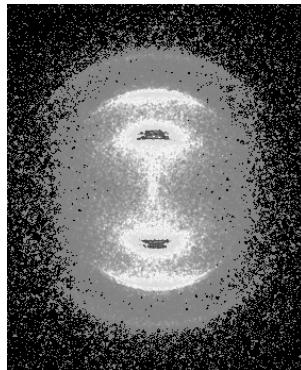
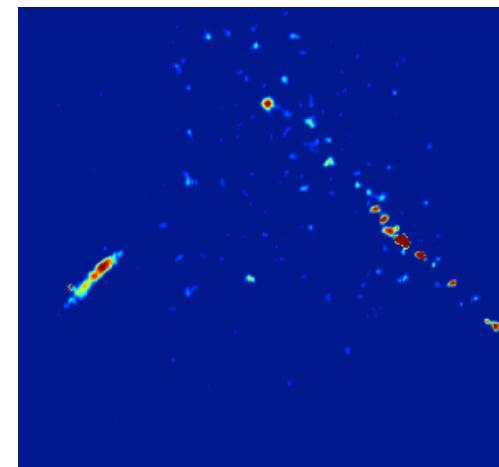
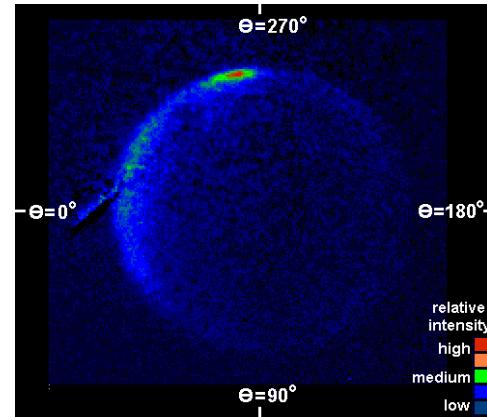
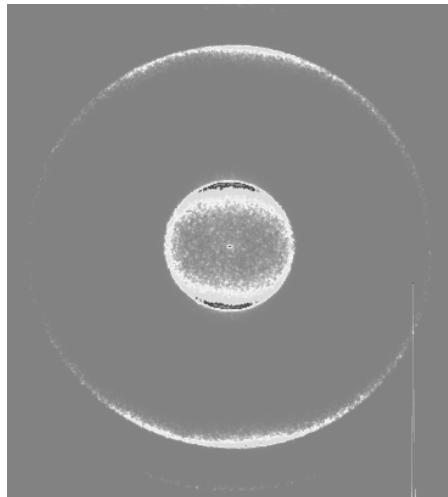
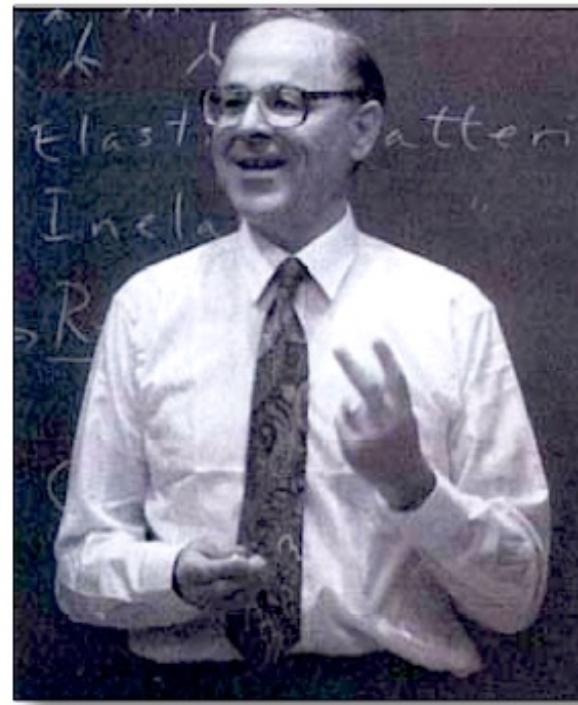


# Quantum State Resolved Inelastic Collisions studied in Crossed Molecular beams: Surprising results and new directions

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# Outline

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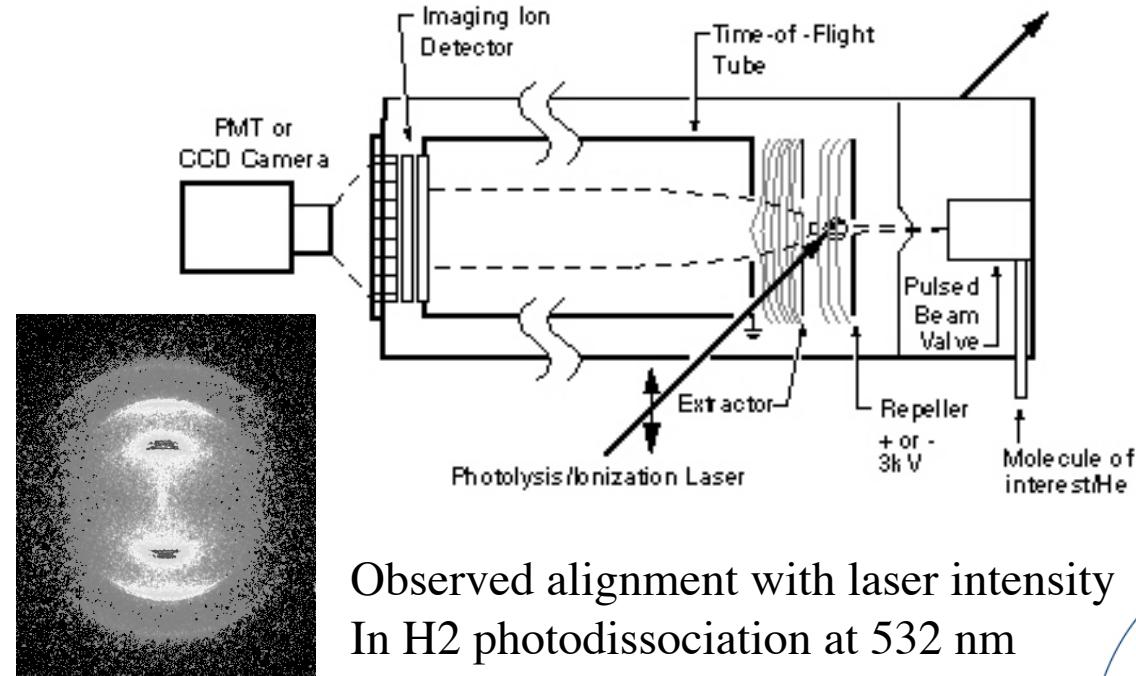
- Tutorial on Ion Imaging with Velocity Mapping
- Photo-dissociation of H<sub>2</sub> example
  - Ground state versus excited state measurements.
- Quantum State Selective Inelastic Scattering
  - Differential cross sections
  - Alignment of products
  - Orientation of products
  - In Electronically excited states

# We use Ion Imaging to Study Unimolecular Dissociation Events

- One laser beam dissociates molecule
- One laser beam ionizes product of the dissociation state selectively
- All ion are projected onto phosphor screen
- Image is recorded
- Image is analyzed as a function of lasers, intensity, frequency and polarizations.

Ion Imaging apparatus with Velocity Mapping allows one to measure either the photofragment image or the photoelectron image

Chandler. D. W.: Houston. P. L. , *J. Chem. Phys.* 1987



Observed alignment with laser intensity  
In H<sub>2</sub> photodissociation at 532 nm

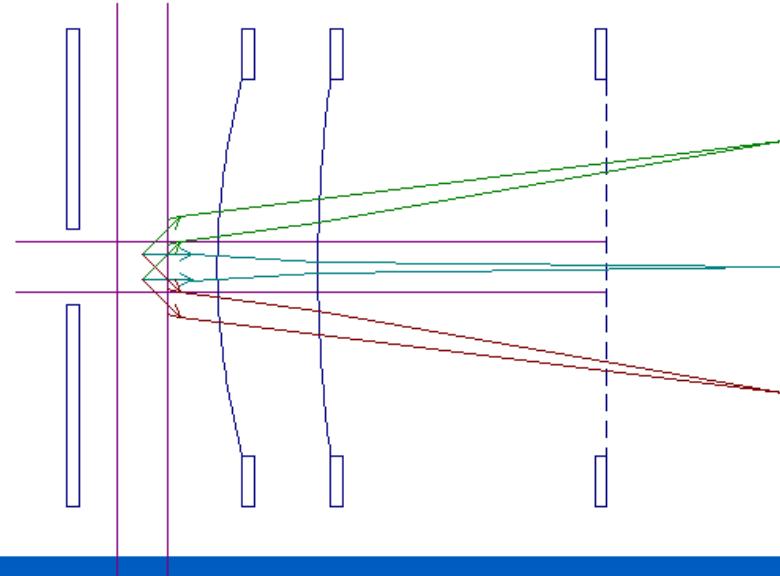
Dave Parker (Post Doc With Dick Bernstein) and Andre Eppink of Univ. of Nijmegen

made resolution advance for Ion Imaging “Velocity Mapping”

- The use of lenses instead of screens in the Time-of-Flight focuses the ions and eliminates the spatial blur associated with the origin of the ions.

## Velocity Mapping

An Einzel Lens Corrects for the blurring



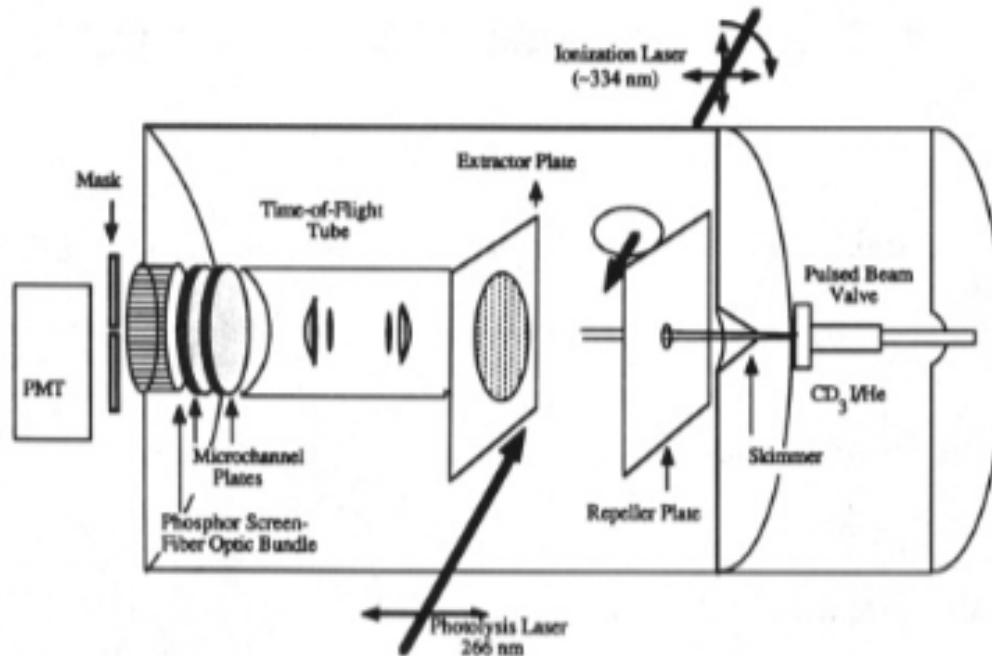
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# Stereo-Dynamics: Study of alignment and Orientation of Reactants and Products

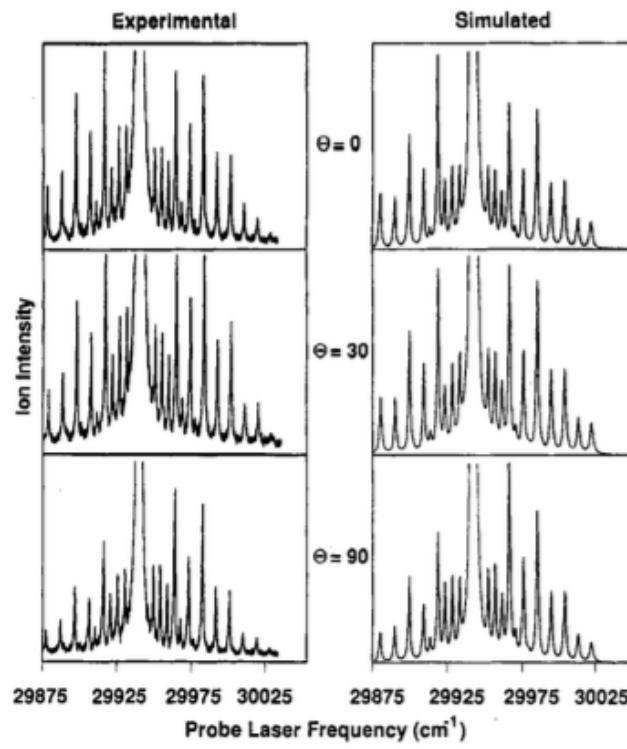
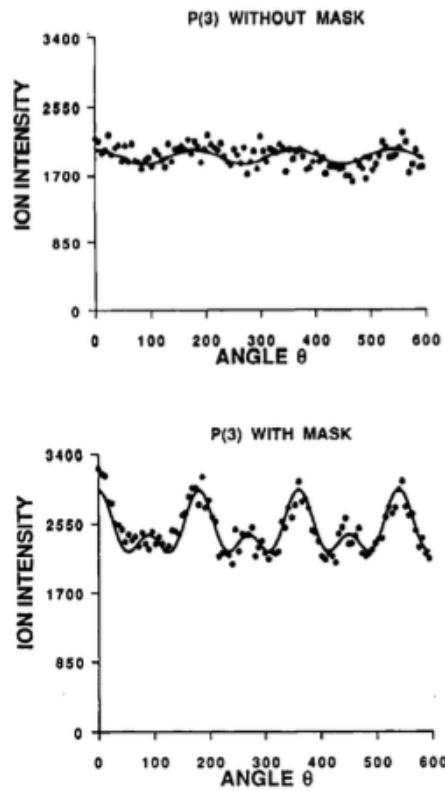
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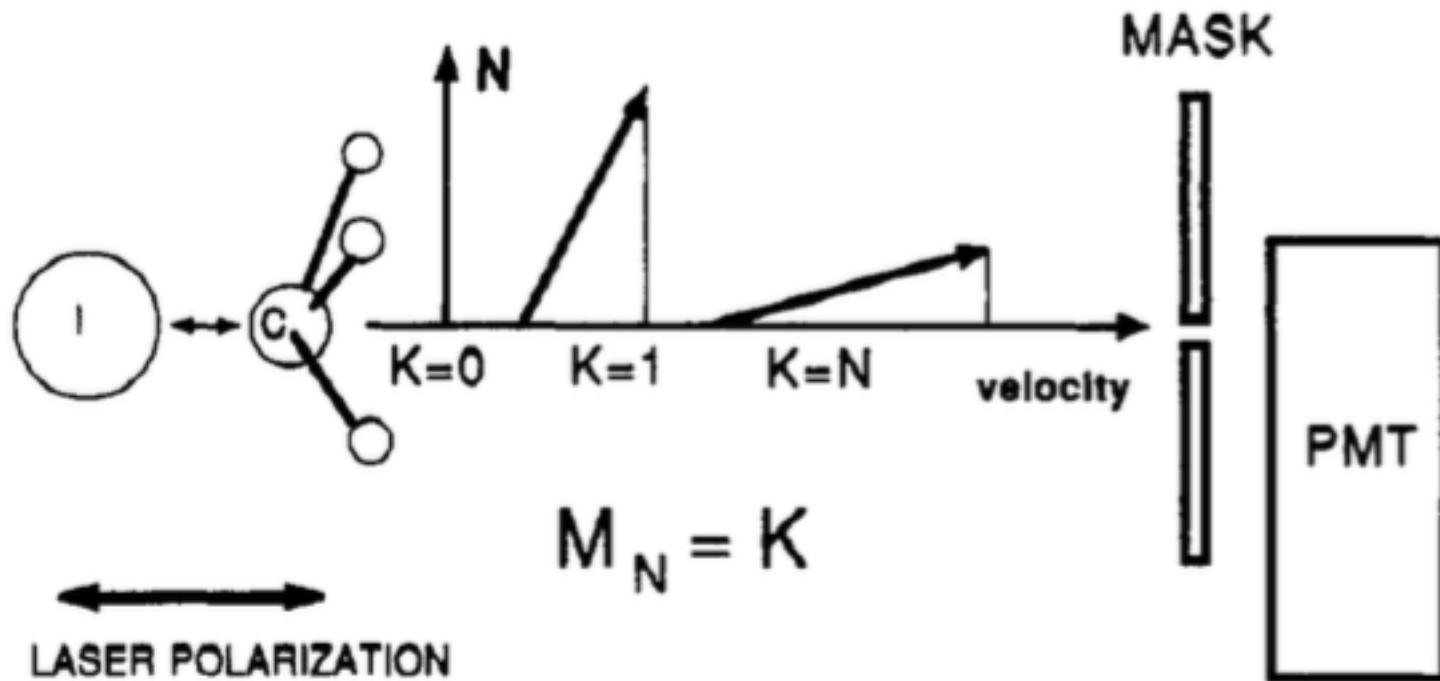
- Alignment and orientation only makes sense relative to a reference frame/ reference vector. Dissociation direction of a photo-fragmentation process or relative velocity vector of a collision.
- **Rotational Alignment of the CD3 Fragment from the 266-nm Photodissociation of CD3I**  
**Maurice H. M. Janssen, David H. Parker,  
Gregory Sitz, Steven Stolte, and David W. Chandler  
(JPC, 1990)**

# Alignment was one of First Things to be Studied with Ion Imaging.



**Figure 1.** Schematic of apparatus used to perform the velocity selected REMPI study of the polarization dependence of the  $\text{CD}_3$  ion intensity following  $\text{CD}_3\text{I}$  photolysis.



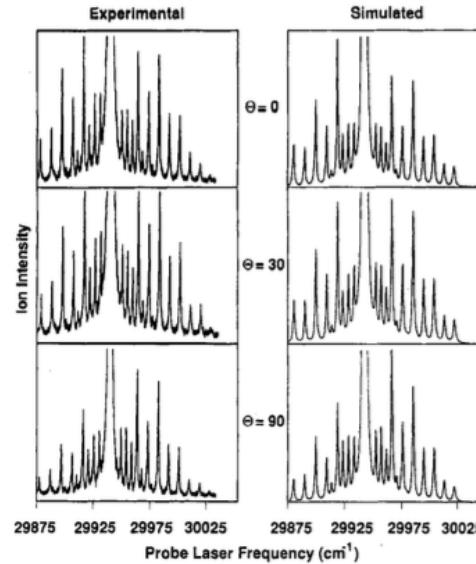


**TABLE I: Population and Alignment Moments  $A_0^{(2)}$  and  $A_0^{(4)}$  of the Angular Momentum Distribution of the  $\text{CD}_3$  Fragment from the 266-nm Photodissociation of  $\text{CD}_3\text{I}$  (Values Listed in the Columns Labeled Measured Were Used To Generate the Model Spectra of Figure 3)**

$N$	$K$	population <sup>a</sup>		$A_0^{(2)}$		$A_0^{(4)}$	
		from ref 14	measd	measd	model <sup>b</sup>	measd <sup>c</sup>	model <sup>b</sup>
1	0	0.8	0.85	-1.0 <sup>d</sup>	-1.0	0.0 <sup>e</sup>	0.0
	1	0.62	0.62	0.50	0.5	0.0 <sup>e</sup>	0.0
2	0	0.11	0.15	-1.0	-1.0	0.12	0.25
	1	0.8	0.85	-0.45	-0.5	-0.02	-0.167
3	2	0.4	0.29	0.98 <sup>d</sup>	1.0	0.042 <sup>e</sup>	0.042
	0	1.2	1.2	-0.7	-1.0	0.3 <sup>e</sup>	0.313
4 <sup>f</sup>	1	0.8	0.71	-0.65	-0.75	0.05	0.052
	2	0.4	0.4	0.00	0.0	-0.2	-0.365
4 <sup>f</sup>	3	0.18	0.20	1.25	1.25	0.156 <sup>e</sup>	0.156
	0	0.13	0.1	-0.8	-1.0	0.338 <sup>e</sup>	0.338
4 <sup>f</sup>	1	0.8	0.8	-0.65	-0.85	0.1	0.169
	2	0.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.40	-0.21	-0.206
4 <sup>f</sup>	3	0.15	0.21	0.2	0.35	-0.394 <sup>e</sup>	-0.394
	4	0.03	0.025	1.40 <sup>e</sup>	1.40	0.263 <sup>e</sup>	0.263

$$A_{0,\max}^{(2)} = \frac{3K^2 - N(N + 1)}{N(N + 1)} \quad (5)$$

$$A_{0,\max}^{(4)} = \frac{35K^4 - 30K^2N(N + 1) + 3N^2(N + 1)^2 + 25K^2 - 6N(N + 1)}{8N^2(N + 1)^2} \quad (6)$$



Model assumes perfect Alignment, Measurements confirm this.

