

XRF Primer

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after C.J.Spaks, Jr In "Synchrotron Radiation Research" (1980)

Energy Dispersive Mode vs. Wavelength Dispersive Mode







Energy Dispersive Mode

Fe 6%, Br 17ppm, Zn 343 ppm



X-ray fluorescence intensity II

Total integrated fluorescence intensity by monochromatic excitation

$$P_{i}(\lambda) = q \cdot E_{i} \cdot C_{i} \cdot \{1 - \exp(-\rho \cdot h \cdot A)\} \frac{\mu_{i\lambda} \cdot I_{\lambda} \cdot d\lambda}{A \cdot \sin \alpha}$$
$$E_{i} = \frac{\gamma_{K} - 1}{\gamma_{K}} \cdot \omega_{K} \cdot g_{K\alpha} \qquad A = \frac{\mu_{s,\lambda}}{\sin \alpha} + \frac{\mu_{s,\lambda i}}{\sin \beta}$$

Thick Specimen
$$(h \Rightarrow \infty)$$

 $I_{i \cdot s}(\lambda) = q \cdot E_i \cdot \underline{C}_i \cdot \frac{\mu_{i\lambda} \cdot U_{\lambda}}{A \cdot \sin \alpha}$
Thin Specimen $(h \Rightarrow 0)$
 $I_{i \cdot s}(\lambda) = q \cdot E_i \cdot C_i \cdot \rho \cdot h \cdot \frac{\mu_{i\lambda} \cdot U_{\lambda}}{\sin \alpha}$

 C_i :Concentration h:Thickness



 $\mu_{i\lambda}$: mass absorption coefficient of element *i* for incident X-ray energy of λ



Sensitivity & Detection Limit (IUPAC)

Analytical calibration curve

- The relation of the measured values (x) to the concentration (c) (or any quantity(q)) of the material.
- x=g(c) or x=g(q)
- Sensitivity S
 - the increment of the measured value Δx for the unit change of the concentration Δc .

$$x_{L}$$

$$k \cdot s_{b} \rightarrow \overline{x}_{b}$$

$$C_{L}$$

$$S = \frac{dx}{dc}$$

$$C_{L}$$

- Limit of detection / minimum detection limit $c_L(q_I)$
 - the minimum concentration of the analyte element or minimum quantity which can be measured

$$x_{L} = \overline{x}_{b} + k \cdot s_{b}$$
$$C_{L} = \frac{x_{L} - \overline{x}_{b}}{S}$$

 \overline{X}_b Average value for the blank

 $S = \frac{dx}{dx}$

dc

- S_{h} Standard deviation for the blank
- k Empirical value (=3)



limit (MDL)

MDL (Minimum detection limit)



Minimum quantification limit (MQL) $(2k \sim 3.3k)$

SR XRF

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Synchrotron radiation excited XRF -SRXRF-

Advantages of conventional XRF

- Nondestructive
- •Wide dynamic range major ~ trace
- •User-friendly instruments •Easy to analyze

- Multi-elemental analysis
- •High accuracy



Advantages of SRXRF

•High sensitivity ng=>fg, ppm=>ppb

•Chemical state analysis

•Micro-beam analysis $mm \Rightarrow \mu m$

Total reflection analysis

 10^{15} atoms/cm² $=> 10^8 atoms/cm^2$



SR Properties and **SRXRF**

- 1) High Brilliance Source (small size and high collimation X-ray source) strong intensity (high density) =>signal enhancement =>micro beam analysis (focusing optics) high collimation =>total reflection XRF
- 2) Linear polarization (p polarization + 90° arrangement) => background reduction
- 3) White (bending magnet), quasi-monochoromatic (Undulator) X-rays monochoromatic X-rays => background reduction (monochromator) => selective excitation (S/B optimization / Resolving overlapping peak) =>XAFS

continuous energy scanning

(Chemical state analysis)

4) High and low energy X-ray excitation

=>heavy & light trace elements analysis



Monochromatic SR Excitation advantages: High Signal / Background ratio





Selective Excitation :

