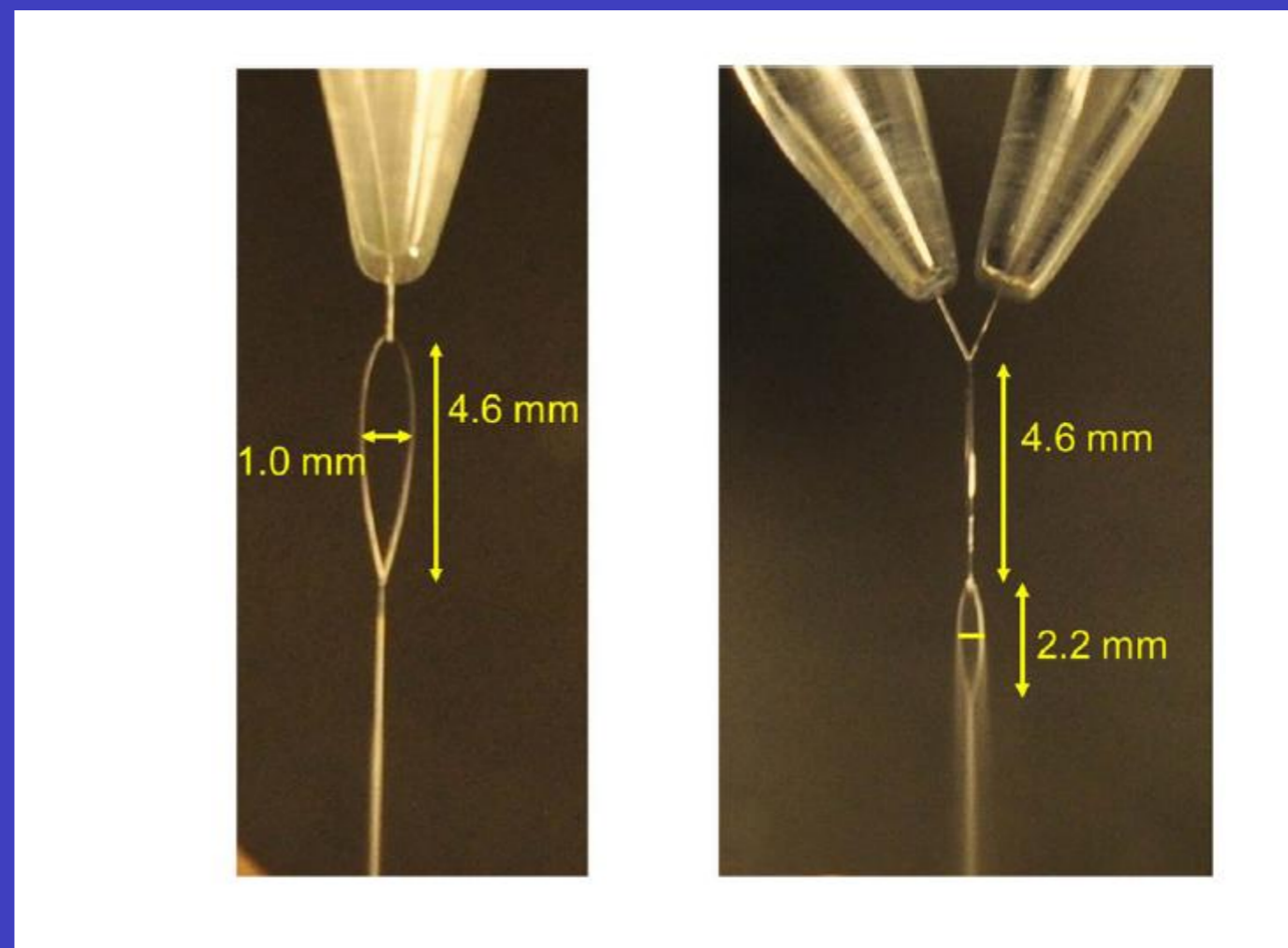
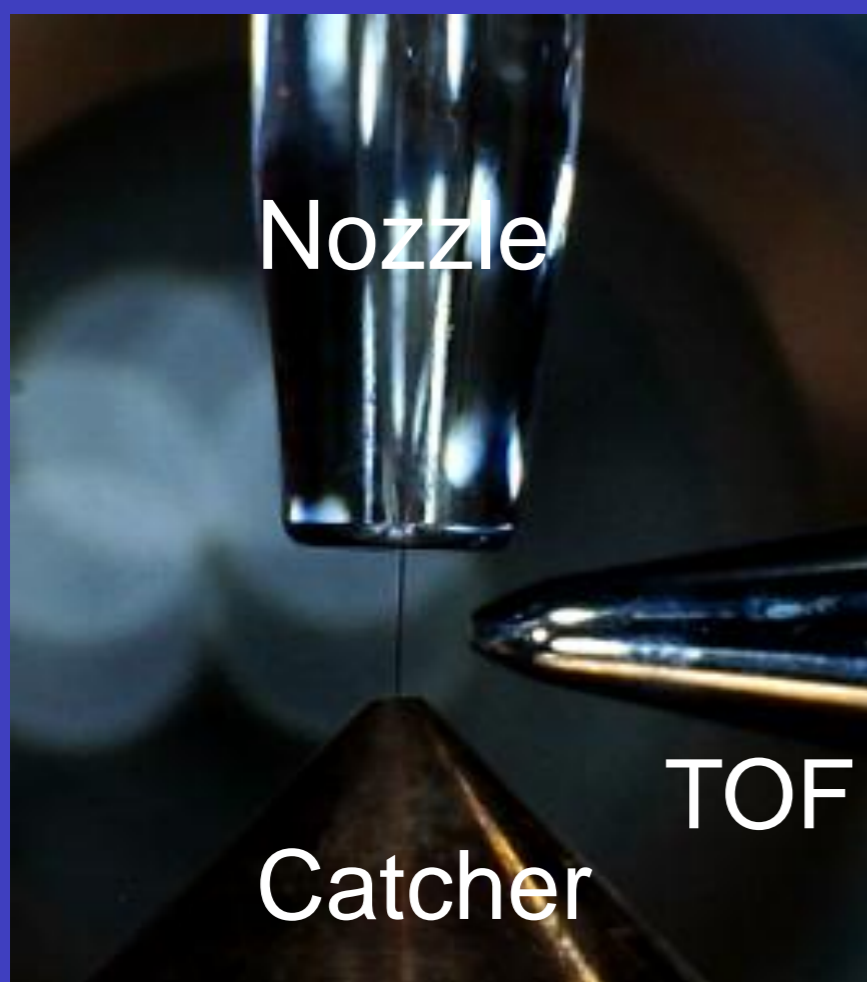


**Measured signal = excited minus unexcited sample transmission at MHz rep rates**

# Methods available with table-top systems

Soft X-ray absorption spectroscopy

Photoelectron spectroscopy

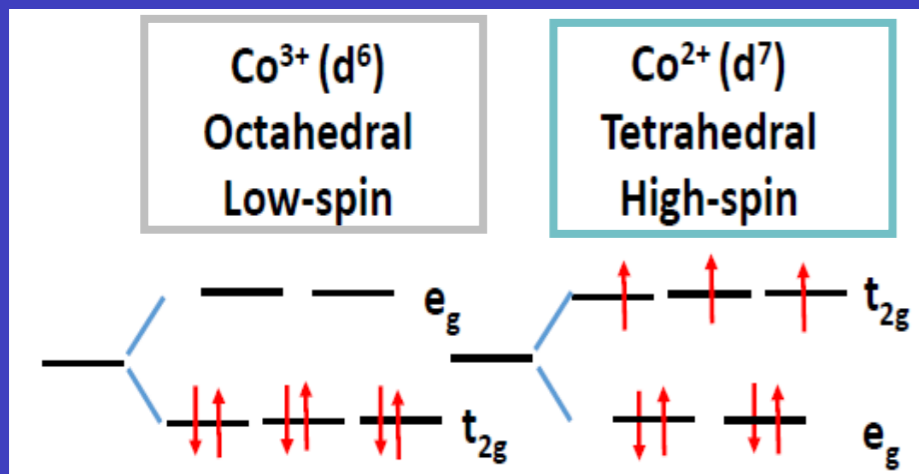
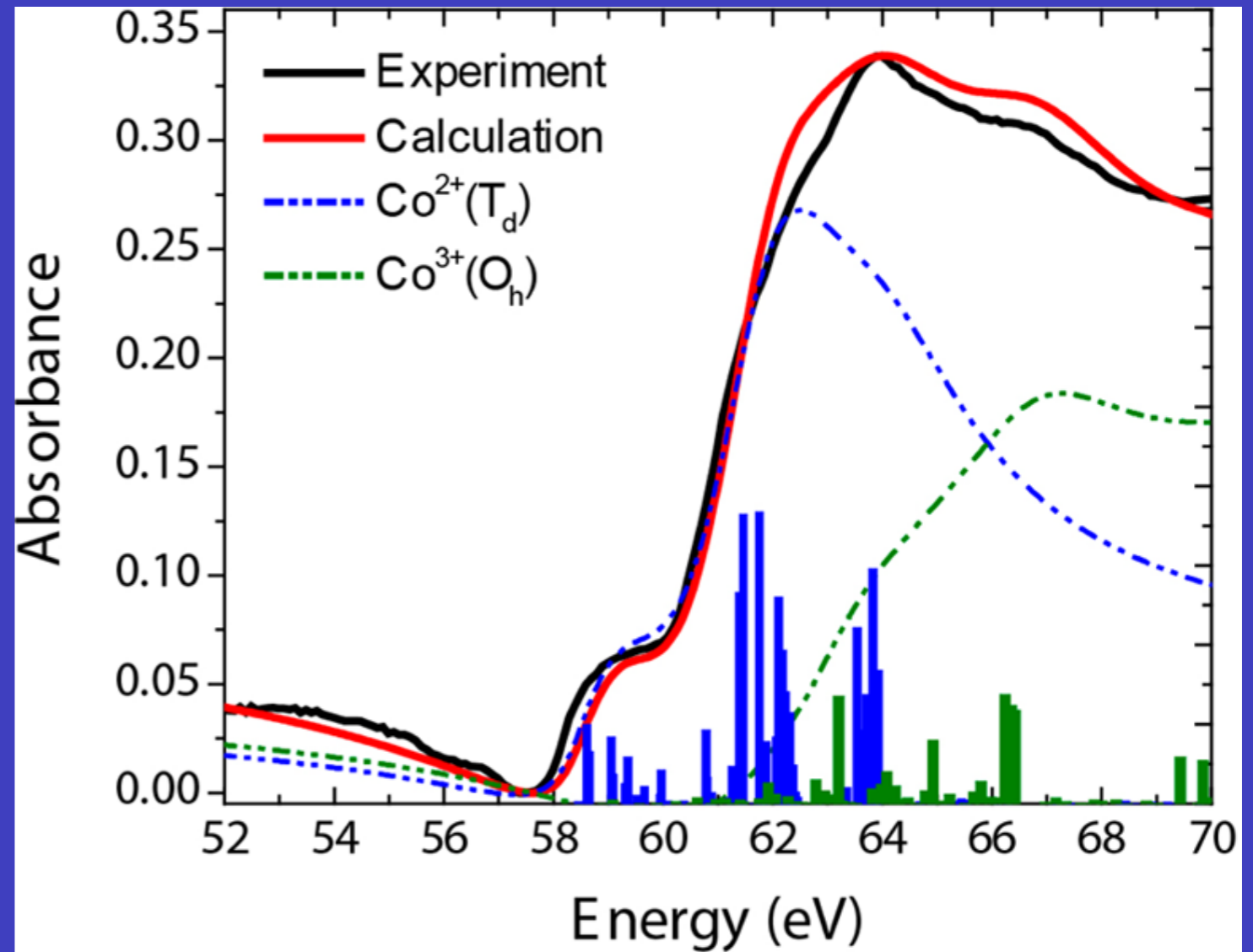
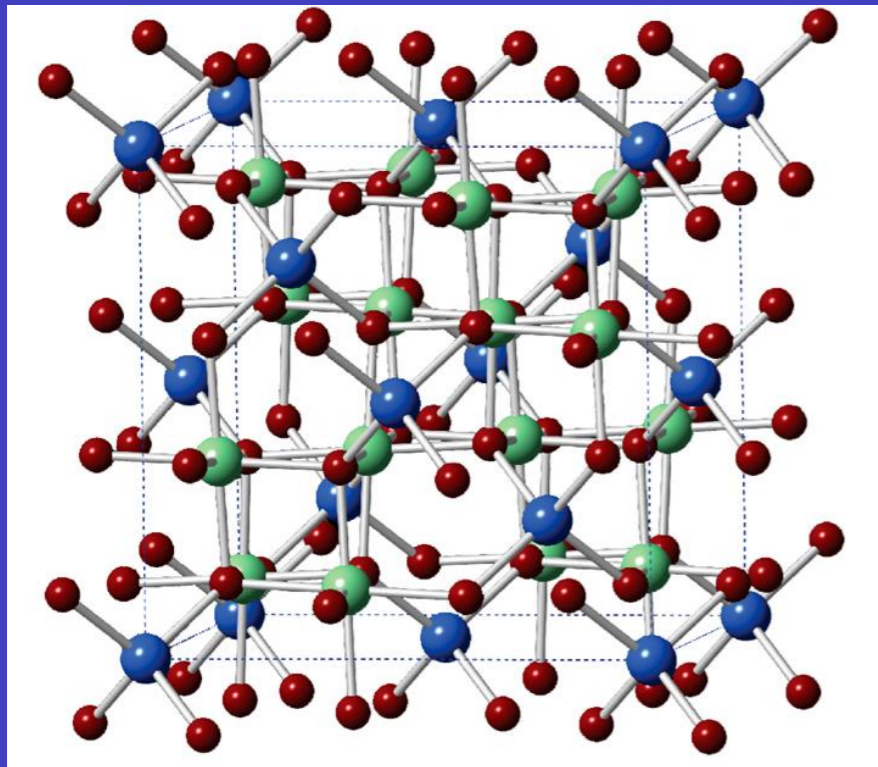


Faubel and Winter, *Chem. Rev.* 2006  
Abel, Faubel et al, *Appl Phys A* 2009  
Ojeda et al, *PCCP* 2017

Ekimova et al, *Struct. Dyn.* 2015  
Galiniš et al, *Rev. Scient. Instr.* 2017  
Koralek et al, *Nature Comm.* 2018

# Issue with neighbour absorption edges

Charge carrier dynamics in Spinel Cobalt oxide ( $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ )



