

# Quantum Chemistry approaches to correlations & spectroscopies (1,2 )

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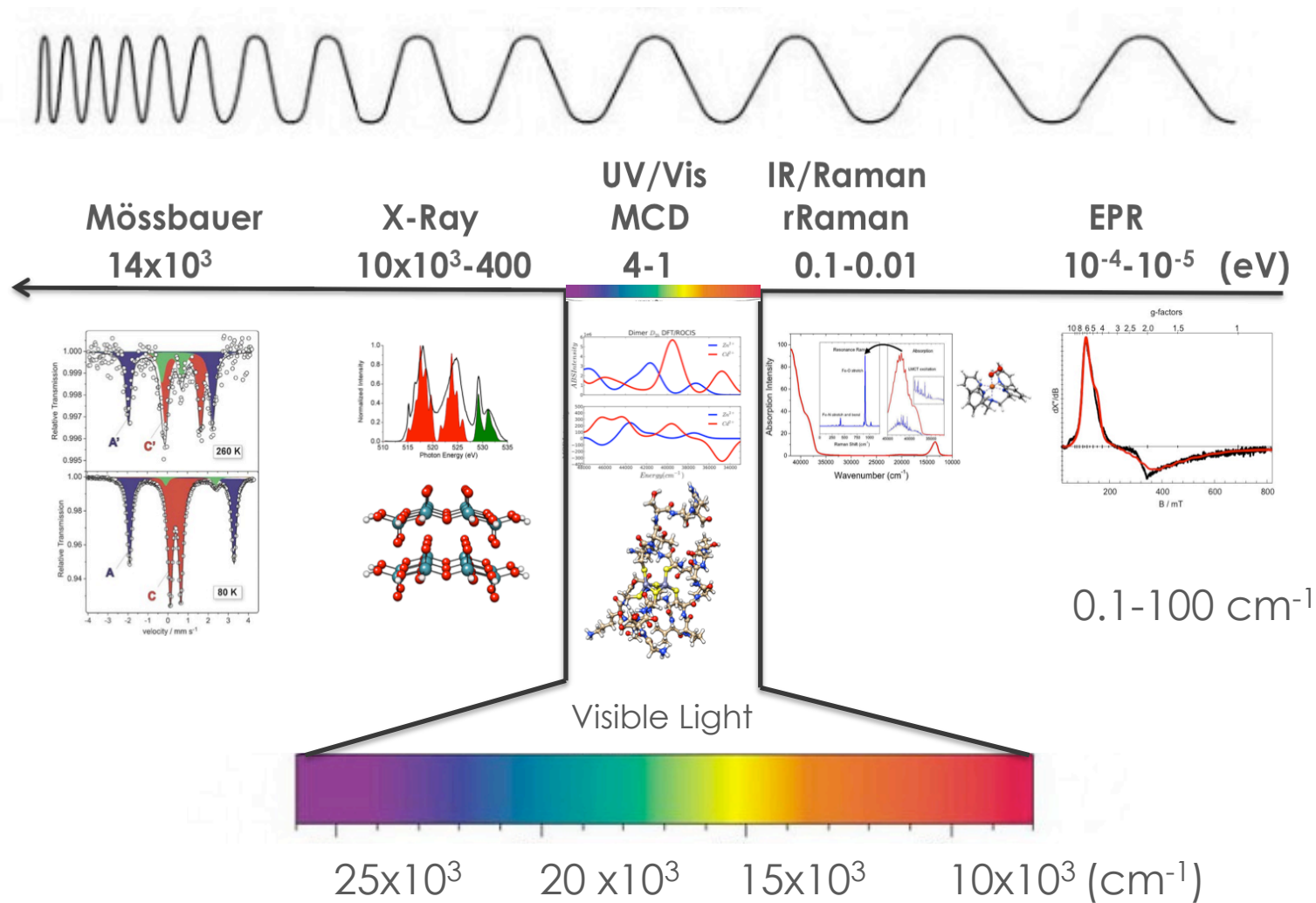


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# The spectroscopic energy scale



# Theoretical Methodologies to X-RAY Spectroscopies

# States vs Orbitals

# States versus Orbitals

It is essential to understand that **Orbitals** are **NOT** observables

What is observed in Spectroscopy are the many electron states

In the simplest MO picture **STATES** are constructed as follows:

- Specify how electrons are distributed over the available MOs: Spatial configuration vector  $\mathbf{n}=(n_1, n_2, n_3)$
- Couple the unpaired electrons to the desired **total spin S**. There are several ways to do that, a given spin coupling is denoted as  $S_k M$ )
- Determine the spatial symmetry of the state by taking the **direct product** of all single occupied MOs (Irreps denoted as  $\Gamma M_\Gamma$ )

Note: Total Spin  $\hat{S} = \sum_i \hat{s}_i$   
 Projection  $\hat{S}_z = \sum_i \hat{s}_{zi}$  } „Constants of Motion“

Relationships  $[\hat{S}_p, \hat{s}_{jq}] = i\hbar \epsilon_{pqr} \hat{s}_{jr}$

*Deep connection; basis for the application of the Wigner-Eckart theorem to the total spin problem*

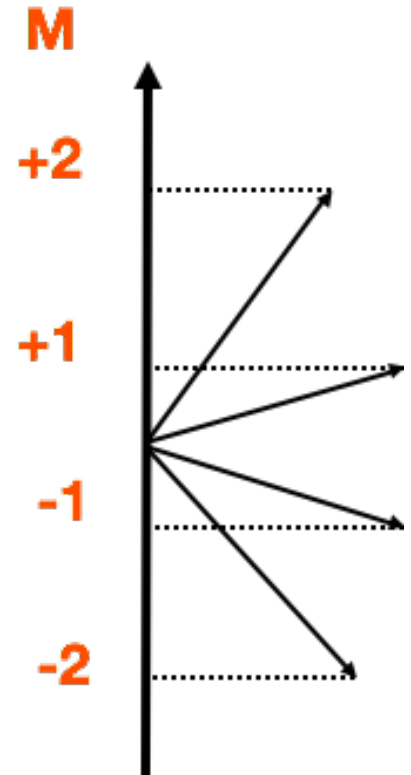
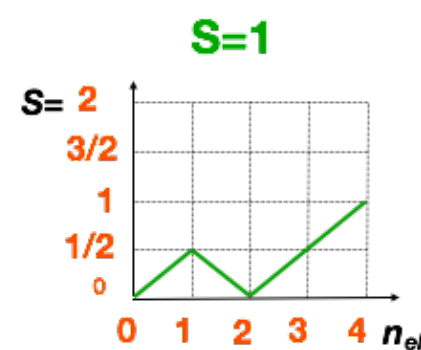
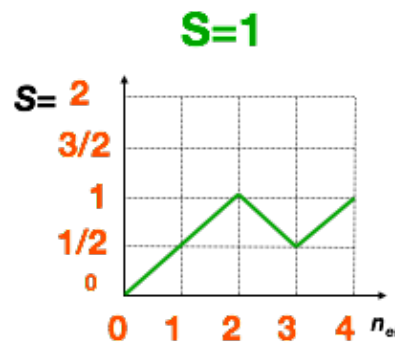
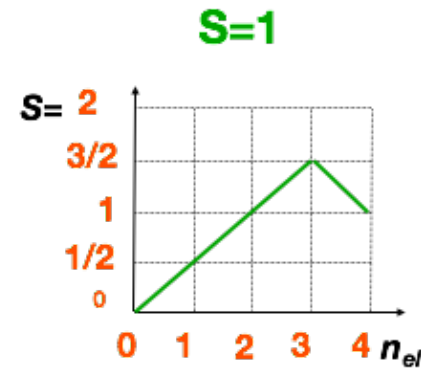
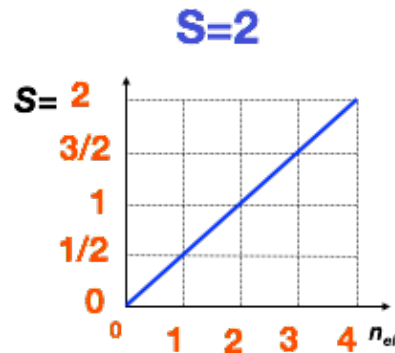
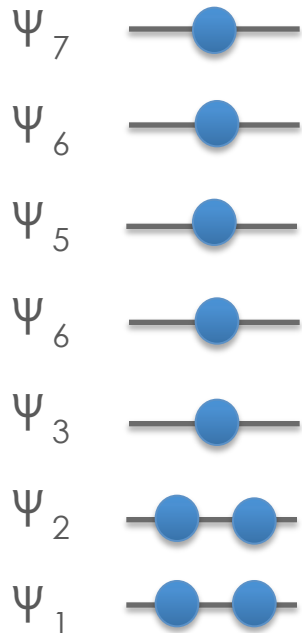
# Total Spin - Branching Diagrams

A State  $|n S_k M \Gamma M_\Gamma\rangle$  in the MO Picture

Configurations  $n$

Spin Coupling  $S_k$

Spin Projection  $M$



# What does it mean Really?

- Now we have found out that for three electrons in three orbitals we have two eigenfunctions with  $S=1/2$ .
- Typical situation: excited state of a radical

$$|A_{\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}}\rangle = |\psi_i^\beta \psi_i^\beta \psi_o^\alpha\rangle$$

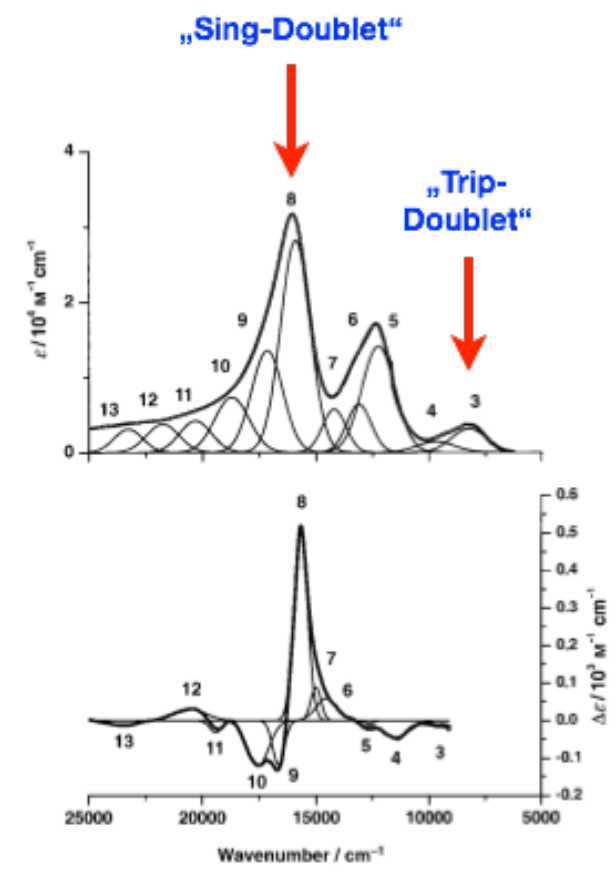
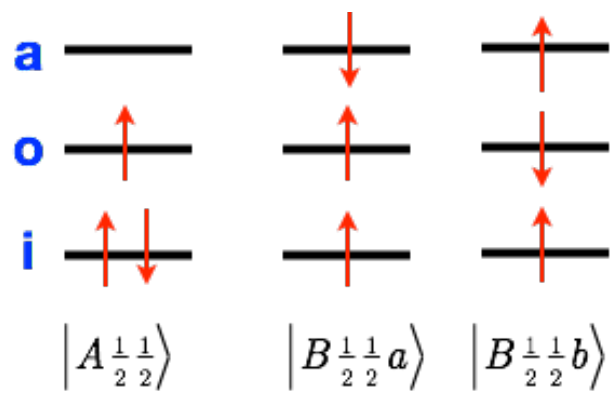
$$|B_{\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}}a\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} (|\psi_i^\alpha \psi_a^\beta \psi_o^\alpha\rangle - |\psi_i^\beta \psi_a^\alpha \psi_o^\alpha\rangle)$$

$$|B_{\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}}b\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} (2|\psi_i^\alpha \psi_o^\alpha \psi_o^\beta\rangle - |\psi_i^\beta \psi_a^\alpha \psi_o^\alpha\rangle - |\psi_i^\alpha \psi_a^\beta \psi_o^\alpha\rangle)$$

Ground State

„Sing-Doublet“

„Triplet-Doublet“





# The Multiplet Problem

- What we have just realized is a general phenomenon: **More than one states can arise from a given orbital configuration.** These are called **MULTIPLETS**
- They are difficult to treat if one starts from a single reference determinant since many of the multiplet components look like higher excitations on a spin-orbit level
- Typical examples:

**Russel-Saunders terms in atoms and ions:**

e.g.  $d^7$ :  $^4F + ^4P + ^2G + ^2P + ^2H + ^2D + ^2F$

**d-d excited states of transition metal complexes**

e.g.  $(t_{2g})^2(e_g)^0$ :  $^3T_{1g} + ^1T_{2g} + ^1E_g + ^1A_{1g}$

**core excited states of transition metal complexes**

e.g.  $(2p)^5(3d)^m$ ,  $m=0-10$

**Others:**

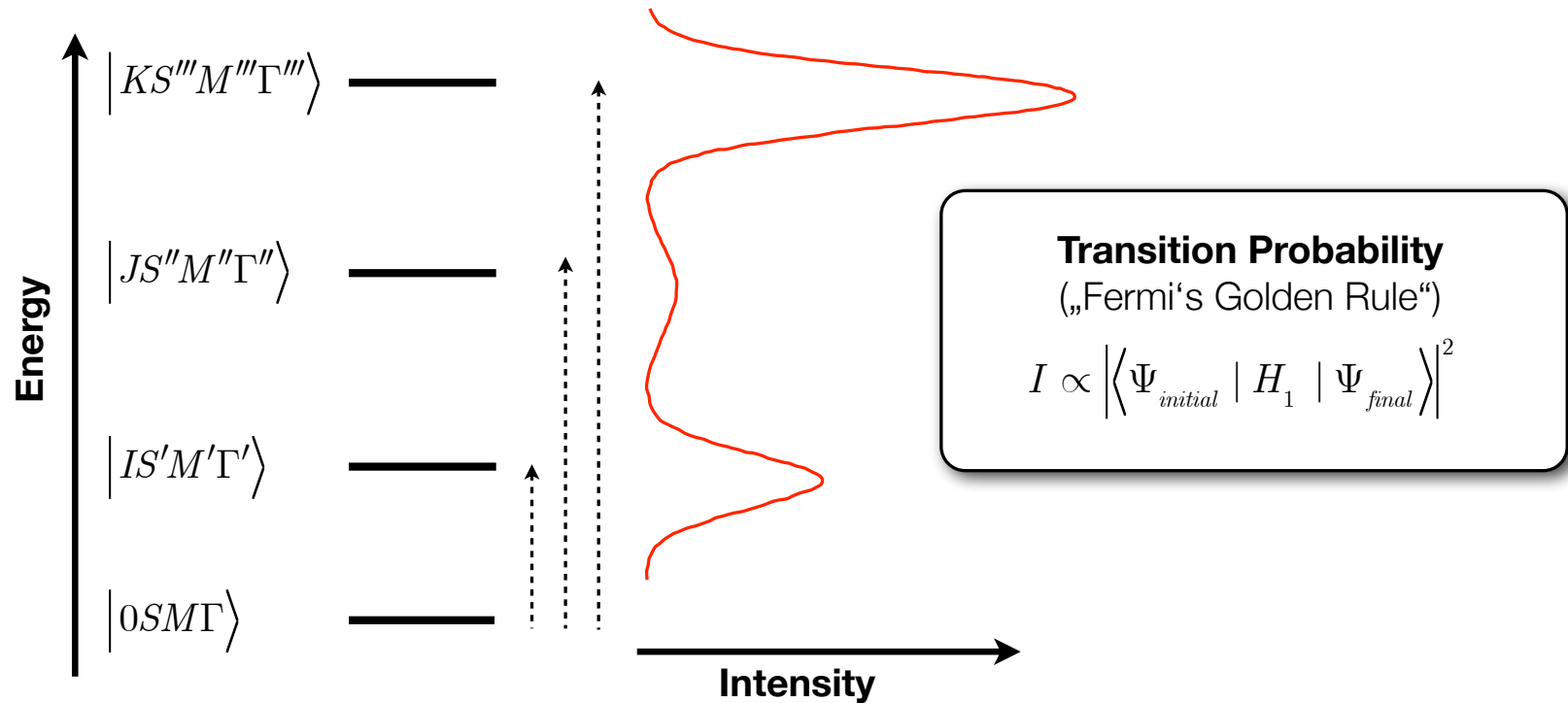
**Exchange couplings in oligomeric transition metal cluster**

**Metal Radicals**

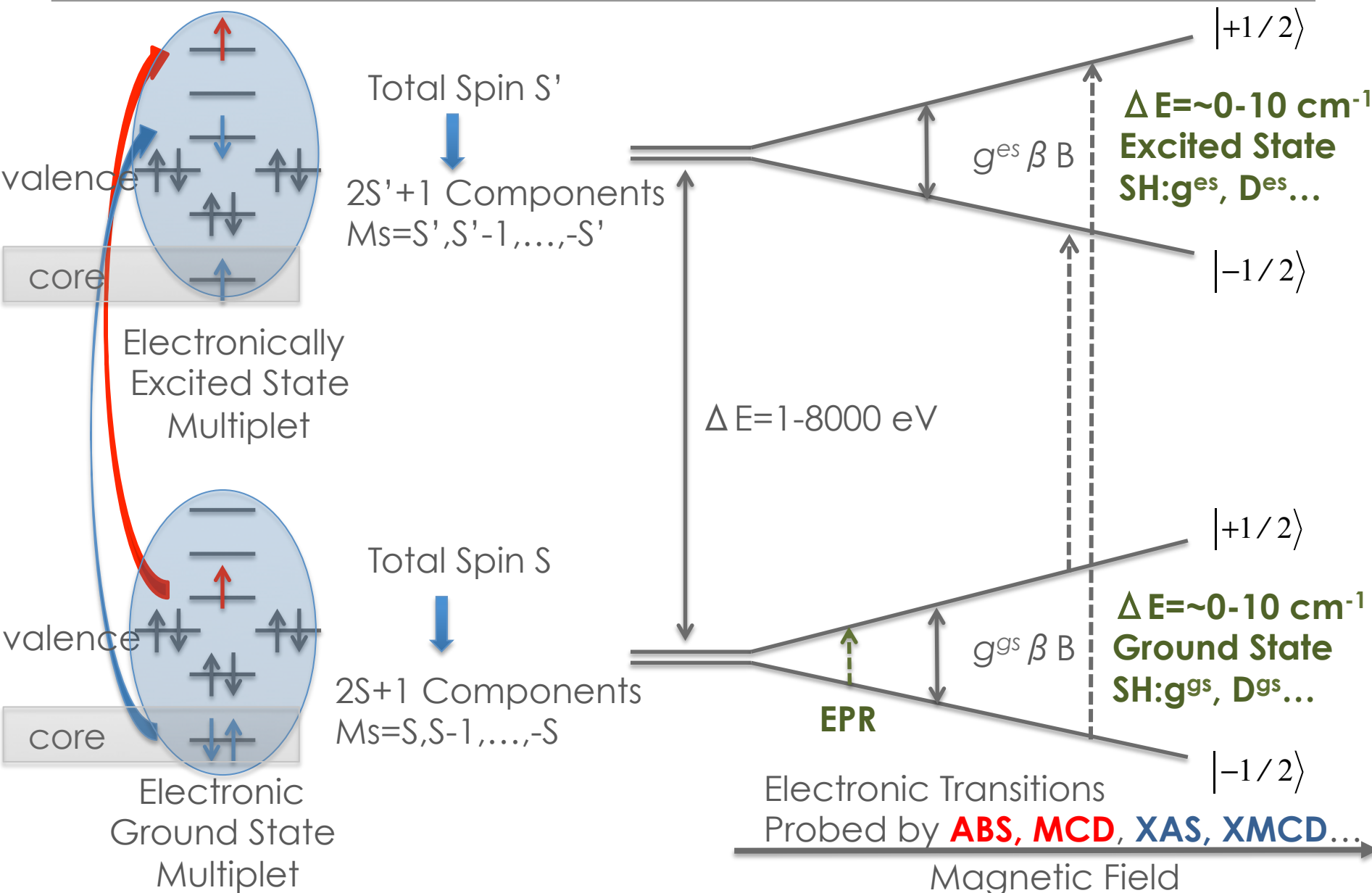
# Optical Spectroscopy

Molecules exist in states!

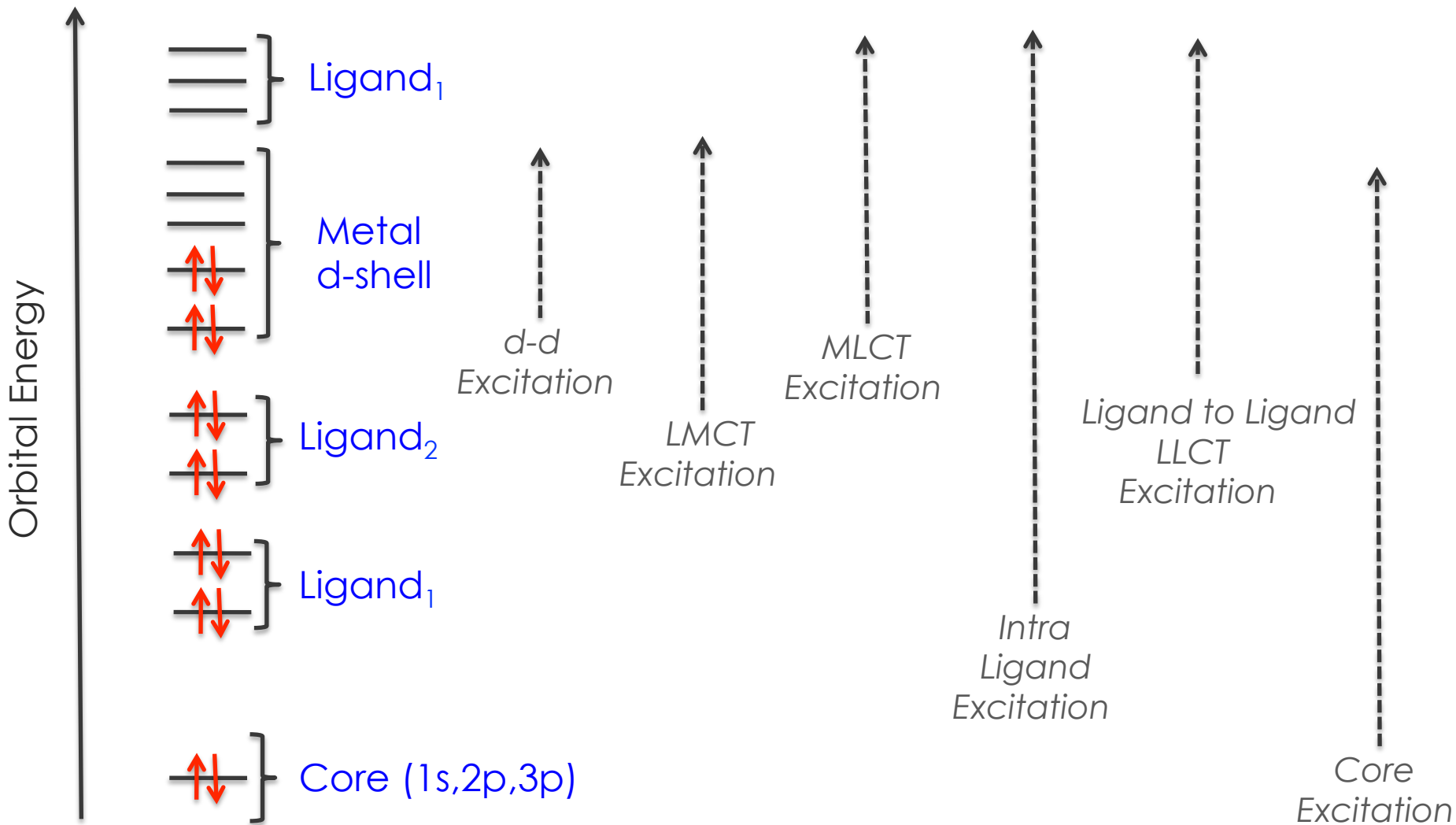
Application of any kind of perturbing field with Hamiltonian  $H_1(\omega)$  will **induce** transition between the **different states** of the systems



# Optical excitations and beyond



# Type of Excitations in Transition Metals

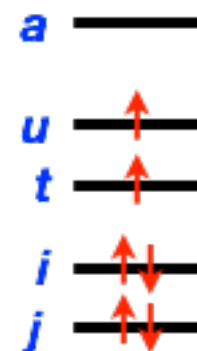


# Extra complexity: Open Shell Molecules

- Many if not most organic and main group compounds exist in states that are well described by a **single closed-shell** determinant of the HF type:



- However, the fun starts if this is not the case, e.g. in:
  - Short lived radicalic reaction intermediates
  - Stable radicals as in spin labels
  - Diradicals
  - Radical Pairs
  - Triplet states (carbenes, excited states)
  - Transition metal complexes
  - Oligonuclear transition metal clusters
  - Metal radical assemblies
  - ...

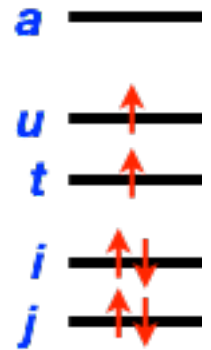


These molecules are **much more difficult** to describe accurately with quantum chemical methods

# UHF and ROHF Methods

- The easiest open-shell situation is met when there are no degenerate orbitals and  **$n$  electrons occupy  $n$  orbitals**, all with spin-up (**HIGH-SPIN-STATE  $S=n/2$** )
- These **‘Principle component’ ( $M=S$ )** can be described by a single determinant:

$$\left| \dots \psi_i \dots \psi_j \dots \psi_t \psi_u \dots \right|$$



- It is now up to us how to distribute the electrons in groups. One way of doing this is to divide the electrons in spin-up and spin-down groups and optimize a determinant of the **unrestricted Hartree-Fock (UHF)** type ( $n_\alpha - n_\beta = n$ ):

$$\left| \Psi_{UHF}^{SS} \right\rangle = \left| \dots \psi_i^\alpha \dots \psi_j^\alpha \dots \psi_{n_\alpha}^\alpha \dots \bar{\psi}_i^\beta \dots \bar{\psi}_j^\beta \dots \bar{\psi}_{n_\beta}^\beta \right|$$

the spatial orbitals  $\psi_i^\alpha$  and  $\psi_i^\beta$  may look totally different.

