

Structural Dynamics in Hydrogen-Bonded and Transition-Metal Systems

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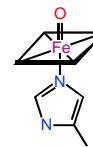
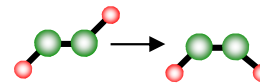
Elucidating chemical reaction pathways and intermediates in solution and at interfaces via time-resolved X-ray Absorption and Photoemission Spectroscopy

- energy levels & coupling constants
- charge distribution & bonding
- spin-state-dependent effects

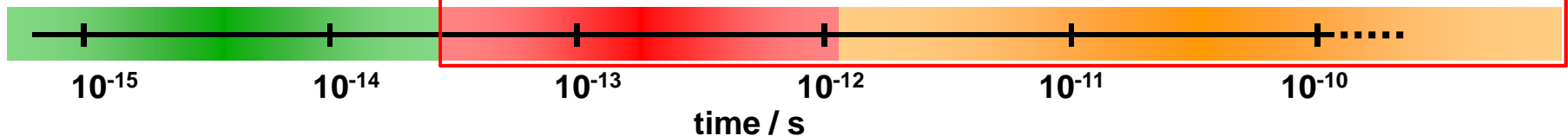
How fast is SwissFEL?
or what is the timing jitter...

- charge transfer
- electronic phase transitions
- correlated electron systems

- ultrafast chemical reactions
- ultrafast phase transitions
- surface dynamics
- resonant energy transfer



- vibrational relaxation & VER
- vibrational energy redistribution
- molecular reorientation
- macromolecular reconfiguration



X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy (XAS)

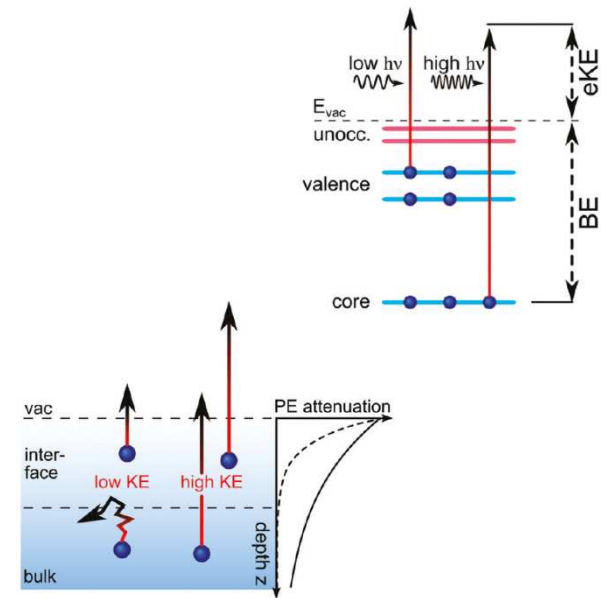
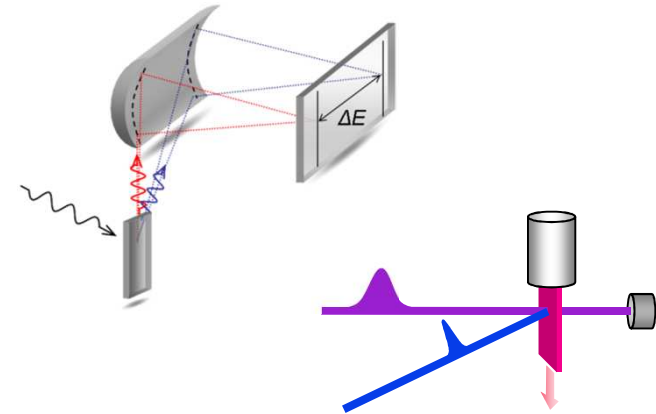
X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy (XES)

Resonant Inelastic X-ray Scattering (RIXS)

- Photon-only → no worries about space charge, sample charging, laser field streaking
- Moderate to no vacuum requirements

Photoemission Spectroscopy (PES)

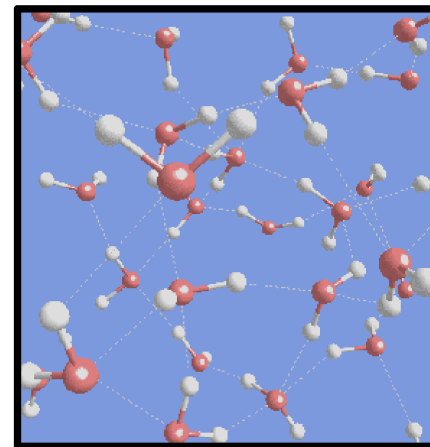
- Efficient & atom-specific probe for surface chemistry
- Depth-dependence of excess kinetic energy uniquely suited for interface chemistry
- Angle-resolved PES delivers new insights into anisotropic effects in chemical reactions



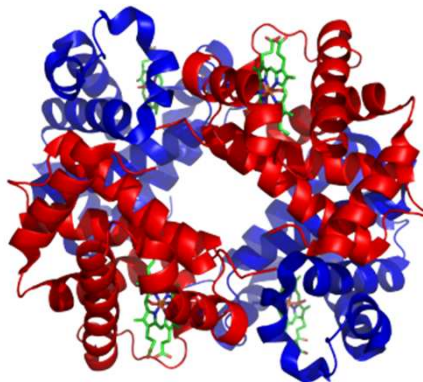


Research Objectives

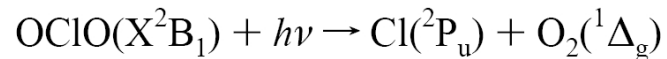
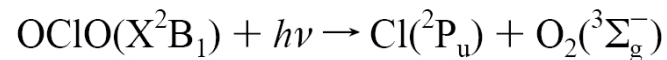
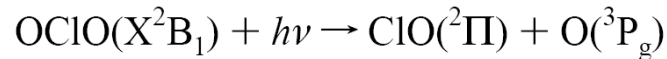
➤ *Hydrogen Bond Research*



