

Non-Resonant Multi-Photon Transitions in Polyatomic Molecules

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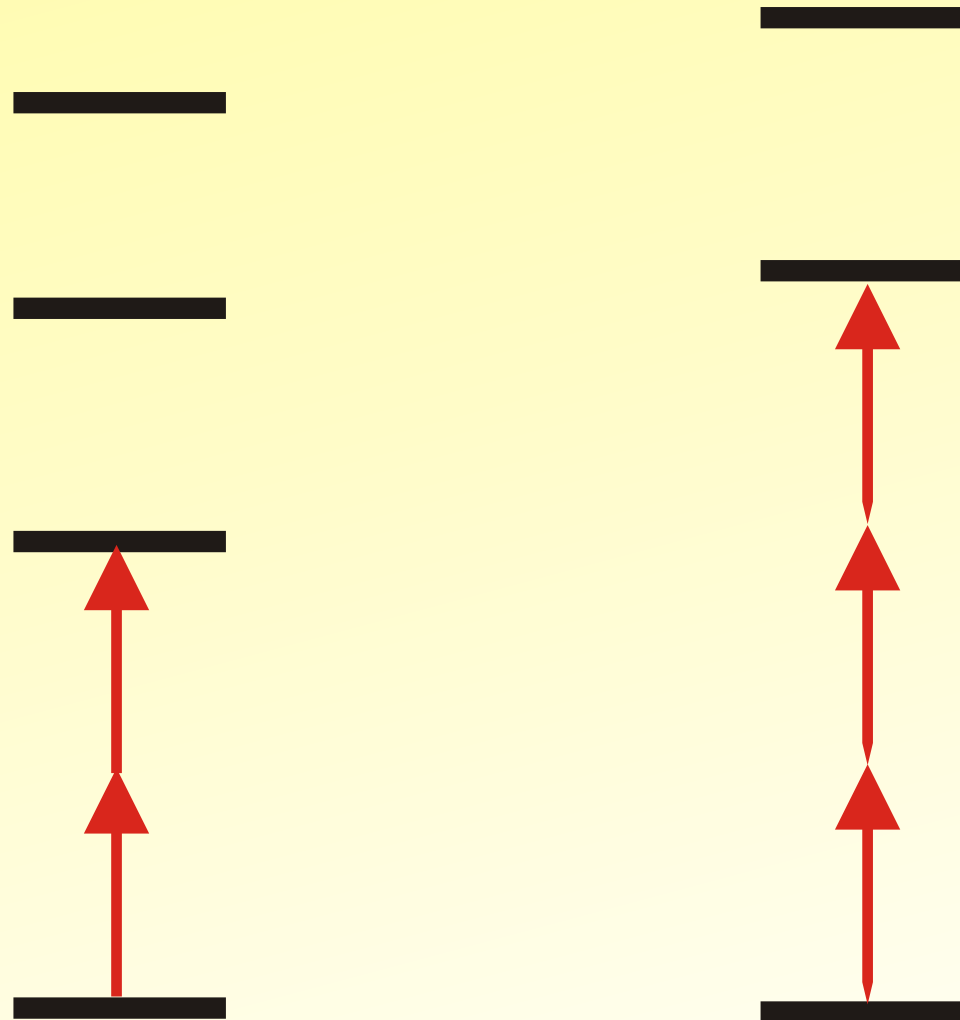
