

Complete reconstruction of bound and unbound electronic wavefunctions in two-photon double ionization

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Outline

1. Intro: complete experiment & two photon double ionization
2. FERMI FEL and Low Density Matter beamline
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 - excitation scheme & detection
 - yield ratio and PAD (photoelectron angular distribution)
 - complete experiment: theory vs experiment
4. Resonant case: the role of AIS (auto ionizing states)
5. Complete experiment: reconstruction of all the variables
6. Conclusions

Motivations

Complete experiment in photoionization

- ✓ *Complete characterization of the process*
- ✓ *Information on all observables (test of theory)*
- ✓ *Three dimensional photoelectron distribution (Amplitudes A_n and phases φ_n of the partial waves)*

Two-photon double ionization

- ✓ *Dominant nonlinear mechanism intensity range 10^{13} - 10^{15} W/cm²*
- ✓ *High XUV intensities are required*
- ✓ *Complete experiment in ions (intermediate polarized state)*

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FERMI @ ELETTRA & LDM (Low Density Matter) Beamline

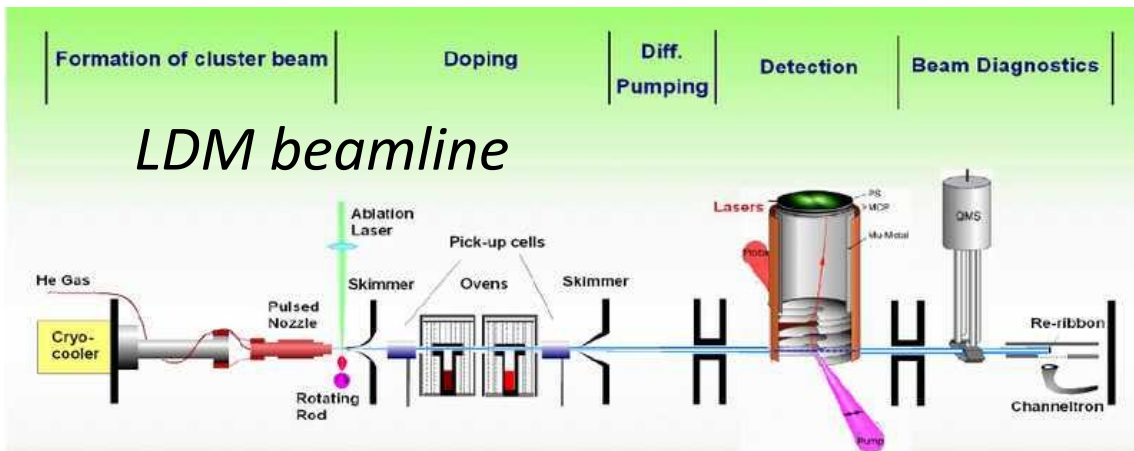
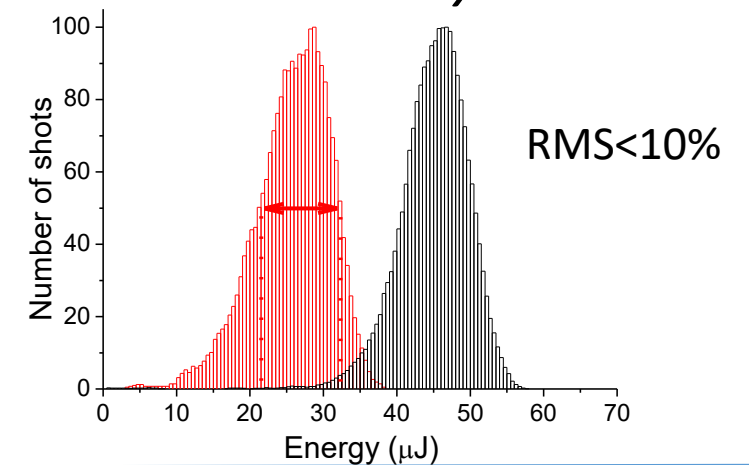
FERMI and ELETTRA



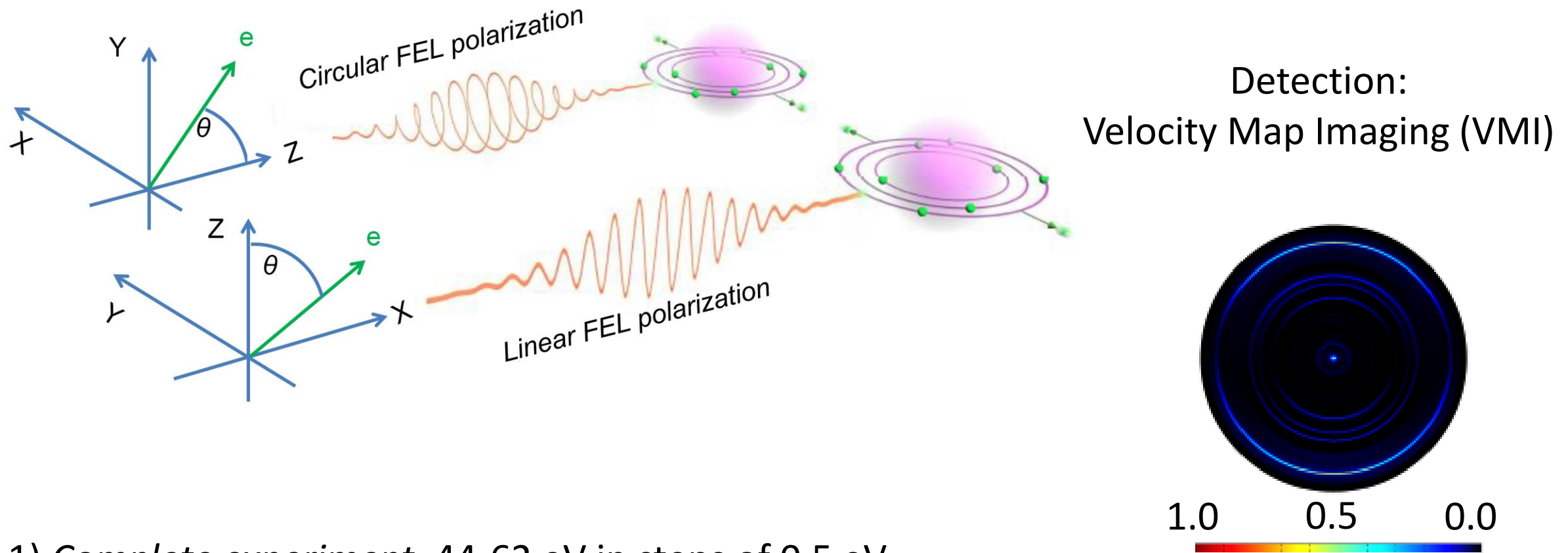
Seeded FEL XUV pulses:

- Polarization control
- Spectral and intensity stability
- Spectral tunability
- Pulse energy $\sim 10\mu\text{J}$
- $\Delta\omega = 1.5\%$ FWHM (90meV @ 60eV)

