A Practical Introduction to Multiple Scattering Theory

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Abstract

In recent years, the ability to interpret and analyze X-Ray Absorption Spectroscopy data has progressed dramatically thanks, in large part, to the rapid development of *ab initio* theories of the absorption spectrum. One such theory, the FEFF program, has proven especially successful and is in wide use throughout the world. In this talk, I will present an outline of the real-space, multiple-scattering theory used by FEFF and explain how FEFF is applied to both the near-edge and extended portions of the absorption spectrum. This talk is intended to be both practical and accessible. It is a talk by a synchrotron experimentalist intended for synchrotron experimentalists.

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What I hope you take away from this talk

- A broad outline of multiple scattering theory with enough background to talk with a theorist
- \bullet An understanding of how multiple scattering theory is used to interpret ${\bf XANES}$ spectra
- \bullet An understanding of how multiple scattering theory is used to analyze \mathbf{EXAFS} spectra
- Some ideas about how to incorporate multiple scattering theory in your research

We will be talking about

FEFF

There are other MS codes, including EXCURV, GNXAS, and others. There are other XAS codes using techniques such as multiplets, band structure, and finite difference solutions to Schrödinger's equation.

X-ray absorption by a free atom

An atom absorbs an x-ray of energy E, destroying a core electron with energy E_0 and emitting a photoelectron with kinetic energy $(E - E_0)$. The core state is eventually filled, ejecting a fluorescent x-ray or Auger electron.



An empty final state is required.

No available state, no absorption!

Once the x-ray energy is large enough to promote a core electron to the continuum, there is a sharp increase in absorption.

For an isolated atom, $\mu(E)$ has a sharp step at the core-level binding energy and is a smooth function of energy above the edge.

X-ray absorption with photo-electron scattering

The ejected photo-electron can scatter from neighboring atoms. R has some relationship to λ and there is a phase shift associated with the scattering event. Thus the outgoing and scattered waves interfere.



This interference at the absorbing atom will vary with energy, causing the oscillations in $\mu(E)$.

The physical formalism of XAS

In XAS we measure the *dipole mediated*^[1] transition of an electron in a *deep* $core^{[2]}$ state $|i\rangle$ into an *unoccupied*^[3] state $|f\rangle$:

$$\mu(E) \propto \sum_{f}^{E_{f} > E_{F}} \left| \langle f | \hat{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r} | i \rangle \right|^{2} \delta(E_{f})$$

There are two common ways of solving this^[4] equation:

- 1. Accurately represent $|i\rangle^{[5]}$ and $|f\rangle^{[6]}$, then evaluate the integral directly. This is the approach taken, for example, by molecular orbital theory.
- 2. Use multiple scattering theory, AKA a Green's function^[7] or propagator formalism:

$$\mu(E) \propto -\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \langle \mathbf{i} | \hat{\epsilon}^* \cdot \boldsymbol{r} \, \mathbb{G}(r, r'; E) \hat{\epsilon} \cdot \boldsymbol{r'} | \mathbf{i} \rangle \Theta(E - E_F).$$

- 1. A photon interacts with an electron
- 2. Typically a 1s, 2s, or 2p electron
- 3. A bound or continuum state **not** already containing an electron
- 4. This is an example of Fermi's Golden Rule
- 5. Easy, basic Q.M.
- 6. Hard work, lots of computation
- 7. G is called a Green's function.

The XAS formalism, continued

In multiple scattering theory, all the hard work is in computing the Green's function.

- G the function that describes all possible ways for a photoelectron to interact with the surrounding atoms
- G^0 the function that describes how an electron propagates between two points in space
- t the function that describes how a photo-electron scatters from a neighboring atom

$$\mathbb{G} = (1 - G^{0}t)^{-1} G^{0}$$
(1)
= G^{0} + G^{0}t G^{0} + G^{0}t G^{0} + G^{0}t G^{0}t G^{0}t G^{0} + ... (2)

spectrum	use	how	limitations
XANES	Eqn. 1	brute force matrix algebra	limited energy and cluster size
EXAFS	Eqn. 2	further expand each order of scattering	bookkeeping, no XANES

Types of scattering paths



Solving $\mathbb{G} = (1 - \mathbb{G}^0 t)^{-1} \mathbb{G}^0$ considers these and ALL other paths within some cluster of atoms.

