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XANES analysis

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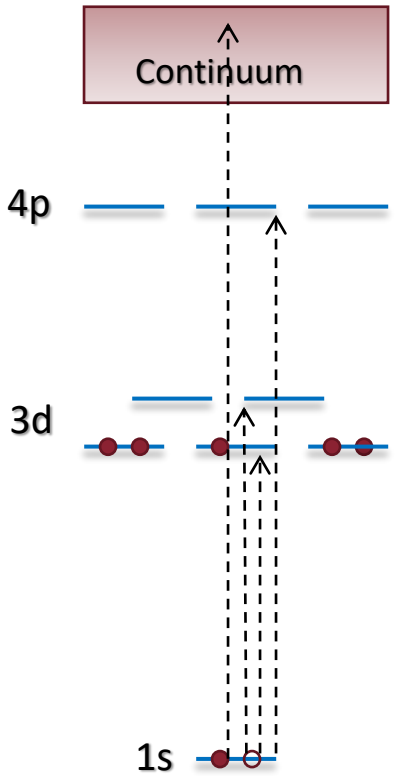
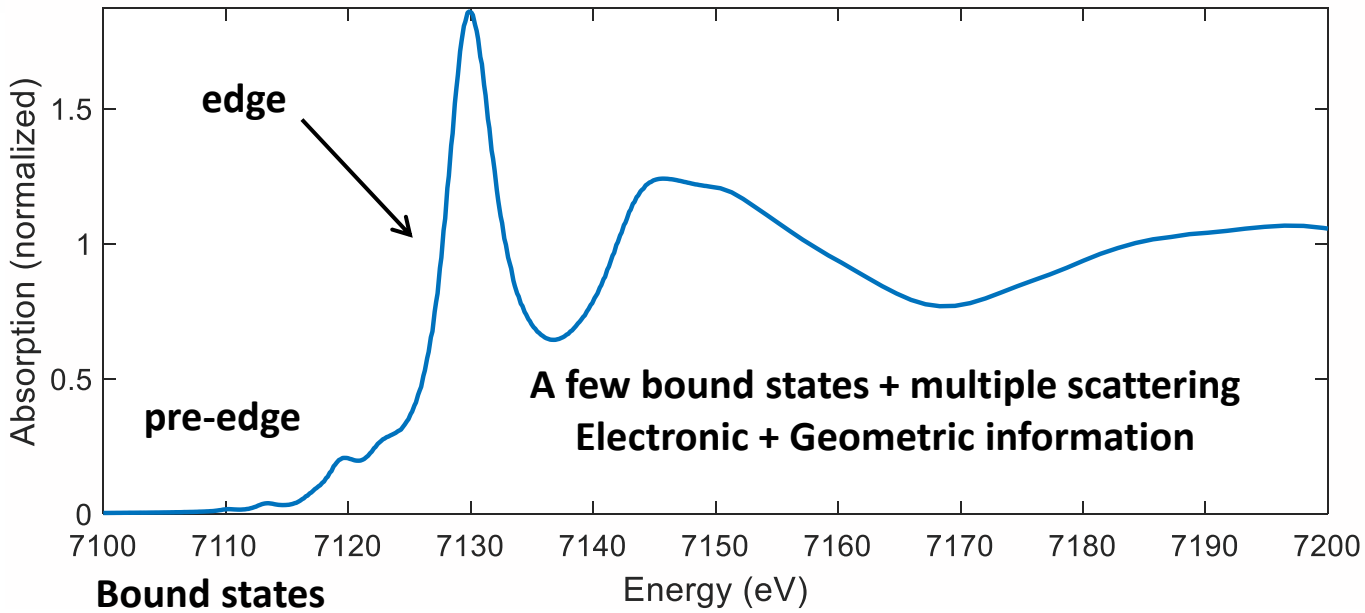
XANES region





Bound states
Electronic structure

Why does it look like this?

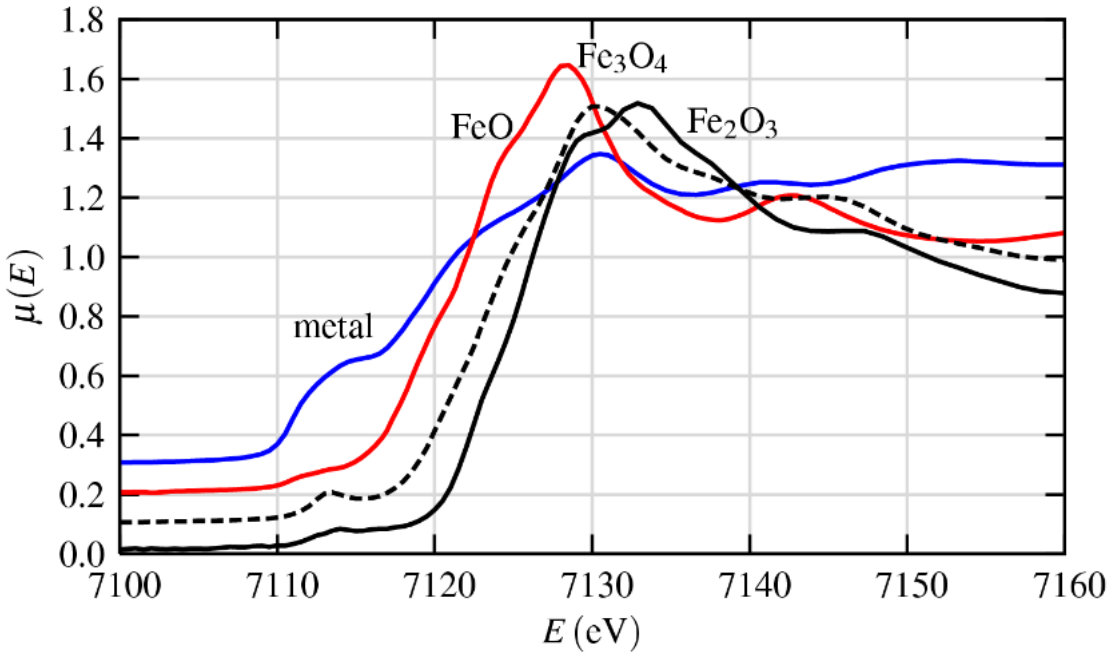
- Oxidation state
- Symmetry
- Bonding

What to do with a bunch of spectra

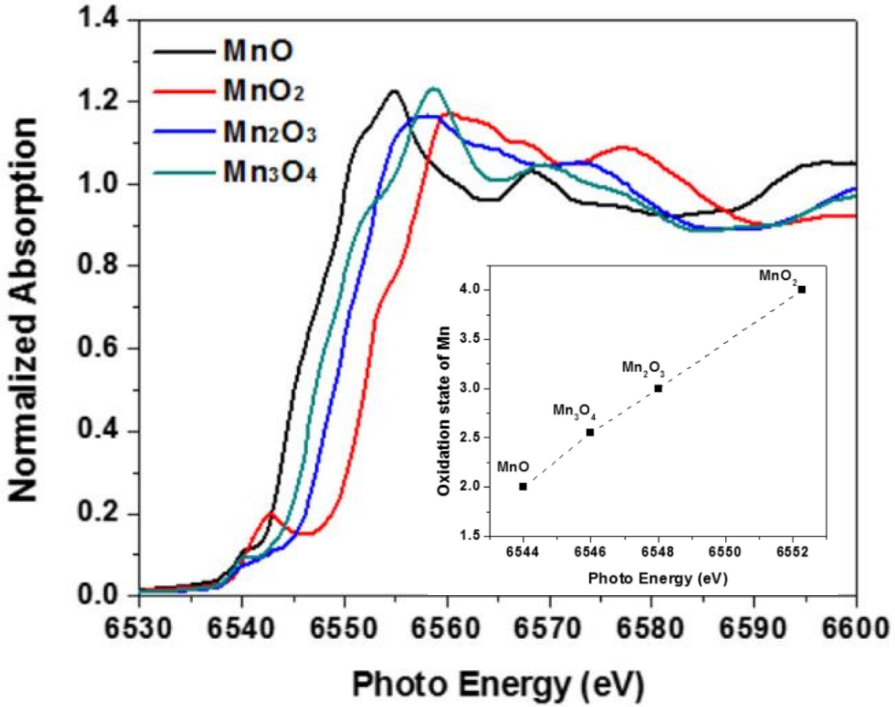
- Linear combination fitting
- Factor analysis

XANES: why does it look like this?

Edge position is sensitive to formal oxidation state



Fundamentals of XAFS, Matt Newville



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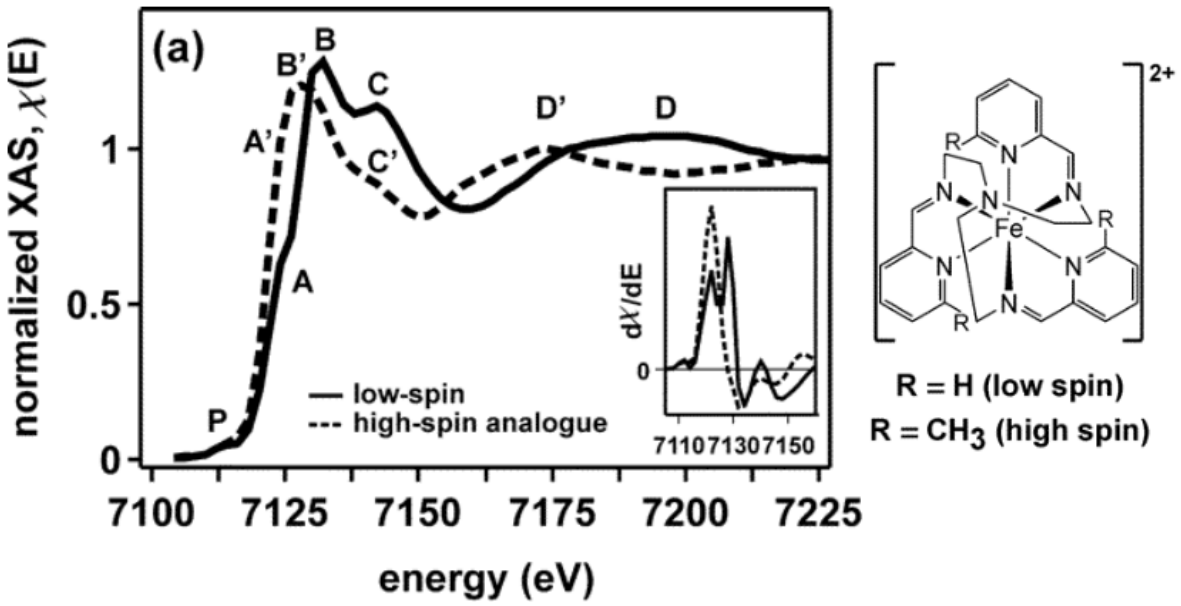
Edge position is sensitive to local structure



Both Fe(II)-N_6, but different spin and Fe-N distance

Low spin: R ≅ 2.0 Å

High spin: R ≅ 2.2 Å

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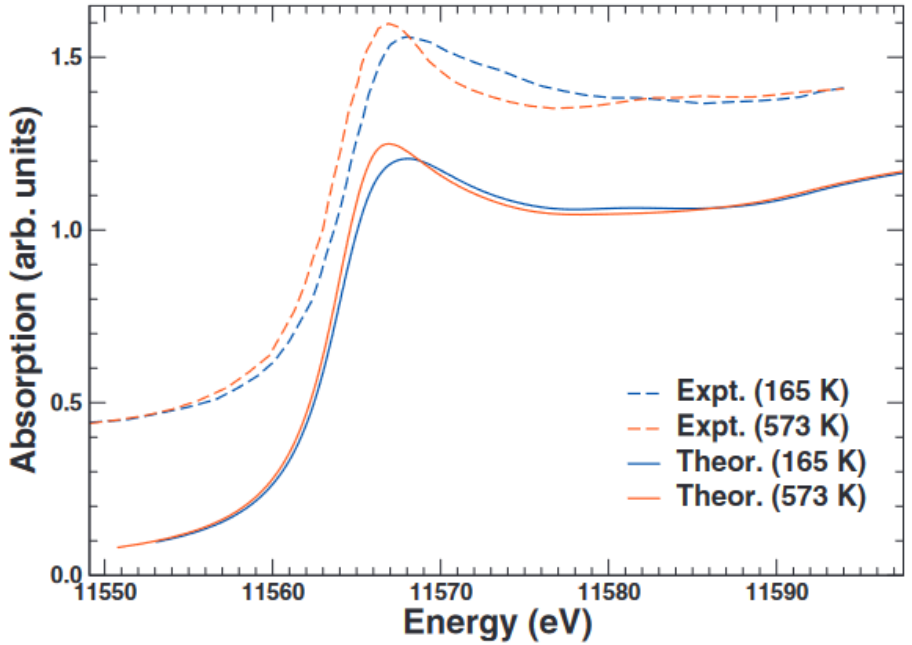