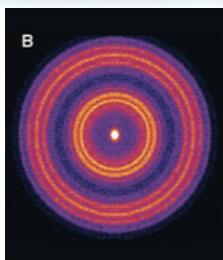
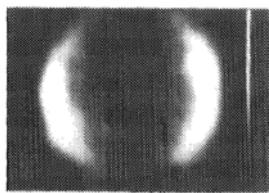
# Velocity Mapped Ion Imaging: Developed in BES Program has 30 year Anniversary in 2016. Impact Grows

## First Ion Image

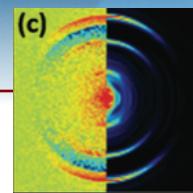
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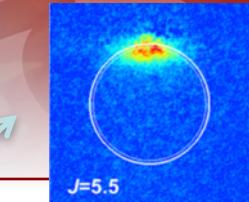
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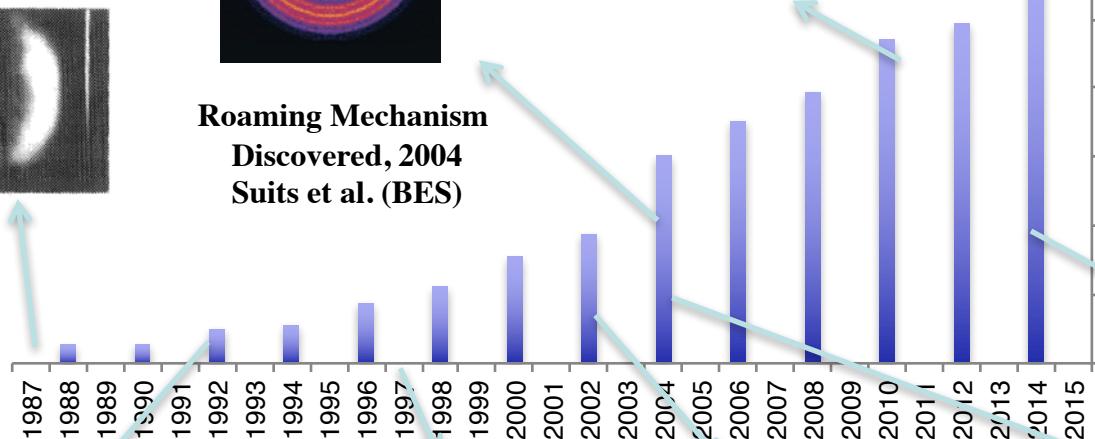
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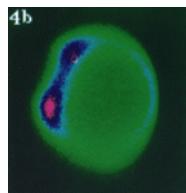
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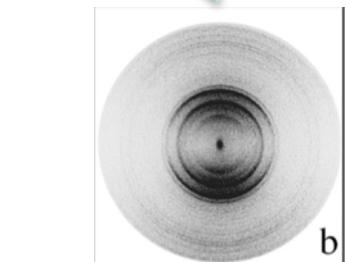
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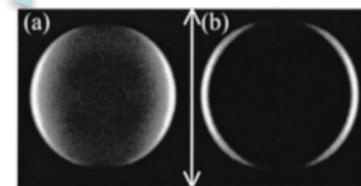
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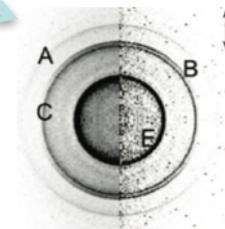
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Velocity Mapping Introduced for increased resolution, 1997 Parker and Eppink (BES/CRF Visitor)

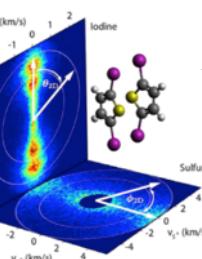


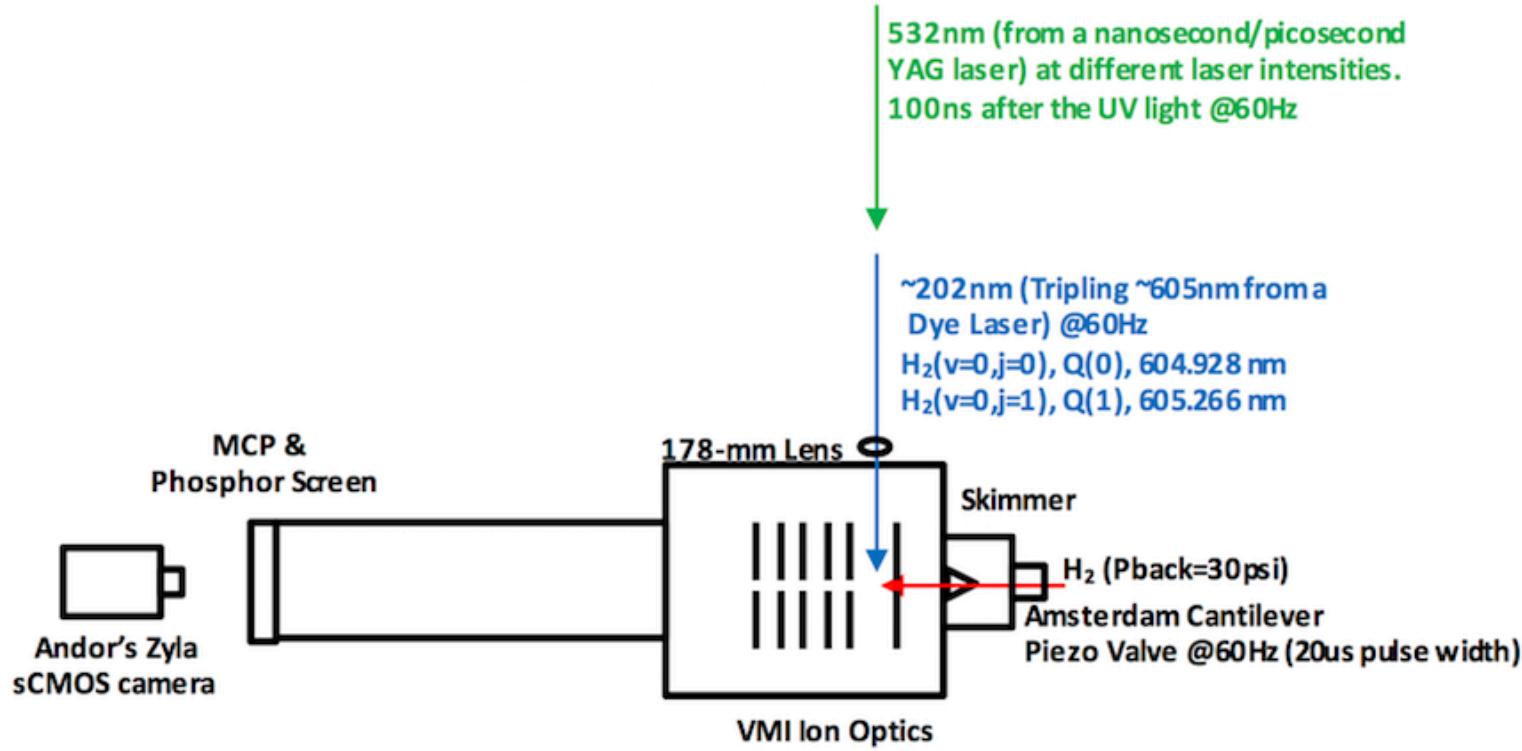
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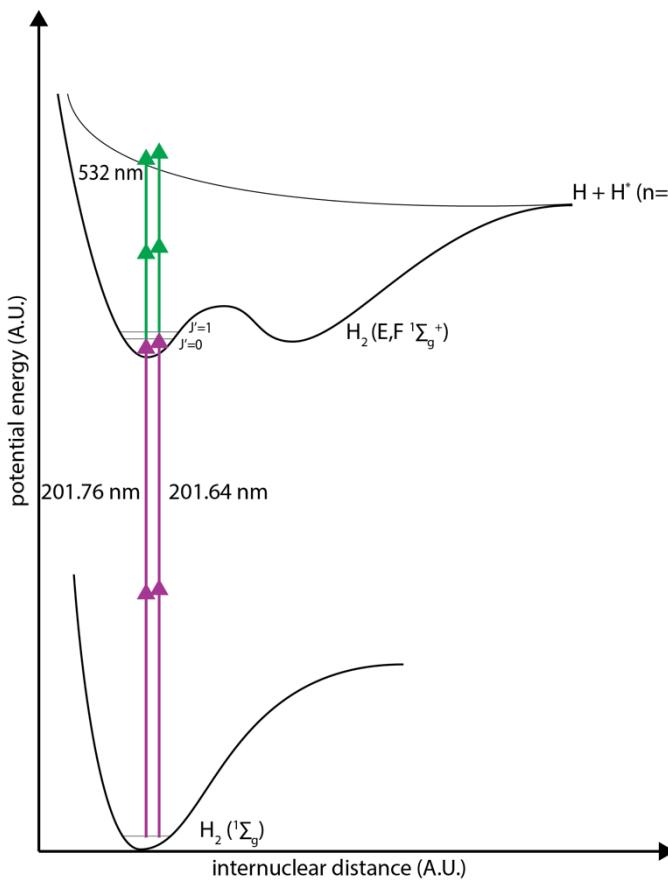
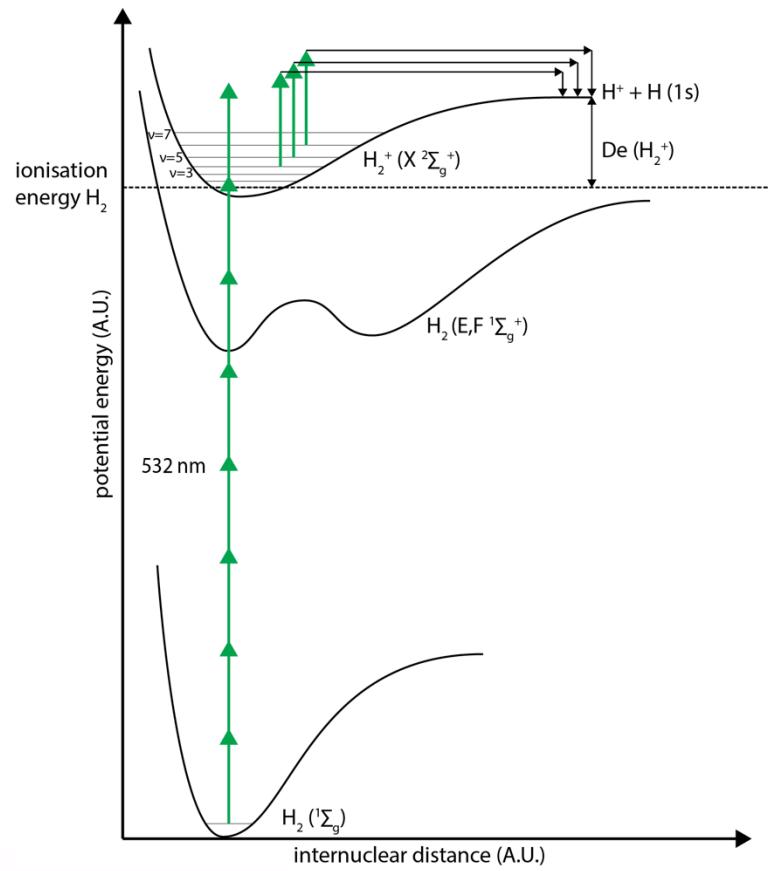


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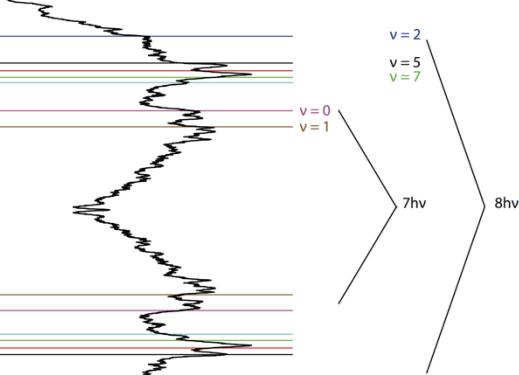
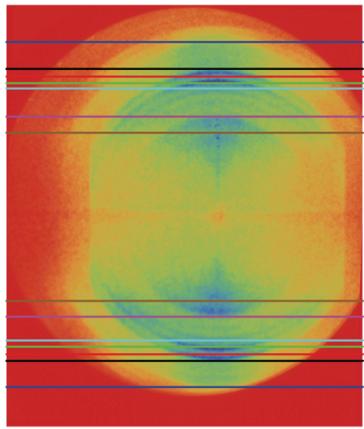
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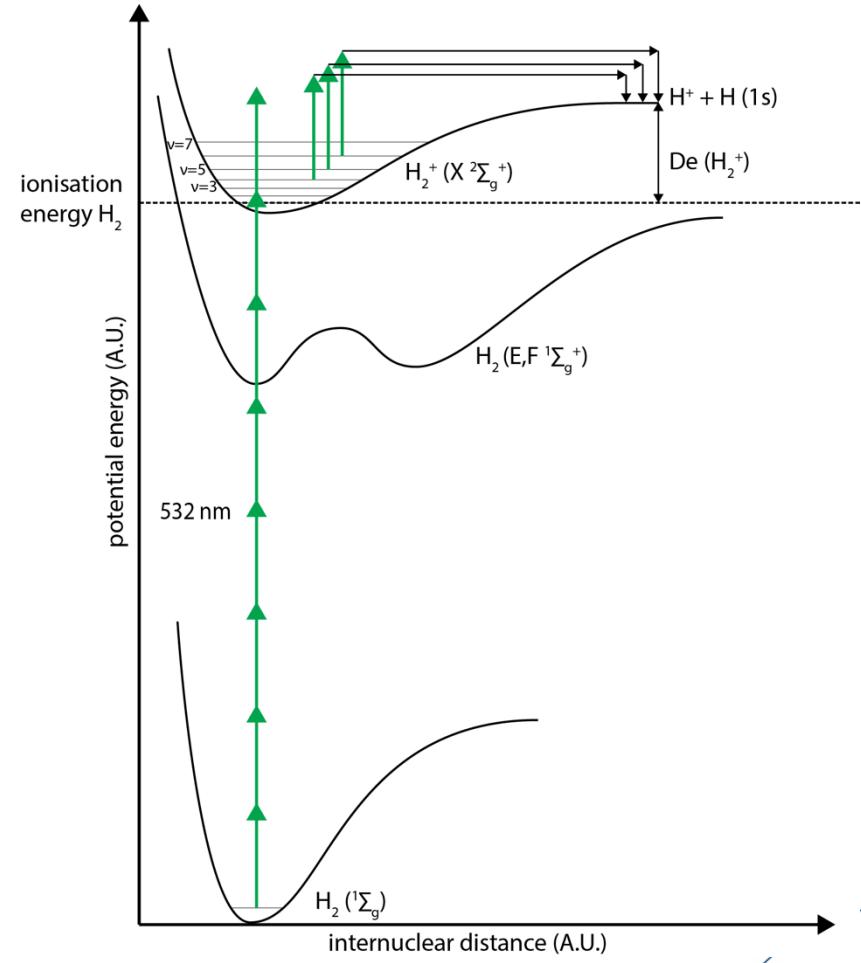
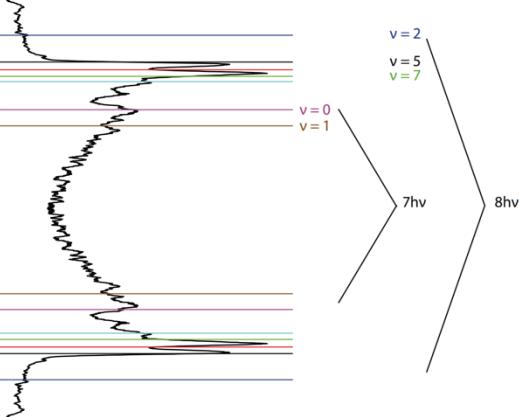
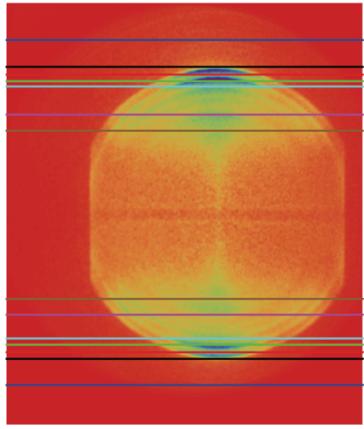




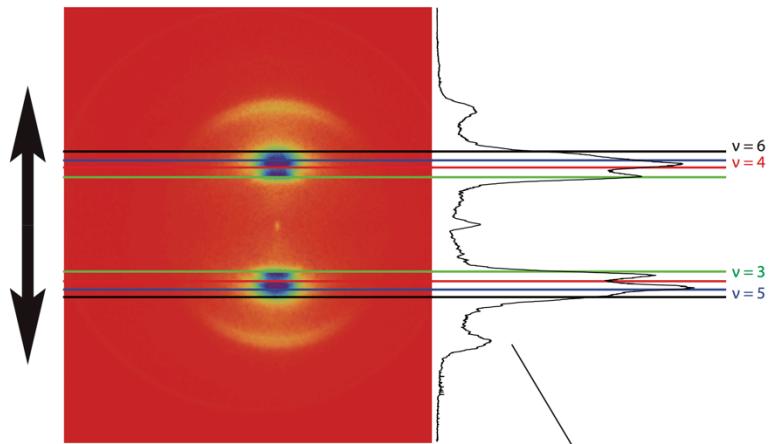
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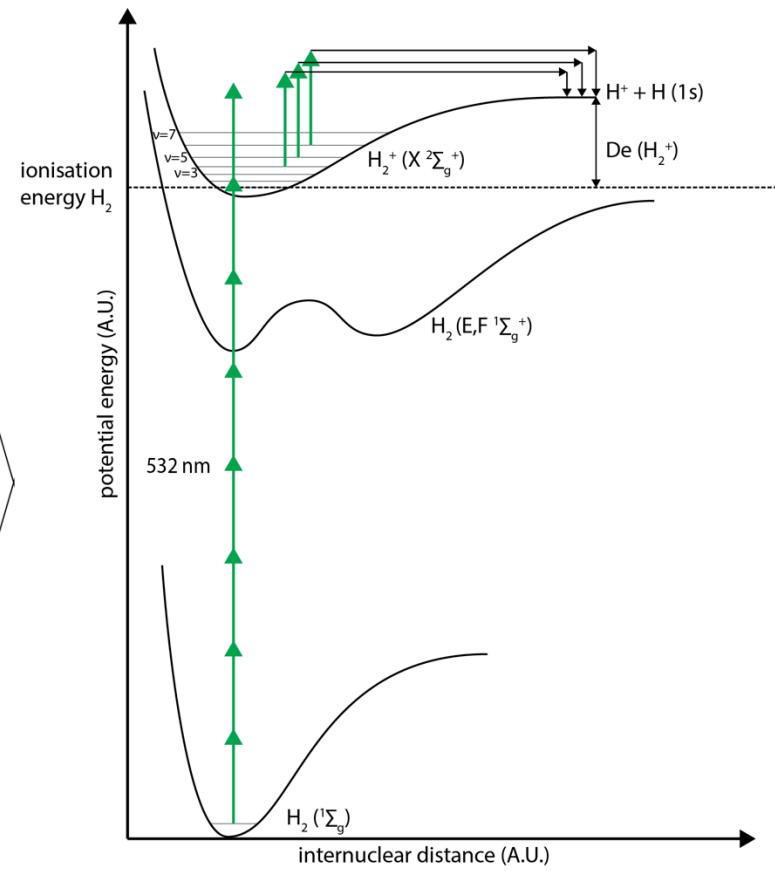
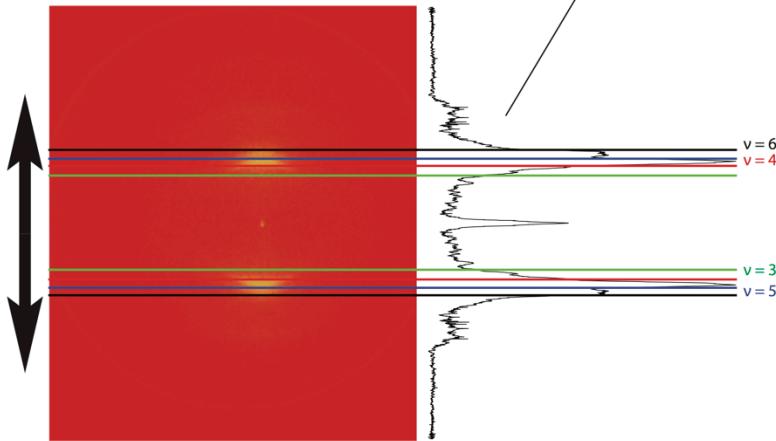
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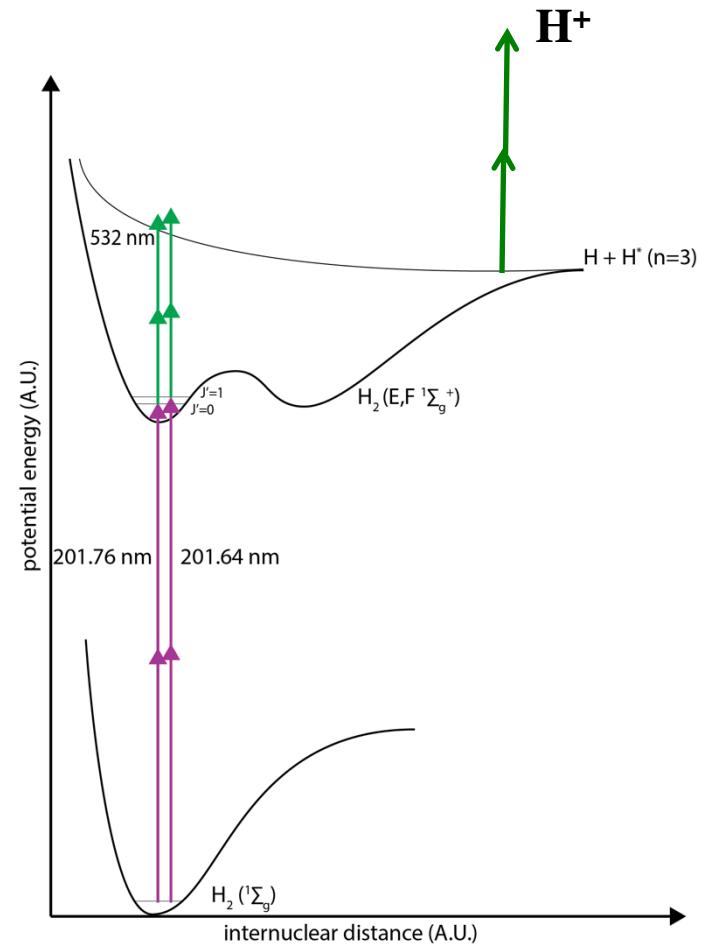
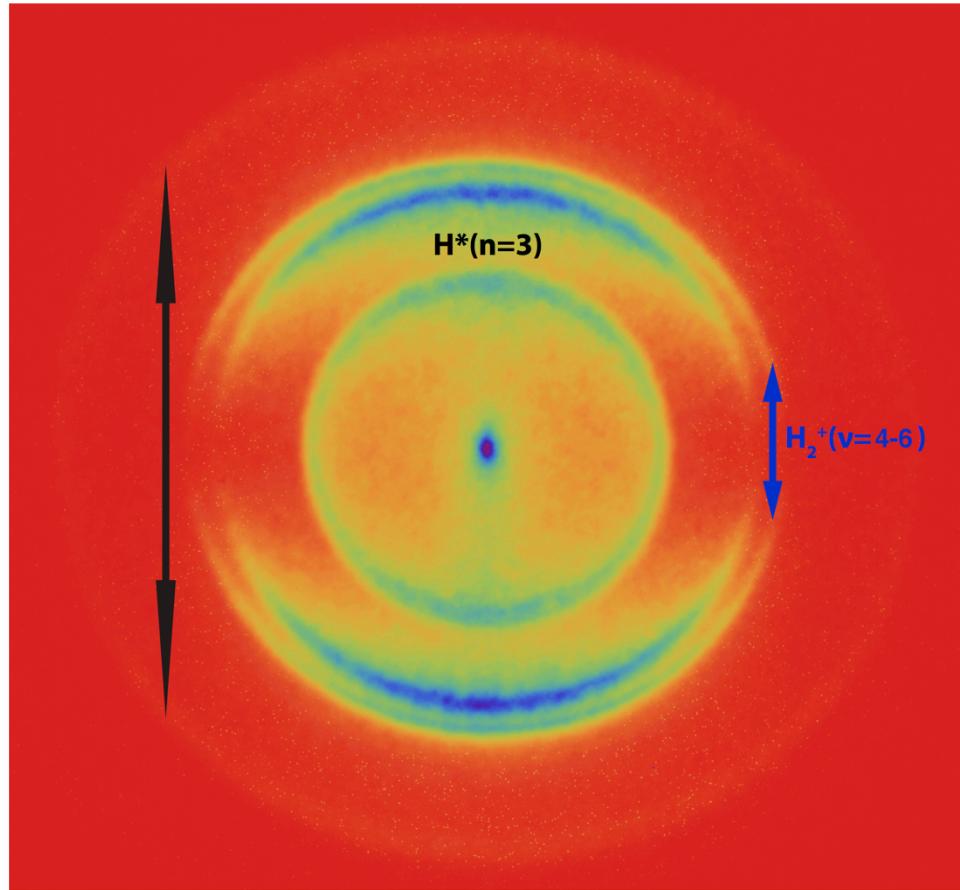


