What happens to atoms and molecules during XFEL pulses?

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Overview

- Introduction to XFEL science
- Atom: x-ray multiphoton multiple ionization dynamics of Xe
- Molecule: x-ray ionization and fragmentation dynamics of CH₃I
- > Summary



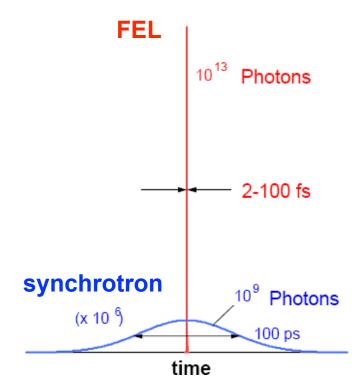
Introduction



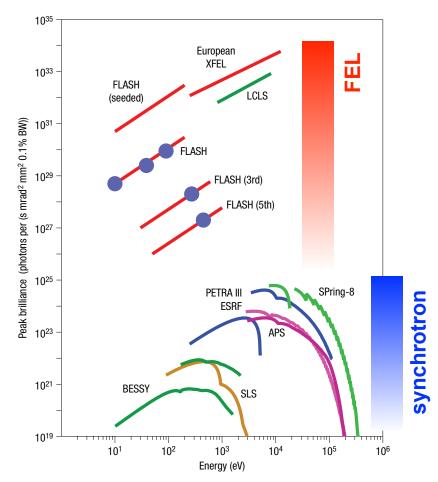


XFEL: X-ray free-electron laser

- > *Ultraintense*: ~10¹³ photons
- Ultrafast: ~femtoseconds



Schneider, Rev. Accl. Sci. Tech. 3, 13 (2010).



Ackermann et al., Nature Photon. 1, 336 (2007).

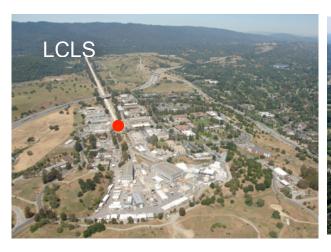




Where are XFELs?

- > FLASH at DESY, Germany (2004)
- LCLS at SLAC, USA (2009)
- > SACLA at RIKEN Harima, Japan (2011)
- PAL XFEL at Pohang, Korea (2016)
- > European XFEL, Germany (2017)







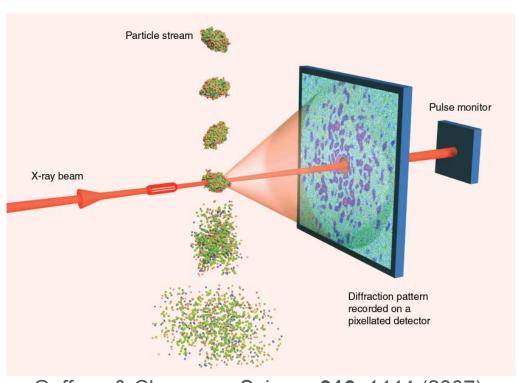






Why ultraintense and ultrafast?

- Structural determination of biomolecules with x-rays
 - → X-ray crystallography
- Growing high-quality crystals is one of major bottlenecks
- Enough signals obtained from even single molecules by using ultraintense pulses
- Signals obtained before radiation damage by using ultrafast pulses



Gaffney & Chapman, Science 316, 1444 (2007).

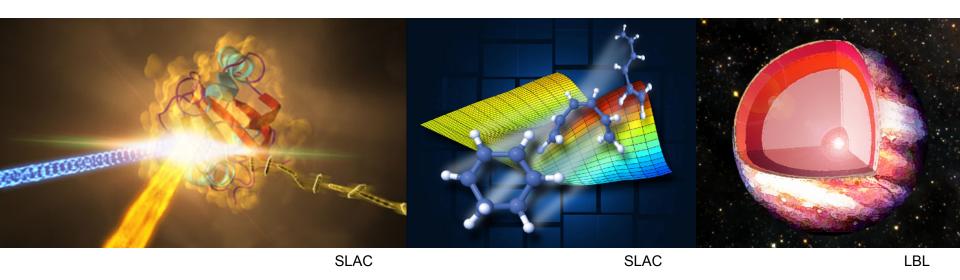
How does matter interact with *ultraintense* and *ultrafast* pulses?





