

Attosecond Science with XFELs

Campaign at LCLS:

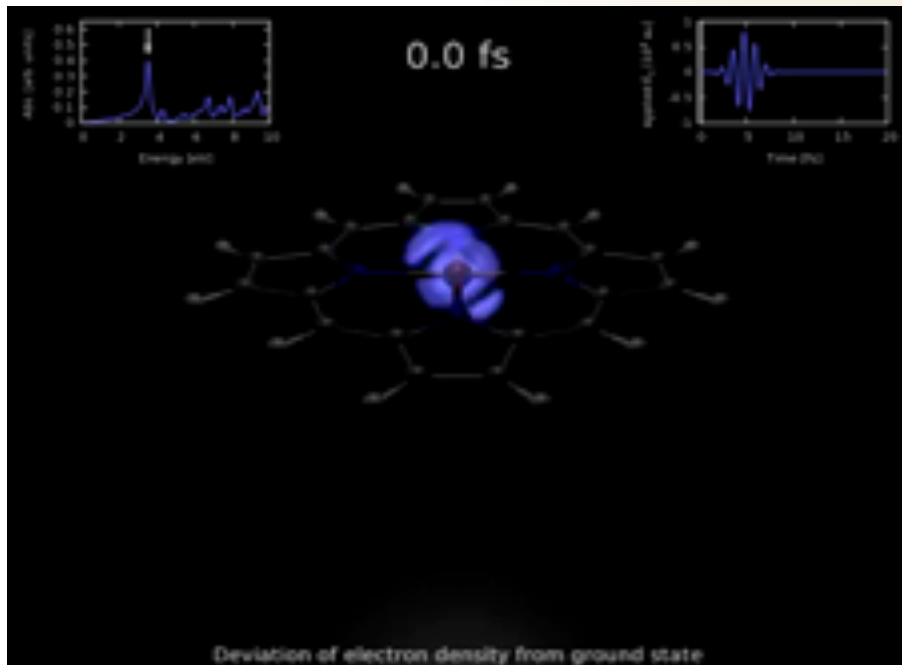
Real-time Observation of Ultrafast Electron Motion using
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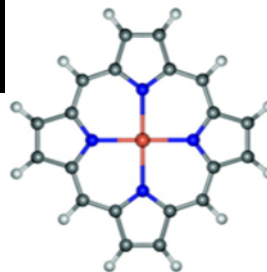
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Coherent Electronic Motion



- Electron motion is the means by which light energy is harnessed in photochemistry.
- Goal: track the evolution of electrons on their natural time scales.
- Determine how attosecond scale electronic dynamics (and coherence) effects longer timescale, femtosecond motion.
 - Understand the first step in chemistry



Zinc porphyrin

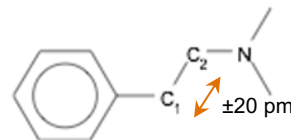
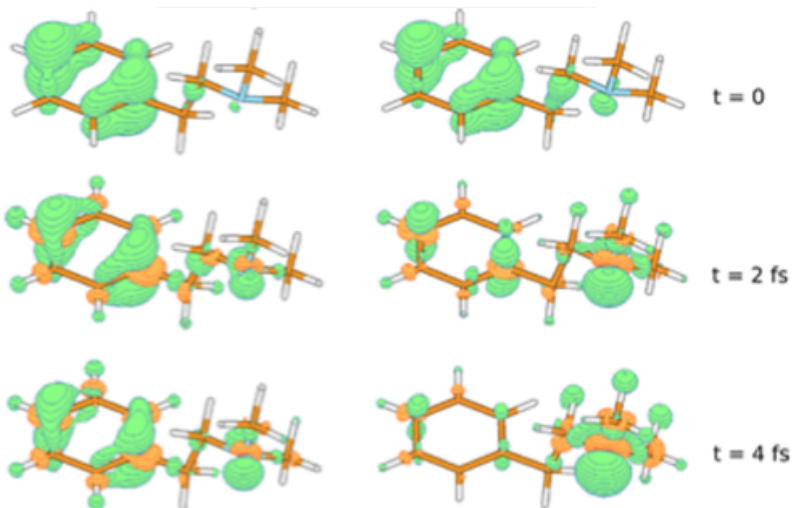
Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory (EMSL) @ PNNL:

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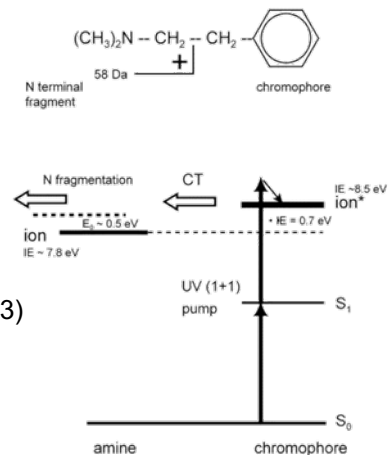
Electronic Wavepackets

- The moving electric charge is described as a coherent superposition of electronic states that evolve on the sub-femtosecond timescale.
- Coupling of electronic and nuclear motion is important for the dynamics, and leads to possible charge transfer.
- Requires sub-femtosecond temporal resolution **and** atomic resolution.



