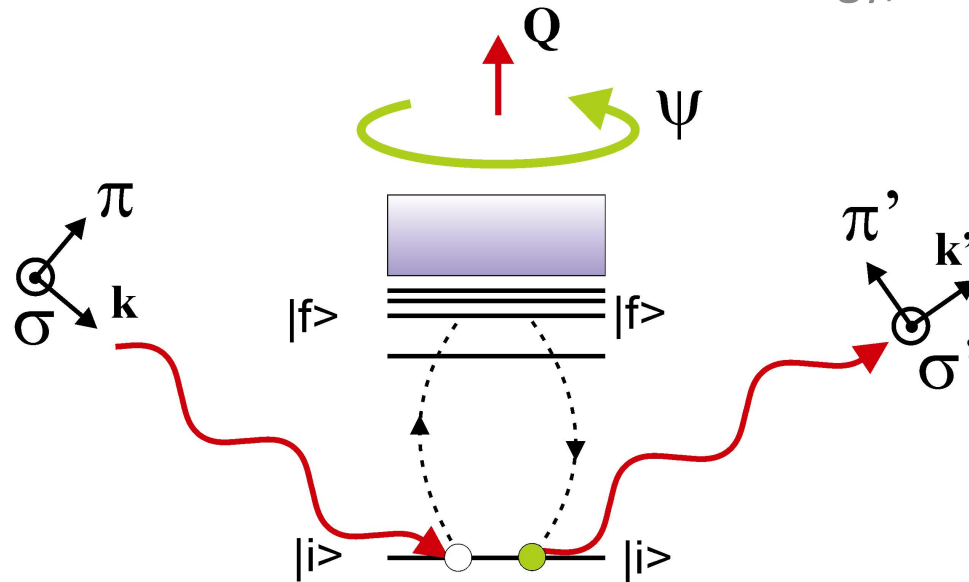


# Resonant Elastic and Inelastic X-ray Scattering

Des McMorrow

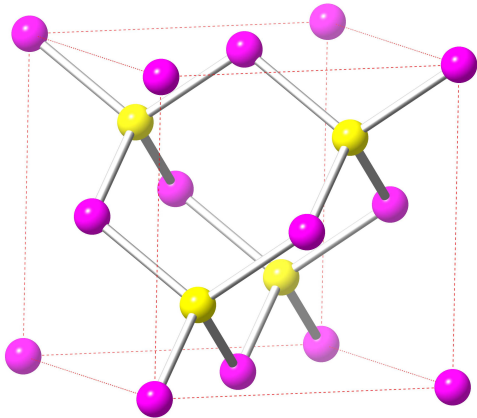
London Centre for Nanotechnology, UCL



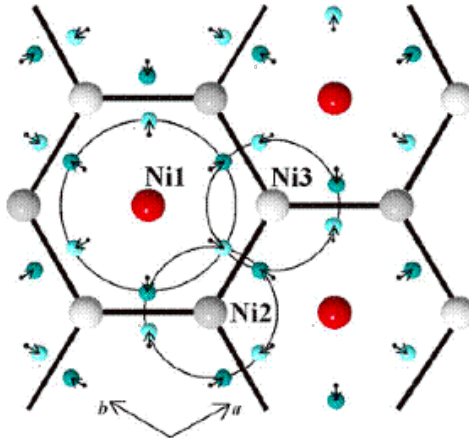
- Introduction
- Scattering cross-sections, refraction and absorption
- Resonant Elastic X-ray Scattering
  - Magnetic order: Novel MITs in 5d transition metal oxides
  - Multipolar order: Orbital ordering
- Resonant Inelastic X-ray Scattering
  - Magnons and crystal-field excitations: 5d transition metal oxides
- Summary

# Elastic Scattering: groundstates and order

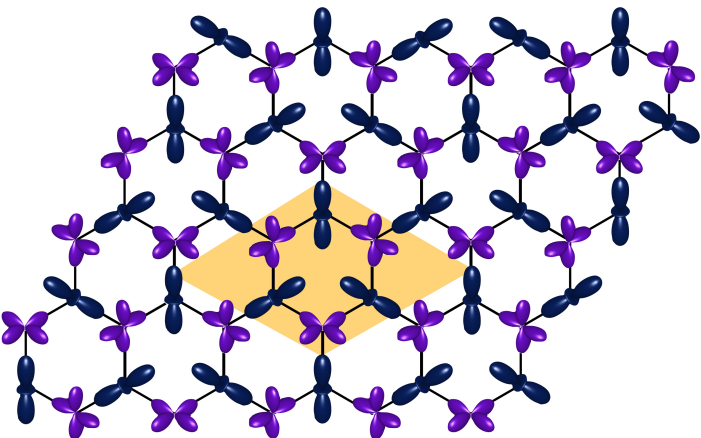
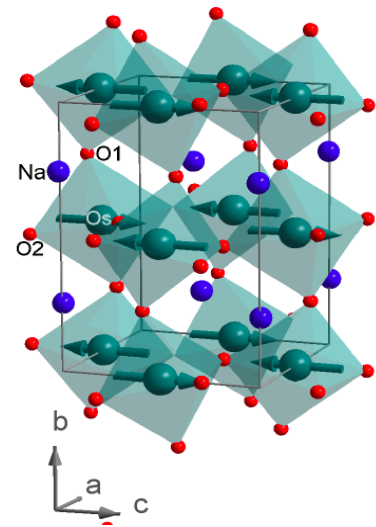
Charge density



