

# How to stay out of trouble in RIXS calculations within equation-of-motion coupled-cluster damped response theory?

## Safe hitchhiking in the excitation manifold by means of core-valence separation.

### Supporting information.

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## 1. ITERATIVE SCHEME FOR SOLVING DAMPED RESPONSE EQUATIONS

### 1.1. Iterative scheme for left response

For the left response equation given by [note that RHS in the equation below is different from RHS of Eq. (23) in the paper]

$$\left(\tilde{X}_{\text{Re}} + i\tilde{X}_{\text{Im}}\right) (\bar{H} - E_0 - (\omega + i\gamma)) = \tilde{D}, \quad (\text{S1})$$

the corresponding iterative step is given by

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\tilde{X}_{\text{Re}}^{(n+1)} + i\tilde{X}_{\text{Im}}^{(n+1)}\right) \\ &= \left(\tilde{X}_{\text{Re}}^{(n)} + i\tilde{X}_{\text{Im}}^{(n)}\right) + \frac{\tilde{D} - \left(\tilde{X}_{\text{Re}}^{(n)} + i\tilde{X}_{\text{Im}}^{(n)}\right) (\bar{H} - E_0 - (\omega + i\gamma))}{(\bar{H} - E_0 - (\omega + i\gamma))^D} \\ &= \left(\tilde{X}_{\text{Re}}^{(n)} + i\tilde{X}_{\text{Im}}^{(n)}\right) \\ & \quad + \frac{\left(\tilde{D} - \left(\tilde{X}_{\text{Re}}^{(n)} + i\tilde{X}_{\text{Im}}^{(n)}\right) (\bar{H} - E_0 - \omega - i\gamma)\right) (\bar{H} - E_0 - \omega + i\gamma)^D}{(\bar{H}^D - E_0 - \omega)^2 + \gamma^2} \\ &= \left(\tilde{X}_{\text{Re}}^{(n)} + i\tilde{X}_{\text{Im}}^{(n)}\right) + \frac{\left(\tilde{B}_{\text{Re}}^{(n)} - i\tilde{B}_{\text{Im}}^{(n)}\right) (\bar{H} - E_0 - \omega + i\gamma)^D}{(\bar{H}^D - E_0 - \omega)^2 + \gamma^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S2})$$

where  $\tilde{B}_{\text{Re}}$  and  $\tilde{B}_{\text{Im}}$  are the residuals given by

$$\tilde{B}_{\text{Re}}^\mu = \tilde{D}^\mu - \tilde{\sigma}_{\text{Re}}^\mu - \tilde{X}_{\text{Re}}^0 \bar{H}^{0\mu} + \tilde{X}_{\text{Re}}^\mu \omega - \tilde{X}_{\text{Im}}^\mu \gamma \quad (\text{S3})$$

and

$$\tilde{B}_{\text{Im}}^\mu = \tilde{X}_{\text{Re}}^\mu \gamma - \tilde{X}_{\text{Im}}^0 \bar{H}^{0\mu} - \tilde{\sigma}_{\text{Im}}^\mu + \tilde{X}_{\text{Im}}^\mu \omega \quad (\text{S4})$$

for excitation level  $\mu$  ( $= 0$ , singles, doubles, etc.). Isolating the real and imaginary terms from the above equation gives

$$\tilde{X}_{\text{Re}}^{(n+1)} = \tilde{X}_{\text{Re}}^{(n)} + \frac{\tilde{B}_{\text{Re}}^{(n)} (\bar{H} - E_0 - \omega)^D + \tilde{B}_{\text{Im}}^{(n)} \gamma}{(\bar{H}^D - E_0 - \omega)^2 + \gamma^2} \quad (\text{S5})$$

and

$$\tilde{X}_{\text{Im}}^{(n+1)} = \tilde{X}_{\text{Im}}^{(n)} + \frac{\tilde{B}_{\text{Re}}^{(n)} \gamma - \tilde{B}_{\text{Im}}^{(n)} (\bar{H} - E_0 - \omega)^D}{(\bar{H}^D - E_0 - \omega)^2 + \gamma^2} \quad (\text{S6})$$

For  $\mu = 0$ ,

$$\tilde{X}_{\text{Re}}^0 = -\frac{\tilde{D}^0}{\omega \left(1 + \left(\frac{\gamma}{\omega}\right)^2\right)} \quad (\text{S7})$$

and

$$\tilde{X}_{\text{Im}}^0 = -\tilde{X}_{\text{Re}}^0 \left(\frac{\gamma}{\omega}\right). \quad (\text{S8})$$

## 1.2. Iterative scheme for right response

For the right response equation given by [note that RHS in the equation below is different from RHS of Eq. (22) in the paper]

$$(\bar{H} - E_0 - (\omega + i\gamma)) (X_{\text{Re}} + iX_{\text{Im}}) = D, \quad (\text{S9})$$

the corresponding iterative step is given by

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( X_{\text{Re}}^{(n+1)} + iX_{\text{Im}}^{(n+1)} \right) \\ &= \left( X_{\text{Re}}^{(n)} + iX_{\text{Im}}^{(n)} \right) + \frac{D - (\bar{H} - E_0 - (\omega + i\gamma)) \left( X_{\text{Re}}^{(n)} + iX_{\text{Im}}^{(n)} \right)}{(\bar{H} - E_0 - (\omega + i\gamma))^D} \\ &= \left( X_{\text{Re}}^{(n)} + iX_{\text{Im}}^{(n)} \right) + \frac{(\bar{H} - E_0 - \omega + i\gamma)^D \left( D - (\bar{H} - E_0 - (\omega + i\gamma)) \left( X_{\text{Re}}^{(n)} + iX_{\text{Im}}^{(n)} \right) \right)}{(\bar{H}^D - E_0 - \omega)^2 + \gamma^2} \\ &= \left( X_{\text{Re}}^{(n)} + iX_{\text{Im}}^{(n)} \right) + \frac{(\bar{H} - E_0 - \omega + i\gamma)^D \left( B_{\text{Re}}^{(n)} - iB_{\text{Im}}^{(n)} \right)}{(\bar{H}^D - E_0 - \omega)^2 + \gamma^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S10})$$

where  $B_{\text{Re}}$  and  $B_{\text{Im}}$  are the residuals given by

$$B_{\text{Re}}^\mu = D^\mu - \sigma_{\text{Re}}^\mu + \omega X_{\text{Re}}^\mu - \gamma X_{\text{Im}}^\mu \quad (\text{S11})$$

and

$$B_{\text{Im}}^\mu = -\gamma X_{\text{Re}}^\mu + \sigma_{\text{Im}}^\mu - \omega X_{\text{Im}}^\mu. \quad (\text{S12})$$

