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**Time-Dependent Density-Functional Theory of Strong-Field Ionization of Atoms under Soft X-Rays**

**A. Crawford-Uranga et al**

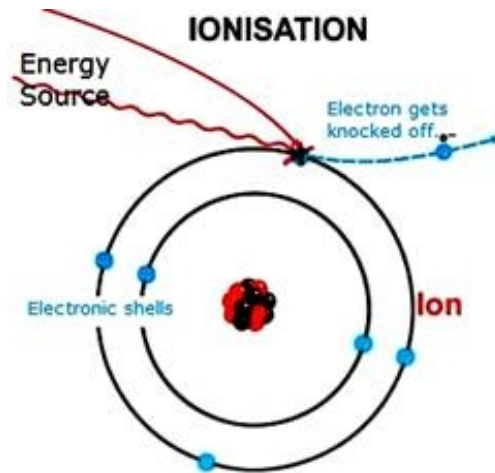
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# Outline

- Motivation
- Introduction to soft X-ray ionisation
  - Test atoms: neon and argon
- Theory: LOPT vs TDDFT
- Results
  - Neon
  - Argon
- Conclusions

# Motivation

- Ionisation of atoms with FEL



- LOPT accurate vs experiment Ne and Ar atoms
  - Perturbative: It fails when FEL  $\uparrow I \uparrow \omega$
- Non-perturbative approach  $\rightarrow$  TDDFT
  - Previously thought to fail (He “knee”)

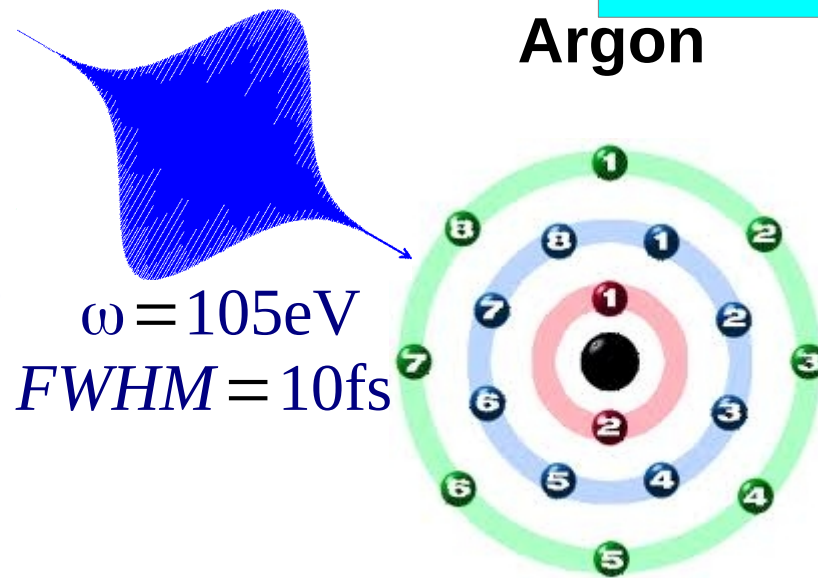
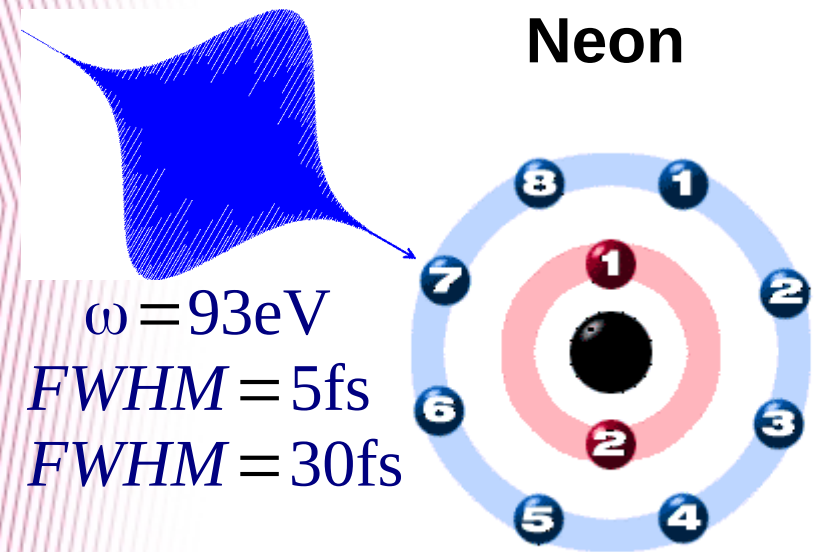
# Introduction to soft X-ray ionisation

- Soft X-rays: laser  $I \sim 10^{13} - 10^{16} \text{ W/cm}^2$

$$V_{FEL}(\mathbf{r}, t) = A f(t) \sin(\omega t) r \alpha$$

$$I(t) = I_0 e^{-\frac{(t-t_0)^2}{2\tau_0^2}} = I_0 f(t)$$

$$FWHM = 2\sqrt{\ln 2} \tau_0$$



Total and Individual electrons ejected

- Freeze  $1s^2$  (Neon) and  $1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^6$  (Argon)

# Theory: LOPT

- Rate equations Neon

G. M. Nikolopoulos and P. Lambropoulos, J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys. 47, 115001 (2014)

$$\frac{dN_0}{dt} = -\sigma_{0,1} F N_0 - \sigma_{0,1} F^8 N_0 - \sigma_{0,8} F^{11} N_0 - \sum_{n=2}^6 \sigma_{0,n} F^n N_0; \quad \frac{dN_1}{dt} = \sigma_{0,1} F N_0 - \sigma_{1,2} F N_1$$

- Rate equations Argon

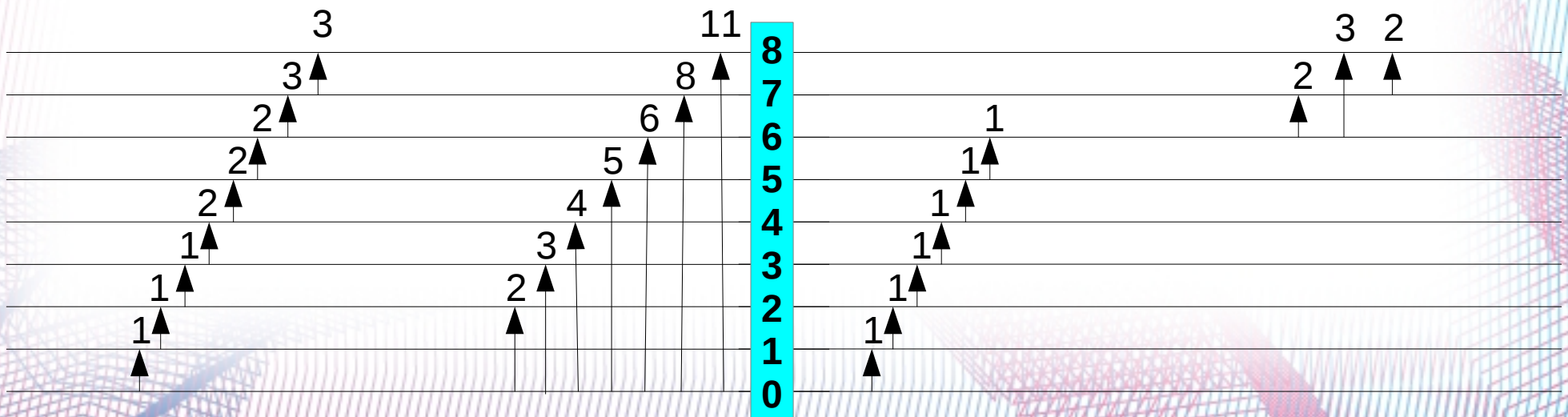
M. Ilchen et al, (2014), private communication to be published

Cross sections  $\sigma$   
Photon flux  $F$

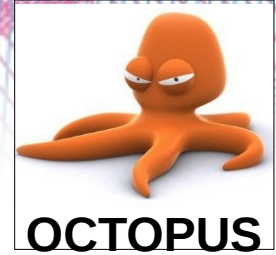
$$\frac{dN_6}{dt} = \sigma_{5,6} F N_5 - \sigma_{6,7} F^2 N_6 - \sigma_{6,8} F^3 N_6; \quad \frac{dN_7}{dt} = \sigma_{6,7} F^2 N_6 - \sigma_{7,8} F^2 N_7$$

Neon 93 eV

Argon 105 eV



# Theory: TDDFT



- TDDFT: Describe many-electron systems with KS non-interacting evolution

$$i \frac{\partial \varphi_i(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \left( -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 - \sum_j^M \frac{Z_j}{|\mathbf{R}_j - \mathbf{r}|} + \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r}, t)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + V_{FEL}(\mathbf{r}, t) + V_{xc}[n](\mathbf{r}, t) \right) \varphi_i(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

