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# Introduction to photoelectron spectroscopy in atoms, molecules and solids

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# outline

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- Electron Energy Level Scheme and Energy Conservation
- Basic Theory of Photoemission
- Photoelectric Effect in Atoms and Molecules
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- Multiplet Structure and Many Body Effects
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- Photoemission in Solids
- Three-Step Model
- Primary and Secondary Photoelectrons
- Photoionization Cross Sections
- Atomic Sensitivity Factors and Semi-Quantitative Analysis
- Valence Band Photoemission
- Angular Resolved Photo Electron Spectroscopy (ARPES) and Band Structures

# Photoemission Spectroscopy: basic principles

Annalen der Physik 17, 132 (1905):\*

## 6. Über einen die Erzeugung und Verwandlung des Lichtes betrreffenden heuristischen Gesichtspunkt; von A. Einstein.

...Außerdem wird anzunehmen sein, daß jedes Elektron beim Verlassen des Körpers eine (für den Körper charakteristische) Arbeit  $P$  zu leisten hat, wenn es den Körper verläßt. Mit der größten Normalgeschwindigkeit werden die unmittelbar an der Oberfläche normal zu dieser erregten Elektronen den Körper verlassen. Die kinetische Energie solcher Elektronen ist

$$\frac{R}{N} \beta v - P.$$

Ist der Körper zum positiven Potential  $\Pi$  geladen und von Leitern vom Potential Null umgeben und ist  $\Pi$  eben imstande, einen Elektrizitätsverlust des Körpers zu verhindern, so muß sein:

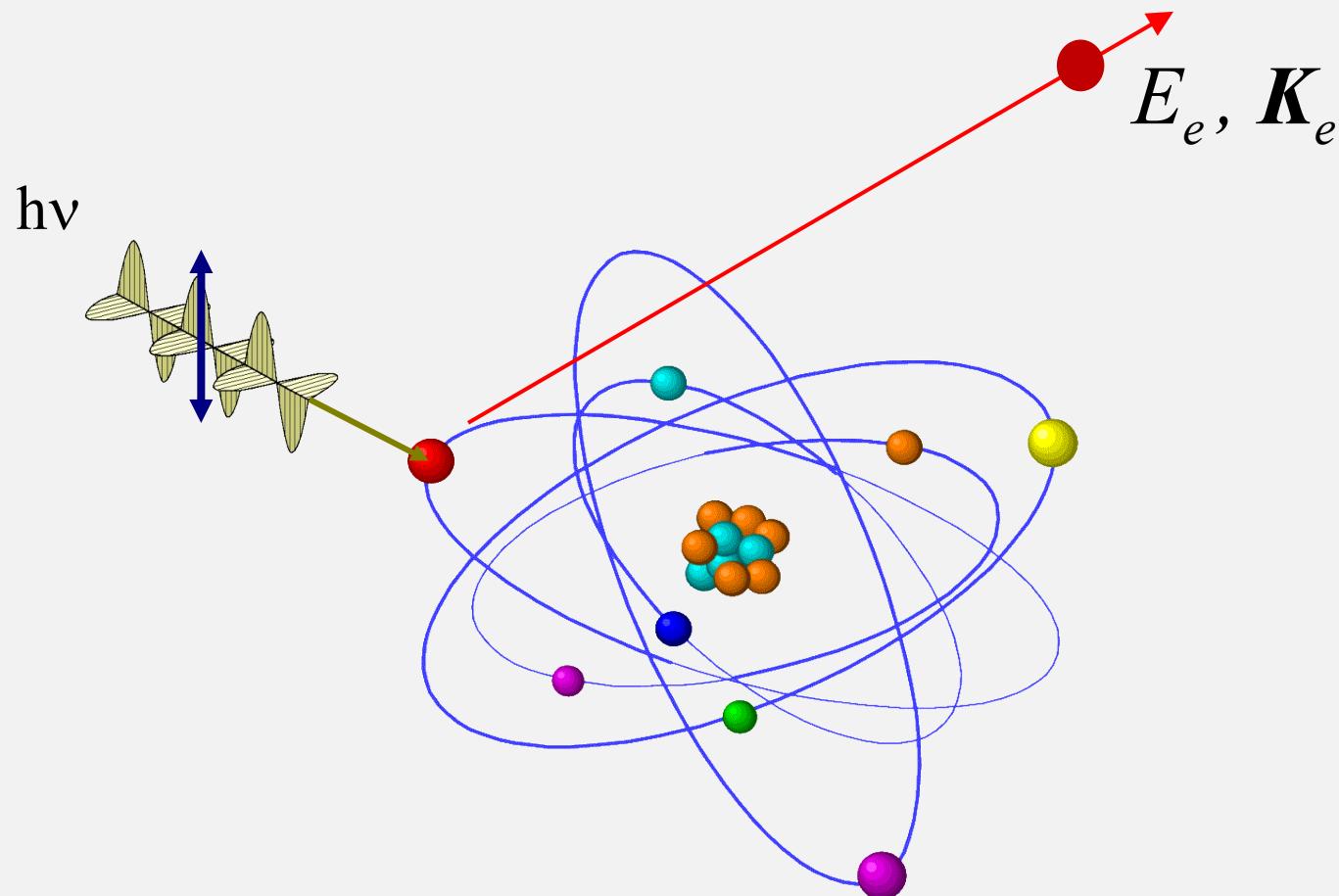
$$\Pi \epsilon = \frac{R}{N} \beta v - P,$$

wobei  $\epsilon$  die elektrische Masse des Elektrons bedeutet...

...in today's formalism...       $E_e = h\nu - \Phi$

\* <http://myweb.rz.uni-augsburg.de/~eckern/adp/history/Einstein-in-AdP.htm>

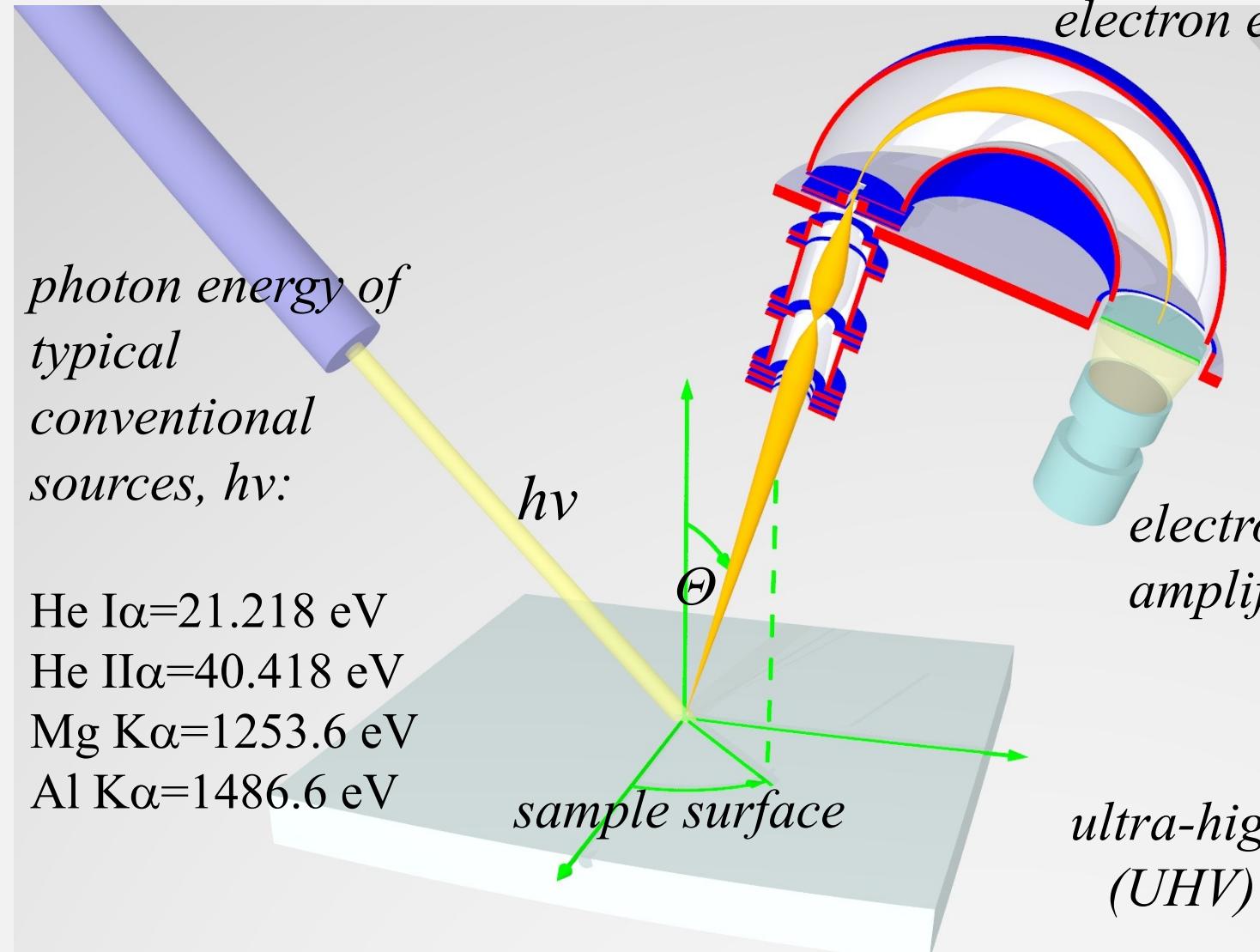
# Photoemission Spectroscopy: basic principles



$$E_e^{\max} = h\nu - I \text{ for atoms and molecules}$$

$$E_e^{\max} = h\nu - \Phi \text{ for solids}$$

# Photoemission Spectroscopy: sketch of an experimental set-up



*electrostatic (hemispherical)  
electron energy analyser*

*electron detector →  
amplifier → counter*

*ultra-high-vacuum  
(UHV) ambient*

UV photoelectron spectroscopy (UPS)  
X-Ray Photoemission Spectroscopy (XPS) or  
Electron Spectroscopy for Chemical Analysis (ESCA)

Single Particle Scheme of Energy Levels  
Photoelectric Effect in Solids



Photons IN  
Electrons OUT

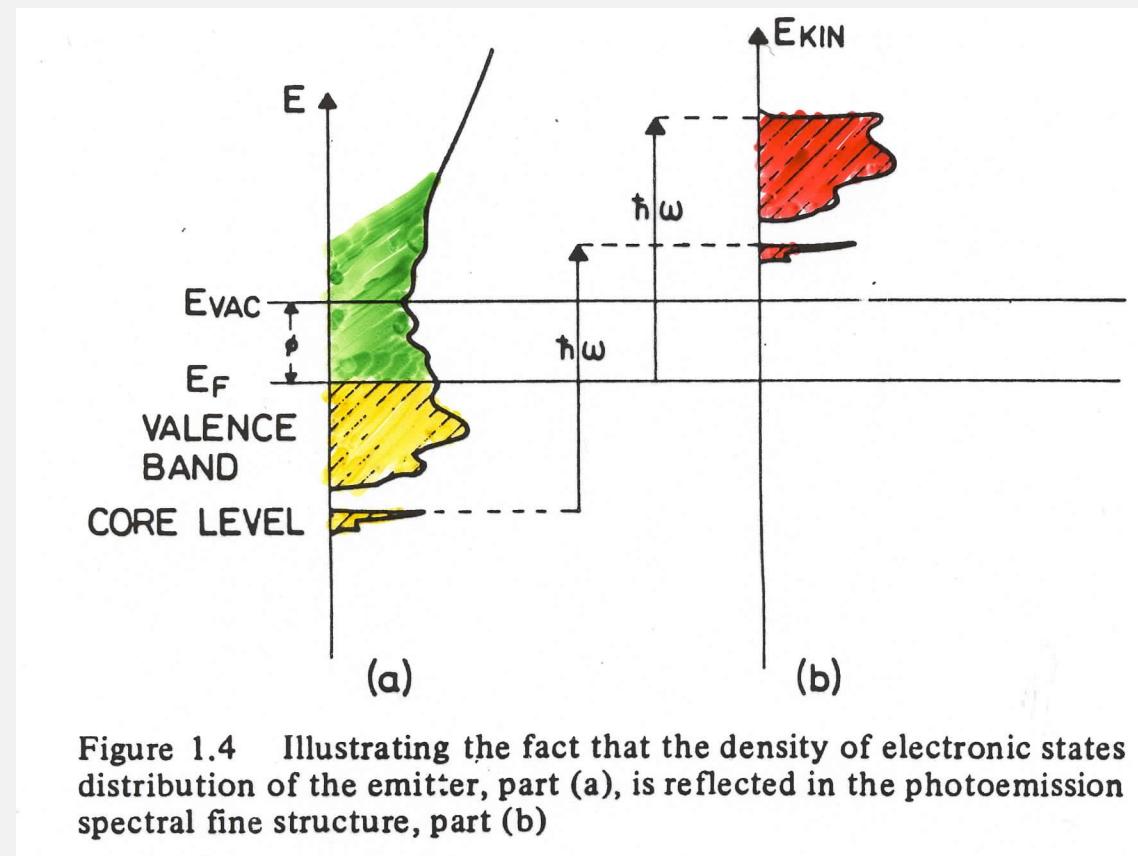


Figure 1.4 Illustrating the fact that the density of electronic states distribution of the emitter, part (a), is reflected in the photoemission spectral fine structure, part (b)

# Photoemission Spectroscopy



$E_{\text{kin}}$  = Final State Kinetic Energy

$\Phi$  = Work Function

$E_b^F(k)$  = Binding Energy of the k-th Initial State

Single Particle Scheme of Energy Levels

$$E_{\text{kin}} = \hbar\omega - E_b^F - \Phi$$

Many Particle Scheme: Total Energies

$$E_f(N-1) + E_k - E_i(N) = \hbar\omega$$

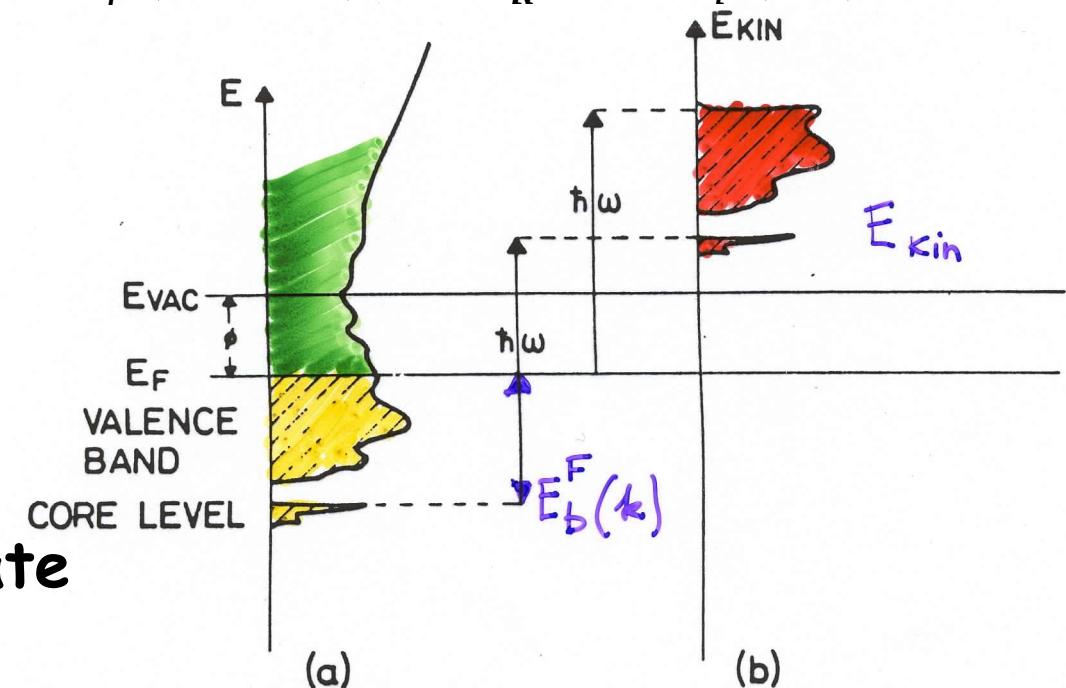
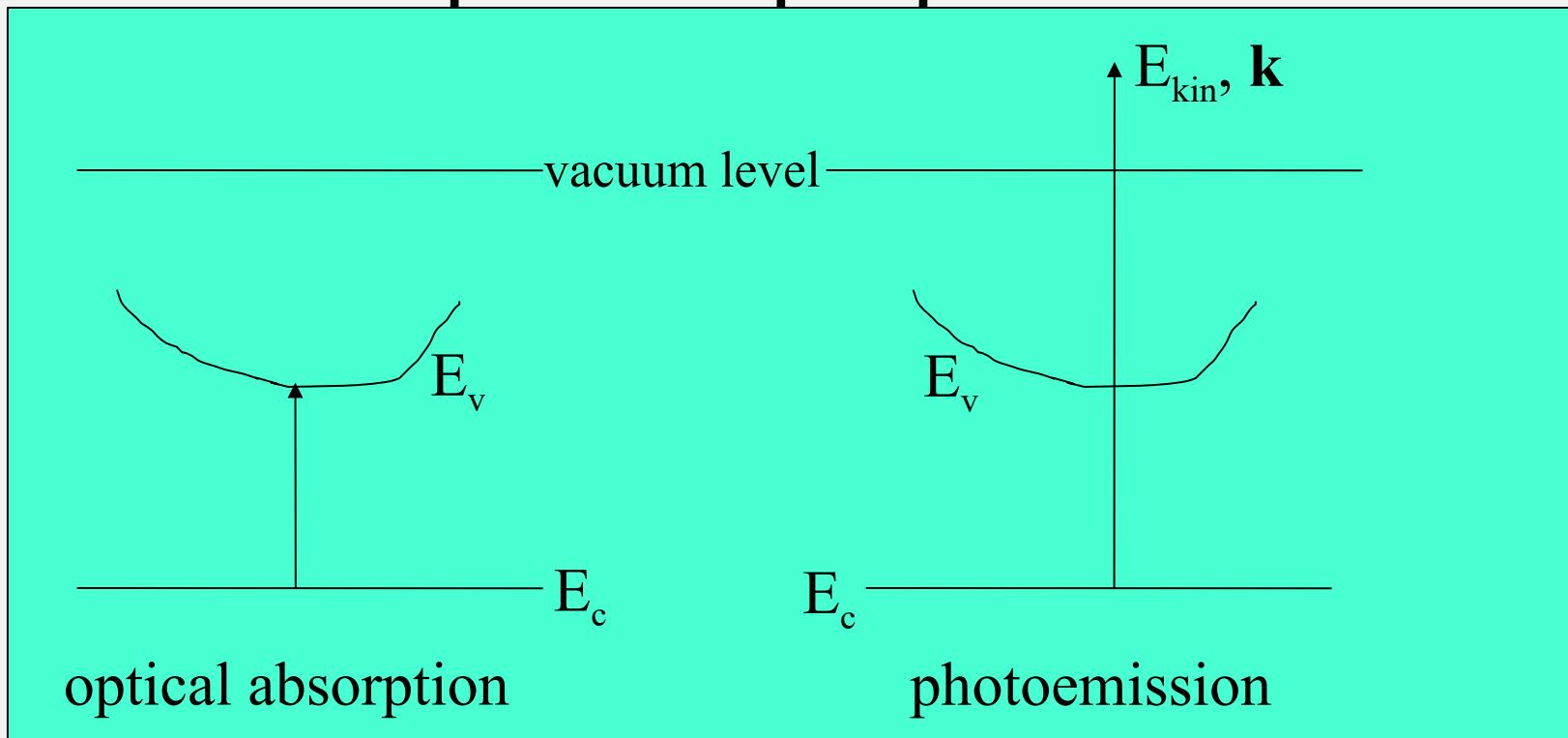


Figure 1.4 Illustrating the fact that the density of electronic states distribution of the emitter, part (a), is reflected in the photoemission spectral fine structure, part (b)

# Photoemission Spectroscopy

## Basic Theory

### the photoabsorption process



*optical absorption:*  $|f\rangle = |N_v + 1 * \rangle |N_c - 1\rangle$

*photoemission:*  $|f\rangle = |N_v * \rangle |N_c - 1\rangle |E_k, k\rangle$

# Photoemission Spectroscopy

## Basic Theory \*

- One-particle approach
- Electromagnetic Field-Matter Interaction

the photo-excitation cross-section (from the Fermi golden rule):

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

$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ : e.m. field polarisation vector

$\Psi_A$ : neutral ground state

$\Psi_B$ : residual ion + free electron

\* see detailed description in F. Boscherini's lectures, this school;

# Photoemission Spectroscopy ~ from an atom

- by considering N interacting electrons...

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

$H_0 = H_0(kin) + H_0(e-n) + H_0(e-e) + H_0(s-o) =$  initial state Hamiltonian

$$= \sum_1^N \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + \sum_1^N -\frac{Ze^2}{r_i} + \sum_{i>j}^N \frac{e^2}{r_{ij}} + \sum_1^N \zeta(r_j) \vec{\ell}_i \bullet \vec{s}_i$$

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

eigenfunctions described through a Slater determinant

final state Hamiltonian

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

final N-1 particles state

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

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

# Photoemission Spectroscopy ~ from an atom

- by considering N interacting electrons...

## sudden approximation

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

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

## frozen-core approximation

$$H_0' = H_0$$

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

# Photoemission Spectroscopy ~ from an atom

- the example of a He atom

$$E_B = E_A + h\nu$$

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

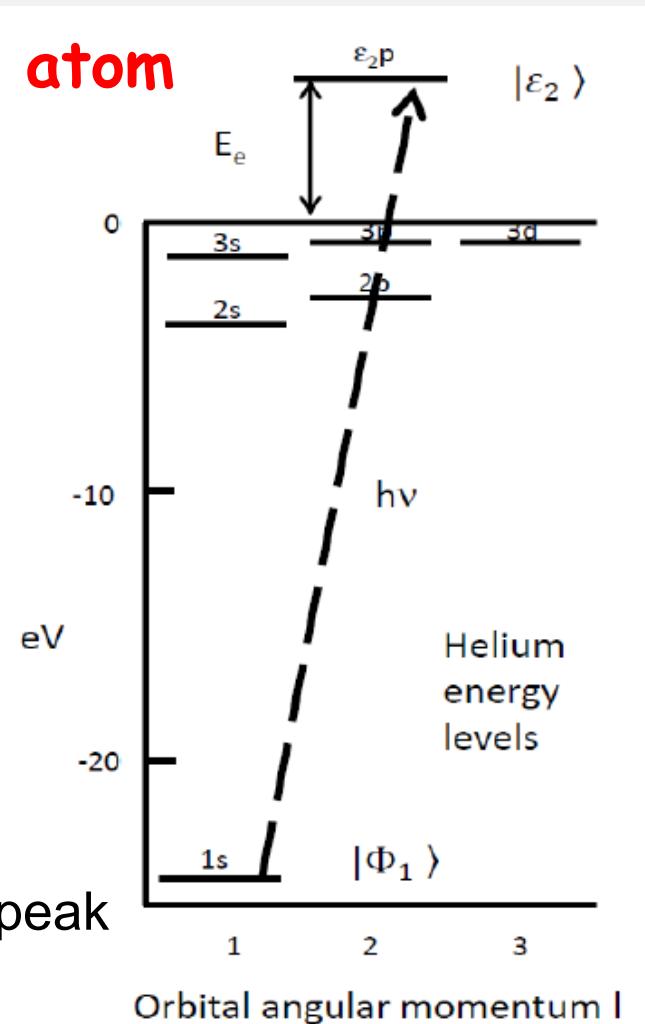
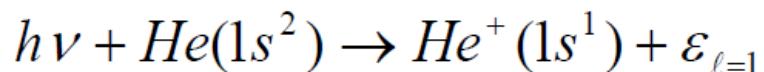
$$\Psi_B = \hat{A}\phi_1\varepsilon_2$$

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

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

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

the distribution current should produce a single peak associated to the initial state:

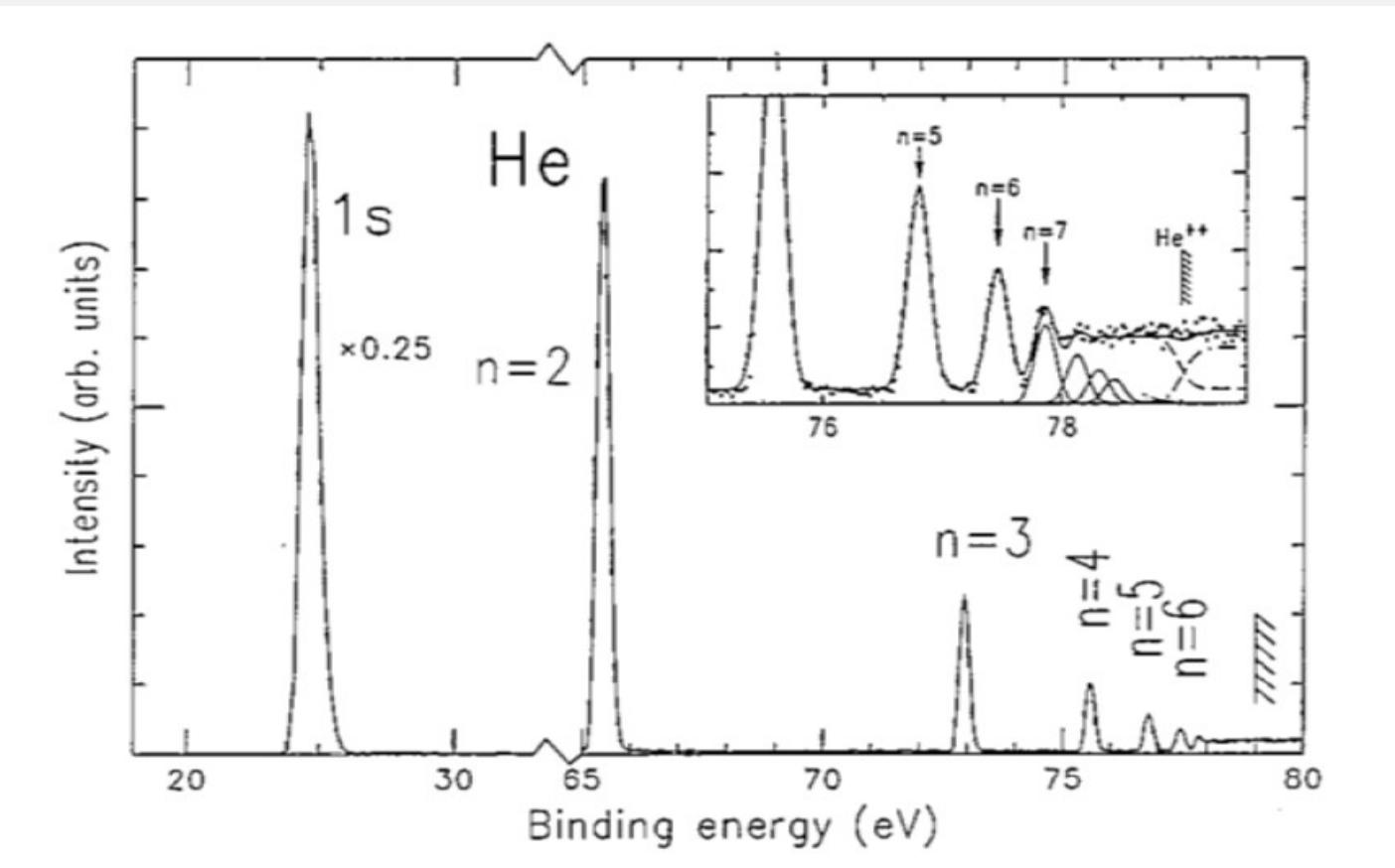


BUT, the independent particle model is not sufficient and ...

