



Chemical speciation with high resolution x-ray spectroscopy

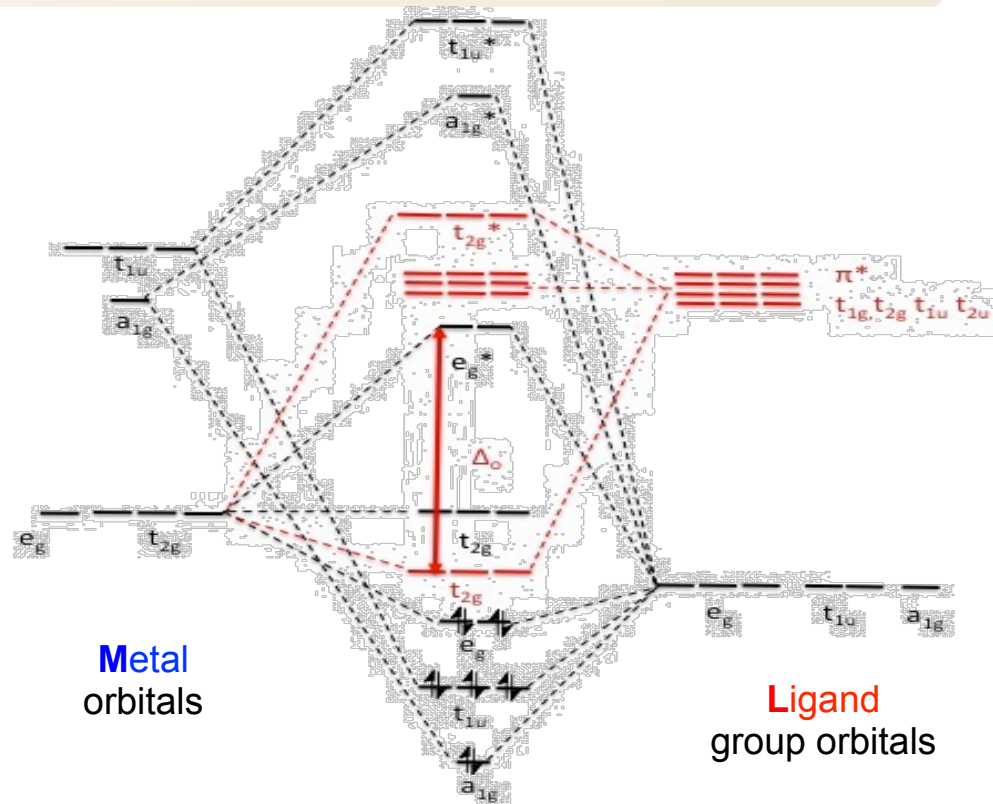
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X-ray Spectroscopy → Electronic Structure characterization

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Employing electronic transitions for deciphering the electronic structure of materials

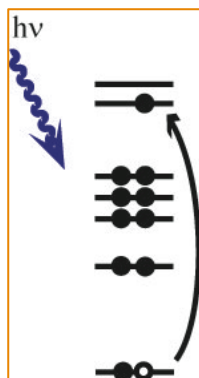
Probing Chemical environment via **Energy**, **Intensity** and **Symmetry** of transitions

X-ray Spectroscopy

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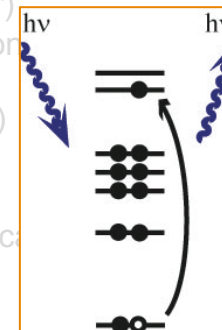
X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy (XAS)

- Near-Edge XAS (NEXAFS, XANES)
- Extended XAS (EXAFS)
- Detection via:
 - Electrons: TEY, PEY, AEY
 - Radiative: TFY, PFY, XES
- Combined with Imaging
 - Scanning (STXM)
 - Full-Field (TXM)



Inelastic X-ray Scattering (IXS)

- Nuclear Resonant Scattering (Mössbauer)
- Collective Dynamics Excitation (Relaxation Sound)
- Non-res Valence-to-Valence (UV-vis IXS)
- Non-res Core Excitations (X-ray Raman)
- Resonant Excitations (RIXS)
 - Charge Transfer, Hybridization, Localized States
- Momentum Resolved RIXS
 - Spin Excitations, *d-d* excitations
- Detection via:
 - Gratings (Soft)
 - Crystal Optics (Hard)

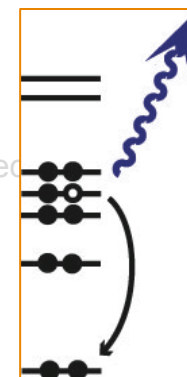


X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS)

- Ultra-Violet PES (UPS)
- Soft X-ray PES (PES, XPS)
- Hard X-ray PES (HXPES, HAXPES)
- Detection via Electrostatic Hemispheres, Cylinders
- Combined with:
 - Mott Detector (Spin-Resolved)
 - Imaging lens (PEEM)
 - Time-of-Flight Detector (TOF-PES)
 - Momentum Dispersion (ARPES)
- Resonant Excitation
 - Resonant Photoemission (RPES)
 - Resonant Auger (RAES)
 - Core-Hole Clock

X-ray Emission Spectroscopy (XES)

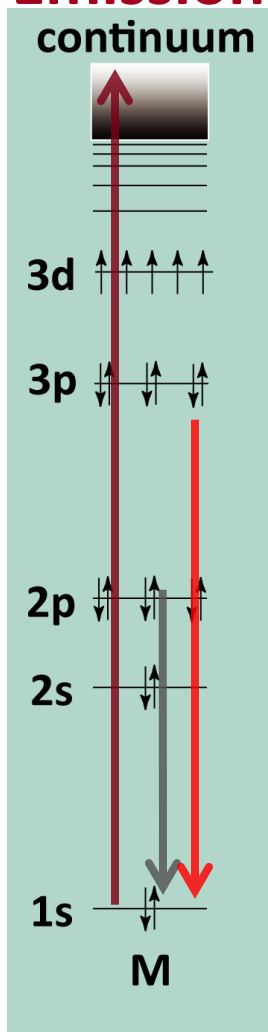
- Non-Resonant Core-to-Core XES
- Non-Resonant Valence-to-Core XES
- Detection via:
 - Gratings (Soft)
 - Crystal Optics (Hard)
- High Energy Resolution Fluorescence Detection (HERFD)
- Resonant Excitation +
 - X-ray emission = RXES
 - Inelastic Scattering = RIXS



X-ray Emission and X-ray Absorption Spectroscopies

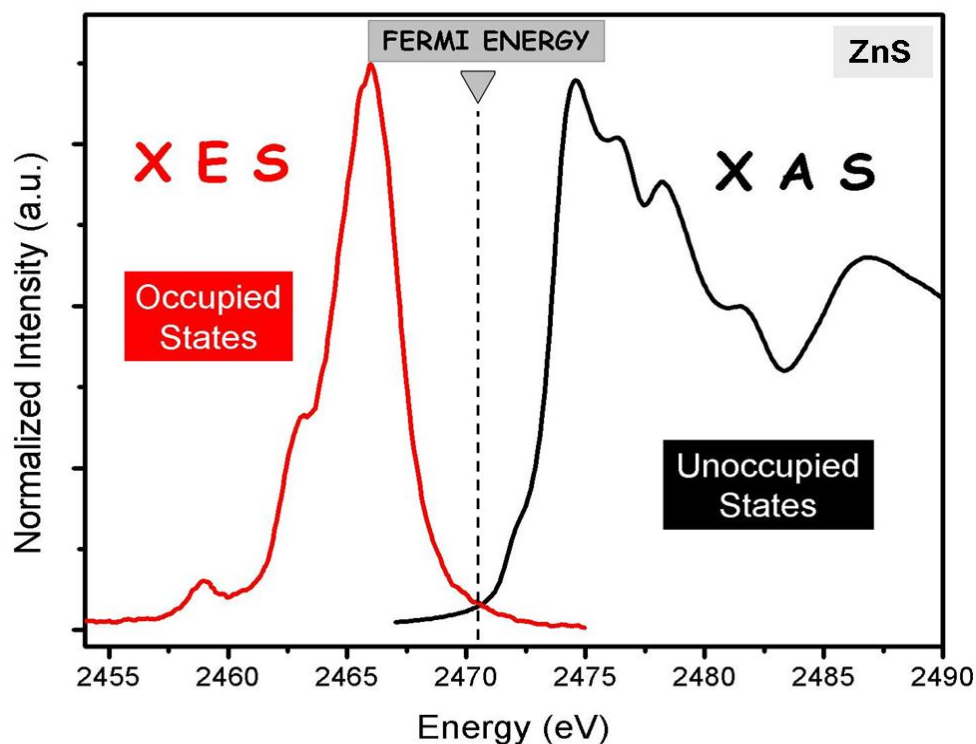
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Emission

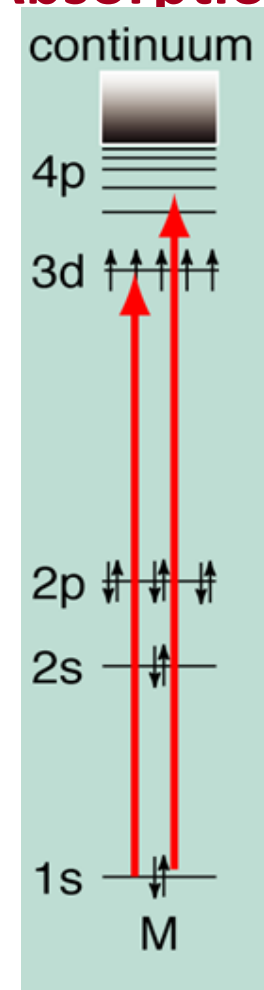


Different **information**
from **different**
transitions

Oxidation state
Ligand environment
Coordination / Bond dist.

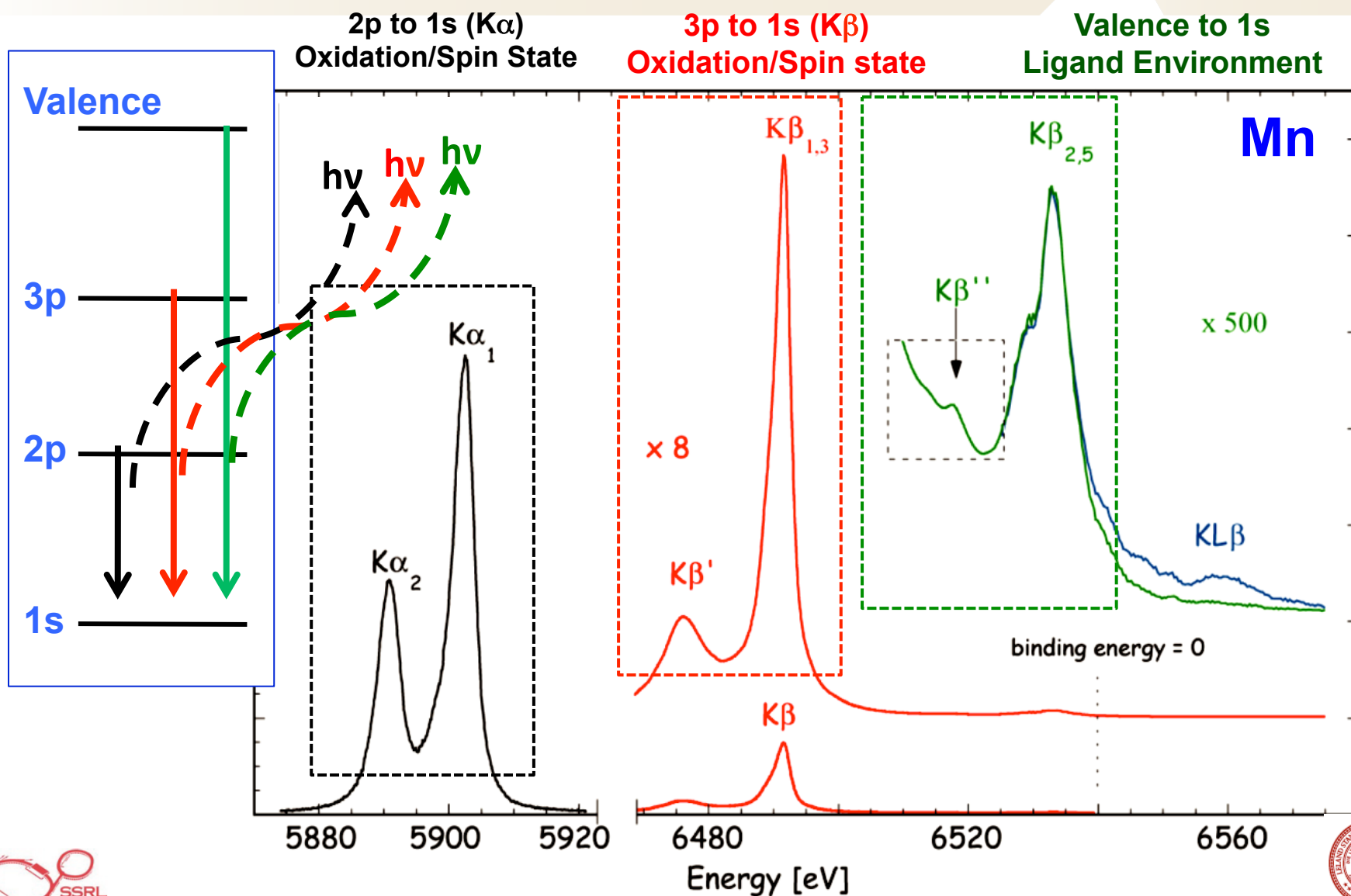


Absorption



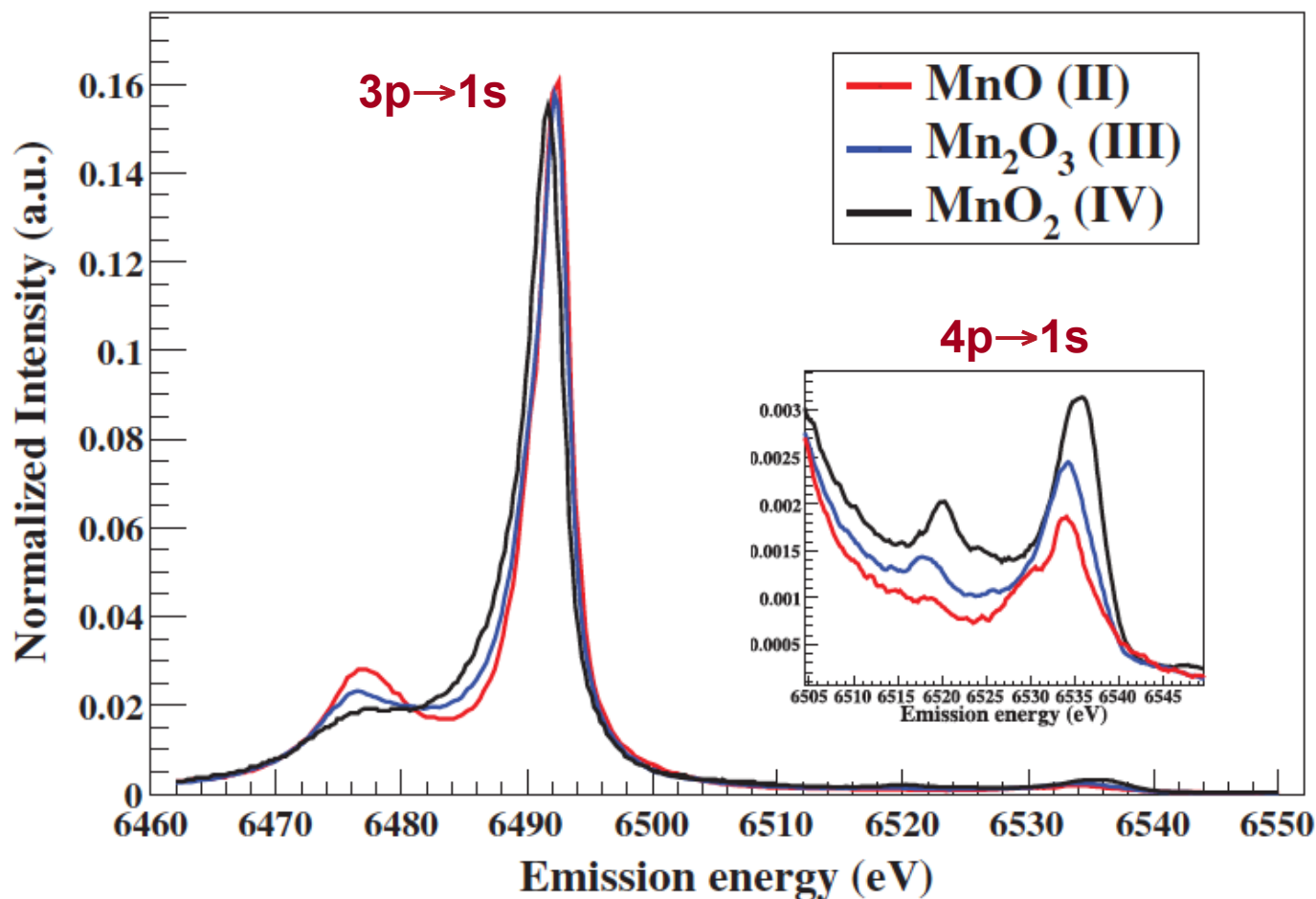
Chemical Sensitivity of X-ray Emission Spectroscopy

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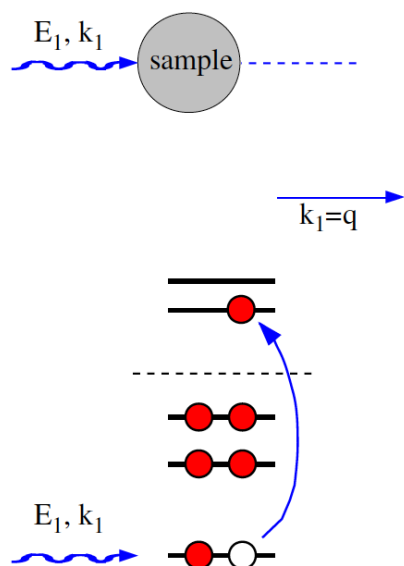


spin-state sensitivity of $K\beta_{1,3}$ emission lines due to the $3p$ - $3d$ exchange interaction

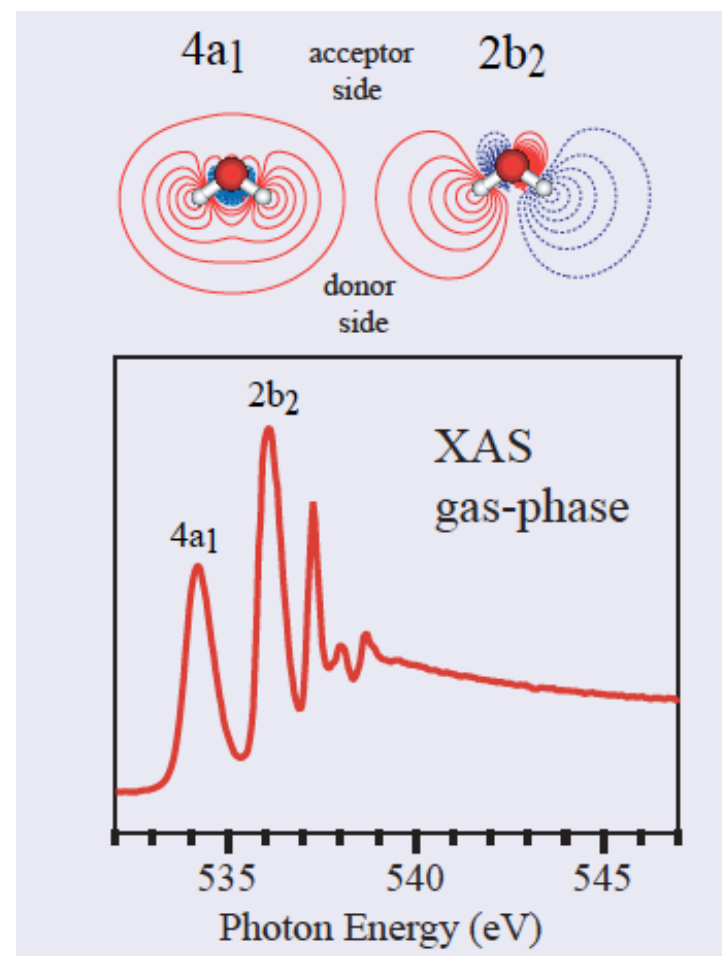


X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy

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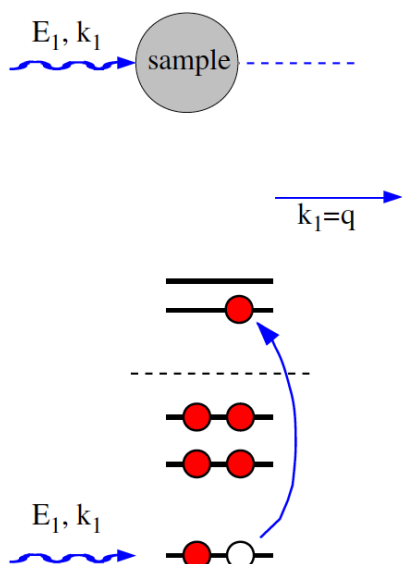


- Probes lower unoccupied states
- Element Specific
- Frozen Geometry

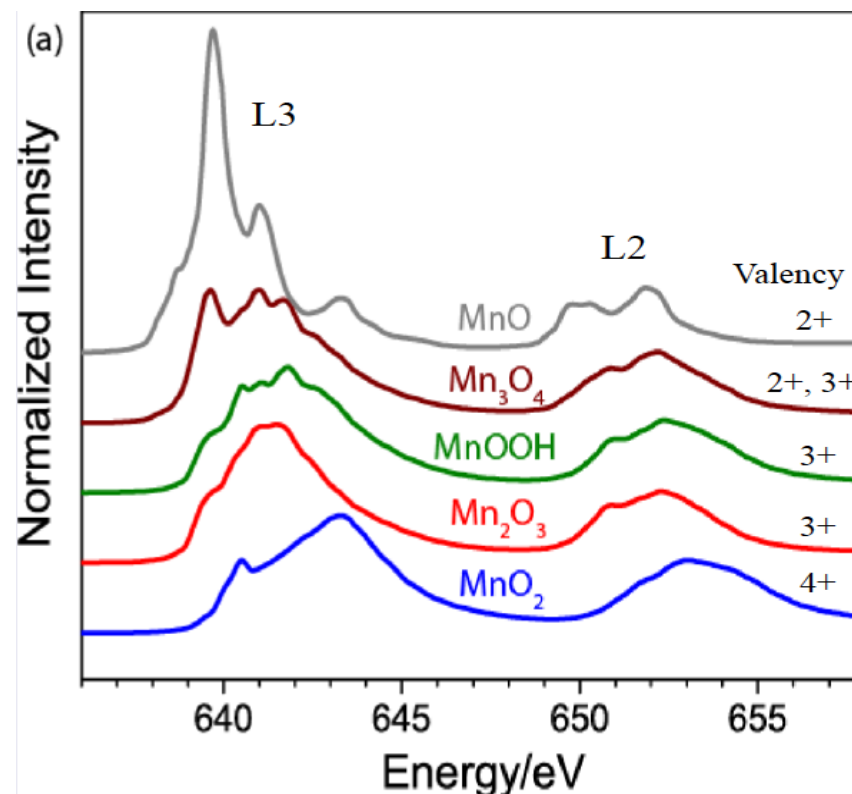


X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy

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- Probes lower unoccupied states
- Element Specific
- Frozen Geometry
- Information on
 - **Oxidation State**

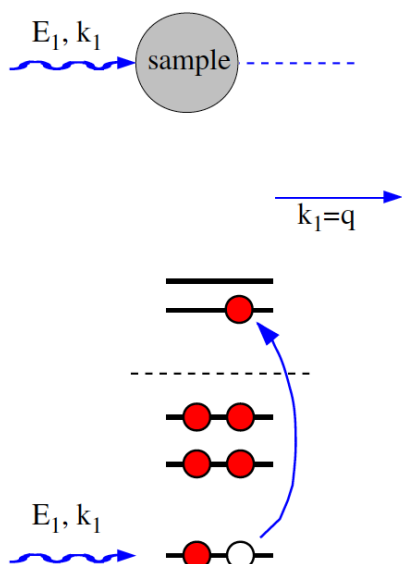


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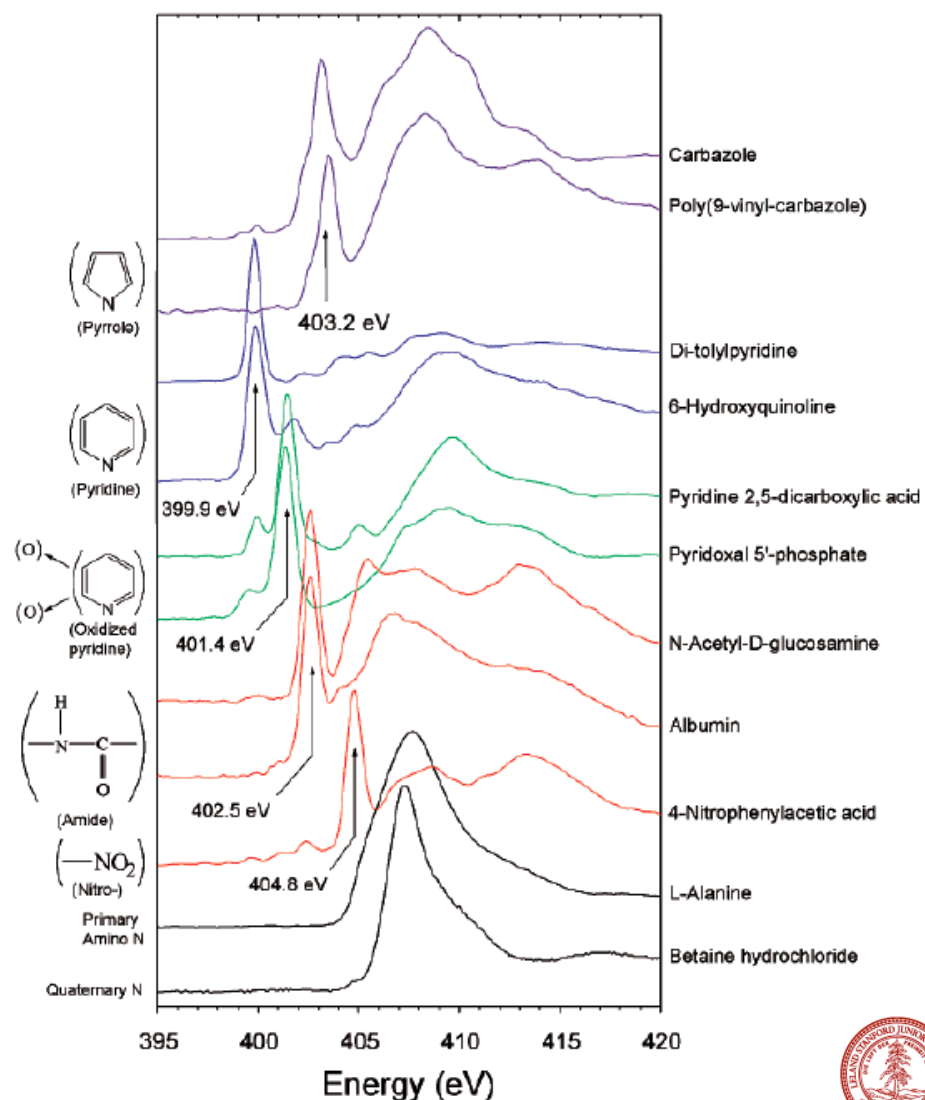


