

# *Development of quantum chemical ab initio methods for accurate simulation of exotic molecules*

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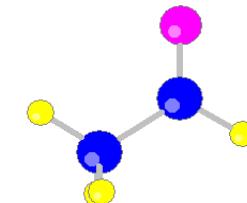
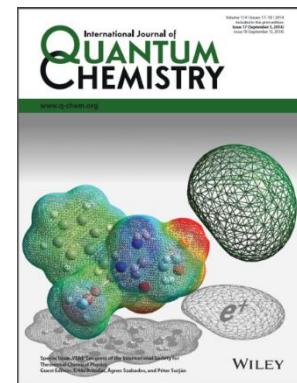
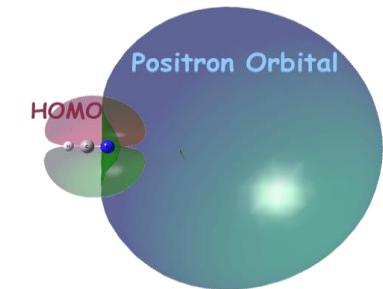
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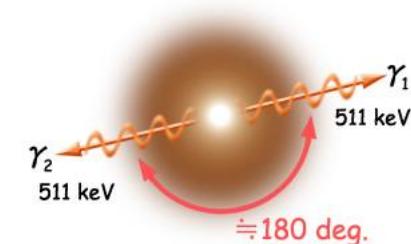
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# 1.1. Introduction: Positron technology



## ➤ Positron ( $e^+$ )

- ✓ Anti-particle of an electron ( $e^-$ )  
mass= 1, spin=1/2, charge= +1 (atomic unit)
- ✓ Pair annihilation with an  $e^-$  and then two photons emission

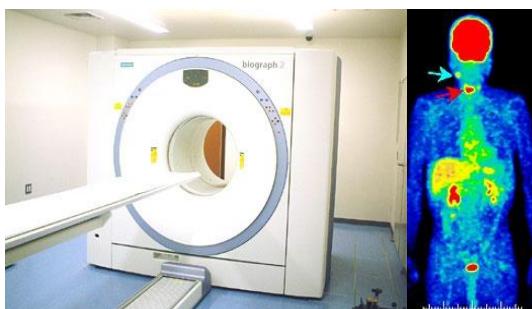


## ➤ Positron technologies

- PALS (Positron Annihilation Lifetime Spectroscopy)
- ACAR (Angular Correlation of Annihilation Radiation)
- PET (Positron Emission Tomography), etc

### Cancer cell imaging

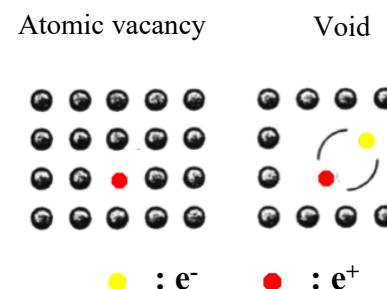
High-sensitive detection of cancer cell in human body



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### Vacancy detection

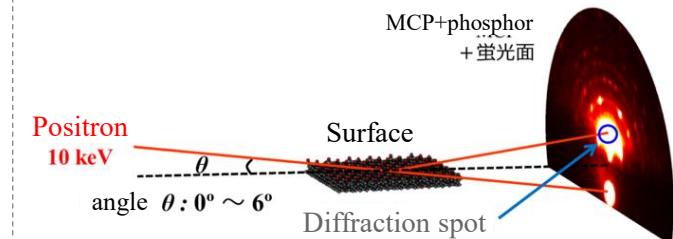
High-sensitive detection of vacancy or void in bulk crystals, polymers, etc.



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### Surface analysis

Accurate measurements of geometric and electronic structures on surface



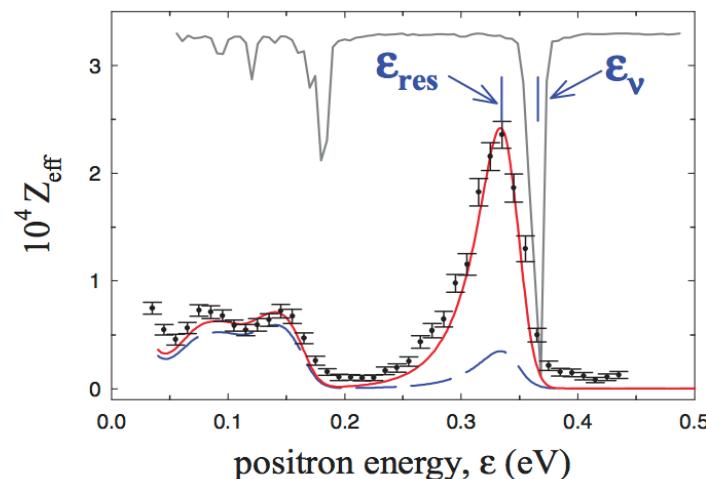
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Recently, positron *technologies* are widely used in various fields.  
However, the scientific knowledge about fundamental processes of positrons  
is still unclear at atomic/molecular levels !!

# 1.2. Experimental PA values !

Experimental side: [1] Danielson, Surko, et al. PRL. 104, 233201 (2010).

