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**X-ray absorption spectroscopy**

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## X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy (K edges)

- Interaction of X-rays with matter
- XANES and EXAFS
- XANES analysis
- Pre-edge analysis
- Resonant Inelastic X-ray Spectroscopy (RIXS)

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Promotie: vaste stof chemie **Nijmegen** (1991)

Post-doc: Laboratoire pour l' utilisation du rayonnement électromagnétique in **Parijs** (93-94)

Post-doc: vaste stof natuurkunde in **Groningen** (95-98)

Universitair hoofddocent: anorganische chemie **Utrecht**

- Theorie van röntgenspectroscopie
- Ontwikkelen nieuwe röntgenspectroscopieën
- Onderzoek aan heterogene katalysatoren
- Onderzoek aan vaste stoffen

## Why X-ray Absorption?

- Element specific
- Sensitive to low concentrations (0.01-0.1 %)
- Applicable under extreme conditions (high-pressure, high temperature, in-situ)
- Applicable to gasses, liquids and solids
- Combination with microscopy

## What do we learn from XAS?

- Metal valence during synthesis and reaction
- Metal coordination  
(very small) nanoparticles/clusters
- Metal site symmetry
- d-band occupation  
(3d, 4d or 5d; metal versus oxide, valence)
- Energy positions of empty bands of adsorbates  
(CO, H<sub>2</sub> on Pt, nature of adsorption site)
- **20 nm spatial-resolved, 50 ps time-resolved**

## Interaction of x-rays with matter 1

The photon moves towards the atom



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The photon meets an electron and is annihilated



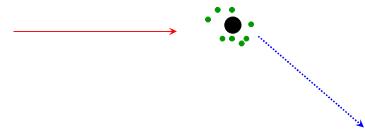
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The electron gains the energy of the photon and is turned into a **blue electron**.



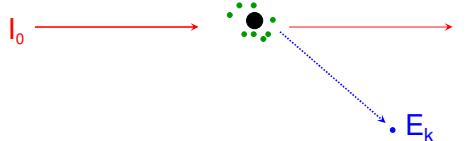
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The blue electron (feeling lonely) leaves the atom and scatters off neighbors or escapes from the sample



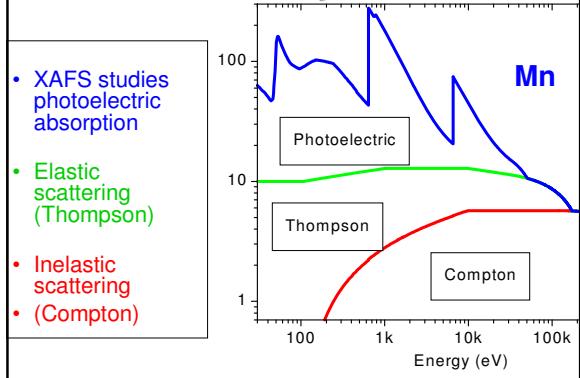
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The probability of photon annihilation determines the intensity of the transmitted photon beam



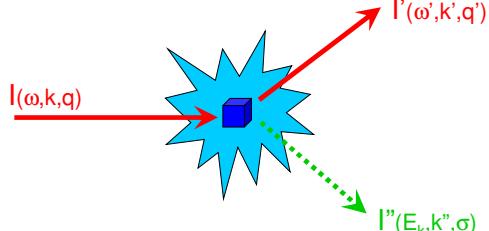
### Interaction of x-rays with matter

- XAFS studies photoelectric absorption
- Elastic scattering (Thompson)
- Inelastic scattering
- (Compton)



### Interaction of x-rays with matter

Energy → Spectroscopy  
Direction → Structure  
Polarization → Magnetism

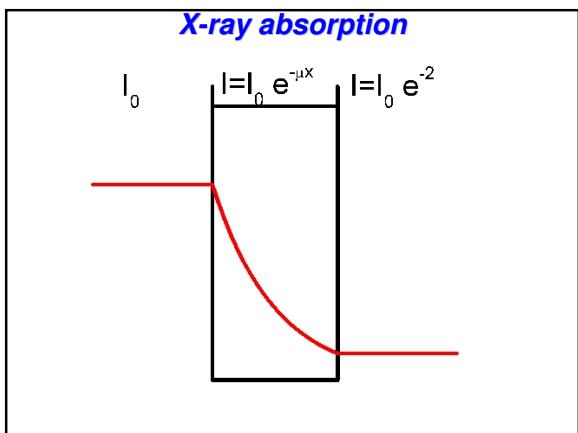
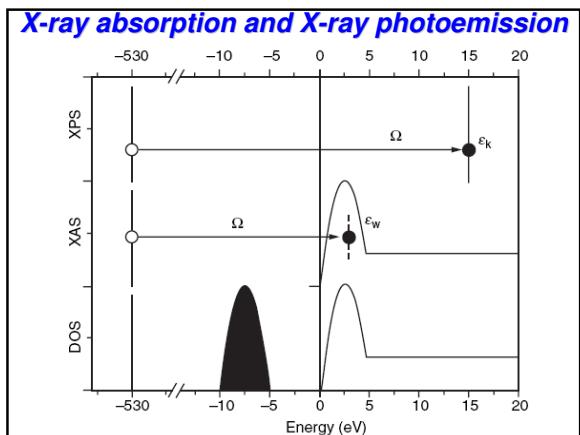
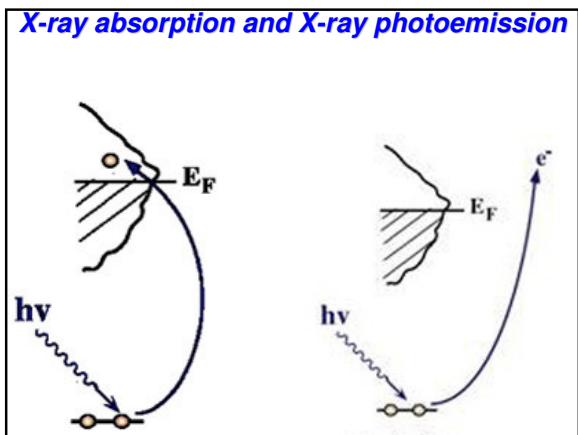


### X-ray absorption and X-ray photoemission

Excitation of core electrons to empty states.

Spectrum given by the **Fermi Golden Rule**

$$I_{XAS} \sim \sum_f \left| \langle \Phi_f | T_1 | \Phi_i \rangle \right|^2 \delta_{E_f - E_i - \hbar\omega}$$

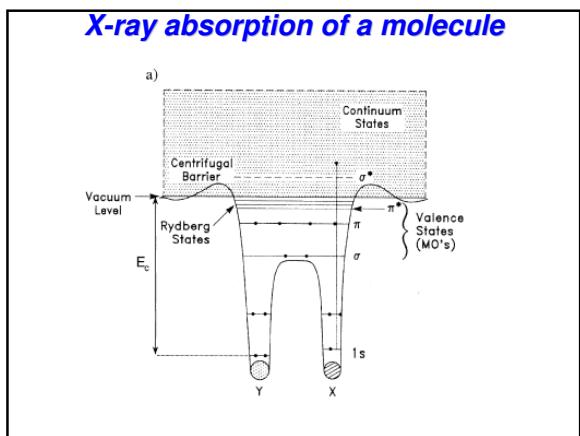
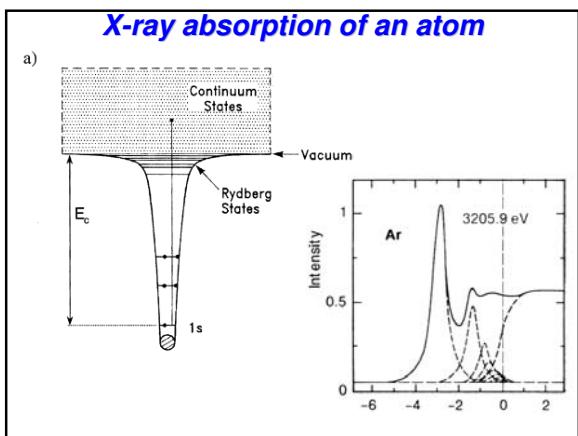


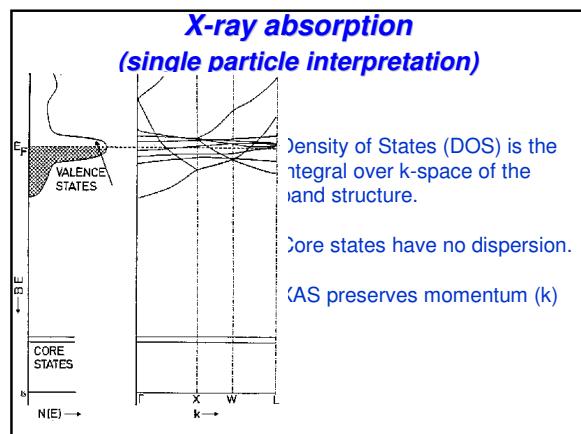
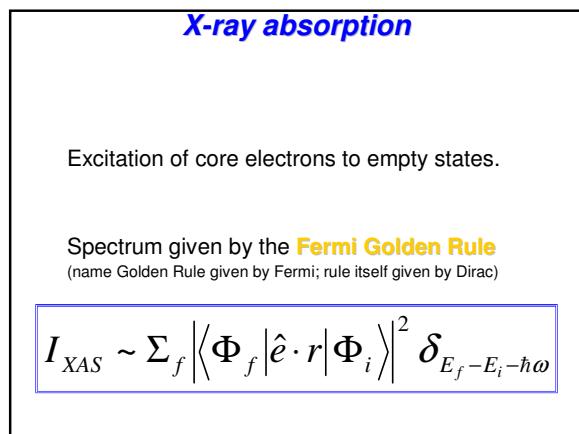
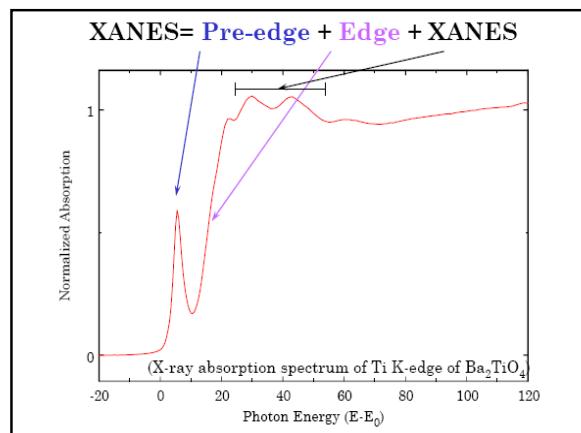
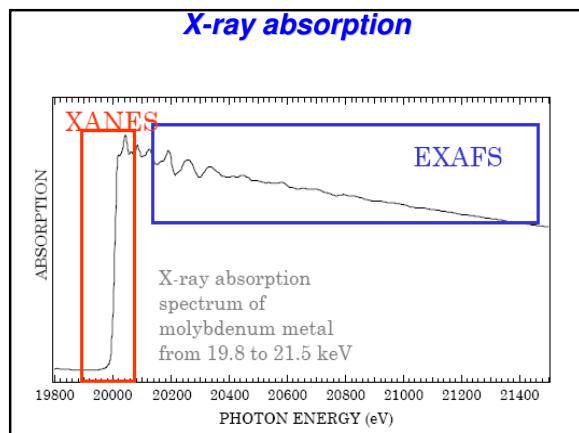
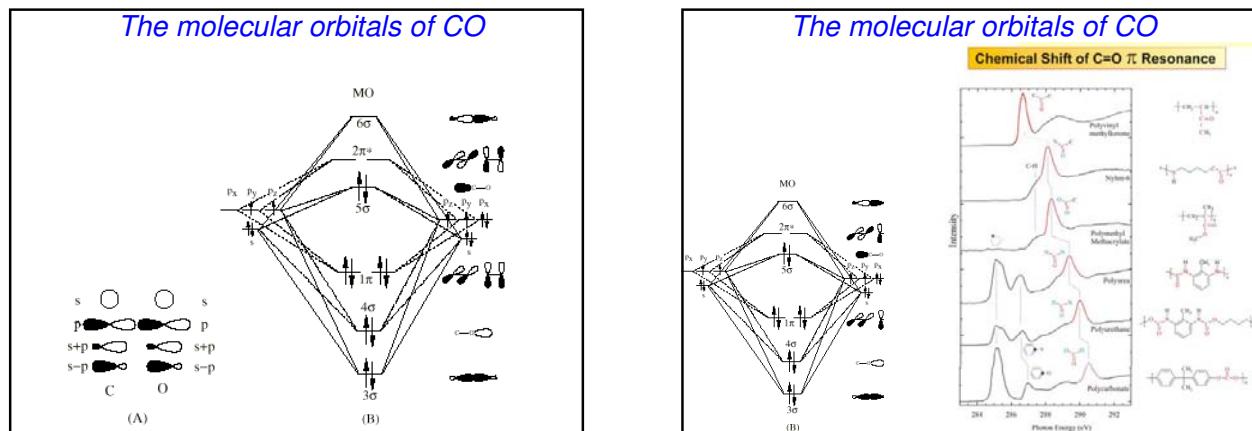
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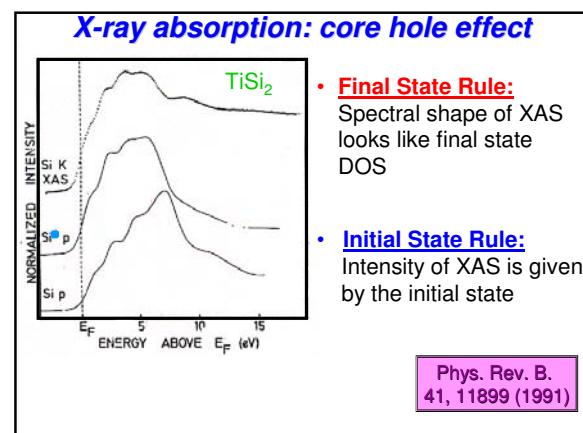
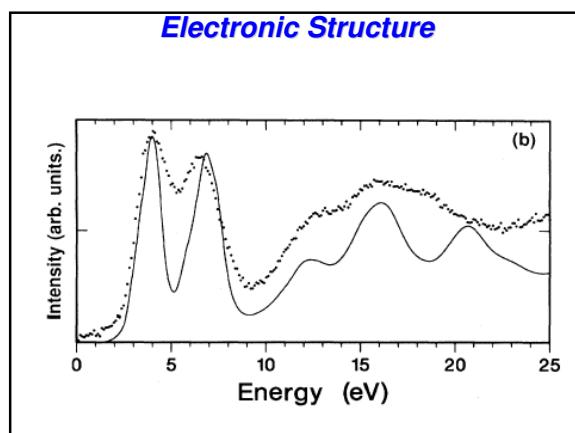
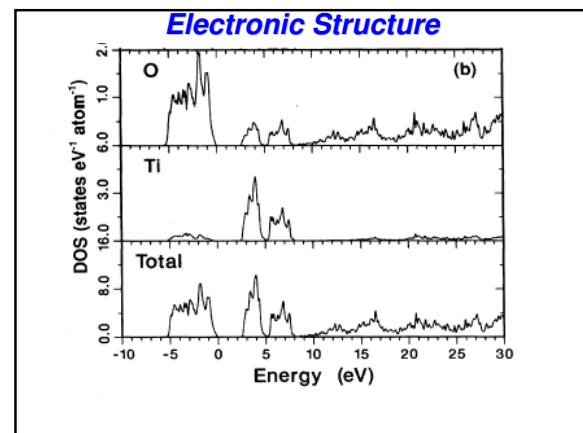
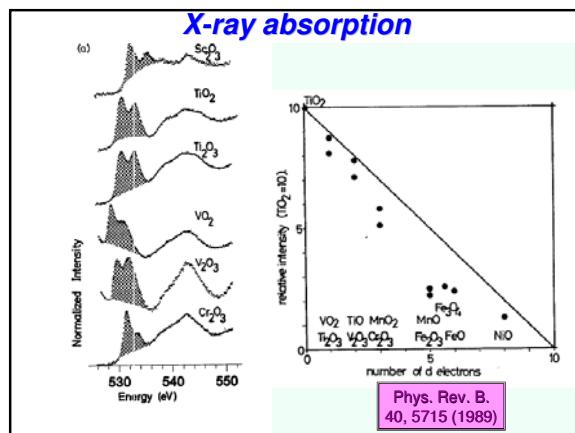
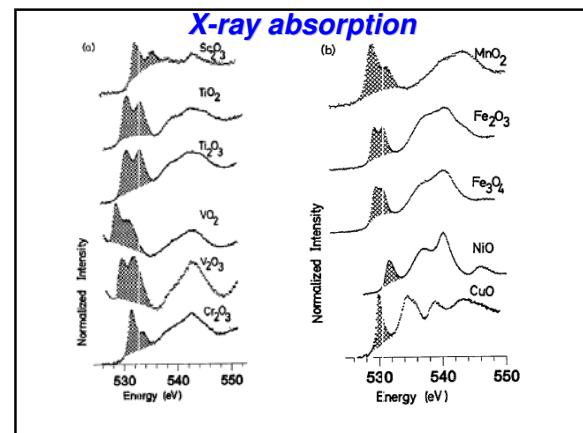
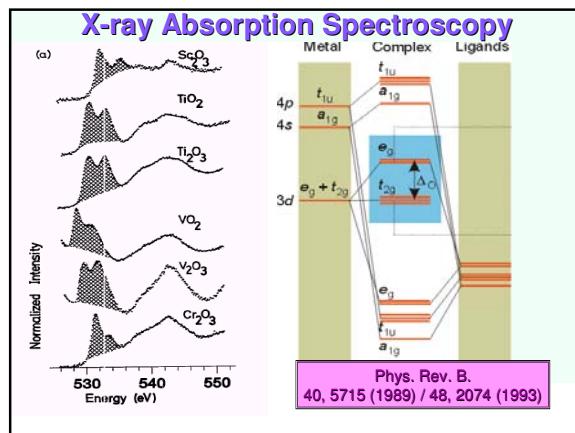
$$\ln \frac{I_0}{I_t} = \epsilon \cdot c \cdot l$$

