



SOFT X-RAY PHOTOELECTRON SPECTROSCOPY AND ITS APPLICATIONS

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- Introduction to photoelectron spectroscopy
- Case studies on BiTeCl and topological insulator
- Spin- and angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy
- Manipulating spin texture of 2DEG on SrTiO₃

E.B. Guedes et al. Physical Review Research 2, 033173 (2020)

- Operando (S)ARPES on multiferroic (Ge,Mn)Te

J. Krempasky et al. Physical Review X 8, 021067 (2018)

- Measuring time without a clock

M. Fanciulli et al. Physical Review Letters 118, 067402 (2017)

Photoelectric effect

Einstein's Photoelectric Equation

The electron leaves the body with energy

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = h\nu - P,$$

where h is Planck's constant, ν is the light frequency and P is the work the electron has to do in leaving the body.



Albert Einstein, 1905



In his 1913 letter nominating Einstein for the membership of Prussian Academy, Max Planck wrote:

“In sum, one can say there is hardly one among the great problems in which modern physics is so rich to which Einstein has not made a remarkable contribution. That he may sometimes have missed the target in his speculations, as, for example, in his hypothesis of light quanta, cannot really be held too much against him, for it is not possible to introduce really new ideas even in the most exact sciences without sometimes taking a risk.”

X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS)

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Precision Method for Obtaining Absolute Values of Atomic Binding Energies

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(Received January 10, 1957)

WE have recently developed a precision method of investigating atomic binding energies, which we believe will find application in a variety of problems in atomic and solid state physics. In principle, the method is an old one: a magnetic analysis of electrons expelled from a substance exposed to x-radiation. Previous attempts in this direction have, however, given considerably less information about atomic structure than ordinary x-ray spectroscopic experiments, and some twenty years ago the method seems to have been definitely abandoned. We have introduced a number of improvements, both regarding the intensity and, in particular, the accuracy (a factor 100), which now enables us to measure atomic binding energies with an accuracy of one single electron volt from microgram quantities. The definition of the lines is essentially limited by the natural line widths of the atomic levels themselves. There is no shift of the lines due to electron scattering or similar causes which could introduce systematic errors.

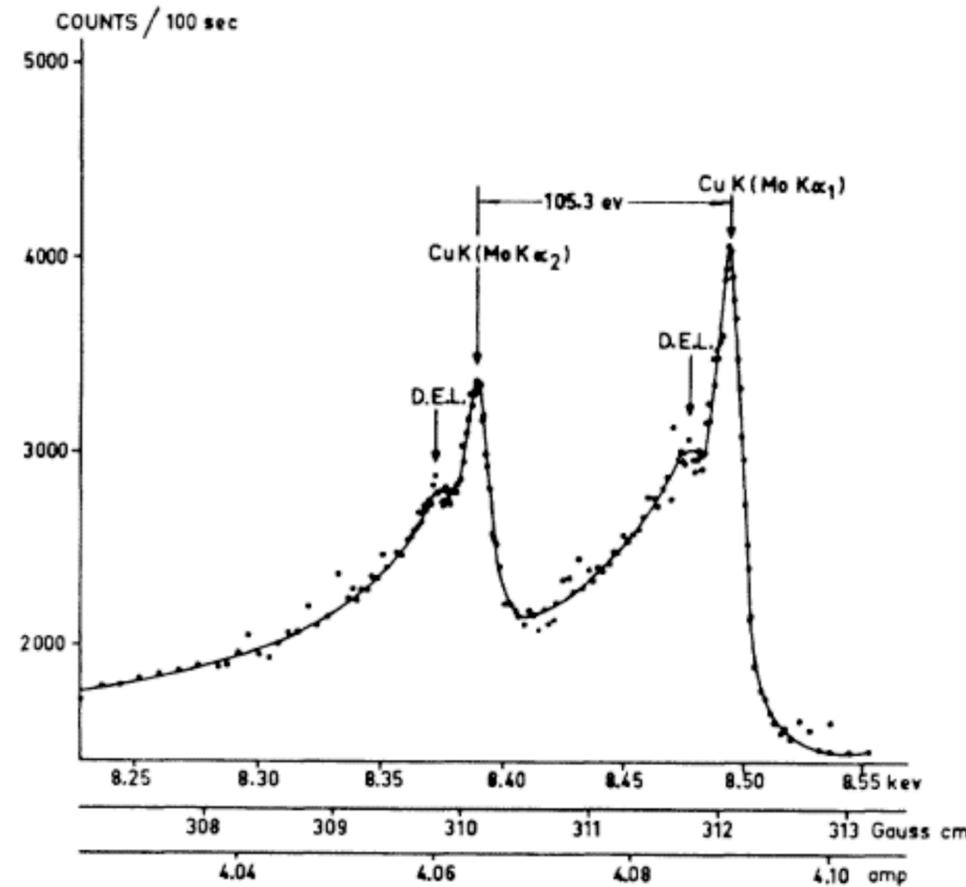
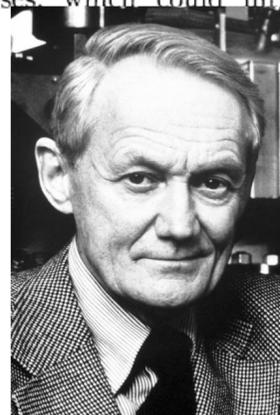
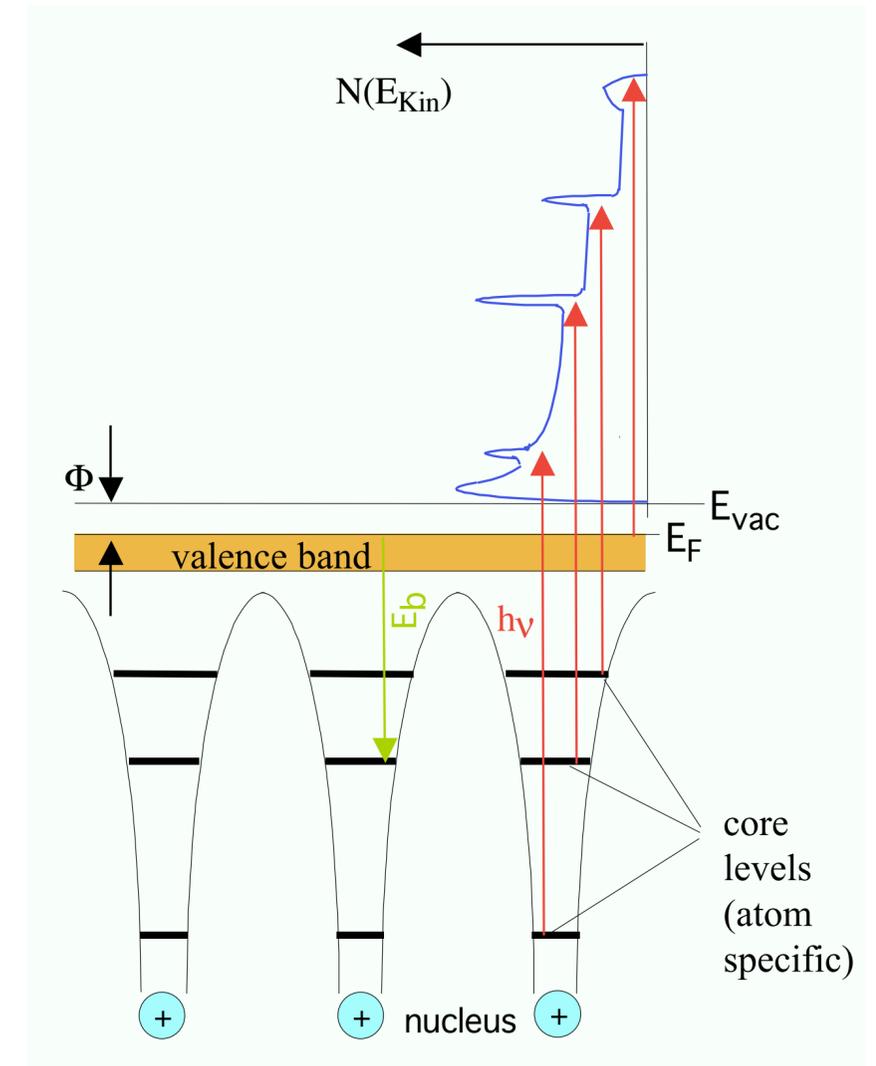


FIG. 1. Lines resulting from photoelectrons expelled from Cu by Mo $K\alpha_1$ and Mo $K\alpha_2$ x-radiation. The satellites marked D.E.L. are interpreted as due to electrons which have suffered a discrete energy loss when scattered in the source.

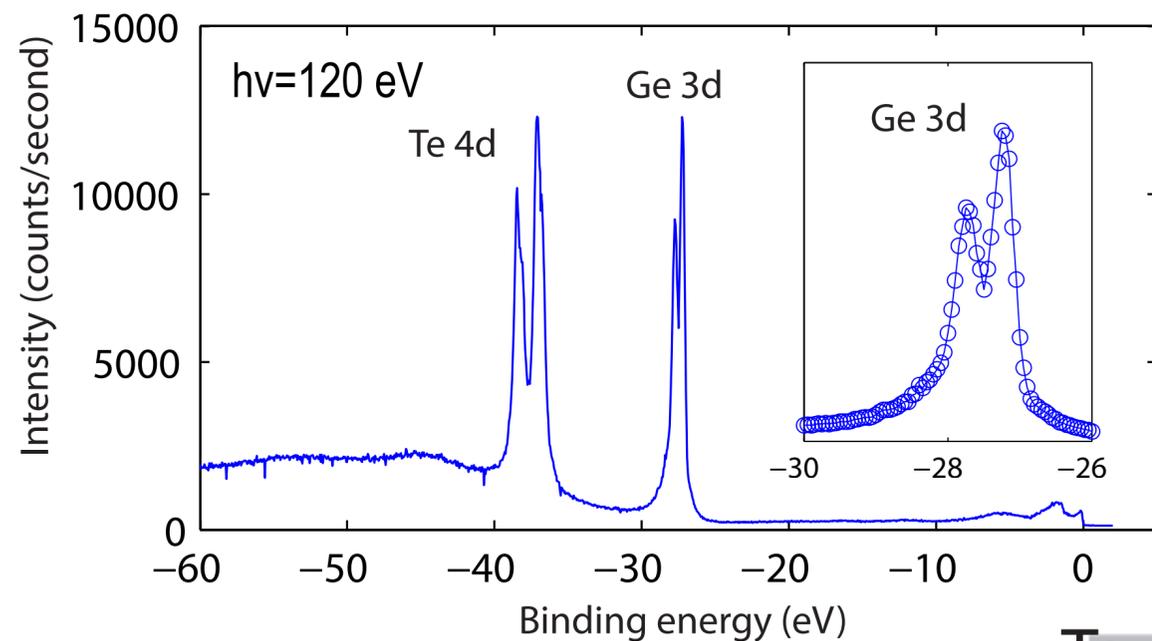


	1s _{1/2}	2s _{1/2}	2p _{1/2}	2p _{3/2}	3s _{1/2}	3p _{1/2}
1 H	14					
2 He	25					
3 Li	55					
4 Be	111					
5 B	188					
6 C	284					
7 N	399					
8 O	532	24				
9 F	686	31				
10 Ne	867	45				
11 Na	1072	63	31			
12 Mg	1305	89	52			
13 Al		118	74	73		
14 Si		149	100	99		
15 P		189	136	135		
16 S		229	165	164		
17 Cl		270	202	200		
18 A		320	247	245	25	
19 K		377	297	294	34	
20 Ca		438	350	347	44	26
21 Sc		500	407	402	54	32
22 Ti		564	461	455	59	34
23 V		628	520	513	66	38
24 Cr		695	584	575	74	43
25 Mn		769	652	641	84	49

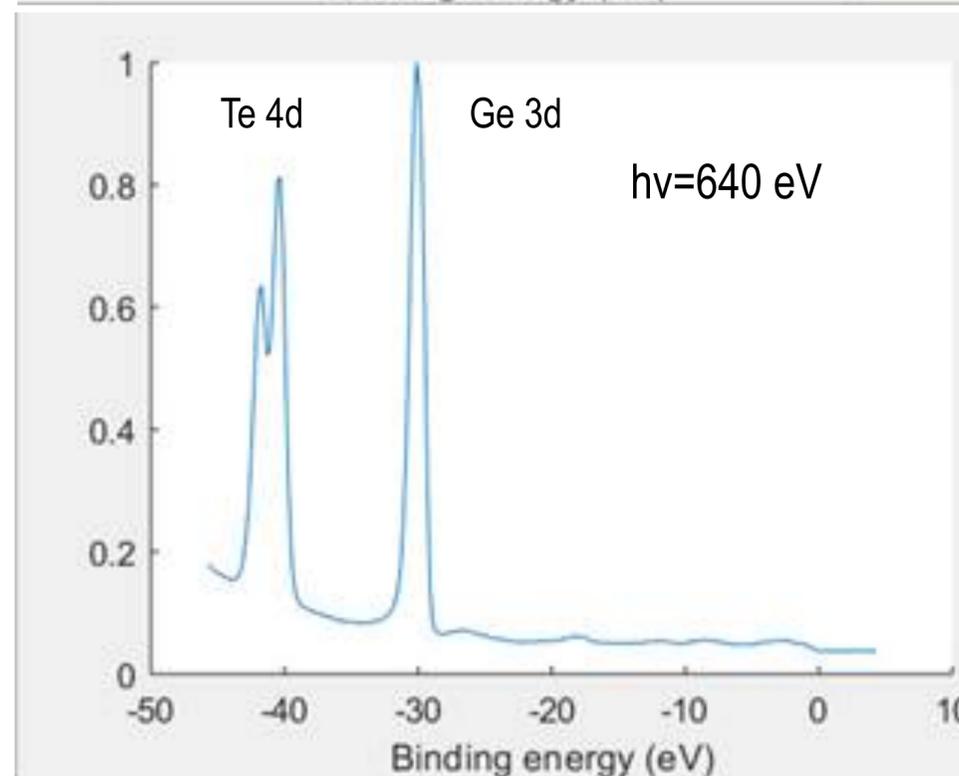
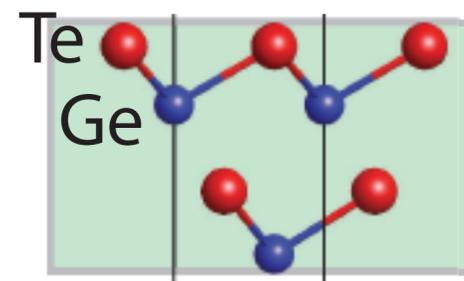
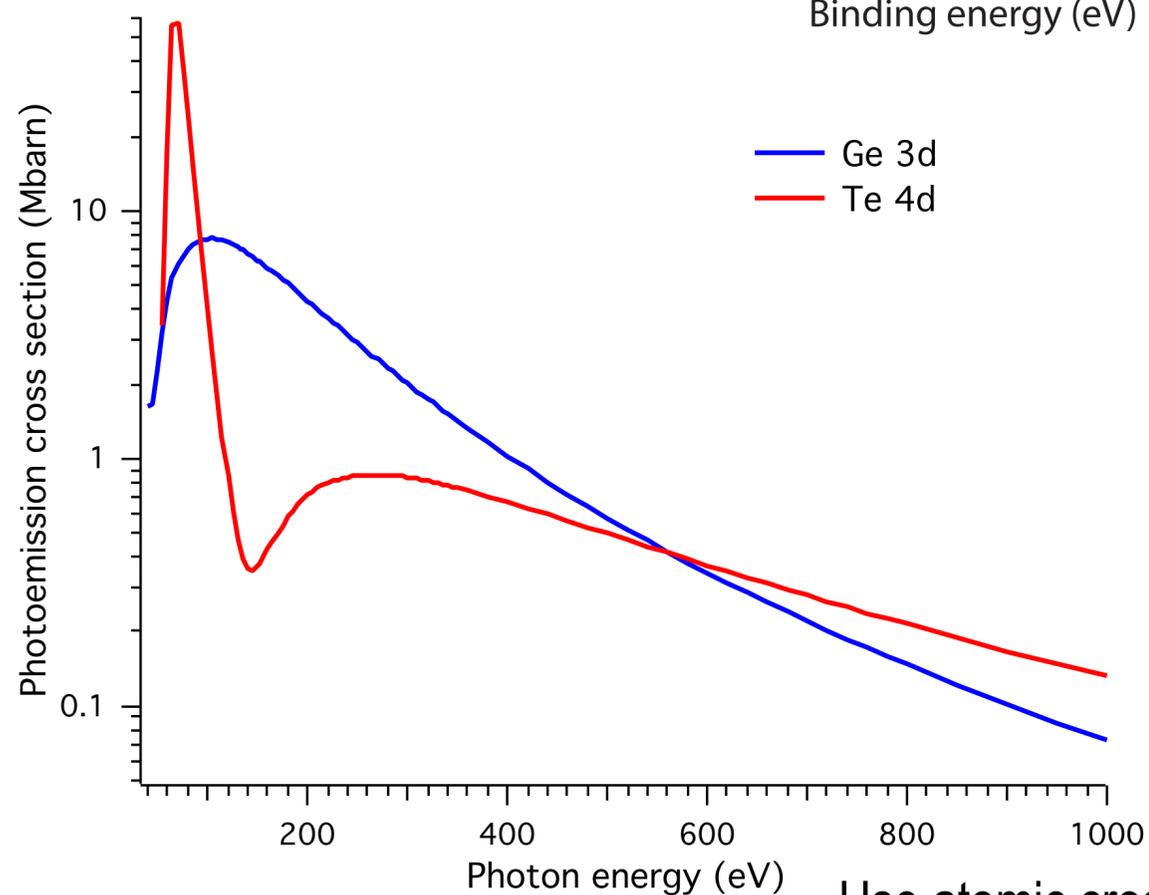
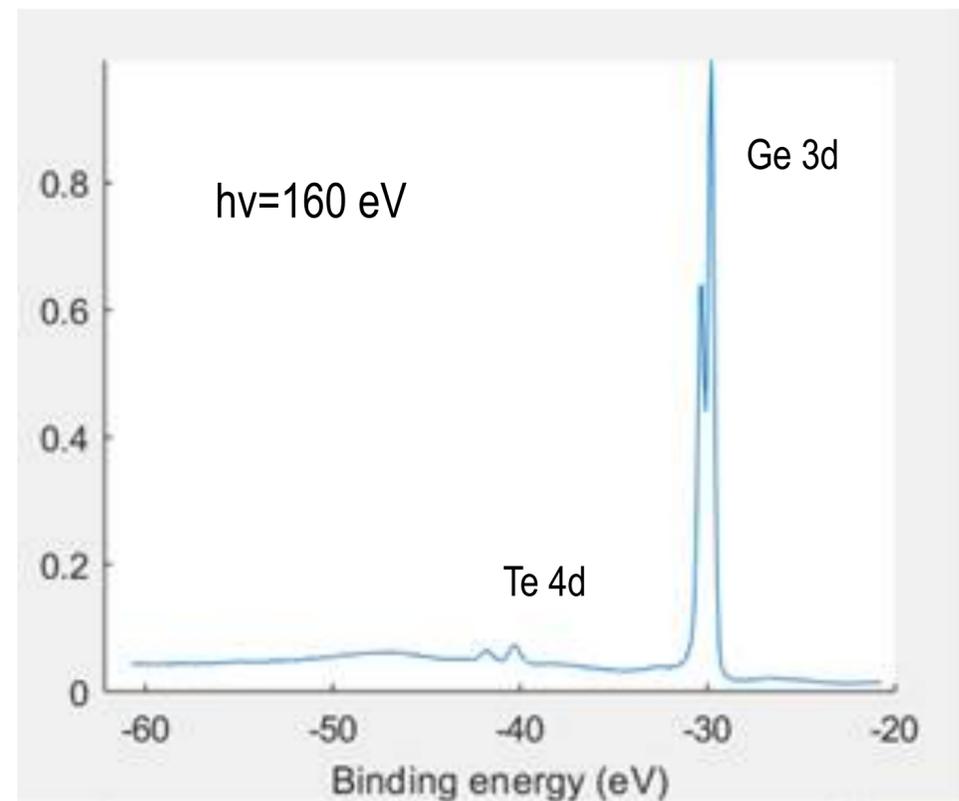
Quantitative aspects: Atomic cross section

Intensity depends on:

- amount of material
- atomic cross section
- distance from surface
- emission angle



