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28.1 Introduction

Nature uses remarkably varied systems and mechanisms to perform chemical reactions with efficiency, speed, and complexity. At the active site of many enzymes are metal centers, responsible for the rearrangement of electrons and atoms in order to carry out electron transfer and catalytic reactions. Some of the representative metal clusters, especially those that contain heterometallic clusters, that are related to important reactions in nature, are shown in Fig. 28.1 [1–4]. Many of these consist of transition metals, such as V, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Mo, W and others. Using the flexibility of their electronic structures that can accommodate different redox states, they catalyze multi-electron reactions in aqueous solution, under conditions of ambient temperature and pressure.

Geometric and electronic structures of metal catalytic centers have been studied with X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS) in numerous metalloenzymes by taking advantage of the element-specificity of X-ray spectroscopy. X-ray absorption near edge spectroscopy (XANES) has been commonly used as a probe of the metal oxidation state, while extended X-ray absorption fine structure (EXAFS) has been applied for identifying the geometric structure of the metal complexes, and the method does not require single crystals. This makes the EXAFS method a powerful tool for extracting structural information of reaction intermediates, that cannot be crystallized. While solution NMR study is another way to get structural information of non-crystalline biological samples, it is difficult to apply the method to large metalloenzymes (>100 kDa) [5] or to study paramagnetic metal centers of metalloenzymes.

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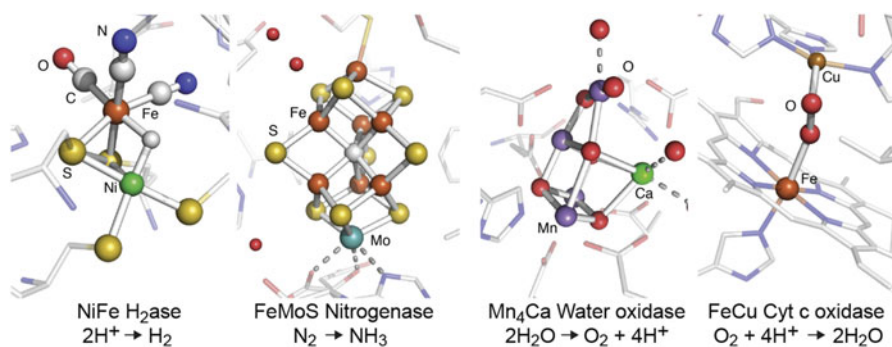


Fig. 28.1 Some examples of metalloenzymes that contain heterometallic clusters, such as NiFe hydrogenase, FeMo nitrogenase, Mn₄Ca water oxidase, and FeCu cytc oxidase, that have been studied using X-ray spectroscopic techniques

In addition to XAS, more advanced X-ray-based techniques such as RIXS (resonant inelastic X-ray scattering), XES (X-ray emission spectroscopy), and X-ray Raman spectroscopy [6], have been introduced to study biological systems, owing to the availability of bright synchrotron X-ray sources. XAS and XES data collection of biological samples have become somewhat routine. However, getting useful data often remains challenging due to several difficulties that are unique to biological systems. For example, X-ray-induced changes during data collection have been a concern. Reducing the background signal that arise from light atoms is another issue. Furthermore, interpreting X-ray spectroscopic data of biological systems often requires a set of adequate model complexes, that provide the basis for evaluating the influence of the coordination environment of the absorber elements. Study of structurally well-characterized model complexes also provides a benchmark for understanding the EXAFS from metal systems of unknown structures.

In this chapter, the X-ray spectroscopy methods that have been used for studying biological samples are described, using several examples. In addition to the synchrotron X-ray-based methods, recent introduction of XFELs (X-ray free electron lasers) have opened a new way of collecting X-ray spectroscopy of biological systems by capturing reaction intermediates under physiological conditions, and this chapter touches on some of the applications that have been demonstrated recently.