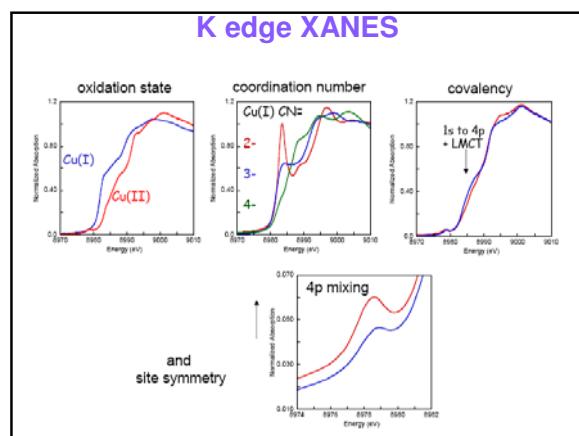
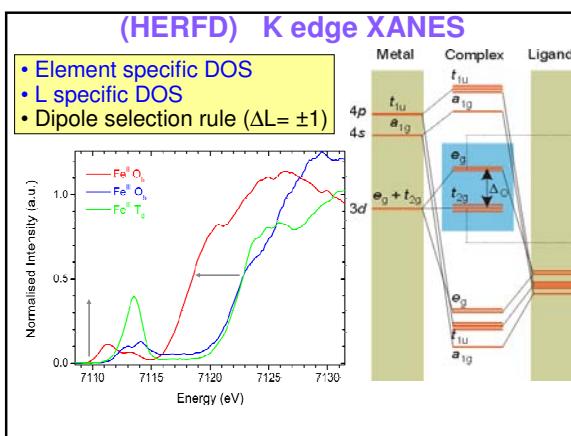
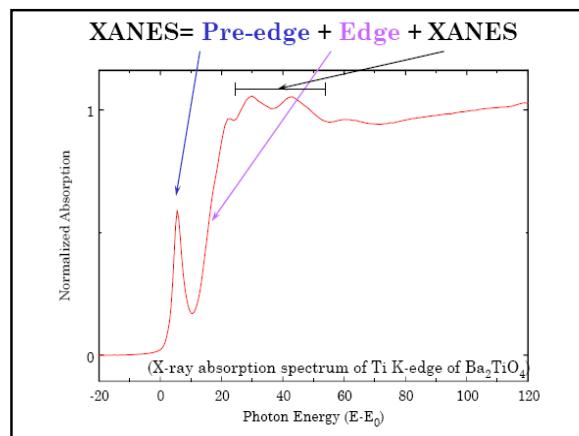
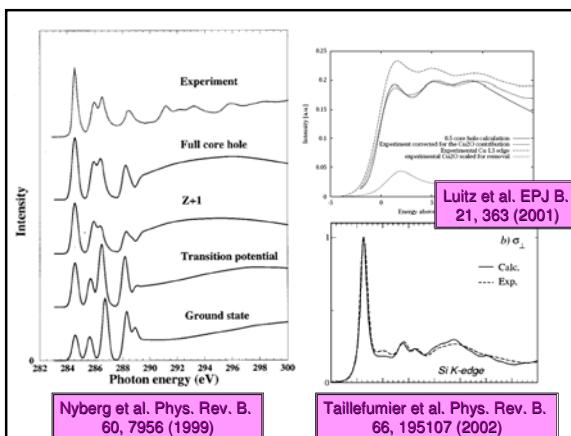
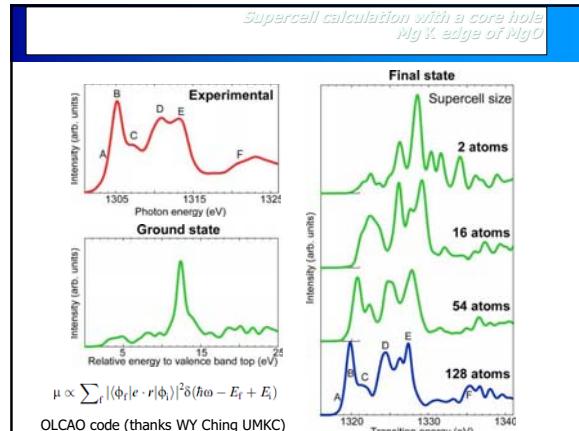
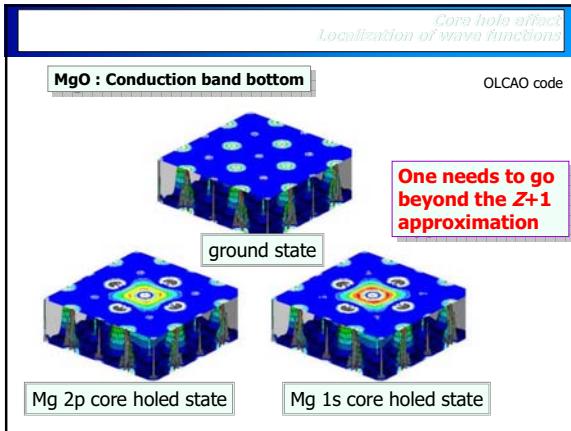
$$\mu = \frac{1}{x} \ln \frac{I_0}{I_t}$$

- Lambert-Beer
- $\mu$  = absorption coefficient
- $x$  = sample thickness
- Measure x-ray intensity before and after sample

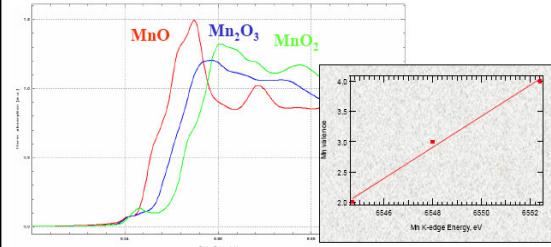








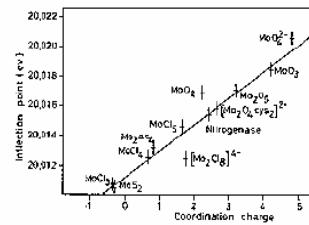
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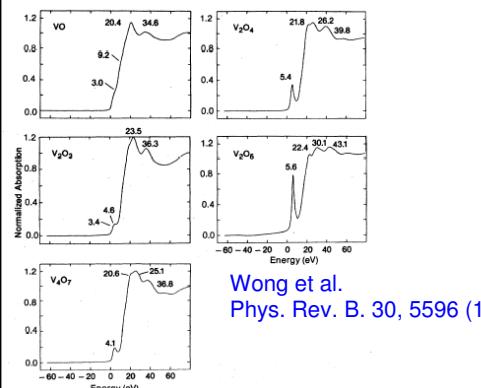
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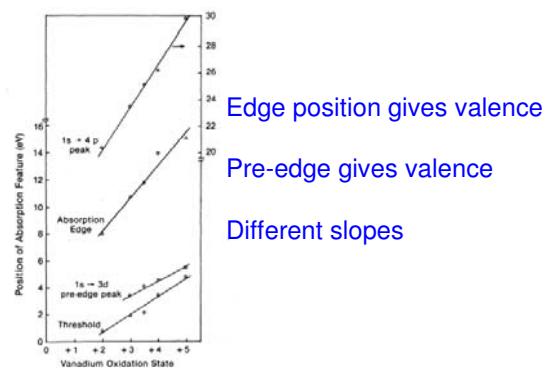
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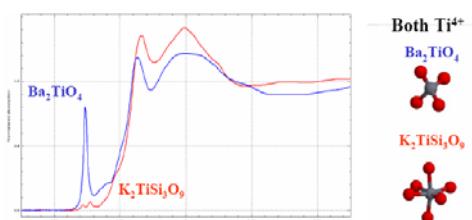
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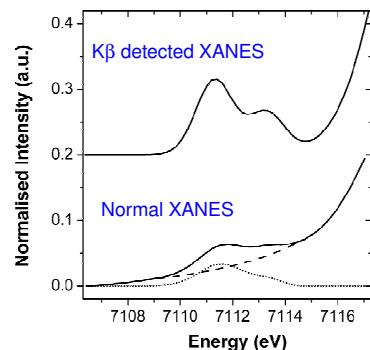


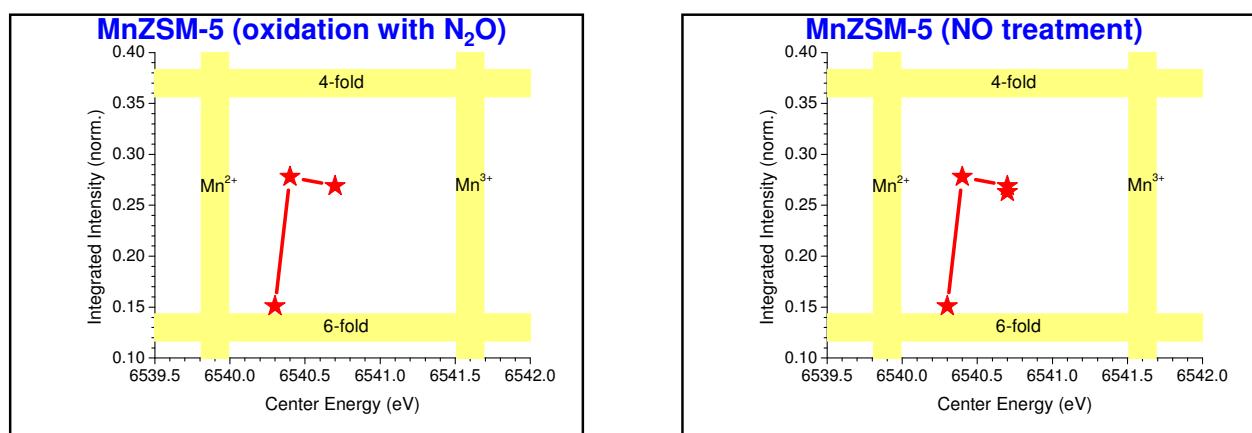
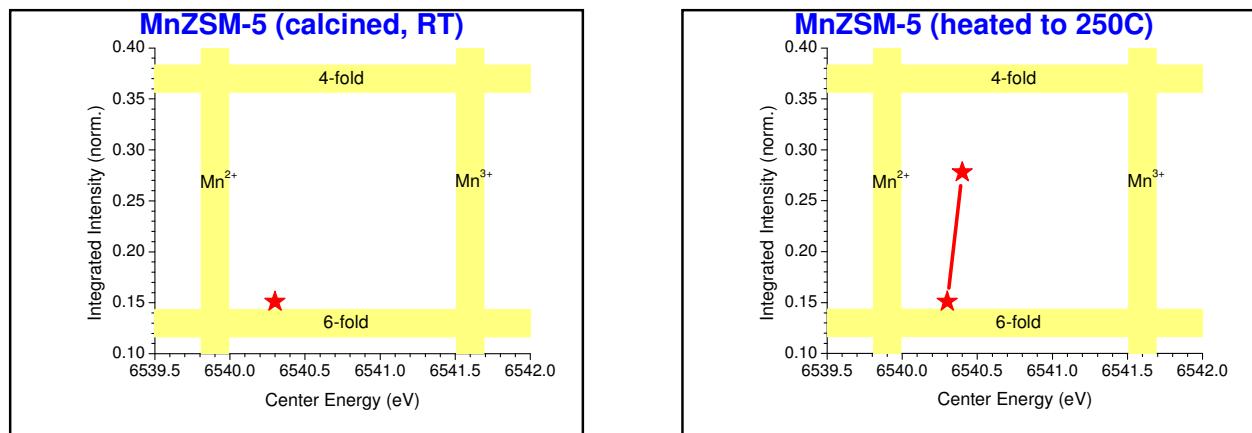
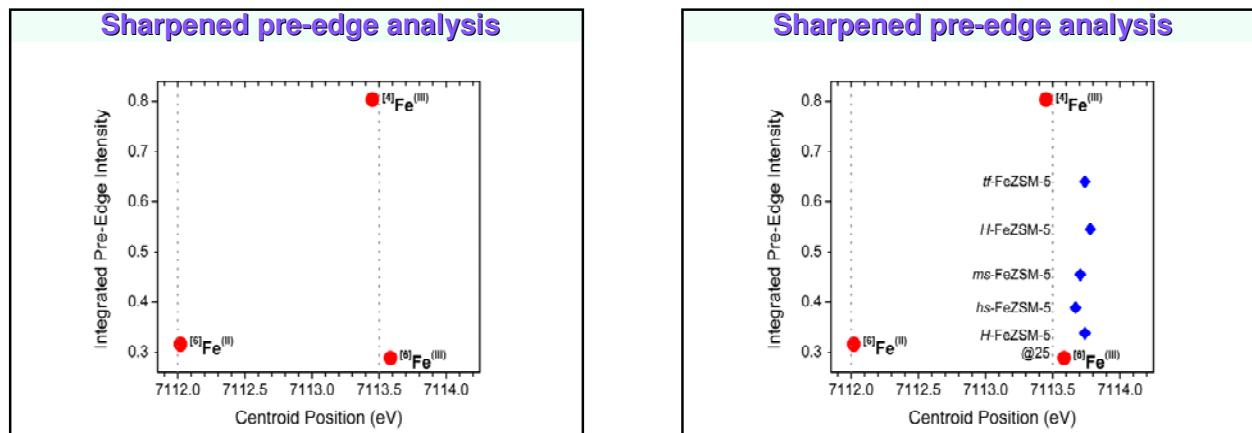
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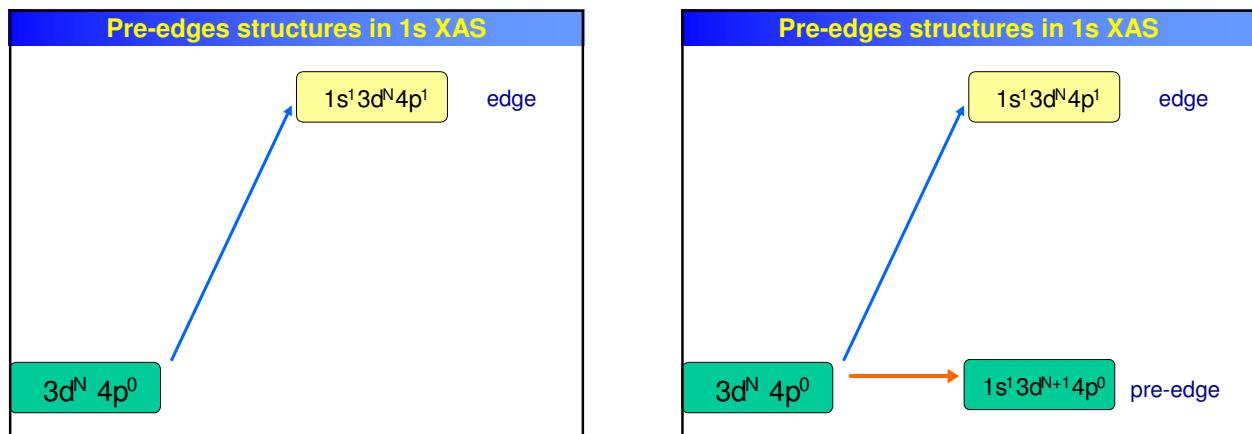
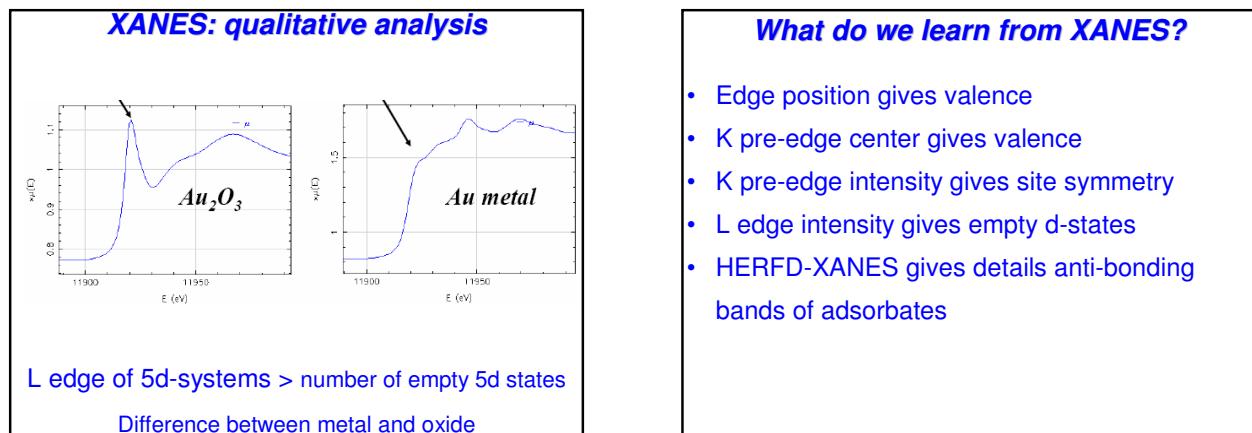
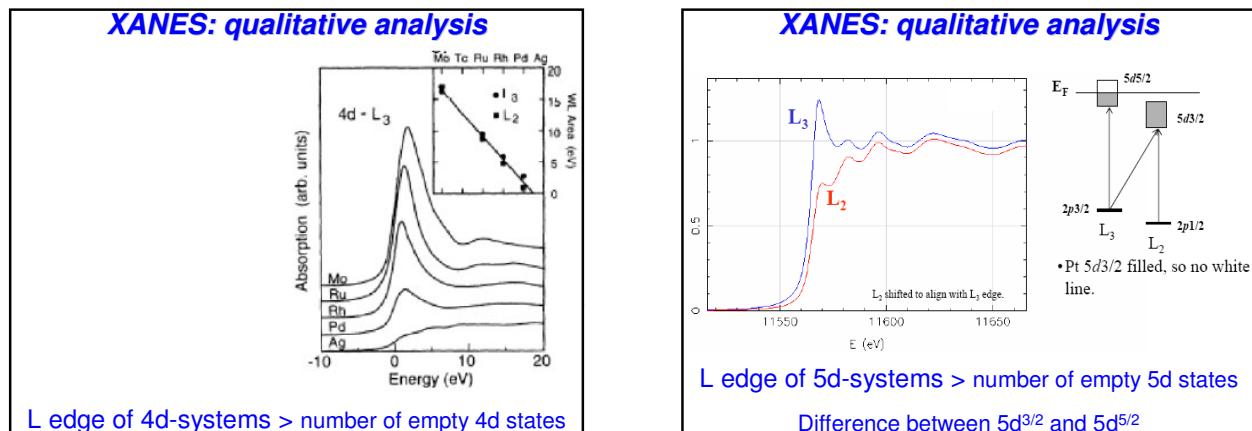


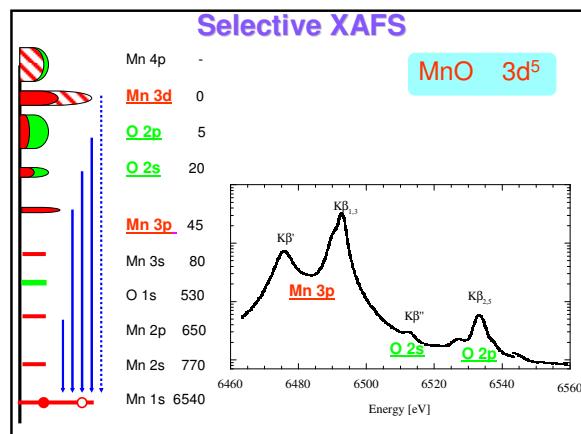
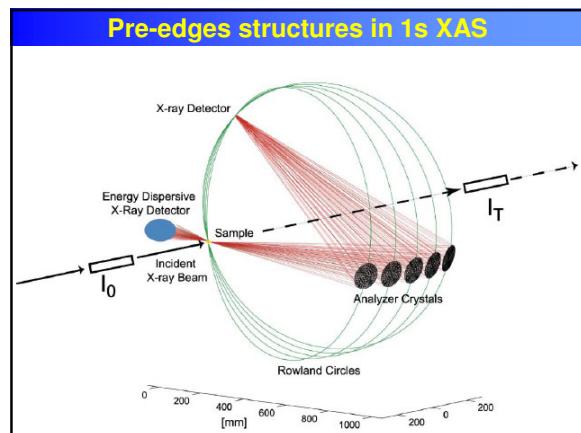
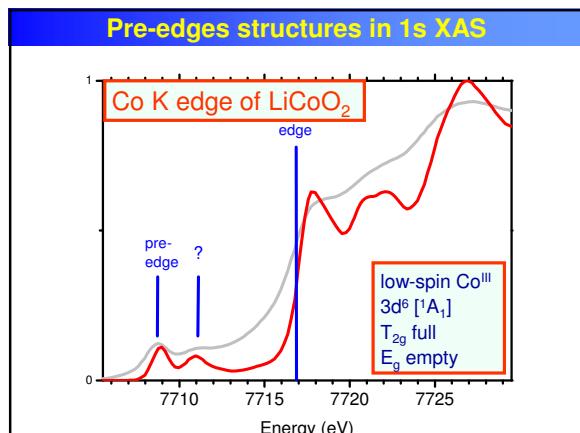
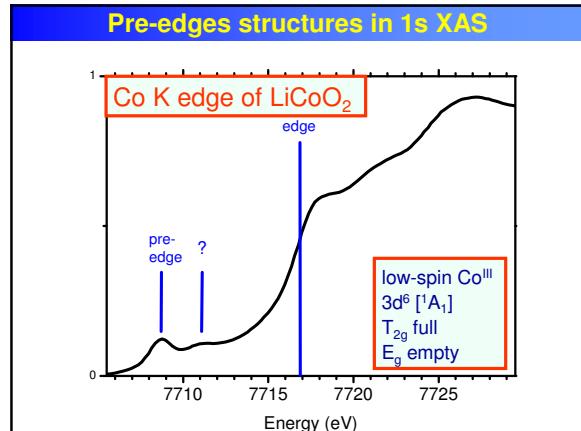
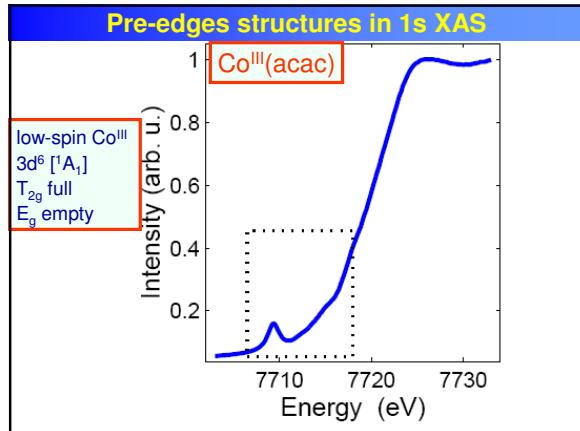
Pre-edge intensity gives site symmetry