# Photoemission Spectroscopy ~ from an atom

- the example of a He atom

the real spectrum shows several peaks



where

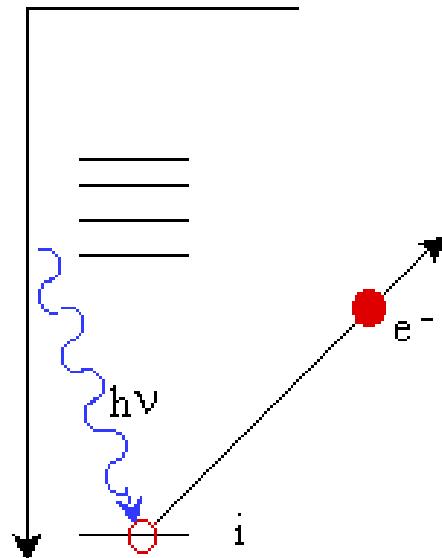
- n=1 is the single-particle excitation from the 1s core-level;
- n=2,3,... are satellite structures in a many-body approach

# Photoemission Spectroscopy ~ from an atom

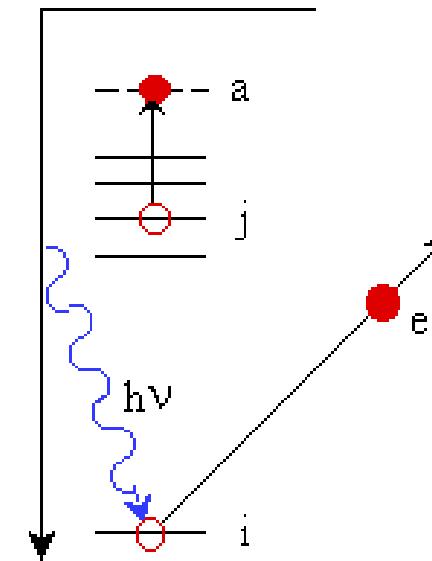
- Satellite peaks

## PRIMARY PHOTOIONIZATION PROCESSES

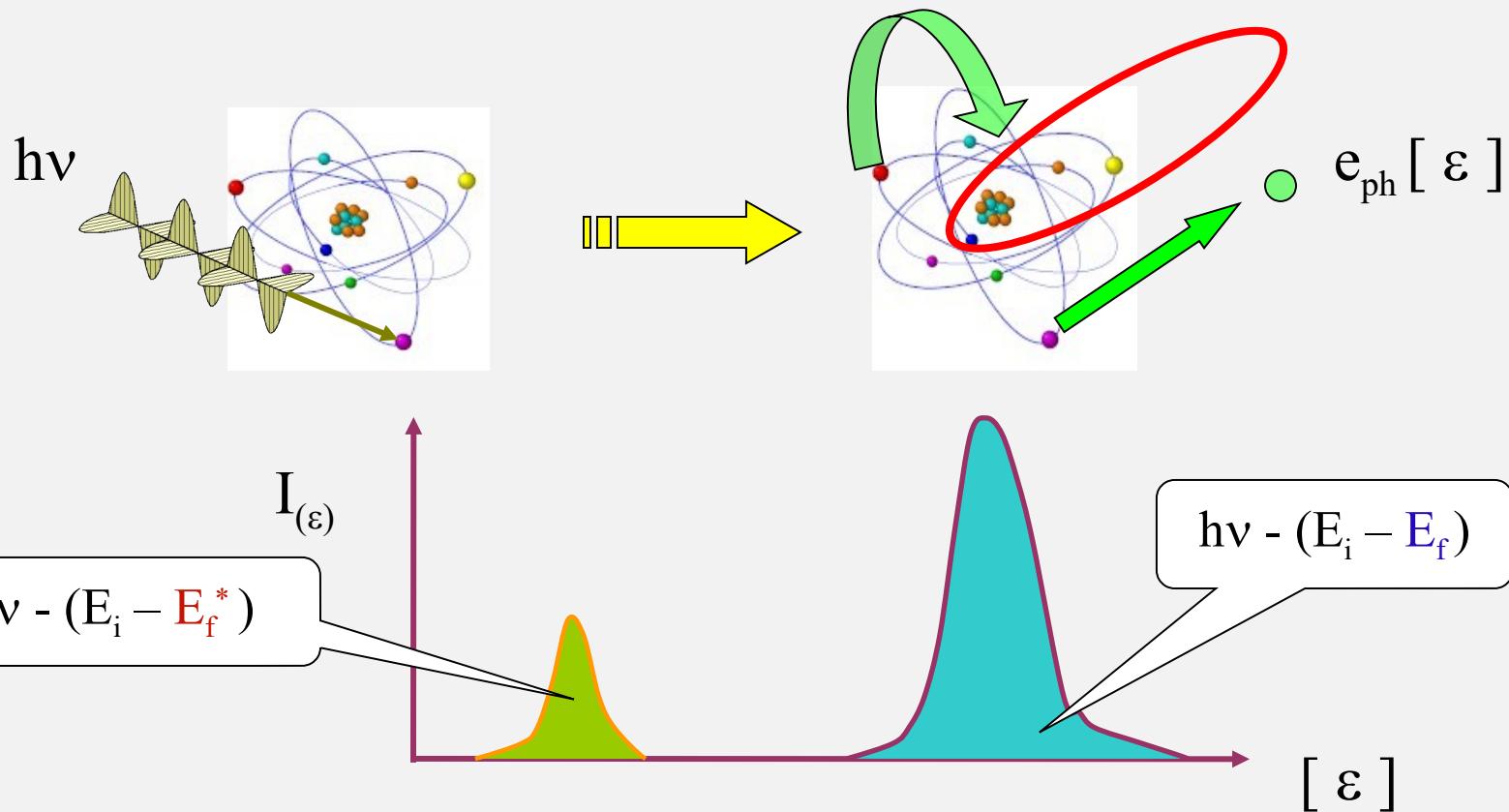
MAIN PROCESS



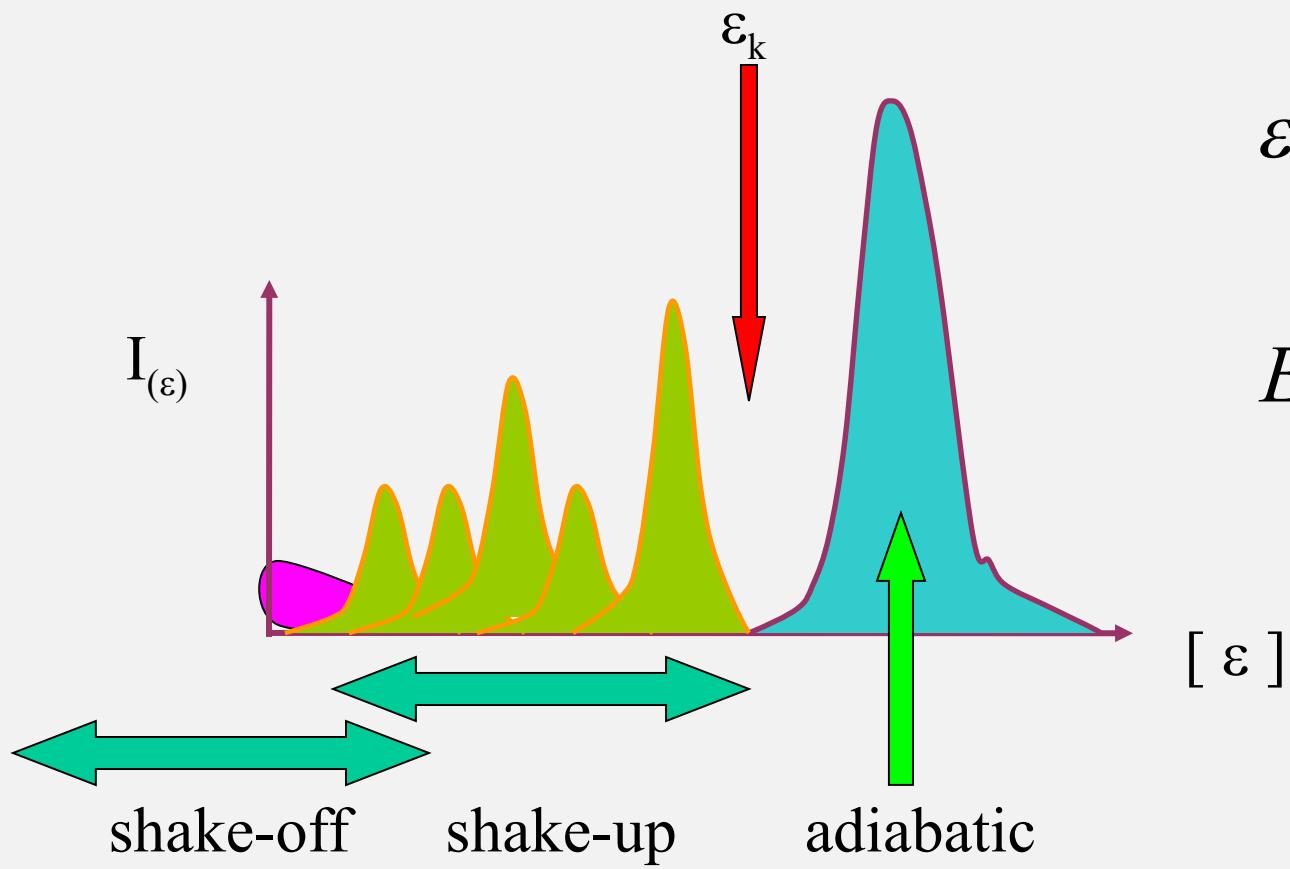
SATELLITE PROCESS



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



# Koopmans energy vs. photoemission peaks

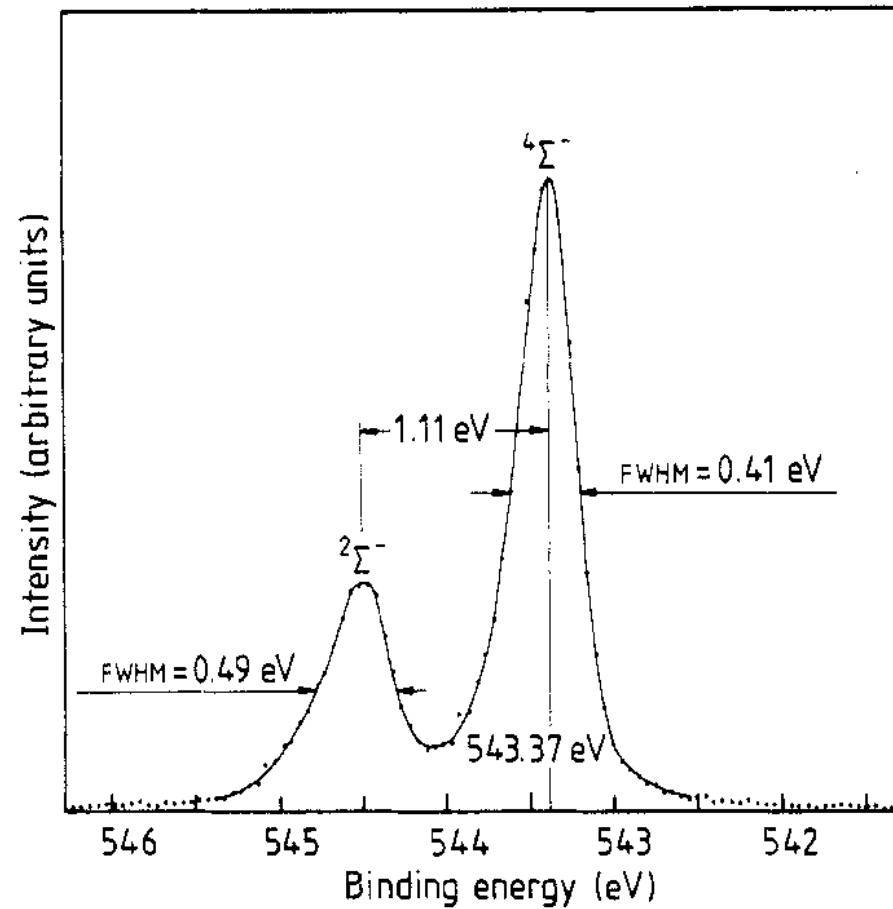
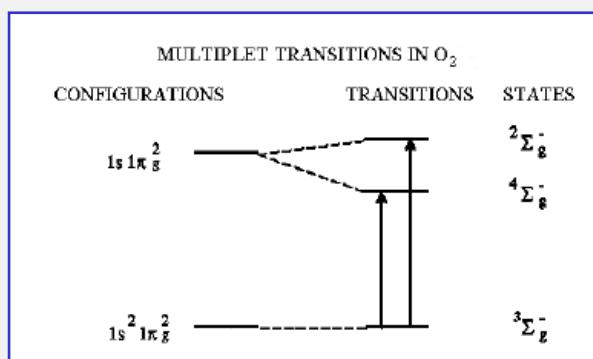
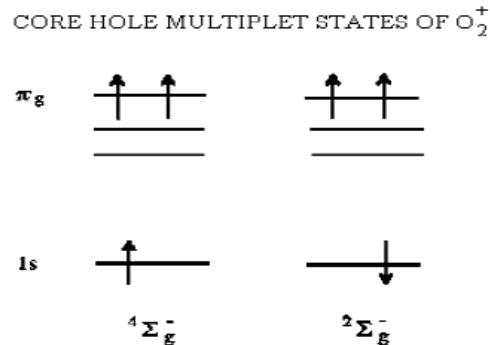


$$\varepsilon_k = \frac{\sum_i \varepsilon_i I_i}{\sum_i I_i}$$
$$E_{\text{kin}} = \varepsilon_a - \varepsilon_k$$

# Photoemission Spectroscopy ~ of molecules

## multiplet splitting in $O_2$

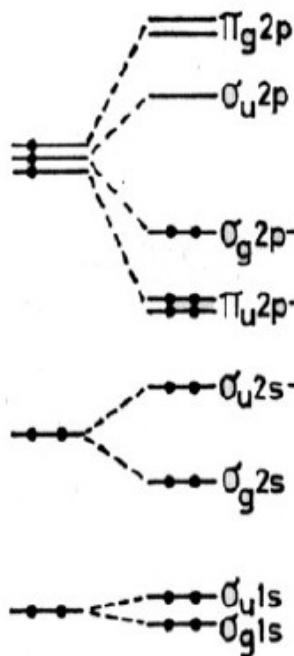
$O_2$  neutral ground state:  $KK(\sigma_g 2s)^2(\sigma_u 2s)^2(\sigma_g 2p)^2(\pi_u 2p)^4(\pi_g 2p)^2 {}^3\Sigma_g$



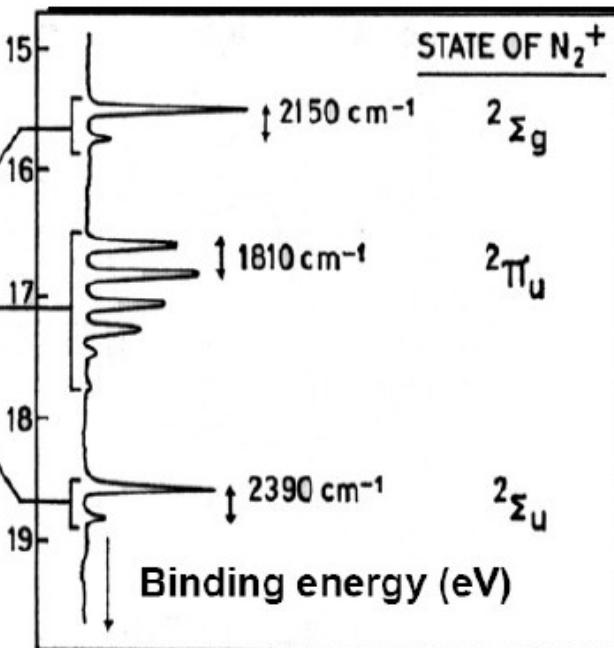
# Photoemission Spectroscopy ~ of molecules

N<sub>2</sub>

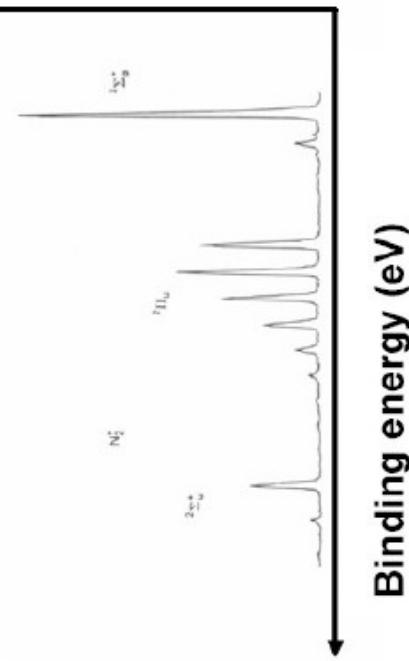
Orbital assignment



Expected



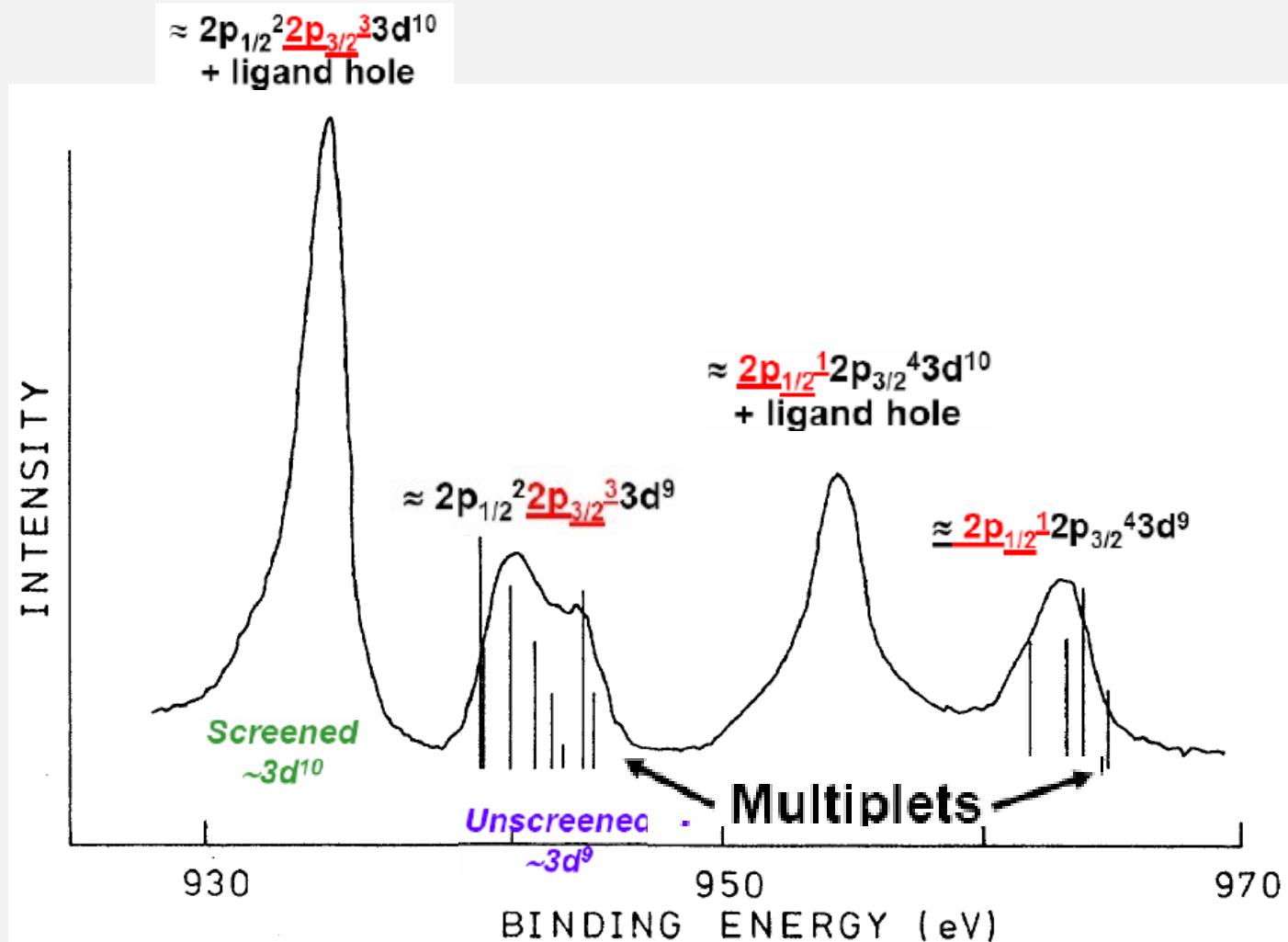
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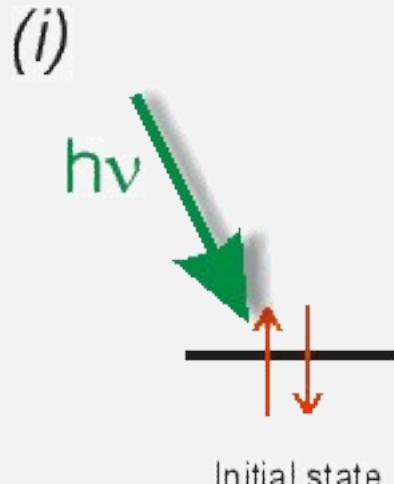
Molecular Nitrogen PES

# Photoemission Spectroscopy ~ of molecules

**multiplet splitting in  $\text{CuCl}_2$**



# Photoemission Spectroscopy: Core Levels Spin-Orbit Splitting



## Quantum Numbers

- $j$  Total Angular Momentum
- $l$  Orbital Angular Momentum
- $s$  Spin Angular Momentum

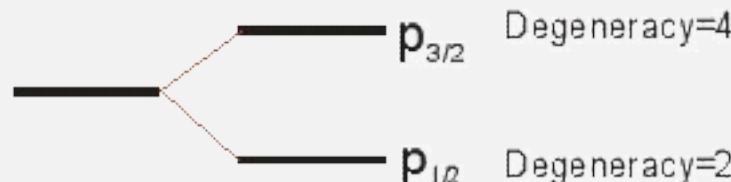
$$j = l +$$

**p-symmetry state**

$$l = 1$$

$$s = \pm 1/2$$

(ii)  
*Spin orbit interaction lifts degeneracy*



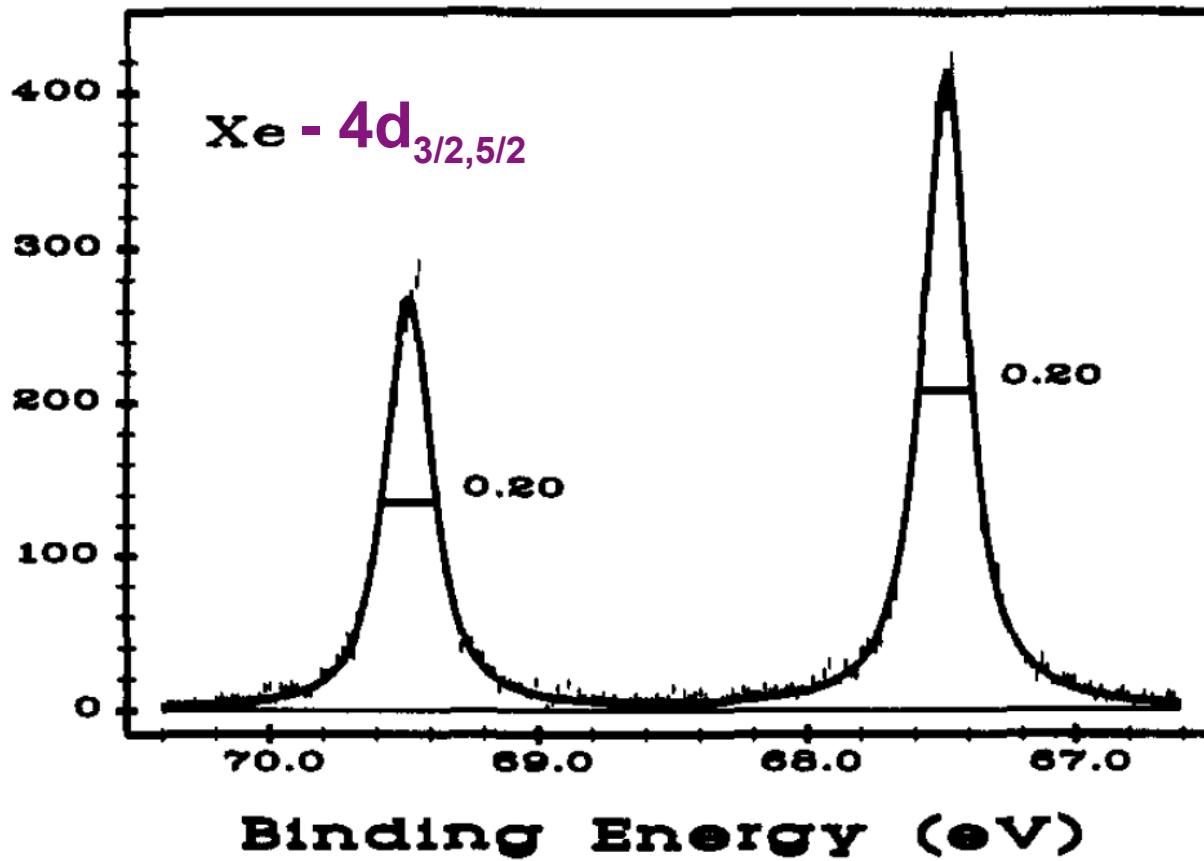
**Degeneracy** =  $|2j+1|$

# Photoemission Spectroscopy ~ core-level spin-orbit splitting

Cutler et alii, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, Vol. 113, No. 24, 1991 9129

