Soft X-ray scattering instrumentation at LCLS-II

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- Update on LCLS-II
- chemRIXS: spectroscopy of samples in solution phase
- qRIXS: high-resolution spectroscopy of correlated materials
- PAX

Highlights from SXR @ LCLS





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LCLS-II provides: • Repetition rate • Stability

Deciphering the intramolecular electron transport on the femtosecond timescale

- Key steps:
- Selective photoexcitation at the Ru site
- 2. XAS, XES and RIXS at Ru, N and Co to map (un)occupied DOS



S. Canton, et. al Nat. Comm. 6:6359, 2015



- Key requirements:
- 1. High throughput moderate resolution RIXS spectrometer
- 2. Tunable visible excitation
- 3. Fourier-transform-limited optical and x-ray pulses 5

What is the dynamics of light-enhanced coherent transport in cuprates?

- Key steps:
- 1. Characterize the spectrum of excitations at different temperature
- 2. Optically drive lattice distortion



• Key requirements:



L. Chaix, et. al, Nat. Phys. 2017

- 1. High energy resolution *q*-dependent RIXS spectrometer
- 2. Tunable mid-IR excitation
- 3. Fourier-transform-limited optical and x-ray pulses 6

N. P. Armitage, Nat. Mater. 13, 665

LCLS-II – Notional Timeline



chemRIXS: major components



chemRIXS: portable RIXS spectrometer



Transition Edge Sensor Spectrometer



qRIXS: spectrometer arm



Capabilities:

- Scattering angle 40 150 deg
- 1 chamber for parabolic mirror and gratings
- Downward deflection
- Polarimeter
- Current collaboration with BNL team to define the optical layout



qRIXS: sample chamber



Capabilities:

- Cryostat, 6 DOF, 20 K
- Flexible long-wavelength incoupling

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 In-vacuum detectors for peak finding and XAS in fluorescence yield mode

Parameter optimization

 $\begin{array}{l} r_a = 2200 \text{ mm} \\ \alpha(\text{psuedo-Rowland}) = 88.5^{\circ} \\ k_0 = 3600 \text{ mm}^{-1} \\ a_1 = 1.6003 \text{ mm}^{-2} \\ a_2 = 6.818 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^{-3} \\ a_3 = 2.70 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mm}^{-4} \\ R = 84043.4 \text{ mm} \\ \text{optimized at } 930 \text{ eV}, \text{ m} = +3, r_b(930 \text{ eV}) = 3469.03 \text{ mm}, \text{ blaze angle} = 4.2^{\circ} \end{array}$

Courtesy of Joe Dvorak

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LCLSII RIXS Spectrometer, High Resolution Mode $eV_{opt}=930$, $m_{opt}=3$, k=3600 mm⁻¹, $\alpha=88.5$, $a_1=1.60$ mm⁻², $a_2=6.82E-04$ mm⁻³, R=84043.4 mm, $r_a=2200$ mm



XPCS X-ray Photon Correlation Spectroscopy

LCLS-II Science Opportunity:

 Connect spontaneous fluctuations, dynamics and heterogeneities on multiple length- and timescales to material properties

Significance & Impact

- Electronic structure dynamics
- Chemical heterogeneity/dynamics
- Phase transitions

LCLS-II Strengths & Challenges

- High rep rate
- Coherence (energy resolution) near FT limit
- Sub-Nanosecond 2-pulse technique (FEL)



NEH 2.2 Beamline layout



FEE H 1.1 TMO H 1.2 TXI

Front End Enclosure & Near Experimental Hall

NEH 2.2 Hutch complete, FY 2023



Challenges of high resolution soft x-ray RIXS

Source requirements

- Small x-ray spot, not good for FELs
- Limited flux at 3rd generation light sources

Engineering challenges

- Grating with excellent
 quality
- Long detector arm
- Very high detector spatial resolution
- Excellent stability

Collection efficiency

 Low fluorescence yield, ~ 10⁻³

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 Very low collection efficiency, ~ 10⁻⁵

Efforts to improve the throughput/resolution

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 Small pixel, counting centroiding



Collection efficiency

- Very low collection efficiency, ~ 10⁻⁵
- Stimulated emission
- Transition Edge Sensors

Alternative: convert photons to photoelectrons



Proposed solution: convert photons to photoelectrons!