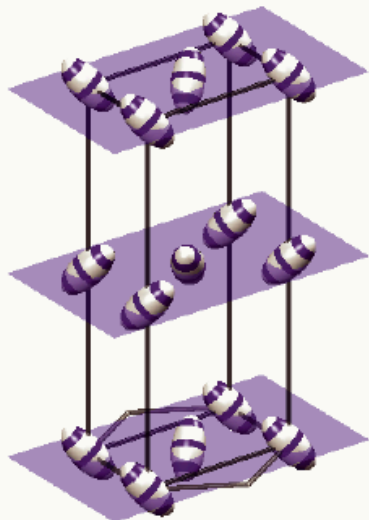
Charge order



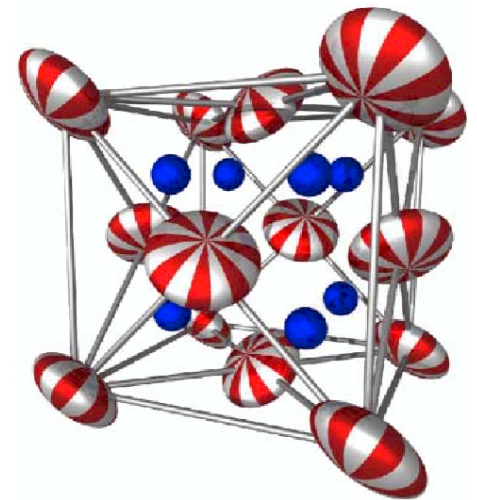
Magnetic order



Orbital order



Quadrupolar order



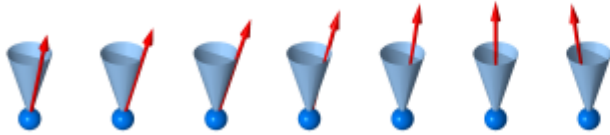
Octupolar order

# Inelastic Scattering: excitations

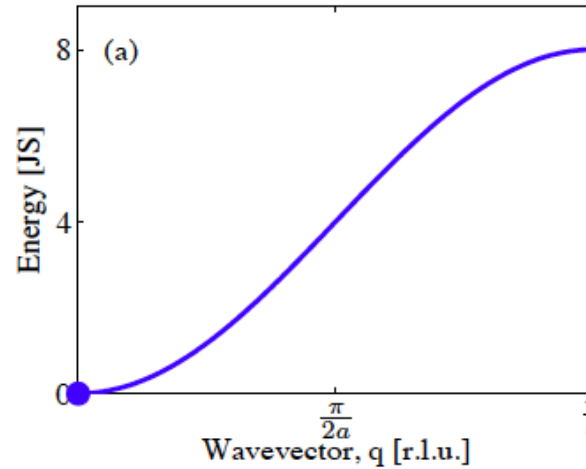
## Interactions

$$\mathcal{H} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

## Collective Excitations

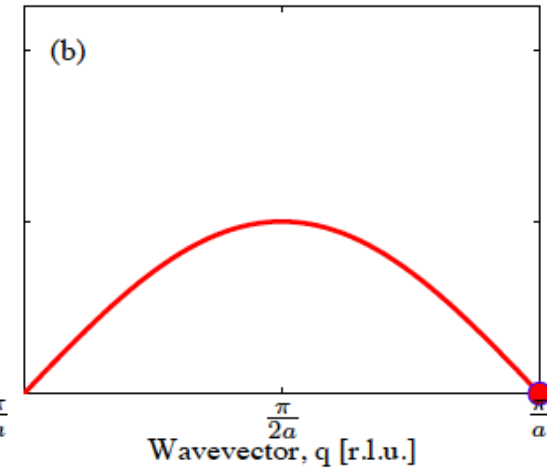


## 1D Classical Ferromagnet



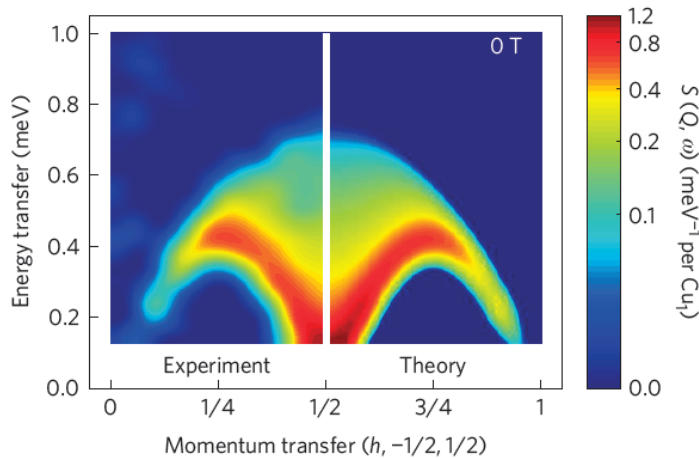
## Dispersion Relations

## 1D Classical Antiferromagnet

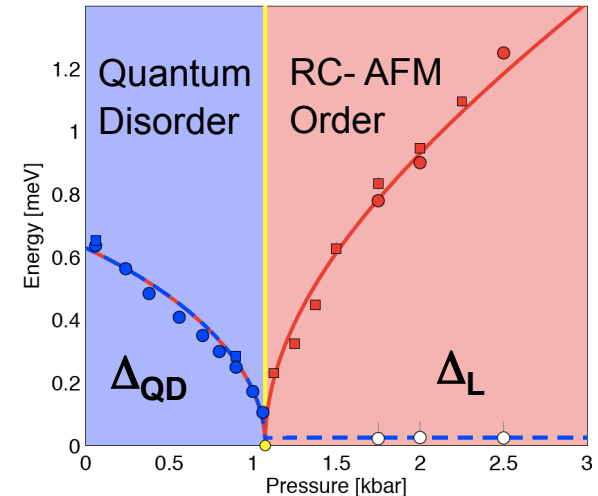


Excitation spectrum, direct measure of interactions: strength, range, symmetry

## Quasi-particle spectroscopy



**1D:** Fractional spinon excitations in the quantum Heisenberg antiferromagnetic chain  
Mourigal et al. Nature Physics (2013)



**3D:** Quantum and classical criticality in a dimerized quantum antiferromagnet  
Merchant et al. Nature Physics (2014)

# What do we measure in a scattering experiment?

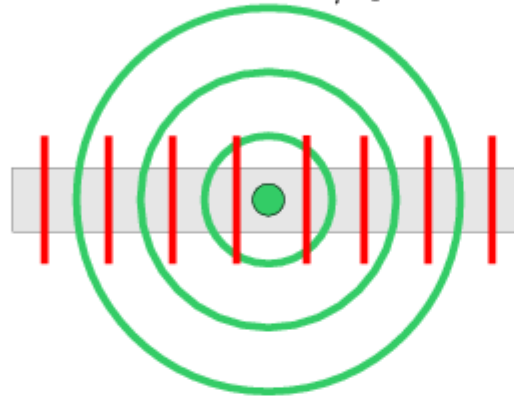
## Cross-section and scattering length

$$\psi_0 = e^{i\mathbf{k}z}$$

$$\psi_s = -|b| \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}}{r}$$

Incident plane wave

Outgoing spherical wave



$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) = \frac{\text{Number of particles scattered per second into detector}}{\text{Incident Flux} \times \text{Detector solid Angle}} = \frac{I_{sc}}{\Phi_0 \Delta\Omega}$$

$$I_{sc} = A_D \times \text{Flux of scattered particles} = A_D \times (\text{velocity} \times \text{density})$$

$$= A_D \times v \times |\psi_s|^2 = A_D \times v \times \frac{b^2}{R^2} = \Delta\Omega R^2 \times v \times \frac{b^2}{R^2} = \Delta\Omega v b^2$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) = \frac{\Delta\Omega v b^2}{\Phi_0 \Delta\Omega} = \frac{\Delta\Omega v b^2}{v |\psi_0|^2 \Delta\Omega} = b^2$$

$$\boxed{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) = b^2}$$

The **Total Cross-section** is obtained by integrating over all solid angle

$$\sigma = \int \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) d\Omega = 4\pi b^2$$



# X-rays and Neutrons

## Basic properties and Scattering lengths

Photon

Neutron

Charge:

0

0

Mass:

0

$1.675 \times 10^{-27}$  Kg

Spin:

1

$\frac{1}{2}$

Magnetic Moment:

0

$-1.913 \mu_N$

Scattering lengths:

Sensitivity to

$r_0 = 2.82 \times 10^{-5}$  Å

$b \sim r_0$

Structure:

(E field photon with e)

(Short range nuclear forces)

Sensitivity to

$r_0 (\hbar\omega/mc^2)$

$b_{\text{mag}} \sim r_0$

Magnetism: (E, H field photon with e and  $\mu_B$ )

$(\mu_n \cdot \mathbf{B}_{\text{dipp}})$

Resonant

Scattering:

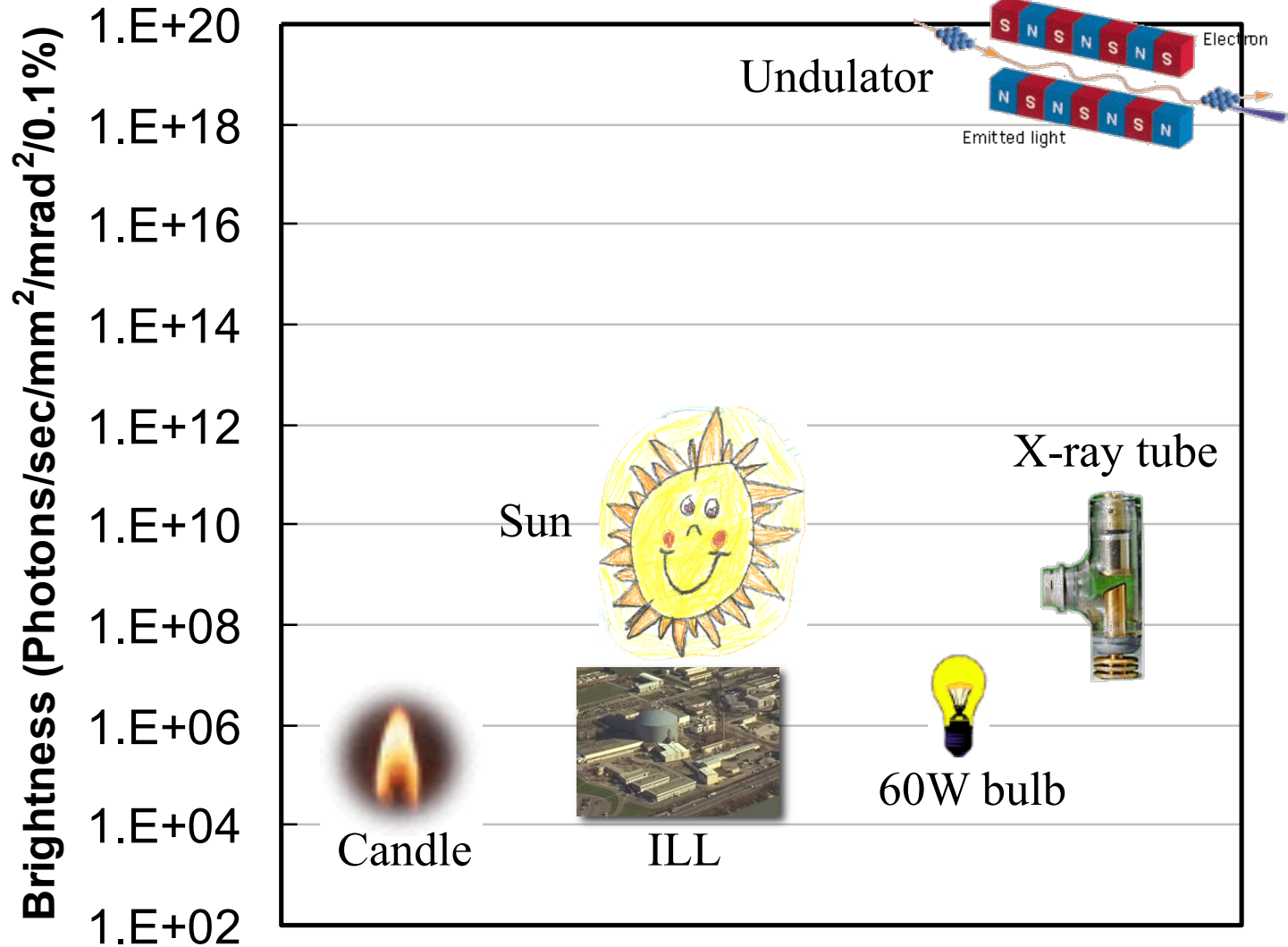
$100 r_0!$

$$r_0 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{mc^2} = 2.82 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$$

# Source Brilliance (or spectral brightness)

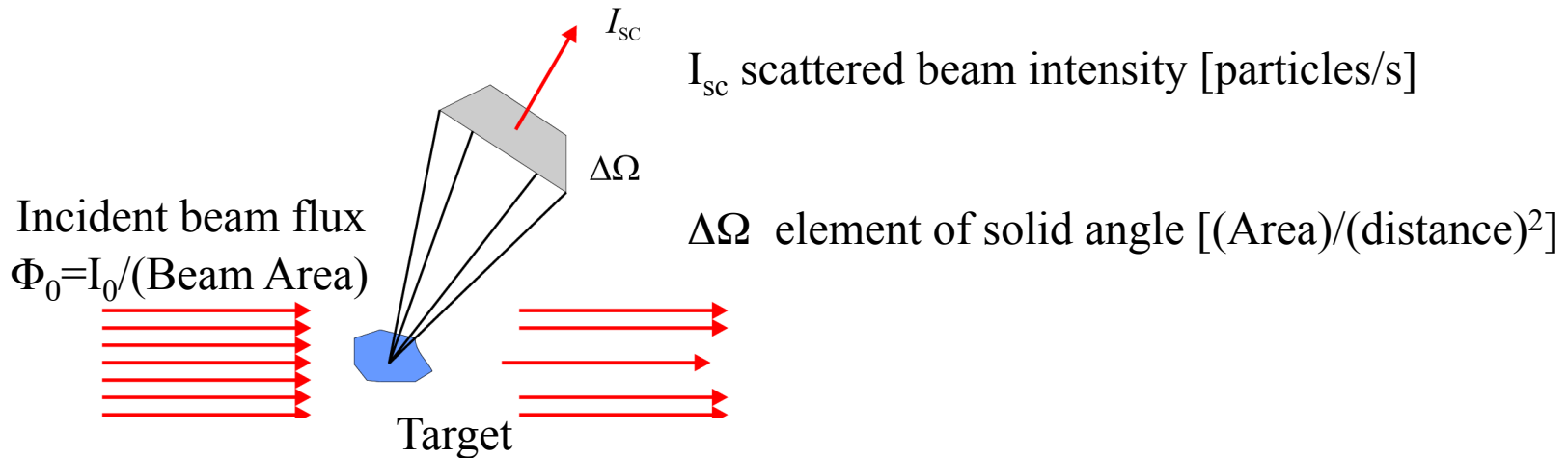
$$\text{Brilliance} = \frac{\text{Photons/second}}{(\text{mrad})^2 (\text{mm}^2 \text{ source area}) (0.1\% \text{ bandwidth})}$$