➤ *Solute Dynamics*

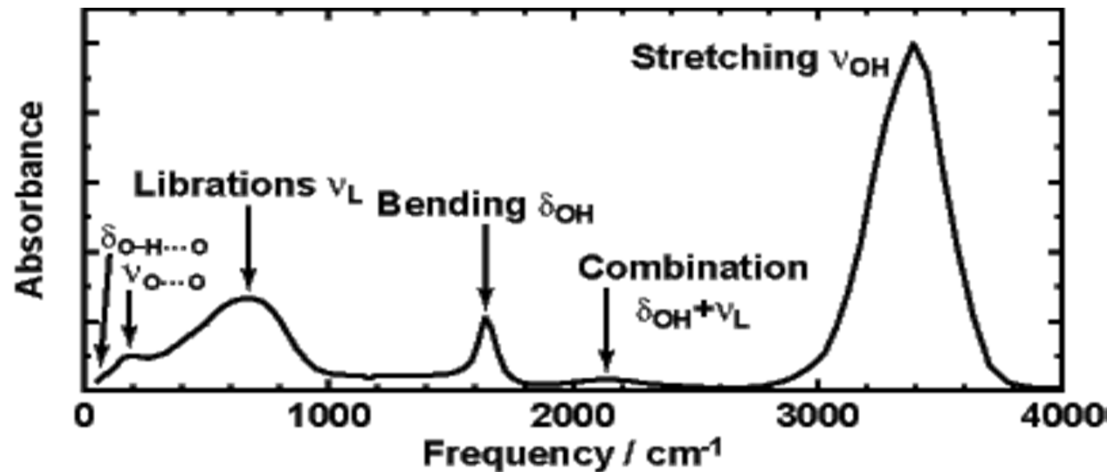


➤ *Liquid-Phase Chemistry*





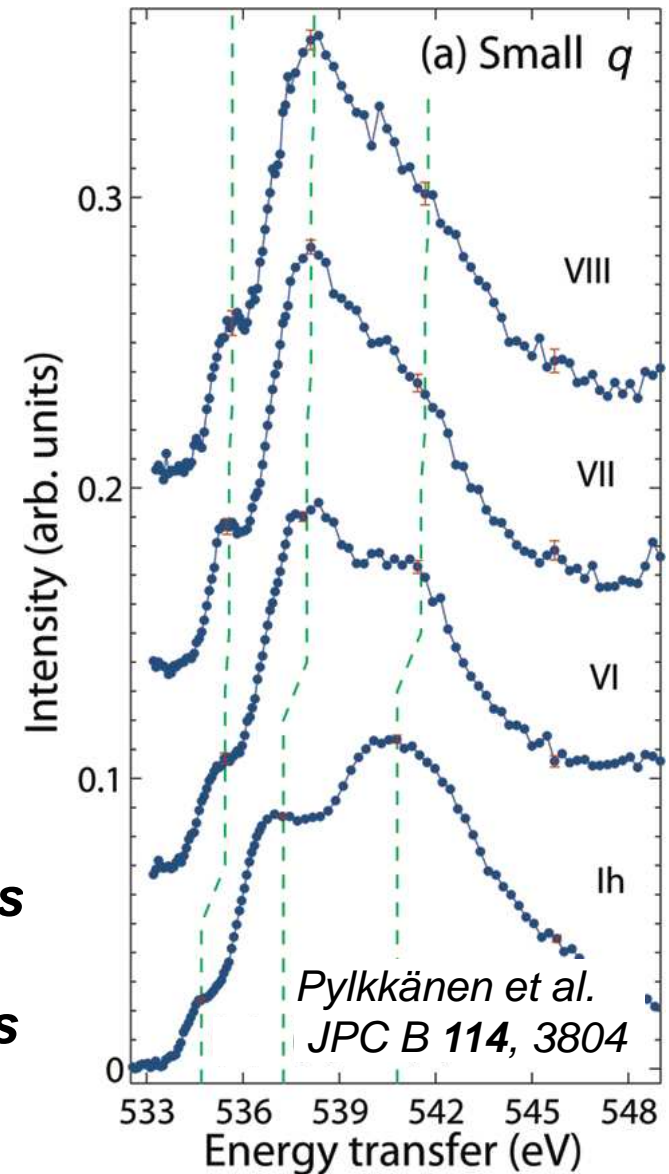
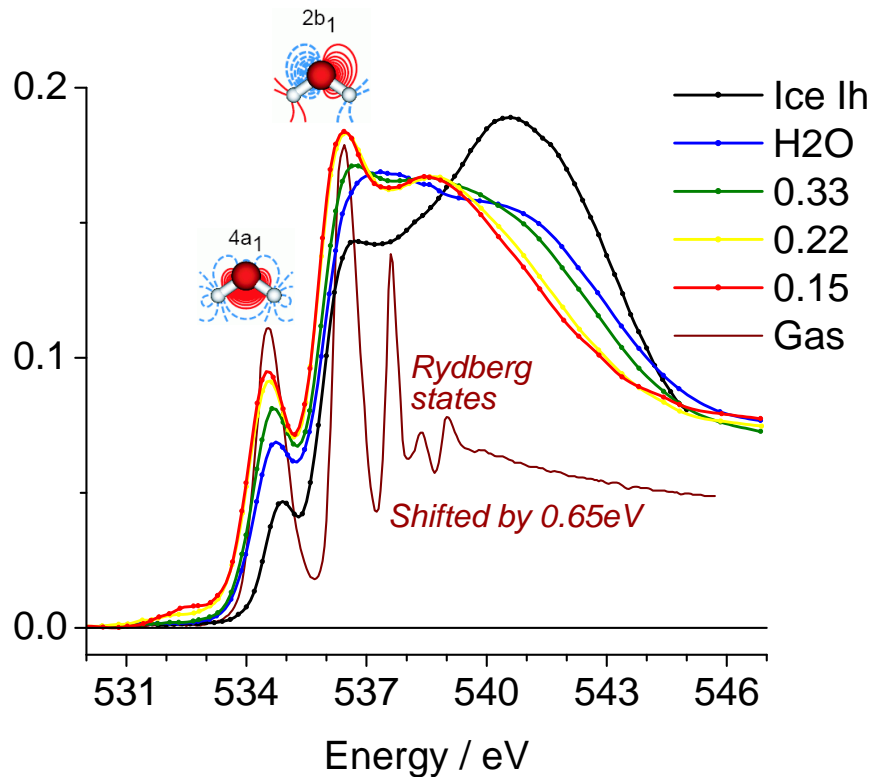
Infrared Spectroscopy of Water



- O-H stretching modes (3400cm^{-1}) $\sim 0.01\text{ps}$
- O-H bending mode (1650cm^{-1}) $\sim 0.02\text{ps}$
- Librations (300 to 1500cm^{-1}) ~ 0.03 to 0.2ps
- Slower intermolecular modes ($< 300\text{cm}^{-1}$) $< 0.2\text{ps}$
- Intermolecular coupling:
dephasing, spectral diffusion, H-bond cleavage ~ 0.05 to several ps

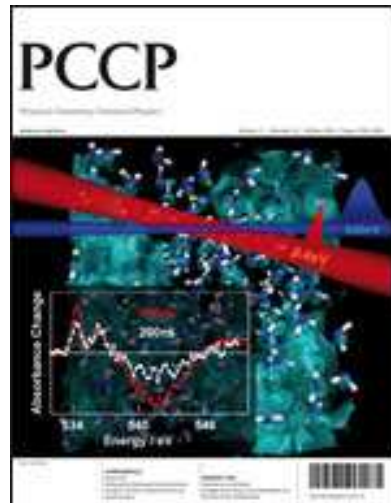
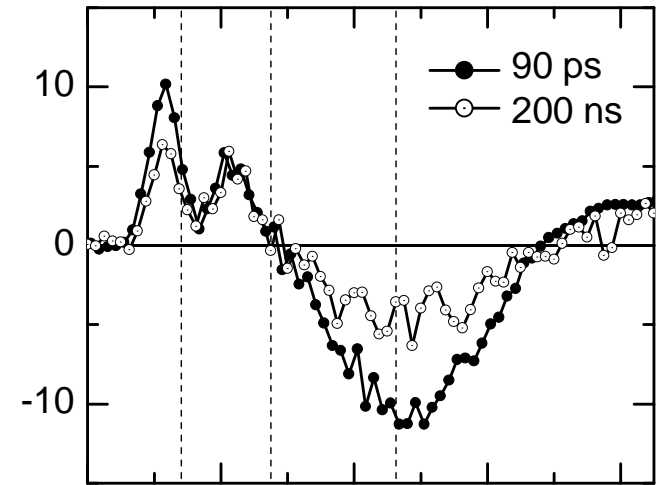
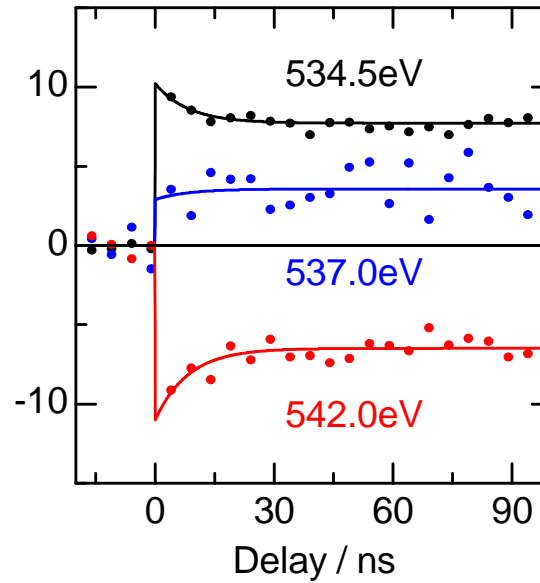
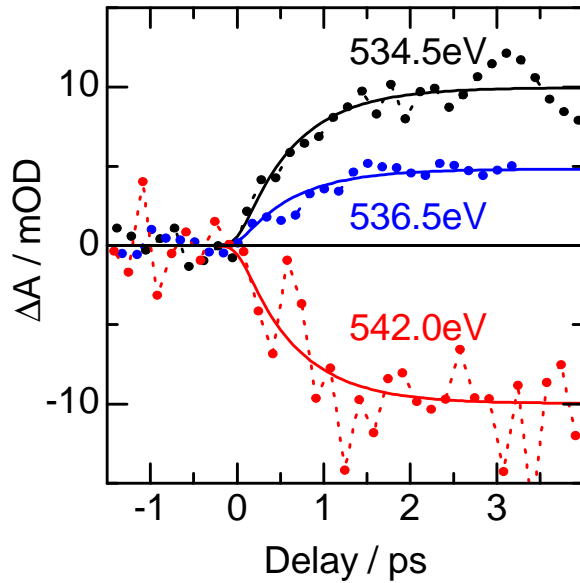
Microscopic dynamics of water over a wide range of timescales

Spectral Features in Water and Phases of Ice



- **Pre-edge height seems not to be unique to HB strength but the spectral position is**
- **Time-resolved x-ray probe measurements reproduce the same spectral behavior**

Ultrafast Soft X-ray Spectroscopy on H₂O

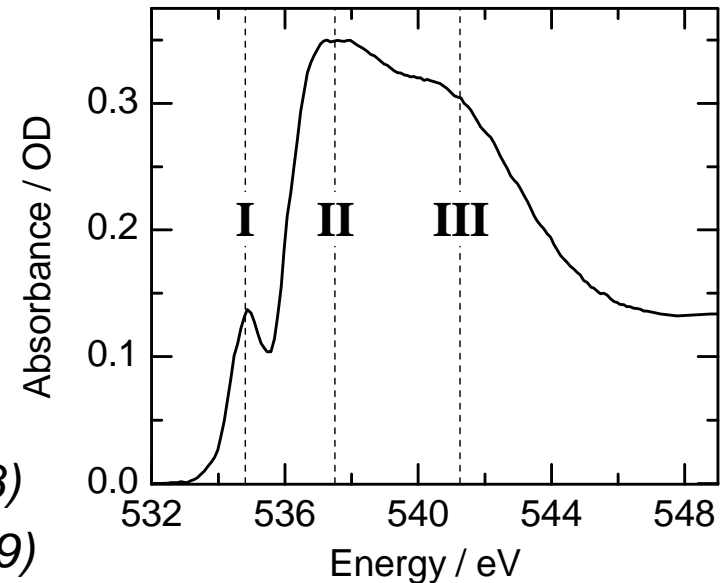


- **Thermalization**
→ **Isochoric Heating**
- **Adiabatic Expansion**
- **Pressure Dependence?**