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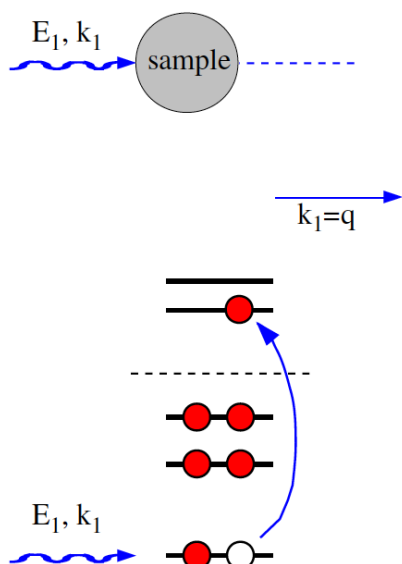


- Probes lower unoccupied states
- Element Specific
- Frozen Geometry
- Information on
 - **Oxidation State**
 - **Chemical Environment**

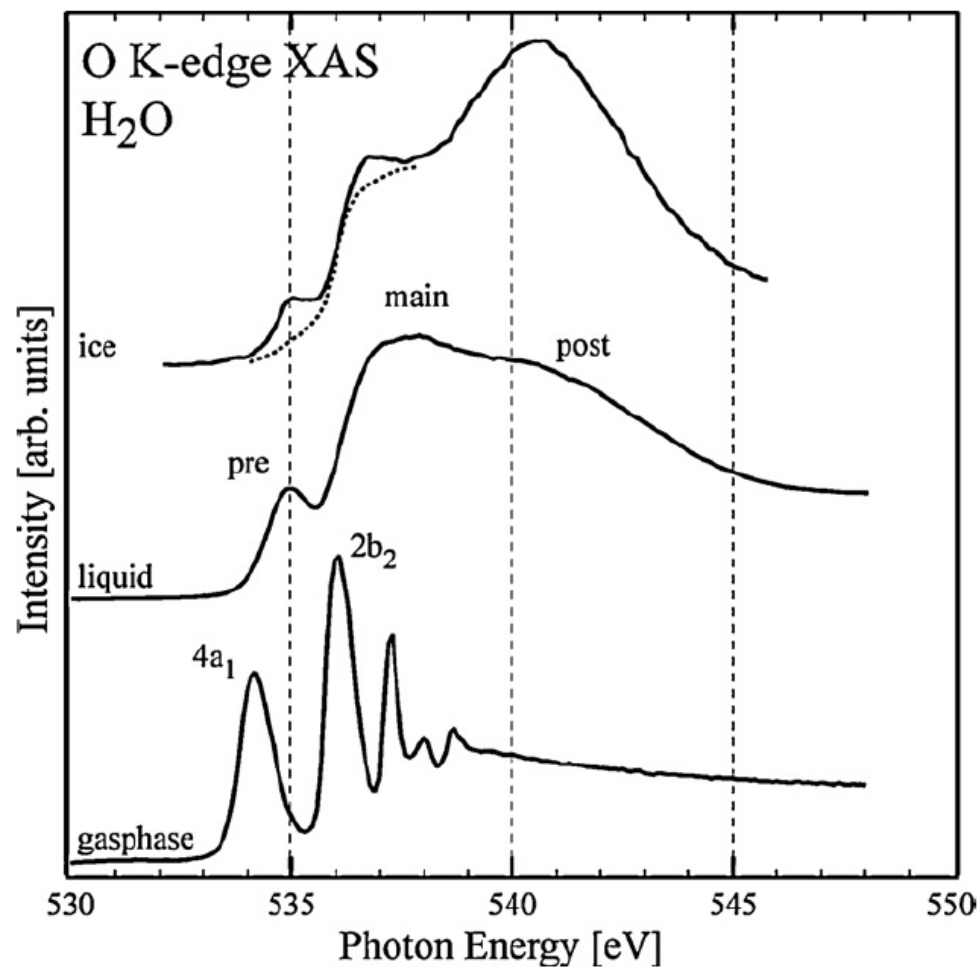


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- Probes lower unoccupied states
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 - **Oxidation State**
 - **Chemical Environment**
 - **Weak Bonding (e.g. H-bonds)**



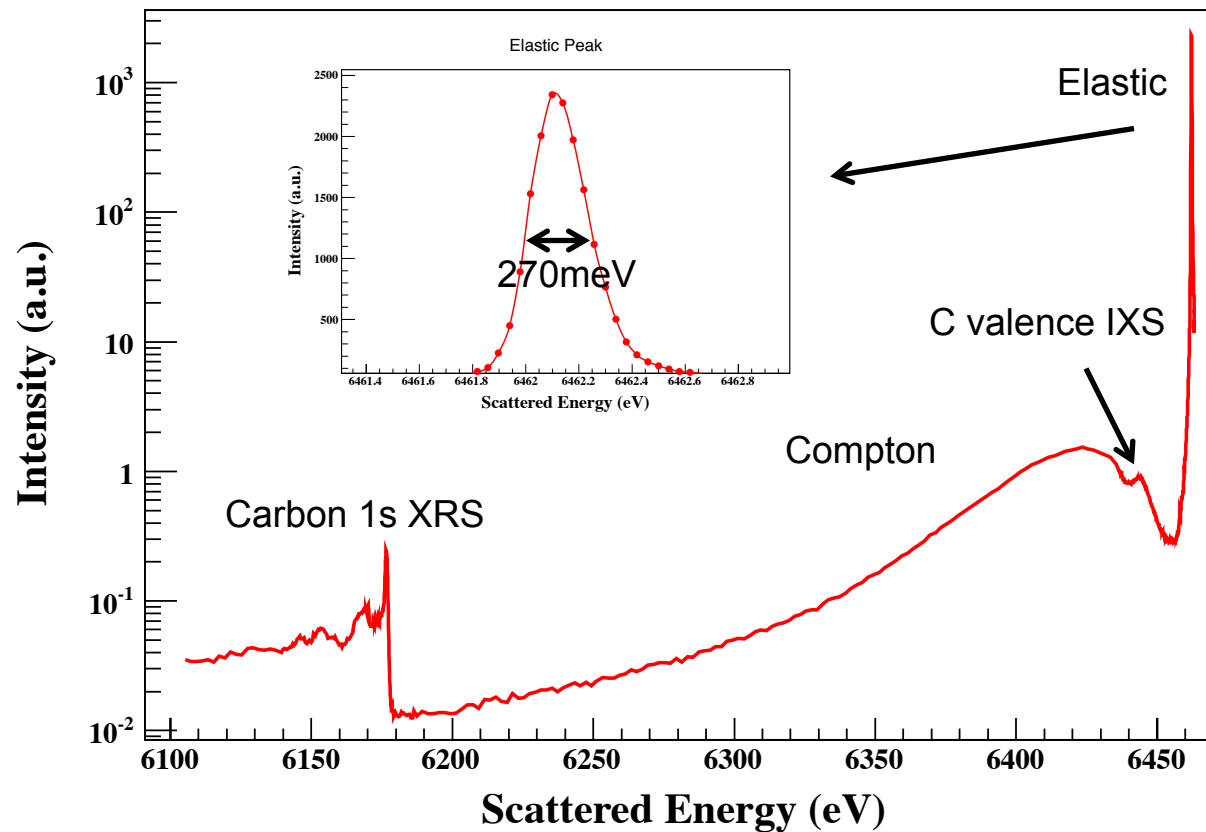
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Inelastic X-ray Scattering mechanisms

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Carbon XRS



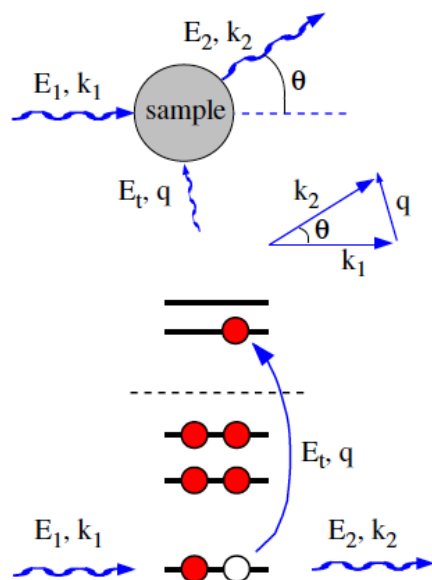
Scattering of 6462 eV photons on bulk Carbon target



Schematic of the X-ray Raman Spectroscopy – An inelastic X-ray Scattering Process

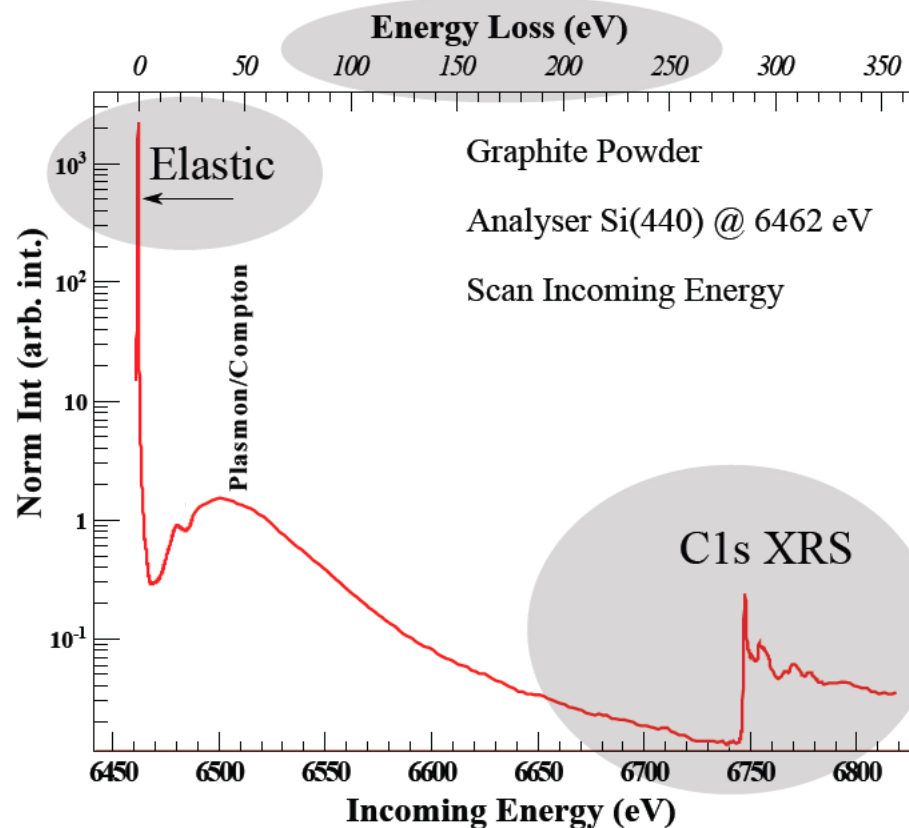
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Detecting **photon-energy loss** and **NOT** absolute photon-energy



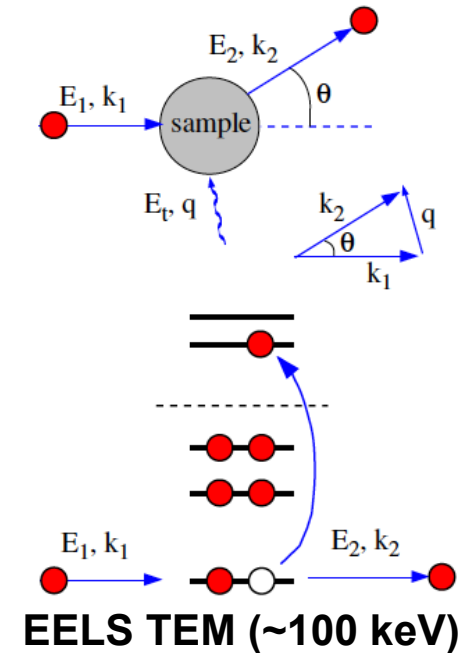
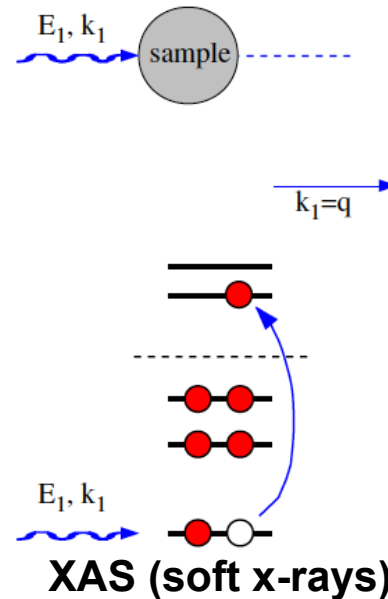
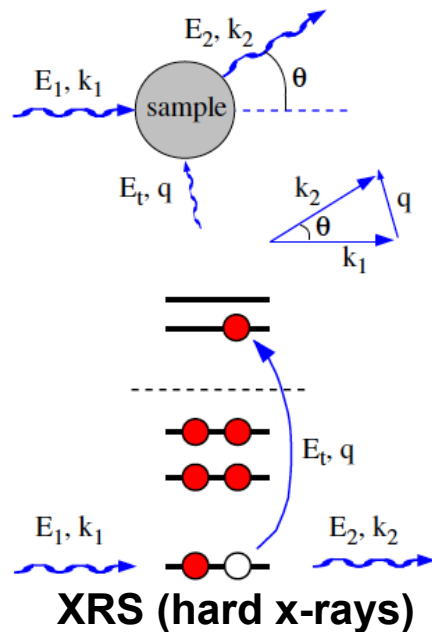
$$S(\mathbf{q}, \omega)^{IXS} \sim |\langle i | e^{-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}} | f \rangle|^2$$

Dipole approx.: $e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \rightarrow \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}$, similar matrix diagram as **soft x-ray absorption**.



Principle of X-ray Raman Scattering (XRS)

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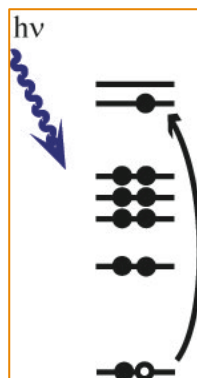
X-ray Spectroscopy

Core-Level X-ray Spectroscopy = X-rays + Core-Level Transitions

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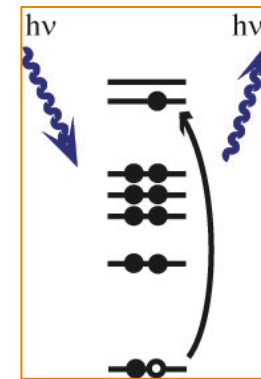
X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy (XAS)

- Element/Site Specific
- Frozen Geometry
- Local unocc. electronic structure
- Sensitivity to
 - Weak bond (e.g. H-bond)
 - Chemical Environment
 - Oxidation State / Valency
 - Symmetry
 - Spin



Resonant Inelastic X-ray Scatt (RIXS)

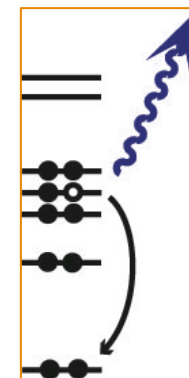
- Element/Site Specific
- Local electronic structure
- Low-Energy Excitations
 - $d-d$
 - charge transfer
- Momentum Resolved
 - Dispersion
- Increased Resolution
 - $\Delta E/E < \text{core-hole}$ (HERFD-XAS)



- X-ray
 - Penetration Depth
 - Flexible Sample Environment
- Core-Level Transitions
 - Element/Site Specificity
 - Selection Rules
 - Local Electronic Structure
 - partial DOS
 - valency
 - symmetry
 - spin

X-ray Emission Spectroscopy (XES)

- Element/Site Specific
- Frozen Geometry
- Local occ electronic structure
- Simple Final State
- Sensitivity to
 - Chemical Environment
 - Oxidation State/Valency
 - Symmetry
 - Spin



X-ray Spectroscopy

Core-Level X-ray Spectroscopy

Level Transitions

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X-ray Absorption

- Element
- From
- L
-

“Peel-Off” Electronic Structure
Probe electronic structure locally
⇒ **Element specific**

⇒ **Site specific**

Resolve partial **density of states**

⇒ **Hybridization**

⇒ **Valency**

⇒ **Symmetry**

⇒ **Spin**

X-ray ⇒ Flexible Environment

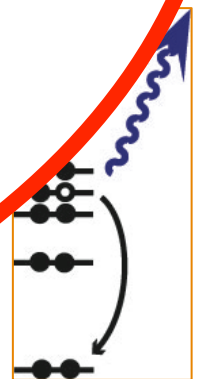
Core-hole ⇒ Specificity & Sensitivity

10^{-18} sec transition ⇒ Dynamic Range (sec to femtosec)

- v
- symmetric
- spin

Scatt (RIXS)

hv'



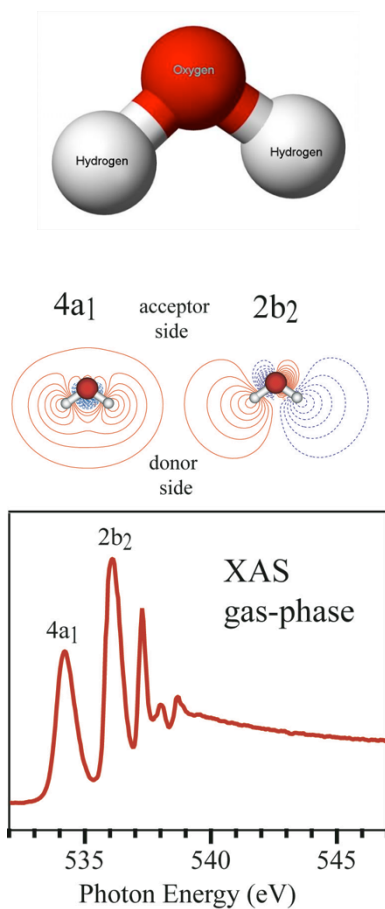
X-ray Spectroscopy

X-rays Offers Flexible Environment

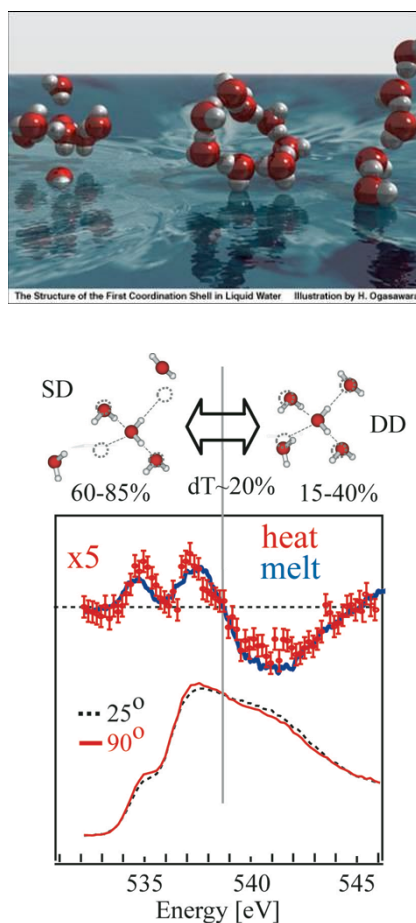
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X-rays Can Probe All Phases

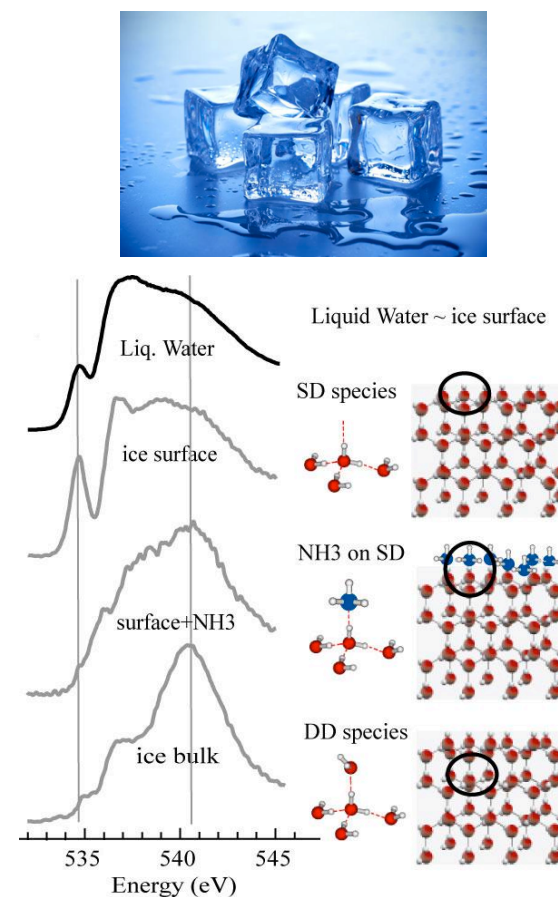
Gas-Phase



Liquid Phase



Solid Phase



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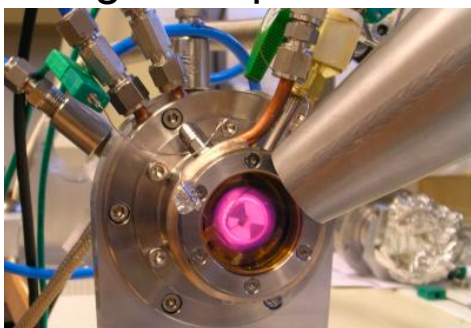
X-rays Can Probe Elaborate Environments

Extreme Conditions

High Pressure

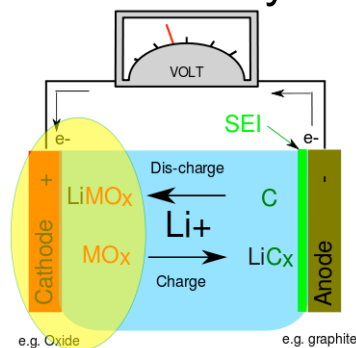


High Temperature

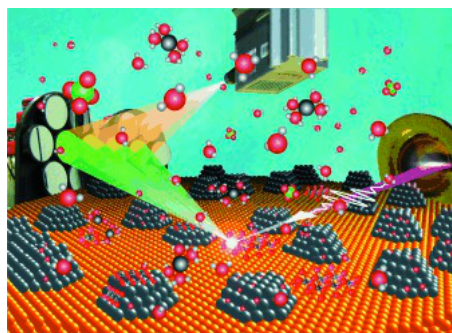


In Situ

Battery



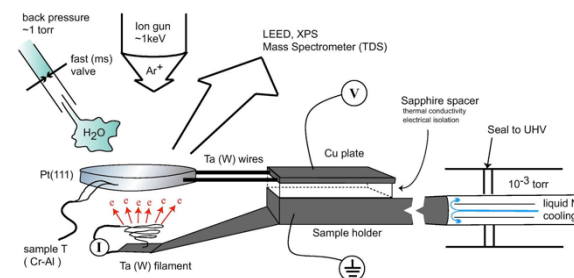
Electrochemistry



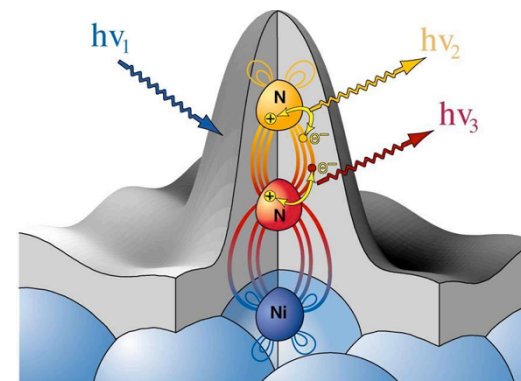
Courtesy of D. Friebe

In Vacuum

in-situ preparation...



