A brief introduction to synchrotron radiation

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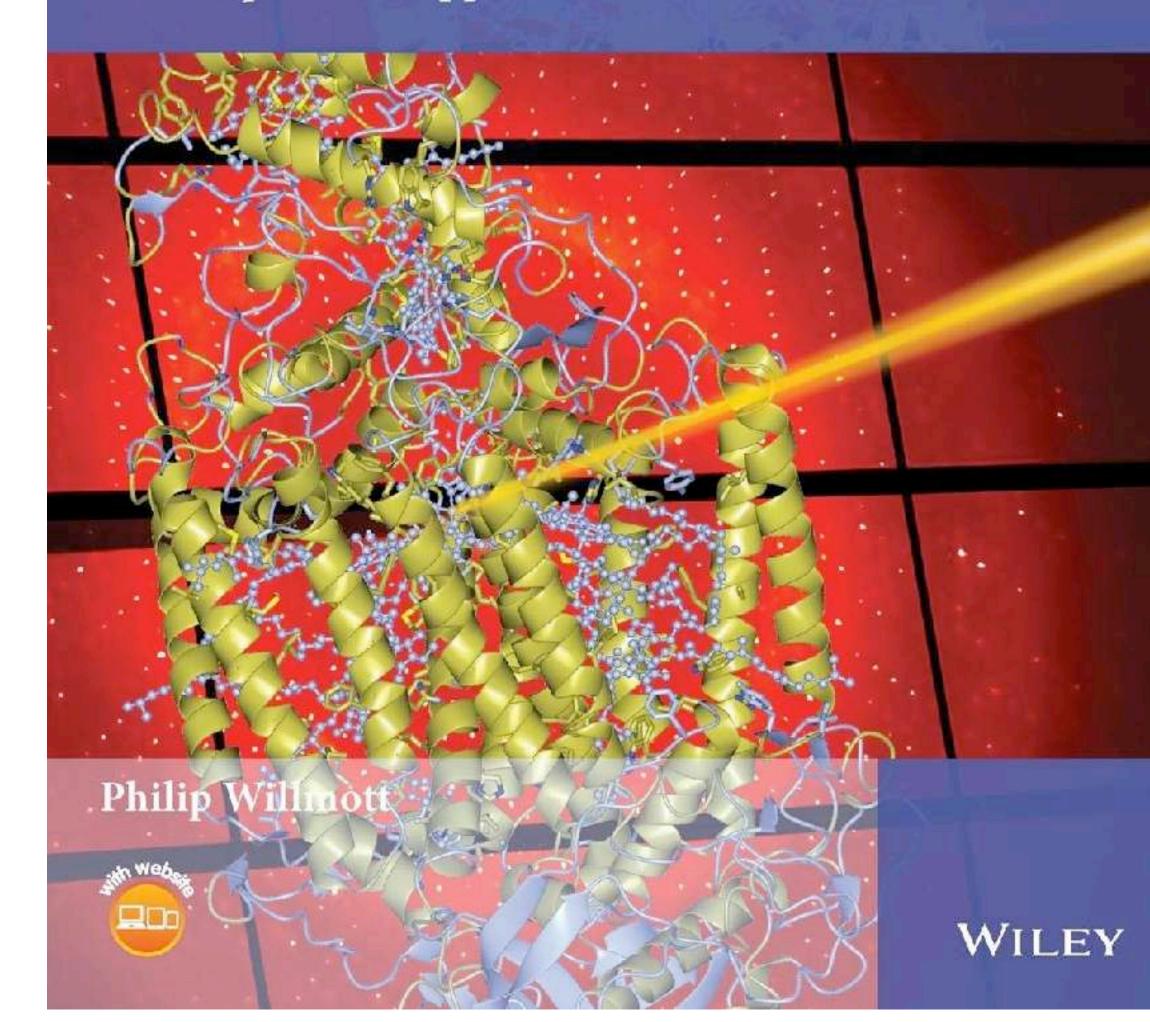
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An Introduction to Synchrotron Radiation

Techniques and Applications



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Synchrotron Radiation

Basics, Methods and Applications





Final words at the beginning

Synchrotron radiation (SR) is one of the many tools scientists have in their tool chest.

Yet, it is very versatile and powerful, such that many unsolvable problems can be addressed using SR.

Also, it is quite different in many ways, as you are about to discover. It requires strong team work, mastery of few technically difficult skills, patience and perseverance, and strong communication skills.

Synchrotron floor is where you can shine, even if you are a beginner.

Why do we need science and large scientific facilities ?

Some of the material challenges we are facing today are related to

- alternative sources of **energy** (production, storage, & distribution)
- improving health care, and environment
- better **communication**,
- access to **transportation**,
- access to education, and
- better housing & nutrition

These challenges can be best addressed by **making advances that improves our understanding and control of matter.** Particularly, matter that consists of **natural** or **artificial** nanoscale building blocks defined either by atomic structural arrangements or by electron or spin formations.

Proteomics, **electronics**, **spintronics**, **nanoscience** are all late 20th-early 21th century concepts that support trillion dollar industries and they shape the world political and economical order.

Thus, visualization, exploration, and controlled manipulation of macroscopic matter have long been important technological goals.

Scientific developments in the last century have focused our attention on understanding matter at the atomic scale through the underlying framework of quantum mechanics and correlations.

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• Linear or Circular Particle Accelerators

- Electron
- Proton
- Muon
- Ion
- Radioactive isotopes
- Basic acceleration mechanisms
 - **Static DC acceleration:** Cockroft & Walton, 1928
 - **Resonant acceleration: Ising, 1924**
 - Linear accelerator: Wideröe, 1928
 - Wakefield accelerator : Dawson, 1979

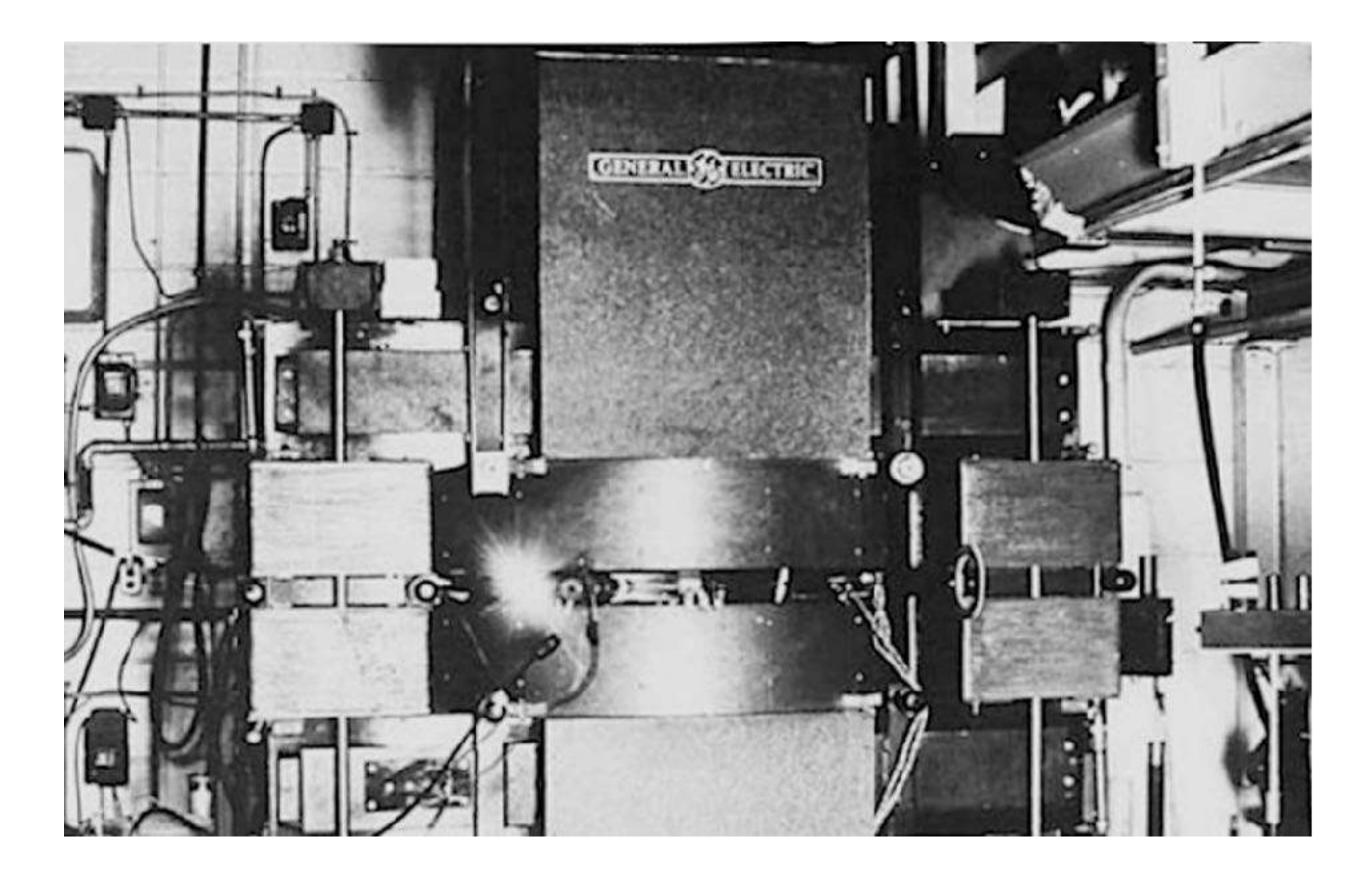
First observation of Synchrotron Radiation, 1947

If electrons moving at relativistic speeds are forced by magnetic fields to follow curved trajectories they emit electromagnetic radiation.

Synchrotron radiation is produced in an 100 MeV electron accelerator in General Electric Laboratories in Schenectady, New York in 1947.

Theoretical foundation was prepared by Maxwell, Lorentz, Pomeranchuk, and Schwinger.

Synchrotron radiation is extremely intense and extends over a broad energy range from the infrared through the visible and ultraviolet, into the soft and hard x-ray regions of the electromagnetic spectrum.



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Very brief and incomplete history of accelerators

- 1857 Geissler tubes
- 1869 Crookes tube
- 1895 discovery of x-rays with Crookes tube, Roentgen
- 1897 identification of cathode rays as electrons, J. J. Thomson
- 1897 Braun: cold cathode ray tube
- 1913 Coolidge tube
- 1931 van de Graaf generator (1.5 MV)
- 1931 E. Lawrence, 11" diameter CYCLOTRON
- 1932 Cockroft-Walton generator (voltage multiplier) 800 keV, disintegration of Li by protons
- 1947 First observation of synchrotron radiation
- 1959 DESY, Hamburg
- 1988 Wake field accelerators, Argonne
- 1999 LEUTL-First SASE at 530 nm, Argonne
- 2004 FLASH-DESY, now operating at 5 nm
- 2009 LCLS, Stanford, 0.1 nm
- 2010 Large Hadron Collider, 7 TeV
- 2014 EuropeanXFEL



"Dr Livingston has asked me to advise you that he has obtained 1,100,000 volt protons. He also suggested that I add 'Whoopee'!"

> -Telegram to Lawrence, 3 August 1931

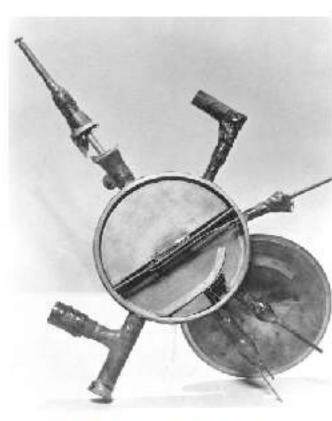
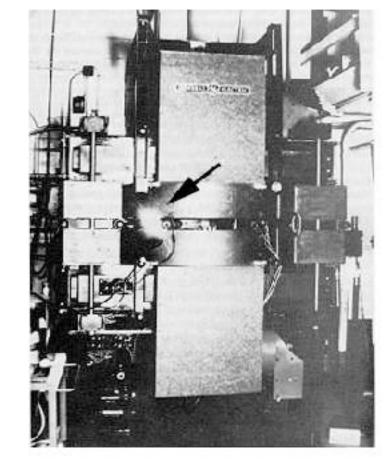
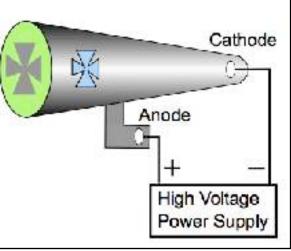


Plate contage towards Banday National Laboratory The first particle accelerator (cyclotron) developed by Ernest O.



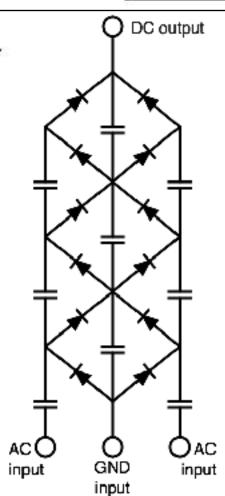




Synchrotron light from the 70-MeV electron synchrotron at GE.

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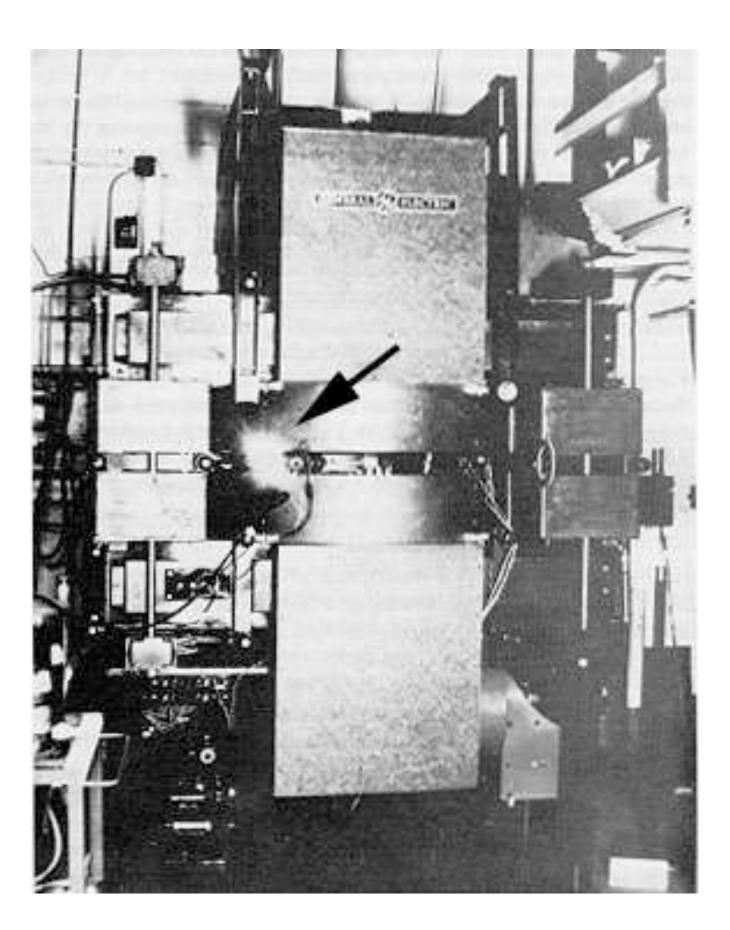


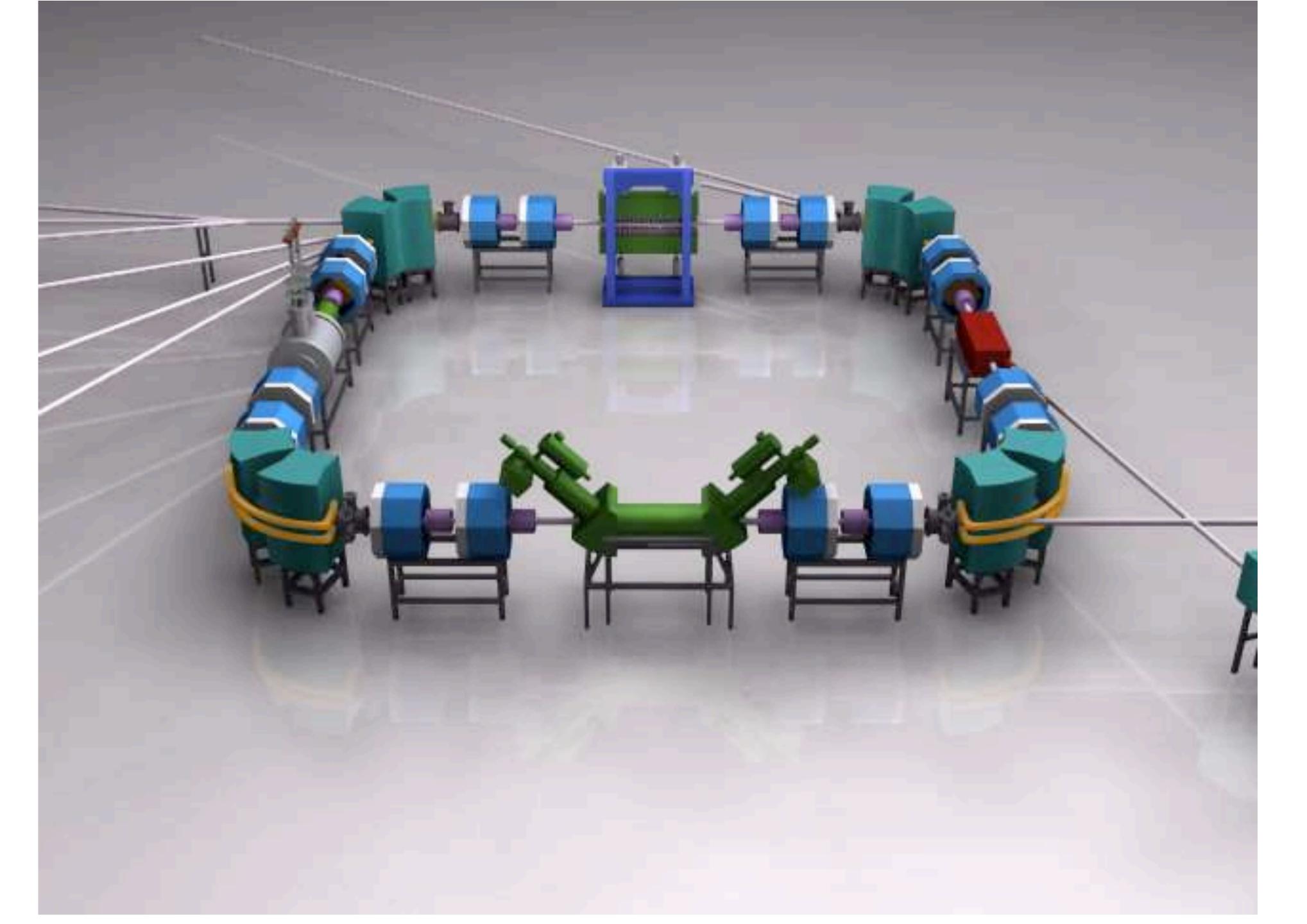
Accelerators for photons: Infrared, ultraviolet, x-ray --> y

1895: Roentgen's discovery of x-rays

- **1904:** Barkla demonstrates the true nature of x-rays as electromagnetic radiation 1909: Barkla and Sadler discover characteristic x-ray radiation (1917 Nobel to Barkla) **1912: von Laue,** Friedrich, and Knipping observe x-ray diffraction (1914 Nobel to von Laue) 1913: **Bragg**, father and son, build an x-ray spectrometer (1915 Nobel) **1913: Moseley** develops quantitative x-ray spectroscopy and Moseley's Law 1916: Siegbahn and Stenstrom observe emission satellites (1924 Nobel to Siegbahn) 1921: Wentzel observes two-electron excitations 1922: Meitner discovers Auger electrons 1924: Lindh and Lundquist resolve chemical shifts 1927: Coster and Druyvesteyn observe valence-core multiplets 1931: Johann develops bent-crystal spectroscopy 1947: First observation of light from a synchrotron, GE-Schenectady, Blewett, Pollack 1956: Tomboulian-Hartmann measures the spectrum at Cornell --> CHESS 1961: NBS (SURF), Frascati, Tokyo (IN-SOR) ---> Photon Factory --> AR 1965- Electron storage rings: Tantalus-I --> Aladdin (Wisconsin), DESY --> DORIS --> PETRA-II-III --> FLASH --> EuroXFEL 1971: Orsay, LURE : ACO--> Super-ACO --> SOLEIL
- 1974: SLAC- SSRF --> SSRL-III --> LCLS --> PEP-X
- 1984: Brookhaven: NSLS --> NSLS-II
- 1993: ESRF-Grenoble --> ESRF-II
- 1995: Argonne: APS --> APS-U
- 1998: SPring-8 --> SACLA

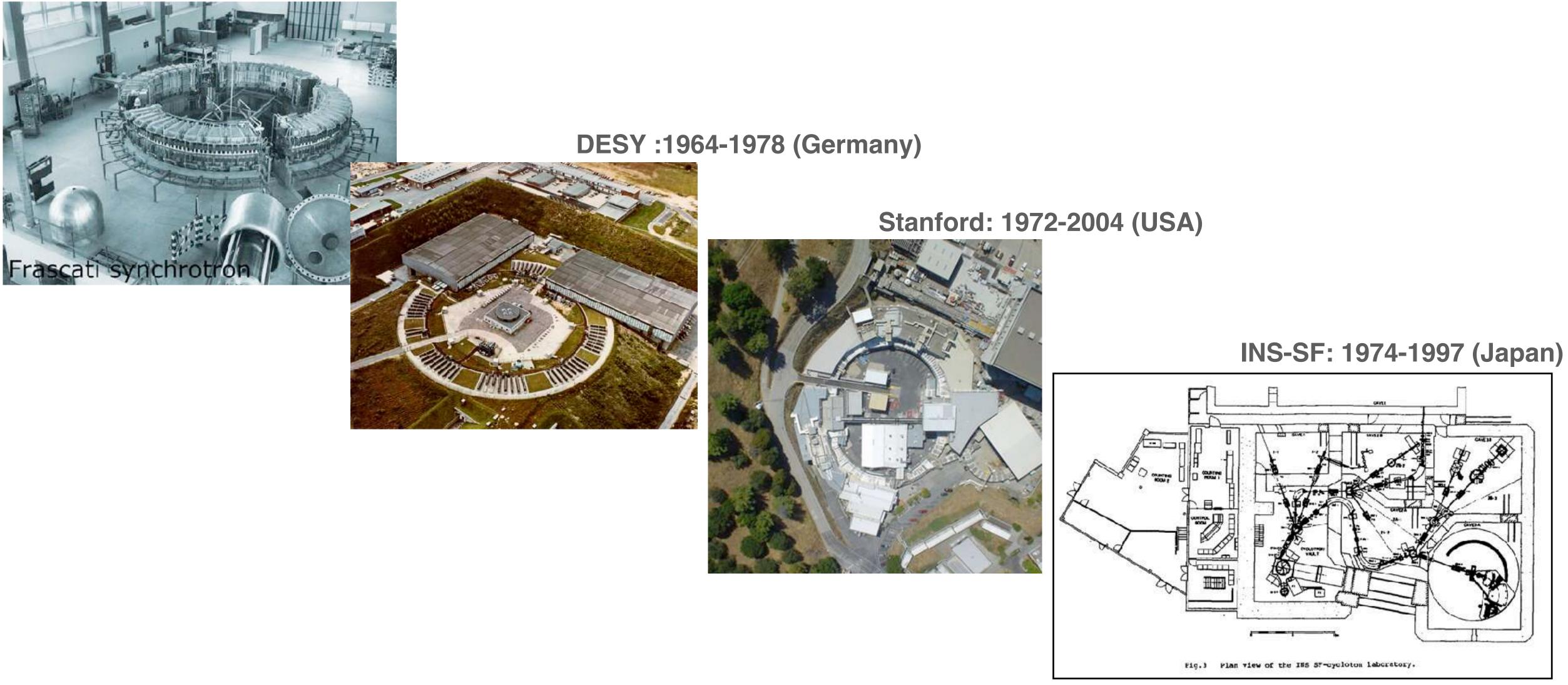
2000's: ALBA-DIAMOND-SOLEIL-ELETTRA-SLS-SIRIUS-SESAME-Pohang-Max IV-PETRA-III 2010: LCLS : Linear Coherent Light Source 2011: SACLA 2014: EuroXFEL 2015: SwissFEL





Some of the early synchrotron radiation sources

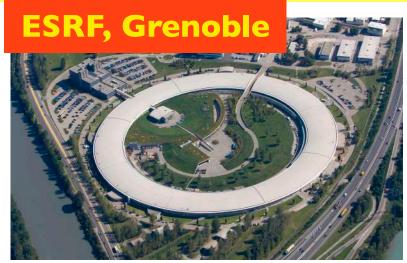
FRASCATI: 1959-1975 (Italy)



Where are the current synchrotrons in the World ?



