Summerschool – MPG-UBC-UTokyo Center X-rays for the study of quantum materials

High resolution RIXS for the study of strongly-correlated and novel materials



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Summary

RIXS: resonant inelastic x-ray scattering

- 1. From XAS to RIXS: a second order process
- 2. RIXS instrumentation
- 3. Orbital (*dd*) excitations
- 4. Magnetic excitations
- 5. Phonons and charge order
- 6. REXS: the elastic part of RIXS spectra
- 7. Time resolved RIXS

One probe for several degrees of freedom

- 1. Energy loss spectroscopy
- 2. Momentum resolution
- 3. Coupling to
 - a. Charge
 - b. Spin
 - c. Orbital
 - d. Lattice
- 4. Bulk sensitivity
- 5. Good energy resolution
- 6. Decent count rate



- neutrons (1, 2, 3b, 3d, 4, 5)
- photons (1, 2, 3a, 3c, 3d, 4, 5, 6)



Part 1 FROM XAS TO RIXS

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Resonances in the XAS



Core level binding energies and edges



3*p*: M_{2,3} edge XAS



Source: S. Nakai, *et al* PRB **9**, 1870 (1974)



2*p*: L_{2,3} edge XAS









1*s*. Ni and Mn K edge XAS



Source: Z. Tan et al Phys. Rev. B 47, 12365 (1993)

L₃ XAS and multiplets



Second order processes: what after XAS?

What about looking at the emitted x-rays after a resonant absorption?

We can access local and collective excitations. Electric dipole selection rules are not a limitation. Photon momentum can be used to probe dispersion.



Decay of the core hole after a resonant absorption



RIXS: a resonant inelastic scattering





RIXS probes charge neutral local excitations

RIXS: a 2nd order process decribed by Kramers-Heisenberg formula



Ledge RIXS : energy and momentum transfer



Photons vs Neutrons: energy and momentum

Wavevector of particles used in inelastic scattering



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Resonant Inelastic X-ray Scattering



Cuprates: the "easy" case

In cuprates Cu is divalent: $Cu^{2+} \iff 3d^9$ This makes XAS almost trivial: 1 peak only $3d^9 \longrightarrow (2p_{3/2})^3 3d^{10}$



RIXS can be calculated even by hand:

 $3d^9 \longrightarrow (2p_{3/2})^3 3d^{10} \longrightarrow (3d^9)^*$

Even for magnetic excitations (spin waves), because fast collision approximation is a very good approximation

RIXS at the Cu L₃ resonance



Cu L₃ RIXS: magnon excitations



Cu L₃ RIXS: charge transfer and *e-h* excitations



Cu L₃ RIXS: elastic, phonon, 2-magnon





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Part 2

INSTRUMENTATION FOR RIXS (MOSTLY SOFT X-RAY REGIME)

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RIXS: a sort of resonant Raman spectroscopy



Soft x-ray spectrometer



Longer instruments for better resolution





ERIXS, ID32: 10 m,

Polarization Analysis

Since 2015

 $E/\Delta E \sim 50,000$

AXES, ESRF: **2.2 m** 1994 – 2012 *E*/Δ*E*~3000

The progress in instrumentation has been the key of the RIXS success: discoveries were enabled by better resolution.

SAXES, SLS: **5 m** Since 2007 *E*/Δ*E*~10,000 Similar instruments:

- TPS Taiwan
- European XFEL
- Bessy II

• Diamond I21

• NSLS II SIX

ERIXS at ID32



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ERIXS Spectrometer



ESRF



Continuously rotating scattering arm Speed x8.6



ID32@ESRF and I21@DLS



ERIXS at ID32

ENERGY RESOLUTION: progress in 20 years



Part 3 ORBITAL EXCITATIONS

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dd excitations in Cu²⁺ systems



Cu L₃ edge RIXS: CuO, La₂CuO₄, Malachite



This is a very direct way of measuring the *dd*-excitation energies





Energy and symmetry of dd excitations in undoped layered cuprates measured by Cu L_3 resonant inelastic x-ray scattering

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M. Moretti Sala<u>, et al</u> New J. Phys. **13**, 043026 (2011)


dd-excitation energies from fitting using atomic cross sections



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Crystal field trends in cuprates



	$\rm La_2 CuO_4$	$\mathrm{Sr}_{2}\mathrm{CuO}_{2}\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$	${\rm CaCuO}_2$
$J [\mathrm{meV}]$	$130^{34,35}$	130^{35}	130^{35}
$E_{3z^2-r^2} \ (\Gamma_{3z^2-r^2}) \ [eV]$	1.70 (.14)	1.97(.10)	2.72(.12)
$E_{xy} (\Gamma_{xy}) [eV]$	1.80 (.10)	1.50(.08)	1.75(.09)
$E_{xz/yz} (\Gamma_{xz/yz}) [eV]$	2.12 (.14)	1.84(.10)	2.10(.18)

M. Moretti Sala, et al New J. Phys. 13, 043026 (2011)

dd excitations and absorption edge: Cu L₃ vs M_{2,3} edges



J. Schlappa et al NATURE 485, 82 (2012)

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Ni L₃ edge: NiO, NiCl₂



RIXS maps





Ni²⁺ in NiO: dependence on incident photon energy



Many excited states



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Mn L₃ edge: MnO, LaMnO₃



An application to thin film: Mn^{2+} in $La_{x}MnO_{3}$

La_xMnO_{3-d}/STO films x=La/Mn ratio for x<1 becomes FM (self doping)