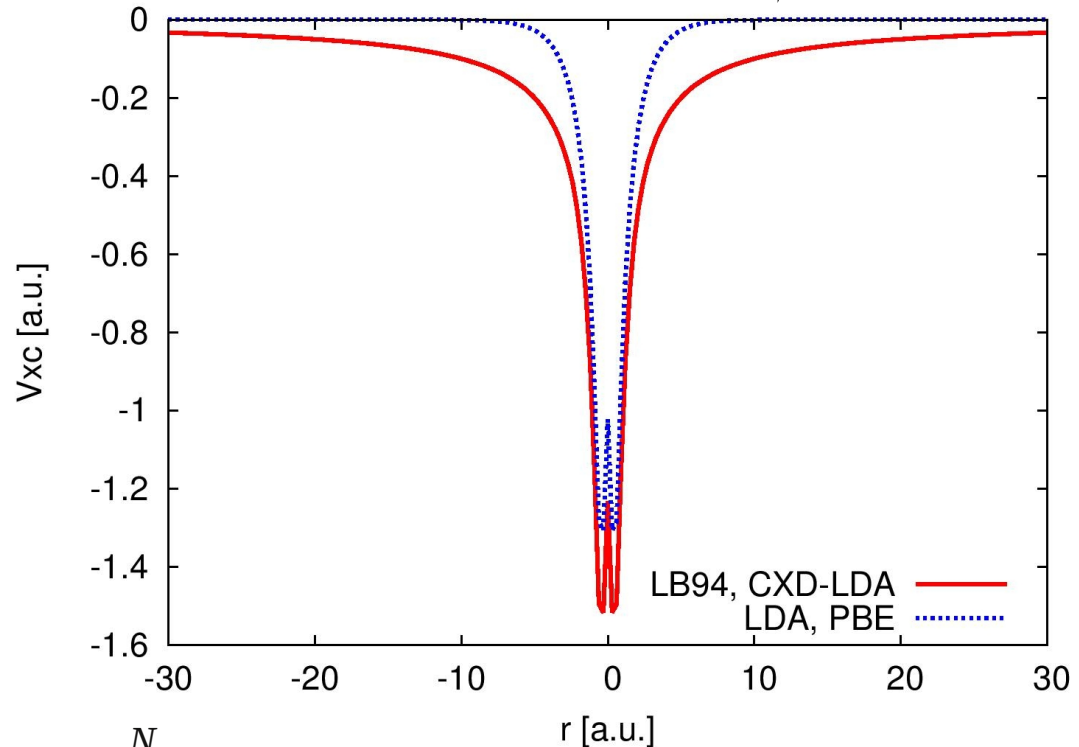
$$n(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^N |\varphi_i(\mathbf{r}, t)|^2$$

- DFT functionals

*LDA, CXD-LDA, PBE, LB94*

- Absorbing Boundary

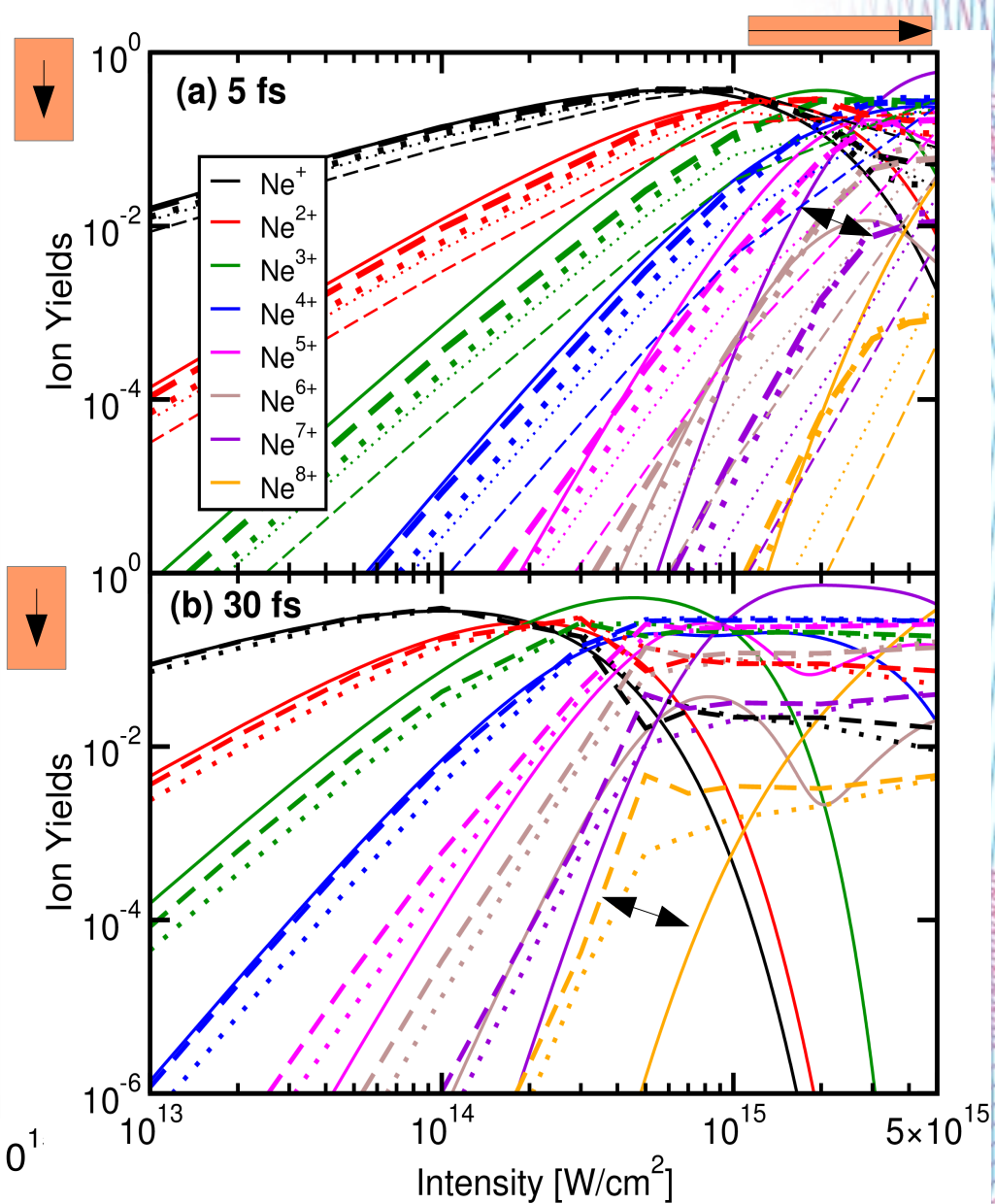
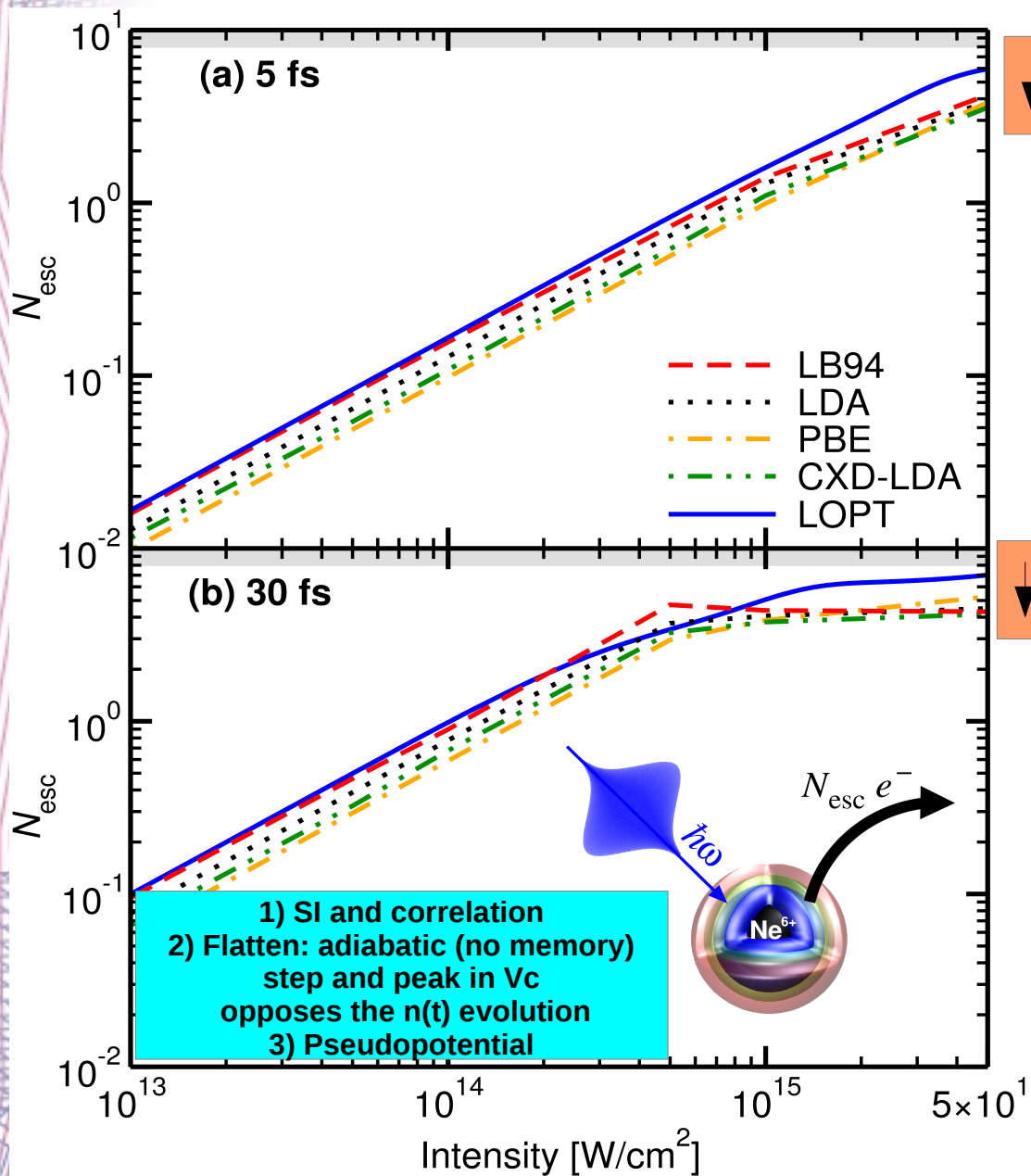
$$N_{esc}(t) = N_0 - \int_{V_{inside}} d\mathbf{r} n(\mathbf{r}, t) = N_0 - \sum_{n=1}^{N_0} N_n$$



