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# Soft X-Ray Spectroscopy at HESEB

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# X-Ray spectroscopy at HESEB

Introduction---synchrotron radiation properties

Photon-matter interactions

Absorption (yield) spectroscopy

X-ray-Magnetic-Circular-Dichroism XMCD

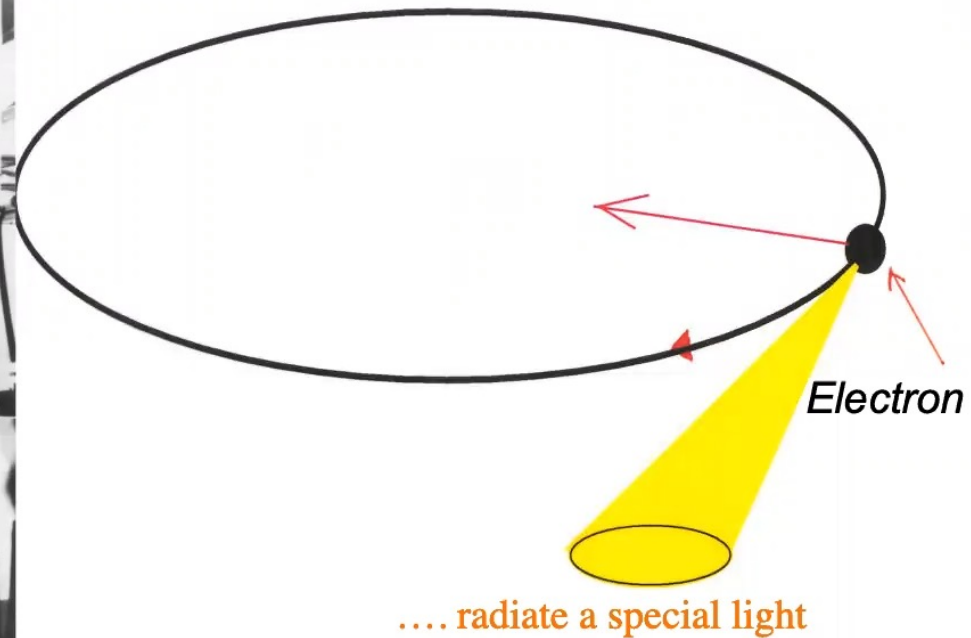
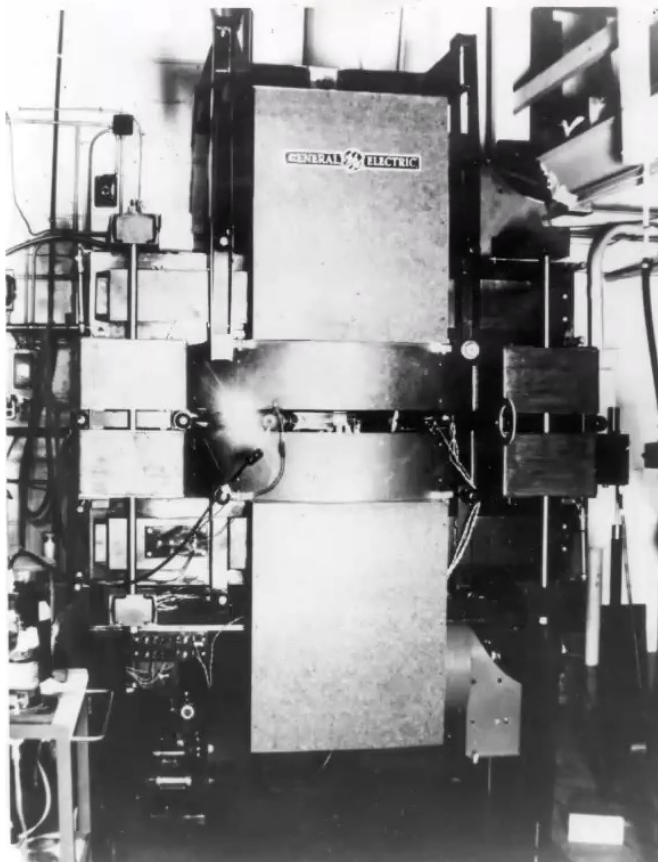
Photoemission and RIXS (short)

Coherent scattering



# SYNCHROTRON-RADIATION

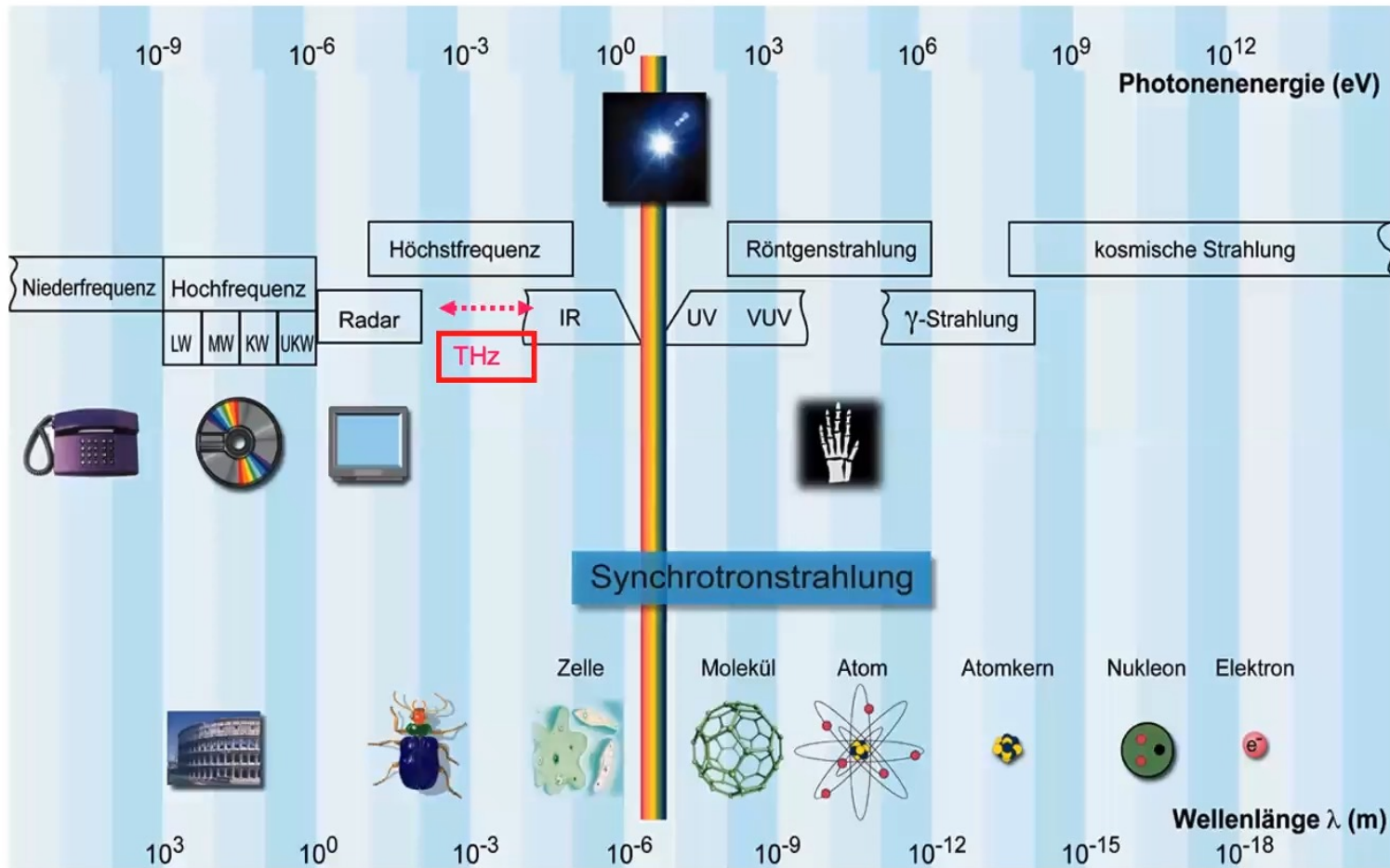
Electrons moving at nearly the speed of light on a circular path



## Synchrotron-Radiation



# Spectral Range of Synchrotron-Radiation

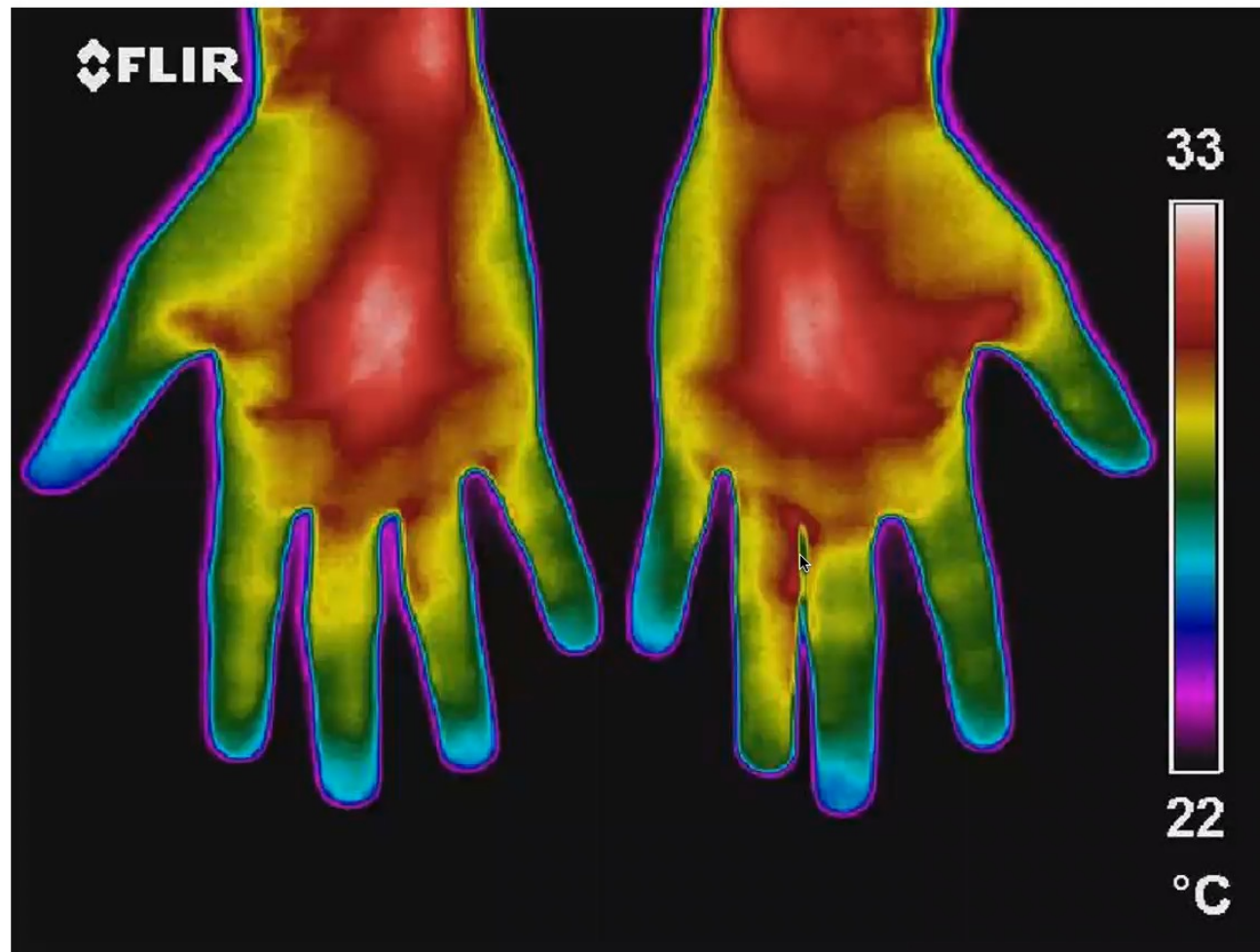




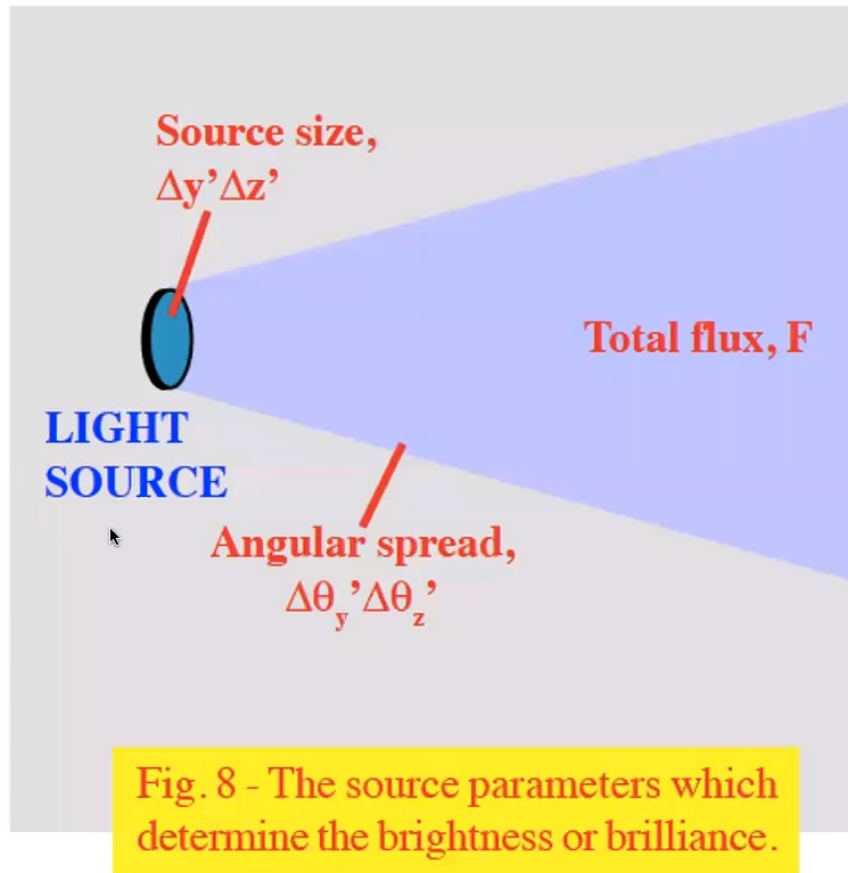
# Hand illuminated by X-Rays



## Hand---IR emission Spectrum



*Synchrotron Radiation: **Brightness** -- the quality factor*



**Brightness**

$B$  = photons per  
source size  
angular spread  
energy interval  
time

The Brightness is conserved  
(Liouville Theorem)



