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Ultrafast Dynamics in Model Molecular Systems - Excited State Intramolecular Proton Transfer

Lecture IV

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Ultrafast dynamics in model molecular systems

- excited state intramolecular proton transfer -

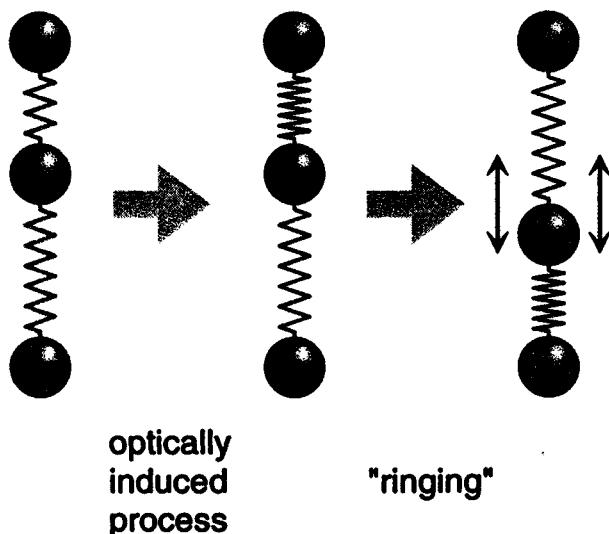
- observation of ultrafast chemical processes in real time
- spectroscopy of a transient species: keto TINUVIN P
- excited state intramolecular proton transfer (ESIPT) in TINUVIN P
- wavepacket dynamics during and after ESIPT in HBT

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Elementary Processes of Chemistry

- breaking of bonds in the educt
 - + formation of bonds to form the product
- both processes are accompanied by large scale motions of atoms (compared to molecular vibrations)
- momentum conservation will lead to "ringing"
- normal modes ?

- change of the molecular geometry due to ultrafast photoinduced processes (educt \rightarrow product)
- coherent ringing of the product in those modes that correlate strongly with the change in geometry
- investigation and understanding of the microscopic reaction mechanism

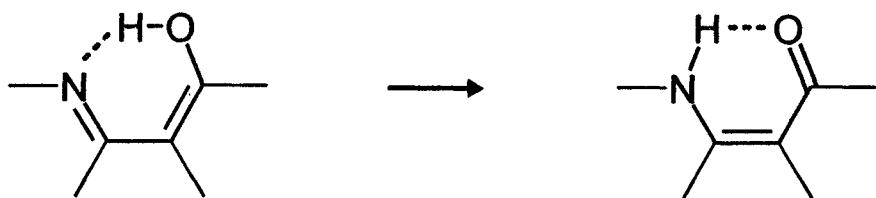
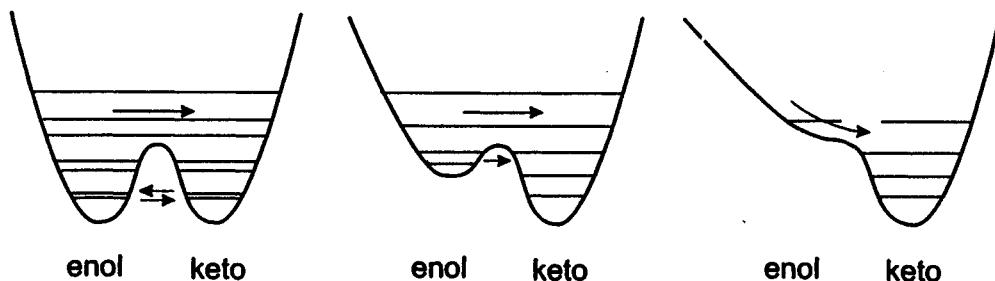


molecular ringing

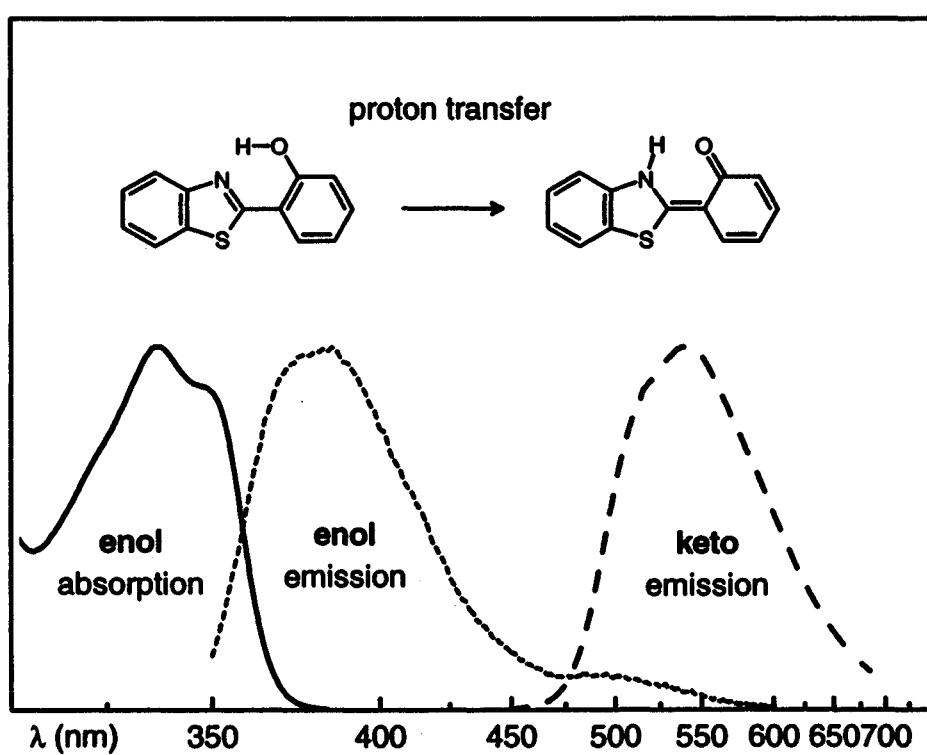
Molecular vibration

	$\tilde{\nu}$ (cm ⁻¹)	ν (THz)	T (fs)
C≡C-C	300	9	111
C≡C-H	700	21	48
=C-C=	900	27	37
>C=C<	1650	50	20
-C≡C-	2050	62	16
=C-H	2960	89	11

Excited State Intramolecular Proton Transfer (ESIPT)