Pt nanoparticles

Pt-Pt distances increase with temperature

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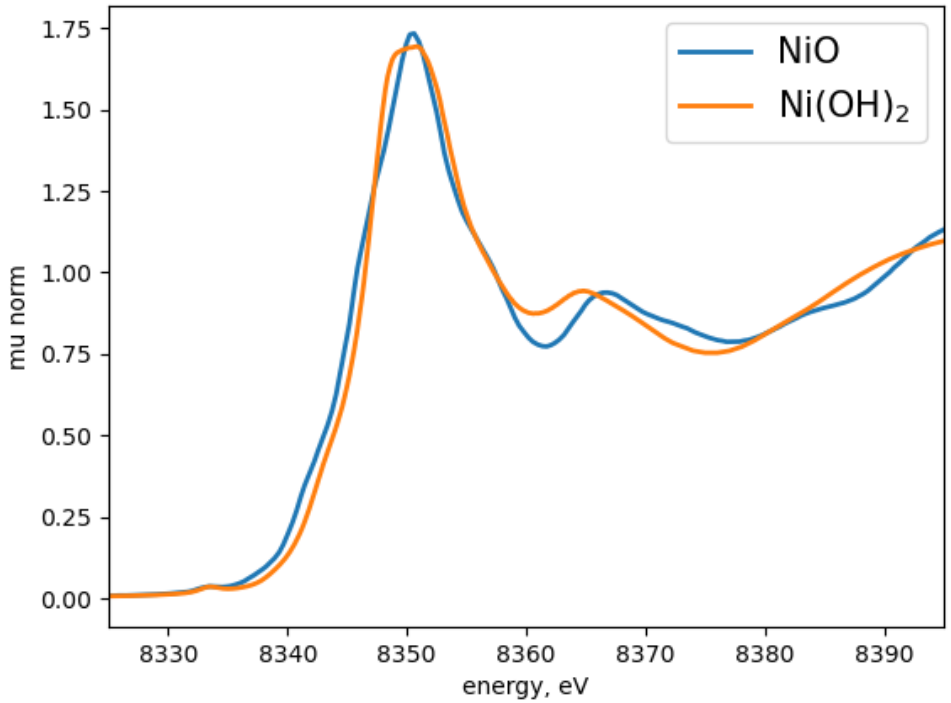
Edge position is sensitive to the bonding

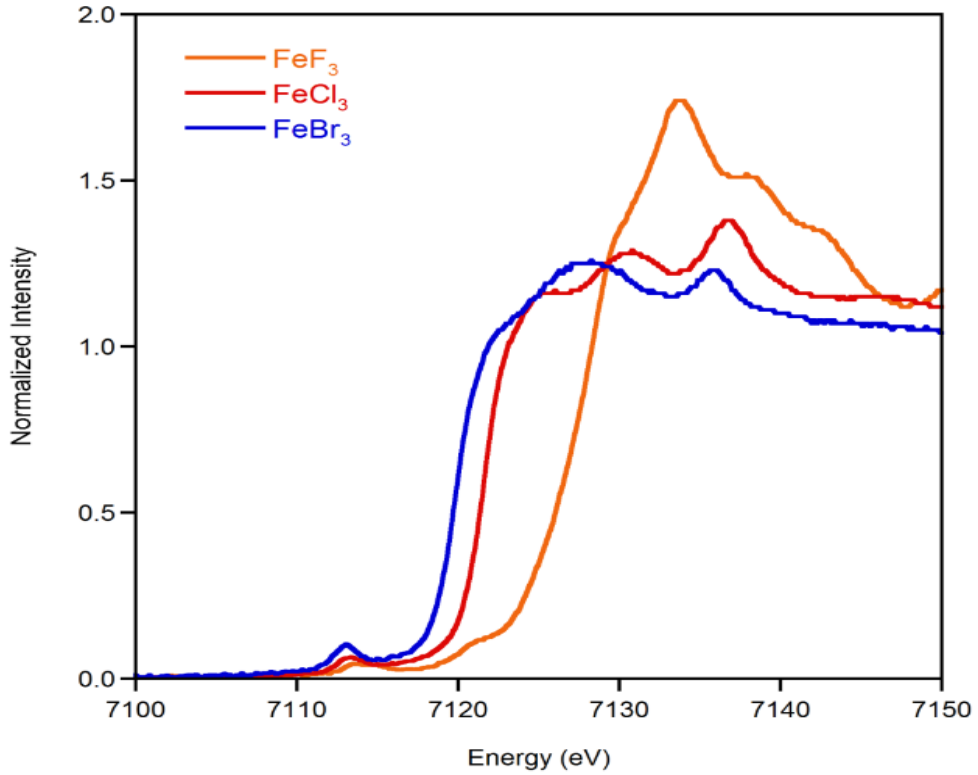


Both Ni(II), coordinated with 6 oxygen atoms

NiO: Ni-O ~ 2.09 A

$Ni(OH)_2$ ~ 2.07 A

Data: Akhil Tayal



All Fe(III) compounds

J. Am. Chem. Soc., Vol. 119, No. 27, 1997

Edge position, bond lengths and scattering

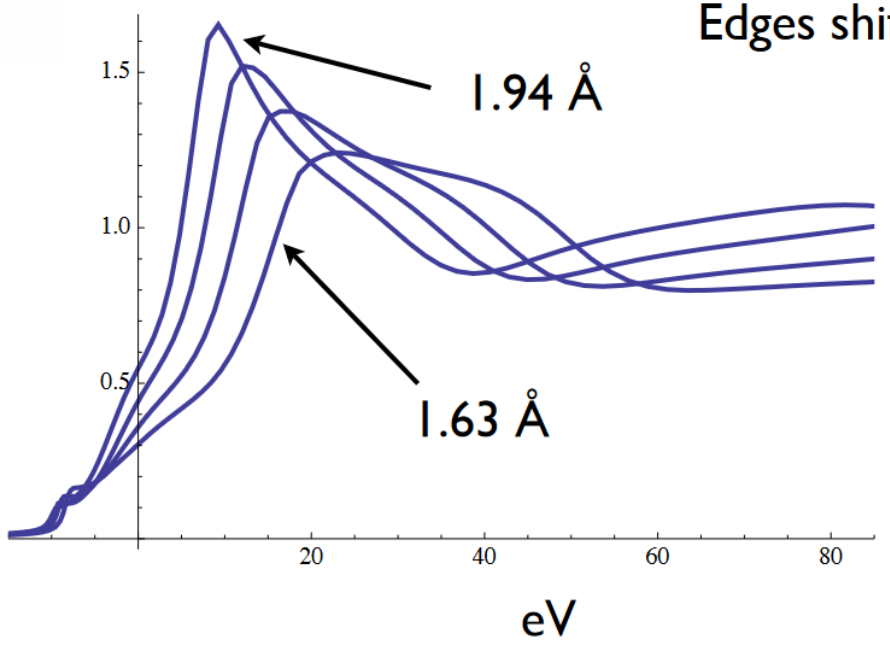
- the simplest picture of XANES is of the electron escaping through a cage of neighboring atoms

- Hartree et al. (1934) proposed that at the principal maximum (white line), the interatomic distance R is one wavelength
- In ev Å units, E~150/R^2
- Simple, but qualitatively correct
- $1/r^2$ scaling can be used to determine average nearest neighbor bond lengths from XANES alone.

