

Synchrotron based Techniques applied to Environmental Science

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microXAS Beamline Project
SWISS LIGHT SOURCE (SLS)



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X-Ray Scattering

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- [X-Ray Small Angle Scattering (see presentation S. Bernstorff)]
- [X-Ray Reflectivity/Surface Scattering/X-Ray Standing Waves]

X-Ray Imaging (see presentation F. Zanini)

- X-Ray Microscopy [microXRF, microXRD, microspectroscopy, (STXM)]
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[Infrared IR, Ultraviolet VUV, ...] (see presentation L. Vaccari)

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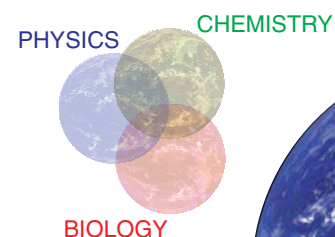
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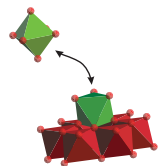
Most fundamental problem of environmental chemistry:

CHEMICAL SPECIATION

(chemical speciation = description of local geometry of atoms)

Chemical Speciation determines:

- Chemical Reactivity
- Materials Properties
- Chemical Toxicity
- Bioavailability
- Ecological/technical Fugacity



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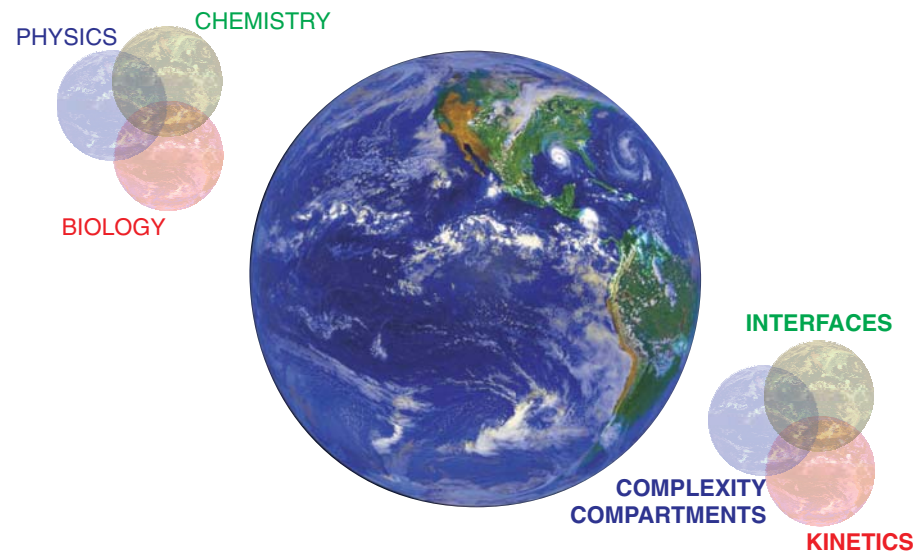
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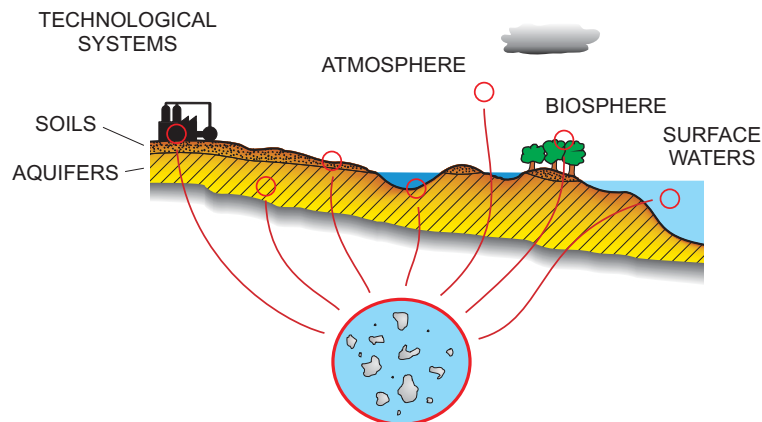
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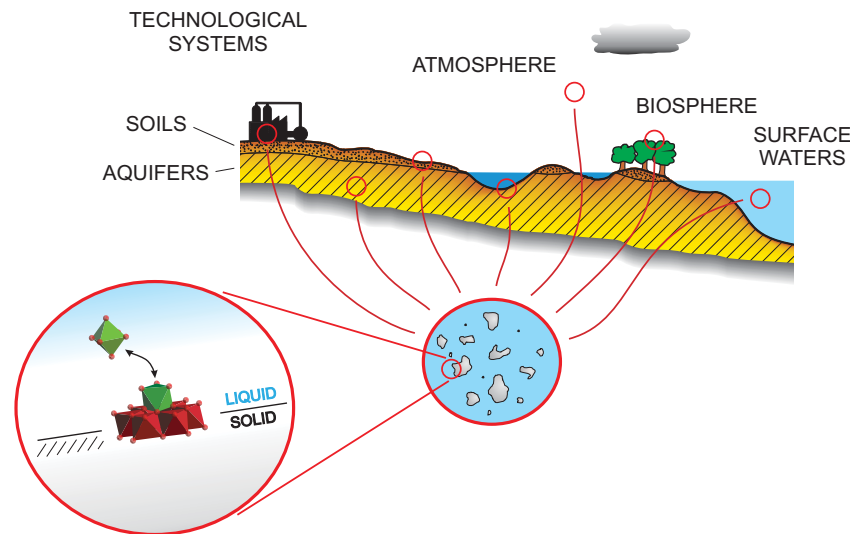
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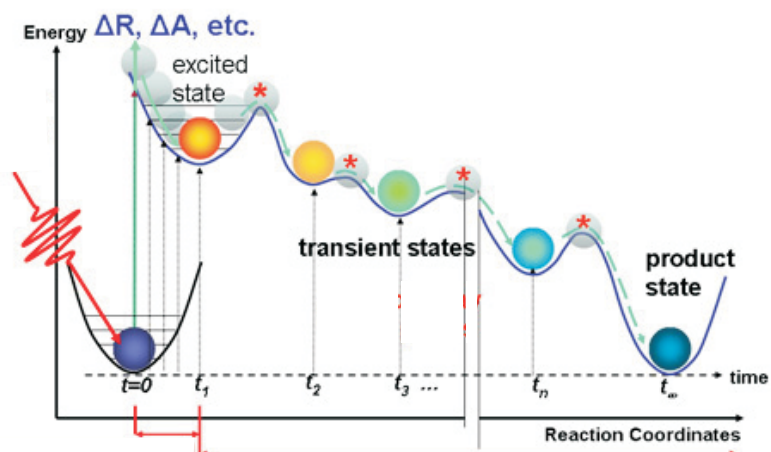
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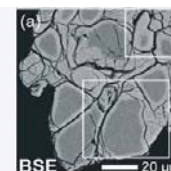
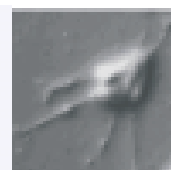
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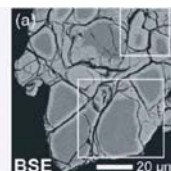
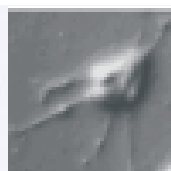
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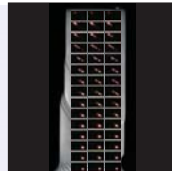
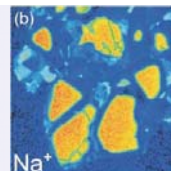
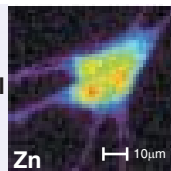
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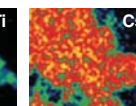
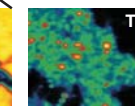
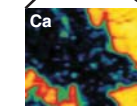
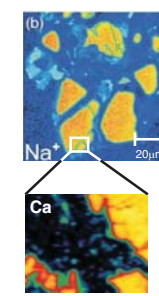
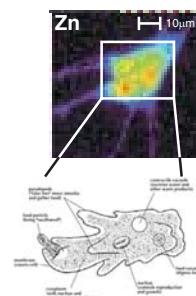
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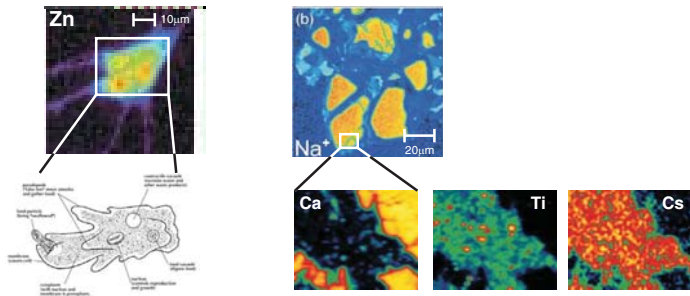
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*"If you want to understand function,
study structure"* (Francis Crick)

