XAFS:

Study of the local structure around an X-ray absorbing atom

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(1) Principle of XAFS

Phenomena caused by X-ray irradiation





XAFS

X-ray Absorption Fine Structure : Local electronic and geometric structures around the x-ray absorbing atom



Photon Energy



XAFS spectrum from a diatomic molecule



X-ray absorption : *Fermi's Golden Rule*

$$\mu = \frac{4\pi^2 \omega_e^2}{c} N_a \left| \left\langle f \left| e \cdot r \right| i \right\rangle \right|^2 \rho(E_f)$$

i: wave function of the initial state $\rightarrow 1$ s

f: wave function of the final state \rightarrow

superposition of the ejected wave and back-scattered waves

$$\chi(k) = \frac{\mu - \mu_0}{\mu_0}$$
 EXAFS function

Point atom, plane wave, and single scattering approximations

$$\chi(k) = \sum_{j} A_{j}(k) \sin\left[2kr_{j} + 2\delta_{j}(k)\right]$$
$$A_{j}(k) = \frac{N_{j}|f(k,\pi)|}{kr_{j}^{2}} \exp(-2r_{j}/\lambda) \exp\left(-2\sigma^{2}k^{2}\right)$$

EXAFS oscillation

$$\chi(k) = \sum_{i} A_{i}(k) \sin(2kR_{i} + \phi_{i})$$

Ri:bond distance







2 $\chi(k) = \sum_{i} A_{i}(k) \sin(2kR_{i} + \phi_{i})$ Phase shift R

Phase shift of the X-ray absorbing atom



k/A-1







Au K-EXAFS of Au foil





Wavenumber k (Å⁻¹)

If the coordination number decreases,



Photon Energy

If the bond distance increases,



Photon Energy

(2) Instrumentation

Experimental method of XAFS

«transmission method»









Cu K-XAFS of CuSO₄ 10mMol aq. solution







(3) XAF S spectral analysis



Back Fourier Transformation



Polarization Dependent EXAFS K-absorption(1s → p-like continuum)



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Temperature dependence $\chi(k) = \sum_{j} A_{j}(k) \sin\left[2kr_{j} + 2\delta_{j}(k)\right]$

$$A_{j}(k) = \frac{N_{j}|f(k,\pi)|}{kr_{j}^{2}} \exp(-2r_{j}/\lambda) \exp\left(-2\sigma^{2}k^{2}\right)$$

$$\ln \frac{A(k,T_2)}{A(k,T_1)} \cong 2k^2 \left[\sigma^2(T_1) - \sigma^2(T_2) \right]$$

Determination of $\sigma^2(T)$



What can we get from $\sigma^2(T)$

 $\mathbf{u}_{i} \qquad \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{i}^{2} = \left\langle \left[\left(u_{i} - u_{0} \right) \cdot \vec{R}_{i} \right]^{2} \right\rangle$ $= \left\langle \left(u_{i} \cdot \vec{R}_{i} \right)^{2} \right\rangle + \left\langle \left(u_{0} \cdot \vec{R}_{i} \right)^{2} \right\rangle + 2 \left\langle \left(u_{0} \cdot \vec{R}_{i} \right) \cdot \left(u_{i} \cdot \vec{R}_{i} \right) \right\rangle$

Einstein model

R_i

 \mathbf{u}_{0}

R

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R_i

Einstein frequency

$$f_E = c^2 \mu \omega_E^2$$

$$\sigma_i^2 = \frac{\hbar}{2\mu\omega_E} \left[\coth\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{2kT_2}\right) - \coth\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{2kT_1}\right) \right]$$

 $\vec{R}_i = \frac{R_i - R_0}{|R_i - R_0|}$

 $\sigma_i^2(T) = \frac{\hbar}{2\mu\omega_{\rm F}} \coth\left|\frac{\hbar\omega}{2kT}\right|$



c-As As-As: 216 cm⁻¹ **a-As**

As-As: 234 cm⁻¹

c-As₂S₃ As-S: 332 cm⁻¹ **g-As₂S₃** As-S: 330 cm⁻¹

 $c-As_4S_4$ As-As: 222 cm-1
As-S: 342 cm-1





EXAFS analysis-1



$$\chi(k) = \sum_{i} A_{i}(k) \sin(2kr_{i} + \phi_{i})$$
amplitude
Atomic distance

Phase shift

Fourier transformation





Limitation and Improvement of XAFS theory

Multiple scattering effect

 which is enhanced at XANES region and also
 at longer distance above 3 A.
 →FEFF program developed by J.Rehr can be
 used for spectral simulation.





Non-negligible Shadowing effect

Limitation and Improvement of XAFS theory

Vibrational anharmonicity

The formula assumes a Gussian distribution.

→Cumulant expansion method has been developed to take into the anharmonicity,

which gives the information of real bond distance, thermal expansion coefficients, radial distribution curve.

$$\chi(k) = \frac{N}{kR^2} \operatorname{Im} \left[f_{eff}(k, kR) \exp\left(2ikR + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2ik)^n}{n!} C_n\right) \right]$$

= $\frac{N}{kR^2} F_{eff}(k, kR) \exp\left[-2C_2k^2 + \frac{2}{3}C_4k^4 - \cdots\right] \sin\left[2kR + \phi_{eff}(k, kR) - \frac{4}{3}C_3k^3 + \cdots\right]$

$$C_2 = \langle (r-R)^2 \rangle$$
 $C_3 = \langle (r-R)^3 \rangle$ $C_4 = \langle (r-R)^4 \rangle - 3C_2^2$

where $R = \langle r \rangle$

(4) XAFS applications

- Catalysis
- Amorphous systems
- Material physics(High Tc, CMR,....)
- Magnetic materials \leftarrow XMCD
- Thin films and Surface science
- Environmental science
- Biological materials

(5) Challenge of XAFS

• Time-resolved XAFS spectroscopy

• Micro XAFS or Nano XAFS

Summary--Features of XAFS

- Applicable to any phase (amorphous, liquid, gas), surface/interface and biomaterials
- Measurable under various conditions
 - \rightarrow under high pressure, gaseous atmosphere, for real catalysis
- Polarization dependence \rightarrow direction of the bond
- Temperature dependence→ strength of any specific bond
- Combined with microbeam →local structure of a local area
- Pump-probe experiment → dynamics of local structure