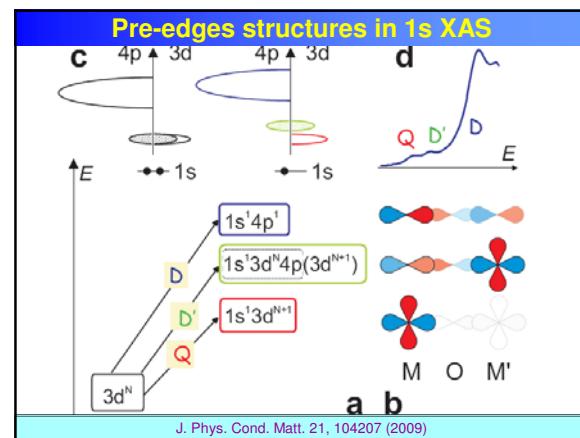
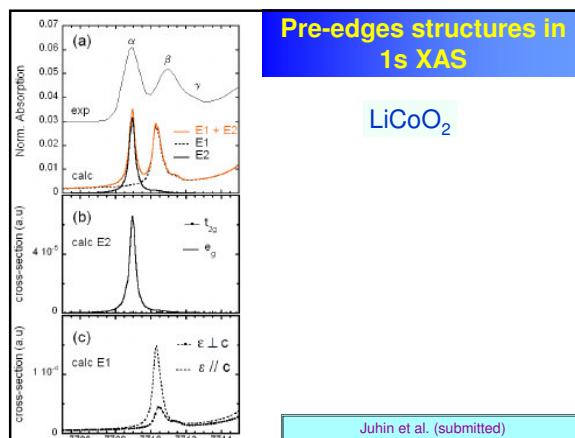
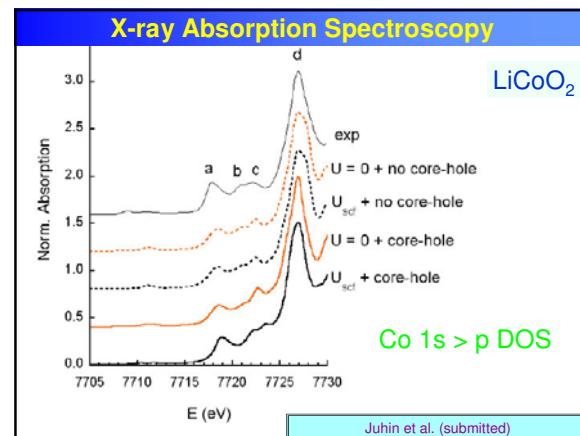
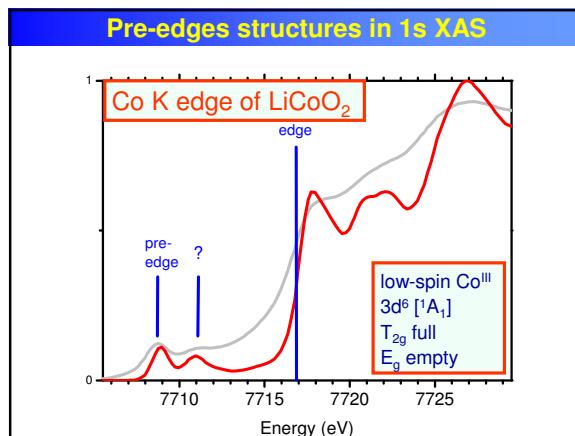
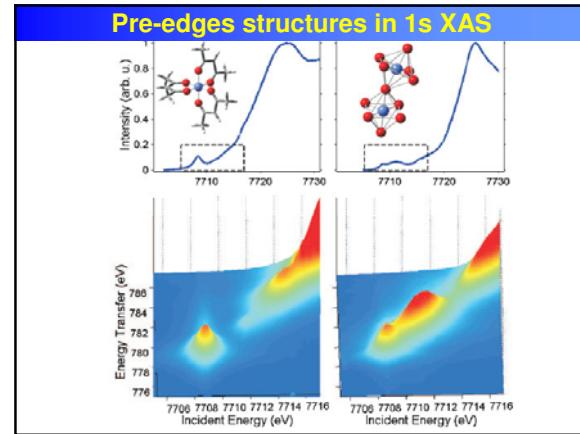
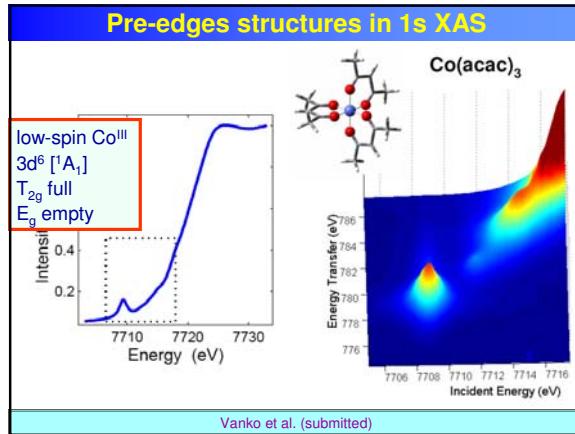
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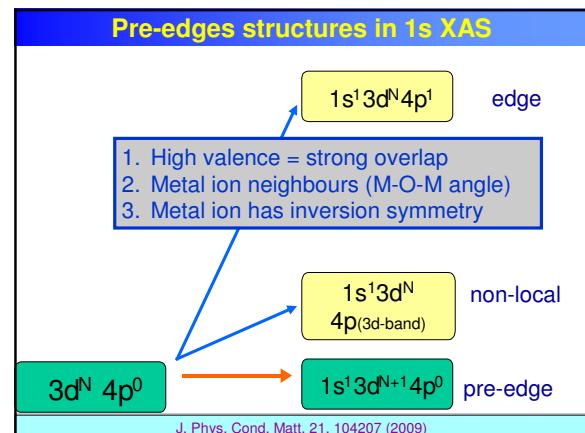
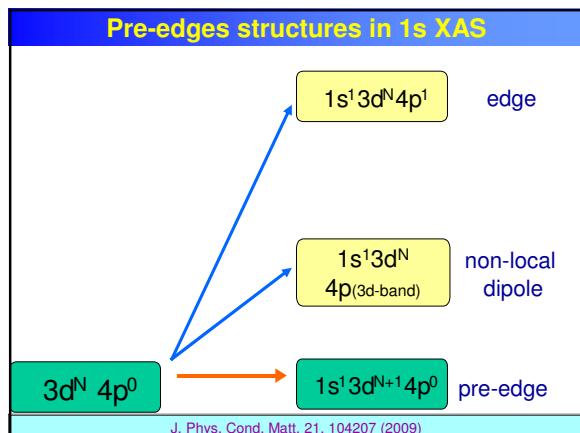
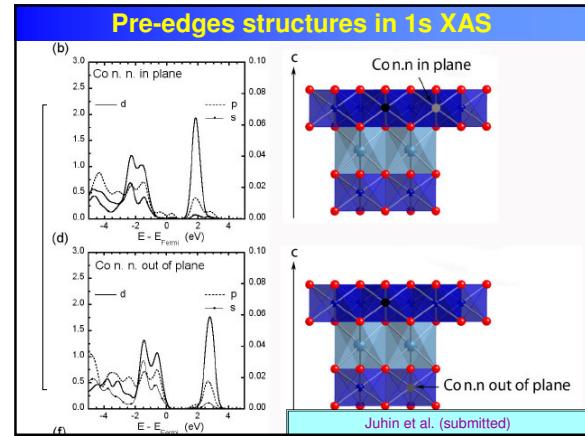
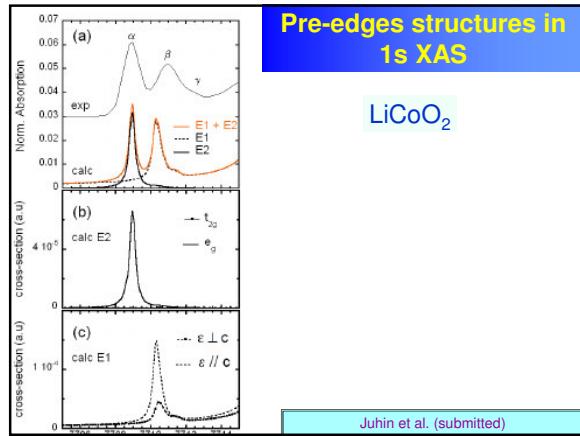






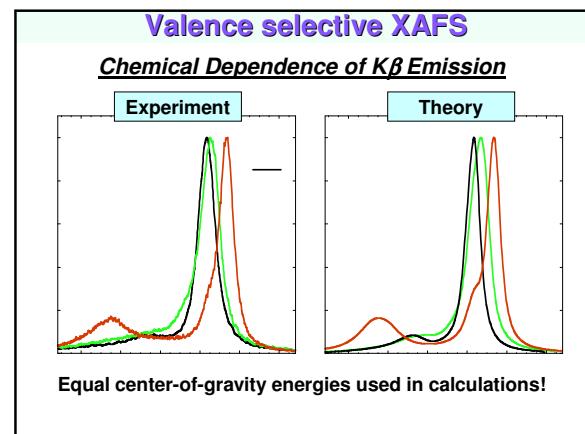


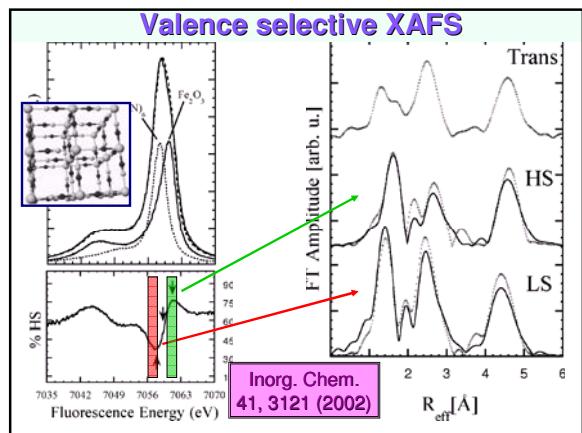




**Valence selective XAFS**

- Independent XANES and EXAFS spectra for different valences in the same system.
- Use chemical shift in the XES emission line with  $<1$  eV resolution.
- 1s3p decay gives clearest chemical shifts due to changing 3p3d exchange with 3d-count.
- Note: the center-of-gravity does not shift with valence because the energy difference between 1s and 3p core levels is constant

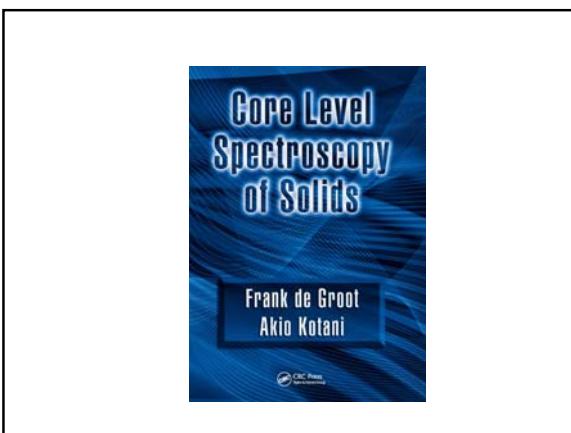
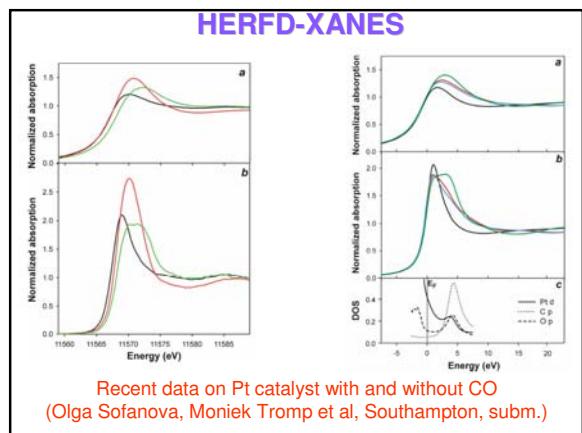




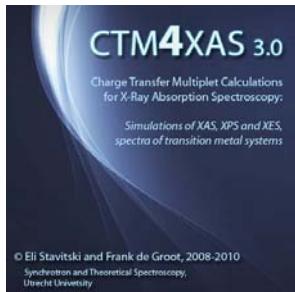
**HERFD-XANES**

- measure deep core hole XANES with the resolution of a shallow core hole
- For example 3d metal K edges, 5d metal L edges and rare earth L edges.
  - (1) detect adsorbates on Pt or Au,
  - (2) separate pre-edges from edges
  - (3) make quadrupole peaks visible.
- The overall resolution should be as good as the shallow core hole, ~0.3 eV.

(HERFD = High-Energy Resolution Fluorescence Detection)



## X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy (L edges)

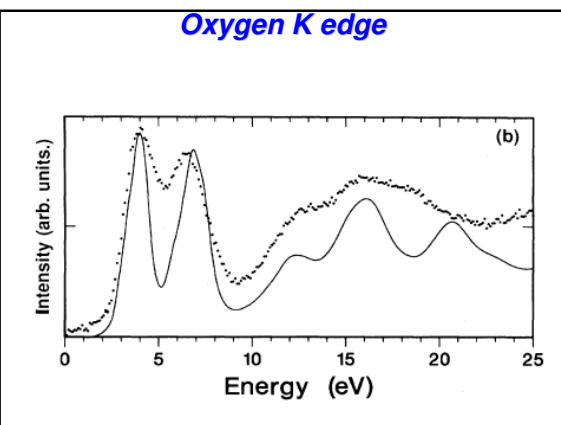
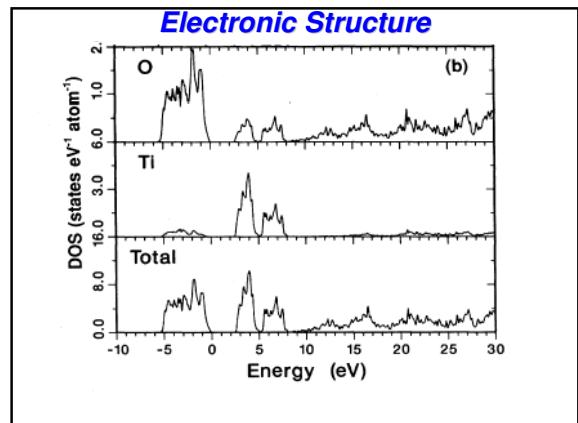
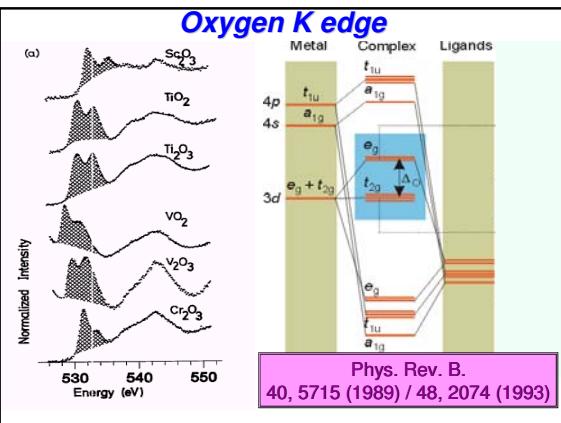


## X-ray absorption

Excitation of core electrons to empty states.