*"If you want to understand chemical
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*"If you want to understand physical
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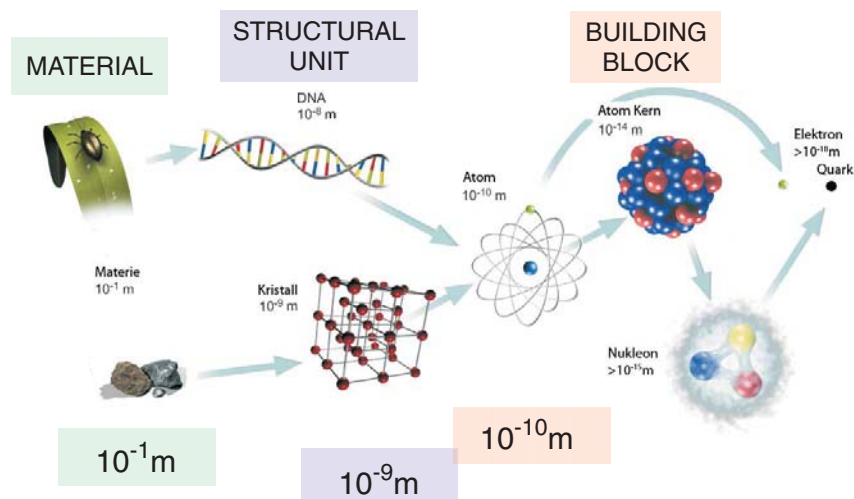
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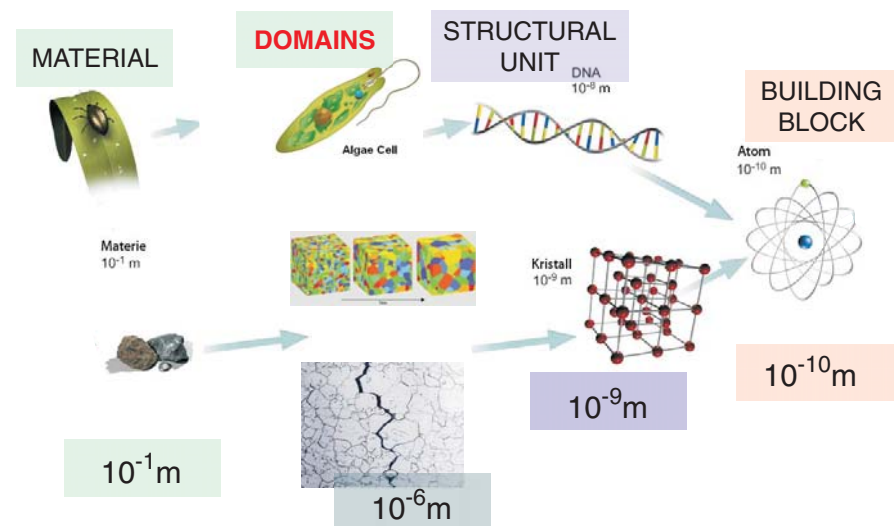
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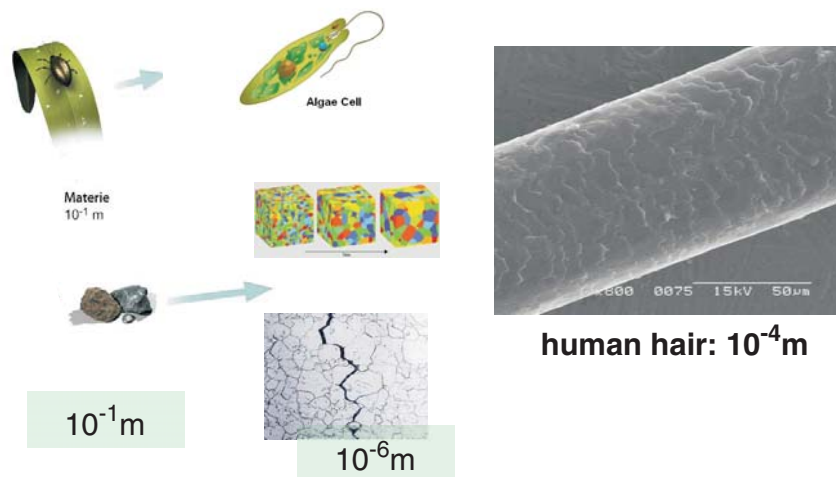
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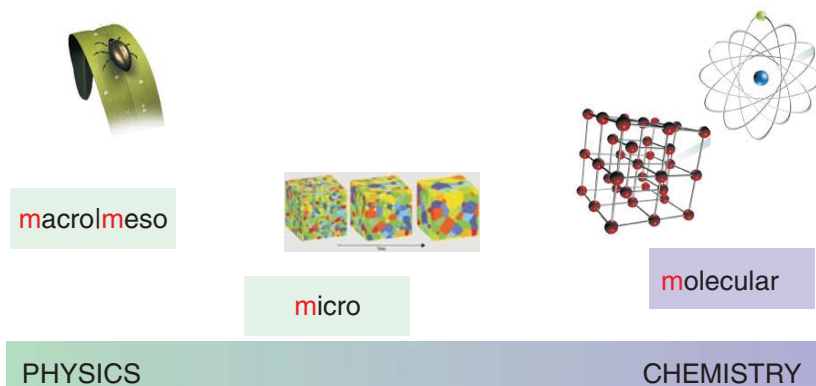
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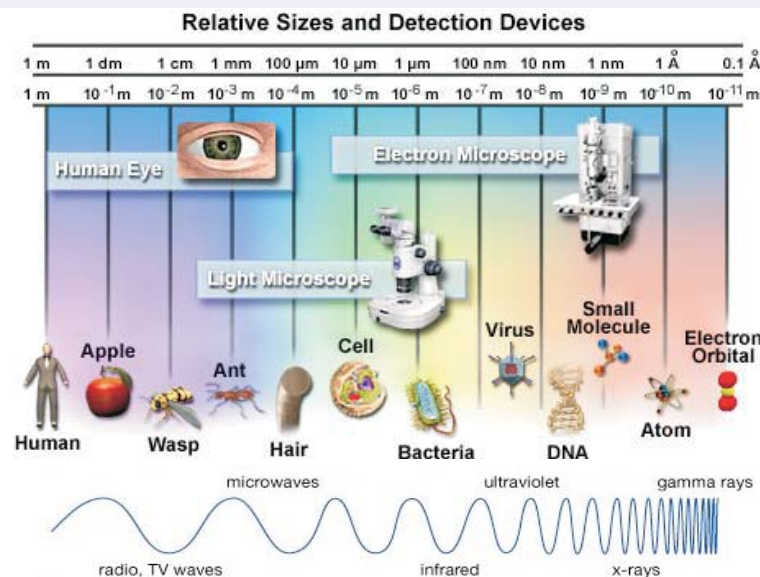
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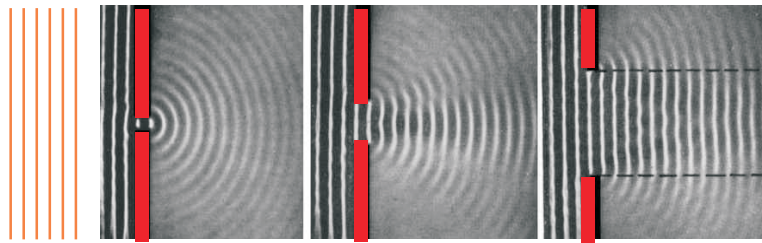
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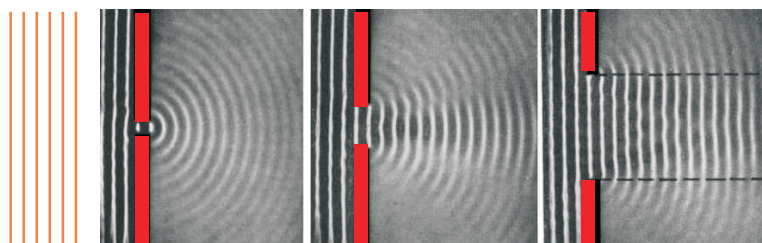
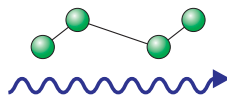
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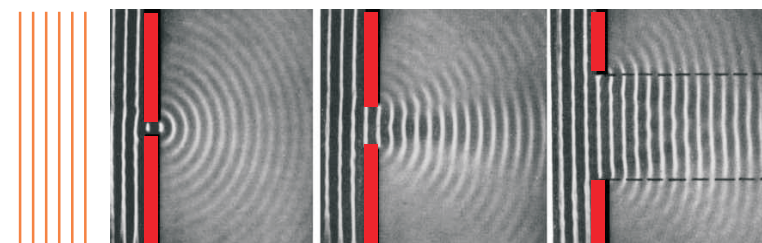
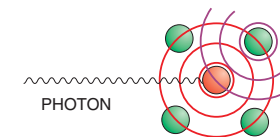
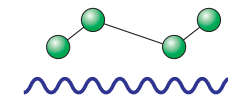
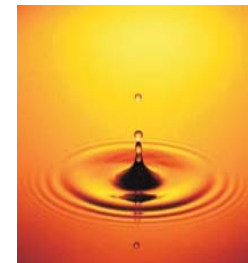
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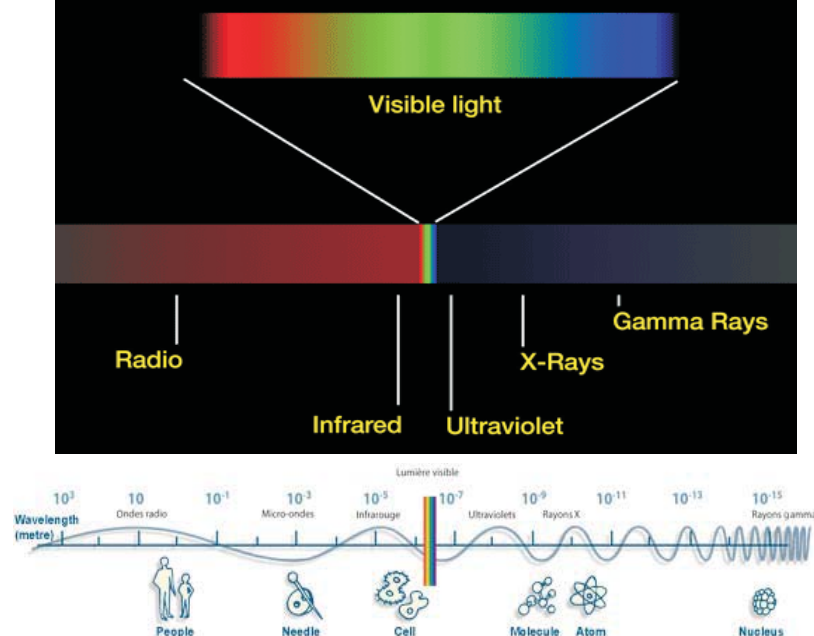
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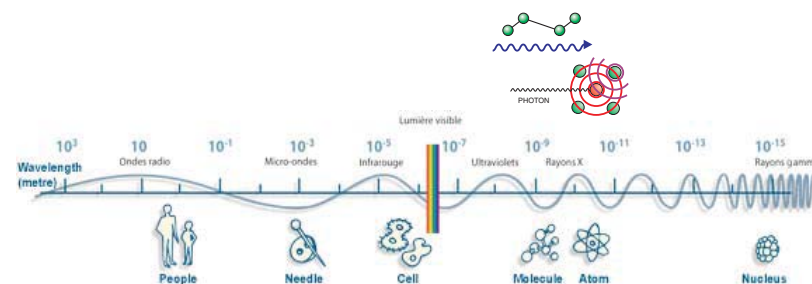
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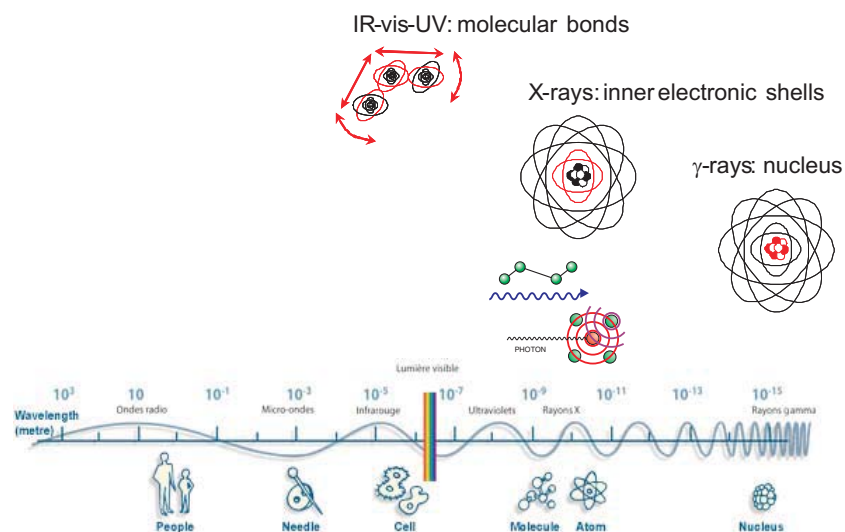
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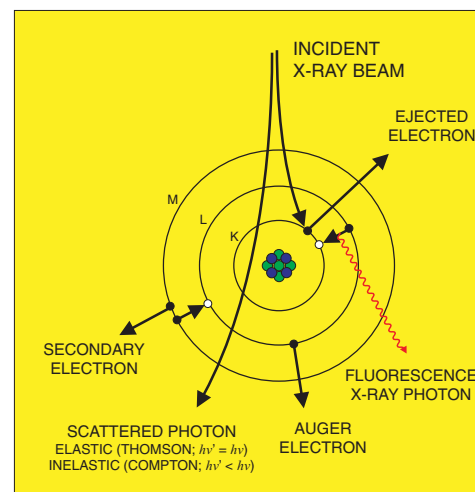
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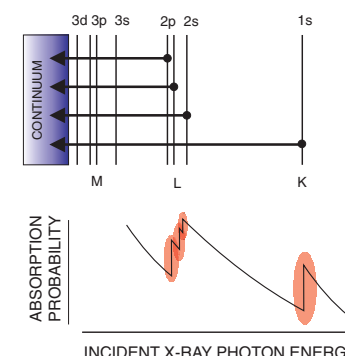
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X-Ray Interactions with Atoms



atomic photo effect (element selectivity)



electronic and local structure information

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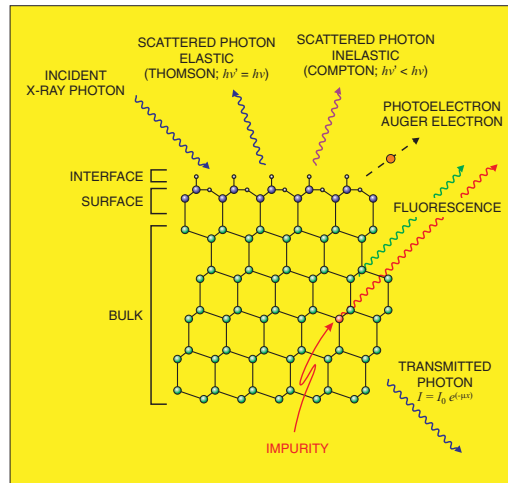
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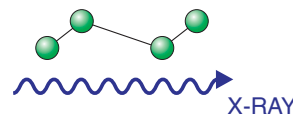
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X-Ray Interactions with Molecules and Matter



- tunable penetration power
- 'non-destructive'
- different contrast mechanisms
- $\lambda(\text{X-rays}) \approx \text{inter-atomic distances}$



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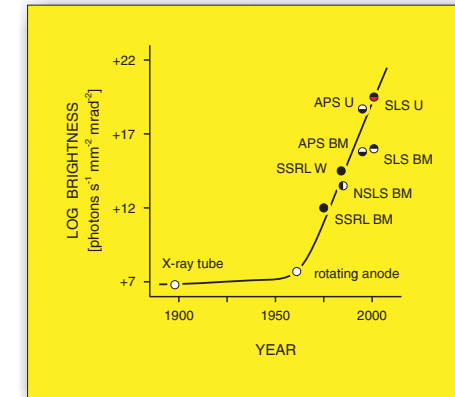
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ANALYTICAL REVOLUTION I: SYNCHROTRON LIGHT



Röntgen: 1 year

SSRL: 3 hours

SLS: 1 second

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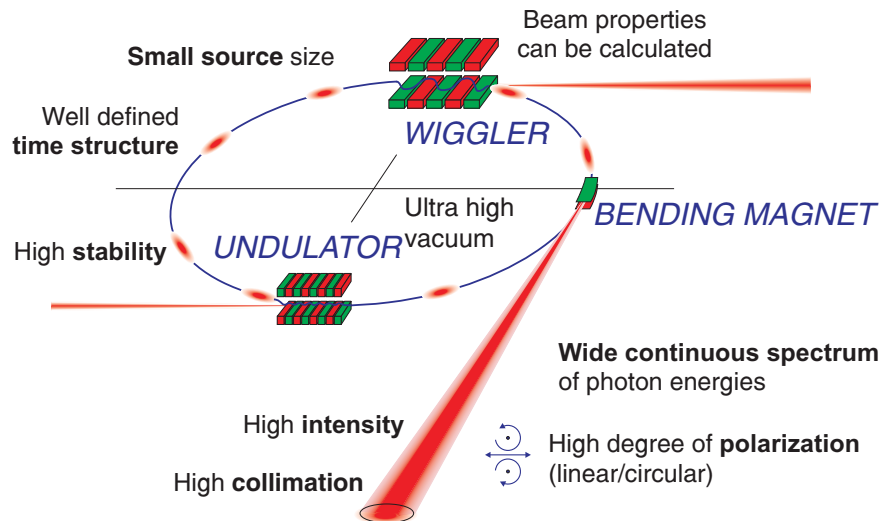
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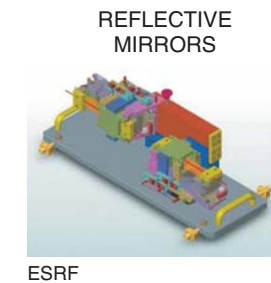
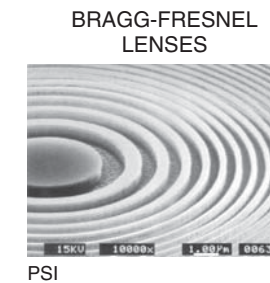
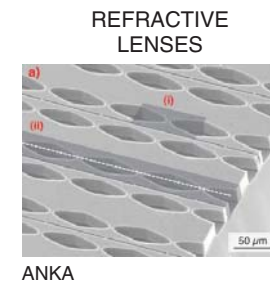
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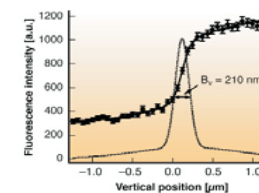
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ANALYTICAL REVOLUTION II: X-RAY OPTICS



SUB-MICRON FOCUSING of (HARD) X-RAYS:



Top: 10-50nm!

