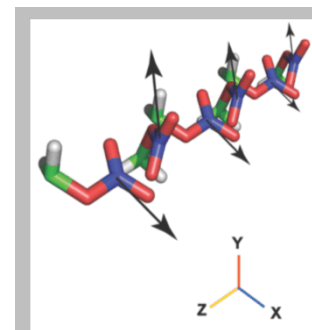
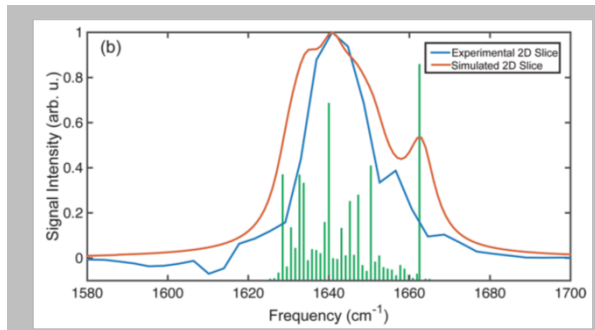
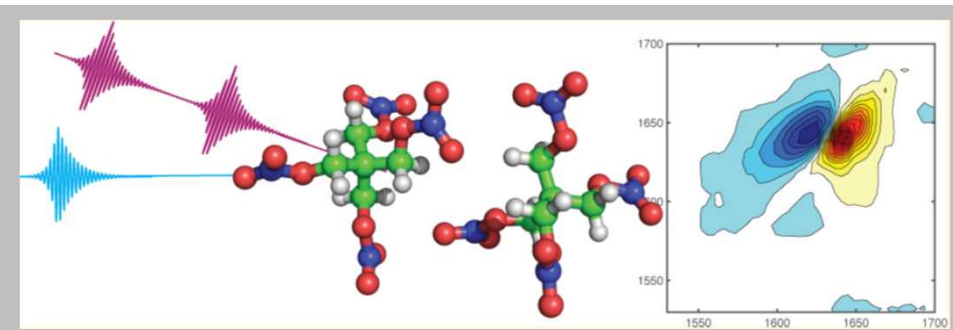


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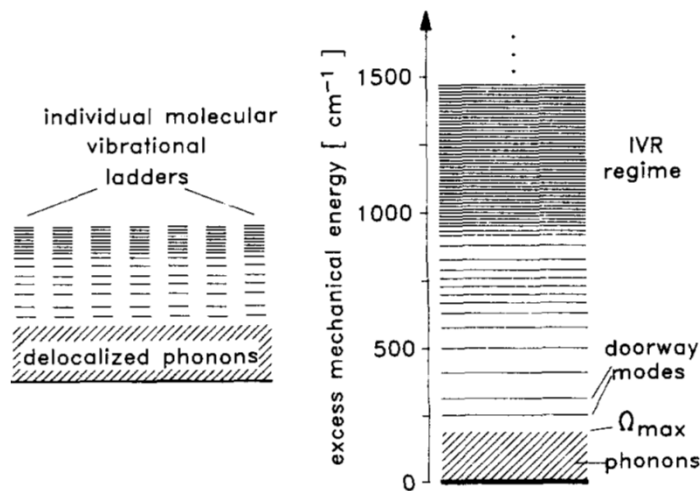
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Outline

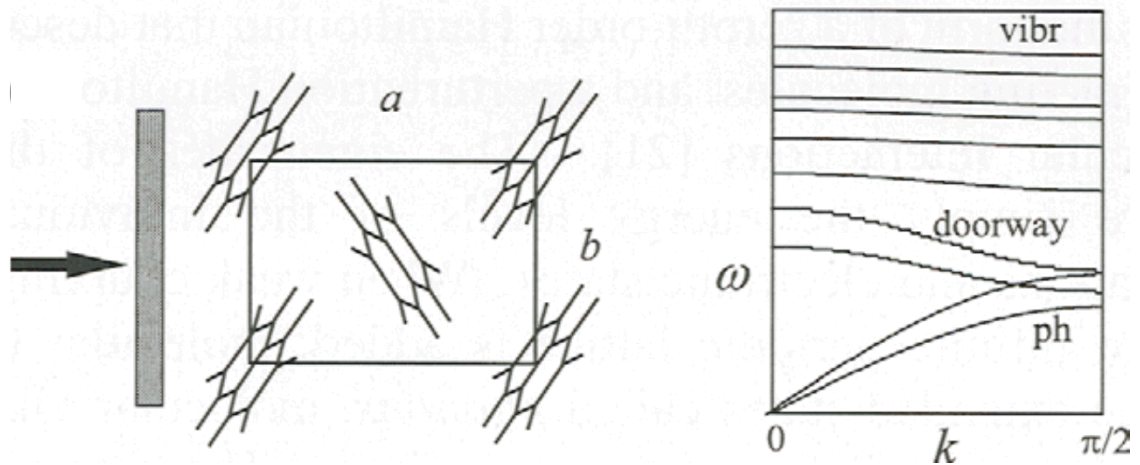
- Traditional picture of high-frequency vibrations in energetic solids.
- Correlation between intermolecular bonding and sensitivity of PETN analogs.
- Conceptual Introduction to Two Dimensional Infrared Spectroscopy: Direct measure of weak vibrational coupling.
- 2D IR spectra of thin film and acetone solutions of PETN under ambient conditions.
- Spatially delocalized NO_2 stretch and rapid intermolecular energy transfer via weak intermolecular interactions.

Vibrational Energy Transfer leading up to Reaction / Intermolecular bonds

- Multiphonon up-pumping (Dlott/Fayer)
 - Low frequency vibrations (ring motions, bends) are strongly coupled to high frequency phonons.
 - Energy transferred up through phonons and doorway modes to *spatially-localized, high-frequency vibrations (NO₂ stretch)* weakly coupled to low frequency motions.



