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Local structure and superconductivity in BiS_2 -based materials

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The physics of layered superconductors

Nearly-2D materials

Large fluctuation in different degrees of freedom

Susceptibility to external perturbations

What determines the physical properties?



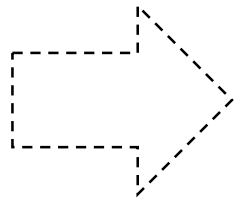
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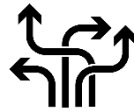
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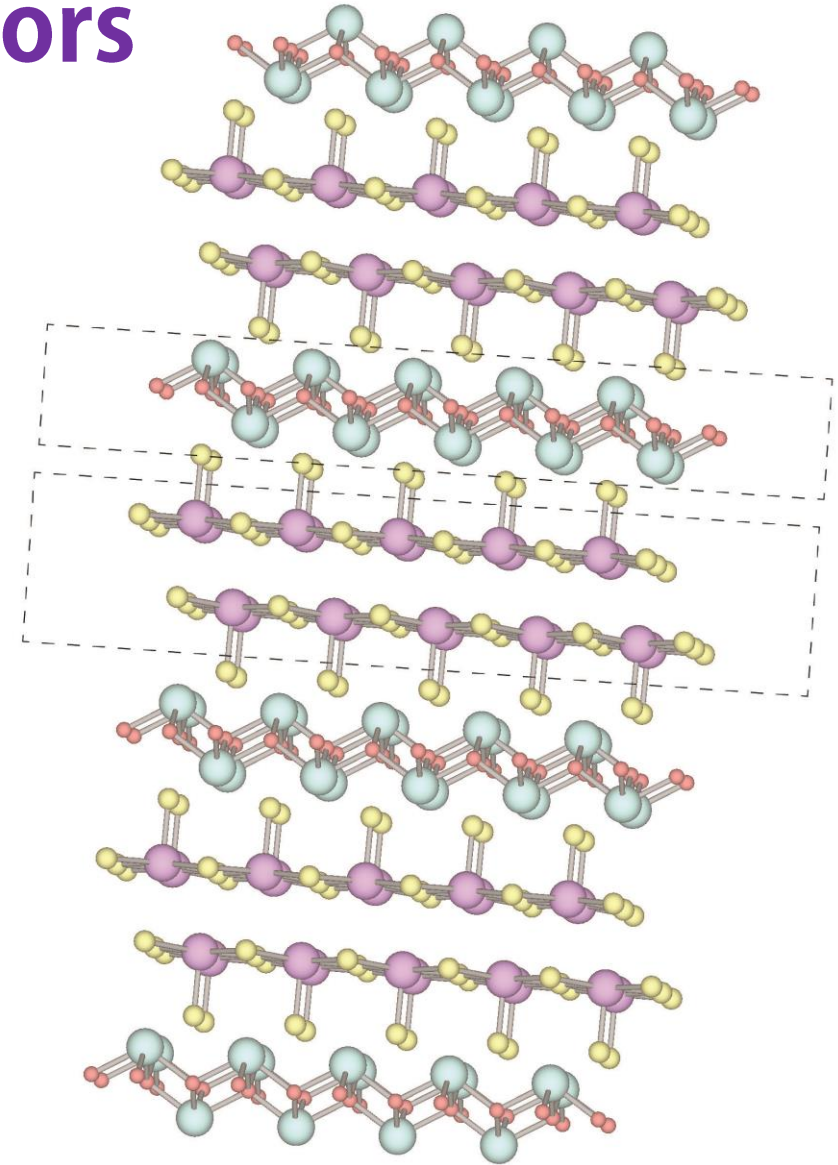
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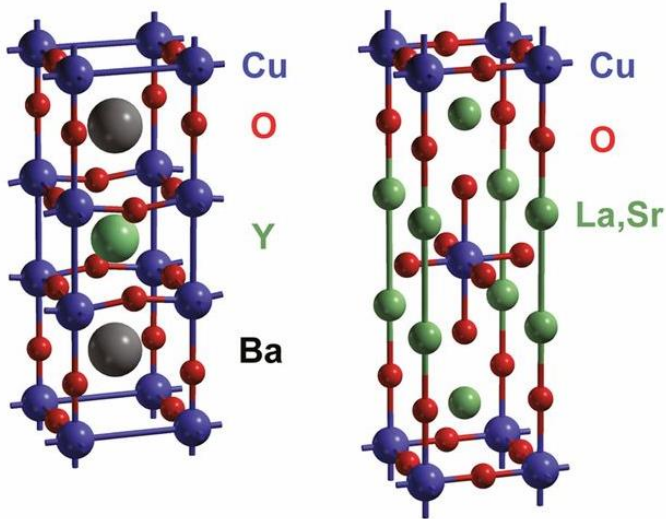


Disorder



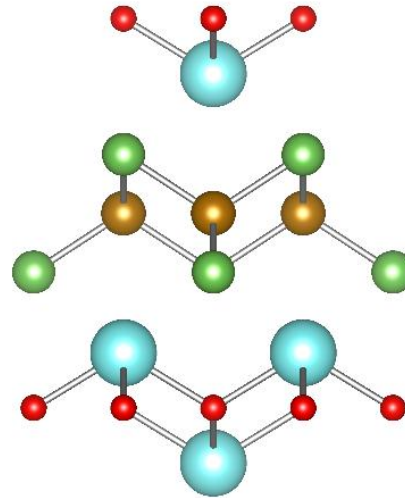
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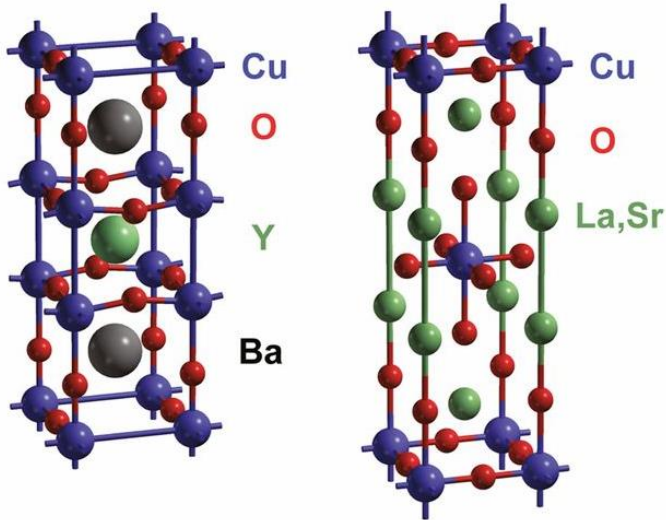