XFEL science

- Imaging of biomolecules for biology and life science
- Ultrafast dynamics for chemistry and material science
- Matter in extreme states for astrophysics and energy science
 - → XFEL applications waiting for increased theoretical support







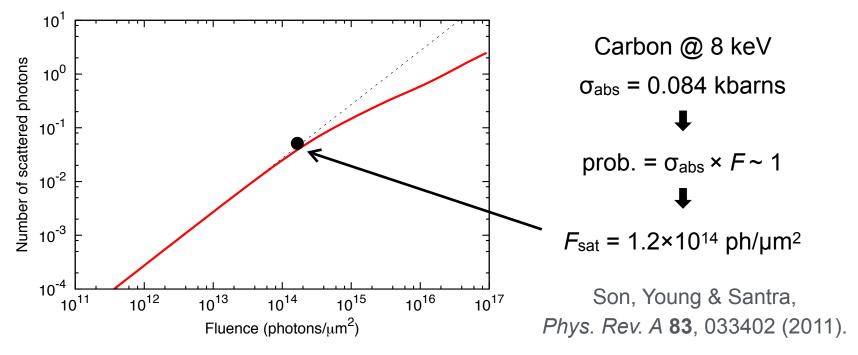
ATOM





What happens at high x-ray intensity?

> Fluence (photons/unit area) to saturate one-photon absorption

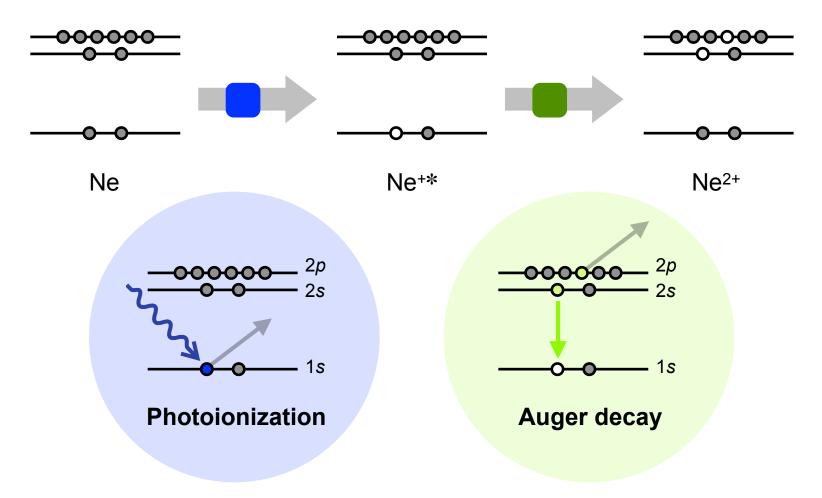


- High x-ray intensity beyond one-photon absorption saturation
 - synchrotron: at most one photon absorbed → linear phenomena
 - XFEL: at least one photon absorbed → nonlinear phenomena





X-ray absorption (single photon)





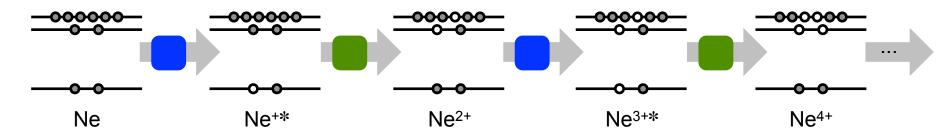


X-ray multiphoton absorption

Direct multiphoton absorption cross section is too small

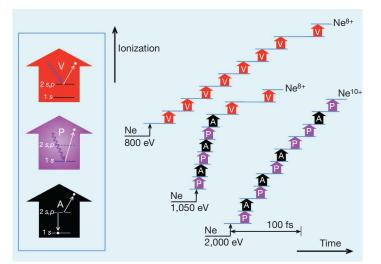
Doumy et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 083002 (2011).