Jiang et al, JPCC 2014

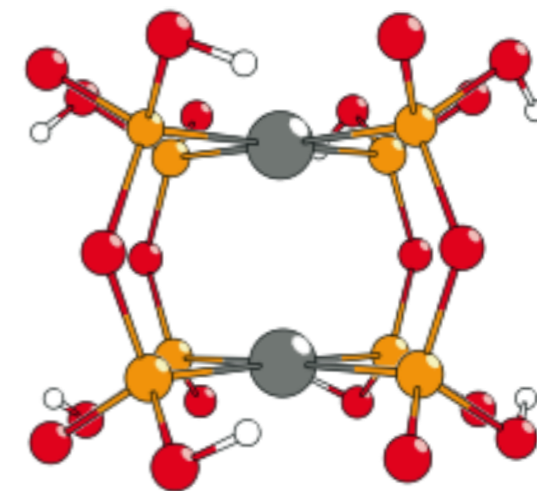
*Fs non-resonant XES with hard X-rays*

# What can we do "only" at X-ray Free Electron Lasers?

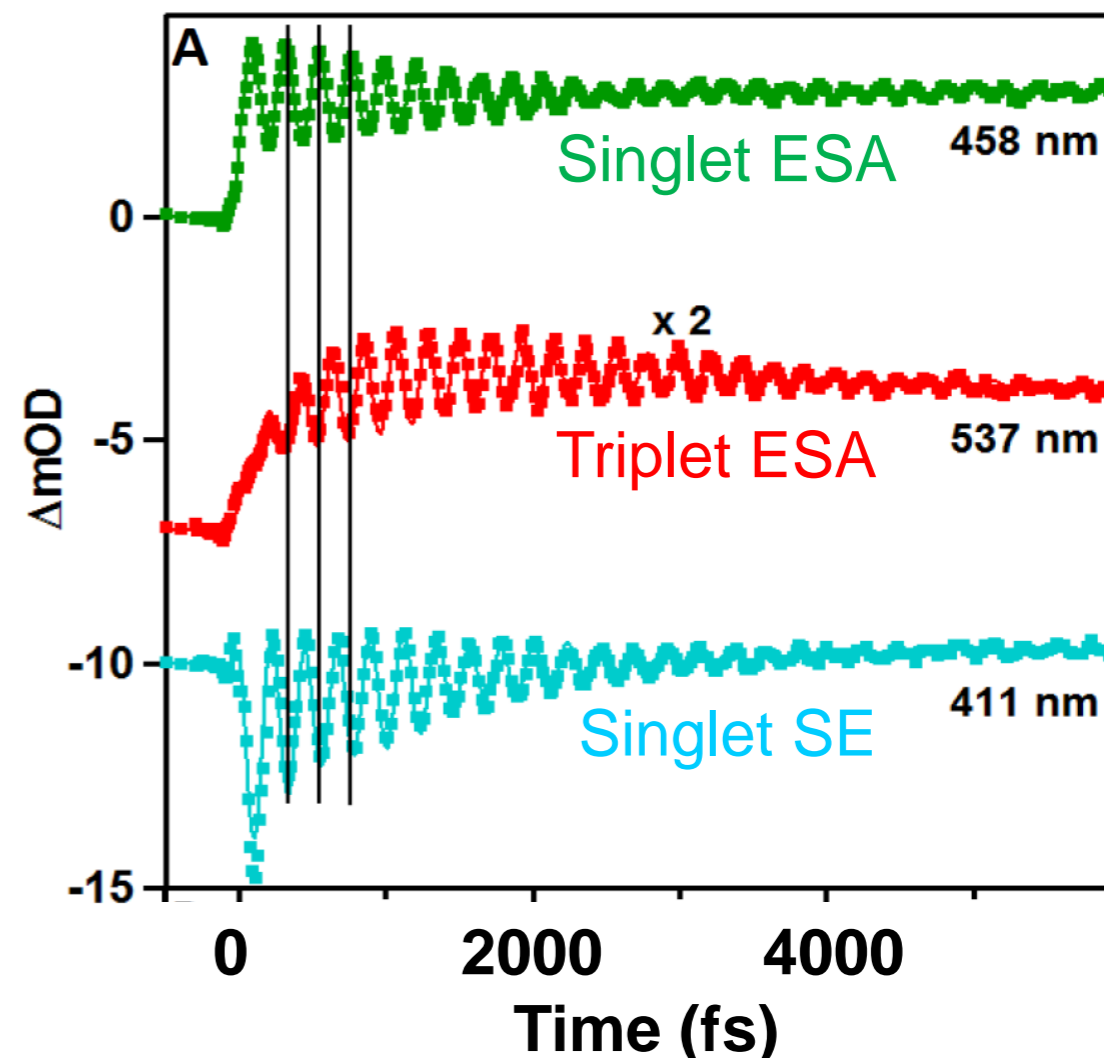
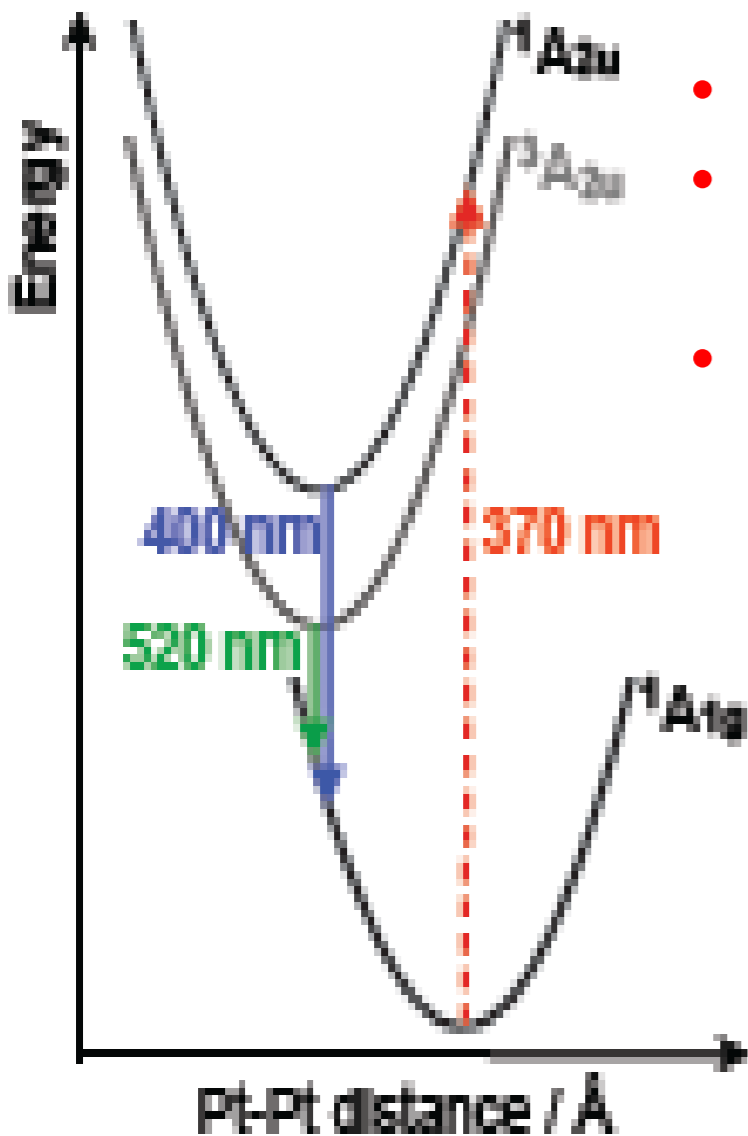
- Ultrafast photon-in/photon-out experiments:  
Non-res. XES, RIXS, X-ray Raman, etc.
- Non-linear X-ray optics:  
Multiphoton absorption, SHG, 4W-mixing, Transient  
Gratings, 2D X-ray spectroscopy

# d<sup>8</sup>-d<sup>8</sup> complexes: PtPOP

**PtPOP** = Tetrakis( $\mu$ -diphosphito(2-)-P,P')diplatinate(II)

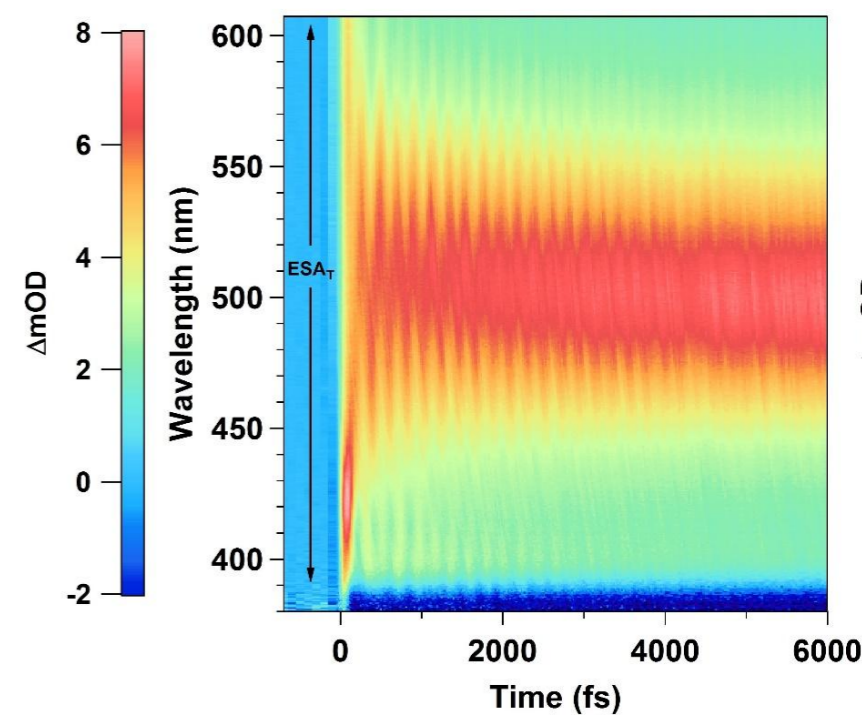
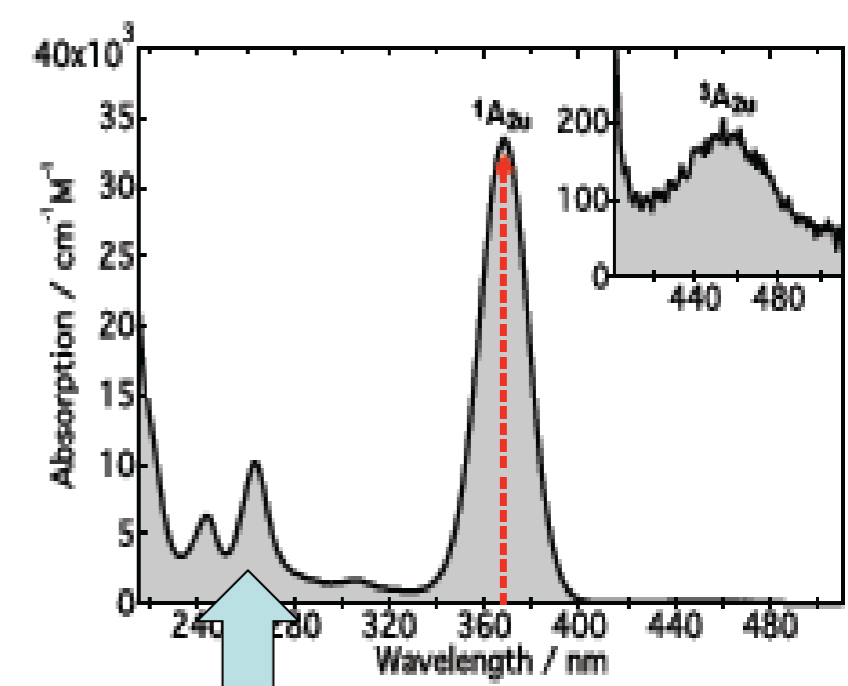
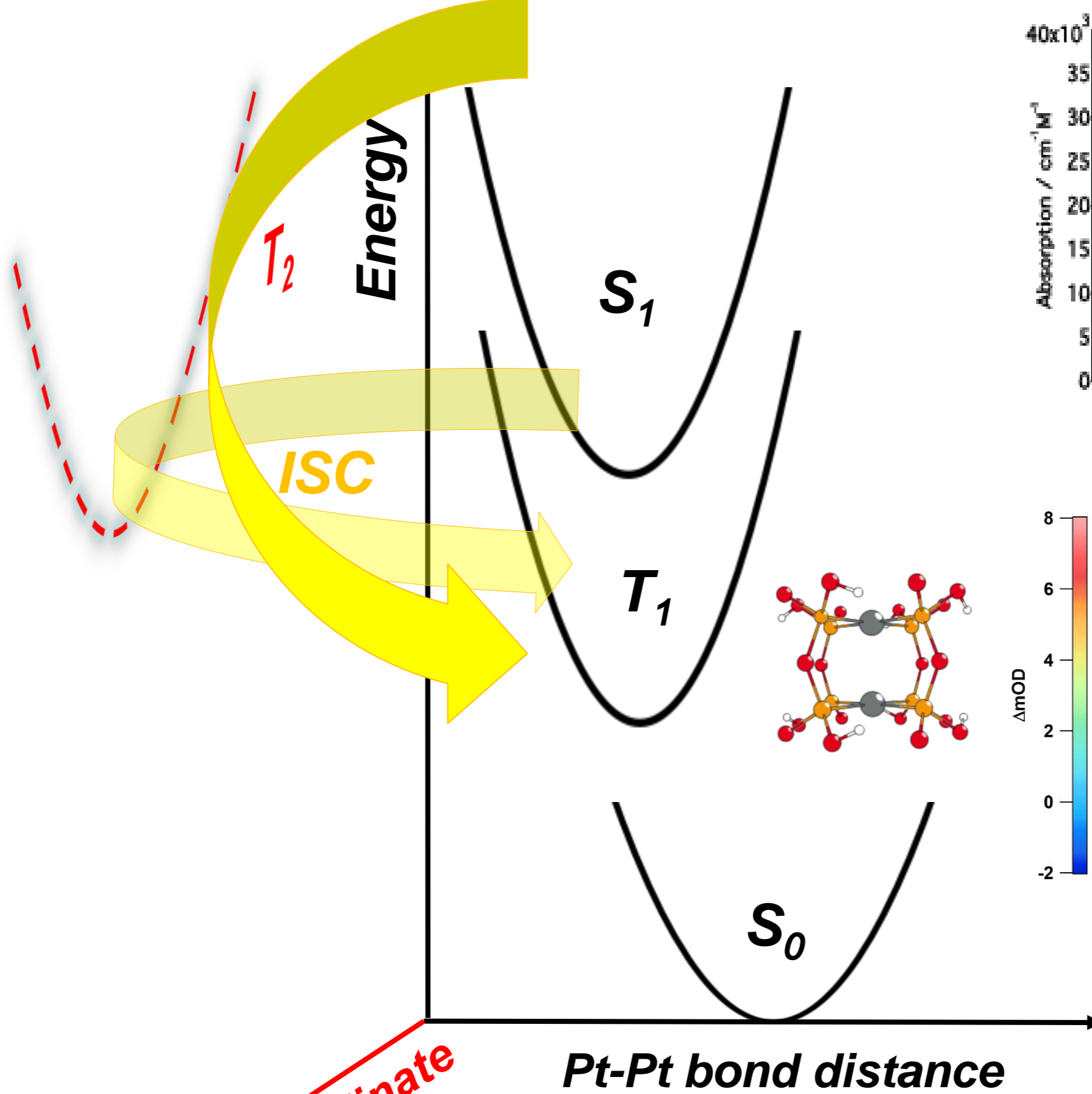


- Coherence transfer from S to T
- ISC time is 0.7 ps
- Pure Dephasing Time = 2 ps
- Solvent dependent ISC