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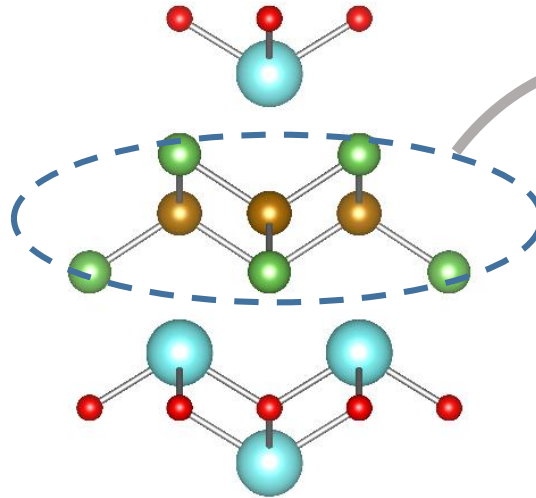
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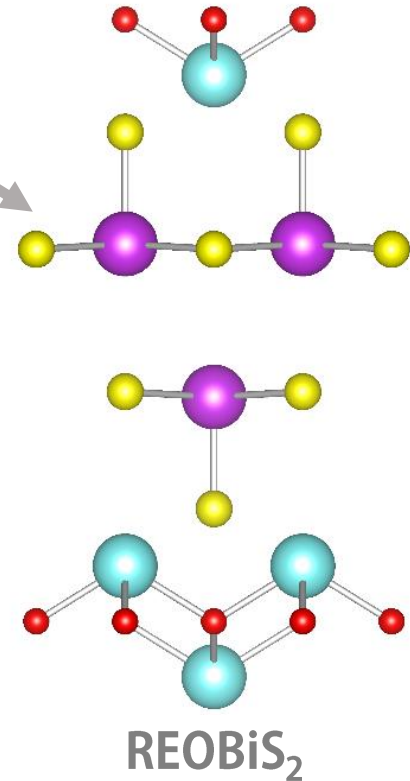
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REOBiS₂

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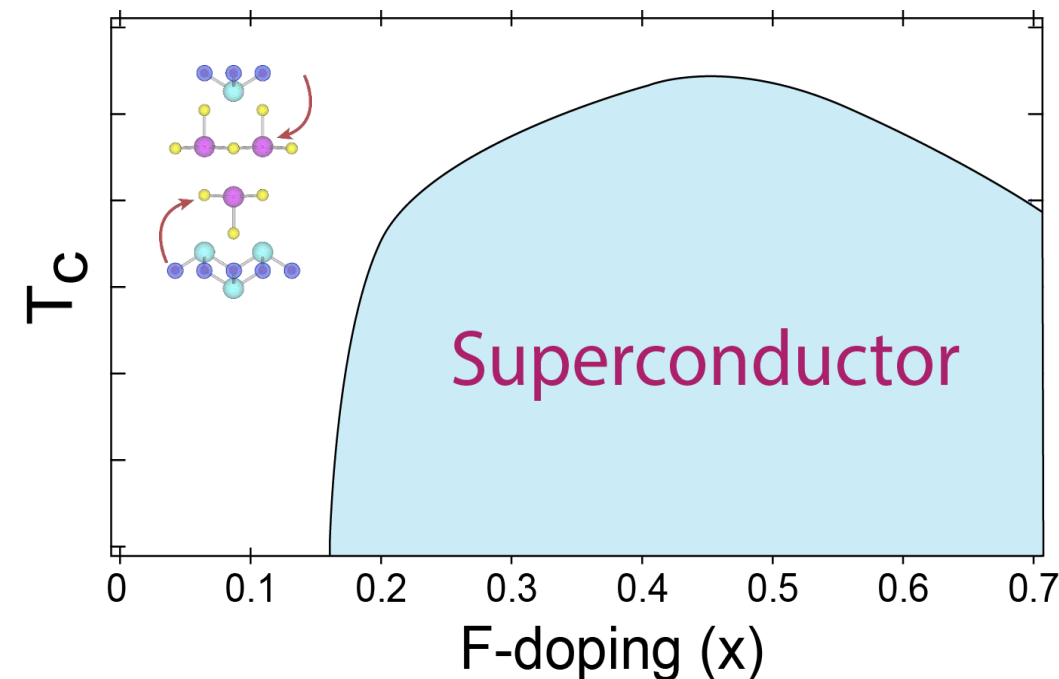


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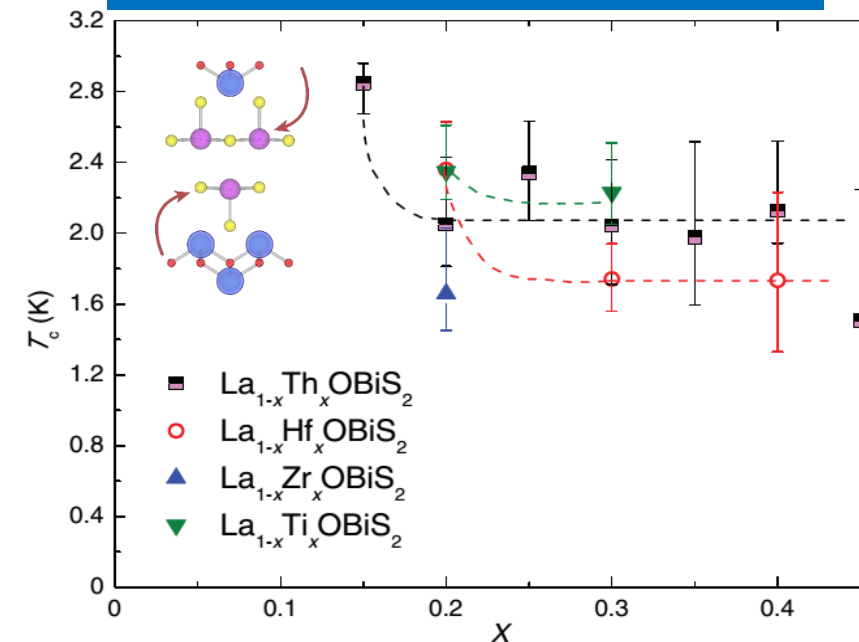
How to trigger SC in REOBiS₂

Partial substitution of O²⁻ by F⁻



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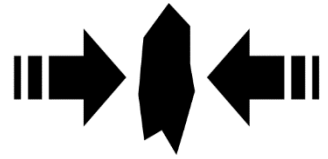
Substitution of RE³⁺ with RE⁴⁺



F-doping... Adding carriers and/or optimizing the lattice (?)

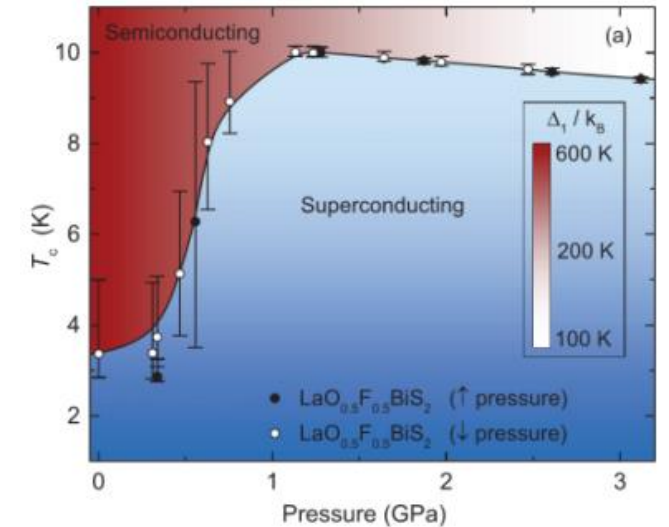
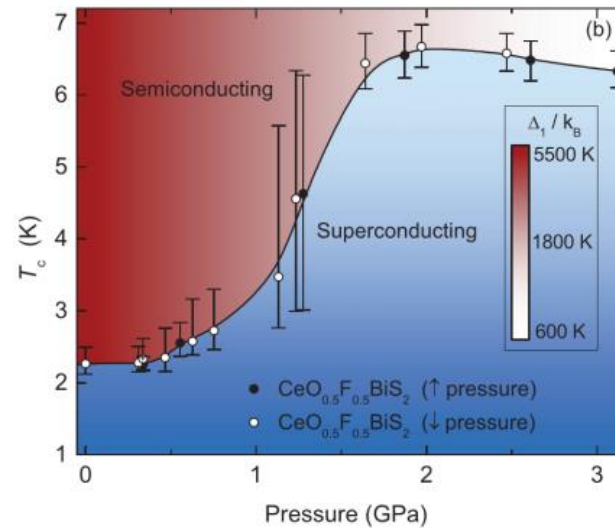


