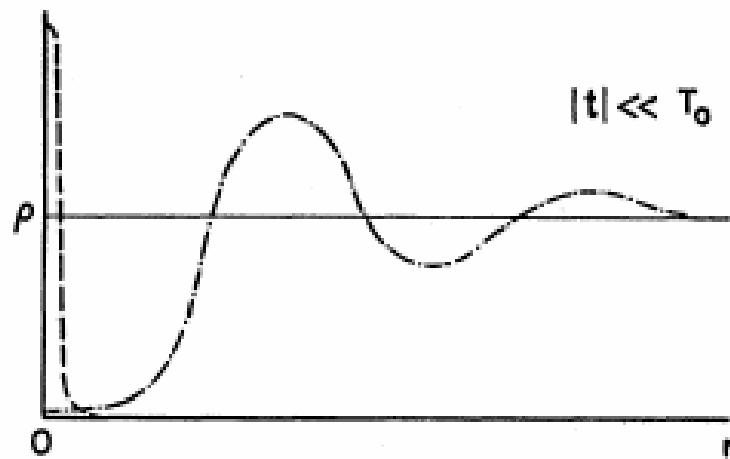
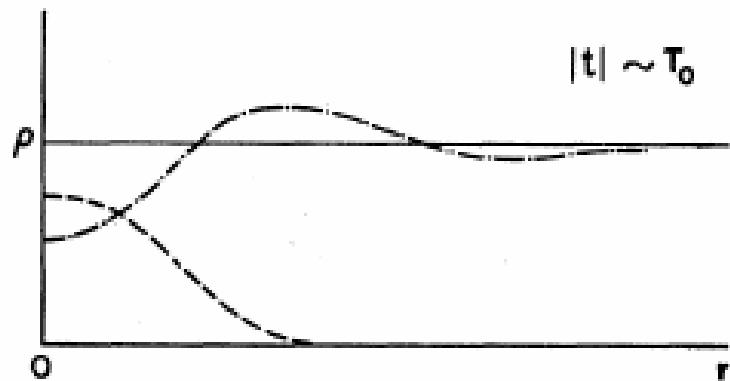


Korrelationsfunktionen in Flüssigkeiten oder Gasen



mittlere Dichte



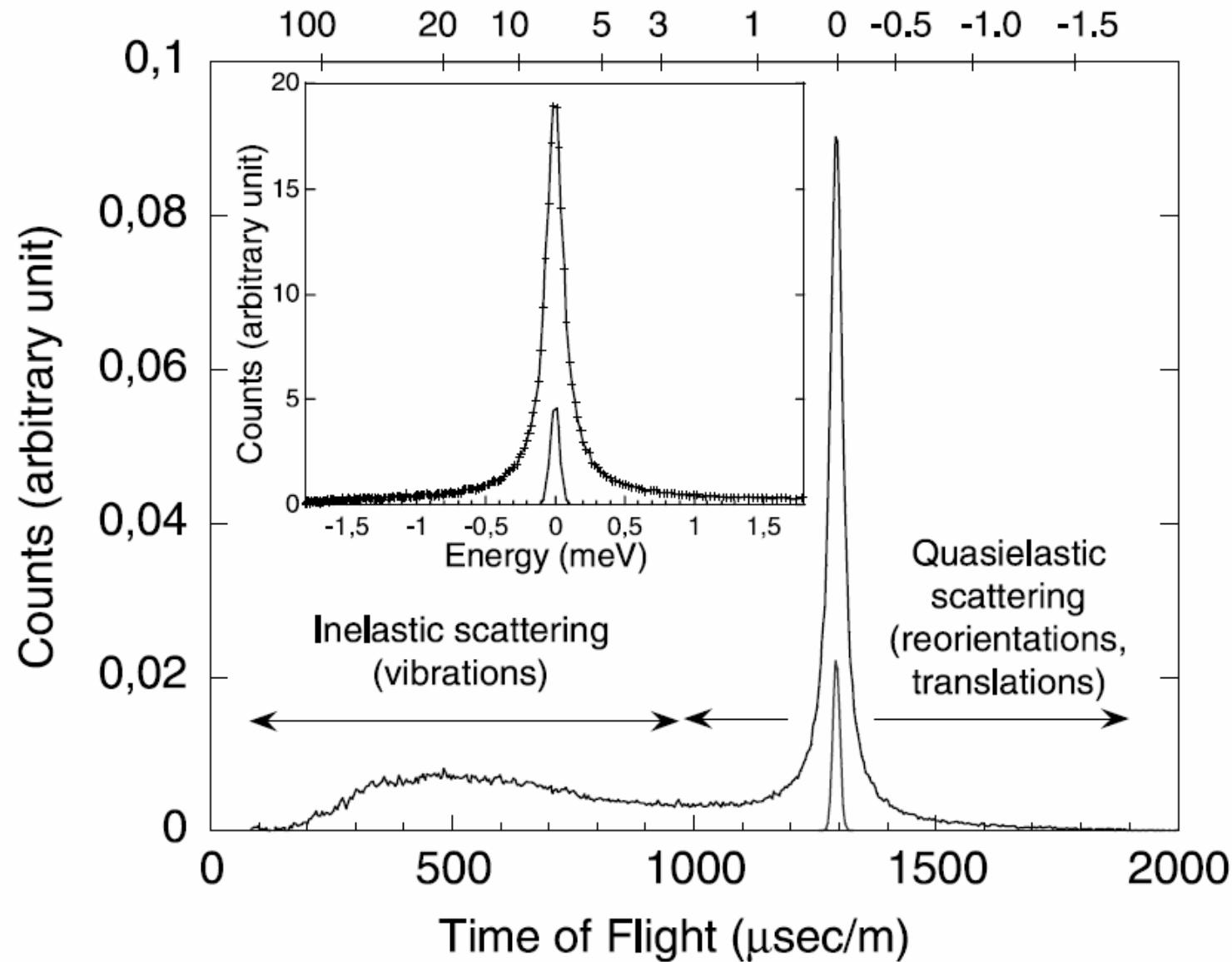
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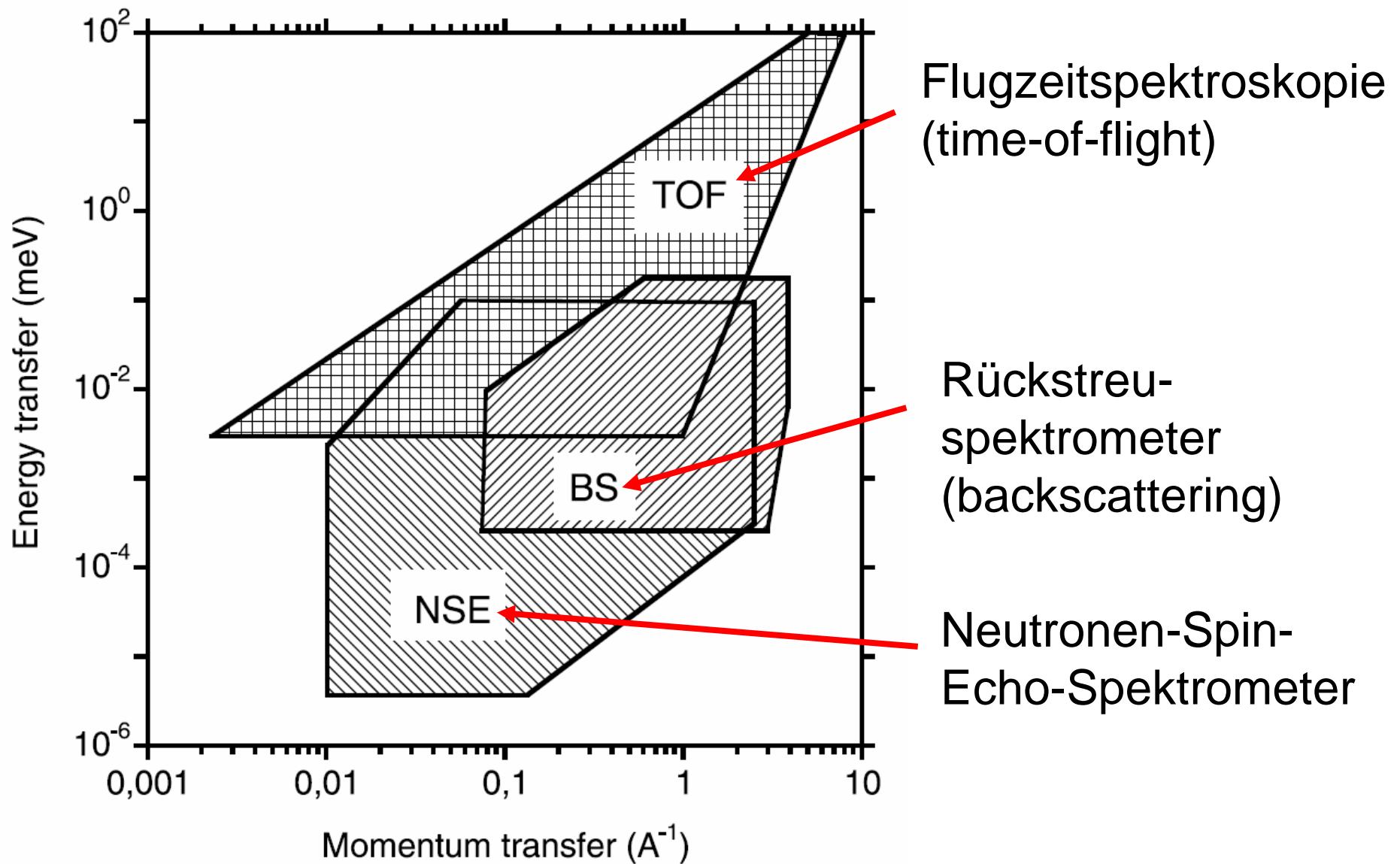
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Inelastische und quasielastische Streuung

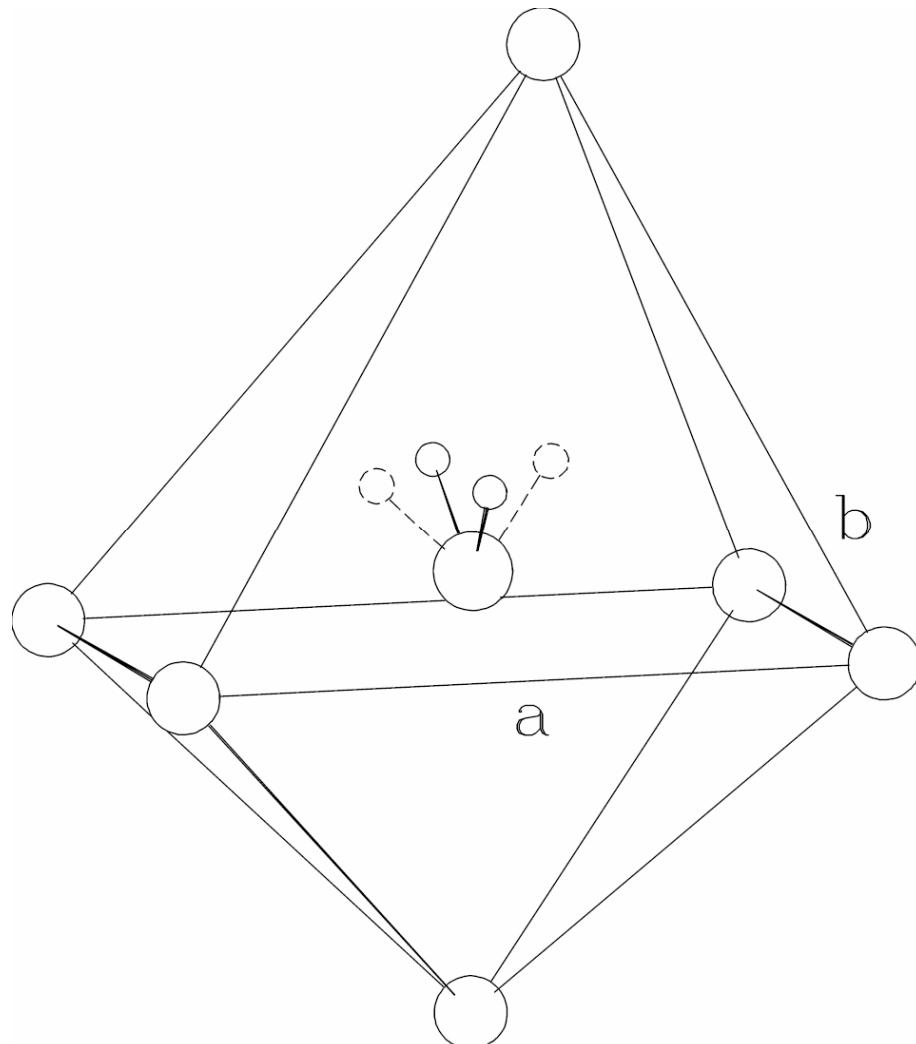
Neutron energy exchange (meV)