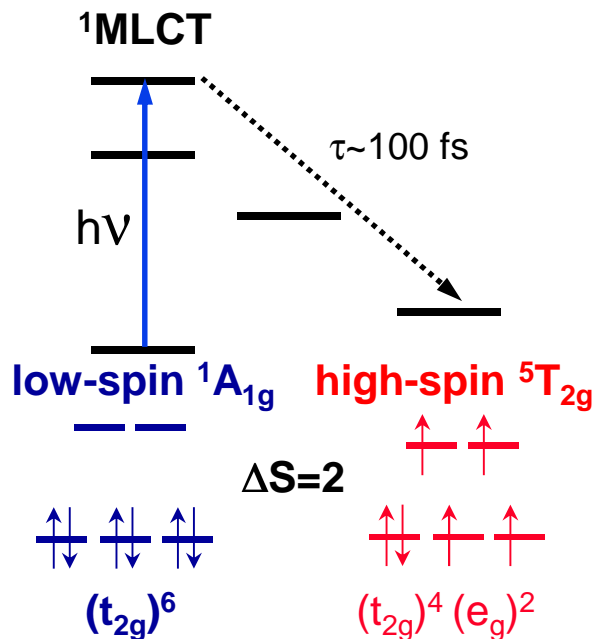
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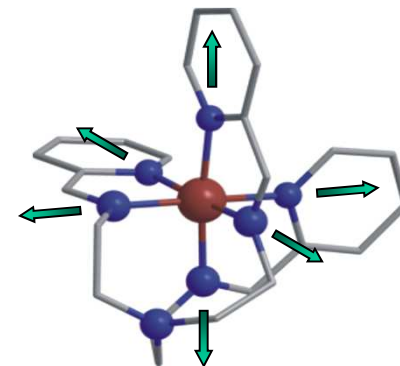
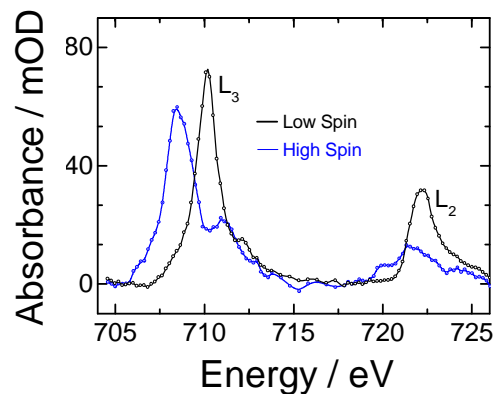
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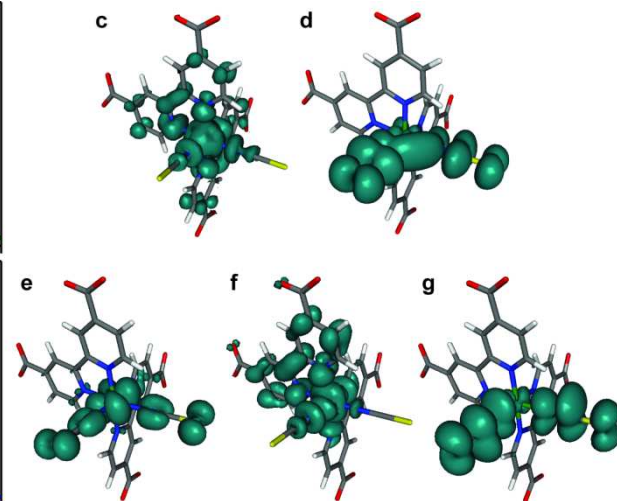
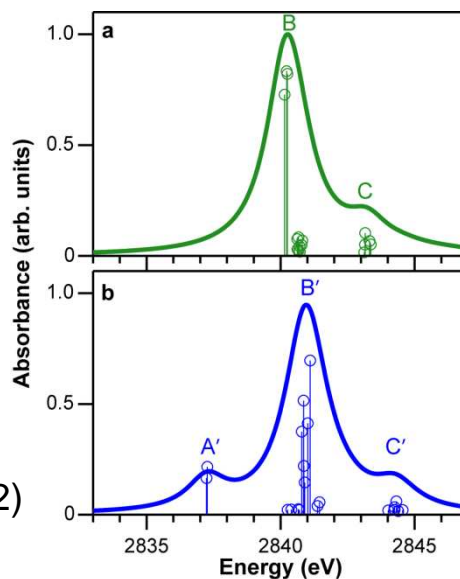
Transient Soft X-ray Spectroscopy of Solutes