The clever thing about FEFF is that each term is further expanded as a sum of all paths of that order. $G^0 t G^0 t G^0 t G^0 t G^0 t G^0 t G^0$ is a sum of all double scattering paths, and so on.

The first path in iron metal



- 1. The first path is much, but not all, of the first peak in $|\tilde{\chi}(R)|$. Degeneracy = 8.
- 2. The first shell XANES calculation shows little of the structure.



The second path in iron metal



- 1. The second path overlaps the first in $|\tilde{\chi}(R)|$. Degeneracy = 6.
- 2. The XANES calculation begins to show the structure of the spectrum.



The third path in iron metal



- 1. This path contributes little to $|\tilde{\chi}(R)|$. Degeneracy = 24.
- 2. The contribution from this path and all higher order paths scattering among these atoms is in the first shell XANES calculation.

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The fourth path in iron metal



- 1. This path contributes little to $|\tilde{\chi}(R)|$. Degeneracy = 48.
- 2. The contribution from this path and all higher order paths scattering among these the first two shells is in the second shell XANES calculation.

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The fifth path in iron metal



- 1. This 3rd shell SS path contributes most of the spectral weight to the second peak of $|\tilde{\chi}(R)|$. Degeneracy = 12.
- 2. The first peak after the edge in the XANES is sharpened considerably by the addition of this shell.



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The eighth path in iron metal



- 1. The 4th shell SS path contributes to the third peak in $|\tilde{\chi}(R)|$. Degeneracy = 24.
- 2. Including this shell in the XANES calculation broadens the peak above the edge somewhat. It also introduces the second shoulder..

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The fifth shell in iron metal

There are several collinear multiple scattering paths involving the 5^{th} shell atom.

Note that the collinear MS paths are bigger than the SS path!

Below is the shell progression of the XANES calculations. The one including the 5th shell looks a lot like the data.



Testing convergence in cluster size

Below the plasmon resonance ($\sim 40 \,\mathrm{eV}$), the photoelectron mean free path is quite large and the photoelectron probes a large cluster of atoms. How many atoms must be included in the cluster for a FEFF calculation?

The general answer: who knows?

We will examine how the XANES calculation for PbTiO₃ changes as we add shells to the calculation. PbTiO₃ has c > a and the O and Ti atoms are displaced from sites of centrosymmetry.



PbTiO₃: a tetragonally distorted perovskite $\circ = \text{Ti}, \bullet = \text{O}, \bullet = \text{Pb}$



First coordination shell of PbTiO₃

shell	element	radius (Å)	number	matrix
1	Ο	2.40	7	33
2	Pb	3.60	15	161
3	Ti	4.20	21	215
4	0	5.00	45	311
5	Ti	5.71	57	419
6	0	6.30	86	535

We see some indication of the structure just above the Fermi energy, but not much else.

Note that the memory requirement of the calculation goes as the square of the matrix size and the time goes as its cube!



Second coordination shell of PbTiO_3

shell	element	radius (Å)	number	matrix
1	Ο	2.40	7	33
2	Pb	3.60	15	161
3	Ti	4.20	21	215
4	0	5.00	45	311
5	Ti	5.71	57	419
6	0	6.30	86	535

The XANES structure begins to take shape, but all the features are broad.



Third coordination shell of $PbTiO_3$

shell	element	radius (Å)	number	matrix
1	Ο	2.40	7	33
2	Pb	3.60	15	161
3	Ti	4.20	21	215
4	0	5.00	45	311
5	Ti	5.71	57	419
6	0	6.30	86	535

Very little changes by adding the 3^{rd} shell Ti atoms!!



Fourth coordination shell of $PbTiO_3$

shell	element	radius (Å)	number	matrix
1	О	2.40	7	33
2	Pb	3.60	15	161
3	Ti	4.20	21	215
4	Ο	5.00	45	311
5	Ti	5.71	57	419
6	0	6.30	86	535

Adding an oxygen shell causes the features to become much more distinct. Low Z elements have strong scattering at low k. High Z elements have strong scattering at high k.