MnO_4 planar cluster

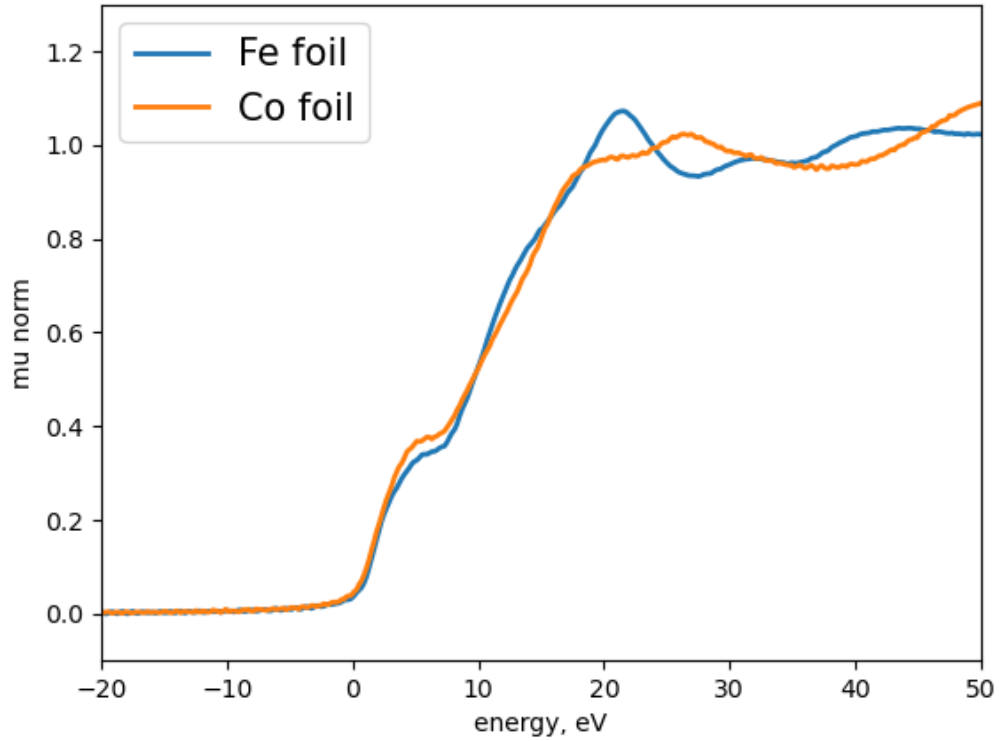
r=1.63,1.73,1.84,1.94Å feff8.2 SCF/FMS

Edges shift with R

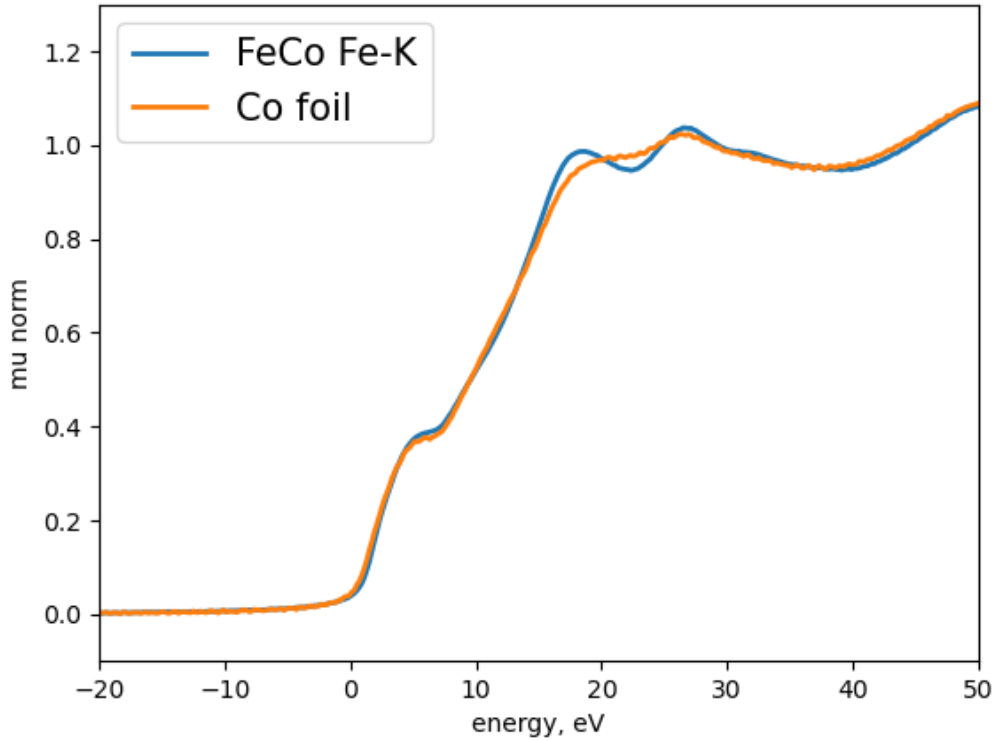


Bunker, Interpreting XANES talk

XANES is sensitive to local crystal structure

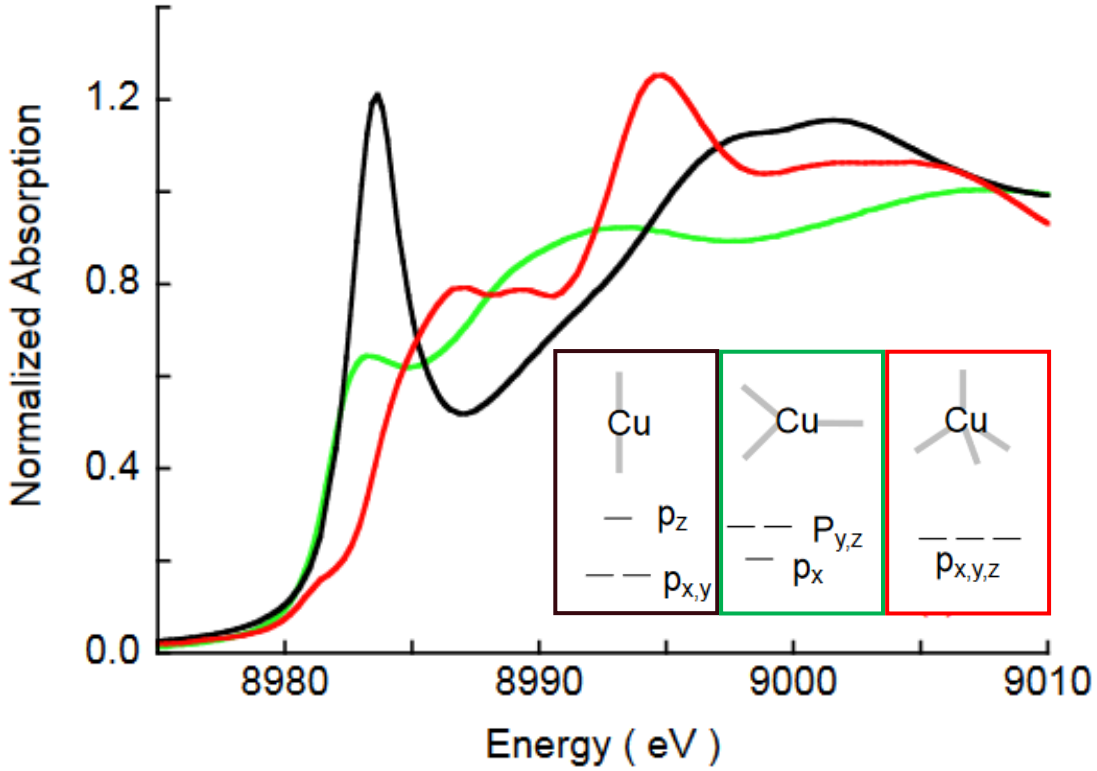


Fe – bcc structure
Co – hcp/fcc mix



Fe in Fe/Co thin film shows XANES similar to that of Co

Edge shape is sensitive to local symmetry



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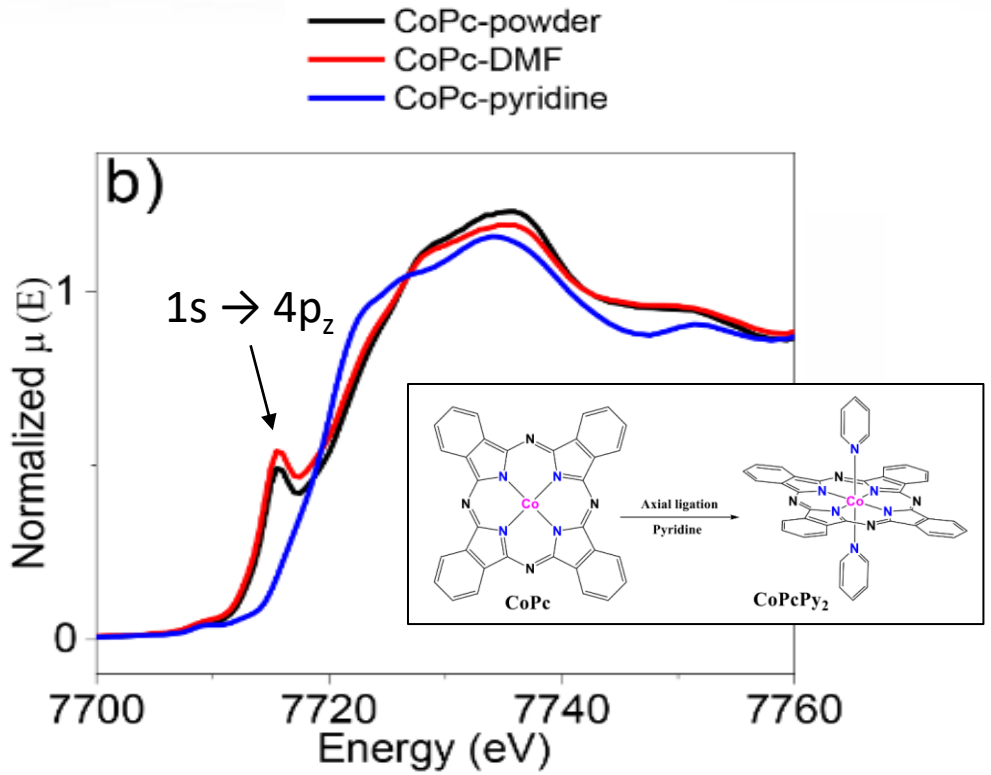

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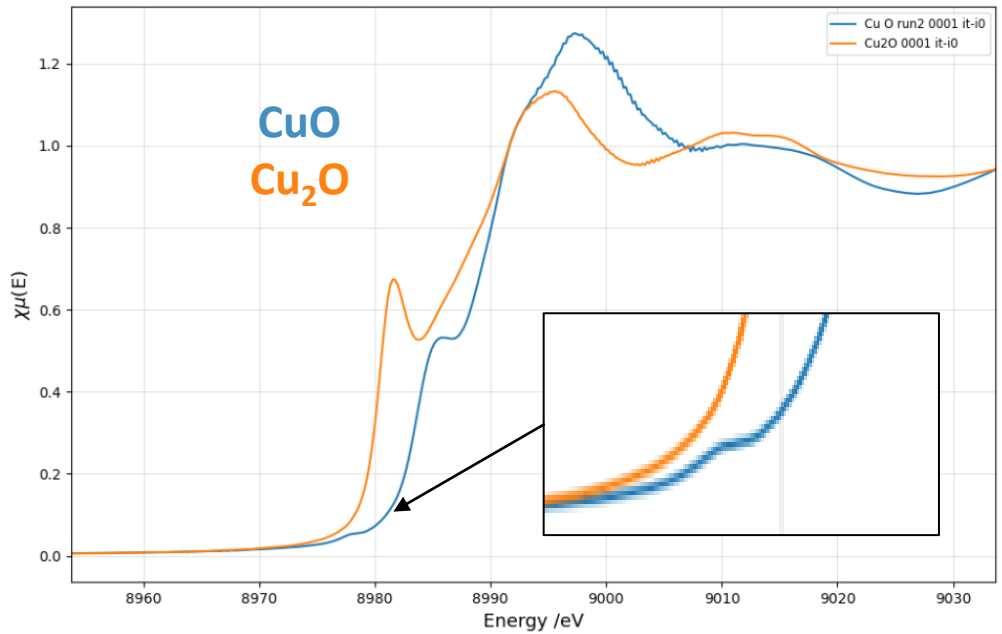
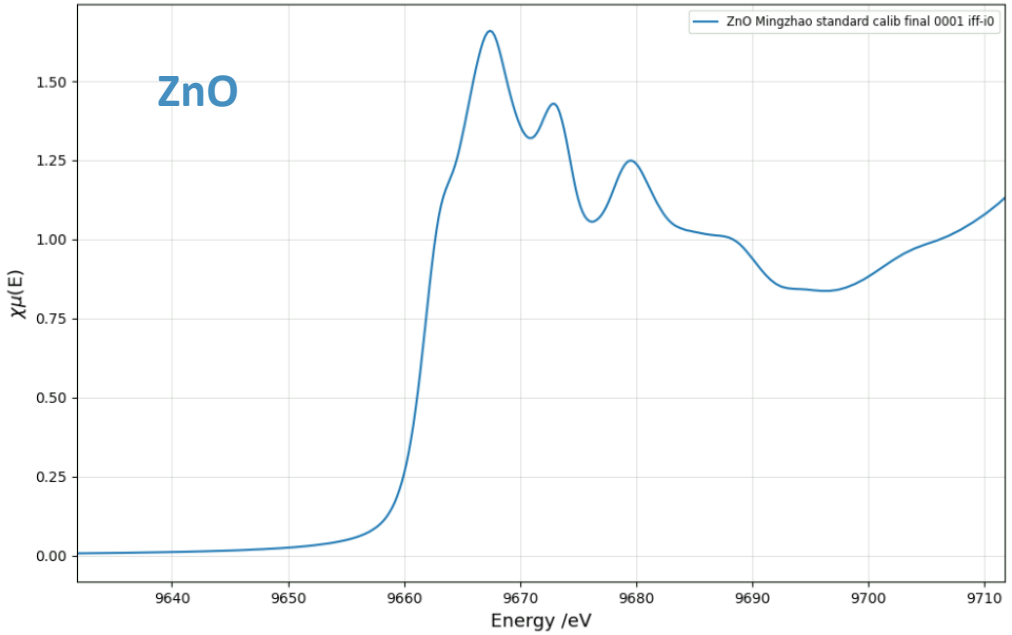
Pre-edge features: quadruple allowed transitions

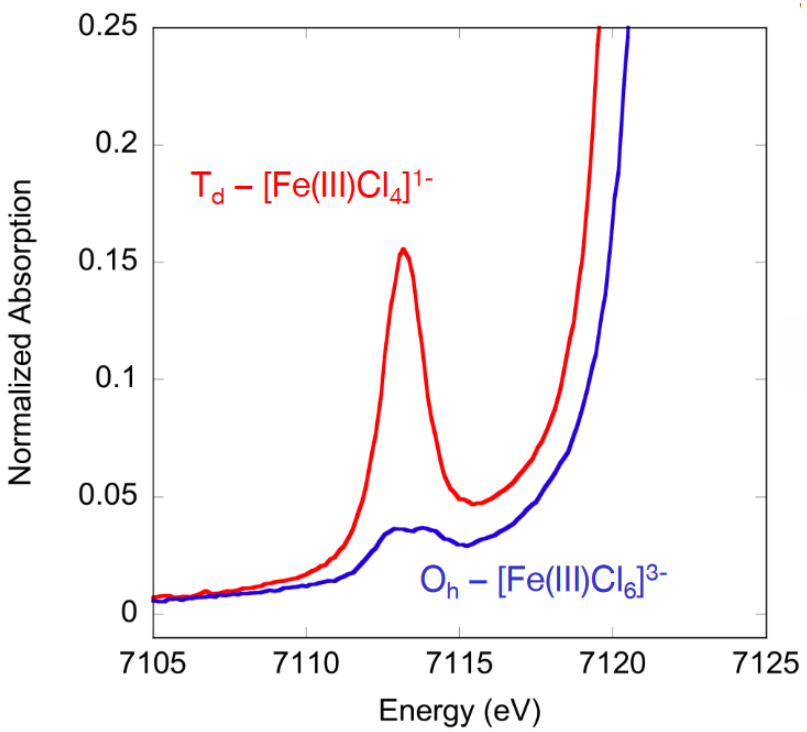




Cu_2O, ZnO - d^{10} systems - do not have any pre-edge

CuO – d^9 system – has one!

Pre-edge features: effect of 4p/3d mixing



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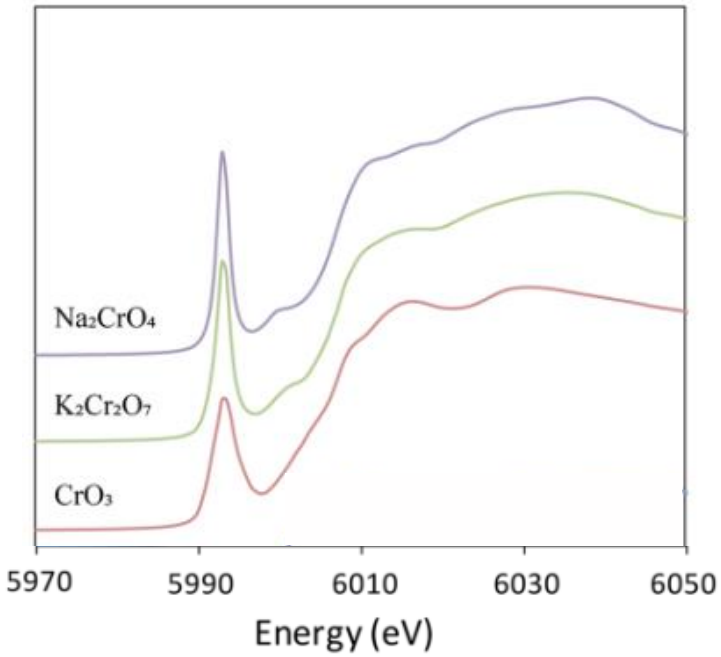

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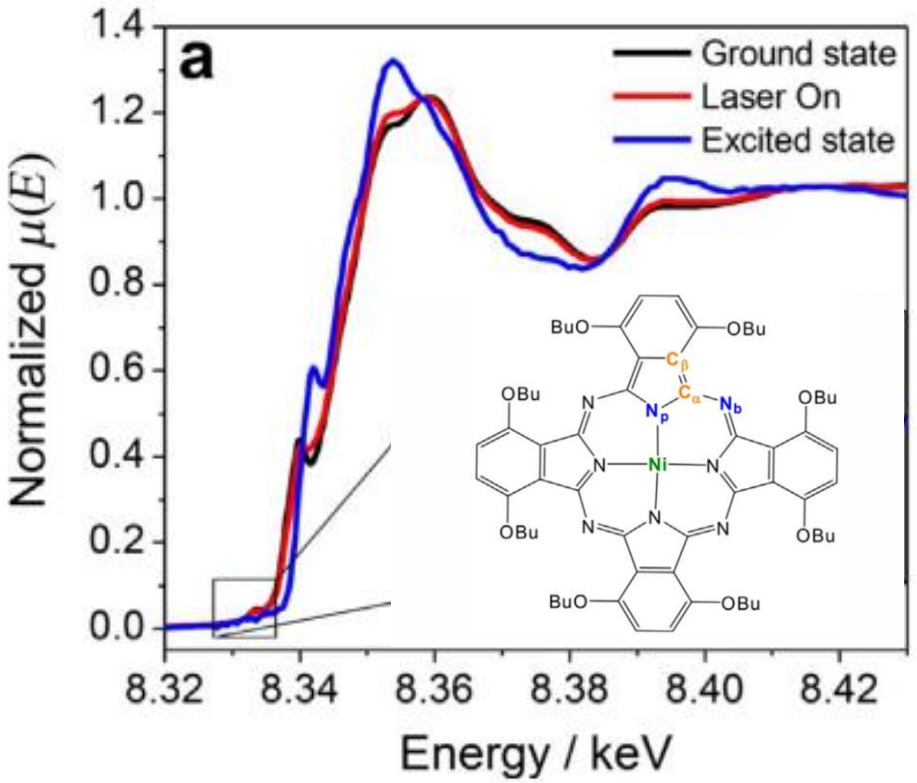
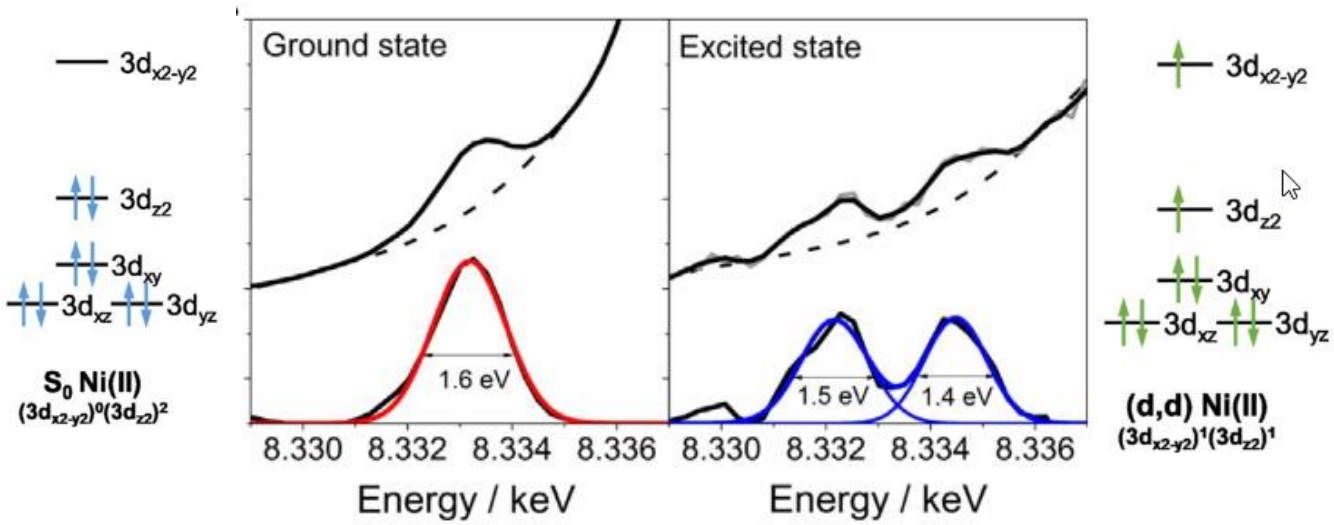
- Oh coordination has inversion symmetry – low mixing, quadruple only
- Td coordination 4p and 3dxy, xz, yz orbitals have the same symmetry – high mixing, intense pre-edge
- More pre-edge intensity -> more distortion from centrosymmetric geometry