GeTe core levels



Use atomic cross sections for quantitative results

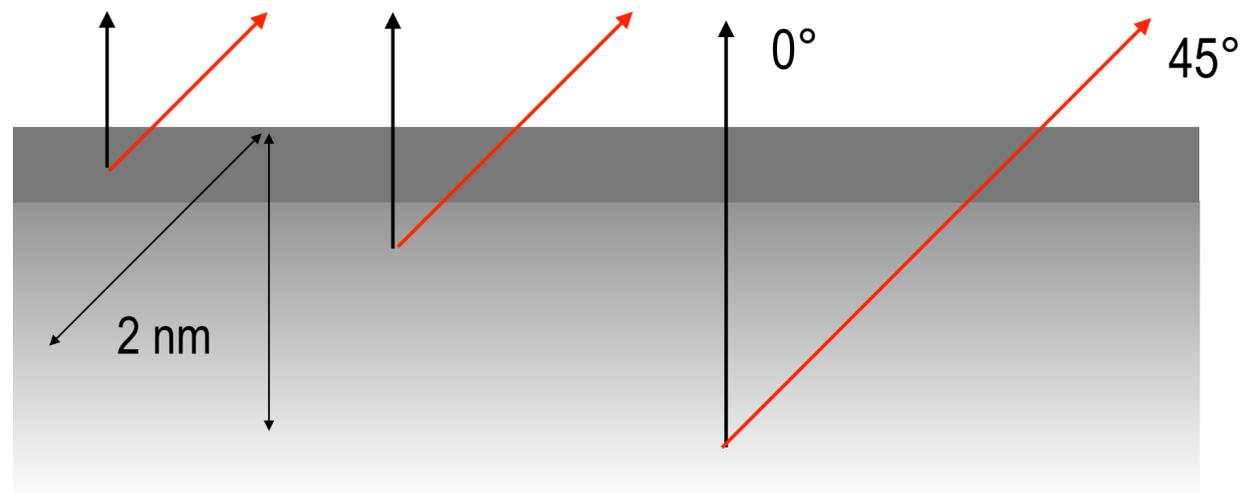
(<https://vuo.elettra.eu/services/elements/WebElements.html>)

Quantitative aspects: Dependency on emission angle

Distance travelled in material increases rapidly with angle

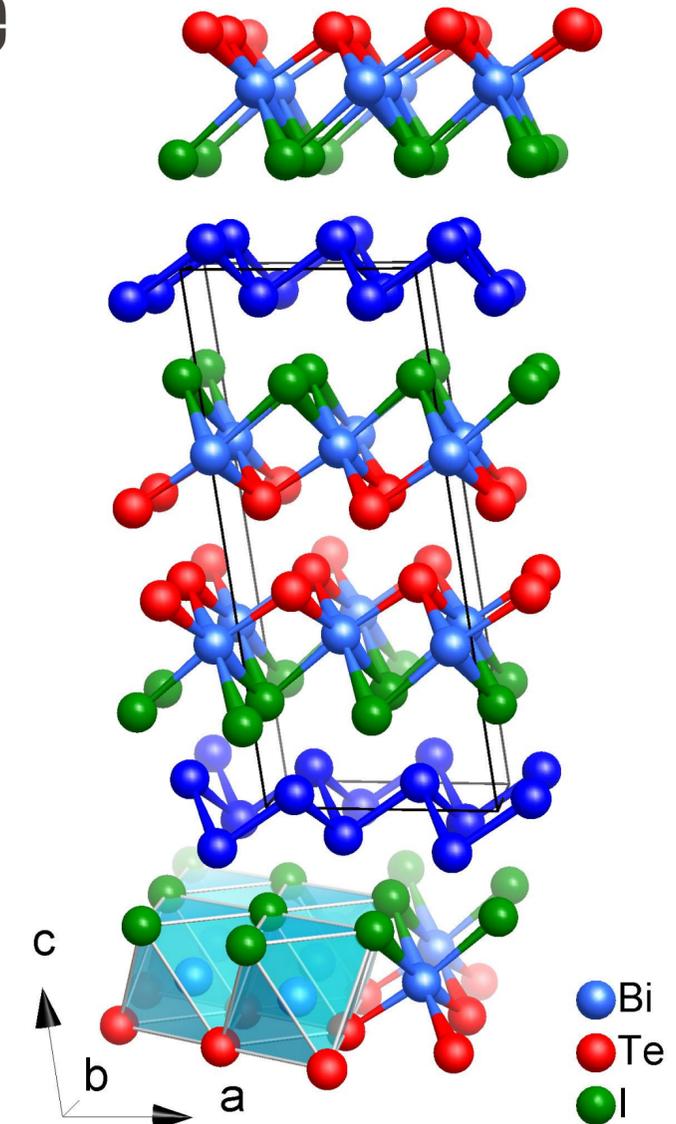
Electron mean free path ~ 2 nm

Determine chemical composition of top few atomic layers
(surface termination)



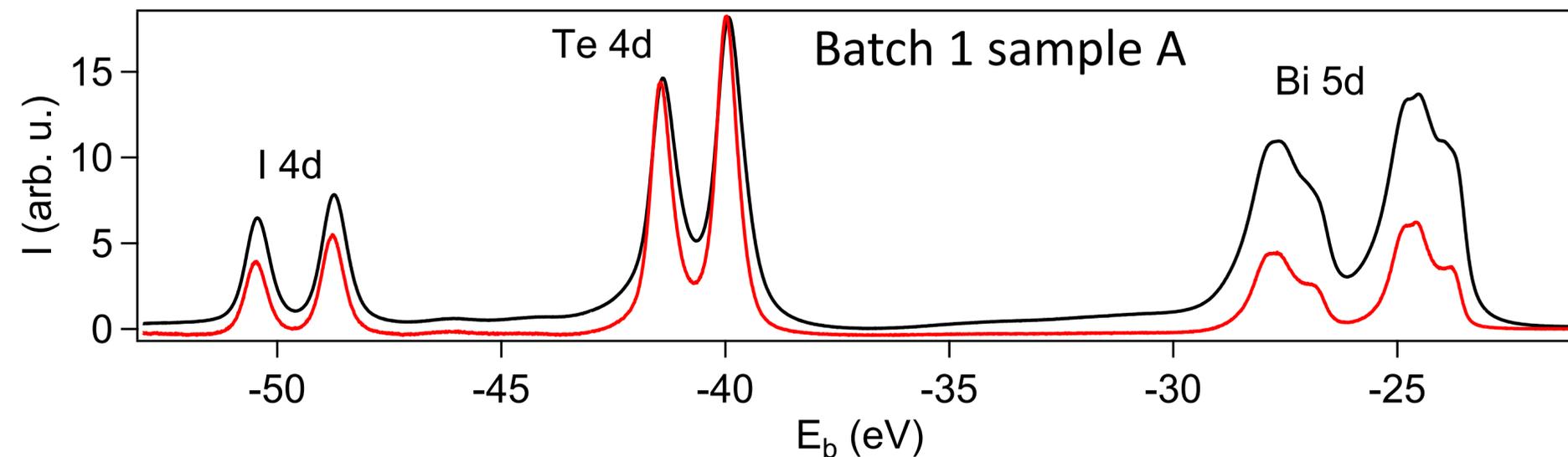
Photon penetration depth not relevant here

Bi_2TeI
What termination?



— 0°
— 45°

Normalised to Te

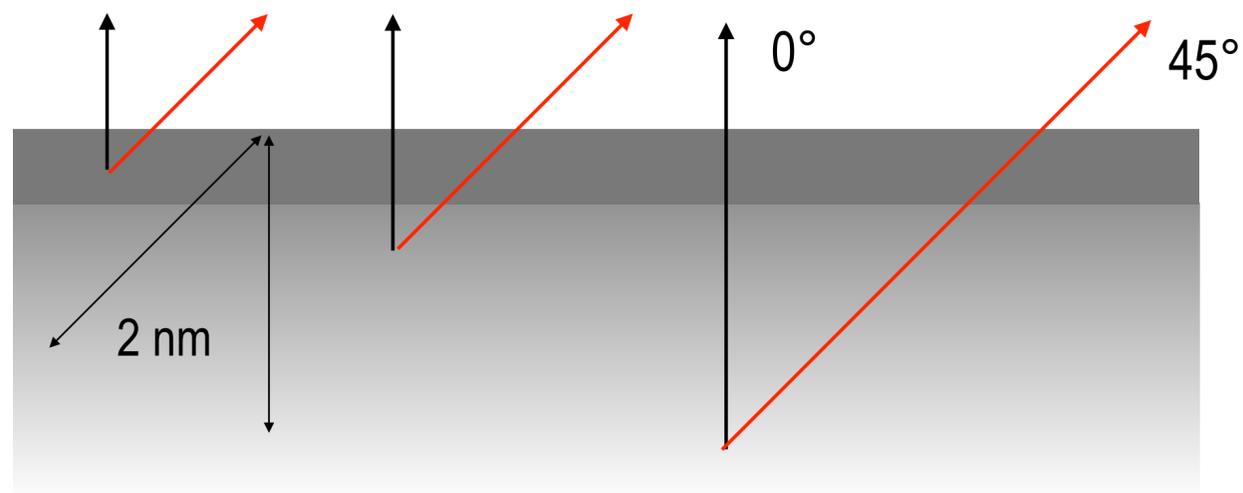


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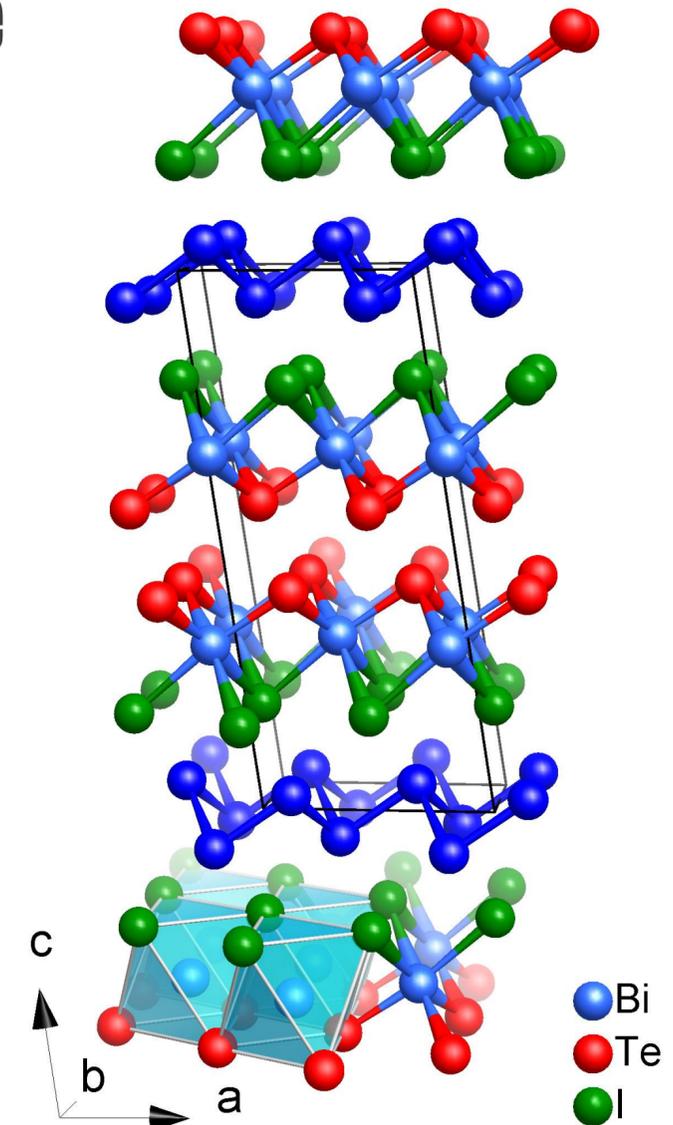
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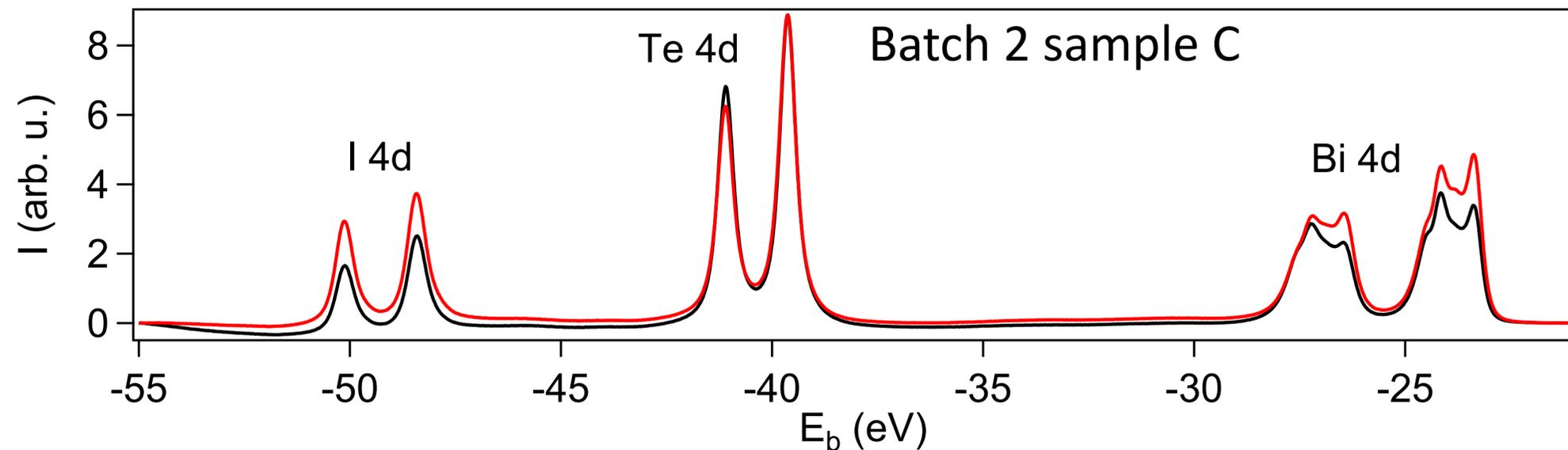
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Bi_2Te_3
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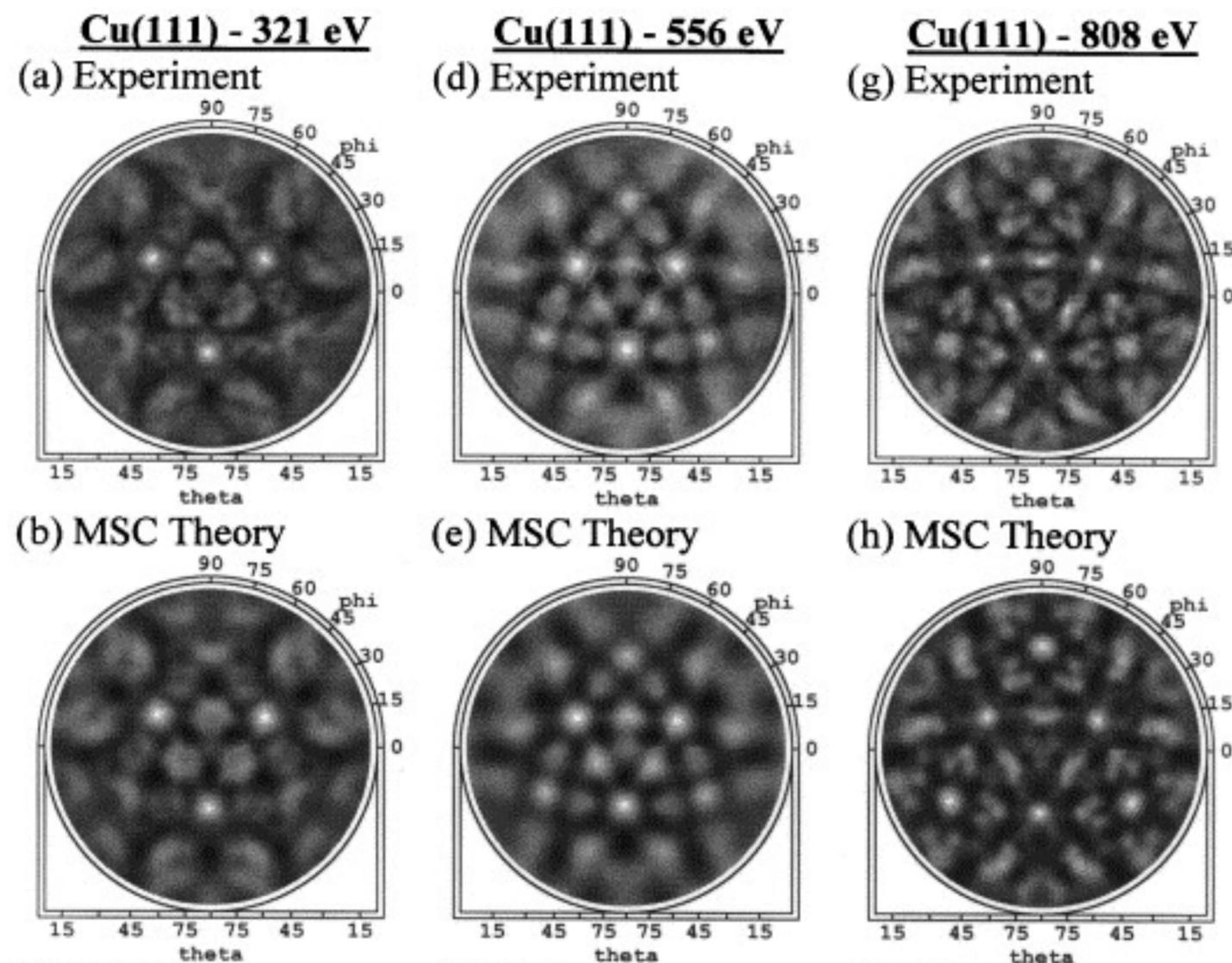
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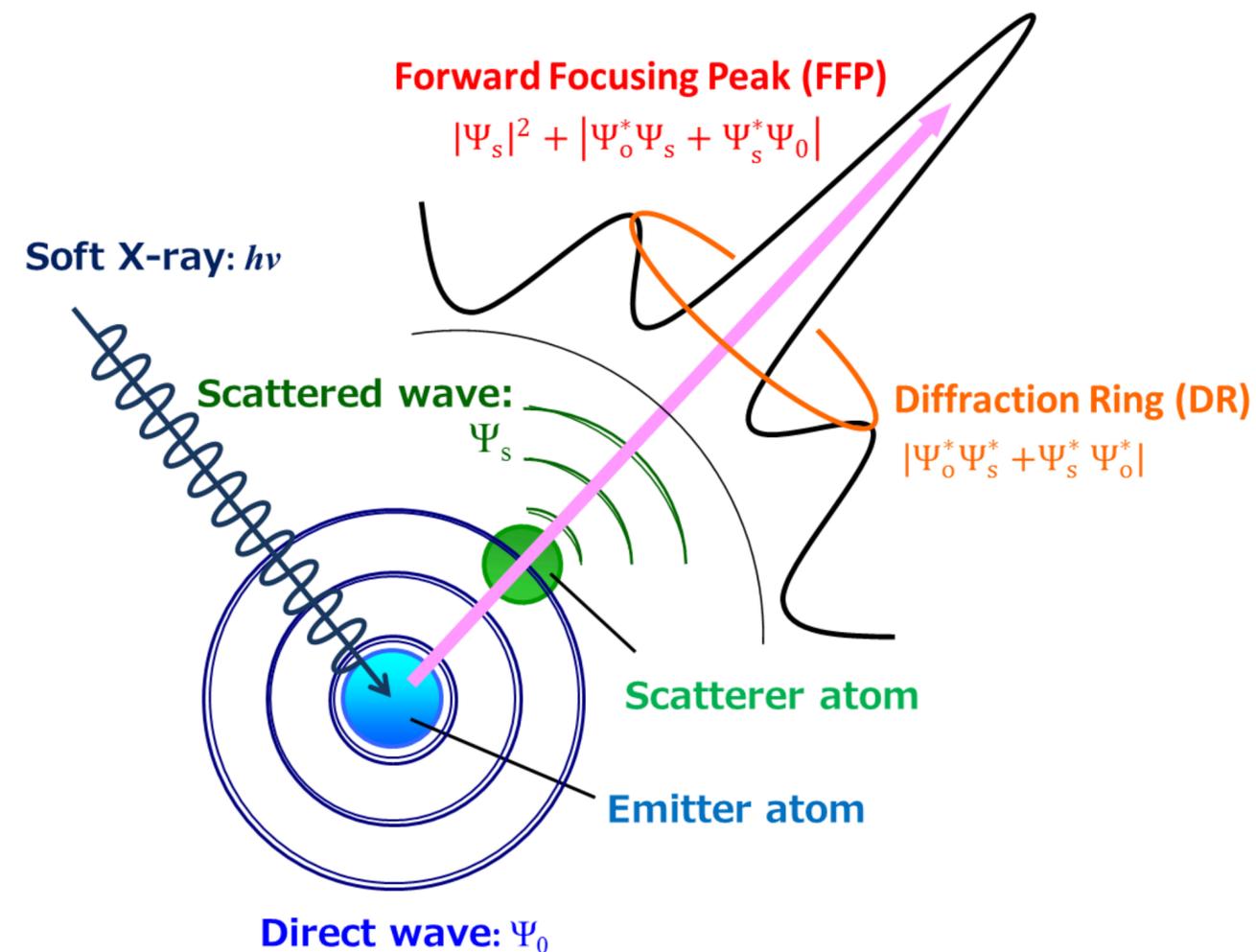
X-ray photoelectron diffraction (XPD)