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Pressure enhanced SC in REOBiS₂

	T _c	New T _c
LaO _{1-x} F _x BiS ₂	2.8 K	10 K
CeO _{1-x} F _x BiS ₂	3.0 K	7 K
PrO _{1-x} F _x BiS ₂	3.5 K	11 K
NdO _{1-x} F _x BiS ₂	4.0 K	6 K

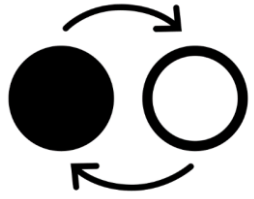


C.T. Wolowiec et al, PRB 88 064503 (2013)

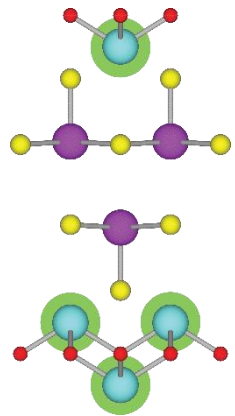
Similar effects has been obtained from high-pressure annealing techniques



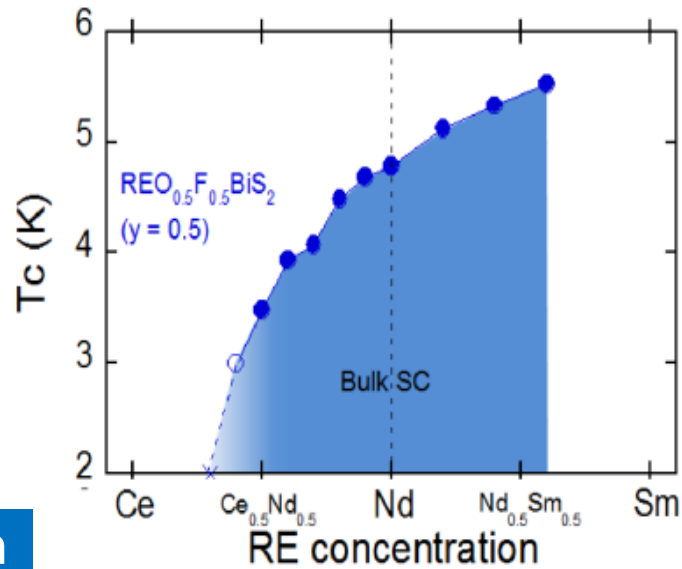
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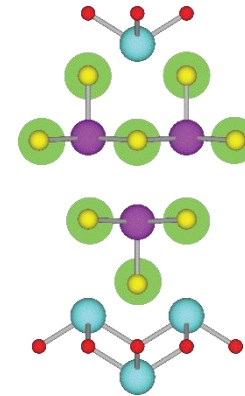
Effect of chemical pressure in REOBiS₂



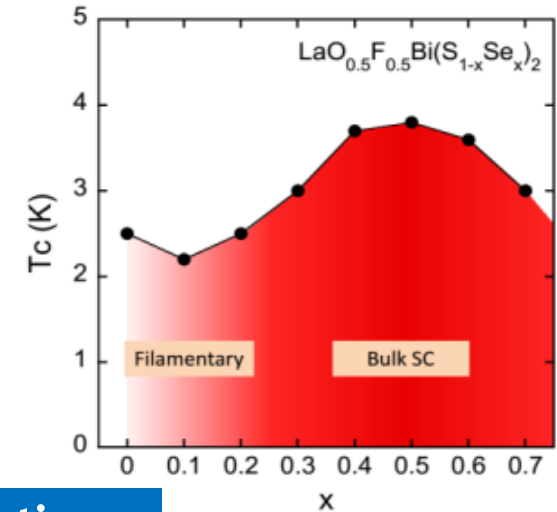
RE-substitution



J. Kajitani et al, Physica C 504 33 (2014)



S_{1-x}Se_x substitution



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BiS₂-based share many features with Fe-based

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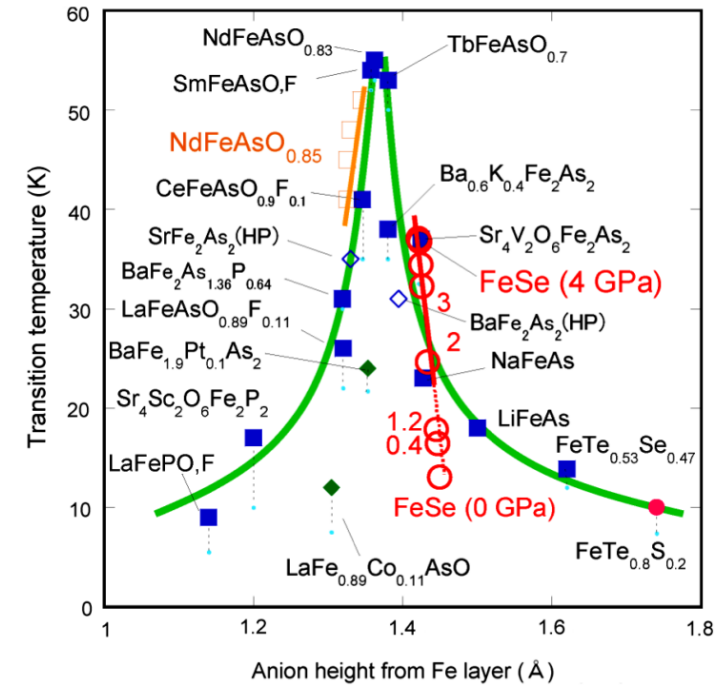
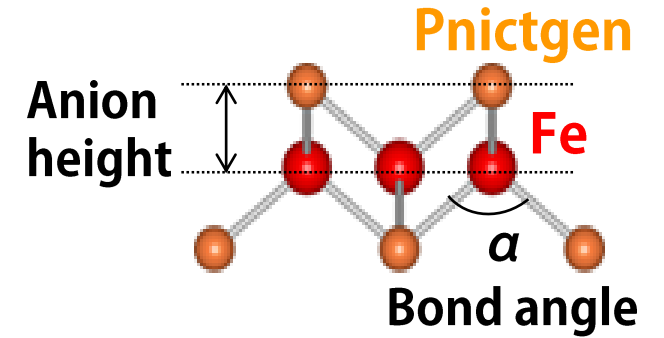
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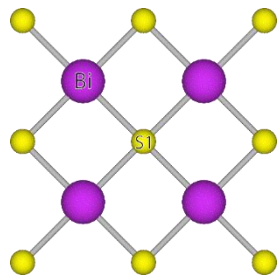
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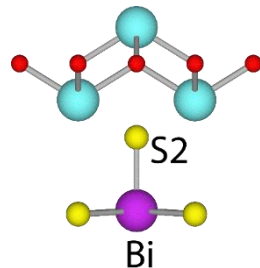
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Search for a local order parameters in BiS₂-based materials