Molecular Magnetism, Metal-Ligand Interactions

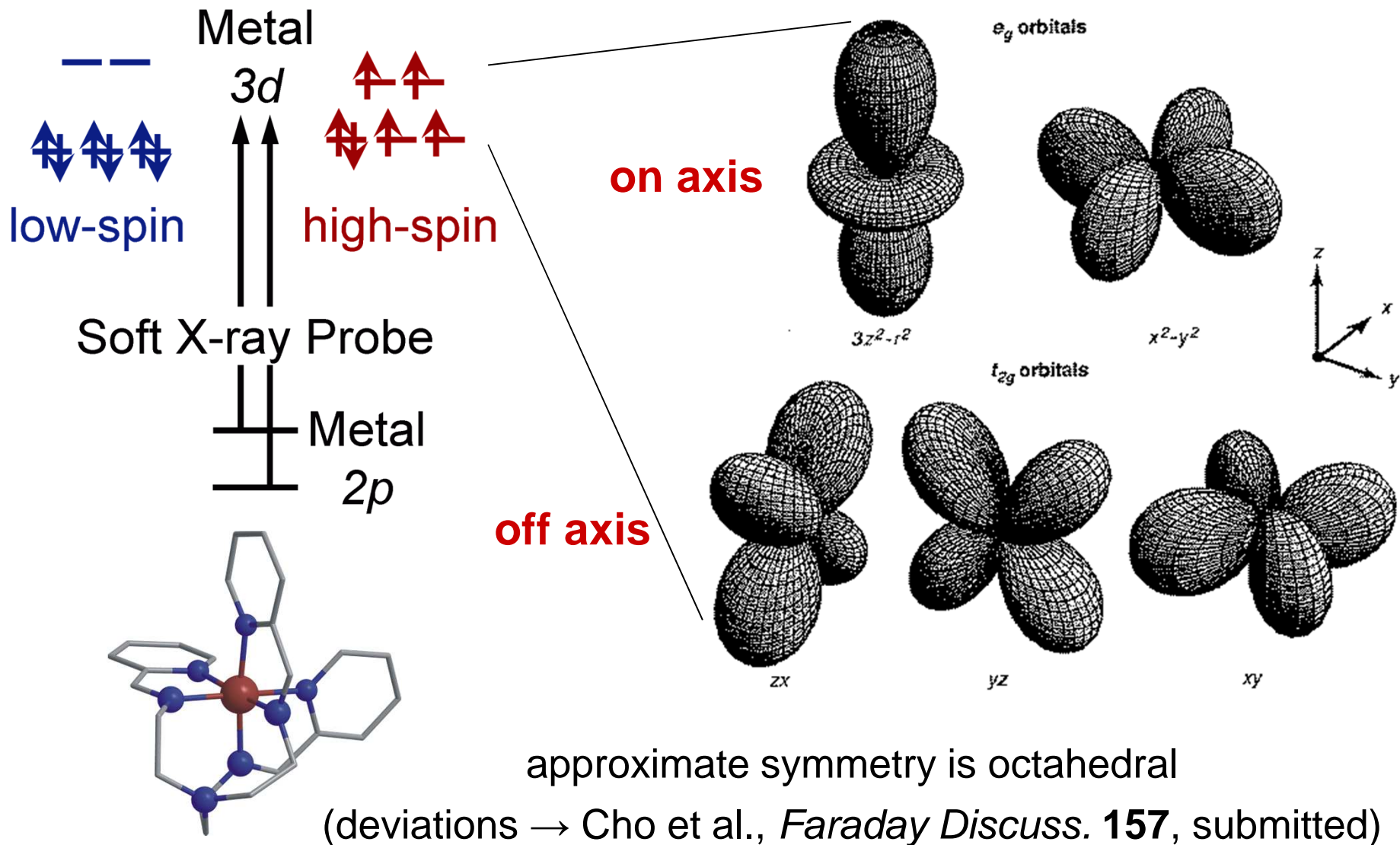


Artificial Photosynthetic Systems



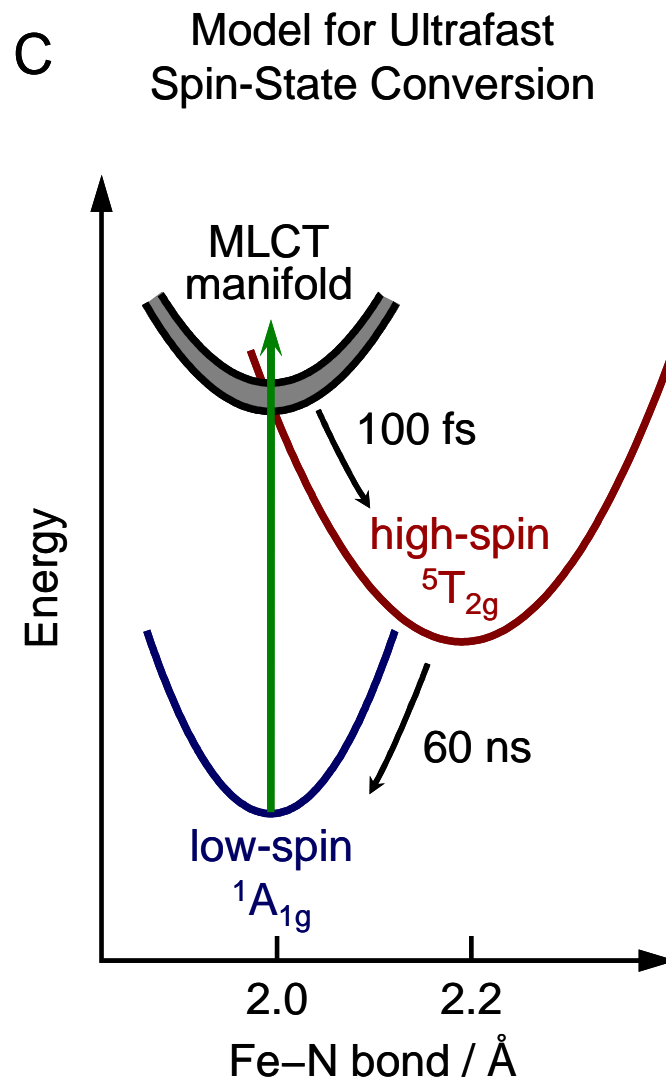
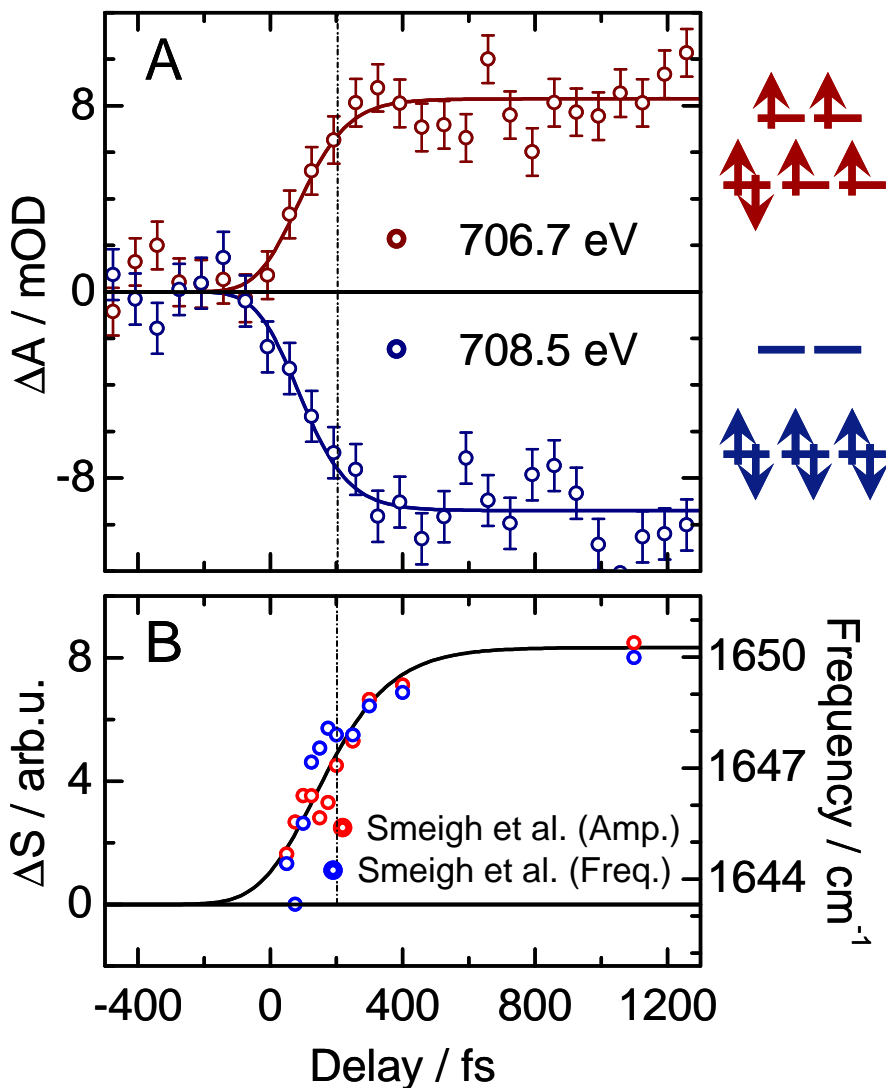
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Probing the Metal *d*-Orbitals