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Fifth coordination shell of PbTiO₃

shell	element	radius (Å)	number	matrix
1	О	2.40	7	33
2	Pb	3.60	15	161
3	Ti	4.20	21	215
4	Ο	5.00	45	311
5	Ti	5.71	57	419
6	0	6.30	86	535

Again, adding a metal shell does little for the spectrum.



Sixth coordination shell of $PbTiO_3$

shell	element	radius (Å)	number	matrix
1	О	2.40	7	33
2	Pb	3.60	15	161
3	Ti	4.20	21	215
4	Ο	5.00	45	311
5	Ti	5.71	57	419
6	Ο	6.30	86*	535

Once again, adding an oxygen shell causes the features to become much more distinct. Low Z elements have a strong effect on the XANES.

This is a fairly large cluster. Is the calculation converged? Probably not. Large clusters are required!

*Yes, 1 O atom was left out of the calculation.

Linear dichroism in PbTiO₃



Polarization can be included directly in the XANES calculation and shows the correct behavior compared to the data.

Theoretical and empirical fitting standards

Empirical standards (and the software that use them) are fine, but there are many important limitations solved by theoretical standards.

- Unusual neighbor pairs
- Overlapping shells
- 3-body correlations
- Absolute parameter measurements
- Polarization dependence





EuTiO₃: a cubic perovskite $\circ = \text{Ti}, \bullet = \text{O}, \bullet = \text{Eu}$



Unusual neighbor pairs

The second shell of the $EuTiO_3$ Ti K edge is europium.

Shown to the right are the $EuTiO_3$ data and the contribution from the Eu shell.

No suitable empirical standard exists for an Eu–Ti pair but with theory we can create *any* pair.

Thinking up "unusual" neighbor pairs is not so hard...

- 1. Any material science problem with rare-earth and transition metal cations
- 2. The very short O path in an uranyl or plutanyl.
- 3. Organometallics, which may be poorly described by common, solid state standards.
- 4. Mixed shells, i.e. shells with more than one species.



Even in a standard material like an iron foil, separation of peaks cannot be assumed. Here we see the 1^{st} and 2^{nd} SS paths.

Overlapping coordination shells

The second (Eu) and third (Ti) shells in $EuTiO_3$ are overlapped.

Shown to the left are the $EuTiO_3$ data and the contributions from those two SS paths.

Overlapping shells cannot be Fourier filtered as required by analysis programs using empirical fitting standards.







Three-body correlations are important in all kinds of materials. To the right is a fit to NiC_4N_4 , a square planar solvated complex. The second peak is dominated by MS.

Note the size of the paths which are MS among the 1^{st} shell O and the 3^{rd} shell Ti.



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Measuring absolute parameters

Advantages of empirical standards

If the standard and unknown are prepared identically, are measured under identical experimental conditions, and the shells to be analyzed are well separated:

- Experimental effects (self-absorption, detector inefficiency, sample inhomogeneity) will largely cancel in many situations
- Changes in coordination may be measured more directly if other amplitude effects cancel

Advantages of theoretical standards not yet mentioned

- σ^2 (and higher cumulants) is measured relative to 0 rather than to the standard, which itself may not be well known
- ΔR is measured relative to perfectly defined nominal distances

Analyzing polarized spectra

 $La_{0.85}Sr_{0.15}CuO$, a cuprate superconductor, can be prepared highly textured along the \hat{c} -axis. This sample can be aligned parallel or perpendicular to the polarization of the incoming beam.



Shown here are the La K-edge spectra measured at $15 \,\mathrm{K}$ for the two polarizations.

FEFF can compute the polarization directly both for XANES and for EXAFS to all orders of multiple scattering.

Filtering paths





Caveats

Watch out for leakage from higher shells!

Sometimes paths are small, but measurable, e.g. short triangular paths

A $\operatorname{FEFF6}$ input file

Here is an example of a FEFF6 input file.

