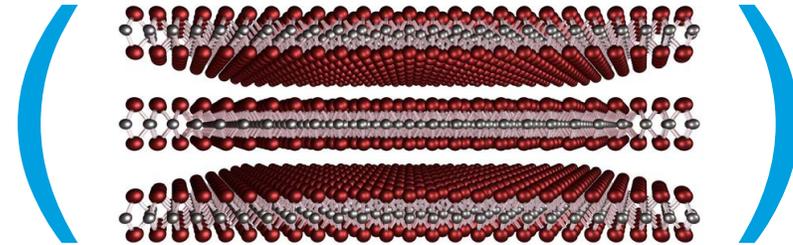


Experiments at Synchrotron & FEL Sources for QTech



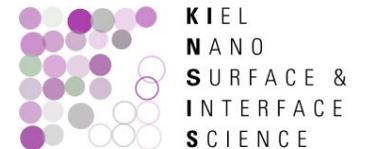
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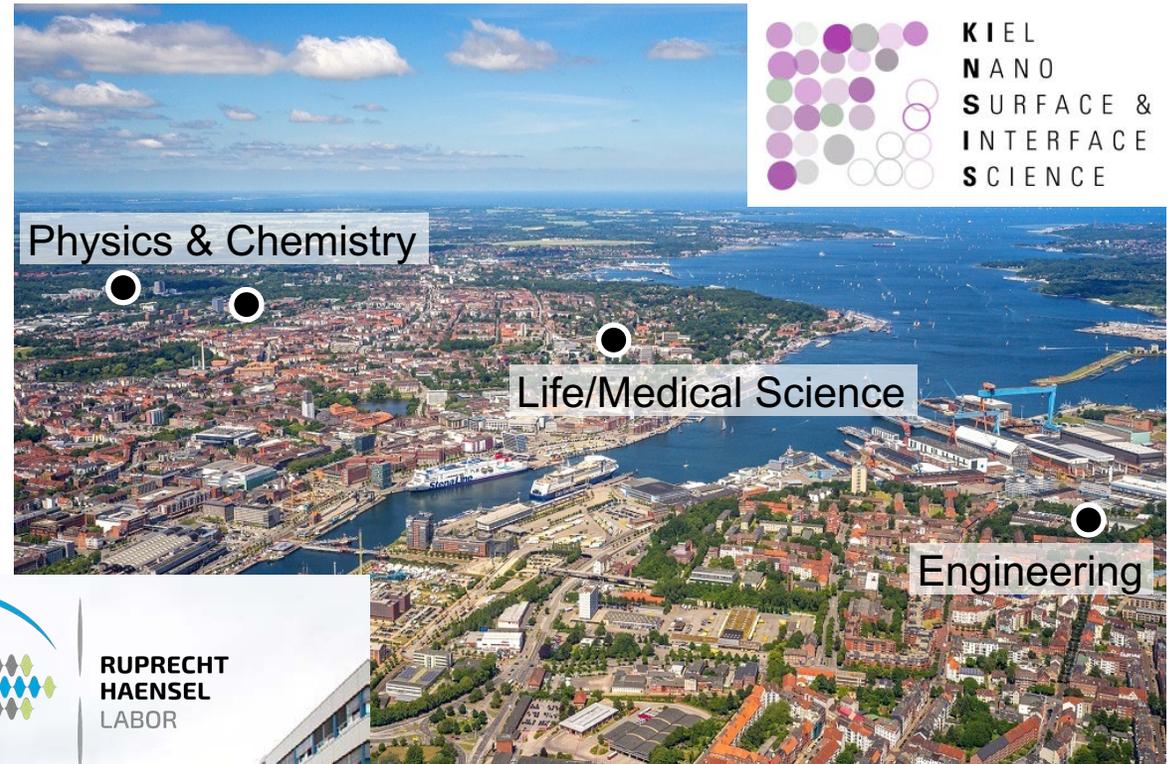
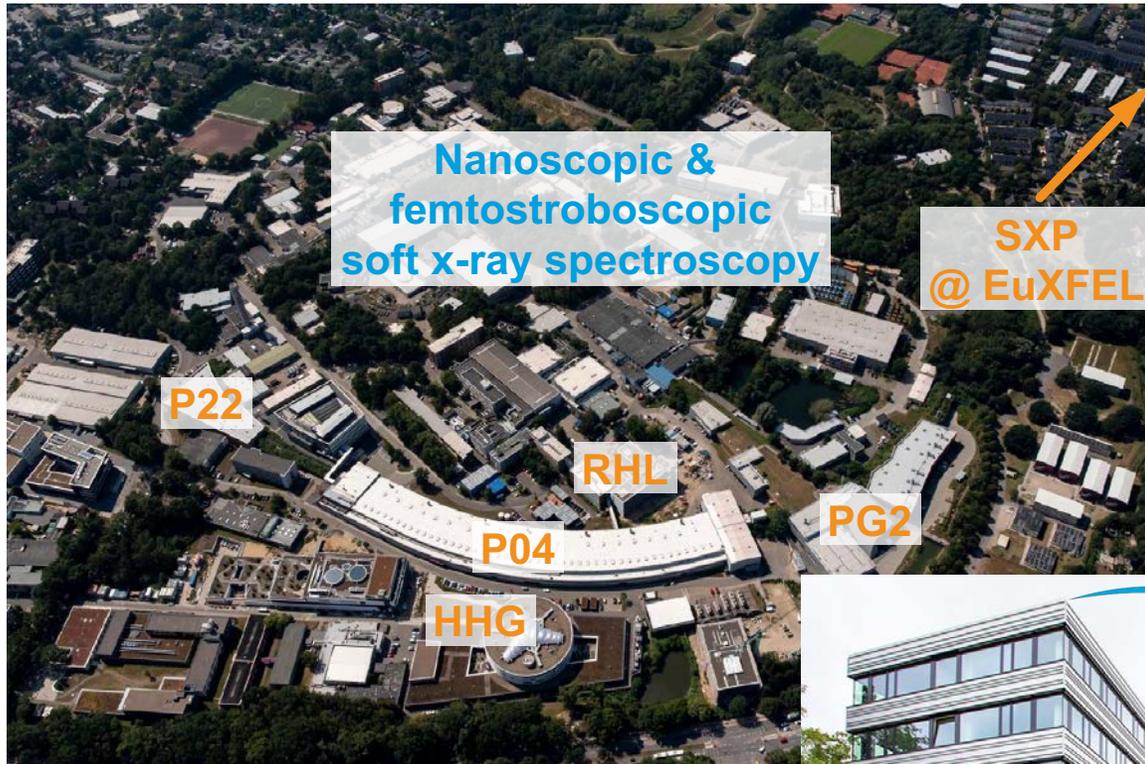
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Bridging DESY & CAU Kiel

Ruprecht Haensel Laboratory (RHL) / Soft X-ray Spectroscopy of Quantum Materials (SXQM)



Bridging X & Q

Versatile high-precision x-ray analytics for quantum technology hardware

X

High-precision (low-throughput) x-ray methods

Cutting-edge science of novel, “exotic” **quantum materials**

keV photons
(**meV** resolution)



Q

Promising (solid-state) qubit platforms

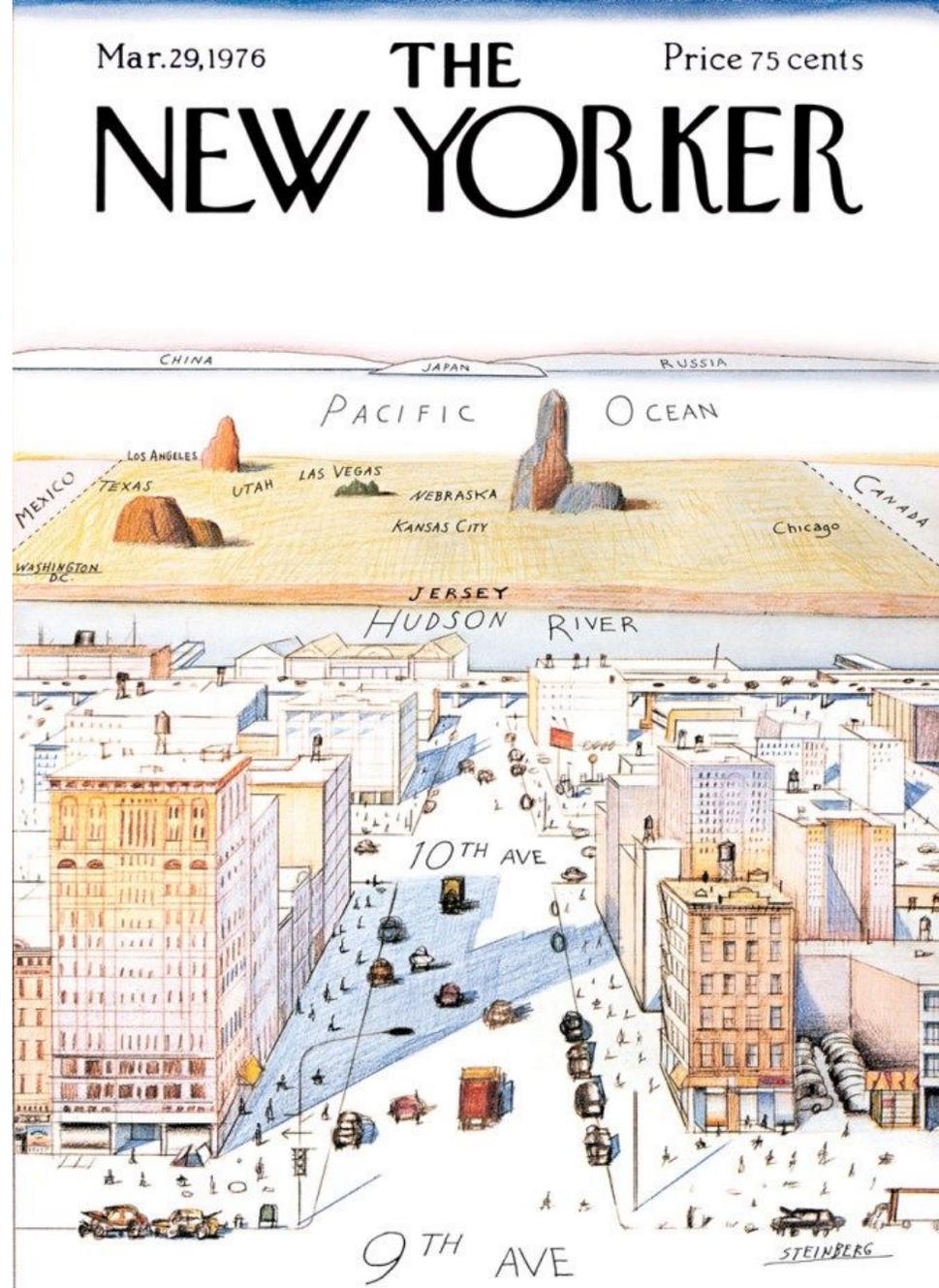
“Profane” (high-throughput) characterization of technologically relevant, **conventional materials**

μeV energy splittings

- I. Synchrotron & free-electron-laser experiments — general concepts
- II. Possible applications — **needs of quantum technology community?**
- III. 2D materials — viable quantum technology platform?

Disclaimer

It's a wide field ...



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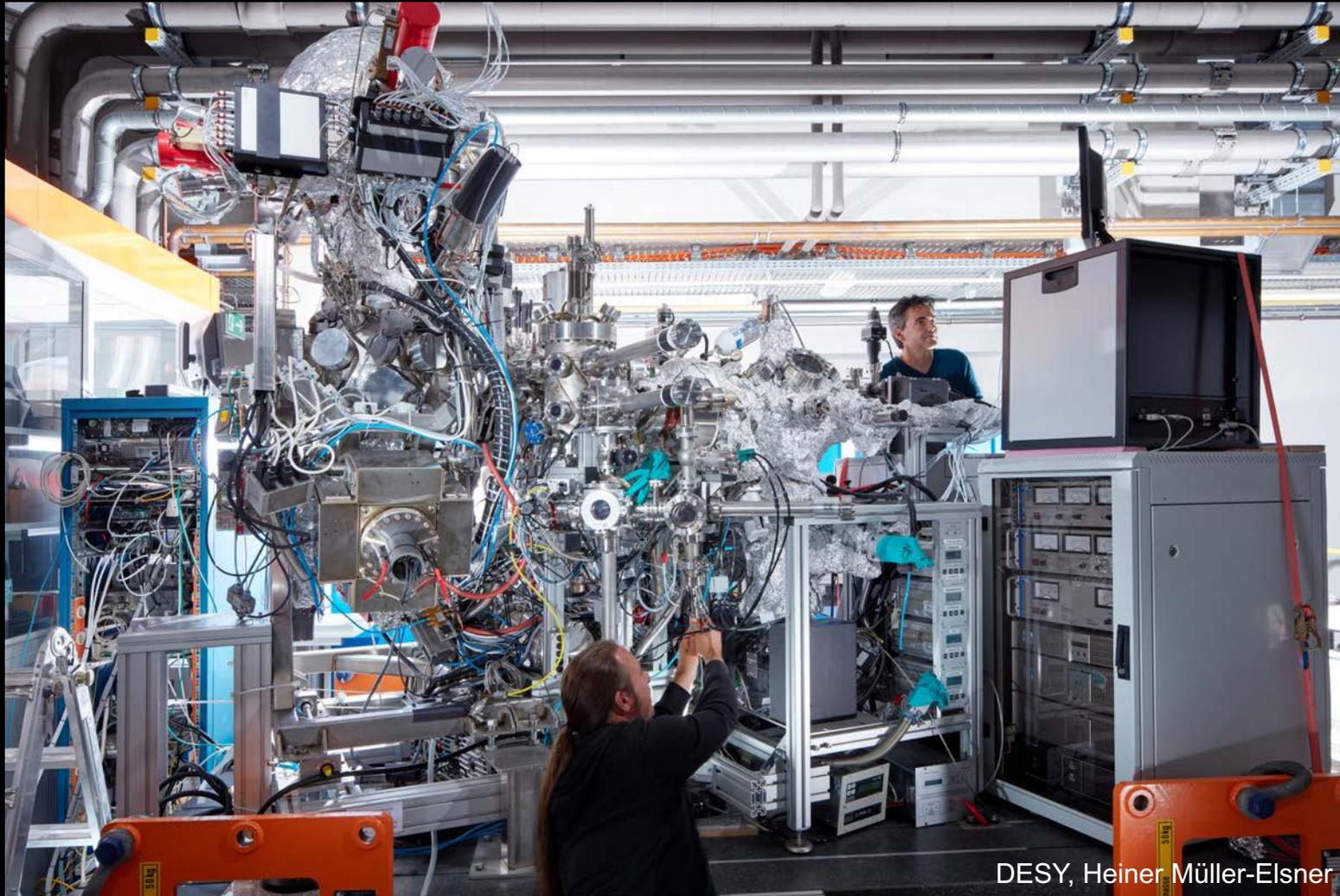
Soft x-rays

Photoelectron Spectroscopy

2D materials

Part I: Synchrotron & FEL experiments

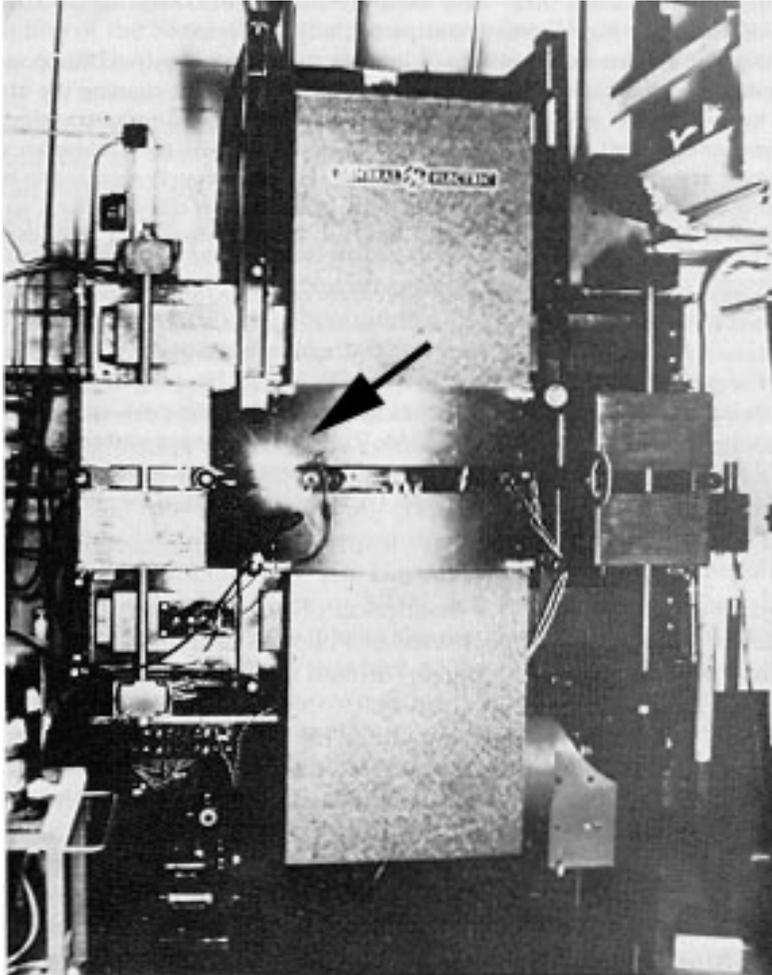
General concepts



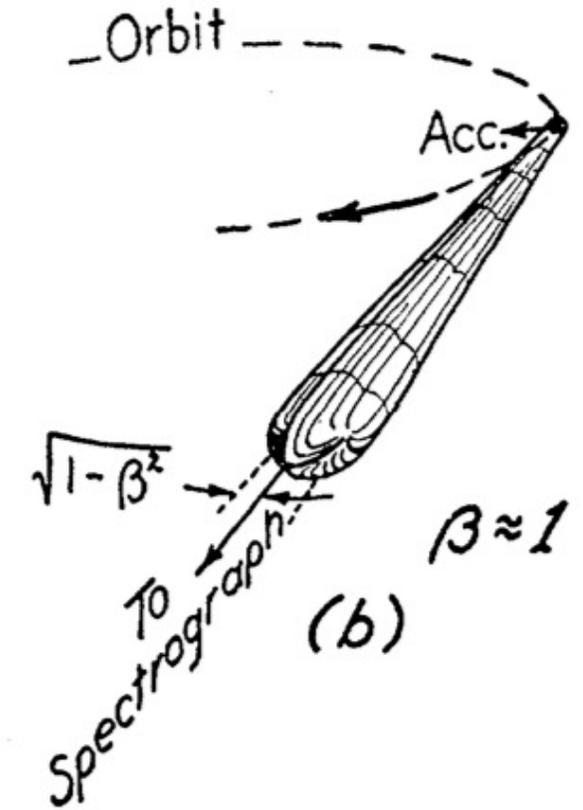
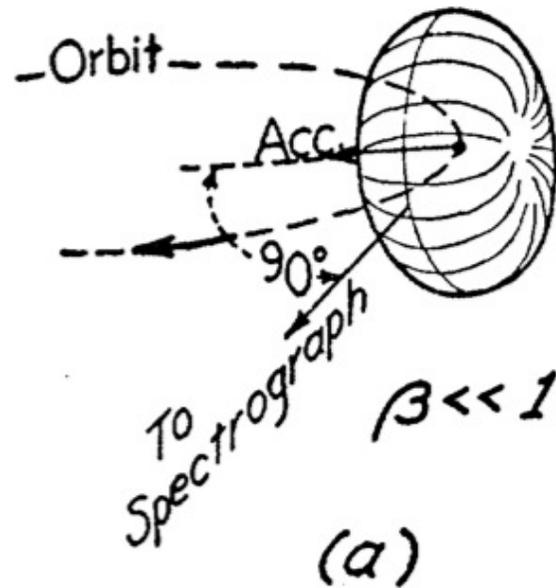
DESY, Heiner Müller-Elsner

First observation of synchrotron light

April 24, 1947 — General Electric Research Laboratory, Schenectady, New York



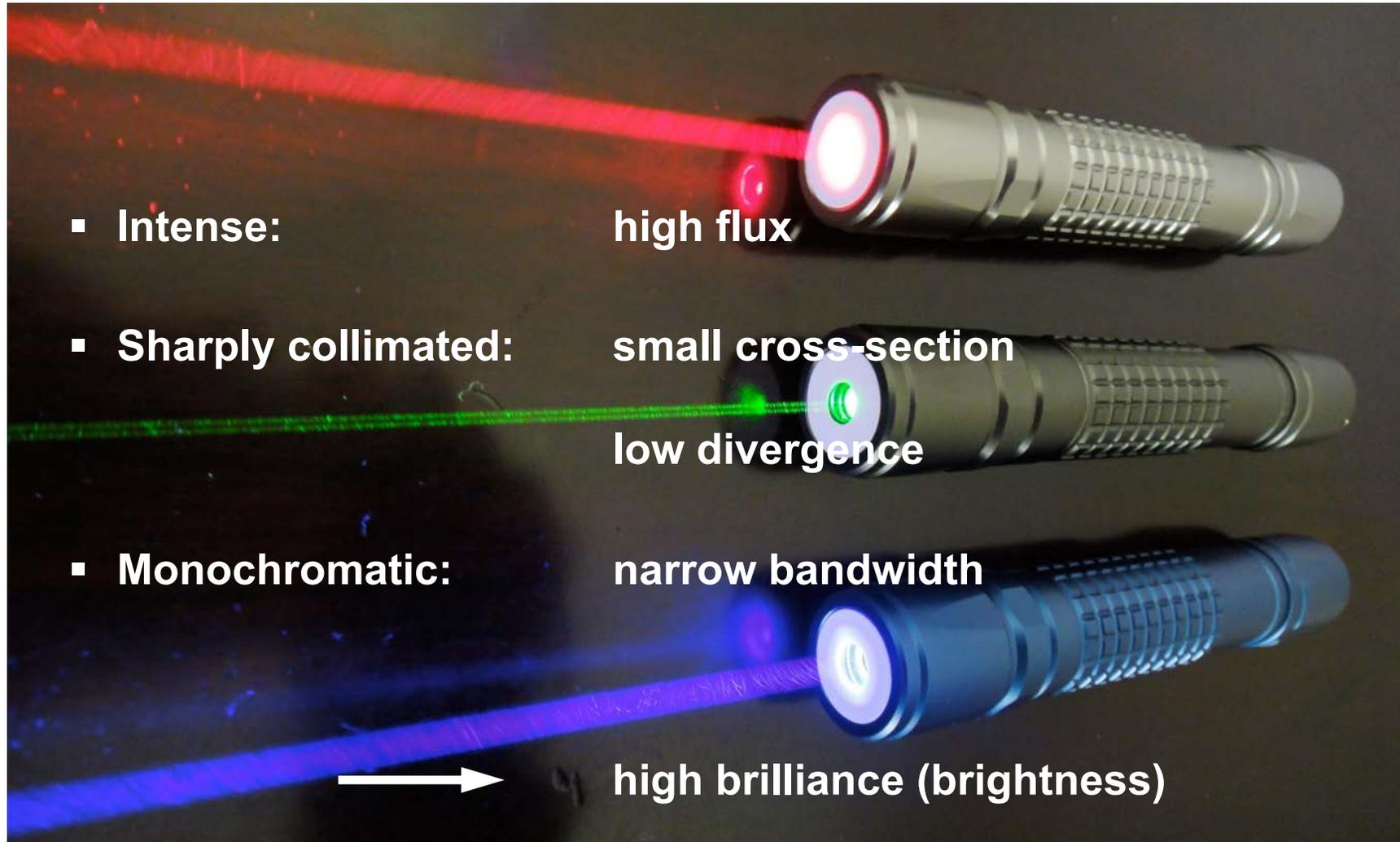
xdb.lbl.gov/Section2/Sec_2-2.html



Tombouliau & Hartman, Phys. Rev. **102**, 1423 (1956)