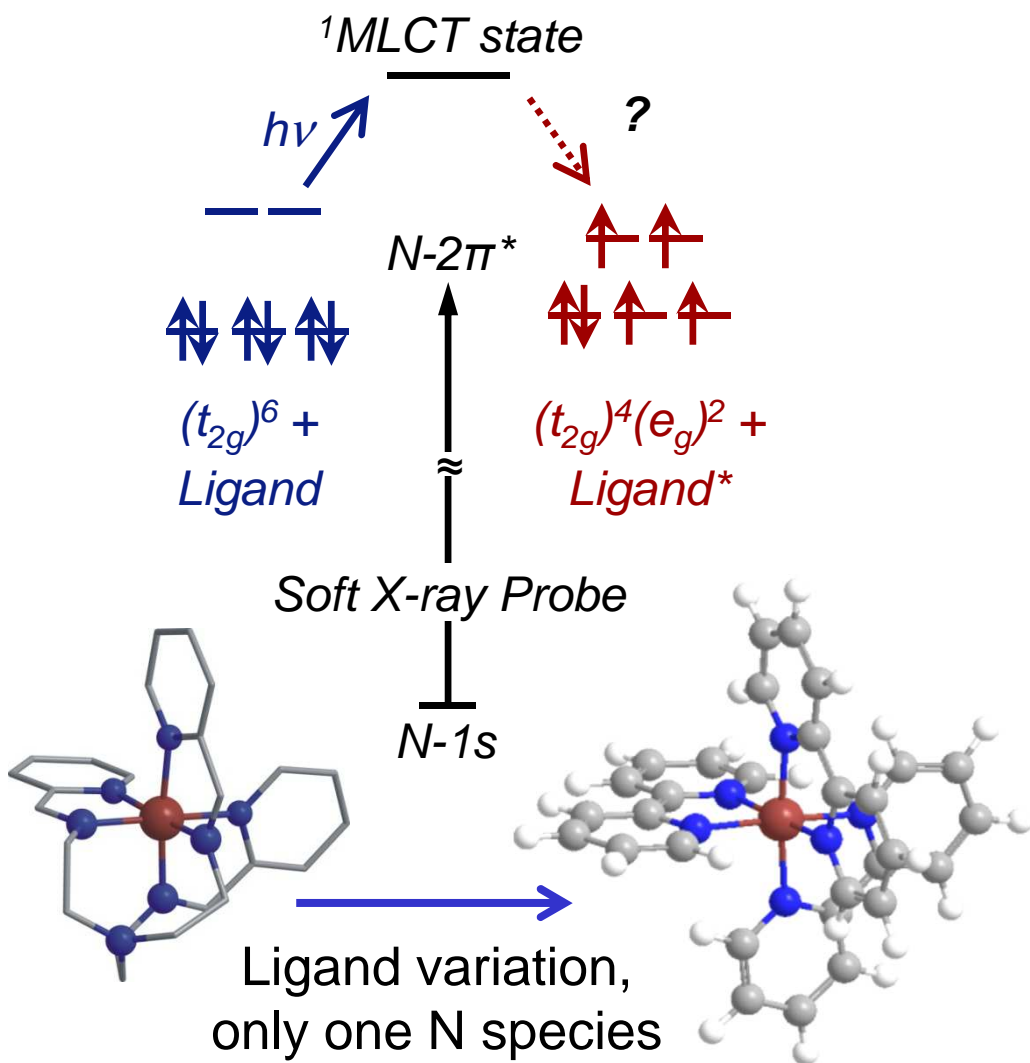


Trading Spin for Orbital Angular Momentum





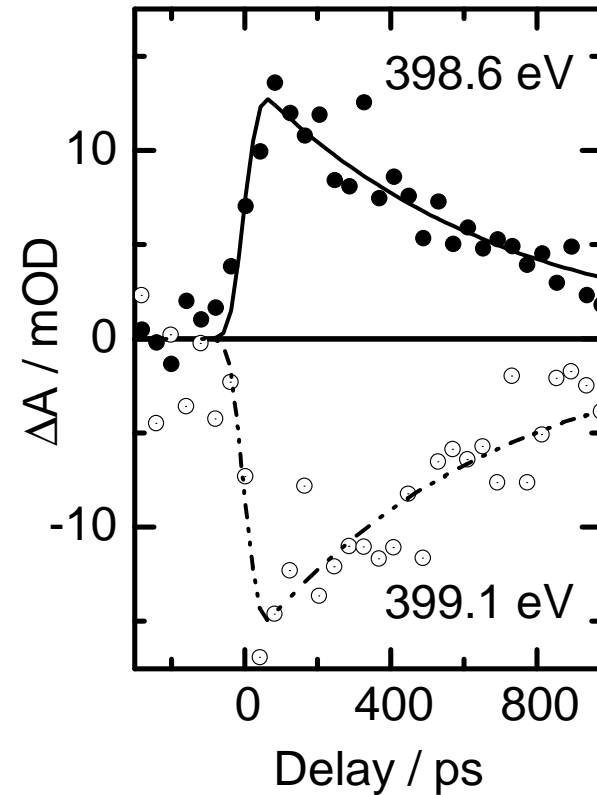
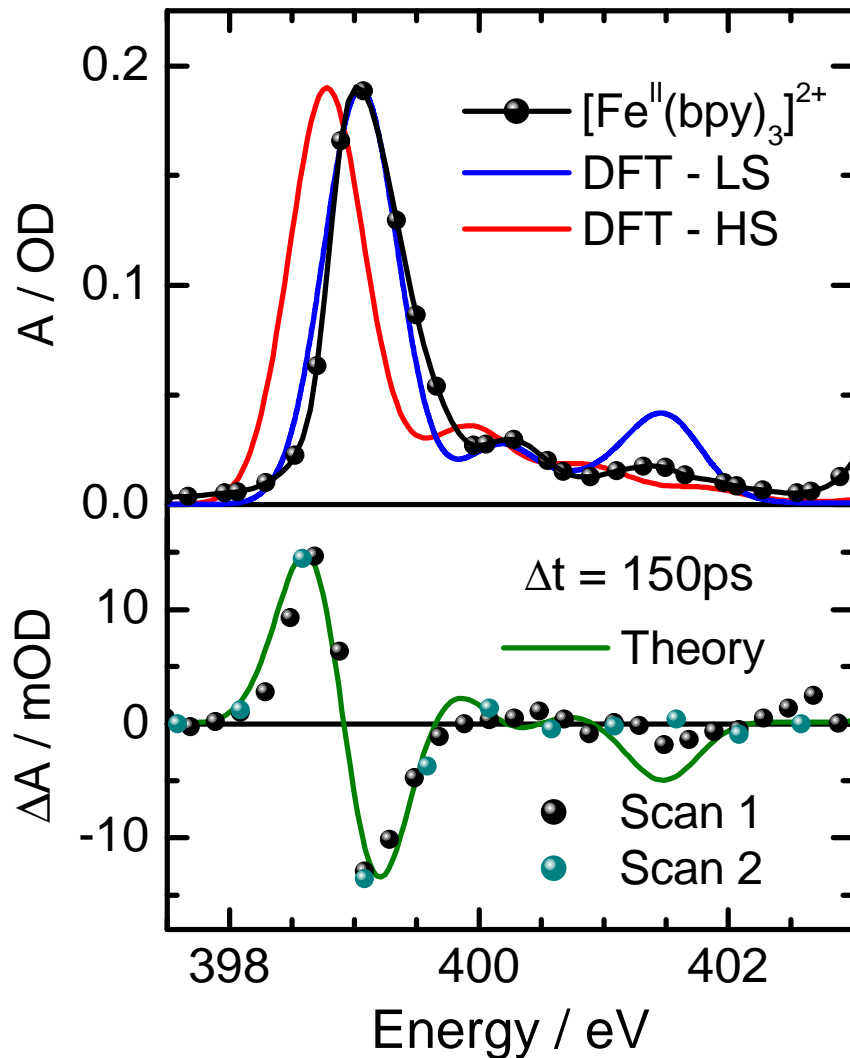
Probing the Ligand View at the Nitrogen K-edge



(cf. Cho et al., *Faraday Discuss.* **157**, submitted)

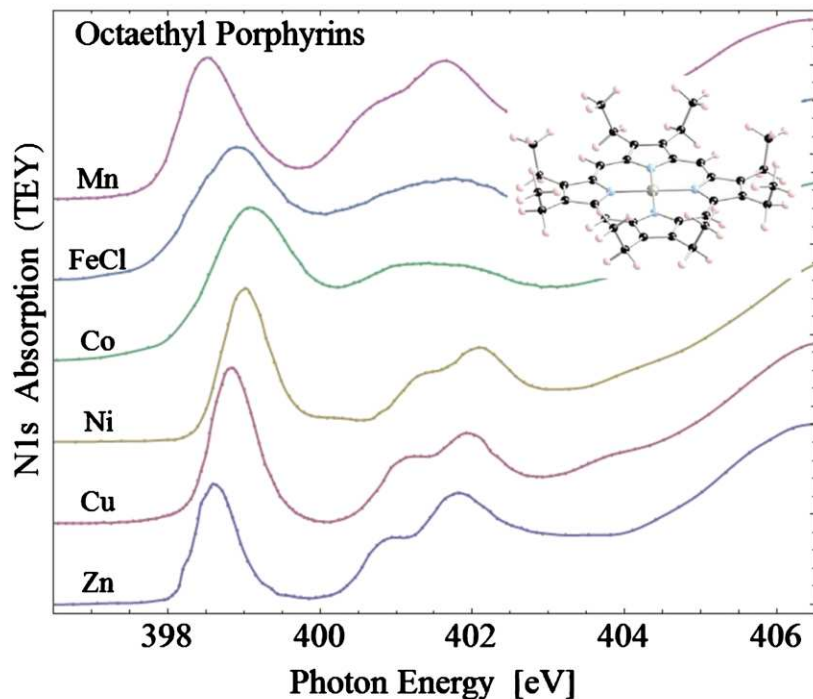
Advantages:

- Theory is quite matured
- No multiplet effects due to weaker spin orbit coupling
- Increased solvent transmission
- Complementary information on metal-ligand interactions
- Prospect of laser-based femtosecond X-ray spectroscopy and beyond

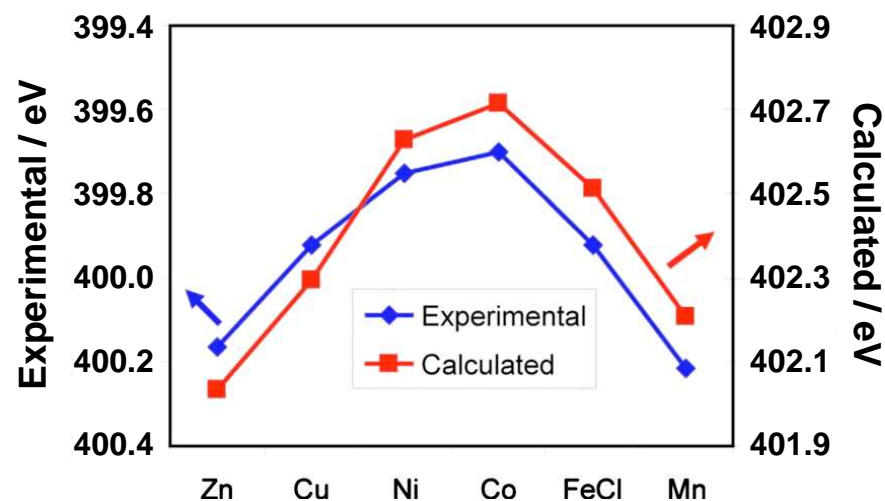
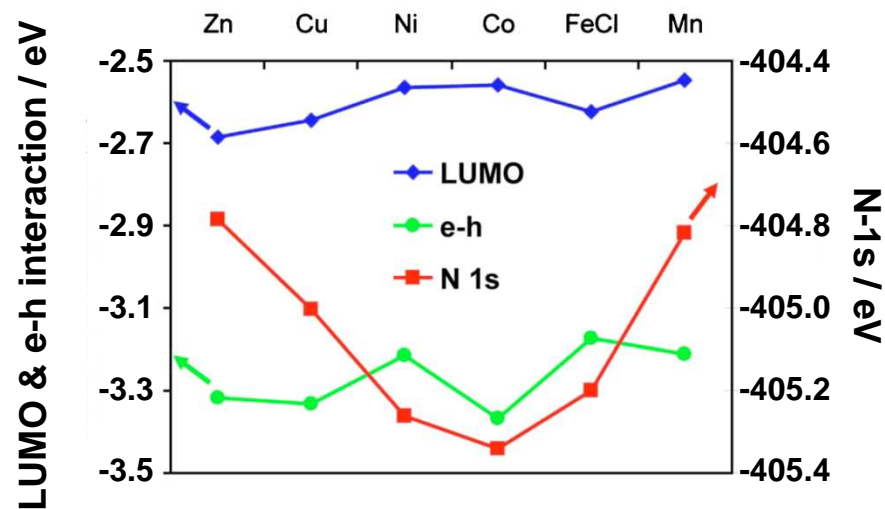