Some of the synchrotron radiation centers around the world





Diamond, Oxford







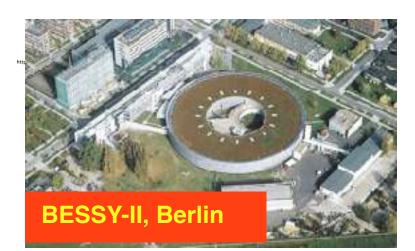




AERIAL VIEW OF PAL

SOLEIL, Paris















Early Italian-French experiments @ FRASCATI (~1962)

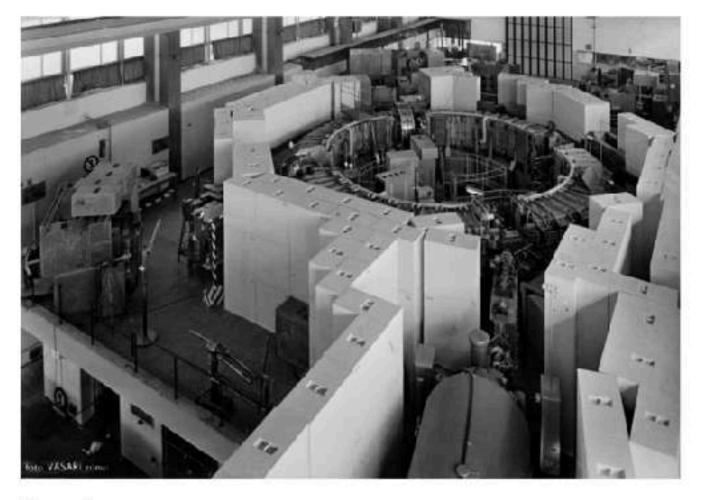
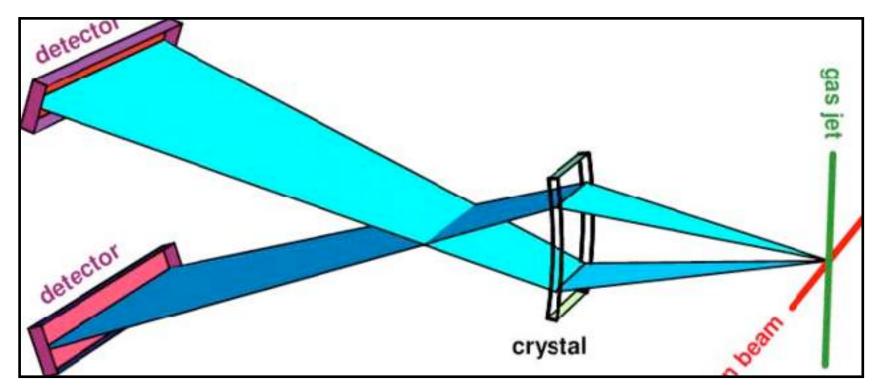
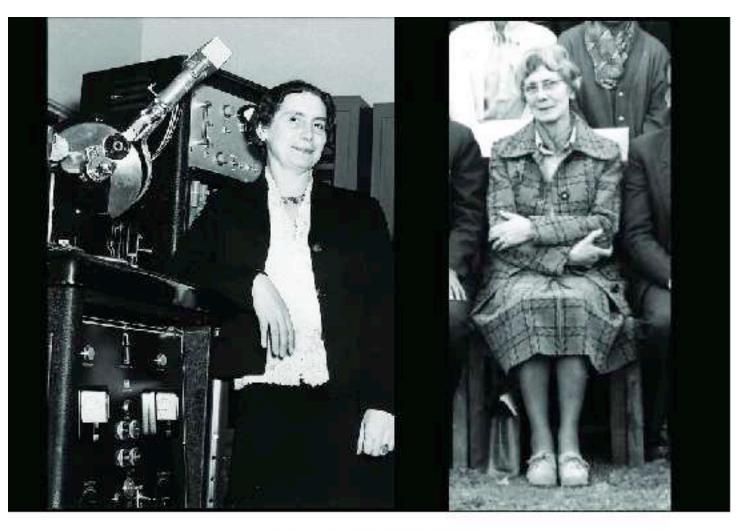


Figure 1

View of the Frascati electron synchrotron, in operation from 1959 to 1975, with all the beamlines derived from it. The Italian-French cooperative experimental set-up was located in the front left-hand side sector.





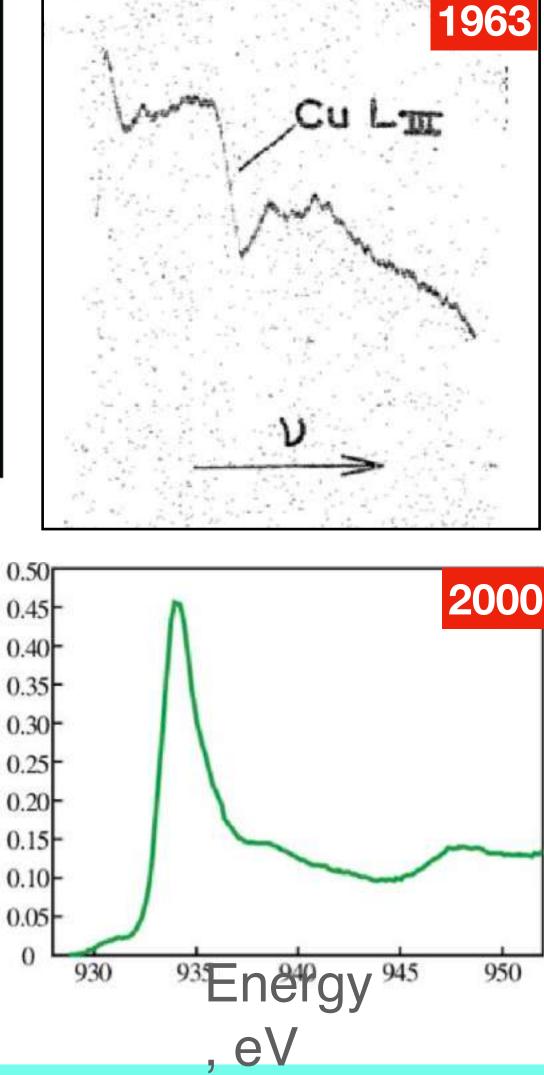
SÉANCE DU 8 JUILLET 1963.

RAYONNEMENT ÉLECTROMAGNÉTIQUE. — Premiers spectres X du rayonnement d'orbite du synchrotron de Frascati. Note (*) de MILE YYETTE CAUCHOIS, MILE CHRISTIANE BONNELLE et M. GUIDO · Missoni, présentée par M. Francis Perrin.

Avec un spectrographe à vide et différents cristaux courbés, des spectres dus au rayonnement X émis par les électrons du synchrotron de Frascati fonctionnant jusqu'à 1,1 GeV ont été obtenus entre 5 et 14 λ . L'absorption K de l'aluminium, entre autres, est observée pour la première fois avec ce type de source, après des expositions très brèves par rapport aux sources usuelles.

Cauchois, Y., Bonnelle, C. & Missoni, G. (1963a). C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, 257, 409-412. Cauchois, Y., Bonnelle, C. & Missoni, G. (1963b). C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, 257, 1242–1244.

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TANTALUS @ Madison, Wisconsin, USA **First dedicated synchrotron source (1968)**

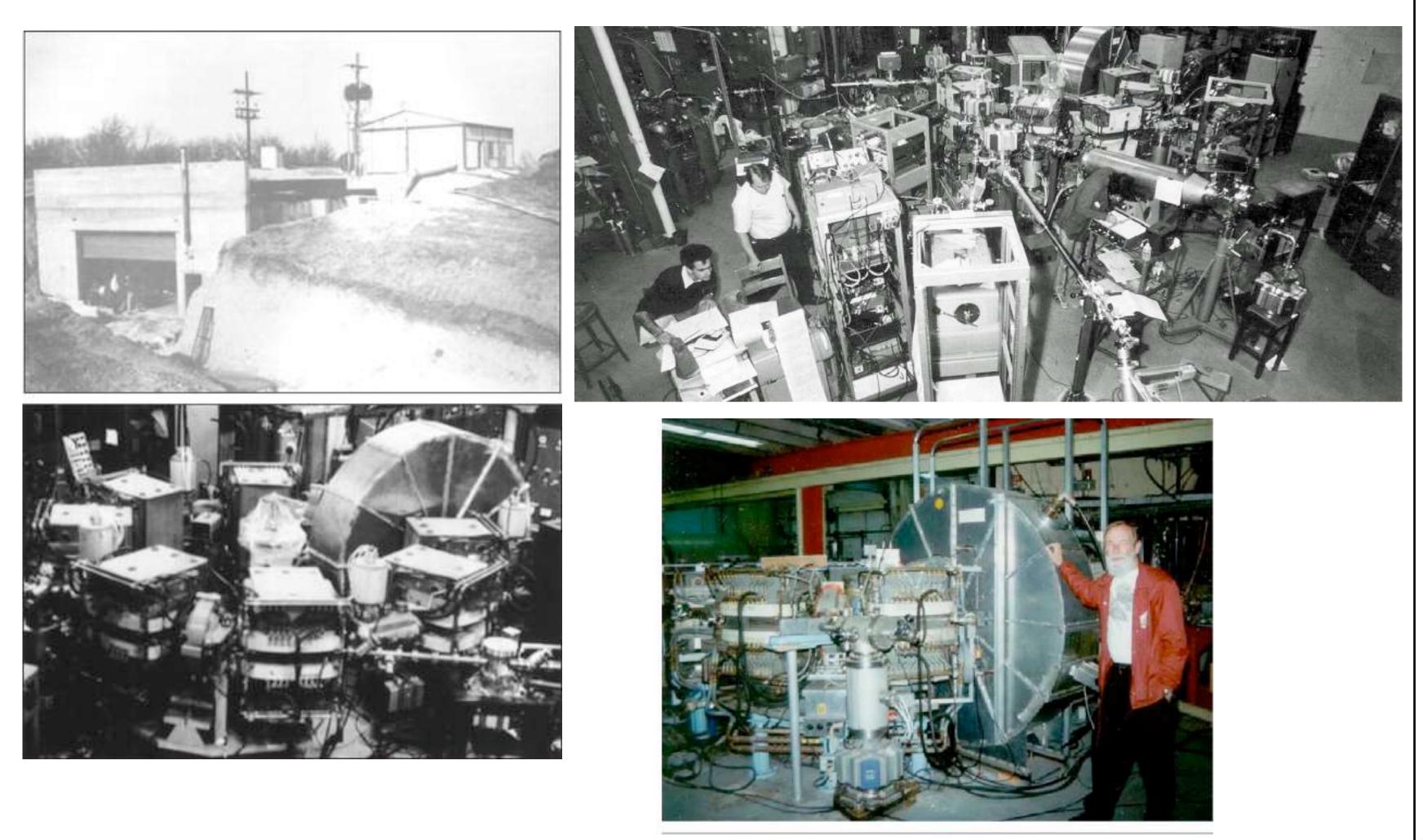


Figure 2: Tantalus and Ed Rowe, its primary builder and director of SRC.

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Figure 3: Restroom door in the Tantalus vault requesting users, no matter what language they spoke, to leave the door open when they leave.



A very brief history

1960-1970's in parasitic operations

X-ray diffraction, Protein crystallography X-Ray spectroscopy (XAFS-XANES-UV-IR Absorption Contrast Imaging

1970-1980 First generation dedicated sources

Mostly bending magnet radiation beam lines

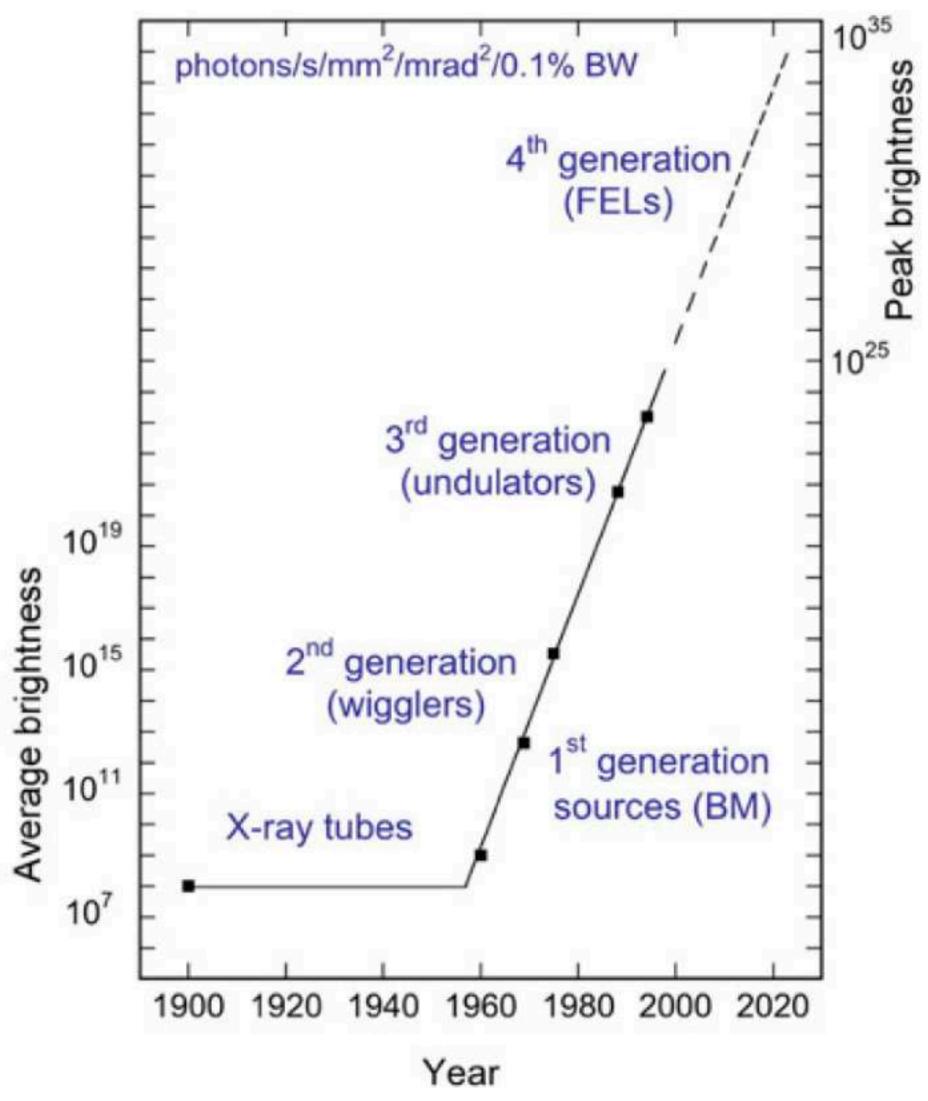
1980-1990 Second generation, some wigglers and undulators

1990-2010 Third generation, undulator/wiggler dominant sources

2010-2020 X-Ray Free electron laser development

2020-2030 4th. Generation high brightness multi bend achromat lattices

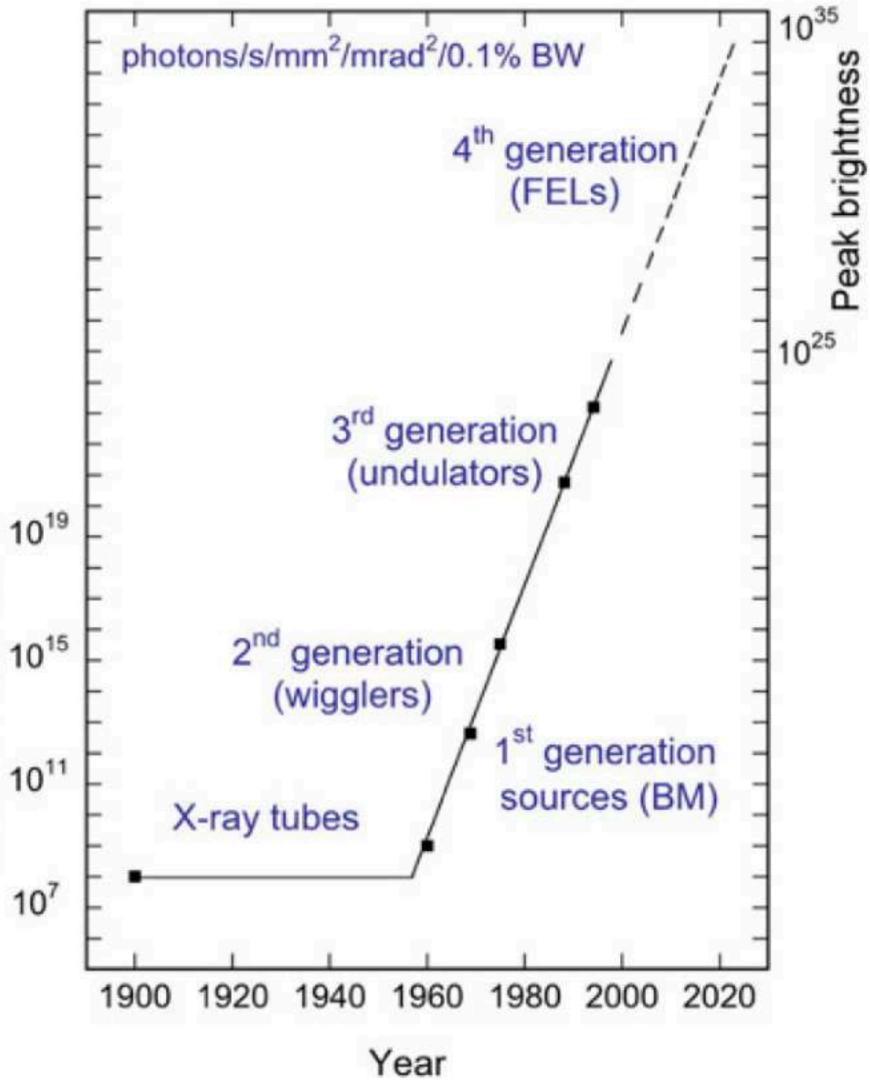




What are the unique characteristics of synchrotron radiation?

- 1. Bright
- 2. Collimated
- 3. Polarized
- 4. Pulsed
- 5. Tunable
- 6. Coherent

Average brightness

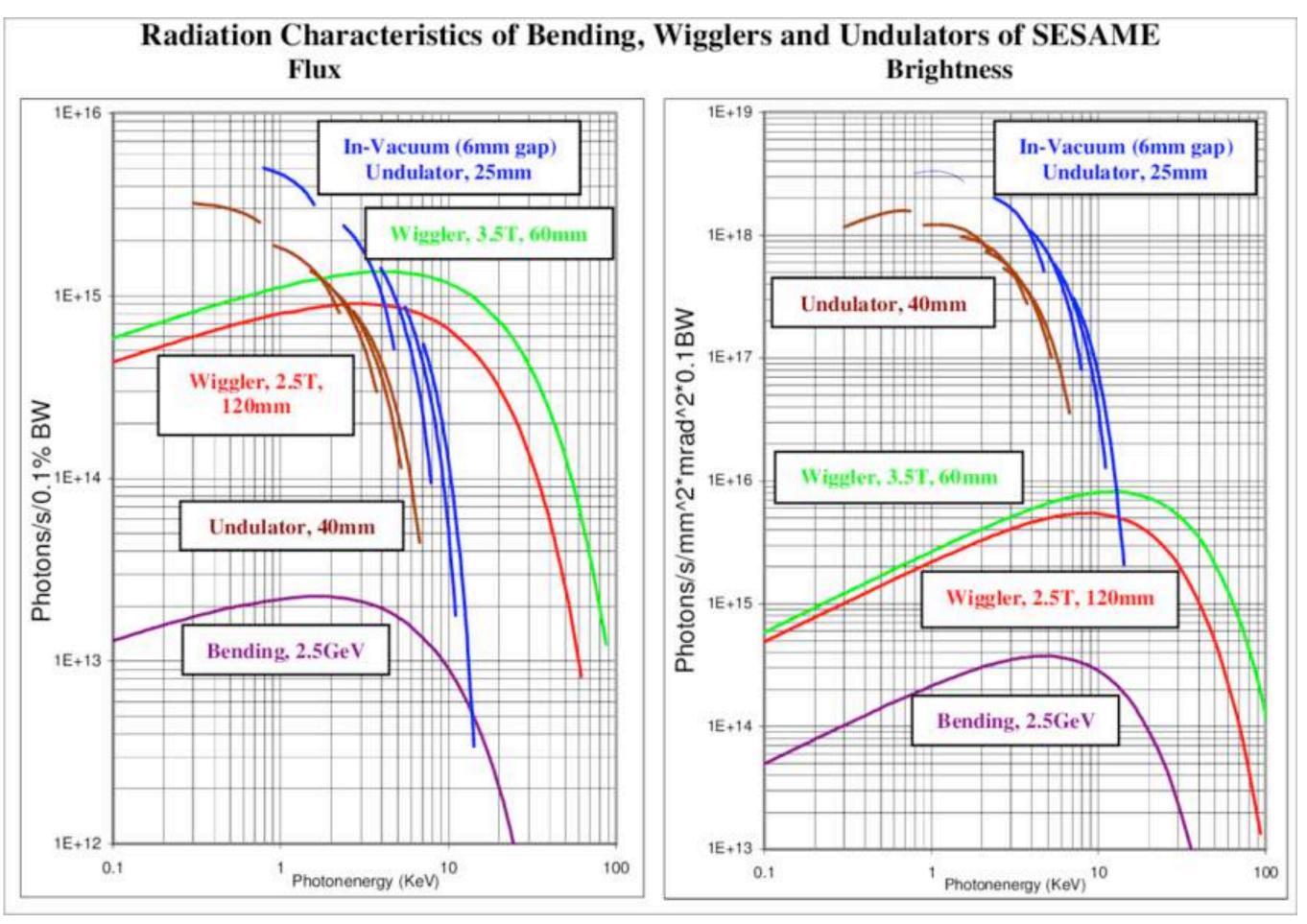


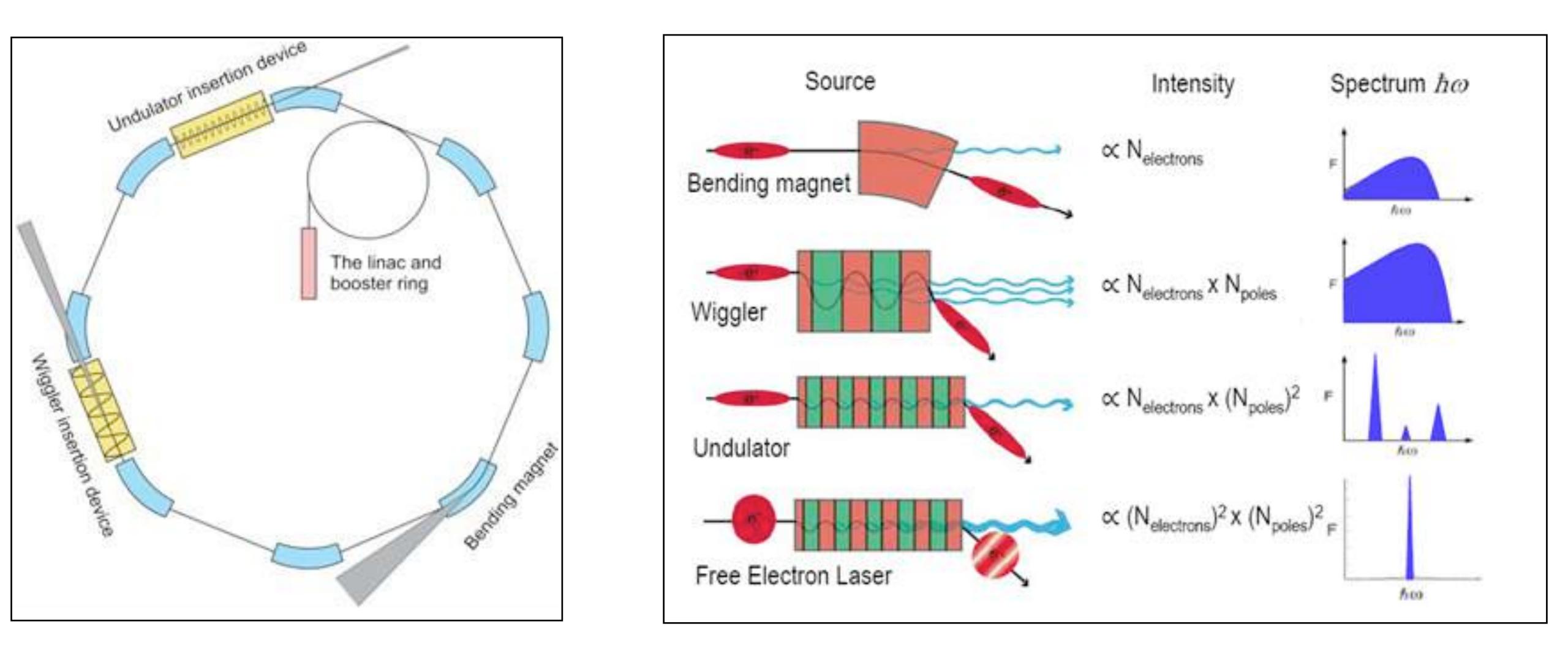
Flux on the sample is a function of

- current in the ring **I**)
- ii) Area of the electron beam
- iii) Source and photon divergence
- iv) Energy bandwidth selected by the optics