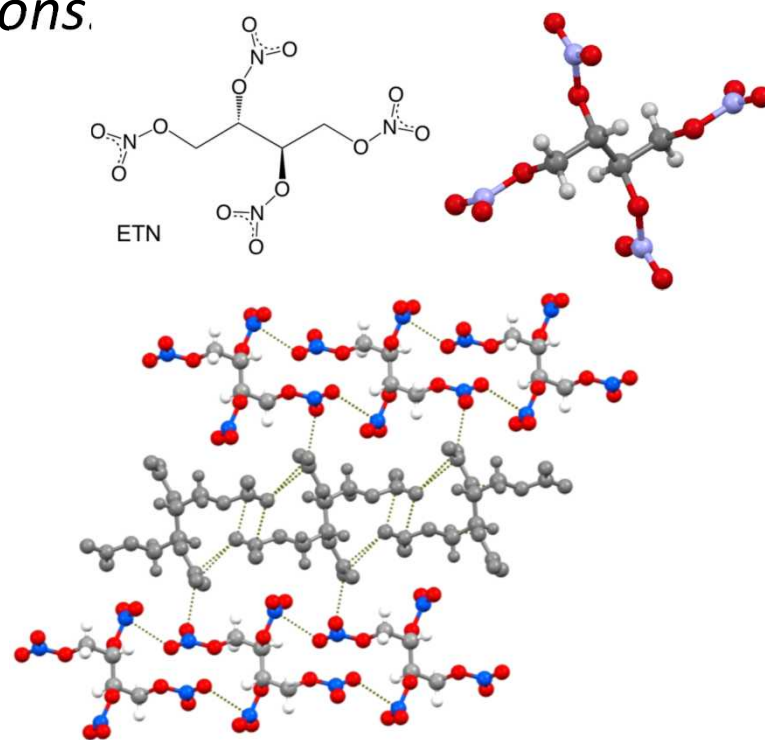
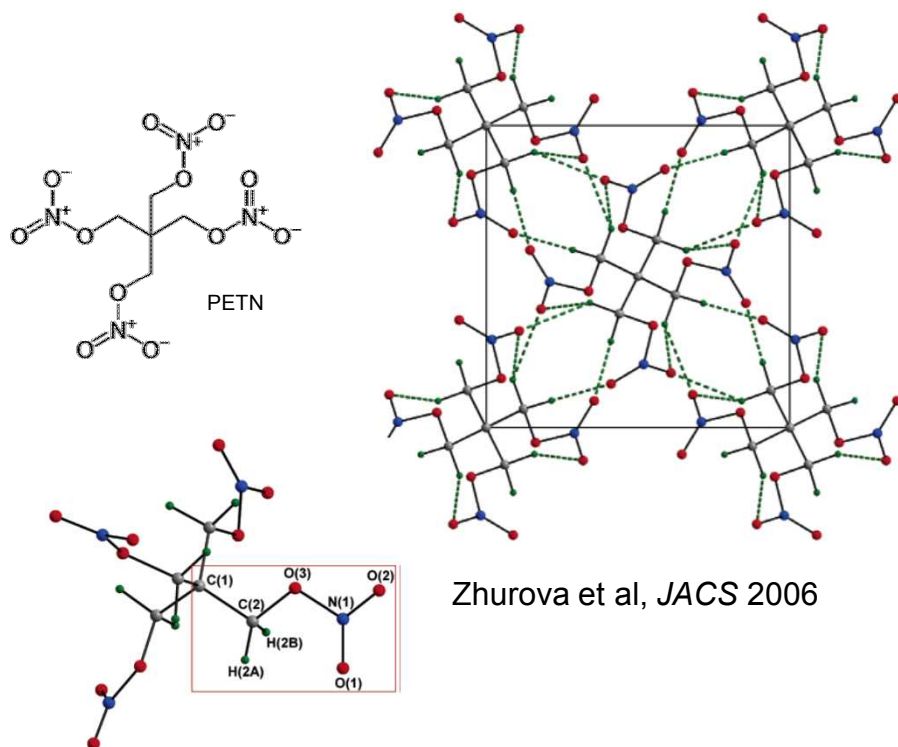
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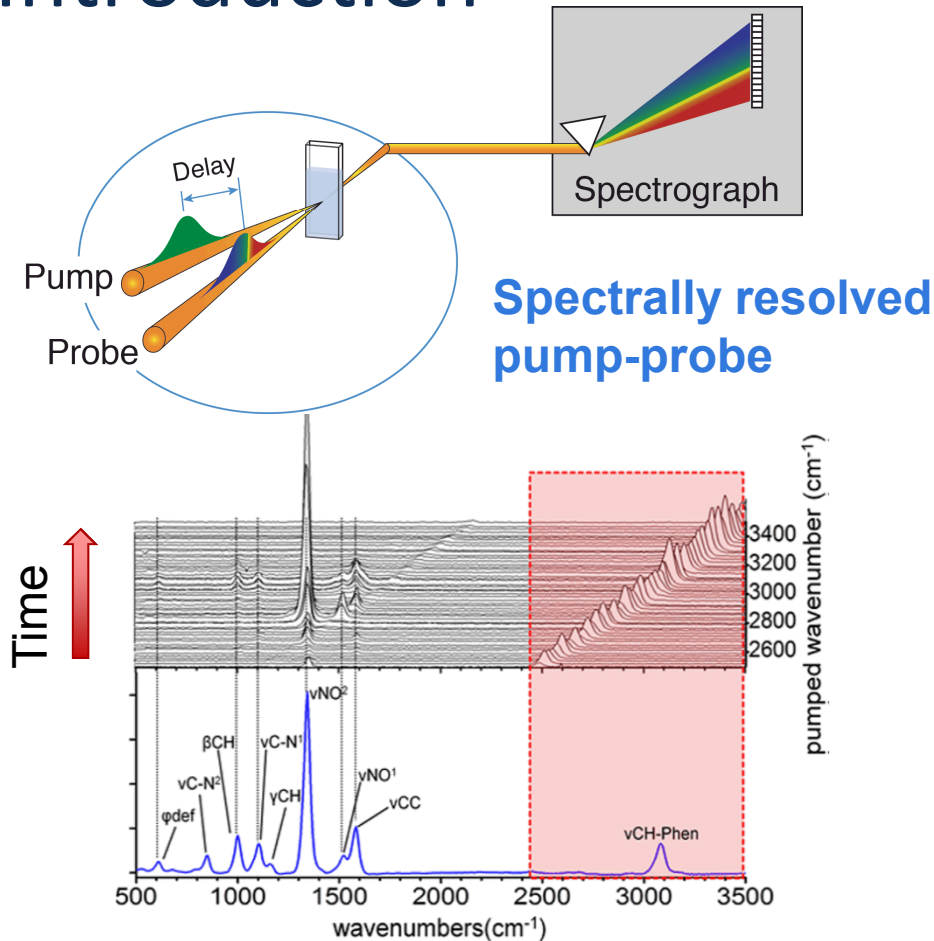
Vibrational Energy Transfer leading up to Reaction / Intermolecular bonds

- Sensitivity differences between Pentaerythritol tetranitrate (PETN) vs. analogs (e.g. Erythritol tetranitrate (ETN)). *Stabilizing vs. destabilizing intermolecular interactions.*



