

Molecular polarimetry:

a mean to determine the complete polarization state of the ionizing light  
(Stokes parameters s1, s2, s3) in the VUV-soft Xray range,  
based on molecular frame photoemission

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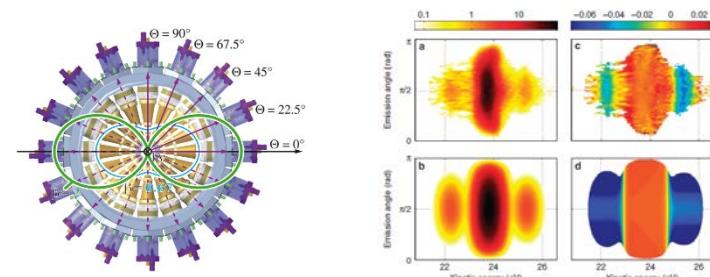
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# Control and characterization of polarization in the XUV and X-ray range

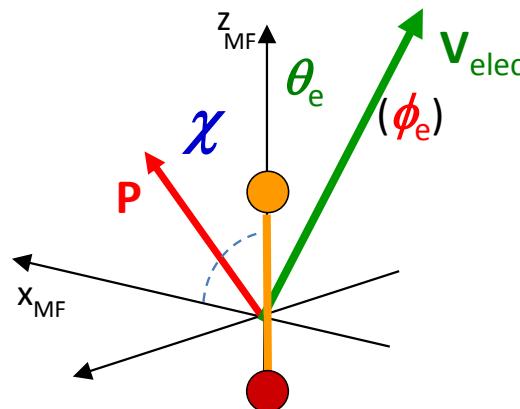
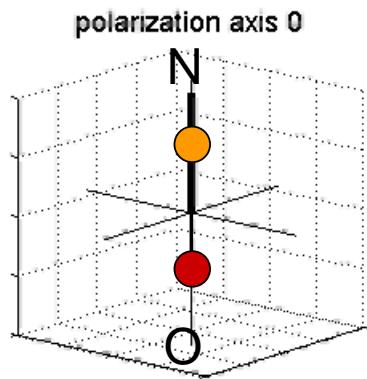
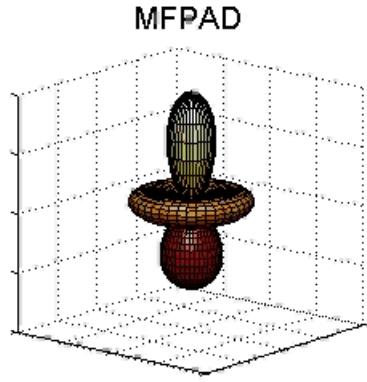
Need for circularly polarized, bright, coherent « chiral » light to study the chiral properties of matter : biomolecules, magnetic materials...  
particular timely to produce and control ultra-short CP pulses to investigate time resolved dynamics

- Synchrotron radiation: X-ray range, VUV  
F. Schäfers et al., Appl. Opt. **38**, 4074 (1999); L. Nahon and C. Alcaraz, Appl. Opt. **43**, 1024 (2004)....
- Free Electron Lasers: FERMI FEL  
E. Allaria et al Phys. Rev. X **4**, 041040 (2014)  
Mazza et al Nat. Comm. **5** 3648 (2014):  
AR-PES on IR+XUV ATI of He
- Circularly polarized plasma-based soft X-ray laser  
A. Depresseux et al Phys. Rev. Lett. **115**, 083901 (2015) / B. Vodungbo et al Opt. Expr. **19**, 4346 (2011)
- Elliptically polarized high-order harmonics (HHG)  
O. Kfir et al Nature photonics **9**, 99 (2015)  
X. Zhou et al Phys. Rev. Lett. **102**, 073902 (2009)  
A. Ferré et al Nat. photon. **9**, 93 (2015)  
G. Lambert et al Nat. Comm. **6** 6167 (2015)



Complete characterization of the polarization state of the ionizing light based on MFPADs, including the degree of polarization

# Molecular Frame Photoelectron Angular Distributions: MFPADs most complete observable in photoionization dynamics



$$I_{lm\mu}^{M_i M_f} = \langle \psi_{M_i}^i | d_\mu | \phi_{M_f}^f \psi_{lm}^{(-)} \rangle$$

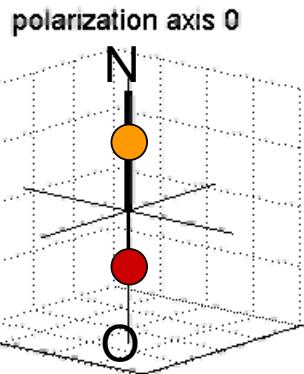
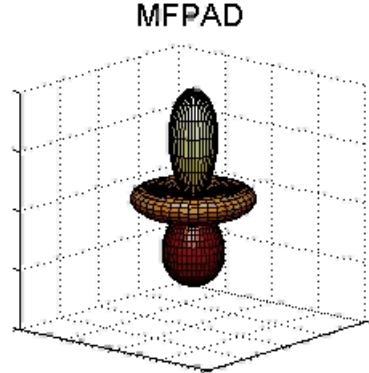
$$T_{fi}(\chi, \theta_e, \phi_e)$$

Polar and azimuthal dependence of MF photoemission for each orientation  $\chi$  of the polarisation relative to the molecular axis