↑  
XFEL  
 $\times 10^{10}$



# Scattering Cross-sections

## Differential and partial differential



Quite generally we expect

$$I_{sc} = \Phi_0 \times \Delta\Omega \times \text{Scattering efficiency factor} = \Phi_0 \times \Delta\Omega \times \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)$$

This defines the **Differential Cross - section**

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) = \frac{\text{Number of particles scattered per second into detector}}{\text{Incident Flux} \times \text{Detector solid Angle}} = \frac{I_{sc}}{\Phi_0 \Delta\Omega}$$

Elastic

The **Total Cross - section** is obtained by integrating over all solid angle

$$\sigma = \int \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) d\Omega$$

This **Partial Differential Cross - section**

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE_f} \right) = \frac{\text{Particles scattered per second into detector in energy window } dE_f}{\text{Incident Flux} \times \text{Detector solid Angle} \times dE_f}$$

Inelastic

# Scattering kinematics

- Momentum transfer

$$\hbar\mathbf{Q} = \hbar(\mathbf{k}_i - \mathbf{k}_f)$$

- Energy transfer

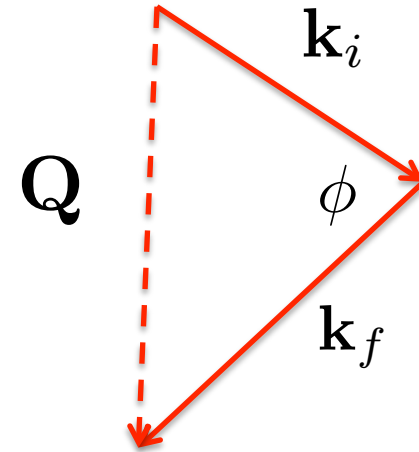
$$\hbar\omega = E_i - E_f$$

- Scattering event independent variables:  $(\mathbf{Q}, \omega)$

- Elastic Scattering  $\hbar\omega = 0$  Crystallography
- Inelastic Scattering  $\hbar\omega \neq 0$  Spectroscopy

- FT conjugate variables

- $Q \sim 2\pi/(\text{length})$
- $\hbar\omega \sim 2\pi\hbar/(\text{time})$



# Non-resonant charge scattering from unbound electrons

## Thomson cross-section

Classical calculation of the electric field reradiated from a free electron

$$\mathbf{E}_{rad} \propto \frac{-e}{R} \mathbf{a}_X(t') \sin \Psi \equiv \frac{e}{R} \mathbf{a}_X(t') (\hat{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}')$$

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{Th.} = r_0^2 |\hat{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}'|^2$$

Single atom

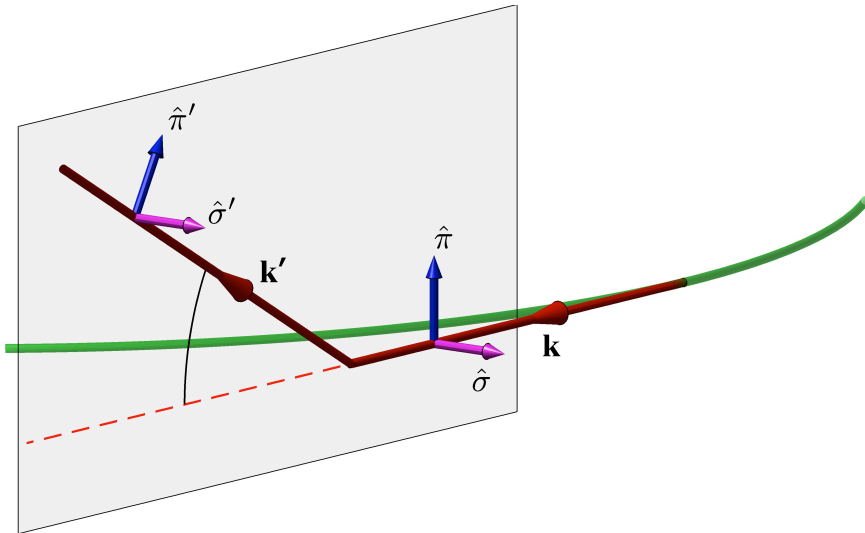
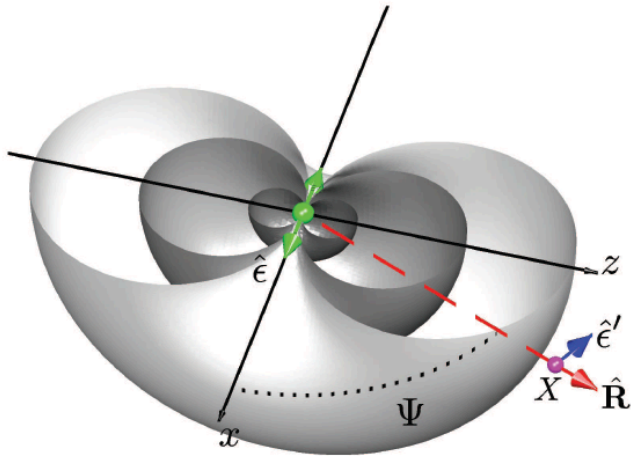
$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{Th.}^{atom} = r_0^2 [f^0(\mathbf{Q})]^2 |\hat{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}'|^2$$

$$f^0(\mathbf{Q}) = \int \rho(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r}$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}'$$

Atomic  
form  
factor

Wave vector transfer



# X-ray Resonant Scattering from bound electrons

## Dispersion corrections

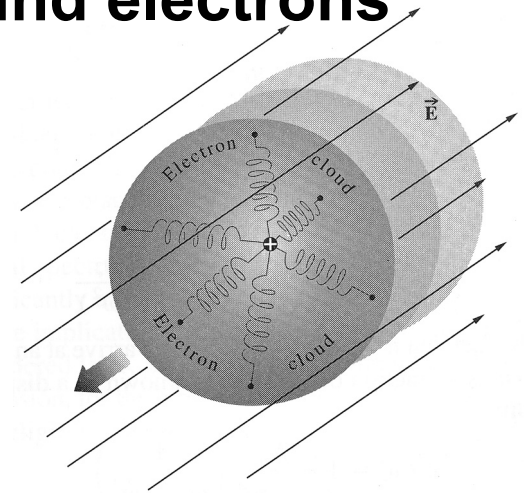
From electrons bound in atoms expect:

$$f(\mathbf{Q}, \omega) = f^0(\mathbf{Q}) + f'(\omega) + i f''(\omega)$$

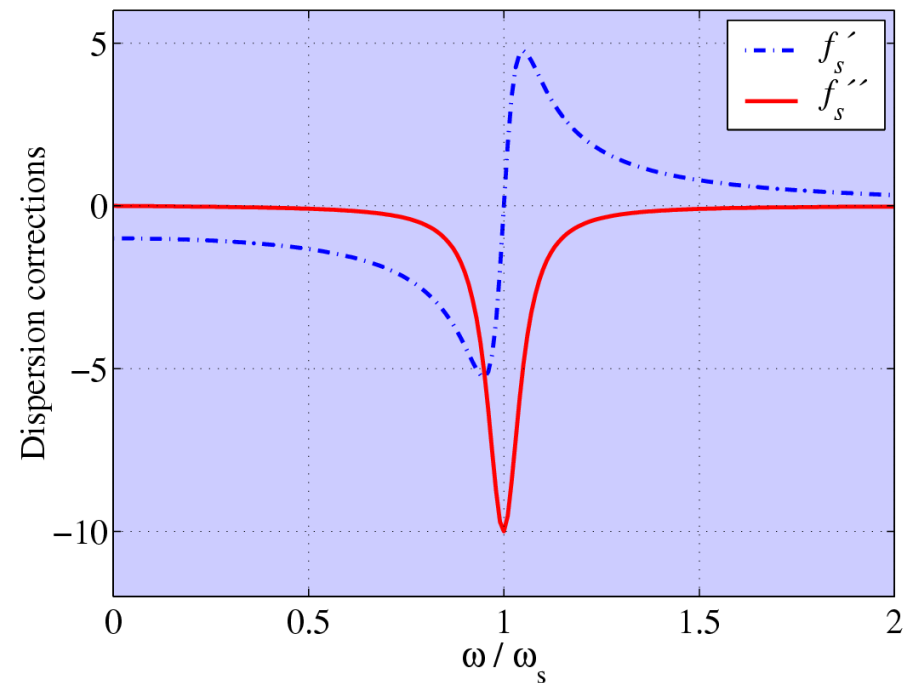
Forced, damped oscillator model

$$\ddot{x} + \Gamma \dot{x} + \omega_r^2 x = - \left( \frac{eE_0}{m} \right) e^{-i\omega t} \Rightarrow x(t) = \left( -\frac{e}{m} \right) \frac{E_0 e^{-i\omega t}}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\Gamma)}$$