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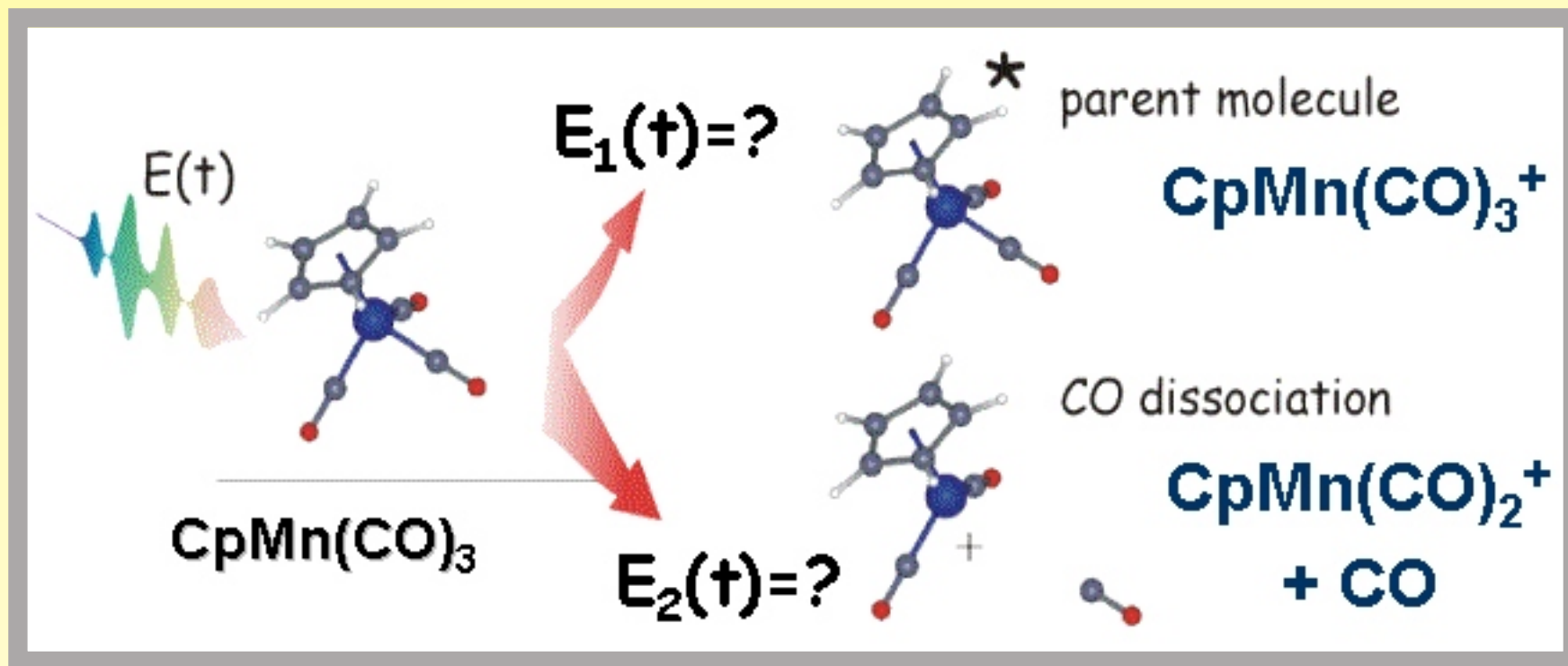
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Non-Resonant Multiphoton Transitions (NMT)