- The other choice is to group electrons into **‘closed-shell’** and **‘open-shell’** electrons and optimize a determinant of the **restricted open-shell Hartree-Fock (ROHF)** type:

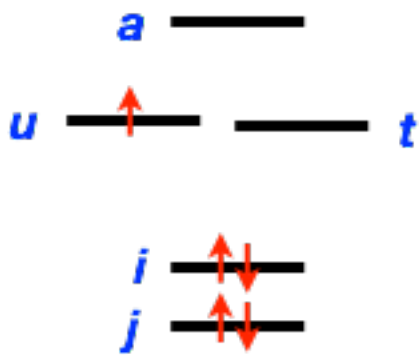
*the overbar means a spin-down spin-function, non of them is spin-up*

$$\left| \Psi_{ROHF}^{SS} \right\rangle = \left| \dots \psi_i \bar{\psi}_i \dots \psi_j \bar{\psi}_j \dots \psi_t \psi_u \dots \right|$$

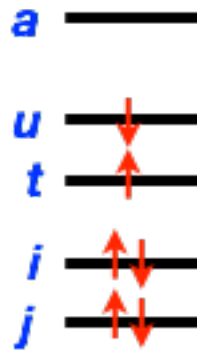
Methods for excited and open shell states

# ROHF vs UHF Methods

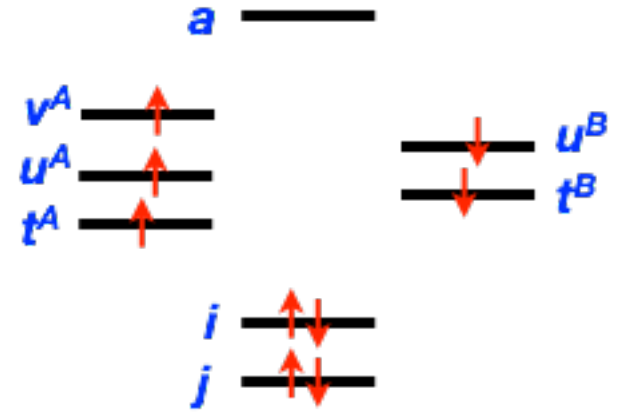
- ROHF is a *'cleaner'* technique than UHF:  
It can describe more complicated open-shell situations properly that require *more than one-determinant*:



**Degenerate states**



**Open-Shell Singlets**

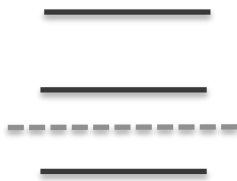


**Antiferromagnetic Coupling**

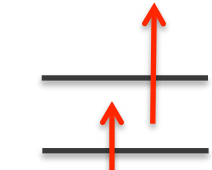


Configuration State Function  
Space

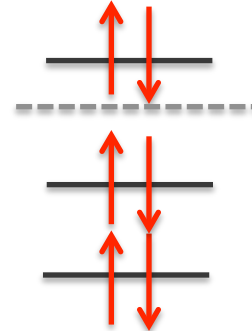
Virtual  
a,b,c,d



Active  
p,q,r,s



Inactive  
l,j,k,l



- Single-Double excitations within the active space
- Active space ~14 electrons
- Static correlation
- SOC is included
- Perturbative treatment of Dynamic correlation through the NEVPT2 scheme

➤ Optical spectroscopy

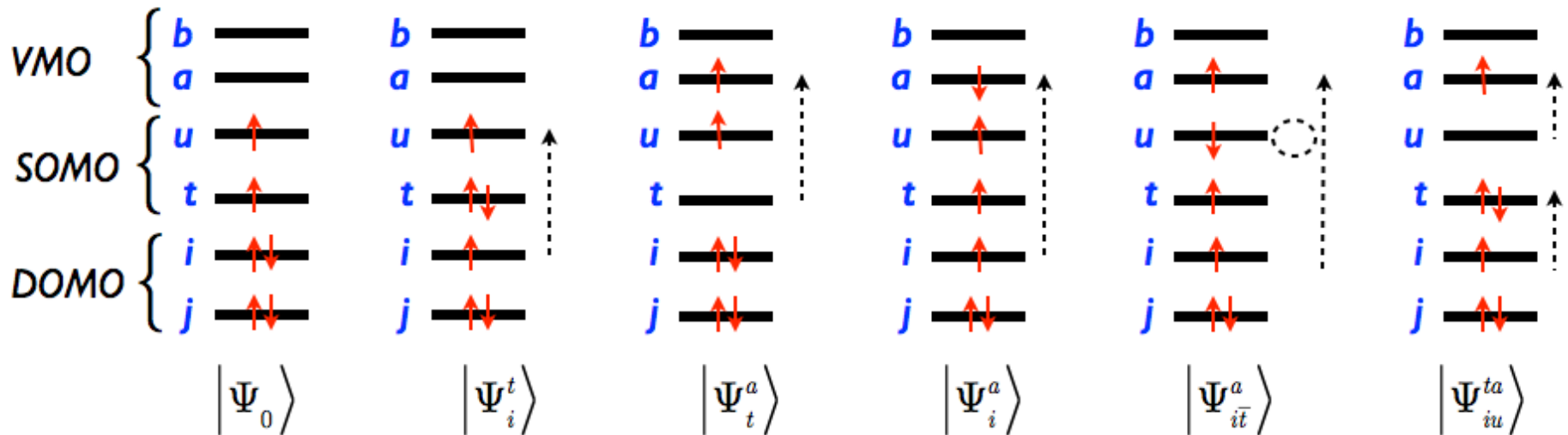
➤ Magnetic properties

- Core el. Spectroscopies?

$$\left| \Psi_I^{SM(0)} \right\rangle = \sum_{K \in CAS} d_{KI} \left| \Phi_K^{SM;CAS} \right\rangle$$

CASSCF calculations often provide a good qualitative starting point for the description of the states of interest.

But in order to cover dynamic correlation there are many more excitations that we can make **on top** of the CAS



Variational optimization of the coefficients of the CSFs gives **MRCI**

# Configuration Interaction

In the concept of CI we write for the state I:

$$|\Psi_I^{SM}\rangle = \sum_K C_{KI} |\Phi_K^{SM}\rangle \quad |\Phi_K^{SM}\rangle \text{ One of the excited CSFs}$$

- The simplest method of this type only includes the **single orbital replacements** (CI with single excitations, **CIS**)
- On starts by defining a single HF determinant:

$$|\Psi_I\rangle = \sum_{ia} C_a^i |\Phi_i^a\rangle$$

- And solve the eigenvalue problem **explicitly**:

$$\mathbf{HC} = \mathbf{EC}$$

$$H_{ia,jb} = \langle \Phi_i^a | H | \Phi_j^b \rangle = \delta_{ia,jb} (\varepsilon_a - \varepsilon_i) + \underbrace{\langle ib || aj \rangle}_{(ia|jb) - (ij|ab)}$$

# CIS and Beyond

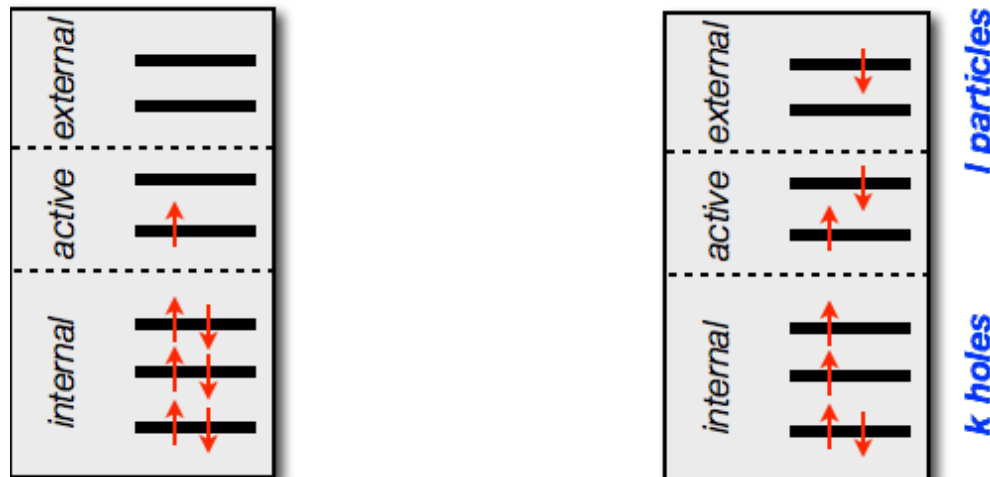
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- For transition metal complexes, the HF method is very bad, because there is a lot of **dynamic correlation** missing.
- While many excited states are dominated by single excitations, a fair number of them requires either addition **spin-flips** to complete actual **multiplet states** or involve **double excitations**
- CIS or excited states is even worse than HF for the ground state - on top of all HF failures the use of **frozen orbitals** and the **lack of differential dynamic correlation** between ground and excited states make the method **unbalanced** and **grossly inaccurate** (1-6 eV errors)
- Need a theoretical methods that are more „**democratic**“ with respect to the treatment of ground- and excited states
- For the valence region this is provided by Multireference Configuration Interaction (**MR-CI**), Difference-Dedicated CI (**DDCI**) and Spectroscopy Oriented Configuration Interaction (**SORCI**)

# Multireference Configuration Interaction

- Now we need to cover **differential dynamic correlation** by performing excitations relative to at least the important CSFs of the CAS

$$\left| \Psi_I^{SM;MRCI} \right\rangle = \sum_{K \in CAS} C_{KI} \left| \Phi_K^{SM} \right\rangle + \sum_{K \notin CAS} C_{KI} \left| \Phi_K^{SM} \right\rangle$$



- Fortunately from the HUGE number of **(k-holes, l-particle)** CSFs, only a small fraction contributes to the differential dynamic correlation energy !! (idea of **DDCI** (Malrieu) and **SORCI** (Neese))
- Still these methods although nicely accurate are also computationally very expensive for medium sized molecules and impossible for large ones

# Time-Dependent DFT

- In Density Functional Theory, we only have theorems for the ground state - excited states are not covered. **There is no CI in DFT, there is no CAS in DFT!**
- Instead one takes an indirect route to excitation energies and properties
- Let us study the response of the ground state energy with respect to an **oscillating electric field** ( $\mathbf{F}$ ), the induced **dipole moment**() is the **polarizability** of the system:

$$E(\omega) = E_0 + \vec{\mu}(\omega)\vec{F}(\omega) + \vec{F}^+(\omega)\vec{\alpha}(\omega)\vec{F}(\omega) + \dots$$

- As a consequence of the perturbation the Kohn-Sham orbitals themselves also become time dependent. The *Ansatz* is:

$$\psi_j(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \rightarrow \psi_j(\mathbf{x}, 0) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_b \left\{ X_{bj} e^{-i\omega t} + Y_{bj}^* e^{+i\omega t} \right\}$$

# Time-Dependent Response Theory

- We now search for those frequencies where  $\alpha(\omega)$  becomes infinite (**poles**). This must then be a valid excitation energy of the system! It is possible to show that the coefficients  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$  satisfy a non-standard eigenvalue problem:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{Y} \end{pmatrix} = \omega \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{Y} \end{pmatrix}$$

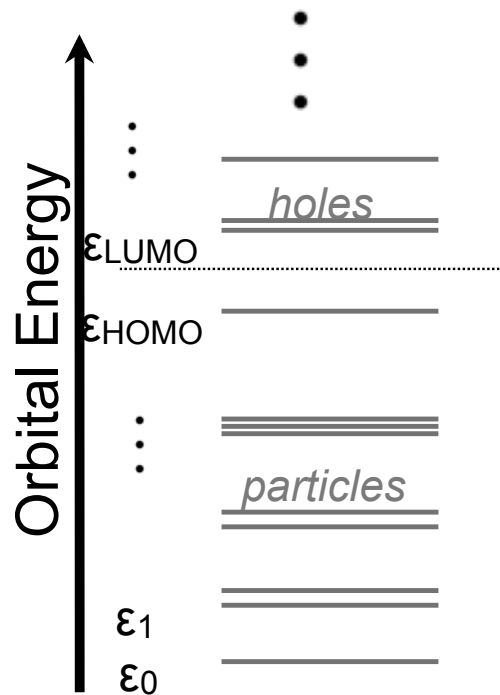
With:

$$A_{bj,ck} = \delta_{bj,ck} (\epsilon_b - \epsilon_j) + \langle kj | cb \rangle + \langle kj | f_{xc} | cb \rangle - c_{HF} \langle jc | kb \rangle$$

$$B_{bj,ck} = \langle kj | cb \rangle + \langle kj | f_{xc} | cb \rangle - c_{HF} \langle jk | cb \rangle$$

- These are the **TD-DFT equations**. If the B-matrix is neglected, one obtains the **Tamm-Dancoff approximation**. It looks like CIS with HF exchange replaced by the exchange correlation kernel.

$$\mathbf{AX} = \omega \mathbf{X}$$



- Single electron excitations
- Works for Absorption spectra

But:

- No double excitations
- No spin-flip excitations

- Works for core electron K-edge

But:

- Cannot treat the multiplet structure



**Mössbauer**



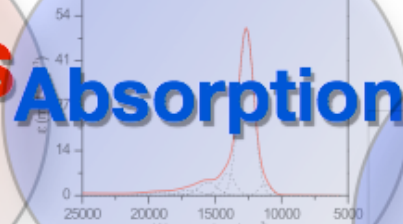
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**XAS/XES  
RIXS**



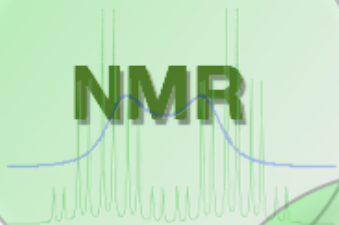
**Absorption**



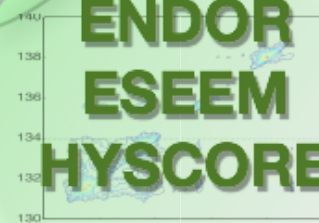
**Fluo-  
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**NMR**



**ENDOR  
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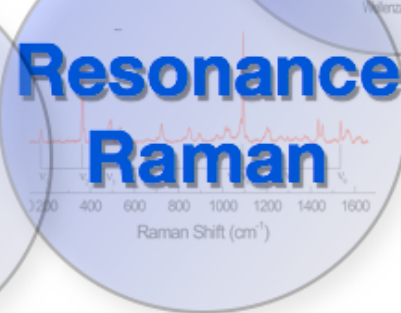
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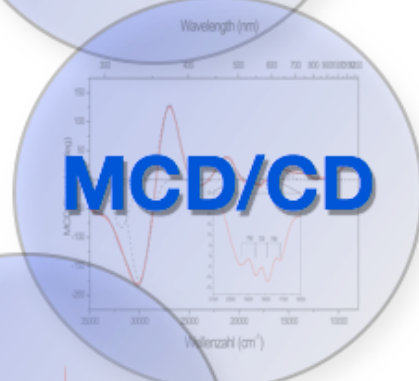
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**Resonance  
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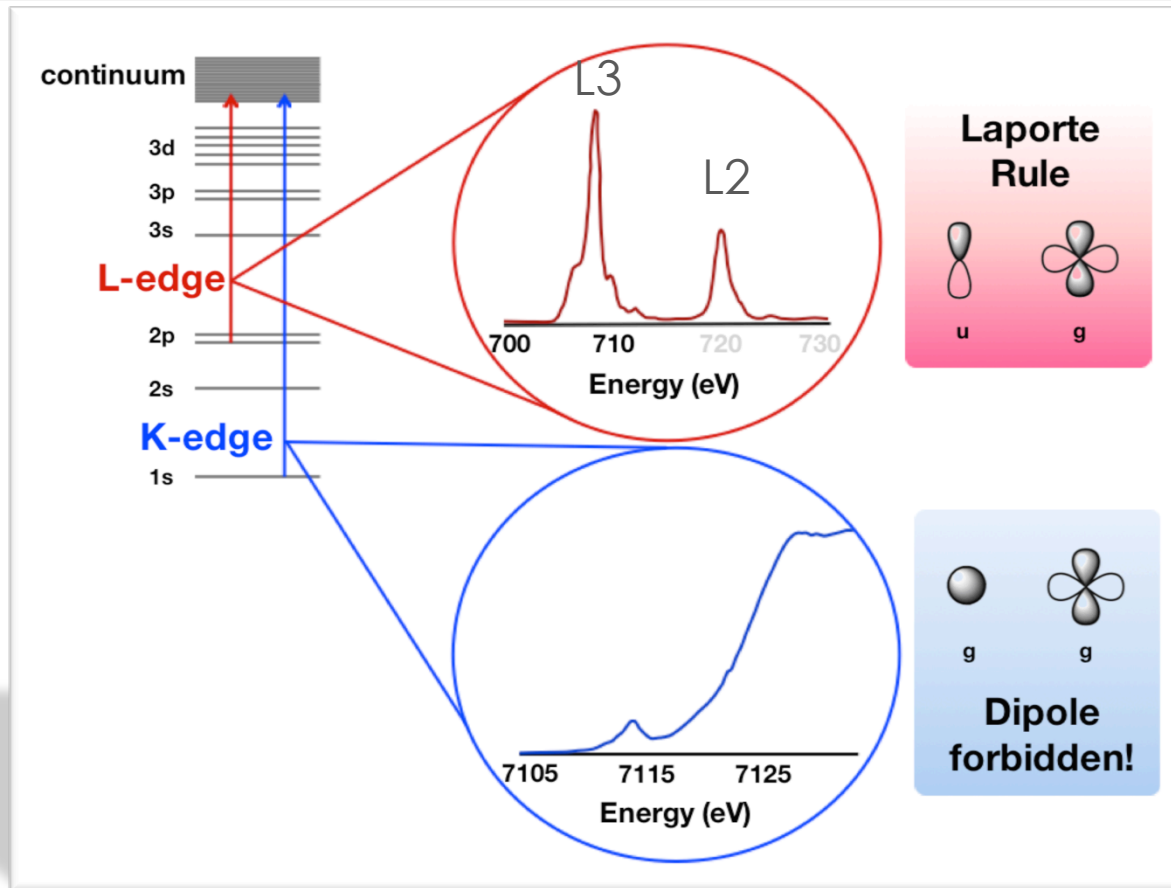
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**ORCA**



# XAS spectroscopy (metal L- and K-edges)

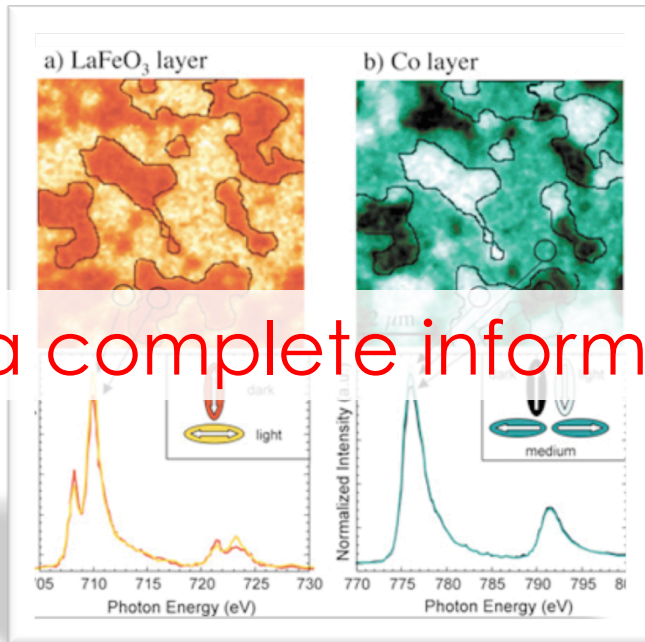


- **K-edge:** ( $1s \rightarrow \text{valence}$ )  $\rightarrow$  dipole forbidden transitions
- **L<sub>2,3</sub>-edges:** ( $2p \rightarrow \text{valence}$ )  $\rightarrow$  dipole allowed transitions
- **L<sub>2,3</sub>-edges** are more intense and more structured than **K-edges**

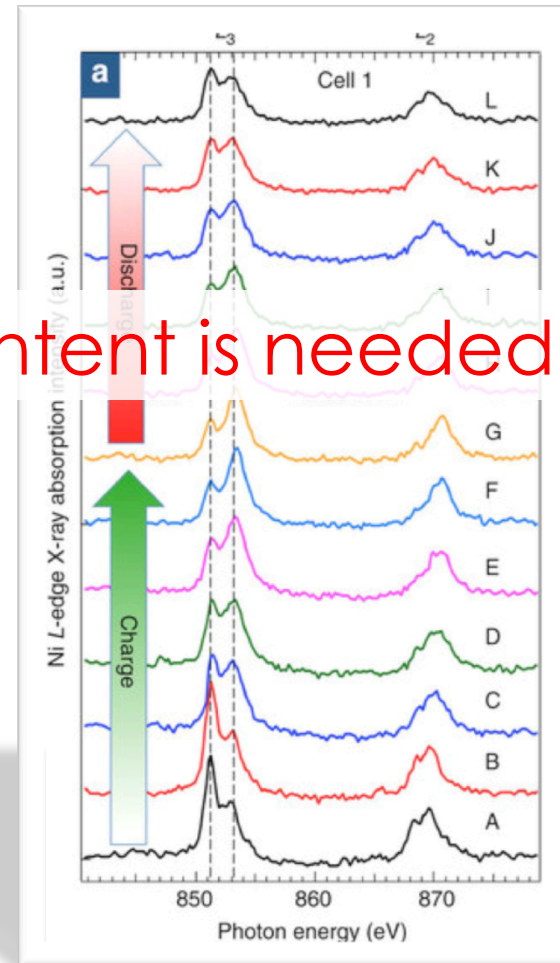
# Metal L-edge spectroscopy at work...

- Metal L-edge spectroscopy is used to understand

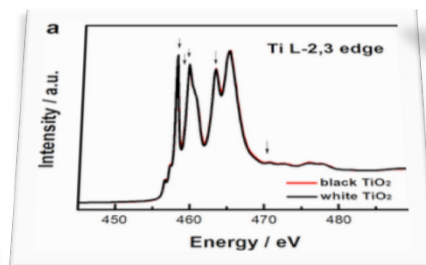
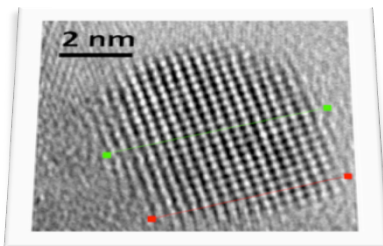
Functionality



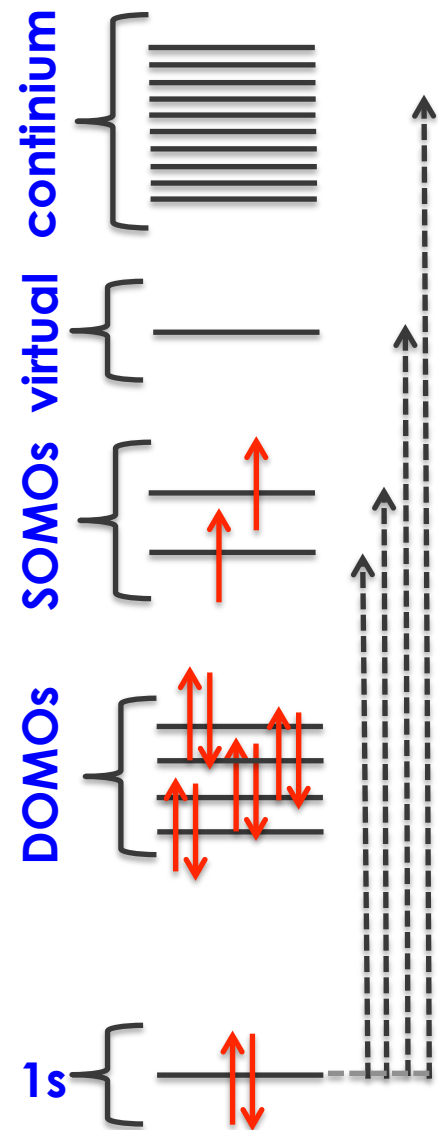
Reactivity of materials



a complete information content is needed



# TD-DFT protocol for K-edges



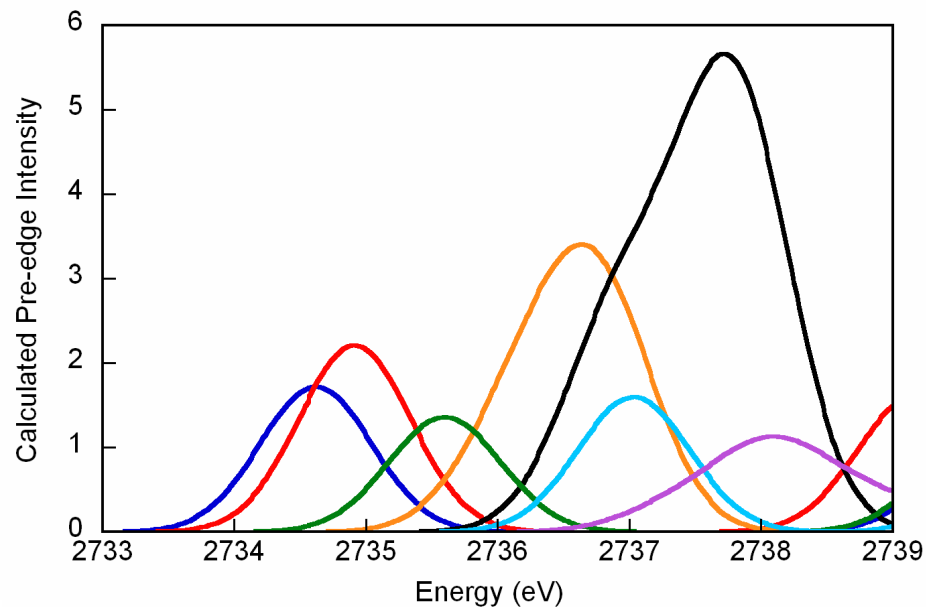
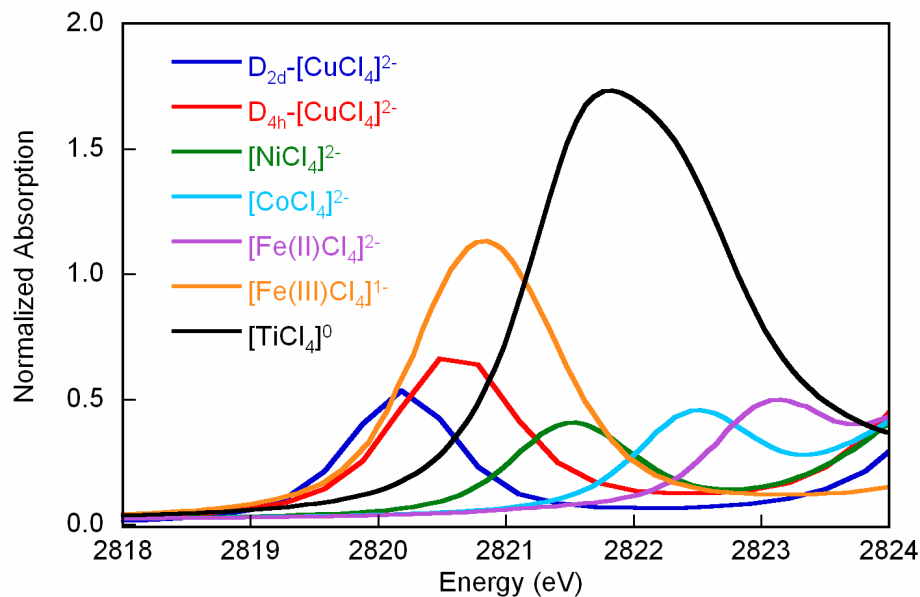
- Localize 1s-orbitals
- Include the 1s-Virtual in the TD-DFT equations
- Calculate dipole and quadrupole contributions to the transition moments
- Use large basis sets on the XAS absorber atom
- Treat relativistic effects
- Compensate negative total charges through COSMO

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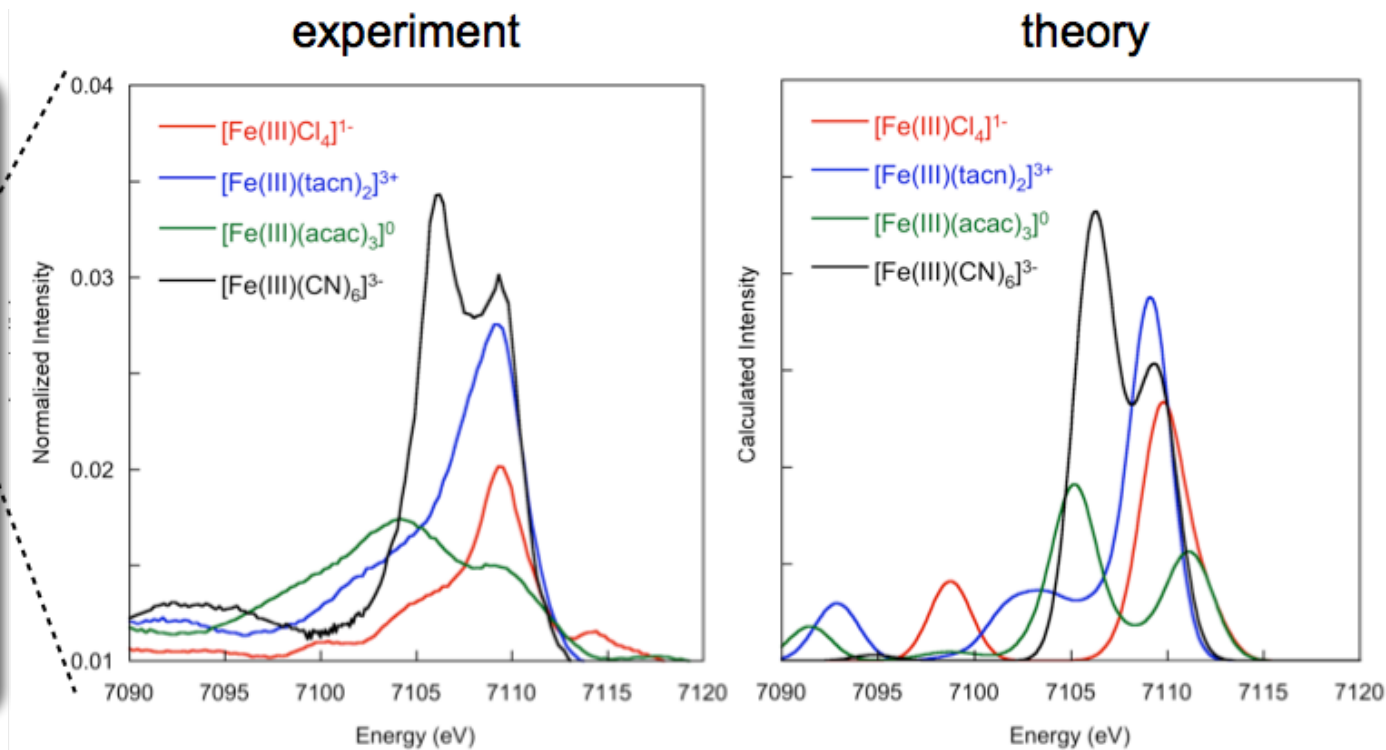
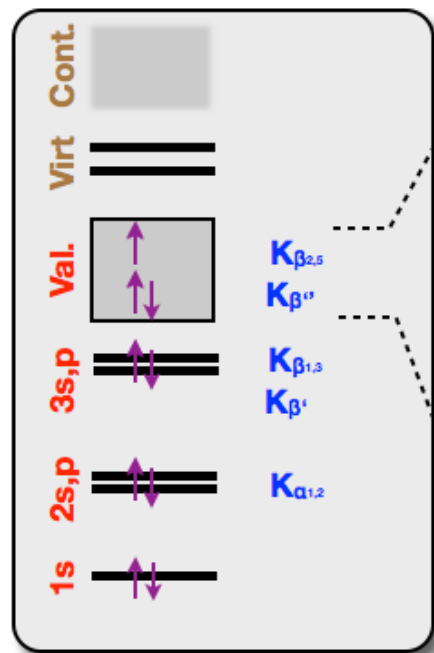
# Prediction of K-edges

Prediction of metal and ligand K-edges is accessible via TD-DFT methodologies.