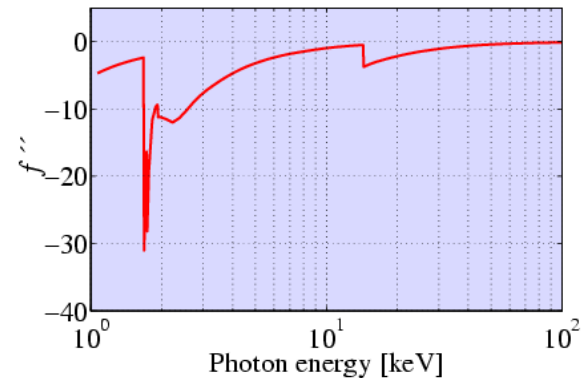
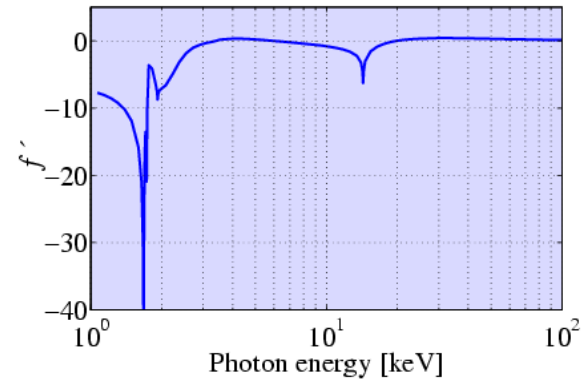
$$f'_s = \frac{\omega_0^2(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + (\omega\Gamma)^2} f'_s = - \frac{-\omega_0^2\omega\Gamma}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + (\omega\Gamma)^2}$$



Kr



Dispersion corrections



# Relationship between scattering and refraction

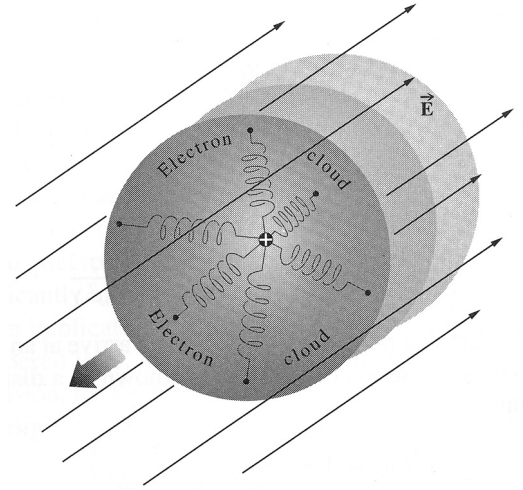
Electric field  $\mathbf{E}(t) \Rightarrow \mathbf{P}(t)$  (electric dipole/V)

$$\mathbf{P}(t) = \epsilon_0 \chi \mathbf{E}(t) = (\epsilon - \epsilon_0) \mathbf{E}(t)$$

where

$$\mathbf{P}(t) = \frac{-Nex(t)}{V} = -\rho ex(t) = -\rho e \left( -\frac{e}{m} \right) \frac{E_0 e^{-i\omega t}}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\Gamma)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\mathbf{P}(t)}{\mathbf{E}(t)} = \epsilon - \epsilon_0 = \left( \frac{e^2 \rho}{m} \right) \frac{1}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\Gamma)}$$



The refractive index is defined by

$$n^2 = \frac{c^2}{v^2} = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = 1 + \left( \frac{e^2 \rho}{\epsilon_0 m} \right) \frac{1}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\Gamma)}$$

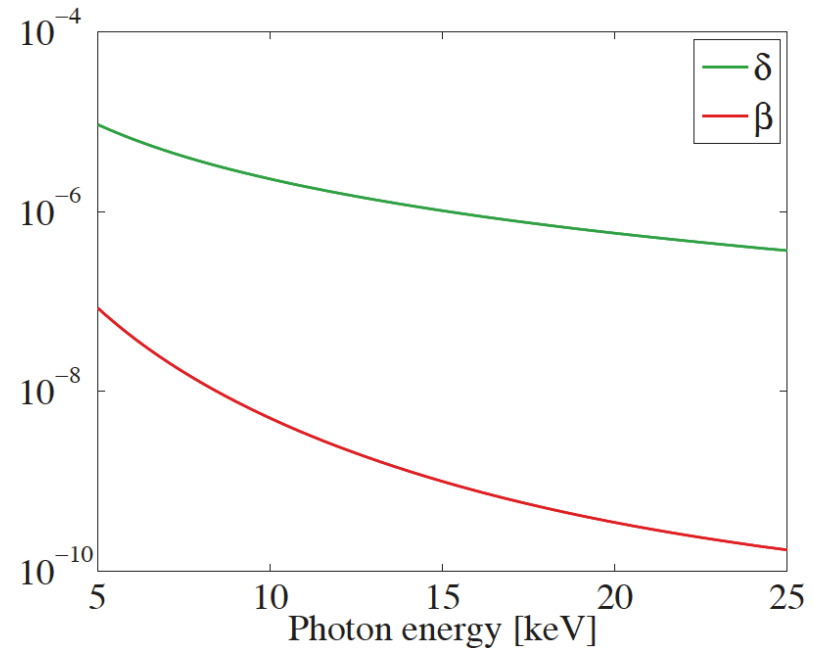
For X-rays,  $\omega \gg \omega_0 \gg \Gamma$

$$n \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{e^2 \rho}{\epsilon_0 m \omega^2} \right) = 1 - \frac{2\pi \rho r_0}{k^2}$$

$$n \approx 1 - \delta + i\beta$$

Since  $\rho = \rho_a f(0)$

$$\delta = \frac{2\pi \rho_a r_0 (f^0(0) + f'(\hbar\omega))}{k^2} \quad \beta = -\frac{2\pi \rho_a r_0 f''(\hbar\omega)}{k^2}$$



# Relationship between scattering and refraction

Resonant scattering

$$f(Q, \hbar\omega) = f^0(Q) + f'(\hbar\omega) + if''(\hbar\omega)$$

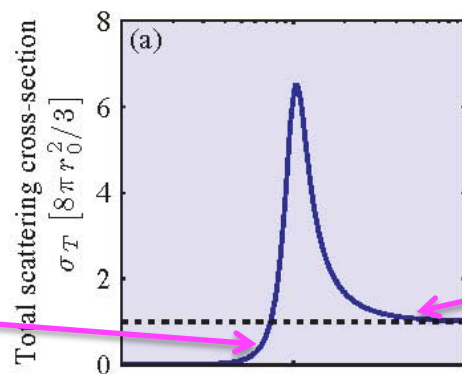
Rayleigh scattering  
Visible light

Refractive index

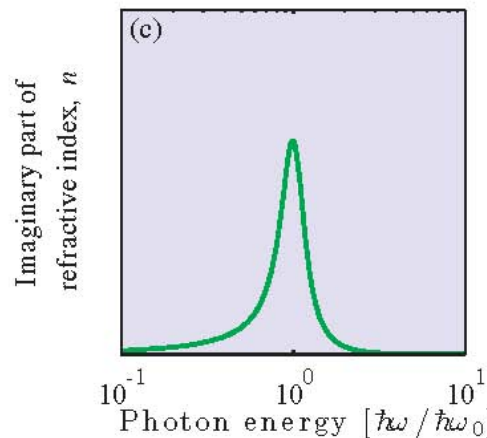
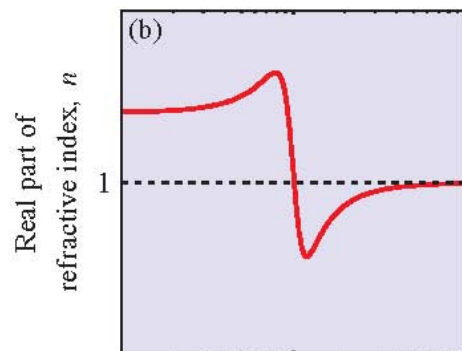
$$n = 1 - \delta + i\beta$$

