



Structural characterization under mass spectrometry conditions using IR specific activation



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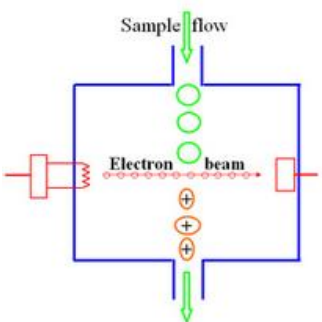


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70 eV Electron Impact (Fragmentation) Mass Spectra : structural characterization



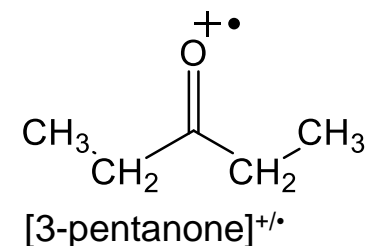
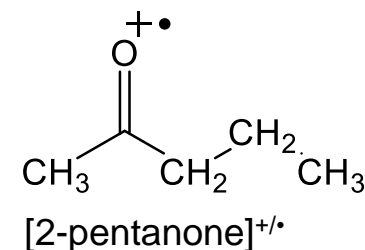
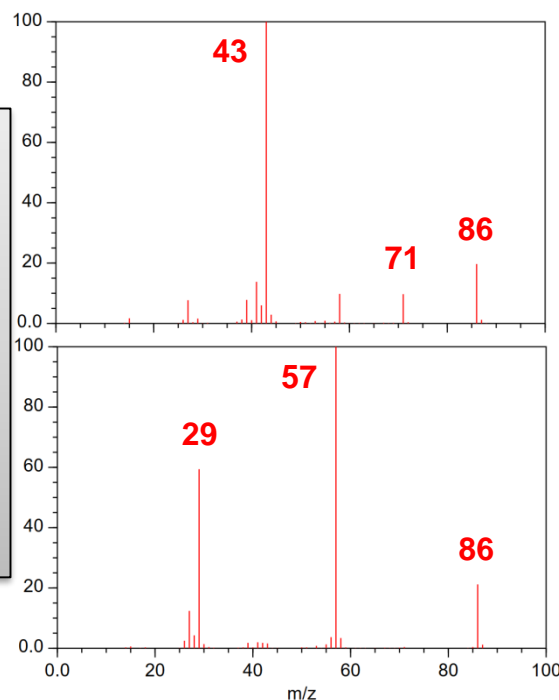
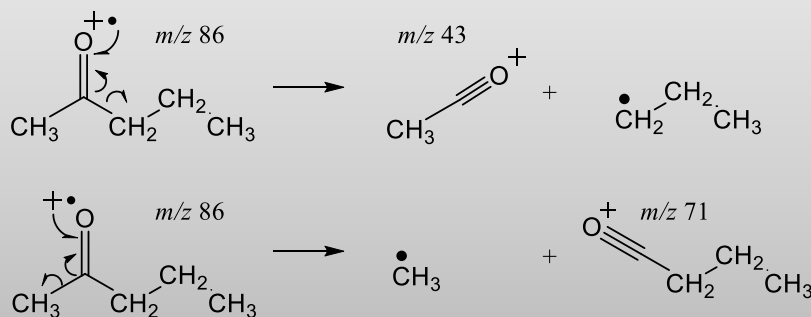
To Mass Spectrometer

Electron ionization (EI) : one of the 1st ionization techniques developed for MS. EI uses high energetic (70 eV) e⁻ to produce ions => extensive fragmentation. Structure determination useful for organic compounds (MW < 600 Da).



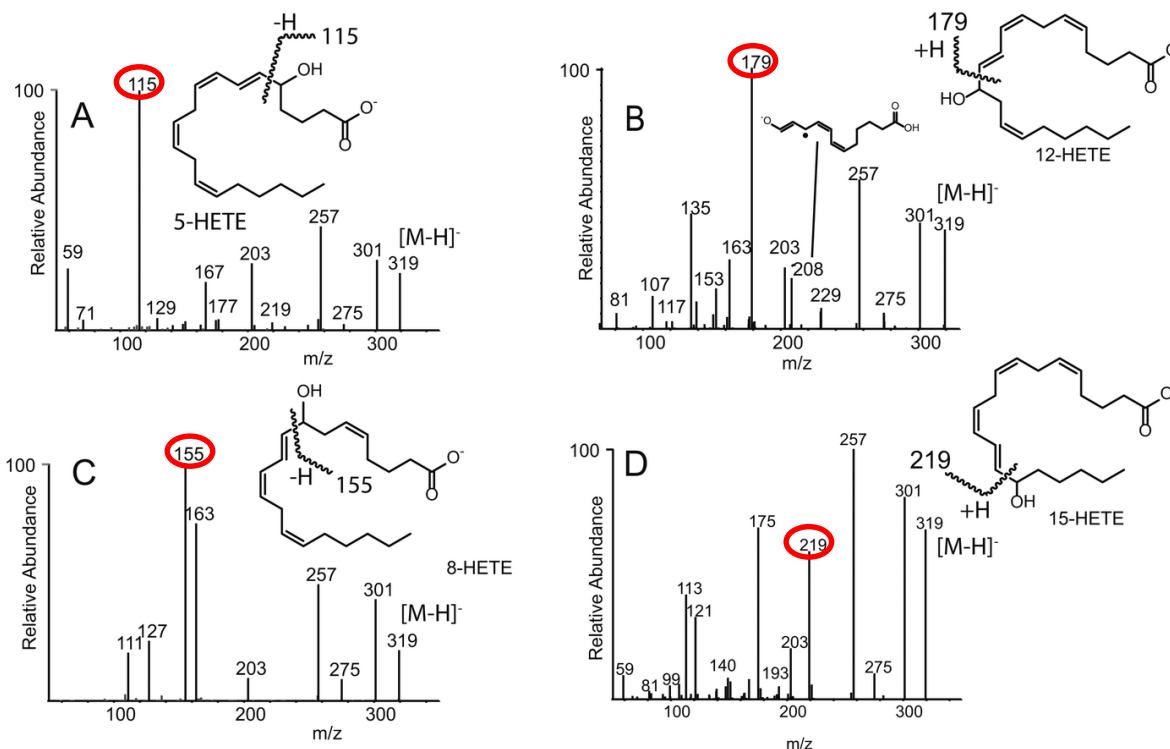
+ Multiple (specific) fragment ions

Very specific radical driven chemistry



CID ESI-MS² spectra :

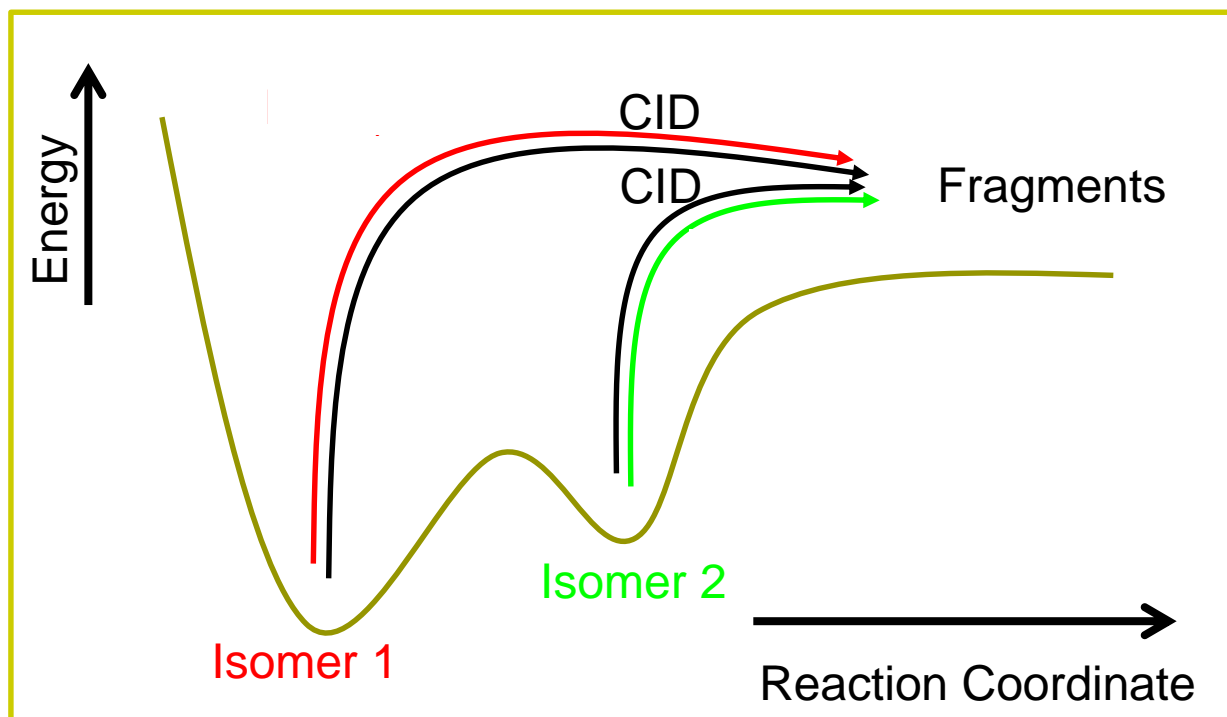
In some cases, isomers can be distinguished



Electrospray ionization (negative ions) and tandem mass spectrometry of monohydroxy arachidonate metabolite isomers. CID mass spectra of $[M - H]^-$ at m/z 319 using a tandem quadrupole mass spectrometer.

IR Spectroscopy integrated to Mass Spectrometry

- Need for structural information in MS/MS
 - Fragmentation mass Spectra, especially EI
 - Infrared Spectroscopy could be useful
- IR spectroscopy integrated to MS
 - It relies on SPECIFIC fragmentation of an **ion isomer** based on SPECIFIC activation



CID : non specific activation

Isomer 1 $\xrightarrow{\text{CID}}$ Fragments

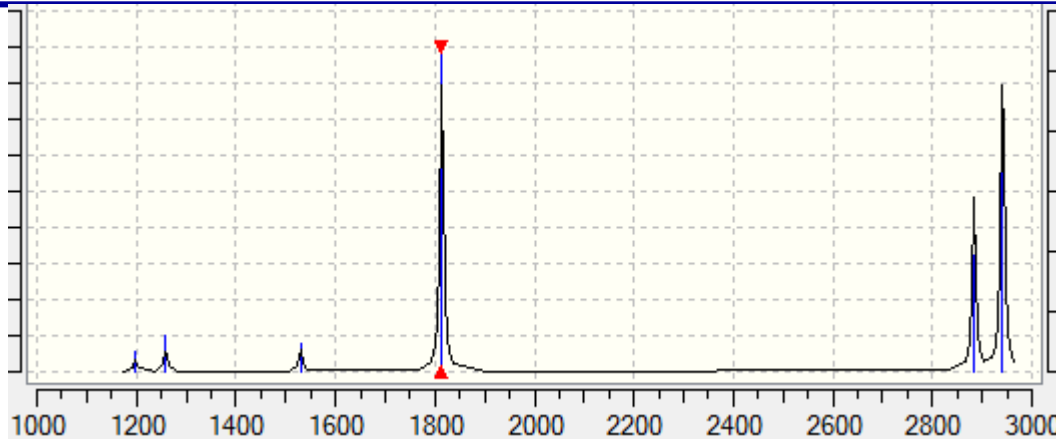
Isomer 2 $\xrightarrow{\text{CID}}$ Fragments

IR : specific

Isomer 1 $\xrightarrow{\text{IR}(\lambda_1)}$ Fragments

Isomer 2 $\not\xrightarrow{\text{IR}(\lambda_1)}$

IR spectrum of formaldehyde (H_2CO)



Units used:

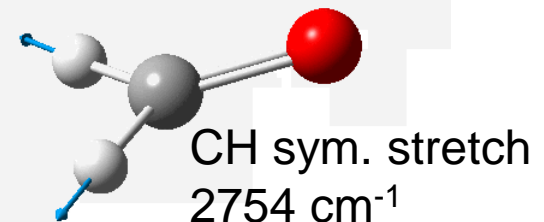
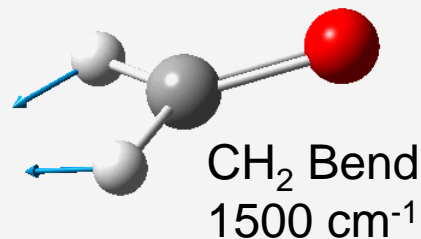
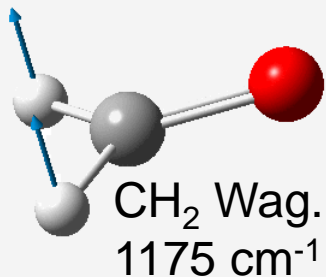
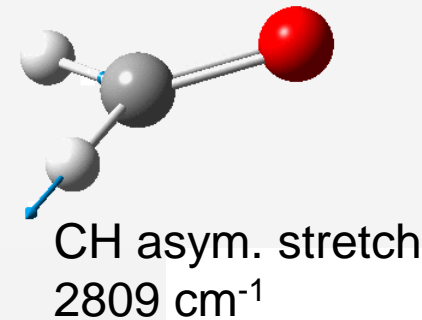
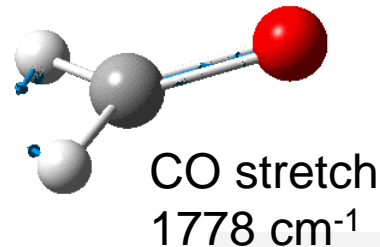
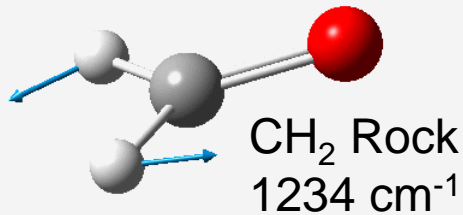
$$E = h \nu$$

$$= h \cdot c \cdot 1/\lambda$$

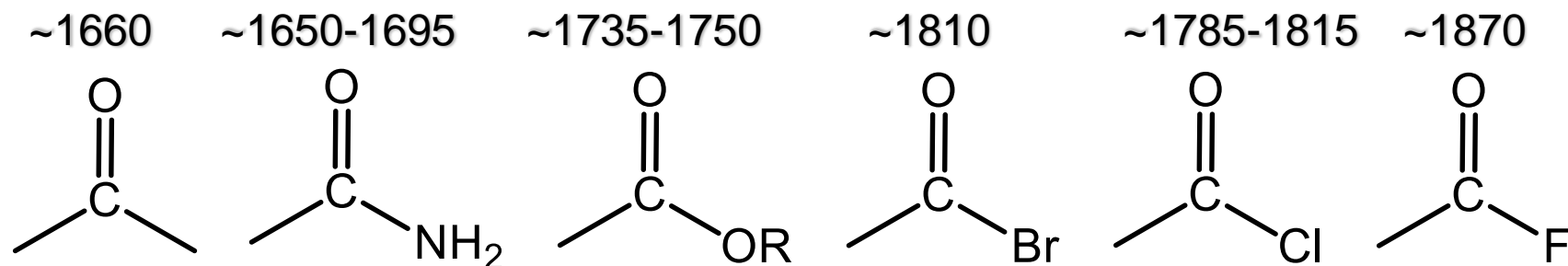
$$= h \cdot c \cdot \bar{\nu}$$

where λ is the wavelength (μm)

and $\bar{\nu}$ is the wavenumber per cm



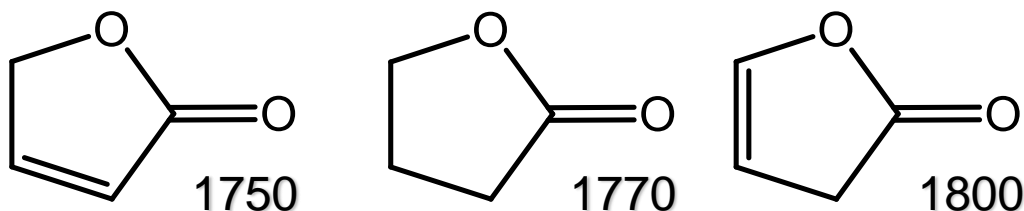
C=O carbonyl stretch (in cm^{-1}): sensitive to electronic cyclic strain effects



