

# Refining the Syllabus:

**Can Physically Motivated Descriptors Improve Predictions**

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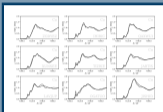
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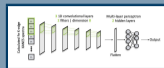
# What is XANESNET?

C Middleton et al. PCCP 25:13325 (2023)  
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Structure to  
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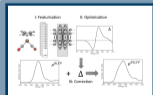
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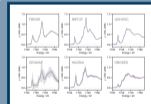


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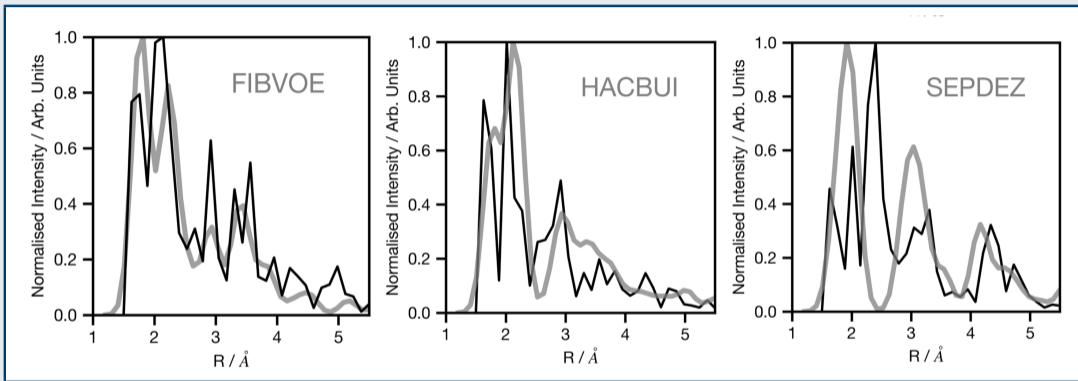
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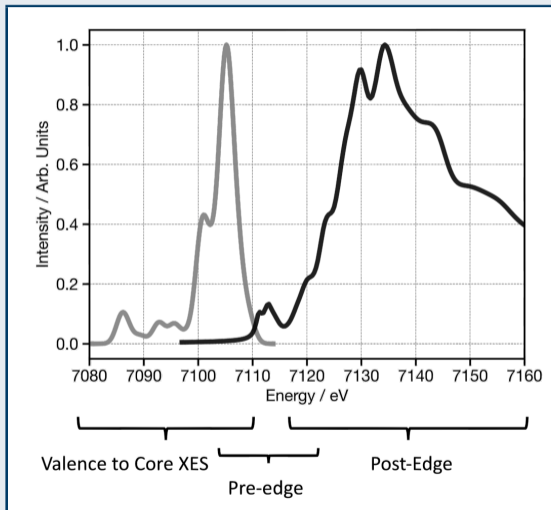
S Verma et al. ChemComm 59:7100 (2023)

# Shapley analysis: The Physics is Important



- Gray:  $G^2$  wACSF feature importance from the Shapley analysis
- Black: Curved waded amplitude of 2 body multiple scattering pathways extracted from FEFF simulations

<sup>1</sup>T Penfold *et al* (2023) Mach. Learn.: Sci. Technol. 5, 021001



- Post-Edge:
  - Core electron is excited into the **continuum**
  - Spectrum contains information about the **geometric structure** around the absorbing atom
- Pre-Edge:
  - Core electron is excited into an **unoccupied orbital**
  - Spectrum contains information about the **electronic structure** of the molecule
- Valence to Core:
  - Core electron is gone and a **valence electron** drops down to take its place
  - Spectrum contains information about the **electronic structure** of the molecule

- Geometric Information

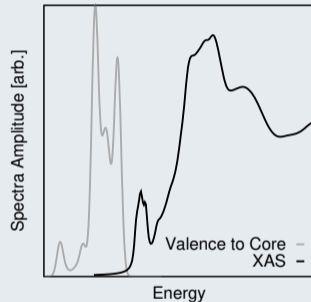
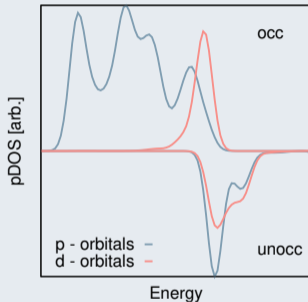
- wACSF