$$\Delta E \propto \vec{\ell}_i \cdot \vec{s}_i$$

$|2j+1|$ -degeneracy



# Photoemission Spectroscopy

## chemical shift in molecules

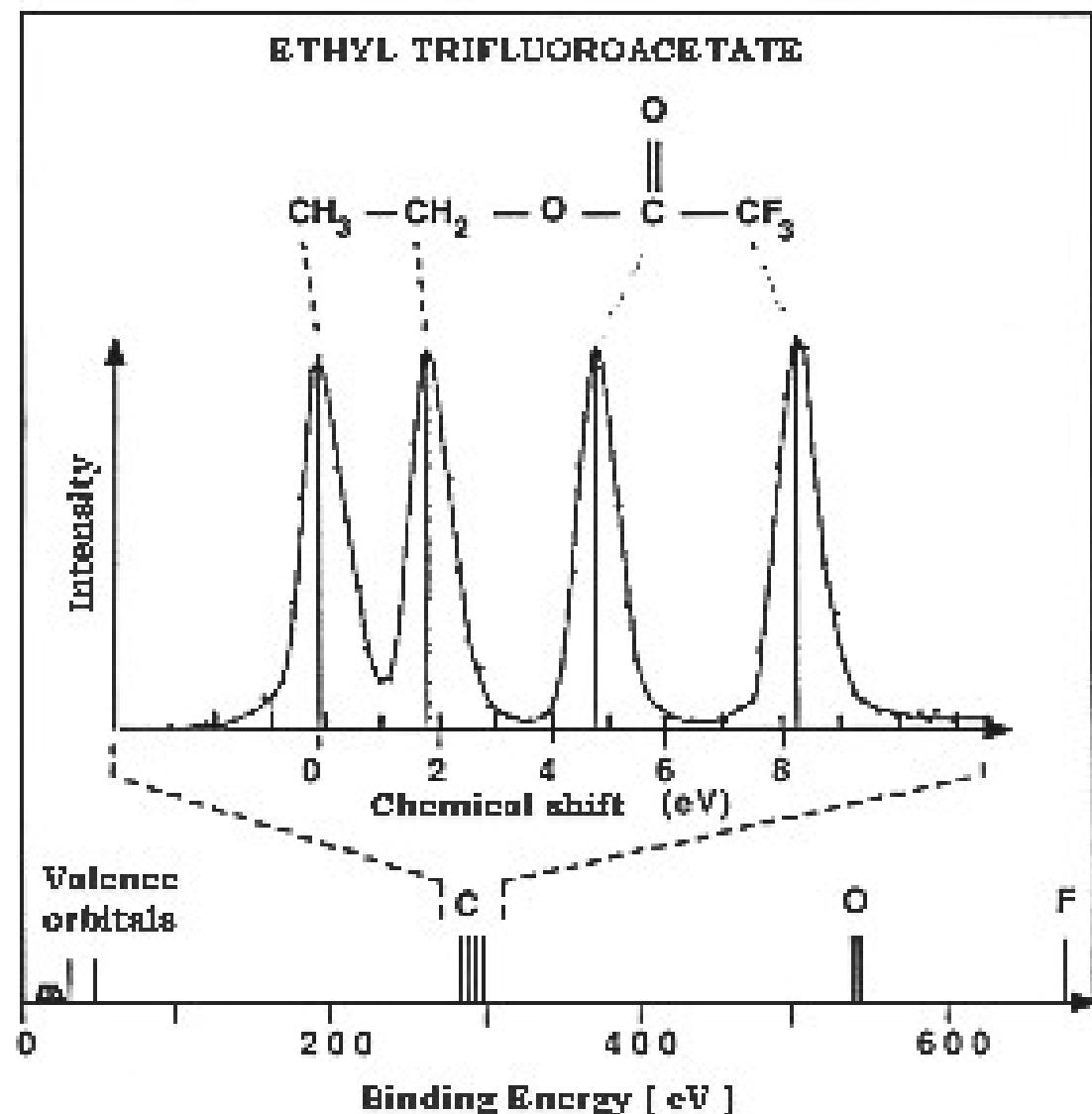
**C 1s**

C 1s 285-300 eV

C 1s CO<sub>2</sub> 298 eV

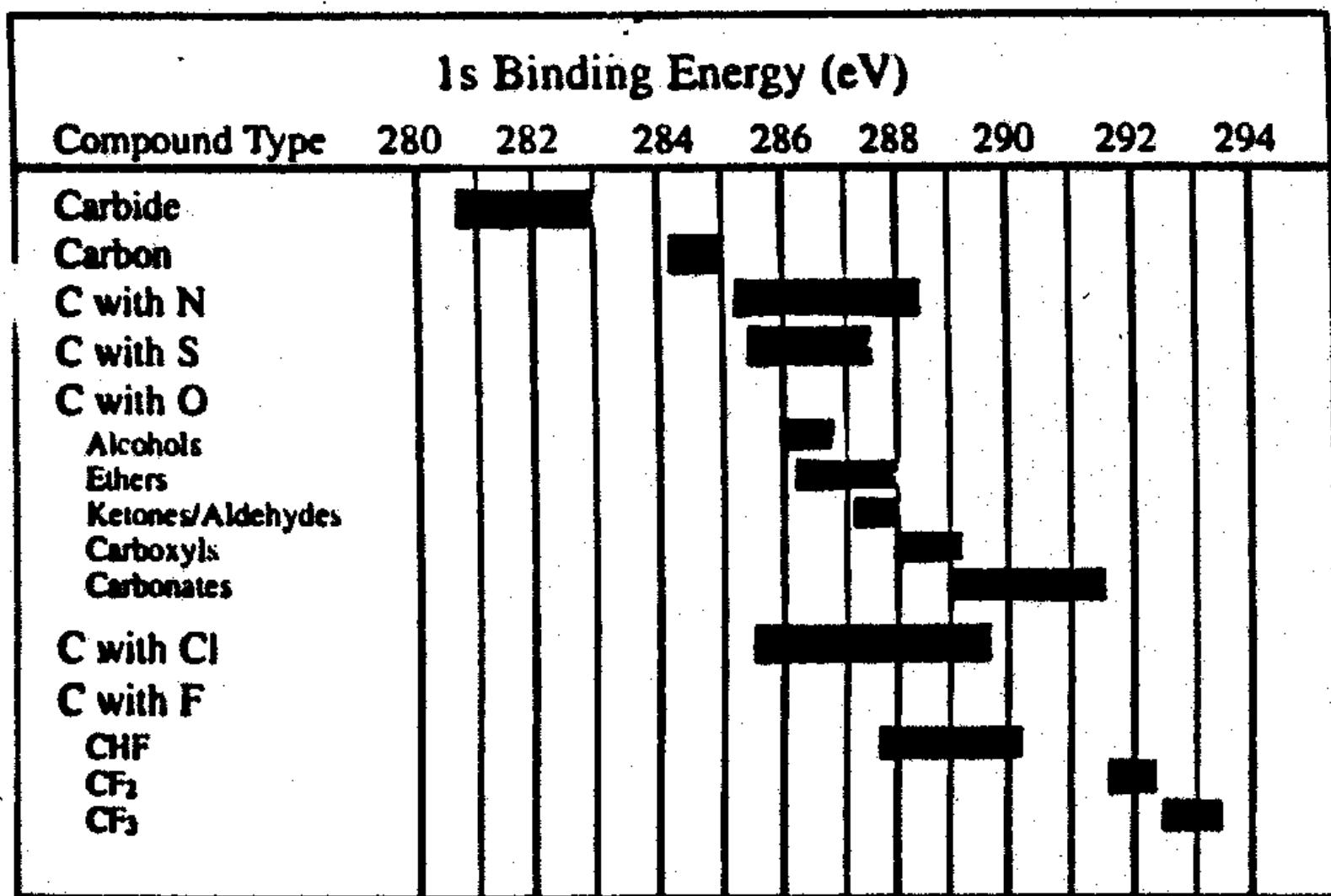
C 1s CH<sub>4</sub> 291 eV

O 1s 530-540 eV

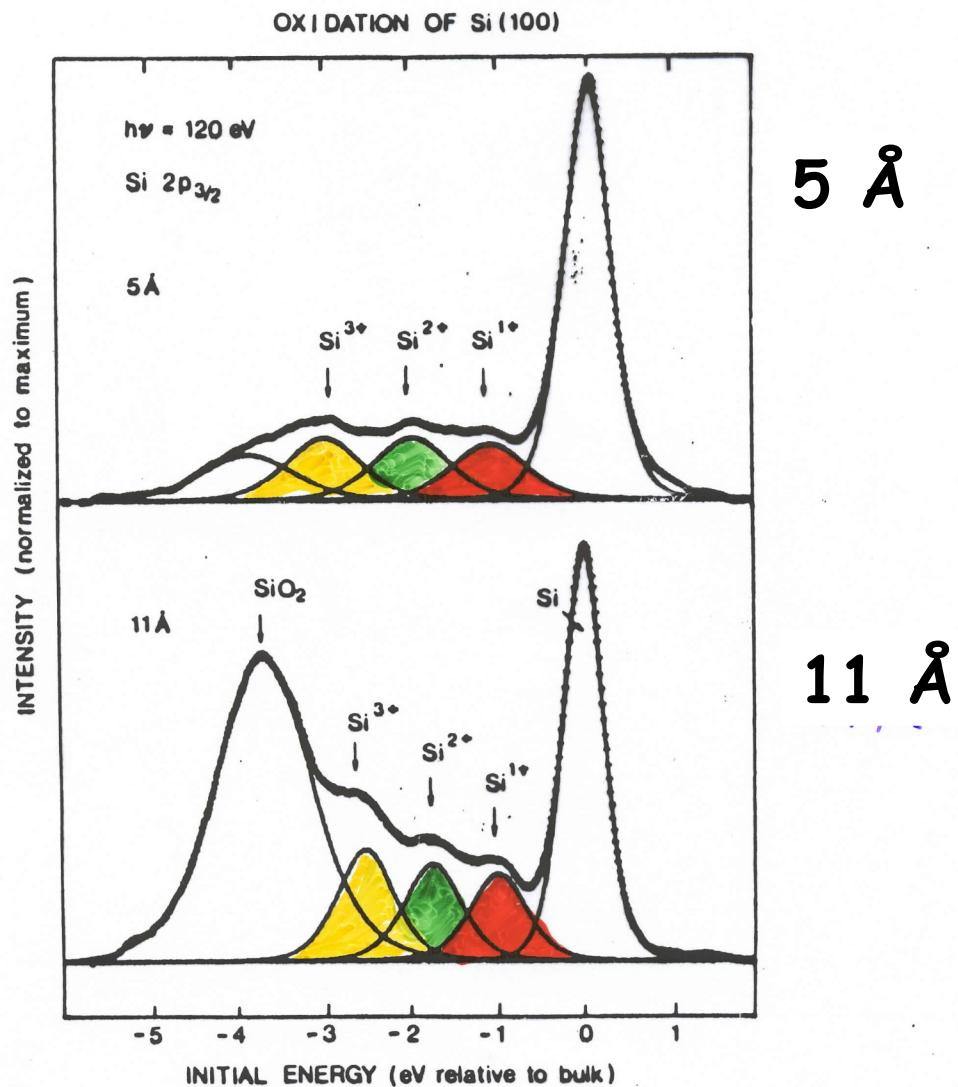


# Photoemission Spectroscopy: Chemical Shift ( $\Delta E_b$ )

How the C 1s binding energy reflects differing chemical environment local to the excited C sites



# Photoemission Spectroscopy



chemical shift,  
in the solid  
state



initial phases of  
oxidation of a Si  
surface

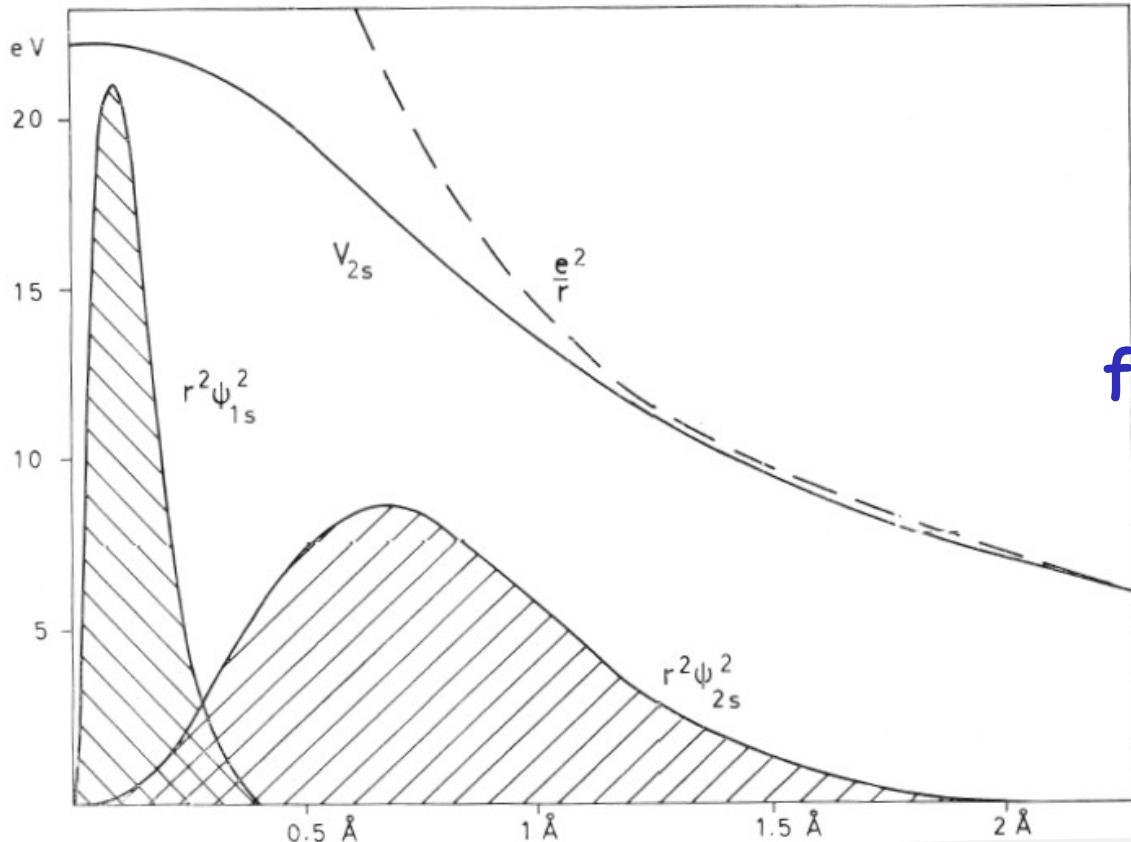
FIG. 3. Si  $2p_{3/2}$  core level spectra for 5 and 11-Å-thick oxides decomposed into five components. The black crosses represent the experimental spectra and the solid lines indicate the theoretical functions and the different components.

# Photoemission Spectroscopy

why chemical shift



spatial extension of external wave-functions down to the core-levels



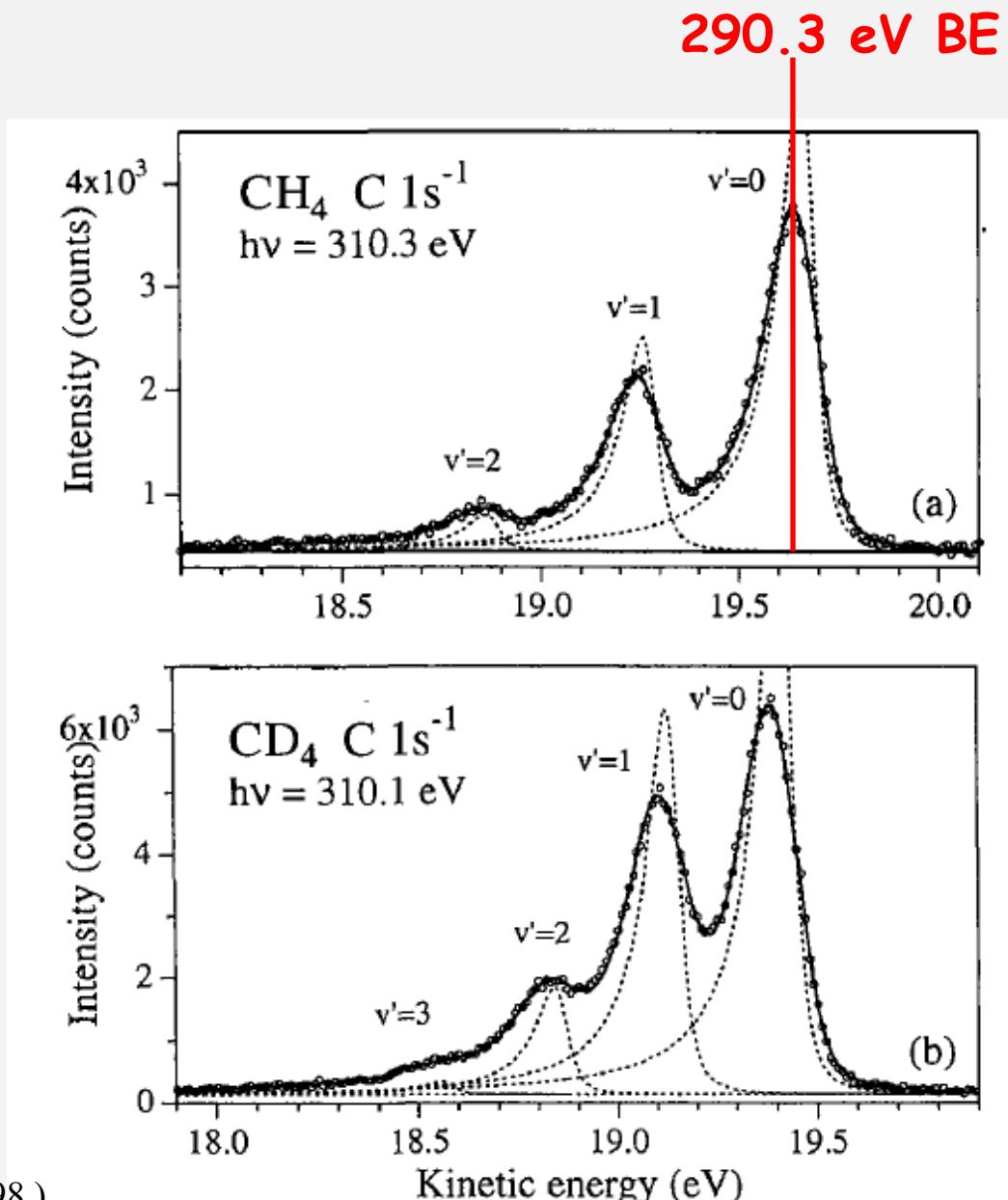
example: calculated electron densities for C

# Photoemission Spectroscopy

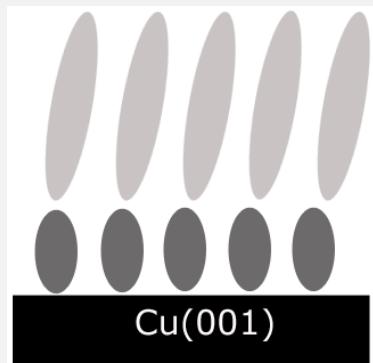
core-level vibrational modes

C 1s in methane  
and deuterated  
methane

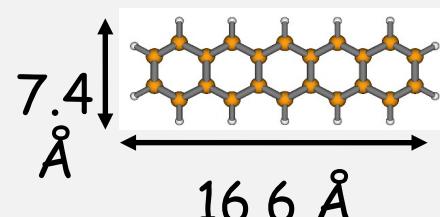
vibrational  
overtones



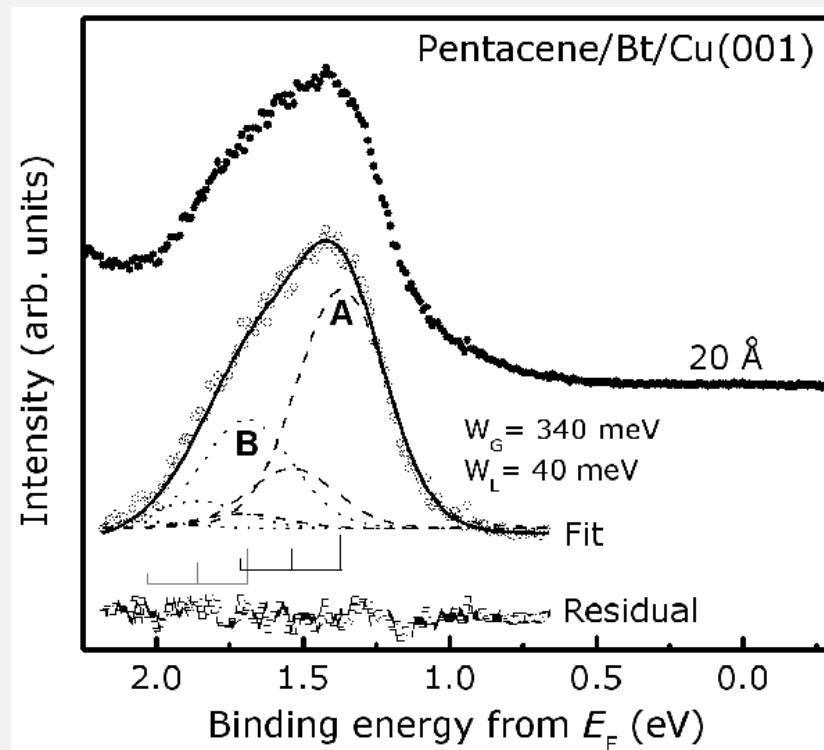
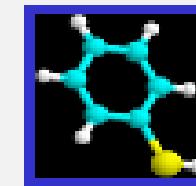
The photo-electron as primary electrons exciting **vibrational modes** also in the **valence band** of a molecular solid



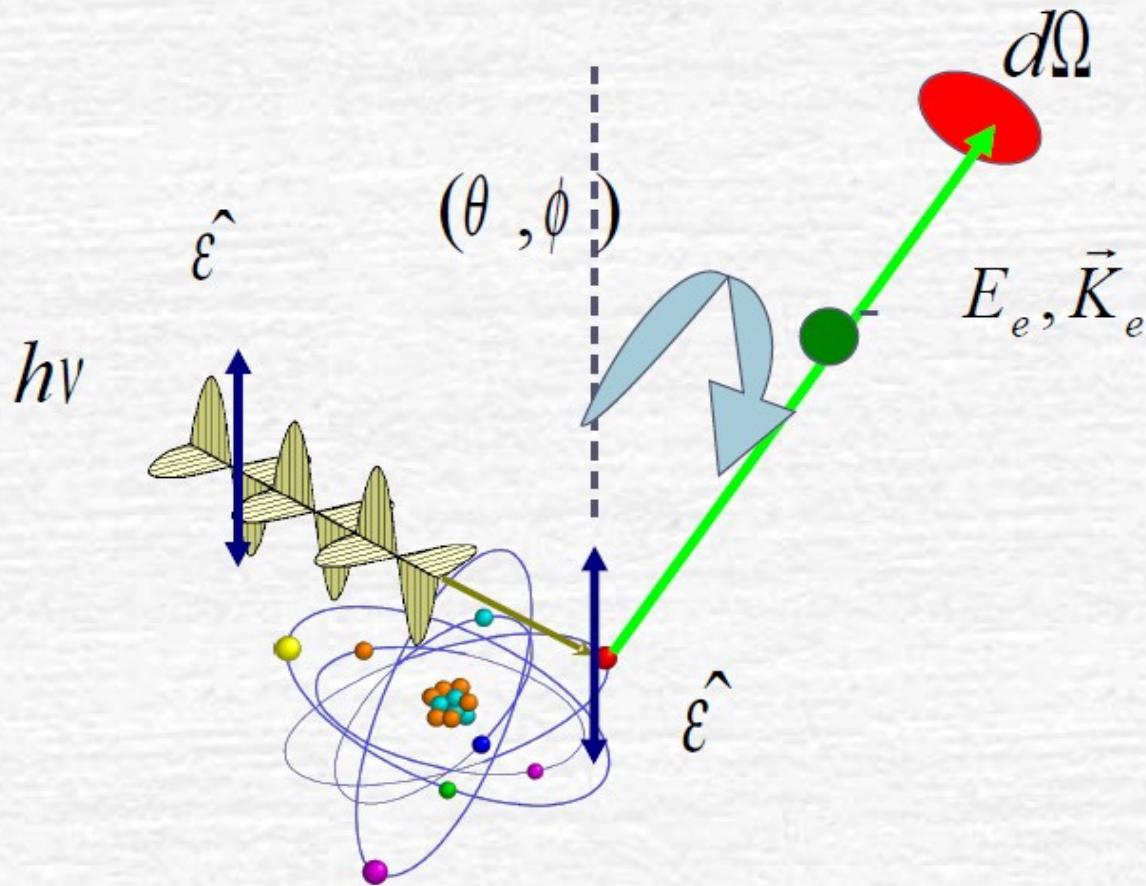
pentacene:  $C_{22}H_{14}$



benzene-thiol:  $C_6H_5-SH$

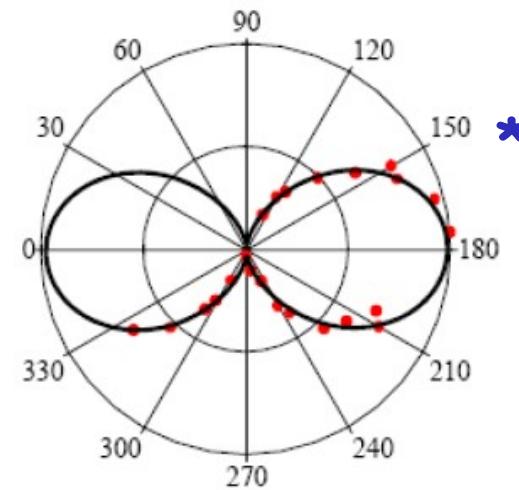
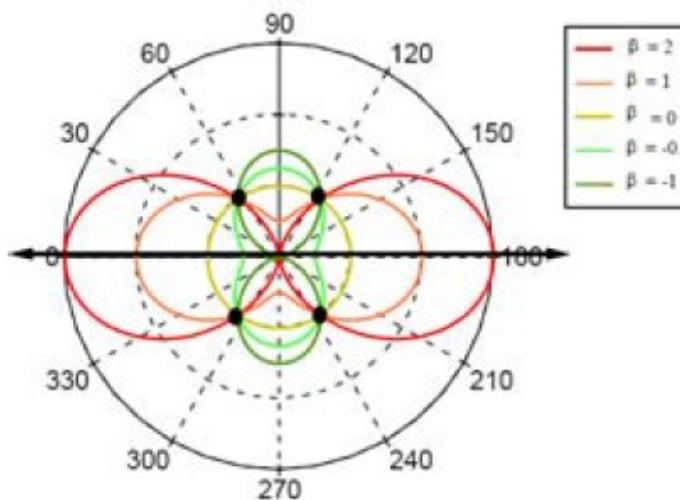


## Photoelectron angular distribution



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto \sum_B \left| \hat{\varepsilon} \bullet \left\langle \varepsilon_l | \vec{r}_j | \phi_j(\vec{r}_j, \sigma_j) \right\rangle \left\langle \Psi_B^{(N-1)} | \Psi_R^{(N-1)} \right\rangle \right|^2$$

## Photoelectron angular distribution

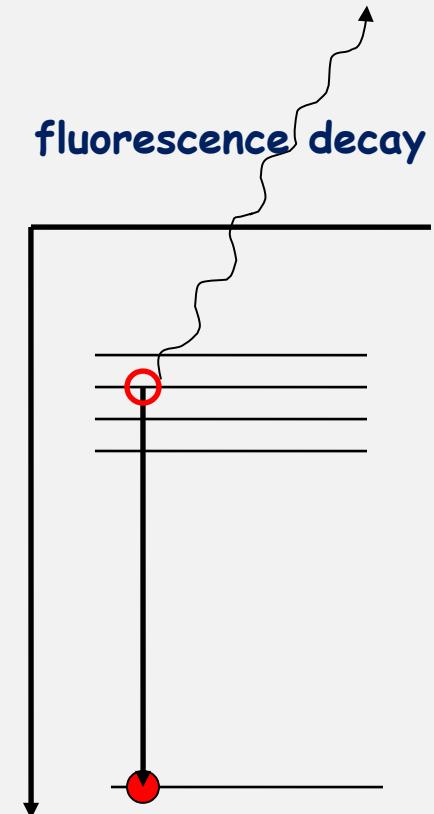
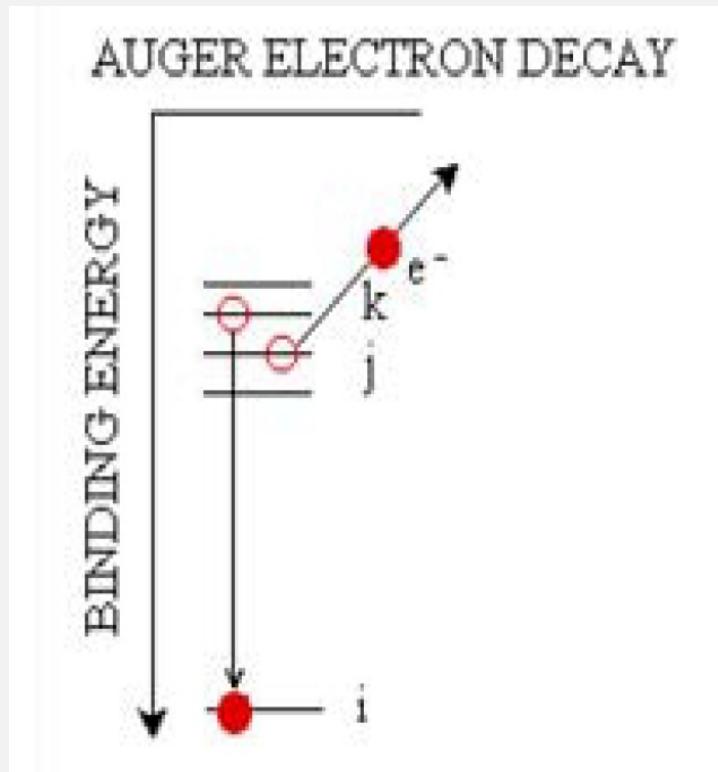
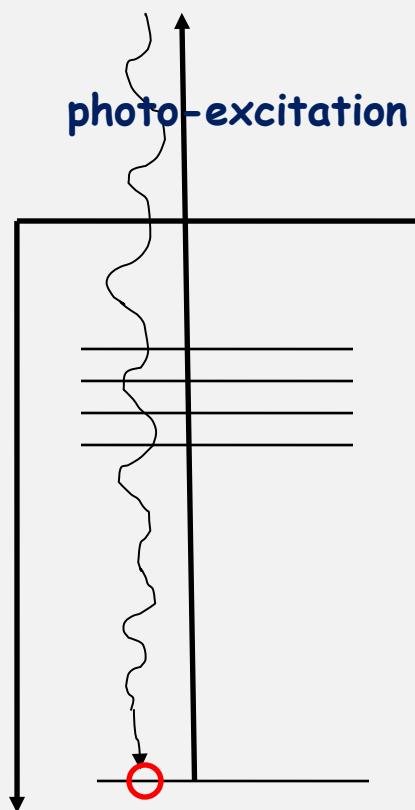


$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto \frac{\sigma}{4\pi} [1 + \beta P_2 \cos(\vartheta)]$$

- dipolar distribution with asymmetry parameter  $\beta$
- photoelectrons symmetrically distributed about the polarization direction
- at magic angle ( $54.74^\circ$ ), intensity independent from  $\beta$  values

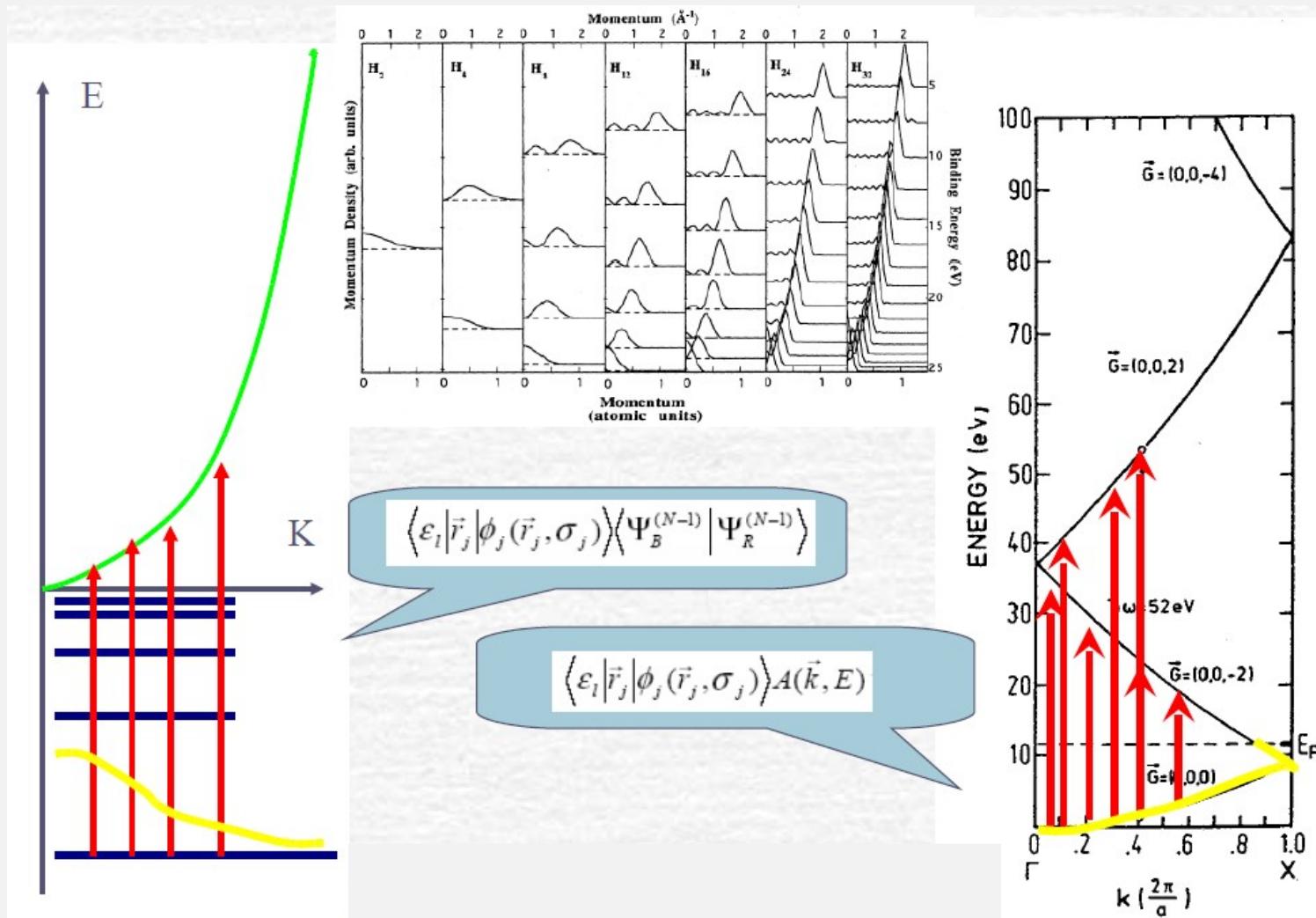
\* experimental data for He with best fit  $\beta=2$