Matsui, Nara Institute of Science and Technology

Combine XPS and fine angular resolution



S.D. Ruebush et al. Surface Science 421, 205 (1999)



Scattering of photoemitted electron on local environment
 Structural determination of surfaces, overlayers, and adsorbates
 Chemical and sub-monolayer sensitivity
 Recent developments in holography and dichroic imaging

Review: D.P. Woodruff Surface Science Reports 62, 1 (2007)

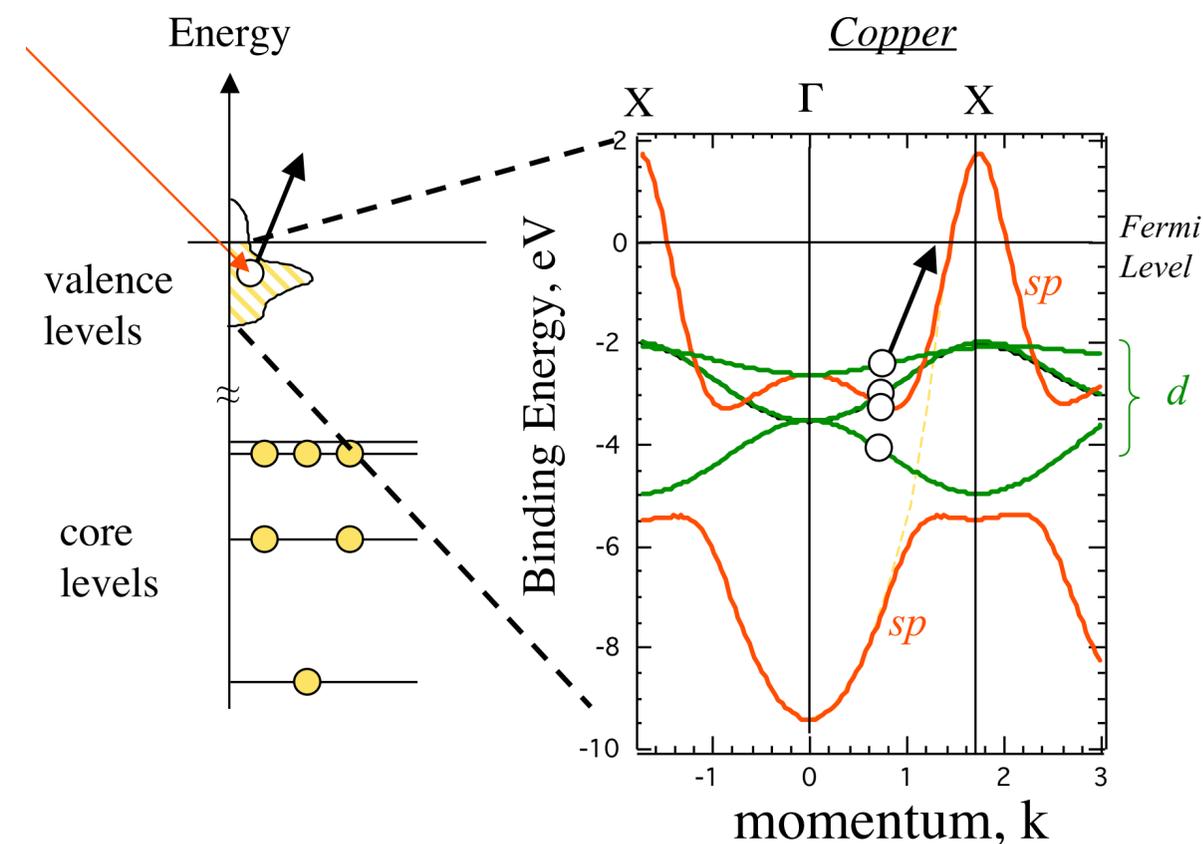
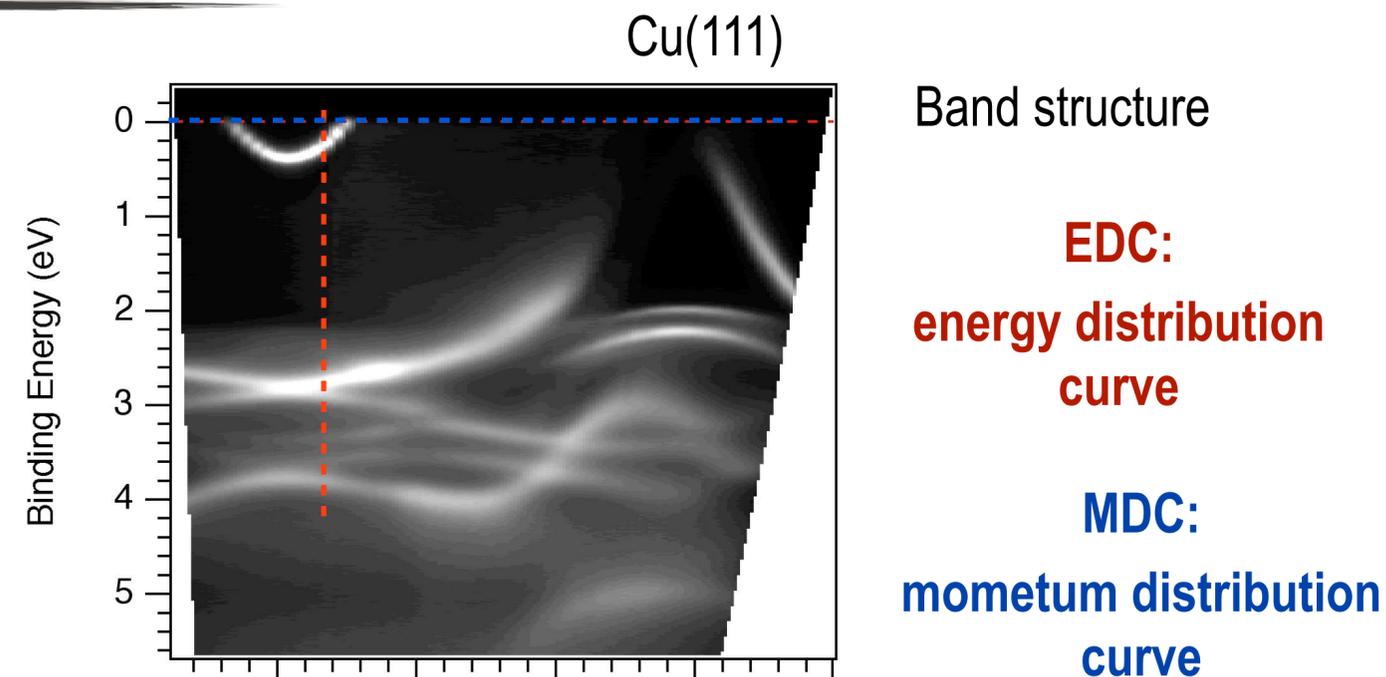
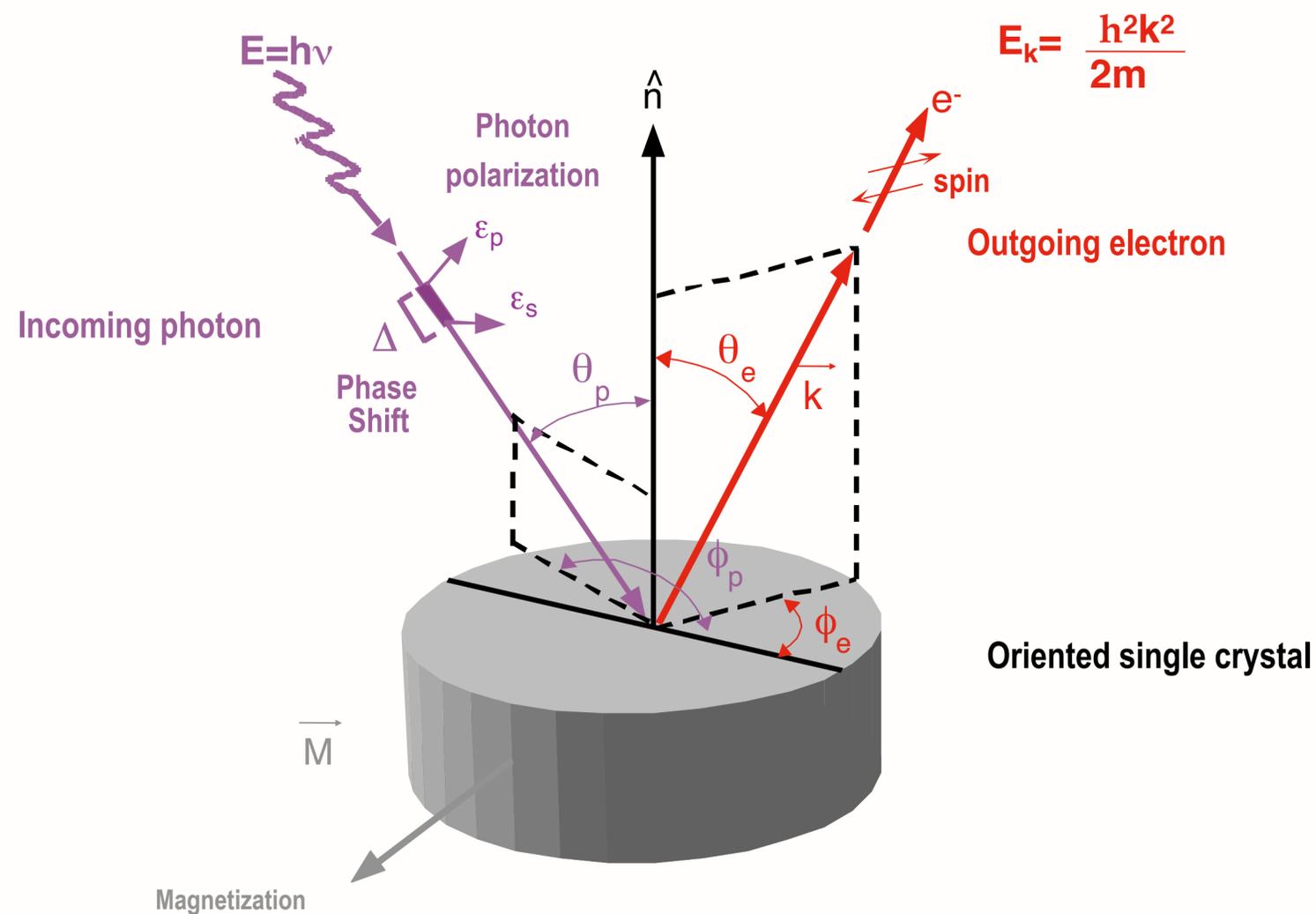
Recent developments: M.V. Kuznetsov et al. J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. 87, 061005 (2018)

Angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES)

Measurement:

- 1) Kinetic energy \rightarrow Binding energy $E_b = h\nu - \Phi - E_k$
- 2) Emission angle \rightarrow momentum k $k_{||} = 0.512\sqrt{E_k} \sin \theta$
- 3) Asymmetry \rightarrow Spin polarization vector

Change photon energy to access 3D momentum



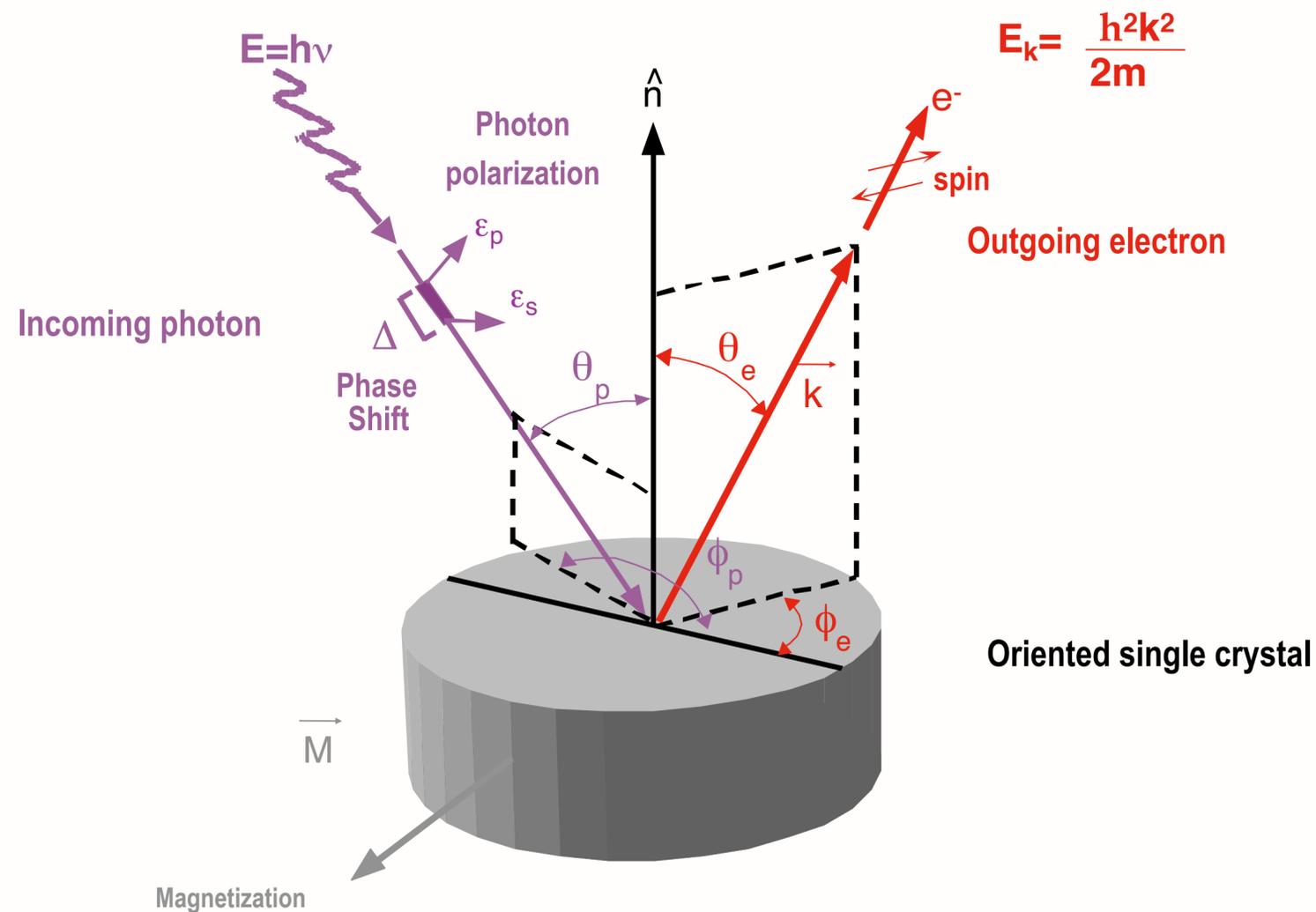
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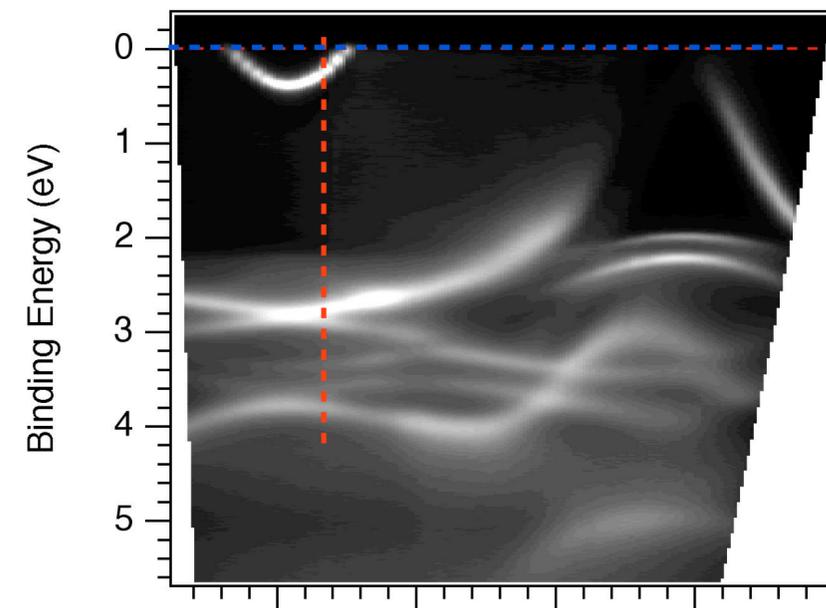
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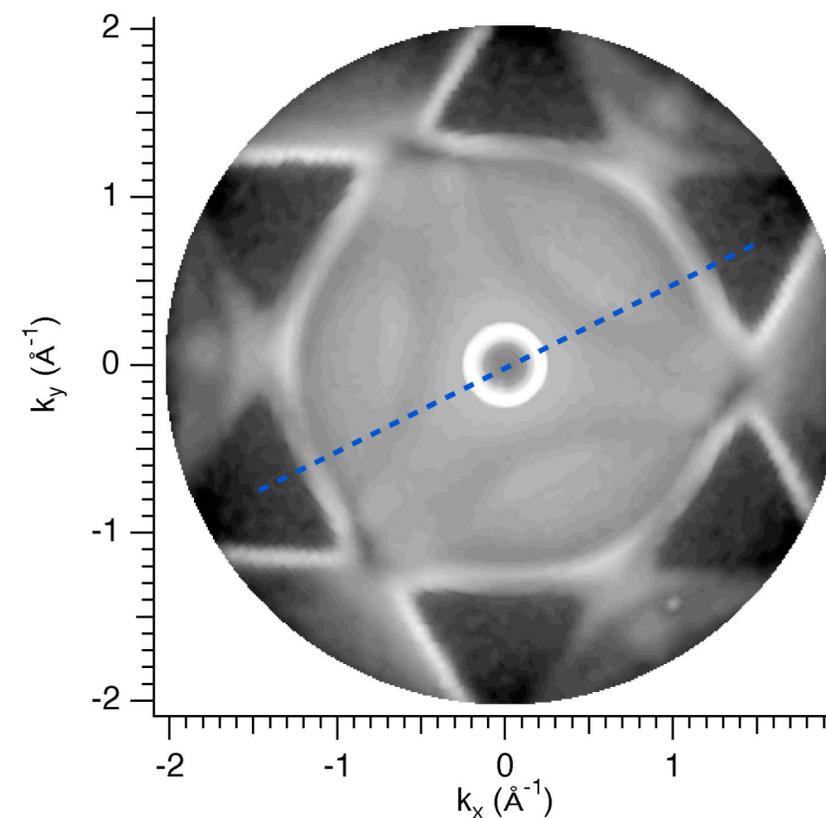
Cu(111)



Band structure

EDC:
energy distribution
curve

MDC:
momentum distribution
curve

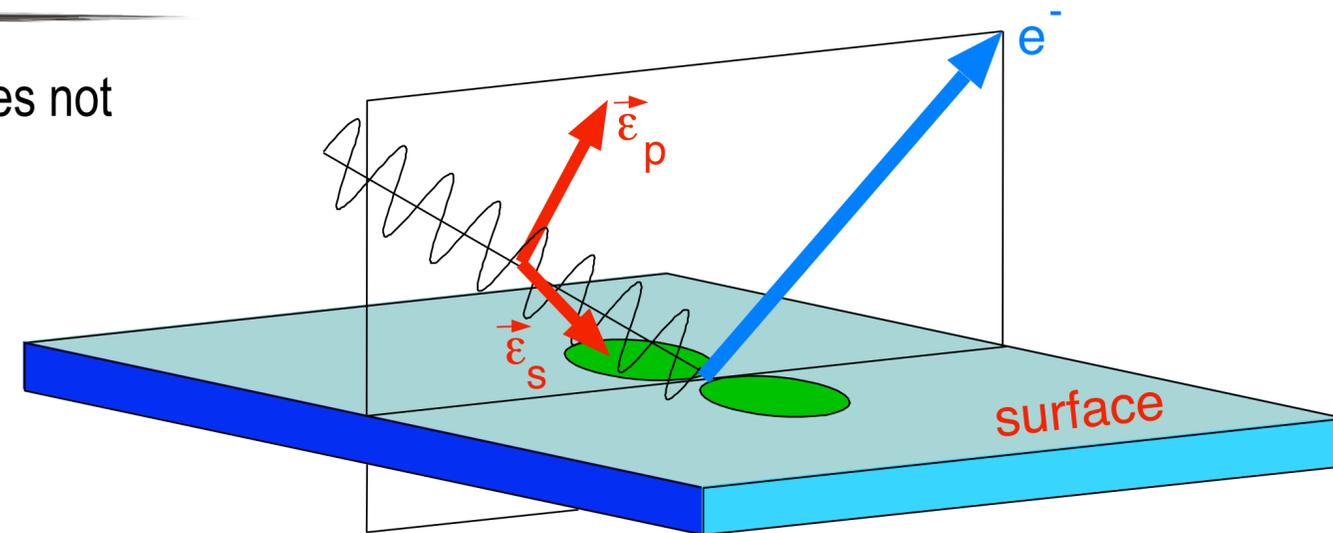


“See how the electrons move in the crystal”

