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# Photoemission Spectroscopy: Fundamental Aspects

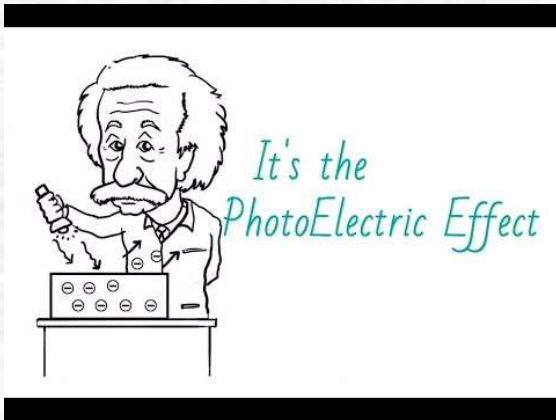
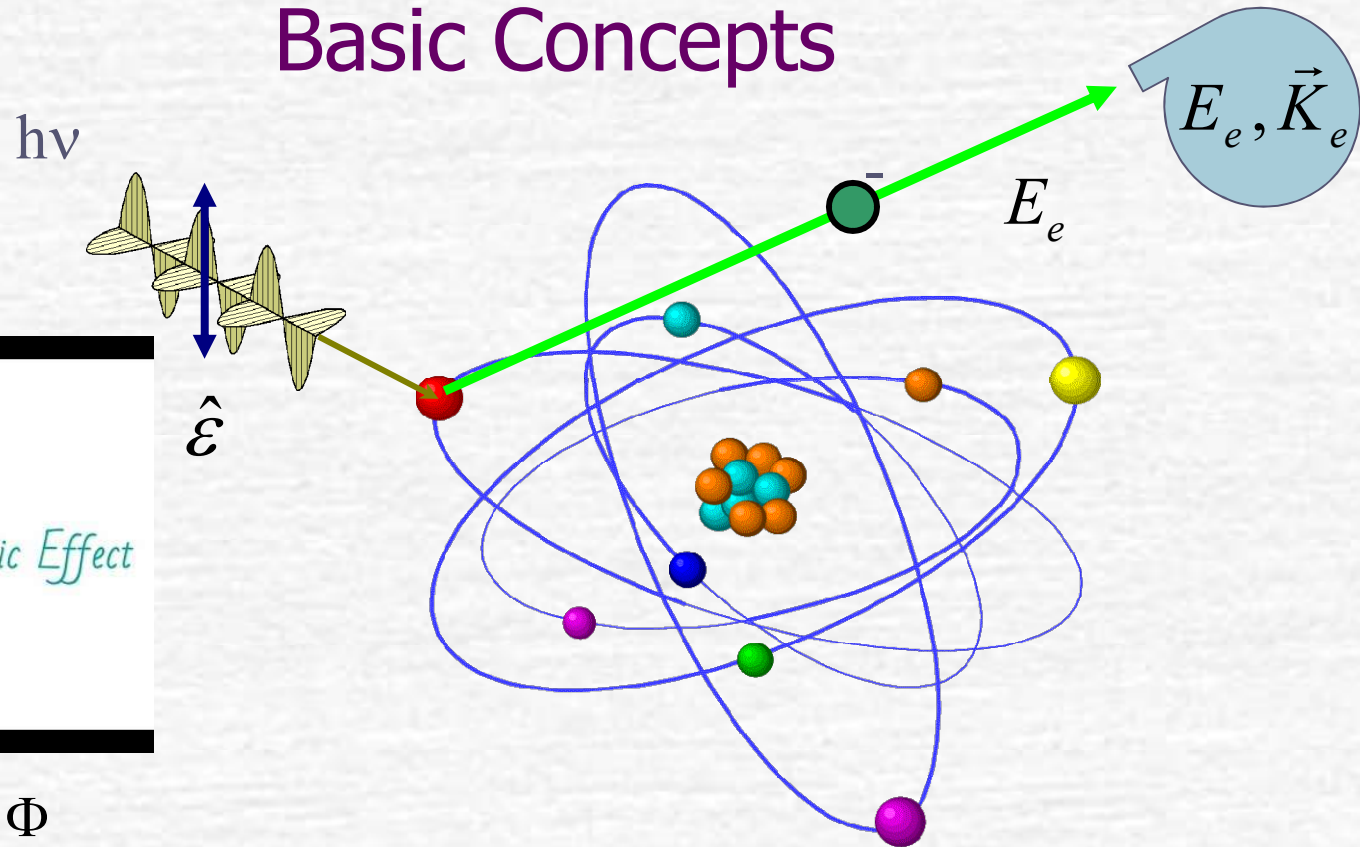
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# Basic Concepts



$$E_e^{MAX} = h\nu - \Phi$$

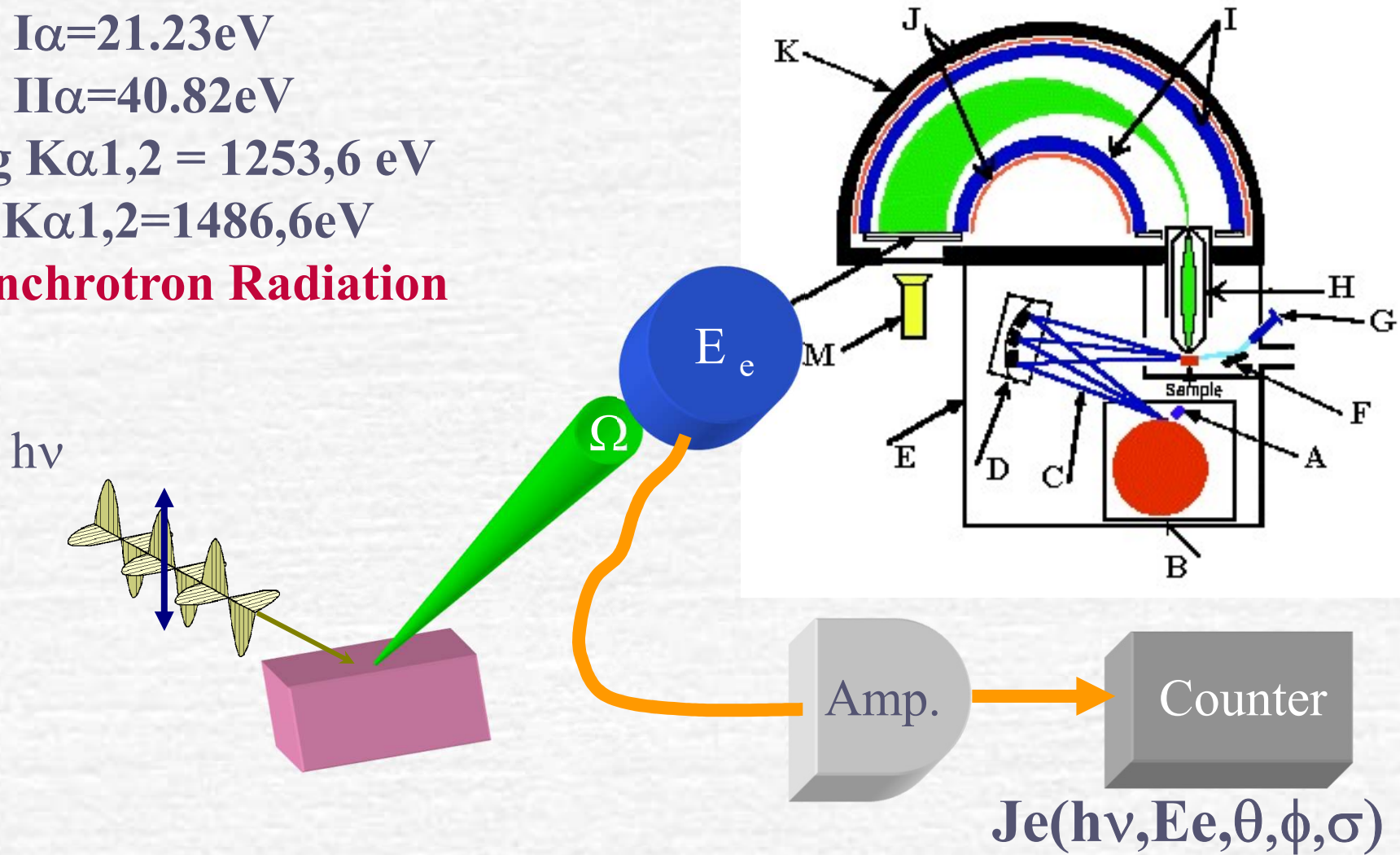
$$E_e = h\nu - \Phi - \Delta energy$$

# Outline

- 1. Photoelectron energy and bound state energy**
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- 3. Chemical shift**
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- 8. EDC and core ionization**
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# Photoemission Schematics:

He I  $\alpha=21.23\text{eV}$   
 He II  $\alpha=40.82\text{eV}$   
 Mg K  $\alpha_{1,2} = 1253,6 \text{ eV}$   
 Al K  $\alpha_{1,2}=1486,6\text{eV}$   
**Synchrotron Radiation**

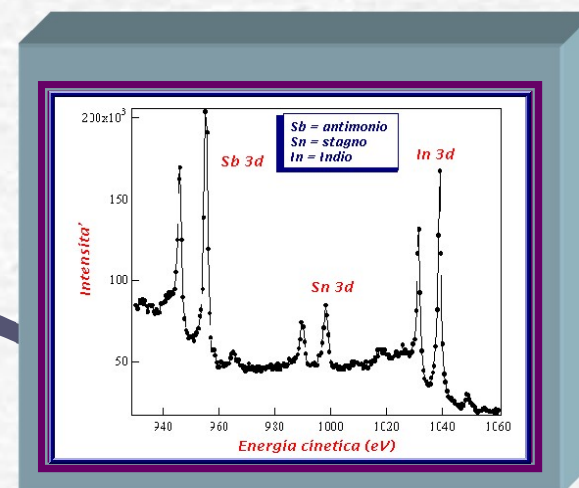
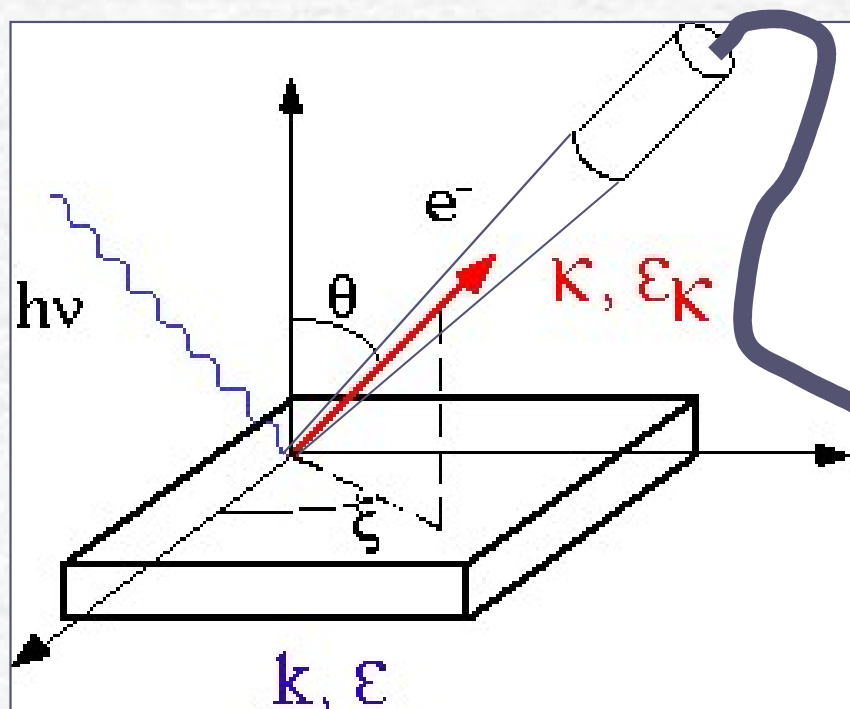


# ENERGY CONSERVATION, BINDING ENERGY AND PHOTOELECTRON ENERGY

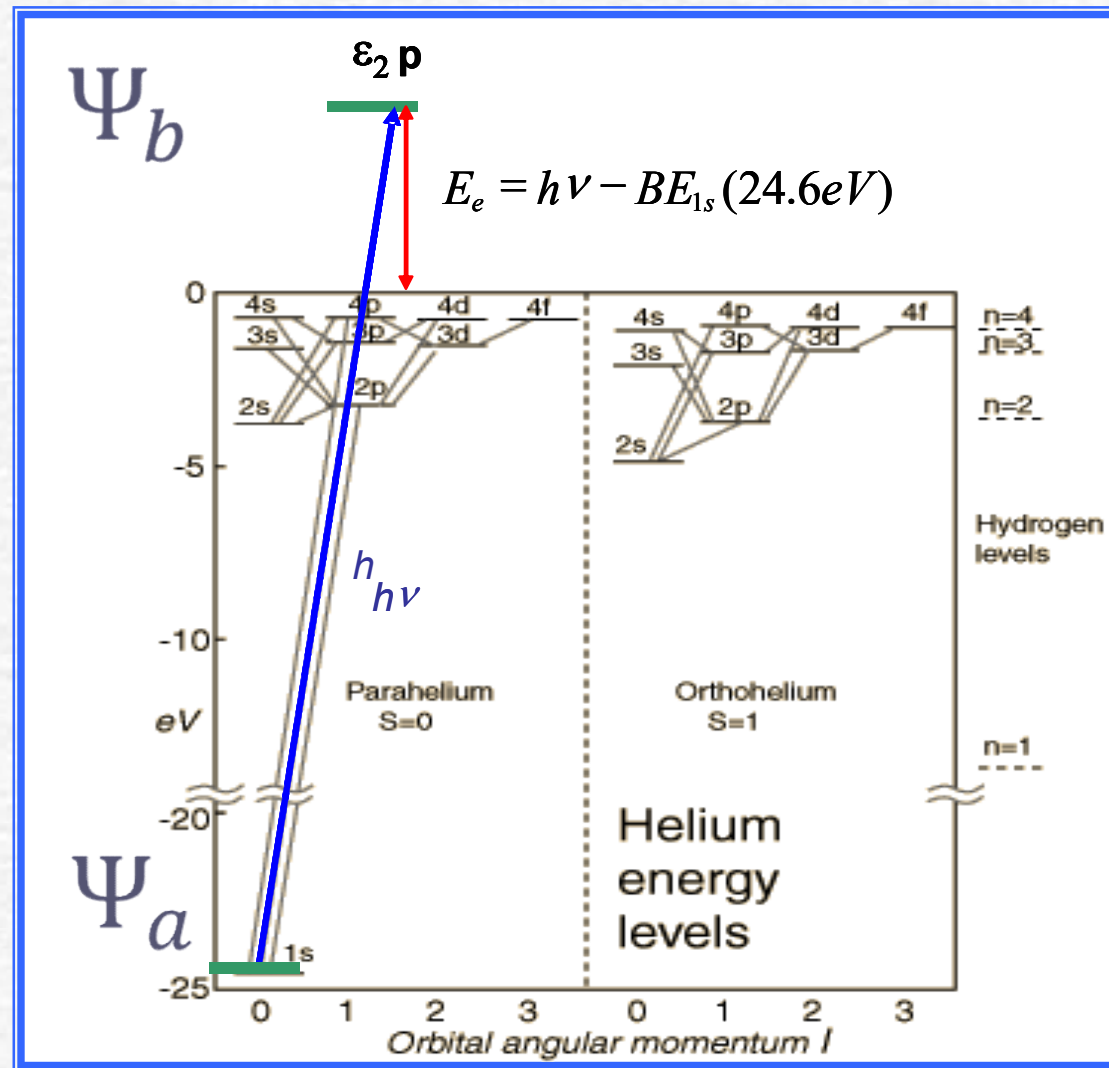
$$E_{\text{kin}} = \hbar\omega - \phi - |E_b|$$

$$E_{\text{kin}} = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

$$p = \sqrt{2mE_{\text{kin}}}$$



# The photoemission process



$$|\Psi_a\rangle$$

$$1s^2$$

$$^1S_0$$

# Interaction radiation matter and transition probability

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dh\nu} = 4\pi^2 \alpha h\nu \sum_B \left| \hat{\varepsilon} \cdot \left\langle \Psi_B \left| \sum_i \vec{r}_i \right| \Psi_A \right\rangle \right|^2 \delta(E_B - E_A - h\nu)$$

Bertoni's lectures at this school

Initial state A = Neutral ground(excited) state

Final state B = Residual ion + free electron(s)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dh\nu} = \int_E \int_{\Omega} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE} d\Omega dE$$

# X-section vs. Photoemission current

$$J_e(h\nu, \mathcal{G}, \phi) = J_{h\nu}(\rho l) \int_{\Delta E \Delta \Omega} \int \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE} F_{an}(E, \Omega) \eta_{det}(E) d\Omega dE$$

## Photoemission peak lineshape

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| 1. Photon monochromaticity                      | Gaussian  |
| 2. Electron analyzer resolution                 | Gaussian  |
| 3. Final state lifetime (uncertainty principle) | Lorentian |

**Lineshape = Convolution (1,2,3)**



# Energy balance for 2e atom

$$E_B = E_A + h\nu$$

$$\Psi_A = \hat{A}\phi_1\phi_2$$

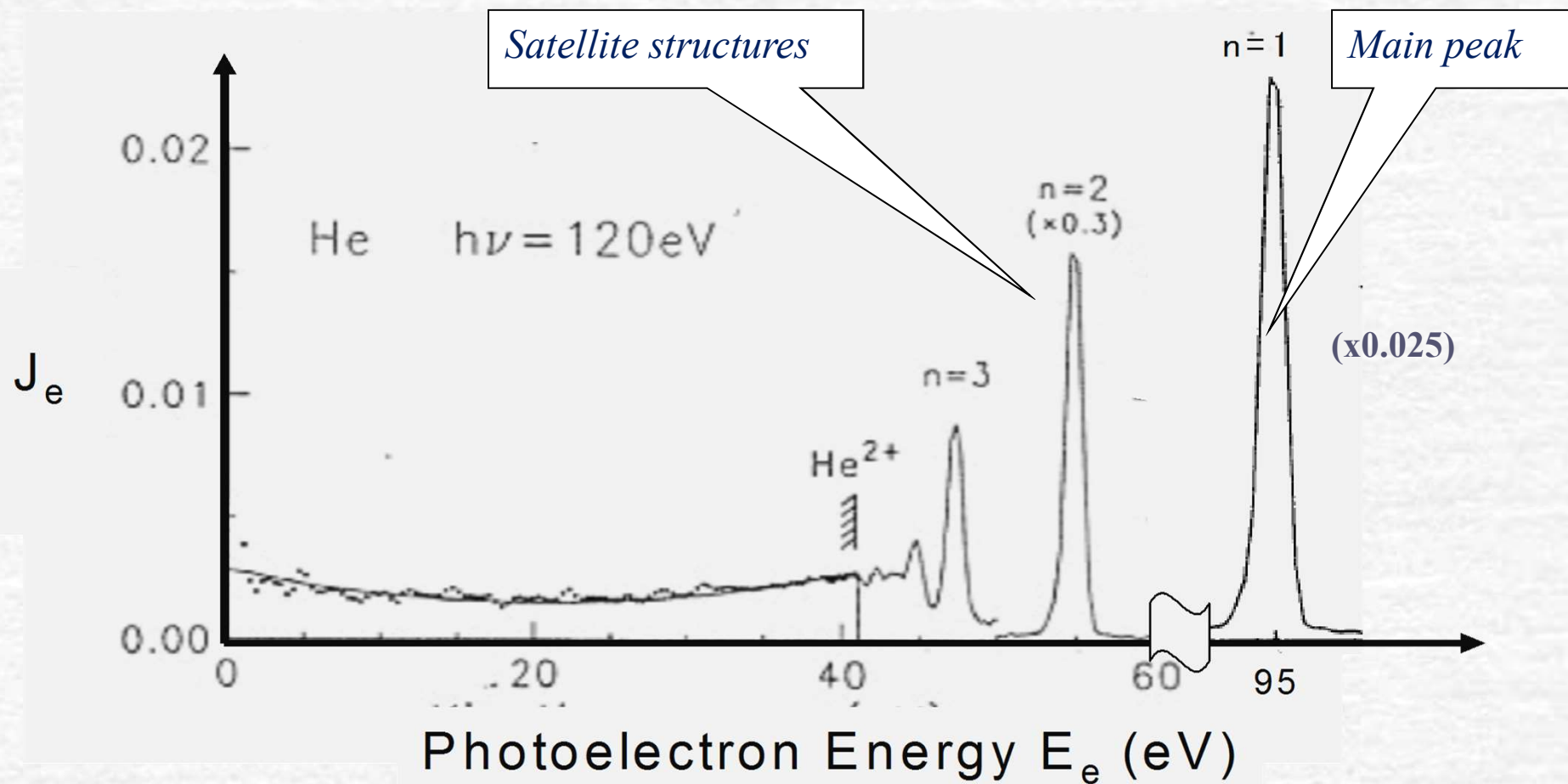
$$\Psi_B = \hat{A}\phi_1\varepsilon_2$$

$$\cancel{E_{1s}} + E_e = \cancel{E_{1s}} + E_{1s} + h\nu$$

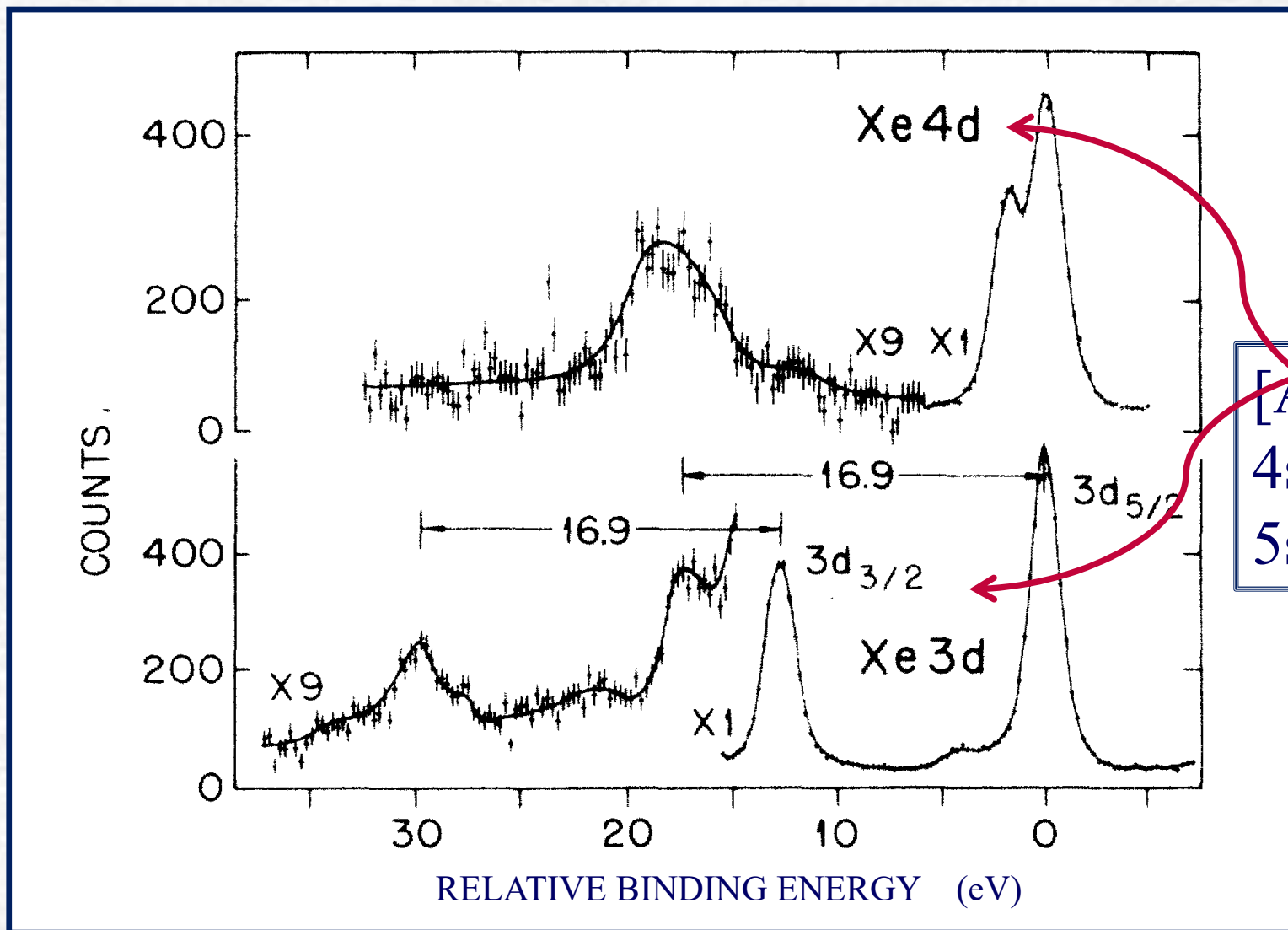
$$E_e = h\nu - BE_{1s} (24.6eV)$$

One single photoemission peak is expected  
Energy and momentum are conserved

# Complexity of the photoemission spectrum



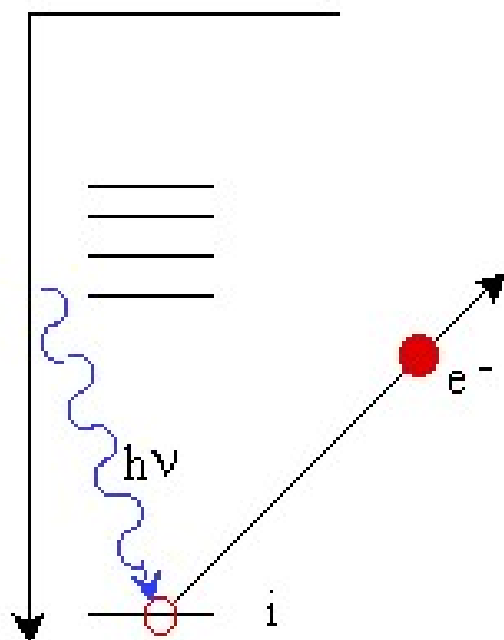
# How complex can it be?



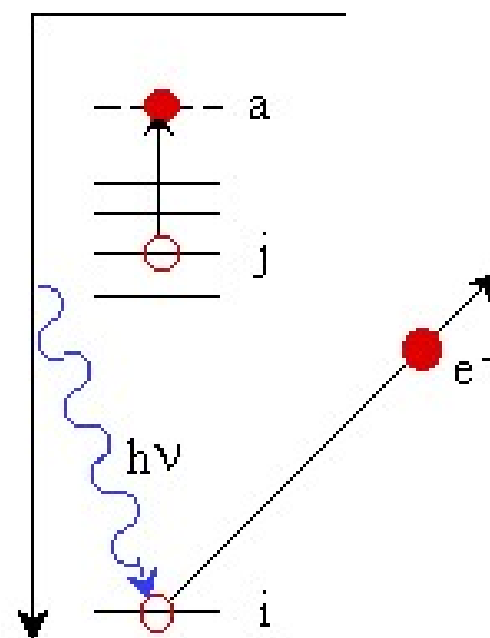
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# Primary photoionization processes

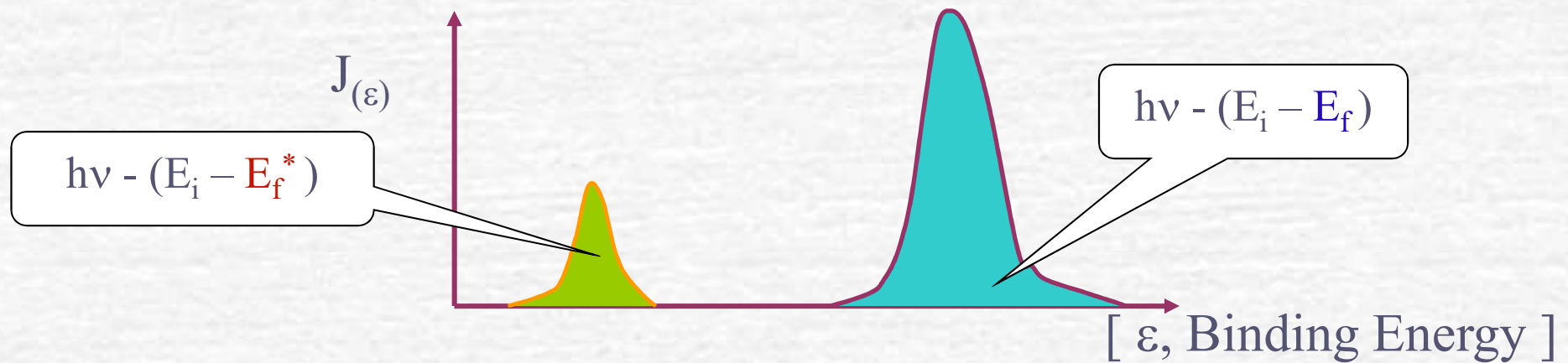
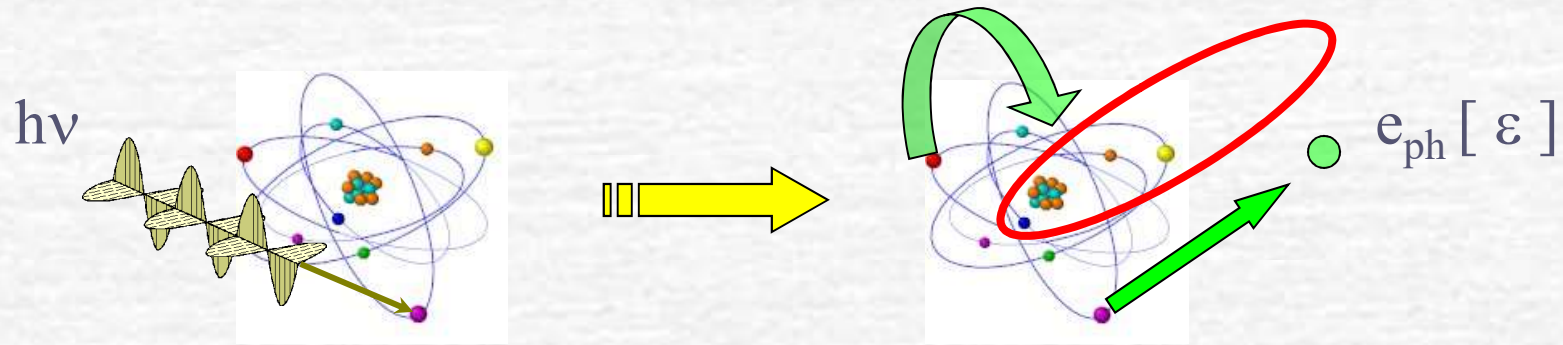
MAIN PROCESS



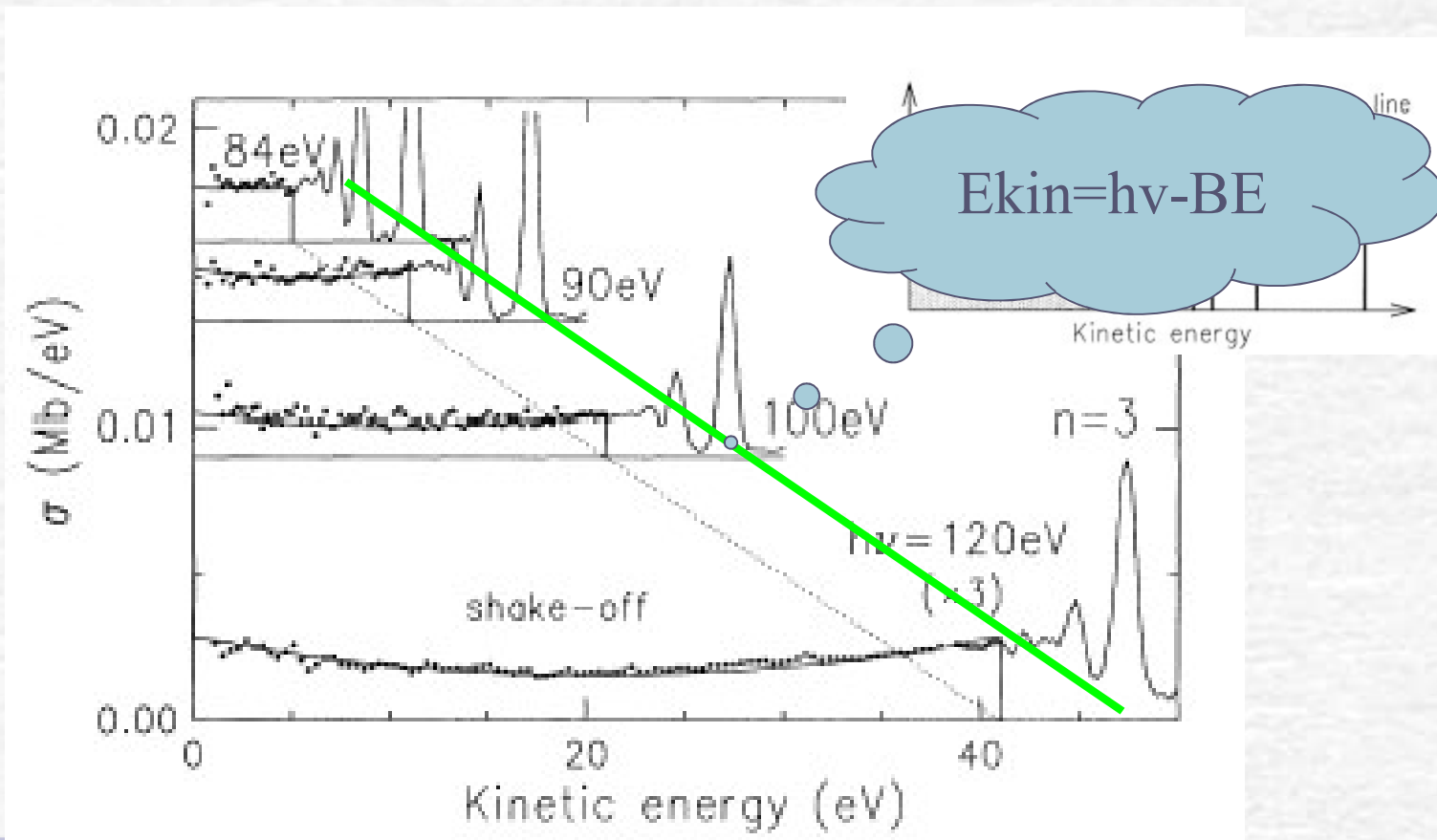
SATELLITE PROCESS



- Photon = single particle operator
- 2 or more particles involved in final state = e-e correlation
- Relaxation & e-e correlation in photoemission = satellite



