

Exploring matter with soft x-rays: research opportunities at the Elettra synchrotron and FERMI FEL

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Elettra synchrotron and FERMI FEL

International research centre specialized in synchrotron and free electron laser radiation and their application to materials and life sciences

3rd generation synchrotron

first light (1993)

booster injector (2008)

constant accumulated current

310 mA (2 GeV)

160mA (2.4 GeV)

27 operating beamlines

open to academic users

06/2018 – 06/2019

submitted proposal

882 (Elettra) + 159 (CERIC)

Accepted proposals

451 + 93

FERMI free electron laser (seeded source)

Wavelength (FEL 1): 100 – 20 nm

Wavelength(FEL 2): 20 – 4 nm

Pulse energy : 100 – 10 μ J

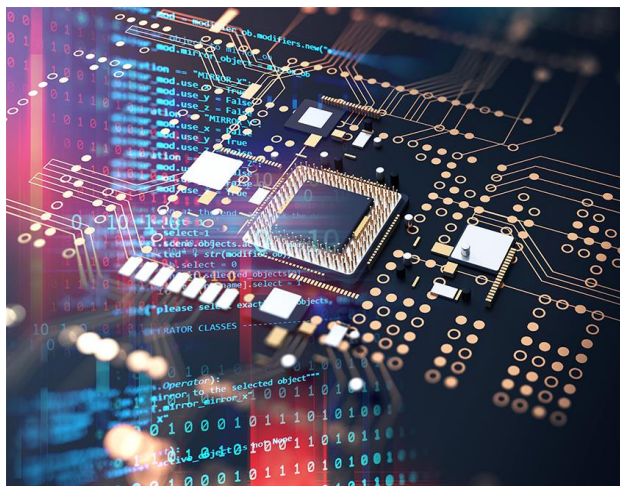
Pulse duration: 150 – 20 fs

Frequency: 10 – 50 Hz

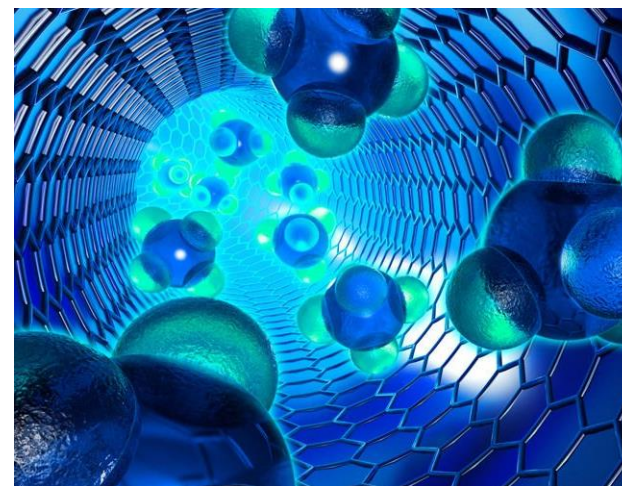
Outlook – Basic and applied research topics @ Synchrotrons and FELs



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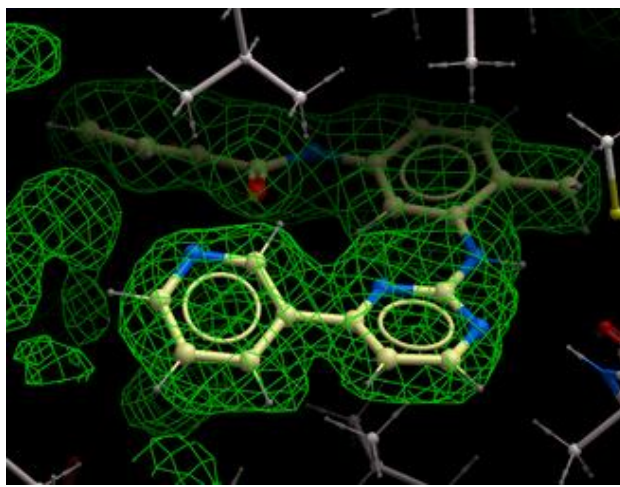
Technology



Materials



Environment



Health & Biosciences



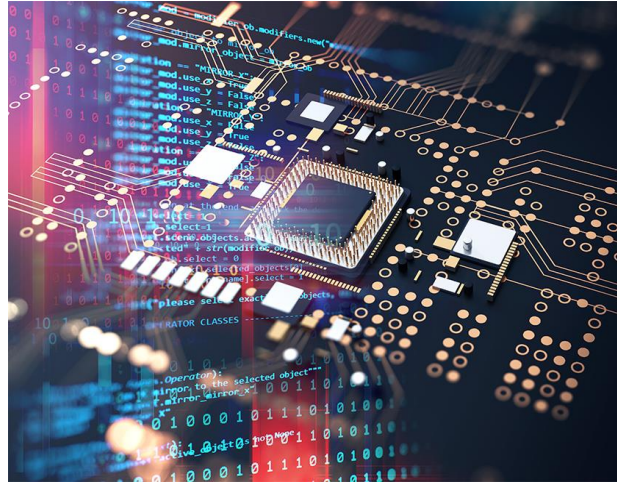
Cultural heritage

Talk by Lisa Vaccari

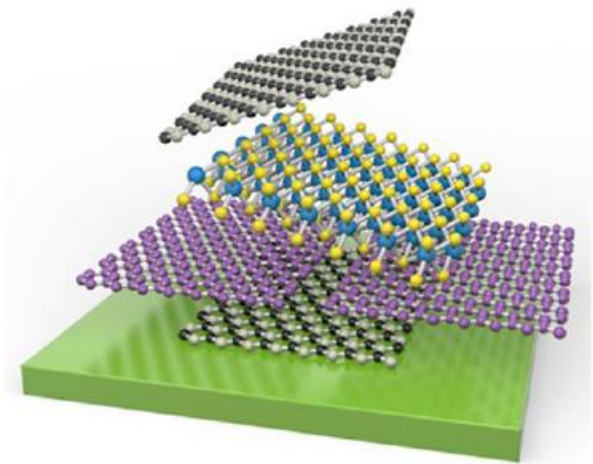
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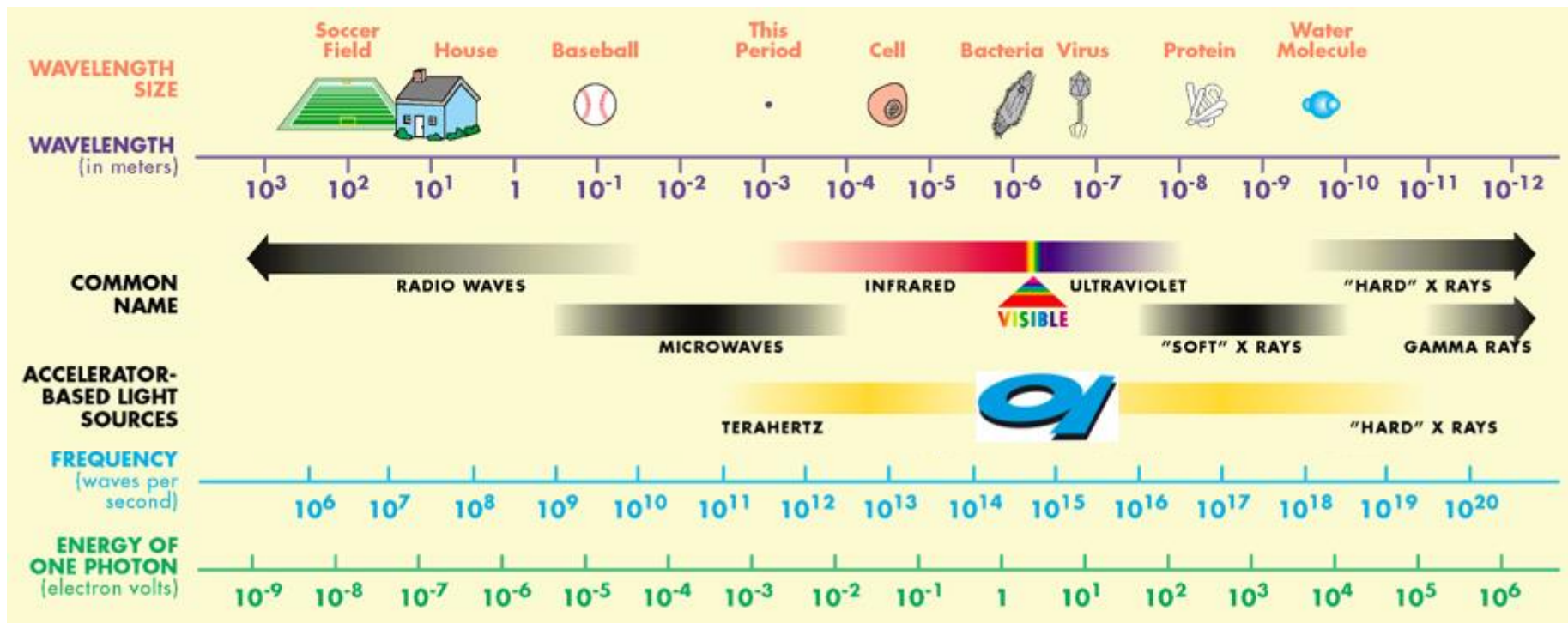
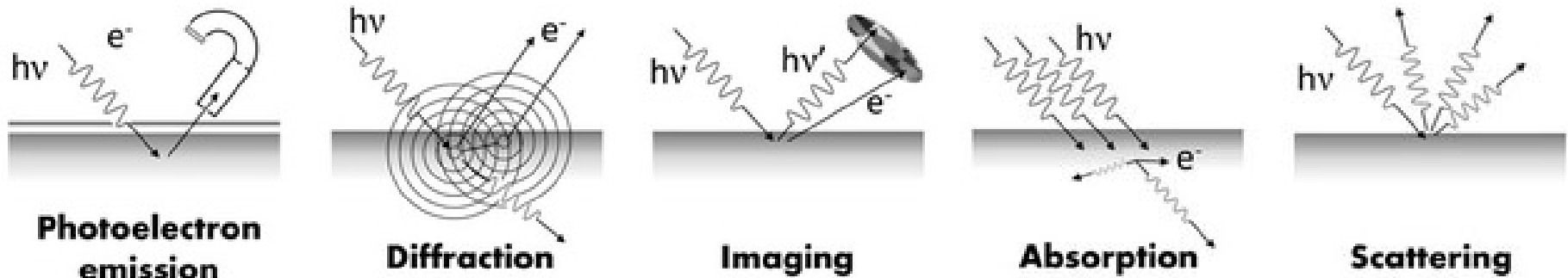
Electronic and optical devices
Magnetic devices
Metamaterials
Catalysis
Electro-chemistry, Fuel cells
Batteries
Super alloys

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**representative
model systems**

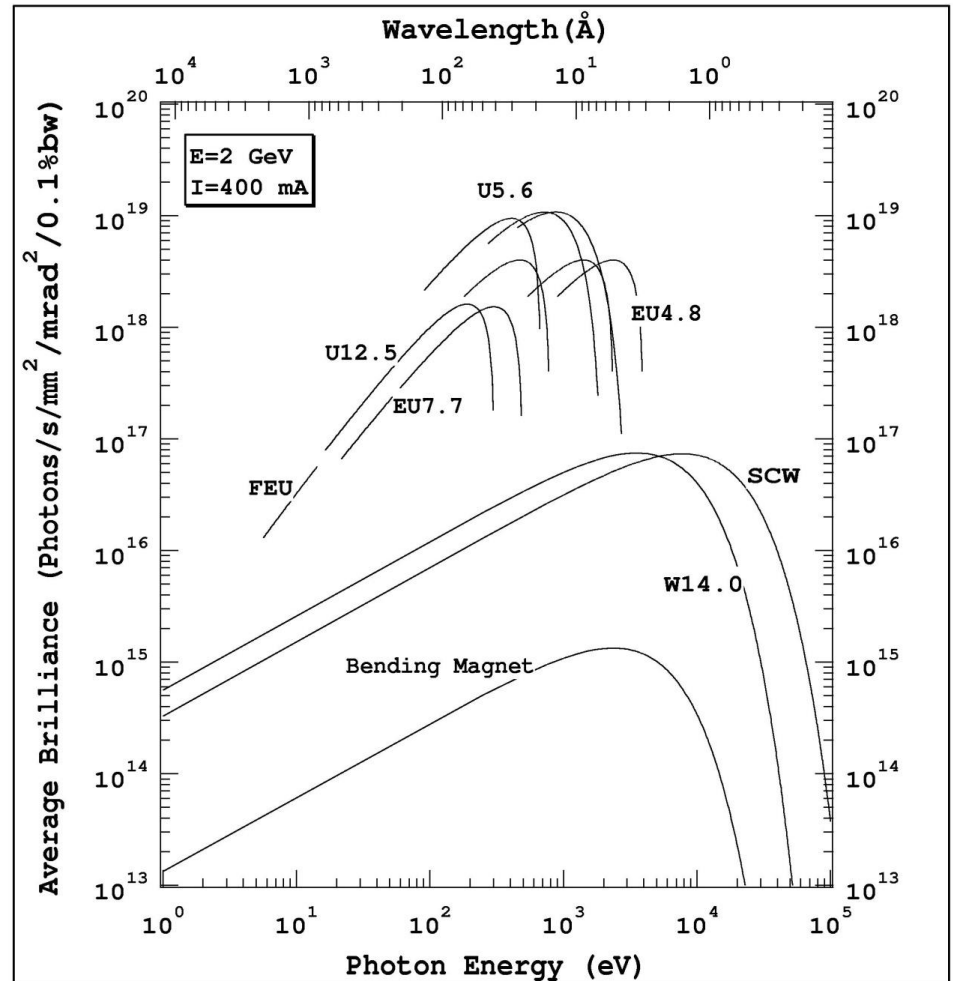
Characterization techniques at synchrotrons

