

Measuring Charge-Transfer Processes in RIXS

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Resonant Inelastic Soft X-Ray Scattering

RIXS Basics:

Element selectivity

Energy conservation

Appl. to *d* and *f* systems, see e.g.: S. Butorin *et al.*, PRL **77**, 574 (1996) Kuiper *et al.*, PRL **80**, 5204 (1998)



RIXS: Resonant Inelastic X-ray Scattering



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♦ In-situ/operando @ real-world conditions ✓ Surface and interface (interphase) Chemical bonding, charge \bigcirc ✓ Gas/solid and liquid/solid transfer, catalytic reaction External fields: electric and magnetic and electrochemistry Acoustic, Temperature optical phonons O Quantum materials: Pressure Many-body absorption, ✓ phonons and magnons Temporal bi-magnons, multiphonons, • Molecular materials: topological gaps ✓ vibrational modes 0-1 eV Electronic states, Signal gaps, magnons CT, Mott 0.01 eV gaps 1–2 eV Core-valence excitation Diffraction 300–1000 eV Momentum Energy loss



dd & CT excitations at O K-edges





$LiFePO_4$ and $Li_{1.05} Fe_{0.95}PO_4$







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Strong correlation between Fe 3d and O 2p induced by Li doping



J. Chem. Phys. **123**, 184717 (2005) ECS Transactions **1**, 69 (2006)



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Surfactant: Oleic Acid, C₁₈H₃₄O₂ [CH₃(CH₂)₇CH:CH(CH₂)₇CO₂H]
Solvent: Dichlorobenzene, C₆H₄Cl₂

H. Liu et al., Nano Letters 7, 1919 (2007)

d-d Excitations: e⁻ Injection at Nanointerface



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Robel et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2006



Augustsson, J. Chem. Phys. 119, 3983 (2003) Guo, Int. J. Quant. Chem. 109, 2714 (2009)



Y.-S. Liu et al., J. Electr. Spectr. Rel. Phenom. 200, 282 (2015)

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RIXS of Diamond: from different light sources



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RIXS of HOPG: from different light sources





Spectral Resolution



S. M. Butorin *et al* Phys. Rev. B **54**, 4405 (1996) $\Delta E = 1.5$ eV, Data and atomic calculations



G, Ghiringhelli *et al.* submitted to PRB $\Delta E = 0.32 \text{ eV}$ (from ESRF)

High-Resolution RIXS at SLS (O₂ molecule)



P. Glans et al., PRL 76, 2448 (1996)

F. Hennies et al., PRL 104, 193002 (2010)

High-Resolution RIXS at SPring-8 (gas/solid)



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RIXS of Liquid Water (H_2O and D_2O)



Yoshihisa Harada et al., **111**, 193001 (2013)



Soft X-Ray Probing Charge Transfer and Ion Transport at Catalytic and Electrochemical Interfaces

Energy Conversion and Energy Storage





OER, CO₂RR







3d TM & alloy catalysts

3d TM and RE catalsts

Multi-Modal and Dimensional Soft X-ray:

Soft X-ray Spectroscopy

APXPS: 1 - 20 nm probing depth XAS: 5 - 100 nm probing depth XES and RIXS: 100 nm probing depth STXM: transmission, spatial resolution (10 nm)

Key Electronic Structure

- Conduction and valence bands Ligand p-band and metal d-orbital levels
- Chemical selective (Elemental selective) Chemical bonding; oxidation states

Dynamics while alive:

In-situ/operando (intermediate/transient states) Charge transfer, ion transport, electron injection ... Multi time domains (100 ps, ns, us, and ms, ...)

In-Situ/Operando Soft X-ray Spectroscopy