Brightness: photons / sec. mm². mrad² .(0.1% BandWidth) Flux : photons/sec. (0.1 % BW)

SESAME parameters

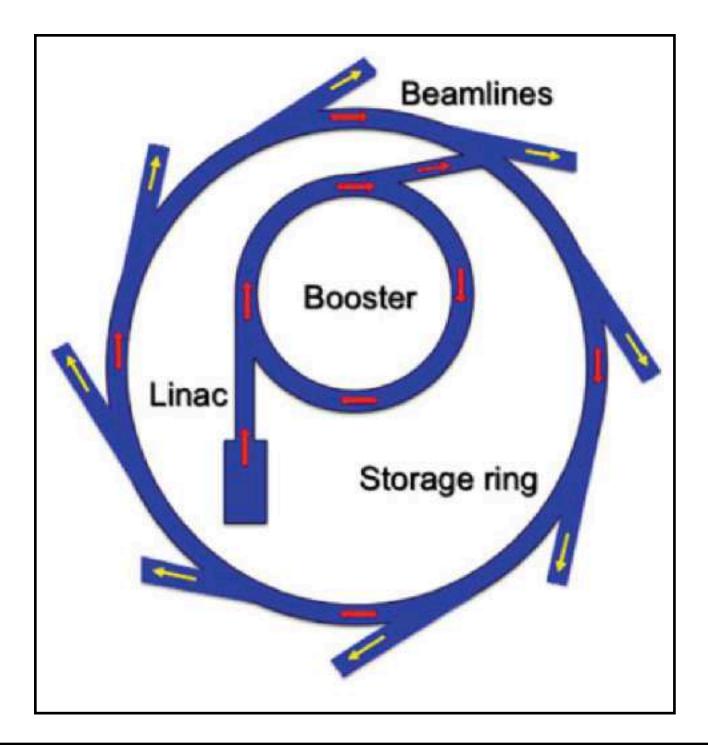


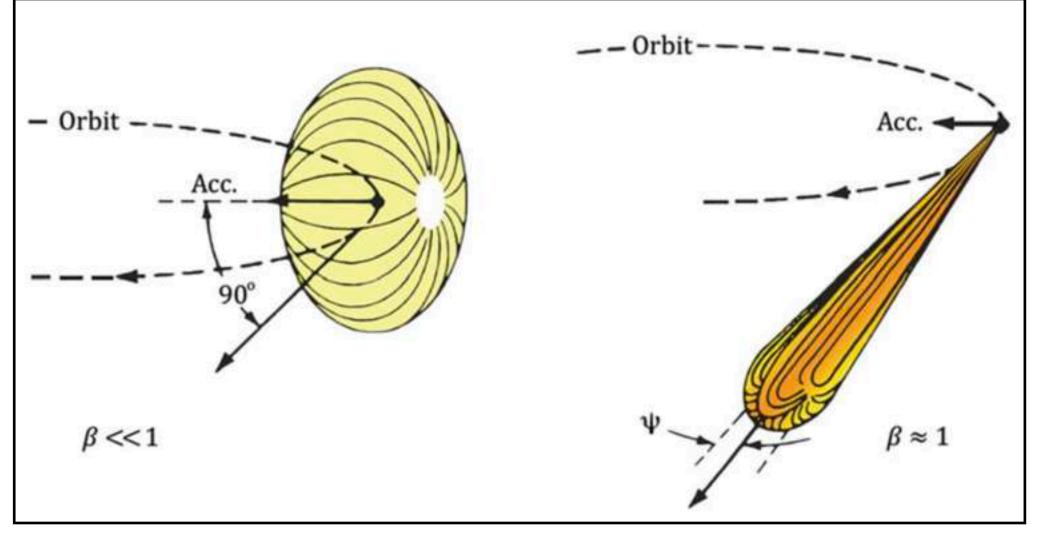


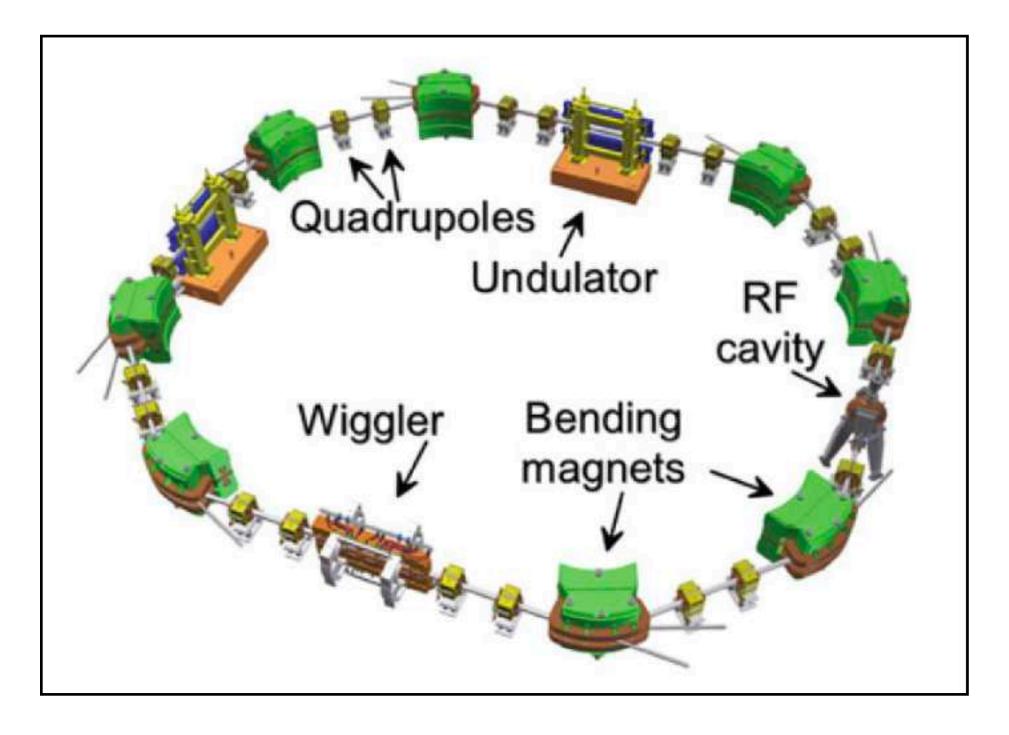
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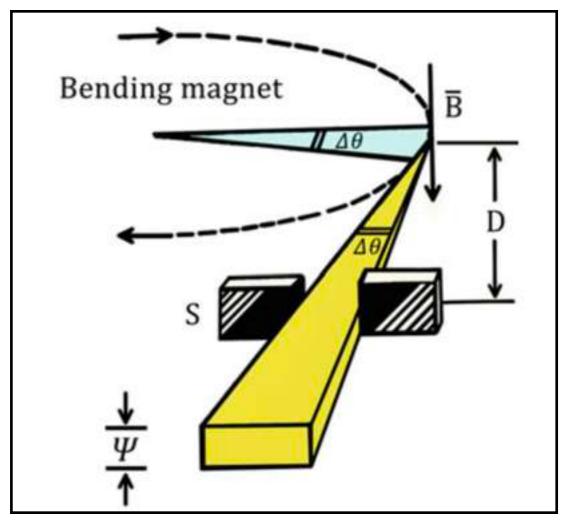


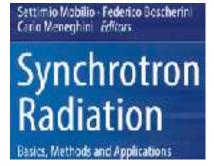


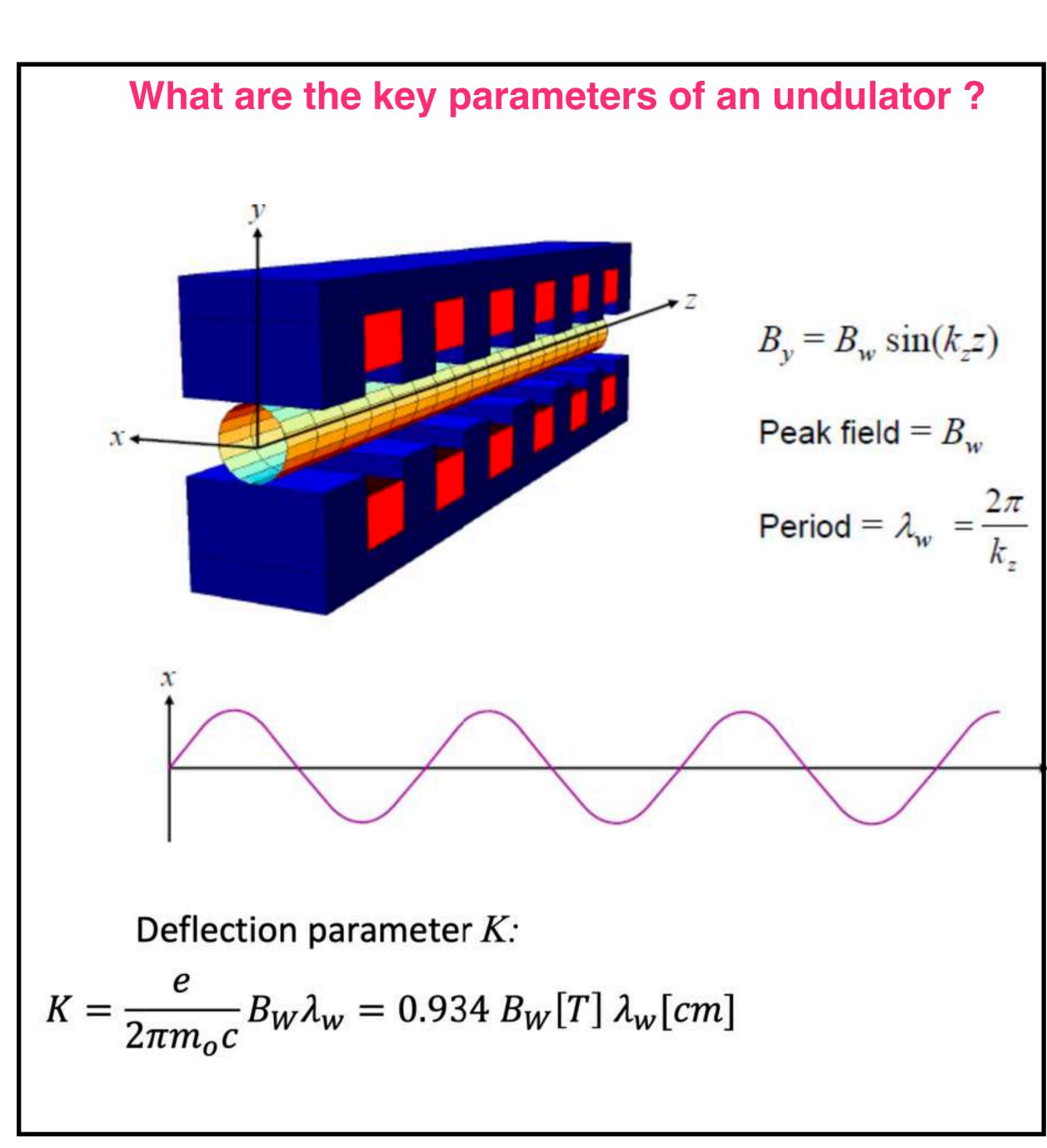






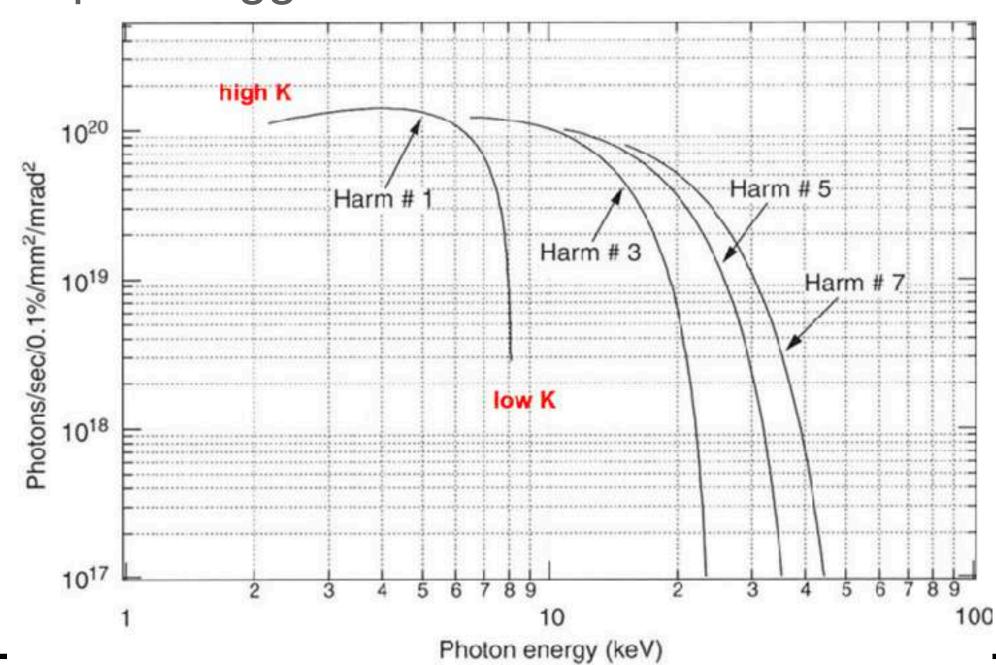




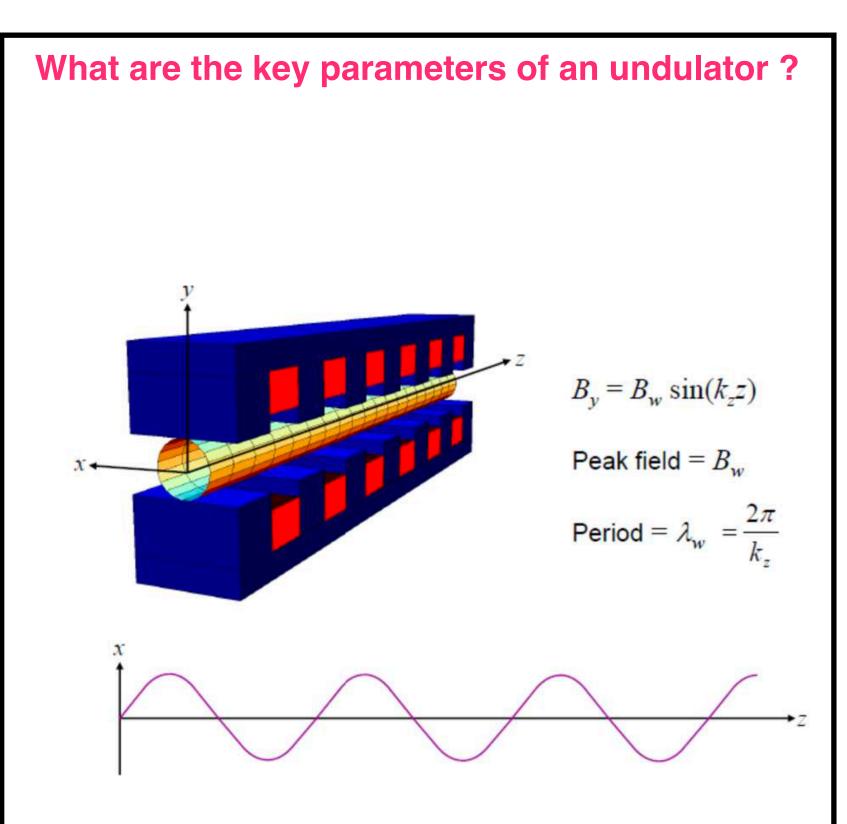


What are the different types of undulator Permanent magnet undulators, PMU In-vacuum PMU In vacuum cryogenically cooled undulators Revolving undulators Polarization manipulation undulators (APF Superconducting undulators

Wigglers 3-pole wigglers



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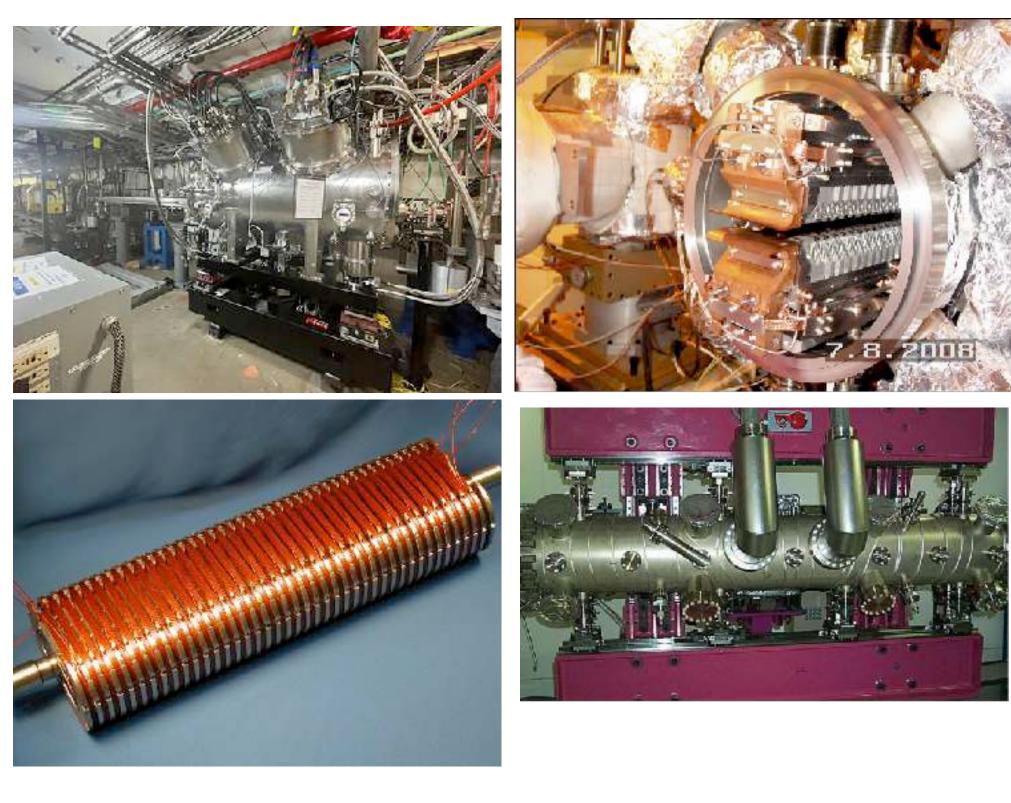


Deflection parameter K:

 $K = \frac{e}{2\pi m_o c} B_W \lambda_W = 0.934 B_W [T] \lambda_W [cm]$

In selecting an undulator for your application, you need to compromise between high heat load, energy tunability range, coverage of 1st, 3rd, and 5th harmonics, number of poles, and cost and reliability.

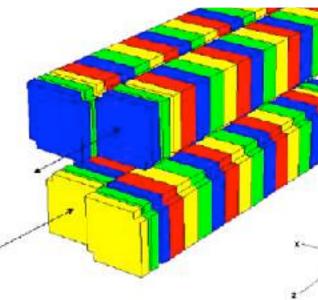
In-vacuum PMU Revolving undulators Superconducting undulators



What are different types of undulators ?