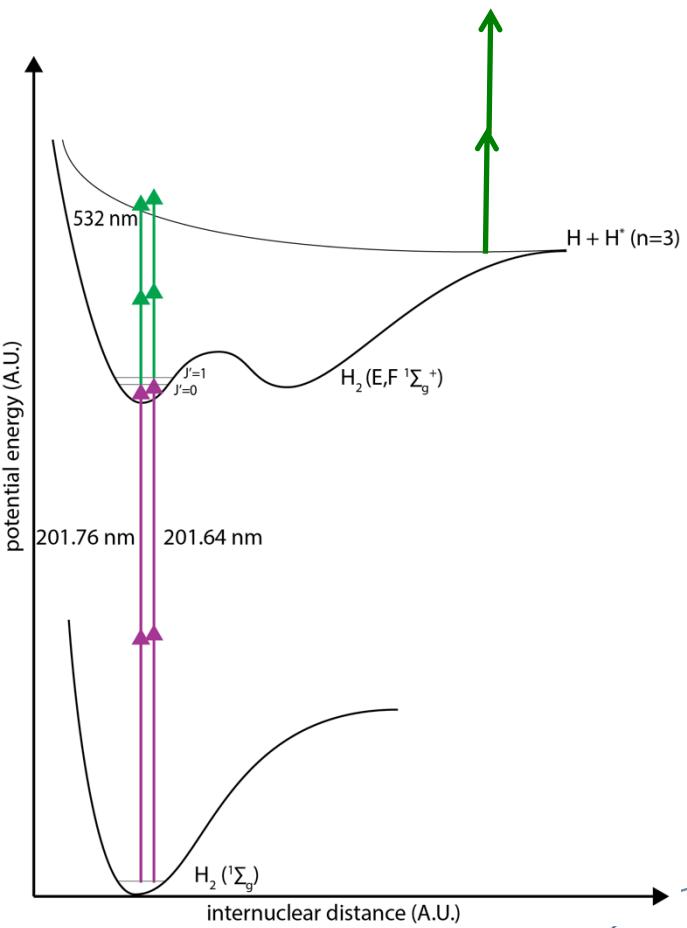
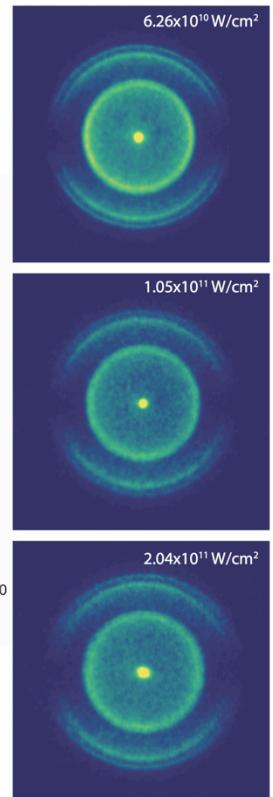
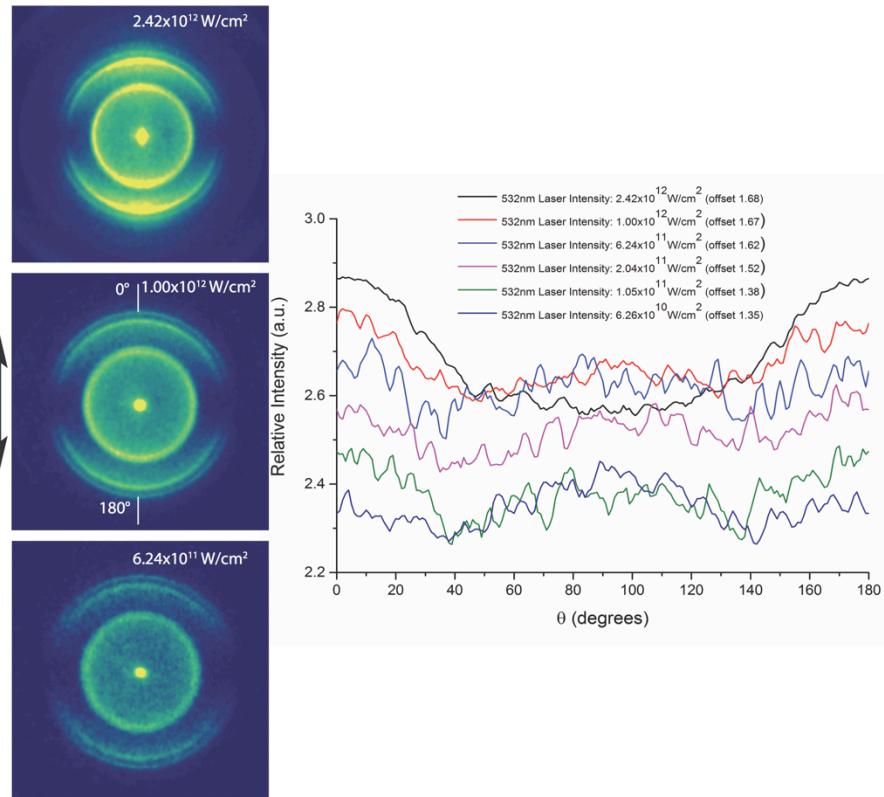
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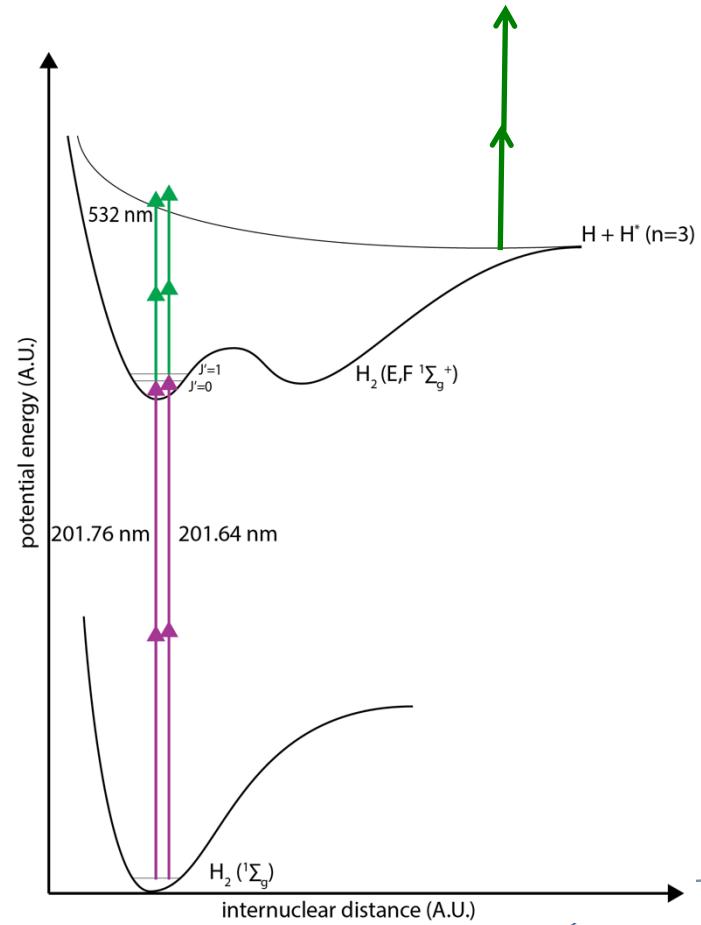
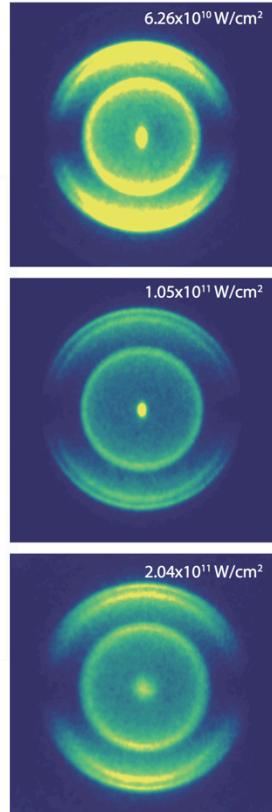
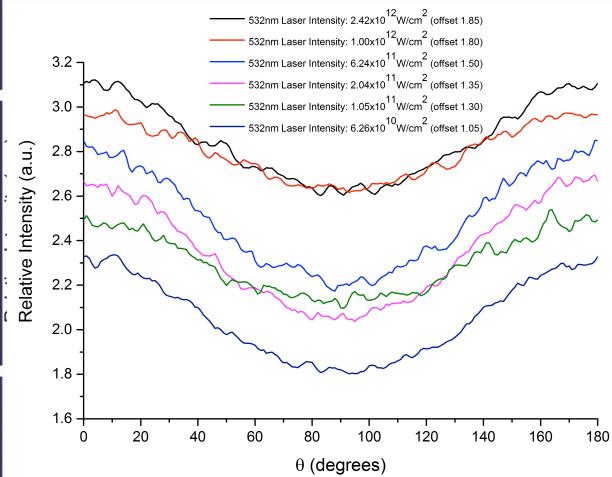
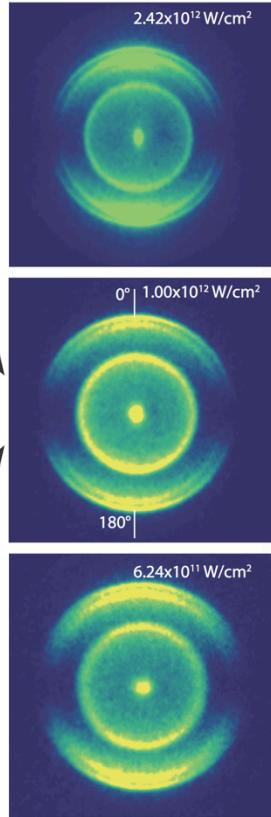


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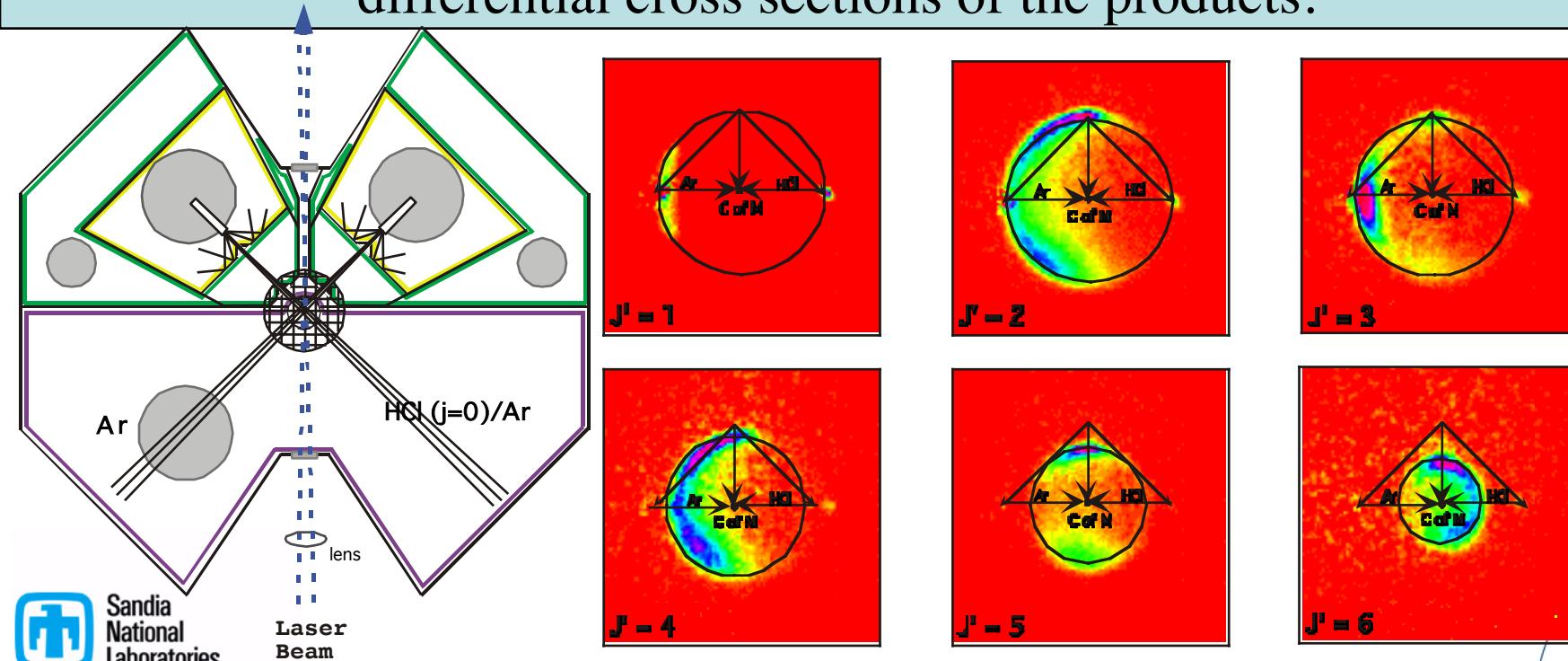




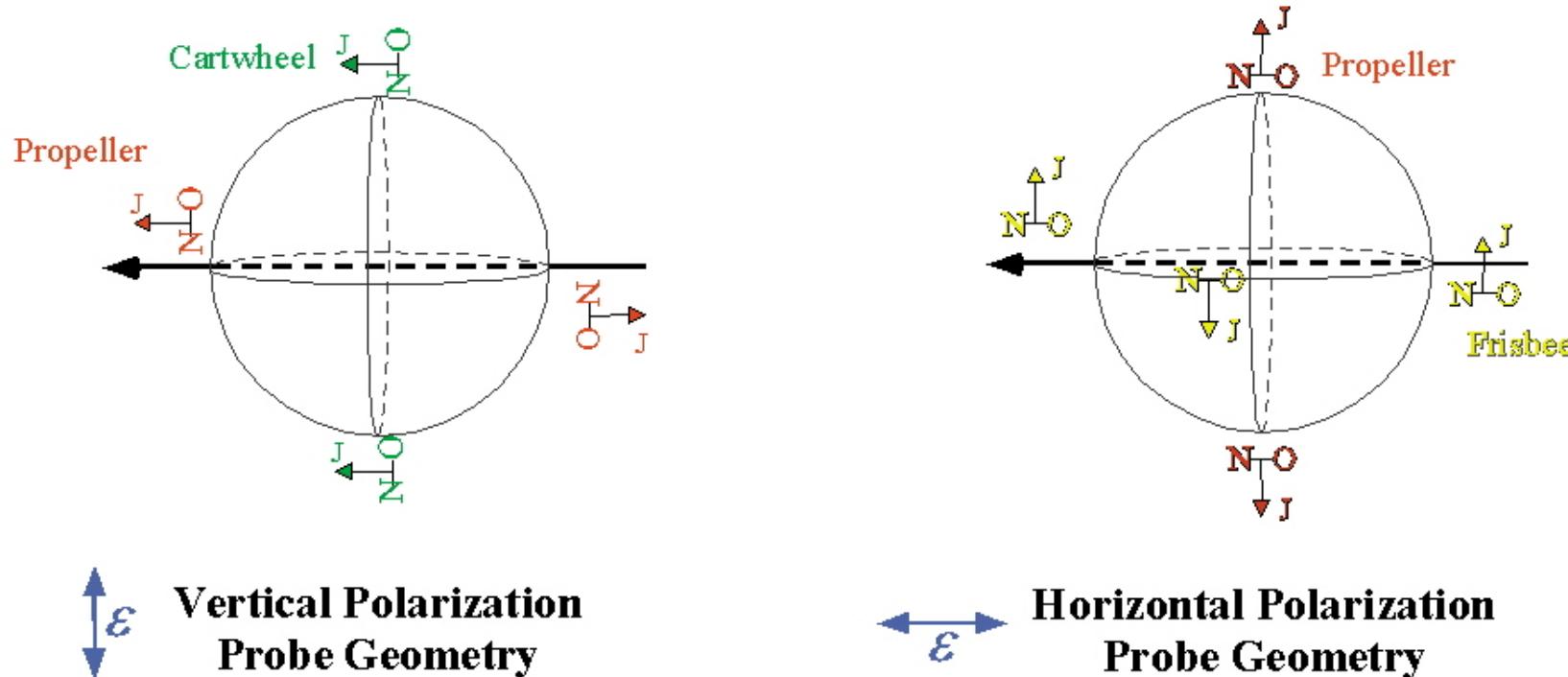


# Kinematic Cooling of Molecules is a Technique for the Slowing of a Molecule by a Single Collision with an Appropriate Atom.

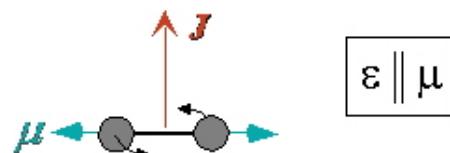
We first discovered this technique for the creation of a samples of Molecules with milliKelvin temperatures by observing the angular distributions we obtained when doing atom-molecule scattering using Velocity Mapped Ion Imaging to detect the differential cross sections of the products.



## II. Rotational Alignment of $\text{NO}({}^2\text{X}) + \text{Ar}$ Collisional Products

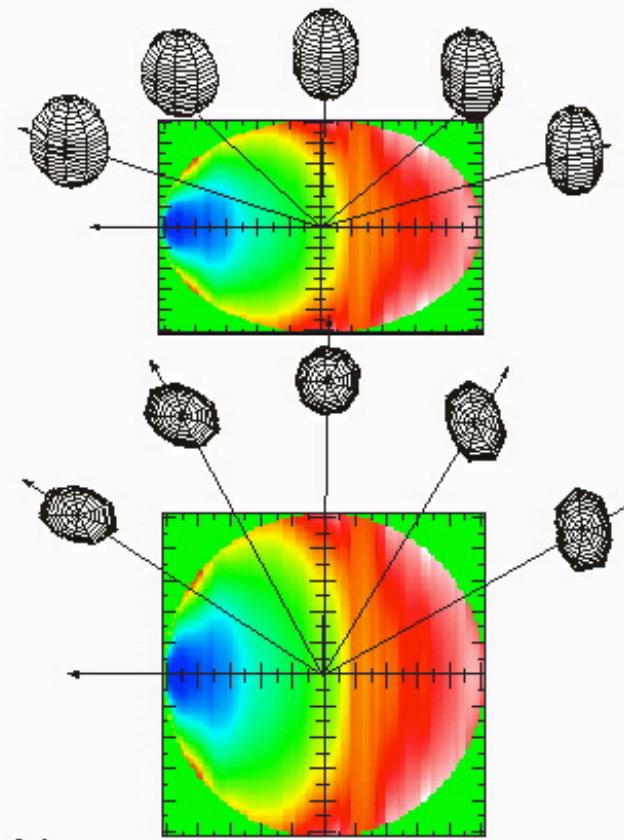
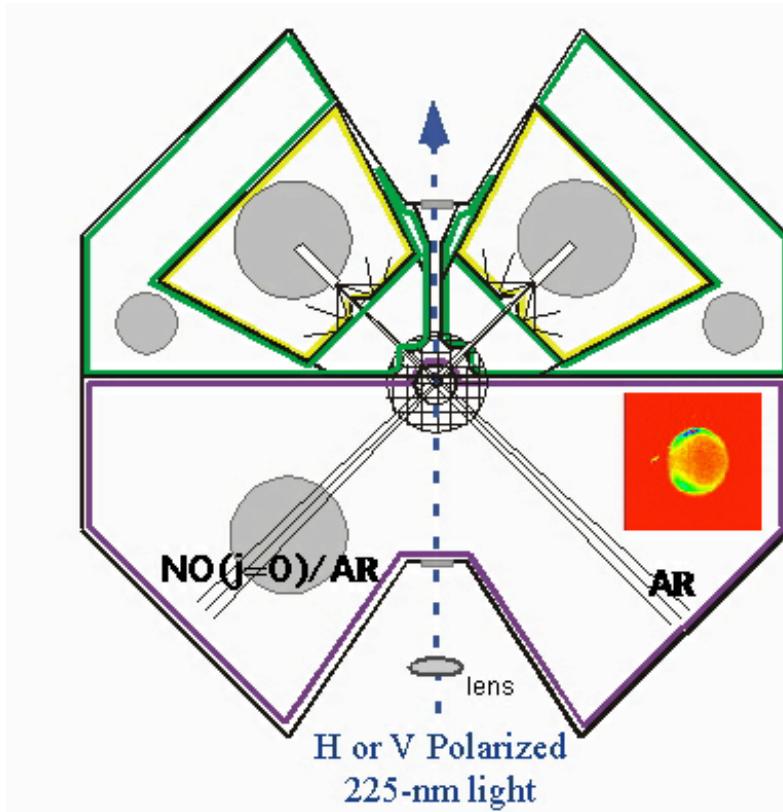


### R-Branch Spectroscopy ( ${}^2\Sigma \leftarrow {}^2\Pi$ )



- Probe light is linearly polarized and set to either vertical or horizontal in the laboratory frame.
- Two alternate probe polarizations can discriminate between NO molecules with their  $J$  vectors aligned in the scattering plane or orthogonal to the plane.