In-plane
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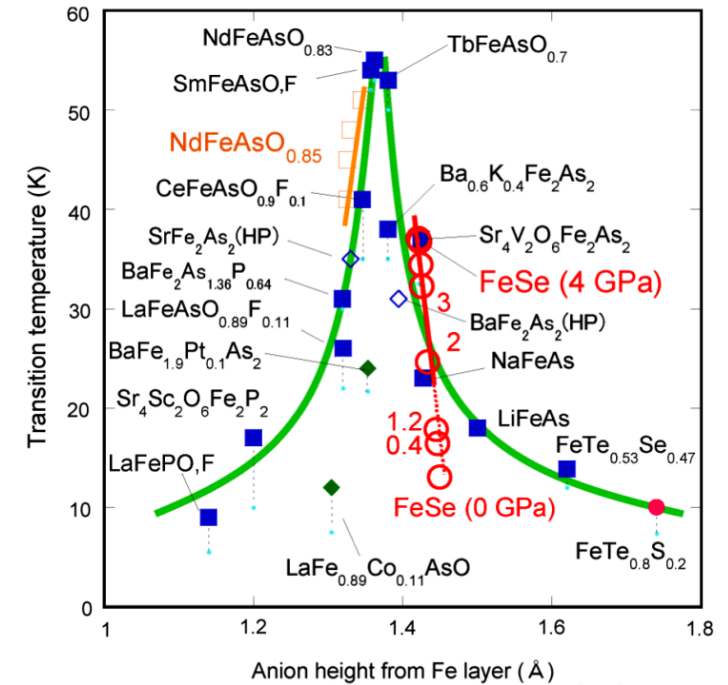
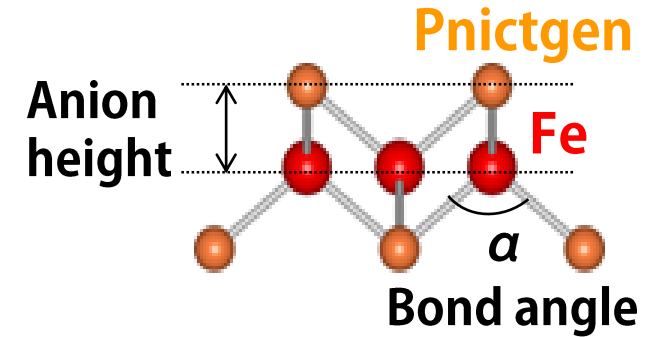
Out-of-plane Bi-S bond?

Interlayer distance?

H. Usui et al, PRB 86 220501 (R) (2012)

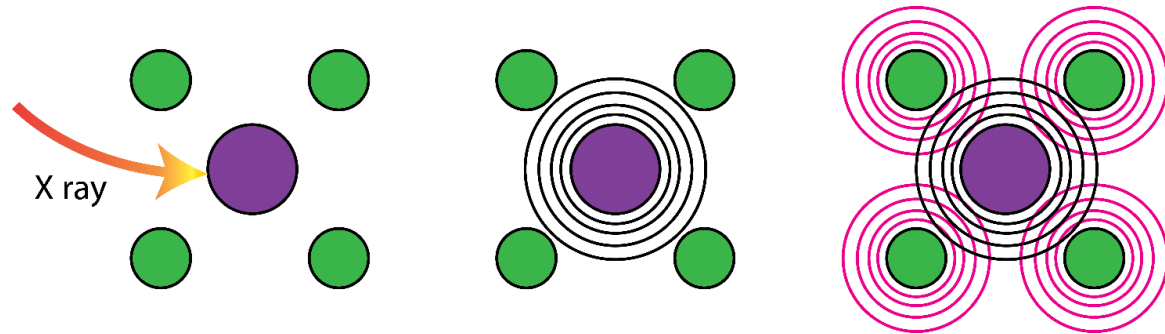
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Structural order parameters in Fe-based compounds



How to observe local lattice distortions in solid state?

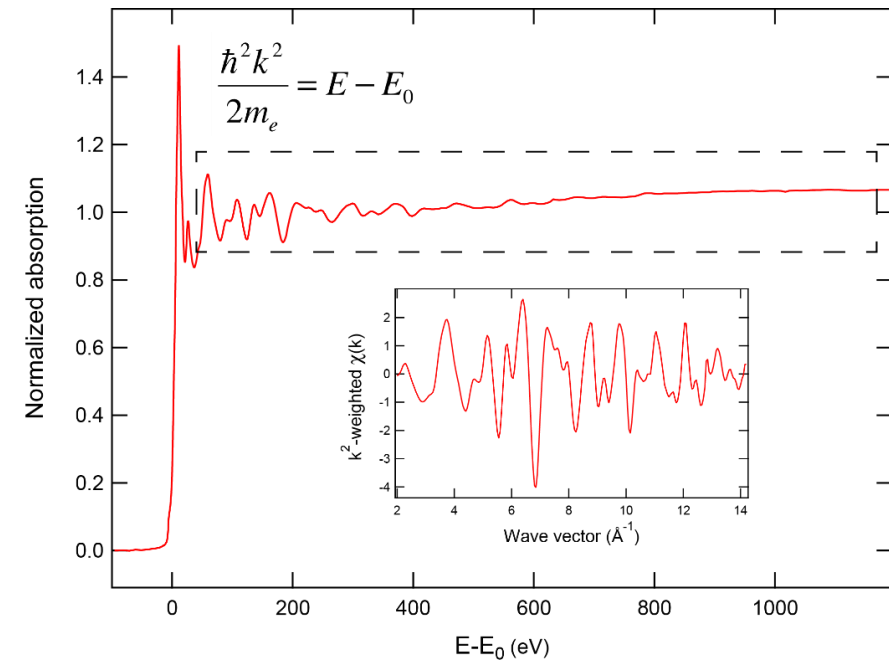
Extended X-ray absorption fine structure (EXAFS) spectroscopy