Pulse energy stability



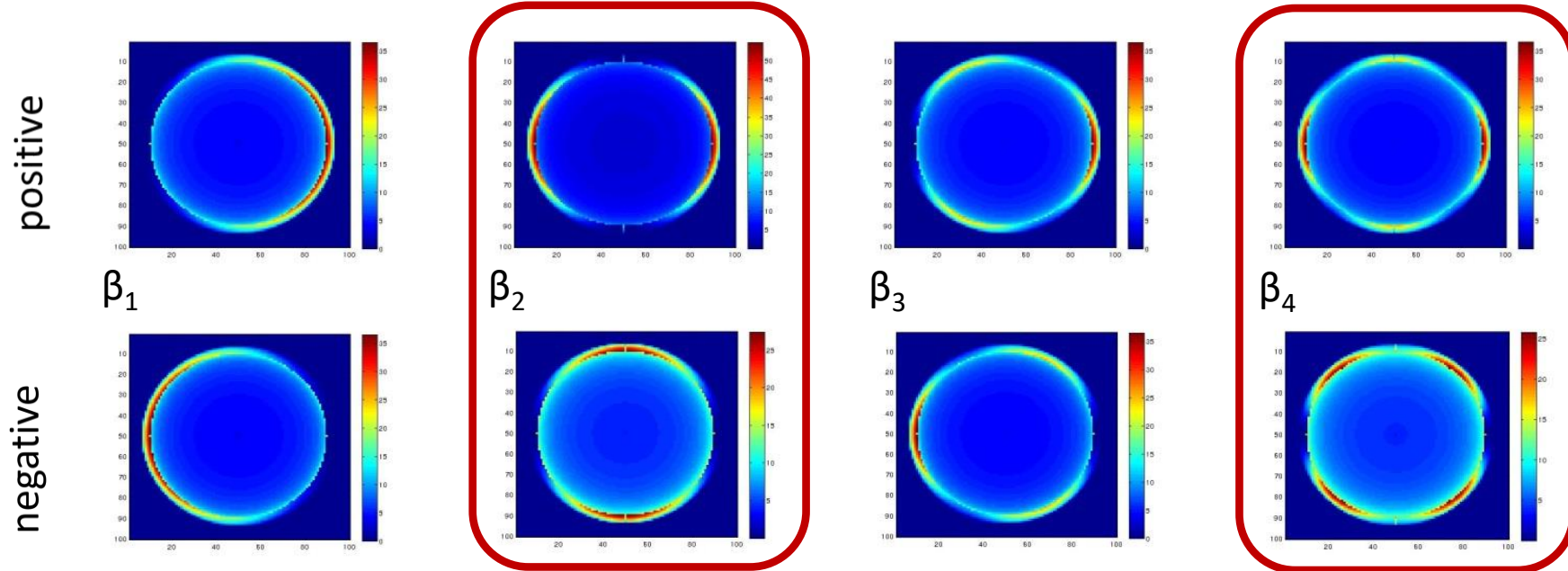
The experiment: linearly and circularly polarized intense XUV pulses



- 1) *Complete experiment*: 44-62 eV in steps of 0.5 eV
- 2) *Role of autoionizing states*: 56.2-56.7 eV in steps of 20 meV

β_k parameters: definition and physical meaning

$$\frac{dW}{d\Omega} = \frac{W_0}{4\pi} \left[1 + \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k P_k(\cos \theta) \right]$$

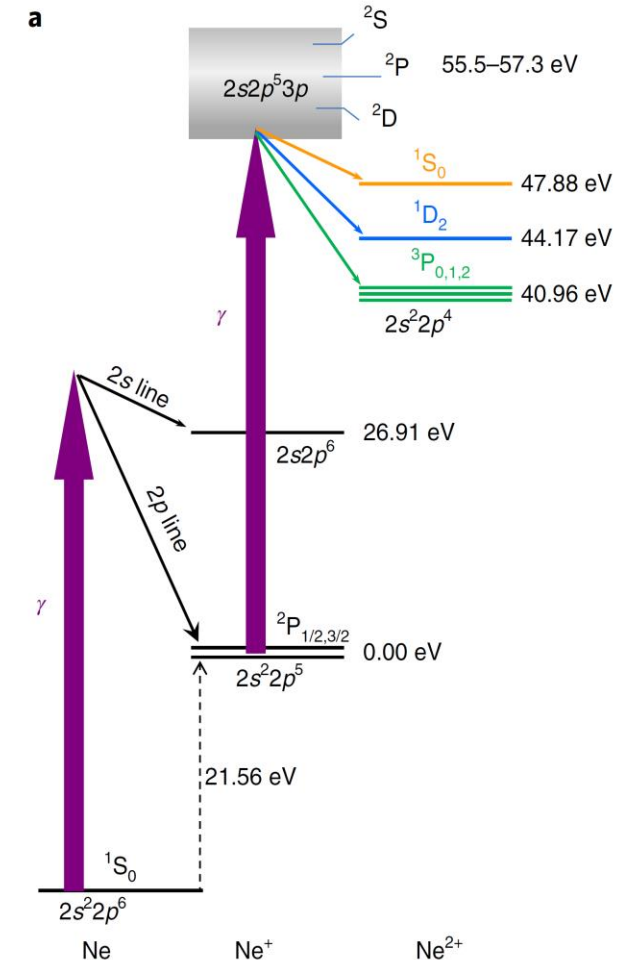
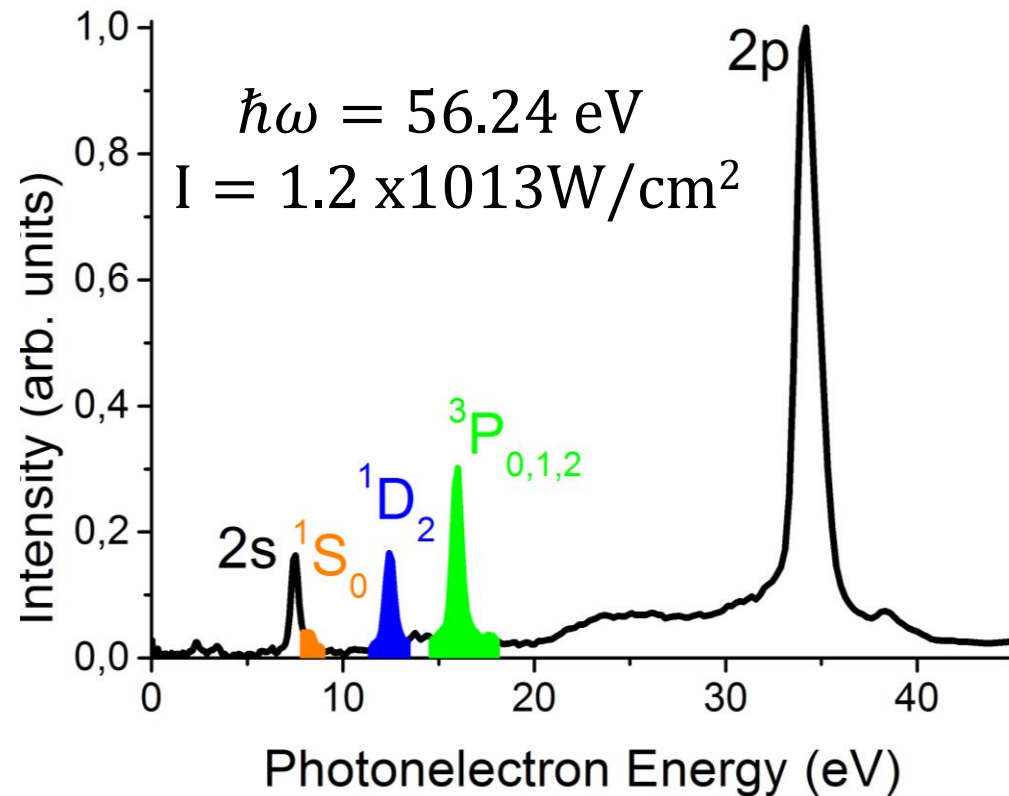


Calculated VMI images for PAD with a $\pm\beta_{k=1\dots 4}$ behaviour

Ne, 1 color, 1 photon ionization: $1 + \beta_2 P_2$

Ne, 1 color, 2 photon double sequential ionization: $1 + \beta_2 P_2 + \beta_4 P_4$
(pulse duration \gg optical cycle)

Photoelectron spectrum & ionization channels



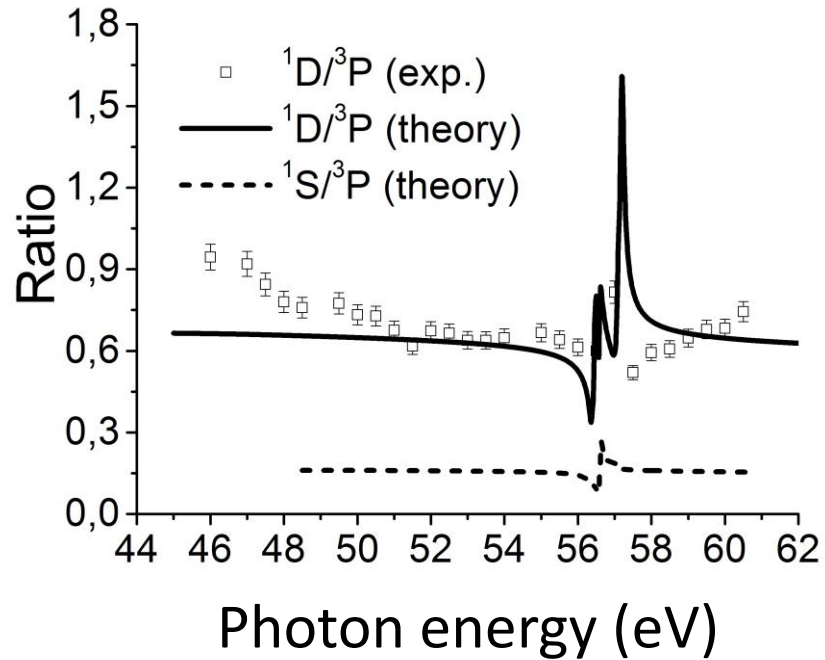
$$I^{\nu}(\theta) = (I_0^{\nu}/4\pi)[1 + B_2^{\nu}P_2(\cos\theta) + B_4^{\nu}P_4(\cos\theta)]$$