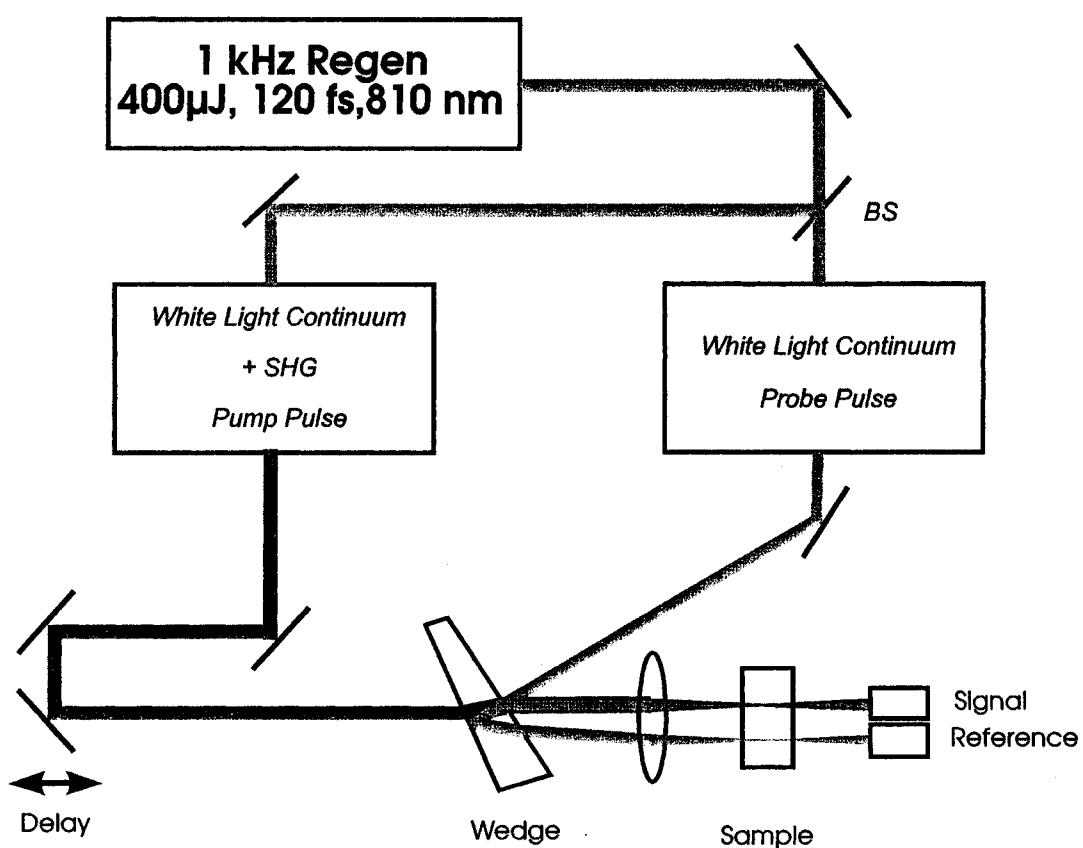
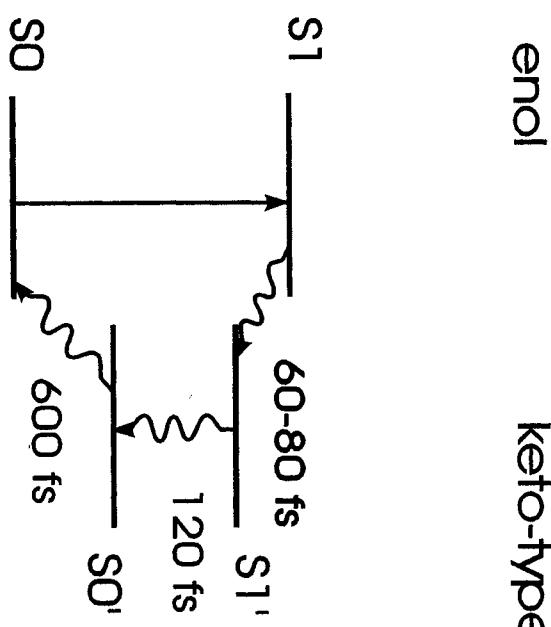
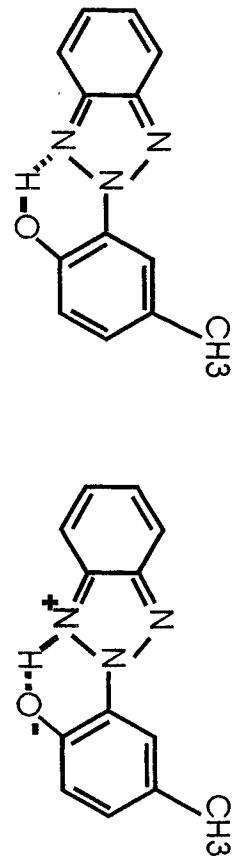


Charakterisierung der cw-Spektren von ESIPT-Molekülen

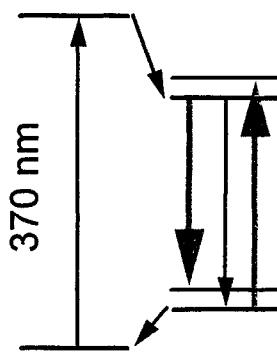
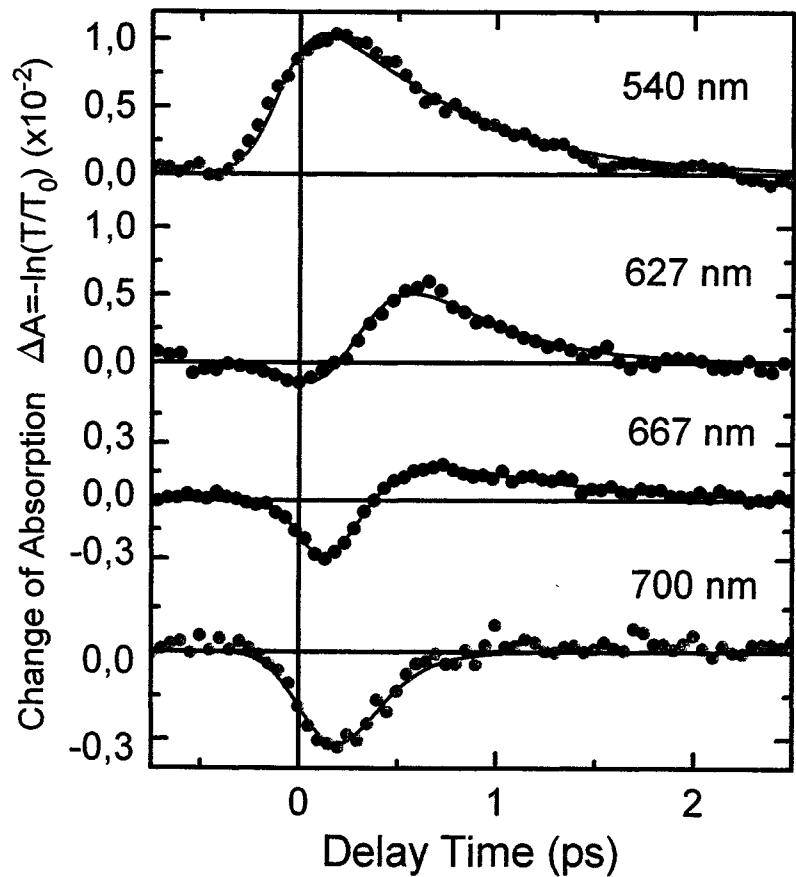


Proton transfer in TINUVIN P

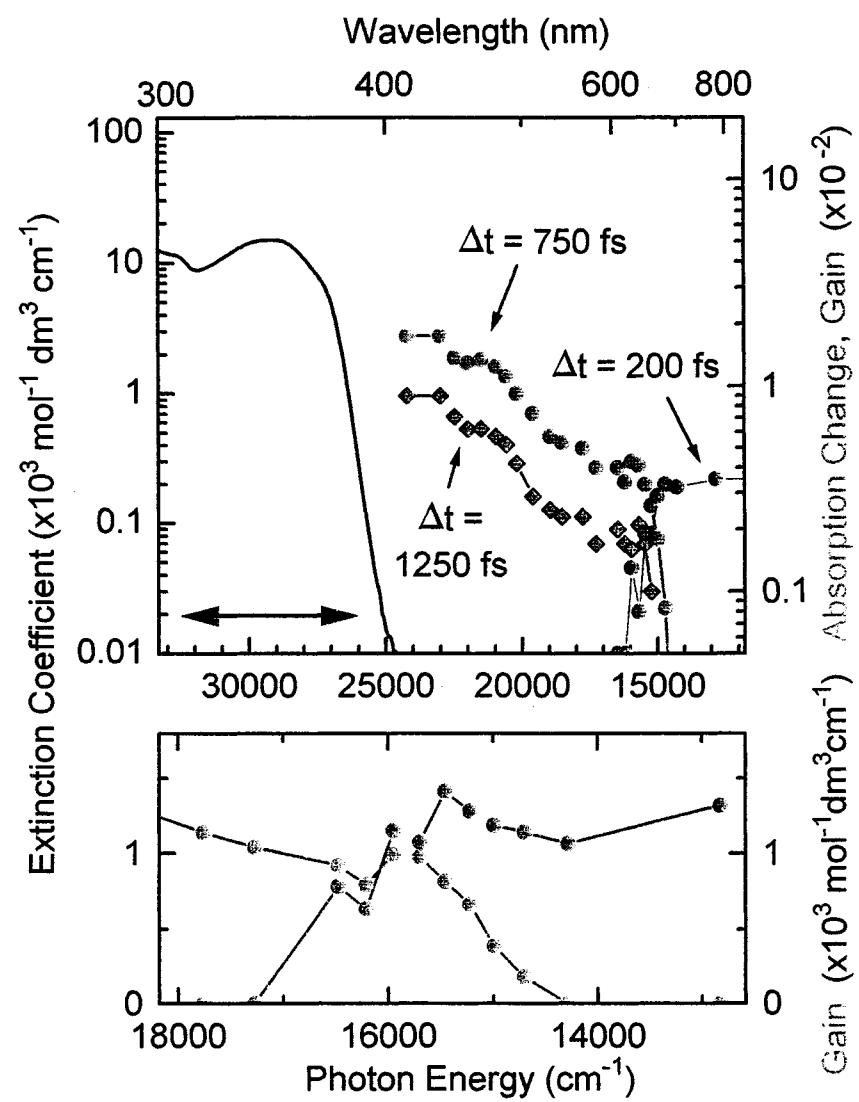
2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl) benzotriazole



