

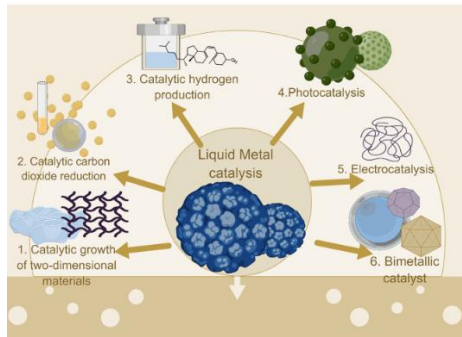
# Case Studies of XAS Applications

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**Batterie Materials**



**Catalysts**



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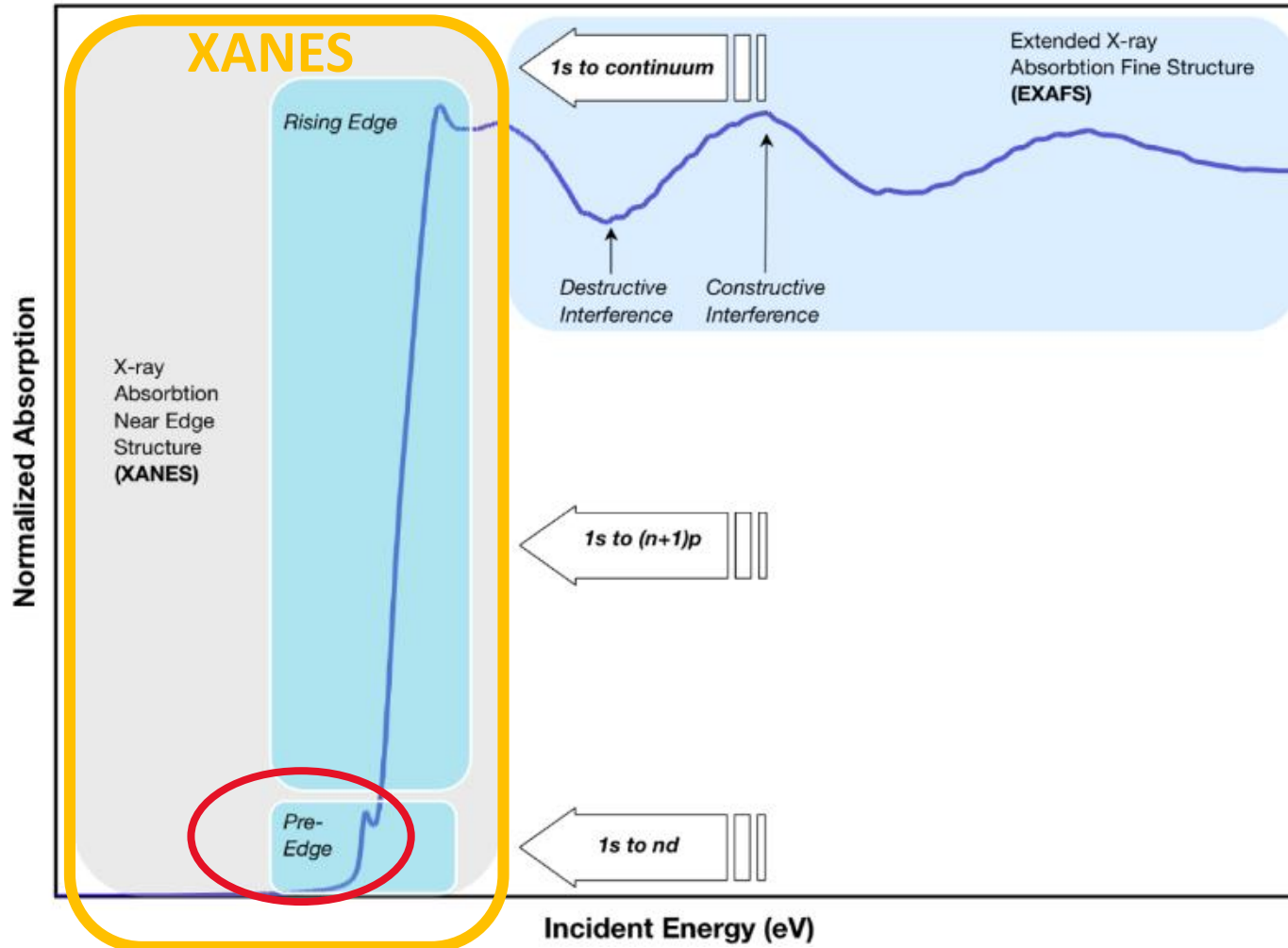
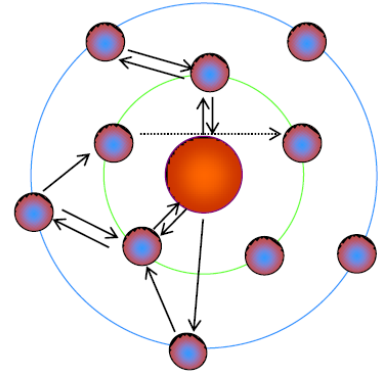


**Environment Science**

# XAS Data Information (XAS= XANES+ EXAFS)

**-XANES X-ray Absorption Near Edge Structure**

**-EXAFS Extended X-ray Absorption Fine Structure**



**Covalency**

**Electronic Structure**

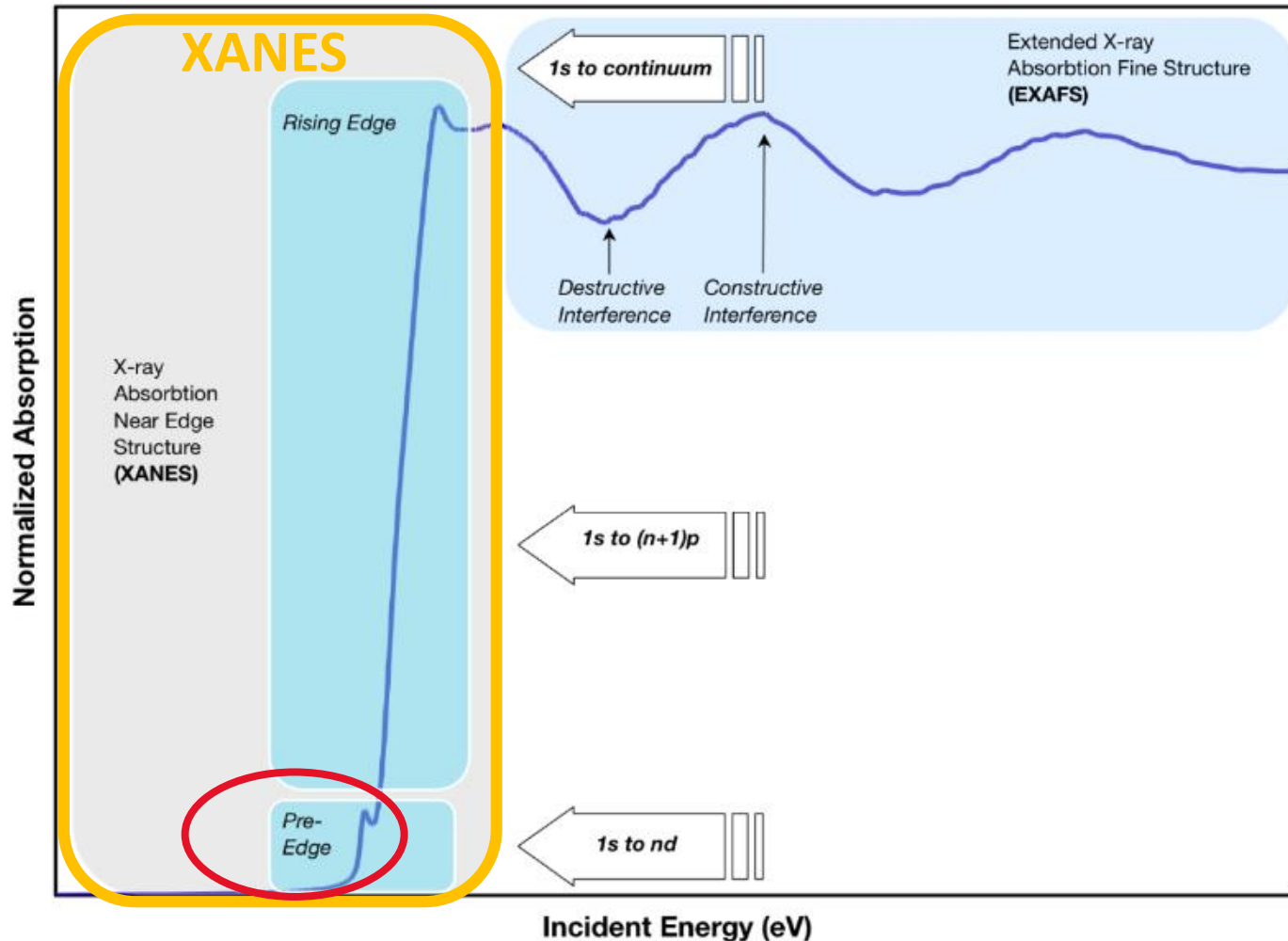
**Site Symmetry**

**Oxidation State**

# XAS Data Information (XAS= XANES+ EXAFS)

**-XANES X-ray Absorption Near Edge Structure**

**-EXAFS Extended X-ray Absorption Fine Structure**



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Main window

Main window

Calibrate data

Align data

Rebin data

Degitch and truncate data

Smooth data

Convolute and add noise to data

Deconvolute data

Self-absorption correction

Multi-electron excitation removal

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Data summation

Linear combination fitting

Principle components analysis

Peak fitting

Log-ratio/phase-difference analysis

Difference spectra

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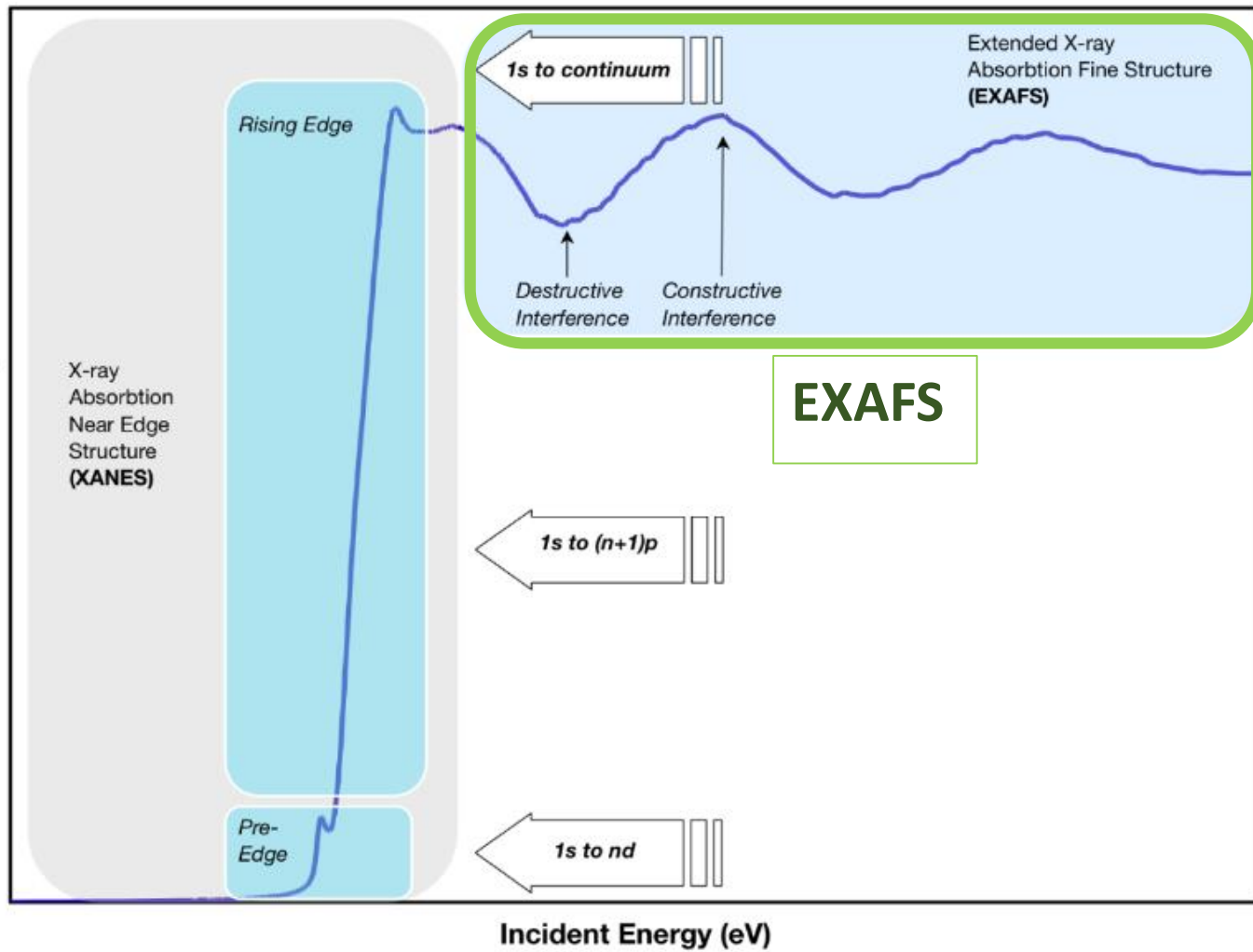
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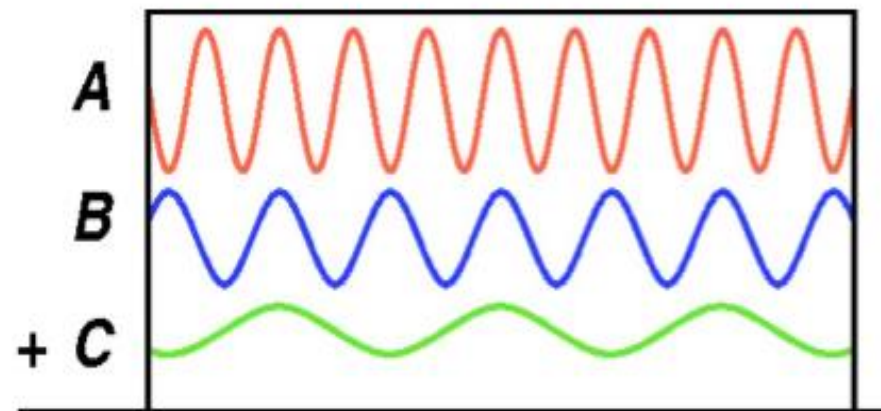
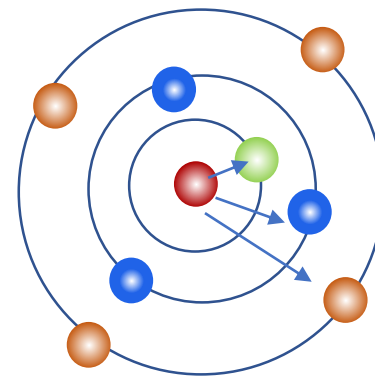