# Results: Neon

## Total yields

## Individual yields

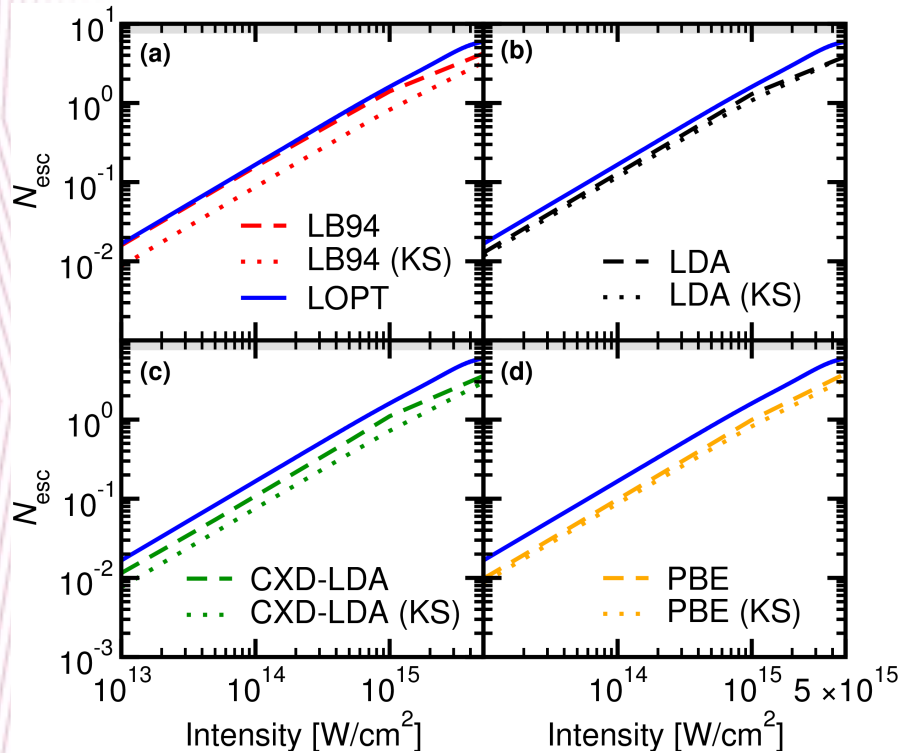




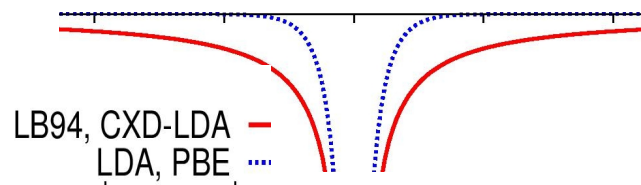
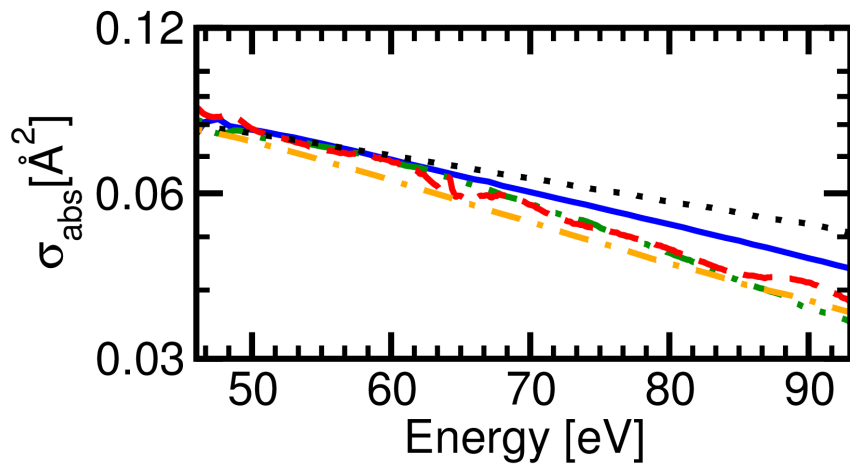
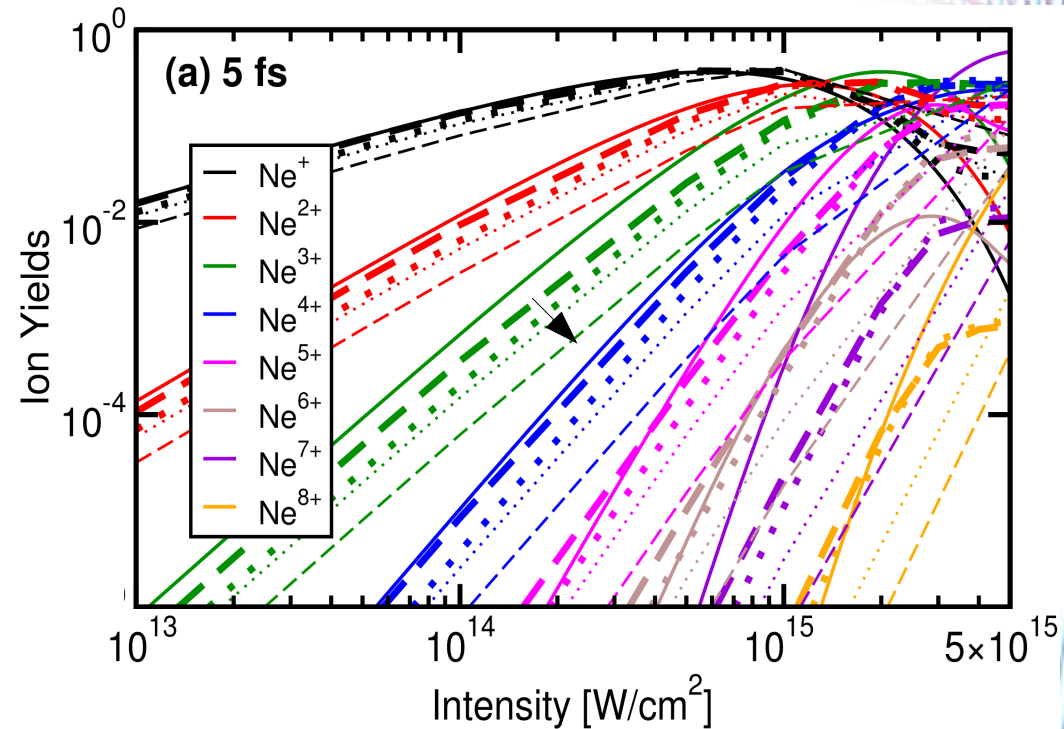
# Results: Neon