Isolating the real and imaginary terms from the above equation gives

$$X_{\text{Re}}^{(n+1)} = X_{\text{Re}}^{(n)} + \frac{(\bar{H} - E_0 - \omega)^D B_{\text{Re}} + \gamma B_{\text{Im}}}{(\bar{H}^D - E_0 - \omega)^2 + \gamma^2} \quad (\text{S13})$$

and

$$X_{\text{Im}}^{(n+1)} = X_{\text{Im}}^{(n)} + \frac{\gamma B_{\text{Re}} - (\bar{H} - E_0 - \omega)^D B_{\text{Im}}}{(\bar{H}^D - E_0 - \omega)^2 + \gamma^2}. \quad (\text{S14})$$

Finally, for  $\mu = 0$ ,

$$X_{\text{Re}}^0 = \frac{-D^0 + \bar{H}^{0\mu} X_{\text{Re}}^\mu + \frac{\gamma}{\omega} \bar{H}^{0\mu} X_{\text{Im}}^\mu}{\omega \left(1 + \left(\frac{\gamma}{\omega}\right)^2\right)} \quad (\text{S15})$$

and

$$X_{\text{Im}}^0 = \frac{-\gamma X_{\text{Re}}^0 + \bar{H}^{0\mu} X_{\text{Im}}^\mu}{\omega}. \quad (\text{S16})$$

**2. VALIDATION OF THE ANALYTICAL FC-CVS-EOM-EE-CCSD DAMPED  
RESPONSE APPROACH FOR RIXS MOMENTS WITH NUMERICAL  
SUM-OVER-STATE CALCULATIONS**

System: LiH (bond length = 1.6 Å)

Computational details: STO-3G basis set with frozen-core approximation

Symmetry group imposed =  $C_{2v}$

Initial state =  $1A_1$  (CCSD)

Final state =  $2A_1$  (excitation energy = 3.6295 eV)

Incident photon frequency = 2.12430931 a.u. (resonant with excitation energy of the  $1B_2$  state in Q-Chem symmetry notation)

Emitted photon frequency = 1.99092715 a.u.

TABLE S1: Comparison of analytical and numerical RIXS moments (all values in a.u.)

$\gamma$	RIXS moments	Analytical		Numerical		% differences	
		Re	Im	Re	Im	Re	Im
0.005	$M_{xx}^{f\leftarrow 0} / M_{yy}^{f\leftarrow 0}$	-0.023583	0.801039	-0.023526	0.801052	0.2	-0.0
	$M_{zz}^{f\leftarrow 0}$	-0.289587	0.022319	-0.284753	0.022095	1.7	1.0
	$M_{xx}^{0\leftarrow f} / M_{yy}^{0\leftarrow f}$	-0.005944	0.218572	-0.005941	0.216755	0.1	0.8
	$M_{zz}^{0\leftarrow f}$	-0.253951	-0.019780	-0.253735	-0.019769	0.1	0.1
0.5	$M_{xx}^{f\leftarrow 0} / M_{yy}^{f\leftarrow 0}$	-0.002387	0.000857	-0.002379	0.000874	0.3	-1.9
	$M_{zz}^{f\leftarrow 0}$	0.001909	0.044622	0.002012	0.044452	-5.1	0.4
	$M_{xx}^{0\leftarrow f} / M_{yy}^{0\leftarrow f}$	-0.000953	0.003688	-0.000951	0.003670	0.2	0.5
	$M_{zz}^{0\leftarrow f}$	0.001625	-0.039605	0.001662	-0.039616	-2.2	-0.0

The maximum difference of 5 % is for the real part of  $M_{zz}^{f\leftarrow 0}$  with  $\gamma=0.5$ , although the base numbers are small in magnitude. The slightly larger differences are due to the accumulation of numerical noise during the addition of 9 and 15 terms in the sum-over-state expressions of the  $xx/yy$  and  $zz$  components.

### 3. WATER

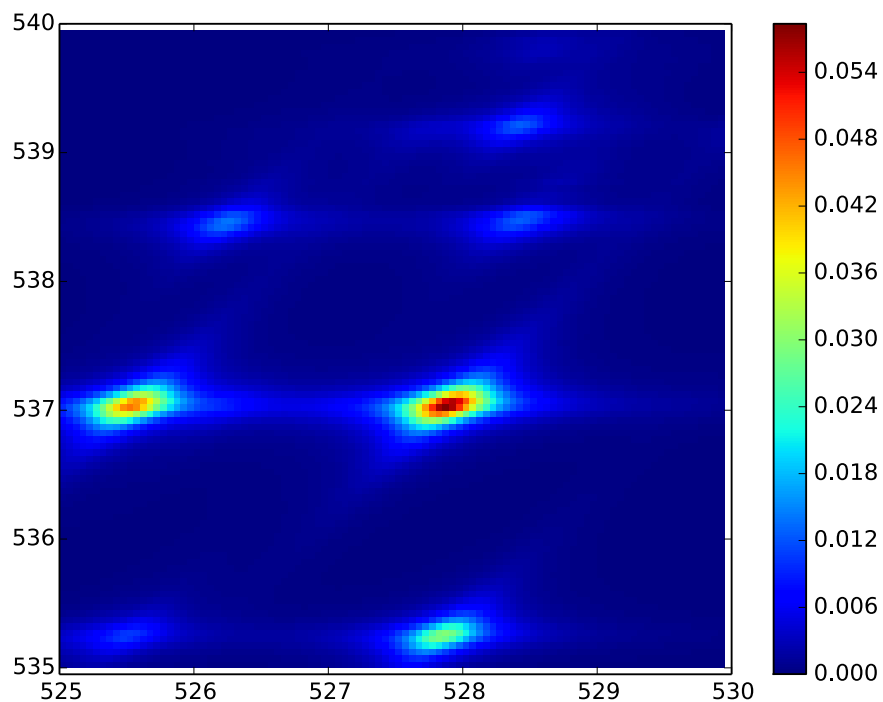


FIG. S1: Computed RIXS spectrum for water,

#### 3.1. Basis set used for water

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         5.0947900      0.1903730
         1.1587900      0.8521610
S      1  1.00
        0.3258400      1.0000000
S      1  1.00
        0.1027410      1.0000000
S      1  1.00
        0.0360000      1.0000000
P      1  1.00
        0.7500000      1.0000000
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O      0
S      6  1.00
        8588.5000000     0.00189515
        1297.2300000     0.0143859

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	299.2960000	0.0707320	
	87.3771000	0.2400010	
	25.6789000	0.5947970	
	3.7400400	0.2808020	
SP	3 1.00		
	42.1175000	0.1138890	0.0365114
	9.6283700	0.9208110	0.2371530
	2.8533200	-0.00327447	0.8197020
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	0.9056610	1.0000000	1.0000000
SP	1 1.00		
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SP	1 1.00		
	0.0845000	1.0000000	1.0000000
D	1 1.00		
	1.2920000	1.0000000	
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	0.0058583805	1.0000000000	
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S	1 1.00		
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## 4. BENZENE AND ITS CATION