$$\delta = (f^0(0) + f') \frac{2\pi\rho_a r_0}{k^2}$$

$$\beta = -f'' \left( \frac{2\pi\rho_a r_0}{k^2} \right)$$



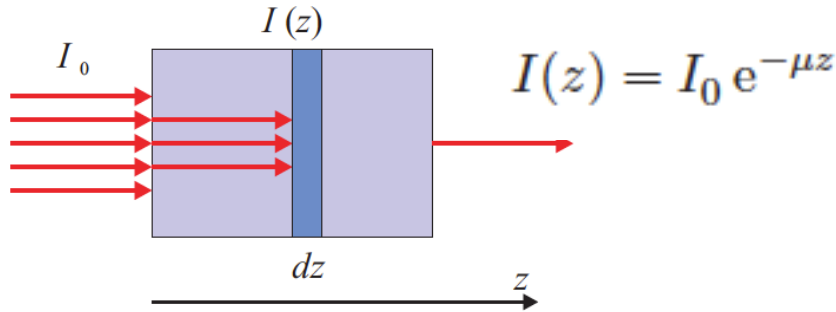
Thomson scattering  
X-rays



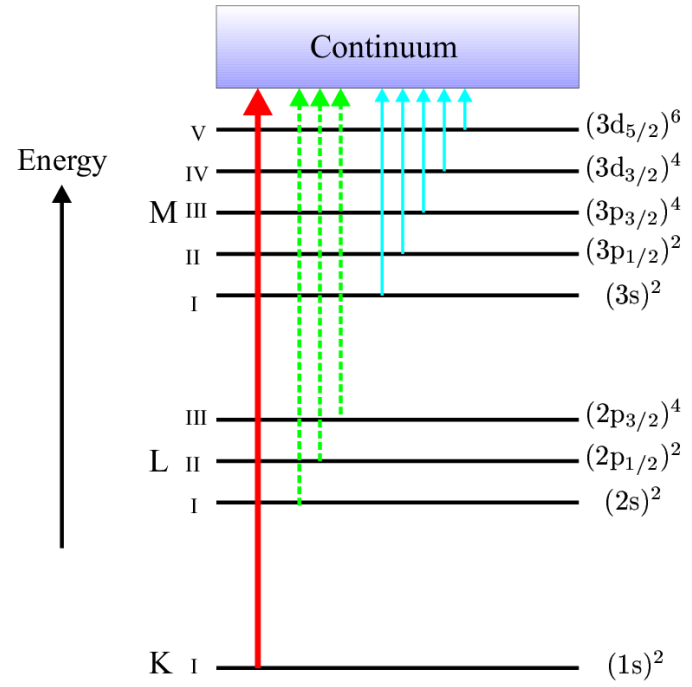
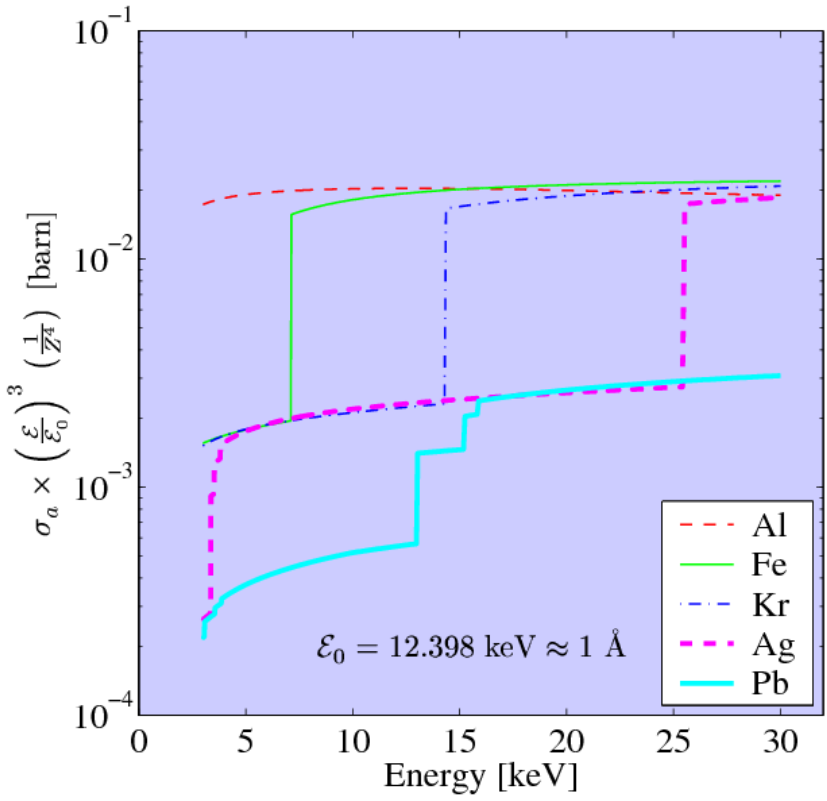
Scattering and refraction: different ways of understanding the same phenomena



# X-ray absorption edges



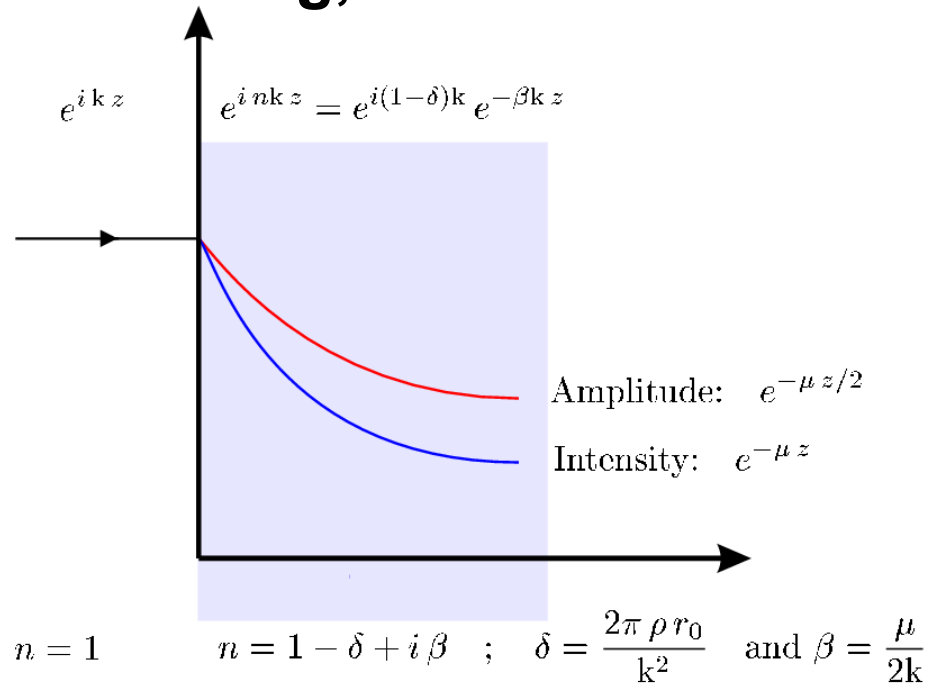
$$\mu = \rho_a \sigma_a = \left( \frac{\rho_m N_A}{A} \right) \sigma_a$$



Absorption cross-section scales as

$$\sigma_{abs} \propto (h\omega)^{-3} Z^4$$

# Relationship scattering, refraction and absorption



$$n = 1 - \delta + i\beta \quad \delta = \left( \frac{2\pi\rho_a (f^0(0) + f')r_0}{k^2} \right) \quad \beta = - \left( \frac{2\pi\rho_a f''r_0}{k^2} \right)$$

Absorption coefficient  $\mu$  defined by  $I = I_0 e^{-\mu z}$  and  
 absorption cross-section  $\sigma_a = \mu / \rho_a$

$$f'' = - \left( \frac{k^2}{2\pi\rho_a r_0} \right) \quad \frac{\mu}{2k} = - \left( \frac{k}{4\pi r_0} \right) \sigma_a$$

Absorption is proportional to the imaginary part of  
 the forward scattering amplitude (Optical Theorem)

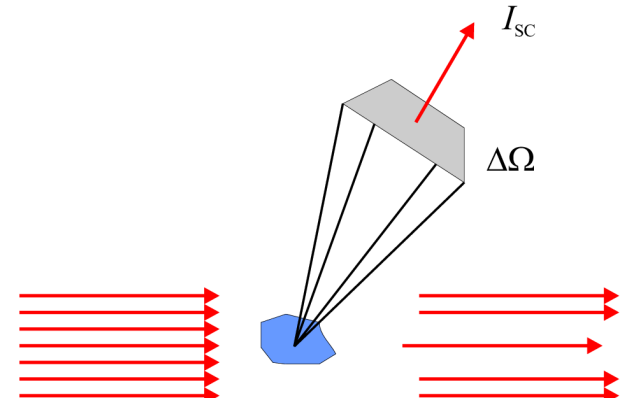
# Theoretical Framework

## Cross-sections and the interaction Hamiltonian

Task is to determine the differential cross-section:

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) = \frac{\text{Number of particles scattered per second into detector}}{\text{Incident Flux} \times \text{Detector solid Angle}}$$

$$= \frac{W}{\Phi_0(\Delta\Omega)}$$



The transition rate probability  $W$  to 2nd order

$$W = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left| \langle f | H_I | i \rangle + \sum_n \frac{\langle f | H_I | n \rangle \langle n | H_I | i \rangle}{E_i - E_n} \right|^2 \rho(E_f)$$

**Interaction Hamiltonian  $H_I$ :** describes interaction between radiation and target

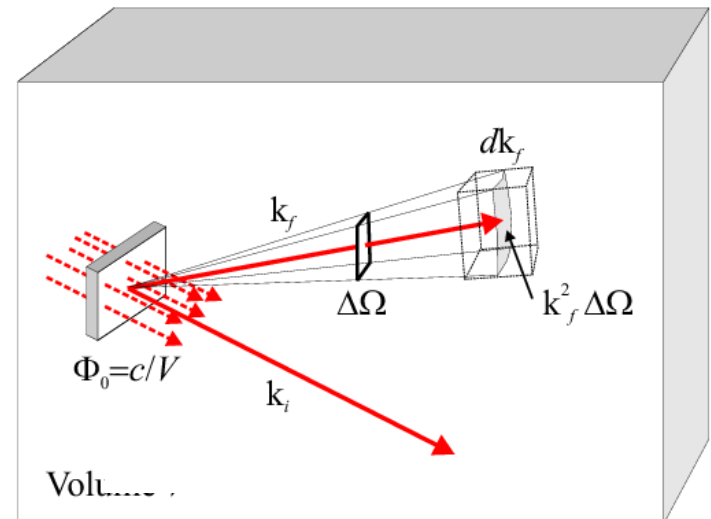
**Density of final states**

$$\rho(E_f) dE_f = \rho(\mathbf{k}_f) d\mathbf{k}_f$$

Box normalisation implies

$$\rho(E_f) dE_f = \rho(\mathbf{k}_f) k_f^2 \Delta\Omega dk_f$$

$$\therefore \rho(E_f) = \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} k_f^2 \Delta\Omega \frac{dk_f}{dE_f}$$



**Valid for neutrons and X-rays**

To first order

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) = \frac{1}{\Phi_0} \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left| \langle f | H_I | i \rangle \right|^2 \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} k_f^2 \frac{dk_f}{dE_f}$$