We explore the matter by shining light on it and detecting particles



Properties of Synchrotron Light

- ❑ High intensity
- ❑ Tunability
- ❑ Broad spectral range
- ❑ Narrow angular collimation
- ❑ Coherence
- ❑ High degree of polarization
- ❑ Pulsed time structure
- ❑ Quantitative control

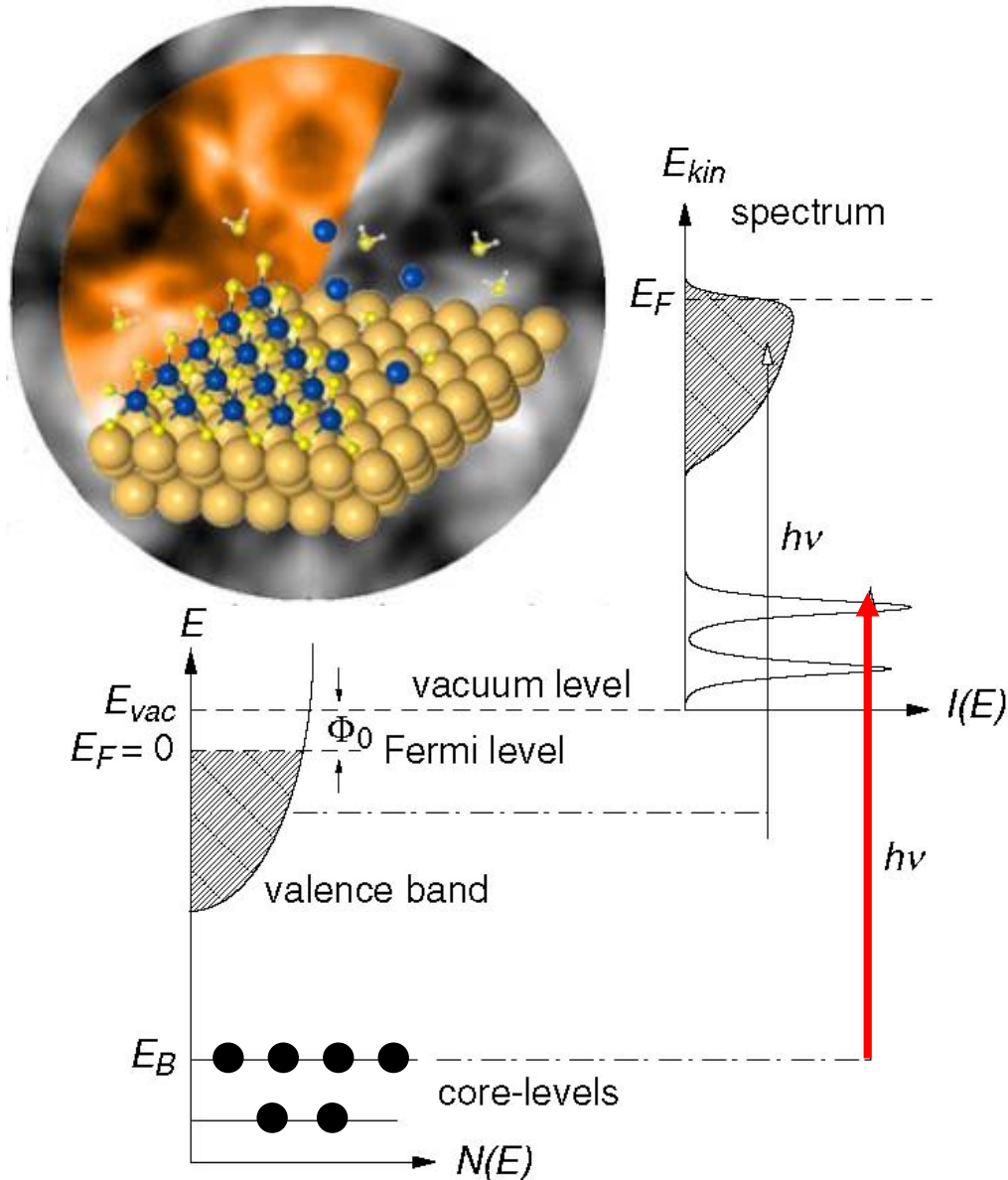


Synchrotron radiation makes it quantitative!



$$J = f(h\nu, \varepsilon, \Theta, \Phi, E_{kin}^e, \sigma, \theta_e, \varphi_e; x, y)$$

Photoelectron spectroscopy



- ❑ Surface Chemistry (XPS or ESCA)
 - element specific and quantitative
 - sensitive to chemical environments
 - surface sensitive
- ❑ Electronic Structure (ARPES)
- ❑ Short range order (XPD)
 - Sensitive to structure

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Gas Phase

BACH

APE - LE

BAdeIPh

VUV photoemission

Spectromicroscopy

SuperESCA

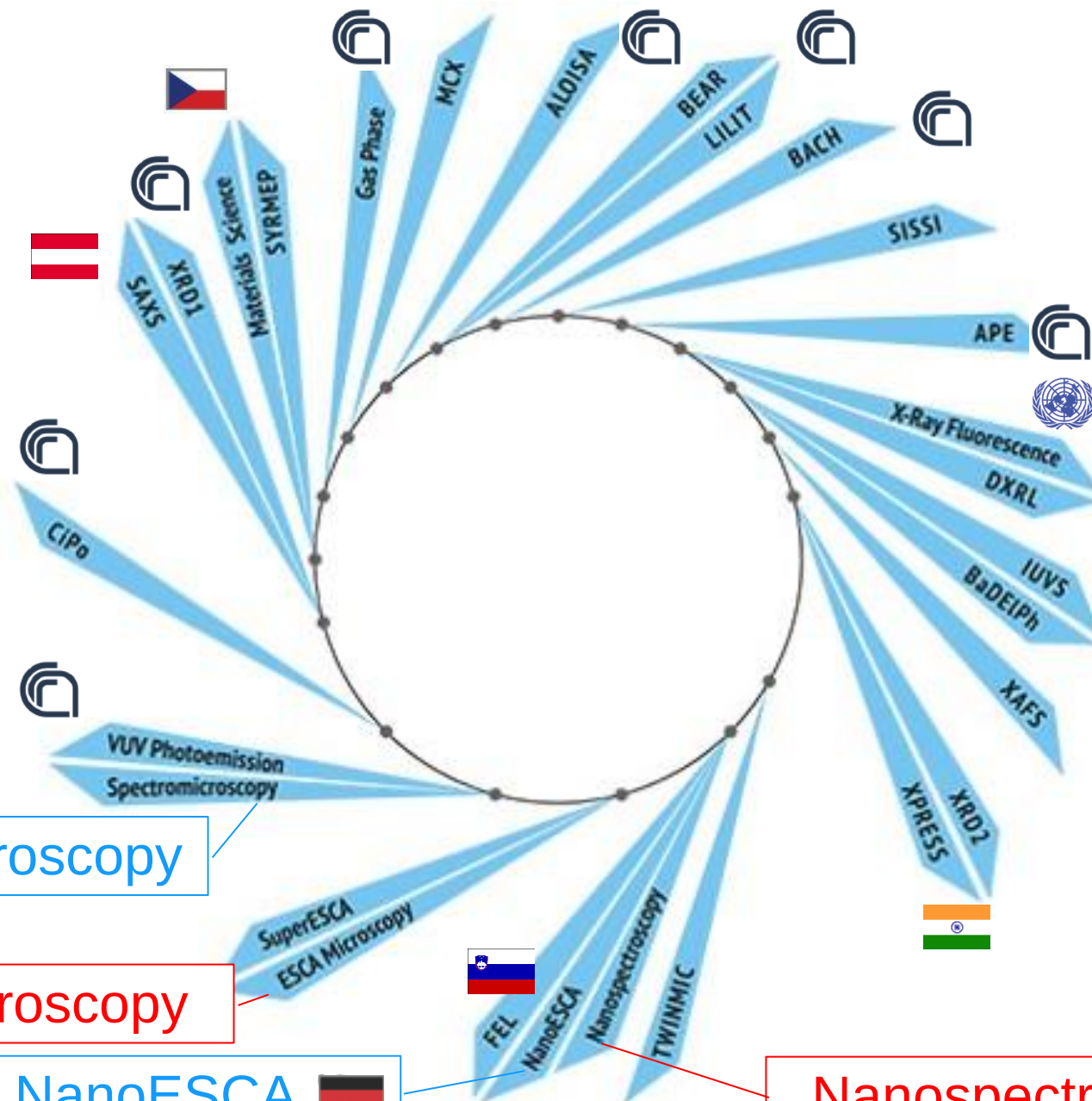
NanoESCA 



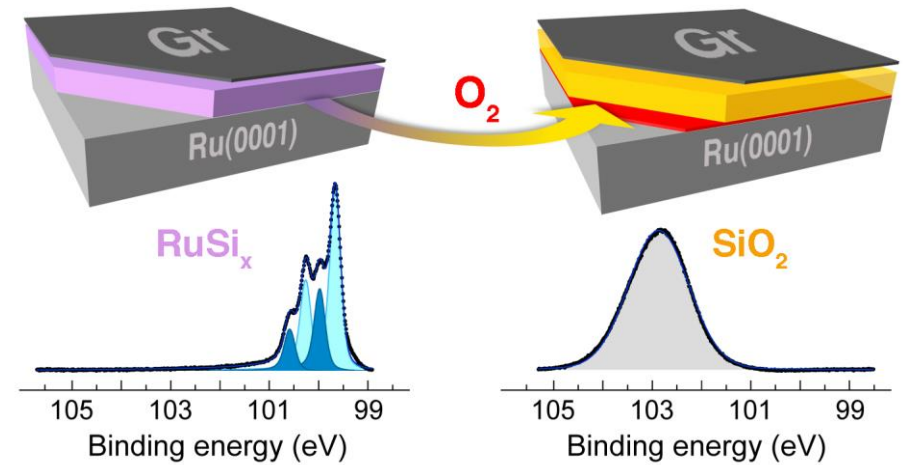
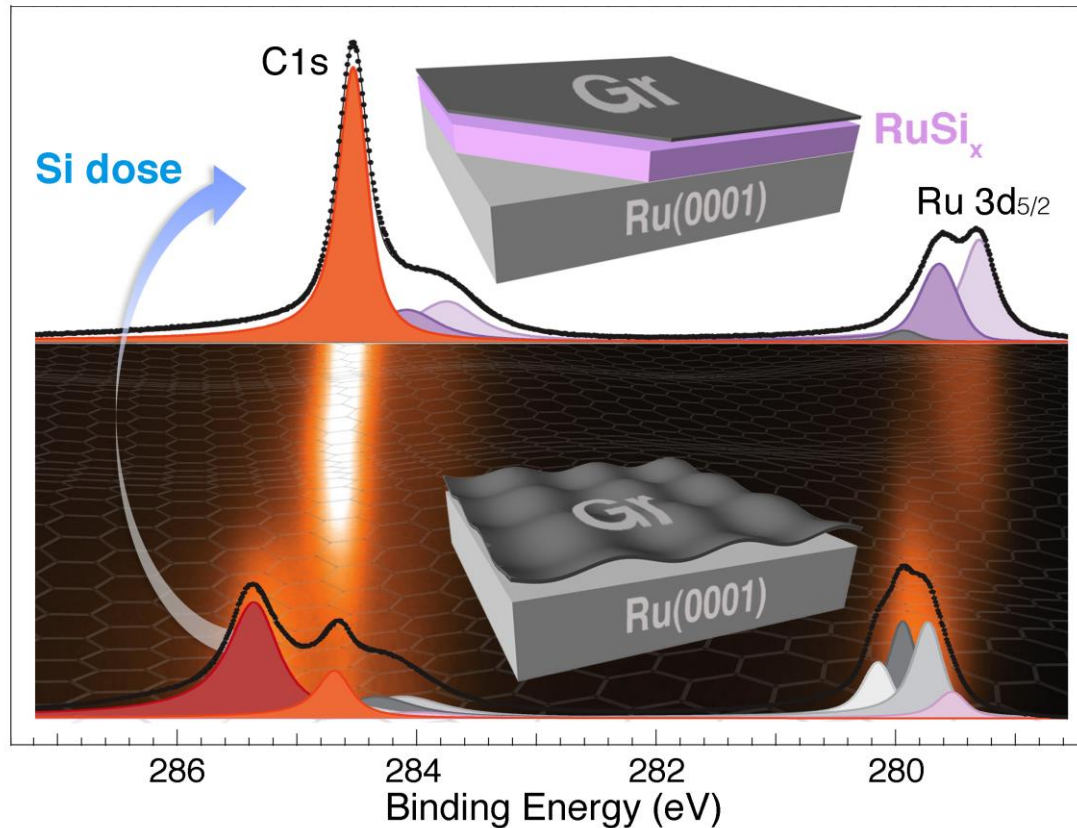