Resolving overalpping peaks: PbLa vs. As Ka Case

As Kedge < PbL3 edge < E_0

As Kedge $< E_0 < PbL3$ edge





Hard X-ray Advantage: Heavy elements analysis

- Disadvantage of <u>L series</u> analysis
 - Complicated lines $L\alpha, \beta, \gamma, l, s$
 - Peak overlapping between L and K series lines



- Advantage of <u>K series</u> analysis
 - Simple line Structure $K\alpha$, $K\beta$
 - High sensitivity
 - Low absorption (bulk analysis)





High Energy XRF



I.Nakai, Y.Terada et al. SPring-8 BL08W => forensic science (differentiation of origins)



Light Elements Analysis



•Light elements (C,N,O, <u>Na~Ca</u>)

-biological system /material science

- •low fluorescence yield
- strong absorption

Soft X-ray Excitation from Undulator radiation

Excitation Efficiency is greatly enhanced.

Chlorella (NIES CRM #3)



	Wavelength Dispersive	Energy Dispersive
Advantage	 High resolution (ca. 5 eV~ 50eV eV) High S/B 	 High Efficiency Multi-elemental detection
Disadvantage	•Low efficiency	 Low resolution (130 eV) Scattering background



Wavelength Dispersive Technique





Wavelength Dispersive XRF Spectrum





Grazing Incidence Condition (High Brilliance Source)

- TXRF total reflection XRF – Ultra trace element analysis
- Depth analysis of a single thin layer or a multi-layer
- Reflectometry

TXRF for Ultra Trace Element Analysis





Total-Reflection X-ray fluorescence analysis Ultra trace element analysis (TXRF)





TXRF with Wavelength Dispersive Analyzer



MDL 2~4fg 10⁷ atoms/cm²

@ SPring-8 BL40XU Ge(220) Johansson focusing type WDXRF

K.Sakurai SPring-8 Information vol.6 No.1(2001)p.35

WD-TXRF spectra for trace elements (Ni, Co and Fe, 20 ppb each) in a micro drop (0.1 micro litter).





X-ray Standing Wave



Chemical State Analysis

• XAFS (X-ray Absorption Fine Structure)

– XANES

- Chemical shift of absorption edge
- The intensity of the white line
- EXAFS
 - Local structure
 - Coordination number

X-ray Emission

- Chemical state analysis
 - Chemical shift of the K or L emission lines
 - Intensity ratio of $K\alpha$ and $K\beta$
- Emission Spectroscopy
 - Resonant inelastic emission spectroscopy
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Chemical State analysis by XANES -Chemical Shift of X-ray Absorption edge-



Fingerprint Method

K.Sakurai (NIMS)





Fe XANES for magnetite

Determination Fe3+/SFe ratio by the energy shift of a pre-edge in XANES S.Bajt et al. Geochim. Cosmochim. Acta 58('94)5209 A linear relationship between pre-edge peak energy and iron oxidation state for oxide and silicate standards.

=>chemical state analysis of transition element in mineral and in the functional materials

Micro-SR XRF

Cheiron School 2007 by AOFSRR A.Iida (PF) X-ray source and X-ray microbeam



Helmhortz invariant

y x u = y' x u'

y,y' source and focus size

u,u' divergence and convergence angle



Low emittance source => small y x u

Small source size and low divergence
(3rd generation ring)
⇒Smaller focus with higher intensity
⇒micro-beam to nano-beam



X-ray Focusing Elements

$n = 1 \cdot \delta \cdot i\beta$ $\delta \sim 10^{-5}$

X-rays: electromagnetic wave with short wavelength

Reflection	Grazing incidence mirror
No chromatic	spherical / aspherical
aberration	toroidal (bent cylinder)
	elliptical, ellipsoidal
	parabolic, paraboloidal
	Capillary (single, poly)
Diffraction	Fresnel Zone plate
Energy	Bragg-Fresnel lens
dependence	Crystal (asymmetric reflection / bent crystal)
Refraction	Compound refractive lens