'Routine': ~1μm!

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ANALYTICAL REVOLUTION III: METHODS

Phase retrieval and differential phase-contrast imaging

Pfeiffer, Weitkamp, Bunk, David
Nature Physics, 2, 2006

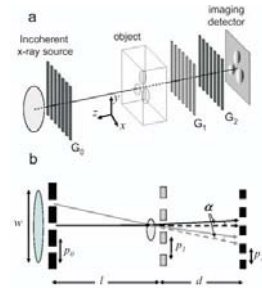


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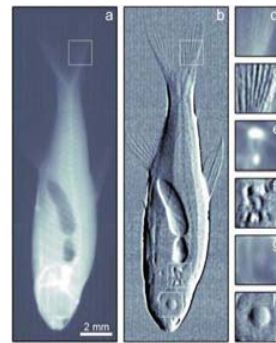


Figure 2: X-ray images of a small fish. Data recorded with a standard x-ray tube. a, Conventional X-ray transmission image. b, Differential phase contrast image. c-h, Two-times magnified and contrast optimized parts of the transmission (c,e,g) and the differential phase contrast image (d,f,h).

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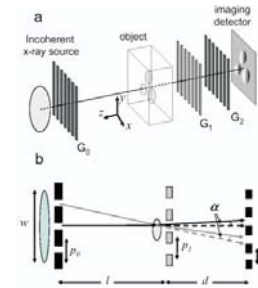


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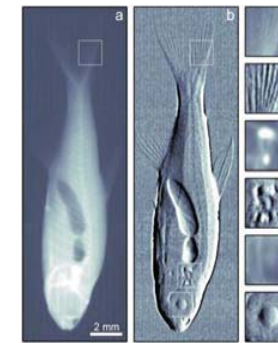
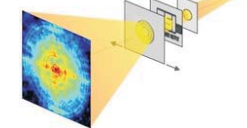
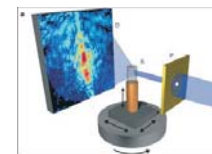


Figure 2: X-ray images of a small fish. Data recorded with a standard x-ray tube. a, Conventional X-ray transmission image. b, Differential phase contrast image. c-h, Two-times magnified and contrast optimized parts of the transmission (c,e,g) and the differential phase contrast image (d,f,h).

Coherent Diffraction Imaging



ptychographic coherent imaging



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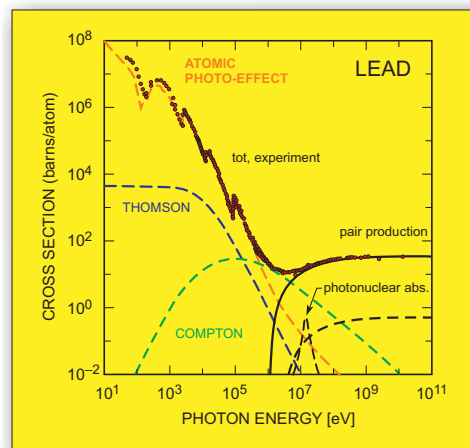
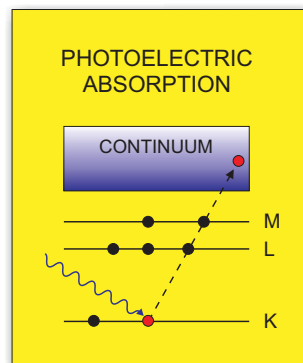
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CXRO X-RAY DATA BOOKLET (2001); figure courtesy of J. H. Hubbell.)

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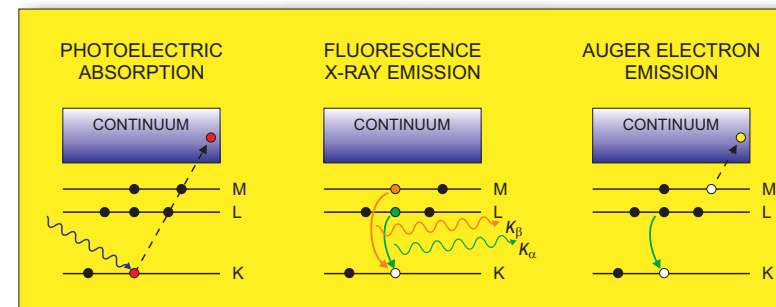
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>> powerful **SYNCHROTRON**-based spectroscopic techniques:
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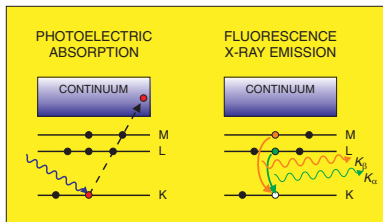
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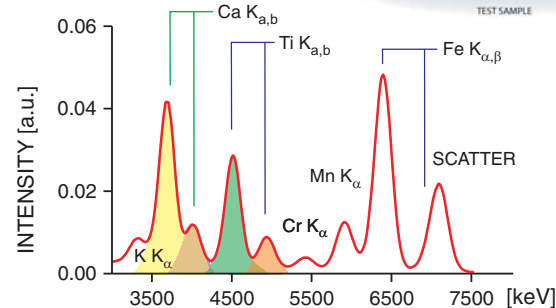
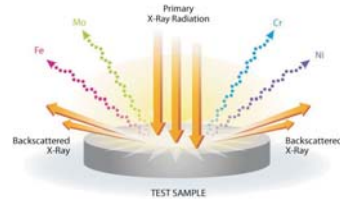
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0 dimensional



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SINGLE ATOM | 0 dim

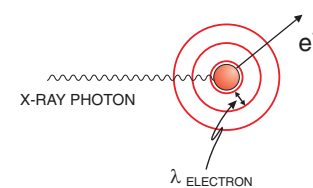
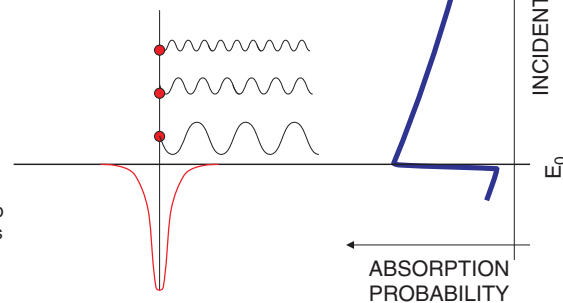
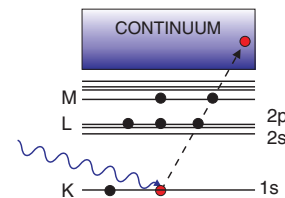


PHOTO ELECTRON

$$E_{\text{kin}} = h\nu - E_0$$

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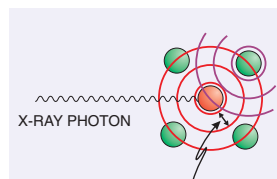
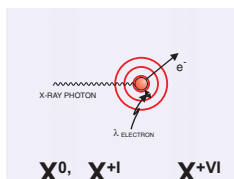
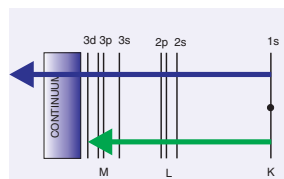
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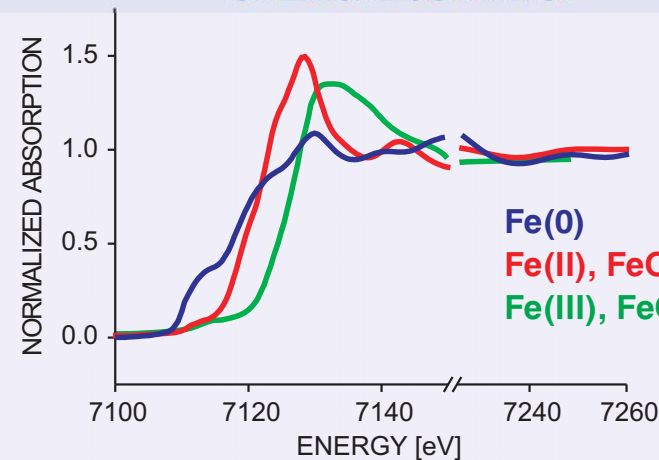
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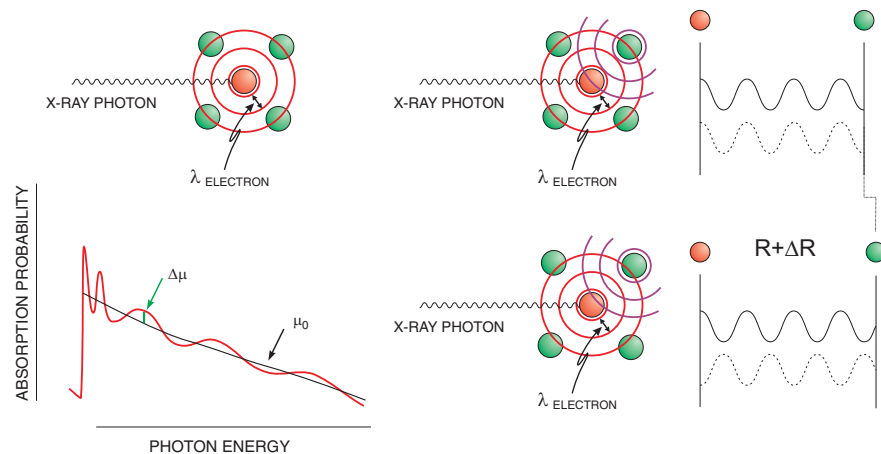
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$$P \propto \langle \alpha_{out} | \alpha_{sc} | \vec{\alpha} \alpha \vec{R} | \alpha_i \rangle$$

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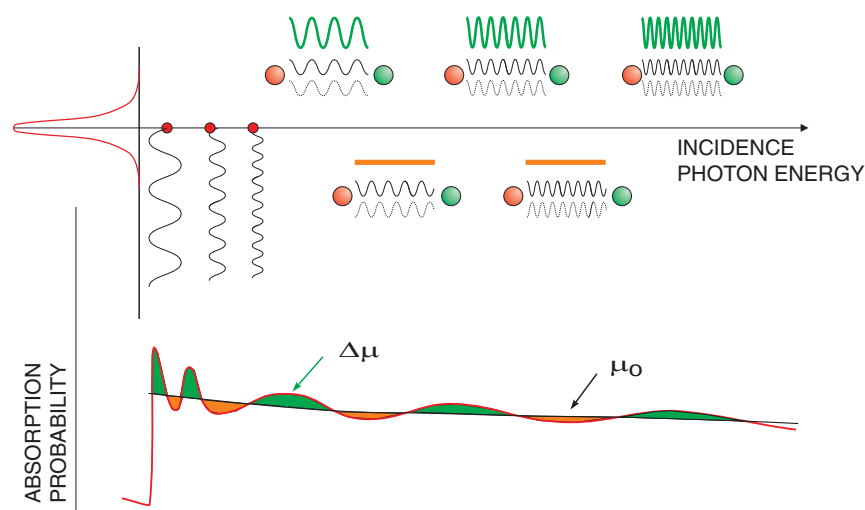
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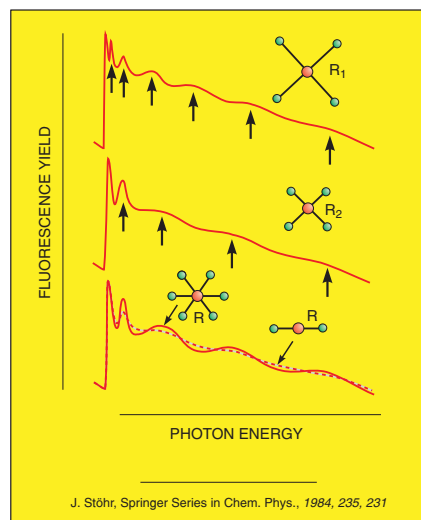
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- DETAILED **CHEMICAL AND STRUCTURAL** INFORMATION
 - (NON-) CRYSTALLINE SOLIDS
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 - INTERFACIAL SPECIES
 - CHEMICAL STATE
 - LOCAL STRUCTURE
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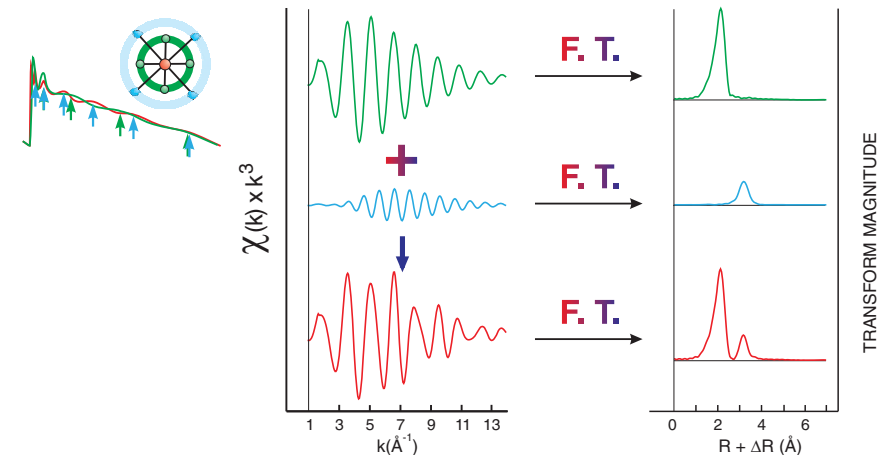
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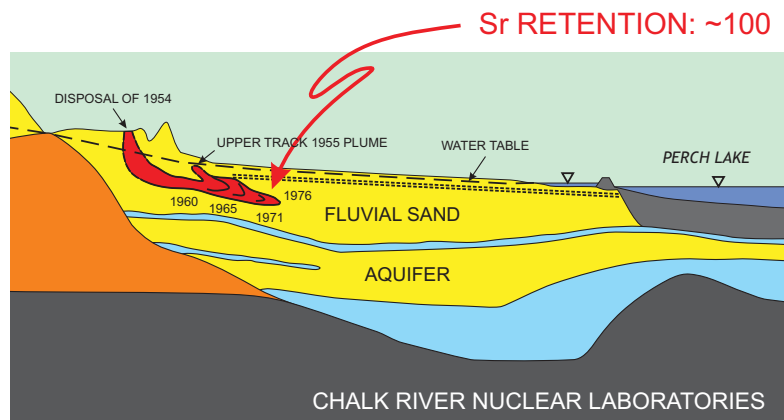