2-phenylethyl-N,N-dimethylamine

R. Weinkauff, L. Lehr, A. Metsala
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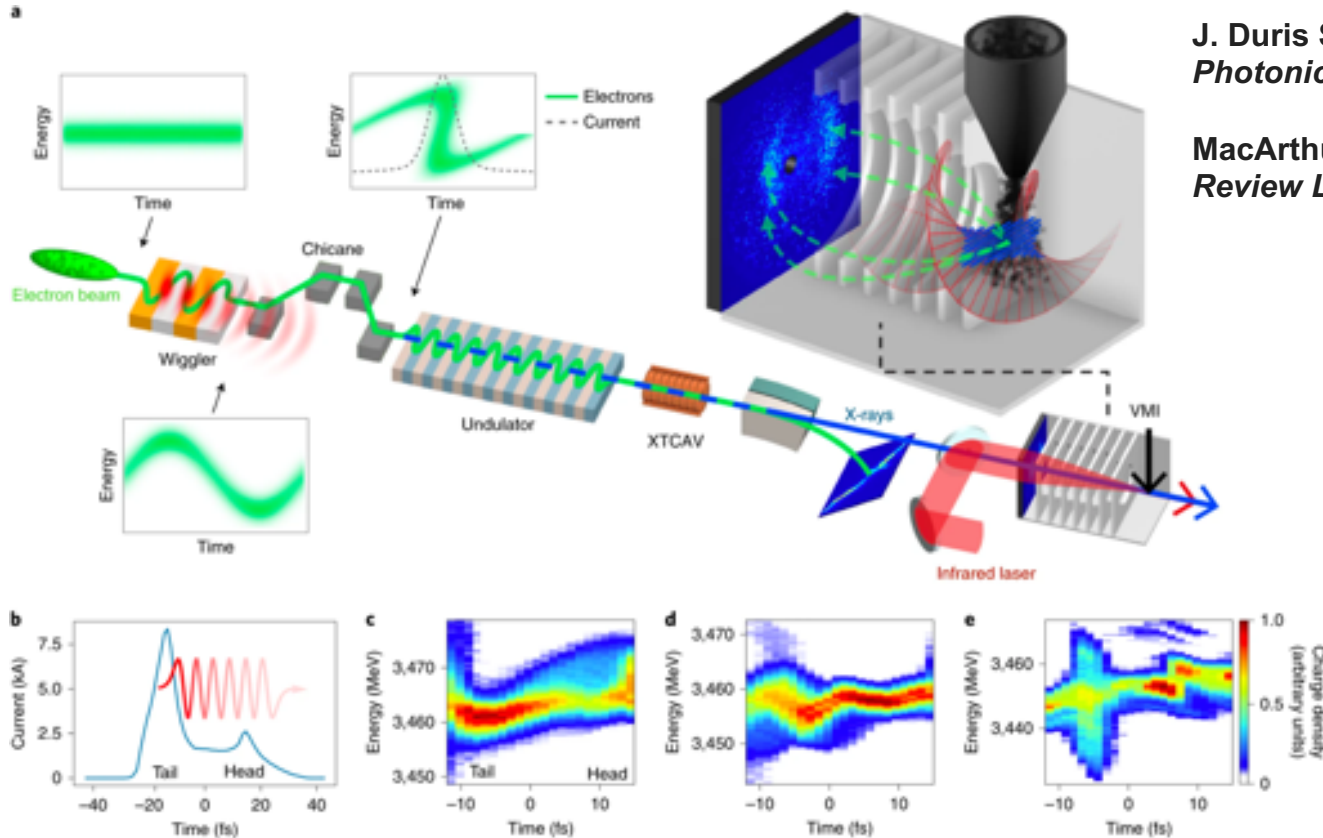