# Non-resonant charge scattering from unbound electrons

## Quantum mechanical calculation

Hamiltonian of single electron in an electromagnetic field:

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V \quad \mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{p} + e\mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \quad \text{Canonical momentum}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_0 + \mathcal{H}_I \quad \mathcal{H}_I = \frac{e\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{p}}{m} + \frac{e^2 A^2}{2m}$$

Quantization of the electromagnetic field vector potential:

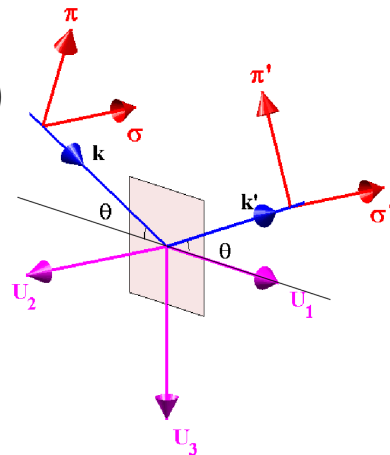
$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_u \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\epsilon_0 \omega V}} \hat{\epsilon}_u \left[ a_{u,\mathbf{k}} e^{i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)} + a_{u,\mathbf{k}}^\dagger e^{-i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)} \right]$$

$$a_{u,\mathbf{k}} |n\rangle = \sqrt{n} |n-1\rangle \quad a_{u,\mathbf{k}}^\dagger |n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1} |n+1\rangle \quad \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\text{rad}} = \hbar\omega (a_{u,\mathbf{k}}^\dagger a_{u,\mathbf{k}} + 1/2)$$

1<sup>st</sup> order process: destroy photon from incident beam, create one in scattered beam

$$W = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |\langle f | \mathcal{H}_I | i \rangle|^2 \rho(E_f) = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left| \langle f | \frac{e^2 A^2}{2m} | i \rangle \right|^2 \rho(E_f)$$

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{Th.}} = \frac{W}{\Phi_0 \Delta\Omega} = r_0^2 |\hat{\epsilon}_f \cdot \hat{\epsilon}_i|^2$$



	$\hat{\epsilon}_\perp \equiv \sigma$	$\hat{\epsilon}_\parallel \equiv \pi$
$\hat{\epsilon}'_\perp \equiv \sigma'$	1	0
$\hat{\epsilon}'_\parallel \equiv \pi'$	0	$\cos 2\theta$

**Thomson scattering**

# X-ray Scattering

## Non-resonant elastic magnetic

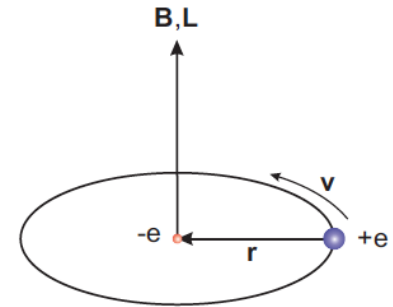
Single spin in electromagnetic field: identify leading order magnetic term

Zeeman  $\mathcal{H}_Z = g\mu_B \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{B} = g\mu_B \mathbf{s} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$

Spin-orbit  $\mathcal{H}_{SO} = -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{2} g\mu_B \mathbf{s} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{v}}{c^2} = \frac{e\hbar}{2m^2 c^2} \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{p}$

$$= \frac{e\hbar}{2m^2 c^2} \mathbf{s} \cdot \left( -\nabla\phi - \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \right) \times (\mathbf{p} + e\mathbf{A})$$

$$\mathcal{H}_I = -\frac{e^2 \hbar}{2m^2 c^2} \mathbf{s} \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \times \mathbf{A} \right)$$



1<sup>st</sup> order scattering processes:

**Charge**

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{Th.}} = r_0^2 |\hat{\mathbf{e}}_f \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i|^2$$

**Magnetic**

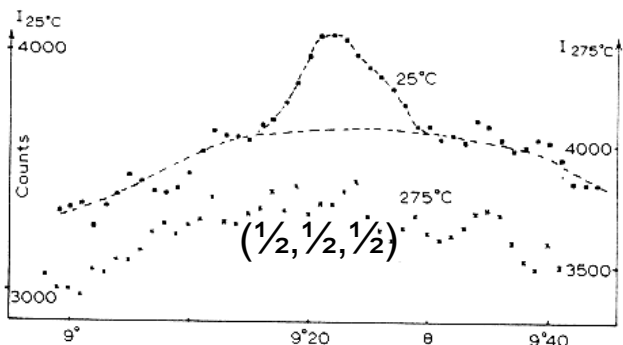
$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{Mag.}}^{\text{1st order}} = r_0^2 \left( \frac{\hbar\omega}{mc^2} \right)^2 |\hat{\mathbf{e}}_f \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i|^2 \langle \mathbf{s} \rangle^2$$

- Non-resonant magnetic scattering is weaker than charge by a factor of 0.0001 at 10 keV
- Non-resonant magnetic scattering (1<sup>st</sup> order) is proportional to  $\langle \mathbf{s} \rangle^2 \Rightarrow$  Magnetic structures
- Magnetic scattering has a distinctive dependence on photon polarization

# X-ray Magnetic Scattering

## 1st Non-resonant X-ray Magnetic Scattering

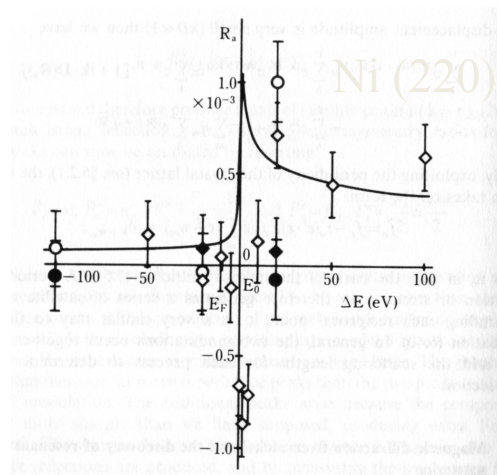
NiO, de Bergevin and Brunel (1972)



Tube source: Counts per 4 hours!

## 1st REXMS

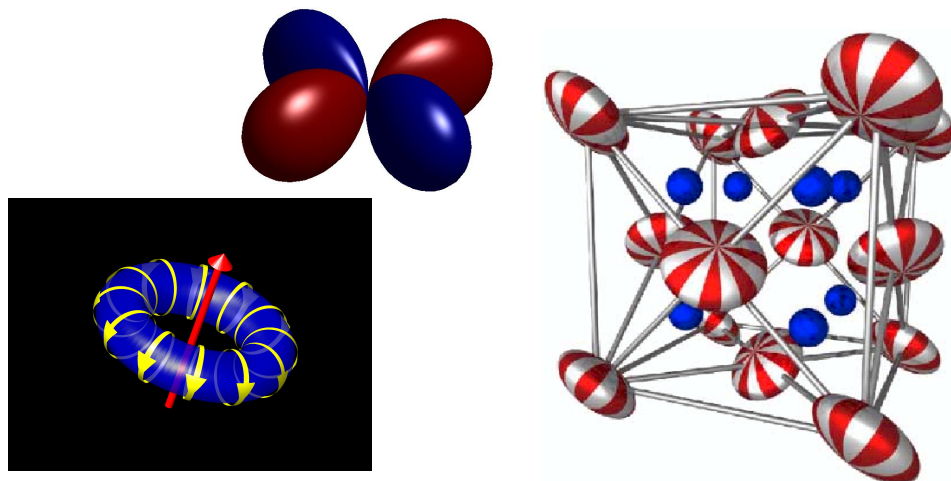
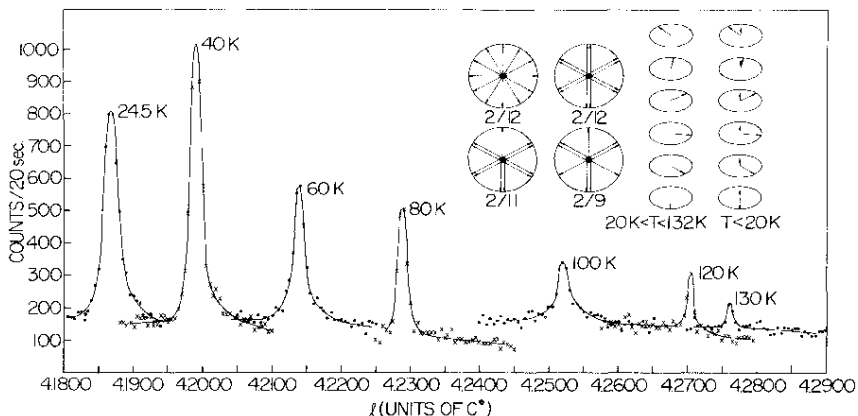
Nickel, Namikawa (1985)



## REXS Magnetic and multipolar ordering

## 1st NREMMS Synchrotron Studies

Holmium, Gibbs et al. (1985)