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- Ewing, 1959
- Tamura, 1972
- Sr Ret. ~100
- Sr Ret. ~250

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	PROPOSED MECHANISM	
Montmorillonite [1]	Cation Exchange	$K_{Sr/Ca} = 1.0 - 1.2$
Illite [1]	Cation Exchange	$K_{Sr/Ca} = 1.0 - 1.2$
Kaolinite [1]	Cation Exchange	$K_{Sr/Ca} = 1.1 - 1.3$
Synth. Resin [2]	Cation Exchange	$K_{Sr/Ca} = 1.0$
'Oxides' [3]	Covalent Bonding	
Calcareous Soil [4]	Co-precipitation	

CONSISTENCY FIELD - LAB

NO	Wahlberg (1965)
NO	
NO	Sardin et al. (1991)
NO	Kinniburgh et al. (1975)
NO	Halevy & Tzur (1964)

FIELD STUDIES

Sediment	'specific' (Fe/Mn Oxide Coatings)	
Subsurface Material	'specific' (Mn Oxide)	

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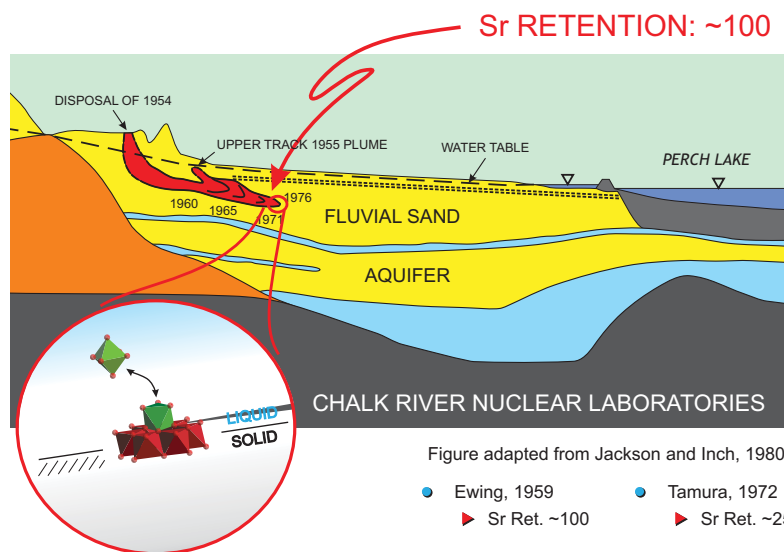


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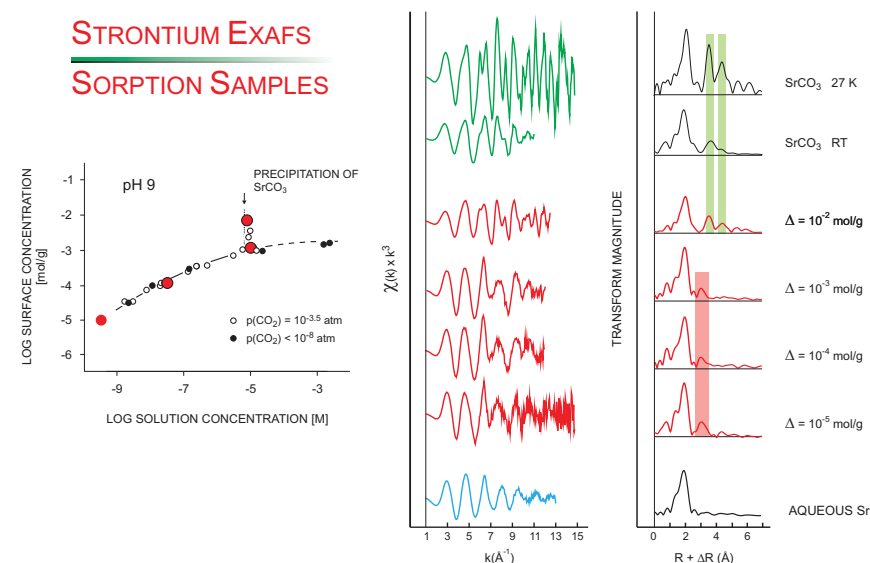
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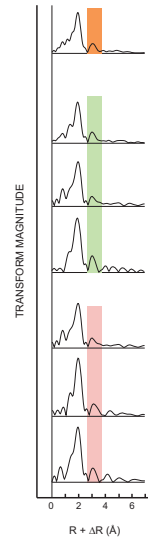
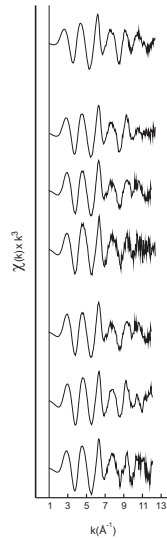
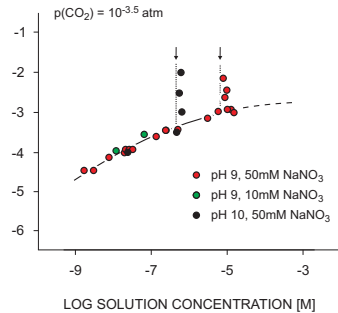
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STRONTIUM EXAFS SORPTION SAMPLES



STRONTIUM EXAFS
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pH = 9
50 mM NaNO₃; 1 mM Ca(NO₃)₂

pH = 9
200 mM NaNO₃

pH = 9
50 mM NaNO₃

pH = 9
10 mM NaNO₃

pH = 9
50 mM NaNO₃

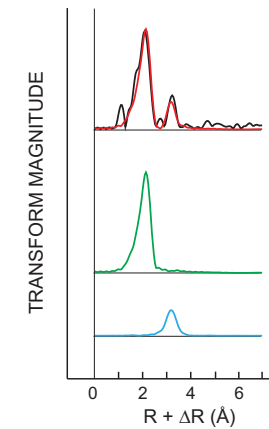
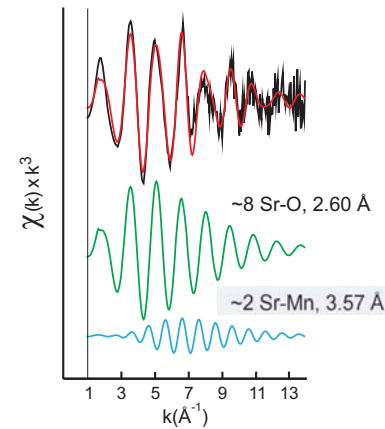
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50 mM NaNO₃

pH = 7
50 mM NaNO₃

pH = 5
50 mM NaNO₃

IS (IN)DEPENDENCE

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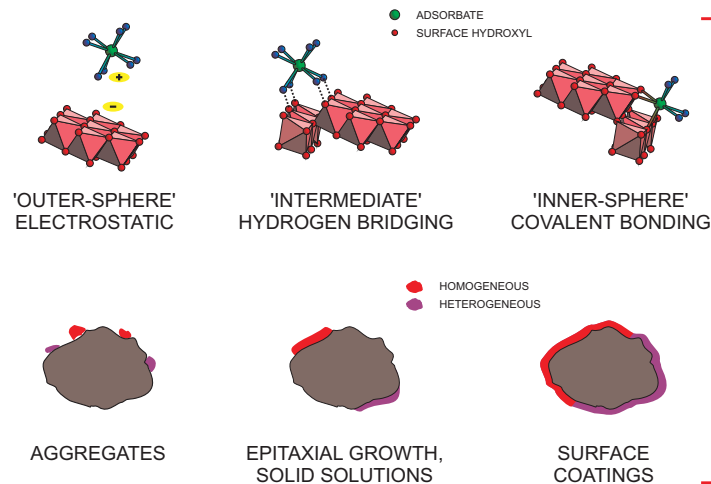


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ADSORPTION

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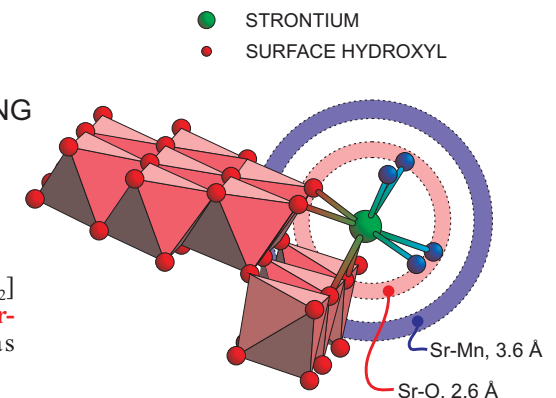


Proposed Interfacial Complex

'INNER-SPHERE' COVALENT BONDING

"... vernadite [$\delta\text{-MnO}_2$] contains as many **corner-sharing octahedra** as todorokite."

Manceau et al., 1992

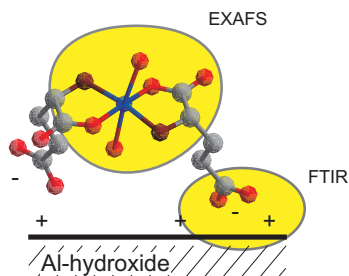
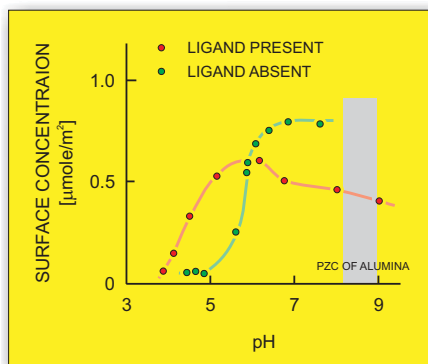


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J. Fitts et al., 1999, J. Colloid Interface Sci.

