Neutrons and X-rays

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Neutron source – synchrotron distribution





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ISIS

High-field NMR

RGaH MPL, OPPF CMP-4

UK-XFEL?

Diamond Light Source







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Ever increasing circles



Ever increasing circles





From Maxwell to synchrotrons





Jumping a generation (2nd incarnation)







2nd and 3rd generation sources





Not just ordinary light...



- Brilliant
- Tuneable energy from IR to X-ray
- Focussing without loss of intensity – 100 mm to 10 nm
- High degree of coherence



Properties of neutrons and X-rays



EM wave characteristics



Wavelength λ Wavenumber $k=2\pi/\lambda$ Frequency $\nu=\omega/2\pi$ Polarisation $\hat{\epsilon}$ Energy $h\nu = \hbar\omega = 12.398$ [keV]/ λ [Å]





X-ray – matter interactions



X-ray absorption/emission processes



X-ray scattering - elastic

- Leading term is the (Thomson) scattering by electrons
 - The electric field of the incident EM wave drives motion of the electrons and produces spherical waves of the same energy which may interfere to produce a diffraction pattern
 - Elastic scattering intensity is proportional to Z²





X-ray scattering - elastic

- Secondary terms are weaker
 - Various (non-resonant) magnetic terms 10⁵ 10⁷ x weaker
 - If the energy of the incident photons is tuned to resonate with (virtual) transitions to intermediate states very strong amplification of the photon scattering process may occur (see later for RIXS too)



Diversity - imaging, diffraction, spectroscopy



Wilhelm Röntgen



Max von Laue







Henry Moseley





Origins of imaging





I have seen my death! (Anna Roentgen, 1900)

Finer, faster, three dimensional ...













Some diffraction may also occur

If refractive index different, phase shift occurs









Low Z, soft tissue



Reconstructed slice of mouse knee

Results courtesy K. Maadi

Image processed with support of A. Bodey

Complementarity of neutron imaging

	Neutrons	Synchrotron X-rays
Penetration •Steels	40-60 mm	20-25 mm
Spatial resolution	o.5 mm ³ (cubic gauge volume)	o.1 mm lateral to incident beam; 1 mm parallel to beam (elongated gauge volume)
Stress complete tensor	Yes	With problems
Coarse grain problem	No	Yes
Counting time	10-30 minutes	Seconds-minutes



With thanks to Shu Yan Zhang, ISIS

Complementarity of neutron imaging





Residual strain profile within the Direct Chill cast Mg alloy slab, with estimated position of the crack in the measurement plane. *M Turski, et al, Metall Mater Trans A 43A (5) 1547-1557 (2012)*





Measure welding residual stresses in pipeline for onoffshore transport of oil and gas *With thanks to Shu Yan Zhang, ISIS*



Origins of diffraction at atomic scales





 $n\lambda = 2d.sin\theta$



40 years on...



Macromolecular crystallography today

 Brilliance and tunability of photon energy, high-performance computing – > 10¹⁰ times more information/second







Complementarity: neutrons

- Location of H atoms when X-rays/chemical 'rules' don't help
- Study of samples susceptible to radiation damage
- Study of Rubredoxin structure illustrates both
 - Small (~6kD) iron-sulphur containing redox protein important model system to understand electron transfer processes using redox systems here Fe³⁺ Fe²⁺
 - Fe³⁺ form very easily reduced in the X-ray beam



Max Cuypers et al, Angewandte Chemie 52 (2013) 1022

Complementarity: neutrons

• Structure of reduced and oxidised form measured on D19 at ILL



Observation of hydronium (D) ions and of tautomeric shifts following the change from the oxidised form to the reduced form

Max Cuypers et al, Angewandte Chemie 52 (2013) 1022





Complementarity: the EM revolution

- Wonderful new detectors that collect movies and allow particle movements to be tracked in software to reveal atomic detail
- Native particles frozen in a water 'glass'







Complementarity: the EM revolution

• Example from foot-and-mouth disease virus by electron micro-scopy and synchrotron X-rays






Complementarity: FELs

- X-rays pulses in a free electron laser (FEL) are ultrafast (fs) and ultrabright (x 10¹⁰) and capture structure before the sample is perturbed by the beam – 'diffract and destroy' !
- Challenge of sample injection, image processing...