- Electronic Information <sup>1</sup>

- The probability of electronic transition is given by Fermi's golden rule:

$$\Gamma_{i \rightarrow f} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |\langle f | H | i \rangle|^2 \delta(E_i - E_f + \omega)$$

- The 1s orbital of the absorbing atom is involved, so we only need info on the other orbitals
- Partial density of states (pDOS) of occupied and unoccupied orbitals is generated with GFN-xTB <sup>2</sup>

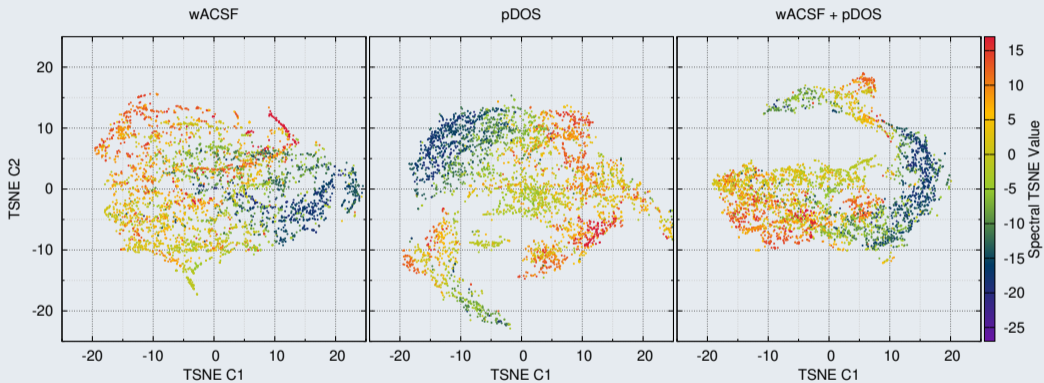


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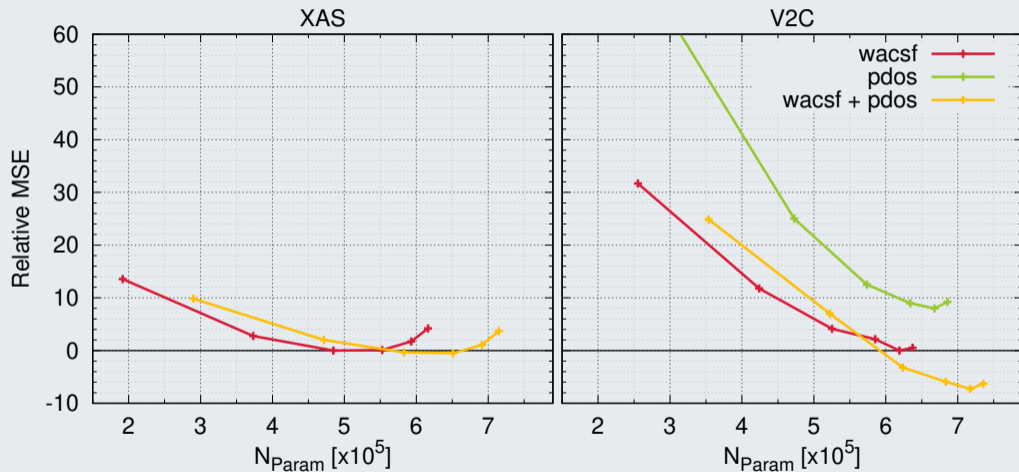
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Does it work?

# Valence to Core TSNE

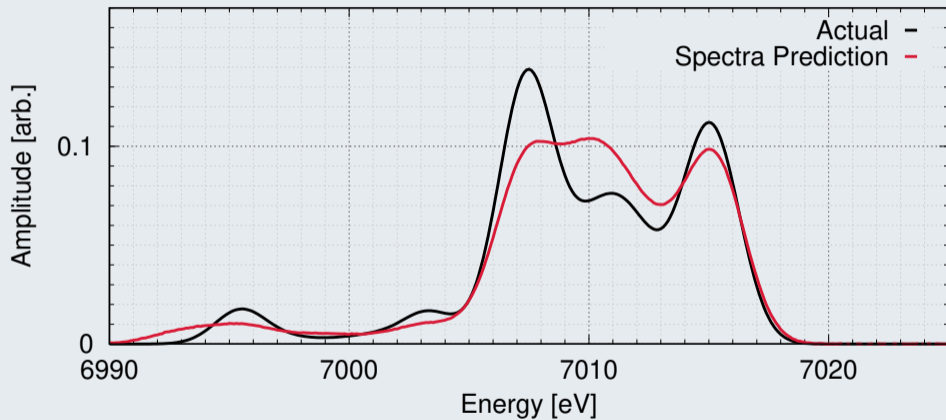


# Predictions with and without the pDOS modification





Can we do better?