Laser radiation

Laser-like x-rays?



$$10^{15} \frac{\text{photons}}{\text{s}} \simeq 1 \text{ mW}$$

$$1 \text{ mm}^2$$

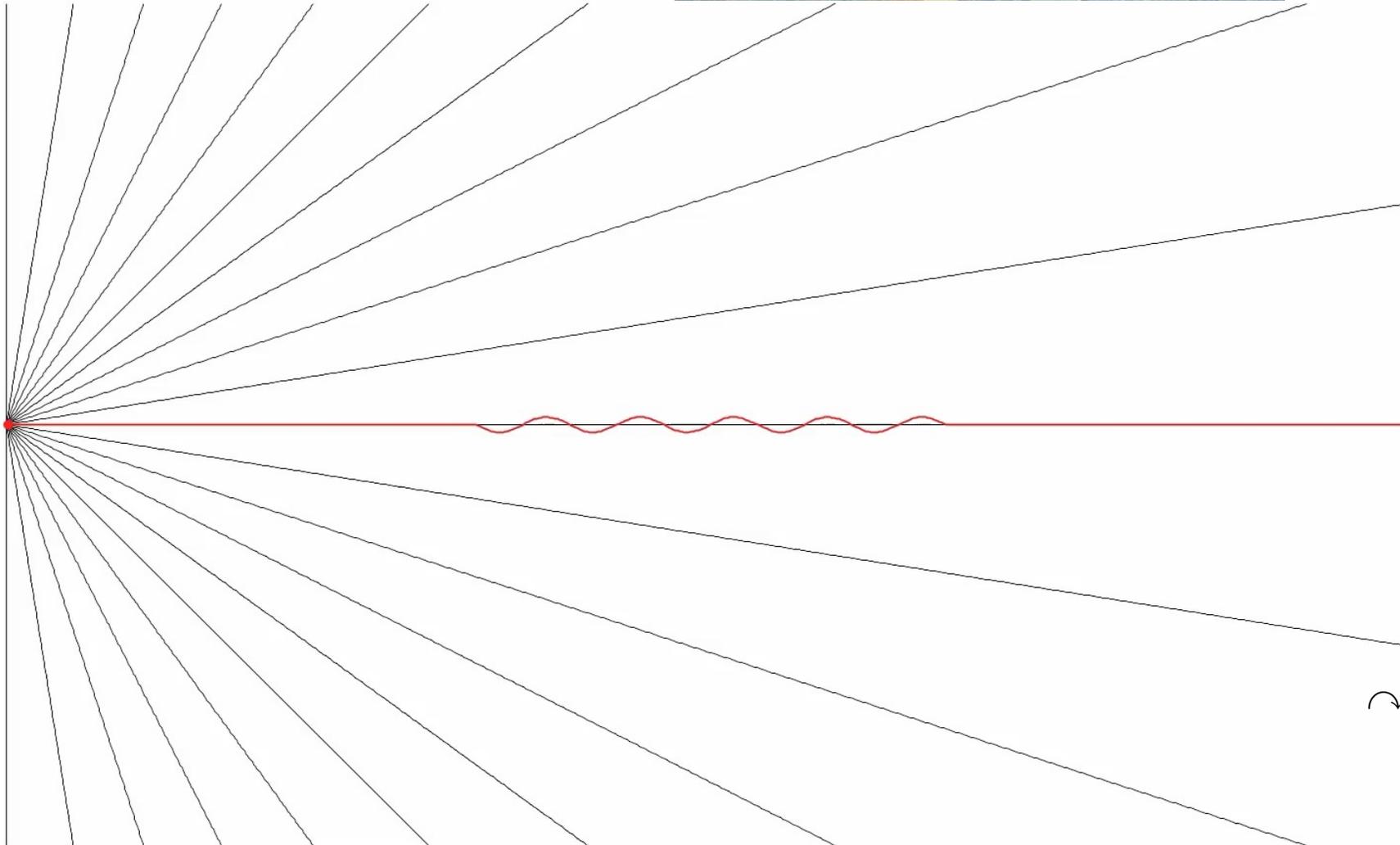
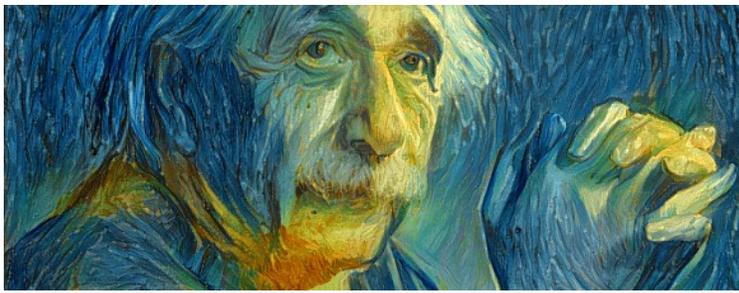
$$1 \text{ mrad}^2 = (0.057^\circ)^2$$

$$10^{-3} = \frac{\Delta\nu}{\nu}$$

$$10^{15} \frac{\text{photons}}{\text{s mm}^2 \text{ mrad}^2 0.1\% \text{ BW}}$$

Undulator radiation

Laser-like x-rays by the power of γ



$$\gamma = 1957 E(\text{GeV})$$

$$1 \text{ W} \iff 5 \cdot 10^{15} \lambda(\text{nm}) \frac{\text{photons}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\lambda \approx \frac{\lambda_u}{2\gamma^2} = \mathcal{O}(1 \text{ nm})$$

$$\left(\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda}\right)_{\text{cen}} = \frac{1}{N} = \mathcal{O}(1\%)$$

$$\vartheta_{\text{cen}} \approx \frac{1}{\gamma\sqrt{N}} = \mathcal{O}(10 \mu\text{rad})$$

$$\bar{P}_{\text{cen}} \propto \frac{\gamma^2 N_e}{\lambda_u} = \mathcal{O}(1 \text{ W})$$

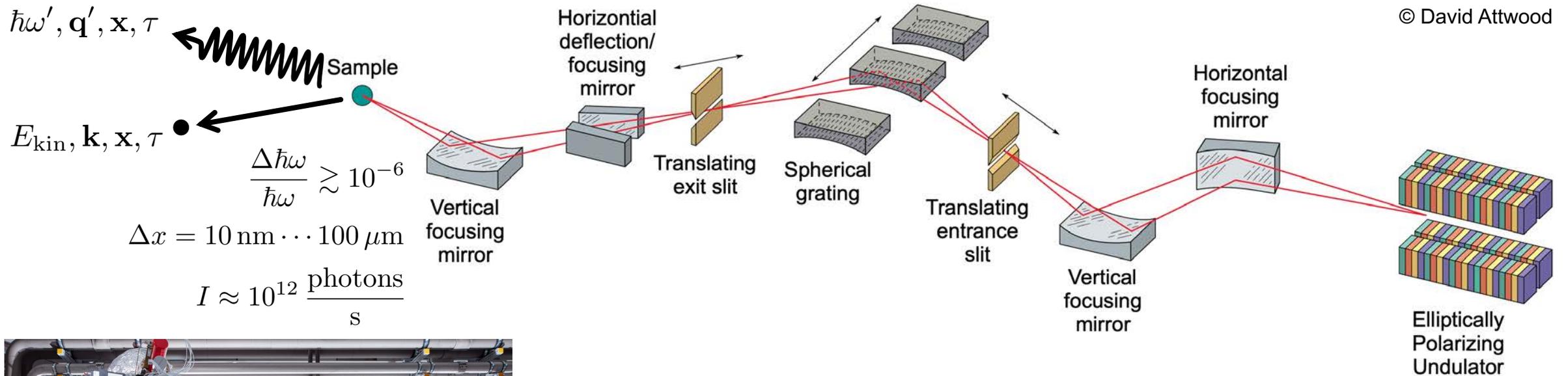
$$\sigma_{y,x} = \mathcal{O}(10 \dots 100 \mu\text{m})$$

$$\curvearrowright \approx 10^{20} \frac{\text{photons}}{\text{s mm}^2 \text{ mrad}^2 0.1\% \text{ BW}}$$

+ coherence + polarization

Beamlines

From source to sample: Monochromatization plus focusing



Detect at sample: **Photons & electrons**

Measure:

Energy

Momentum

Position

Time

Spectroscopy

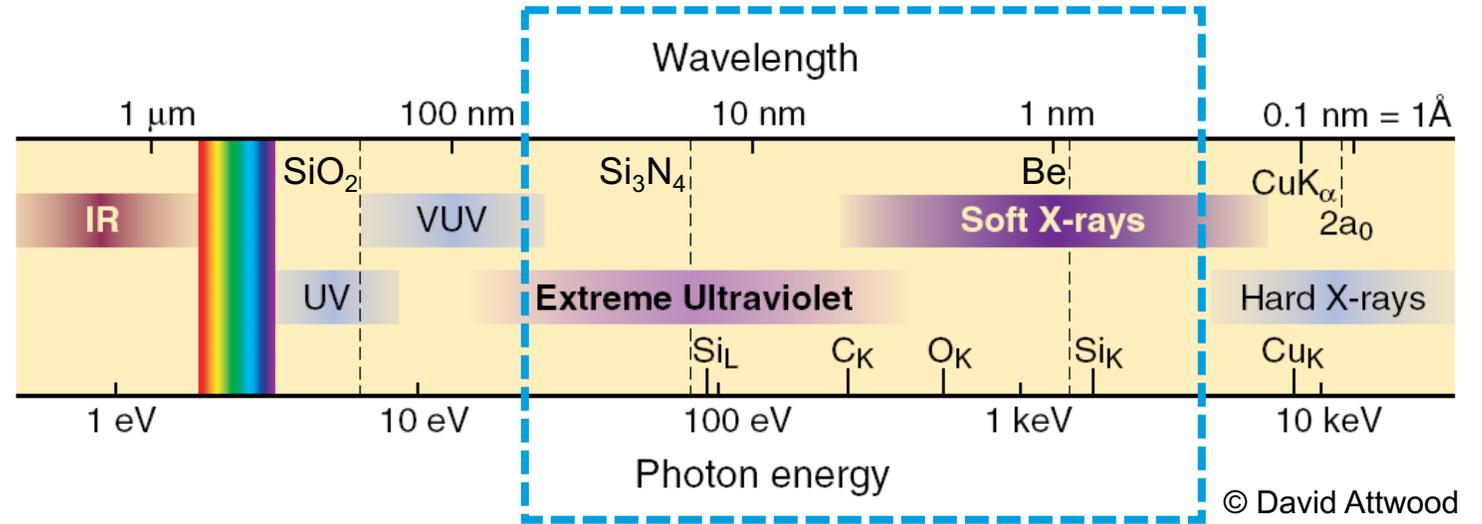
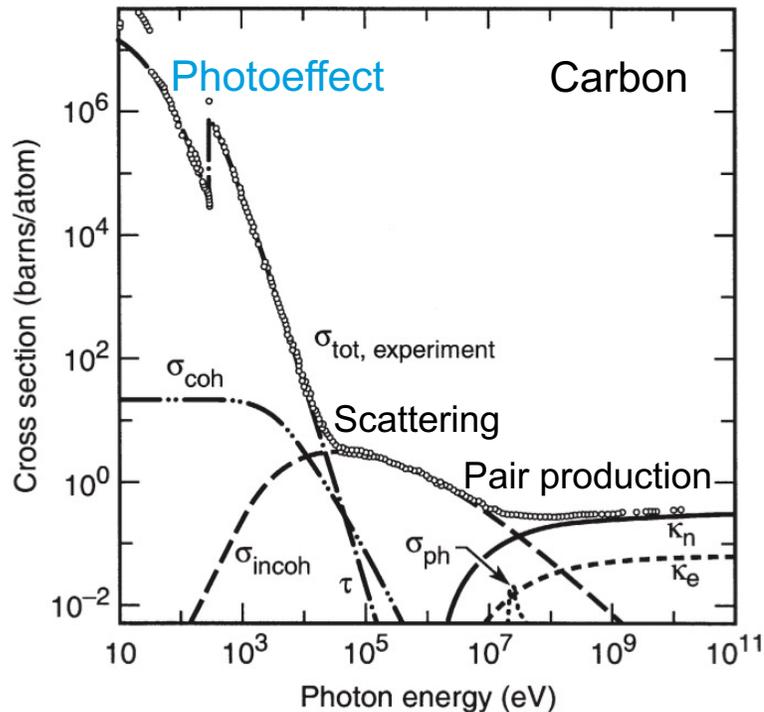
Scattering & diffraction

Imaging & microscopy

Dynamics

Why (soft) x-rays?

“Right” cross-section and useful spectral range



$$\hbar\omega \lambda = 1240 \text{ eV nm}$$

$$\hbar\omega \approx 30 \dots 3000 \text{ eV}$$

$$\lambda \approx 0.4 \dots 40 \text{ nm}$$

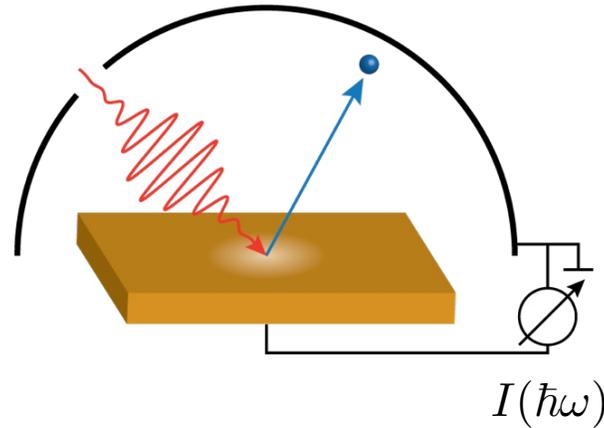
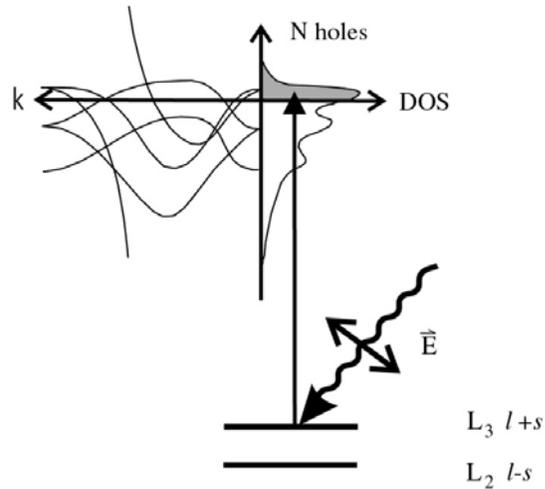
Absorption lengths in $h\text{-}^{10}\text{BN}$:

- 1 keV electrons: 2 nm
- 1 keV photons: 2 μm
- Thermal neutrons: 50 μm

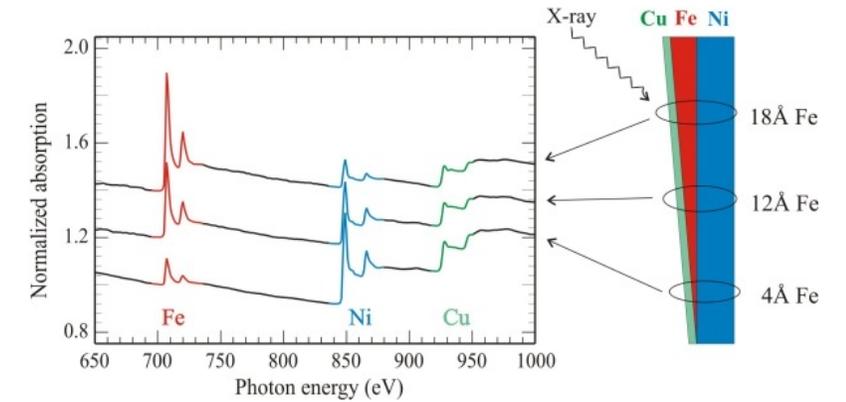
- Many atomic resonances: element & chemical sensitivity, cross-section enhancements
- Relatively short photon wavelengths: nanometer spatial resolution
- Intermediate electron kinetic energies: surface & interface sensitivity

X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS)

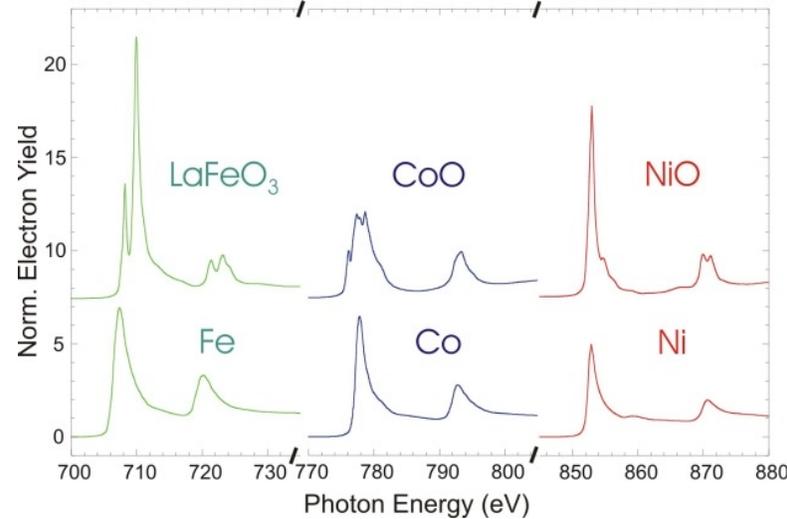
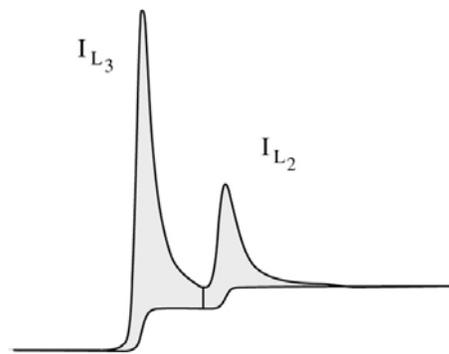
Tunable x-ray energies and a picoammeter make a thin-film spectroscopy



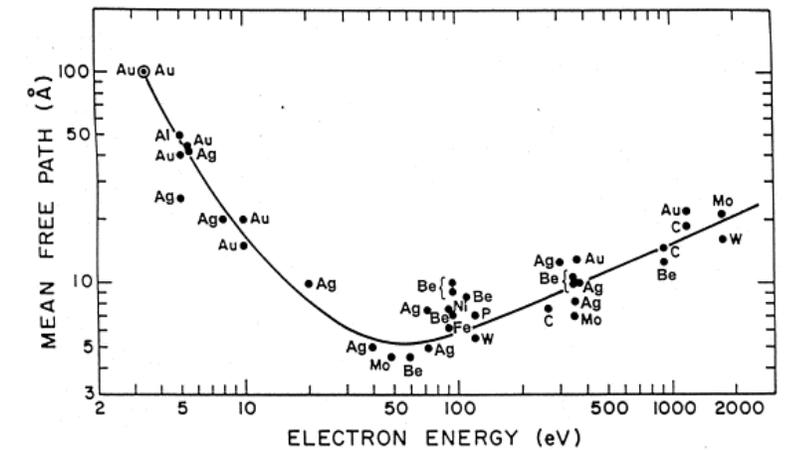
Layer specificity



Element & chemical sensitivity



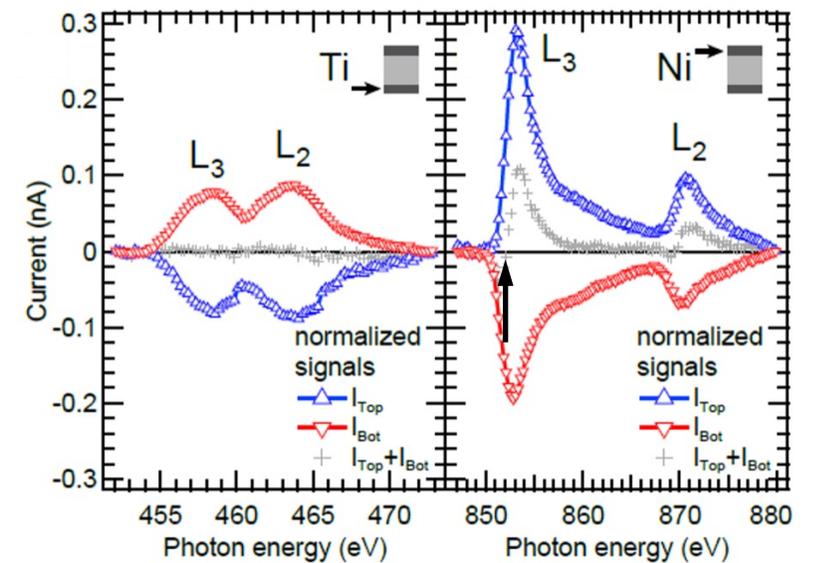
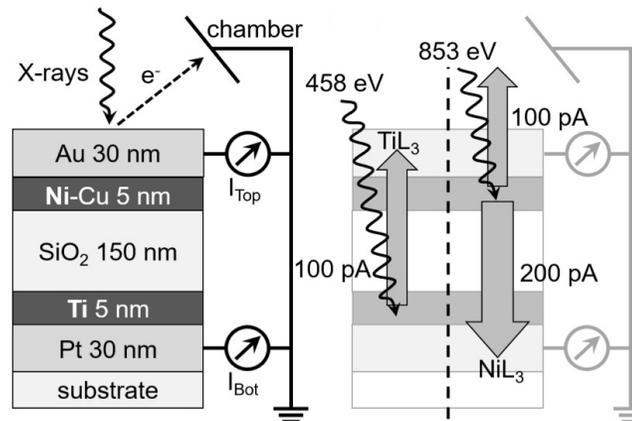
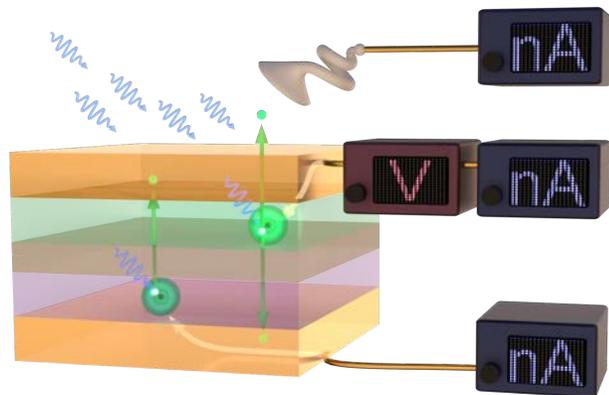
Surface & interface sensitivity