Transient emission and absorption of keto-type TIN



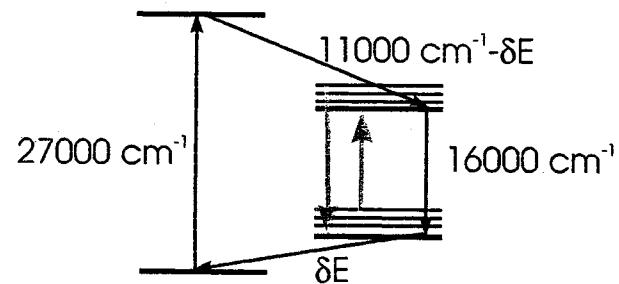
Transient absorption and emission spectra of keto-type TINUVIN



Chudoba et al., CPL 240, 35 (1995)

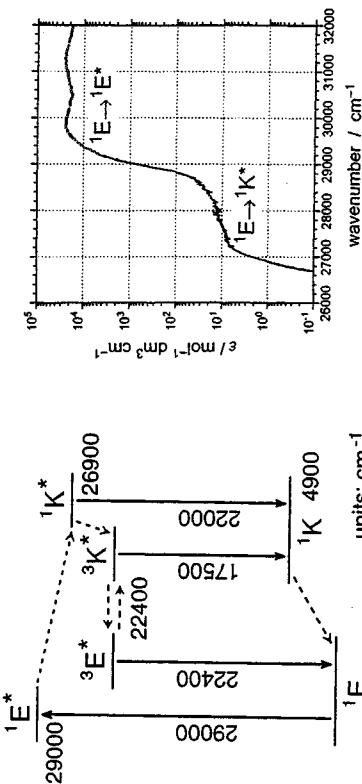
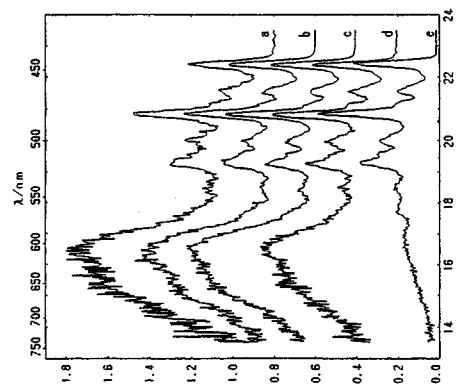
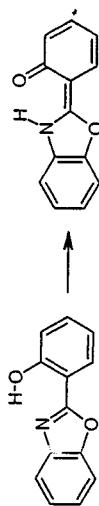
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Energetic widths of hot vibrational distributions

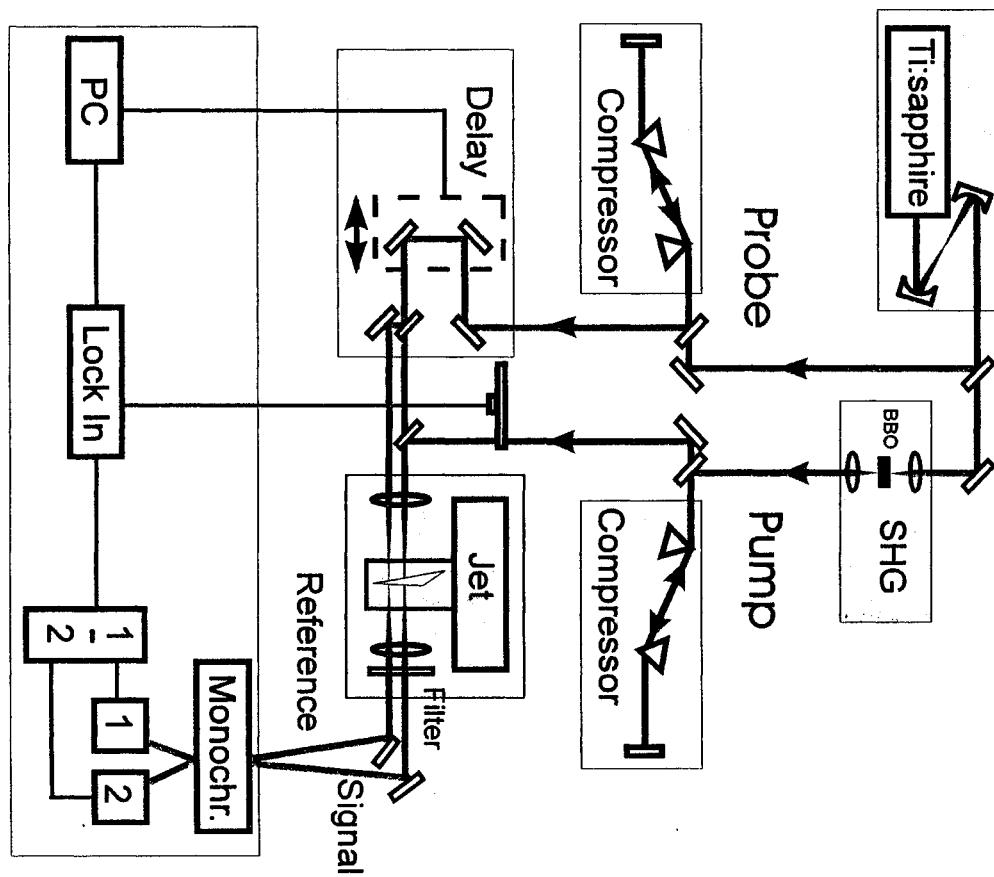
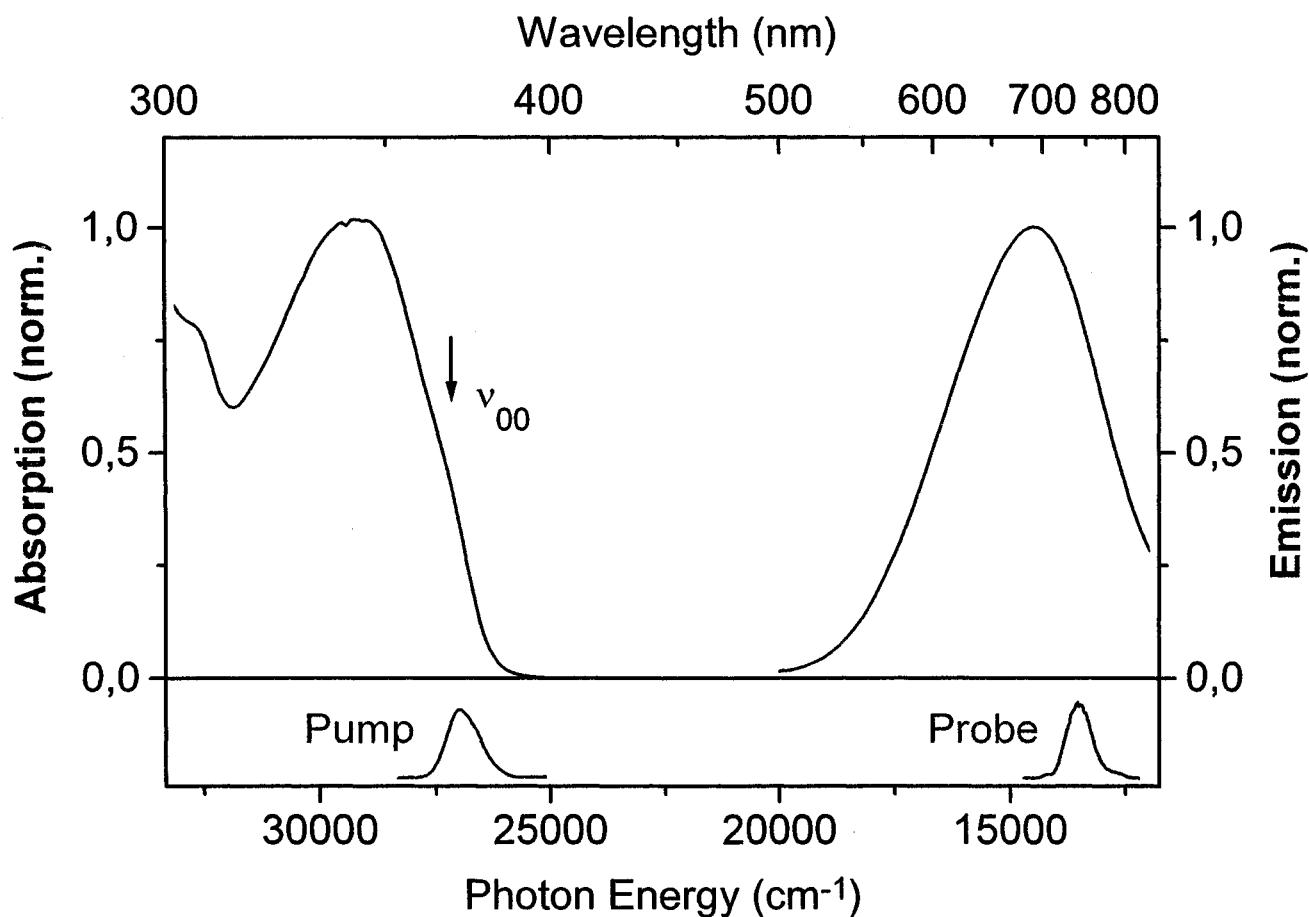