# The He satellite structure



# A many electron atom

$$H_0 \left| \Psi_A^{(N)} \right\rangle = E_A^{(N)} \left| \Psi_A^{(N)} \right\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_0 &= H_0(\text{kin}) + H_0(e-n) + H_0(e-e) + H_0(s-o) = \\
 &= \sum_1^N \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + \sum_1^N -\frac{Ze^2}{r_i} + \sum_{i>j}^N \frac{e^2}{r_{ij}} + \sum_1^N \zeta(r_j) \vec{l}_i \cdot \vec{s}_i
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left| \Psi_A^{(N)} \right\rangle = \hat{A}(\phi_j(\vec{r}_i, \sigma_i); \Psi_R^{(N-1)})$$

Single  
particle  
orbital

$$H'_0 \left| \Psi_B^{(N)} \right\rangle = E_B^{(N)} \left| \Psi_B^{(N)} \right\rangle$$

## sudden approximation

Neglect  
nucleus  
motion

$$|\Psi_B^{(N)}\rangle = \hat{A}(\varepsilon_l; |\Psi_B^{(N-1)}\rangle)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE_e} \propto \frac{1}{h\nu} \sum_{A,B} \left| \hat{\varepsilon} \cdot \langle \varepsilon_l | \phi_j(\vec{r}_j, \sigma_j) \rangle \langle \Psi_B^{(N-1)} | \Psi_R^{(N-1)} \rangle \right|^2 \delta(E_e + E_B^{(N-1)} - E_A - h\nu)$$

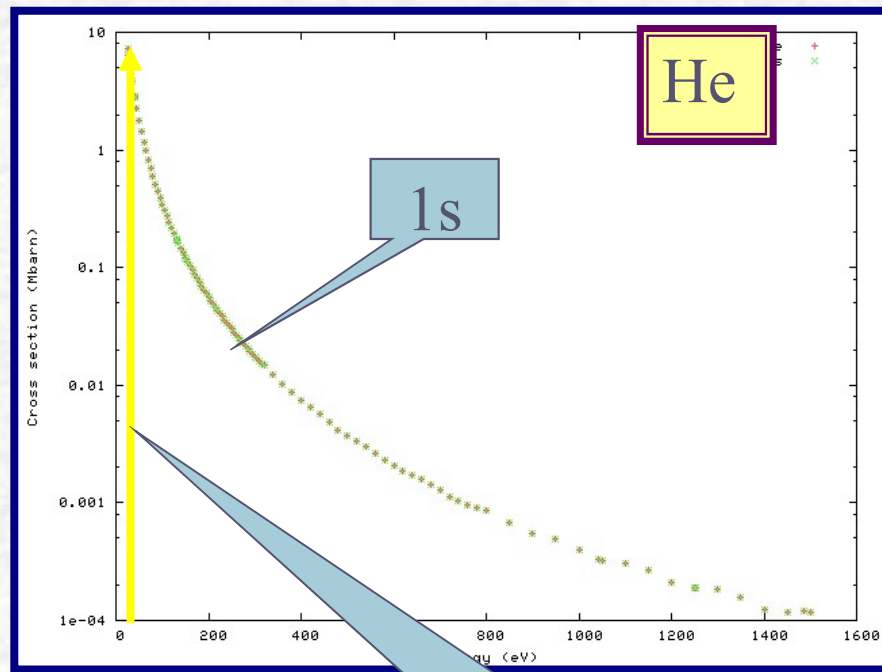
## frozen core approximation

$$H'_0 = H_0$$

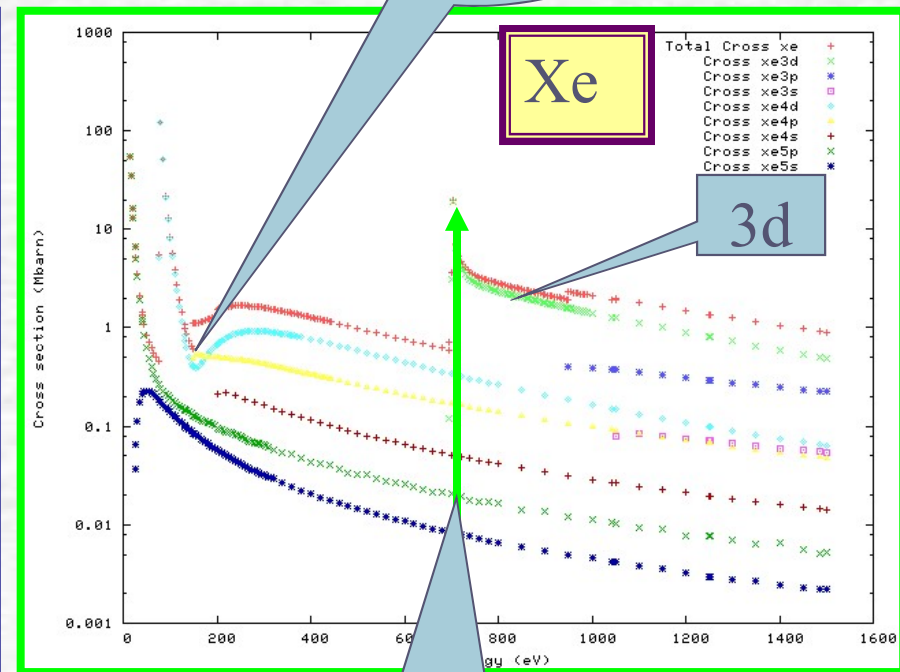
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# Total photoemission cross section

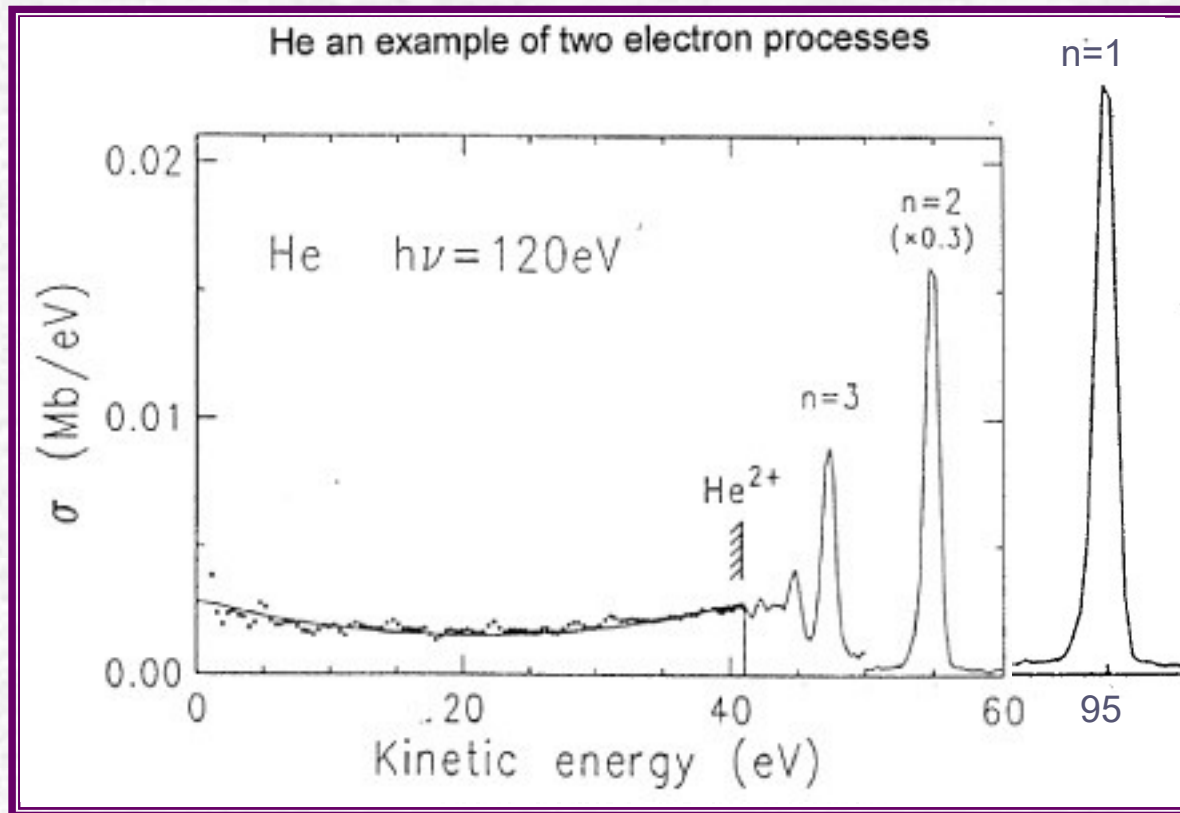


1s Threshold

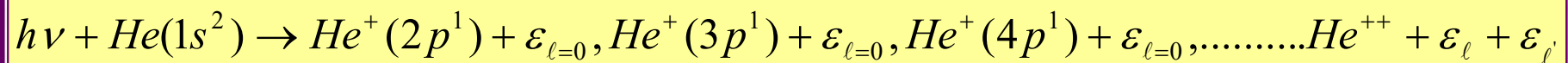
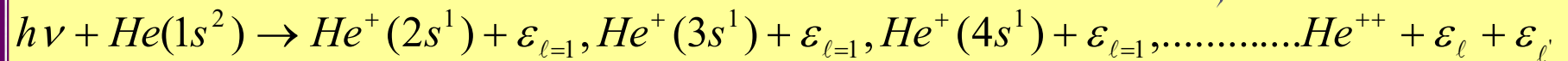
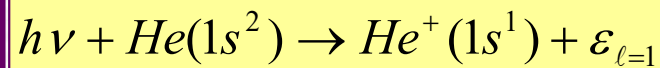


3d Threshold

# Photoelectron current vs. photoelectron energy

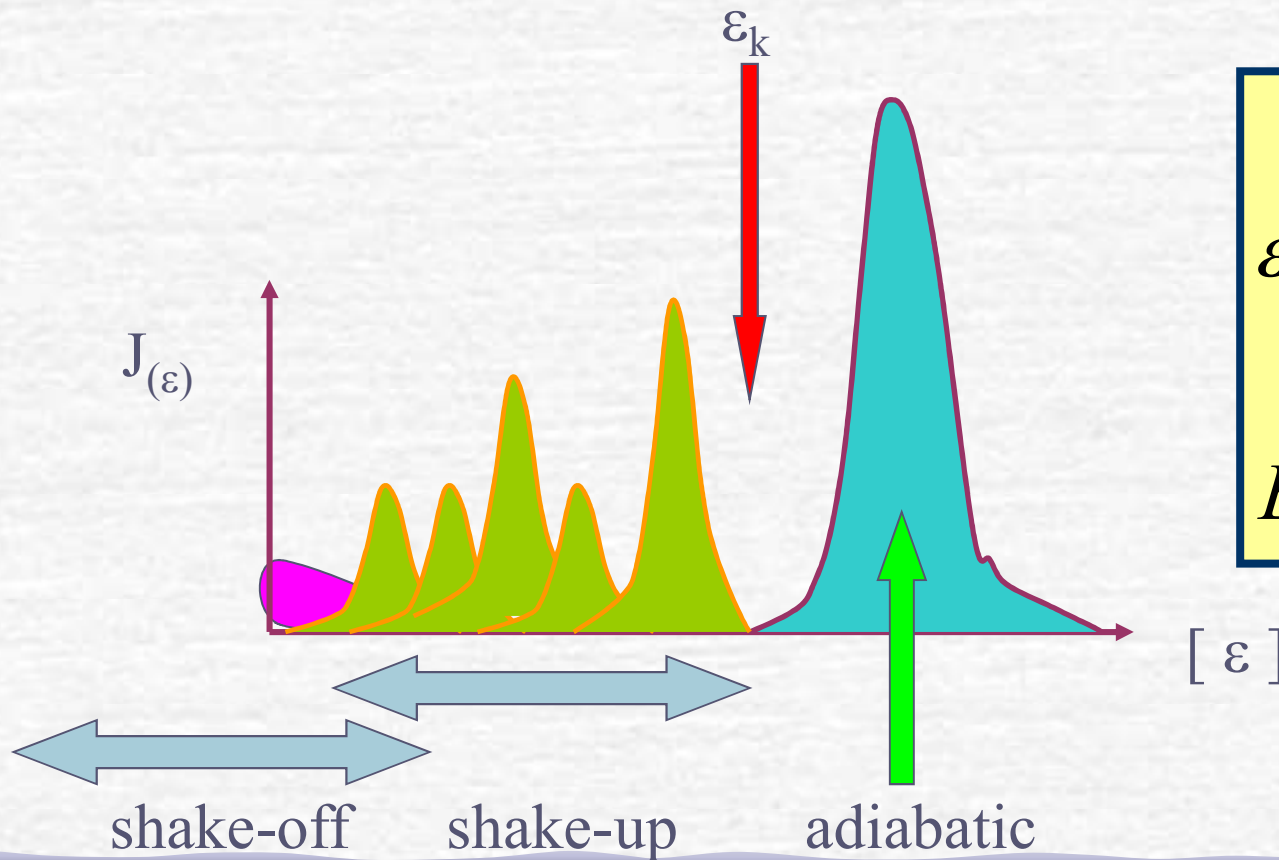


Monopole and dipole selection rules



# Koopmans energy vs. photoemission peaks

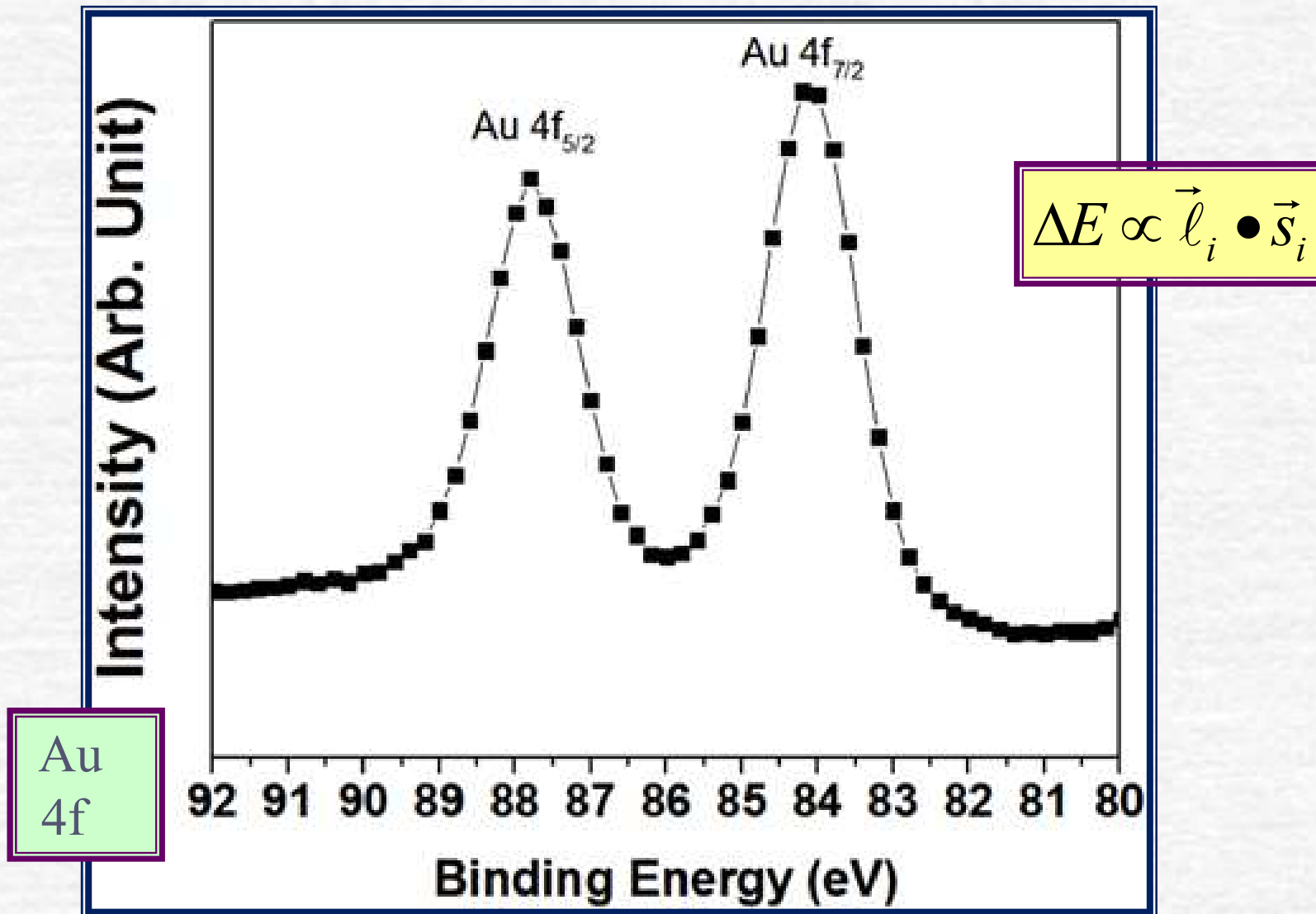
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE_e} \propto \frac{1}{h\nu} \sum_{A,B} \left| \hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} \cdot \langle \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_l | \bar{\mathbf{r}}_j | \phi_j(\bar{\mathbf{r}}_j, \sigma_j) \rangle \langle \Psi_B^{(N-1)} | \Psi_R^{(N-1)} \rangle \right|^2 \delta(E_e + E_B^{(N-1)} - E_A - h\nu)$$



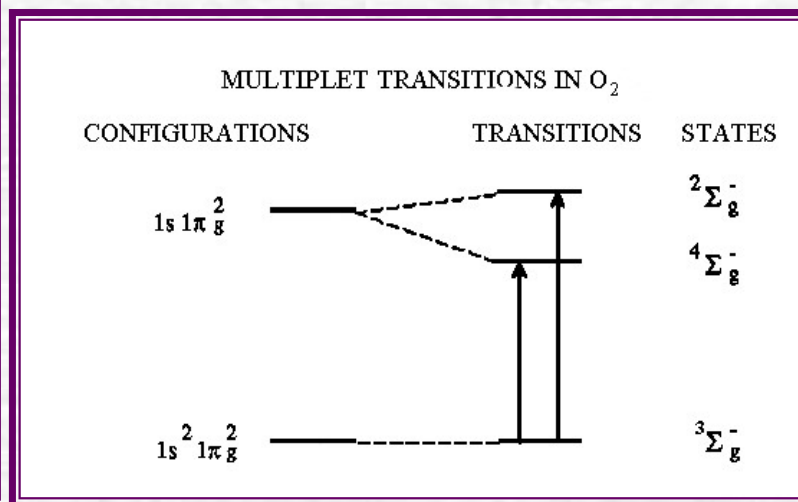
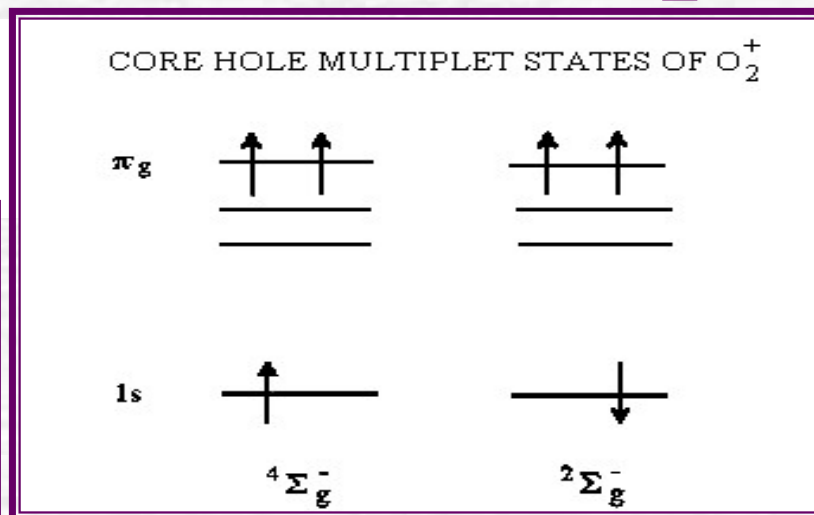
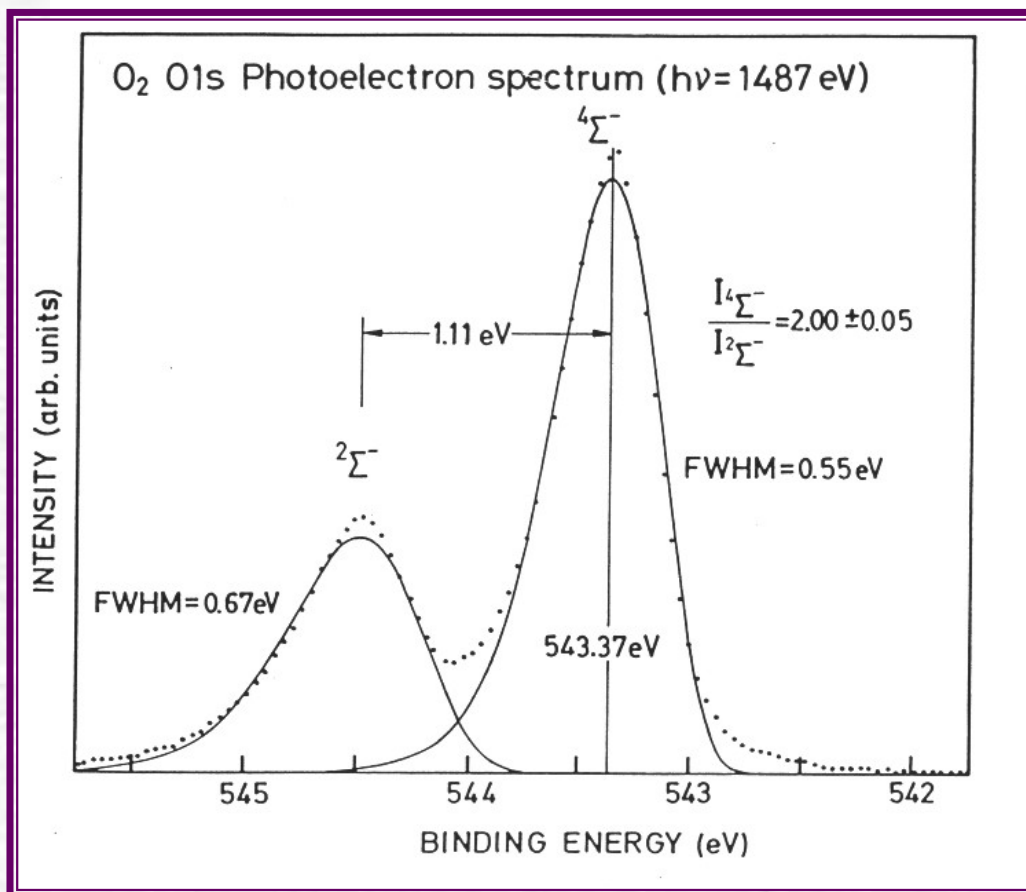
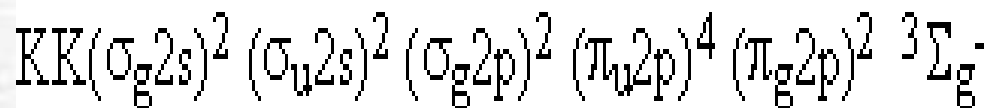
$$\epsilon_k = \frac{\sum_i \epsilon_i I_i}{\sum_i I_i}$$

$$E_{relax} = \epsilon_{adiab} - \epsilon_k$$

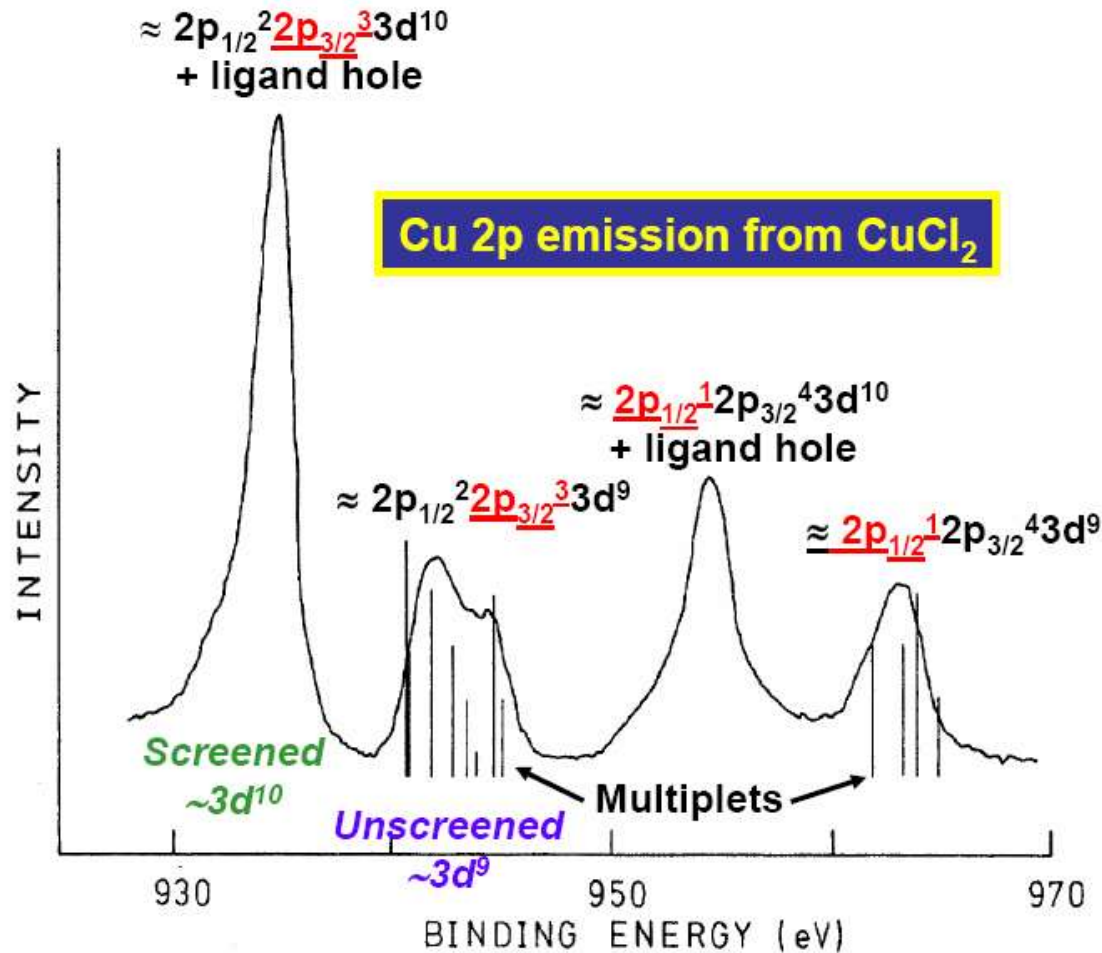
# Spin orbit splitting



# Molecular multiplet splitting O<sub>2</sub>



# CuCl<sub>2</sub> multiplet & satellite



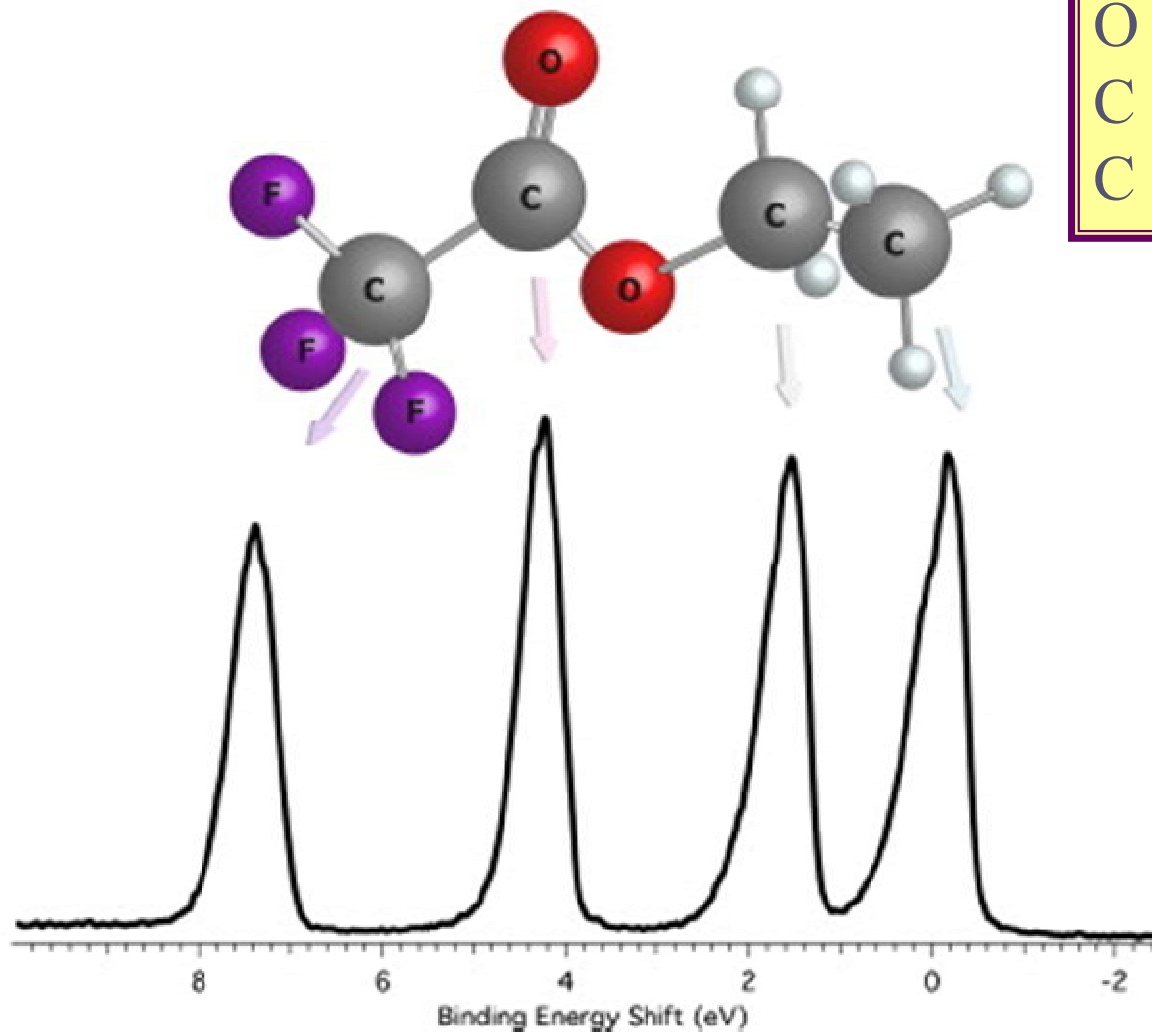
$$\psi_{final,K}(N-1) = C_{1,K}(2p_{1/2}^2 2p_{3/2}^3 3d^{10} + Cl \text{ hole}) + C_{2,K}(2p_{1/2}^1 2p_{3/2}^4 3d^9)$$

Van der Laan et al., Phys. Rev. B 23 (1981) 4369

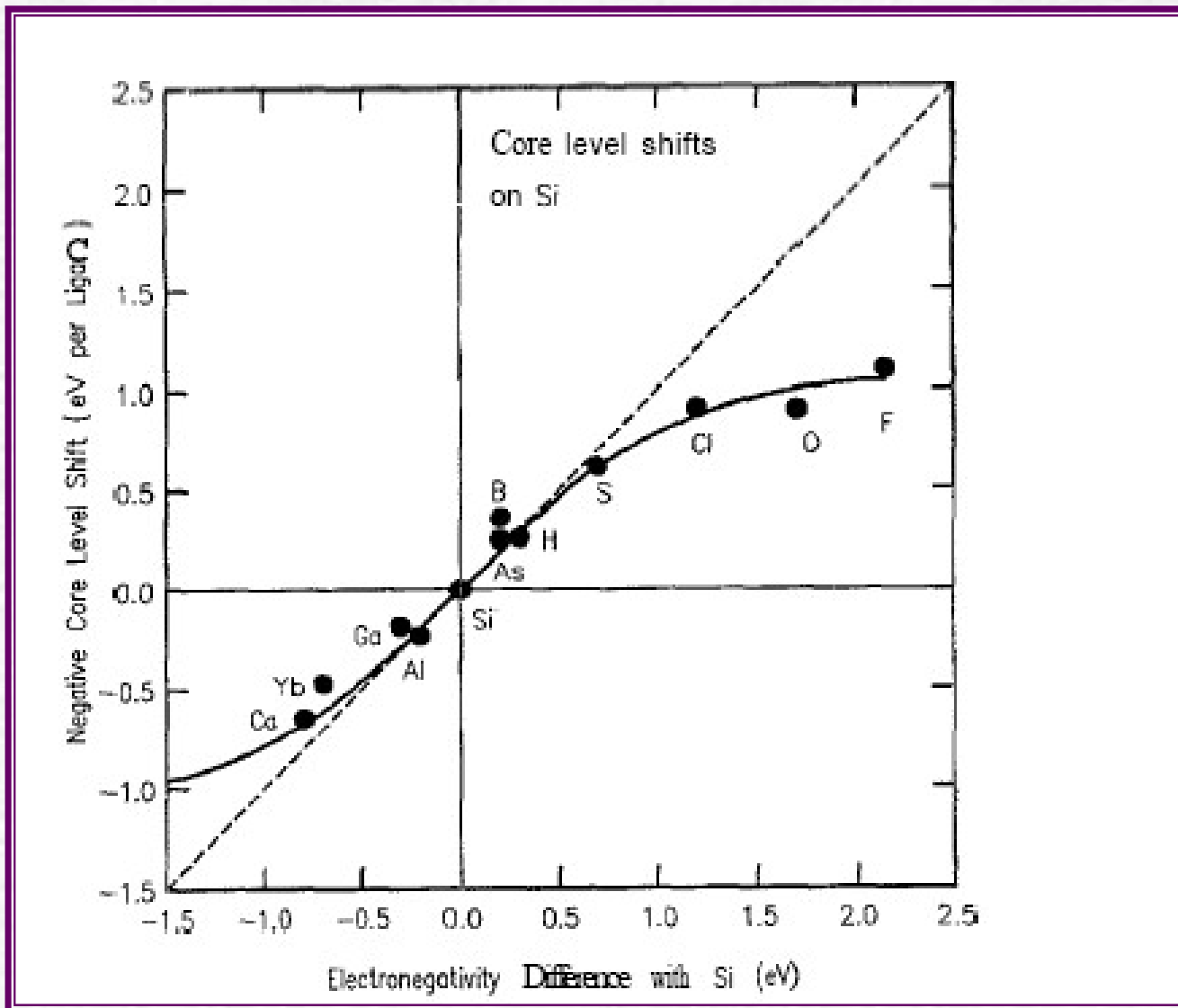
# Chemical shift

Journal of Electron Spectroscopy and Related Phenomena  
Volume 185, Issues 8–9, September 2012, Pages 191–197

C 1s 285-300 eV  
O 1s 530-540 eV  
C 1s CO<sub>2</sub> 298 eV  
C 1s CH<sub>4</sub> 291 eV

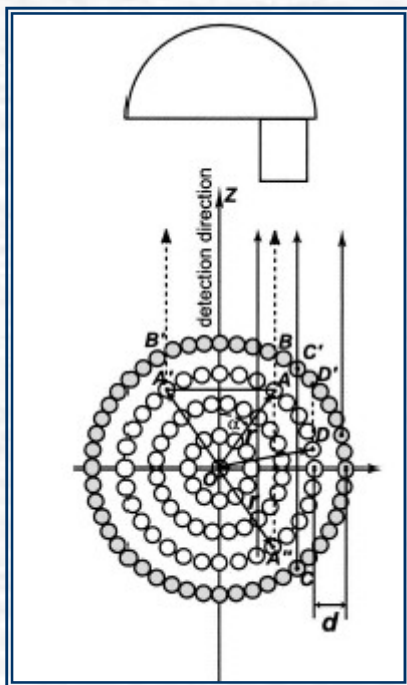


# Chemical shift vs. electronegativity





# Sensitivity to the local environment in free clusters



J. Chem. Phys.,  
Vol. 120, No. 1, 1  
January 2004

Tchaplyguine et al.