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Photoelectron Spectromicroscopes



Transfer-Free Electrical Insulation of Epitaxial Graphene



Real time XPS

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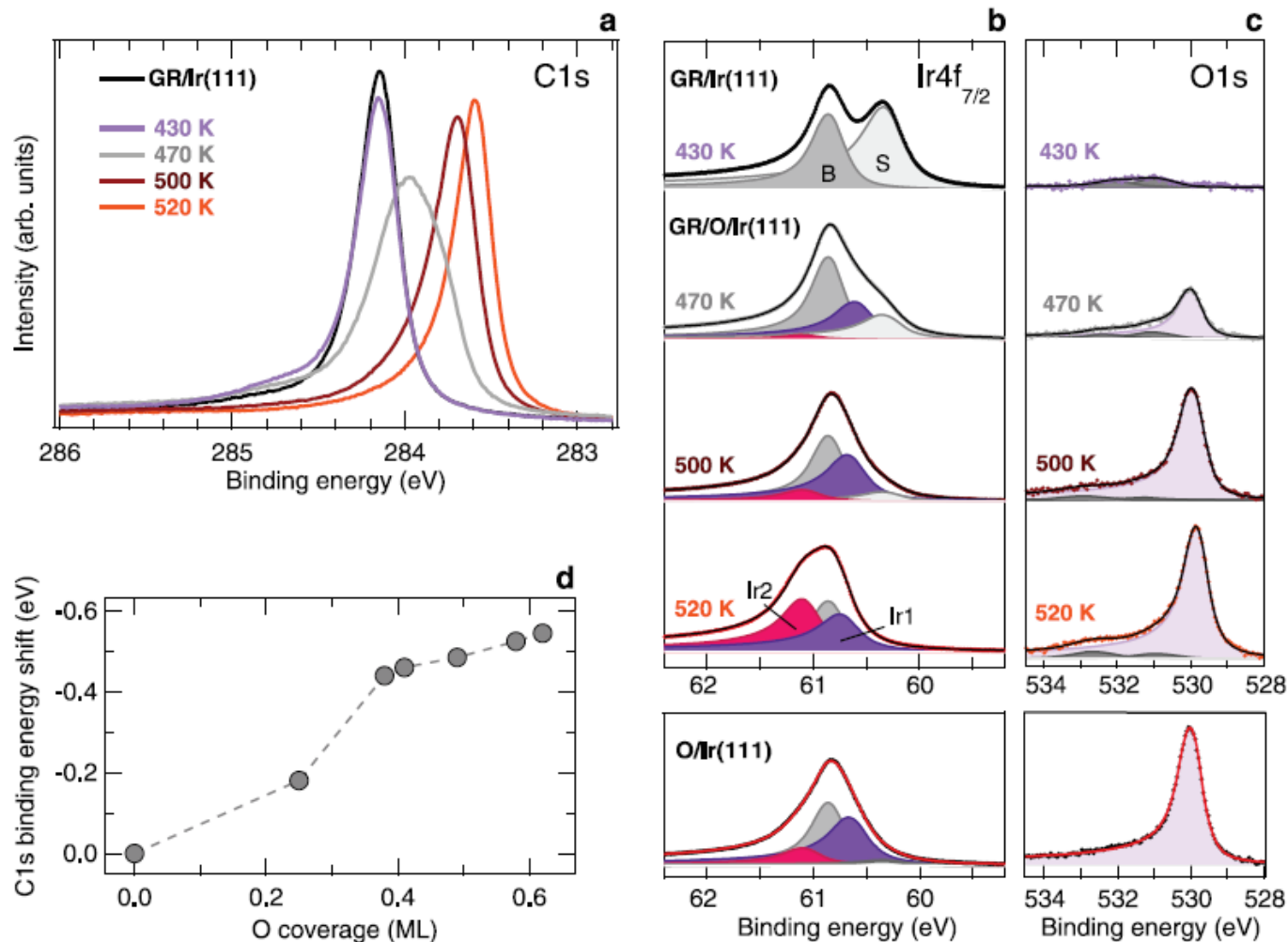
Stepwise intercalation of silicon and oxygen, allows the synthesis of a SiO₂ film below a graphene layer epitaxially grown on Ru(0001). XPS was used to follow the reaction steps, which lead to a electrically insulated graphene layer, decoupled from the substrate

S. Lizzit, et al., Nano Lett. **12**, 4503 (2012).

[10.1021/nl301614j](https://doi.org/10.1021/nl301614j)

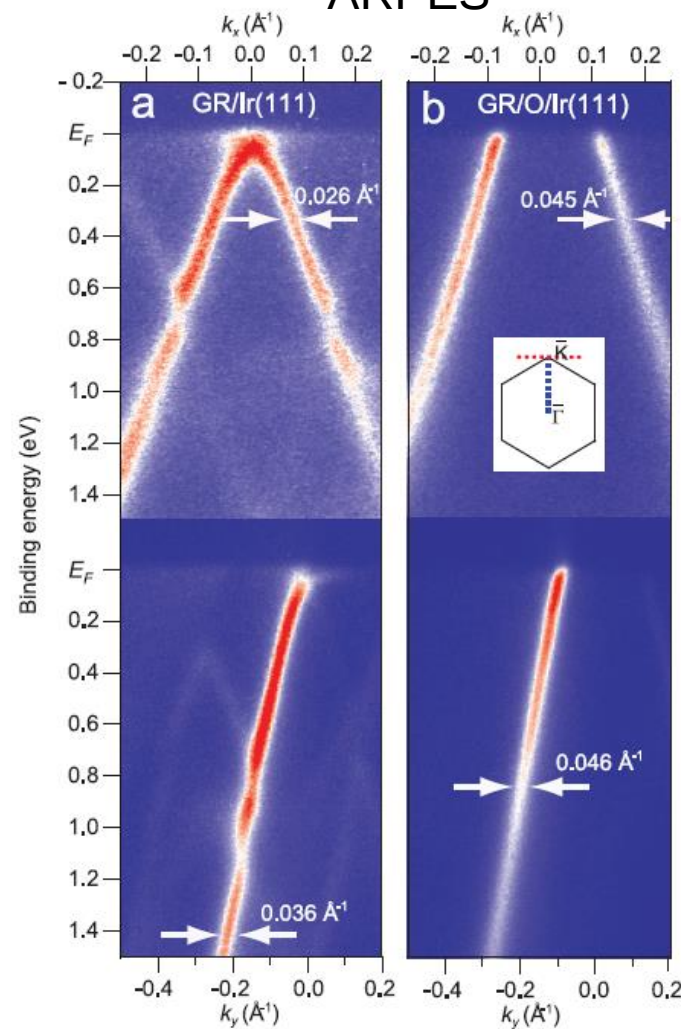
Lifting and substrate-decoupling of graphene by intercalation

Real-time HR X-ray Photoemission Spectroscopy (HR-XPS)



O induces graphene decoupling from Ir

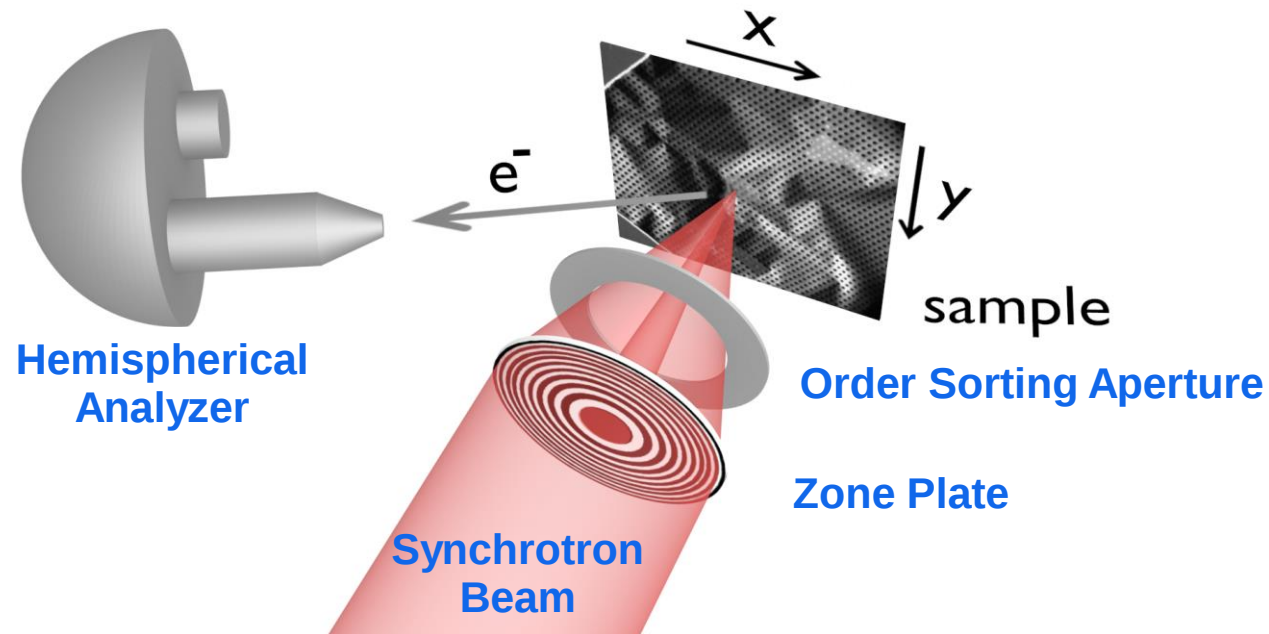
ARPES



p - doping

ESCA microscopy beamline

Scanning Photoelectron Microscope (SPEM)

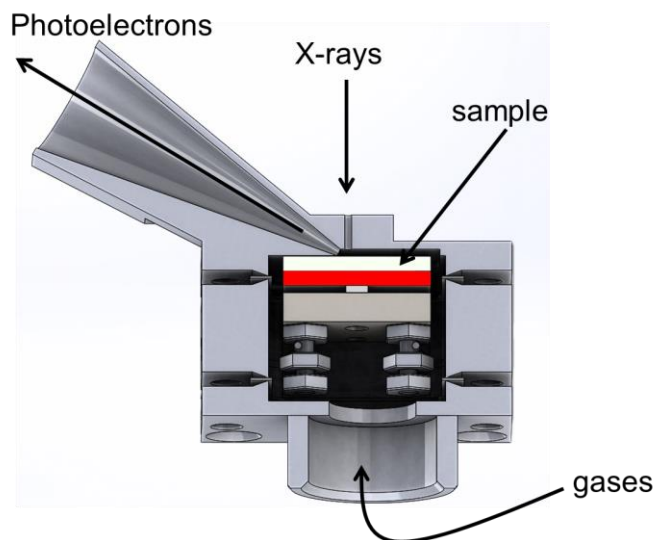


- Linearly Polarised Undulator
- Photon energy range: 400 – 1200 eV
- Overall Energy resolution: ~180meV @ 500 eV
- **Beam Spot size at the sample: > 130 nm @ 500 eV**