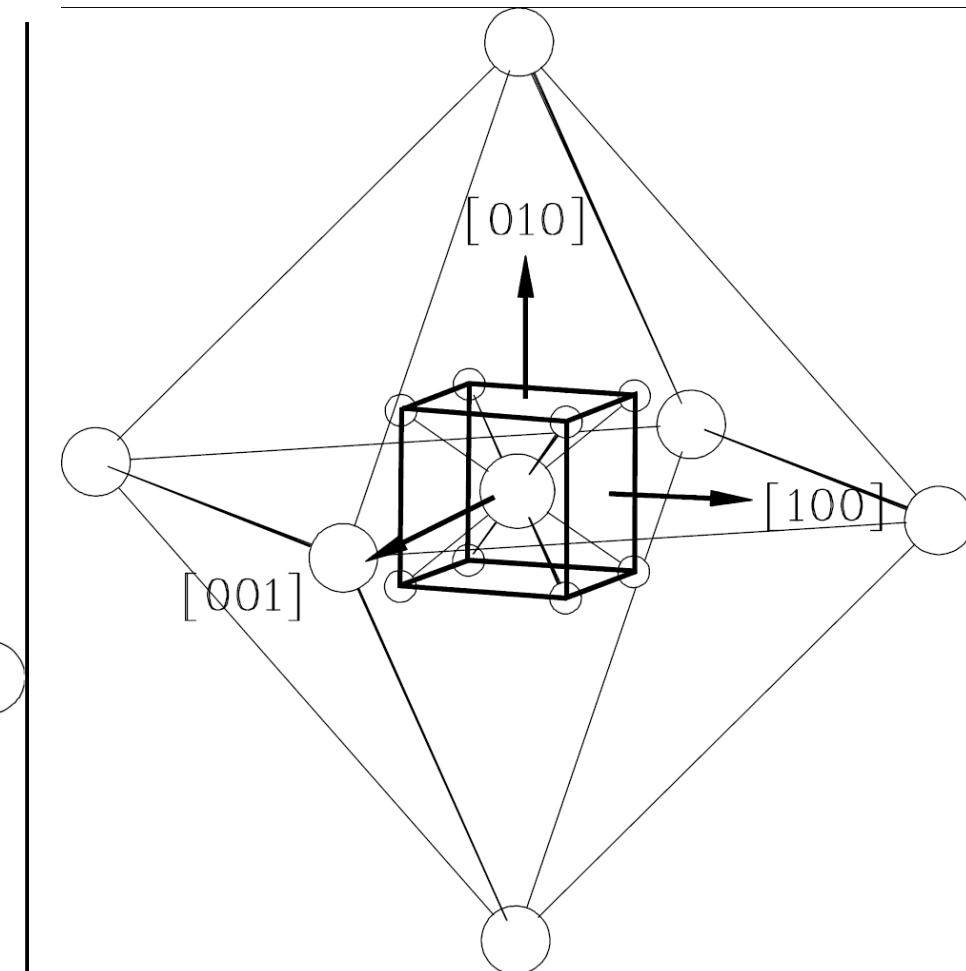
Energie- und Impulsüberträge von Neutronenspektrometern



Struktur von Kaliumamid

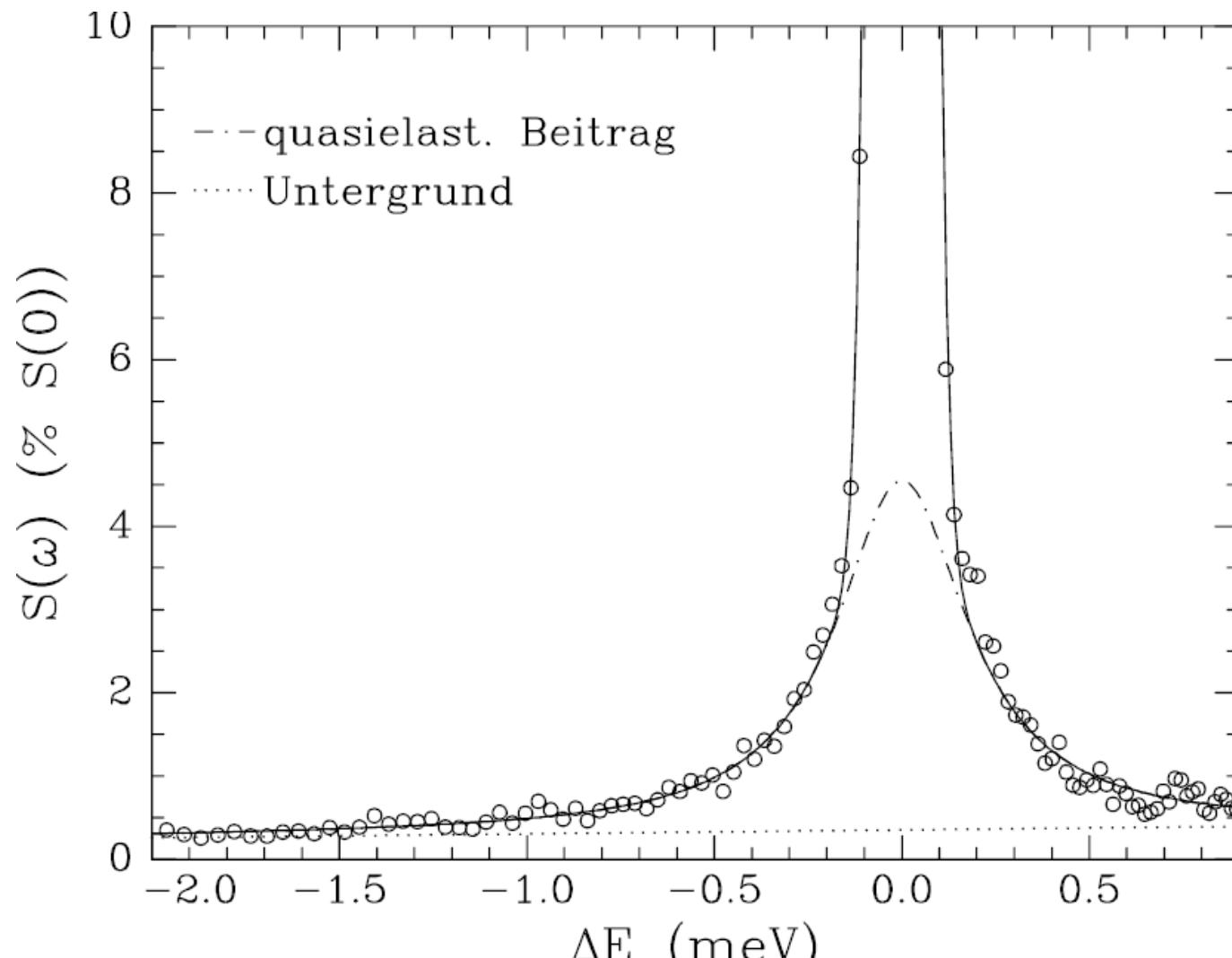


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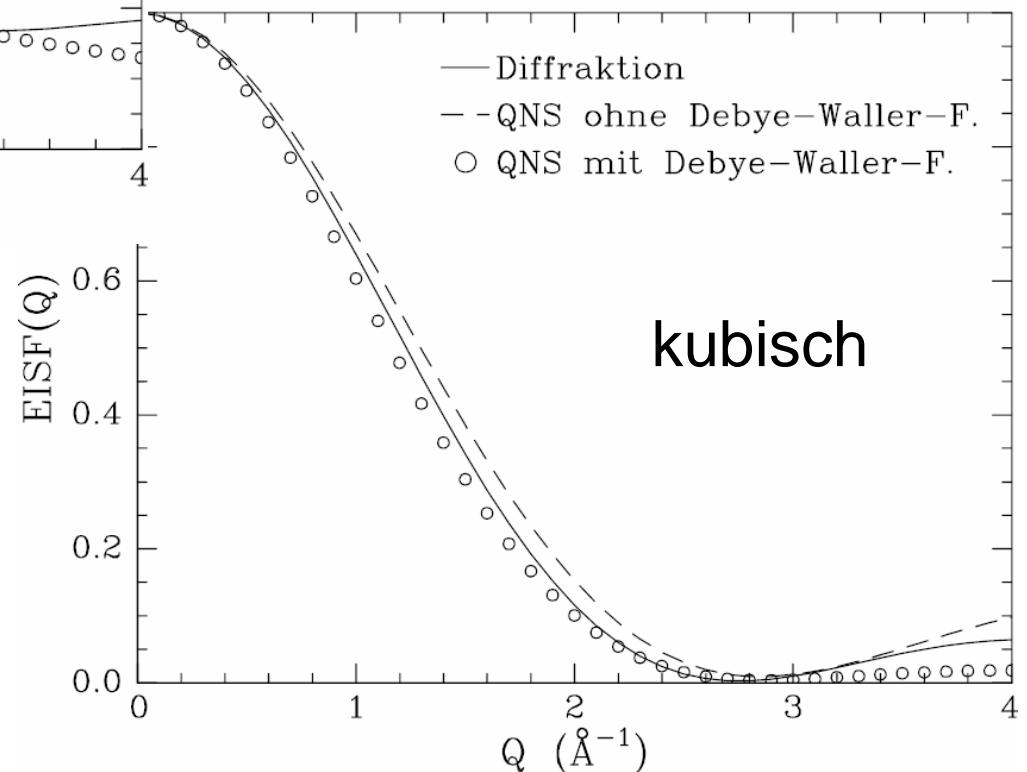
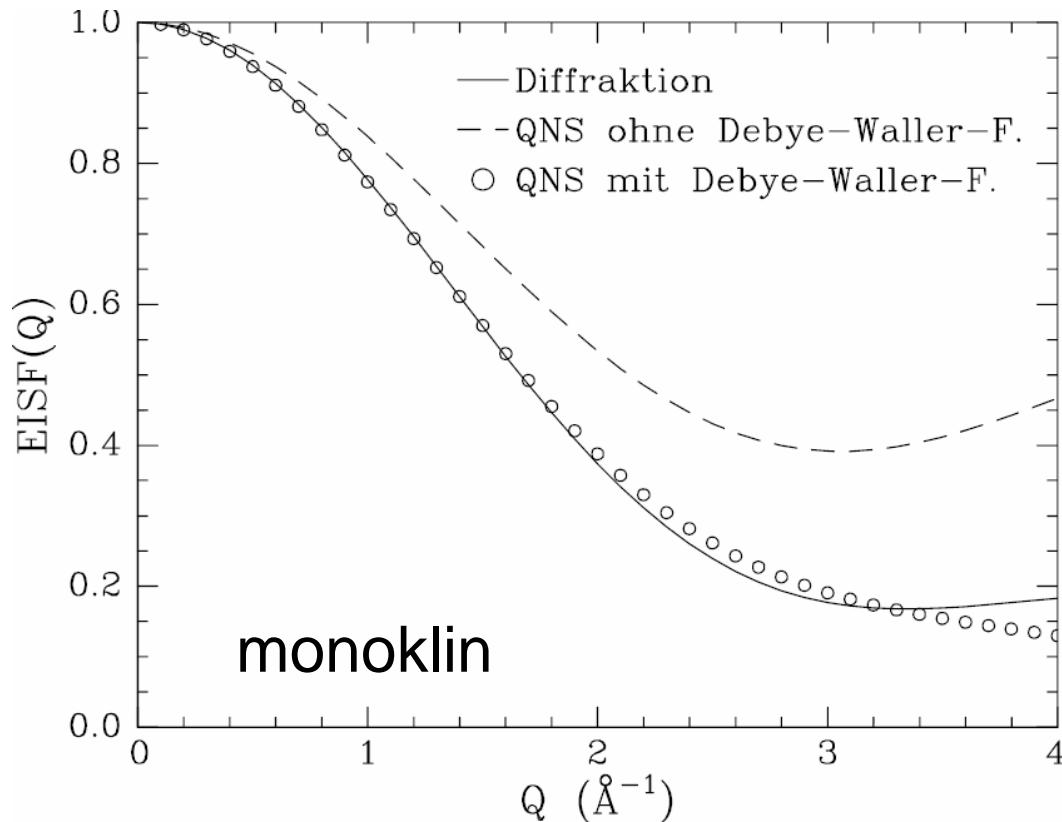
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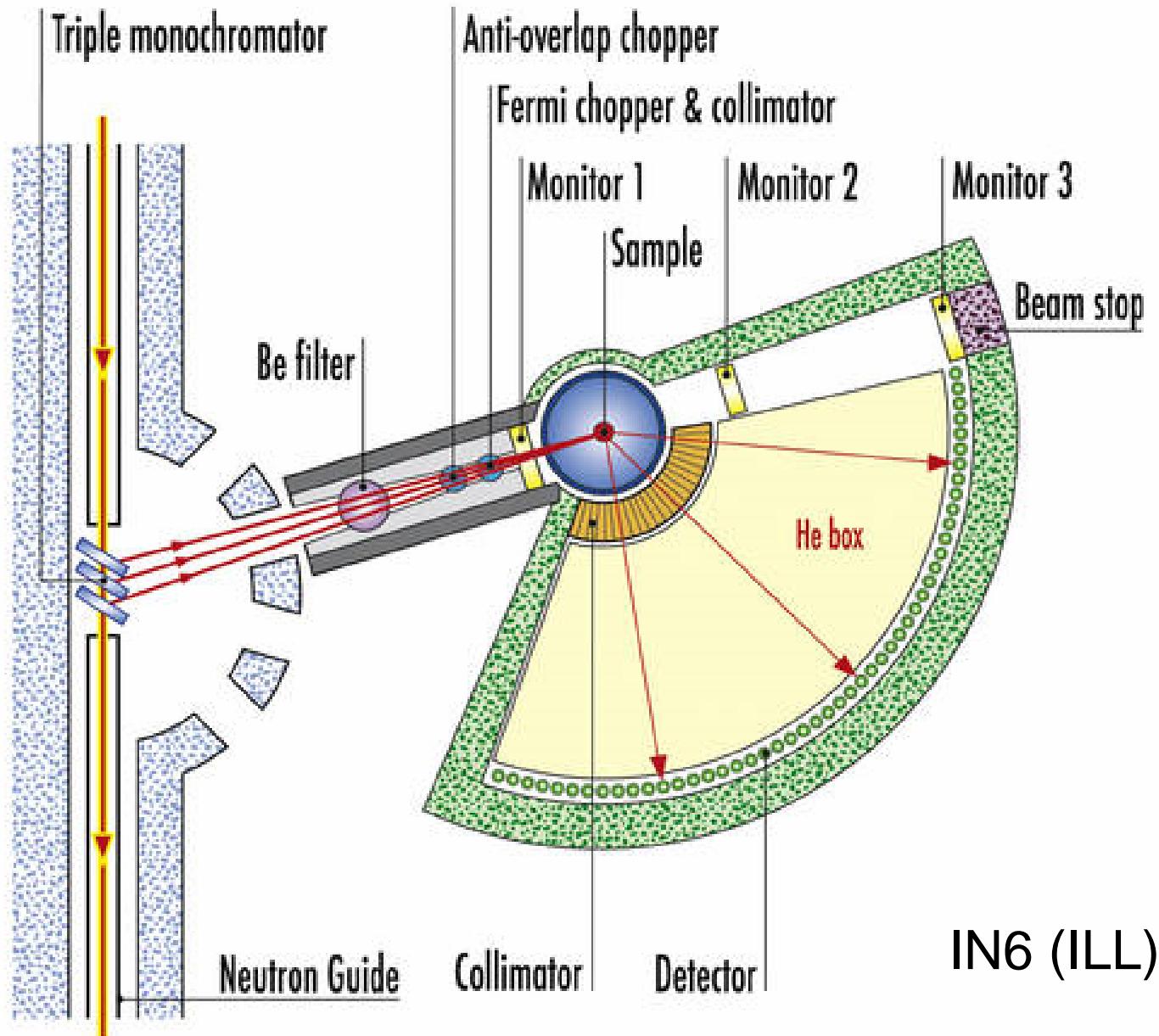