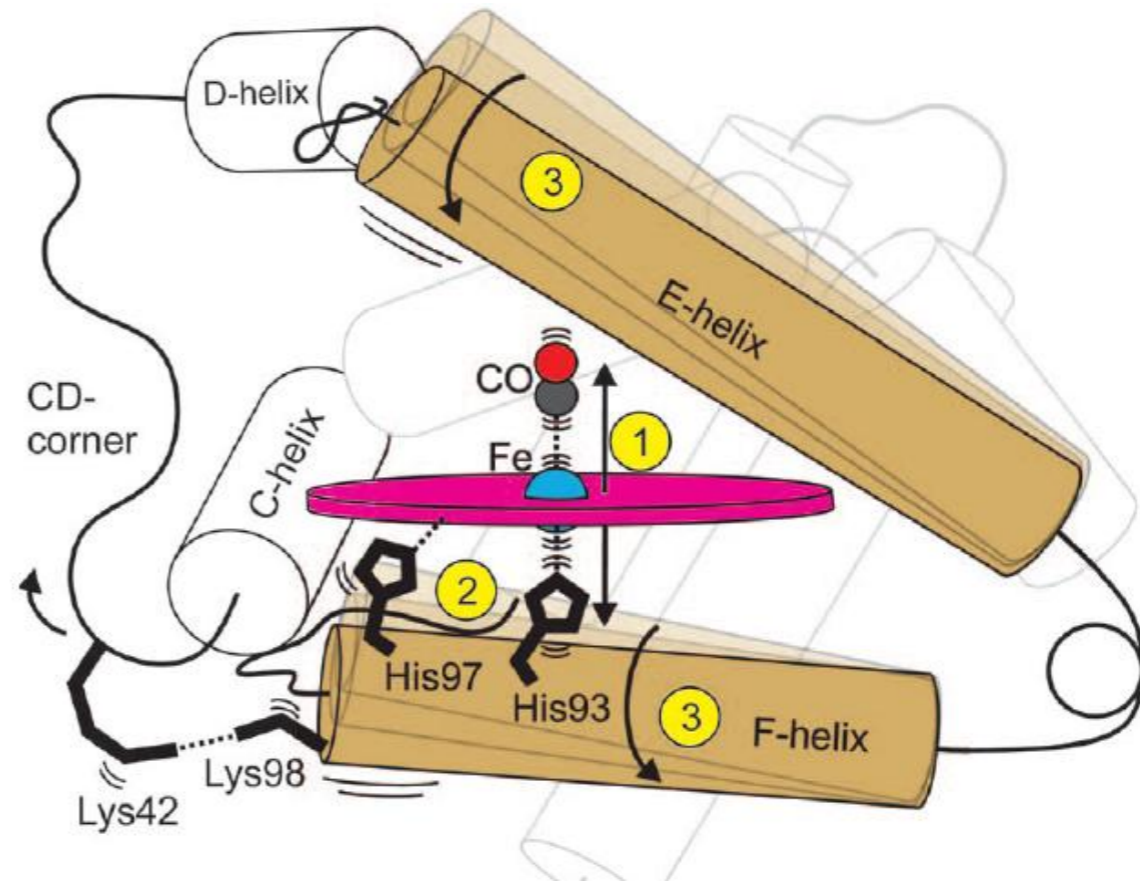
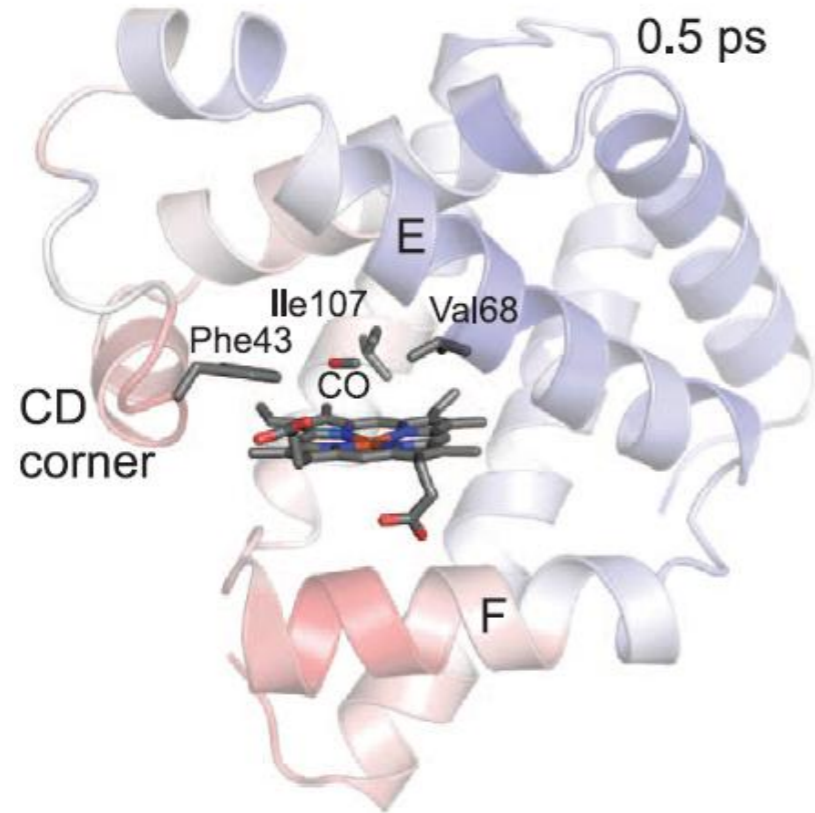
Crosby et al, Gray et al, etc.

R.M. van der Veen et al., *Ang. Chem. IE* (2009);  
*PCCP* (2010); *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* (2011)



# Protein dynamics: Myoglobin-CO

Levantino et al, Nat. Comm. 2015: solution small-angle scattering (SAXS)



Baerends et al, Science 2015: SFX studies

Levantino et al, Struct. Dyn. 2015: fixed energy fs XAS

Sension et al, in progress: polarized fs-XANES on Vitamin B12

# Time-resolved core-level spectroscopies

Resonant inelastic X-ray scattering

X-ray absorption

Non-resonant X-ray emission

Resonant X-ray emission

UPS-XPS of liquids

ARPES

ESCA

XPS

Non-linear X-ray optics

Multidimensional X-ray spectr.

UPS

Electron transfer

Nanoparticles

Solar energy conversion

Spin cross-over

Strongly correlated materials

Charge carrier dynamics

Solvation dynamics

Molecular Magnetism

Bond forming and breaking

Photocatalysis

Superconductivity

Photosynthesis

Electrochemistry

Surface dynamics

Defects

Charge carrier dynamics

Interface dynamics

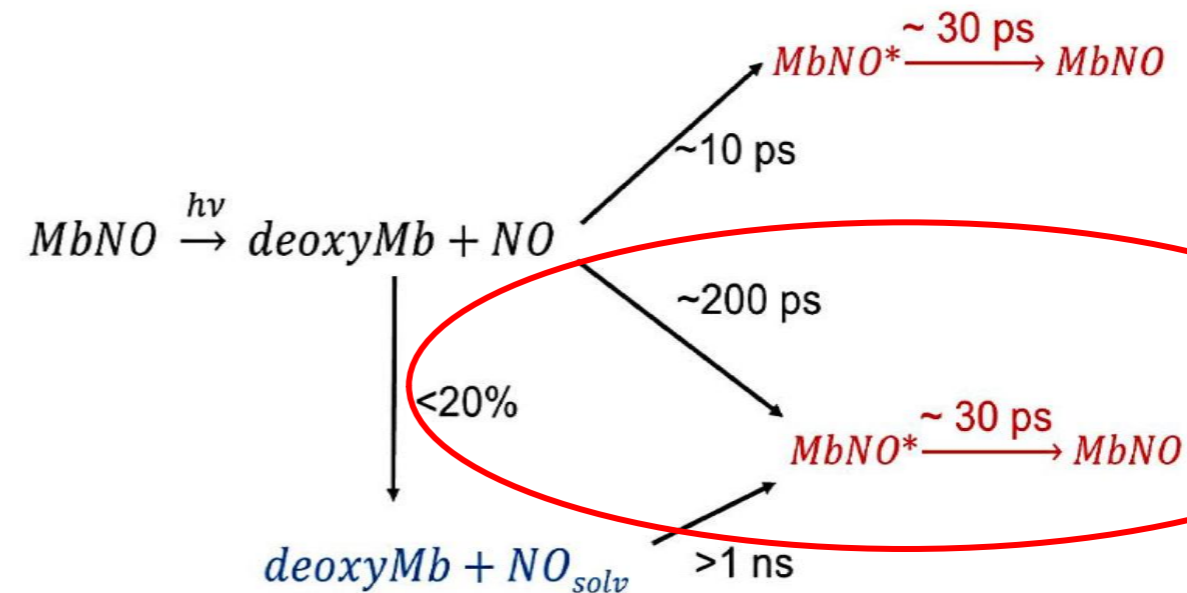
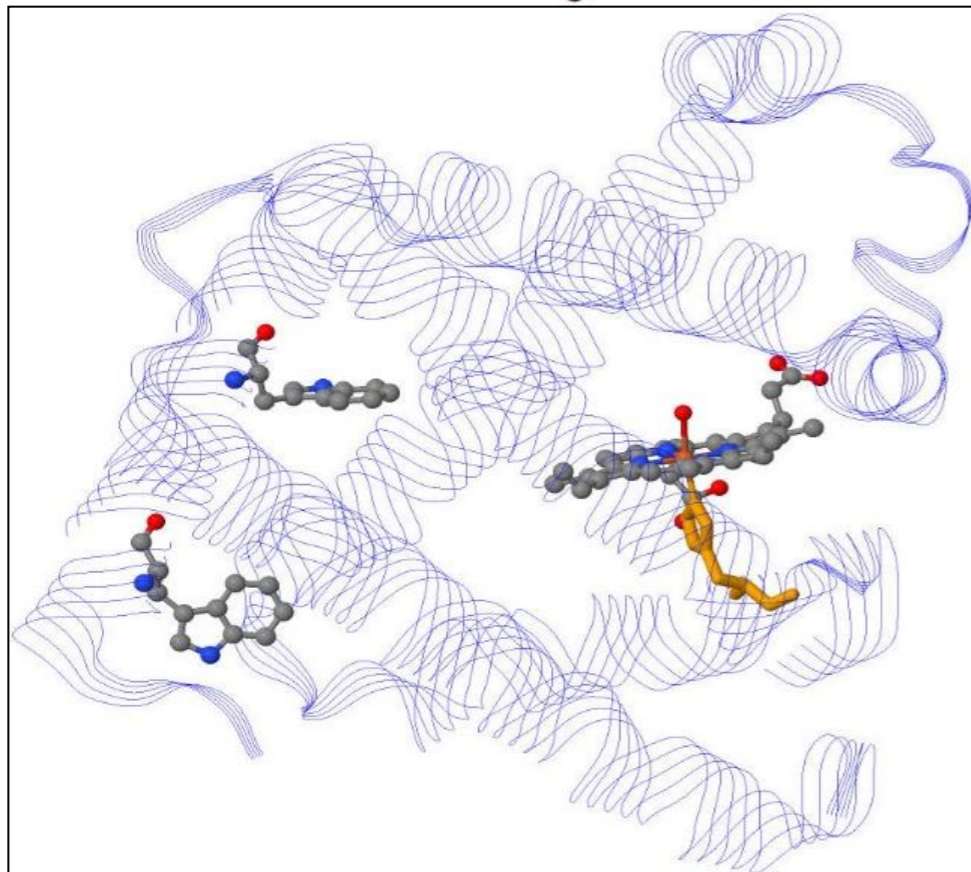
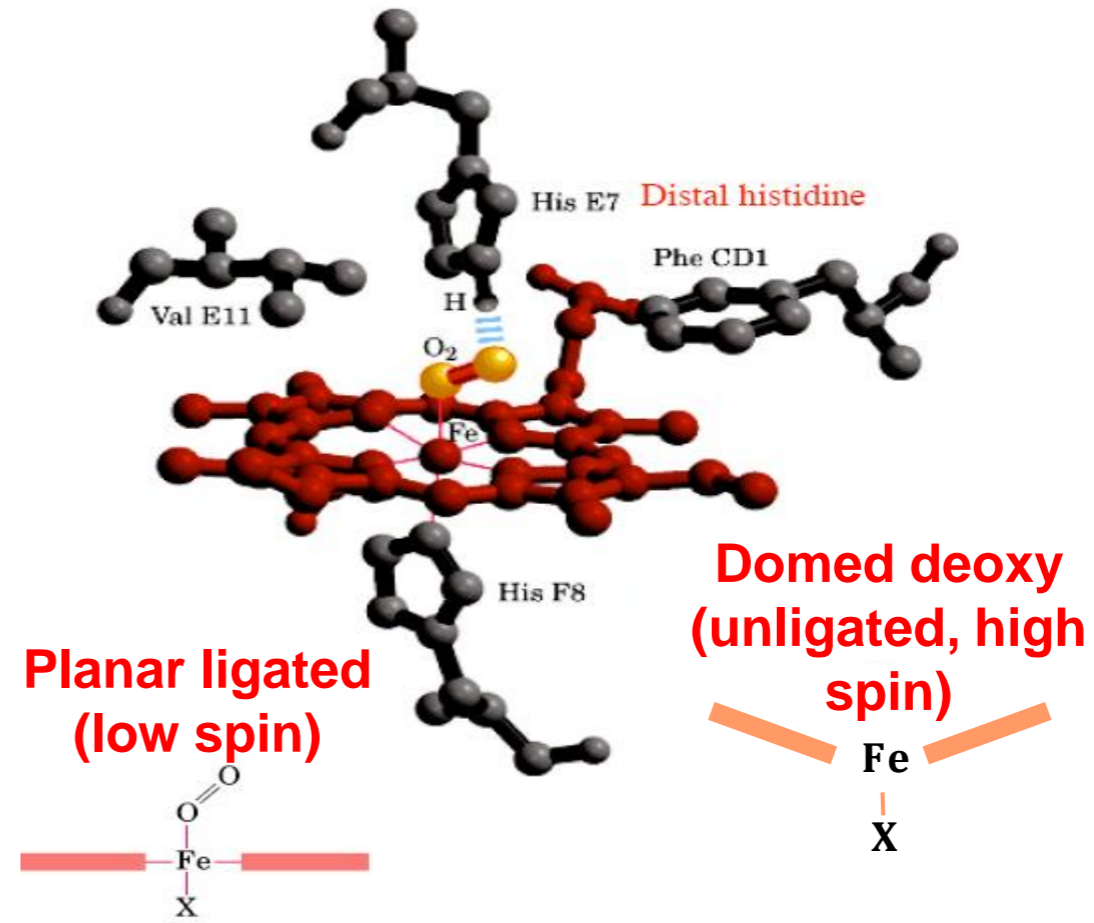
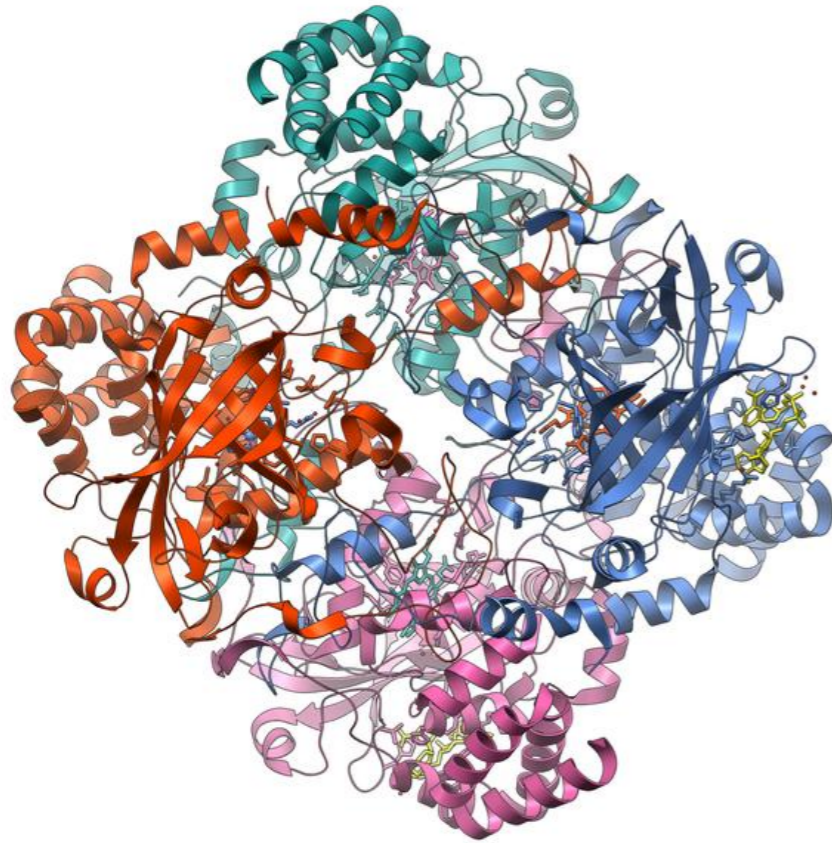
Protein Dynamics