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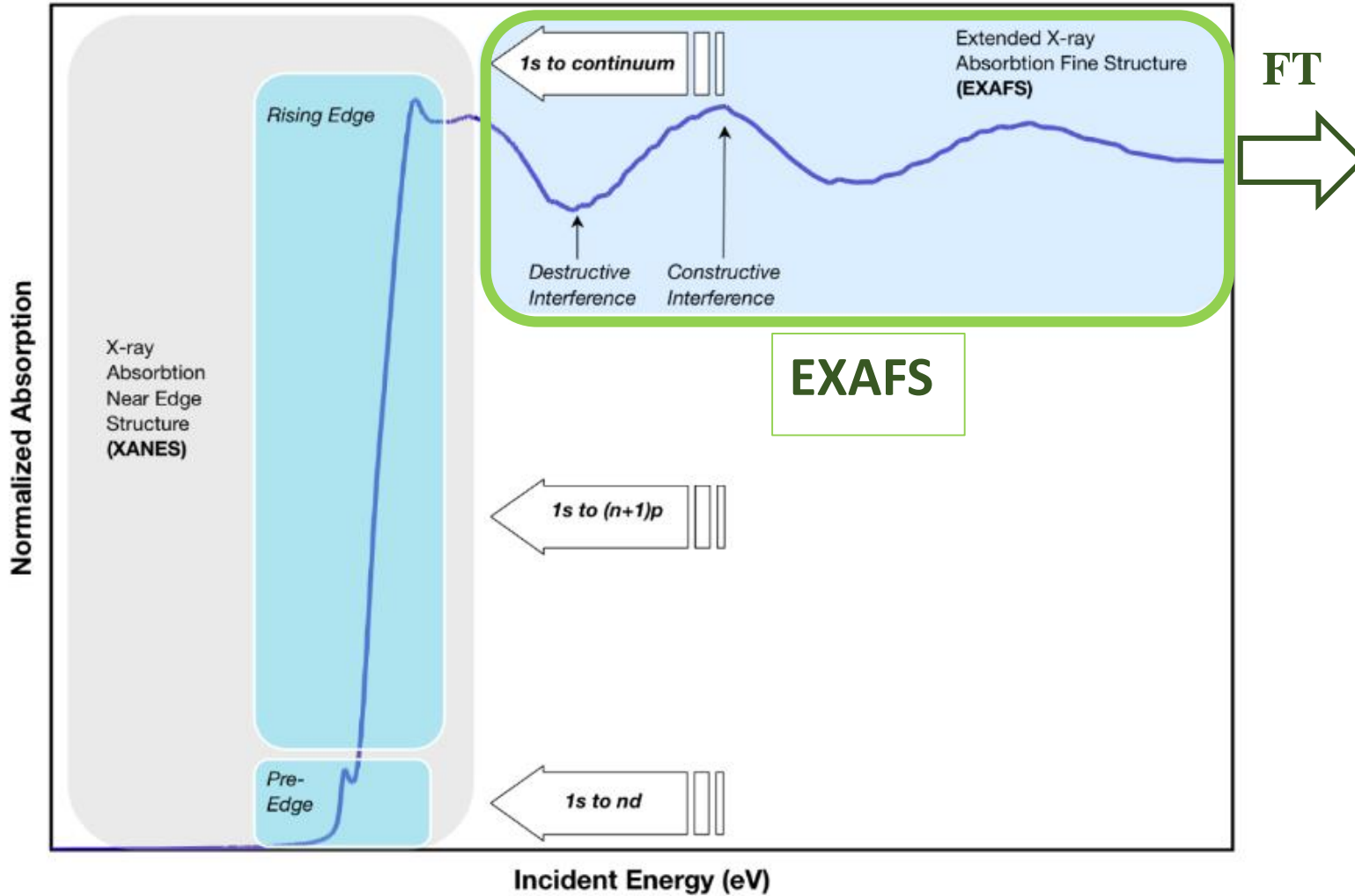


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# EXAFS



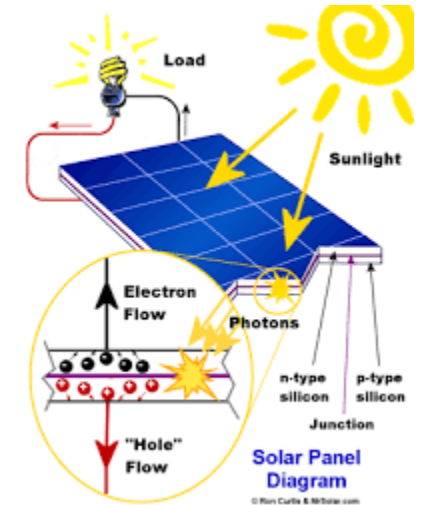
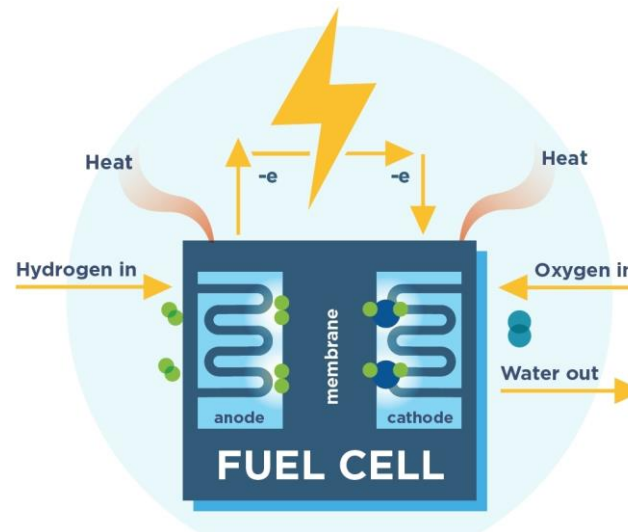
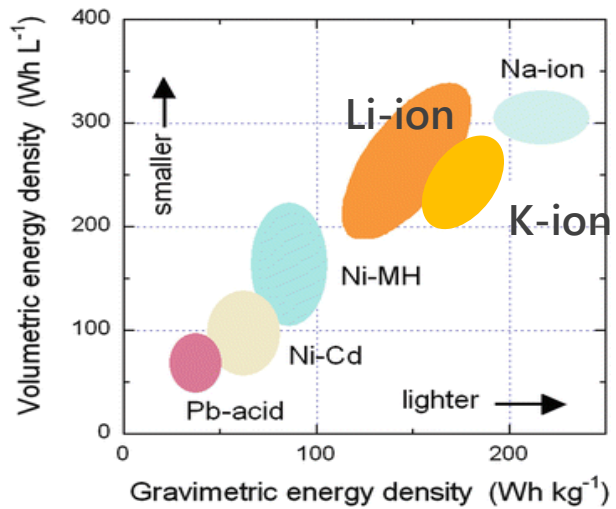
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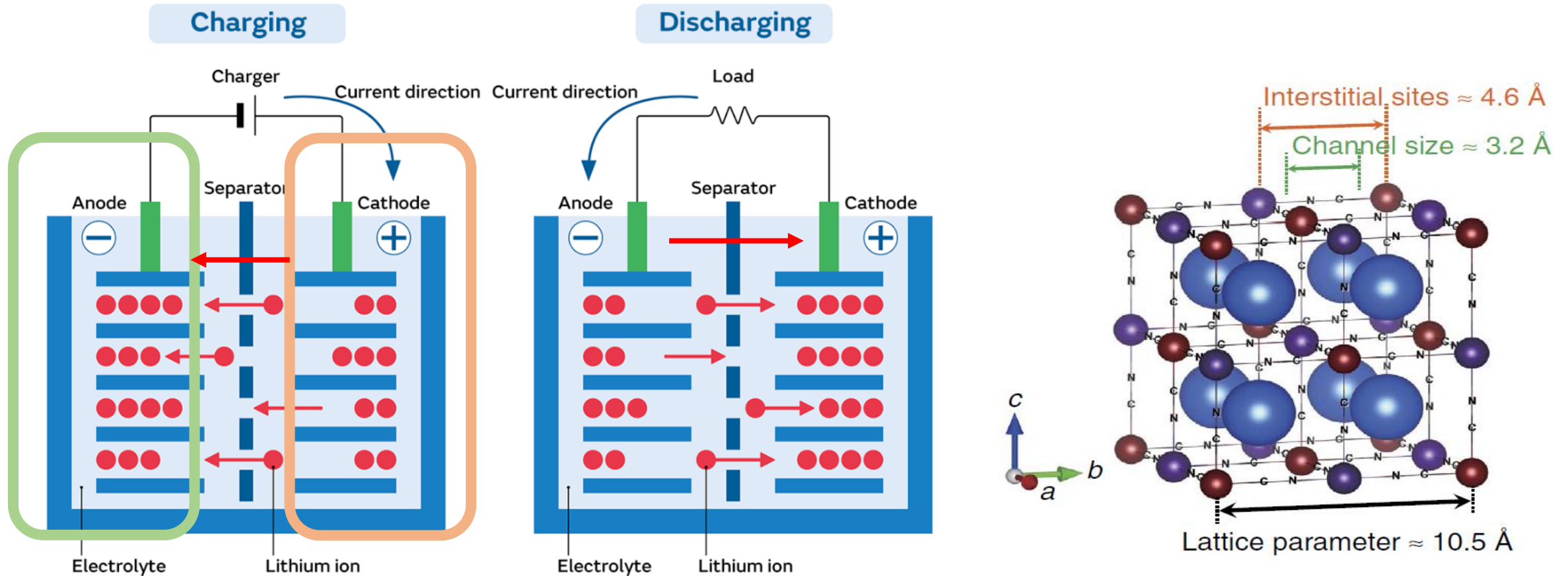
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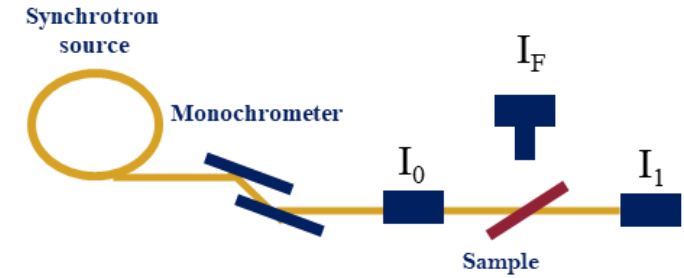
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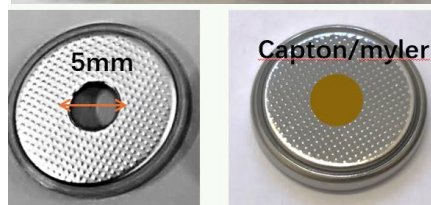
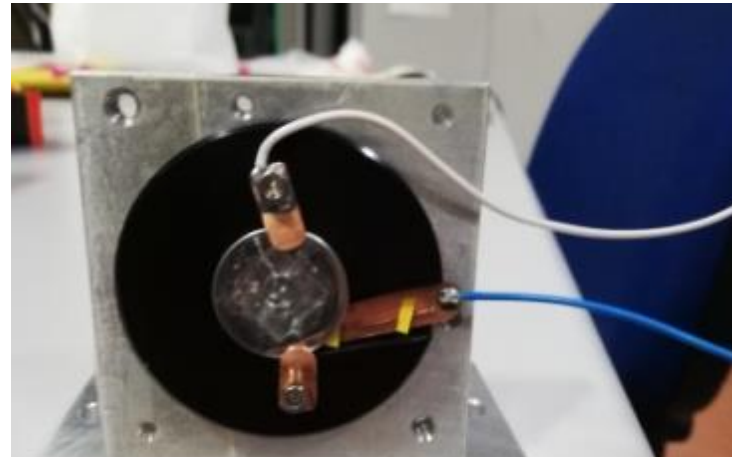
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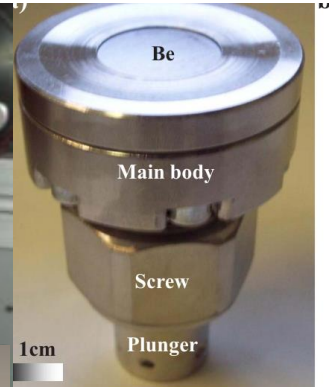
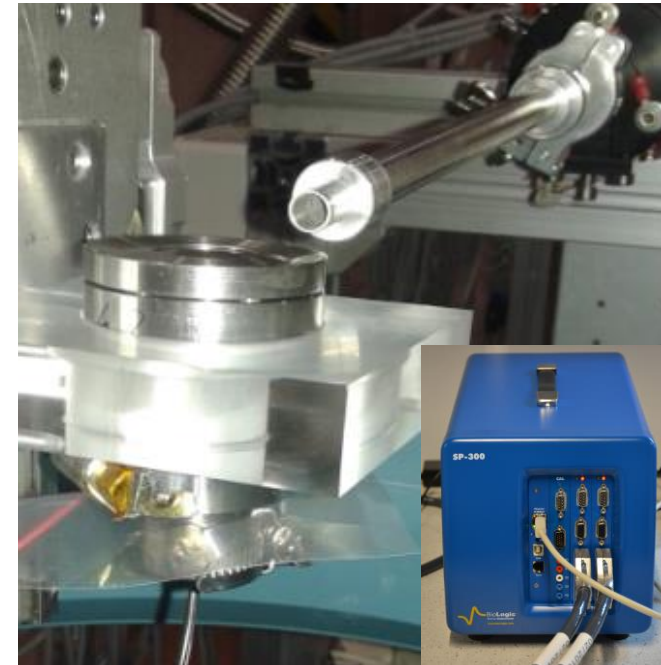
# The Operando Battery Test Set-up