**Attractive inductive
effect ↗ : $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$ ↗**

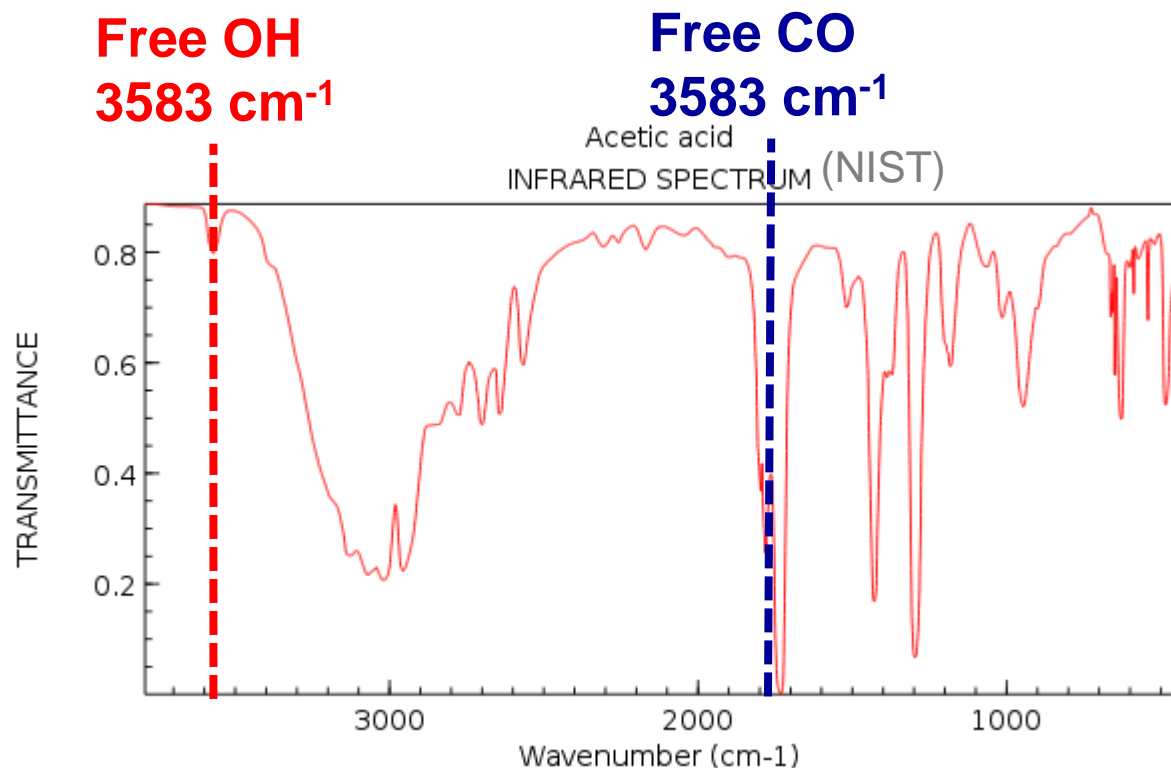
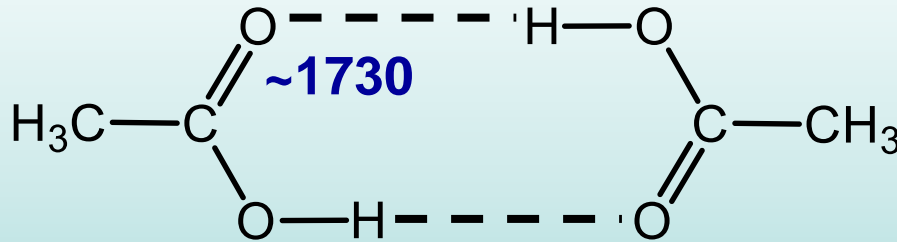
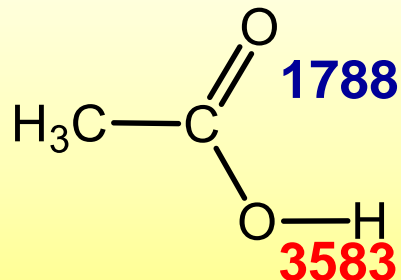
**Mesomeric effects
(resonance) ↗ : $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$ ↘**

Lactones: Conjugation and strain effects



Hydrogen bond effect on C=O and O-H stretches

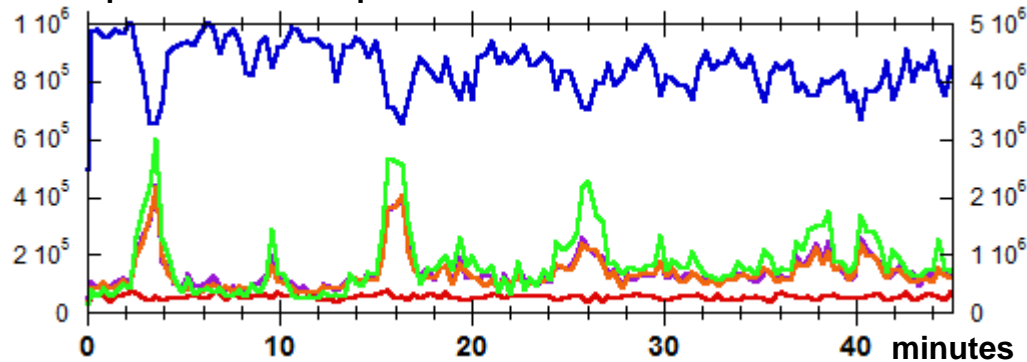
Free
(gas phase)



Upon formation of hydrogen bonds, red-shifts (i.e. bond weakening) are observed.

IRMPD spectroscopy: in practice

MS²-chromatogram where each data point corresponds to one wavenumber



Parent ion : P⁺



k(1st order rxn)

Multiple Fragments

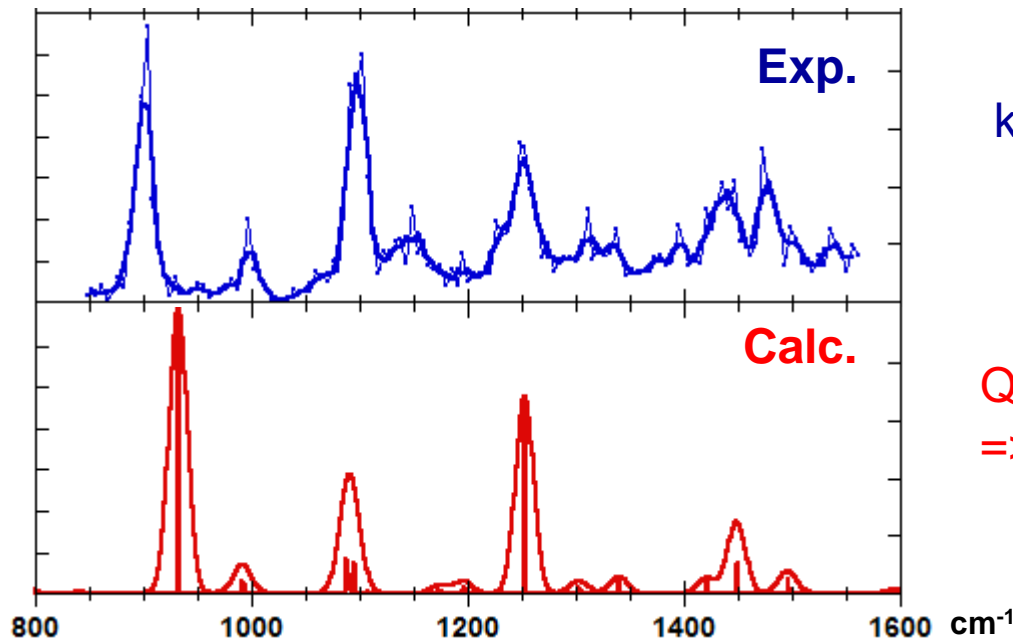
F1⁺ + F2⁺ + F3⁺ + F4⁺

$$k \cdot \text{time} = -\ln(P^+ / (F1^+ + F2^+ + F3^+ + F4^+))$$

IRMPD = Multiple photon process

Quantum Chemical calc.
=> IR **absorption** spectrum

Absorption = 1 photon process



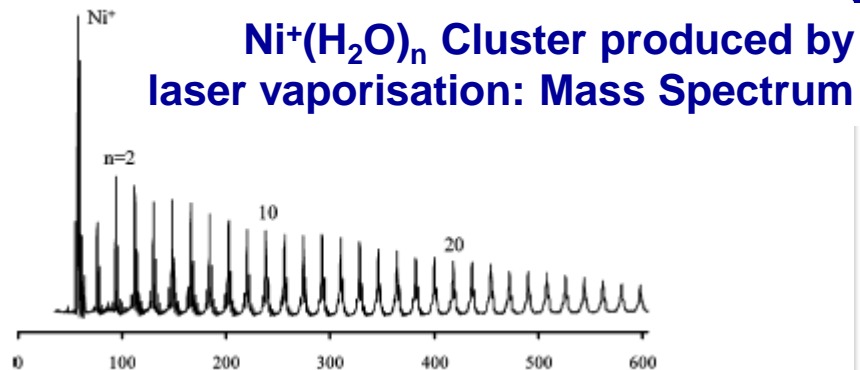
Structural assignment often relies on comparison with calc. Absorption spectra

- B3LYP with a saturated basis set (6-31+G**) is used.
 - Only the isomer with the lowest-energy (accessible under kinetic control) is observed
 - Harmonic IR bands are convoluted with gaussian profiles (fwhm=10 or 20 cm⁻¹)
- Dual scaling factors to be applied to the calculated harmonic frequencies:
 - 0.98 for the fingerprint region
 - 0.955 for X-H (X=C, N, O) stretching region
- Expected performance (see Schlegel and coworkers, Theor. Chem. Acc. 2001)
 - B3LYP versus exptl frequencies: average absolute difference (AAD) ~25 cm⁻¹
 - B3LYP versus QCISD/Very large basis set intensities: AAD~10 km/mol
- Vibrational frequencies: Expectations that prove the rule
 - Phosphorylated peptides: P-O and P=O stretches (scal. Factor ~1.0)
 - Perchlorate ligands: Cl-O stretches (scal. Factor > 1.0)
- Isomer relative energies:
 - Don Truhlar's M06-X density functionals (non covalent interactions)

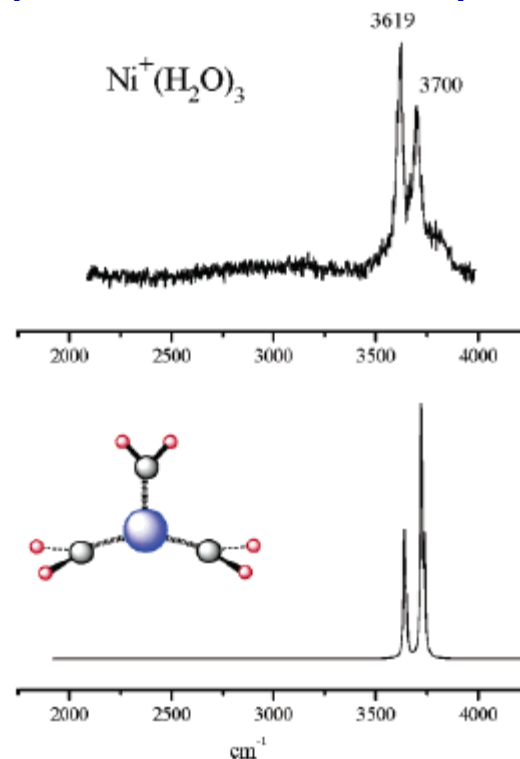
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Solvation of metal ions: 1st versus 2nd coordination sphere?



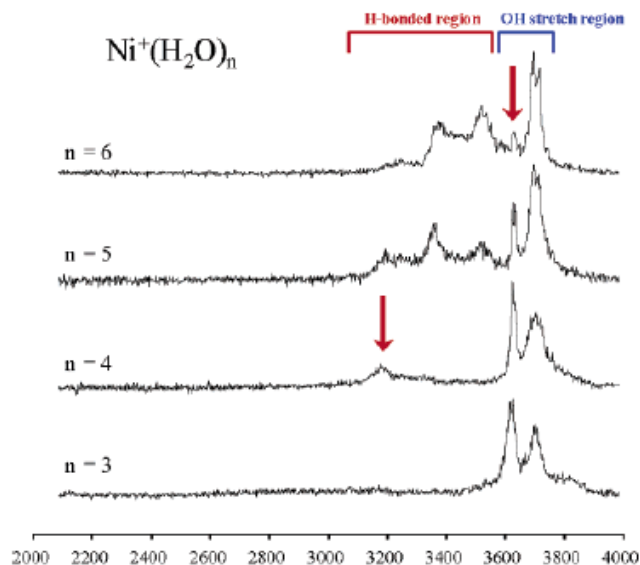
Up to $n=3$, only small red-shifts are observed with respect to the free water IR bands (3657 and 3756 cm^{-1})



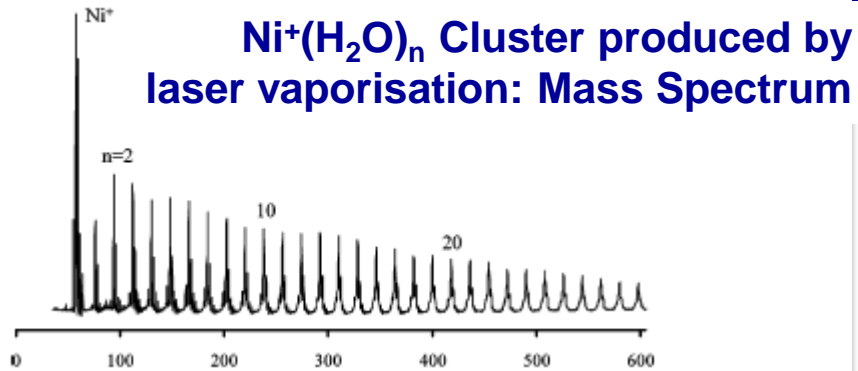
The red-shift values = signatures of the metal \leftrightarrow ligand charge transfers

M.A. Duncan et al. *JACS* **2005**, 127, 16599

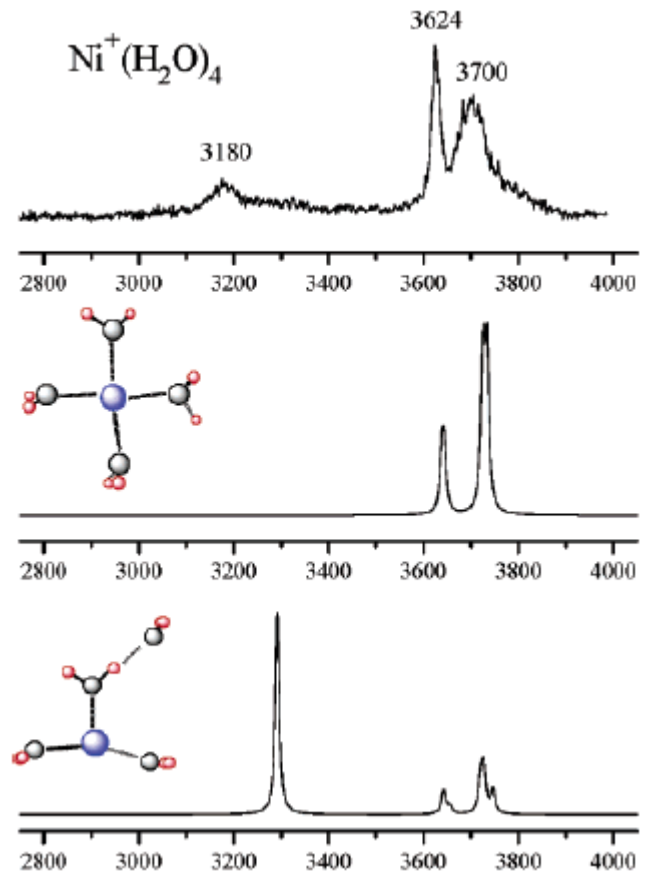
For $n > 3$, OH bands $< 3400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
 \Rightarrow Signatures of Hydrogen bonds
 \Rightarrow H₂O in 2nd solvation sphere



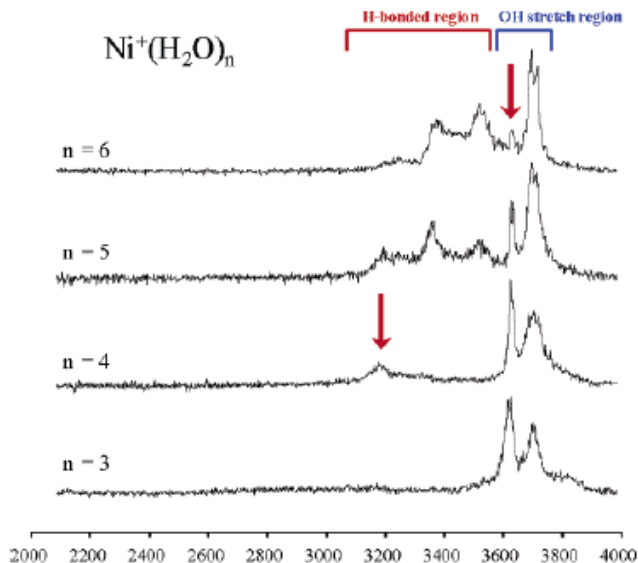
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Starting with $n=4$, low wavenumber bands (@3180 cm^{-1} for $n=4$) are signatures of hydrogen bonds (2nd solvation sphere)