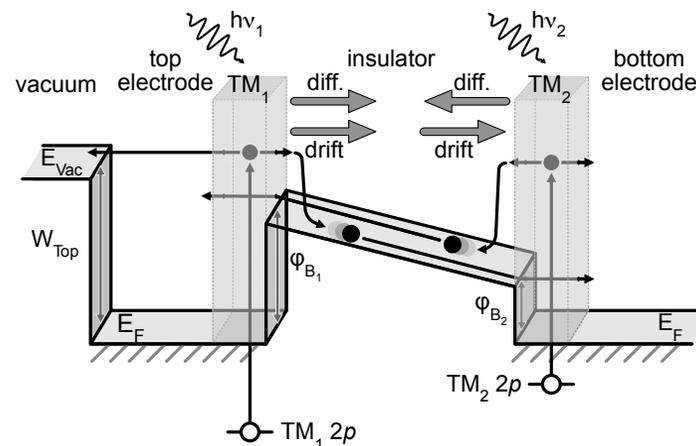
www-ssrl.slac.stanford.edu/stohr/xmcd.htm
Stöhr, J. Magn. Mater. **200**, 470 (1999)

In operando XAS

Tunable x-ray energies and two picoammeters make a device spectroscopy



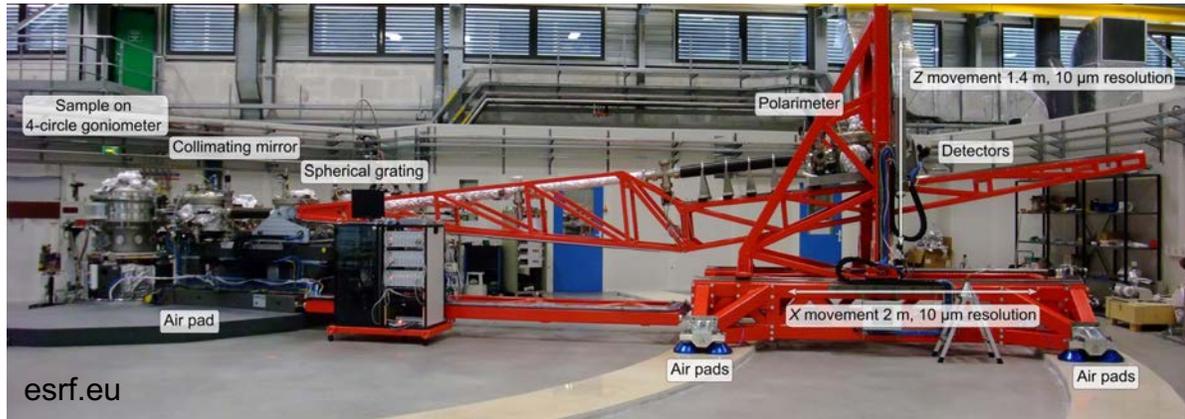
- Interface specificity
- Chemical sensitivity
- Drift & diffusion currents
- Barrier heights
- Built-in potentials
- ...



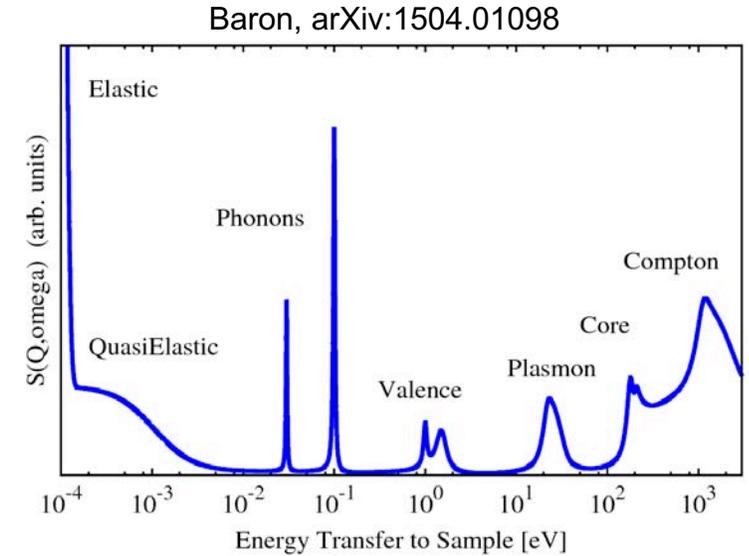
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Energy

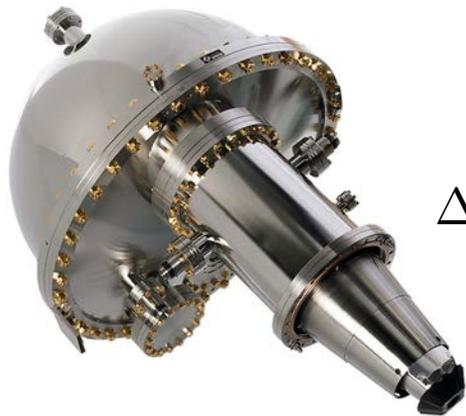
Resolution down to 1 meV



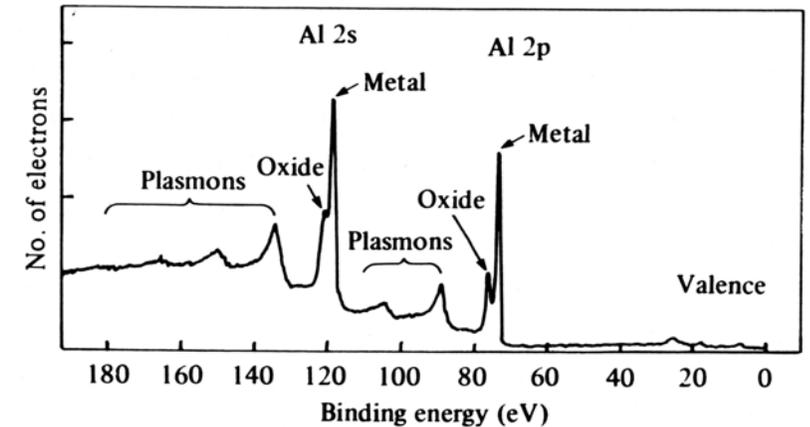
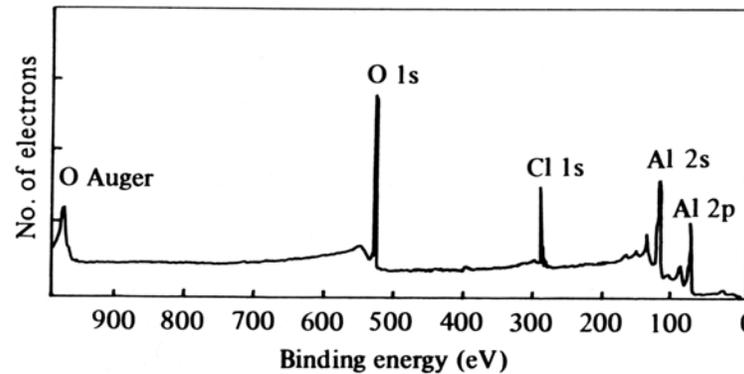
$$\Delta \hbar \Omega \gtrsim 1 \text{ meV}$$



Photon energy loss: $\hbar \Omega = \hbar \omega - \hbar \omega'$



$$\Delta E_{\text{kin}} \gtrsim 1 \text{ meV}$$

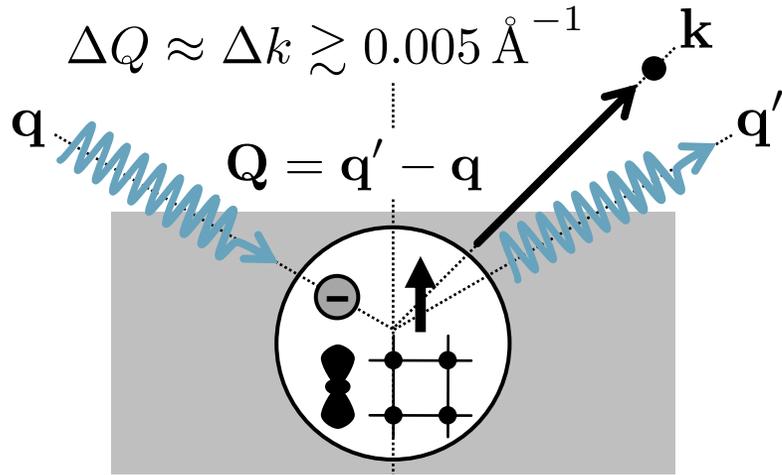


Electron energy gain: $E_{\text{kin}} = \hbar \omega - \Phi - |E_B|$

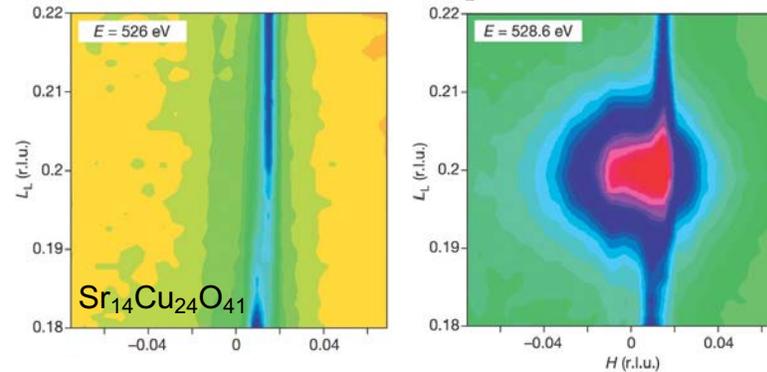
Woodruff & Delchar, *Modern Techniques of Surface Science*

Momentum

Resolution down to 0.005 \AA^{-1}

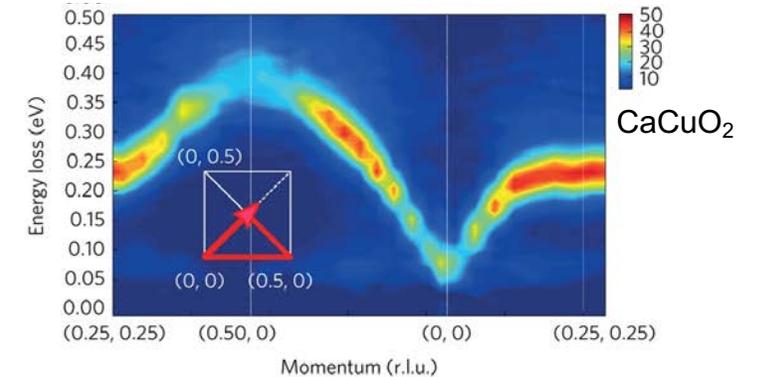


Ordered (super)structures



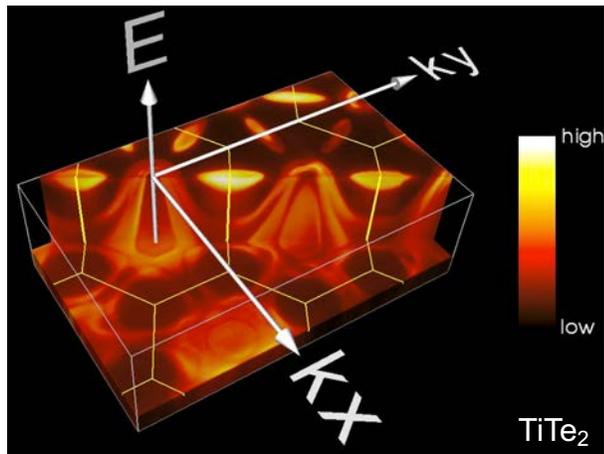
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Collective excitations

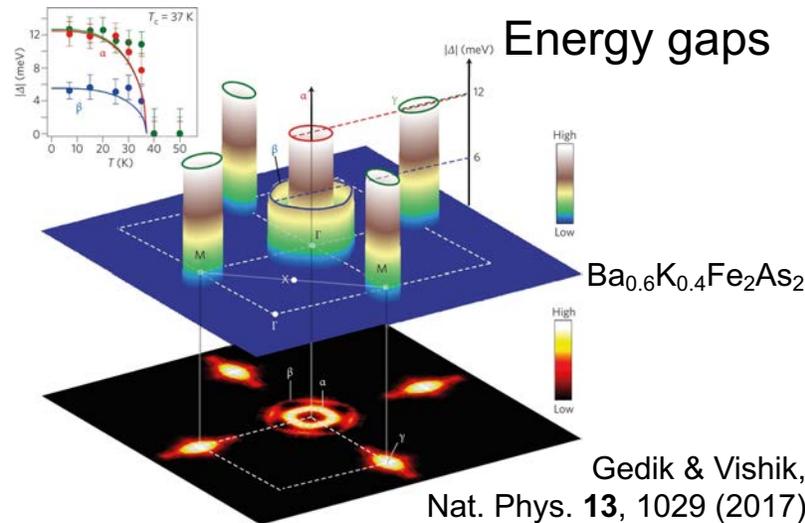


Peng *et al.*, Nat. Phys. **13**, 1201 (2017)

Band structures & Fermi surfaces

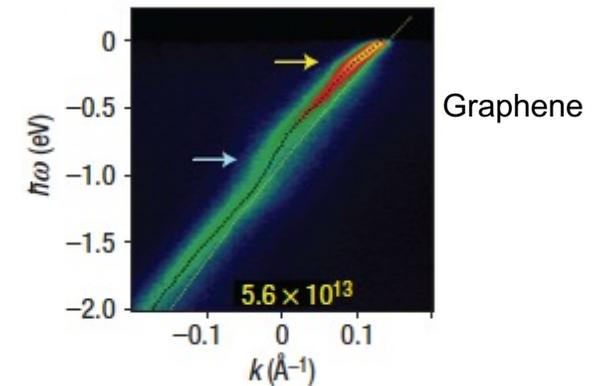


Energy gaps



Gedik & Vishik, Nat. Phys. **13**, 1029 (2017)

Quasiparticle interactions

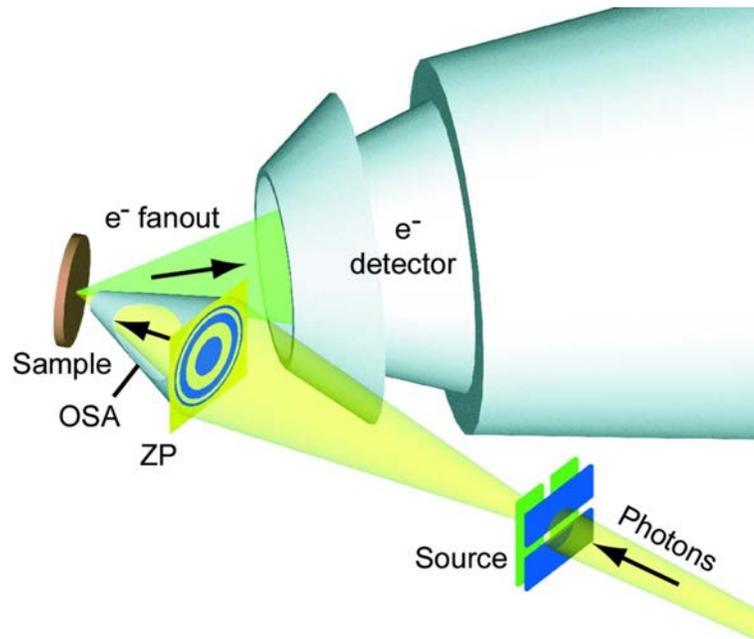


Bostwick *et al.*, Nat. Phys. **3**, 36 (2007)

Position

Resolution down to 10 nm

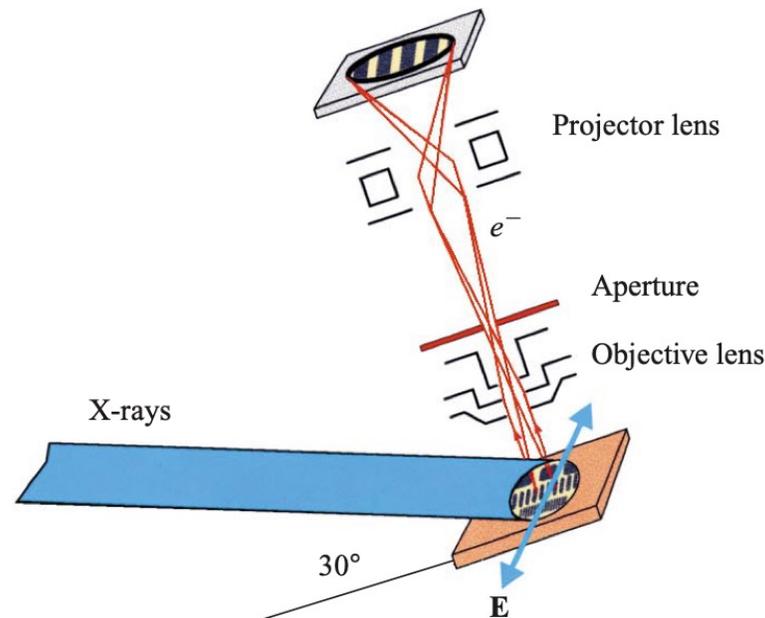
Nanofocusing



Rotenberg & Bostwick,
J. Synchrotron Rad. **21**, 1048 (2014)

$$\Delta x = \Delta y \geq 20 \text{ nm}$$

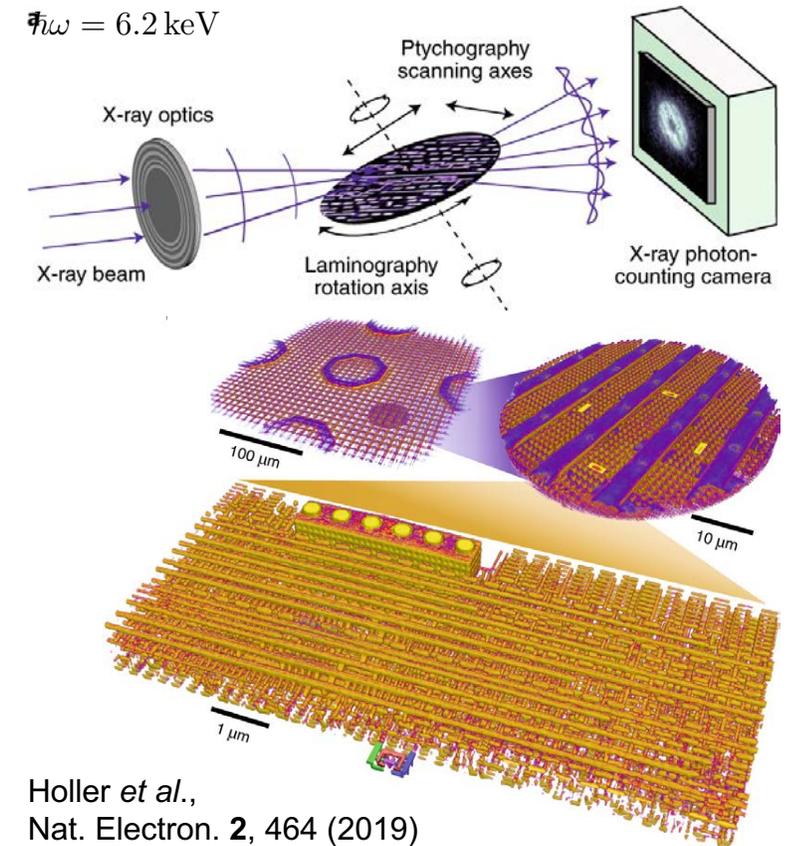
Microscopy



Stöhr & Anders,
IBM J. Res. Develop. **44**, 535 (2000)

$$\Delta x = \Delta y \gtrsim 10 \text{ nm}$$

Ptychography



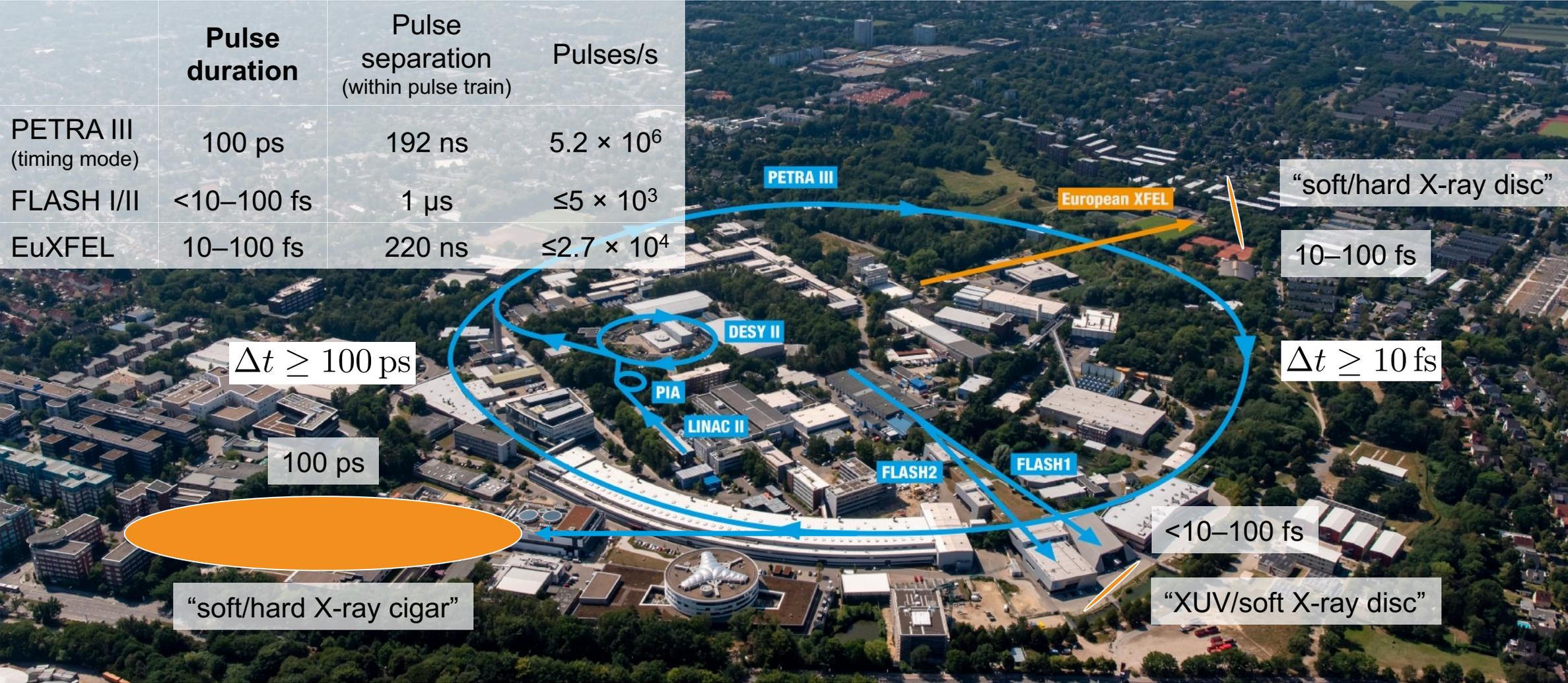
Holler *et al.*,
Nat. Electron. **2**, 464 (2019)

$$\Delta x = \Delta y = \Delta z \approx 10 \text{ nm}$$

Time

Resolution down to 10 fs

	Pulse duration	Pulse separation (within pulse train)	Pulses/s
PETRA III (timing mode)	100 ps	192 ns	5.2×10^6
FLASH I/II	<10–100 fs	1 μ s	$\leq 5 \times 10^3$
EuXFEL	10–100 fs	220 ns	$\leq 2.7 \times 10^4$