Lattice dynamics

Chirality

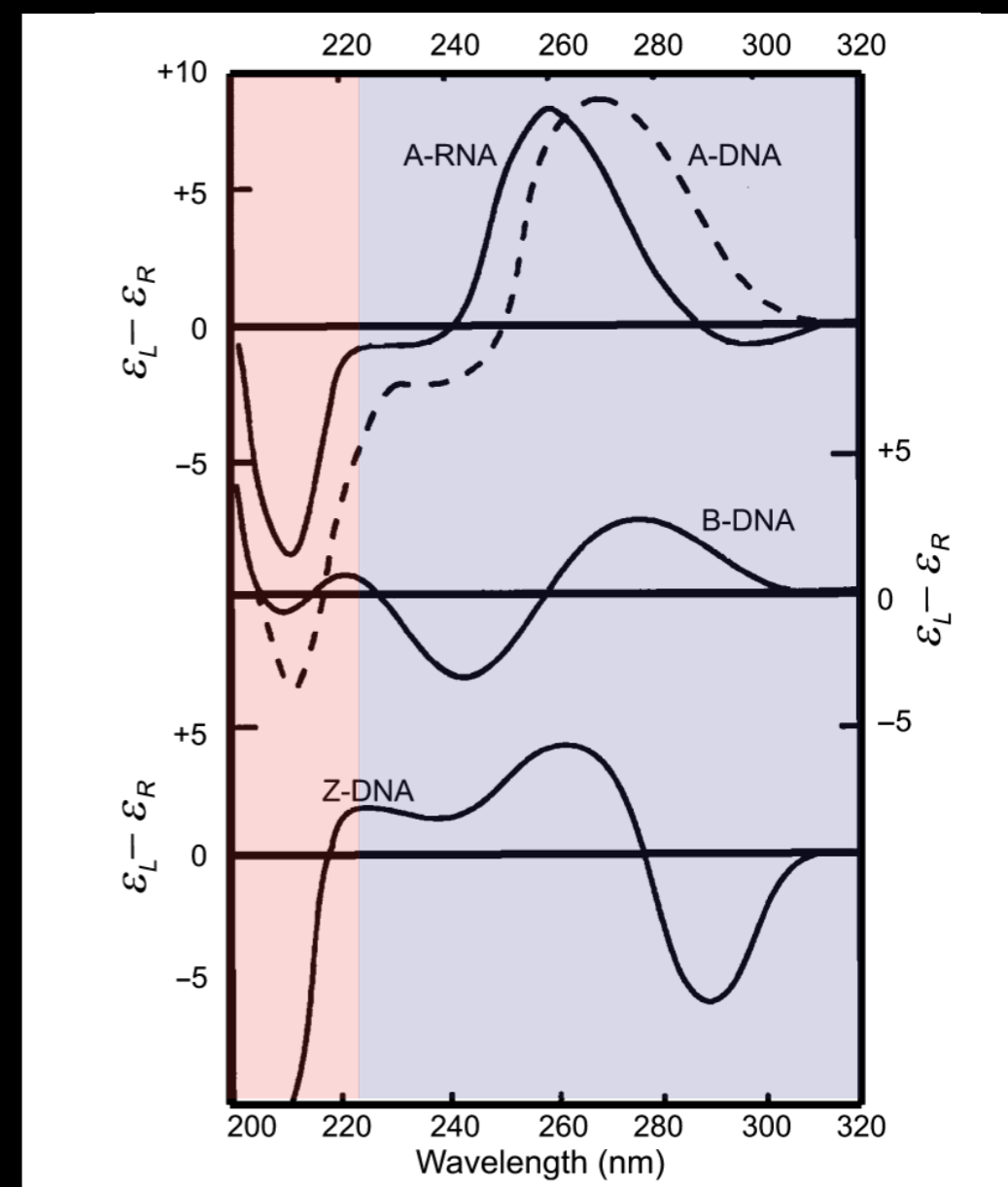
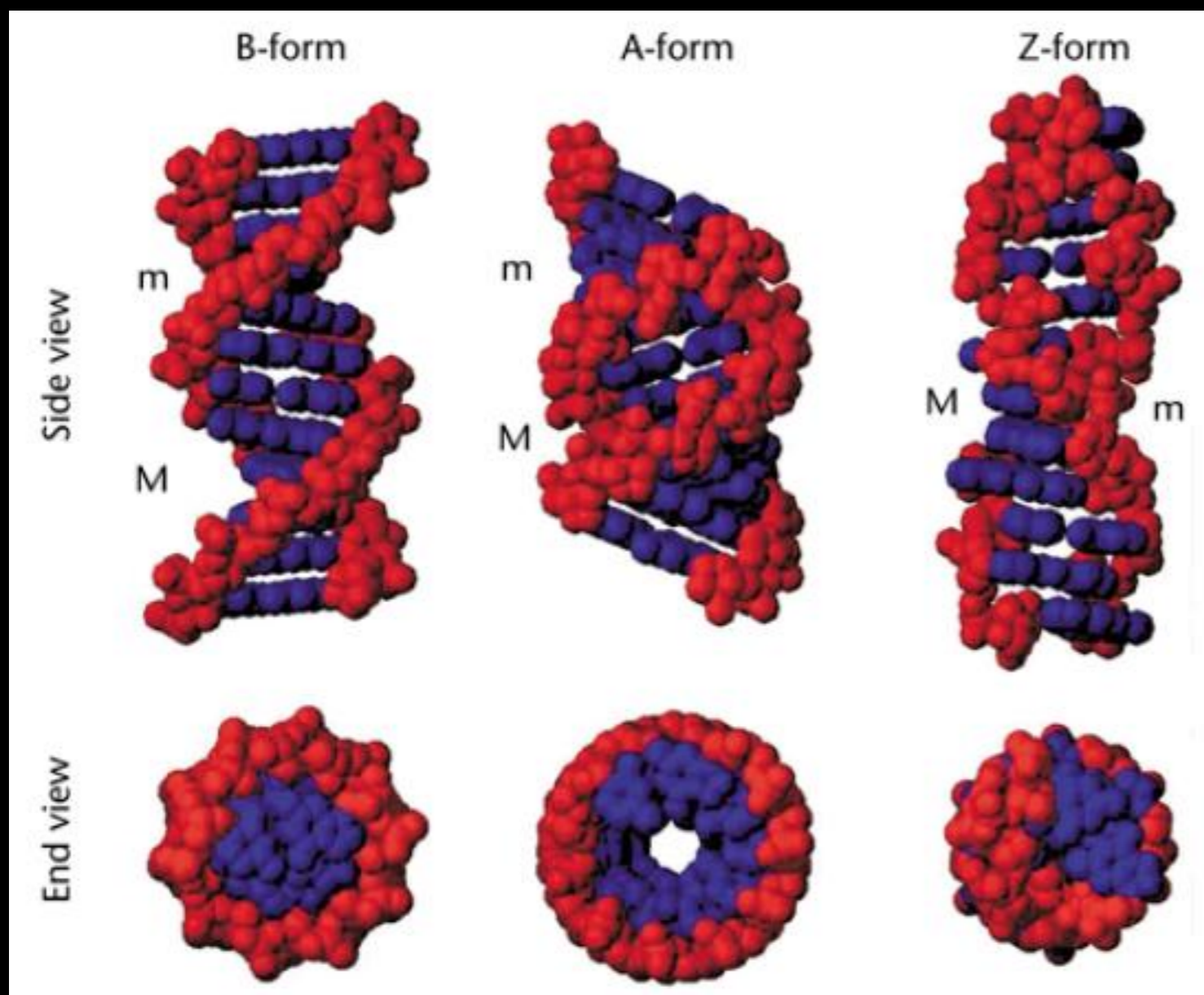


# 3. Biology: Fundamental processes in respiration



Mills et al, Science 1984

# ELECTRONIC CD SPECTROSCOPY



## Key features:

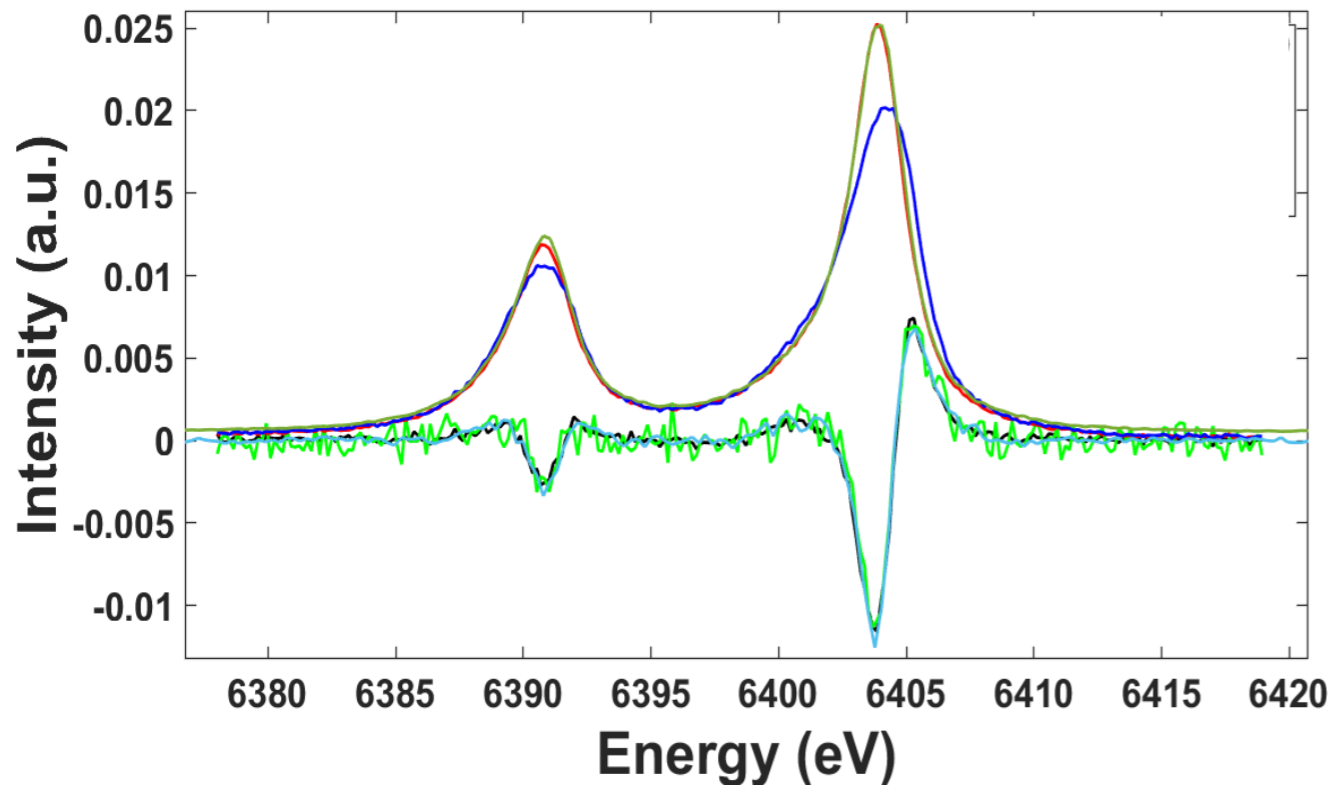
- Non-empirical structural probe
- Requires chiral, coupled chromophore assemblies
- Applicable to liquid-phase samples
- All-optical technique: ideal for femtosecond pulses

## Applications:

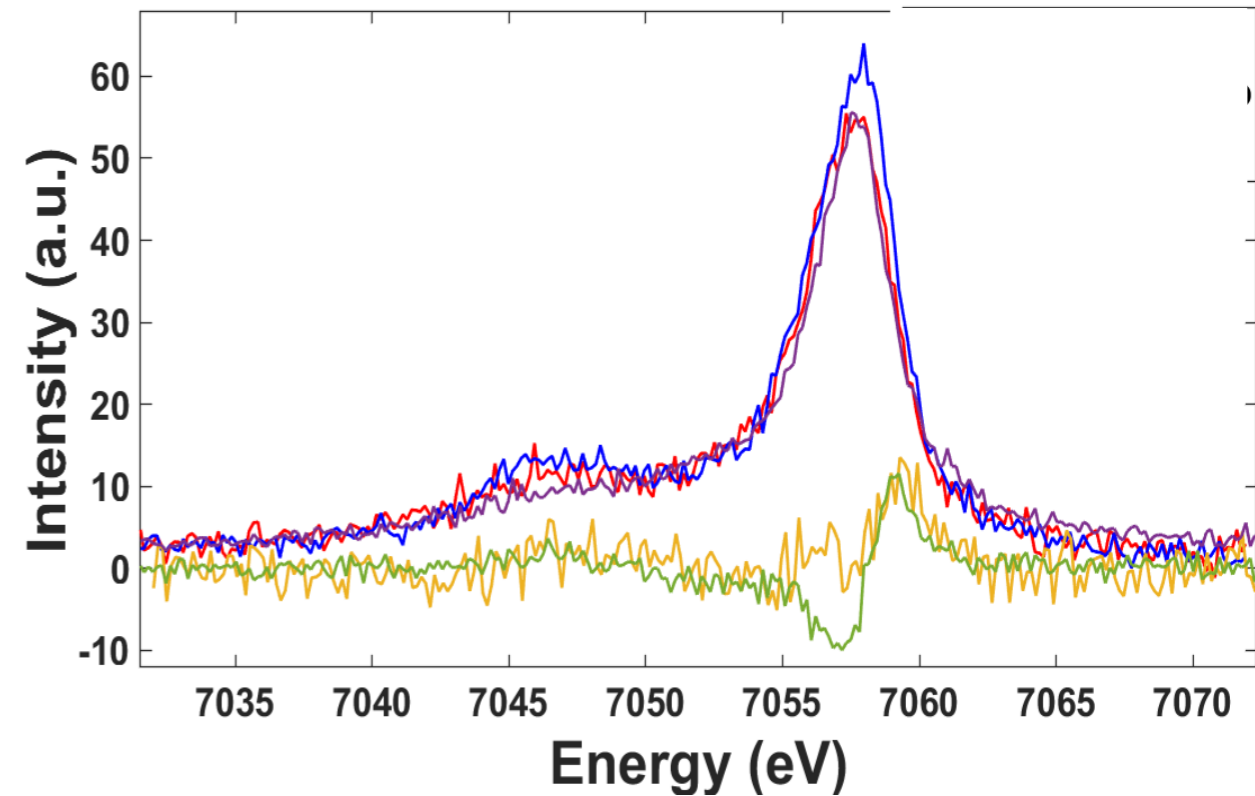
- Global structure determination
- Stability via melting curves
- Ligand binding via induced CD
- Local chromophore interactions