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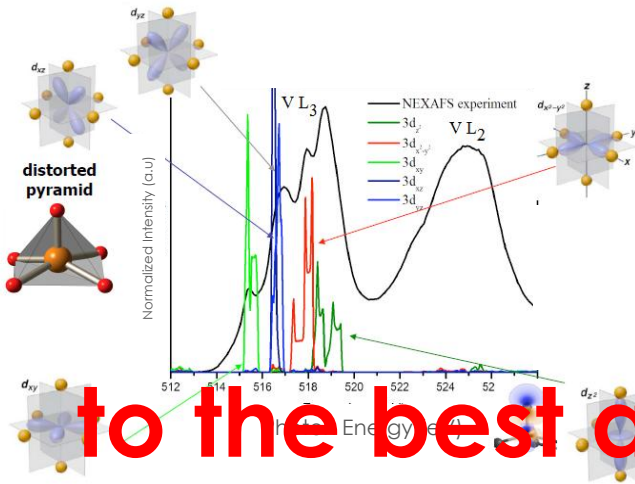
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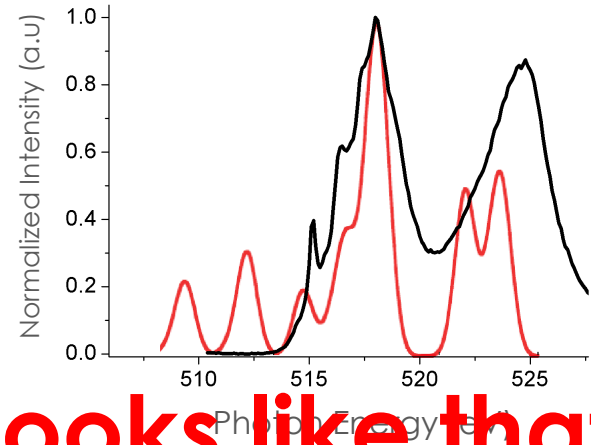
XES Valence to core region as a unique probe of valence orbital composition

# p/h is not always good for metal L-edges even for 'simple' cases: $V_2O_5$ ( $2p^53d^1$ )

## Ligand Field Multiplet

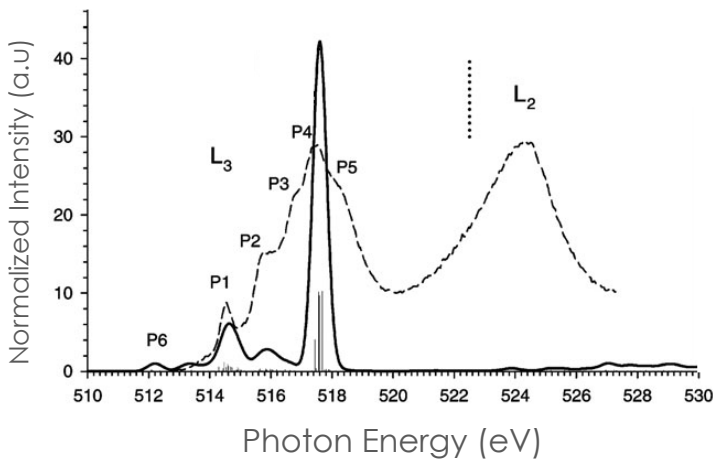


## Charge Transfer Multiplet

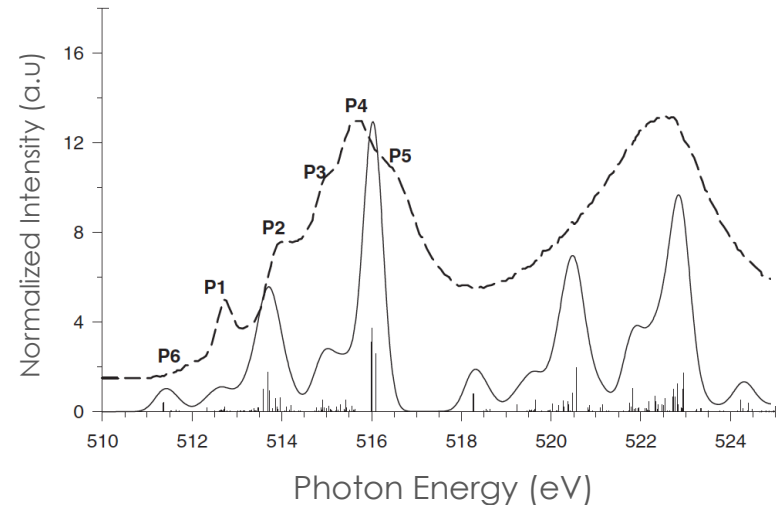


**to the best attempt looks like that!**

## TD-DFT



## TD-DFT+SOC



## A) Particle Hole Pair Methods:

Response theory with particle/hole pairs

- Can do a good job on the **electronic structure**
- Contain **no** adjustable parameters
- **but**
- Do not correctly **span** the space of the final states
- They have problems to **predict** the number and relative intensities of spectral features correctly

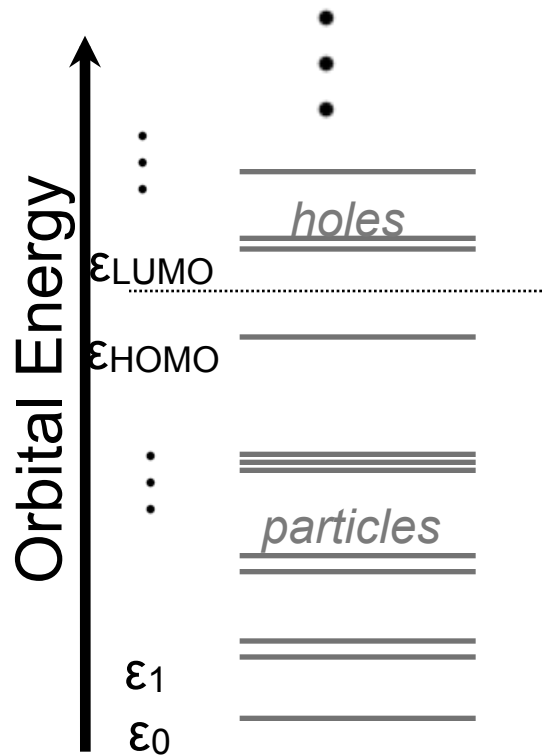
## B) Multiplets

- Correct physics!
- Requires *many* parameters, in particular for states outside the  $|p^5d^{n+1}\rangle$  manifold. The parameters may not be easy to predict from first principles.
- Progress has been made in this respect

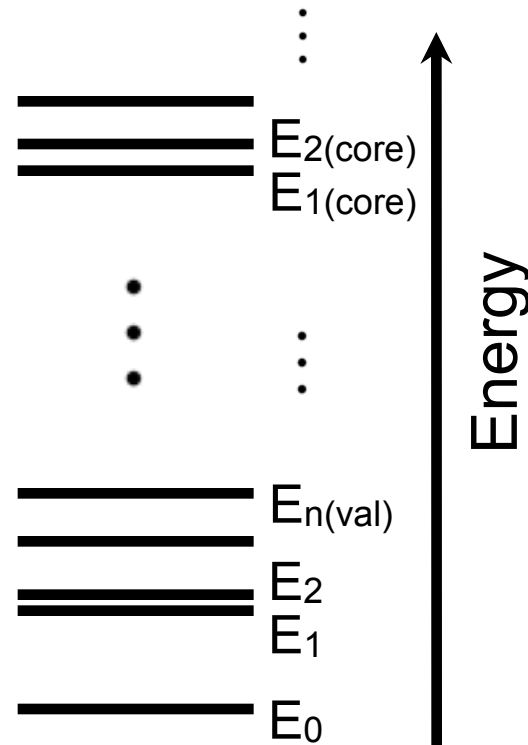


# Why is it so difficult?

Particle hole spectrum



Many particle spectrum (**observable**)



- In some cases the spectrum of orbital energy differences **might look** similar with the of the many particle spectrum
  - e.g. for **K-edges**

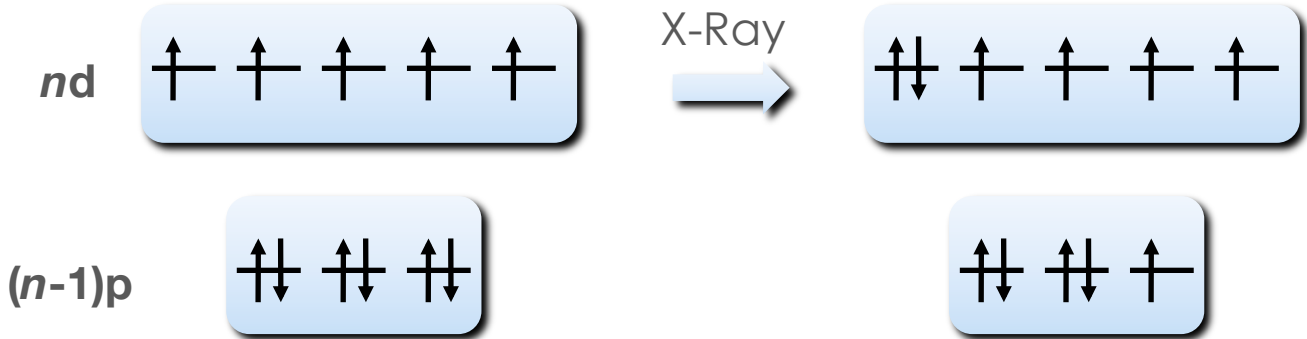
# Why is it so difficult?



In general, they have **nothing** in common!

# An example: The $Mn^{2+}$ Ion ( ${}^6S$ , high-spin $d^5$ )

L-edge excitations lead to final states with a **(n-1)p core hole**, e.g.:



Electronic State:  ${}^1A \otimes {}^6A$

${}^2P_J \otimes {}^5D$

$6 \times 25 \text{ } {}^6\Gamma, {}^4\Gamma, {}^2\Gamma = 550 \text{ CSFs (1512 STATES)}$

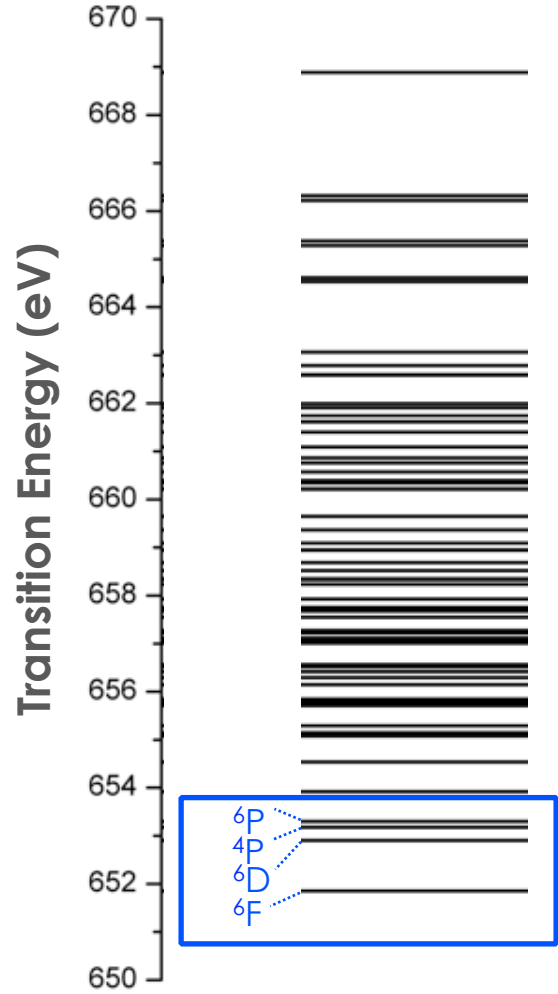
only **15** particle/hole pairs



The p/h space spans **only** a small part of the final state manifold!

# An example: The $Mn^{2+}$ Ion ( ${}^6S$ , high-spin $d^5$ )

Many particle spectrum  
(RAS-CI)



**p/h spectrum**  
(BP86 TD-DFT +30 eV)

**all multiplets arising from spin-flips are missing!**



qualitatively correct

# Spin-Orbit Coupling

- The  $2p^5$  corehole has a very strong „in state“ spin-orbit coupling that „scrambles“ the multiplets
- Each Multiplet  $2S+1 \Gamma$  has  $2S+1$  „Magnetic sublevels“  $M_S=S, S-1, \dots, -S$   
Typical single p/h treatments can only hope to approximate one of the  $M_S$  levels but completely miss all others!
- The SOC operator is a two-electron operator  
It **mixes** all  $M_S$  levels of all multiplets!  
**All**  $M_S$  levels must be included in the treatment  
Most single determinantal based methods, even four component, **fail** to do so because they are missing determinants

$$\left\langle \Psi_I^{SM} \left| \sum_i h_i^{SOC} s_i^{(m)} \right| \Psi_J^{S'M'} \right\rangle = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} S' & 1 & S \\ M' & m & M \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Clebsch-Gordon Coefficient}} \underbrace{\left\langle \Psi_I^S \parallel \sum_i h_i^{SOC} \parallel \Psi_J^{S'} \right\rangle}_{\text{Reduced Matrix Element } Y_{IJ}^{SS'}}$$

# Spin-Orbit Coupling: LS vs jj Coupling

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For atoms this is well understood:

✓ **LS (Russel-Saunders) coupling:**

- ▶ First couple orbital- $l(i)$  and spin  $s(i)$ - to total  $L$  and total  $S$
- ▶ Then coupling total  $L$  and total  $S$  to total  $J$

✓ **jj coupling:**

- ▶ First couple orbital- $l(i)$  and spin  $s(i)$ - to individual electron  $j(i)$
- ▶ couple individual  $j(i)$  to total  $J$

- ✓ When carried through exactly, both treatments arrive at the same answers.  
(Arguably LS is more transparent)

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- ✓ For molecules, the jj-coupling approach appears to be prevalent (2-component, 4-component) but it is rarely carried through to an extent that the results approaches the relativistic many particle spectrum.  
(Requires highly excited determinants and lots of CI!)
- ✓ We prefer LS coupling (does not need highly excited configuration state functions and very little CI) → readily arrive at a spectrum that resembles the many particle relativistic spectrum much more closely

# The Goal

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It is **needed** to develop a method:

- Predictive
- Direct
- Physically proper
- Complete final state manifold
- Will be able to operate on large systems

# In principle:

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- Construction of many particle wavefunctions including relativity is well understood  
e.g. Multireference Configuration Interaction

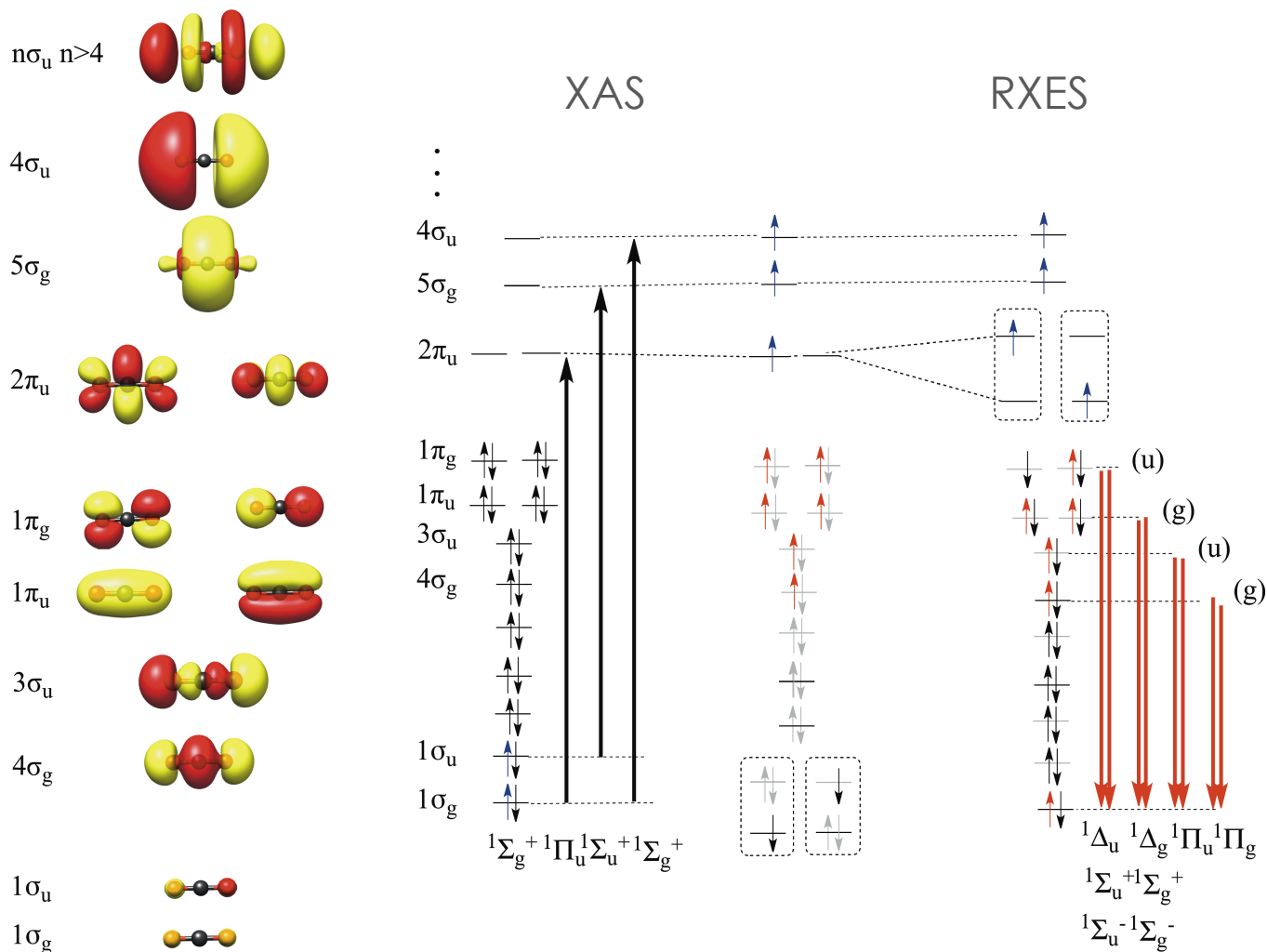
## **However**

This is presently possible for only very small systems (MRCI)  
or relative small transition metal complexes (CASSCF, RASSCF)

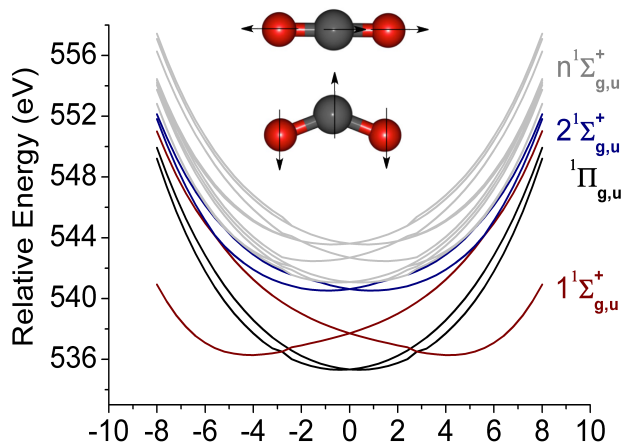


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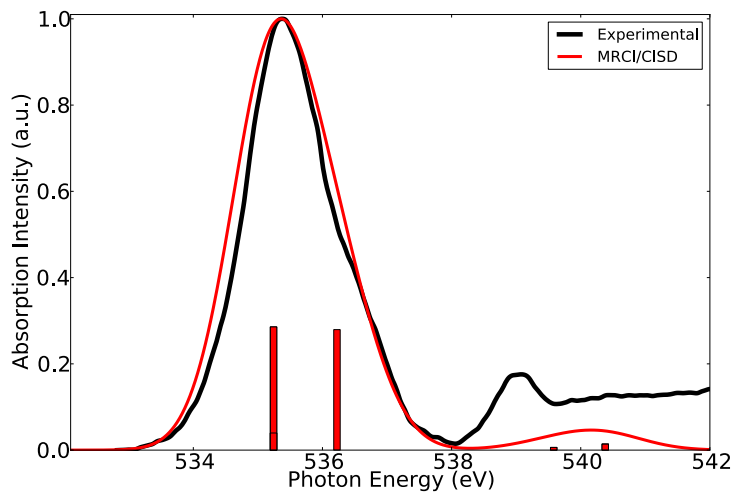


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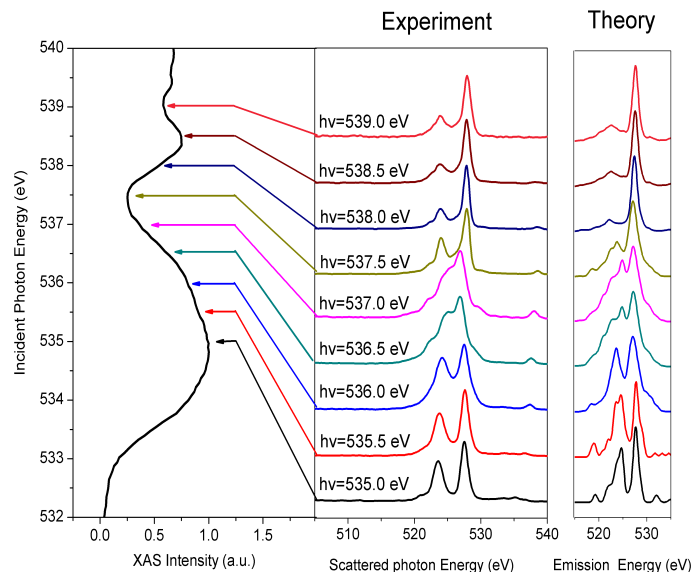
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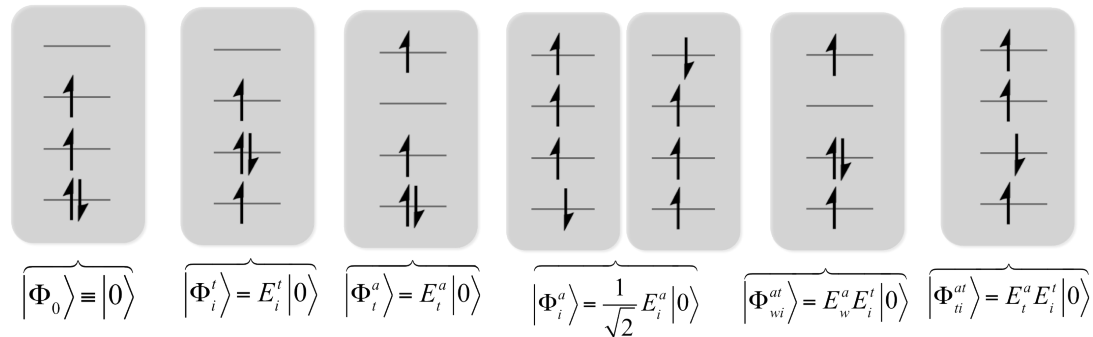


Resonance Emission



# DFT-ROCIS

Physical model space spin adapted single excitations from a high spin reference:



Multiplet configuration interaction through the full hamiltonian

Electron-electron screening is introduced via only 3 parameters to gain efficiency:

$$H_{ia,ia}^{DFT/ROCIS} = F_{aa}^{C(KS)} - F_{ii}^{C(KS)} - c_1(ii|aa) + 2c_2(ia|ia) \quad (\text{diagonal})$$

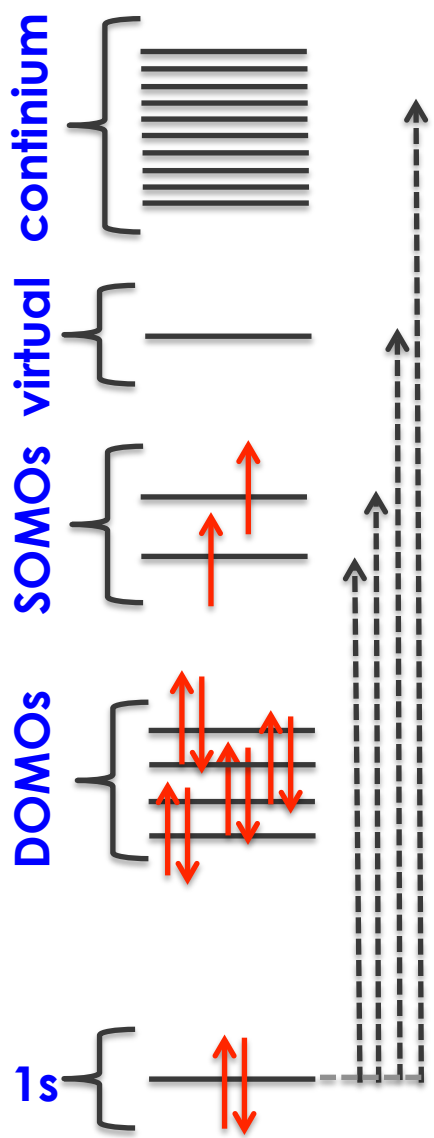
$$H_{ia,jb}^{DFT/ROCIS} = c_3 \left\{ \delta_{ij} F_{ab}^{C(KS)} - \delta_{ab} F_{ji}^{C(KS)} - (ij|ab) + 2(ia|jb) \right\} \quad (\text{off-diagonal})$$

Relativistic effects (spin orbit coupling) are explicitly treated via 2-particle spin-orbit operators (**not** parametric!)

$$\langle \Psi_I^{SM} | \hat{H}_{BO} + \hat{H}_{SOC} | \Psi_J^{S'M'} \rangle = \delta_{IJ} \delta_{SS'} \delta_{MM'} E_I^{(S)} + \langle \Psi_I^{SM} | \hat{H}_{SOC} | \Psi_J^{S'M'} \rangle$$