Sequential multiphoton absorption is dominant



Sequential multiphoton multiple ionization dynamics

Young et al., Nature **466**, 56 (2010).







How to treat x-ray multiphoton dynamics?

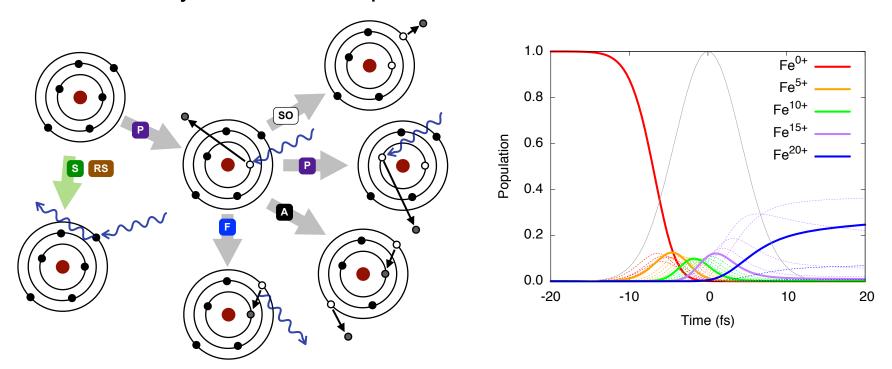
- > No standard quantum chemistry code available
- Theoretical challenges
 - tremendously many hole states by x-ray multiphoton absorption
 - highly excited system far from the ground state
 - electronic continuum states
 - complex inner-shell ionization dynamics
 - coupled ionization dynamics and nuclear dynamics (for molecules)





XATOM

- > XATOM: an integrated toolkit for x-ray and atomic physics
 - electronic structure: calculated for every single configuration
 - electronic dynamics: rate-equation model



Son, Young & Santra, Phys. Rev. A 83, 033402 (2011).





XATOM: Numerical details

Hartree-Fock-Slater method

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 + V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + V_H(\mathbf{r}) + V_X(\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_i \psi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

Numerical grid: non-uniform for bound states and uniform for continuum

$$\psi_{nlm}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{u_{nl}(r)}{r} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

- Calculate all cross sections and rates of x-ray-induced processes based on the perturbation theory
- > Solve coupled rate equations $\frac{d}{dt}P_I(t) = \sum_{I' \neq I}^{\text{all config.}} \left[\Gamma_{I' \to I}P_{I'}(t) \Gamma_{I \to I'}P_I(t)\right]$
- > Sequential ionization model has been tested by a series of atomic XFEL experiments: Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe, ...



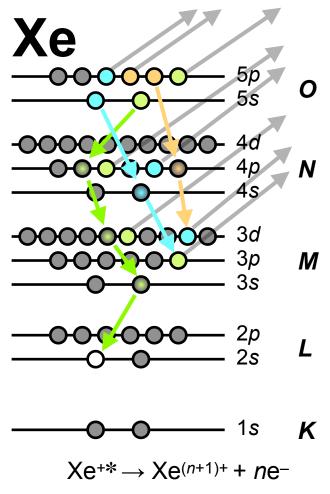


Example: Xe atom





Complex inner-shell decay cascade



Auger (Coster-Kronig) decay cascade

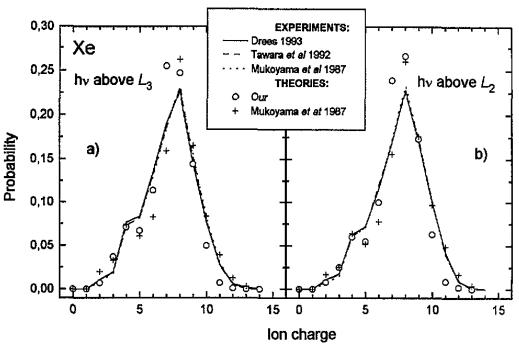


Figure 3. Xe¹⁺ charge spectra produced by photoionization of Xe atoms above the L₃-threshold (a), and above the L₂-threshold (b). Drees (1993), Tawara et al (1992), this work—excitation energies 4.8 keV (a) and 5.2 keV (b); Mukoyama et al (1987)—excitation energies 4.9 keV (a) and 5.3 keV (b).