Pump-probe technique

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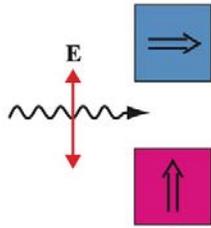


Pump-probe
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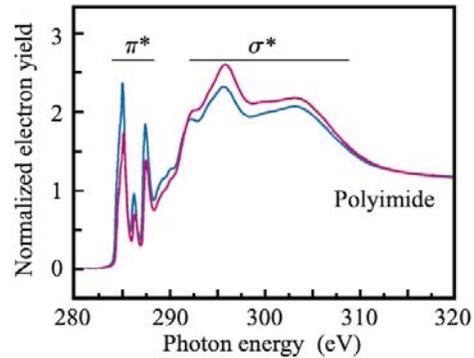
Polarization

Probing charge and spin anisotropies of empty valence states in core excitations

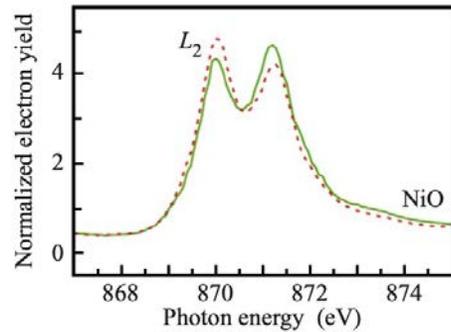
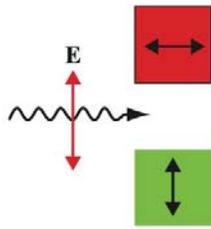
X-ray linear dichroism



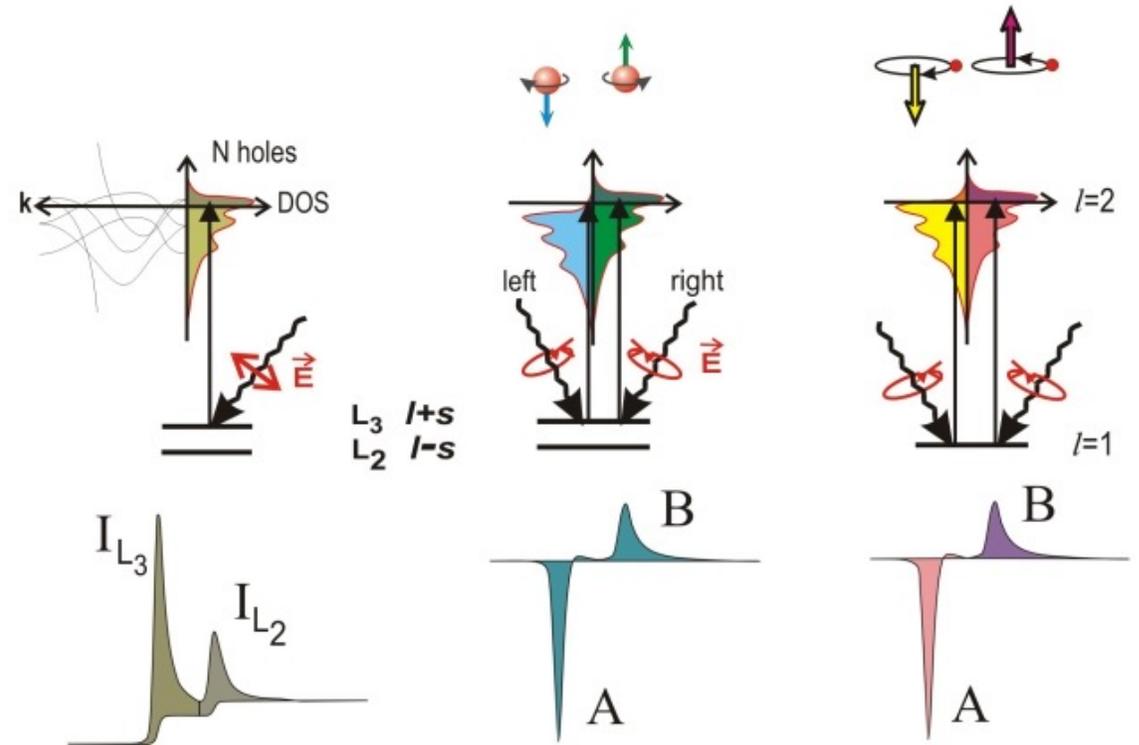
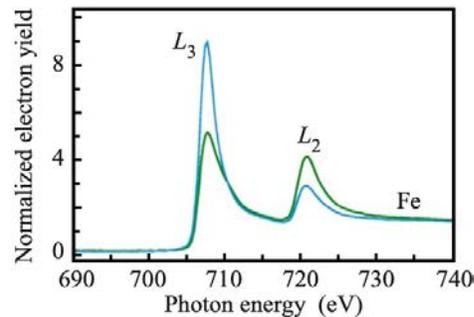
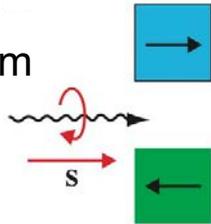
$E = \text{“search light”}$



X-ray magnetic linear dichroism



X-ray magnetic circular dichroism



$$(I_{L_3} + I_{L_2}) \sim N$$

$$(A - 2B) \sim m_s$$

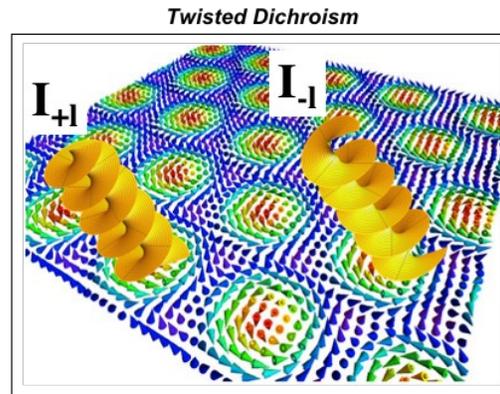
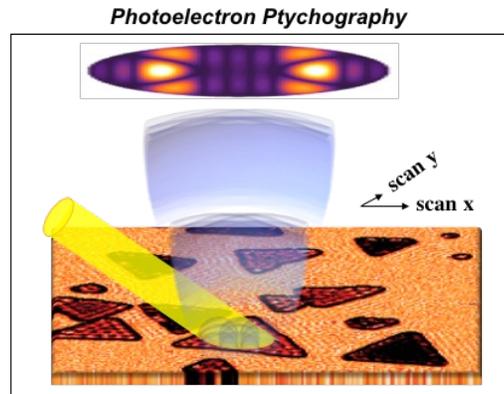
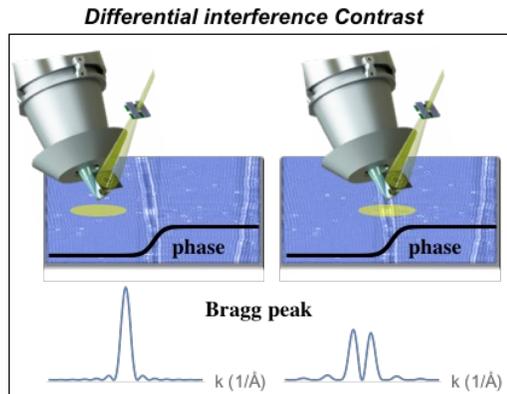
$$(A + B) \sim m_o$$

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Coherence

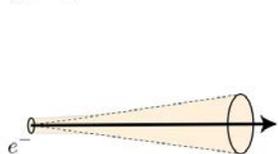
Toward phase-sensitive spectroscopy using nanofocused & structured soft x-ray beams



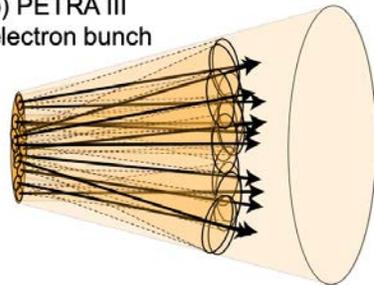
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“The ultimate 3D X-ray microscope”

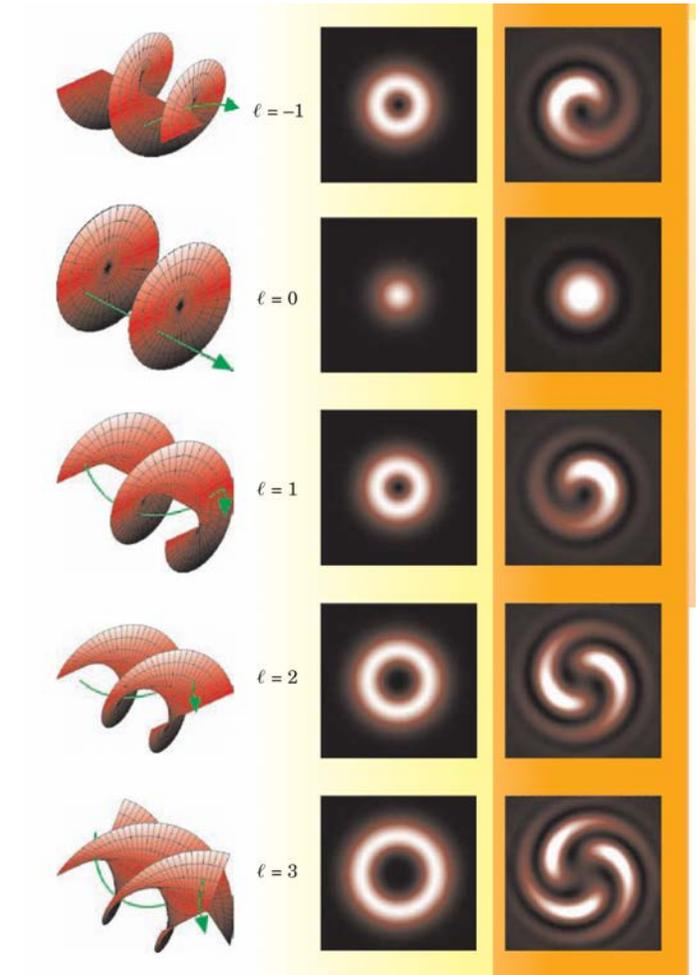
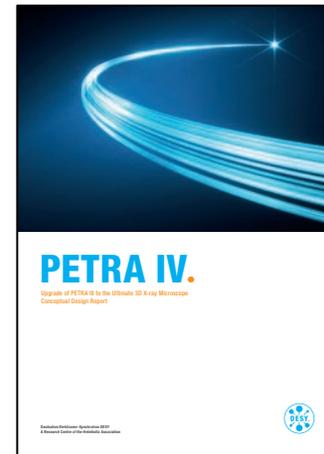
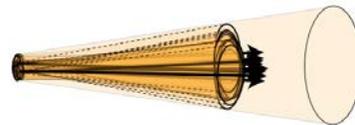
a) single electron



b) PETRA III electron bunch



c) PETRA IV electron bunch

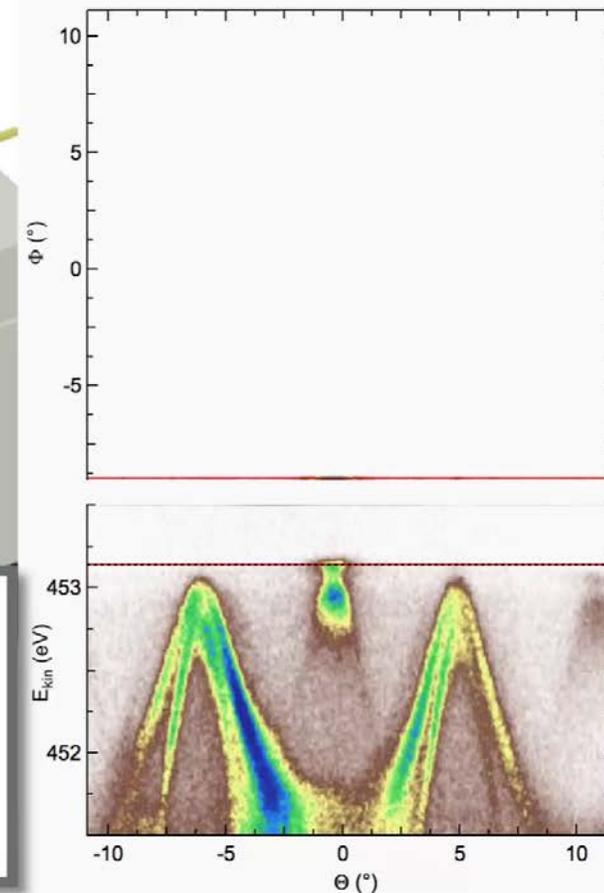
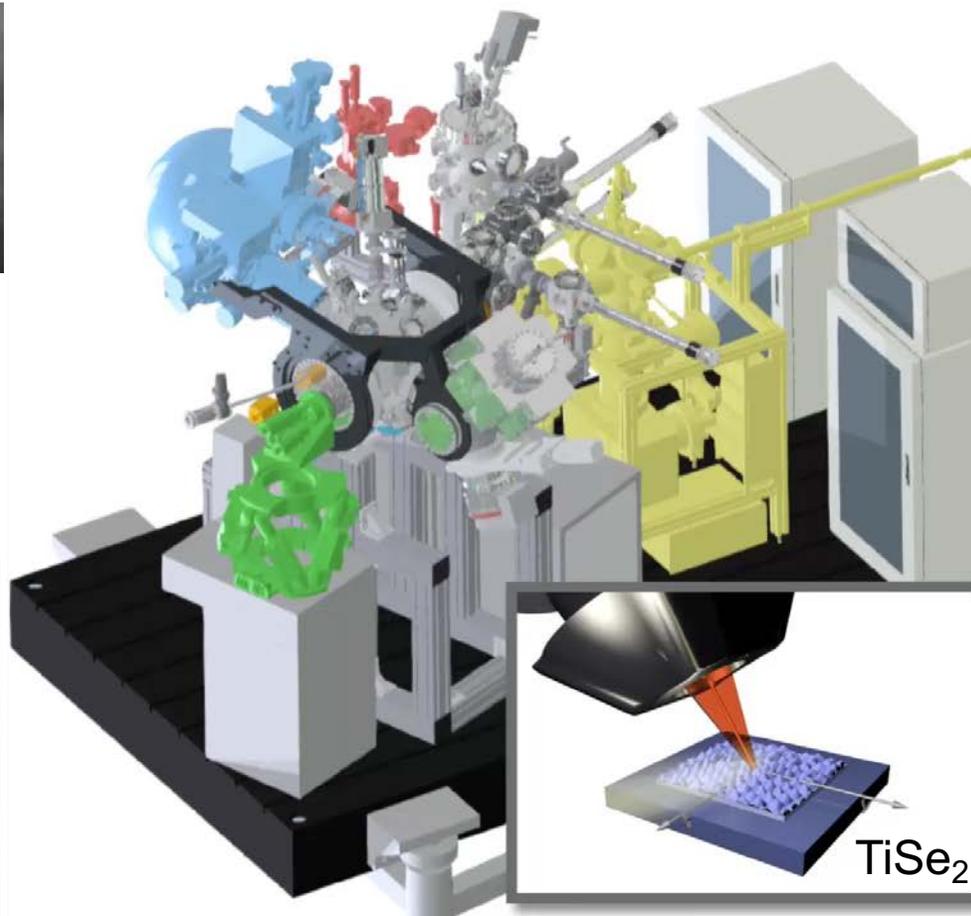
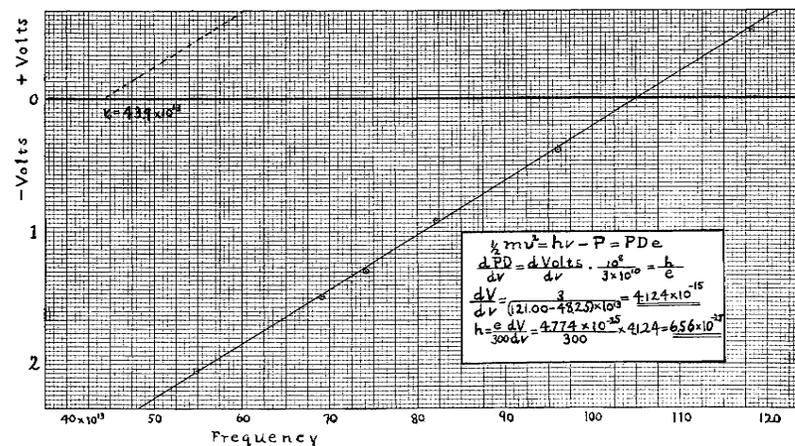
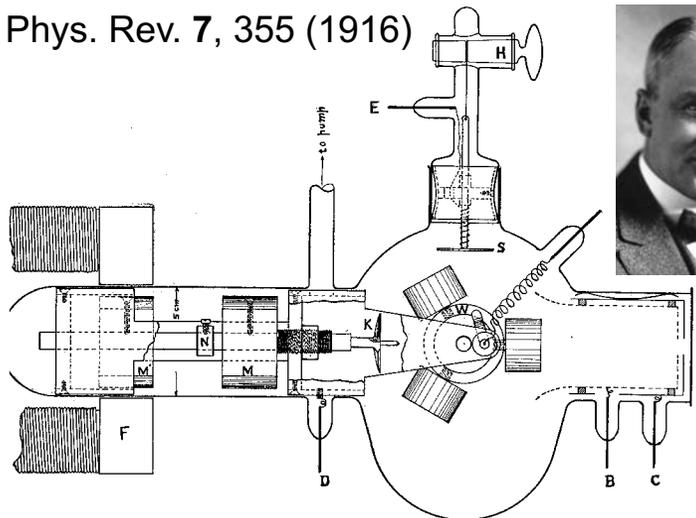


Padgett *et al.*, *Physics Today* **57**, 5, 35 (2004)

Photoelectron spectroscopy (ARPES)

Modern “machine shop *in vacuo*”: ASPHERE III @ PETRA III / DESY

Phys. Rev. 7, 355 (1916)

