# James P. Cryan

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# Research Interestes

I am interested in photo-induced dynamics of atoms and molecules. I am particularly interested in the dynamics of excited states in these systems, and how energy transfer takes place inside a molecule. The relevant timescales for these interactions is typically in the range of attoseconds to picoseconds. These dynamics include photo-triggered chemistry such as non Born-Oppenheimer molecular dynamics and quantum phenomena in strong-field driven systems. I also develop tools for studying these dynamics in the time domain.

#### Education

## Stanford University

2007 - 2012

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Ph.D. in Physics

• Thesis: Strong-Field and X-ray Interaction with Aligned Molecules
Available at: http://purl.stanford.edu/nr036sr6407

• Advisor: Philip H. Bucksbaum

#### The Ohio State University

2002 - 2007

B. S. Engineering Physics with focus on Nuclear Engineering

Minors: Mathematics and Chemistry

- Suma Cum Laude
- Graduation with Honors
- Graduation with Distinction; Advisor: Louis F. DiMauro
- Thesis: Coincidence Study of Rare Gases

### Awards and Honors

William E. and Diane M. Spicer Young Investigator Award
 Honorable Mention NSF Graduate Fellowship

• Member  $\Sigma\Pi\Sigma$  Physics Honor Society

(elected **2004**)

#### Service

• Photon Science Seminar Organizing Committee	2014-present
• Arrillaga Science Center Design Point of Contact (POC) for PULSE	2015-present
• Member LCLS NEH 1.1 Instrument Advisory Panel	2016-present
• PULSE 10-year anniversary Symposium – Chair	2016
• L2SI-Laser Conceptual Design Review Panel	2017
• LCLS-II-HE "First Experiments" planning committee	2017
• High Power Laser R&D Phase-II: Wavelength Extension CDR	2017
• Referee for various journals: Phys. Rev., IOP, etc.	2010-present

Curriculum Vitae J. P. Cryan

Professional Experience Staff Scientist

Dec. 2017-Present

Stanford PULSE Institute, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

I am currently the PI of attosecond science task at the Stanford PULSE Institute. We investigate attosecond processes in photo-driven chemistry. Our recent work has focused on studying photoemission on the attosecond timescale. We have also been investigating the utility of Impulsive electronic Raman scattering with X-ray free electron lasers to study electronic coherence in molecular systems.

Staff Scientist Dec. 2017– Present

Linac Coherent Light Source, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

I joined the LCLS staff to help develop and promote an attosecond science program at the XFEL facility. In collaboration with Agostino Maranelli, we have developed and demonstrated the first soft x-ray pulses from an XFEL with sub-femtosecond pulse duration.

#### Associate Staff Scientist

Nov. 2014- Dec. 2017

Stanford PULSE Institute, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

As the Co-PI of the attosecond science task at PULSE, I developed novel laser source to drive non-linear XUV processes. This development is crucial to understanding electronic coherence processes (charge transfer and migration) as well as the interplay between electronic and nuclear motion (Non-BOA dynamics), on attosecond timescales.

Post Doctoral Fellow 2012 - 2014

Advanced Light Source, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Chemical Sciences Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

During my tenure as a postdoctoral scholar I built a laser laboratory from the ground up. We developed a strong-field driven high harmonic generation (HHG) setup to produce sufficient VUV/XUV flux to drive two-photon transitions (pump/probe) in molecular systems. We used our pump/probe setup to study non-Born-Oppenhemimer dynamics on small molecular systems.

Laser Technician 2010 - 2012

Linac Coherent Light Source Laser Group lead by William White

During graduate school I worked part-time with the LCLS laser group. The LCLS facility has a diverse user community and we would provide laser support for these users. I focused on making broadly tunable optical parametric amplifiers to span from the visible range out to  $\sim 15~\mu m$ . I was a member of experimental teams that looked at a broad range of phenomena from gas phase AMO physics to solid-state low temperature physics.

Graduate Student 2007 – 2012

Bucksbaum research group at Stanford PULSE Institute

A large body of my thesis work focused on creating and measuring rotational/vibrational wave packets in molecular systems. I developed numerous tools/techniques for studying these systems. I also conducted a large portion of my dissertation research at the Linac Coherent Light Source (LCLS) user facility, where I studied the dynamics of small molecules exposed to intense x-rays.

• Teaching experience: teaching assistant for 1 academic year.

# Undergraduate Student

2002 - 2007

DiMauro Research group at OSU

As an undergraduate student I worked with the DiMauro research group studying strong-field non-sequential multiple ionization. We collected ions in coincidence with photoelectrons

• Summer REU (2006)