$$\nu = L \text{ (linear)} \quad B_2^{\nu} = \beta$$

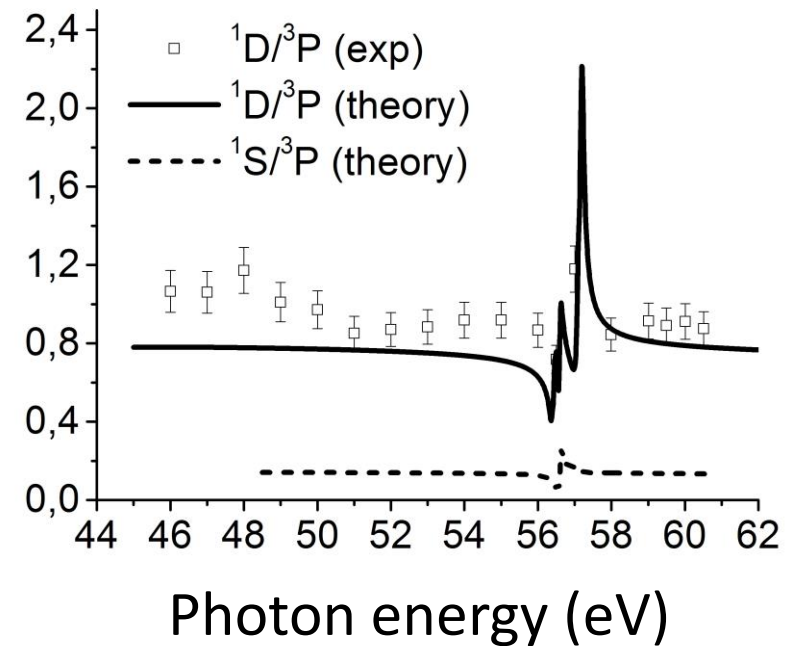
$$\nu = C \text{ (circular)} \quad B_2^{\nu} = -\beta/2$$

PES (Photo Electron Spectra): Peak Ratios

Linear Polarization



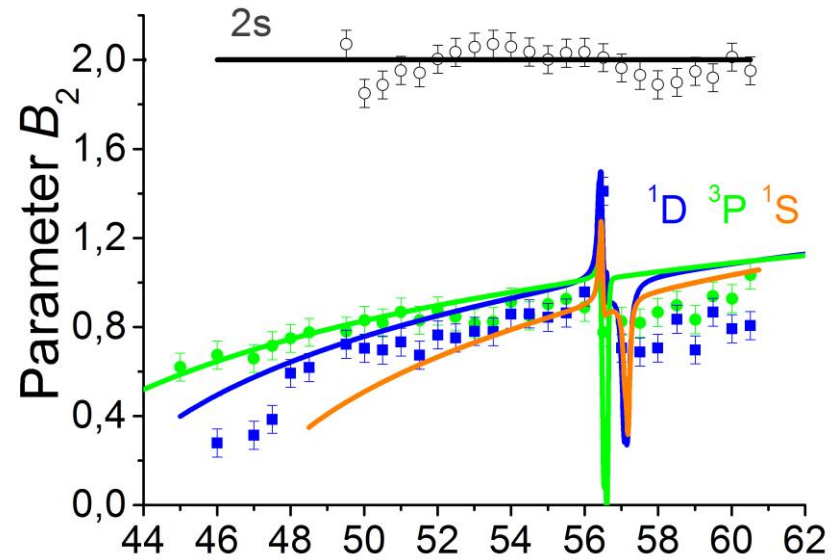
Circular Polarization



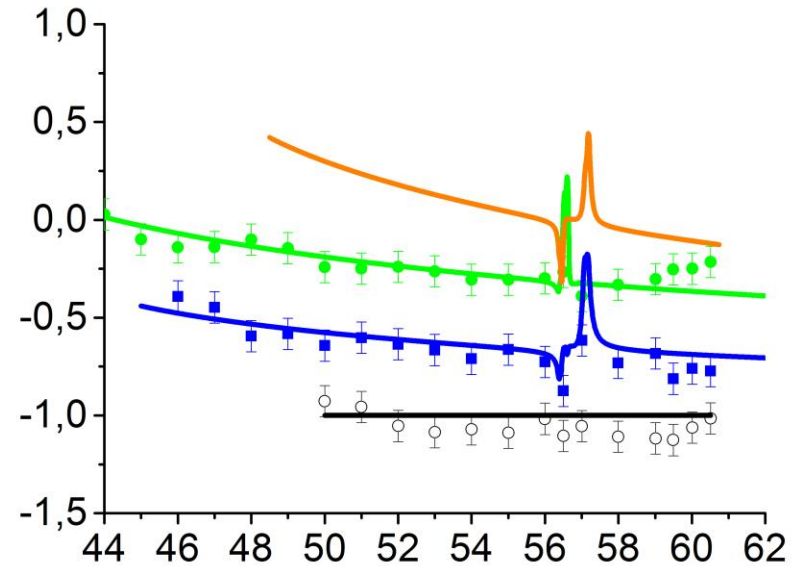
- ✓ *Good agreement between experimental and theoretical ratios*
- ✓ *Presence of sharp resonances around 56 eV (autoionizing states)*
- *Overlap between 2s and $1S$ photoelectrons*

PES (Photo Electron Spectra): Angular Distribution (β_2 parameter)

Linear Polarization



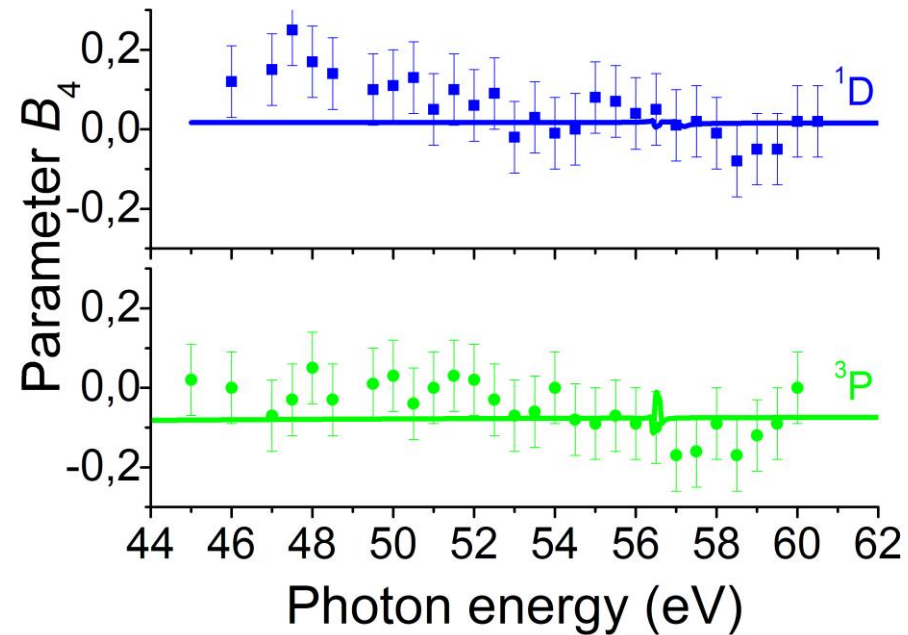
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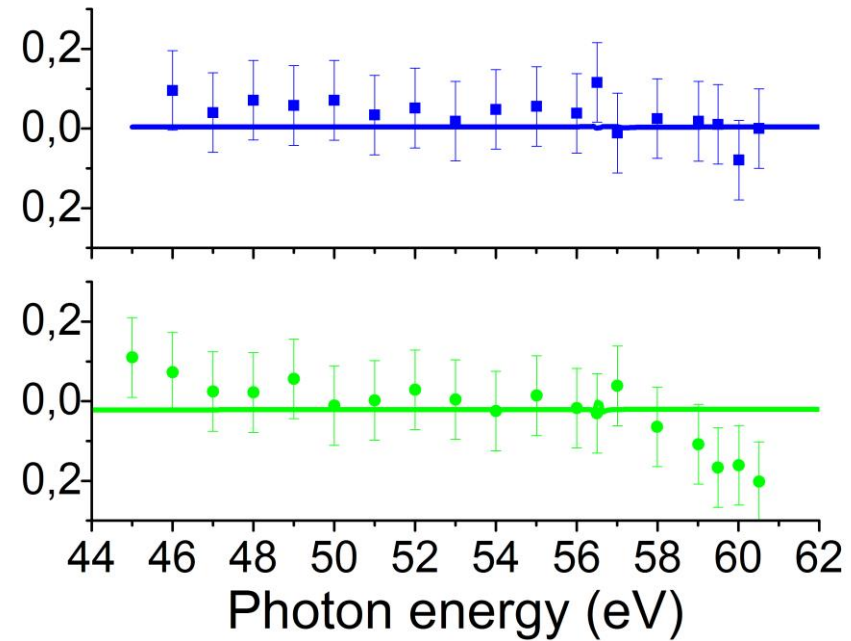
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- *Overlap between 2s and $1S$ photoelectrons*