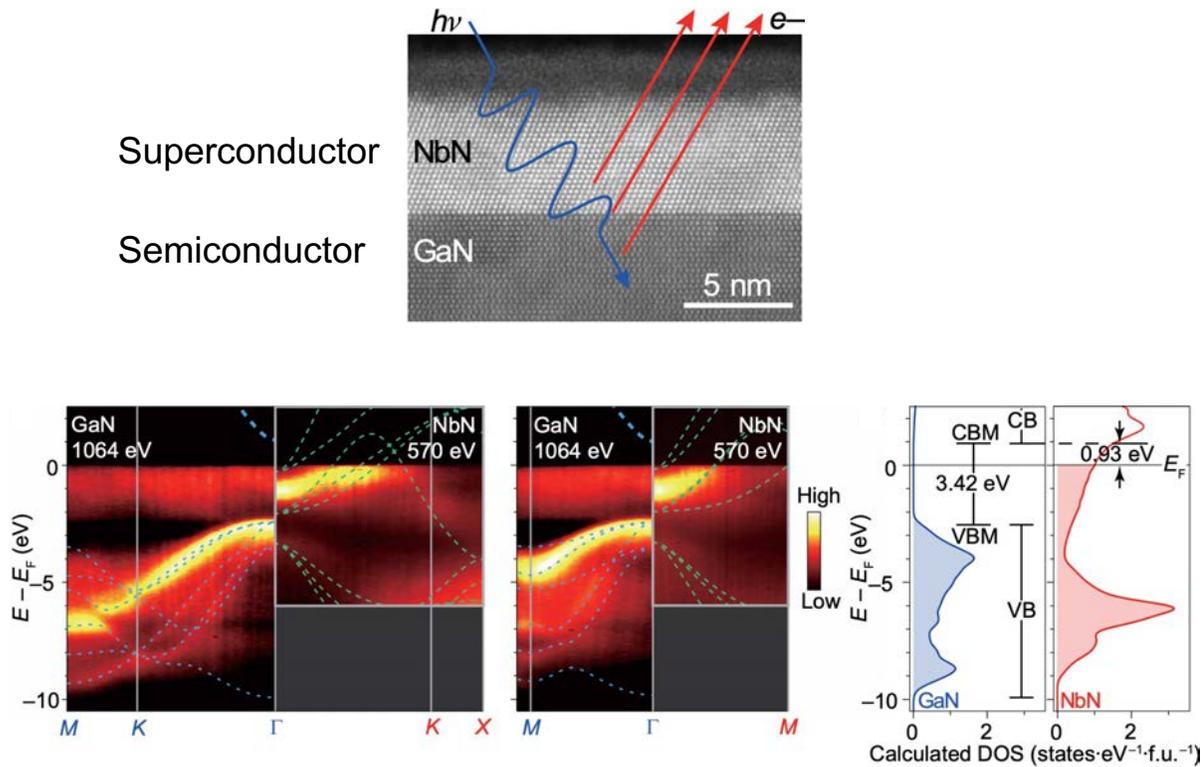


$T = 32\text{ K}$
 $h\nu = 458\text{ eV}$

Soft x-ray ARPES

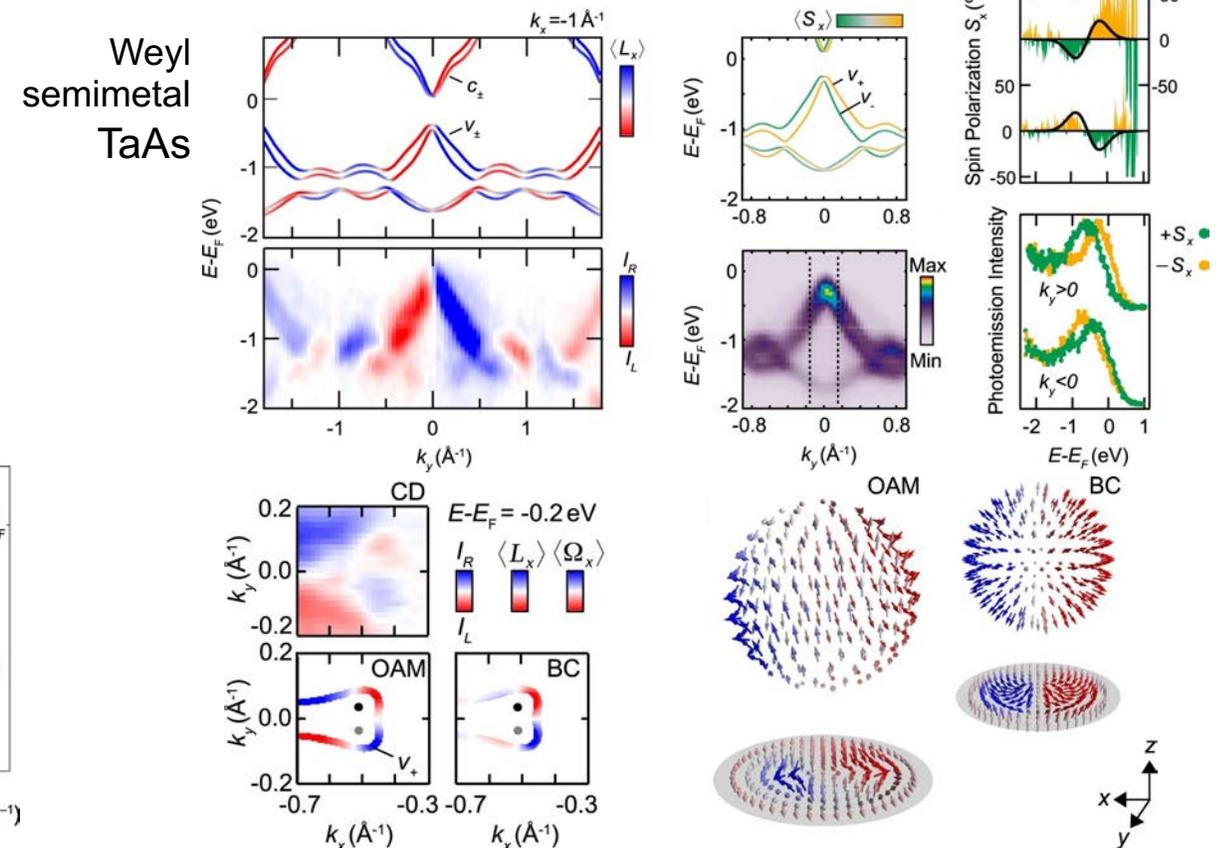
Electronic structure “in the bulk” & at interfaces

“Bulk” & interface sensitivity
(via soft x-ray energies)



Yu *et al.*, *Sci. Adv.* **7**, eabi5833 (2021)

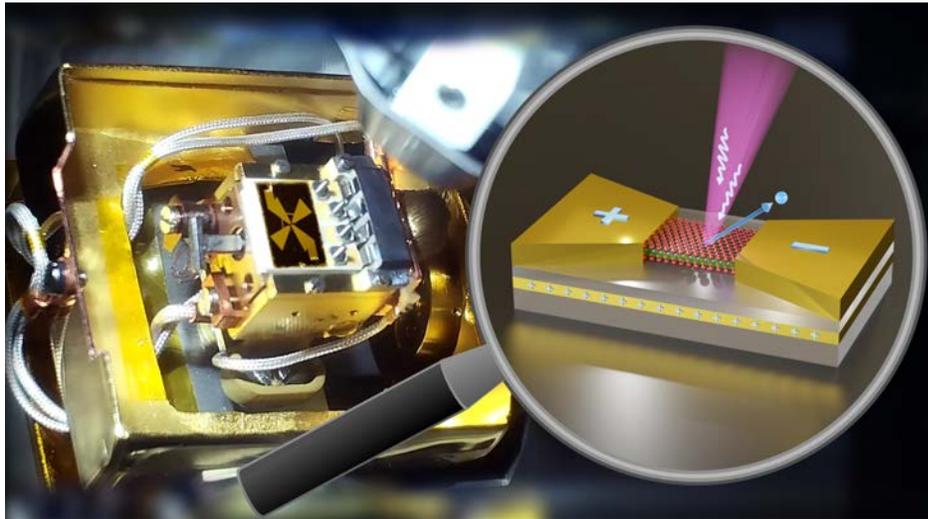
Orbital angular momentum & spin polarization
(via circular dichroism & spin detection)



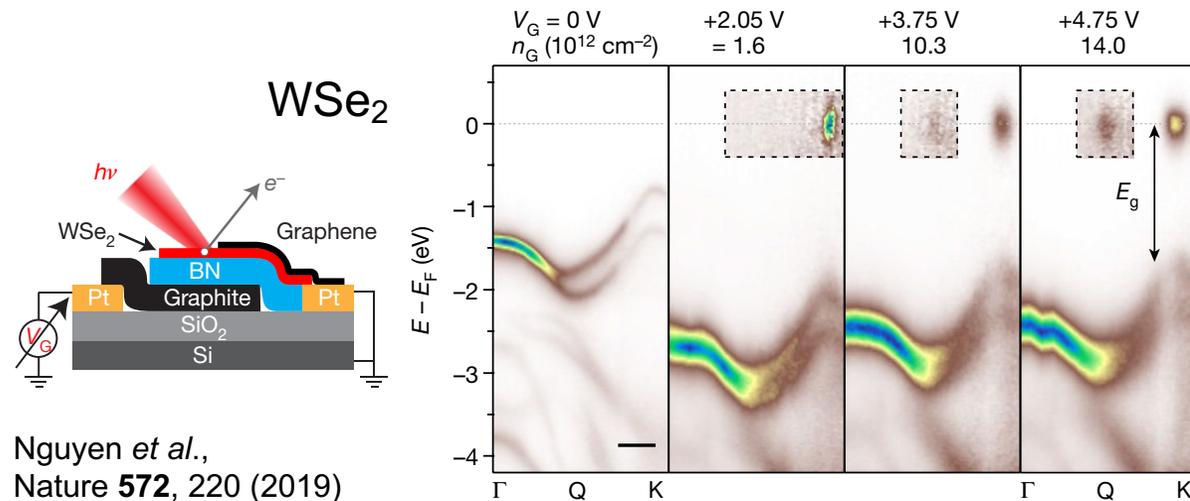
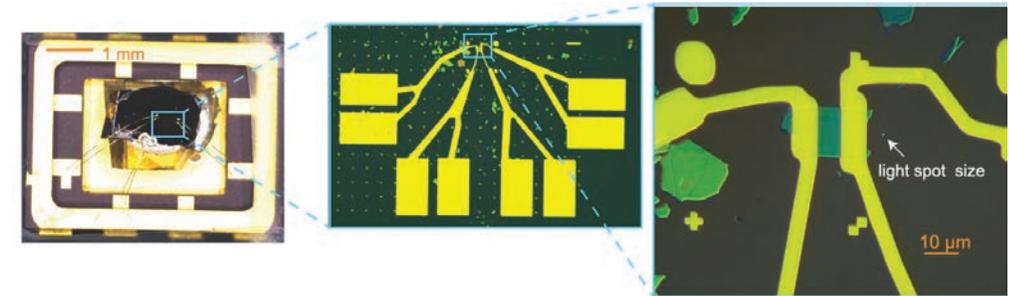
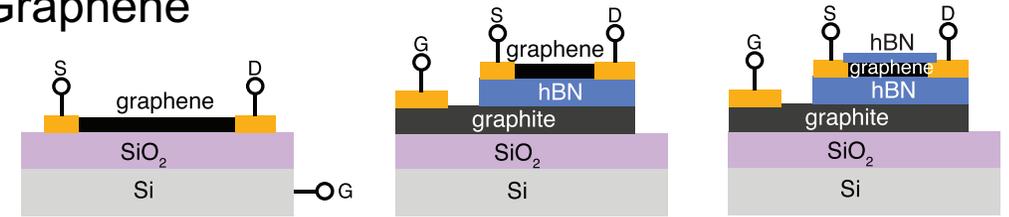
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In operando micro-/nano-ARPES

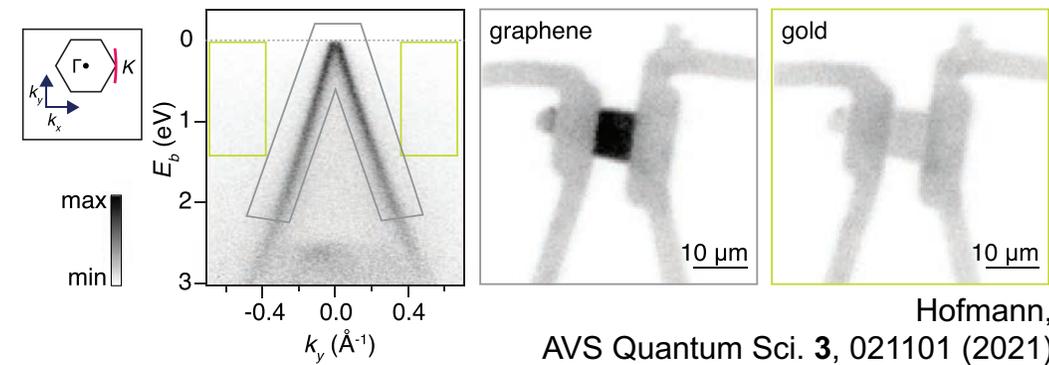
Electronic structure in devices under bias



Graphene



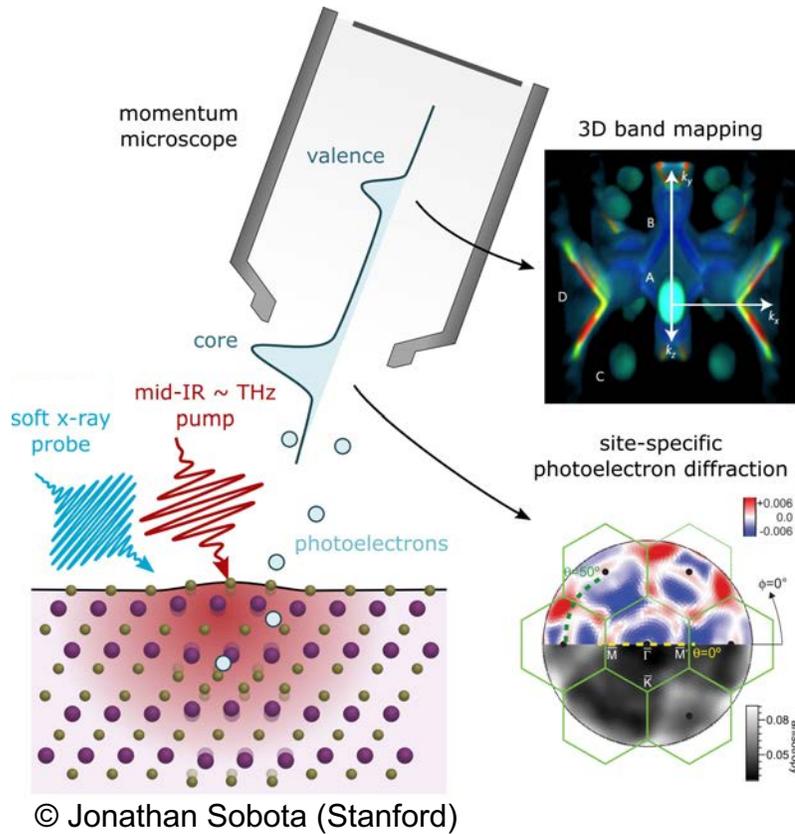
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Nature **572**, 220 (2019)



Hofmann,
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Ultrafast soft x-ray ARPES

Electronic structural dynamics on fundamental time scales



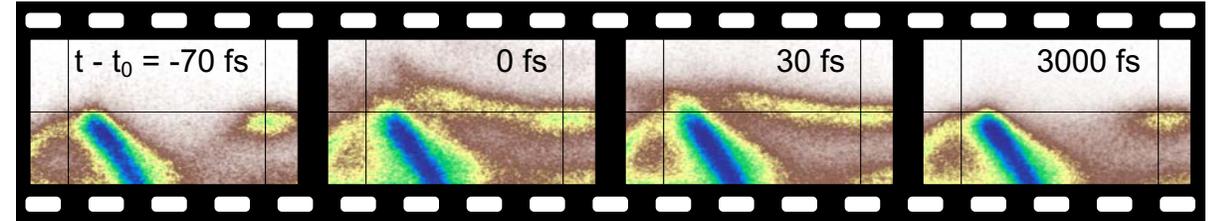
Electron hopping

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_e &= \frac{h}{W} \\ &= \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{h}{1 \text{ eV}}\right) \\ &= \mathcal{O}(4 \text{ fs}) \end{aligned}$$

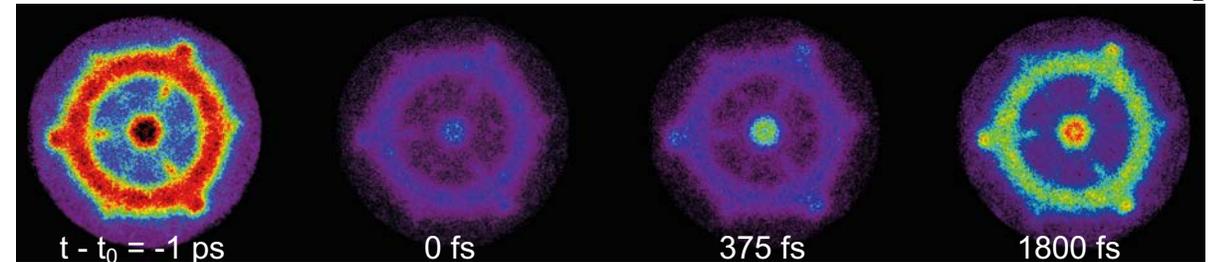
Charge transfer

Lattice vibration

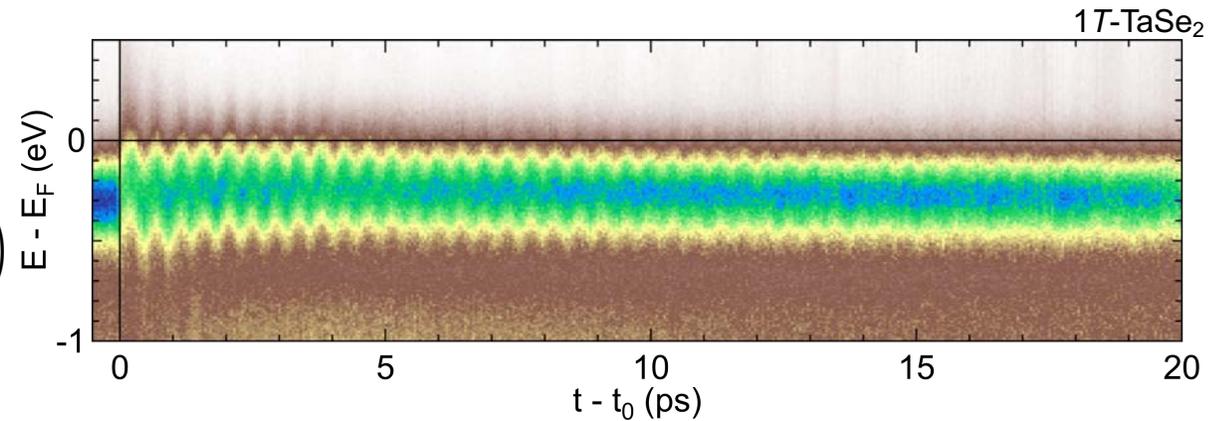
$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{\text{ph}} &= \frac{h}{E_{\text{ph}}} \\ &= \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{h}{10 \text{ meV}}\right) \\ &= \mathcal{O}(400 \text{ fs}) \end{aligned}$$



1T-TiSe₂

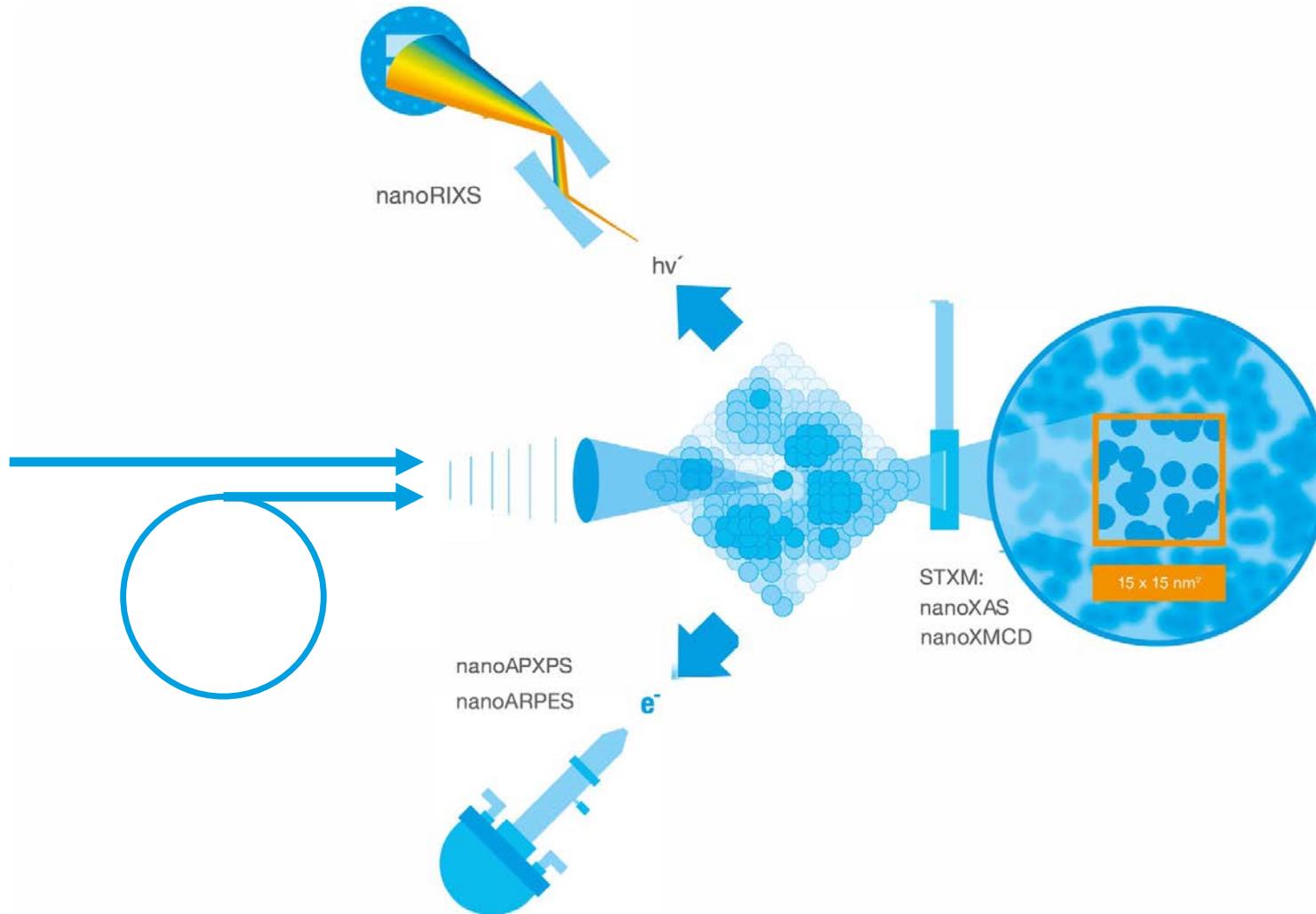


CuPc/TiSe₂



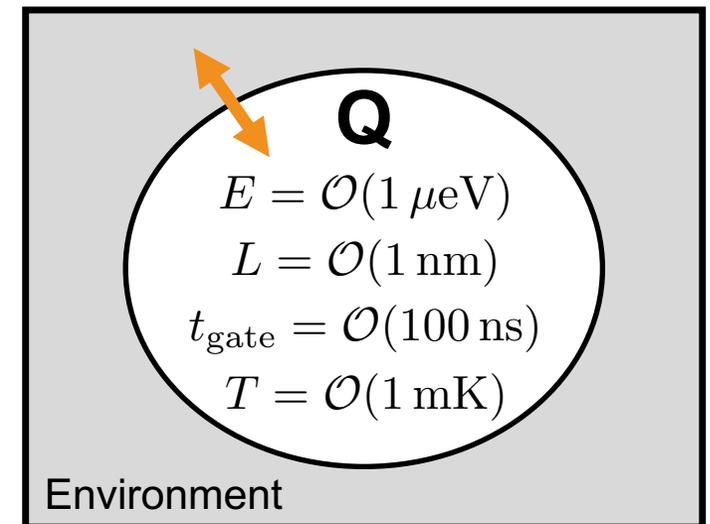
High-precision multimodal x-ray nano- and femtoanalytics

A good match to solid-state qubits?