Quantitative aspect: Matrix element effects

For accessible extensive description:
S. Moser J. Electron Spectroscopy and Related Phenomena 214, 29 (2017)

Relies on **sudden approximation**: photoelectron emitted from N particle system does not interact with N-1 system *after* photo-excitation



Fermi's Golden Rule for transition probability:

$$w = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |\langle \Psi_f | H_{int} | \Psi_i \rangle|^2 \delta(E_f - E_i - \hbar\omega)$$

For dipole allowed transitions:

$$H_{int} = \frac{e}{mc} A \bullet p$$

Dipole Selection Rules:
 $\Delta l = \pm 1;$
 $\Delta m = 0, \pm 1.$

photon polarization in...
...perpendicular ("senkrecht") to...scattering plane

Plane wave always even Even for p-pol odd for s-pol Depends on band symmetry (s, p_{x,y,z})

$$|\psi_f\rangle A \bullet p |\psi_i\rangle$$

Measured intensity $I \propto |\langle \Psi_f | A \bullet p | \Psi_i \rangle|^2$

Final state Ψ_f Initial state Ψ_i

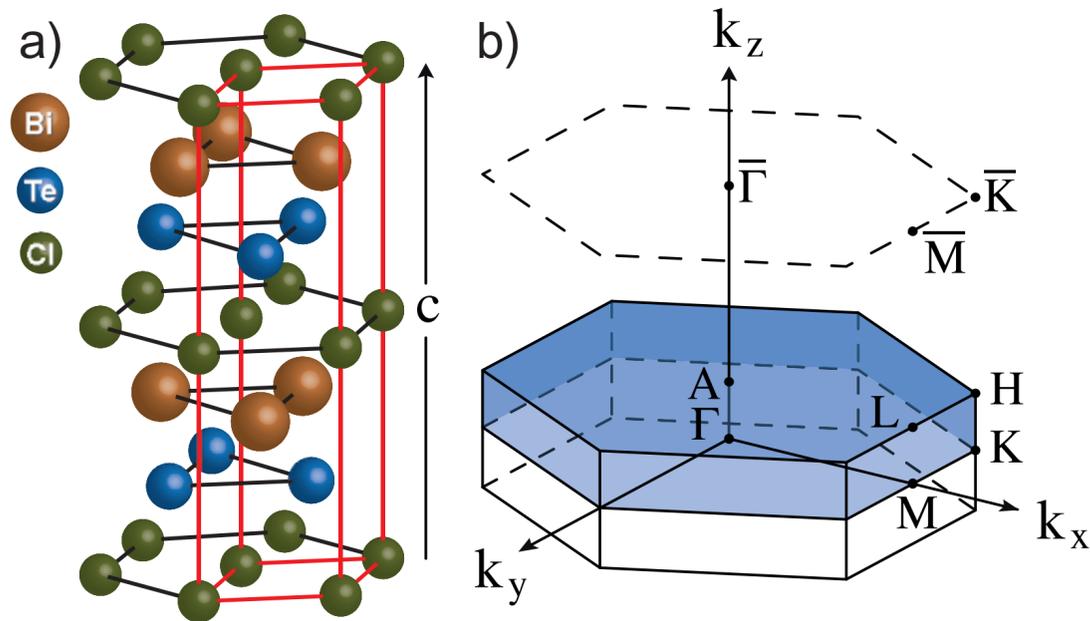
Photon E field A Electron momentum p

p - pol.	+1	+1	-1	0
	+1	+1	+1	max.
s - pol.	+1	-1	-1	max.
	+1	-1	+1	0

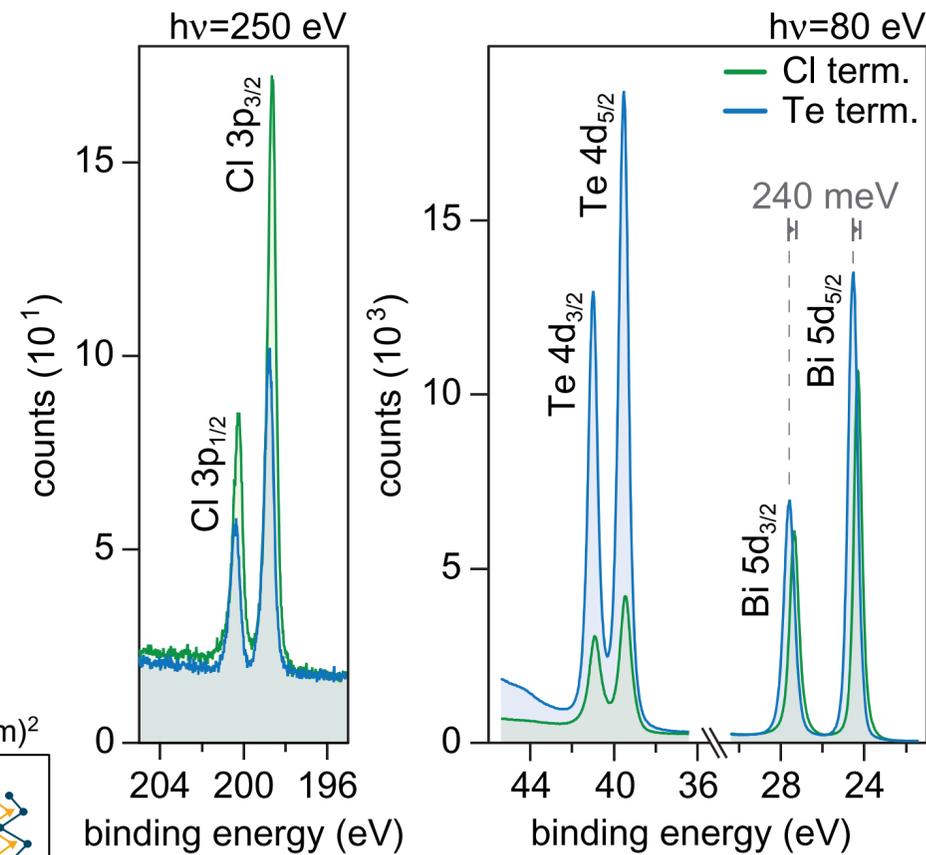
BiTeCl as example

G. Landolt et al. New Journal of Physics 15, 085022 (2013)

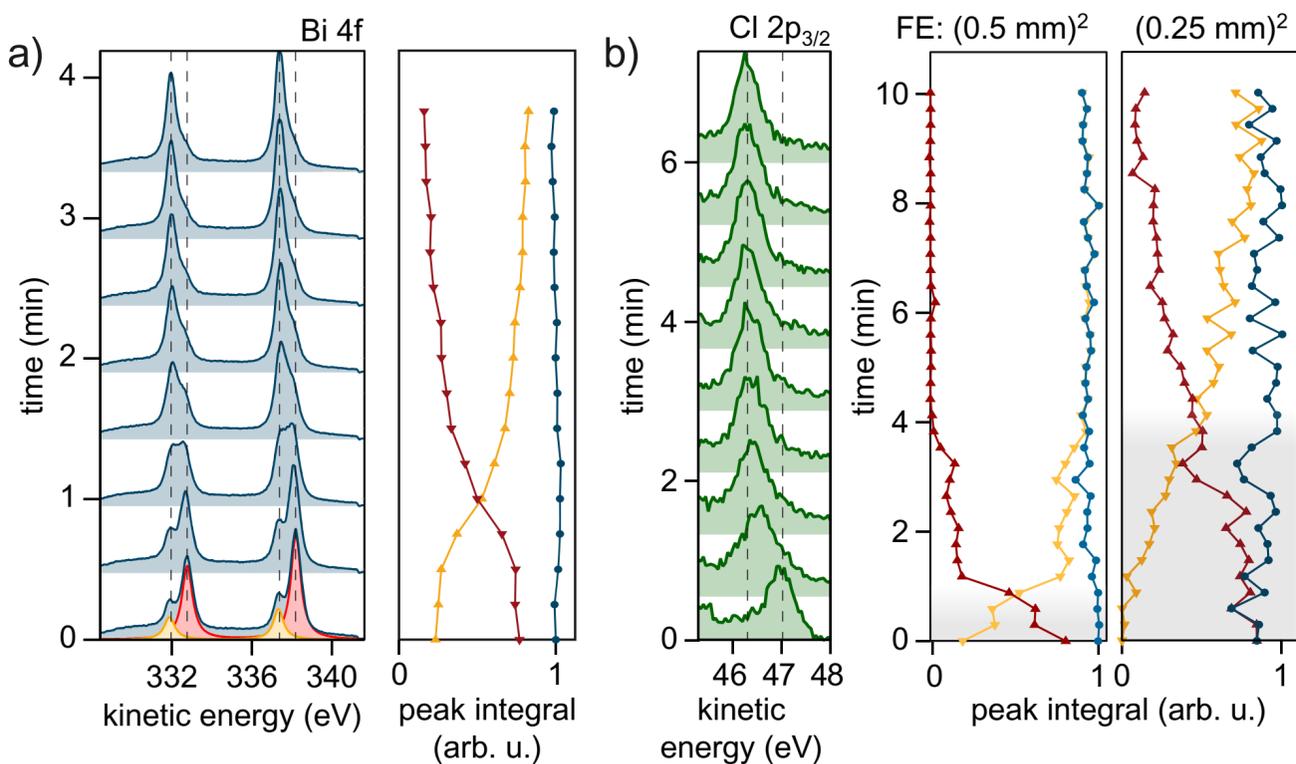
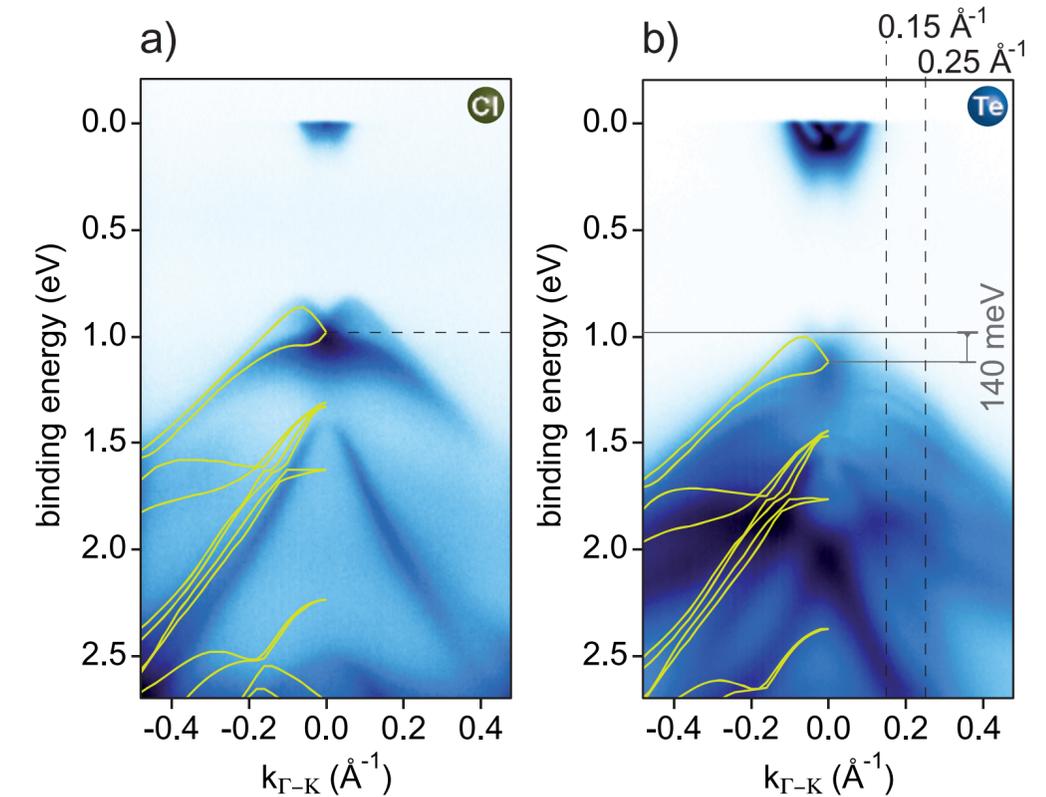
No inversion symmetry and non-symmorphic



XPS to determine surface termination



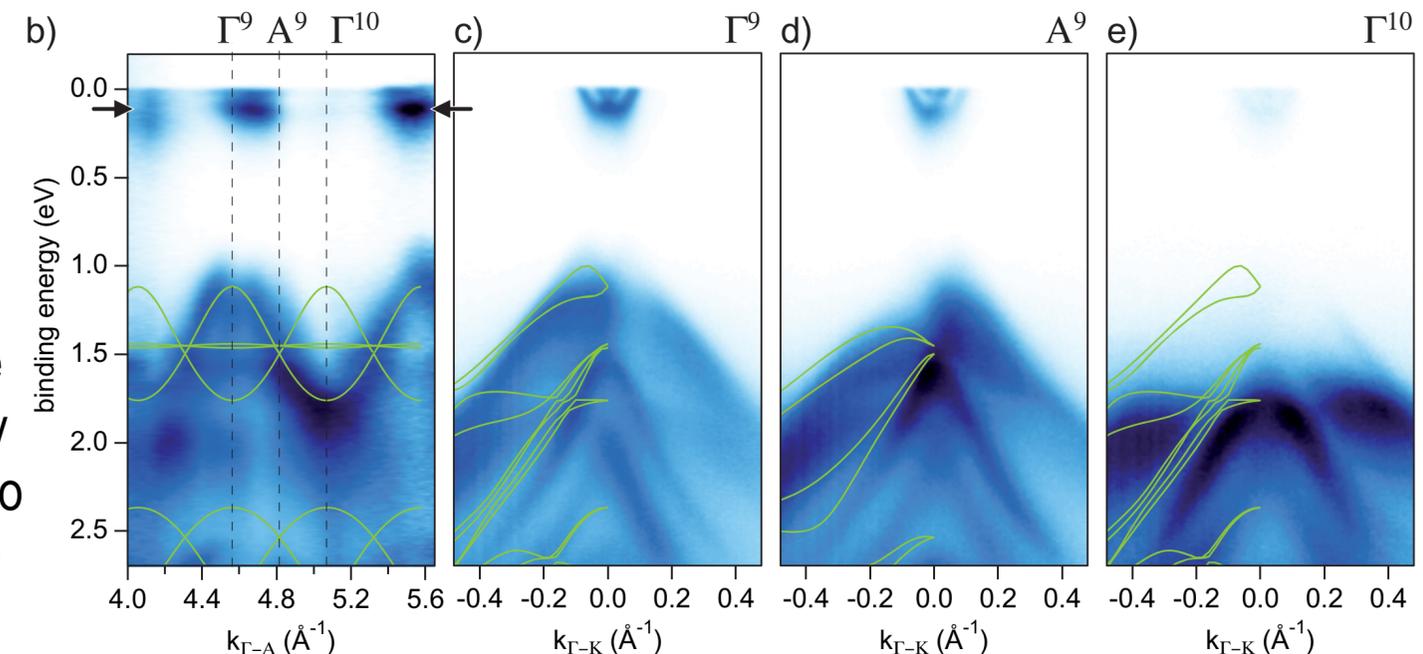
ARPES to see shift in bands and match to DFT



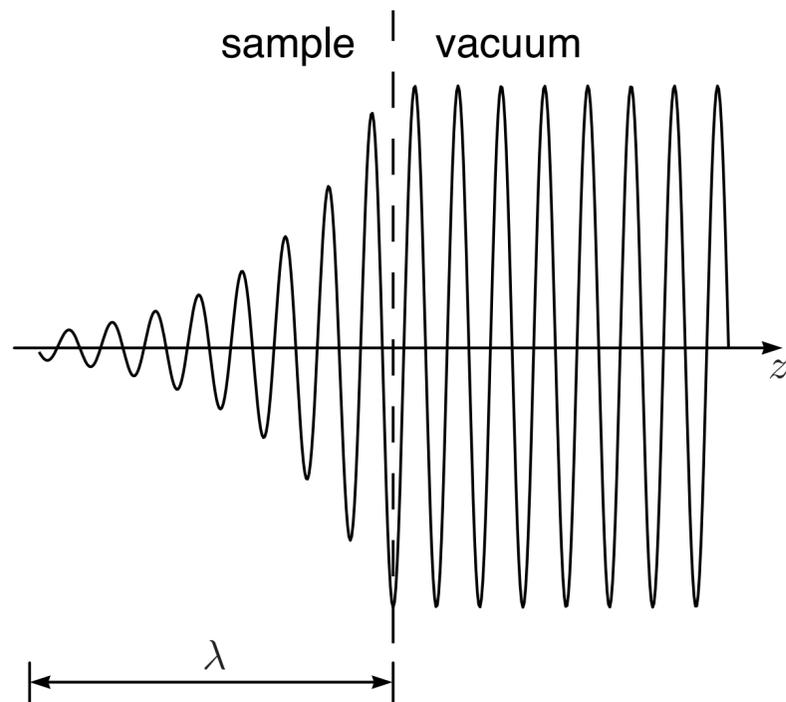
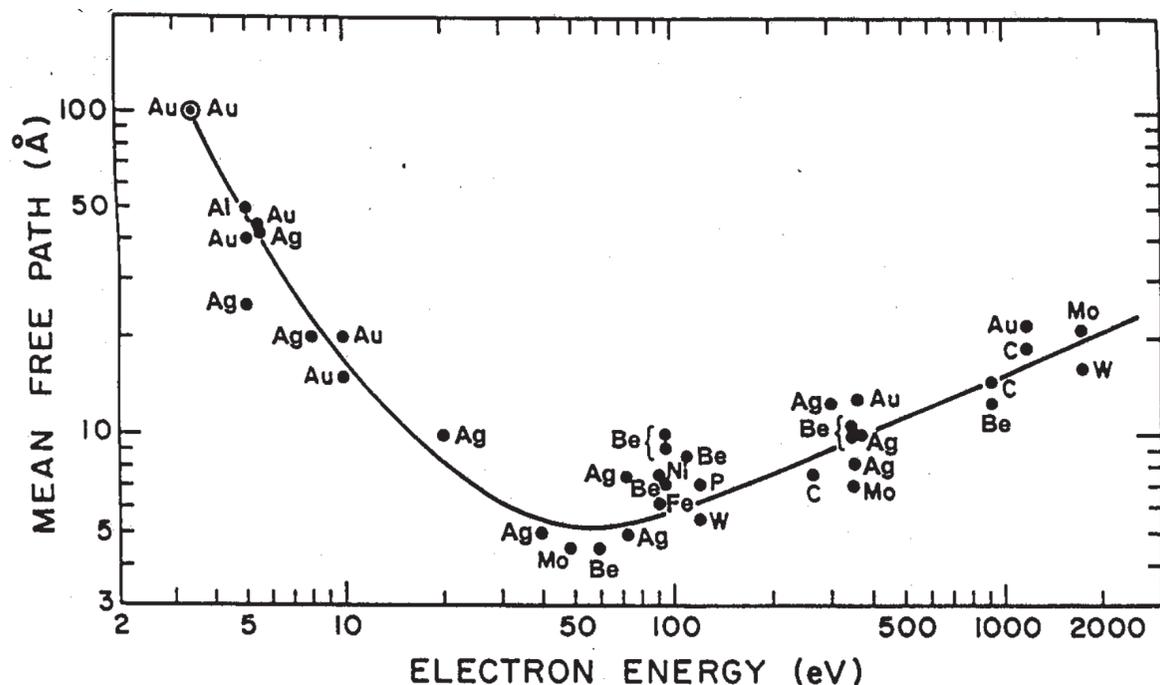
Photon induced chemistry destroys surface states on Cl-termination

