Theoretical analysis on inner shell excitation dynamics of acetylene

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Resent experimental results of high resolution angle-resolved photoion-yield spectra (ARPIS) of acetylene [1, 2] show significant changes in fine structure of the spectra profile for core-to-valence excitation measured at 0 and 90 degrees regarding to the direction of x-ray photon polarization. This phenomenon can be explained by the vibronic coupling in the core-to-valence state due to strong Renner-Teller effect [3]. The present poster proposes theory of NEXAFS of fixed-in-space polyatomic molecule which explains in details the experimental observations using the analysis of the inner-shell excitation dynamics.

Our theoretical approach employs *ab initio* configuration interaction (CI) method implemented in GSCF3 [4] – a program package for molecular inner-shell ionization and excitation. We performed calculation of the potential energy surfaces of the ground and core-excited states, as well as transition dipole moments, including two-dimensional calculation for symmetric and antisymmetric bending modes to account for Duschinsky effect. Vibrational energies and wave functions are found as solution of time-independent Schrödinger equation. The angle-resolved photoion-yield spectra are obtained by evaluation of ion flux, which can be found as a projection of the excited state wave packet on particular direction in molecular frame. The model was applied to study of the acetylene $1s \rightarrow 1\pi_u^*$ and $1s \rightarrow 3\sigma_g^*$ transitions. The core-to-valence excited states has bent geometry due to vibronic coupling, and especially bending modes play a key role in changing anisotropy of the ARPIS, while stretching modes define a dominant part of the spectral profile. The effect of the lifetime of the core-excited state, direction of ion flux and transition dipole moment on spectra formation is also discussed.

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