'Hard' materials

- Many important materials contain hydrogen or other light atoms that are crucial to function – e.g. for hydrogen storage
- Combine X-rays for rapid, high-resolution survey/ study then neutrons to locate H, Li, etc....



Magnetic structures

- Need to measure magnetic (spin) structures and excitations at an atomic level to understand and predict magnetic properties
- Important for a wide range of functional materials for sensors, actuators, information storage, nanomedicine, superconductors...



Magnetic structures: neutrons

 Scattering cross-section relatively simple and comparable in size to the nuclear cross-section



Magnetic structures: neutrons

- Polarisation techniques can provide all details of spin structure (zero-field polarimetry) and map out diffuse scattering from short-range order
- Penetrating ability of neutrons enables design of sophisticated sample environment and cryogenics to nK, <u>but</u> large samples are required







Magnetic structures: X-rays

- Scattering cross-section generally very weak typically 10⁶ weaker than the nuclear (Thomson) terms ((ħω/mc²)~10⁻² → I^{mag}/I^{at} ~10⁻⁶)
- Polarisation analysis can be used to separate spin (S) and orbital (L) contributions
- Magnetic scattering amplitude f^{mag}(Q):

$$f^{mag}(Q) = ir_0 \left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{mc^2}\right) \left[\frac{1}{2}A''.L(Q) + B.S(Q)\right]$$

L(Q) and S(Q) are the Fourier transforms of the atomic and spin magnetisation densities; A" and B depend on the relative orientation of k, k', ε , ε'

$$f^{mag}(\mathbf{Q}) = i r_0 \left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{mc^2}\right) \times \frac{\hat{\varepsilon}_{\perp} \equiv \sigma}{\hat{\varepsilon}'_{\perp}} \frac{\hat{\varepsilon}_{\perp} \equiv \sigma}{\sin 2\theta S_2} \frac{\hat{\varepsilon}_{\square} \equiv \pi}{-2\sin^2\theta \left[(L_1 + S_1)\cos\theta - S_3\sin\theta \right]} \hat{\varepsilon}'_{\square} \left[2\sin^2\theta \left[(L_1 + S_1)\cos\theta - S_3\sin\theta \right] \frac{1}{\sin 2\theta \left[2\sin^2\theta L_2 + S_2 \right]} \right]$$







- Versatile diffractometer: polarisation analysis and azimuthal angle
- Energy tunable from 1-15 keV to get good atomic resolution





Magnetic structures: X-rays

 First magnetic structures studied at a synchrotron in 1985 - spiral spin structure of Ho mapped out as a function of temperature



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- Advantages of (non-resonant) X-ray magnetic scattering
 - Orbital and spin magnetisation density may be separated
 - Highly-focused beams enable very small samples to be studied
 - High resolution in Q e.g. for subtle changes in spin structure
 - However, cryogenics are challenging !



Magnetic structures: X-rays

- BiFeO₃ has room-temperature coupling between magnetic and ferroelectric (FE) order.
- Map domain distribution with 50 μm spot (LD) then probe helicity by CD: same helicity for single FE domain





Magnetic structures: resonant scattering

- Tune energy to a core-(empty) valence state transition and exploit resonant scattering to greatly enhance intensity (x10³)
 - Sensitive to specific element and oxidation state
 - Dipole transitions (ΔL = 1) generally stronger than quadrupole transitions (ΔL = 2) and these will also be polarisation dependent; transitions from s to d or p states generally weaker because of lower overlap of wavefunctions
 - Sensitive to spin (S) though spin-orbit coupling
 - However, mostly limited to softer X-rays so will not give atomic resolution tend to use for larger-scale structures (unit cell, periodic structures)