Xenon Clusters  
 $h\nu=120$  eV

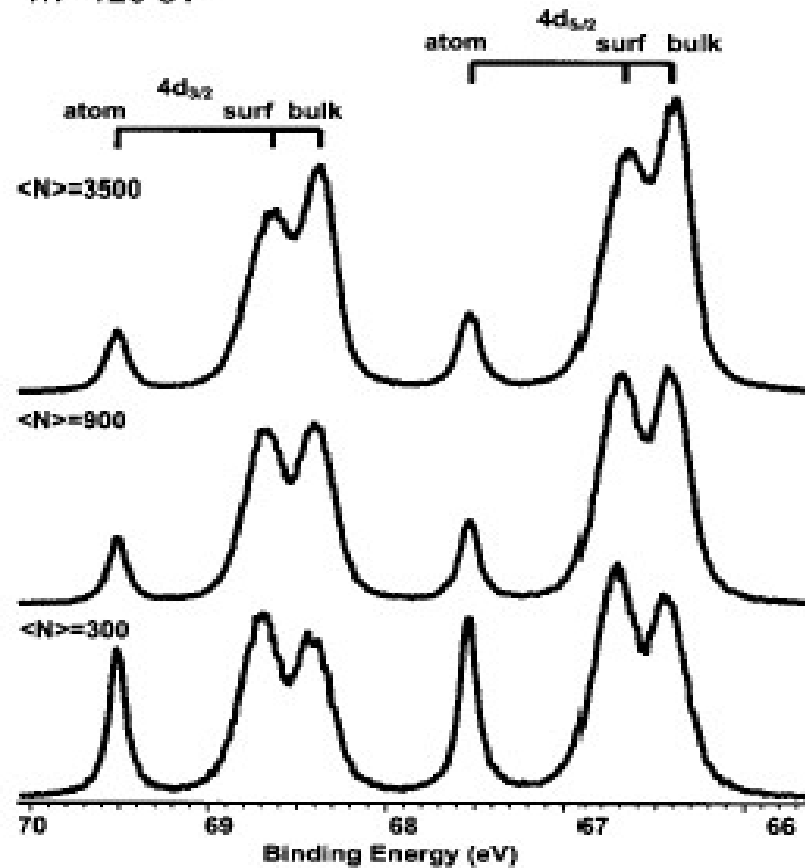
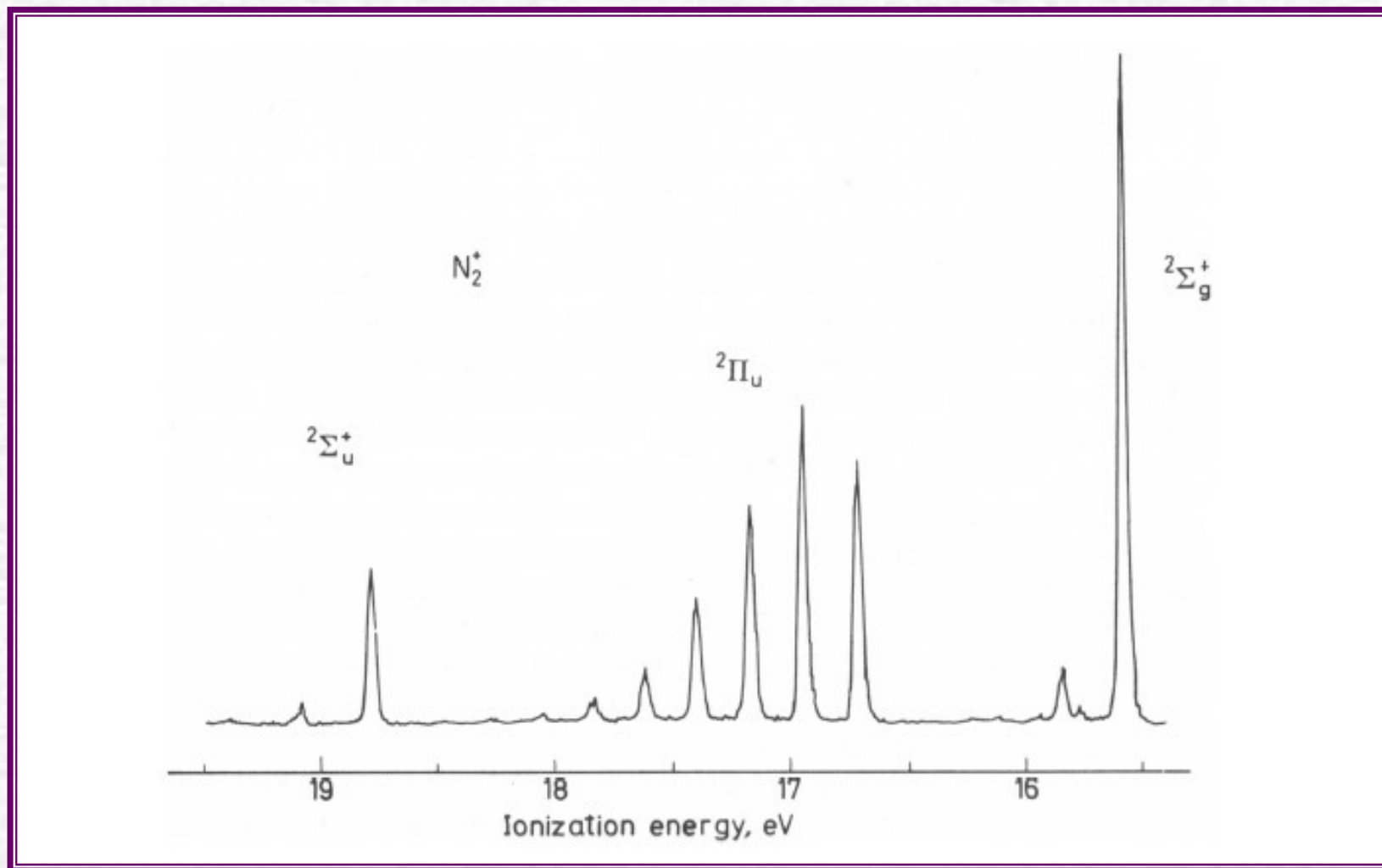
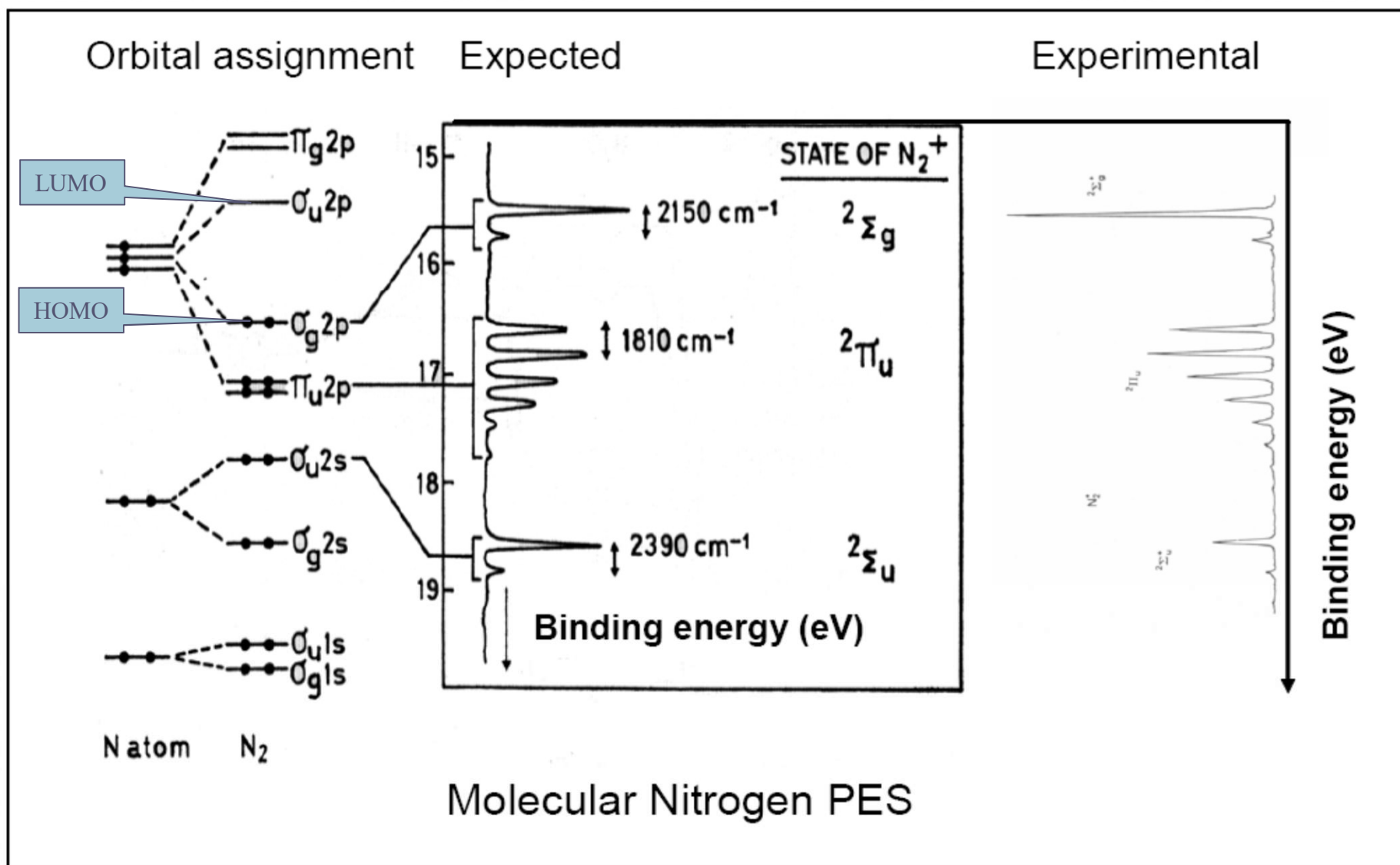


FIG. 3.  $4d$  XPS spectra of xenon clusters of three mean sizes at 120 eV photon energy:  $\langle N \rangle \approx 300$ , 900, and 3500.

# PES spectrum of N<sub>2</sub>



# Experimental PE spectrum of $N_2$ , and MOs



# Molecular PE x-section

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_0 &= H_0(\text{kin}) + H_0(e-n) + H_0(e-e) + H_0(s-o) + H_0(n-n) = \\
 &= \sum_1^N \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + \sum_1^N -\frac{Ze^2}{r_i} + \sum_{i>j}^N \frac{e^2}{r_{ij}} + \sum_1^N \zeta(r_j) \vec{l}_i \cdot \vec{s}_i + \sum_{i>j}^M \frac{e^2 Z_i Z_j}{r_{ij}}
 \end{aligned}$$

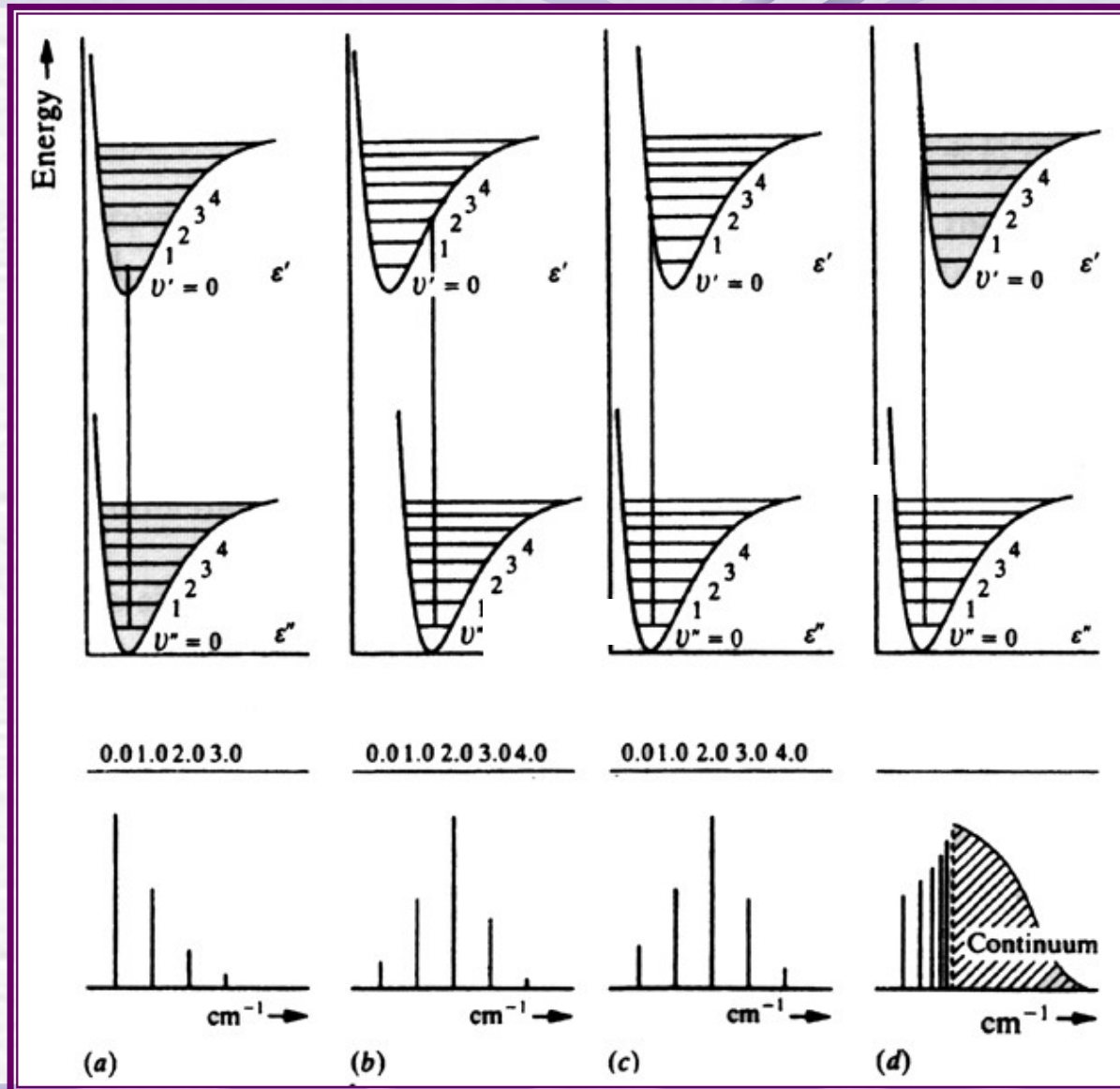
Born Oppenheimer

$$\left| \Psi_{A,B}^{(N)} \right\rangle = \left| \Psi_{A,B}^{(N)} \right\rangle \left| \Psi_{A,B}^{\text{vib}} \right\rangle$$

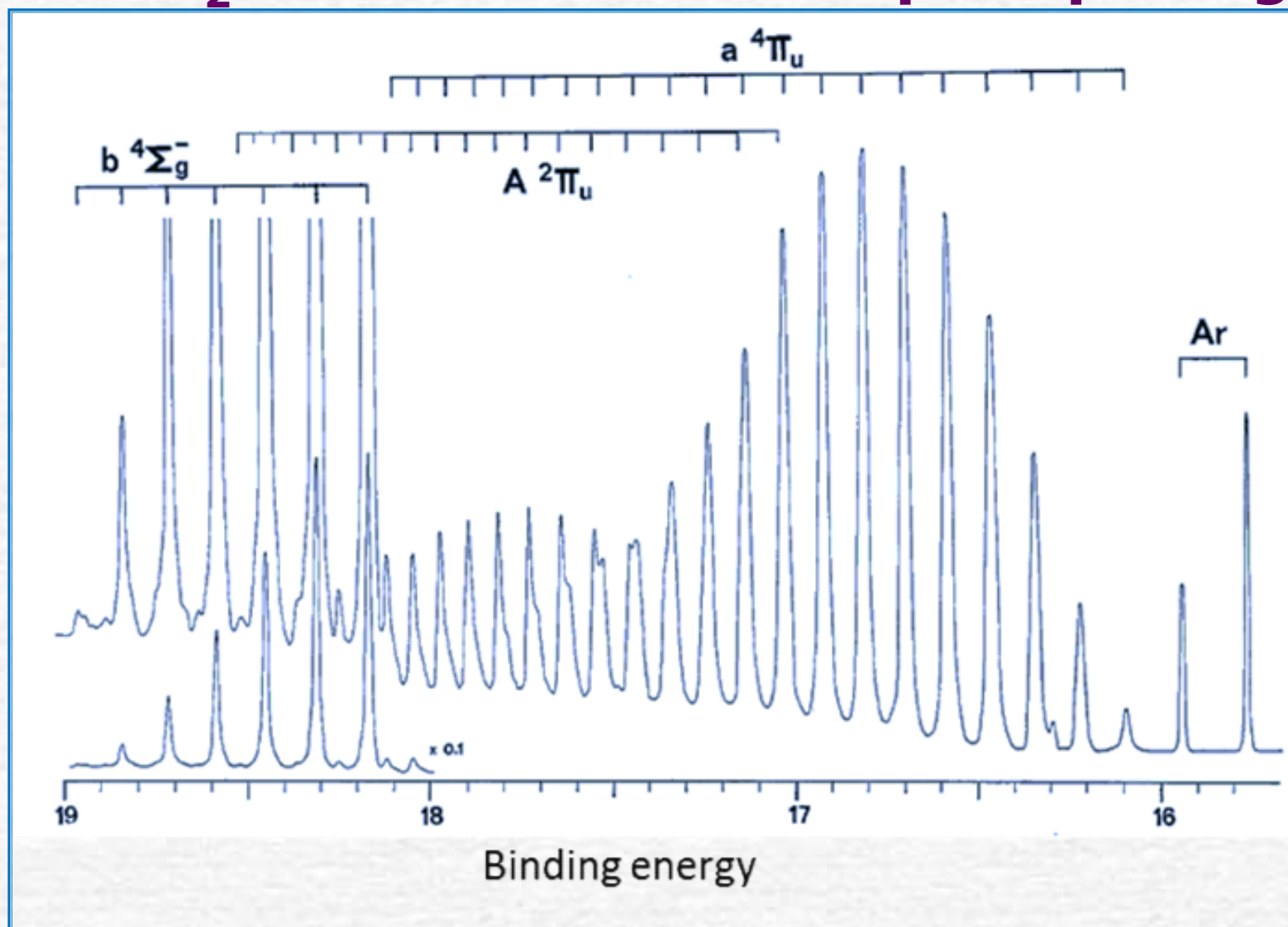
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE_e} \propto \frac{1}{h\nu} \sum_{A,B} \left| \hat{\varepsilon} \cdot \left\langle \varepsilon_l \left| \vec{r}_j \right| \sum_{A\lambda} C_{A\lambda} \phi_{A\lambda} \right\rangle \left\langle \Psi_B^{(N-1)} \left| \Psi_R^{(N-1)} \right\rangle \right|^2$$

$$\left| \left\langle \Psi_B^{\text{vib}} \left| \Psi_A^{\text{vib}} \right\rangle \right|^2 \delta(E_e + E_B^{(N-1)} - E_A - h\nu)$$

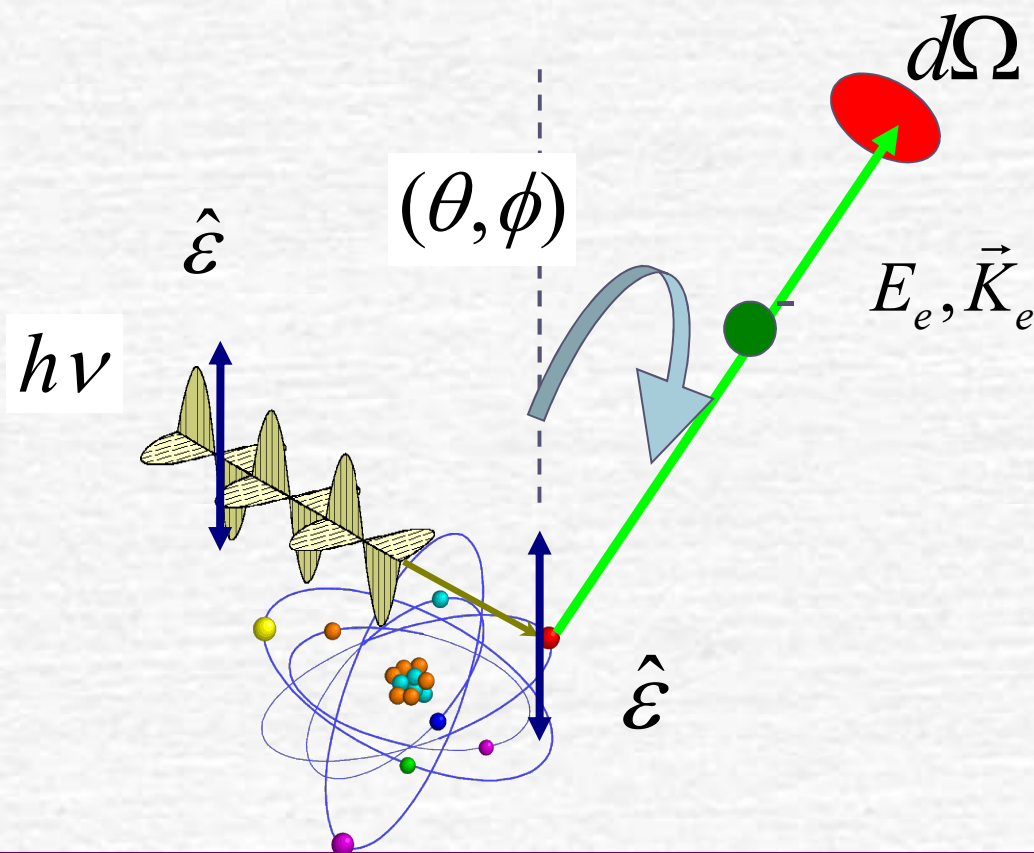
# Frank Condon Factors



# PES $O_2$ vibrational and multiplet splitting

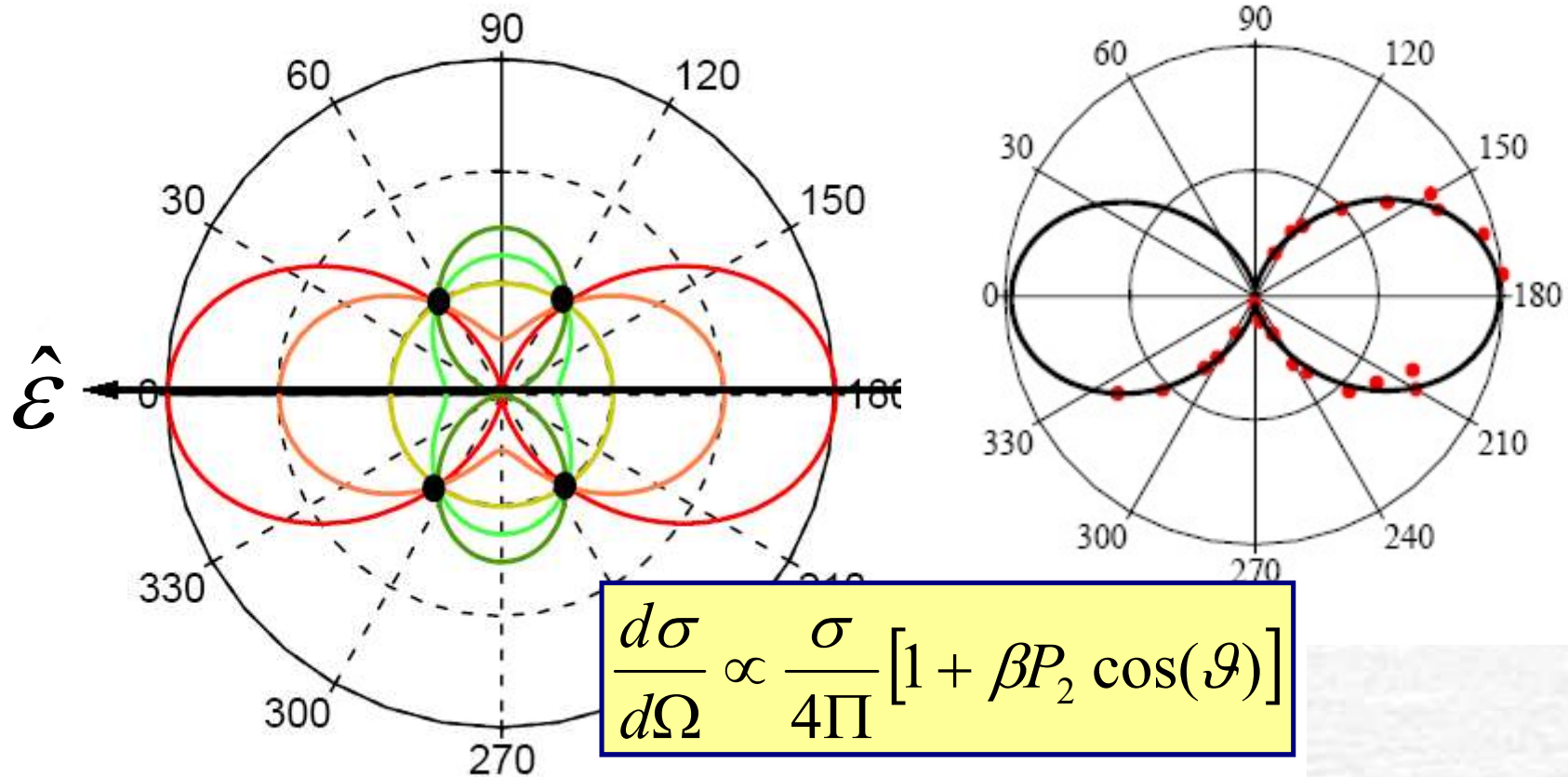


# PE angular distribution

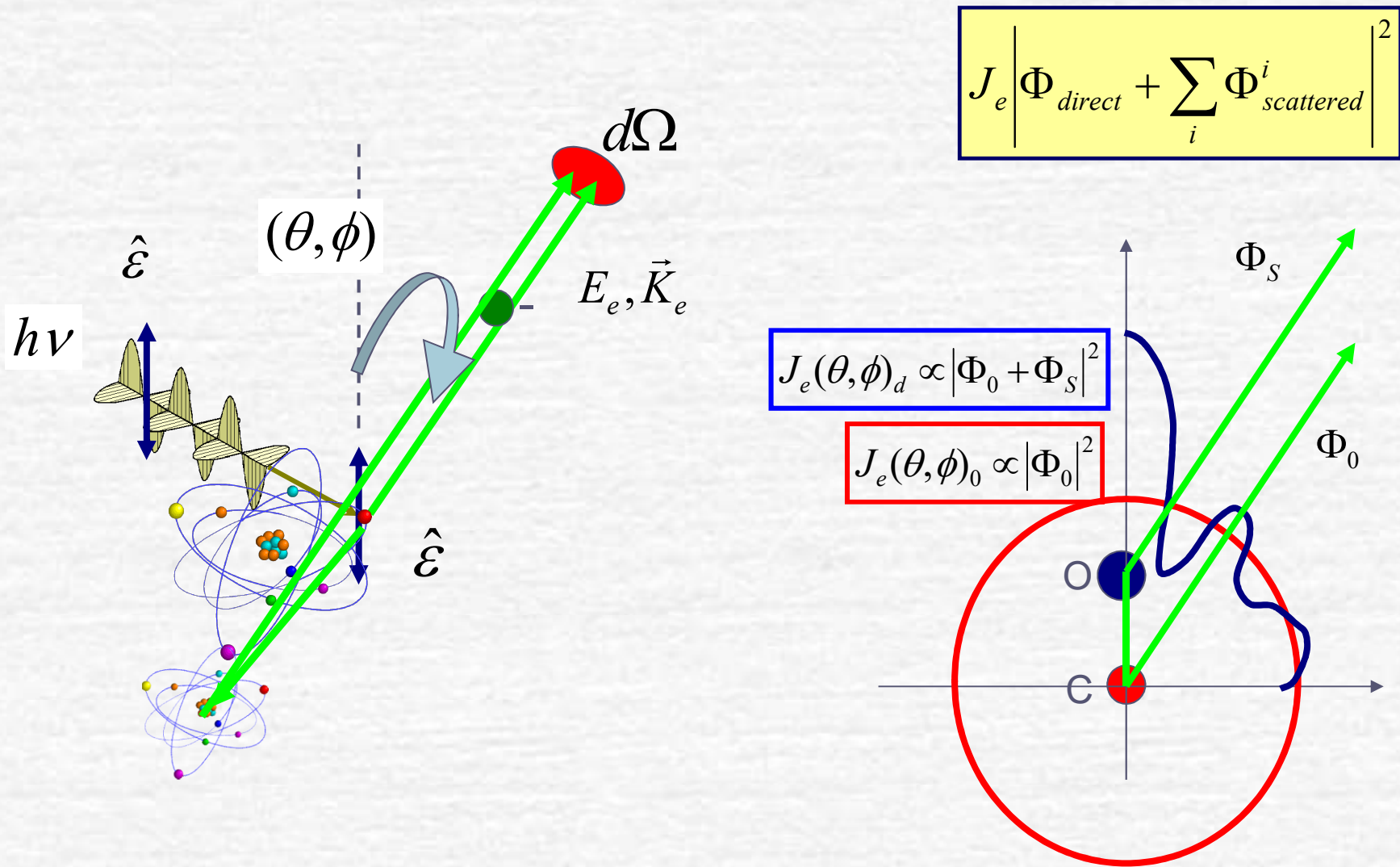


$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto \frac{1}{h\nu} \sum_{A,B} \left| \hat{\epsilon} \cdot \langle \epsilon_l | \vec{r}_j | \phi_j(\vec{r}_j, \sigma_j) \rangle \langle \Psi_B^{(N-1)} | \Psi_R^{(N-1)} \rangle \right|^2$$

