Special Issue

X-Ray Spectroscopy of Gas-Phase Biomolecules

Message from the Guest Editors

This special issue, entitled "X-ray spectroscopy of gasphase biomolecules", highlights cutting-edge studies using advanced X-ray techniques to investigate the electronic structure and dynamics of biomolecules. These studies exploit the full potential of modern X-ray sources, including synchrotrons, free electron lasers (FELs), and high harmonic generation (HHG) to probe phenomena such as site ionization, charge migration, and electron relaxation at different time and energy scales. Complementary theoretical studies elucidate spectral features, decay pathways, and nuclear motions, combining experiments with molecular-level insights.

This special issue explores a variety of targets, from small biomolecular building blocks to complex systems, revealing the interplay between electronic structure and geometry. By combining state-of-the-art instrumentation with computational models, these studies reveal key aspects of the X-ray spectroscopic behavior of gas-phase biomolecules. This synergy deepens the understanding of fundamental processes related to biology, chemical physics, and materials science, paving the way for future breakthroughs in the field.

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