TITLE Coba	alt sul:	fide C	oS_2			
HOLE 1 1.0) * Co	K edge	(7709	0.0 eV),	2nd number	r is SO^2
*	mphase	,mpath,	mfeff,	mchi		
CONTROL	1	1	1	1		
PRINT	1	0	0	0		
RMAX	6.0					
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0	27 (Co				
1	27 (Со				
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	0.61305	-2.14845	0.61305	2	S1_1	2.31678	
	-0.61305	0.61305	2.14845	2	S1_1	2.31678	
	-0.61305	2.14845	-0.61305	2	S1_1	2.31678	
	-2.14845	-0.61305	-0.61305	2	S1_1	2.31678	
	0.61305	-0.61305	-2.14845	2	S1_1	2.31678	
	-3.37455	0.61305	0.61305	2	S1_2	3.48415	
	0.61305	3.37455	0.61305	2	S1_2	3.48415	
	0.61305	-0.61305	3.37455	2	S1_2	3.48415	
	3.37455	-0.61305	-0.61305	2	S1_2	3.48415	
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	-0.61305	0.61305	-3.37455	2	S1_2	3.48415	
	-2.14845	-2.14845	2.14845	2	S1_3	3.72122	
	2.14845	2.14845	-2.14845	2	S1_3	3.72122	
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A $\operatorname{FEFF8}$ input file

Here is the **FEFF8** input file for the same material. The only difference is in the header lines.

Т	ITLE	Cob	alt s	ulfide	CoS_2	2			
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	*		pot	xsph	fms	paths	genfm	t ff2chi	
С	ONTR	OL .	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Р	RINT		1	0	0	0	0	0	
Е	XCHAI	NGE	0						
S	CF		4.0						
Х	ANES		4.0						
F	MS		5.0	9694 0					
L	DOS		-30	20	0.1				
R	PATH		0.1						
*	EXAF	S	20						
Р	OTEN	TIAL	S						
*	:	ipot	Ζ	elemen	t 1_s	scmt l	_fms	stoich.	
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		1	27	Co	2	:	2	4	
		2	16	S	2		2	8	
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* x	У	z i	pot	tag	distance
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2.14845	0.61305	0.61305	2	S1_1	2.31678
0.61305	-2.14845	0.61305	2	S1_1	2.31678
-0.61305	0.61305	2.14845	2	S1_1	2.31678
-0.61305	2.14845	-0.61305	2	S1_1	2.31678
-2.14845	-0.61305	-0.61305	2	S1_1	2.31678
0.61305	-0.61305	-2.14845	2	S1_1	2.31678
-3.37455	0.61305	0.61305	2	S1_2	3.48415
0.61305	3.37455	0.61305	2	S1_2	3.48415
0.61305	-0.61305	3.37455	2	S1_2	3.48415
3.37455	-0.61305	-0.61305	2	S1_2	3.48415
-0.61305	-3.37455	-0.61305	2	S1_2	3.48415
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-2.14845	-2.14845	2.14845	2	S1_3	3.72122
2.14845	2.14845	-2.14845	2	S1_3	3.72122
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0.00000	-2.76150	-2.76150	1	Co1_1	3.90535
*					
* etc					
*					
END					

What goes into your FEFF input file

- 1. Each atom in the list is defined by Cartesian coordinates and a *potential index*.
- 2. The potentials are assigned in an integer list starting with 0 for the central atom. You may neither skip integers nor have an index larger than 7. Each index is associated with a Z number.
- 3. All keywords *must* be uppercase. The asterisk * marks text to be ignored by FEFF.
- 4. For crystals, it is a good idea to create a *long* atoms list and limit the calculation using RMAX.
- 5. For EXAFS it is better to set $S_0^2 = 1.0$ and not to compute any σ^2 values in the FEFF calculation. These are better handled in the fitting program.
- 6. **FEFF** always writes its output files to the same file names. Different calculations must be done in different folders or else the current calculation will overwrite the previous calculation.
- 7. Making the list of atomic coordinates is the hard part of creating 'feff.inp' files. Fortunately, there are some shortcuts....

FEFF6 or FEFF8 can be run inside ARTEMIS. Versions of FEFF6 exist for Windows and OSX which graphically prompt for an input file. Otherwise, FEFF must be run from a command line and its input file must be called 'feff.inp'.

Using ATOMS to prepare the FEFF input file

If you are looking at a crystalline material (or something that resembles a crystal), software exists to translates crystallographic data into 'feff.inp' files. The program ATOMS can be run from a command line or you can use ARTEMIS.