## 4.1. Geometries

**Benzene: Ground state**

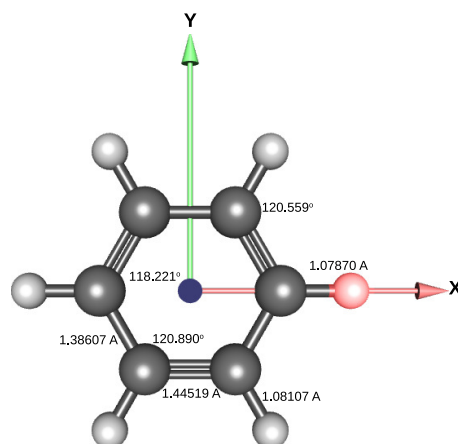
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H	1.2375173766	2.1434429715	0.0000000000
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Nuclear Repulsion Energy = 203.71874490 hartrees

**Benzene cation: B<sub>3g</sub> relaxed**

H	1.2392908131	-2.1390691708	0.0000000000
C	0.7225974533	-1.1894682957	0.0000000000
C	-0.7225974533	-1.1894682957	0.0000000000
H	-1.2392908131	-2.1390691708	0.0000000000
C	-1.4341864916	0.0000000000	0.0000000000
H	-2.5128824541	0.0000000000	0.0000000000
C	-0.7225974533	1.1894682957	0.0000000000
H	-1.2392908131	2.1390691708	0.0000000000
C	0.7225974533	1.1894682957	0.0000000000
H	1.2392908131	2.1390691708	0.0000000000
C	1.4341864916	0.0000000000	0.0000000000
H	2.5128824541	0.0000000000	0.0000000000

Nuclear Repulsion Energy = 202.30075690 hartrees

FIG. S2: Geometric parameters and orientation of the optimized benzene cation structure ( ${}^2B_{3g}$ )



## 4.2. Benzene: Core and valence ionization energies

TABLE S2: Benzene: Valence and core ionization energies (eV) using EOM-IP-CCSD and CVS-EOM-IP-CCSD with 6-311(2+,+)G\*\*(uC)

State	MO	IE
c2 ${}^2A_g$	$1a_g$	290.992
c1 ${}^2B_{2u}/c1 {}^2B_{3u}$	$1b_{2u}/1b_{3u}$	290.975
c1 ${}^2B_{1g}/c1 {}^2A_g$	$1b_{1g}/2a_g$	290.934
c1 ${}^2B_{3u}$	$2b_{3u}$	290.914
4 ${}^2A_g$	$3a_g$	22.963
3 ${}^2B_{2u}/3 {}^2B_{3u}$	$2b_{2u}/3b_{3u}$	21.000
2 ${}^2B_{1g}/3 {}^2A_g$	$2b_{1g}/4a_g$	19.598
2 ${}^2A_g$	$5a_g$	17.365
2 ${}^2B_{3u}$	$4b_{3u}$	15.818
2 ${}^2B_{2u}$	$3b_{2u}$	14.802
1 ${}^2B_{2u}/1 {}^2B_{3u}$	$4b_{2u}/5b_{3u}$	14.402
1 ${}^2B_{1u}$	$1b_{1u}$	12.547
1 ${}^2B_{1g}/1 {}^2A_g$	$3b_{1g}/6a_g$	12.108
1 ${}^2B_{2g}/1 {}^2B_{3g}$	$1b_{2g}/1b_{3g}$	9.224

Note that the numbering of MOs is opposite from the numbering of the EOM-IP states.

'c' denotes core states.

### 4.3. Benzene: XAS energies and oscillator strengths

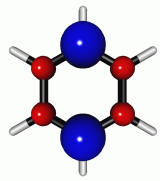
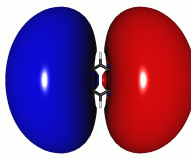
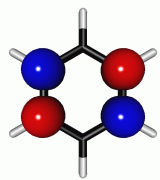
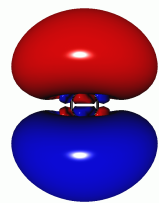
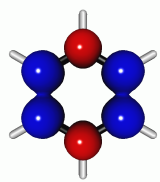
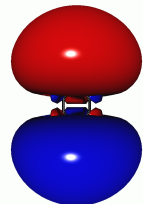
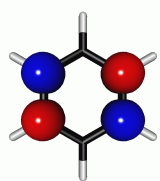
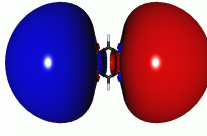
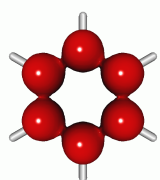
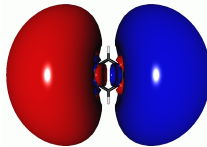
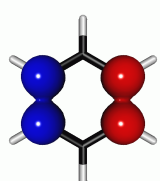
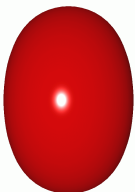
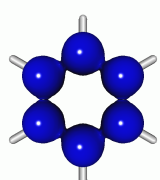
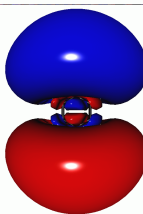
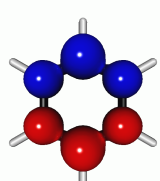
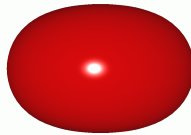
TABLE S3: Benzene: fc-CVS-EOMEE-CCSD/6-311(2+,+)G\*\*(uC) excitation energies  $\omega_i$  (eV) and oscillator strengths  $f$ . Only bright transitions are shown.

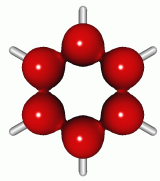
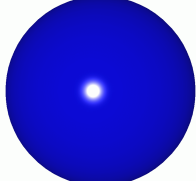
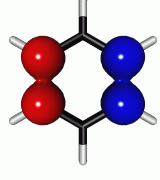
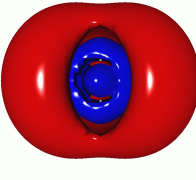
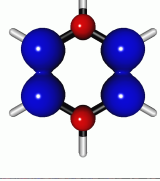
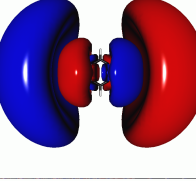
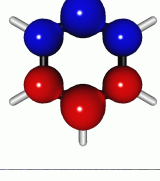
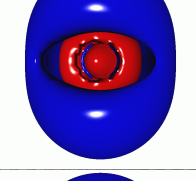
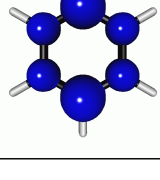
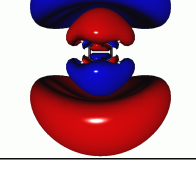
Symm.	$\omega_i$	$f$	Assignment
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c1B <sub>2u</sub> /c2B <sub>3u</sub>	287.80	0.04405	(B)
c3B <sub>2u</sub> /c4B <sub>3u</sub>	288.79	0.00355	(C1)
c4B <sub>2u</sub> /c5B <sub>3u</sub>	288.83	0.01005	(C2)
c5B <sub>1u</sub>	288.91	0.00543	(C3)
c5B <sub>2u</sub> /c7B <sub>3u</sub>	289.35	0.00324	
c6B <sub>2u</sub> /c8B <sub>3u</sub>	289.40	0.00246	
c7B <sub>2u</sub> /c10B <sub>3u</sub>	289.46	0.00027	
c8B <sub>1u</sub>	289.66	0.00270	
c9B <sub>2u</sub> /c12B <sub>3u</sub>	289.75	0.02059	(D)
c10B <sub>2u</sub> /c13B <sub>3u</sub>	290.12	0.00120	
c11B <sub>2u</sub> /c14B <sub>3u</sub>	290.14	0.00037	
c14B <sub>2u</sub> /c16B <sub>3u</sub>	290.21	0.00001	
c9B <sub>1u</sub>	290.28	0.00270	
c12B <sub>1u</sub>	290.83	0.00067	
c15B <sub>1u</sub>	291.07	0.02991	

