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## Strong field control of predissociation dynamics

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Strong field control scenarios are investigated in the  $CH_3I$  predissociation dynamics at the origin of the second absorption B-band, in which state-selective electronic predissociation occurs through the crossing with a valence dissociative state [1]. Dynamic Stark control (DSC), which was recently demonstrated by Sussman *et. al* [2], and pump-dump strategies are shown capable of altering both the predissociation lifetime of the excited Rydberg state and the product branching ratio.



Figure 1. Speed distribution of the  $CH_3$  fragments generated after predissociation of  $CH_3I$  as a function of the delay between the pump and control laser pulses. Supression of the photofagmentation is observed when the pulses are overlapped in time due to dynamic Stark shift (DSS)

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