# Femtosecond X-ray emission studies

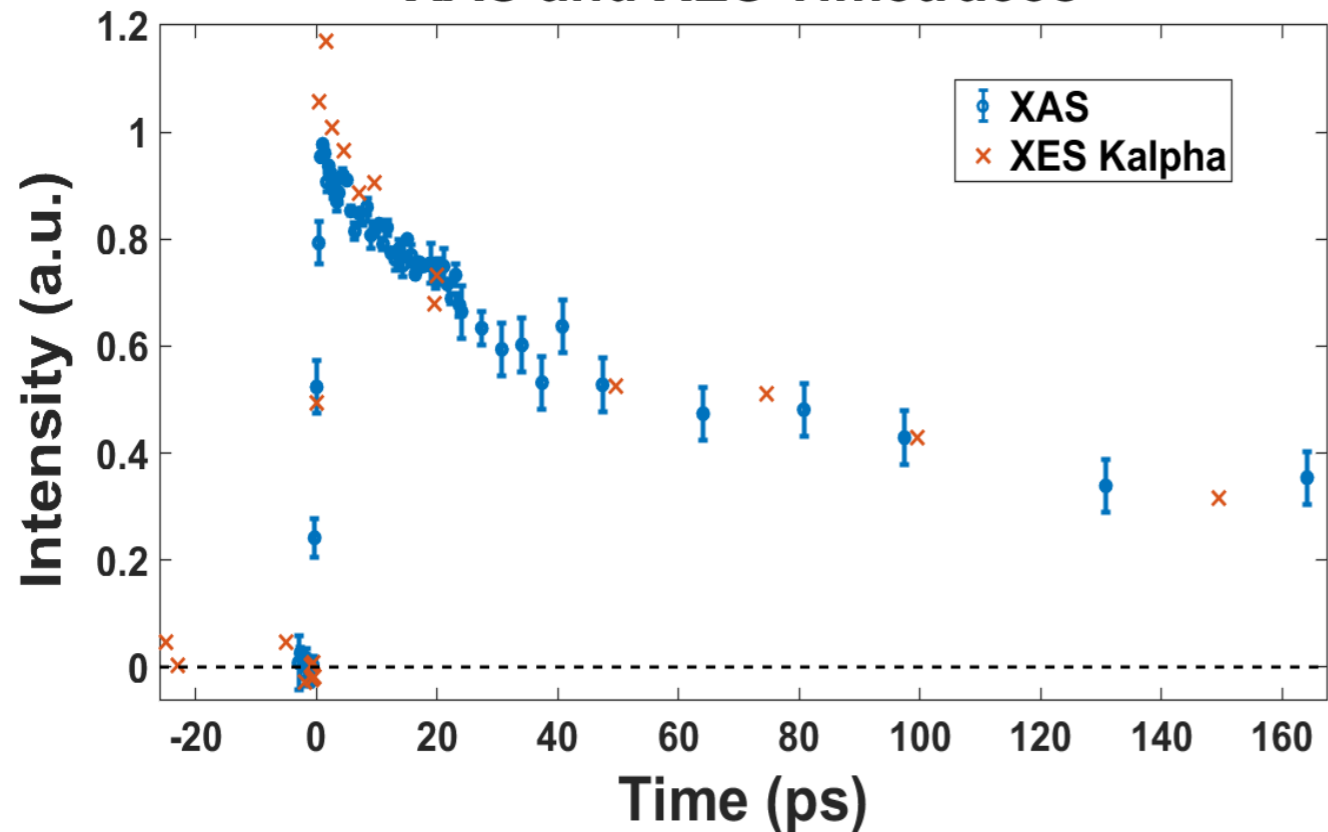
## Steady state and transient $K_{\alpha}$ XES



## Steady state and transient $K_{\beta}$ XES



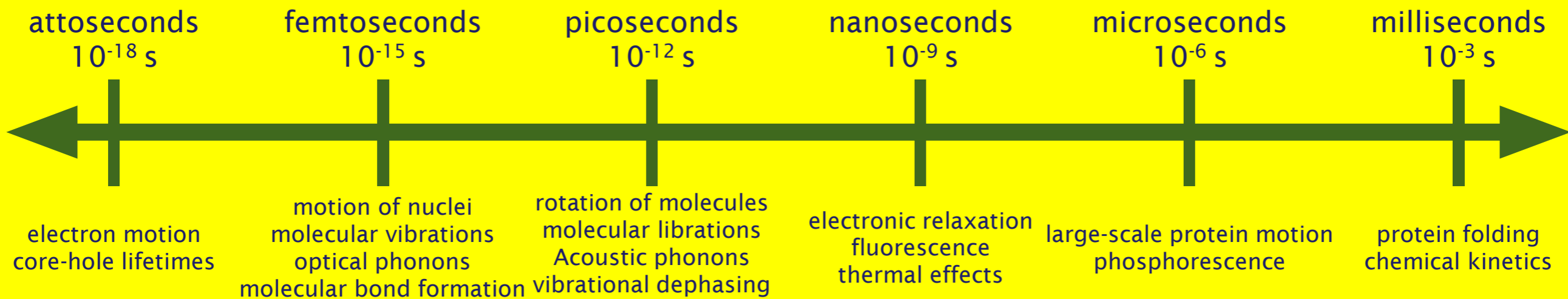
## XAS and XES Timetraces



$K_{\beta}$ : sensitive to spin state

XES  $K_{\alpha}$  and XAS edge time traces match, but  $\sim 1$  ps component is stronger in XES  $K_{\alpha}$

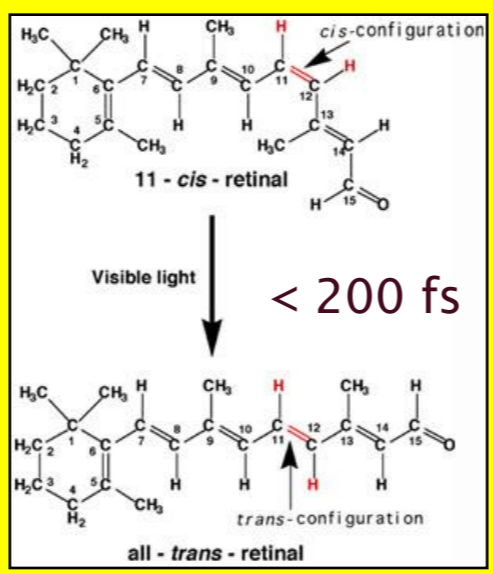
# Significant time scales



110 as delay between electron emission from conduction band and lower-lying states in Tungsten upon irradiation

The Fe K-edge core-hole lifetime is 4 fs

period of the symmetric stretch in H<sub>2</sub>O is 10 fs



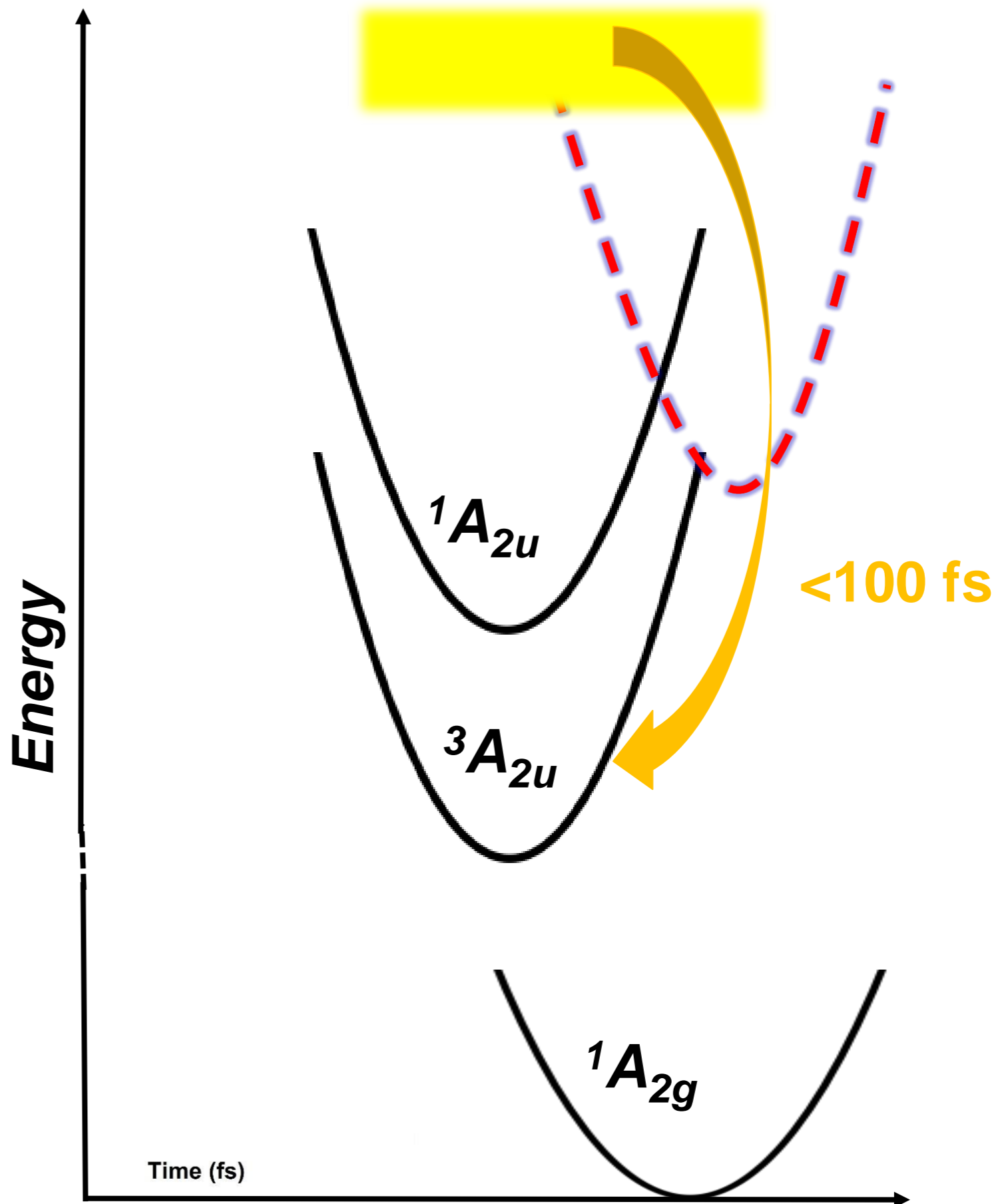
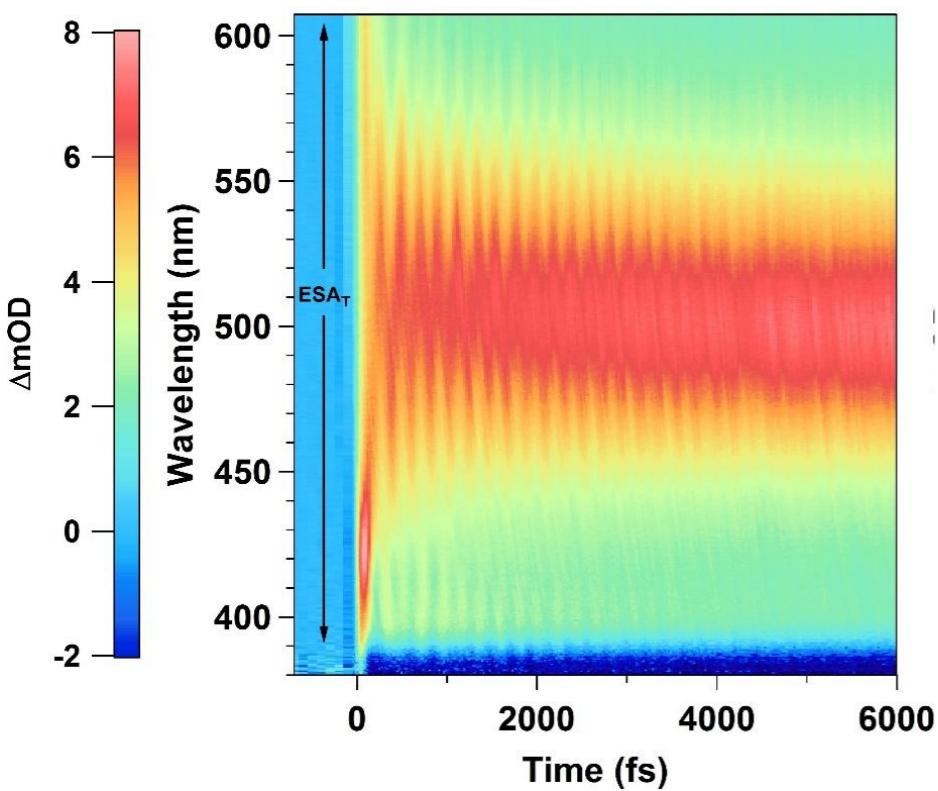
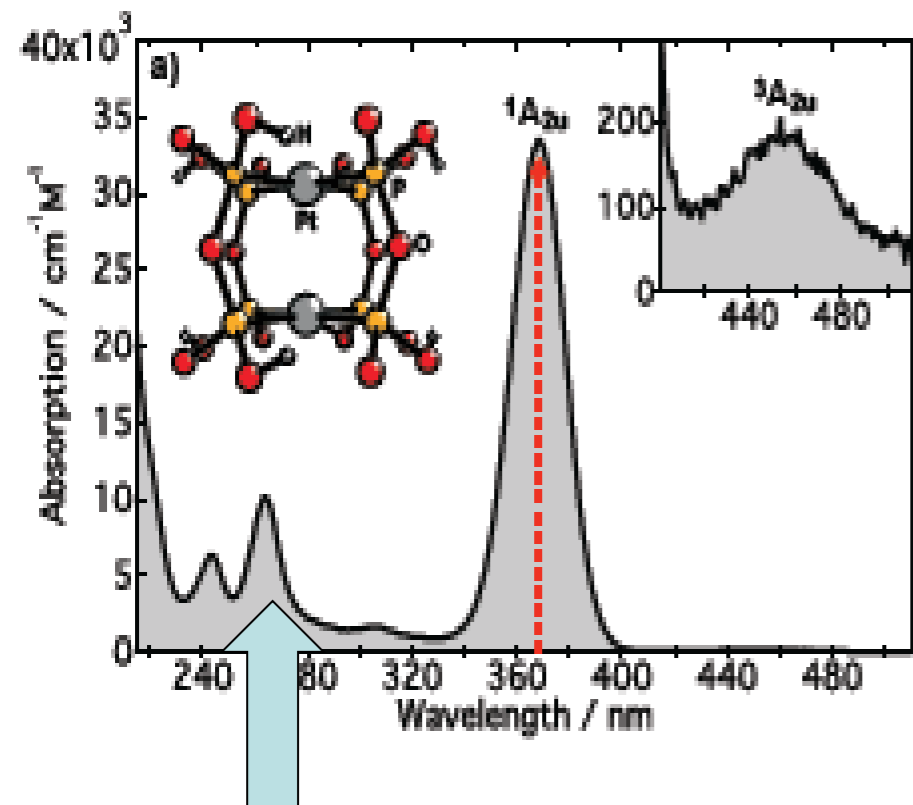
Hemoglobin R->T transition takes microseconds



Electronics (Flash Photolysis) **Eigen-Porter-Norrish 1967**

Lasers **Zewail 1999**

high-harmonic generation



**Violation of the Kasha-Vavilov rule!**

Monni et al., Chem. Phys. Lett. (2017)