Kochur et al., J. Phys. B 28, 387 (1995). Prof. Demekhin's work of 20 years ago!



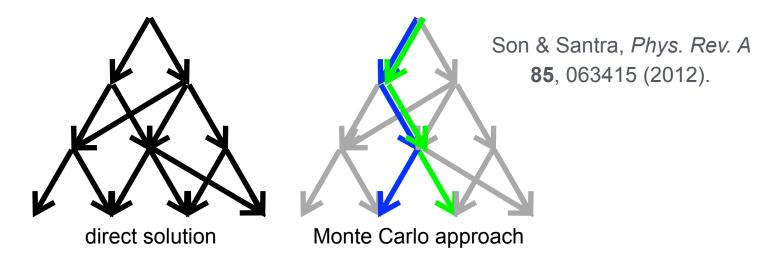


Ionization dynamics: Monte Carlo method

Xe: $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^6 4d^{10} 5s^2 5p^6$

- More than 1 million coupled rate equations to be considered
- More than 40 million x-ray-induced processes to be considered

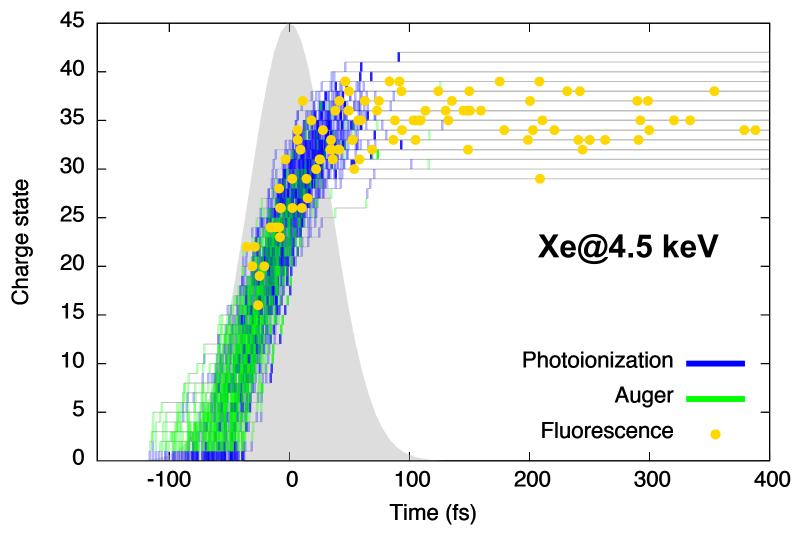
→ solved by the Monte Carlo method







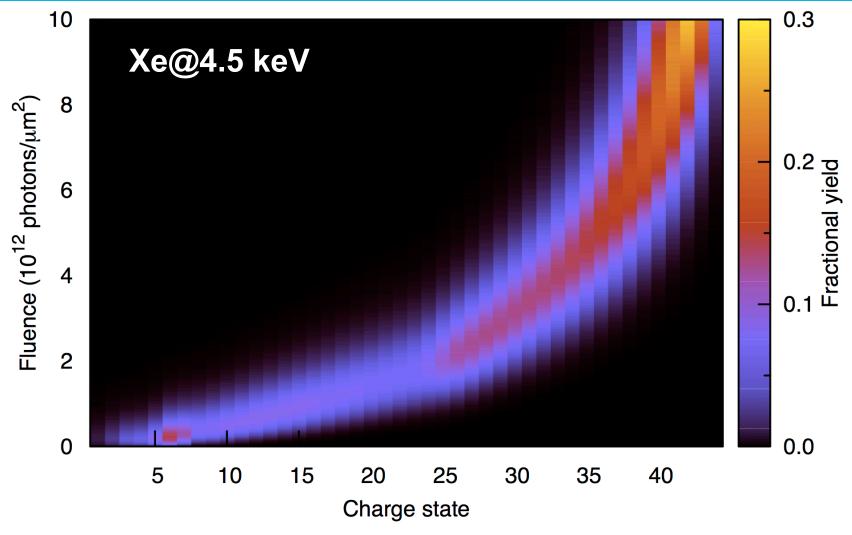
X-ray multiphoton ionization dynamics