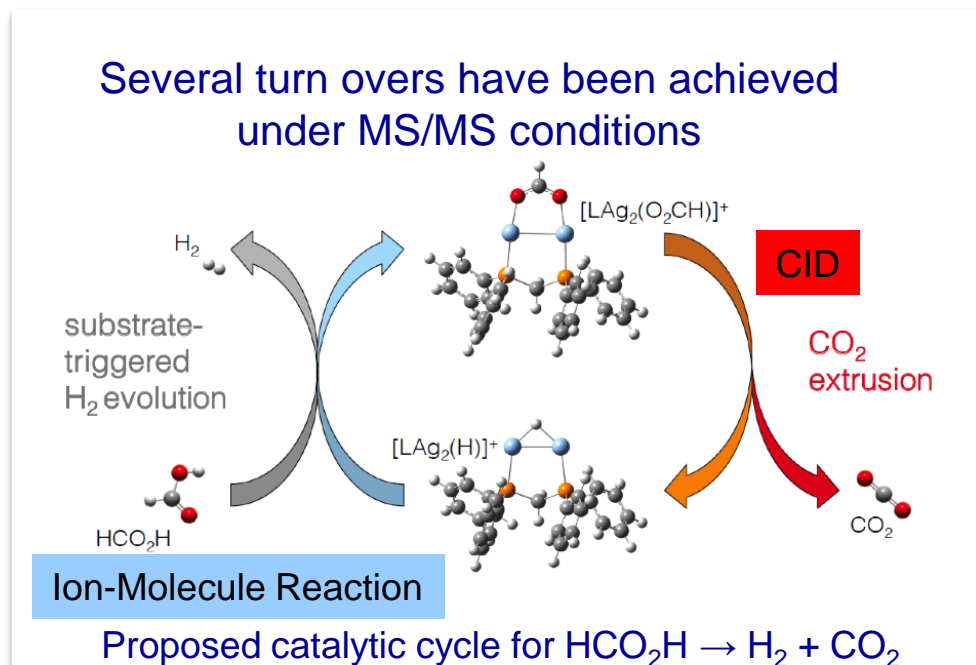
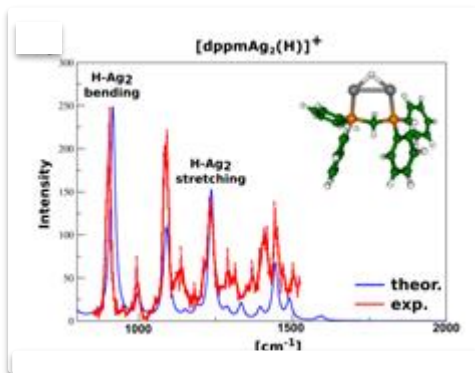
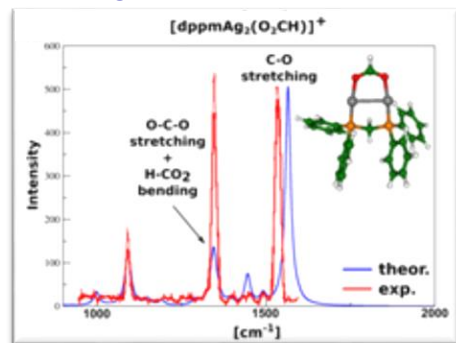


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 \Rightarrow Signatures of Hydrogen bonds
 $\Rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$ in 2nd solvation sphere



Optimization of HCO_2H dehydrogenation catalyzed by « Ag_2^+ core »: role of pincer diphosphine

- HCO_2H is recognized as one of the most promising materials for H_2 storage
- The effectiveness of direct formic acid fuel cells (DFAFC), however, relies on the selectivity of dehydrogenation ($\text{HCO}_2\text{H} \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{CO}_2$) versus water shift ($\text{HCO}_2\text{H} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}$)
- Pd catalysts have been shown to be very promising (Bulushev *et al*, Catal. Today **2010**, 154, 7)
- Tandem Mass Spectrometry coupled with IR spectroscopy have been used to provide more insights into the role of ancillary (diphosphine) ligand / selectivity



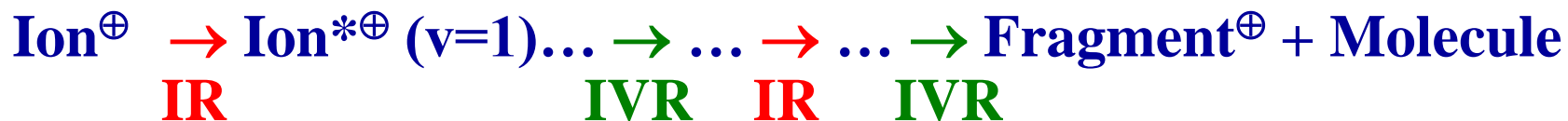
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IR spectroscopy of gas phase ions:

A need for highly intense and tunable lasers

- 1978: CO₂ laser, fixed photon energy at ~940 cm⁻¹ (~10.6 μm)
 - First evidence for IRMPD under Tandem Mass Spectrometry conditions
 - J.L. Beauchamp and coworkers, *JACS* **1978**, 100, 3248.



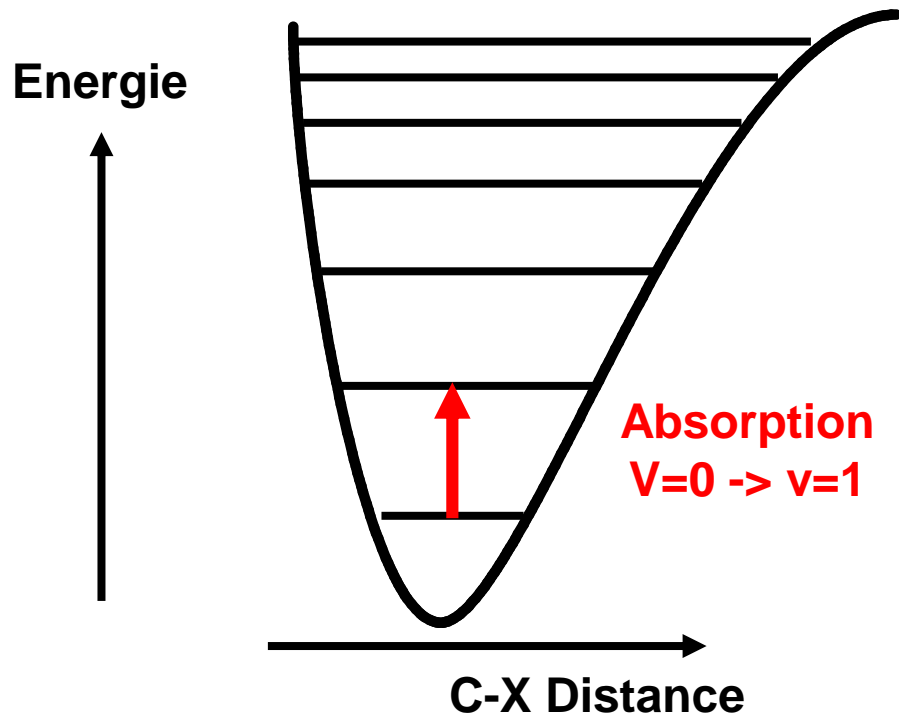
- 1985: IR spectra / 2000-4000 cm⁻¹ range.
 - OPO or DFG laser systems, limited to **weakly bound ions**.
 - NH and OH stretching region => H-bonding network
 - Y.T. Lee and coworkers, *J.Chem.Phys.* **1985**, 83, 3705
- 2000: 800-2000 cm⁻¹ Fingerprint spectra of **any ion**.
- Two IR Free Electron Lasers (FELs) available worldwide.
 - At FELIX (QIT), J. Oomens *et al*, *Astrophys. J.* 2000, 542, 404.
 - At CLIO (FT-ICR), J. Lemaire *et al*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 2002, 89, 273002

IR Multiple Photon Dissociation Process : How does it work?

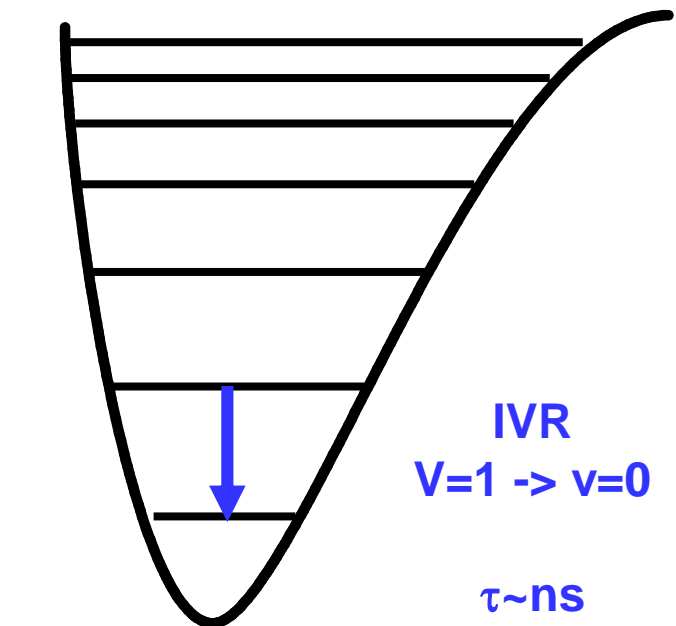
« This method (IRMPD) employs an intense infrared laser to resonantly pump vibrational energy into the molecule in a **noncoherent** fashion, until it has sufficient energy to dissociate. »

R. C. Dunbar, D. T. Moore, and J. Oomens, *J. Phys. Chem. A* **2006**, 110, 8316-8326

Step 1: Absorption



Step 2: Intramolecular Vibrational Redistribution (IVR)

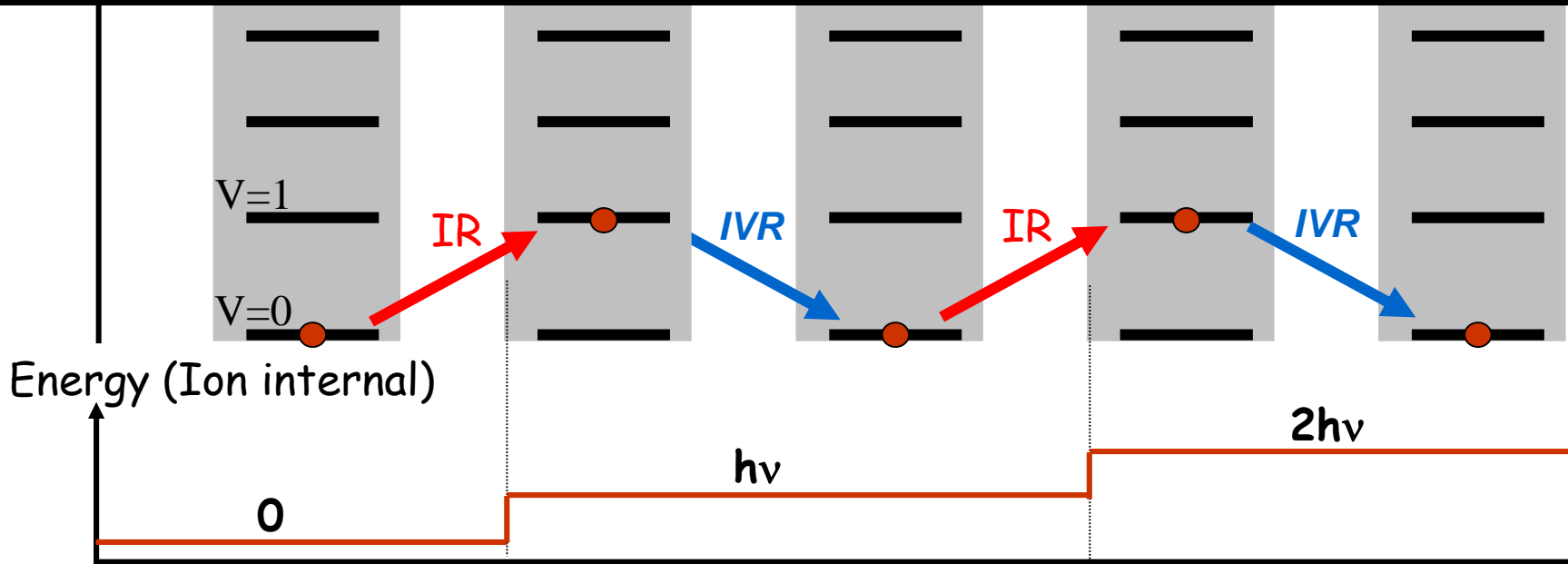


IR multiple photon absorption mechanism: a (too) simple image.

Energy (Resonance vibrational mode)



As under low energy CID conditions, the IR (or collisional) energy absorbed through one (resonance) vibrational mode is redistributed between two absorption events.



Infrared Free Electron Laser (FEL) at Orsay

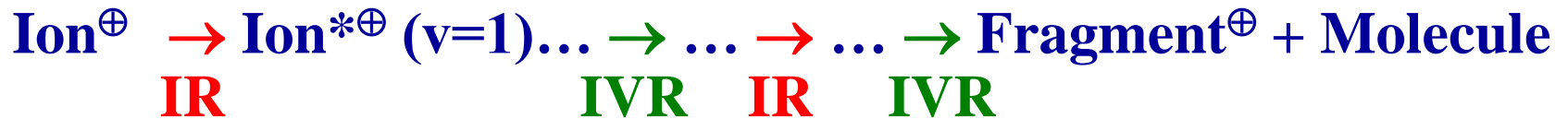
IR FEL : High fluence ($80\mu\text{J}/\text{ps}$ pulse) and broad tunability ($100\text{-}2500\text{ cm}^{-1}$)



IR FEL is based on an electron accelerator (16-48 MeV). IR beam is generated within the undulator placed in the optical cavity.

λ is tuned by adjusting the gap between the two sets of magnets of the undulator.

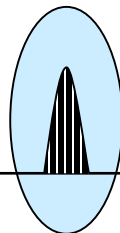
Typically, electrons at 40 MeV give access to the $800\text{-}2000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ IR fingerprint with a \sim stable power.



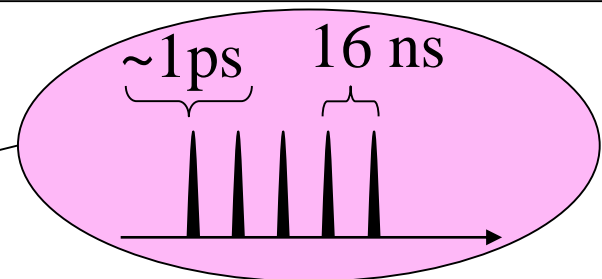
Macropulses (40 mJ) at 25 Hz

$8\text{ }\mu\text{s}$

40 ms



time

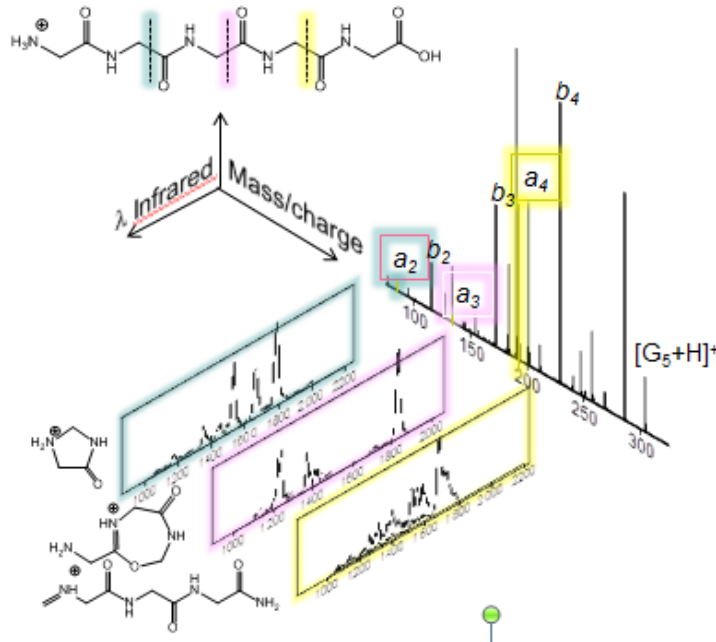


Pico-pulses ($80\text{ }\mu\text{J}$)

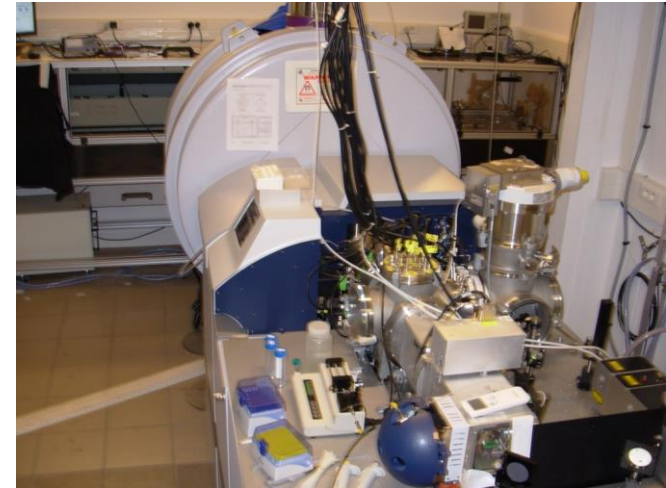
Relative bandwidth $\Delta\lambda/\lambda$ (fwhm) : $\sim 0.5\%$