# Angular distributions





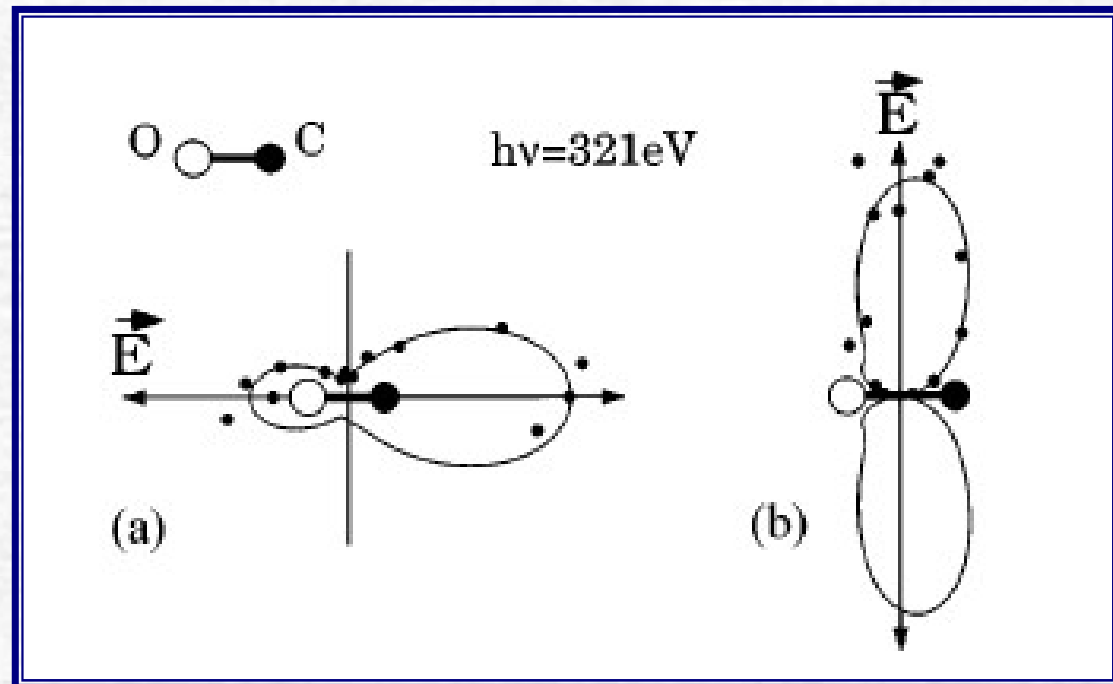
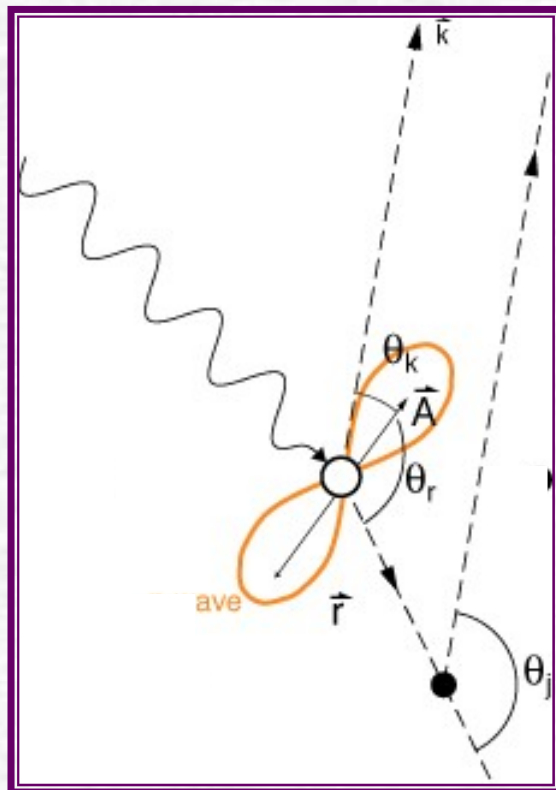


$$J_e \left| \Phi_{direct} + \sum_i \Phi_{scattered}^i \right|^2$$

$$J_e(\theta, \phi)_d \propto |\Phi_0 + \Phi_S|^2$$

$$J_e(\theta, \phi)_0 \propto |\Phi_0|^2$$

# Fixed in space molecules CO C 1s



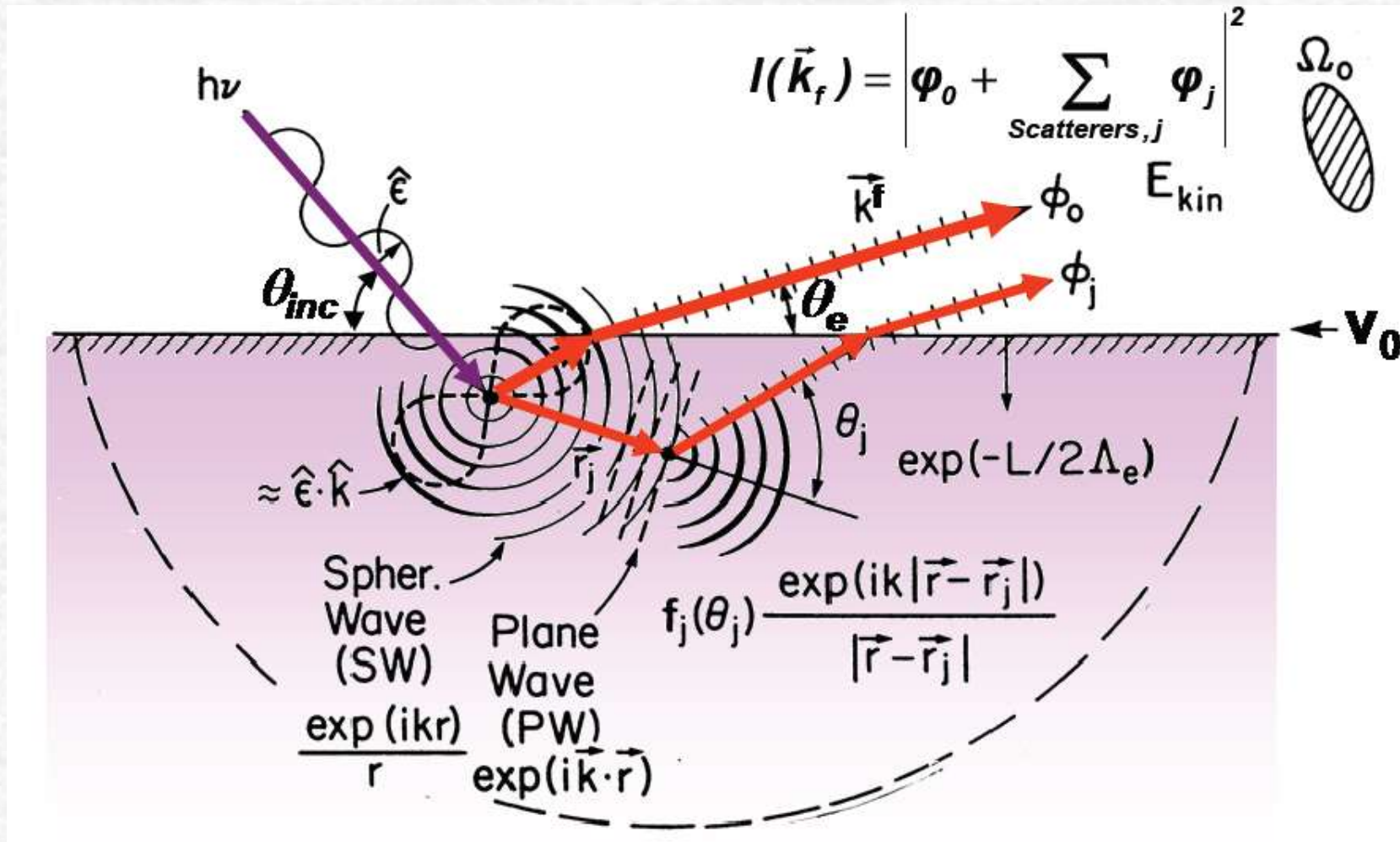
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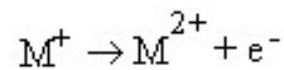
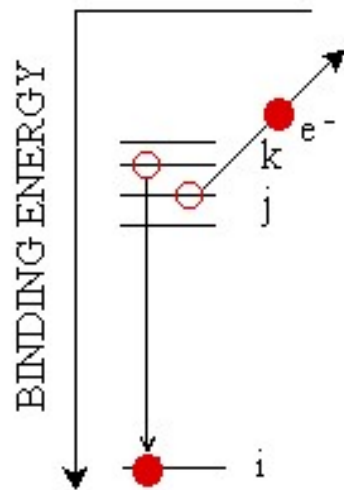
# Application to surfaces



# Core hole relaxation

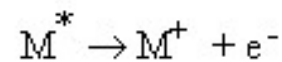
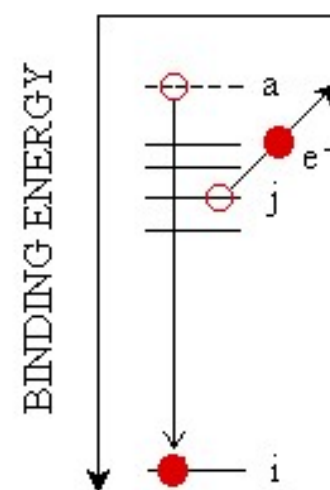
## SECONDARY PROCESSES

### AUGER ELECTRON DECAY



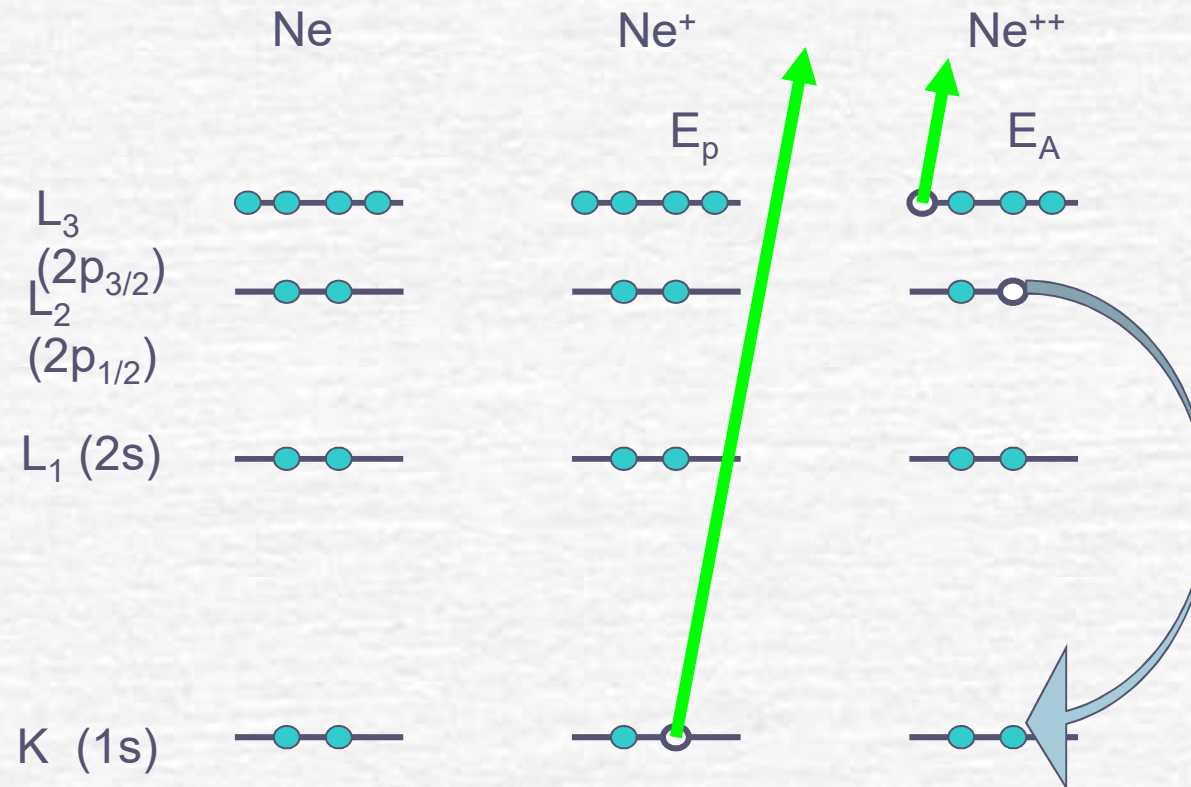
Global energy, angular  
Momentum and parity

### AUTOIONIZATION



Energy, angular momentum,  
Dipole selections at each step

# Auger decay

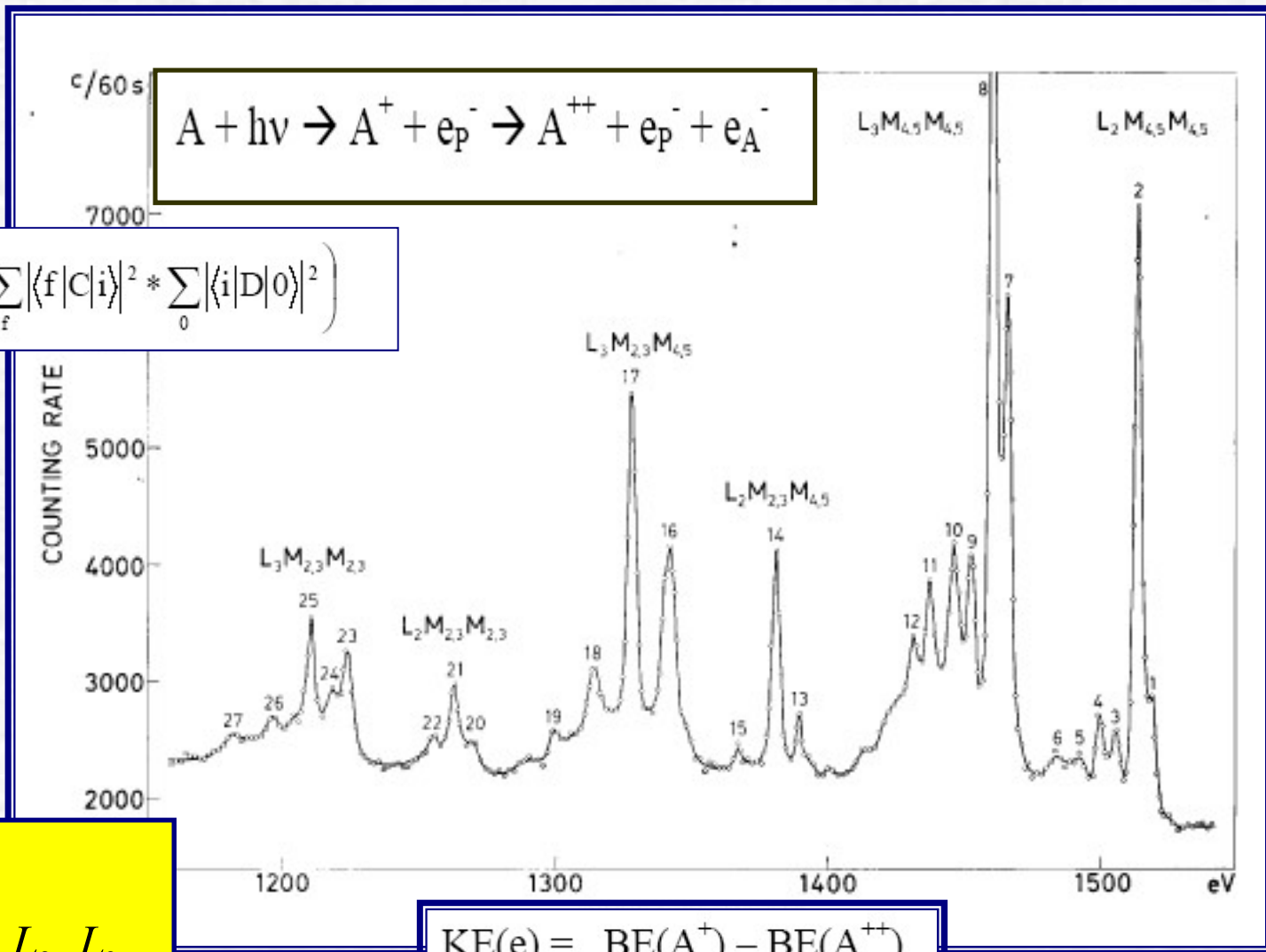


Auger Transition	Double ion valence configuration	Multiplet Terms
KL <sub>1</sub> L <sub>1</sub>	2s <sup>0</sup> 2p <sup>6</sup>	<sup>1</sup> S <sub>0</sub>
KL <sub>1</sub> L <sub>2,3</sub>	2s <sup>1</sup> 2p <sup>5</sup>	<sup>1</sup> P <sub>1</sub> , <sup>3</sup> P <sub>0</sub> , <sup>3</sup> P <sub>2</sub> , <sup>3</sup> P <sub>1</sub>
KL <sub>2,3</sub> L <sub>2,3</sub>	2s <sup>2</sup> 2p <sup>4</sup>	<sup>1</sup> S <sub>0</sub> , <sup>3</sup> P <sub>0</sub> , <sup>3</sup> P <sub>2</sub> , <sup>1</sup> D <sub>2</sub>

$$EA(KL_1L_2) = E(K) - E(L_1) - E(L_2, L_1)$$

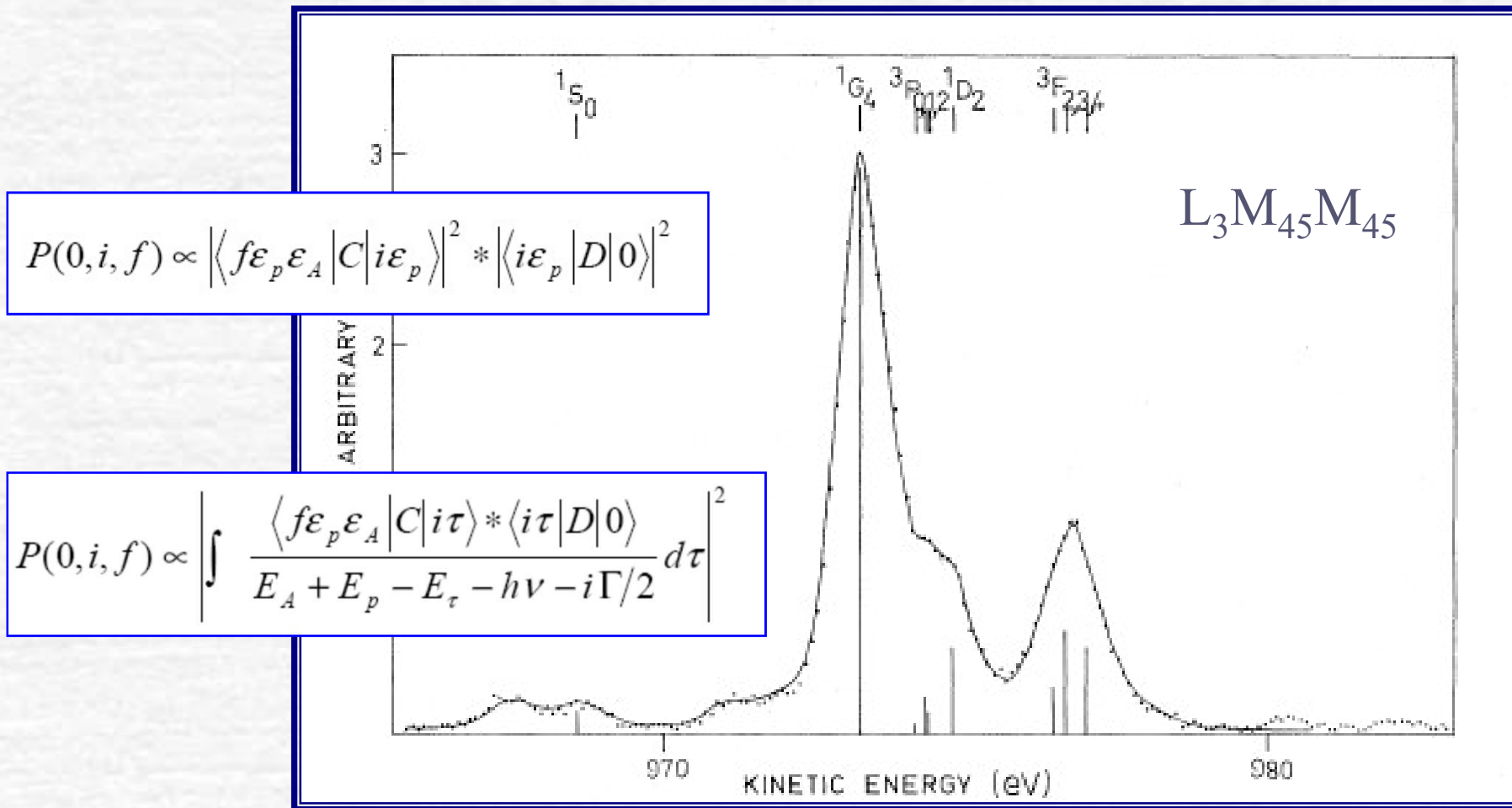
# Kr Auger spectrum

K. Siegbahn et al  
 "ESCA Applied  
 to free molecules"



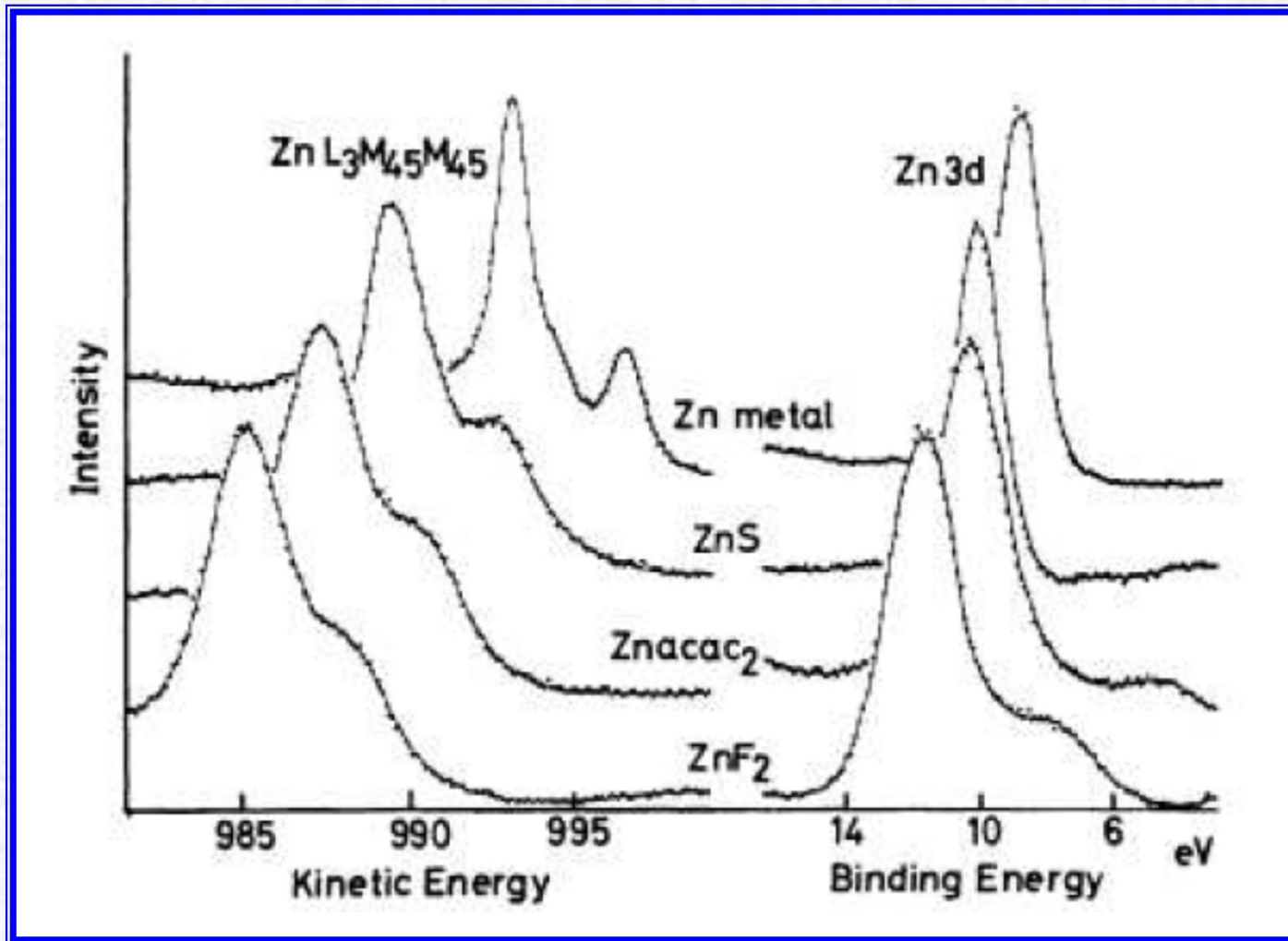
$|0\rangle \rightarrow Kr^I$   
 $|i\rangle \rightarrow Kr^{II} \rightarrow L_2, L_3$   
 $|f\rangle \rightarrow Kr^{III} \rightarrow M_i M_j$

# Zn Auger multiplet splitting



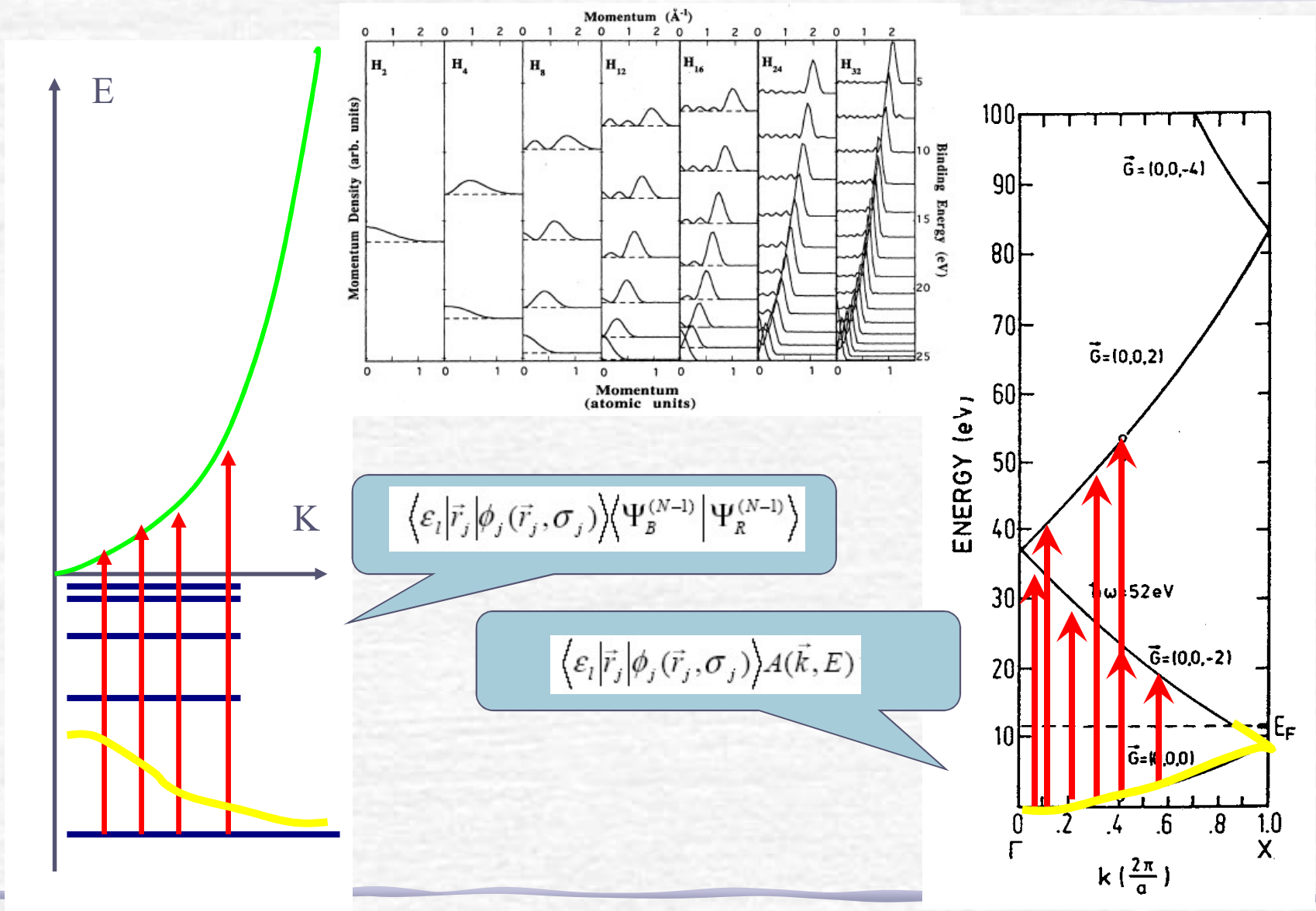
Aksela et al. PRL 33,999 (1974)

# Auger chemical shift





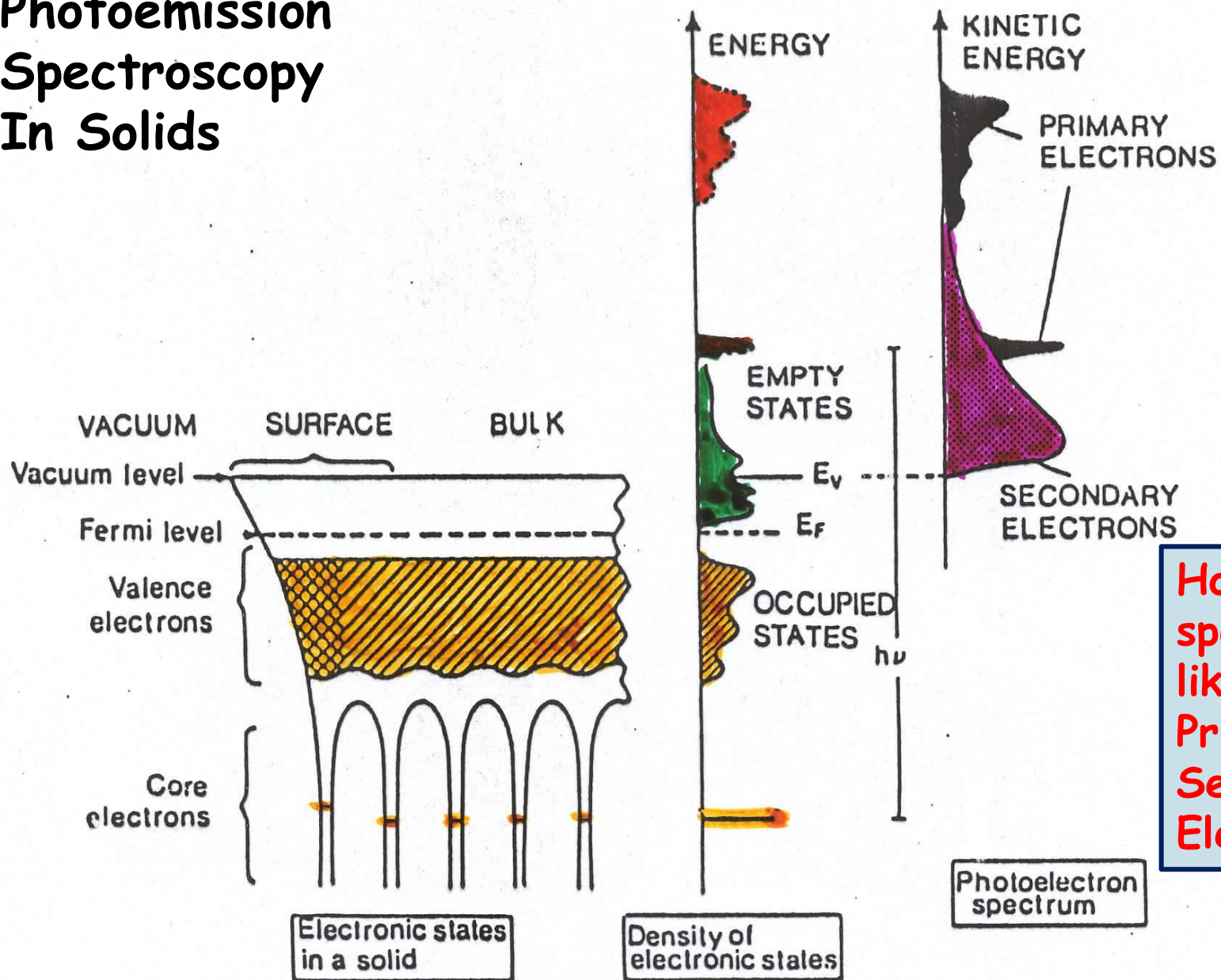
# From central to periodic potential



$$\langle \epsilon_l | \vec{r}_j | \phi_j(\vec{r}_j, \sigma_j) \rangle \langle \Psi_B^{(N-1)} | \Psi_R^{(N-1)} \rangle$$

$$\langle \epsilon_l | \vec{r}_j | \phi_j(\vec{r}_j, \sigma_j) \rangle A(\vec{k}, E)$$

# Photoemission Spectroscopy In Solids



How real spectra look like:  
Primary and Secondary Electrons

# Spectral Function in Interacting Solids

$$\Psi_{Nf} = A \Psi_{f}^{N-1} \Phi_{kf}$$

$$\mathbf{J}e \propto \sum_{if} |M_{if}^2| \sum_m |m_{im}|^2 \times \delta(E_i^N + h\nu - E_m^{N-1} - E_{kin})$$

$$A(k, \varepsilon) = \sum_m (|\langle \Psi_m^{N-1} | c_k | \Psi_i^N \rangle|)^2 \times \delta(\varepsilon + E_m^{N-1} - E_i^N)$$

$$\mathbf{J}e(k, \omega) \propto \sum_{if} |M_{if}|^2 A(k, E_{kin} - h\nu) f(E_{kin} - h\nu)$$