PES (Photo Electron Spectra): Angular Distribution (β_4 parameter)

Linear Polarization



Circular Polarization



- ✓ *Good agreement between experiment and theory*
- ✓ *Small alignment of the intermediate ion (Ne^+)*

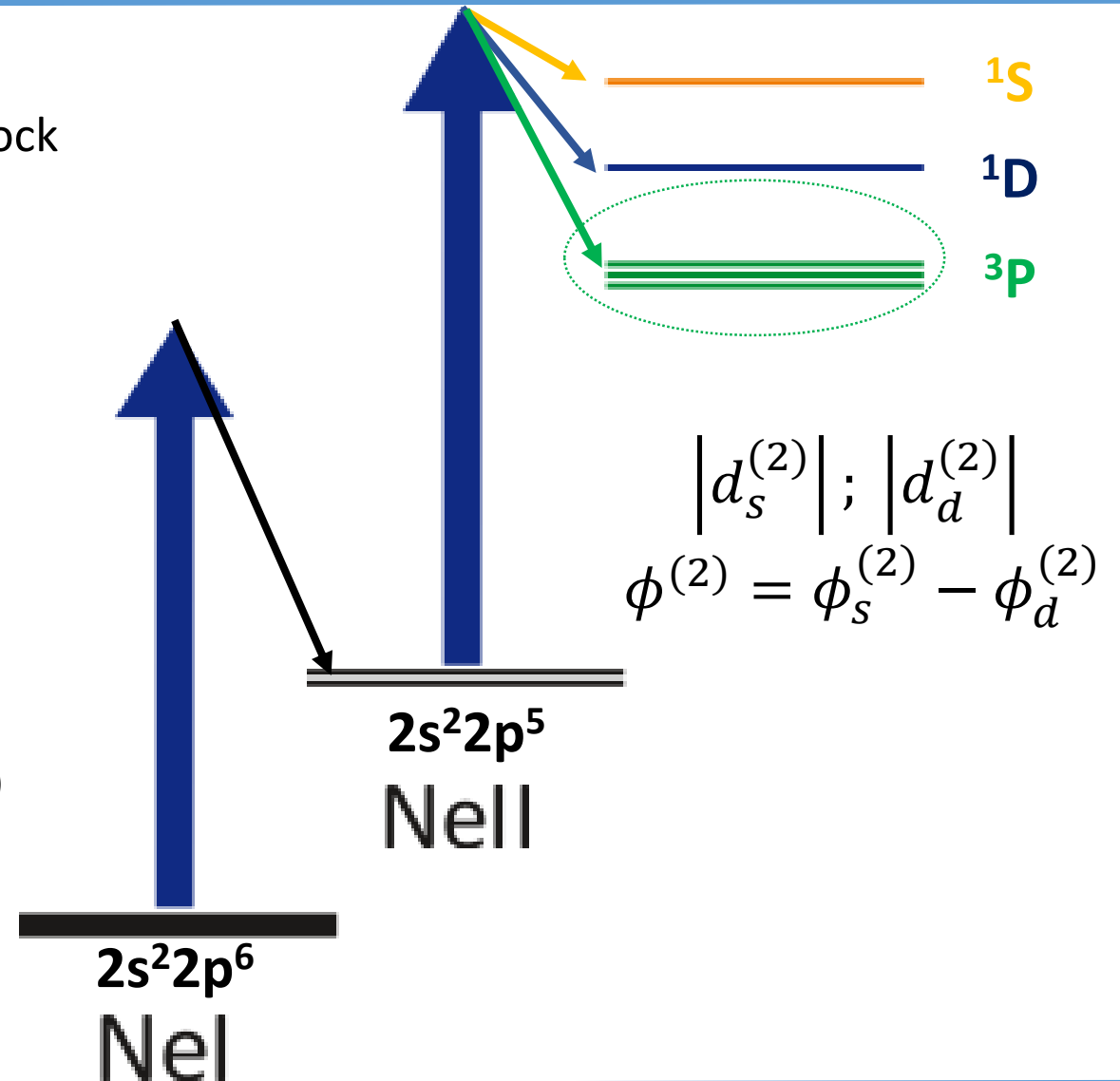
Complete experiment: the model

- 1) Two-step process: sequential ionization
- 2) Matrix elements multiconfiguration Hartree-Fock (MCHF) approach
- 3) Incoherent excitation of intermediate states (due to XUV pulse duration)

*Cooper-Zare model:
Each photoionization step is described by
three quantities:*

$$\left| d_s^{(1)} \right|; \left| d_d^{(1)} \right|$$

$$\phi^{(1)} = \phi_s^{(1)} - \phi_d^{(1)}$$



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 L. A. A. Nikolopoulos Phys. Rev. Lett. **111**, 093001 (2013)

Complete experiment: experiment vs theory

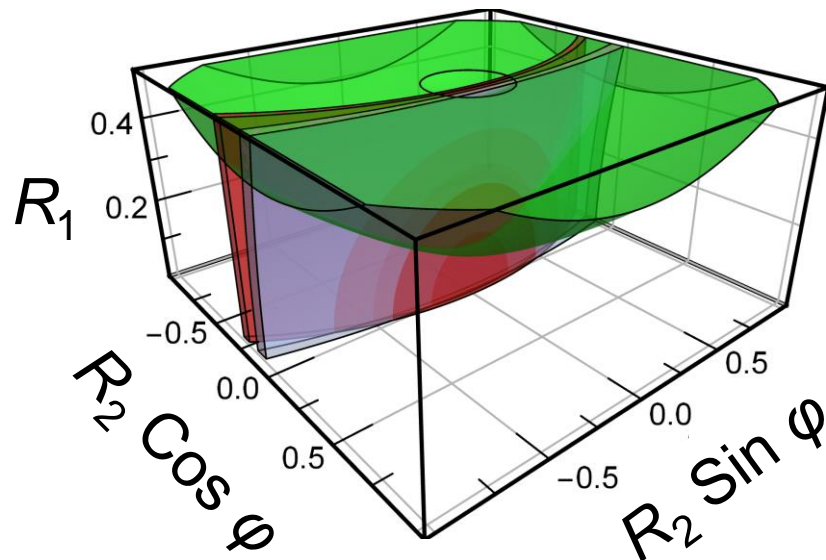
- Ratio 1st step $R_1 = \left| d_s^{(1)} / d_d^{(1)} \right|$
- Ratio 2nd step $R_2 = \left| d_s^{(2)} / d_d^{(2)} \right|$
- Relative phase 2nd step $\phi = \phi_s^{(2)} - \phi_d^{(2)}$

