Gas phase molecular physics experiments in synchrotron sources of second and third generation

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This talk will present an overview of gasphase experiments of molecular and atomic photoionization from the the standpoint of a user. The studies presented are specifically devoted to the study of single and double photoionization processes as well as photoelectron angular distributions. In addition to a brief overview of the physical processes studied, this presentation will have a stronger focus on the requierements and needs, both in terms of flux and resolution, that these studies pose to experimental beamline where they are carried out. A comparison of performance of experiments carried out at a second generation source and a third generation source will be presented, taking the autovibrational processes in H2 as a concrete example.

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1.1Molecular Photoionization and spectroscorpy

- 1.2 What do one needs to do high resolution molecular spectroscopy?
- 1.2 Features of some sources where this capability is available.

2.- Case studies to illustrate the point: Single and double Photoionization and photoelectron spectrocopy.

3.- Other brief examples and future prospects .

1.3 What does the future holds, and what do one need in this field to try and reach for it.



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- Temporal dynamical evolution of electrons and nucleii in molecules





Molecular spectroscopy is an active field in synchrotron radiation sources (where low photon energy range is available). i.e. from 10 eV and higher.



Daresbury SRS, England, 2nd Generation







Advanced light source, Berkeley, USA. Third generation











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These two – often competing – requirements: **high photon energy resolution and high flux**, are one of the main compromises one encounters when doing molecular spectroscopy at synchrotron radiation sources.

Other desirable features that a synchrotron Source should have, for AMO physics are:

-Dependability (A stable source over several Hours)
-Good polarization characteristics (good in third generation sources, not so good in second generation SRS)
-Possibility of single bunching (for time dependent experiments)

- Good technical support (a synchrotron is more than relativistic electrons, the end station and the people behind it are central!)



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Double and single Photoionization of $H_2O SO_2$, NO2. The double with the toroidal, the single with the Mc Pherson (Daresbury SRS)

H2 spectra at Daresbury and Trieste, Elettra, sumary of transitions with high angular momenta (Elettra, Trieste)

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Daresbury SRS second generation source Cheshire, England, closed 2004



1.- Single Photoionization studies of water with a Mc Pherson monocrhomator, using the Threshold Photoelectron Technique









1.- Double photoionization using a Toroidal Grating Monochromator (H2O)





Algunos resultados

Double photoionization of SO2

Double photoionization of N2O





Other measurements





-These measurements were aided by the use of high collection energy spectrometers







analysers









Elettra, Trieste, third generation source







Ion yield as a function of photon energy, ortho D2

Vibrational autoionisation in D₂



Decay paths as surveyed with the McPherson at Daresbury (3 days)

Similar measurements taken in 2 hrs at Elettra.



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A case study to illustrate the point: Photoionization and photoelectron spectrocopy in ortho-D2. 2.2 2.2 What do you need to see the process



- Photon flux: In the order of 10¹⁴ photons Per second/cm² - Flux must be stable over hours.

> - Resolving power E/ΔE=15000 Over a variable photon range

> > - Photoelectron energy resolution of 6 to 7 meV (a stable, photoelectron spectrometer) It needs some days to set up and condition

- Catalytic sample Preparation in situ Of ortho D₂. Fairly good technical support in cryogenics and vacuum to do your thing 1.- Intro: Vibrational autoionisation in H₂

3.- Other brief examples and future prospects



In addition to fundamental studies of molecules, molecular techniques at synchrotron sources, one can study the photoionization of clusters



Photoionization of ablated clusters



Fig. 1. Scheme of the apparatus to laser ablate a solid sample and to detect ionized species by the synchrotron light. The inset shows a detailed picture of the interaction region and lengths (AC – accelerating plate; RP – repelling plate; SC – source to centre distance).

Inner shell photoionization of Sulphur clusters, created by laser ablation as a function of cluster size.

Fig. 4. Partial ion yield of different S clusters across the S 2p edge. All spectra have been scaled to the most intense one, S₂. The S 2p ionization energies at 170.5 (S $2p_{3/2}$) and 171.7 eV (S $2p_{1/2}$) [18] are included as vertical lines.

Advanced light source, Berkeley

Studies of simultaneous ionization/excitation of electrons in atoms

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Made possible by position sensitive detectors And coincidence measurements

Final remarks

-Gasphase atomic and molecular studies in synchotrons can be useful tools to characterize and improve the performance of a beamline, besides its intrinsic interest.

-A synchrotron is made of several important parts. From the user's stand point of view, the beamline can make the difference between a successful experiment.

-Good beamlines at second generation sources can produce good science

- The instrumentation available

-. Building and binding the comunity is a good –needed- step to take, before building the machine itself.

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