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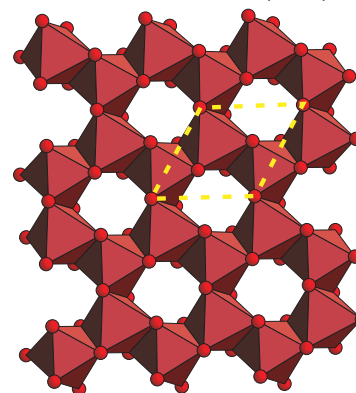
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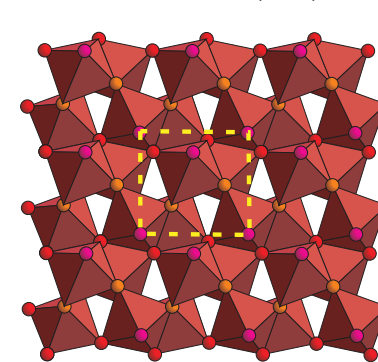
$\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ SURFACES

C-CUT SURFACE (0001)



DOUBLY COORDINATED OXYGENS

R-CUT SURFACE (1102)



SINGLY COORDINATED OXYGENS

TRIPLY COORDINATED OXYGENS

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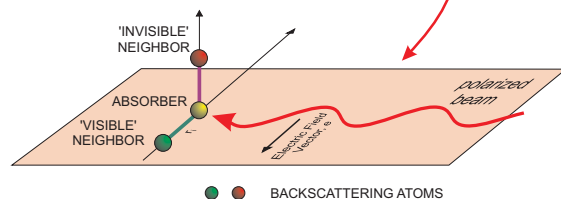
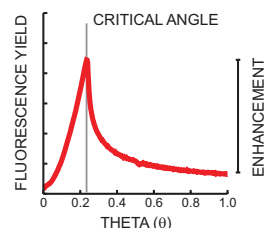
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GRAZING-INCIDENCE XAFS

$\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ SURFACES

Advantages:

- ENHANCED SURFACE SENSITIVITY (SMALL PENETRATION DEPTH)
- IMPROVED DETECTION LIMIT
- POLARIZATION DEPENDENCE
- ORIENTED SINGLE CRYSTAL SUBSTRATES



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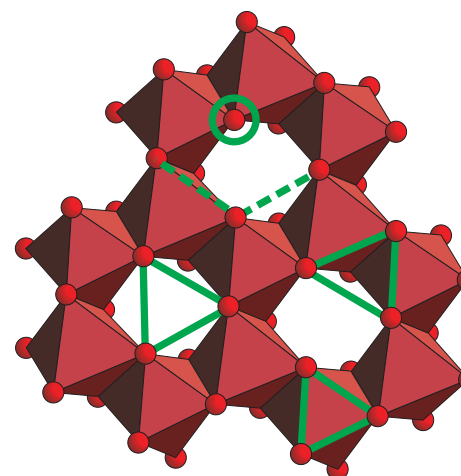
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Well Defined Surface Sites

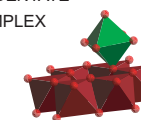
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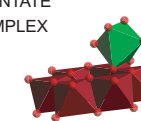
$\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ (0001) SURFACE



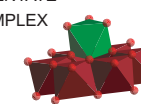
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BIDENTATE COMPLEX



TRIDENTATE COMPLEX



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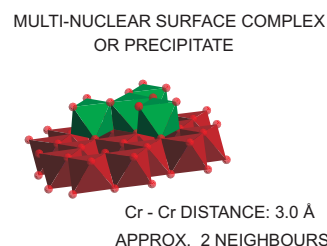
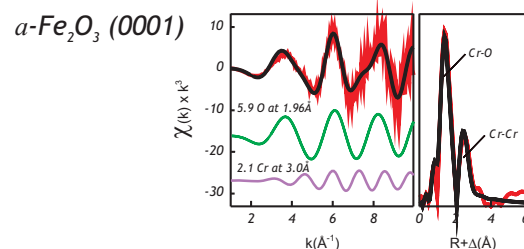
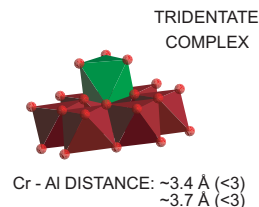
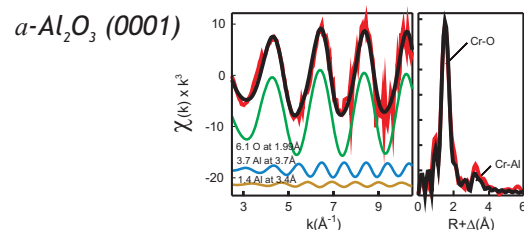
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Interfacial Cr(III) Species

α -Al₂O₃ SURFACES



D. Grolimund et al., 1999, J. of Synchrotron Radiation, 6, 612ff.

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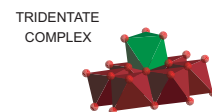
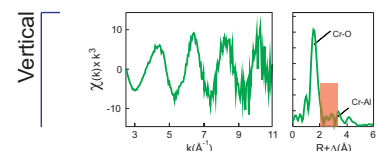
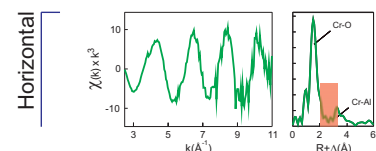
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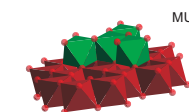
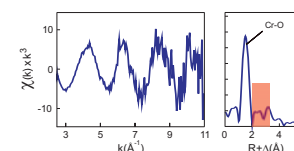
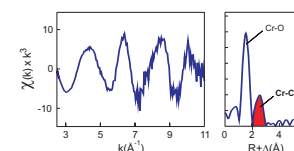
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Cr(III) on α -Al₂O₃ (0001)
2 hours exposure time



Cr(III) on α -Al₂O₃ (0001)
1 month exposure time



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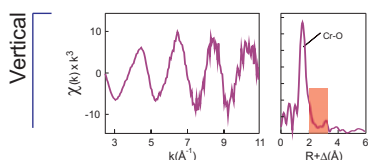
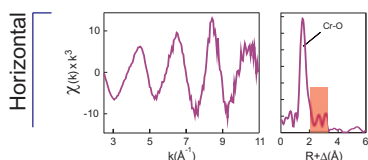
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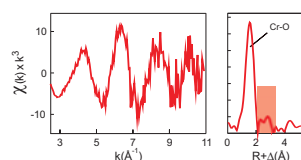
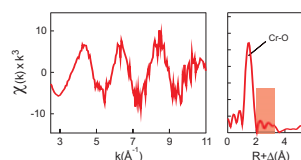
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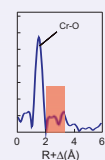
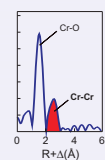
Cr(III) on α -Al₂O₃ (1102)
2 hours exposure time



Cr(III) on α -Al₂O₃ (1102)
1 month exposure time



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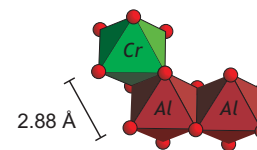
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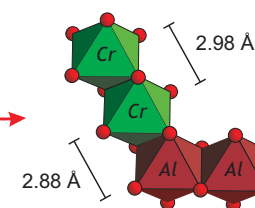
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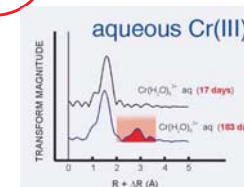
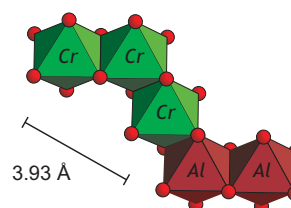
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III. EDGE-SHARING POLYMER



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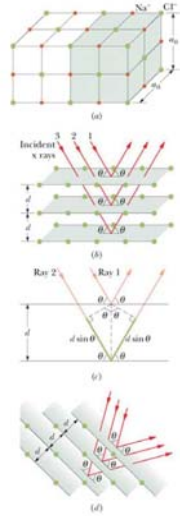
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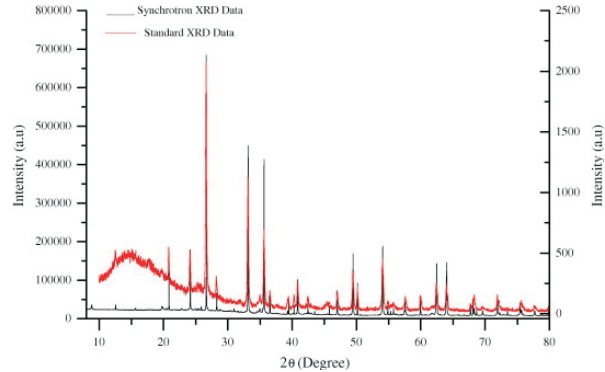
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X-Ray Diffraction

powder | 0 dimensional



$$2d \sin\theta = m\lambda \text{ for } m = 0, 1, 2, \dots \text{ Bragg's law}$$



Reynolds et al., Minerals Engineering, 23(9), 2010

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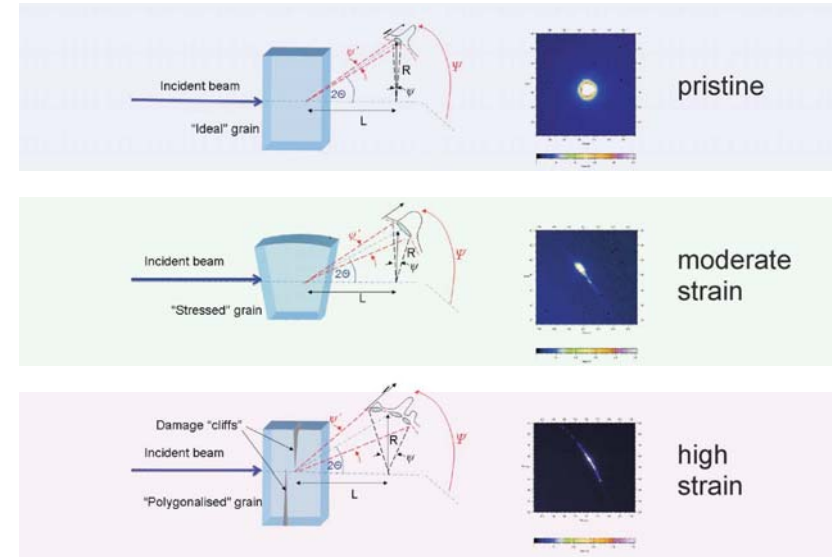
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single crystal | 0 dim. | oriented



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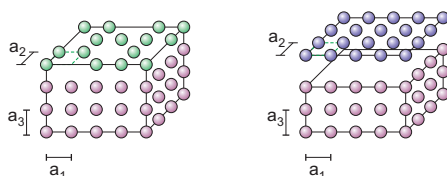
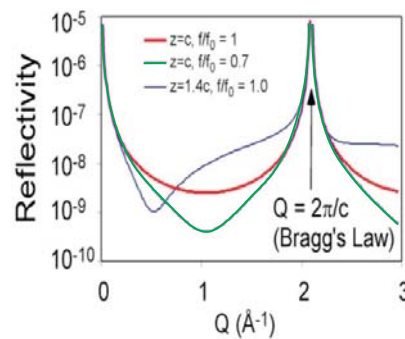
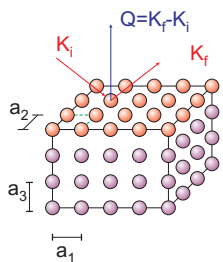
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X-Ray Surface Diffraction

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*P. Fenter, "X-ray Reflectivity as a Probe of Mineral-Water Interfaces: A User Guide", Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry, Vol. 49, 149-220 (2002).

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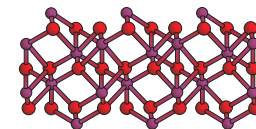
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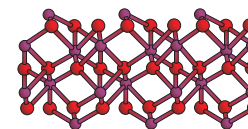
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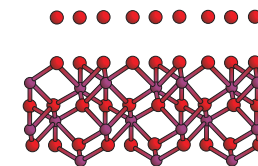
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- AI TERMINATED
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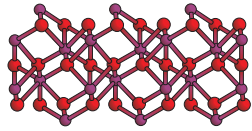
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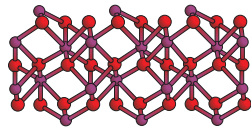
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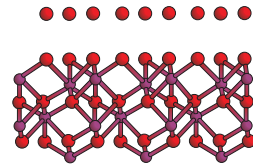
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P. Fenter et al., ANL | APS

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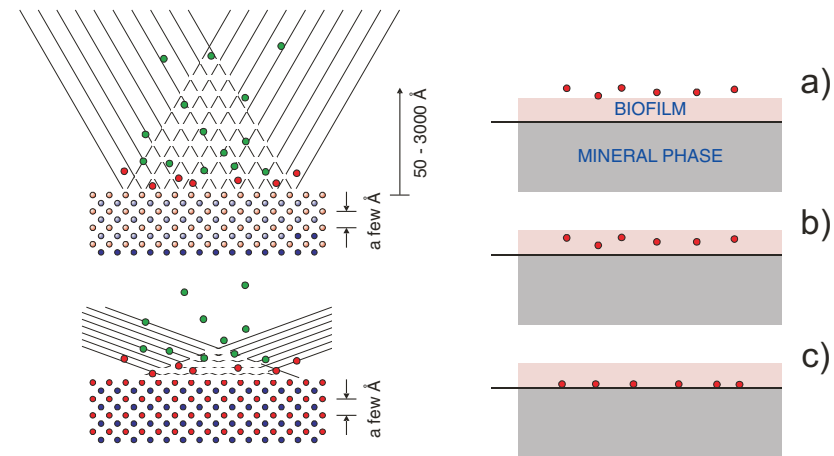
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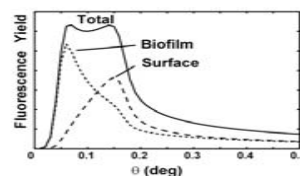
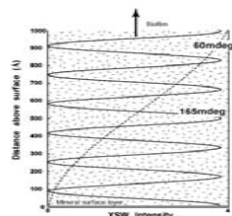
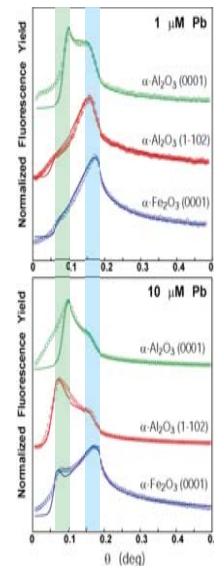
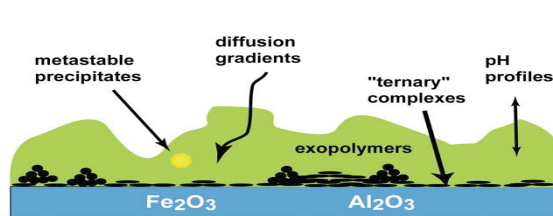
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MULTI-COMPONENT INTERFACES

Mineral | Biofilm | NOM Composites



A.S. Templeton et al. (2001), Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 98, 11897
T.P. Trainor, et al. (2006), J. Electr. Spectr. Relat. Phenom., 150, 66-85