$$B_2^L = f(R_1, R_2, \phi)$$

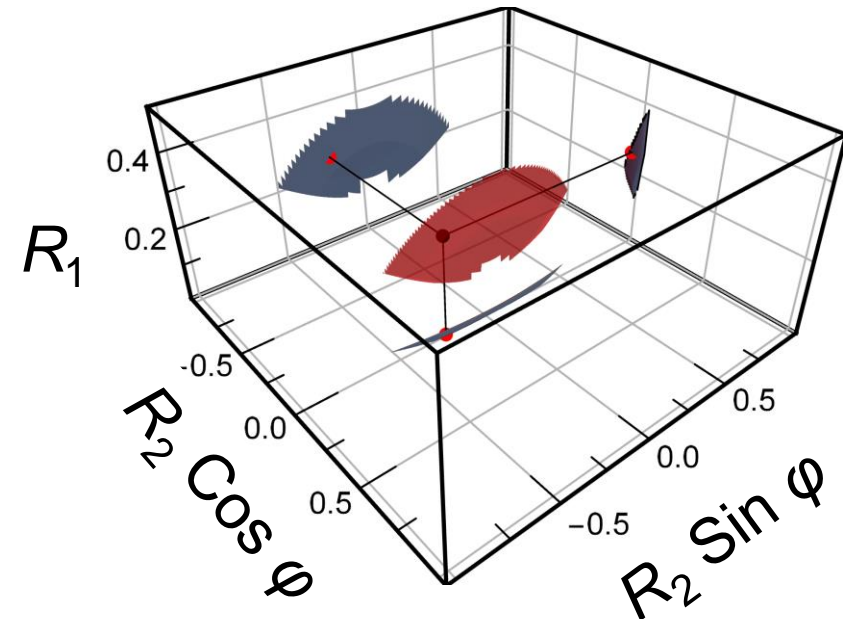
$$B_2^C = g(R_1, R_2, \phi)$$

$$B_4^L = h(R_1, R_2, \phi)$$

■ B_2^L ■ B_2^C ■ B_4^L



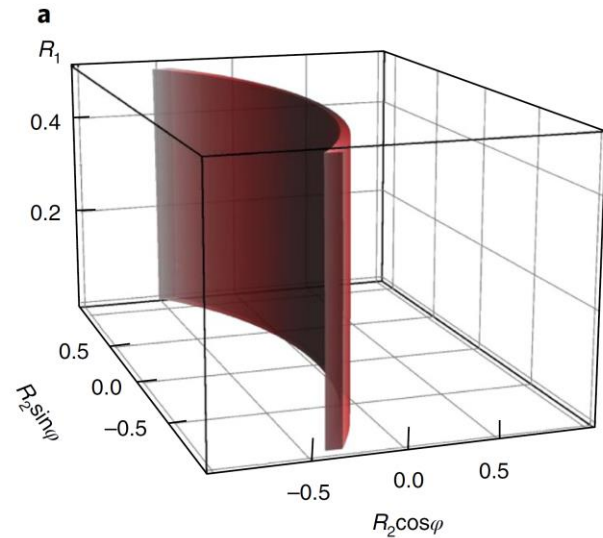
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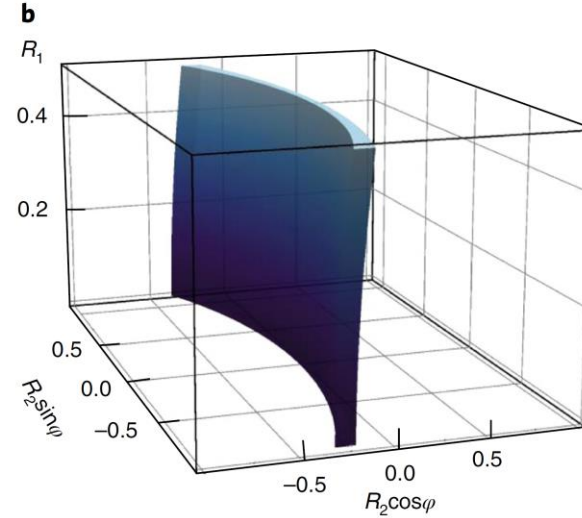
● Simulations

