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Proven

Industrial R&D:	
Mining, battery components,	
catalysts,	Likely
Routine analytical chemistry:	-
Environment	



There are modern roles for lab XAFS, some complement synchrotron usage and some are completely independent.

But, how did we get here?

Lab Based XAFS: A History of Spectrometers and Spectroscopy

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OUTLINE



Ann. Phys. Fr. 14 (1989) 377-466 AOUT 1989, PAGE 377 A History of X-ray absorption fine structure (*)

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Abstract. — This historical account of X-ray absorption fine structure (XAFS) spectroscopy from the origin to 1975 begins with the first observations of X-ray absorption edges and the experimental setups used at the turn of the century. Then, the discovery of XAFS and Kossel's early interpretation are discussed. A close look is taken at the three outstanding papers written by Kronig to explain XAFS in solids and molecules. Petersen's development of XAFS in molecules and Smoluchowski's investigation of XAFS in crystals during the thirties are reviewed. Then, the Japanese and Soviet contributions to X-ray absorption spectroscopy up to the sixties are described. We conclude with the advent of the present understanding of XAFS developed in the early seventies. Although many experiments are presented, we emphasize the conceptual evolution of the interpretation of XAFS, including false steps and overlooked works.



Wilhelm Roentgen (1845-1923)



Ba[Pt(CN)₄] screen

8 November 1895



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Wilhelm Roentgen (1845-1923) A spare Ba[Pt(CN)₄] screen outside the tube.

Roentgen: Cathode rays don't go through air \rightarrow there must be some other ray being generated.

"X-ray" where "X" is the unknown variable from mathematics.

Ba[Pt(CN)₄] screen Inside the tube. (cathodoluminescent)



8 November 1895



Wilhelm Roentgen

(1845 - 1923)

X = 'unknown variable'

The medical applications of X-rays were apparent, and research started to learn **"what is X"**.

Nobel Prize in Physics 1901



X = 'unknown variable' If X-rays are waves. Then they will diffract.



Max von Laue (1879-1960) 1914 Nobel Prize

William Henry Bragg (1862-1942) William Laurence Bragg (1890-1971)

1915 Nobel Prize

X-rays are waves with wavelength comparable to the spacing between atoms in solids.

X-ray tube back here

Dispersing element on rotation table (NaCl)

Source

(2nd slit)

1st slit

Original Bragg x-ray spectrometer. Science Museum Group Collection (UK)

Detector on swinging arm (gas ionization)



From Physics4Students https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFI9xb2uLsU Assume: known *d*-spacing, then this is a spectrometer to study the spectrum of the tube.



"The Structure of Diamond," Bragg & Bragg, Proc. Royal. Soc. 1913

X-rays are electromagnetic radiation and are photons.



Arthur H. Compton (1892-1962) **ARTHUR H. COMPTON**

X-rays as a branch of optics

Nobel Lecture, December 12, 1927

First part of lecture: Summary of work by Compton and others that proves that X-rays are part of the electromagnetic spectrum: successive patchwork studies using higher and higher order reflection from gratings.

Second part of lecture: The Compton effect, *photon quantization*, and relativistic kinematics of photon-electron scattering.

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One of the most fascinating aspects of recent physics research has been the gradual extension of familiar laws of optics to the very high frequencies of X-rays, until at the present there is hardly a phenomenon in the realm of light whose parallel is not found in the realm of X-rays. Reflection, refraction, diffuse scattering, polarization, diffraction, emission and absorption spectra, photoelectric effect, all of the essential characteristics of light have been found also to be characteristic of X-rays. At the same time it has been found that some of these phenomena undergo a gradual change as we proceed to the extreme frequencies of X-rays, and as a result of these interesting changes in the laws of optics we have gained new information regarding the nature of light.





Manne Siegbahn (1886-1978)

Led the development of highresolution x-ray spectrometers using Bragg diffraction from perfect crystals to study x-ray fluorescence.

1924 Nobel Prize for "The X-rays Spectra and the Structure of Atoms"









Henry Moseley (1887 – 1915)



Siegbahn, Moseley and others performed exacting studies of x-ray fluorescence.

What about absorption?