..of well-defined systems



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X-ray Spectroscopy

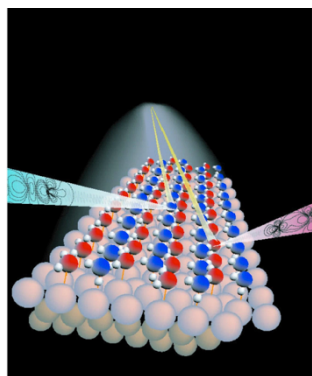
Involvement of Core Level offers Selectivity and Sensitivity

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Element and Site Specificity: Probe Locally

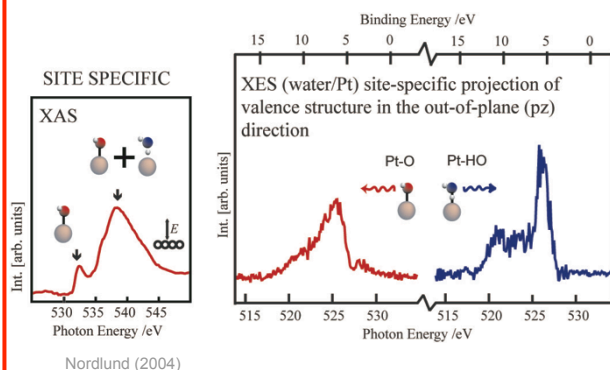
Adsorbates/Interfaces

Locally at the interface ($\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{Pt}$)



PRL 89, 276102 (2002)

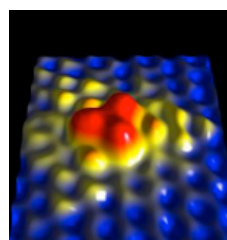
Specific site (hydrogen up/down)



Dopants/Defects

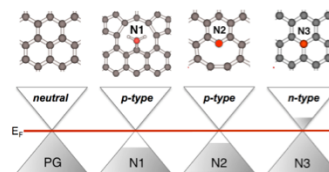
Local Electronic Structure governs Workfunction & Bandgap

N/graphene

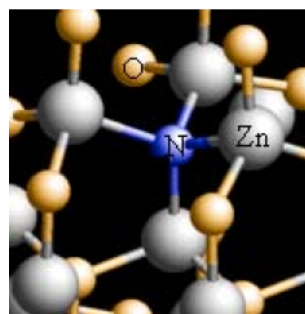


Science 333, 999 (2011)

N/graphene



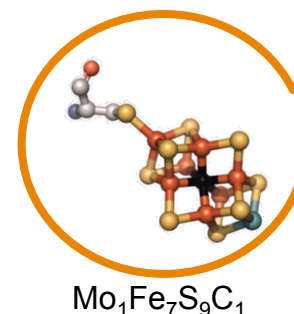
Electron/Hole mobility



NREL

Active Center

Enzymes



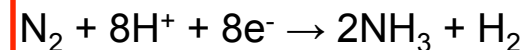
$\text{Mo}_1\text{Fe}_7\text{S}_9\text{C}_1$

$>10^4$ C/N/O

Science 334, 974-977 (2011)

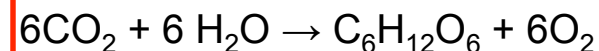
N-fixation

Nitrogenase vs *Haber-Bosch*



C-fixation

Photosynthesis vs *Fischer-Tropsch*



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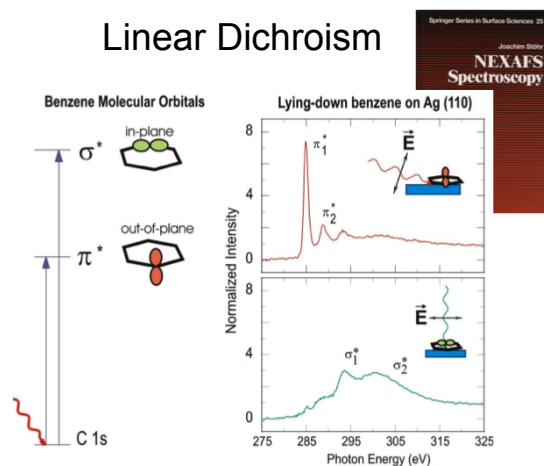
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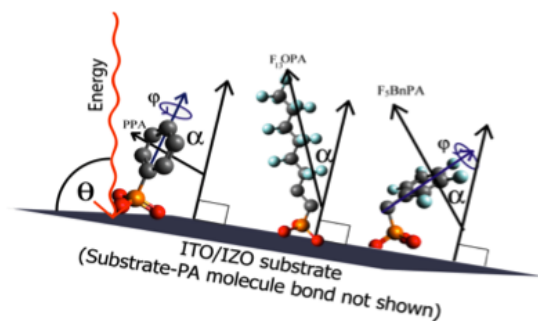
Core Level Transitions Involves Strong Selection Rules

Orbital Orientation

Linear Dichroism



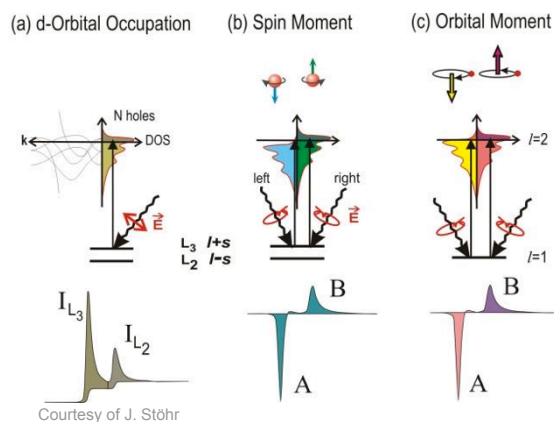
SAM orientation



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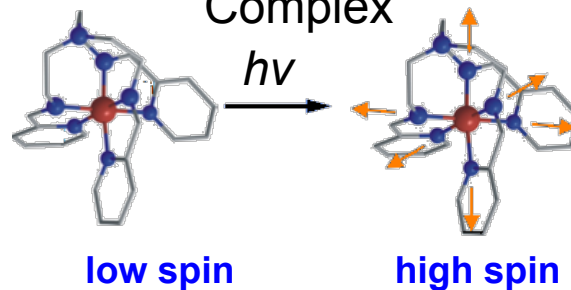
Spin and Symmetry

Circular Dichroism / Magnetism



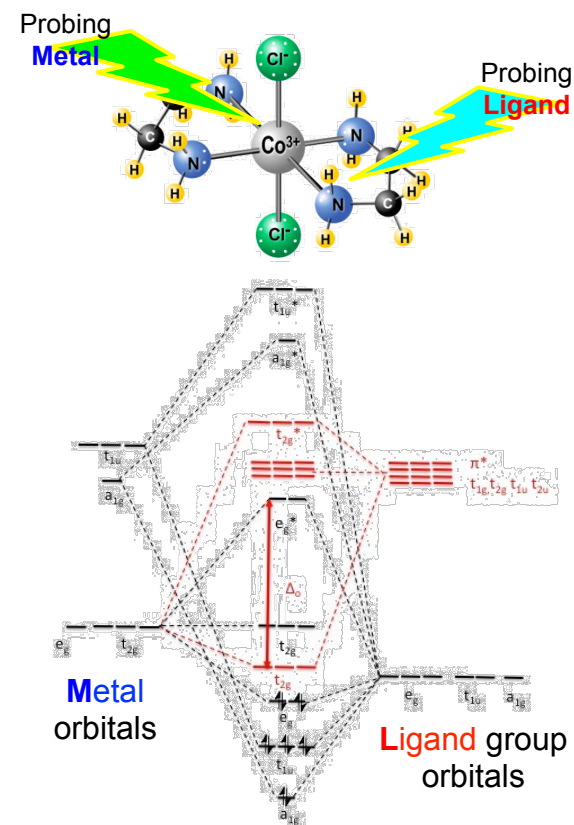
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Spin Crossover Complex



Experimental LCAO

Metal-Ligand Chemical Bond



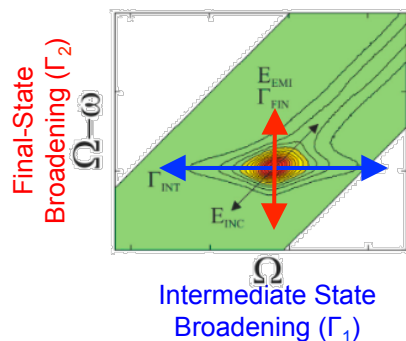
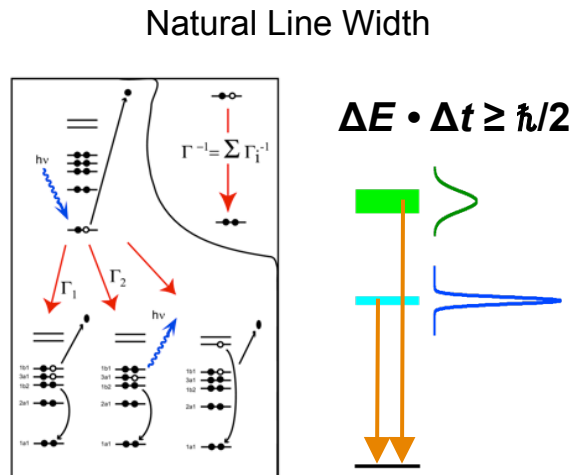
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X-ray transition is fast (10^{-18}sec) which offers Dynamic Range (sec to femtosec)

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(Core-Hole) Intrinsic Lifetime and Energy Resolution

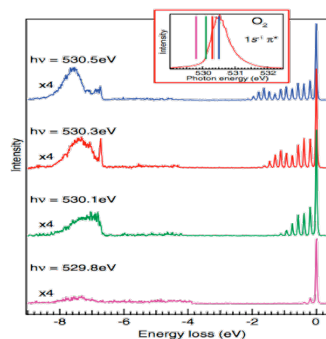
Time-Energy Uncertainty



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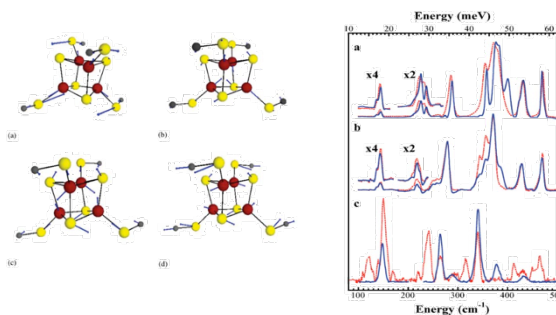
Time-domain

Potential Energy Surface of Oxygen Gas Molecule



PRL 104, 19302 (2010)

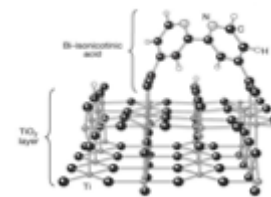
Nuclear Resonance Vibrational Spectroscopy



Dalton Trans. 2192-2201 (2006)

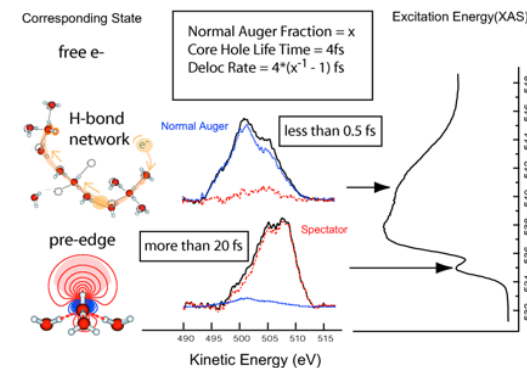
Core-Hole Clock

Dye to Semiconductor



Schnadt, Nature (2002)

Localized States (e^- water)



"Pushing the electron delocalization in liquid water and ice at attosecond time scales"
Nordlund, Ogasawara, Wu et al. Phys. Rev. Lett 99 (2007)

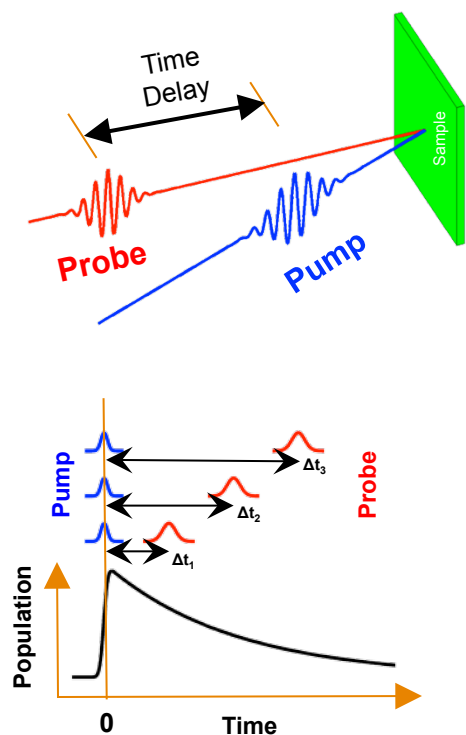
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Time-Resolved X-ray Spectroscopy: Ultrafast Pump-Probe

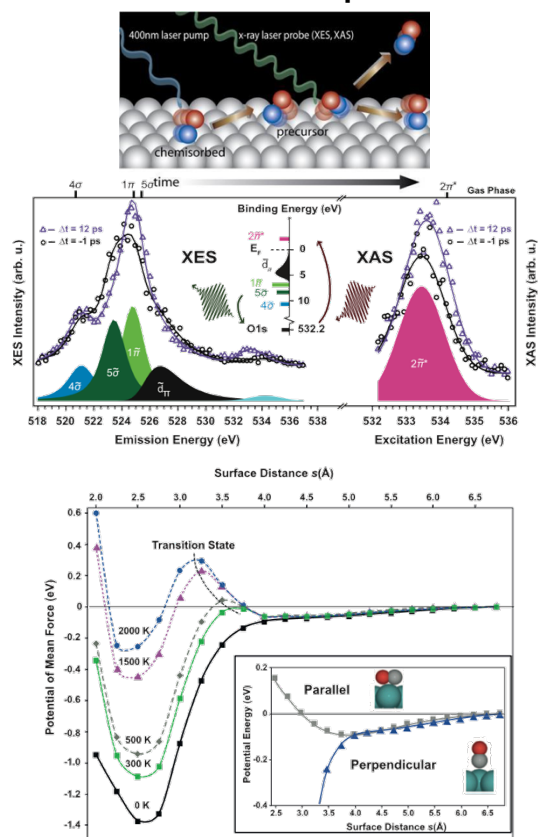
Pump-Probe



- LCLS : $\delta t \sim 50 \text{ fs}$
- SSRL (low-alpha) : $\delta t \sim 5 \text{ ps}$

Thermal Activation

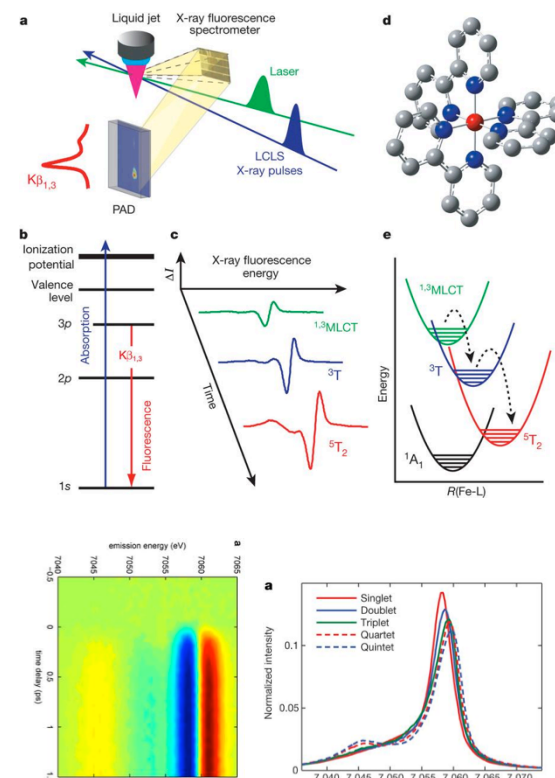
CO desorption



Science 339, 1302-1305 (2013)

Valence Excitation

Spin Dynamics



Nature 509, 345-348 (2013)

X-ray Spectroscopy requires Intense X-ray Sources

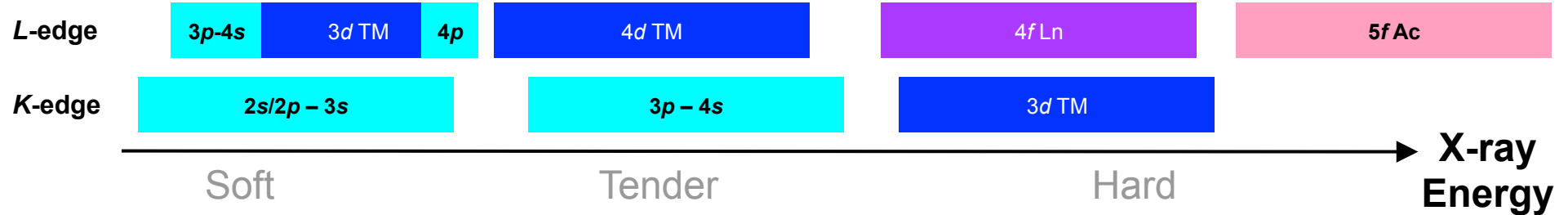
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SSRL: 3 GeV, 500 mA

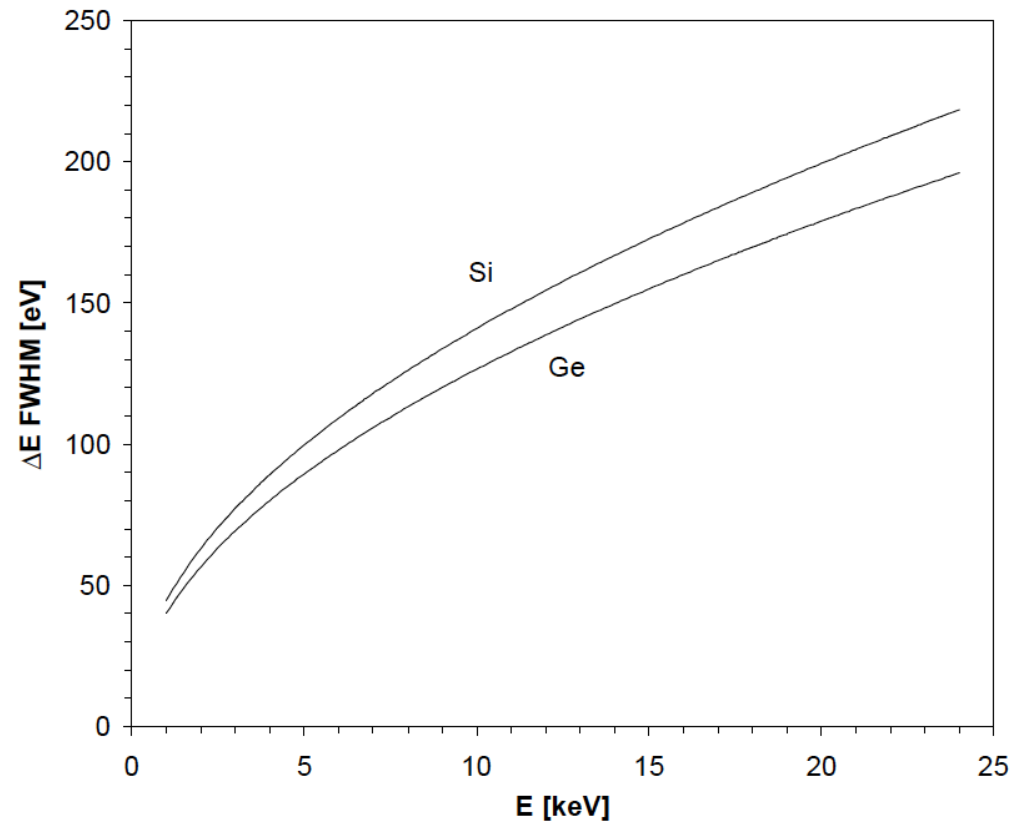
LCLS: Hard X-ray FEL





X-ray detection schemes

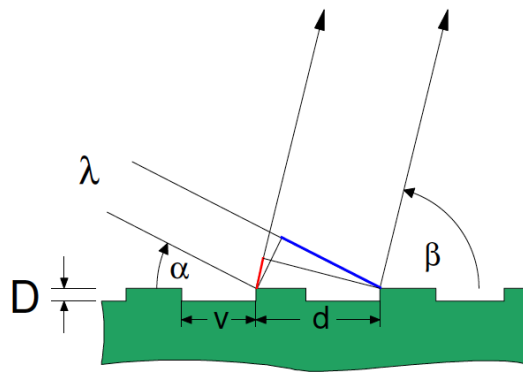
- Current Integration Detectors: PhotoDiodes or Ionization Chamber (no energy resolution)
- Semiconductors (Si, Ge) with amplifying electronics
 - Single photon detection
 - High efficiency/solid angle
 - Detecting extended range
 - For Si, Fano Factor restricts the energy resolution to a physical minimum of $\sim 115\text{eV}$ (@ 5.89keV)



Resolving x-rays with a high energy resolution – Diffractive x-ray optics

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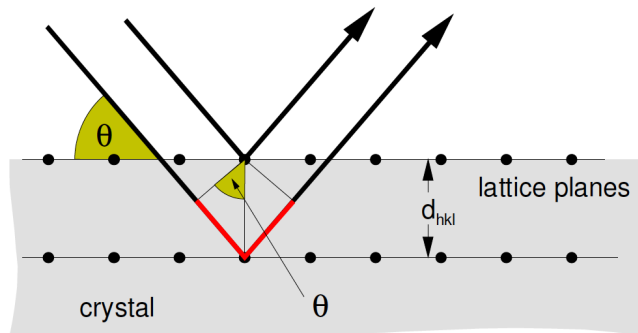
- Diffraction Gratings



$$m \frac{\lambda}{d} = (\sin \alpha + \sin \beta)$$

soft x-rays

- Bragg-type x-ray crystal optics

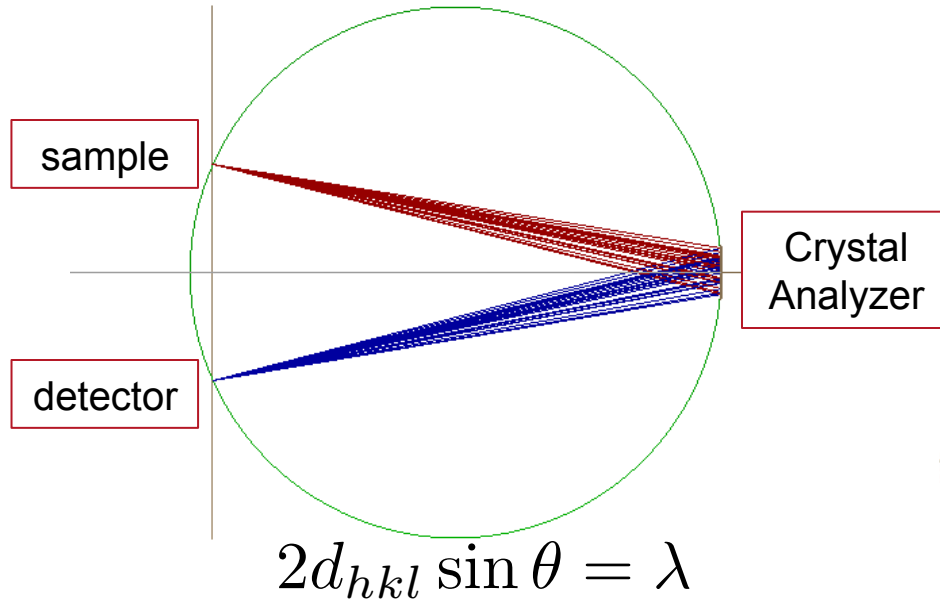


$$2d_{hkl} \sin \theta = \lambda$$

hard x-rays

Hard X-rays: Johann geometry with spherically bent

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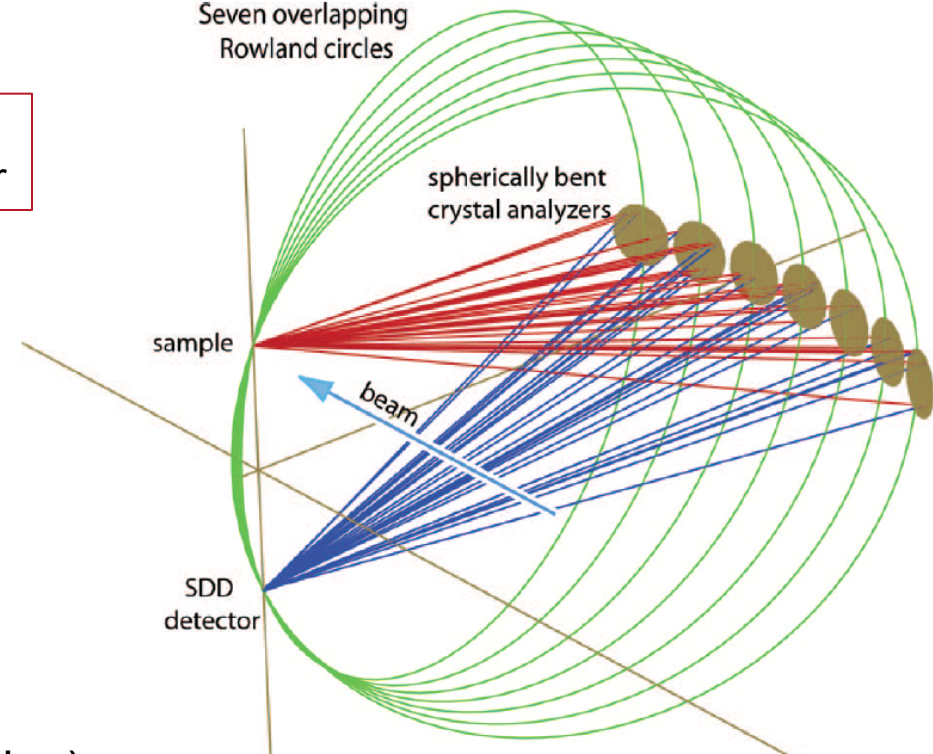


Johann Geometry:

- Spherically bended Bragg crystals
- Point-to-point focus
- Optimum resolution $\rightarrow 90^\circ$ (backscattering)
- For backscattering $E/\Delta E > 10^4$

Multicrystal Spectrometer: Crystals arranged on overlapping Rowland circles

Seven overlapping
Rowland circles



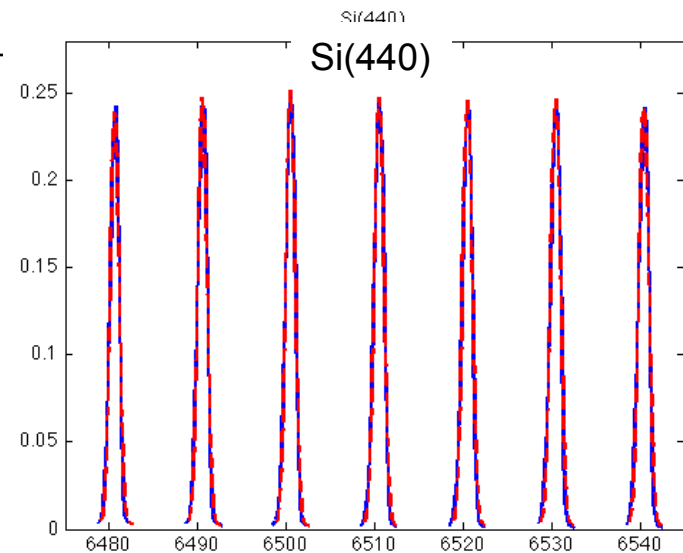
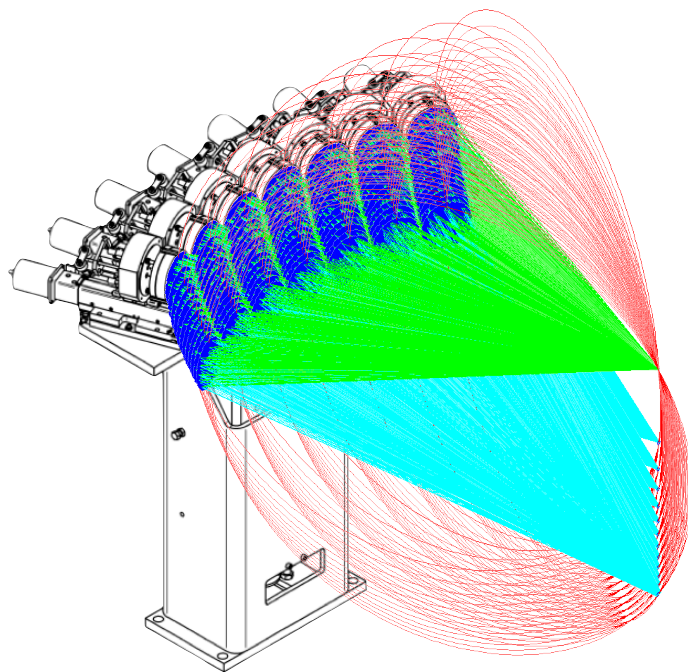
Overlapping focusing
signal/background ratio $\rightarrow$ UP !!