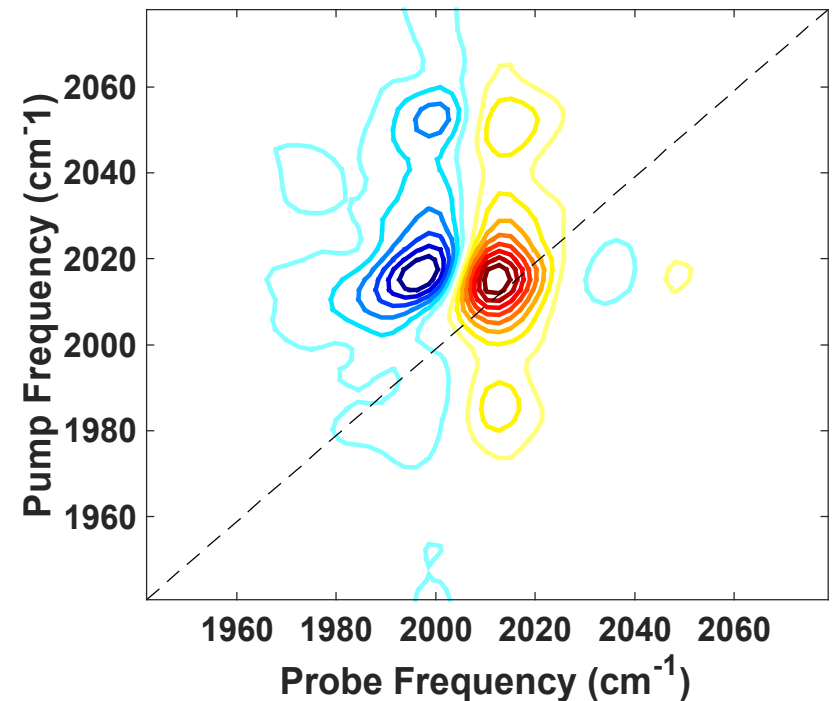
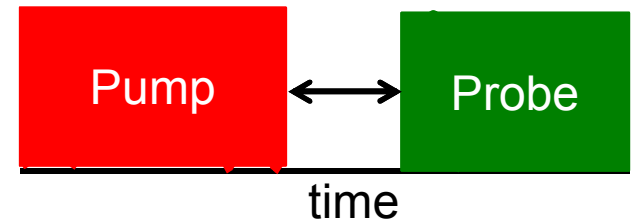
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2D IR Spectroscopy: Conceptual Introduction



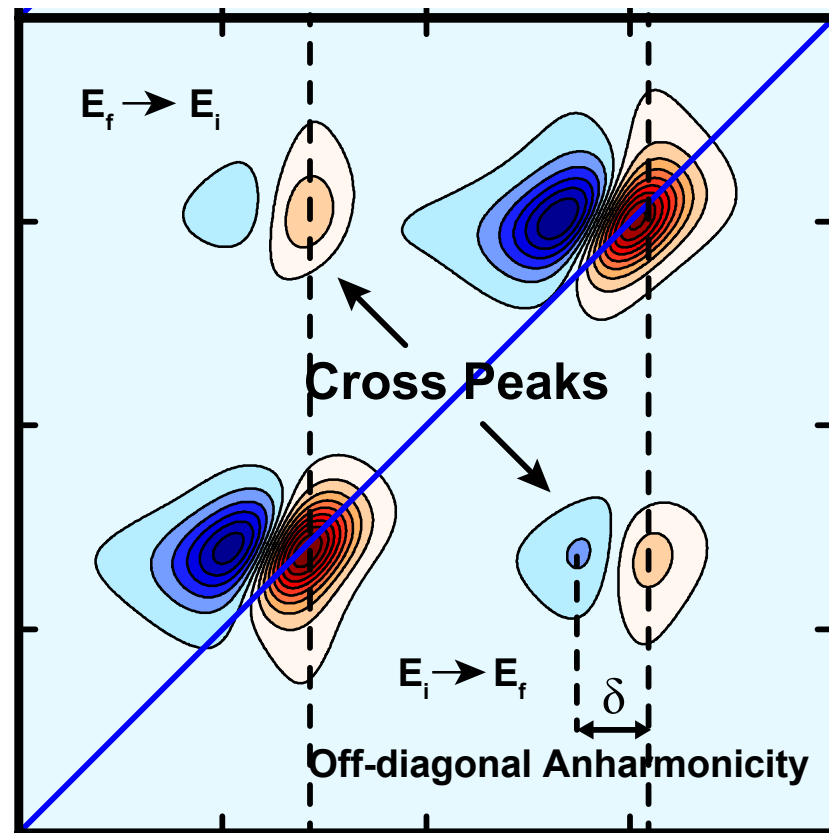
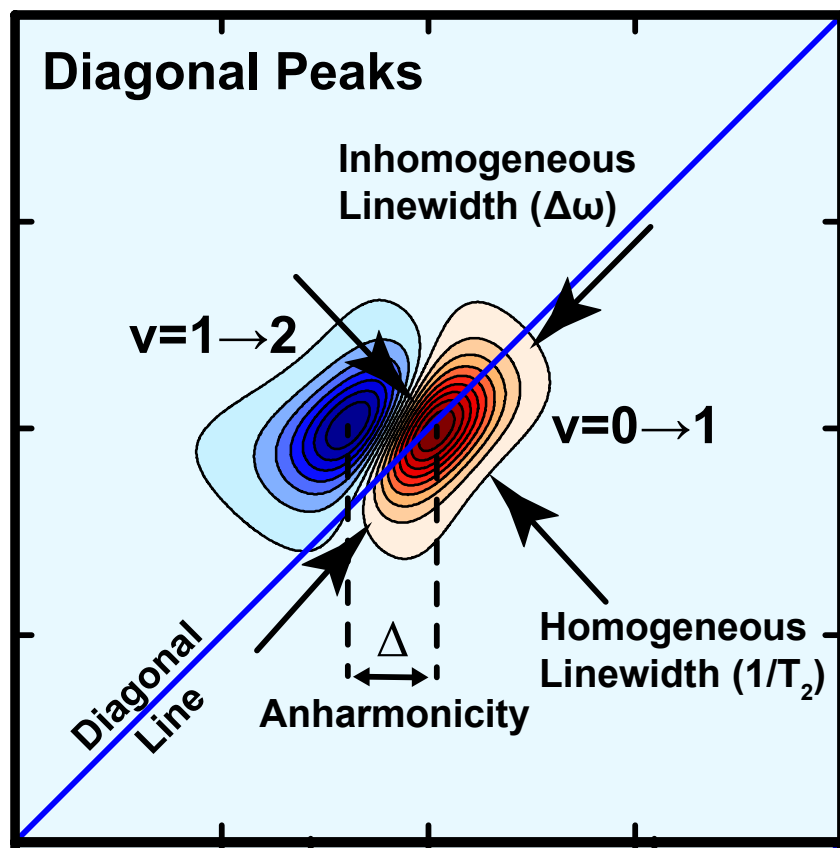
2D IR

Wait



2D IR directly measures the relationship between response to pump (e.g. absorption) and changes in the probe spectrum.