The First Evidence for an Absorption Edge at X-ray Energies



Maurice deBroglie (1875-1960)

M. deBroglie and F.A. Lindemann, Vehr.Dtsch.Phys.Ges. 16 195 (1914)





The First Evidence for an Absorption Edge at X-ray Energies E. Wagner, Ann. Phys. **46**, 868-892 (1915)



Ernst Wagner (?) (1876-1928) [Ph.D. student of Roentgen]

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Ernst_Wa gner_CIPB0723.jpg ... also recognized by von Laue in his Nobel Address for early precise measurements of Planck's constant via the Bremsstrahlung endpoint.

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The First Evidence for Fine Structure

Hugo Fricke, Phys. Rev. 16, 202 (1920)



Hugo Fricke (1892 – 1972)

Student and postdoc: Worked with Bohr, Seigbahn, and Lyman

Fricke was a prominent early researcher on x-ray dosimetry and the biological effects of x-ray exposure.



Prior to 1920, spectrometers were built for three reasons:

- ➢ To understand "what are x-rays"
- To understand atoms:
 - measure fluorescence energies
 - measure absorption energies

The community realized that the fine structure had something to do with crystal structure, and the success of diffraction and emergence of quantum theory made XAFS a hot research topic.

Scientists started building spectrometers to learn what caused the fine structure. Is the 'fine structure' due to purely atomic processes, or does the local environment play a role?



J. Donald Hanawalt (1902-1987)





Products

Education ~

Conferences ~

One of the founders of analytical powder XRD.

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MARCH 15, 1931PHYSICAL REVIEWVOLUME 37THE DEPENDENCE OF X-RAY ABSORPTION SPECTRA
UPON CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL STATE

By J. D. HANAWALT* University of Michigan

Der Einfluß der Temperatur auf die K-Absorption des Eisens.

Von J. D. Hanawalt¹), zurzeit in Groningen.

Mit 4 Abbildungen. (Eingegangen am 7. Mai 1931.)

[J.D. Hanawalt, "The Influence of Temperature on the K-absorption of Iron", Z. Phys. 1931]

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Hanawalt, Phys. Rev. 1931

Solids show fine structure, but isolated atoms do not.


Molecular solids/liquids show fine structure.

And a gas of molecules *also* shows fine structure, **which is different than for the solid.** The strong effect of temperature on x-ray diffraction was already known. What about XAFS?

Temperature dependence of fine structure: Hanawalt, Z.Phys. 1931



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A. Goodsell, U Texas dissertation (2012)



Yvette Cauchois (1908-1999)

F. Lytle, J Synch Rad (1999):

Early in a long career devoted to the study of the emission and absorption of X-rays, Yvette Cauchois (Cauchois, 1932, 1933), Fig. 2, developed the transmission bent-crystal X-ray spectrometer. This instrument allowed rapid accurate measurement of absorption edges. For 40 years it was used for short-wavelength spectroscopy in many laboratories of the world. The modern equivalent is

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Ed Stern

Dale Sayers

Farrel Lytle

FIG. 1. Smoothed experimental EXAFS data for (a) crystalline and (b) amorphous Ge. Only the oscillatory part χ of the absorption edge is shown.

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Rev Sci Instrum 1978

Development of a laboratory EXAFS facility

G. S. Knapp, Haydn Chen, and T. E. Klippert

Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne. Illinois 60439 (Received 14 March 1978; in final form, 22 May 1978) Physica B 1989

A New In-Laboratory XAFS Facility

G.S. Knapp,A.G. McKale, Surface Science Instruments, 465 National Avenue, Mtn. View, CA 94043

> J. Quintana and T. Georgopoulos Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Commercialized instrument with multiple cylindrical analyzers for different energy ranges. "energy resolution 10eV or less…" Design: Linear Spectrometer



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Original Paper

EXAFS and XANES Studies of Co_xMg_{1-x}O Solid Solutions Using a Laboratory EXAFS Spectrometer

A. Kuzmin, N. Mironova, J. Purans, A. Sazonov First published: 16 January 1993 | https://doi.org/10.1 EXAFS χ(k)k² (Å⁻²) Kengaraga 8, 226063 Riga, Latvia. 229021 Salaspils, Latvia. Dynamically curved quartz analyzer, energy resolution 5 - 10 eV. Among the best of the home-built laboratory systems of this era.



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1980's (and beyond) *extensive and very careful* work by academics in Japan and Rigaku Corp to refine and perfect the linear spectrometer with cylindrical analyzers, but generally still limited by optics performance and detector limitations.