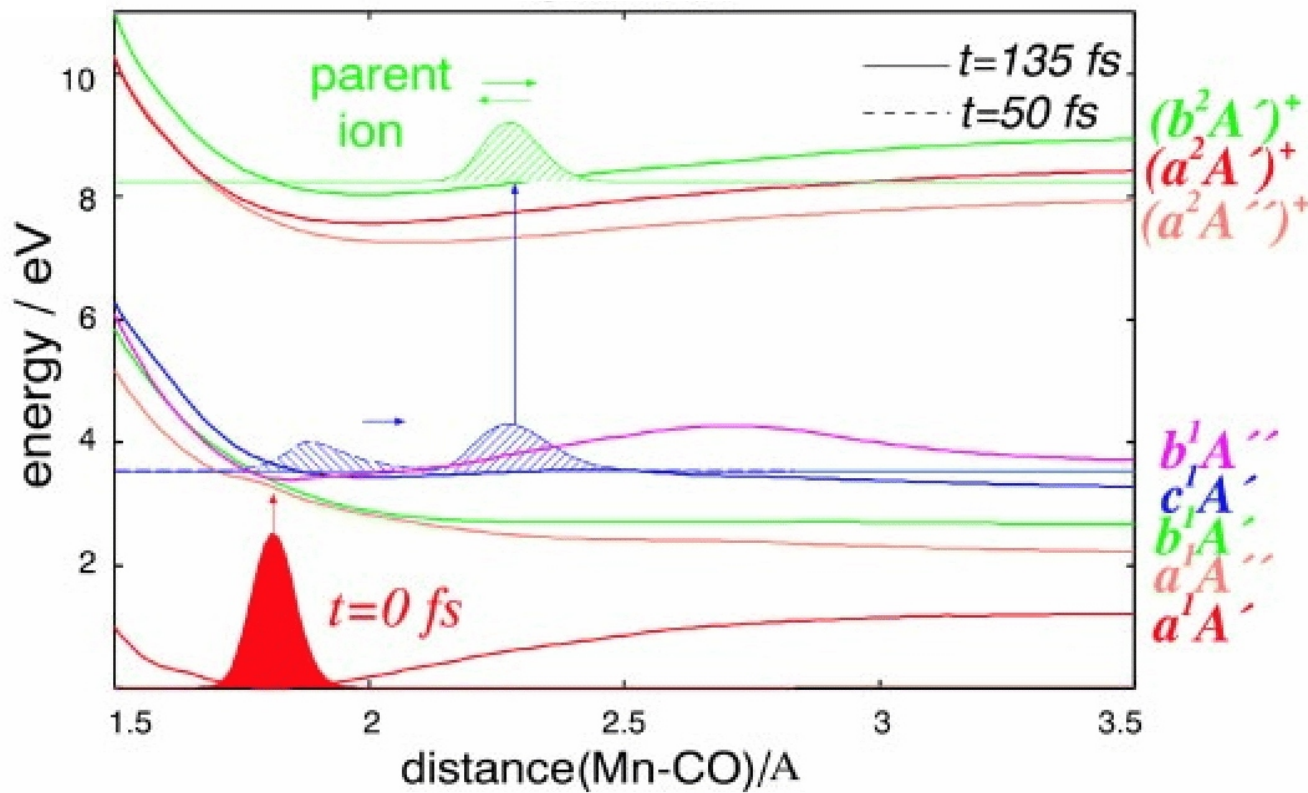
Motivation

Fs-Laser Pulse Induced Ionization versus Dissociation of an Organometallic Compound



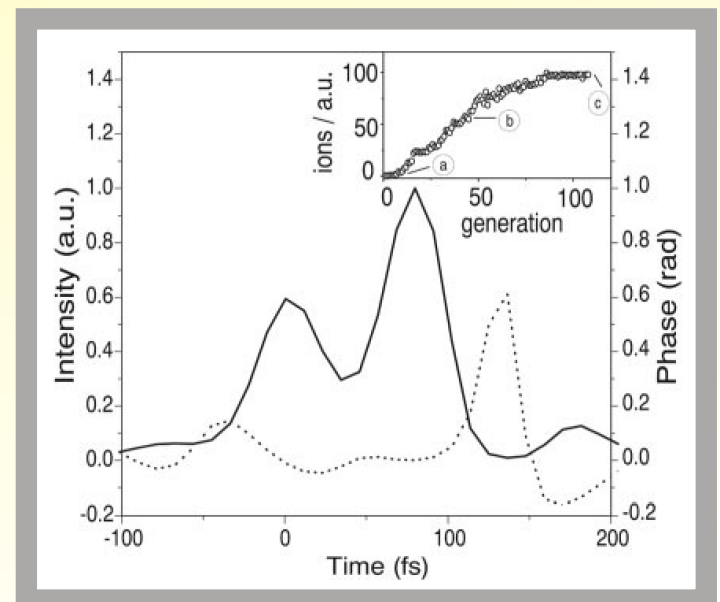
cyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl

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5-photon transition
and the
optimal pulse
to form
the parent ion

$a^1A' \rightarrow c^1A'$:
 2PT at $\lambda = 798.7$ nm
 85 fs
 $c^1A' \rightarrow (b^2A')^+$:
 3PT at $\lambda = 801.12$ nm



**Basics of
Non-Resonant
Two-Photon
Transitions**

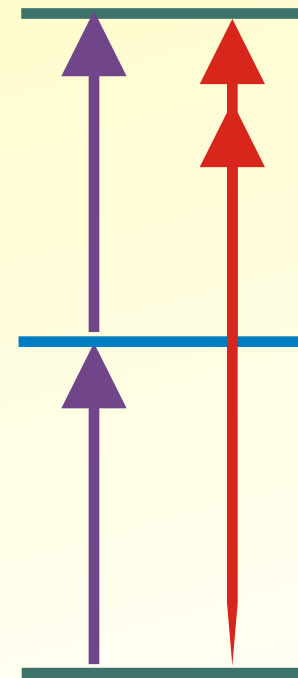
Excited state population after two-photon transition