Surko and co-workers [1] measured the positron binding to many molecules through vibrational Feshbach resonance (VFR), and estimated the binding energy of a positron (**positron affinity, PA**) from the difference between VFR and IR spectra



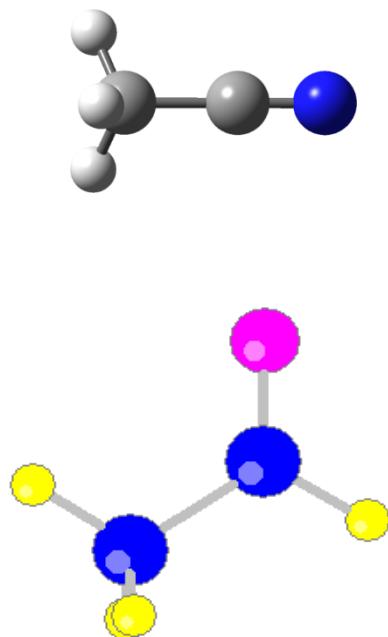
VFR and IR spectra for butane ( $C_4H_{10}$ ) [1]

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formaldehyde	$H_2CO$	2.3	2.8	19 <sup>b</sup>	0.02
acetaldehyde	$(CH_3)HCO$	2.8	4.8	90	0.6 0.95
acetone	$(CH_3)_2CO$	2.9	6.4	173	4 <sup>c</sup> 2.6 1.6
propanal	$(C_2H_5)HCO$	2.7	6.5		1.0 0.6
hydr. cyanide	$HCN$	3.0	2.5	35 <sup>d</sup>	4 3.3
acetonitrile	$CH_3CN$	3.9	4.4	180	135 <sup>e</sup> 19 15.5
lith. hydride	$LiH$	5.9	3.8	1000 <sup>f</sup>	342 330

<sup>a</sup>Ref. [11], <sup>b</sup>Ref. [5], <sup>c</sup>Ref. [8], <sup>d</sup>Refs. [6, 7], <sup>e</sup>Ref. [15], <sup>f</sup>Ref. [3].

<sup>g</sup>Meas. from Refs. [25, 27–29], pred. from Refs. [25, 30].



- **Theoretical interpretation for PA values!**
- **Development of theoretical procedure!**

PA  
 $= E(X) - E([X; e^+])$

# 1.3. Purpose

**Theoretical elucidation of molecular vibrational effect on positron affinity (PA) values for polyatomic molecules.**

- ✓ Theoretical analysis of molecular PA values including the effect of molecular vibrations (**vibrational averaged positron affinity: PA<sub>v</sub>**)

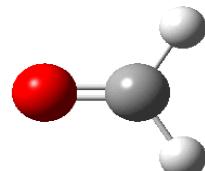
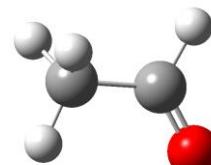
$$\text{PA}_n^A = \oint d\mathbf{Q} \left\{ E^A(\mathbf{Q}) - E^{[A;e^+]}(\mathbf{Q}) \right\} |y_n^A(\mathbf{Q})|^2, \quad \mathbf{Q} : \text{normal mode coordinate}$$

→ The PA<sub>v</sub> corresponds to the PA value at quantum vibrational states

- ✓ Application to hydrogen cyanide (HCN), formaldehyde (H<sub>2</sub>CO), and acetaldehyde (CH<sub>3</sub>CHO), toward future works for larger molecules.



HCN

H<sub>2</sub>COCH<sub>3</sub>CHO

# 2.1. Multi-Component MO (MC\_MO) method

## ✓ Total Hamiltonian for a positron-attached molecule:

The non-relativistic Hamiltonian (with atomic unit) of a positron-attached system consisting of  $M$  nuclei,  $N$  electrons, and a positron is given by

$$\mathcal{H} = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \nabla_i^2 + \nabla_p^2 \right) - \sum_I^M \sum_i^N \frac{Z_I}{r_{iI}} + \sum_i^N \sum_{j(>i)}^N \frac{1}{r_{ij}} + \sum_I^M \frac{Z_I}{r_{pI}} - \sum_i^N \frac{1}{r_{ip}}$$

$\text{e}^-$ -Nuc.
 $\text{e}^+$ -Nuc.

## ✓ Configuration interaction (CI) method for a positron-attached molecule<sup>[1]</sup>

$$|\Psi_{\text{CI}}(\mathbf{R}_e, \mathbf{r}_p)\rangle = C_{(0,0)} |\Phi_0^e(\mathbf{R}_e)\rangle |\varphi_0^p(\mathbf{r}_p)\rangle + \sum_{L_e} \sum_{L_p} C_{(L_e, L_p)} |\Phi_{L_e}^e(\mathbf{R}_e)\rangle |\varphi_{L_p}^p(\mathbf{r}_p)\rangle,$$

→  $\mathbb{F}_{L_e}^e(\mathbf{R}_e)$ : electronic Slater determinant,       $C_{(L_e, L_p)}$ : CI coefficients  
 $f_{L_p}^p(\mathbf{r}_p)$  : a positronic molecular orbital,

[1] M.Tachikawa, H.Sainowo, K.Iguchi, and K.Suzuki *J. Chem. Phys.* **101** 5925 (1994).