elements	edge	transition	energy range [keV]	resonance	comment
				strength	
3d	K	$1s \rightarrow 4p$	5 - 9	weak	small overlap
3d	LI	$2s \rightarrow 3d$	0.5 - 1.2	weak	small overlap
3d	L_{II}, L_{III}	$2p \rightarrow 3d$	0.4 - 1.0	strong	dipolar, large overlap, high spin polarisation of 3d
4f	K	$1s \rightarrow 5p$	40 - 63	weak	small overlap
4f	LI	$2s \rightarrow 5d$	6.5 - 11	weak	small overlap
4f	L _{II} , L _{III}	$2p \rightarrow 5d$ $2p \rightarrow 4f$	6 - 10	medium	dipolar quadrupolar
4f	MI	$3s \rightarrow 5p$	1.4 - 2.5	weak	small overlap
4f	M_{II},M_{III}	$3p \rightarrow 5d$ $3p \rightarrow 4f$	1.3 - 2.2	medium to strong	dipolar quadrupolar
4f	M_{IV}, M_V	$3d \rightarrow 4f$	0.9 - 1.6	strong	dipolar, large overlap, high spin polarisation of 4f
5f	M_{IV}, M_{II}	$3d \rightarrow 5f$	3.3 - 3.9	strong	dipolar, large overlap, high spin polarisation of 5f

Origins of X-ray spectroscopy



н															He		
Li	Be											В	С	Ν	0	F	Ne
Na	Mg											AI	Si	Ρ	s	CI	Ar
к	Ca	Sc	Ti	٧	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Υ	Zr	Nb	Мо		Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	Т	Xe
Cs	Ba	La		Ta	W		Os	lr -	Pt	Au	Hg	TI	Pb	Bi	Po		Rn
	Ra	Ac	Th		U												



Ce Pr Nd Sm Eu Gd Tb Dy Ho Er Tm Yb Lu

Mapping elements – but what about chemistry ?









Exploring electronic structure

• Atomic levels - e.g. Argon – 1s² 2s²2p⁶ 3s²3p⁶





Sensitivity to chemical environment





XANES

 X-ray Absorption Near Edge Spectroscopy: elementspecific oxidation state and bonding in molecules and solids





Cr K absorption edge





Unravelling chemical clusters







Price et al, PCCP, Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 17 (2015) 521

...and mapping where they are







XRF tomography – Mo (green) and Pt (red)



Species distribution



Price et al, PCCP, Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 17 (2015) 521



XAS plus magnetic polarisation

 XAS with circularly polarised (CP) light: LCP-RCP probes polarisation o spin states by selectively exciting transitions with ∆m = +/- 1 → XMCD



• XAS with LP radiation: $\Delta (\perp - / /) \sim \langle M^2 \rangle \rightarrow XMLCD$

G van der Laan and A.I. Figueroa, Coord. Chem. Reviews 277-278 (2014) 95





Mapping nanomagnetism

- Resolution to 50 nm with Photoemission Electron Microscopy (PEEM)
- XAS in XANES region produces photoelectrons which create secondary, lowenergy (eV) photoelectrons with longer mean-free path. Spatial resolution for imaging these e⁻ is 10's of nm







Mapping nanomagnetism

• PEEM in combination with XMCD, XMLD to map domains to nm lengthscales



• Co/NiO is prototype exchange bias material – need to understand coupling at interface.

 PEEM at I06 with XMCD for (FM) Co L3 and XMLD for (AFM) Ni L2 shows orientation of the two types of moments at the interface is perpendicular – opposite of what was inferred from less precise measurements



G. van der Laan et al., in prep.

Higher resolution spectroscopy: atomic and molecular motion in materials

 Vibrations and magnetic excitations in molecules and solids are essential to key processes e.g. thermal conductivity and expansion, polymer processing and properties, biochemical processes, magnetic storage media, superconductors –











Atomic and molecular motion in materials

"When a crystal is irradiated with X-rays, the processes of photoelectric absorption and fluorescence are no doubt accompanied by absorption and emission of phonons. The energy changes involved are however so large compared with phonon energies that information about phonon spectrum of the crystal cannot be obtained in this way. The same is true for Compton scattering."¹ W.Cochran, 1966.