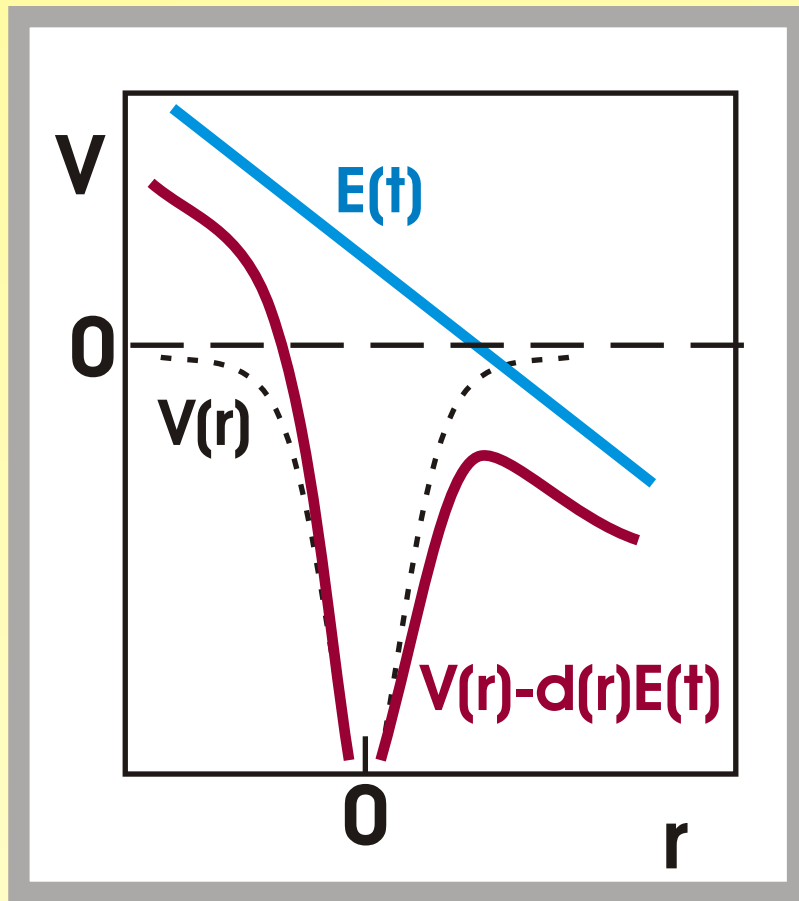
$$P_e \sim I_0^2 \left| \sum_x \frac{d_{ex}d_{xg}}{\omega_x - \omega_g - \omega_0} \left(\frac{1}{\omega_e - \omega_x - \omega_0} - \frac{1}{\omega_e - \omega_g - 2\omega_0} \right) \right|^2$$

**non-resonant
transition**



resonant transition





**small
(two-atomic)
systems**

solution of the complete time-dependent Schrödinger equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(r, R, t) = [H_{\text{el}}(r; R) + T_{\text{nuc}} + V_{\text{nuc-nuc}} - \mathbf{E}(t)\mathbf{d}(r, R)] \Psi(r, R, t)$$

Polyatomic systems

expansion with respect to some adiabatic electronic levels

$$\Psi(r, R, t) = \sum_a \chi_a(R, t) \varphi_a(r; R)$$

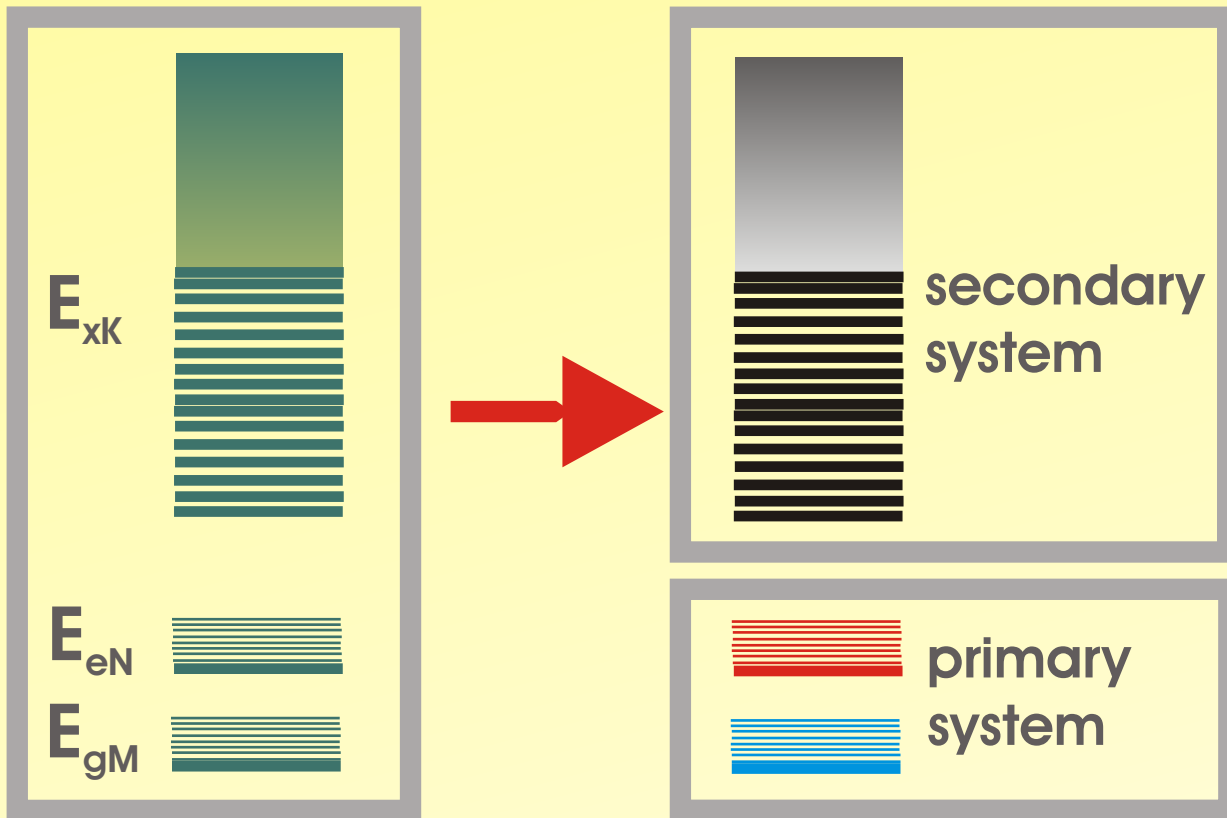
solution of coupled vibrational time-dependent Schrödinger equations