Fresnel Zone Plate Parameters

Zone Plate Formulae

$$r_n^2 = n\lambda f + \frac{n^2\lambda^2}{4} \tag{9.9}$$

$$D = 4N\Delta r \tag{9.13}$$

$$f = \frac{4N(\Delta r)^2}{\lambda} \tag{9.14}$$

$$NA = \frac{\lambda}{2\Delta r} \tag{9.15}$$

$$F^{\#} = \Delta r / \lambda \tag{9.16}$$

Rayleigh res. =
$$\frac{0.610\lambda}{NA} = 1.22\Delta r$$
 (9.47, 9.48)
DOF = $\pm \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda}{(214)^2} = \pm \frac{2(\Delta r)^2}{2}$ (9.50, 9.51)

$$\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda} \le \frac{1}{N}$$
(9.52)

Pinhole Formula

$$\theta_{\text{null}} = 1.22\lambda/d \tag{9.36}$$



 Δr : outermost zone width N: total number of zones D: lens diameter DOF: Depth of Focus $\Delta\lambda/\lambda$: maximum spectral bandwidth

After D.Attwood "SX & EUV Radiation"





For reflectivity calculation, visit (CXRO) http://henke.lbl.gov/optical_constants/



Aberration of Grazing Incidence Mirror

Aberration

- Astigmatism
- Spherical aberration
- > Coma
- Chromatic aberration



Astigmatism

EX. Spherical mirror 1/u + 1/v = 1/fmeridian focal length $f_m = R \sin \theta_i / 2$ sagittal focal length $f_s = R/2 \sin \theta_i \Longrightarrow f_m/f_s = \theta_i^2$ Astigmatism $f_s >> f_m$ $R_{s}=R_{m}sin^{2}\theta i$ toroidal mirror(bent cylinder)

Kirkpatrick-Baez optics

Spherical aberration

elliptical / ellipsoidal mirror

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K-B optics

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Elliptical Mirror technology





Ultra High precision KB mirror

48 x 36nm(VxH)





FIG. 1. Optical system using KB mirrors.

FIG. 9. Two-dimensional intensity profiles experimentally obtained, where scanning pitch is 10 nm. (a) Vertical focusing. (b) Horizontal focusing.

S.Matsuyama et al. RSI 77(2006)093107



Single Conical Capillary

Conical Capillary (tapered capillary)



Fig III.7. Conical capillary geometry (from paper V).

After P.Engstrom





Hard x-ray nanoprobe based on refractive x-ray lenses





X-ray Fluorescence imaging of single cells





Human Hair Analysis Synchrotron X-ray Microprobe

Cross section of hair shaft, 20mm from root end

51 x 51 step 3µm/step









Optical micrograph





Zn

SRXRF Perspective

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SRXRF perspective

• Microbeam analysis

- ≻Toward 10nm microbeam
- ≻Analytical SR microprobe
- ➢Novel Application

• XRF imaging

- ≻Micro-beam
- ➢Projection type
- ≻Micro-CT
- Wavelength Dispersive
 - Spectroscopy =>Spectrometry (RIXS, MCD)

Total reflection XRF ▶10⁸ atoms/cm² =>10⁶ atoms/cm²



SRXRF perspective

Analytical SR Microprobe

- Multi-detection SR microprobe -



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Chemical State	μ-XAFS
Local Structure	X-ray Emission
Crystal	μ–XRD
Structure	Poly- & Single crystal
Morphology	Imaging (absorption, fluorescence, phase)



Analytical SR Microprobe Center for nanoscale materials @APS



Full-Field Transmission Mode



SR Microprobe ESRF ID22







Fig. 2 Overview of the vacuum vessel and equipments of the scanning X-ray microscope of ID21.



SRXRF Imaging

- μ-beam Scanning
- Projection
- 3-dimensional (lateral + depth)
- Computed Tomograph



Full-Field X-ray Fluorescence Imaging Microscope with a Wolter Mirror (1)



M.Hoshino et al. 9th SRI AIP Conference Proceedings 879(2007) 1283



Full-Field X-ray Fluorescence Imaging Microscope with a Wolter Mirror (2)



- (a) X-ray fluorescence image of an alfalfa seed. Exp: 5 m × 12 integration. Bar: 0.5 mm. (CCD-2).
- X-rayfluorescence energy spectra measured at (b) the luminous point and (c) the embryo. Exp: 100 s.





Elemental sensitivity : Scanning the excitation energy of incident X-rays

K.Sakurai, H.Eba: *Anal. Chem.*, **75**, 355 (2003).