**Pt-Pt bond distance**

# The blind men and the elephant (Jain, Buddhist, Sufi and Hindu lore)

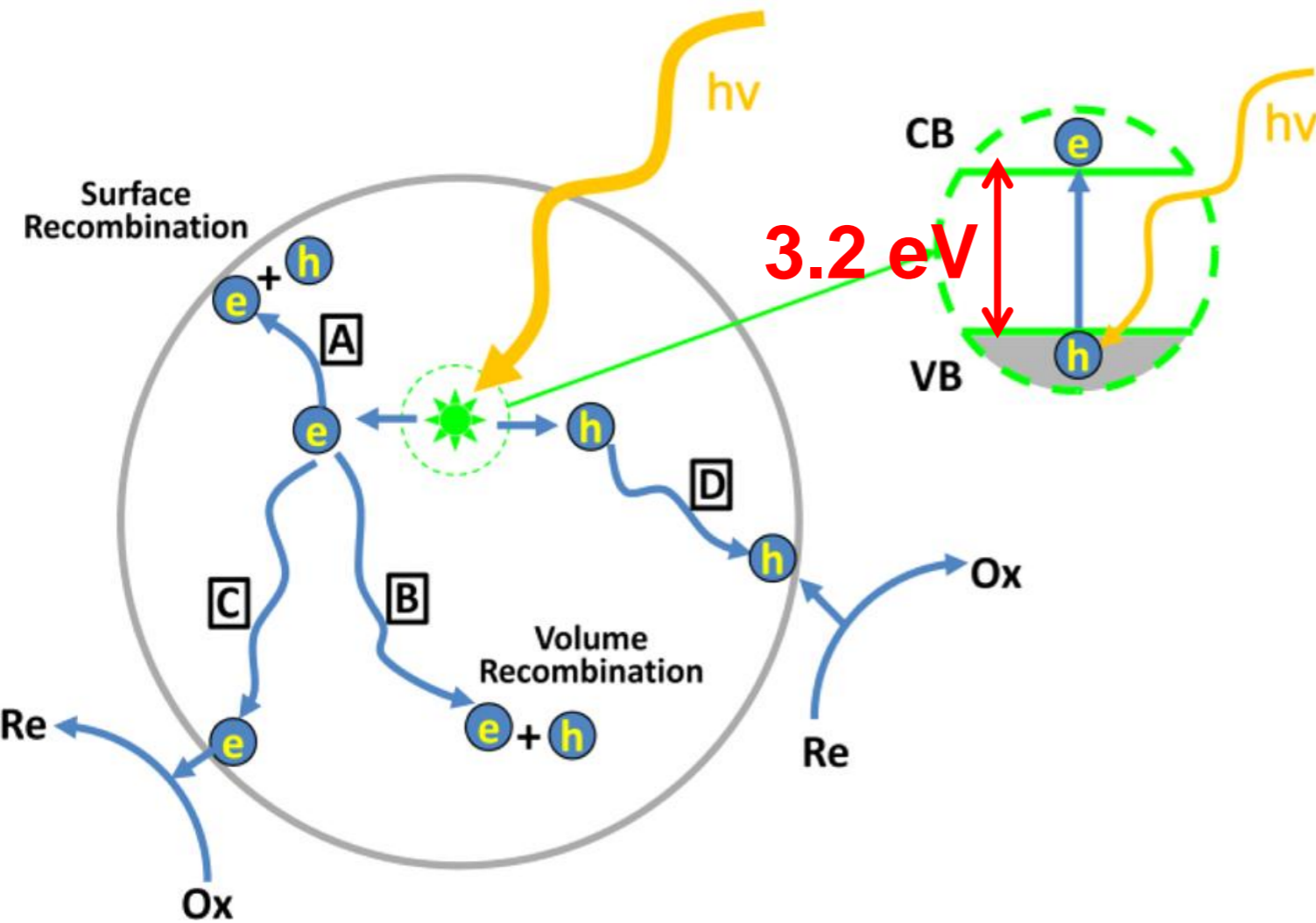


*One single experience can be true, but it is inherently limited by its failure to account for other truths or a totality of truth*

# Catalysis and solar energy conversion with Metal Oxides

## Photocatalysis

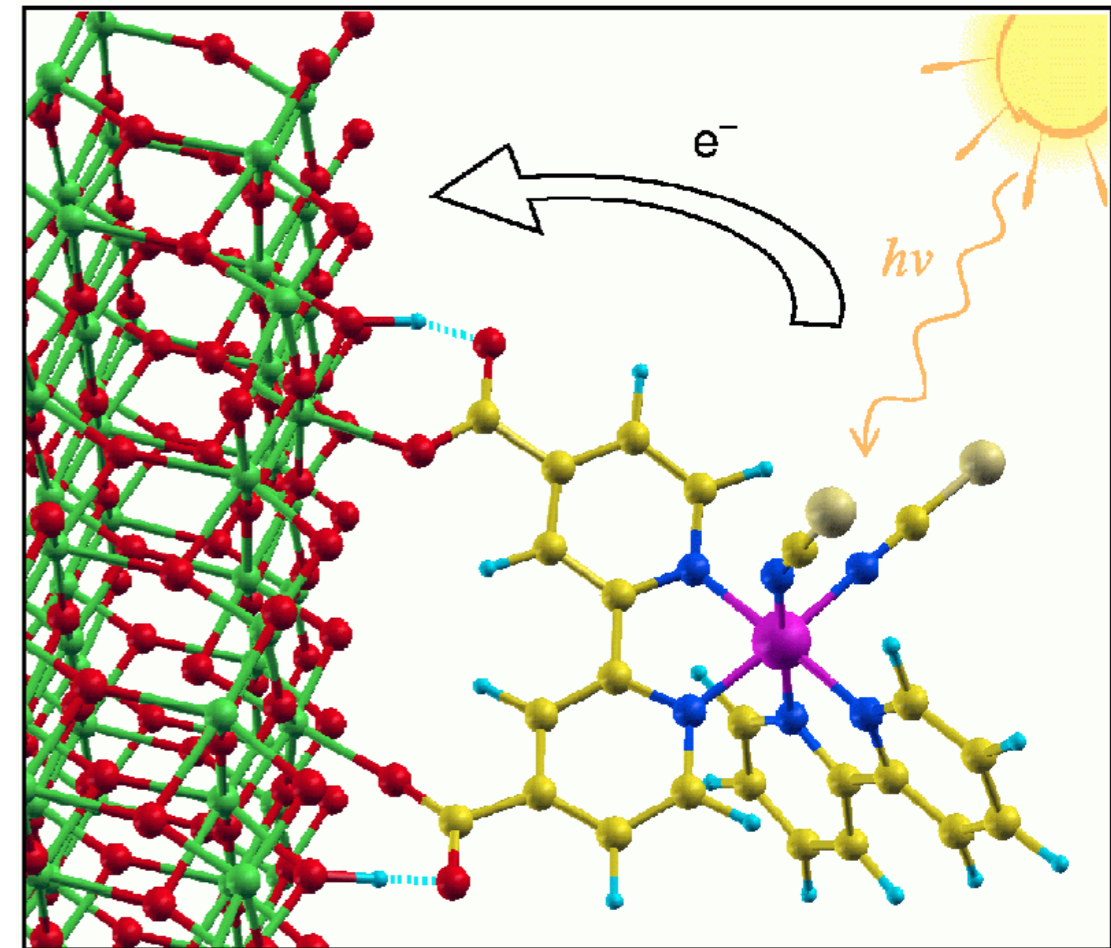
Fujishima, Honda (1972)



- Charges at surfaces
- Long time trapping

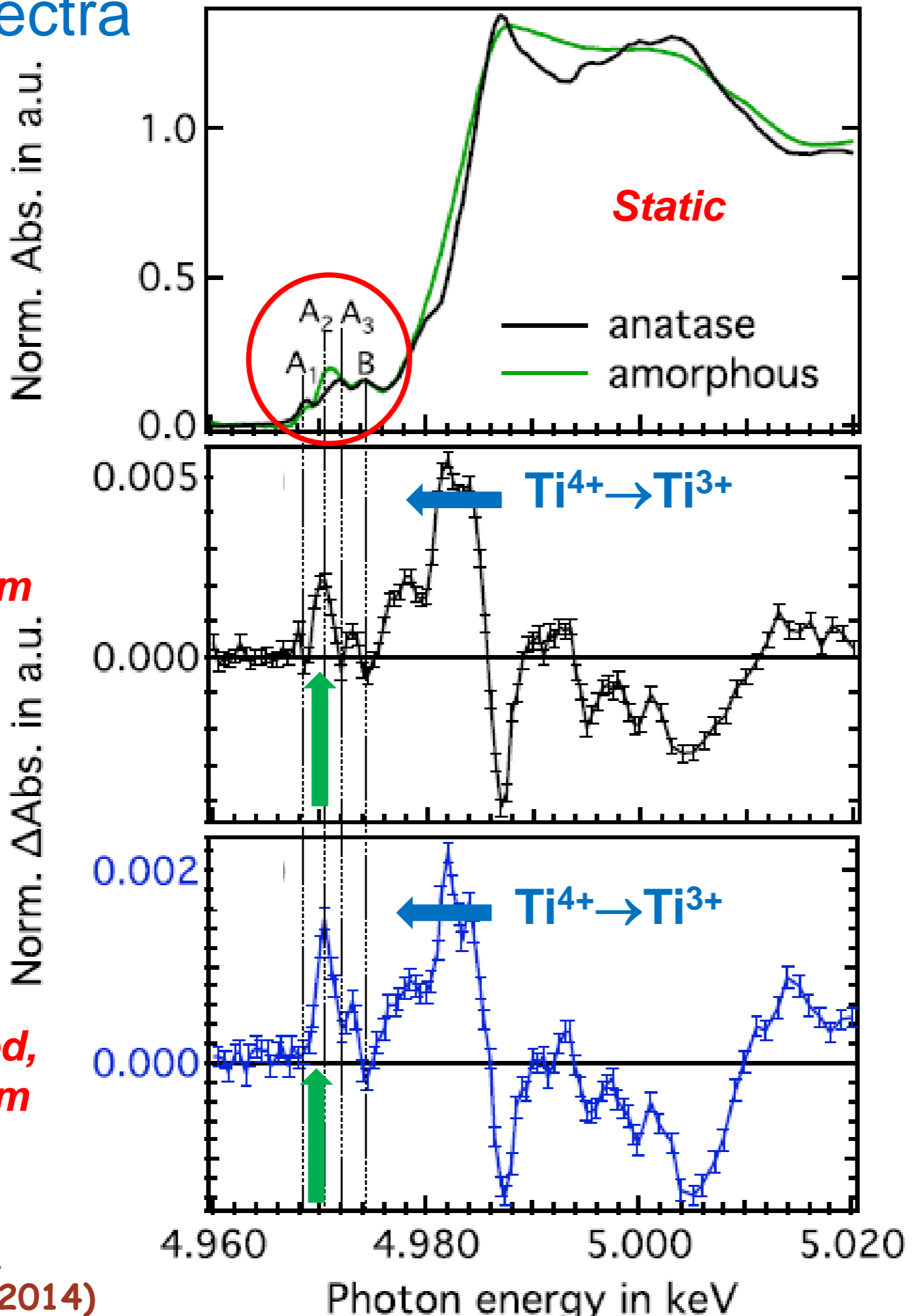
## Solar energy

Grätzel, O'Regan (1991)



- Long range transport
- High mobility: no trapping

# Ti K edge spectra

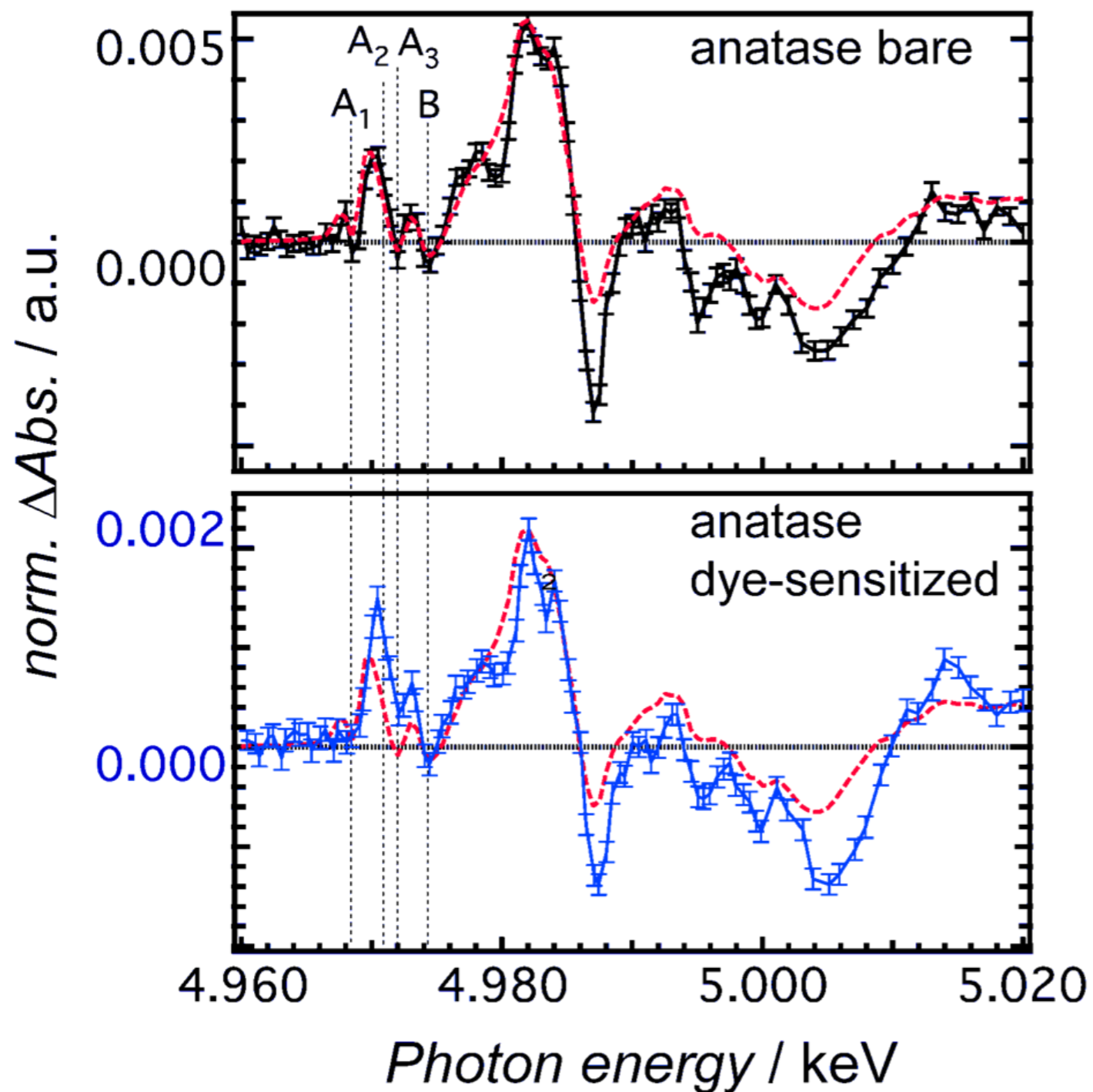


*Bare,  
100 ps, Exc. 355 nm*

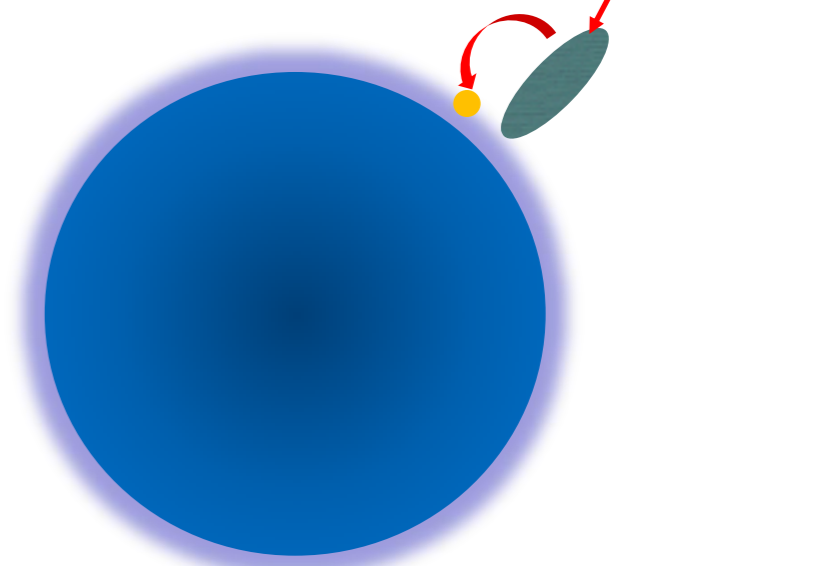
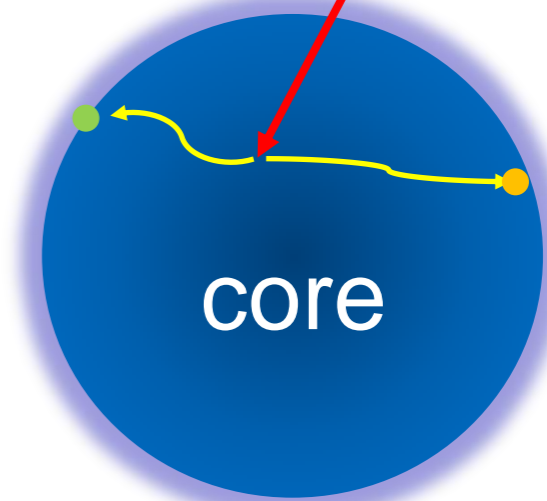
*N719 dye-sensitized,  
100 ps, Exc. 532 nm*