Element selective - absorption edge is a fingerprint

Local coordination sensitive - probing <10 Angstrom from absorber

Bulk sensitive - information depth > 10 micron



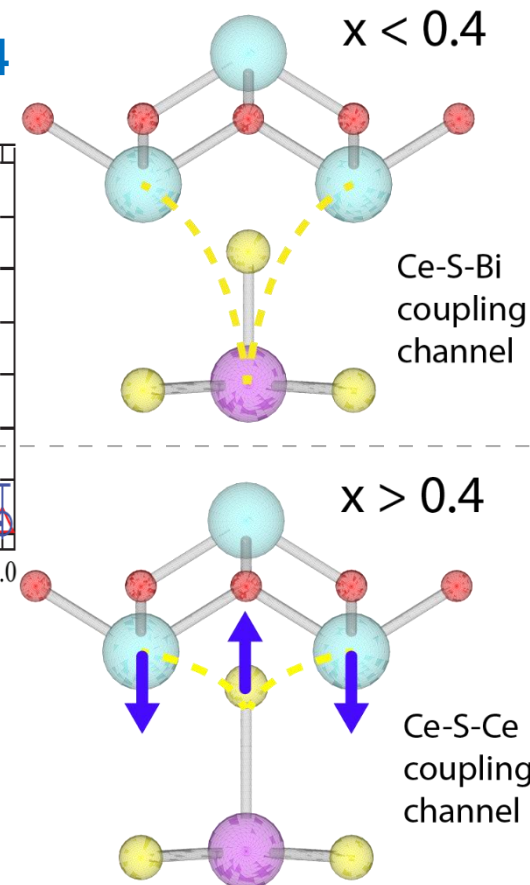
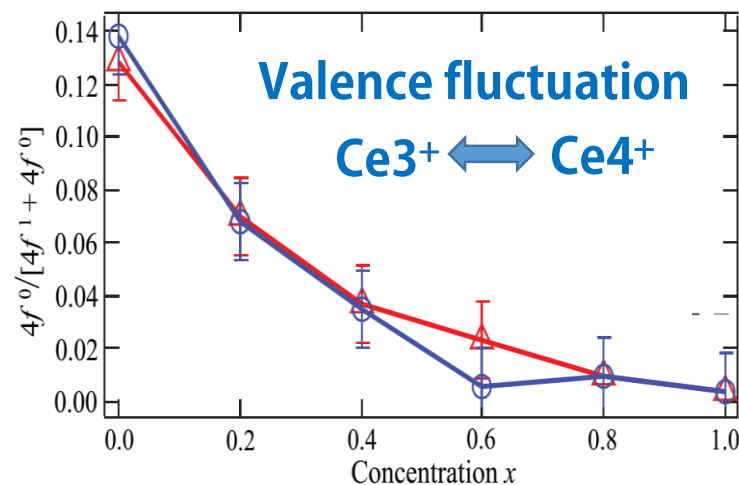
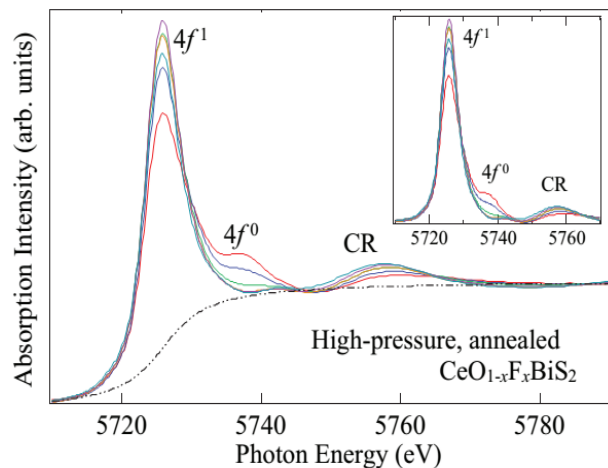
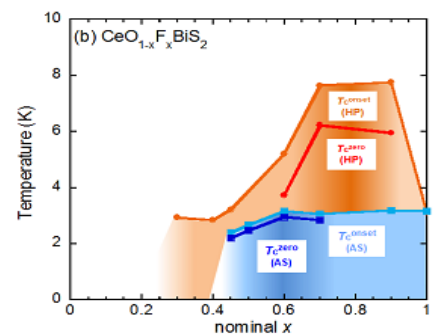
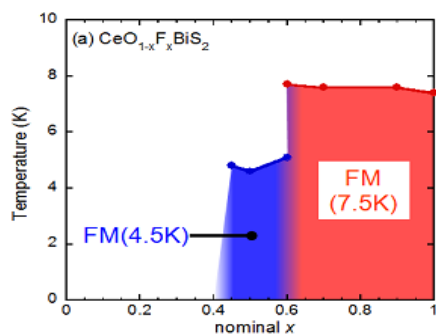
$$\chi(k) \propto \sum_i N_i \int g(r) F(k, r) \sin(2kr + \phi_{ci}) dr$$



Local effect of F-doping ?

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Spectral weight of 4f₀ decrease with F-doping and disappears for $x > 0.4$

Crossover from valence fluctuation to Kondo-like regime

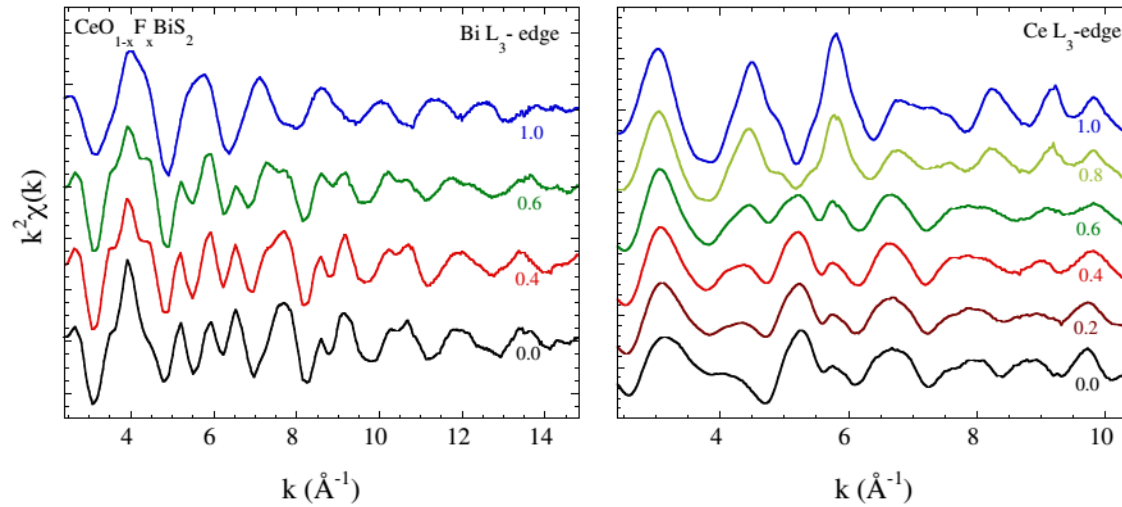
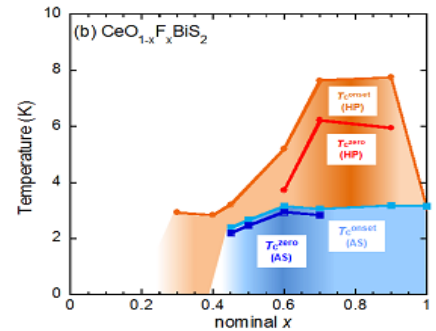
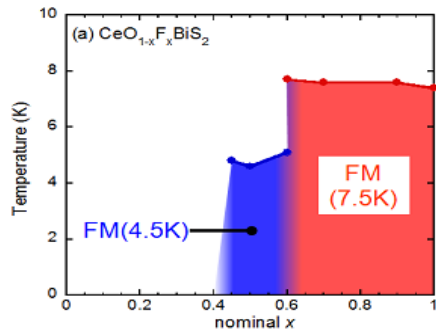
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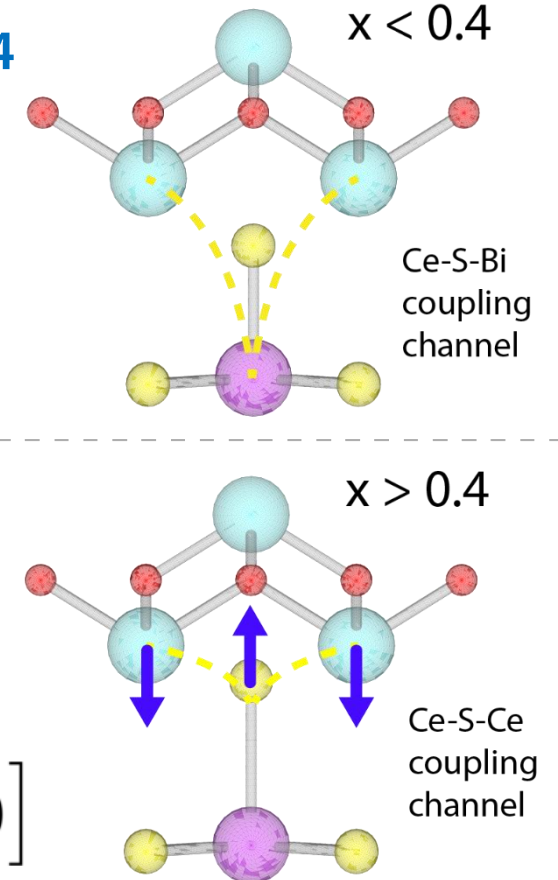
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The model:

$$\chi(k) = \sum_i \frac{N_i S_0^2}{k R_i^2} f_i(k, R_i) e^{-\frac{2R_i}{\lambda}} e^{-2k^2 \sigma_i^2} \sin \left[2k R_i + \delta_i(k) \right]$$



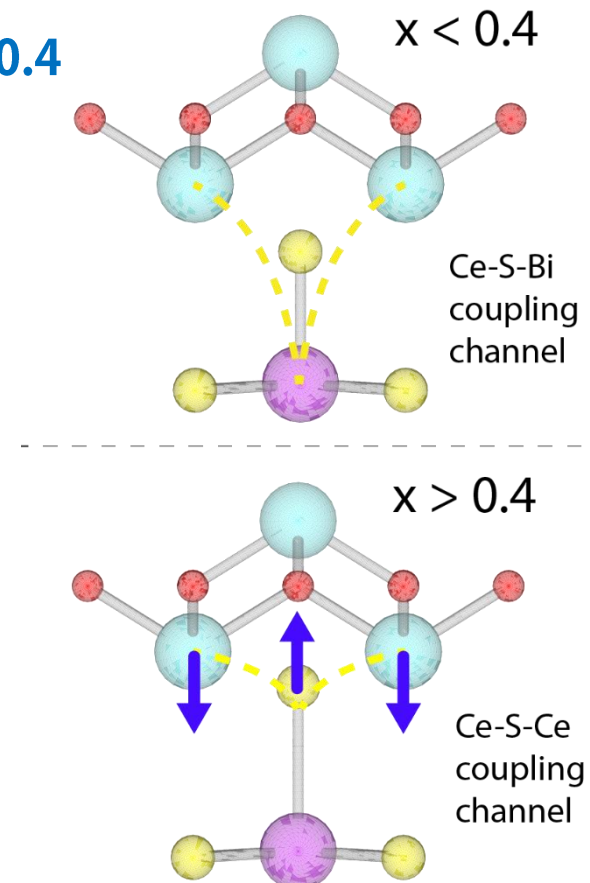
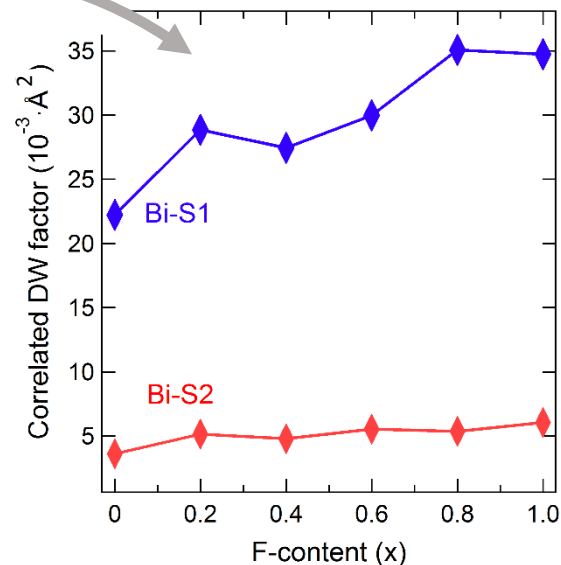
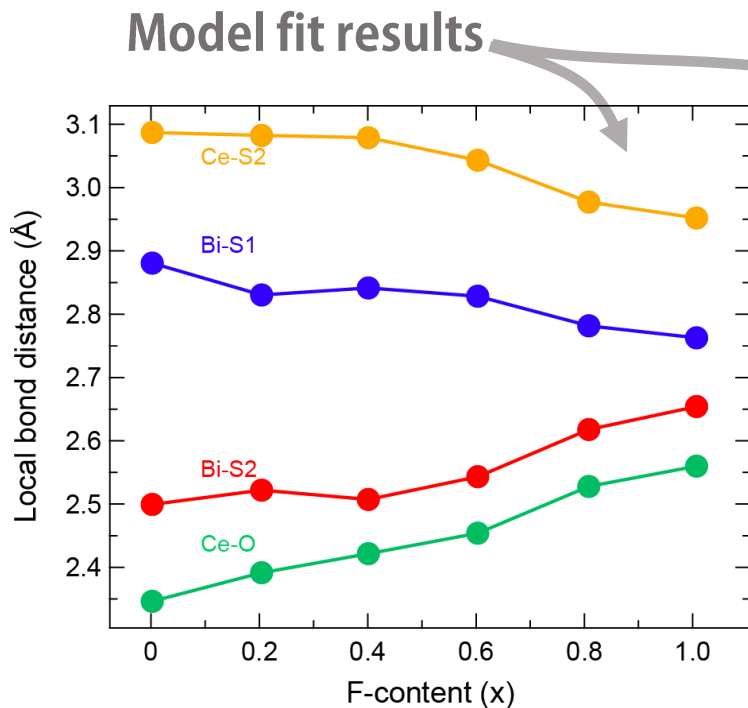
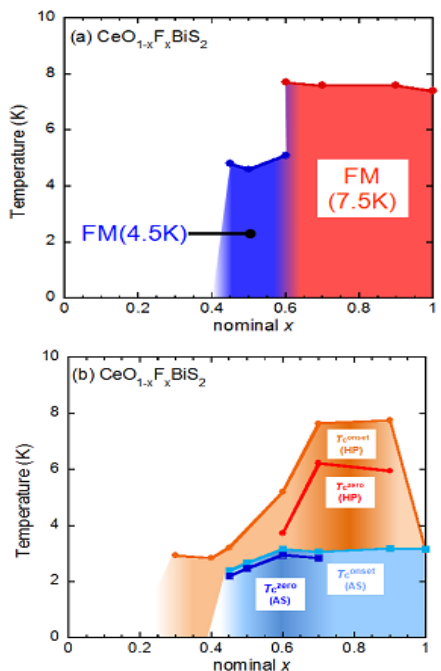
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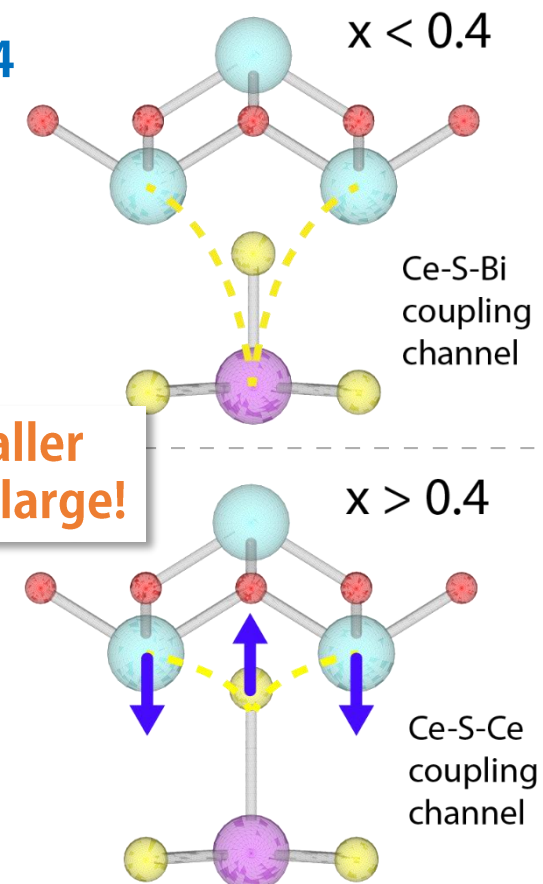
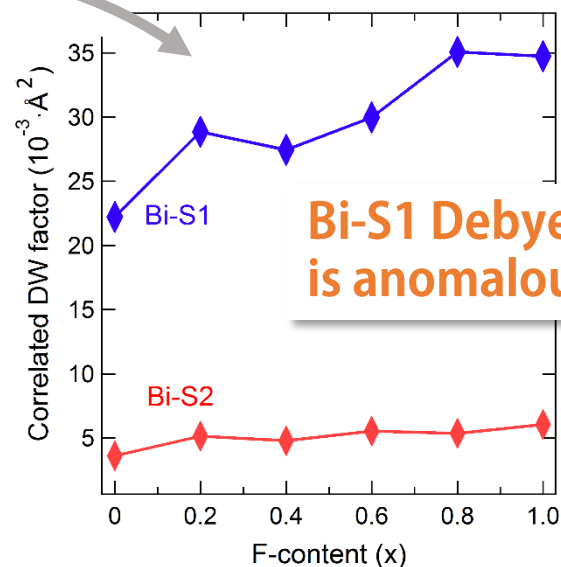
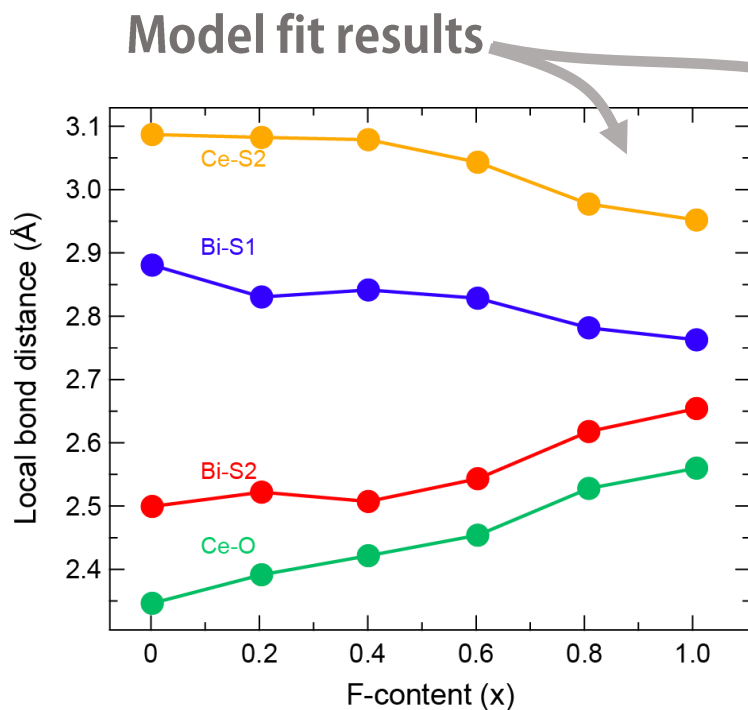
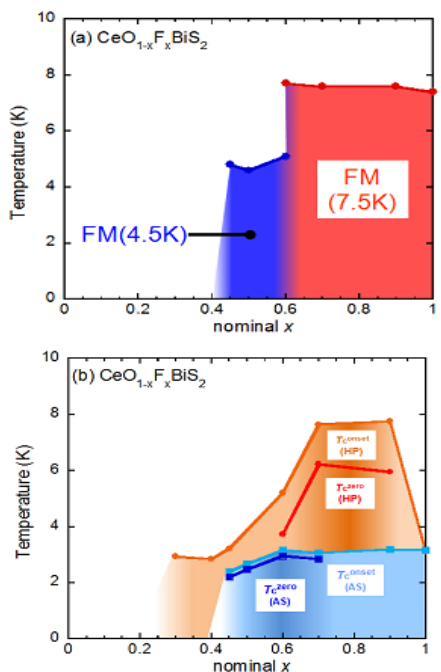
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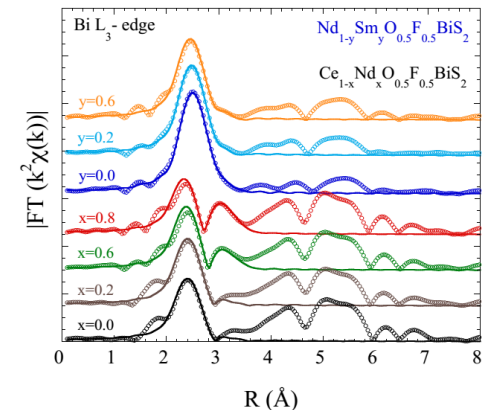
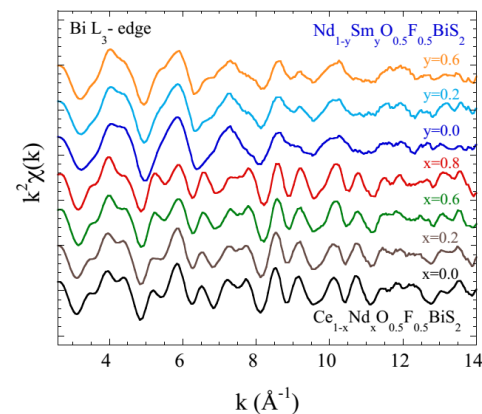