Spectrum given by the **Fermi Golden Rule**

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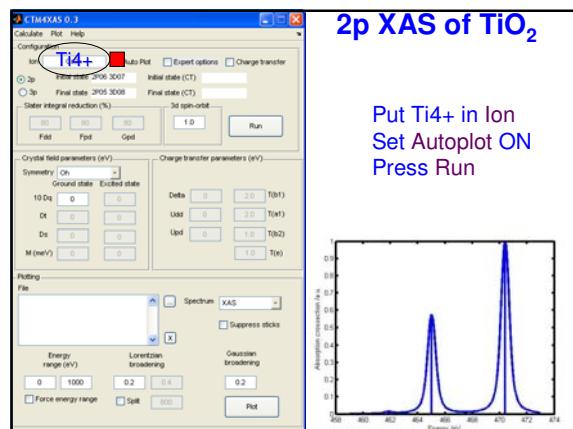
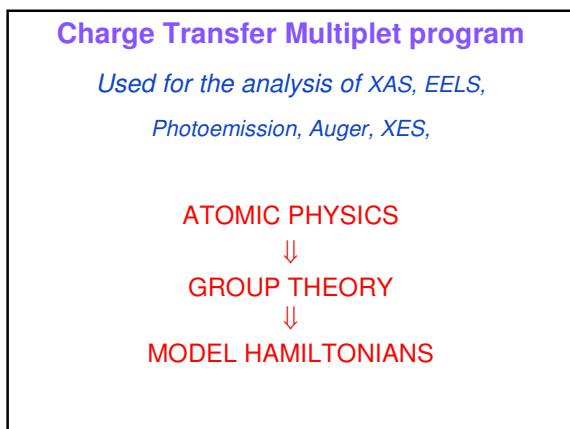
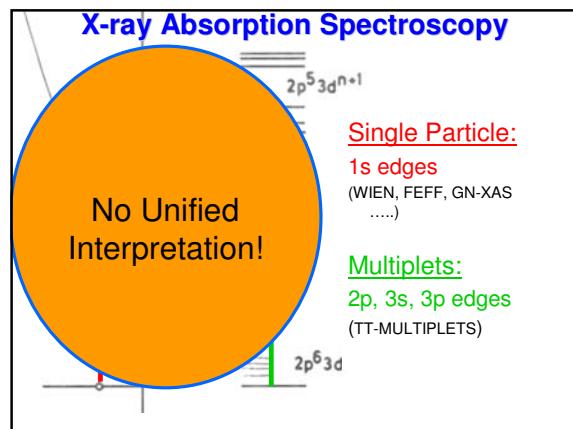
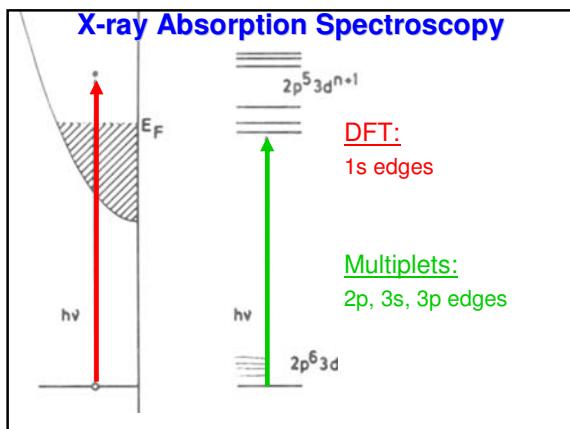
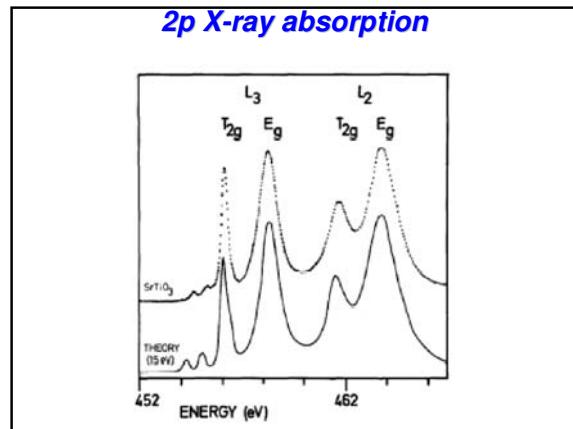
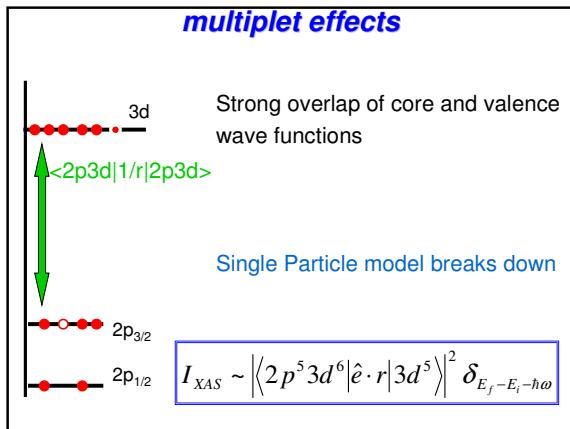
Fermi Golden Rule:

$$I_{XAS} = |\langle \Phi_f | \text{dipole} | \Phi_i \rangle|^2 \delta_{[\Delta E = 0]}$$

Single electron (excitation) approximation:

$$I_{XAS} = |\langle \Phi_{\text{empty}} | \text{dipole} | \Phi_{\text{core}} \rangle|^2 \rho$$

1. Neglect  $\langle vv' | 1/r | vv' \rangle$  ('many body effects')
2. Neglect  $\langle cv | 1/r | cv \rangle$  ('multiplet effects')



**Atomic Multiplet Theory**

$$H = \sum_N \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + \sum_N \frac{-ze^2}{r_i} + \sum_{pairs} \frac{e^2}{r_{ij}} + \sum_N \zeta(r_i) l_i \cdot s_i$$

- Kinetic Energy
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**Atomic Multiplet Theory (ground state)**

$$\left\langle {}^{2S+1}L_J \mid \frac{e^2}{r_{12}} \right| {}^{2S+1}L_J \right\rangle = \sum_k f_k F^k$$

Electron Correlation of Valence States

$$H_{ATOM} = \sum_{pairs} \frac{e^2}{r_{ij}} + \sum_N \zeta(r_i) l_i \cdot s_i$$

Valence Spin-orbit coupling

**Atomic Multiplet Theory (core hole)**

$$\left\langle {}^{2S+1}L_J \mid \frac{e^2}{r_{12}} \right| {}^{2S+1}L_J \right\rangle = \sum_k f_k F^k + \sum_k g_k G^k$$

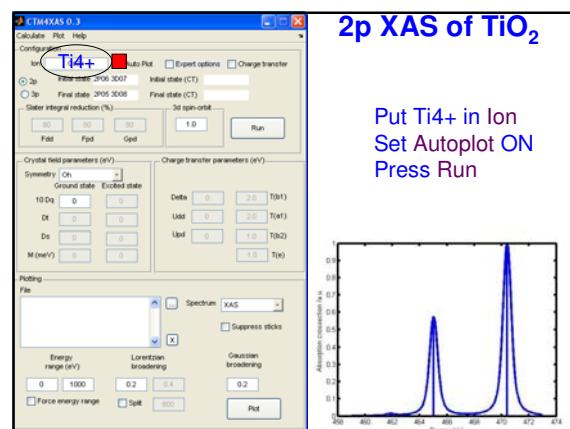
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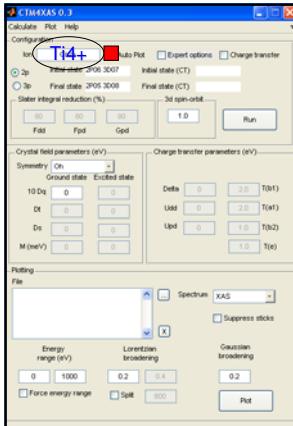
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Core Spin-orbit coupling

**Multiplet Effects**

1s	2s	2p	3s	3p
0.07		5      8	13	17
		Core Valence Overlap		
0	0	17	0	2
		Core Spin-orbit coupling		



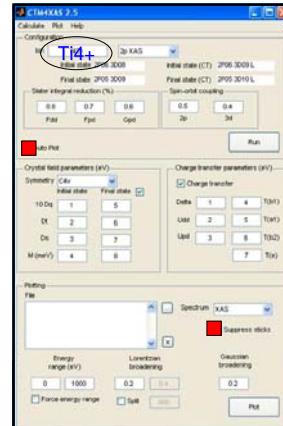


## 2p XAS of $\text{TiO}_2$

CTM4XAS:  
Error for  $3d^0$  systems in  
version 3

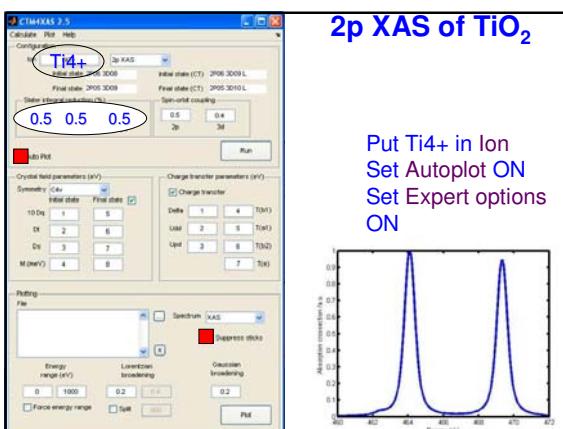
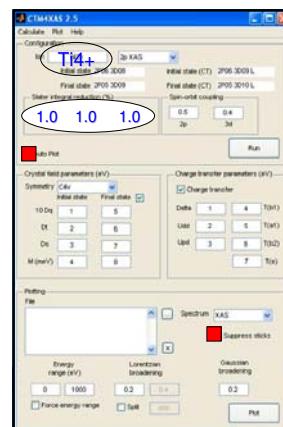
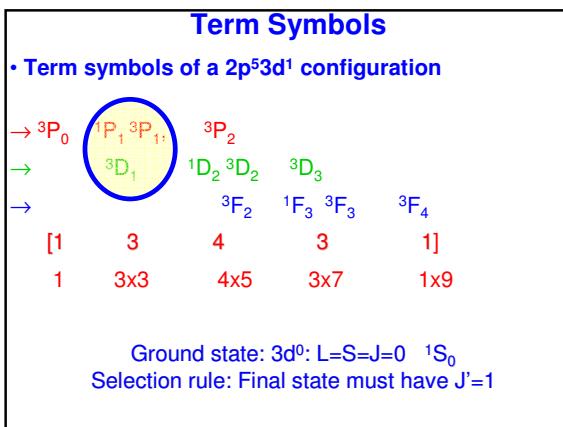
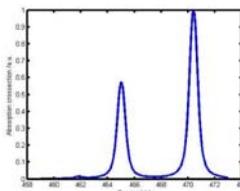
Use version 2.5 for  
 $3d^0$  systems

(Will be solved in  
version 3.1)



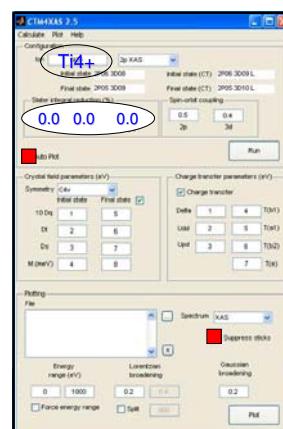
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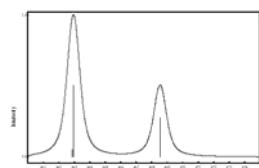
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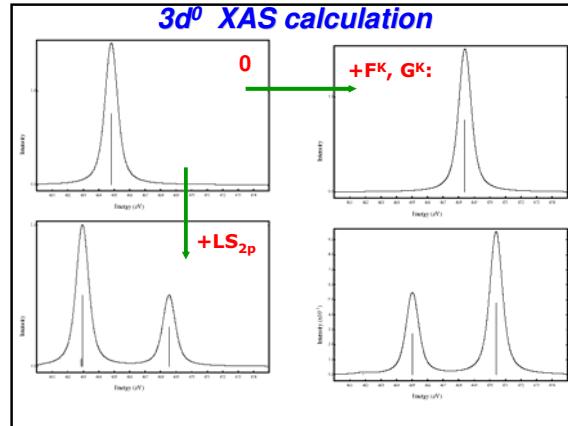
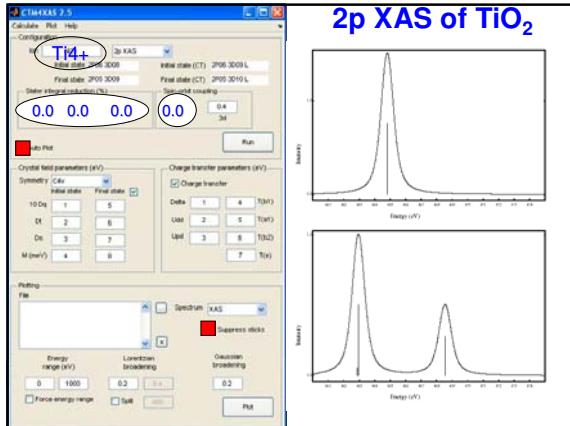
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## 2p XAS of $\text{TiO}_2$

Put  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  in Ion  
Set Autoplot ON  
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reduction to 0.0





## **Hunds rules**

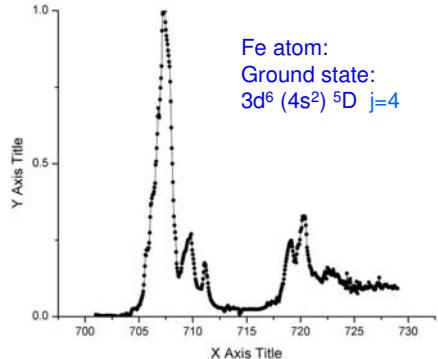
- Term symbols with **maximum spin S** are lowest in energy,
  - Among these terms:
    - Term symbols with **maximum L** are lowest in energy
    - In the presence of spin-orbit coupling, the lowest term has
    - $J = |L-S|$  if the shell is less than half full
    - $J = L+S$  if the shell is more than half full

$3d^1$  has  $^2D_{3/2}$  ground state       $3d^2$  has  $^3F_2$  ground state  
 $3d^9$  has  $^2D_{5/2}$  ground state       $3d^8$  has  $^3F_4$  ground state

Give the Hund's rule ground states for  $3d^1$  to  $3d^9$

3d <sup>N</sup> XAS calculation				
Transition	Ground	Transitions	Term	Symbols
3d <sup>0</sup> →2p <sup>5</sup> 3d <sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup> S <sub>0</sub>	3		12
3d <sup>1</sup> →2p <sup>5</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	29		45
3d <sup>2</sup> →2p <sup>5</sup> 3d <sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup> F <sub>2</sub>	68		110
3d <sup>3</sup> →2p <sup>5</sup> 3d <sup>4</sup>	<sup>4</sup> F <sub>3/2</sub>	95		180
3d <sup>4</sup> →2p <sup>5</sup> 3d <sup>5</sup>	<sup>5</sup> D <sub>0</sub>	32		205
3d <sup>5</sup> →2p <sup>5</sup> 3d <sup>6</sup>	<sup>6</sup> S <sub>5/2</sub>	110		180
3d <sup>6</sup> →2p <sup>5</sup> 3d <sup>7</sup>	<sup>5</sup> D <sub>4</sub>	68		110
3d <sup>7</sup> →2p <sup>5</sup> 3d <sup>8</sup>	<sup>4</sup> F <sub>9/2</sub>	16		45
3d <sup>8</sup> →2p <sup>5</sup> 3d <sup>9</sup>	<sup>3</sup> F <sub>4</sub>	4		12
3d <sup>9</sup> →2p <sup>5</sup> 3d <sup>10</sup>	<sup>2</sup> D <sub>5/2</sub>	1		2

## **Term Symbols and XAS**



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Fe atom:		
Ground state:	$3d^6 (4s^2)$	
Final state:	$2p^5 3d^7$	
Dipole transition:	p-symmetry	
3d <sup>6</sup> -configuration:	$^5D$ , etc.	j=4
2p <sup>5</sup> 3d <sup>7</sup> -configuration:	110 states	j = 3, 4, 5
p-transition:	$^1P$	$\Delta j = +1, 0, -1$
ground state symmetry:	$^5D$	$^5D_4$
transition:	$^5D \otimes ^1P = ^5PDF$	
possible final states:		68 states

### Exercise

Calculate the atomic multiplet spectrum of the 2p XAS spectrum of an iron atom (use  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ )

Run CTM4XAS with Autoplot ON.

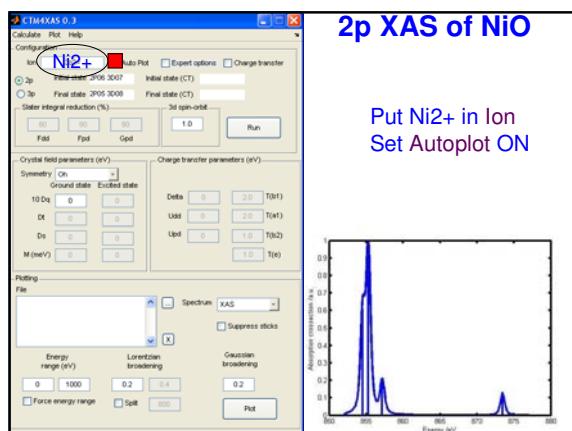
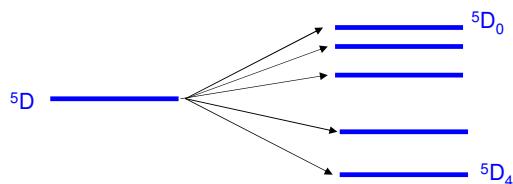
Do a second calculation with the 3d spin-orbit coupling set to zero.

Choose an appropriate name;  
the program saves the rcn, rcg, rac, ban, plo and xy files with this name.

### Term Symbols and XAS

Fe atom:

Ground state:  $3d^6 (4s^2) \ ^5D \ j=4$



### Term Symbols and XAS

$\text{Ni}^{II}$  ion in  $\text{NiO}$ :

Ground state:  $3d^8$

Final state:  $2p^5 3d^9$

Dipole transition: p-symmetry

$3d^8$ -configuration:  $^1S, ^1D, ^3P, ^1G, ^3F \quad j=4$

$2p^5 3d^9$ -configuration:  $^2P \otimes ^2D = ^1, ^3PDF \quad j'=0, 1, 2, 3, 4$

p-transition:  $^1P \quad \Delta j=+1, 0, -1$

ground state symmetry:  $^3F \quad ^3F_4$

transition:  $^3F \otimes ^1P = ^3DFG$

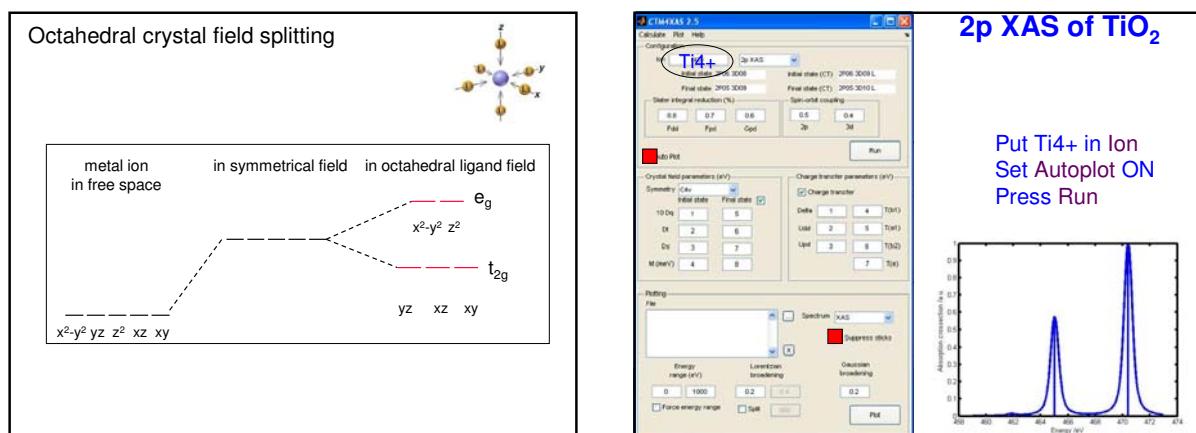
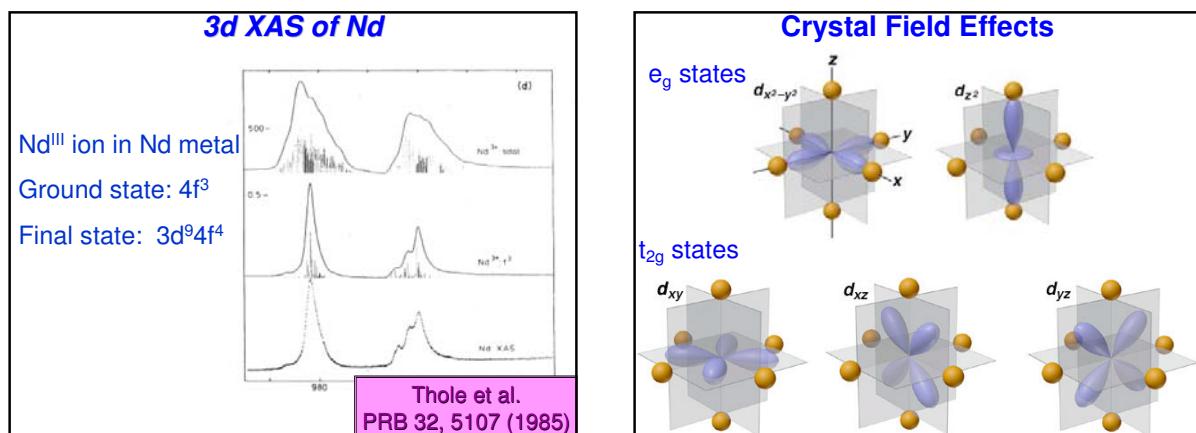
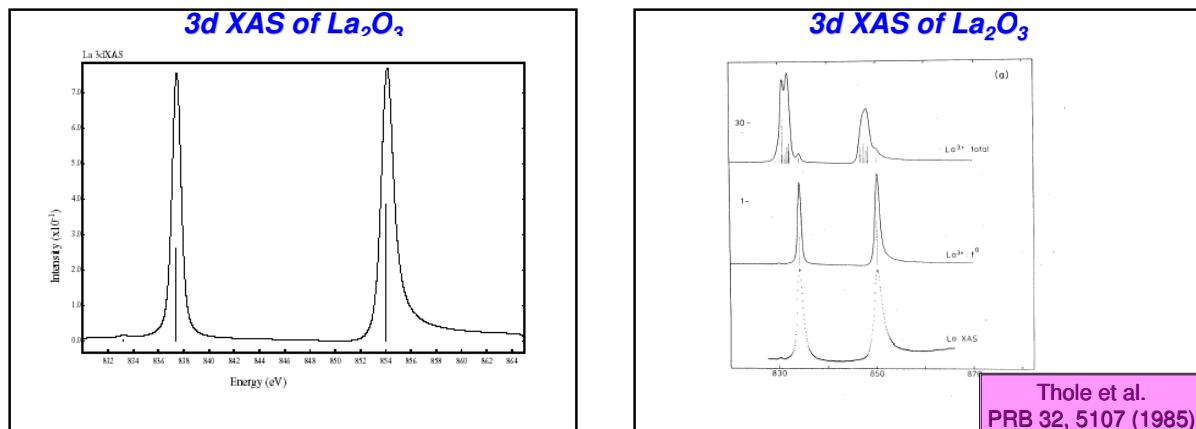
two possible final states:  $^3D, ^3F \quad ^3D_3, ^3F_3, ^3F_4, ^1F_3$