28.2 X-Ray Spectroscopy of Biological Systems

X-ray crystallography and X-ray spectroscopy of metalloenzymes provide complementary information: crystallography probes the structural changes of the cofactor and the overall protein, while XAS provides detailed information about changes in

the electronic structure of the metal of interest and its local structural information. When combined, these complementary measurements will provide a more detailed understanding of important enzymatic reactions.

In general, the advantage of EXAFS over X-ray crystallography is that the local structural information around the metal of interest can be obtained even from disordered samples such as powders and solution, and usually the metal–metal and metal–ligand distance information is much better than that can be obtained from crystallography. However, ordered samples like oriented membranes and single crystals often increase the information obtained from X-ray spectroscopy. The advantages and the limitations of XAS for the structural studies of biological systems are summarized in detail below.

1. In a metalloenzyme with multiple metal centers like cytochrome oxidase (Cu and Fe), photosystem II (Mn and Ca), or nitrogenase (Fe/V and Mo), it is possible to study the structural environment of each metal atom independently, because of the element specificity of XAS.
2. The metal of interest is never “*silent*” with respect to X-ray spectra, and one can always probe the metal site structure by X-ray spectroscopy. It could be “*silent*” with respect to EPR (electron paramagnetic resonance spectroscopy), optical, or other spectroscopic methods. However, this could become a disadvantage, if there are several metal centers going through different chemical states.
3. X-ray spectroscopy is not limited by the state of the sample, because it is sensitive only to the local metal site structure. Therefore, one can either trap intermediates in the enzymatic cycle or modify the site by the addition of inhibitors or substrate, or generate other chemical modifications or site-directed mutations. Such samples can be made as frozen solutions, avoiding the problems of trying to obtain single crystals.

It is also important to realize the intrinsic limitations of EXAFS for studying structures. A frequent problem is the inability to distinguish between scattering atoms with little difference in atomic number (C, N, O or S, Cl, or Mn, Fe). Distances are usually the most reliably determined structural parameters from EXAFS. But the range of data that can be collected, often-times due to practical reasons like the presence of the K-edge of another metal, or data collection time for dilute biological samples, limits the resolution of distance determinations to between 0.1 and 0.2 Å. Also it is difficult to determine whether a Fourier peak should be fit to one distance with a relatively large disorder parameter or to two distances, each having a small disorder parameter. Careful statistical analysis, taking into consideration the degrees of freedom in the fits, should precede any such analysis. The resolution in the distance Δr can be estimated from the relation that $\Delta r \Delta k \sim 1$ (see Sect. 4.2). Determination of coordination numbers or number of backscatterers is fraught with difficulties. The Debye-Waller factor is strongly correlated with the coordination number and one must have recourse to other information to narrow the range that is possible from curve fitting analysis alone.

It is therefore very useful to compare the spectra from the complex in the metalloenzyme to some known model complexes and then use Debye-Waller parameters obtained from the model complexes in the fits.

28.3 Radiation-Induced Changes During Data Collection

Damage to biological samples by X-rays is cause for serious concern for X-ray based experiments, in particular for the study of biological samples. However, with the right precautions one can successfully perform these experiments under the threshold of radiation damage. At synchrotron sources, most of the damage is produced by free radicals and hydrated electrons that are produced by X-rays in biological samples. The diffusion of the free radicals and hydrated electrons can be minimized by the use of low temperatures. The use of a liquid He flow cryostat or liquid He cryostream, where the samples are at atmospheric pressure in a He gas atmosphere, has greatly reduced the risk of sample damage by X-rays. XAS experiments require a lower X-ray dose than X-ray crystallography, and radiation damage can be precisely monitored and controlled, thus allowing for data collection from an intact form of metal catalytic centers.