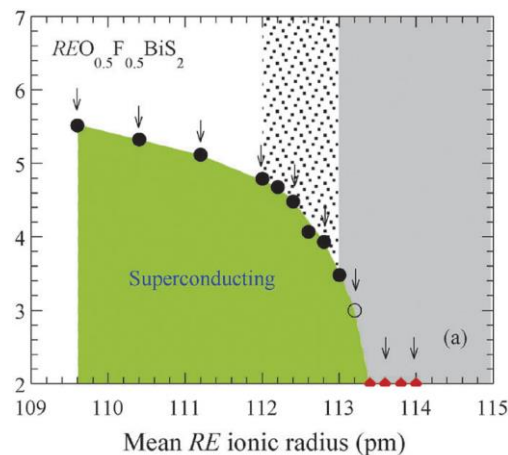
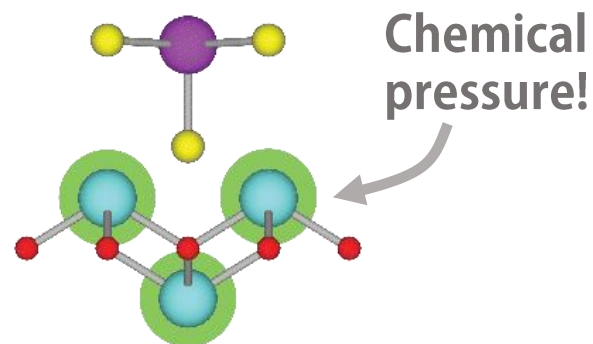
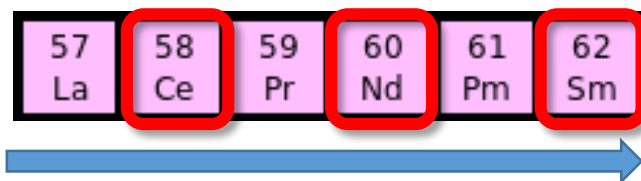
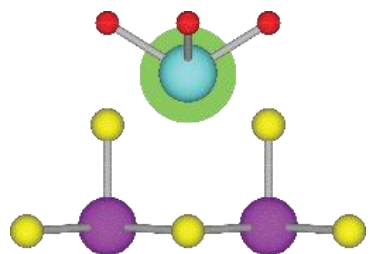
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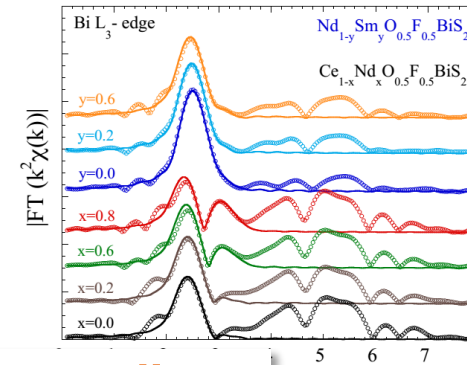
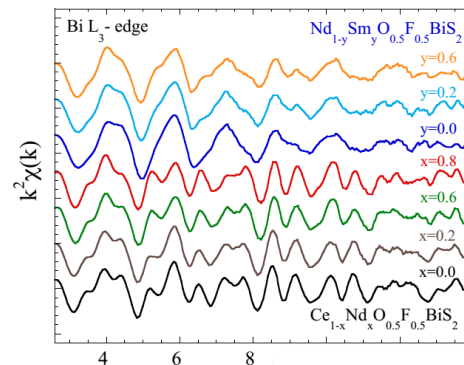
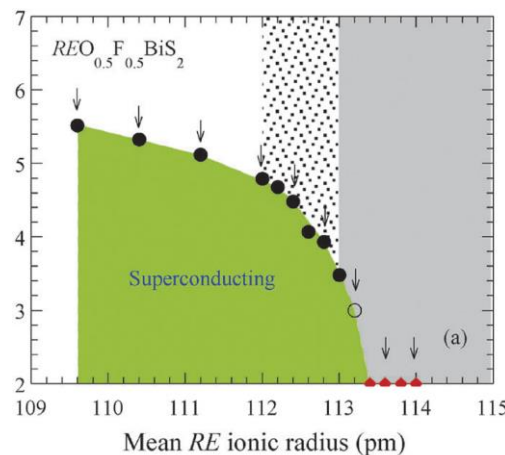
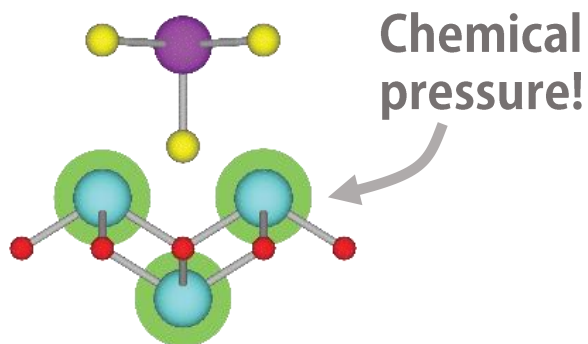
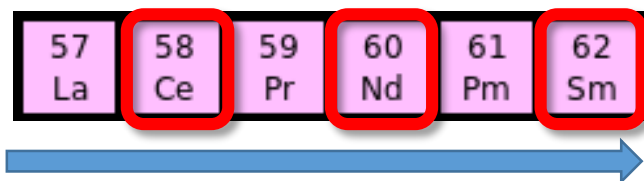
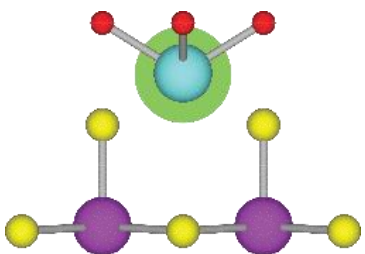
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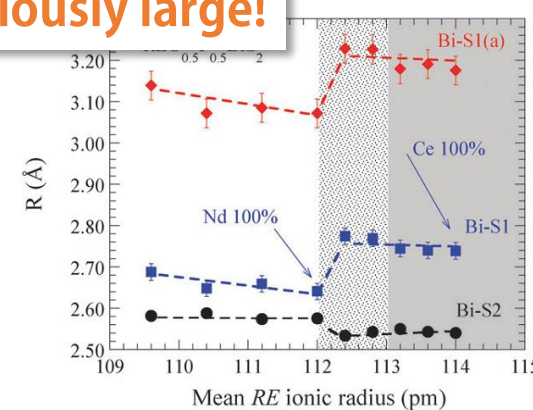
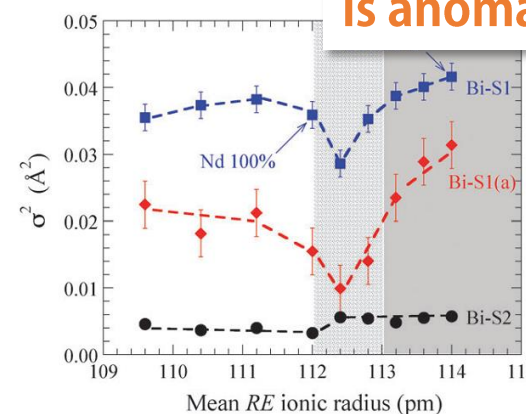
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Meaning of the huge Bi-S1 σ^2 ? The in-plane Bi-S bond is highly unstable as predicted by theory

- Distortions due to chemistry of Bi 6s lone pair
- Jahn-Teller like instability in Bi 6px/6py orbitals



Thank you for your attention!



What is left? ... Perspectives

F-doping

How to separate disorder/local structural evolution?



Self-doped EuFBiS₂ system

RE substitution

Effect of chemical pressure directly in the BiS₂ layer?



REOBiS_{2-x}Se_x

Pressure



XAS under high pressure

Meaning of the huge σ^2 ?

Static configurational disorder? Local bond splitting?



In-plane polarized measurements on single crystals are required!

