# Time-Resolved X-Ray Spectroscopies and Scattering with One Trillion Photons

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## **Dynamic Studies in Photochemistry**

1. Intramolecular Charge Transfer





2. Towards Solvation Dynamics





3. Light-Induced Spin Crossover -







## What are the fundamental timescales?

#### **Chemistry and Biochemistry**



## Now for the low-lying fruit (K edges)



### **Towards Solvation Dynamics**

Dynamic Stokes Shift



# -Distinguish IVR from guest-host interactions

-Example: NO/Rg matrix

#### Rydberg NO in rare gas matrices: bubble formation



F. Vigliotti et al. / Chemical Physics Letters 362 (2002) 31-38

J. Chem. Phys., Vol. 114, No. 12, 22 March 2001

C. Jeannin et al. / Chemical Physics Letters 316 (2000) 51-59



...→ca 100-1000 Solvent Molecules involved

X-Ray Absorption Spectroscopy Singles Out Reaction Center ...

## Electron Detachment Reactions (via XAFS)

#### **Condensed Phase Dynamics**



Nascent I atoms in solution



I. Tavernelli (EPFL)

#### EXAFS and XANES of nascent iodine radicals



### Now to something completely different....



Angew Chem (2009)

#### **Towards Transient Structures via TR-XAFS**







 $\Delta R_{Fe-N}$ = 0.2 ±0.008 Å

M. Benfatto (INFN Rome)



W. Gawelda *et al.* J. Chem. Phys. (2009) ps and fs XANES (Synchrotron)



C. Bressler et al., Science (2009)

## Identifying intermediate states...





10-12 photons/pulse (2 kHz, 2 eV BW)

## Combined optical and x-ray results



→ Need now a *Spin*-Sensitive Tool ‼



## 1s XES of a spin transition molecule



Towards ultrafast X-ray *Emission* Spectroscopy

10<sup>3</sup> – 10<sup>6</sup> ph/pulse (100 ps) 10-12 ph/pulse (200 fs) 10<sup>-3</sup> ph/pulse (100 ps XES)



G. Vankó et al., Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. (2010)

## Direct spin probing: first TR-XES (ps)



60 ps delay between laser and x-ray pulse



# **XFEL** Ready to Pump-Probe at MHz rep-rates!!





### ID26 – X-ray Emission/Absorption Spectroscopy



# ID26/ESRF (March 2011)



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# APS, sector 7 (March 2011)



### Picosecond K alpha XES at APS



## back to the future:

- Entering the femtosecond time scale (again) Linac coherent light source (LCLS)
- Credits: D. Fritz, M. Cammarata (SLAC)

### XPP Commissioning (LCLS, Oct 2010) (Cammarata)



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# **Real-Time Traces**



## Transient Spectra around Time Zero



### Looking into the raw data...





Next Step: Exploit Complementary Structural Tools (LCLS project 2011):

## → Towards understanding chemical reactivity



4) Co(II) LS→HS

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XES: occupied DOS (spin) XAS: empty DOS (orbitals) **XRD:** geometric structures

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## Conclusions

Towards Solvation Dynamics





- We can follow the sequence of events from 300 fs onwards Even the (few) ps time scale we do not fully understand
   → Theoretical input important
- We need to know how things evolve between 0-300 fs
  → New experiments are planned (theory required)



- We do not understand this correlated SCO behavior! ...but we are already looking into the elementary steps !!!

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