Pre-edge features: electronic structure fingerprinting





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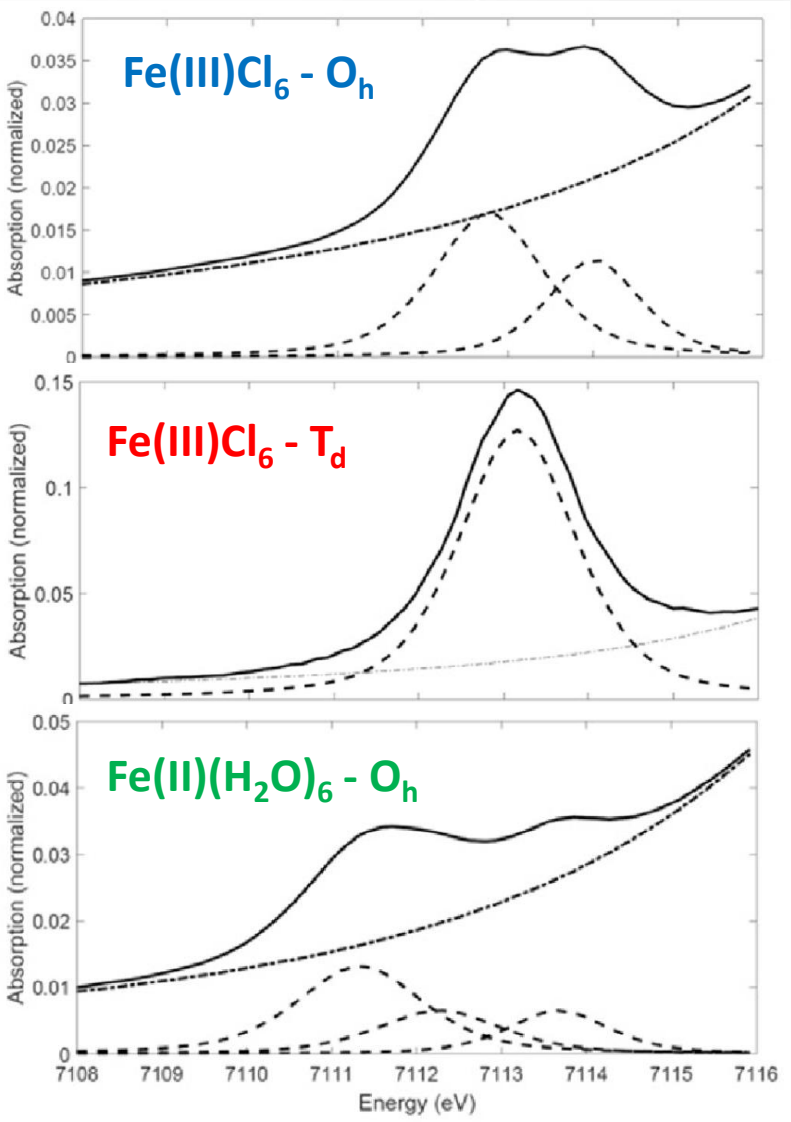
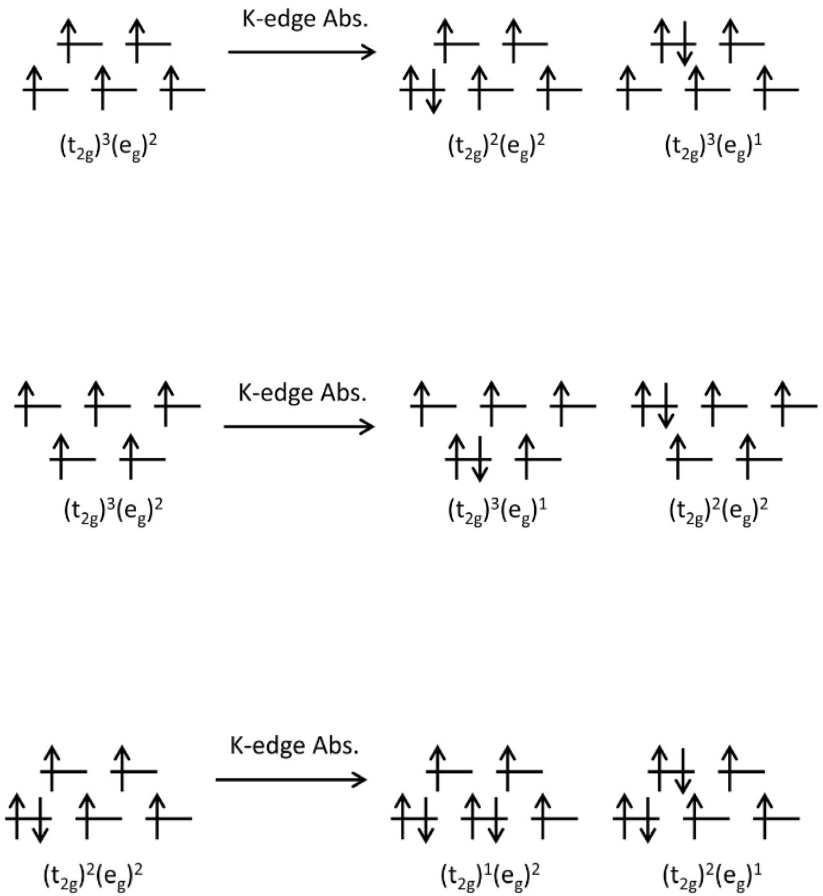
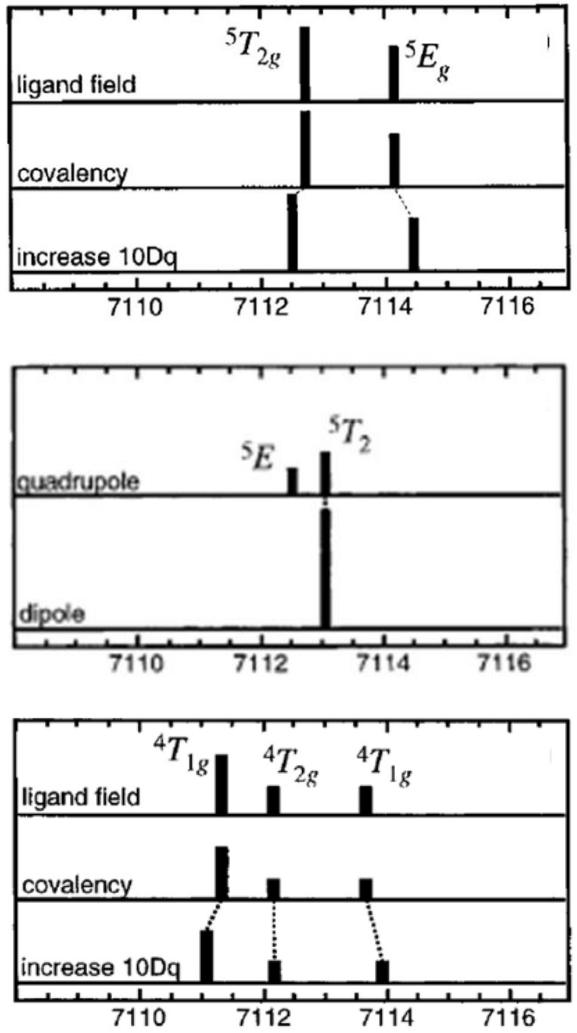
Pre-edge features: multiplet structure effects







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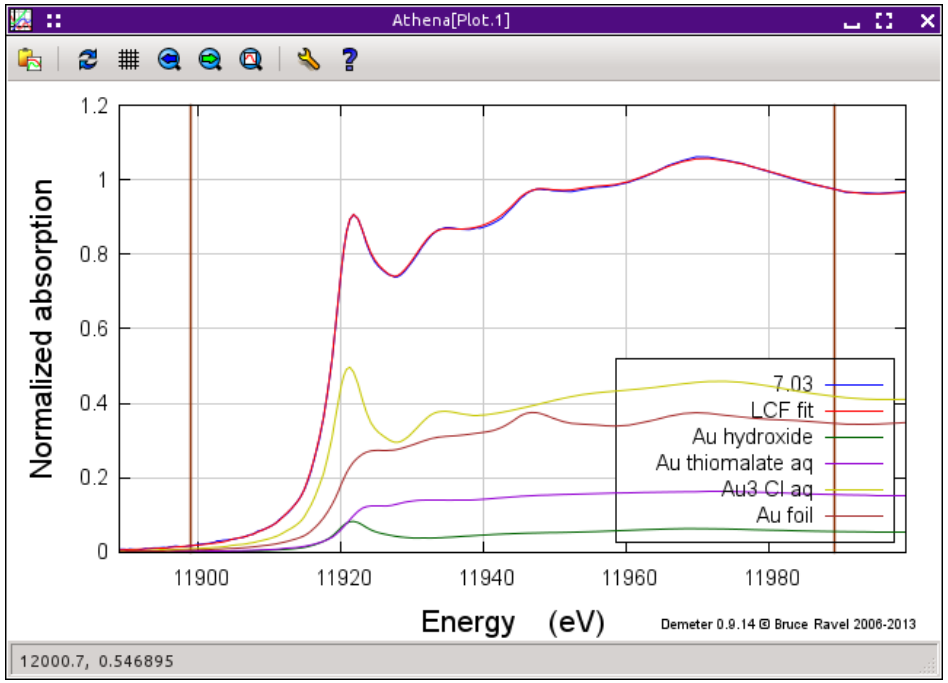
Pre-edge & XANES: sensitivities

- Oxidation state
- Spin
- Multiplet structure
- Symmetry
- Bond lengths
- Covalency

XANES analysis of spectral series

Linear combination fitting

- Take a set of spectra and fit them to the spectrum of interest
- Get composition of the sample!



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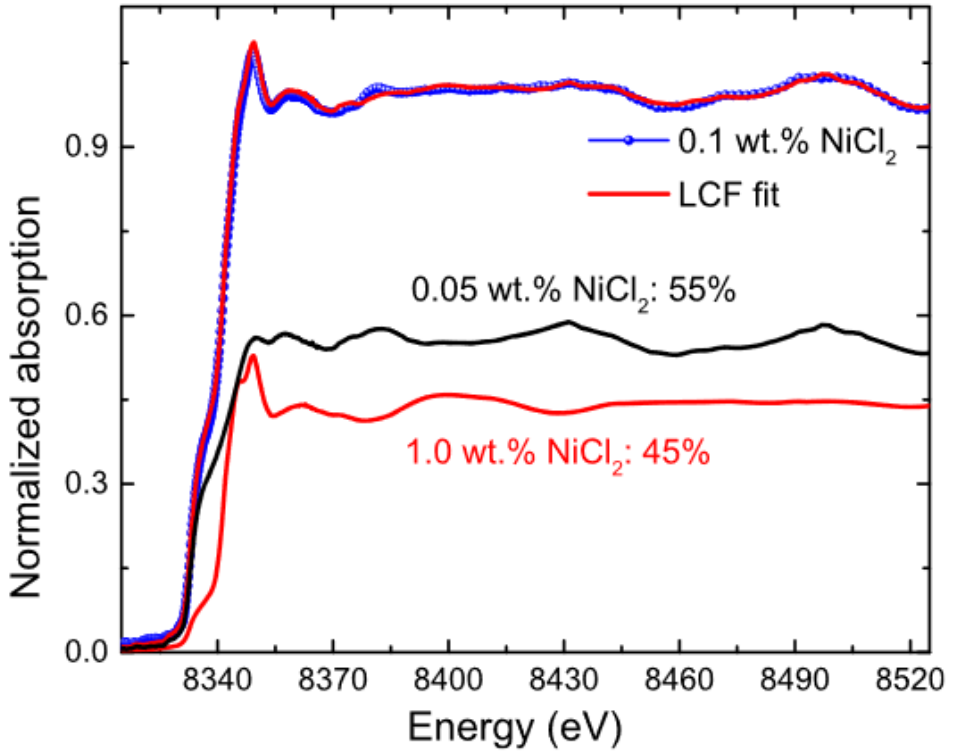