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi_a(t) = H_a \chi_a(t) + \sum_b [\Theta_{ab} - \mathbf{E}(t) \mathbf{d}_{ab}] \chi_b(t)$$

How to include the off-resonant levels?

Effective Schrödinger Equation

Removal of the Off-Resonant States



Effective Time-Dependent Schrödinger Equation

- > time-nonlocal
- > nonlinear with respect to the radiation field

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\Psi_1(t)\rangle = H_1(t) |\Psi_1(t)\rangle - \int_{t_0}^t d\bar{t} K_{\text{field}}(t, \bar{t}) |\Psi_1(\bar{t})\rangle$$

$$K_{\text{field}}(t, \bar{t}) = \mathbf{E}(t) \cdot \sum_{a,b} \mathbf{D}_{ab}(t, \bar{t}; \mathbf{E}) |\varphi_a\rangle \langle \varphi_b| \cdot \mathbf{E}(\bar{t})$$

integral kernel

two-photon
coupling matrix

$$\mathbf{D}_{ab}^{(II)}(t - \bar{t}) = \frac{i}{\hbar} \int d\Omega \varrho(\Omega) \mathbf{d}(a, \Omega) e^{-i\Omega(t-\bar{t})} \mathbf{d}(\Omega, b)$$

Non-Resonant Two-Photon Transitions

the **RWA**
and the **SVA**

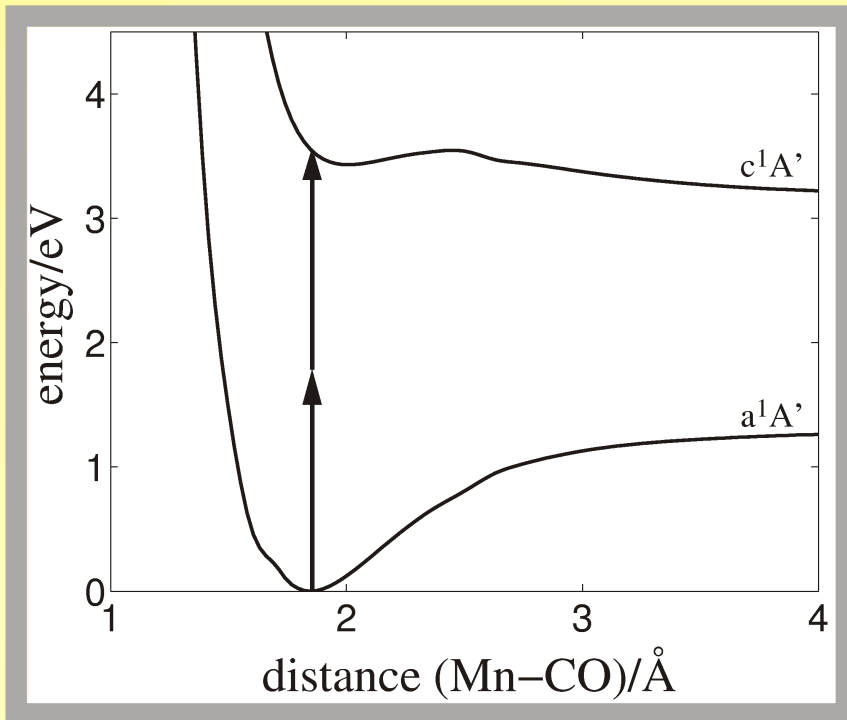
$$\mathbf{E}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{n} E(t) e^{-i\omega_0 t} + \text{c.c.}$$