# Core-hole relaxation



# Photoemission in Solids

# from central to periodic potential



# spectral function of interacting electrons in solids

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

$M_{if}$ , matrix element between single-particle Bloch states

$m_{im}$ , overlap integral between states with N-1 electrons,  $i=m$  for un-correlated systems

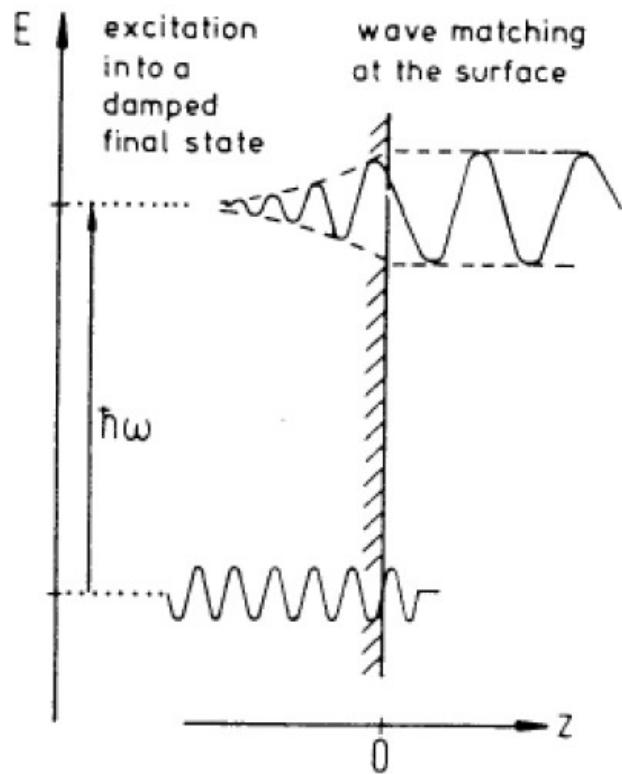
$$A(k, \varepsilon) = \sum_m (| \langle \Psi_{m}^{N-1} | c_k | \Psi_i^N \rangle |^2 \times \delta(\varepsilon + E_{m}^{N-1} - E_i^N))$$

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

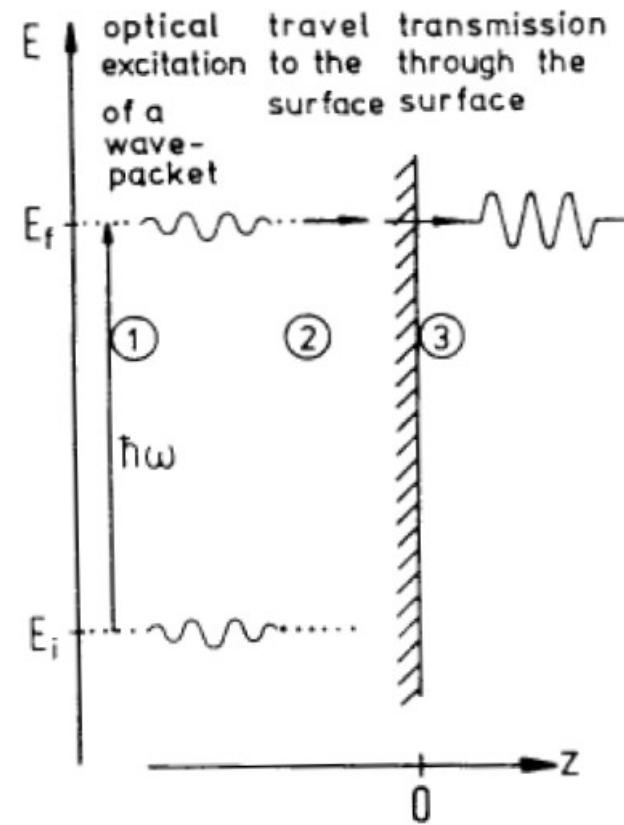
$$A(\varepsilon, k) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\left| \sum''(k, \varepsilon) \right|}{\left| \varepsilon - E_k - \sum'(k, \varepsilon) \right|^2 + \left| \sum''(k, \varepsilon) \right|^2}$$

# solids: from the 1-step to the 3-step model

one-step model



three-step model



# Photoemission Spectroscopy

## Three-Step Model of Photoemission in Solids

- Photon Absorption
  - Optical Absorption Machinery
  - Selection Rules
- Electron Propagation within the Solid
  - Inelastic Mean Free Path [ $\lambda(E_{\text{kin}})$ ]
- Electron Escape form the Solid
  - Refractive Effects at the Surface
  - k-parallel vs. k-normal

# Photoemission Spectroscopy

## Basic Theory

### the photoelectron current J

$$J = f(h\nu, \epsilon, \theta, \Phi; E_e, \sigma, \theta_e, \Phi_e)$$

where  $h\nu$ ,  $\epsilon$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $\Phi$  are energy, polarization direction and angles defining the incident photon, while  $E_e$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\theta_e$  and  $\Phi_e$  are energy, spin polarization, polar and azimuthal angle of the emitted electron.

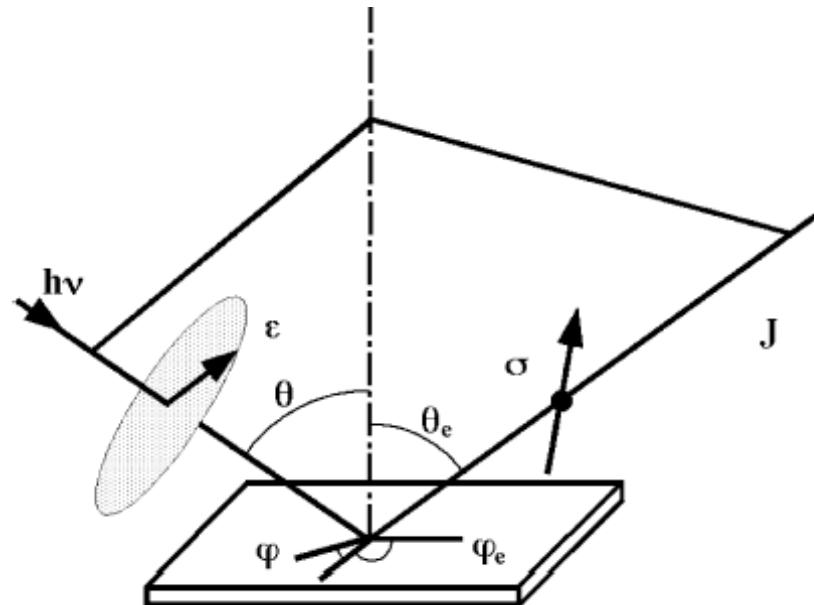


Figure 1: Schematic diagram of the photocurrent  $J$  and of all the variables.

# Photoemission Spectroscopy

## Basic Theory

$$I(E, h\nu) = I_p(E, h\nu) + I_s(E, h\nu)$$

$I_p$  = physical signal,  $I_s$  = secondary scattered electrons

### the three-step model

$$I_p(E, h\nu) = J(E, h\nu) \times T(E_f, h\nu) \times D(E_f)$$

$J$  = optical transition photoelectron current

$T$  = transmission function, propagation through the solid

$D$  = escape function to the vacuum

# Photoemission Spectroscopy

## Basic Theory

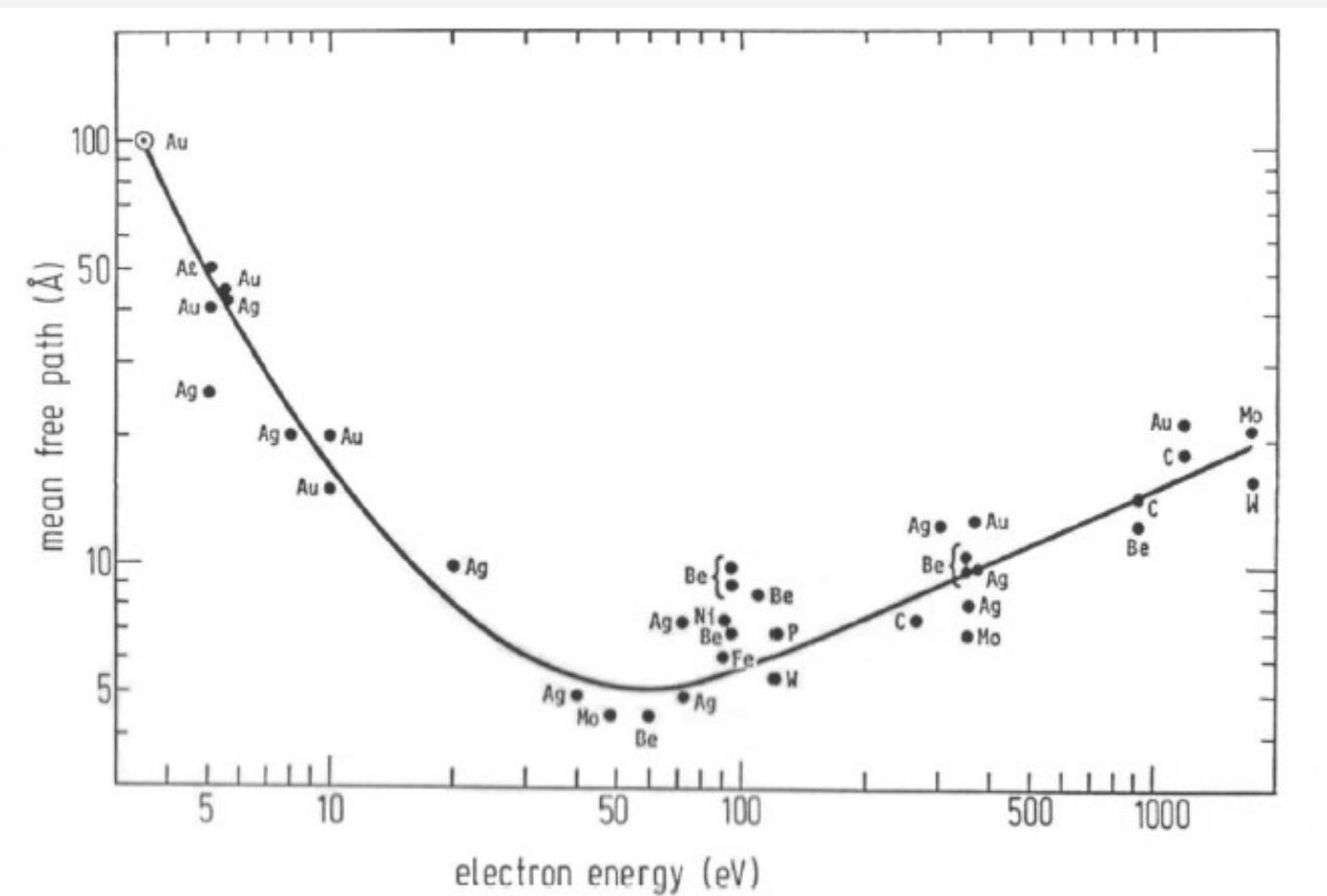
$$T(E_f) = \frac{\lambda_e(E_f)/\lambda_{ph}(h\nu)}{1 + \lambda_e(E_f)/\lambda_{ph}(h\nu)}$$

T = transmission function, propagation through the solid

$$D(E_f) = 1/2 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{E_F + \Phi}{E_f} \right)^{1/2} \right]$$

D = escape function to the vacuum

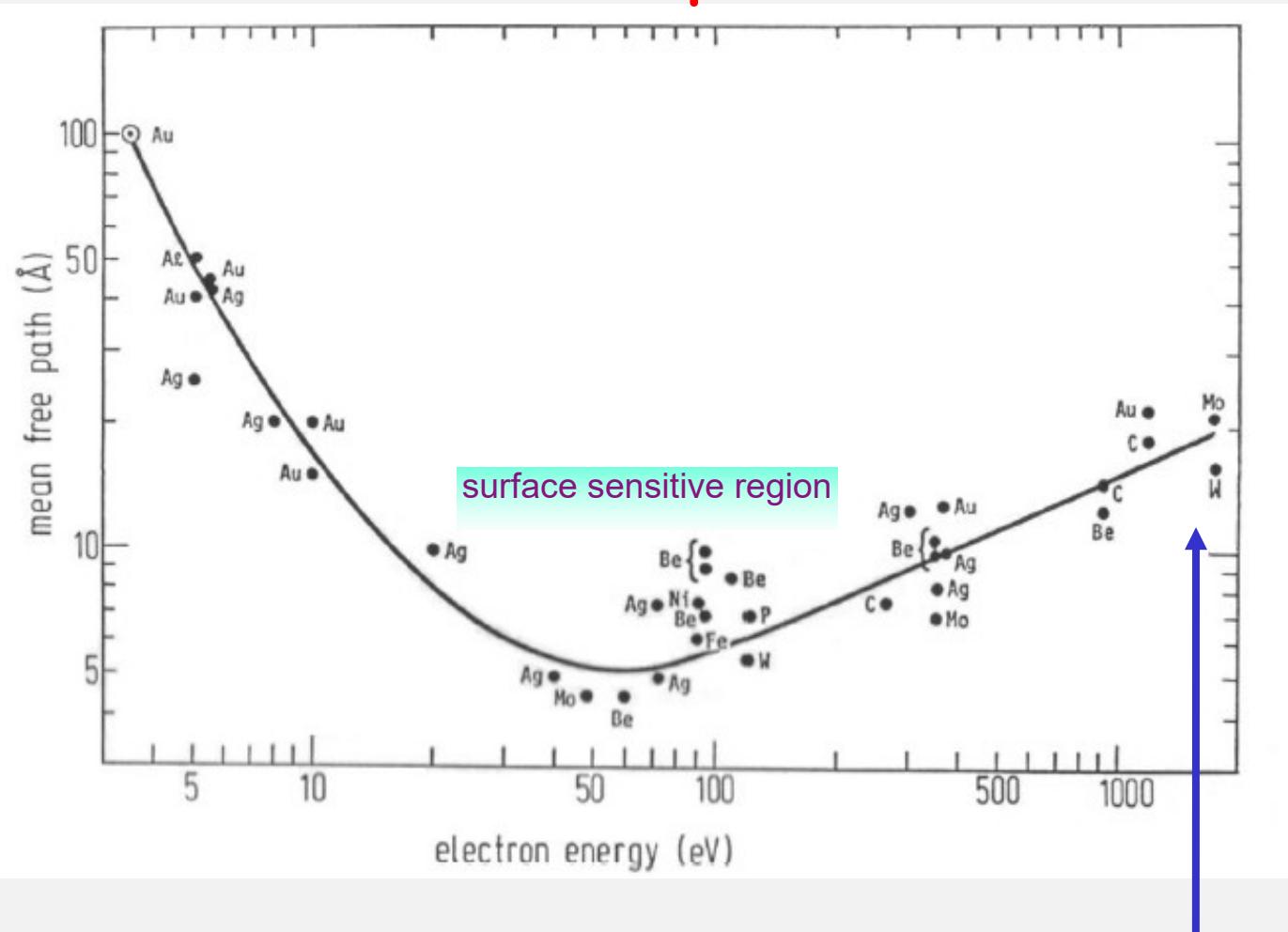
# Photoemission Spectroscopy



electron mean free path

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electron mean free path



\* see high-energy photoelectron spectroscopy in Torelli's lectures, this school

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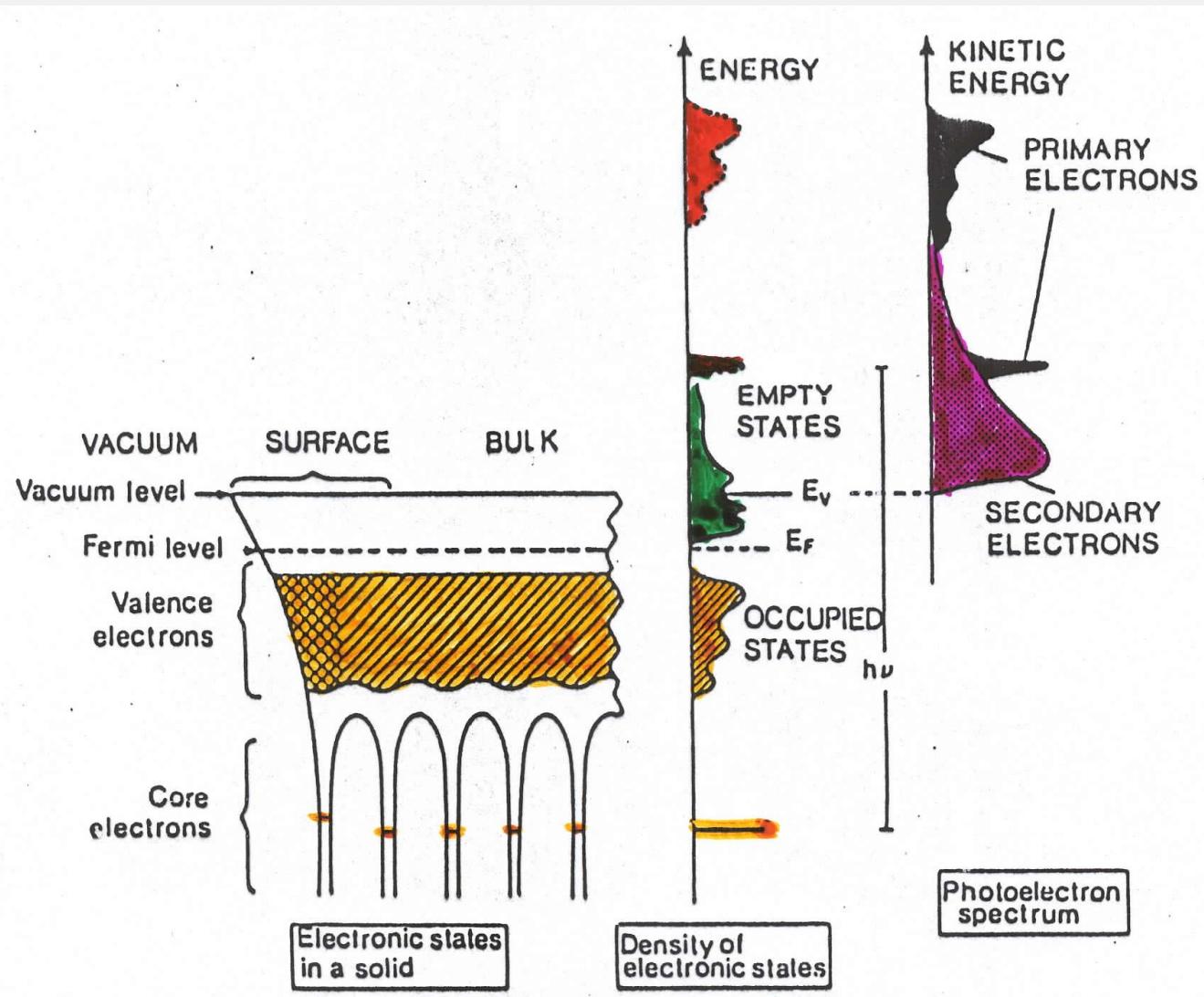
## Basic Theory

$J$  = optical transition photoelectron current

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

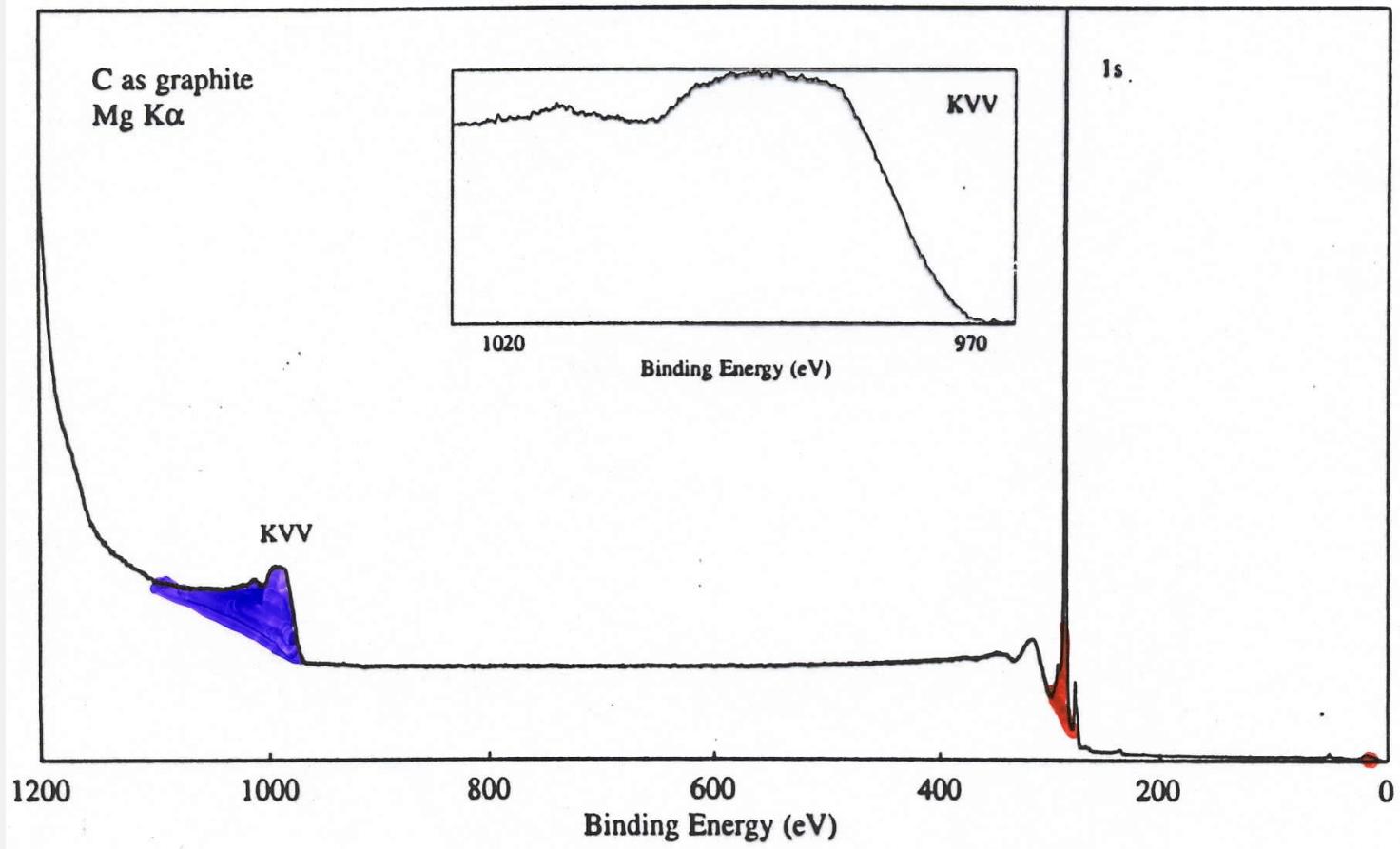
# Photoemission Spectroscopy

How real spectra look like:  
Primary and Secondary  
Electrons

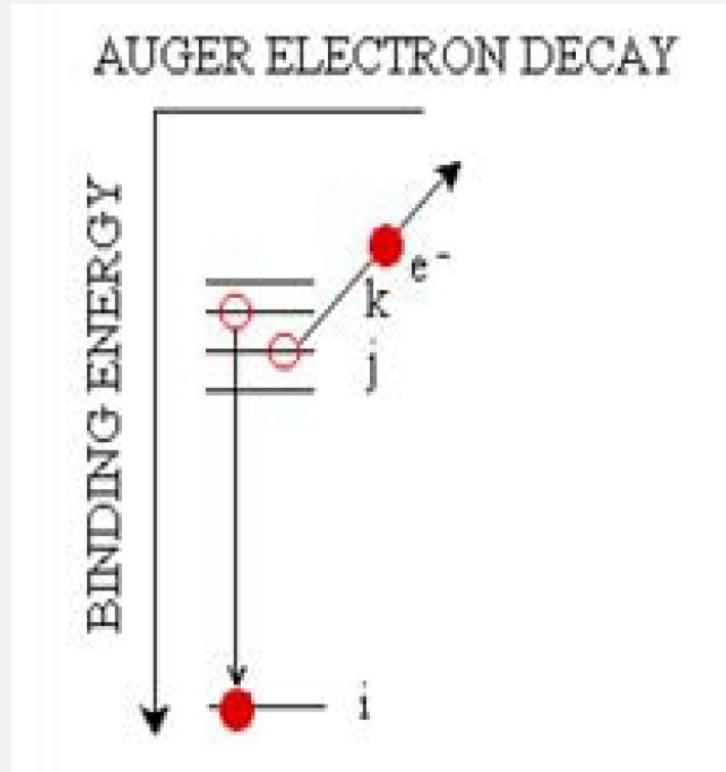
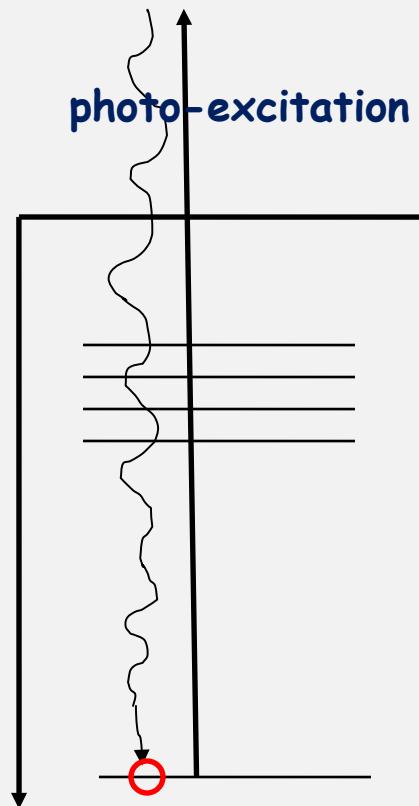


# Photoemission - Core Level Spectroscopy

Wide XPS spectrum of graphite (C)