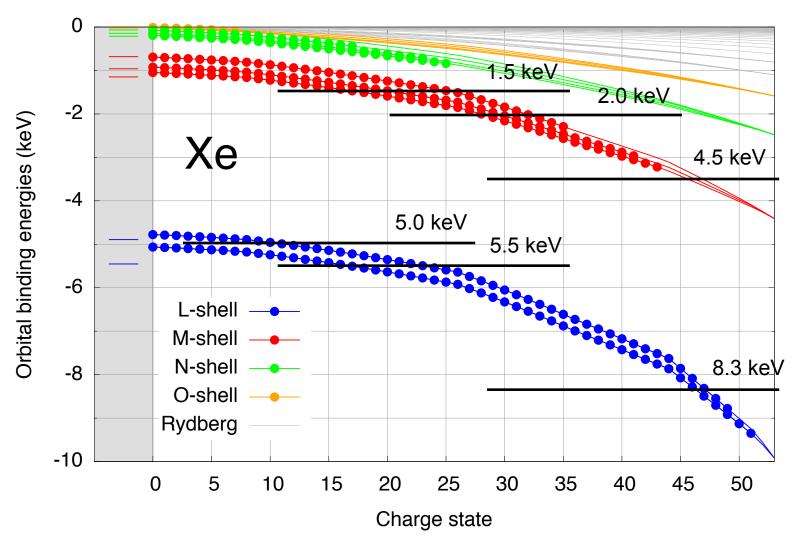
Charge-state distributions of Xe







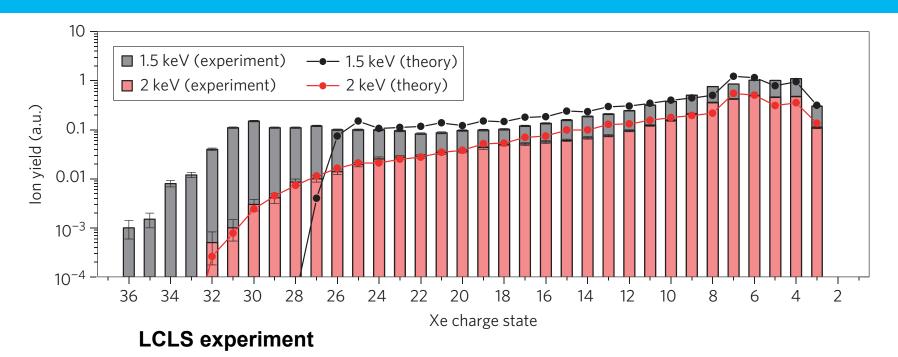
Ionization thresholds of Xe ions







Comparison with LCLS experiment





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Artem Rudenko at KSU



Benedikt Rudek at PTB

Rudek et al., Nature Photon. 6, 858 (2012).

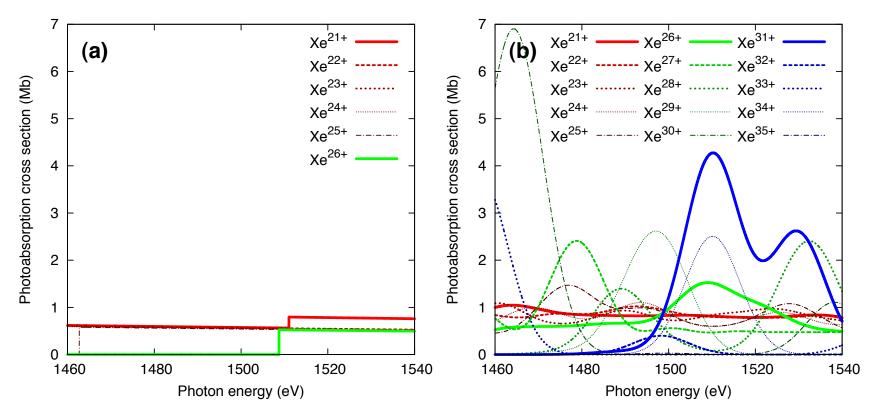
- Xe M-shell ionization
- 2 keV: excellent agreement between theory and experiment
- 1.5 keV: further ionization via resonance