Battery



Transition mode



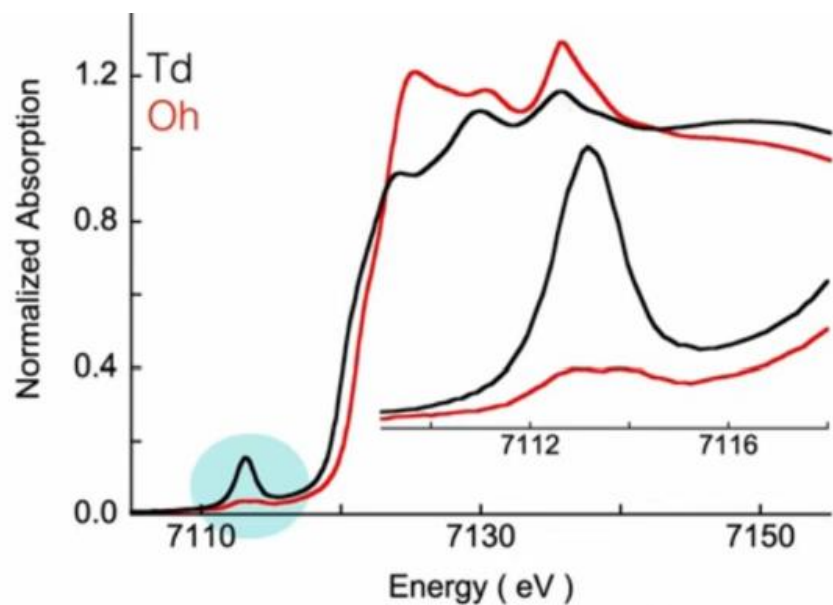
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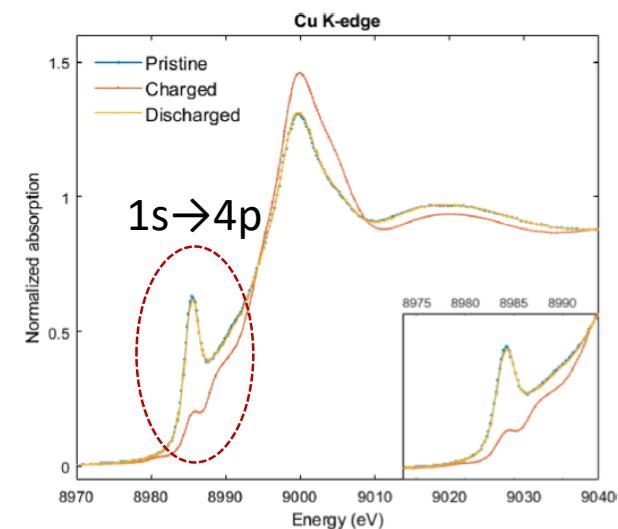
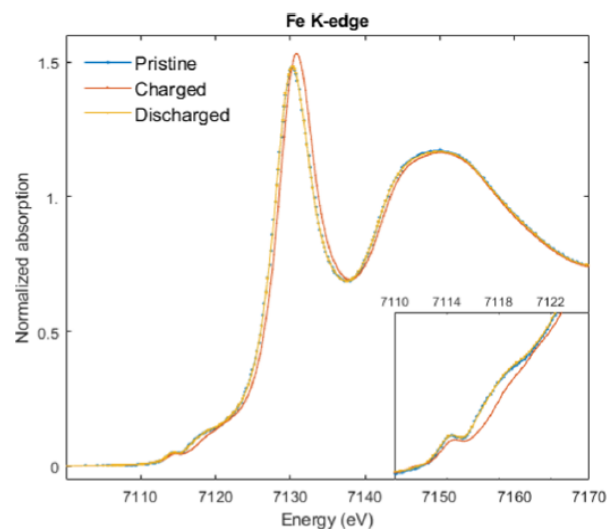
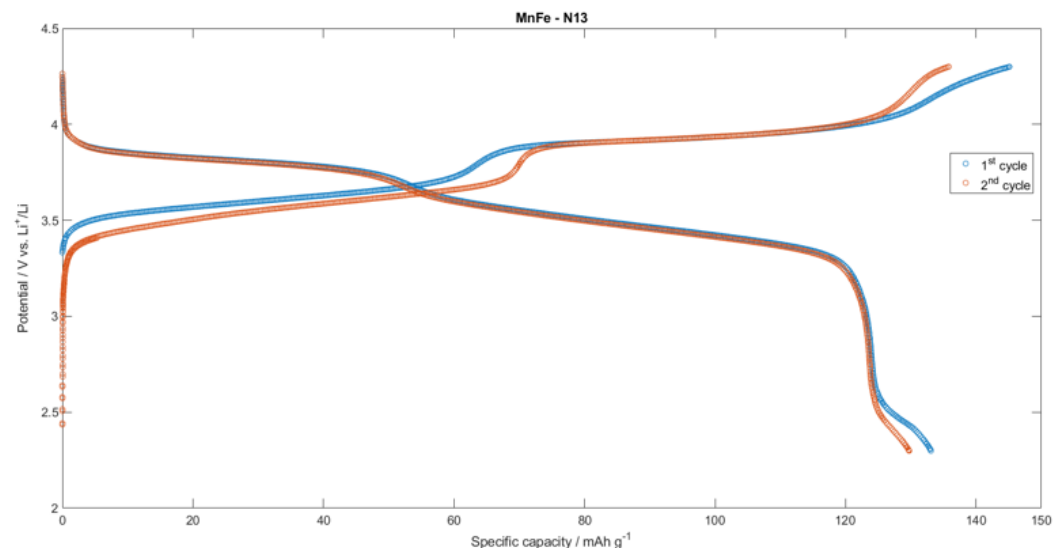
# Identification of Metal Electroactivity from the Pre-edge

## Copper Electroactivity in Prussian Blue-Based Cathode Disclosed by Operando XAS

Angelo Mullaliu,<sup>†</sup> Giuliana Aquilanti,<sup>‡</sup> Paolo Conti,<sup>§</sup> Jasper R. Plaisier,<sup>‡</sup> Marcus Fehse,<sup>||</sup> Lorenzo Stievano,<sup>\*,⊥,#</sup> and Marco Giorgetti<sup>\*,†</sup>



-Cu-NC-Fe-

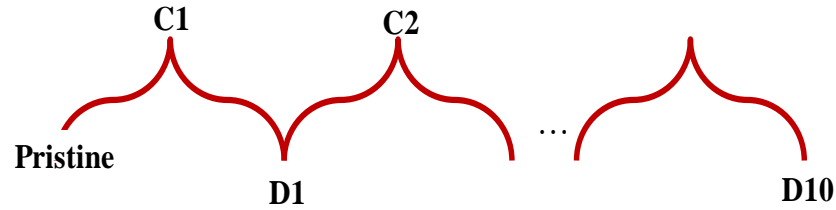


➤ The evolution of the pre-edge peak confirms the electroactivity of Cu sites.

the 1s–4p transition indicates mainly Cu<sup>I</sup>

# □ Linear Combination Fitting (LCF) of XANES

Ex-situ electrodes:

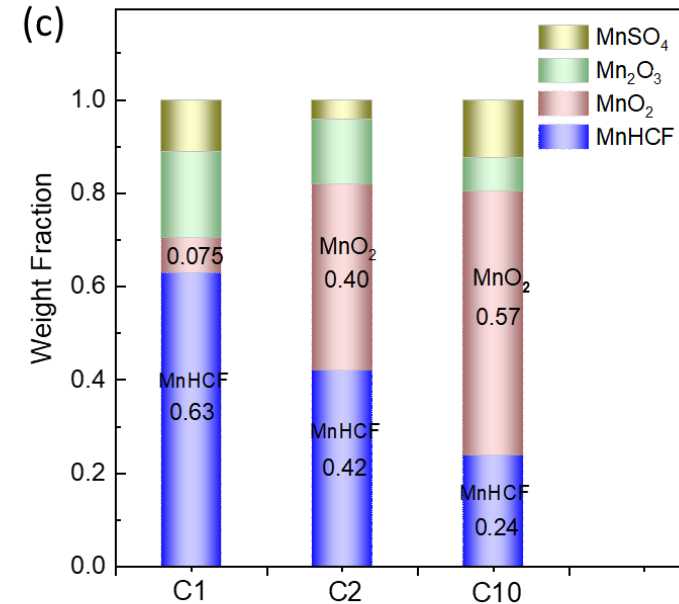
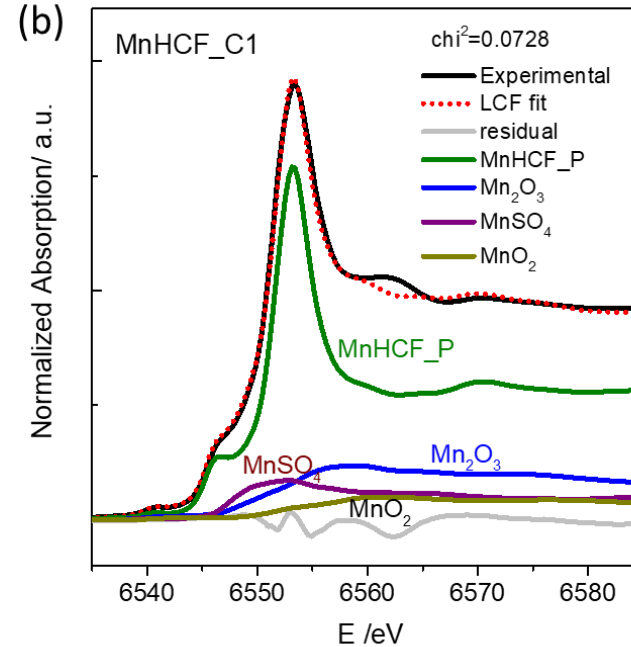
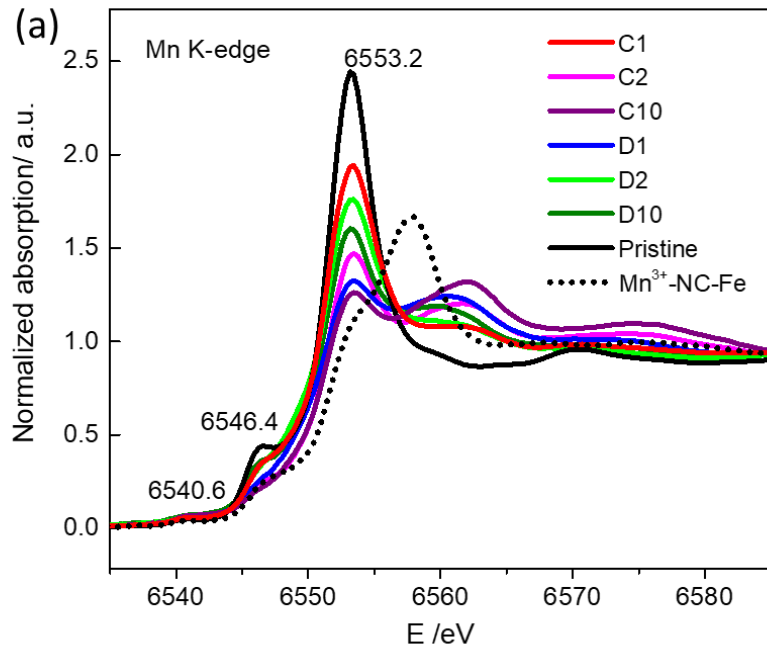


\*C1: first charge; D1: first discharge

Aqueous Zn-ion Battery

-Mn-NC-Fe-

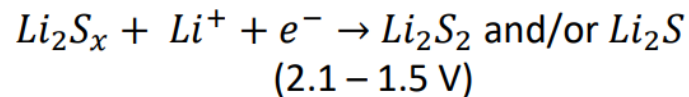
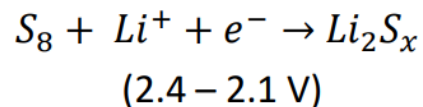
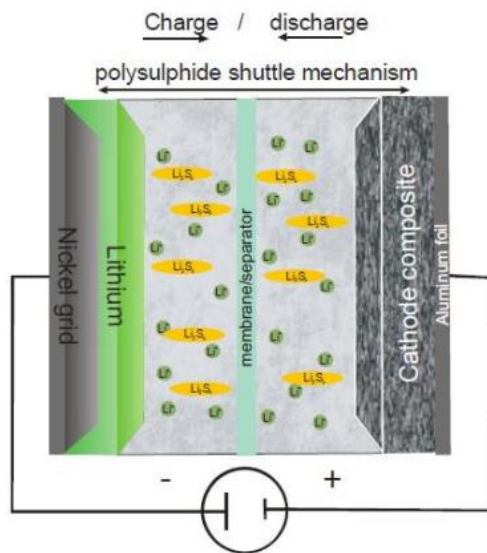
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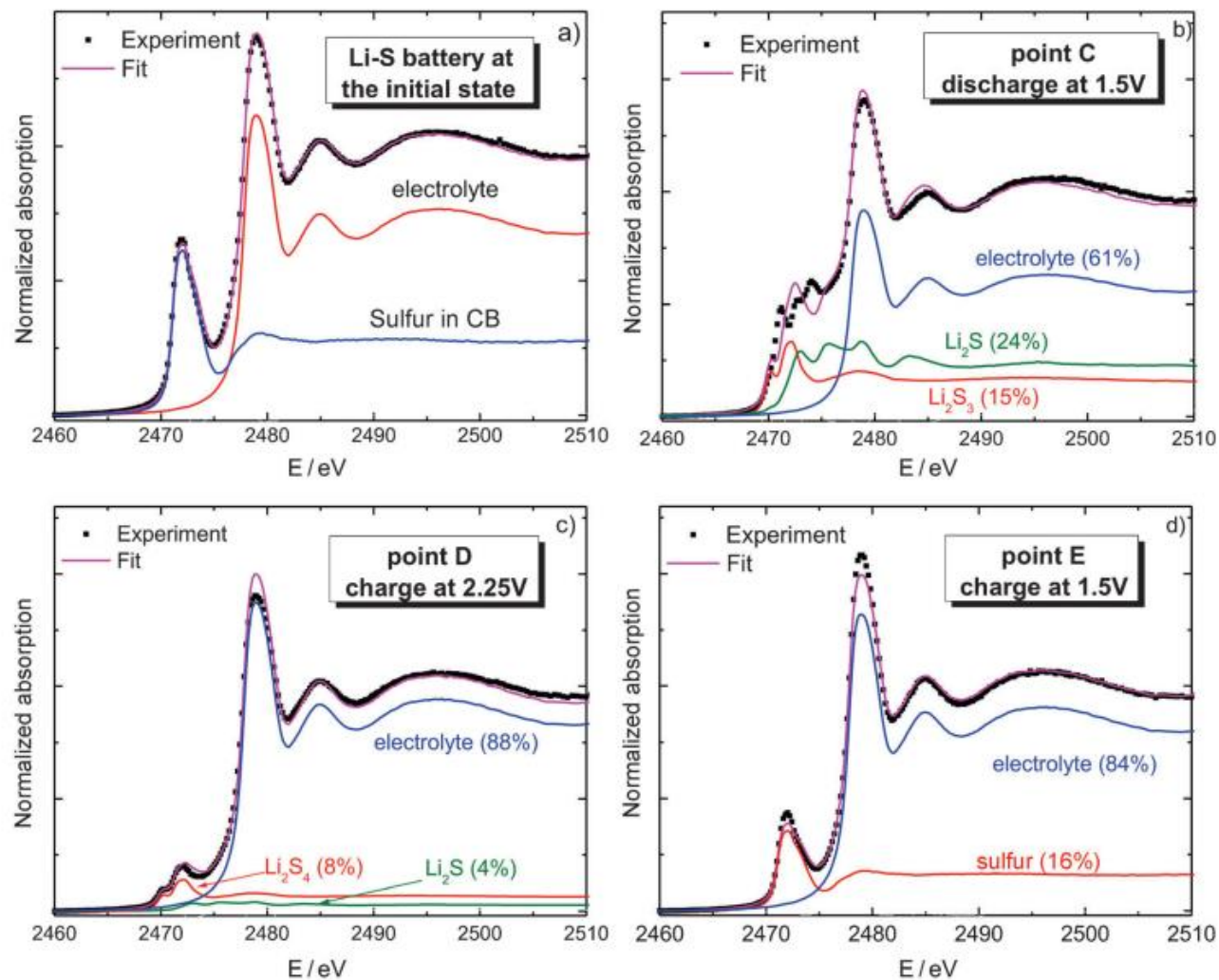
- To interpret the kinetics (intermediate spectrum) of series of spectra measured during a reduction/oxidation reaction.
- To identify the species and quantities of standards in a heterogeneous sample.

# □ Linear Combination Fitting (LCF) of XANES

## Li-S battery



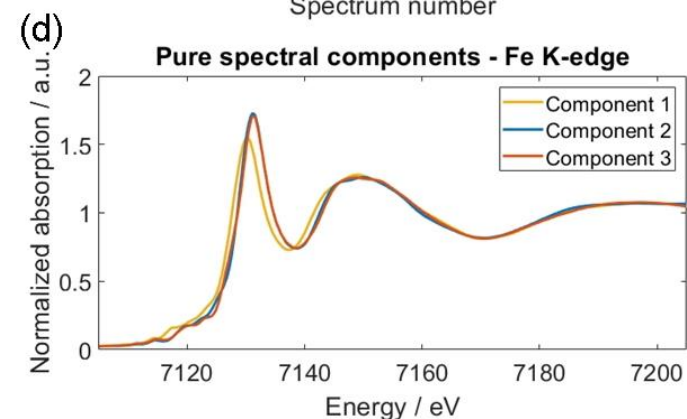
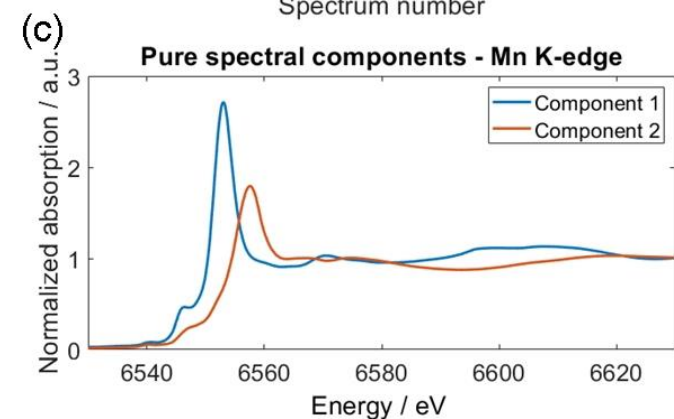
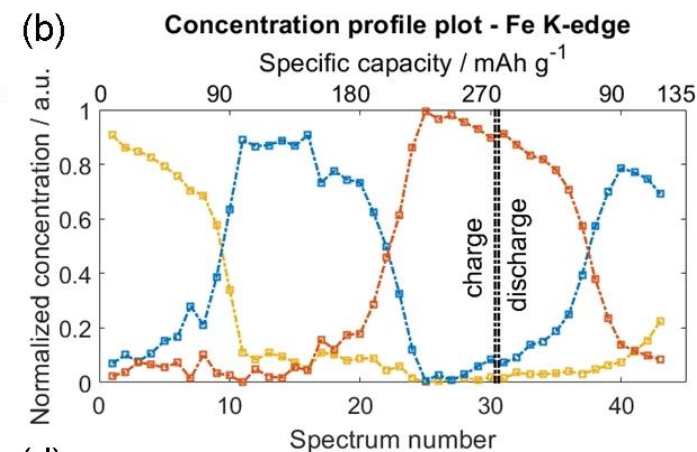
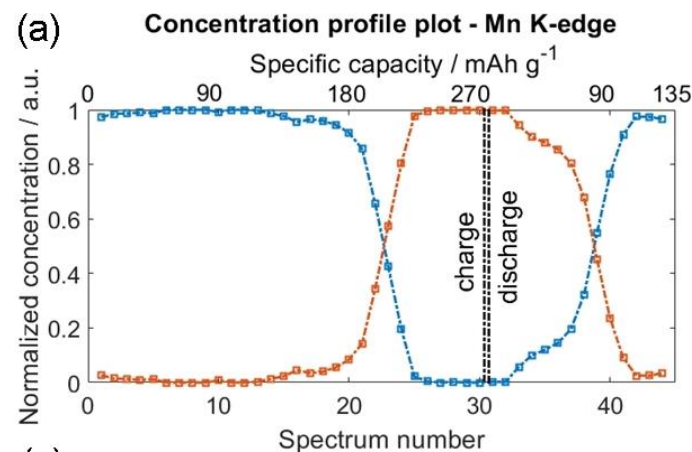
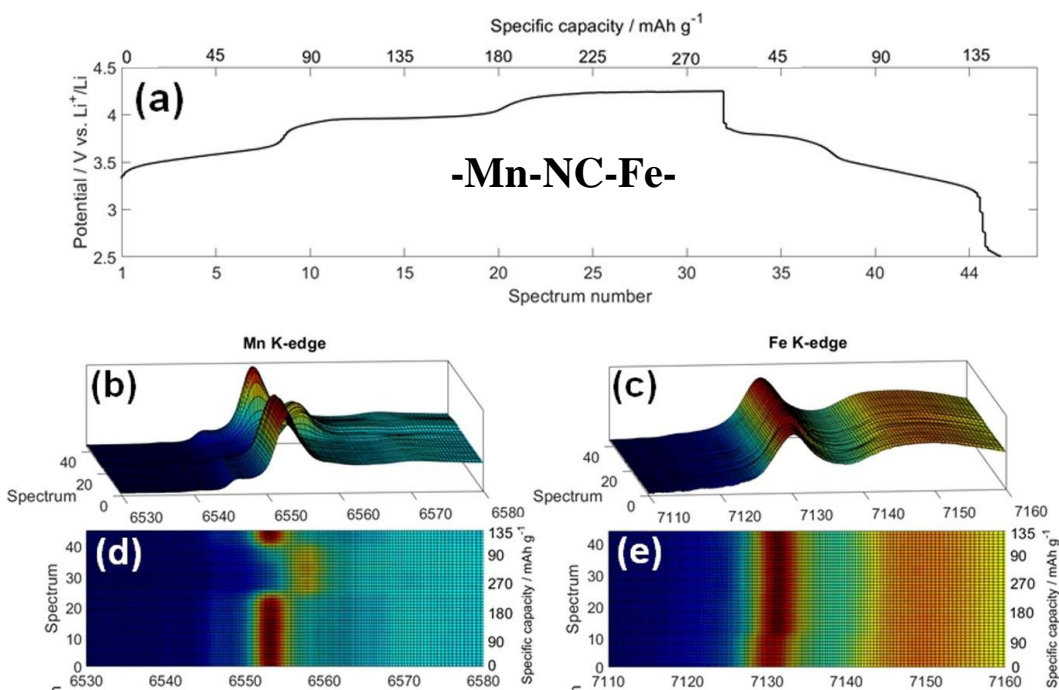
The reactions include solid-liquid-solid transformation, causing great complexity