XLEAP: X-ray Laser-Enhanced Attosecond Pulse Generation

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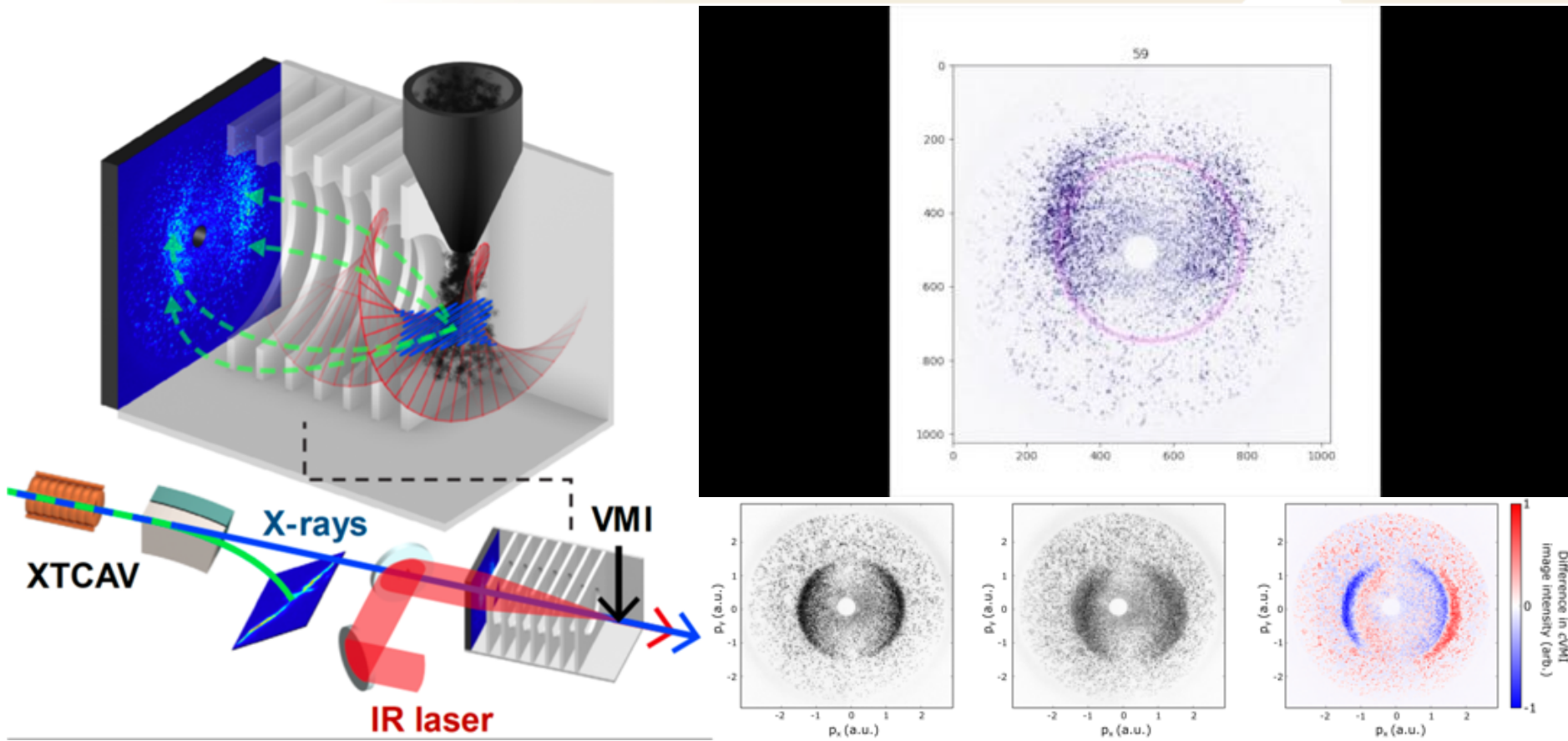
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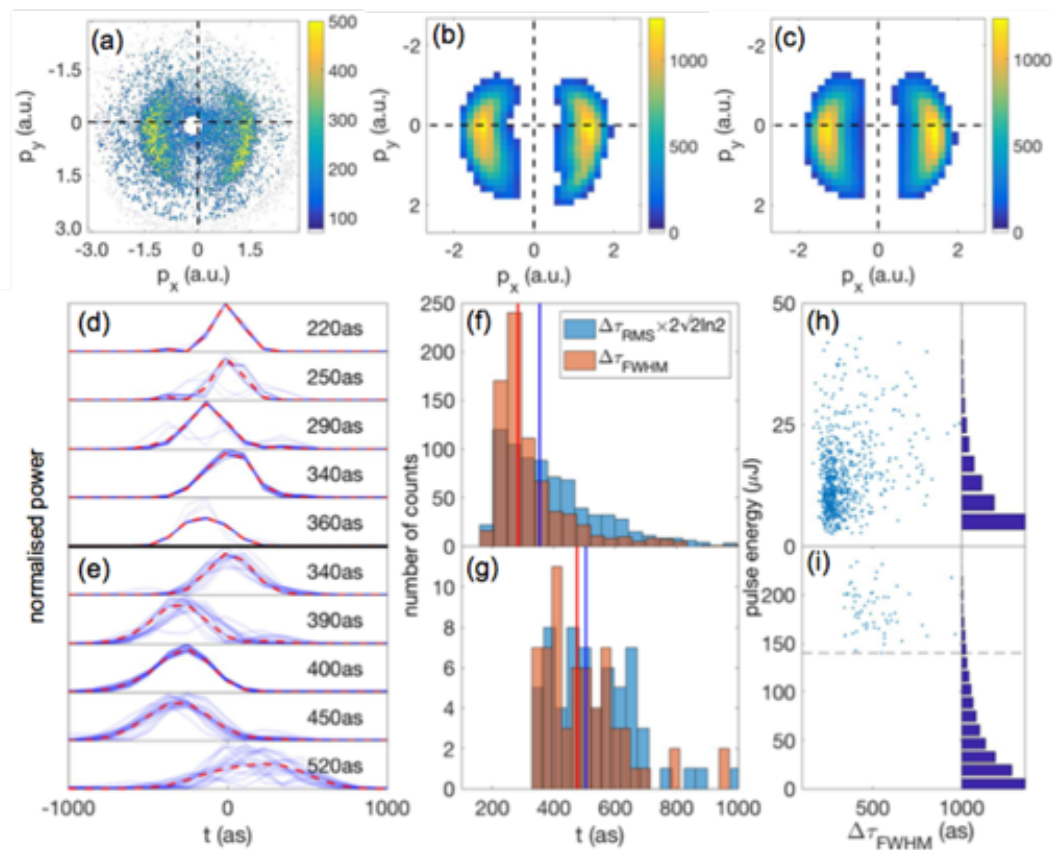