- **Excess energy**
 - ⇒ Bose statistics and 78 normal modes
 - ⇒ Max. temperatures and energy widths:
- $T_{S1\max} = 600 \text{ K}$ $\Rightarrow kT_{S1\max} = 400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
- $T_{S0\max} = 1000 \text{ K}$ $\Rightarrow kT_{S0\max} = 670 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
- experimental overlap: **2000 cm⁻¹**
- ⇒ non equilibrium population

ESIPT of 2-(2'-Hydroxyphenyl)benzoxazol (HBO): Phosphorescence Studies

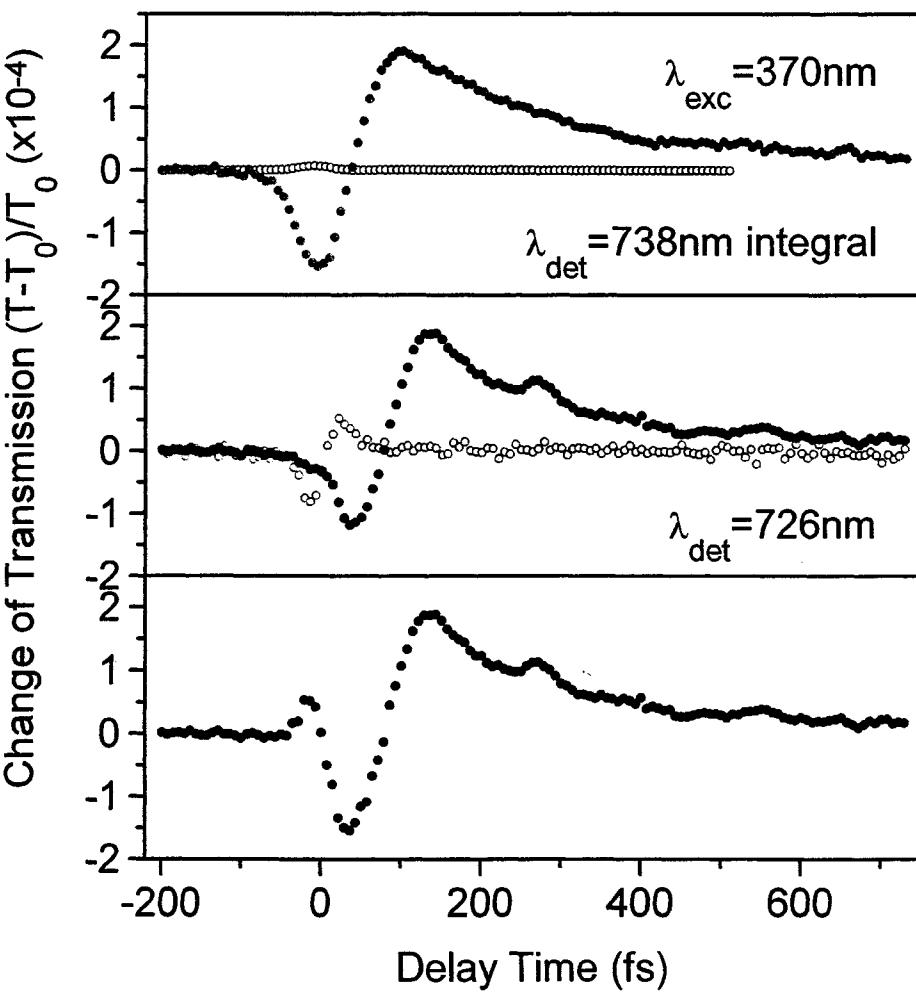


Absorption- and Fluorescence Spectra

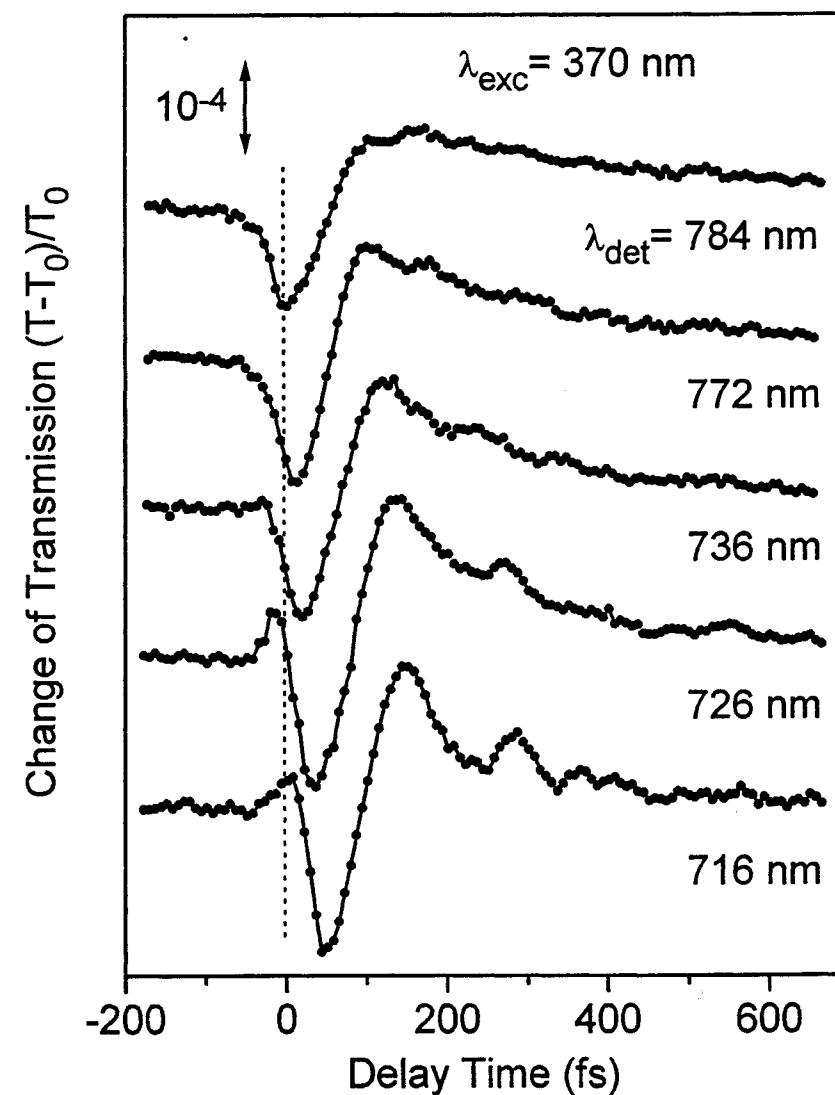


25 fs Pump-Probe Setup

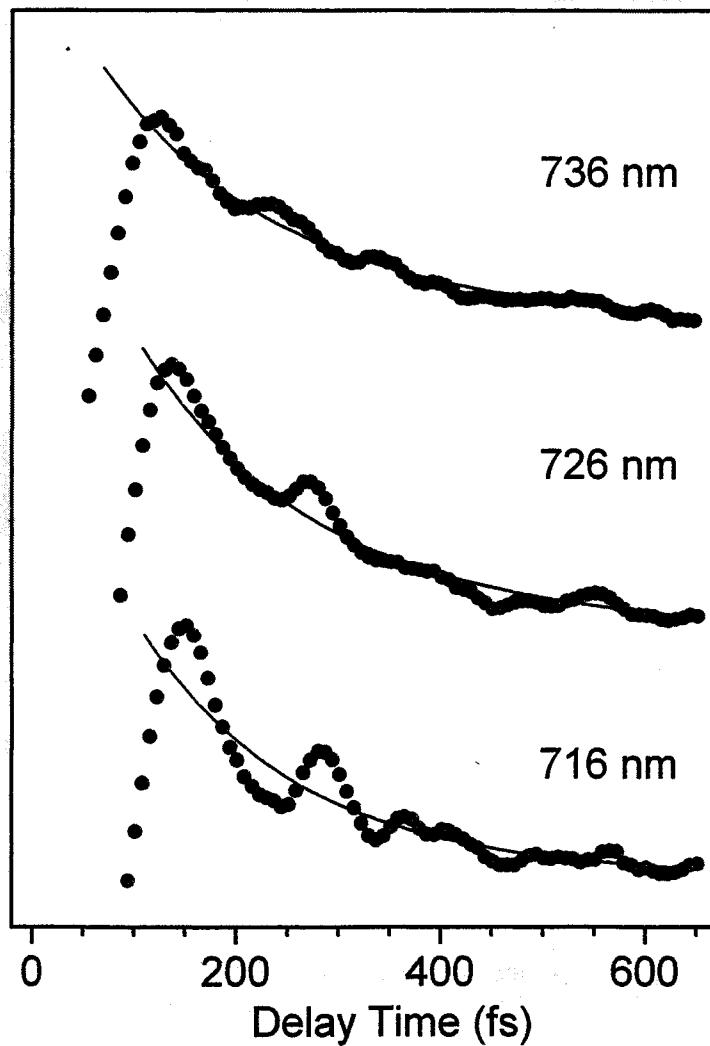
Transient absorption and emission of TIN + solvent contributions



Spectrally resolved transient absorption and emission of TIN

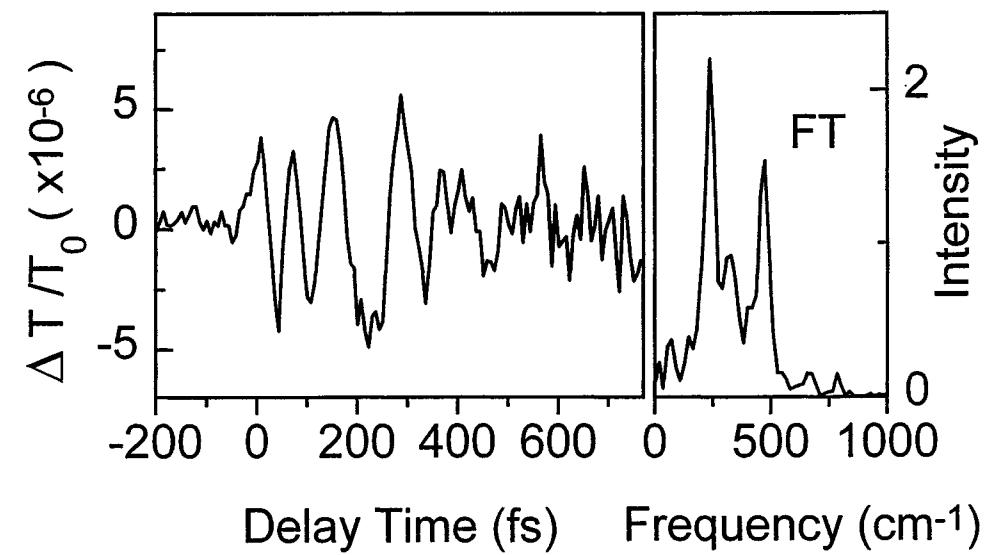


Wave Packet Dynamics during and after Proton Transfer