- Typically wish to measure vibrations and magnetic excitations in the range 1-100 meV as a function of q (1/ λ) so the wavelength of the neutrons or X-rays should typically be of the order of 1-2 Å (0.1-0.2 nm) [Q measured momentum transfer; q wavevector of the excitation]
- 1 Å corresponds to 12.4 keV for X-rays and 81.8 meV for neutrons so instrumental resolution is *much* more challenging for X-rays (10meV: $\Delta E/E \cong 10^{-6}$ vs 10^{-6} IXS vs INS)





INS: experimental methods

 Triple-axis spectrometer – very versatile means of measuring the change in energy of neutrons scattered by sample as a function of Q (point by point !)







 $\lambda = 2a$





 $\lambda = \infty$



INS: experimental methods

• With time-of-flight methods and large area detector, can map whole regions of Energy and Q in one fell swoop- often revealing unexpected features





IXS: experimental methods

• Far more challenging to resolve such excitations by inelastic X-ray scattering

Optimise resolution with monochromator and analyser close to backscattering configurations:

$$d\lambda/\lambda = dE/E = \cot\theta d\theta \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \theta \rightarrow \pi/2$$



Reflection	Energy[ke V]	E [meV]	dE/E
Si(7,7,7)	13.840	5.30	3.8 [.] 10 ⁻⁷
Si(8,8,8)	15.817	4.40	2.8·10 ⁻⁷
Si(9,9,9)	17.794	2.20	1.2 [.] 10 ⁻⁷
Si(11,11,11)	21.747	0.83	4.7·10 ⁻⁸
Si(12,12,12)	23.725	0.73	3.1·10 ⁻⁸
Si(13,13,13)	25.704	0.50	1.9 [.] 10 ⁻⁸

9- analyser crystal spectrometer







IXS: applications

• Role of phonons in superconductivity in $MgB_2 - DOS$ from lattice dynamics and neutron scattering measurements from powders then IXS on 50 x 70 μ^2 crystals



Yildirim et al, PRL 87 (2001) 37001 Baron et al, PRL 92 (2004) 197004

IXS vs INS

Advantages of IXS

- Fine beams \sim 10 μm work with very small samples
- Resolution is independent of energy transfer as ΔE and Q are decoupled (below)
- Open up new kinematical window in ΔE , Q at small Q and high ΔE –useful for disordered systems
- No incoherent scattering
- Disadvantages of IXS
 - Very challenging instrumentation to achieve resolution $\Delta E/E \sim 10^{-7}$
 - Cross-section dominated by photoelectric absorption less sensitive to light atoms
 - Resolution more complex than for neutrons (non Gaussian)



IXS +R → RIXS: a complementary method to neutrons for studying magnetic excitations

High sensitivity of soft x-rays allows study of small sample volumes.

Tune to specific transition – element and orbital selective

La₂CuO₄ 100nm films







RIXS: Analysing spectrometer at the ESRF



2015: ERIXS, ID32 – ESRF/Milano L = 12.0 m Design: E/ Δ E = 42000 at Cu-L₃



Antiferromagnetic NdBa₂Cu₃O_{6+δ}







Sample: thin film (100 nm)









ESRF ID32 – July 2015

AF YBCO and NBCO: magnon optical branch



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EXAFS

• Extended X-Ray Absorption Fine Structure



B18 – general purpose XAS

 2.05 – 35 keV – covers absorption edge from P to U with 200 x 250 μm spot size



Determining oxidation states of Fe and V in flexible mixed valent MOF by XANES



Breeze et al, Inorganic Chemistry, 52 (2013) 8171



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What the Heck ?



S. G. Fiddy et al, Chem. Commun., 2682 (2003)

Future limits ? I20 at Diamond will give ppb of chemical species