Ps-studies:  
Rittmann-Frank et al,  
Ang. Chem. Int. Ed (2014)





Defect-rich shell



-1 eV-shifted amorphous minus anatase spectrum

Electron trapping occurs at pentacoordinated defects

Bulk case: trapping deep inside surface shell

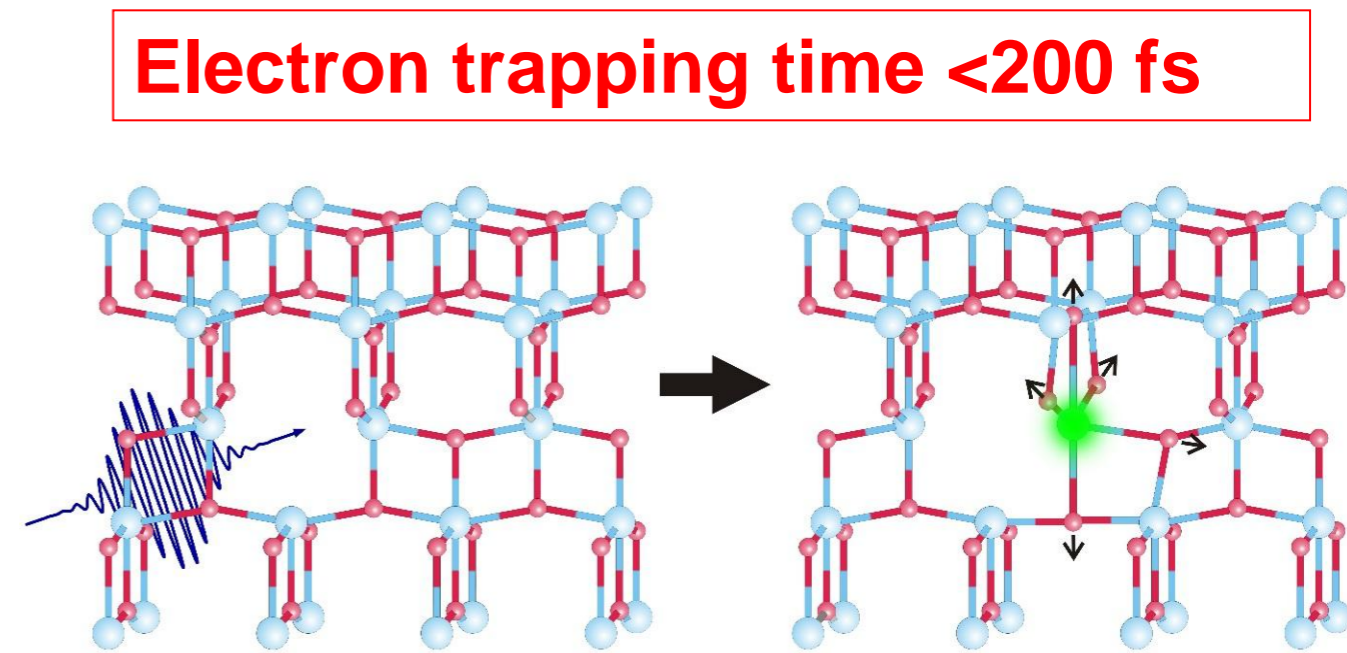
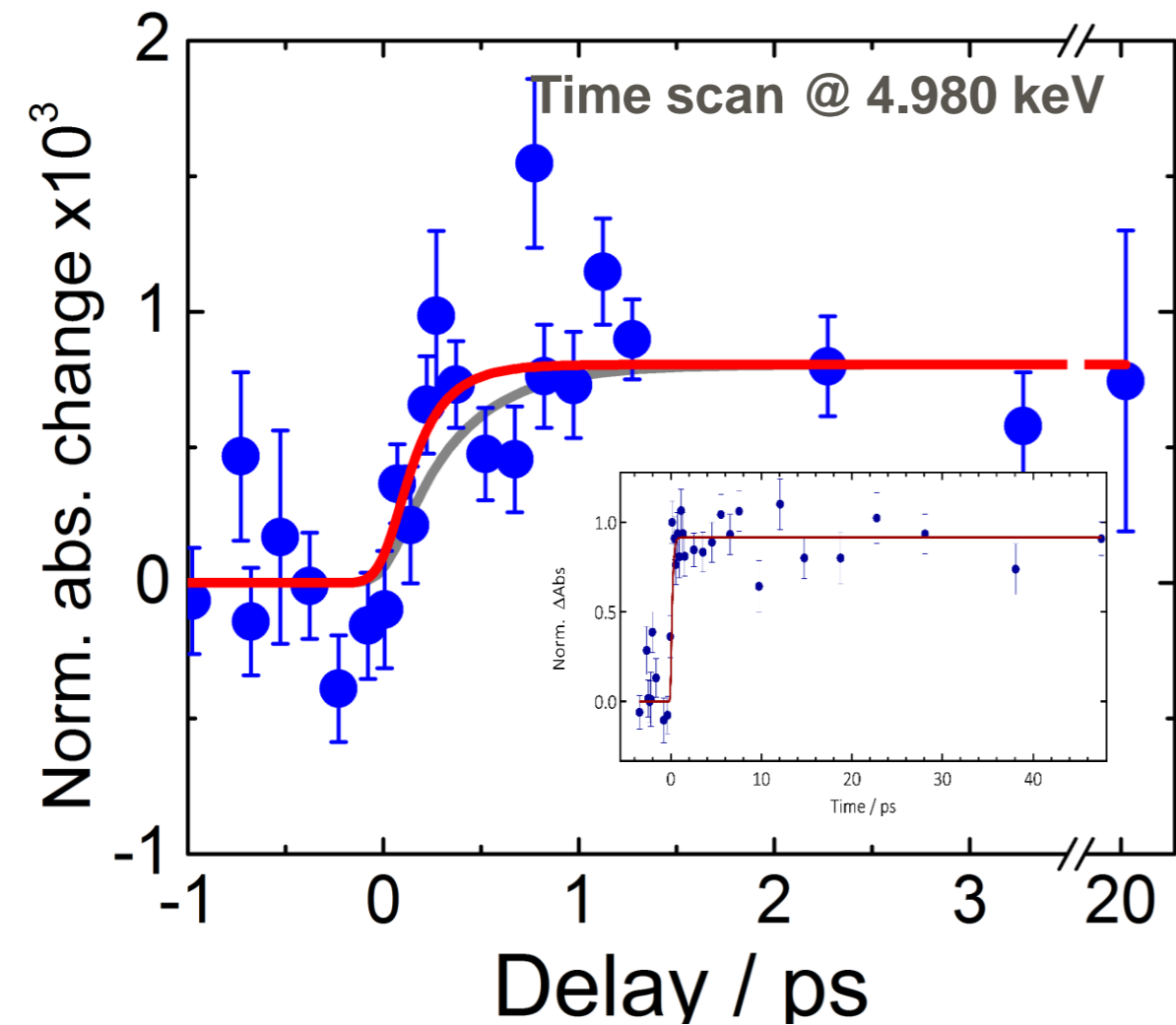
Injection: trapping on the outer surface

Similar results obtained for Rutile TiO<sub>2</sub>

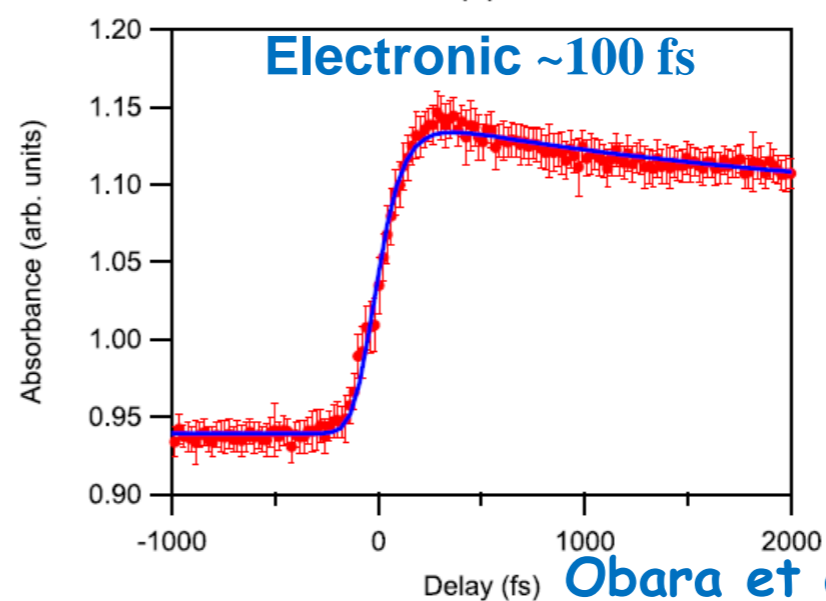
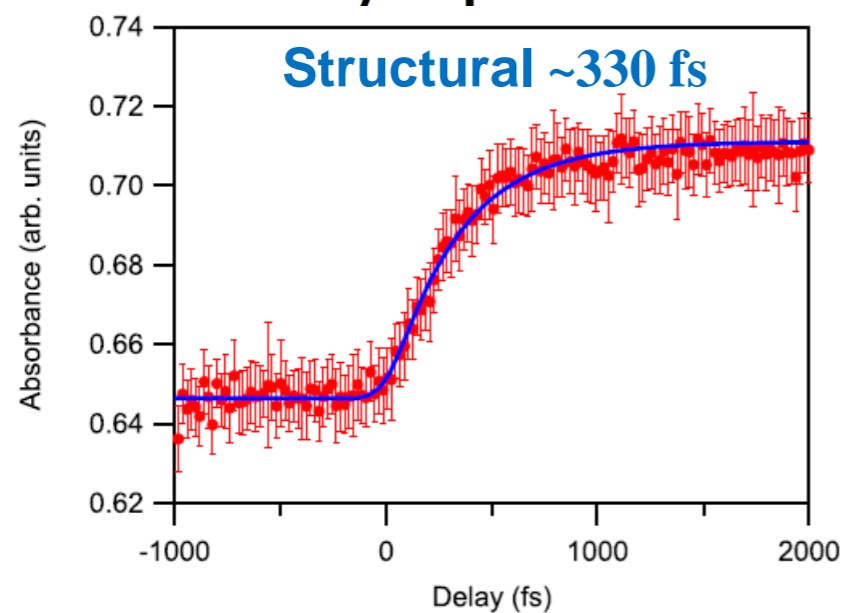
Rittmann-Frank et al, Ang. Chem. Int. Ed. (2014)

Buddarz et al, Chimia (2017)