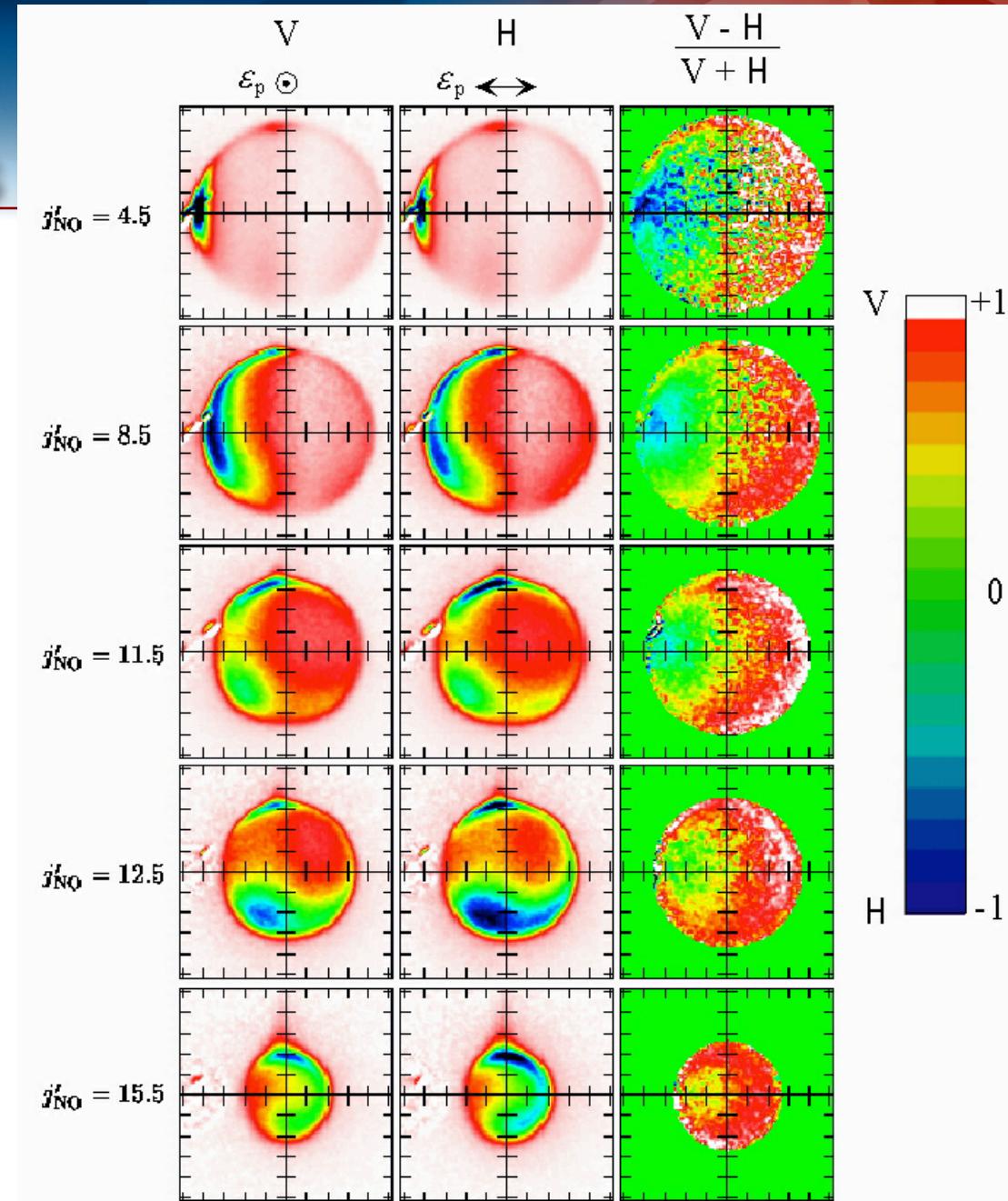
# The alignment of the $J$ vector of the NO can be measured as well as its scattering angle (DCS).



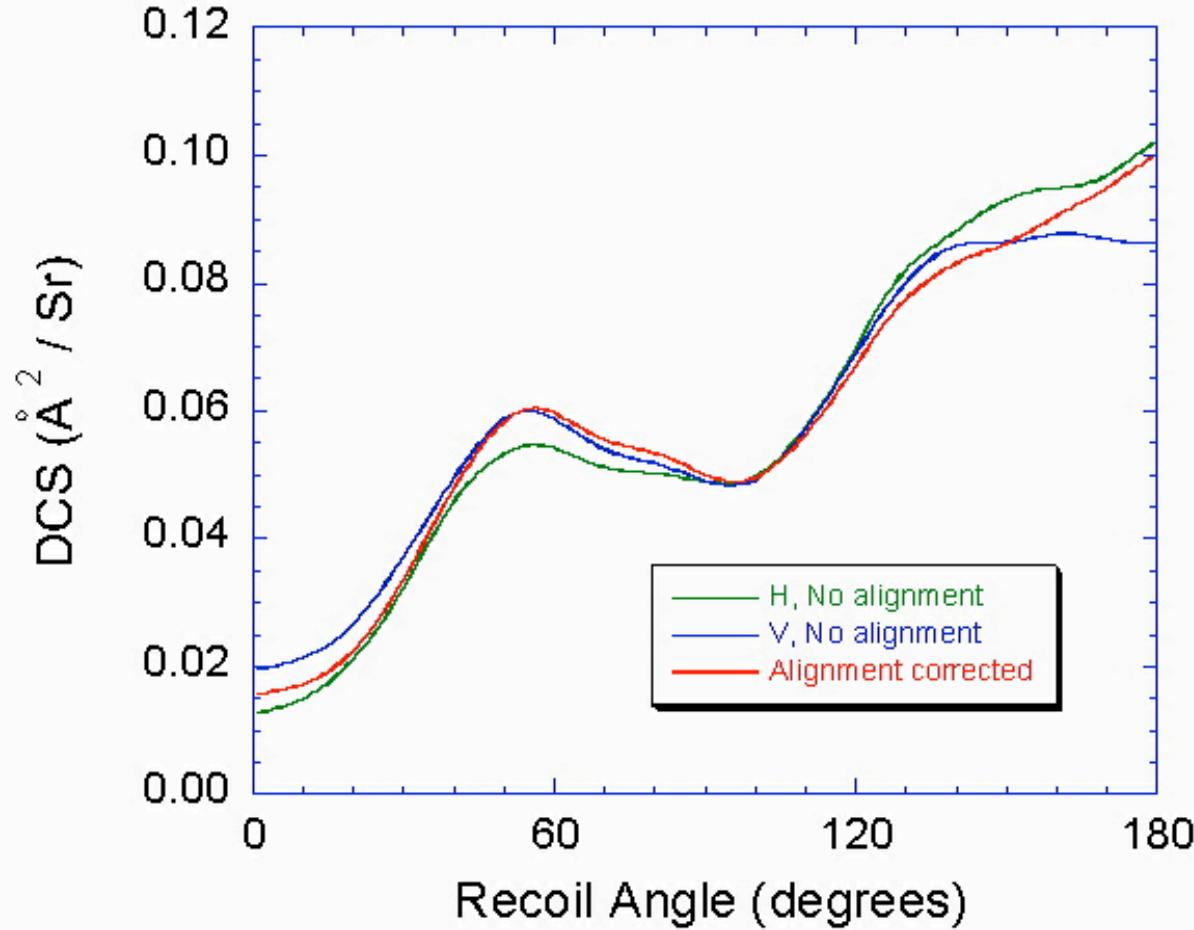
$R_{21}$  ( $J=12.5$ )  
(H-V)/(H+V)

# NO/AR Images V and H images

- We take the difference between the vertical and horizontal images and normalize by the sum of the images to get an image we can fit using three alignment moments. We fit each line of data (top to bottom) with the moments. We can then plot the moments as a

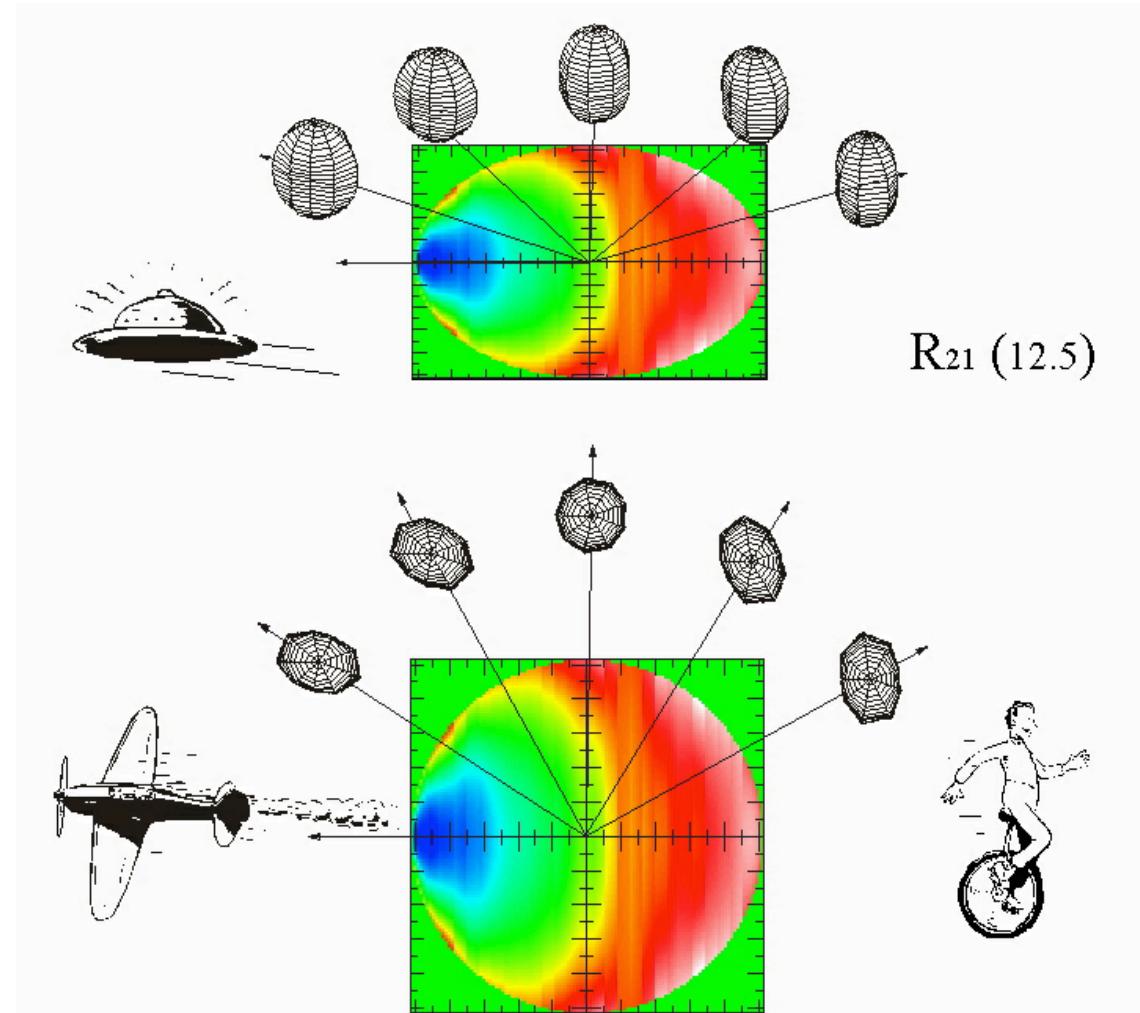


Surprisingly (to me) the alignment does not effect the determination of the DCS except at 0 and 180 degrees



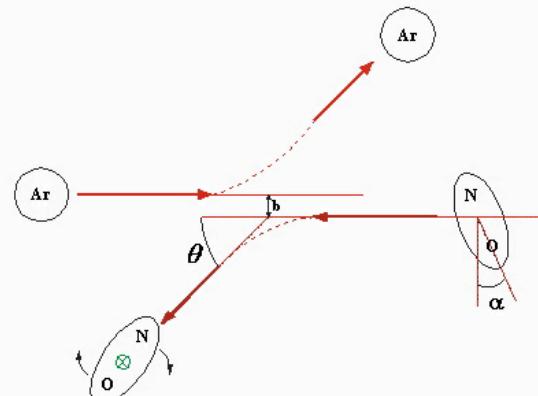
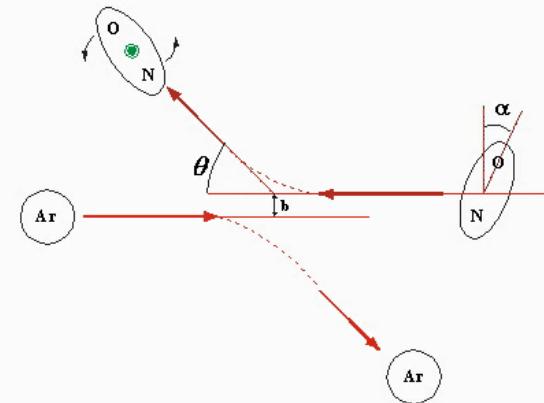
# The alignment moments (when turned into pictures!) provide physical insight into the scattering process.

- The Three Alignment moments define the 3-D distribution and they are drawn here for  $J=12.5$
- Obloids represent the  $J$  distribution as a function of the final scattering velocity.
- Scattering products are dominantly aligned orthogonal to the scattering

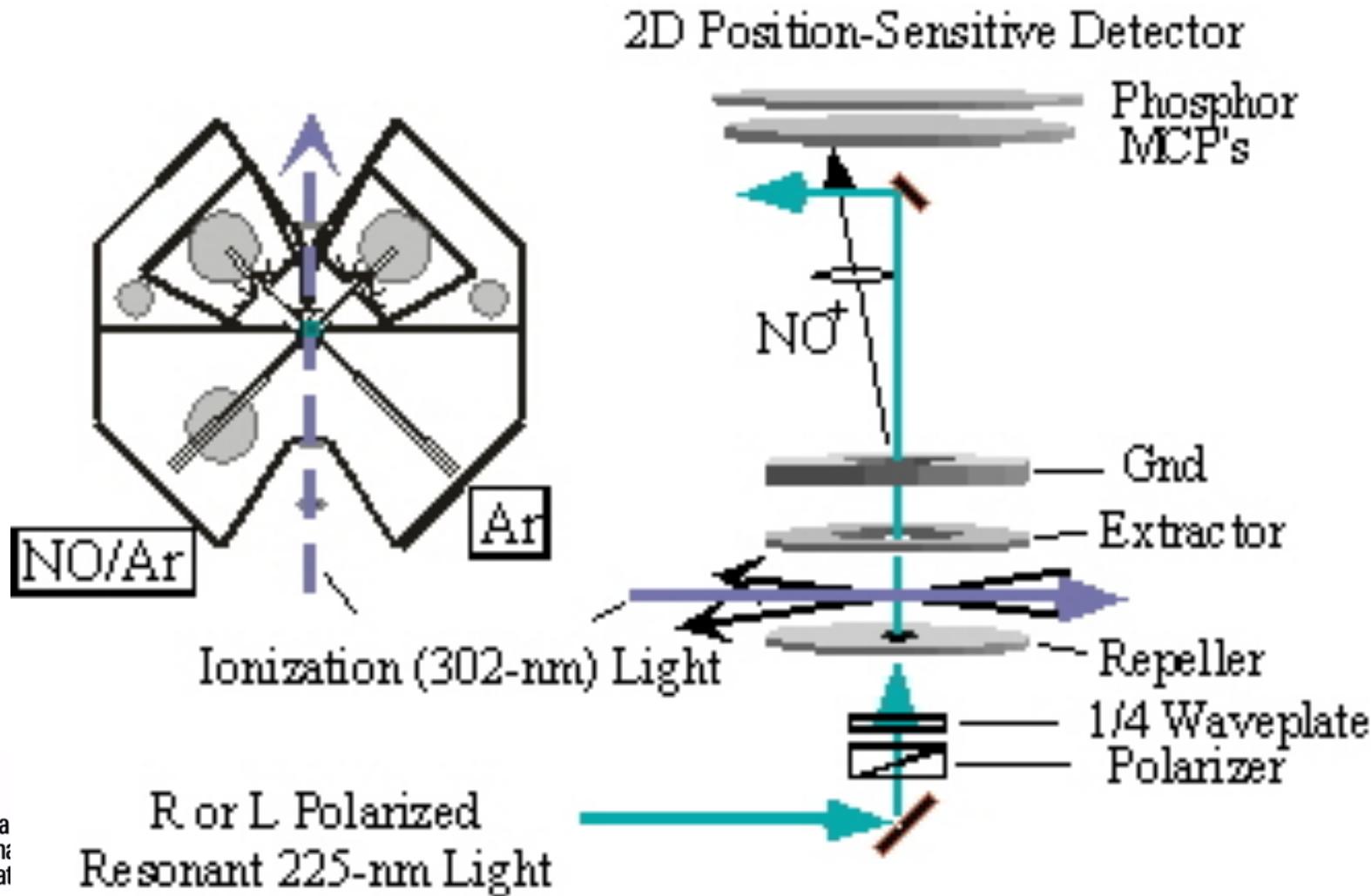


# Orientation of the $\mathbf{J}$ vector refers to the absolute sense of rotation, clockwise or counter clockwise.

- What do you predict?
- Should there be a preferred sense of rotation for NO scattering at a certain angle when it collides with an atom?

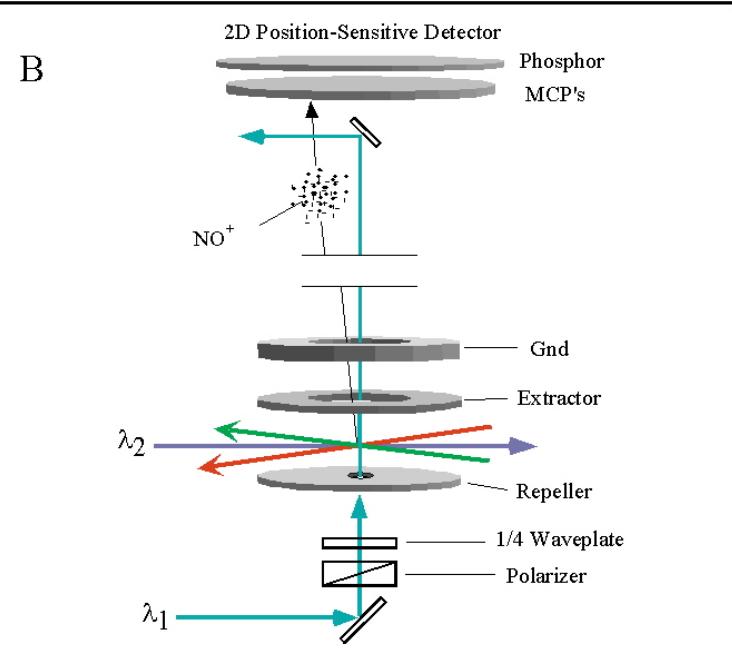
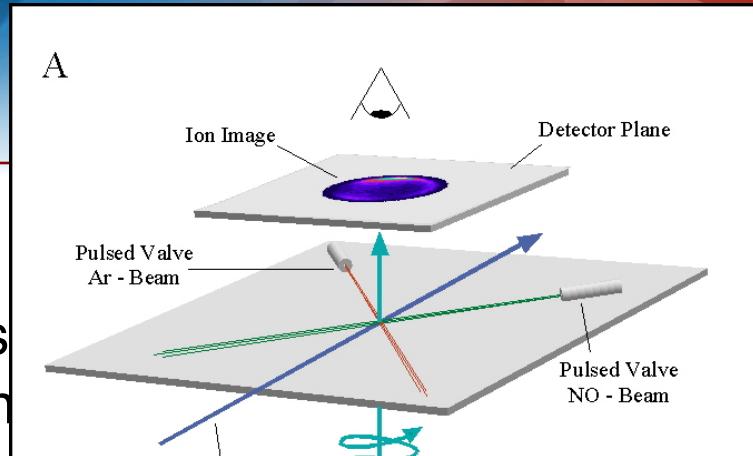


In order to determine the orientation of the NO we will use circularly polarized light and shine it from below the scattering plane.



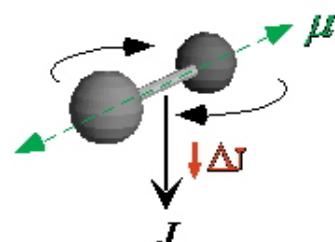
# The apparatus for measuring orientation of molecules.

- This apparatus geometry allows orientation as a function of quant angle.
- The results can be directly compared to theory by fitting to the scattering distribution.



# The Absolute Sense of Rotation of the NO Collision Products Can Be Probed Using Circularly Polarized Light

Right Circularly  
Polarized Light  
Favored

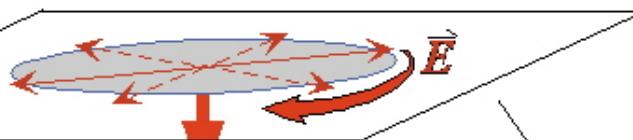
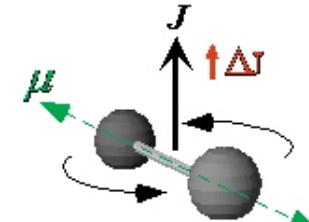


R -Branch,  $\Delta J = +1$

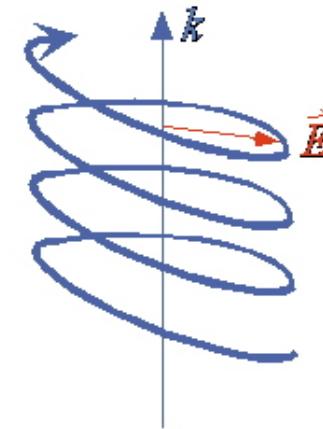
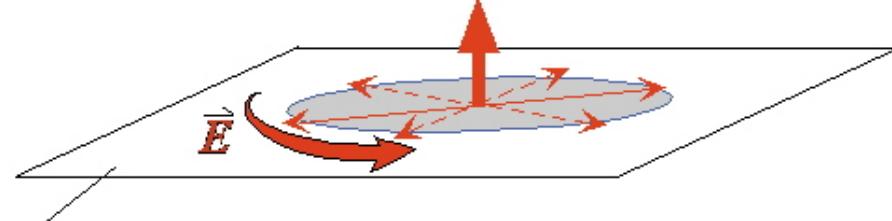
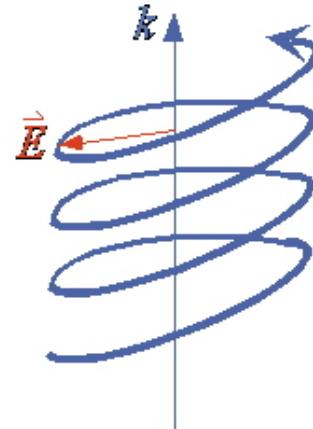