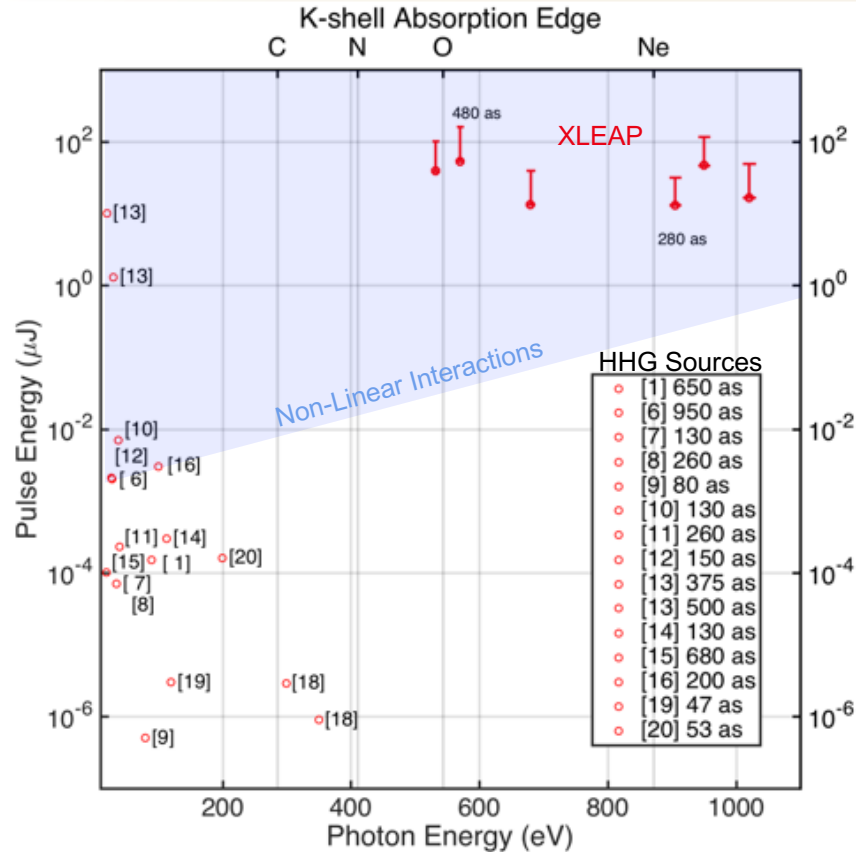
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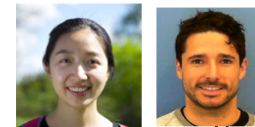
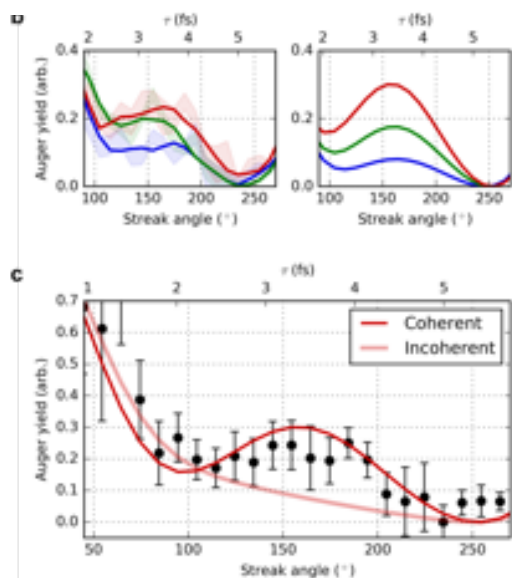
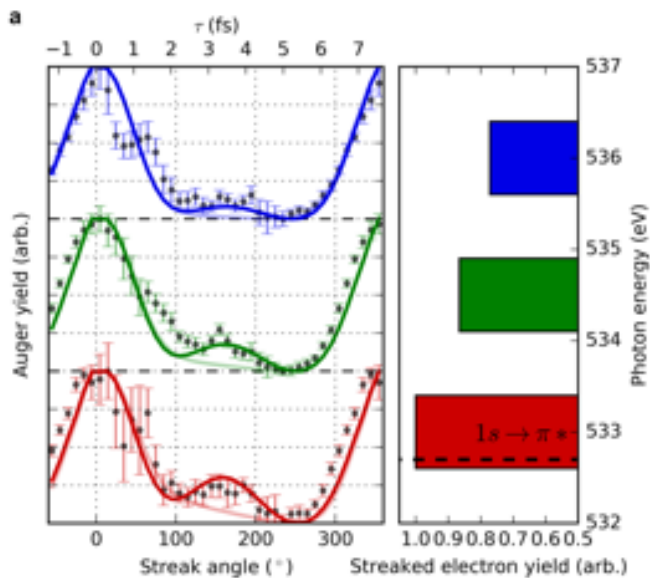
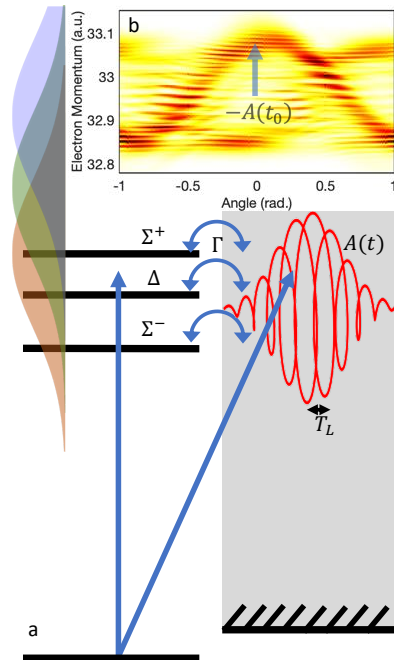
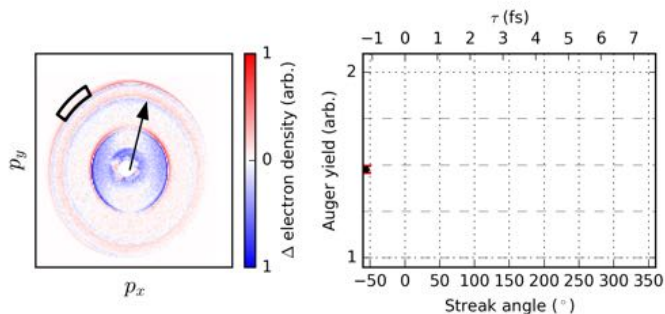


XLEAP Results



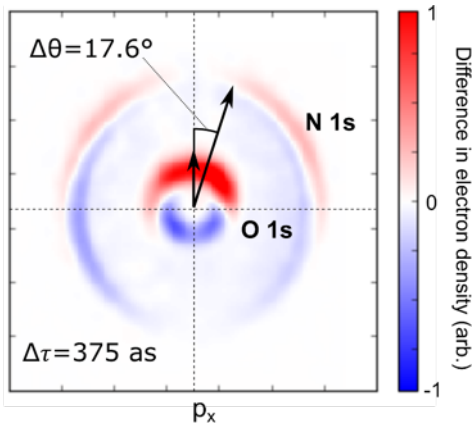
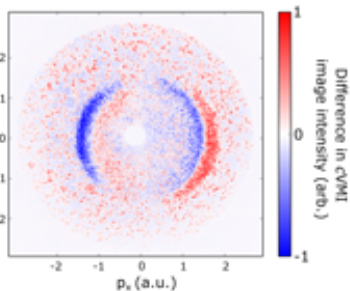


Time Resolving Auger Emission

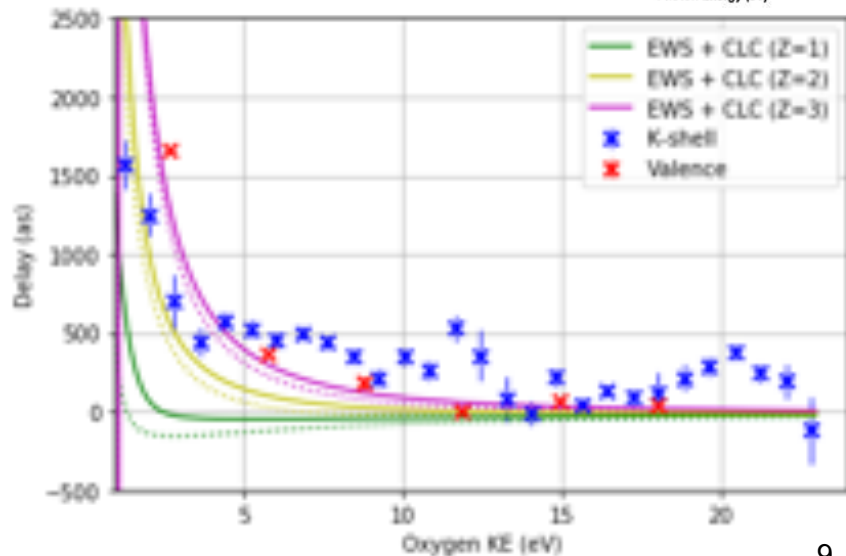
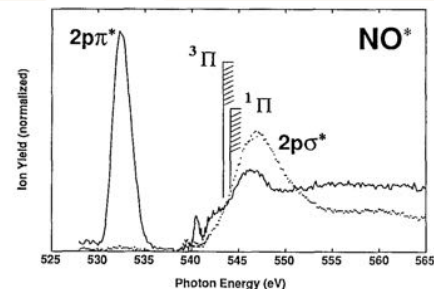
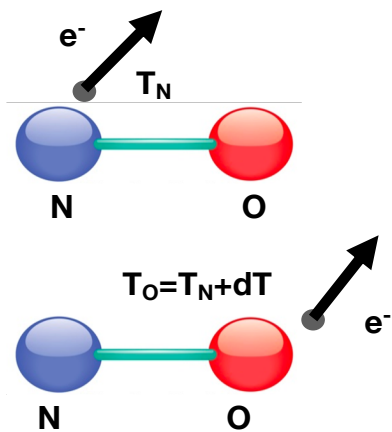