Hard X-rays: a 7-crystal X-ray Emission Spectrometer

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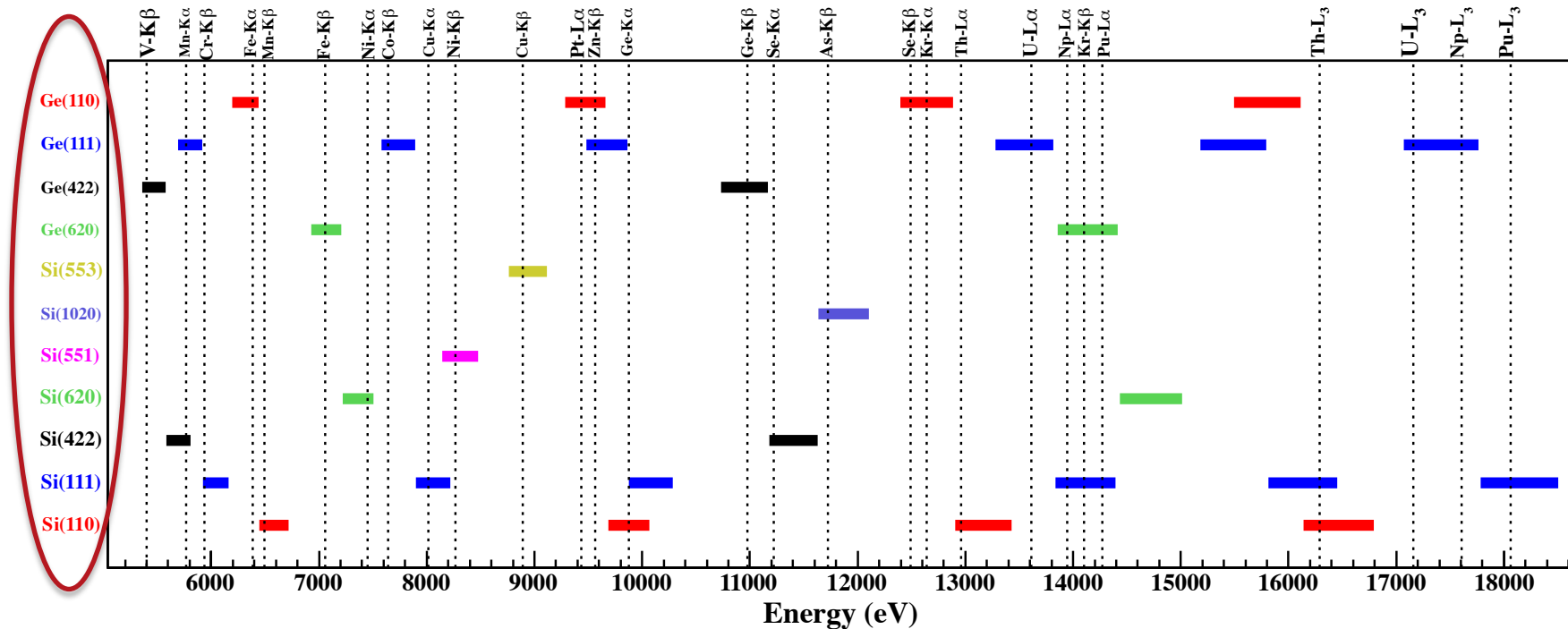


- 7-element XES spectrometer operates **on Rowland circle** throughout entire scan range
 - Energy resolution < 1 eV for 3d TM
 - High throughput (milions of cps on concetrated samples)



SSRL's crystal bank for the 7-crystal XES spectrometer

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Various crystal cuts are required for analyzing the different x-ray energies along the 75-88 deg of backscattering angle



The high-resolution & high-throughput x-ray spectroscopy end-station at SSRL

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XRS (low-q) @ 88°

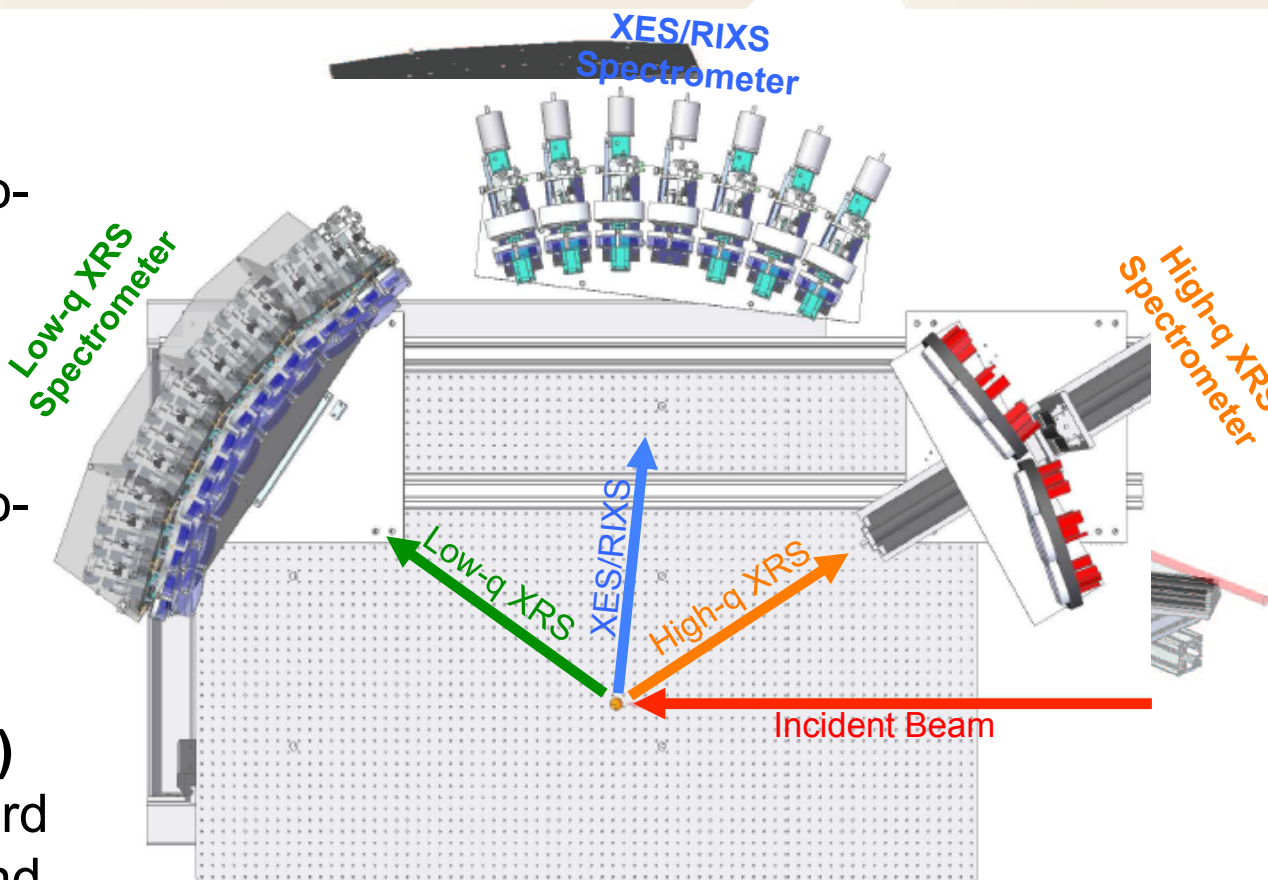
- 40-crystal spectrometer for X-ray Raman spectroscopy of light elements

XRS (high-q) @ 87.4°

- 14-crystal spectrometer for X-ray Raman spectroscopy of non-dipole transitions

XES/RIXS/XAS (74°-88°)

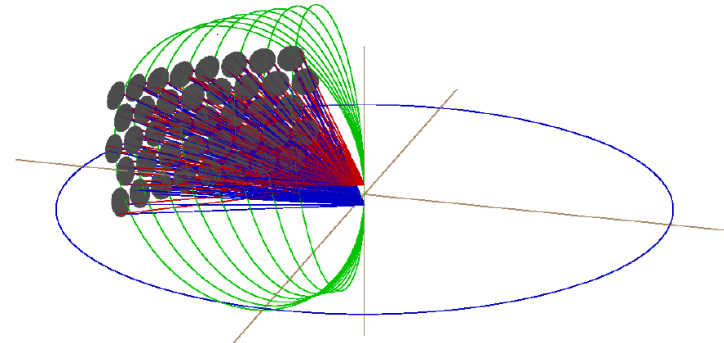
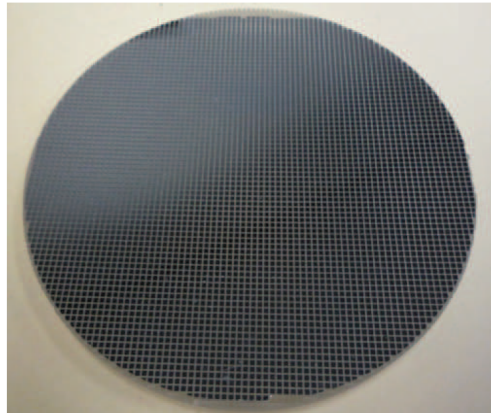
- 7-crystal analyzer for hard X-ray emission, RIXS and High energy resolution fluorescence detection



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40- Crystal Spectrometer Performance

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Crystal Analyzers

- Si (110) single crystal
- 88° deg (Fixed energy)
- Si(440): 6460 eV
- Si(660): 9690 eV
- Spherically bent (1m radius)

Diced Crystals

- 1x1mm² diced crystal
- Release of crystal stress (d-spacing)
- Improved resolution (<**250meV** at 6500 eV)

Johann Geometry

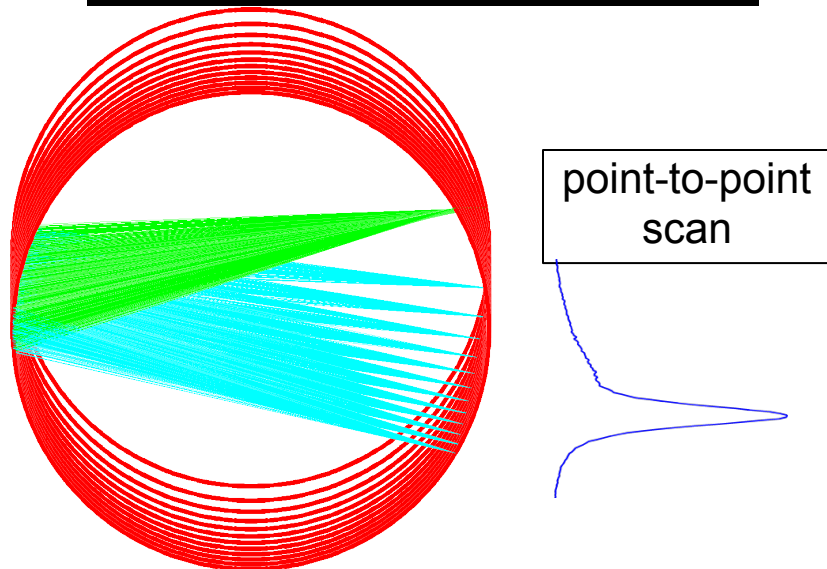
- Sample and Detector on Rowland circle
- In-air setup (helium bag for minimizing attenuation)
- Overall resolution (40-crystals) **270meV** @ 6460eV (with Si311 mono)

SDD detector can resolve analyzed signal from diffused scattering

Hard X-rays: Point-to-Point vs Dispersive Geometry

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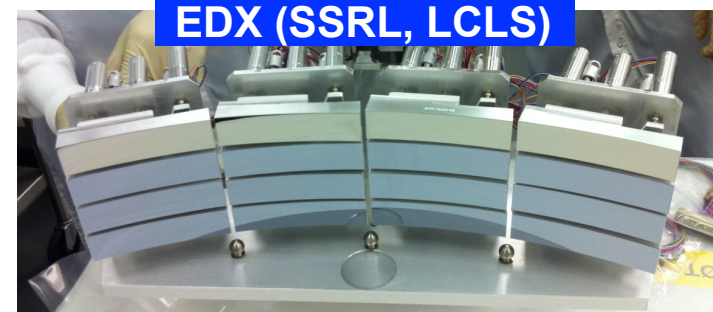
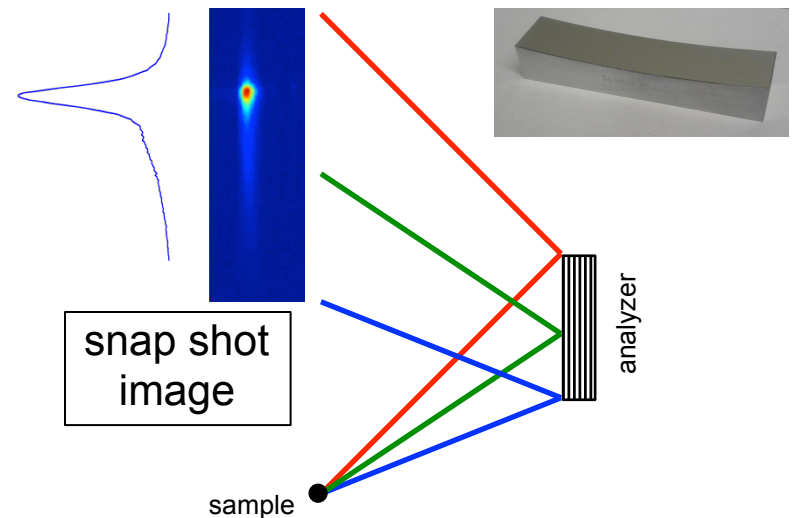
Monochromatic analyzer



Rowland geometry



Dispersive analyzer



von Hamos geometry

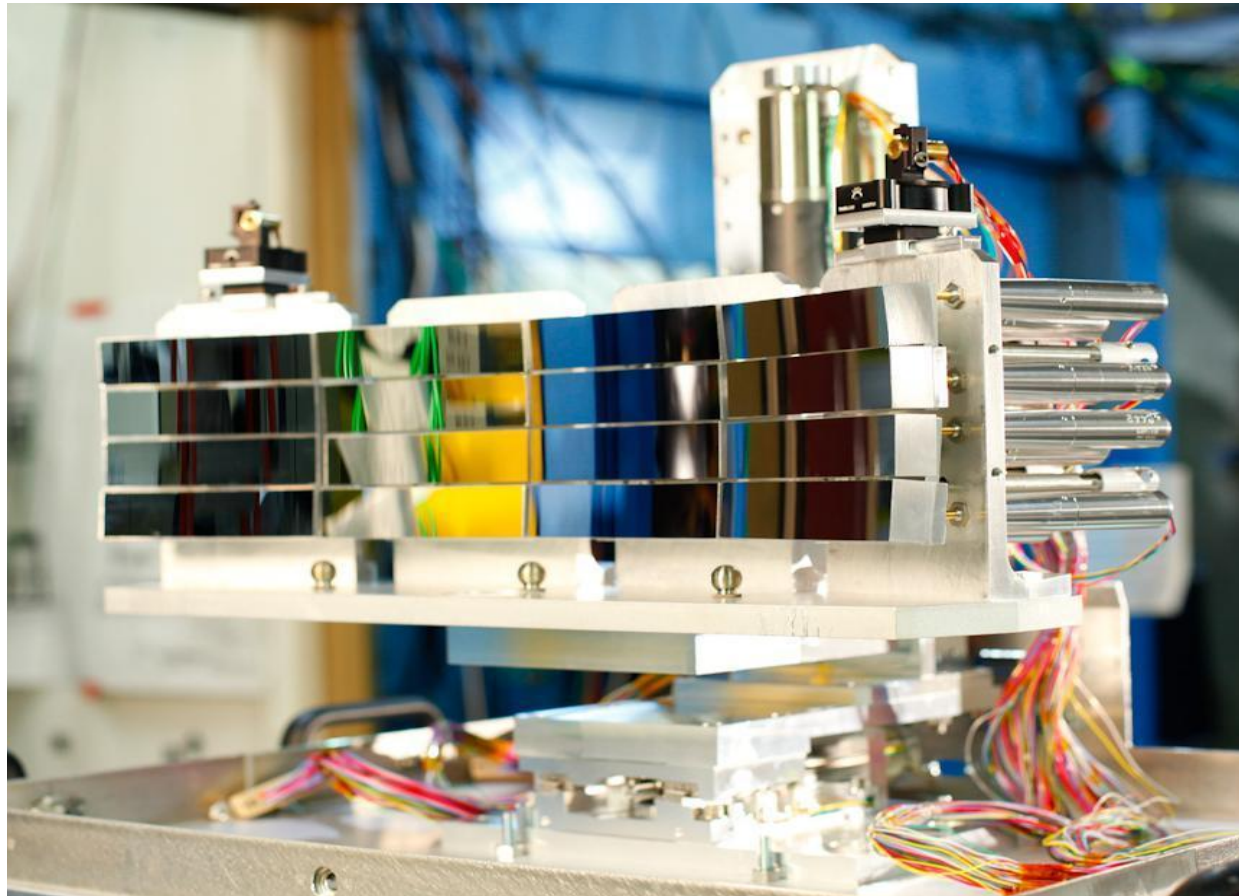
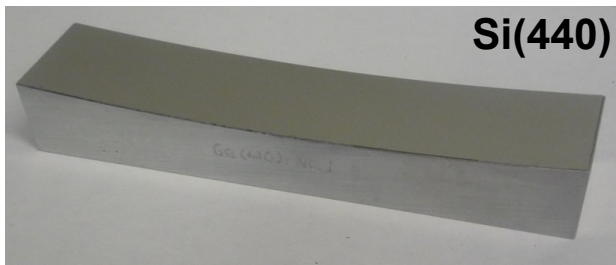


Hard X-rays: 16-Crystal Energy Dispersive Spectrometer

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Photon-In Photon-Out: XES – RIXS - XRS

- 16 cylindrical crystals
- 500 mm radius
- Large solid angle
- Resolution ~ 0.5 eV
- Vacuum compatible
- Portable / stand-alone



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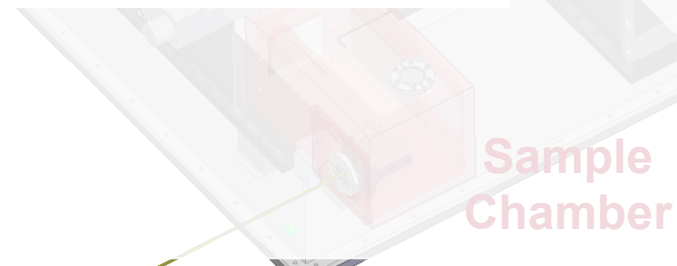
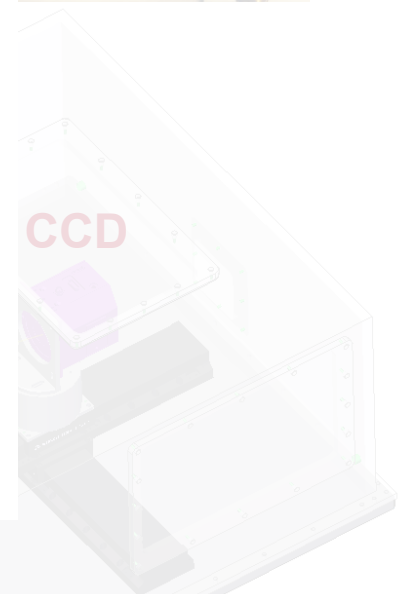
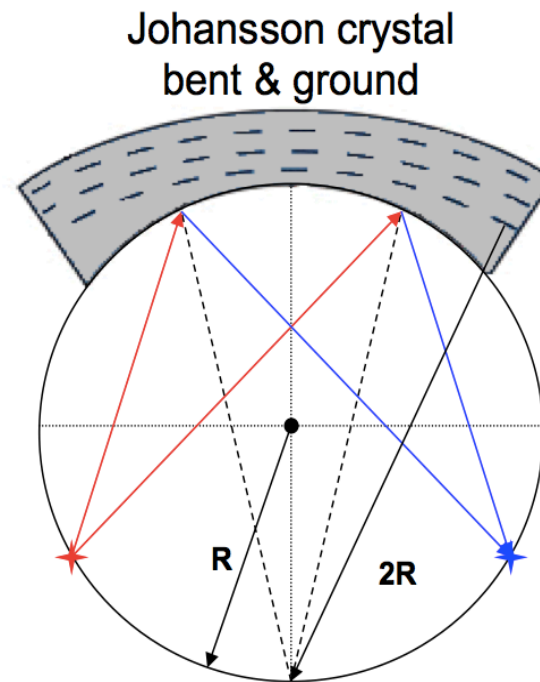
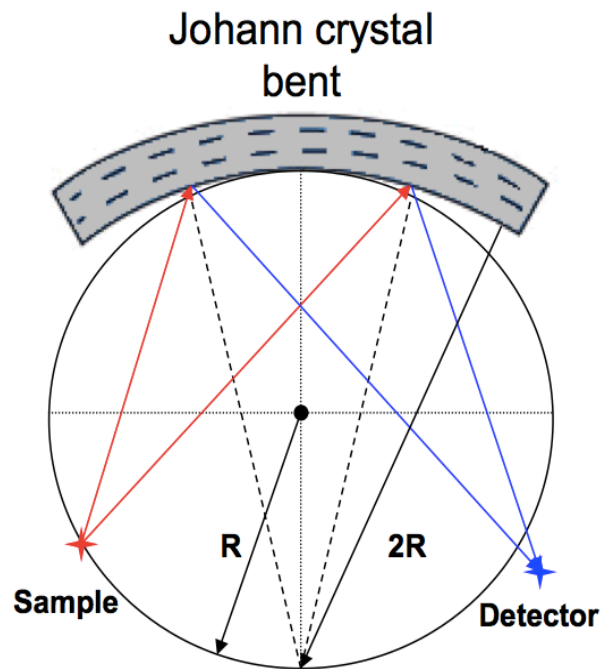


Tender X-rays: Johansson Spectrometer (~1.6-6.5 keV)

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Instrument Details

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- Bragg angle
- 1.5 – 6.5 keV
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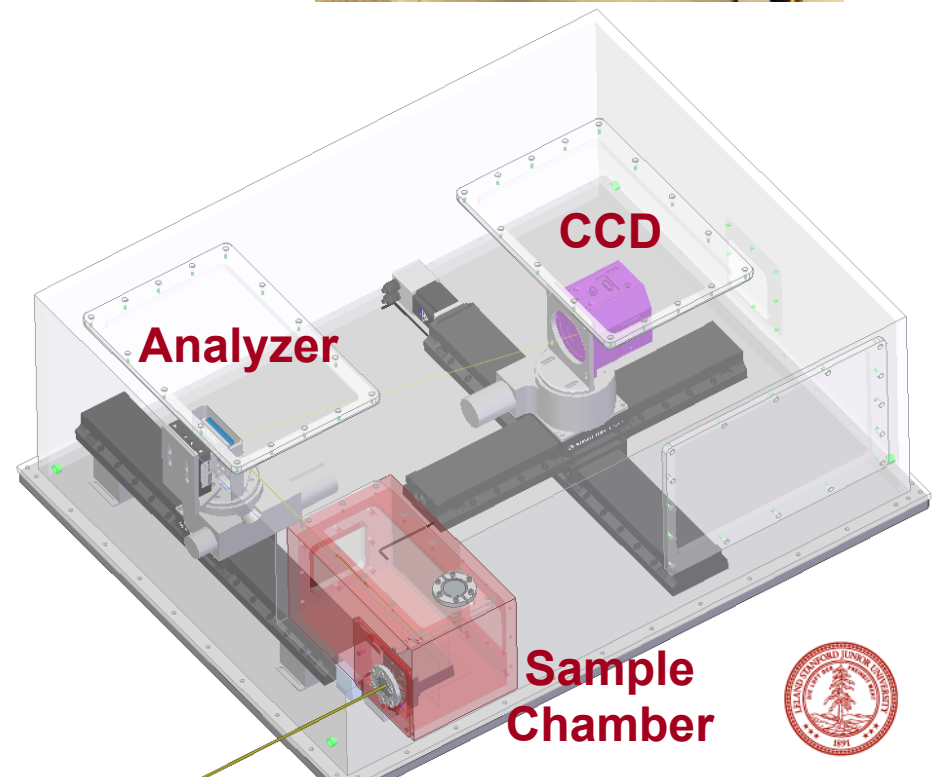
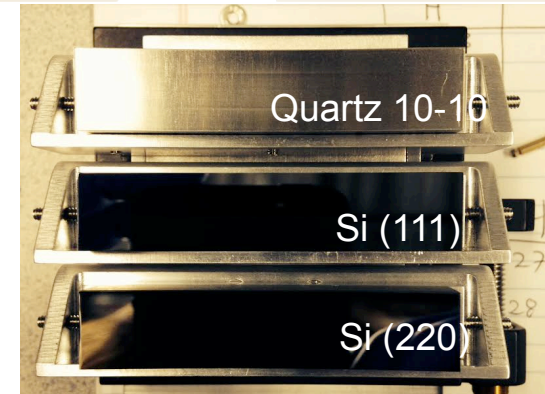


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- **1.5 – 6.5 keV** (He and Vacuum chamber)
 - 3 Johansson Crystals (Quartz (10-10), Si (110), Si(111))
- Large Spot, Beamline 4-3
 - > Move inside Rowland Circle
- Spectrum Recorded with PSD
 - 25x25mm² Andor CCD
- Versatile Sample Environment
 - Decoupled Spectrometer and Sample environment

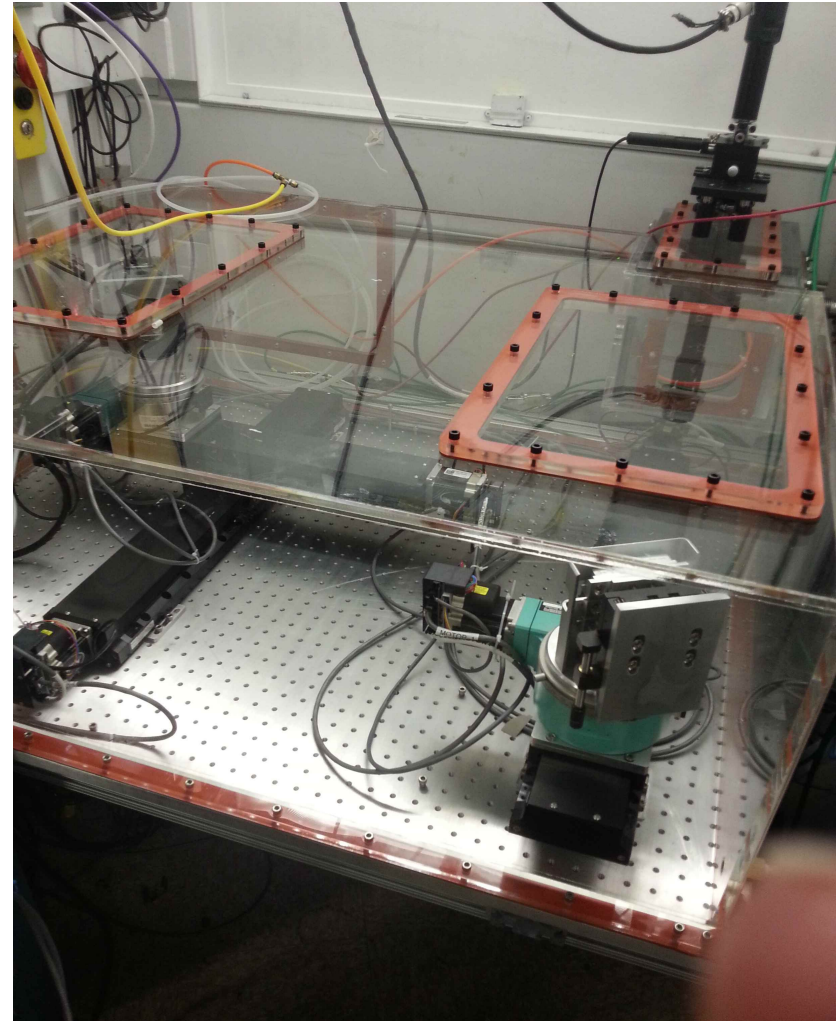


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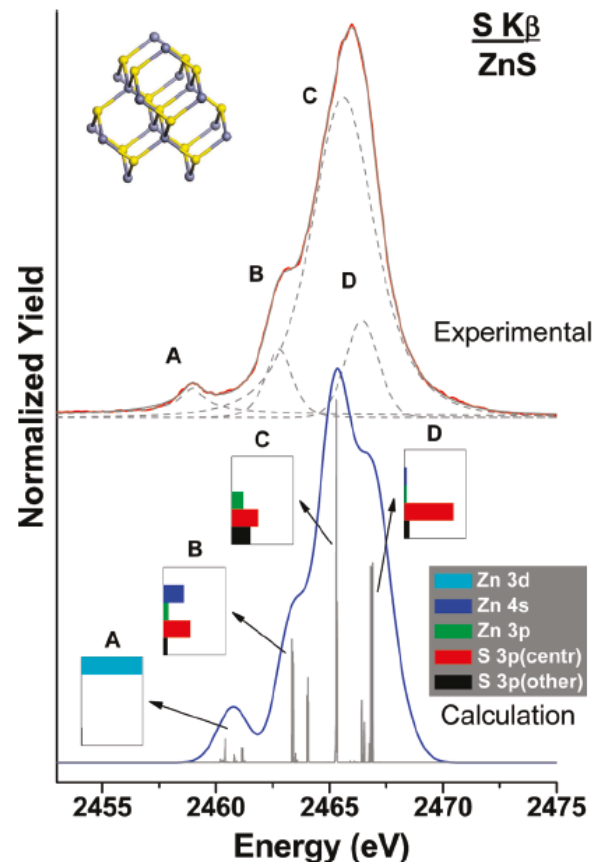


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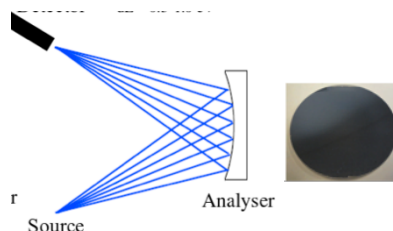


X-ray Detection Techniques for Soft and Hard X-ray Core-Level Spectroscopy

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Hard X-rays (e.g.)