- Permanent magnet undulators, PMU
- In vacuum cryogenically cooled undulators
- Polarization manipulation undulators (APPLE_II)



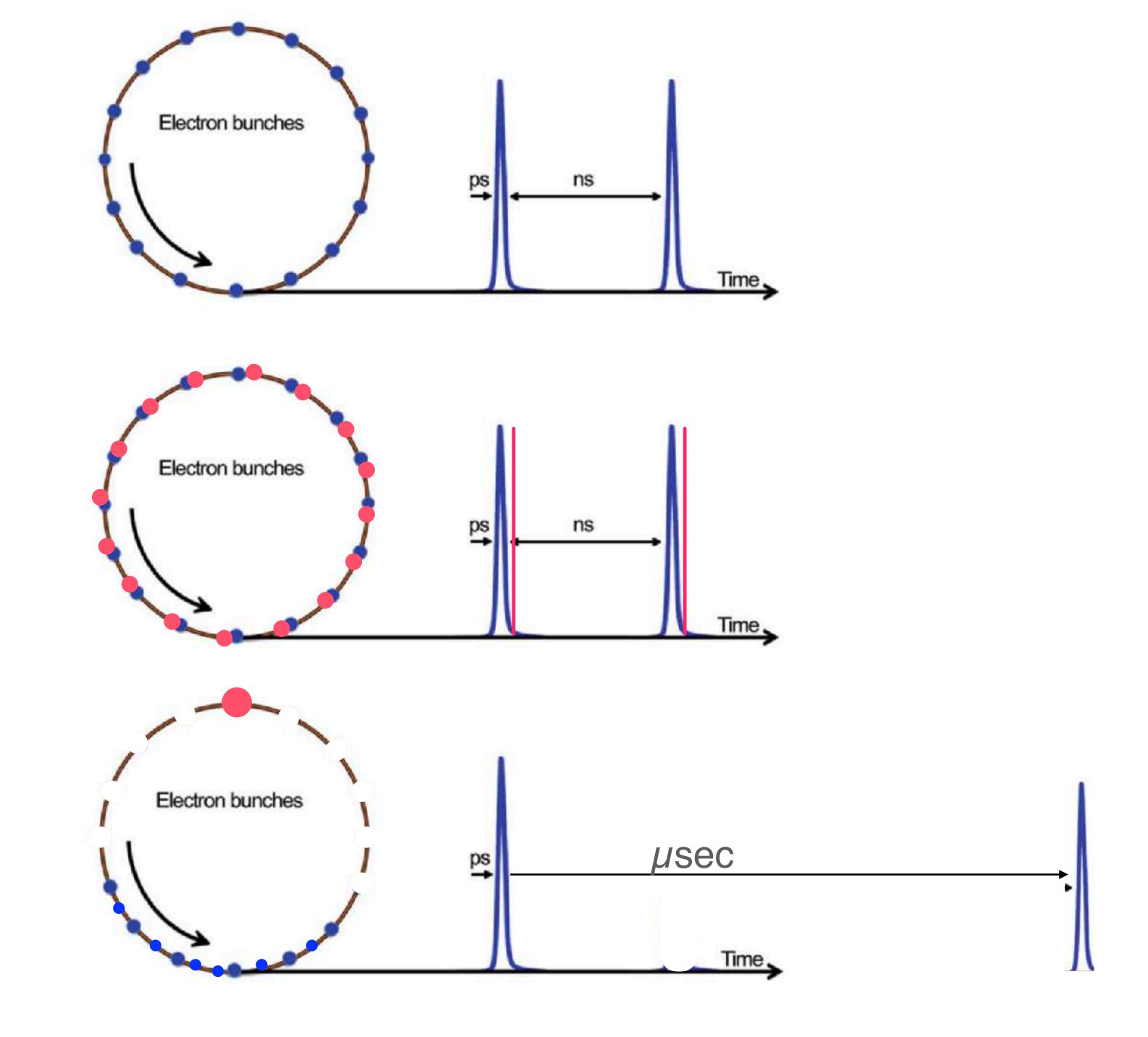








Bright
 Collimated
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Advanced Photon Source Argonne National Laboratory

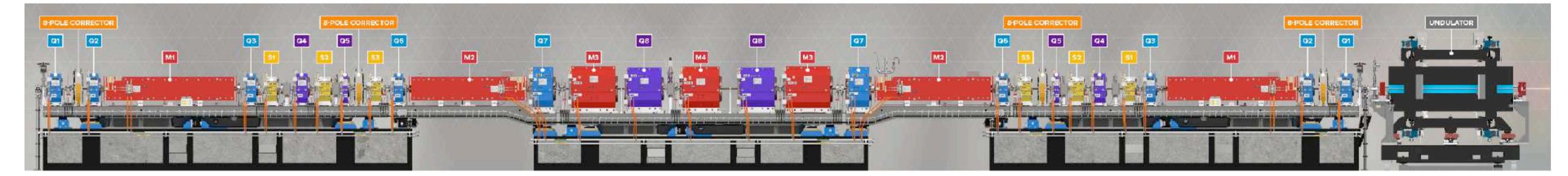
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Electron Beam Energy	6	6	7	GeV
Electron Beam Current	200	200	100	$\mathbf{m}\mathbf{A}$
Number of Bunches	48	324	24	
Effective Emittance	32	42	3113	\mathbf{pm}
Emittance Ratio	1.0	0.1	0.013	
Horizontal Beam Size (rms)	12.9	14.7	280	$\mu { m m}$
Horizontal Divergence (rms)	2.5	2.8	11.6	μ rad
Vertical Beam Size (rms)	8.8	3.2	10.0	μm
Vertical Divergence (rms)	3.7	1.3	3.4	$\mu \mathrm{rad}$
Stability of Beam	$<\!10\%$	$<\!10\%$	$<\!10\%$	1.8000 000000-0-
Position/Angle				
Brightness - 20 keV(**)	154	325	0.6	10^{20} [a]
Pinhole Flux - $20 \text{ keV}(**)$	186	217	20.1	10^{13} [b]
Coherent Flux - 20 keV(**)	148	312	0.6	10^{11} ph/s
Single Bunch brightness – 20 keV	321	100	2.6	10^{18} [a]

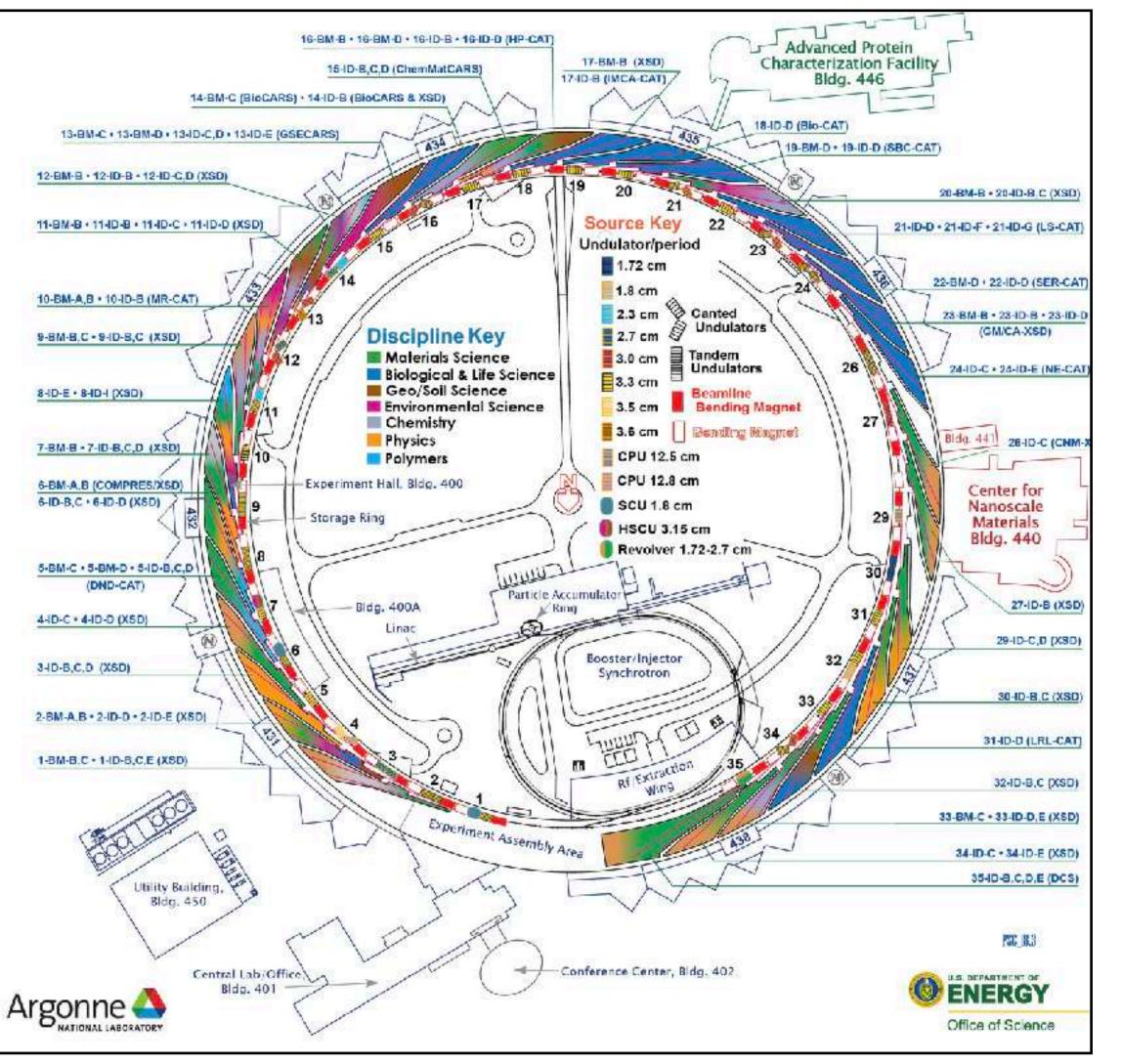
Table 1.1. APS Upgrade Performance Parameters

[a] photons/sec/0.1%BW/mm² /mrad²

[b] photons/sec/0.1%BW in 0.5mm times 0.5mm pinhole @ 30 m

** Nominal energy based on choice of insertion device. Maximum value for an ID optimized for 20keV





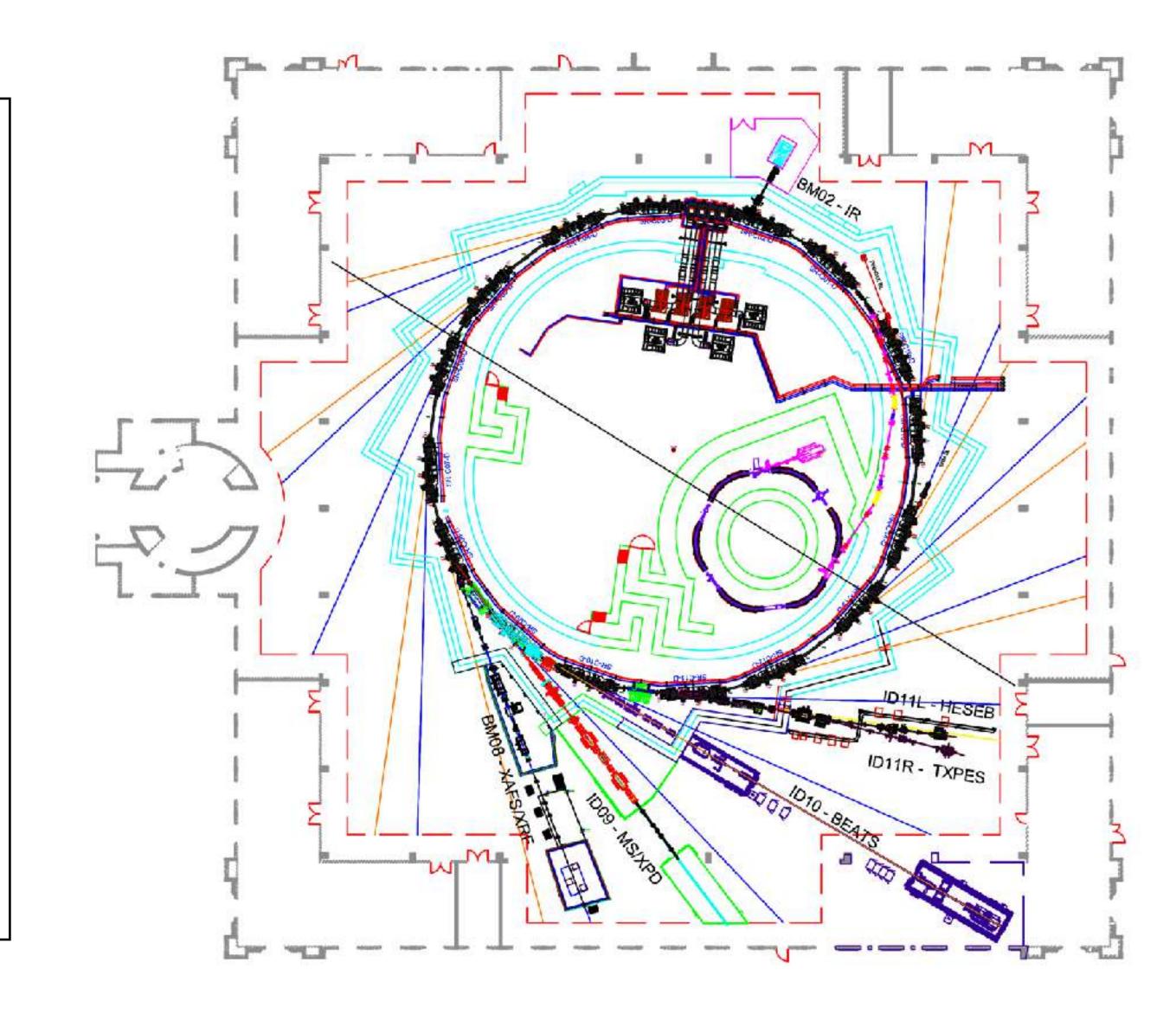


Five Operational Beamlines and one under construction:

- 1) IR- InfraRed Spectroscopy and Microscopy
- 2) XAFS/XRF- X-Ray Absorption/Fluorescence Spectroscopy
- 3) MS : Materials Science & X-Ray Diffraction
- 4) HESEB: Soft x-ray spectroscopy beamline:
- + TX-PES (funded, under construction)
- 5) BEATS: X-Ray Tomography
- 6) TX-PES: Turkish Photo Electron Spectroscopy

Mostly on the floor

SESAME @ December, 2024







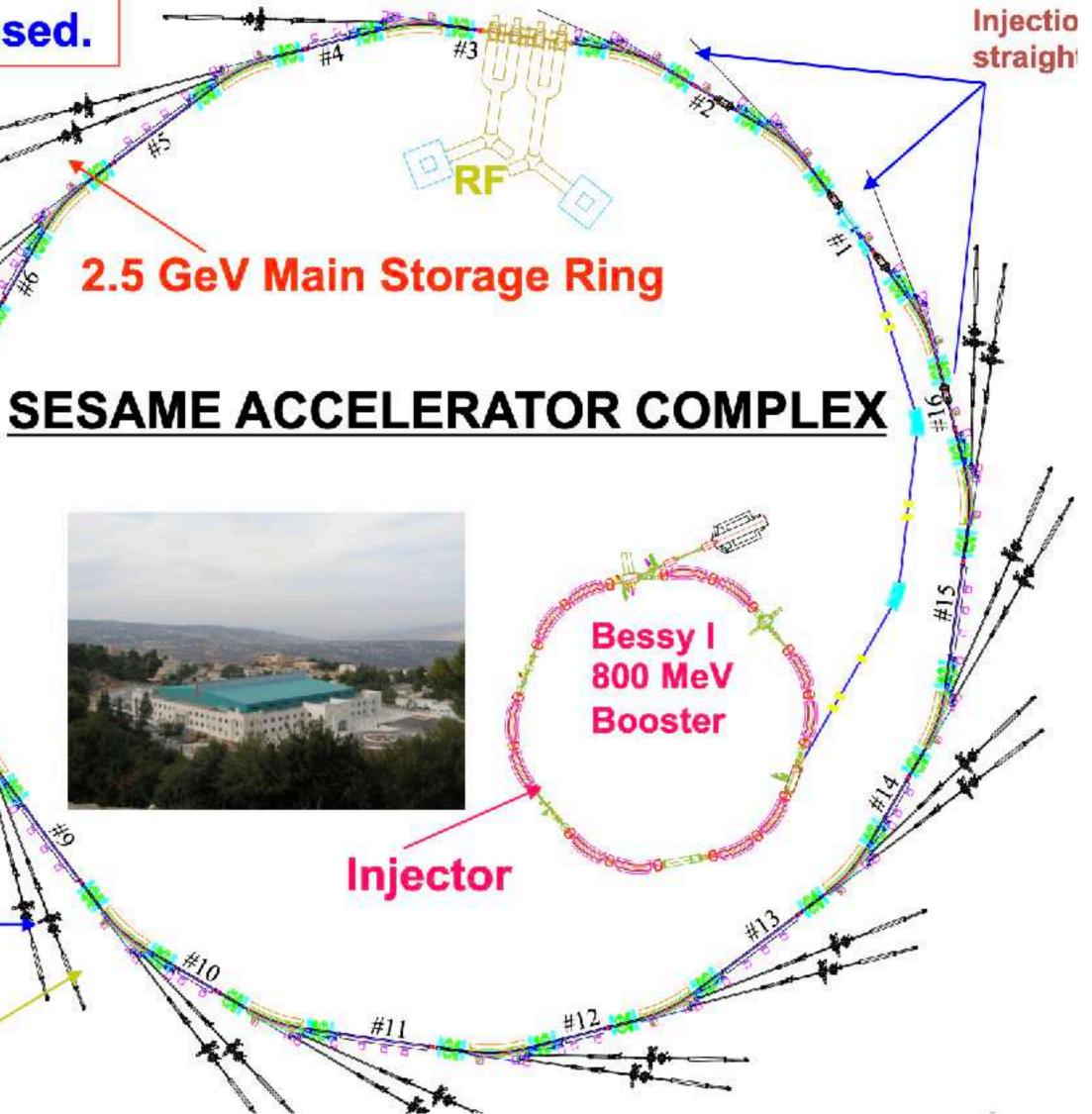
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BESSY storage ring will not be used.

Main Ring Parameters: Energy = 2.5 GeV Circumference =(133.2 m) Emitt. = 26.0 nm.rad **16 Straights sections** {8 x 4.44 m + 8 x 2.38 m} Up to 28 Beamlines: **12 Insertion Devices** 16 Dipole ports.

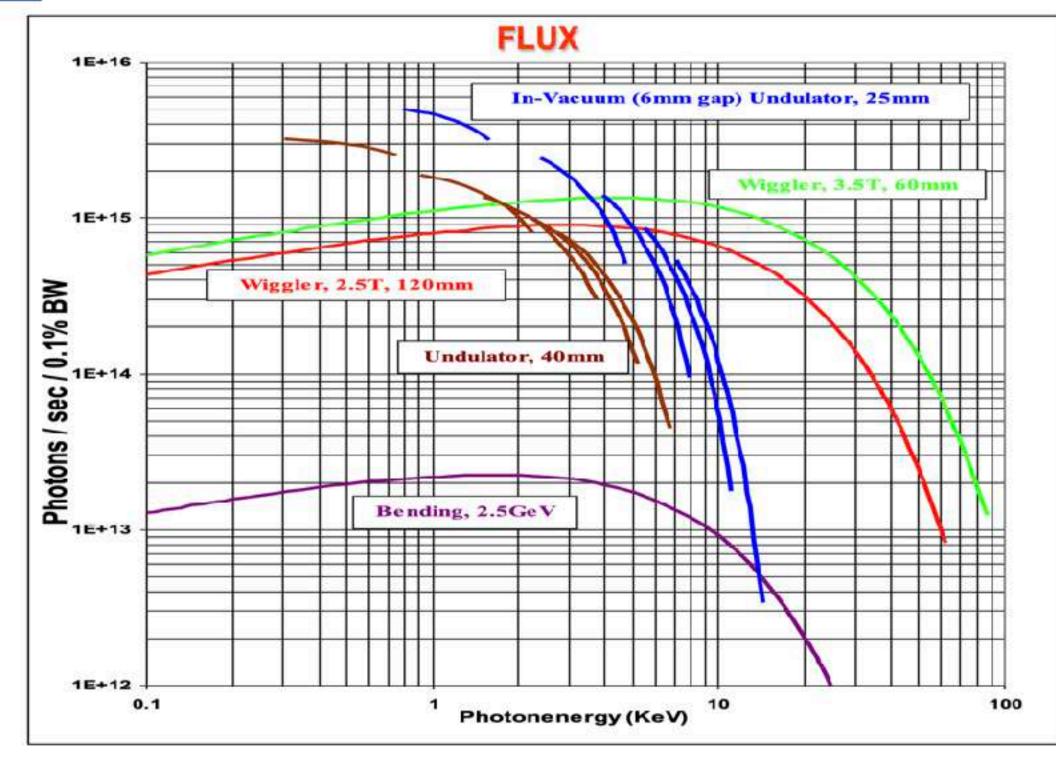
Beamlines length range from 21 m – 36.7 m

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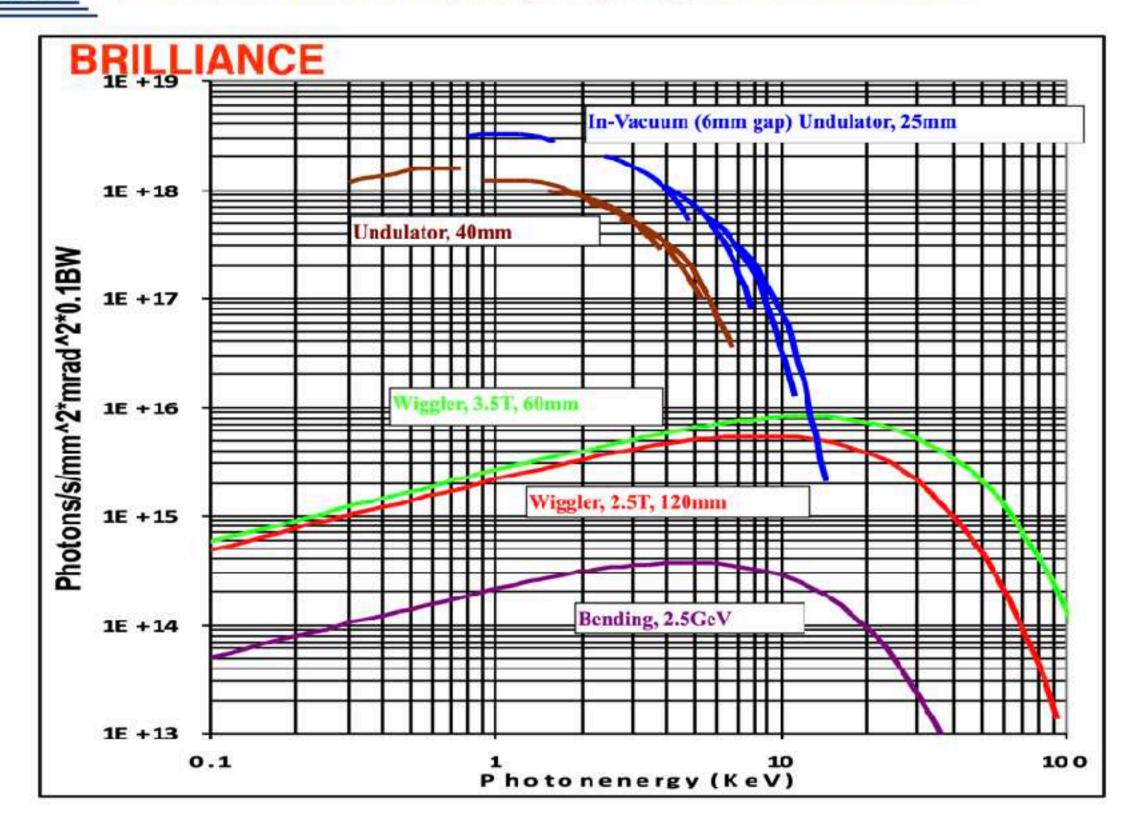