Band visible only in every 2nd BZ due to interference

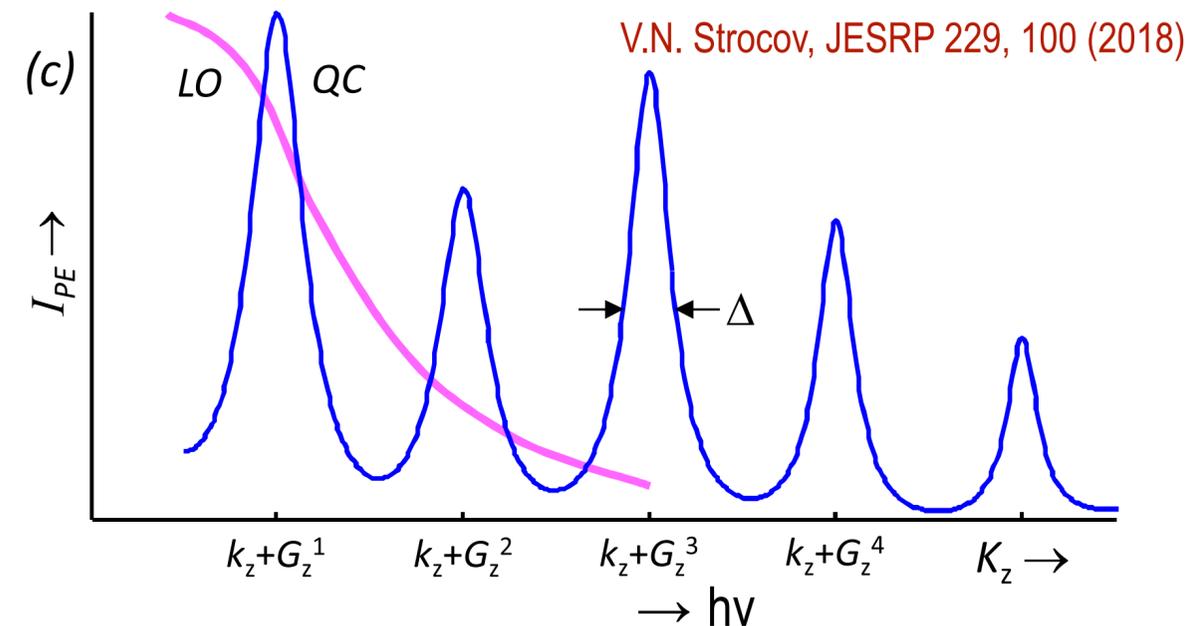
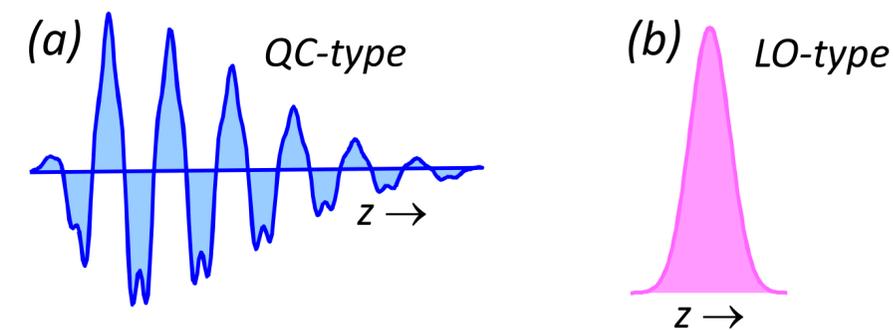
$h\nu$ dependence to distinguish surface and bulk states (Te-termination)



Some remarks on soft X-ray ARPES (SX-ARPES)



Initial state wave function extension



V.N. Strocov, JESRP 229, 100 (2018)

- Larger mean free path increases probing depth (main signal still from surface region)
- Increased damping distance enhances k_z resolution ($\Delta k_z = \lambda^{-1}$): large problem at low $h\nu$
- High kinetic energies mean final state feels less of crystal potential: more free electron-like
→ Simplified matrix element and “cleaner” spectrum

Price to pay: less good resolution (40meV vs. 4meV) and lower count rate

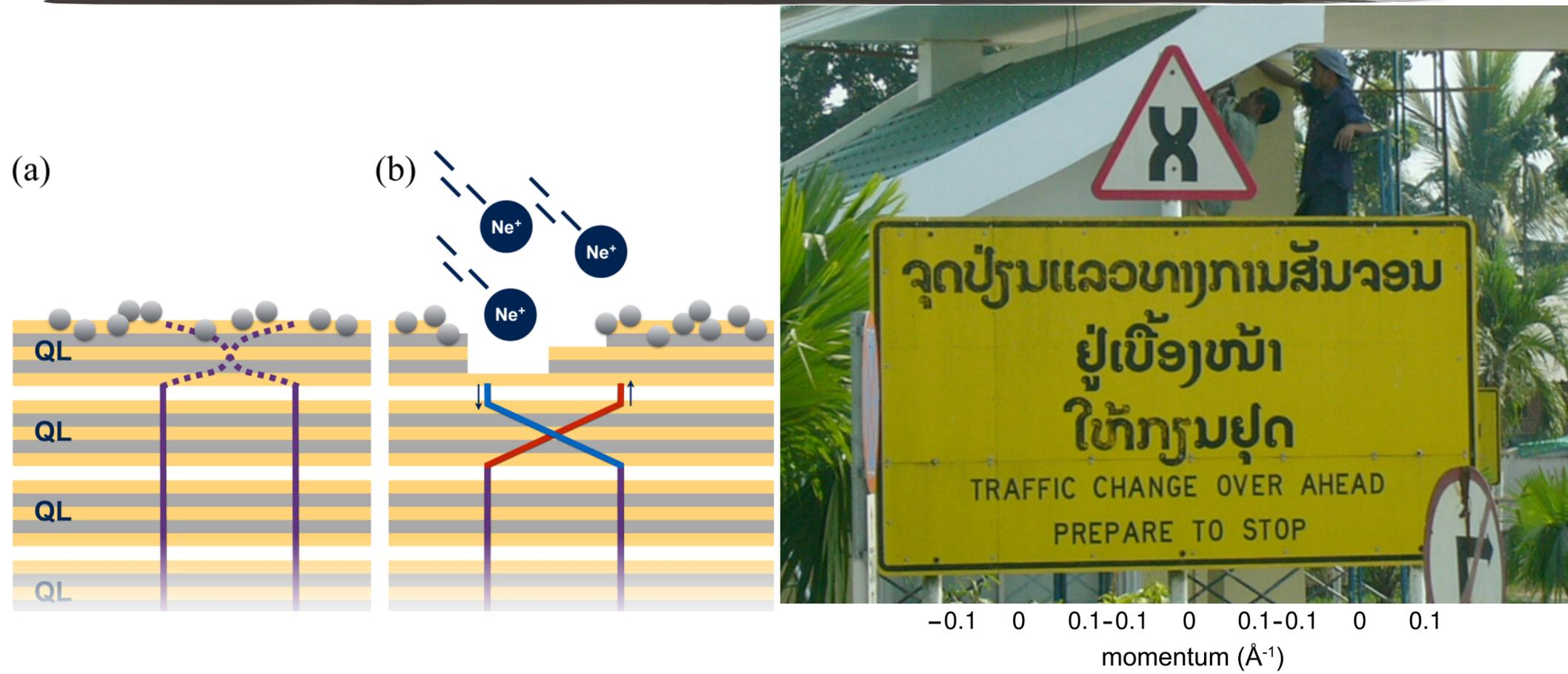


QC: quantum confinement
Shockley surface states
Quantum well states
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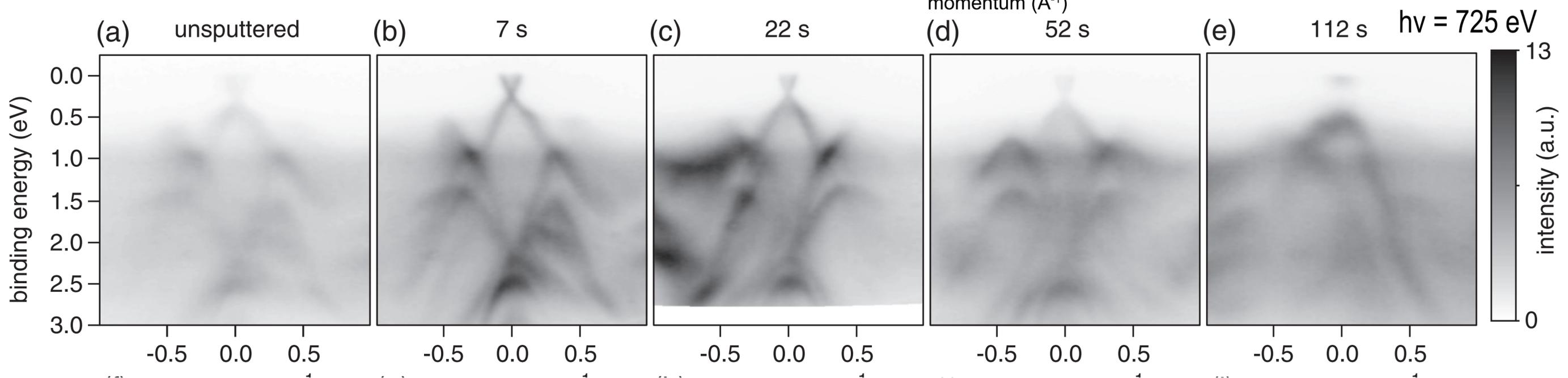


LO: local orbital
Absorbed molecules
Dangling bond states
Surface reconstructions
...

Soft X-ray ARPES on sputtered topological insulator Bi_2Se_3



Topological protection: At interface of change in topology in-gap state **must** exist
 Protection occurs by state moving away from areas with high defects
 Probed with relatively high $h\nu$

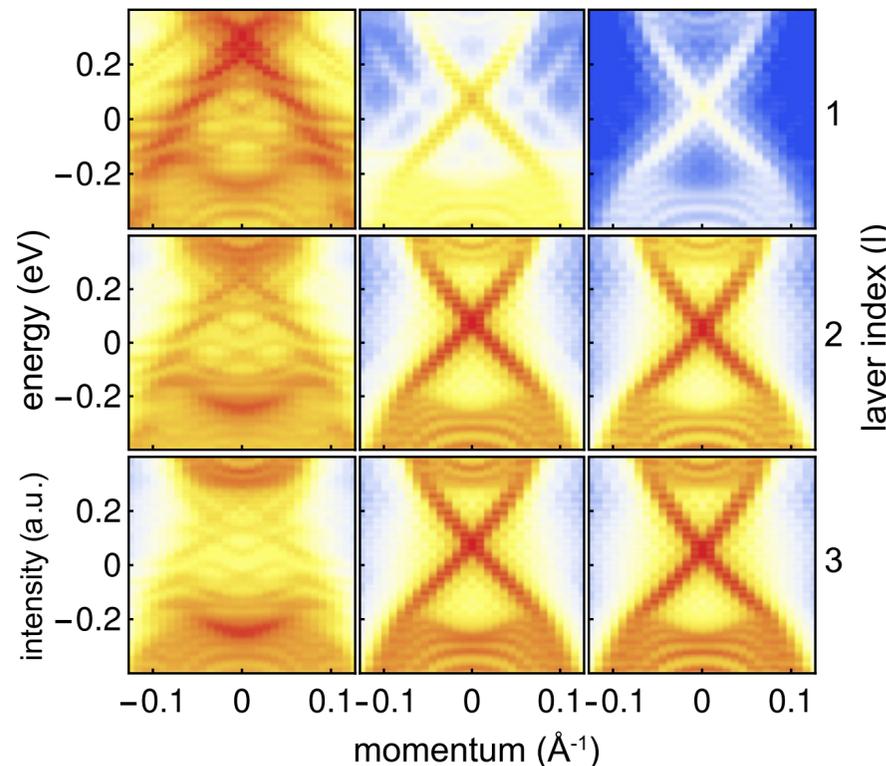


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Gaussian disorder with $\gamma_G = 5$ eV

vacancy density

0% 20% 40%



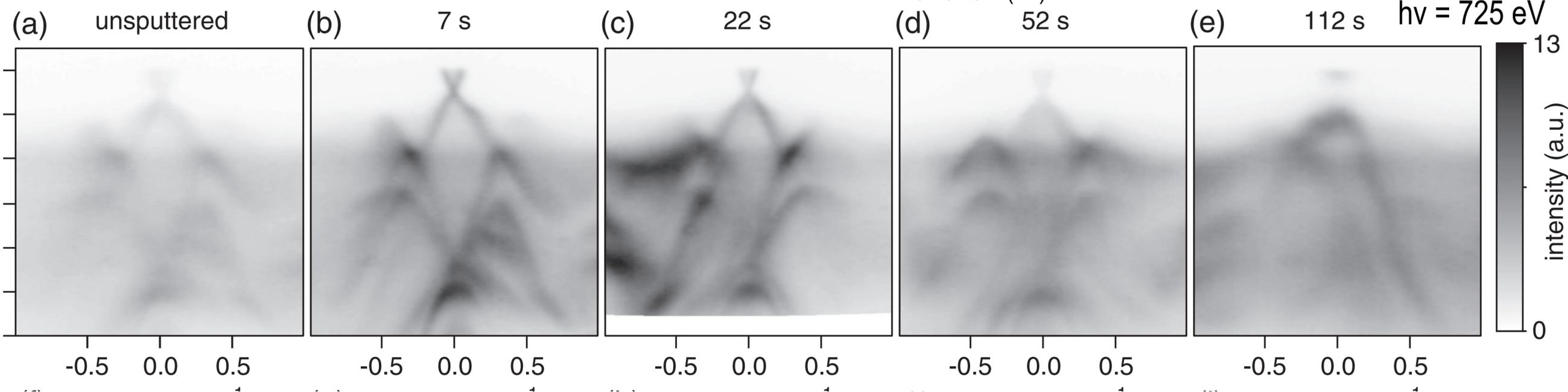
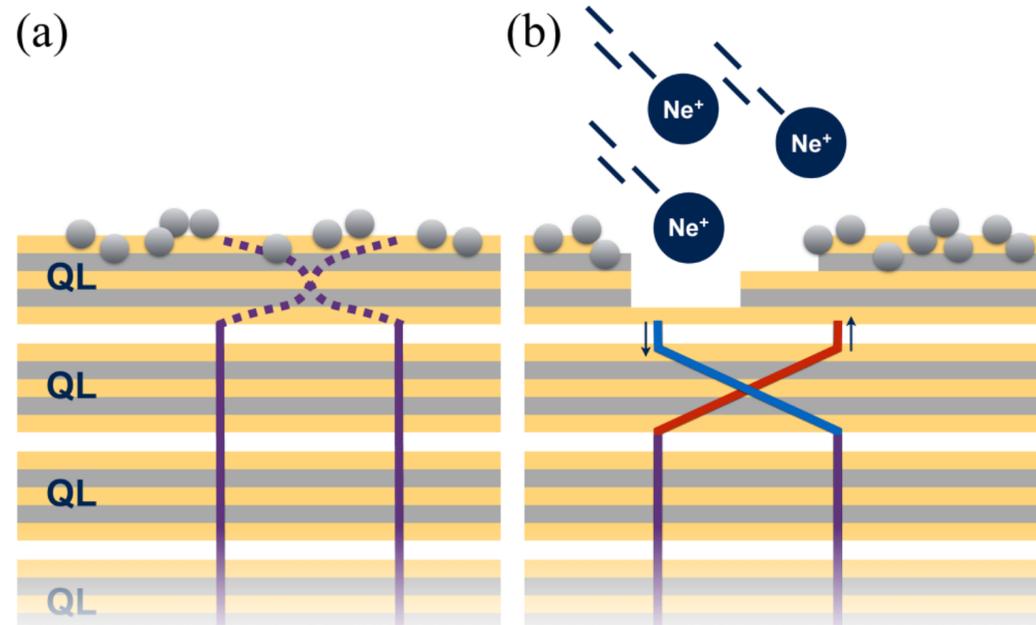
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Probed with relatively high $h\nu$

Gaussian disorder by surface adsorbates reduces overall intensity

Unitary disorder by sputtering reduces influence of Gaussian disorder



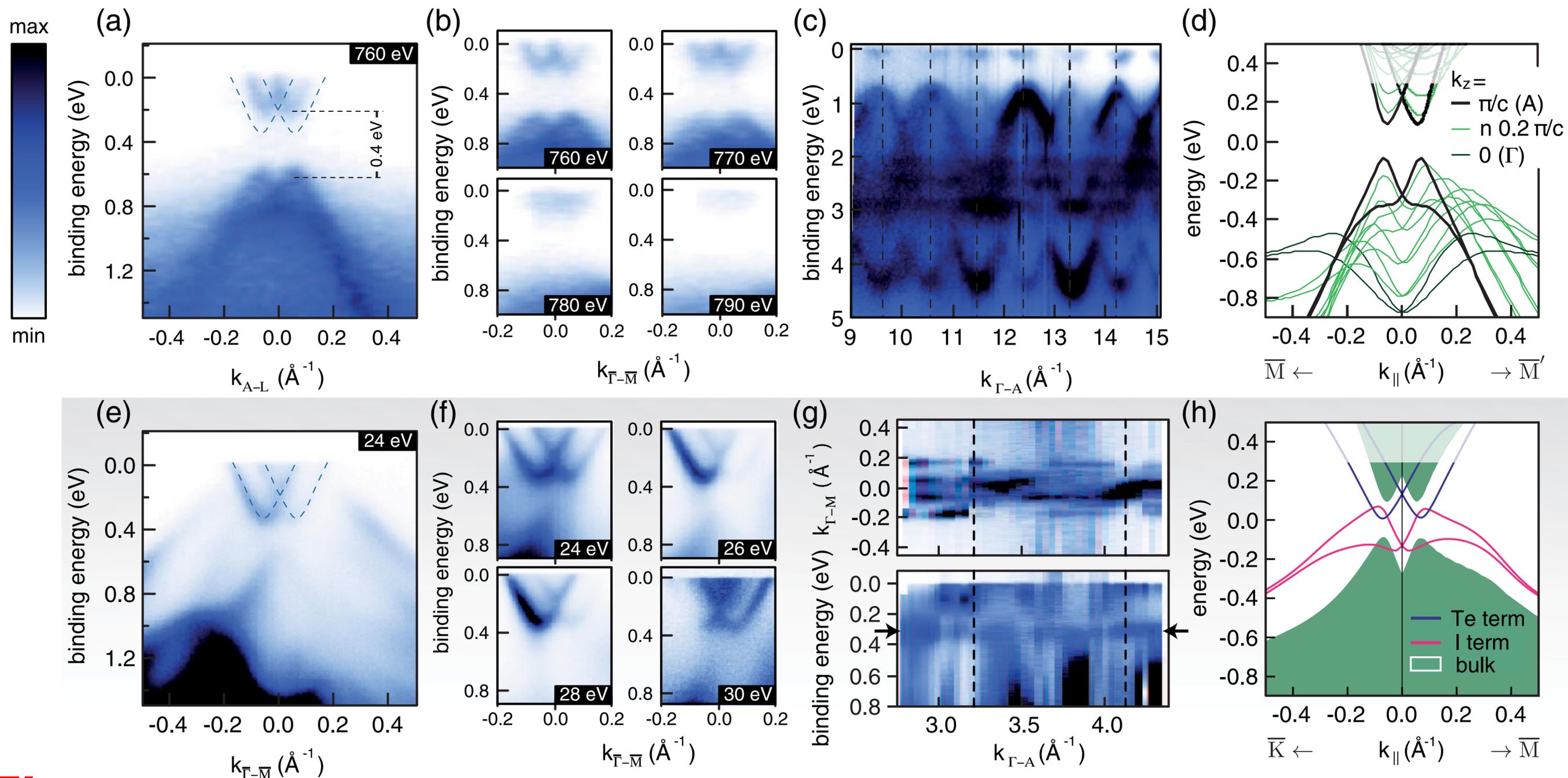
Localised surface states

PRL **109**, 116403 (2012)