- 3d Metal 1s (K-edge)
- 5d Metal 2p (L-edge)
- Ln 2p (L-edge)
- An 2p (L-edge)



High Energy Resolution

Bent Bragg Crystals

$E/dE \sim 10000$

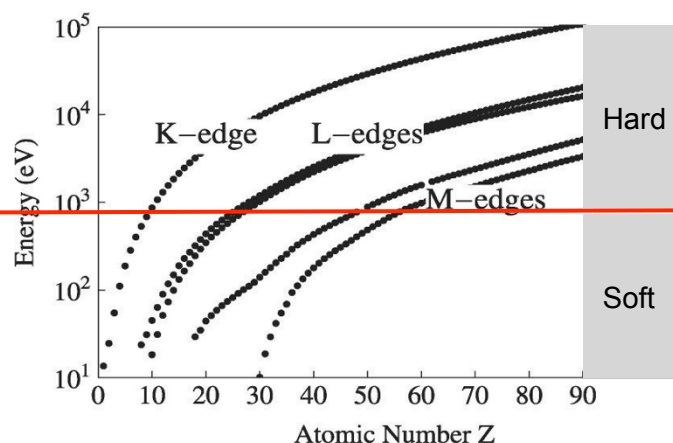
Fluoresc Yield $\sim 35\%$

Efficiency $\sim 10\%$

Solid Angle $\sim 0.1\%$ of 4π sr

Tender X-rays (e.g.)

- Sulphur 1s (K-edge)
- 4d Metal 2p (L-edge)



Soft X-rays

- Light Element 1s (K-edge)
- 3d Metal 2p (L-edge)



High Energy Resolution

Grazing Incidence Gratings

$E/dE \sim 1000$

Fluoresc Yield $\sim 1\%$

Efficiency $\sim 2\%$

Solid Angle $\sim 0.01\%$ of 4π sr

Soft X-ray Detection: Conventional Method

Soft X-ray Grazing Incidence Grating Spectrometers and its limitations

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Conventional Soft X-ray Grating Spectrometer

- Limited Solid Angle
- Low Detection Efficiency
- High Resolution Possible (at a cost)
- Small Spot Size

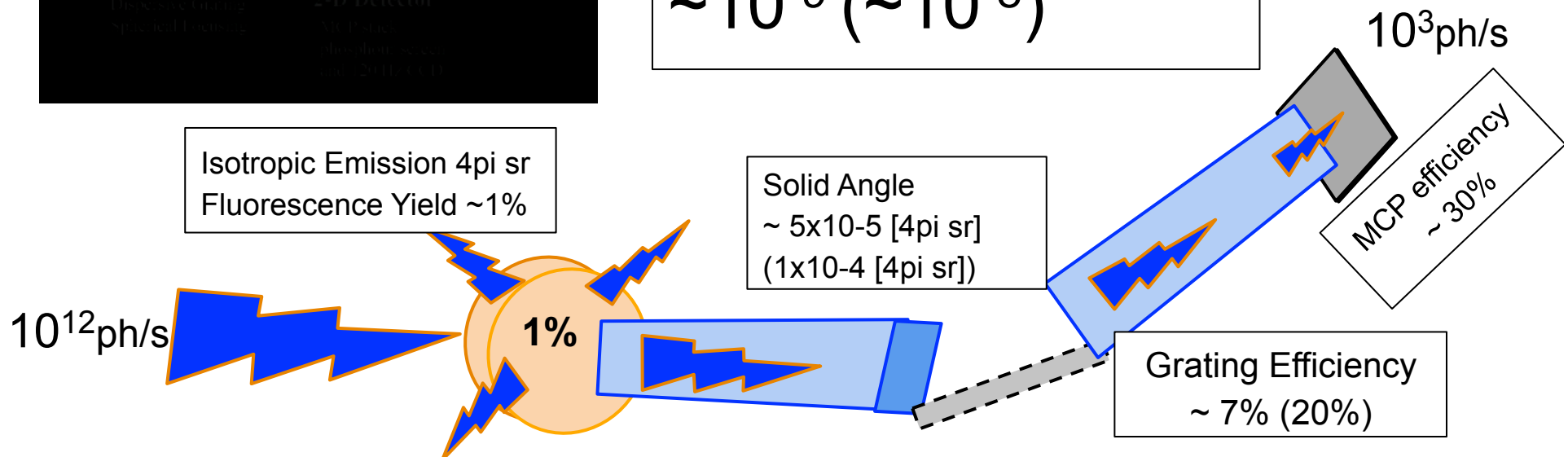


Fraction Detected

Rad Yield x Sol. Angle x Efficiency =

$$1\% \times 5 \times 10^{-5} \times 7\% \times 30\%$$

$$\sim 10^{-9} (\sim 10^{-8})$$

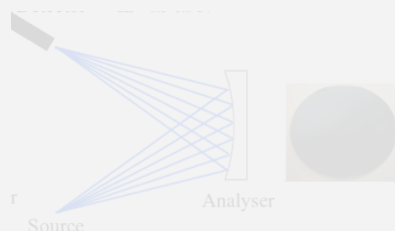


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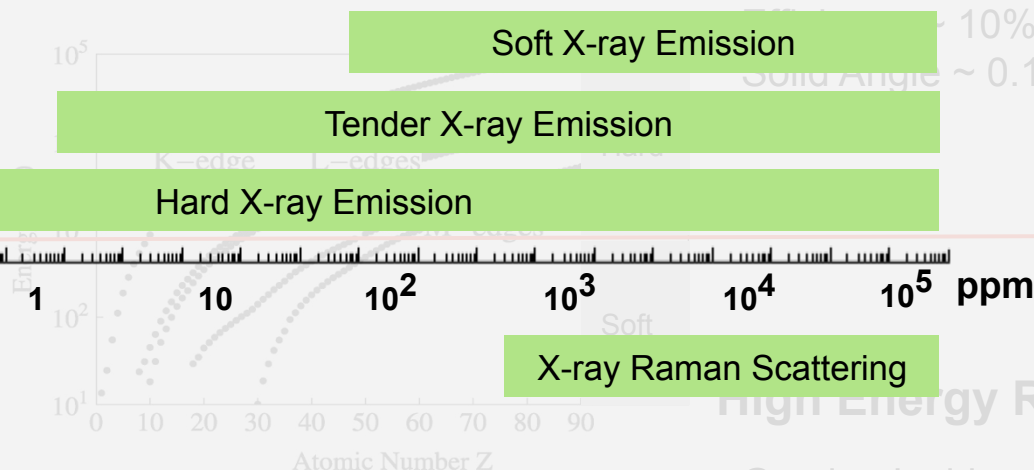
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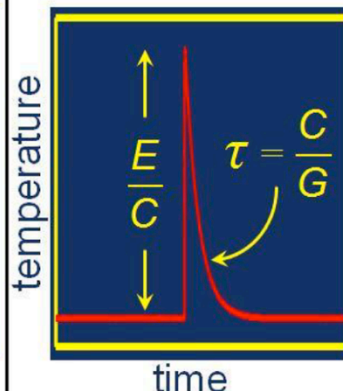
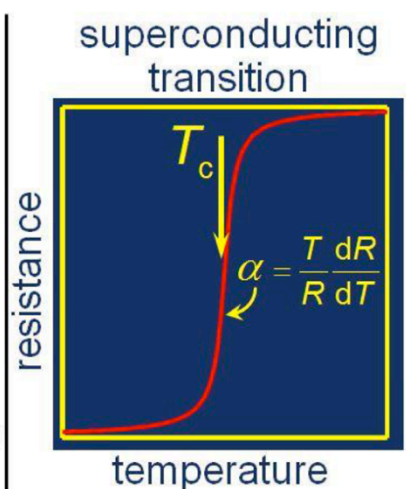
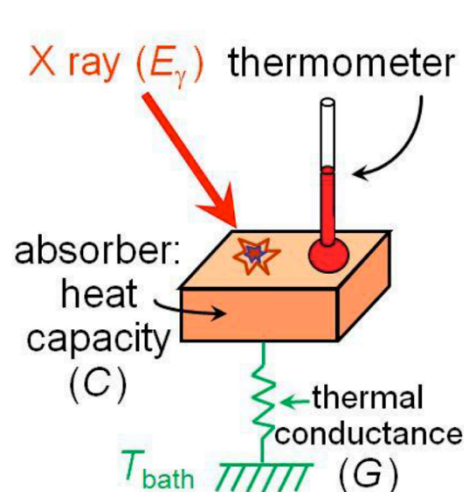
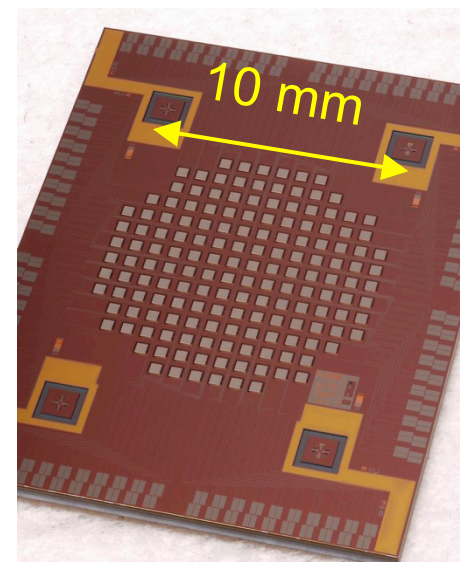
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Solid Angle $\sim 0.01\%$ of 4π sr

Soft X-rays: Unprecedented Sensitivity with Transition Edge Sensors (TES)

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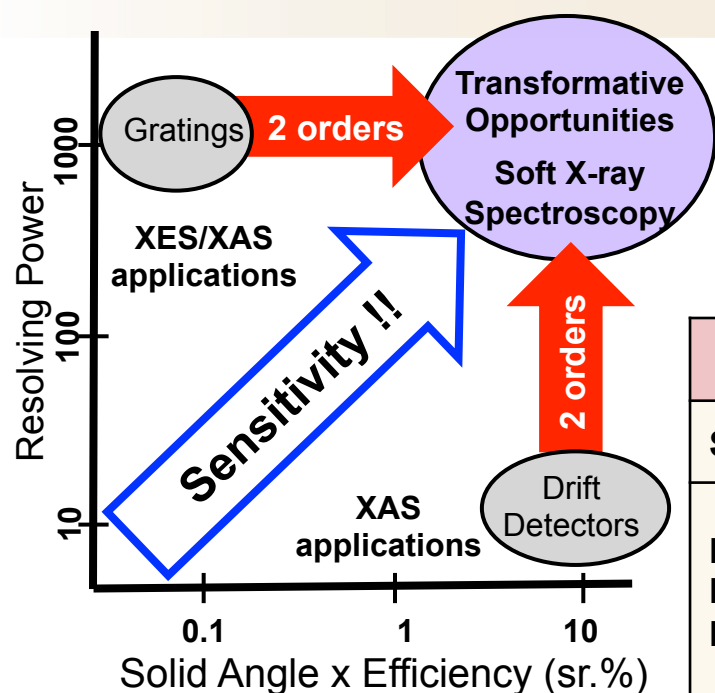
- ★ **Superconductive Thin Film**
 - Extremely sensitive to small dE
- ★ **Detect Individual X-ray Energy (XES)**
 - Large Energy Range (no scanning)
 - Saturation energy tunable
 - Energy Resolution $\sim 1\text{eV}$
- ★ **Fabrication into arrays is now possible**
 - Large scale detectors! (240 pixels)



$$\Delta E \propto \sqrt{k_B T E_{max}}$$

Soft X-rays: LDRD-funded TES Spectrometer for SSRL

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- 240 pixel array
- 100 Hz x-ray event rate at each pixel

	TES Spectrometer	Grating Spectrometer
Solid Angle	0.02 sr	0.0013 sr
Photon Detection Efficiency	33% N K, 58% O K, 90% Cu L (dominated by x-ray windows)	<5%
Measurement Energy Range	250-1000 eV (multiple edges simultaneously)	~100 eV (single edge, time consuming alignment)
X-ray Beam Focus	None Required	Tight Focus (~few um)
Energy Resolution	1 eV	0.7 eV typical*

*Can be significantly better, but with much lower efficiency and smaller solid angle

Soft X-rays: Ultra-Sensitive Detection

Enabling Ultra-low Concentrations in soft X-ray Region (ppm)

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Defects/Dopants 10^{19} - $10^{20}/\text{cm}^3$ $\Rightarrow 10^{17}$ - $10^{18}/\text{cm}^3$

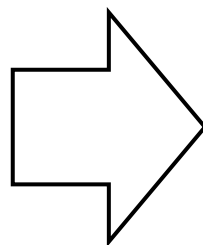
Surface Sensitivity 1-10% monolayer $\Rightarrow 0.01$ -0.1% ML

Solute Sensitivity 10-100 mM $\Rightarrow 100$ -1000 μM

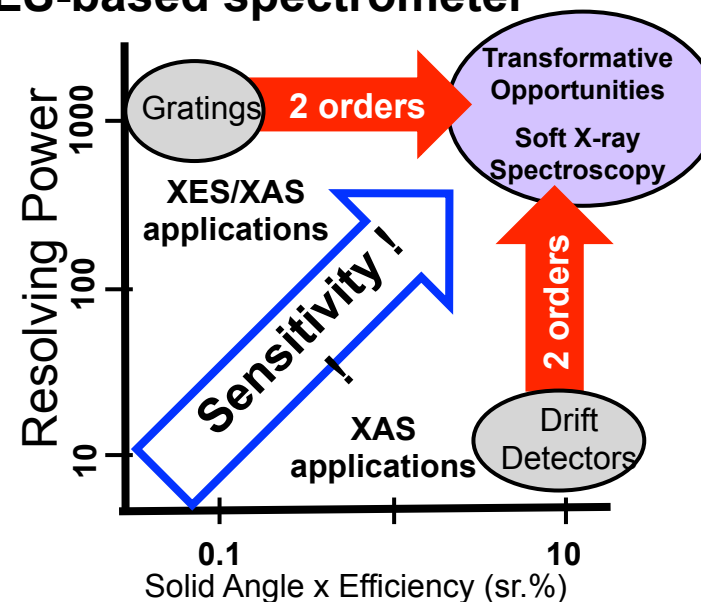
Spot Size 10-100 μm $\Rightarrow 1$ -10 mm

New Science Opportunities in Material Science, Chemistry, and Biology!

Grating Spectrometer



TES-based spectrometer



Soft X-ray Spectroscopy at SLAC

Unprecedented Sensitivity with Transition Edge Sensors (TES)

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★ Superconductive Thin Film

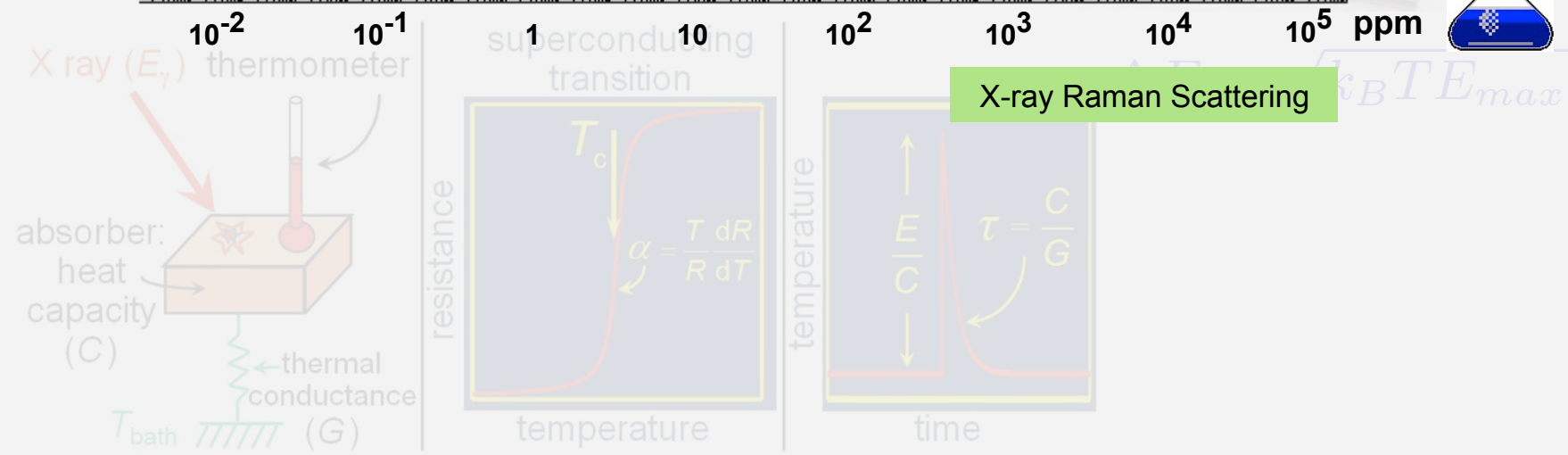
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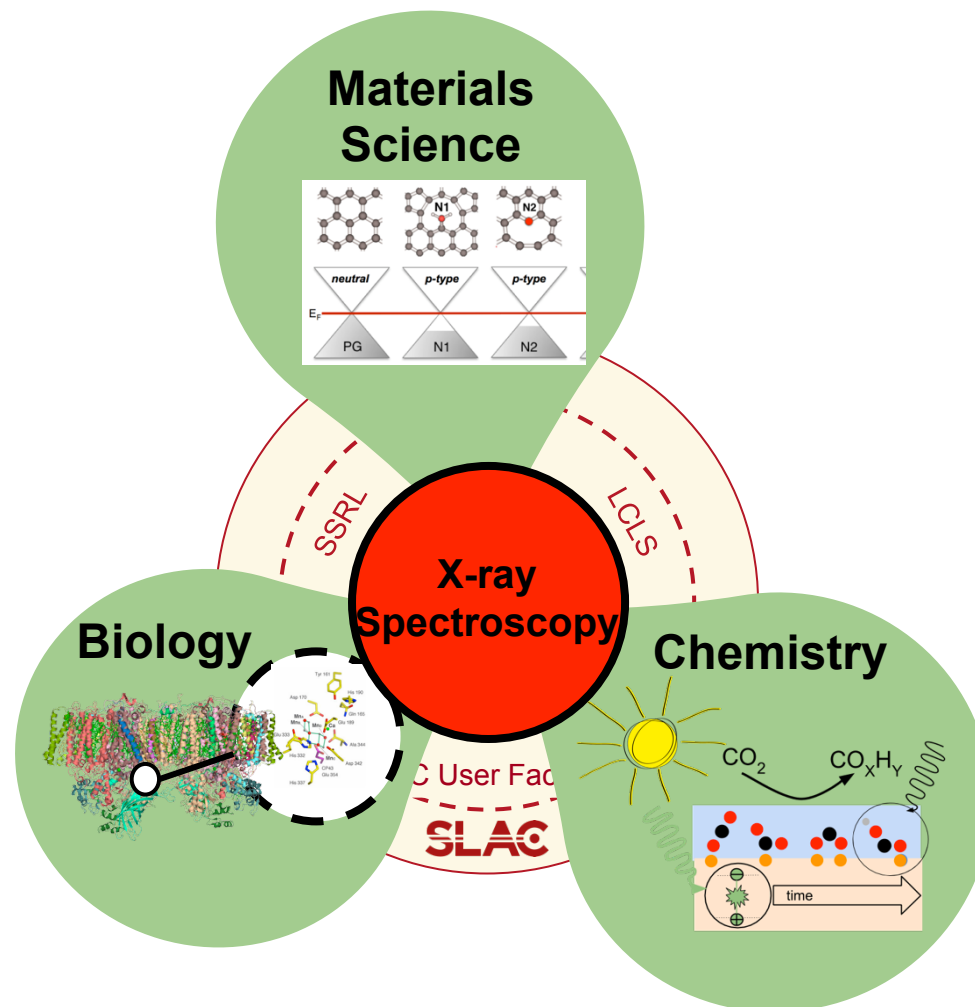
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X-ray Spectroscopy at SLAC

A Multidisciplinary Research Program

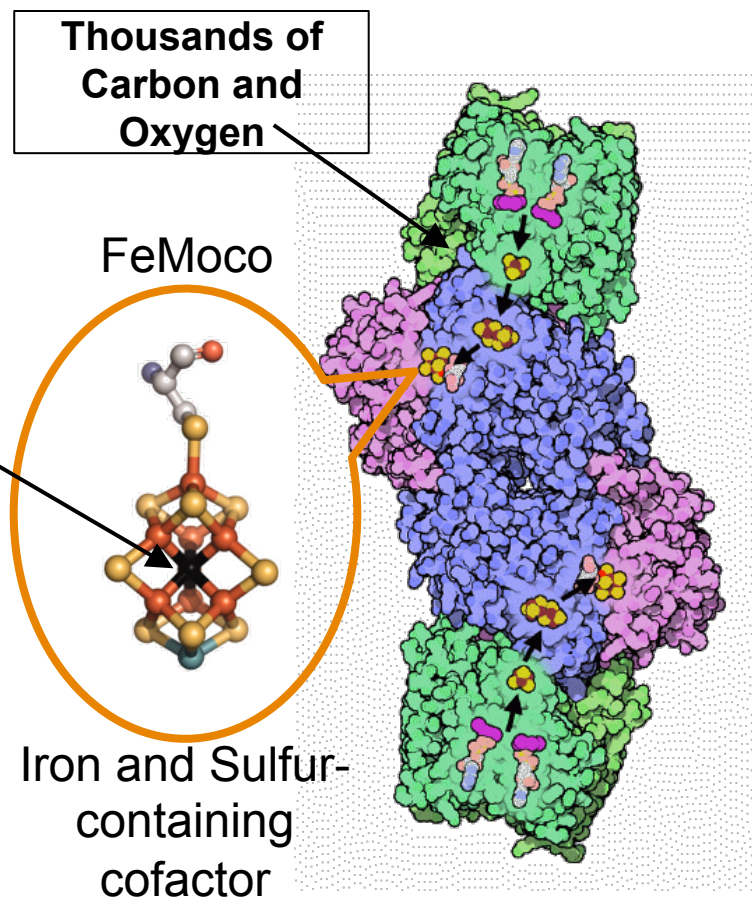
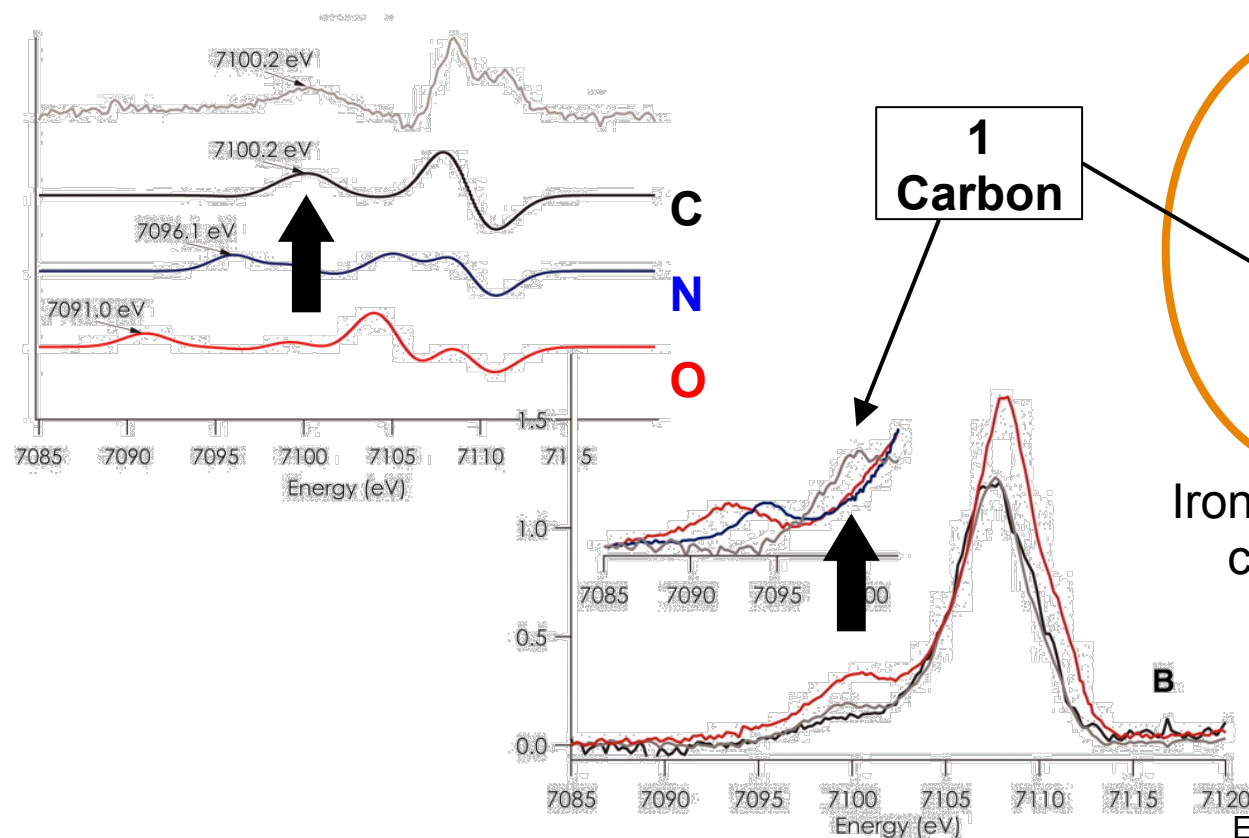
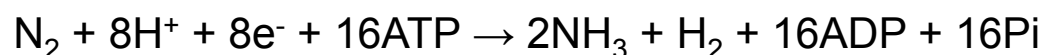
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Valence X-ray Emission : Ligand Identification in Nitrogenase