Oscillatory transmission change

at $\lambda_{\text{det}} = 716 \text{ nm}$

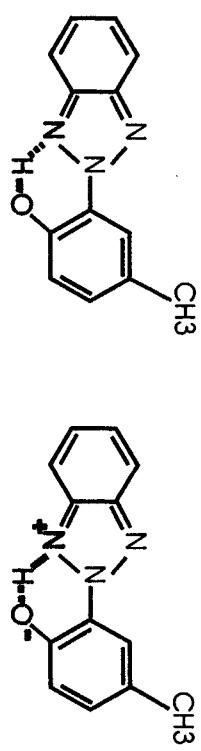


Summary of TINUVIN P results

- ESIPT (excited state intramolecular proton transfer) in TINUVIN P within 60 - 80 fs
- observation of oscillatory signals - coherent wavepacket dynamics - during and after the proton transfer
- small effective barrier for ESIPT that is modulated by low frequency vibrational modes
- irreversible process due to additional modes (IVR = intramolecular vibrational redistribution)
- ultrafast return ($\tau \sim 120$ fs and 700 fs) to the ground state surface (IC = internal conversion)
- proton back transfer in the electronic ground state within 600 fs

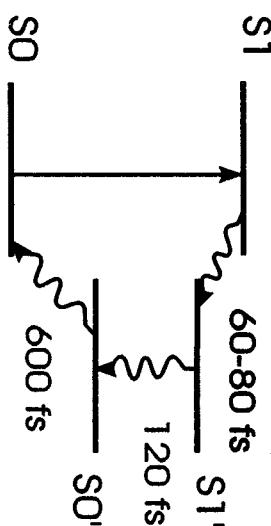
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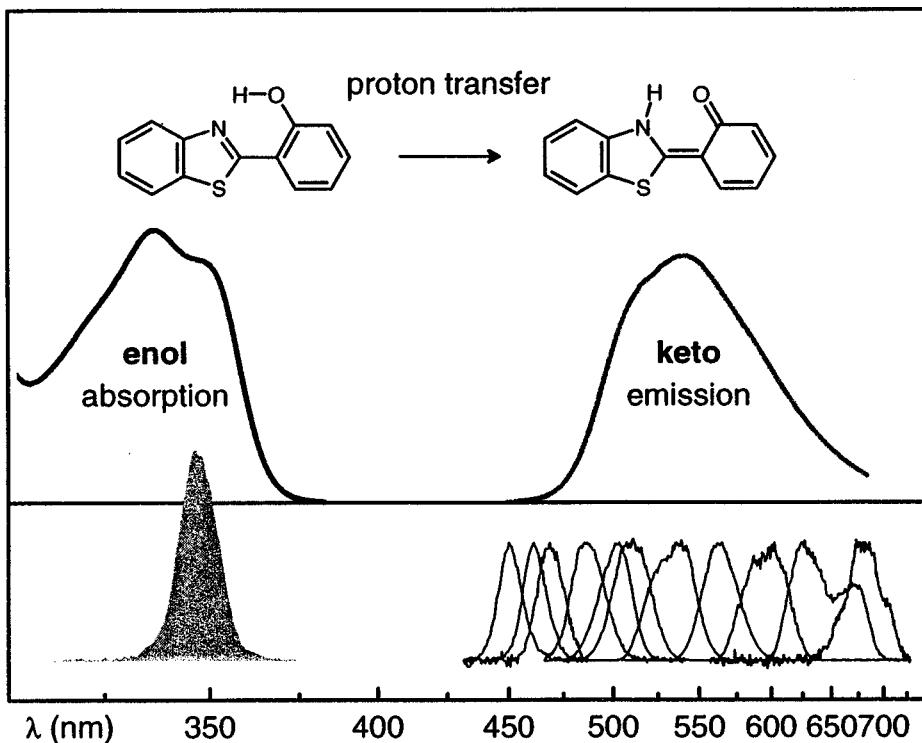