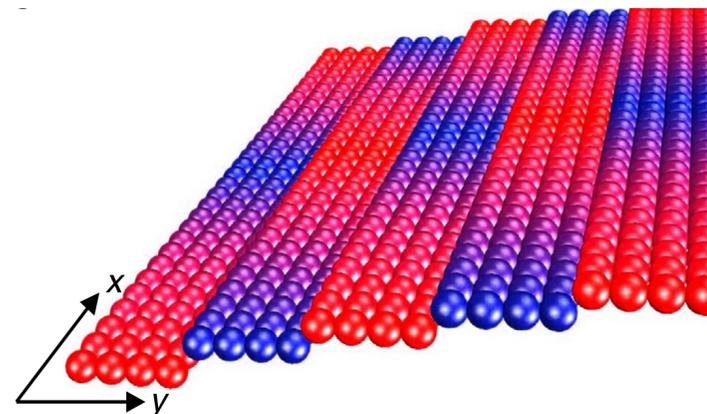
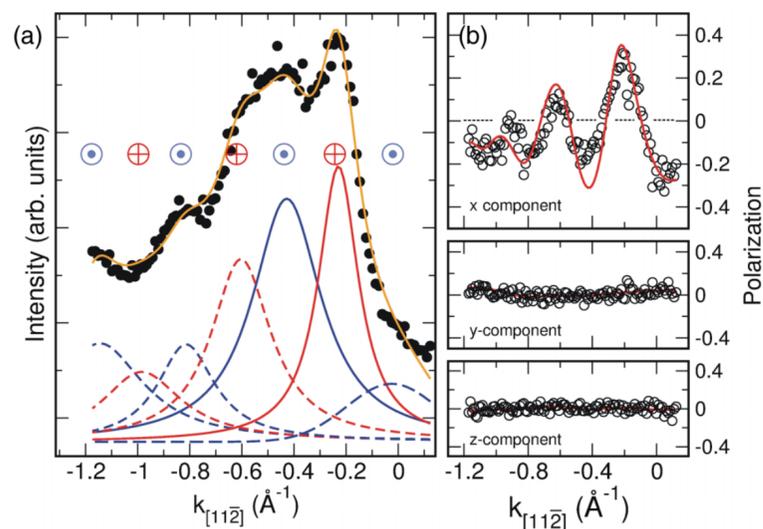
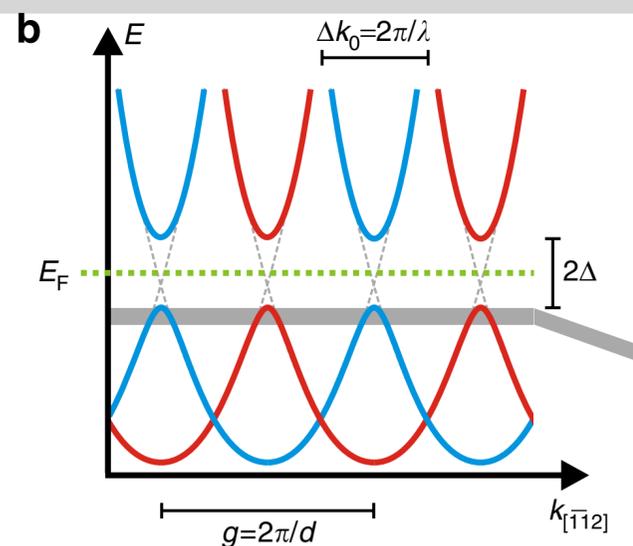
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Disentanglement of Surface and Bulk Rashba Spin Splittings in Noncentrosymmetric BiTeI



1. Spin-orbitronics: Rashba effect, Spintronics "without" magnetism

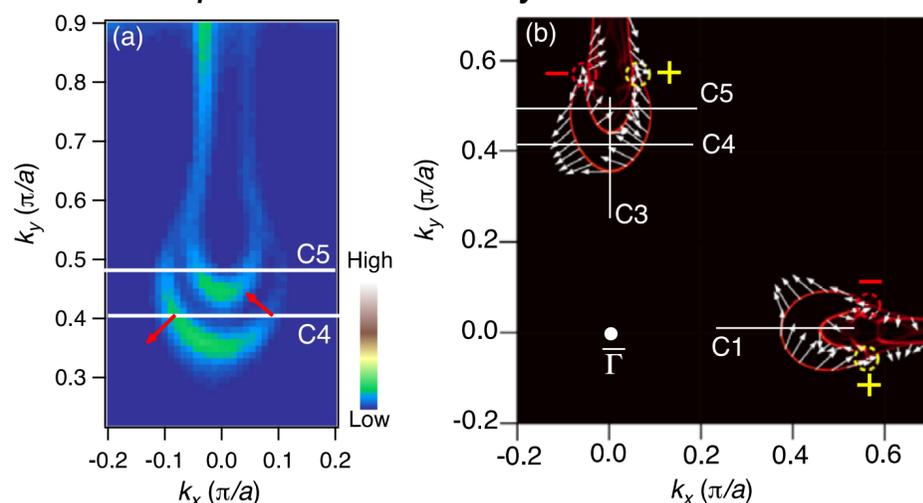


Spin-orbit density wave (SODW) in Pb/Si(557)

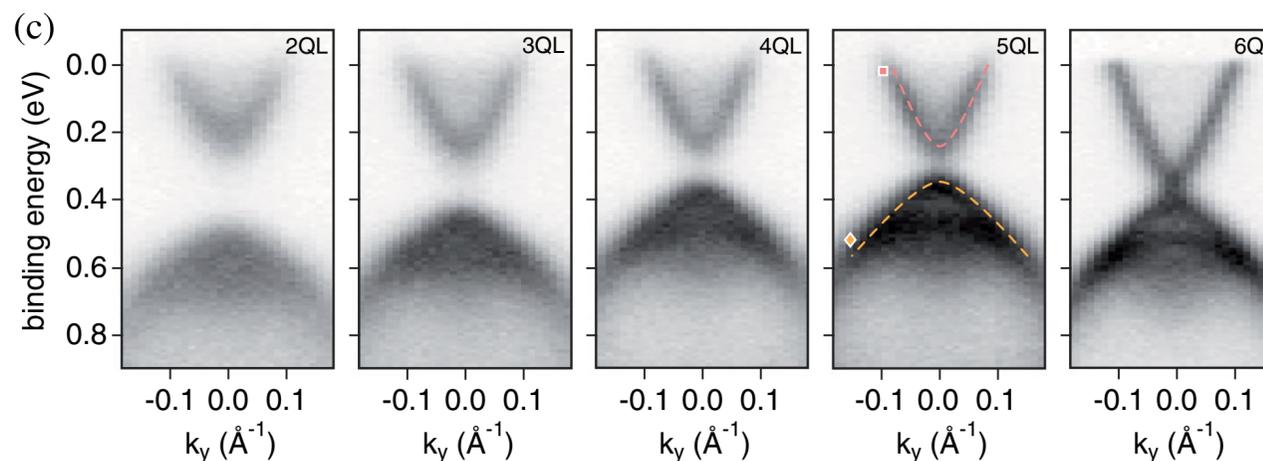
C. Tegenkamp et al. PRL 109, 266401 (2012);
C. Brand et al. Nature Comm. 6, 8118 (2015)

2. Novel physical phases: Topological insulators; Topological protection and transition, type-I and type-II Weyl semimetals

Spin texture of Weyl semimetal TaAs



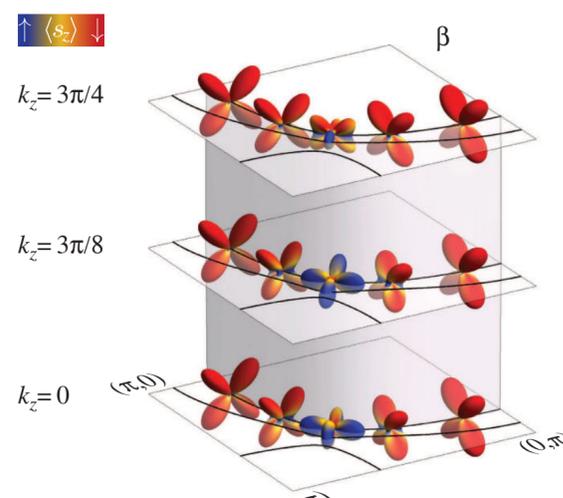
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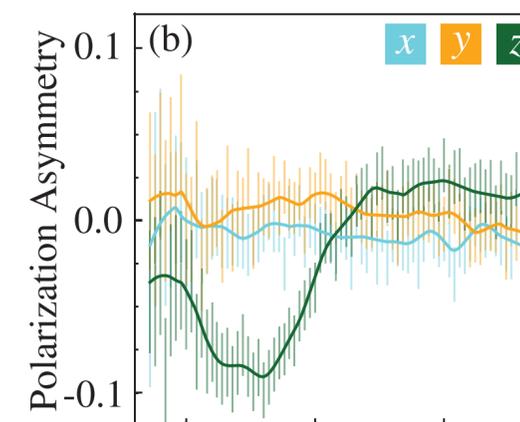
Topological transition in Bi₂Se₃ films

G. Landolt et al. PRL 112, 057601 (2014)

3. Extra tag in spectroscopy: photoelectron time scale, orbital mapping, phase determination, quasiparticle interactions ...



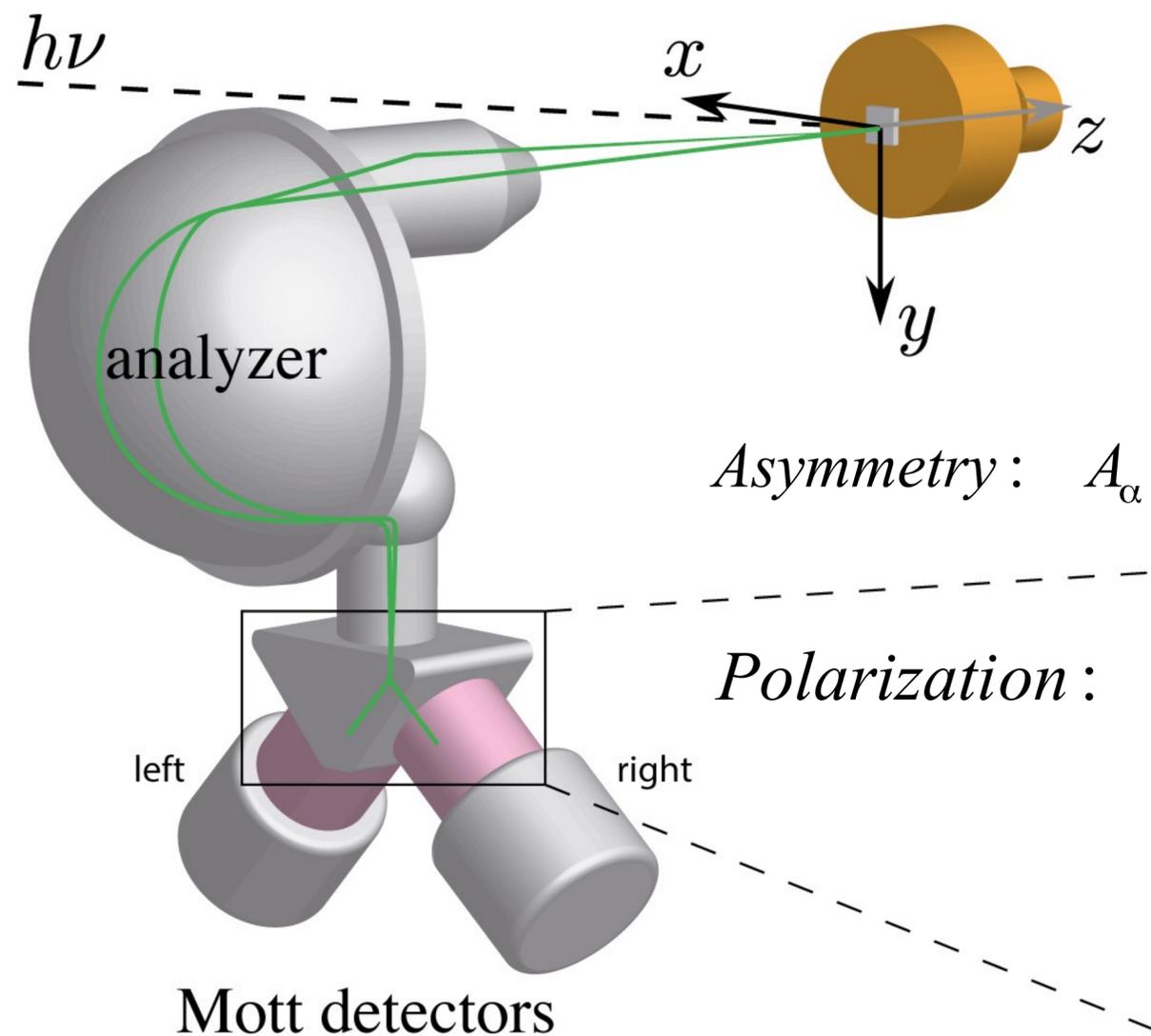
Breakdown of Singlets and Triplets in Sr₂RuO₄



C. Veenstra et al. PRL 112, 127002 (2014)

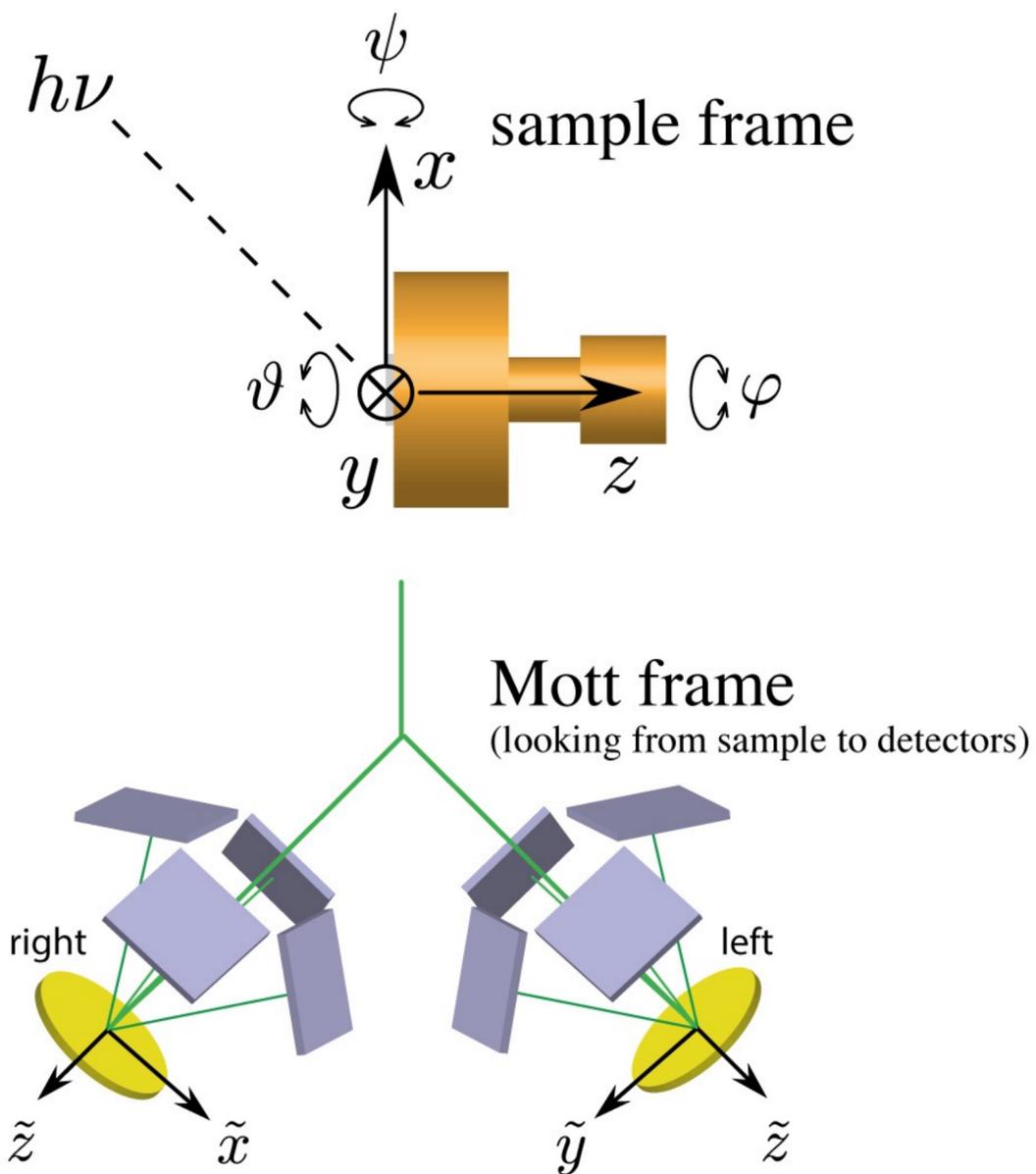
COPHEE at the Swiss Light Source

COPHEE = The **CO**mplete **PH**oto**E**mission **E**xperiment



$$\text{Asymmetry: } A_{\alpha} = \frac{N_l - N_r}{N_l + N_r}$$

$$\text{Polarization: } P_{\alpha} = \frac{A_{\alpha}}{S}$$

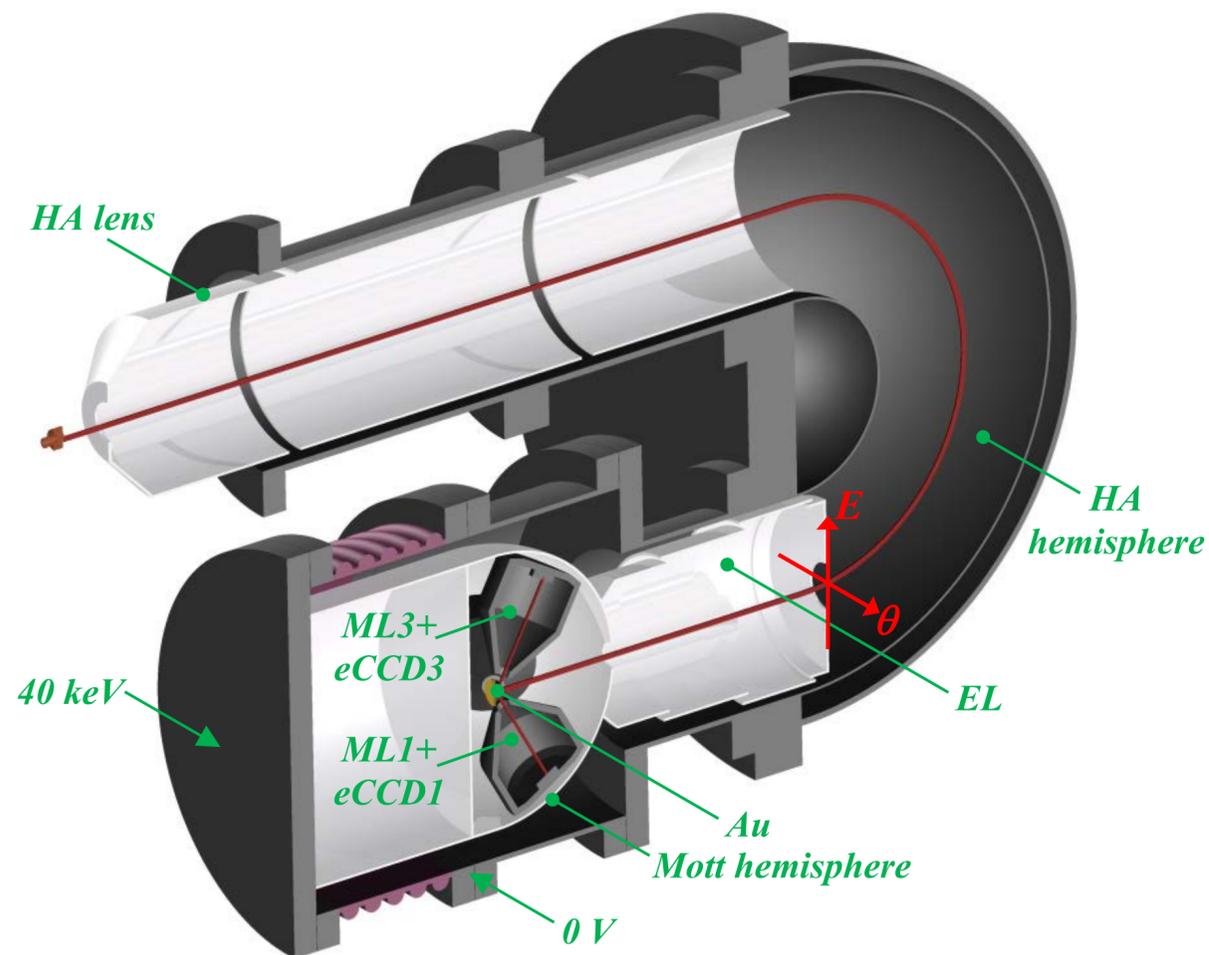


Two orthogonal classical (40 kV) Mott detectors
Access to “all” quantum numbers of the electron:
energy, momentum (3D) and spin (3D)