PAX (Photoelectron Analysis of X-rays) and M. O. Krause

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Basis and characterics of method

The principle of the method is simple and consists of converting the x-rays under study into photoelectrons which are then analyzed in a suitable instrument according to energies and flux.

Given a known energy level E_B of some converter atom, free or bound, the energy hv of the photon is obtained from the kinetic energy $E_{e,kin}$ of the photoelectron according to

 $hv = E_{R} + E_{e,kin}$







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Test experiment: CoO



Electronic Structure of CoO Nanocrystals and a Single Crystal Probed by Resonant X-ray Emission Spectroscopy

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Pilot study: Cobalt oxide Step 2: PES from CoO and RIXS map retrieval



• Convolved it with the analyzer response (the *4f* peaks): very good fit

Comparison of first test to grating VLS spectrometer

Comparison (per shot) between grating spectrometer and PAX

Parameter	VLS	PAX	
# photons/shot	2 x 10 ¹⁰	2 x 10 ¹⁰	
Fluence mJ/cm ²	25	0.25	
F yield	10 ⁻³	10 ⁻³	Big gain for PAX
Al foil transmission	0.8	0.8	
Collection efficiency	10-6	2.5 x 10 ⁻²	
Diffraction efficiency	2.5 x 10 ⁻²		
Conversion to e-	-	3 x 10 ⁻²	→ • Similar
Detection efficiency	0.8	0.8	
Analyzer transmission		10-5	 Target for
Estimated ph/e-	0.32	0.096	improvement
Measured ph/e-	0.15	0.05	-

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VLS signal rate is 3 times higher than PAX (same # photons) PAX signal rate is 30 times higher than VLS (same fluence) ₂

Advantages



Simulations

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- Signal rate is already comparable to grating-based RIXS
- Various improvement schemes can boost signal rate much higher: fresh Au evaporation, electrical bias
- Path towards efficient RIXS with ~200 meV looks good
- Path towards very high resolution possible, needs testing, possibly at BL 13-1 at SSRL in the fall
- Opportunity to do RIXS at any edge appears possible with no modification of the spectrometer

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Key Beamline Performance Requirements

Parameter	Range	Comment
Photon Energy Range SXU [eV]	250-1600	Cover the C, N, O <i>K</i> -edge, L-edge of 3 <i>d</i> transition metals, <i>M</i> -edge of rare earths
Bandwidth Control [RP, resolving	50,000; 10,000	Required for RIXS: 2 x FT limit
power]	5,000	Required for all other techniques: < 2 x FT limit
Experimental Spot Size Range	2 4000	Spot size adjustable to the interaction point
a. Horizontai [µm]b. Vertical [µm]	3-1000	at each endstation
Lasers	Visible to THz	For correlated materials
	Visible to 2.4 µm	For chemistry
Synchronization [fs]	<10	

chemRIXS endstation

Capabilities:

- Variable x-ray spot
- Wide range of laser wavelengths
- (Semi) Automated sample delivery
- Arrival Time Monitor



qRIXS endstation

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Experiment schematic

XAS in transmission mode Energy (eV) cupie x-ray Diode Liquid film -0 **XES and RIXS** hν_{in} Detector Liquid jet XES. hν_{out} Diode Grating -535 Oxygen 1s

S. Schreck, et al., Struct. Dyn., 1, 054901, 2014

XAS: X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy XES: X-ray Emission Spectroscopy RIXS: Resonant Inelastic X-ray Scattering

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Wernet et al, Nature **520**, 78 (2015)

Science motivation: Photocatalysis

- Key questions:
 - How do photogenerated carriers catalyze chemical reactions?
 - How does charge separation, transport and localization occur on ultrafast time scales?
 - For systems in a photoexcited state, how does the nuclear structure and local defects influence the catalytic process?