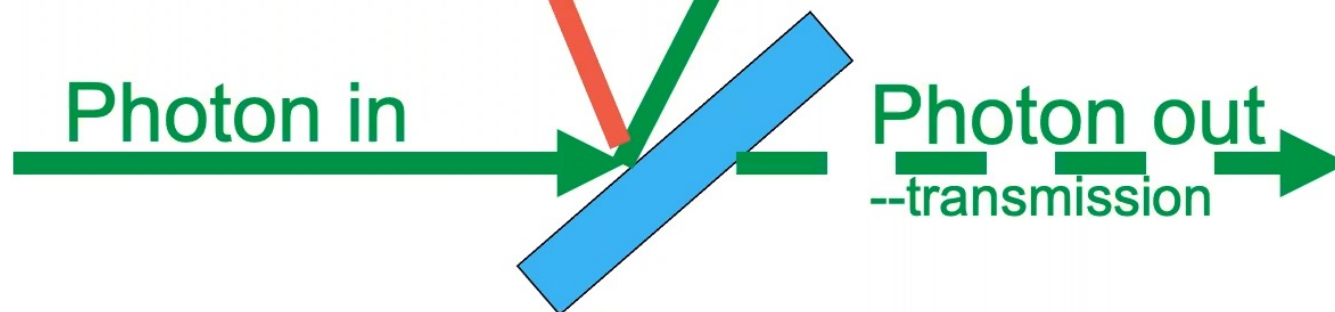
# Interactions of photons with matter

## Electron out

electron yield  
photoemission (XPS, UPS)  
Auger emission

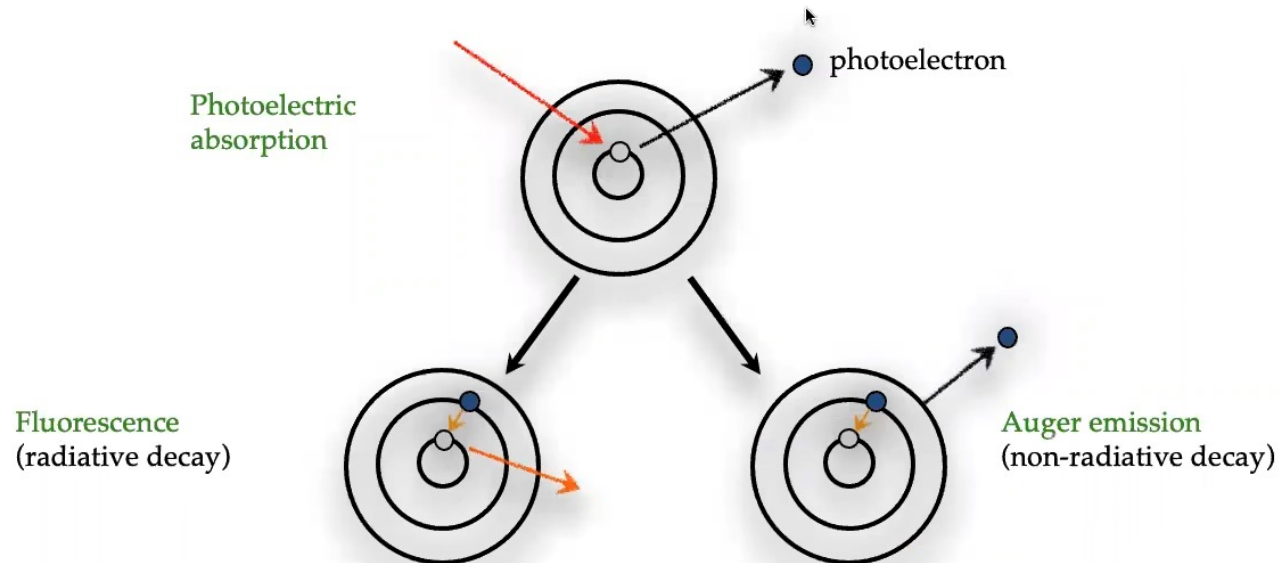
## Photon out

reflectivity  
scattering  
X-ray emission  
RIXS



## Secondary Processes following the X-ray Absorption Process

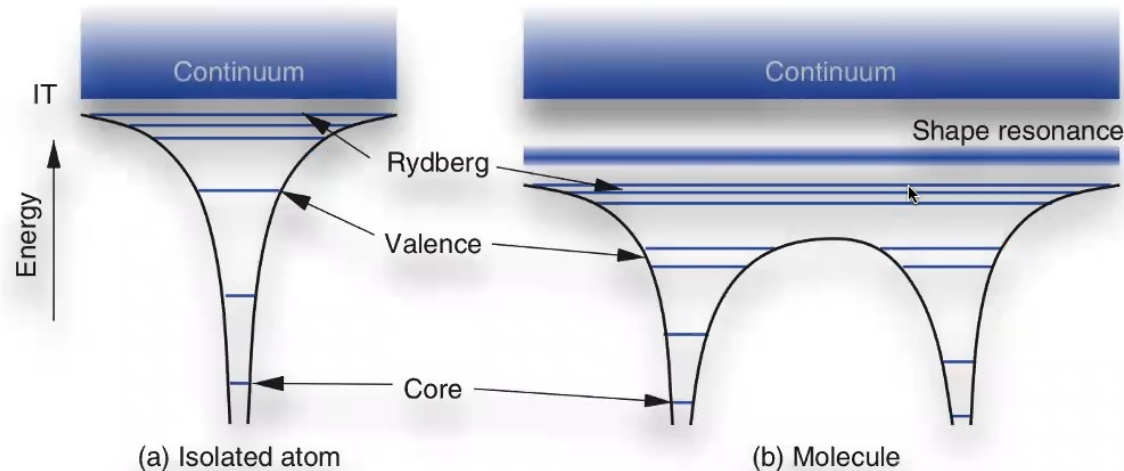
- X-rays are absorbed by matter through the photoelectric effect
- The incident X-ray photon promotes a core level electron to an unoccupied valence state level above the **ionization threshold**
- The electron ejected from the atom is called **photoelectron**
- The atom is left in an excited state with a core hole
- Two decay channels: **X-ray fluorescence** and **Auger emission**



# Energy Level Schemes of atoms, molecules and solids

## Atoms and Molecules

**Chemical bonds** primarily involve **valence electrons**:  
charge redistribution, formation of bonding/antibonding states (molecular orbitals)



From: P. Willmott, *An Introduction to Synchrotron Radiation*, Wiley (2011)

**Core levels:** weakly affected by chemical bonds through so-called **chemical shifts**

- small BE changes due to differences in the distribution of valence electrons caused by chemical bonding

**Shape resonances:** quasi-bound electron states physically close to the molecule in the ionization continuum

- they still 'feel' the influence of the electrostatic field of the molecule

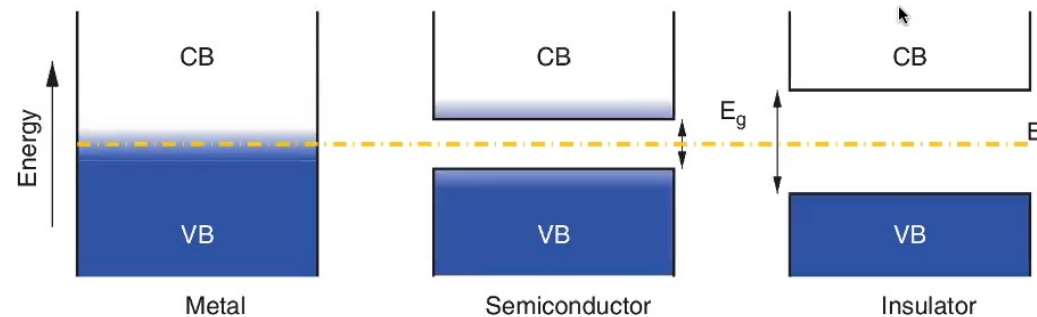


# Energy Level Schemes of solids

## Solids

When a large number of atoms ( $N$ ) is brought together into a solid, the number of orbitals that are formed is  $2N$  and the energy differences among successive electron states become exceedingly small → **quasi-continuous bands of electron states**

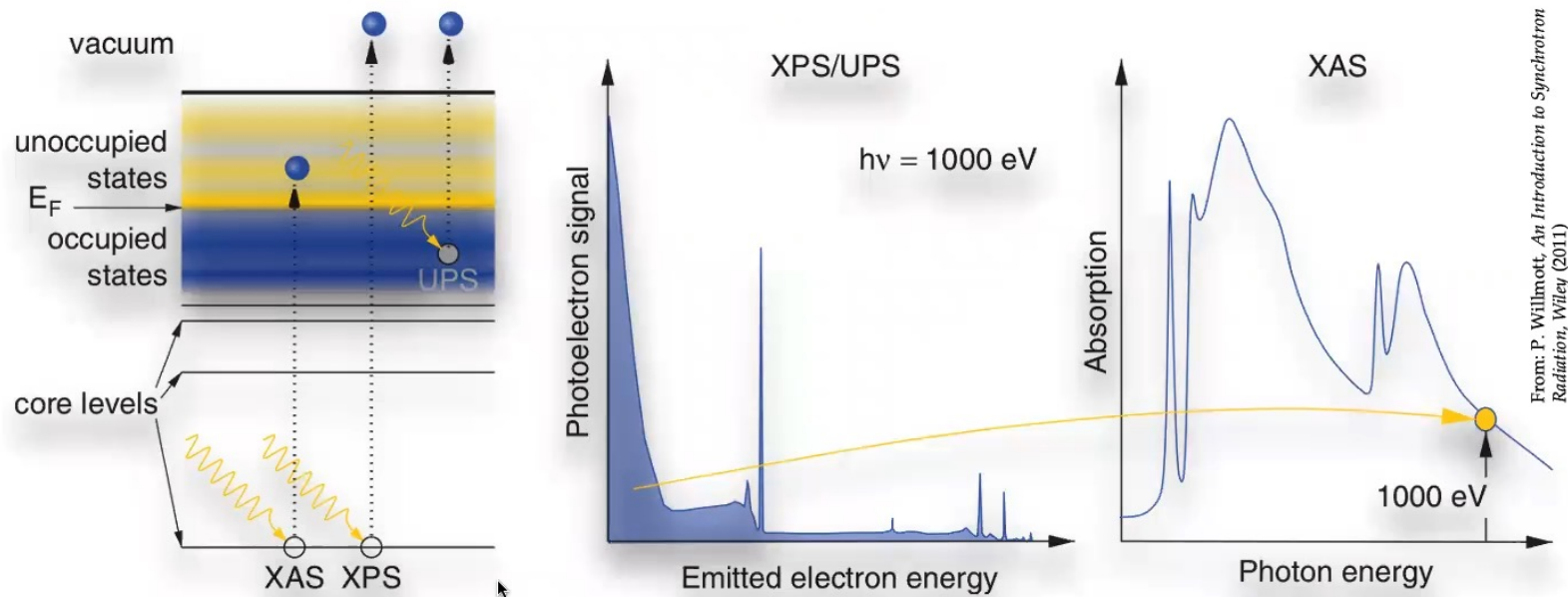
Simplified diagram of the electronic band structure of different solids:



From: P. Willmott, *An Introduction to Synchrotron Radiation*, Wiley (2011)

- Metals:** highest occupied band is partly empty and partly filled regardless of temperature → gas of delocalized and nearly free valence electrons
- Semiconductors:** narrow energy gap ( $<3$  eV), a small fraction of valence electrons can be thermally promoted into the conduction band
- Insulators:** wide gap, melting (or decomposition) takes place before a detectable fraction of valence electrons is promoted into the conduction band

## X-ray absorption and photoemission

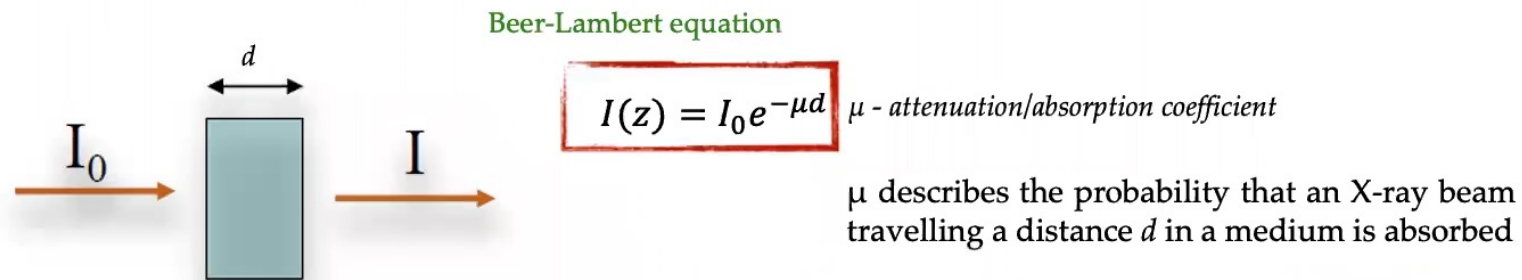


- promotes core-level electrons to unoccupied valence-state levels and thereby probes these upper states by varying the incident photon energy

→ requirement: **energy tunability + monochromatic radiation**

# Description of the X-ray Absorption Process

- Absorbing power of a material expressed through the **linear absorption coefficient**  $\mu$ , which depends on the photon energy  $E = \hbar\omega$

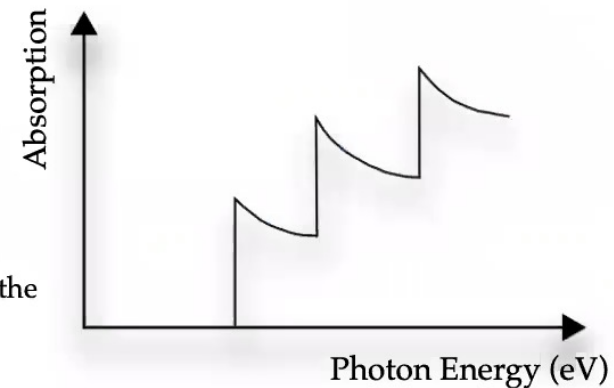


$\mu(E)$ : **element-specific** and strongly dependent on the atomic number  $Z$

$$\mu(E) \propto Z^4 / E^3$$

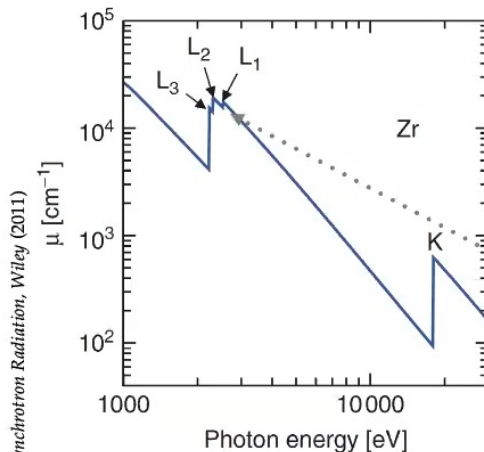
discontinuous jumps of  $\mu(E) \rightarrow$  **absorption edges**

→ photon energy equals the minimum energy needed to ionize the atom by ejection of an electron from a given energy level





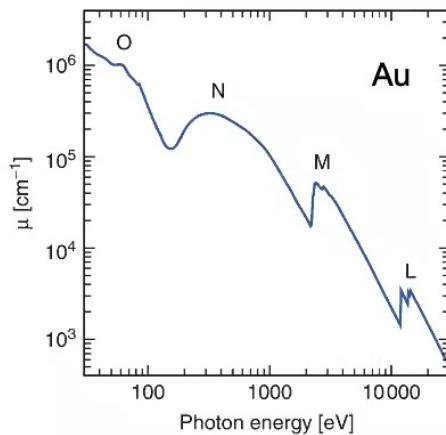
## Absorption features and spectral regions



$\mu$  varies appr. as the inverse third power of the photon energy

interrupted by steplike increases in absorption as the photon energy matches the ionization potential of an occupied electron state in a atom

L-edge has three components, corresponding to ionization from the  $2s$ ,  $2p_{1/2}$  and  $2p_{3/2}$  levels



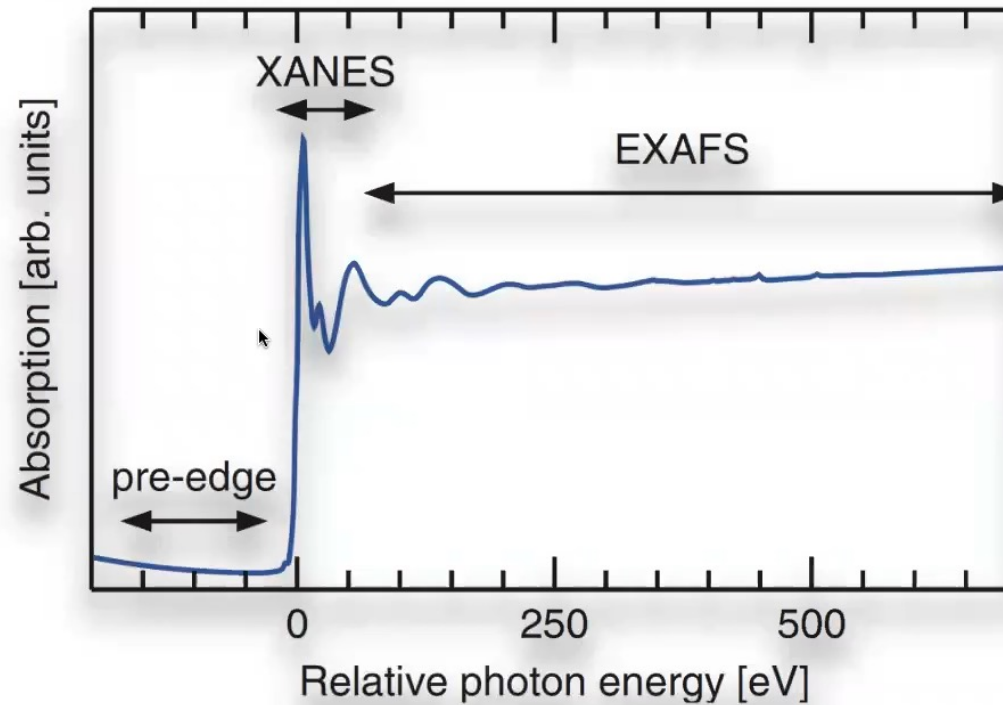
The shape of the absorption edges depends on the initial state excited in the transition

- states with  $l = 0$  or  $l = 1$ : sharp rising edges
- states with larger  $l$  values: broader appearance  
"delayed onset" (by some tens of eV)

( $l$  - angular-momentum quantum number)

Quantum states with high principal quantum number tend to remain away from the nucleus - classically, one would expect them to have a large circular orbit

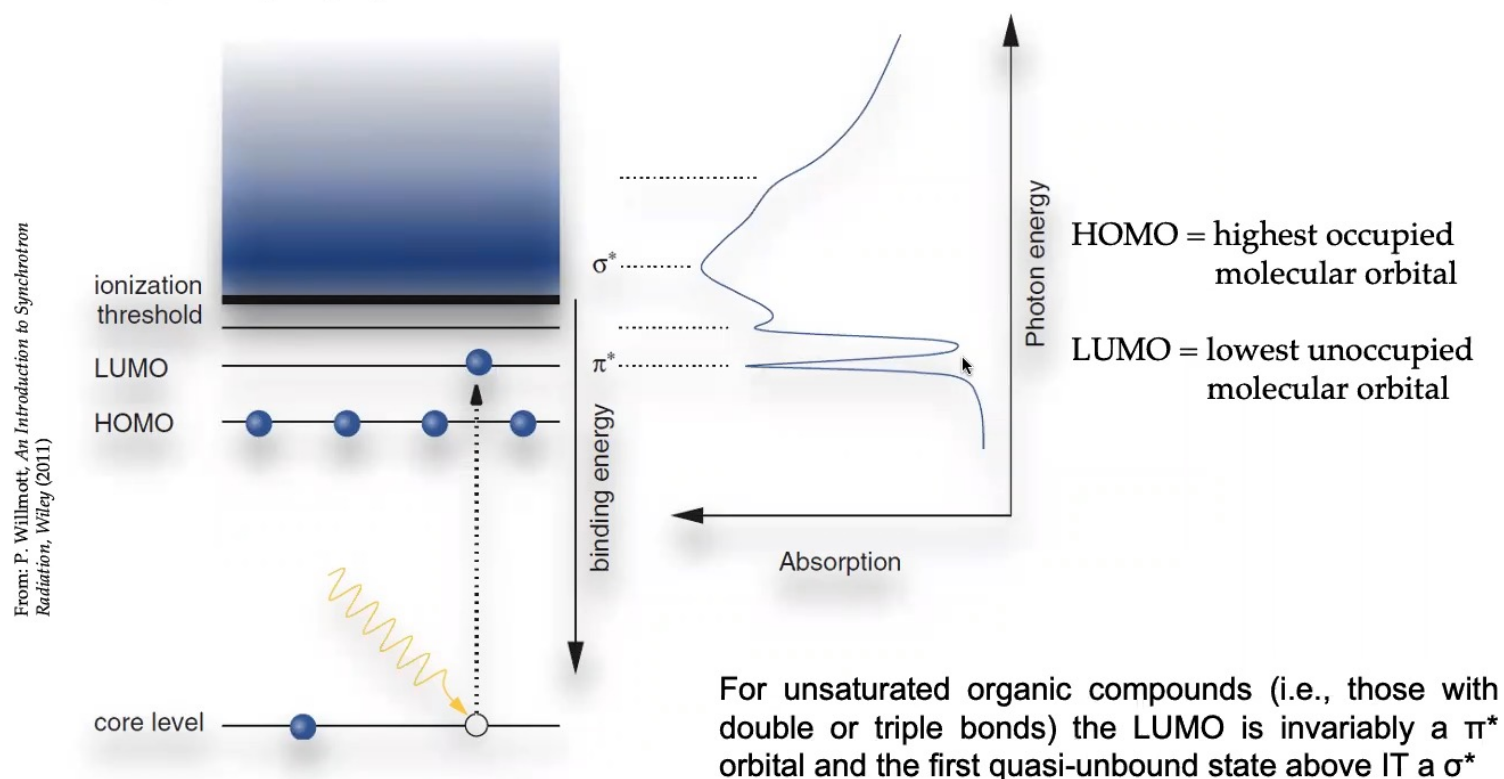
## Absorption features and spectral regions



1. XANES (= X-ray Absorption Near-Edge Structure) or NEXAFS (= Near-Edge X-ray Absorption Fine Structure)\*
2. EXAFS (= Extended X-ray Absorption Fine Structure)\*\*

## NEXAFS: application to molecular adsorbates in surface science

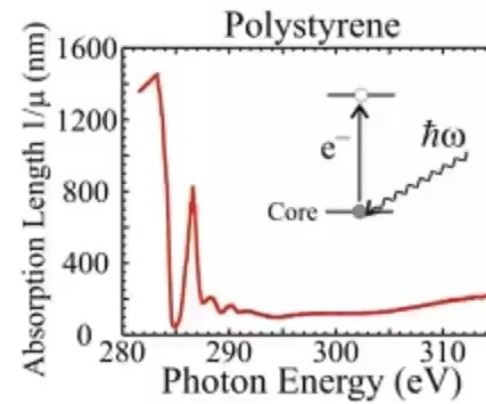
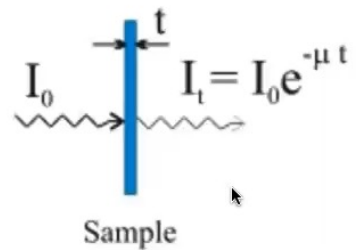
Interactions with the substrates are often "weak", in the sense that the excited electronic states immediately above the highest occupied state are found to display to a large degree a structure very similar to the one they display in the isolated molecules