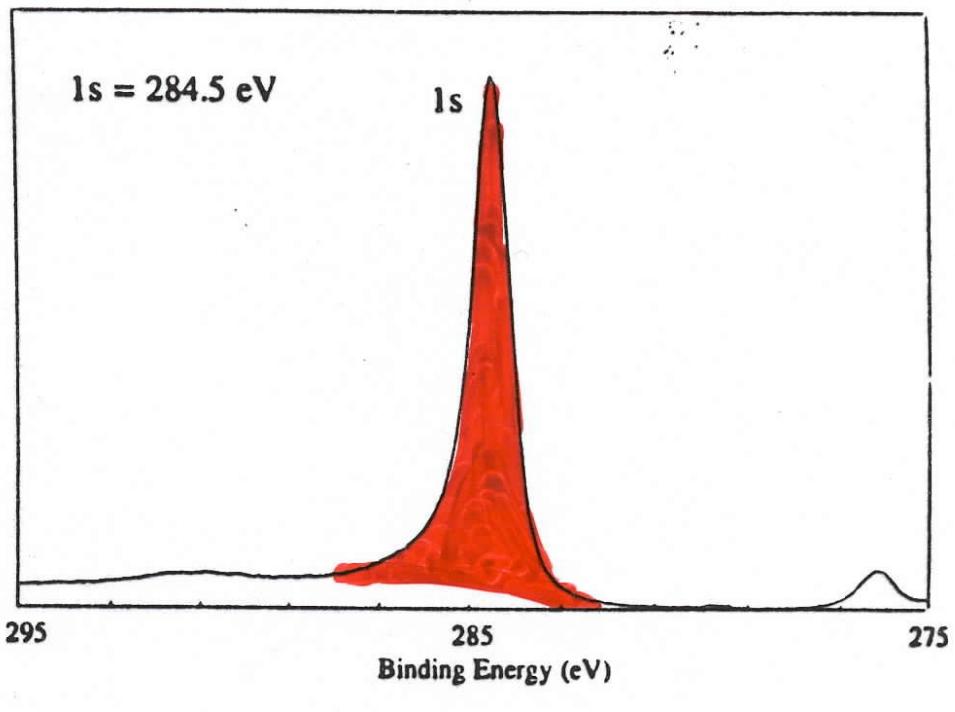


# Core-hole relaxation



# Photoemission Spectroscopy

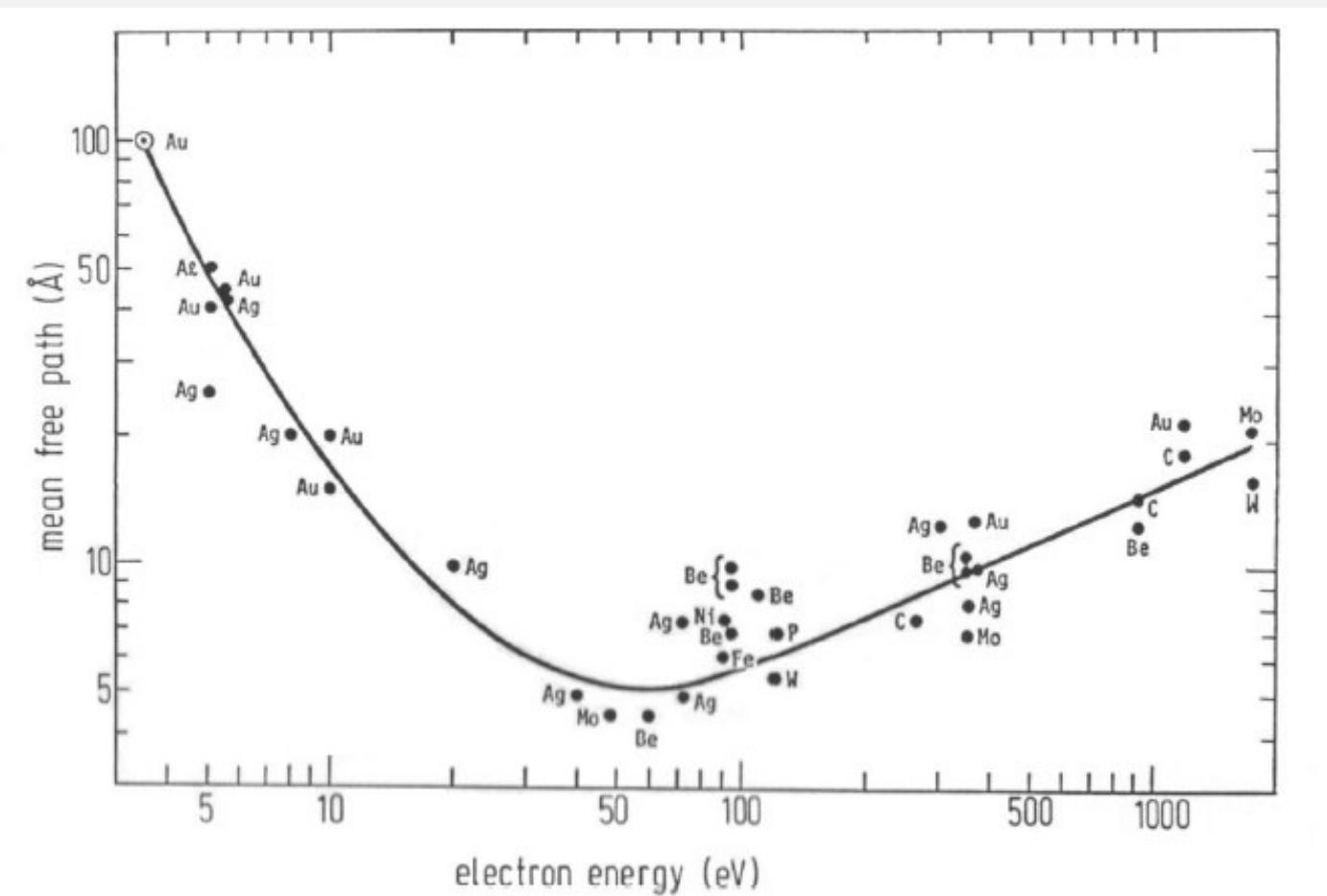
Core level XPS spectrum  
of graphite (C)



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

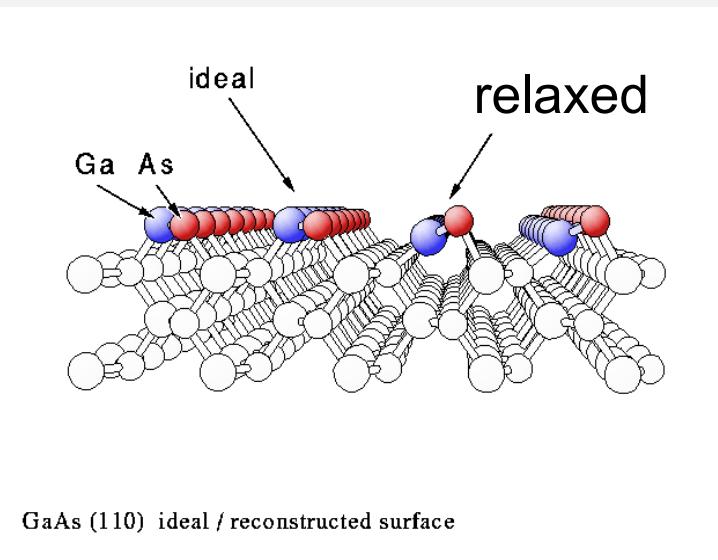
- 1) A specific binding energy which reflects the specific atomic species (C) in a specific chemical environment
- 2) A finite width reflecting the instrumental resolution, lifetime broadening and other many-body effects

# Photoemission Spectroscopy

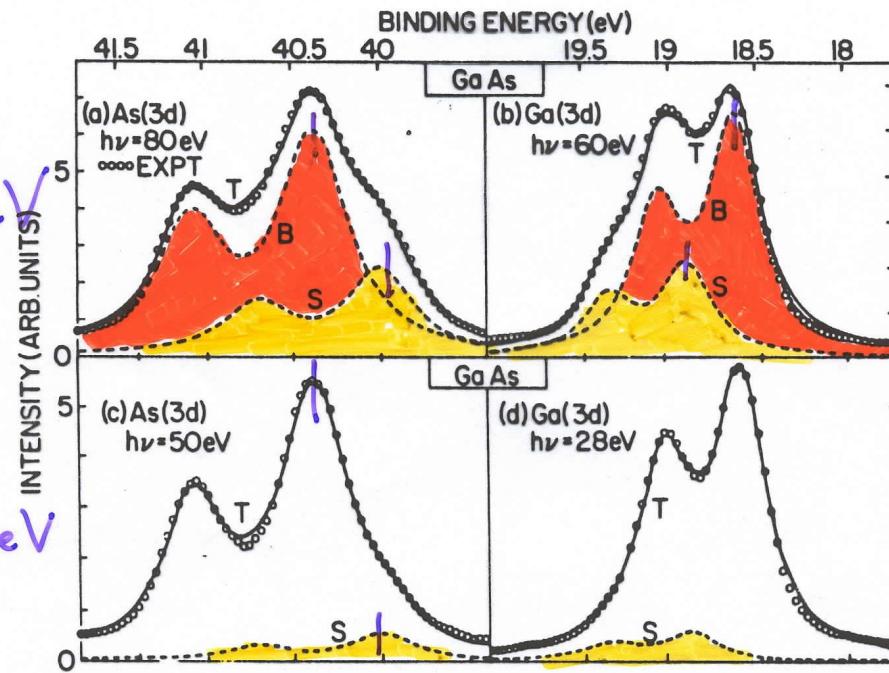
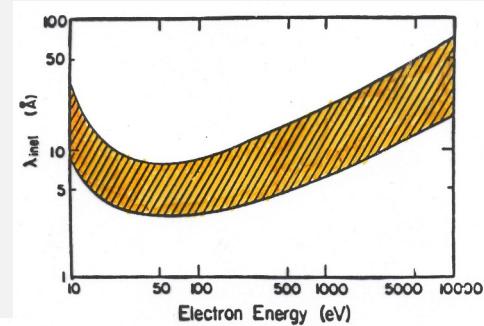


electron mean free path

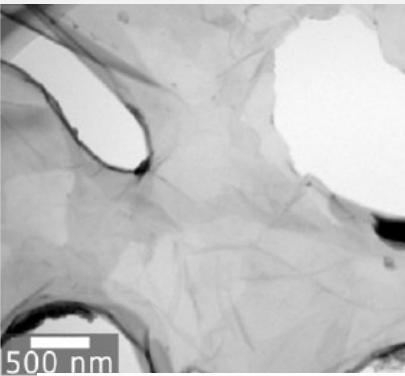
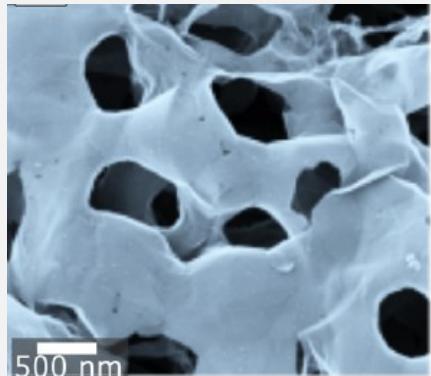
# Photoemission Spectroscopy: Surface Core Level Shifts



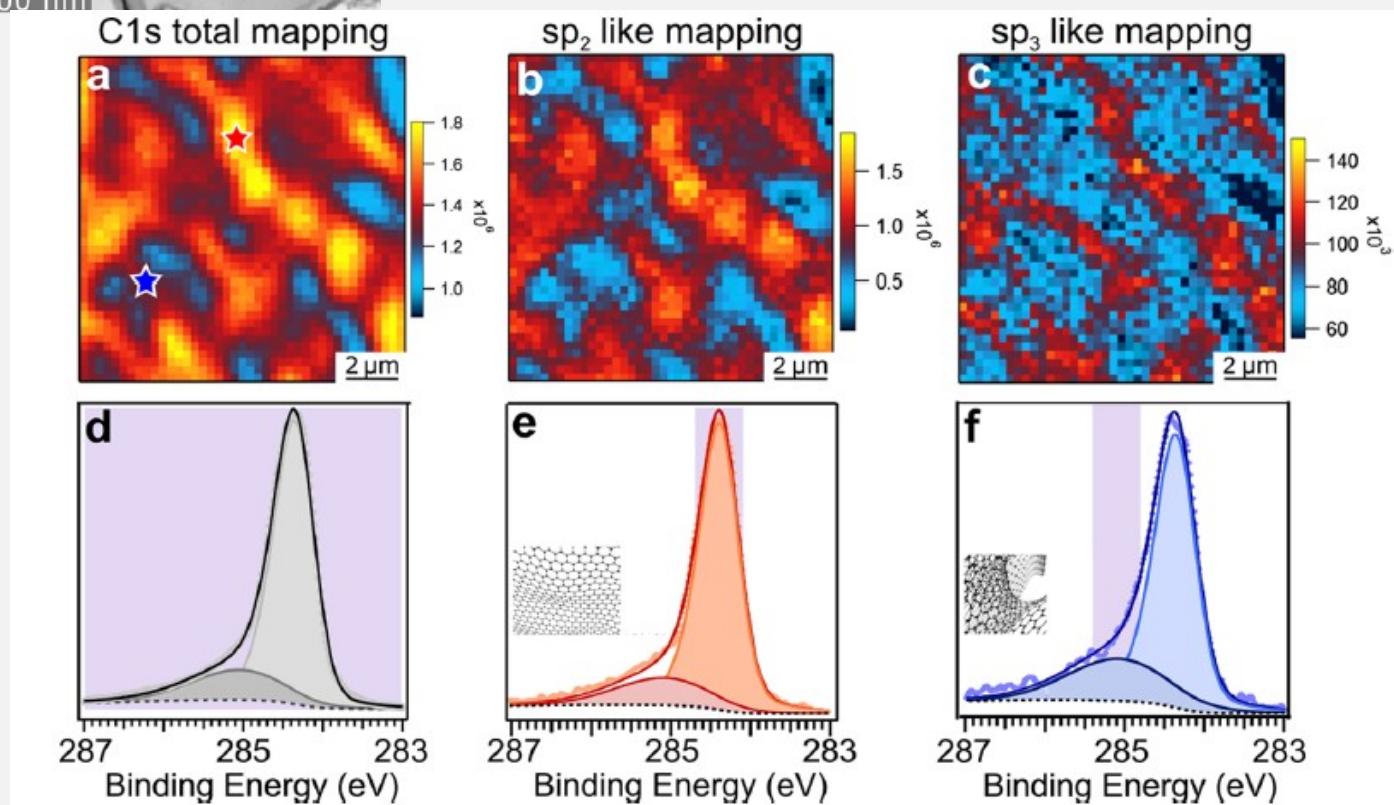
The surface sensitivity is achieved by exploiting IMPF vs.  $h\nu$



# spatially-resolved core-level photoemission C 1s at nano-porous graphene (NPG)



## SR-spectromicroscopy



# Photoemission Spectroscopy

## Semi-Quantitative Analysis

Once the photon flux  $\phi$  is given, the photoelectron current  $I_i$  of the  $(nl)$  orbital of the  $i$ -th atomic species is approximately given by

$$I_i(n) \approx C_i \lambda(E_k) \phi(\hbar\omega) \sigma_{nl}(\hbar\omega) T(E_k)$$

Where

$C_i$  Atomic Concentration of the  $i$ -th species

$\lambda$  Escape Depth

$\sigma_{nl}$  Orbital Cross Section

$T$  Instrumental Efficiency

# Photoemission Spectroscopy

## Semi-Quantitative Analysis

Once the efficiency of detection of an atomic species is calibrated via the sensitivity factors one gets

$$C_i = \frac{S_i}{\sum_i \frac{I_i}{S_i}}$$

Where

$C_i$  Atomic Concentration of the  $i$ -th species

$s_i$  Orbital Sensitivity Factor of the  $i$ -th species

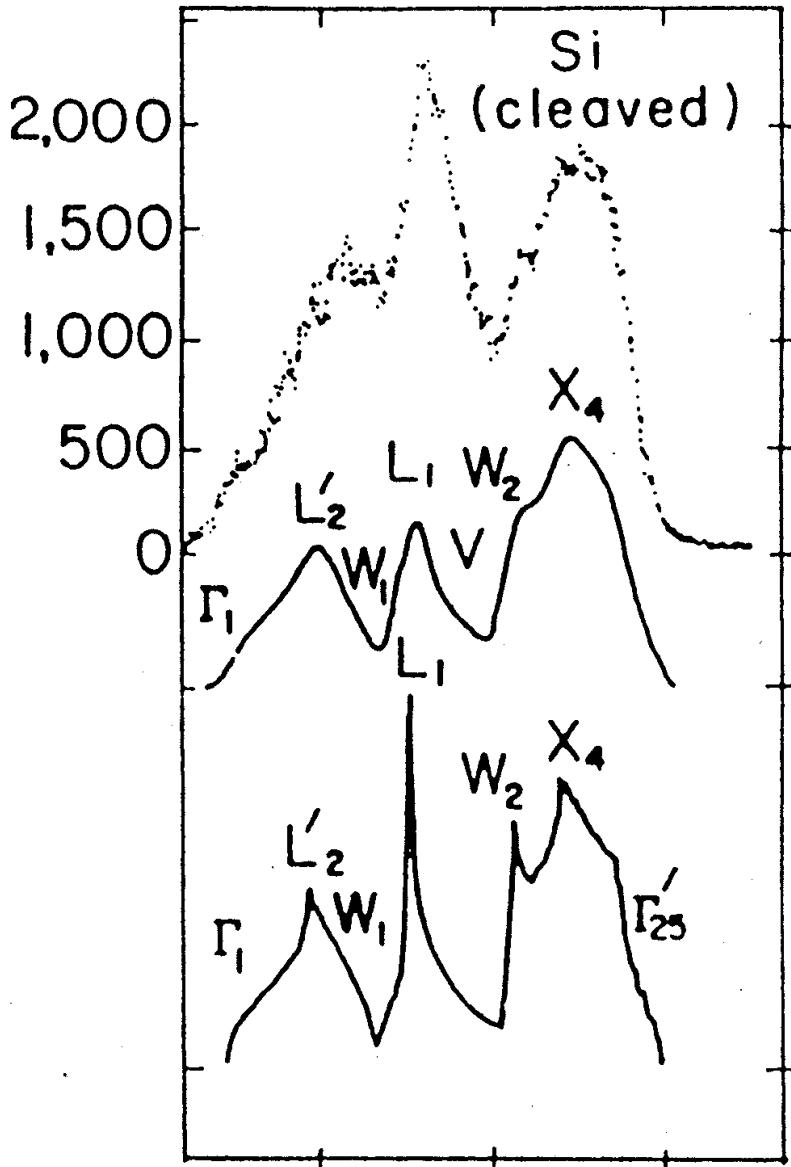
$I_i$  Spectral Intensity Related to the  $i$ -th species

# Photoemission Spectroscopy: Valence Band States

Any valence band spectrum brings altogether contributions related to differing atomic sites and orbital symmetry.

Thereby, one has to properly design *ad hoc* experiments aiming at disentangling the various spectral components.

Cooper Minimum Photoemission and Resonant Photoemission are two examples of such *ad hoc* experiments.



## Photoemission Spectroscopy: Valence Band (VB) Energy Distribution Curve (EDC)

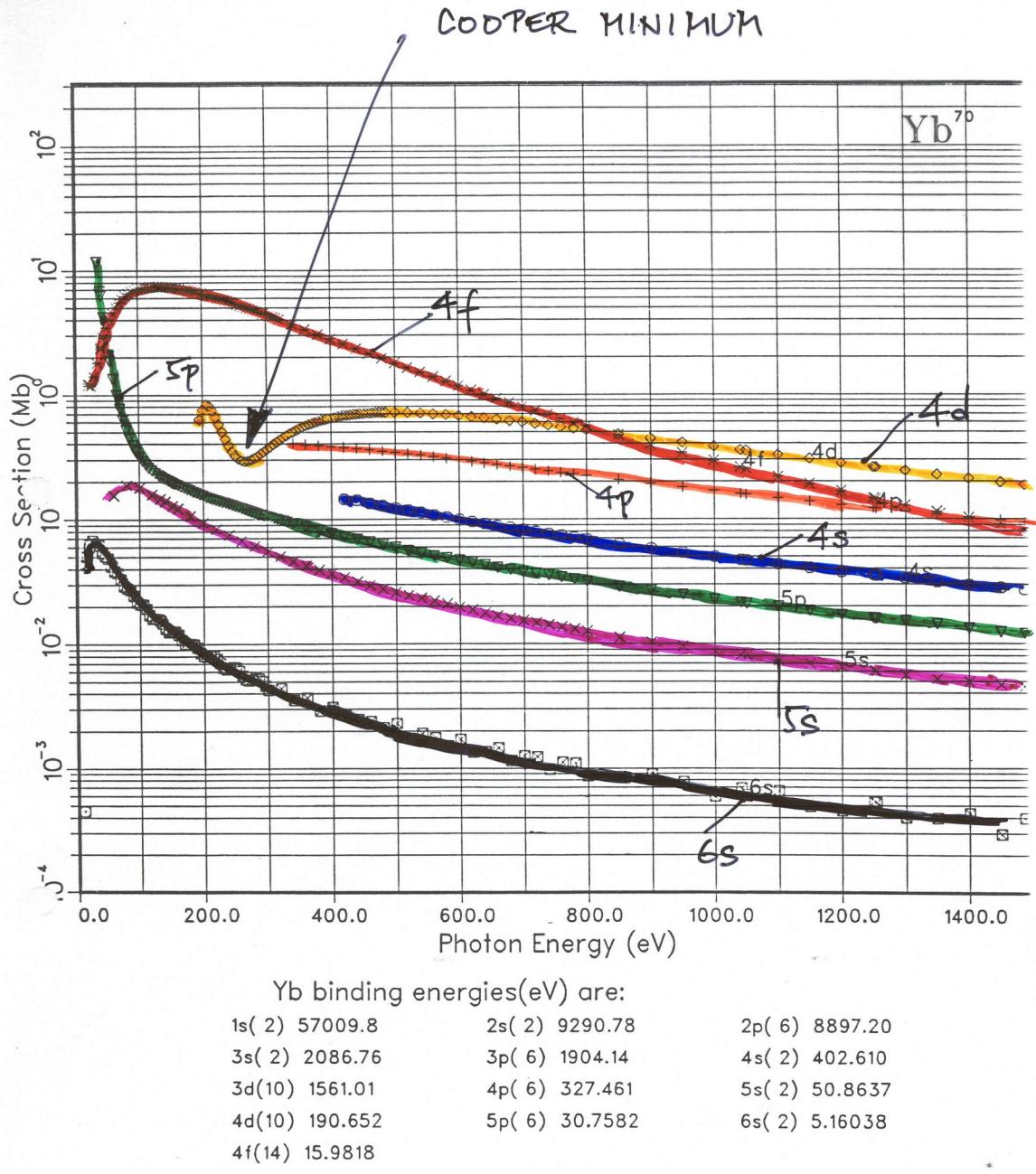
In the X-ray regime the VB spectra are expected to mimic the Density of States (DOS)

Fig. 14. XPS valence spectrum for a silicon single crystal cleaved in vacuum (points), together with a calculated total density of states (bottom curve), and a density of states broadened by the instrumental resolution function. Excitation was with monochromatized AlK $\alpha$ . The spectrum has been corrected for inelastic scattering. The energy locations of state density primarily due to various high-symmetry points in the reduced Brillouin zone are also indicated. (From Ley *et al.*, ref. 192.)

# Photoemission Spectroscopy

Calculated Photoionization Cross Sections for Free Atoms vs. Photon Energy

Yeh and Lindau,  
Atomic Data and  
Nuclear Data Tables  
Volume 32, 1-155  
(1985)

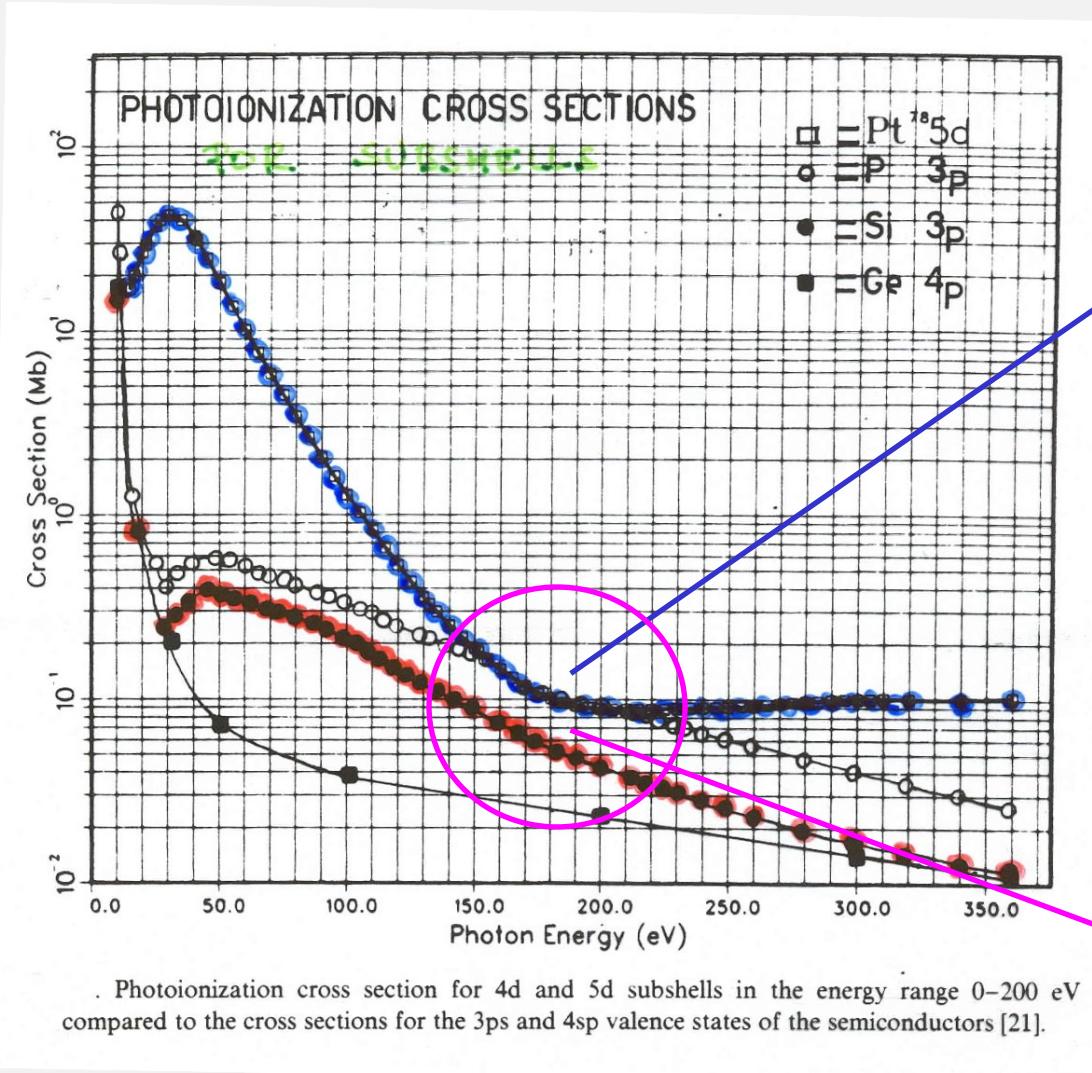


cross section of all elements available at:

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

# Cooper Minimum Photoemission

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



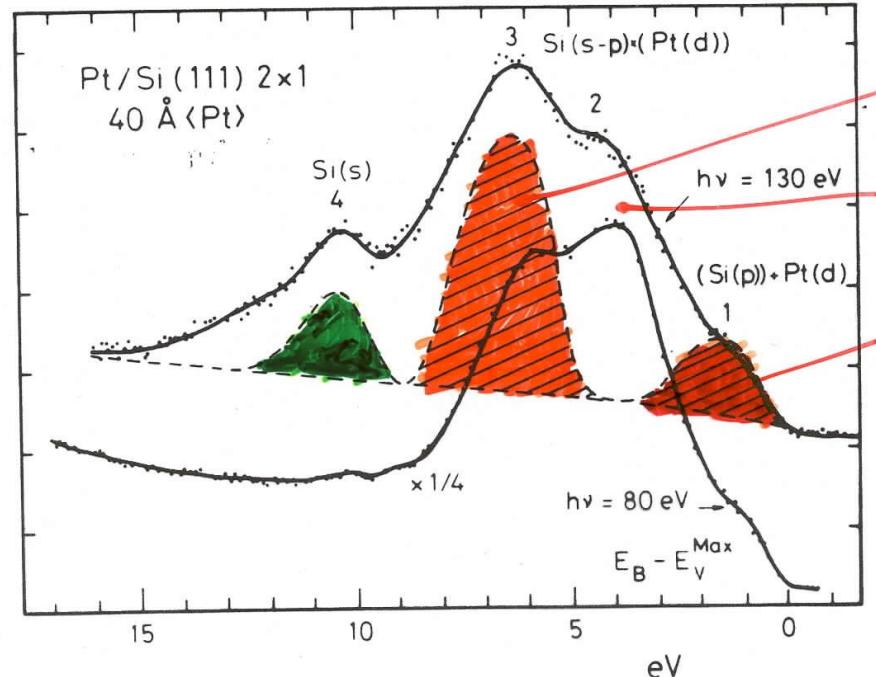
Cooper minimum  
in the Pt 5d  
cross section