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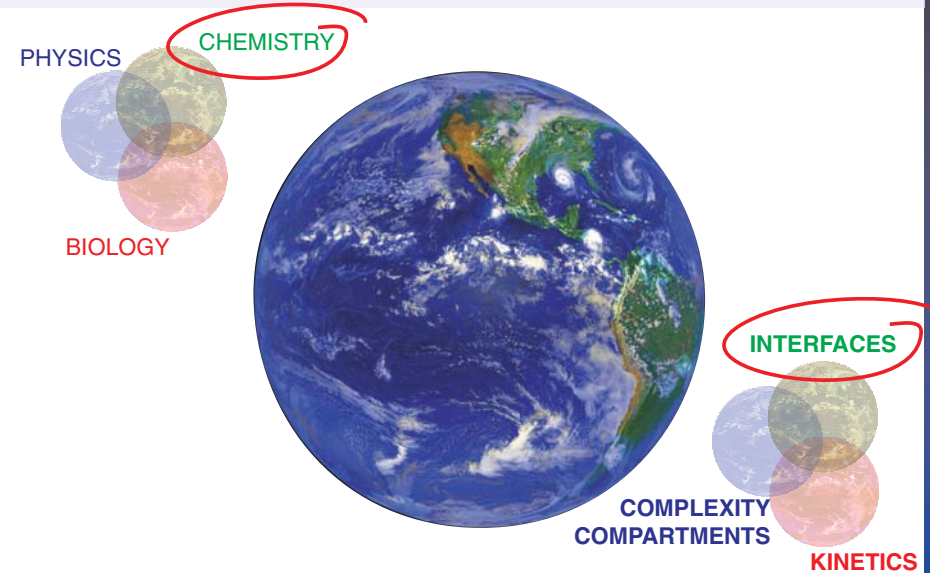
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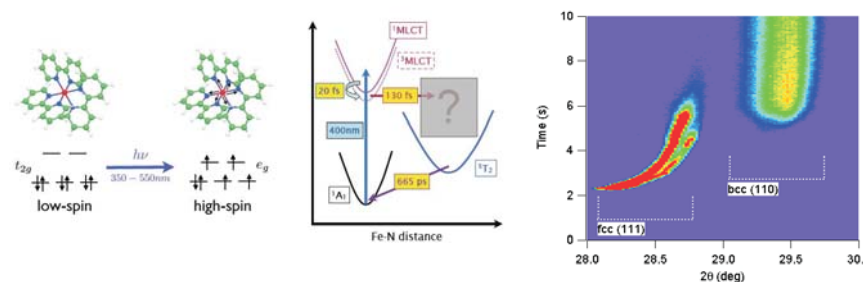
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X-Rays: Up to Ultrafast Temporal Resolution, non-invasive



.... not yet fully explored in Environmental Science, e.g. Atmospheric Chemistry, Geochemistry, Redox,

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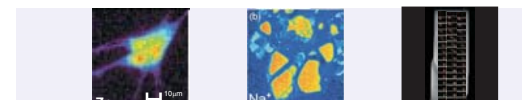
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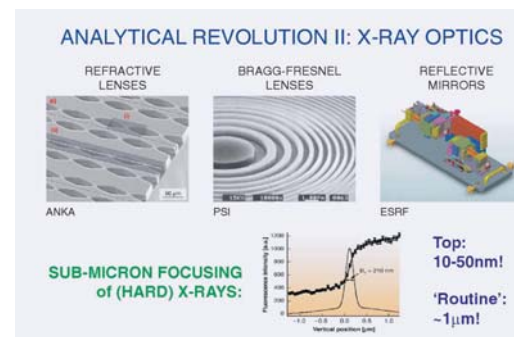
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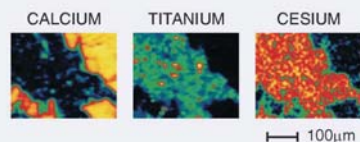
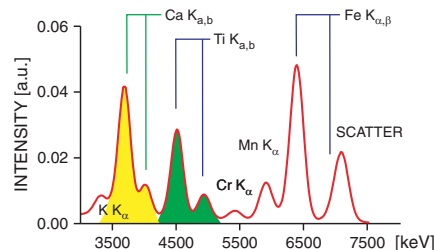
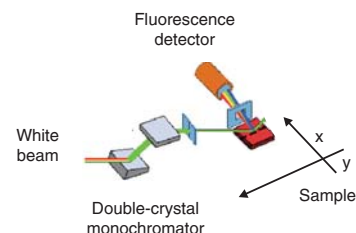
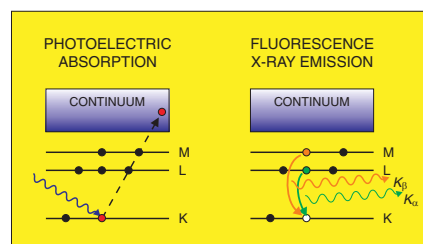
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2 dimensional



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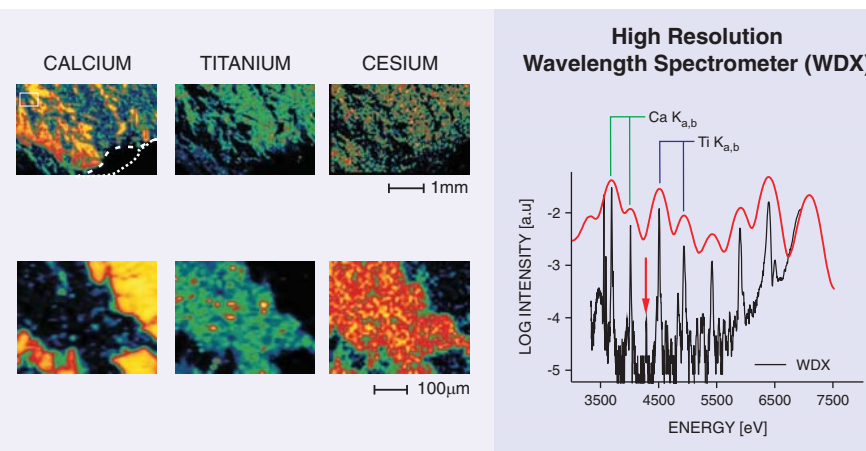
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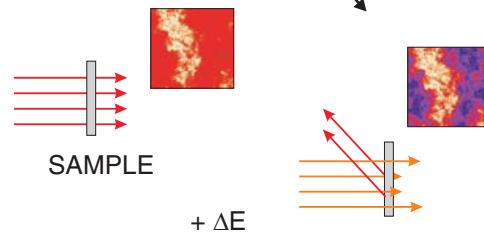
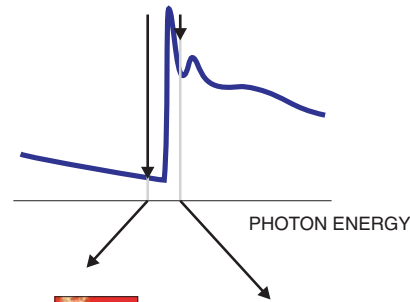
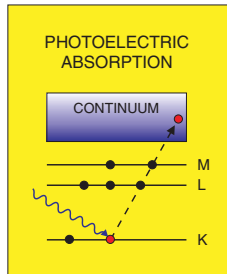
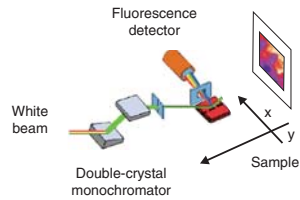
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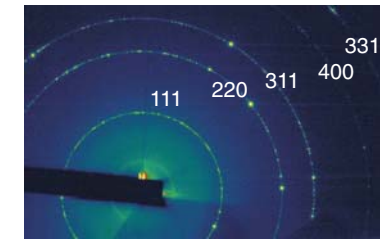
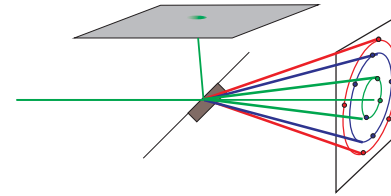
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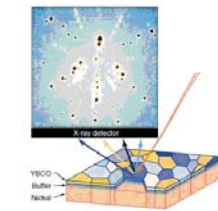
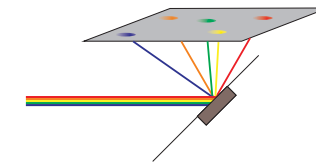
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"PINK" BEAM



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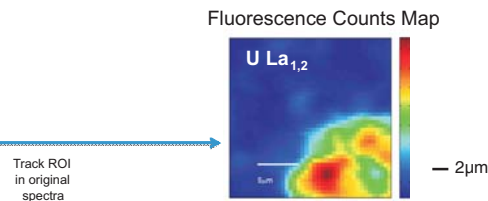
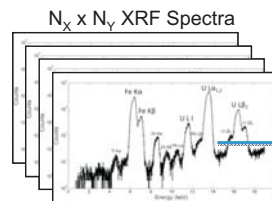
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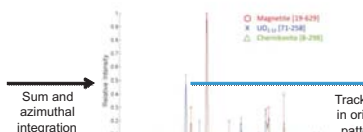
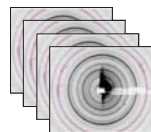
- Per pixel XRF spectrum
- Per pixel 2D diffraction pattern



$N_x \times N_y$ 2D XRD Patterns

Sum 1D Pattern – Phase ID

Normalised Phase Map



Crean et al., Uni. Sheffield & Manchester

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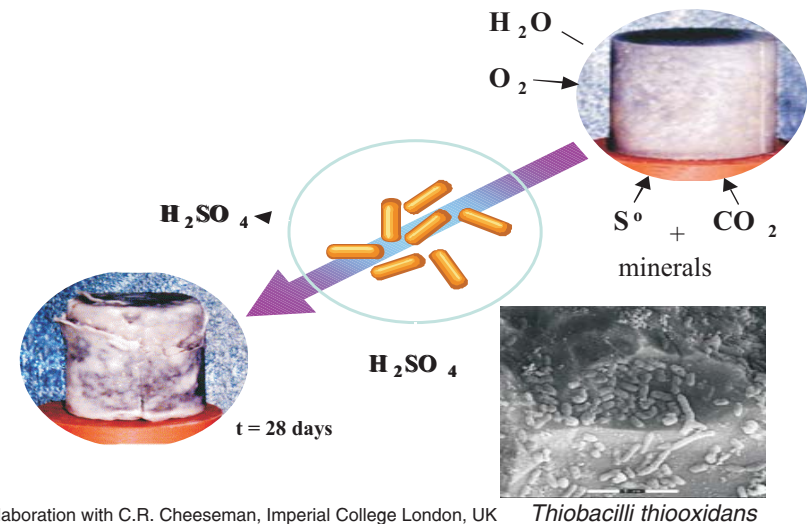
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collaboration with C.R. Cheeseman, Imperial College London, UK

Thiobacilli thiooxidans

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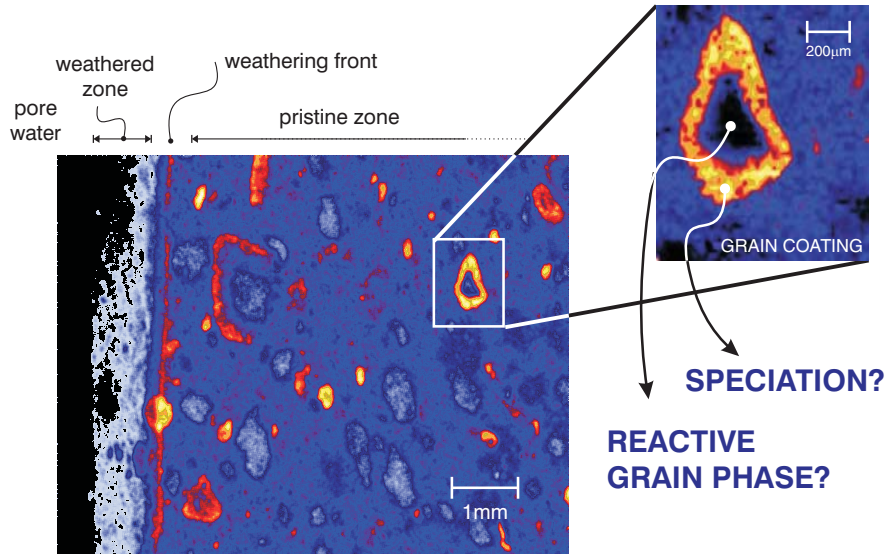
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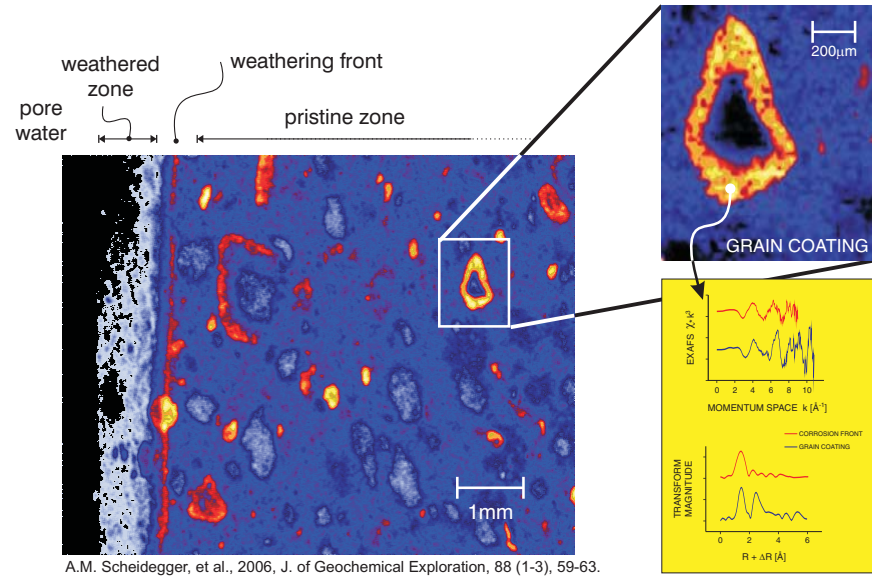
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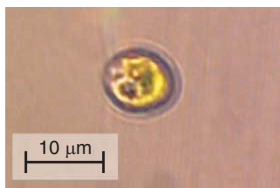
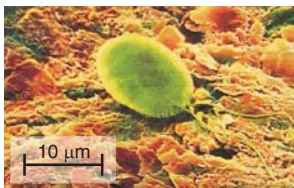
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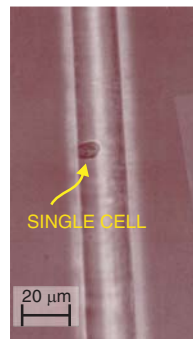
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SINGLE ALGAE CELLS

