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High-resolution XRF Imaging and Spectroscopy at the Submicron Resolution X-ray Spectroscopy (SRX) Beamline at the NSLS-II

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Synchrotron-based X-ray microscopy is a powerful technique that provides researchers with the ability to visualize and measure trace elemental concentrations at high spatial resolutions¹. Utilizing the state-of-the-art NSLS-II accelerator, the Submicron Resolution X-ray Spectroscopy (SRX) beamline is a hard X-ray nanoprobe that bridges the gap between the micro- and nano-scales. To accomplish the high spatial resolution, the SRX beamline includes a pair of Kirkpatrick-Baez (KB) mirrors capable of achieving a 200 – 500 nm focused beam². The use of KB mirrors provides high incident flux onto the sample and achromatic optics – simplifying operation for spectroscopy measurements. X-ray fluorescence (XRF) maps quickly raster over a sample to build elemental distributions and concentrations with millisecond dwell times. X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS) measurements are performed at discrete locations using a fly-scanning approach³. This requires coordinated motion between the undulator source, monochromator Bragg angle, and crystal offset to maintain beam position and intensity on the point of interest. The SRX beamline has a tunable incident energy from 4.9 to 20 keV – which allows for XRF elemental mapping and XAS across much of the periodic table. This attracts a diverse user community to the beamline ranging from Earth and environmental sciences, biology, and energy and materials sciences.

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