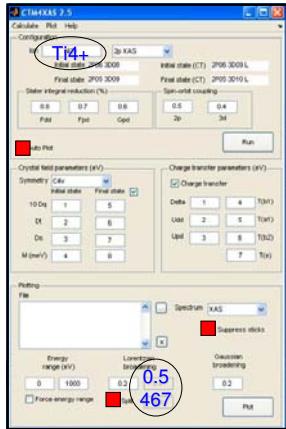
### 3d XAS of $\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$

- La in  $\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$  can be described as  $\text{La}^{3+}$  ions:
- Ground state is  $4f^0$
- Dipole transition  $4f^0 \rightarrow 3d^9 4f^1$
- Ground state symmetry:  $^1S_0$
- Final state symmetry:  $^2P \otimes ^2D$  gives
- $^1P, ^1D, ^1F, ^1G, ^1H$  and  $^3P, ^3D, ^3F, ^3G, ^3H$

### 3d XAS of $\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$

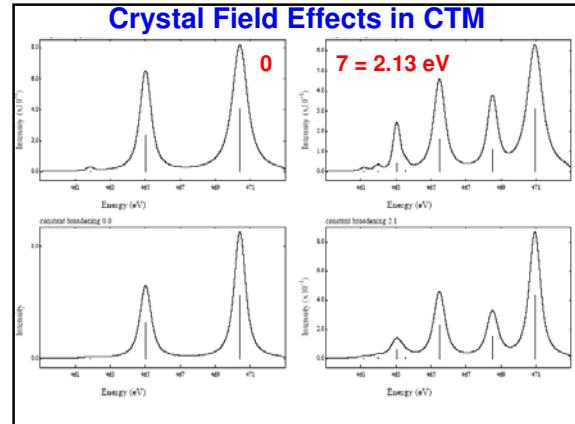
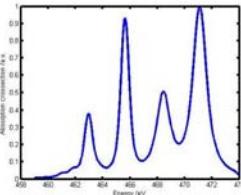
- Final state symmetries:  $^1P, ^1D, ^1F, ^1G, ^1H$  and  $^3P, ^3D, ^3F, ^3G, ^3H$ .
- Transition  $\langle ^1S_0 | \Delta J=+1 | ^1P_1, ^3P_1, ^3D_1 \rangle$
- 3 peaks in the spectrum





### 2p XAS of $\text{TiO}_2$

Crystal field effect:  
 + 2.5 for 10Dq  
 + Split ON  
 + 0.5 Lorentzian L2  
 + 467 split energy



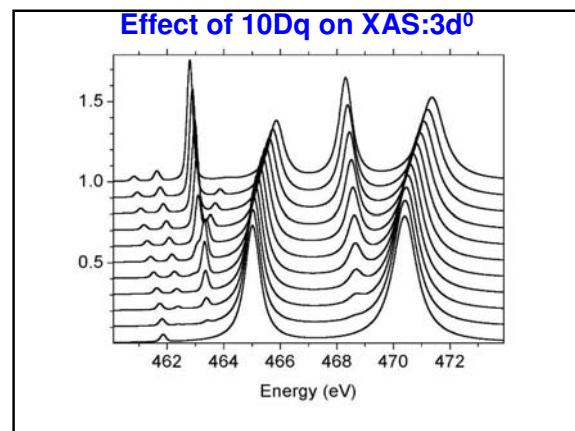
Crystal Field Effects		
$\text{SO}_3$		$\text{O}_h$ (Mulliken)
S	0	$A_1$
P	1	$T_1$
D	2	$E + T_2$
F	3	$A_2 + T_1 + T_2$
G	4	$A_1 + E + T_1 + T_2$

J in $\text{SO}_3$	Deg.	Branchings		
0	1	$A_1$		
1	3	$3 \times T_1$		
2	4	$4 \times E, 4 \times T_2$	$T_1$	7
3	3	$3 \times A_2, 3 \times T_1, 3 \times T_2$	$T_2$	8
4	1	$A_1, E, T_1, T_2$	$E$	5
$\Sigma$	12			

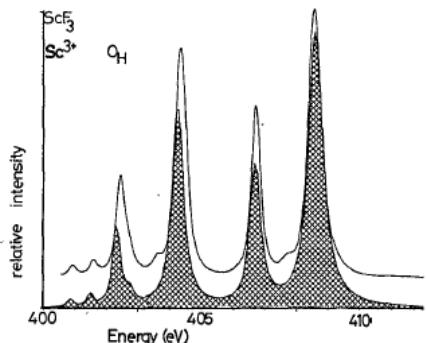
$<{}^1\text{S}_0| \text{dipole} | {}^1\text{P}_1>$  goes to  $<{}^1\text{A}_1| {}^1\text{T}_1 | {}^1\text{T}_1>$

Crystal Field Effect on XAS				
J in $\text{SO}_3$	Deg.	Branchings	$\Gamma$ in $\text{O}_h$	Deg.
0	1	$A_1$	$A_1$	2
1	3	$3 \times T_1$	$A_2$	3
2	4	$4 \times E, 4 \times T_2$	$T_1$	7
3	3	$3 \times A_2, 3 \times T_1, 3 \times T_2$	$T_2$	8
4	1	$A_1, E, T_1, T_2$	$E$	5
$\Sigma$	12			25

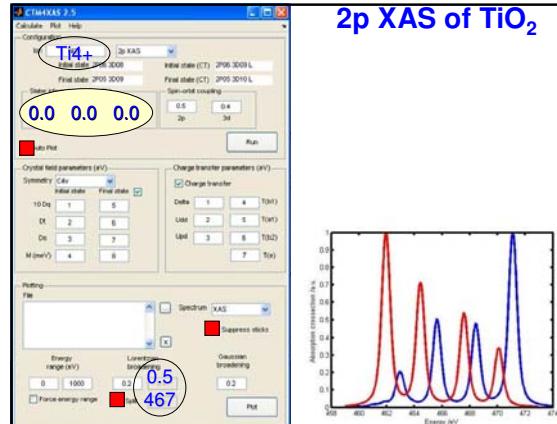
$<{}^1\text{S}_0| \text{dipole} | {}^1\text{P}_1>$  goes to  $<{}^1\text{A}_1| {}^1\text{T}_1 | {}^1\text{T}_1>$



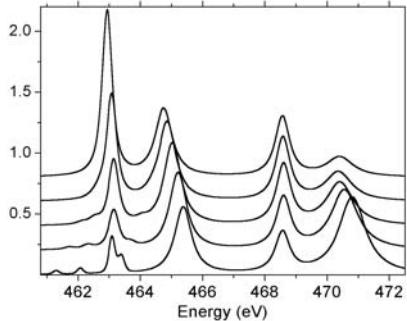
### Comparison with Experiment



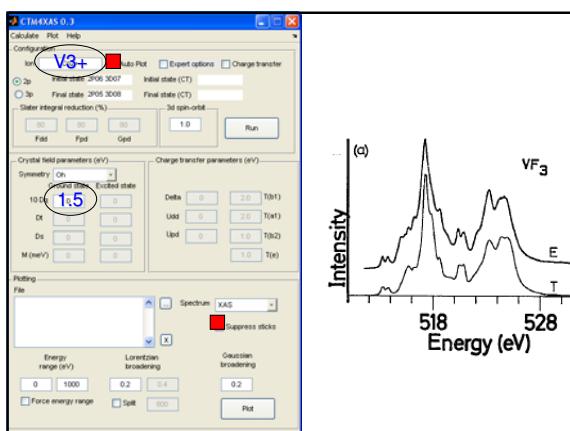
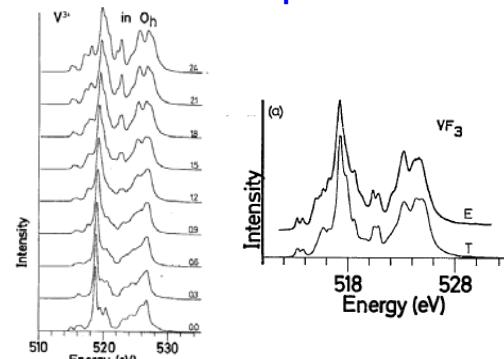
### 2p XAS of TiO<sub>2</sub>



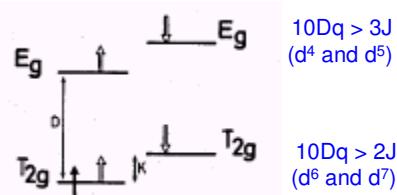
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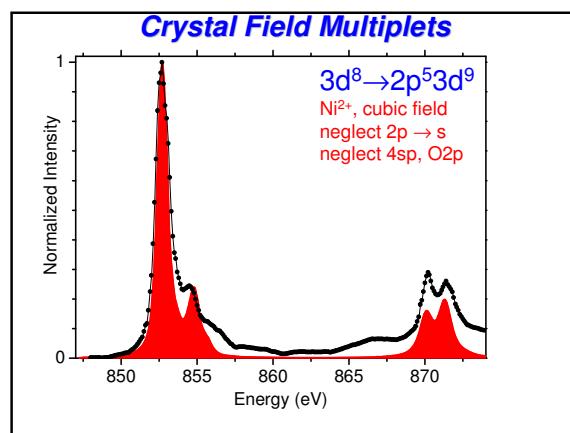
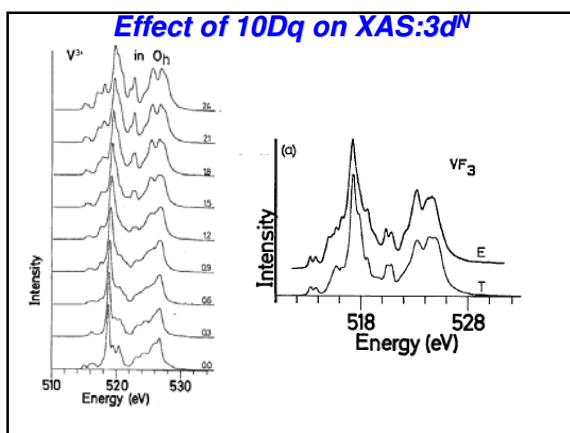
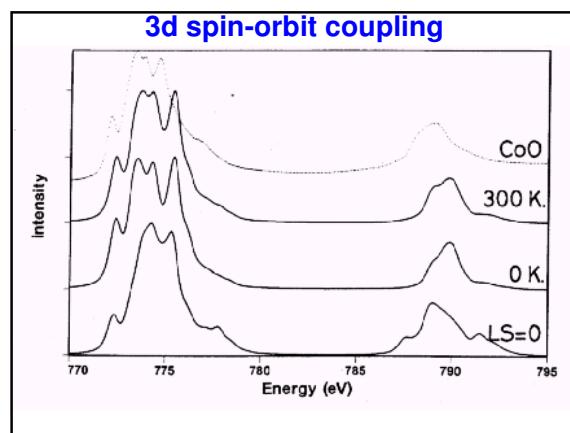
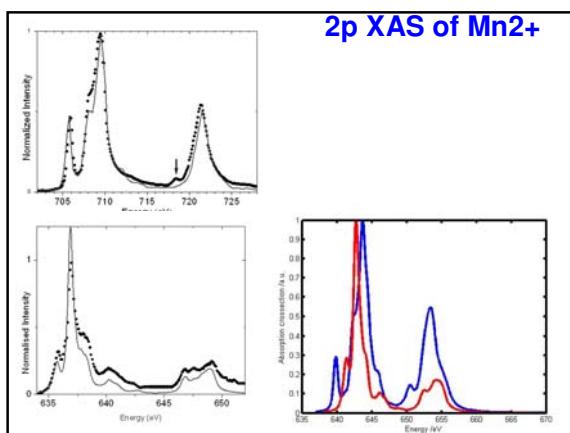
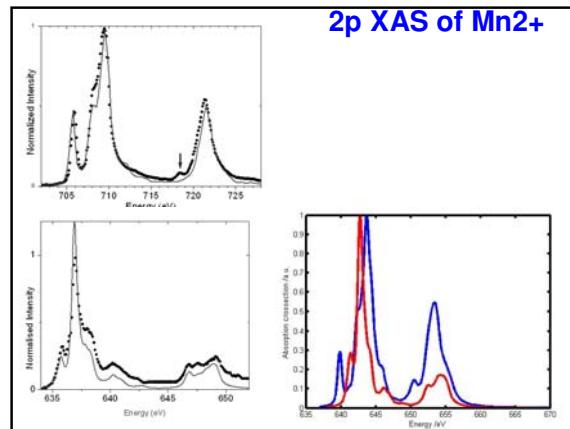
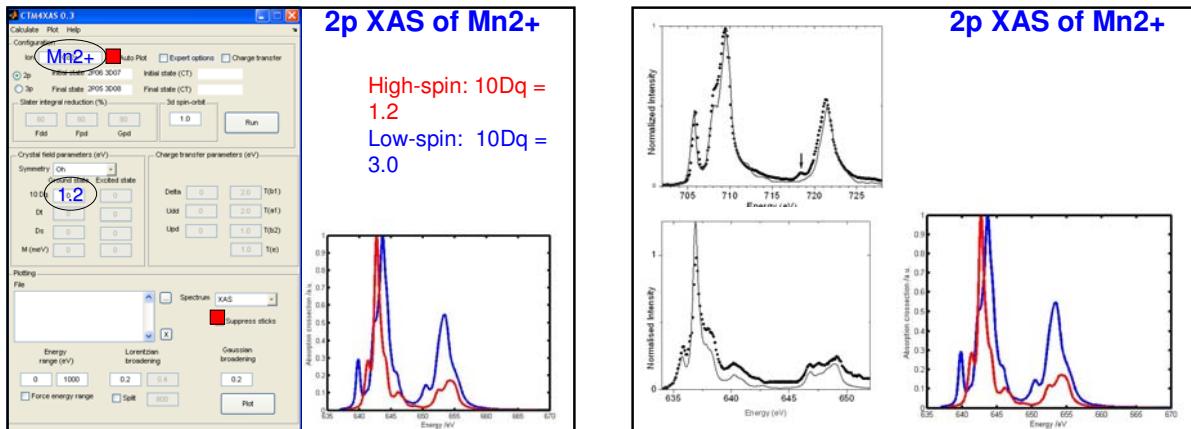


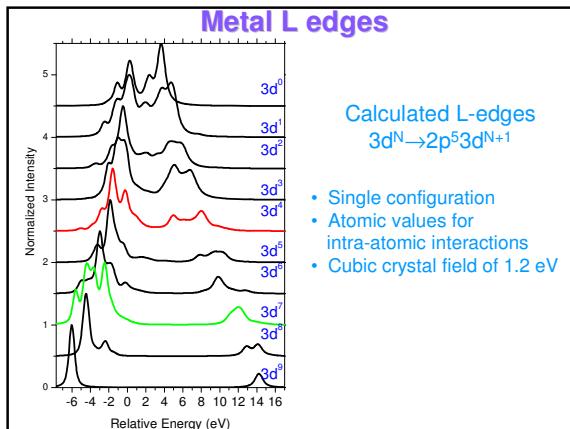
### Effect of 10Dq on XAS:3d<sup>N</sup>



### High-spin or Low-spin







**Exercise**

Calculate the crystal field multiplet spectrum of the 2p XAS spectrum of all divalent transition metal ions from Ca to Cu. Use  $10Dq=1.2$  eV.

Run CTM4XAS with Autoplot ON.  
 Do a calculation with and without the 3d spin-orbit coupling set to zero.

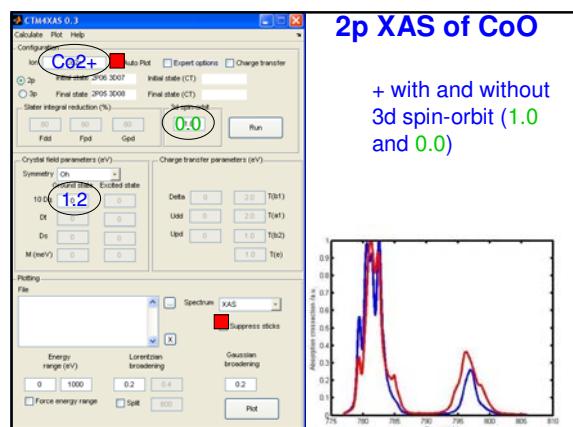
Which  $TM^{2+}$  ions are sensitive to 3d spin-orbit coupling? Explain

**Exercise**

Calculate the crystal field multiplet spectrum of the 2p XAS spectrum of all divalent transition metal ions from Ca to Cu.

Use  $10Dq=1.0, 2.0$  and  $3.0$  eV.