The input data can be a CIF file or this relatively simple format:

title YBCO: Y Ba2 Cu3 07					
space P M M M					
<pre>rmax=5.2</pre>	<mark>a</mark> =3.8	323 k	-3.886	c=11.681	
core=cu2					
atom					
! At.type	x	У	Z	tag	
Y	0.5	0.5	0.5		
Ba	0.5	0.5	0.184		
Cu	0	0	0	cu1	
Cu	0	0	0.356	cu2	
0	0	0.5	0	o1	
0	0	0	0.158	o2	
0	0	0.5	0.379	o3	
0	0.5	0	0.377	o4	

These data are typically taken from the crystallography literature, the *Inorganic Crystal Structure Database*, or from: http://cars9.uchicago.edu/~newville/adb/search.html

Preparing the FEFF input file for non-crystalline materials

There are many sources of structural data about molecules, proteins, and other non-crystalline materials. Here, for example, is the *cisplatin* molecule in the form of a Protein Data Bank file, which I found by googling.



Cut, paste, and voilá! — you have a 'feff.inp' file.

Note that the absorber need not be at (0,0,0) and the list need not be in any particular order.

TITLE cisplati HOLE 4 1.0 RMAX 8 POTENTIALS	n	
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	,T	
2 / 1	-	
3 1 H	1	
ATOMS		0
-0.142 0.1		0
-0.135 -2.0	042 8.092	1
2.064 0.1	27 7.615	1
-0.147 2.1	166 7.427	2
-2.188 0.1	154 7.870	2
0.793 2.4	189 7.319	3
-0.570 2.6	325 8.208	3
-0.668 2.3	370 6.598	3
-2.464 0.3	303 8.819	3
-2.546 -0.7	724 7.552	3
-2.551 0.8	389 7.298	3

Substitutions and vacancies

In FEFF, a point in space is occupied either by nothing or by an entire atom.



These effects on a XANES spectrum cannot be calculated in a single FEFF calculation.

The most successful strategy is to make multiple calculations, randomly introducing substitutions or vacancies. Average these calculations until the average is converged.



Modeling structural distortions

 SF_6 is an octahedral complex with nominal bond length of 1.54 Å. Introducing a distortion mixes dcharacter into the final state. The peak near 2507 eV in the dDOS then contributes to the corresponding peak in the spectrum.

- 1. Thermal $\langle R_{S,F_x} R_{S,F_{-x}} \rangle \neq 0$
- 2. Jahn-Teller





Fitting XANES spectra

If we consider XANES as a multivariate function of a (potential quite) large parameter space:

$$\mu(E, x_i, \alpha_j, \beta_k)$$

where

 x_i the positions of all atoms in the cluster

 α_i parameters of the potentials model (muffin tin radii, loss terms, the Fermi energy, etc)

 β_k empirical parameters (broadening, E_0 , offset function, etc)

Then we can fit:

In the FEFF world, this is an open problem. But see, for example, Benfatto et al. Phys. Rev. **B65** (2002) 174205.

What is a self consistent potential?

FEFF starts with the potentials of the free atoms, $\rho_0(E)$. It loops through the following calculations until the $\rho(E)$ functions stop changing.

$$\rho_{\ell}(E) = \rho_{0,\ell}(E) \left(1 + \chi_{\ell}(E) \right) \qquad \ell \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$\rho_0(E) \longrightarrow F(E), \Phi(E) \longrightarrow \chi(E)$$

$$\uparrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$converged? \longleftarrow \rho(E)$$

At the end, $\rho(E)$ is integrated in energy. The Fermi energy is where the integral equals the total number of valence electrons among the original free atoms in the cluster. This integral also determines charge transfer.

Self consistent density of states

The d density of states for the Ti atom in PbTiO₃



The self-consistency loop redistributes charge between atoms and among angular momentum states.

ℓ	free atom	in solid
s	2	0.427
p	6	6.660
d	2	2.610

Net transfer = 0.299 e^-

3

6

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Iteration number

 $E_{rr} = -6.543$



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Note the shift of the absorber relative to the normal Ti

atom	e^- transferred
abs	+0.170
Pb	+0.633
Ti	+0.299
Ο	-0.311

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