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Tabletop Extreme Ultraviolet Spectroscopy of Element-Specific Organometallic Photophysics

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High-harmonic extreme ultraviolet (XUV) spectroscopy has the potential to provide the elemental, oxidation-state, and spin-state specificity of core-level spectroscopy with the convenience and ultrafast time resolution of tabletop laser sources. We will show that M-edge spectroscopy of first-row transition metal complexes (3p→3d excitation) is a sensitive probe of the electronic structure of organometallic complexes in solution. Furthermore, this technique can be used to determine the relaxation dynamics of these molecules in the first few femtoseconds to nanoseconds after photoexcitation.