Complete experiment: experiment vs theory

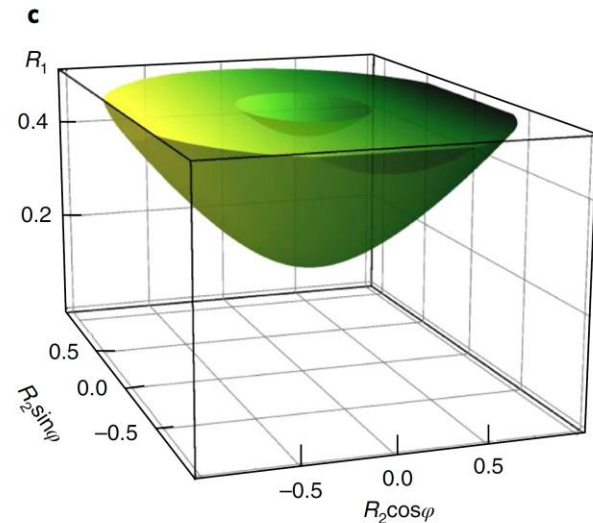
β_2^L



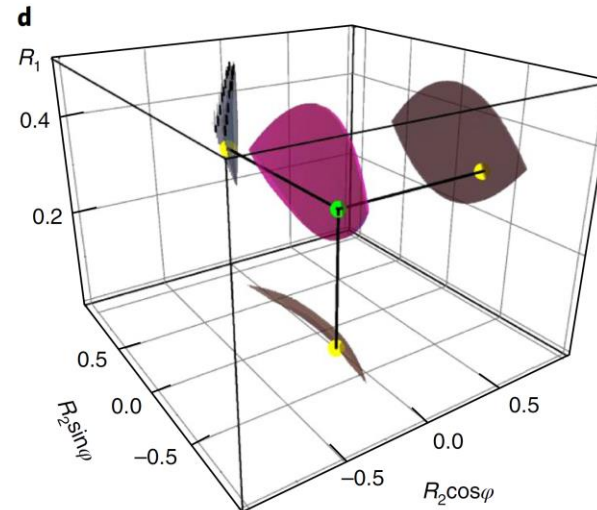
β_2^C



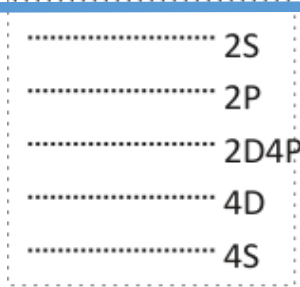
β_4^L



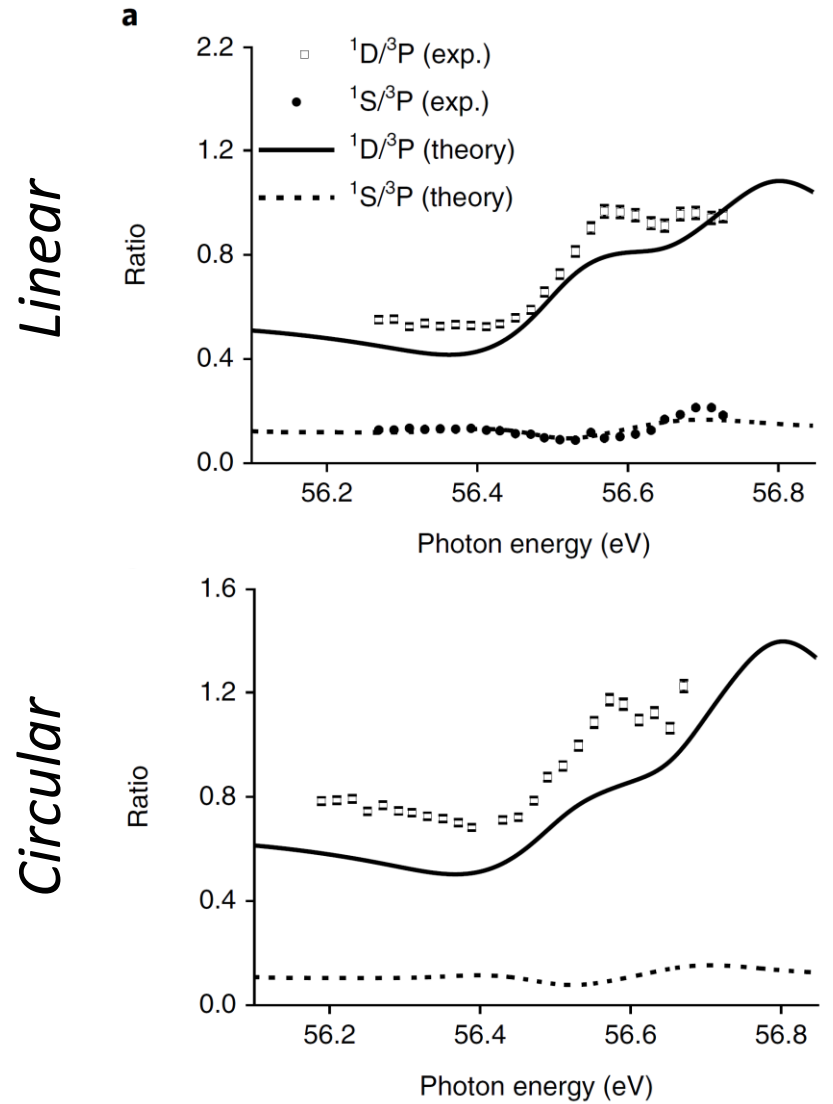
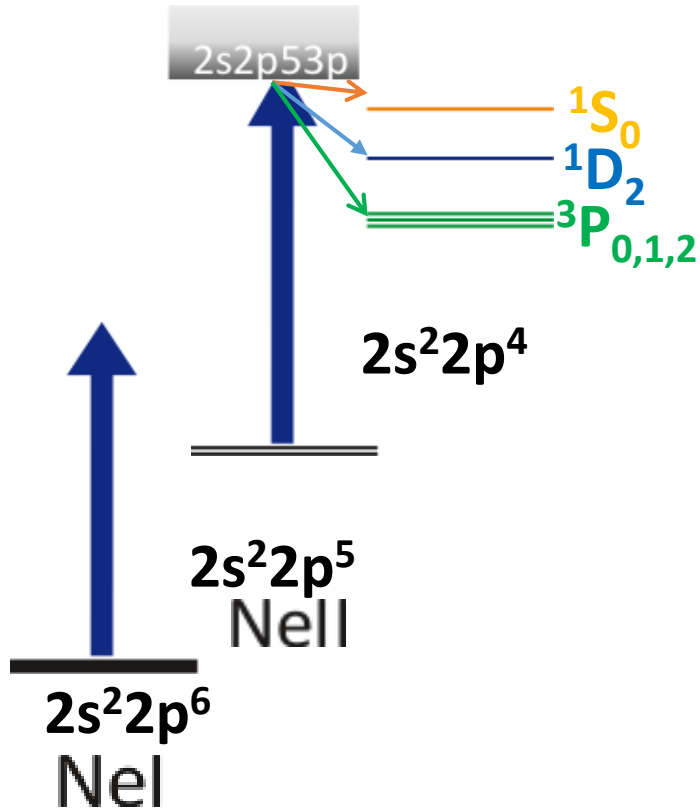
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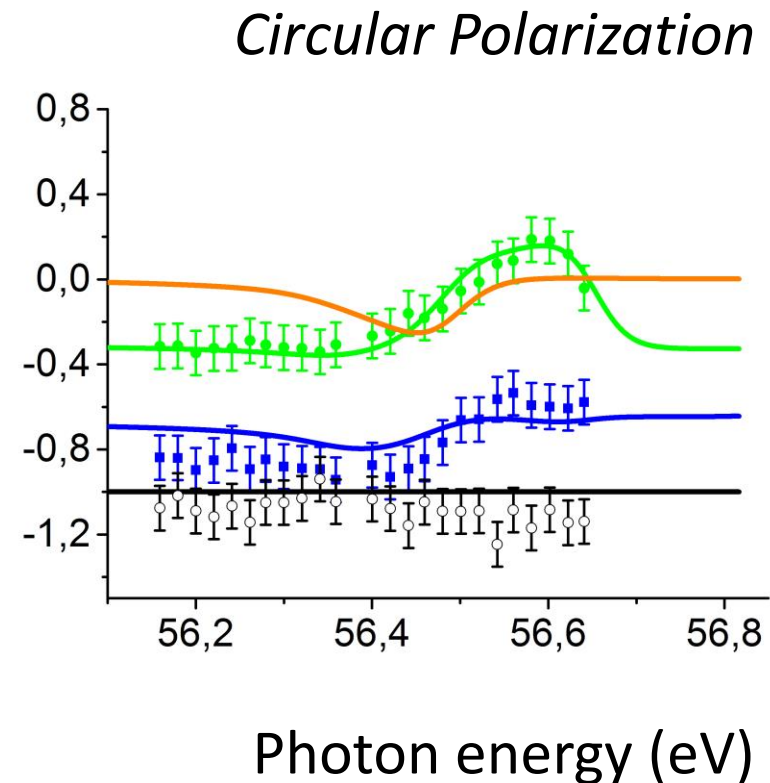
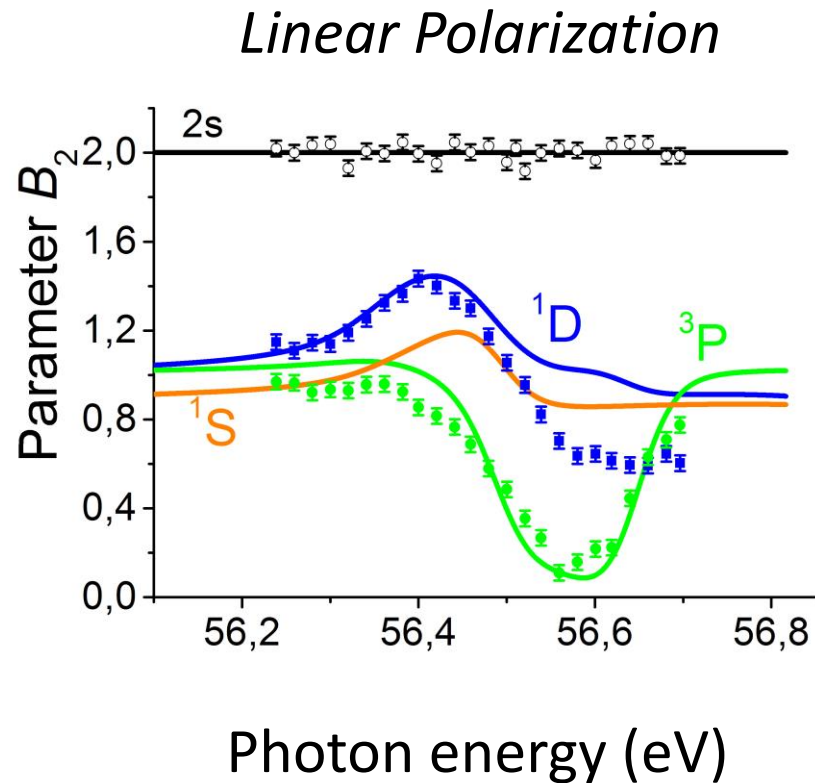
Autoionizing states (AIS) in TPDI: ratios



Autoionizing states around 56.4 eV



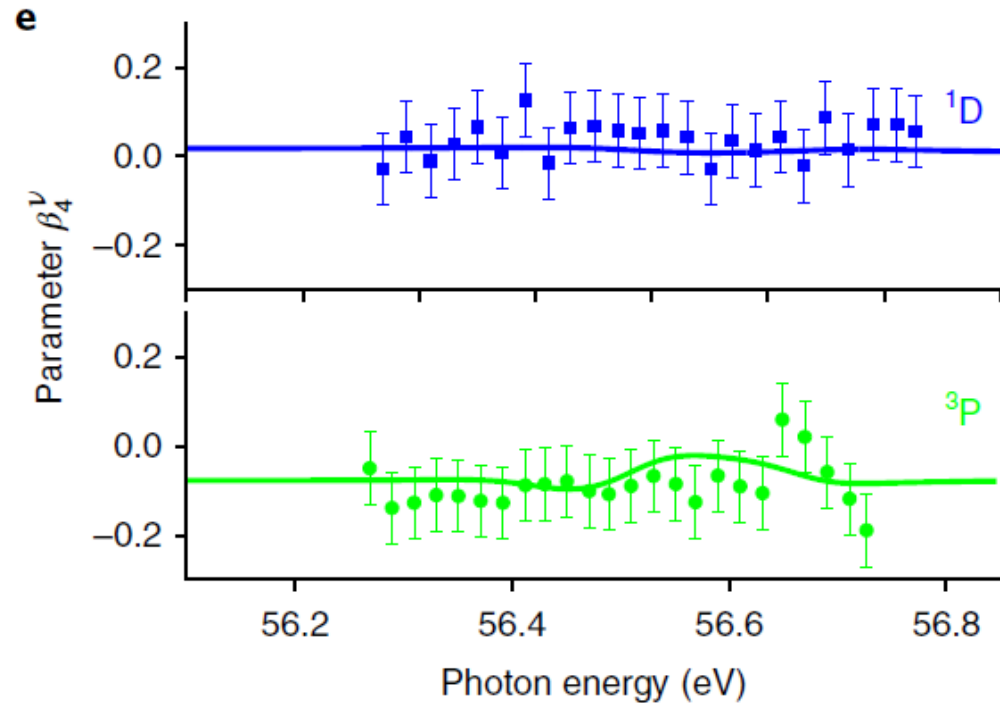
Autoionizing states (AIS) in TPDI: angular Distribution (β_2 parameter)