Linear polarization

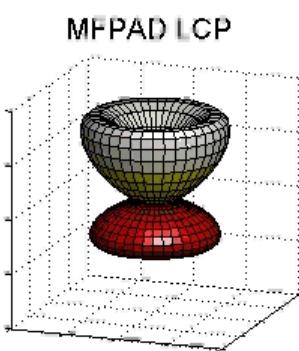
$h\nu = 23.15 \text{ eV}$

# Circular dichroism in the molecular frame: MF-CDAD



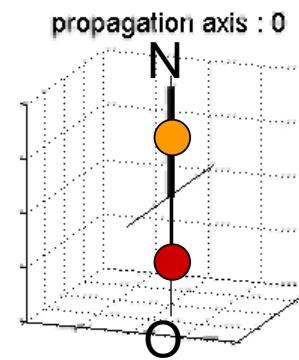
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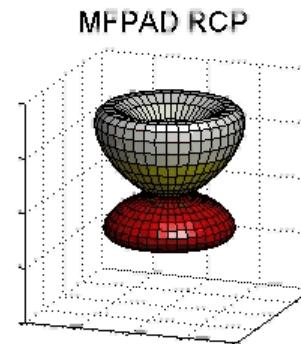
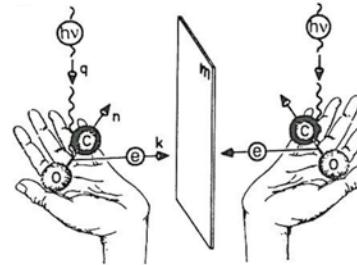


$S_3 = -1$

$$T_{fi}(\chi, \theta_e, \phi_e)$$



Circular polarization

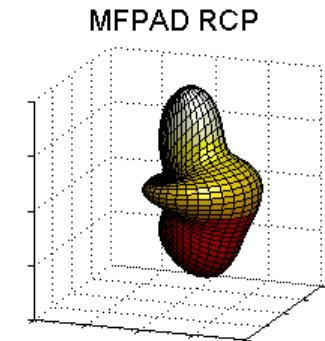
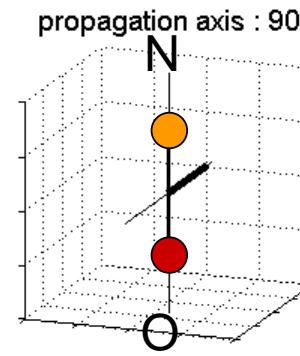
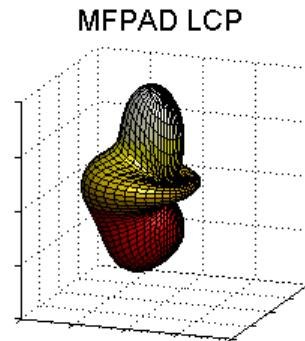
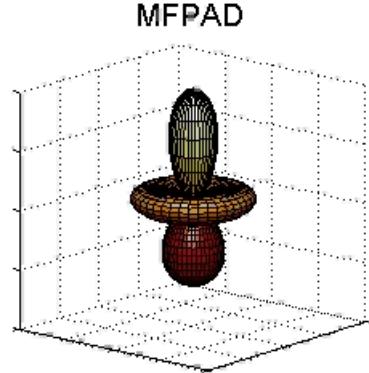


$S_3 = 1$

Dubbs et al, PRL, 54, 1249 (1985)  
 Cherepkov et al Z. Phys. D 7 721 (1987)  
 Schönhense Phys. Scripta 31 255 (1989)  
 Jahnke et al, PRL 88, 073002(2002)

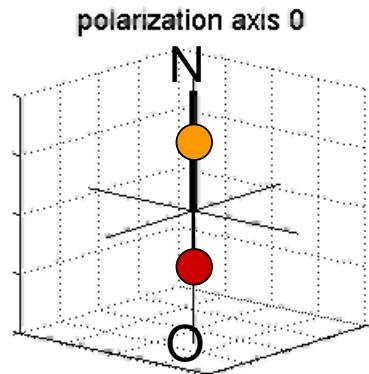
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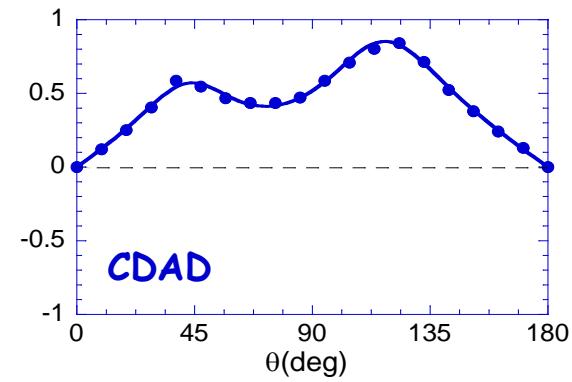
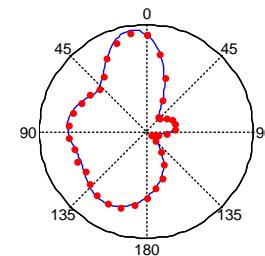
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Circular dichroism

$$CDAD(\theta_e) = \frac{I_{LCP}(\theta_e) - I_{RCP}(\theta_e)}{I_{LCP}(\theta_e) + I_{RCP}(\theta_e)}$$