## 4.4. Benzene: XAS NTOs

TABLE S4: Benzene: fc-CVS-EOM-CCSD/6-311(2+,+)G\*\*(uC). NTOs of the relevant core excited states. NTO isosurface is 0.005.

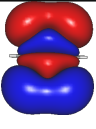

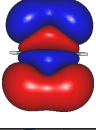

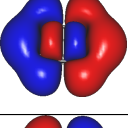

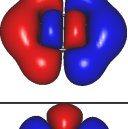

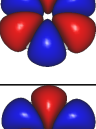

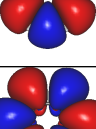

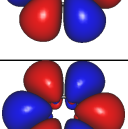

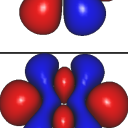

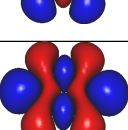



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		0.35	
(B) $B_{2u}$		0.50	
		0.20	
(B) $B_{3u}$		0.50	
		0.20	

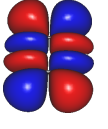

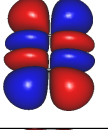

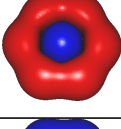

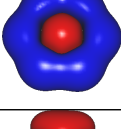

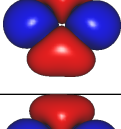

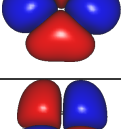

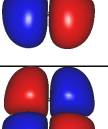

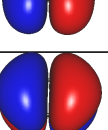

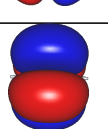

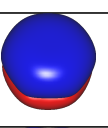

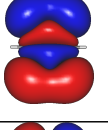

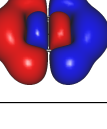



(C1) $B_{2u}$		0.33	
		0.23	
(C1) $B_{3u}$		0.33	
		0.24	
(C2) $B_{2u}$		0.38	
		0.35	
(C2) $B_{3u}$		0.38	
		0.35	

(C3) $B_{1u}$		0.69	
(D) $B_{2u}$		0.46	
		0.19	
(D) $B_{3u}$		0.45	
		0.20	

#### 4.5. Benzene: XES energies, oscillator strengths, and NTOs

TABLE S5: Benzene: Relevant oscillator strengths, emitted photon frequencies (eV) and NTOs between fc-CVS-EOMIP-CCSD states (with core holes corresponding to XAS peaks A and B) and EOM-IP-CCSD states with 6-311(2+,+)G\*\*(uC) basis. NTO isosurface is 0.05.  $c$  denotes a core-ionized state. See Table S2 for states-to-orbitals mapping.

Transition	$\omega_e$	Orb. trans.	$f$ (a.u.)	Particle NTO	$\sigma_K^2$	Core-hole NTO
$1B_{2u} \rightarrow c1A_g$	276.5323	$4b_{2u} \rightarrow 2a_g$	0.019835		0.82	
$1B_{2u} \rightarrow c1B_{1g}$	276.5323	$4b_{2u} \rightarrow 1b_{1g}$	0.019835		0.84	
$1B_{3u} \rightarrow c1A_g$	276.5323	$5b_{3u} \rightarrow 2a_g$	0.019835		0.84	
$1B_{3u} \rightarrow c1B_{1g}$	276.5323	$5b_{3u} \rightarrow 1b_{1g}$	0.019835		0.82	
$2B_{2u} \rightarrow c1A_g$	276.1319	$3b_{2u} \rightarrow 2a_g$	0.040857		0.83	
$2B_{2u} \rightarrow c1B_{1g}$	276.1319	$3b_{2u} \rightarrow 1b_{1g}$	0.040857		0.83	
$2B_{3u} \rightarrow c1A_g$	275.1160	$4b_{3u} \rightarrow 2a_g$	0.008829		0.80	
$2B_{3u} \rightarrow c1B_{1g}$	275.1160	$4b_{3u} \rightarrow 1b_{1g}$	0.008829		0.80	
$1A_g \rightarrow c1B_{2u}$	278.8670	$6a_g \rightarrow 1b_{2u}$	0.000311		0.85	
$1A_g \rightarrow c2B_{3u}$	278.8670	$6a_g \rightarrow 1b_{3u}$	0.000311		0.85	

$1B_{1g} \rightarrow c1B_{2u}$	278.8670	$3b_{1g} \rightarrow 1b_{2u}$	0.000311		0.85	
$1B_{1g} \rightarrow c2B_{3u}$	278.8670	$3b_{1g} \rightarrow 1b_{3u}$	0.000311		0.85	
$2A_g \rightarrow c1B_{2u}$	273.6100	$5a_g \rightarrow 1b_{2u}$	0.021223		0.79	
$2A_g \rightarrow c2B_{3u}$	273.6100	$5a_g \rightarrow 1b_{3u}$	0.021223		0.79	
$3A_g \rightarrow c1B_{2u}$	271.3764	$4a_g \rightarrow 1b_{2u}$	0.009497		0.76	
$3A_g \rightarrow c2B_{3u}$	271.3764	$4a_g \rightarrow 1b_{3u}$	0.009497		0.76	
$2B_{1g} \rightarrow c1B_{2u}$	271.3764	$2b_{1g} \rightarrow 1b_{2u}$	0.009497		0.76	
$2B_{1g} \rightarrow c2B_{3u}$	271.3764	$2b_{1g} \rightarrow 1b_{3u}$	0.009497		0.76	
$1B_{2g} \rightarrow c2B_{3u}$	281.7503	$1b_{2g} \rightarrow 1b_{3u}$	0.067681		0.89	
$1B_{3g} \rightarrow c1B_{2u}$	281.7503	$1b_{3g} \rightarrow 1b_{2u}$	0.067683		0.89	
$1B_{1u} \rightarrow c2A_g$	278.4453	$1b_{1u} \rightarrow 1a_g$	0.051099		0.81	
$1B_{2u} \rightarrow c2A_g$	276.5907	$4b_{2u} \rightarrow 1a_g$	0.012181		0.83	
$1B_{3u} \rightarrow c2A_g$	276.5907	$5b_{3u} \rightarrow 1a_g$	0.012181		0.83	

#### 4.6. Benzene: RIXS cross sections

TABLE S6: Benzene: fc-CVS-EOMEE-CCSD/6-311(2+,+)G\*\*(uC) valence excitation energies  $\Omega_{f0}$  (eV) of gerade states and their RIXS cross sections (a.u.) for  $\theta=0^\circ, 45^\circ, 90^\circ$ .