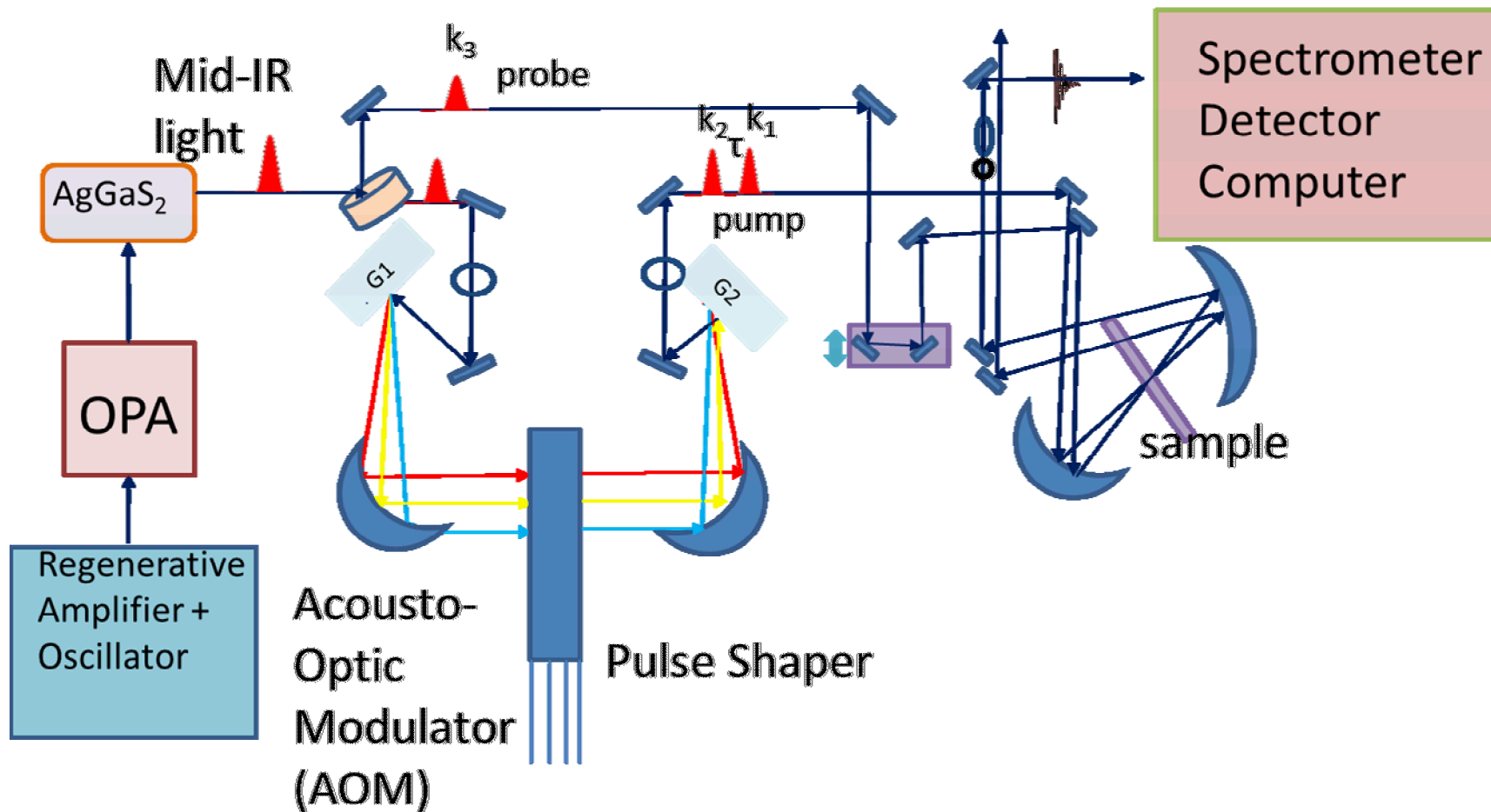
Interpreting a 2D IR Spectrum



Ghosh, A.; Ostrander, J.S.; Zanni, M.T. *Chem. Rev.* 2017

Homogenous/Inhomogeneous line width, anharmonicity and vibrational coupling directly measured in 2D spectra.

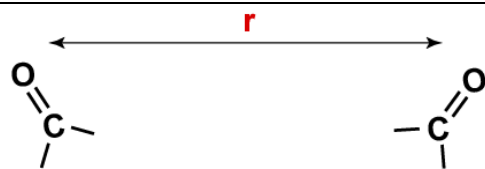
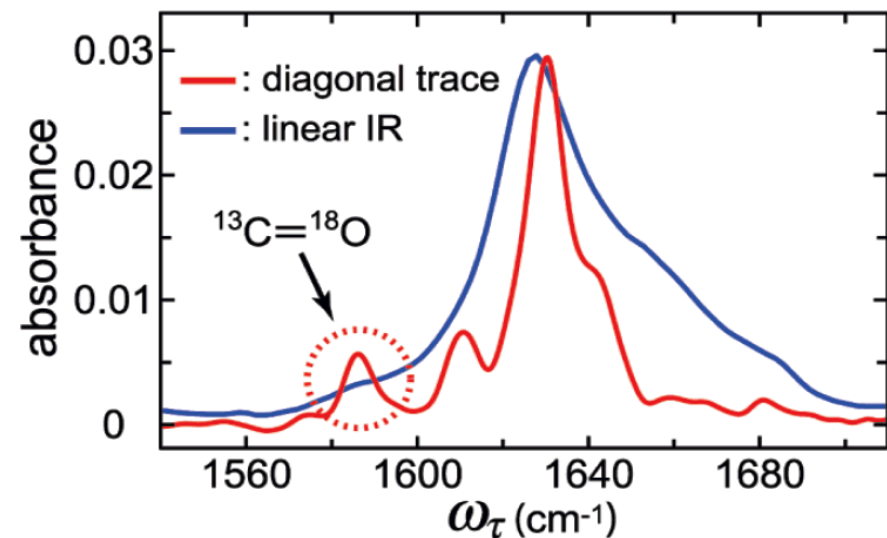
Rapid-scan 2D IR Spectroscopy



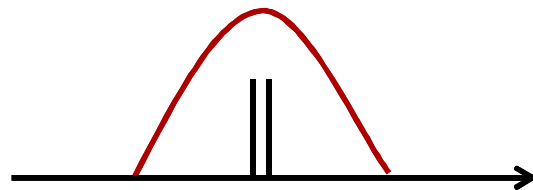
Scanning the t_1 - t_2 delay using a pulse shaper: (1) Improves phase stability, (2) Reduces scanning time by a factor of 1000 and (3) Assures proper phase matching.