$$\vec{E} \parallel \vec{\mu}$$

Left Circularly  
Polarized Light  
Favored

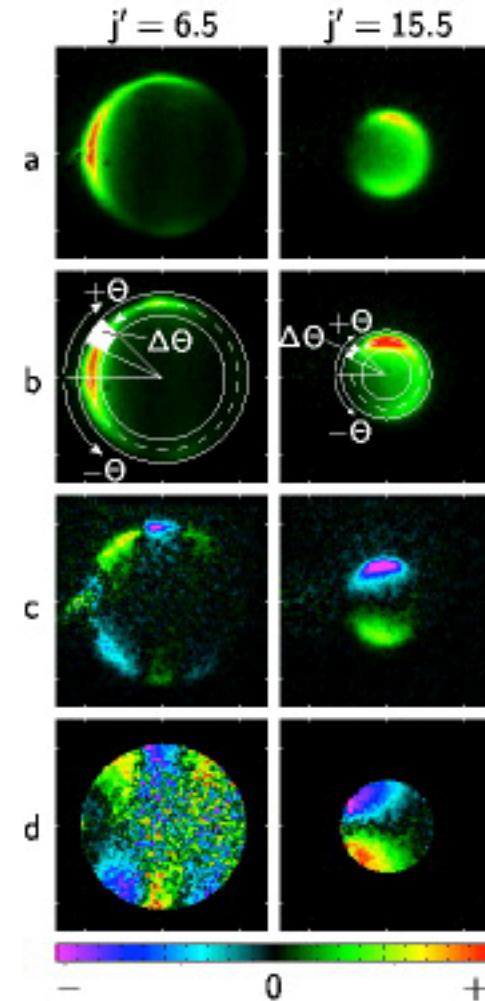


Scattering Plane

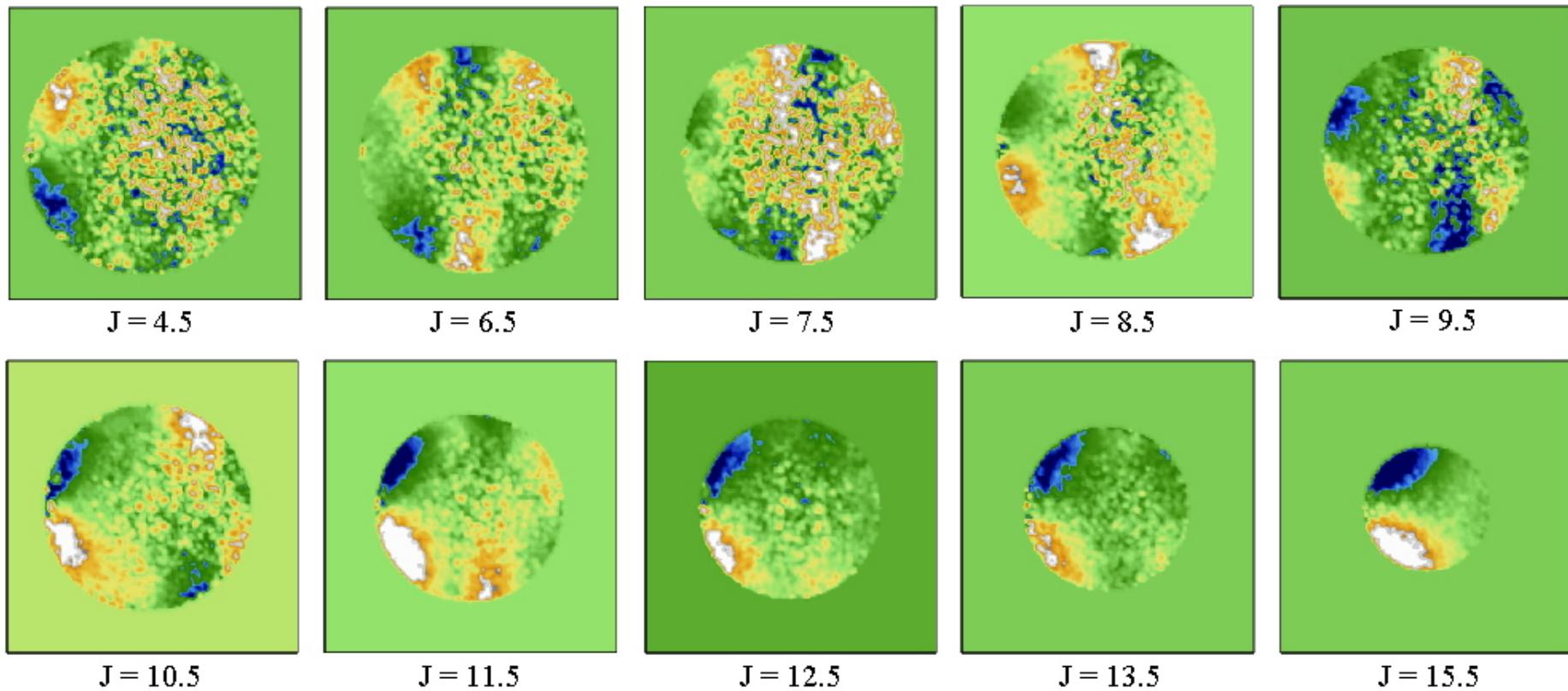
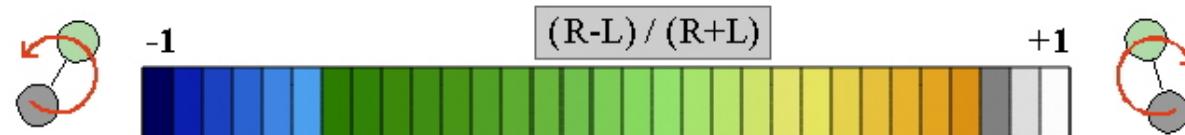


# The normalized difference image is a direct measure of the orientation.

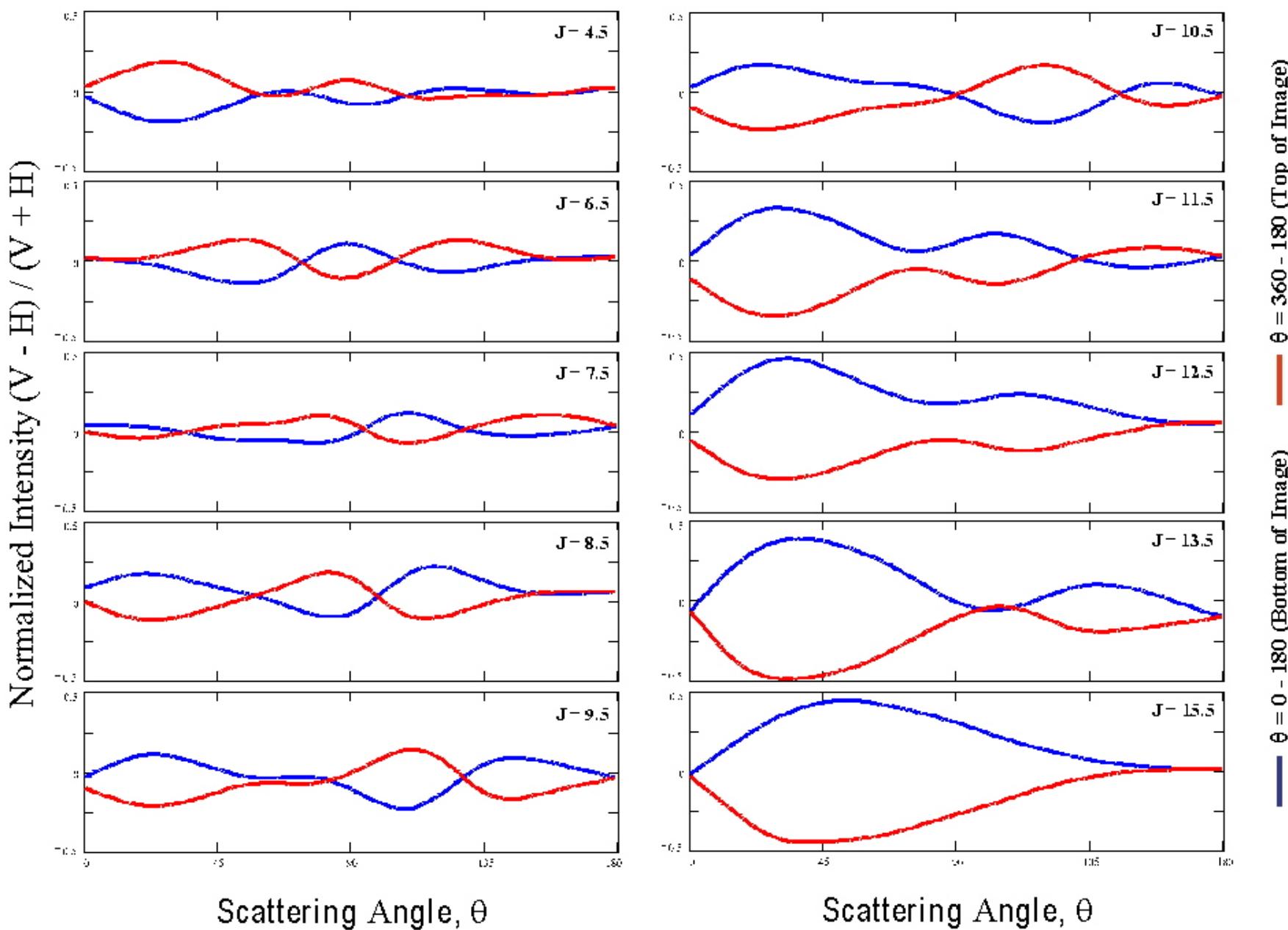
- A) Right circularly polarized Image
- B) Left Circularly polarized Image
- C) difference image A-B
- D) Normalized difference image (A-B)



# Normalized Difference Images for Selected Rotational States of NO + Ar Collision Products R<sub>21</sub> Branch

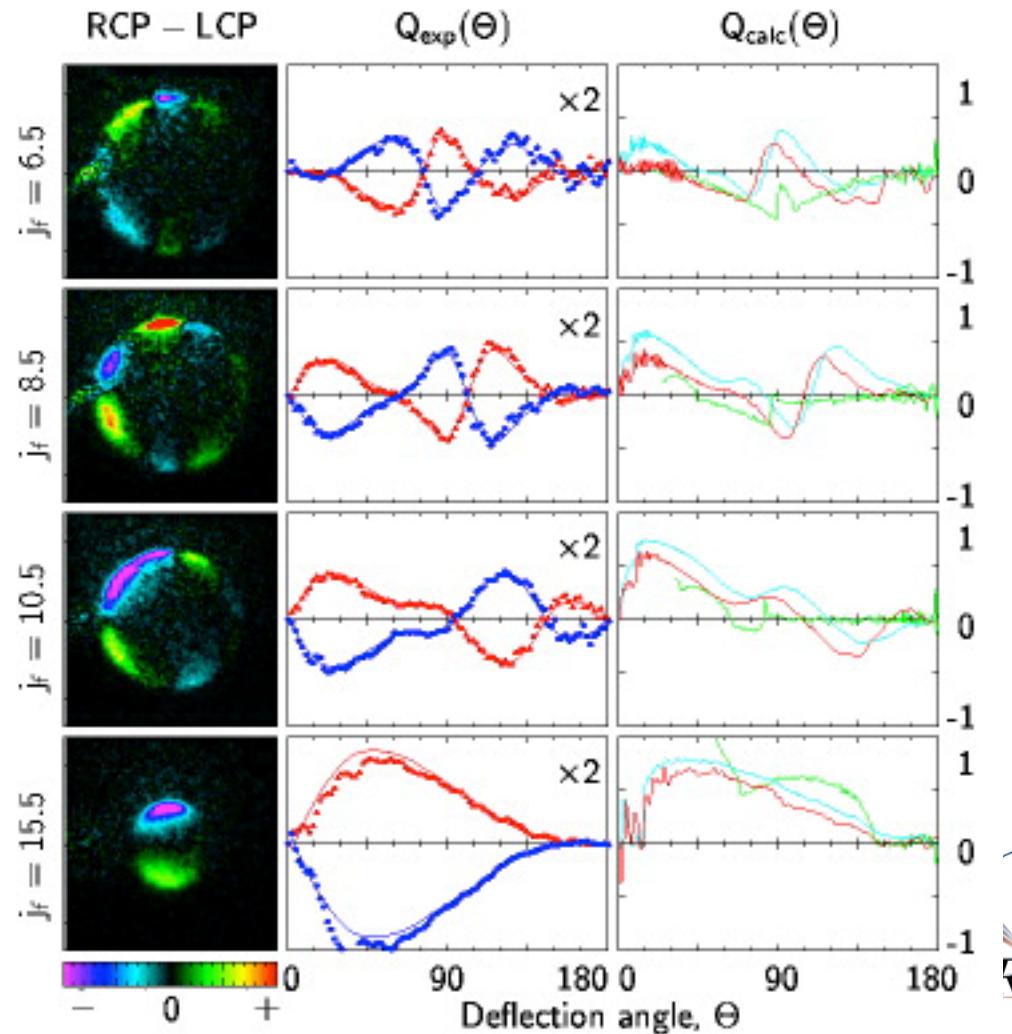


# The Normalized Orientation-Dependent J-Changing DCS's



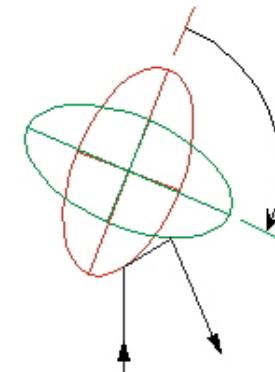
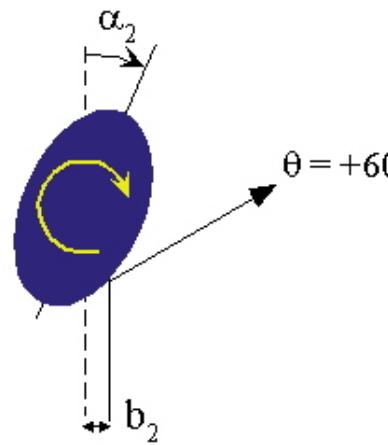
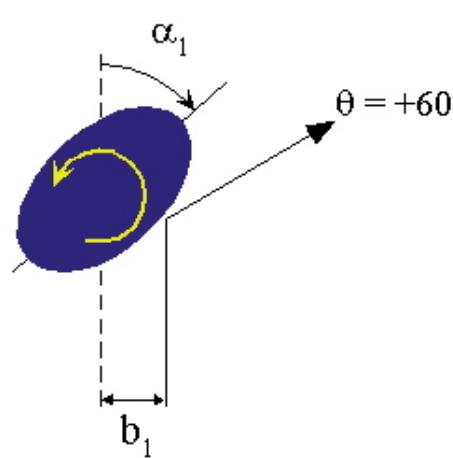
# Difference images with perimeter plots and calculated $A_{-1}^1$ moments.

- Calculations are done using full close-coupled quantum calculations using two recent *ab initio* NO-Ar potentials of Alexander and the Hybridon scattering package.



# 2D Hard Ellipse Calculations Show That There Should Be No Orientation Effect Without Invoking Multiple Collisions

- There are equal numbers of orientation / impact parameter combinations giving CW as CCW rotation for any given deflection angle,  $\theta$ . The net result is cancellation of any measurable rotational orientation.



- However, for high  $\Delta j$  collisions, some impact parameters are more likely to suffer secondary impacts - the chattering effect.
- Chattering eliminates the net balance between the number of trajectories producing CW and CCW motion for any given deflection angle

# Semi-Classical Interferences May Account for the Modulation in the Orientation-Dependent DCS's

## Two sources of interference

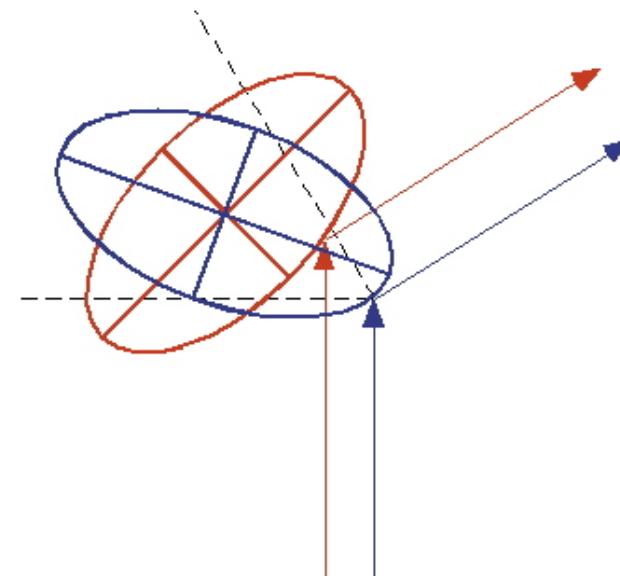
- Interference due to phase-additive differences in the path lengths of the DeBroglie plane waves for red and blue trajectories.

$$l_{\text{deBroglie}} = \frac{h}{|\vec{p}|}$$

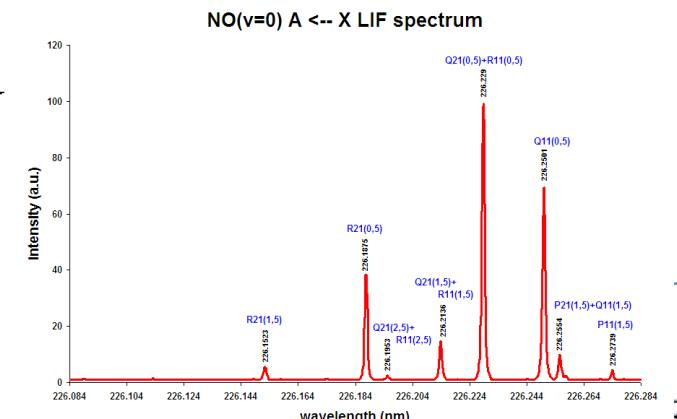
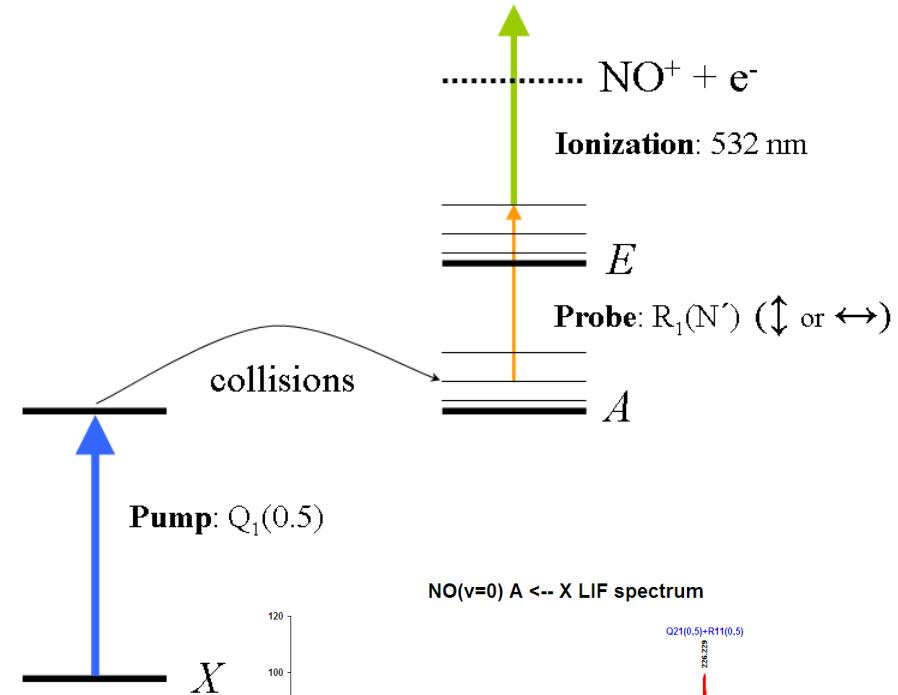
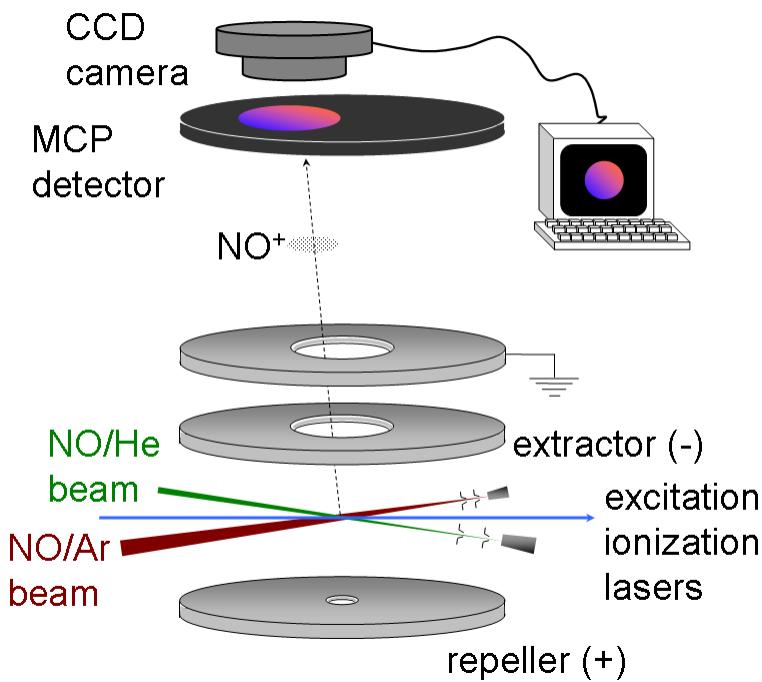
- Interference due to phase-additive differences in the rotational path of the rotor for the two trajectories.

$$\Psi(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{(-i\vec{j}\cdot\vec{a})}$$

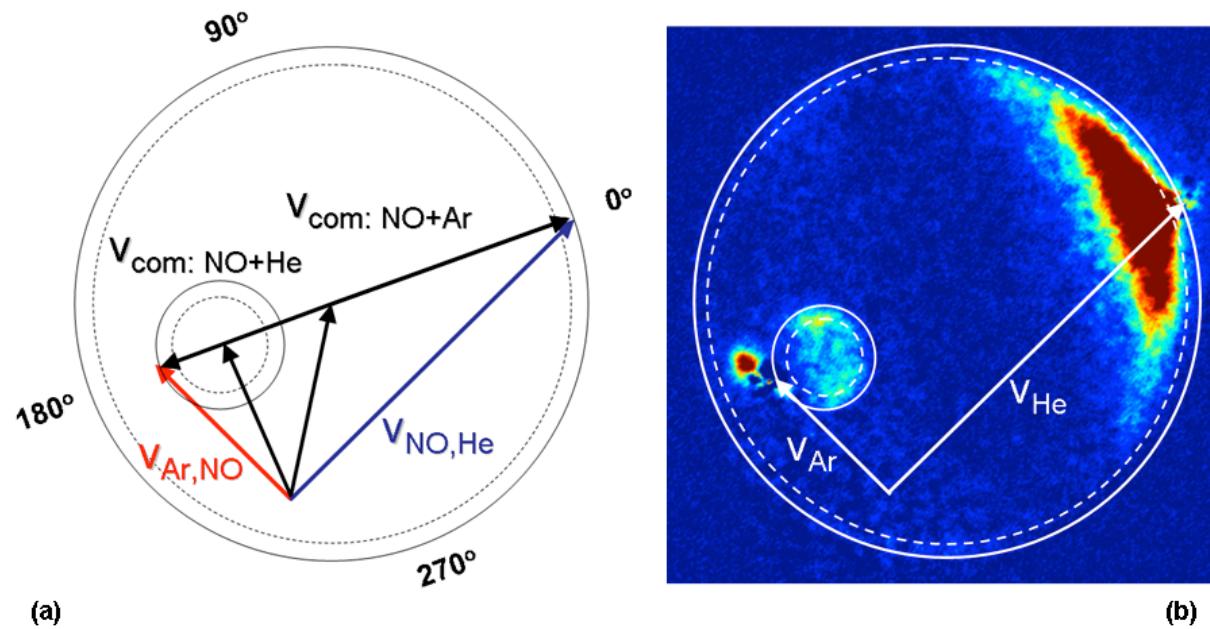
$$\text{Intensity Modulation} \sim \cos [\vec{j}(\vec{a}_B - \vec{a}_R)]$$