Final state	$\Omega_{f0}$	$\omega_i = 285.97$ eV			$\omega_i = 287.80$ eV		
		$\sigma^{RIXS}(0^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(45^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(90^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(0^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(45^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(90^\circ)$
1A <sub>g</sub>	0.00	1.271070	1.938659	2.606247	0.038017	0.061142	0.084266
2A <sub>g</sub>	7.86	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
3A <sub>g</sub>	7.88	0.000419	0.000619	0.000818	0.000065	0.000083	0.000102
4A <sub>g</sub>	9.10	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000001	0.000001	0.000001
5A <sub>g</sub>	9.23	0.000000	0.000000	0.000001	0.000020	0.000022	0.000024
6A <sub>g</sub>	9.32	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000036	0.000039	0.000042
7A <sub>g</sub>	10.06	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000001	0.000001	0.000001
8A <sub>g</sub>	10.13	0.000985	0.001405	0.001825	0.000344	0.000673	0.001001
9A <sub>g</sub>	10.42	0.000042	0.000045	0.000049	0.001100	0.001192	0.001284
10A <sub>g</sub>	10.54	0.000000	0.000016	0.000033	0.000211	0.000600	0.000990
11A <sub>g</sub>	10.54	0.000009	0.000010	0.000011	0.000186	0.000202	0.000217
12A <sub>g</sub>	10.58	0.000047	0.000071	0.000095	0.000025	0.000054	0.000084
13A <sub>g</sub>	10.67	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000004	0.000004	0.000004
14A <sub>g</sub>	11.15	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000001
15A <sub>g</sub>	11.70	0.000016	0.000017	0.000018	0.000246	0.000266	0.000287
16A <sub>g</sub>	11.74	0.000026	0.000041	0.000057	0.000148	0.000412	0.000676
17A <sub>g</sub>	11.91	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000008	0.000008	0.000009
18A <sub>g</sub>	12.03	0.000029	0.000031	0.000034	0.000403	0.000437	0.000470
19A <sub>g</sub>	12.06	0.000071	0.000106	0.000140	0.000212	0.000584	0.000956
20A <sub>g</sub>	12.24	0.000021	0.000022	0.000024	0.000975	0.001056	0.001138
21A <sub>g</sub>	12.25	0.000079	0.000128	0.000177	0.001827	0.004988	0.008149
1B <sub>1g</sub>	7.86	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
2B <sub>1g</sub>	7.91	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
3B <sub>1g</sub>	9.10	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000001	0.000001	0.000001



4B <sub>1g</sub>	9.23	0.000000	0.000000	0.000001	0.000020	0.000022	0.000024
5B <sub>1g</sub>	9.32	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000036	0.000039	0.000042
6B <sub>1g</sub>	10.06	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000001	0.000001	0.000001
7B <sub>1g</sub>	10.17	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
8B <sub>1g</sub>	10.42	0.000042	0.000045	0.000049	0.001101	0.001193	0.001284
9B <sub>1g</sub>	10.43	0.000067	0.000050	0.000033	0.001592	0.001194	0.000796
10B <sub>1g</sub>	10.54	0.000009	0.000010	0.000011	0.000186	0.000201	0.000217
11B <sub>1g</sub>	10.67	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000004	0.000004	0.000004
12B <sub>1g</sub>	11.15	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000001
13B <sub>1g</sub>	11.67	0.000017	0.000013	0.000008	0.000222	0.000166	0.000111
14B <sub>1g</sub>	11.70	0.000016	0.000017	0.000018	0.000246	0.000266	0.000287
15B <sub>1g</sub>	11.91	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000008	0.000008	0.000009
16B <sub>1g</sub>	12.03	0.000029	0.000031	0.000034	0.000403	0.000436	0.000470
17B <sub>1g</sub>	12.04	0.000026	0.000019	0.000013	0.000246	0.000185	0.000123
18B <sub>1g</sub>	12.24	0.000021	0.000022	0.000024	0.000974	0.001055	0.001136
19B <sub>1g</sub>	12.37	0.000004	0.000003	0.000002	0.000473	0.000355	0.000236
20B <sub>1g</sub>	12.59	0.000014	0.000015	0.000016	0.000459	0.000497	0.000535
1B <sub>2g</sub>	6.45	0.000203	0.000178	0.000153	0.020316	0.017777	0.015238
2B <sub>2g</sub>	7.57	0.000179	0.000153	0.000127	0.001242	0.001090	0.000938
3B <sub>2g</sub>	7.64	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
4B <sub>2g</sub>	7.65	0.000005	0.000005	0.000004	0.000097	0.000085	0.000073
5B <sub>2g</sub>	8.29	0.000092	0.000079	0.000066	0.000538	0.000473	0.000409
6B <sub>2g</sub>	8.87	0.000016	0.000013	0.000011	0.000096	0.000084	0.000072
7B <sub>2g</sub>	8.88	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
8B <sub>2g</sub>	9.18	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
9B <sub>2g</sub>	9.19	0.000054	0.000046	0.000039	0.000091	0.000079	0.000068
10B <sub>2g</sub>	9.60	0.001500	0.001308	0.001116	0.000113	0.000110	0.000106
11B <sub>2g</sub>	10.43	0.000249	0.000213	0.000177	0.002641	0.002309	0.001977
12B <sub>2g</sub>	10.57	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
13B <sub>2g</sub>	10.67	0.260048	0.227553	0.195058	0.005970	0.005224	0.004478



TABLE S7: Benzene: fc-CVS-EOMEE-CCSD/6-311(2+,+)G\*\*(uC) valence excitation energies  $\Omega_{f0}$  (eV) of gerade states and their RIXS cross sections (a.u.) for  $\theta=0^\circ, 45^\circ, 90^\circ$ .