- **Ab initio DFT calculations, only energy axis has been shifted**
- **Bound-bound N-1s core-level transitions only (using ORCA)**

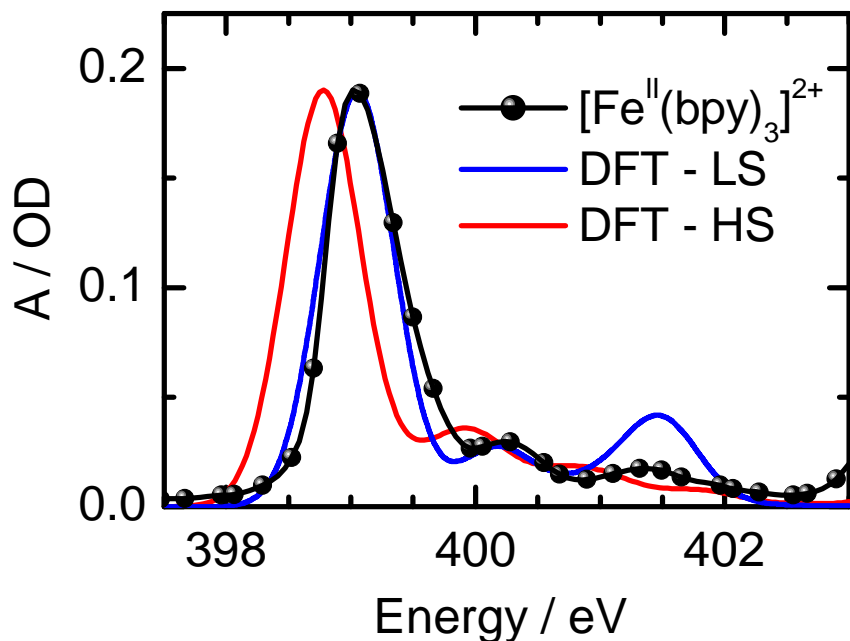
Core-Level Sensitivity to Valence Charge



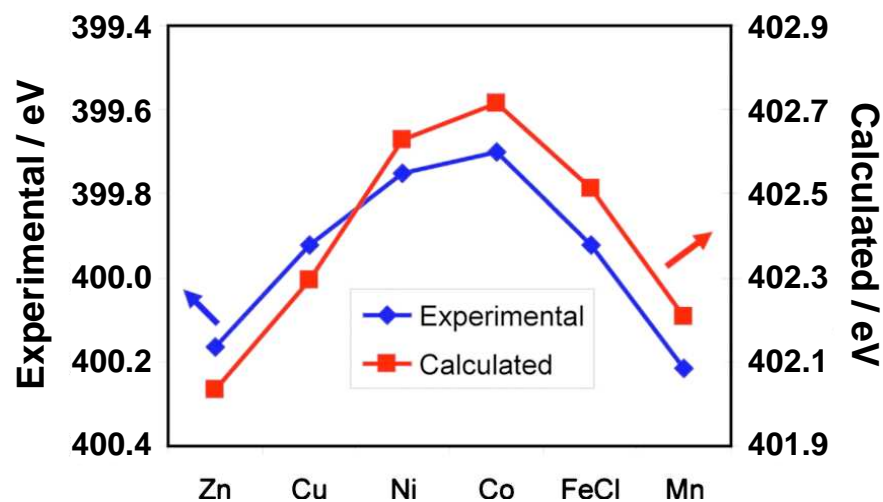
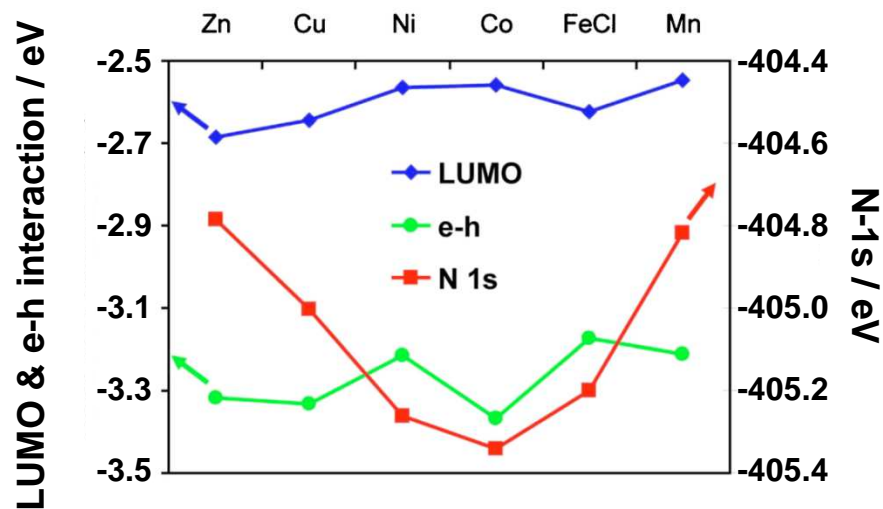
- Core-level transition shifts due to **core-level shift**
- Core-level energy highly sensitive to **amount of valence charge**



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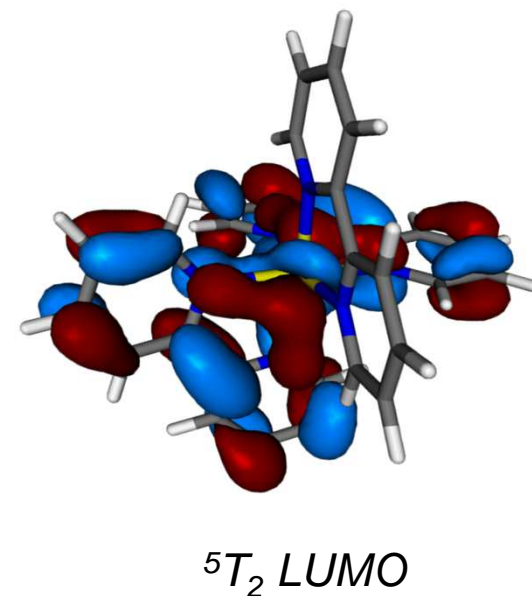
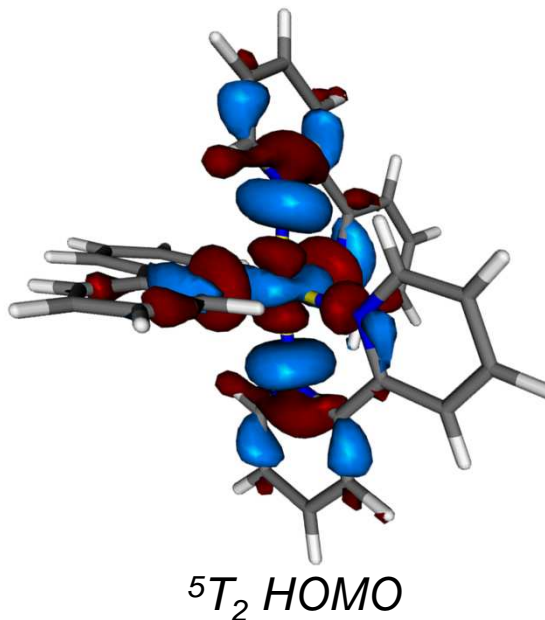
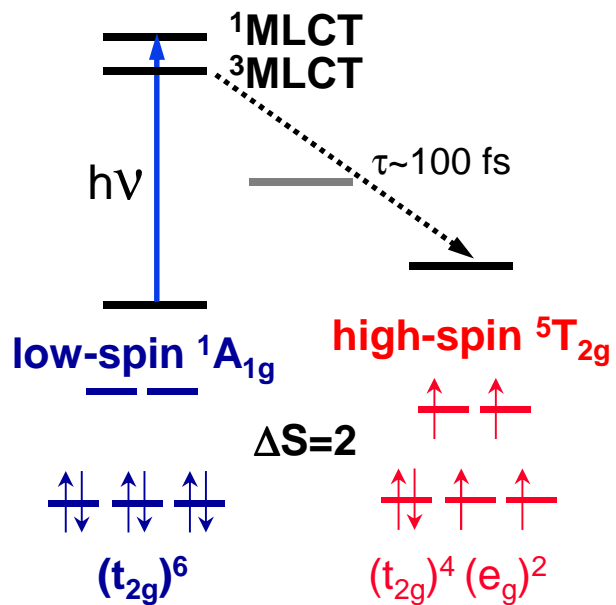