For reviews on SARPES on SOI systems see: [J.H. Dil, J. Phys.: Cond. Matt. 21, 403001 \(2009\)](#)
and [U. Heinzmann and J.H. Dil, J. Phys.: Cond. Matt. 24, 173001 \(2012\)](#)

For review of SARPES on Topological Materials see: [J.H. Dil, Elec. Structure 1 023001 \(2019\)](#)

Next generation: iMott



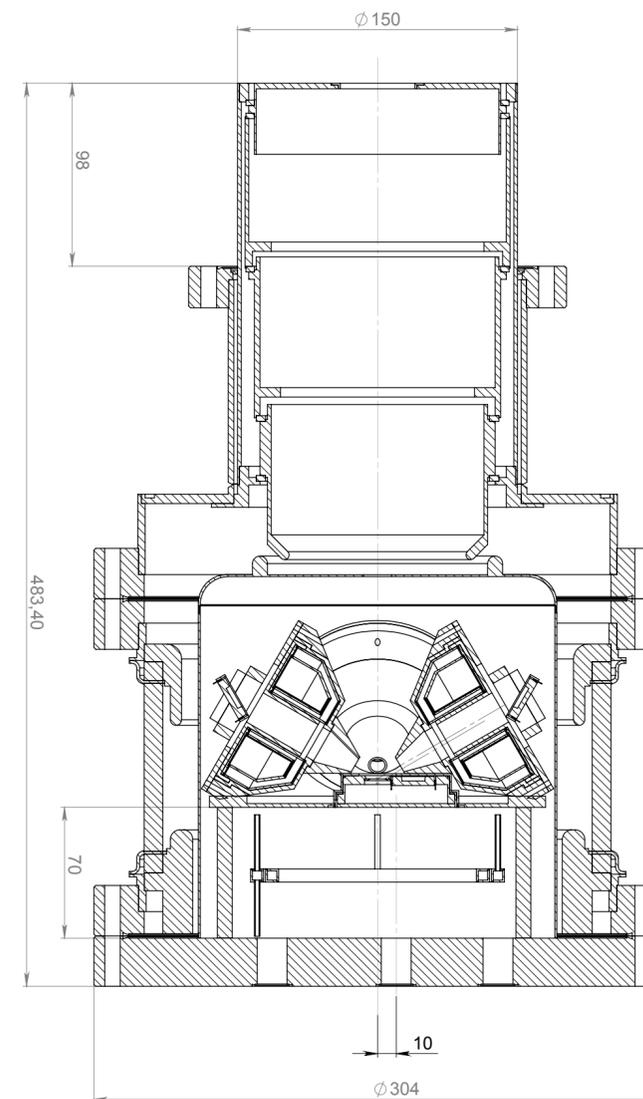
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Full spin-resolved 2D (E_k, θ) band structure in one shot

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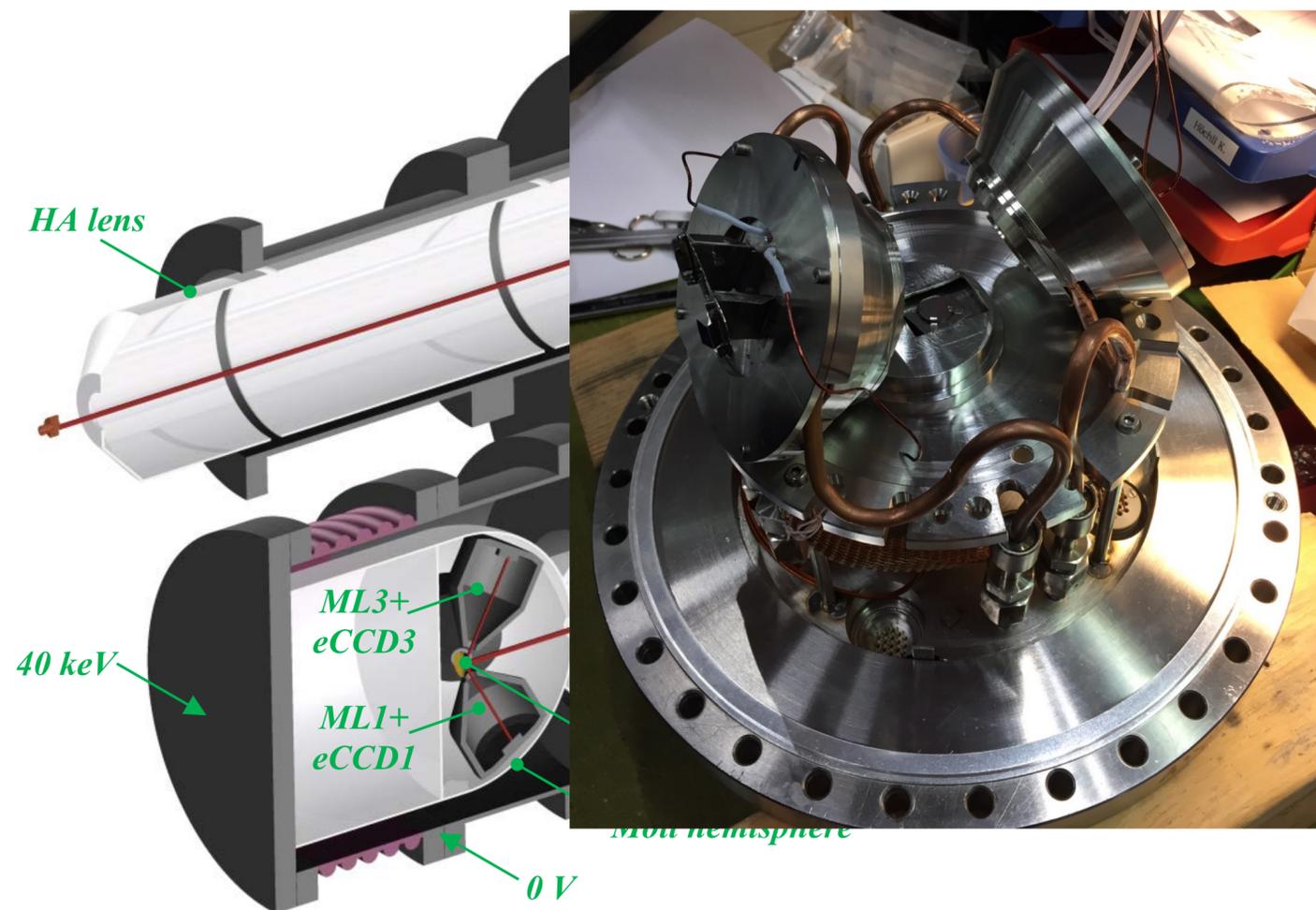


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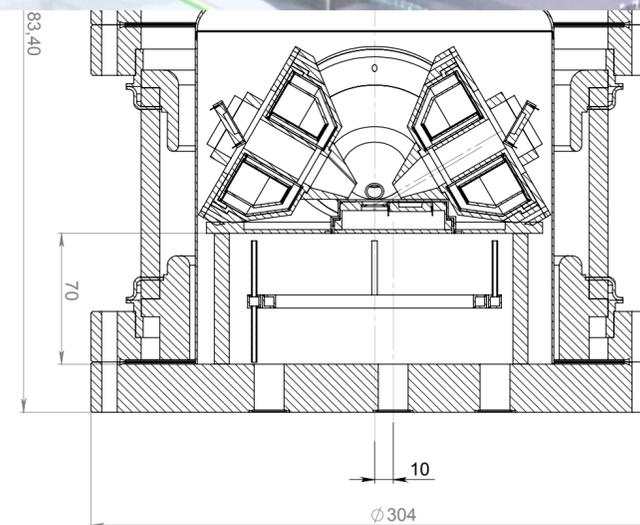
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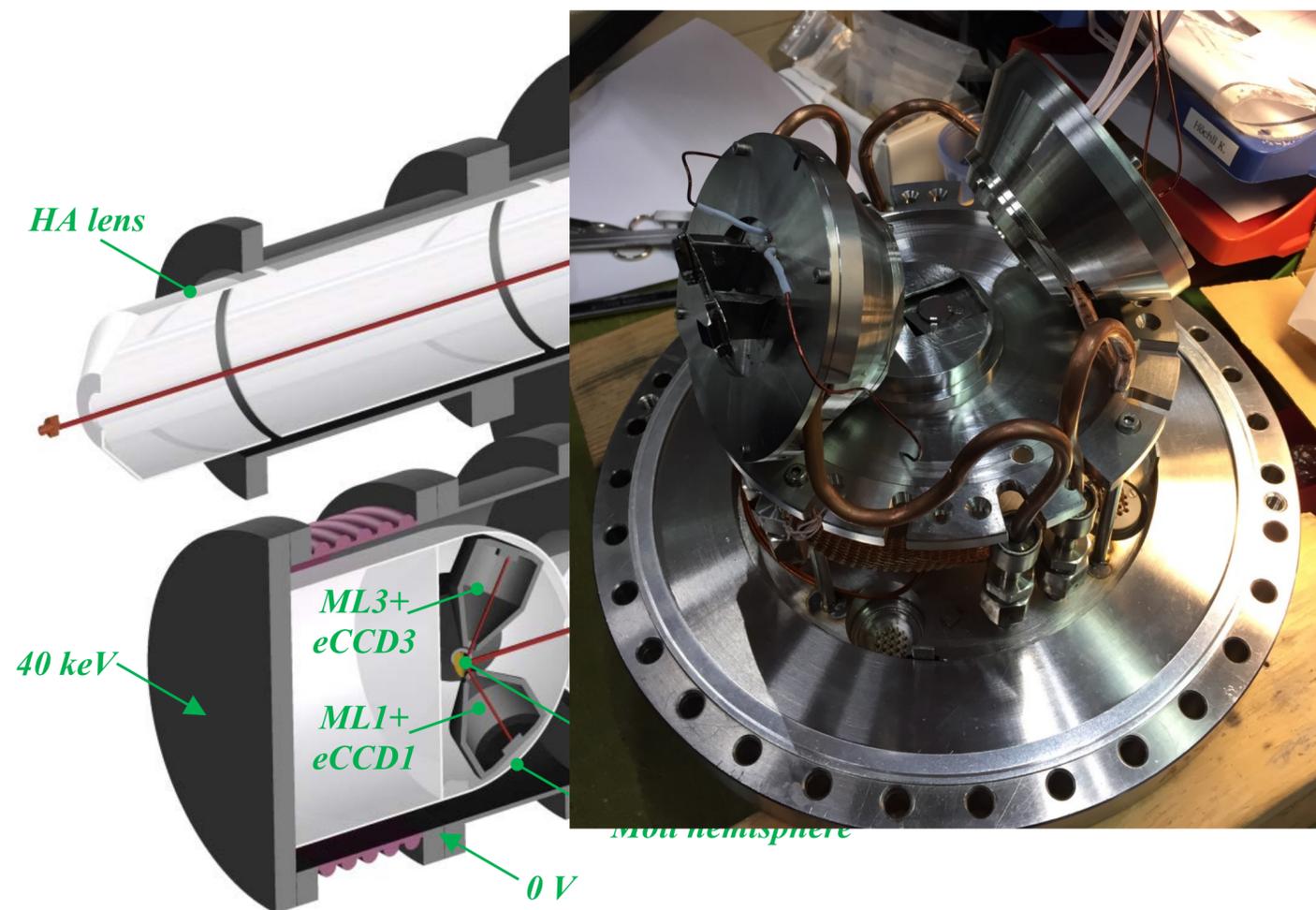


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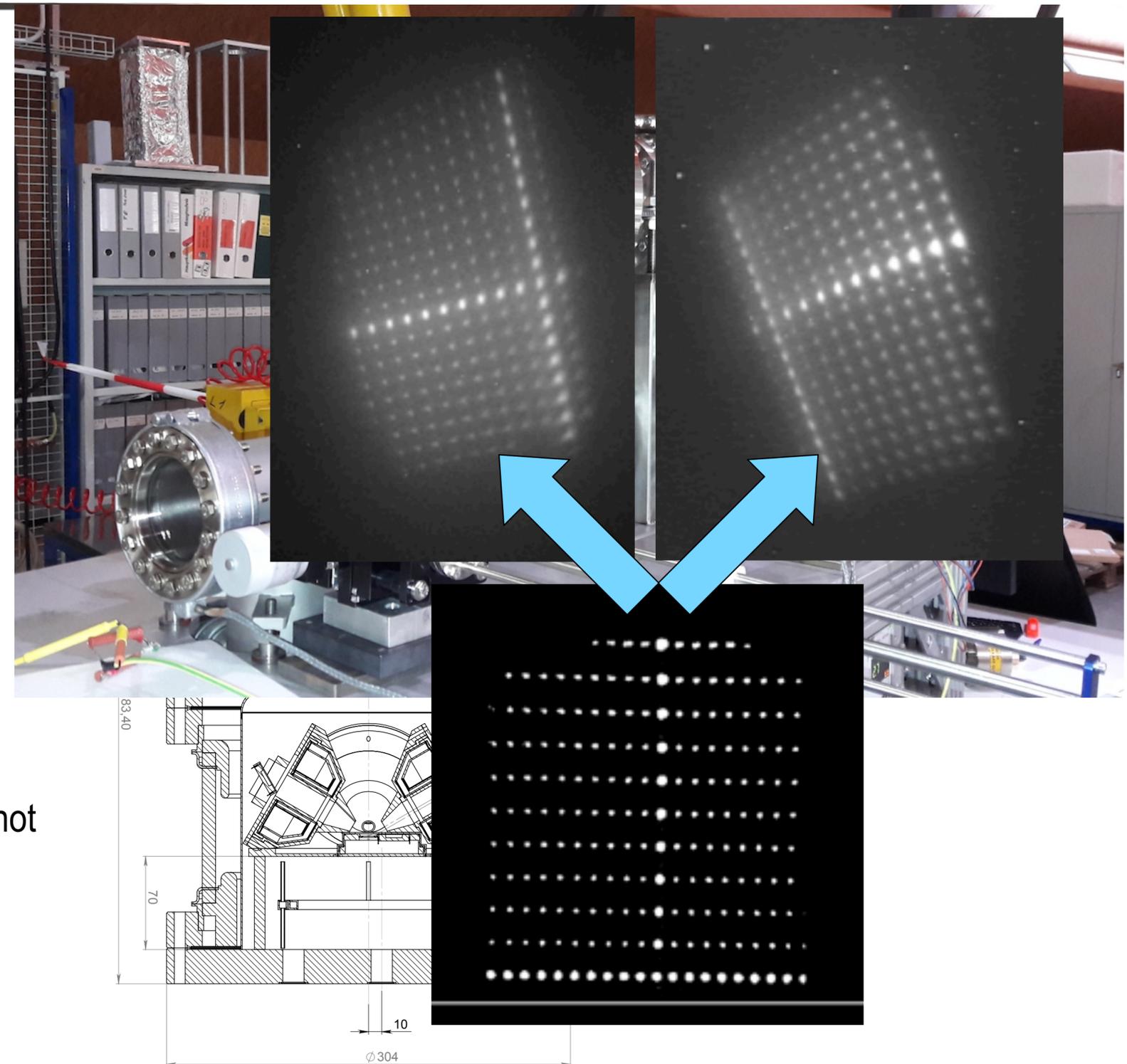
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Sources of spin polarization in SARPES

“All” photoelectrons are highly spin polarised

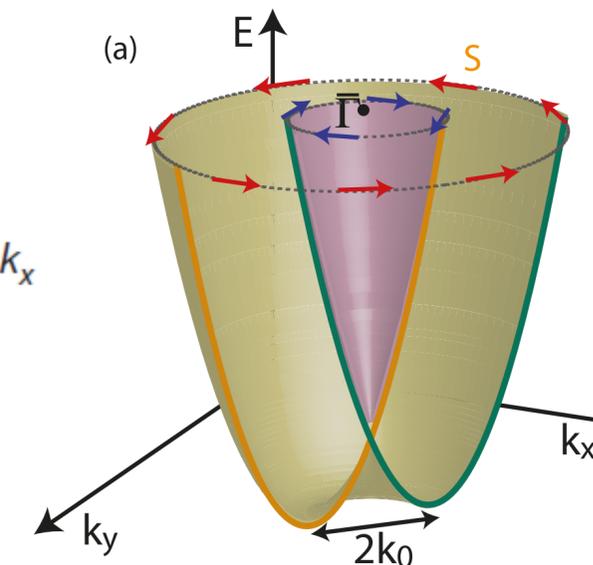
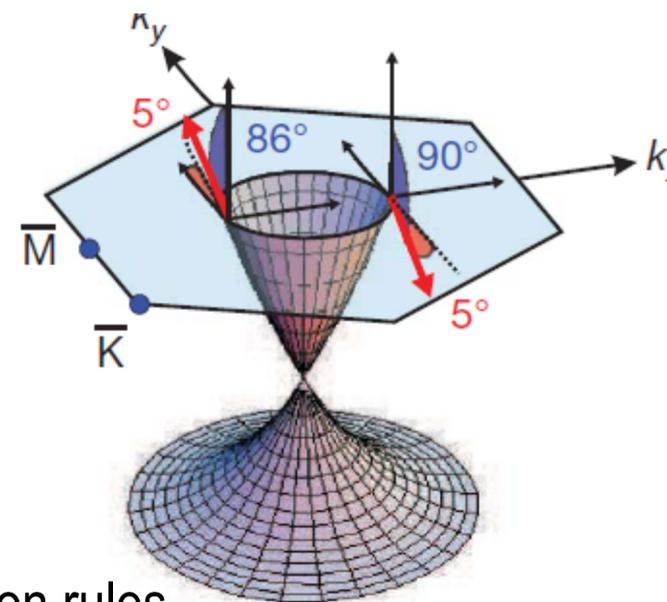
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Spin polarized initial states:

- Magnetic systems
- Spin-orbit interaction (Rashba, topological materials)

Photoemission induced effects:

- Change of initial state spin: spin interference, geometry induced effects, ...
- Spin induced in spin-degenerate initial state: geometry effects, dipole selection rules, interference of transitions, ...