Physica Scripta. Vol. T115, 1017-1018, 2005

Customization of an In-House XAFS Spectrometer for Sulfur Measurement

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Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of the in-house spectrometer and helium chamber.



And then the use of lab XAFS faded in the 1980's-90's-00's.

J. Synchrotron Rad. (1999). 6, 123-134

The EXAFS family tree: a personal history of the development of extended X-ray absorption fine structure

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Then the Stanford

Radiation Research Project started and you know the rest of that story. In one trip to the synchrotron we collected more and better data in three days than in the previous ten years. I shut down all three X-ray spectrometers in the Boeing laboratory. A new era had arrived!

Mid-1980's

The reasons:

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2013

Silicon drift detectors with high saturation rates are a mass-produced commodity, easily able to reject harmonics and background scatter.

XAFS community outgrew access, 300% to 1000% oversubscription globally.

1-m spherically bent crystal analyzers are commercially available with all orientations. (and later with 0.5-m bend!)

Elimination of the Inner-Shell Lifetime Broadening in X-Ray-Absorption Spectroscopy

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A novel method to measure x-ray-absorption spectra without the inner-shell lifetime broadening is presented. It is based on a high-resolution spectrometer which can be used to analyze the fluorescence photon energy with better resolution than the natural linewidth. The dramatic improvement in resolution and detailed structure for the x-ray-absorption near-edge structure (XANES) at the Dy L_{111} edge is presented. This new technique reveals structure which is totally invisible using conventional XANES.

The spectrometer used to measure the fluorescence is based on a spherically bent perfect Si(440) crystal and a position-sensitive detector (PSD) sitting on the same Rowland circle as the sample. The fluorescence radiation





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Tim Fister

LERIX spectrometer: Fister, et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. (2006)

LERIX operations 2006-2022 (APS 20-ID)



*Lanthanide series

**Actinide series



LERIX:

- >50 papers.
- Expanded XRS much farther in the periodic table.
- Made XRS accessible to a broad community of users.



Steve Heald: "There isn't enough money to both build the body of spectrometer + detector *and* to buy the \sim 100 optics."



Jerry: "Well, maybe we can learn to make the optics."



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Back-of-envelope calculation showed:

1) useful monochromatic flux for XAFS even low powered x-ray tube.

2) Lab XES should would have count rates intermediate between BM and 3rd-generation ID.

3) We could build a prototype for 30k\$ in components, and I had the funds.



Jerry: "Well, make the optics be we can learn to



The "coffin" prototype spectrometer at UW







First Rowland-circle *Spherically Bent* Crystal Analyzer (SBCA) lab XAFS/XES



A few months

later...

Seidler, Mortensen, et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. 2014

Seidler, Mortensen, et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. 2014 Holden, et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. 2017 Jahrman, et al., Rev Sci. Instrum. 2019 TU-Berlin (Kangiessen, Malzer) Budapest (Nemeth, Vanko) Warsaw/Krakow (Szlachetko) Helsinki (Huotari, Bes) NIST (O'Neil, Ullom)

(commercialization)

Hypothesis:

The world needs lab XAFS and XES again, but for more reasons than in the pre-synchrotron era **and** for reasons that are often incompatible with synchrotron access. 2017 Many upgrades of prototype, workhorse lab XAFS still running, >30 papers. E. Jahrman, et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. (2019)

Many examples of perfect transmission-mode XANES





Evan Jahrman



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Aminophosphines as Versatile Precursors for the Synthesis of Metal Phosphide Nanocrystals

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XRD can't distinguish CoP and Co₂P nanoparticles (5 nm). But the XANES is clear!

Purely analytical, non-expert application.



E. Jahrman, et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. (2019)



TABLE II. Selected EXAFS fitting parameters for the Ni foil measured at APS and at UW

			S	hell1	S	hell2	S	hell3	Shell4		
	$S_o{}^2$	R-factor	Ni-Ni (Å)	$\sigma^2 (10^{-4} \text{ Å}^2)$	Ni-Ni (Å)	$\sigma^2 (10^{-4} \text{ Å}^2)$	Ni-Ni (Å)	$\sigma^2 (10^{-4} \text{ Å}^2)$	Ni-Ni (Å)	$\sigma^2 (10^{-4} \text{ Å}^2)$	
APS 13-ID ⁴⁷ UW	0.90 (6) 0.81 (6)	0.015 0.016	2.493 (4) 2.490 (4)	$\begin{array}{c} 67\pm 6\\ 61\pm 6\end{array}$	3.525 (5) 3.522 (5)	96 ± 19 76 ± 16	4.317 (6) 4.314 (7)	91 ± 10 92 ± 11	4.985 (7) 4.981 (8)	$\begin{array}{c} 79\pm8\\ 79\pm9\end{array}$	



Linear Spectrometer (1-3 kW tube): enables in operando studies and some fluorescence mode.