Final state	$\Omega_{f0}$	$\omega_i = 288.79$ eV			$\omega_i = 288.83$ eV		
		$\sigma^{RIXS}(0^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(45^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(90^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(0^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(45^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(90^\circ)$
1A <sub>g</sub>	0.00	0.012223	0.027252	0.042281	0.011861	0.026960	0.042060
2A <sub>g</sub>	7.86	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
3A <sub>g</sub>	7.88	0.000867	0.001220	0.001572	0.000960	0.001351	0.001741
4A <sub>g</sub>	9.10	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
5A <sub>g</sub>	9.23	0.000002	0.000003	0.000003	0.000003	0.000003	0.000003
6A <sub>g</sub>	9.32	0.000081	0.000088	0.000094	0.000074	0.000080	0.000086
7A <sub>g</sub>	10.06	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
8A <sub>g</sub>	10.13	0.000766	0.000947	0.001128	0.000807	0.000991	0.001175
9A <sub>g</sub>	10.42	0.000759	0.000822	0.000885	0.000806	0.000873	0.000940
10A <sub>g</sub>	10.54	0.000332	0.000679	0.001026	0.000380	0.000740	0.001100
11A <sub>g</sub>	10.54	0.000209	0.000226	0.000243	0.000214	0.000232	0.000250
12A <sub>g</sub>	10.58	0.001322	0.002247	0.003172	0.001562	0.002651	0.003740
13A <sub>g</sub>	10.67	0.000027	0.000029	0.000032	0.000028	0.000030	0.000032
14A <sub>g</sub>	11.15	0.000006	0.000007	0.000007	0.000007	0.000007	0.000008
15A <sub>g</sub>	11.70	0.000069	0.000075	0.000080	0.000071	0.000077	0.000083
16A <sub>g</sub>	11.74	0.000029	0.000106	0.000183	0.000031	0.000113	0.000196
17A <sub>g</sub>	11.91	0.000001	0.000001	0.000001	0.000001	0.000001	0.000001
18A <sub>g</sub>	12.03	0.000122	0.000132	0.000142	0.000119	0.000129	0.000138
19A <sub>g</sub>	12.06	0.000051	0.000169	0.000288	0.000053	0.000180	0.000306
20A <sub>g</sub>	12.24	0.000275	0.000297	0.000320	0.000304	0.000330	0.000355
21A <sub>g</sub>	12.25	0.000711	0.001980	0.003250	0.000823	0.002306	0.003789
1B <sub>1g</sub>	7.86	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
2B <sub>1g</sub>	7.91	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
3B <sub>1g</sub>	9.10	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
4B <sub>1g</sub>	9.23	0.000002	0.000003	0.000003	0.000003	0.000003	0.000003





TABLE S8: Benzene: fc-CVS-EOMEE-CCSD/6-311(2+,+)G\*\*(uC) valence excitation energies  $\Omega_{f0}$  (eV) of gerade states and their RIXS cross sections (a.u.) for  $\theta=0^\circ, 45^\circ, 90^\circ$ .

Final state	$\Omega_{f0}$	$\omega_i = 288.91$ eV			$\omega_i = 289.75$ eV		
		$\sigma^{RIXS}(0^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(45^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(90^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(0^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(45^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(90^\circ)$
1A <sub>g</sub>	0.00	0.011441	0.025323	0.039206	0.005942	0.020005	0.034068
2A <sub>g</sub>	7.86	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
3A <sub>g</sub>	7.88	0.000970	0.001370	0.001770	0.000216	0.000316	0.000415
4A <sub>g</sub>	9.10	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
5A <sub>g</sub>	9.23	0.000003	0.000003	0.000003	0.000001	0.000001	0.000002
6A <sub>g</sub>	9.32	0.000052	0.000056	0.000060	0.000001	0.000001	0.000001
7A <sub>g</sub>	10.06	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
8A <sub>g</sub>	10.13	0.000759	0.000926	0.001093	0.000065	0.000187	0.000308
9A <sub>g</sub>	10.42	0.000745	0.000807	0.000870	0.000110	0.000119	0.000128
10A <sub>g</sub>	10.54	0.000420	0.000734	0.001049	0.000202	0.000244	0.000286
11A <sub>g</sub>	10.54	0.000182	0.000197	0.000212	0.000028	0.000030	0.000033
12A <sub>g</sub>	10.58	0.001970	0.003305	0.004639	0.000561	0.000935	0.001309
13A <sub>g</sub>	10.67	0.000024	0.000026	0.000028	0.000002	0.000002	0.000003
14A <sub>g</sub>	11.15	0.000006	0.000007	0.000007	0.000005	0.000005	0.000005
15A <sub>g</sub>	11.70	0.000062	0.000067	0.000073	0.000007	0.000007	0.000007
16A <sub>g</sub>	11.74	0.000028	0.000109	0.000190	0.000008	0.000025	0.000042
17A <sub>g</sub>	11.91	0.000001	0.000001	0.000001	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
18A <sub>g</sub>	12.03	0.000093	0.000101	0.000109	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
19A <sub>g</sub>	12.06	0.000050	0.000177	0.000304	0.000001	0.000009	0.000016
20A <sub>g</sub>	12.24	0.000350	0.000379	0.000408	0.000065	0.000070	0.000076
21A <sub>g</sub>	12.25	0.000971	0.002745	0.004519	0.000138	0.000430	0.000723
1B <sub>1g</sub>	7.86	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
2B <sub>1g</sub>	7.91	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
3B <sub>1g</sub>	9.10	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
4B <sub>1g</sub>	9.23	0.000002	0.000003	0.000003	0.000001	0.000001	0.000001