## Frozen vs Non frozen yields

### Total

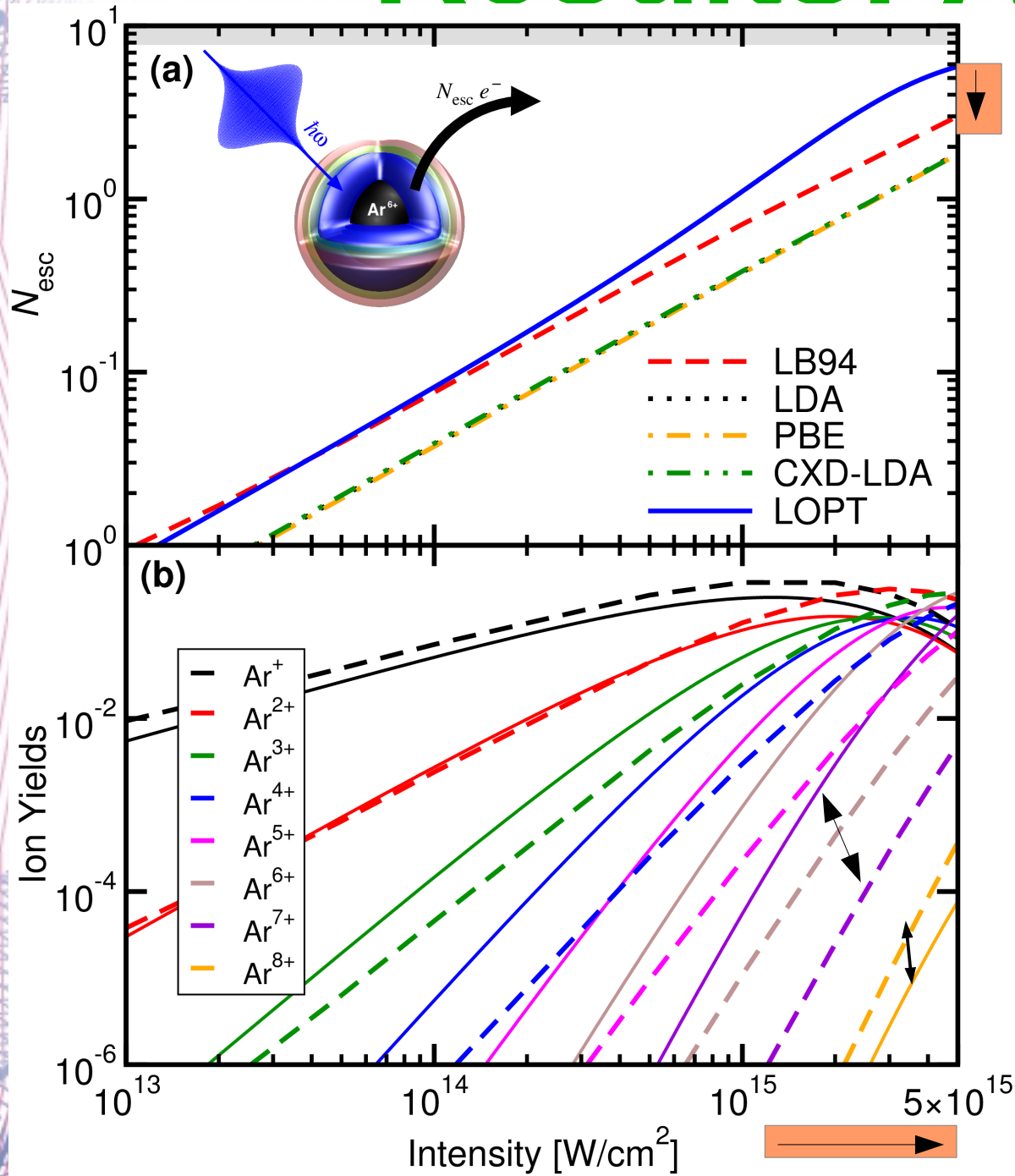


### Individual



**Time dependence of hxc**  
**LB94(F) < LDA(F) ~ LDA < LB94**

# Results: Argon



**$\text{Ar}^{7+}$  self-interaction**

**$\text{Ar}^{8+}$  TDDFT correlation**

# Conclusions

- LOPT vs TDDFT agreement (different methods)  $\downarrow I \downarrow \omega$
- Predictive power of TDDFT
  - Stabler xc-long ranged potentials
  - Sources of error (to check / improve)
    - Transferability pseudopotential
    - Adiabatic functionals
    - Self interaction and correlation
- Non-perturbative photoionisation Exp. with TDDFT ?

# Nuclear effects on the TRPES

**Modelling the effect of nuclear motion on the attosecond time-resolved photoelectron spectra of ethylene**

**A. Crawford-Uranga, et al**

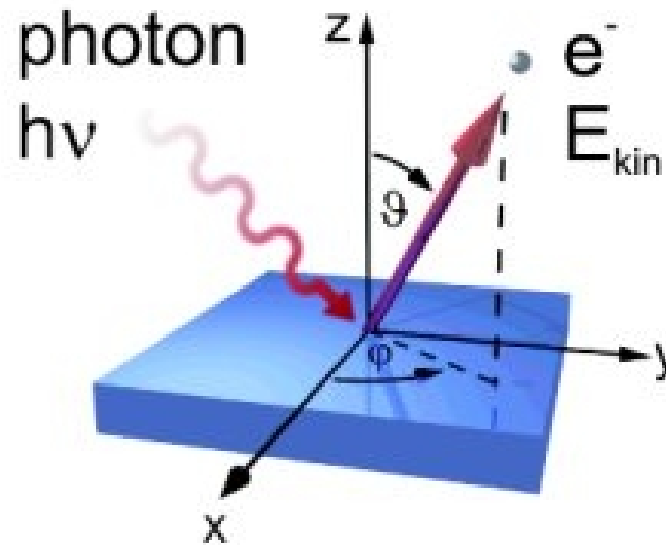
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- Test case: ethylene
- Introduction to TRPES (pump + probe)
  - TDDFT + Ehrenfest
- Results
- Conclusions

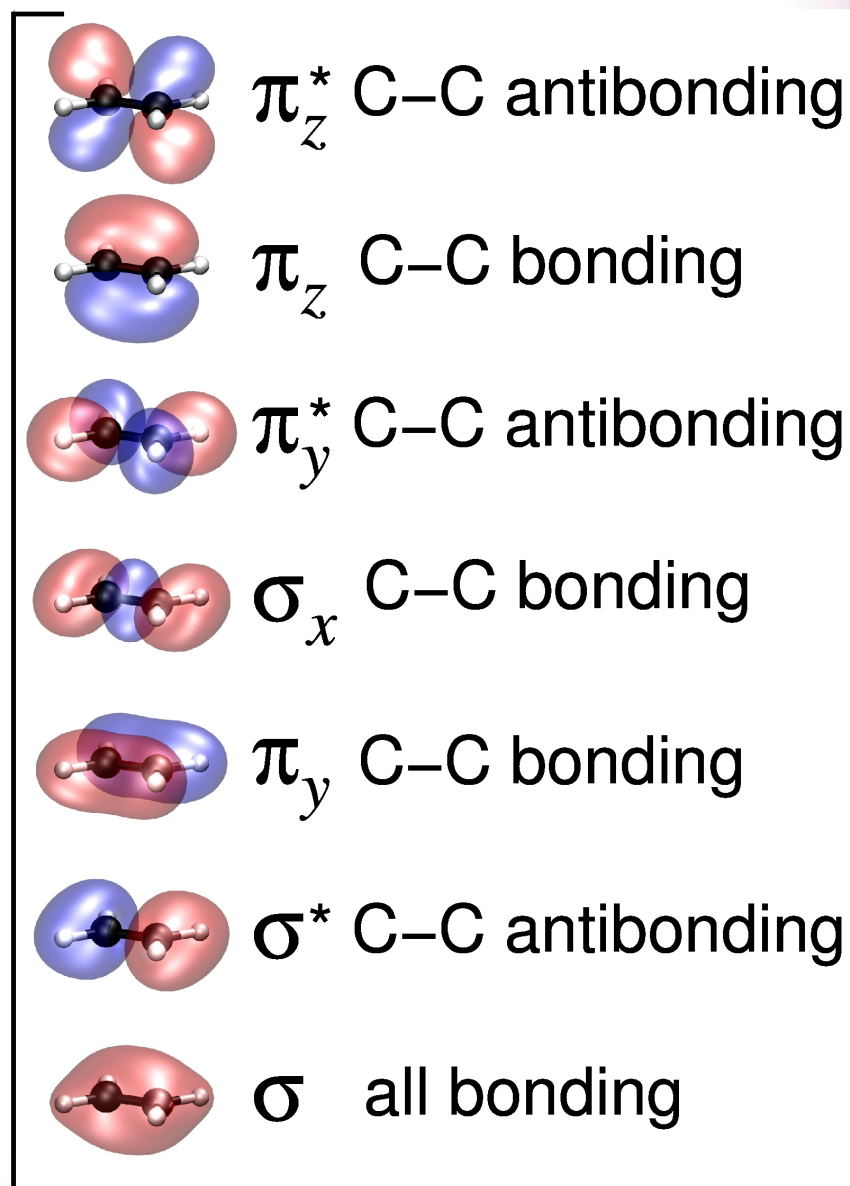
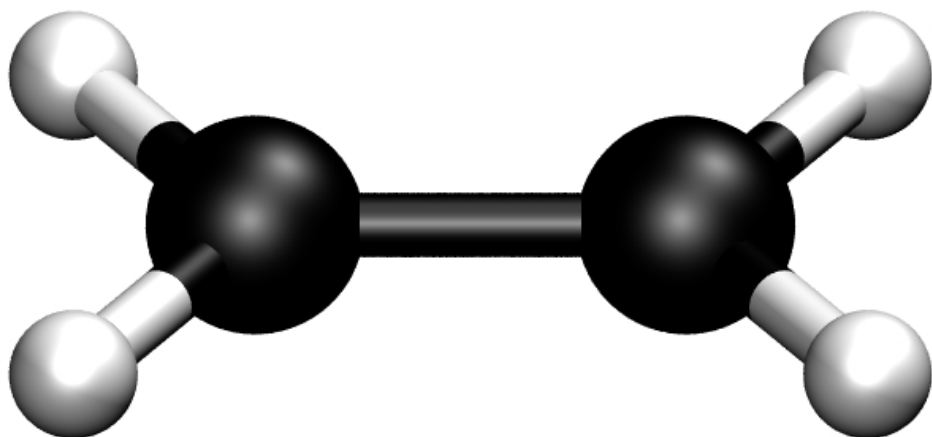
# Motivation