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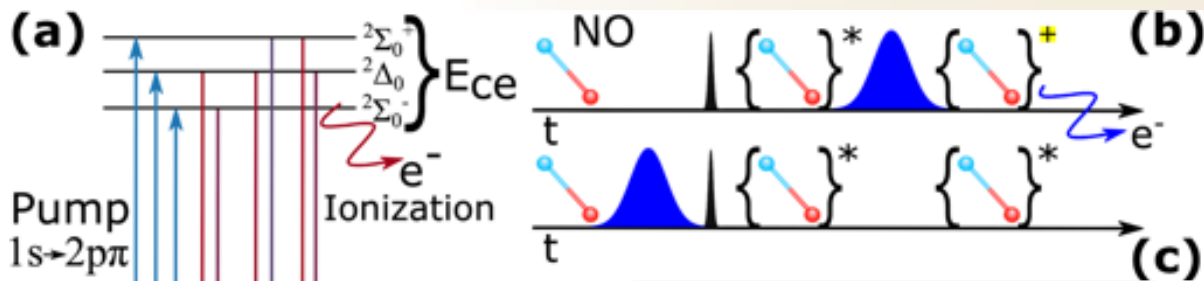
Attosecond Photoemission Delays in Nitric Oxide



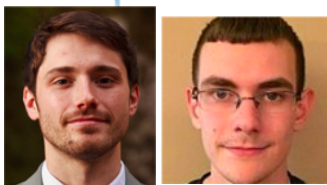
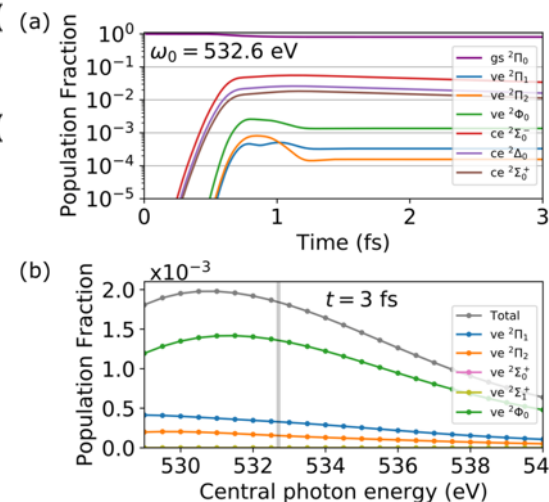
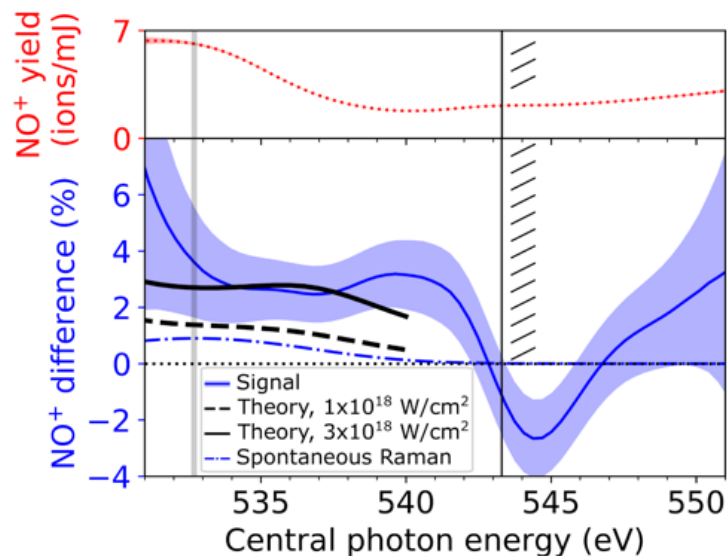
$$\Delta\tau = \frac{\Delta\theta}{2\pi} \times T$$