An example of the X-ray-induced changes is shown in Fig. 28.2. Solutions of Photosystem II (PSII) that consists of the MnCaO_5 catalytic center were exposed to various X-ray doses at 100 K, leading to reduction of 5, 10 or 25 %, of the Mn in the sample from the native Mn(III,IV) to Mn(II) [7]. The corresponding XANES spectra are shown in Fig. 28.2a. A clear shift in the K-edge toward lower energies, due to the reduction to Mn(II) can be seen when comparing with the intact state

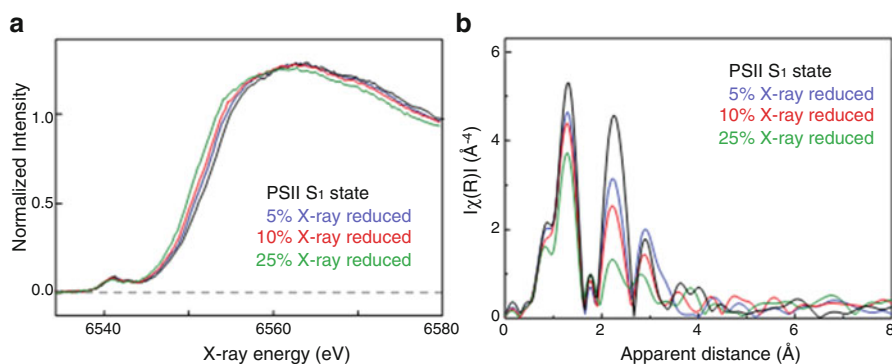


Fig. 28.2 (a) The Mn XANES spectrum of the oxygen-evolving complex from PS II that has been photo-reduced by X-rays to different levels between 5 and 25 %, compared to a spectrum from an intact PS II sample. (b) The corresponding Mn EXAFS Fourier transforms from the same PS II samples, showing the disruption of the Mn_4Ca oxo-bridged complex following X-ray radiation induced reduction. This disruption manifests itself as a decrease in the intensity of FT peaks assigned to Mn-Mn interactions at ~ 2.7 Å and/or Mn-Mn/Mn-Ca interactions at 3.2 Å [7]

spectrum from the native Mn(III,IV) form. In the EXAFS spectra (Fig. 28.2b), the intensities of all three peaks are decreased upon Mn reduction, with the most pronounced decrease in the second peak intensity, showing that upon Mn reduction Mn-Mn distances change and they are elongated. The reduction of the metal center by X-rays does not necessarily go through the catalytic reduction pathway, as it is likely caused by the random attack of hydroxyl radicals that are created by the interaction of X-rays and water molecules. Similar observations have been made in many Fe-containing proteins such as putidaredoxin [8], Cytochrome C peroxidase [9], and Fe/Fe and Fe/Mn ribonucleotide reductase [10], where the states generated by X-ray photoreduction are significantly different from the native catalytic state of the metal center. These studies show that radiation-induced changes are a general problem when studying metalloenzymes with X-rays. Such radiation-induced effects could potentially be turned into a tool to obtain new insights into the structural and electronic structural nature of the metal cluster.

Nevertheless, radiation-induced changes remain one of the most challenging aspects in biological X-ray spectroscopy. New approaches to overcome such effects and collect radiation-damage-free data have become possible, using XFELs which is described in Sect. 5.

28.4 Application of Various X-Ray Spectroscopy Techniques to Study Metalloenzymes

28.4.1 Polarized X-Ray Absorption Spectroscopy

As described above, the advantage of XAS is that the local structural information around the element of interest can be obtained from disordered samples such as powders and solutions. However, ordered samples like membranes and single crystals often increases the information obtained from XAS. For oriented single crystals or ordered membranes the interatomic vector orientations can be deduced from dichroism measurements.