IR spectra recorded using commercial Tandem Mass Spectrometers @ Orsay

Bruker Esquire
QIT

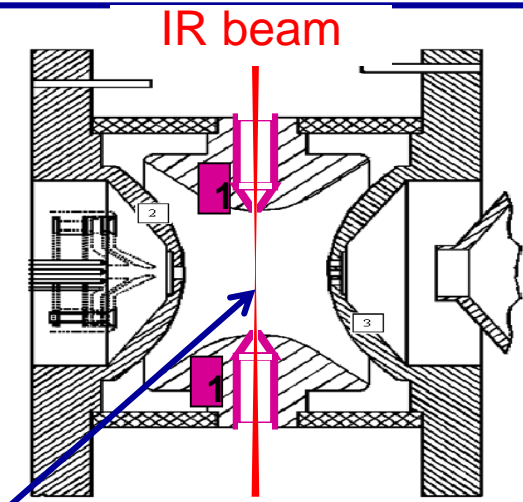


Bruker Apex IV
Hybrid FT-ICR

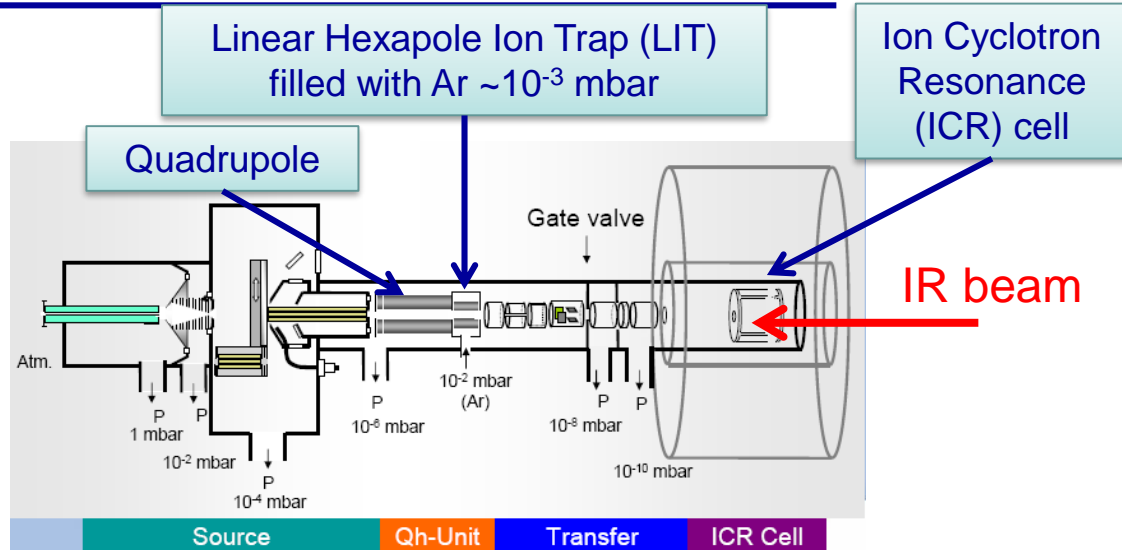


- Very simple implementation; Acquisition and Data Analysis using commercial software
- Room temperature ions: thermalization through collisions prior to IR irradiation
- Any kind of ions, including **strongly bound ions** are amenable
- MSⁿ sequences integrating IR activation can be achieved:
IR spectroscopy of ion fragments (CID+IR, ECD+IR)
and of products of ion/molecule reactions (host-guest, H/D exchange (HDX))

Two MS/MS instruments: pros and cons



Quadrupole Ion Trap (QIT)
filled with He $\sim 10^{-3}$ mbar

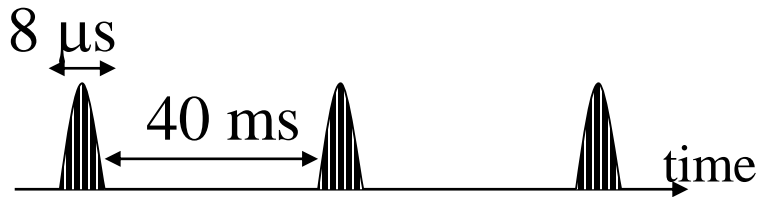


	Bruker Esquire (QIT)	Bruker Apex IV Hybrid FT-ICR
IR irradiation	QIT at 10^{-3} mbar (He)	ICR at $<10^{-9}$ mbar
Collisional cooling	QIT	LIT at 10^{-3} mbar (Ar)
Mass Selection	QIT	Linear Hexapole or ICR
CID-MS/MS	QIT	LIT or ICR (SORI-CAD)
Ion-molecule reaction	QIT	LIT or ICR
Others		Electron Capture Dissociation (ECD)

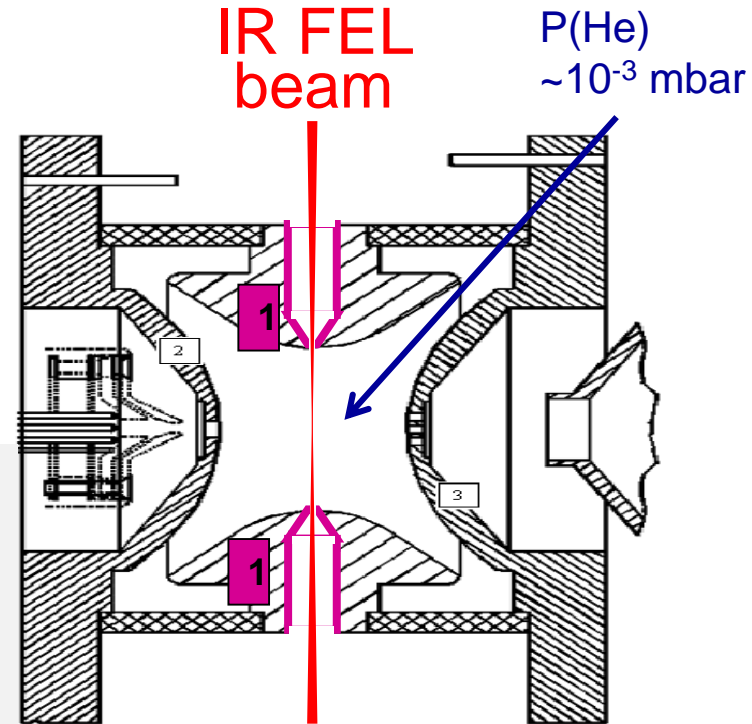
IR Free Electron Laser coupled with Q-ion-trap :

pros (overlap) and cons (thermalization)

IR-FEL delivers macropulses(40 mJ)@25 Hz



- ✓ Helium pressure within the ion trap $\approx 10^{-3}$ mbar
- ✓ Confinement of the ion cloud \Rightarrow excellent ion/laser overlap (100% ion depletion using a single microsecond pulse)
 - Ion/laser overlap, see for example: Philip M. Remes; Gary L. Glish; JPC A 2009.
- ✓ Efficient thermalisation of the ions through multiple low-energy collisions.
 - Typically ~ 10 ms, see for example: Philip M. Remes; Gary L. Glish; IJMS 2007



Performance and ion/laser overlap issues within the QIT versus ICR cell
Mac Aleese *et al*, IJMS 2006.

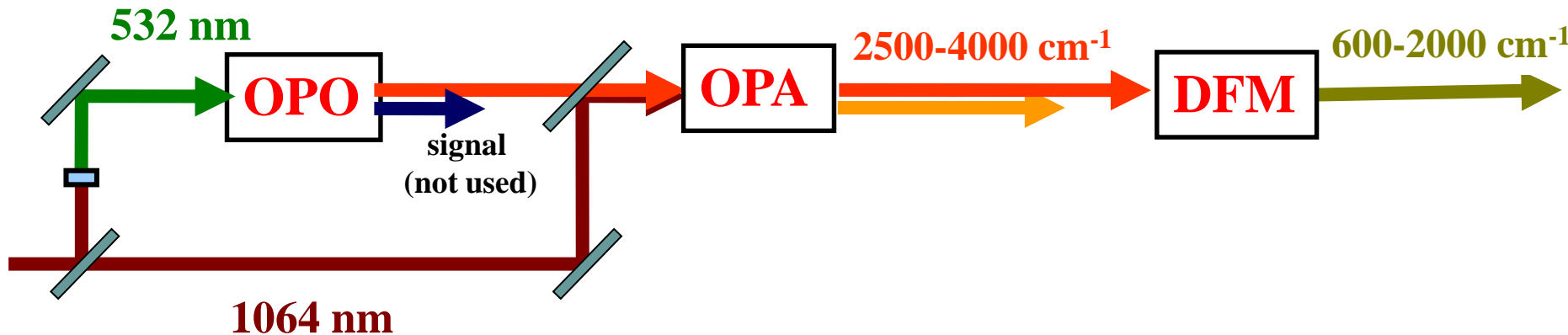
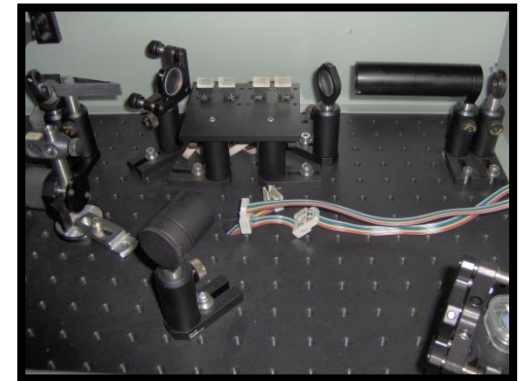
IR spectra in the CH, NH, and OH stretching region: tabletop laser

Based on non-linear optical properties of crystal materials such as KTP, KTA, LiInS₂, AgGaSe₂

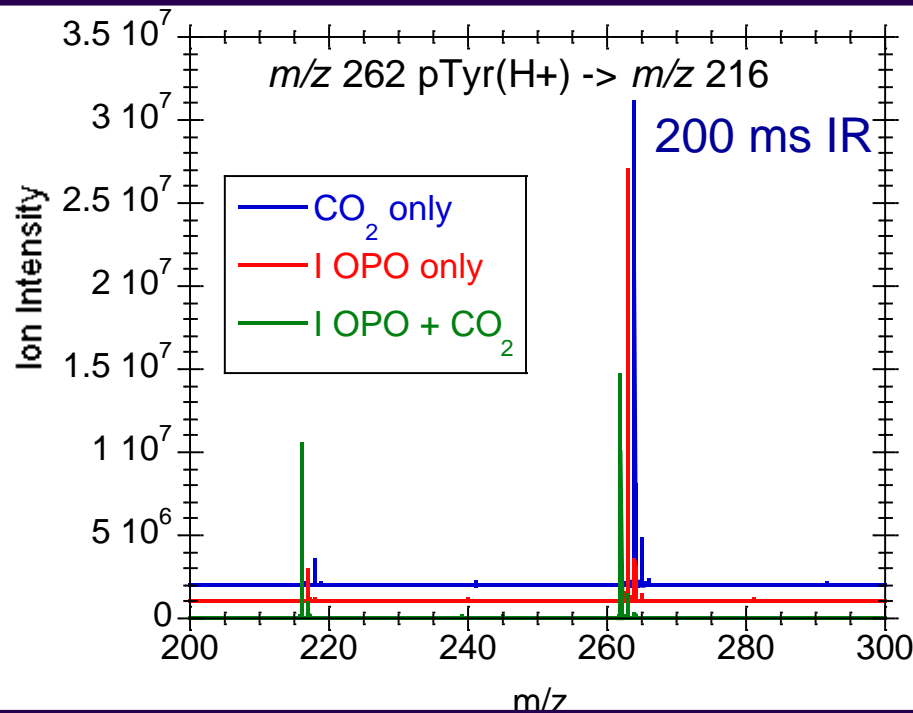
Optical
Parametric
Oscillator



Optical
Parametric
Amplifier



An auxiliary CO₂ laser can be used when IRMPD is not efficient (high dissociation E, low laser power)



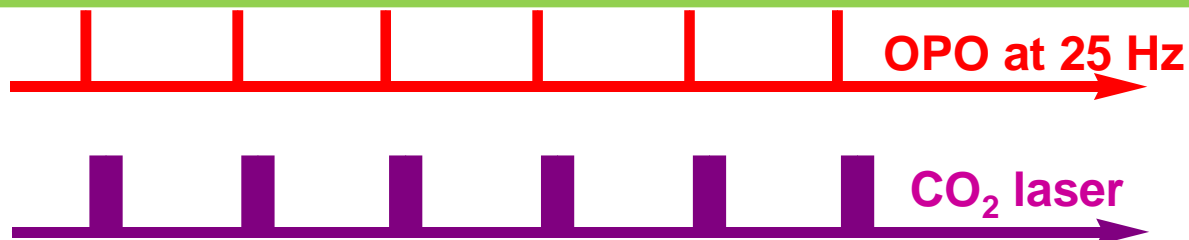
Phosphotyrosine+H⁺ : [pTyr+H]⁺

OPO, on resonance with an O-H band

OPO+CO₂: significant amplification

CO₂ laser is synchronized with the OPO (delay ~ μs)

CO₂ irradiation time optimization: the irradiation time is increased up to the using the CO₂-only fragmentation is obtained



IRMPD at fixed wavelength (CO_2): analytically useful if CO_2 -chromophore

CO_2 laser: $10.6\mu\text{m}$ (943 cm^{-1}).

Phosphate (P-O band) is a CO_2 -chromophore

$\Rightarrow \text{CO}_2$ -IRMPD of Phosphorylated peptides

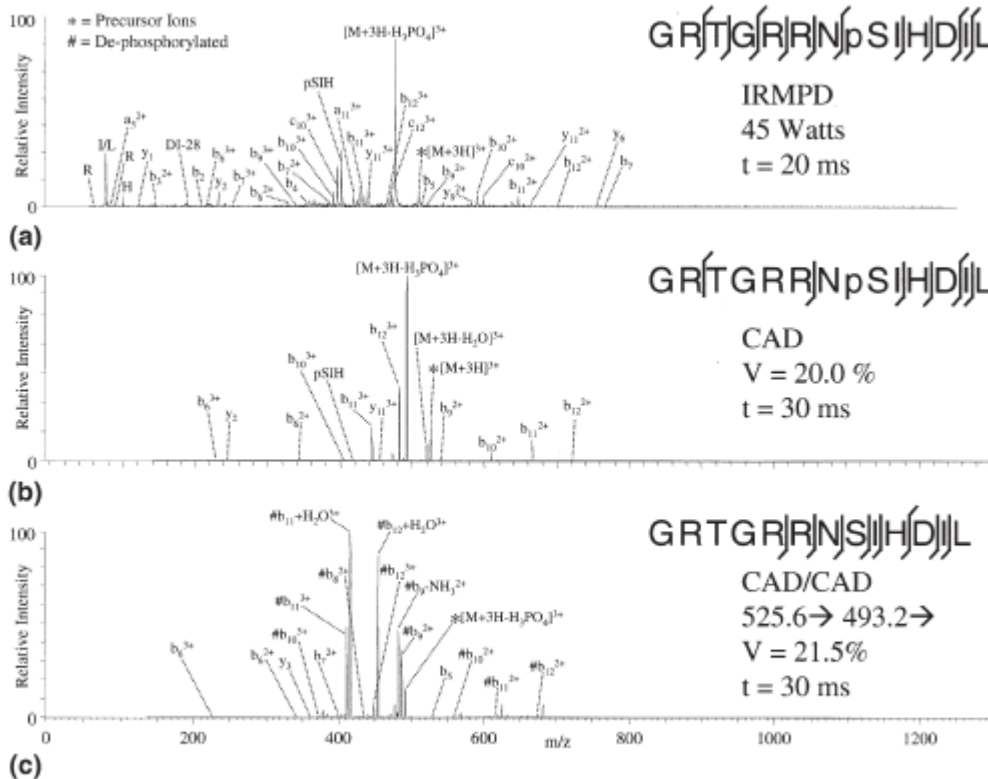


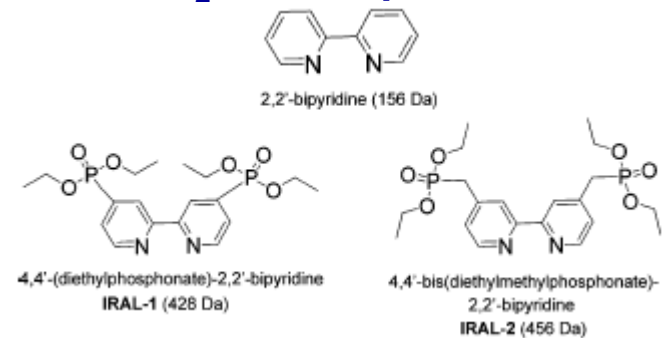
Figure 7. (a) IRMPD, (b) CAD MS², and (c) CAD MS³ mass spectra of triply protonated GRT-GRNpSIHDIIL.

How that can be generalized?