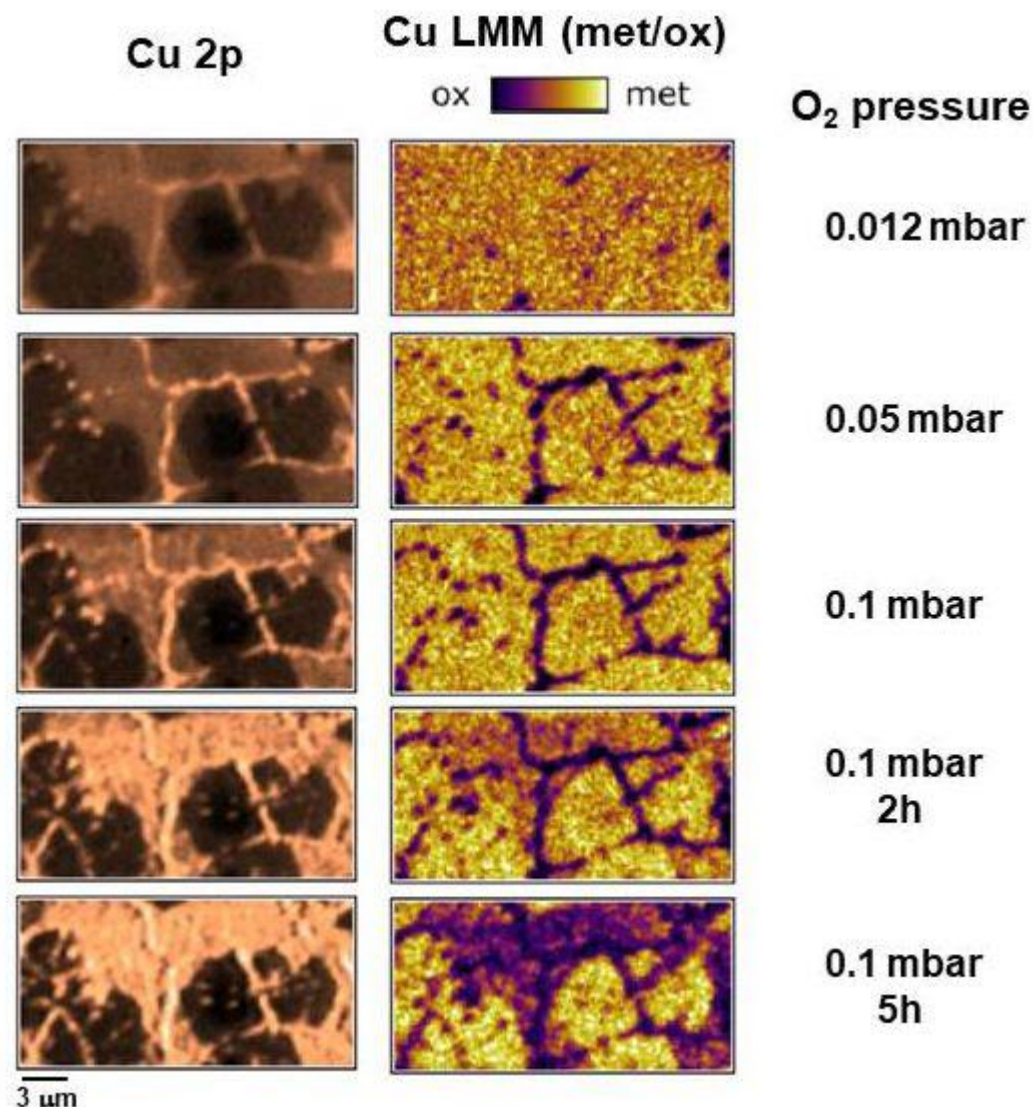
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Operando photoemission microscopy

Highlighting the Dynamics of Graphene Protection toward the Oxidation of Copper Under Operando Conditions



Near Ambient Pressure Cell for
NAP-XPS spectromicroscopy
(custom set up for pressure up to 1 mbar)



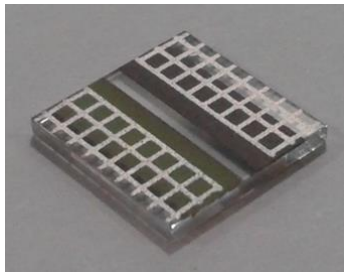
Characterization of a single-chamber solid oxide fuel cell

(in collaboration with B. Bozzini, Università del Salento, Italy)



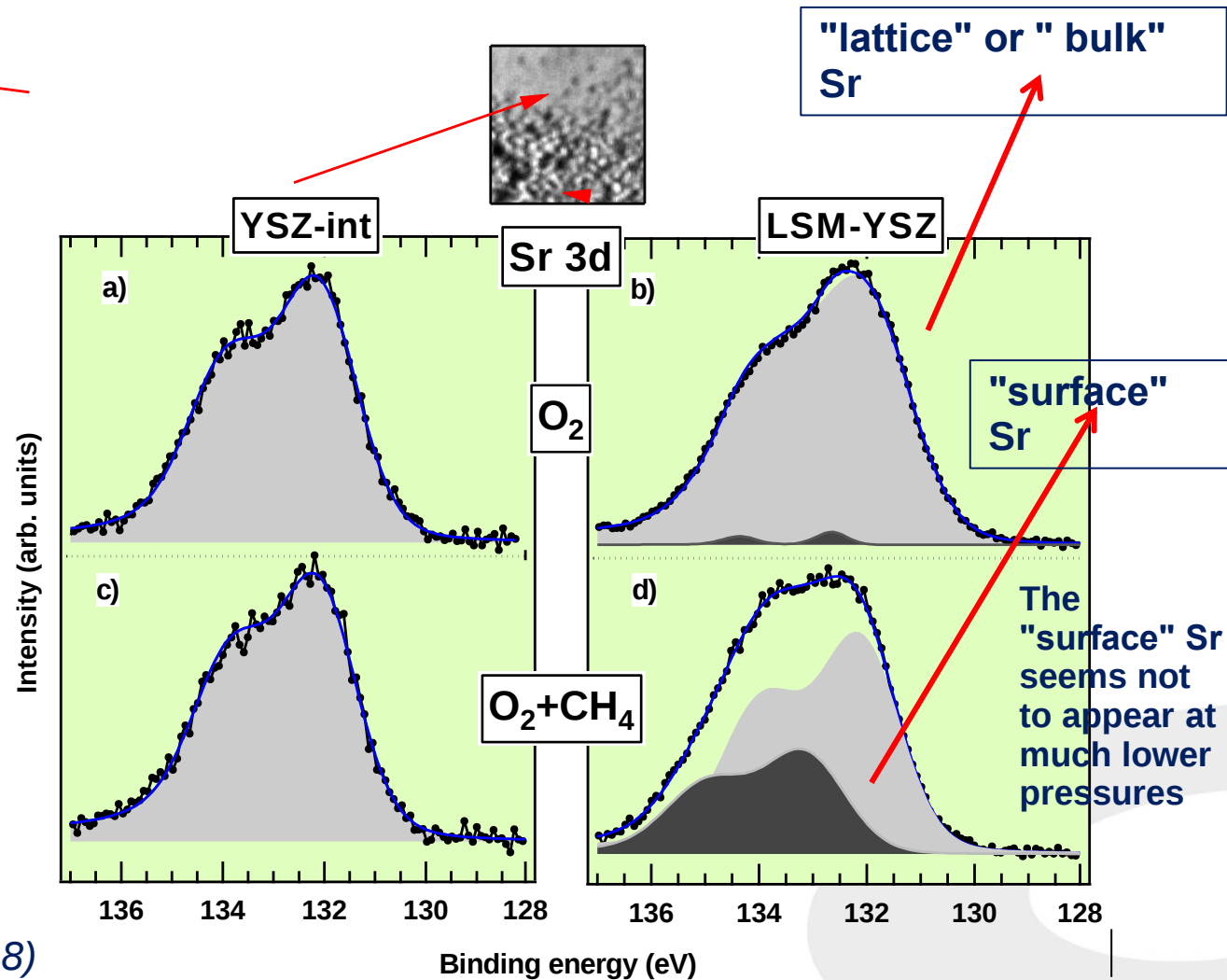
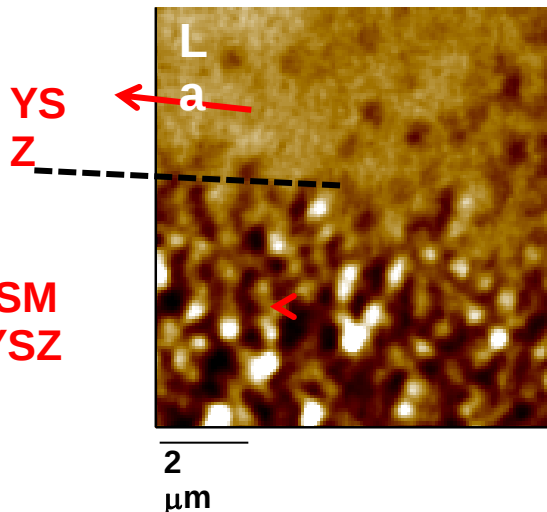
- In operando* near-ambient pressure characterization of an operating single chamber solid oxide fuel cell (SC-SOFC)

T= 923 K with a CH₄/O₂ gas mixture; P_{max}=0.1 mbar



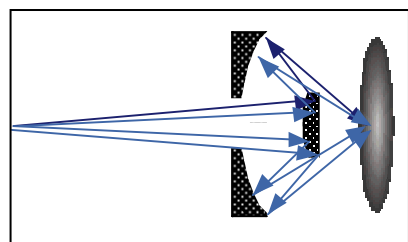
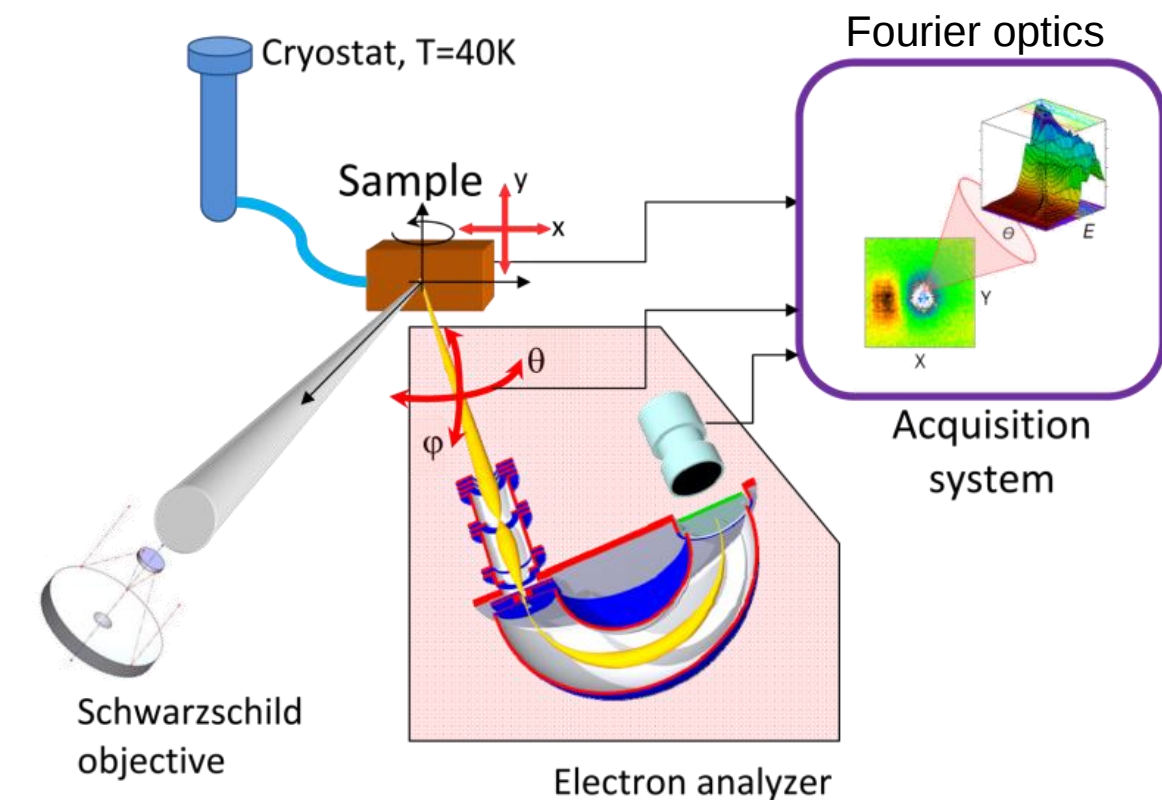
NiO – anode
LSM – cathode
YSZ – electrolyte