# Applications Calculation Protocols for X-Ray spectroscopies

# TD-DFT protocol for K-edges



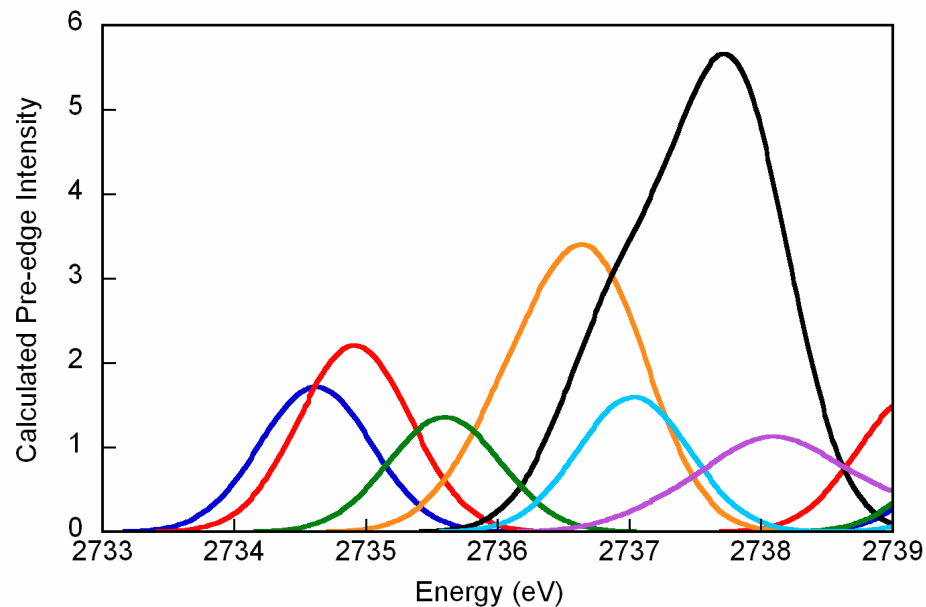
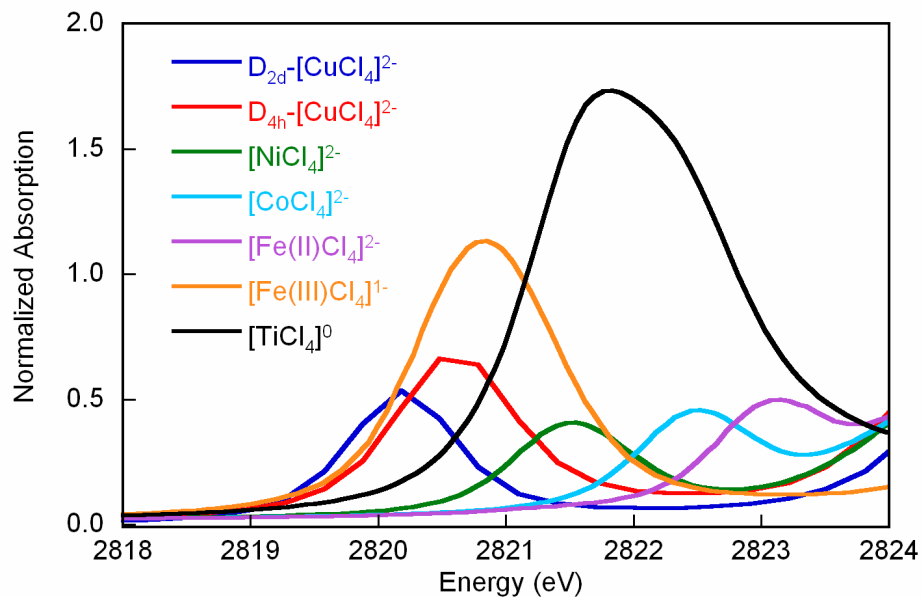
- Localize 1s-orbitals
- Include the 1s-Virtual in the TD-DFT equations
- Calculate dipole and quadrupole contributions to the transition moments
- Use large basis sets on the XAS absorber atom
- Treat relativistic effects
- Compensate negative total charges through COSMO

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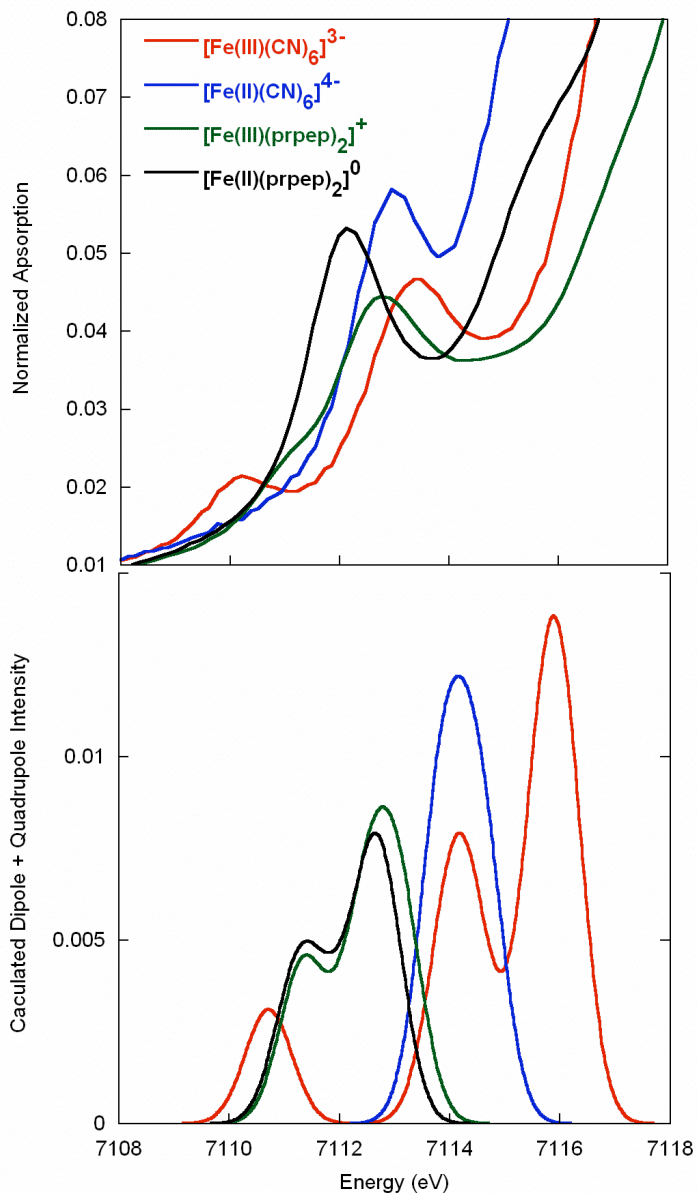
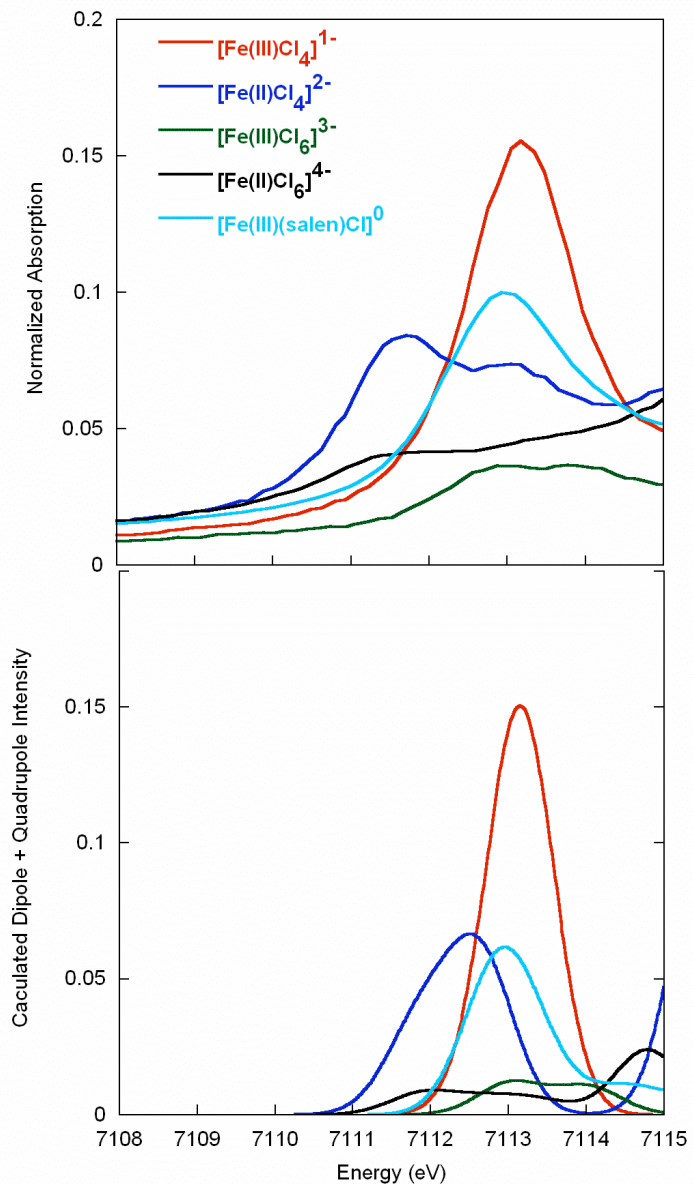
Prediction of **Metal** and **Ligand K- edges** is accessible via **TD-DFT** methodologies .



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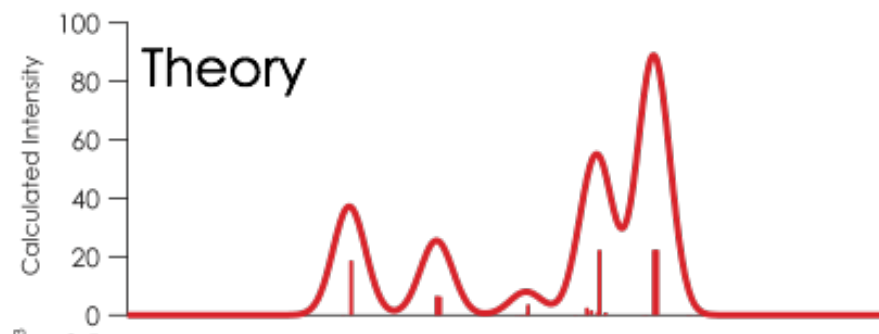
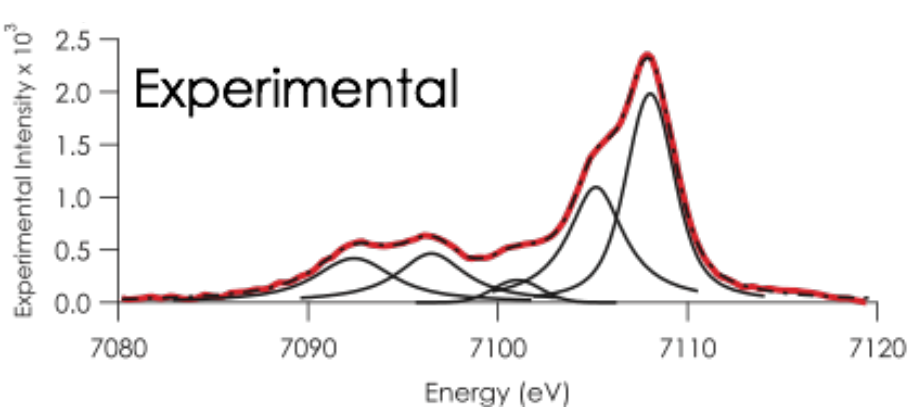


The same holds for **Metal K-edges**

- agreement between theory and experiment **is good** after constant **shift** of the excitation energy and inclusion of quadrupole intensity

$$\sigma(\omega_{em}) = \frac{4\pi}{3} \omega_{em} \sum_{i_\sigma j_\sigma} \sum_{\alpha=x,y,z} \frac{|\langle i_\sigma | m_\alpha | j_\sigma \rangle|^2 \Gamma}{(\omega_{FI} - \omega_{em})^2 + \frac{1}{4} \Gamma^2} = \frac{4\pi}{3} \omega_{em} \sum_{i_\sigma j_\sigma} \sum_{\alpha=x,y,z} |\langle i_\sigma | m_\alpha | j_\sigma \rangle|^2 f(\omega_{em}, \omega_{ij}, \Gamma)$$

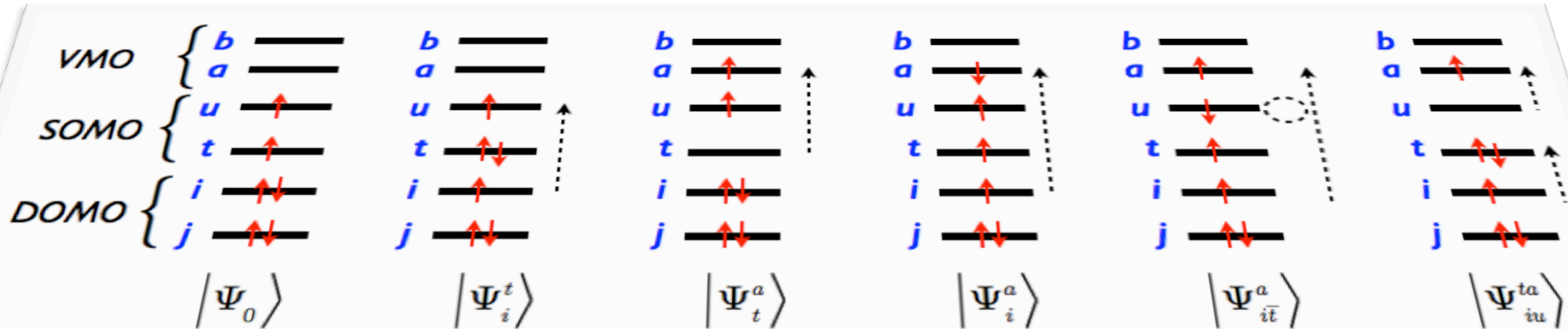
- Emission energies are calculated as  $\Delta E$  between **one-electron Kohn-Sham orbitals**
- Transitions require **metal character** in molecular orbitals involved in the emission process
- Intensity is governed by the **electric dipole operator ( $m_\alpha$ )**



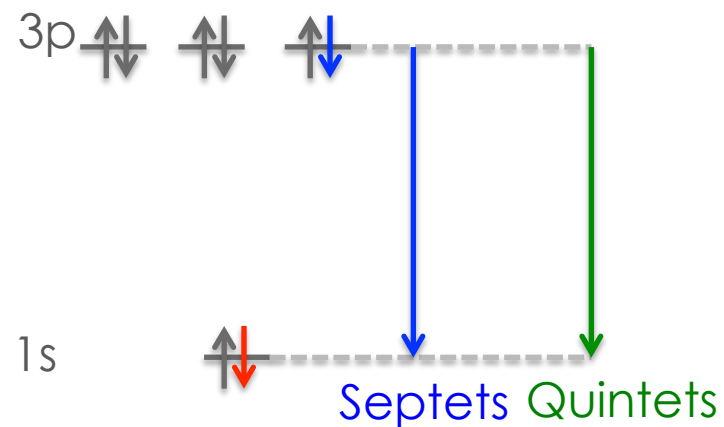
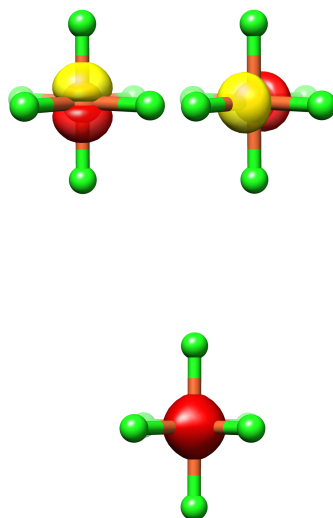
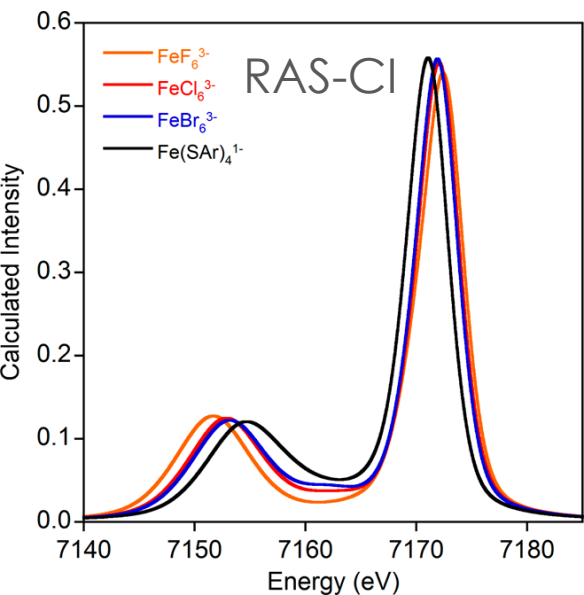
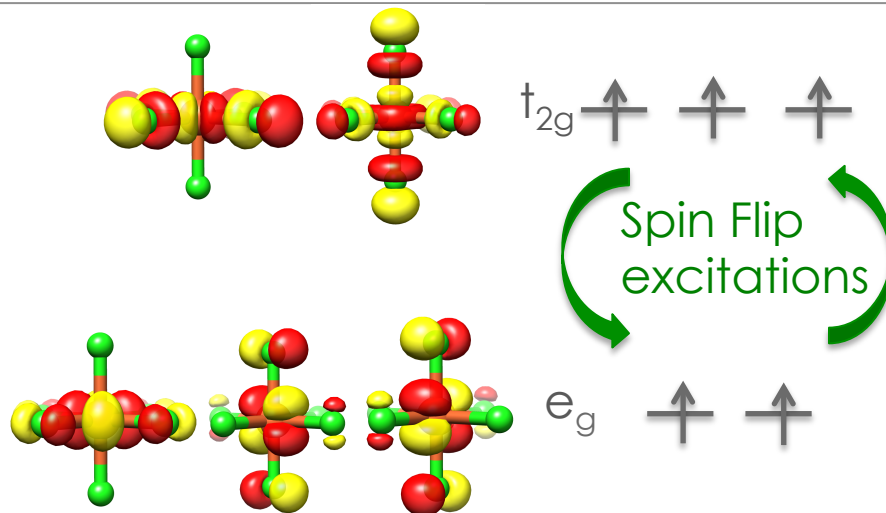
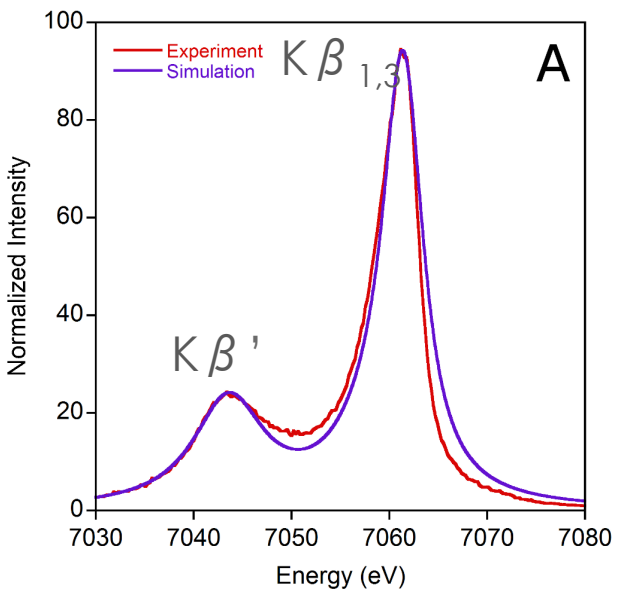


# What about our wfn tools?

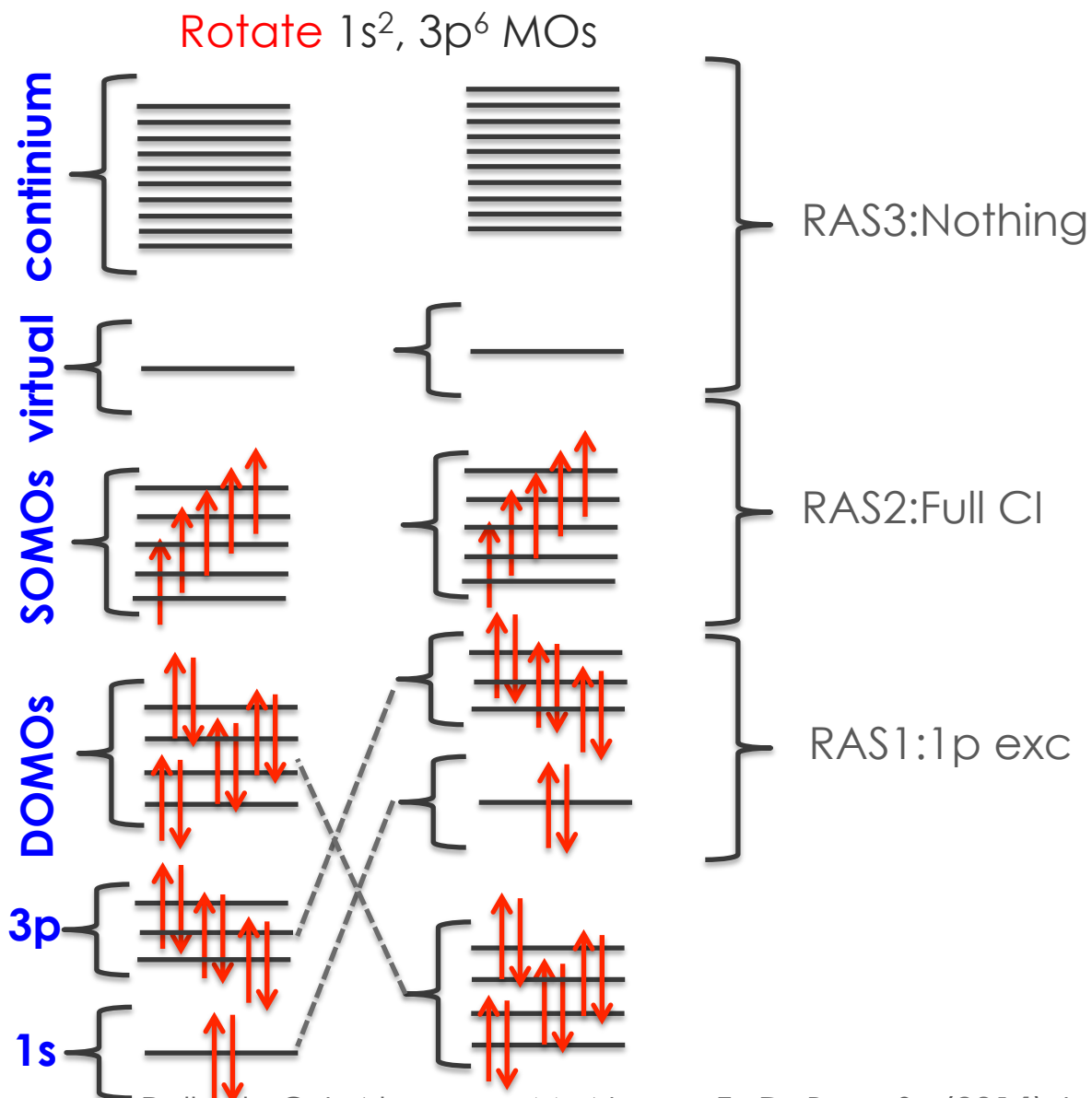
Can we use wavefunction based methodologies  
**CI** or **CAS** and describe the core electron excitation  
 processes **explicitly?** ✓ Yes



# XES calculations with RAS-CI

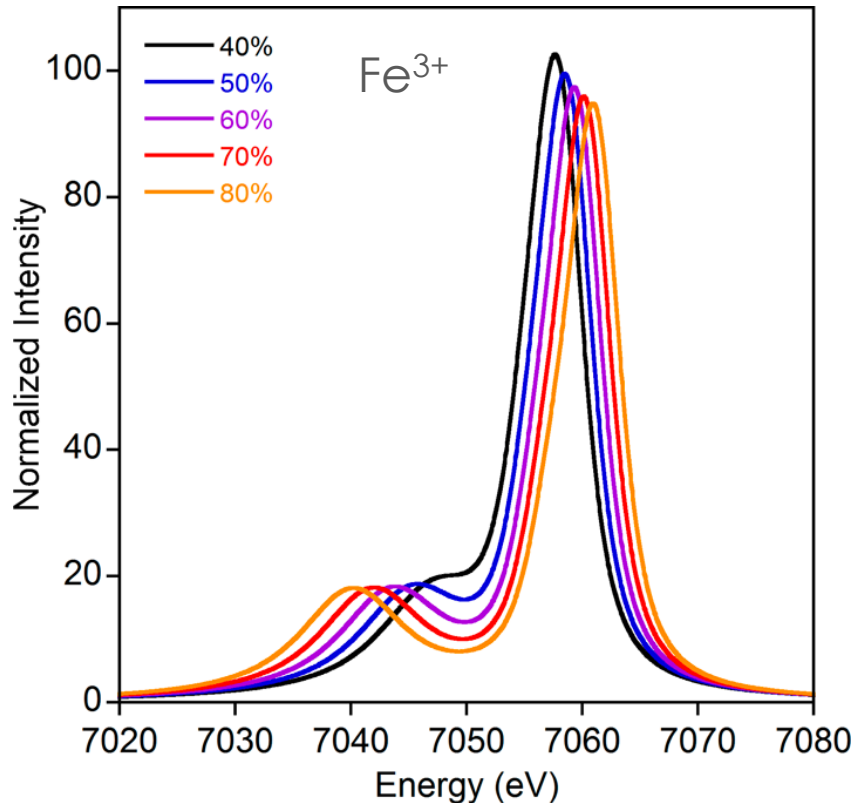


# The RASCI protocol for XES

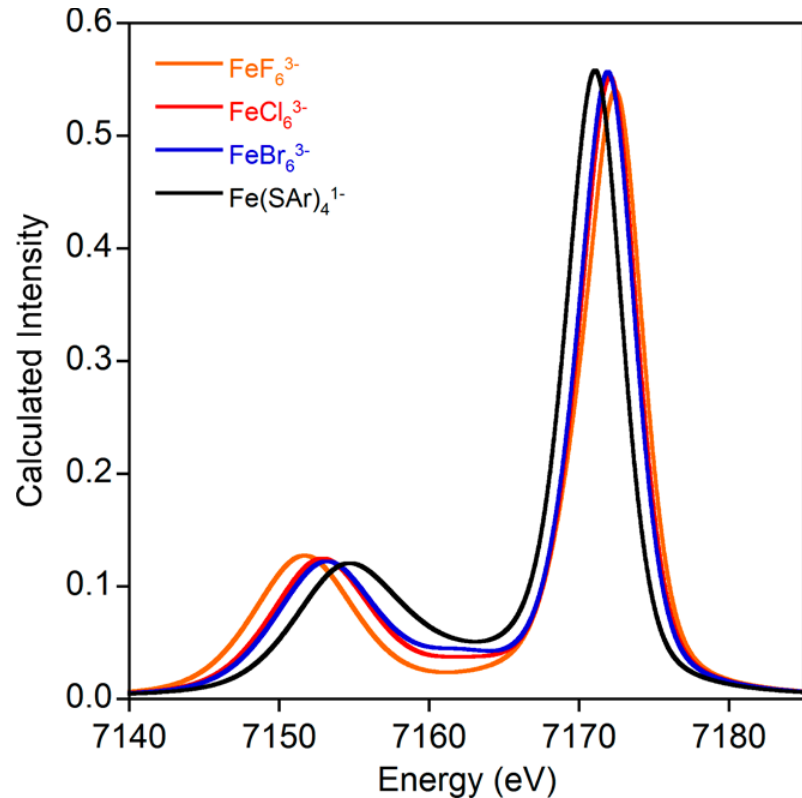


- **Generate** a CAS or QRO orbitals for the Valence states
- **Rotate**  $1s^2, 3p^6$  MOs below the  $3d^5$  ones
- **Perform** the RAS-CI SOC of the ionized complex  $[\text{FeCl}_6]^{3-}$ , including  $2S+1=7,5$  multiplicities
- **Compensate** negative total charges through COSMO