- TRPES/TRPAD: visualise kinetic energy and angular distribution



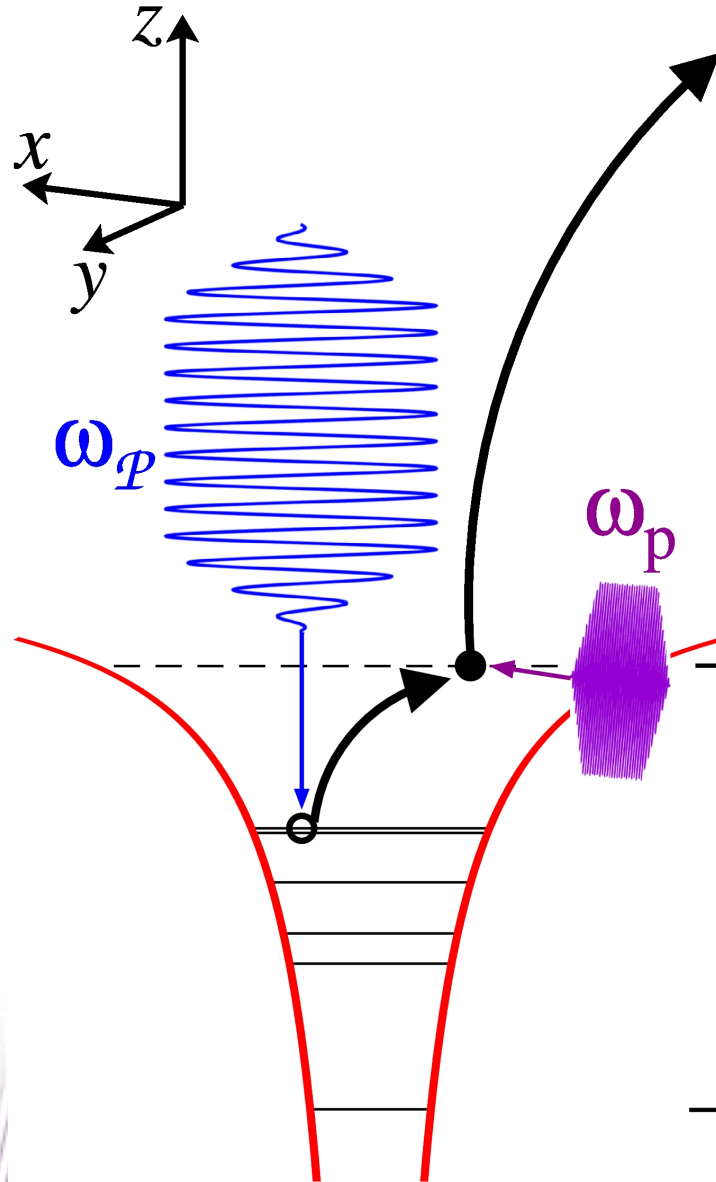
- Experiments: difficult alignment of the molecule

# Test case: ethylene



# Test case: ethylene

Pump  $\rightarrow I \sim 10^{11} \text{ W/cm}^2$ ;  $\omega_p = 0.326 \text{ Ha}$  "tuned"  
Probe  $\rightarrow I \sim 10^{11} \text{ W/cm}^2$ ;  $\omega_p = 1.8 \text{ Ha}$



$$\pi_z \rightarrow \pi_z^*$$



# Introduction to TRPES

- Coupled electron-nuclear motion
  - TDDFT: KS system electron evolution

$$i \frac{\partial \varphi_i(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \left( -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 + V_{las}(\mathbf{r}, t) - \sum_j^M \frac{Z_j}{|\mathbf{R}_j(t) - \mathbf{r}|} + \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r}', t)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + V_{xc}[n](\mathbf{r}, t) \right) \varphi_i(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$n(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N/2} 2 |\varphi_i(\mathbf{r}, t)|^2$$

$$V_{xc} = \frac{\partial E^{LDA+ADSIC}}{\partial n(\mathbf{r}, t)} = \frac{\partial}{\partial n(\mathbf{r}, t)} (E^{LDA}[n(\mathbf{r}, t)] - N(E_H + E_{xc})[n(\mathbf{r}, t)/N])$$

- Ehrenfest: nuclear evolution

$$M_j \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{R}_j(t)}{\partial t^2} = - \int d\mathbf{r} n(\mathbf{r}, t) \nabla_j \left[ \sum_j^M \frac{Z_j}{|\mathbf{R}_j(t) - \mathbf{r}|} + V_{las}(\mathbf{r}, t) \right] + \nabla_j \sum_{l \neq j} \frac{Z_l Z_j}{|\mathbf{R}_j(t) - \mathbf{R}_l(t)|}$$

# Introduction to TRPES

- Obtain simultaneously  $(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p})$ -space  $\rightarrow$  C.M. Wigner Transform)

$$\omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \mathbf{p}, t) = \int \frac{d\mathbf{s}}{(2\pi)^{d/2}} e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{s}} \rho_{KS}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', t)$$

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{p}) = \int d\mathbf{R} \omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \mathbf{p}, t)$$

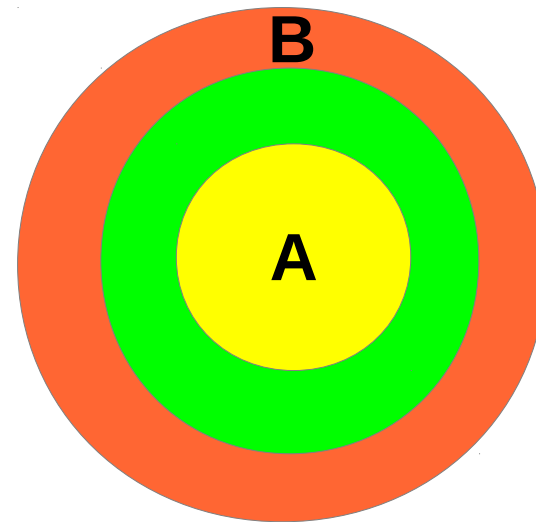
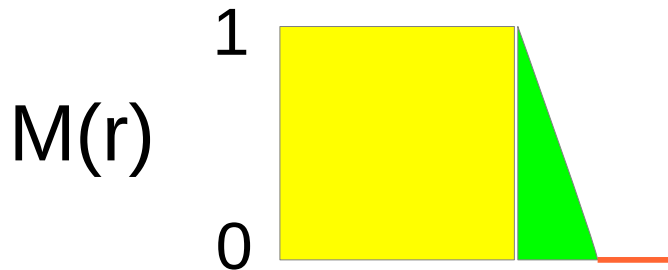
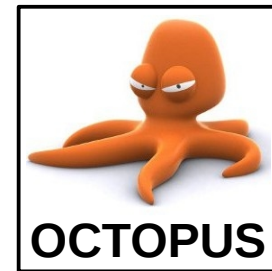
$$P(E)_{PES} = \int_0^{4\pi} d\Omega \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{p})$$

$$P(E, \theta)_{PAD} = \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{p})$$

- The KS orbitals in  $(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p})$ -space ?