# Apparatus and Detection Mode for measuring DCS and Alignment of Electronically Excited State Molecules.



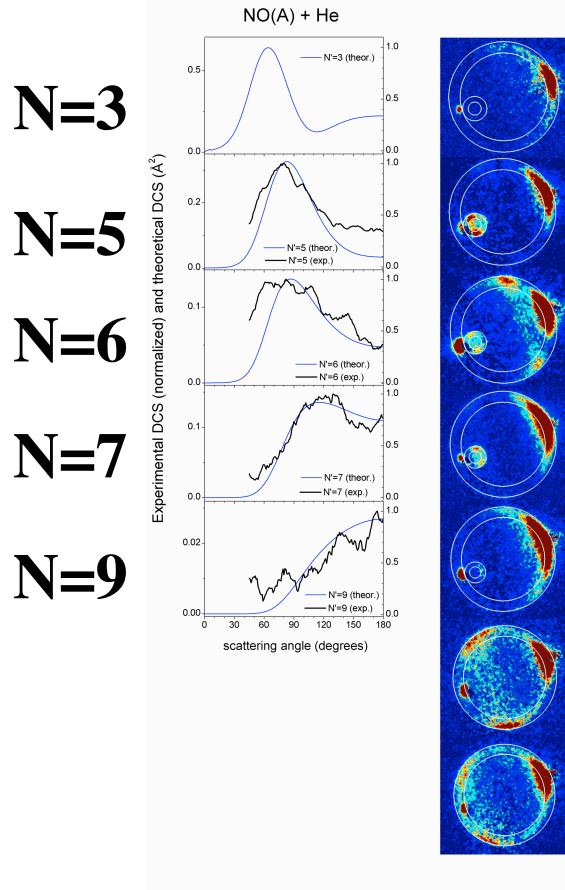
# Expected Collision Dynamics From NO/Ar Beam Scattering From NO/He beam



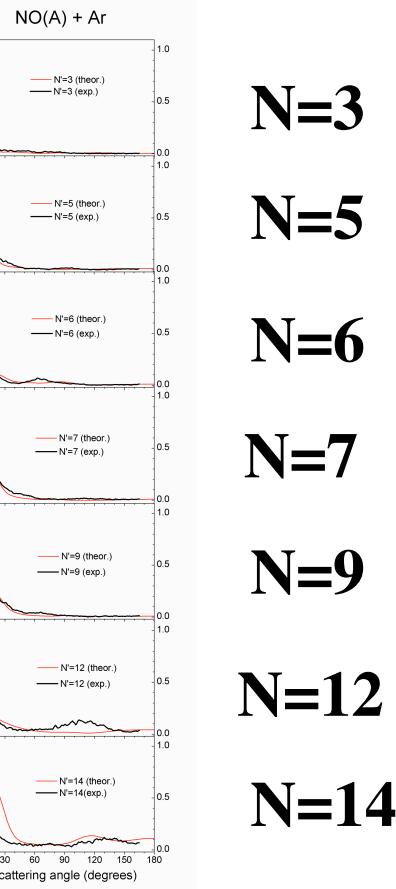
**Three dimensional scattering of unequal mass particles capable of  
Also constrained by conservation of energy and momentum, The N**

# Background Subtracted Scattering Data and the Differential Cross Sections Obtained from Data.

## NO scattering from He

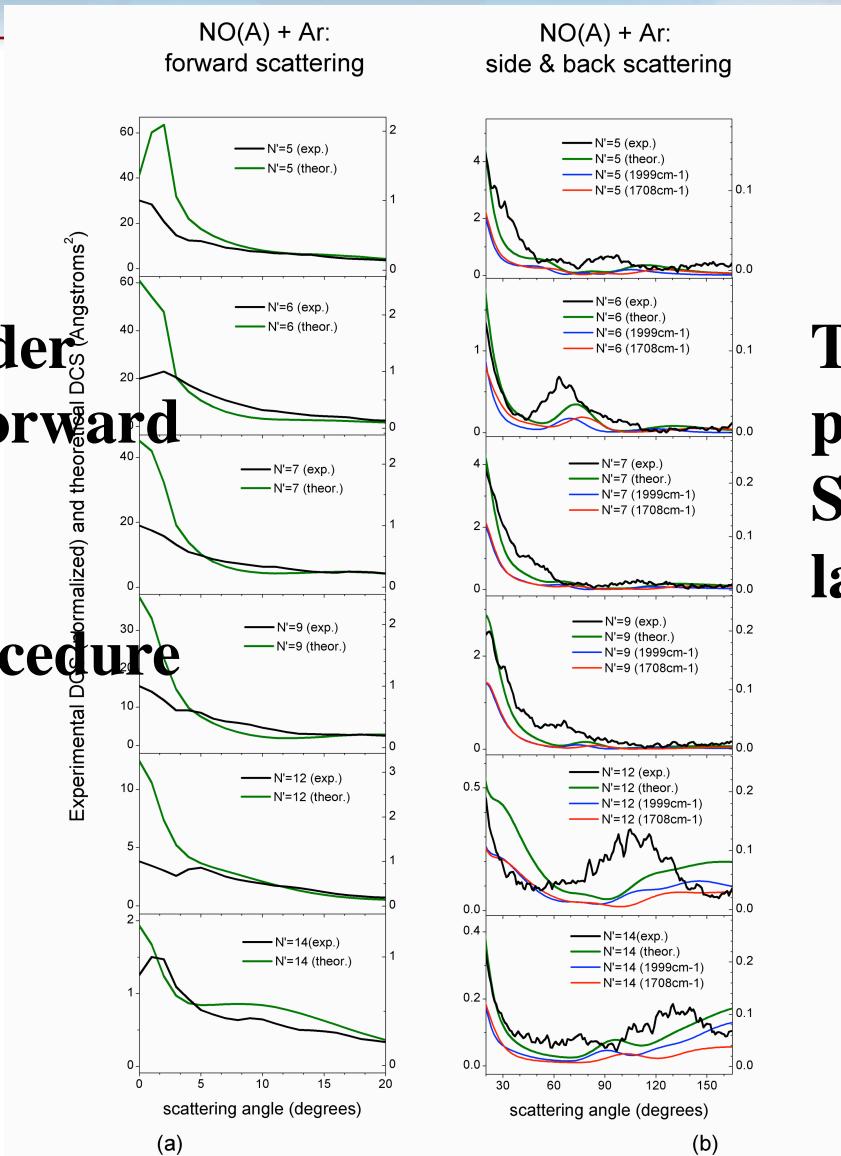


## NO scattering from Ar



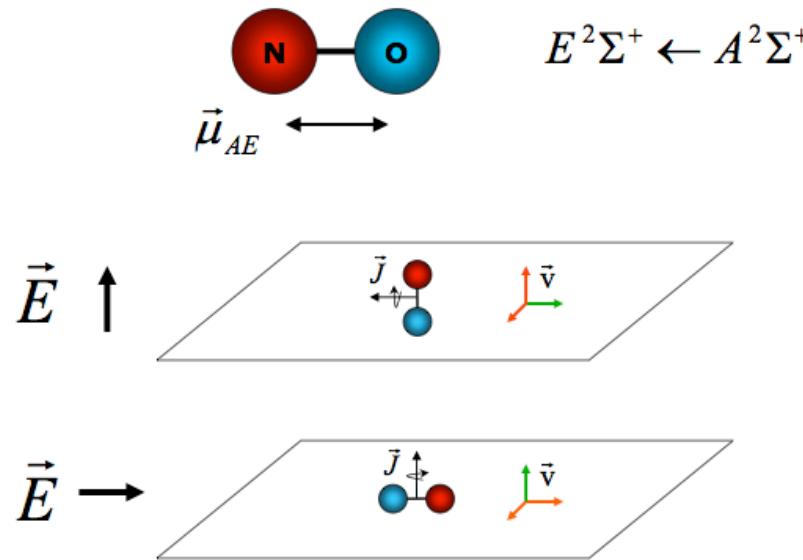
# Expanded view of Differential Cross Sections

Experiment under  
Estimates the forward  
scattering due  
background  
subtraction procedure



Theory to predict the  
position of the Rainbow  
Scattering at too  
large and angle.

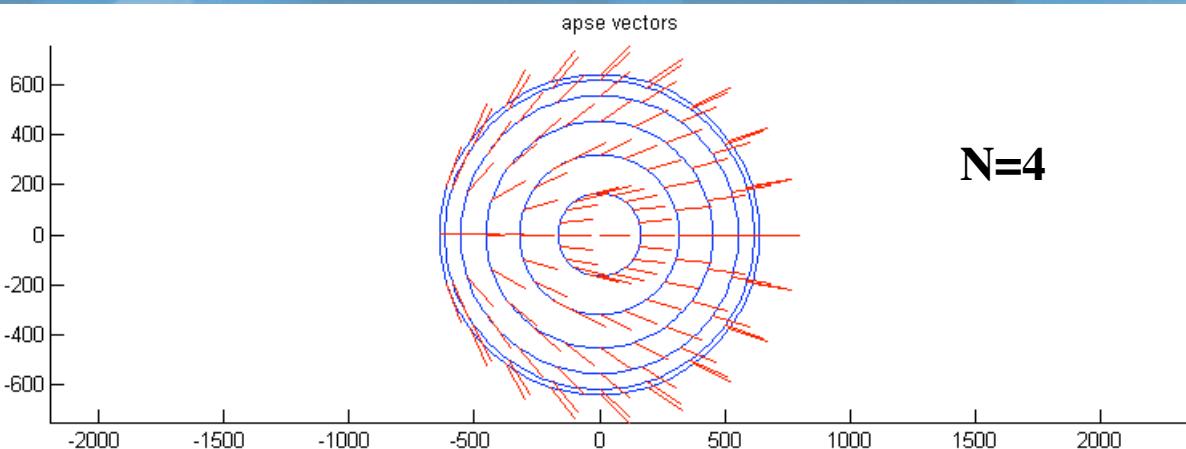
# Is the Scattering is Polarization Dependent? Can we Measure Alignment of Electronically Excited State Scattering?



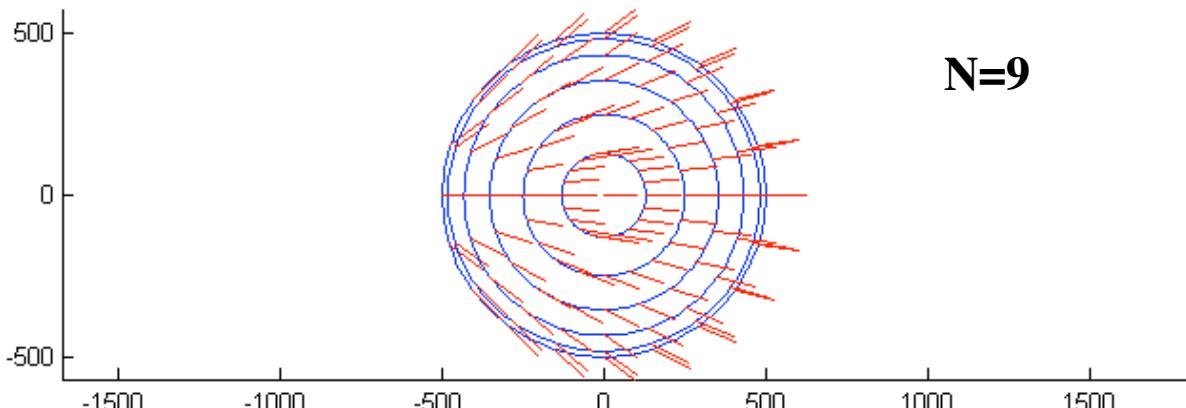
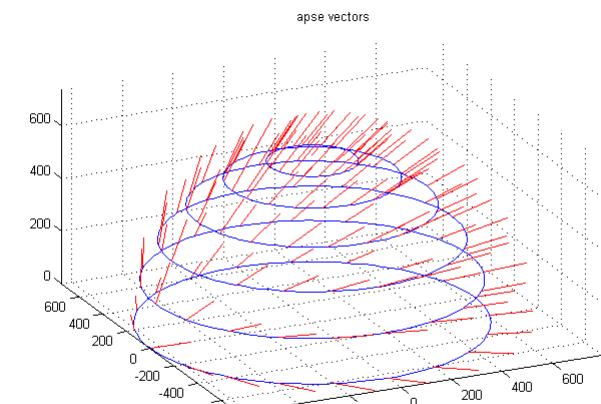
**For NO traveling toward or away from laser beam perpendicular polarization is sensitive to cartwheel and propeller rotation.**

**For NO traveling toward or away from laser beam horizontal polarization is sensitive to Frisbee or propeller motion**

# Classical ‘Apse’ Model: Calculate Apse Vector for Every Scattering Angle and Calculate Projection of $\mathbf{J}$ on Scattering Axis.

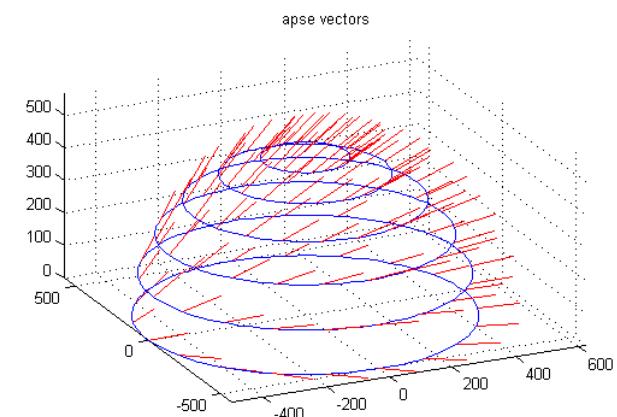
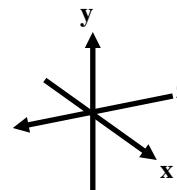


$N=4$



$N=9$

z-axis defined as COM  $\mathbf{v}_{\text{initial}}$   
x-axis is laser vector  
y-axis is m/z detection



# Alignment Moments: Calculations

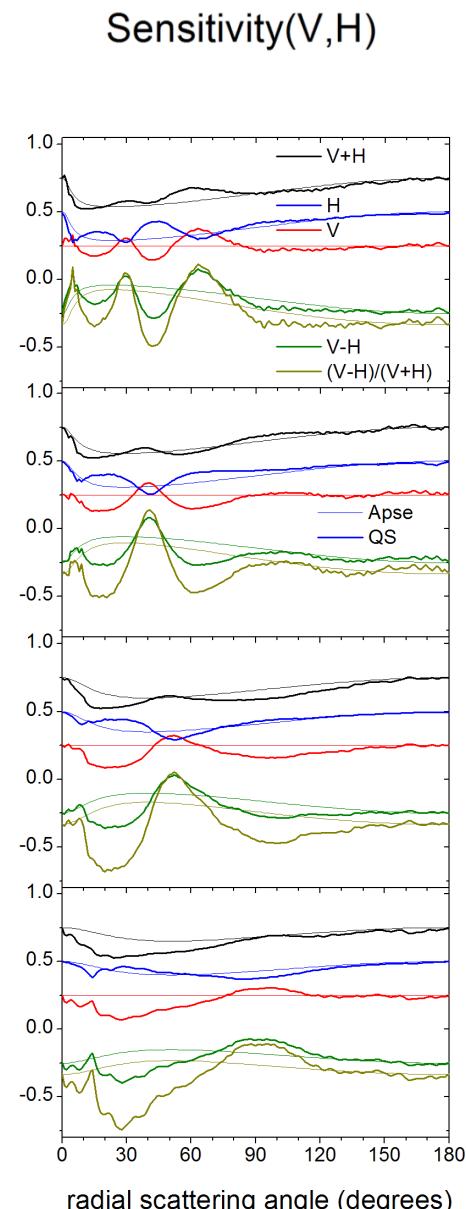
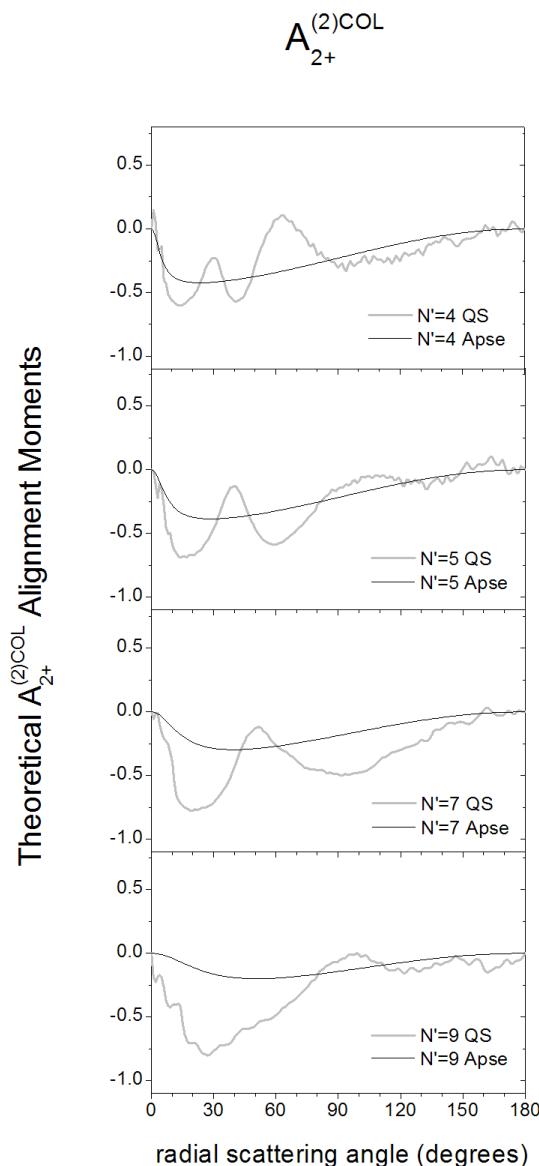
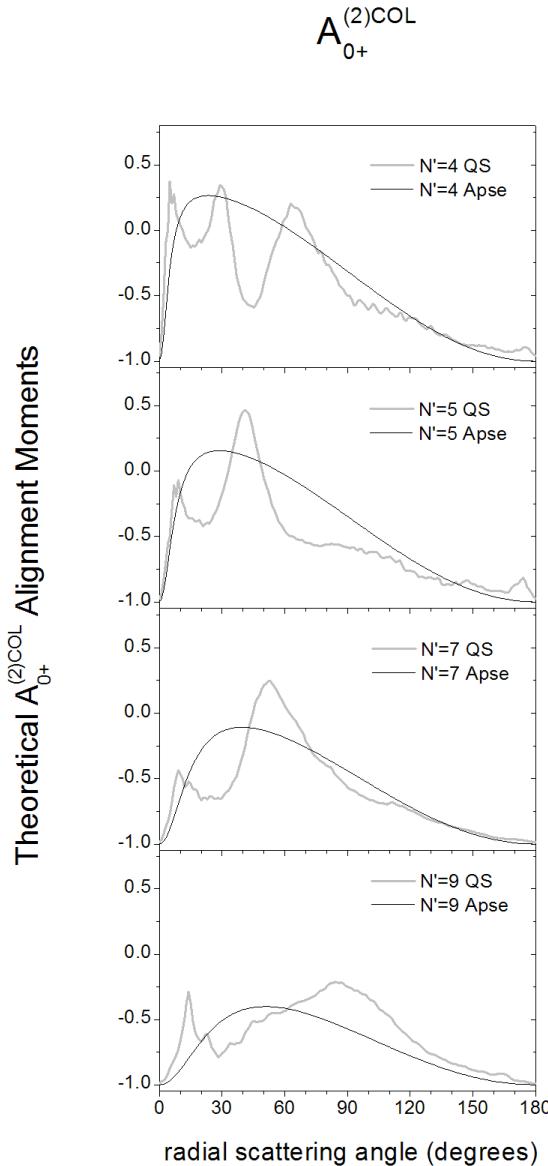
- Quantum scattering (QS) calculations are performed with HIBRIDON on a calculated NO(A)-Ne potential energy surface, these yield a collision energy- and rotational state-specific DCS and collisional alignment propensity.
- The classical ‘Apse’ model is also used to model the collisional alignment.
- The alignment models yield a vector distribution in the molecular collision frame which is captured by the  $A_{0+}^{(2)COL}$  and the  $A_{2+}^{(2)COL}$  moments. The  $J_z^{COL}$ ,  $J_y^{COL}$ , and  $J_x^{COL}$  rotational vectors define the alignment moments as follows:

$$A_{0+}^{(2)COL} = 3*J_z - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad A_{2+}^{(2)COL} = J_x - J_y$$

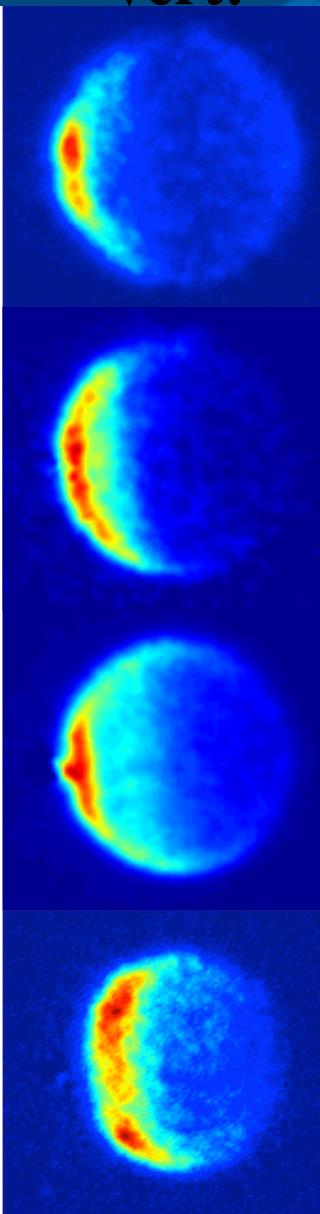
where the z-axis is defined by the COM collision vector.

# Apse and Calculated Alignment Moments are Similar in

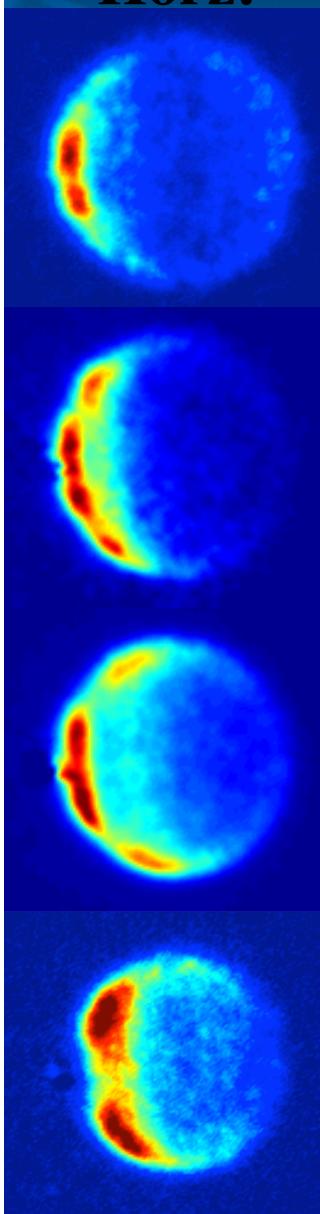
Calculated NO(A) + Ne Alignment Moments: ( $\langle E_{\text{com}} \rangle = 388 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )



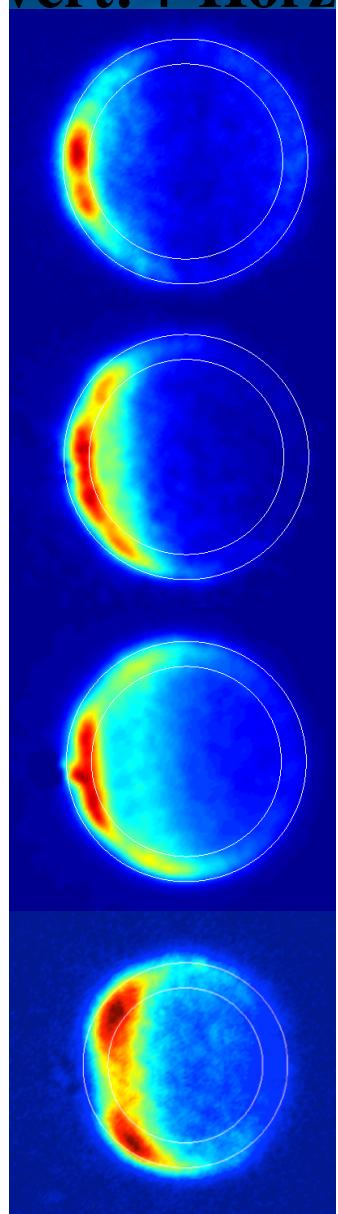
Vert.