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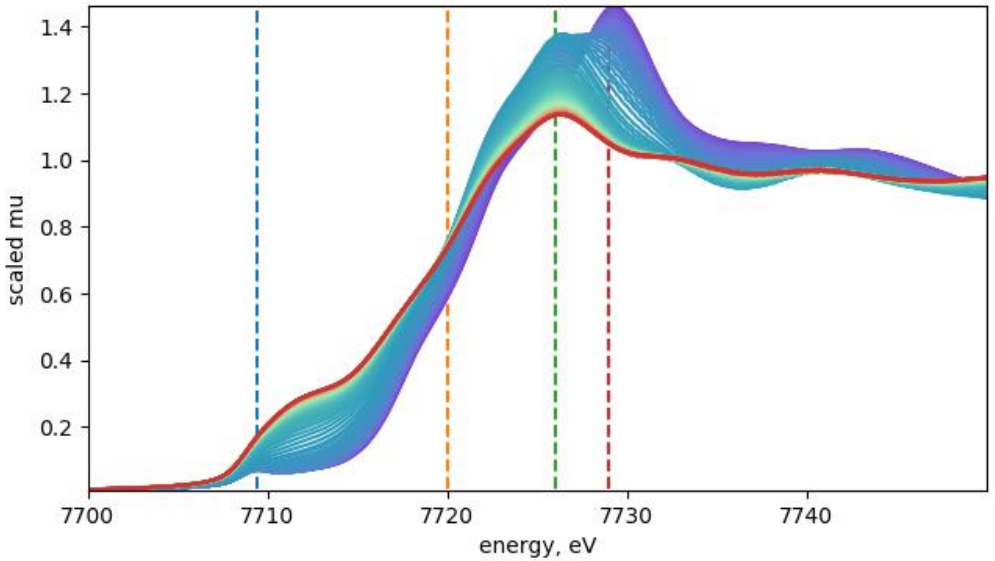
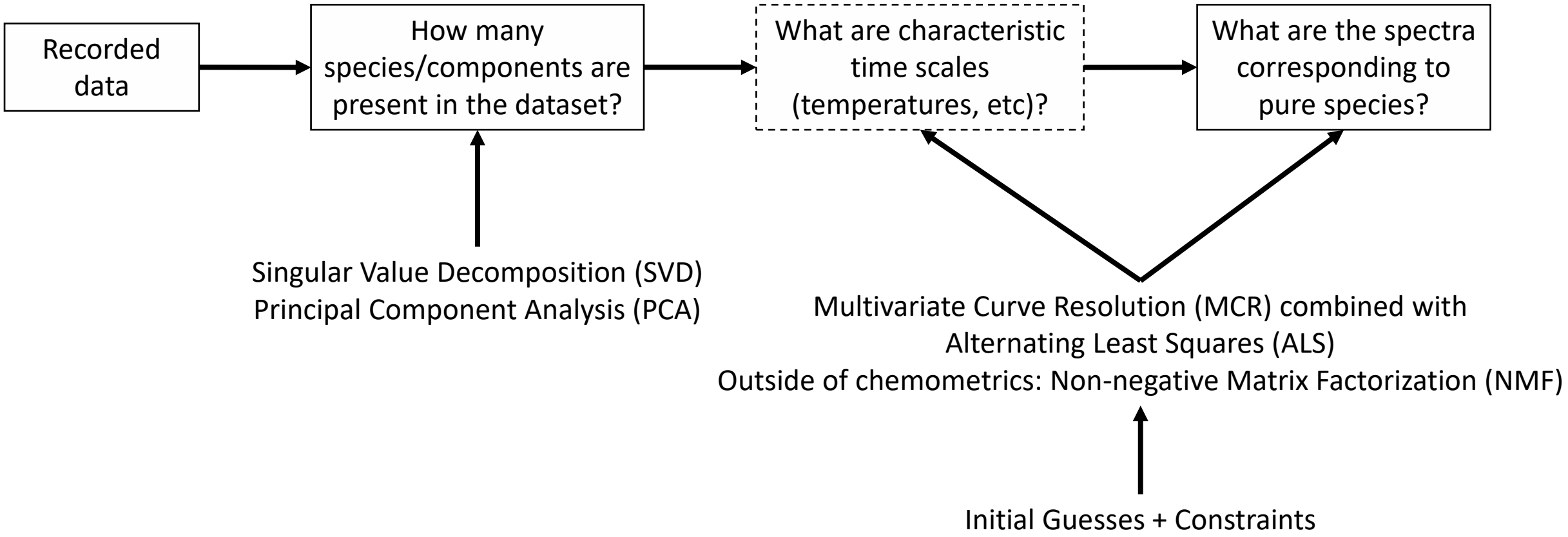
What to do if you recorded 100 spectra

- Experiments often yield 10-100s of spectra
- Combinatorial analysis can be tedious with this amount of data
- Need for more general approach

A typical in situ dataset that users take home from ISS



General analysis workflow for large datasets



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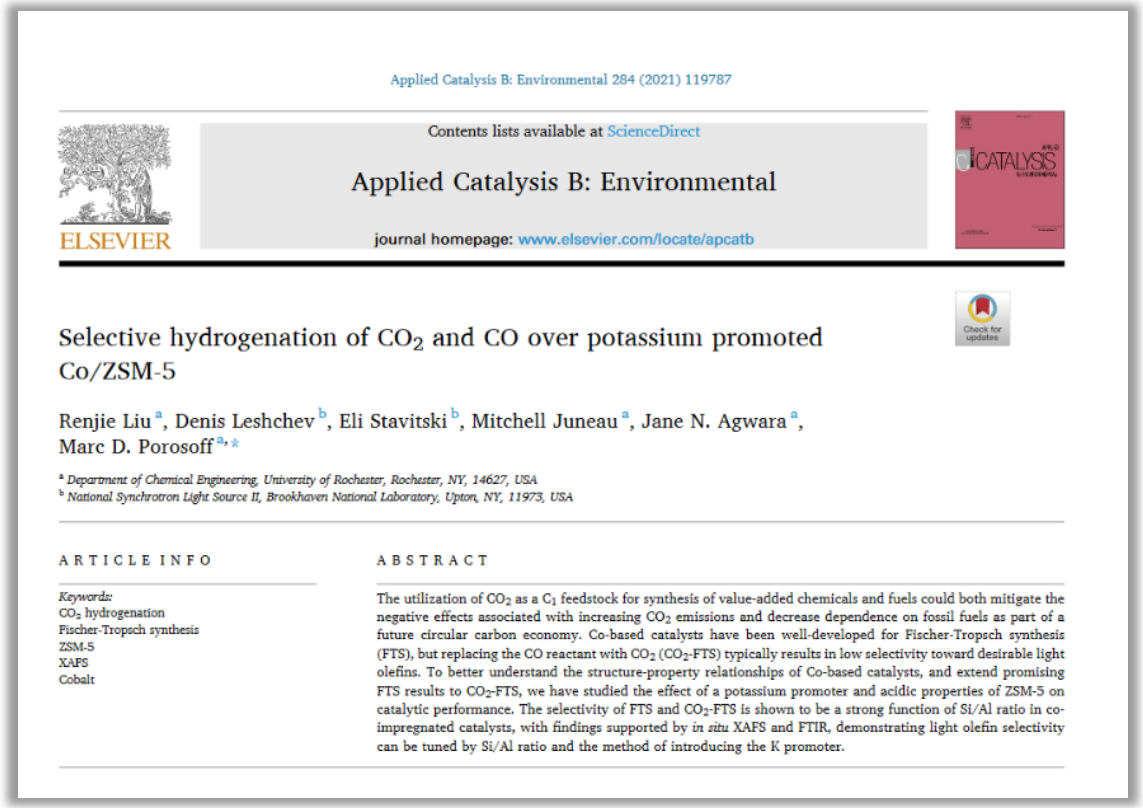

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ABSTRACT

The utilization of CO_2 as a C_1 feedstock for synthesis of value-added chemicals and fuels could both mitigate the negative effects associated with increasing CO_2 emissions and decrease dependence on fossil fuels as part of a future circular carbon economy. Co-based catalysts have been well-developed for Fischer-Tropsch synthesis (FTS), but replacing the CO reactant with CO_2 (CO_2-FTS) typically results in low selectivity toward desirable light olefins. To better understand the structure-property relationships of Co-based catalysts, and extend promising FTS results to CO_2-FTS, we have studied the effect of a potassium promoter and acidic properties of ZSM-5 on catalytic performance. The selectivity of FTS and CO_2-FTS is shown to be a strong function of Si/Al ratio in co-impregnated catalysts, with findings supported by *in situ* XAFS and FTIR, demonstrating light olefin selectivity can be tuned by Si/Al ratio and the method of introducing the K promoter.

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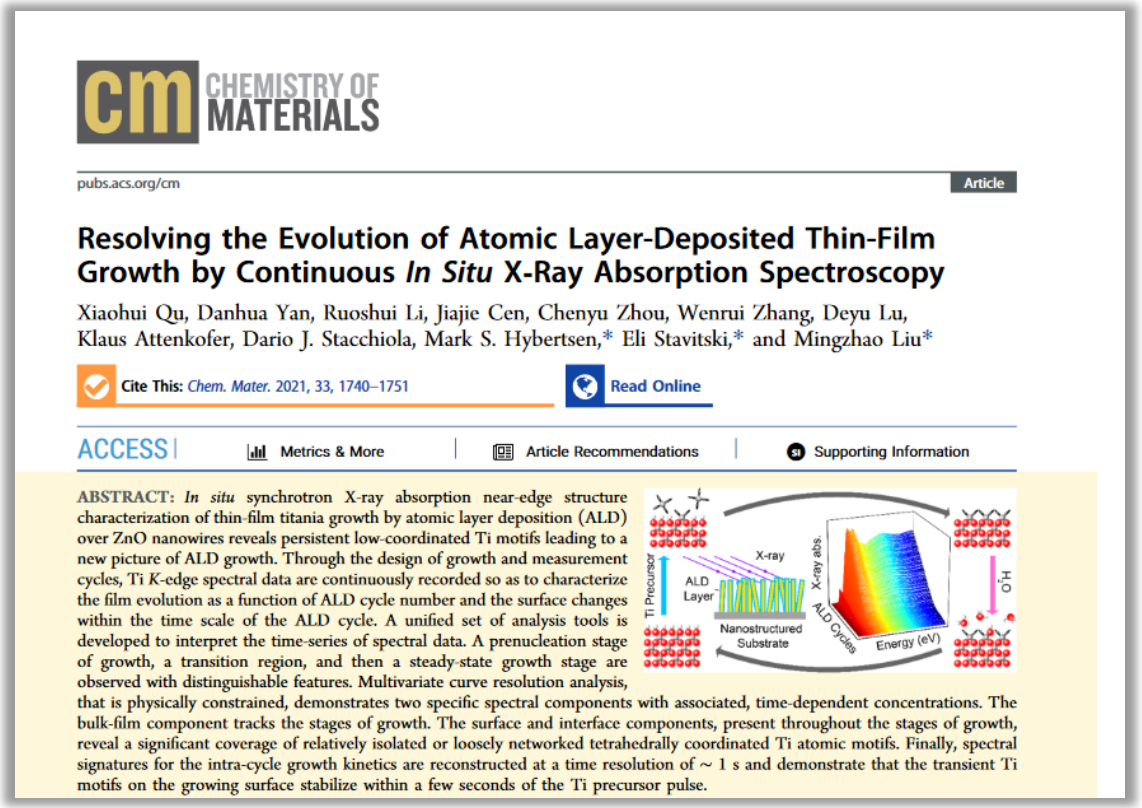

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Resolving the Evolution of Atomic Layer-Deposited Thin-Film Growth by Continuous *In Situ* X-Ray Absorption Spectroscopy

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ABSTRACT: *In situ* synchrotron X-ray absorption near-edge structure characterization of thin-film titania growth by atomic layer deposition (ALD) over ZnO nanowires reveals persistent low-coordinated Ti motifs leading to a new picture of ALD growth. Through the design of growth and measurement cycles, Ti *K*-edge spectral data are continuously recorded so as to characterize the film evolution as a function of ALD cycle number and the surface changes within the time scale of the ALD cycle. A unified set of analysis tools is developed to interpret the time-series of spectral data. A prenucleation stage of growth, a transition region, and then a steady-state growth stage are observed with distinguishable features. Multivariate curve resolution analysis, that is physically constrained, demonstrates two specific spectral components with associated, time-dependent concentrations. The bulk-film component tracks the stages of growth. The surface and interface components, present throughout the stages of growth, reveal a significant coverage of relatively isolated or loosely networked tetrahedrally coordinated Ti atomic motifs. Finally, spectral signatures for the intra-cycle growth kinetics are reconstructed at a time resolution of ~ 1 s and demonstrate that the transient Ti motifs on the growing surface stabilize within a few seconds of the Ti precursor pulse.