SPEM map of the interface

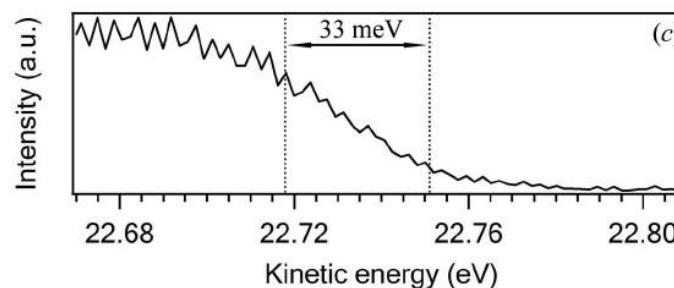
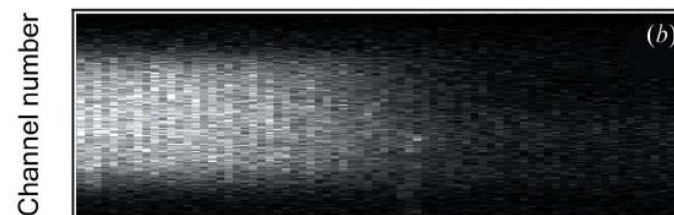
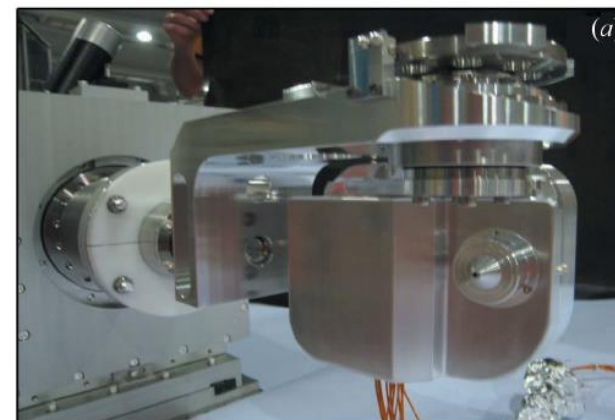


Spectromicroscopy beamline

microspot angle resolved x-ray photoemission spectroscopy

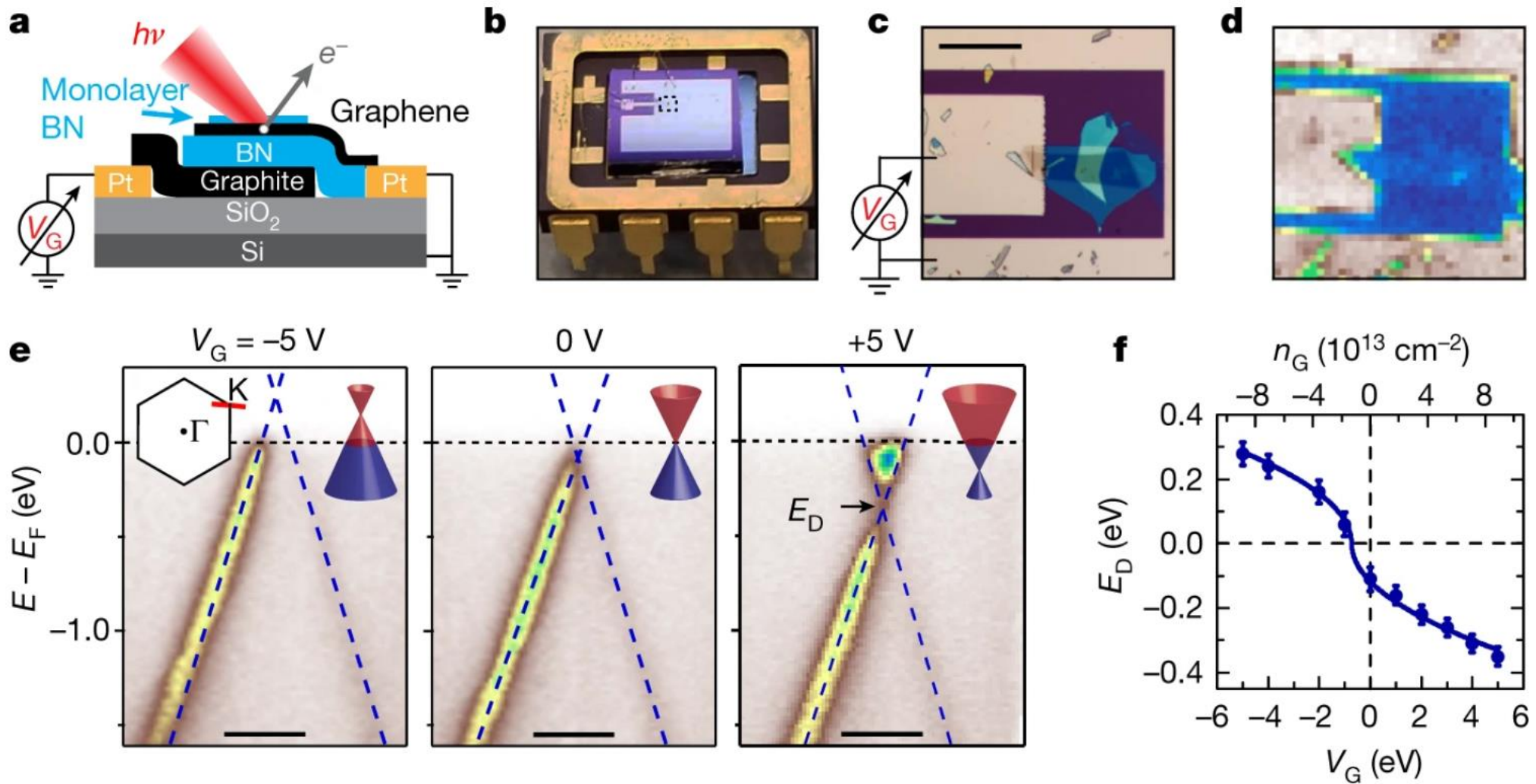


Resolution, $0.6 \mu\text{m}$
 $25\text{-}50 \text{ meV}$, $\pm 0.3^\circ$
 High photon flux $> 10^{10-11} \text{ ph sec}^{-1}$
 Two possible energies: 27 eV with $< 1\%$ scattered background and 74 eV with $< 20\%$ scattered background.
 Vacuum $< 1.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ mbar}$.



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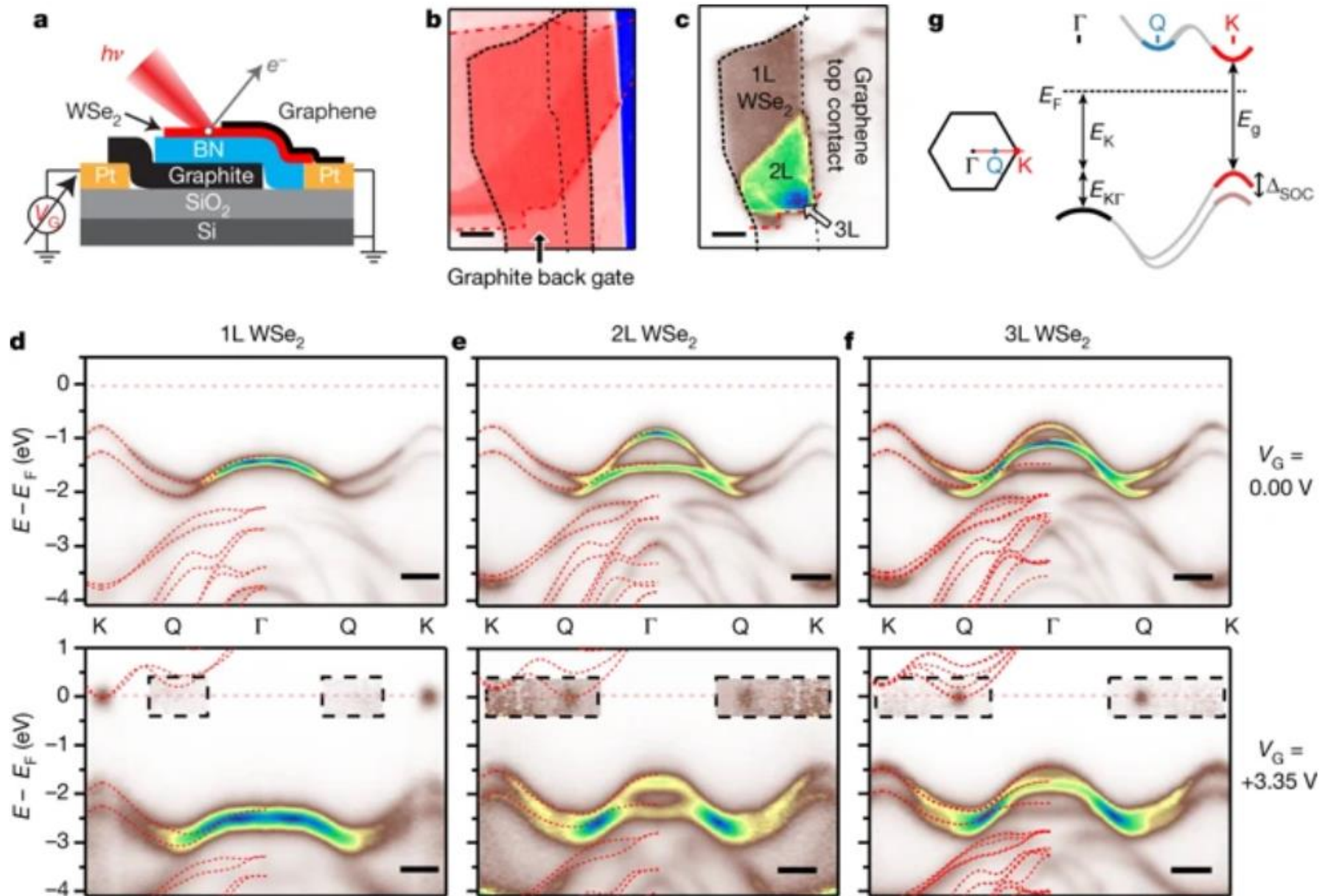
Visualizing electrostatic gating of monolayer graphene