Radiation from Bending Magnets, Wigglers and Undulators



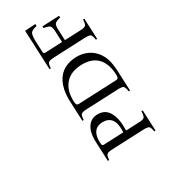
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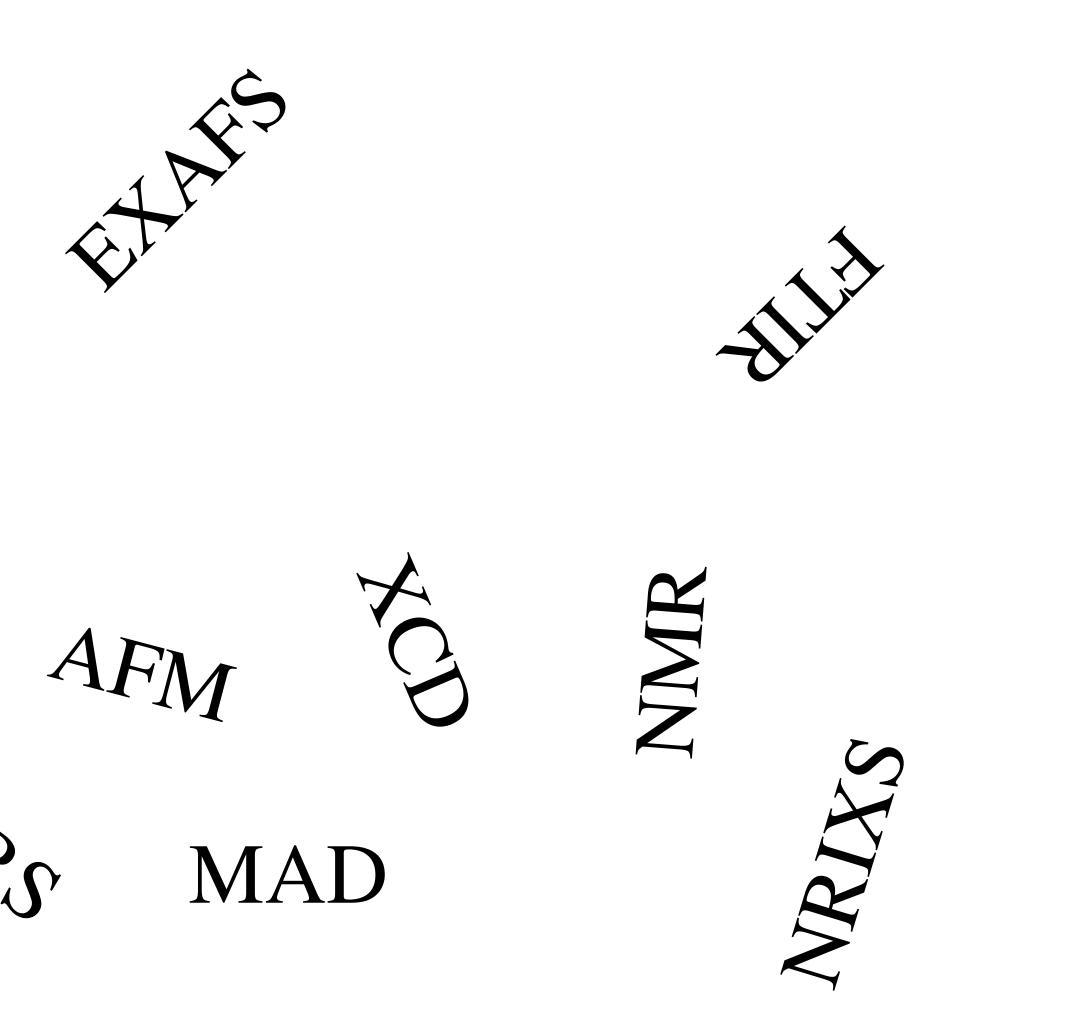


some methods used in material analysis

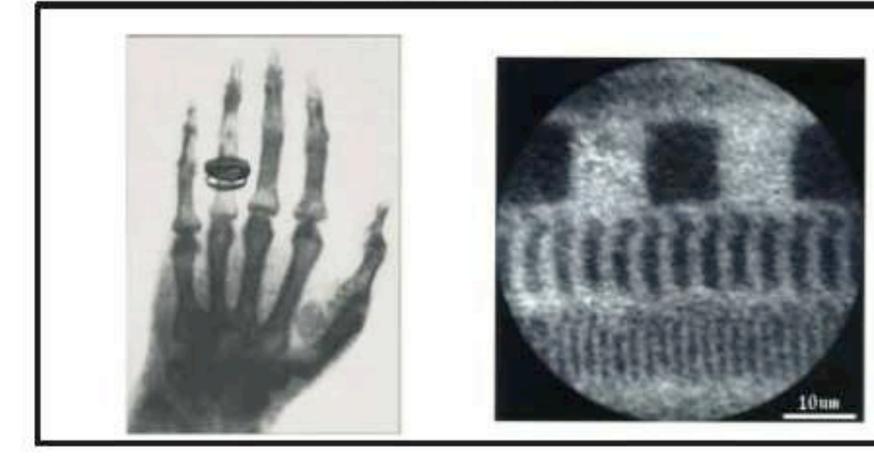


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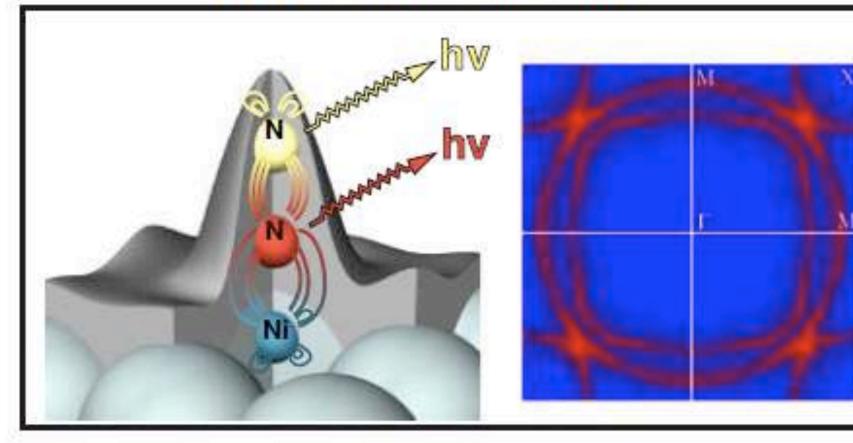


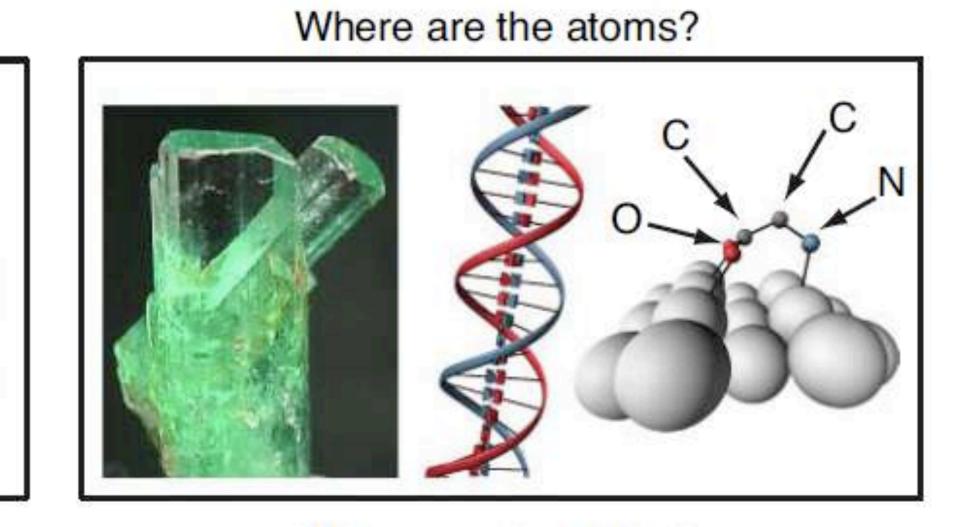


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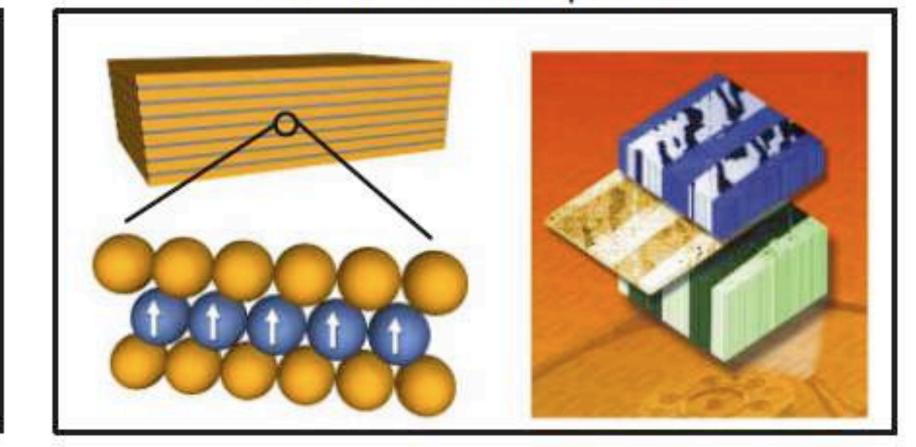


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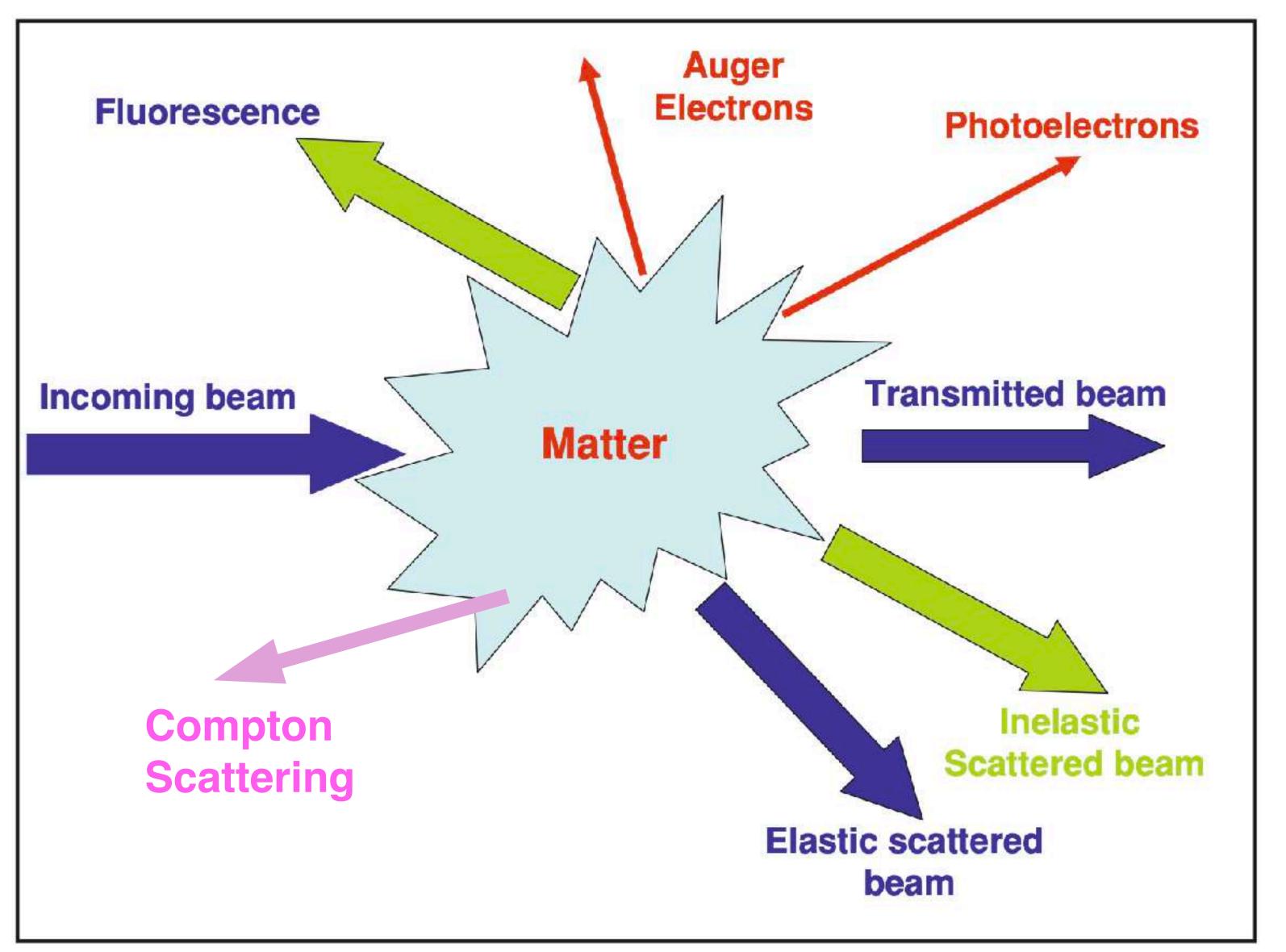


Where are the spins?

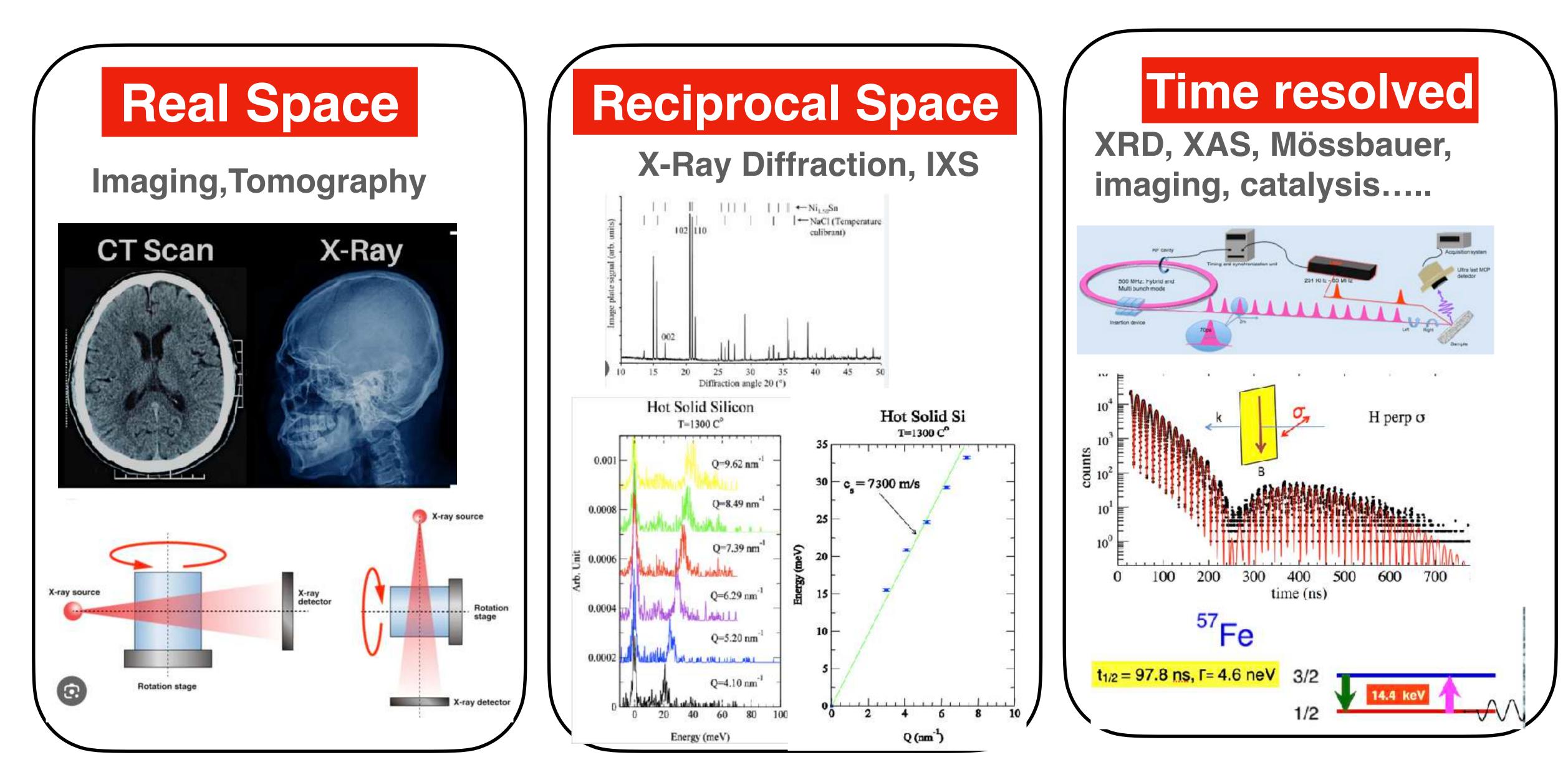


What are the basic techniques in synchrotron radiation ?

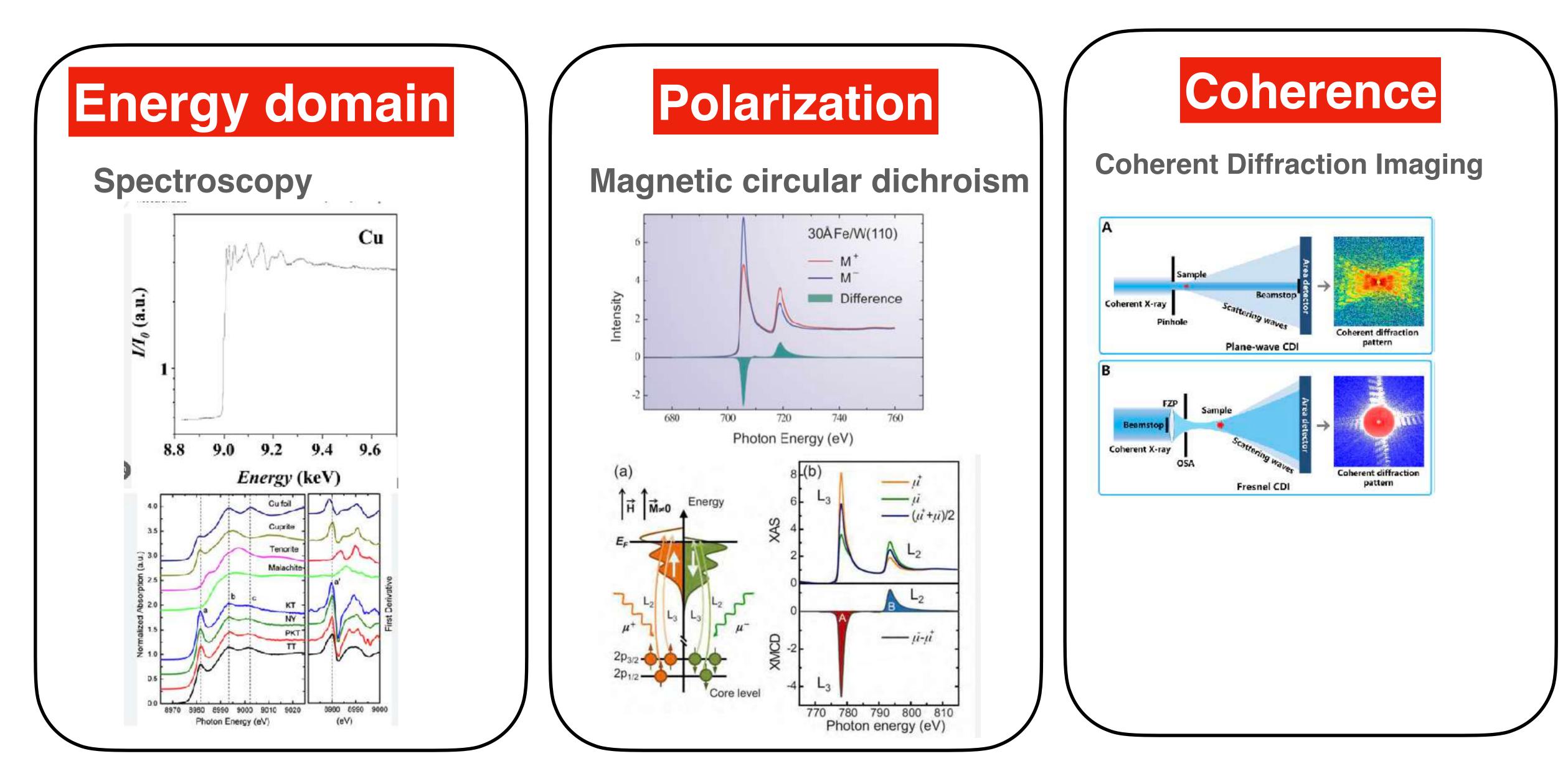
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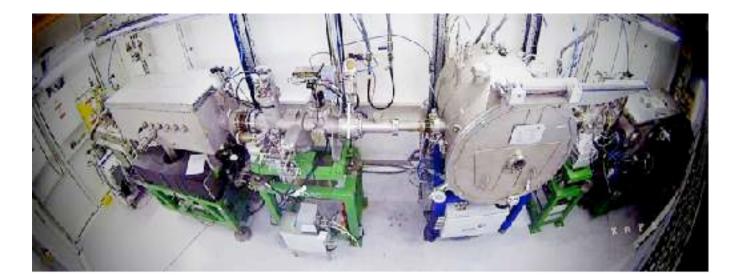
X-Ray techniques can be classified in many different ways. Here's one that I like

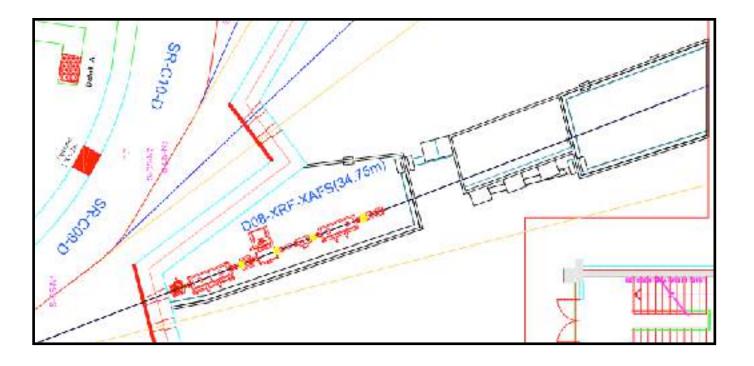


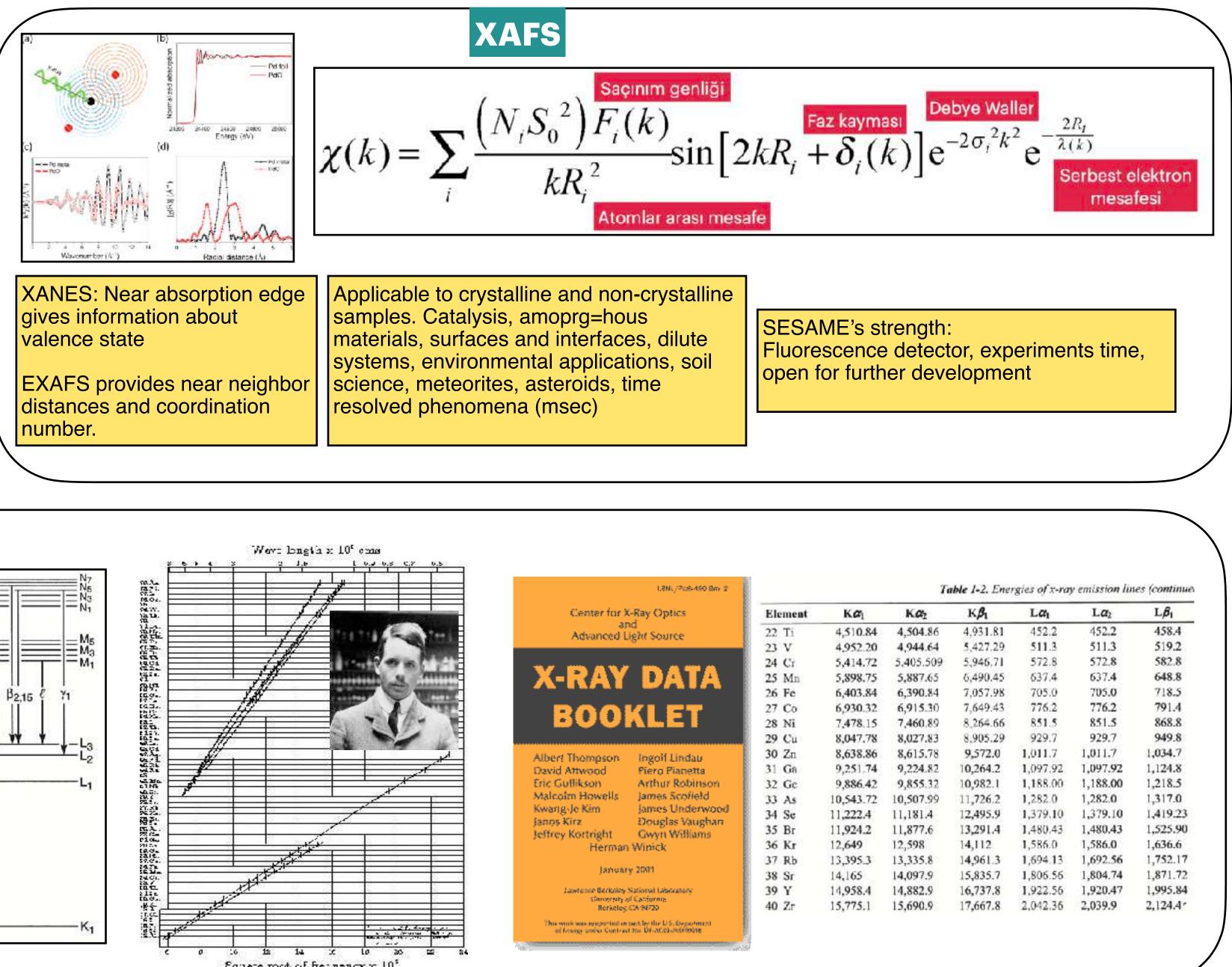
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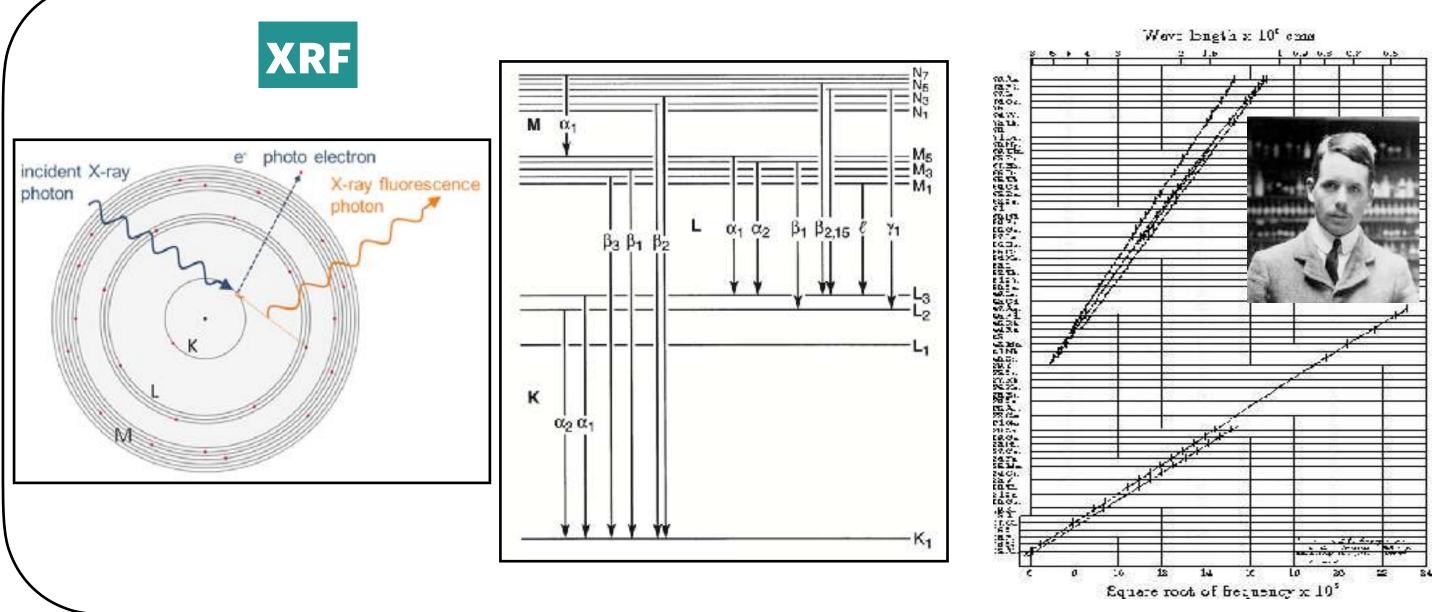