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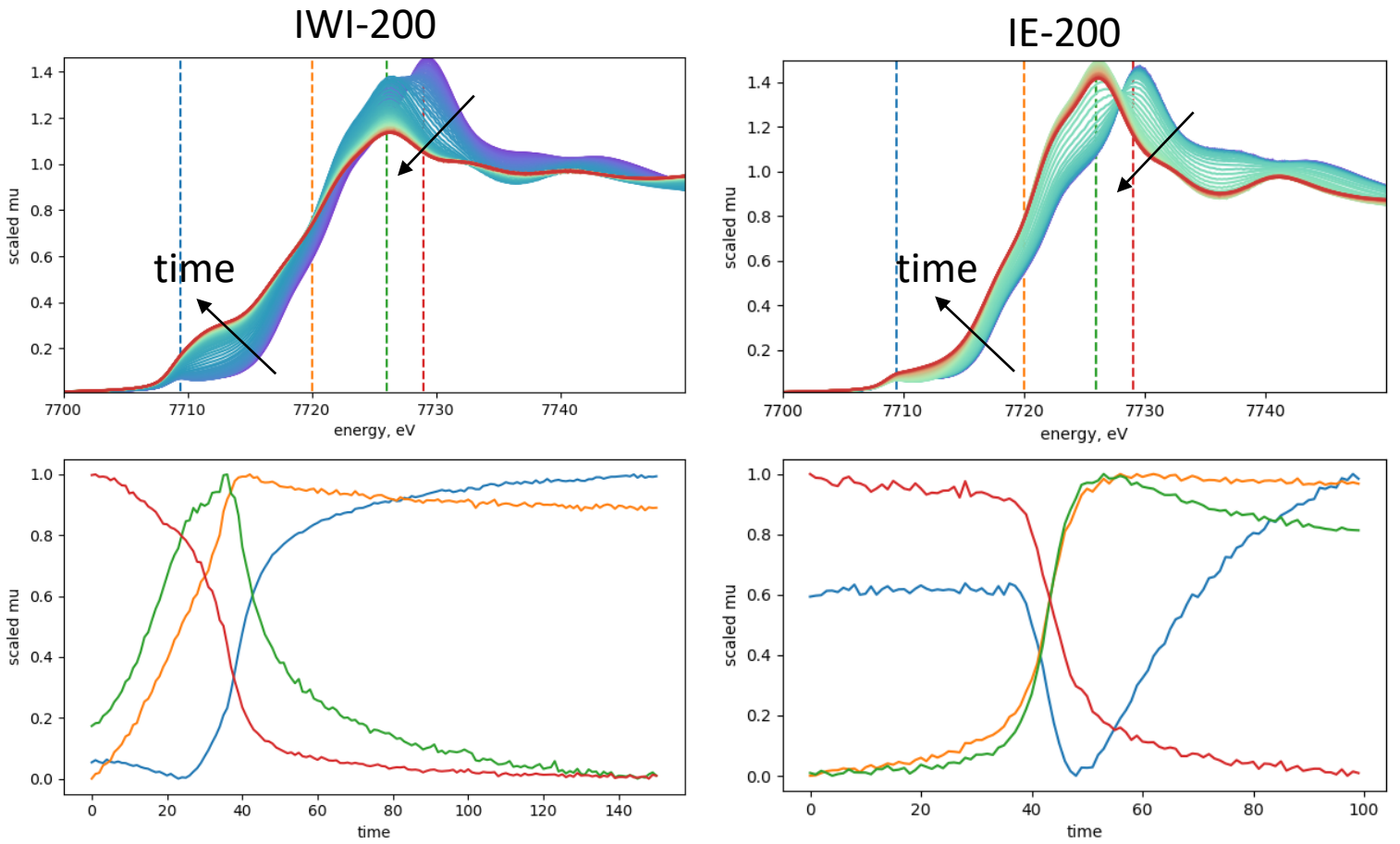
In situ study of Co/ZSM catalyst reduction

- Co is embedded in zeolite ZSM-5 framework
- The catalyst performance was tested against method of K impregnation for Si/Al = 200 ratio
  - Incipient Wetness Impregnation (IWI) synthesis
  - Ion Exchange (IE) synthesis
- What is the kinetics of reduction and what is the degree of reduction at the end of the process?

Overview of the IWI and IE datasets

- Both datasets qualitatively show the signs of reduction
- Complex multi-stage kinetics can be observed in both cases
- How do we analyze such datasets?



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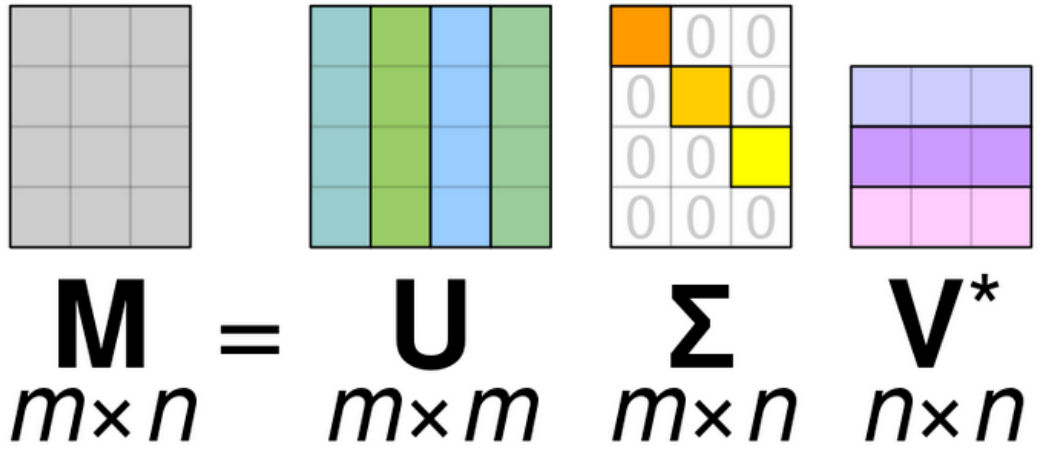
Eigen-spectra

Singular values
Indicate the amplitude of the contribution of the component

Right singular vectors
Eigen-kinetic traces



Components are sorted according to their significance

Picture: wikipedia

Singular Value Decomposition analysis of IE-200 dataset

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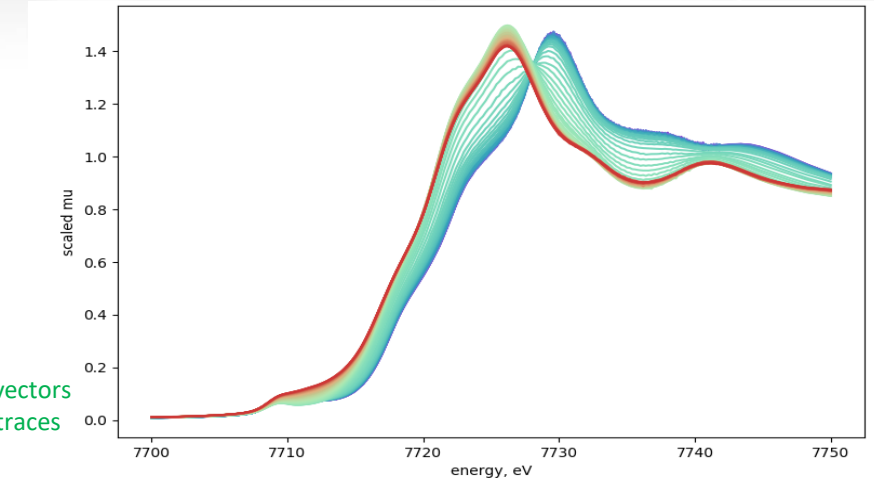
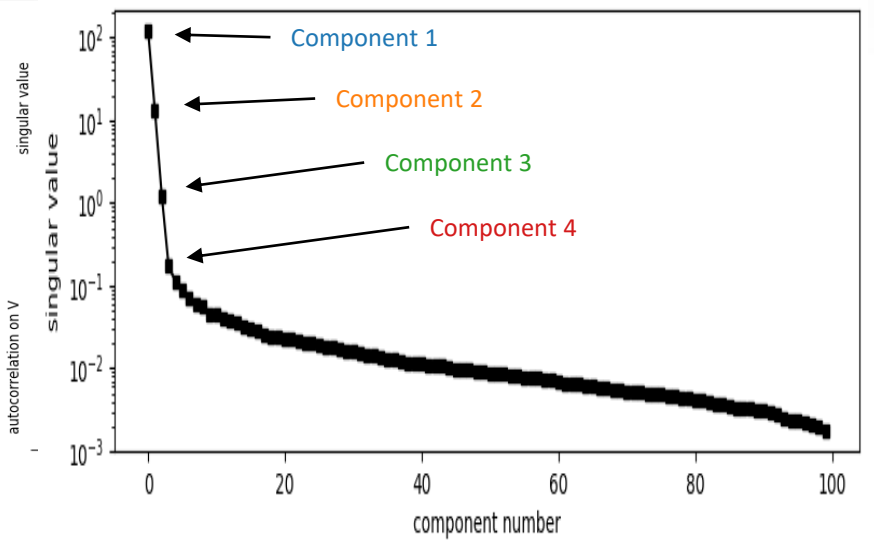
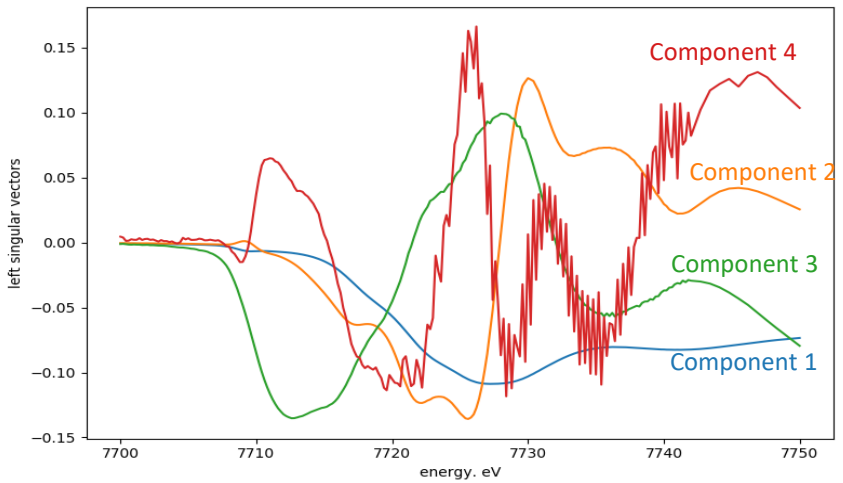
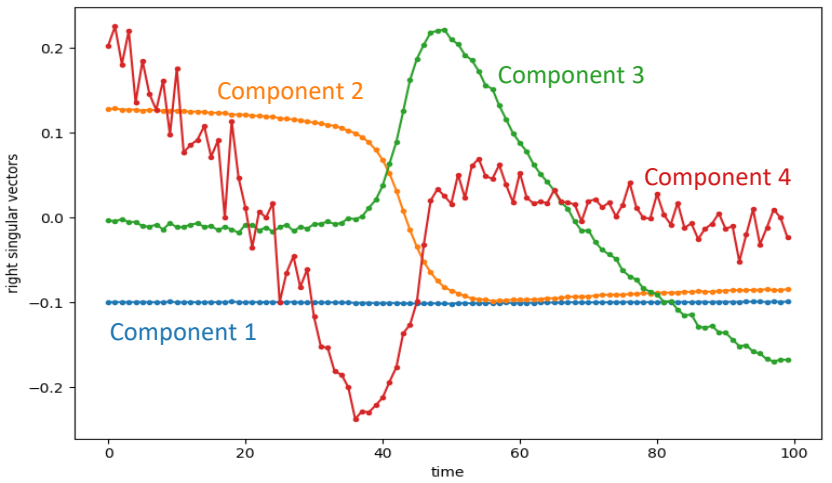
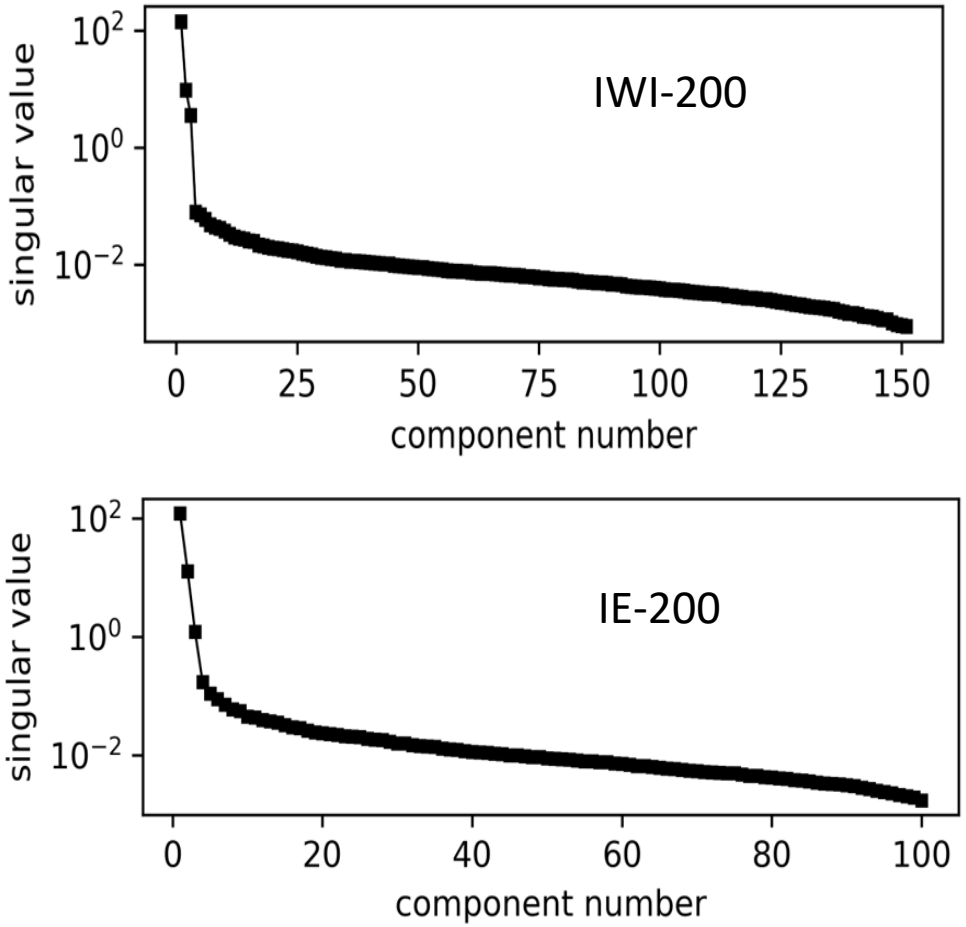