2D IR is more sensitive to coupling

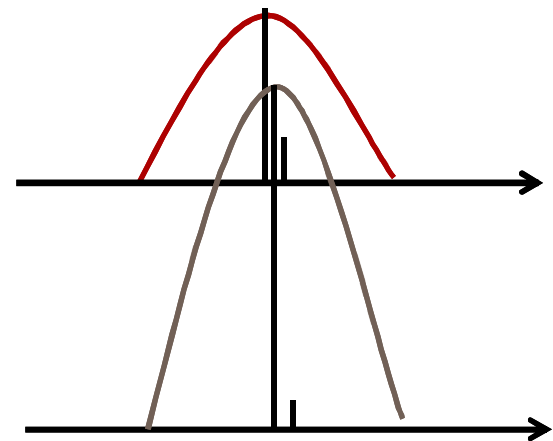
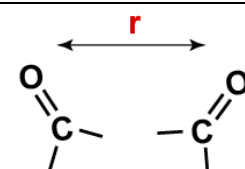
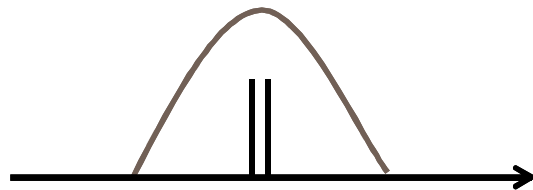
Linear IR $\sim |\mu|^2$
2D IR $\sim |\mu|^4$



FTIR $c|\mu|^2\ell$



2D IR $c|\mu|^4\ell$



Transition dipole strengths reveal coupling (Grechko et al. *JCP*, 2012)

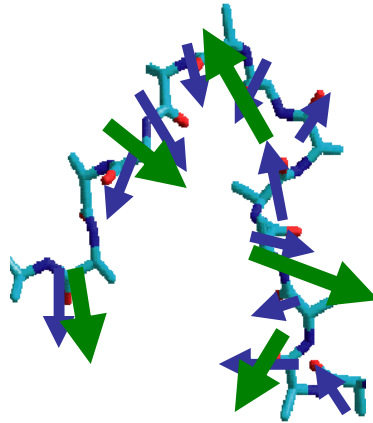
Spectroscopy/structure: amide I mode of peptides

Normal Modes

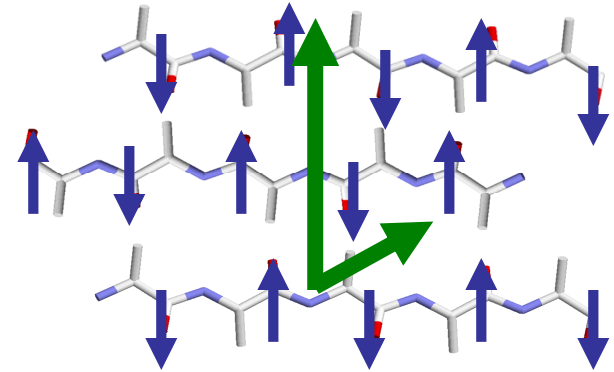
Local Modes

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} E_{11} & \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \dots \\ \beta_1 & E_{22} & \beta_3 & \\ \beta_2 & \beta_3 & E_{33} & \\ \vdots & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

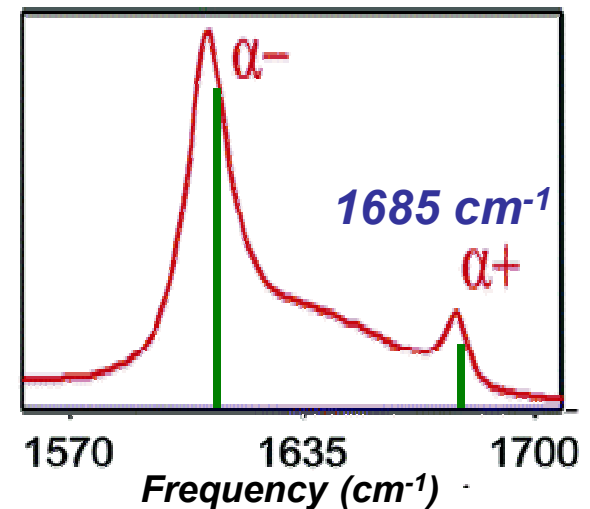
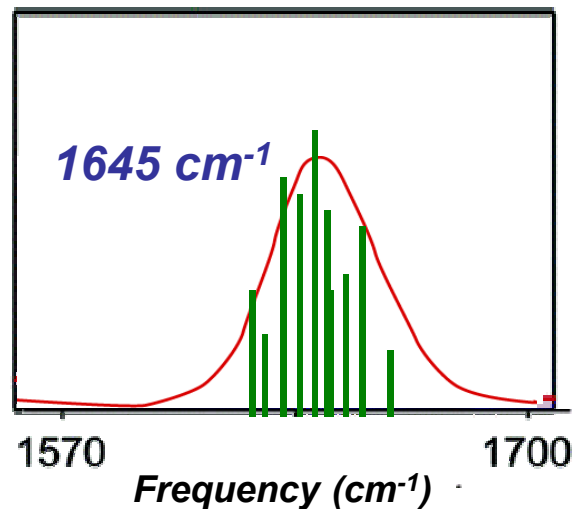
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beta-sheet