First Science: Impulsive Raman Redistribution

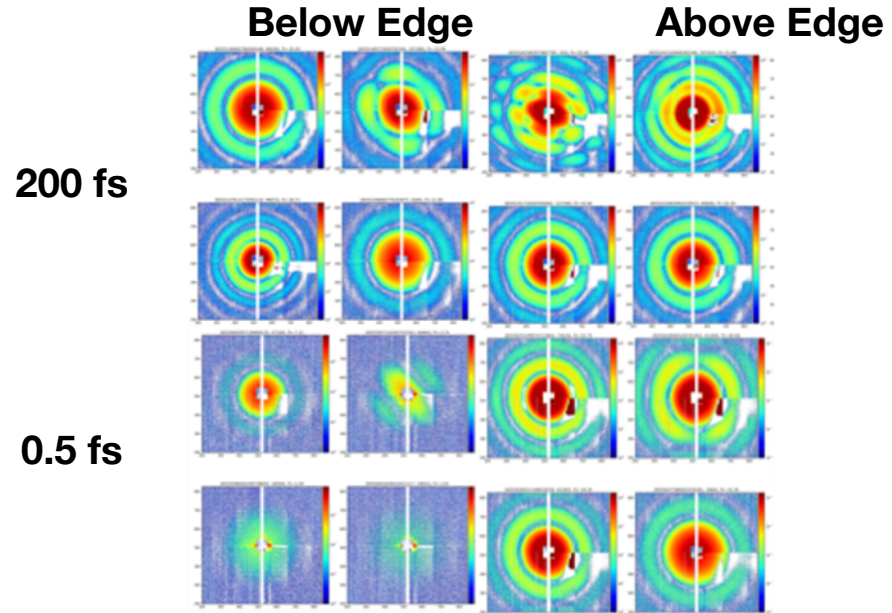
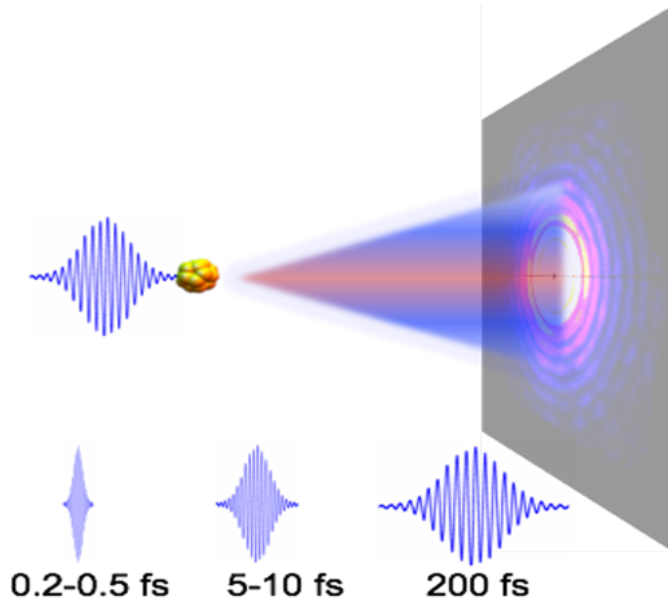


UV Probe ONLY ionizes system in valence excited state



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Attosecond Single-Shot Imaging



Imaging Xe clusters with variable pulse duration
Vary photon energy across Xe M-edge (~ 700 eV)



T. Gorkhover

Science Campaigns @ LCLS

Expansion of PRP access channel

- ❑ Target high-impact science areas exploiting LCLS capabilities
- ❑ Support comprehensive research efforts requiring multiple LCLS beamtimes (e.g. including synthesis, experiment, theory etc.)
- ❑ Open, competitive access based on peer-review
- ❑ Scientific scope and impact well above standard PRP proposal, and:
 - ❑ Clear justification for campaign, and need for LCLS capabilities (partnership)
- ❑ Review: PRP-plus
PRP augmented by high-level external area experts, SAC input/oversight on portfolio
- ❑ Opportune time – increased competition and capacity (local, worldwide)

Opportunity for LCLS to target a few high-reward “grand challenge” science areas

Real time Observation of Ultrafast Electron Motion Using Attosecond XFEL Pulses

Impact:

- Meaningful comparison between experiment and theory.
 - X-ray observables of charge migration are within reach of the current state-of-the-art for computational modelling.
 - Validate speculative models. (Little experimental data to compare to)
- Understand the role of electronic coherence in the earliest stages of chemical dynamics.
 - Electronic motion mediates chemical change
- Development of methods to probe ultrafast electrons dynamics are useful to a broad range of fields.

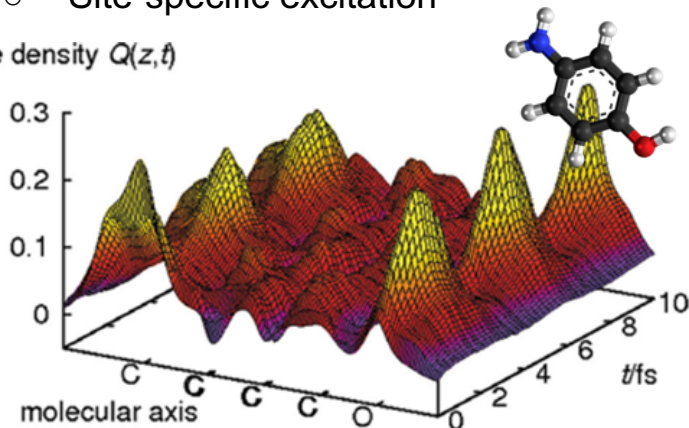
Objectives:

- Demonstrate the creation and control of nonstationary electronic states in small molecular systems.
- Follow charge migration across the molecular backbone, and study the coupling of charge motion to nuclear dynamics.
- Develop nonlinear X-ray techniques for probing ultrafast dynamics.

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- “Fast” Removal of an Electron
 - Creates coherent electronic superposition
 - Ionization of highly correlate inner valence electrons
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 - Nonlinear X-ray technique
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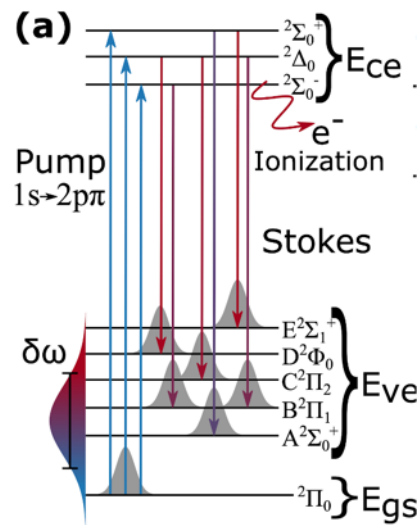
$$\tau < \frac{2\pi\hbar}{\Delta E}$$