- 0.2eV **core-level shift** to higher energy \rightarrow **more charge** on nitrogen
- Spectral gear box amplifies spectral shifts in addition to valence charge changes on target atom

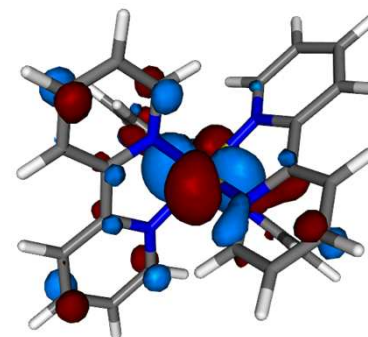
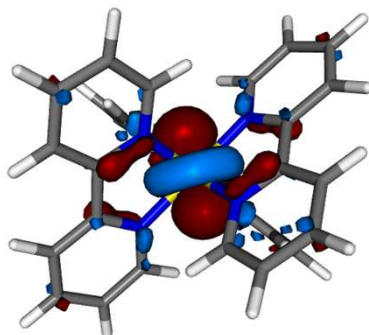
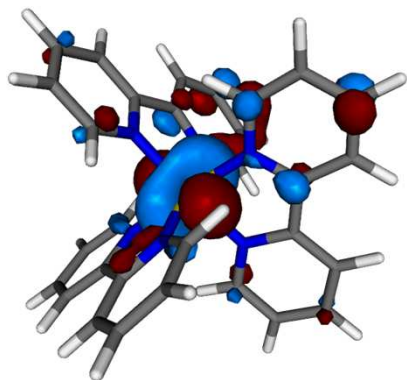




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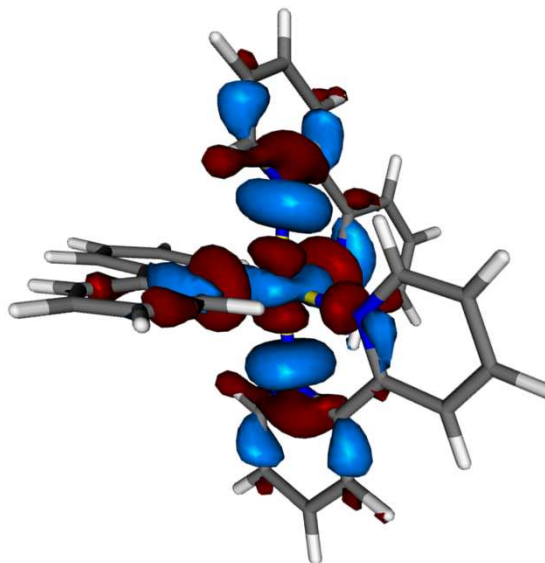
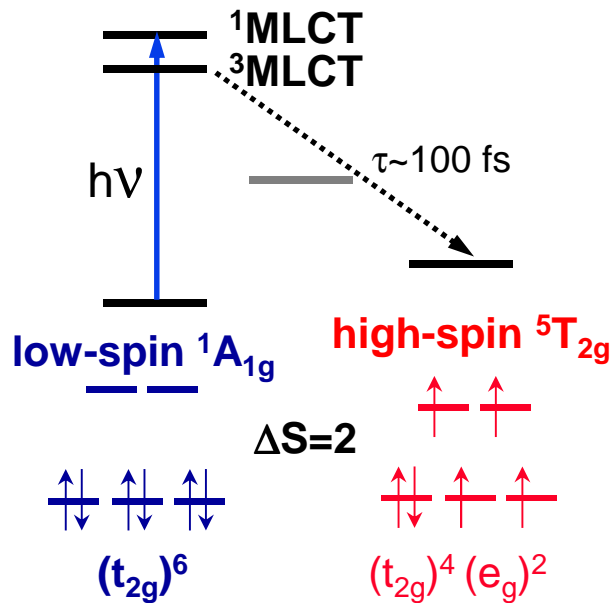


Ground-state HOMOs

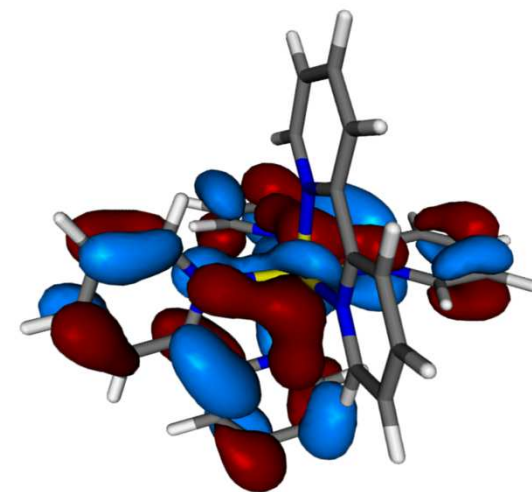




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$5T_2$ HOMO

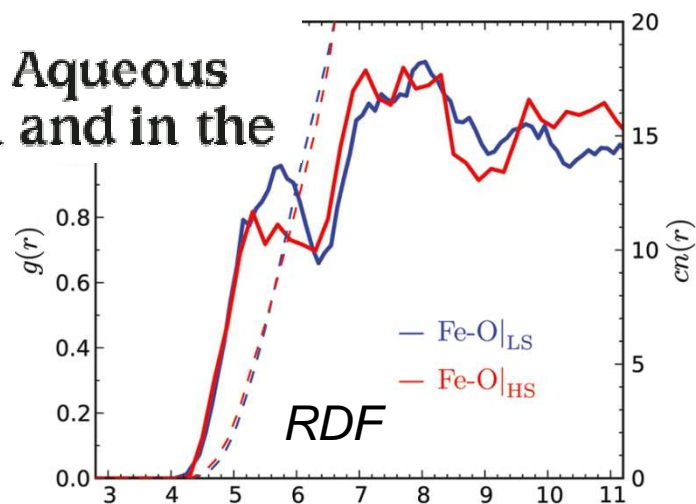


$5T_2$ LUMO

Ab Initio Molecular Dynamics Study of an Aqueous Solution of $[\text{Fe}(\text{bpy})_3](\text{Cl})_2$ in the Low-Spin and in the High-Spin States

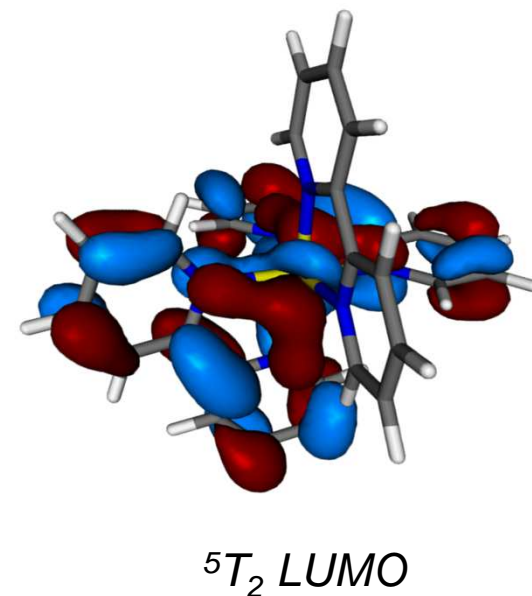
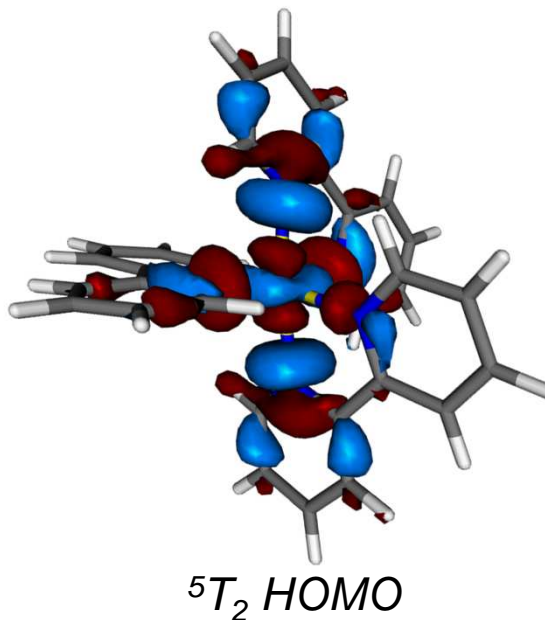
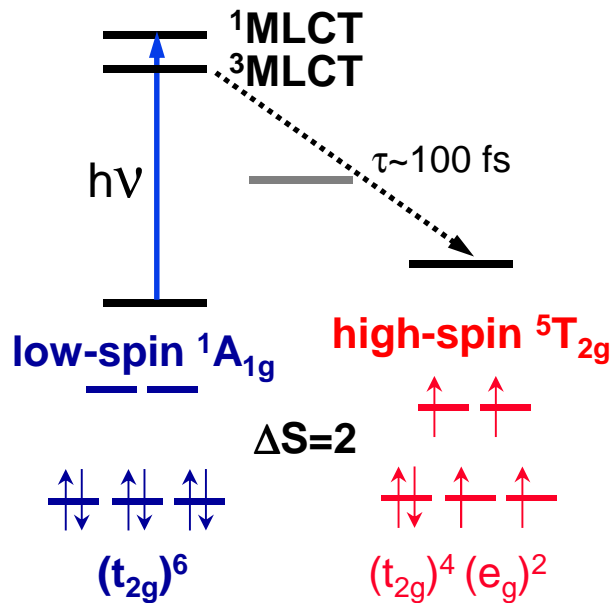
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Increased mixing and delocalization of metal-ligand valence charge density promotes expelling solvent