For non interacting particles

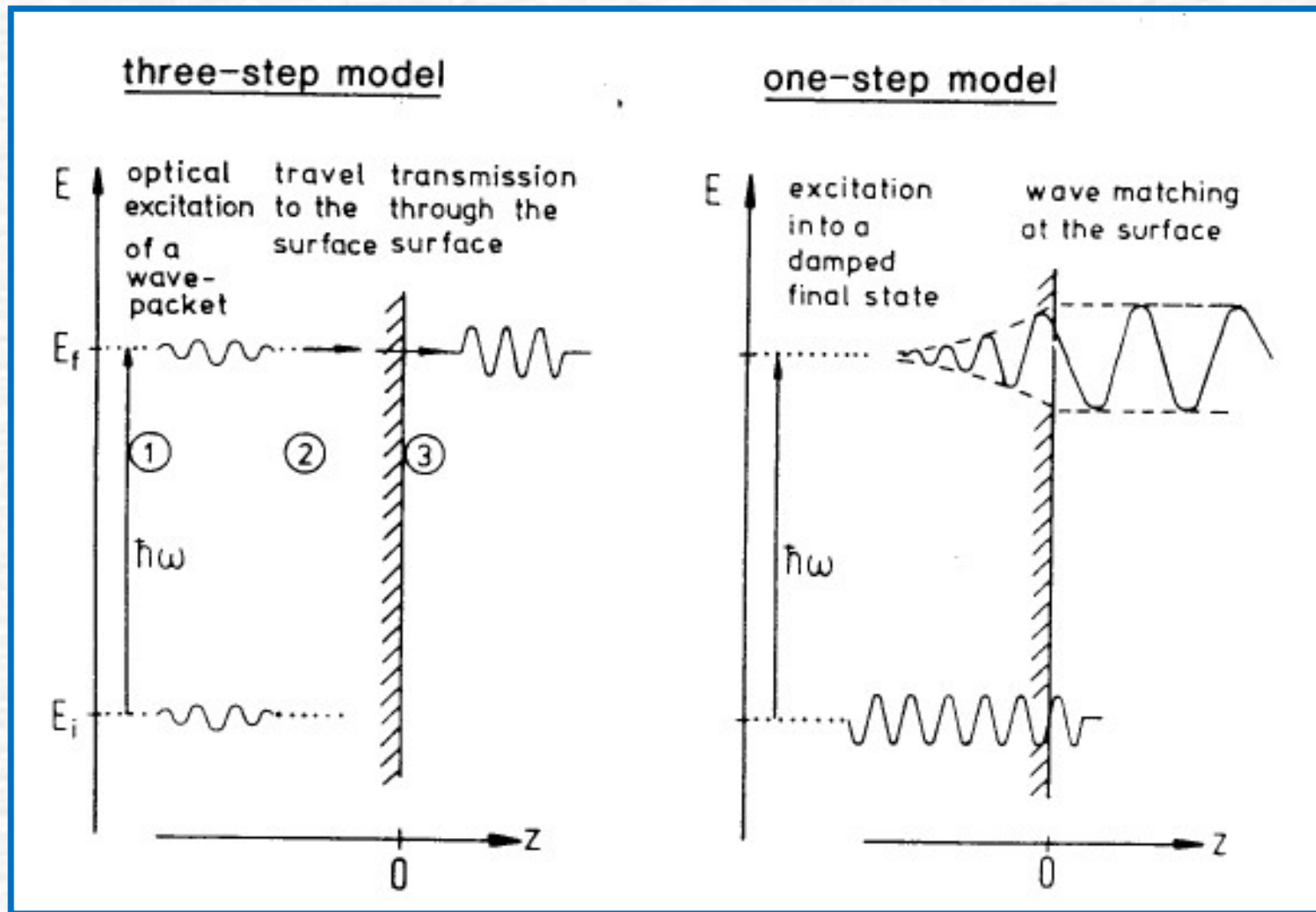
$$A(\varepsilon, k) = \delta(\varepsilon - E_k)$$

where

$$E_k = E_i^{N-1} - E_i^N$$

$$A(\varepsilon, k) = 1/\pi |\Sigma''(k, \varepsilon)| / [|\varepsilon - E_k - \Sigma'(k, \varepsilon)|^2 + |\Sigma''(k, \varepsilon)|^2]$$

# The Three-Step model 1



## The three-step model 2

### 1. Dipole transition

$$J_e = \sum_{if} f(E_i) [1-f(E_f)] M_{if}^2 \times \delta[E_{\text{kin}}-(E_f-\Phi)] \delta(E_f-E_i-h\nu) \delta(\mathbf{k}_i+\mathbf{G}-\mathbf{k}_f)$$

### 2. Elastic transport

$$d(E_f, \mathbf{k}) = \alpha\lambda/(1+\alpha\lambda)$$

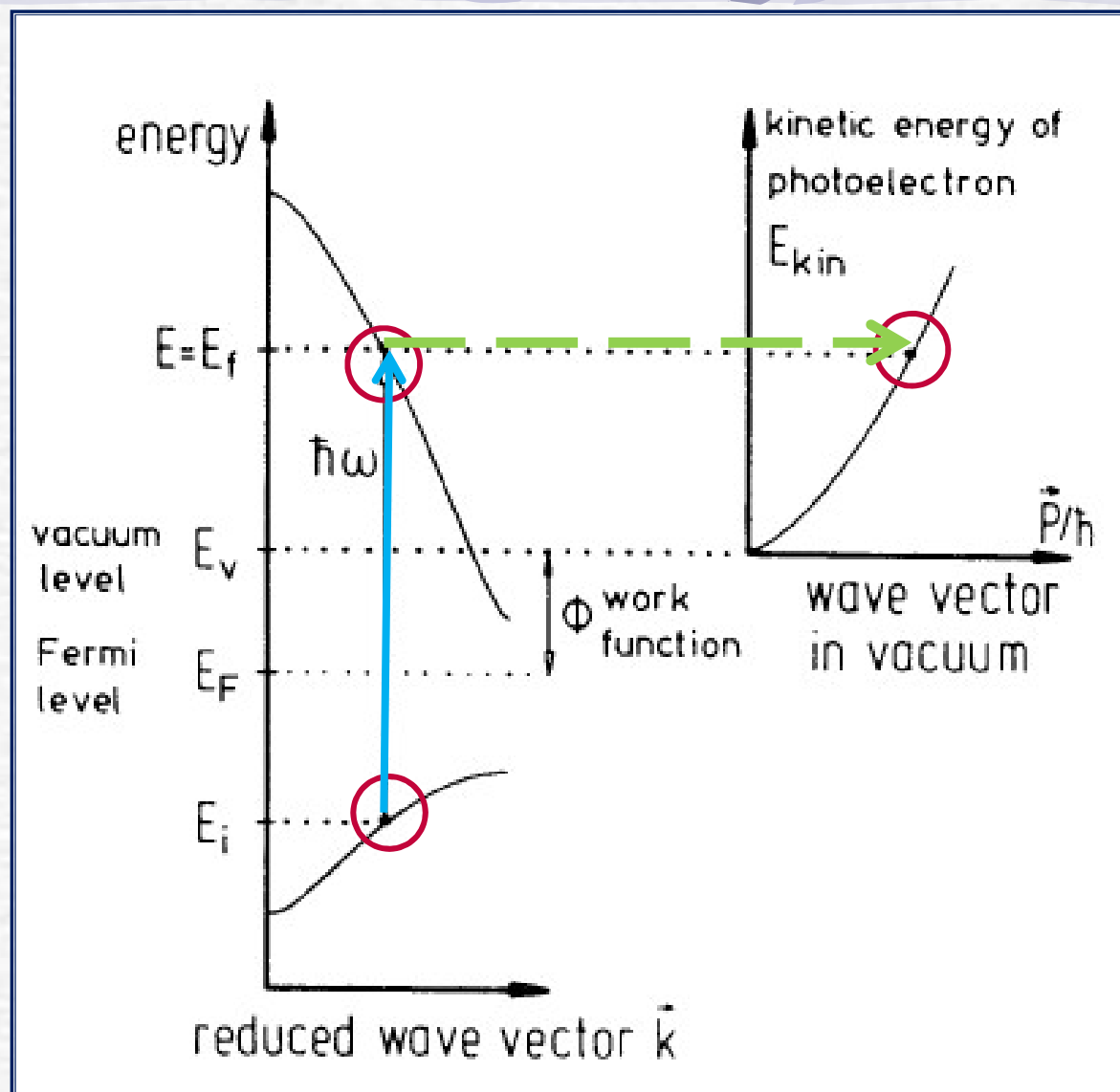
### 3. Exit to vacuum

$$T(E_f, \mathbf{k}_{\text{ext}}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } E_f < E_F + \Phi \\ 1/2 \sqrt{[1-(E_F + \Phi)/E_f]} & \text{if } E_f > E_F + \Phi \end{cases}$$

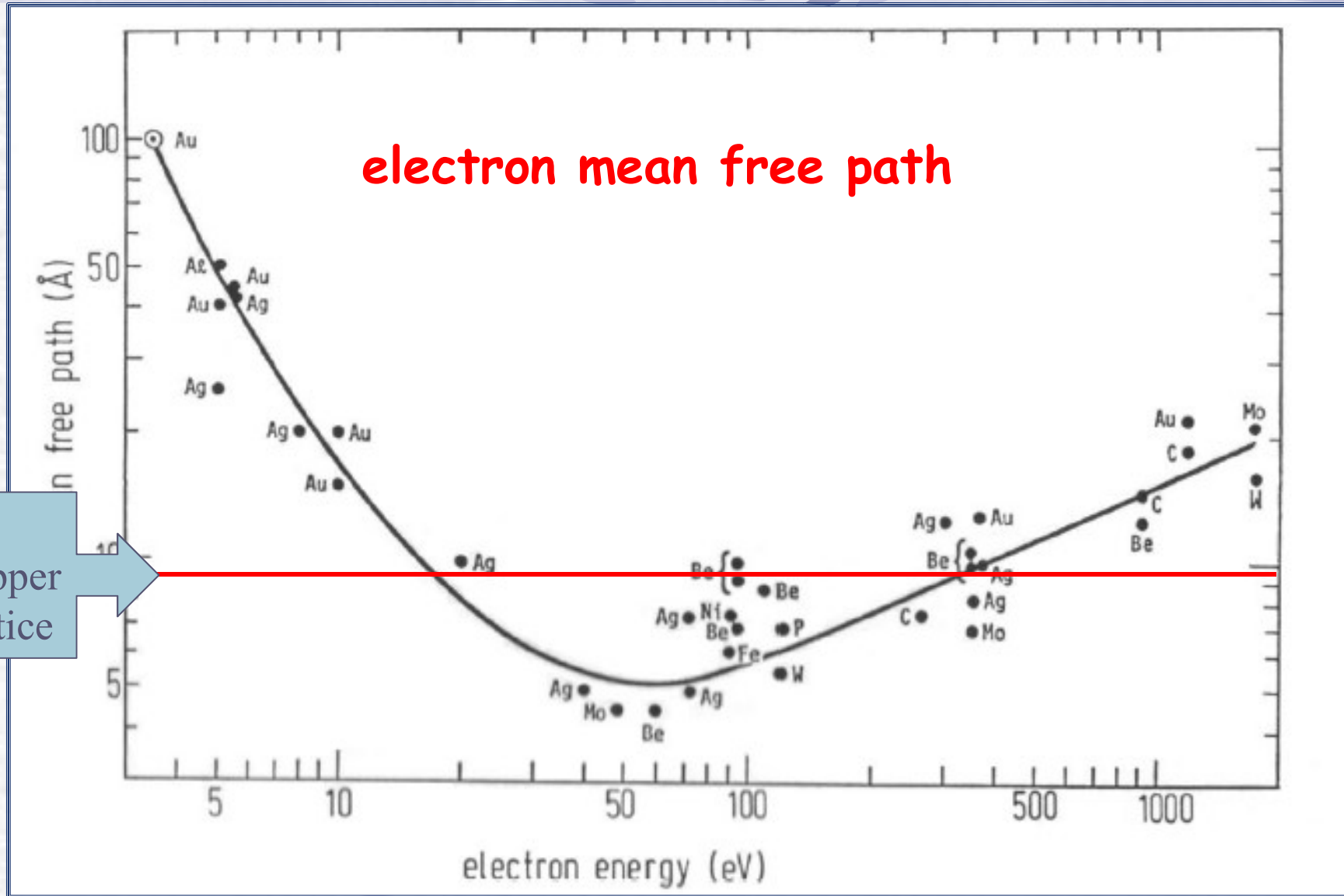
### Total current

$$J_e \propto \sum_{if} f(E_i) [1-f(E_f)] M_{if}^2 \times T(E_f, \mathbf{k}_{\text{ext}}) \times d(E_f, \mathbf{k}) \times \delta[E_{\text{kin}}-(E_f-\Phi)] \delta(E_f-E_i-h\nu) \times \delta(\mathbf{k}_i+\mathbf{G}-\mathbf{k}_f) \times \delta(\mathbf{k}_i''+\mathbf{G}''-\mathbf{k}_{\text{ext}}'')$$

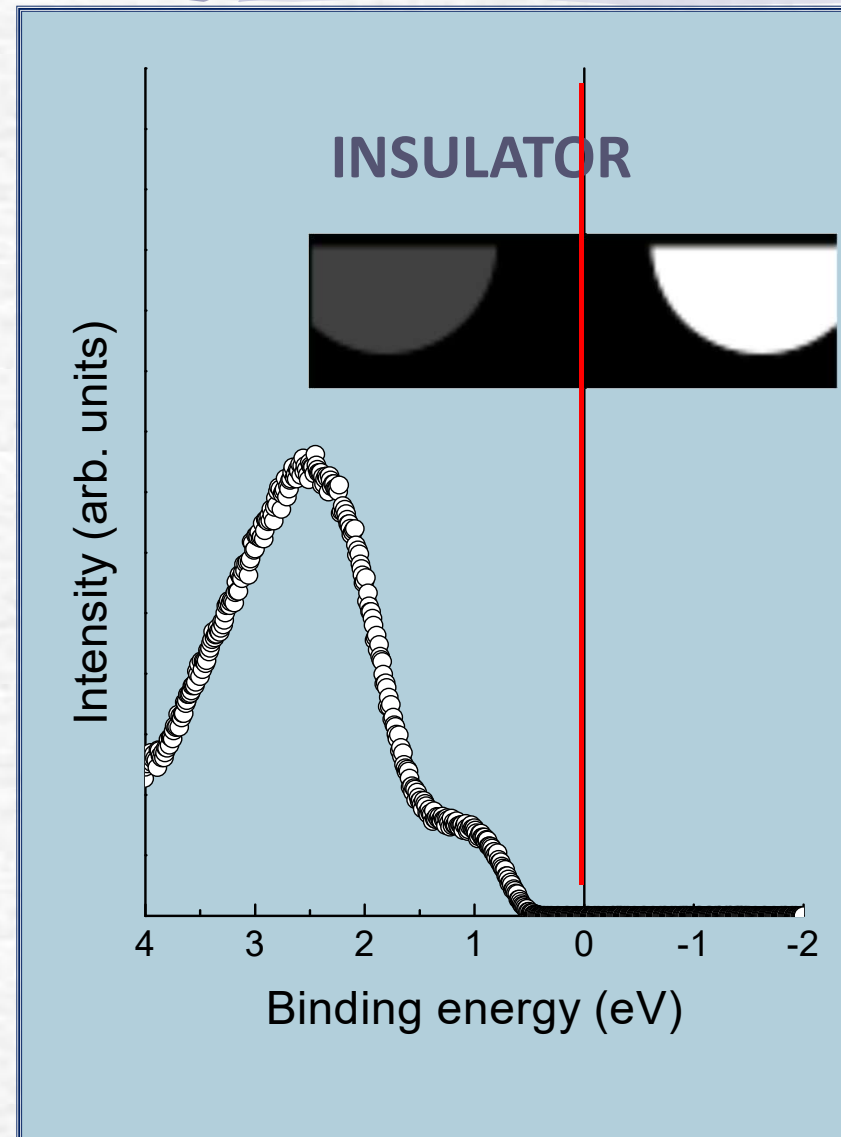
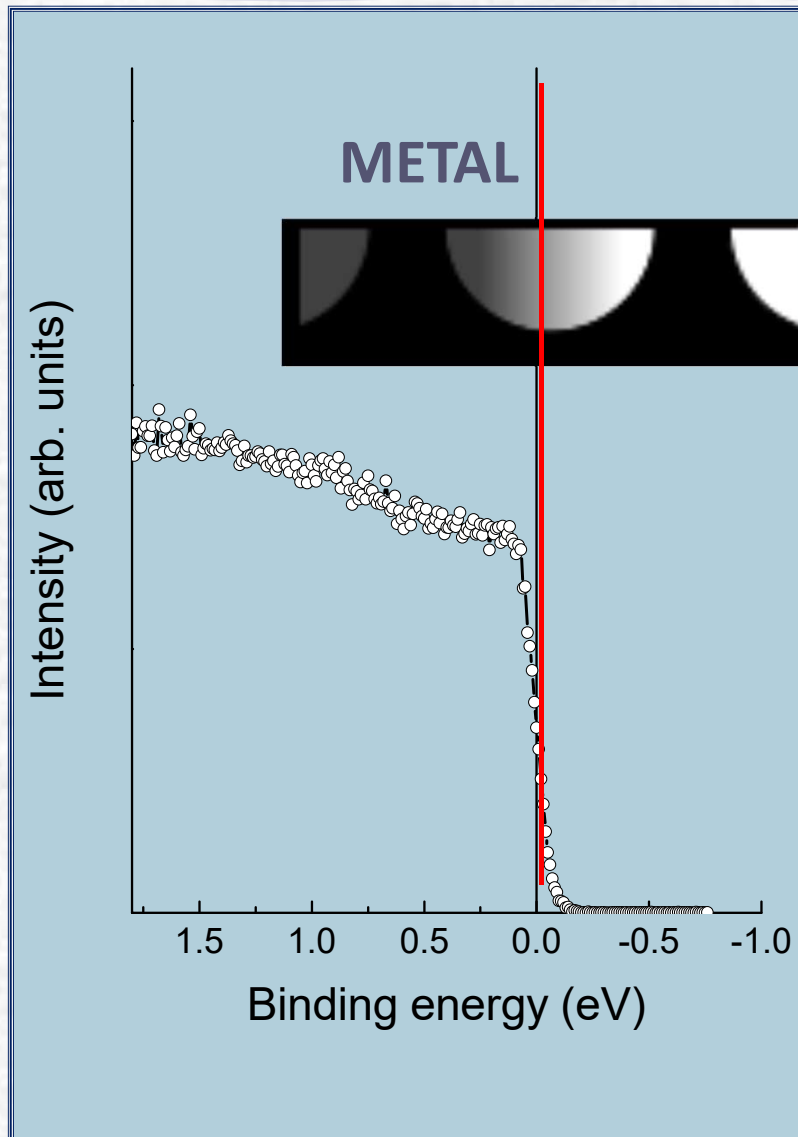
## How to reconstruct the initial state in 3 step model



# Surface vs. Bulk Sensitivity in Photoemission

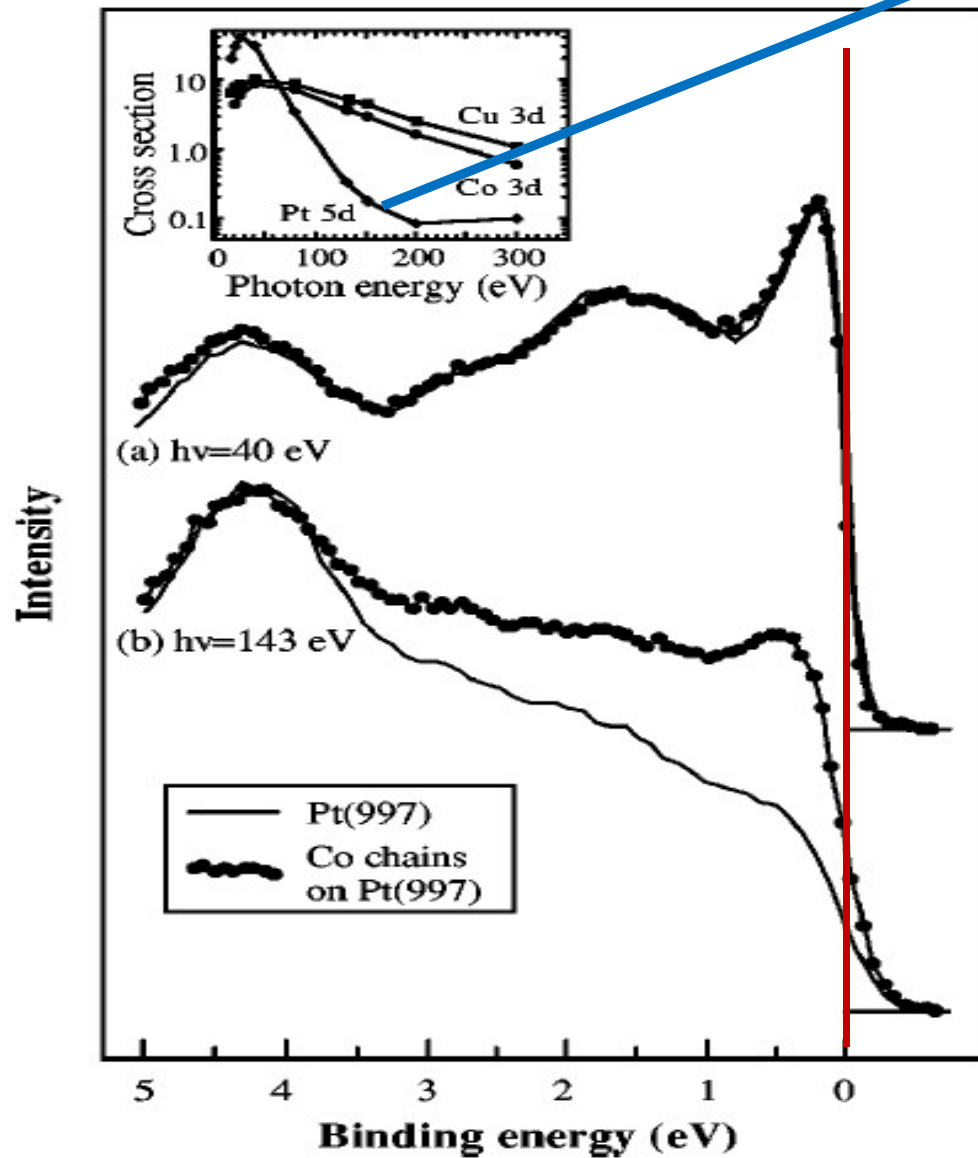


# Photoemission spectrum at Fermi Edge



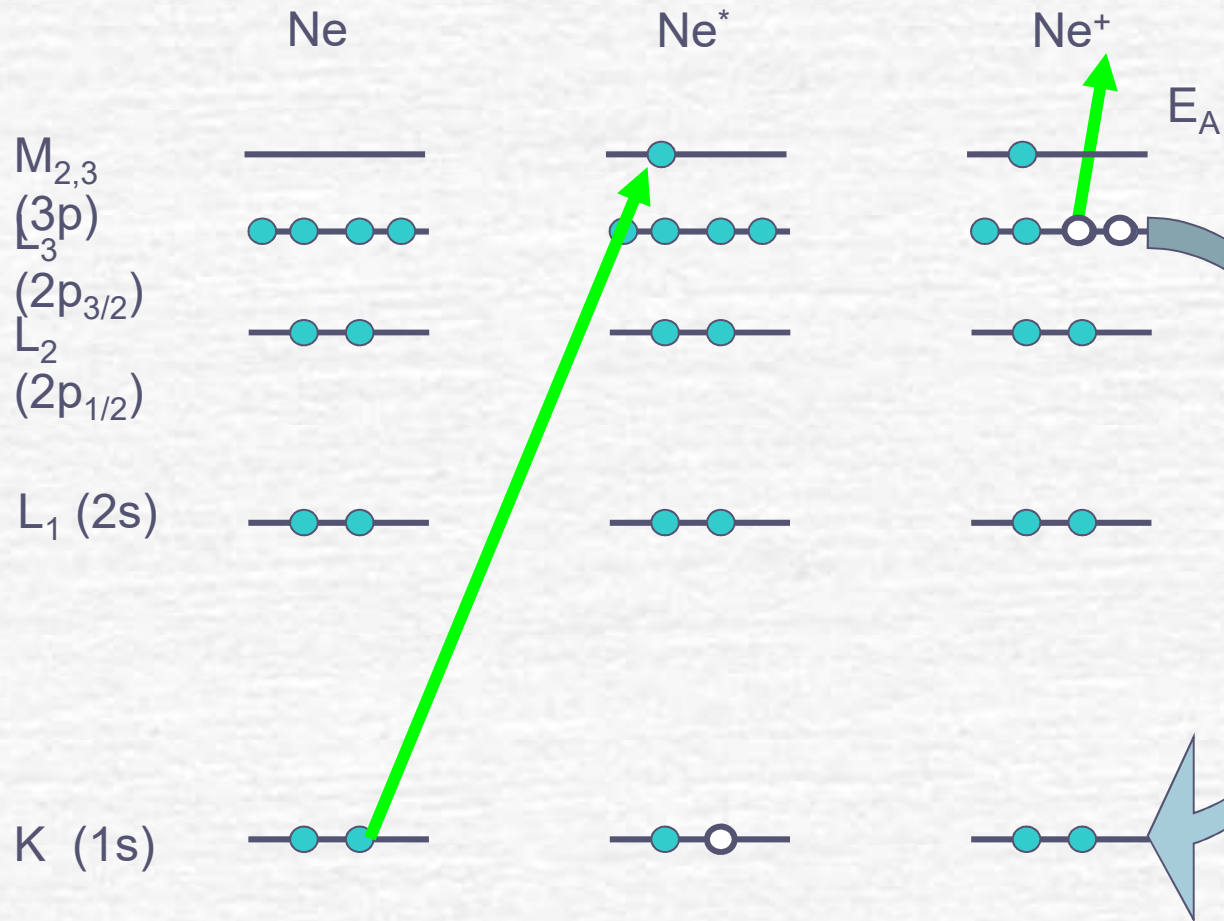


# Valence band Energy Distribution Curves and Cooper minimum



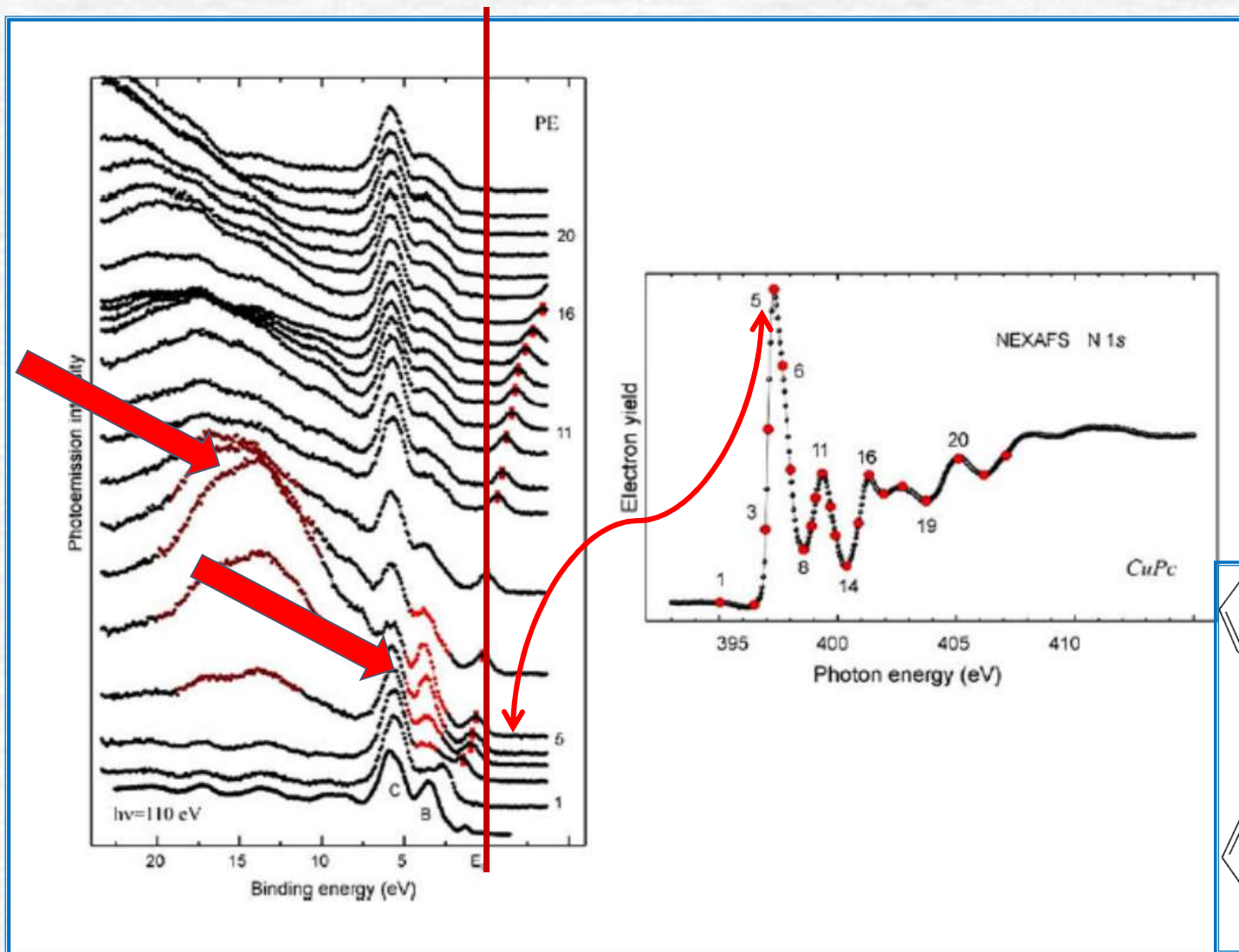
Valence Band EDCs of the clean Pt(997) surface (thin lines) and of Co-nanowires grown on Pt(997) (dots and thick lines), taken at different photon energies

# Autoionizing decay

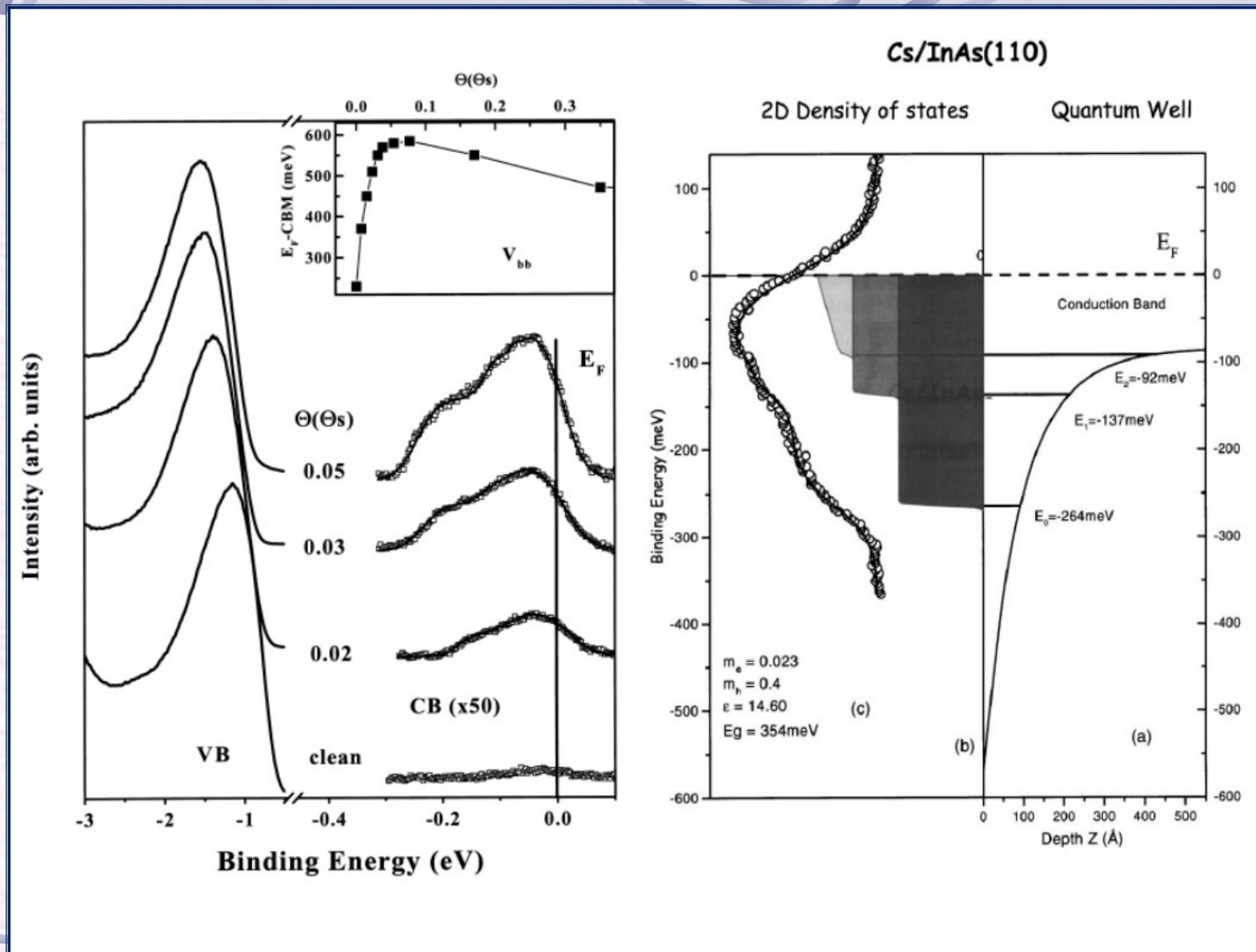


# Resonant photoemission EDC

Valence Band EDCs of a CuPc thin-film taken at different photon energies (left panel) and X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy (XAS) from the same CuPc across the N K-edge (right panel).