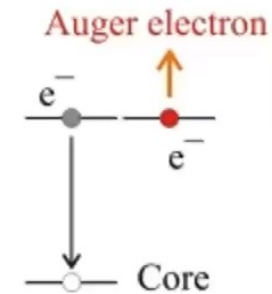
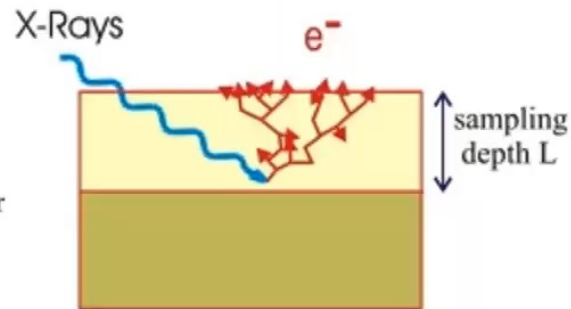
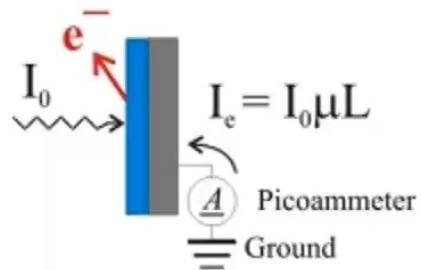


## X-Ray Absorption Spectroscopy

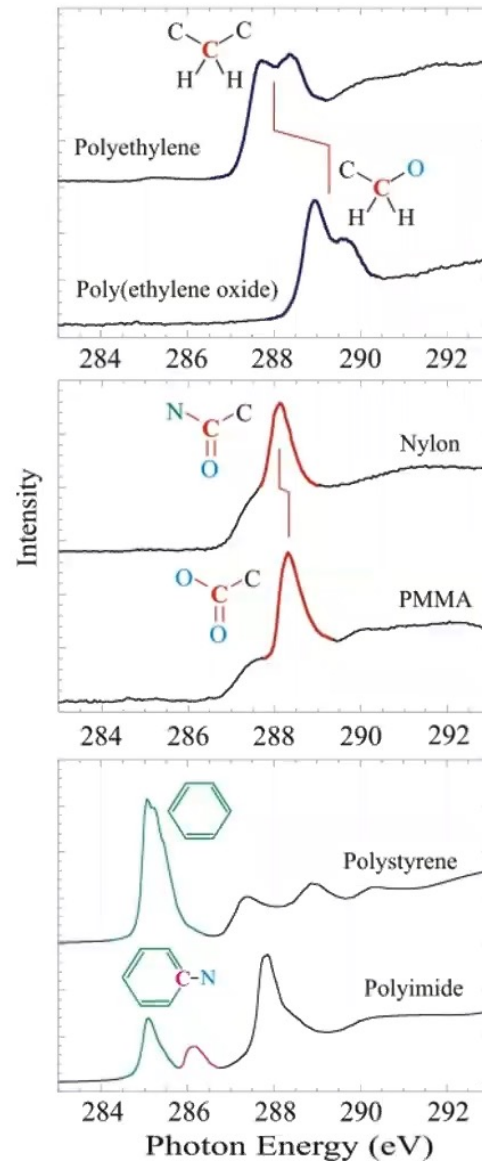
### Transmission



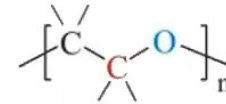
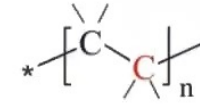
### Electron Yield



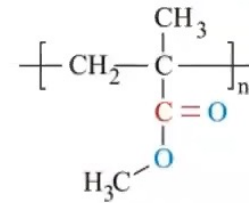
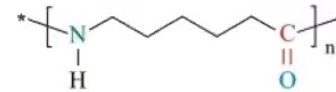
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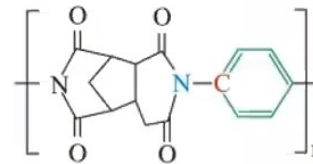
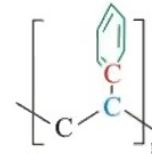
## Carbon-Hydrogen Bonds



## Unsaturated Bonds

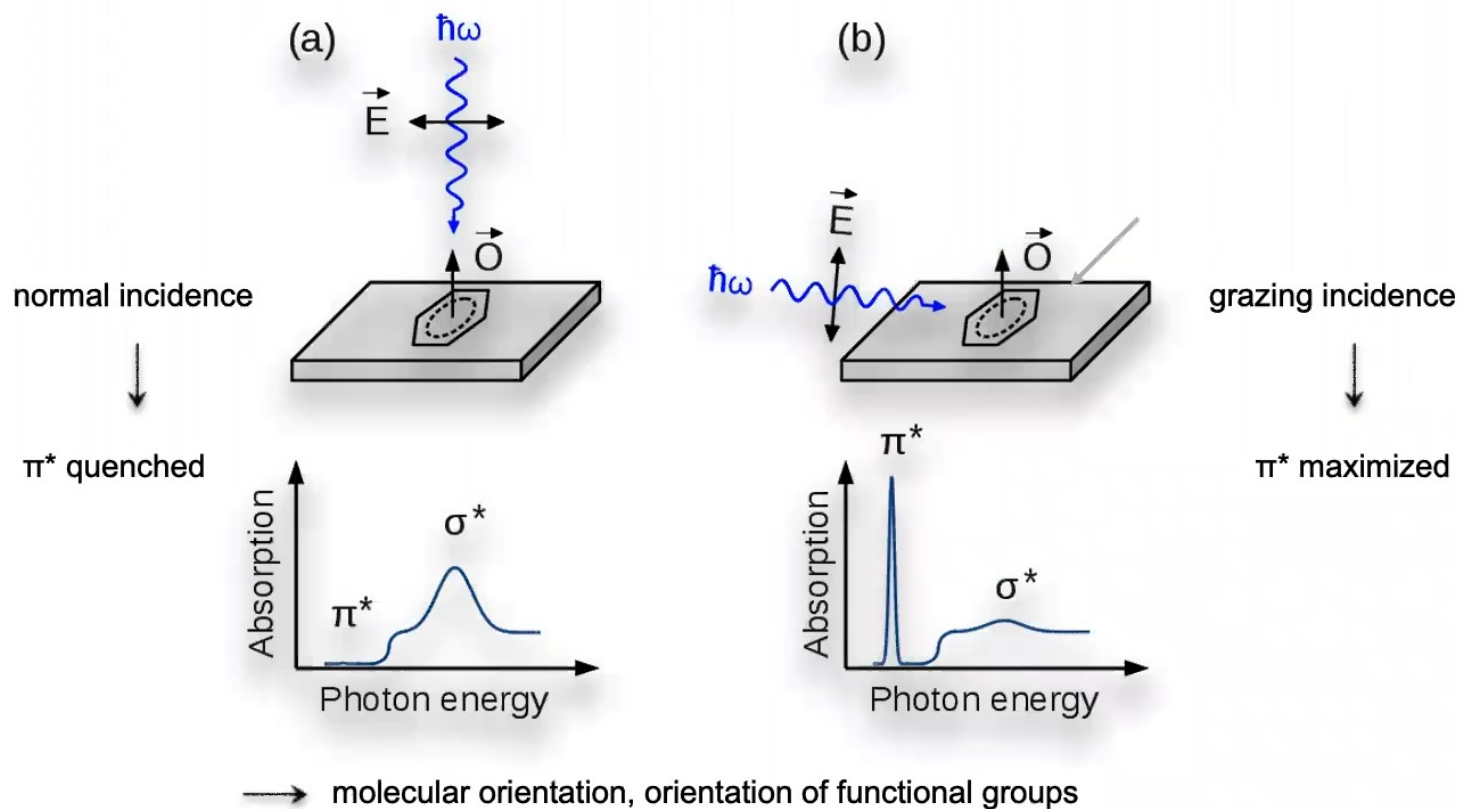


## Aromatic Rings



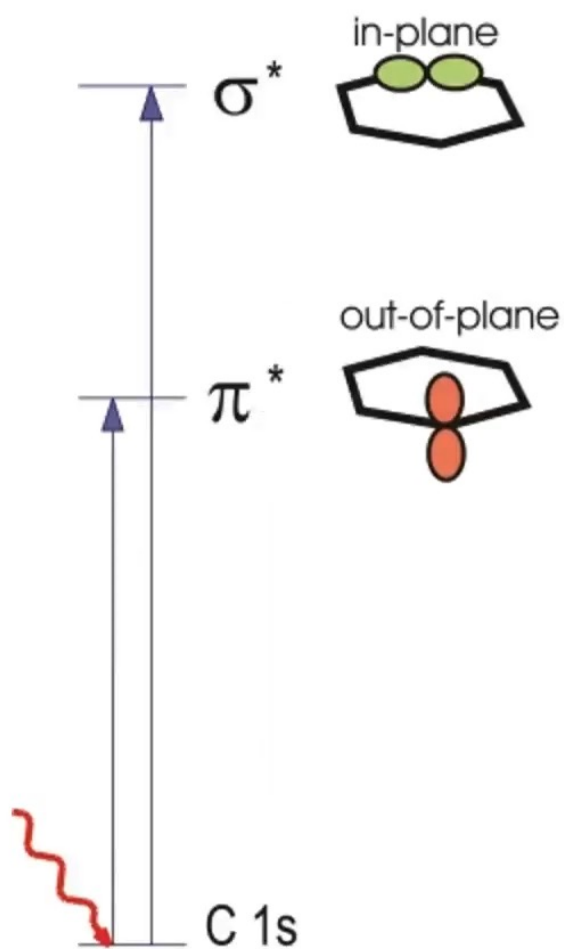
## Polarization-dependent NEXAFS

from the change in intensity of the NEXAFS resonances when varying the angle between the electric field and the substrate directions one gets information on the **orientation of molecules** with respect to the surface (tilt angles)

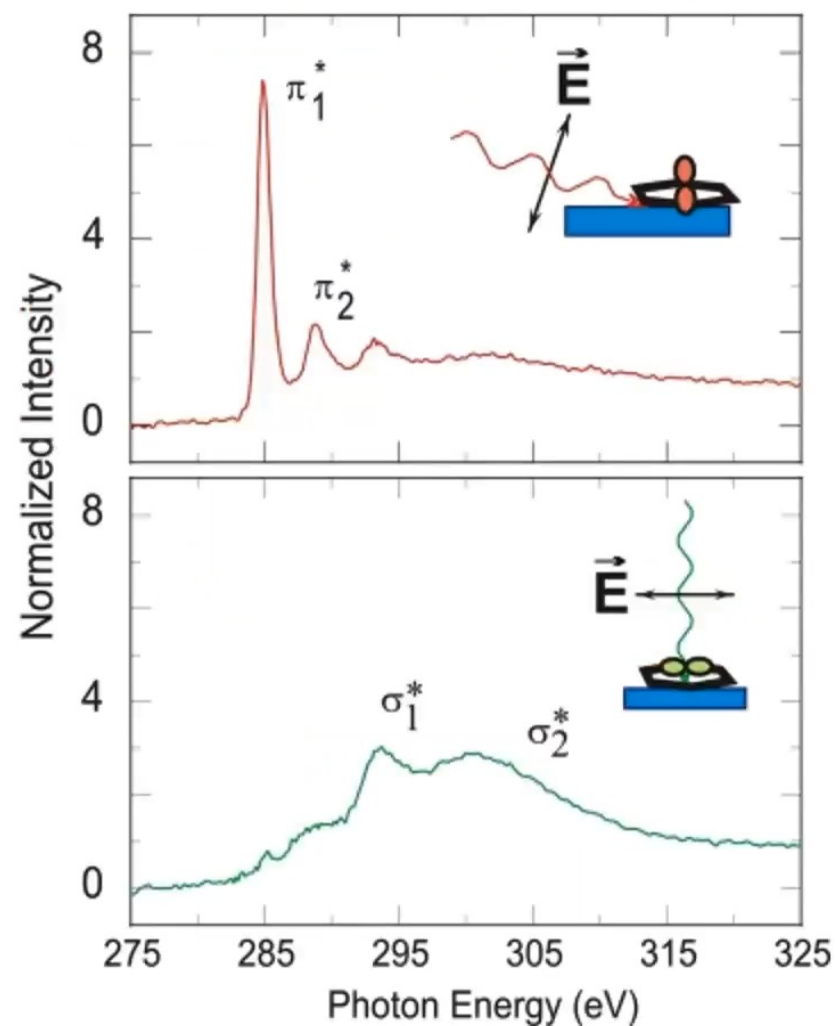


# The Search Light Effect

Benzene Molecular Orbitals



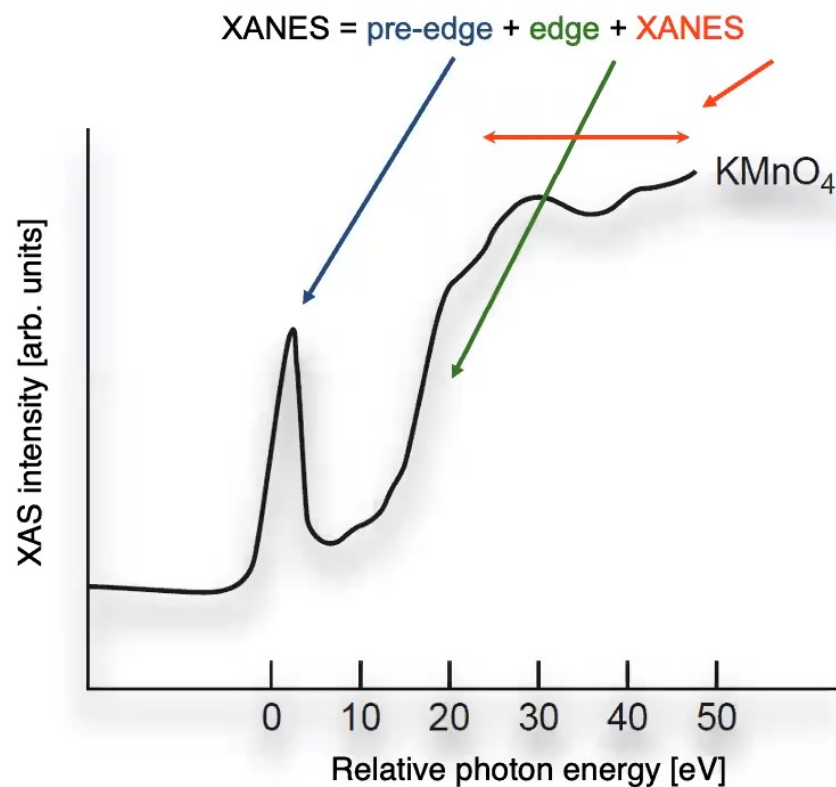
Lying-down benzene on Ag (110)