Make a complex with the Analyte + Metal
+ Phosphate containing Ligand

$\Rightarrow \text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{flavonoïde})(\text{CO}_2\text{-chromophore})$

CO_2 -chromophores



Their IR absorption spectra

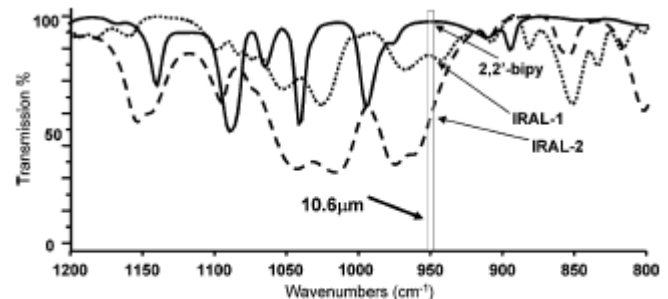
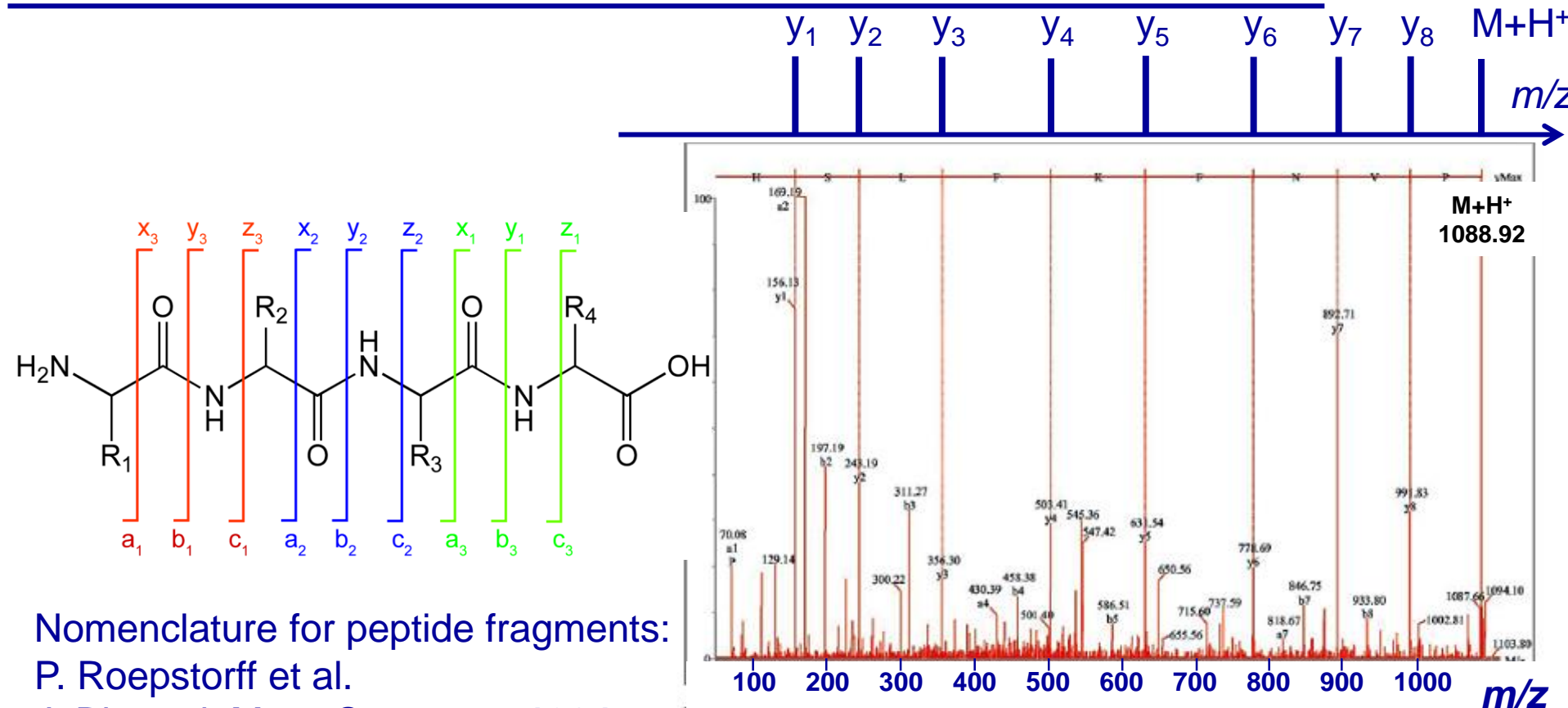


Figure 6. FTIR ATR spectra of the ligands used in the study, showing the enhanced absorption of the IR-active ligands, IRAL-1 and IRAL-2, at $10.6\mu\text{m}$ as compared to 2,2'-bipyridine.

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Peptide Fragmentation using CID: useful information for sequencing



Nomenclature for peptide fragments:

P. Roepstorff et al.

J. Biomed. Mass Spectrom. **1984**

Collision Induced Dissociation (CID 26eV/Ar)
(ToF) Mass Spectrum of protonated
M=PVNFKFLSH nonapeptide

Questions:

What is the fragmentation mechanism?

Exceptions to the simple fragmentation scheme (induced sequence permutation)?

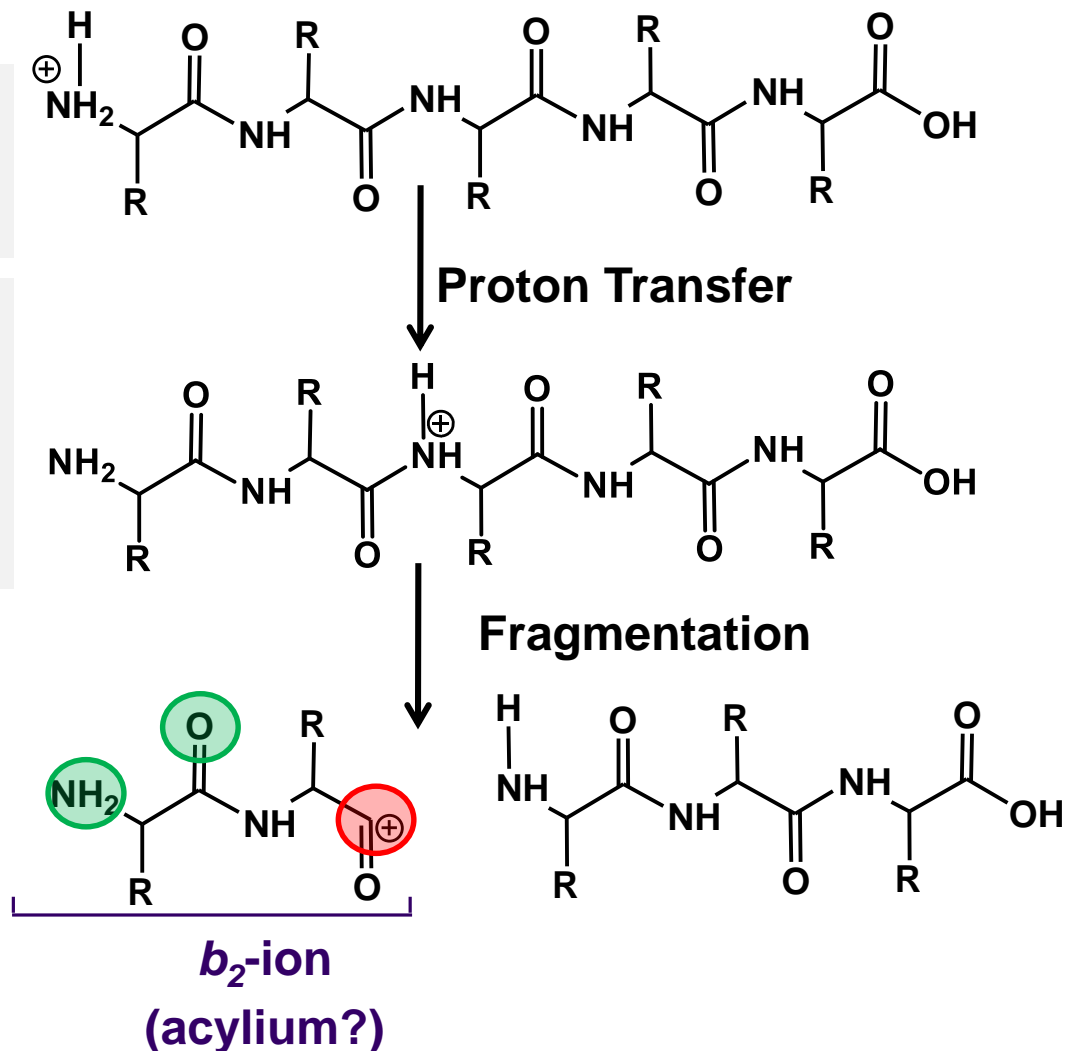
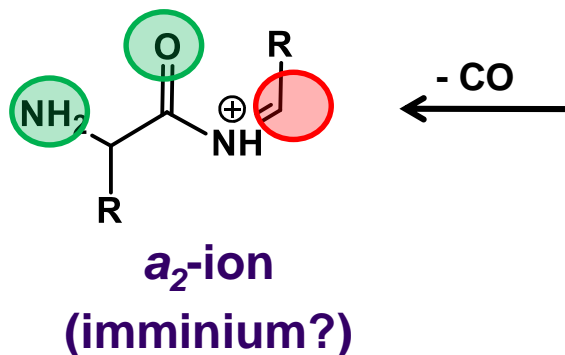
Formation and chemistry of b_n and a_n ions: reaction mechanism

Under collisional activation:

- Proton transfer(s)
- Fragmentation (a/x, b/y fragments)

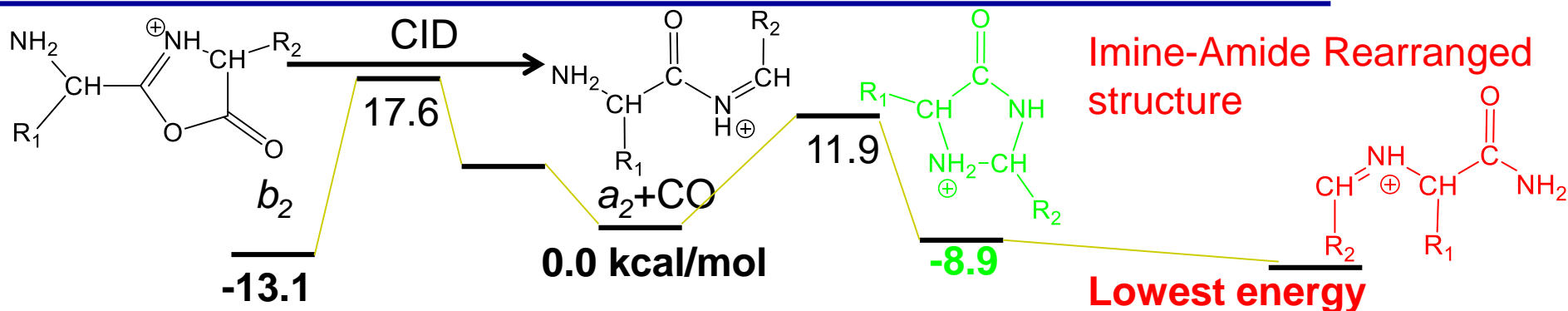
And also rearrangement chemistry driven by (concerted or not) addition/elimination reactions of:

- **Nucleophilic sites**
- On **Electrophilic sites**



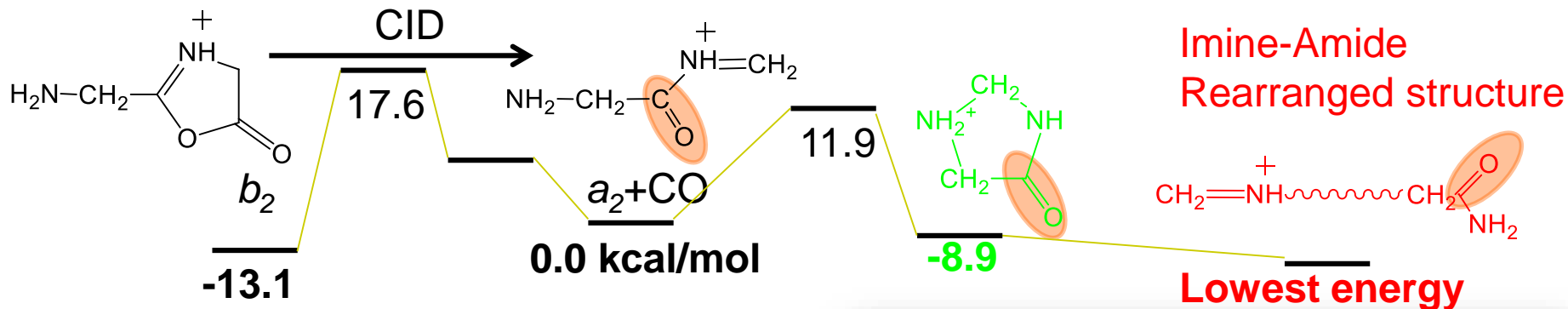
... on fragmentation efficiency: Evidence for the mobile proton model. Wysocki, V.H. and coworkers, JACS 1996, 118, 8365.

a_n fragment ions: formation and rearrangement (permutation) under CID conditions

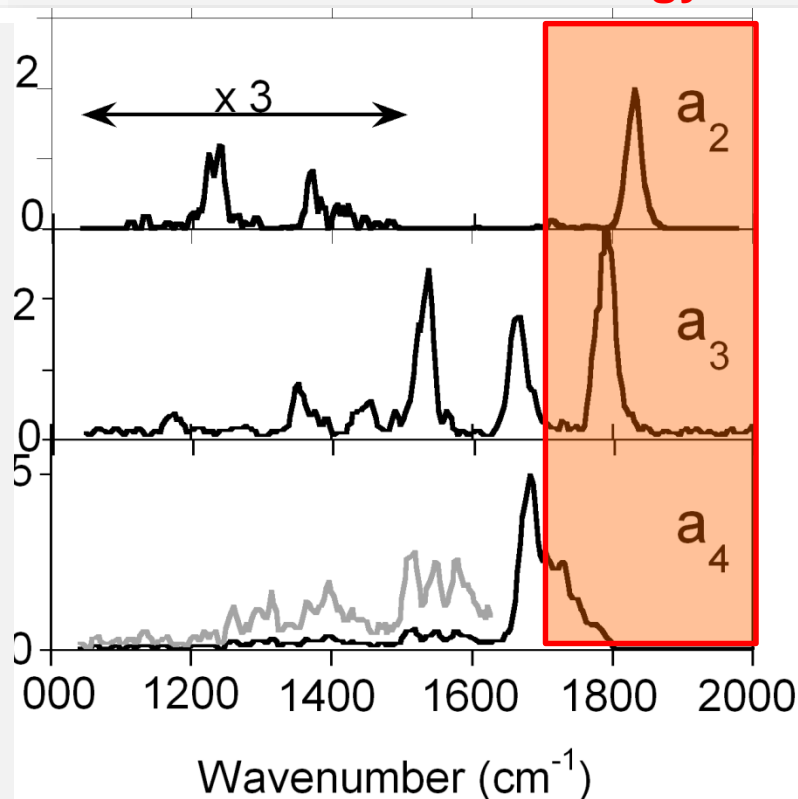


- The a_n ions are frequently observed under high- or low-energy CID conditions. Often more prevalent than the corresponding b_n ions (Zubarev JASMS'08)
- Structure? Iminium formation (Paizs et al RCMS 2000, energetic for $R_1=R_2=H$).
- Cyclisation: attack of terminal NH_2 on iminium C (Siu and coworkers JACS'03)
- Rearrangement?
Indirect evidence (Vachet, Bishop, Erickson, and Glish, JACS'97):
following $a_4(\text{YGGFL}) \rightarrow \text{NH}_3 + a_4^*$, loss of internal (Glycine) residue
IRMPD spectroscopy for an fragments of $[\text{Gly}_n + \text{H}]^+$:
 - a_2 ion: Verkerk, Siu, Steill, El Aribi, Zhao, Rodriguez, Oomens, Hopkinson, and Siu, JPCLet' 10.
 - a_2 - a_3 - a_4 ions: Bythell, Maitre, and Paizs, JACS'10.