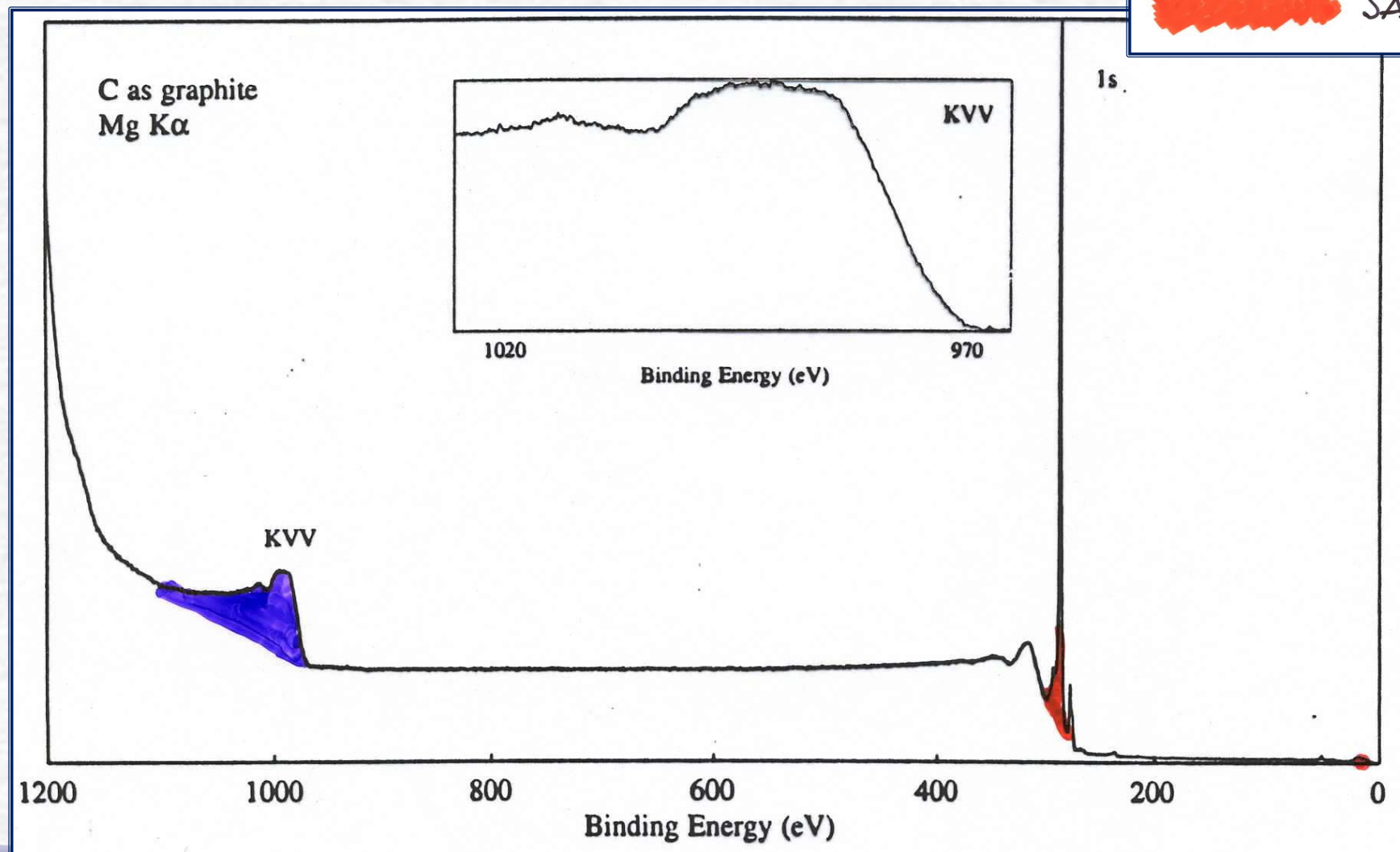
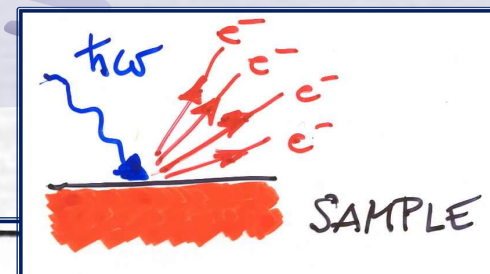


# 2D electron gas spatially confined Cs/InAs(110)



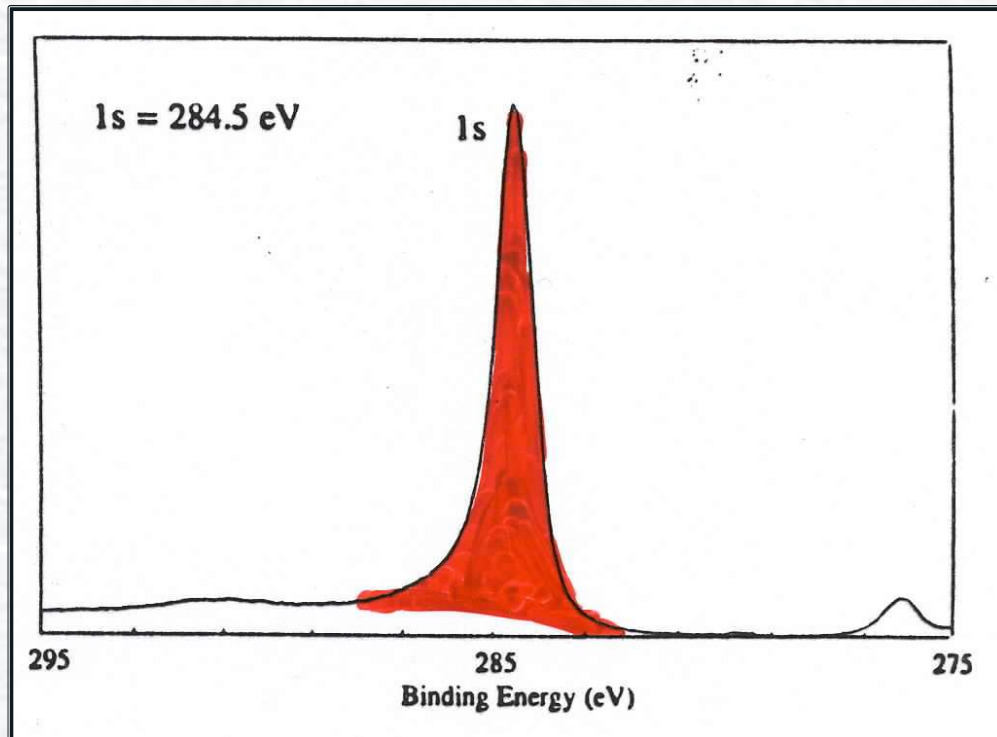
# Photoemission - Core Level Spectroscopy

## Wide XPS spectrum of graphite (C)



# Photoemission Spectroscopy

## Core level XPS spectrum of graphite (C)



The singlet **C 1s** line is characterized by:

- 1) A specific binding energy which reflects the specific atomic species (C) in a specific chemical environment
- 2) A finite width reflecting the instrumental resolution, lifetime broadening and other many-body effects

## Core Levels, chemical shift

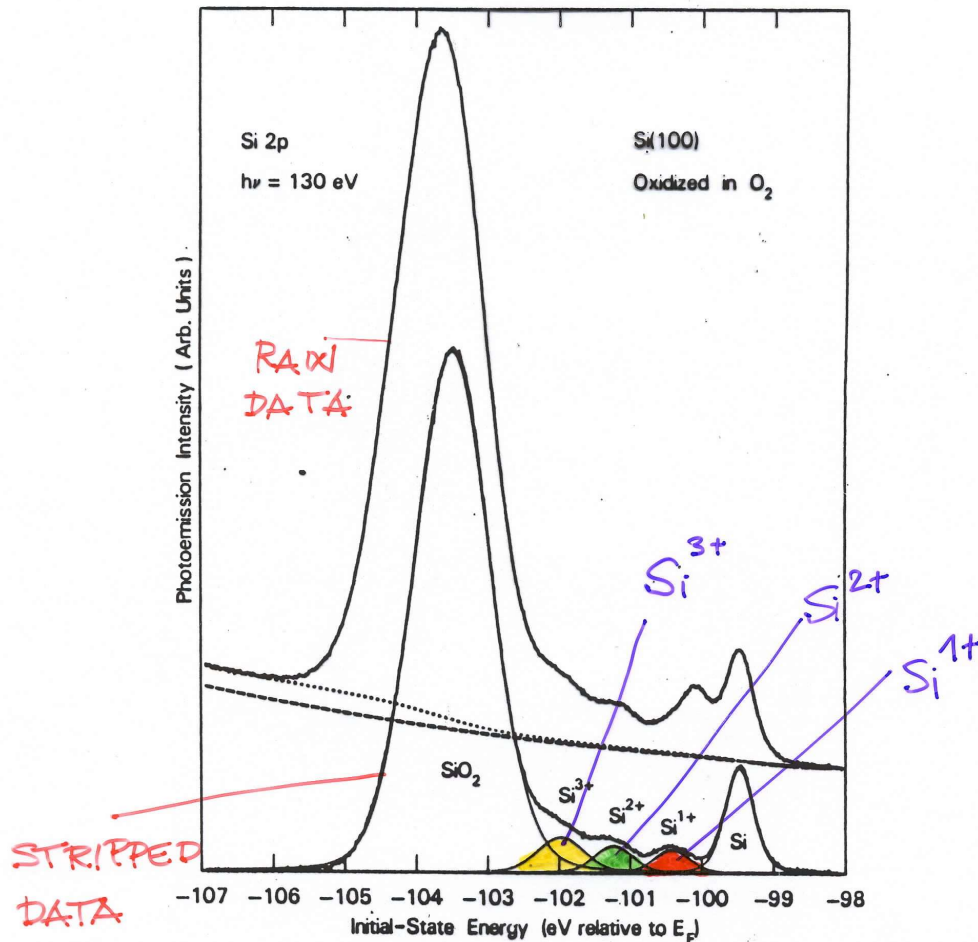
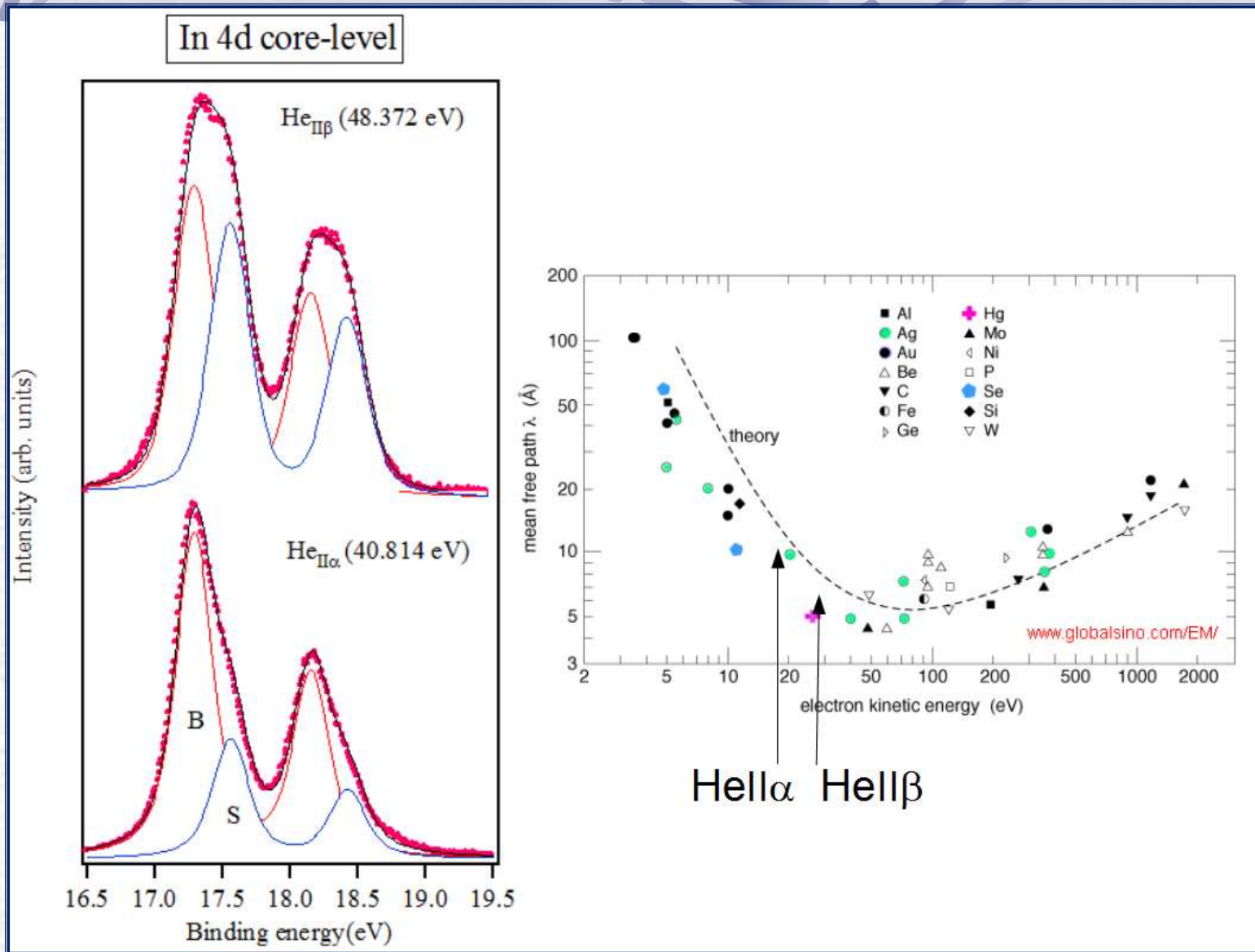


FIG. 1. Intermediate-oxidation states at the  $\text{SiO}_2/\text{Si}(100)$  interface, identified by their Si 2p core-level shifts. The top curve represents the raw photoemission data for the Si  $2p_{1/2,3/2}$  core levels. The bottom curve has the Si  $2p_{1/2}$  line and the secondary electron background subtracted. All three intermediate-oxidation states are seen. For a truncated bulk structure only  $\text{Si}^{2+}$  would be present since the Si(100) surface has two broken bonds per atom.

The **Si 2p** line is characterized by the occurrence of 5 chemically distinct components which reflect different chemical states of the Si atoms at the interface

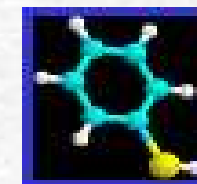
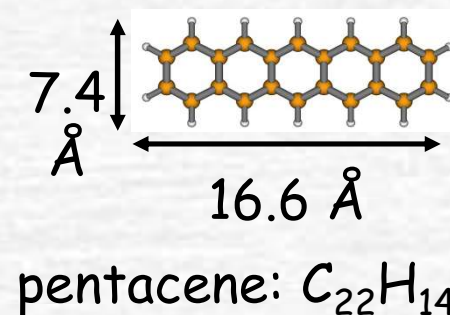
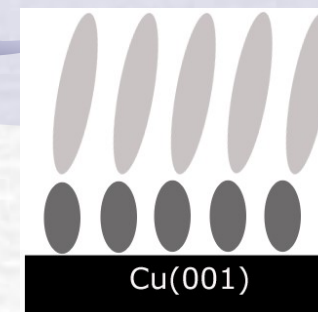
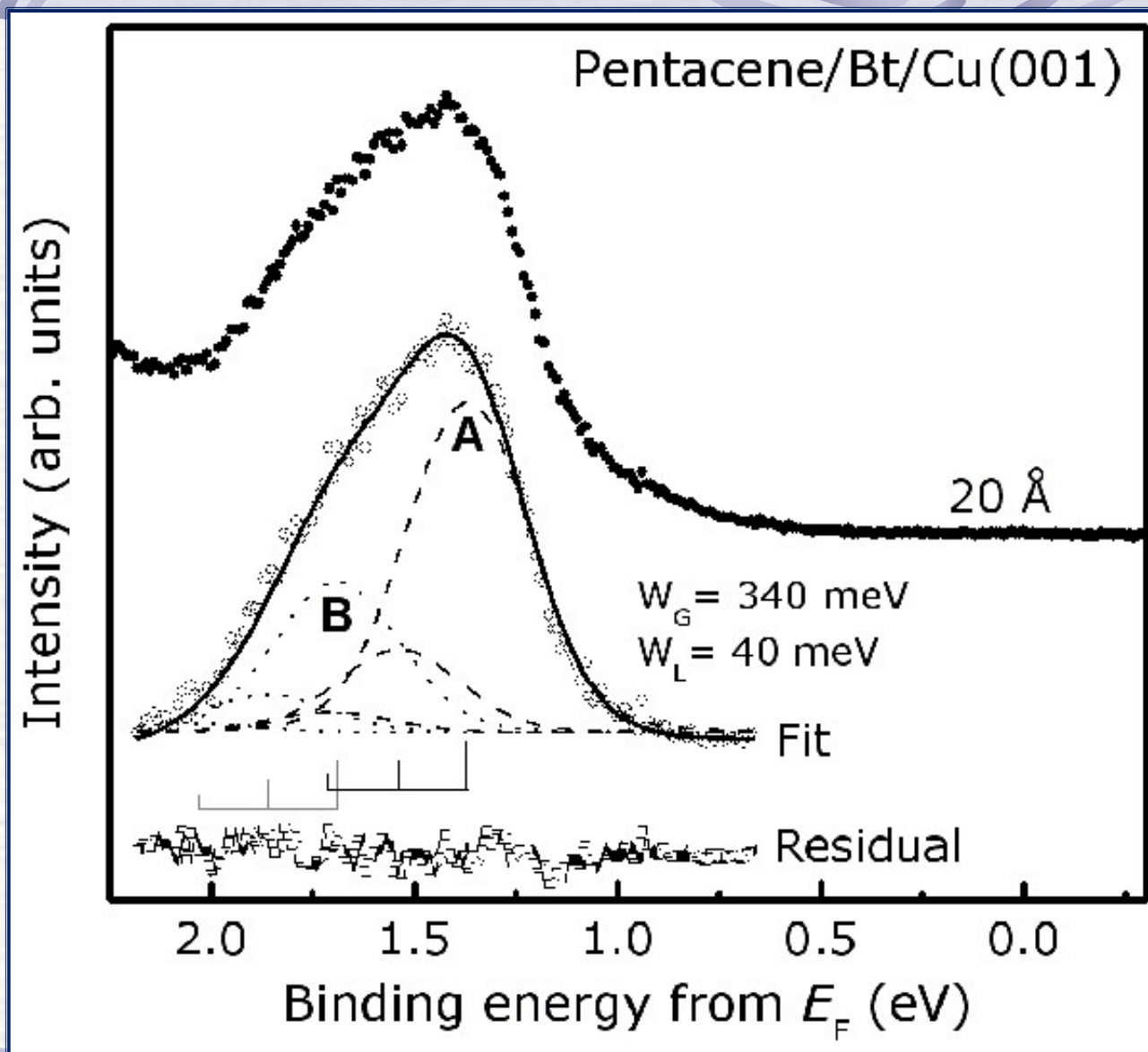
# Surface core level shift vs. mean free path In 4d



High-resolution In-4d core-levels at freshly cleaved InAs(110), taken with He<sub>II</sub>α and He<sub>II</sub>β radiation; Voigt-profiled fit with surface (S, blue lines) and bulk (B, red lines) doublet components (left panel)



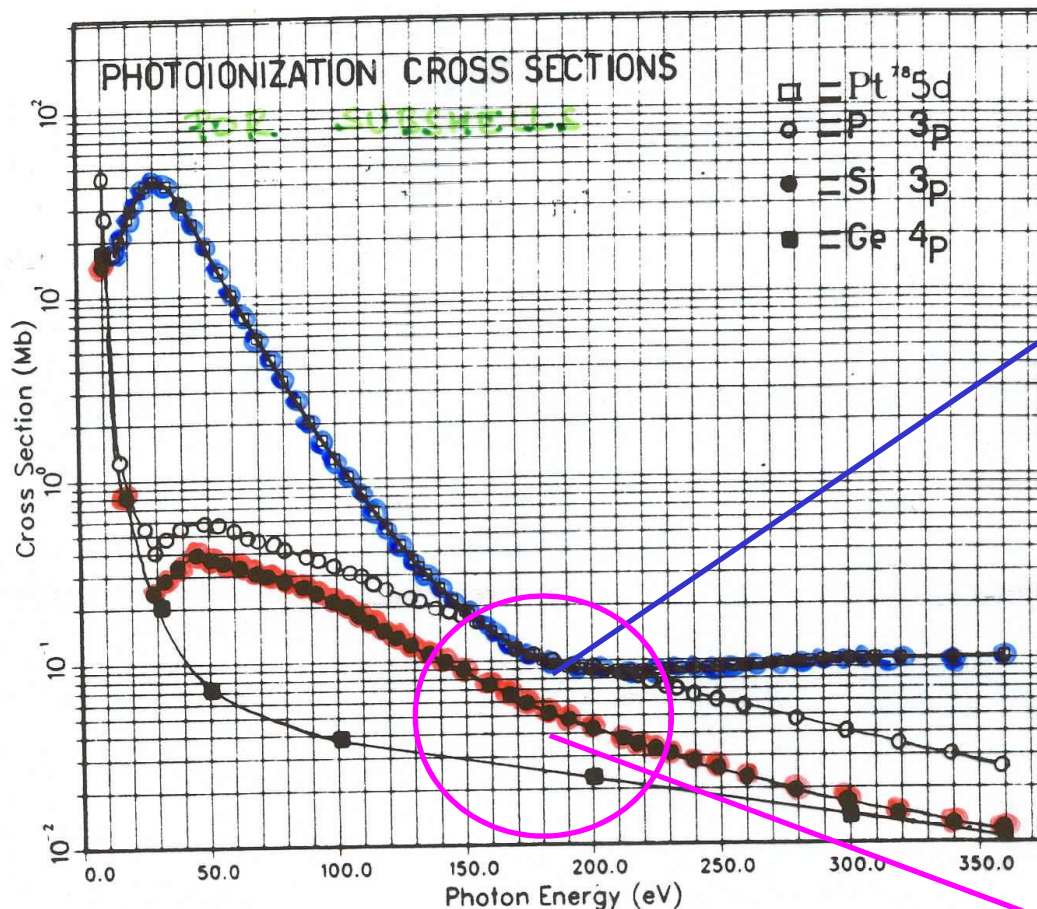
# Valence PE vibrational spectrum



Betti, Kanjilal and Mariani, J. Phys. Chem. A **111**, 12454 (2007)

# Cooper Minimum Photoemission

It is possible when one of the valence band orbital shows a Cooper minimum in the photoionization cross section



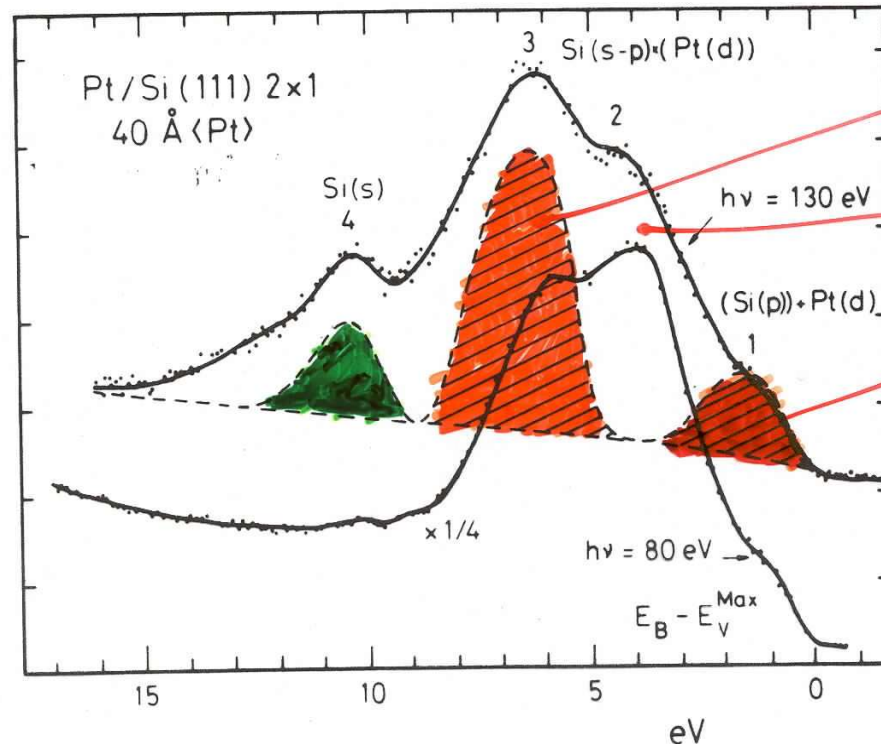
Photoionization cross section for 4d and 5d subshells in the energy range 0–200 eV compared to the cross sections for the 3ps and 4sp valence states of the semiconductors [21].

Cooper minimum  
in the Pt 5d  
cross section

A Cooper minimum  
exists when the  
radial part of the  
orbital wave function  
exhibits a node

The Pt 5d and Si 3p cross  
sections are comparable

# Cooper Minimum Photoemission



Pt 5d anti-bonding

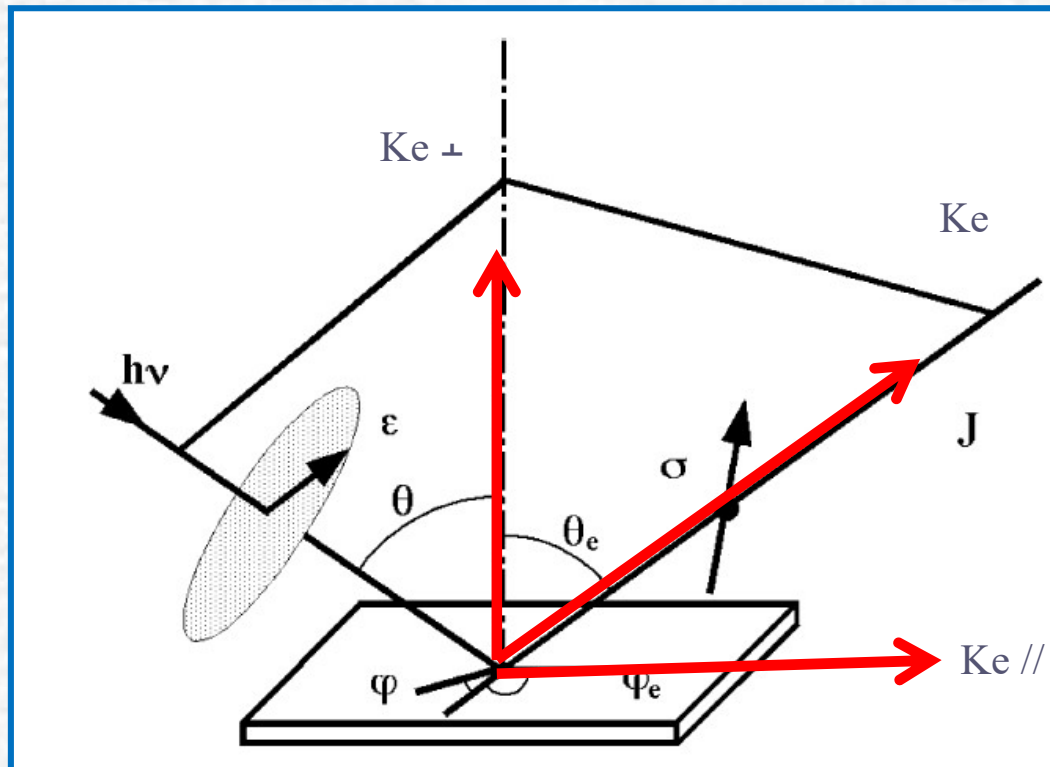
Pt 5d non-bonding

Pt 5d bonding

A joint analysis of VB photoemission spectra taken at and off the Cooper minimum enables one to disentangle the differing site- and orbital-specific contributions

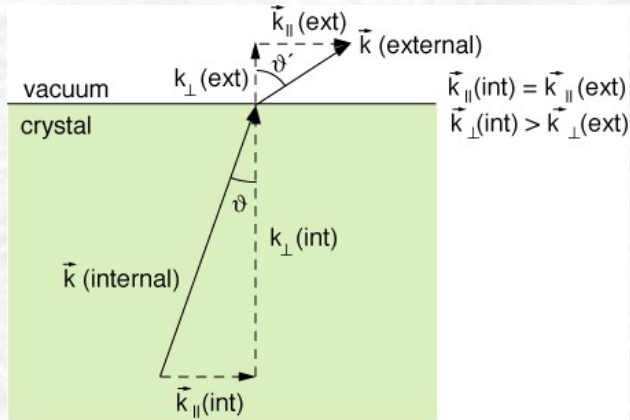
. Analysis of the Si sp partial DOS at the Pt-Si(111) reacted interface (40 Å Pt-Si(111) at room temperature). The top panel displays the CM and the  $h\nu = 80$  eV photoemission data, and a three-peak partial DOS that accounts for the Si hybridized 3sp charge at the interface; a gap is present in correspondence to the localized Pt5d states. The same three-peak partial DOS is then self-convoluted and compared to the integrated SiL<sub>2,3</sub>VV lineshape. The correspondence of all peaks and relative intensities (a part of the known reduction of the Si 3s contribution) confirms the CM derivation of the Si sp partial DOS [159].

# Angular resolved photoemission

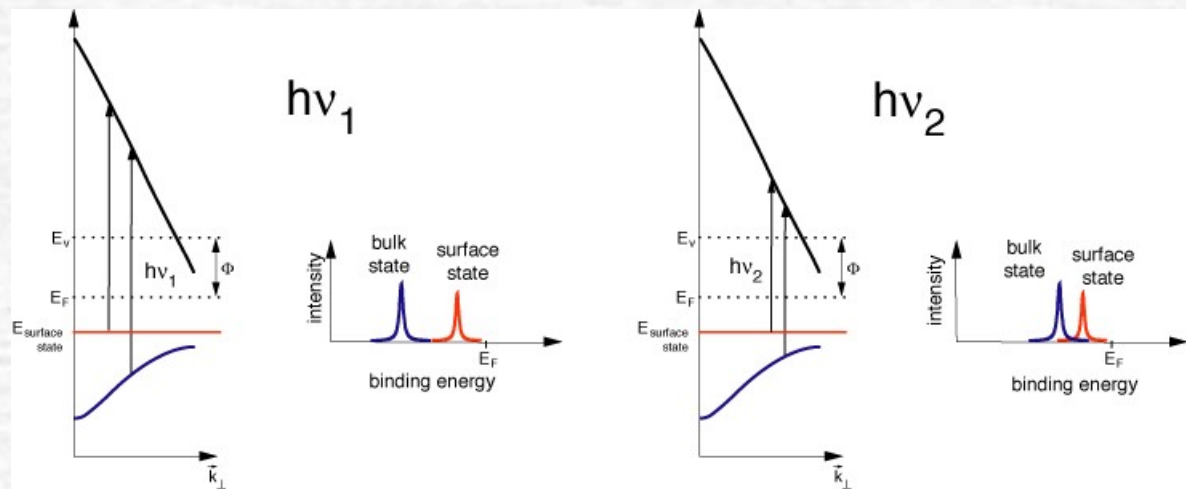
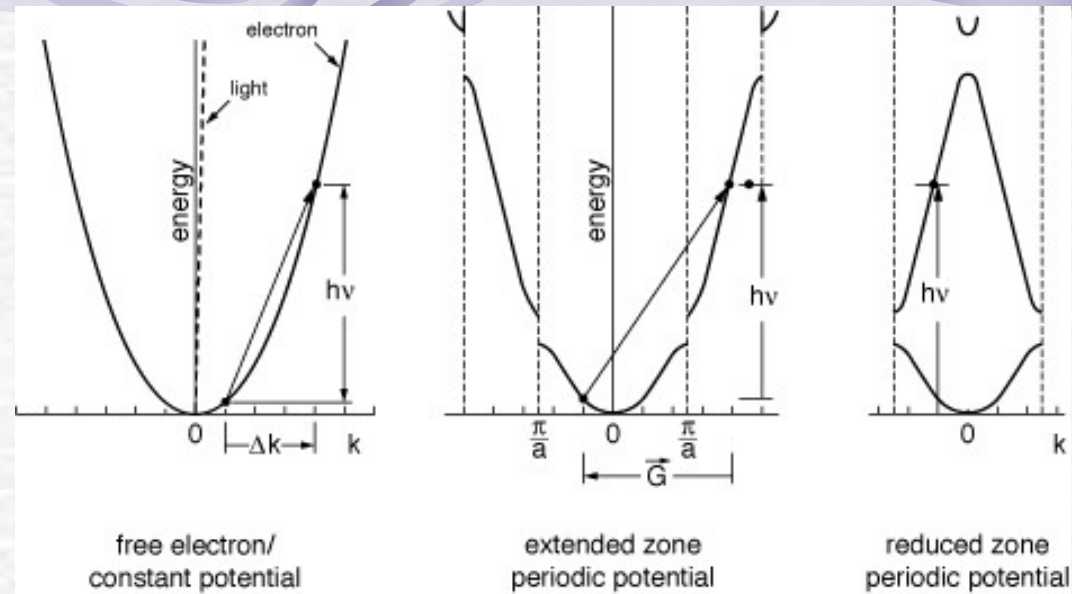


# angular resolved photoemission

How to photo-excite electrons from a crystal in a periodic potential, by photoemission