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Neutronen-Flugzeitspektrometer



X-ray absorption spectroscopy in materials science

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Uses of X-ray spectroscopy

XAFS: X-ray absorption fine structure

local technique:

- element-specific
- diluted or concentrated systems can be studied
- study of disordered systems possible
- wide temperature and pressure range

Photoelectric absorption

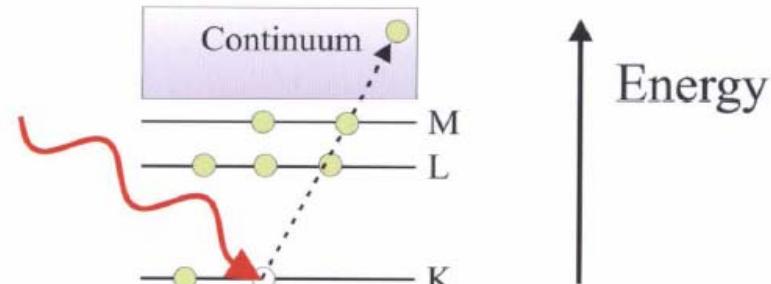
(a) ionisation energy of inner shell smaller than X-ray energy



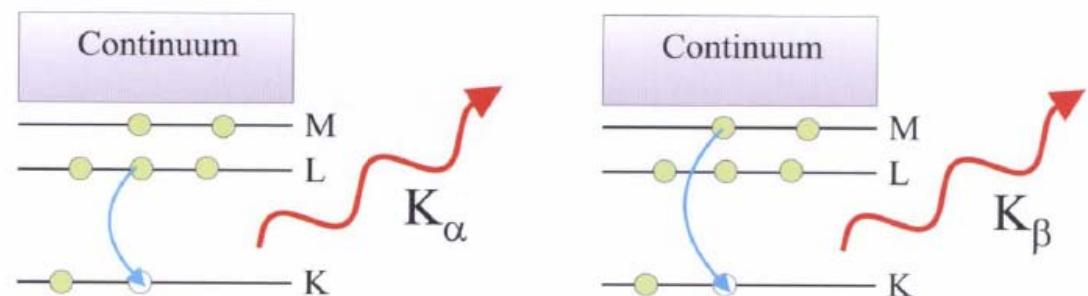
photoemission of core electron

(b,c) two possible secondary processes to fill the hole

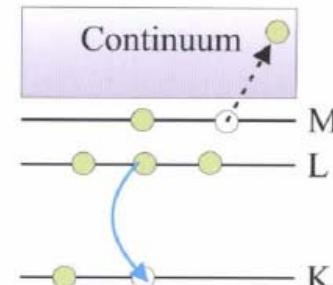
(a) Photoelectric absorption



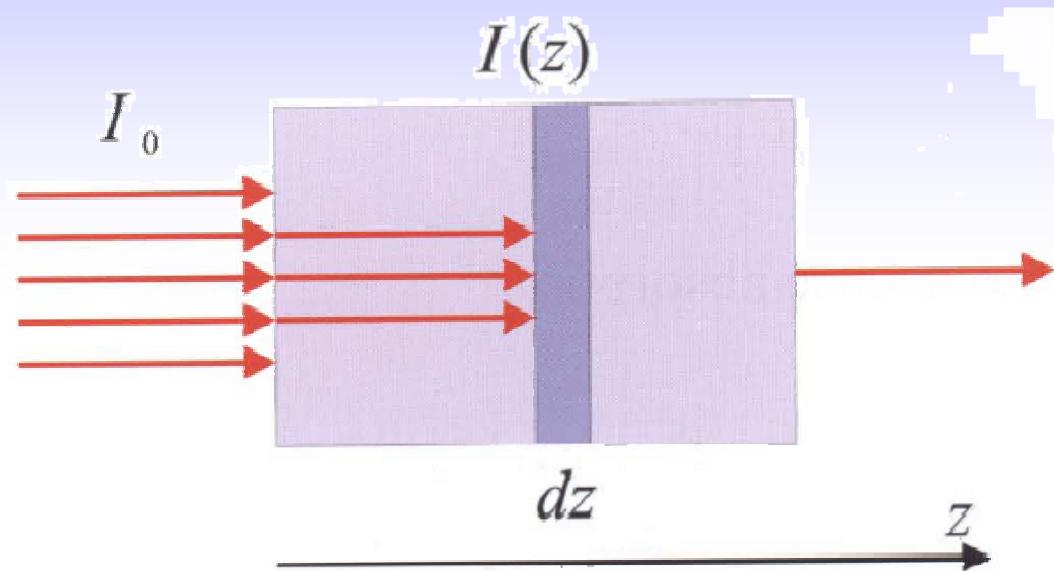
(b) Fluorescent X-ray emission



(c) Auger electron emission



Transmission and absorption cross section



transmitted intensity decays exponentially with thickness:

$$T = \frac{I}{I_0} = e^{-\mu z}$$

absorption
coefficient

mass density

$$\mu = \left(\frac{\rho_m N_A}{A} \right) \sigma_a$$

absorption cross-section
Avogadro's number
atomic mass number

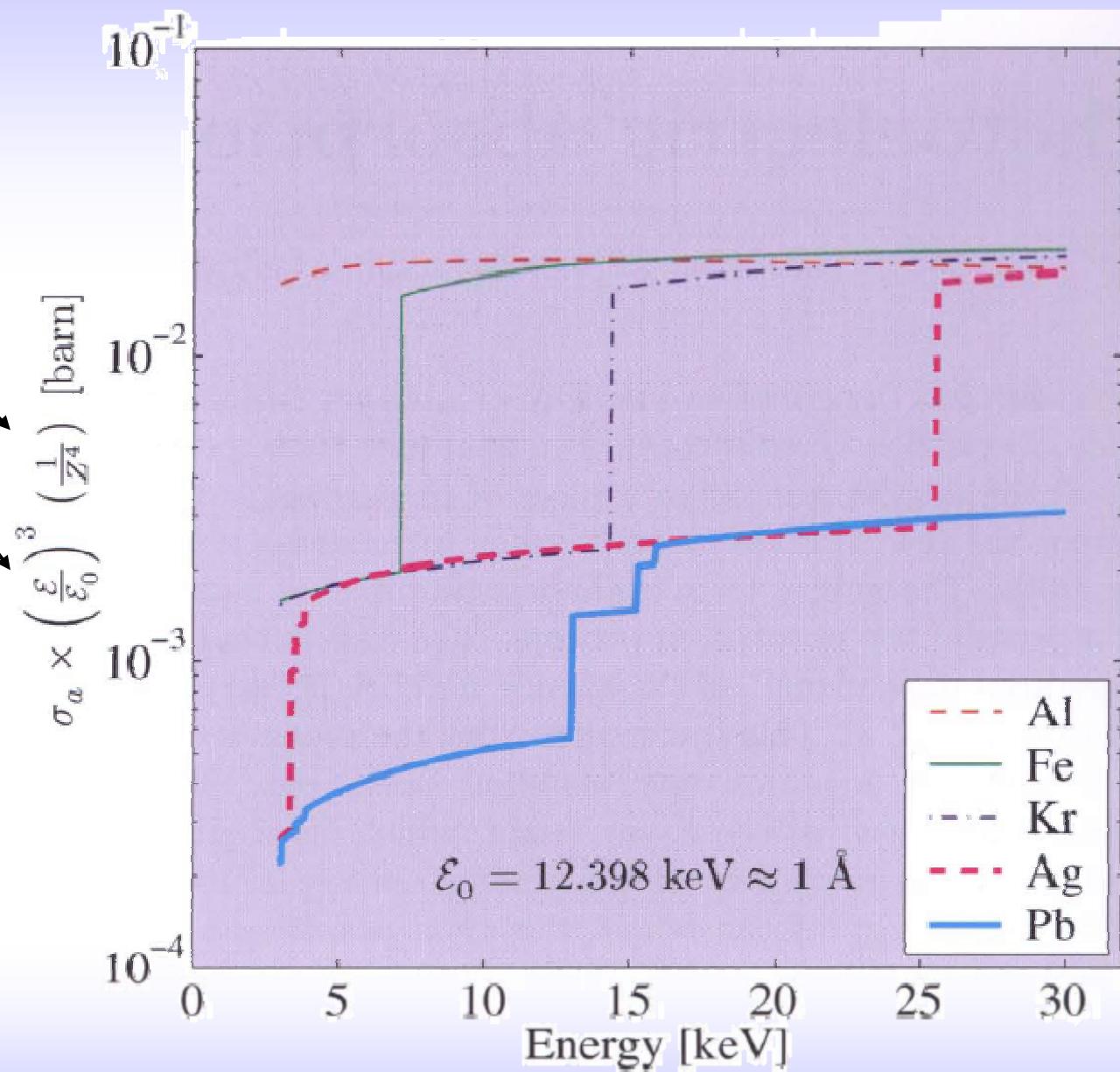
Absorption edges

general behaviour
of cross-section:

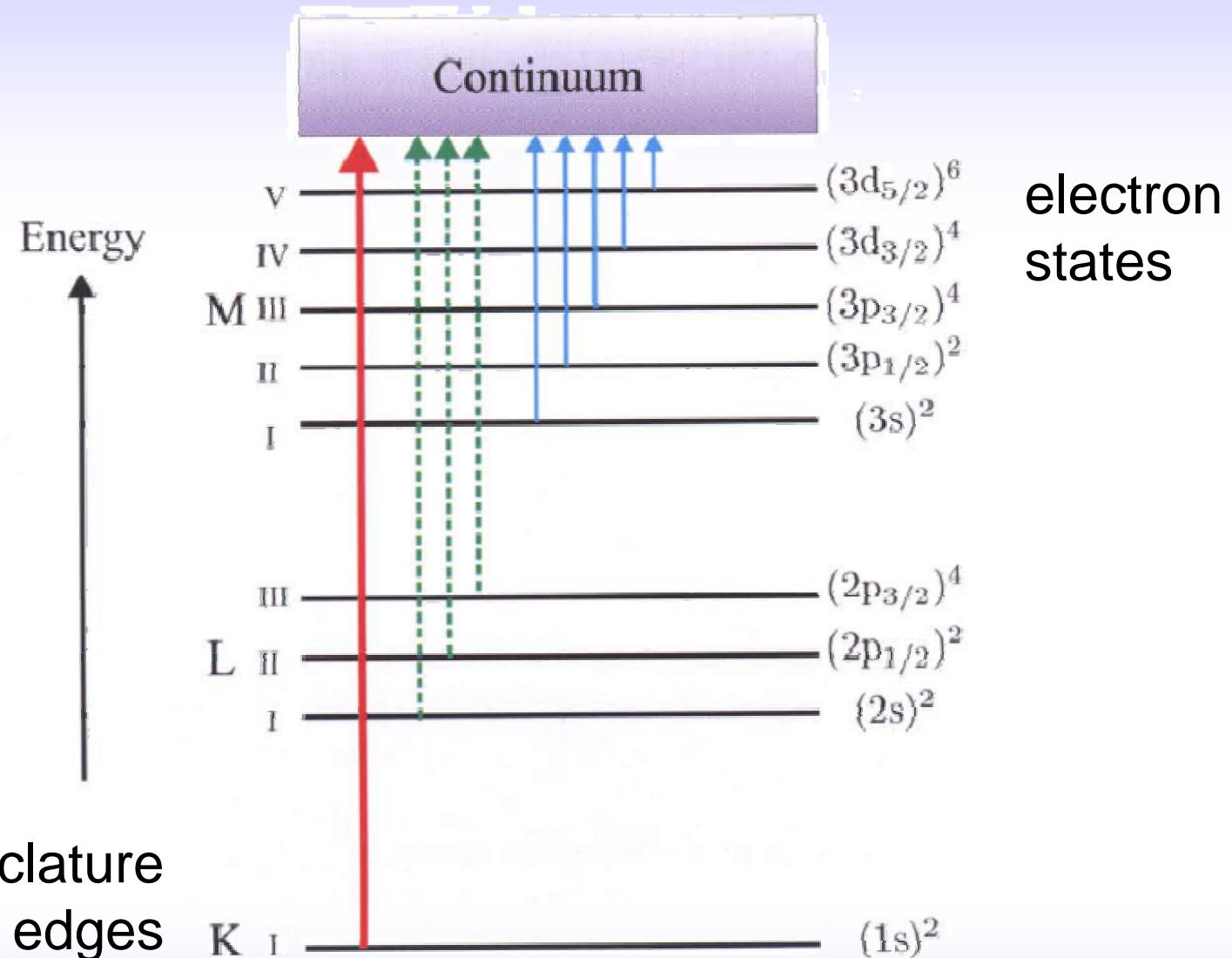
$$\sigma_a \propto Z^4$$

$$\sigma_a \propto E^{-3}$$

sudden increase in
absorbance at
ionisation energy
of core electron
= absorption edge



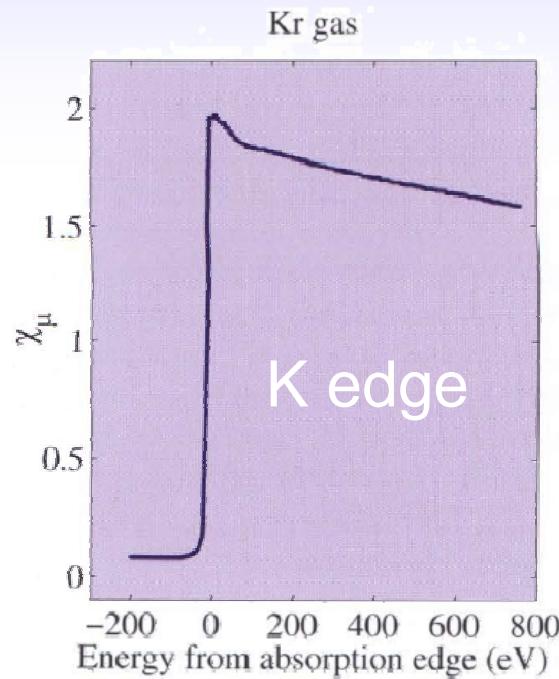
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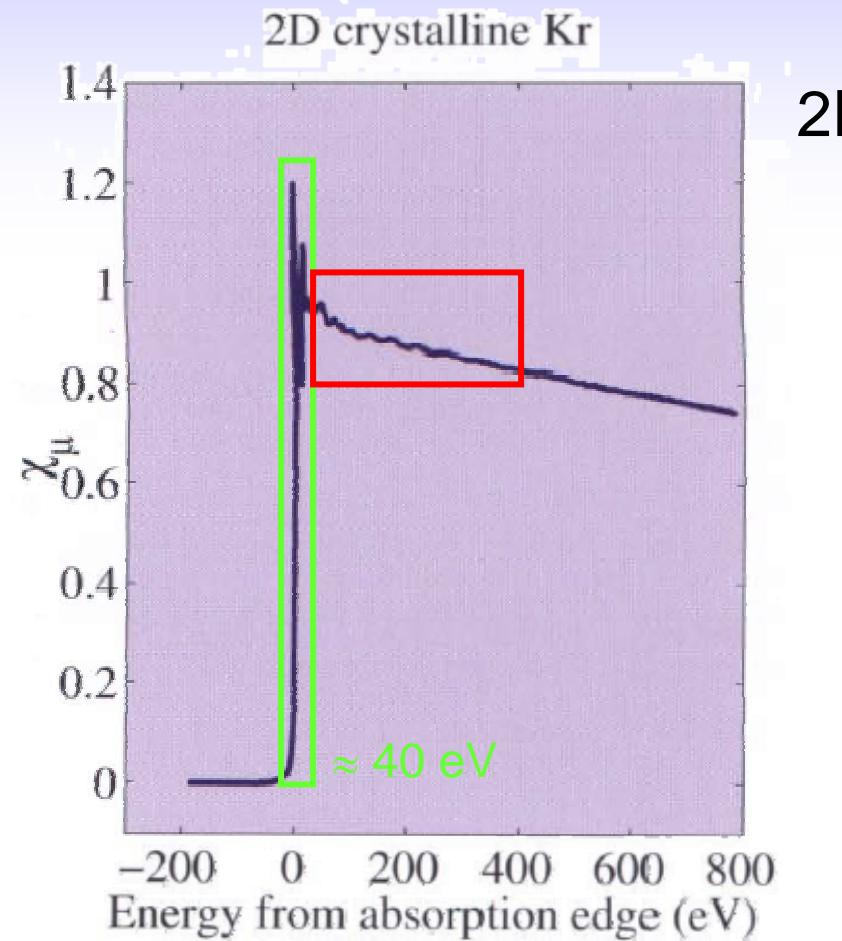
nomenclature
of edges

Fine structure of absorption edges

example: krypton



gas



2D crystal

XAFS { X-ray Absorption Near-Edge Structure
Extended X-ray Absorption Fine Structure

XAFS accessible elements

XANES only

EXAFS difficult

K-edge EXAFS

L3/K-edge EXAFS

L3-edge EXAFS

H	
Li	Be
Na	Mg
K	Ca
Rb	Sr
Cs	Ba
Fr	Ra

						He
B	C	N	O	F	Ne	
Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar	
Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe	
Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn	