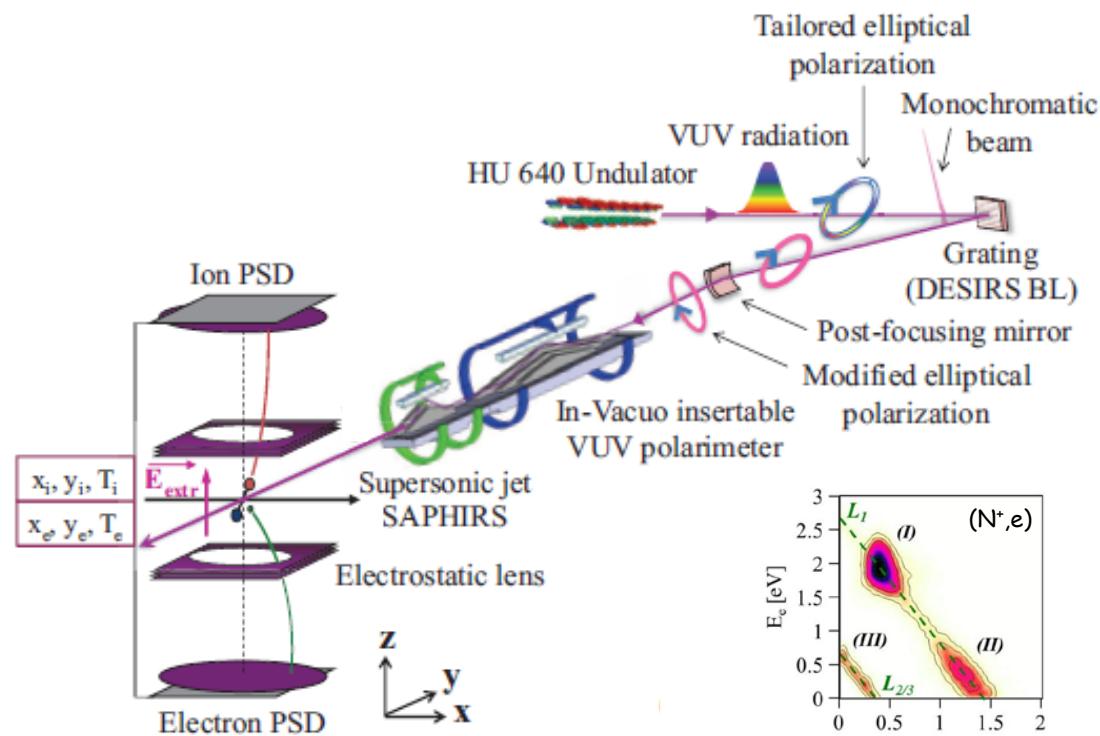
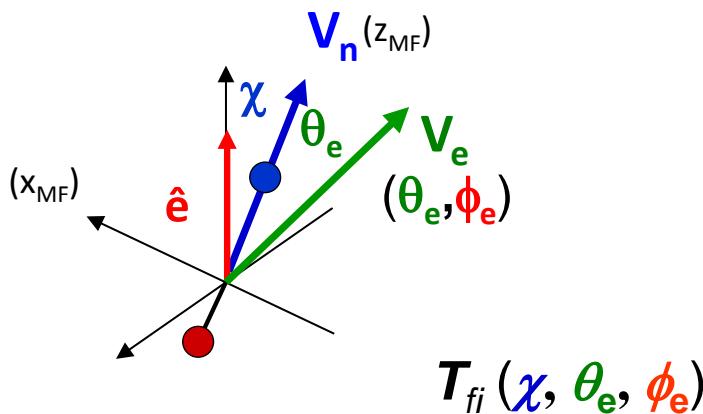
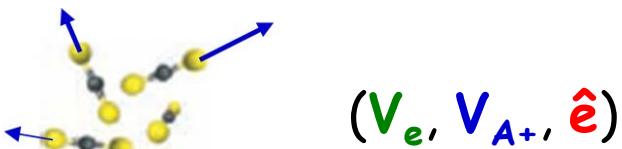


Linear polarization

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Gessner et al PRL 88 193002 (2002); Lebech et al JCP 118, 9653 (2003);

# Electron-ion 3D coincidence momentum spectroscopy in Dissociative PhotoIonization of small molecules

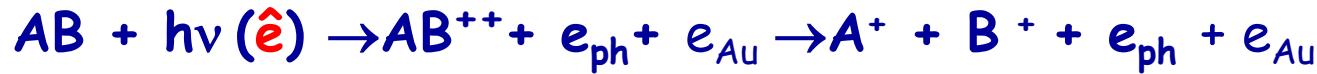


DESIRS beam-line 5-40 eV  
valence & inner-valence PI

PLEIADES inner-shell PI

Rep-rate of the light source: SOLEIL (few bunch mode T=147 ns) ~ 7MHz  
Coincidences: n events/pulse << 1

# Electron-ion 3D coincidence momentum spectroscopy in Dissociative PhotoIonization of small molecules: soft X-rays and light sources



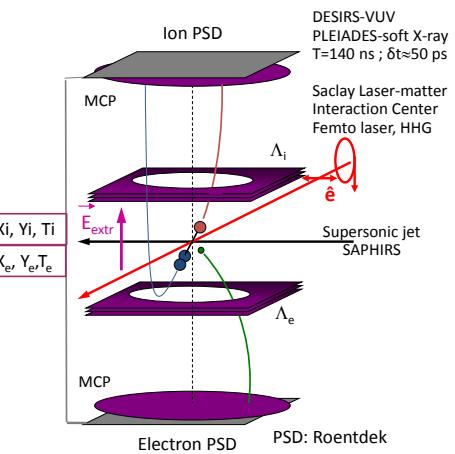
$$(V_e, V_{A^+}, V_{B^+}, \hat{e})$$

K-shell ionization of CO and NO....

C(1s): 284 eV, N(1s) 410 eV, O(1s) 543 eV ...

W.B. Li et al PRA 75, 052718 (2007);

Jahnke et al, PRL 88, 073002(2002)



Sources of ultrashort XUV & X-ray pulses:

Femtosecond lasers and HHG XUV sources  $\times 1$  kHz

FELs : European XFEL 27000 pulses/s

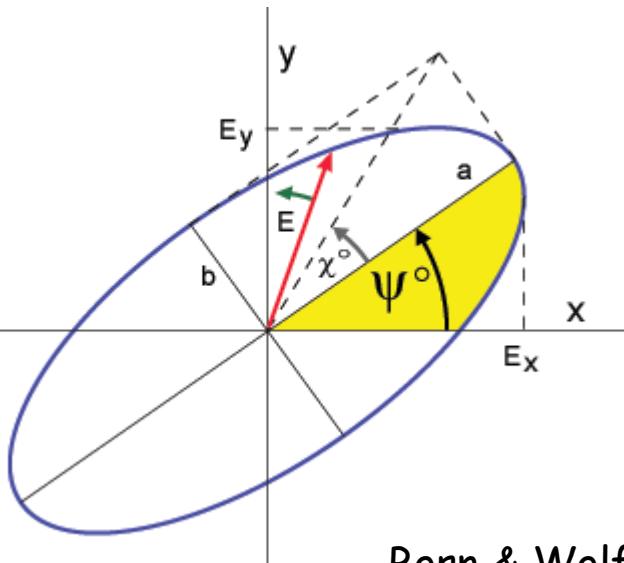
Efficient methods for the multidimensional data analysis:

Lebech et al JCP 118, 9653 (2003)  
Billaud et al J. Phys. B 45 (2012)

$$\begin{aligned} T_{fi \pm 1}(\chi, \theta_e, \phi_e) = & F_{00}(\theta_e) - 0.5 F_{20}(\theta_e) P_{20}(\cos \chi) - 0.5 F_{21}(\theta_e) P_{21}(\cos \chi) \cos(\phi_e) \\ & - 0.5 F_{22}(\theta_e) P_{22}(\cos \chi) \cos(2\phi_e) \\ F_N^L(\theta_e) = & \sum_{L'} C_{L'LN} P_{L'}^N(\cos \theta_e) \pm F_{11}(\theta_e) P_{11}(\cos \chi) \sin(\phi_e) \end{aligned}$$

# STOKES PARAMETERS $\hat{e} = (s_1, s_2, s_3)$ and Polarization Ellipse

## Polarisation ellipse



Linear component:  $s_1, s_2$  orientation  $\Psi$

$$\tan 2\Psi = \frac{s_2}{s_1}$$

Ellipticity:  $\varepsilon = \tan \chi$

$$\sin 2\chi = \frac{s_3}{\sqrt{s_1^2 + s_2^2 + s_3^2}}$$

Degree of polarization:

$$P = \sqrt{s_1^2 + s_2^2 + s_3^2} = 1 - s_4$$

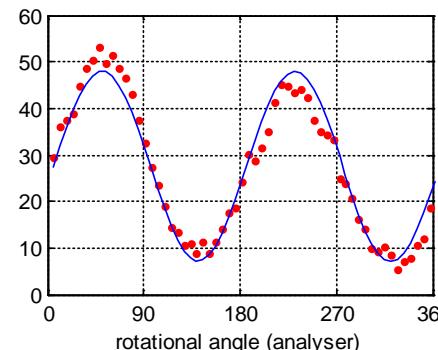
Optical polarimetry without dephaser:  
Malus law

$$\Psi = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Arctg} \frac{s_2}{s_1}$$

$$S = \sqrt{s_1^2 + s_2^2}$$

$$s_{3ub} = \sqrt{1 - S^2}$$

Assuming  $P = 1$ :  $\varepsilon_{ub} = \tan 0.5 \operatorname{Arcsin}(s_{3ub})$



# MFPADs INDUCED BY ELLIPTICALLY POLARIZED LIGHT

$$T_{fi}(\chi, \gamma, \theta_e, \phi_e) =$$

$$\hat{e} = (s_1, s_2, s_3)$$

$$F_{00}(\theta_e) + F_{20}(\theta_e) \left\{ -0.5 P_{20}(\cos \chi) + 0.25 t_1(\gamma) P_{22}(\cos \chi) \right\}$$

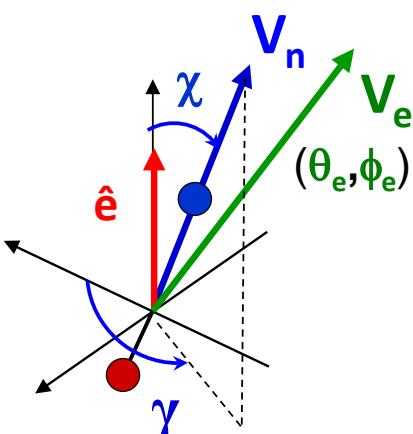
$$+ F_{21}(\theta_e) \left\{ [-0.5 P_{21}(\cos \chi) - 0.5 t_1(\gamma) P_{21}(\cos \chi)] \cos(\phi_e) - 1.5 t_2(\gamma) P_{11}(\cos \chi) \sin(\phi_e) \right\}$$

$$+ F_{22}(\theta_e) \left\{ [-0.5 P_{22}(\cos \chi) + t_1(\gamma) (2 + P_{20}(\cos \chi))] \cos(2\phi_e) + 3 t_2(\gamma) P_{10}(\cos \chi) \sin(2\phi_e) \right\}$$

$$- s_3 F_{11}(\theta_e) \{ P_{11}(\cos \chi) \sin(\phi_e) \}$$

with  $t_1(\gamma) = -s_1 \cos(2\gamma) + s_2 \sin(2\gamma)$

$$t_2(\gamma) = -s_2 \cos(2\gamma) - s_1 \sin(2\gamma)$$

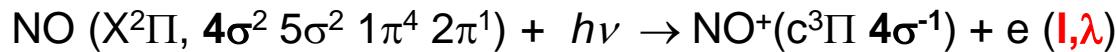


Extraction of the 5  $F_{LN}(\theta_e)$  functions: PI dynamics

Extraction of  $s_3$ : Molecular frame circular dichroism

Extraction of  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ :  
Lab frame ion fragment (or photoelectron)  $(\chi, \gamma)$  angular distribution

# Determination of the STOKES PARAMETERS ( $s_1, s_2, s_3$ ): $s_3$

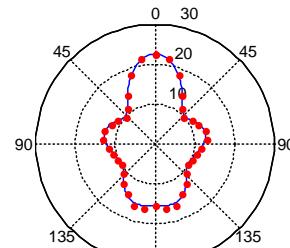
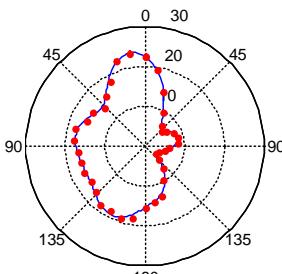