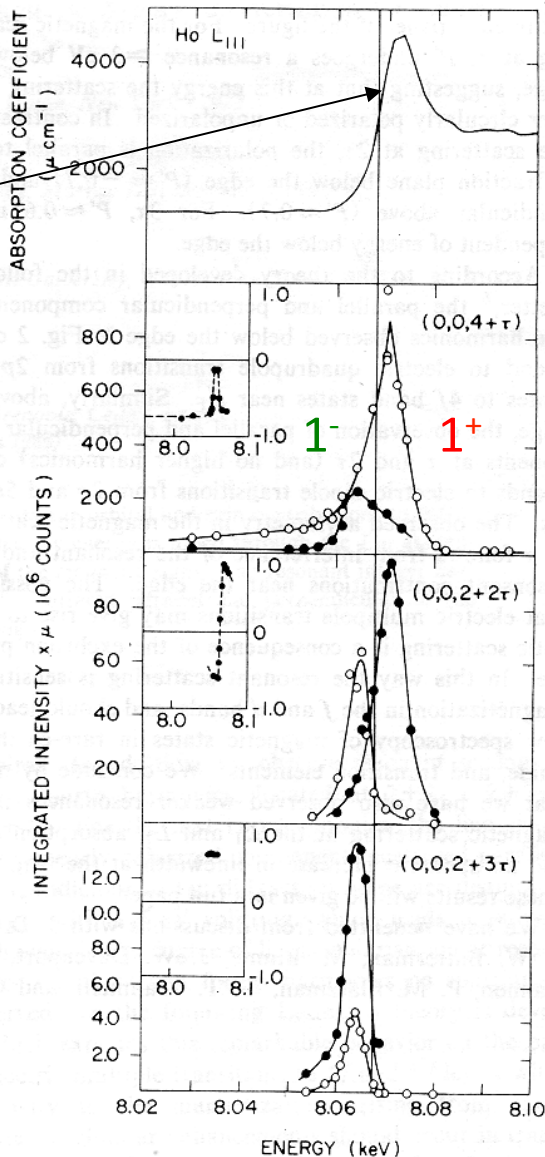


# Resonant X-ray magnetic scattering (RXMS)

## Large enhancement of XRS at L edges of Holmium

Gibbs, Harshman, Isaacs, McWhan, Mills and Vettier (1988)

White Line



- 100 fold increase when tuned to the  $L_3$  edge
- Two distinct types of transition are observed: one above and one below the edge

- Higher order satellites up to 4th order

- Polarization state changes with order

$1^+$ : rotated,  $\sigma \rightarrow \pi'$

$1^-$ : unrotated,  $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma'$

- Signal disappears at  $T_N$

- Peaks arise from transitions to bound states

$1^+$ :  $2p \rightarrow 5d$  Dipole

$1^-$ :  $2p \rightarrow 4f$  Quadrupole

**RXMS is Born: A New Element and Electron Shell Sensitive Probe!**

# Resonant X-ray scattering

## Theoretical Framework

Resonant inelastic X-ray scattering studies of elementary excitations

Ament et al. Rev. Mod. Phys. 83 705 (2011)

$$w = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \sum_f |\langle f | \mathcal{H}' | g \rangle + \sum_n \frac{\langle f | \mathcal{H}' | n \rangle \langle n | \mathcal{H}' | g \rangle}{E_g - E_n}|^2 \delta(E_f - E_g)$$

$$E_g = E_g + \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k}} \quad E_f = E_f + \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k}'}$$

When  $E_g \sim E_n$  second term dominates. The interaction Hamiltonian to leading order is then

$$\mathcal{H}' = \frac{e\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{p}}{m}$$

The Kramers-Heisenberg RIXS cross-section is:

$$I(\omega, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}', \epsilon, \epsilon', \omega_{\mathbf{k}}, \omega_{\mathbf{k}'}) = r_0^2 m^2 \omega_{\mathbf{k}}^4 \sum_f |\mathcal{F}_{fg}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}', \epsilon, \epsilon', \omega_{\mathbf{k}}, \omega_{\mathbf{k}'})|^2 \delta(E_g - E_f + \hbar\omega)$$

RIXS scattering amplitude:

$$\mathcal{F}_{fg}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}', \epsilon, \epsilon', \omega_{\mathbf{k}}, \omega_{\mathbf{k}'}) = \sum_n \frac{\langle f | \mathcal{D}' | n \rangle \langle n | \mathcal{D} | g \rangle}{E_g + \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k}} - E_n - i\Gamma_n}$$

Inelastic

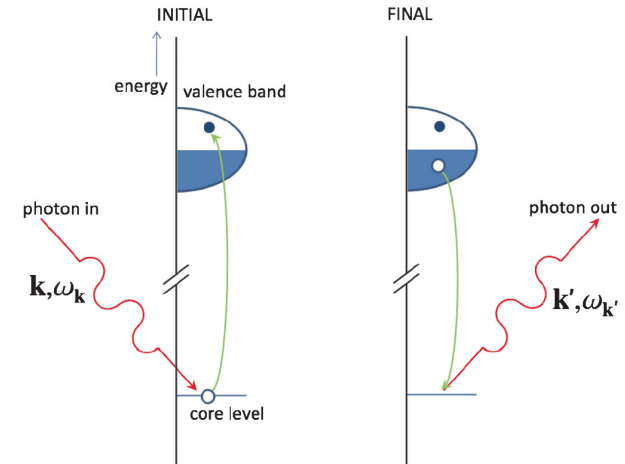
Dipole transition operator  $\mathcal{D} = \epsilon \cdot \mathbf{D}$

$$\langle n | \mathcal{D} | g \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}_i} \langle n | \mathbf{r} | g \rangle$$

REXS scattering amplitude:

$$\mathcal{F}_{gg}(\epsilon, \epsilon', \omega_{\mathbf{k}}) = \sum_n \frac{\langle g | \mathcal{D}' | n \rangle \langle n | \mathcal{D} | g \rangle}{E_g + \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k}} - E_n - i\Gamma_n}$$

Elastic





# Resonant elastic magnetic X-ray scattering

Hill and McMorow 1996

Scattering length for dipolar transitions:

$$\mathcal{F}_{E1} = \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon' \cdot \epsilon)(F_{1,1} + F_{1,-1}) - \frac{i}{2}(\epsilon' \times \epsilon) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}}(F_{1,1} - F_{1,-1})$$

Dispersion corrections REMXS+XMCD

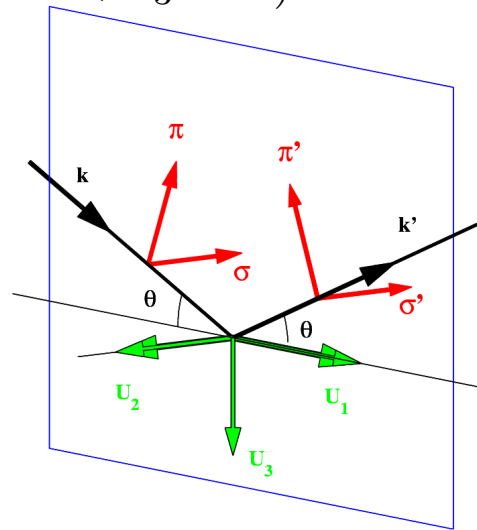
$$+ (\epsilon' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}})(\epsilon \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}})(F_{1,0} - \frac{1}{2}F_{1,1} + \frac{1}{2}F_{1,-1}) \quad F_{l,m} \text{ resonant amplitudes}$$

REMXS+XMLD+Anisotropic Tensor Scattering (ATS)

Expressed in orthogonal photon polarization states:

$$\mathcal{F}_{E1} = F_{E1}^0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 2\theta \end{pmatrix} - iF_{E1}^1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & z_1 \cos \theta + z_3 \sin \theta \\ -z_1 \cos \theta + z_3 \sin \theta & -z_2 \sin 2\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$+ F_{E1}^2 \begin{pmatrix} z_2^2 & -z_2(z_1 \cos \theta - z_3 \sin \theta) \\ z_2(z_1 \cos \theta + z_3 \sin \theta) & -\cos^2 \theta (z_1^2 \tan^2 \theta + z_3^2) \end{pmatrix}$$



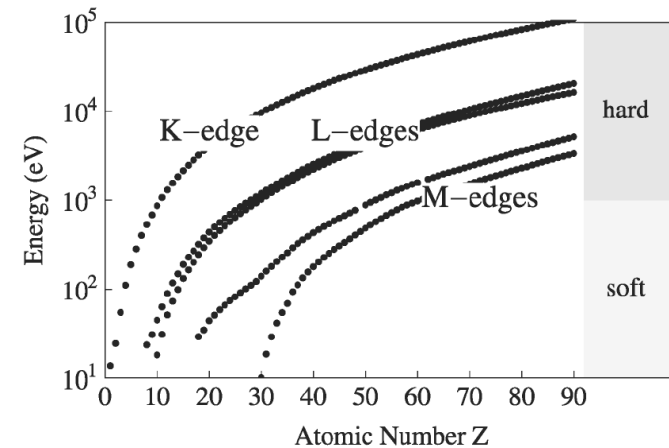
# What controls the REXMS scattering length?