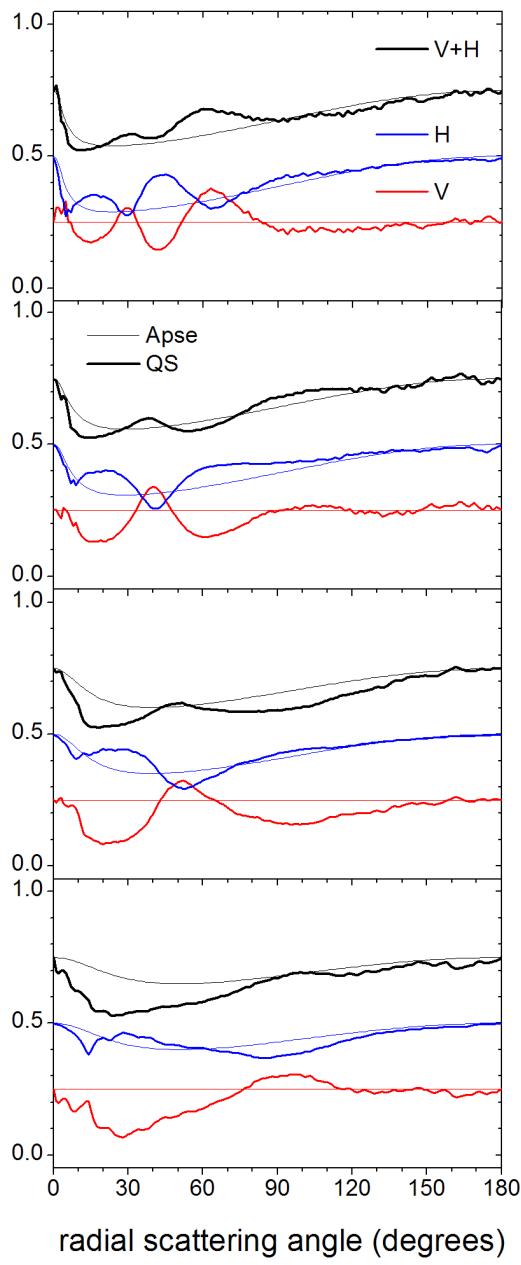
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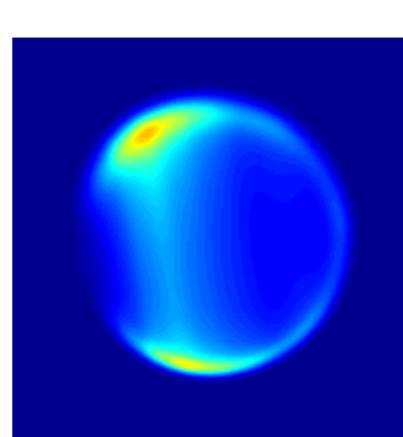
Vert. + Horz.



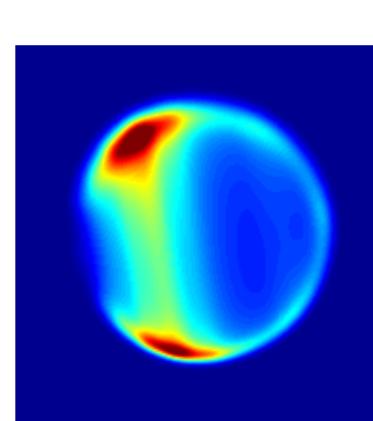
Sensitivity(V,H)



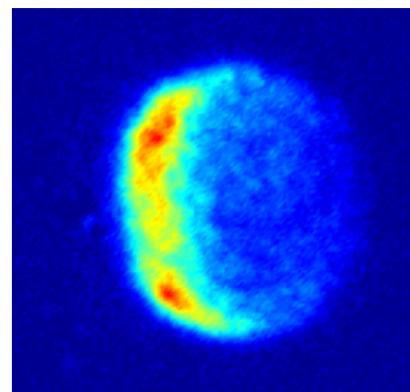
# Images of NO ( $N' = 9$ ) for Vertical and Horizontal polarization of Ionization beams



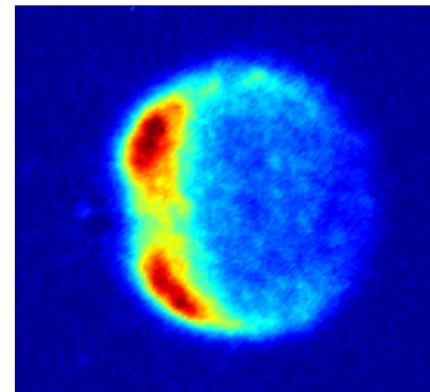
Exact model: V



Exact Model: H



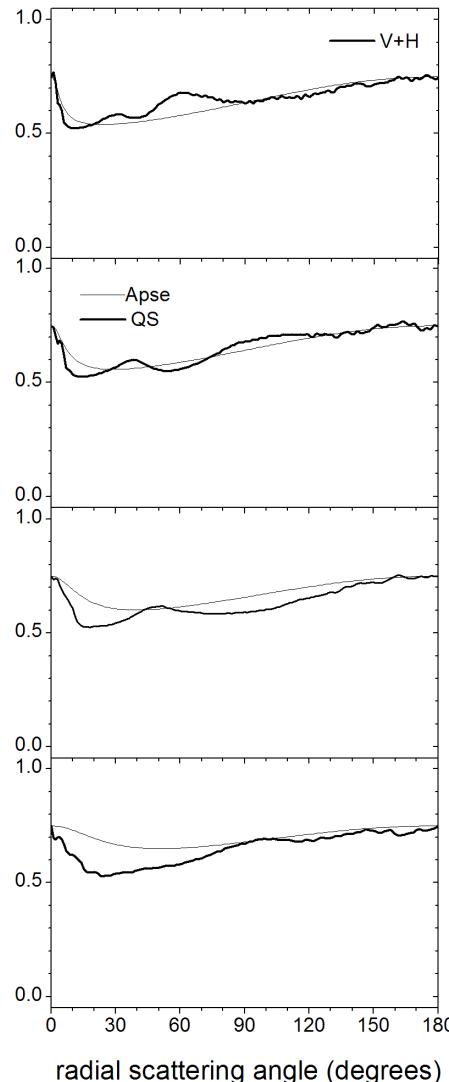
Experiment: V



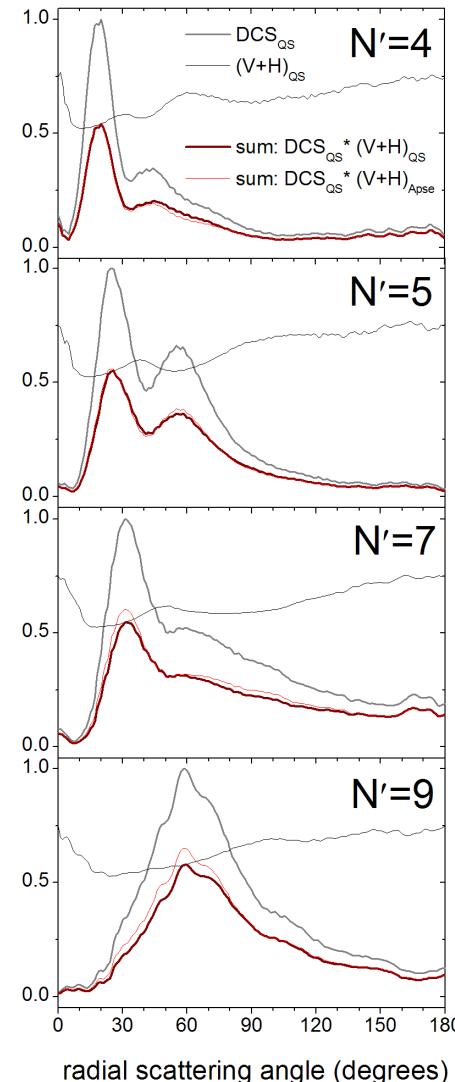
Experiment: H

*Comparison of the angular intensity of a summed theoretical (vertical + horizontal) image with the angular intensity from a summed experimental image*

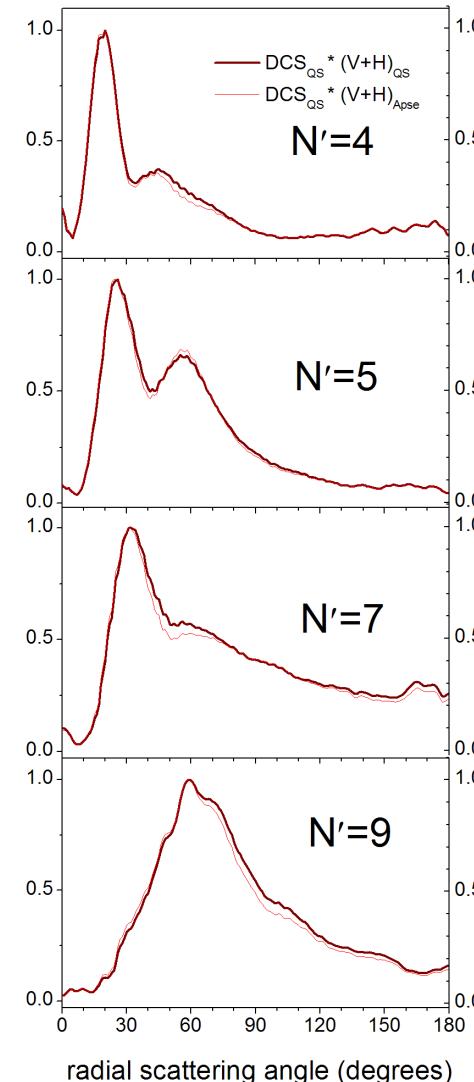
Sensitivity(V,H)



DCS, $A_0, A_2 \rightarrow$  sum

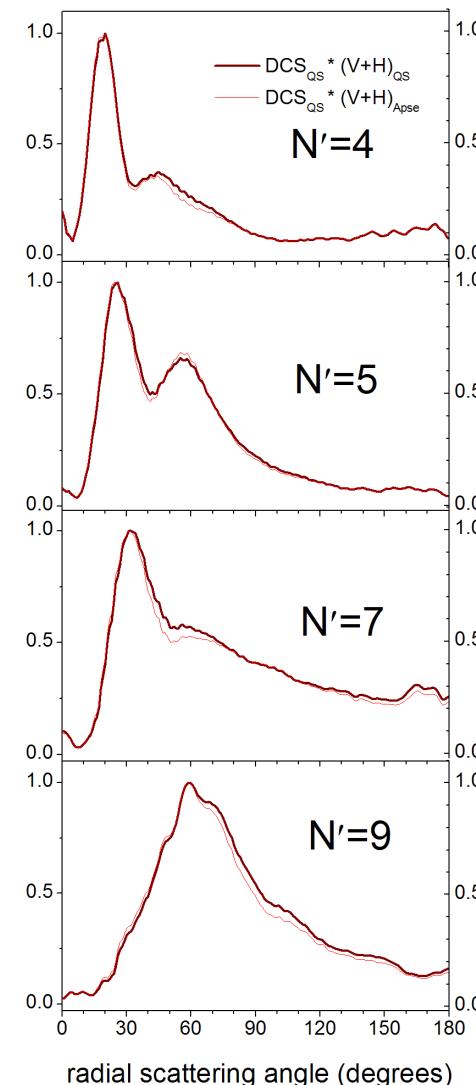
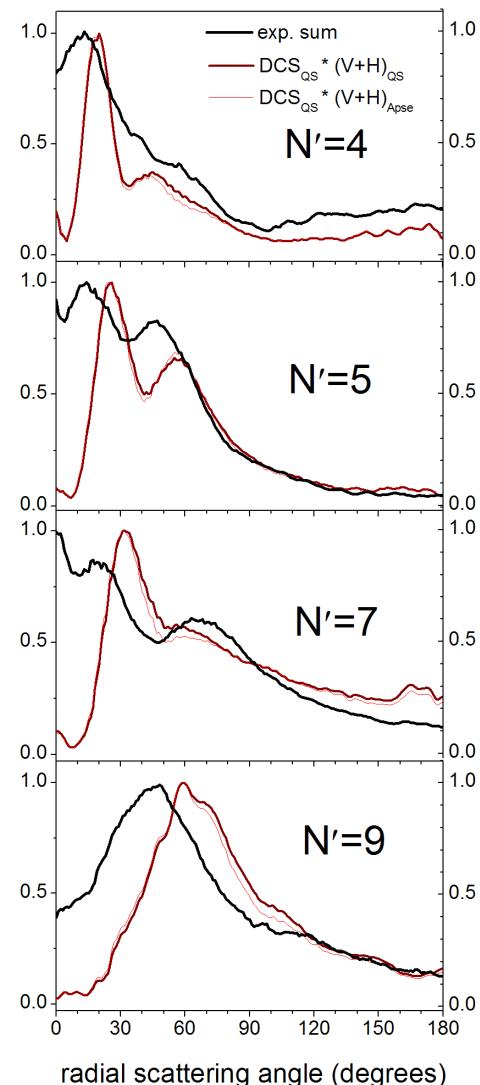


Modeled sum



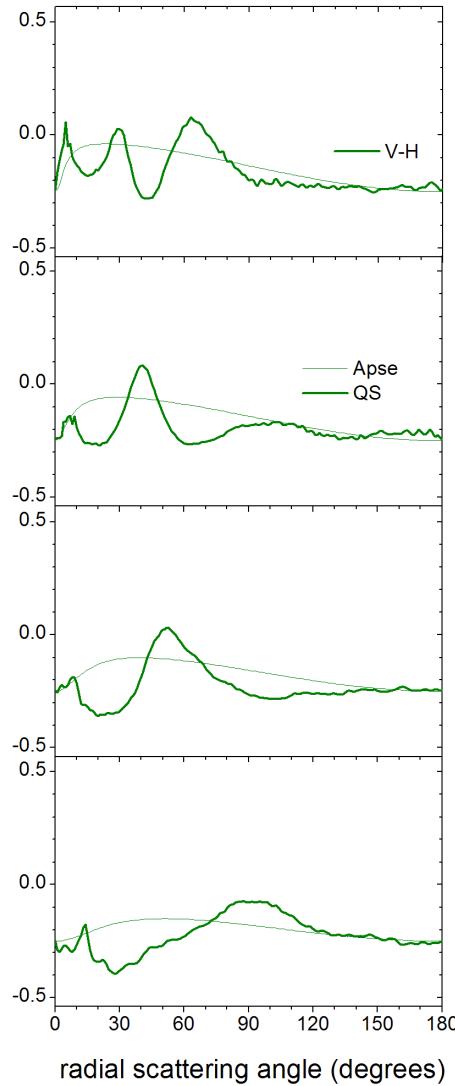
# How does Calculated DCS compare to Experimental DCS?

Note there is a relative insensitivity to the alignment model but unsatisfactory agreement due to error in calculated DCS. Experiment sees more forward scattering

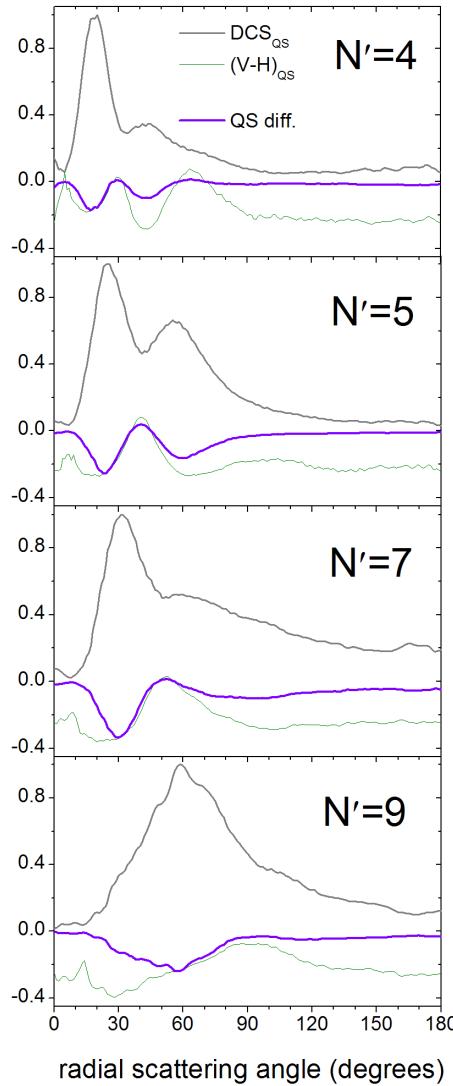


We can also combine the calculated DCS with the calculated alignment propensity to generate a theoretical “diff” (vertical - horizontal) for comparison of theory to experiment.

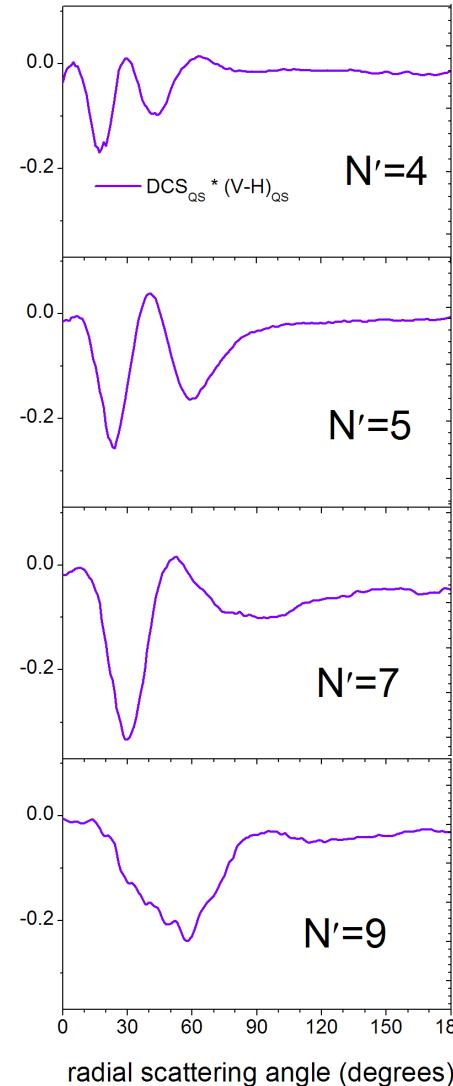
Sensitivity(V,H)



DCS +  $A_0, A_2 \rightarrow$  diff

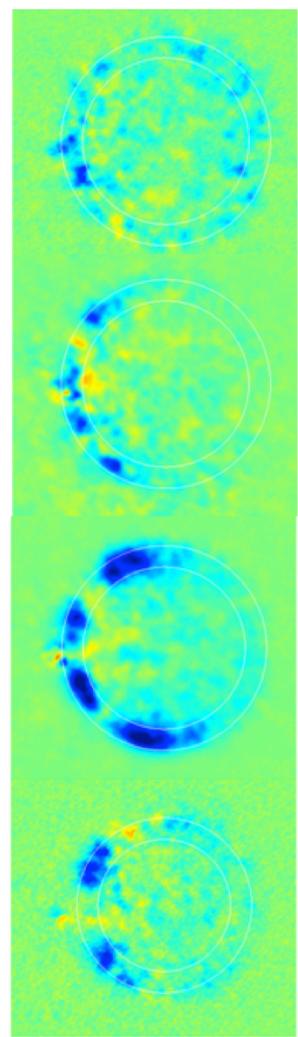


Modeled diff

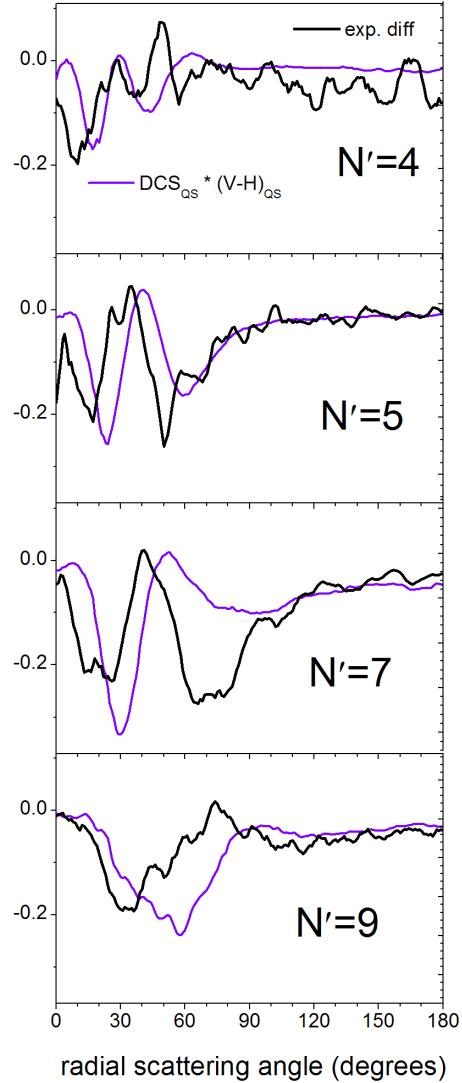


We Compare the Extracted Alignment Moments from the Theory Image and Moments extracted from the Experimental Image Using Difference (V-H) Images

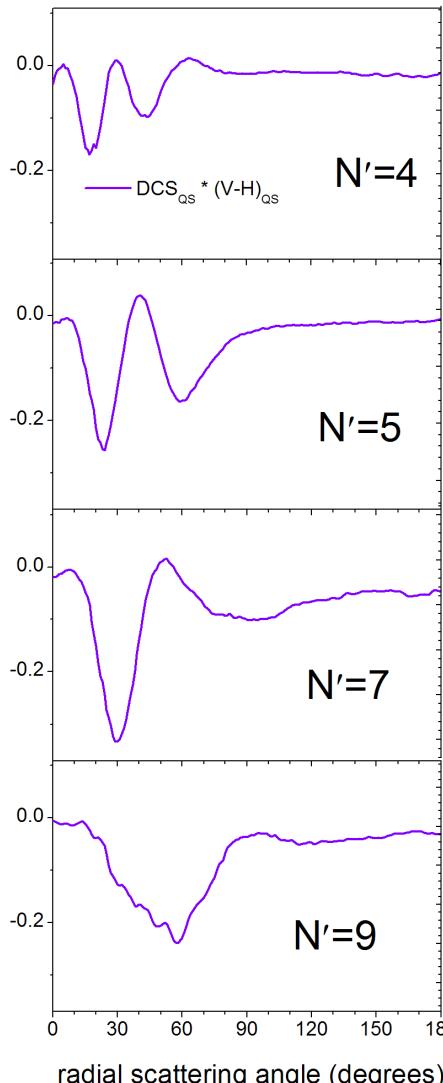
Expt. diff.