➤ To determine the relative amount of the different sulfur species by LCF

# Chemometric Analysis of XANES Spectra

- Principal component analysis (PCA)
- Multivariate Curve Resolution-Alternating Least Square (MCR-ALS)



➤ Analyze the components change during Charge/discharge process.

# Quantifying Jahn-Teller Distortion by EXAFS

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Reversible Jahn-Teller Effect

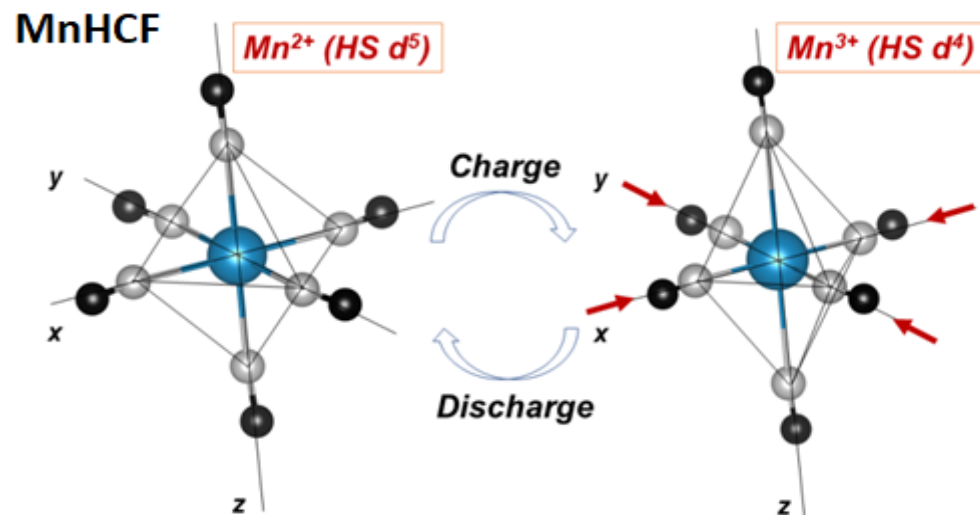
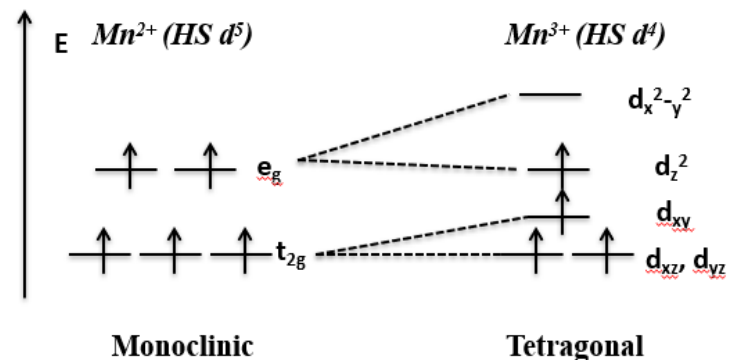
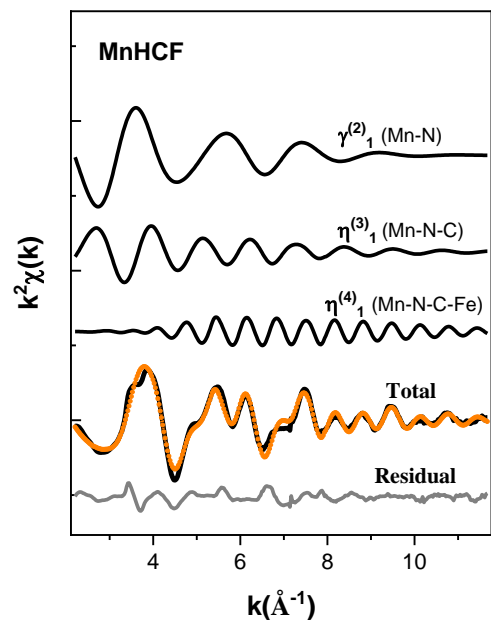
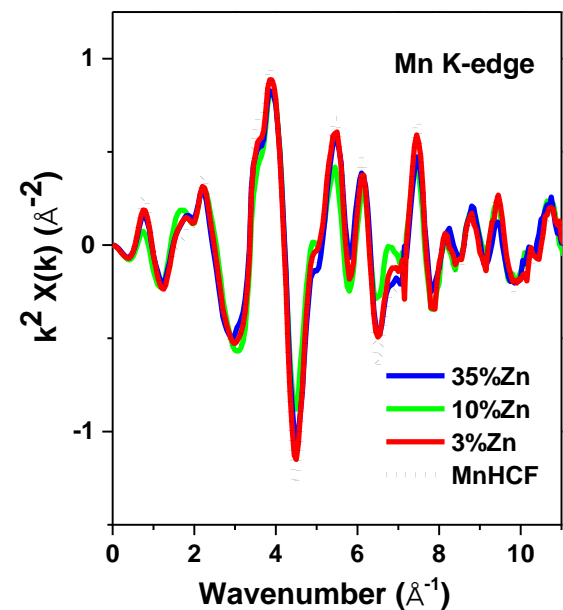
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## Highlighting the Reversible Manganese Electroactivity in Na-Rich Manganese Hexacyanoferrate Material for Li- and Na-Ion Storage

Angelo Mullaliu, Jakob Asenbauer, Giuliana Aquilanti, Stefano Passerini,\* and Marco Giorgetti\*

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Equatorial Mn-N distances shrunk by 10% (2.18  $\text{\AA}$   $\rightarrow$  1.96  $\text{\AA}$ )

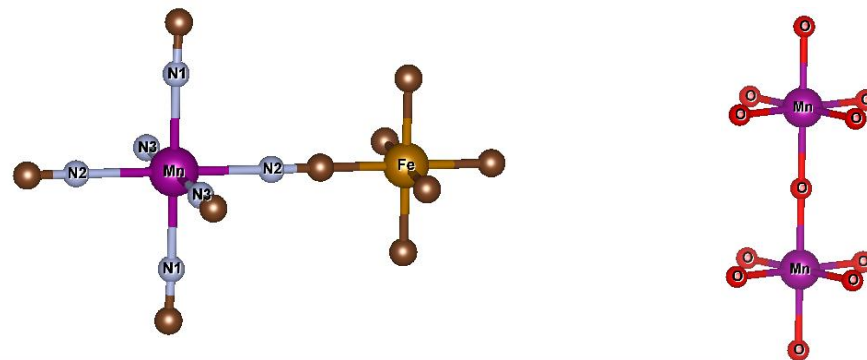
# Confirm the Coordination States Change by EXAFS Fitting

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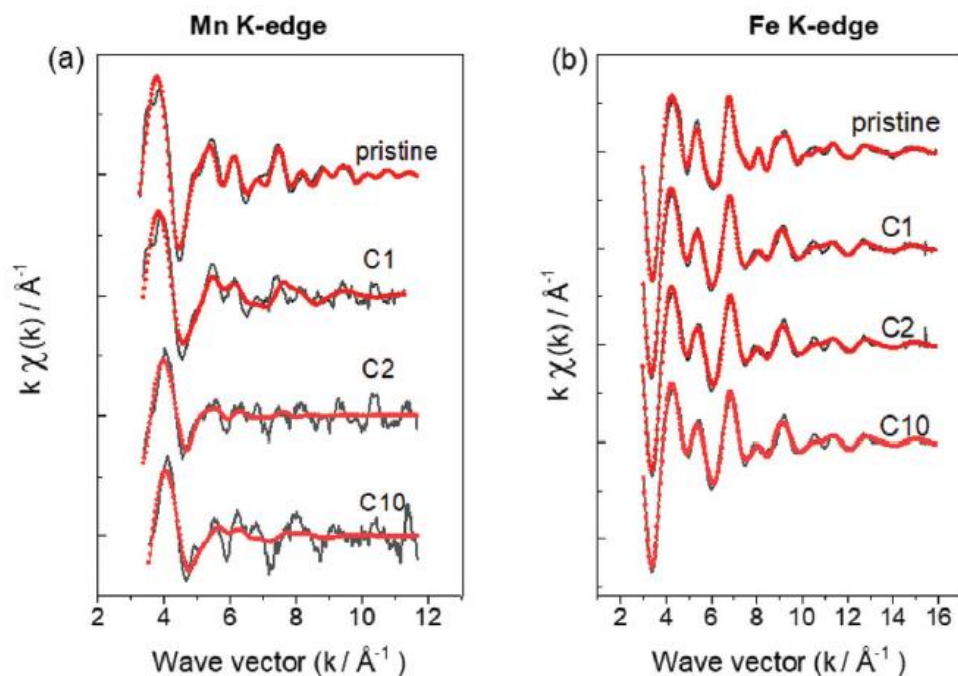
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## Structural Evolution of Manganese Prussian Blue Analogue in Aqueous ZnSO<sub>4</sub> Electrolyte