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

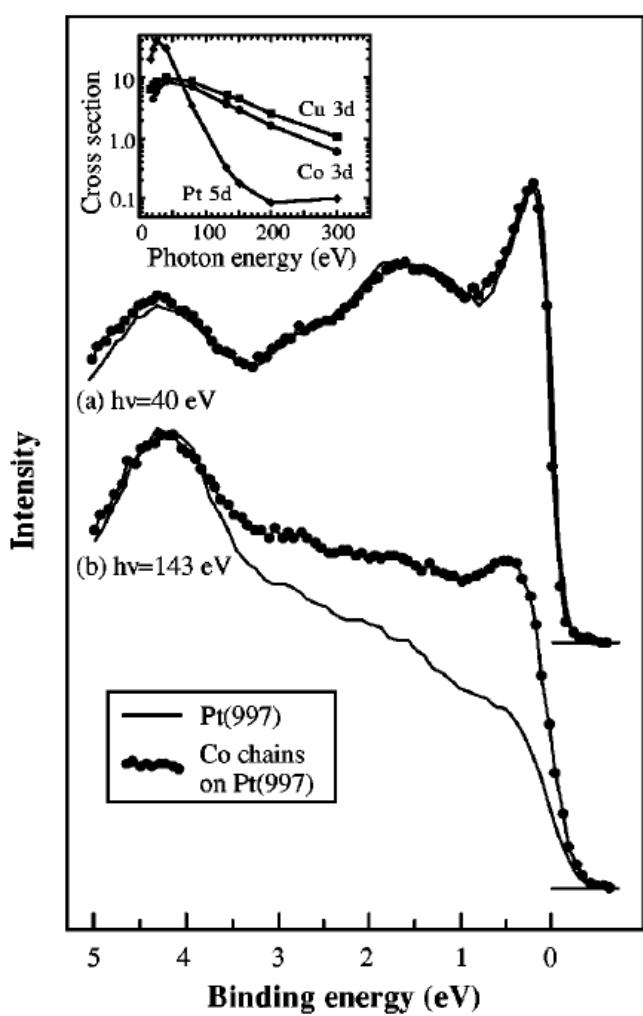
# Cooper Minimum Photoemission

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



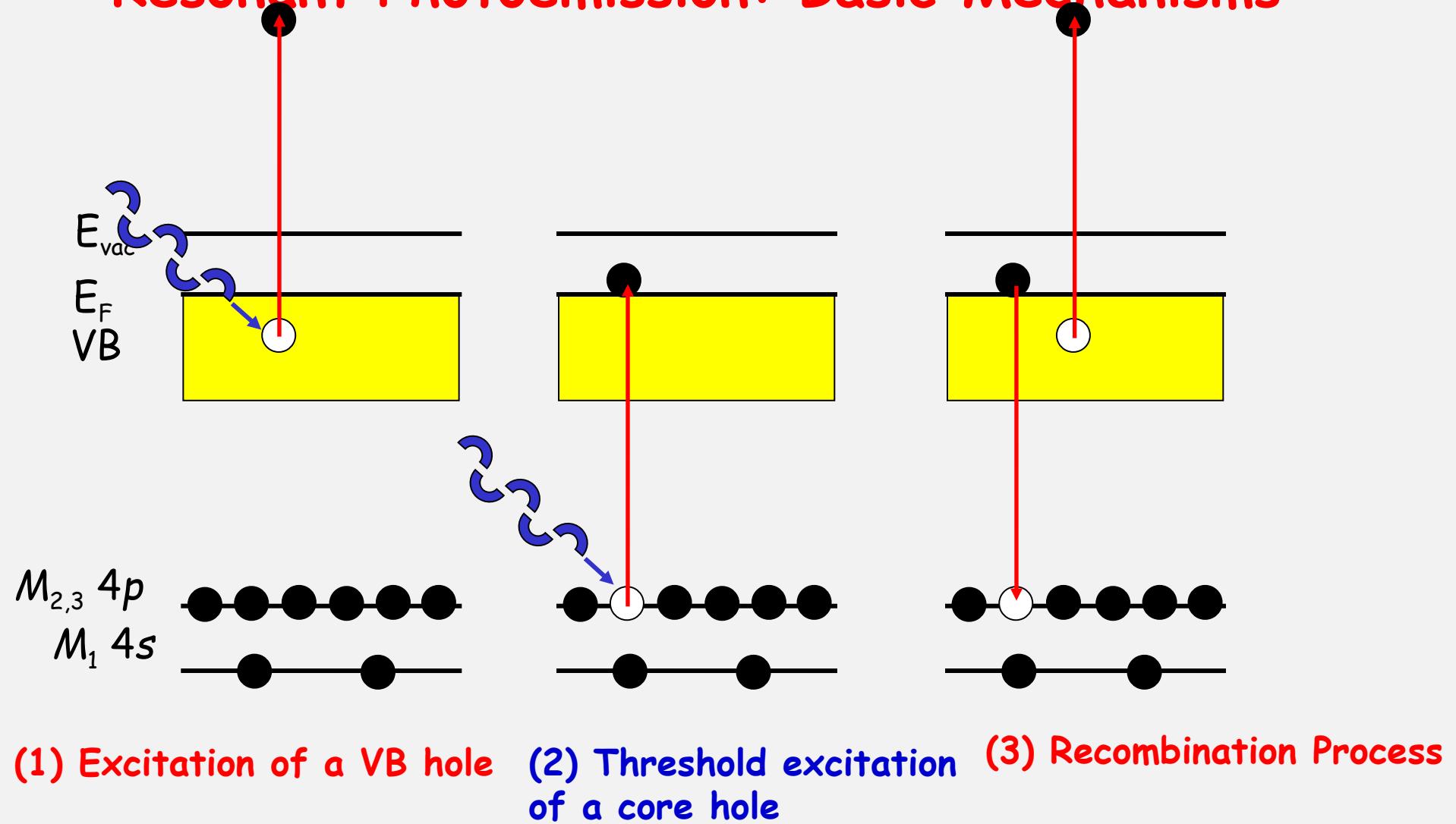
Analysis of the Si sp partial DOS at the Pt-Si(111) reacted interface (40 Å Pt-Si(111) at room temperature). The top panel displays the CM and the  $h\nu = 80 \text{ eV}$  photoemission data, and a three-peak partial DOS that accounts for the Si hybridized 3sp charge at the interface; a gap is present in correspondence to the localized Pt 5d states. The same three-peak partial DOS is then self-convoluted and compared to the integrated Si L<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].

# Cooper Minimum Photoemission



- clean pristine Pt(997) surface (thin line)
- Co nanowires grown on Pt (dots)

# Resonant Photoemission: Basic Mechanisms



(1) Excitation of a VB hole    (2) Threshold excitation of a core hole    (3) Recombination Process

The processes (1) & (3) bring the system from the same initial state to the same final state (one hole in VB and one emitted electron) and thus they quantum mechanically interfere giving rise to the Fano Line Shape

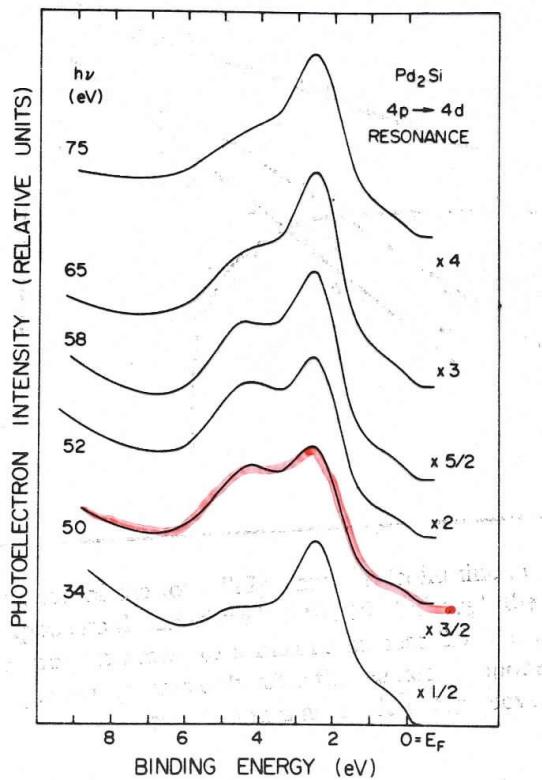
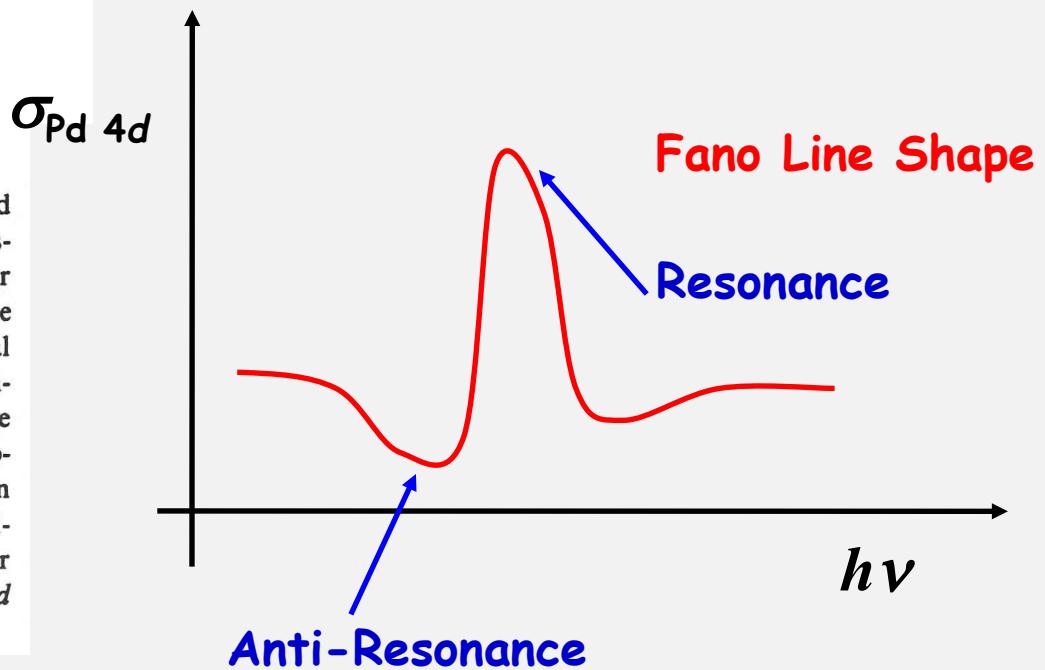


FIG. 4. Representative spectra of the valence-band emission of  $\text{Pd}_2\text{Si}$  for photon energy near the  $4p \rightarrow 4d$  resonance. The spectra were normalized for monochromator output (Ref. 29) and are given in relative units. The modulation of the relative intensity of the experimental features reflects the suppression of the  $4d$  character at antiresonance, where the Si-derived states are more visible ( $h\nu \sim 50$  eV), and the following reenhancement at resonance (see Fig. 3). Resonant photoemission represents an important tool for analyzing the different orbital contributions to the valence states and, unlike the Cooper minimum technique, can in principle be applied to all  $d$  systems.

## Resonant Photoemission

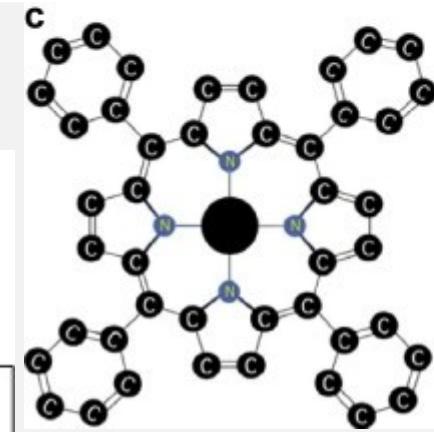
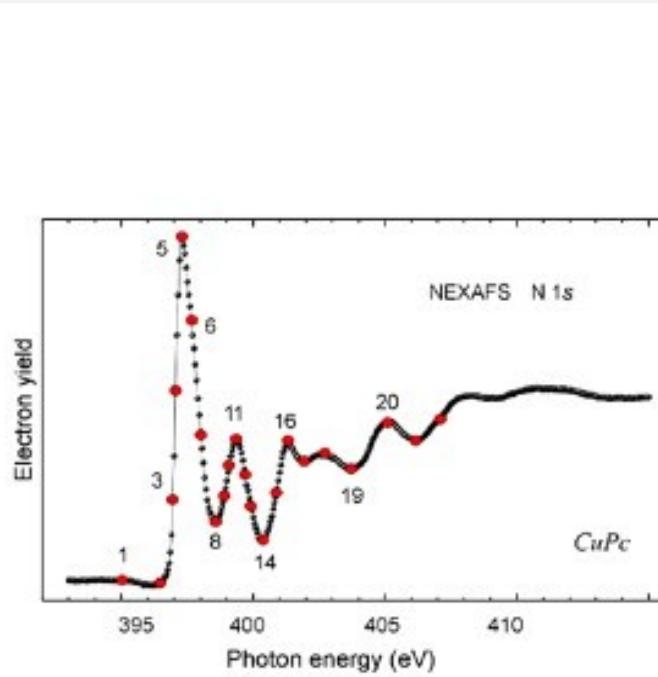
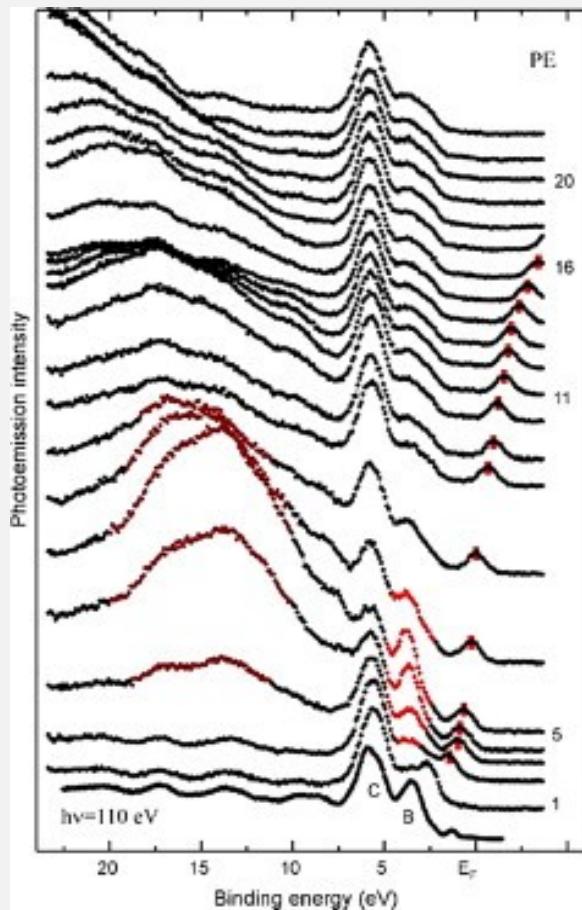
Valence band photoemission spectra are taken at selected photon energies while crossing a core level threshold

Example:  $\text{Pd } 4p \dashrightarrow \text{Pd } 4d$



# Resonant Photoemission

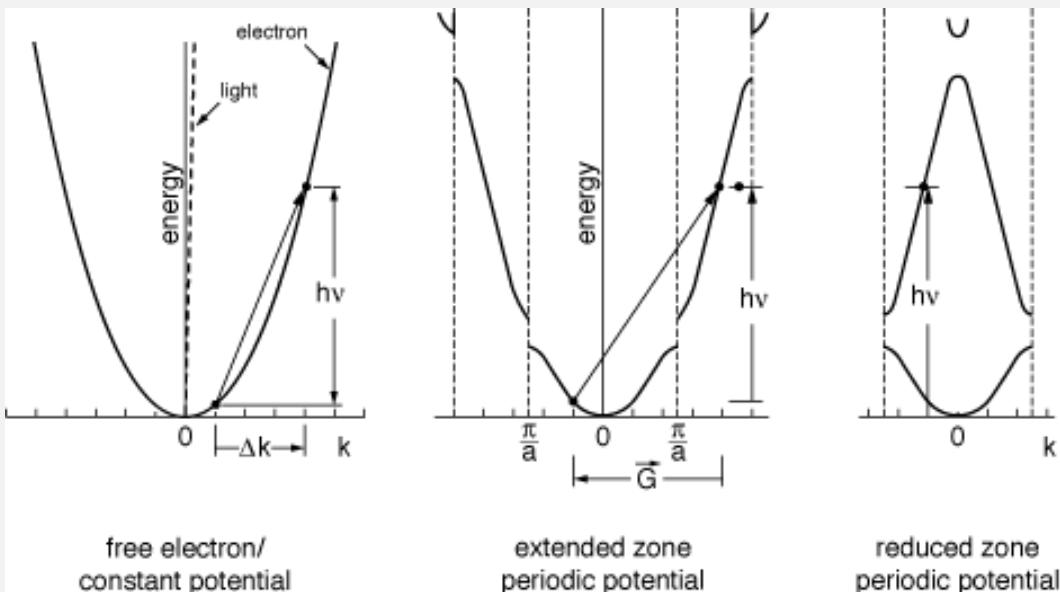
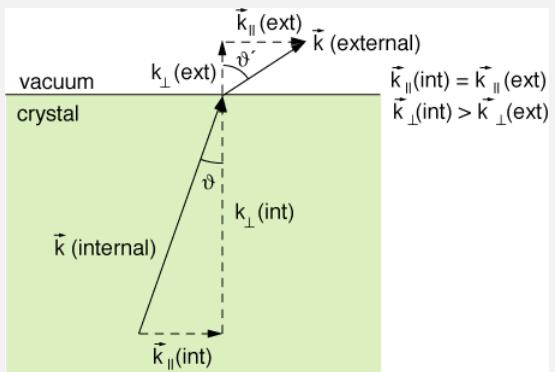
Valence band photoemission spectra are taken at selected photon energies while crossing a core level threshold  
Example: metal-phthalocyanine



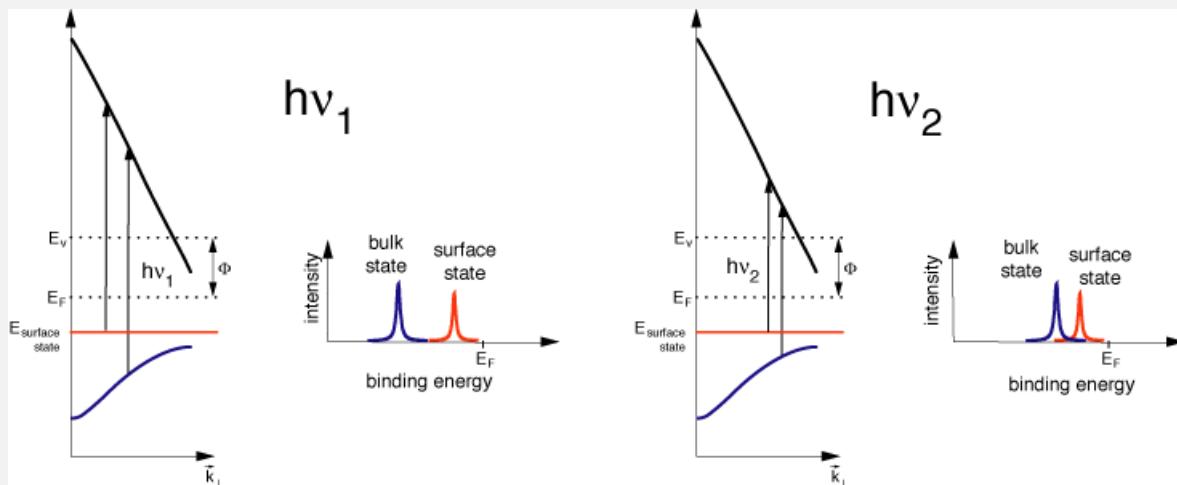
# angular resolved photoemission

C. Mariani

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



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



# angular resolved photoemission

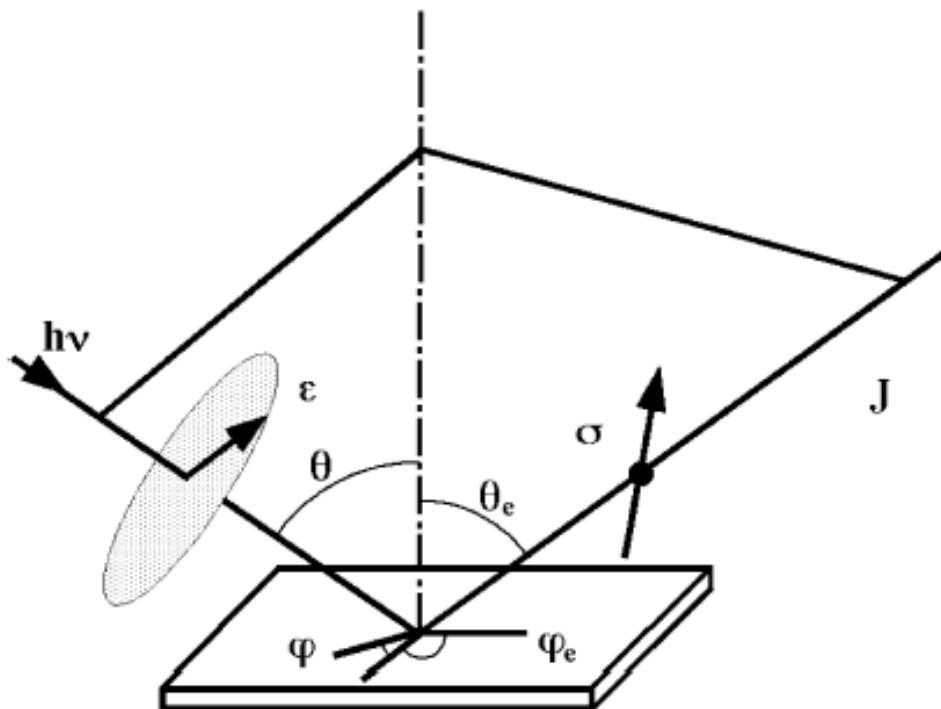
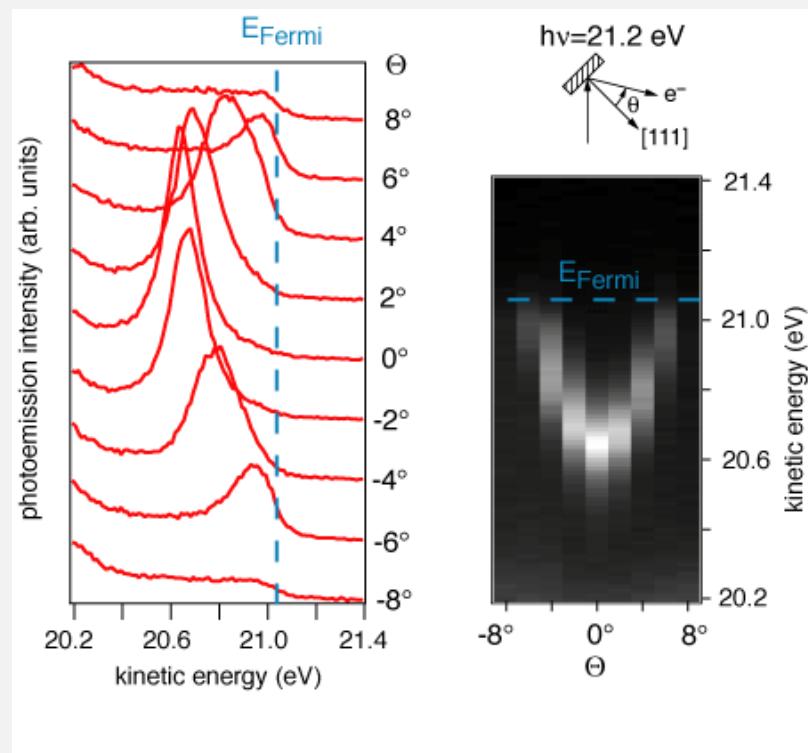
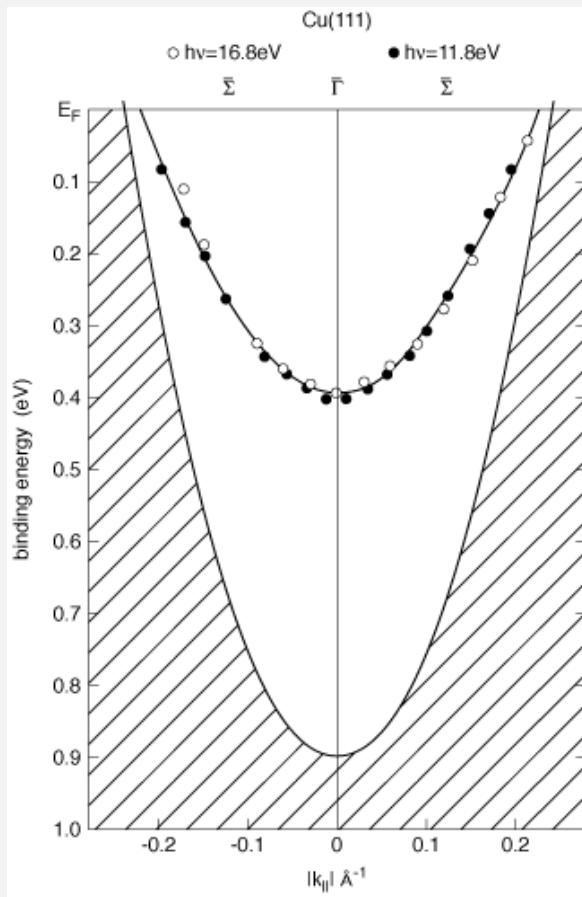


Figure 1: Schematic diagram of the photocurrent  $J$  and of all the variables.

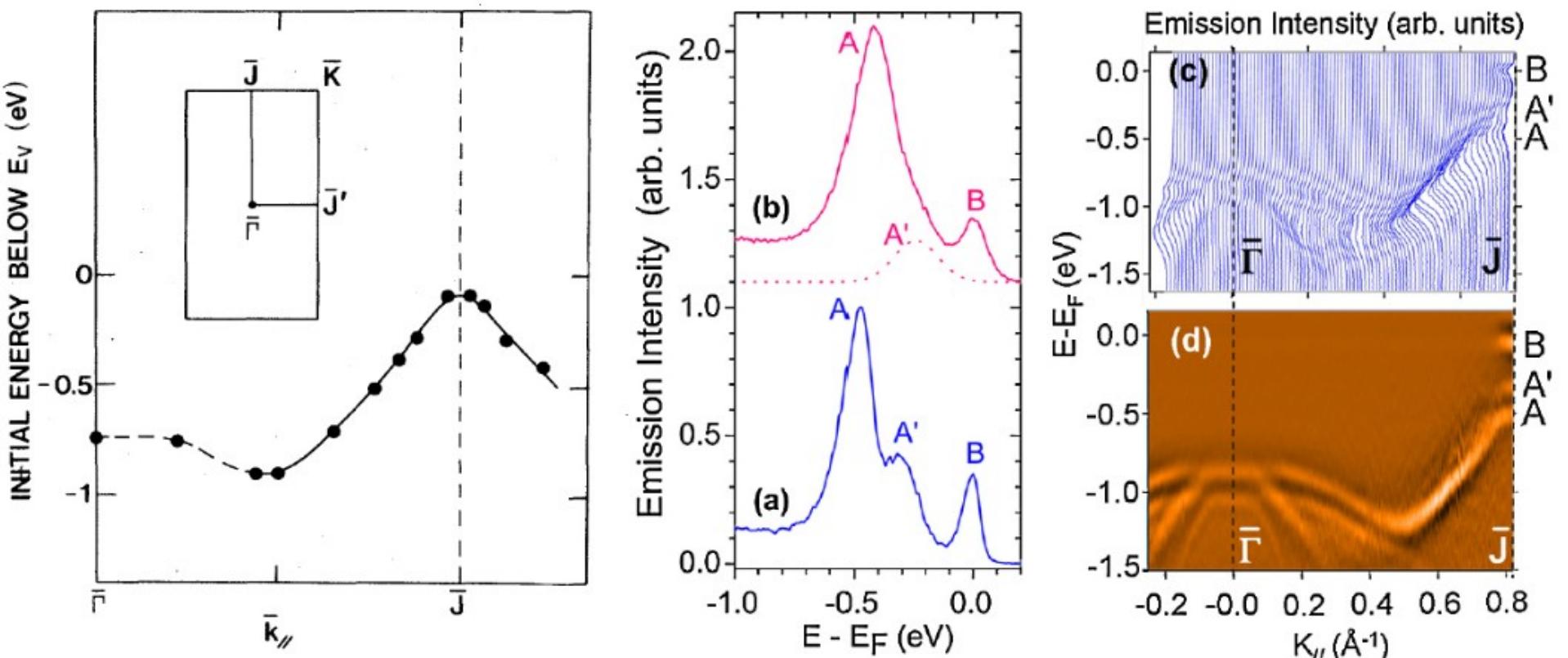
# electronic surface states at Cu(111)



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

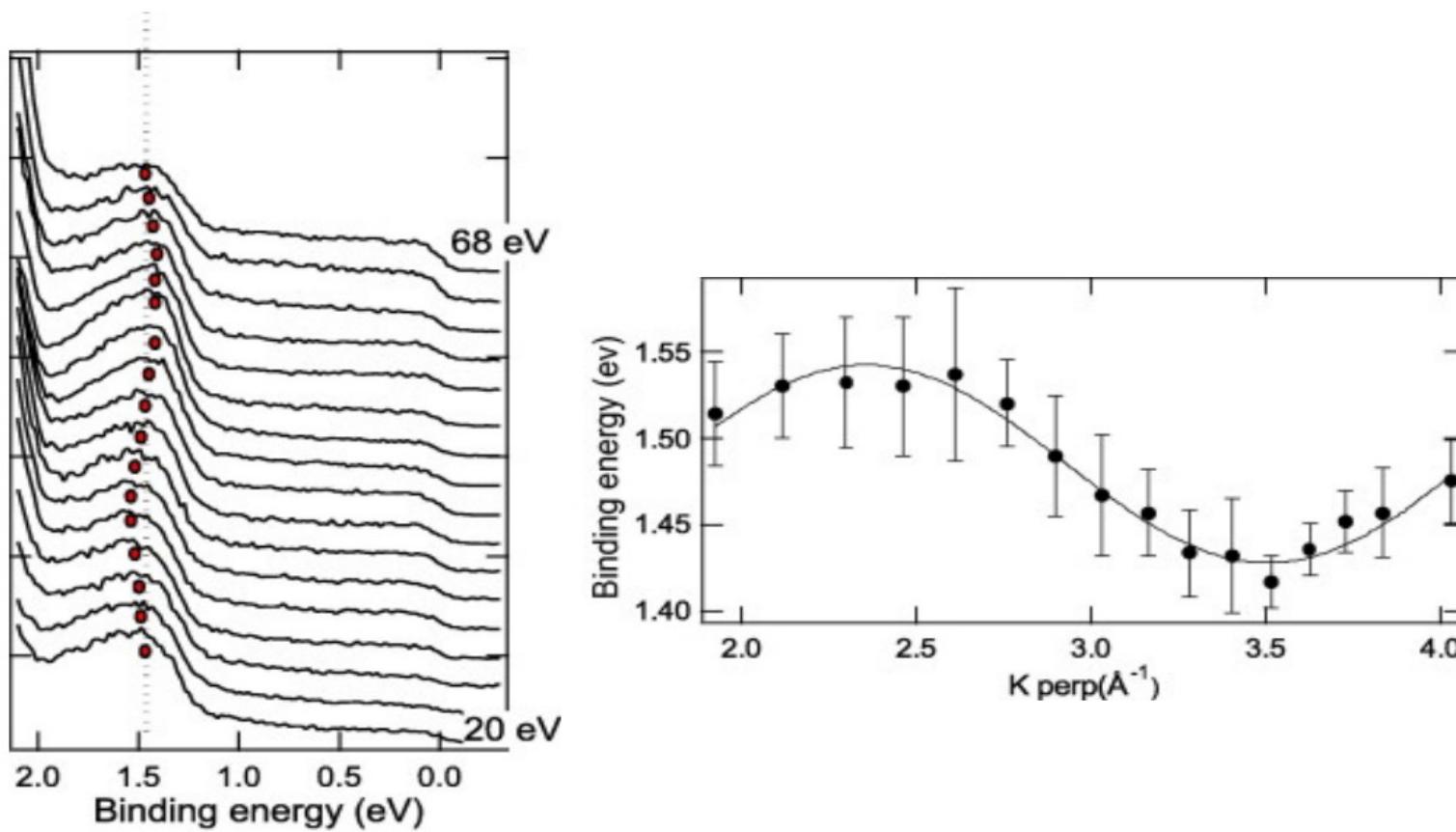
S.D. Kevan, Phys. Rev. Lett. 50, 526 (1983).