Membrane proteins can be oriented on a substrate such that the lipid membrane planes are roughly parallel to the substrate surface. This imparts a one-dimensional order to these samples; while the z -axis for each membrane (collinear with the membrane normal) is roughly parallel to the substrate normal, the x - and y -axes remain disordered. Exploiting the plane-polarized nature of synchrotron radiation, spectra can be collected at different angles between the substrate normal and the X-ray E vector (Fig. 28.3a). The dichroism, which is the dependence of the intensity of the absorber–backscatterer pair present in the oriented samples as a function of the polarization of the X-rays, is reflected in, and can be extracted from, the resulting X-ray absorption spectra [11–13]. The EXAFS of the oriented PS II samples exhibits distinct dichroism, from which one can deduce the relative

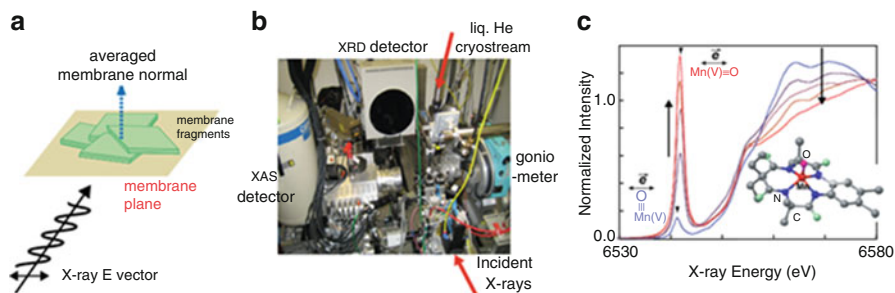


Fig. 28.3 (a) Experimental setup for single crystal X-ray absorption spectroscopy at the BL9-3 in SSRL. (b) Schematic picture of the polarized XAS data collection from 1D oriented membrane fragments. (c) Single crystal XAS of a Mn(V) inorganic complex, showing the pronounced dichroism of the XANES spectrum [11]

orientations of several interatomic vector directions relative to the membrane normal and derive a topological representation of the metal sites in the OEC [14].

Further refinement can be performed for samples with three-dimensional order. Figure 28.3b shows the experimental setup for collecting single crystal XAS data at the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lightsource, BL 9-3. It consists of a kappa goniometer, a 30-element Ge detector for collecting XAS data, and a 2D detector placed behind the sample for in situ collection of diffraction data to determine the crystal orientation. The crystals are cooled using a liquid He cryostream to minimize the radiation-induced changes of the sample. Single-crystal X-ray spectroscopy has been performed on model complexes [15] and metalloproteins [16–19]. These studies have been able to significantly expand the XAS information available for these systems over what is gleaned from studies of isotropic samples.

An example of polarized XANES spectra from a Mn(V) model complex is shown in Fig. 28.3c [11]. In this study, the orientationally resolved pre-edge peaks were correlated to DFT calculations, and the results were used for assigning the 1s to 3d transition components. The method was also applied to PSII in the dark state prior to the determination of high-resolution X-ray crystal structure, and the study improved the resolution and orientation of the metal–metal distances in EXAFS [17].

28.4.2 Range-Extended EXAFS

In the typical EXAFS measurement of biological samples, spectra are taken up to ~ 500 eV above the K-absorption edge, that provides a k -range of $\sim 12.0/\text{\AA}$. However, longer the k -range, the EXAFS distance resolution improves and it becomes important for some systems to resolve distance heterogeneity with similar

metal–ligand and metal–metal interactions. The distance resolution in a typical EXAFS experiment is given by

$$\Delta R = \pi/2k_{\max} \quad (28.1)$$

where k_{\max} is the maximum energy of the photoelectron of the absorber element.

Getting larger k_{\max} is not always possible, in particular, for systems which contain adjacent elements in the periodic table due to the presence of the rising edge of the next element. In principle, solid-state detectors can be used for discriminating fluorescence signals from different elements, by electronically windowing the $K\alpha$ fluorescence from the absorber atom and collecting XAS data as an excitation spectrum. However, the energy resolution of the detector at the transition metal absorption edges is about 150–200 eV (fwhm), and this makes it difficult to discriminate signals from adjacent transition metals. For the Mn K-edge EXAFS studies of PS II, for example, the absorption edge of the obligatory Fe in PS II (2-3Fe/PS II) limits the EXAFS energy range (Fig. 28.4). The use of a high-resolution crystal monochromator provides a method to selectively separate the fluorescence signals from adjacent metals, resulting in the collection of data to higher photoelectron energies and leading to increased distance resolution and more precise determination in the numbers of metal–metal vectors.