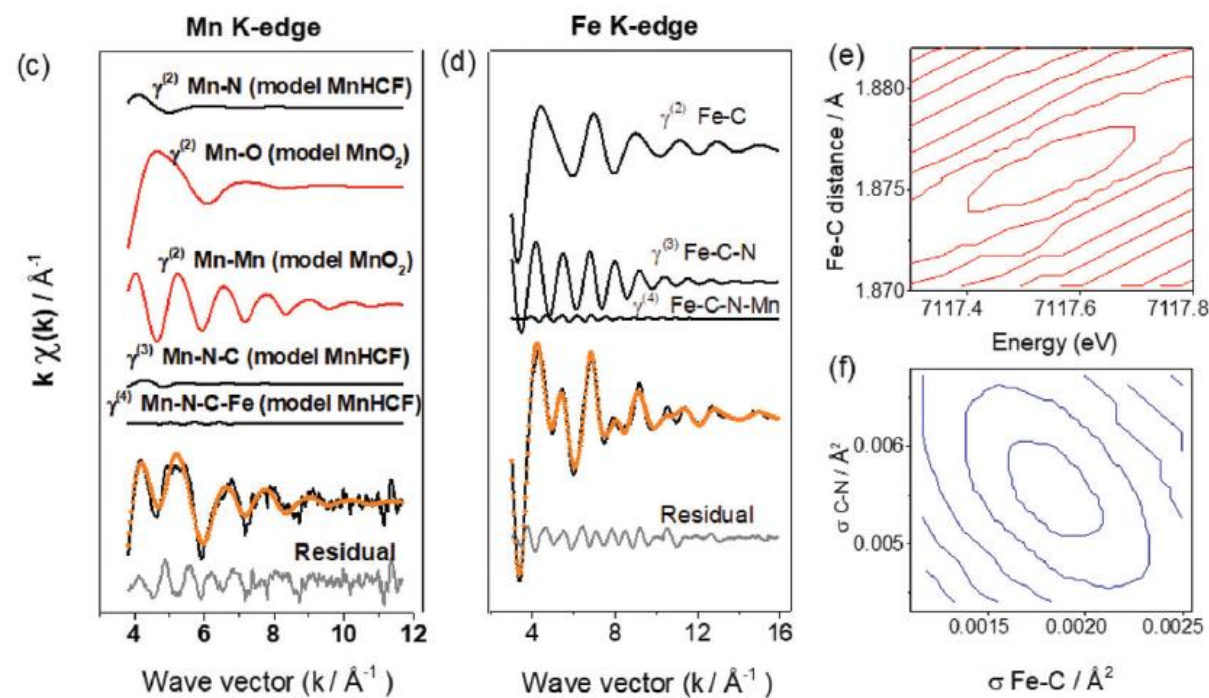
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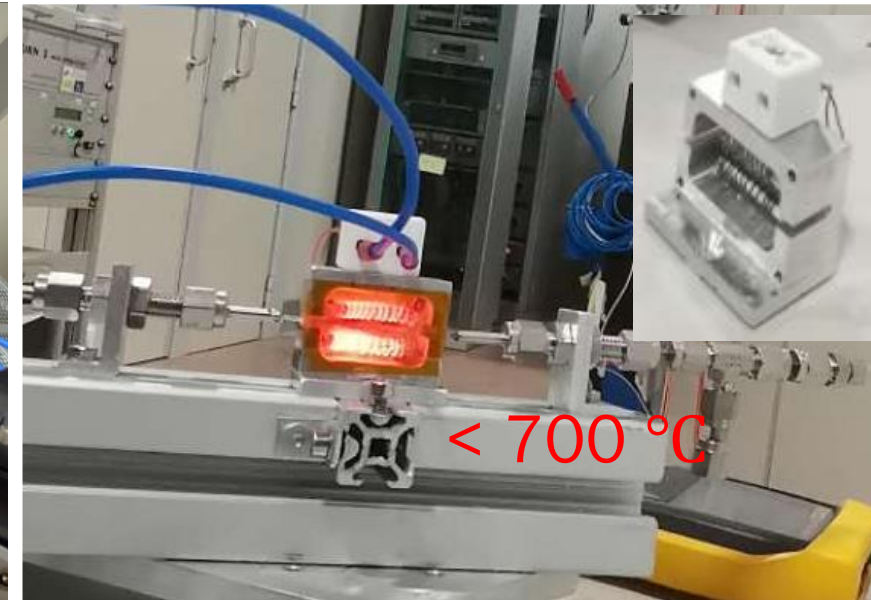
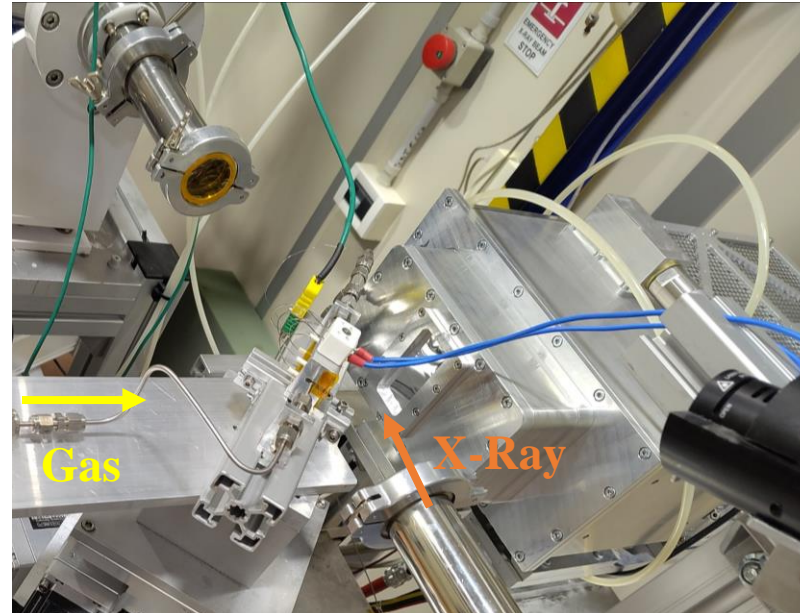
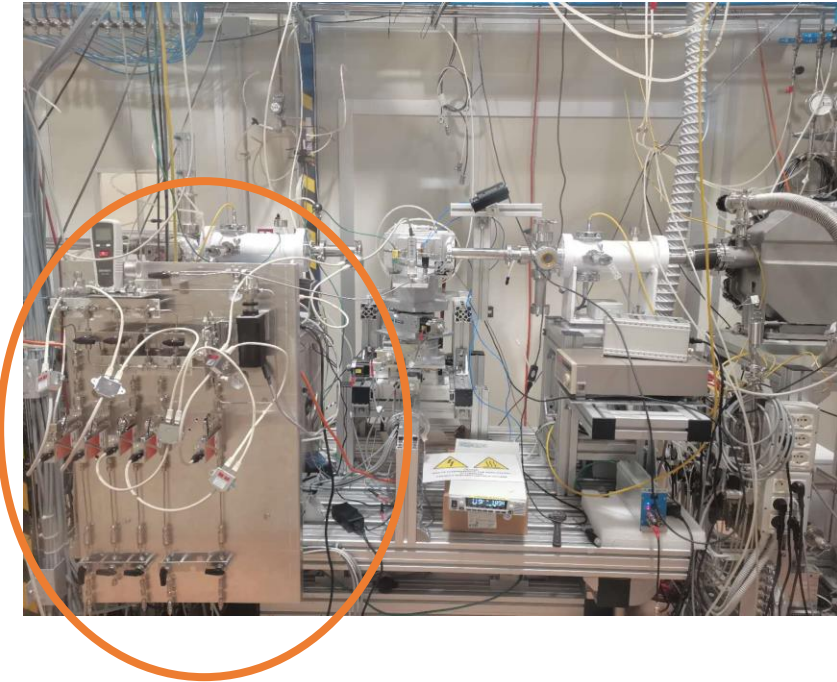
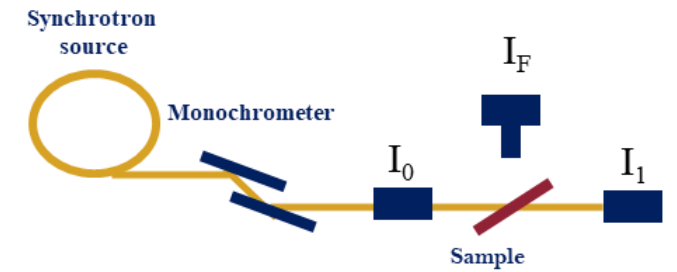
One-model EXAFS fitting



C10- Two models EXAFS fitting



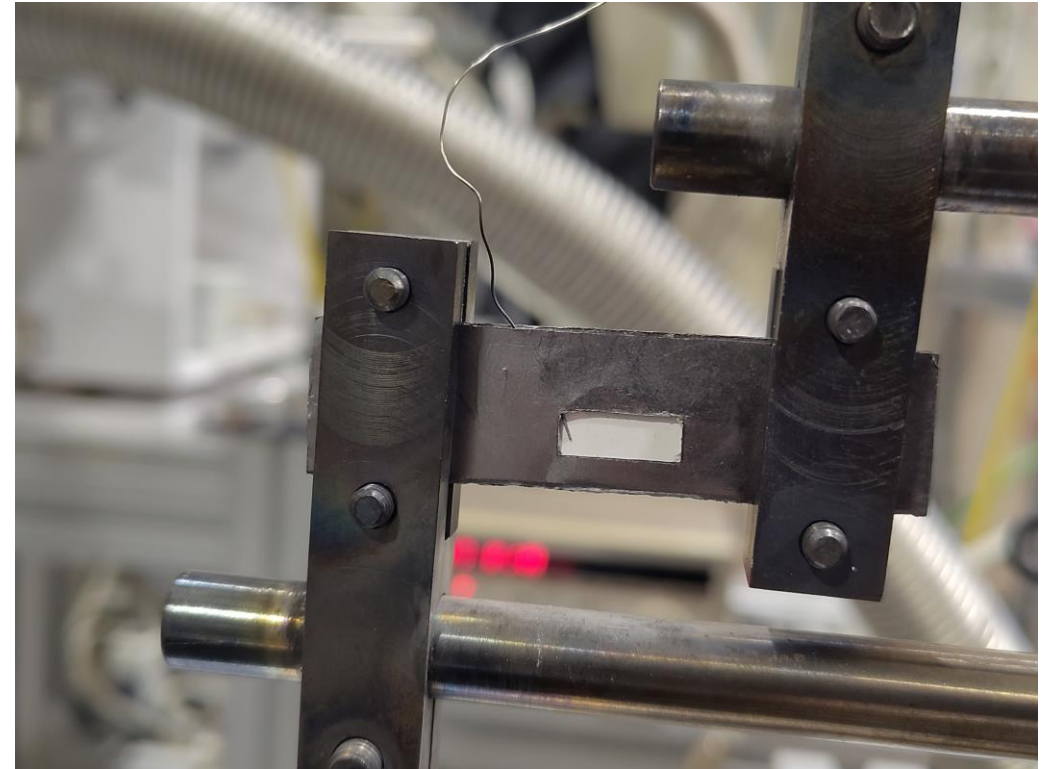
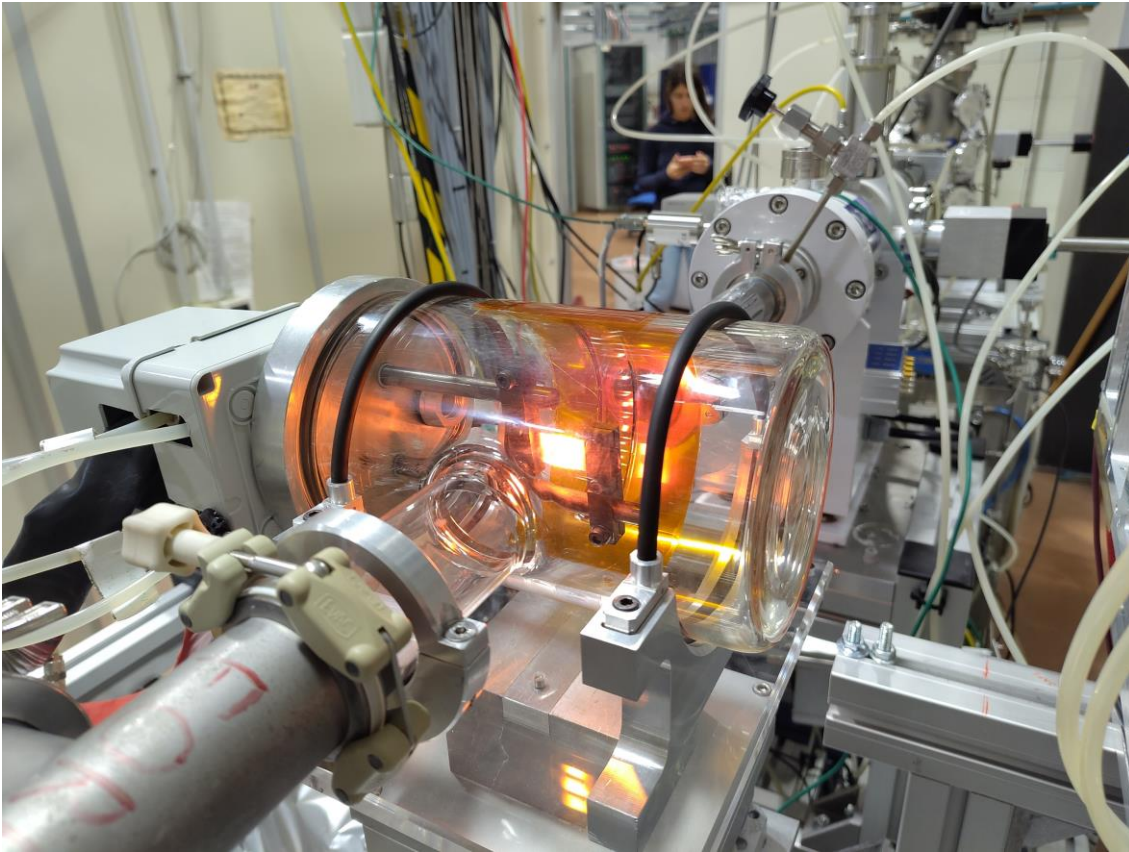
## The Operando Capillary Gas-System Set-up



- A series of Catalytic/Electrocatalytic reactions, as well as in situ Temperature Scan experiments can be conducted.