## 2.1. Multi-Component MO method

### ✓ Configuration interaction (CI) method for positronic compounds<sup>[1]</sup>

- Excited configurations: CISD

Our CISD method contains the single electronic, single positronic, both single electronic - single positronic excitation configurations  
 → Pure electron-positron correlation is taken into account.  
 → A frozen-core approximation was used for 1s orbital of heavy atoms.

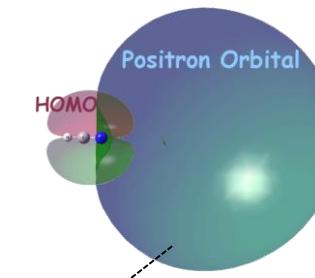
- Basis sets:

[HCN;e<sup>+</sup>] ✓ 6-31++G(2df,2pd) for e<sup>-</sup>  
 ✓ 15s15p3d2f1g Gaussian-type functions for e<sup>+</sup>

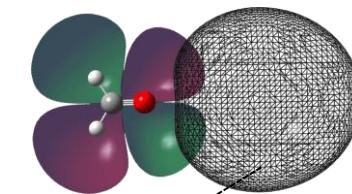
[H<sub>2</sub>CO;e<sup>+</sup>] ✓ 6-31+G(3d2f) for e<sup>-</sup>  
 ✓ 12s8p6d2f Gaussian-type functions for e<sup>+</sup>

PA<sub>HCN</sub> at the equilibrium geometry

HF <sup>[2]</sup>	: 2.0 meV
DMC <sup>[2]</sup>	: 38(5) meV
CISD	: 39.6 meV



Positron orbital in [HCN;e<sup>+</sup>]



Positron orbital in [H<sub>2</sub>CO;e<sup>+</sup>]

PA<sub>H<sub>2</sub>CO</sub> at the equilibrium geometry

HF <sup>[3]</sup>	: 1.1 meV
DMC <sup>[3]</sup>	: 25(3) meV
CISD	: 25.3 meV

We confirmed that our PA values with **CISD calculation by MC\_MO** are in reasonable agreement with those by very accurate **diffusion Monte Carlo (DMC)** ones<sup>[2,3]</sup>.

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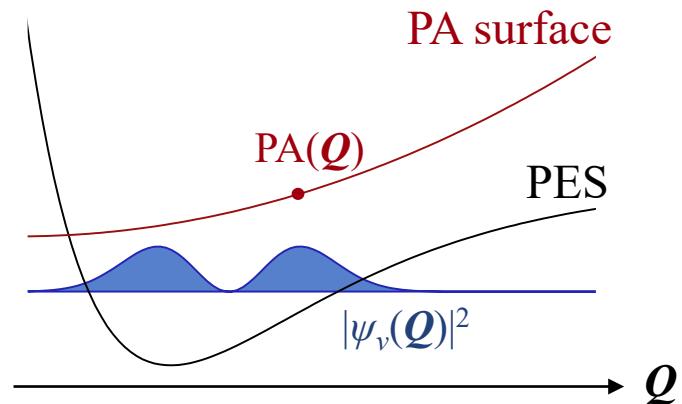
## 2.2. Vibrational effect on PA

### ✓ Vibrational averaged PA values<sup>[1]</sup>

We estimated “**vibrational averaged PA values**”, which correspond to the PA value on molecular vibrational state.

$$\text{PA}_v^A = \int dQ \left\{ E^A(Q) - E^{[A;e^+]}(Q) \right\} |\psi_v^A(Q)|^2,$$

$Q$  : normal mode coordinate



- $E^A(Q) - E^{[A;e^+]}(Q)$  : **vertical PA at  $Q$**  → by MC\_MO (CISD) method [1]
- $\psi_v^A$  :  **$v$ -th vibrational wave function** → by vibrational QMC method [2,3]
- $\int dQ$  : **integration over configuration space** → by Monte Carlo integration (Metropolis method)

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# 3.1. Vibrational PA values of HCN