BM08 - XAFS/XRF (X-ray Absorption Fine Structure/X-ray Fluorescence) spectroscopy beamline

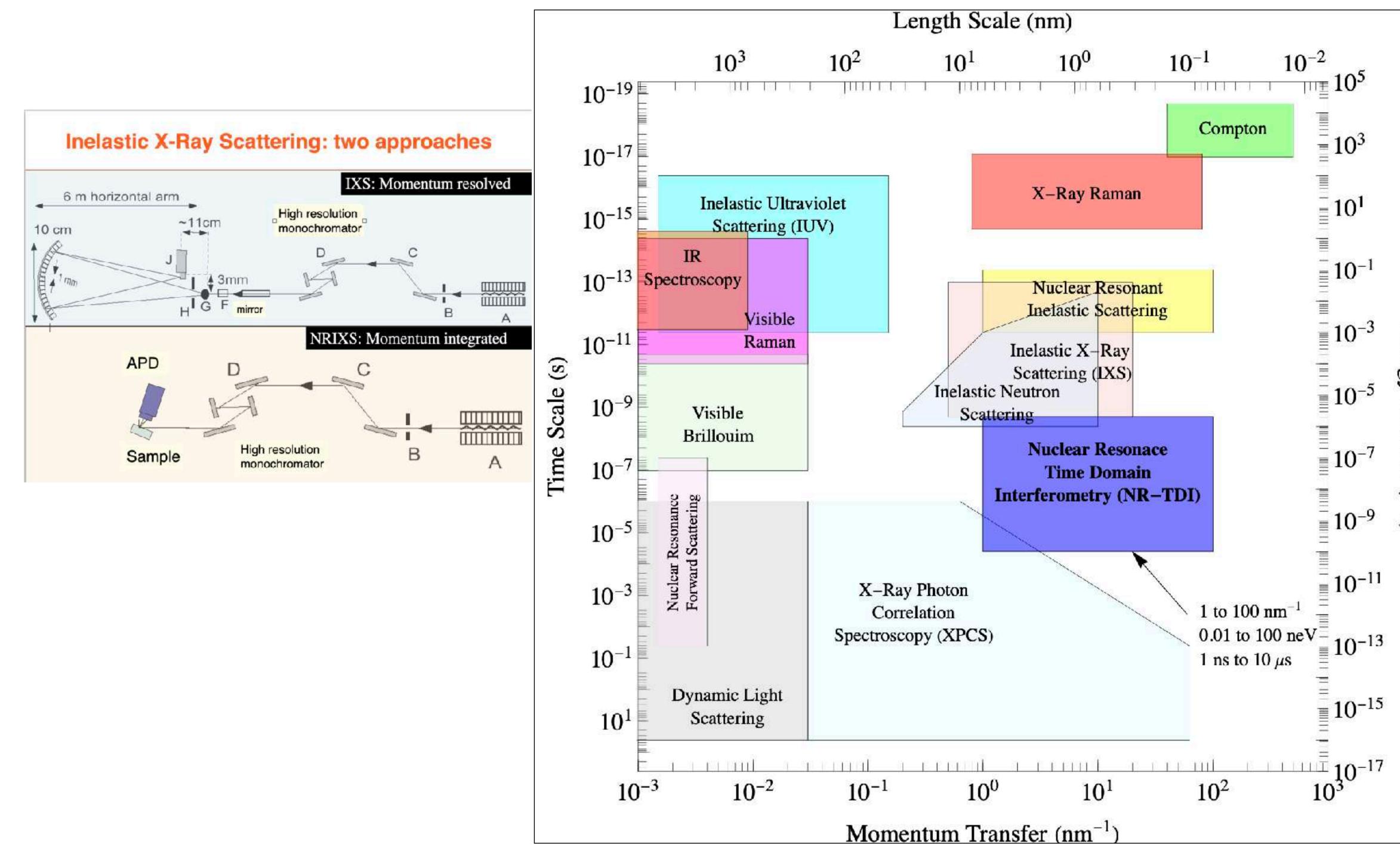






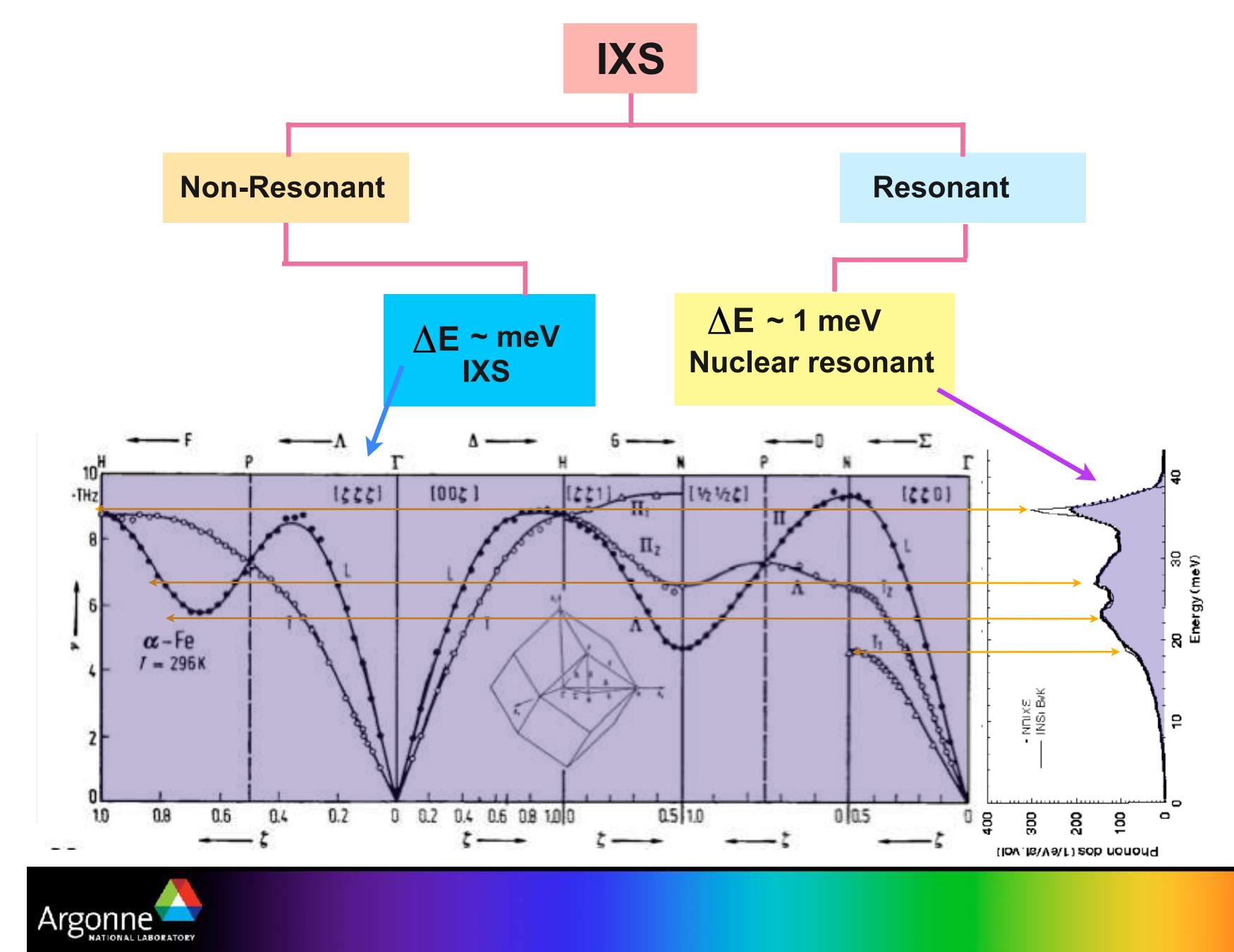


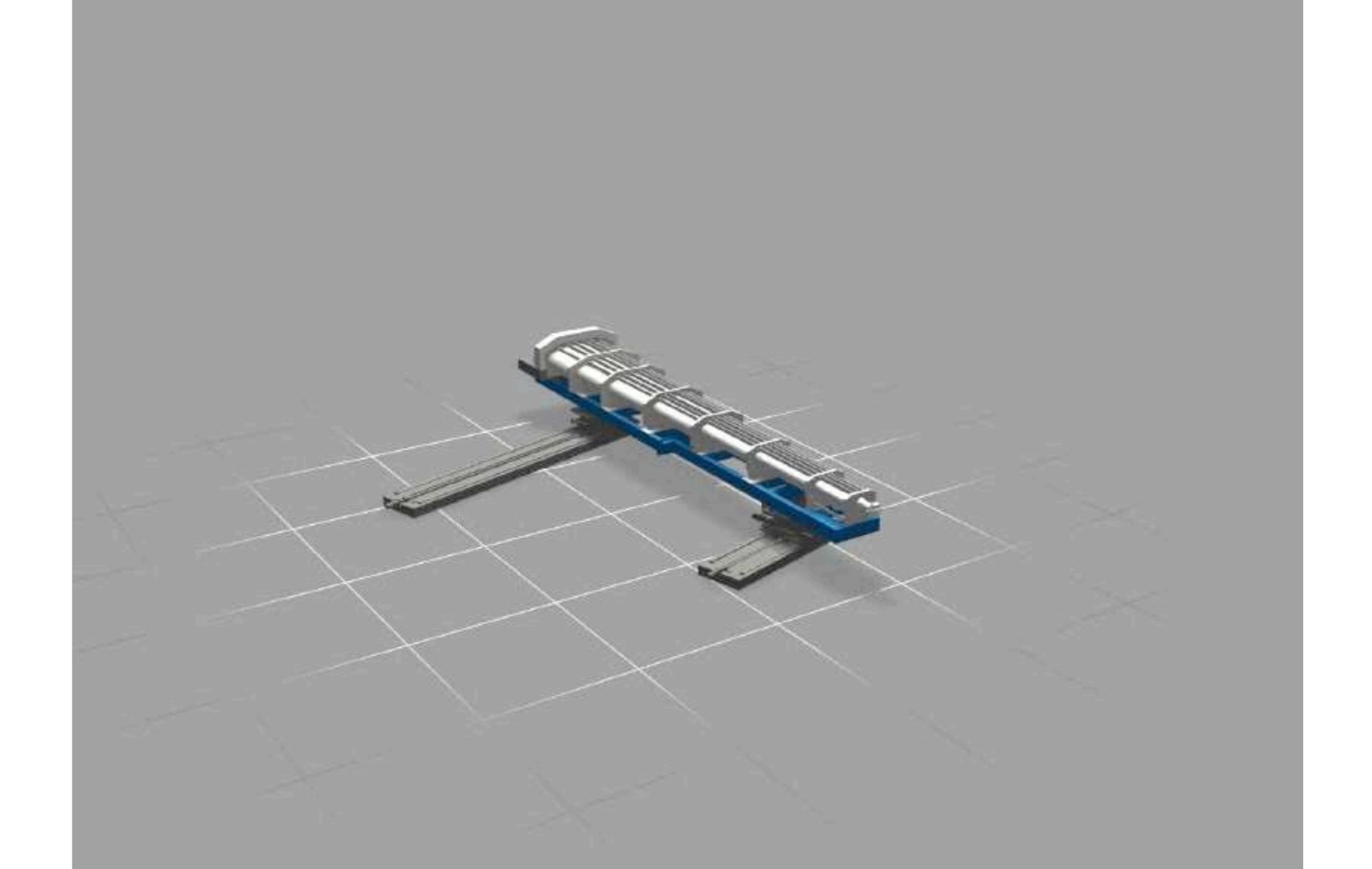
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and Advanced Light Source		22 Ti	4,510.84	4,504.86	4,931.81	452.2	452.3
Actineed agric source		23 V	4,952.20	4,944.64	5,427.29	511.3	511.3
		24 Cr	5,414.72	5,405.509	5,946.71	572.8	572.8
X-RAY DATA		25 Mn	5,898.75	5,887.65	6,490.45	637.4	637.4
		26 Fe	6,403.84	6,390.84	7,057.98	705.0	705.0
00		27 Co	6,930.32	6,915.30	7,649.43	776.2	776.3
	KLET	28 Ni	7,478.15	7,460.89	8,264.66	851.5	851.5
		29 Cu	8,047.78	8,027.83	8,905.29	929.7	929.1
Albert Thompson David Attwood	Ingolf Lindau Fiero Pianetta	30 Zn	8,638.86	8,615.78	9,572.0	1,011.7	1,011.
		31 Ga	9,251.74	9,224.82	10,264.2	1,097.92	1,097.9
likson	Arthur Robinson	32 Gc	9,886.42	9,855.32	10,982.1	1,188.00	1,188.0
Howells	James Scofield	33 As	10,543.72	10,507.99	11,726.2	1,282.0	1,282.0
Je Kim Grz	James Underwood	34 Se	11,222.4	11,181.4	12,495.9	1,379.10	1,379.
Kortright	Douglas Vaughan Gwyn Williams	35 Br	11,924.2	11,877.6	13,291.4	1,480.43	1,480.4
Herman Winick		36 Kr	12,649	12,598	14,112	1,586.0	1,586.0
January 2001		37 Rb	13,395.3	13,335.8	14,961.3	1,694.13	1,692.5
		38 Sr	14,165	14,097.9	15,835.7	1,806.56	1,804.
Lawrence Berkskey National Lawrenery Conversity of Cationnia Berkeley, CA 94720		39 Y	14,958.4	14,882.9	16,737.8	1,922.56	1,920.4
		40 Zr	15,775.1	15,690.9	17,667.8	2,042.36	2,039.9
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Inelastic X-Ray Scattering: A plethora of different techniques





PHONON's:



- Phonons are periodic oscillations in condensed systems.
- They are inherently involved in thermal and electrical conductivity.
- They can show anomalous (non-linear) behavior near a phase transition.
- and optical).
- momentum, $\hbar k$, is exact, they are delocalized, collective excitations.
- Phonons are bosons, and they are not conserved. They can be created or annihilated during interactions with neutrons or photons.
- They can be detected by Brillouin scattering (acoustic), Raman scattering, FTIR (optical).
- COMPUTATIONAL TECHNIQUES ARE ESSENTIAL.

$\phi\omega\nu\eta$ (phonē), sound

• They can carry sound (acoustic modes) or couple to electromagnetic radiation or neutrons (acoustical

• Have energy of $\hbar\omega$ as quanta of excitation of the lattice vibration mode of angular frequency ω . Since

Their dispersion throughout the BZ can ONLY be monitored with x-rays (IXS), or neutrons (INS).

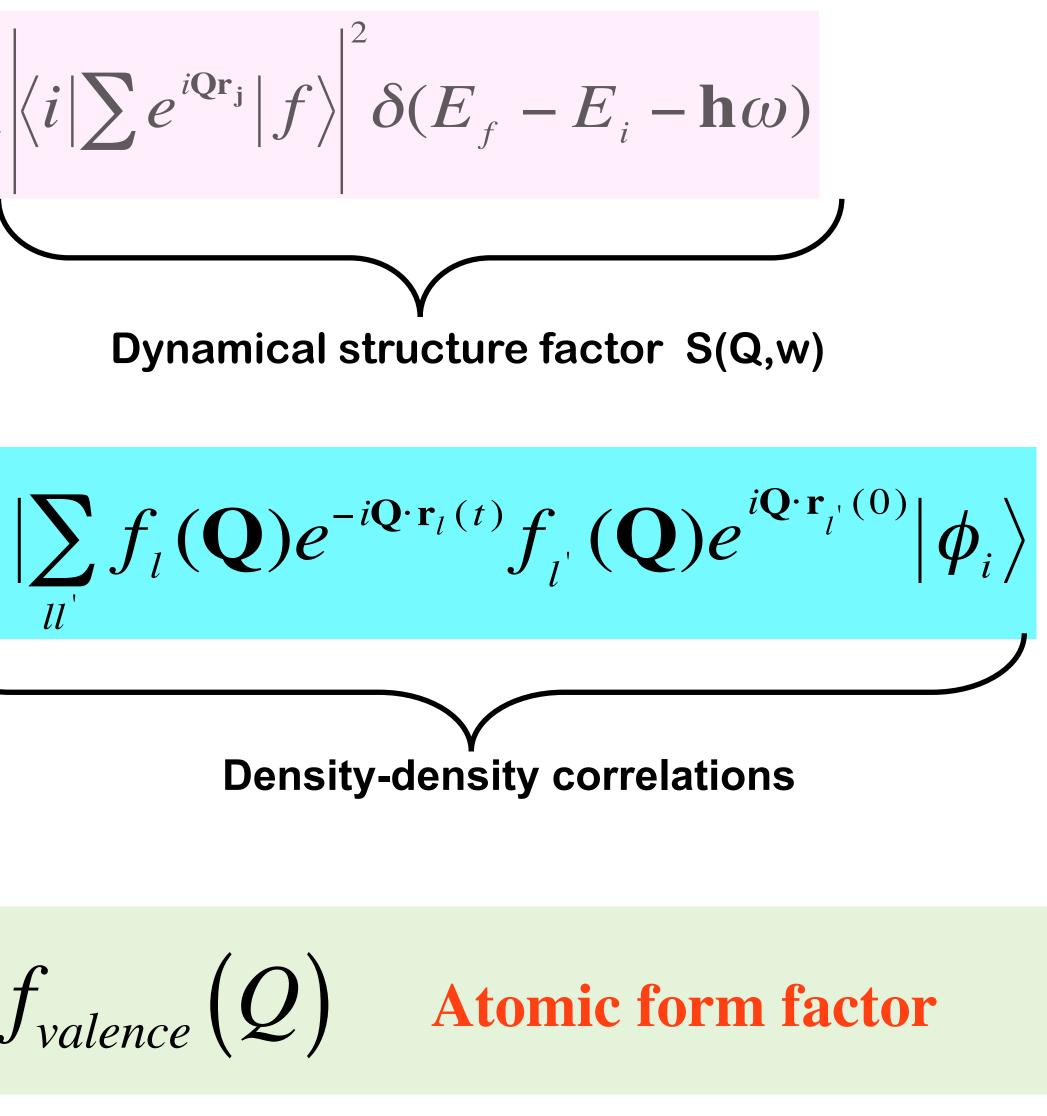
• Accurate prediction of phonon dispersion require correct knowledge about the force constants:

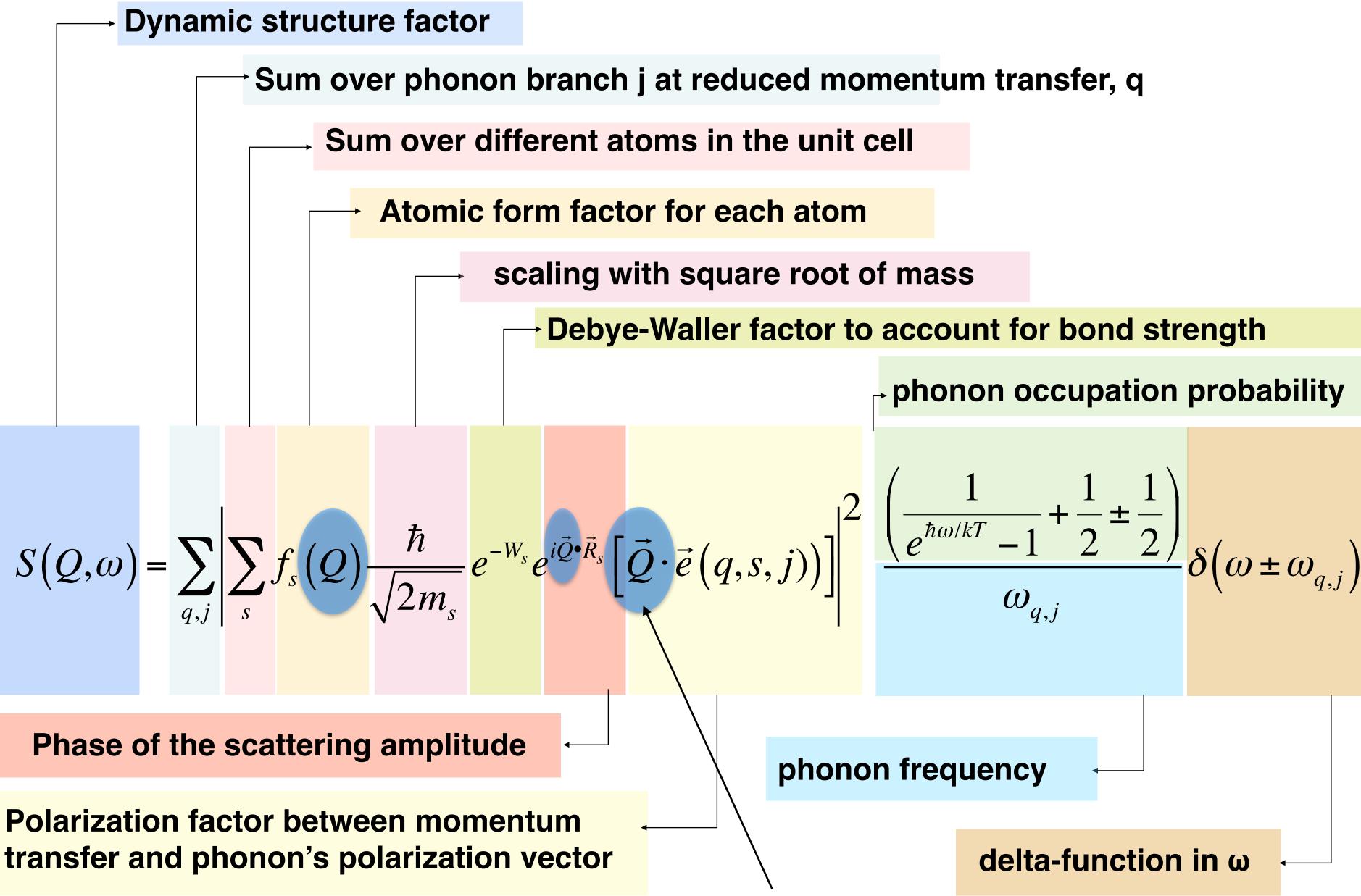
$$\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{d\Omega d\omega} = r_{0}^{2} \frac{\omega_{f}}{\omega_{i}} \left| \mathbf{e}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{f} \right| N \sum_{i,f} |\mathbf{e}_{i,f}|$$
Thomson cross section