Basis vectors of spin space

$$\varphi_{x+} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \varphi_{x-} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

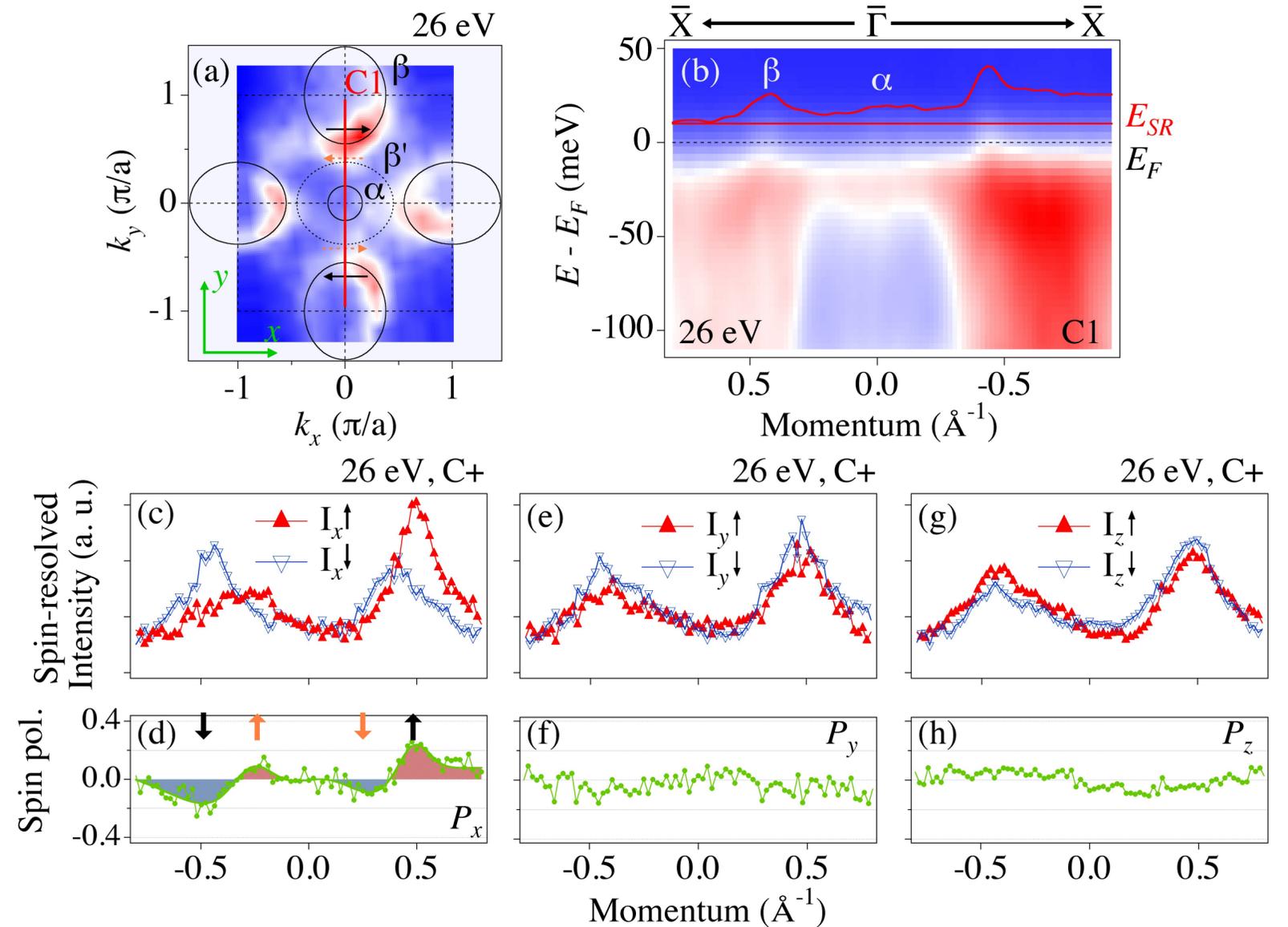
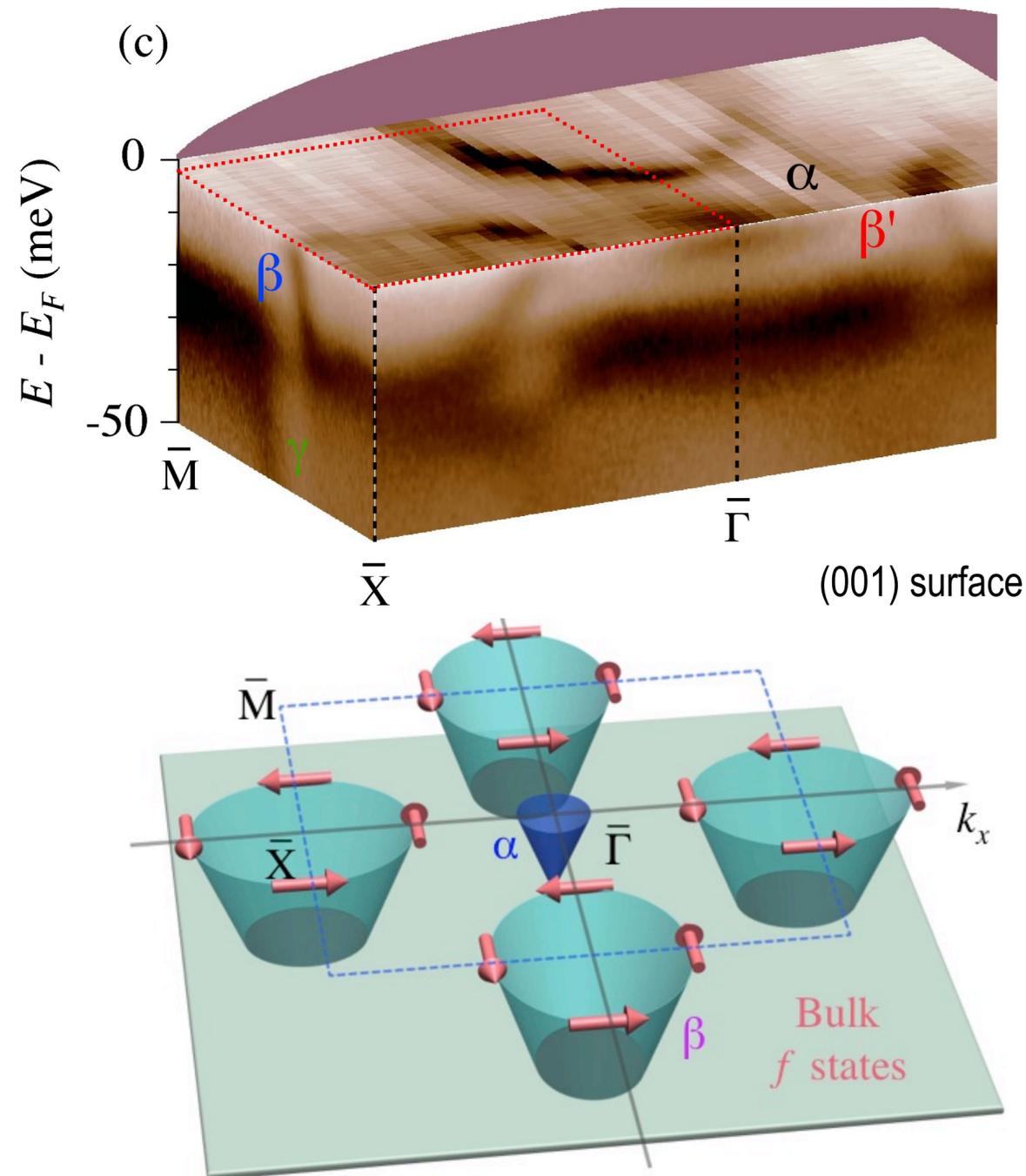
$$\varphi_{y+} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}, \quad \varphi_{y-} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$$

In coherent summation spin rotates

$$\varphi_{z+} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \varphi_{z-} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

SmB₆ a topological “Kondo” insulator

N. Xu et al. Nature Communications 5, 4566 (2014).



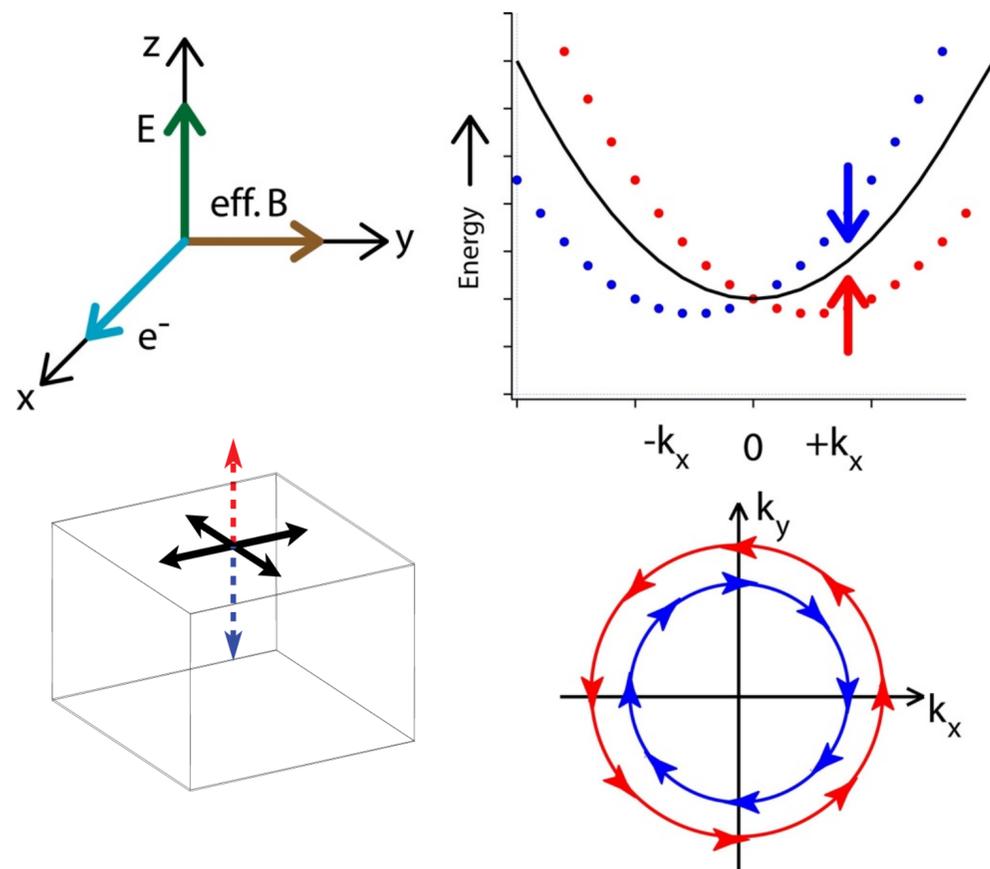
Band gap (40 meV) by definition always around Fermi level due to mixed valence

Spin polarised topological surface states in band gap

No sign of correlations in the spin structure

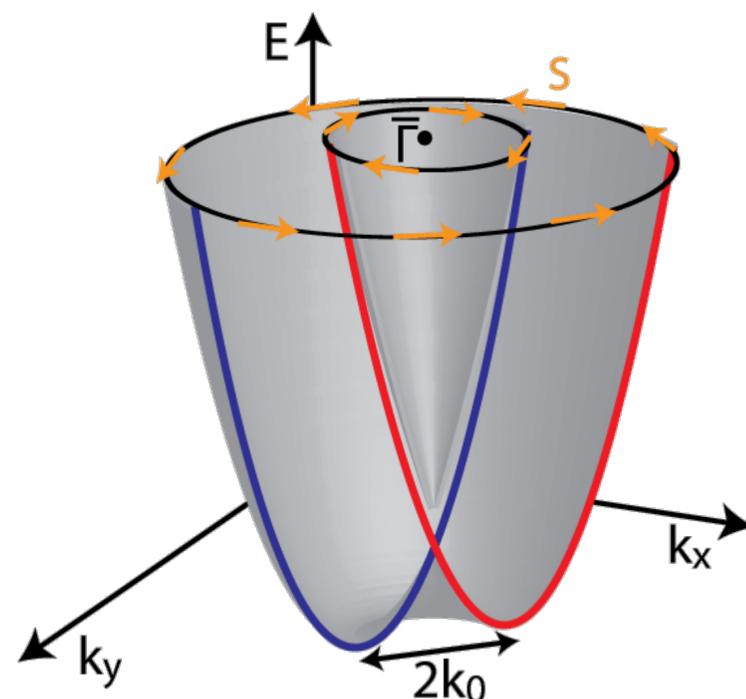
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Rashba type spin-orbit interaction

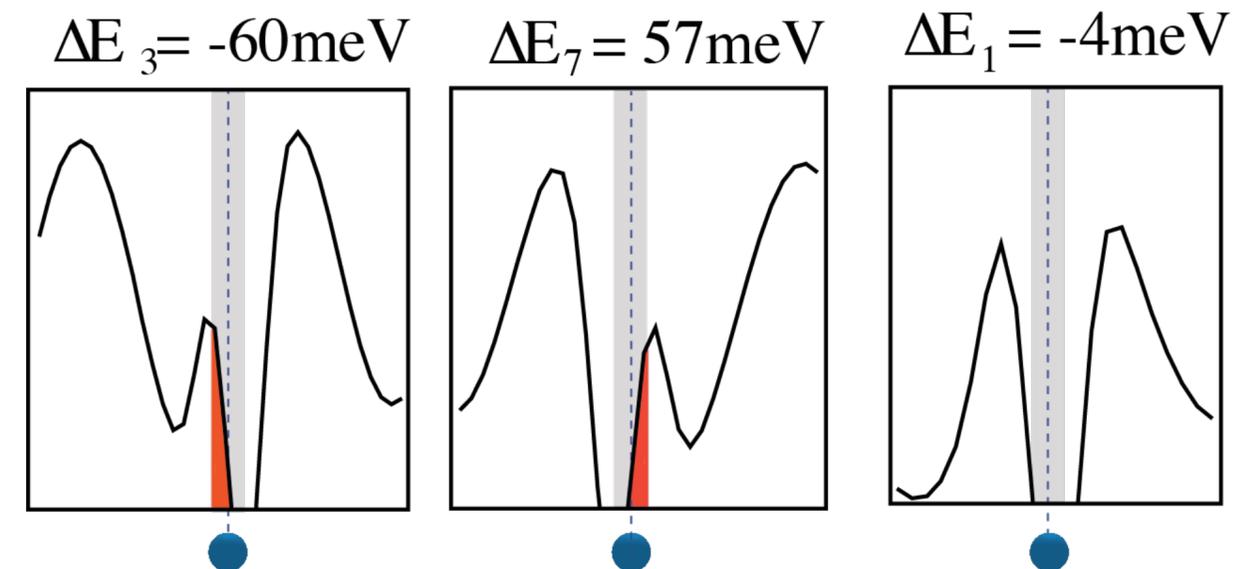


Size of splitting depends on:

- atomic number
- atomic displacement/corrugation**
- orbital overlap
- potential gradient at surface



- Original model based on Lorentz transformation
- Six orders of magnitude wrong
- Rashba terminology maintained for historical and symmetry reasons (Rashba-type)



B. Slomski et al. PRB **84**, 193406 (2011)

Origin in local wave function distribution 0.2 Å around heavy atom core:

$$\Delta E_i \propto k_{\parallel} \int_{\Delta z} dz \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} |\psi(z)|^2$$

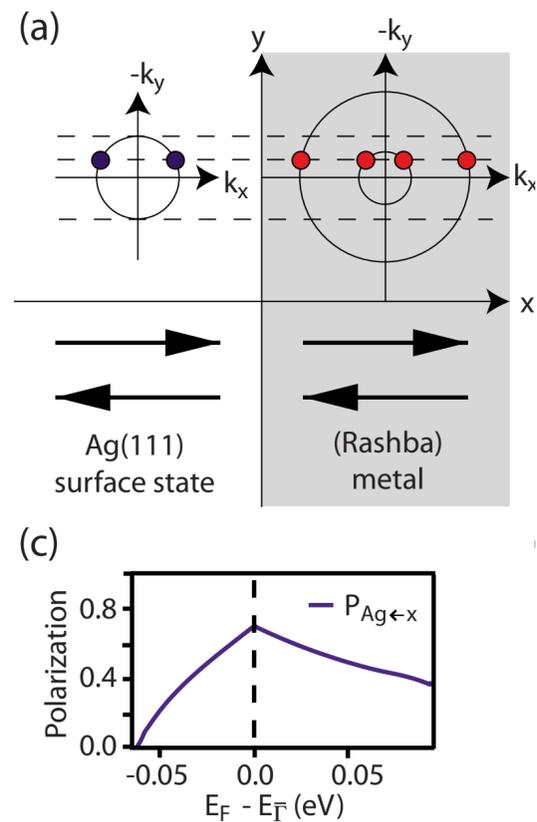
Total measured Rashba splitting is sum of all contributions

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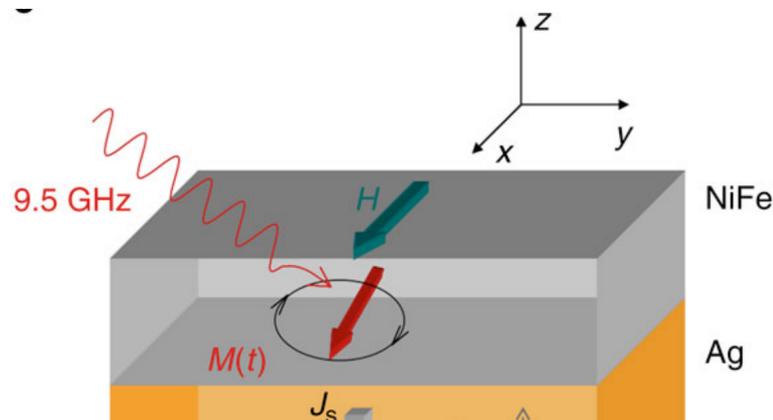
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Relevance of the Rashba effect

Spin injection

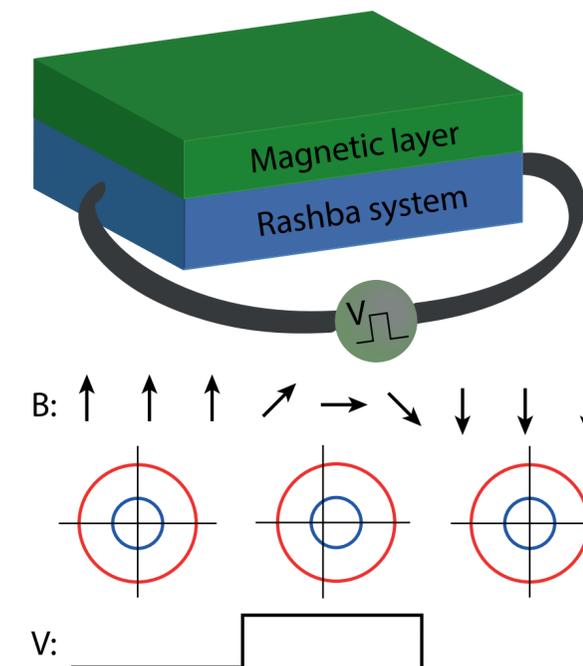


Spin \leftrightarrow charge conversion

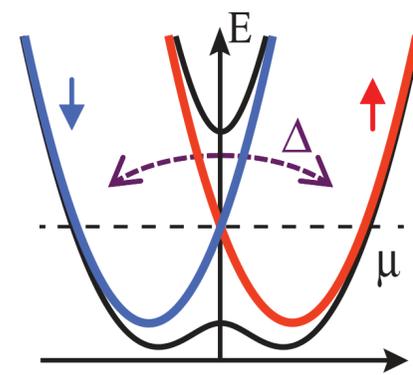
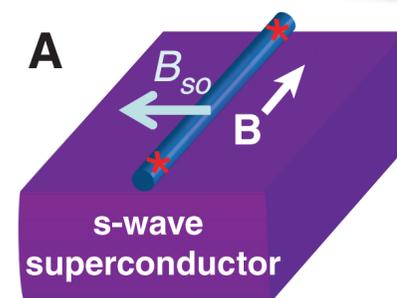
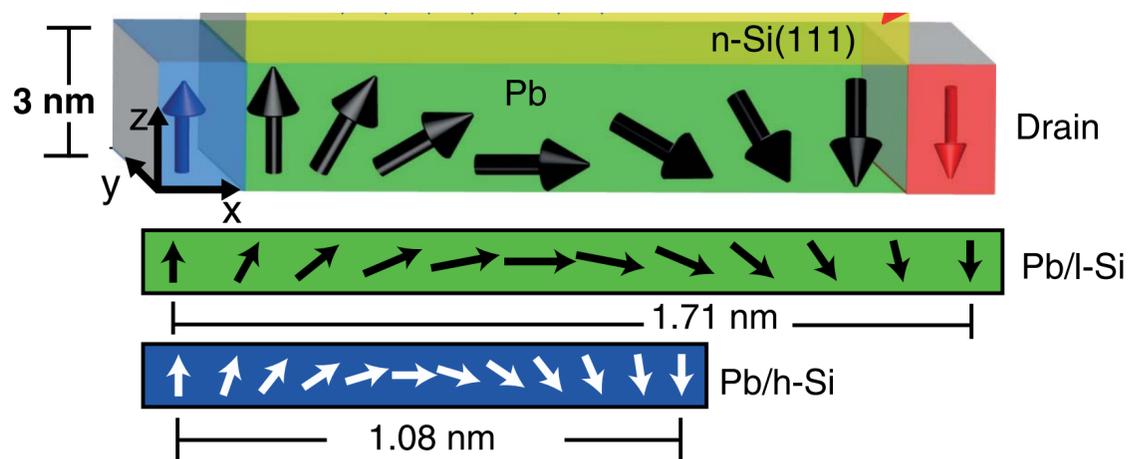


To be used, spurious effects from substrate or bulk have to be negligible and the system tunable

Spin-orbit torque: Magnetic writing by small voltage pulse



Spin manipulation



Majorana fermions

For popular summary:
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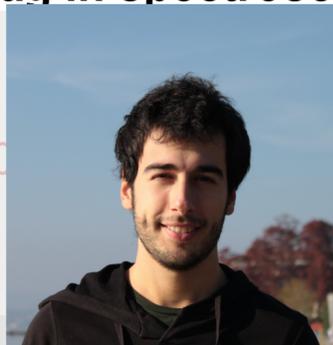


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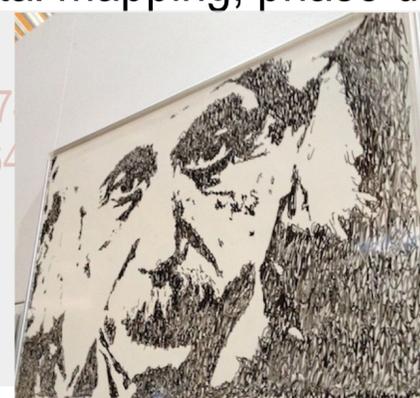
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A photograph of a Swiss flag on a black pole in the foreground, set against a backdrop of snow-capped mountains at sunset. The sky is a mix of blue, orange, and yellow. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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and flexible, especially in sample
preparation and environment**