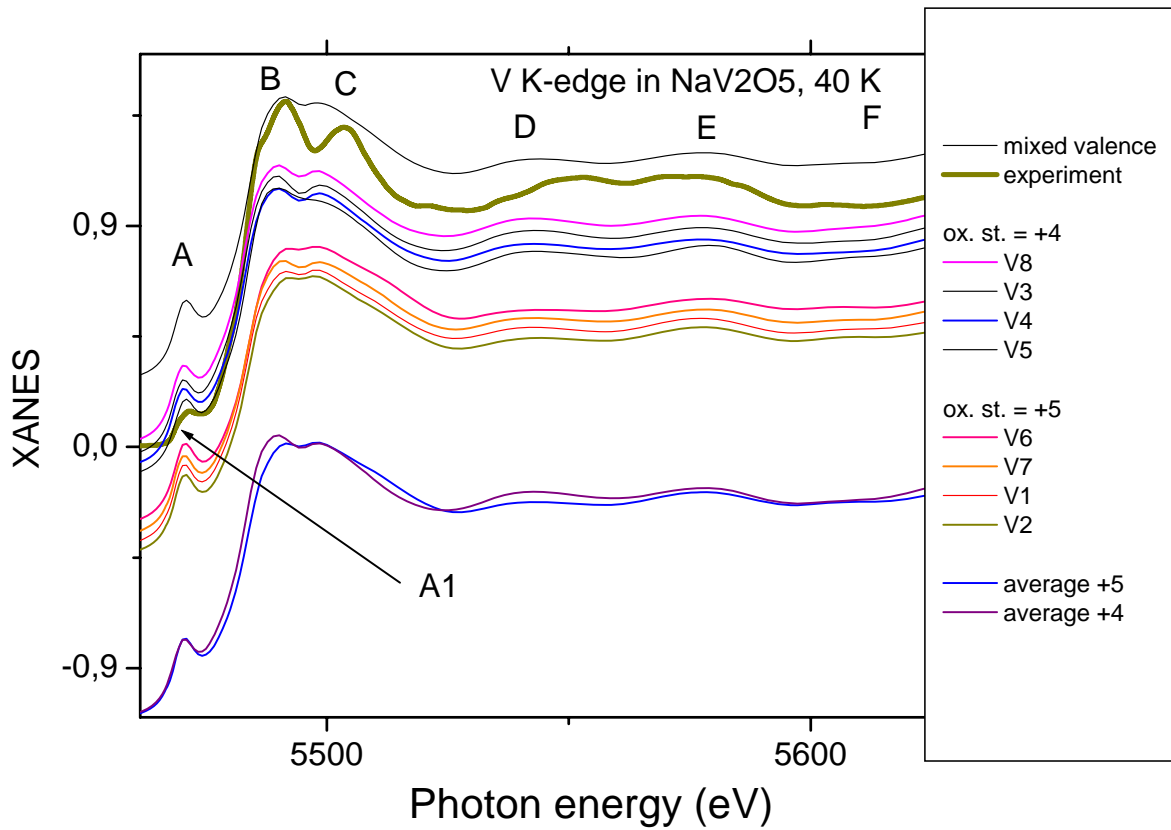
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## Report:

We investigated the charge fluctuations and mixed valence effects in NaV<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> single crystals. The measurements of the XANES and EXAFS spectra of NaV<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and N<sub>0.95</sub>V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> are performed at the room temperature and at 15 K. The results are compared with calculations based on self-consistent real space full multiple scattering analysis. A comparison between experimental and theoretical V K edge XANES of NaV<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> crystals is presented in Figure 1. The lowest energy structure is the peak A with a low energy shoulder A1 is found to be a characteristic feature for all mixed V<sup>4.5+</sup>. In the higher energy region of the XANES, we observed the shoulders B and C, which are h are s indicators for the perfect perovskite structure. The D and E doublet appears as a consequence of V-O layered structure along the c-axis.



**Figure 1.** Comparison of the experimental V K edge XANES in  $\text{NaV}_2\text{O}_5$  single crystals with the theoretical spectra.

The calculated spectra exhibit an oversmoothed white line feature as compared to experimental spectra and the lack of A1 feature. This seems to be a common fault of calculations in Hedin Lundquist potentials, and indicates that interaction which describes the electron correlations within V-O-V rungs needs to be included in the model.