# Introduction to TRPES

- Region A (interacting)  $\rightarrow r$  - space
  - TDKS (electrons) + EHRENFEST (nuclei)
- Region B (ionized out A + in B)  $\rightarrow p$  - space
- Absorbing M(r)  $\rightarrow$  separation only outgoing



$$\varphi_i(\mathbf{r}, t) = \varphi_i^A(\mathbf{r}, t) + \varphi_i^B(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{p})_{\lim t \rightarrow \infty} = \sum_{i=1}^{N/2} 2 |\varphi_i^B(\mathbf{p}, t)|^2$$

# Pump/Probe

TRPES  $P(E, \tau)$

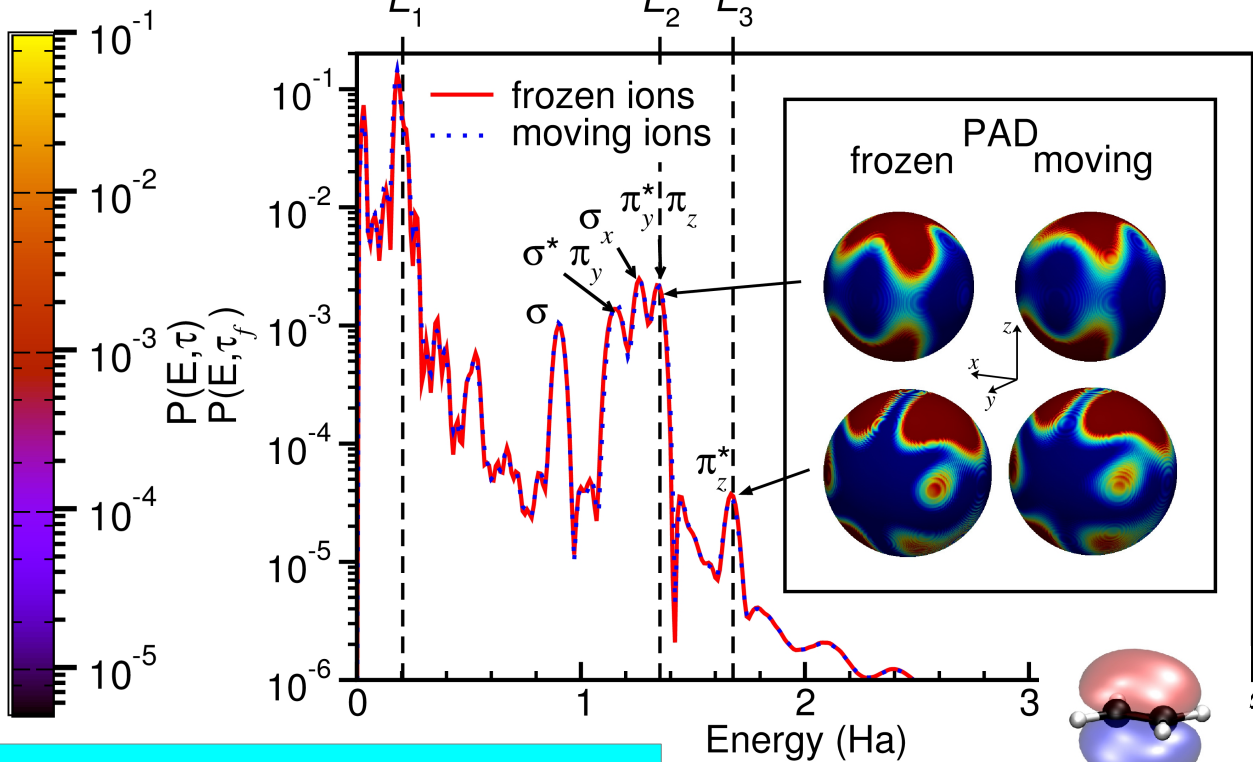
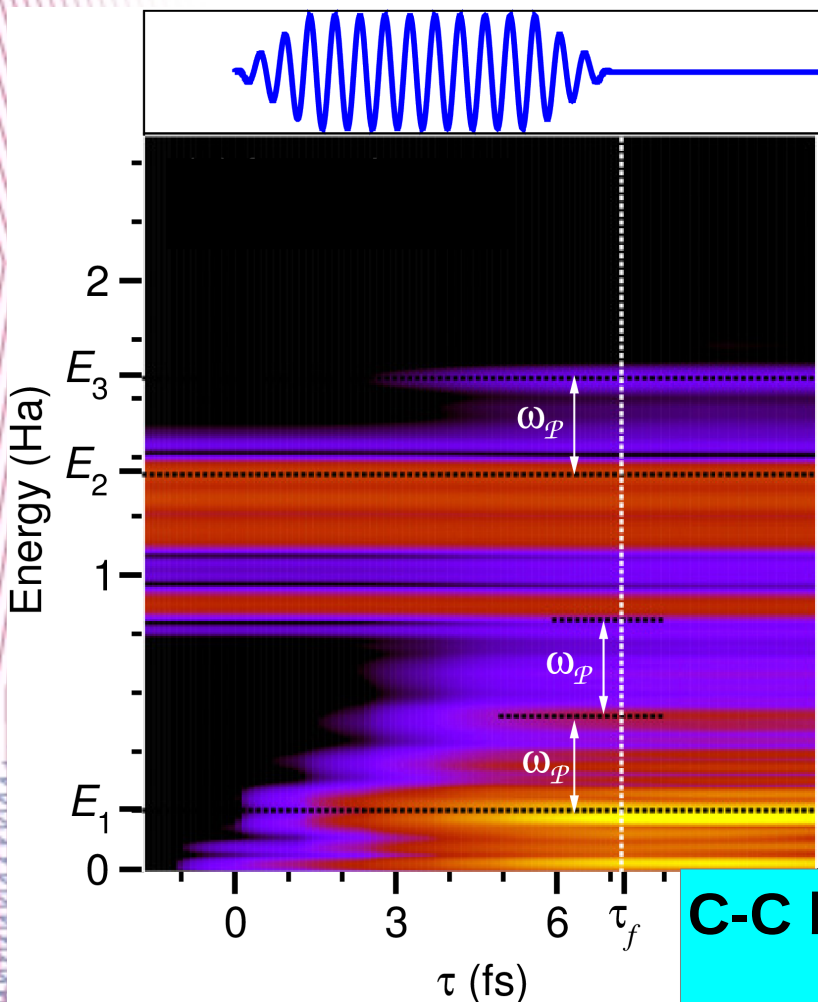
$$E_1 = 2\hbar\omega_p - I_p$$