## PA at equilibrium geom.

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## Normal modes of HCN

### Bending mode



### CN stretching



### CH stretching

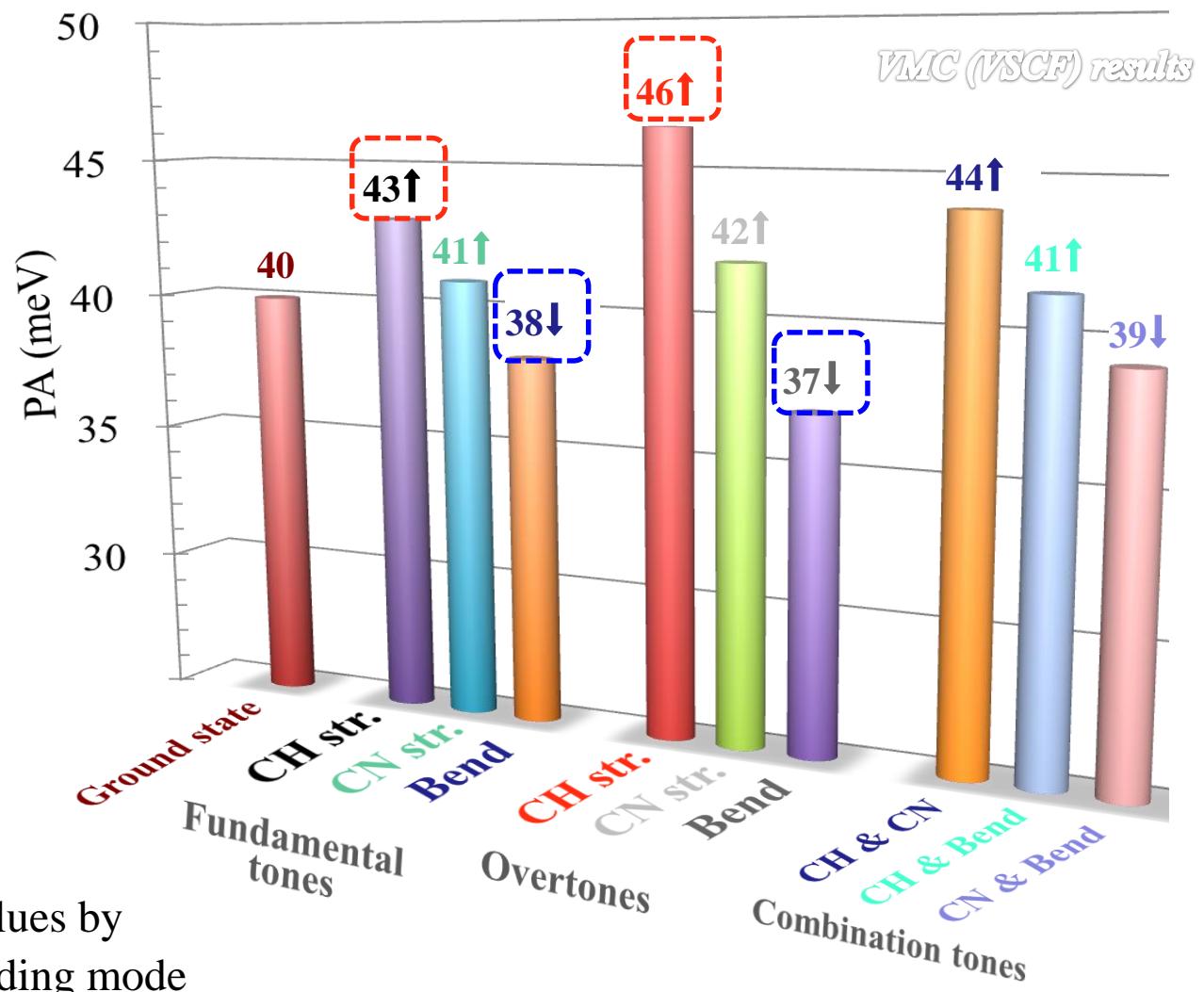


✓ **Deenhancements** of PA values by the vibrational excitations of bending mode

✓ **Enhancements** of PA values by the excitations of CH and CN stretching modes

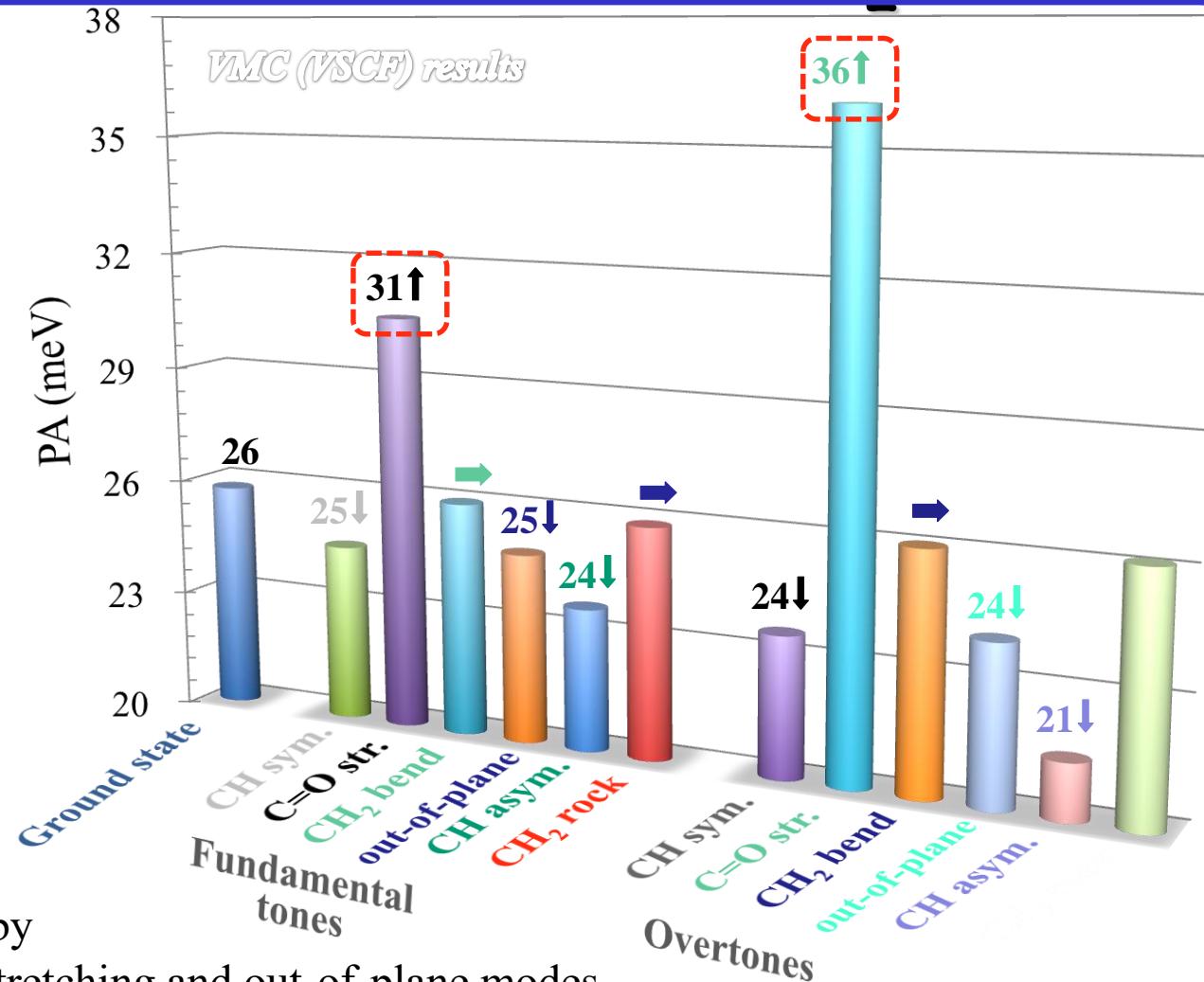
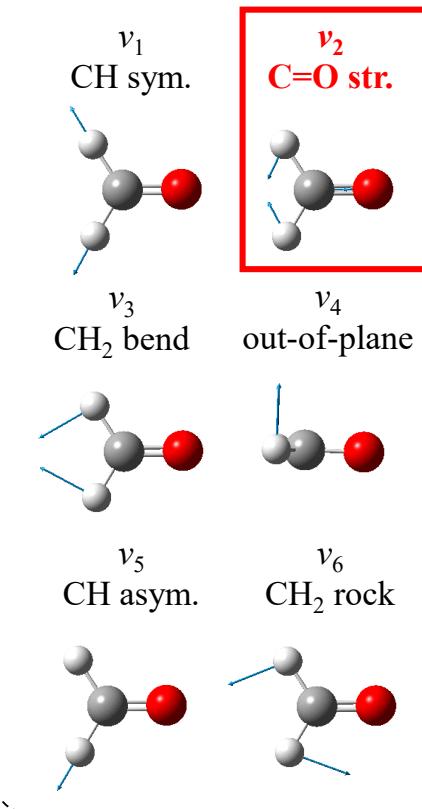
→ The excitation of CH str. mode gives the largest PA enhancement:

$$PA_{\nu=1}(\text{CH str.}) = 43.02(1) \text{ meV} (8\% \uparrow), \quad PA_{\nu=2}(\text{CH str.}) = 46.34(2) \text{ meV} (16\% \uparrow)$$



# 3.1. Vibrational PA values of $\text{H}_2\text{CO}$

Normal modes of  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}$



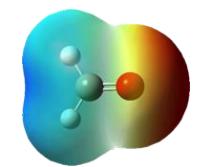