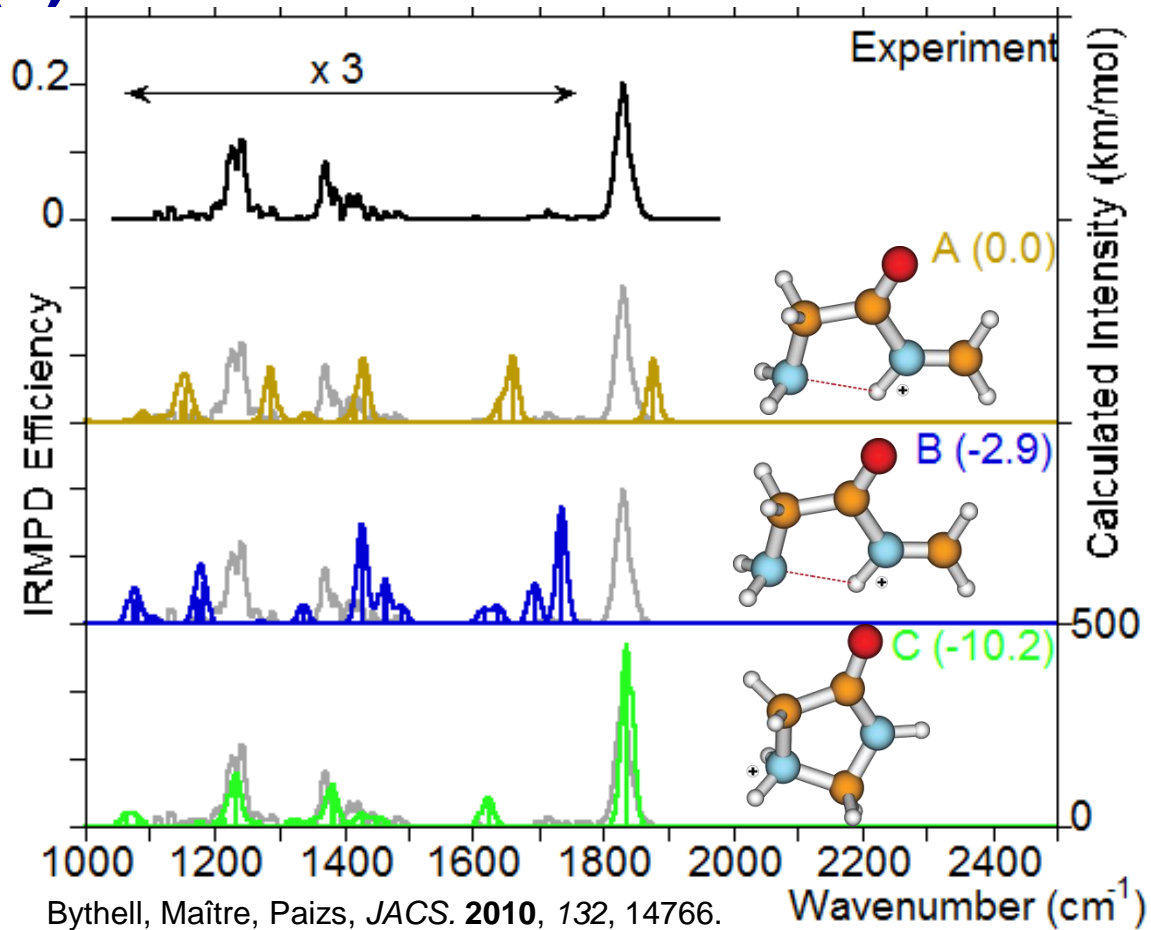
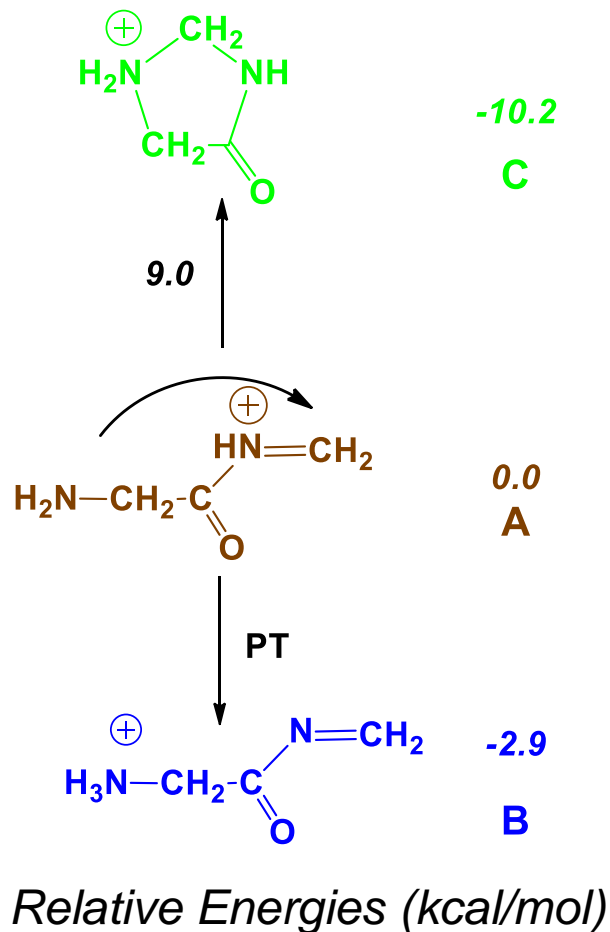
a_n ($n = 2 - 4$) Ions of Oligoglycines: 1000-2000 cm^{-1} IR spectra are different



- Oligoglycine ($\text{R}_1=\text{R}_2=\dots=\text{H}$)
- Very different IR spectra for a_2 , a_3 , a_4 of protonated $[\text{G}_n+\text{H}]^+$.
- The C=O stretching region was the most structurally diagnostic.
- Consistency of theoretical and experimental results: rearrangement of a_n ions is kinetically controlled. The lowest energy isomer accessible through energy barriers lower than 10-12 kcal/mol is formed.



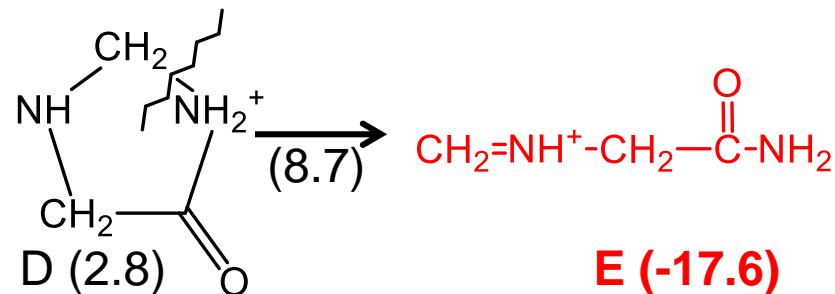
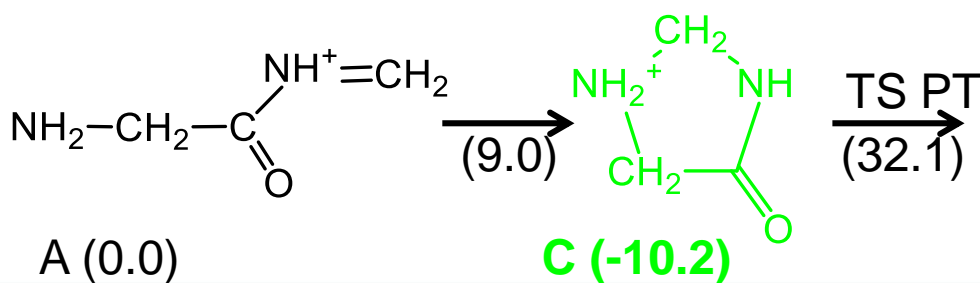
Fragment ion a_2 of $[GGG+H]^+$: Isomer(s) formed?



One (cyclic) or 2 isomers formed?

K.W M. Siu and co-workers (*JPC. Lett.* 2010, 1, 868): a second isomer (permuted sequence) also formed.

a_2 of $[GGG+H]^+$: 5-membered ring (C) and/or rearranged structure (E) ?



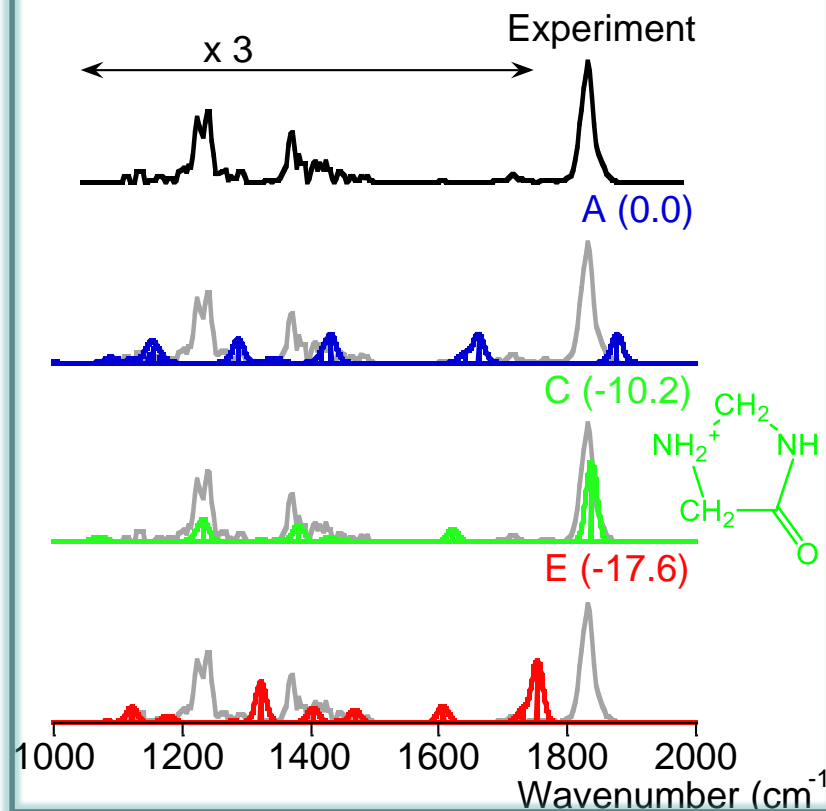
Under low-energy CID conditions, the high energy 1,3 proton transfer prevents from the rearrangement of a_2 ions of $[G_5+H]^+$.

Bythell, Maître, Paizs, JACS. 2010, 132, 14766.

Under other experimental conditions: 2 C=O bands (~1727 cm^{-1} for E, and ~1828 cm^{-1} for C)

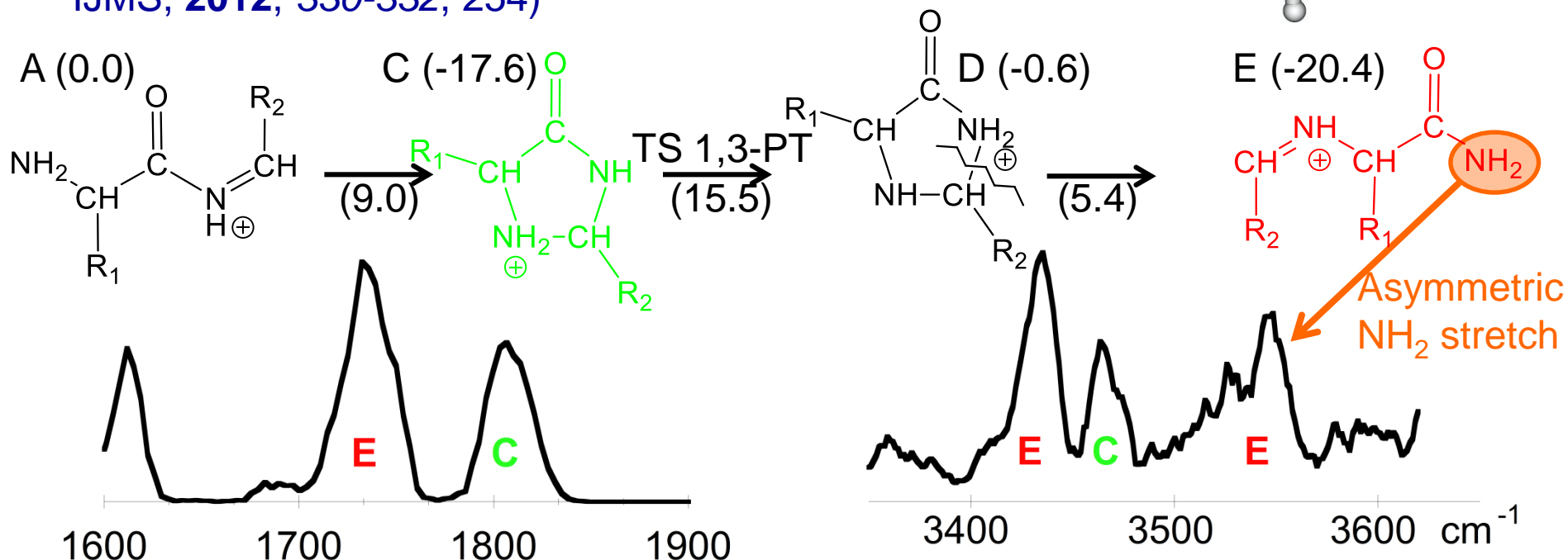
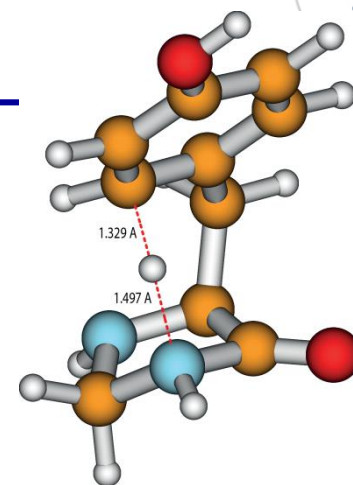
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CID in the source region (high pressure)
Water and/or Methanol the 1,3-proton transfer
Siu and coworkers, IJMS, 2012, 330-332, 254



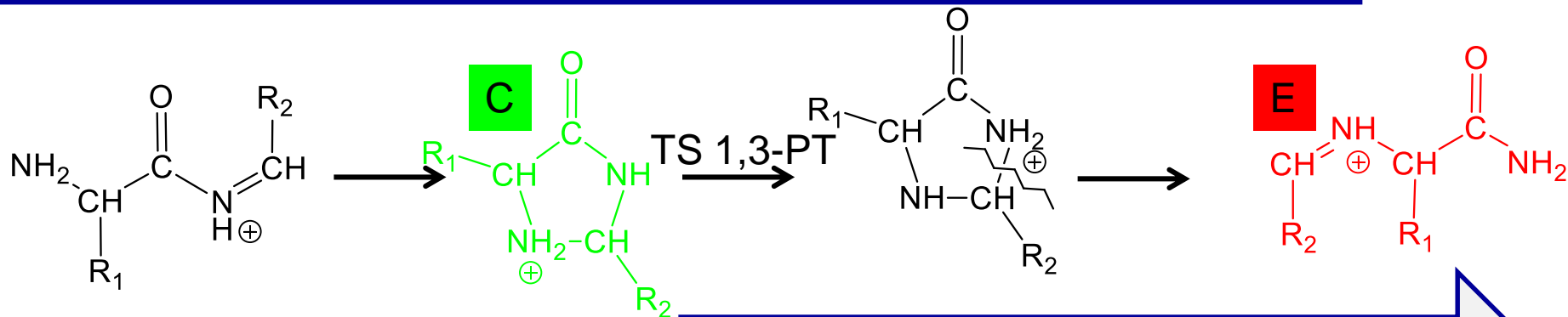
IR signatures of imine-amide rearranged structure: role of aromatic side-chain

- a_2 of [YGGFL+H]⁺: catalyzed 1,3 proton transfer: The interaction of the tyrosine side-chain with the proton significantly lowers the 1,3-PT TS (15.5 vs 32.1 kcal/mol, Bythell *et al*, IJMS **2012**, 316-8, 227)
- Similar findings with Phe side-chain (Siu and coworkers, IJMS, **2012**, 330-332, 254)

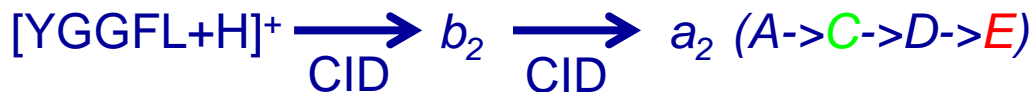
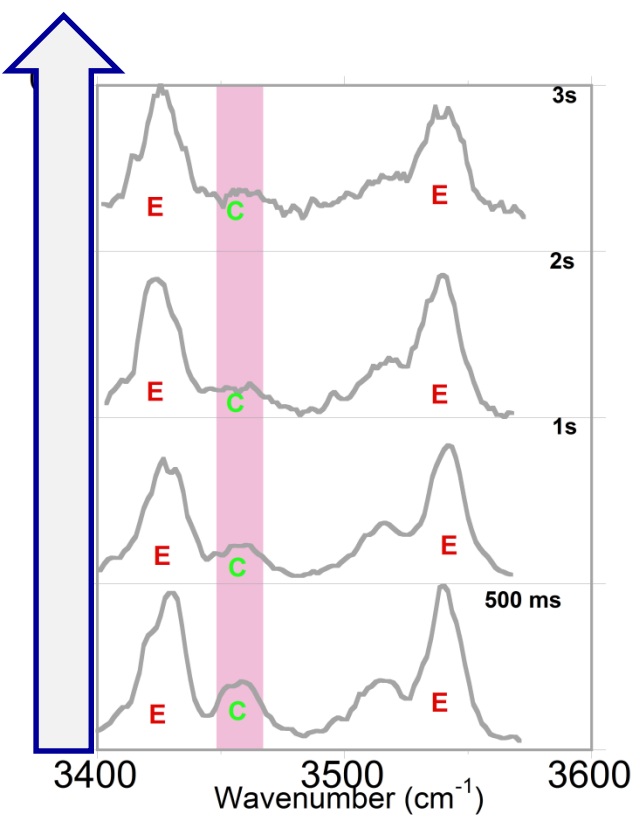


- ~3530 cm⁻¹ IR signature of rearranged a_n ions:
- a_2 - a_4 of [G_n+H]⁺ (to be submitted), [YGGFL+H]⁺ (Wassermann; Boyarkin; Paizs; Rizzo, JASMS 2012, 23, 1029)