Number of significant components: scree plot



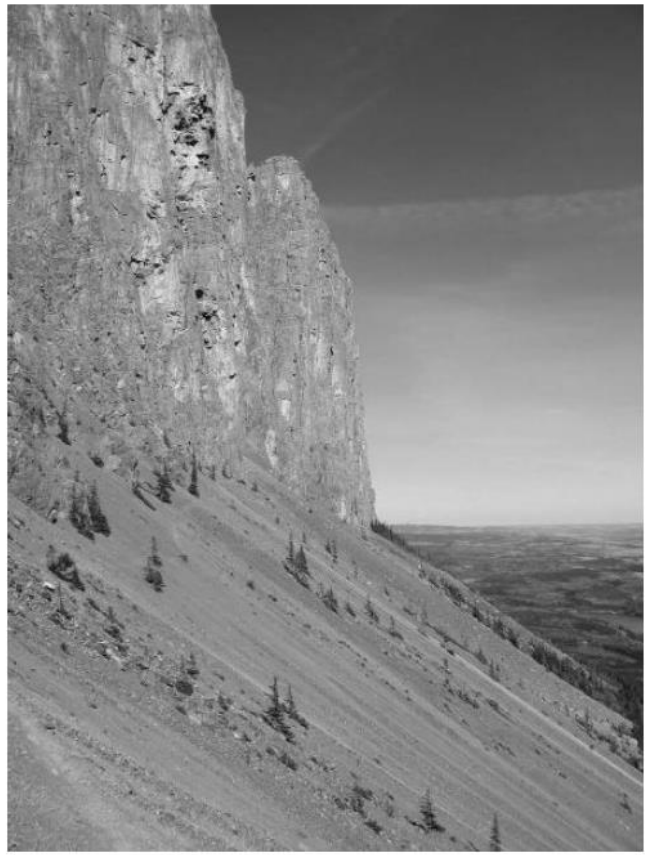
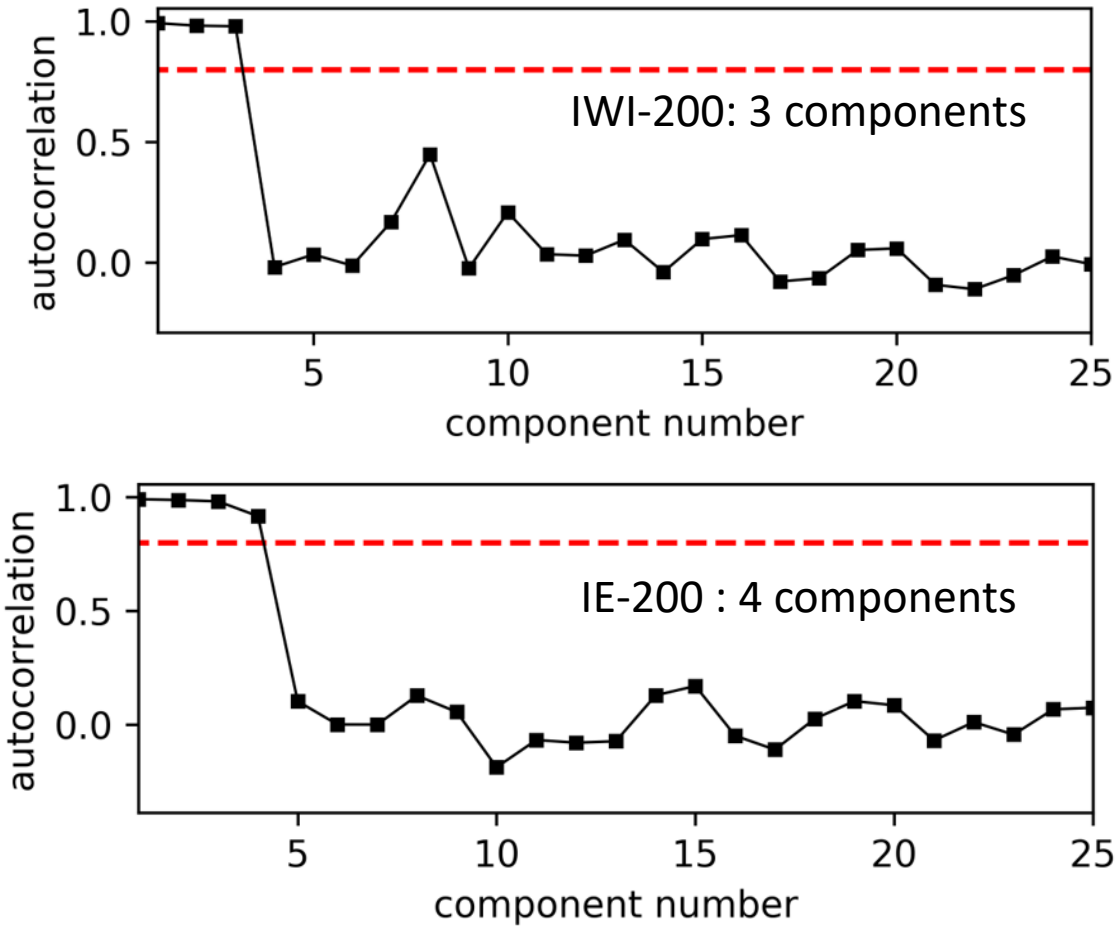


Figure 8.12 Yamnuska, a mountain in the Canadian Rockies. Note how the steep mountain side gives ways to a gentler slope made up of scree, which is a material made of rock fragments weathered from the mountain. Kevin Lenz. This photo is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 2.5 Generic license.

Number of significant components: autocorrelation



Autocorrelation:

$$C_i = \sum_j V_{i,j} V_{i,j-1}$$

(Arbitrary) threshold: 0.8

Singular value decomposition: Application to analysis of experimental data
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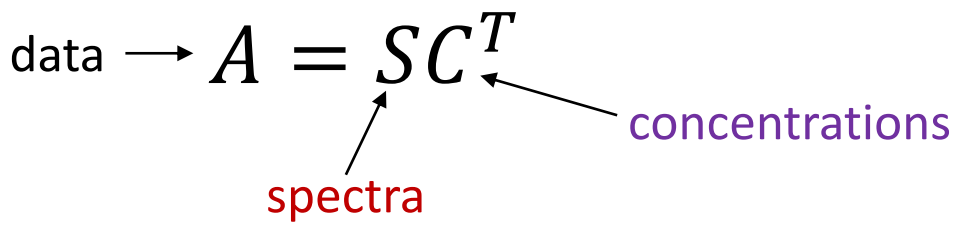
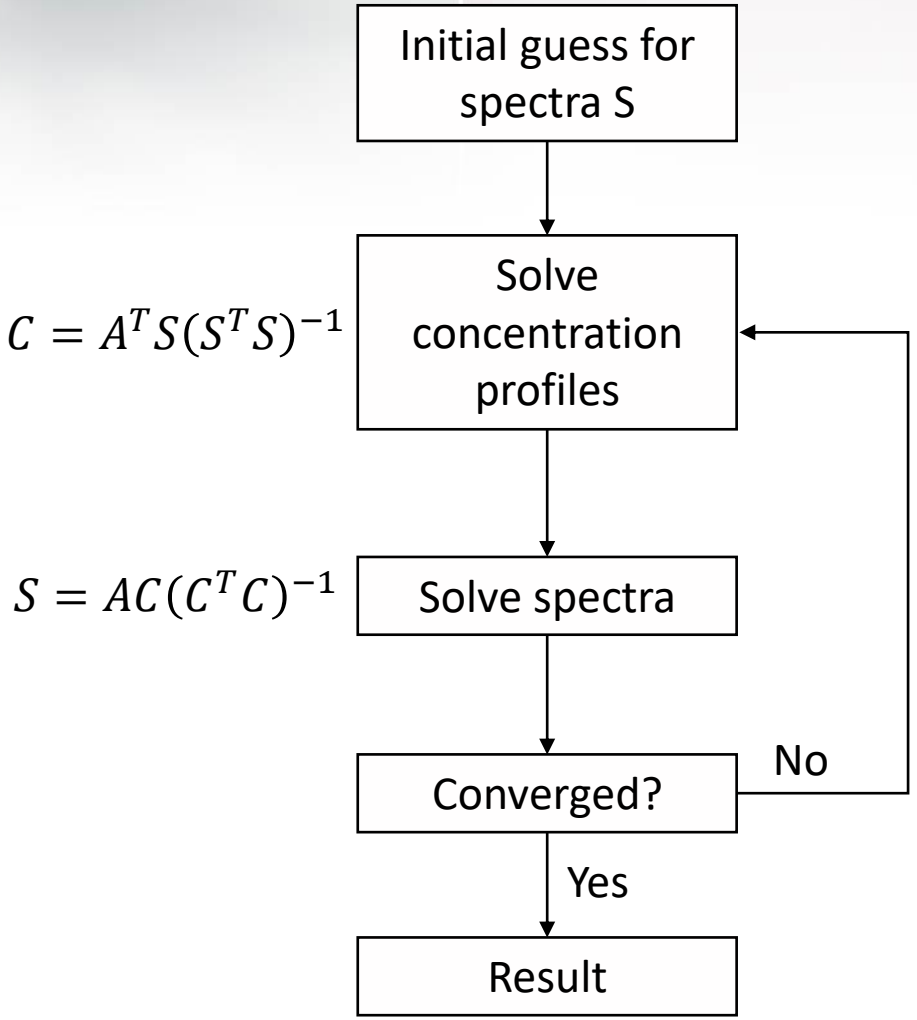
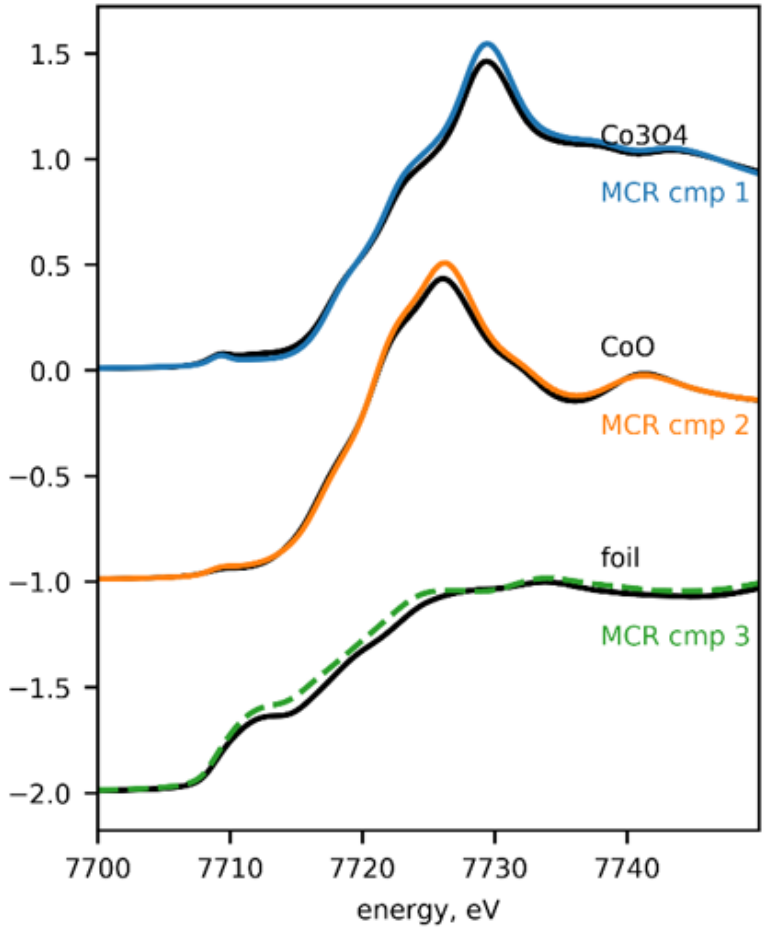
MCR-ALS algorithm

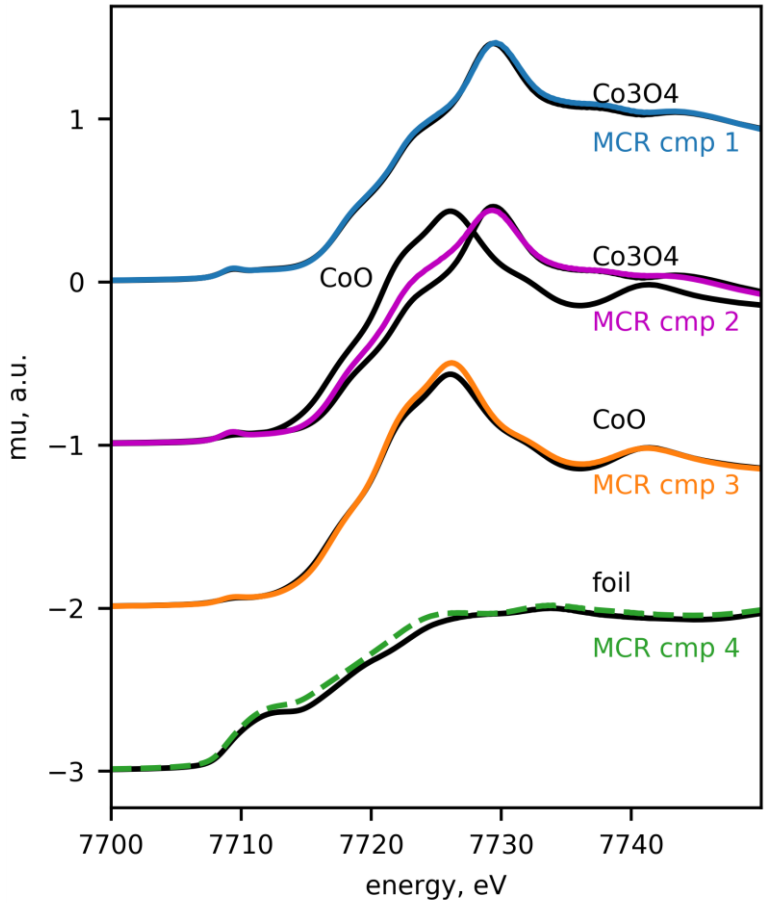
- This is an algorithm for retrieval of pure species-associated spectra
- ALS is the way to retrieve this spectra alternatively optimizing the spectra and concentration profiles using a set of constraints
- Successful convergence often depends on the initial guess of the spectra