# dangling-bond surface state at Si(111)-(2x1)



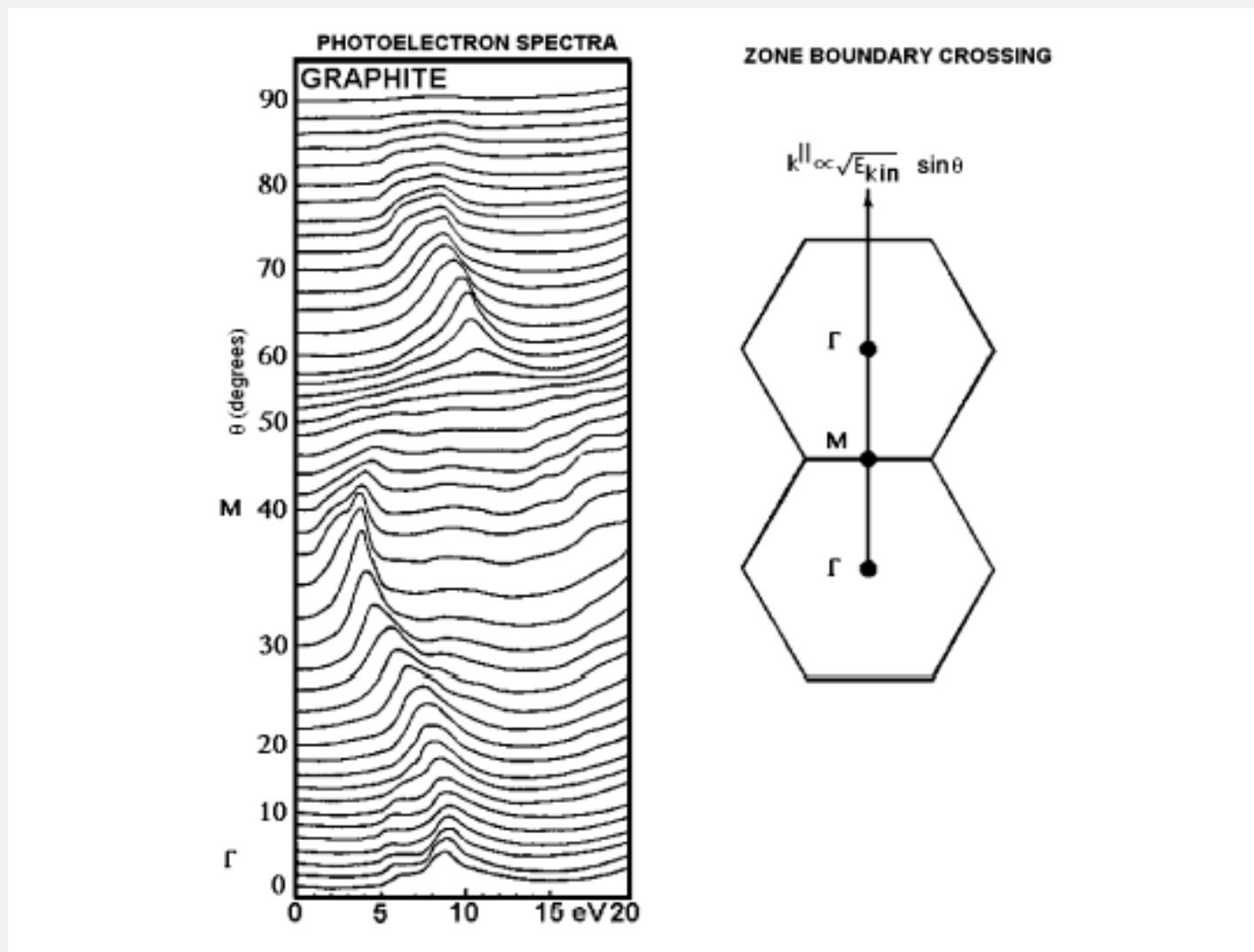
Dangling-bond surface state dispersion at the Si(111)-(2x1) reconstructed surface along the  $\Gamma\bar{J}$  direction of the Surface Brillouin Zone (SBZ). One of the first experimental ARPES dangling-bond dispersion (left panel); recent high-resolution ARPES dangling-bond dispersion.

# pentacene ordered layer on Cu(119)

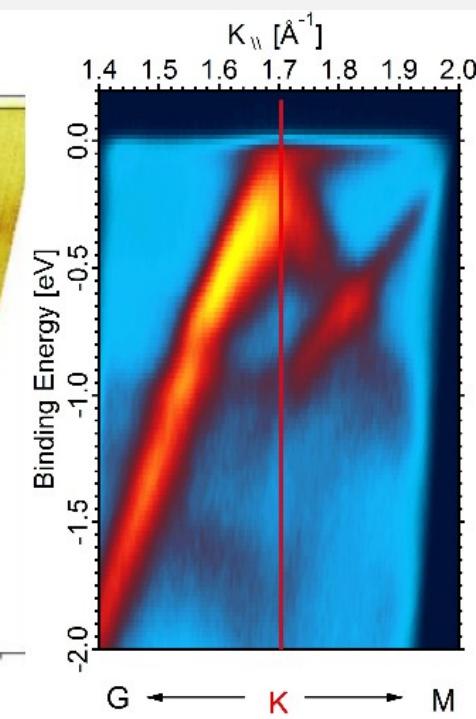
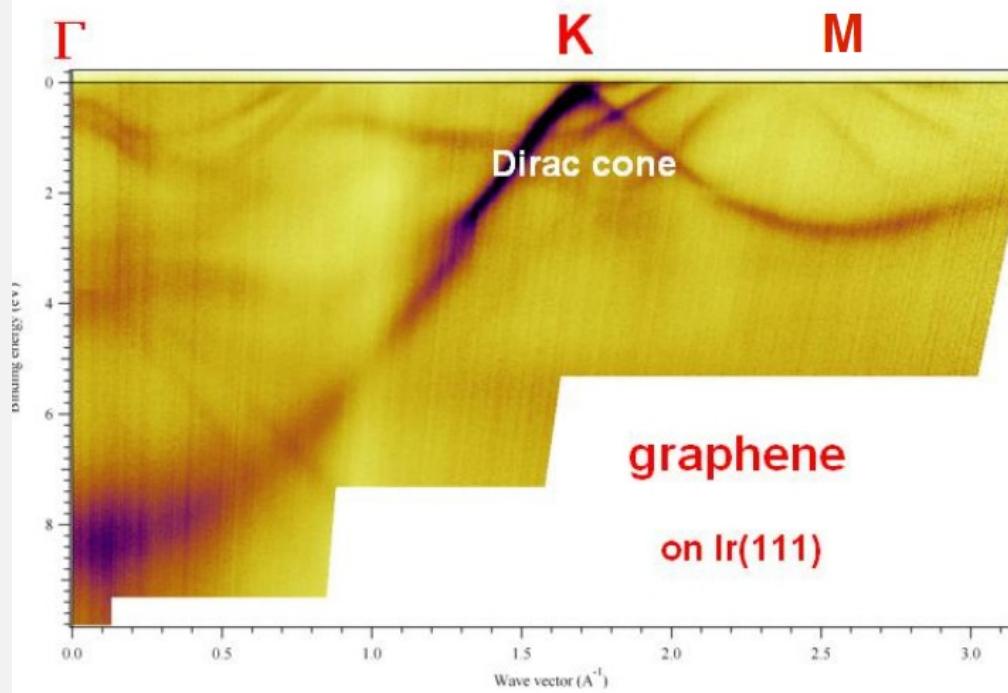
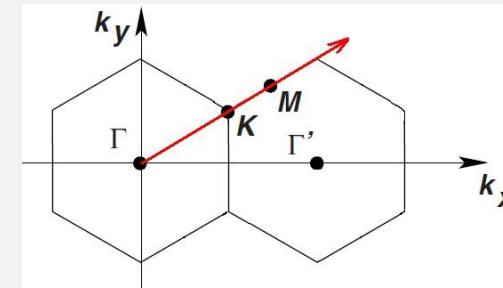
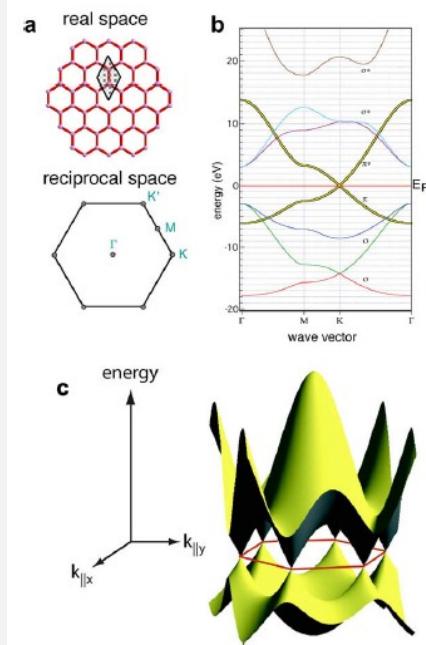


2-nm thick pentacene film grown on Cu(119). ARPES selection of spectra taken at normal emission and varying the photon energy (left); highest-occupied molecular-orbital (HOMO) band dispersion along  $k_{\perp}$

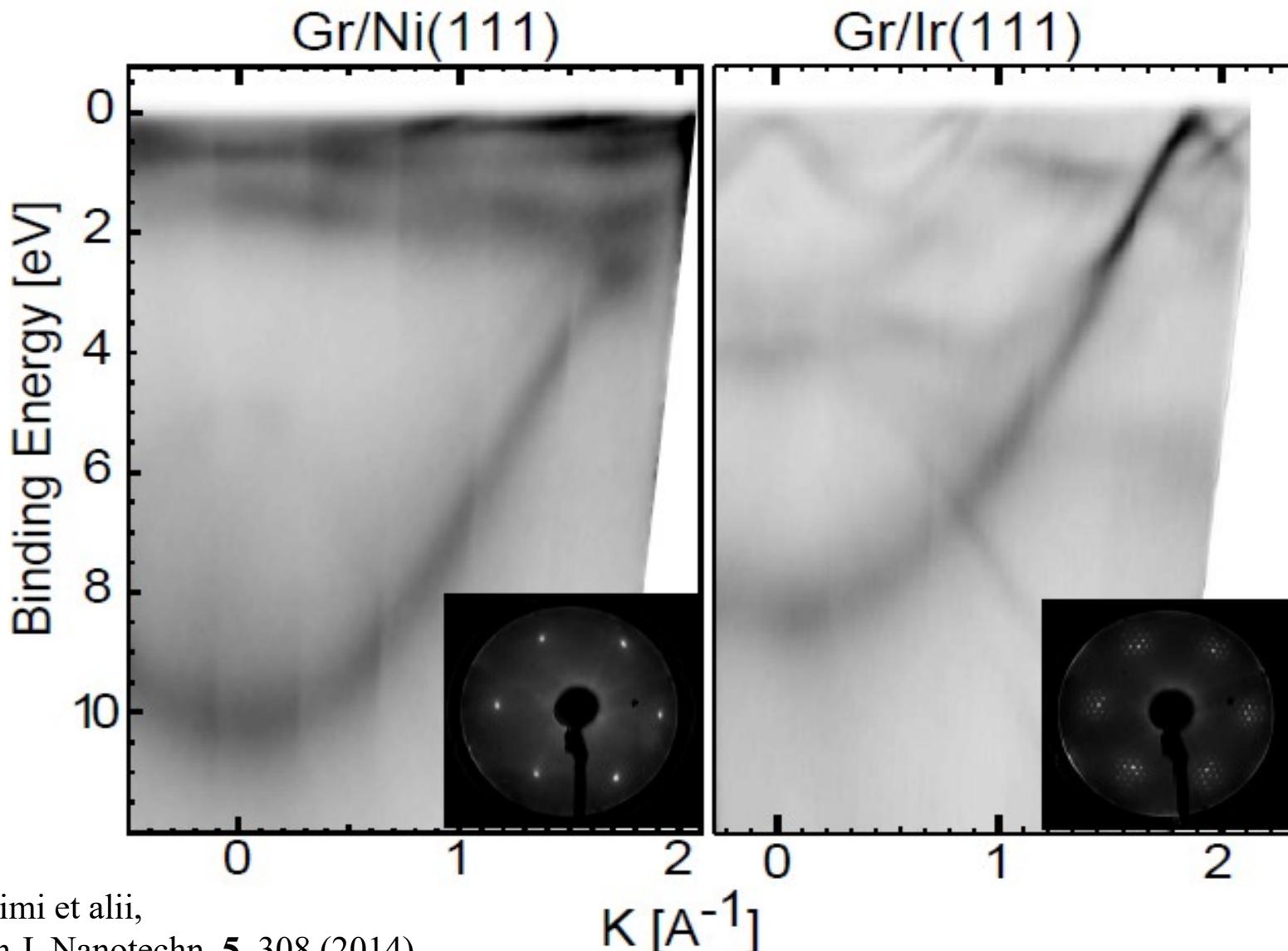
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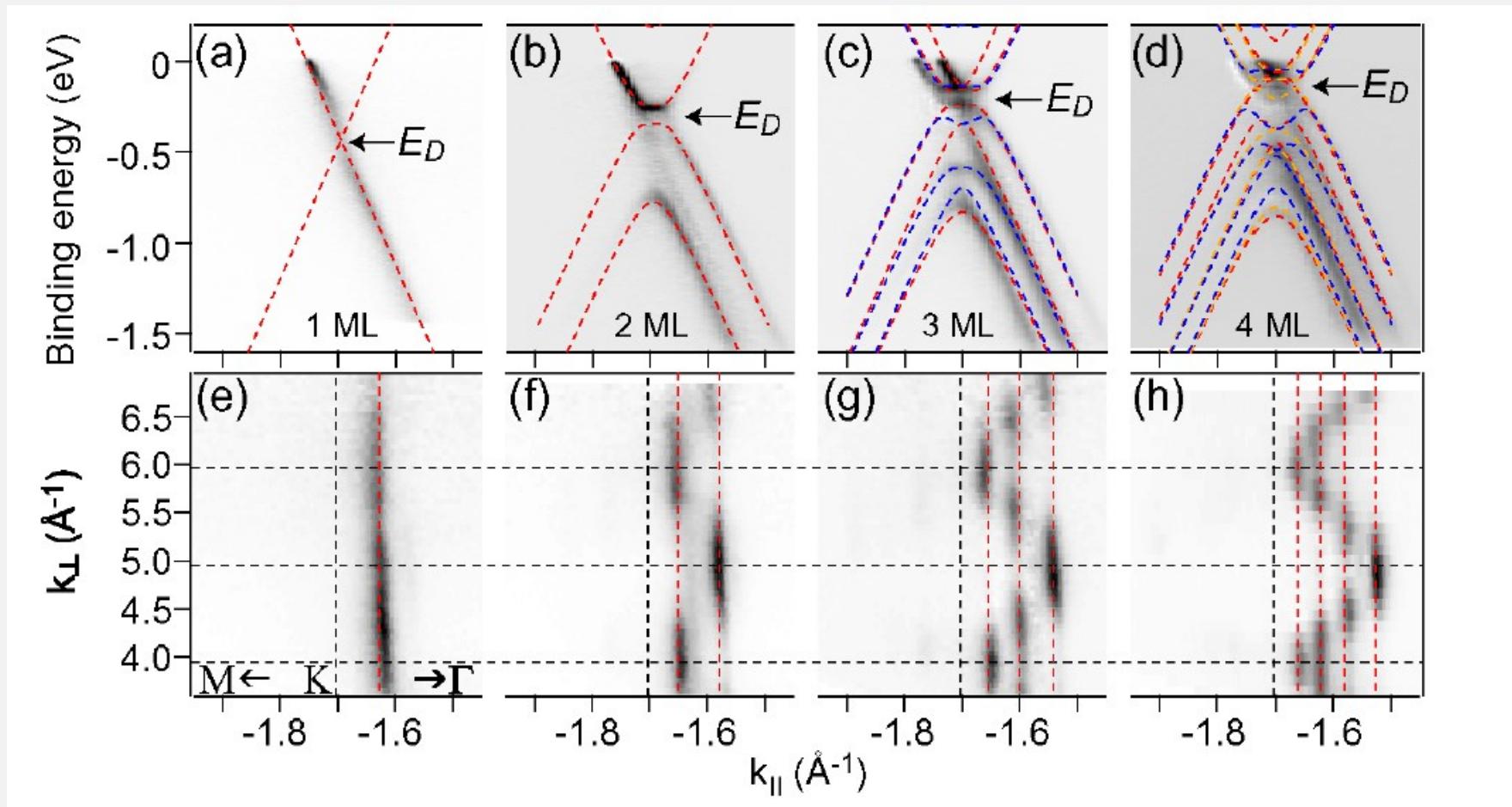
# angular resolved photoemission: graphene



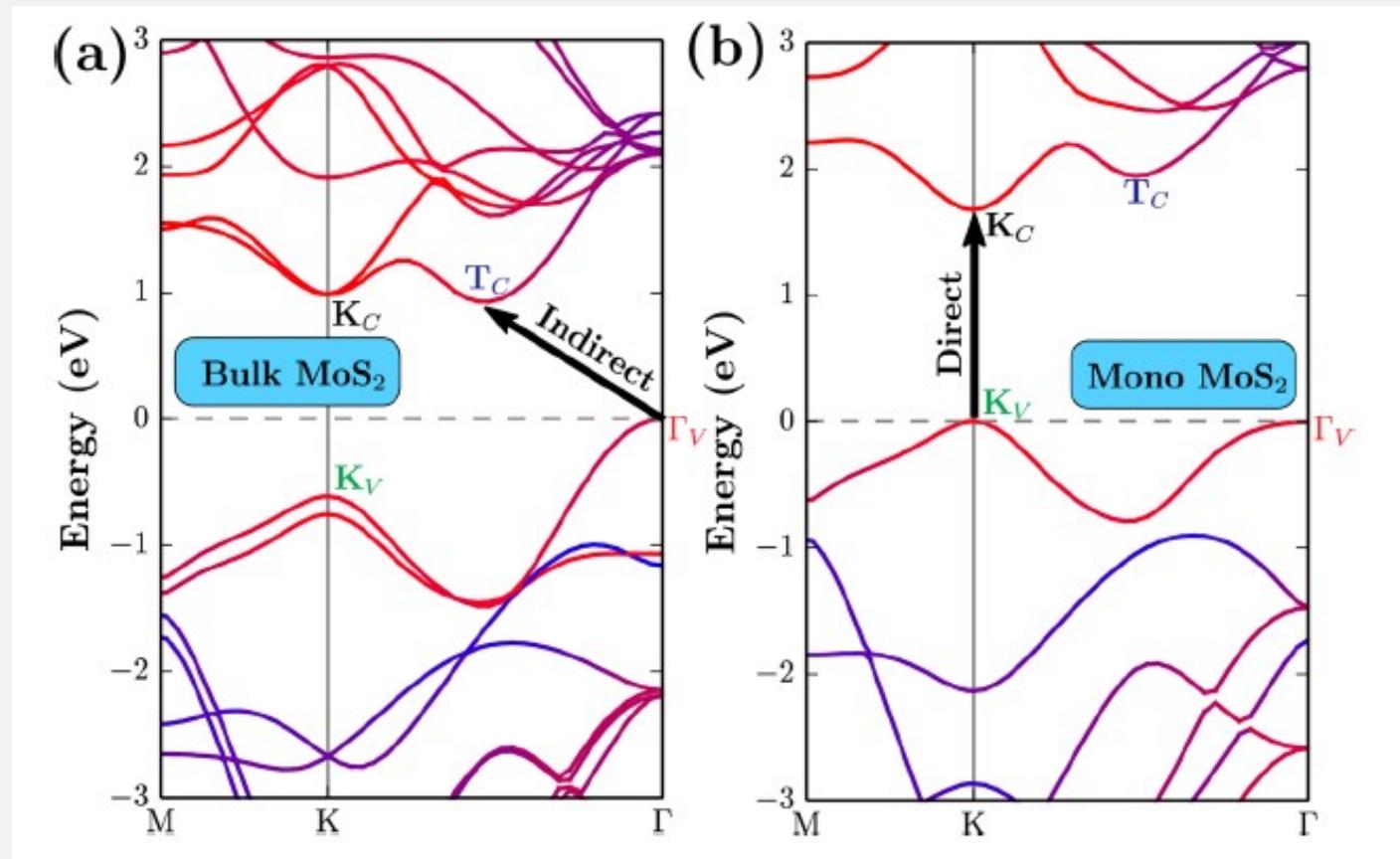
# Graphene on metal surfaces: interaction strength



# angular resolved photoemission: graphene how to build-up a 1D electronic band



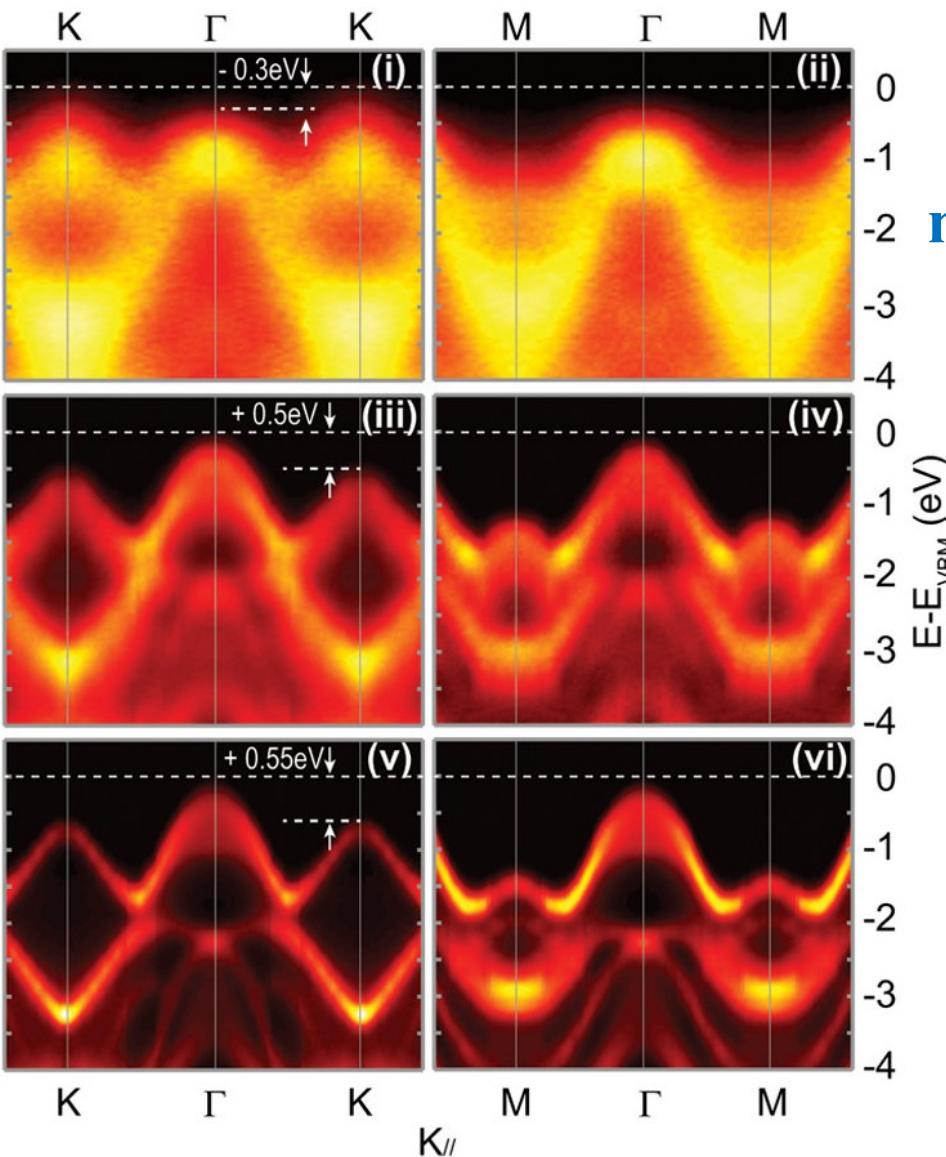
# *transition metal dichalcogenides*



bulk  $\text{MoS}_2$  at  
 $\Lambda_{\min}$

mono-layer  $\text{MoS}_2$  at  
 $\Lambda_{\min}$

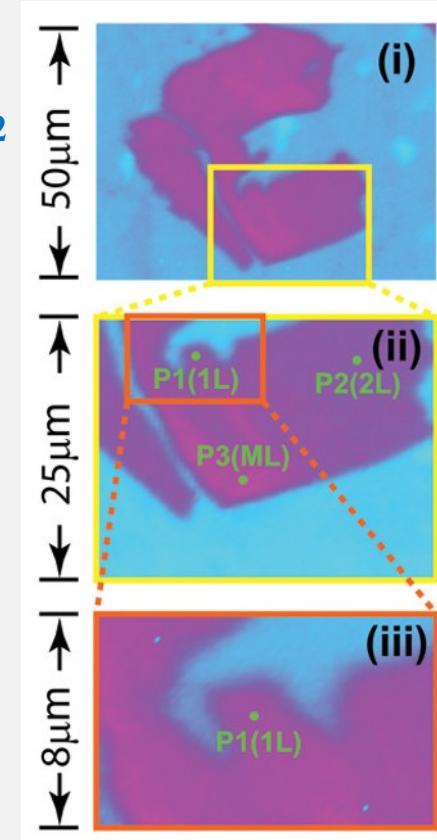
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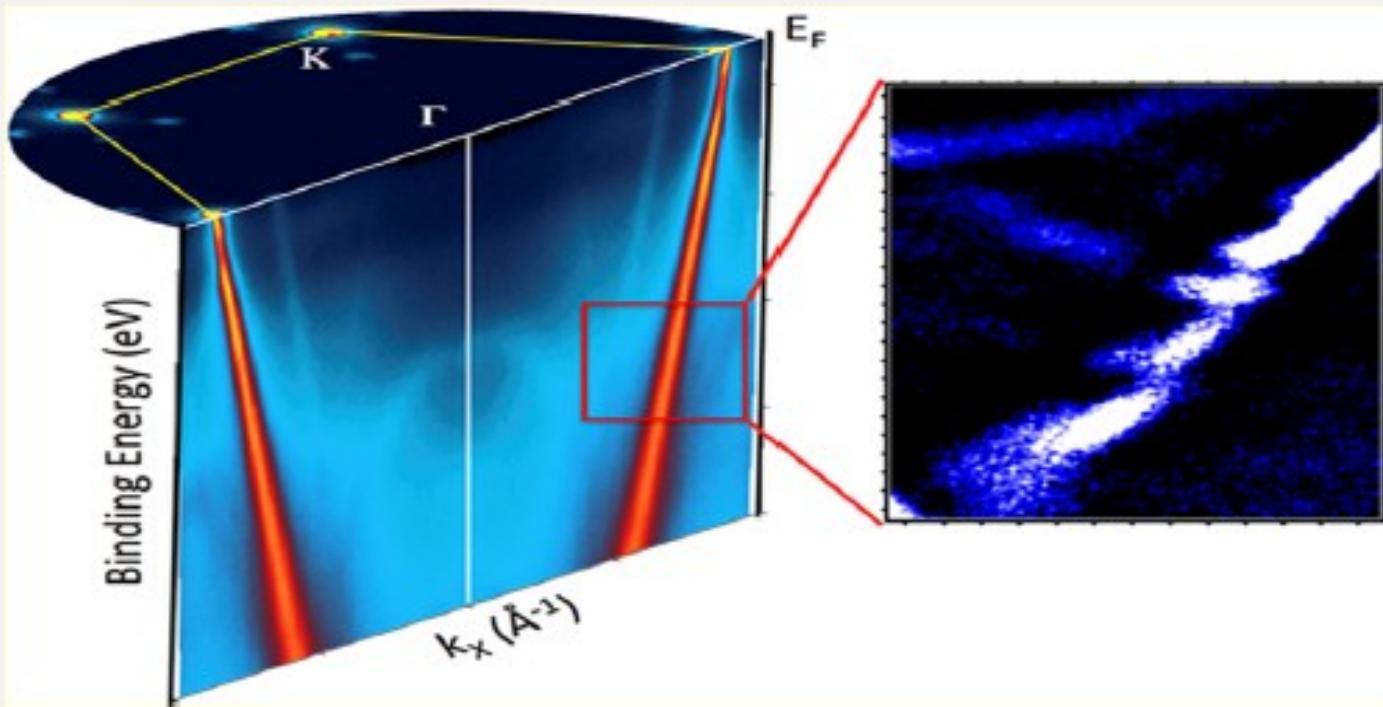
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tri-layer  $\text{MoS}_2$