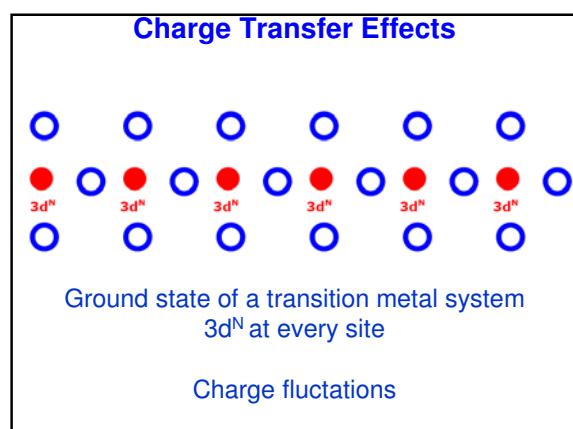
Which  $TM^{2+}$  ions are very sensitive to the crystal field strength? Explain

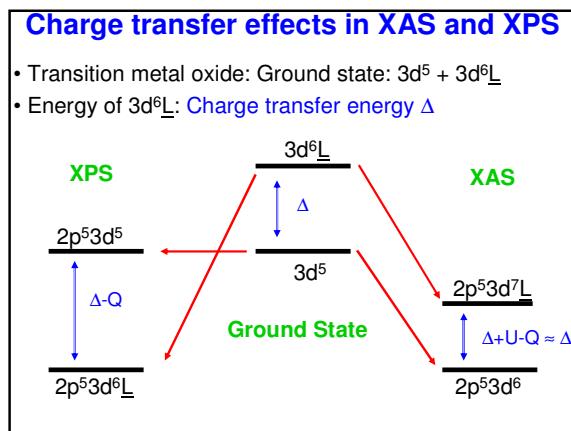
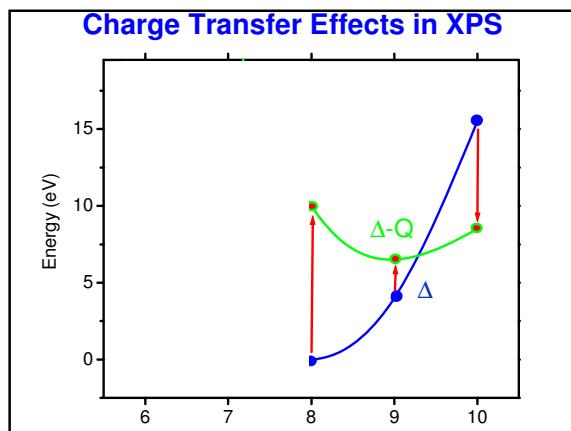
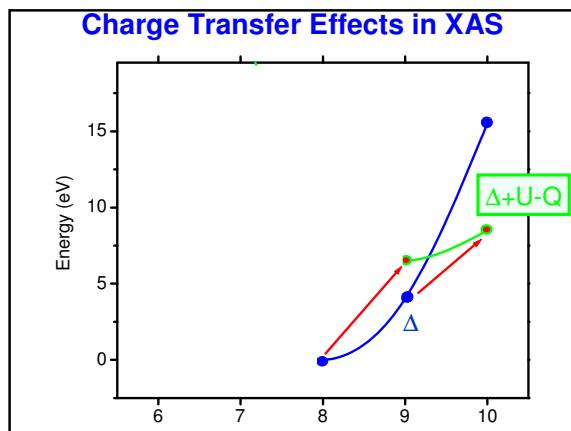
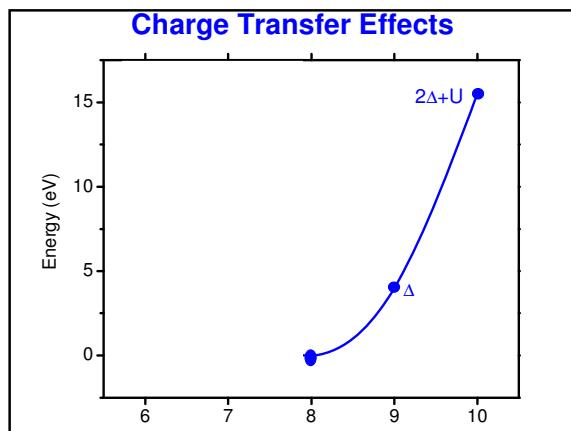
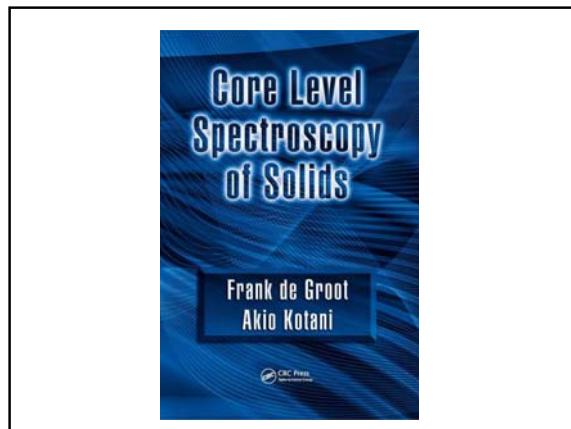
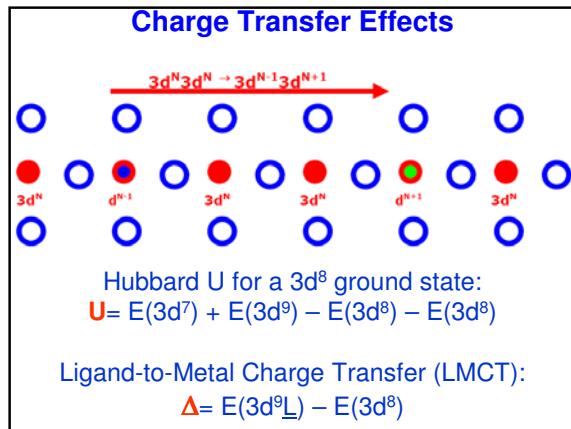


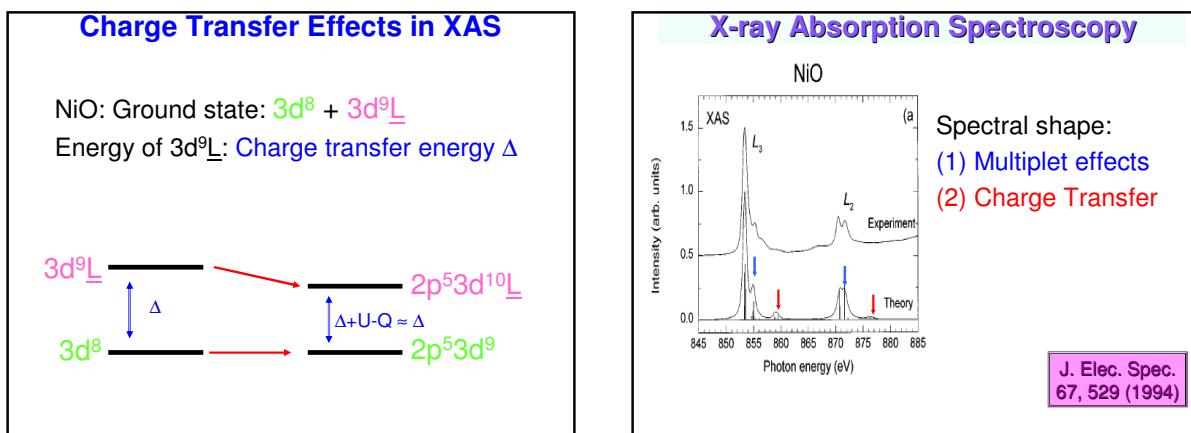
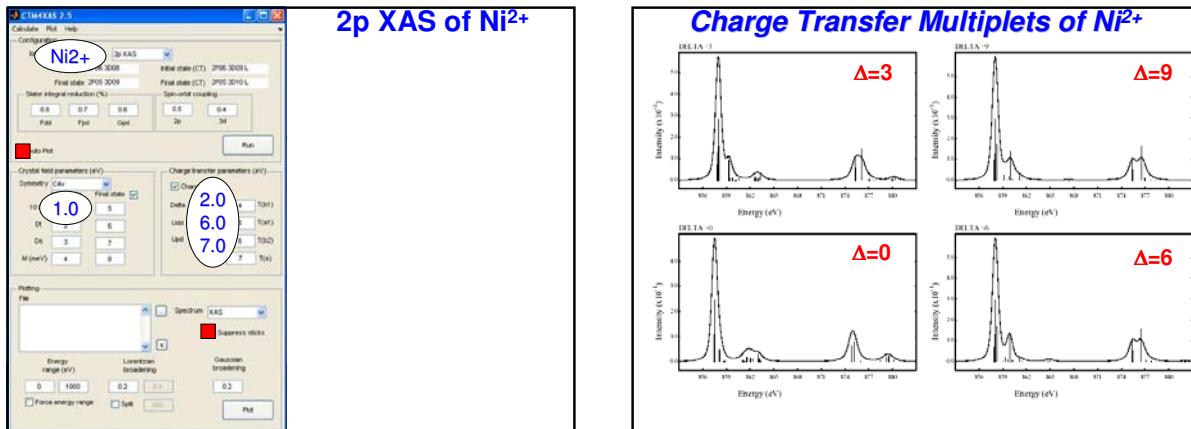
**Charge Transfer Effects**

MnO: Ground state:  $3d^5 + 3d^6 \underline{L}$   
 Energy of  $3d^6 \underline{L}$ : Charge transfer energy  $\Delta$

$3d^5 \xrightarrow{\text{red arrow}} 2p^5 3d^6$







### Exercise

Try to reproduce the Cu 2p XAS spectrum of  $\text{Cs}_2\text{KCuF}_6$

The symmetry is octahedral;

Use  $T(\text{eg}) = 2.0$ ,  $T(\text{e}_g) = 2^*$   $T(\text{t}_{2g})$  and  $U_{dd} - U_{pd} = -1.0$  eV.

Optimize 10Dq and  $\Delta$ .

Try to reproduce the Cu 2p XAS spectrum of

$\text{La}_2\text{Li}_{1/2}\text{Cu}_{1/2}\text{O}_4$

The symmetry is square planar;

Use  $D_s = 0.3$ ,  $T(\text{b}_1) = 3.0$ ,  $T(\text{a}_1) = 1.73$ ,  $T(\text{b}_2) = 1.5$ ,  $T(\text{e}) = 1.05^*$  and  $U_{dd} - U_{pd} = -1.0$  eV.

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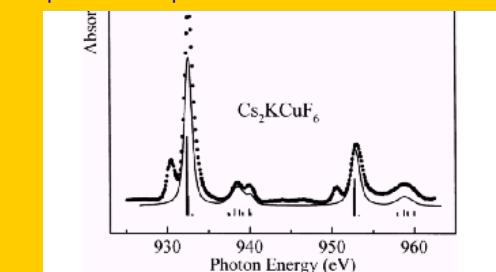
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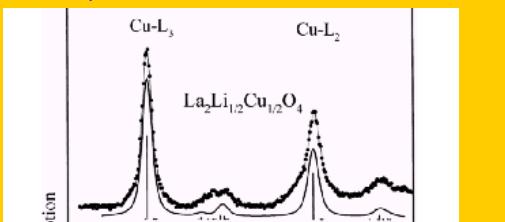
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Optimize 10Dq and  $\Delta$ .



### Exercise

Calculate all spectra for NiO

2p XAS, 3p XAS, 1s (pre-edge) XAS

1s, 2s and 3s XPS

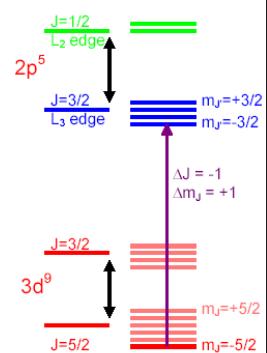
2p and 3p XPS

1s2p and 1s3p XES

## X-MCD

### X-MCD

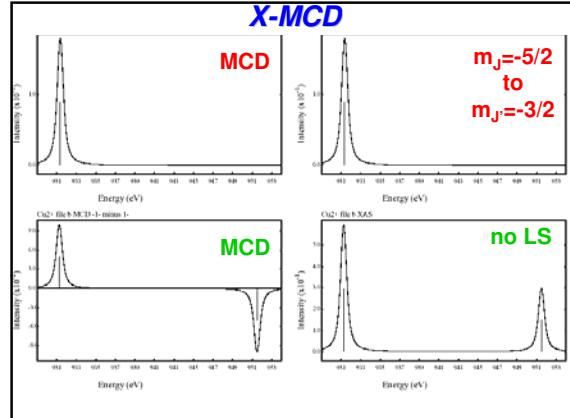
$\text{Cu}^{2+}: 3\text{d}^9$



### Exercise

Run CTM4XAS for Cu<sup>2+</sup> in C4 symmetry, with a magnetic field (M) of 1 meV; Plot the XAS spectrum and the MCD spectrum;

Run CTM4XAS for Cu<sup>2+</sup> in C4 symmetry, with a magnetic field (M) of 1 meV and with the 3d spin-orbit coupling set to 0.0; Plot the XAS spectrum and the MCD spectrum;

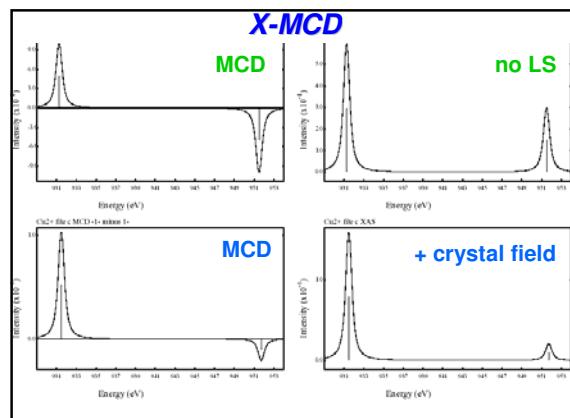


### Exercise

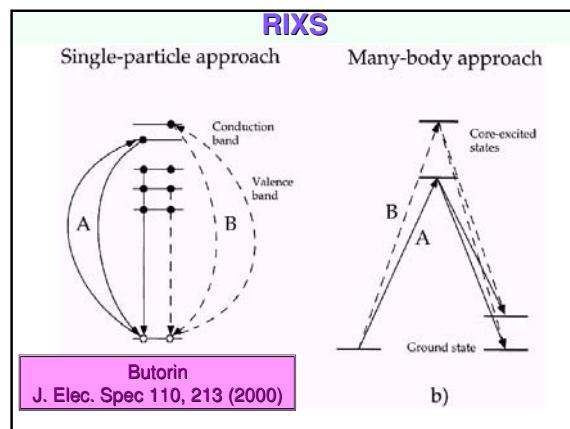
Run CTM4XAS for Cu<sup>2+</sup> in C4v symmetry, with a magnetic field (M) of 1 meV, adding a crystal field value 10Dq of 0.3 eV.; Plot the XAS spectrum and the MCD spectrum;

Perform a number of calculations for varying values of 10Dq, in steps of 0.3 eV from 0.0 to 1.5 eV. What does one observe for the XAS and MCD spectra?

Perform a calculation for negative values of 10Dq, for example -0.3, -0.5 and -0.9 eV. What does one observe? Explain.

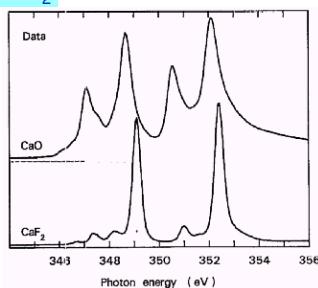
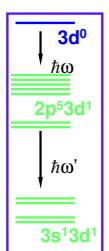


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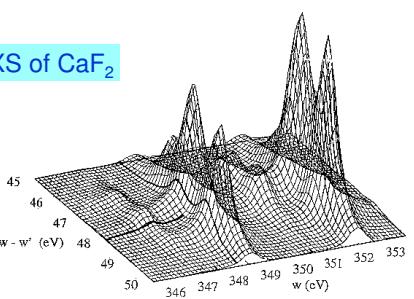
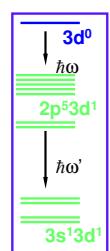
### Resonant Inelastic X-ray Spectroscopy

2p XAS of  $\text{CaF}_2$



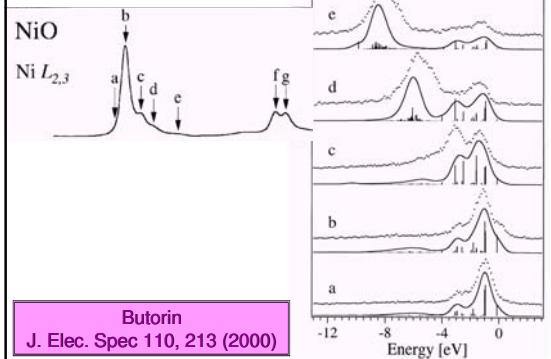
### Resonant Inelastic X-ray Scattering

2p3s RIXS of  $\text{CaF}_2$



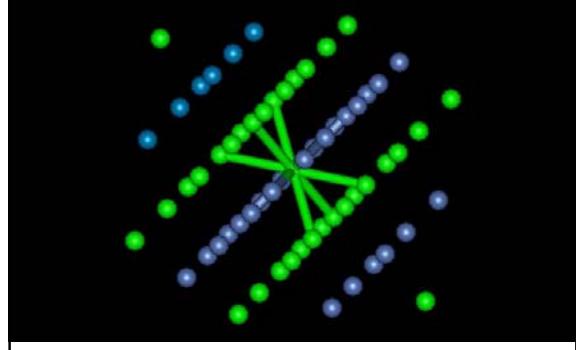
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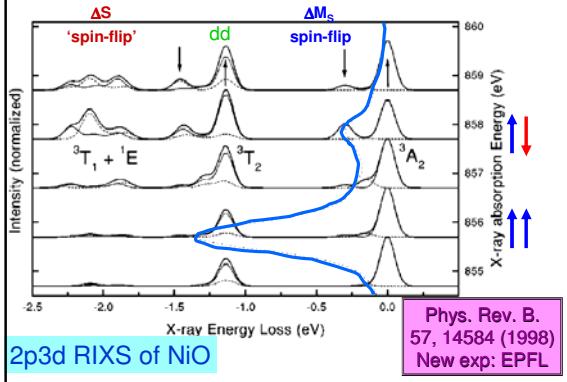


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### Soft x-ray RIXS and magnetism