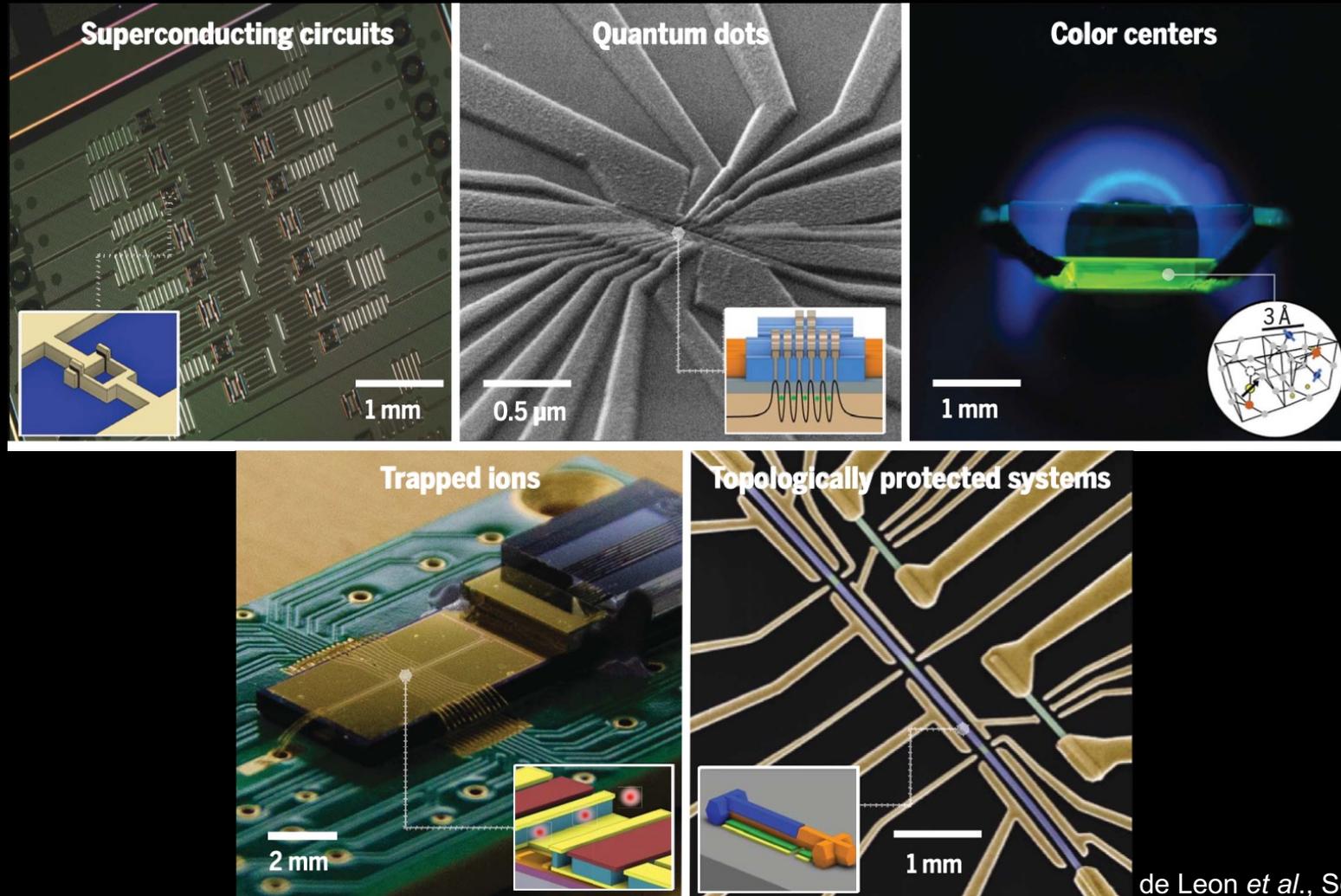
X

- Energy: $\Delta E \gtrsim 1 \text{ meV}$
- Momentum: $\Delta k \gtrsim 0.005 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$
- Position: $\Delta x = \Delta y = \Delta z \gtrsim 10 \text{ nm}$
- Time: $\Delta t \gtrsim 10 \text{ fs}, 100 \text{ ps}$
- Angular momentum: spin & orbital



Part II: Possible applications

Needs of the quantum technology community?



de Leon *et al.*, *Science* **327**, eabb2823 (2021)

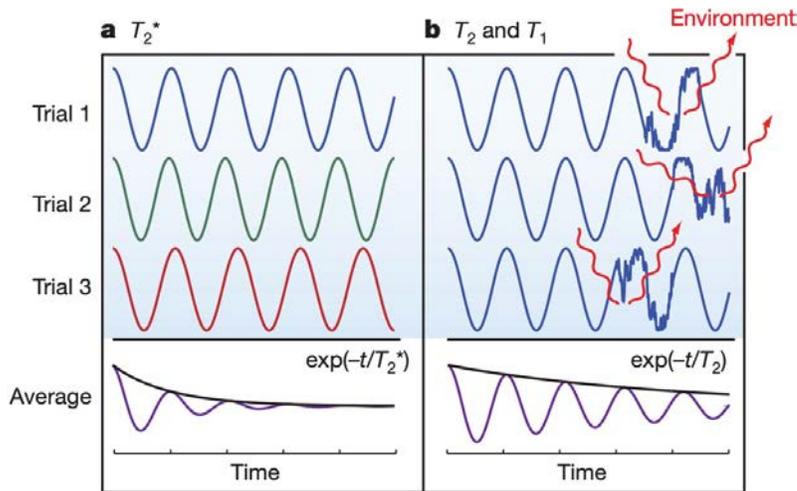
Key challenge

Understand microscopic mechanisms for noise, loss & decoherence

Dephasing

Decoherence
Dissipation

Correlate qubit measurements with direct materials characterization



- Coherence time T_2
- Dephasing time T_2^*
- Relaxation time T_1

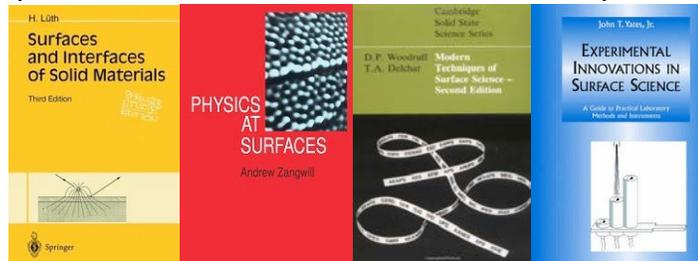
Device operation & environment

- mK temperatures
- μeV energies
- nm length scales
- μs -to-s coherence times
- ultrahigh-vacuum conditions

Sources of noise

- Inhomogeneity
- Defects & impurities
- Surfaces & interfaces
- Substrates
- Strain
- Oxides
- Charges
- Spins (electronic & nuclear)
- Quasiparticles
- Phonons

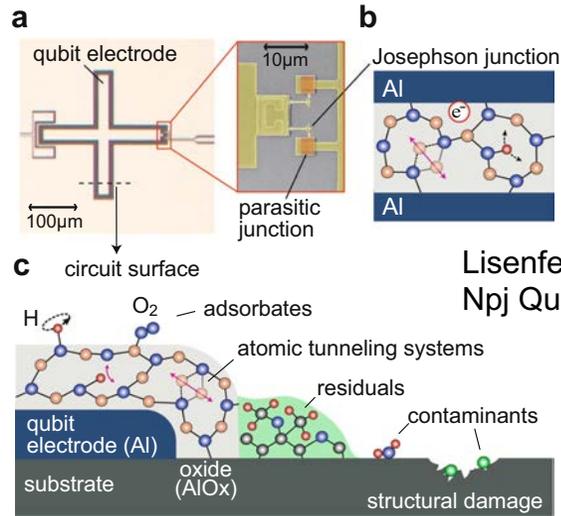
Revival of Surface Science?
(Si \rightarrow "semiconductor vacuum")



Ladd *et al.*, Nature **464**, 45(2010)

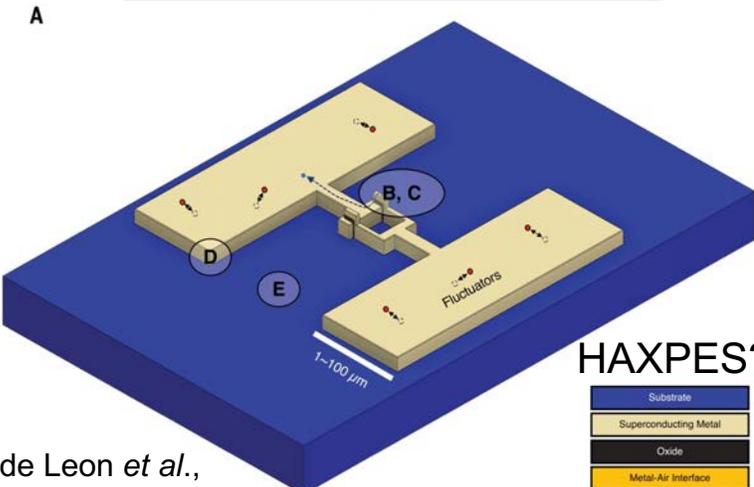
Superconducting qubits

Quantum information stored in energy eigenstates of Josephson junction-based circuits

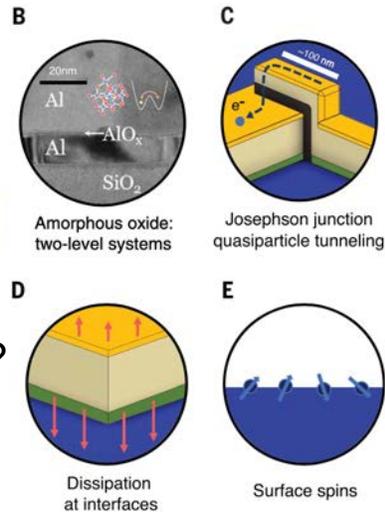


Lisenfeld *et al.*,
Npj Quantum Inf. **5**, 105 (2019)

XPS
SX-ARPES ?
femto-
ARPES ?

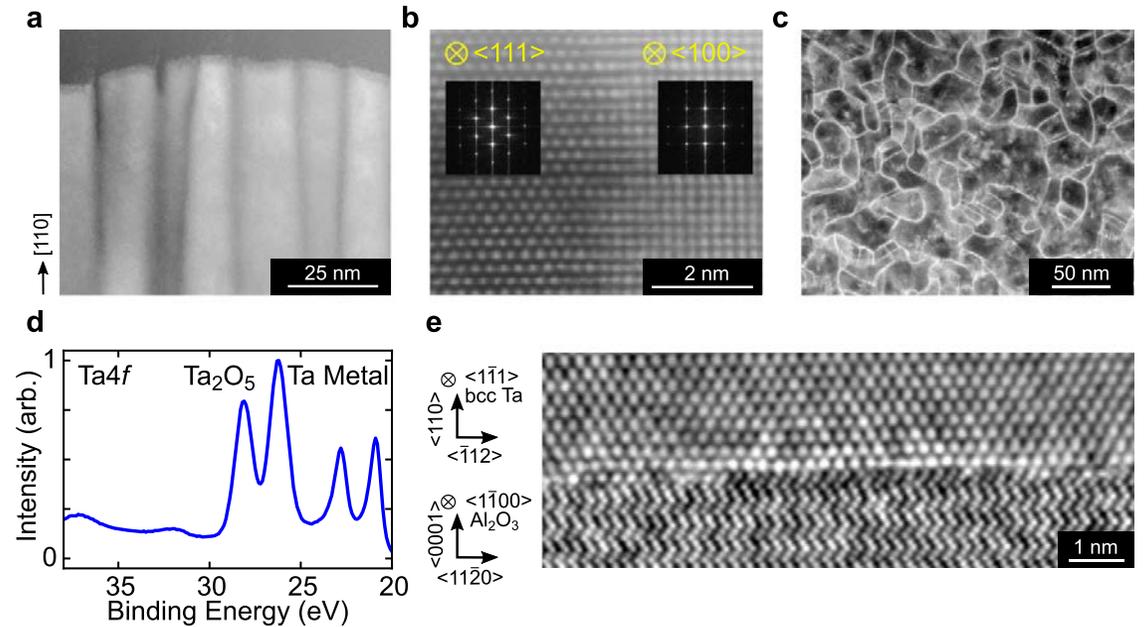


HAXPES?



XMCD, spin-ARPES?

STEM + XPS

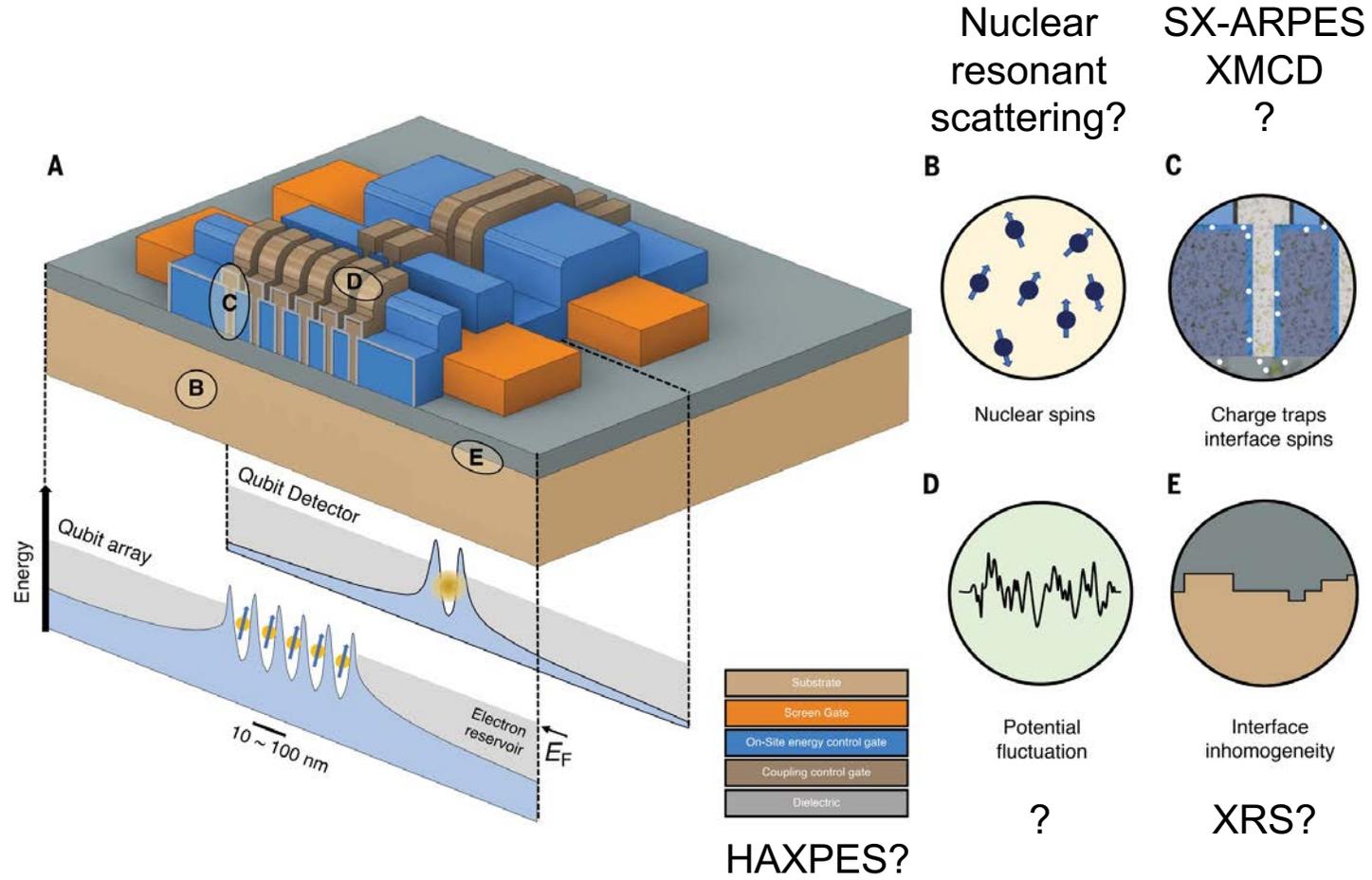


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Semiconductor quantum dot qubits

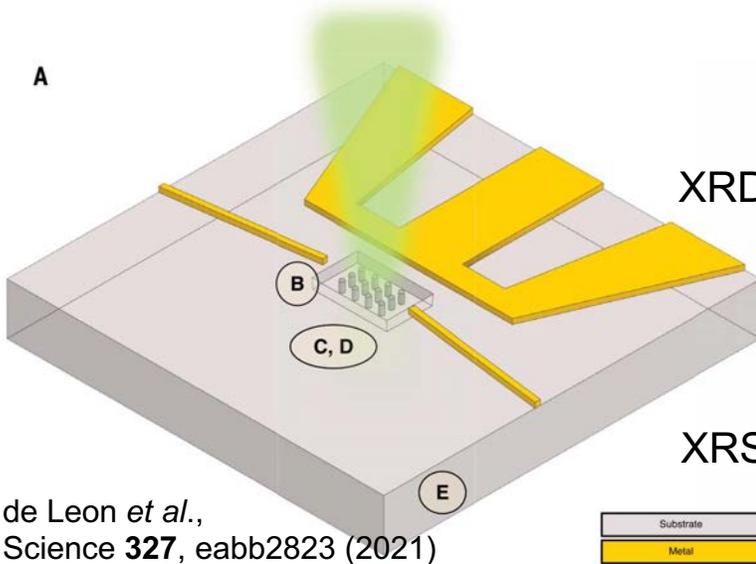
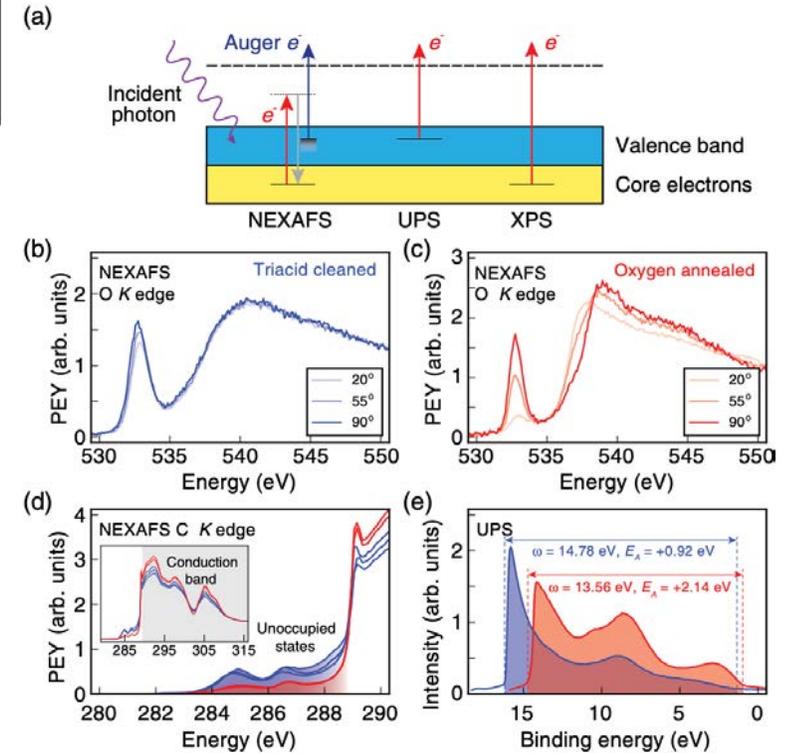
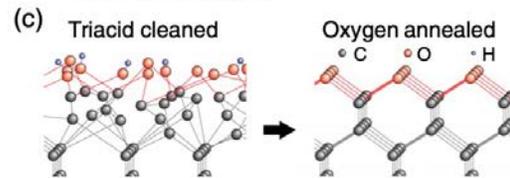
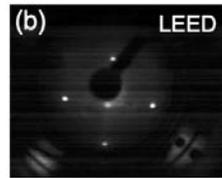
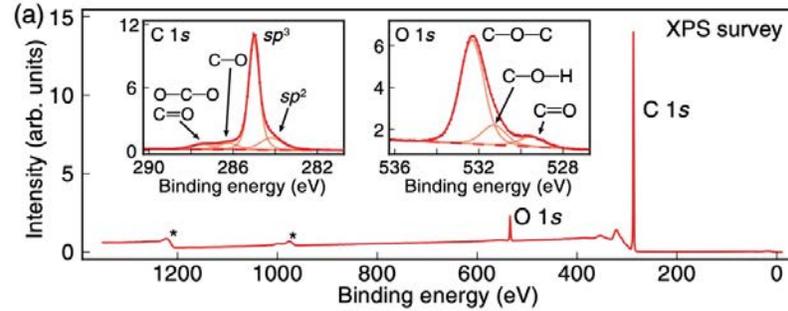
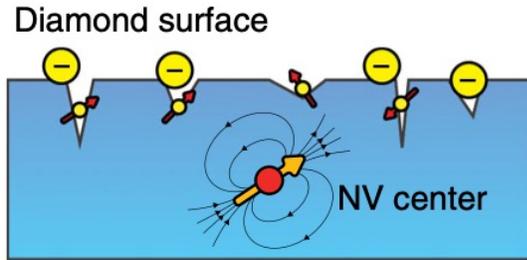
Quantum information stored in spin states of confined carriers



de Leon *et al.*,
Science **327**, eabb2823 (2021)

Color center qubits

Quantum information stored in electronic orbital & spin states



- XRD?
 - XPS
 - ARPES
 - Nuclear resonant scattering?
 - XRS?
 - CDI?
 - Ptychography?
- Lattice Defects
- Dangling bonds
Nuclear spins
Electron traps
- Surface roughness
- Extended defects