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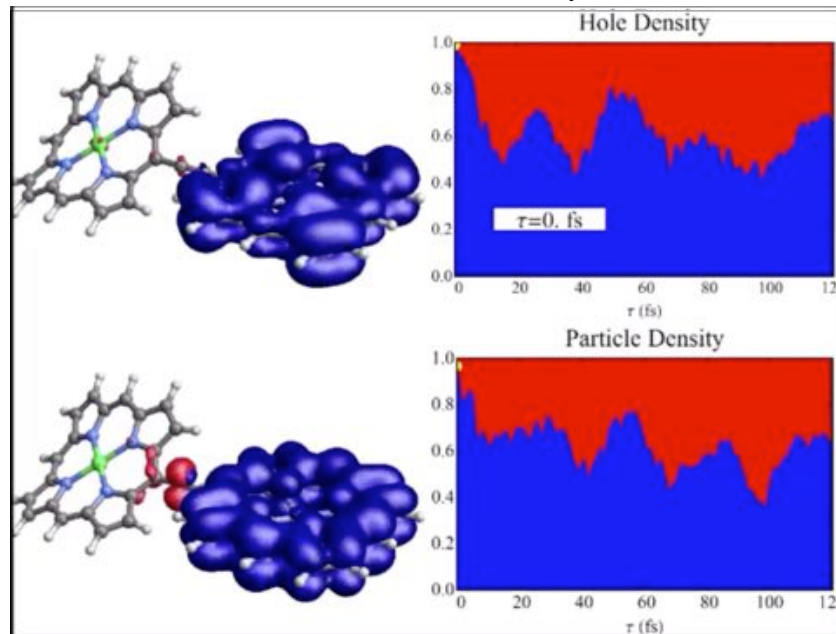
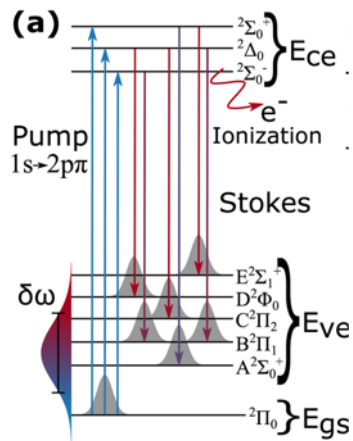
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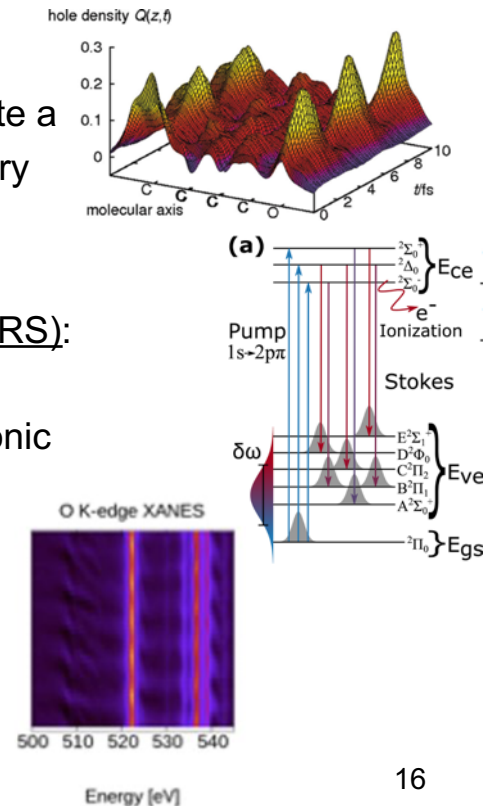


Milestones of the Campaign

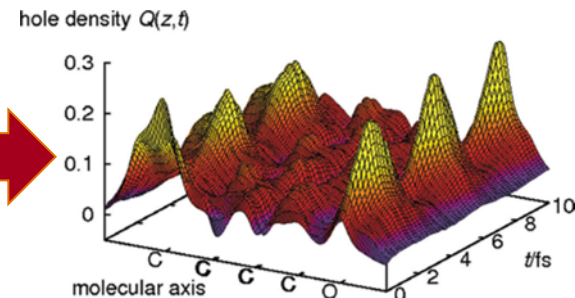
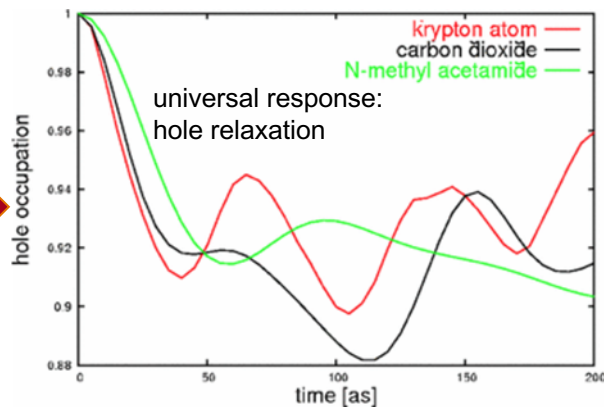
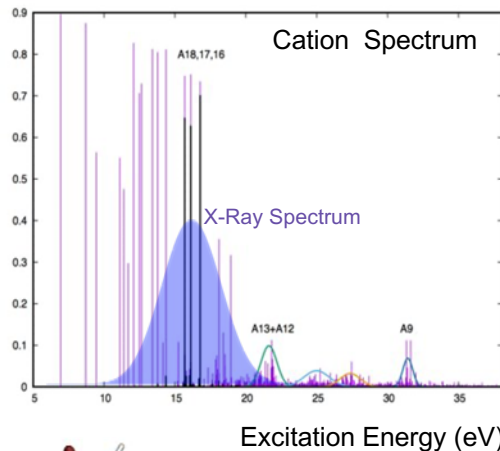
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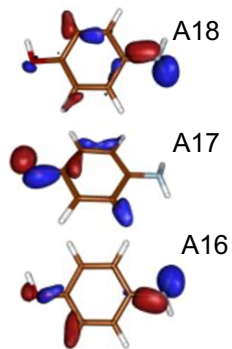
1. Impulsive Ionization: Sudden ionization of inner valence electrons will create a coherent superposition of cationic states. The evolution of the non-stationary electronic state will be probed with a second X-ray pulse.
2. Characterize and control impulsive stimulated X-ray Raman scattering (SXRS): Creation and control of non-stationary electron wavepackets in molecules. Impulsive SXRS provides a controlled method for creating localized electronic excitations in the neutral molecule.
3. Probing impulsive SXRS with X-ray Absorption: This is the final goal of the campaign.