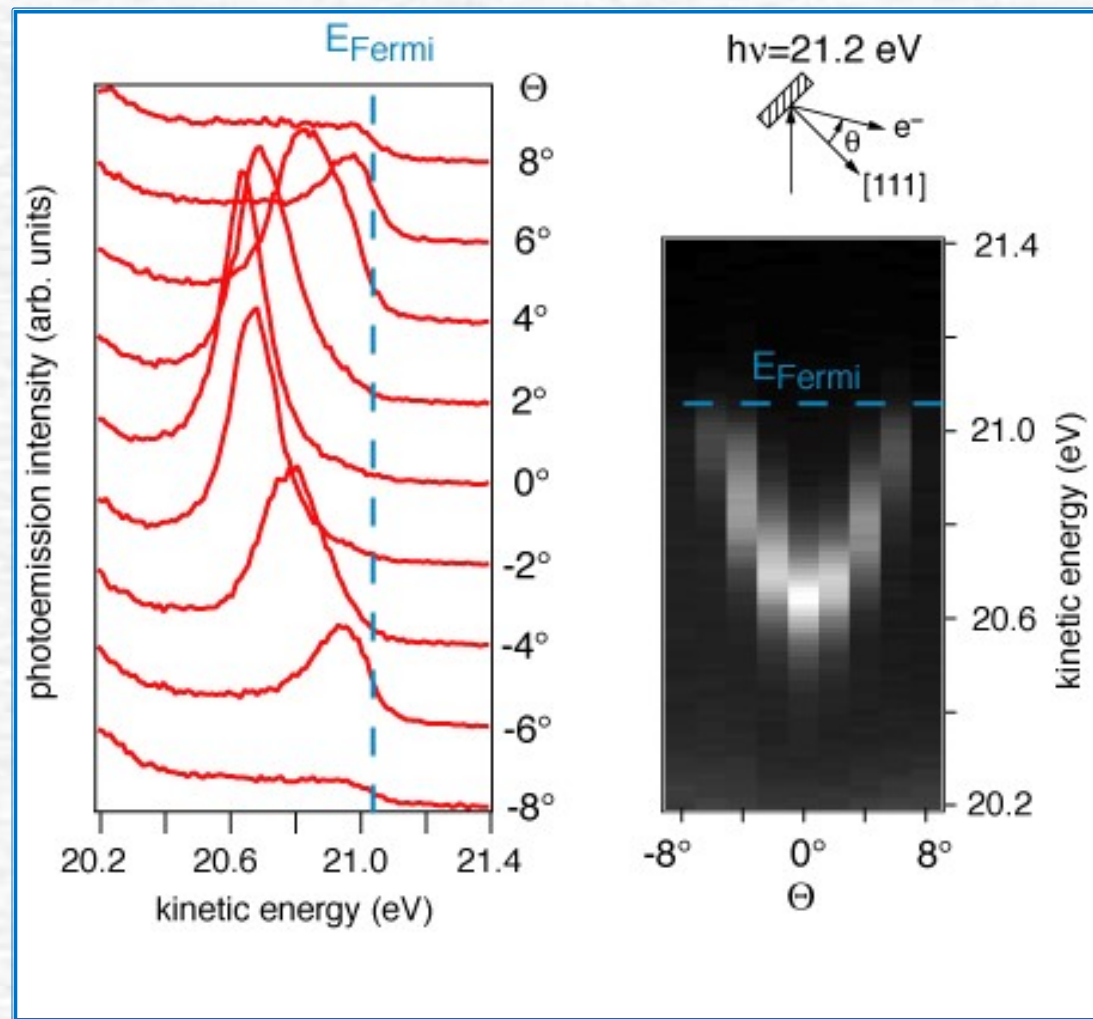
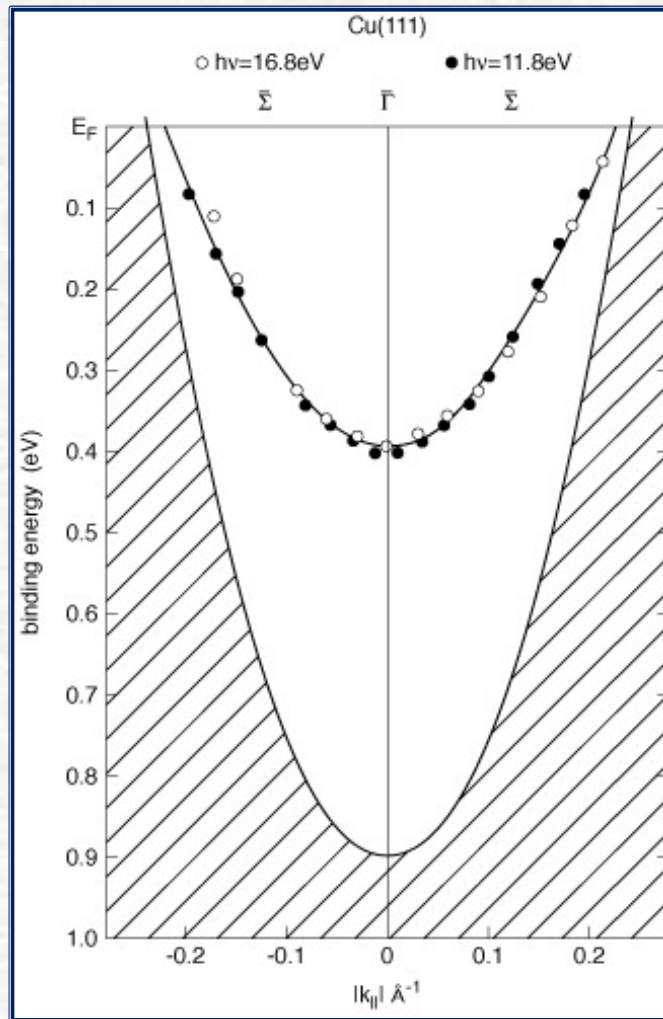


graphs from Ph. Hoffmann



$$\vec{k}_{\parallel i} = \vec{k}_{\parallel f} = \sin(\Theta) \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}} \sqrt{E_{kin}} = \sin(\Theta) \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}} \sqrt{h\nu - E_{bin} - e\Phi}$$

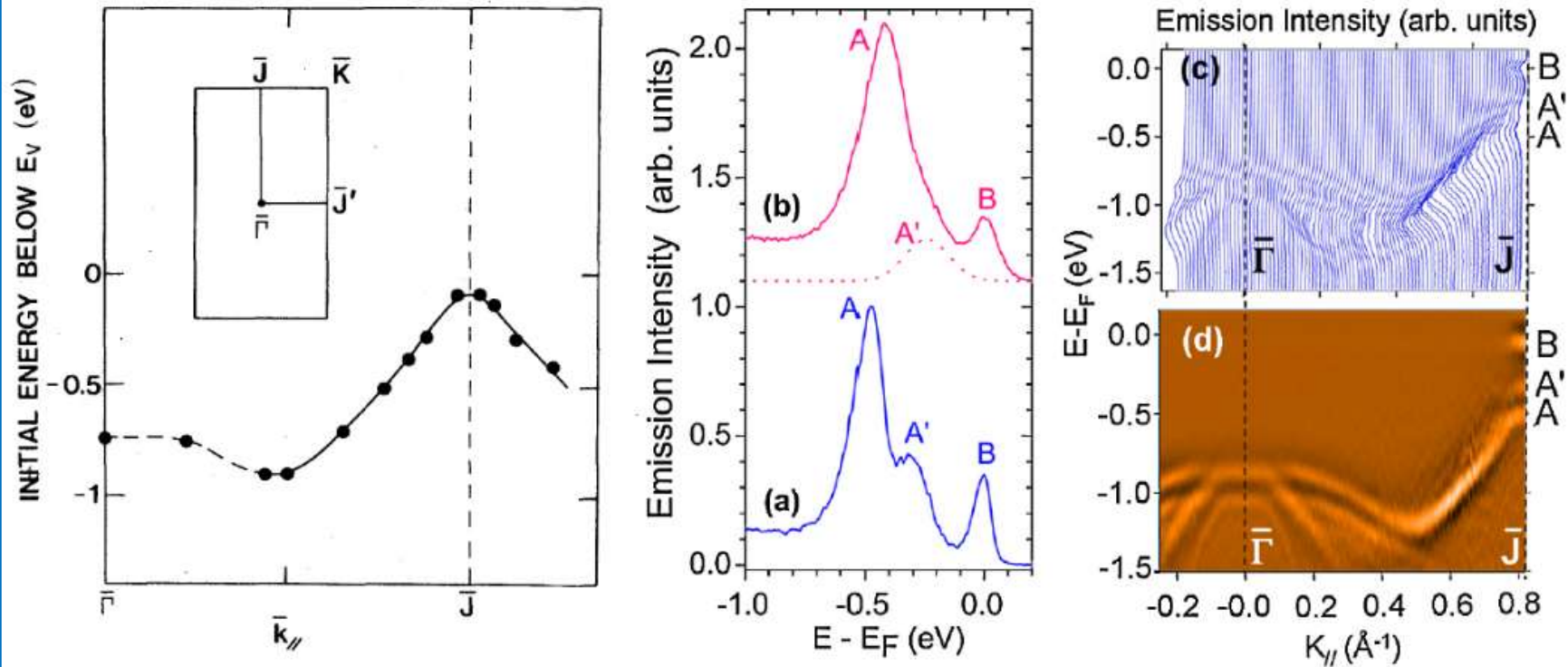
# electronic surface states at Cu(111)



quasi-free electron surface state on Cu(111),  
 Schockley state, *s-like*

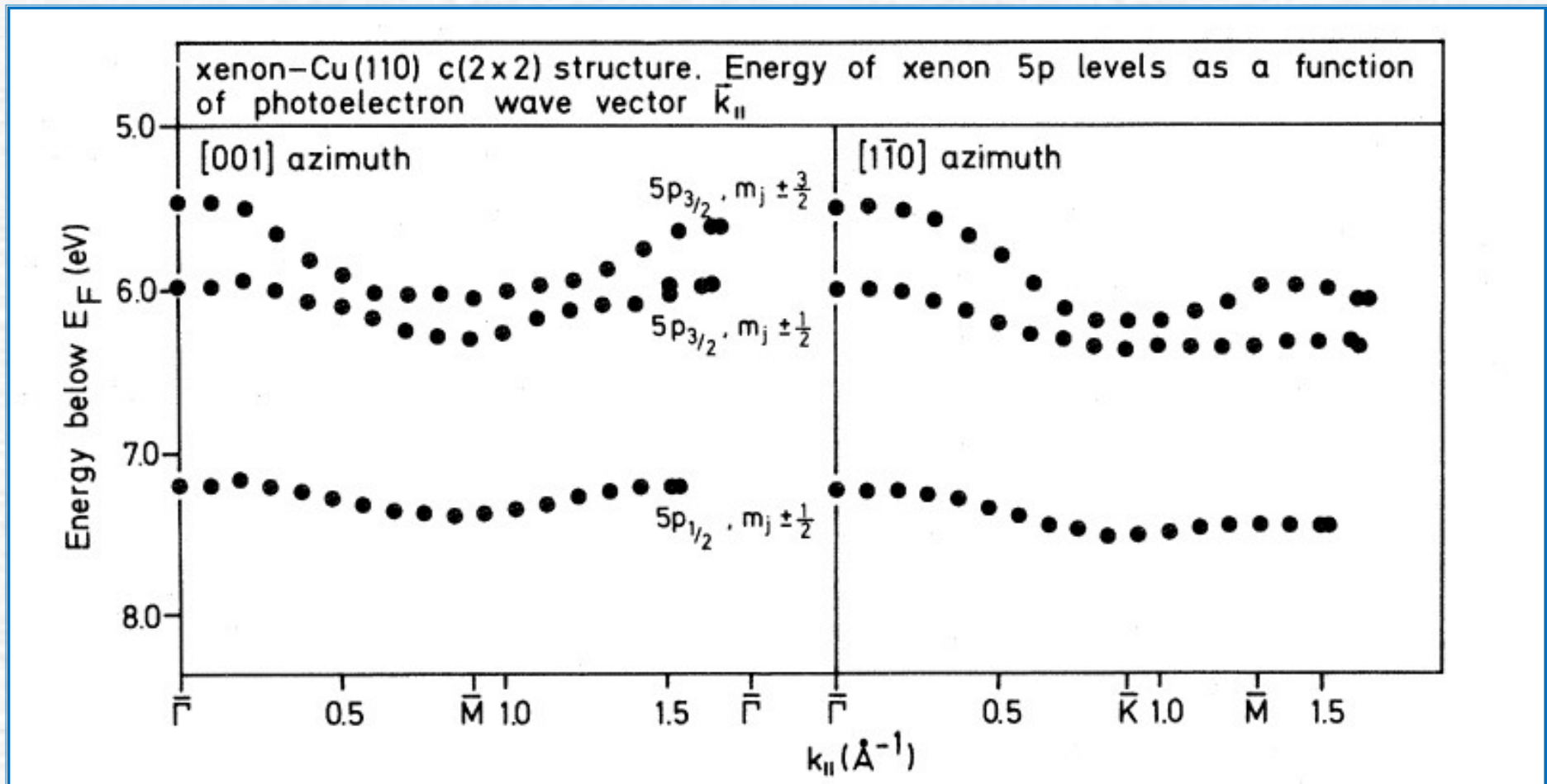
S.D. Kevan, Phys. Rev. Lett. 50,526 (1983).

# Dangling bonds Si(111)-(2x1)



Dangling-bond surface state dispersion at the Si(111)-(2x1) reconstructed surface along the  $\bar{\Gamma}$  direction of the Surface Brillouin Zone (SBZ). One of the first experimental ARPES dangling-bond dispersion (left panel); recent high-resolution ARPES dangling-bond dispersion.

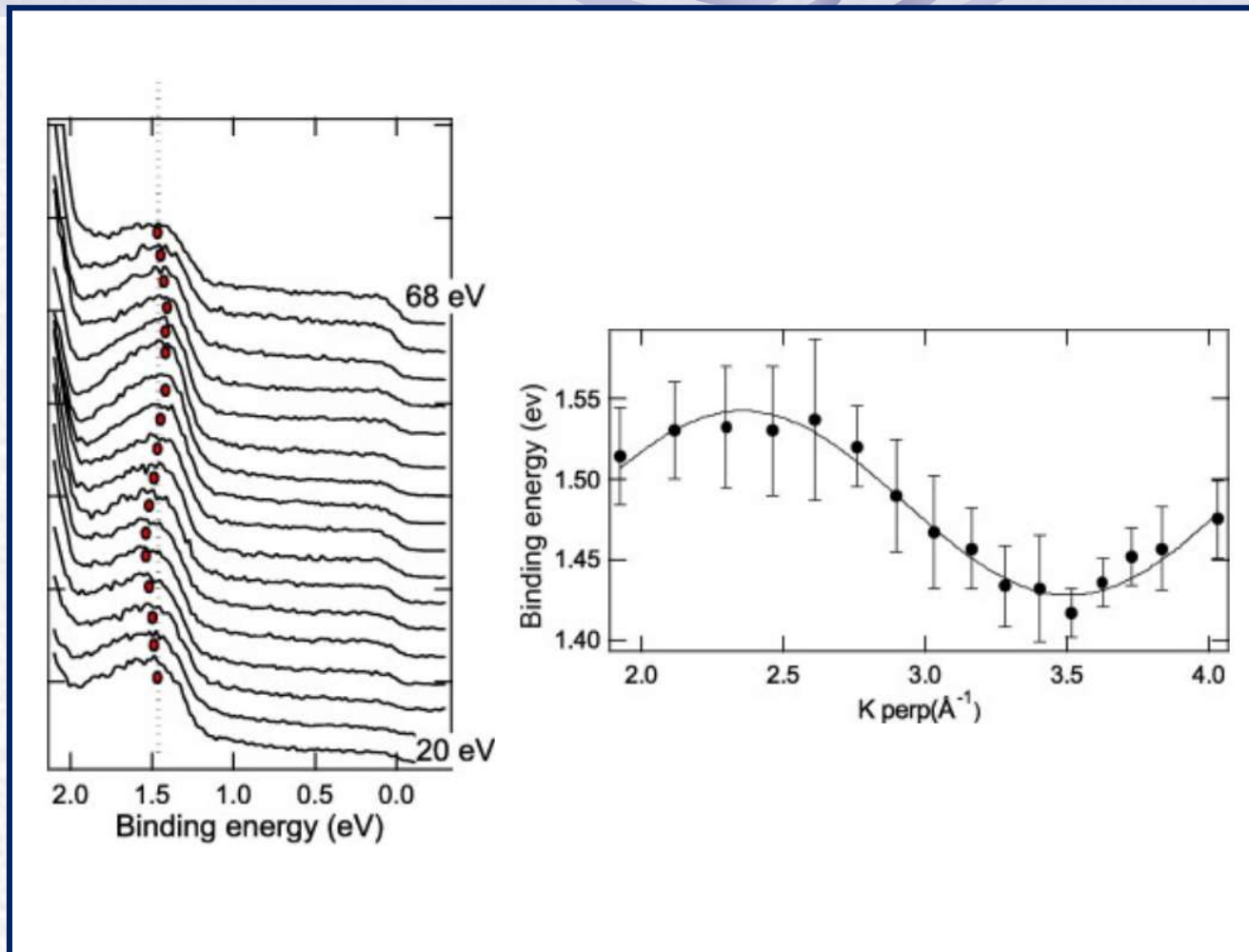
# Physisorbed Xe c(2x2)/Cu(110)



Experimental band structure of the 5p levels of Xe physisorbed in an ordered c(2x2) structure onto the Cu(110) surface. ARPES bands

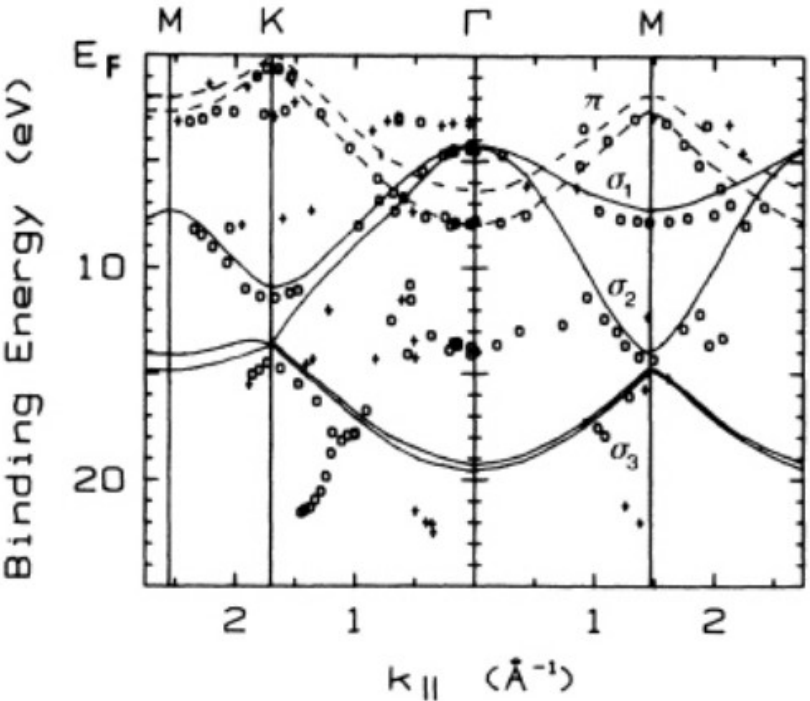
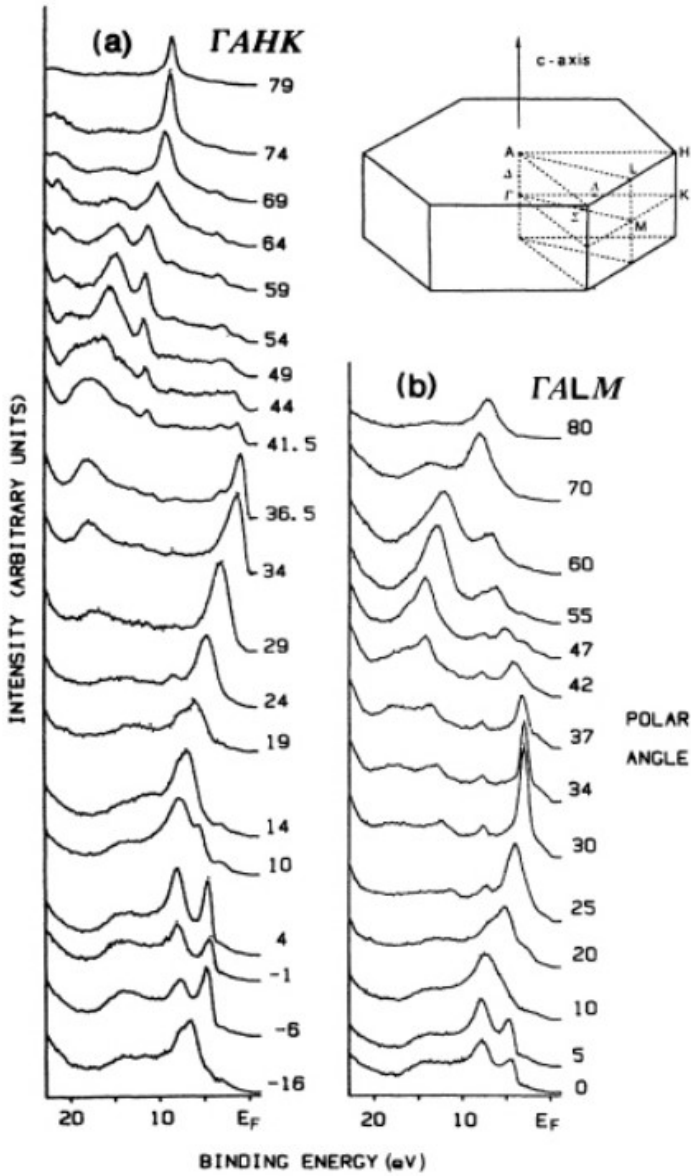


## Pentacene HOMO on Cu(119)



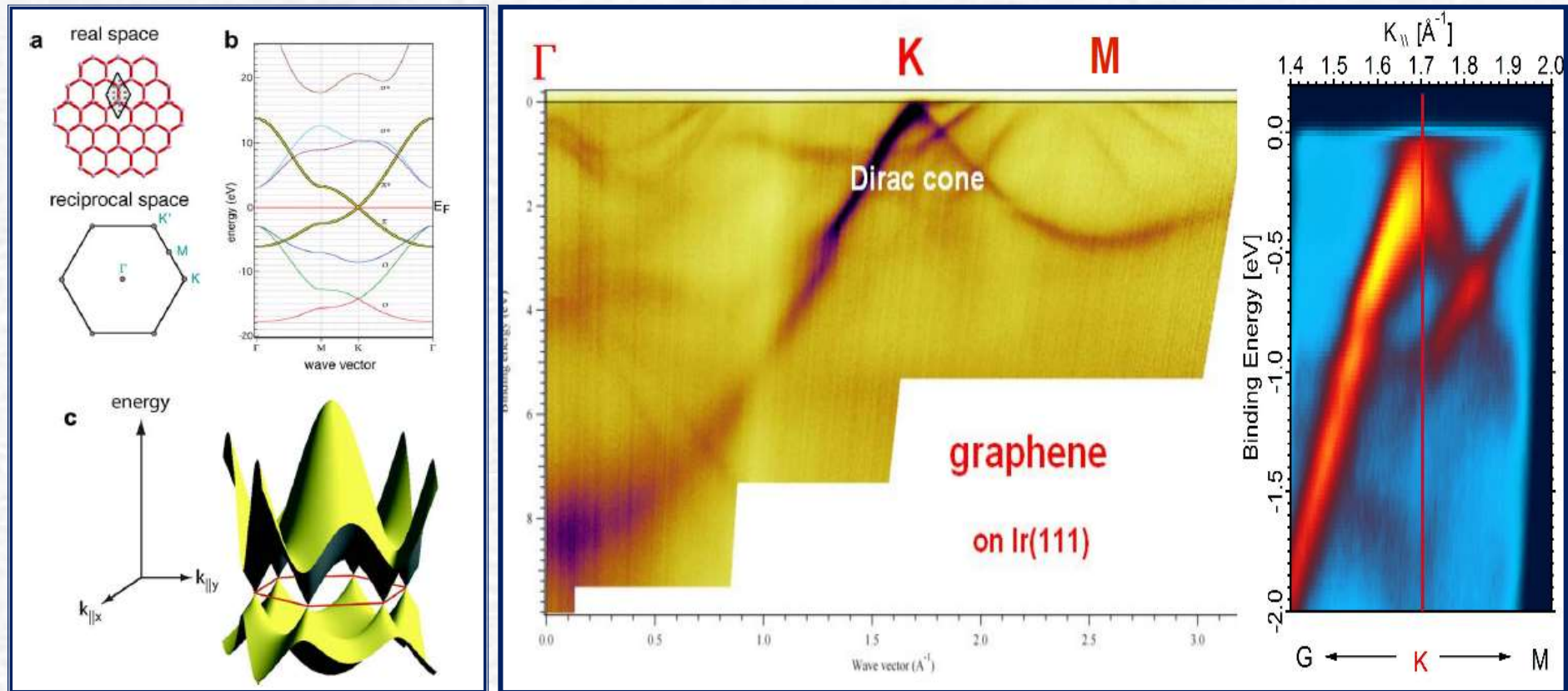
2-nm thick **pentacene** film grown on Cu(119). ARPES selection of spectra taken at **normal emission** and varying the photon energy (left); highest-occupied molecular-orbital (**HOMO**) band dispersion along  $k_{\perp}$  (right).

# ARPES graphite (HOPG)



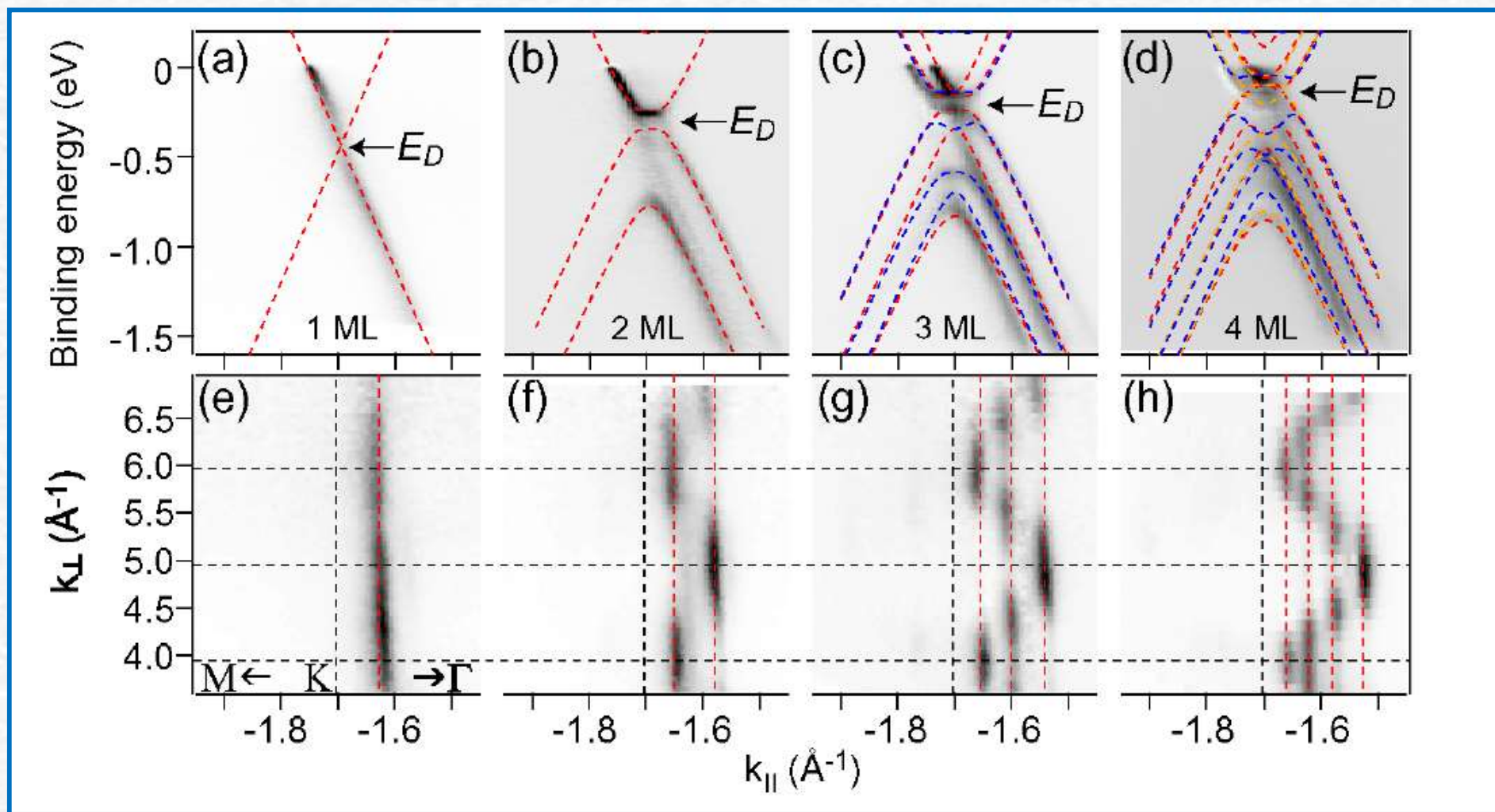
Valence band of graphite (HOPG), stacking of the ARPES spectra as a function of polar angle (left) and experimental band structure (right).

# Graphene band structure



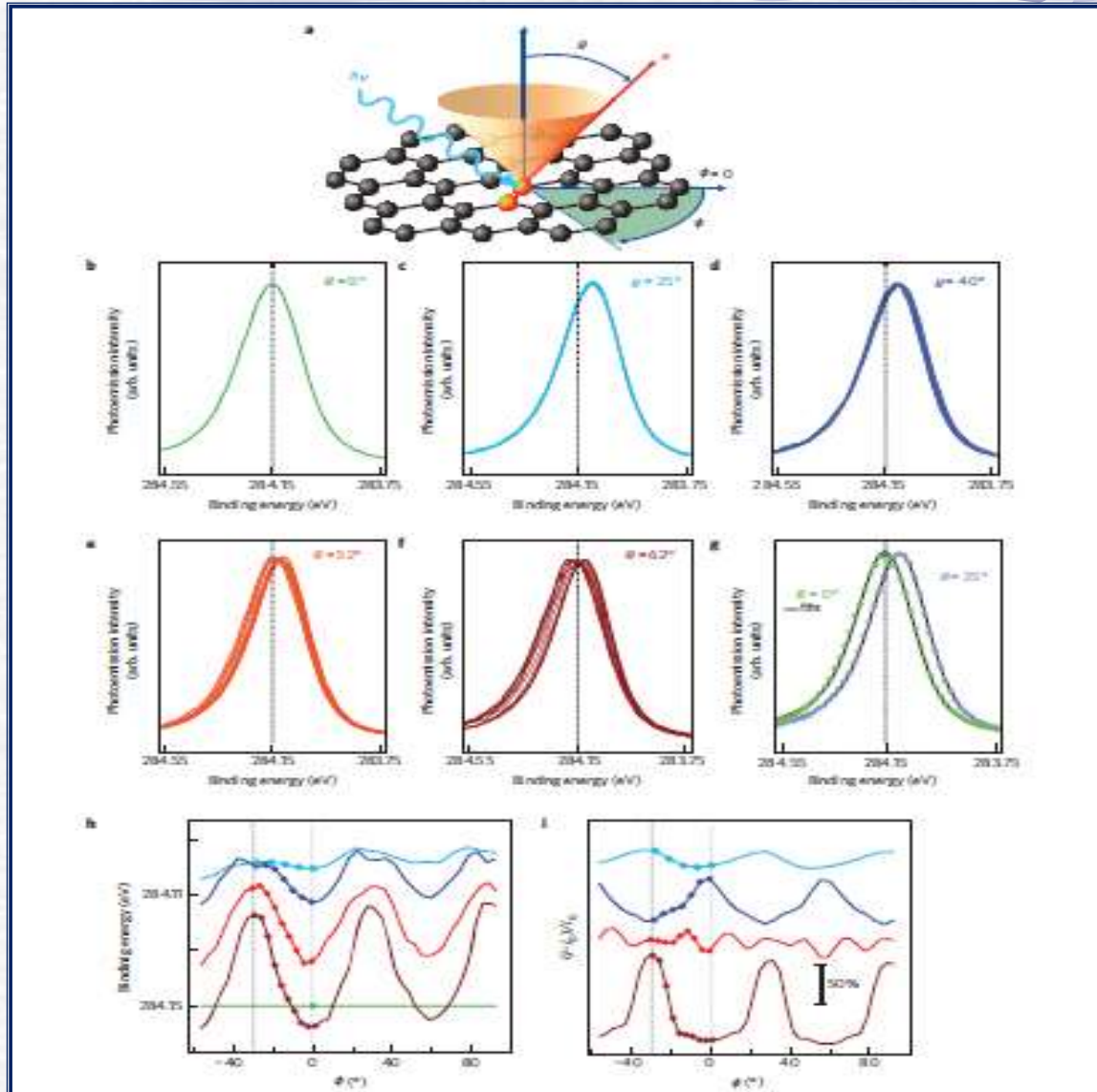
Graphene band structure along  $\Gamma$ KM and zoom of the Dirac cone around the K point of the SBZ. ARPES data taken with high-resolution ARPES and a He discharge source

# Band formation in graphene multilayers



Formation of an electronic band, stepwise: from 1-layer (extreme left) to 4-layer (extreme right) graphene band structure along across the Dirac point.