- ✓ **Deenhancements** of PA values by the excitation of CH sym./asym. stretching and out-of-plane modes
- ✓ **Enhancements** of PA values by the excitation of C=O stretching mode
  - The excitation of C=O str. mode gives the largest PA enhancement:  
 $\text{PA}_{v=1}(\text{CO str.}) = 30.7(1) \text{ meV } (19\% \uparrow)$ ,  $\text{PA}_{v=2}(\text{CO str.}) = 36.1(1) \text{ meV } (40\% \uparrow)$

PA at equilibrium geom.	
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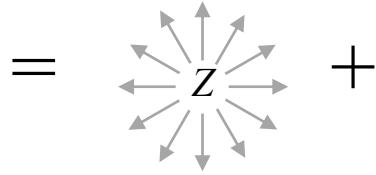
## 3.2. The origin of PA variations

Dominant properties of a parent molecule in the interaction with an attached positron

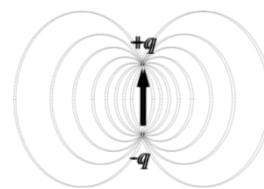
✓ Permanent **electrostatic interaction** with a parent molecule



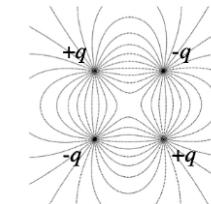
total charge distribution



total charge ( $Z$ )  
→ zero for neutral mole.