$$\chi_a(t) = \sum_n e^{-in\omega_0 t} \chi_a(n; t)$$

Coupled Schrödinger-equations for the vibrational wave functions

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\chi_g(0; t)\rangle = (H_g - \frac{1}{2} |E(t)|^2 d_{gg}^{(II)}) |\chi_g(0; t)\rangle - \frac{1}{4} E^{*2}(t) d_{ge}^{(II)} |\chi_e(2; t)\rangle$$
$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\chi_e(2; t)\rangle = (H_e - 2\hbar\omega_0 - \frac{1}{2} |E(t)|^2 d_{ee}^{(II)}) |\chi_e(2; t)\rangle - \frac{1}{4} E^2(t) d_{eg}^{(II)} |\chi_g(0; t)\rangle$$

Two-level model for 2PT



Effective two-photon coupling matrix element

$$d_{ab}^{(II)} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \int d\Omega \frac{\rho(\Omega)}{\Omega} d(a, \Omega) d(\Omega, b) \approx \frac{1}{\hbar} \bar{\rho} d_{\text{eff}}^2$$

Some numbers:

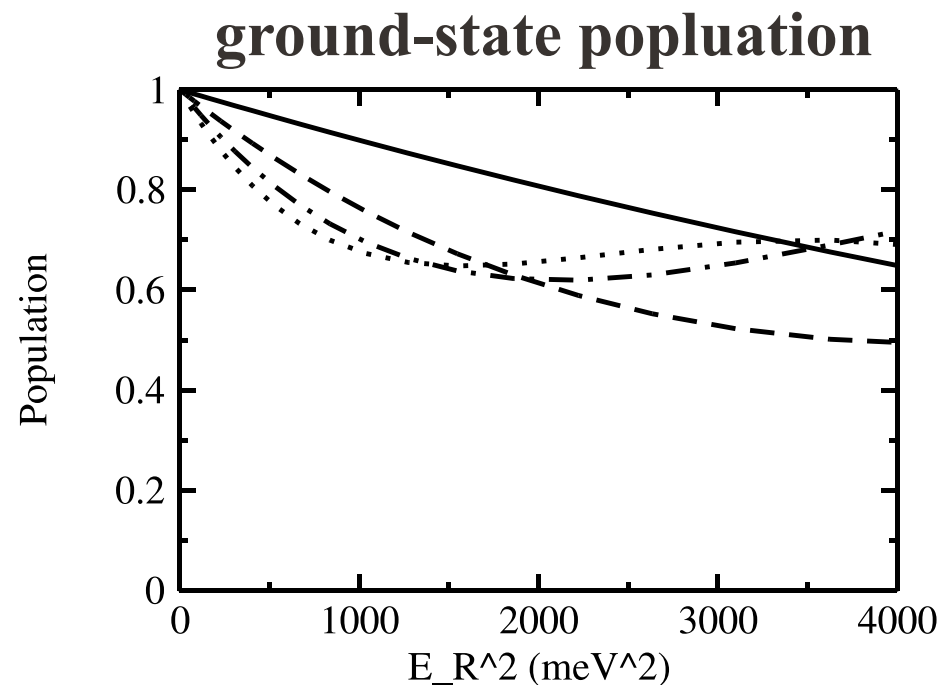
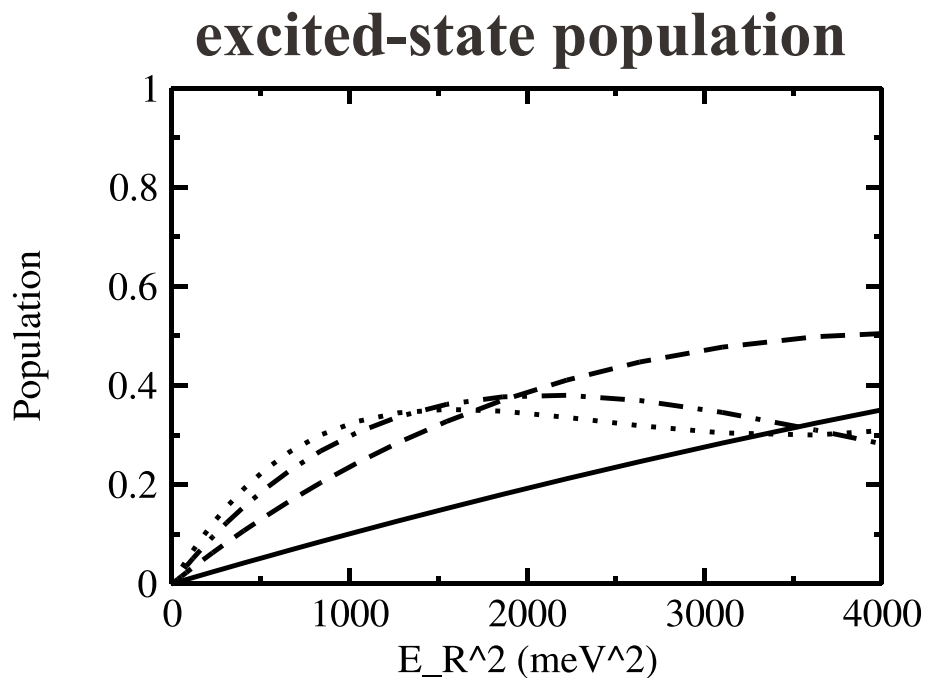
$$\bar{\rho}/\hbar = 50/\text{eV} \quad d_{\text{eff}} = 1 \text{ D}$$