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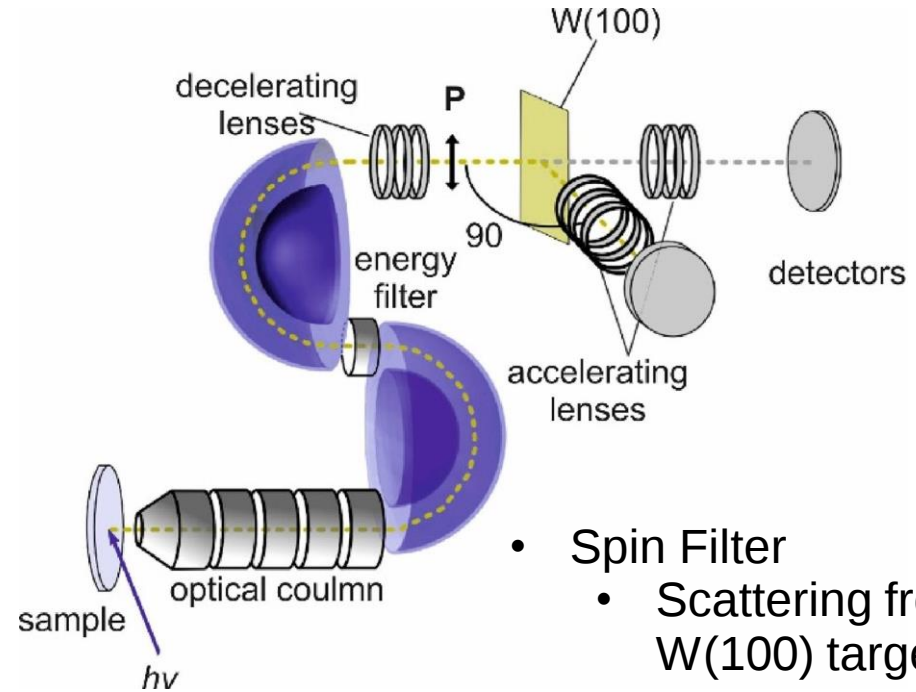
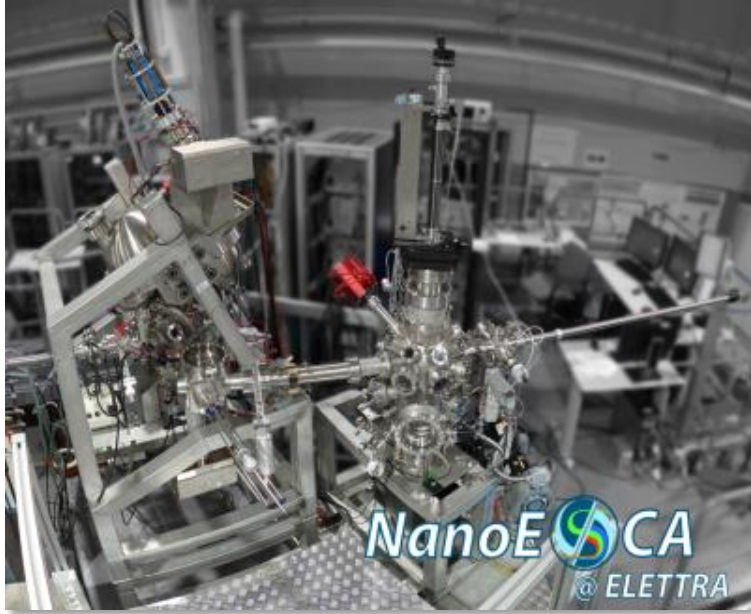
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Visualizing electrostatic Layer-number-dependent CBE in WSe₂



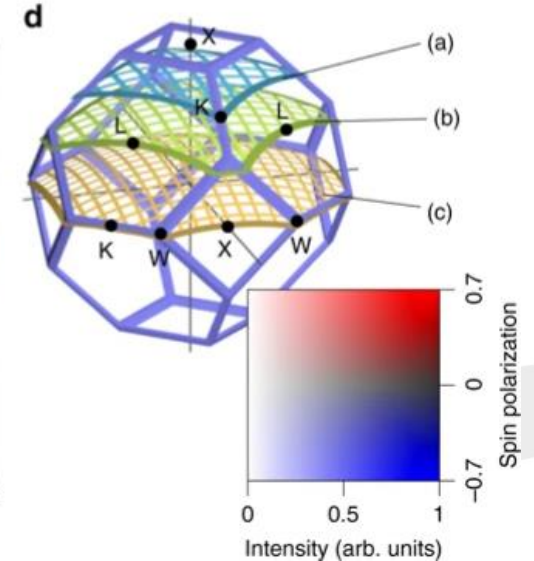
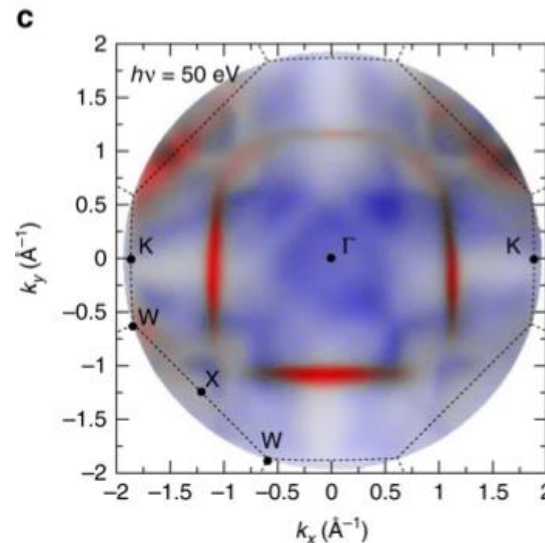
NanoESCA beamline

microspot angle resolved x-ray photoemission spectroscopy



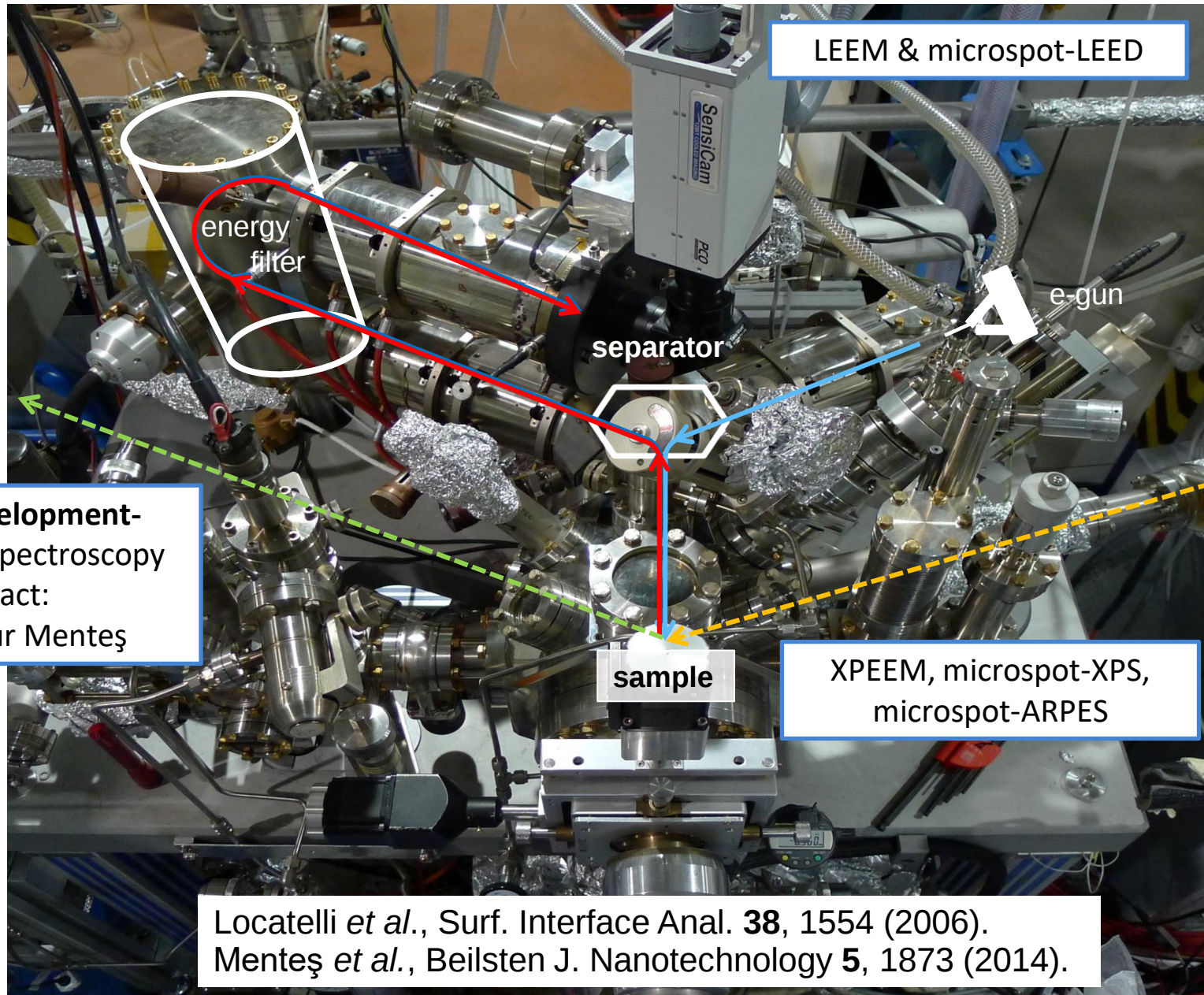
- $h\nu$: 20 – 1000 eV, **s p** and **c+/c-** pol.
- Energy Filter: $\Delta E \sim 70$ meV
 - **Real Space** (100 nm)
 - **Reciprocal Space**
 - μ -ARPES: spot size ~ 12 -4 μm

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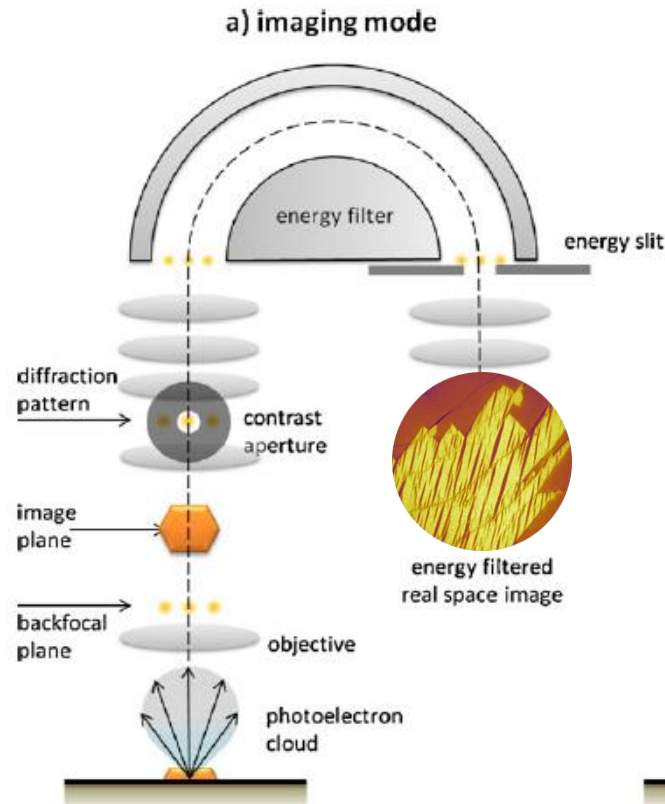
The SPELEEM @ Nanospectroscopy

Full-field, soft x-rays (25-1000eV) or low energy electrons as probe



SPELEEM multi-method analysis

Spectroscopic imaging
XAS-PEEM / XPEEM / LEEM

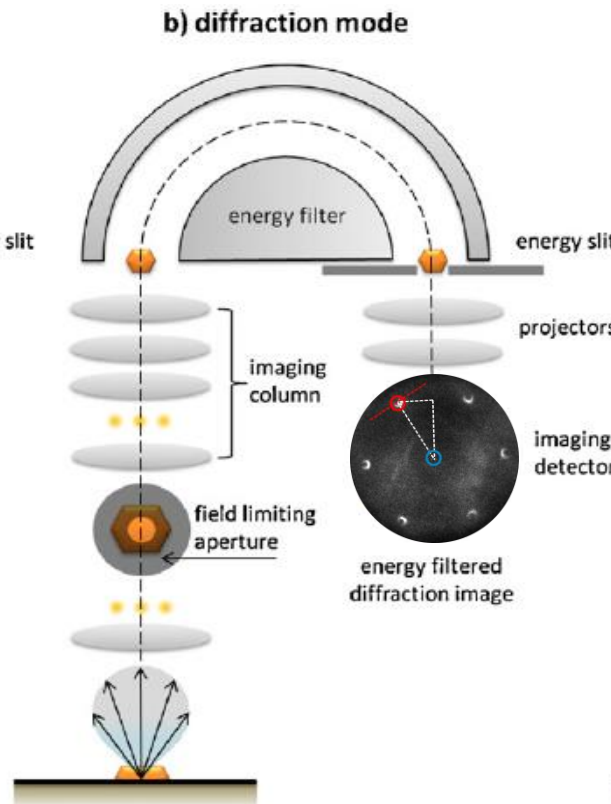


spatial resolution
LEEM : 10 nm
XPEEM : 25 nm

energy resolution
XPEEM : 0.3 eV

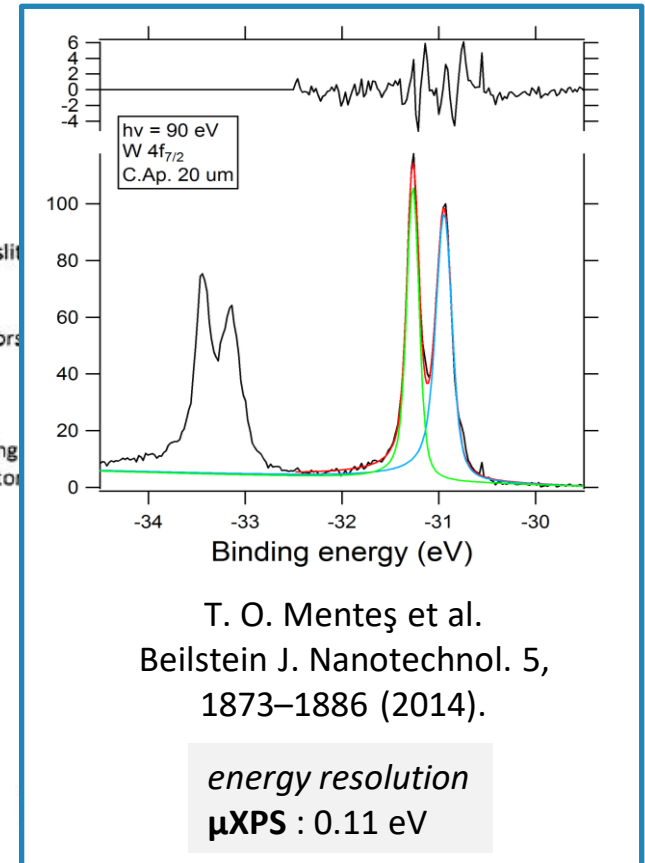
*Detector blanking available for
time-resolved XMCD-PEEM: see
Ultramicroscopy 202, 10-17 (2019)*

microprobe-diffraction
ARPES / LEED



Limited: to 2 microns in dia.
Energy resolution:
ARPES: 0.3 eV
angular resolution
ARPES: 0.01 Å⁻¹