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Accessible elements with high-powered line focus tube and 0.5-m SBCA

"Optimal" energy range: 4.5-12 keV

"Expanded" energy range: 12-25 keV



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н	2											13	14	15	16	17	² He
Li	⁴ Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	⁸ O	9 F	10 Ne
¹ Na	¹² Mg	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	¹³	¹⁴ Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	¹⁸ Ar
° K	20 Ca	21 Sc	²² Ti	23 V	²⁴ Cr	²⁵ Mn	Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	²⁹ Cu	³⁰ Zn	³¹ Ga	Ge	³³ As	³⁴ Se	35 Br	36 Kr
7 Rb	38 Sr	³⁹ Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	⁴⁸ Cd	49 In	⁵⁰ Sn	₅1 Sb	⁵² Te	53 	⁵⁴ Xe
₅ Cs	56 Ba	57-71 Lanthanides	⁷² Hf	73 Ta	74 W	⁷⁵ Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 TI	82 Pb	⁸³ Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
7 Fr	⁸⁸ Ra	89-103 Actinides	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	¹⁰⁷ Bh	¹⁰⁸ Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	¹¹¹ Rg	112 Cn	¹¹³ Nh	114 FI	115 Mc	116 LV	¹¹⁷ Ts	¹¹⁸ Og

57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	٥٥ Nd	Pm	⁶² Sm	63 Eu	Gd	⁵⁵ Tb	66 Dy	⁶⁷ Но	⁶⁸ Er	⁶⁹ Tm	70 Yb	⁷¹ Lu
89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	¹⁰¹	¹⁰²	103
Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr


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Article

Conjugated Metal–Organic Macrocycles: Synthesis, Characterization, and Electrical Conductivity

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Hypothesis: Cu(II) in square planar configuration with four O ligands.





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Compare to: $Cu(acac)_2$ is Cu(II) with square planar coordination to four O.





Oxidation state is correct (edge shift)



Zasada, et al, JACS 2022

Fits give very similar Cu-O distance and first-shell N.

Cu (II) in a square planar configuration with oxygen ligands.



Setting up our insitu electrocatalytic XAS measurements on our @easyXAFS spectrometer. @gsl1996 @MarkIsaacsChem bringing in some great data to go with our insitu XPS and Raman data!!



Growing use of special sample environments in modern lab XAFS instruments.

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Industrial Applications for Laboratory XAFS

Two weeks ago: October 16, 2023

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2023: The XAFS Community is at the cusp of immense changes.



- Ambient transmission-mode measurements can usually be done in the lab with synchrotron quality results. (5 keV – 15keV+)
- Great preparation for synchrotron beamtime.
- Almost all bulk nonresonant XES can be done in the lab.
- Growing capability for *operando*, special environments, fluor mode for expert usage.
- Student education, new user training, reach new research groups and disciplines, ...
- Industrial special-purpose applications are coming.



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J Vac. Sci. Tech. A (2020)

Assessment of the frequency and nature of erroneous x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy analyses in the scientific literature **FREE**

Special Collection: Special Topic Collection: Reproducibility Challenges and Solutions

George H. Major (); Tahereh G. Avval; Behnam Moeini; Gabriele Pinto; Dhruv Shah; Varun Jain; Victoria Carver; William Skinner (); Thomas R. Gengenbach (); Christopher D. Easton (); Alberto Herrera-Gomez (); Tim S. Nunney; Donald R. Baer (); Matthew R. Linford ()

30% of XPS publications have *major* errors in execution or fitting. Several XPS-heavy journals are now desk-rejecting a large portion of submitted manuscripts.

J Appl. Physics (2022)

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Goal: 'Best practice' means that you reduce instrument-specific systematic errors until your analysis issues are the same as at a synchrotron.

There cannot be 'lab XAFS' and 'synchrotron XAFS' as distinct fields, there can only be XAFS!

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