28.4.3 X-Ray Emission Spectroscopy

A complementary technique to XAS is XES. The photons that are emitted after the creation of a core hole in the 1s shell form the K emission spectrum. Among such emission processes, $K\alpha$ lines originate from 2p to 1s transitions and $K\beta$ lines from the 3p to 1s transitions ($K\beta_{1,3}/K\beta'$) and valence level to 1s transitions ($K\beta_{2,5}/K\beta''$)

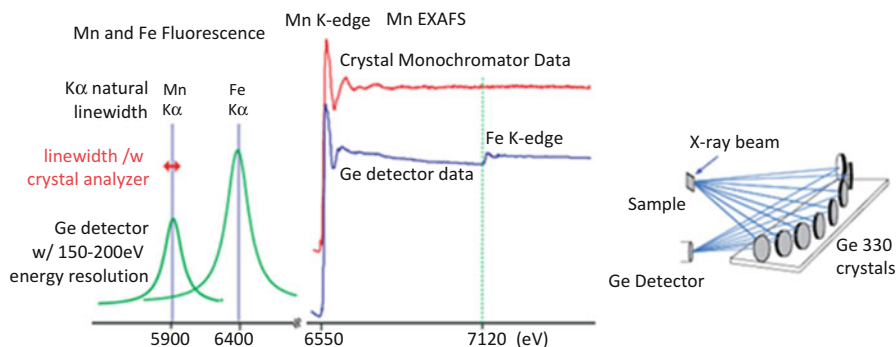


Fig. 28.4 (left) X-ray fluorescence of Mn and Fe. The multi-crystal monochromator with 1 eV resolution is tuned to the Mn $K\alpha_1$ peak. (middle) Traditional XAFS spectrum (blue) and using a crystal monochromator (red) (note the absence of Fe contribution). (right) The schematic for the crystal monochromator used in a backscattering configuration [14]

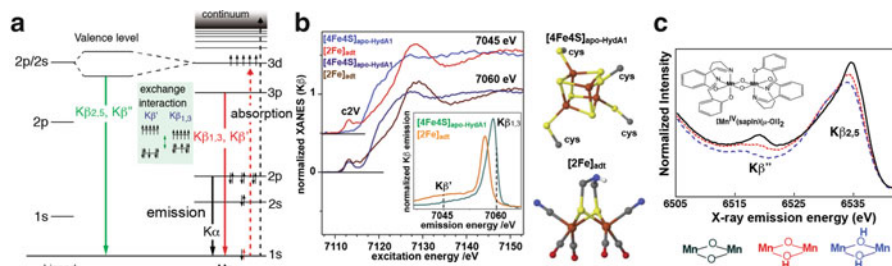


Fig. 28.5 (a) Energy level diagram showing the excitation and emission processes for the $K\alpha$, $K\beta_{1,3}/K\beta'$ and the $K\beta_{2,5}/K\beta''$ transitions. (b) $K\beta$ -detected XAS of apo-HydA1 protein binding only the $[4Fe4S]$ unit of the H-cluster and of a synthetic $[2Fe]$ model complex. The *inset* shows the $K\beta$ XES, and two detection energy for the XAS (7045 and 7060 eV) are shown as *dotted lines* in the *inset*. The figure was adapted from Ref. [20]. (c) The valence to core $K\beta_{2,5}/K\beta''$ emission spectra of a series of dinuclear Mn^{IV} complexes, where the bridging oxygen was protonated sequentially [21]

(Fig. 28.5a). These spectra change depending on the chemical environment of the metals of interest. In particular, $K\beta$ spectra have been used in biological systems for probing the oxidation states and identifying the ligand environment.

$K\beta_{1,3}/K\beta'$ spectra arise predominantly from the exchange interaction between the metal 3p and the net electron spin in the metal valence shell, i.e., the effective number of unpaired metal 3d electrons. Therefore, the spectrum is sensitive to the spin state of the metals, which indirectly reflects the oxidation state and covalency of the metal site, and has often been used for determining the oxidation states of metal catalytic sites [6]. $K\beta_{1,3}$ arises from the constructive spin interactions, while $K\beta'$ from destructive spin interactions.