## 4.7. Benzene: RIXS 2D maps

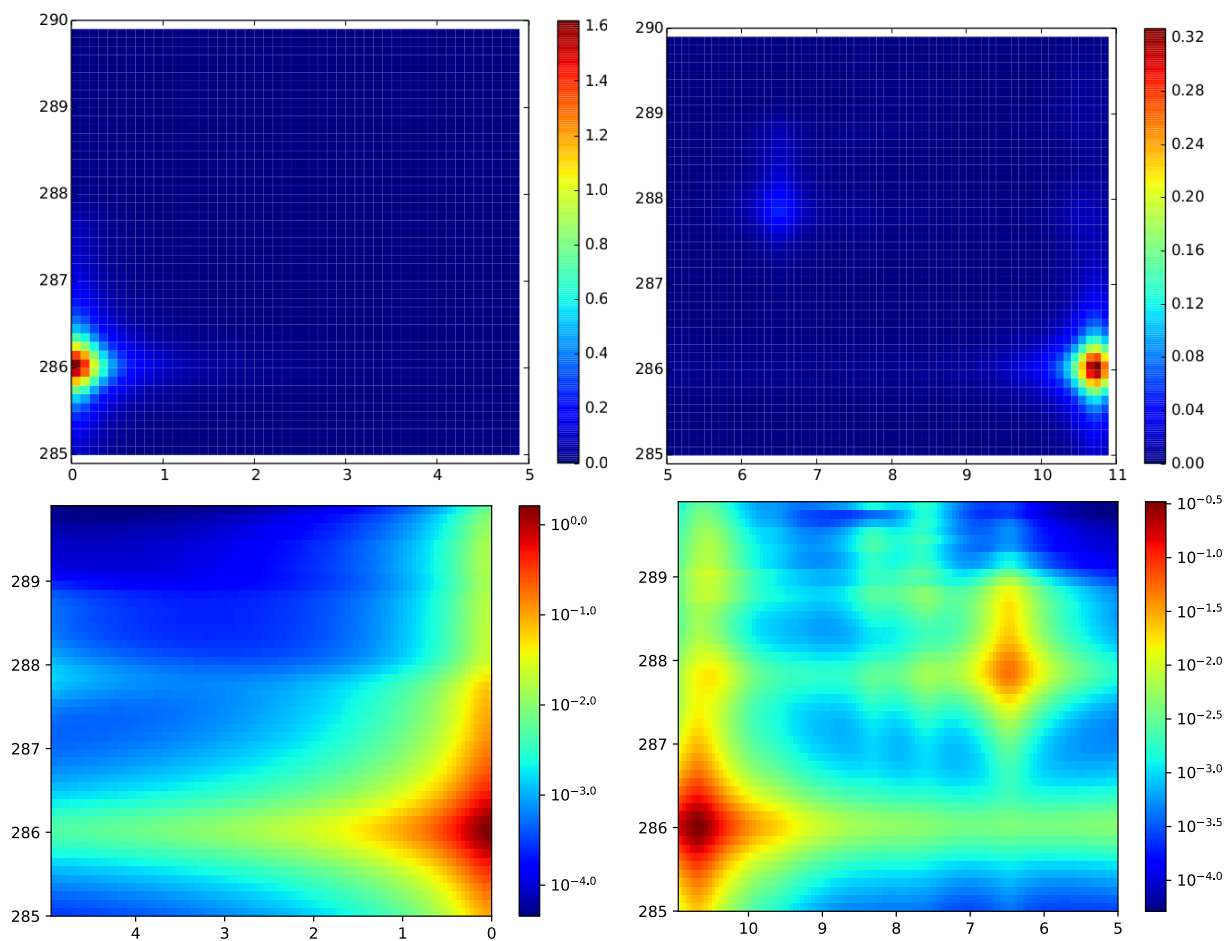


FIG. S3: Computed REXS (left) and RIXS (right) two-dimensional energy-loss ( $X$  axis) spectra; fc-CVS-EOM-CCSD/6-311(2+,+)G\*\*(uC). The bottom panels show the spectra on the logarithmic scale.

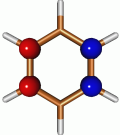
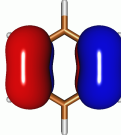
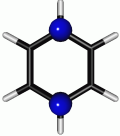
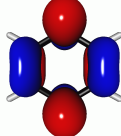
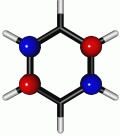
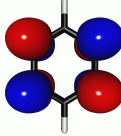
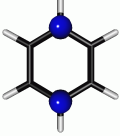
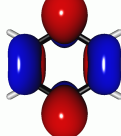
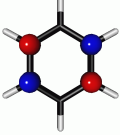
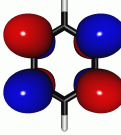
#### 4.8. Benzene cation: XAS energies and oscillator strengths

TABLE S9: Benzene cation ( ${}^2B_{3g}$ ): fc-CVS-EOMEE-CCSD/6-311(2+,+)G\*\*(uC) core excitation energies  $\omega_i$  (eV) and oscillator strengths  $f$  at the neutral unrelaxed and relaxed geometries.

Unrelaxed $B_{3g}$			Relaxed $B_{3g}$			Assignment
Symm.	$\omega_i$	$f$	Symm.	$\omega_i$	$f$	
$B_{1u}$	281.37	0.08192	$B_{1u}$	281.67	0.08182	(A)
$B_{1u}$	285.01	0.02219	$B_{1u}$	285.11	0.02229	(B)
$B_{1u}$	285.90	0.08098	$B_{1u}$	285.79	0.08674	(C)
$B_{1u}$	286.35	0.09080	$B_{1u}$	286.47	0.09145	(D)
$B_{1u}$	287.57	0.08782	$B_{1u}$	287.53	0.08012	(E)
$B_{1u}$	288.43	0.00432	$B_{1u}$	288.56	0.00713	
$B_{1u}$	288.88	0.00022	$B_{1u}$	288.98	0.00014	
$B_{3u}$	289.23	0.00060	$B_{3u}$	289.27	0.00057	
$B_{3u}$	289.67	0.01692	$B_{3u}$	289.72	0.01668	
$B_{3u}$	290.09	0.00076	$B_{3u}$	290.16	0.00071	
$B_{2u}$	290.11	0.00176	$B_{2u}$	290.18	0.00179	
$B_{3u}$	290.51	0.00495	$B_{3u}$	290.56	0.00500	
$B_{3u}$	290.62	0.01234	$B_{3u}$	290.69	0.01102	
$B_{2u}$	290.65	0.03305	$B_{2u}$	290.71	0.03350	
$B_{3u}$	290.75	0.00771	$B_{3u}$	290.80	0.00744	
$B_{2u}$	291.02	0.00000	$B_{2u}$	291.06	0.00007	
$B_{1u}$	291.09	0.00302	$B_{1u}$	291.16	0.00275	
$B_{3u}$	291.20	0.00008	$B_{3u}$	291.27	0.00006	
$B_{2u}$	291.23	0.00000	$B_{2u}$	291.27	0.00007	
$B_{1u}$	291.32	0.00302	$B_{1u}$	291.38	0.00254	
$B_{3u}$	291.47	0.00029	$B_{3u}$	291.53	0.00018	
$B_{3u}$	291.52	0.00184	$B_{3u}$	291.59	0.00183	
$B_{2u}$	291.55	0.00681	$B_{2u}$	291.61	0.00662	
$B_{3u}$	291.72	0.00405	$B_{2u}$	291.73	0.00189	
$B_{2u}$	291.76	0.00056	$B_{3u}$	291.79	0.00425	
$B_{2u}$	291.76	0.01346	$B_{2u}$	291.82	0.01257	
$B_{2u}$	292.00	0.00100	$B_{2u}$	291.99	0.00116	
$B_{1u}$	292.04	0.00639	$B_{1u}$	292.04	0.00611	

## 4.9. Benzene cation: XAS NTOs

TABLE S10: Benzene cation ( $B_{3g}$ ): fc-CVS-EOM-CCSD/6-311(2+,+)G\*\*(uC) NTOs of the relevant core excited states.

Excitation	Hole	$\sigma_K^2$	Particle
(A) $B_{1u}$		0.67	
(B) $B_{1u}$		0.58	
(C) $B_{1u}$		0.59	
(D) $B_{1u}$		0.77	
(E) $B_{1u}$		0.77	

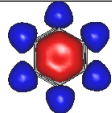
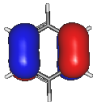


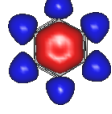
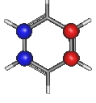
#### 4.10. Benzene cation: RIXS cross sections

TABLE S11: Benzene cation: fc-CVS-EOMEE-CCSD/6-311(2+,+)G\*\*(uC) valence excitation energies  $\Omega_{f_0}$  (eV) of gerade states and their RIXS cross sections (a.u.) for  $\theta=0^\circ$  for Frank-Condon and  $B_{3g}$  relaxed geometries with  $\omega_i$  equal to 281.37 eV and 281.67 eV, respectively.