- microXRF: ELEMENTAL DISTRIBUTION WITHIN CELL
- microXANES/EXAFS: CHEMICAL SPECIATION WITHIN CELL COMPARTMENTS



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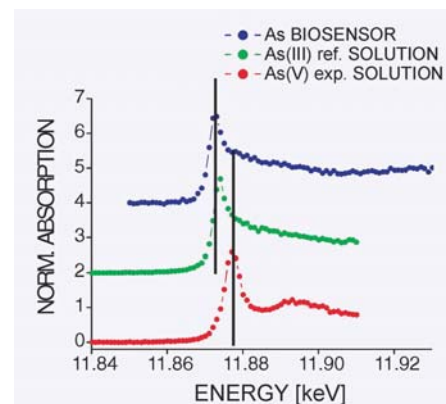
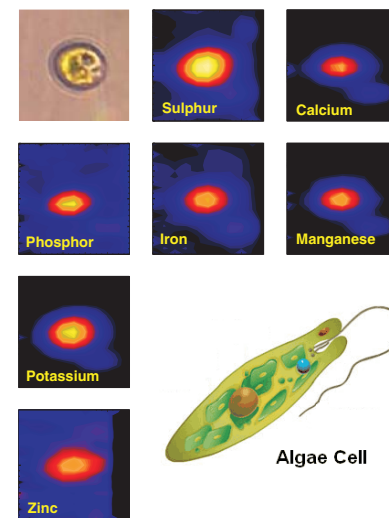
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microXAS inside single cell:
Reduction As(V) -> As(III)

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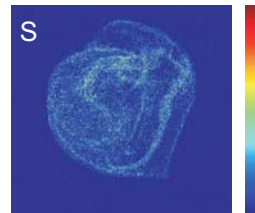
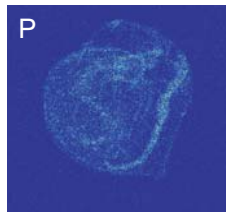
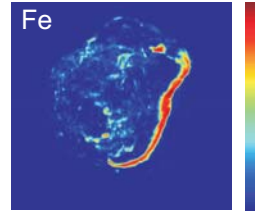
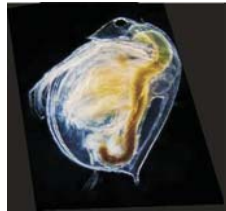
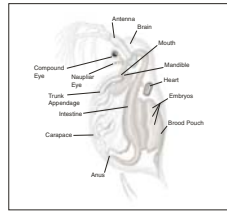
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collaboration with T.H. Yoon et al., Hanyang University, Korea

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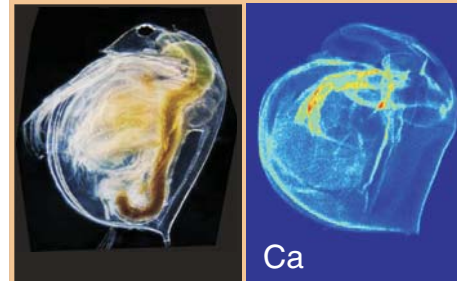
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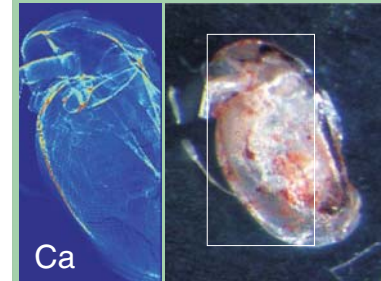
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micro - X-Ray Imaging



hard X-Ray nanolmaging



even for large overview images
nanolmaging provides additional
minute details

- head area
- carapace

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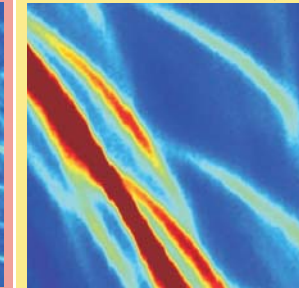
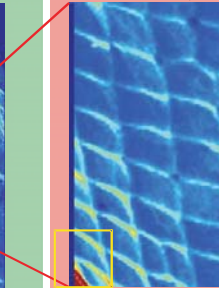
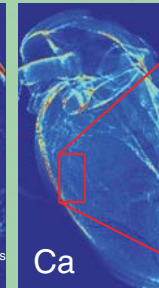
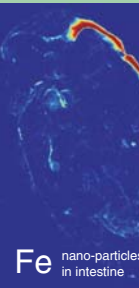
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100µm

10µm

1µm



nanolmaging: collaboration with C. David, P. Karvinen, PSI, Switzerland

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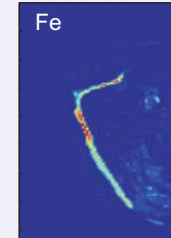
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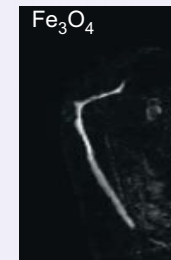
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XRF mapping



XRD mapping 17keV



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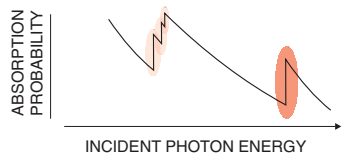
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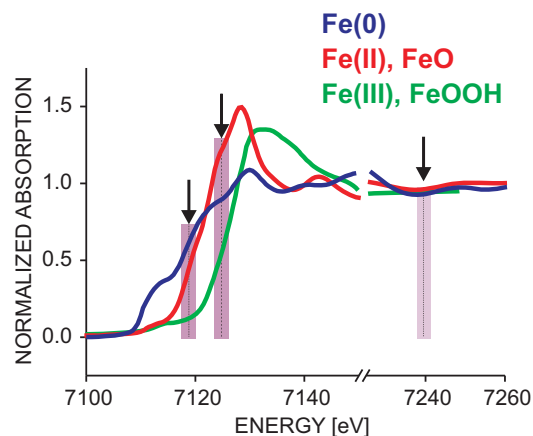
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Spectromicroscopy: Imaging Speciation in 2D



electronic and local
structure information

CHEMICAL CONTRAST !



ENERGY [eV]	Fe(0)	Fe(II)	Fe(III)
7119	0.6	0.4	0.1
7125	0.9	1.2	0.6
7240	1.0	1.0	1.0

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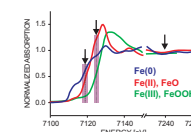
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Historic Iron Slag: Reconstruction of Smelter Operation



ANCIENT IRON SLAG

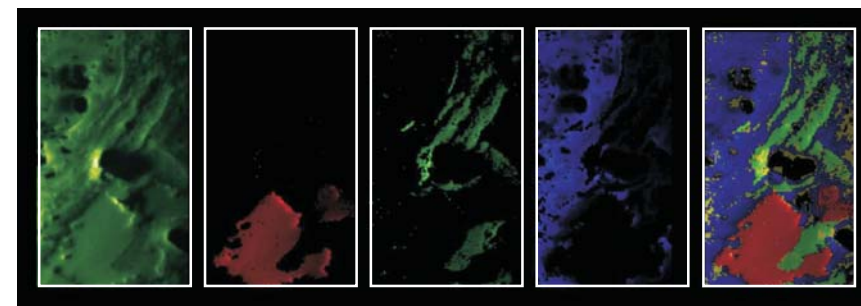


Fe_{tot}

Fe(0)

Fe(II)

Fe(III)



D. Grolimund, et al., Spectrochim. Acta B (2004)

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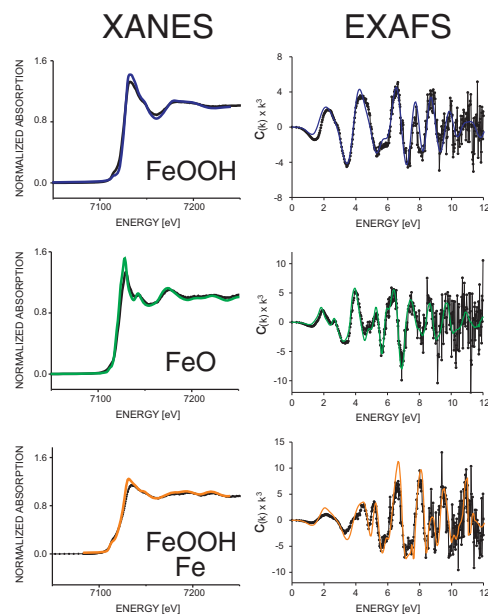
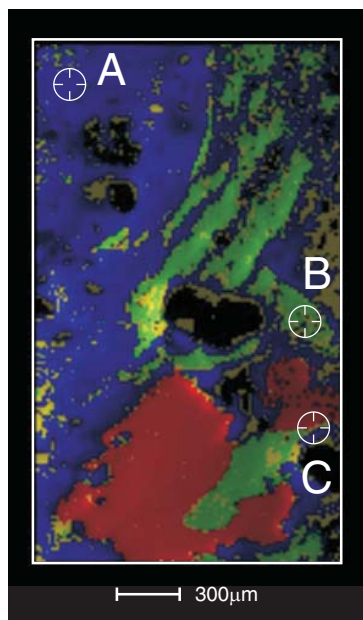
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Armoured Target
Pyrophoric Interaction
Temperature ~3000°C*



Eskmeals Site

Goals:

Provide knowledge on environmentally aged DU residues as input to

- Long term management of soil and associated risk
- Remediation based on understanding of properties of the contaminant

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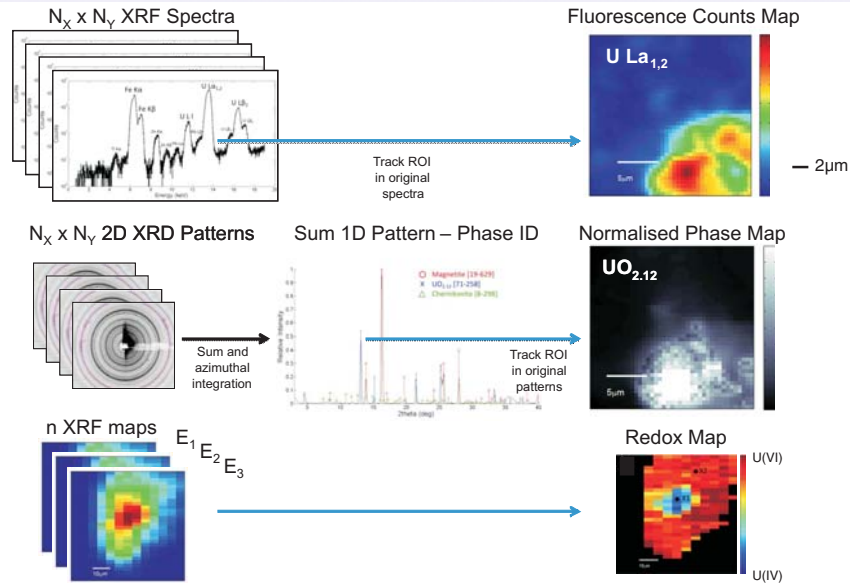
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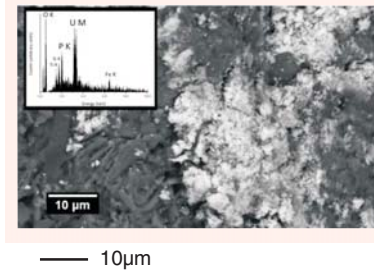
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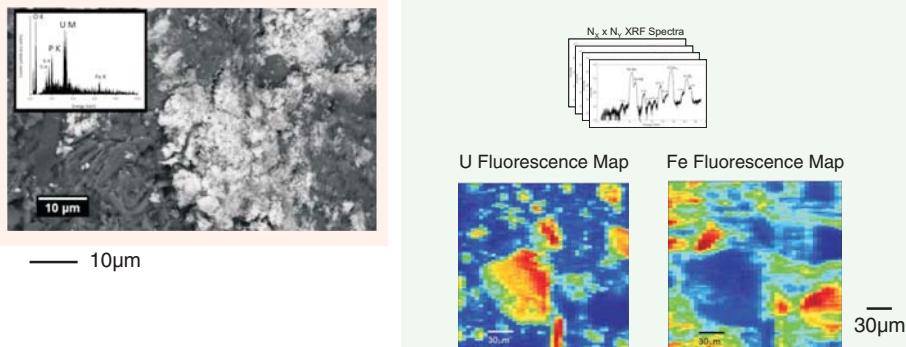
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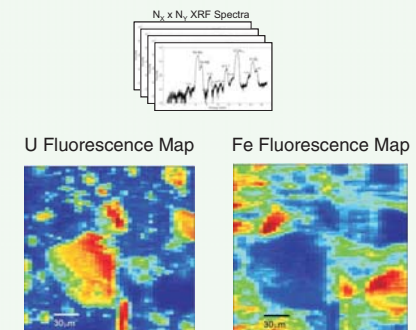
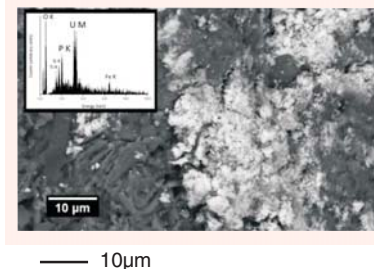
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$N_X \times N_Y$ 2D XRD Patterns