The sensitivity of the $K\beta_{1,3}/K\beta'$ spectra to the number of unpaired 3d electrons has the potential for being used for probing different metal sites in multinuclear clusters. As mentioned in Section II, there is no “silent” state in XAS. This can be a limiting factor for studying the system that contains several of the same element. For uniquely probing one particular reaction site, the use of different K-emission signals could become useful. One example is the $[FeFe]$ -hydrogenases that contain 6 Fe in the metal catalytic center (H-cluster). Haumann et al. studied the H-cluster with site-selective XAS method, by using the $K\beta_{1,3}$ and $K\beta'$ signals to distinguish between the low and high spin Fe sites in the two subcomplexes (Fig. 28.5b) [20]. By using a high-resolution spectrometer, in one case the $K\beta$ -detected XAS was collected at the $K\beta'$ energy and in the other case at the $K\beta_{1,3}$ energy; the former one represents the 2Fe site, while the latter one represents the 4Fe4S site. Thus the response of the two sites in different chemical states can be separately analyzed.

The higher energy emission peaks above $K\beta_{1,3}$ originate from valence-to-core transitions just below the Fermi level and can be separated into $K\beta''$ and the $K\beta_{2,5}$ emission (Fig. 28.5a). $K\beta_{2,5}$ emission is predominantly from ligand 2p (metal 4p) to metal 1s, and the $K\beta''$ emission is assigned to a ligand 2s to metal 1s; both are referred to as cross-over transitions [6]. Therefore, only direct ligands to the metal of interest are probed with $K\beta_{2,5}/K\beta''$ emission, i.e., other C, N, and O atoms in the

protein media do not contribute to the spectra. In particular, the energy of the $K\beta''$ transition depends on the difference between the metal 1s and ligand 2s binding energies, which reflects the environment of the ligand owing to orbital hybridization.

Detecting the chemical states of ligands is important for understanding the reaction mechanism of numerous metalloenzymes. In particular, protonation/deprotonation states of ligands moderate reaction chemistry in metal centers in biologically important processes. For example, copper oxo/hydroxo/peroxo complexes play vital roles in respiration, such as in hemocyanin [22], in biological metabolic pathways such as catechol oxidase activity or activation of aliphatic C-H bonds by dopamine β -monooxygenase [23], peptidyl-glycine α -amidating enzyme, and particulate methane monooxygenase [24]. It is also known that FeFe clusters in methane monooxygenase catalyze the hydroxylation of methane to methanol [25]. Understanding these events requires techniques that are sensitive enough to differentiate species that differ only by a single proton. Fig. 28.5c shows how the $K\beta_{2,5}$ and $K\beta''$ spectra change depending on the protonation state of the bridging oxygen ligands of the metal cluster [21]. Several techniques have the potential to detect such a single protonation event, that includes vibrational spectroscopy and ligand sensitive EPR techniques such as ENDOR (electron nuclear double resonance), ESEEM (electron spin echo envelope modulation), and HYSCORE (hyperfine sub-level correlation). The advantage of X-ray-based methods over EPR techniques is their element specificity and that they are unrestricted by the spin states of the compounds.

The $K\beta_{2,5}$ and $K\beta''$ XES was also applied for the study of nitrogenase to identify the central atom of the FeMoco cluster [26], using the element sensitivity of the $K\beta''$ peak position. A combination of the detailed data analysis and the theoretical calculations revealed that the central atom is a carbon.