Trans- -tion	Unrelaxed geom.				Relaxed geom.			
	$\Omega_{f_0}$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(0^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(45^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(90^\circ)$	$\Omega_{f_0}$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(0^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(45^\circ)$	$\sigma^{RIXS}(90^\circ)$
1A <sub>g</sub>	0.00	0.37922	0.58543	0.79163	0.00	0.37921	0.58837	0.79753
2A <sub>g</sub>	7.72	0.00902	0.01351	0.01801	7.72	0.00920	0.01380	0.01839
3A <sub>g</sub>	9.71	0.00071	0.00106	0.00142	9.75	0.00063	0.00095	0.00126
4A <sub>g</sub>	10.22	0.00001	0.00002	0.00003	10.31	0.00006	0.00009	0.00011
1B <sub>1g</sub>	0.20	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.66	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
2B <sub>1g</sub>	7.95	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	7.65	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
3B <sub>1g</sub>	9.45	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	9.12	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
1B <sub>2g</sub>	3.05	0.00195	0.00170	0.00146	3.42	0.00270	0.00236	0.00202
2B <sub>2g</sub>	8.37	0.00001	0.00001	0.00001	8.56	0.00001	0.00001	0.00001
3B <sub>2g</sub>	8.50	0.00001	0.00001	0.00001	8.70	0.00001	0.00001	0.00001
4B <sub>2g</sub>	9.38	0.00259	0.00227	0.00194	9.32	0.01232	0.01078	0.00924
5B <sub>2g</sub>	9.53	0.00179	0.00156	0.00133	9.59	0.00126	0.00110	0.00095
6B <sub>2g</sub>	9.86	0.03024	0.02646	0.02268	9.75	0.00445	0.00389	0.00333
7B <sub>2g</sub>	10.03	0.00780	0.00683	0.00585	9.90	0.01686	0.01475	0.01264
8B <sub>2g</sub>	10.14	0.00012	0.00011	0.00009	10.23	0.02827	0.02474	0.02121
9B <sub>2g</sub>	10.31	0.00073	0.00063	0.00054	10.32	0.00042	0.00037	0.00031
1B <sub>3g</sub>	3.04	0.00194	0.00170	0.00146	3.24	0.00127	0.00111	0.00095
2B <sub>3g</sub>	8.24	0.17948	0.15704	0.13461	8.41	0.18660	0.16327	0.13995
3B <sub>3g</sub>	9.24	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	8.93	0.00006	0.00005	0.00005
4B <sub>3g</sub>	9.76	0.00191	0.00167	0.00143	9.80	0.00160	0.00140	0.00120
5B <sub>3g</sub>	10.08	0.01292	0.01130	0.00969	9.92	0.00211	0.00184	0.00158
6B <sub>3g</sub>	10.18	0.00253	0.00222	0.00190	10.26	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
7B <sub>3g</sub>	10.29	0.00330	0.00289	0.00247	10.32	0.00707	0.00619	0.00530

#### 4.11. Benzene cation: Orbitals involved in dominant RIXS transitions

TABLE S12: Benzene cation (unrelaxed geometry): Orbitals involved in the dominant RIXS transition using the dominant sum-over-state term in the RIXS moments and the corresponding NTOs of one-photon absorption and emission processes involving the initial, final, and intermediate states. NTO isosurface is 0.05.  $c$  denotes a core-level transition.

Electronic transition	$f$ (a.u.)	Orbital transition	Hole NTO	$\sigma_K^2$	Particle NTO
$2B_{3g}$	0.000000	$5a_g \rightarrow 1b_{3g}$		0.74	
$cB_{1u}$ (absorption)	0.081929	$1b_{2u} \rightarrow 1b_{3g}$		0.68	
$cB_{2u}$ (emission)	0.019527	$5a_g \rightarrow 1b_{2u}$		0.56	

Net  $2B_{3g}$  RIXS orbital transition:  $5a_g \rightarrow 1b_{2u} \rightarrow 1b_{3g}$

#### 4.12. Benzene: Experimental RIXS

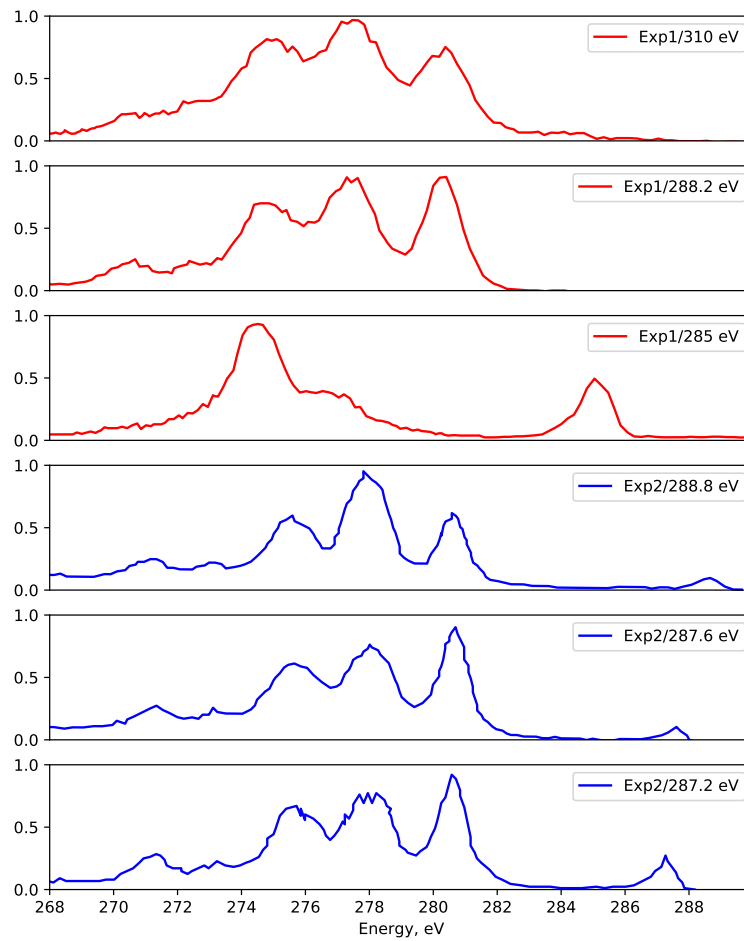


FIG. S4: Benzene XES and RIXS spectra from Refs. 1 (marked as 'Exp1', in red) and 2 (marked as 'Exp2', in blue).

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