Dominant DPI reaction,

Large  $\beta_{\text{ion}}$  anisotropy:  $\beta_{\text{ion}} \approx 1$

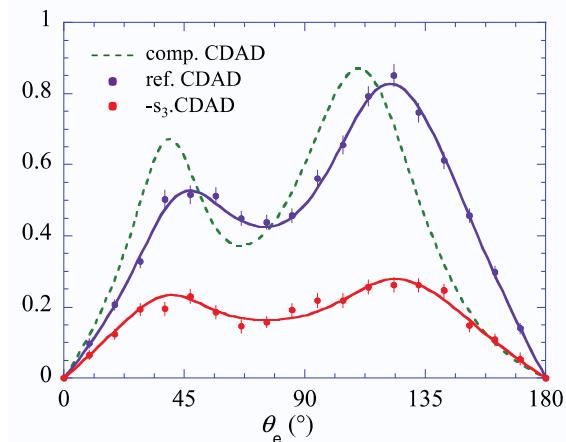
Large circular dichroism ( $F_{11}$ )

Circular dichroism in the molecular frame  $s_3 F_{11}(\theta_e)$



$$S_3 = -0.36 (0.02)$$

$$\text{CDAD}_{\text{meas}} = -s_3 \text{CDAD}_{\text{ref}}$$



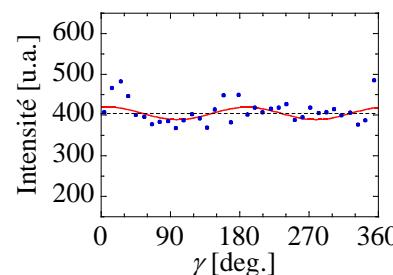
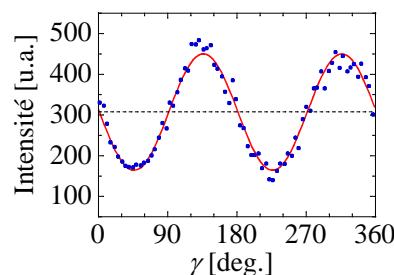
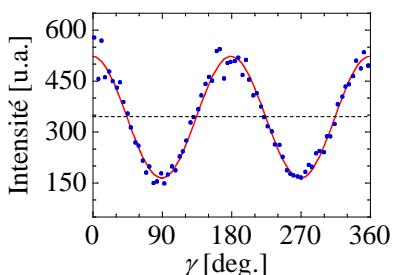
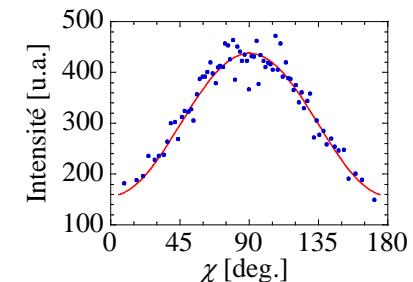
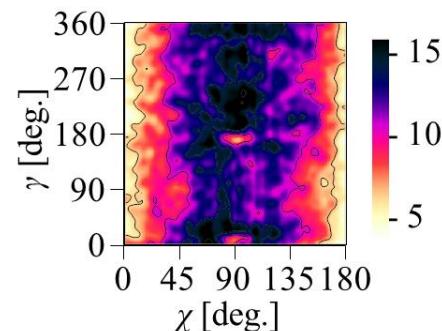
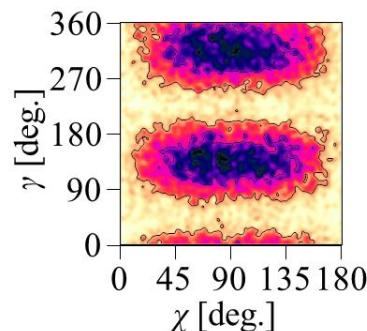
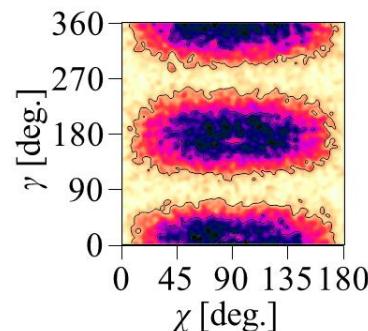
Establish reference values of the CDAD ( $F_{11}$ )

# Determination of the STOKES PARAMETERS ( $s_1, s_2, s_3$ ): $s_1, s_2$

Photoion angular distribution in the lab frame 2D histogram ( $\chi, \gamma$ ):  $s_1$  and  $s_2$

$$T(\chi, \gamma) = C \left( 1 + \beta_i \left[ -\frac{1}{2} P_2^0(\cos \chi) + \frac{1}{4} (s_1 \cos(2\gamma) - s_2 \sin(2\gamma)) P_2^2(\cos \chi) \right] \right)$$

Integration  
( $\theta_e, \phi_e$ )