enol

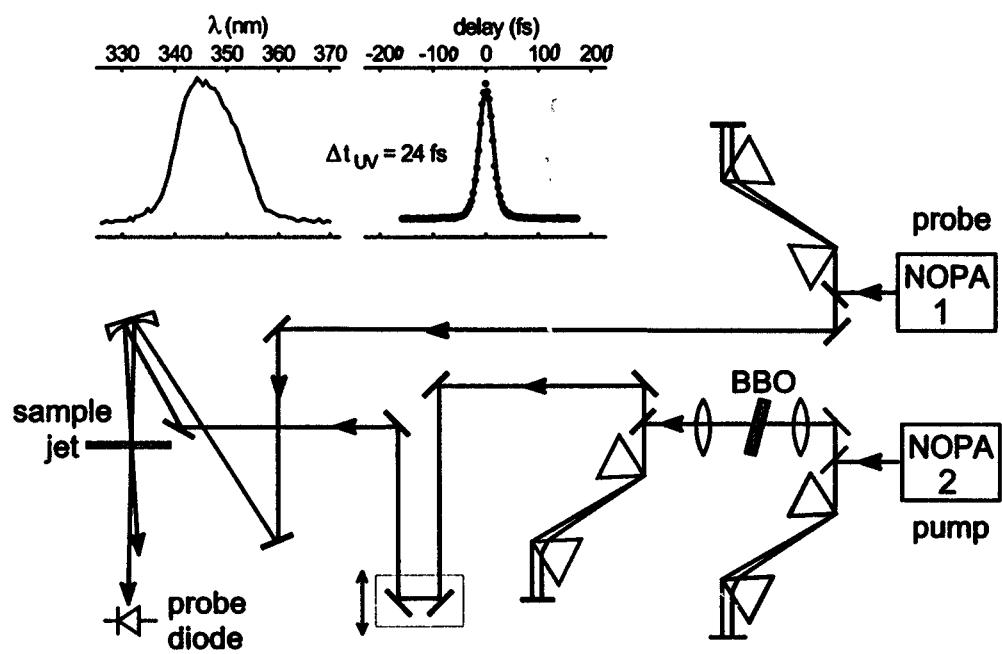
Keto-type



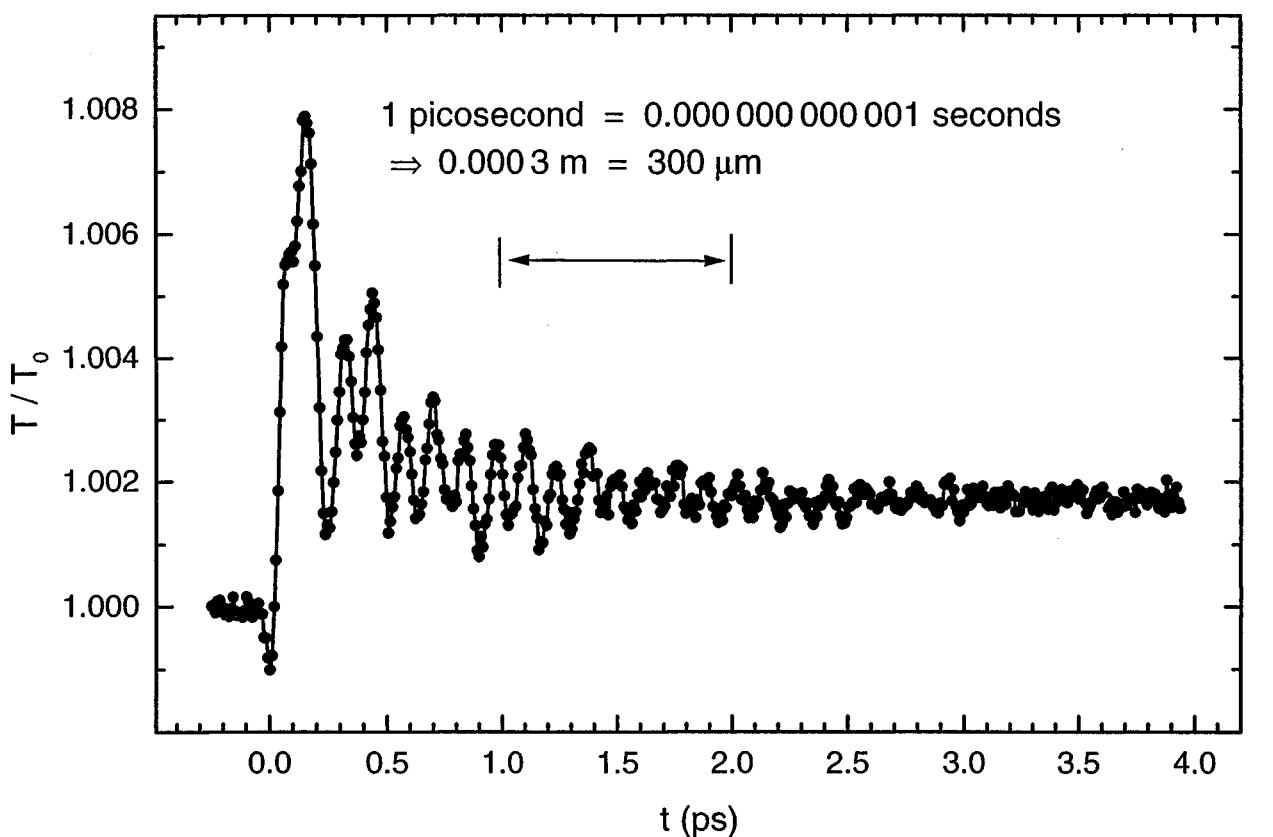
2-(2'-Hydroxyphenyl)benzothiazole (HBT)