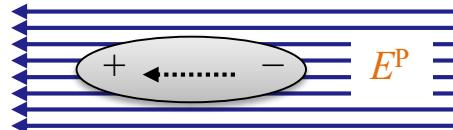
dipole moment ( $\mathbf{d}$ )



quadrupole moment ( $\mathbf{Q}$ )

+ ...

✓ Interaction with the **induced dipole moment** due to a positron attachment



induced dipole:  $\mathbf{d}^I = \alpha \times \mathbf{E}^P$

$\alpha$  : dipole-polarizability,  $E^P$  : electric field from a positron

In this modeling, we assumed that the interaction energy between a positron (+1 charge) and the parent molecule **linearly** depends on  $d$ ,  $Q$ , and  $\alpha$ .

e.g. dipole :  $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{d}$  (or  $\mathbf{d}^I = \alpha \mathbf{E}^P$ ),

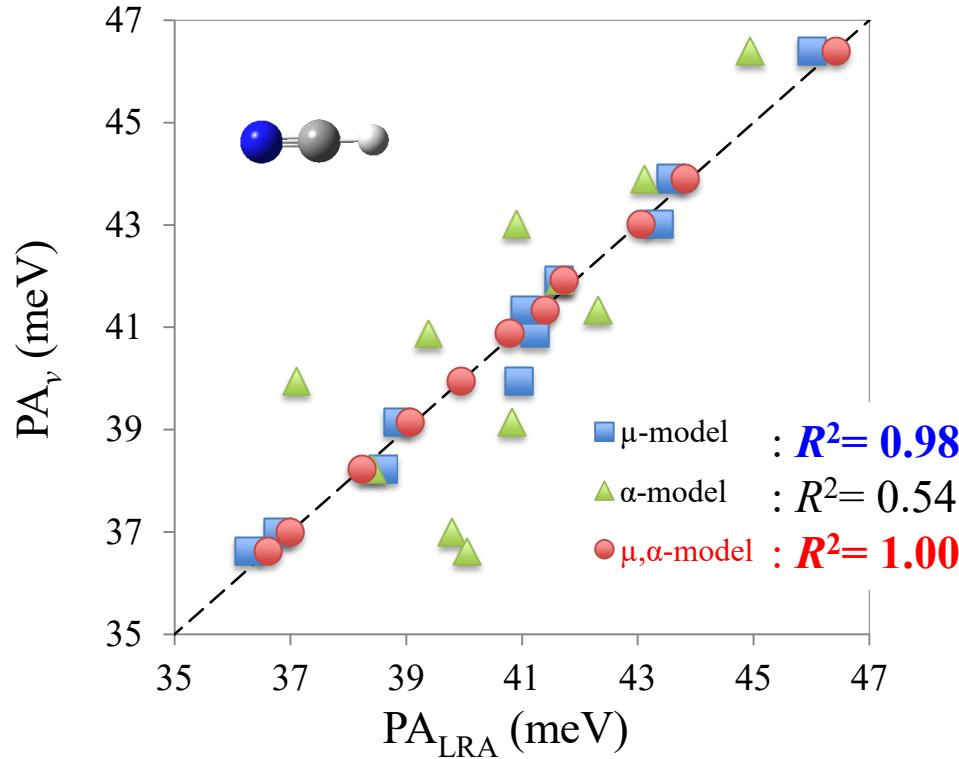
quadrupole :  $\frac{3}{8\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} \sum_{i,j}^{x,y,z} \mathbf{\hat{r}} Q_{ij} r_i r_j$

→ It is strongly expected that the **linear regression analysis (LRA)** using  $d$ ,  $Q$ , and  $\alpha$  of the parent molecule can be useful for explaining the origin of PA variations.

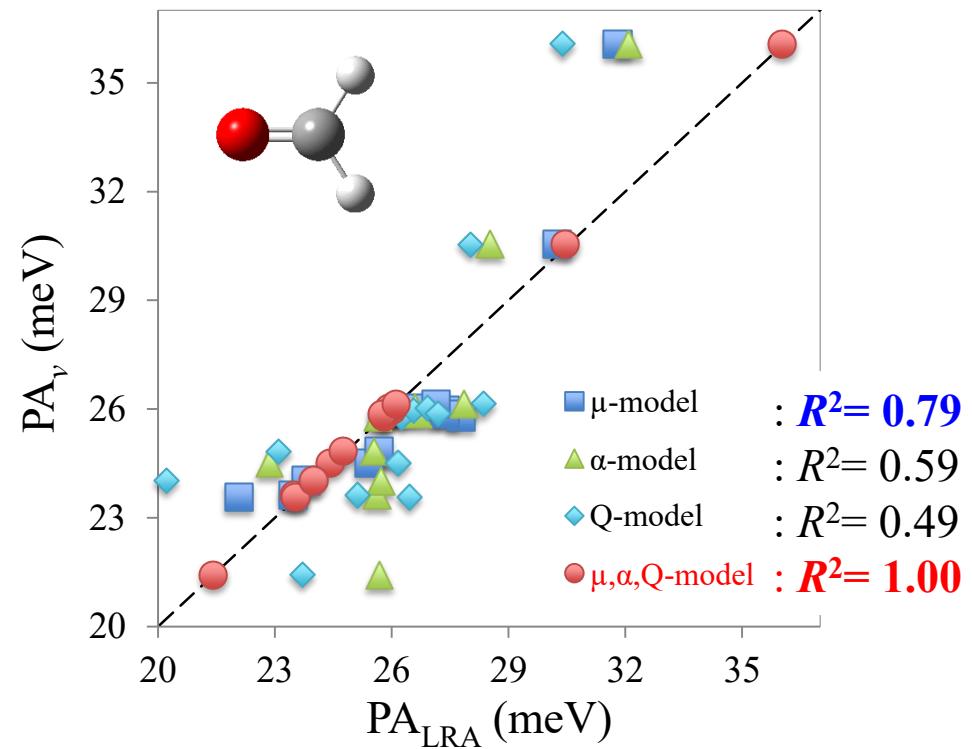
$\text{PA}_{\text{LRA}} = c_m m_v + c_Q Q_v + c_\alpha \alpha_v + c_0$ ,       $m_v, Q_v, \alpha_v$  : vibrational averaged  $\mu$ ,  $Q$ , and  $\alpha$  at each state