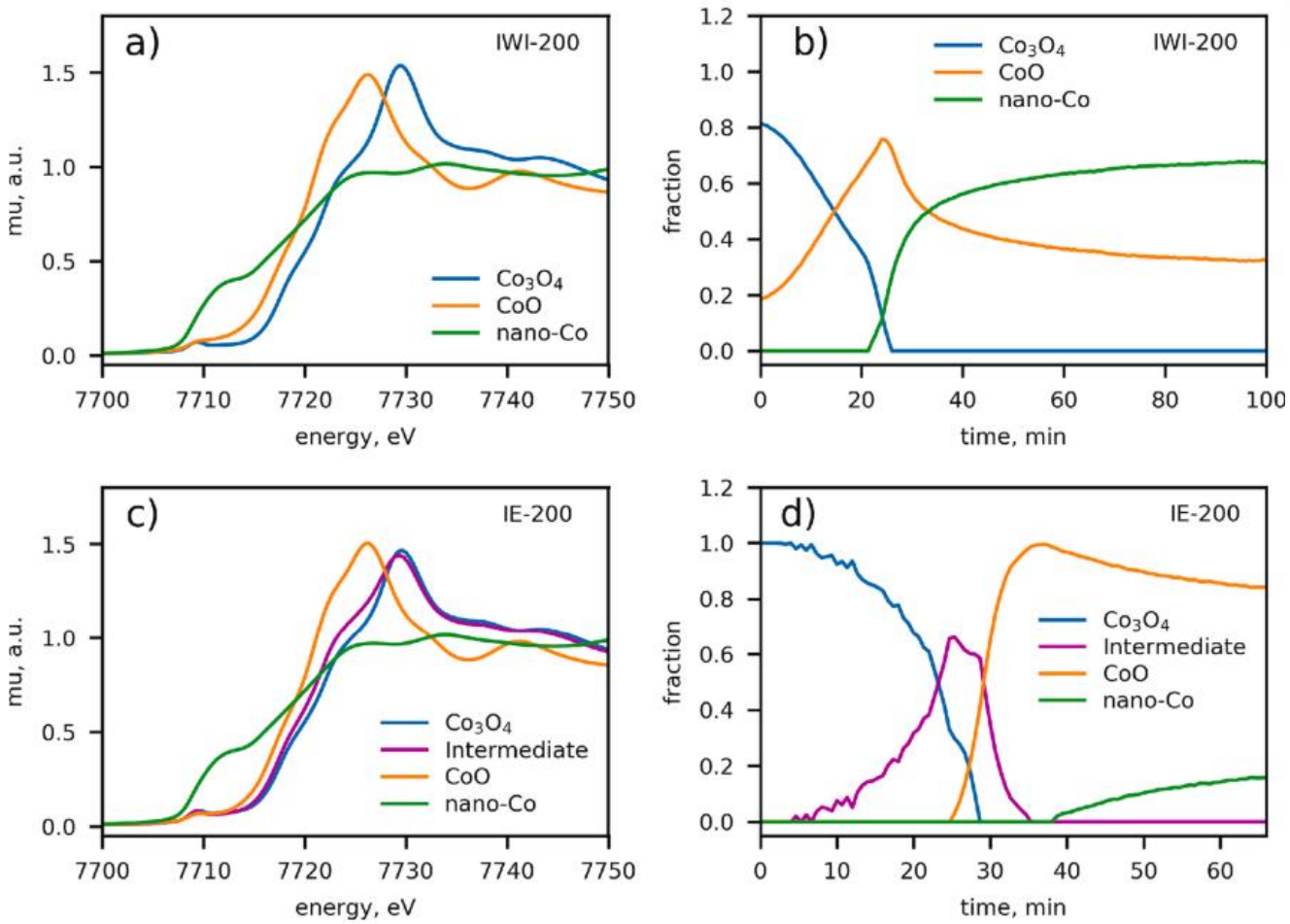
MCR-ALS: component retrieval



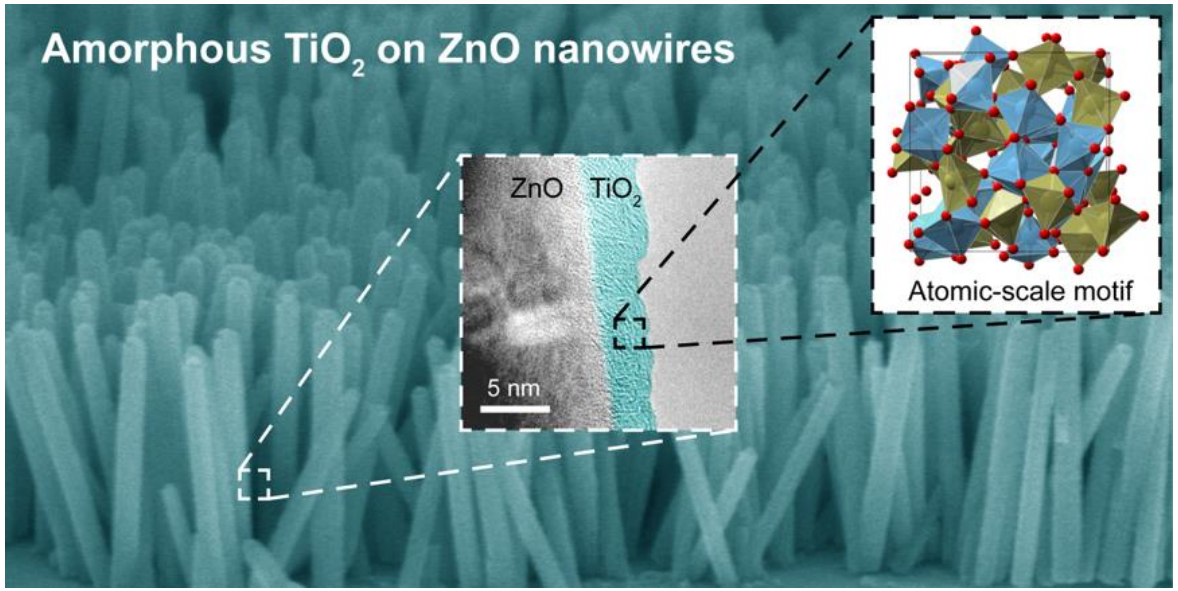


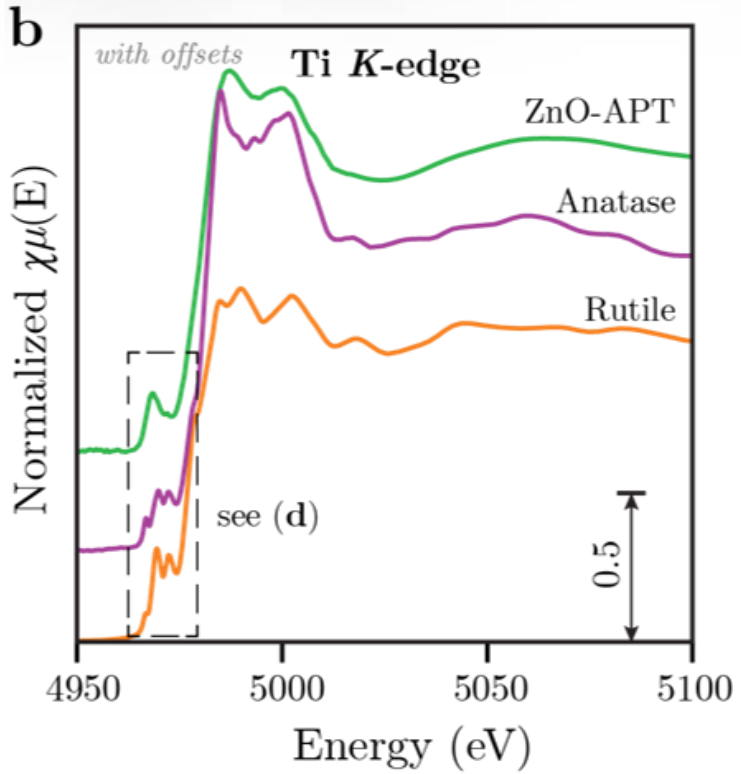
MCR-ALS:

- IWI-200 dataset is successfully fitted using only non-negativity constraint
- IE-200 fitting was done with fixed metallic cobalt component and additional constraining of concentrations to be above 1.5% level improves the quality of retrieved spectra



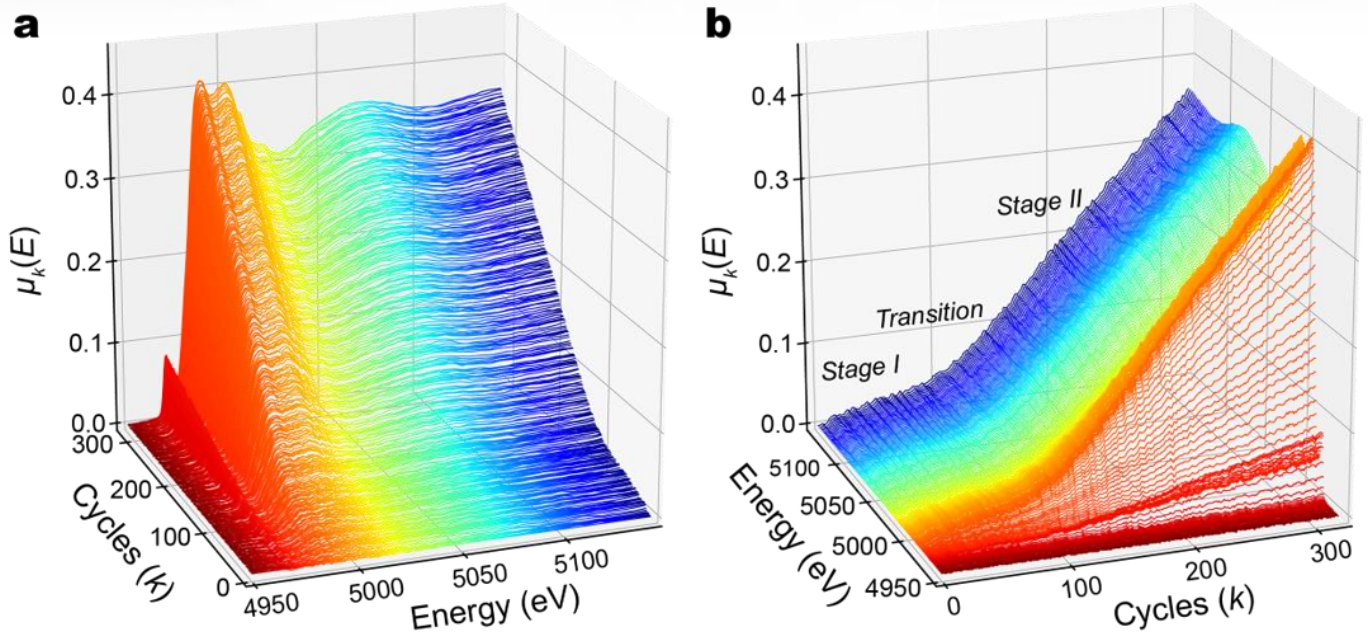
In situ study of TiO2 thin film growth over ZnO nanowires – Project 2





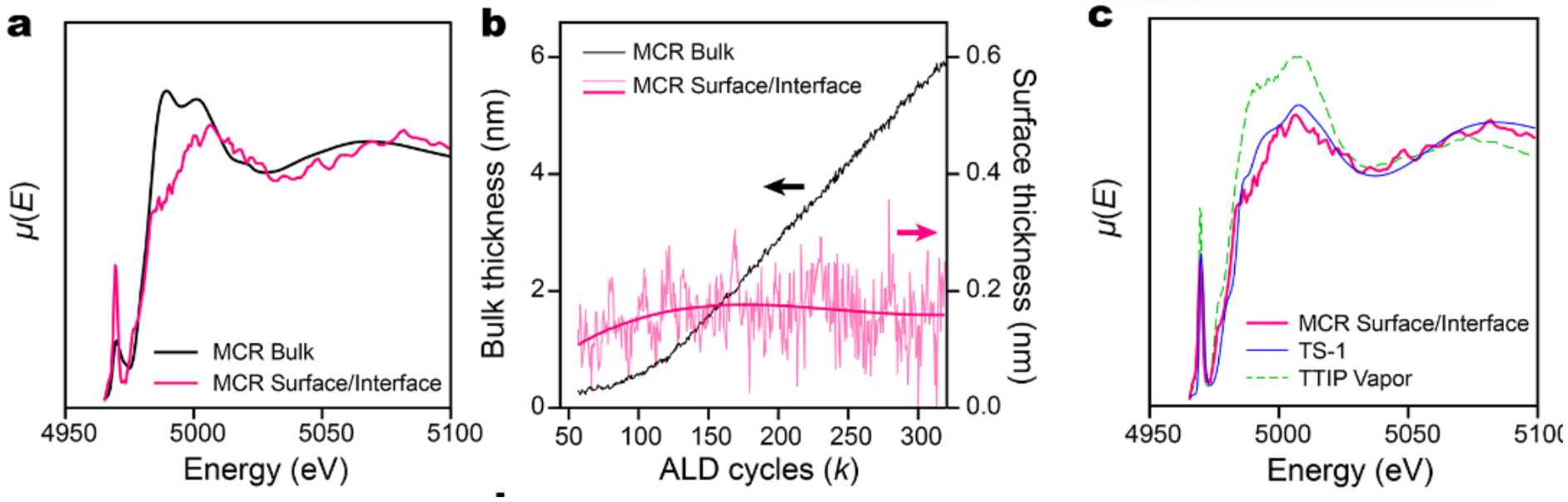
- Atomic layer deposition (ALD) was used to make thin films of TiO2 over ZnO nanowires
- Ex situ measurements demonstrate that TiO_2 is highly amorphous with distinctly different XANES from crystallin TiO_2 with half of Ti^{4+} under-coordinated (CN=4-5)

In situ XANES reveals different ALD growth stages



- XANES spectra were recorded as a function of the ALD cycle
- ALD cycle: titaniumisopropoxide (TTIP) and water are alternately introduced into the chamber as short pulses (~0.5s) separated by 60s
- The XANES spectral series readily demonstrates a two-stage growth process

MCR-ALS analysis of the XANES data



- The initial guesses were taken from the start end end of the series
- Non-negativity constraint and an additional concentration smoothness constraint were introduced to
- The recovered spectra correspond to the bulk and surface signals. The surface signal pre-edge feature intensity closely resembles the 4-coordinated Ti^{4+} in both TTIP and Titanosilicate

Spectral series analysis

- Provides insights into phase transitions, kinetics, etc
- PCA/SVD is a quick method to see how many components/species are in the spectral series
- MCR-ALS (NMF) can be used to extract components/concentration profiles
- Components can be analyzed using our XANES intuition and/or comparing with references