# X-ray Absorption Near-Edge Structure (XANES or NEXAFS) of sol

What is XANES?



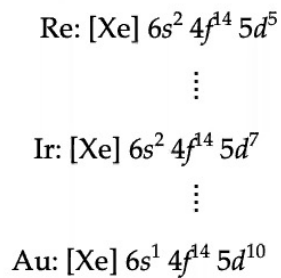
XANES is very sensitive to the chemistry of the absorbing atom:



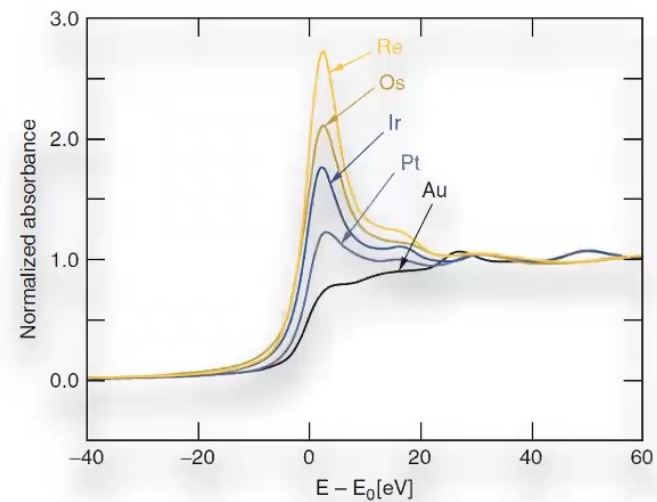
formal oxidation state  
coordination environment

# XANES

The intensity of transitions to bound-state unoccupied orbitals depends not only on the dipole selection rules (and the symmetry) but also on the **unoccupied DOS**

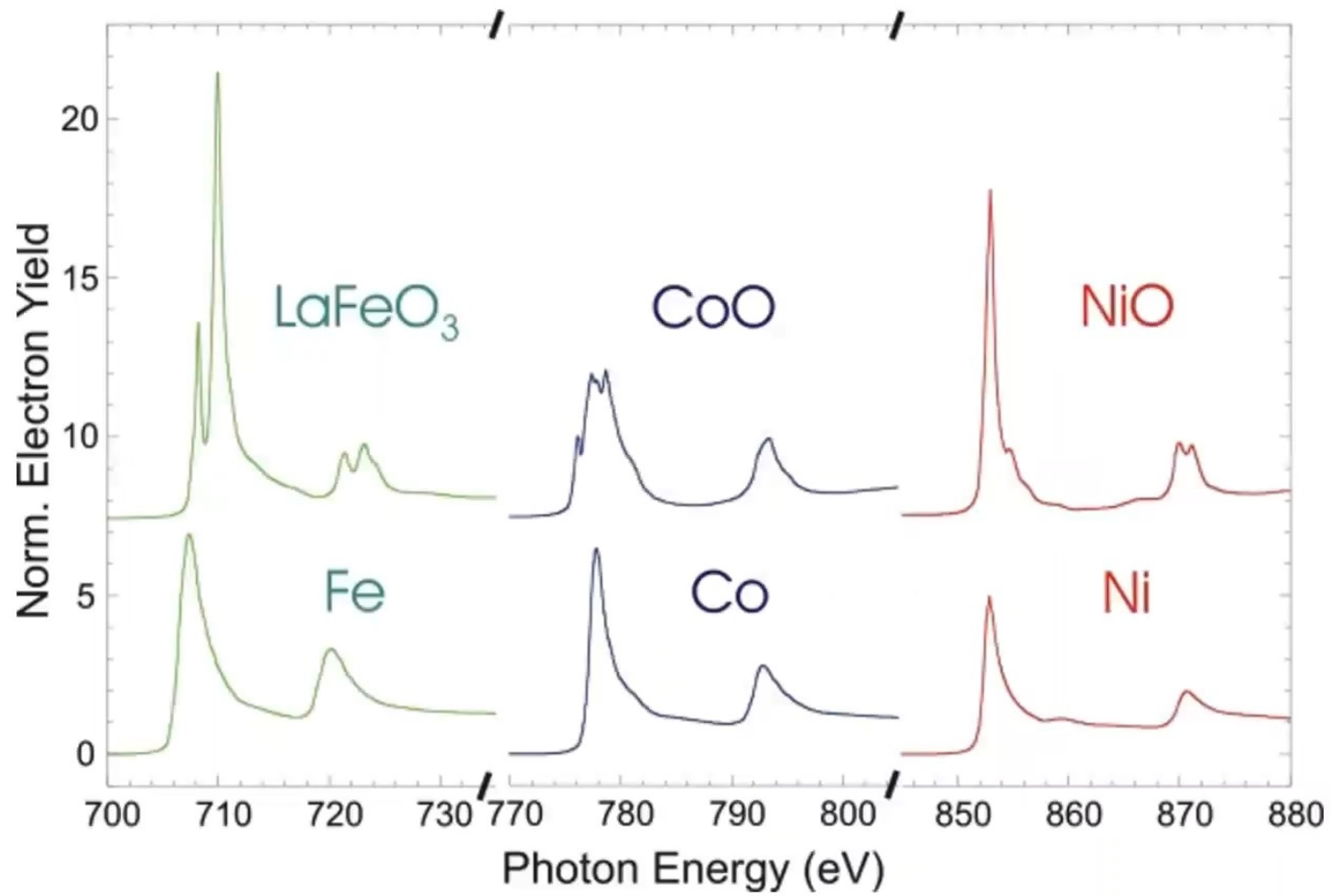


$L_3$  absorption edges of five 5d-metals



G. Meitzner et al., J. Phys. Chem. **96**, 4960-4964 (1992)

- from Re to Pt: strong white lines\* of bound unoccupied 5d-states below IT
- Au has no such states, excitation is directly into the unbound *continuum*



# Magnetism and Magnetic Materials in the Light of Synchrotron Radiation

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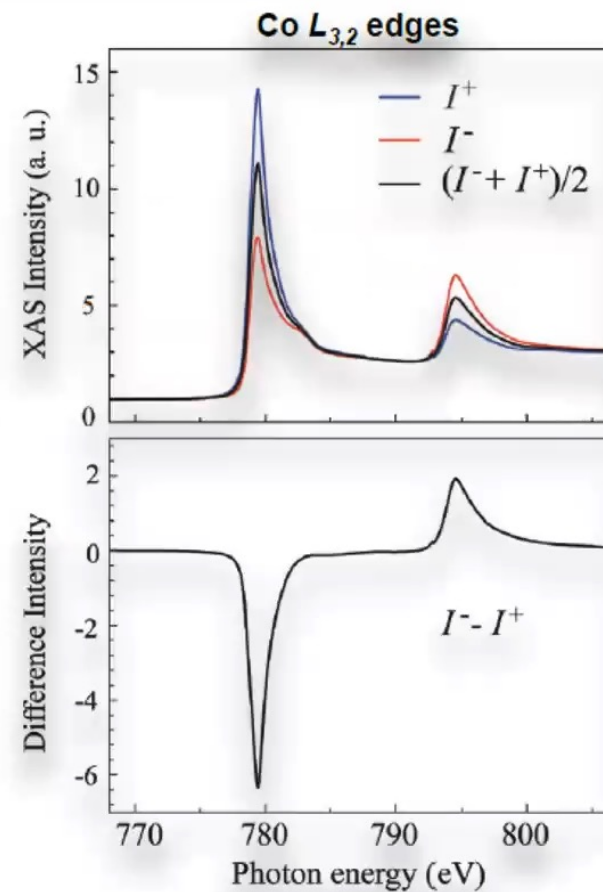
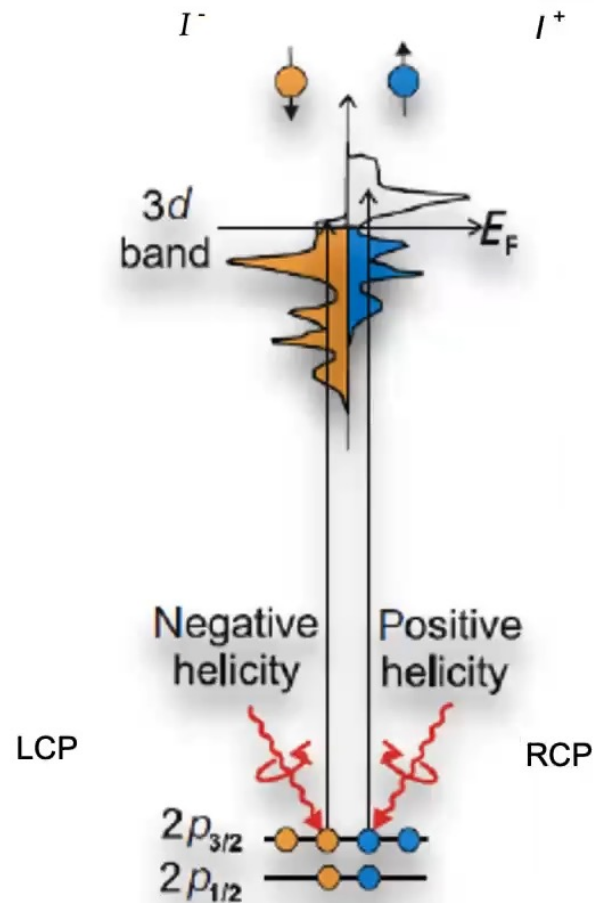
Tschi-nan, China, 1000 BC

It is not possible to understand the magnetic effects of materials in any honest way from the point of view of classical physics. Magnetic phenomena are completely a quantum mechanical phenomenon.