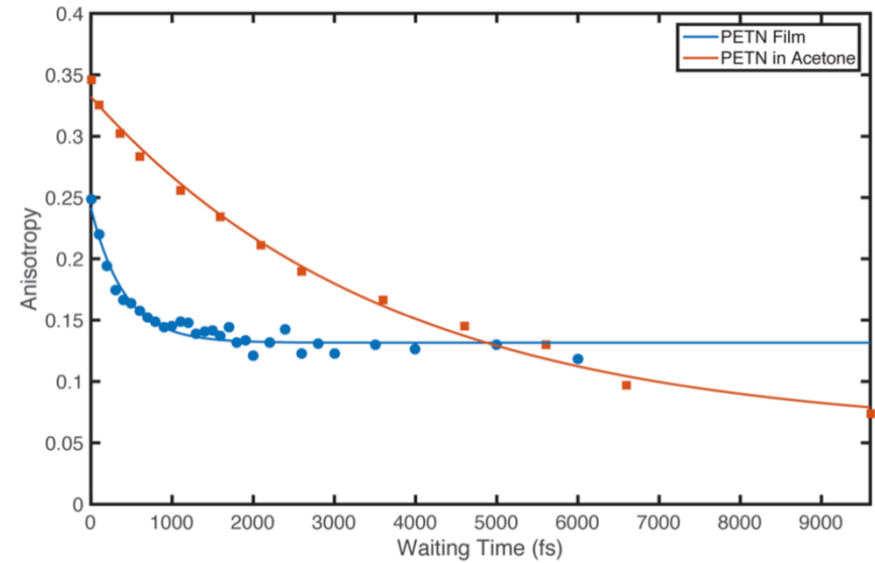
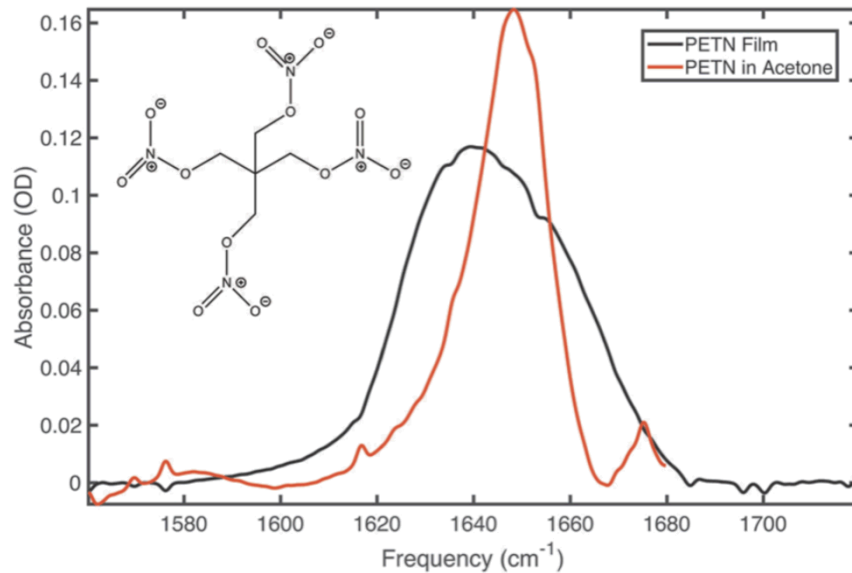


1636 cm⁻¹
(1620 for amyloid)



All physics that can be very accurately modeled.

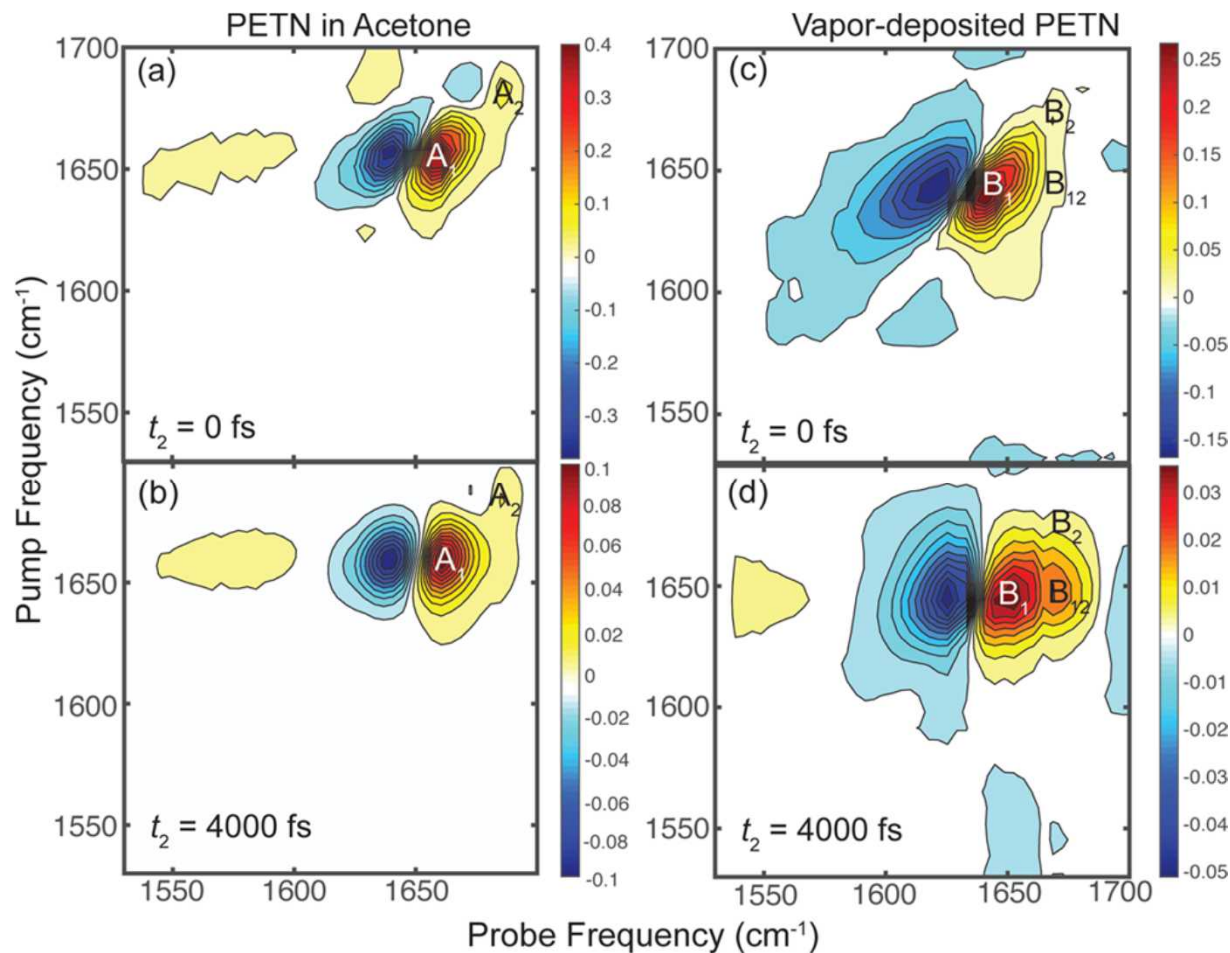
Comparison between solid and solvated PETN (IR and pump-probe)



- FTIR spectra of thin film PETN spectrally broadened compared to PETN solution in acetone.
- Sub picosecond decay in dipole orientation only seen in thin film.