$$S(\mathbf{Q},\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dt \ e^{-i\omega t} \left\langle \phi_i \right\rangle$$

$$f(Q) = f_{ion}(Q) + j$$

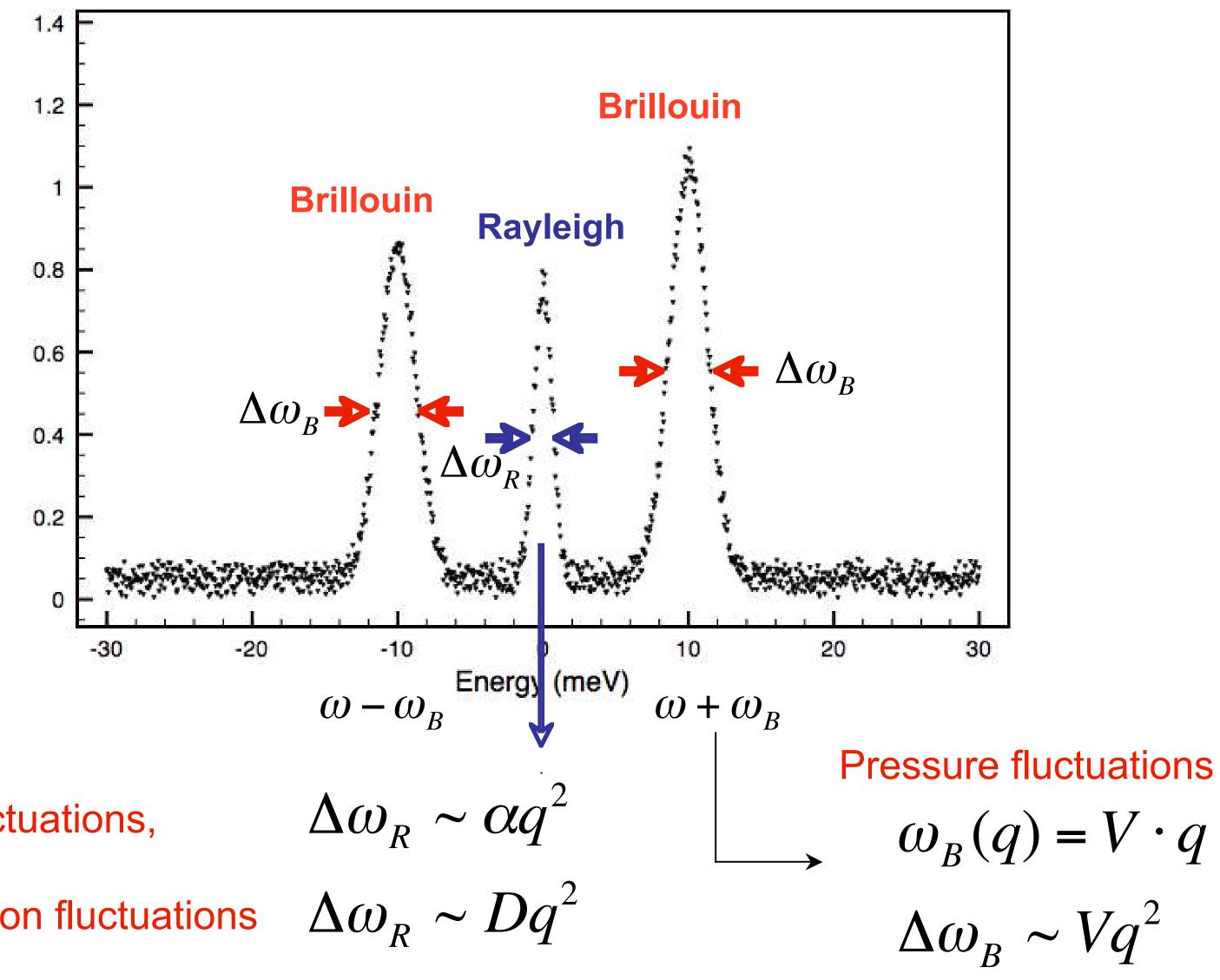
What is being measured ?

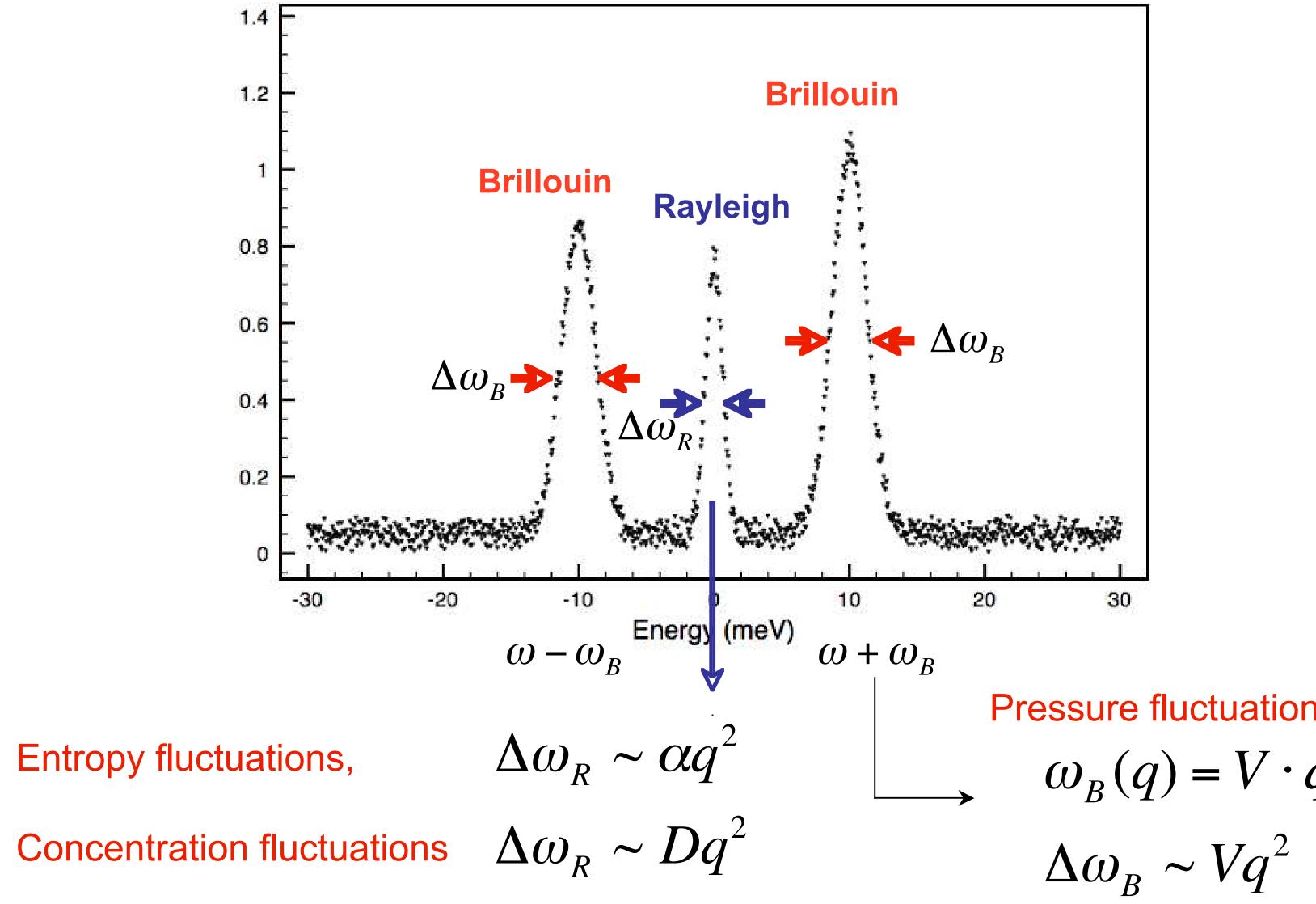


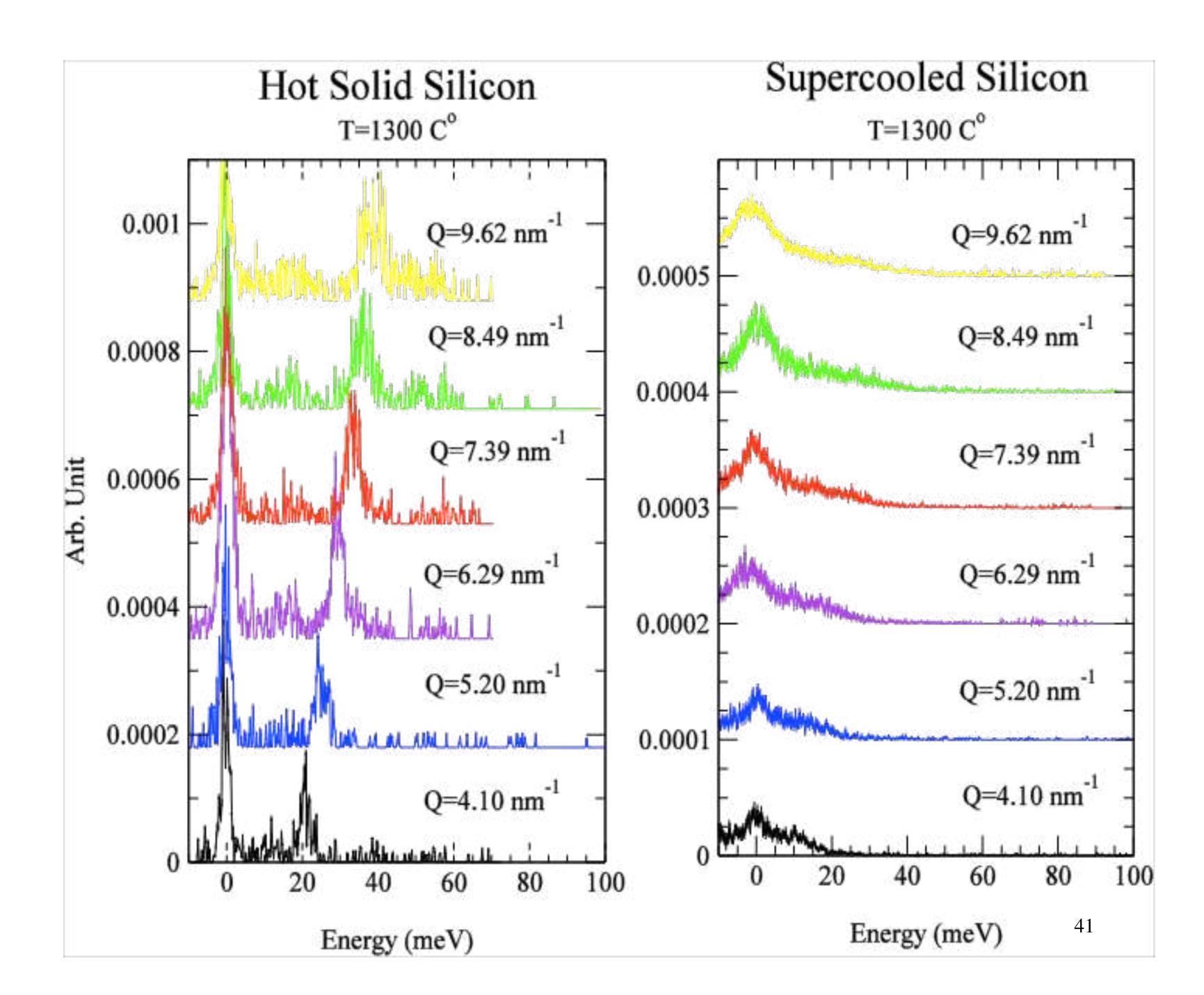


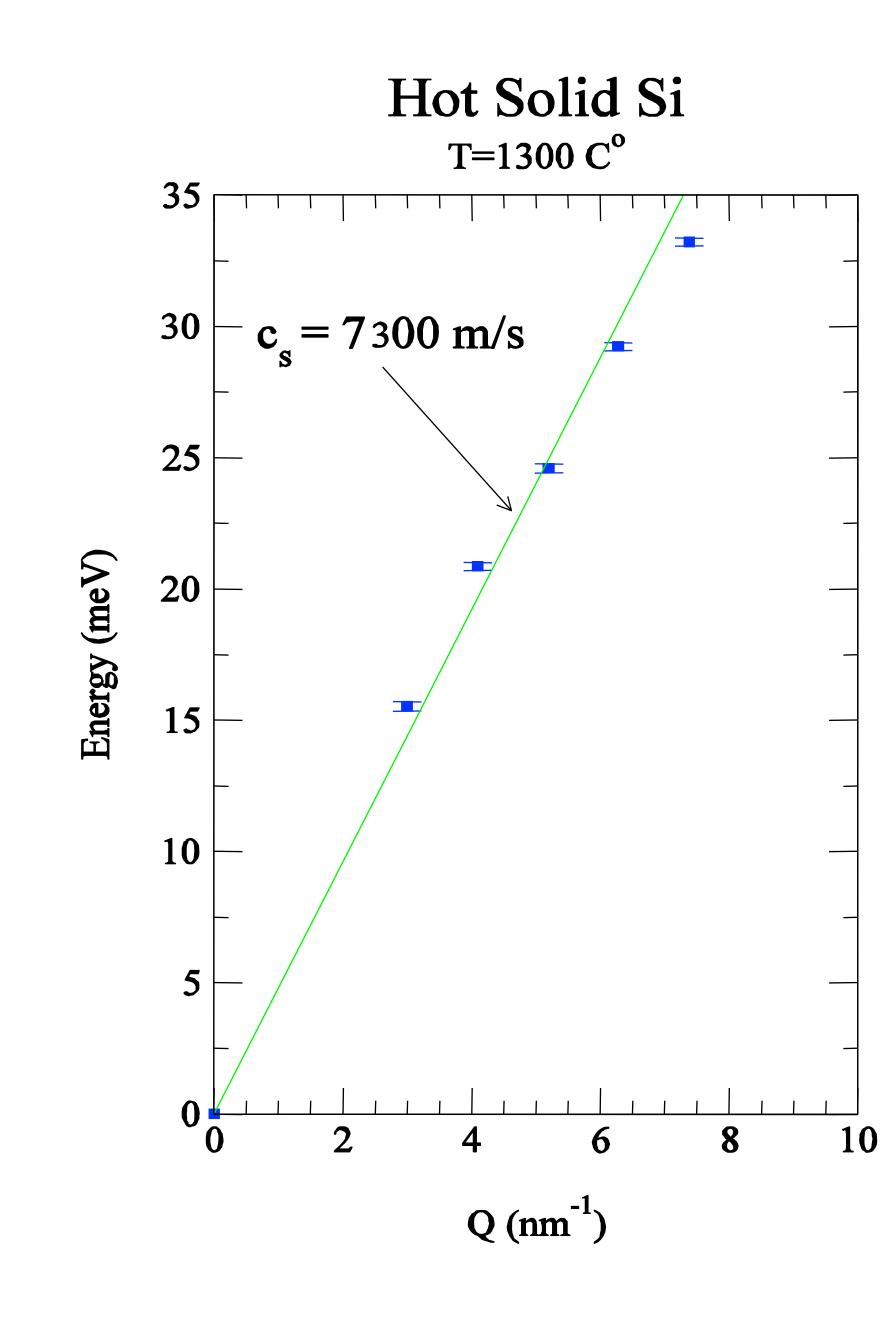
Polarization factor between momentum transfer and phonon's polarization vector

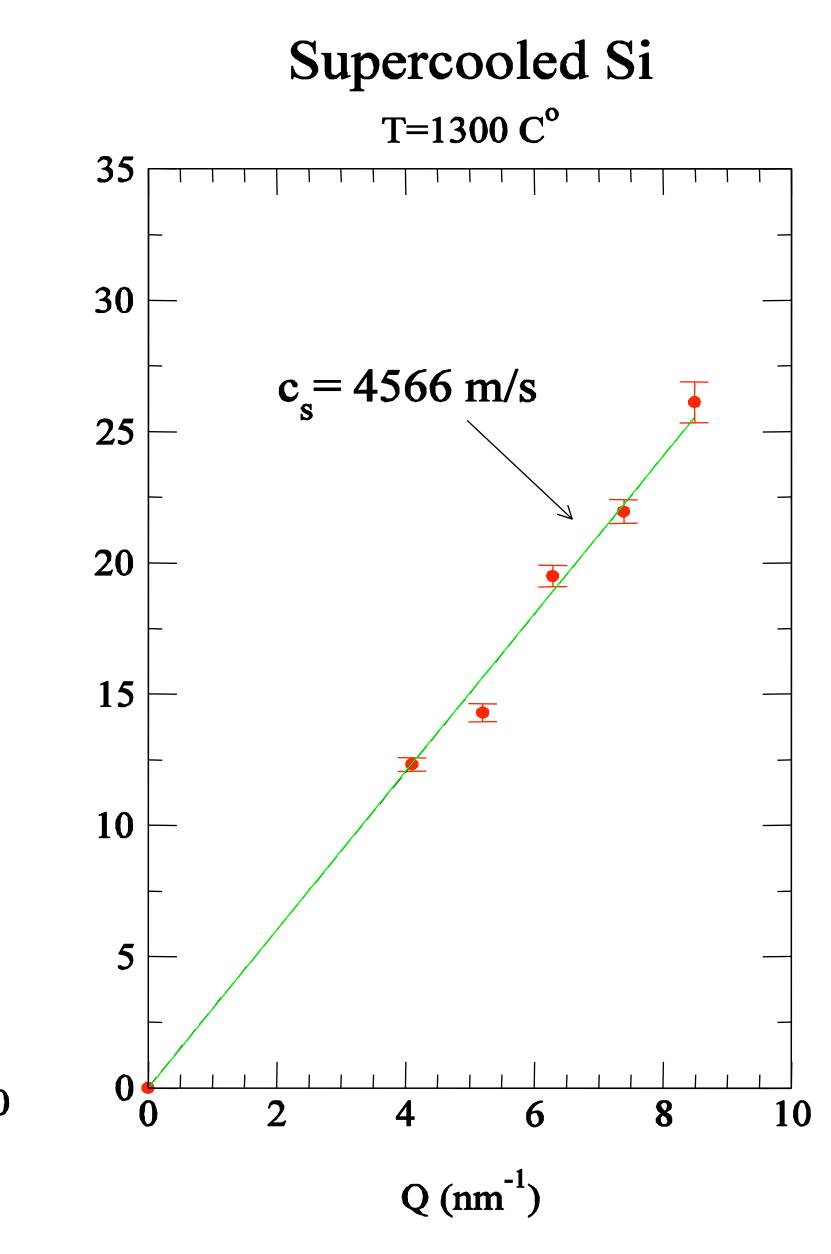
External probe-photon

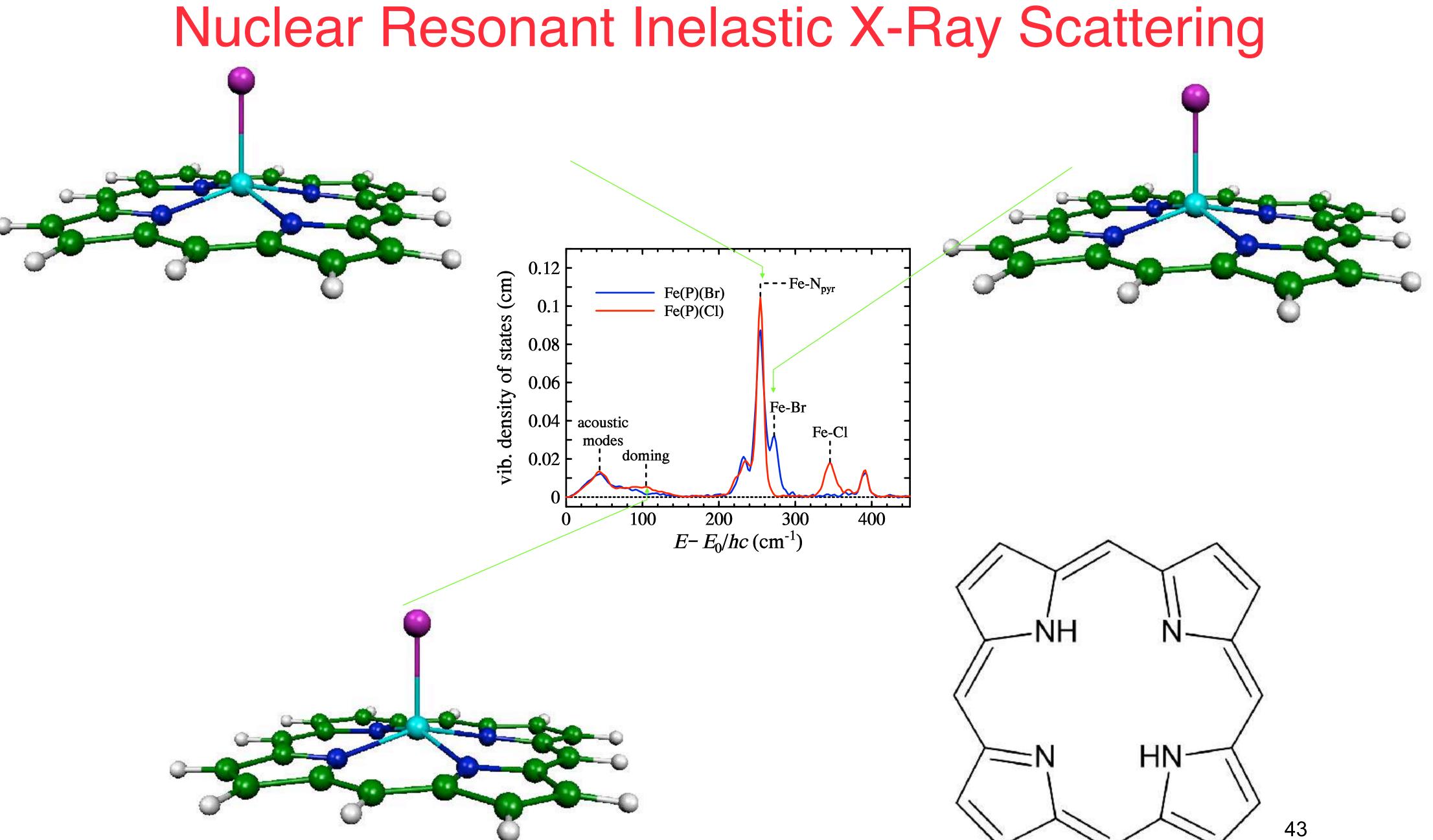


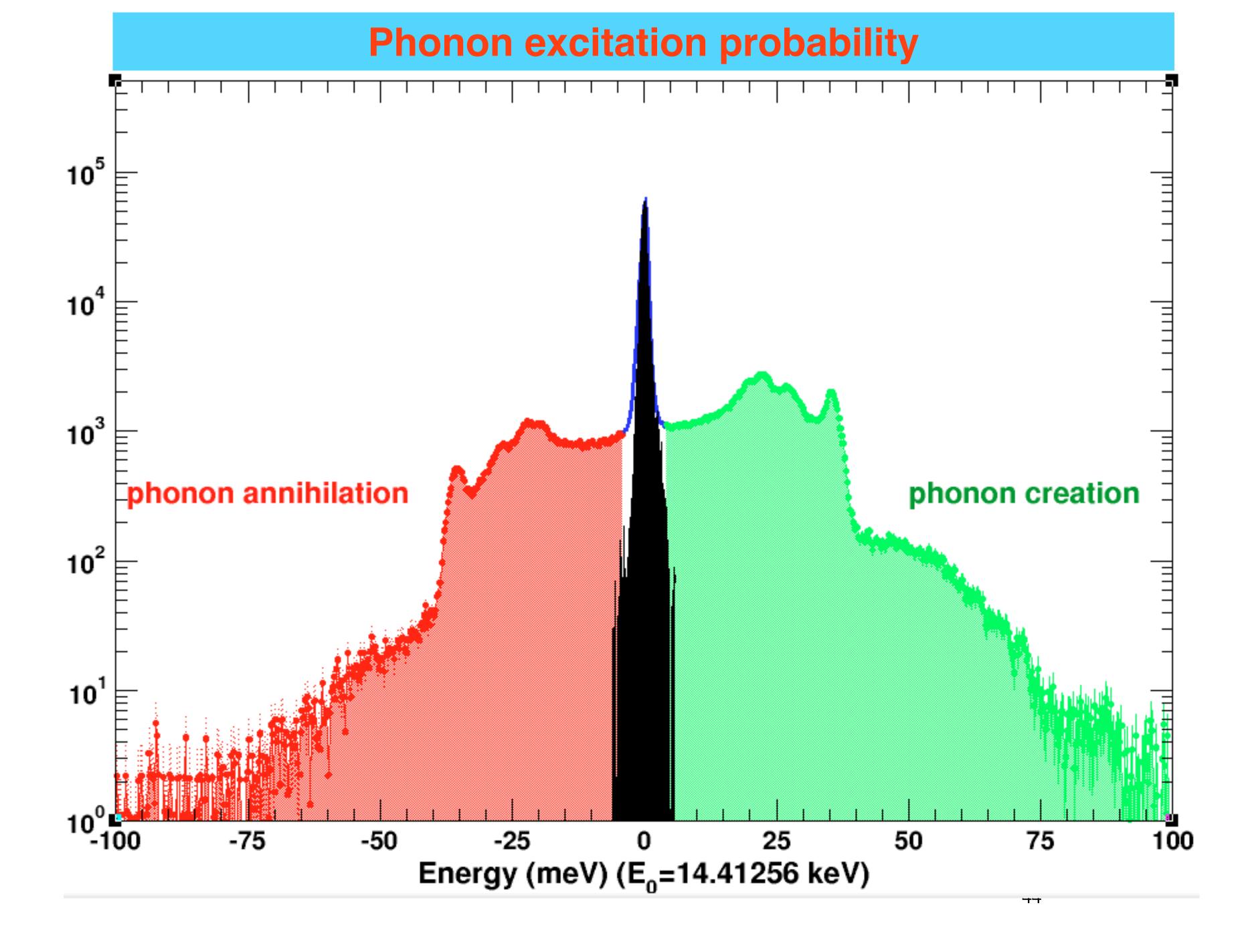












Information from NRIXS spectra:

directly from the data, S(E)