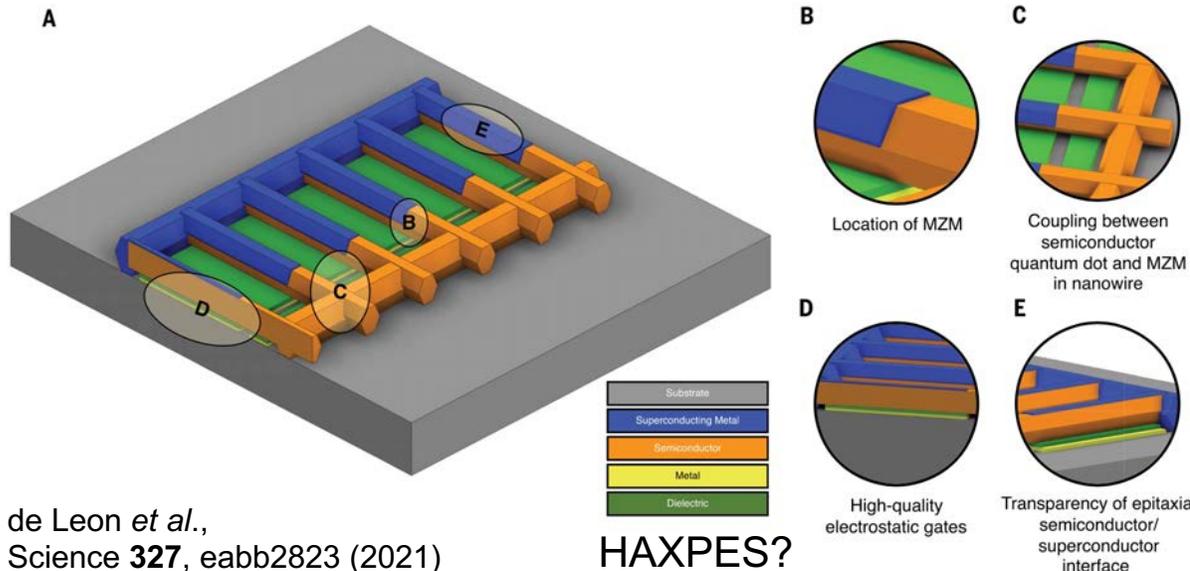
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Sangtawesin *et al.*, Phys. Rev. X **9**, 031052 (2019)

Topological qubits

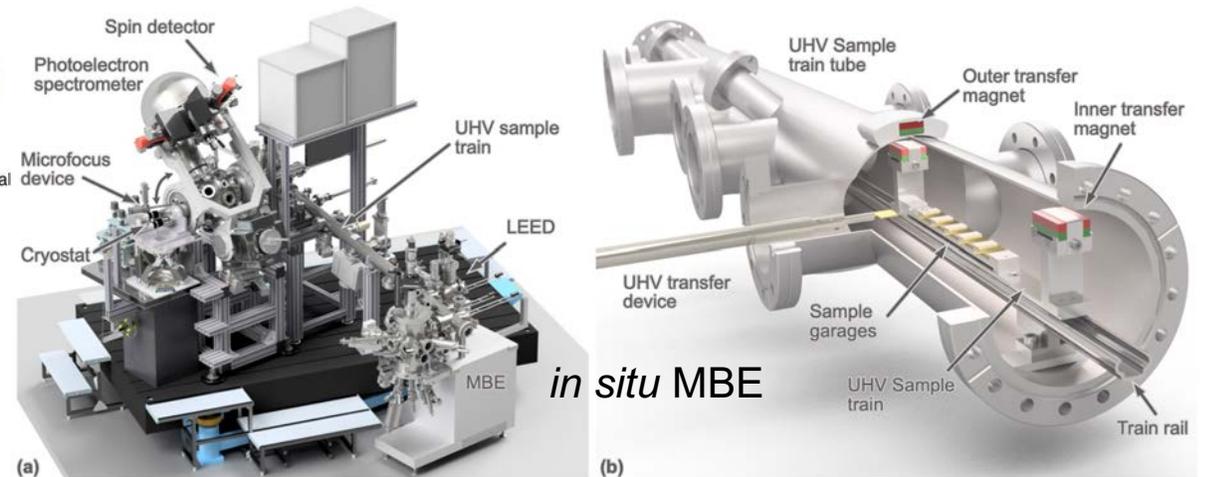
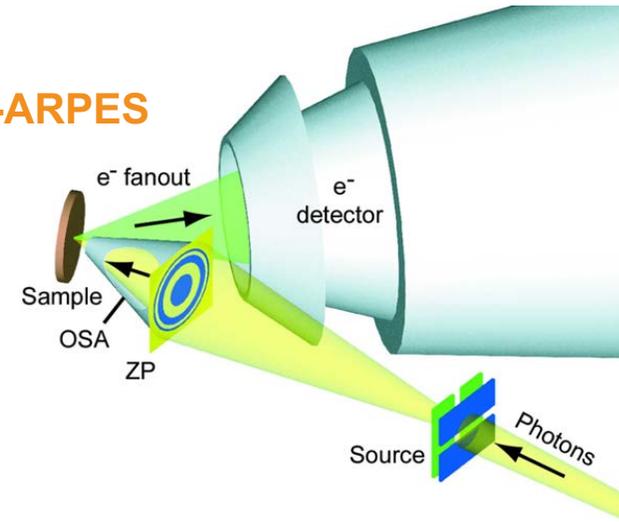
Quantum information stored in non-Abelian topological phase of Majorana zero modes

Where is the Majorana zero mode?
Does it obey non-Abelian statistics?



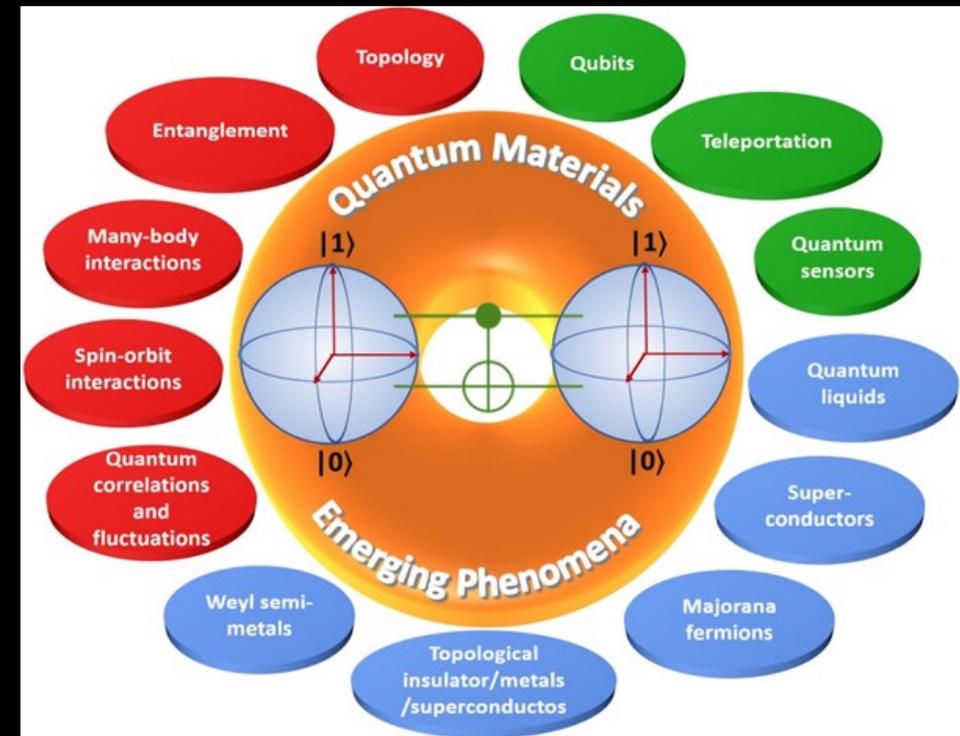
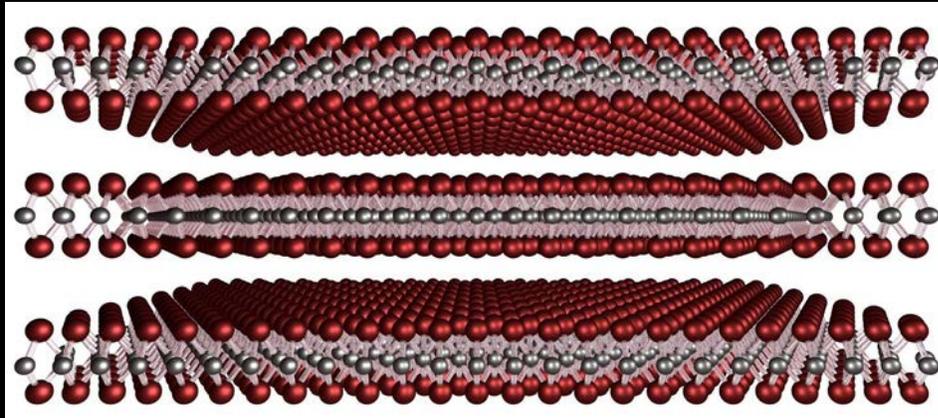
Exploratory platform: no physical qubit yet

nano-ARPES



Part III: 2D quantum materials

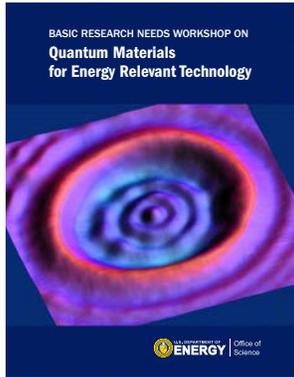
Viable quantum technology platform?



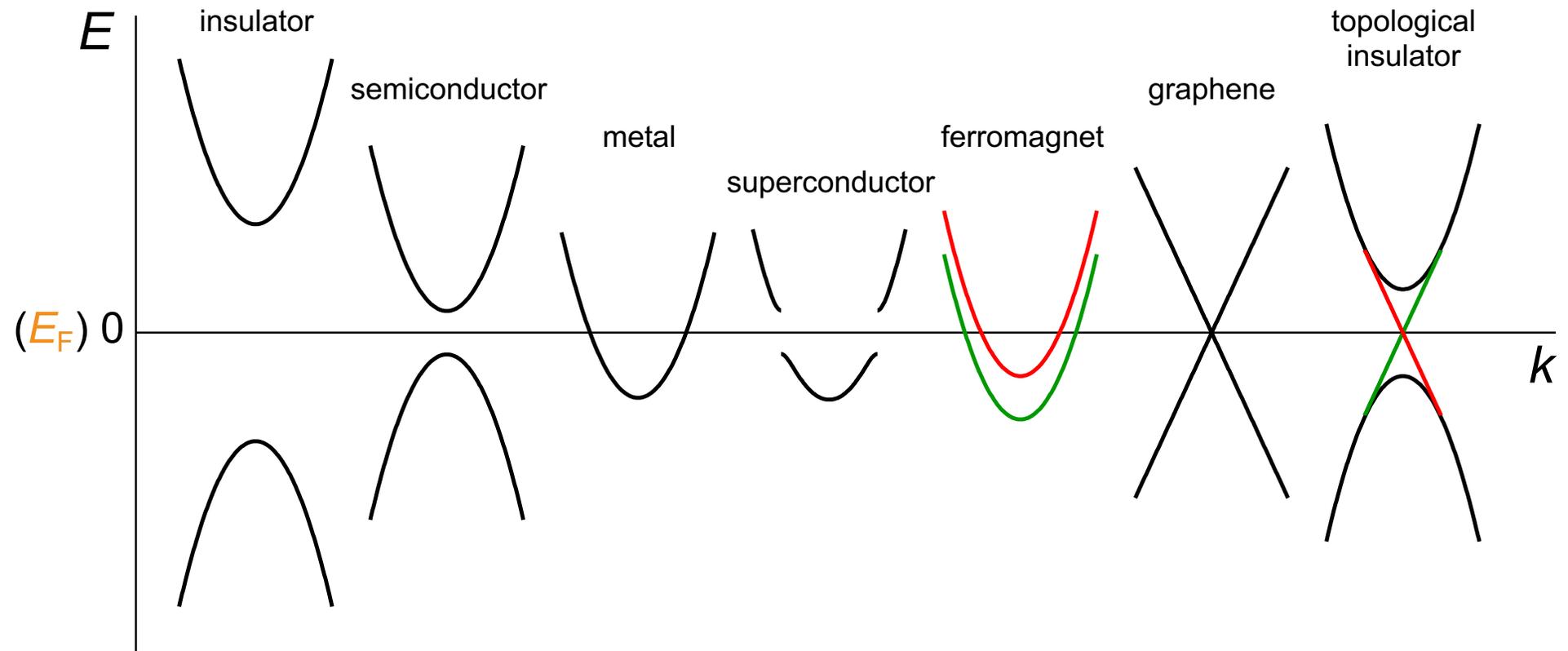
iopscience.iop.org/journal/0022-3727/page/special-issue-on-quantum-materials-and-emerging-phenomena

Quantum materials

Quantum materials? All materials are quantum.



... solids with **exotic** physical properties, arising from the **quantum mechanical** properties of their constituent **electrons**; such materials have great scientific and/or technological potential.



Van der Waals heterostructures

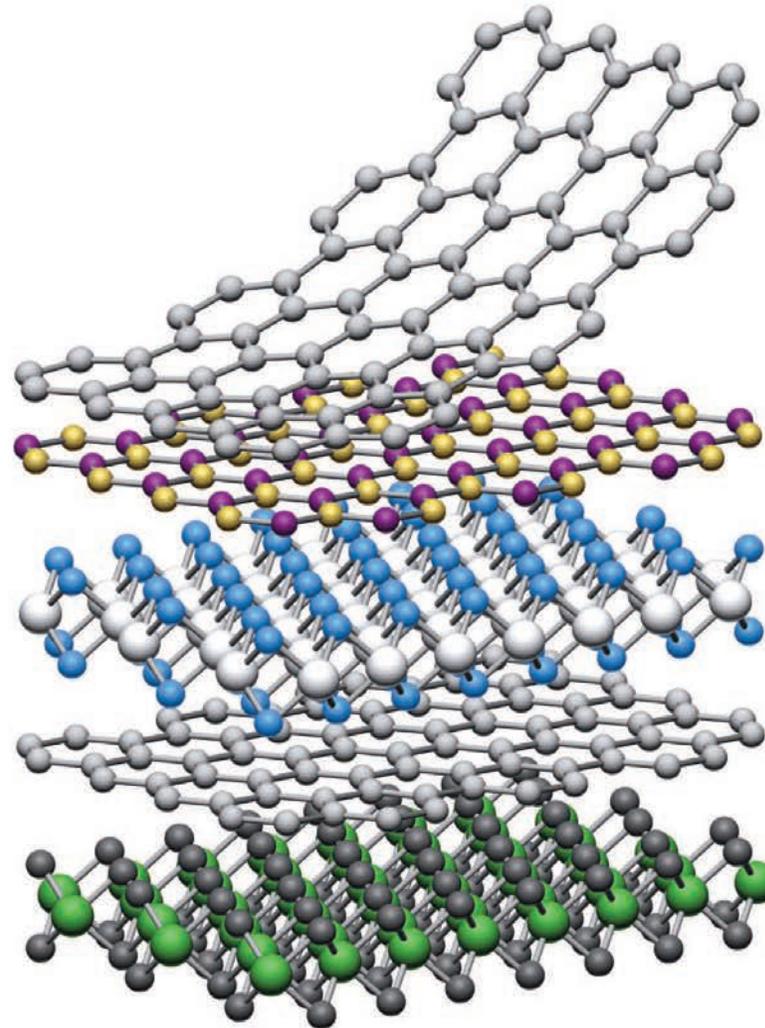
“What if we mimic layered superconductors by atomic-scale LEGO?”

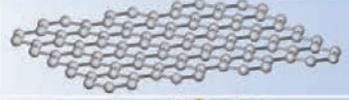
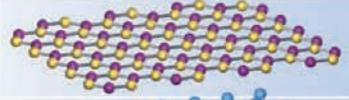
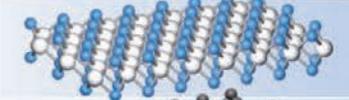
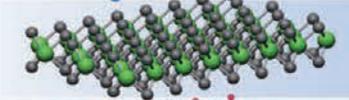
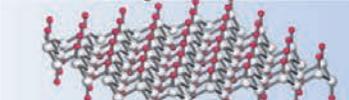


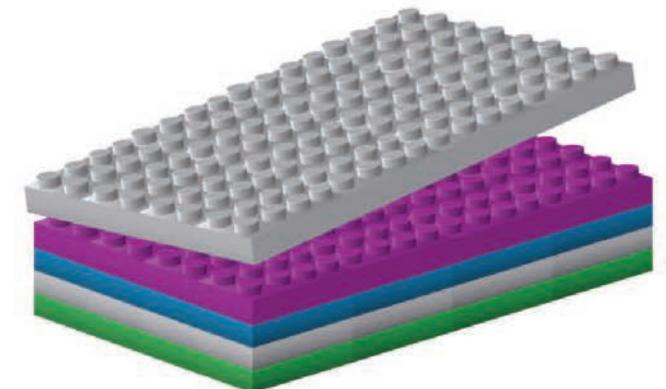
clean, strain-free
atomically sharp interfaces

(gate) tunable, emergent
electronic properties

new kinds of
devices & electronics



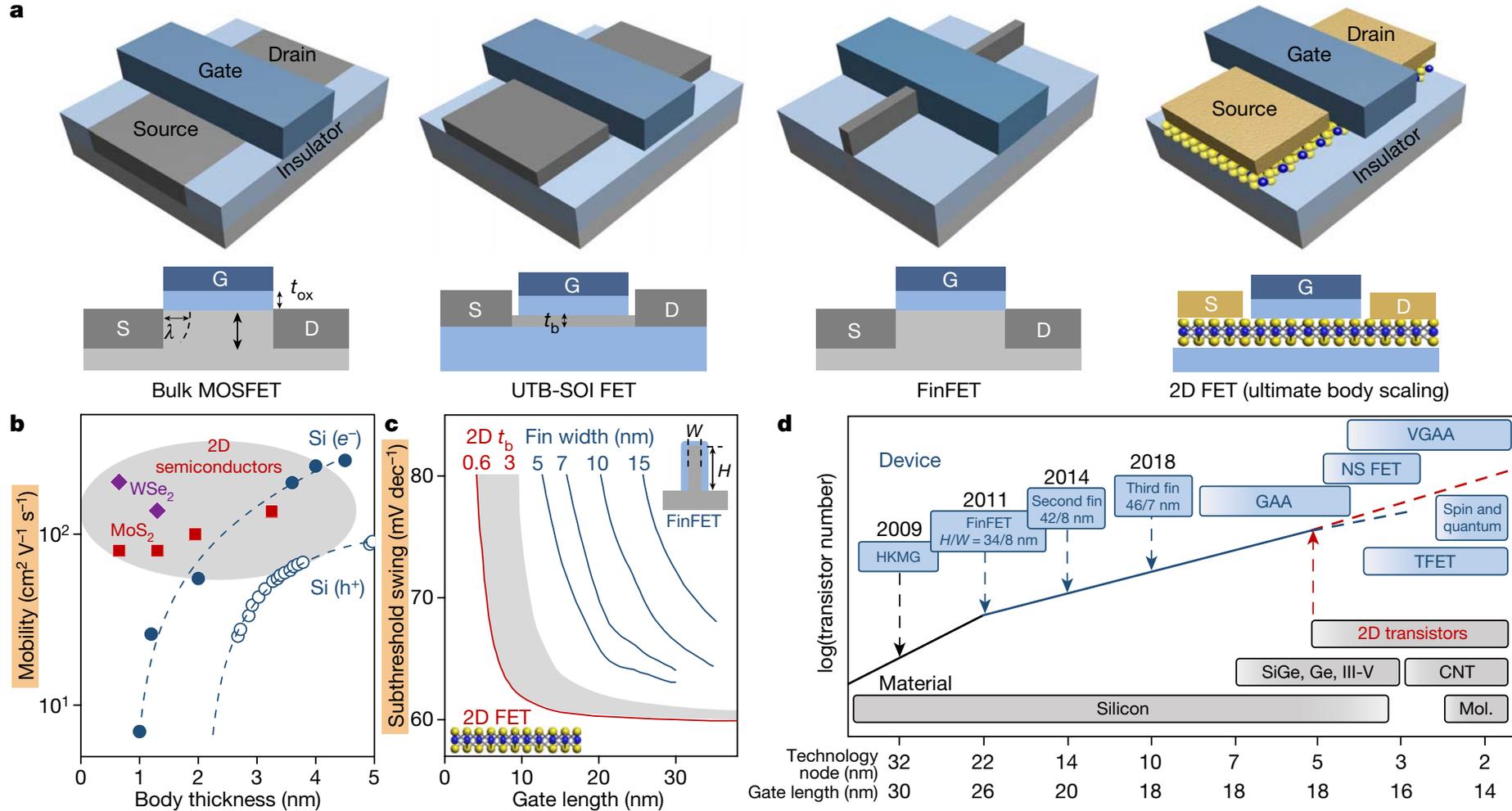
	Graphene	
	hBN	
	MoS ₂	
	WSe ₂	
	Fluorographene	



Geim & Grigorieva, Nature **499**, 419 (2013)

2D transistors

Toward ultimate transistor scaling



Liu *et al.*,
Nature **591**, 43 (2021)