Transient Absorption Spectroscopy with 20 fs Time Resolution

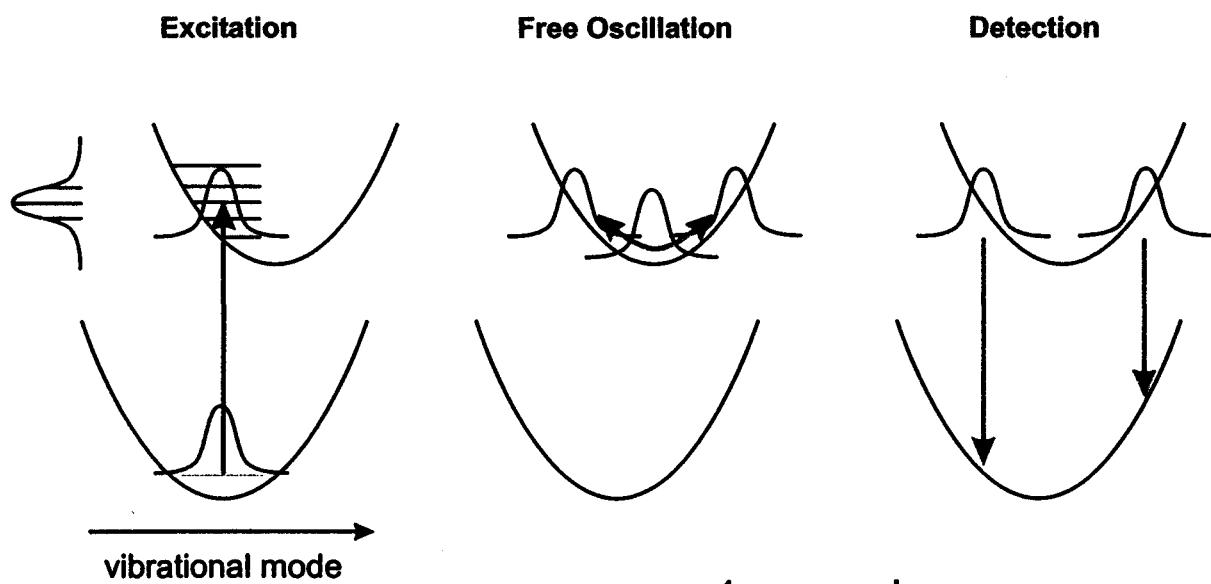


Intramolecular Proton Transfer

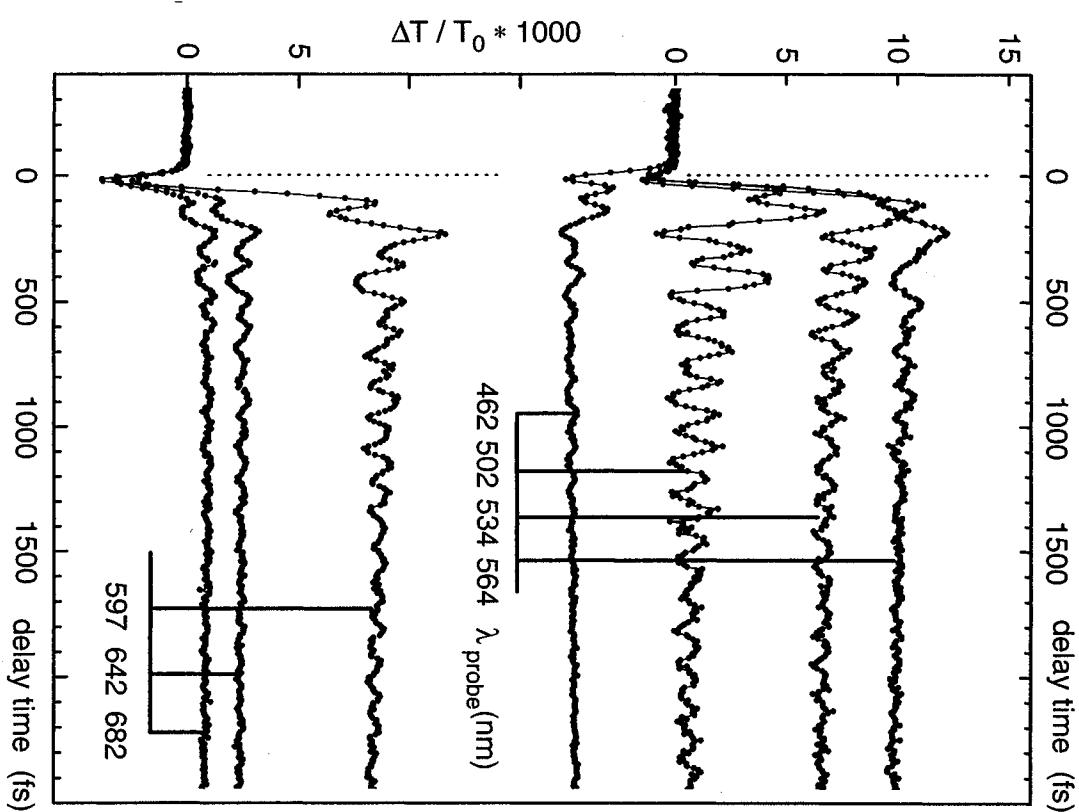


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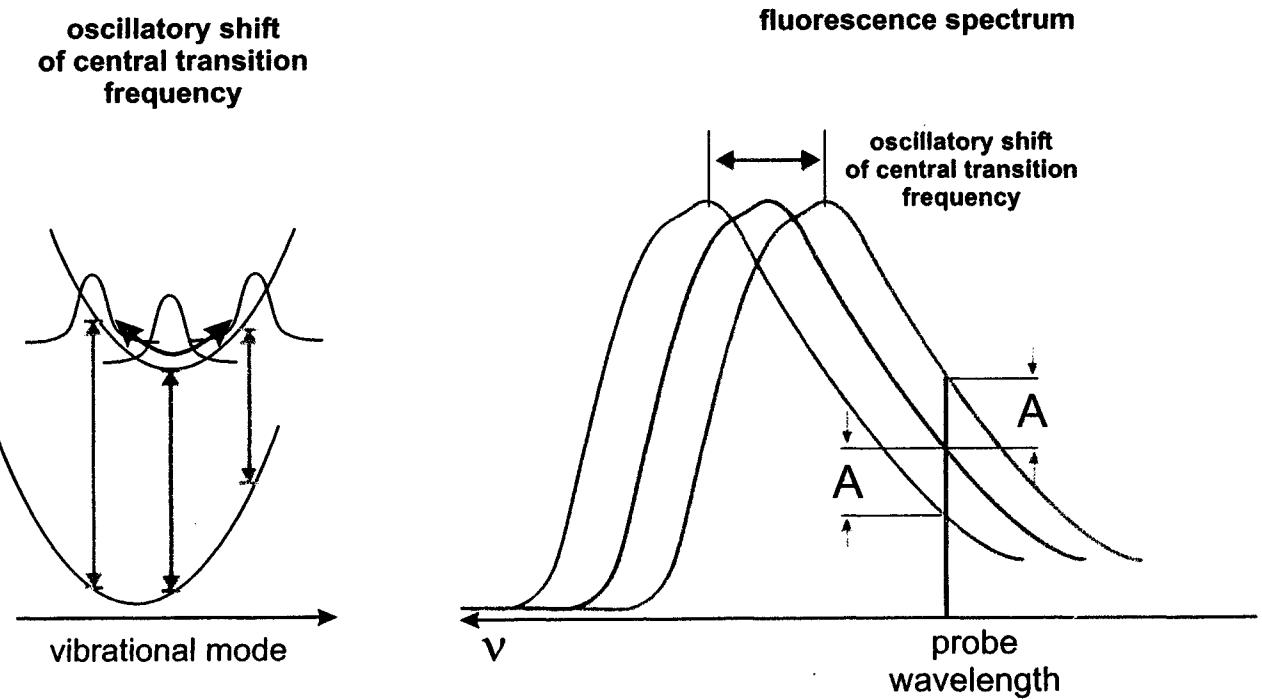
Vibronic Wavepackets



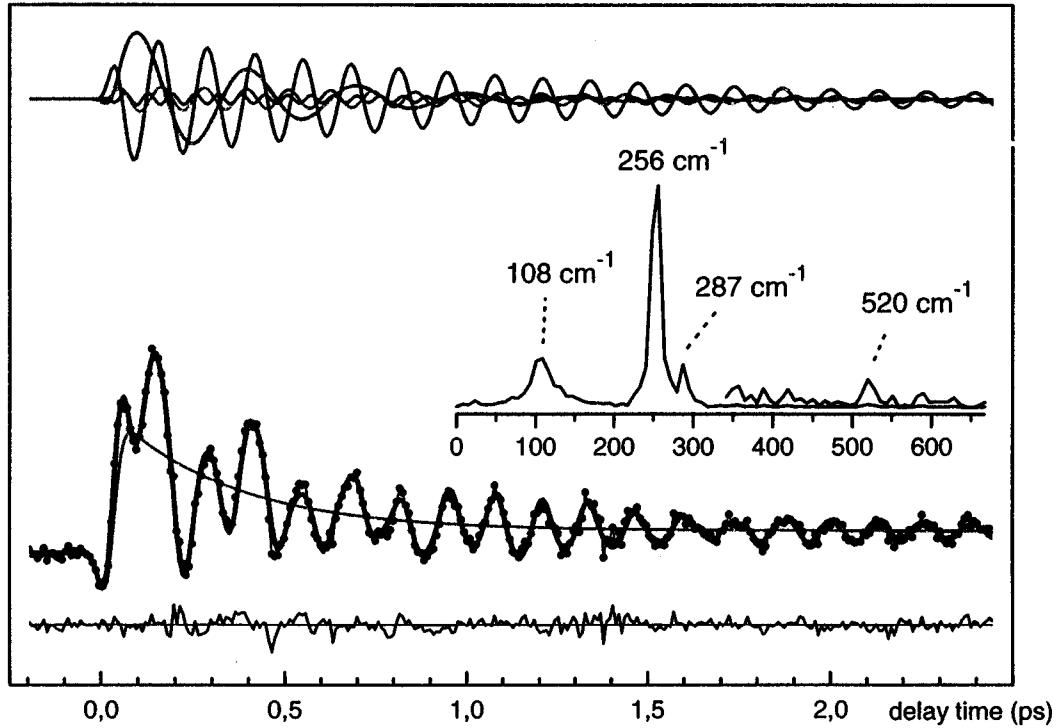
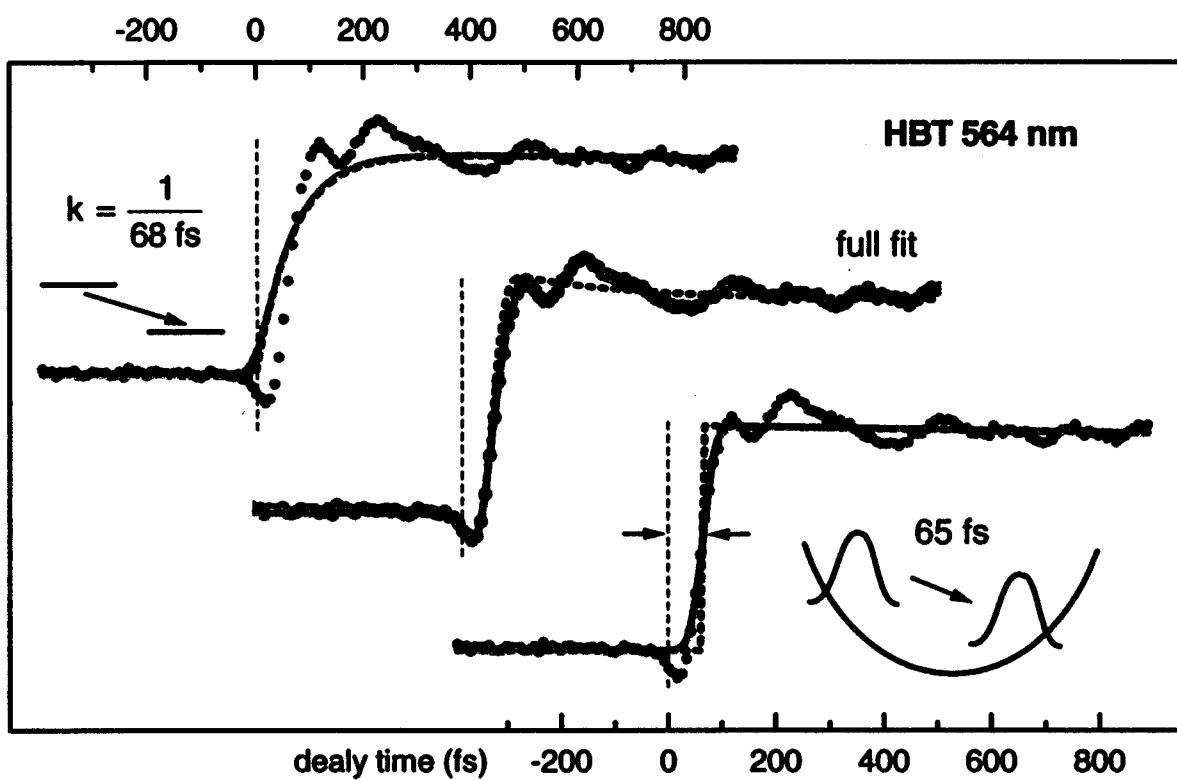
$$T_{osci} = \frac{1}{v_{osci}} = \frac{\hbar}{E_{i+1} - E_i}$$