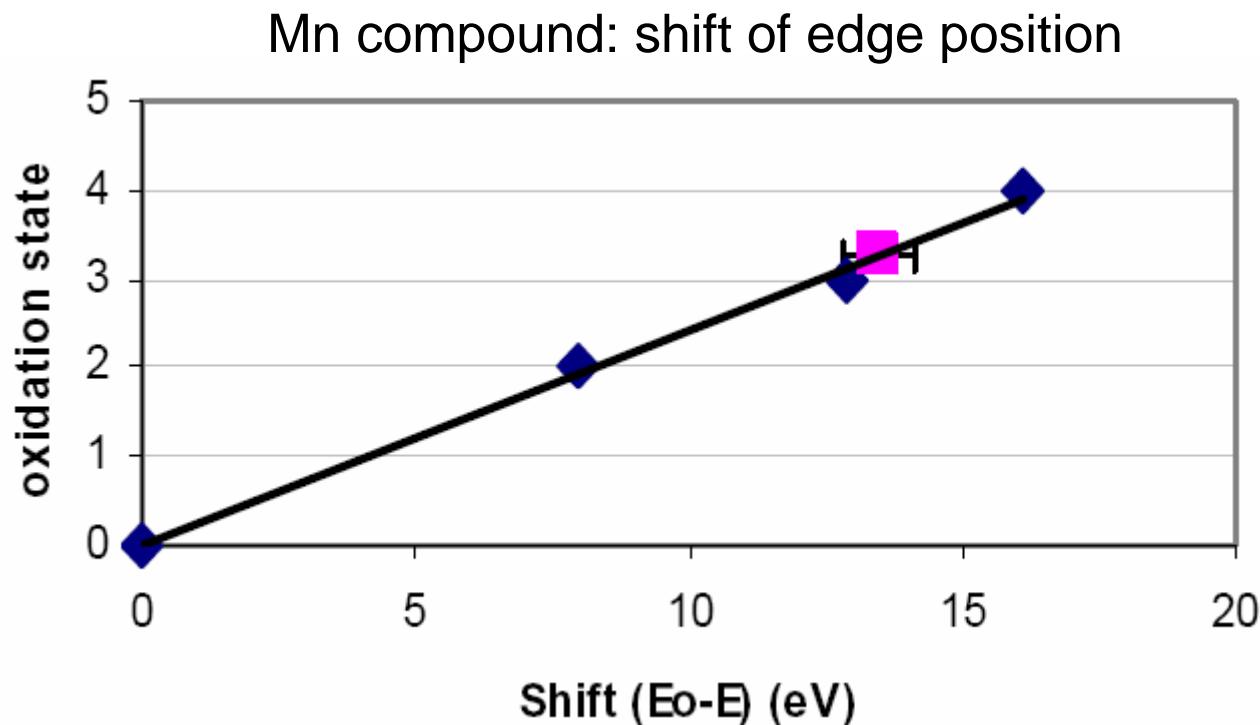


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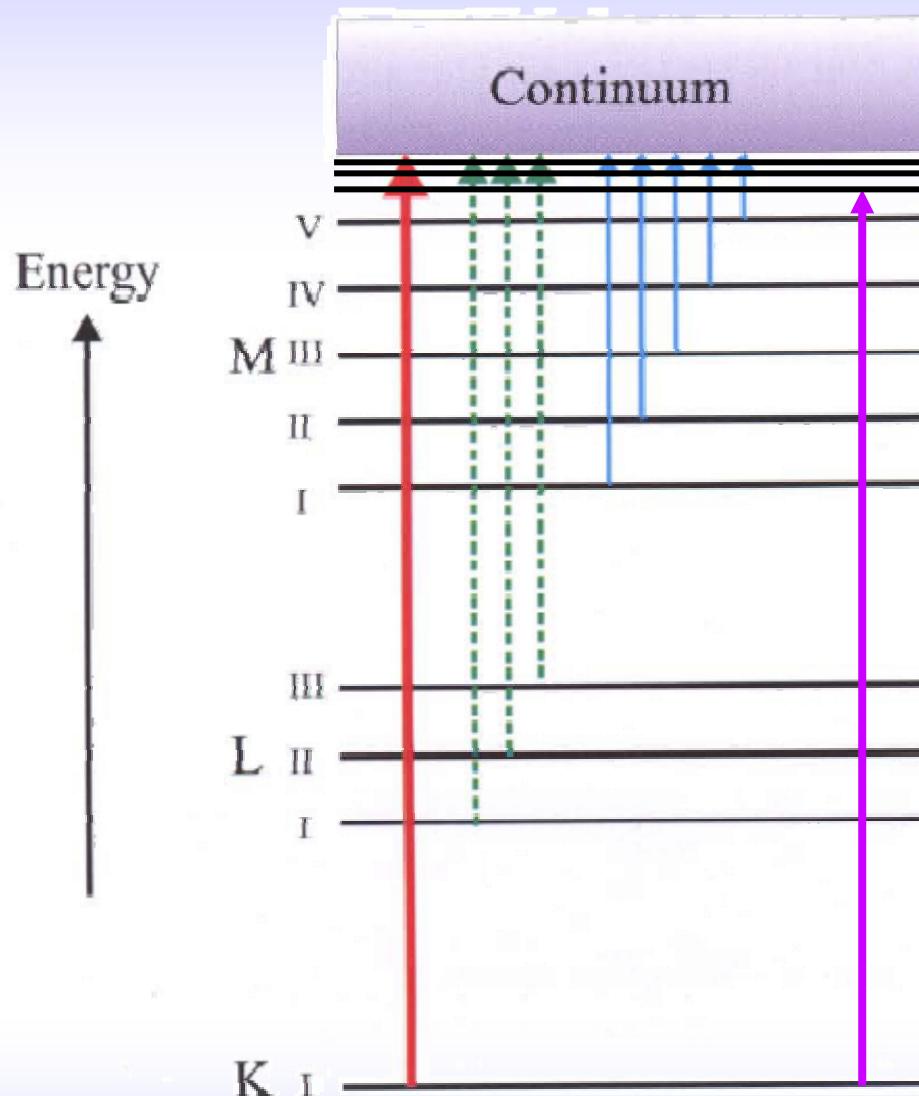
Energy shift of edge position

energy to eject core electron depends on charge it experiences:
edge energy depends on **oxidation state**

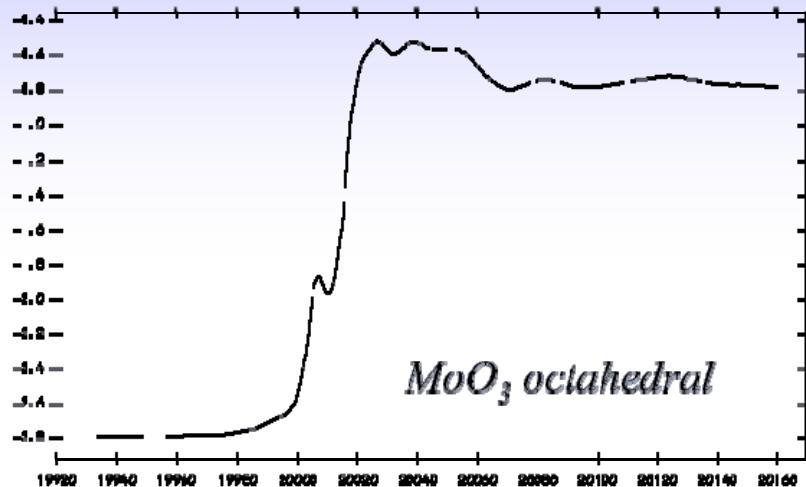


Pre-edge peaks

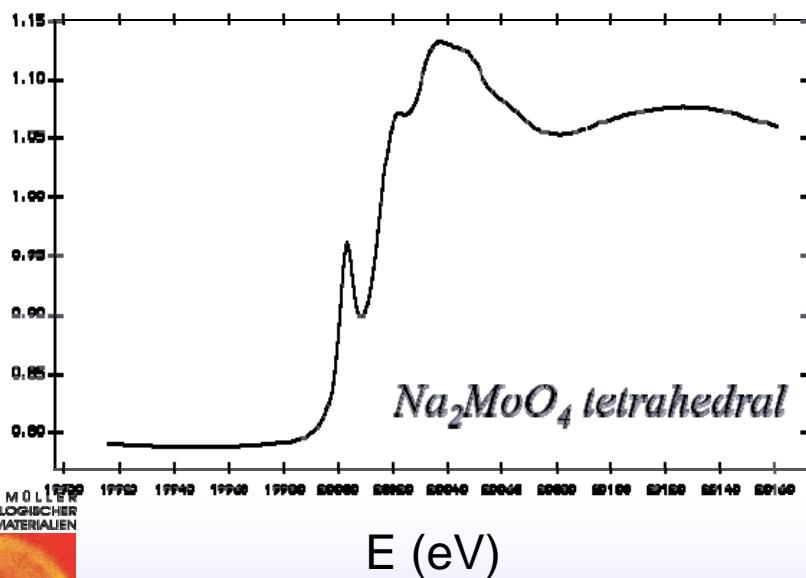
electron might also be
excited into
bound states



Pre-edge peaks



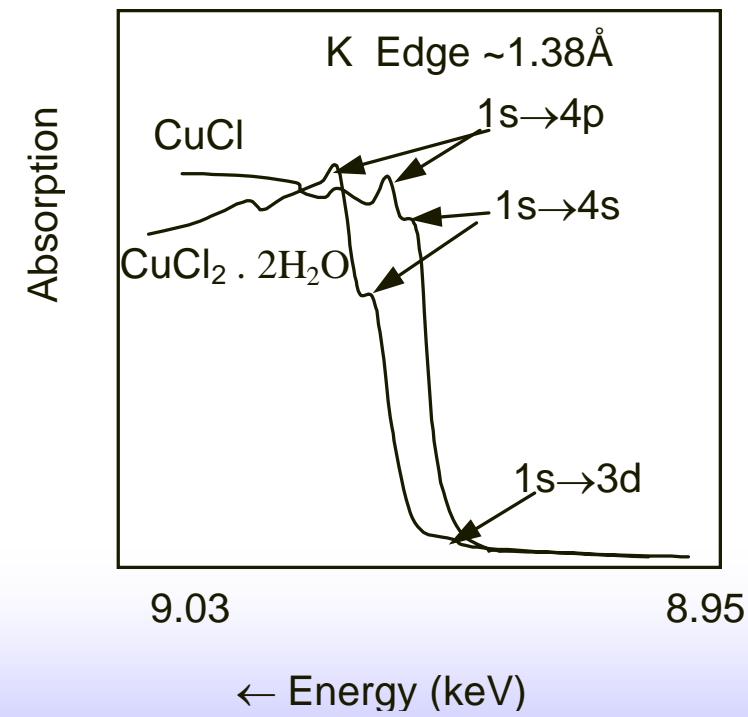
MoO_3 octahedral



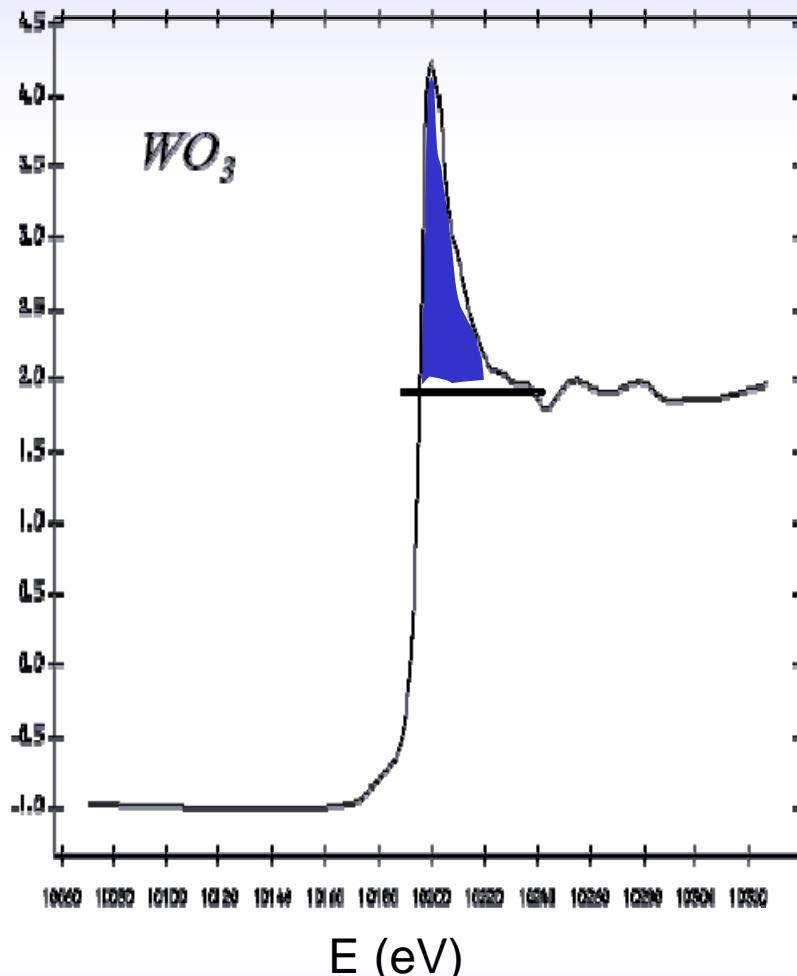
Na_2MoO_4 tetrahedral

depend on **geometry**:

- oxidation state
- site symmetry
- surrounding ligands
- nature of bonding



XANES white lines

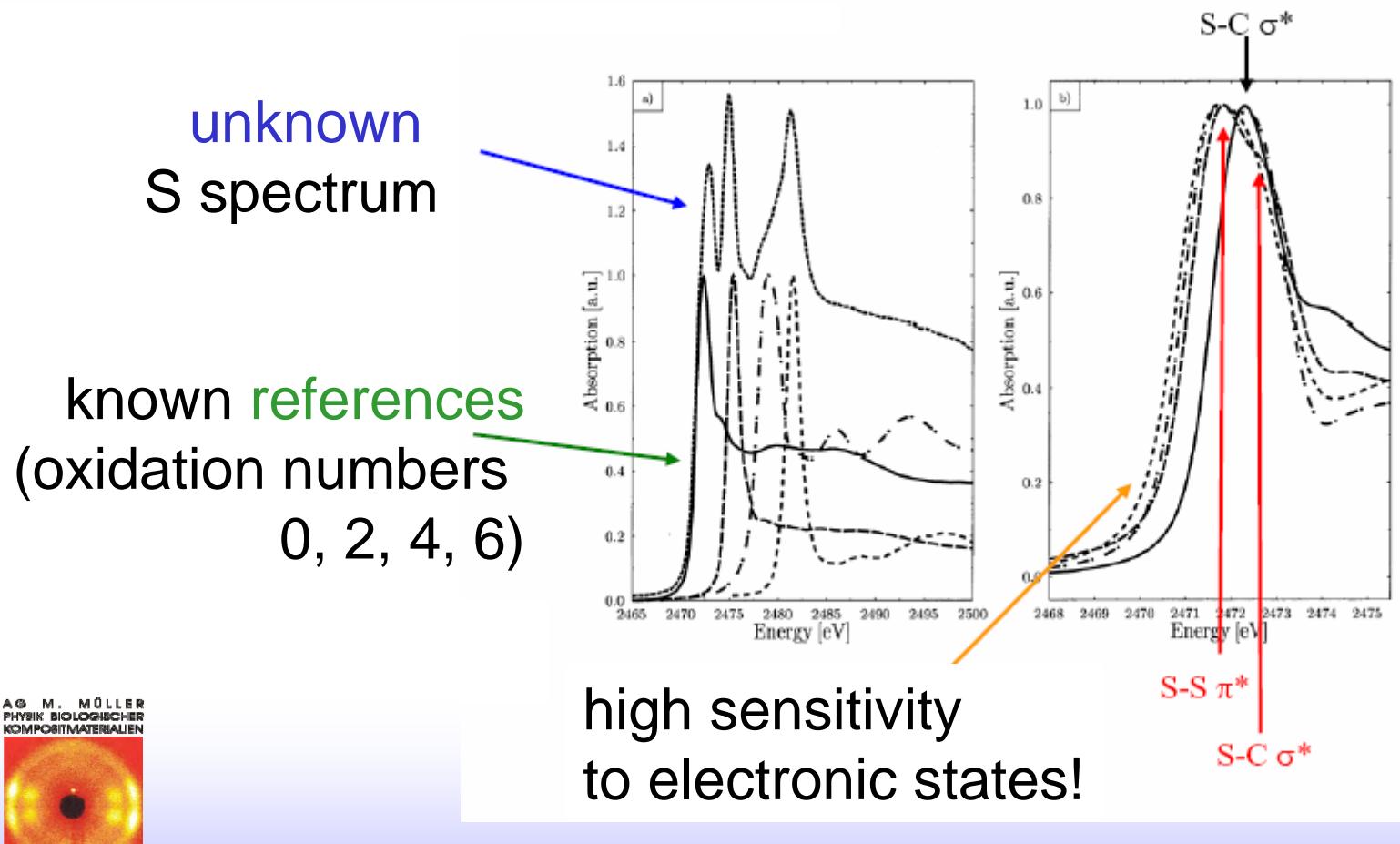


in transition metals:
area of white line
indicates number of
empty d-states

XANES fingerprinting

XANES characteristic of *chemical environment* and *valence state*:

- fingerprinting
- phase analysis by **linear combination** of known species

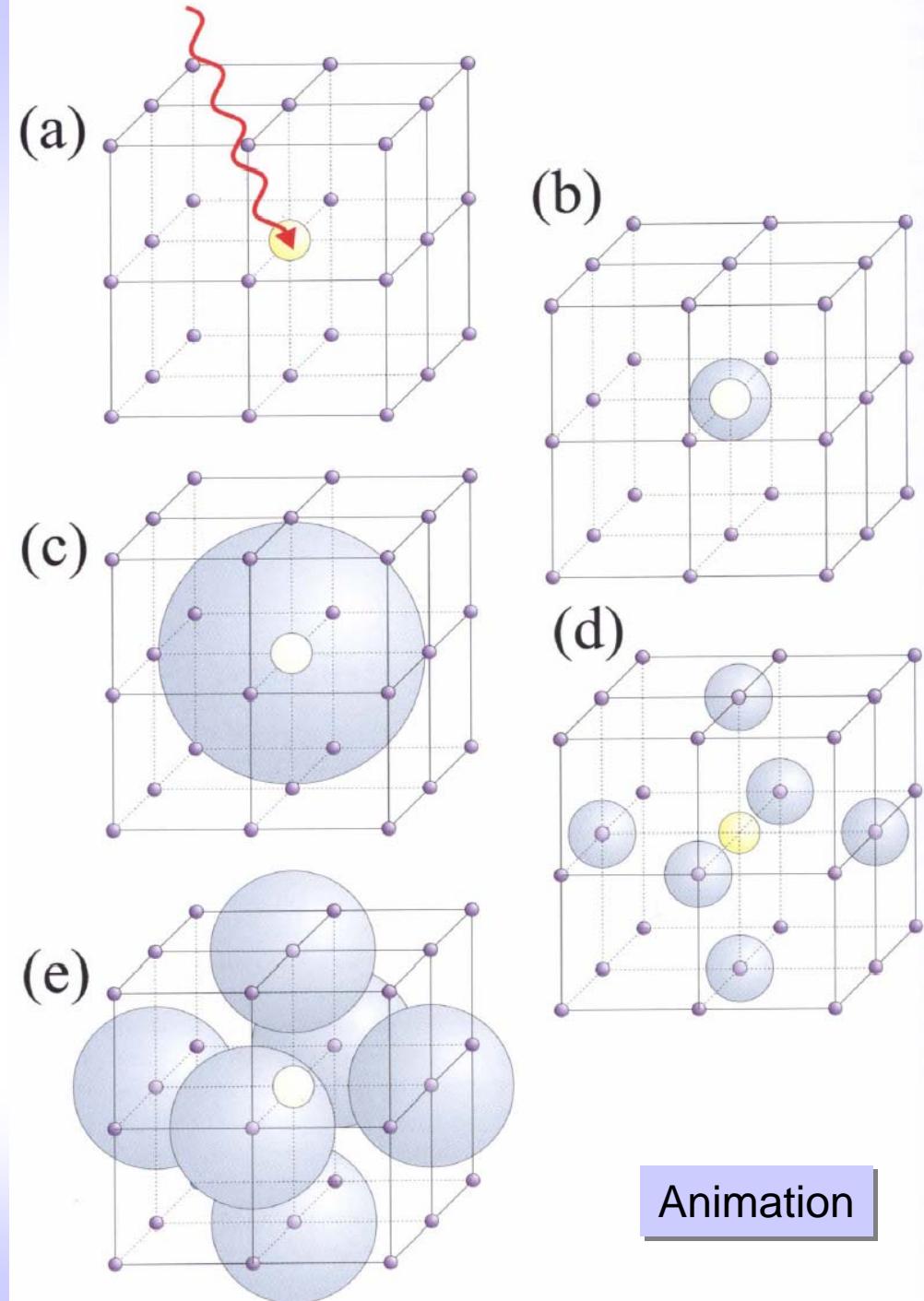
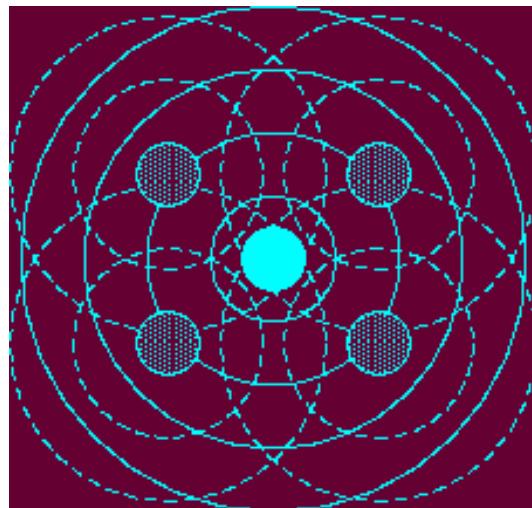


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Principle of EXAFS oscillations

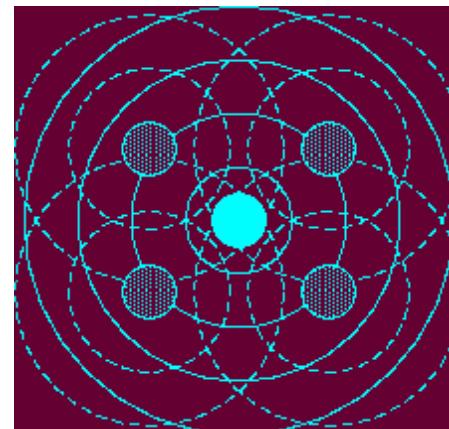
Interference of wavefunctions
of photoelectron and
of backscattered electrons
(from neighbouring atoms)



Animation

Parameters accessible with EXAFS

- **type** of atoms surrounding central absorber ($Z \pm 3$)
- **number** of atoms surrounding absorber ($\pm 20\%$)
- **distances** absorber – scatterer (accuracy 0.1 Å)



EXAFS data analysis

EXAFS signal:

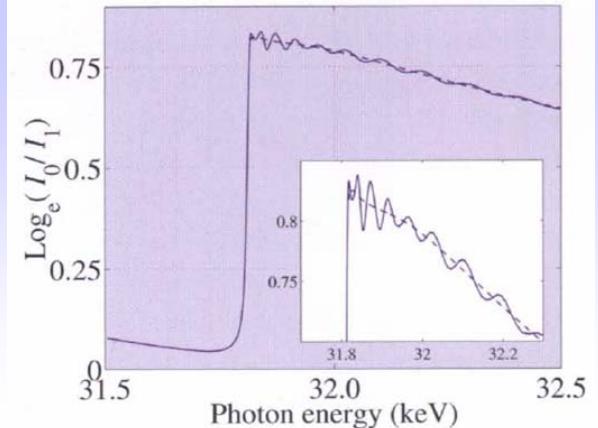
$$\chi(q(E)) = \frac{\mu_x(E) - \mu_0(E)}{\mu_0(E)}$$

in material of interest

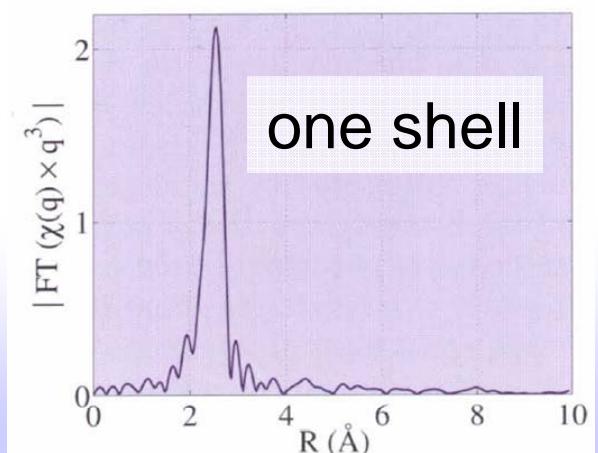
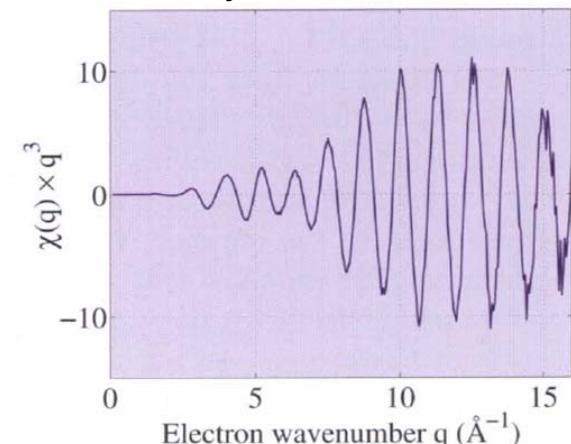
electron wave vector

$$\frac{\hbar^2 q^2}{2m} = E - \hbar\omega_K$$

Fourier transform:
radial distribution function



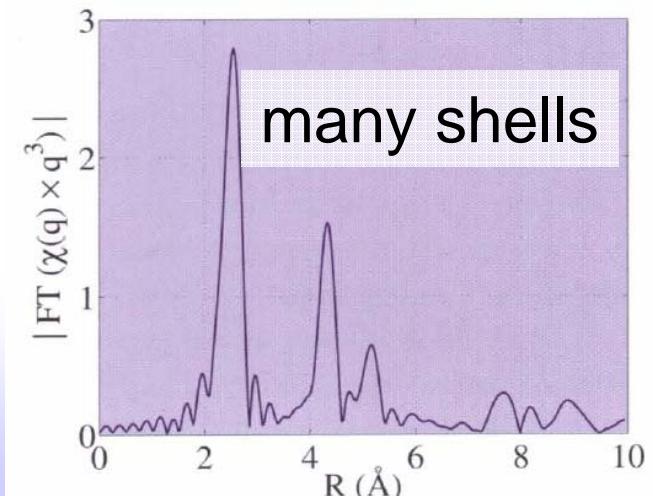
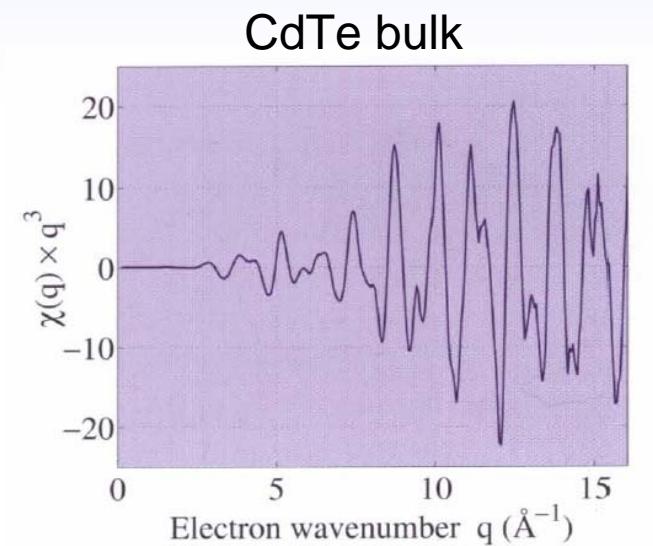
CdTe nanocrystals



The EXAFS formula ...

$$q\chi(q) \propto \sum_j N_j \frac{t_j(q) \sin(2qR_j + \delta_j(q))}{R_j^2} e^{-2(q\sigma_j)^2} e^{-2R_j/\Lambda}$$

- sum over j **neighbouring** shells
 - **goal:** extract radii R_j and occupation numbers N_j
 - **damping** due to loss (mean free path Λ) and disorder (Debye-Waller factor)
 - phase shifts
 - backscattering amplitude
- } difficult...