The scattering length depends on terms of the form

$$\langle n | \mathbf{r} | g \rangle \propto \int_0^\infty r^2 dr \underbrace{R_{nl}(r)}_{\substack{\text{core} \\ \text{electrons}}} r \underbrace{R_{n'l'}(r)}_{\substack{\text{valence} \\ \text{electrons}}}$$

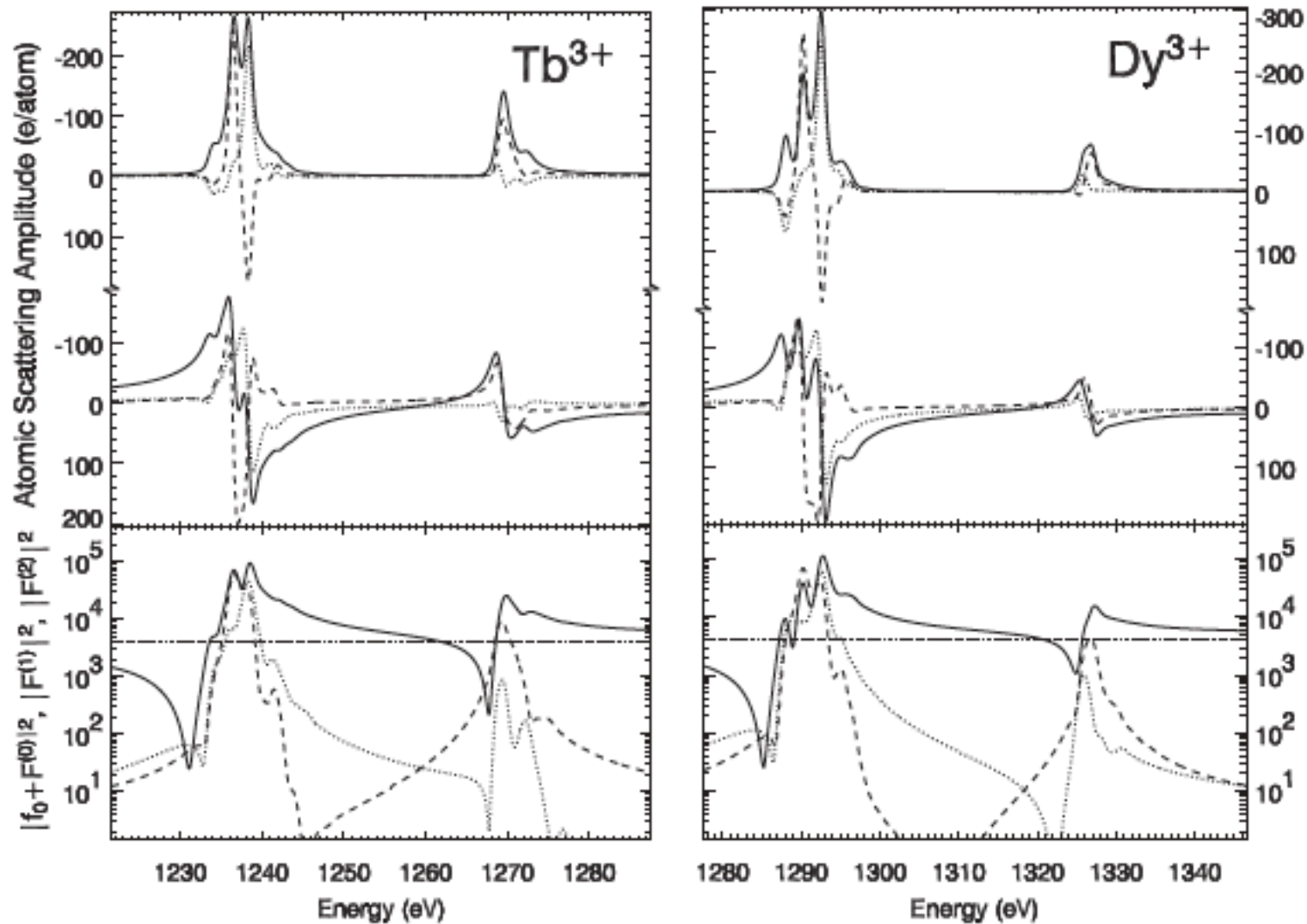
Large resonance are therefore expected when there is a large overlap between the core and valence electron radial wavefunctions.

Transition Metals 3d	L edges, 2p→3d c. 1 keV	<b>Strong</b>
Transition Metals 5d	L edges, 2p→5d c. 10 keV	<b>medium</b>
Rare-Earths 4f,5d	L edges, 2p→5d c. 10 keV	<b>Weak</b>
Rare-Earths 4f,5d	M edges, 3d→4f c. 1 keV	<b>Strong</b>
Actinides 5f	M edges, 3d→5f c. 3 keV	<b>Strong</b>

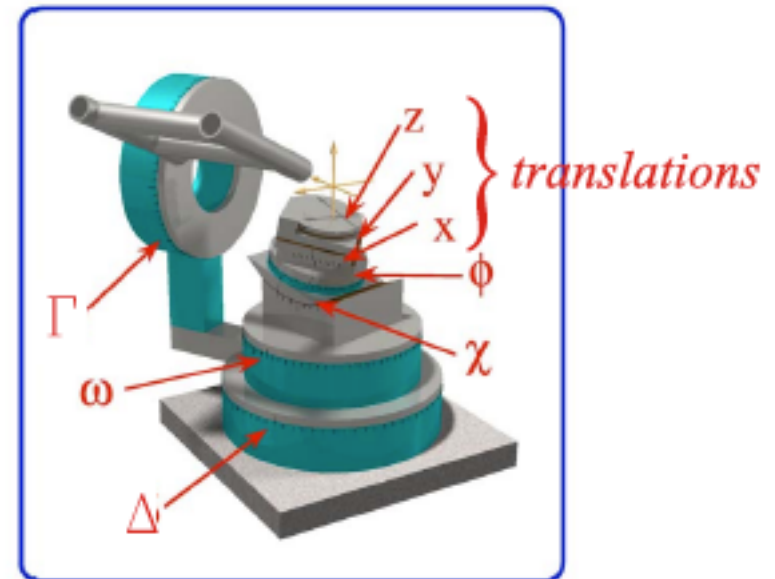
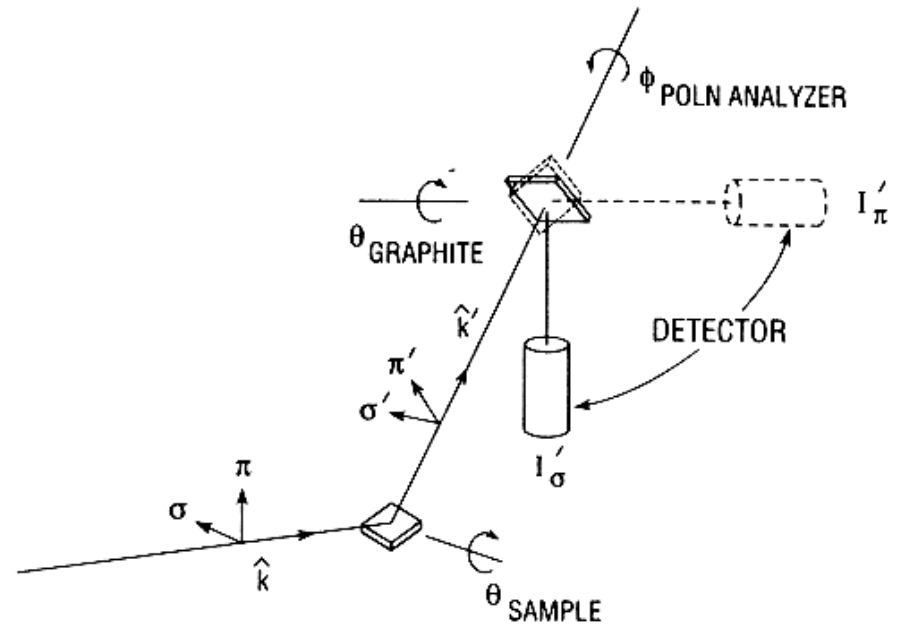


# Giant resonances at the rare-earth $M_{4,5}$ edges ( $3p \rightarrow 4f$ )

J.M. Soriano, PhD thesis, University of Amsterdam



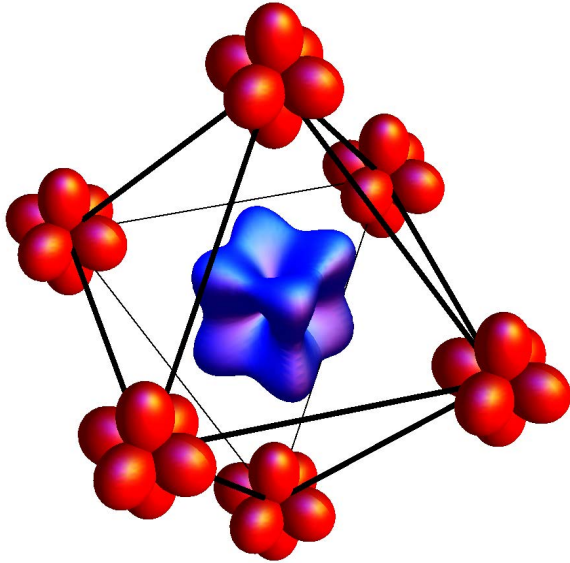
# Experimental considerations



- High flux beamline
- Tunable photon energy, 1-15 keV
- Well defined and variable incident polarization
- Versatile diffractometer
- Azimuthal degree of freedom
- Polarization analysis

# Resonant X-ray Studies of 5d Oxides

## 5d Oxides



- Strong Spin-Orbit Coupling Limit
- Spatially extended d orbitals
- Significant correlation energy
- Mott-Hubbard physics in strong SOC limit
  - Novel MITs
  - Wavefunctions formed from entanglement of S and L
  - Interaction Hamiltonian takes on unique character (bond directional “Kitaev”)
  - Predictions for novel quantum groundstates and excitations

### Overview:

- Correlated electron systems in the strong spin-orbit coupling limit
- Perovskite iridates and the realisation of the  $J_{\text{eff}}=1/2$  state
- Evidence for Kitaev physics in honeycomb iridates
- Slater metal-insulator transitions (MITs) in osmates

# Acknowledgements

Stefano Boseggia	UCL	Andrew Boothroyd	Oxford
James Vale	UCL	Dharmalingam Prabhakaran	Oxford
Christian Donnerer	UCL	Andy Princep	Oxford
Zhuo Feng	UCL	Marein Rahn	Oxford
Davide Pincini	UCL/DLS		
		S. Nishimoto	Dresden
Steve Collins	Diamond	J. van den Brink	Dresden
		N. Bogdanov	Dresden
Henrik Ronnow	EPFL		
		Masaaki Isobe	Tsukuba
Marco Moretti Sala	ESRF	Y. G. Shi	Tsukuba
		K. Yamaura	Tsukuba
Stuart Calder	ORNL	Y. S. Sun	Tsukuba
Andy Christianson	ORNL	Y. Tsujimoto	Tsukuba
John Hill	BNL	J. Yamaura	Tokyo
		Z. Hiroi	Tokyo