Ultra-efficient ionization by XFEL

- > REXMI: Resonance-Enabled X-ray Multiple Ionization
- Broad bandwidth (~15 eV): resonances for many charge states

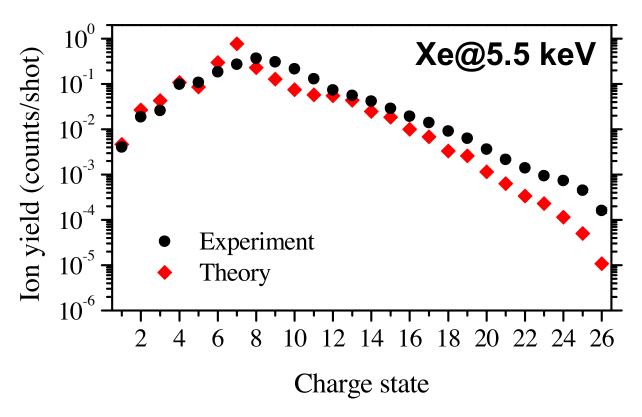








Comparison with SACLA experiment



SACLA experiment



Kiyoshi Ueda at Tohoku Univ.

- Hironobu Fukuzawa
- Koji Motomura

Fukuzawa et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **110**, 173005 (2013).

- Xe L-shell ionization: good agreement
- underestimation in theory: lack of relativity, shake-off, and resonance





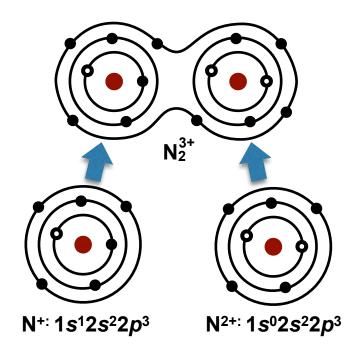
MOLECULE





XMOLECULE

- > XMOLECULE: x-ray and molecular physics toolkit
 - quantum electrons, classical nuclei
 - efficient electronic structure calculation: core-hole adapted basis functions calculated XATOM
 - Monte Carlo on the fly



Ab initio ionization and fragmentation dynamics induced by intense XFEL pulses

Hao, Inhester, Hanasaki, Son & Santra, Struc. Dyn. 2, 041707 (2015).





XMOLECULE: Numerical details

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- > MO represented by linear combination of AO: $\psi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mu} C_{\mu i} \phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r})$
- > AO: numerical solutions of corresponding atomic core-hole states

$$\phi_{nlm}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{u_{nl}(r)}{r} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$
 calculated by XATOM

> Matrix eigenvalue problem $_{
m HC=SCE}$

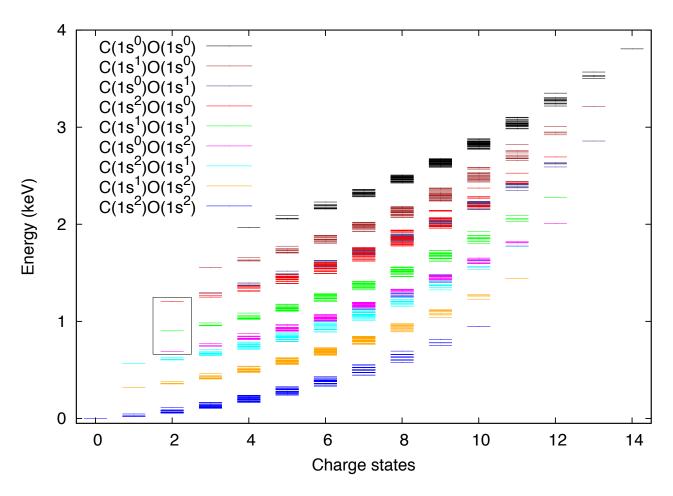
$$H_{\mu\nu} = \int d^3r \,\phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}) \left[-\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 + V_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}), \quad S_{\mu\nu} = \int d^3r \,\phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}) \phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r})$$