## Multiplets



## RAS-Cl

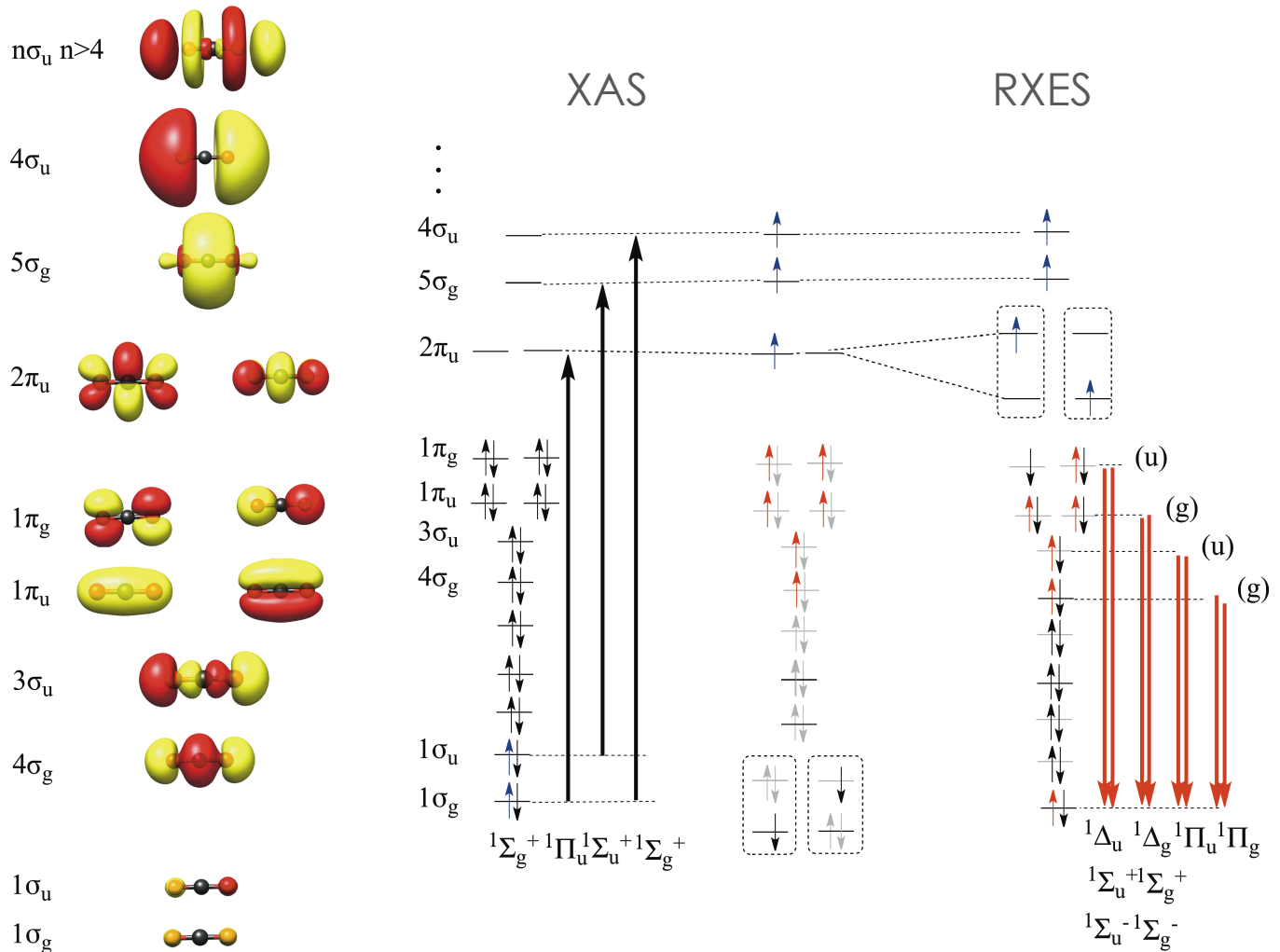


$$I_{K\beta} \sim (3p | 3d) * (1-a)^2 Fe_{3d}$$

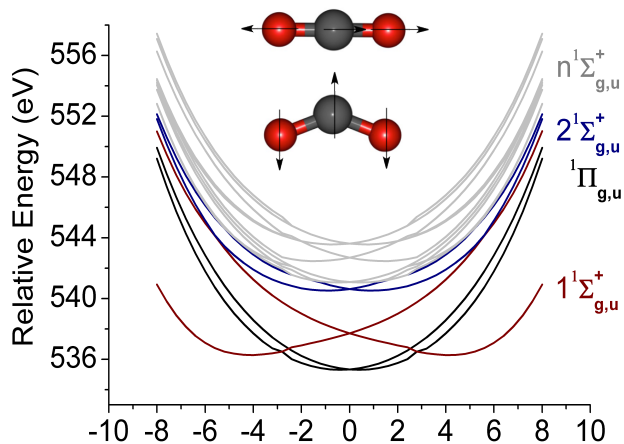
- Intensity mechanism: **reduction** of the p– d exchange as modulated by metal– ligand covalency

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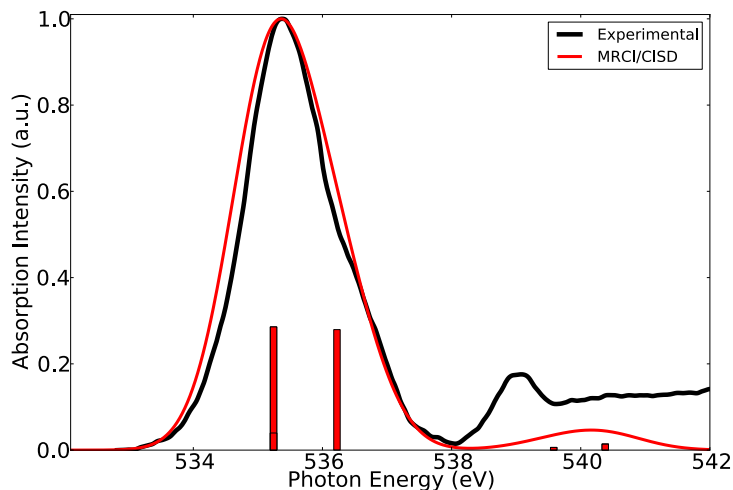


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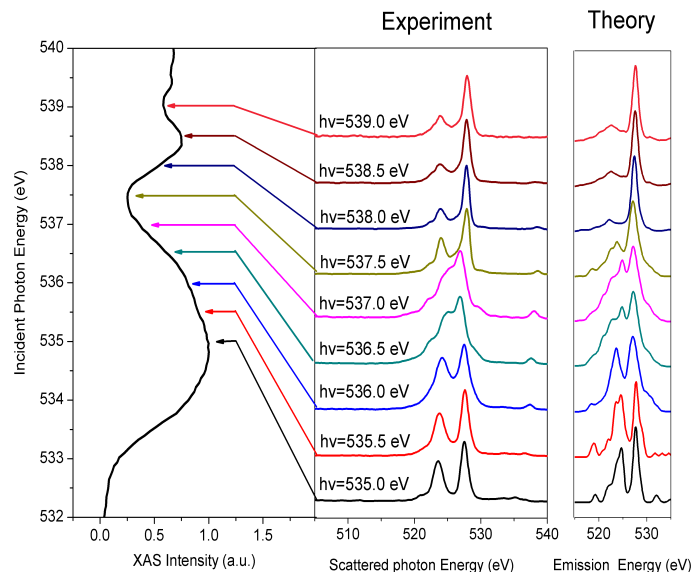
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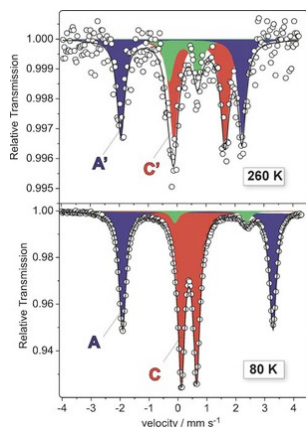


# DFT/ROCIS Calculation protocol

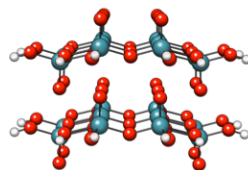
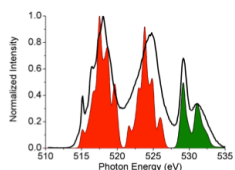
It is an implementation:

- Efficient
- Can do 100s of states  
100s of atoms → It is **applicable** to large systems

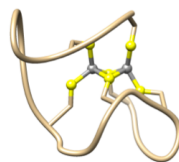
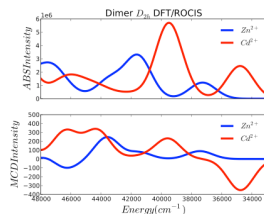
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 $14 \times 10^3$



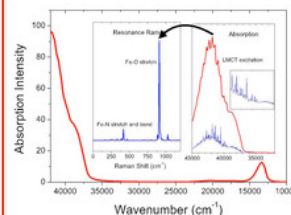
X-Ray  
XAS, XES, RIXS  
 $10 \times 10^3 - 400$



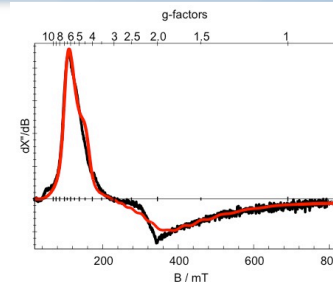
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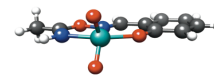
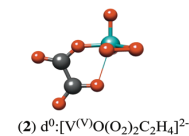
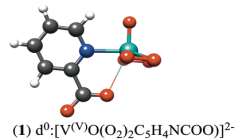
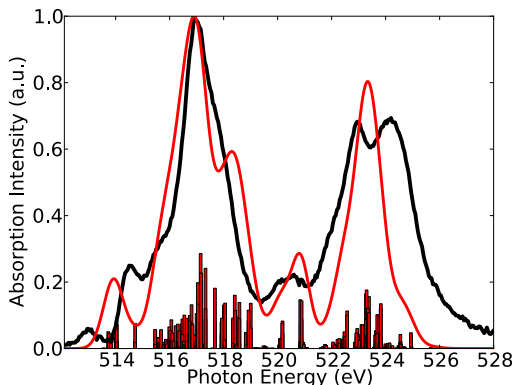
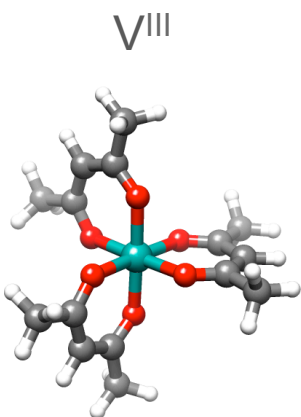
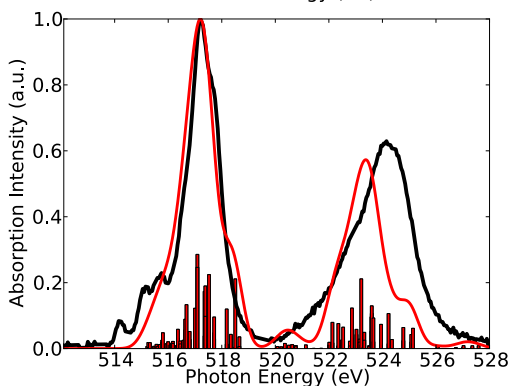
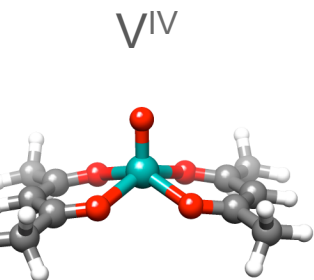
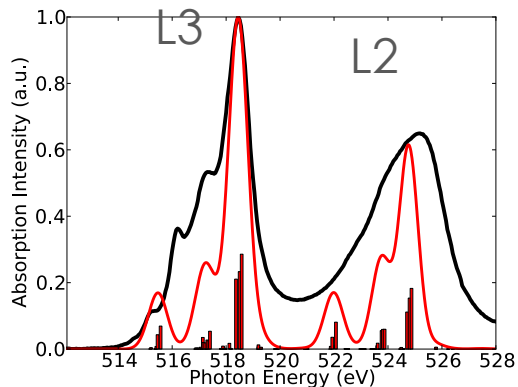
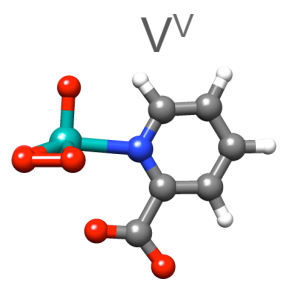
EPR  
 $10^{-4} - 10^{-5}$  (eV)



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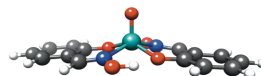
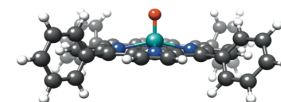
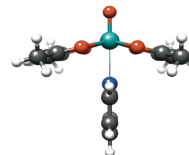
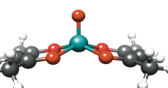


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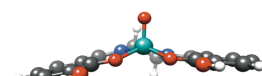
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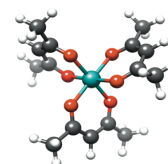
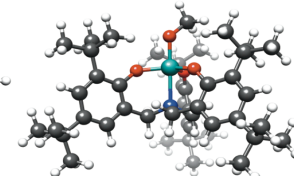
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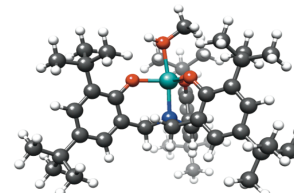
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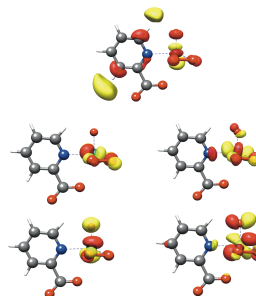
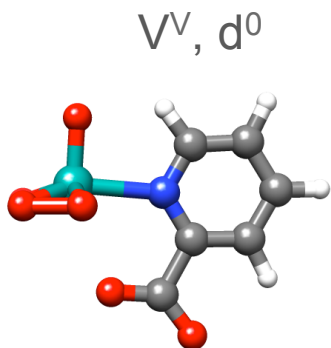
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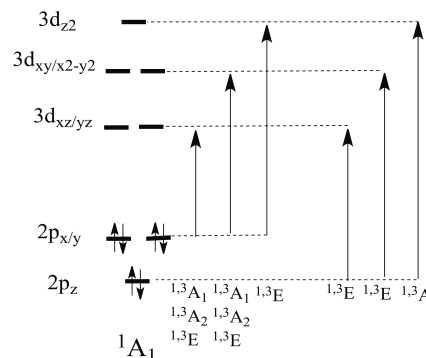
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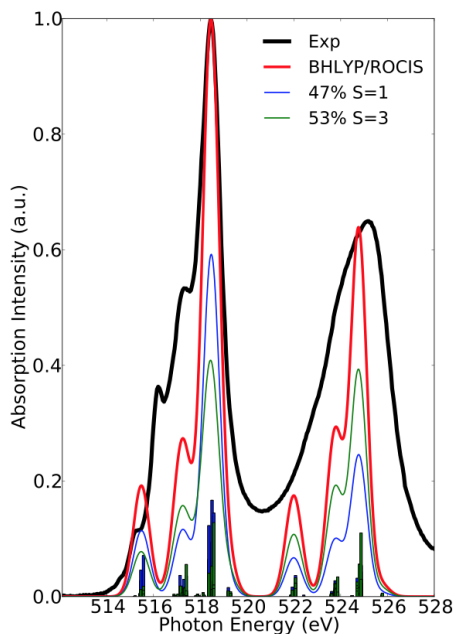
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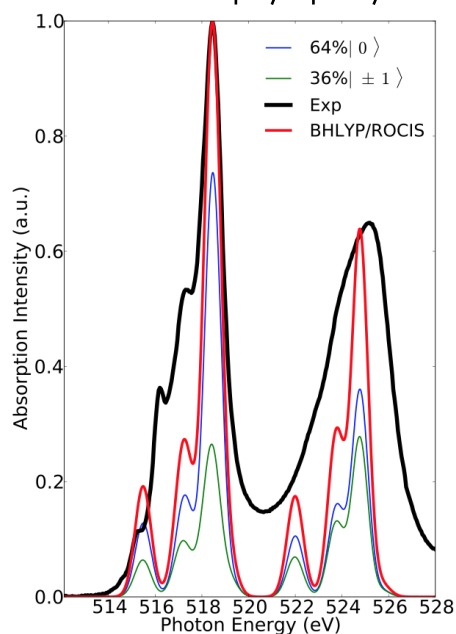
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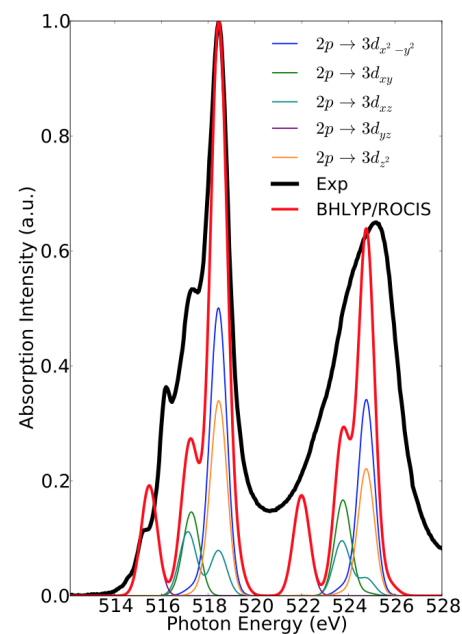
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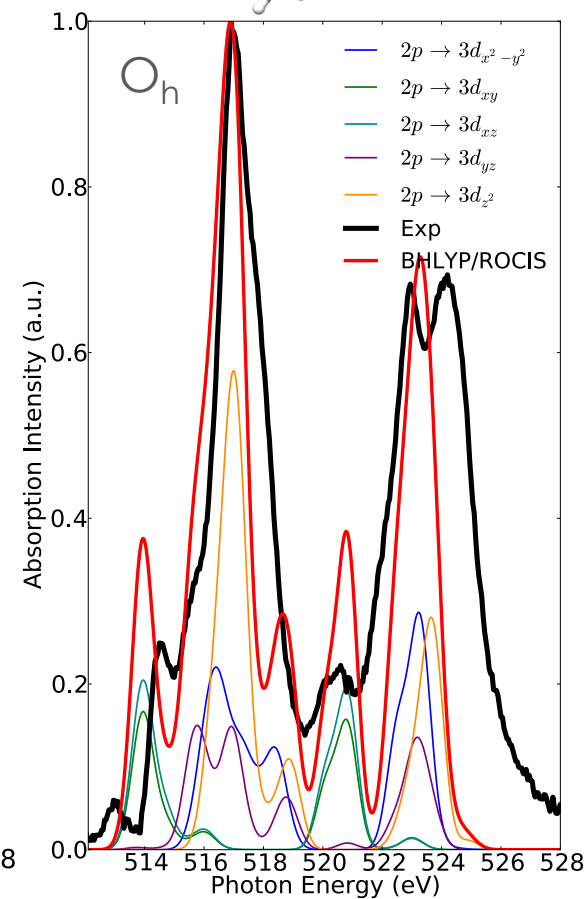
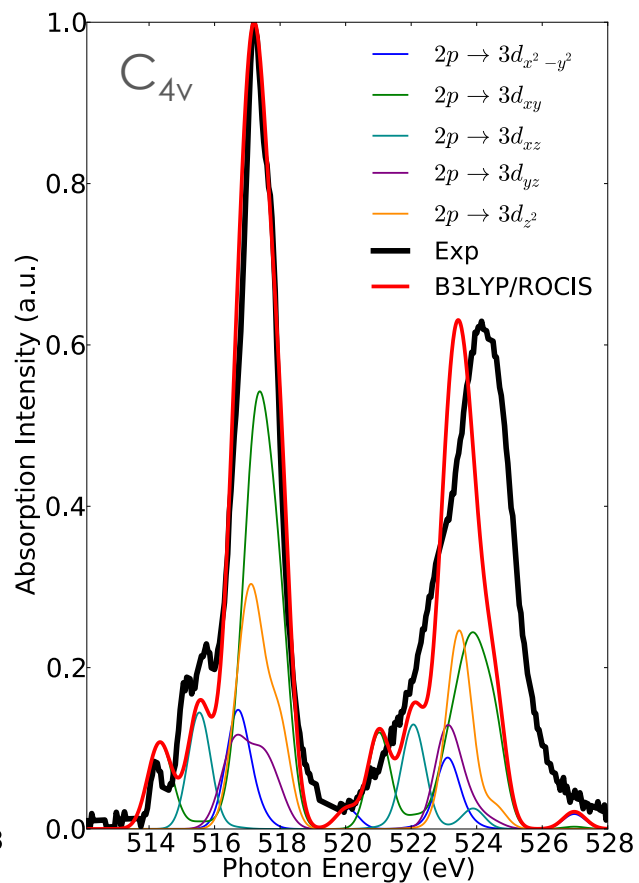
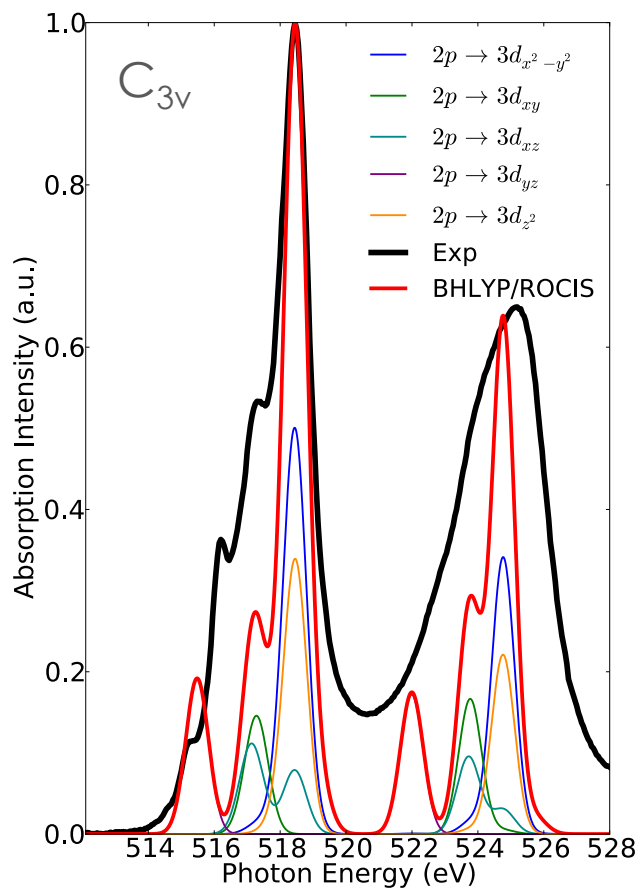
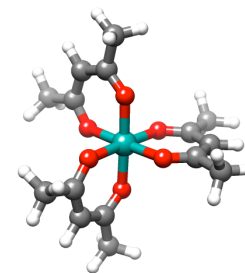
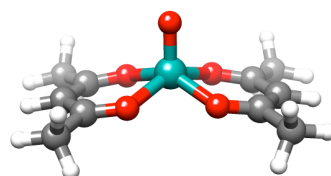
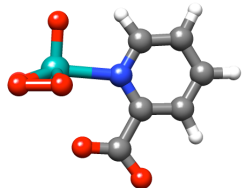
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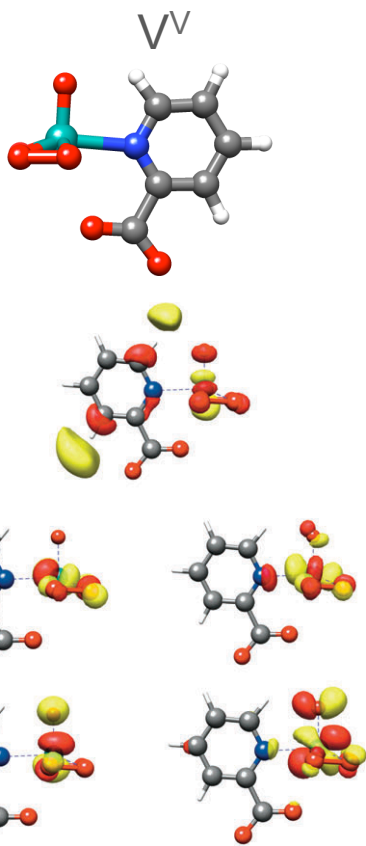
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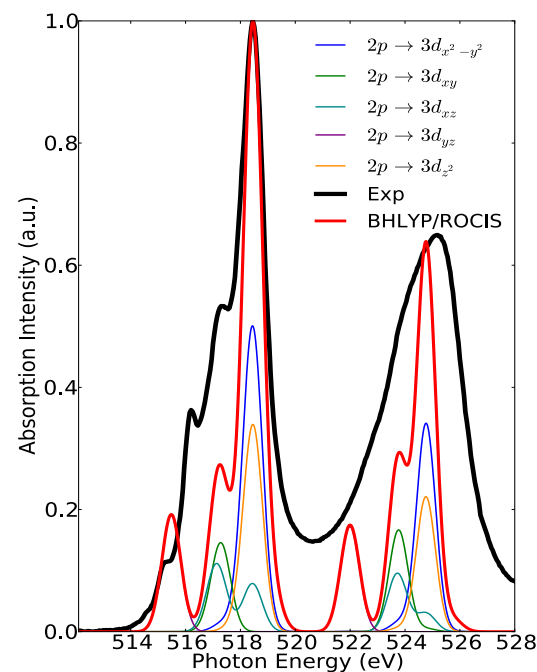
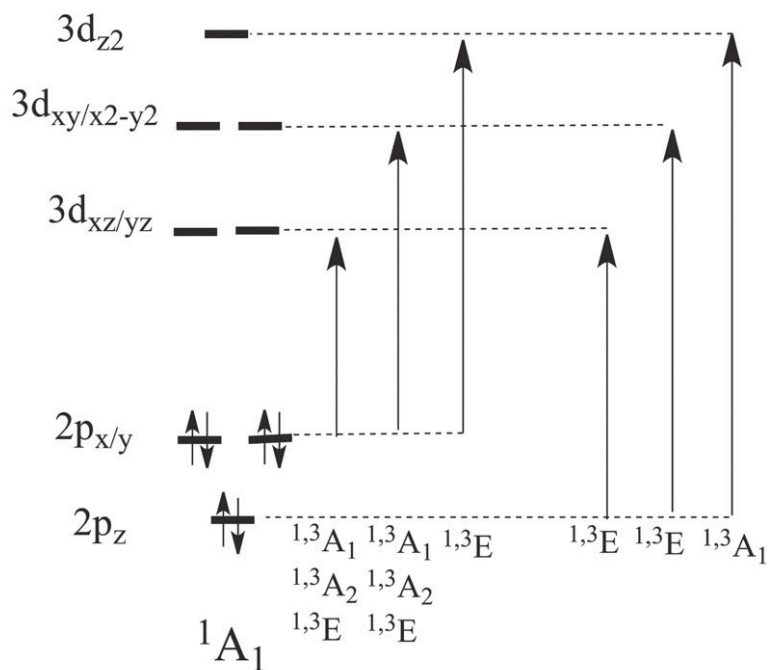
# The Multiplet structure