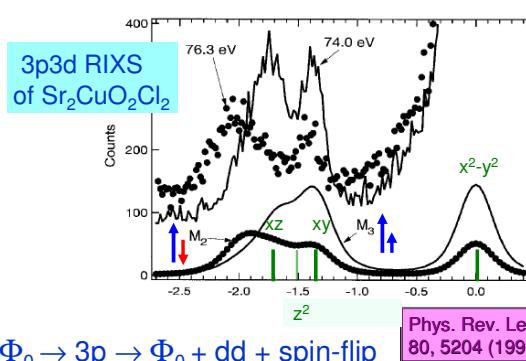
### Soft x-ray RIXS and magnetism



2p3d RIXS of NiO

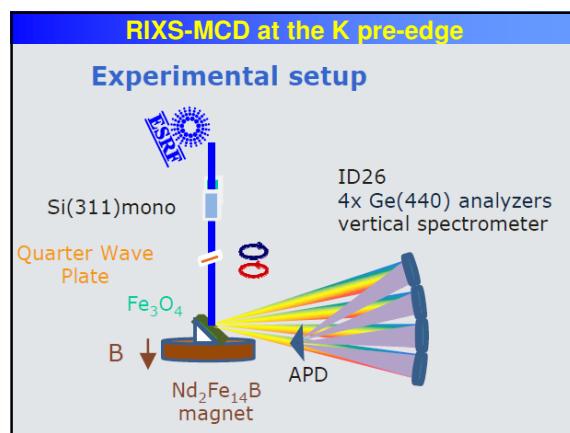
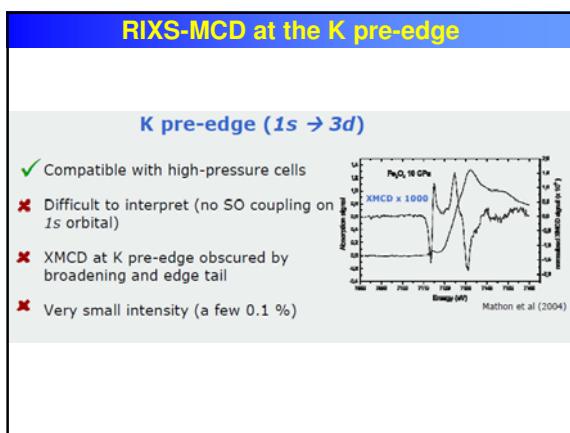
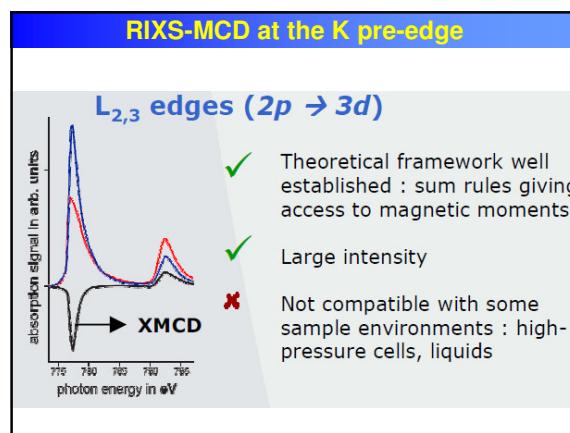
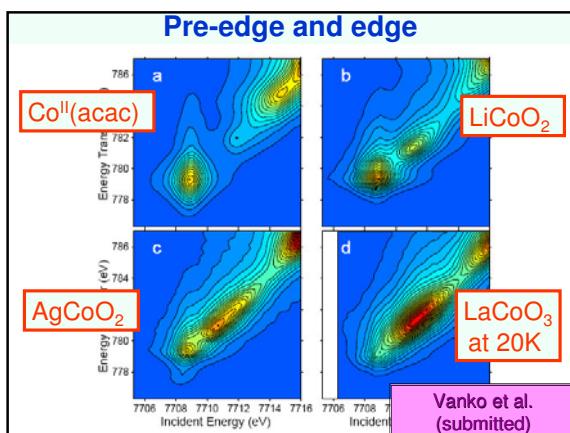
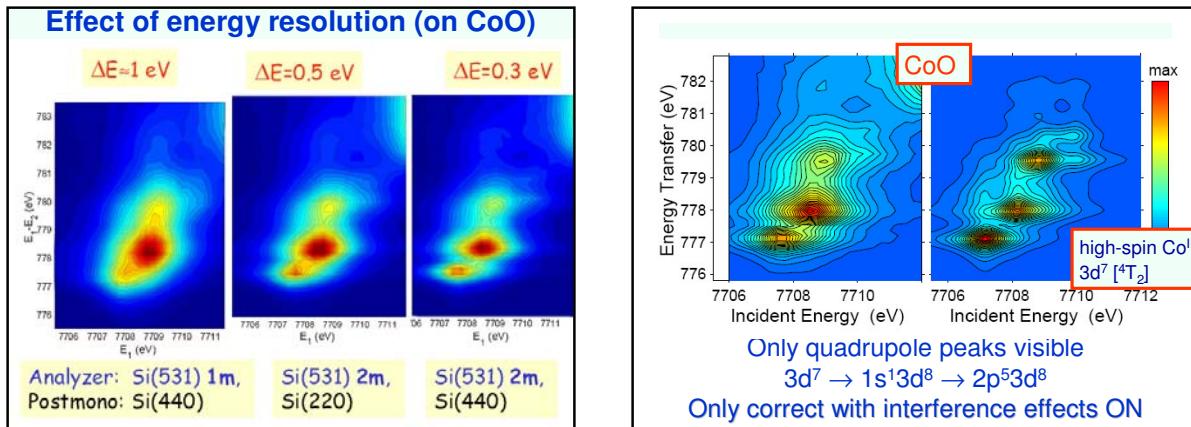
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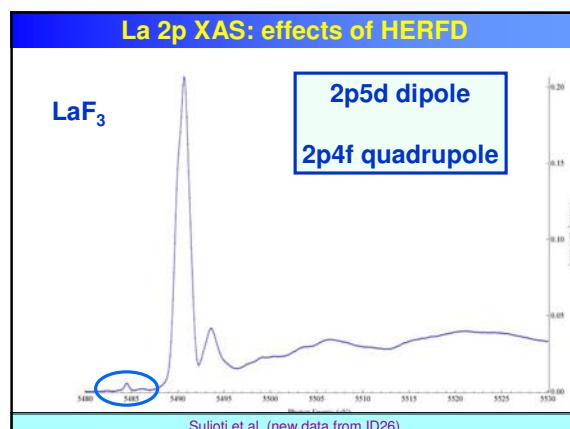
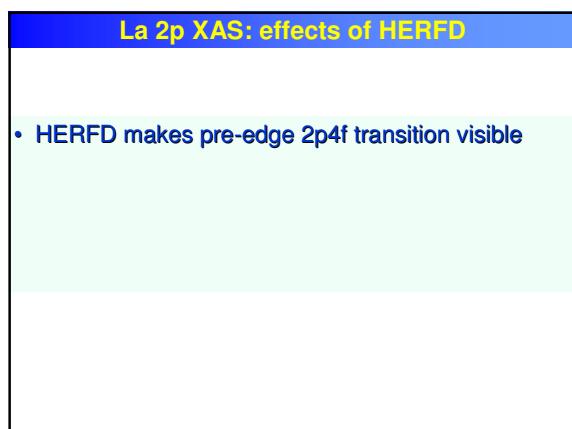
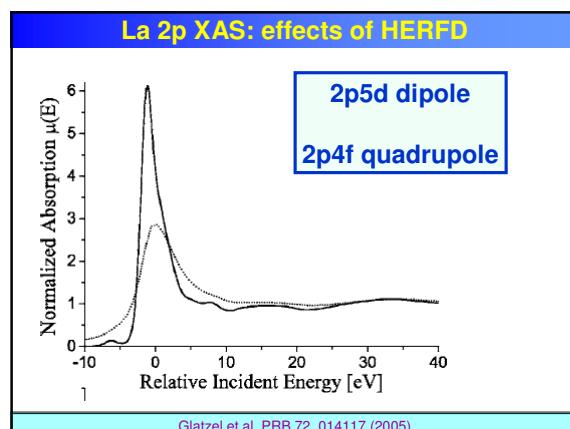
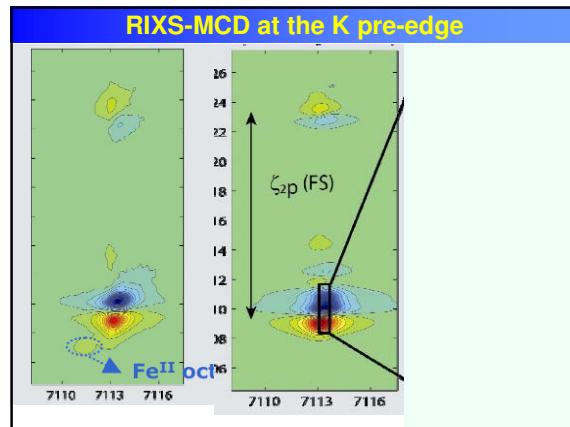
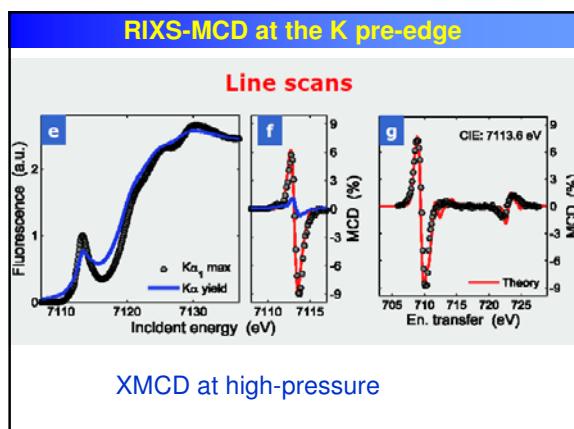
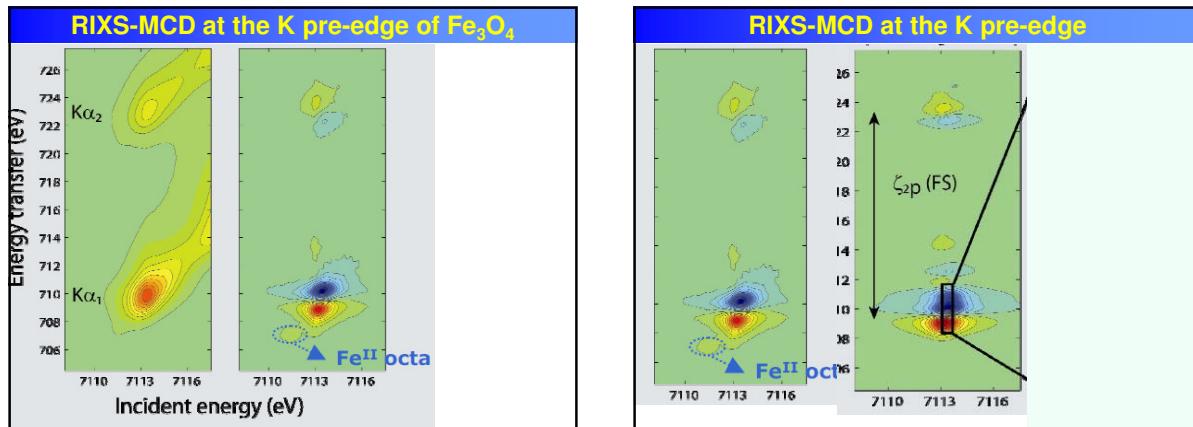
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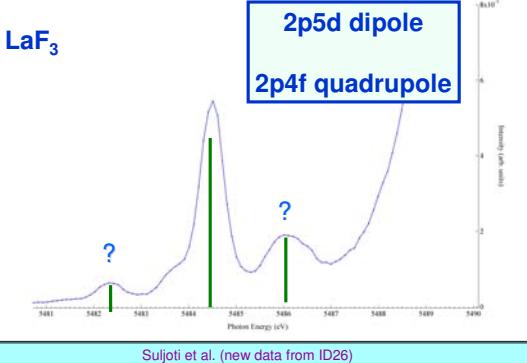
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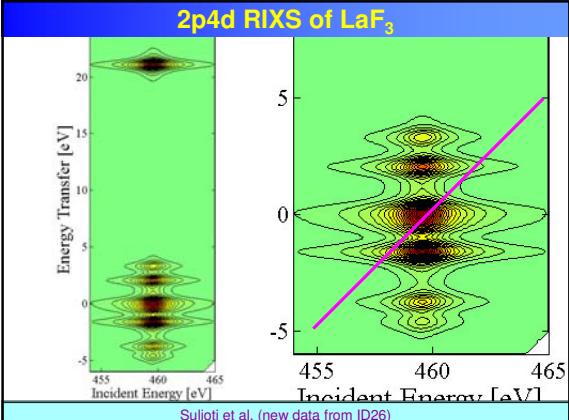
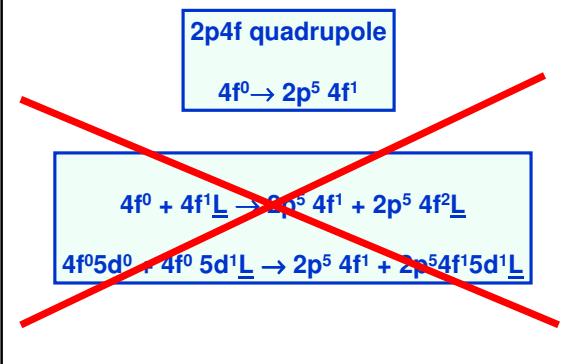
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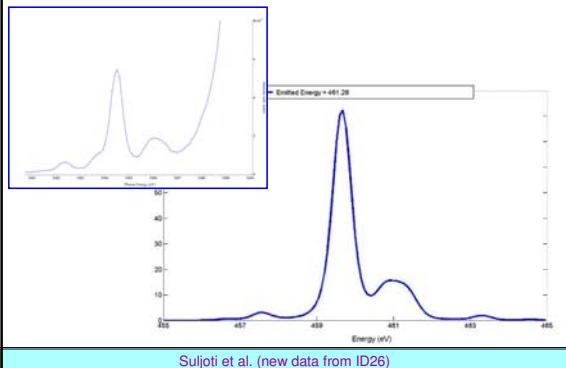
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- HERFD makes pre-edge 2p4f transition visible
- Why has the 2p4f pre-edge 3 peaks?

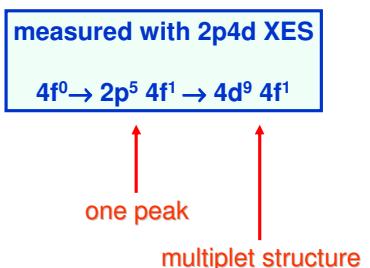
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### HERFD-XANES of $\text{LaF}_3$



### 2p4d RIXS of $\text{LaF}_3$



### Applications

- Systems with pi-bonds
- X-MCD of Fe-complexes on metal surfaces
- In-situ STXM chemical imaging

**CTM4XAS simulations**

2p XAS of  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$   
 High-spin:  $10\text{Dq} = 1.2$  →  $\text{MnO}$   
 Low-spin:  $10\text{Dq} = 3.0$  →  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{tacn})$

Normalized Intensity

Energy (eV)

### CTM4XAS simulations

(a)  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$

(b)  $\text{FePO}_4$

(c)  $\text{Fe}_2\text{SiO}_4$

(d)  $\text{FeAl}_2\text{O}_4$

*J. Phys. Chem. B.* 109, 20751 (2005)

$\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{tacn})_2$

$E_g$  (63%)

$T_{2g}$  (99%)

**XAS and Differential Orbital Covalence**

- Derive DOC from CTM4XAS simulation
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93%  $\text{Fe} 3d$

62%  $\text{Fe} 3d$

$t_2$

$e$

$[\text{Fe}(\text{tacn})_2]^{3+}$

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### LMCT and MLCT: $\pi$ - bonding

$\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$ : Ground state:  $3\text{d}^5 + 3\text{d}^6 \underline{\text{L}}$