- > Various numerical techniques employed
 - multicenter integration on a molecular grid built from atomic grids
 - multicenter expansion and multipole expansion in direct Coulomb interaction
 - maximum overlap method to prevent variational collapse





Various multiple-hole states of CO



All possible multiple-hole configurations formed by x-ray multiphoton ionization



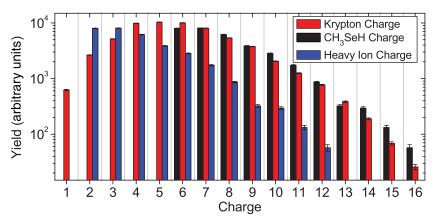


Example: CH₃I



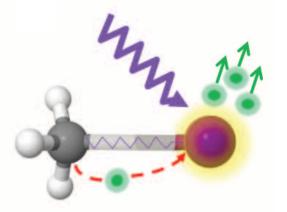


Earlier works on molecules at low intensity



Total charge: CH₃SeH vs. Kr

Erk et al., PRL 110, 053003 (2013).



CH₃I: charge rearrangement as a function of bond distance

Erk et al., Science 345, 288 (2014).

Total charge of molecule is similar to atomic charge. Heavy atom charges are reduced after charge rearrangement.



Still valid for high x-ray intensity?

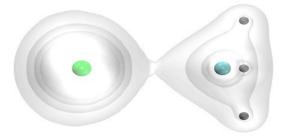




Methyl iodide at high x-ray intensity

Selective ionization on heavy atom

CH₃I @ 8.3 keV



- $\sigma(I)\sim50$ kbarn $\sigma(C)\sim80$ barn $\sigma(H)\sim8$ mbarn
- > Multiphoton ionization occurs at high fluence: $F > F_{sat} \sim 2 \times 10^{11} \text{ ph/}\mu\text{m}^2$
- Charge imbalance induces charge rearrangement
- Coulomb explosion after/during ionization & charge rearrangement
- New experimental results: LCLS CXI using nano-focus
 - → peak fluence ~ 5×10¹² ph/µm²

LCLS experiment



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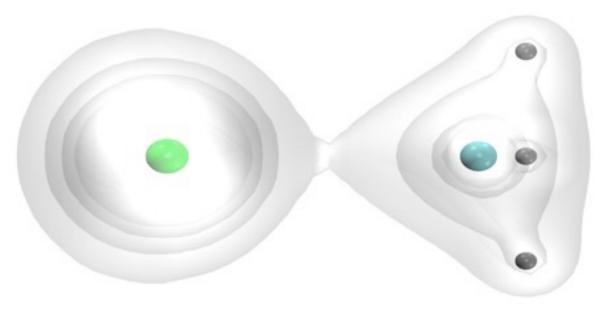
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Ionization & fragmentation dynamics