Twistronics

Twisted bilayer WSe₂: Flat band via Moiré superlattice

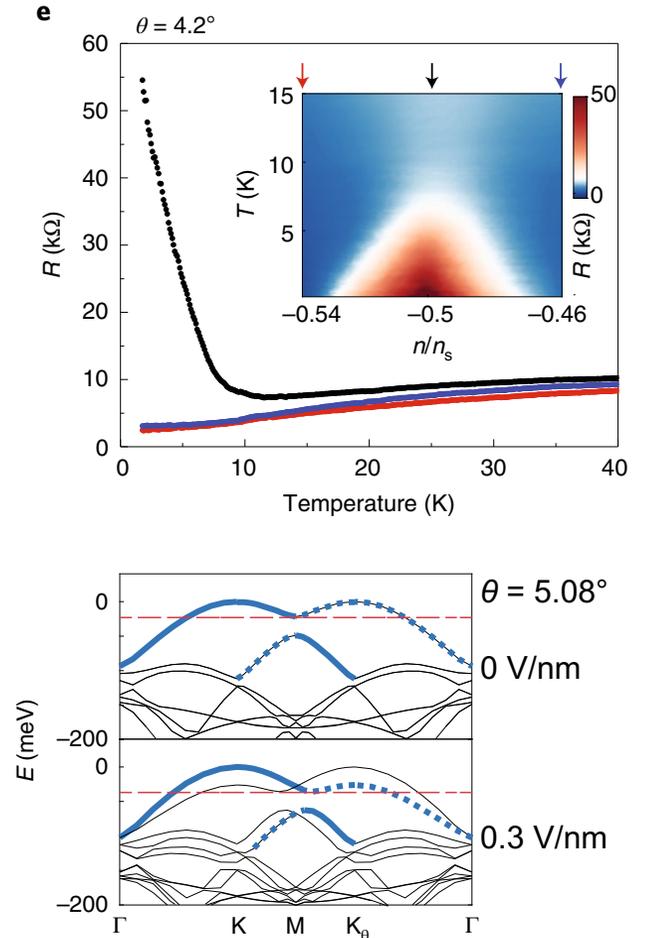
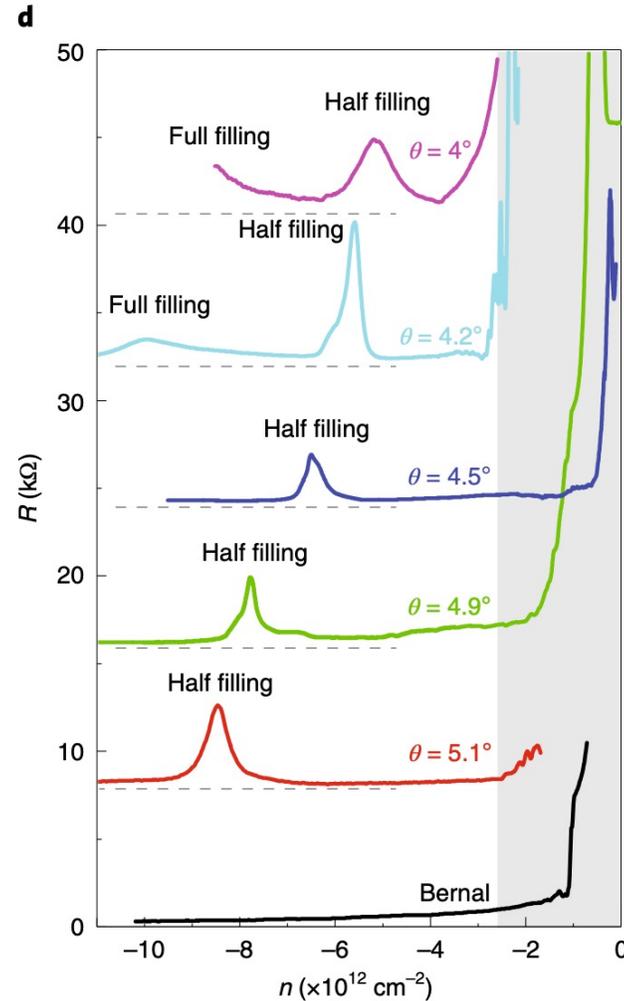
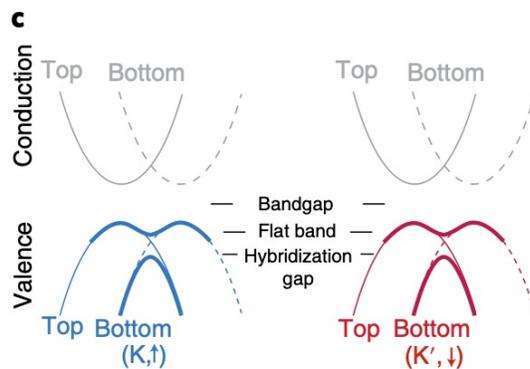
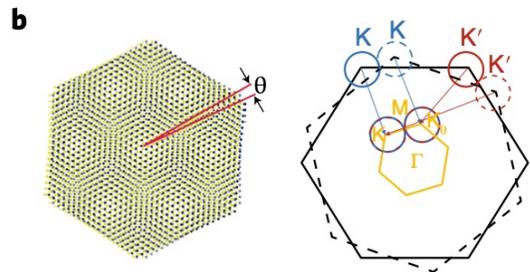
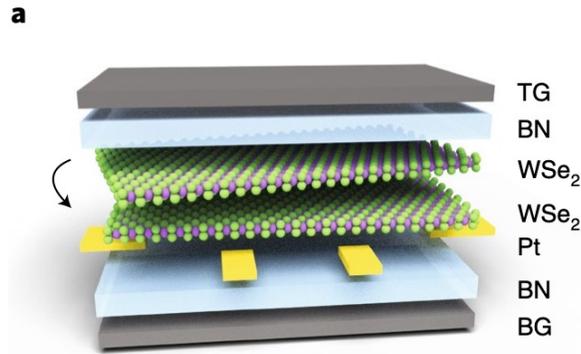
Bandwidth control
(via **twist** angle
& gate voltages)

Carrier density control
(via gate voltages)

Moiré superlattice

Flat band

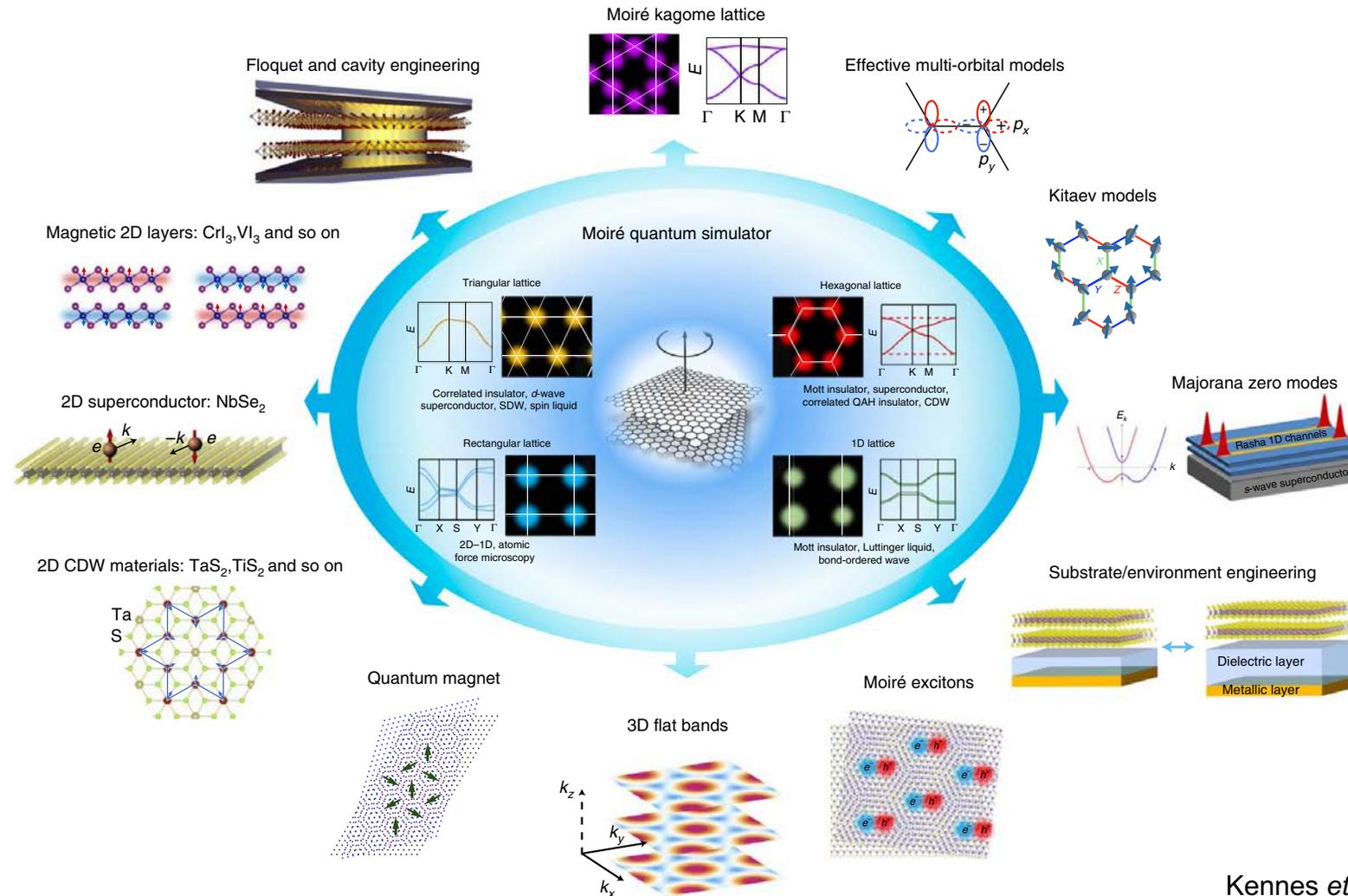
(pseudo-spin degenerate,
2e⁻ per 126...205 W atoms)



Wang *et al.*, Nat. Mater. **19**, 861 (2020)

Quantum simulation: Moiré quantum matter

Controllable quantum Hamiltonians realized by twisted van der Waals heterostructures

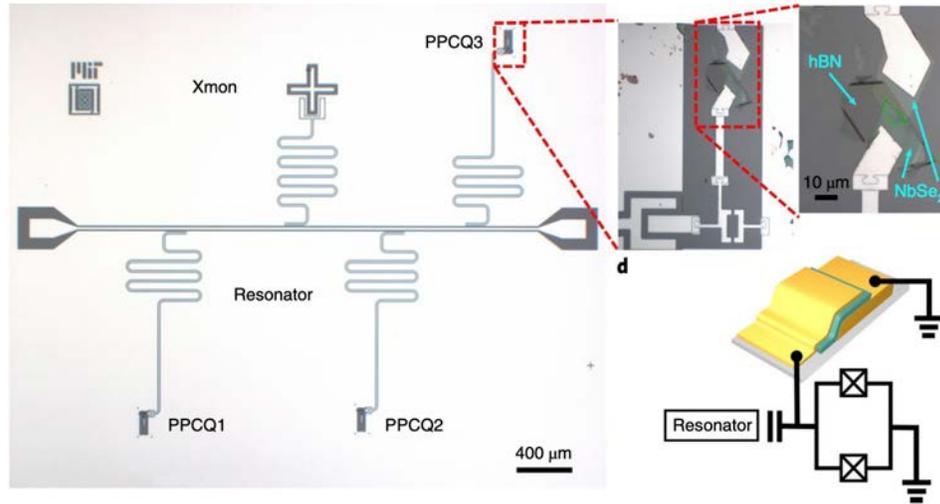


Kennes *et al.*, Nat. Phys. **17**, 155 (2021)

2D materials for quantum technology hardware

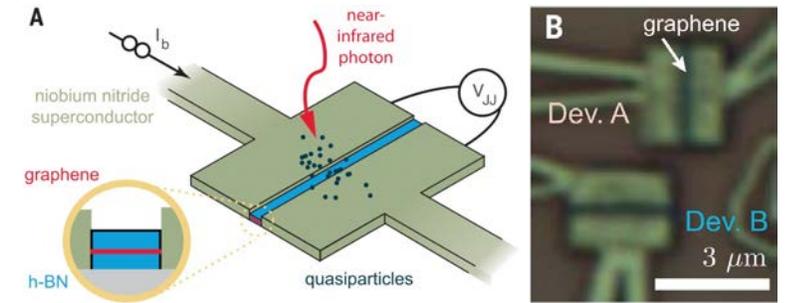
Quantum computing, communication & sensing

Ultrasmall capacitor for superconducting qubits

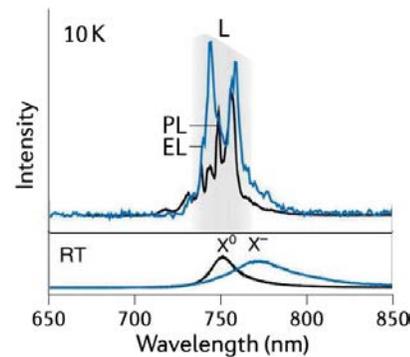
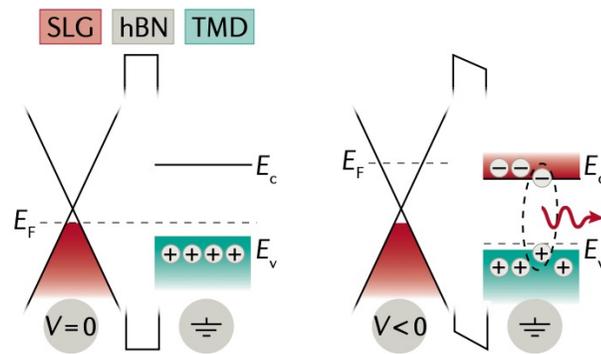
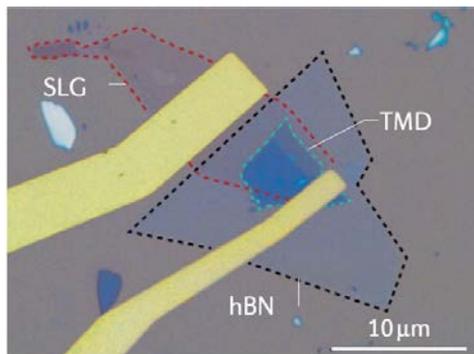


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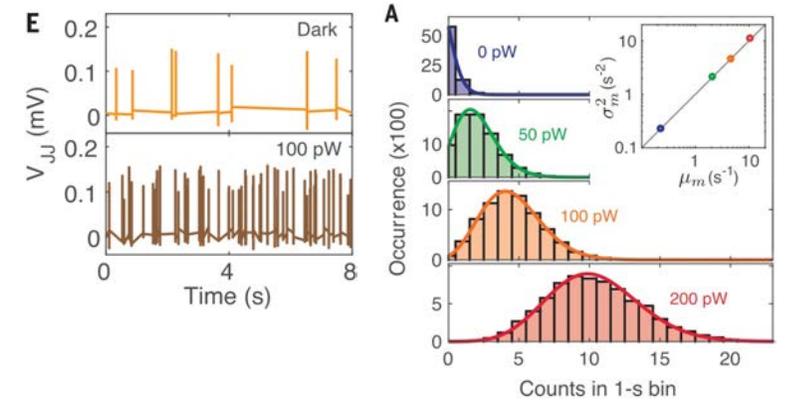
Single-photon detector



Single-photon LED



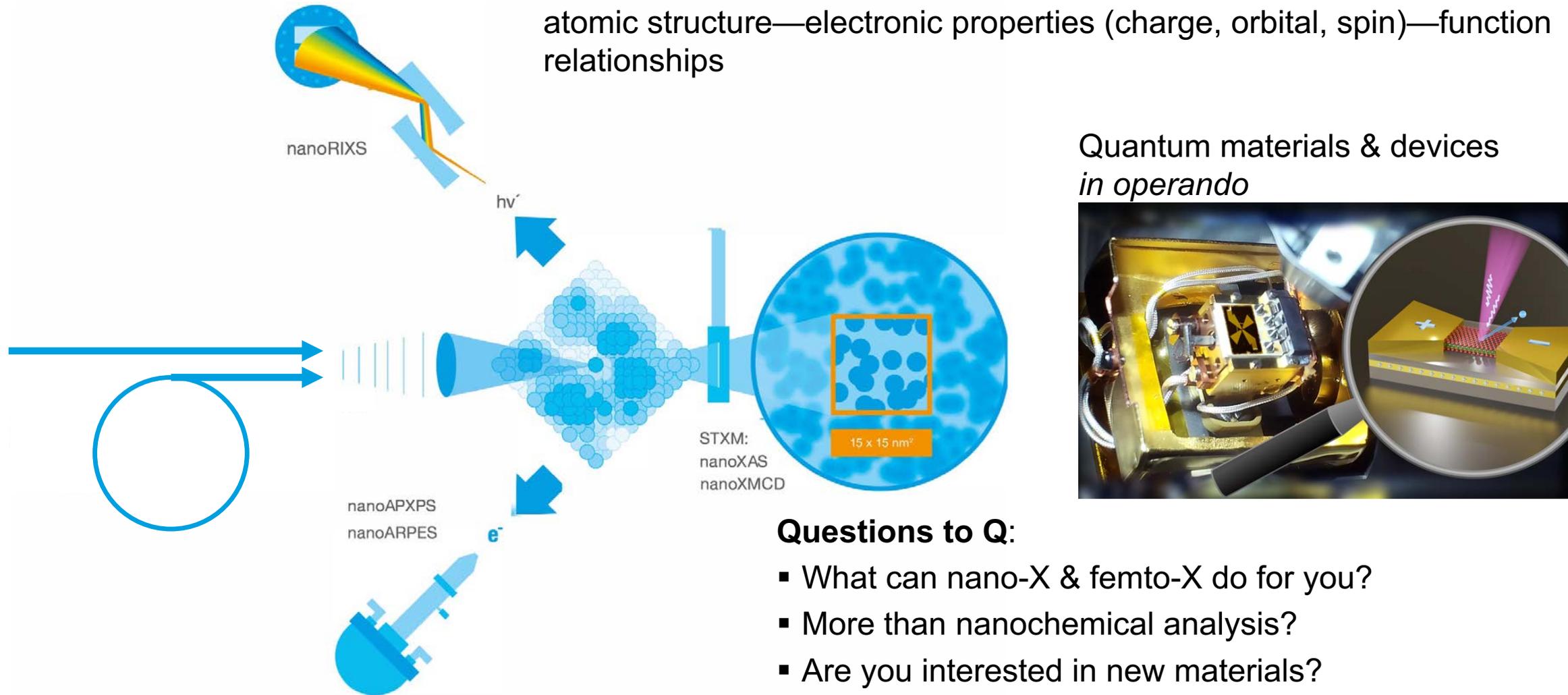
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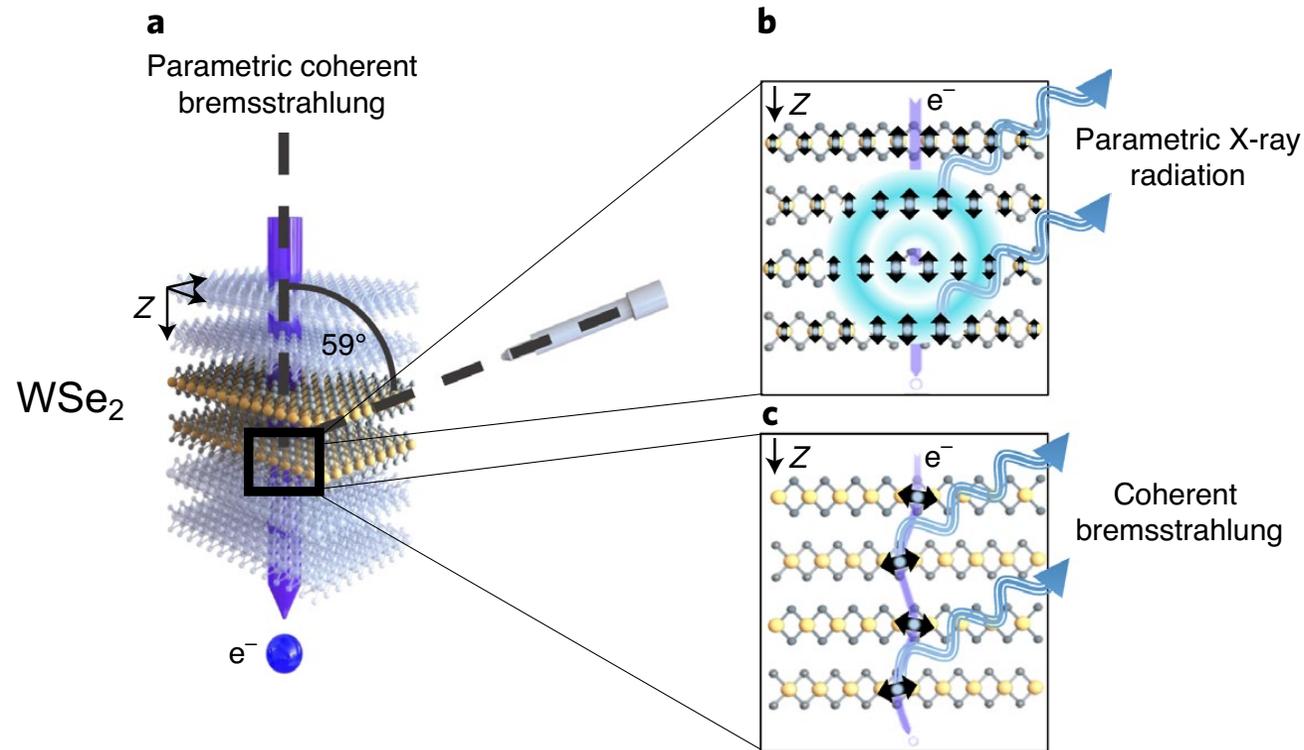
X meets Q

High-precision multimodal x-ray nano- & femtoanalytics for ...



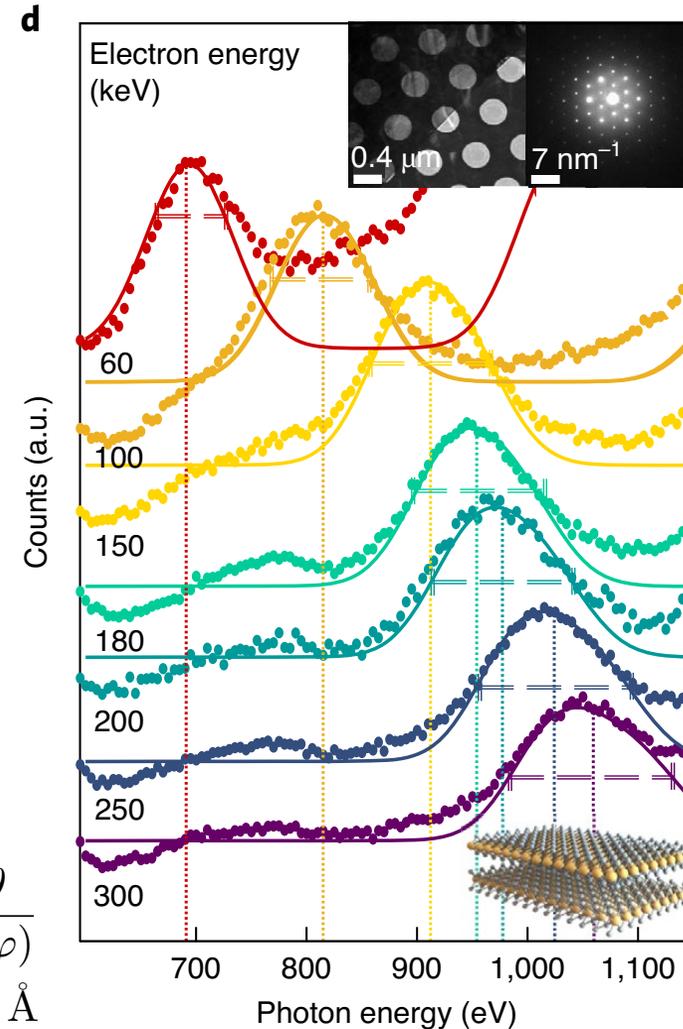
Free-electron x-ray radiation from WSe₂

Electrons in — x-rays out



$$E_m = \hbar\omega_m = m \frac{2\pi\hbar c\beta \cos\theta}{d(1 - \beta \cos\varphi)}$$

$$\beta \approx 0.4 \cdots 0.8, \quad d = 12.98 \text{ \AA}$$



Shentcis *et al.*, Nat. Photon. **14**, 686 (2020)

We welcome collaborations

Soft x-rays @ DESY/EuXFEL + TMDC crystals

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