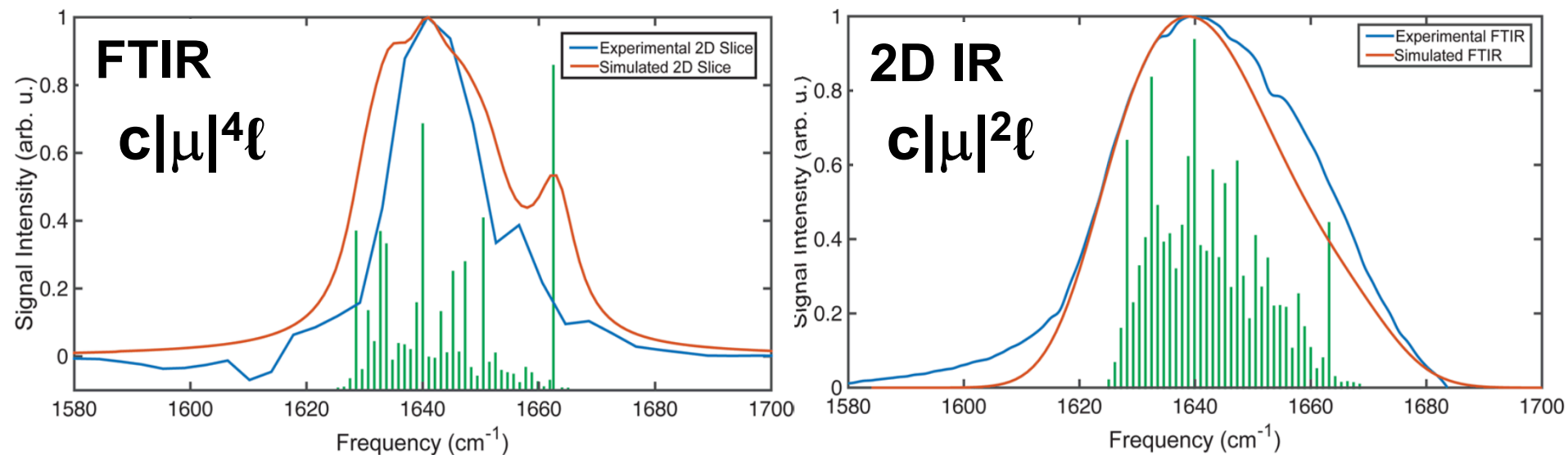
Evidence of vibrational coupling/energy transfer.

2D IR spectra of PETN



Cross peak observed in vapor-deposited PETN not present in solvated PETN data. **Additional evidence of coupling and shift vibrational energy.**

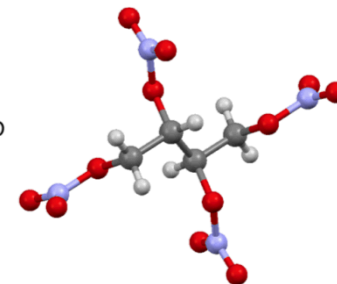
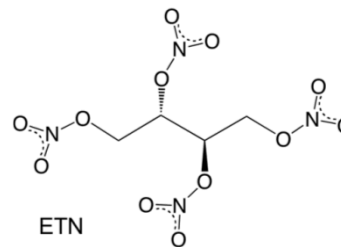
Transition Dipole Coupling Model (TDC) used to interpret FTIR and 2D IR features.



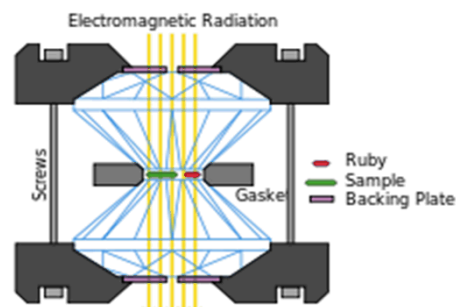
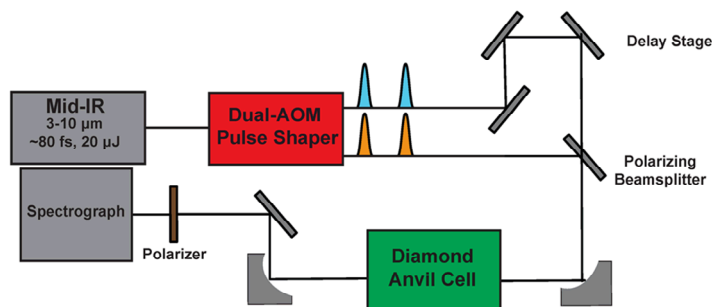
- DFT model of PETN dimer predicts intermolecular coupling between nitrate esters (-4.60 cm^{-1}) larger than intra molecular couplings ($\sim 2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$).
- Transition Dipole Coupling Model (128 molecules) reproduces features in FTIR and 2D IR spectra.
- Transition Dipole strength *measured* from FTIR/2D-IR spectra show asymmetric NO₂ mode *delocalized over 15-30 nitrate esters*.

Future Directions:

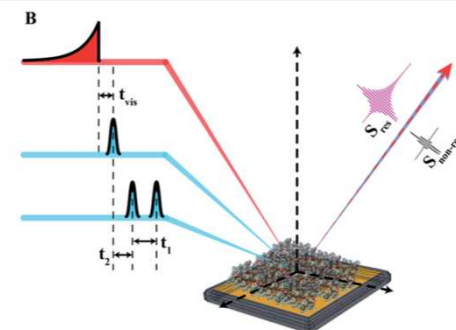
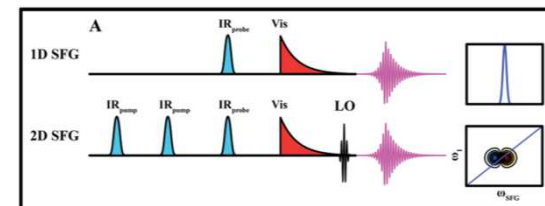
- Repeat for PETN analogs (e.g. ETN)



- Look for changes in delocalization under static compression (hydrostatic and non-hydrostatic).



- Use 2D-SFG to measure changes in changes in delocalization near PETN surface. *Compare to delocalization within crystal.*



Conclusions

- We report the first 2D IR spectrum of explosive molecules in the solid-state.
- 2D IR spectra reveal one important pathway through cross peak growth in crystalline PETN not present in solvated PETN.
- PETN FTIR and 2D IR spectra are consistent with delocalized vibrations arising from intermolecular coupling.
- Delocalized high-frequency vibrations may have important implications for shock sensitivity of energetics.