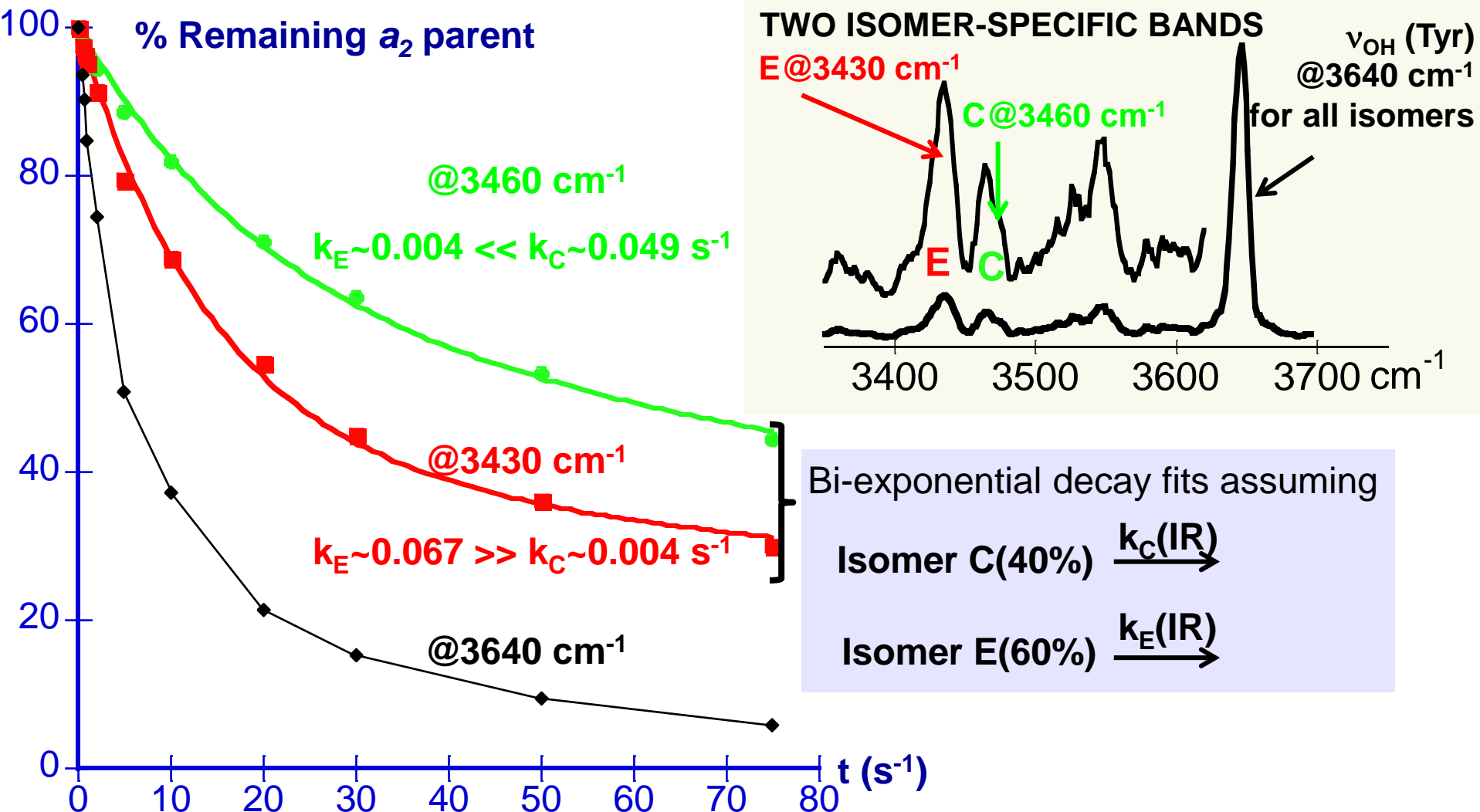
Cyclic to imine-amide rearranged structure favored when increasing the collision time period



Increasing the CID time period favors the **C** \rightarrow **E** rearrangement



Probing Isomer population: IRMPD Efficiency vs Irradiation Time



Isomer specific IR spectra: IR-IR or IR-UV double resonance spectra

- IR-IR: K. Asmis (FHI Berlin)
 - See review on metal oxide clusters, PCCP **2012**, 14, 9270
- IR-IR: M.A. Johnson (Yale)
 - A. B. Wolk, C. M. Leavitt, E. Garand, M. A. Johnson, Acc. Chem. Res. **2012**, 45, 1000
 - Applied on small peptides, J. Phys. Chem. Lett. **2012**, 3, 1000
- IR-IR: J. Roithova (Praha)
 - J. Jašík, J. Žabka, J. Roithová., D. Gerlich, IJMS **2013**, 3, 1000
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 - A review: J. Roithová, A. Gray, E. Andris, J. Jašík, D. Gerlich, Chem. Rev. **2013**, 113, 49, 223 – 230.
- IR-UV: T. R. Rizzo (Lausanne)
 - Stearns, J. A.; Boyarkin, O. V.; Rizzo, T. R. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2007**, 129, 13820.

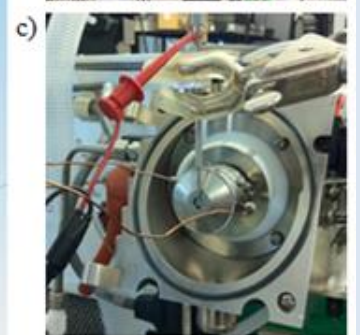
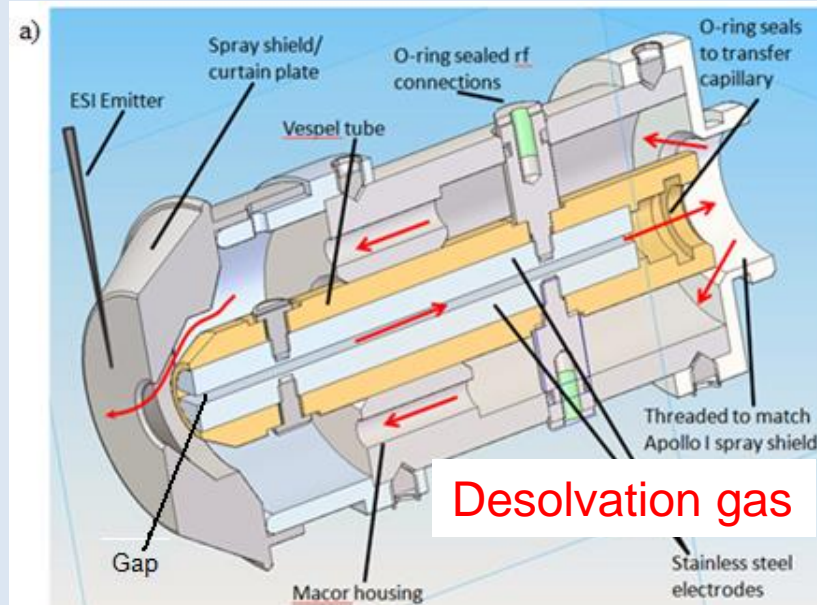
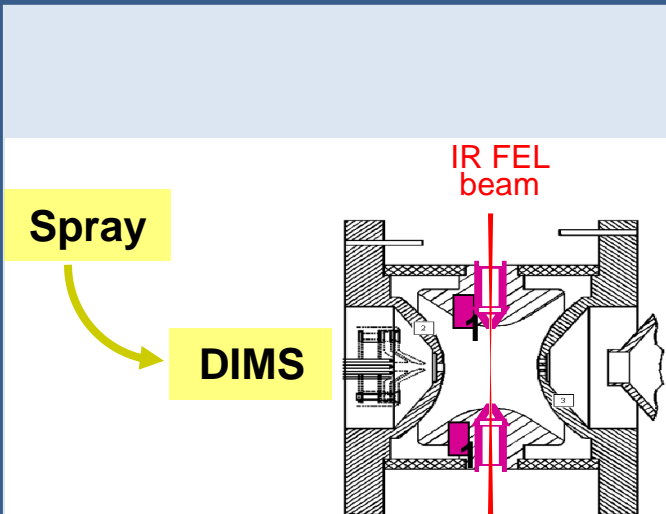


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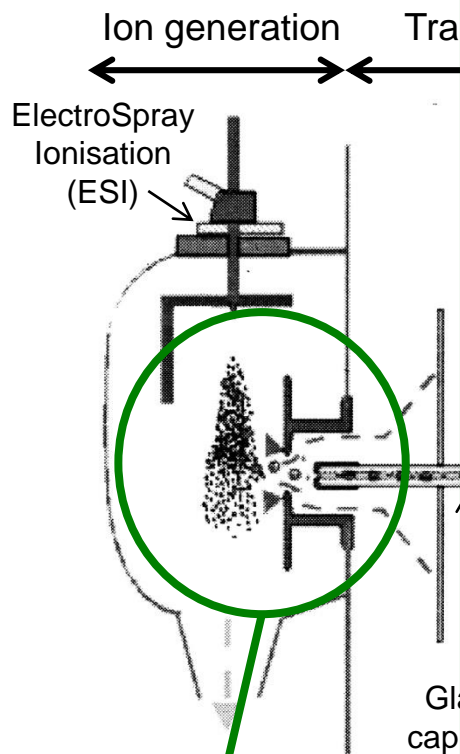
Towards the IR spectroscopy of mobility selected isomers

- Coupling IMS and laser activation:
 - First: Dugourd, Jarrold and coworkers, *J. Chem. Phys.* **1999**, 111, 7865.
 - IMS+UV: Reilly, Clemmer and coworkers, *JASMS* **2011**, 22, 1477
 - IMS+UV/IR: Rizzo and coworkers, *Faraday Discuss.* **2011**, 150, 243
 - IMS+UV: Bieske and coworkers, *PCCP* **2013**, 15, 9540
 - IMS+IR: von Helden and coworkers, *JACS* **2014**
- In our lab at Orsay, integration of IMS and IR on Quadrupole Ion Trap
 - Differential Ion Mobility Spectrometry (DIMS)
 - Developed by Gary L. Glish (Chapel Hill, NC, USA), in collaboration with Bruker

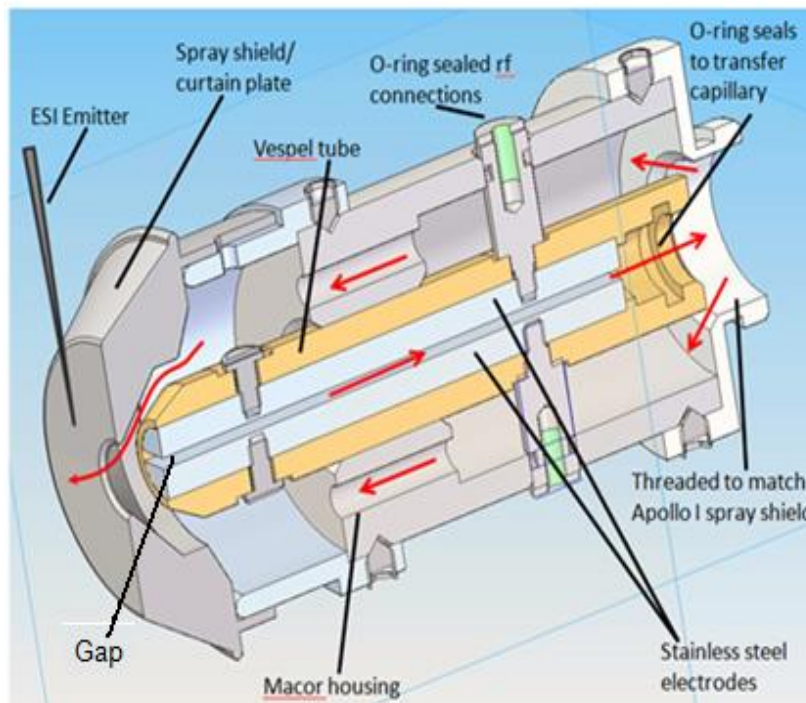


DMS-Ion trap-IR activation experimental

Differential Ion Mobility Spectrometry (DMS)

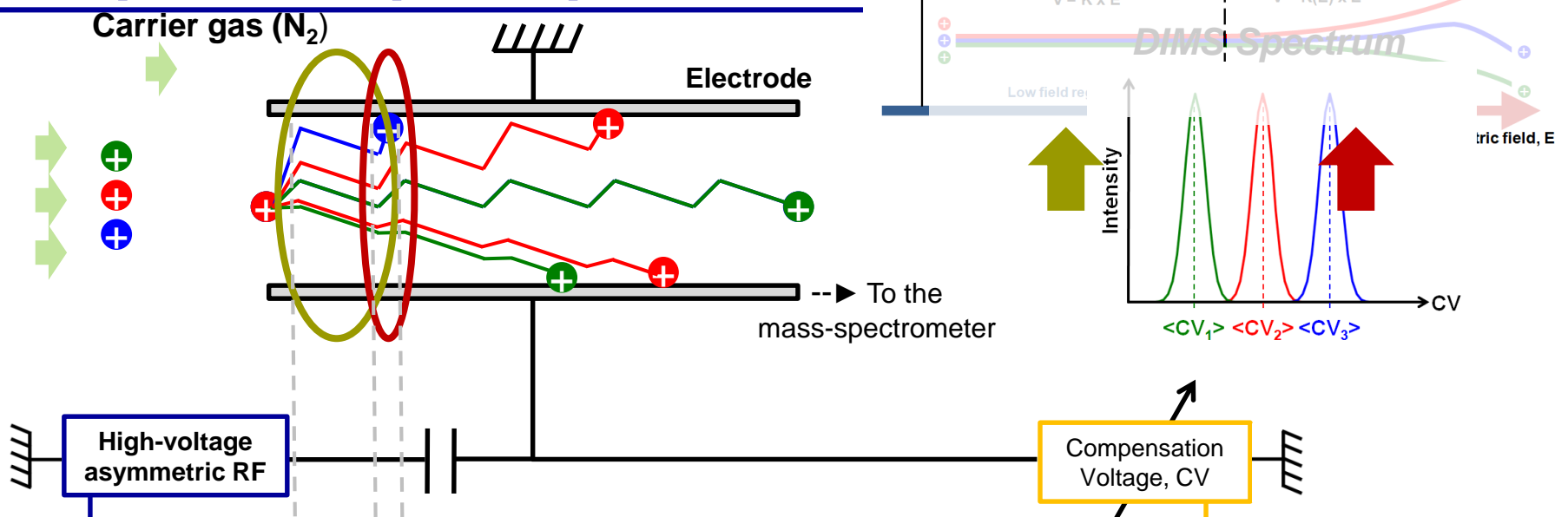


**Separation by
Ion Mobility**



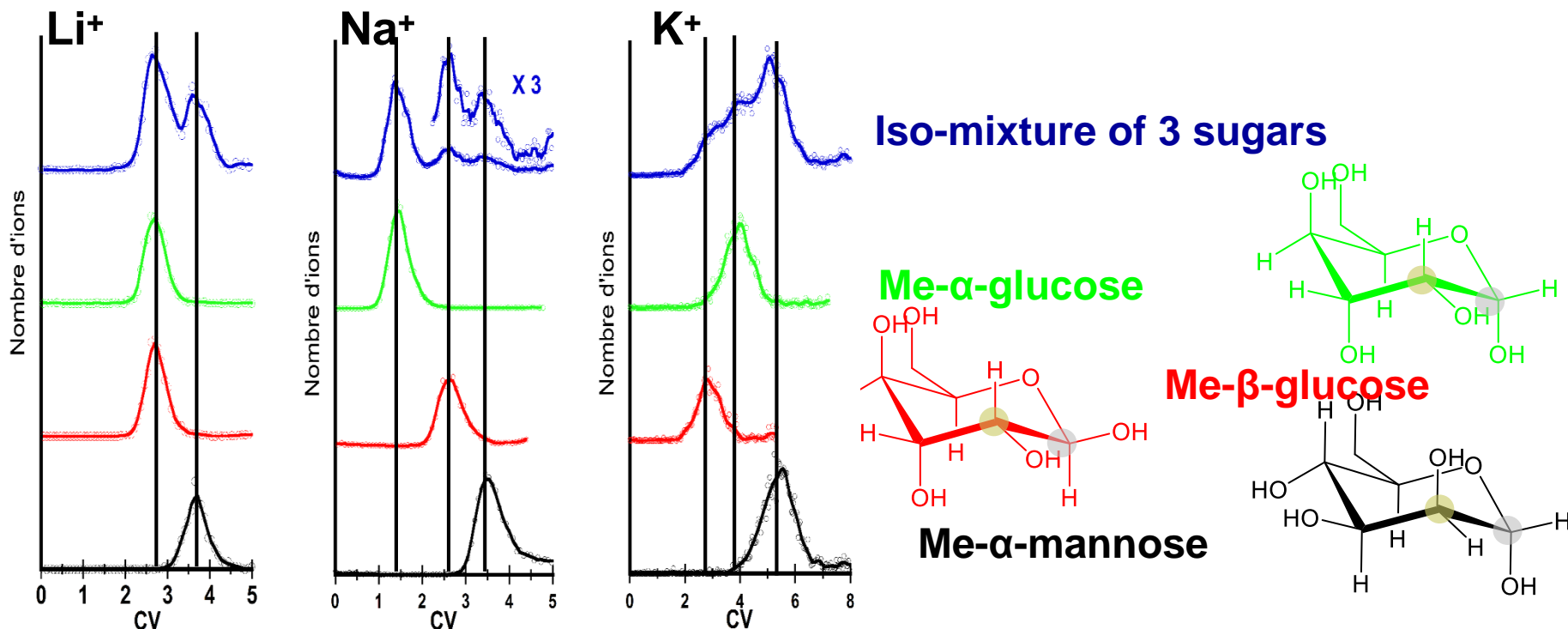
- DMS cell is inserted between the ESI emitter and the capillary transfer.
- The N_2 desolvation gas is partially redirected through the outer housing of the DMS assembly to serve as an ion carrier gas as well as for ion desolvation.
- Modifiers can be added to the N_2 carrier gas flow for improving ion separation.