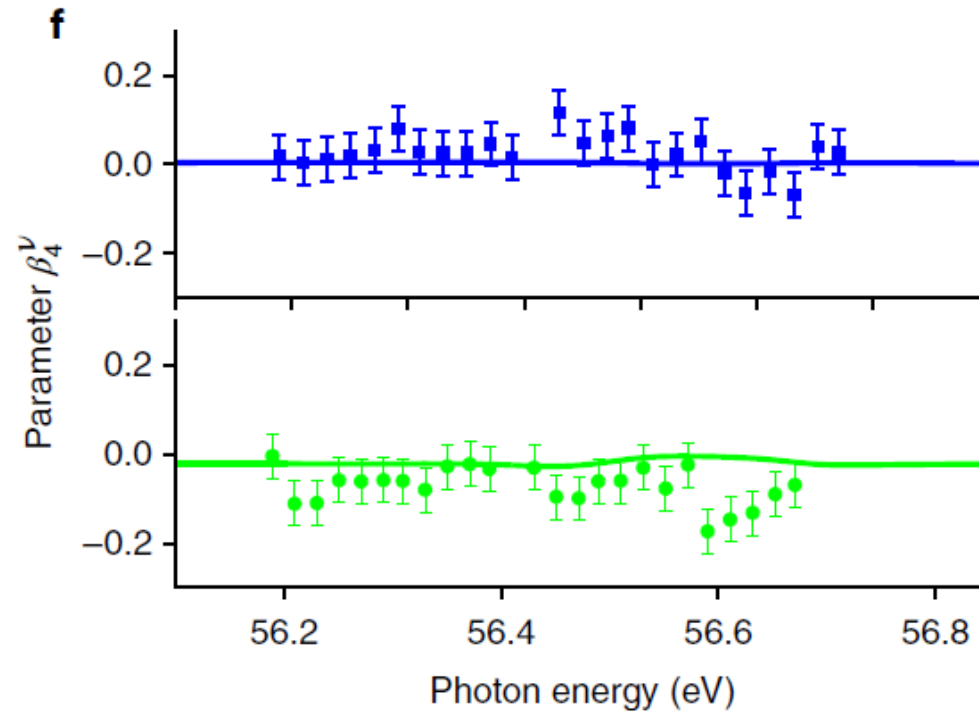
- ✓ *Effect of the autoionizing states on the PADs*
- ✓ *Good agreement between experiment and theory for circular and linear polarization*
- ✓ *2s PAD as a benchmark of the data quality*

Autoionizing states (AIS) in TPDI: Angular Distribution (β_4 parameter)

Linear Polarization

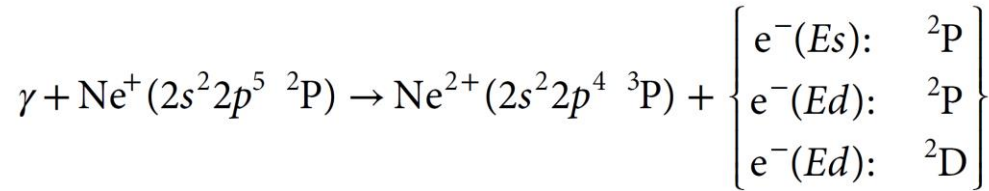


Circular Polarization



Complete experiment for AIS: theory vs experiment

Converging to the
non-resonant model

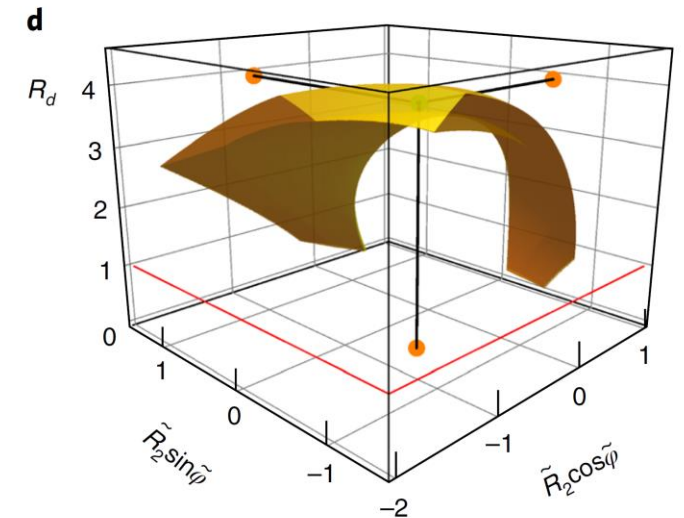
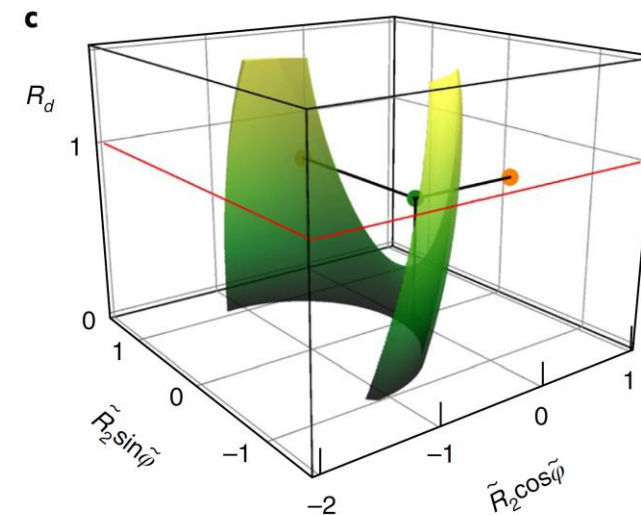
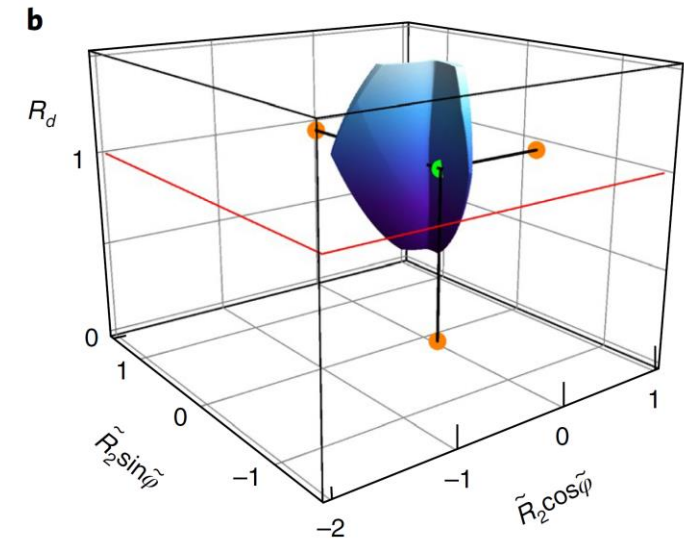
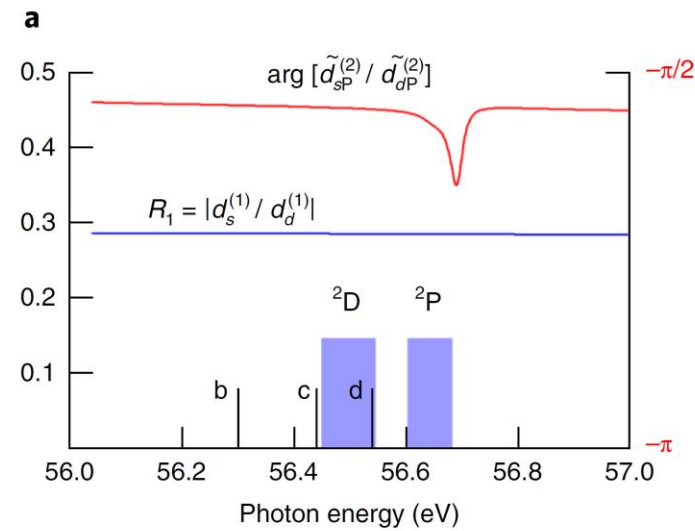