# p/h vs many particle spectrum

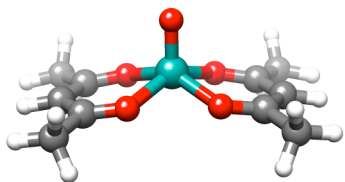


- **Good** agreement
- Rather simple multiplet structure



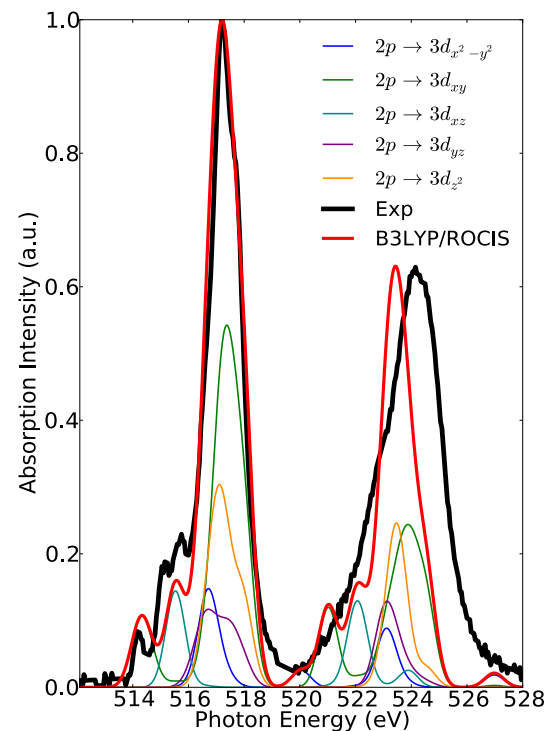
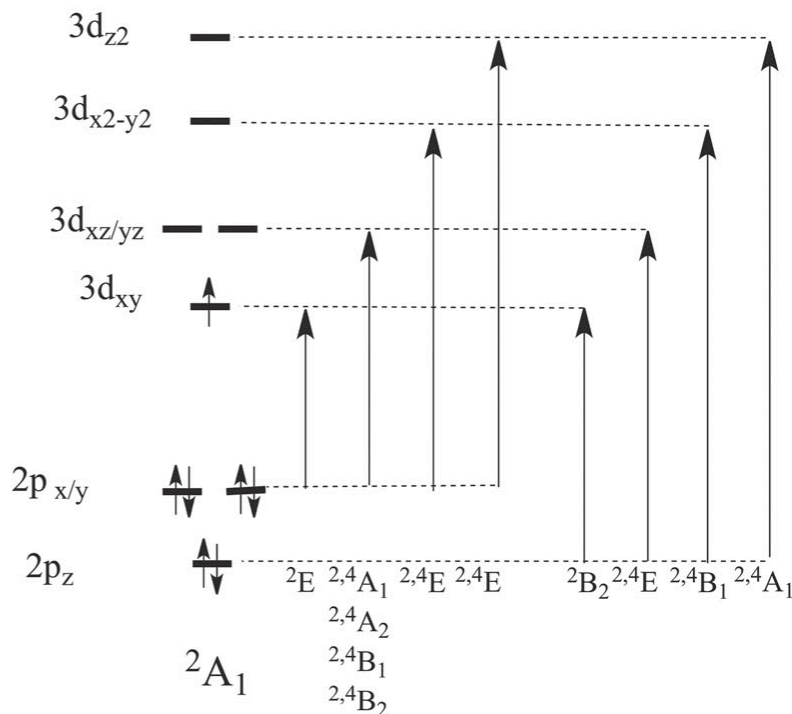
# p/h vs many particle spectrum

V<sup>IV</sup>

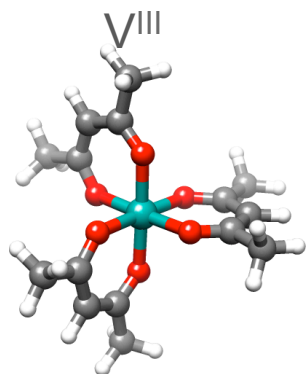


- Relatively good agreement
- Quite complicated multiplet structure

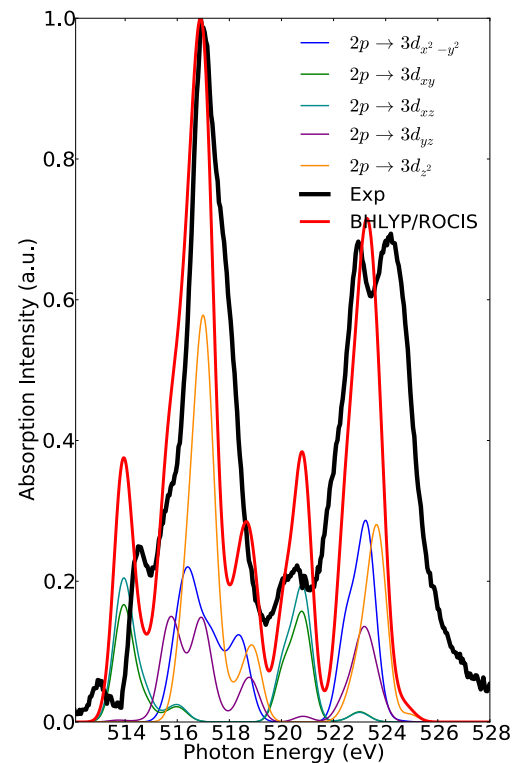
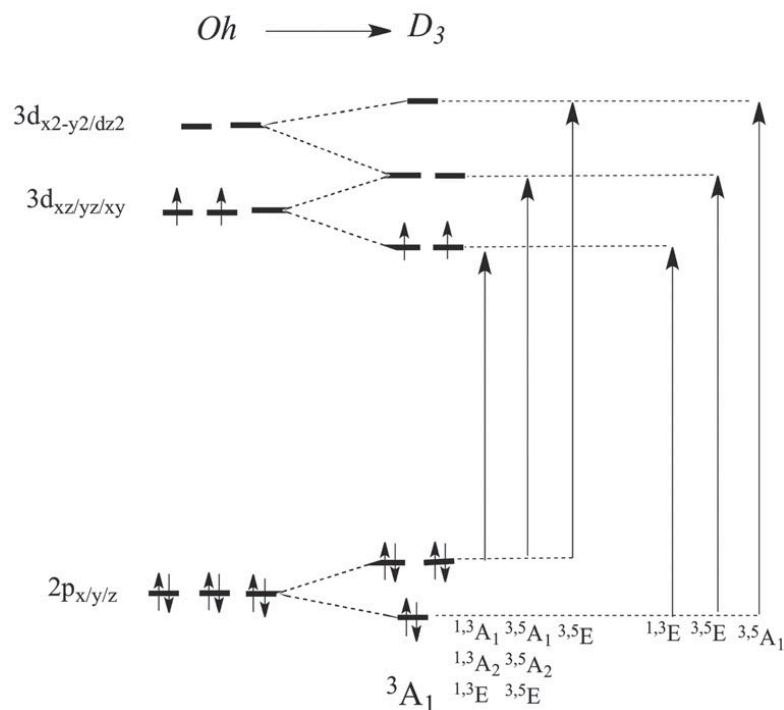
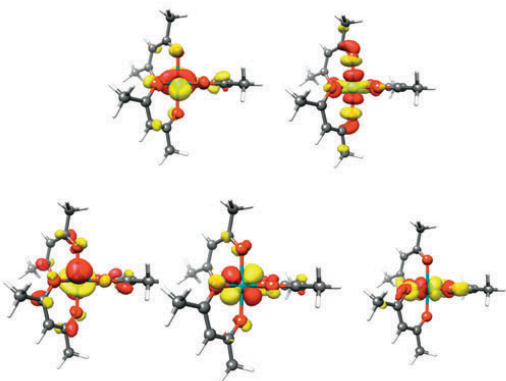
$C_{4v}$



# p/h vs many particle spectrum



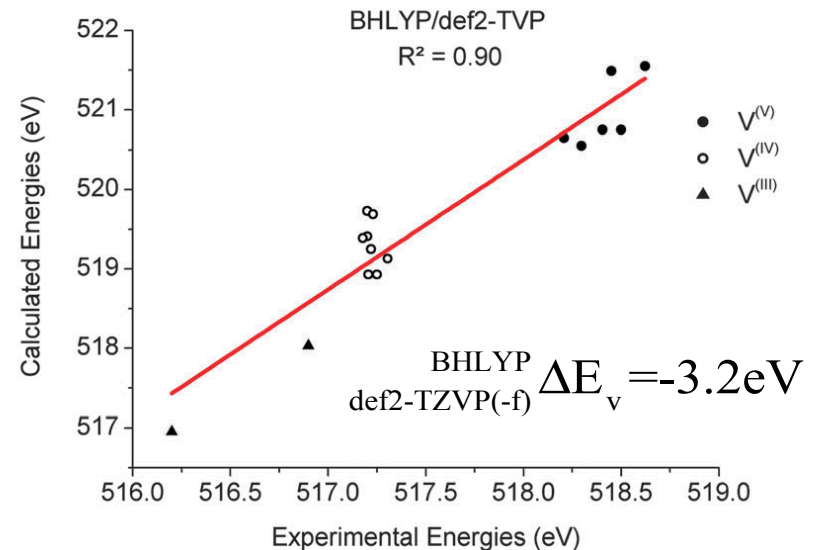
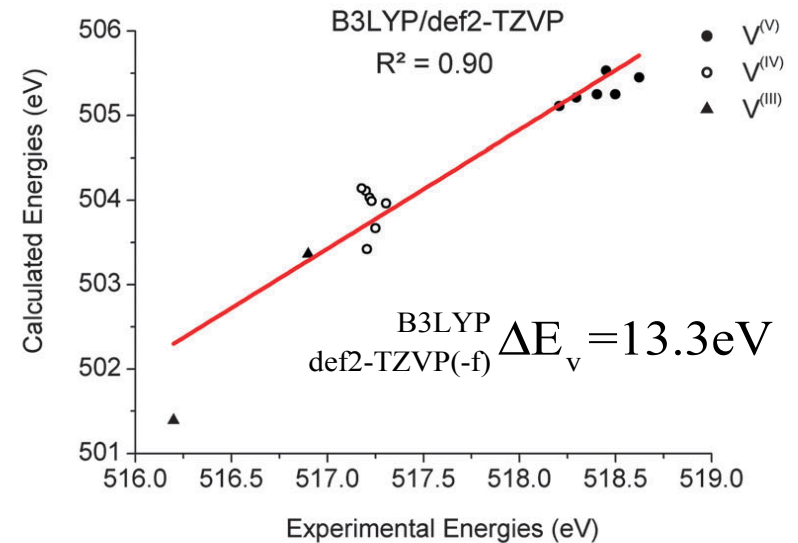
- **Bad** agreement!
- Very complicated multiplet structure



# Calculated transition Energies

Calculated absolute transition energies carry errors that arise from:

- Shortcomings of the density functionals in the core region
  - Limitations of the one-particle basis set
  - Shortcomings in the accurate modeling of spin-free relativistic effects.
- ✓ These errors are usually highly systematic and for a given basis set and density functional be taken into account by introducing an **element-dependent shift**.
- ✓ Simple linear regression is sufficient to establish predictive accuracy in the calculated transition energies

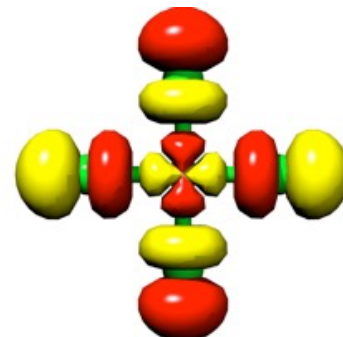
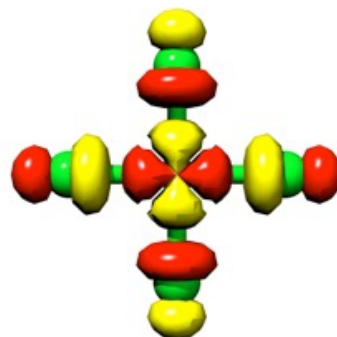


# Effects of bad covalency $[\text{CuCl}_4]^{2-}$

3-4% underestimation of L2 position relative to L3 spectrum position what is the origin?

$$|\phi_{MO}\rangle = (1-a)^2 \text{Cu}_{3d} + a \text{Cl}_{2p}$$

LUMO



**UHF**

**B3LYP**

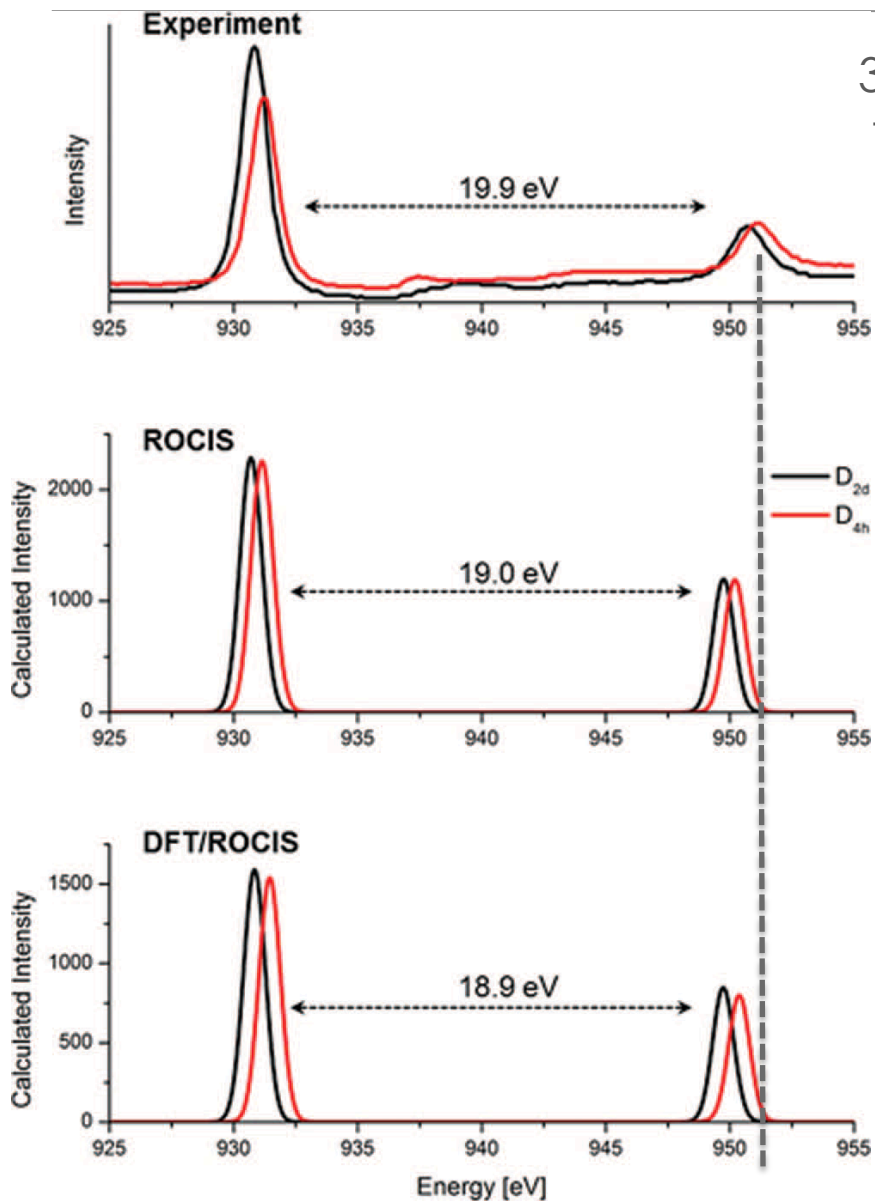
**100% HF-X**

**20% HF-X**

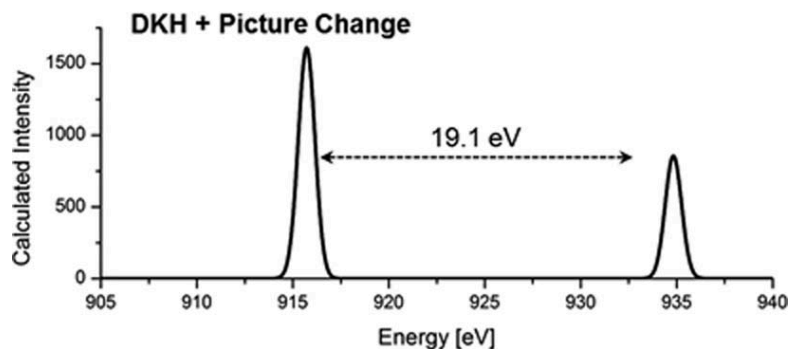
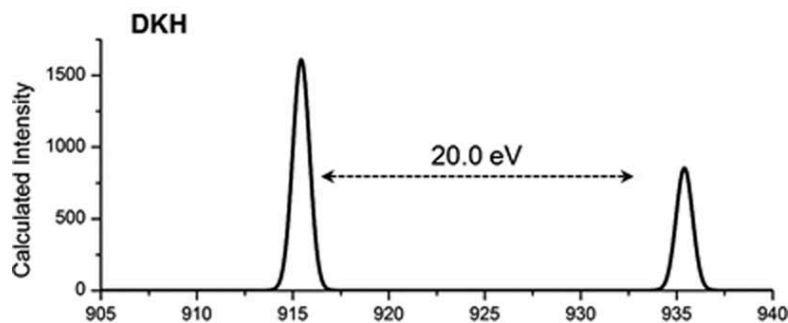
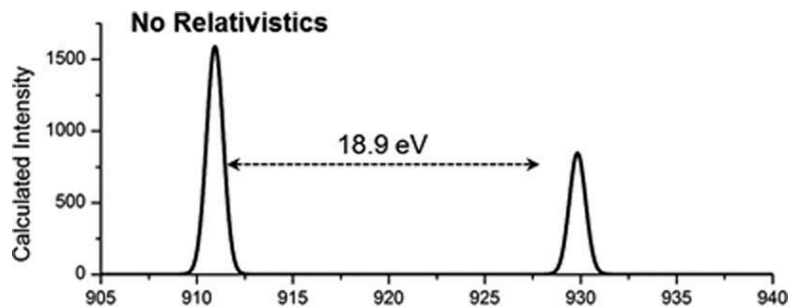
**86% Cu**

**54% Cu**

**„Experimental“ estimate ~61%**

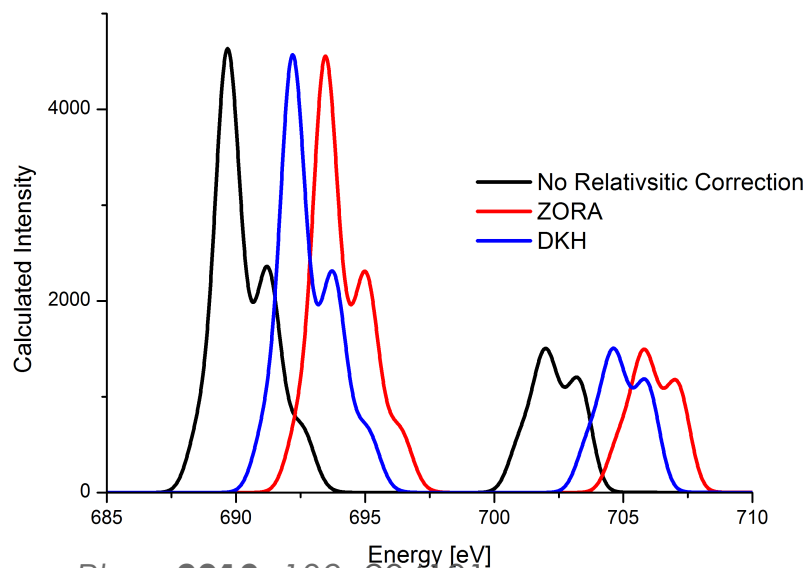


# Effect of Relativity treatment



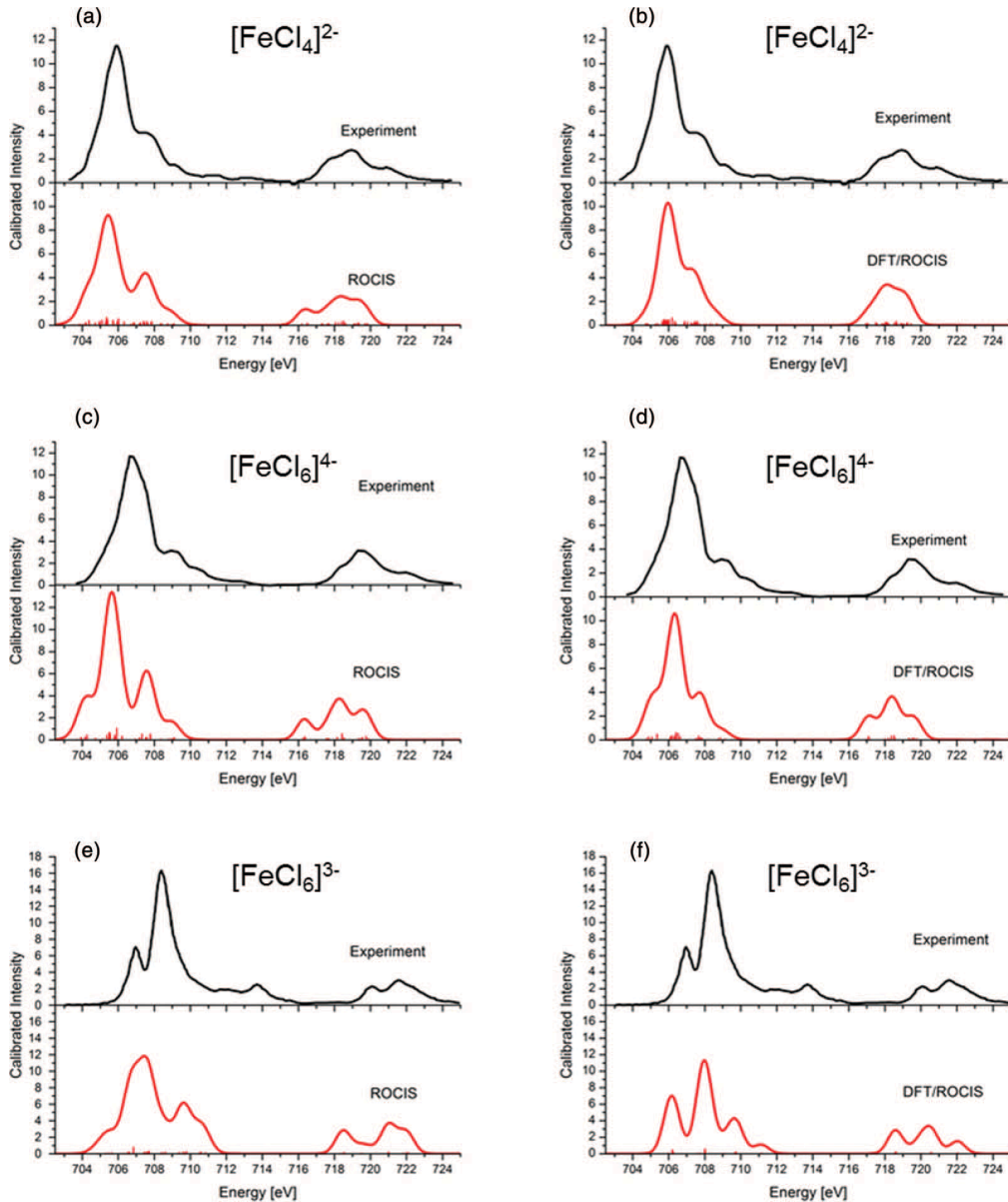
Relativistic effects influence the calculated transition energies

But not the spectral shape

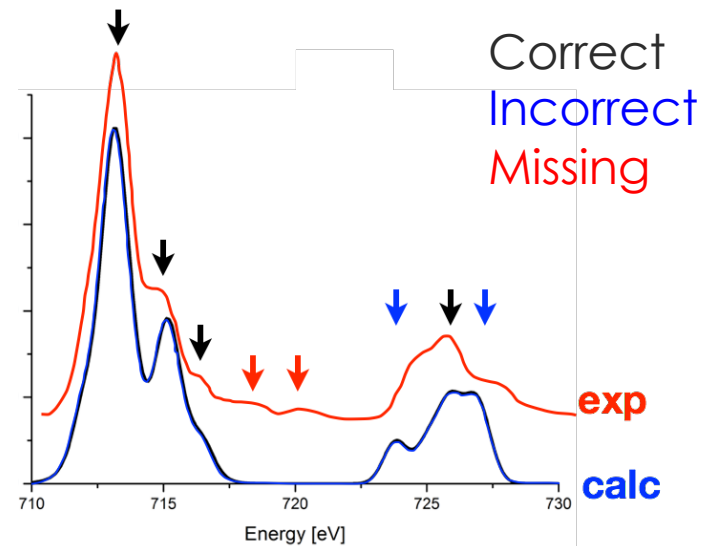




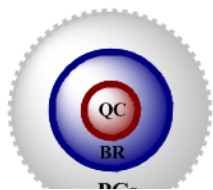
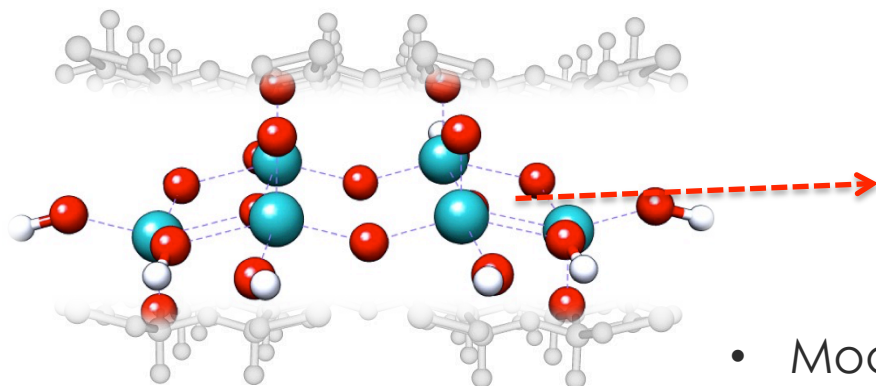
# $[\text{FeCl}_4]^{-1}$ : comparison to experiment



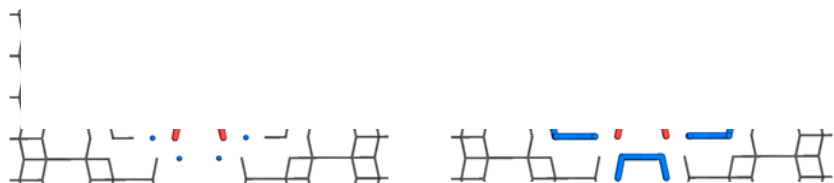
- In general ROCIS and DFT/ROCIS perform similarly for iron chlorides
- Covalency modifies the LF splittings inside the L3 features
- The missing or incorrect intensity features originate to the missing double excitations from the DFT/ROCIS Ansatz

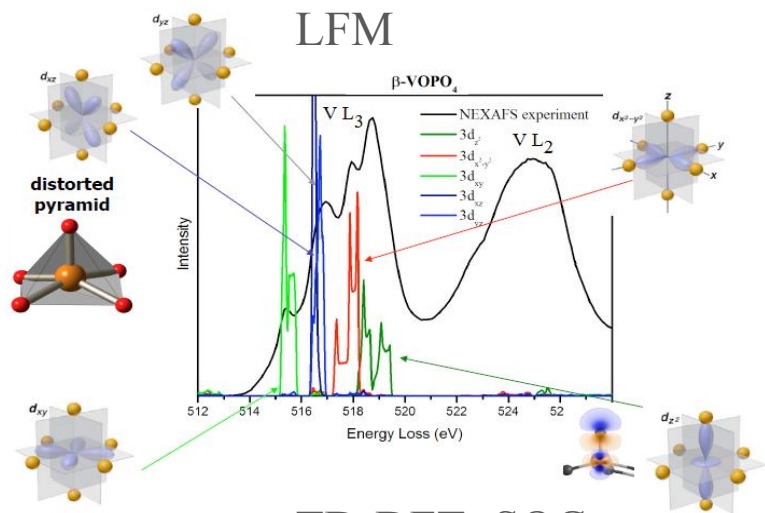


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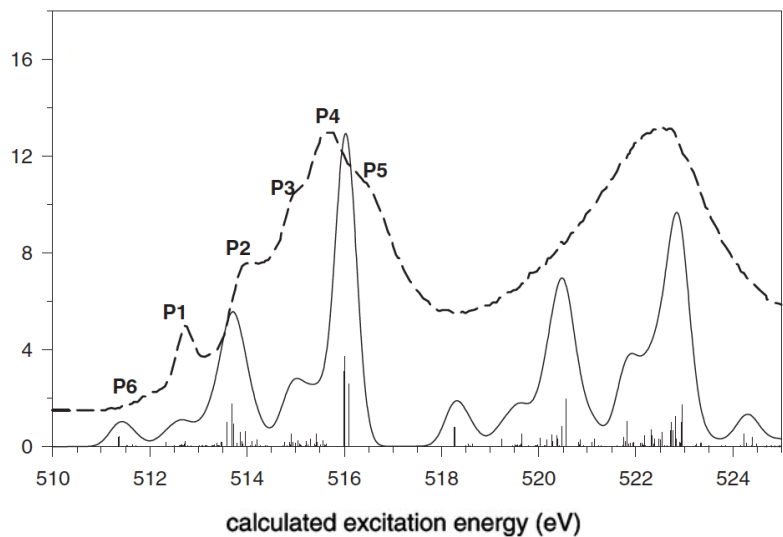