R.P. Feynman  
The Feynman Lectures Vol.II, 34-2



## Principle of XMCD (X-Ray Magnetic Circular Dichroism)



## Quantitative analysis of XMCD spectra: sum rules

- The size of the dichroism effect scales as  $\cos \theta$

$\theta$  = angle between photon spin and magnetization direction

- Sum rules: relate A, B,  $I_{L3}$ ,  $I_{L2}$  with the spin & orbital magnetic moments of the probed atom

1<sup>st</sup> sum rule:  $I_{L3} + I_{L2}$  is  $\propto$  to the number of 3d holes

2<sup>nd</sup> sum rule: the spin magnetic moment is related to  $[2B-A]$

3<sup>rd</sup> sum rule: the orbital magnetic moment is  $\propto$  to  $-[A+B]$

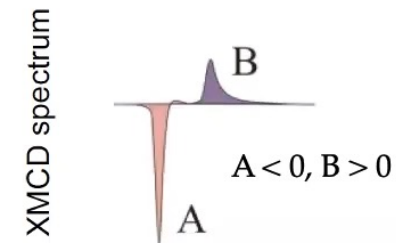
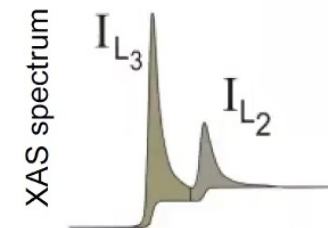
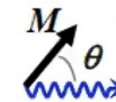
See, e.g.: J. Stöhr, Journal of Magnetism and Magnetic Materials 200, 470-497 (1999)



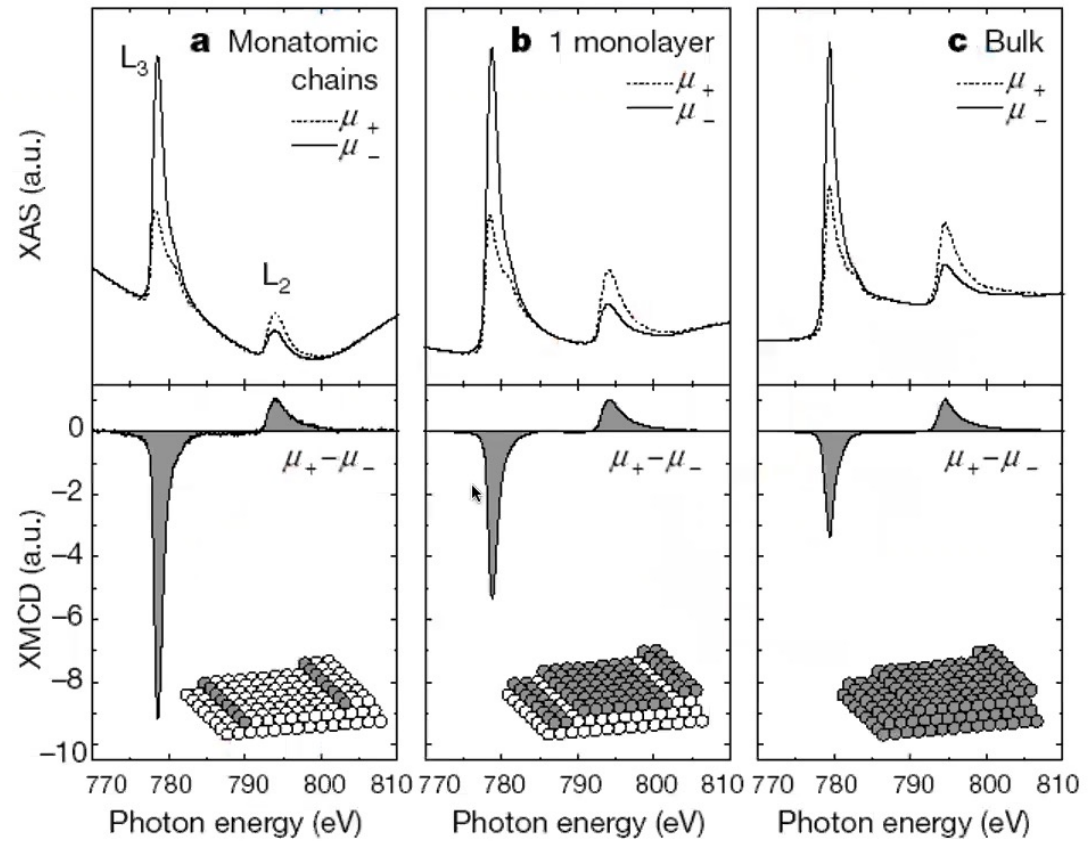
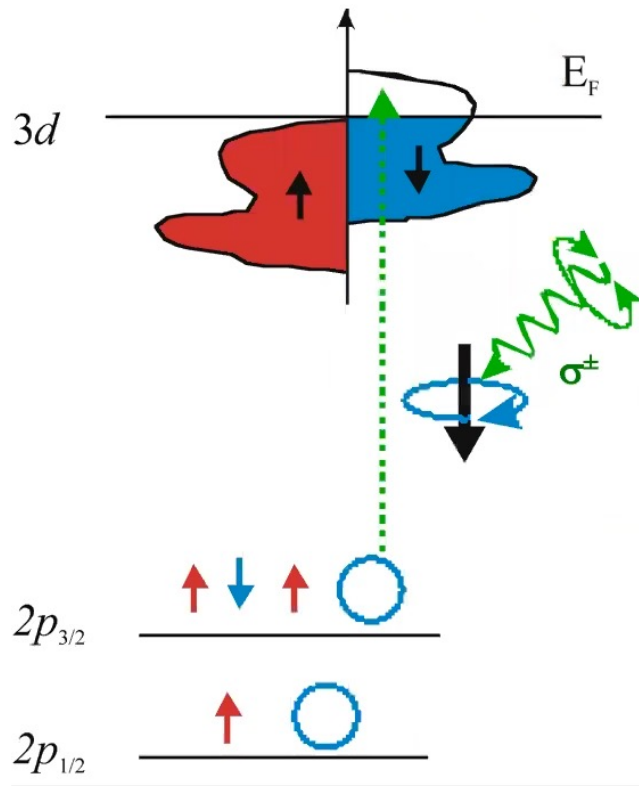
quantitative determination of the spin & orbital magnetic moments with element specificity

measurements: by reversing (1) photon's helicity or (2) the direction of the magnetization

$$I_{XMCD} \propto M \cos \theta$$



## Magnetic Systems → CMXD

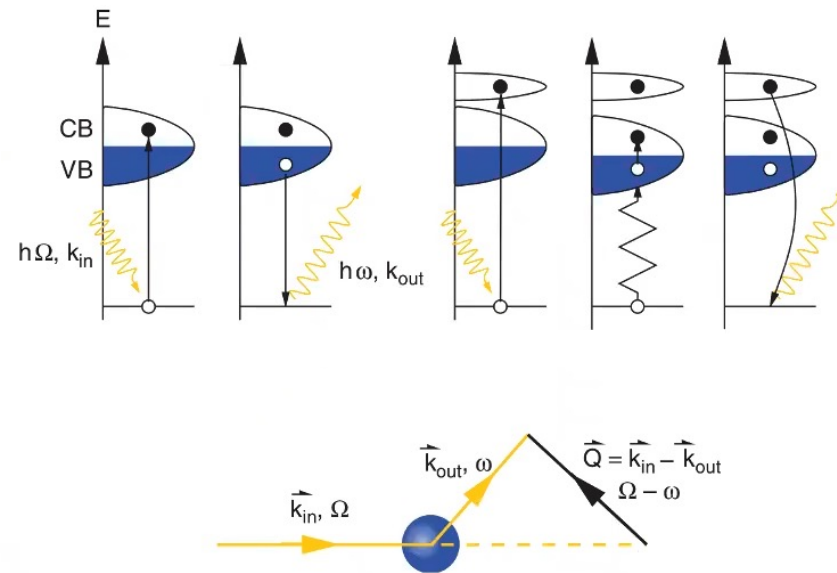


P. Gambardella, A. Dallmeyer, K. Maiti, M. C. Malagoli, W. Eberhardt, K. Kern, C. Carbone,  
**Nature** **416**, 301 (2002)

# Soft X-Ray Emission

## Resonant Inelastic X-ray scattering (RIXS)

- Photons resonant with electronic transitions are inelastically scattered from matter
- measures both the energy and momentum change of the scattered photon (cf. ARPES)
- energy of the incident photon is chosen such that it coincides with one of the atomic X-ray absorption edges of the system in order to enhance the inelastic scattering cross section
- RIXS is both bulk sensitive and site (i. e., chemically) selective
- one can apply external electric or magnetic fields





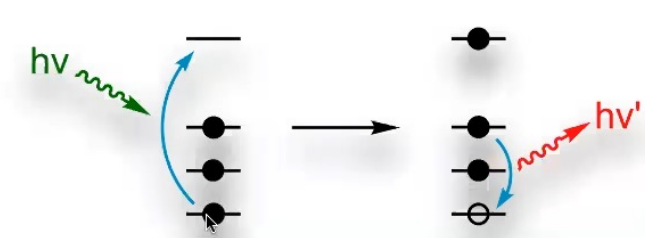
# X-Ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy

photon-in — photon-out technique

→ can be used also for isolating samples as well as under ambient or in-vivo environments

## X-ray fluorescence (XRF)

- emission of characteristic "secondary" (or fluorescent) X-rays from a material that has been excited by being bombarded with high-energy X-rays
- widely used for elemental analysis and chemical analysis
- non-destructive analytical technique



Visualization of a Lost Painting by Vincent van Gogh



J. Dik et al, Anal. Chem. **80**, 6436 (2008)

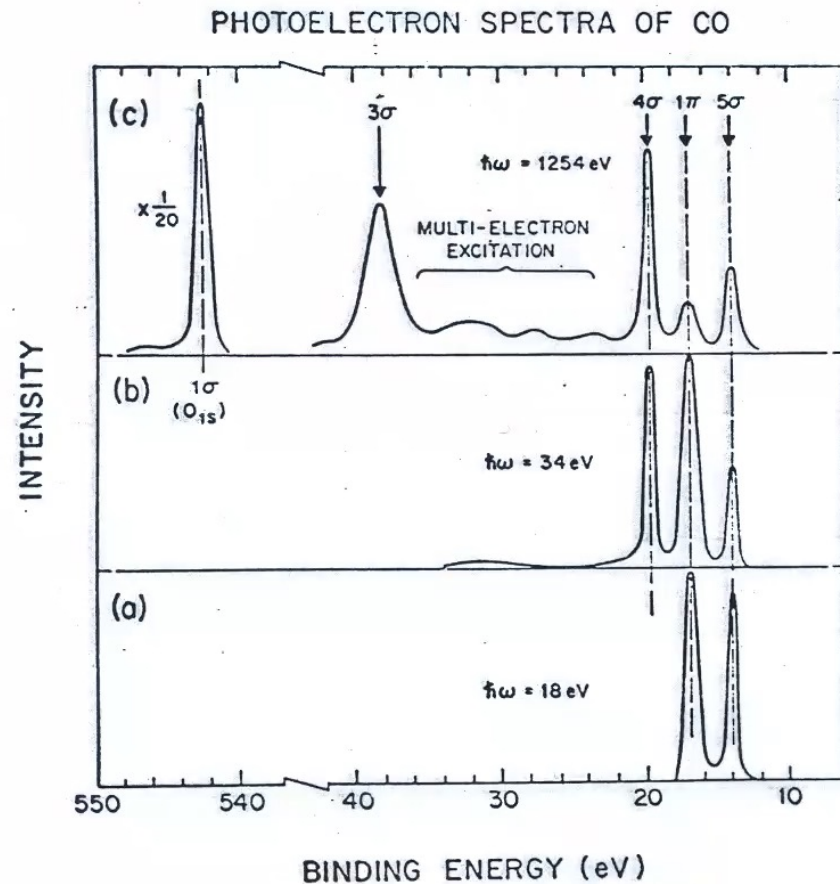
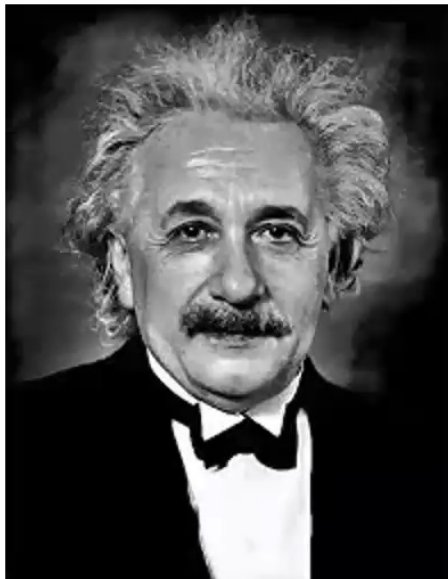
## Energy Conservation in Photoemission (Einstein)