RIXS shows that Mn²⁺ is at

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site A, ie, it replaces La³⁺

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HIGH TC SUPERCONDUCTING CUPRATES

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Quasi 2D materials: single layer, bi-layer, tri-layer





Antipov et al. : http://dx.doi.org/10.1088/0953-2048/15/7/201

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The doping of the CuO₂ planes



Cuprates: Magnetism, Charge Order and Superconductivity



J. Pelliciari and R. Comin Nature Materials 17, 661 (2018)

La₂CuO₄: 2D spin ¹/₂ Heisenberg AF insulator



Elementary magnetic excitations are spin waves



Part 4 SPIN EXCITATIONS



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High energy resolution is needed to look at spin excitations



Instrumental BW of RIXS today: ~30 meV (at ESRF ID32, DLS I21, NSLS II SIX)

Spin excitations in cuprates: neutron scattering

Square lattice

2D AF







N. S. Headings, S. M. Hayden, R. Coldea, and T. G. Perring, Phys Rev Lett. **105** 247001 (2011)

Spin excitations in HTcS: doped SC

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RIXS for spin excitations





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spin-flip excitations and the 2pS-O coupling





RIXS: Experimental conditions



- Cu L₃ resonance:
- E₀ = 930 eV
- q_{max} = 0.86 Ang⁻¹
- \bullet confined inside a region around Γ
- 2p core hole: spin-orbit interaction
- E resolution: 30-50 meV
- *q* resolution: 0.005 rlu
- 5-15 min per spectrum



First demonstration: La₂CuO₄



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Theory of magnetic RIXS (1)

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS PRL 103, 117003 (2009)

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Theoretical Demonstration of How the Dispersion of Magnetic Excitations in Cuprate Compounds can be Determined Using Resonant Inelastic X-Ray Scattering

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Intensity/Intensity single ion

Theory of magnetic RIXS (2)

PRL 105, 167404 (2010)

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

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Theory of Resonant Inelastic X-Ray Scattering by Collective Magnetic Excitations

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FIG. 1 (color online). Left: Fundamental x-ray absorption spectra that enter into the RIXS transition operator as energy dependent complex matrix elements calculated for (a) Cu^{2+} and (b) Ni^{2+} . Right: The Cu^{2+} and Ni^{2+} one magnon (c)–(e) and Ni^{2+} two magnon (f)–(h) RIXS spectral function, calculated using linear spin-wave theory for a 1D chain (c),(f), a 2D square (d),(g), and a 3D cubic (e),(h) Heisenberg model in energy loss units of *zSJ* (number of neighbors × spin × exchange constant).

Theory of magnetic RIXS (3)

What is the relation between RIXS and *S*(**q**,ω)?



RIXS measures $S(\mathbf{q},\omega)$ quite well

Spin excitations harden with *e*doping, and change very little with *h*-doping.

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Spin-waves with Cu L₃ RIXS



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Quasi 1D cuprates: spin and orbital excitations

Sr₂CuO₃ a orbital spin (.ມ.ຣ) 0.4 Momentum transfer (2n/a) Normalized intensity 0.2 0.0 -0.2 -0.4 3 2 0 Energy transfer (eV)

Dispersion along chain direction

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RIXS selected Highlights: spin excitations





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Exchange interaction and superconductivity

REVIEWS OF MODERN PHYSICS, VOLUME 84, OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2012

A common thread: The pairing interaction for unconventional superconductors

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Deconfined spinon pairs in CaCuO₂

Energy Loss (eV)



Castro, Nicholas B. Brookes, Marco Moretti Sala, and Giacomo Ghiringhelli, Phys Rev. X 12, 021041 (2022)

Part 5
PHONONS

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Phonons



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How can we use the phonon signal?

Electron phonon coupling





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Measuring EPC with RIXS: mechanism





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Phonons in RIXS spectra

Signal is directly related to *e-ph* interaction



EPC in NdBa₂Cu₃O_{7-δ}

Doping dependence: interplay with CDW at large q in (10)



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Part 5

CHARGE ORDER AND CHARGE DENSITY FLUCTUATIONS

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First observation of CDW in YBCO with R(I)XS



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Other evidences of CDW in YBCO

NMR, Charge modulation	L = 0.5: Doubling of unit cell along c-axis	Bi-ax
at low T, high field	Field enhancement of the CDW (HXRD)	und
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under high field.

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Ubiquitous CDW in cuprates



Bi2201 and Bi2212 underdoped



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Eduardo H. da Silva Neto et al, Science 343, 393 (2014)

Bi2212 optimally doped



M. Hashimoto, G. Ghiringhelli et al, *PRB* Rapid 89 220511 (2014)

NCCO e-doped



Charge order and phonons

Bi₂Sr₂CaCuO₈ 0.10 0.08 Intensity (a.u.) 0.05 Energy loss (e V) 600 0.00 0.00 -0.1 0.0 0.1 $Q_{\parallel} - Q_{CDW}$ (r.l.u.) 0.10 -Intensity (a.u.) Energy loss (eV) 0 0.00 0.1 -0.1 0.0 $Q_{||} - 2k_{\rm F}$ (r.l.u.) L Chaix et al, Nat Phys (2017)





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The RIXS phase diagram of cuprates