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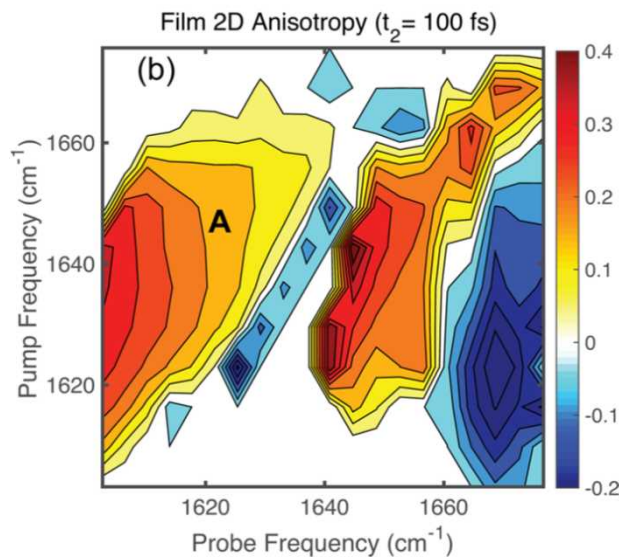
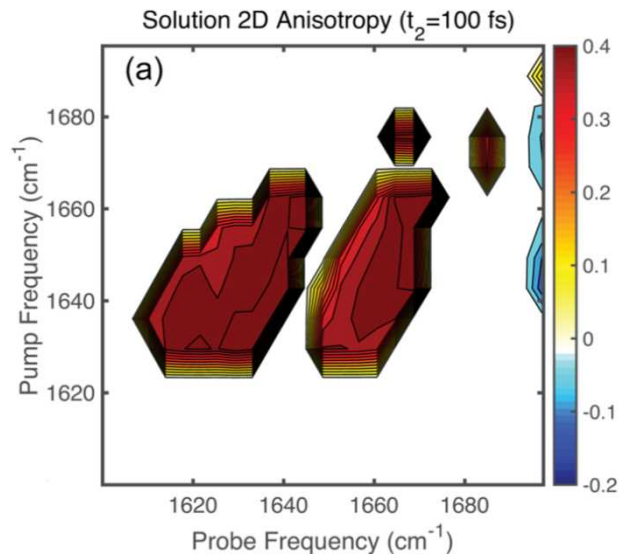
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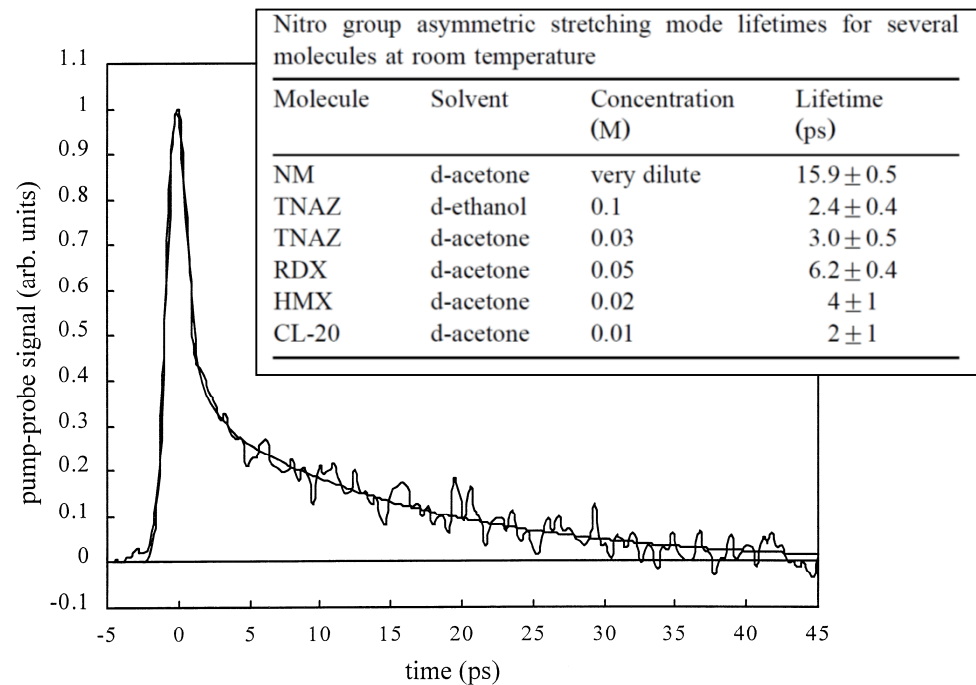
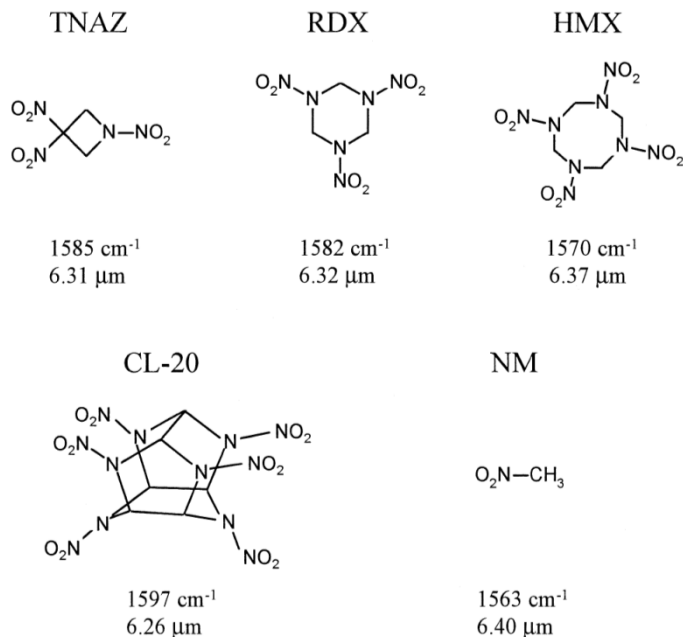
Dipole randomization with frequency



- Average orientation of excited vibrations randomize over time by rotation or vibrational energy transfer.
- Anisotropy of PETN varies from 0.4 (initial orientation maintained) to 0 (vibration delocalized in 3D). –*does not address negative features in 2D.*
- Homogeneous kinetics within the vibrational band in solutions of PETN.
- Frequency dependent relaxation kinetics to low frequency intramolecular and phonon modes in thin-films of PETN.

Previous pump-probe data on solvated explosive.

- Fast vibrational relaxation observed of the asymmetric NO_2 stretch in acetone or ethanol solutions for multiple explosives (2-6 ps).



Aubuchon et al, *Chem.Phys.Lett.* 1999