$$E_2 = \hbar\omega_p - I_p$$

$$E_3 = \hbar\omega_p + \hbar\omega_p - I_p$$

$$I_p = E_{vac} - \epsilon_{HOMO}$$

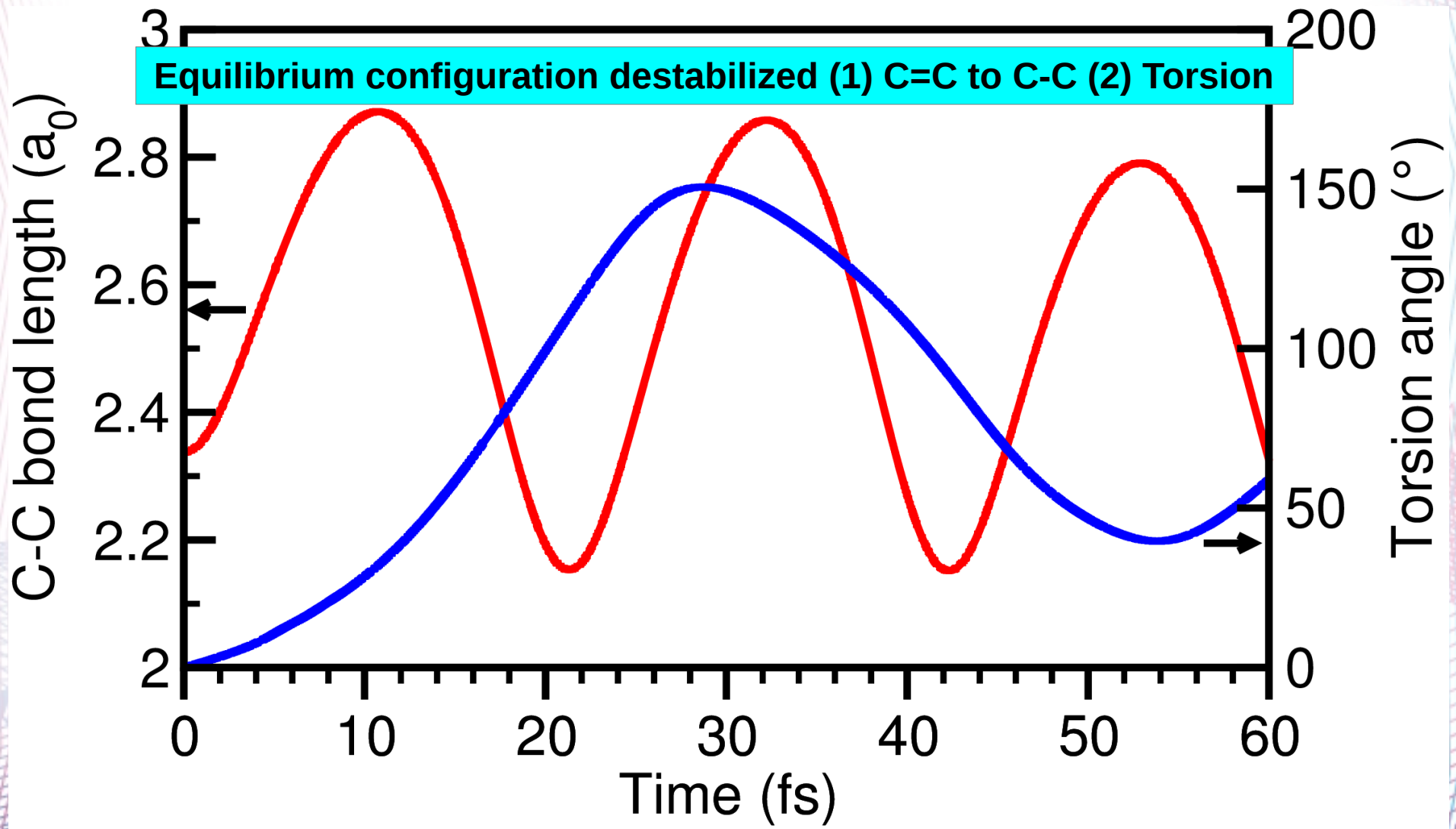
PES/PAD  $P(E, \tau_f)$



**C-C bond elongates 0.03 a.u.  
No torsion**

# Artificial Pump/Probe

Artificial pump HOMO  $\rightarrow$  LUMO half-occupied during time evolution

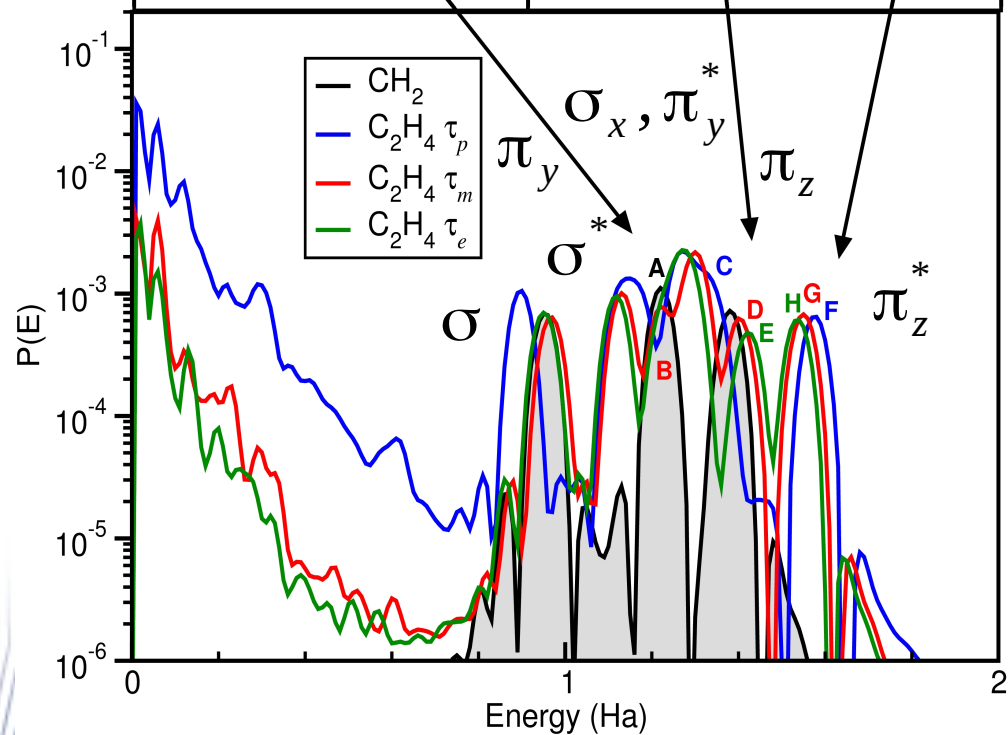
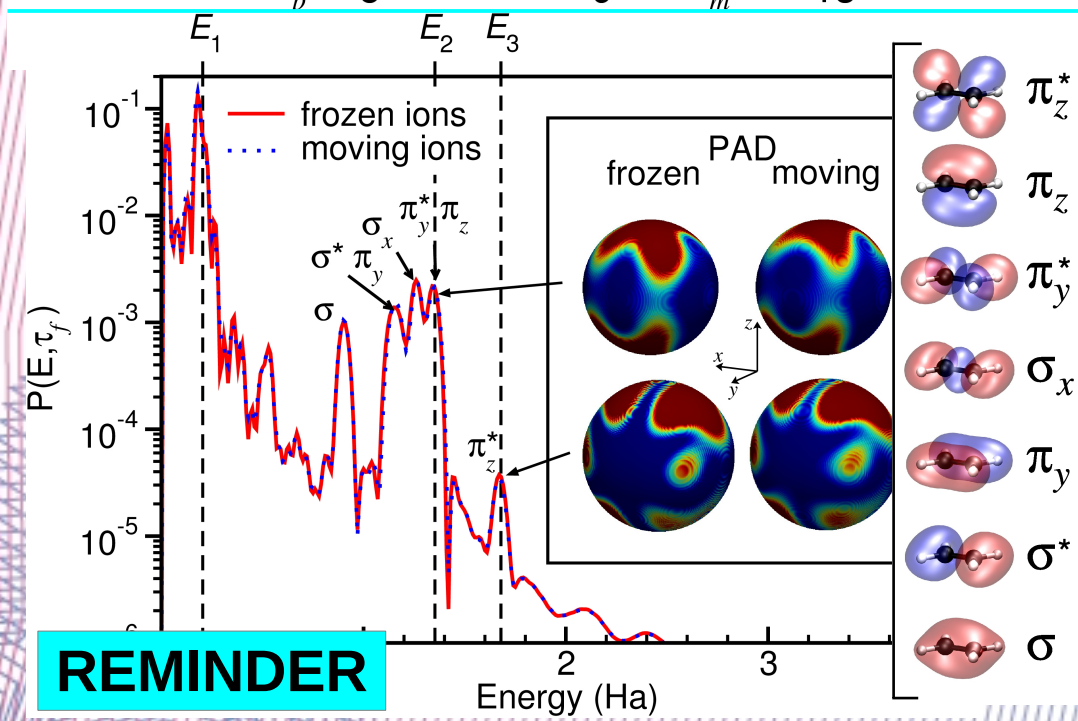
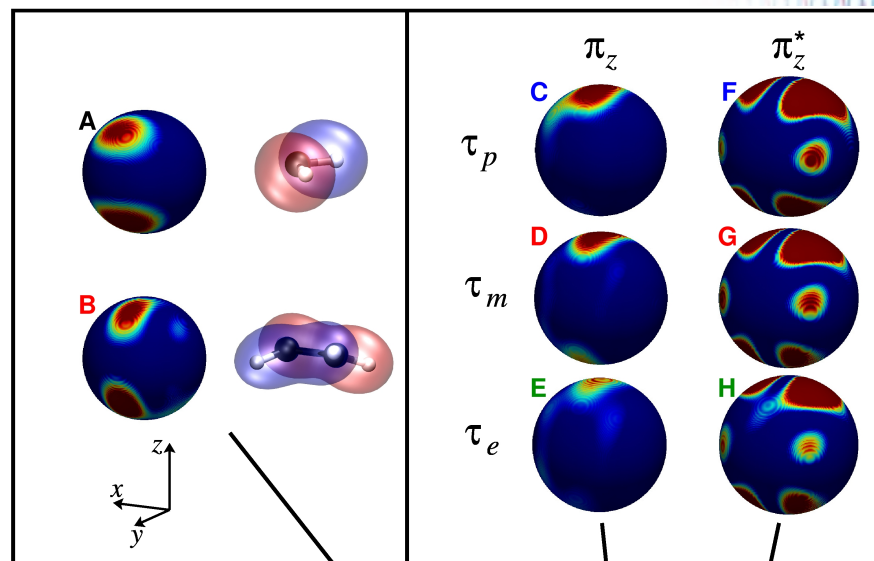
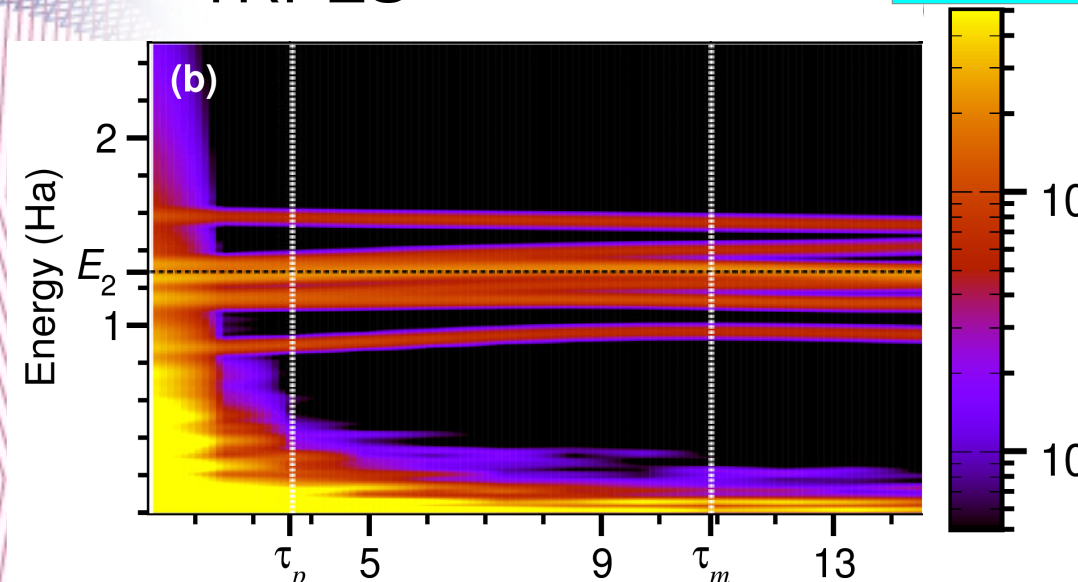


# Artificial Pump/Probe

TRPES

$$E_2 = \hbar \omega_p - I_p$$

PES/PAD



REMINDER

# Conclusions

- Nuclear motion pump  $\rightarrow$  occupation  $\pi_z^*$
- Understood in terms of PADs and orbitals
- See photochemical dissociation
  - Elongation
  - Torsion

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The background features a complex, abstract pattern of thin, overlapping lines in red and blue. These lines form a series of concentric, slightly offset rectangular and square shapes, creating a 3D wireframe effect. The lines are most dense at the corners and edges, fading towards the center. The overall color palette is a mix of vibrant red and cool blue, set against a white background.