## 3.2. The origin of PA variations

### ✓ PA values of HCN in each state



### ✓ PA values of H<sub>2</sub>CO in each state



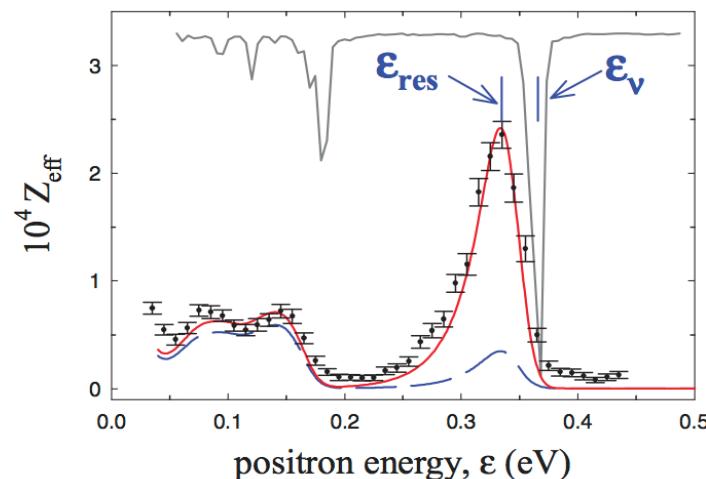
- ✓ For both molecules, the PA variations are well described by the change in both the **multipole moment** and **dipole-polarizability**.
- ✓ In the linear regression analyses, the **dipole ( $\mu$ ) model** gives the largest  $R^2$  values for both molecules.

→ **The origin of PA variations is mainly the change in the multipole moment by vibrational excitations**