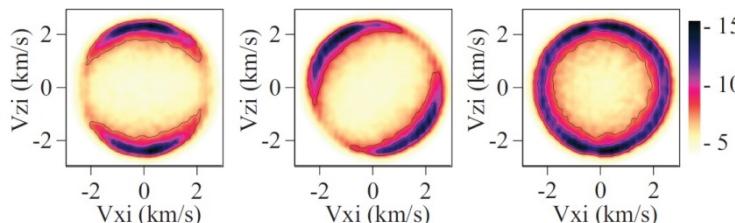


$$s_1 = -0.96, s_2 = -0.03$$

$$s_1 = -0.01, s_2 = -0.86$$

$$s_1 = -0.07, s_2 = 0.02$$

$$\Delta s \sim \pm 0.01$$



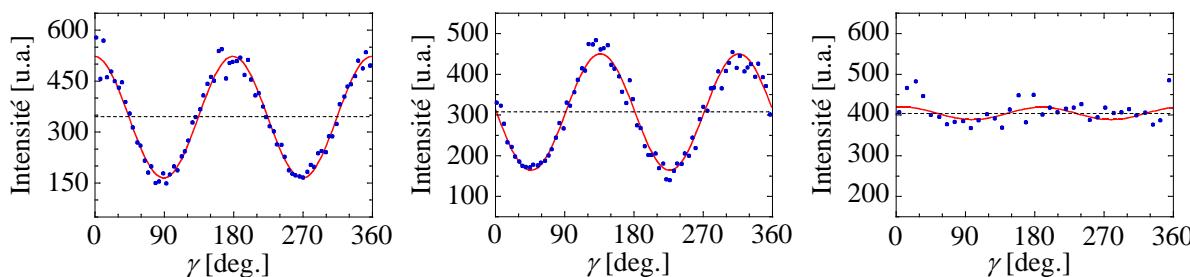
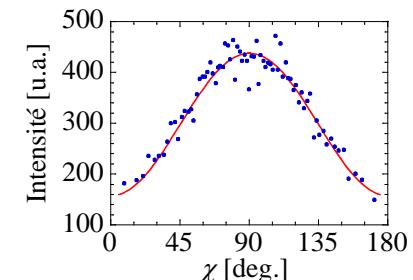
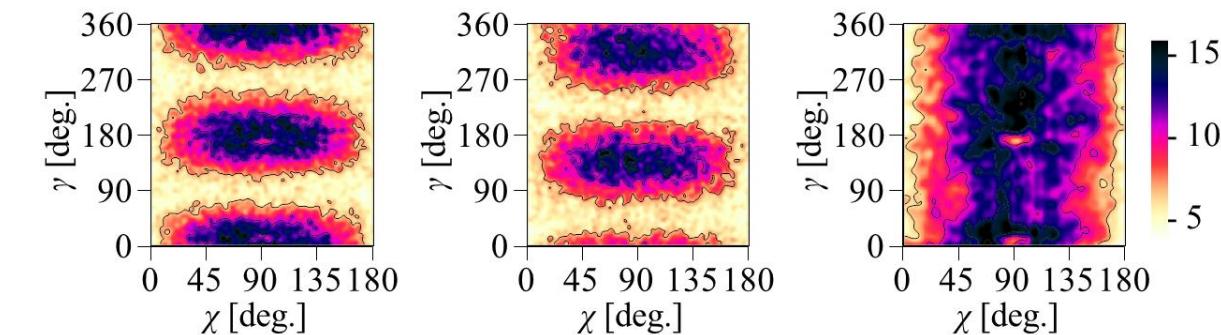
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# DETERMINATION of the 3 STOKES PARAMETERS

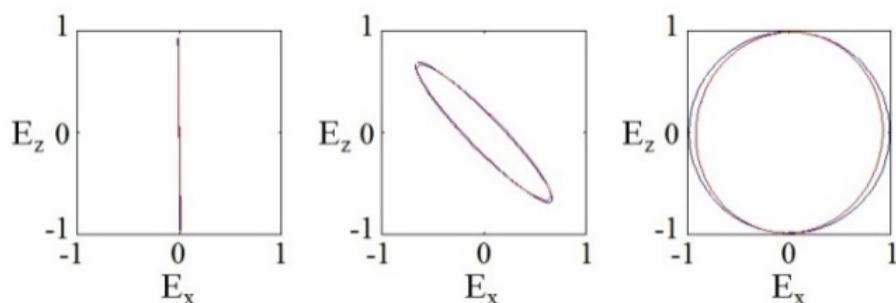
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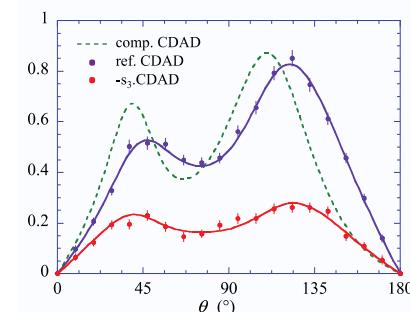
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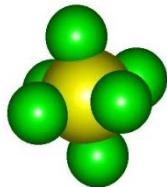
OP & MP  
( $s_1, s_2, s_3$ )  
 $P = (1-s_4)$



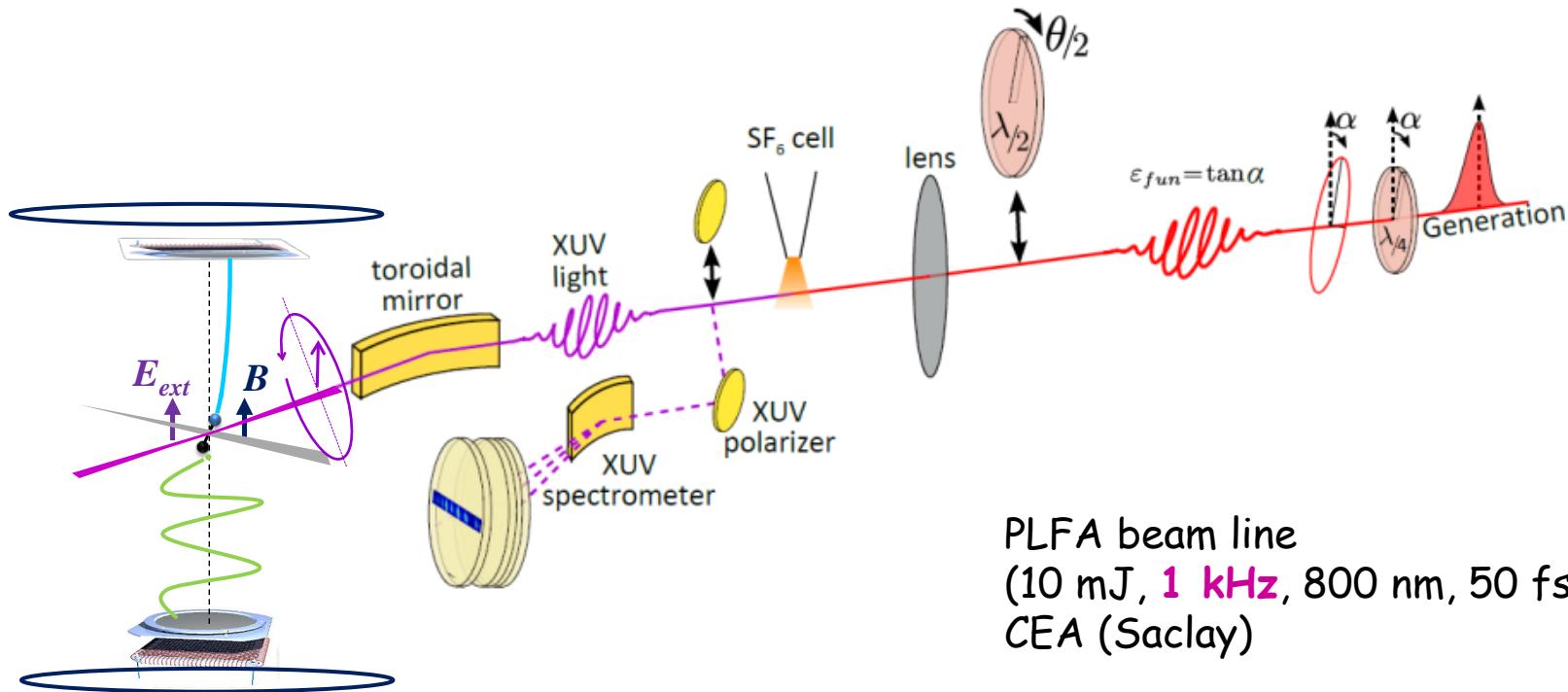
# Polarization state of HHG XUV Attosecond Pulse Train