$$\text{Rabi energy (in eV): } E_R = d_{\text{eff}} E \rightarrow 2.08 [d(\text{D})] \times [E(10^9 \text{V/cm})]$$

two-photon transition Rabi energy:

$$E_R^{(II)} = \bar{\rho}/\hbar \times E_R^2 \Rightarrow 50/\text{eV} \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ eV} \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ eV} = 5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$$

Overall electronic level population P_e and P_g after ultrashort laser pulse excitation



full lines: 20 fs
dashed lines: 40 fs
dashed-dotted lines: 60 fs
dotted lines: 80 fs

harmonic PES:

$$E_{\text{vib}} = 40 \text{ meV}, E = 0.123 \text{ eV}$$

$$E_{\text{eg}} = 3.43 \text{ eV}, 2E_{\text{photon}} = 3.46 \text{ eV}$$

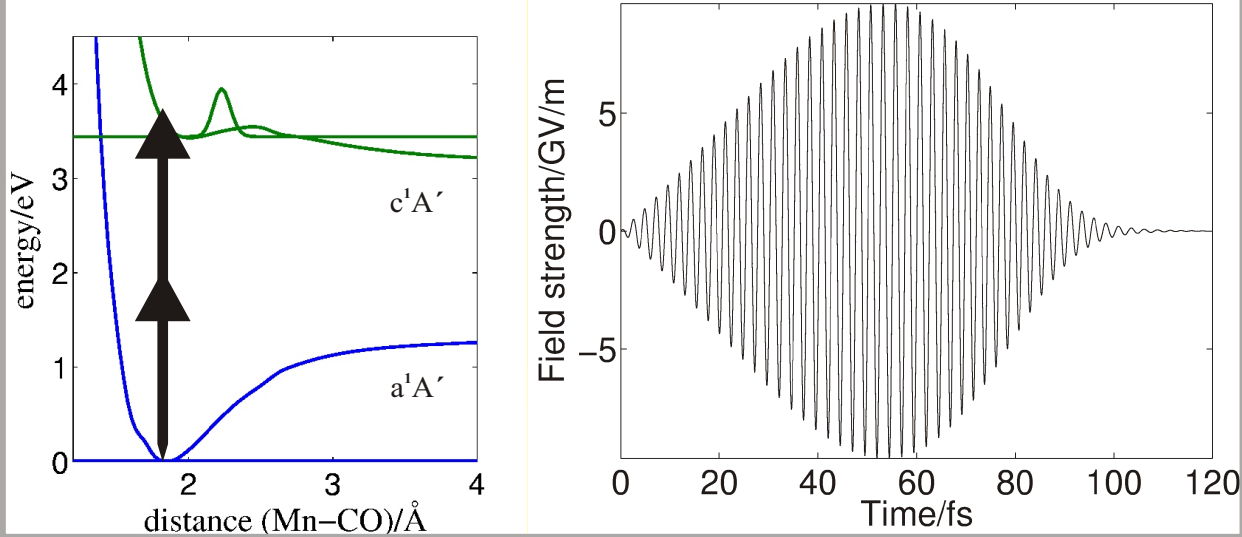
Optimal Control Theory

Control Functional

$$J(t_f; E, E^*) = |\langle \chi_e^{(\text{tar})} | \chi_e(t_f) \rangle|^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} dt |E(t)|^4$$