- Model is extracted from the sold **crystallographic shell**
- **Embedded** in a point charge field
- **Don't** always use formal charges!
- Use capped ECPs to prevent charge flow
- Compensate for negative charges

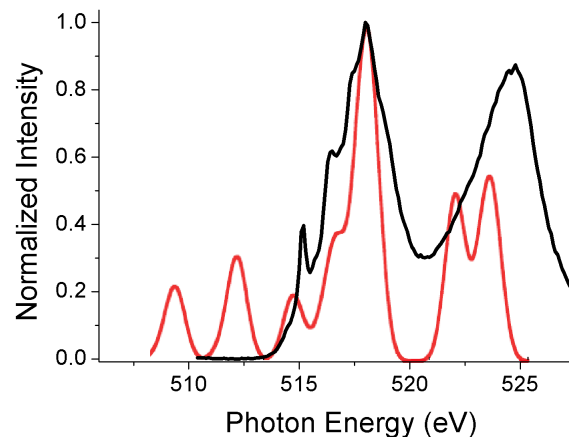




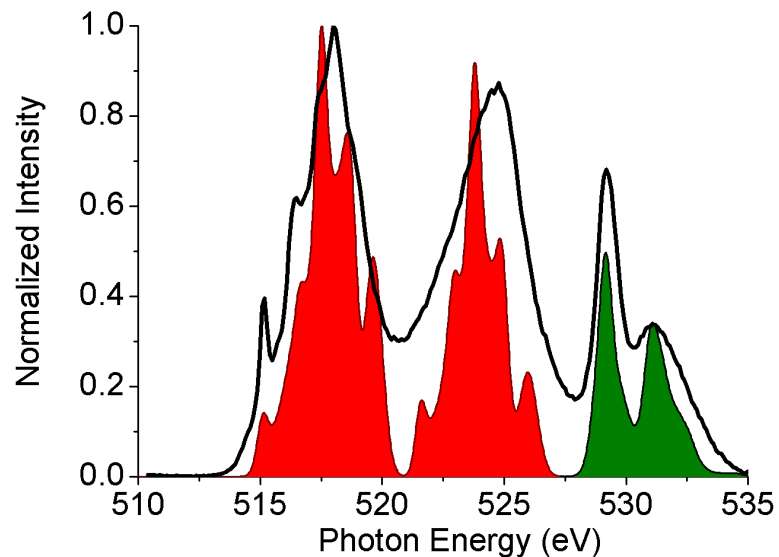
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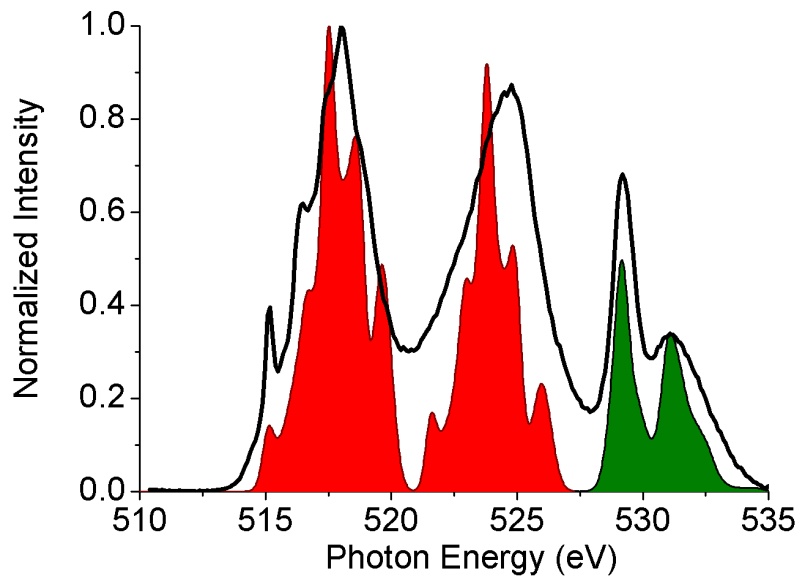
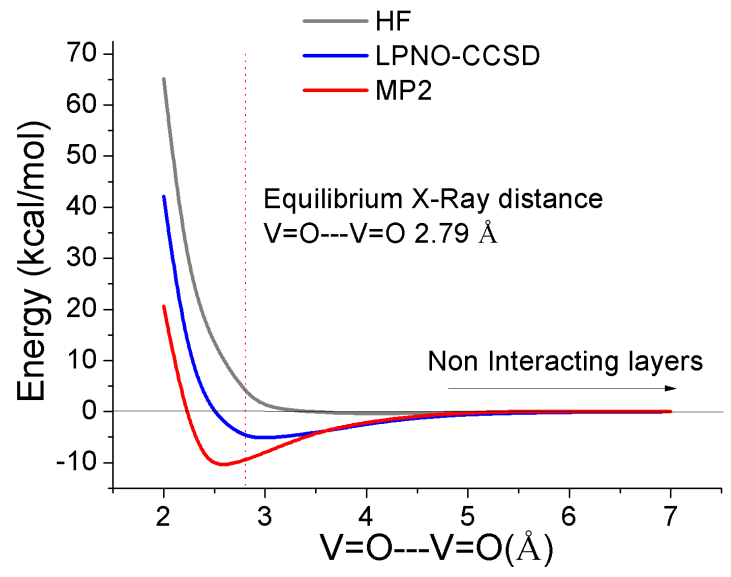
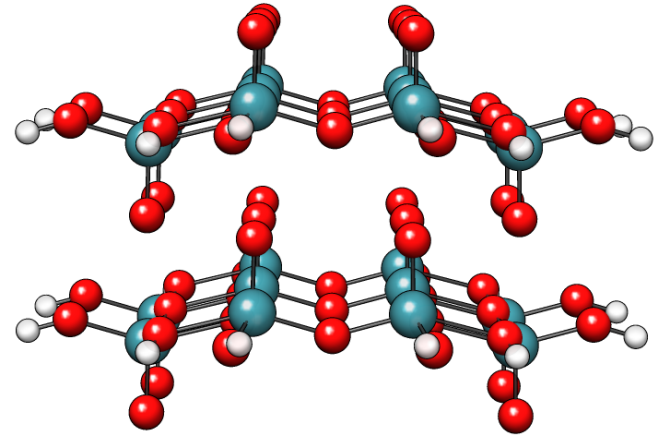
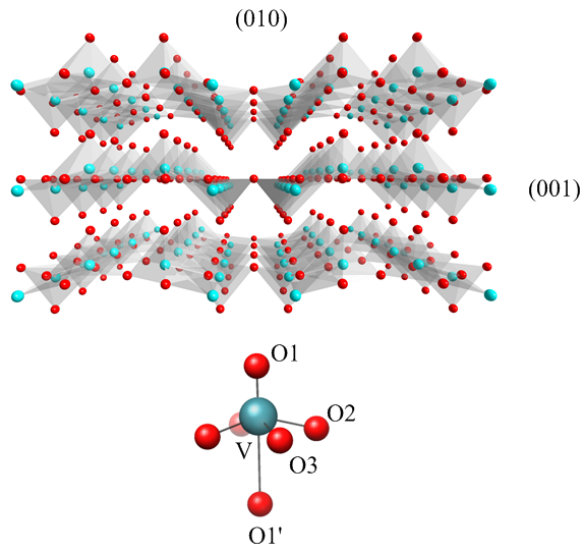
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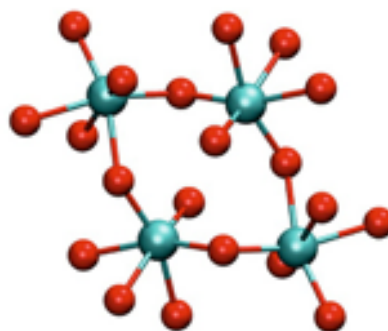
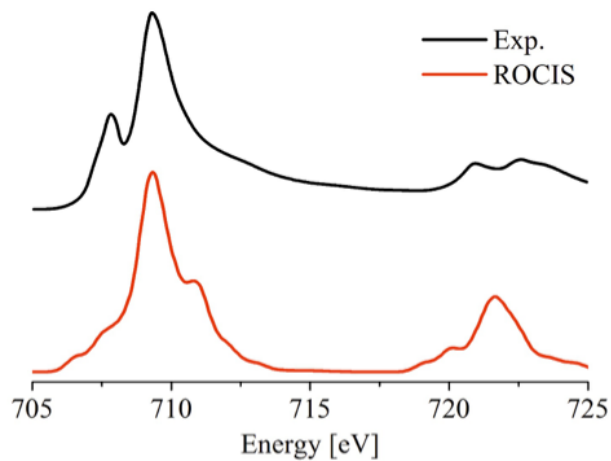


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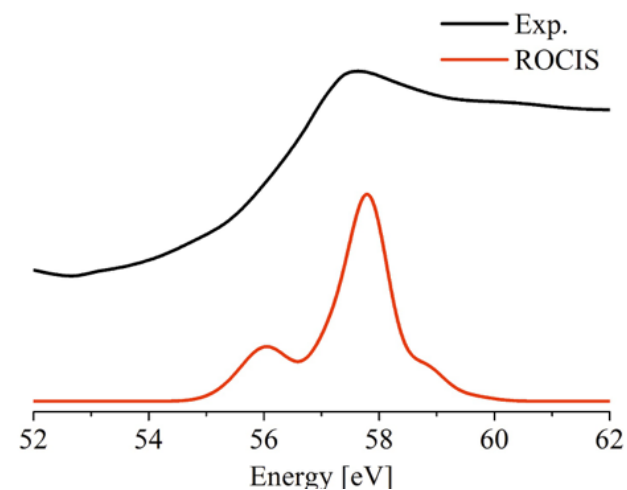
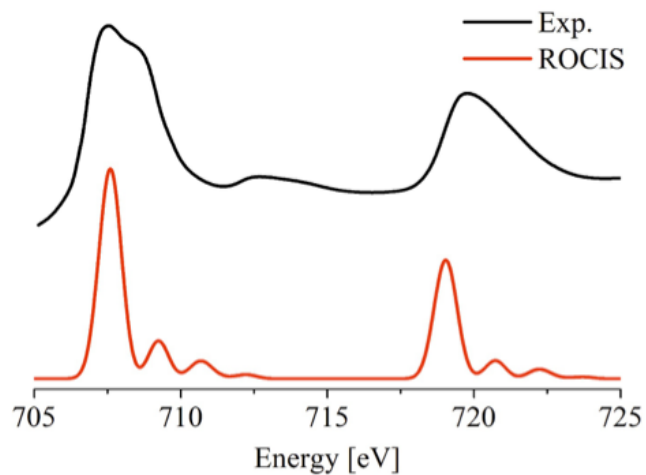
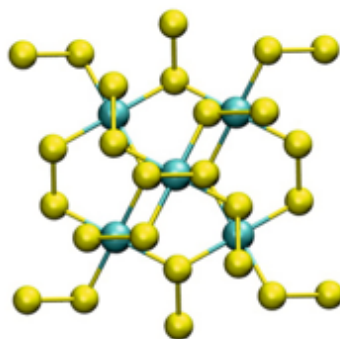
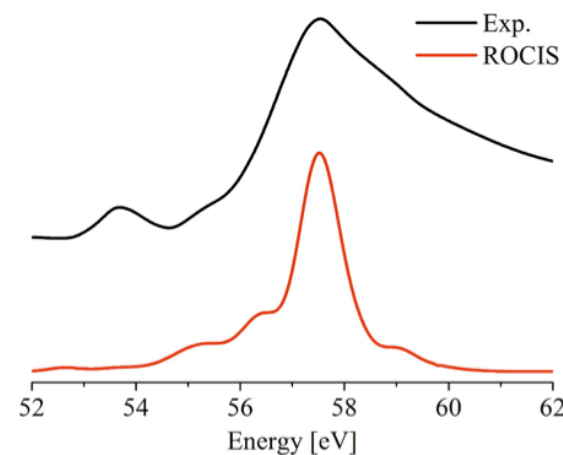


# Open shell oxides

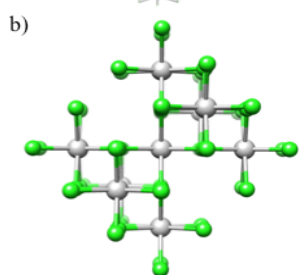
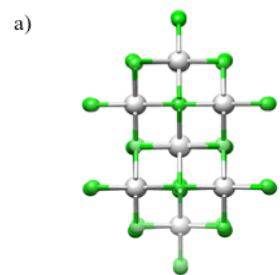
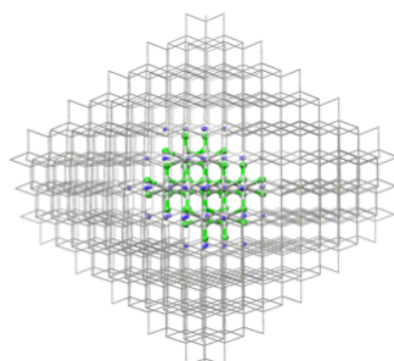
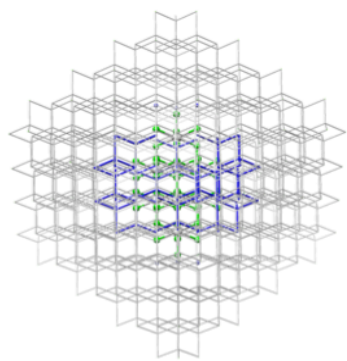
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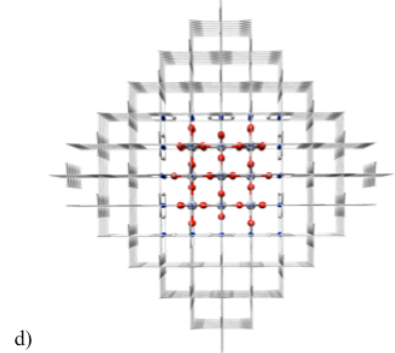
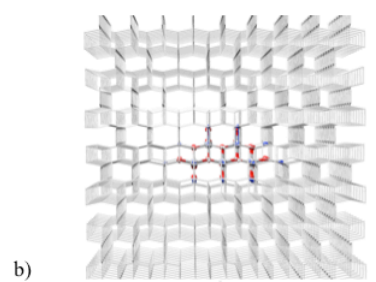
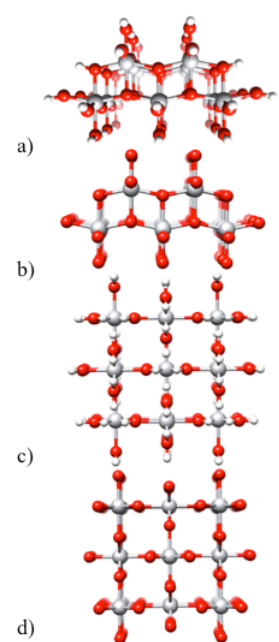
## M-edge



# Not only that: $\text{CaF}_2$ and $\text{TiO}_2$

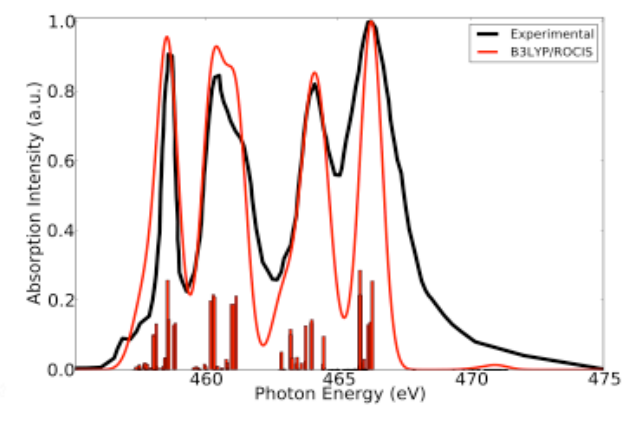
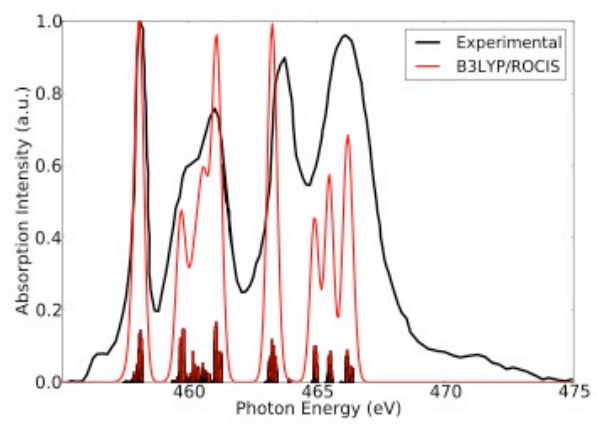
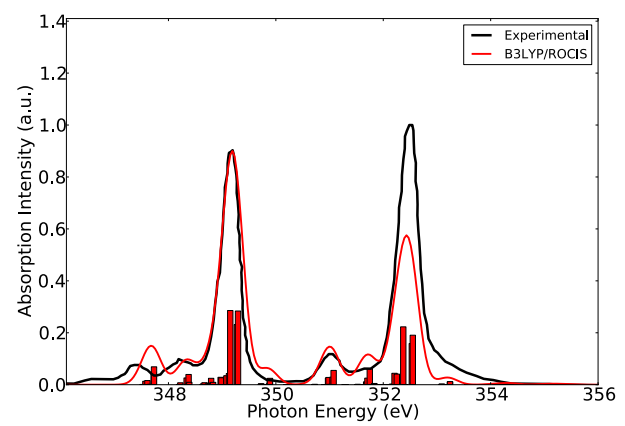


$\text{CaF}_2$



$\text{TiO}_2$ -rutile

$\text{TiO}_2$ -anatase

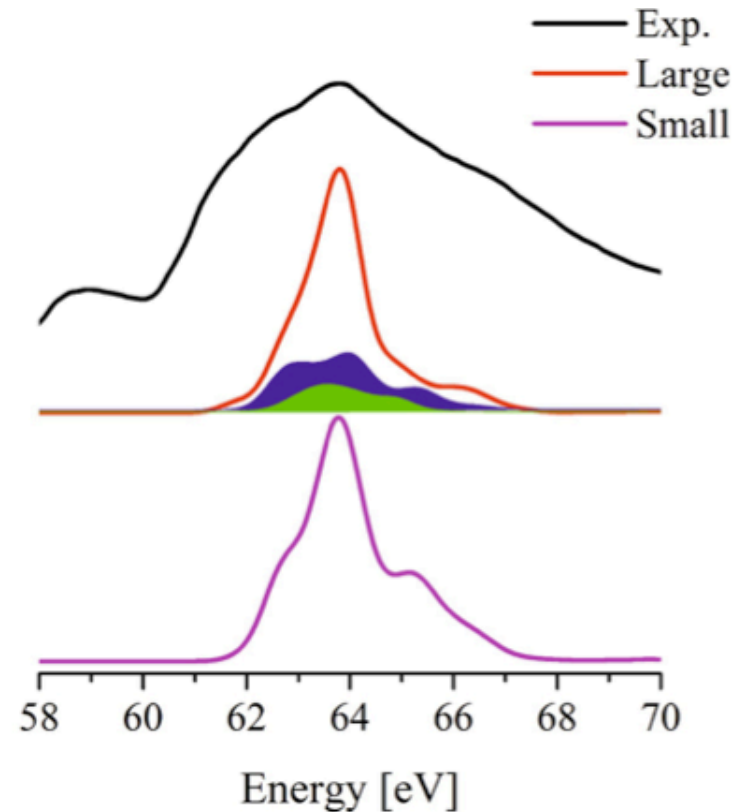
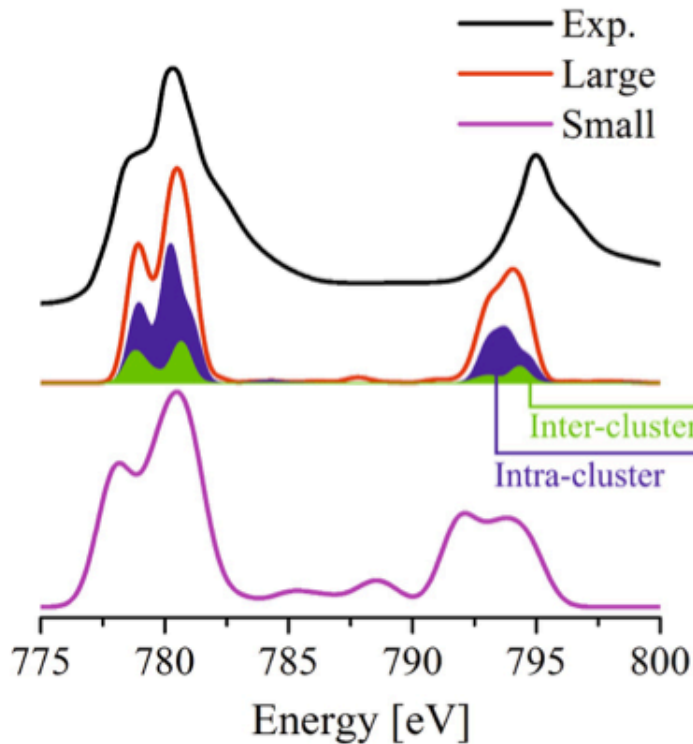
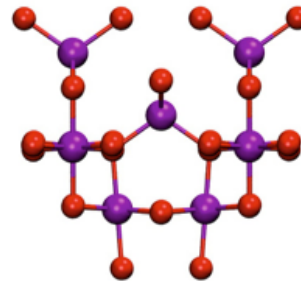


# Mixed Valence Oxides

L-edge



M-edge





Reactivity group  
Annete Trunschke



## Catalysis

- **Combination of spectroscopic techniques for both Experiment and Theory is needed**

- State of the art XAS and Raman experimental techniques
- Well established and fully implemented calculation protocols are used:
  - Raman/rRaman (independent mode displaced harmonic oscillator mode)**
  - NEXAFS (DFT/ROCIS)**

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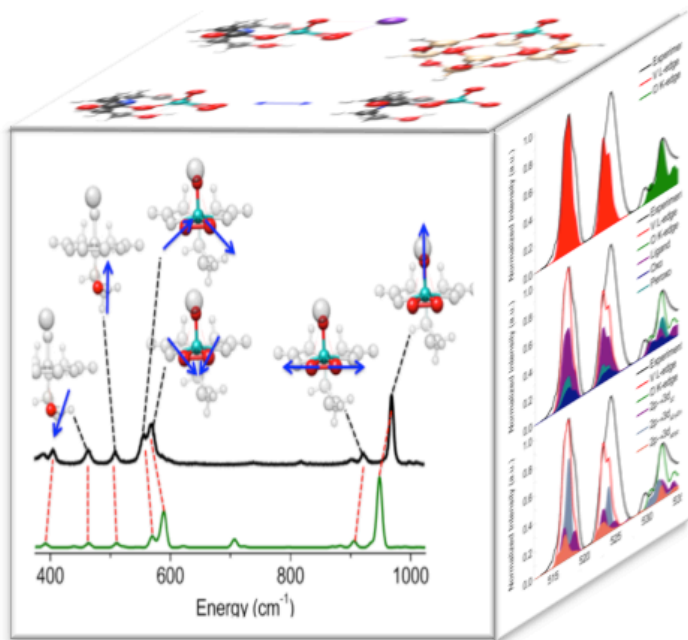
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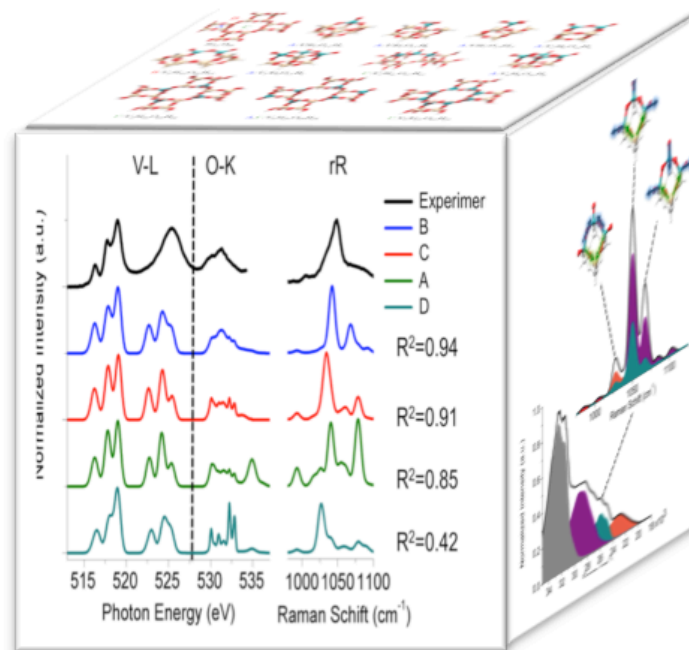


## Bridging Molecular and Heterogeneous Catalysis

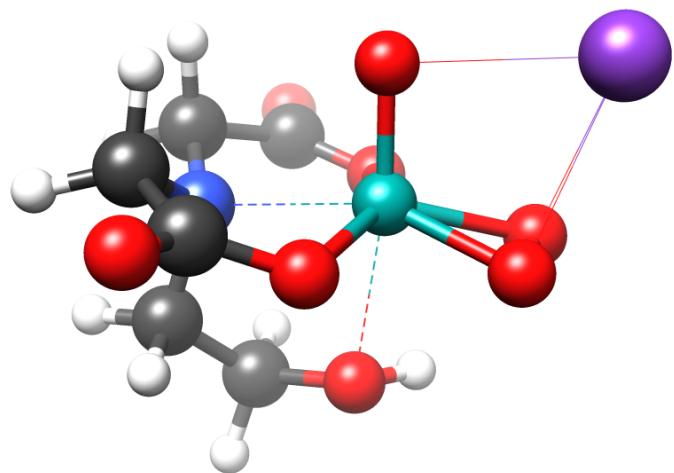
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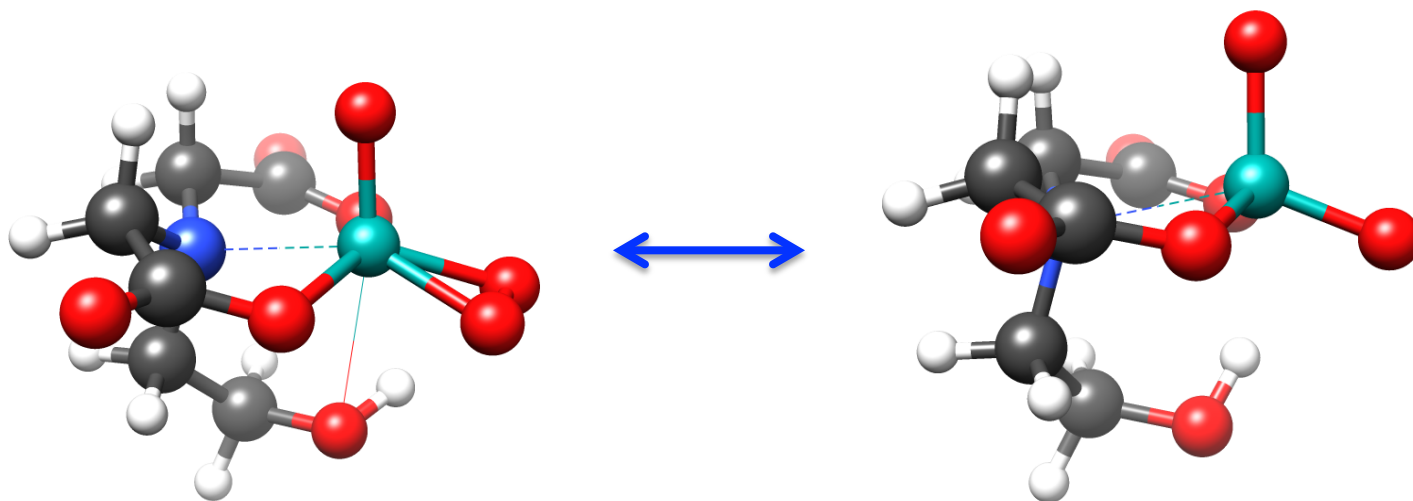
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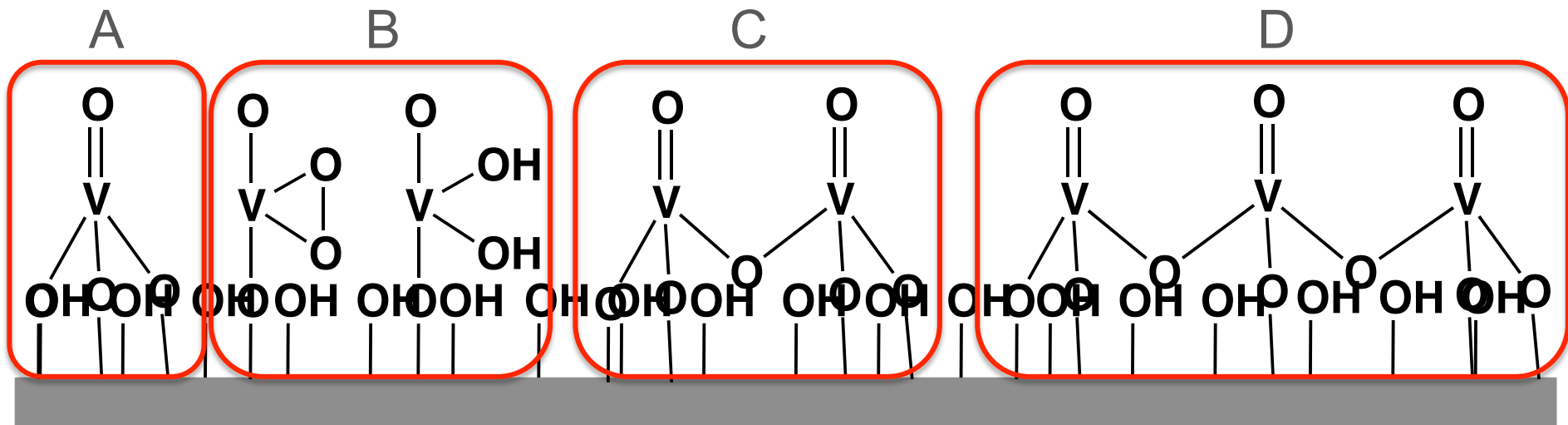