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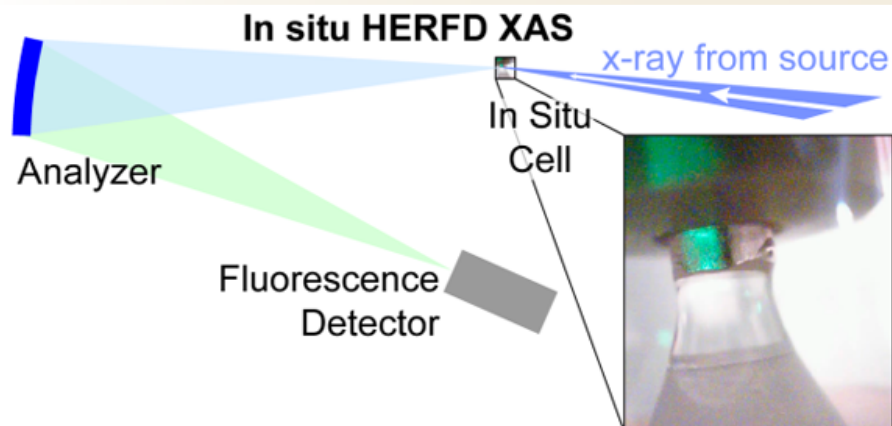
Nitrogenase is a complex enzyme that catalyzes the reduction of dinitrogen to ammonia (N-fixation)



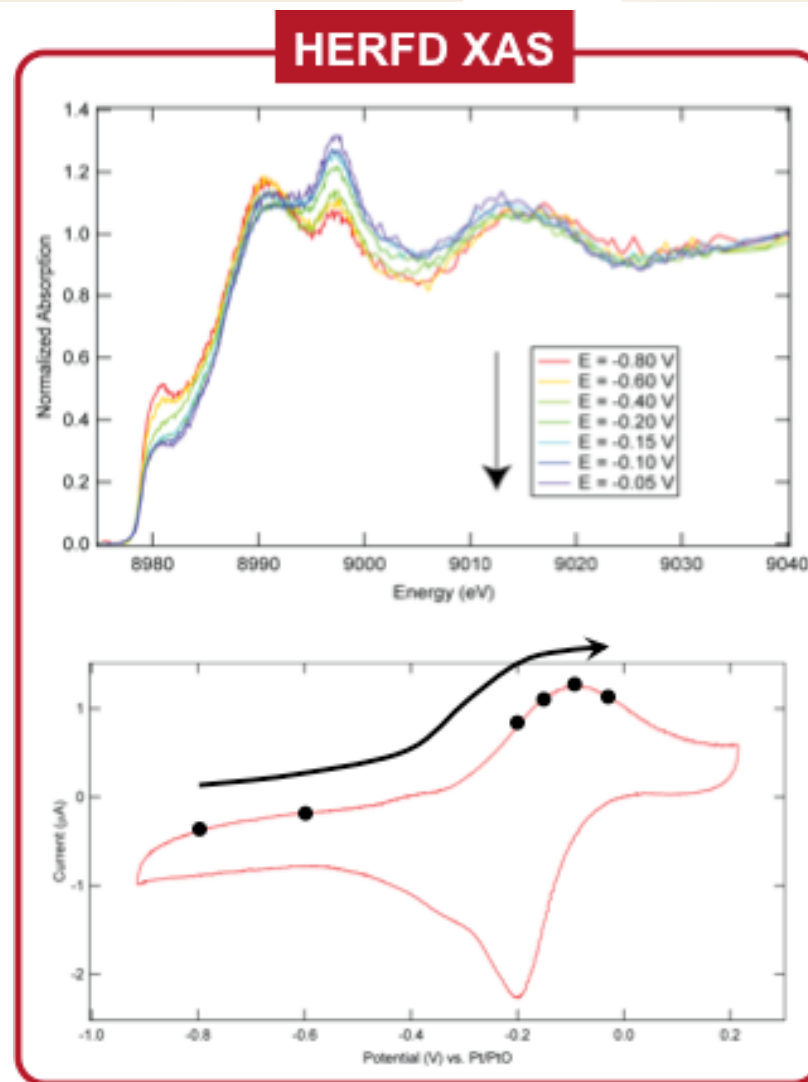
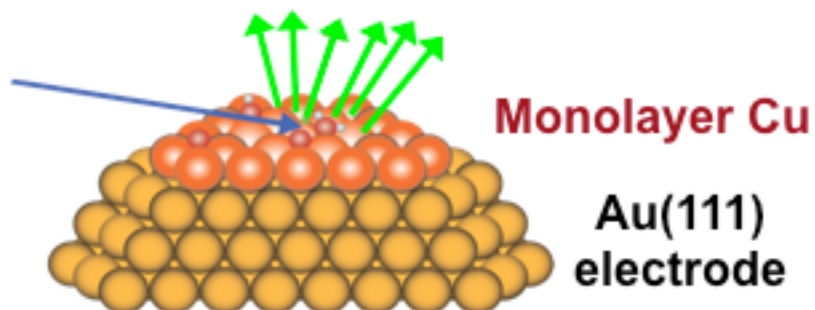
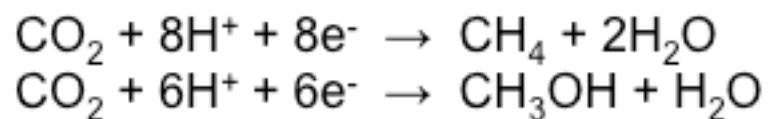
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In-Situ Electro-catalysis – HERFD XAS

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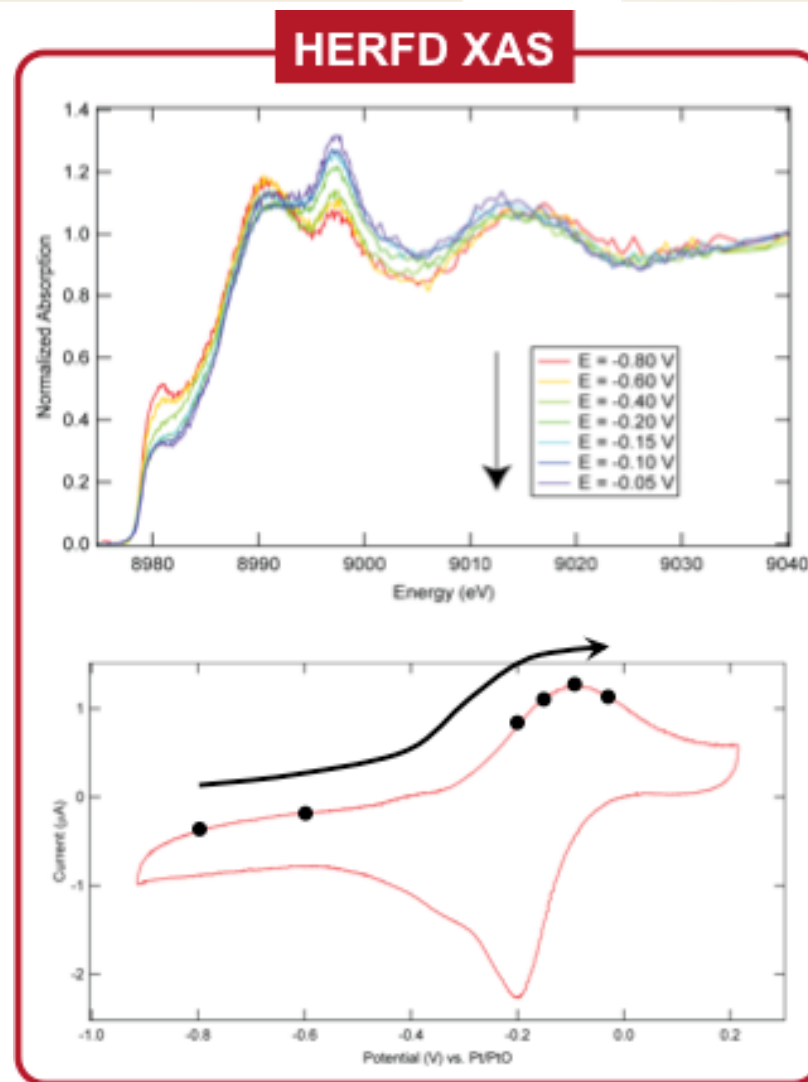
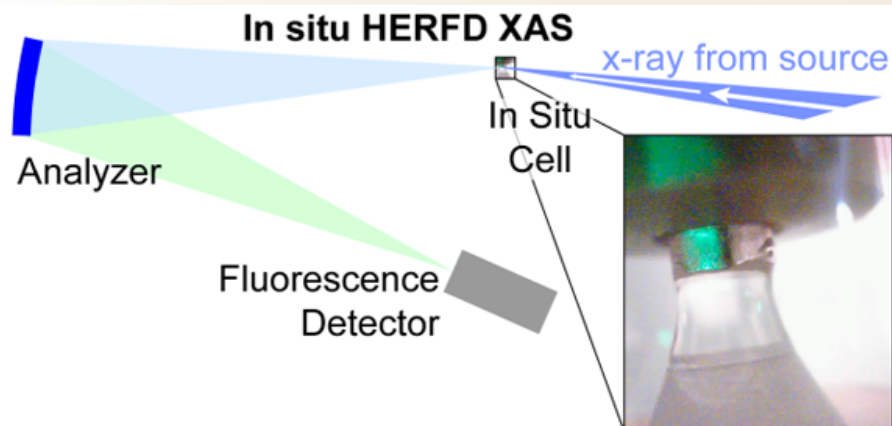


Solar-to-fuel conversion



In-Situ Electro-catalysis – HERDF XAS

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- Ultra-high sensitivity of XES detection for sub-/mono-layer surface coverage
- Catalyst on single crystal electrode: catalytic activity vs. bimetallic interactions and strain

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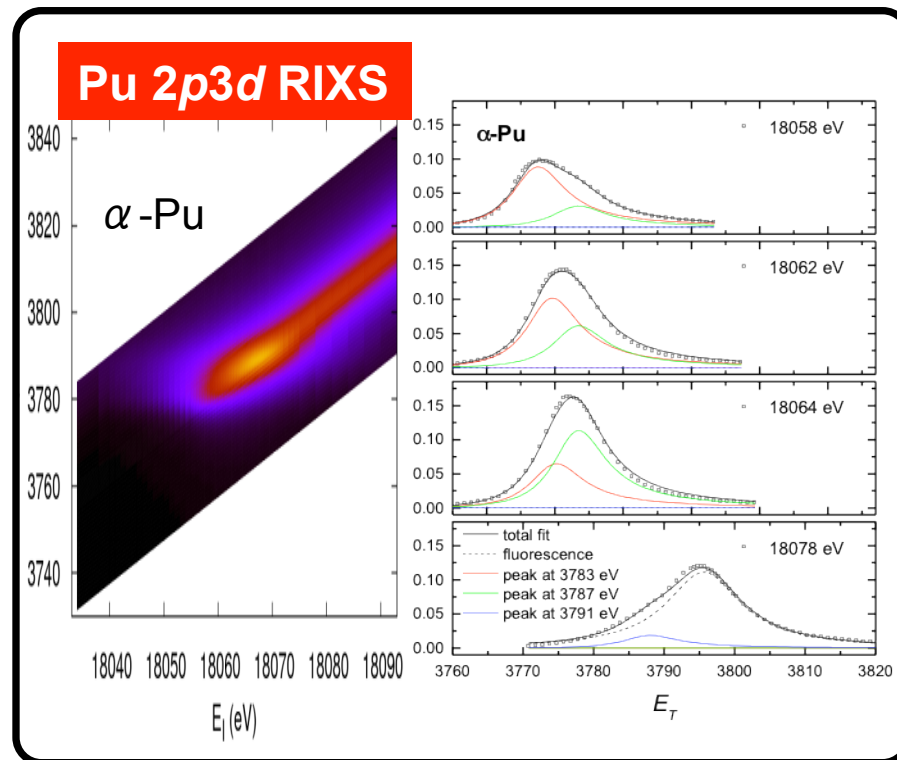
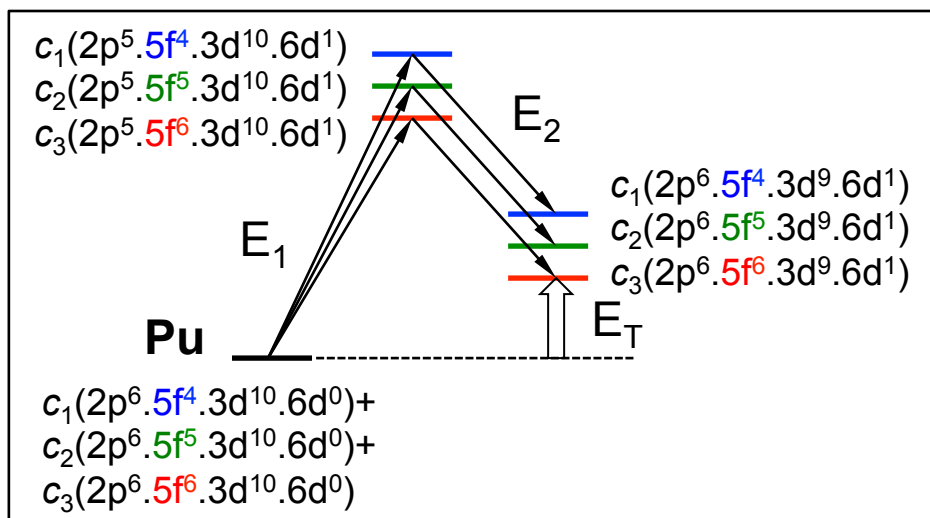
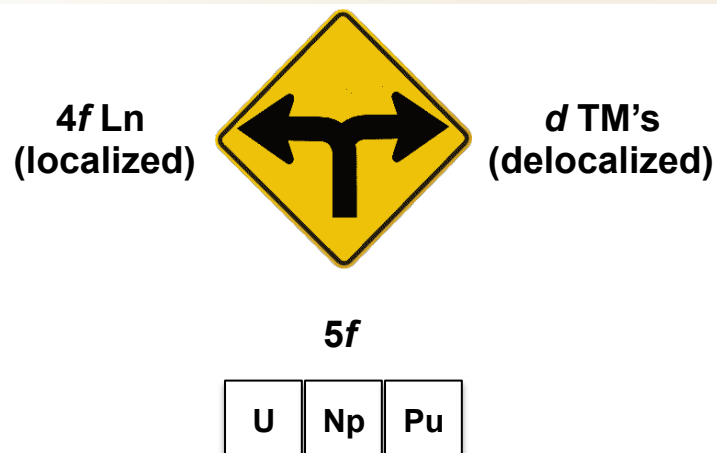
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X-ray Spectroscopy at SLAC

Highlight: Multi-configurational Nature of 5f Orbitals in Actinides

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	n_f	f ⁴	f ⁵	f ⁶
δ -Pu	5.28	0.17	0.38	0.45
α -Pu	5.16	0.19	0.46	0.35

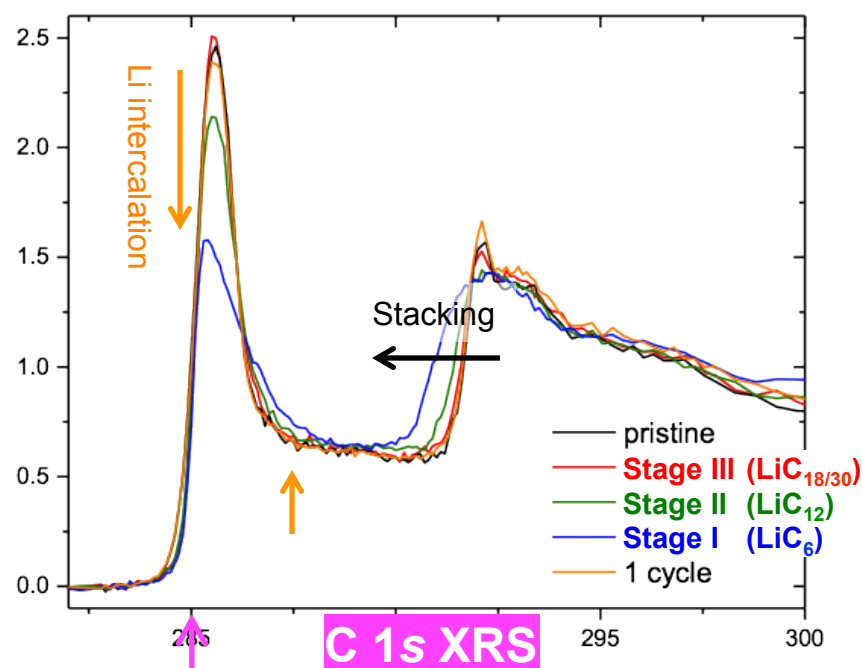
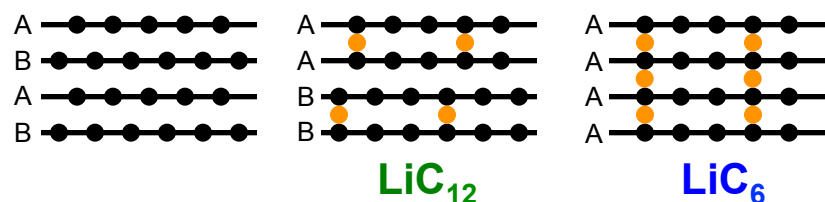


Lithium Ion Batteries – X-ray Raman Spectroscopy

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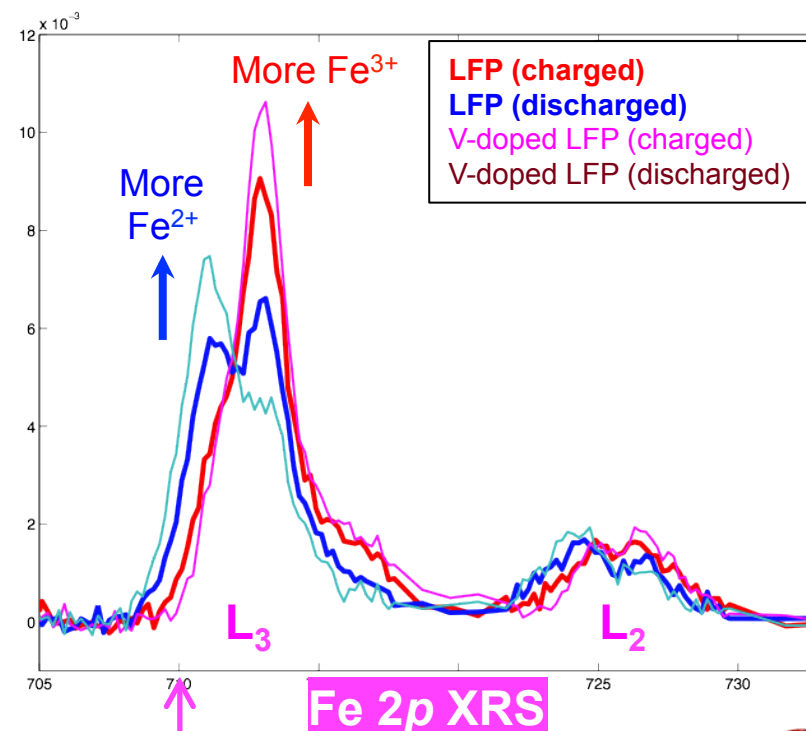
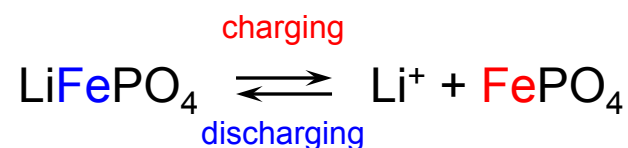
HOPG Lithiation



J. Cabana-Jimenez (LBNL)

Cathode

Battery capacity enhanced by dopant

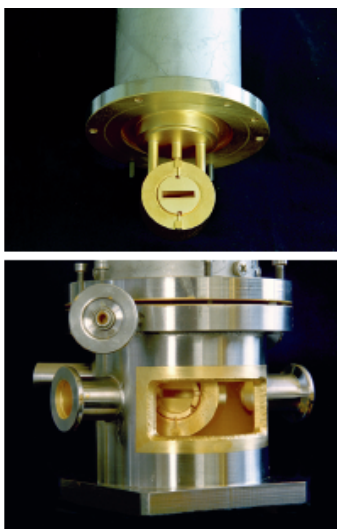


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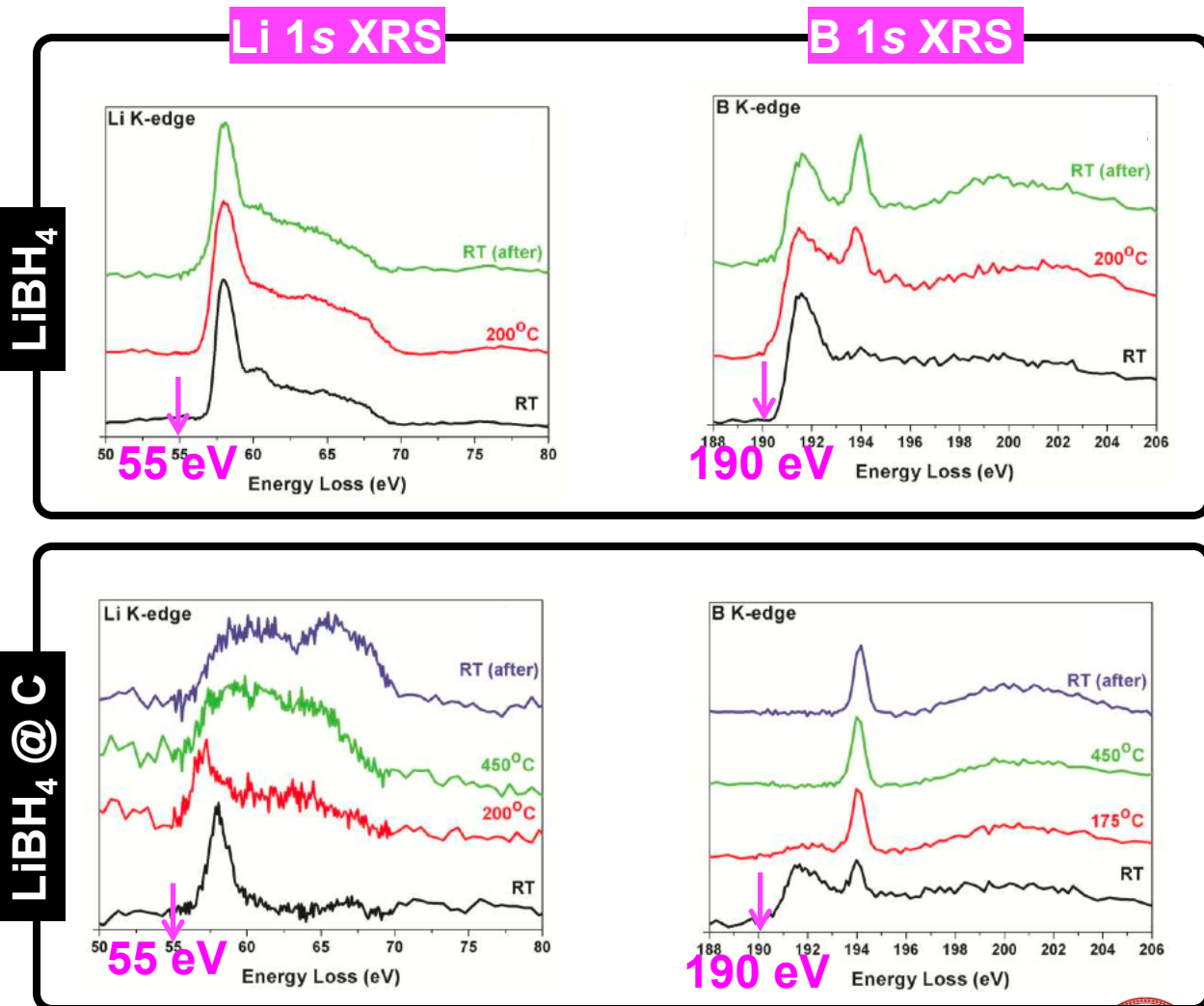


Hydrogen Storage Materials– X-ray Raman Spectroscopy

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- *In-situ*
- 5% H₂/He (1 bar)
- Kapton window



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Time resolved studies – Need for Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy – Linac Coherent Light Source (LCLS)

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	Current performance
Photon energy range	280 eV to 10 keV
Pulse length	< 5 - 200 fs
Pulse energy	up to 5 mJ ($\sim 10^{12}$ ph/pulse @ 10 keV)

LCLS operates at 120 Hz

Difficulties for scanning instruments since:

- New sample is required for each shot
- XFEL intensity jitters a lot from shot-to-shot

