

Review

- Overview of XAS (EXAFS, XANES, XRF...)
- Interactions of x-rays with matter
- Measurement of x-rays and XAS
- Information content of EXAFS/XANES
- Some potential limitations in EXAFS





- Dipole forbidden (Δ L = 2) for centrosymmetric complexes
- Weak, but not absent, for all first row transition metals
- Possible mechanisms

 3d+4p mixing (not possible for centrosymmetric complexes
 - -vibronic coupling
 - -direct quadrupole coupling































- Electrostatics harder to remove bound electron
- "Continuum resonance" higher oxidation states have shorter bonds (in general).











