Electrodeposition from the mixed electrolyte of 0.25 mol/L CuSO₄ and 0.18 mol/L ZnSO₄ with 2.5 V applied voltage. Exposure time for each image is 1 min and image size is $12 \times 12 \text{ mm}^2$.



Confocal µ-XRF - depth profiling / 3D analysis -





μ-XRF depth profiling of a Mughal miniature (paint multilayer on paper)



distance /µm



a classical Mughal miniature MIK I 5004 (3) dated from the 18th century.

 $HgS / 2PbCO_3 \cdot Pb(OH)_2 / paper$

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B.Kanngiesser et al. Nucl. Instr. Methods B211('03)259



SRXRF related Research Fields



Environmental Science Stardust Project Archeology/cultural Heritage

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- Phytoremediation
- Aerosol Particles in Urban area
- Waste fly ash
- Uranium fuel from Chernobyl



Arsenic hyper accumulator I

(a)

The Chinese Ladder fern *(Pteris vittata)*, is a highly efficient accumulator of arsenic(up to 2%).

L.Q.Ma et al. Nature **409**('01) 579

Where is a hyperaccumulated element stored ? What is the mechanism of the hyper accumulation.



 $\mu\text{-}XRF$ reveals the accumulation of As in leaf (pinna)

I.Nakai et al. J.Anal.Atom.Spect.(2006)



2-D X-ray Fluorescence Imaging of Cadmium Hyperaccumulating Plants



XRF imaging of a trichome taken from a leaf of the Cd hyper accumulating plant (Arabidopsis halleri ssp. Gemmifera).

X<u>-ray beam size, 3x3 µm²</u>; scan step, 3 µm;measurement time, 0.5 s/pixel; image size, 59 x 226 pixels. Cd absorption edge : 26.7 keV A.Hokura et al. Chem. Lett. 35('06)1246 SPring-8 Bl37XU



Particulate Matter (Aerosol)

Most Polluted World Cities by PM		
Particulate matter, μ g/m ³ (2004)	City	
169	Cairo, Egypt	
150	Delhi, India	
128	Kolkata, India (Calcutta)	
125	Taiyuan, China	
123	Chongqing, China	
109	Kanpur, India	
109	Lucknow, India	
104	Jakarta, Indonesia	
101	Shenyang, China	

The most of them are densely populated metropolitan areas in developing countries (Wikipedia).

The primary cause the **burning of fossil fuels** by transportation and industrial sources.

Effect

- Health effects
 - Asthma, Lung cancer, Cardiovascular issues, and Premature death.
 - Depnding on the size of the particle
 - *PM10*· lungs, *PM2.5*, tend to penetrate into the gasexchange regions of the lung, particles smaller than 100 nm: cell membranes
- Radiative forcing

(Global warming) "the uncertainties relating to aerosol radiative forcings remain large." <u>IPCC</u>



Waste fly ash





The origin of individual PM2.5 particles in Shanghai air

PM 2.5 refers to tiny particles or droplets in the air that are 2.5 µm or less.

Fine particles PM2.5 lead to health effects and are a major cause of visibility impairment in the urban area contributing to acid rain.



Fig. 3. A comparison of the µ-SXRF spectrum of an unknown particle with that of a vehicle exhaust particle.



X.Li et al. NIM B260 (2007) 336

Fig. 4. Origins of the analyzed PM2.5 particles collected in Shanghai air.

X-ray microscopy for characterisation of fuel particles



Uranium fuel from Chernobyl (1986)During the explosion (West) UO_2 -cores with surrounding layer ofreduced Uwith low weathering rates.During the subsequent fire (North) UO_2 -core with surrounding layers ofoxidised U_2O_5/U_3O_8 with highweathering rates





Stardust Project

NASA's Comet Sample Return Mission



The Stardust mission was launched into space in early February 1999. Its destination - Comet Wild 2; its mission, to capture cometary materials before returning to earth in 2006.



Stardust Project (NASA)





Stardust track in Aerogel

X-ray CT and XRF

@SPring-8 http://www.spring8.or.jp/ja/current_result/SPring8News/no_33



As many as 80 researchers involved !