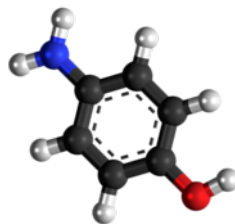
Impulsive Ionization



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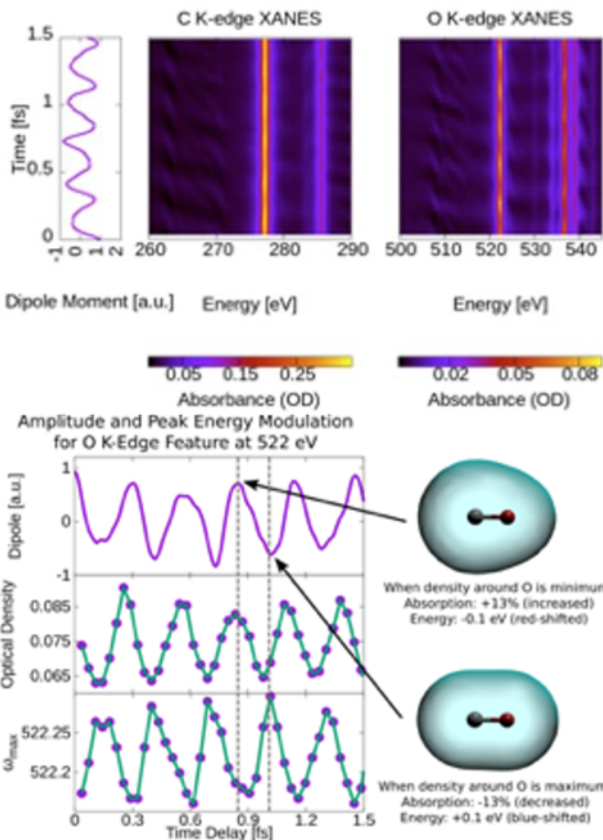


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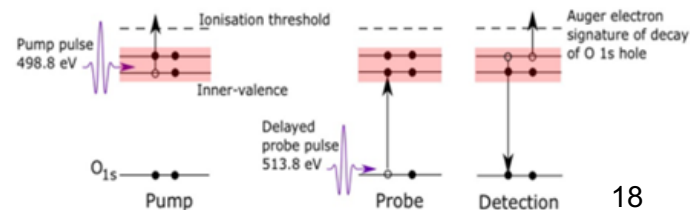


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Probing Charge Motion with X-rays

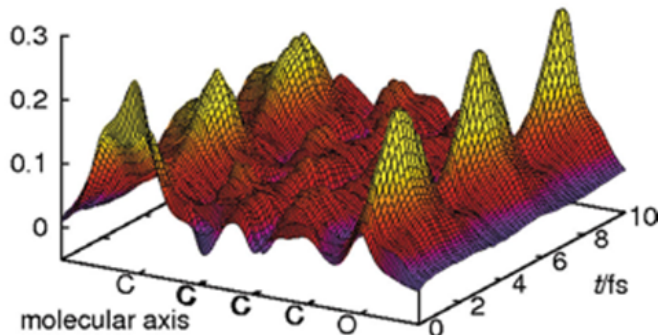


- X-rays Observables:
 - Sensitive to the local molecular environment at a specific site
- Gas phase photoemission based methods:
 - Photoelectrons, Auger electrons
 - XAS: Absorption can be monitored by measuring Auger electron yield
 - XPS: Lower energy photoelectrons produced by second X-ray pulse
 - Sensitivity of XPS to charge migration is an open question.
- Members of the campaign are calculating the sensitivity of X-ray observables to coherent electron motion

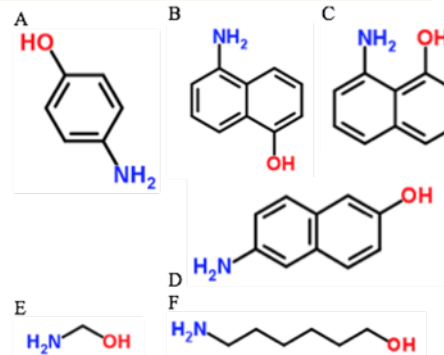
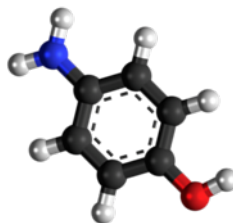


Model System

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- Aminophenol
- nitrogen and oxygen sites to produce and probe charge motion
- change substitution to look at effect of molecular structure
- change “backbone” to investigate rigidity on “molecular wire”
- effect of separation on charge migration

Milestones in the Campaign

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Peter, James, and Ago engage User Community

Develop and submit proposal for ultrafast electron motion

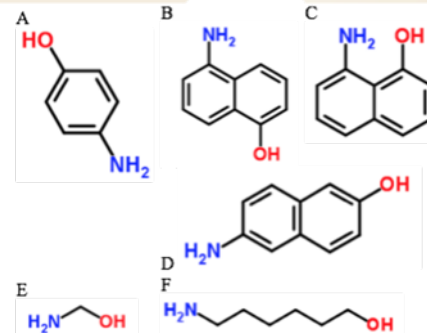
Development of Angle-resolved Spectroscopy Instrument

Recommission Attosecond Operations

Development of Coincidence Endstations

Experiment on nonlinear techniques for charge motion

Experiment on X-ray observables of charge migration X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy



Re-build TMO

Run 18 - Cu

Run 19 - Cu

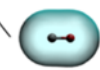
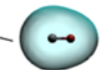
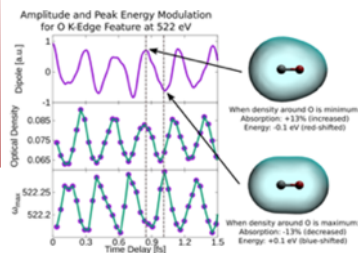
Run 20 - Cu/SC

Run 21 - SC

Campaign team to help in commissioning

Today

Experiment on X-ray observables of charge migration X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy



SXRS pump/probe experiment

Investigate the properties of the molecular system

Experiment on X-ray observables of charge migration Coincidence Methods

Mike Dunne proposes a campaign exploiting the new attosecond capabilities