



# Inelastic X-Ray Scattering & Transition Metals

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# Nitrogen Fixation $N_2 \rightarrow 2NH_3$

- 948 kJoules/mole
- Lightning & Industrial Processes
  - ~1.5 x 10<sup>11</sup> kg/yr
  - Haber-Bosch process
  - K-promoted Fe catalyst
- Biological Fixation
  - >1/2 global NH<sub>3</sub> production
  - blue green algae
  - free-living bacteria
  - symbiotic bacteria
  - MFe<sub>7</sub>S<sub>8</sub> cluster









#### Fe Clusters in $N_2$ Fixation





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#### Some Key Issues

- What is interstitial atom ?
- Does interstitial atom exchange ?
- Where does N<sub>2</sub> bind ?
  - Fe ?

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- Mo ?
- S?
- Does cluster rearrange ?
- Metal oxidation states ?

Need probes from 2.5 - 20 keV







Roland Circle X-Ray Analyzer





- Roland circle radius r
- Crystal bending radius 2r
- Works best at large  $\theta$
- Different crystals every ~ 300 eV





### Some Factors Governing Resolution

- Darwin width
  - $\Delta E/E = \Delta \Theta \cot \Theta$
  - ~ 62 meV for Si(4,4,0) at 6.49 keV
- Spherical aberrations
  - ~ crystal diameter
- Mechanical Strain
  - ~ 0.2 eV
- Source size
  - ~ 1eV at ~ 1mm





# Generations of (Moderate Resolution) Instruments

- 1 NSLS
  - Mechanical bending ~1 m radius
  - Single crystal
- Stojanoff, Hämäläinen, Siddons, Hastings, Berman, Cramer, and Smith, ``A High-Resolution X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometer for Near-Edge Absorption Studies", *Rev. Sci. Instrum.* **63**, 1125-1127 (1992)
- 2 SSRL
  - Mechanical bending
  - Multiple crystals
- Wang, Grush, Froeschner, Cramer, ``High Resolution X-ray Fluorescence and Excitation Spectroscopy of Metalloproteins", *J. Syn. Rad.* **4**, 236-242 (1997)
- 3 APS (BioCAT)
  - 'form-bent' (glue) ~1 m radii
  - 8 crystals, 0.5% of  $4\pi$  steradians
- Bergmann and Cramer, ``A High-Resolution Large-Acceptance Analyzer for X-ray Fluorescence and Raman Spectroscopy", **SPIE Proc**. **3448**, 198-209 (1998)
- 4 BioCAT
  - 'form' bent (electrofusion) ~ 2 m radii
  - multiple crystals



Crystal Array X-Ray Spectrometer









#### X-Ray Fluorescence -An Alternative Probe of Electrons & Spins





## Exchange Splitting in K $\beta$ Spectra











Mn Valence -> Core Transitions







Kβ'' Transitions Sensitive to Ligand 2s Energy





# Valence -> Core transitions are highly polarized





 Parallel Mn-N

 Perpendicular Mn-N



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#### Strategy 3 - Low Energy Net Excitations with Hard X-Rays





[Ni<sup>II</sup>(tren)]<sup>2+</sup> --- high-spin Ni(II)

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- M<sub>5</sub>: 3d ~ 0.5 eV











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Hard X-Ray Valence Band RIXS







#### NRVS -- 2Fe-25 Illustration







Analysis

- 18 normal modes
- Raman IR exclusion
- 16 NRVS modes
- Urey-Bradley simulation
- 4Fe-4S impurity



#### Strategies for meV Resolution









- Asymmetric Cut Incident Monochromators
- Diced Crystal Analyzers
- Thermal Scanning at Exact Backscattering





#### Courtesy Ross Schlueter









the people who did the work







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