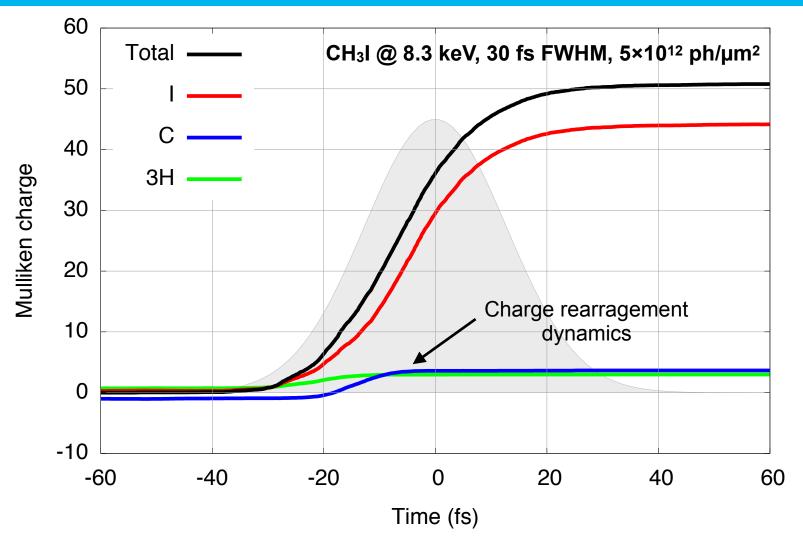
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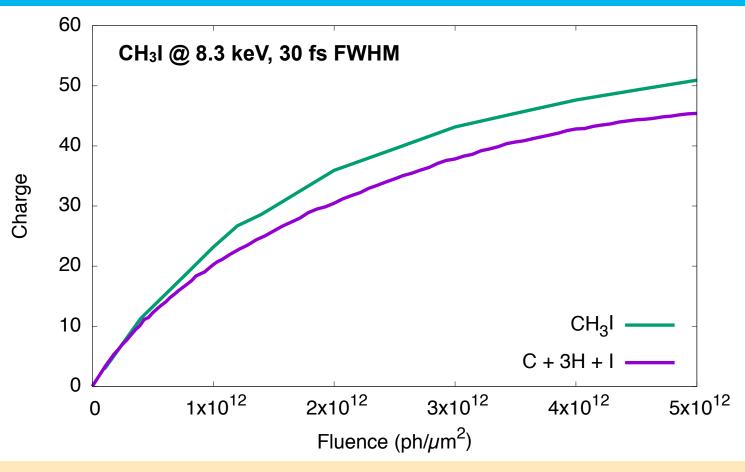
Time evolution of partial charge population







Molecular ionization enhancement

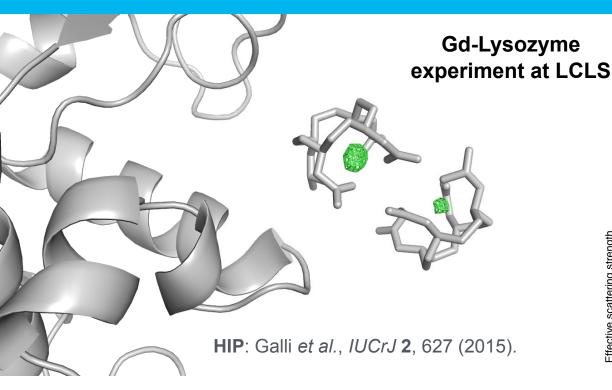


total molecular charge > atomic charges: experimentally confirmed Rudenko *et al.*, (in preparation).





Application: x-ray molecular imaging

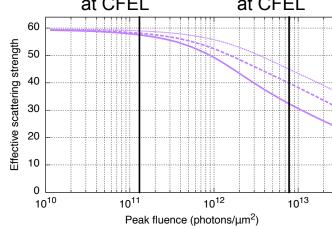




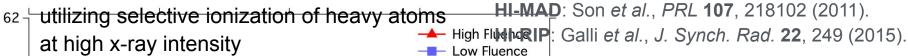


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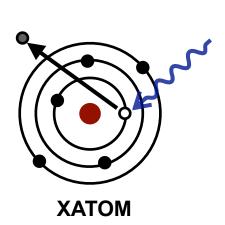
- Another bottleneck of x-ray crystallography: **phasing**
- Proposals of novel phasing methods:

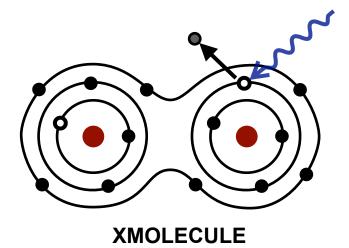


Based on knowledge of dynamical behaviors of heavy atoms within a molecule



Summary





- XATOM and XMOLECULE provide a physical insight of fundamental interactions between matter and intense XFEL pulses
- Multiphoton multiple ionization dynamics of Xe: a sequence of photoionization and accompanying relaxation processes
- ➤ Charge rearrangement dynamics of CH₃I: molecular ionization enhancement at high x-ray intensity





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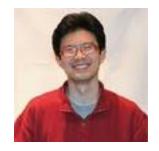
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Thank you for your attention!