$\text{M} \leftarrow \text{C}\equiv\text{N}$

$3\text{d}^6 \underline{\text{L}}$

$3\text{d}^5$

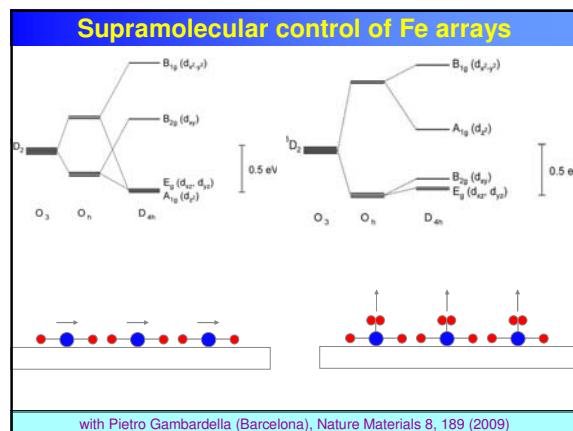
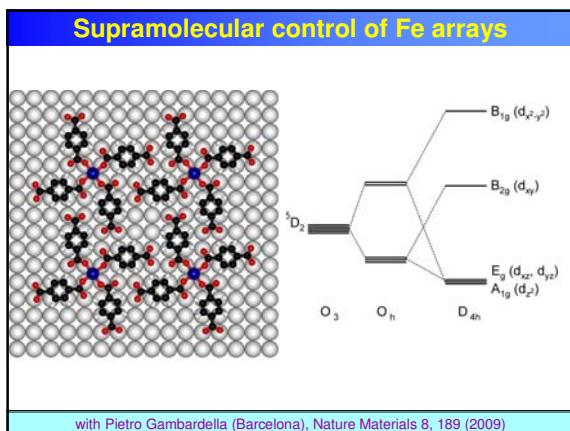
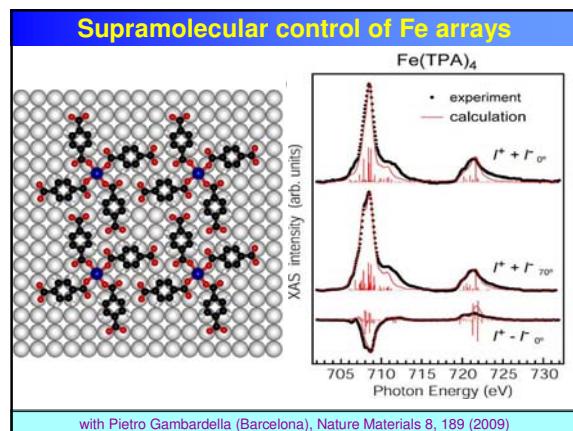
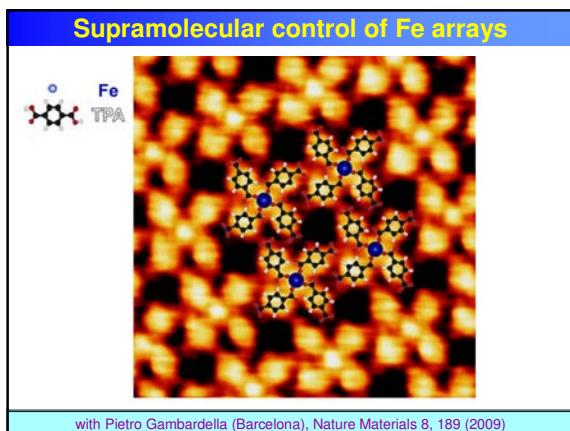
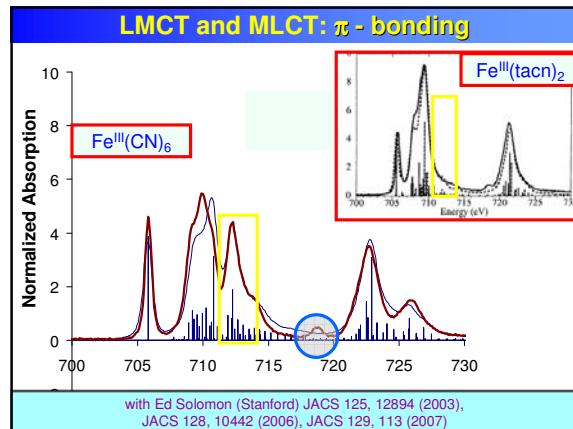
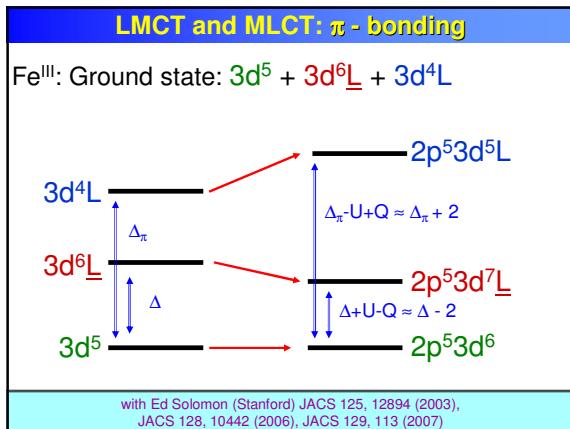
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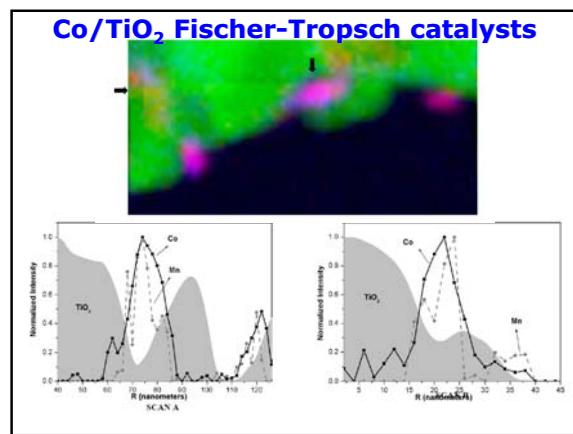
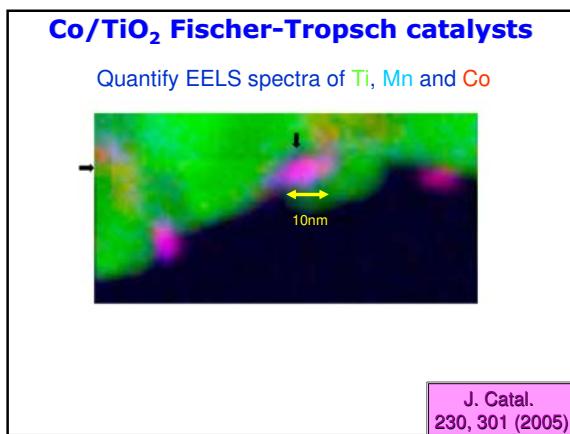
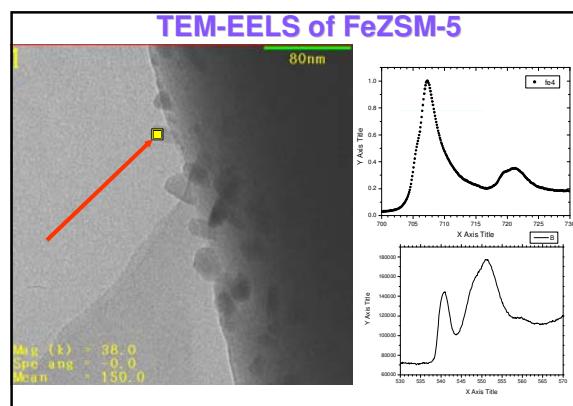
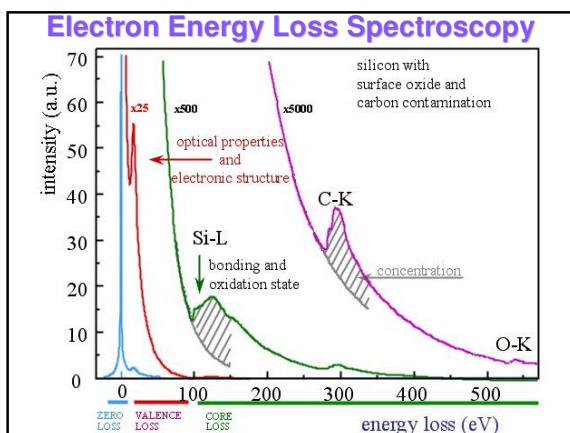
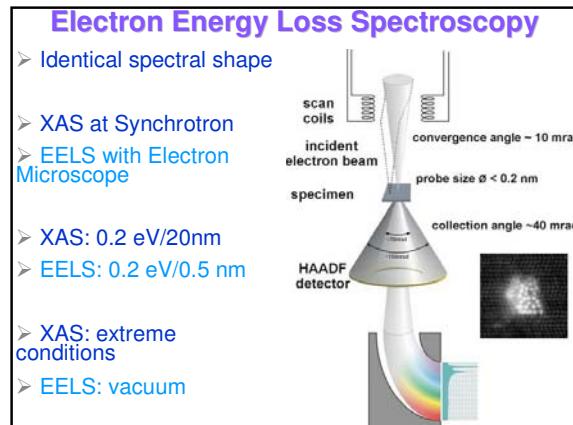
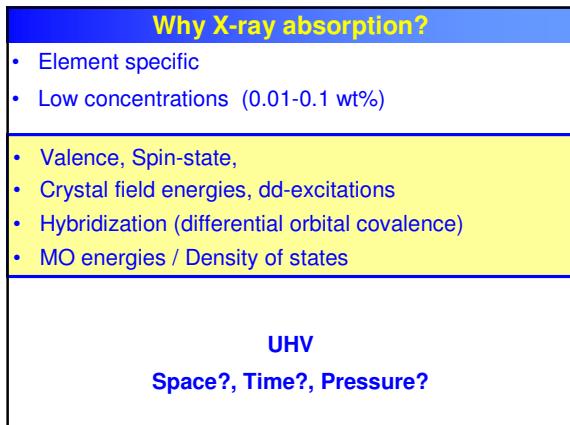
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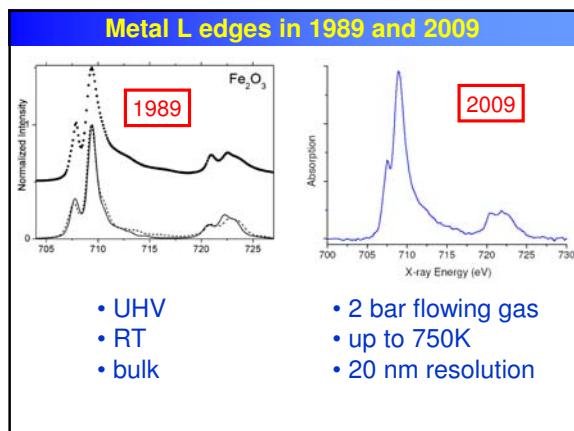
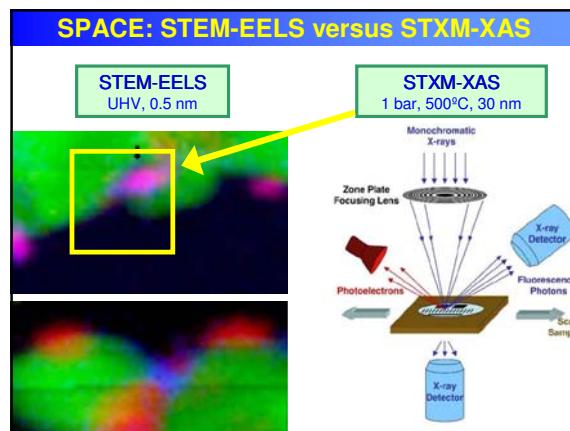
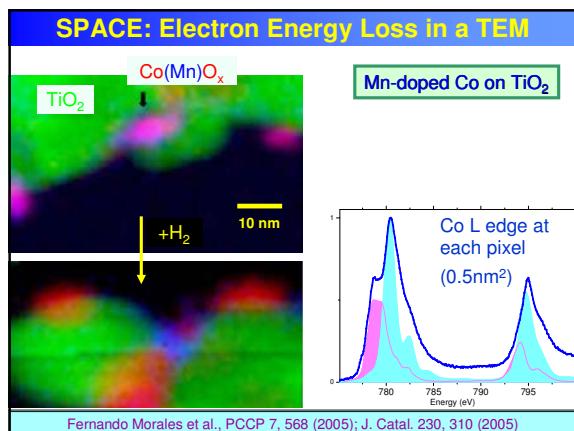
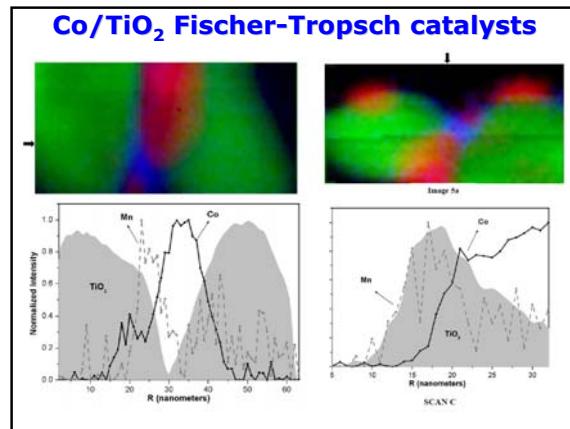
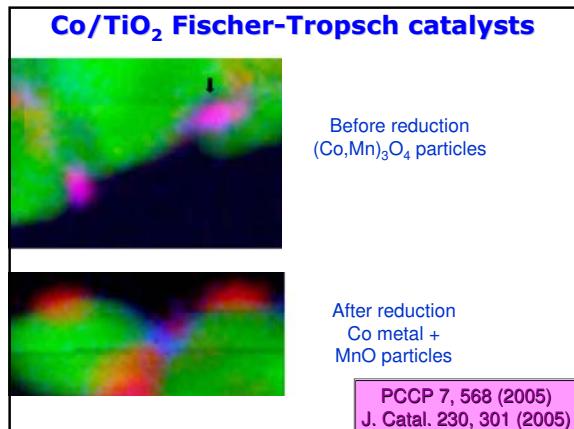
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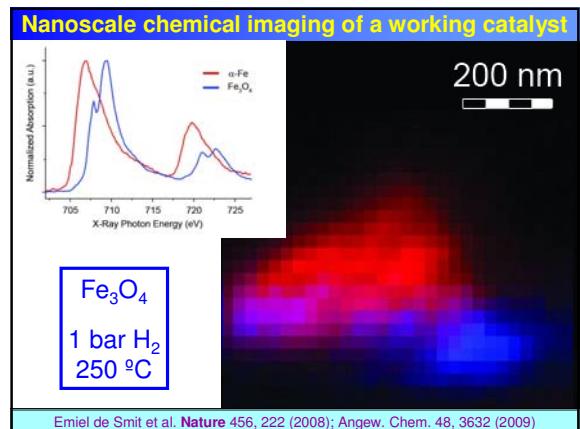
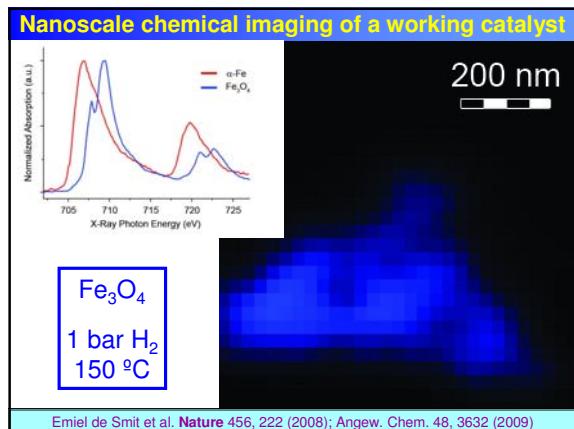
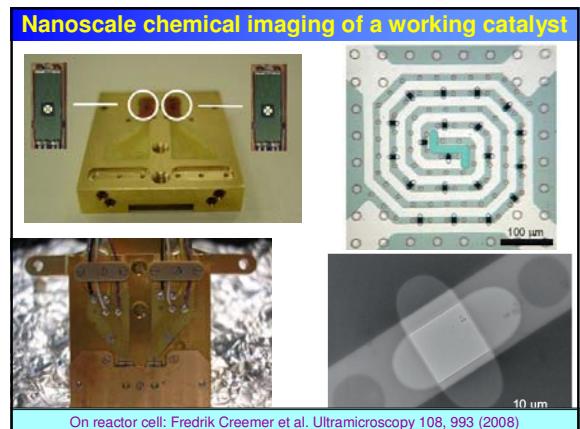
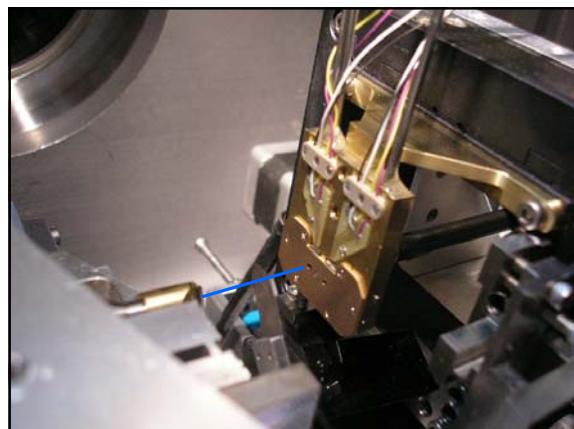
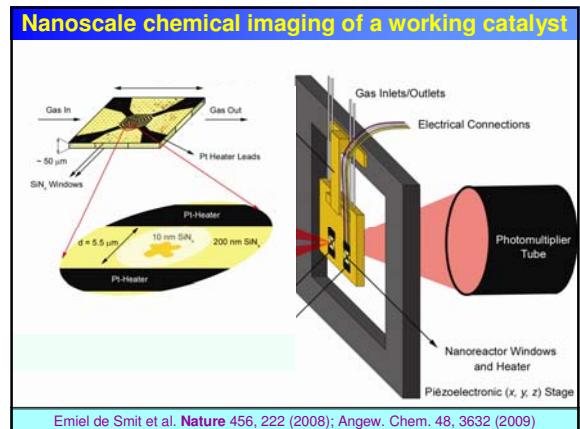
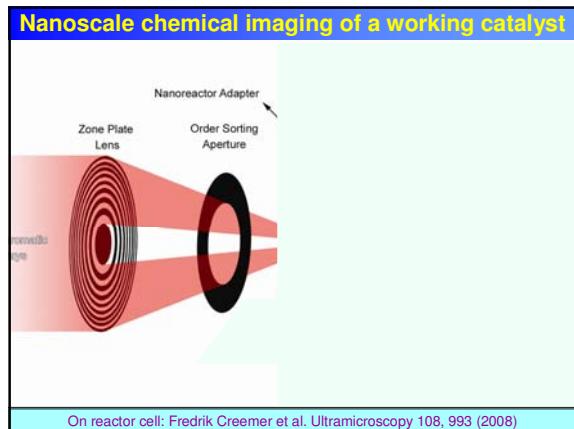
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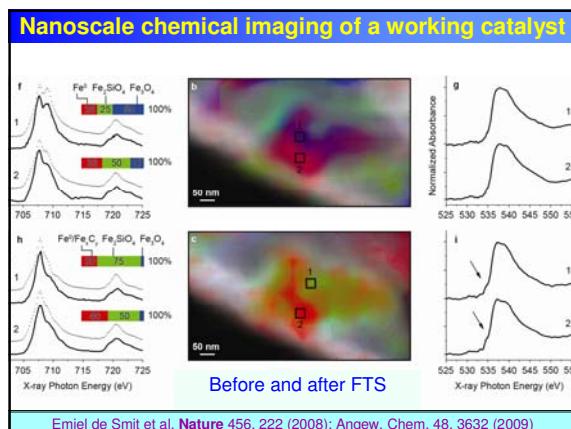
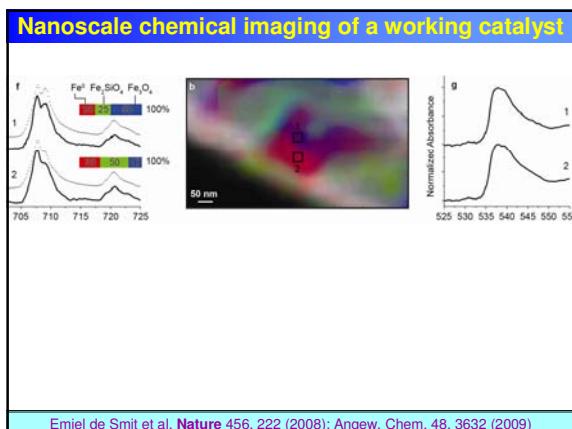
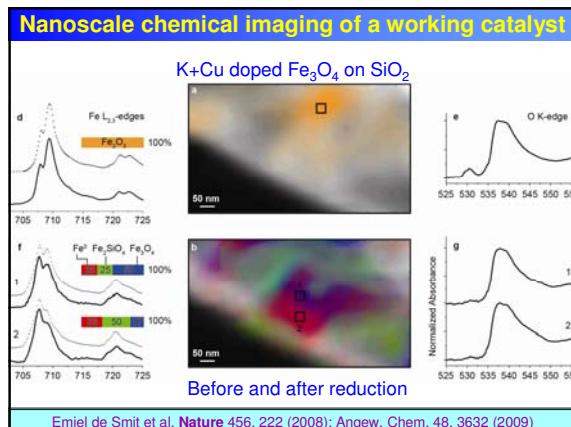
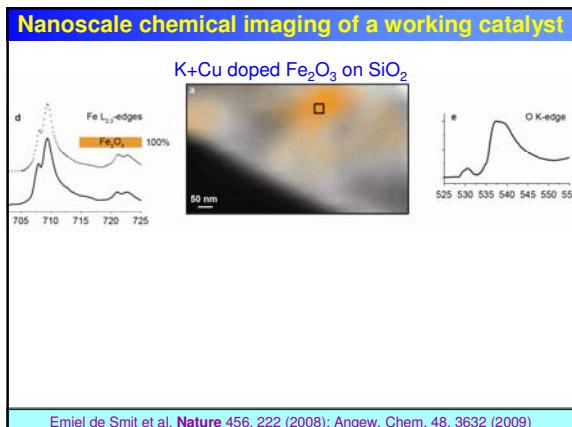
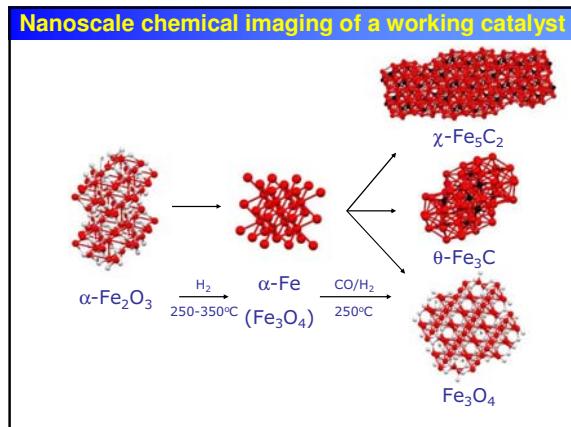
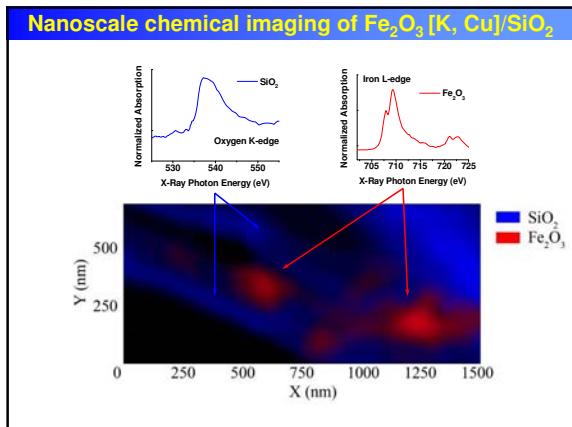
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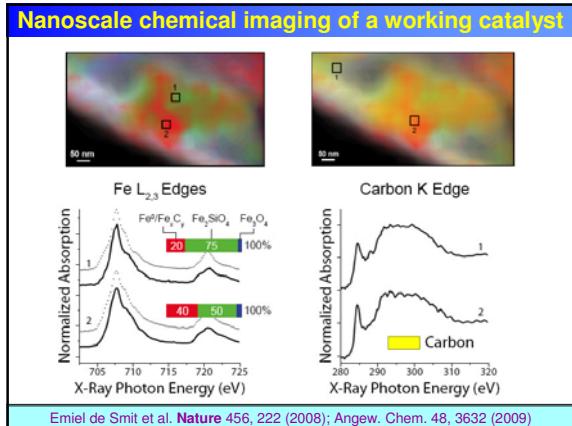












### Why X-ray Absorption?

- Element specific
- Low concentrations (0.01-0.1 wt%)
- Valence, Spin-state, Crystal field energies
- Hybridization, MO energies / Density of states
- Time: excited states (mainly) in ps range
- Pressure: 1 bar/500 °C flowing gas
- Space: 0.5 nm (STEM), 20 nm (STXM)

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