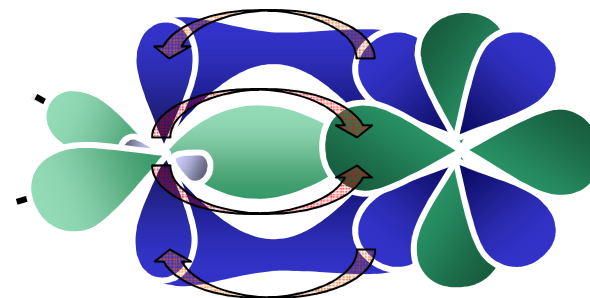
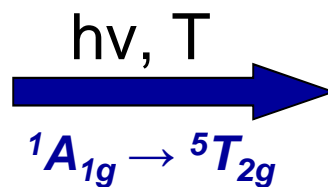
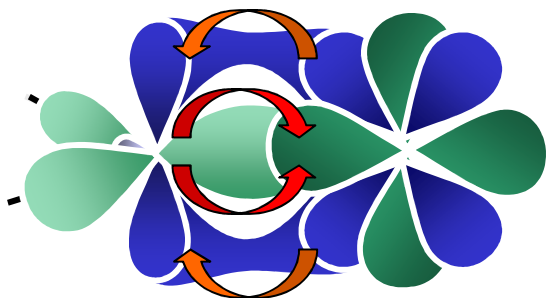




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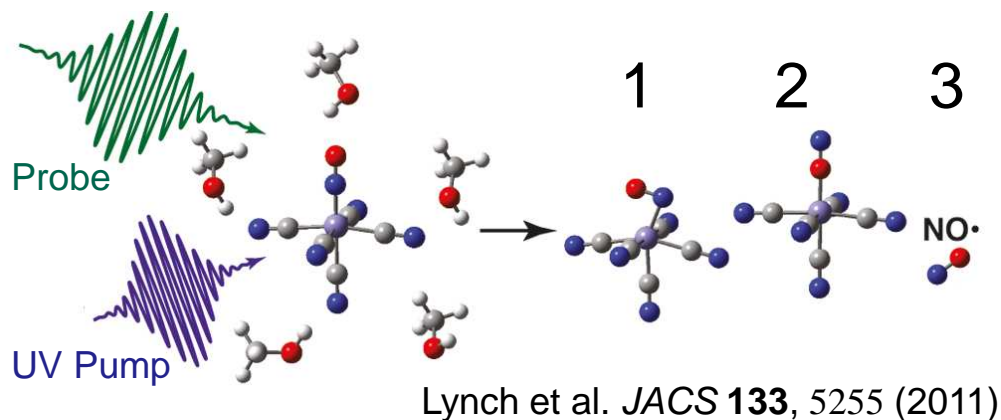
Strong M-L orbital mixing \rightarrow Structural change \rightarrow ???





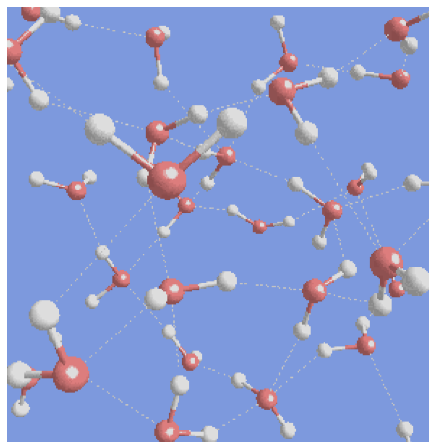
Science Drivers – Hard X-rays

Reaction intermediates in (metal)organic chemistry

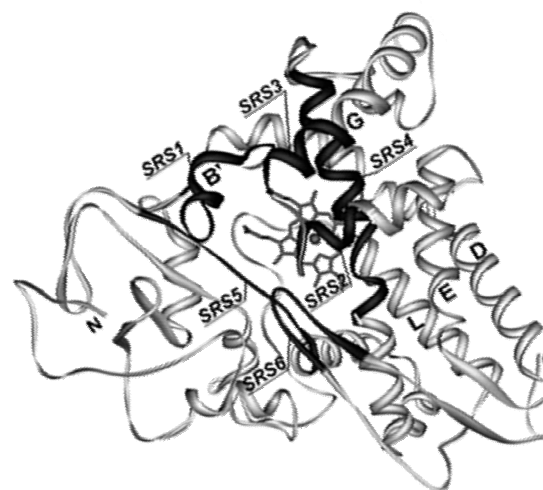


- Unique characterization of transient valence charge density
- Atomic specificity
- Spin-sensitivity

Solute-Water Interactions



Enzymatic Activity and Cooperativity



Tunable laser system (highly robust and reliable)

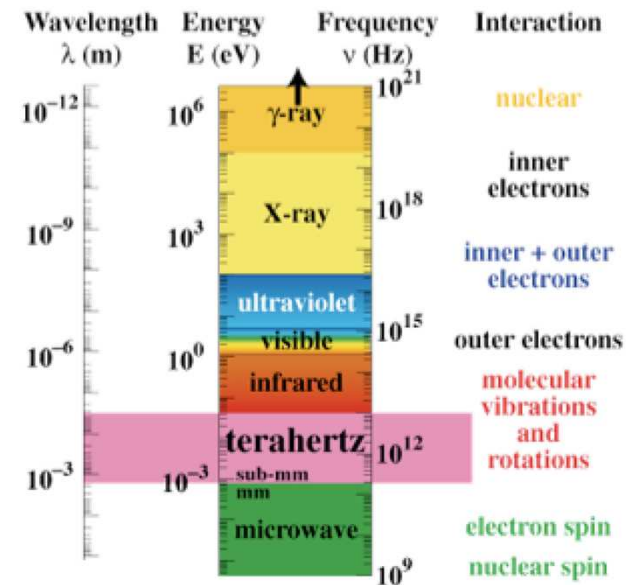
- Electronic excitation triggers over broad range with $\lambda > 200\text{nm}$ ✓
- Mid-infrared generation for vibrational excitations with $\lambda < 20\mu\text{m}$ ✓
- Intense THz pulses reaching up to 15THz → needs insertion device ?

Carrier envelope stability (or better control) ?

- Coherent excitations at sub-cycle resolution
- Access to phase-sensitive phenomena
- Controlled excitations

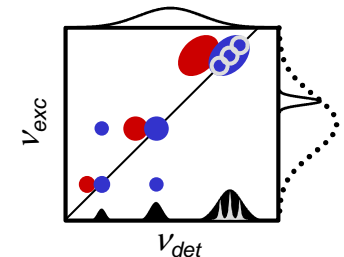
Laser pulse requirements

- 10fs (UV-Vis) to single-cycle (THz)
- 10s of uJ from UV to THz



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- **X-ray science provides unique ways of studying matter beyond electronic excitations**
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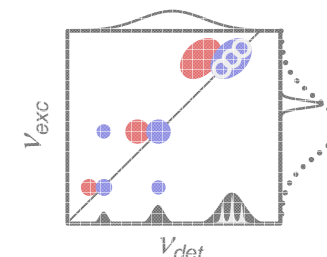
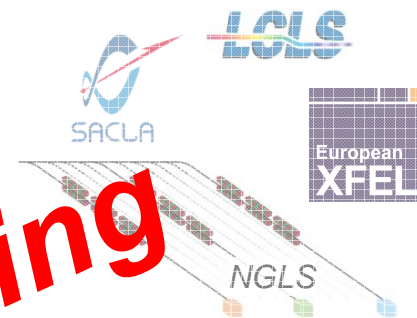
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