## High Temperature Furnace under Vacuum

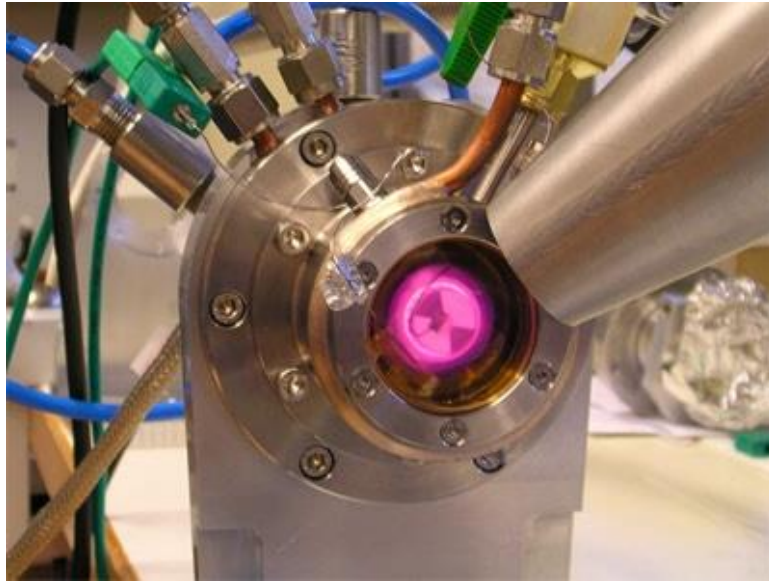
Temperature : from RT to 2500 C, vacuum below  $10^{-5}$  mbar



Graphite resistive foil



## Cells for in situ measurements



Sample environment pool@ESRF (Grenoble, France)

Maximum temperature 700°C

Max pressure 20 bar

Working in controlled atmosphere

**Sample in self supported pellet**

Fluo and transmission configuration

Coupled with Mass Spectroscopy

Maximum temperature 850°C

Working in controlled atmosphere

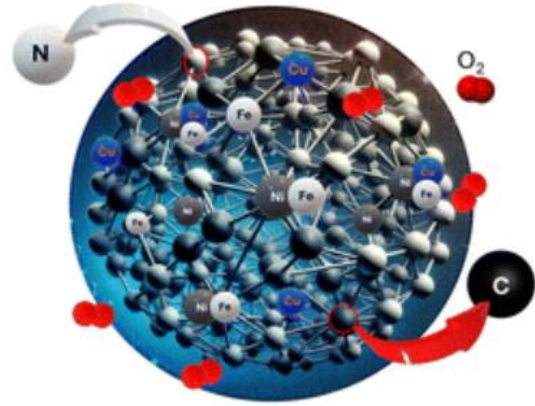
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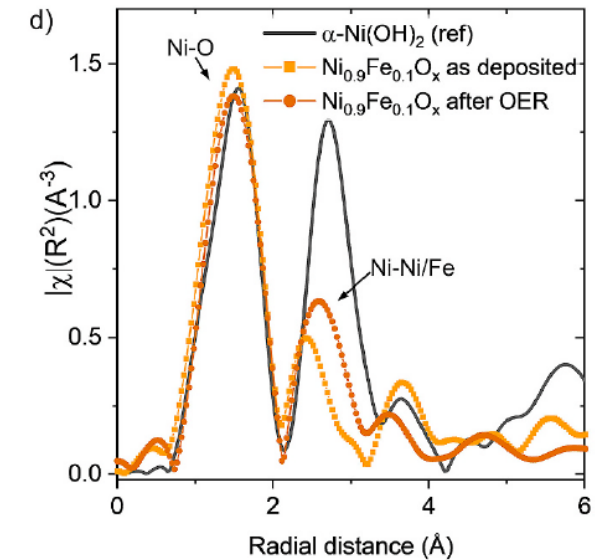
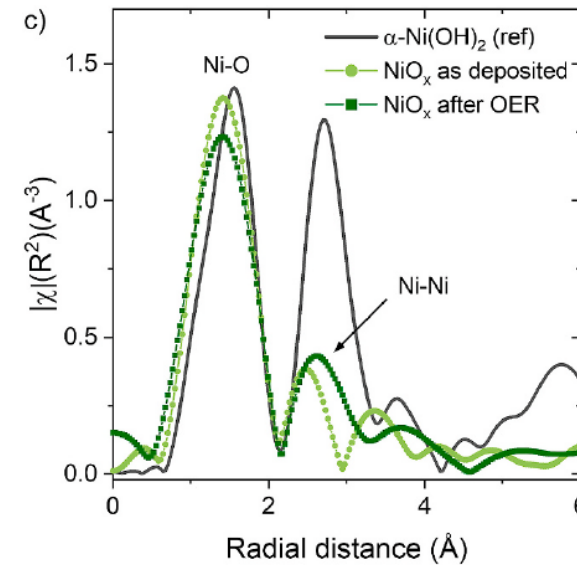
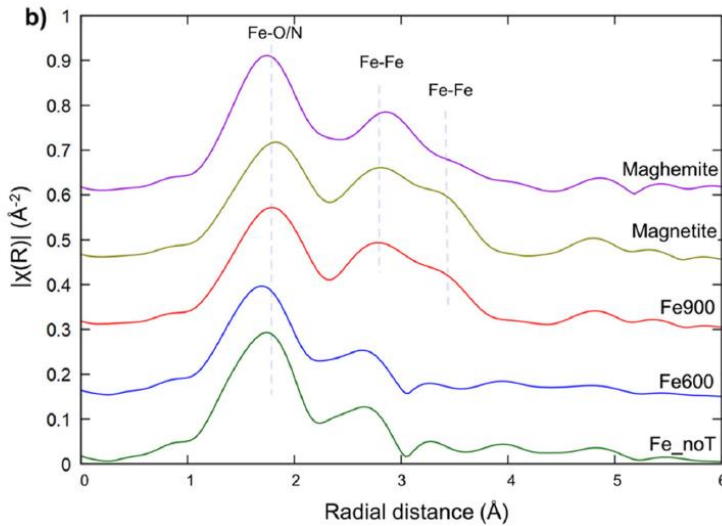
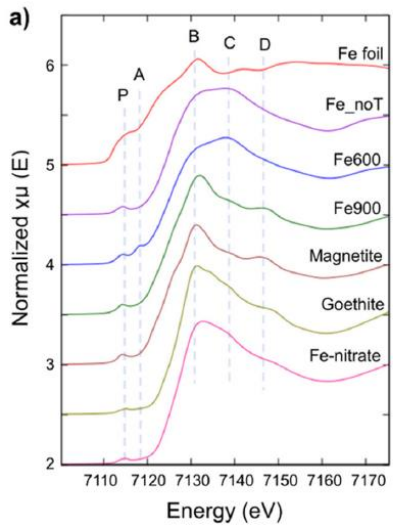
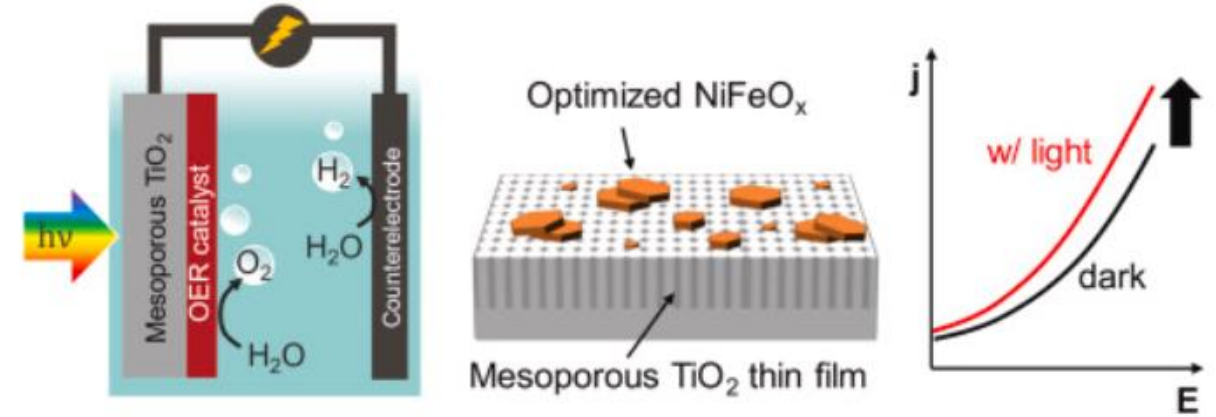


❑ Oxygen Reduction Reaction



Mono-, bi- and tri-metallic Fe-based platinum group electrocatalysts

❑ Photocatalytic Reaction



➤ Structure change

➤ phase transitions

# Application 3: Cultural Heritage

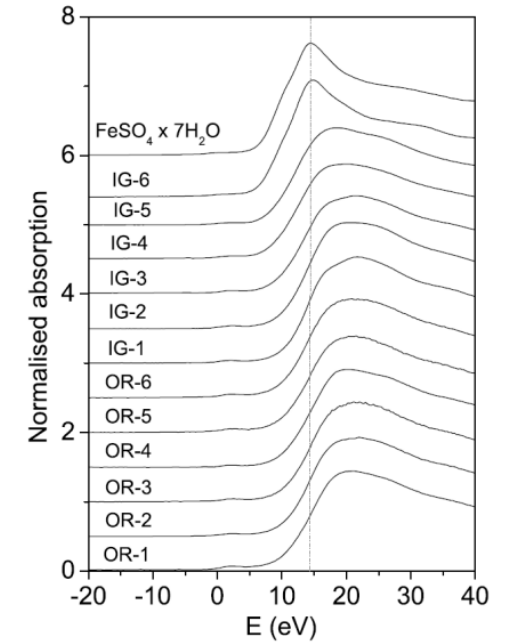
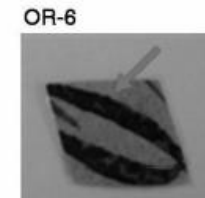
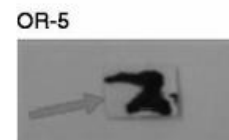
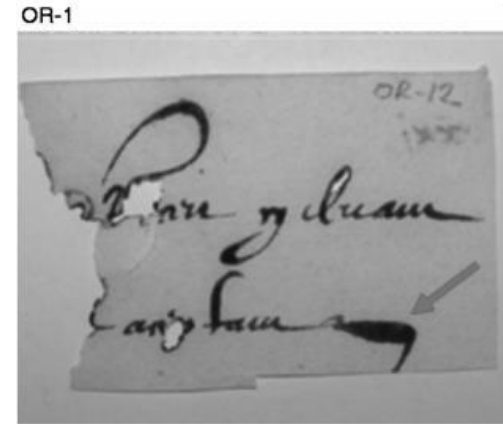
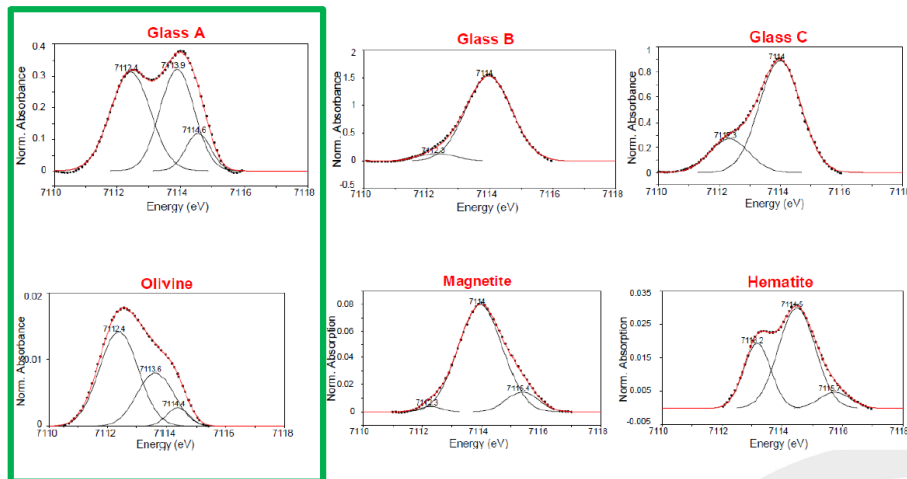
❑ Fe and Mn k-edge XANES study of ancient Roman glasses

