

A spring-8 new beam line for the fuel cell analysis

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BL36XU is a new beam line in SPring-8 dedicated to the fuel cell analysis using cutting-edge XAFS techniques[1,2]. A tapered undulator emits a highly brilliant X ray with the energy range of 4.5 keV -35 keV which enables us to carry out high time-resolution Quick XAFS (10 ms) , 2 D and 3D microXAFS. For the higher time-resolution XAFS measurement, Dispersive XAFS with 100 micro s time resolution is available. In addition the near ambient pressure (NAP)-XPS is installed in the same beam line and the electronic state of fuel cell catalysts is analyzed under the working conditions. The beam line has a high energy resolution monochromator for X-ray emission spectroscopy as well as bent crystal Laue analyser for highly sensitive fluorescence XAFS less than 1 ML. We discuss the possibility of the future XAFS spectroscopies.

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