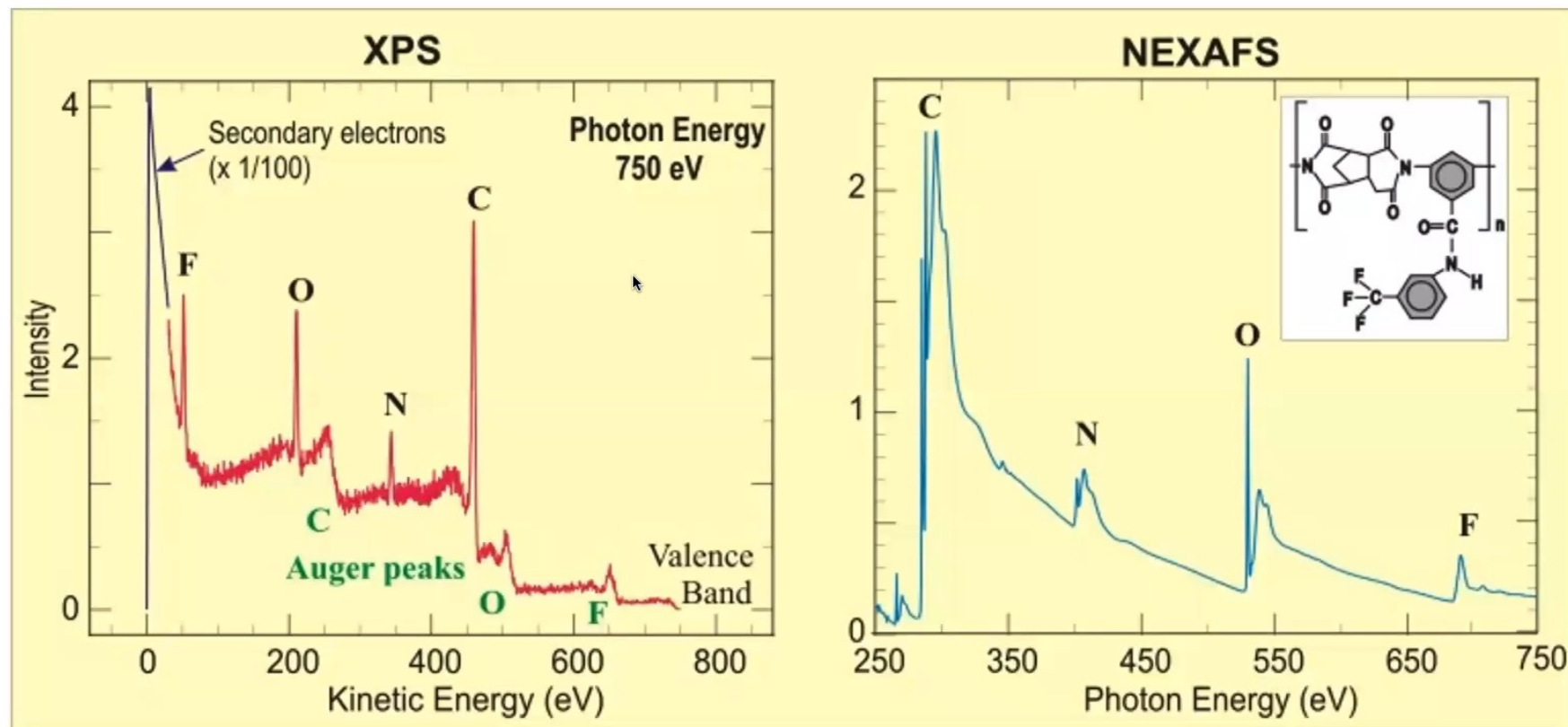
$$E_{\text{kin}} = h\nu - E_{\text{B}}$$

kinetic energy

photon energy

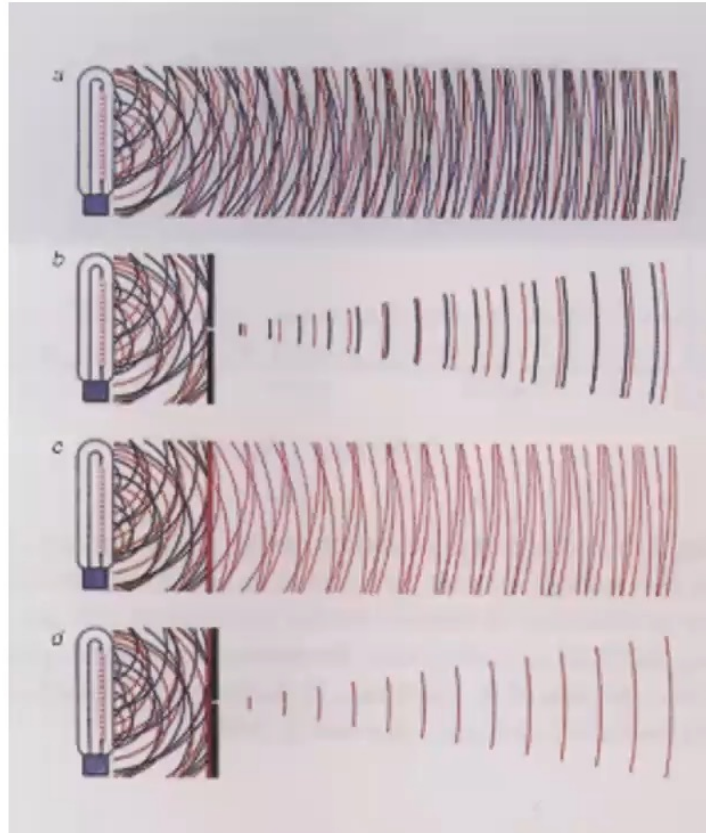
binding energy







# Coherent Light Scattering



incoherent source

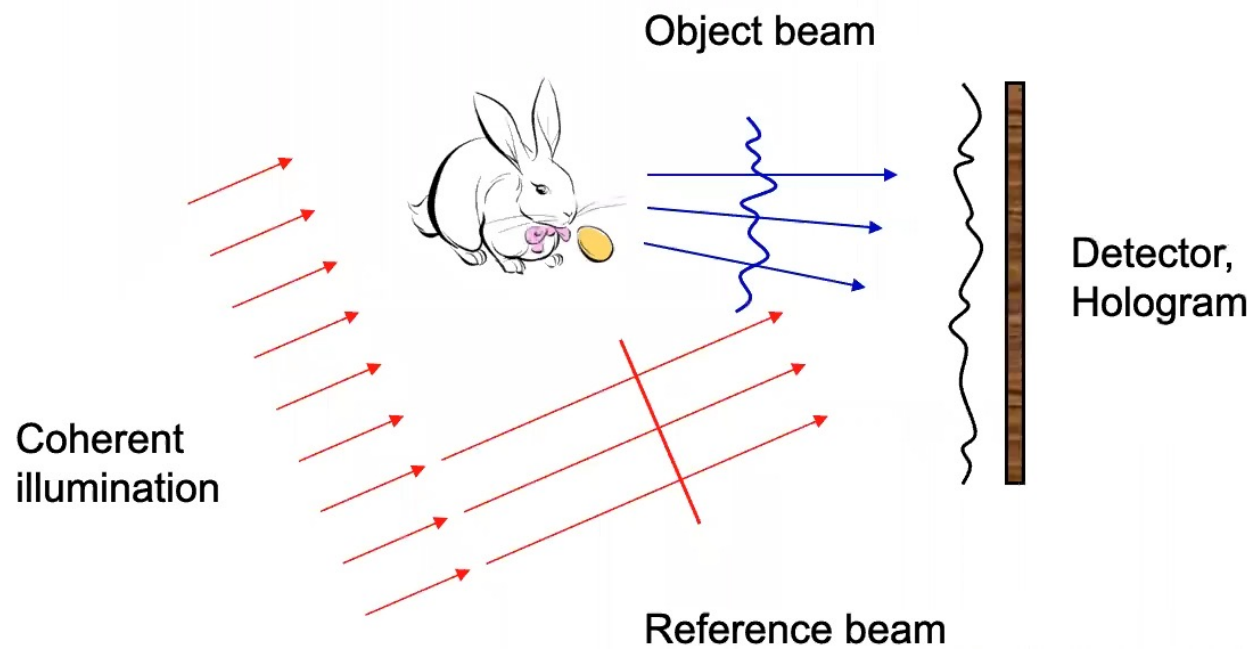
spatial filtering

spectral filtering

spatial & spectral filtering

A. Schawlow, Sci. Am. **219**, 120 (Sept 1968)

## Holography Principle --- in-line holografy





## Coherence --- a New Tool in X-Ray Science

**Sensitive to the individual configuration**  
beyond statistical information

### Spatial Domain

Reconstruction with nm feature resolution  
chemical sensitivity

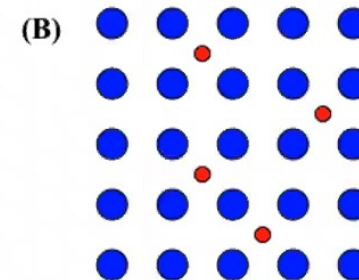
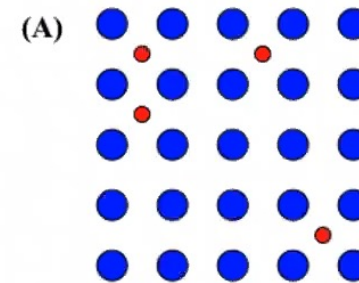
### Temporal Domain

- Fingerprinting fluctuations -> Dynamics

→ XPCS

### General Features

resonant → element specific  
photon-in photon-out  
combines spectroscopy and scattering  
chemical and structural information

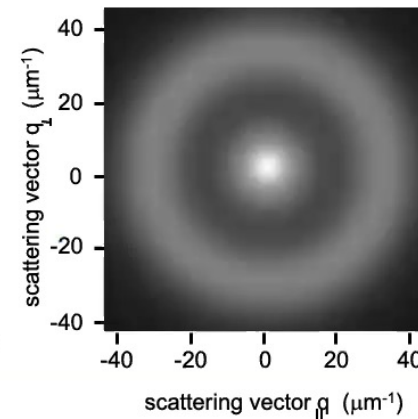
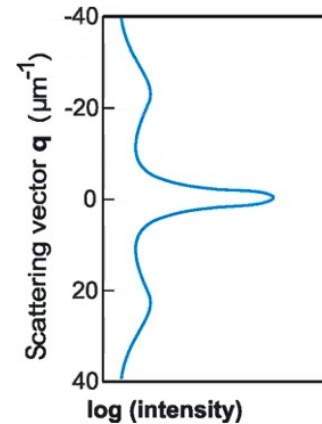
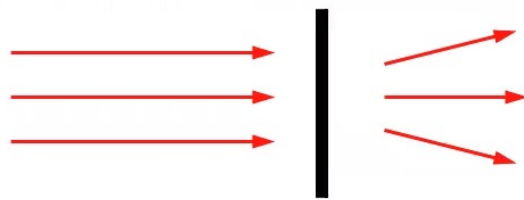


Identical periodic lattice  
Identical mean deviation  
But different individual configuration

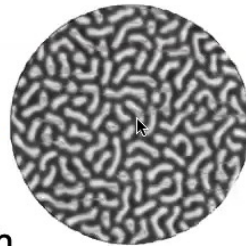
# Incoherent vs. Coherent X-Ray Scattering

## Small Angle Scattering

Incoherent scattering

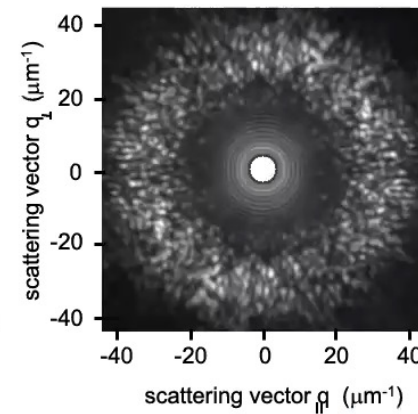
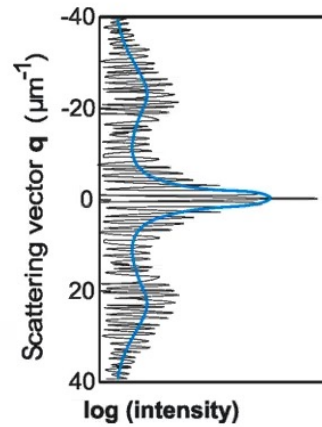
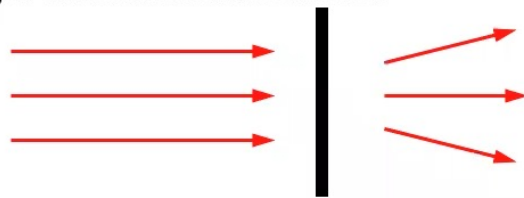


information  
about  
domain  
statistics



## Speckle

Coherence length  
larger than illuminated area



information  
about  
individual  
domain  
structure



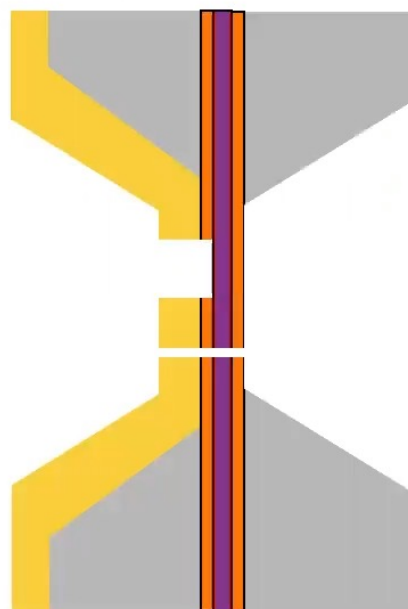
## Fourier Transform Holography at $\lambda=1.6$ nm