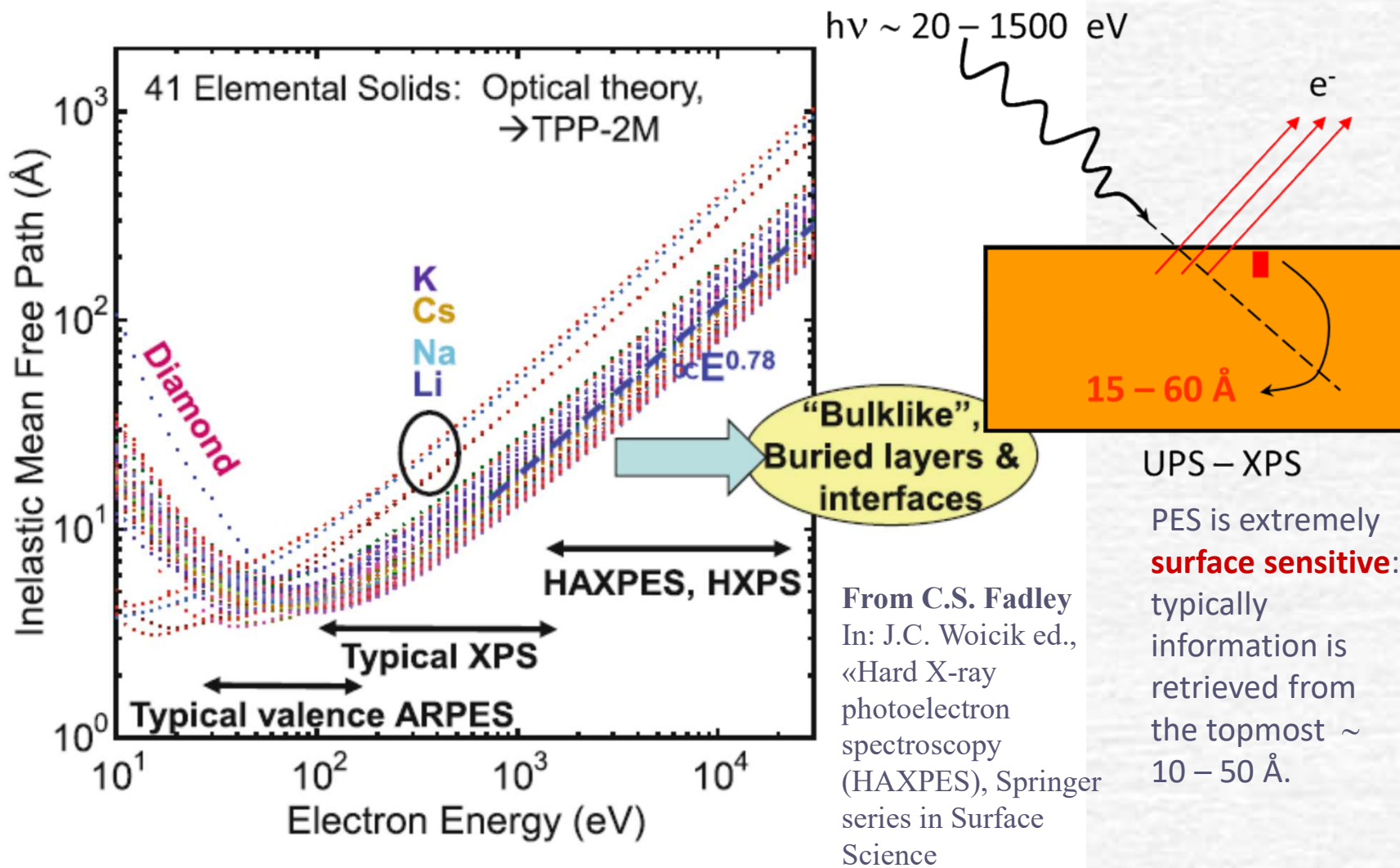
# K shell dispersion in graphene

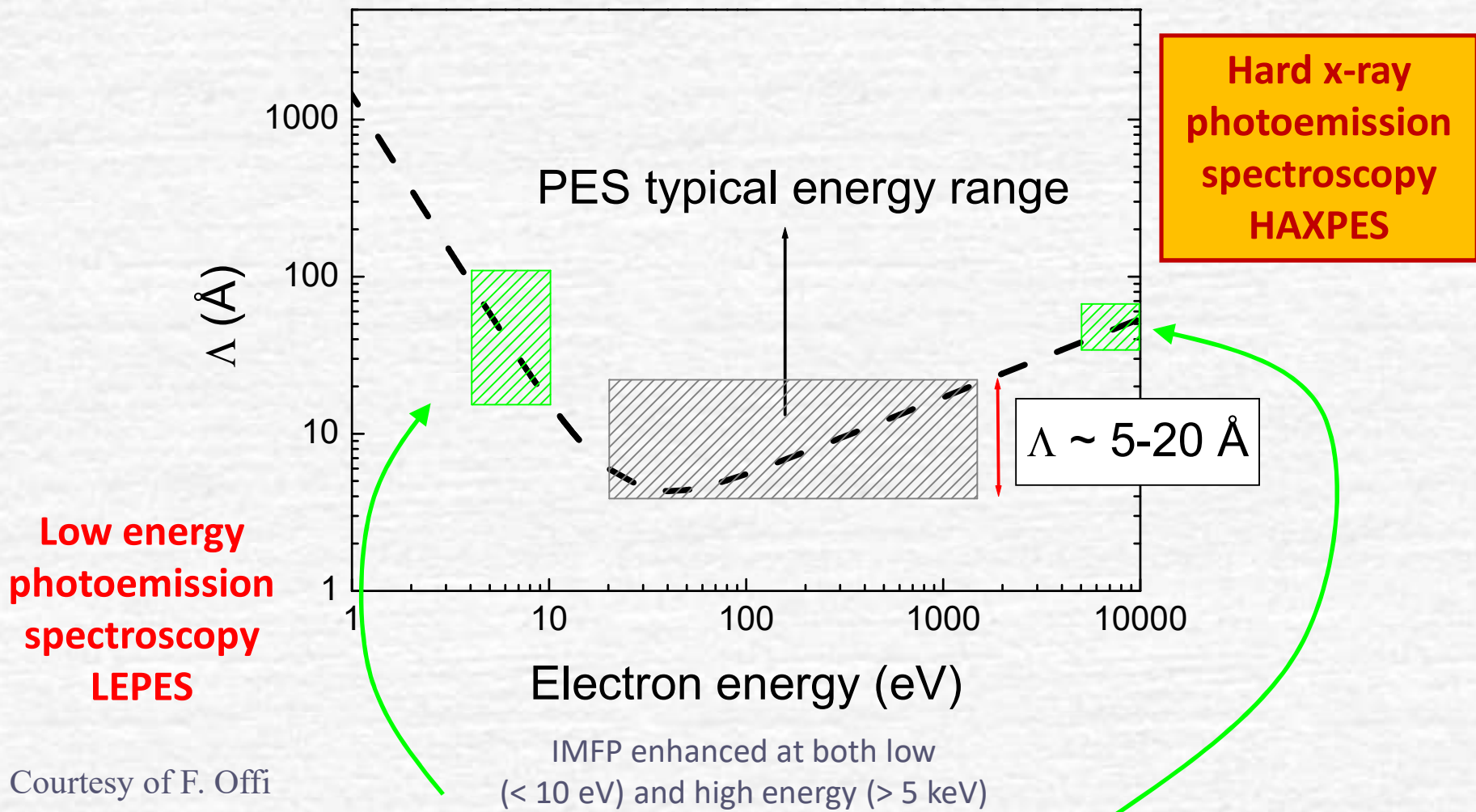


Spectral function of the C 1s core-level in graphene as a function of the emission polar angle

Silvano Lizzit, et al.: Nature Physics **6**, 345-349 (2010)

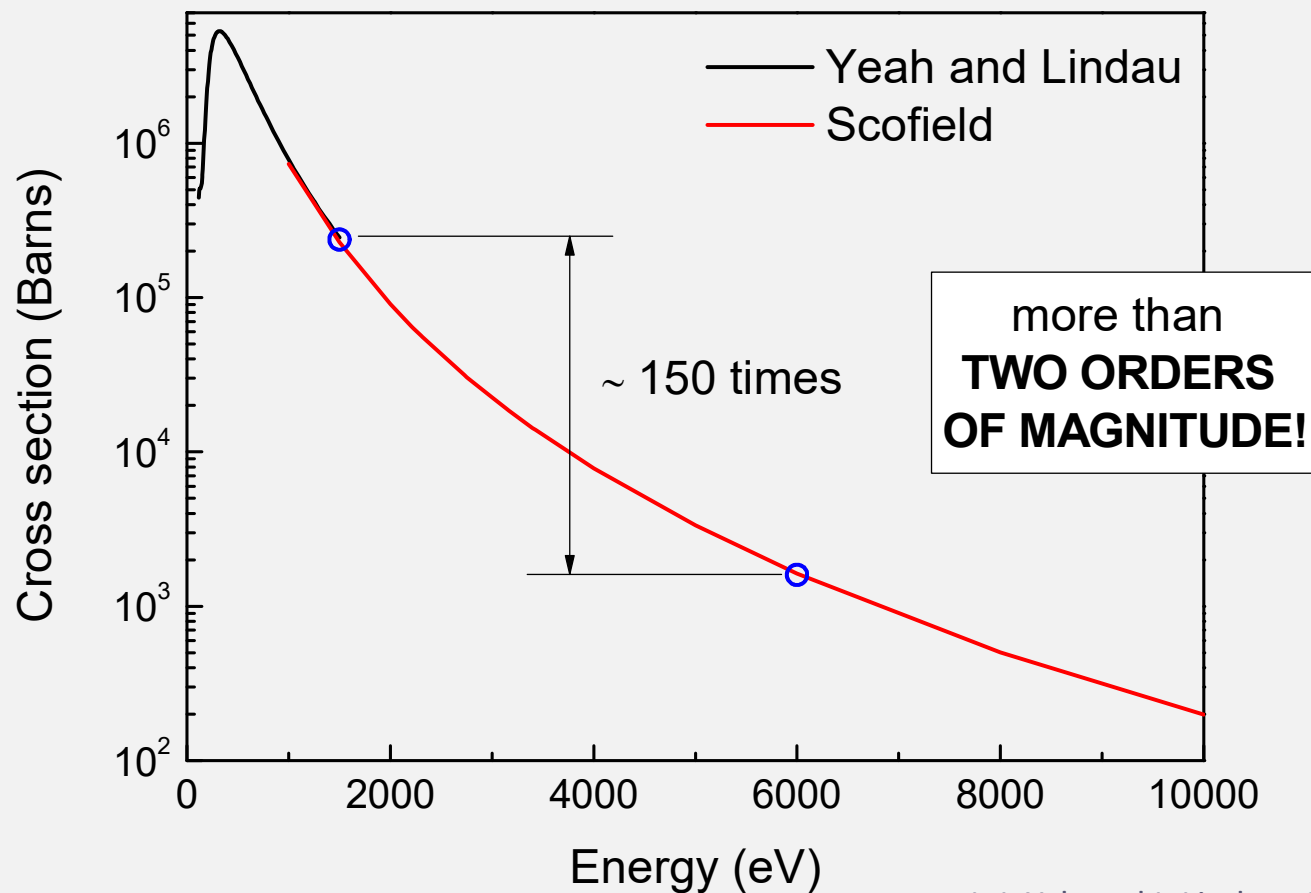
# Why Hard X-ray PES (HAXPES) ?





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# Main difficulty with HAXPES



J. J. Yeh and I. Lindau, At. Data Nucl. Data Tables **32**, 1 (1985)

J. H. Scofield, LLNL Report, UCRL-51326 (1973)



## Early attempts

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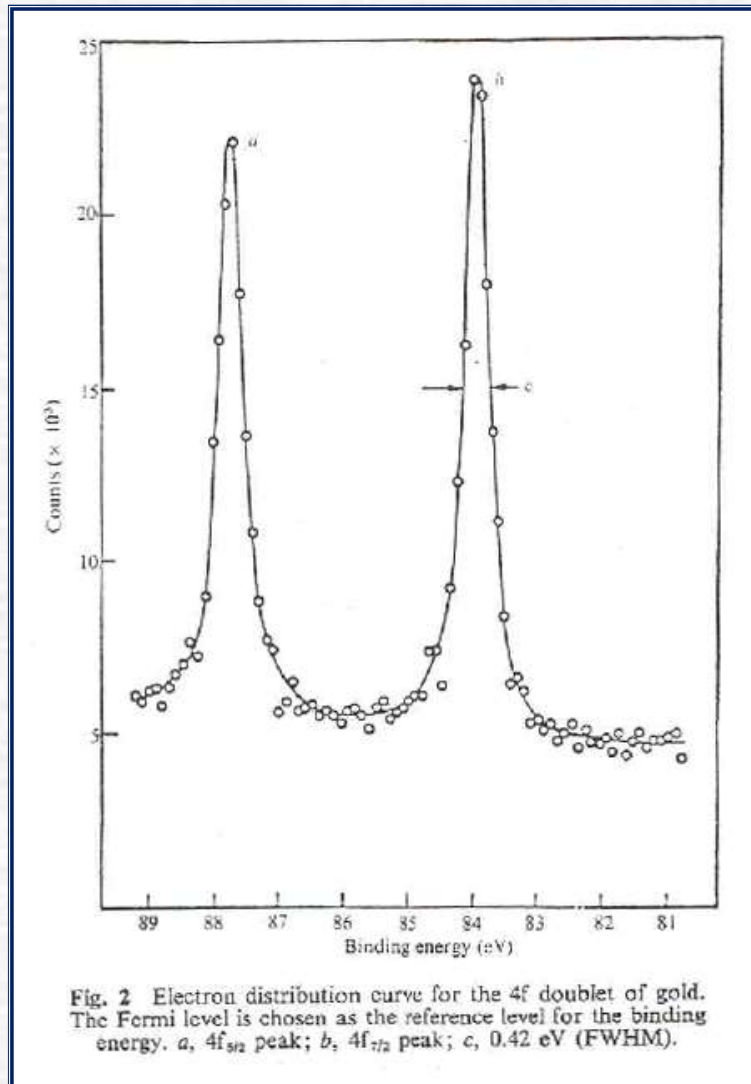
Au 4*f* core level

**25 counts/s**

~8 keV Kinetic Energy

Total Energy Res. 420 meV

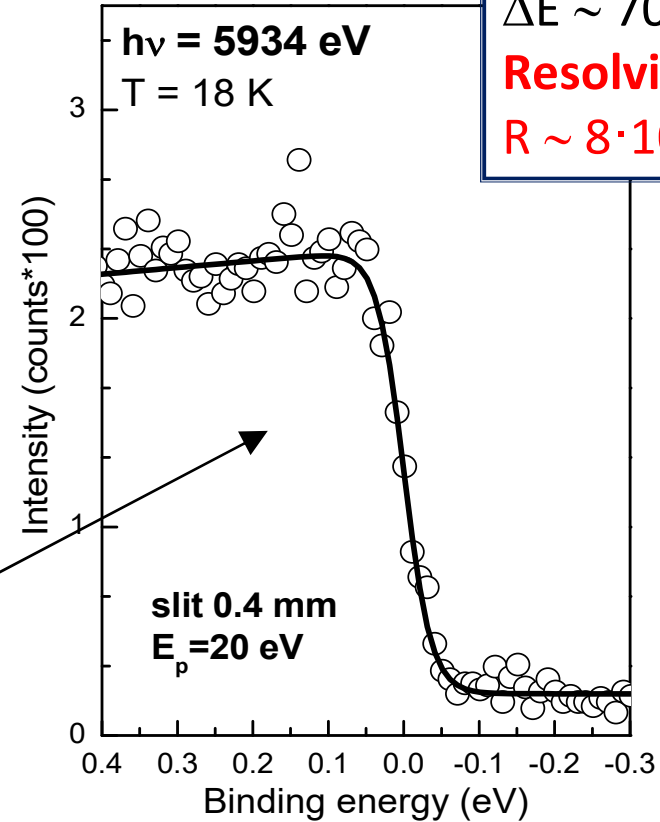
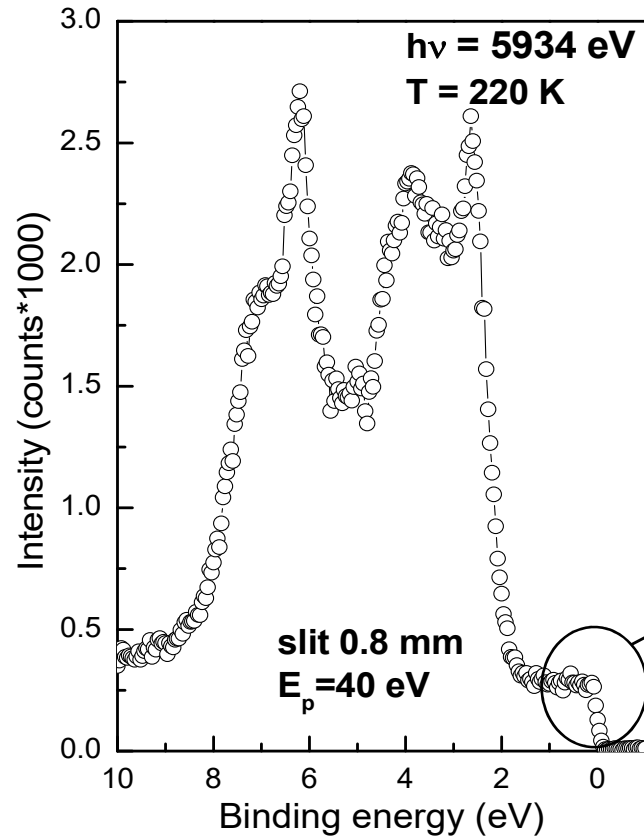
**NOT POSSIBLE TO  
MEASURE VALENCE BAND**



I. Lindau, P. Pianetta, S. Doniach, W.E. Spicer  
Nature **250**, 214 (1974)

# RECENT RESULTS ON VALENCE BAND

**Au polycrystalline**



**Energy resolution**

$\Delta E \sim 70 \text{ meV}$

**Resolving power**

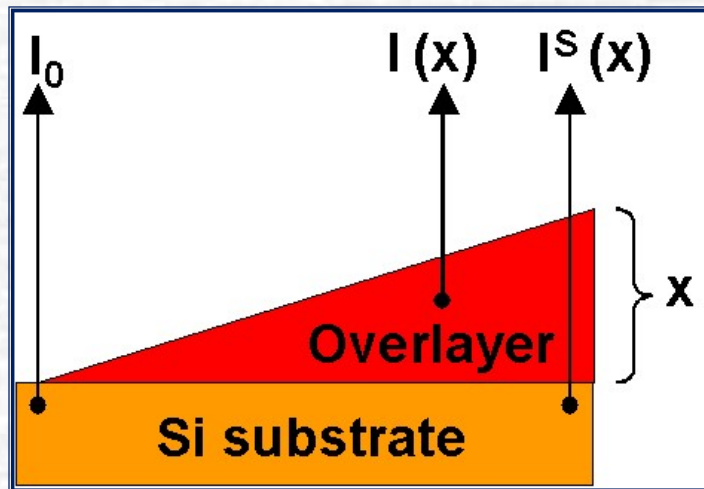
$R \sim 8 \cdot 10^4$

G. Paolicelli *et al.*, Journal of Electron Spectroscopy and Related Phenomena **144-147**, 963 (2005)

# Estimation of the bulk sensitivity

Bulk sensitivity in PES is typically estimated via measurements of electron effective attenuation length ( $\lambda$ ), the thickness of the overlayer that reduces to  $1/e$  the intensity  $I^S$  of a core level emission from the substrate.

The “overlayer” experiment:



$I^0$  = intensity from the bare substrate

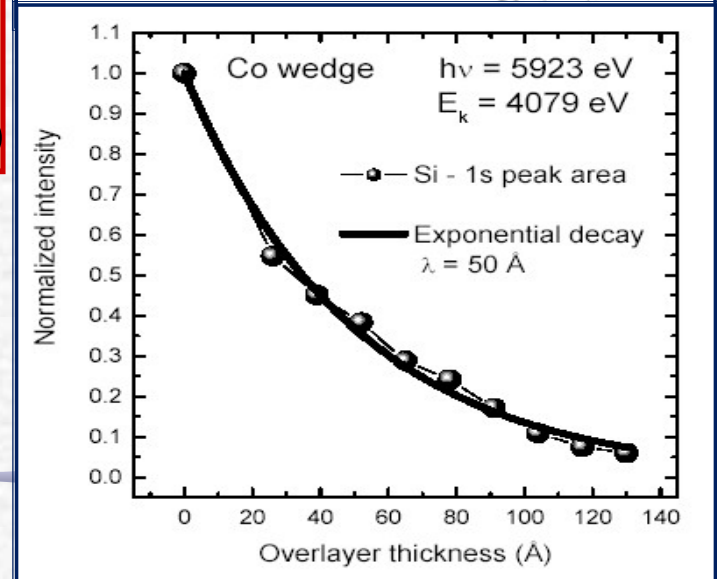
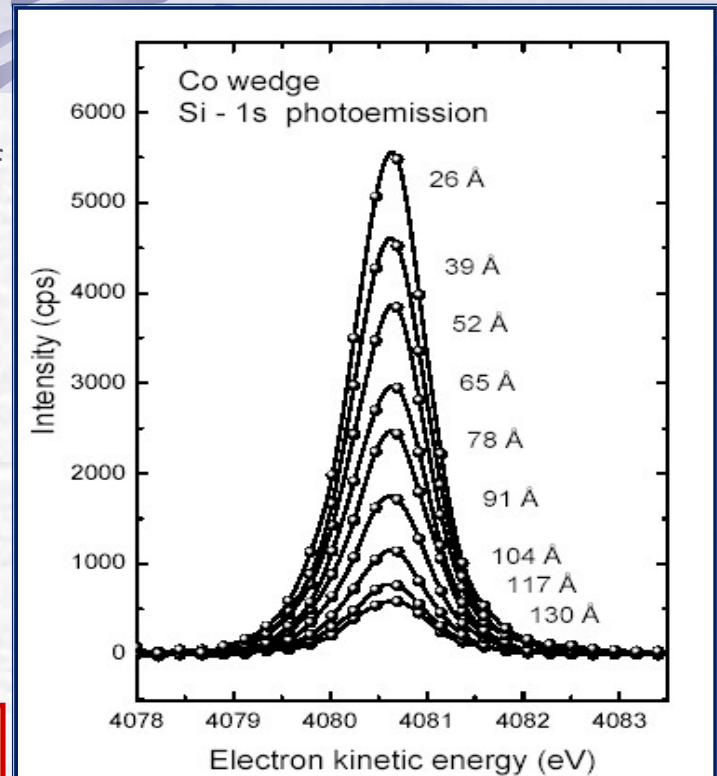
$$I^S(x) = I^0 e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda}}$$

$$I(x) = I^T (1 - e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda}})$$

$I^T$  = intensity for an infinite overlayer

**Overlayer:**  
Co, Cu, Ge, and  $Gd_2O_3$

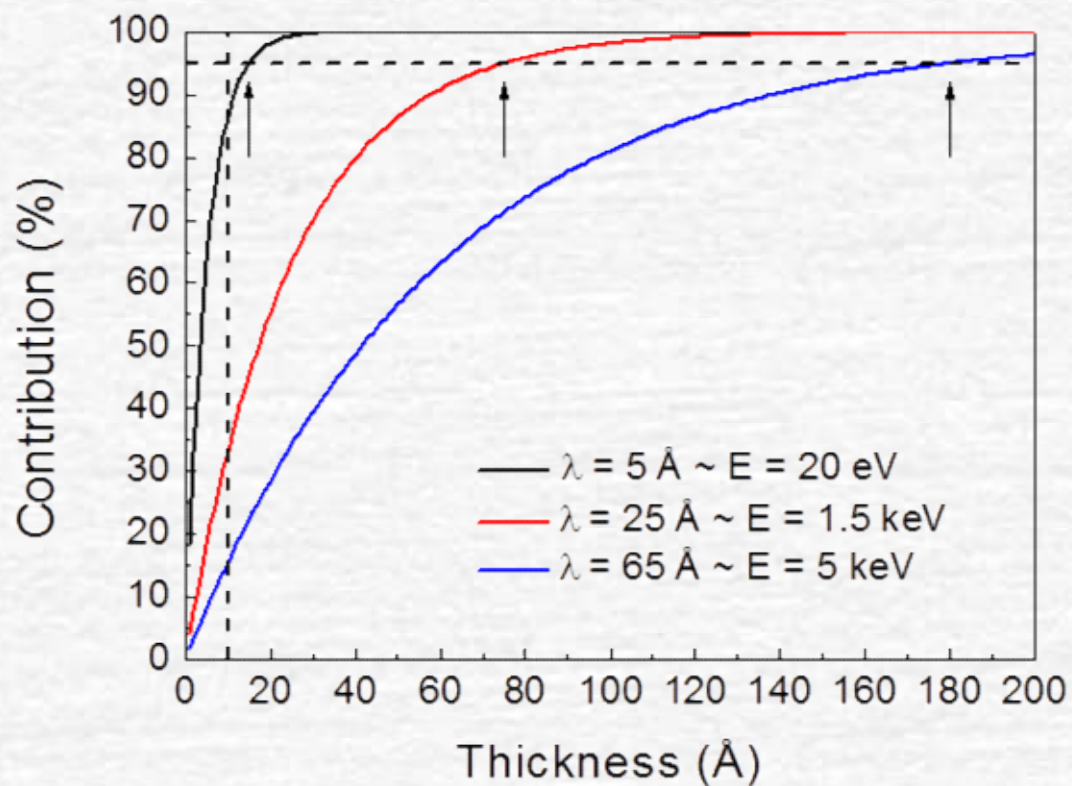
M. Sacchi *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B **71**, 155177 (2005)



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Photoelectron Spectroscopy  
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## Contribution of the surface layer



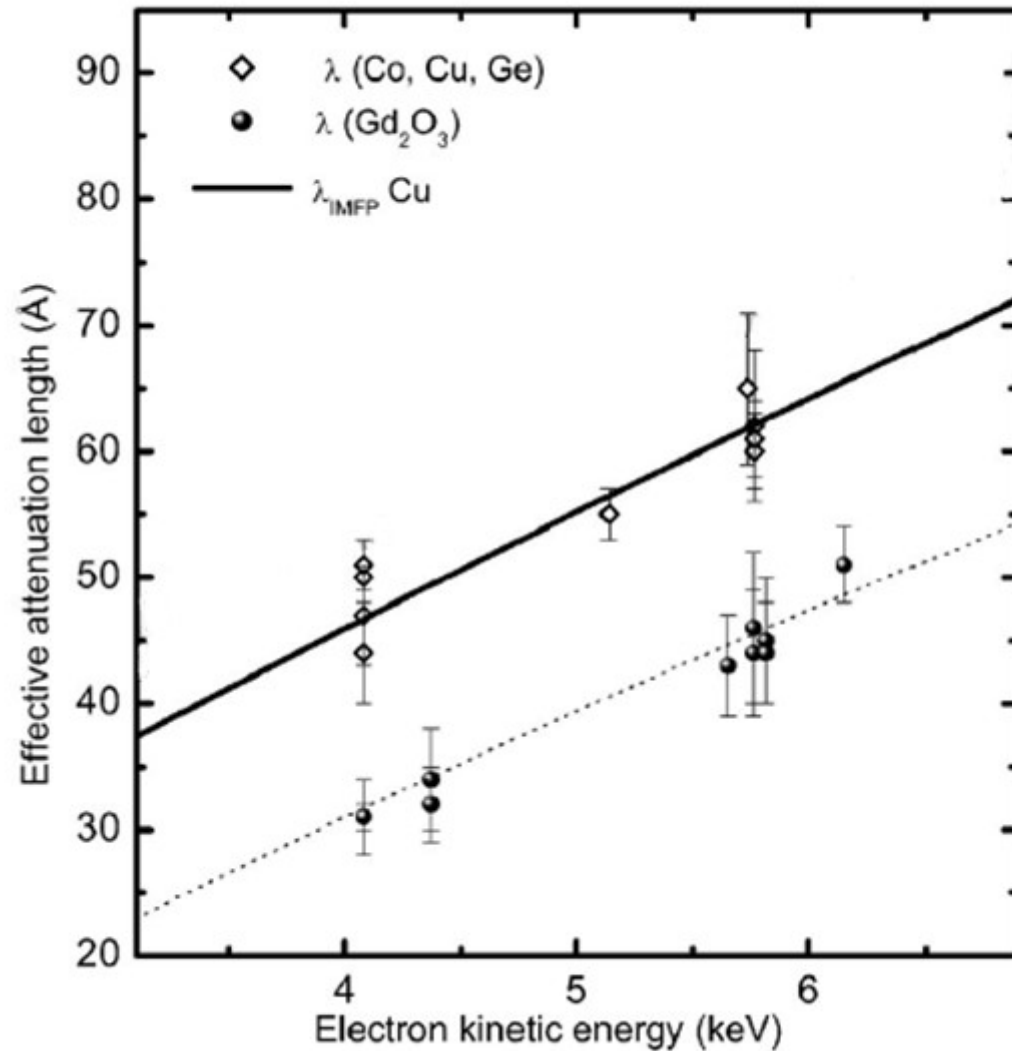
**Information depth**  
layer thickness from  
which 95% of the total  
signal is produced

E (eV)	EAL (Å)	Inf. Depth (Å)
20	5 Å	15 Å
1500	25 Å	75 Å
6000	65 Å	195 Å

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$$I(x) = e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda}}$$

# EAL in different materials

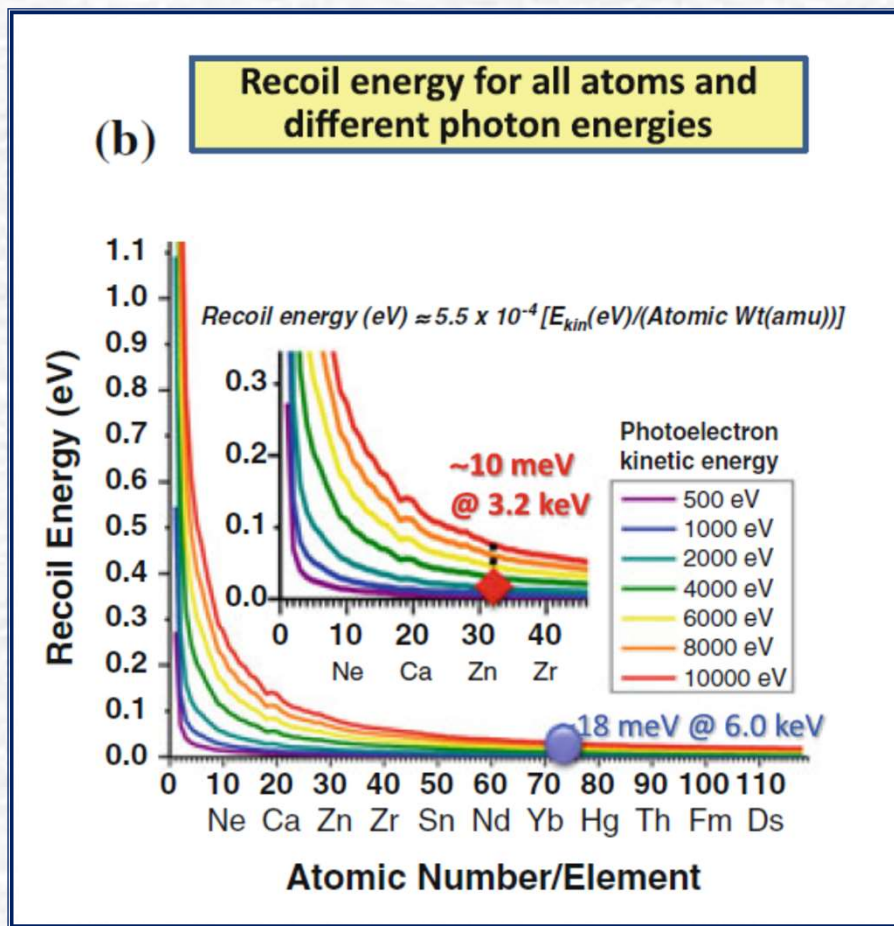


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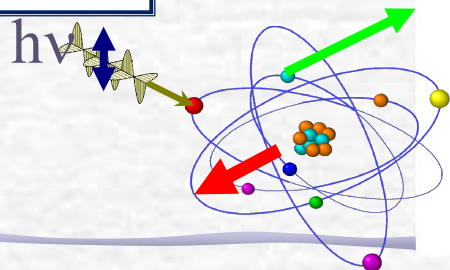
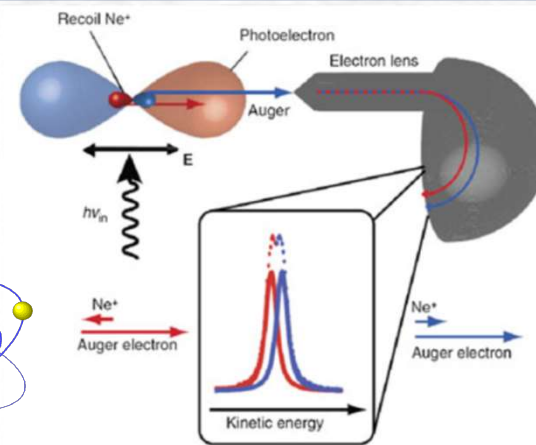
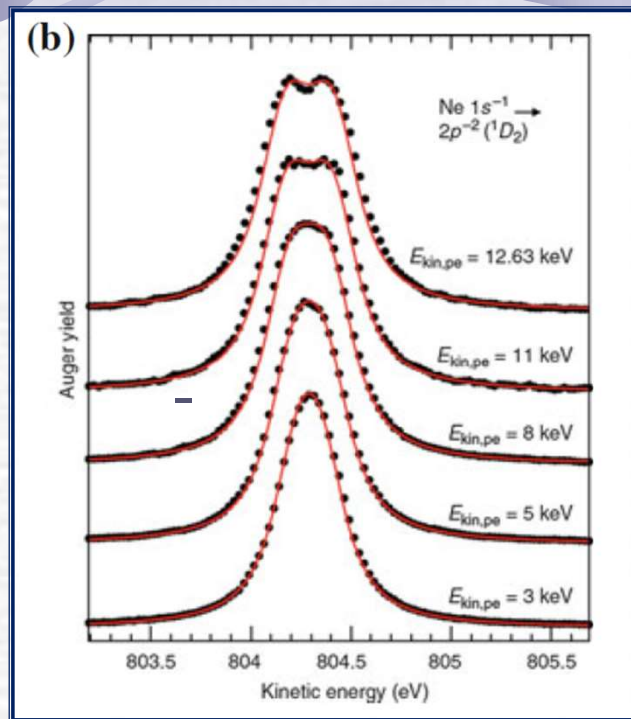
For most materials the experimental values of EAL are quite **higher than what obtained at lower photon energies** and quite in **agreement with theoretical models**

M. Sacchi *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B **71**, 155177 (2005)

# The non negligible recoiling nucleus



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