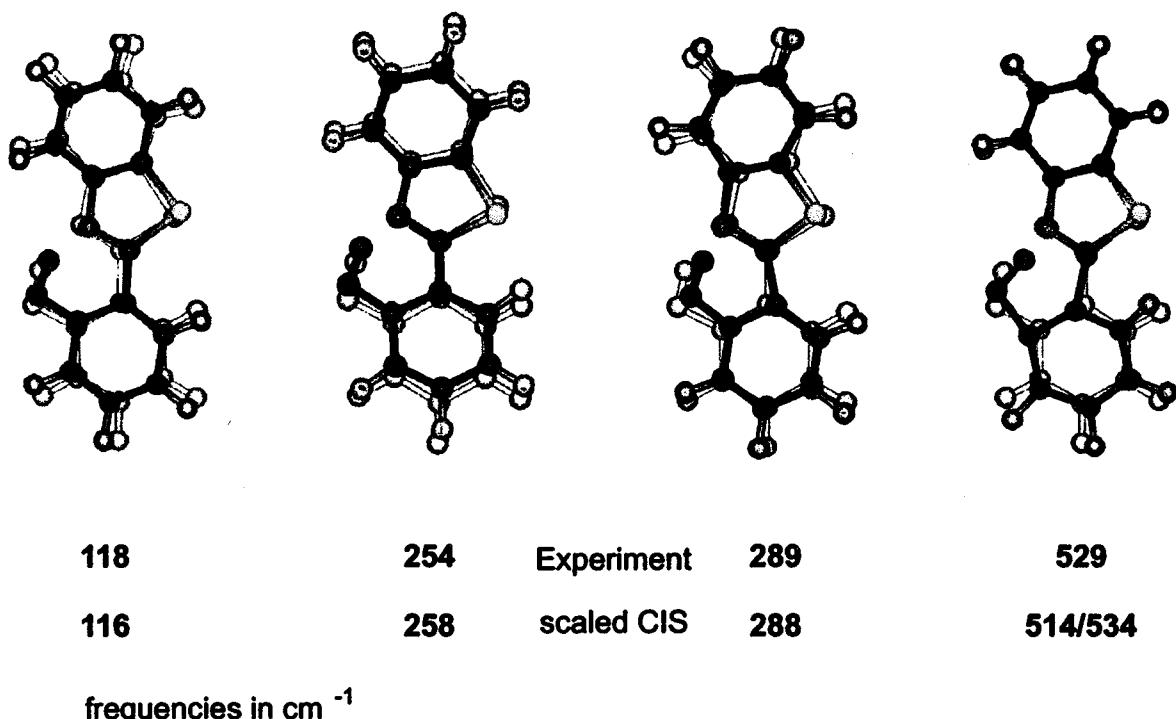
signal modulation by vibrational wavepacket motion



Ballistic Wavepacket Motion vs. Rate Model

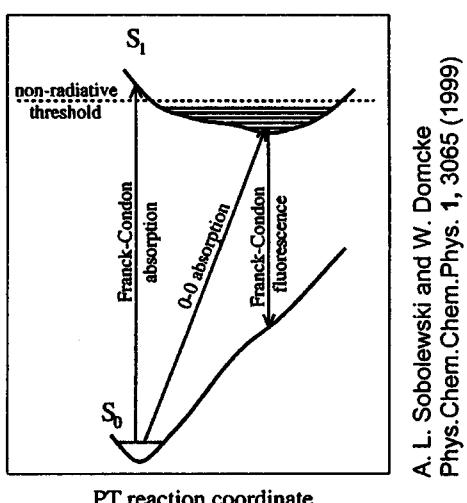


Excited State Vibrations of HBT



VibrationsInHBT.molcas/HBTModel/HBT_Osc_Fol1.cdr

Partitioning of Vibrational Excess Energy

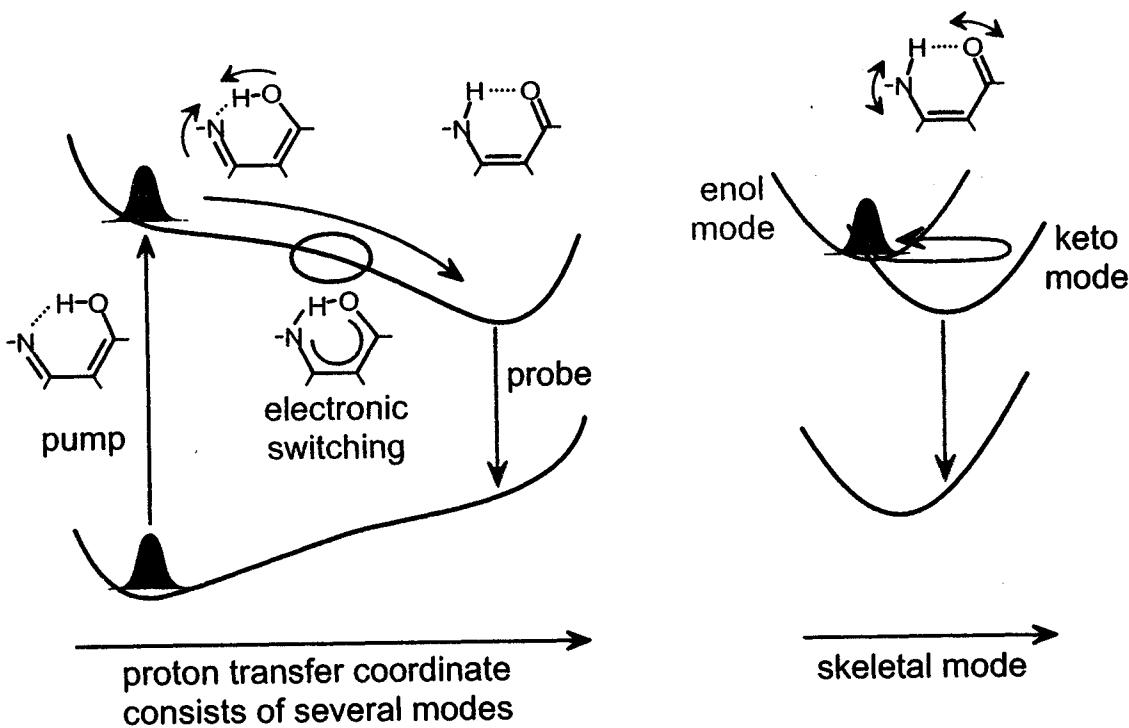


observed oscillations:

$5 \times 110 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	550 cm^{-1}
$5 \times 253 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$1\,265 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
$1 \times 290 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	290 cm^{-1}
$1 \times 525 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	525 cm^{-1}

Stokes shift	$7\,500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	total	$2\,630 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
S_0 contribution	$5\,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$		
S_1 contribution	$2\,500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$		

ESIPT-Model



Conclusions

- coherent vibrational motion during and after an ultrafast photoinduced reaction observed with tunable 20 fs pulses
- in HBT we find
 - simultaneous ballistic motion of the proton and pericyclic transfer of the electron (ca. 60 fs)
 - subsequent coherent vibration of the H-chelate ring
 - excitation of 4 low frequency modes
 - "no" excitation of OH / NH vibrations
 - relaxation of the bath modes in about 300 fs
 - **proton follows all changes adiabatically**
- high level multidimensional quantum chemistry calculations for the excited state confirm this picture
- "excitation" of normal modes corresponding to the geometry change between the "transition state" and the product