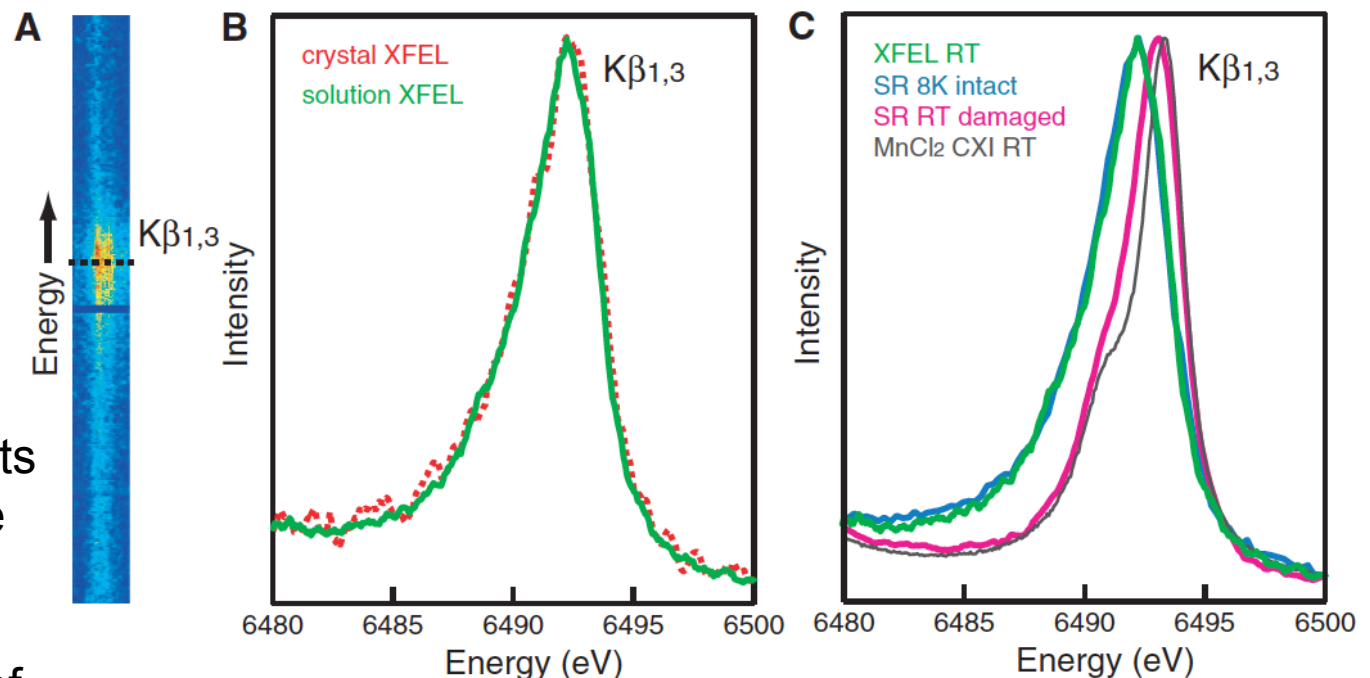
X-ray Emission at XFEL's - “probe-before-destroy”

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XES at XFEL

- XES is an Ultrafast probe
- Can probe matter before destroyed by FEL pulses
- Enables measurements on extremely sensitive systems to radiation damage on room Temperature instead of cryogenic conditions

Mn-center at Photosystem II

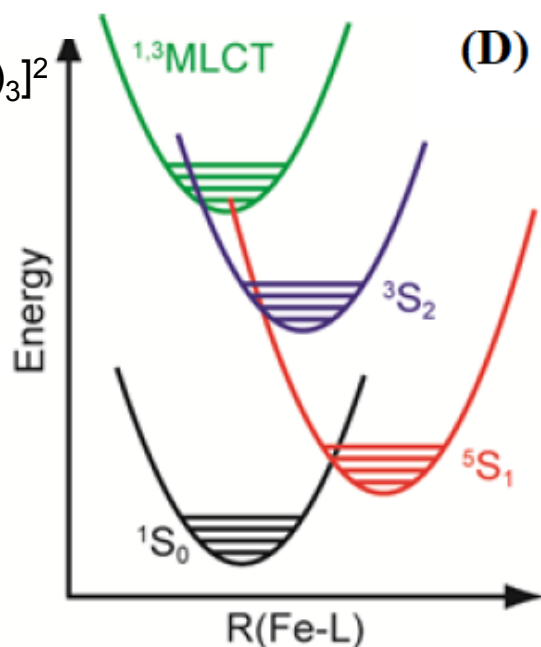
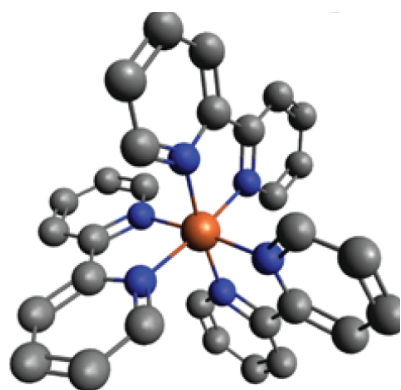


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Ultrafast Spin Dynamics in Iron Coordination complexes

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Scientific Case:

- Spin dynamics on 3d metal complexes upon visible light MLCT excitation
- Elucidation and manipulation of the ultrafast relaxation mechanisms for the excited state
- Solar energy applications upon long lived charge transfer states

Methodology:

Femtosecond optical laser-pump / Kb XES probe at LCLS (150fs resolution)

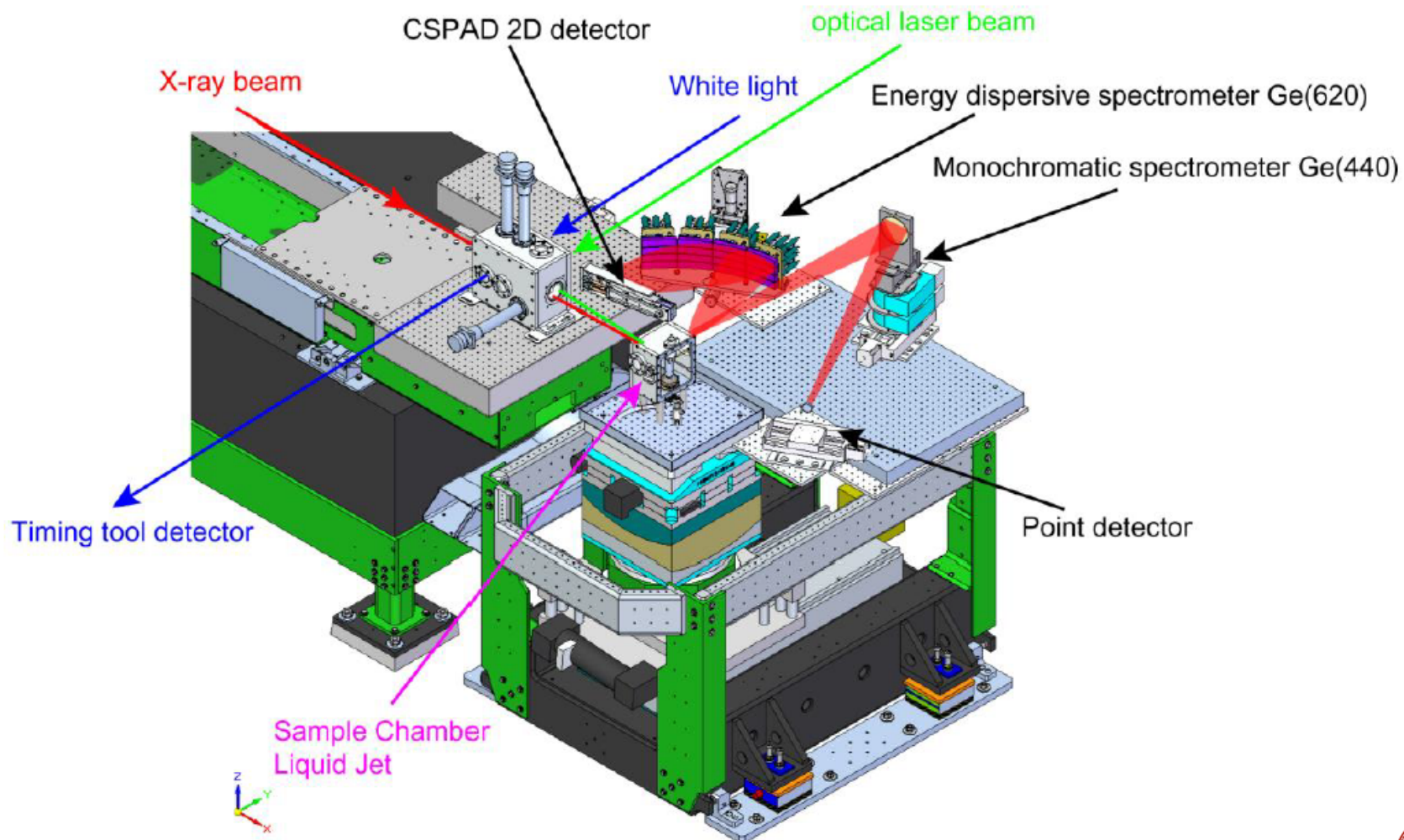
Reference Kb XES at SSRL from various candidates intermediate states

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XPP end-station @ LCLS: configuration with XES spectrometers

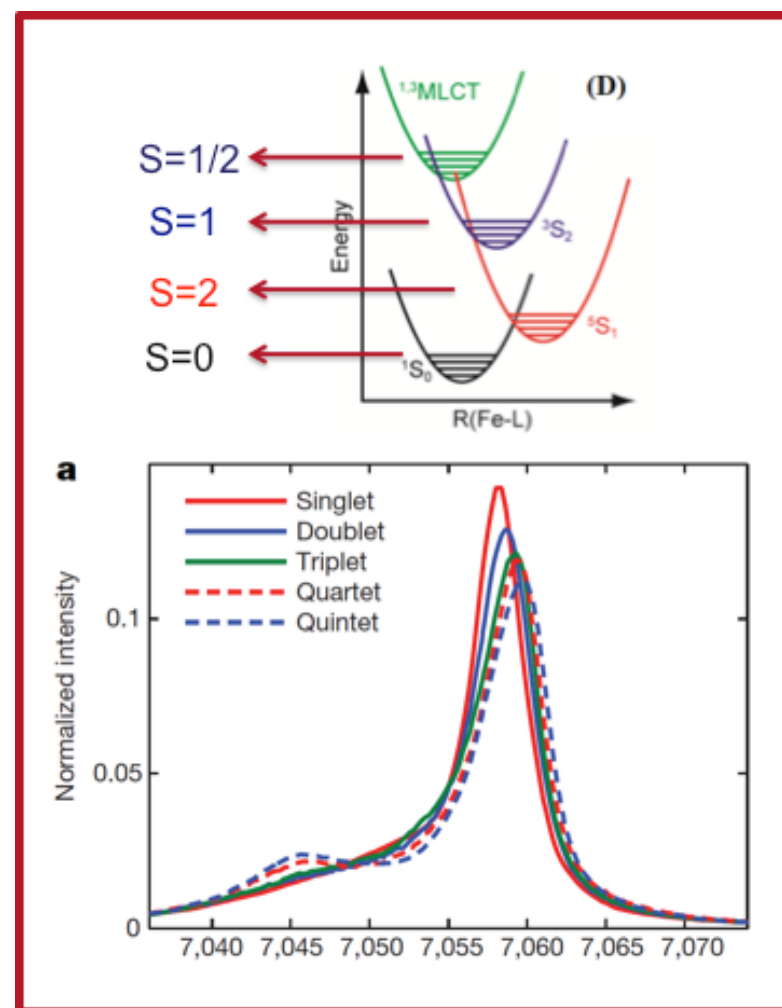
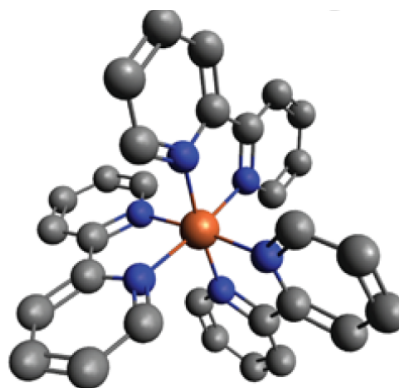
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Ultrafast Spin Dynamics – XES at SSRL & LCLS

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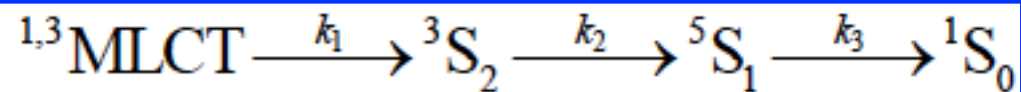
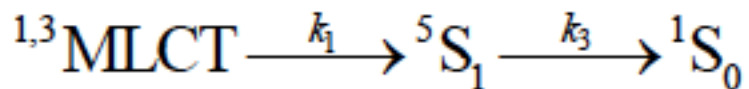
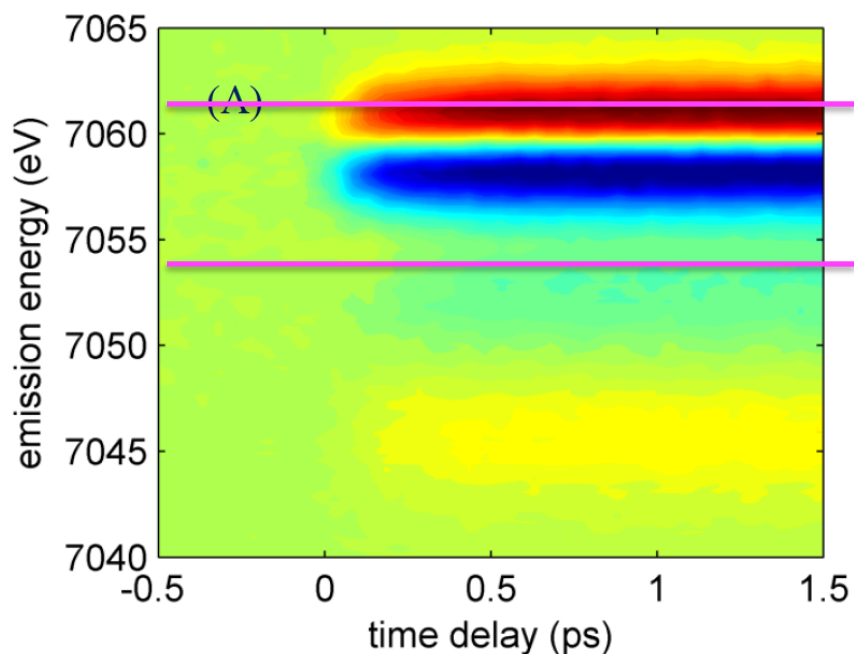
- Photoinduced metal-to-ligand charge transfer **MLCT**-excitations
- Ultrafast spin crossover dynamics elucidate with **K β XES spectroscopy**



Time dependent optically-induced XES signal

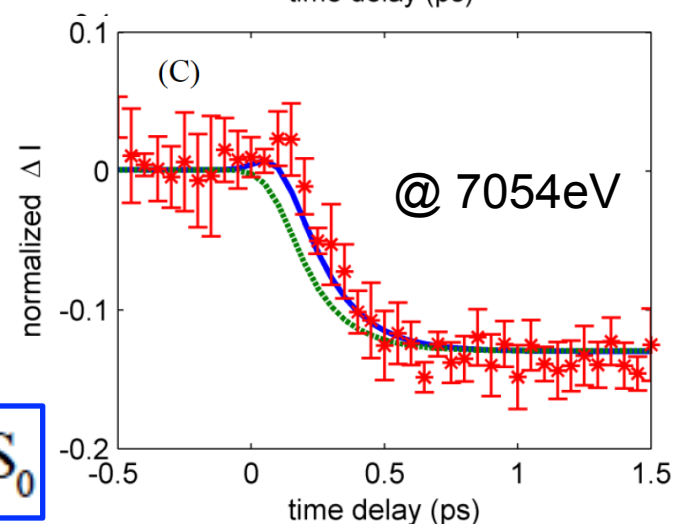
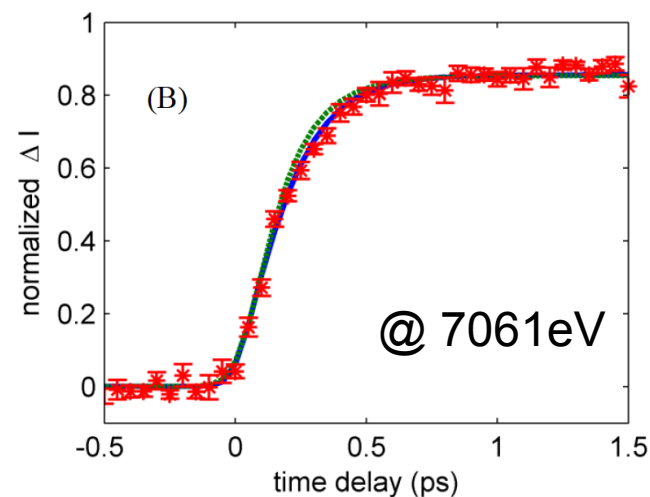
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[Fe(2,2'-bipyridine)₃]²⁺ (o) water



150±50fs

70±30fs



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Summary

- High resolution x-ray spectroscopies are powerful tools for electronic structure characterization studies
- State-of-the-art instruments coupled with 3rd generation beamlines or XFELs
- Multicrystal spectrometers provide high throughput and high energy resolution
- Besides direct XES and high resolution XAS, the X-ray Raman can provide soft XAS equivalent information using hard x-rays
- Hard x-rays provide *in-situ* capabilities

Summary

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Thank you !

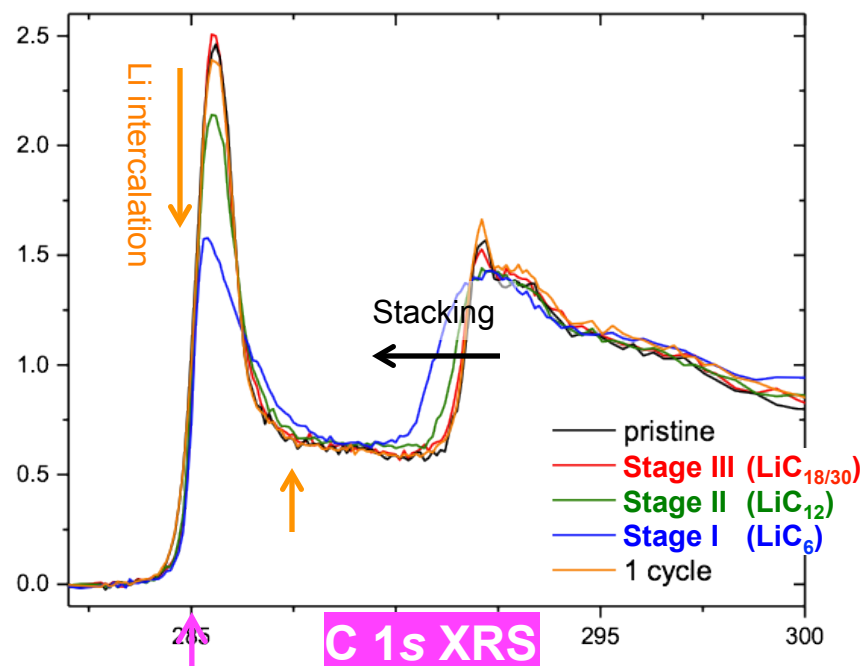
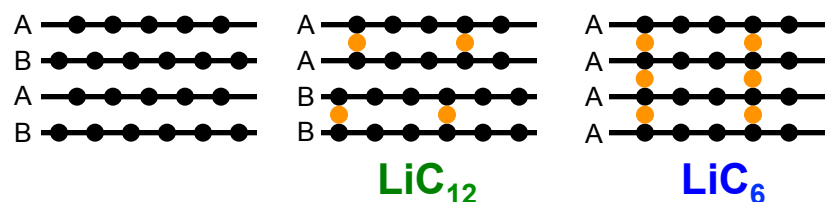
X-ray Spectroscopy at SLAC

Highlight: Lithium Ion Batteries – X-ray Raman Spectroscopy

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Anode

HOPG Lithiation



285 eV

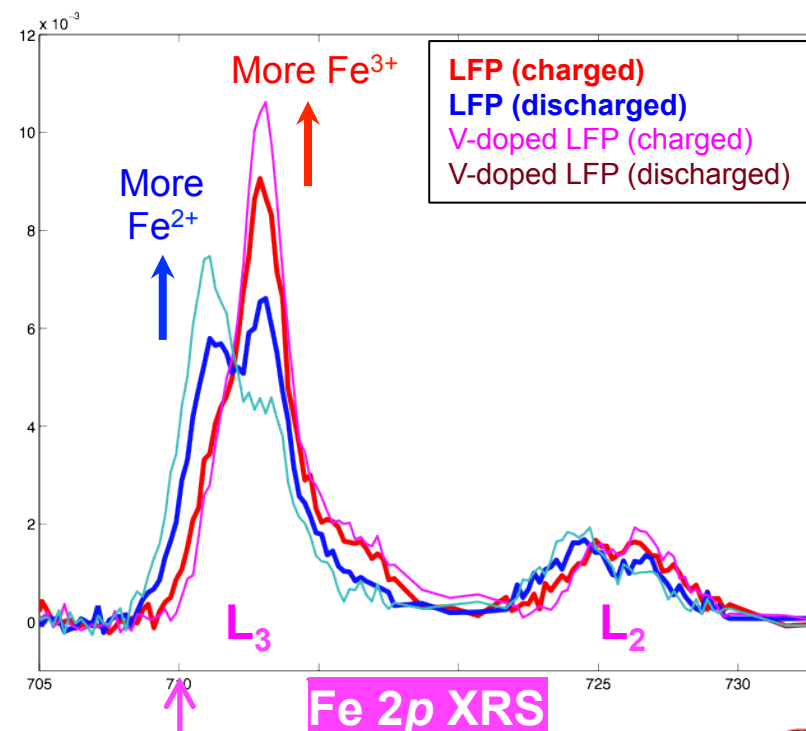
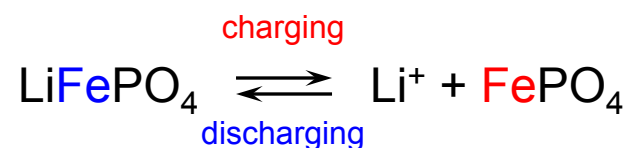
C 1s XRS

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Cathode

Battery capacity enhanced by dopant



710 eV

Fe 2p XRS

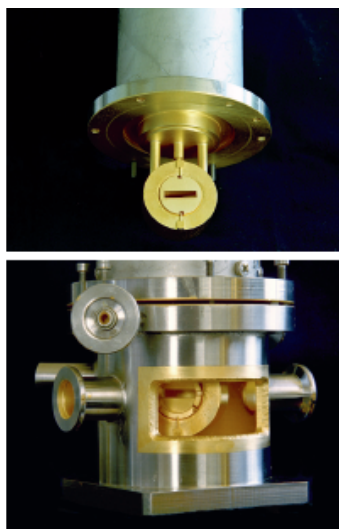
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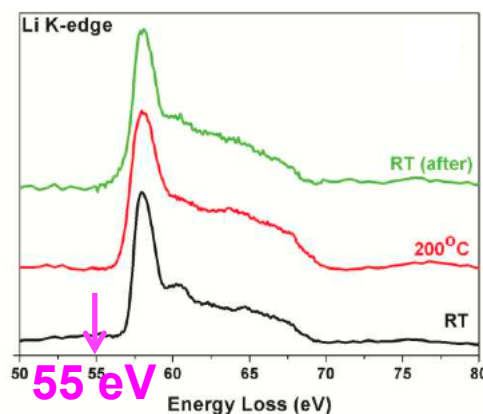
Highlight: Hydrogen Storage Materials– X-ray Raman Spectroscopy

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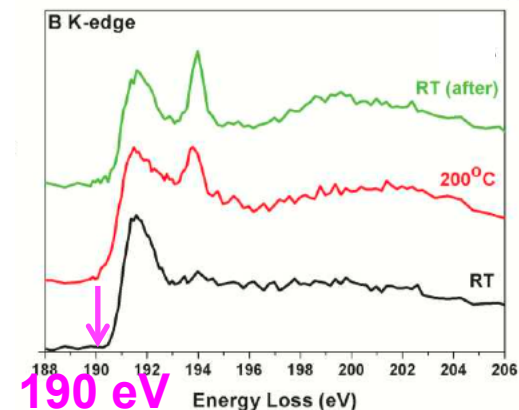


- *In-situ*
- 5% H₂/He (1 bar)
- Kapton window

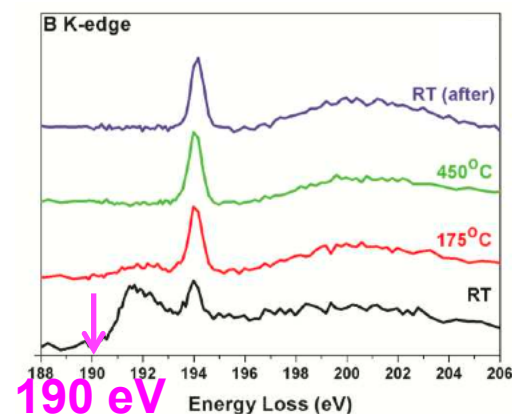
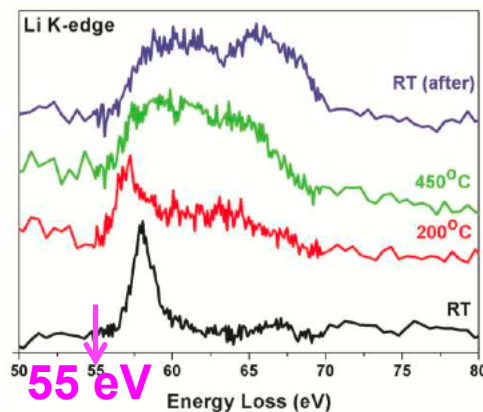
LiBH₄
Li 1s XRS