28.4.4 Resonant Inelastic X-Ray Scattering Spectroscopy

The pre-edge region of metal K-edge XAS, that corresponds to the 1s to 3d transition, is a probe of metal oxidation state and local geometry of metal catalytic centers. However, the K pre-edge spectra are usually weak compared to the K-main edge, as they mostly arise from quadrupole transition matrix elements. In addition, it suffers from a strong background from the dipole-allowed transition of the main edge, particularly for early transition metals. Transition metal L-edge XAS are in some ways a superior chemical probe to K-edge spectra as (1) $2p \rightarrow 3d$ transitions are allowed under dipole selection rules, while only $s \rightarrow p$ transitions are allowed at the K-edge, (2) greater sensitivity to the occupancy of the 3d orbitals of metal provides a better indication of the oxidation states and symmetry of the complex involved. It is therefore anticipated that examination of the L-edge region will provide oxidation state information of the metal centers with significantly better resolution than that from K-edges. However, the disadvantage is that the energy of

these transitions requires the use of soft X-rays for direct excitation, leading to drastically increased radiation damage compared to high energy hard X-rays (100 times higher) and only surface absorption for bulk samples. These issues make soft X-ray (metal L-edge) spectroscopy less applicable to biological systems.

The above-described problems can be overcome in 1s2p RIXS (resonant inelastic X-ray scattering spectroscopy). In this method, hard X-rays tuned to the energy of the K pre-edge are used to excite a 1s electron into an unoccupied valence orbital (1s to 3d transition), and the emission due to decay of a 3p or 2p electron into the 1s shell is measured as a function of the excitation energy. In experiments, the incident energy is varied across the metal K-edge (1s to 3d) using hard X-rays, and the crystal analyzer is scanned over the $K\alpha$ emission energy (2p to 1s). The energy difference between excitation and emission corresponds to the energy difference between 2p or 3p and 3d orbitals and, therefore, one can get L-edge-like XAS spectrum while taking advantage of using hard X-rays (high-excitation energy and therefore the high X-ray penetration depth and larger attenuation length) to probe these transitions indirectly. In addition, the RIXS 2D plot also makes the background separation of the pre-edge structure from the main K-edge feature easier.

As an example, the Fe site of the cytochrome c (cyt c) and its model compound was studied by Fe 1s2d RIXS [27]. The RIXS study was used to quantify the highly covalent nature of the porphyrin environment in the heme cofactor, through the analysis of the L-edge XAS-like data from RIXS, and showed the increased covalency for the Fe-S(Met) relative to Fe-N(His) axial ligand and a higher degree of covalency for the ferric states relative to the ferrous states. Namely, it suggests that the bond strengths for the Fe(II) and Fe(III) states are a critical factor for the enzymatic function.

28.5 Application of XFELs for the Study of Metalloenzymes Using X-Ray Spectroscopy

X-ray based techniques, such as X-ray spectroscopy, X-ray crystallography, as well as X-ray scattering methods, have contributed significantly to the structural and functional studies of metalloenzymes in the last decades, and have become indispensable methods. However, to minimize or eliminate radiation-induced changes during data collection has remained challenging. As described in Section II, the data collection of biological samples is usually carried out at cryogenic temperature to minimize the X-ray induced effect. However, there is an increasing effort to understand biological phenomena as the enzymes function, through studies under physiological/functional conditions. Additionally, the need to probe rare transitions, which often are superior probes of chemical states but require very high photon fluxes, within a reasonable time, is another issue.

The recent advent of XFELs [28, 29] brought the possibility of probing labile biological systems with high dose X-rays, by outrunning the radiation damage

processes and extracting the information before manifestation of the X-ray-induced changes to the sample using fs X-ray pulses. XFELs produce high intensity X-ray pulses in the fs time regime. In practice the number of photons in a single <50 fs pulse is comparable to the number of photons available per second in a modern third generation synchrotron end station. In addition to serial femtosecond crystallography (e.g., Ref. [30]), X-ray spectroscopic techniques have been applied for the study of metalloenzymes at the XFELs, and have shown promise. Both XAS and XES methods are currently targeted at XFEL sources.