Expt. vs. modeled diff.



Modeled diff

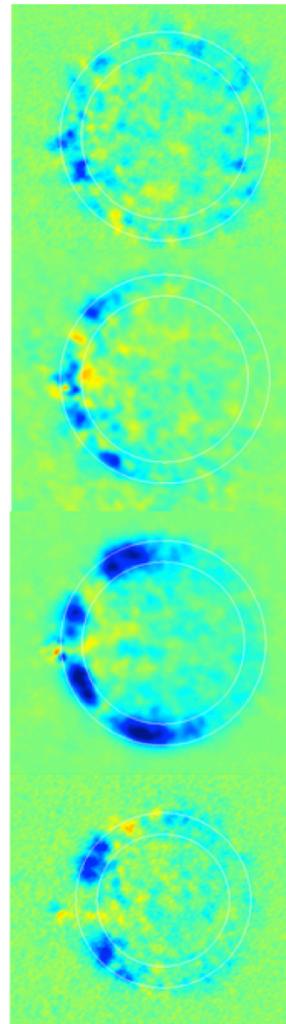


# We Compare the Alignment Moments Using the Experimental DCS for Both Simulations.

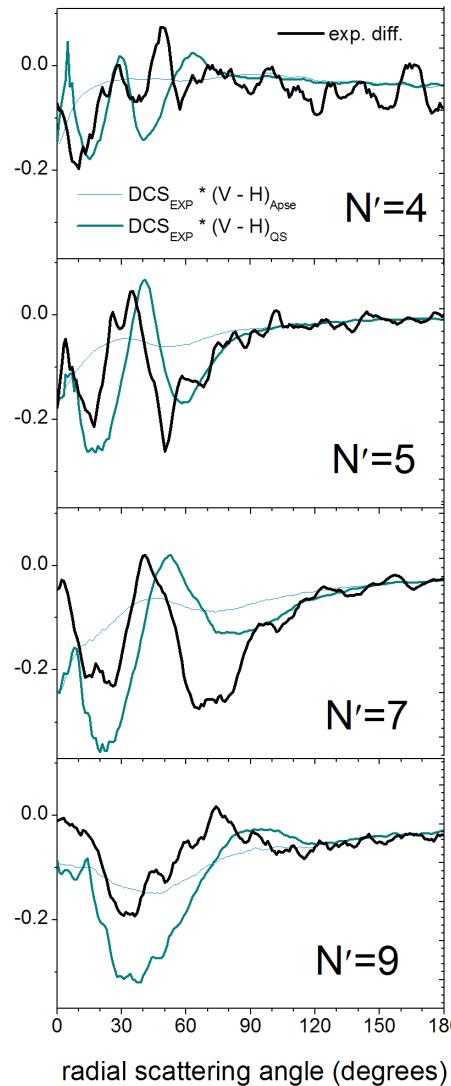
- This difference image comparison shows qualitative agreement between experiment and the quantum scattering calculations that the simple Apse model cannot reproduce.

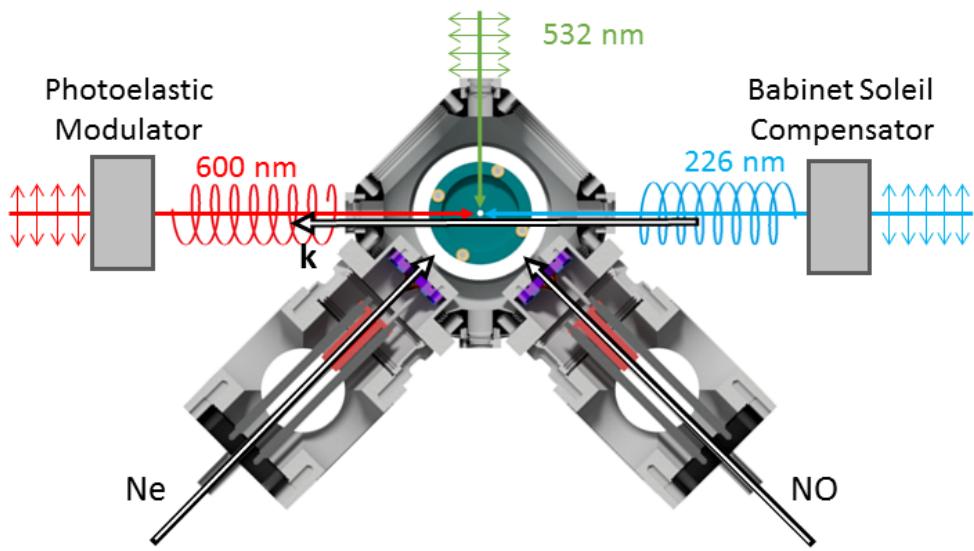
- Why do the Classical and QS model agree relatively closely for the sum but not

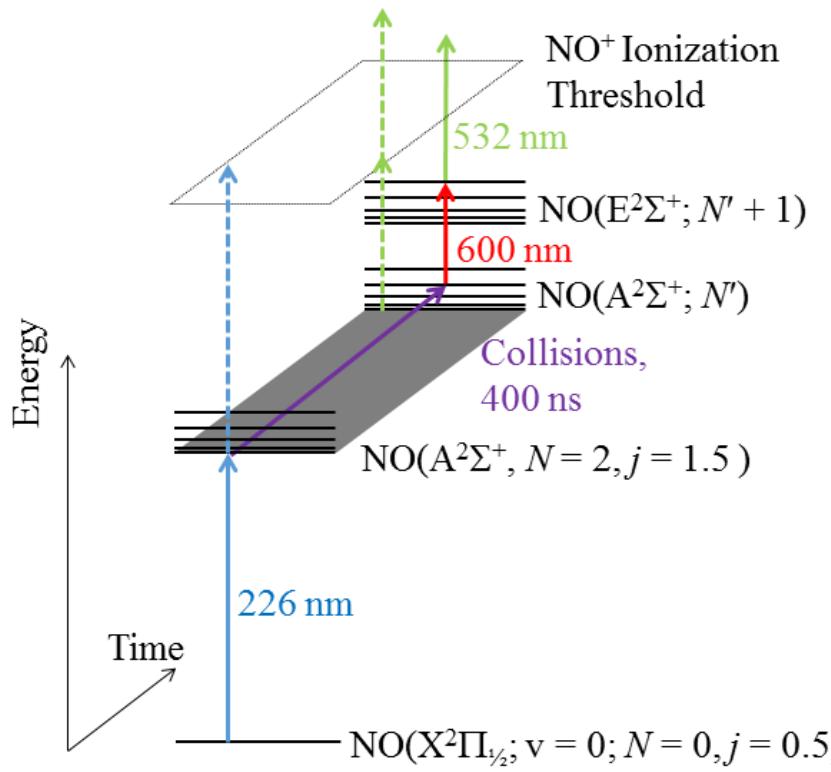
diff<sub>EXP</sub>



diff<sub>EXP</sub> vs.  
diff<sub>Apse</sub>(DCS<sub>EXP</sub>) & diff<sub>QS</sub>(DCS<sub>EXP</sub>)



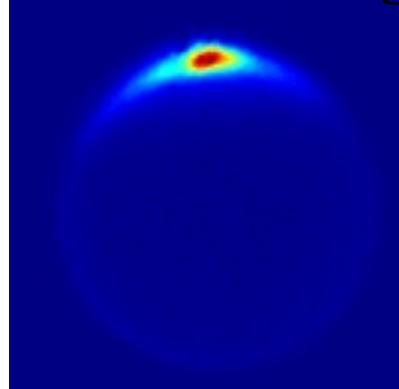




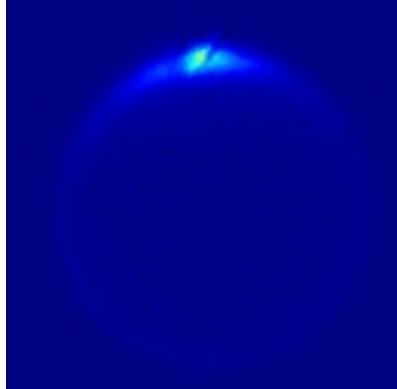
# $N' = 4$

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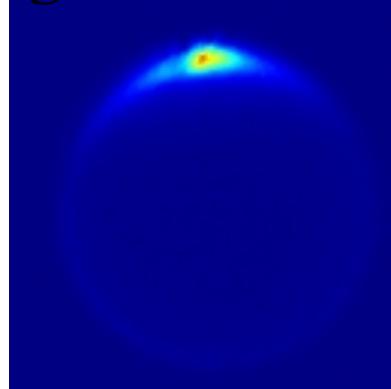
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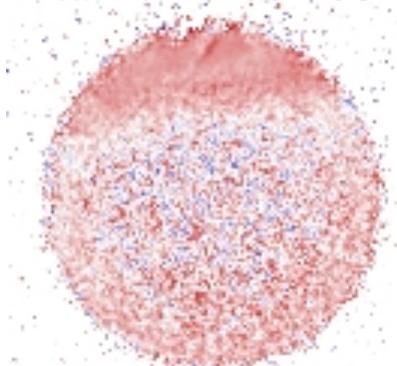
Sum



Difference



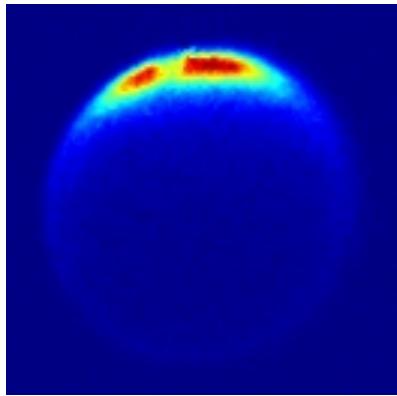
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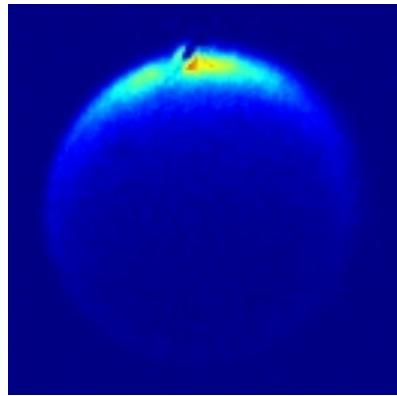
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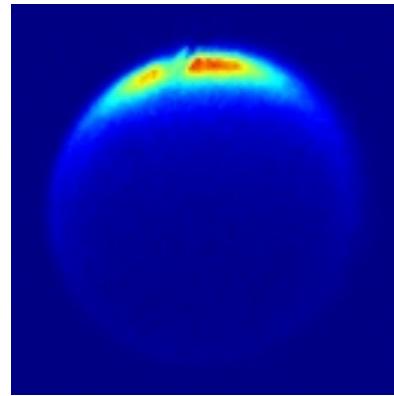
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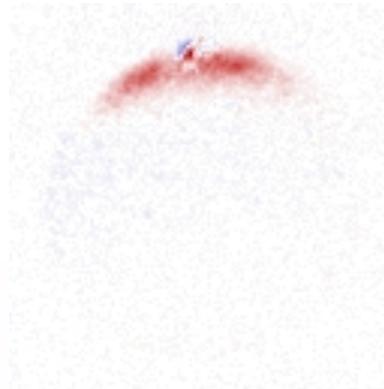
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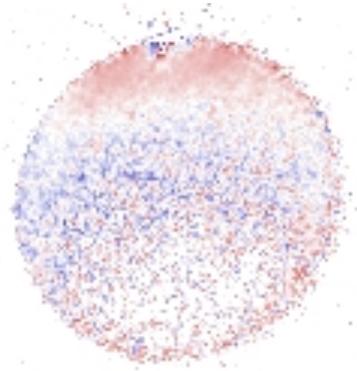
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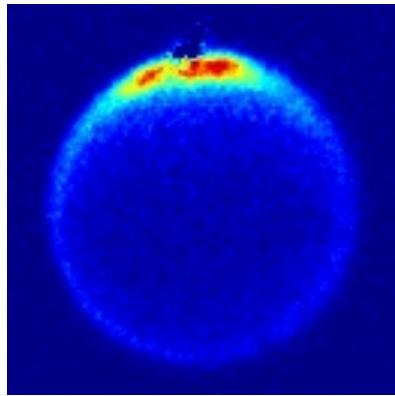


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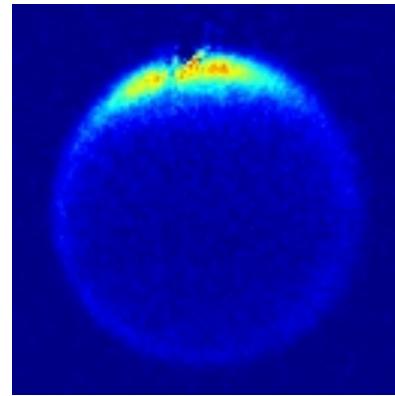


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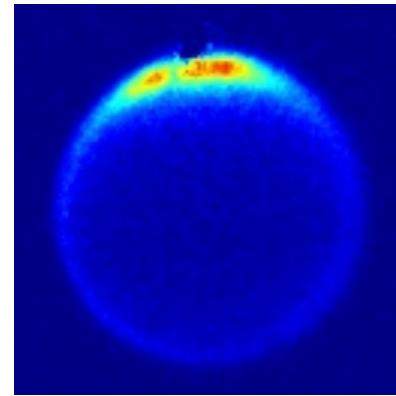
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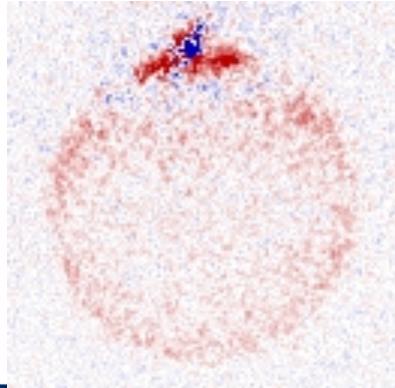
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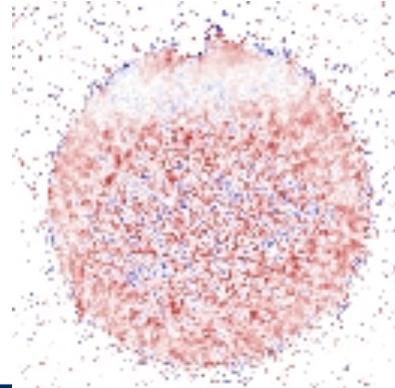
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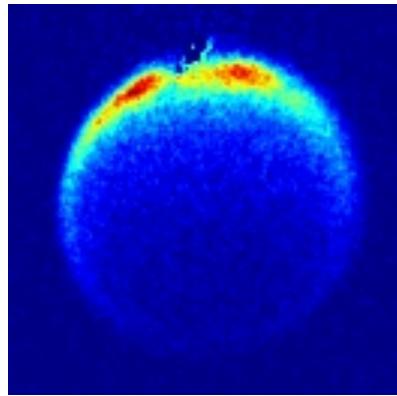
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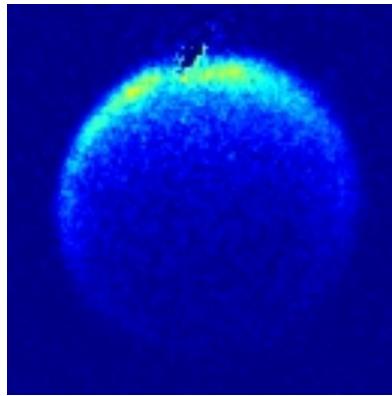
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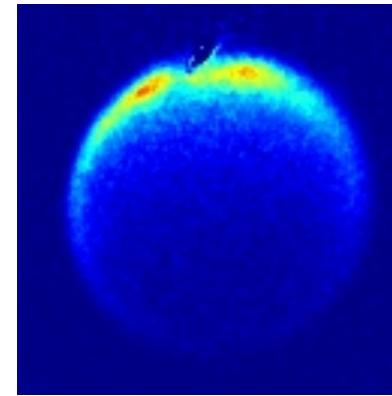
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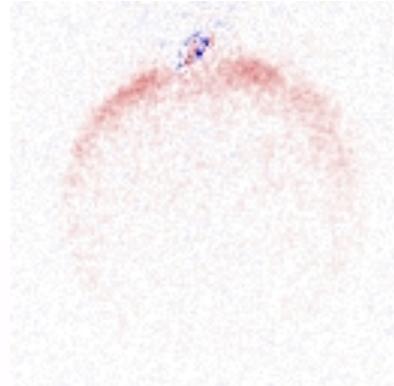
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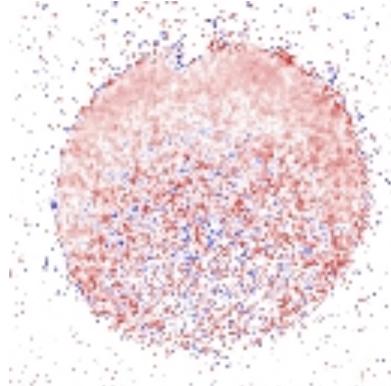
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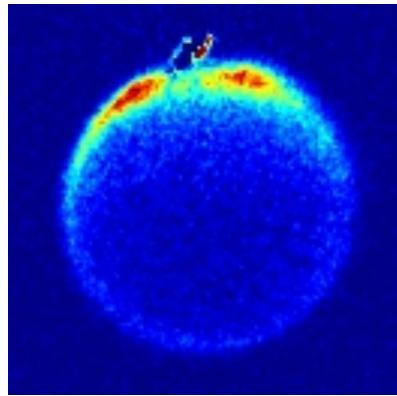
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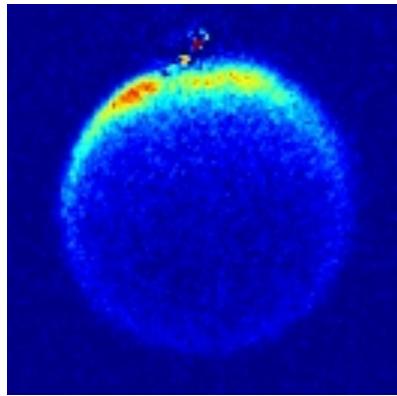
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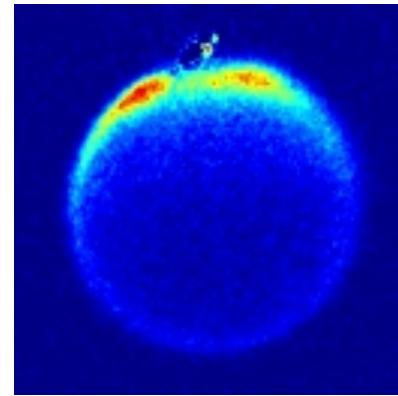
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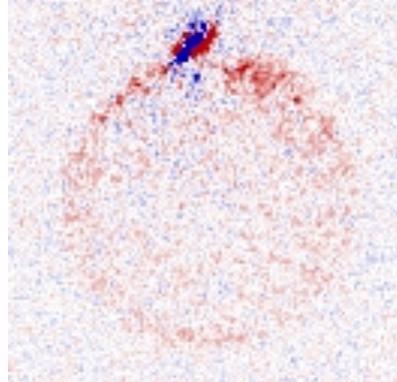
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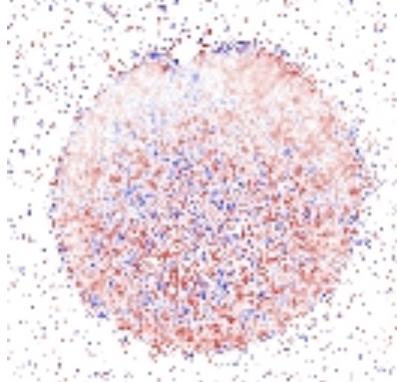
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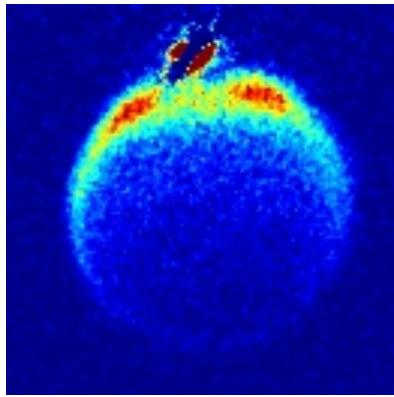
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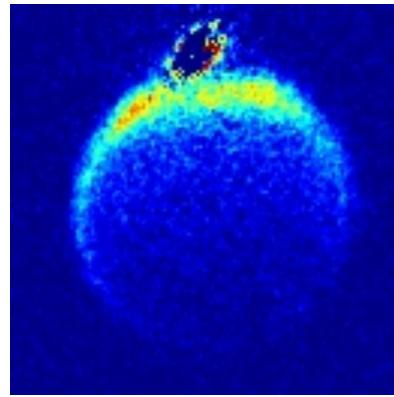
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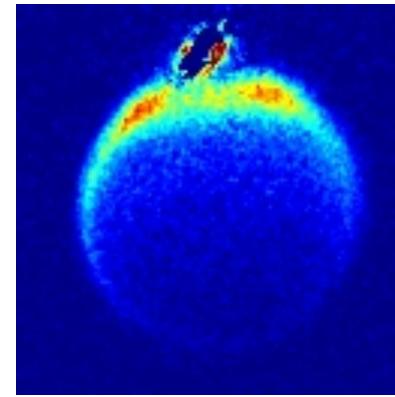
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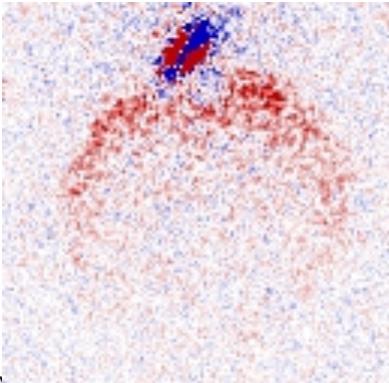
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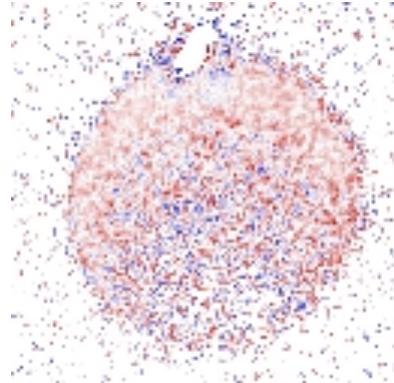
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Difference



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# Kinematic Cooling and the Study of Chemical Dynamics with Ultracold Molecules

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Outline:

Tutorial on what it means to be ultracold  
and why you care about cold molecules

Using photodissociation to study cold half collisions

Recent progress in our lab on Kinematic cooling

A New Molecular Beam Machine Design