HHG in SF<sub>6</sub> molecules induced by elliptically polarized IR (moderate)

A. Ferré et al Nat. Phot. 9 (2014)



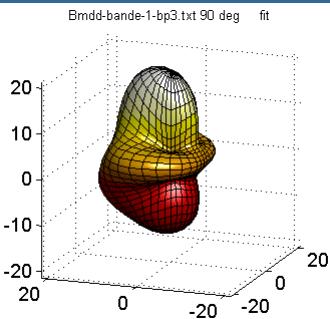
Production of large « ellipticities »  $\varepsilon_{ub} = 0.6-0.8$



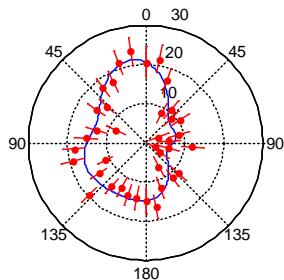
S.J. Weber et al RSI 86, 033108 (2015)

Gisselbrecht et al., RSI 76, 013105 (2005)  
Lebecq et al., RSI 73, 1866 (2002)

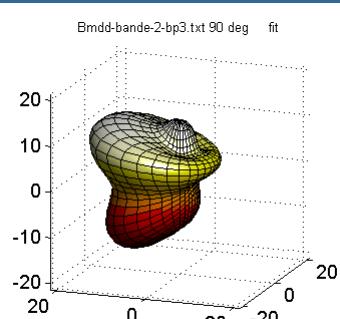
# Results: HHG from $SF_6$ molecules $\varepsilon$ (IR) = 0.2



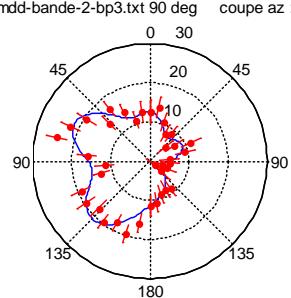
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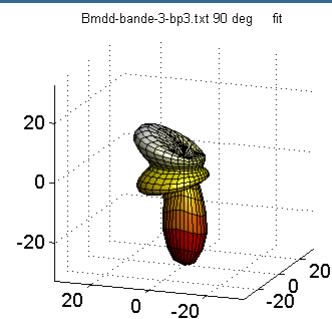
$\varepsilon \approx 0.84(0.07)$



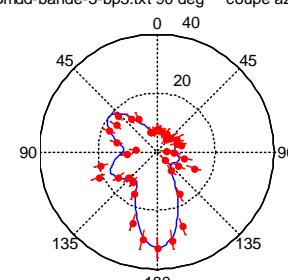
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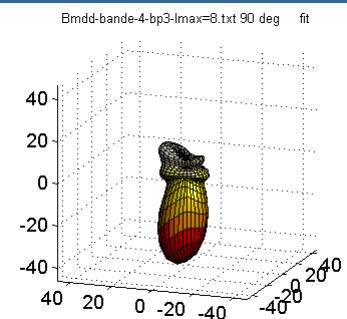
$\varepsilon \approx 0.65(0.05)$



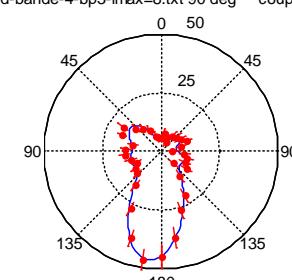
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$\varepsilon \approx 0.26(0.04)$



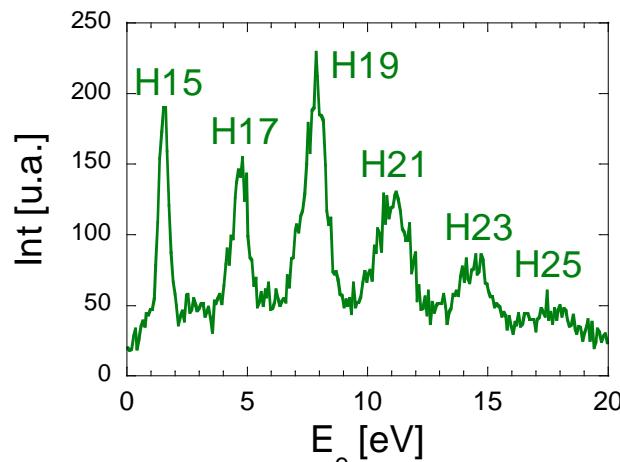
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$\varepsilon \approx 0.11 (0.04)$

Reference  
DESIRS SOLEIL  $S_3 \sim 1$

Veyrinas, Gruson  
*et al* in preparation  
(2016)