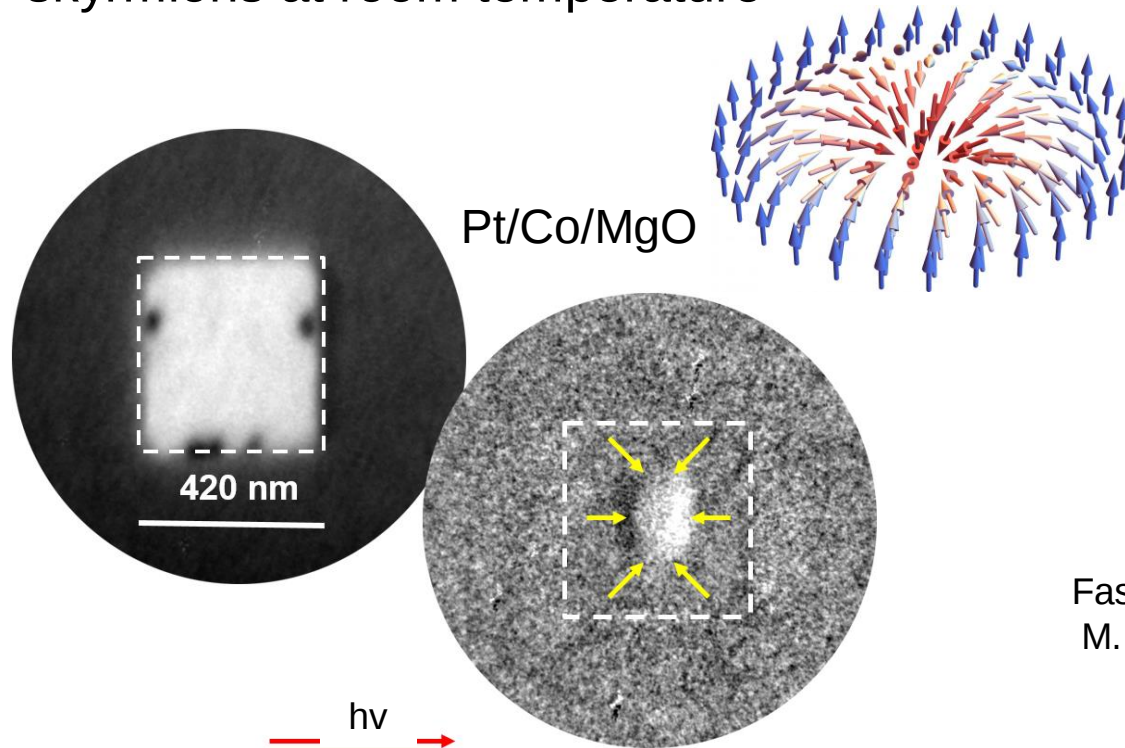
microprobe-spectroscopy
Fast-XPS



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SPELEEM examples: magnetic imaging at high lateral resolution

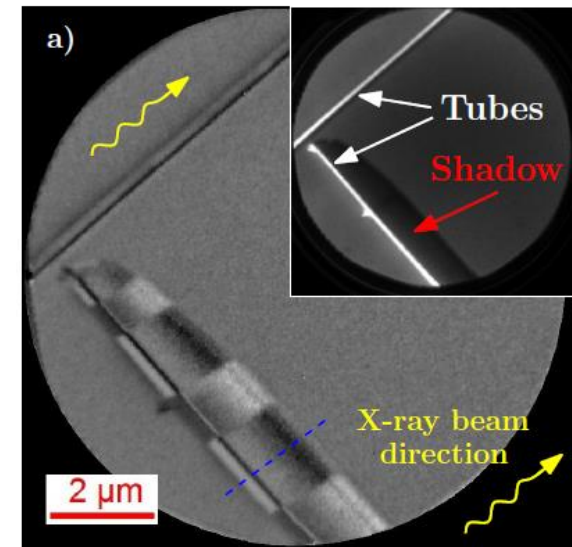
- ✓ First observation of chiral skyrmions at room temperature



O. Boulle *et al.*, Nat. Nanotech. **11**, 449–454 (2016)
doi: 10.1038/nnano.2015.315

More recently, «Current-Driven Skyrmion Motion and SHE»
R. Juge *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Appl. **12**, 044007 (2019)

- ✓ Magnetism in Nanowires



Fast Domain Wall Motion in cylindrical magnetic NW
M. Schöbitz *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett., accepted (2019)

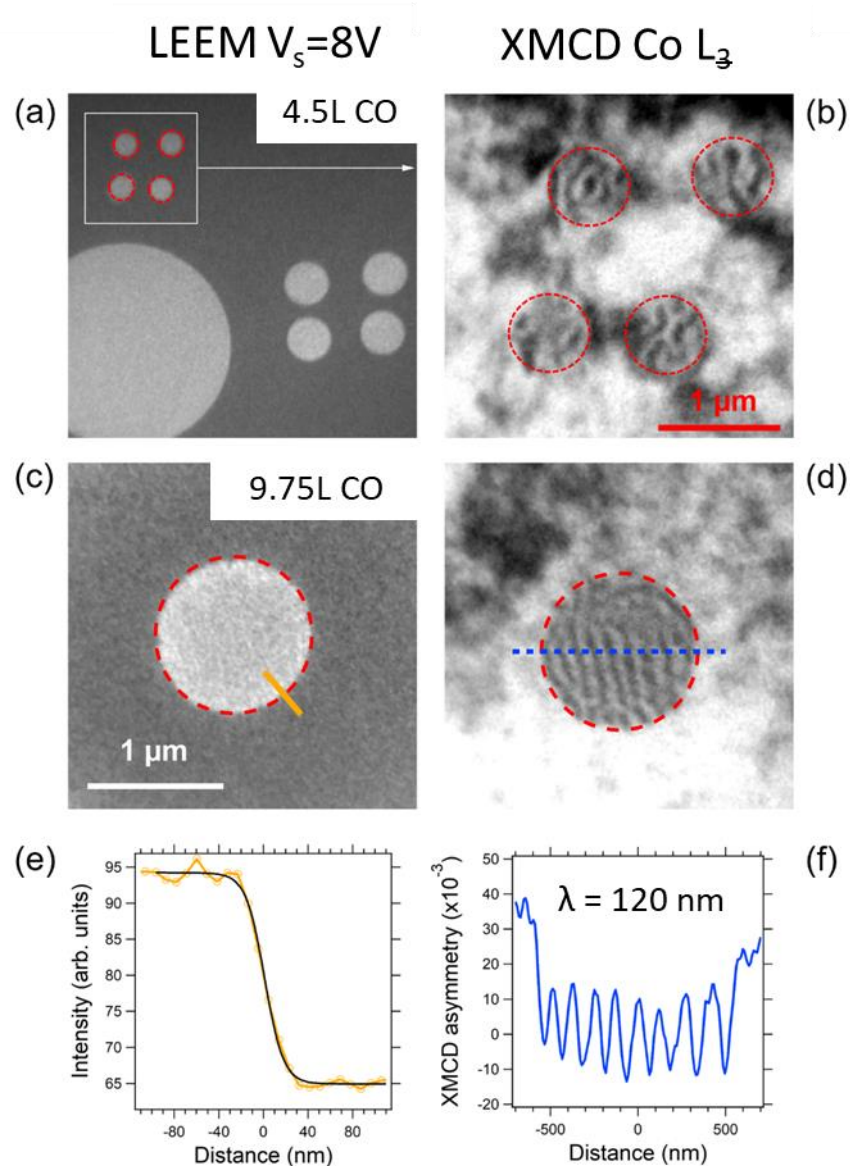
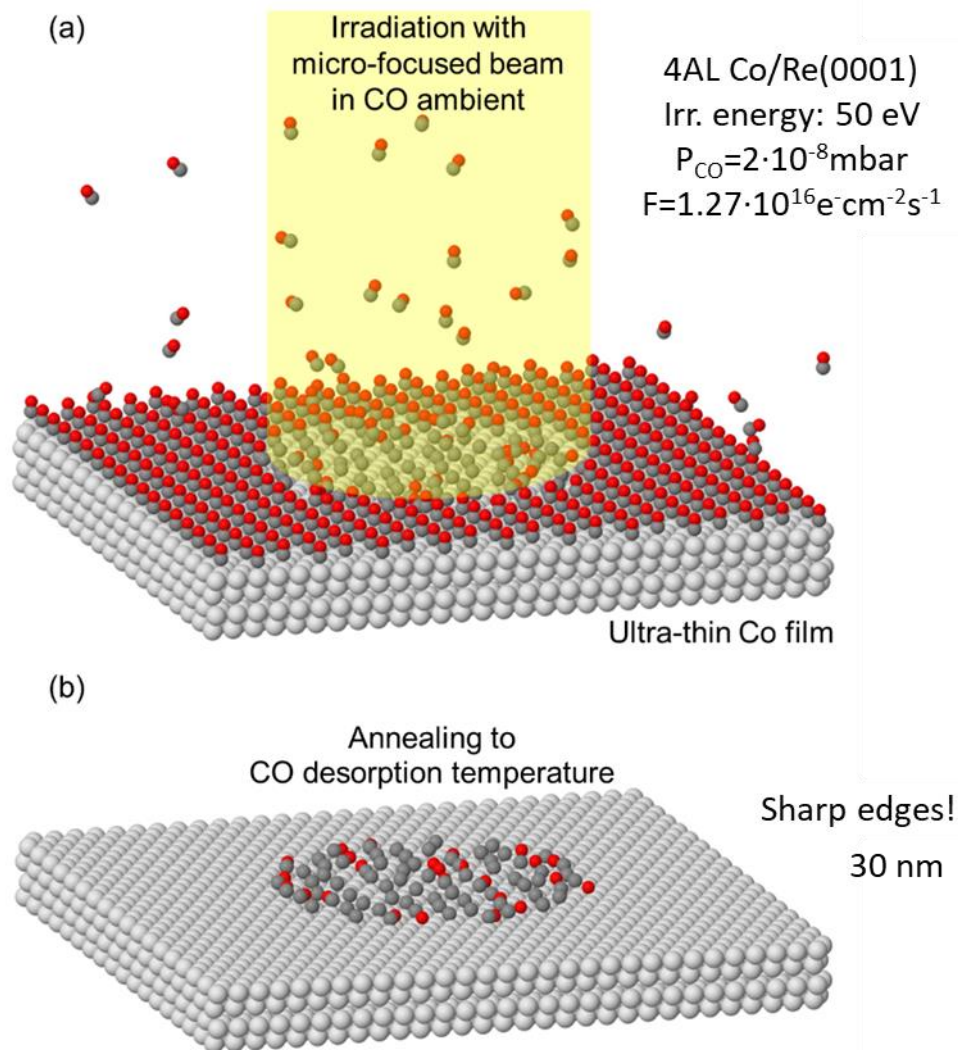
Flux-closure domains in high aspect ratio
electroless-deposited CoNiB nanotubes
M. Staňo *et al.*, SciPost Phys. **5**, 038 (2018)

Quantitative analysis of shadow XMCD-PEEM
S. Jamet *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B **92**, 144428 (2015)

Bloch-point DW in cylindrical magnetic NW
S. Da Col *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B **89**, 180405(R) (2014).