**Extra slides**

# Yields: LOPT vs TDDFT

**LOPT**

**Individual**

$$P^{+n}(t)$$

**Total**

$$N_{esc} = \sum_{n=1}^{N_0} n P^{+n}(t)$$

**TDDFT**

$$P^0(t) = N_1(t) \dots N_8(t)$$

$$P^1(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N N_1(t) \dots \bar{N}_n(t) \dots N_8(t)$$

**ASSUME  $\Psi_{KS}$   
GOOD REPRESENTATION  
 $\Psi_{MB}$**

$$N_{esc}(t) = N_0 - \int_{V_{inside}} dr n(r, t) = N_0 - \sum_{n=1}^{N_0} N_n$$

$$N_{esc}(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_0} n P^{+n}(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_0} \bar{N}_n$$

# DFT functionals

$$V_{xc} = \frac{\partial E_{xc}}{\partial n[\mathbf{r}, t]}$$

- LDA

$$E_x^{LDA}[n] = -\frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{3}{\pi}\right)^{1/3} \int n[r]^{4/3} d^3 r$$

$$E_c^{LDA}[r_s, \zeta] = \varepsilon_c(r_s, 0) + \alpha_c(r_s) \frac{f(\zeta)}{f''(\zeta)} (1 - \zeta^4) + [\varepsilon_c(r_s, 1) - \varepsilon_c(r_s, 0)] f(\zeta) \zeta^4 \longrightarrow \text{fitted}$$

- PBE (GGA)

$$E_x^{GGA}[n] = \int d^3 r n(r) \varepsilon_x[n] \left(1 + \kappa - \frac{\kappa^2}{1 + \mu s^2}\right) \longrightarrow s = \frac{|\nabla n|}{2k_F n}$$

$$E_c^{GGA}[n] = \int d^3 r n(r) \left[ \varepsilon_c[n] + \frac{e^2 \gamma \phi}{a_0} \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{\beta}{\gamma} t^2 \left( \frac{1 + At^2}{1 + At^2 + A^2 t^4} \right) \right] \right] \longrightarrow t = \frac{|\nabla n|}{2\phi k_s n}$$

- LB94 (GGA)

$$E_c^{LB94}[r_s, \zeta] = E_c^{LDA}[r_s, \zeta] \quad V_x^{LB94} = V_x^{LDA}[n] - \beta n^{1/3}[r] \frac{x^2}{1 + 3\beta x \sinh^{-1}(x)} \longrightarrow x = \frac{|\nabla n|}{n^{4/3}}$$

- CXD-LDA

$$V_{xc}^{CXDLDA} = V_{xc}^{LDA}[n] - V_{xc}[n_{xc}] \longrightarrow n_{xc} = -\frac{\nabla^2 V_{xc}}{4\pi} + \frac{\Delta n_{xc}}{q_{xc}(\eta)} \begin{cases} \Delta n_{xc} = 0 \text{ if } n(r) \geq \eta \\ \Delta n_{xc} = \frac{\Delta^2 V_{xc}}{4\pi} \text{ if } n(r) < \eta \end{cases}$$

$$q_{xc}(\eta) = \int -\frac{\Delta^2 V_{xc}}{4\pi} + \Delta n_{xc}$$

# Theory: LOPT neon

- Rate equations for each species (0 → 8)

$$\frac{dN_0}{dt} = -\sigma_{0,1} F N_0 - \sigma_{0,7} F^8 N_0 - \sigma_{0,8} F^{11} N_0 - \sum_{n=2}^6 \sigma_{0,n} F^n N_0; \quad \frac{dN_1}{dt} = \sigma_{0,1} F N_0 - \sigma_{1,2} F N_1$$

$$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = \sigma_{0,2} F^2 N_0 + \sigma_{1,2} F N_1 - \sigma_{2,3} F N_2; \quad \frac{dN_3}{dt} = \sigma_{0,3} F^3 N_0 + \sigma_{2,3} F N_2 - \sigma_{3,4} F^2 N_3$$

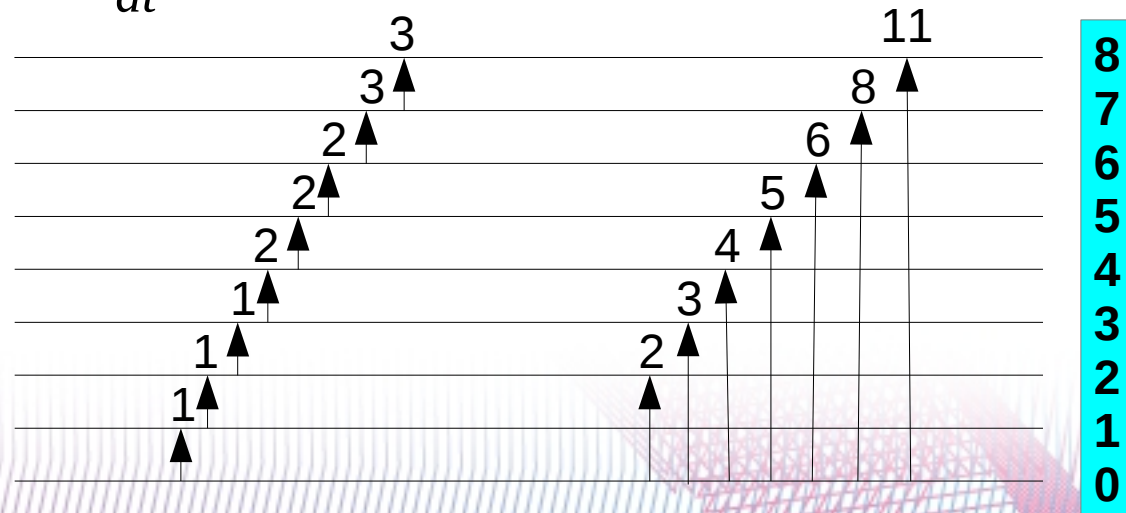
$$\frac{dN_4}{dt} = \sigma_{0,4} F^4 N_0 + \sigma_{3,4} F^2 N_3 - \sigma_{4,5} F^2 N_4; \quad \frac{dN_5}{dt} = \sigma_{0,5} F^5 N_0 + \sigma_{4,5} F^2 N_4 - \sigma_{5,6} F^2 N_5$$

$$\frac{dN_6}{dt} = \sigma_{0,6} F^6 N_0 + \sigma_{5,6} F^2 N_5 - \sigma_{6,7} F^3 N_6; \quad \frac{dN_7}{dt} = \sigma_{0,7} F^8 N_0 + \sigma_{6,7} F^3 N_6 - \sigma_{7,8} F^3 N_7$$

$$\frac{dN_8}{dt} = \sigma_{0,8} F^{11} N_0 + \sigma_{7,8} F^3 N_7$$

Cross sections  $\sigma$   
Photon flux  $F$

Dominant  
sequential and direct  
photoionisation processes



# Theory: LOPT argon

- Rate equations for each species (0 → 8)

$$\frac{dN_0}{dt} = -\sigma_{0,1} F N_0; \quad \frac{dN_1}{dt} = \sigma_{0,1} F N_0 - \sigma_{1,2} F N_1$$

$$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = \sigma_{1,2} F N_1 - \sigma_{2,3} F N_2; \quad \frac{dN_3}{dt} = \sigma_{2,3} F N_2 - \sigma_{3,4} F N_3$$

$$\frac{dN_4}{dt} = \sigma_{3,4} F N_3 - \sigma_{4,5} F N_4; \quad \frac{dN_5}{dt} = \sigma_{4,5} F N_4 - \sigma_{5,6} F N_5$$

$$\frac{dN_6}{dt} = \sigma_{5,6} F N_5 - \sigma_{6,7} F^2 N_6; \quad \frac{dN_7}{dt} = \sigma_{6,7} F^2 N_6 - \sigma_{7,8} F^2 N_7$$

$$\frac{dN_8}{dt} = \sigma_{7,8} F^2 N_7 + \sigma_{6,8} F^3 N_6$$

2e- (correlation) up to Ar<sup>+6</sup>  
 part ionised specie excited 3d  
 Ar<sup>+6</sup> excited 3d large effect  
 Ar<sup>+7</sup> and Ar<sup>+8</sup> ions negligible