$$\tilde{R}_2 = |\tilde{d}_{sP}^{(2)} / \tilde{d}_{dD}^{(2)}|$$

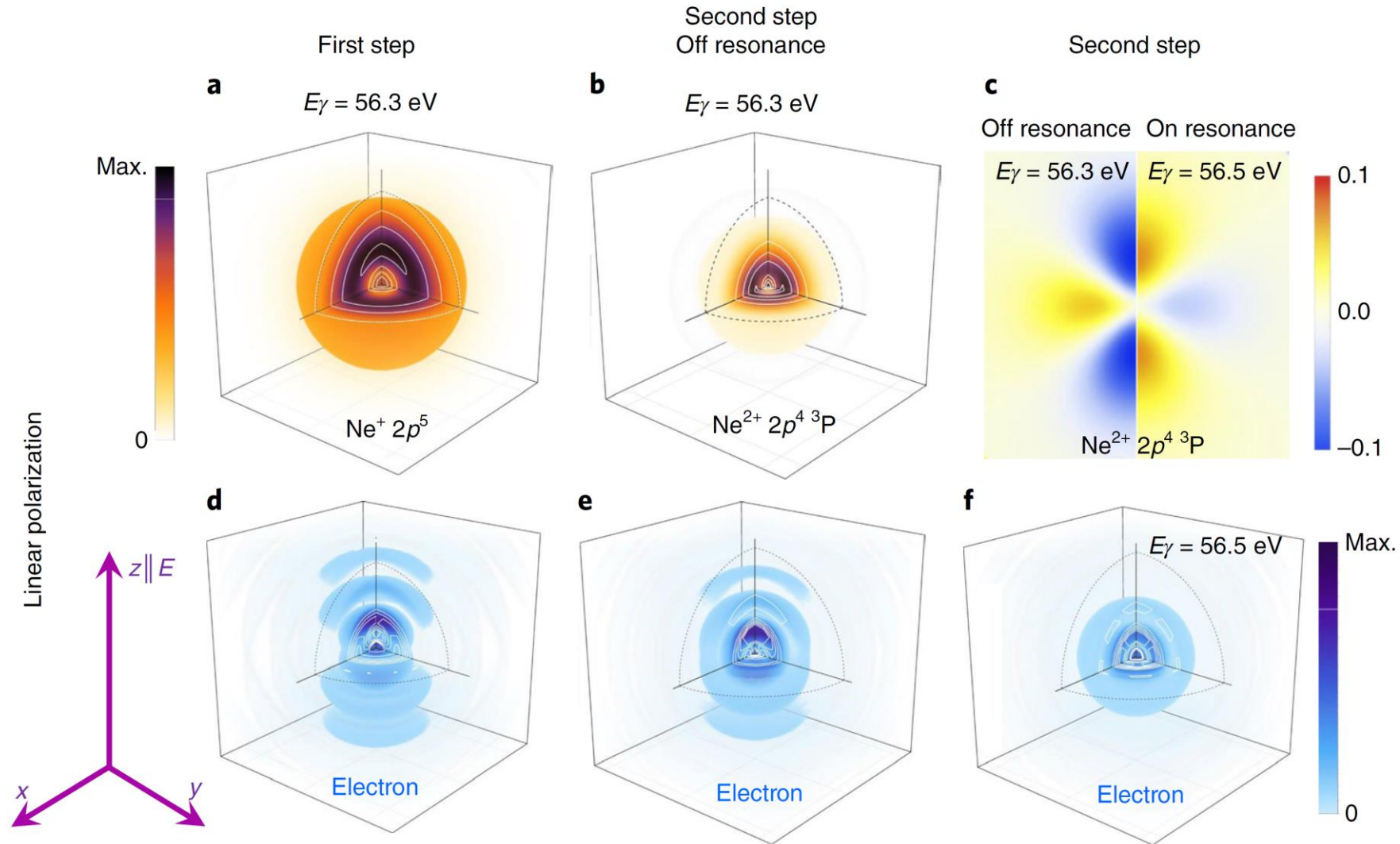
$$R_d = |\tilde{d}_{dP}^{(2)} / \tilde{d}_{dD}^{(2)}|$$

$$\tilde{\varphi} = \arg(\tilde{d}_{sP}^{(2)} / \tilde{d}_{dD}^{(2)})$$

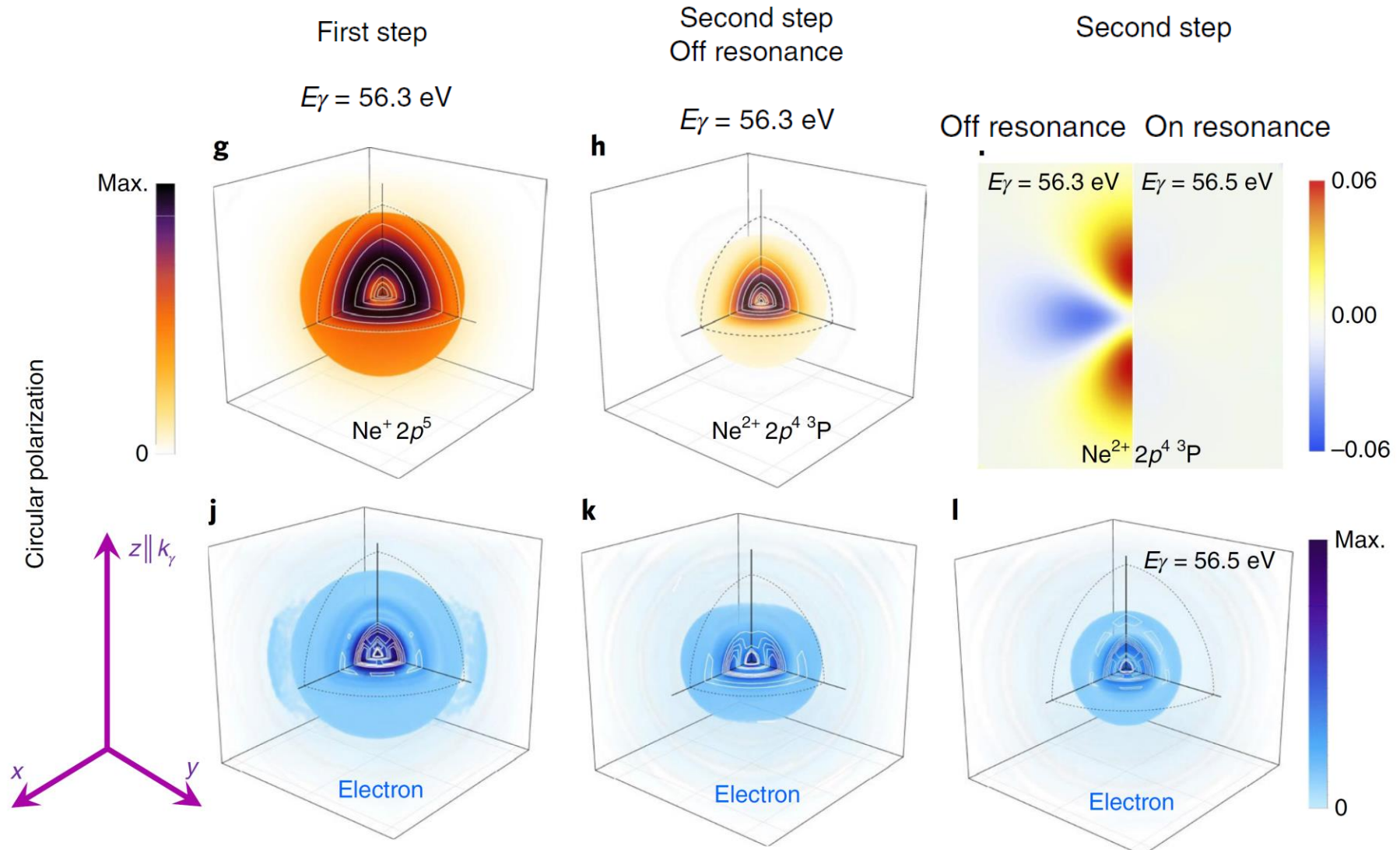
Parameters in the CE
at the ^2D resonance



Complete experiment (linear polarization): residual ion polarization and electron scattering



Complete experiment (circular polarization): residual ion polarization and electron scattering



Conclusions

- Intense, tunable XUV pulses from FERMI
- Sequential two photon double ionization
→ alignment of Ne^+
- Observation of PE peak intensity and angular distribution with VMI
- First complete experiment of photoionization in an ion
- Reconstruction for resonant and non-resonant ionization
- Determination of the observable quantities in photoionization