# Oxo-Peroxo Vanadium Catalysts



- Catalyze oxydation reactions (alcohols)
- Increased functionality due to different Oxygen groups (oxo, peroxoxo,
- It is needed to correlate:  
Oxygen type to particular reaction step





A: Vanadyl type

B: Umbrella type

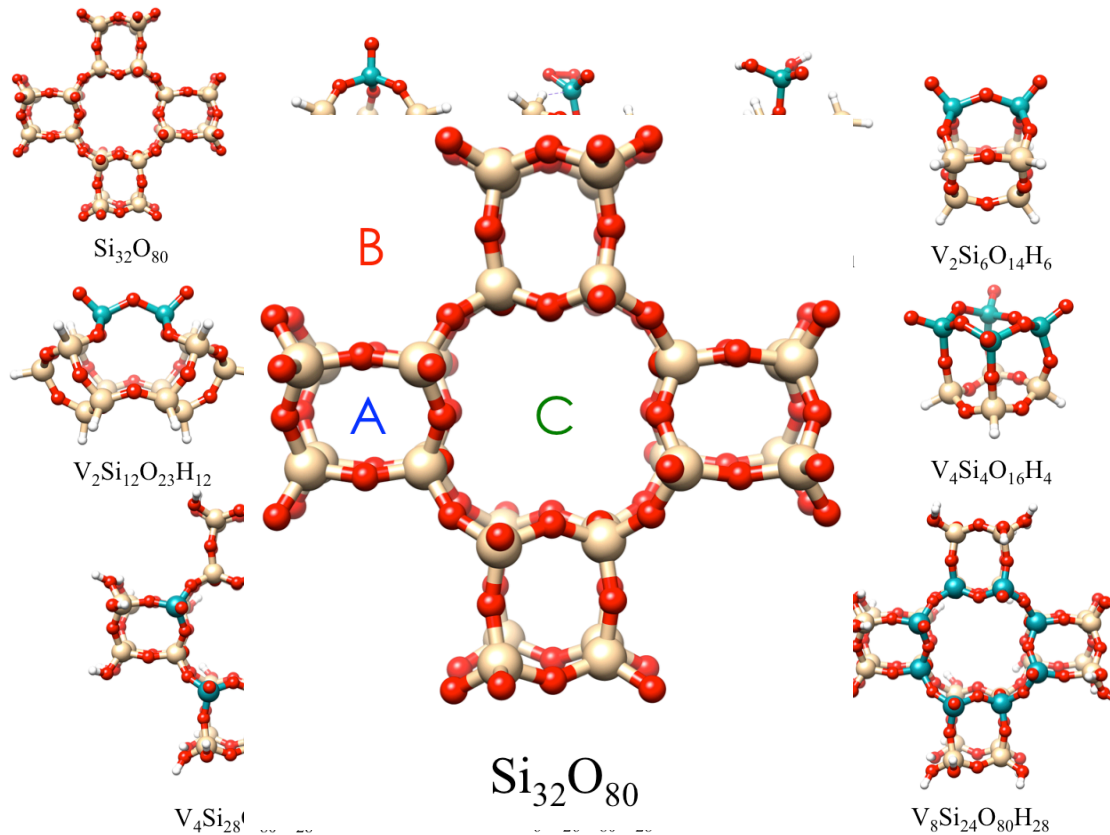
C: Dimer

D: Oligomer

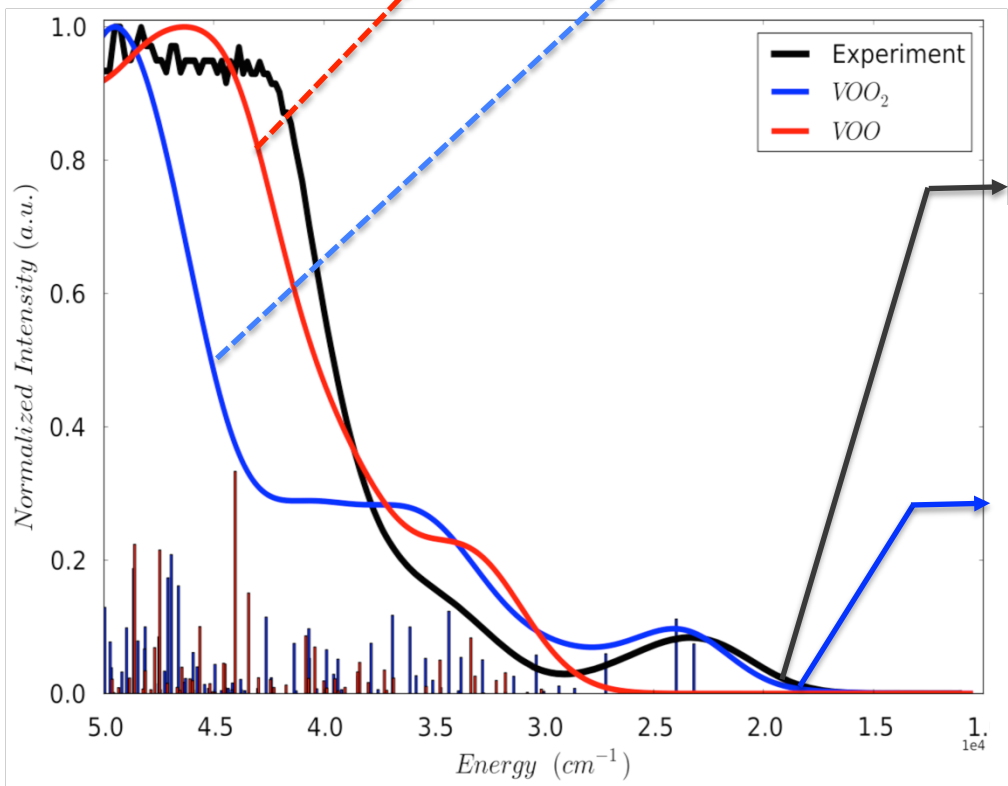
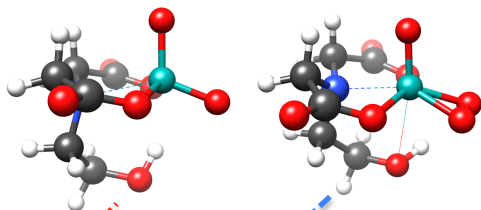
V/SiO<sub>2</sub>: **Monolayer**-type vanadia catalysts:

- Have been proven to be more active than crystalline V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> nanoparticles on specific oxidation reactions
- The **structure** of the catalytic center remains **elusive**

# Modeling vanadium loading over SBA/15



# Optical & Raman Spectroscopy



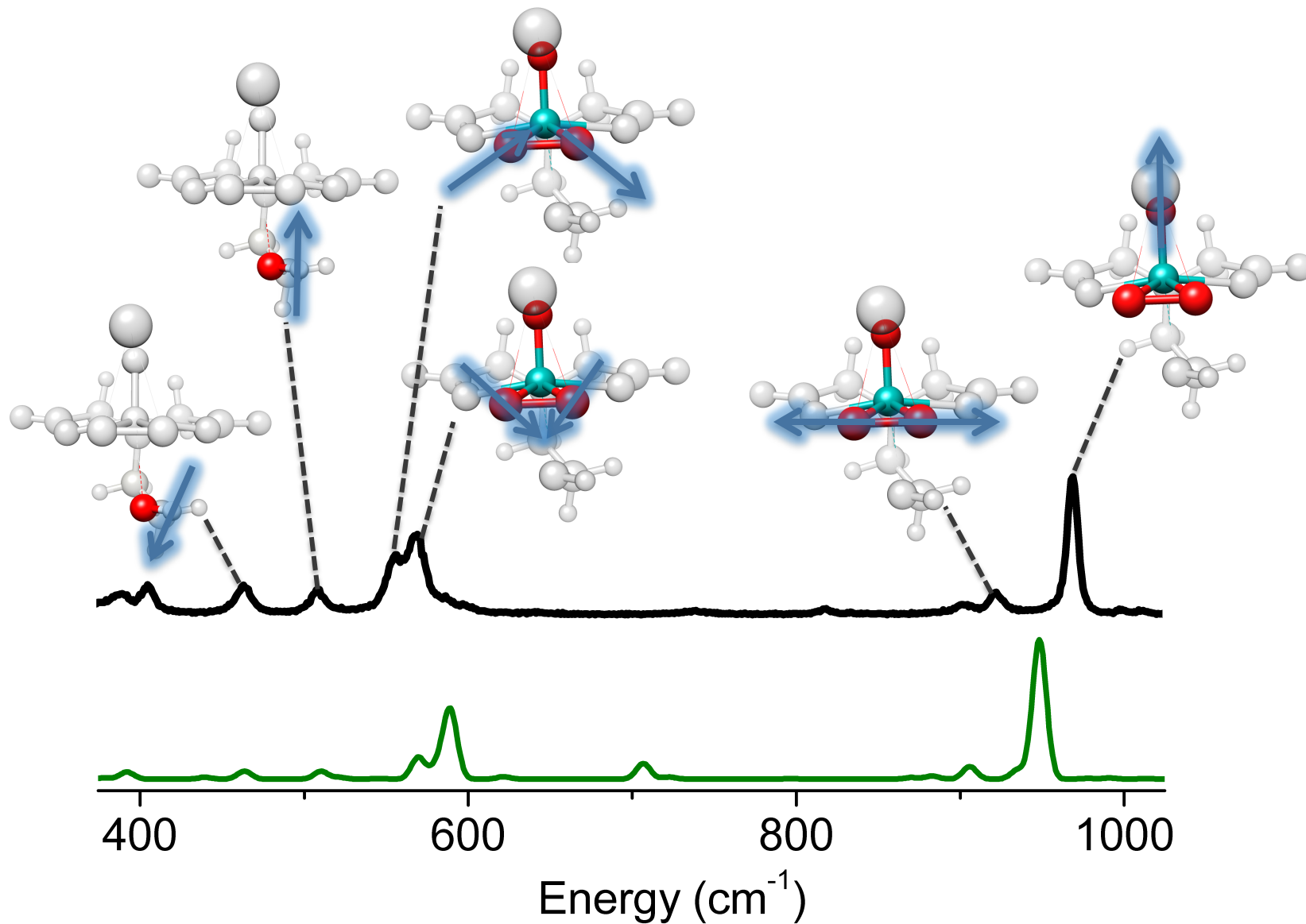
— Experiment ( $18700 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )



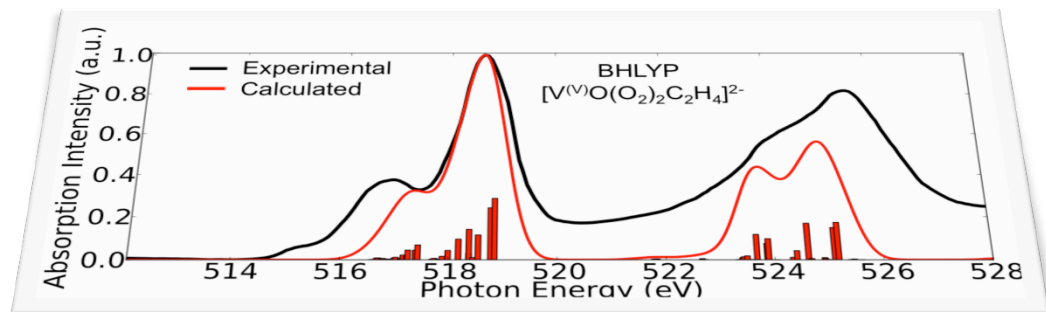
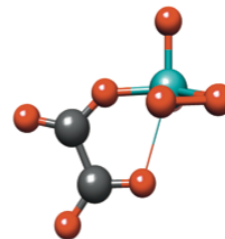
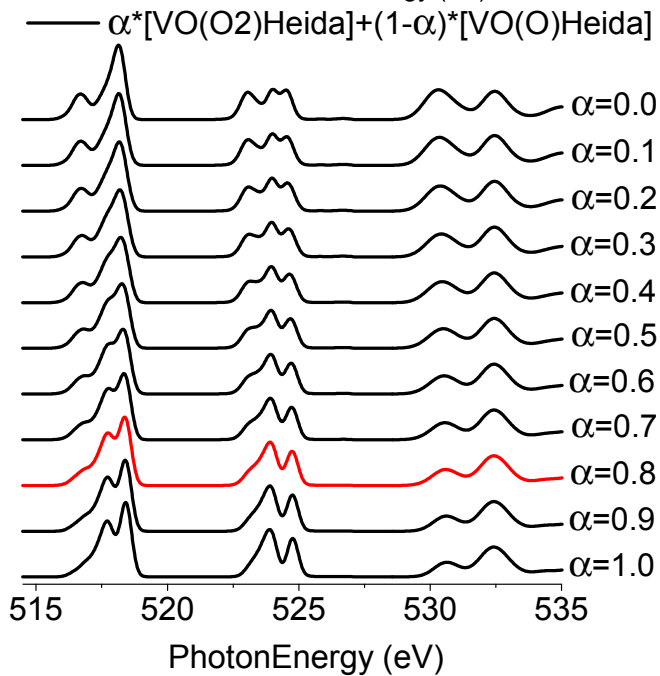
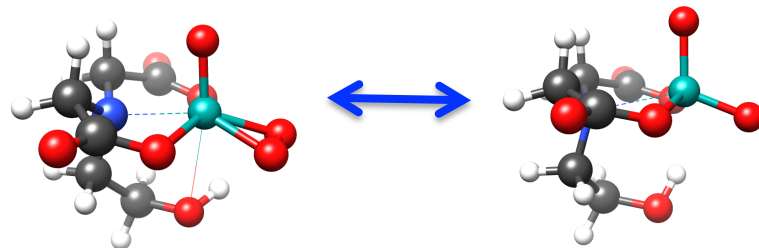
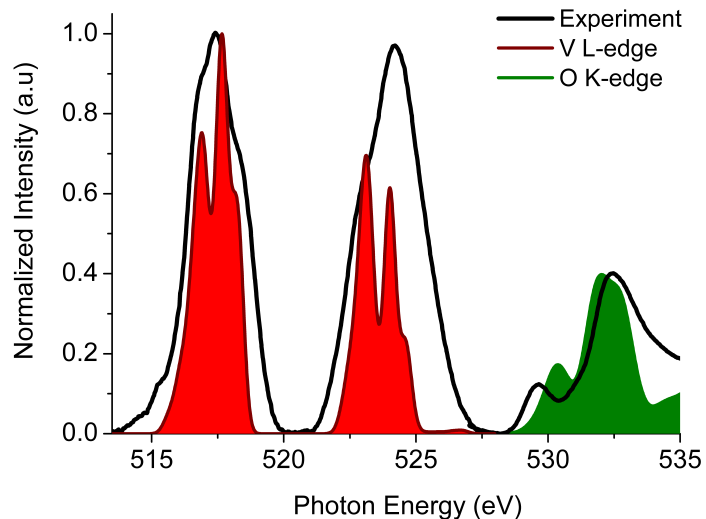
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# One to one assignment



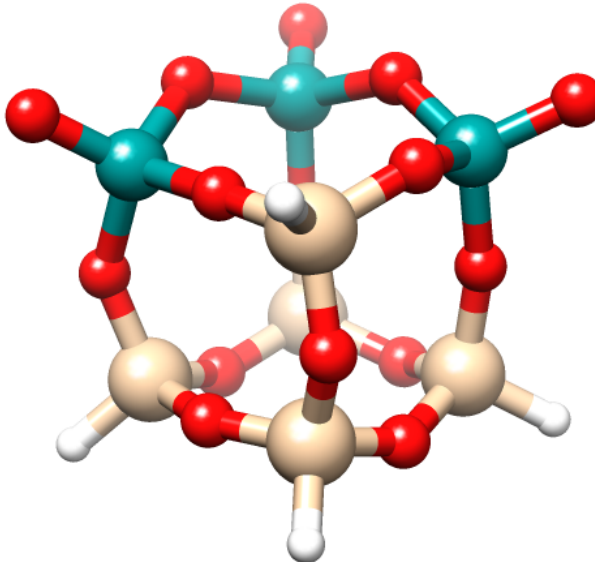
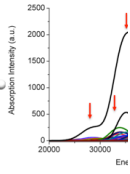
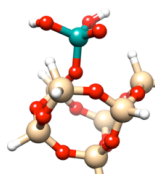
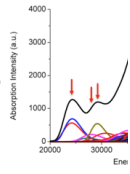
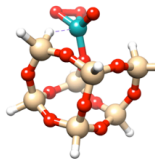
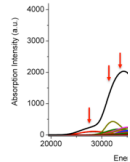
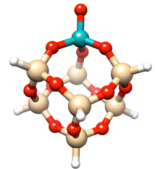
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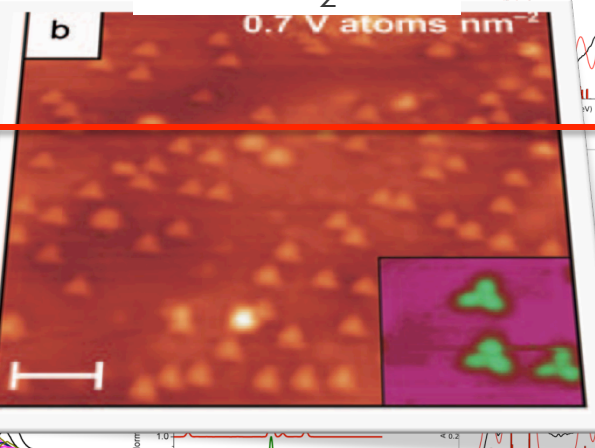
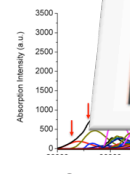
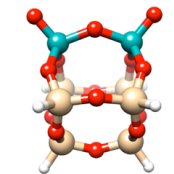
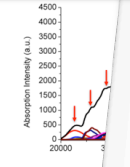
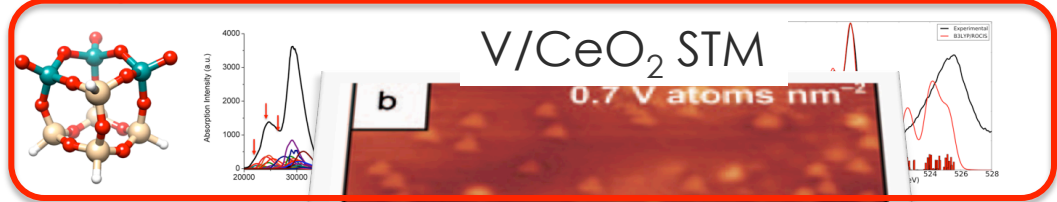
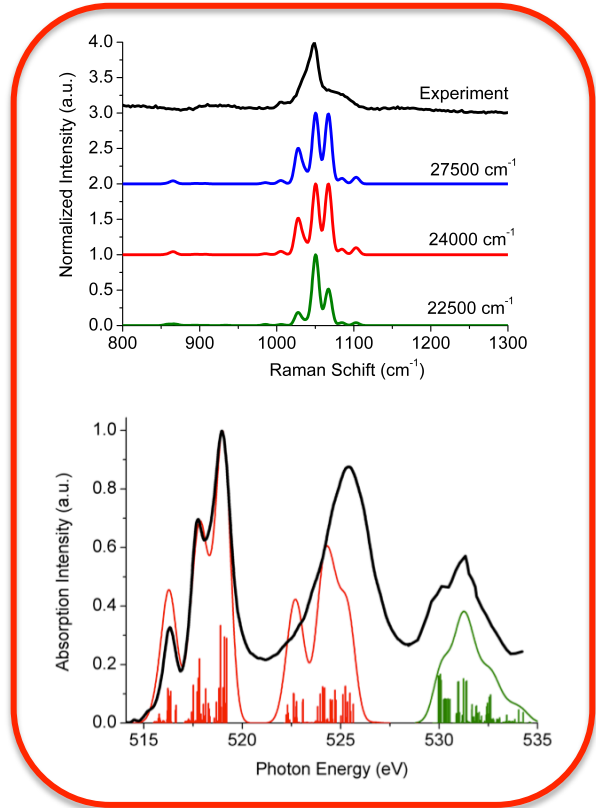
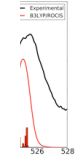
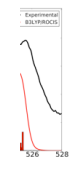
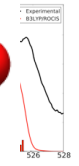
# Simultaneous analysis

Models

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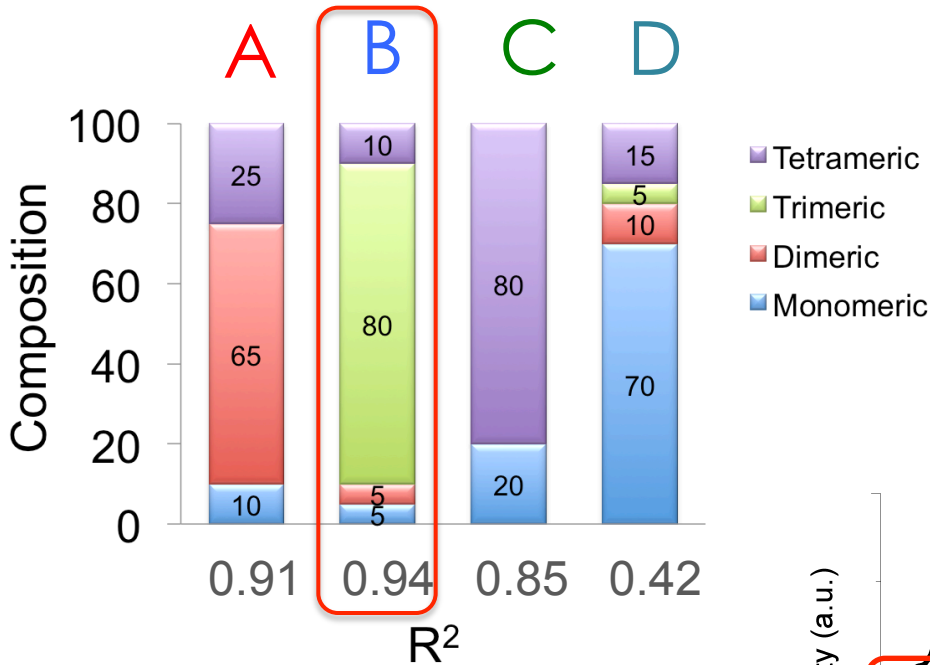


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# Weighted fit to both three experiments

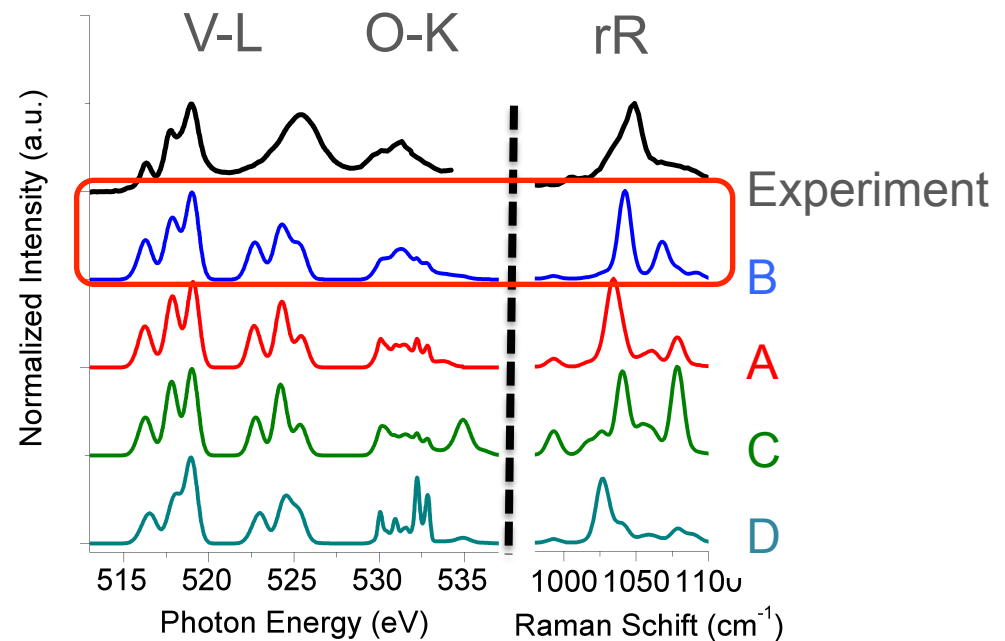


Of course the catalytic center is **sensitive** to many things (Environment of the support, reaction conditions, ...)

Evidence:

Spectroscopic response to structural correlation

**Just like in molecular systems!**





# What to take home

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- Results of **predictive accuracy** can be obtained for both molecular and heterogeneous catalytic systems

By employing **unified** experimental and theoretical protocols

Thank you for your attention!

# The Orca Computational Package

## Hartree-Fock

RHF,UHF,ROHF,CASSCF  
Direct, Semidirect, Conventional,  
RI-Approx., Newton-Raphson

## Electron Correlation

MP2/RI-MP2  
CCSD(T),QCISD(T),CEPA,CPF  
(all with and without RI, Local)  
MR-MP2, MR-MP3, MR-MP4(SD)  
MR-CI, MR-ACPF, MR-AQCC

## Relativistic Methods

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Order Douglas-Kroll-Hess  
Zero<sup>th</sup> Order Regular Approximation (ZORA)  
Infinite Order Regular Approximation (IORA)  
Picture Change Effects, All electron basis sets,  
(Effective core potentials)

## Semiempirical

INDO/S,MNDO,AM1,PM3,NDDO/1

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## Density Functional

LDA, GGA, Hybrid Functionals  
Double hybrid functionals,  
RI-Approx., Newton-Raphson  
RKS,UKS,ROKS

## Excited States

TD-DFT/CIS+gradients  
MR-CI/DDCI/SORCI

## Molecular Properties

Analytical Gradients(HF,DFT,MP2) + Geometries + Trans.  
States  
Polarizabilities, Magnetizabilities (Coupled-Perturbed HF/  
KS)  
COSMO Solvation Model Throughout  
IR, Raman and Resonance Spectra (Numerical  
Frequencies)  
EPR-Parameters (g,A,D,J,Q)  
Mössbauer-Parameters ( $\delta$ ,  $\Delta E_Q$ )  
**X-ray absorption-emission spectroscopy**  
ABS,CD,MCD Spectra  
Population Analysis, NBOs, Localization, Multipole  
Moments,...