❑ XANES analysis of Fe valence in iron gall inks



Fragments of perfume bottles (2<sup>nd</sup> century AD)

S. Quartieri et al., Eur. J. Min. (2002) 14(4),749-756



## Forest soils

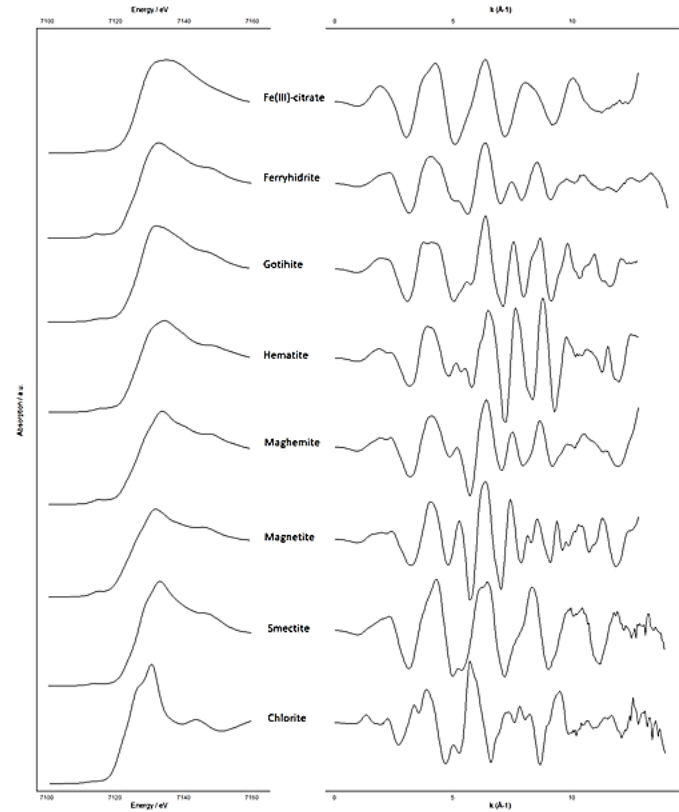
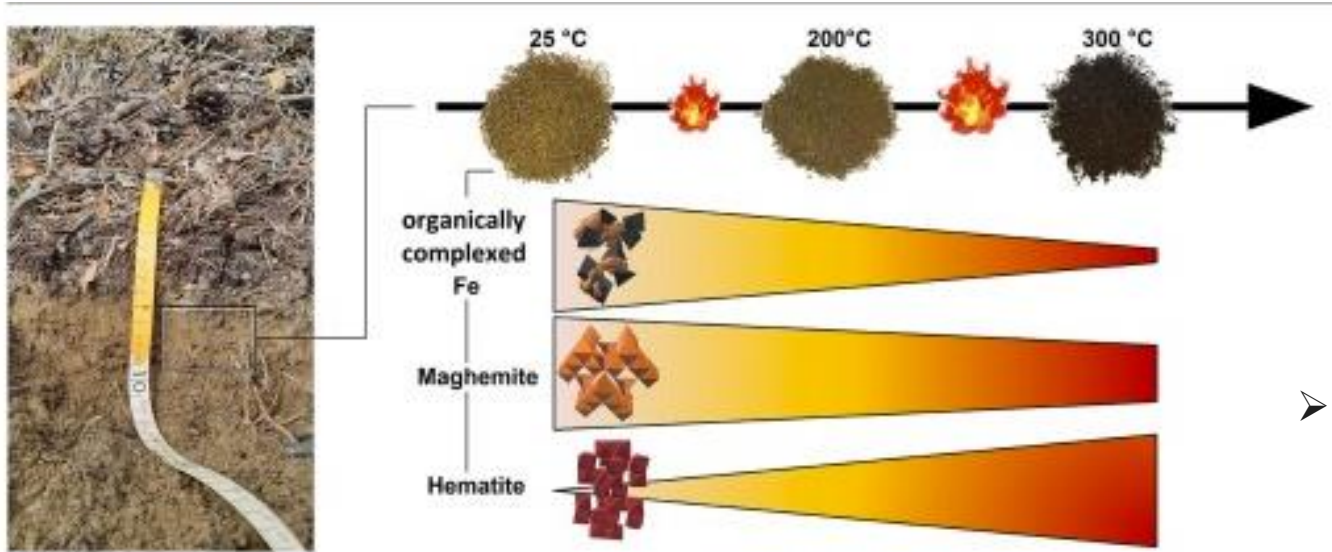


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### Fire simulation effects on the transformation of iron minerals in alpine soils

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➤ The heat-induced modifications in Fe species and organic compounds did not promote the stabilization of the remaining OM (organic matter), highlighting the weak nature of soil organo-mineral associations in an after-fire scenario.

## An identification of arsenic retention mechanisms in column filtration systems packed with limestone

Antonio Salvador Sosa Islas <sup>a</sup>, María Aurora Armenta Hernández <sup>b</sup>, René Loredo Portales <sup>c</sup>, Alejandra Aguayo Ríos <sup>b</sup>, Olivia Cruz Ronquillo <sup>b</sup>

The high concentrations of arsenic in the groundwater of Zimap'an, Hidalgo, Mexico, have led to the search for options that contribute to resolving this problem.

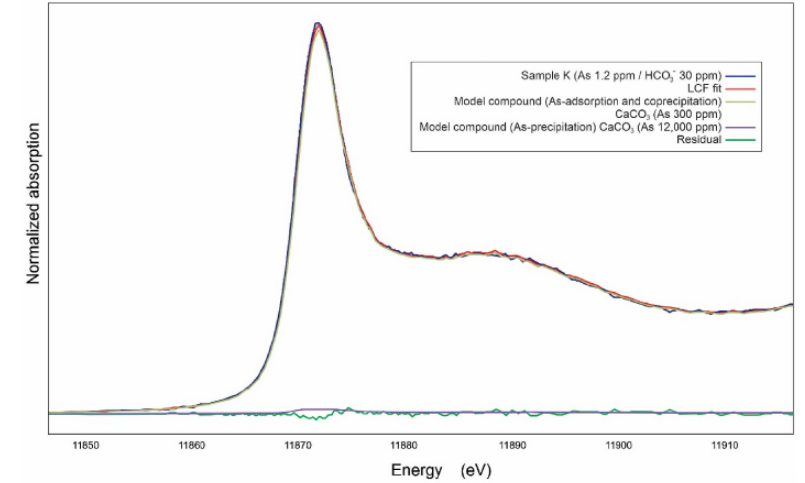
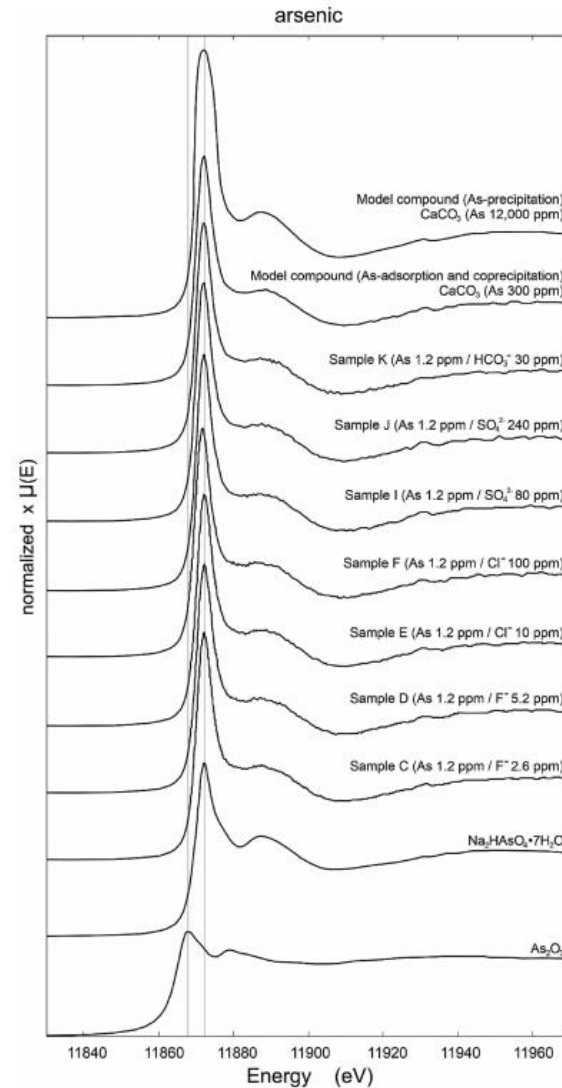


Fig. 3. Arsenic linear combination fitting method (LCF) for sample K (As 1.2 ppm and  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  30 ppm).

- The mechanisms of arsenic removal by calcite, the limestone's main constituent was studied by XAS.
- The main processes of arsenic retention in calcite are adsorption (forming corner-sharing inner-sphere surface complexes) and coprecipitation (replacing  $\text{AsO}_4$  in the carbonate site).

## XAFS

### Welcome to XAFS at Elettra

XAFS at Elettra is the Italian beamline dedicated to x-ray absorption spectroscopy. It is installed on a bending magnet source and it was designed to cover a **wide energy range: from 2.4 to 25 keV**. In addition, different collection modes and sample environments are available (including furnace, liquid-N<sub>2</sub> cryostat and cells for liquid samples). In this way XAFS beamline meets the needs of a large number of researchers in the area of conventional x-ray absorption spectroscopy.

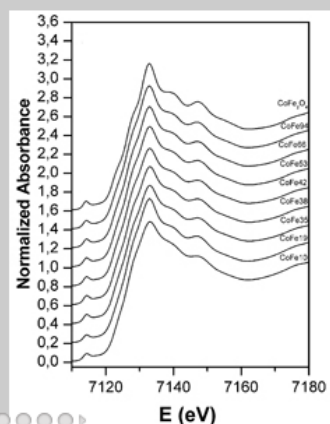
For this reason the research activity at the XAFS at Elettra is quite diverse and ranges from fundamental physics to catalysis to material and environmental science.

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### Exploring the Effect of Co Doping in Fine Maghemite Nanoparticles

Nanosized spinel ferrites are the subject of increasing interest in the current landscape of nanotechnology due to their remarkable properties that make them suitable for a large range of applications, from catalysis to biomedicine. In C-substituted ferrite nanoparticles, XAFS allowed to investigate the Co ion distribution inside the lattice and to exclude the unexpected magnetic behaviour arises from different metal ion distribution. E. Fantechi *et al.*, [J. Phys. Chem.](#) **116**, 8261 (2012).

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# XAS Data Analysis


- **XANES data analysis -Demeter (Athena)** <https://bruceravel.github.io/demeter/>
- **EXAFS data analysis -Demeter (Artemis / GNXAS software package)** [http://gnxas.unicam.it/pag\\_gnxas/redbook/orderform.html](http://gnxas.unicam.it/pag_gnxas/redbook/orderform.html)

**Demeter**




X-ray Absorption  
Spectroscopy Using  
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**Athena**



**Artemis**



**Hephaestus**



Athena [XAS data processing]

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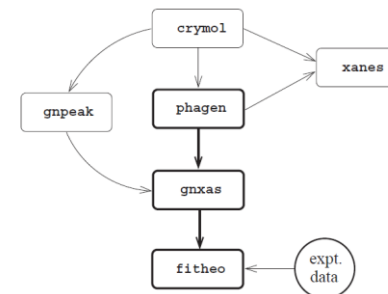
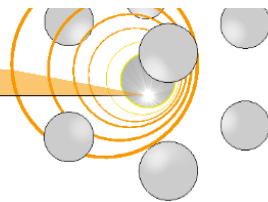
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- Calibrate data
- Align data
- Rebin data
- Deglitch and truncate data
- Smooth data
- Convolute and add noise to data
- Deconvolute data
- Self-absorption correction
- Multi-electron excitation removal
- Copy series
- Data summation

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- Linear combination fitting
- Principle components analysis
- Peak fitting
- Log-ratio/phase-difference analysis
- Difference spectra

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- File metadata
- Project journal
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