# Femtosecond X-ray absorption studies of electron trapping

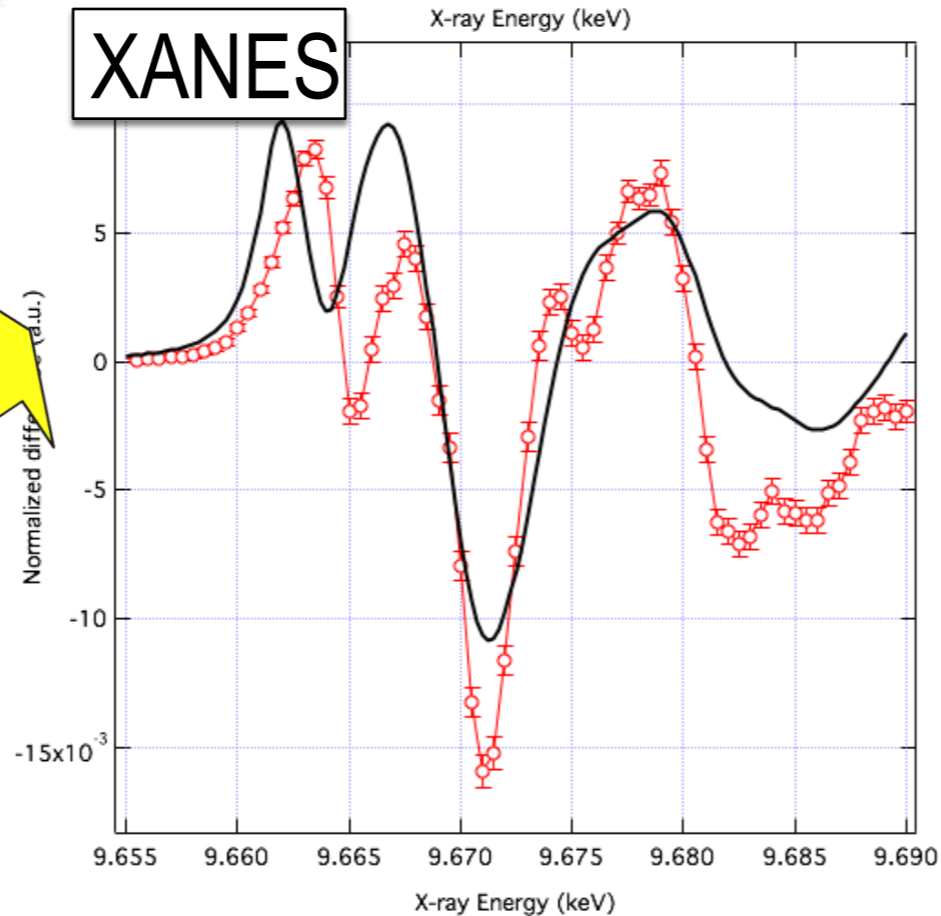
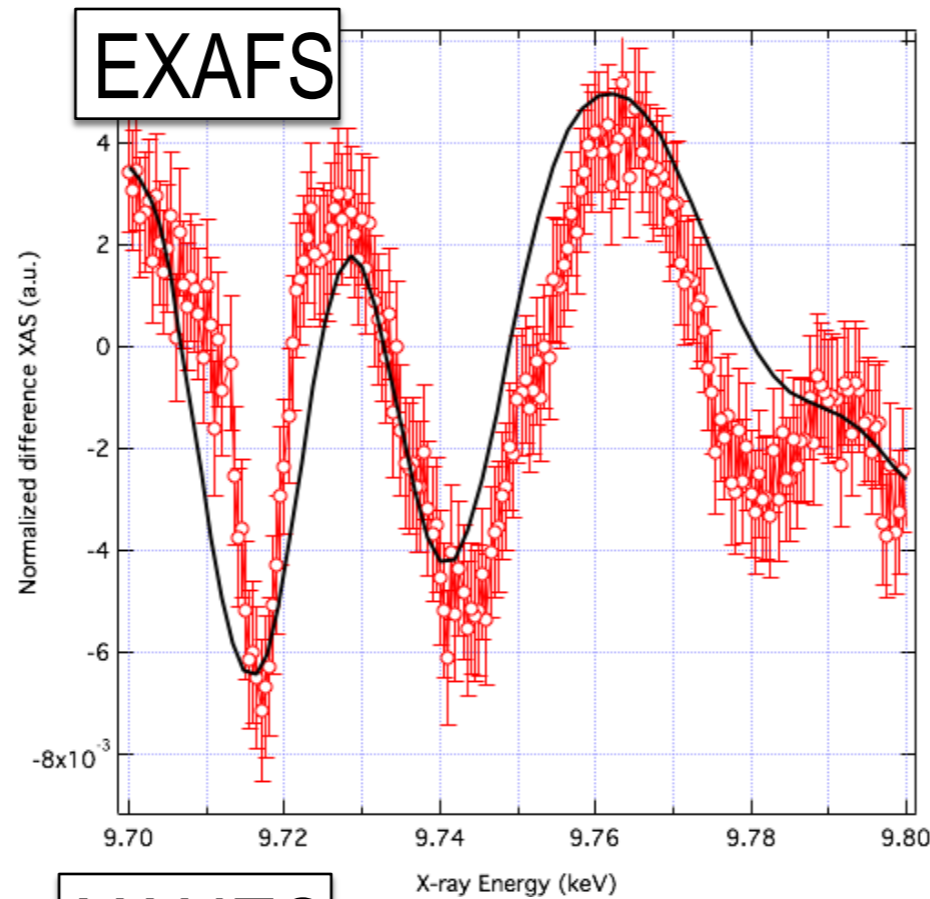
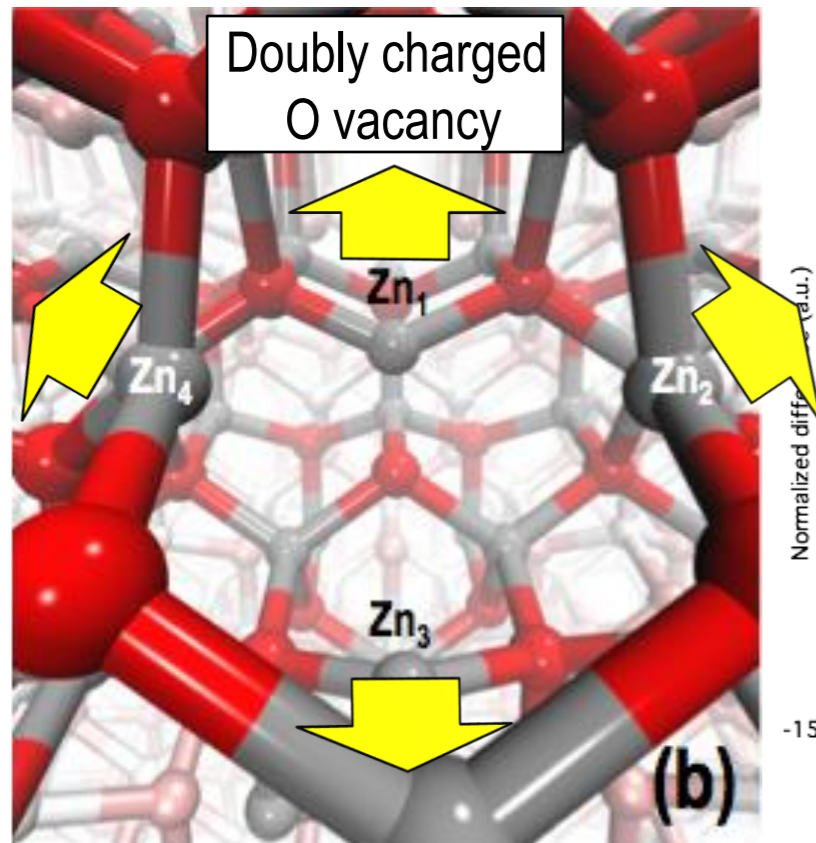
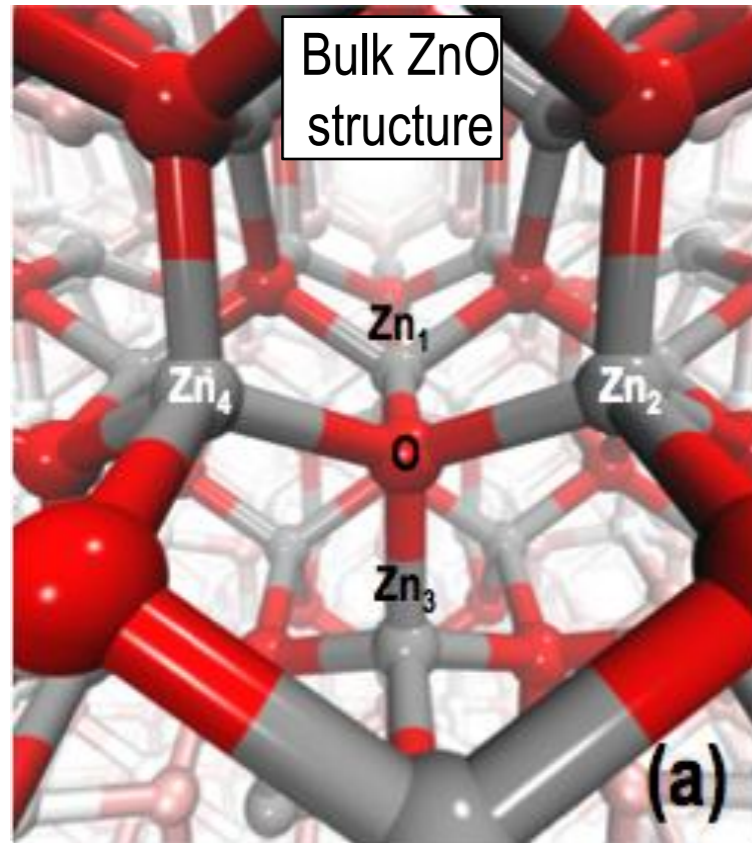


Santomauro *et al*, *Scient. Rep.* (2015)



Obara *et al*, *Struct. Dyn.* (2017)

# Hole trapping site at singly charged Oxygen vacancies in ZnO



Hole trapping sites are native singly-charge oxygen defects



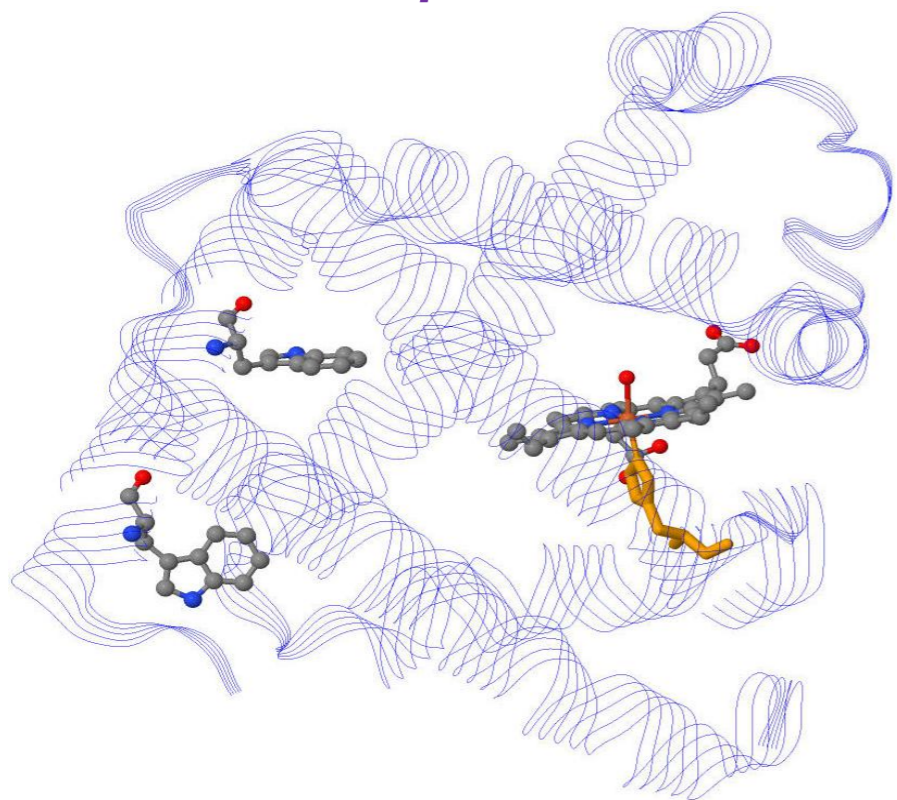
Expansion of the 4 neighbouring Zn atoms by ~20%

Strong signature in transient X-ray spectra

Hole trap is final state of green luminescence

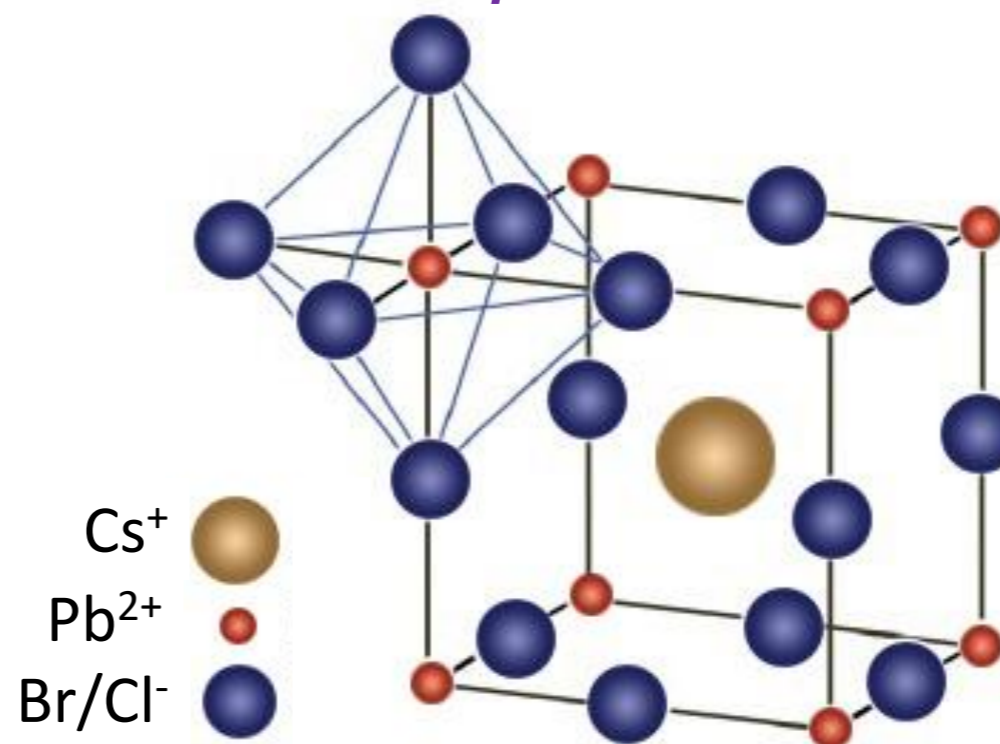
Hole trapping occurs in approx. 1.2 ps

## Ligand recombination in hemoproteins



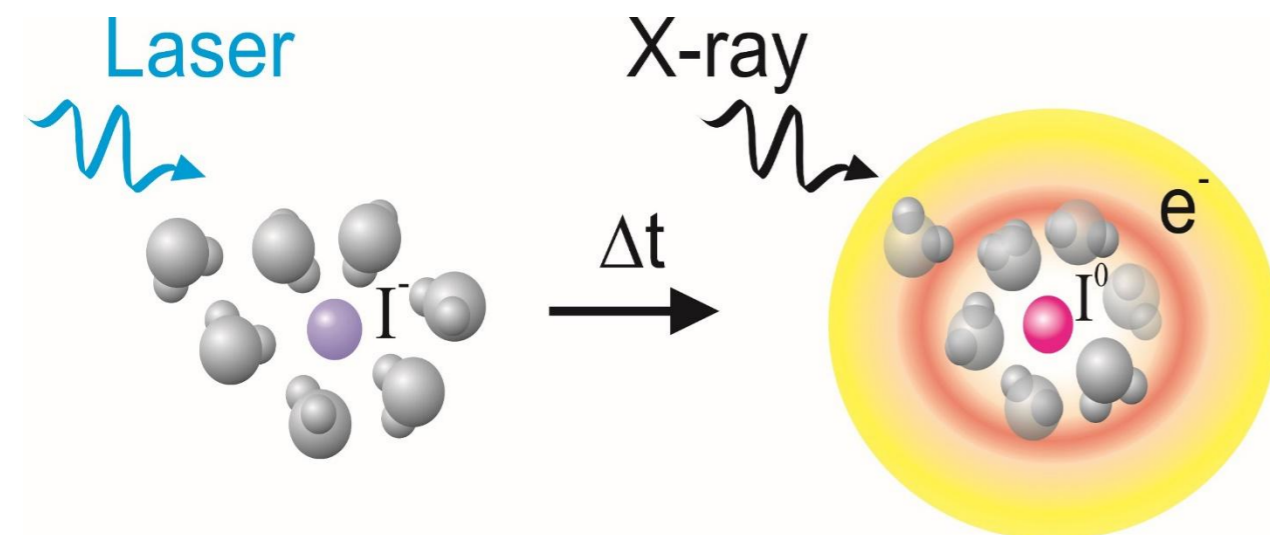
Silatani et al, PNAS (2015)

## Charge carrier dynamics in perovskites



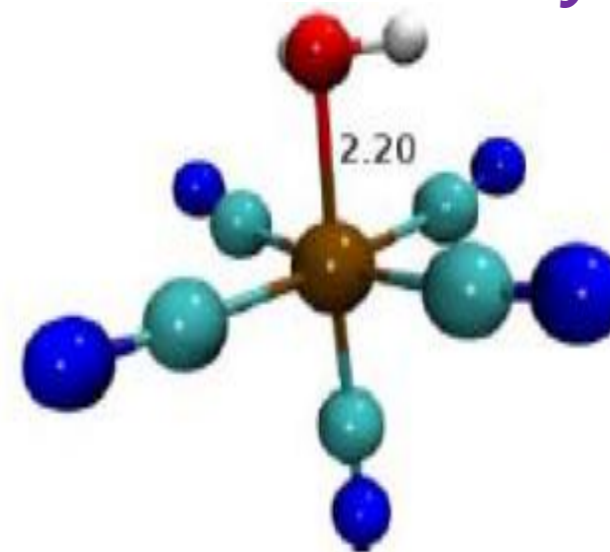
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## Electronic solvation dynamics



Pham et al, JACS (2007); JACS (2011)

## Solution chemical dynamics



Reinhard et al, Struct. Dyn. (2014)