REPORT

Elemental Compositions of Comet 81P/Wild 2 Samples Collected by Stardust

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ALS,APS, NSLS, SSRL + SPring-8, ESRF We measured the elemental compositions of material from 23 particles in aerogel and from residue in seven craters in aluminum foil that was collected during passage of the Stardust spacecraft through the coma of comet 81P/Wild 2. These particles are chemically heterogeneous at the largest size scale analyzed (~180 ng). The mean elemental composition of this Wild 2 material is consistent with the CI meteorite composition, which is though to represent the bulk composition of the solar system, for the elements Mg, Si, Mn, Fe, and Ni to 35%, and for Ca and Ti to 60%. The elements Cu, Zn, and Ga appear enriched in this Wild 2 material, which suggests that the CI meteorites may not represent the solar system composition for these moderately volatile minor elements.

ASA's Stardust spacecraft collected dust particles from comet 81P/Wild 2, at an encounter speed of ~6.1 km/s, in silica aerogel capture cells and in impact craters (*I*). Analytical results from the aerogel and foils were combined to provide a more comprehensive elemental analysis of the Wild 2 particles. The impacts in aerogel produced elongated cavities called tracks. Wedges of aerogel, called keystones (2), containing an entire track were extracted. The volume containing each track was analyzed by means of synchrotron-based x-ray microprobes (SXRMs), providing abundances for elements having an atomic number $Z \ge 16$ (S). One

track was subsequently split open, exposing the wall for time-of-flight-secondary ion mass spectrometry (TOF-SIMS) analysis, detecting lower-Z elements, particularly Mg and Al. Because Si and O are the major elements in silica aerogel, neither element could be determined in the comet material in tracks. The residues in craters were analyzed by scanning electron microscopy using energy-dispersive x-ray (SEM-EDX) analyses and TOF-SIMS, providing other element abundances, including Mg and Si.

The SXRMs produce intense, focused beams of x-rays that completely penetrate a keystone, exciting fluorescence (3). Elemental analysis was performed on keystones containing 23 tracks, which were selected to sample the diversity on the collector, by seven research groups with the use of six different SXRMs (4). These tracks range in length from ~250 µm to almost 10,000 µm and vary in shape from conical to bulbous. The Fe content of the tracks varies from ~180 fg to 6.4 ng (table S3), comparable to the Fe in chondritic particles ranging from ~1 to ~30 µm in size. All 23 tracks were approximately normal to the aerogel surface, which was the arrival direction for particles collected from Wild 2 (1), whereas interplanetary particles, also collected, arrived over a wide range of orientations. Comets are thought to preserve dust from the early solar system, so we compared the Wild 2 dust to the elemental composition of the CI meteorites (CI) (5) because CI is thought to represent the nonvolatile composition of the solar system (6).

A map of the K-alpha fluorescence intensity for Fe from a conical track, track 19, shows that the incident particle deposited Fe along much of the entry path (Fig. 1), with only 3% of the total Fe contained in the terminal particle. The fraction of the total Fe detected in the terminal particle varies from track to track, ranging from almost 60% in one terminal particle. In most of the 23 tracks, most of the incident Fe mass is unevenly distributed along the track, indicating that the



CI- and Fe-normalized mean composition



Summary

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SR in Archeology and Cultural Heritage

Materials studied



SR techniques used



By Mark Pollard (Univ. Oxford) '05



Egyptian Chemicals (cosmetics)

Origin of the materials (crystal structure + impurity pattern)

Galena PES



Cosmetic powders in 52 make-up containers @ the Louvre Museum μ -XRF + μ -XRD @ESRF ID22



E.Dooryhee et al. Rad. Phys. Chem. 71('04)863



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a classical Mughal miniature MIK I 5004 (3) dated from the 18th century.

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SRXRF perspective

• Microbeam analysis

Toward 10nm microbeam
Analytical SR microprobe
Novel Application

• XRF imaging

- ≻Micro-beam
- Projection type
- ≻Micro-CT
- Wavelength Dispersive
 Spectroscopy =>Spectrometry (RIXS, MCD)
- Total reflection XRF
 ▶10⁸ atoms/cm² =>10⁶ atoms/cm²

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