Co  $2p_{3/2}$  XMCD:  
778 eV  
1.59 nm



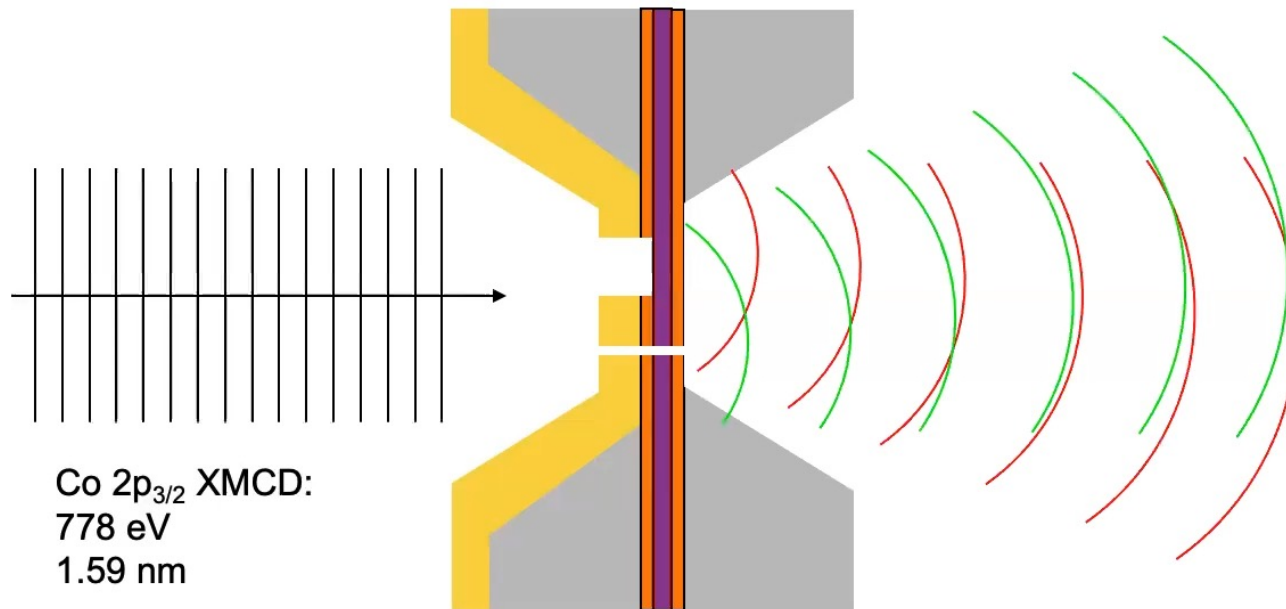
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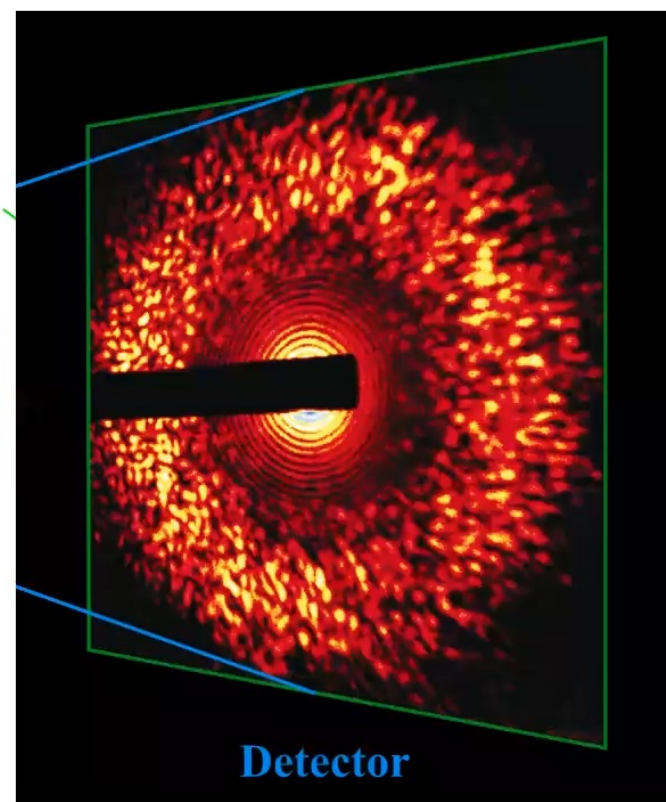
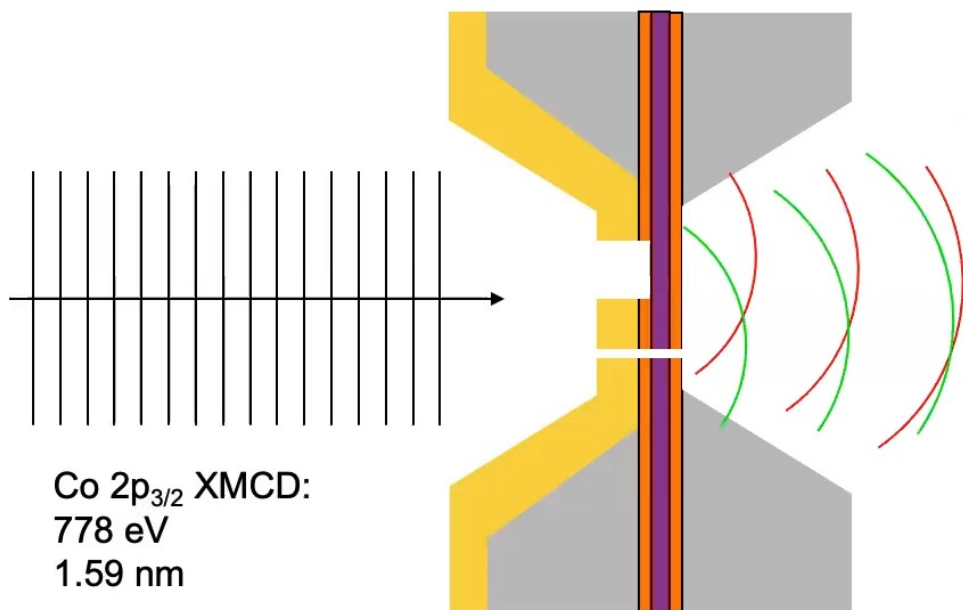
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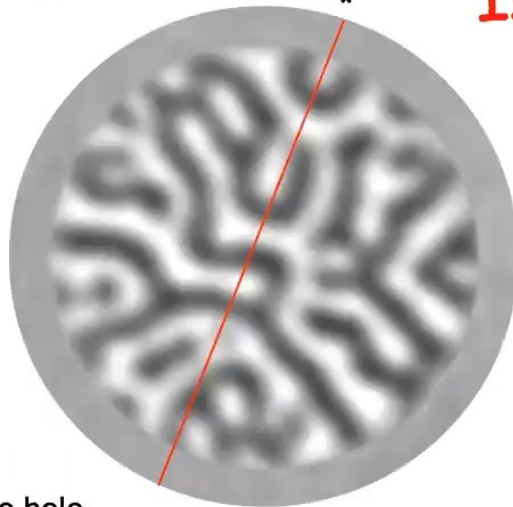


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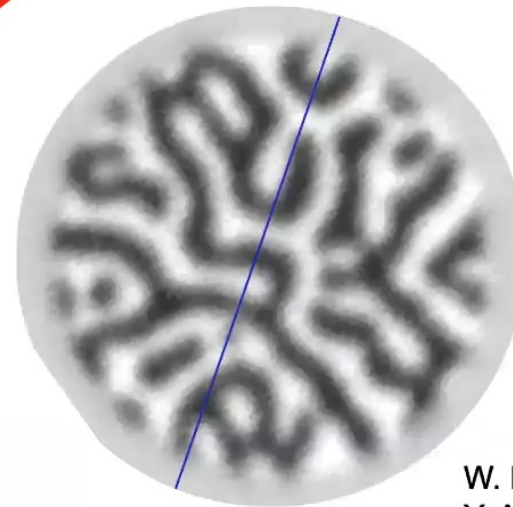
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FT Hologram

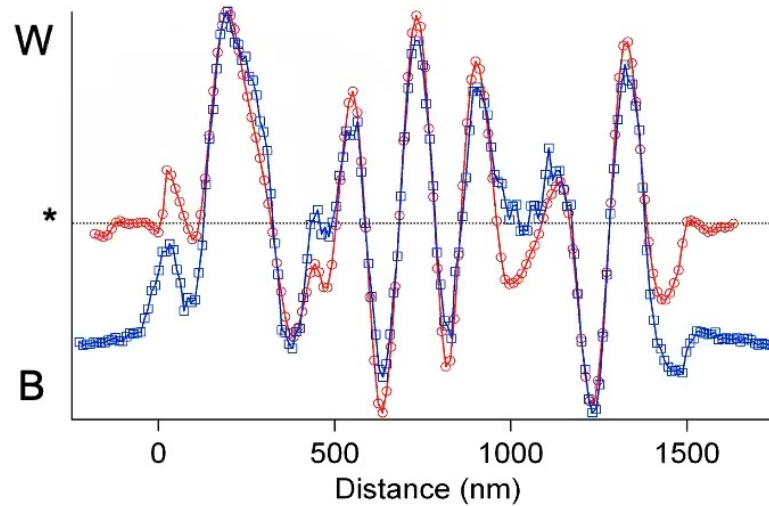


Is it good?

STXM



Reference hole  
 $\varnothing$  100 nm



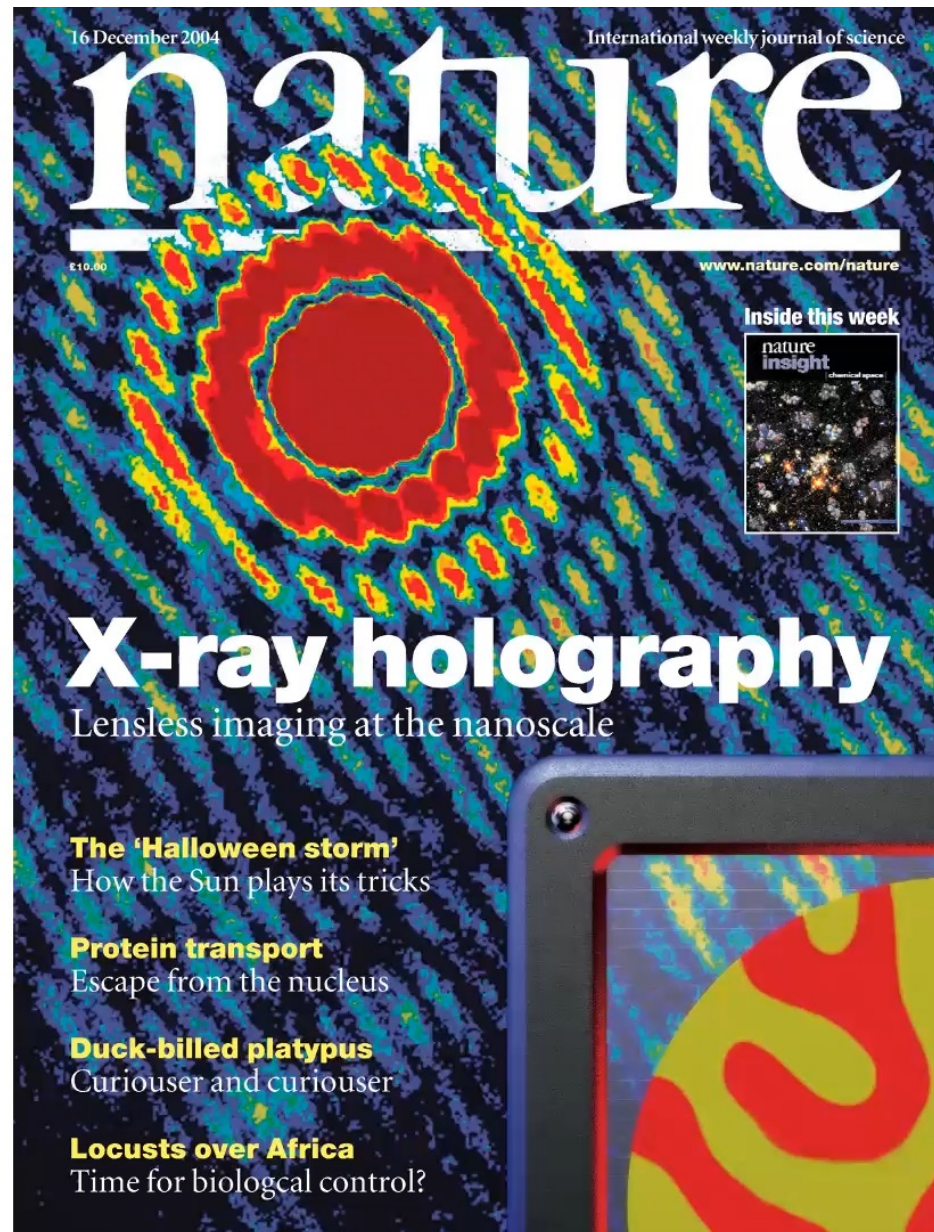
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Resolution  
30 - 40 nm

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# Summary

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- HESEB project is progressing well; BL has been installed in Jan 2022 (undulator in April 2022)
- First beam on June 8, 2022
- Alignment, Characterization and Commissioning
- User community building activities will increase – also in synergy with BEATS