⇒ temperature

$$T = -\frac{E}{k_B} \ln \left[\frac{S(-E)}{S(E)} \right]$$

mean square displacement

$$\langle u^2 \rangle = -\frac{1}{k^2} \ln \left[1 - \int \left\{ S(E) - S(0) \right\} \right]$$

kinetic energy

$$E_{kin} = \frac{1}{4E_R} \int (E - E_R)^2 S(E) dE$$

⇒ average force constant

$$D = \frac{k^2}{2E_R^2} \int (E - E_R)^3 S(E) dE$$

k ~ wave number of nuclear transition $E_{R} \sim recoil energy$ ~ mass density P

Courtesy: W. Sturhahn

- quasi-harmonic lattice model
 - ⇒ partial phonon density of states $\mathcal{D}(E)$
- ⇒ Debye sound velocity $dE = \left(\frac{M}{2\rho\pi^2\hbar^3} \frac{E^2}{\mathcal{D}(E \to 0)}\right)^{1/3}$
 - ⇒ Grüneisen parameter

$$\gamma_D = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{\rho}{\mathbf{v}_D} \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_D}{\partial \rho}\right)_T$$

⇒ isotope fractionation

$$\ln \beta = -\frac{\Delta m}{M} \frac{1}{8(k_B T)^2} \int E^2 \mathcal{D}(E) \, dE$$

- M ~ mass of resonant isotope
 - $\Delta m \sim isotope mass difference$
 - ~ Boltzmann's constant KB
 - \sim temperature

Phonon density of states is a key ingredient for many thermodynamic properties

If we choose to write in terms of energy

$$c_v(T) = 3k_B \int (\beta E / 2)^2 \csc h(\beta E) \cdot g(E)$$

$$S_{\nu}(T) = 3k_B \int_{0}^{\infty} \left\{ \beta E / 2 \cdot \cot h(\beta E) - \ln \left[2 \right] \right\}$$

$$f_{LM} = e^{-E_R \int \{g(E)/2\} \cdot \coth(\beta E/2)} dE$$

$$g(E) = \frac{3m}{2\pi^2\hbar^3\rho v_D^3}E^2$$

Debye Sound velocity

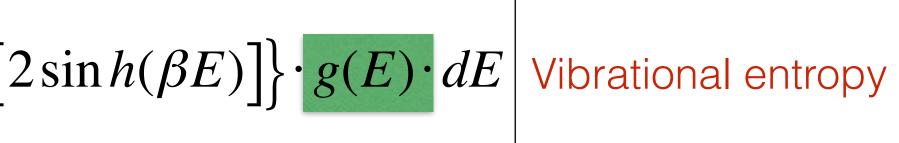
$$\left\langle F\right\rangle = \frac{M}{\hbar^2} \int_0^\infty E^2 g(E) dE$$

Average restoring force constant

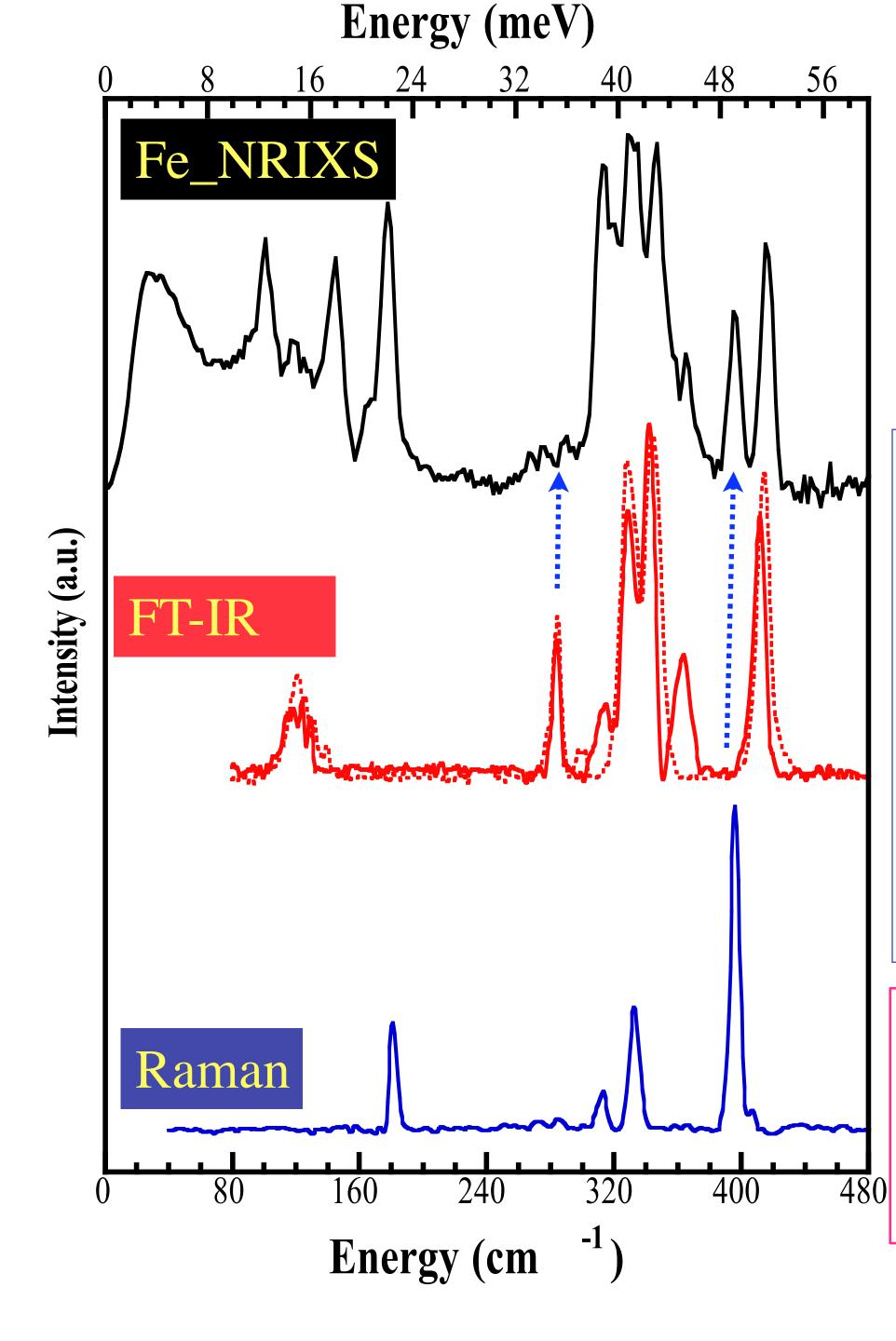
gy,
$$E = \hbar \omega$$
, $\beta = 1/k_B T$

E)dE

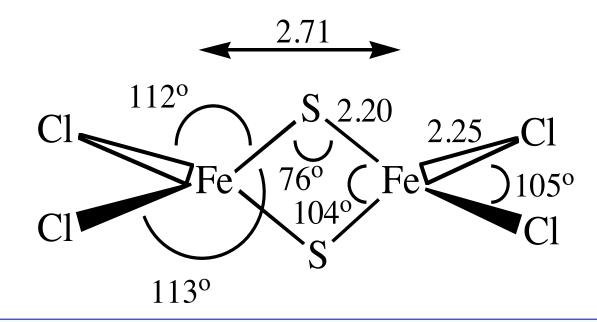
Vibrational specific heat



Lamb-Mössbauer factor



$[\mathbf{NEt}_4]_2[\mathbf{Fe}_2\mathbf{S}_2\mathbf{Cl}_4].$



Some unique advantages of NRIXS

- 1. Low frequency motions: ~ total mass
- 2. No selection rule except motion of atoms along x-ray propagation
- 3. Peak intensity ~ mode participation ~ actual displacement
- 4. No matrix effects or limitations
- 5. Element and isotope selective
- 6. No unpredictable cancellations in scattering terms

$$\phi_{\alpha} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\overline{v}_{R}}{\overline{v}_{\alpha}} e_{j\alpha}^{2} (\overline{n}_{\alpha} + 1) f$$

Matt Smith, et al, Inorganic Chemistry, 2005, 44,5562

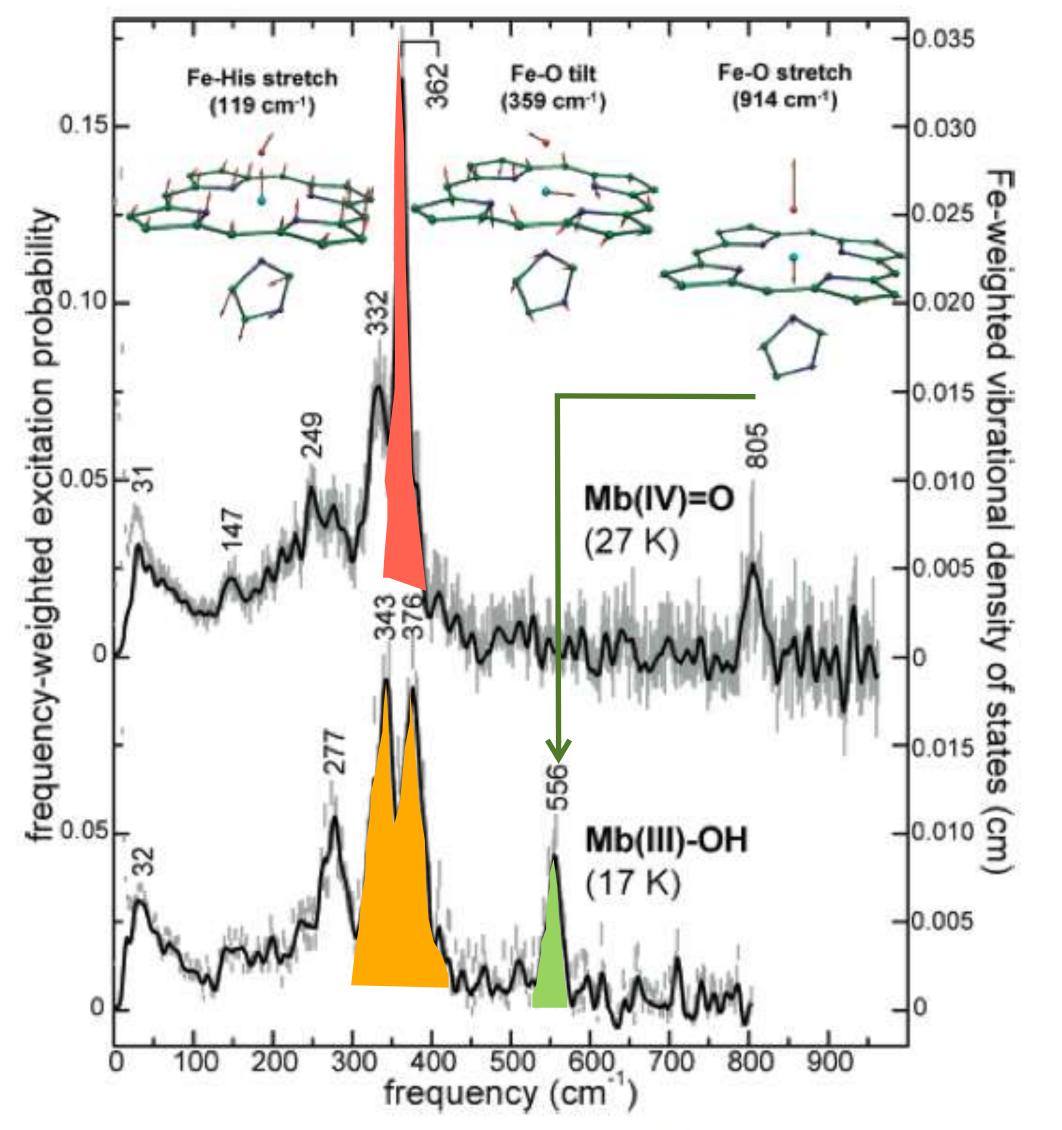


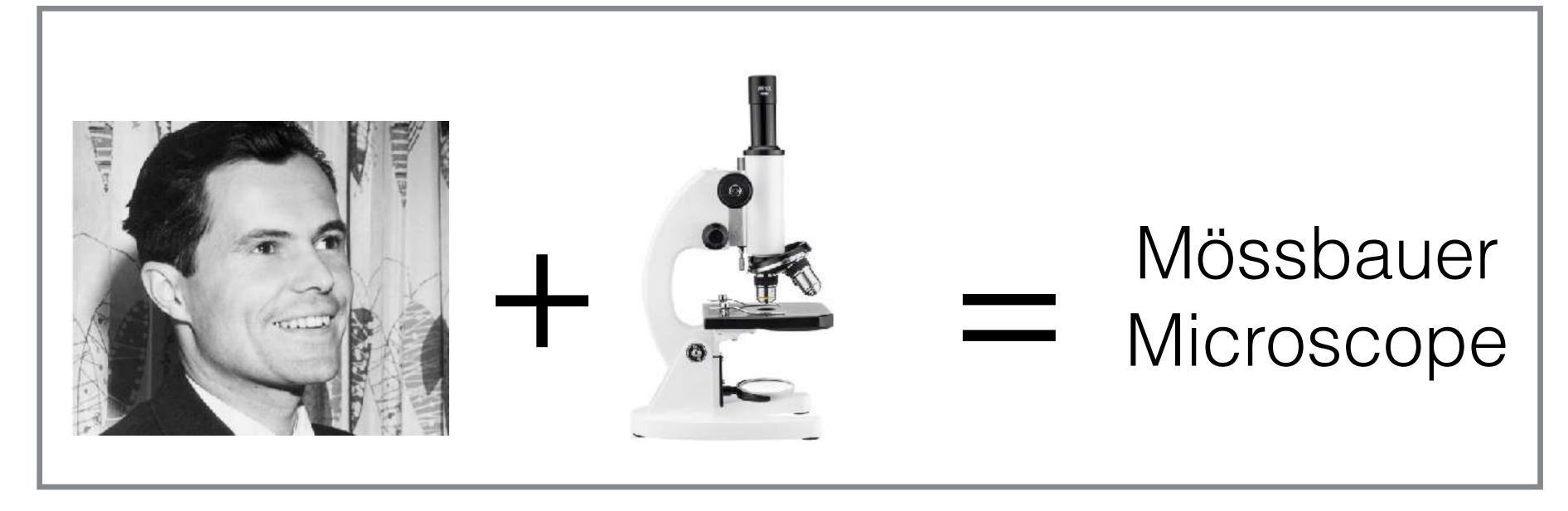
Figure 1. Vibrational dynamics of the heme Fe reveal an unprotonated oxo ligand in Mb(IV)=O, in contrast with the bound hydroxyl group in Mb(III)-OH. Protonation of the oxo ligand results in a downshift of the Fe-O stretching frequency from 805 cm⁻¹ to 556 cm⁻¹, and splits the Fe-O tilting vibrations, which are degenerate near 362 cm⁻¹ in Mb(IV)=O, but are separated by 33 cm⁻¹ in the asymmetrically protonated heme Mb(III)-OH complex. Error bars represent the normalized experimental signal,

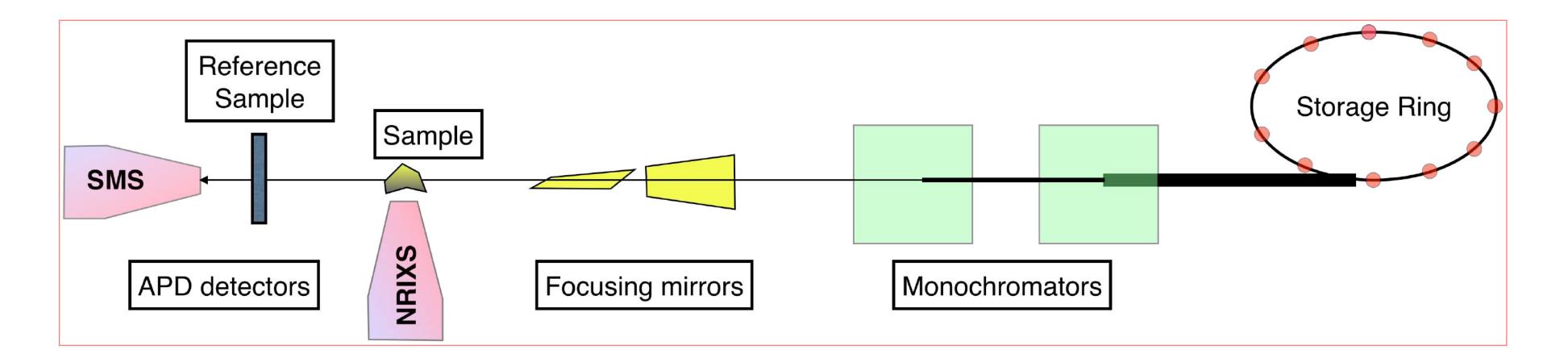


Fe-O tilting

Science areas where SMS and NRIXS has become effective:

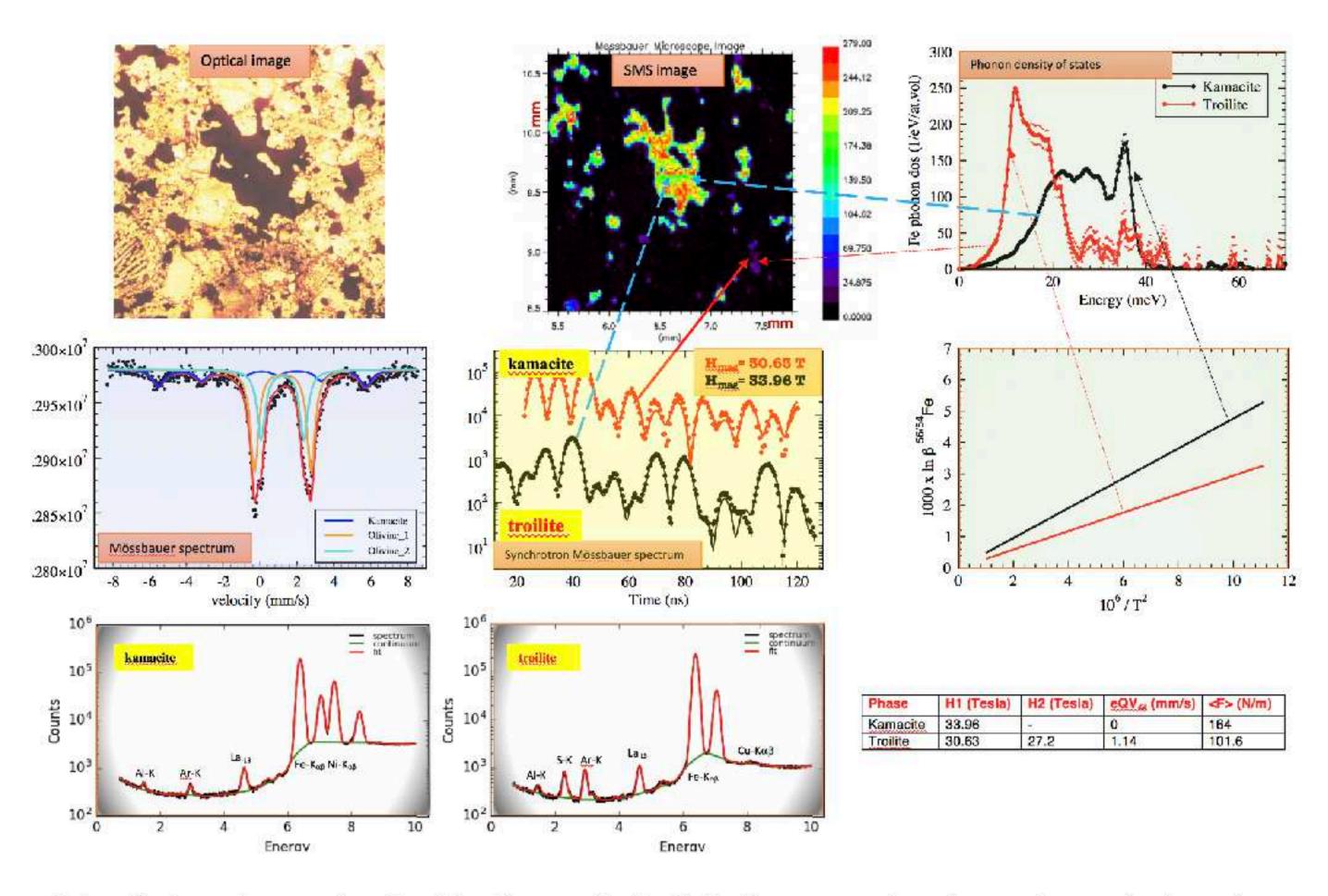
- Magnetism superconductivity and nematicity in iron chalcogenides, e.g. FeSe
- Magnetism of rare earth elements and compounds under high-pressure, e.g. Eu, Dy
- Single molecule magnets, Dy
- Search for Kagome lattice, e.g. Jarosite: KFe3(OH)6(SO4)2
- Magnetocaloric effect and the role of phonons in multiferroics, e.g. LaFe_{13-x}Si_x
- Mechanisms of pressure induced polymorphism and amorphization, e.g. Snl₄, Fe-metal
- Phonon glass materials, e.g. clathrates, skuterrudites
- Alloy thermodynamics and vibrational entropy
- Phonon confinement in multilayered nanomaterials
- New phases of iron oxides: Fe₄O₅, and more
- Isotope geochemistry





Imaging:

Estacado meteorite (H8): chondritic , Texas, 1883



Estacado is a stony meteorite older than earth itself. In the energy domain spectrum only two phases identified; kamacite and olivine (left, middle). However, a minority troilite phase is identified in the SMS spectrum (Middle, middle). The phonon density of states derived from the NRIXS spectrum clearly identifies the troilite phase separate from Olivine (top, right). NRIXS data or phonon density of states are used to extract isotope fractionation factors as described earlier (*V. Polyakov, Science 323 (2009) 912*, and *N. Dauphas et al, GCA*, *94 (2012) 254*).

On the bottom left and the middle, x-ray induced fluorescence spectra are shown. Kamacite is identifiable from the nickel K_{α} and K_{β} peaks, while troilite can be idntified by the Sulphur K_{α} peak.