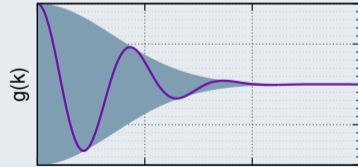
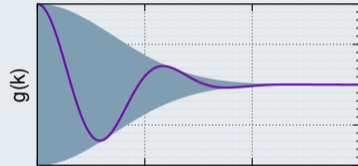
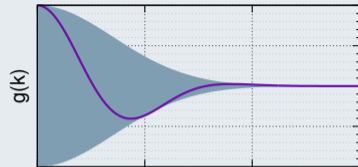
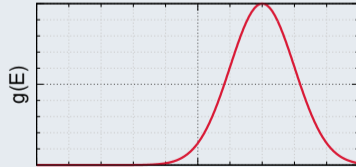
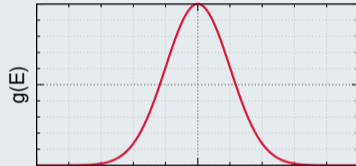
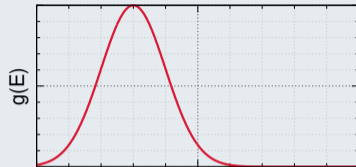
# Cosine Transform Concatenation

Gaussian Function:

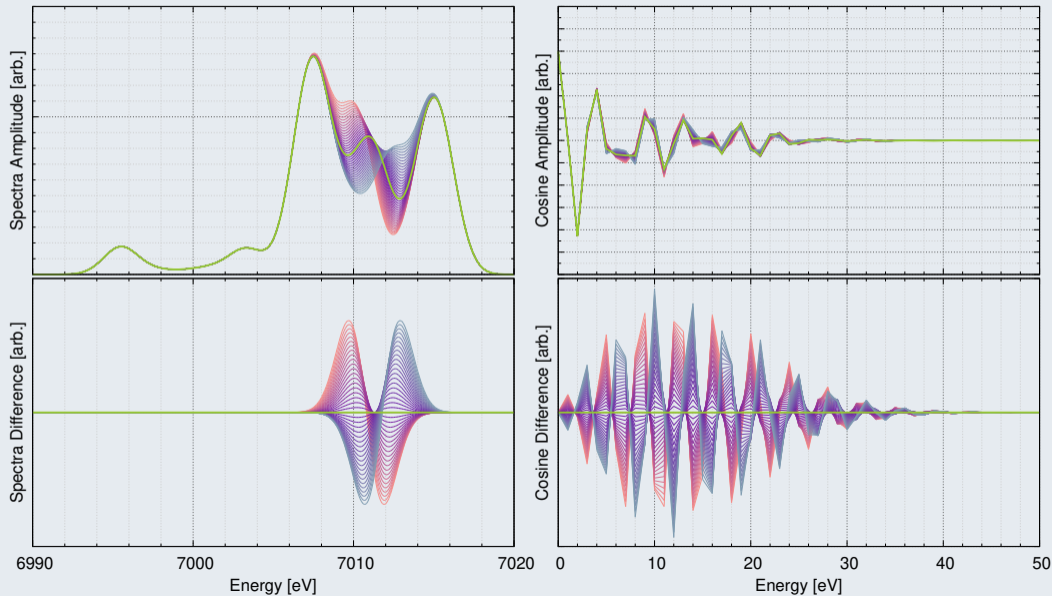
$$g(E) = e^{-(E-E_0)^2/2\sigma^2}$$

Cosine Transform:

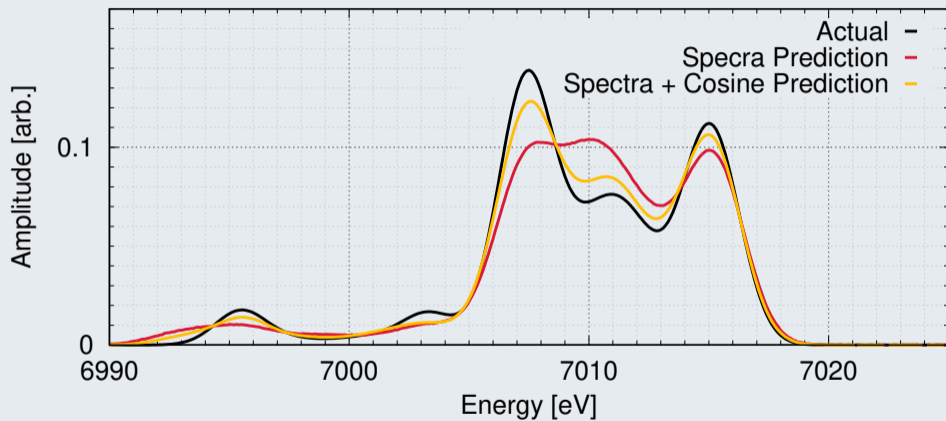
$$g(k) = \sigma e^{-(\sigma k)^2} \cos(E_0 k)$$