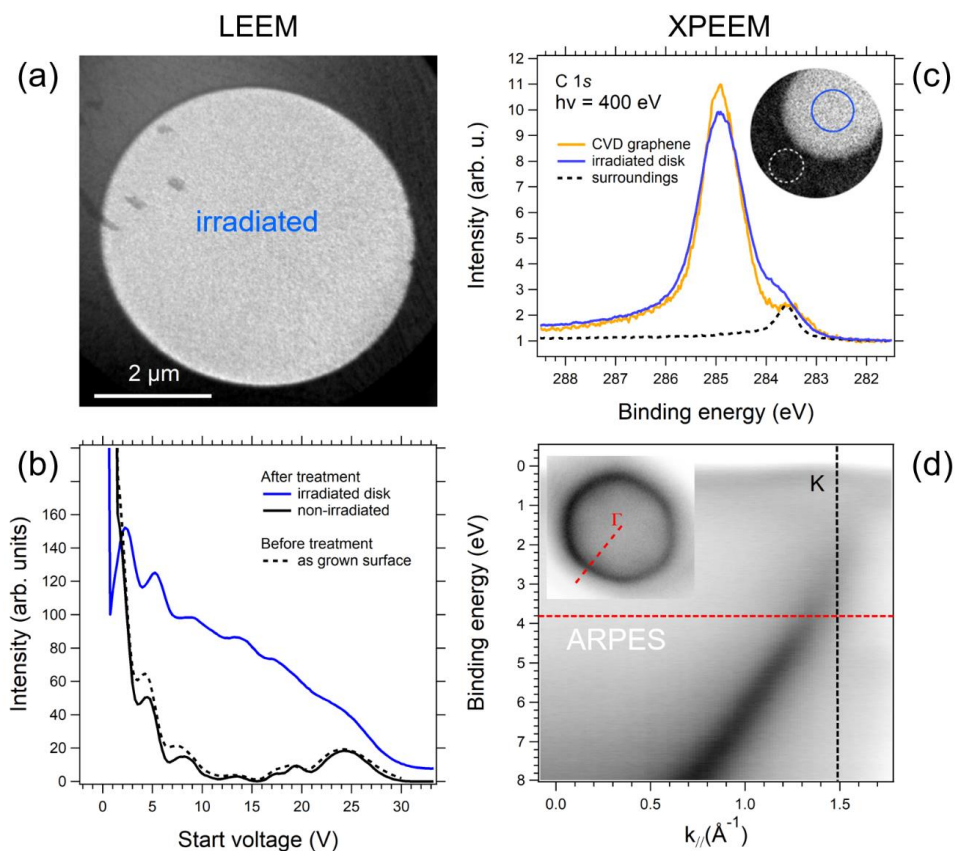
electron-beam assisted carbon lithography

Similar to FXBIP and FEBIP

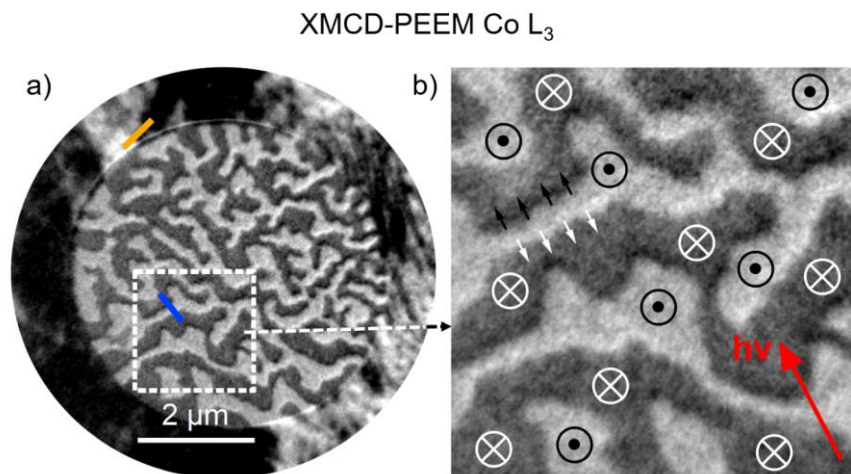


Chemistry and magnetism of gr/Co/Re(001)

CO exposures of the order or in excess of 1000 L $\rightarrow$ ML amount of carbon on the surface, which transforms to graphene upon annealing at 380° C.



✓ enhanced perpendicular magnetic anisotropy



- Néel magnetic domains with right handed chirality
- Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction $\rightarrow$
- Skyrmion bubbles observed upon magnetization reversal

P. Genoni *et al.*, ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces 10(32), 27178–27187 (2018)

F. Genuzio *et al.*,

J. Phys. Chem. C 123(13), 8360-8369 (2019);

IEEE Transactions on Magnetics 55(2), 1-4 (2019);



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The FERMI FEL @ Elettra

FERMI free electron laser
(seeded source)

Wavelength (FEL 1): 100 – 20 nm

Wavelength(FEL 2): 20 – 4 nm

Pulse energy : 100 – 10 μ J

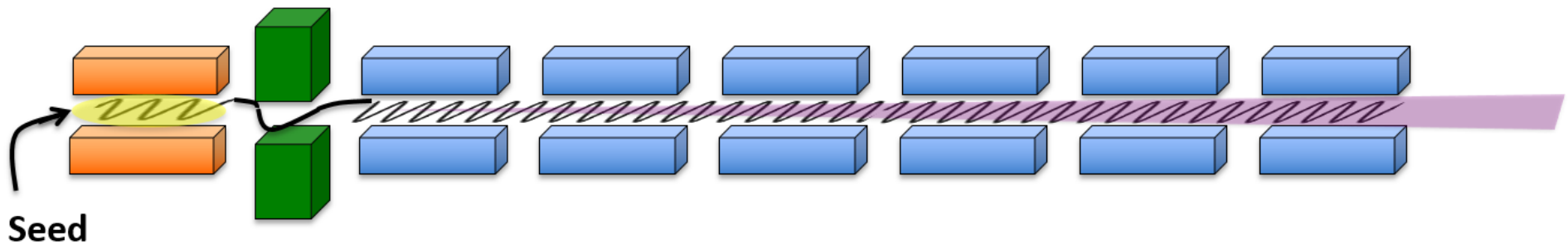
Pulse duration: 150 – 20 fs

Frequency: 10 – 50 Hz



modulator

Radiator



Excited state

Excited state

Excited state

ions Spectroscopy

electrons Spectroscopy

photons

FERMI-FEL light pulses in a pump-probe experiment

20 micron

t₂



Low Density Matter (LDM)

- ✓ dilute systems, matter under extreme irradiation conditions (multiple electronic excitation, multiple ionization, Coulomb explosion, non-linear optics)

Diffraction and Projection Imaging (DiProI)

- ✓ Time-resolved Coherent Diffraction Imaging (CDI), Resonant CDI

EIS-TIMEX

- ✓ fundamental properties of dense matter under metastable and/or extreme thermodynamic conditions with sub-ps time resolution

EIS-TIMER

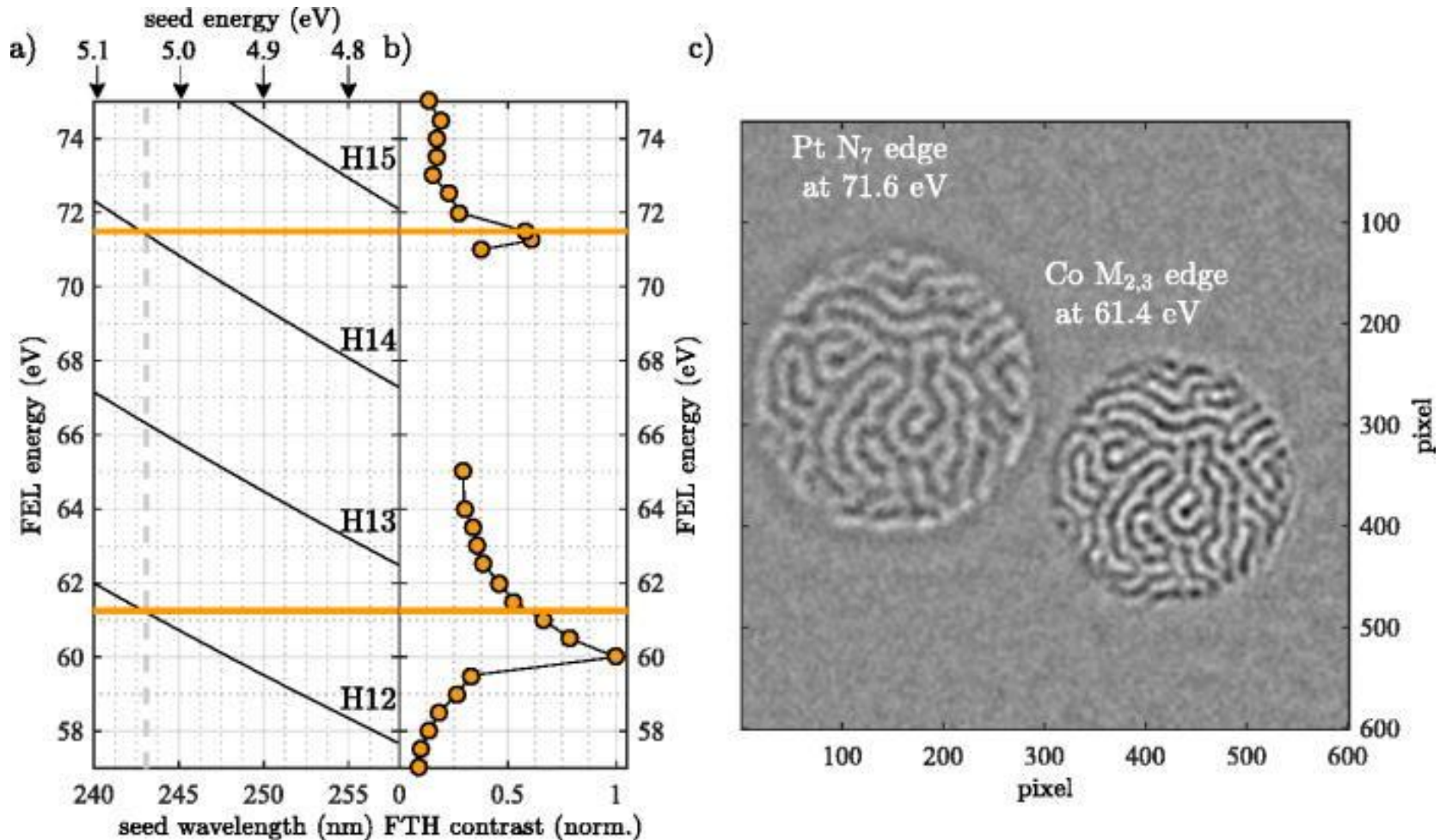
- ✓ FEL-based extreme ultraviolet transient grating experiments (XTG)

MAGNE-DYN

- ✓ transient magnetic states of matter by exploiting the time structure, the full coherent-variable polarization properties

- ✓ Off-line instruments: **T-REX, TeraFERMI**

FT holography with magnetic sensitivity at the DiProl beamline



F. Willems *et al.*, Structural Dynamics 4, 014301 (2017); <https://doi.org/10.1063/1.4976004>
See also: C. von Korff Schmising *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 217203 (2014).

Material characterization highlights

Elettra photoemission spectrometers and microscopes

- ☐ Real time ESCA
- ☐ Nanometer-range lateral resolution
- ☐ PEEM imaging with magnetic sensitivity
- ☐ in operando capability / near-ambient pressure
- ☐ microprobe ARPES (also spin-resolved)

FERMI FEL beamlines

- ☐ Dynamic processes / excited states
- ☐ fs to attosecond time scale

M.P. Kumar *et al.*, *Nature* (2020)
doi: [10.1038/s41586-020-2005-6](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-020-2005-6)

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**Attosecond pulse shaping using a seeded
free-electron laser**



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Postdoctoral position for the EIS-TIMER beamline at FERMI Postdoctoral Position at DiProl beamline at FERMI

Thank you for the attention!