B 1s XRS



LiBH₄ @ C



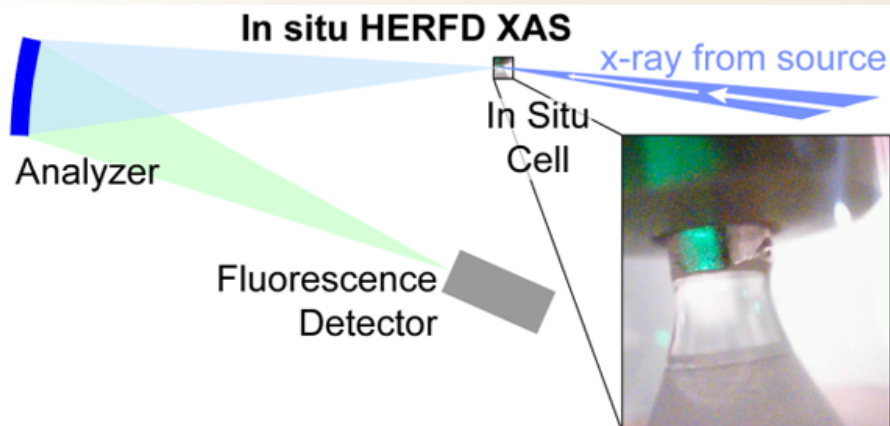
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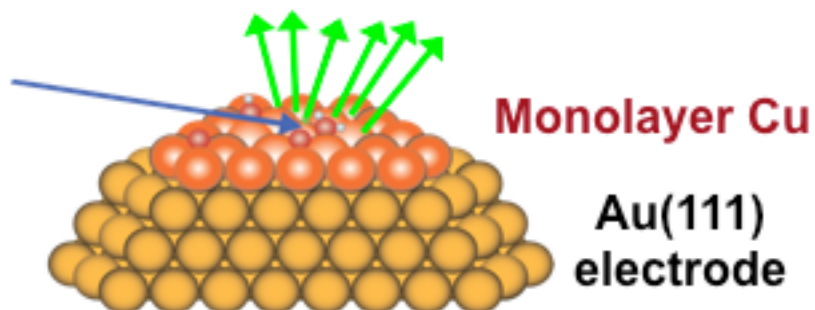
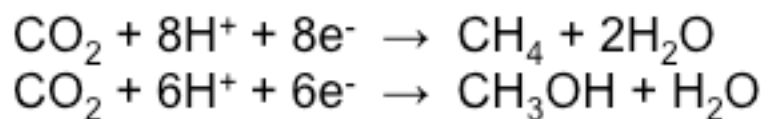
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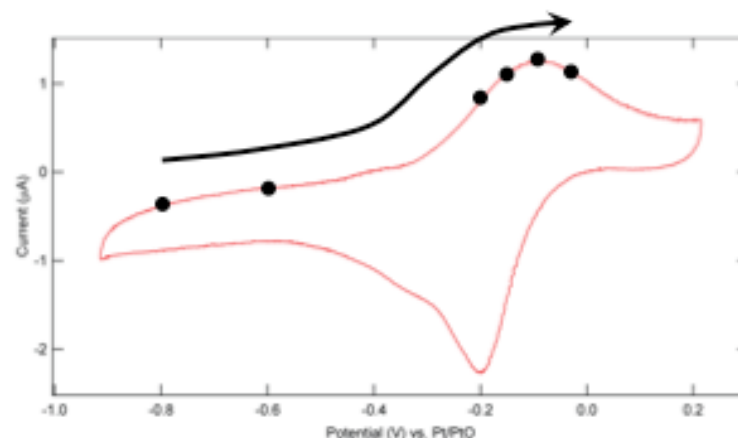
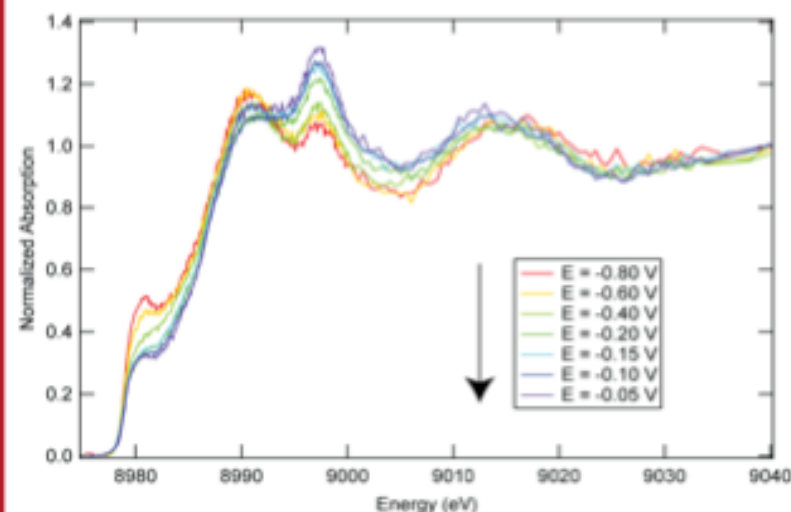
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Solar-to-fuel conversion



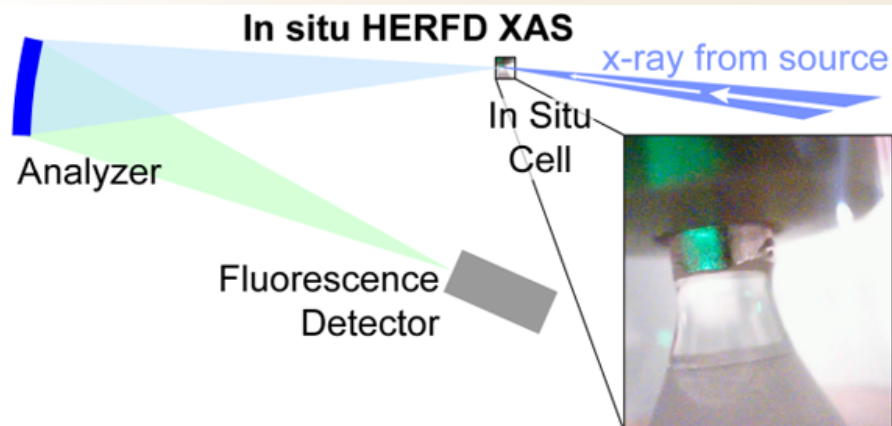
HERFD XAS



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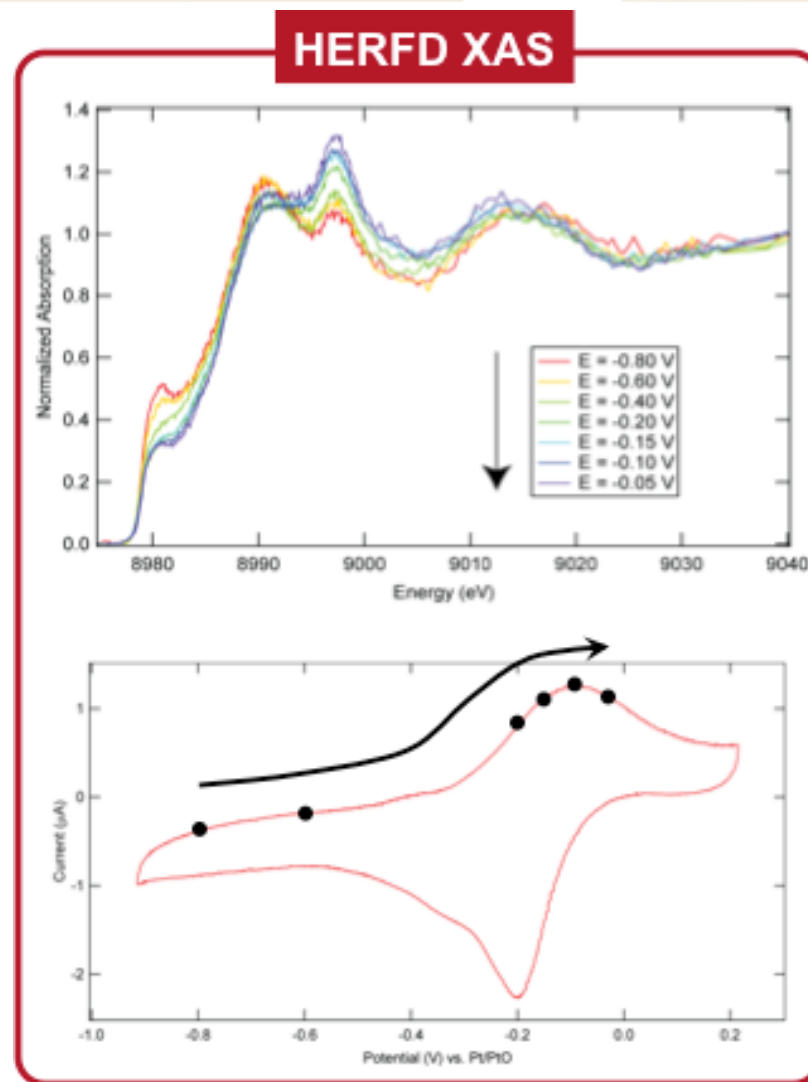
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- Ultra-high sensitivity of XES detection for sub-/mono-layer surface coverage
- Catalyst on single crystal electrode: catalytic activity vs. bimetallic interactions and strain

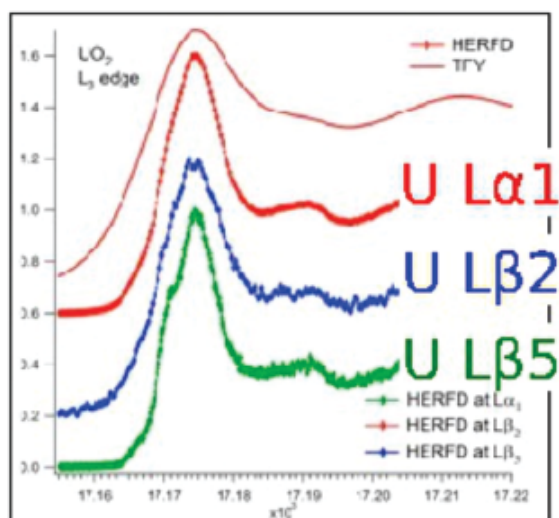
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High energy-resolution XAS – Fluorescence mode

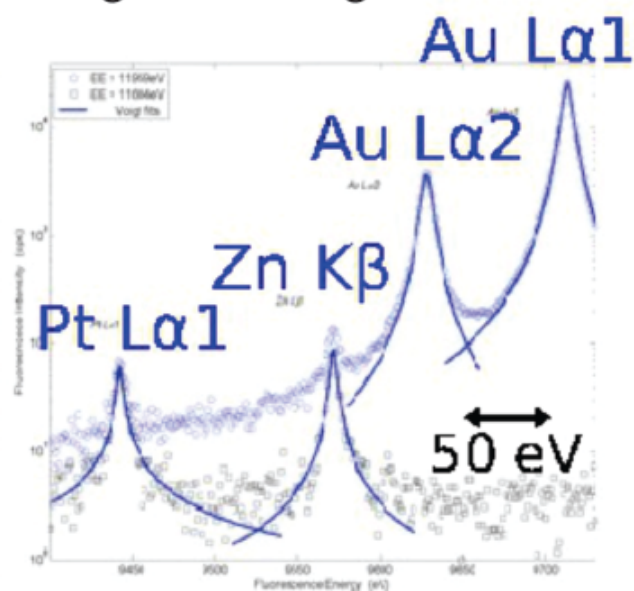
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Edge Sharpening



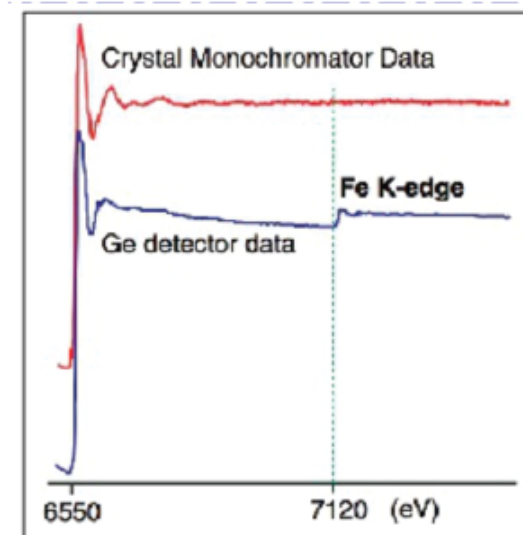
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Signal/Background ratio



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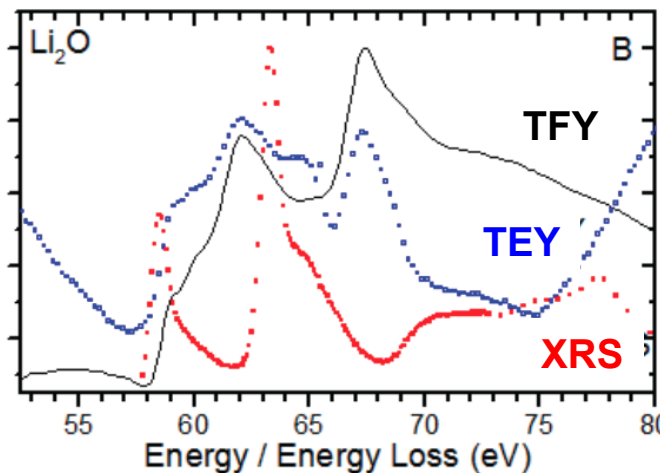
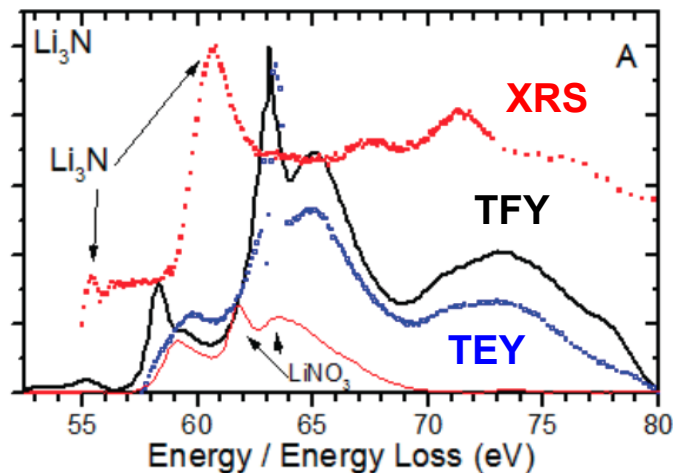
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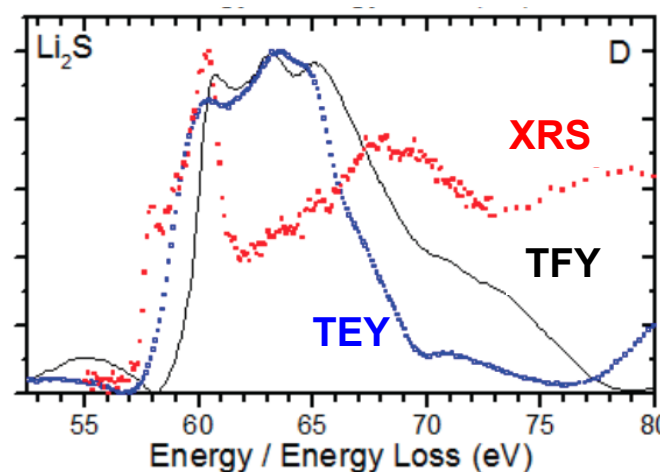
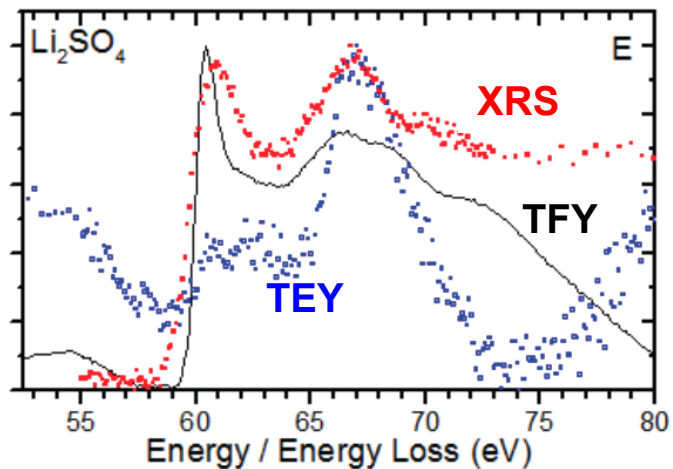
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Lithium Pure Compounds: Surface techniques (TEY, TFY) vs X-ray Raman (@ $\sim 1.2\text{\AA}^{-1}$)

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Significant differences among surface sensitive and bulk techniques!



Contaminated Surfaces

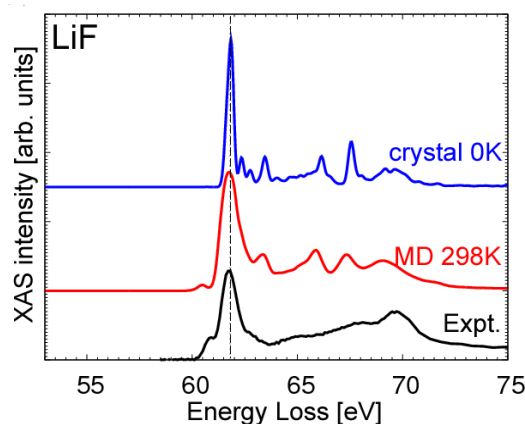
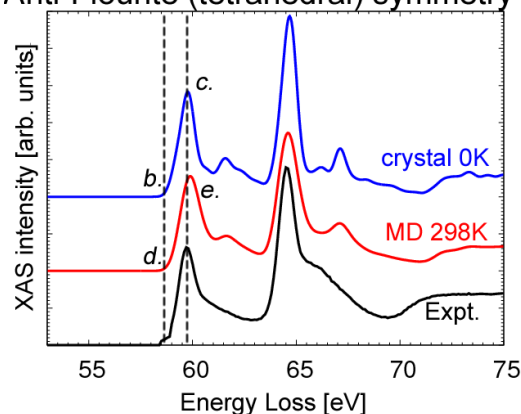
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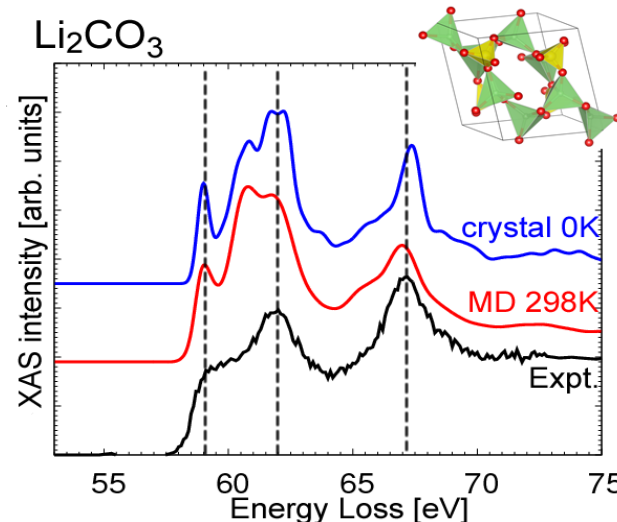
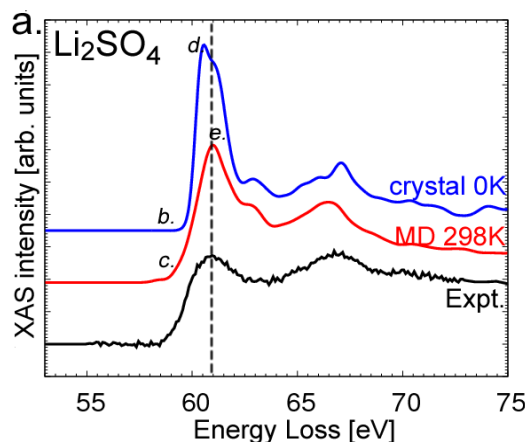
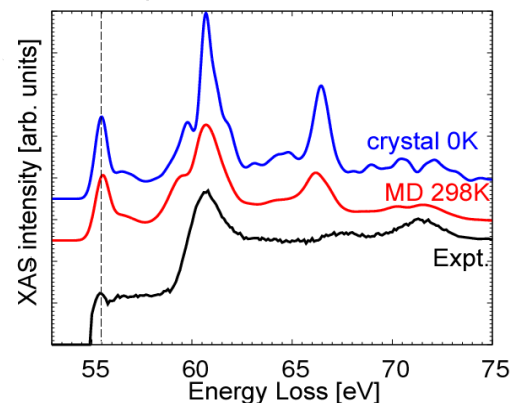
Li 1s XRS from model compounds + eXcited-state-Core-Hole (XCH) approach

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a. Lithium oxide (Li_2O)
Anti-Flourite (tetrahedral) symmetry



a. Li_3N XAS Spectra



ab-initio theoretical approach

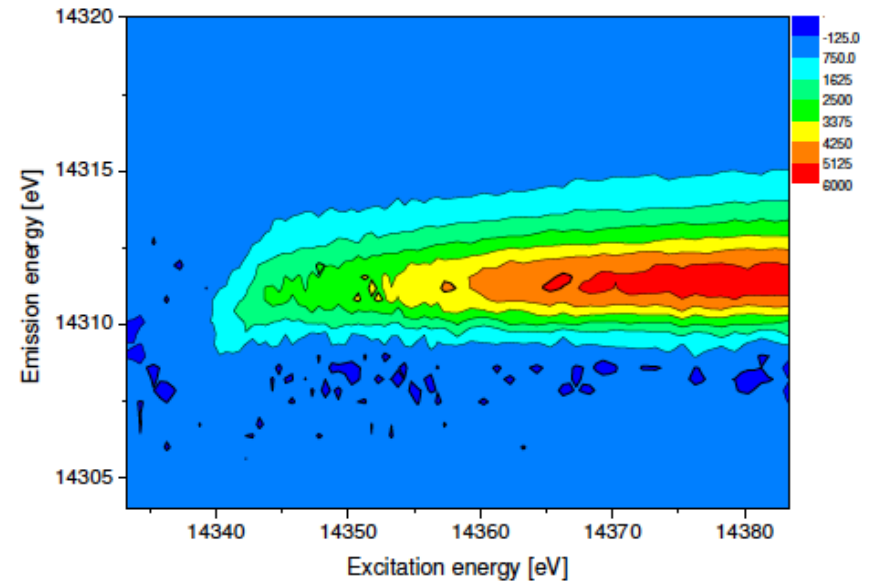
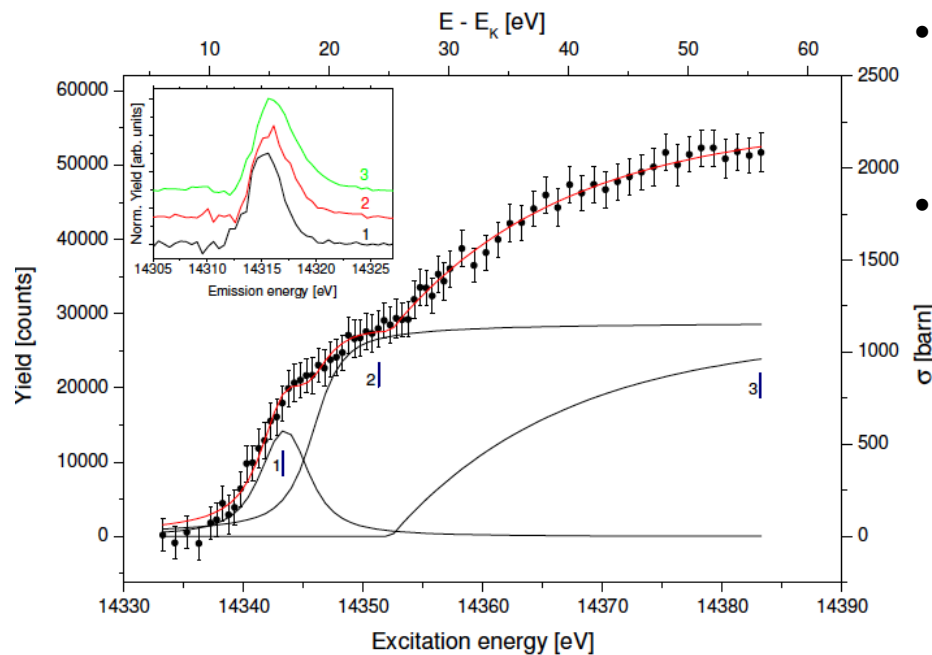
- Constrained *DFT* (plane-waves)
- XCH approach
- Molecular Dynamics Sampling

Great **Agreement** with XRS Data



Two-electron photo-excitations in Kr - RIXS

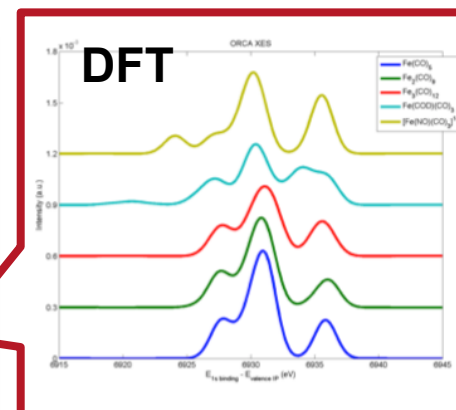
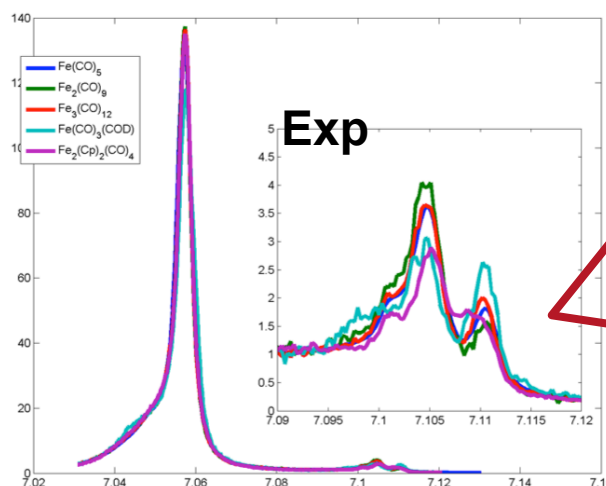
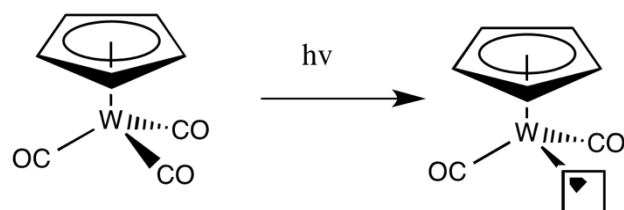
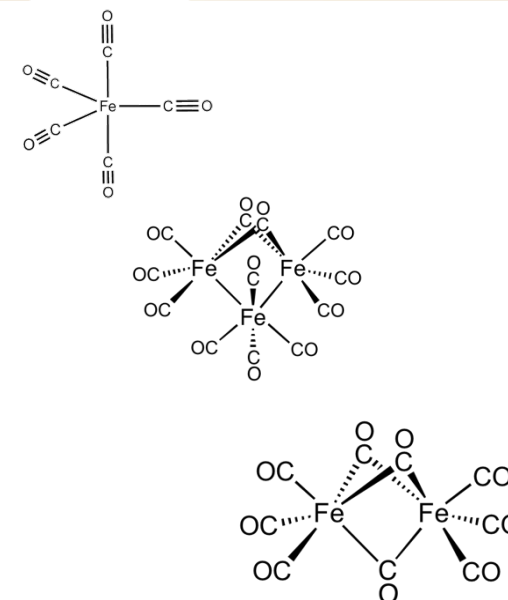
- Kr Gas
- High Resolution RIXS → **isolated** [1s4p] and [1s3d] double excitations
- Very good agreement with theory



Project Description: Approach

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- Metal Carbonyls and derivatives in catalysis
 - *hydroformylation* (alkene to aldehyde)
 - hydrocarboxylation (alkyne to carboxylate)
 - C-C formation (acetylene to cycloalkene)
- Reactivity of Metal Carbonyls
 - CO substitution (e.g. NO, CN, CS, CNR)
 - CO *activation* (as an electrophile)



Project Description: Approach

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• $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ Photolysis

- Spin dynamics (LCLS)
 - understanding the energy surface of excited state to steer the reaction with helps from theory
- CO replacement by solvent, substrate (SSRL BL15-2)
 - investigating factors (ligands, solvation) which control the chemical reactivity and kinetics