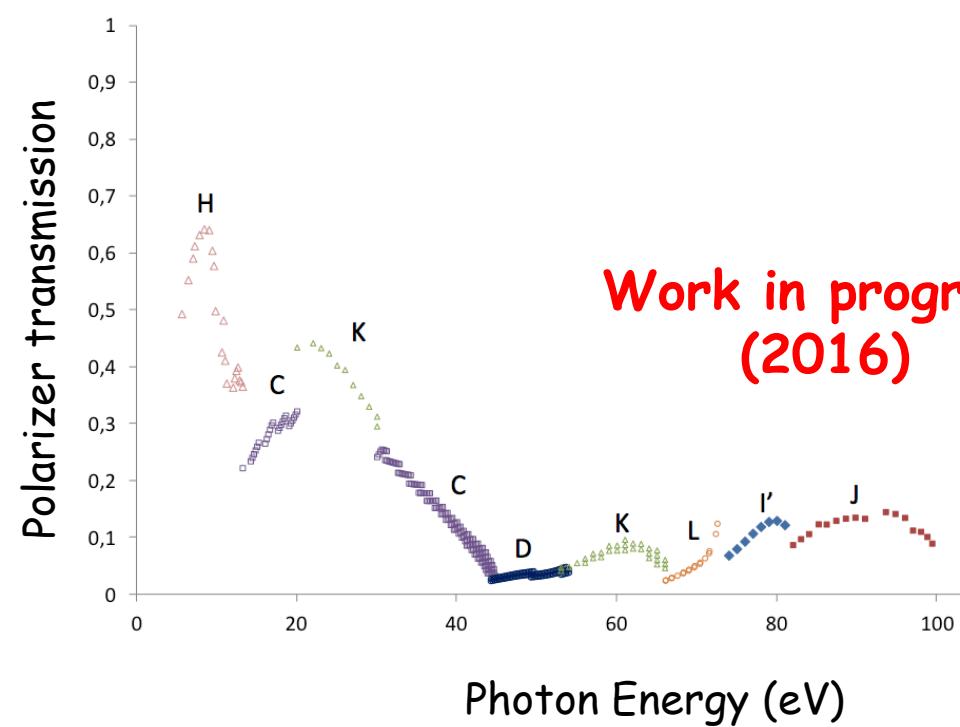
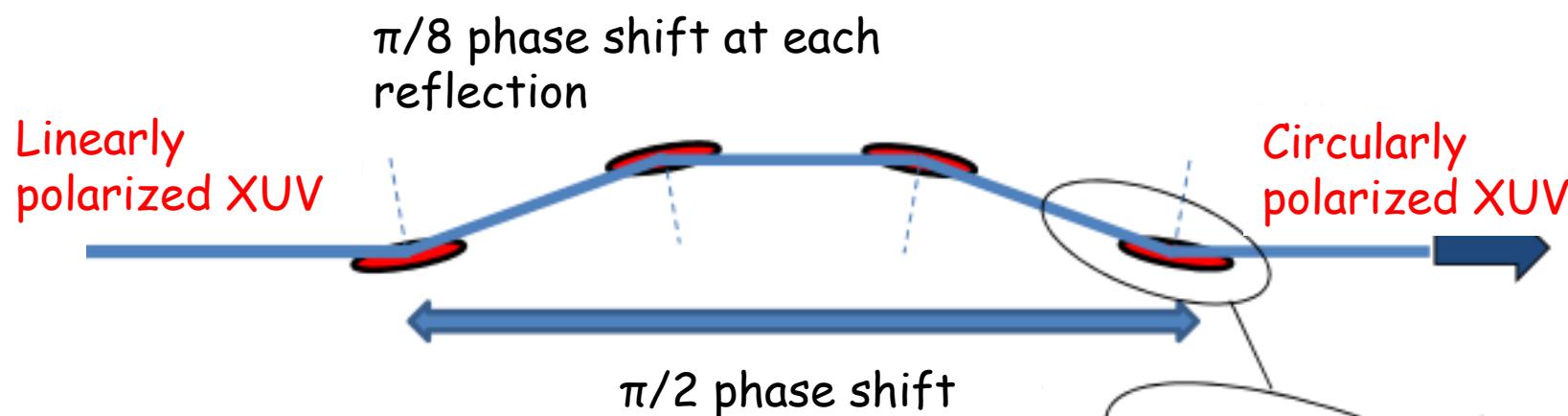
Task: « polarization diagnostic for probing HHG mechanisms ? »

OPT2X project: 7 labs  
Université Paris-Saclay  
XUV Beamline instruments

ATTOLAB: FAB 10 (10kHz)

Multilayer optical  
polarimeters

# OPT2X: Polarization control Development of a versatile ML based optical polarizer for ultrashort XUV pulses



ML  $\rightarrow$  photon energies 8-100eV  
Reflectivity: 3 - 64%  
S3 99,7% for monochromatic XUV

M. Dehlinger, F. Delmotte (LCF)  
Optics characterization: SOLEIL  
L.Nahon WG1 OPT2X

## Conclusion and perspectives

Molecular frame photoemission:

A sensitive "in situ" probe of the complete polarization state of XUV and X-ray radiation in one-XUV or X-ray photon ionization:

Full polarization ellipse ( $s_1, s_2, s_3$ ), including the degree of polarization disentanglement of  $s_3$  and  $s_4$

Need to establish reference value for the CDAD (exp and/or theory)

Extended photon energy range, tunability with the phototelectron energy  
Inner-valence and K / L shell ionization CO, NO, CS<sub>2</sub>....  
C(1s), O(1s), N(1s), S(2p), F(1s)...

Electron-ion coincident momentum spectroscopy

Take advantage of High rep rate of XFEL and the existence of COLTRIMS instruments

Characterization of high harmonics elliptically polarized XUV attosecond pulses when symmetry breaking occurs:

HHG from aligned molecules: origin of depolarization ?

Role of shape resonance n PI of SF<sub>6</sub>: amplification of ellipticity

Counter rotating bichromatic fields (O. Cohen et al)

Integration in beamlines...

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