Nonlinear Equation Determining the Optimal Pulse

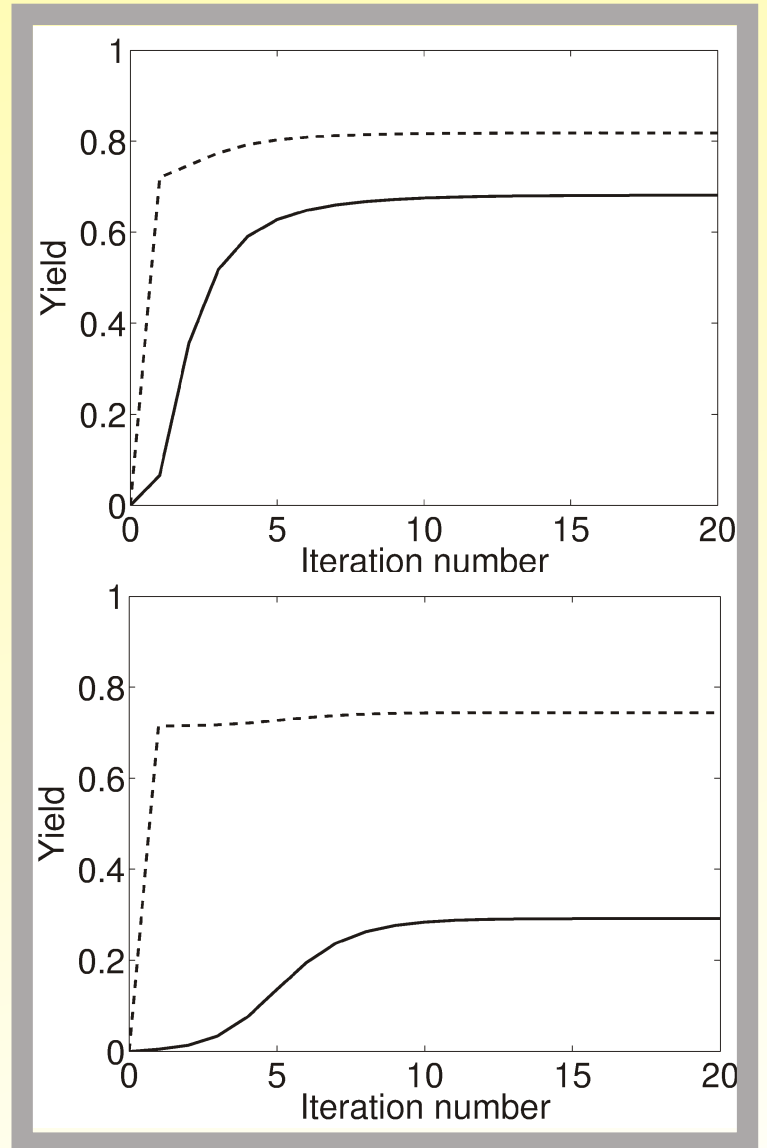
$$E^2(t) = \mathcal{E}(t) =$$
$$i \frac{d_{ge}^{(\text{II})}}{\hbar \lambda} [\langle \chi_e(t_f; \mathcal{E}) | \chi_e^{(\text{tar})} \rangle \langle \vartheta_g(t; \mathcal{E}) | \chi_e(t; \mathcal{E}) \rangle$$
$$- \langle \chi_e^{(\text{tar})} | \chi_e(t_f; \mathcal{E}) \rangle \langle \chi_g(t; \mathcal{E}) | \vartheta_e(t; \mathcal{E}) \rangle]$$



Control yield of simple wave packet formation

TABLE I: The yield Q , the renormalized yield q , the maximum E_{\max} of the field-strength (in GV/m) and the related intensity I_{\max} (in GW/cm^2) for different used penalty factors λ (in $10^{12} \text{ fs } (\text{GV}/\text{m})^4$) of the described control scheme

Q	q	E_{\max}	I_{\max}	λ
0.68	0.82	58.1	3.02	3
0.29	0.74	42.2	2.19	12
0.0049	0.72	14.7	0.76	19
0.0009	0.72	9.6	0.50	20



Laser Pulse Control of a Non-Resonant Two-Photon-Three-Photon Transition