R. Saravanan, Francisco Gracia and A. Stephen, Springer, Nanocomposites for Visible Light-induced Photocatalysis

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chemRIXS Requirements

Key requirements:

- Vacuum: 10⁻⁴ Torr (jets) to <10⁻⁸ Torr (solids)
- Spectrometers: grating and transition-edge sensor, 2000 RP
- Point detectors: avalanche photodiode and microchannel plate: 1 MHz readout rate
- Sample Viewing: on-axis & perpendicular ; infrared illumination
- Develop large-area sheet jets to best utilize x-rays
- Automated delivery



Science motivation: Quantum Materials

- Key questions:
 - How does the interplay between constituent entities lead to emergent behavior?
 - What is the spectrum of the collective excitations and how do they evolve with temperature, strain, magnetic field, tailored optical excitations, etc.?
 - Can we understand and control the properties of these materials?
 - How do spontaneous fluctuations and heterogeneities affect macroscopic behavior?



Spectrometer schematic

X-ray emission spectrometer on a rotatable platform Polarimeter 2D detectors **Grating Chamber** Parabolic Mirror Chamber ~6 m Sample Chamber Incoming x-rays

- An extra **parabolic mirror** is added to collimate horizontally the beam
 - Increase the detector acceptance
 - Reduce/eliminate inter-plane aberrations (smile profiles)
 - Make use of Multilayers for polarimetry studies feasible

qRIXS Requirements

- Sample chamber capable of supporting XAS, REXS
- UHV (<3 x 10⁻⁹ Torr), Low Temperature (20 K)
- Laser in-coupling: support of wavelengths from visible to THz
- Continuous rotation of spectrometer arm: 40 150 degrees
- Overall arm length: maximum length is fixed to 6000 mm
- Reach RP of 50,000 & 1 keV, option for ~10,000 (second grating)
- Polarization analysis
- Provisions for XPCS
- Design guideline
 - Make the spectrometer as simple as possible to operate with the minimum number of actuators (ideally one) to change the energy







What is PAX?



- PAX stands for "Photoelectron spectrometry for Analysis of X-rays"
- Introduced by Manfred O. Krause. Oak Ridge National Laboratorv



1.3 FLUORESCENCE YIELDS FOR K, L, AND M SHELLS

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What is the difference between Spectrometry and Spectroscopy?

 Spectroscopy is the science of studying the interaction between matter and radiated energy while spectrometry is the method used to acquire a quantitative measurement of the spectrum.

How to retrieve the RIXS spectrum with the 4f doublet?





- Using e.g. 4f of Au should be trivial: 2 Gaussians (appr.)
- Using the Fermi edge needs more study: numerical simulation to investigate signal-to-noise ratio The problem of de-convolving a spectrum from a known response function is well-known and various stable iterative algorithms exist.

The concept has been used...

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New soft X-ray beamline BL07LSU at SPring-8

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Precision measurement of the conversion electron spectrum of 83m Kr with a solenoid retarding spectrometer^{*}

Pilot study: Cobalt oxide Step 1: Au characterization with direct beam

4f_{7/2} 2500 4f_{5/2} tensity [a.u. 2000 Fermi Intensity [a.u.] edge 1500 20 15 10 5 0 Binding energy [eV] 1000 500 100 95 90 85 80 Binding energy [eV]

4f peaks in Au. Inset: valence band spectrum. The sharp 4f resonances represent the response function of the converter-analyzer system and are used to encode the spectrum of the inelastically scattered x-rays. If very high resolution is desired the region in the vicinity of the Fermi edge could be used instead.

Comparison to grating-based RIXS



PAX and M. O. Krause



Fig. 9. The general photoelectron spectrum, exemplified by Ar L, M(CuL). The spectrum can be interpreted as an atomic-level spectrum, Ar $L, M(Cu L\alpha)$, or as an x-ray spectrum, Ar 2p(Cu L). Peaks ϵ, l arise from excitation of a 3p electron concomitant with the ionization of an L or M electron.



PAX is demonstrated. Multiple improvement options possible:

Maximize throughput for medium resolution (~0.5 eV) experiments using the *4f* peaks of Au

Maximize throughput for high resolution (30 meV) experiments using the Fermi edge in Au/Pt

Variable, user-defined

$$\Delta E_{res} = \sqrt{\Delta E_{mono}^2 + \Delta E_{atom}^2 + \Delta E_{det}^2}$$