The hard X-ray XES method has a few advantages, when it is applied at the XFELs. No monochromatization is necessary and the full SASE (self-amplified spontaneous emission) bandwidth of the XFEL pulse can be used in the shot-by-shot data collection [31–33]. K β XES on dilute solution samples was initially demonstrated for Mn compounds [31], showing that the fs pulses used did not disturb the electronic structure of the compounds studied (Mn^{II} and Mn^{III,IV}). For iron(II) tris(2,2'-bipyridine) it was also possible to record time resolved XES at 50 fs to 1 ps after a laser excitation and resolve the kinetics of the light-induced spin change using 50 mM concentration in a 100 μ m thick liquid jet. An XAS method was also used at XFELs for pump-probe measurements [34], providing unique insights into the evolution of the electronic structure over the reaction cycle. In addition to hard X-ray spectroscopy, XFELs provide a new opportunity to carry out biological soft X-ray spectroscopy [35] by overcoming severe radiation damage due to the high absorption cross section at the soft X-ray energy range, that has been an issue in the synchrotron X-ray sources.

Among the several X-ray spectroscopic methods, XES is well suited to be combined with other techniques. For example, XES can be collected simultaneously with X-ray crystallography by choosing the same excitation energy (Fig. 28.6). Such a method was developed and used for studying the water oxidation reaction in PS II with microcrystals [36]. In this approach, XES provides a diagnostic capability by providing the electronic structure of the highly radiation sensitive Mn₄CaO₅ cluster in PS II. Furthermore, it serves for monitoring the catalytic turn over under the experimental conditions.

28.6 Future Direction

X-ray spectroscopy, together with X-ray crystallography, has been an extremely important method for understanding the mechanism of metal catalytic reactions in metalloenzymes. The development of theoretical approaches, like density functional theory (DFT), with well-characterized model inorganic complexes has provided the necessary information for interpreting spectroscopic data. Furthermore, the recent development of bright synchrotron X-ray sources and the X-ray free electron laser further opens new horizons for data collection from biological samples under physiological conditions in a time-resolved manner. These developments altogether will provide tools for us to understand the mechanism of catalytic

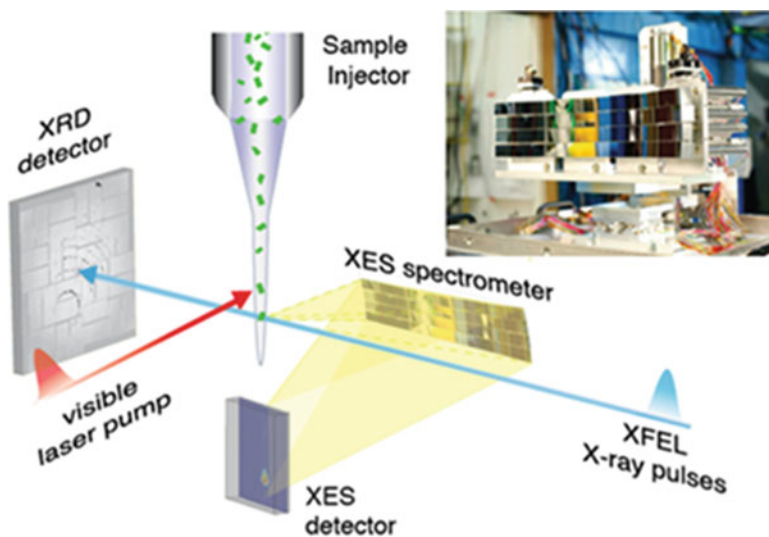


Fig. 28.6 Setup for simultaneous XES/XRD at the LCLS XFEL. The XES spectrometer is mounted at 90° to the fs X-ray pulses and the XRD is recorded in forward scattering. The sample is introduced into the interaction region using a jet as shown here, but other methods can also be used. The energy dispersive XES spectrometer is shown at *top right*. Illumination of the samples is achieved by visible laser pumps and are used for time resolved optical pump X-ray probe measurements [36]

reaction paths in metalloenzymes and the important information of how to control electron/proton flow and product/substrate transport, spatially and temporally, during catalysis using the protein framework.

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