30µm

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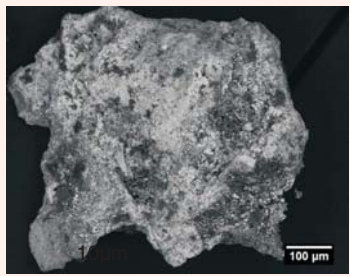
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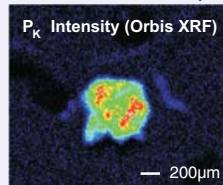
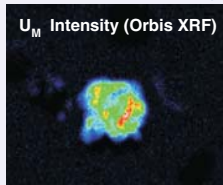
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100µm

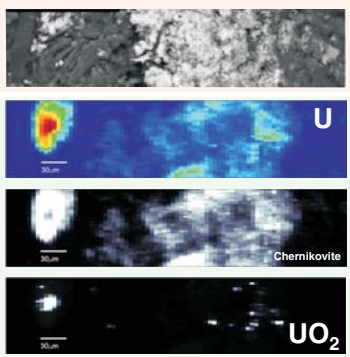
Complementary, lab-based XRF (30µm)



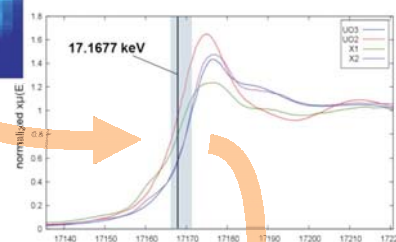
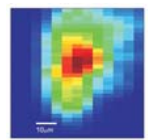
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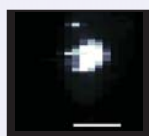


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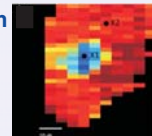


Average Uranium Oxidation State

U(IV)
UO₂



U(VI)
Chernikovite



U(VI)
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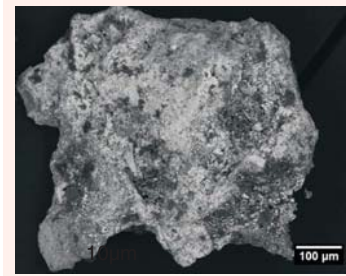
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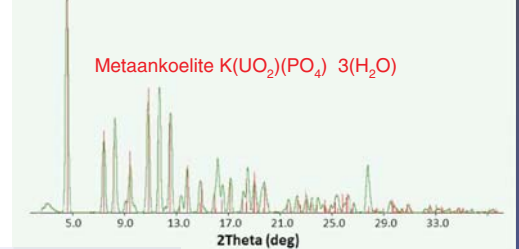
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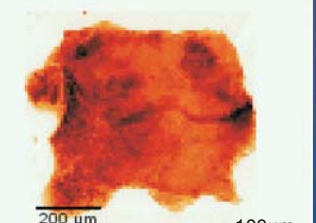
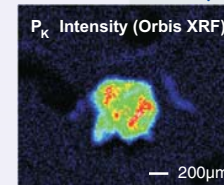
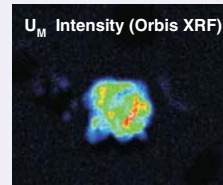


Synchrotron-based microprobe (XRD)

Metaankoeite $K(UO_2)(PO_4) \cdot 3(H_2O)$

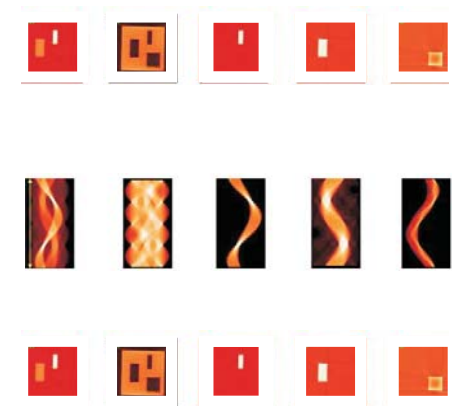
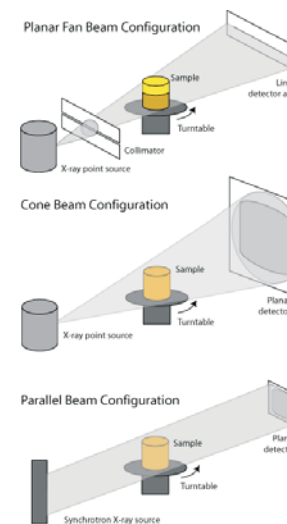


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X-Ray Tomography



V. Scot, J.E. Fernandez, L. Vincze, K. Janssens, 2007, NIM B, 263 (1), 204-208

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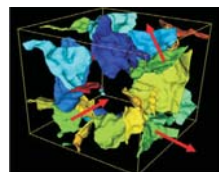
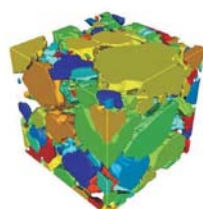
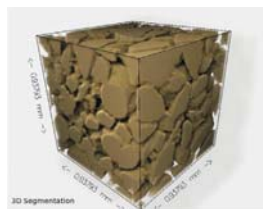
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Arad, A., Mahdadi, M., Christy, A.G., Sheppard, A.P., Averdunk, H., Knackstedt, M.A., 2010, Petrophysics (in press).

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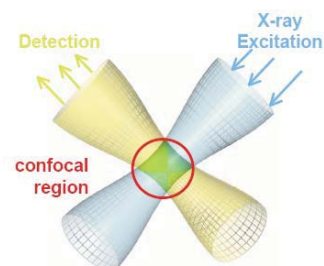
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Confocal Microscopy



- + use microXAS microprobe
- + bulk samples
- + no projections
- + 'no' reconstruction
- + single voxel analysis (XRF, XANES, ...)
- spatial resolution

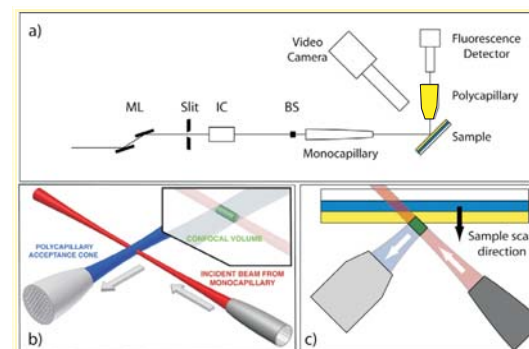


Fig 1: Schematic illustrations of the confocal X-ray fluorescence geometry. (a) shows the experimental setup, indicating the multilayer optics (ML), slit, ion chamber (IC), beamstop (BS), focusing and collecting optics, and the detector. (b) shows a 3D view of how the confocal active volume is formed from the focal regions of the two optics. (c) indicates, in cross-section, how the sample is scanned through the confocal volume, so that fluorescence from individual layers is resolved.

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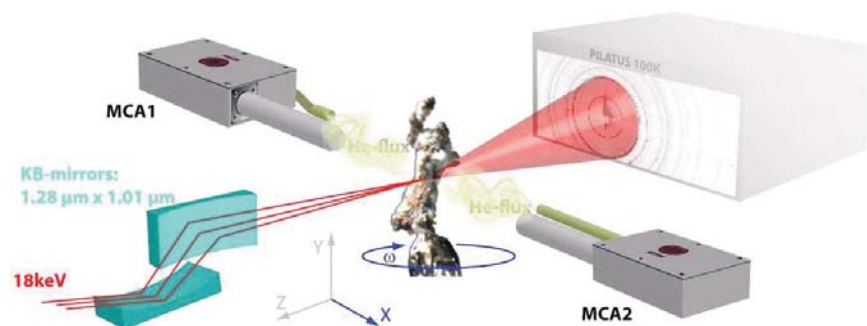
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microXRF | microXRD



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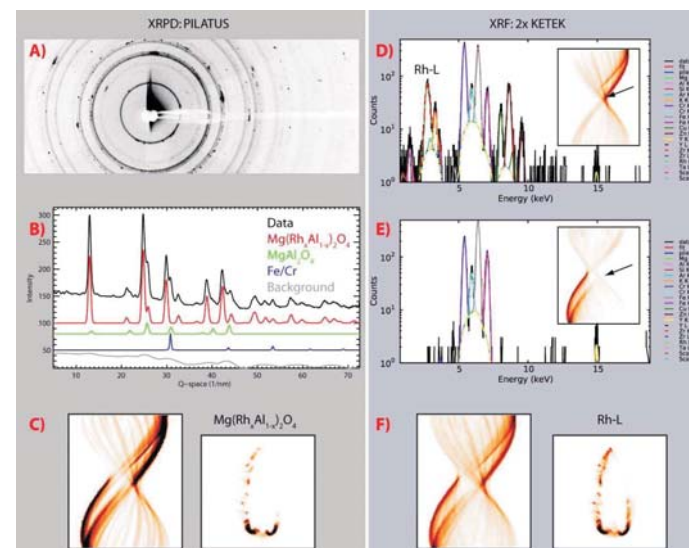
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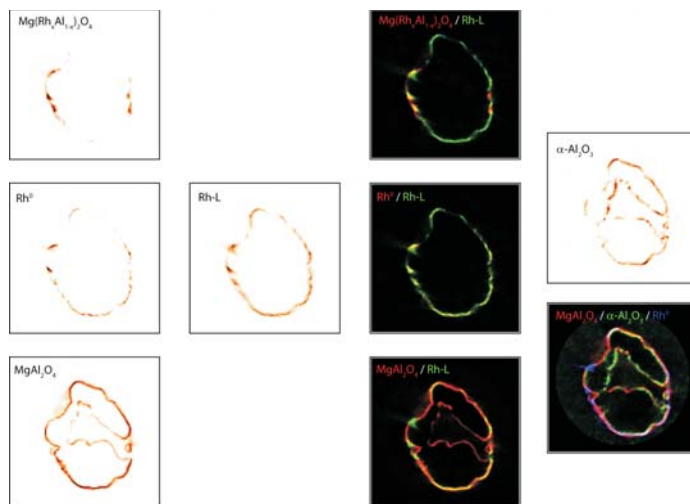
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Env. Sci.: Need for Mechanistic, Molecular-level Information

- IDENTIFICATION OF CHEMICAL SPECIES INVOLVED
- DEVELOPMENT OF CHEMICAL CONCEPTS
- ENHANCED PREDICTIVE CAPABILITIES
 - EXTRAPOLATION
 - DESIGN (!) OF REACTIVE INTERFACES
 - INDUSTRIAL/ENVIRONMENTAL (DE)CONTAMINATION
- NATURAL SYSTEMS ARE 'N-DIMENSIONAL'
 - COMPETITION
 - HETEROGENEITY
- KINETICS
 - PROCESS IDENTIFICATION | VALIDATION
 - UP-SCALING 'LAB - FIELD' (SPACE + TIME)

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Crucial Mechanistic Information in Interfacial Chemistry

- | | |
|---------------------------|--|
| ● STRUCTURE OF INTERFACE | DIFFRACTION, CTR, SPECTROSCOPY, STANDING WAVE TECHNIQUES |
| ● REACTIVE SURFACE GROUPS | (SURFACE SENSITIVE) SPECTROSCOPY |
| ● INTERFACIAL SPECIES | SPECTROSCOPY |
| ● DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIES | STANDING WAVE TECHNIQUES |
| ● REACTION PATHWAYS | TIME RESOLVED SPECTROSCOPY |
| ● SPACIAL HETEROGENEITY | MICRO ANALYSIS |

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Imaging Chemistry (and Physics) with X-rays

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| ● CHEMISTRY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → chemical sensitivity → atomic/molecular-level information |
| ● SPACE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → microscopic (nanoscopic) spatial resolution → penetration power (→ 3D) |
| ● TIME | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 'non-destructive' → 'fast' |

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SUMMARY

- **Chemical micro-Imaging** is fundamental to understand structure and **chemical reactivity** of complex systems
 - ➔ ... evolution, degradation, toxicity, bioavailability, metabolism, ...
- Synchrotron-based **X-rays** have a pronounced imaging and spectroscopic 'power'
 - ➔ ... suite of techniques: XRF, **XAS**, XRD, **cSAXS**, ..
 - ➔ ... enormous potential: spatial and temporal resolution, 3D, 4D, quantification, ...
- Complementary Approach:
 - ... different microscopic & (micro)-spectroscopic tools & macroscopic & theoretical tools
 - ➔ **Quantitative Chemical (and Physical) Imaging of Environmental Systems in Space and Time**