# 1.2. Experimental PA values !

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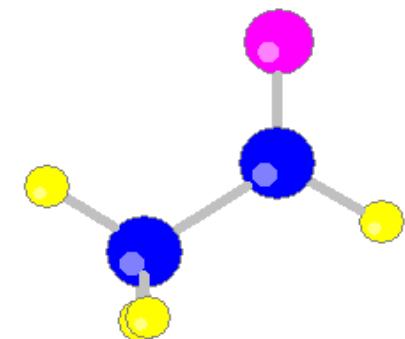
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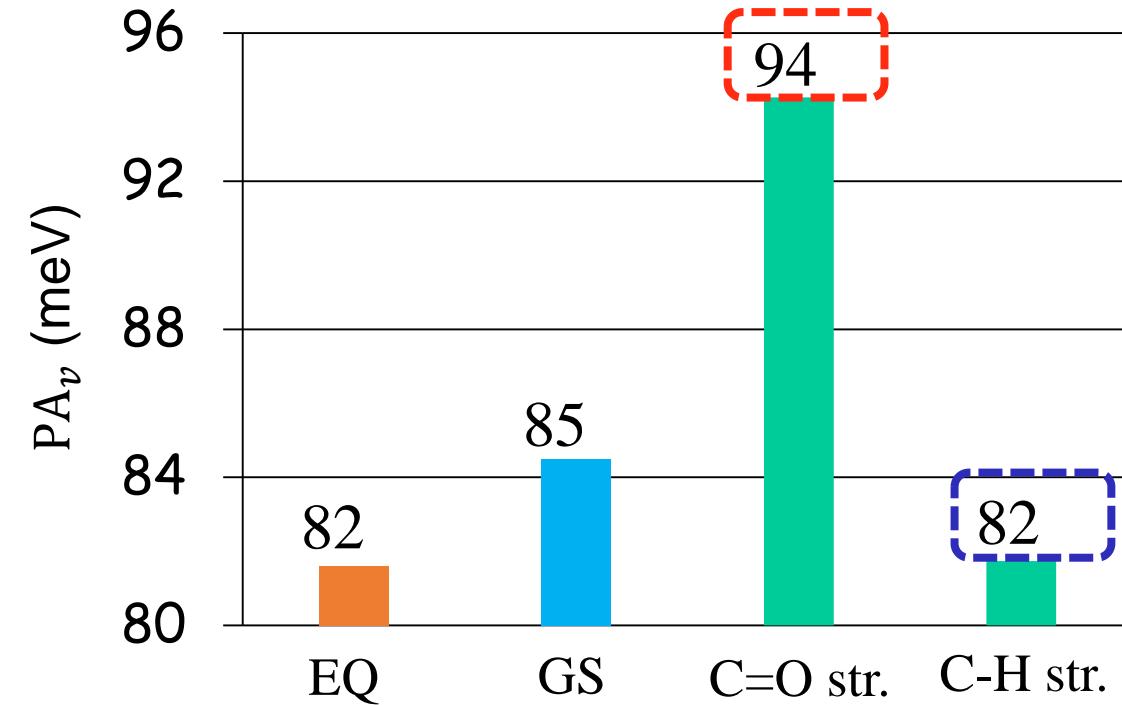
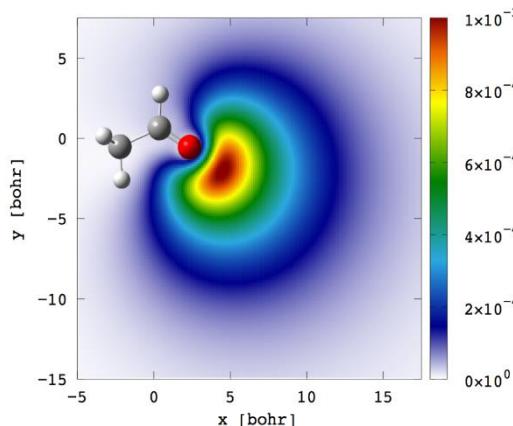
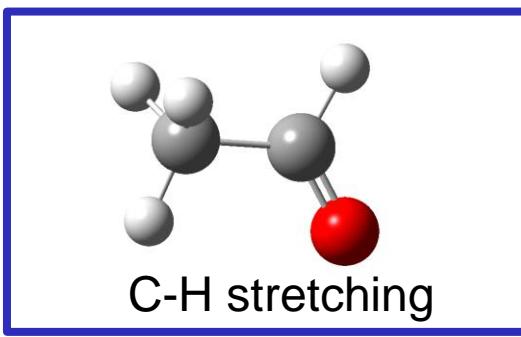
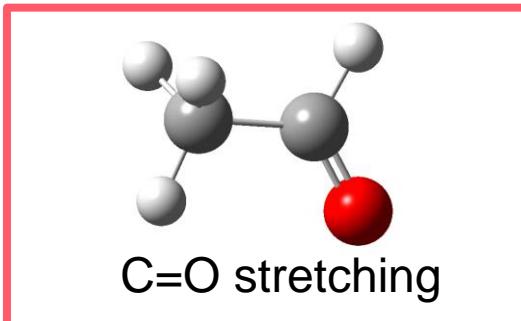
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$$\text{PA}(CH_3HCO) = 90 \text{ meV}$$

### 3.3. Vibrational PA values of $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$

NMs of  $\text{CH}_3\text{HCO}$



✓ *Deenhancements* of PA values by the excitation of C-H stretching mode

✓ *Enhancements* of PA values by the excitation of C=O stretching mode

Two stretching modes of aldehyde (-CHO) group affect on  $\text{PA}_v$  values of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  molecule.

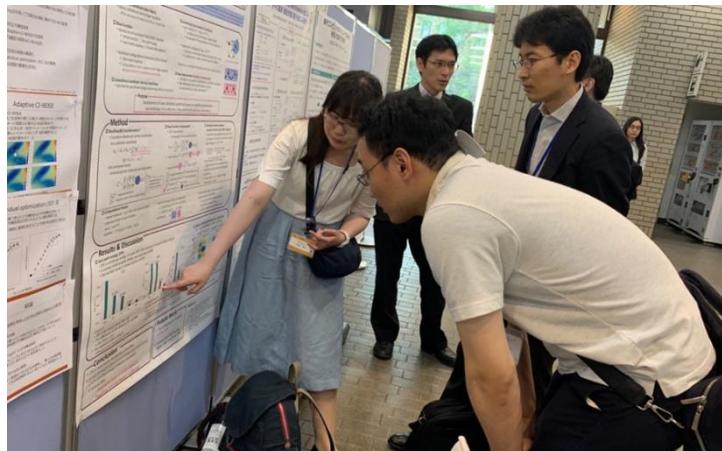
## 4. Summary

To elucidate the **molecular vibrational effect** on positron affinities (PAs), we analyzed the **vibrational averaged positron affinity** of HCN, H<sub>2</sub>CO, and CH<sub>3</sub>CHO molecules at various vibrational excited states.

- ✓ The largest PA enhancement are found for the vibrational excitation of CH stretching mode for HCN, and that of C=O stretching mode for H<sub>2</sub>CO
  - ➡ The PA variations mainly arises from the change in the multipole moment and dipole-polarizability by vibrational excitations
  - ➡ The change in permanent dipole moments is dominant in the PA variations.
  
- ✓ In CH<sub>3</sub>CHO molecule, the vibrational averaged PA values for the C-H and C=O stretching modes are 82 and 94 meV, respectively, which can be compared with the corresponding experimental PA value of 90meV.

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