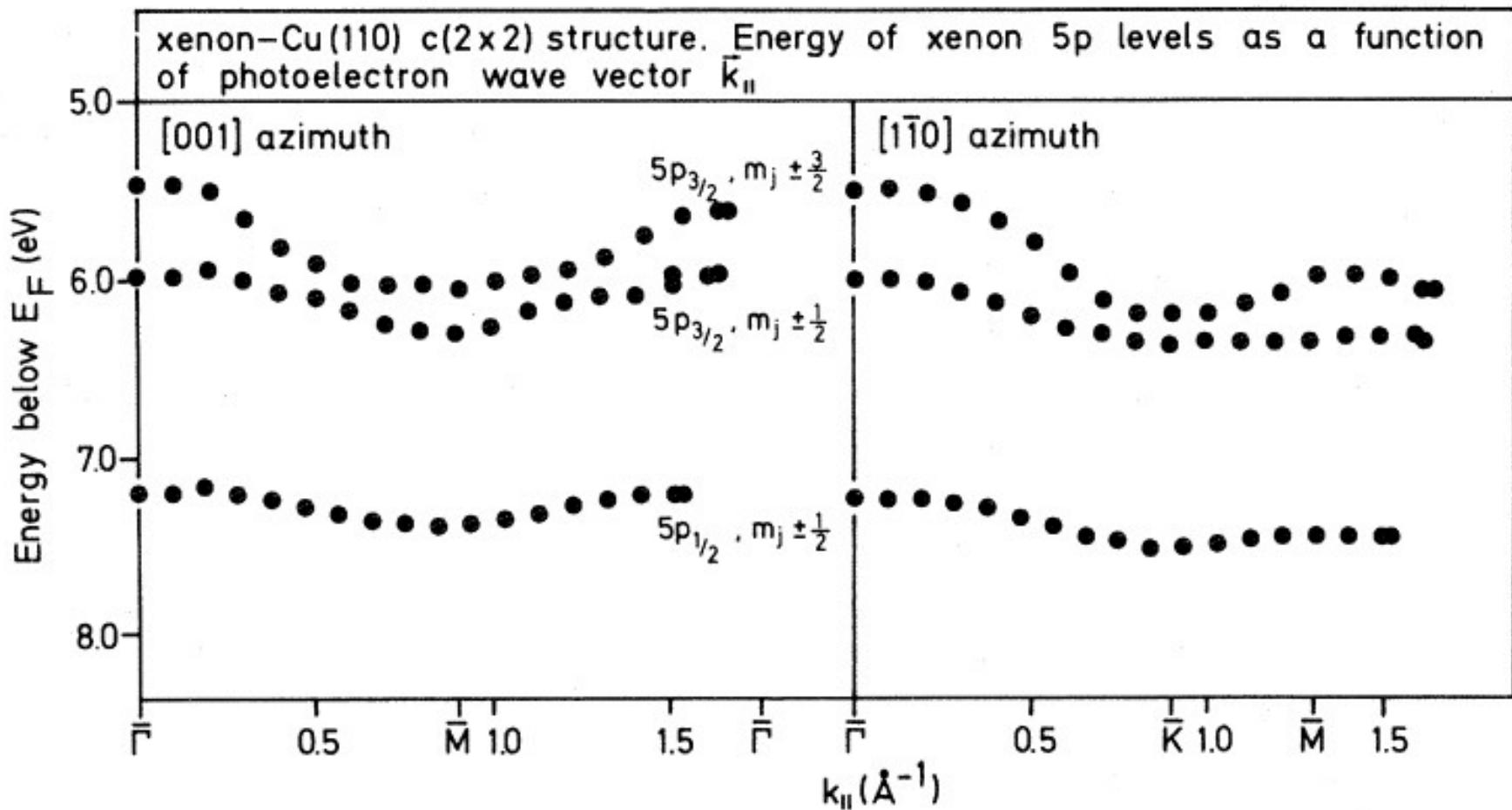
# 3D Fermi surface



mono-layer MoS<sub>2</sub> / graphene

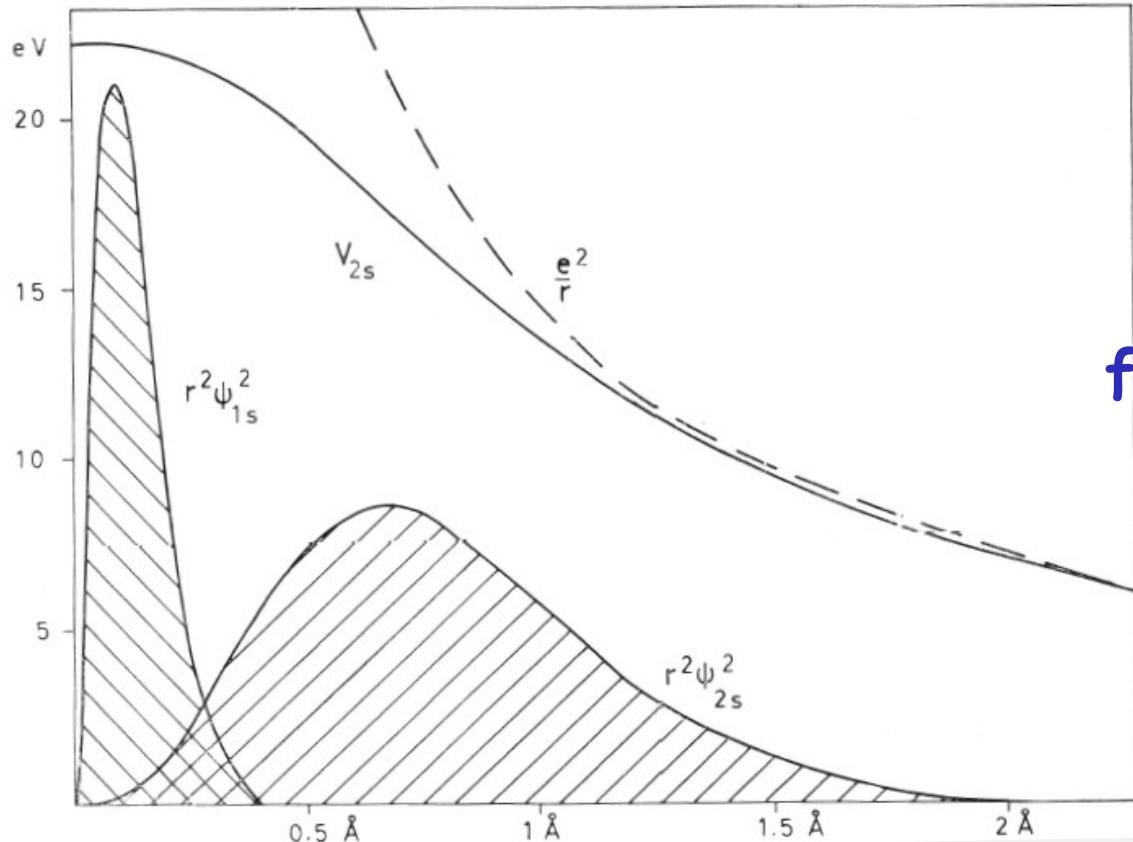
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# do core-levels present energy dispersion? the (2x2)-structure of physisorbed Xe on Cu(110)



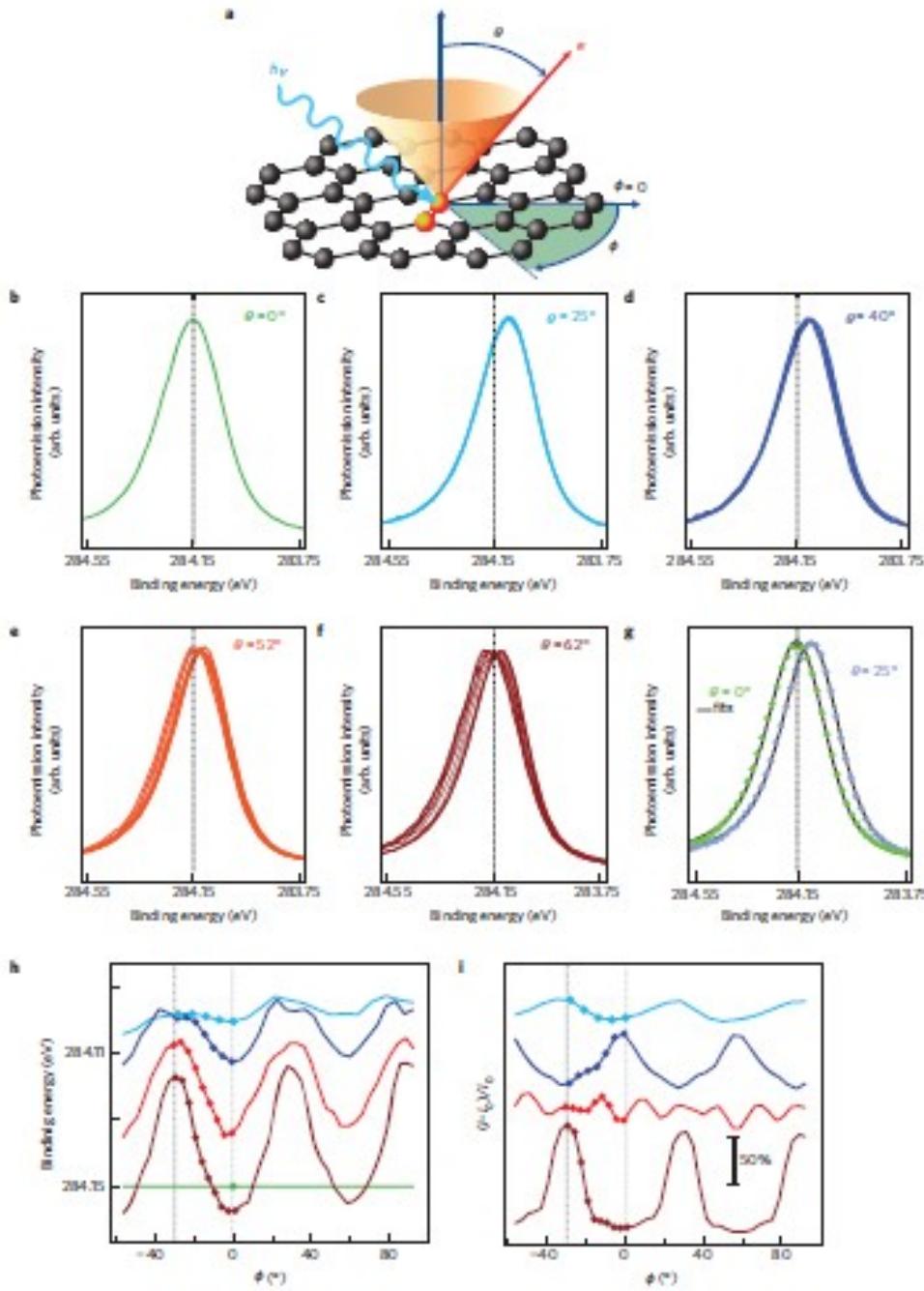
Experimental band structure of the 5p levels of Xe physisorbed in an ordered c(2×2) structure onto the Cu(110) surface. ARPES bands

# Photoemission Spectroscopy



spatial extension of  
external wave-  
functions down to the  
core-levels

example: calculated electron densities for C



do core-levels present  
energy dispersion? \*

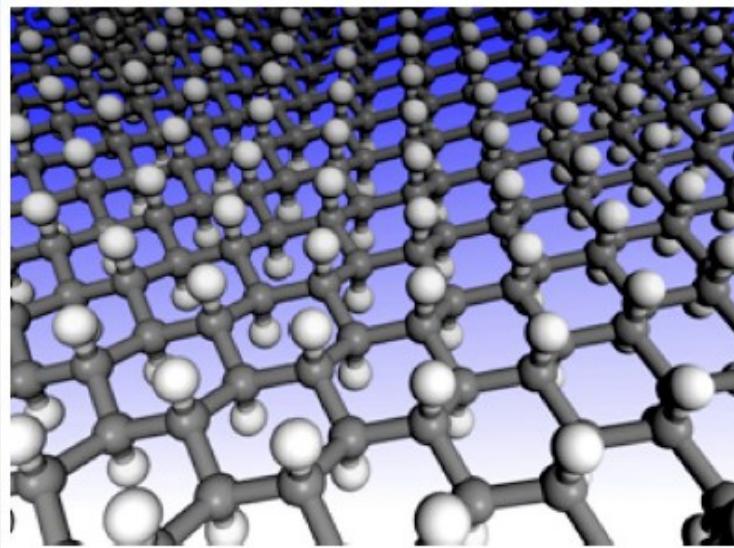
graphene

\* see high-resolution core-level  
photoemission spectroscopy in  
A. Baraldi's lectures, this school

# *from graphene to graphane, theory*

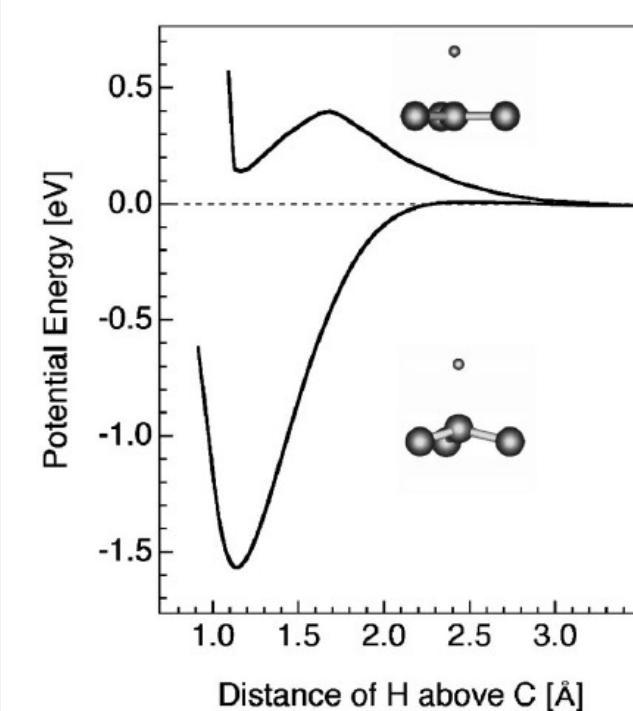
atomic H as a tool to ‘pinch’ the sp<sub>2</sub> bonds towards an sp<sub>3</sub> configuration while maintaining the planar nature of graphene

“chair” conformation



Sofio et alii, Phys. Rev. B **75**, 153401 (2007)

covalent bonding, small charge transfer  
(~0.003 e)\*



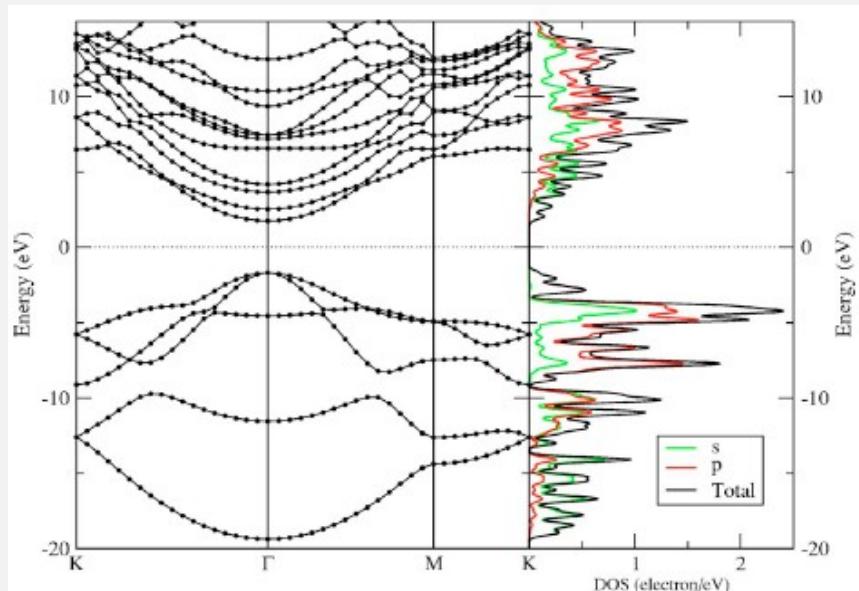
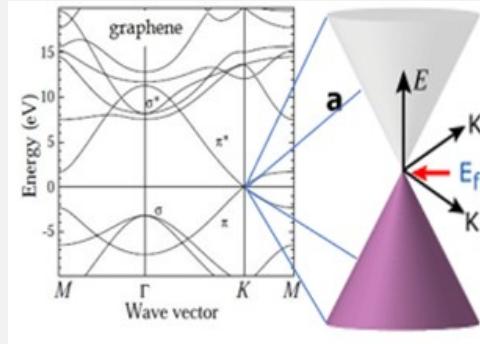
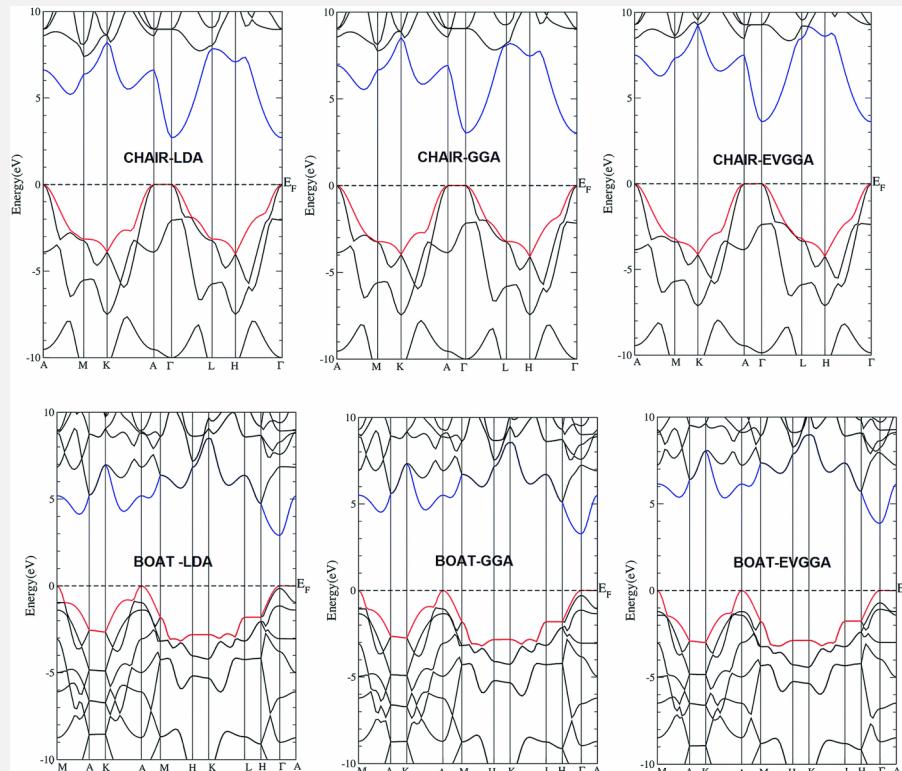
H-to-C potential curve -> favoured  
sp<sub>3</sub> configuration

Ryu et alii, Nano Lett. **8**, 4597 (2008)

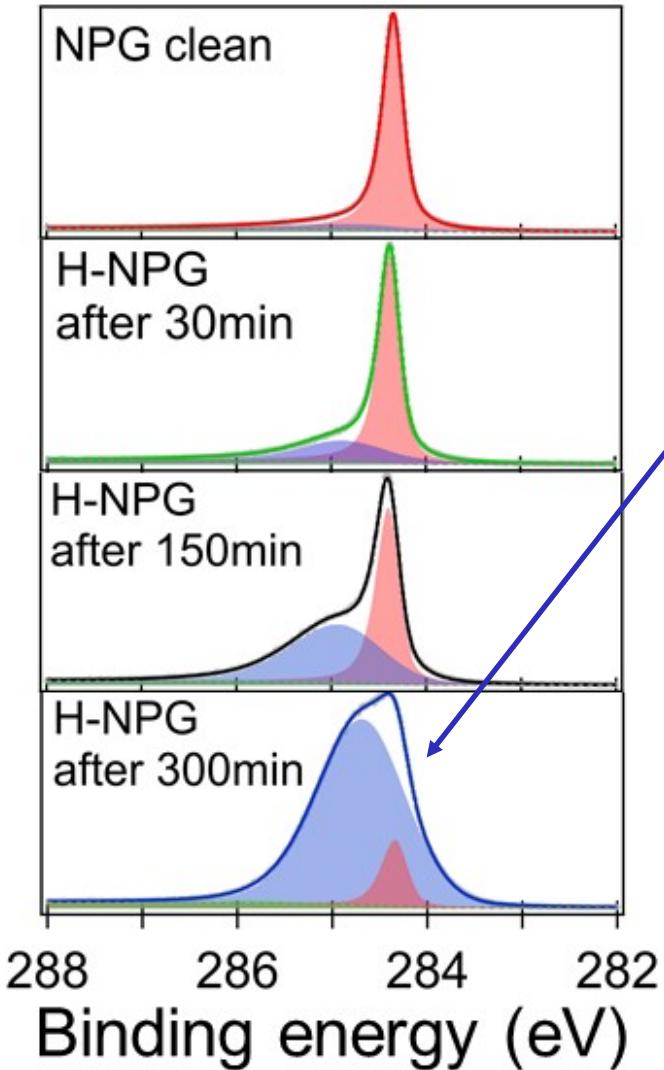
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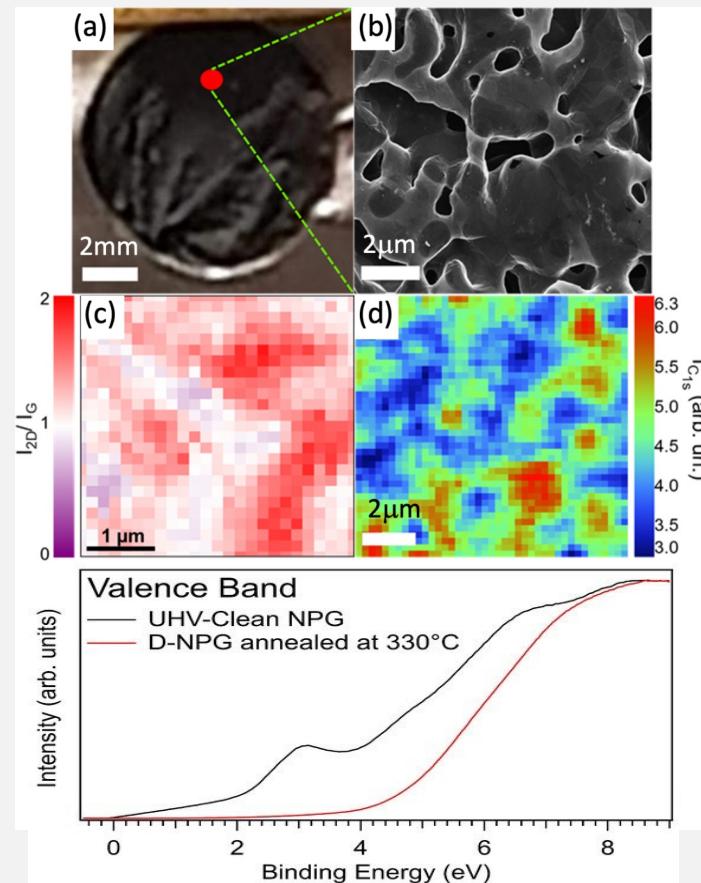
for 100% hydrogenated graphene a semiconductor with  $\geq 3.5$  eV (depending on the specific configuration) direct energy-gap at  $\Gamma$  is predicted !



# H-NPG photoemission spectromicroscopy

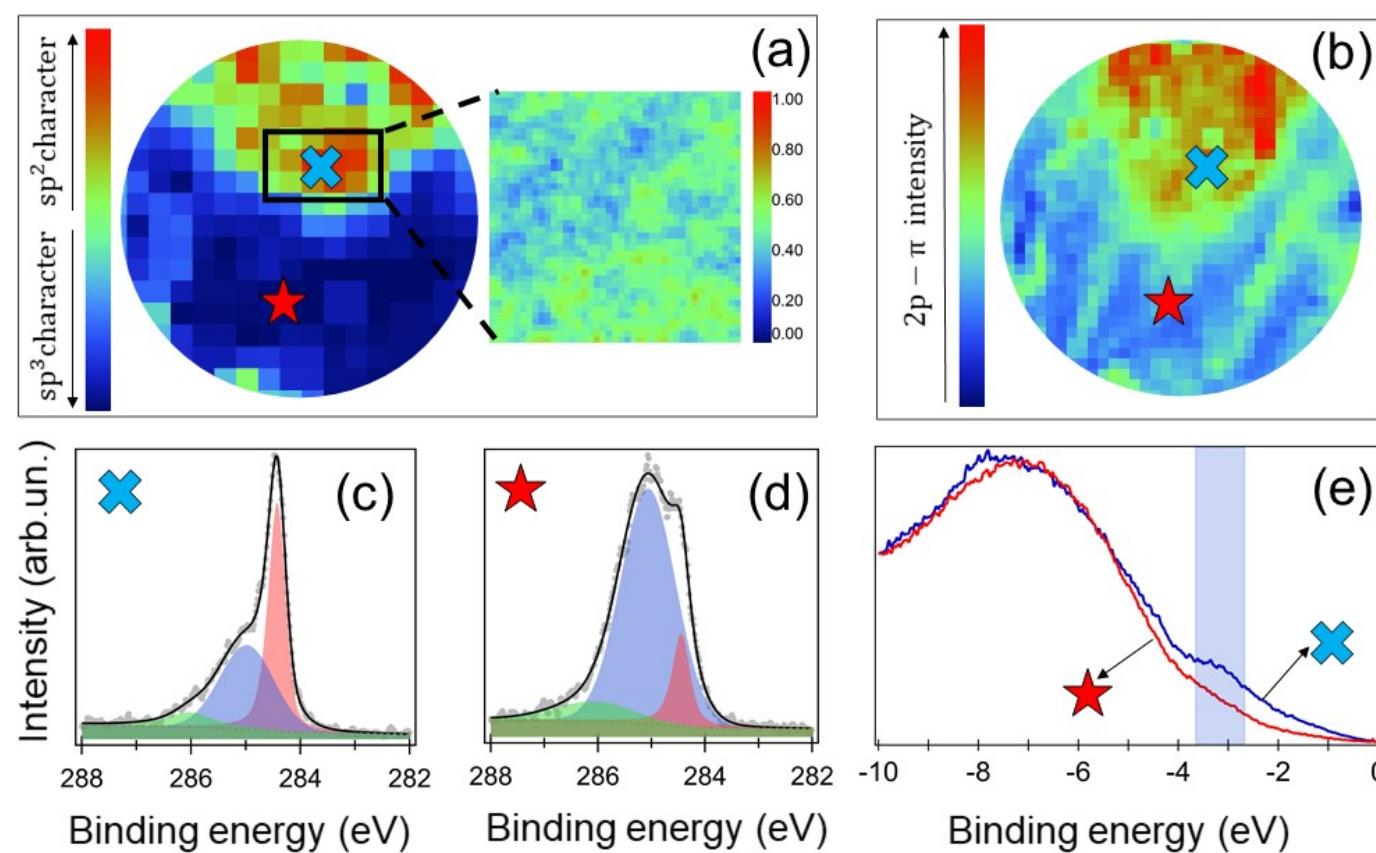


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# H-NPG with spatial resolution

*H-C spatial distribution: highest sp<sup>3</sup> signal → valence band energy gap opening*



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