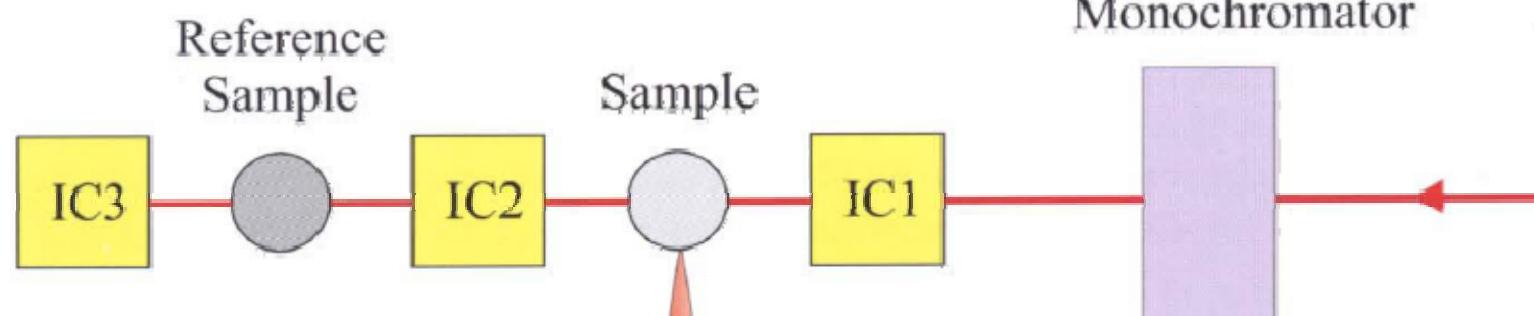
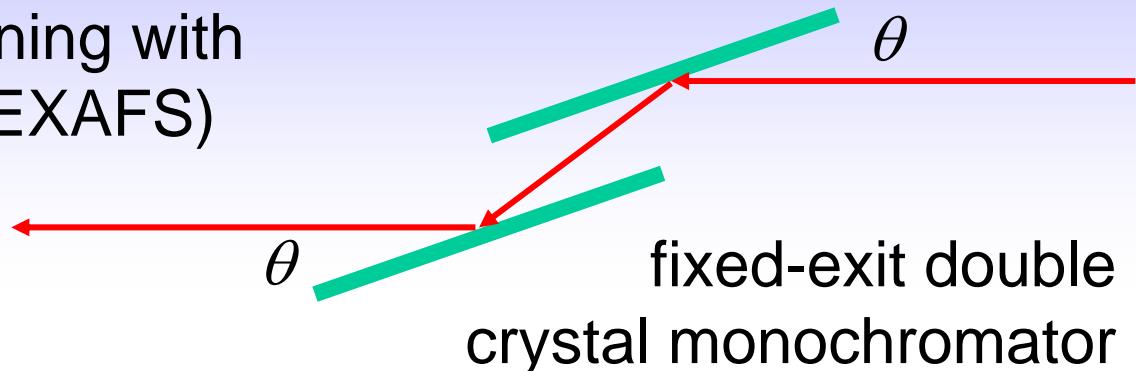


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Absorption spectrometer

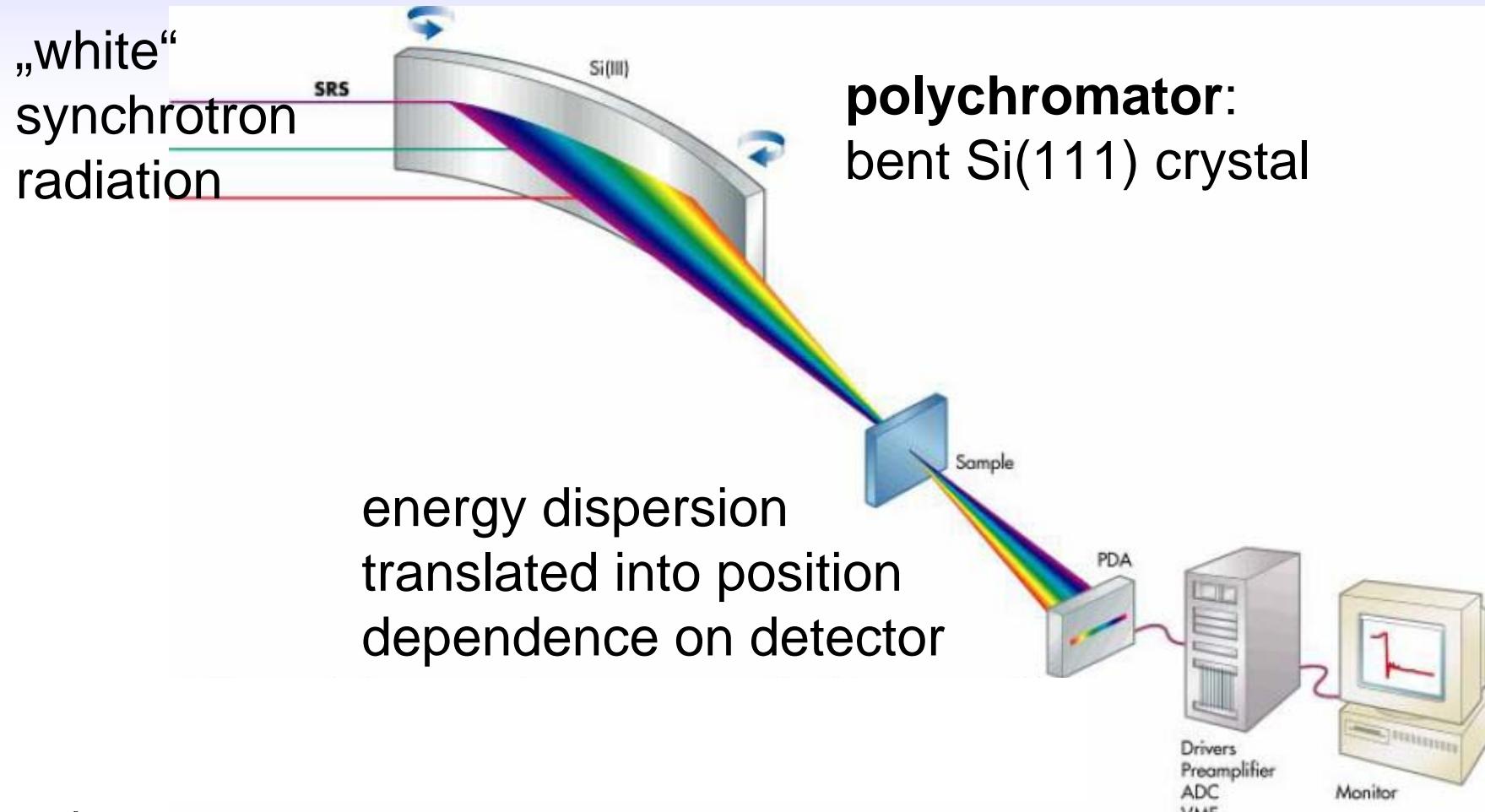
(fast scanning with
piezos: QEXAFS)



IC: ionisation chamber

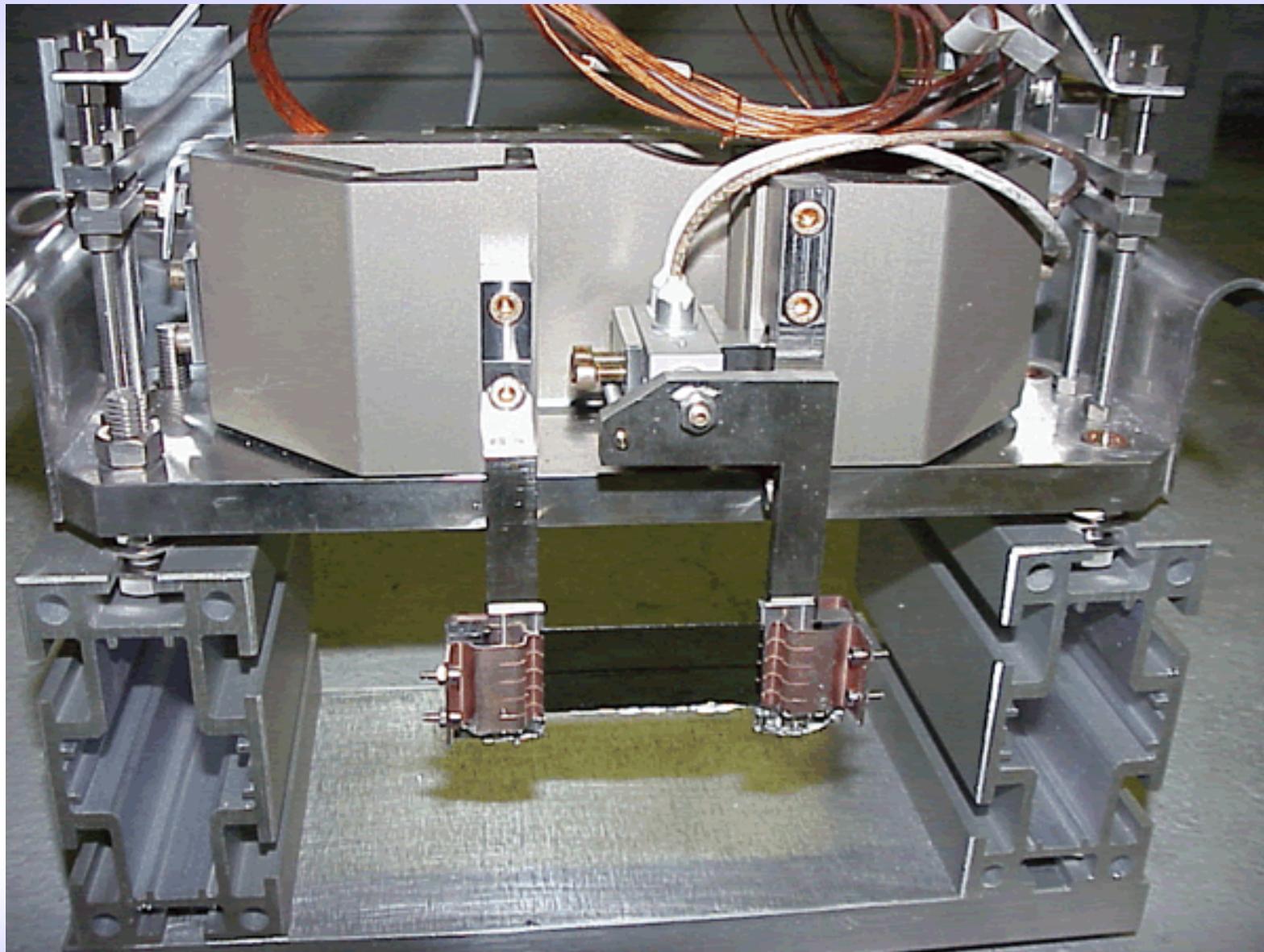
scanning

EXAFS / XANES in one shot: DEXAFS



energy-dispersive

Bent crystal polychromator @ ID24 (ESRF)



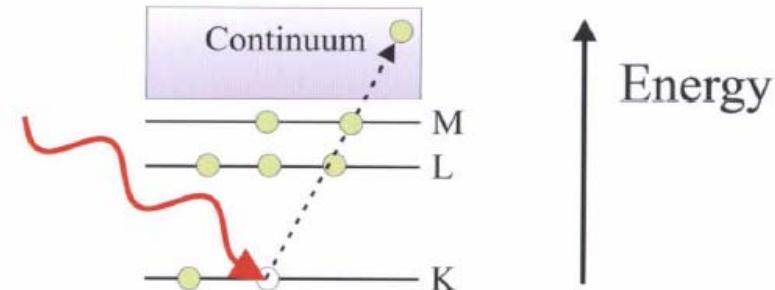
Alternatives to transmission measurements

fluorescence
(high sensitivity)