Separation principle and D



- Reduction of background signal.
 - DMS filtered ions can be accumulated: high signal-to-noise \Rightarrow MS/MS analysis
 - DMS-selected isomers can be characterized
- No clear understanding of the ion mobility under high electric field.
 - No cross section measurement.

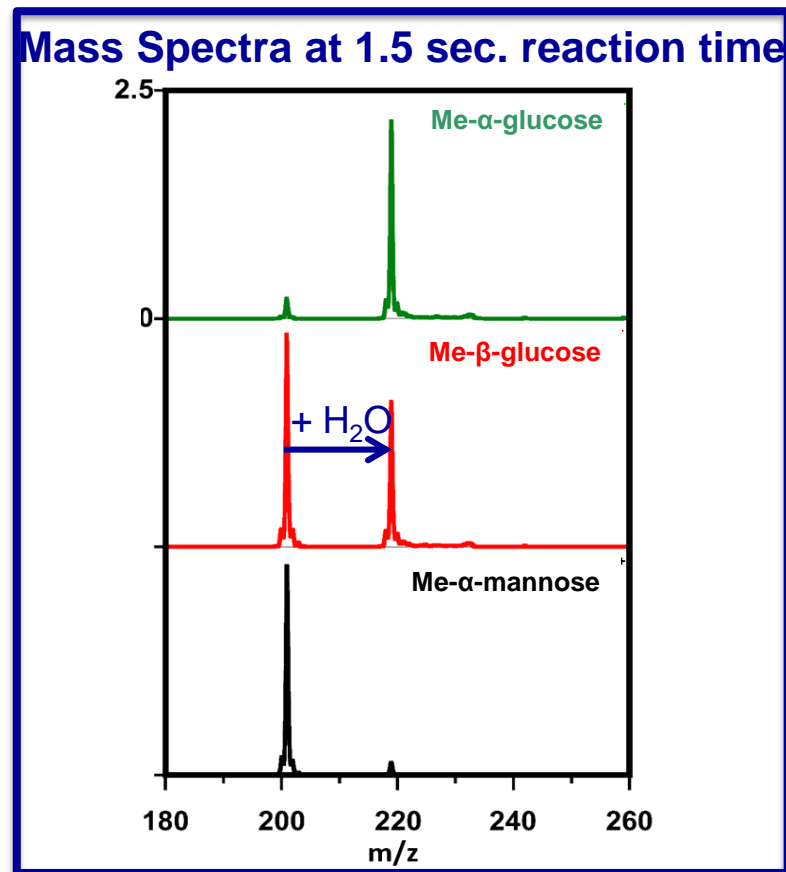
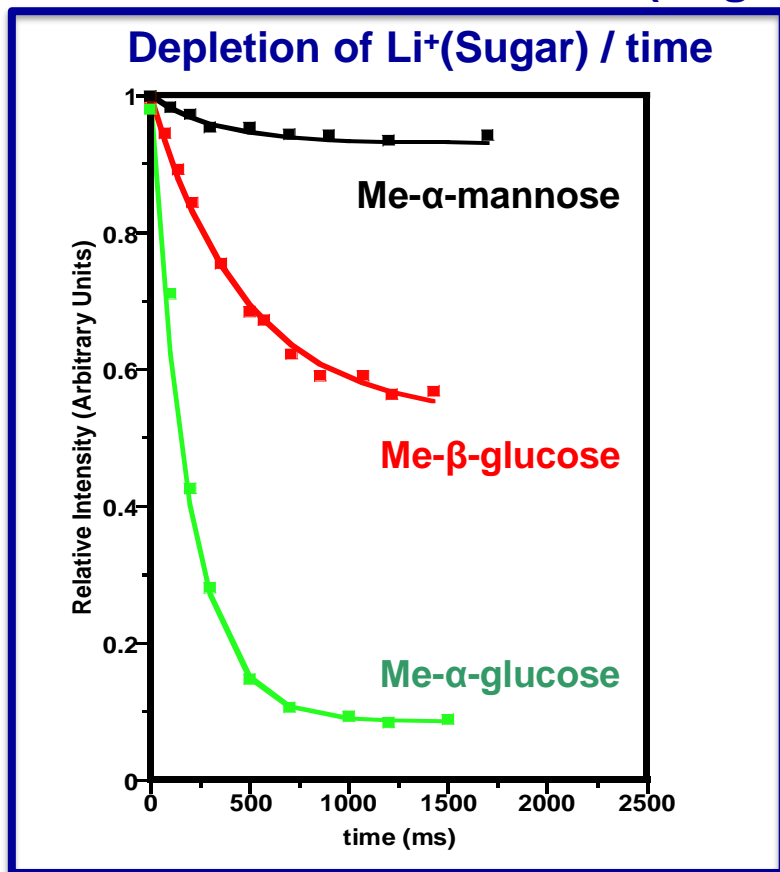
Separation of Saccharides using DIMS: effect of M^+ ($M=Li, Na, K$) ionizing cation



- For each metal/sugar adduct: a single peak (fwhm~0.5 V)
- Two glucose α/β anomers best separated with Na^+ ; resolution for anomer separation ($R=1.41$), to be compared to 1.12 (DTIMS) or 0.44 (TWIMS), see Hill and coworkers, *Anal. Chem.* 2012, 84 (7), 3231-3239
- Anomers separated, but reverse ordering using Na^+ and K^+
 - => Change of structure (M^+ coordination and/or hydrogen bonding)?

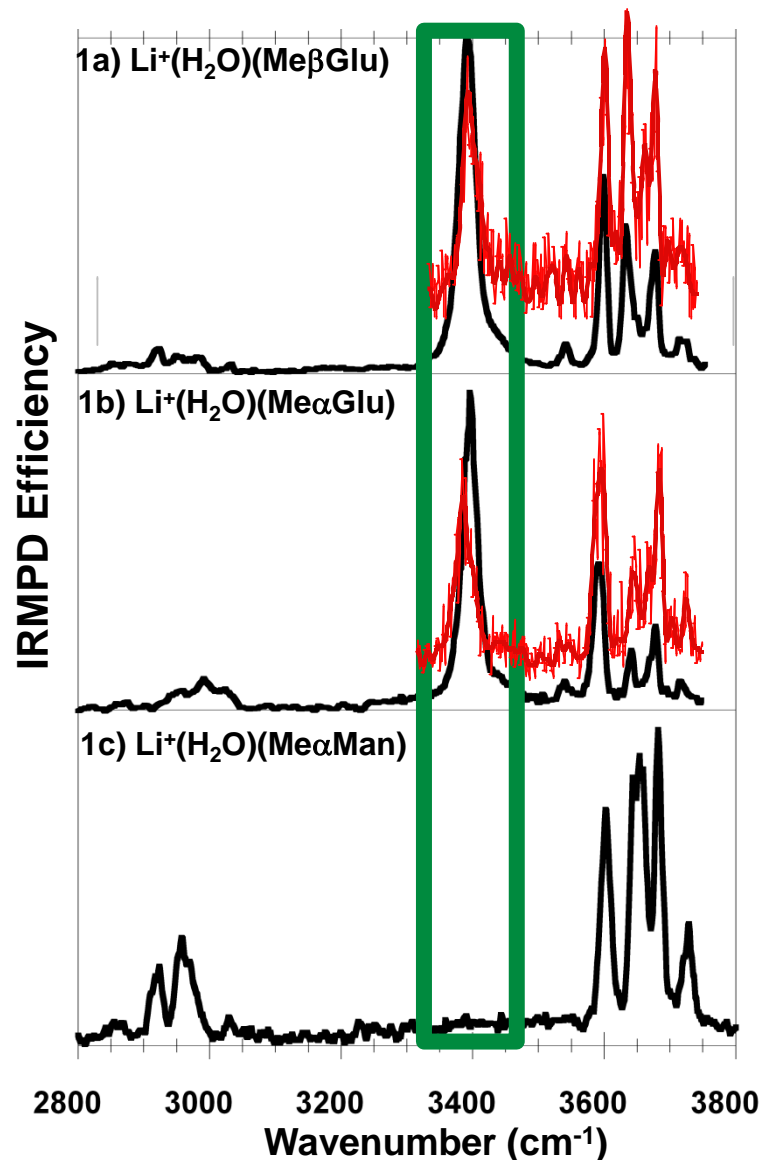
Selective ion-molecule reactions of DIMS- and mass-selected ions with water

DIMS- and Mass-Selected $\text{Li}^+(\text{Sugar})$ adduct is allowed to react with water



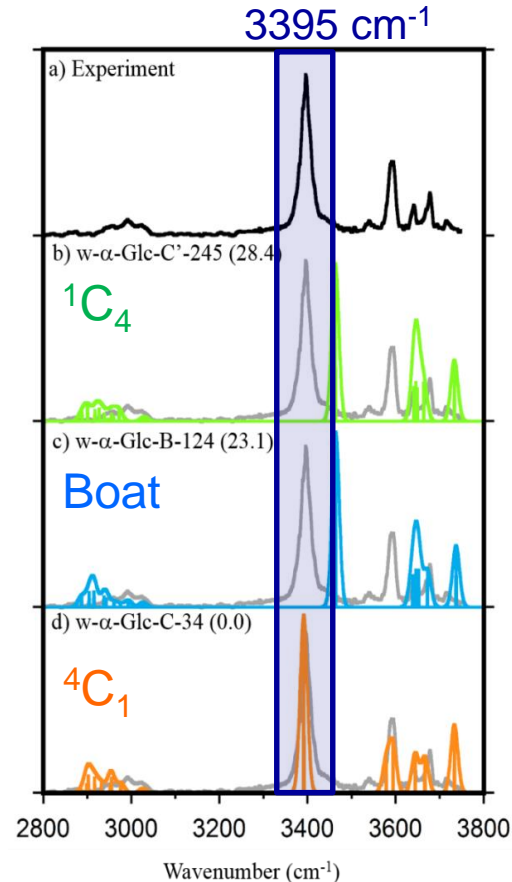
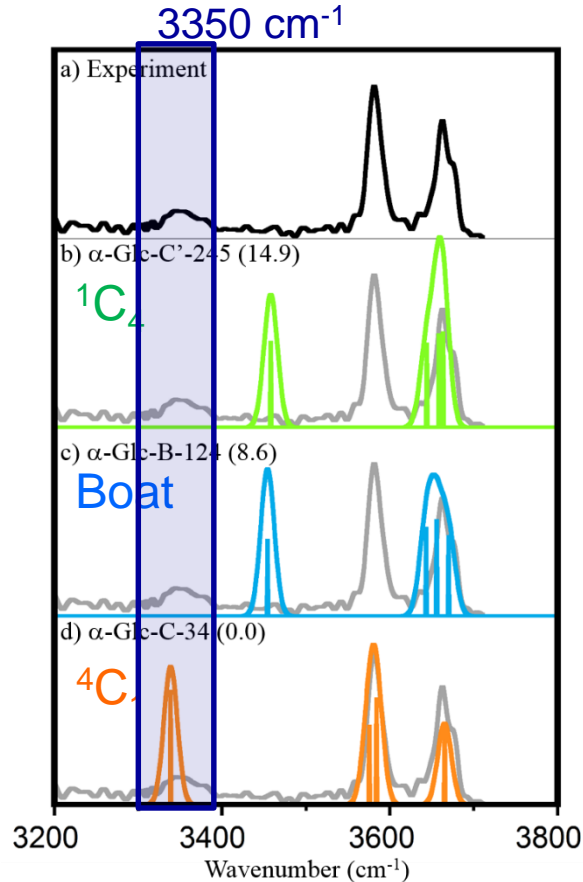
- Reaction yields: α -Glucose \geq β -Glucose \gg α -Mannose
- Assuming that water binds to Li^+ , this may suggest that the denticity of sugar (Coordination Number (CN) of Li^+) is different (2 or 3?)

Infrared Spectroscopy of singly-hydrated DIMS-selected isomers



- IR spectroscopy performed in water tagged DIMS-selected ions
- Reference spectra, i.e. ESI of:
 $\text{Li}^+(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{Me}\beta\text{Glu})$,
 $\text{Li}^+(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{Me}\alpha\text{Glu})$,
 $\text{Li}^+(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{Me}\alpha\text{Man})$.
- **IR spectra of DIMS- and Mass-Selected isomers**
- **Band assignment?**
 - 6 OH stretches (sugar and water)
 - Multiple weak CH ($\sim 3000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) can be seen
- **Band at $\sim 3400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (α/β -glucose)**
 - Signature (\Rightarrow specific IR activation)?
 - Signature of which bonding motif?

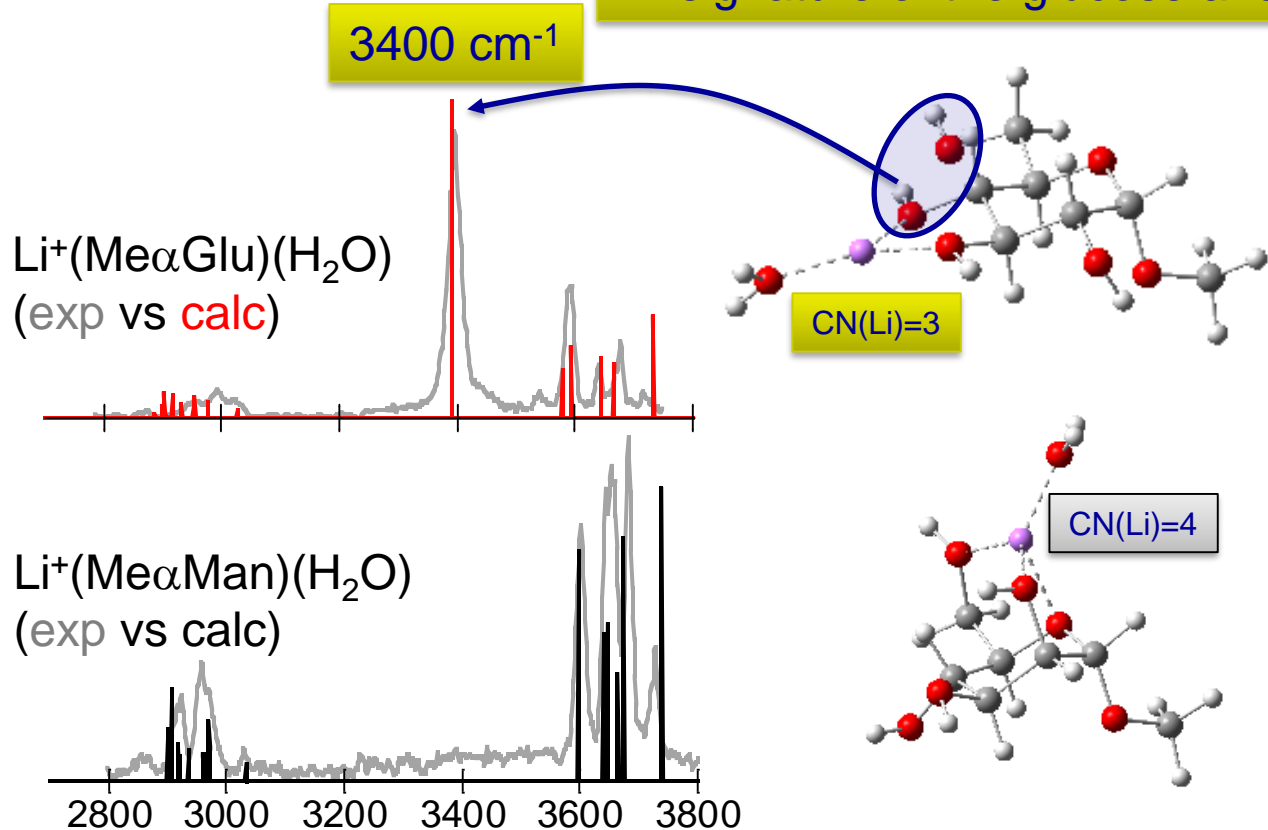
Structure of $\text{Li}^+(\text{Me-}\alpha\text{-Glucose})$ without and with H_2O



- Observed IR spectra is consistent with the predicted spectrum of the lowest-energy structure
- Position of the bands: exp/theory agreement to within 1%
- IR diagnostic band (HB DA OH stretch) slightly blue shifted upon water addition: consistent with decreased charge on lithium

Glucose/mannose structural difference consistent with IRMPD and DIMS

IR signature of the glucose anomers



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