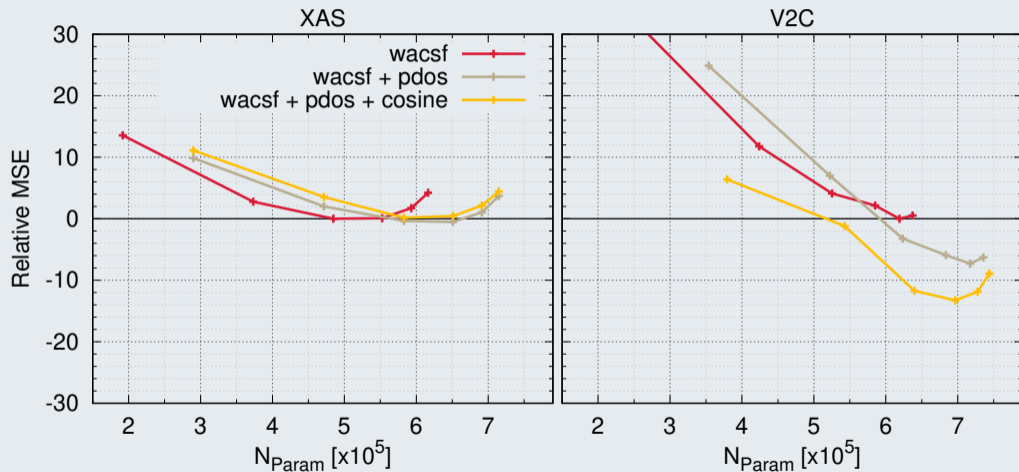
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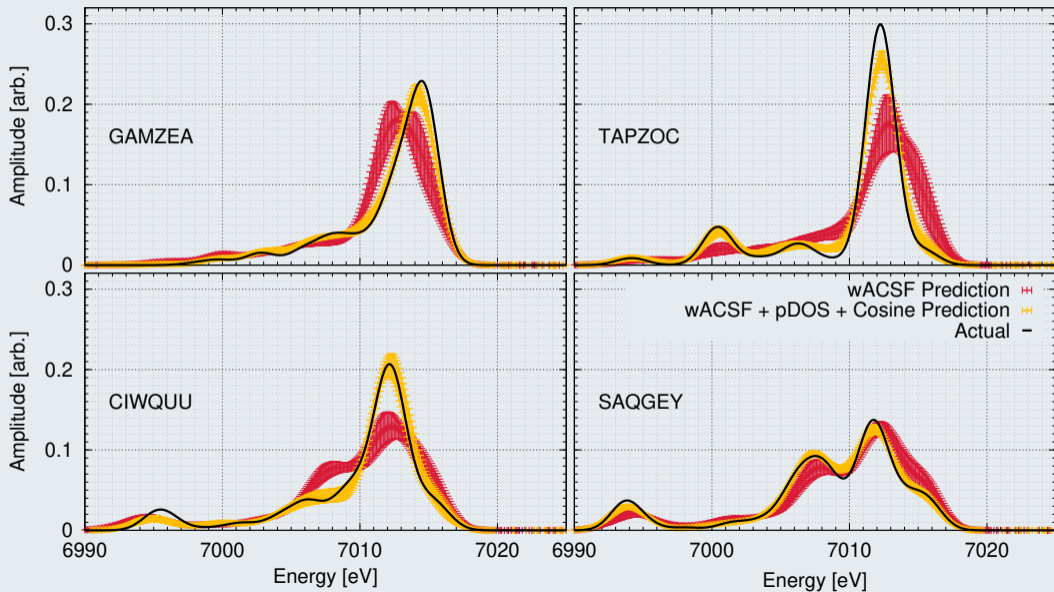
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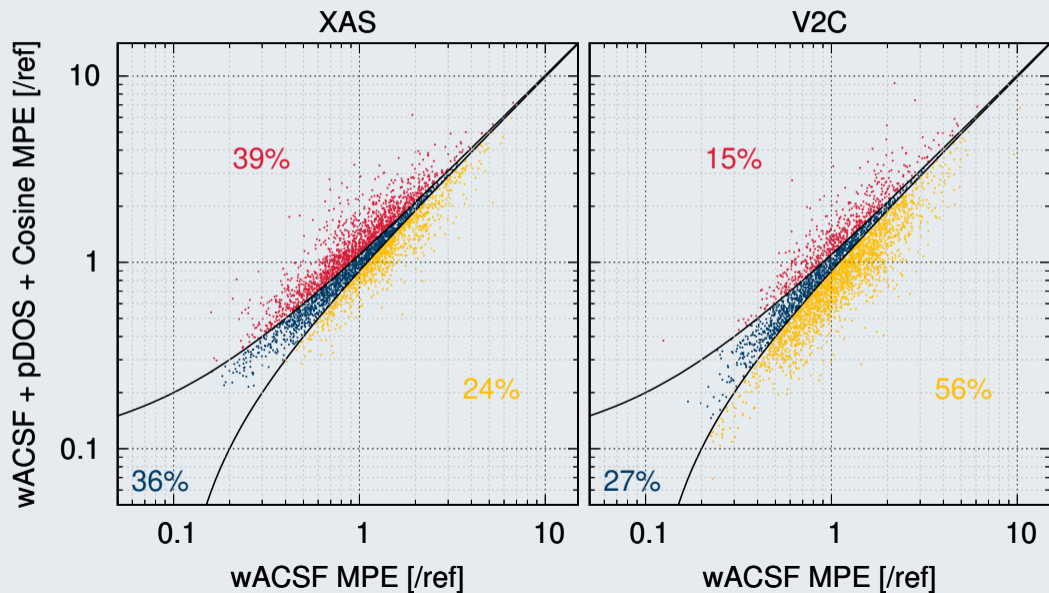
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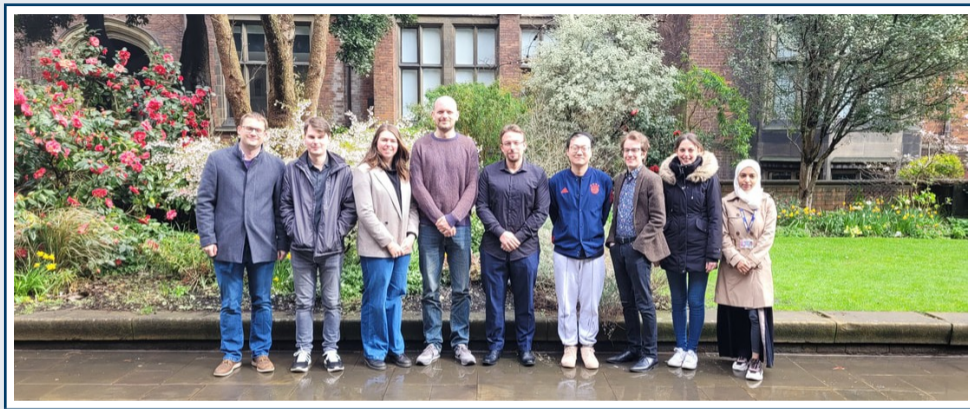
## Conclusions:

**Adding the right physics can improve predictions**

**But, adding irrelevant physics does not help and can hinder predictions**

**Including extra information in the predicted vectors can also improve predictions**

# Aknowledgements



Code: [gitlab.com/team-xnet/xanesnet](https://gitlab.com/team-xnet/xanesnet)

Datasets: [gitlab.com/team-xnet/training-sets](https://gitlab.com/team-xnet/training-sets)

Tutorials: [gitlab.com/team-xnet/tutorials](https://gitlab.com/team-xnet/tutorials)

Online Interface: Coming Soon



Thank you

Any Questions?