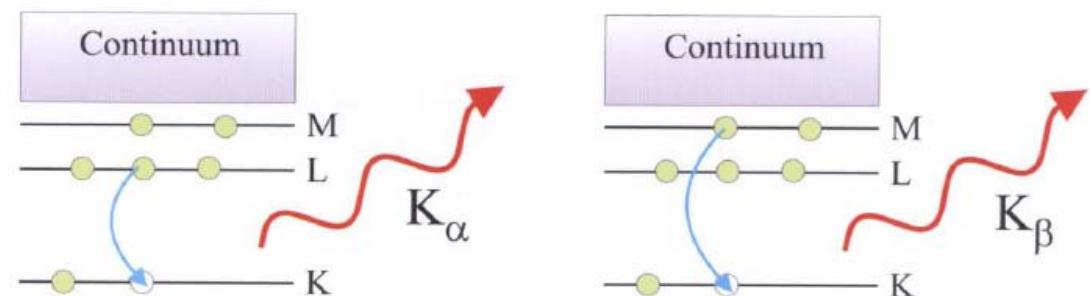
Auger yield
(if fluorescence
yield low)



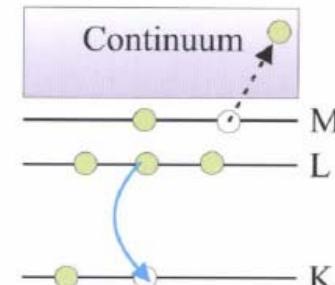
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(c) Auger electron emission

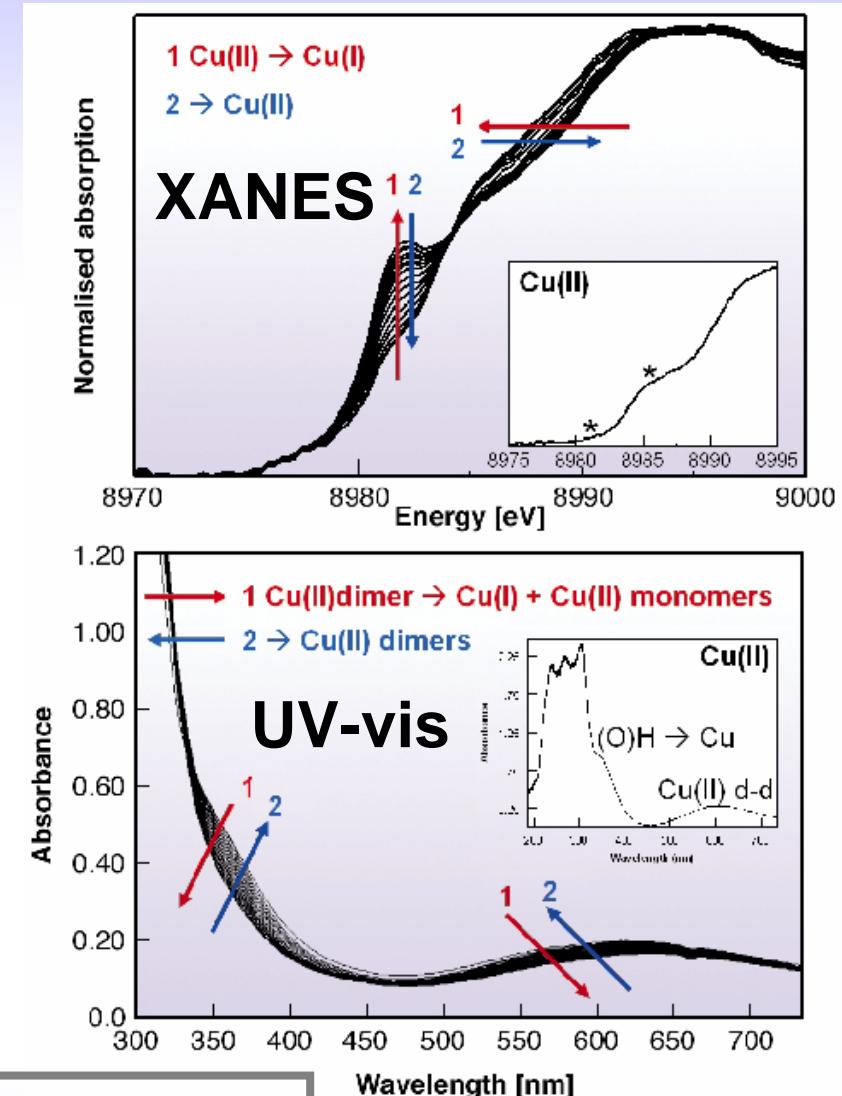
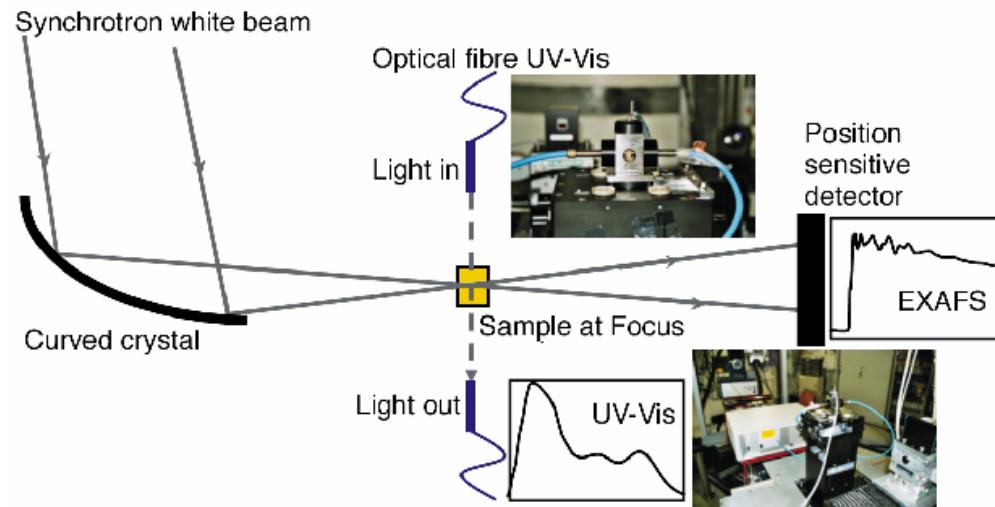


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Homogeneous catalytic reaction mechanisms

Cu(II) catalyst (arylation)

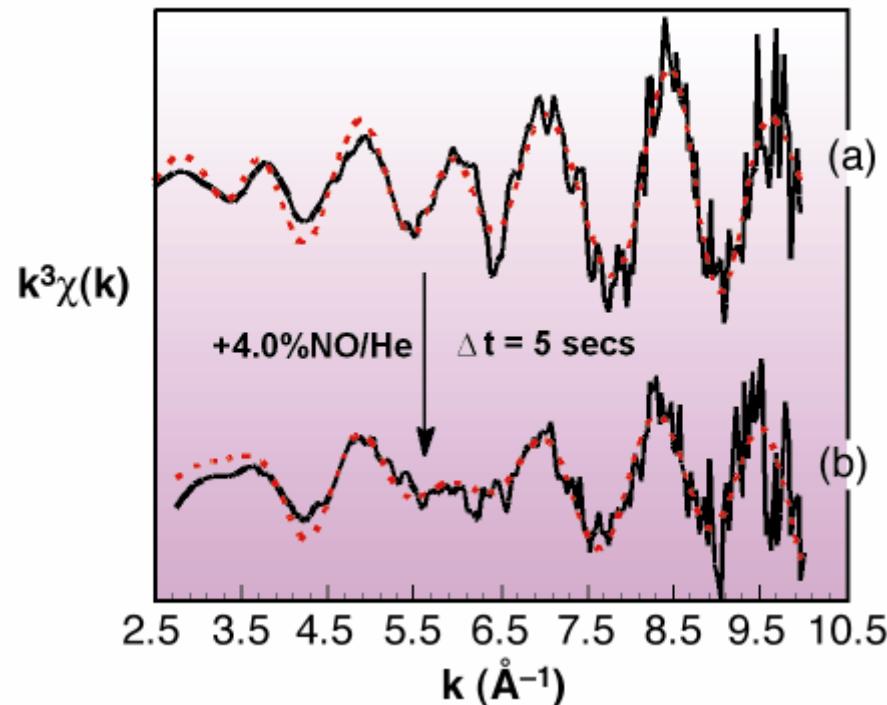


- **XANES** time resolution: 10-200 ms
- combination with UV-vis spectroscopy

Adsorbate-induced phase change in Rh catalysts

car exhaust **catalytic converters**:
NO converted to N₂

time-resolved **EXAFS** study



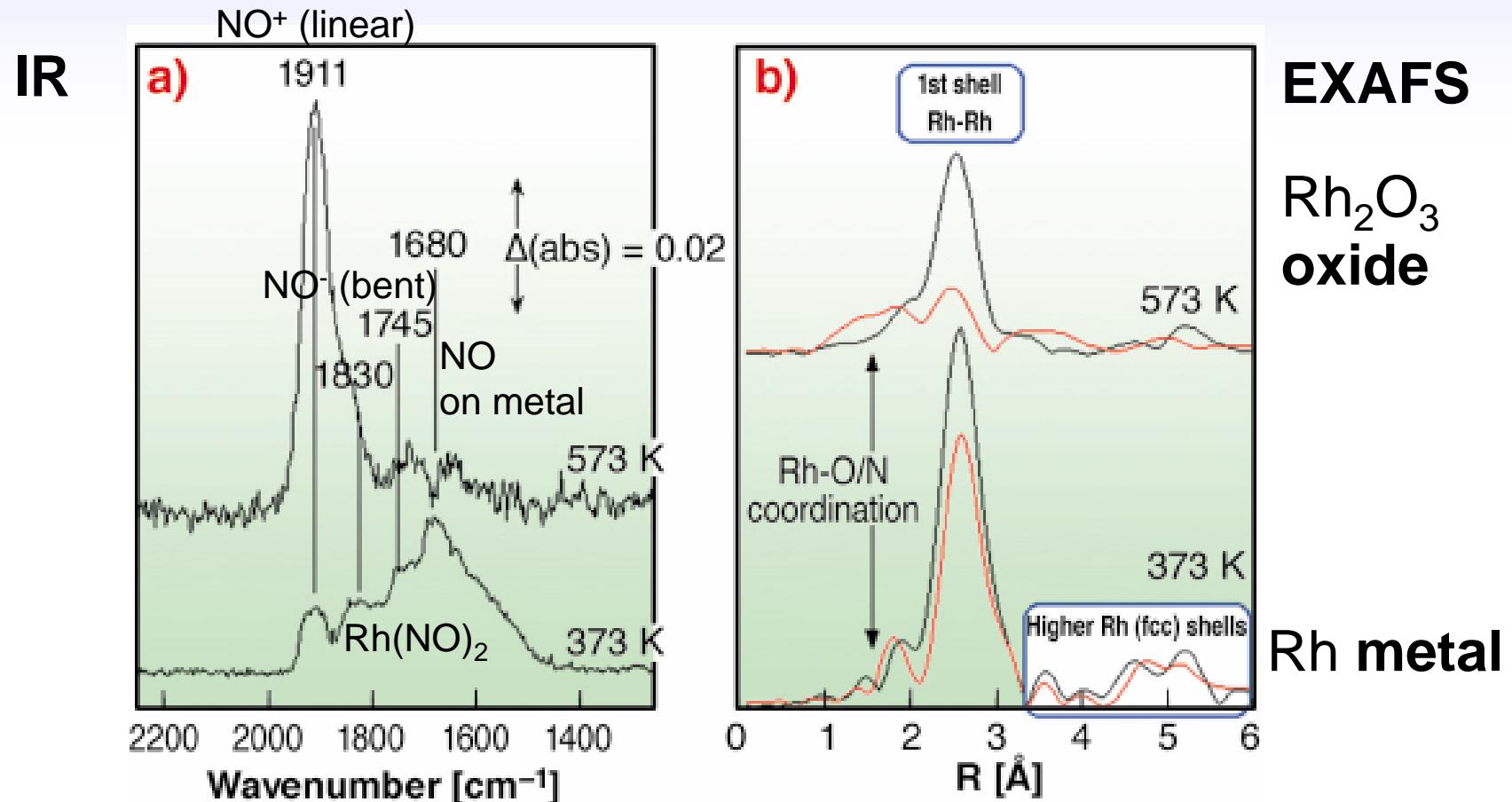
Rh metal

Rh nanoparticles **rapidly**
change upon exposure to
NO

Rh₂O₃ oxide

Synchronizing IR spectroscopy and XAFS

again de-NOx Rh catalyst: many different components



sub-second EXAFS and IR time resolution