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Synchrotron-radiation photoemission spectroscopy: Application to the high-throughput characterization of devices

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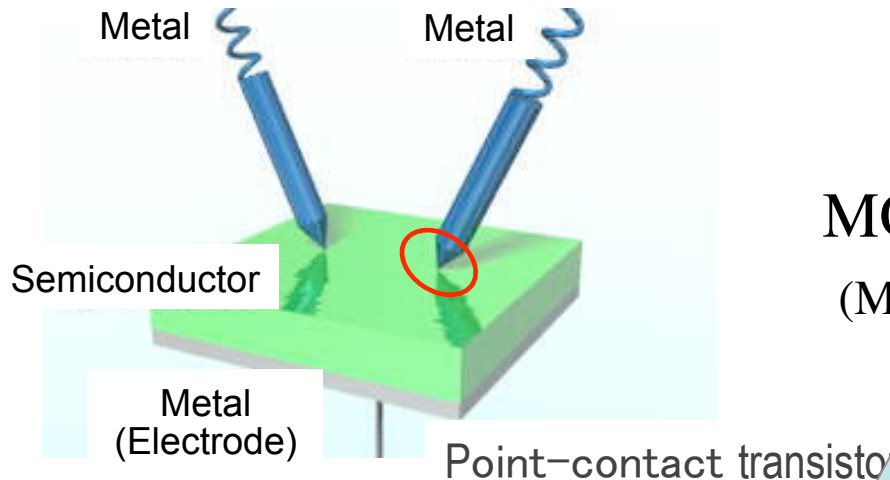
Outline of the lecture

- 1) Principle of photoemission and x-ray absorption spectroscopy
- 2) Evaluation of chemical bonding (valence) states by core-level shift
- 3) Determination of band diagram of Schottky junction and field effect transistor (FET) by photoemission spectroscopy.
- 4) Recent activities → Practical sessions

The interface is the device

1960

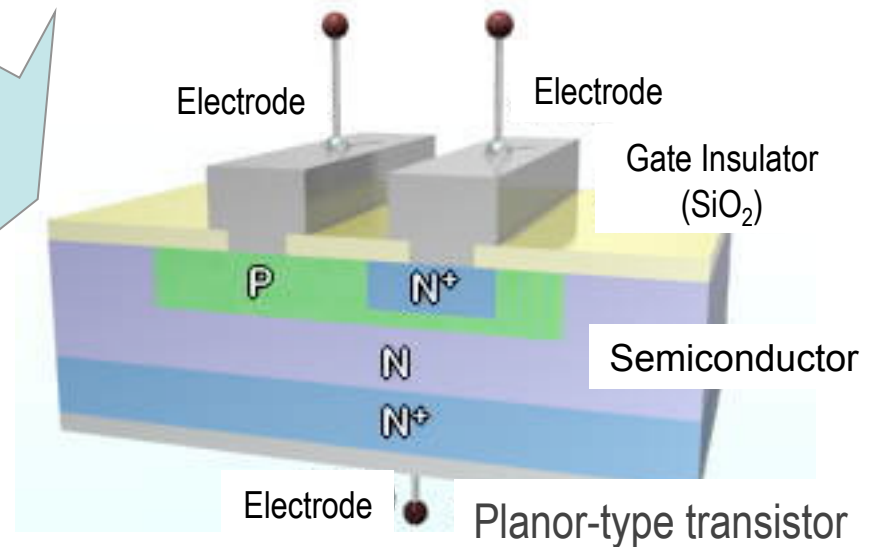
Herbert Kroemer, Nobel Lecture in 2000.



MOS-FET

2000

(Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor)

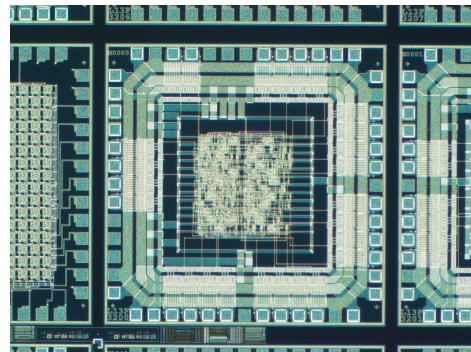


Integration
on chip

IC (Integrated Circuit)

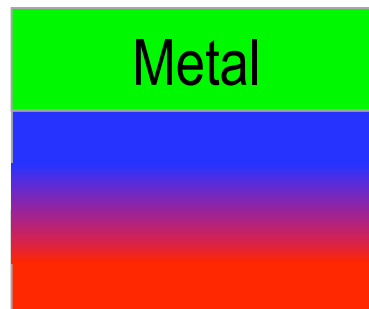
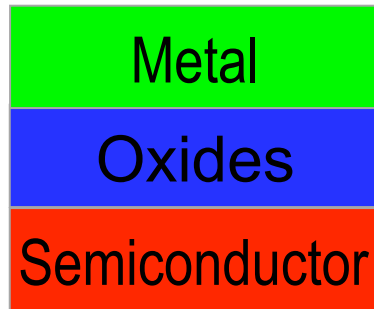


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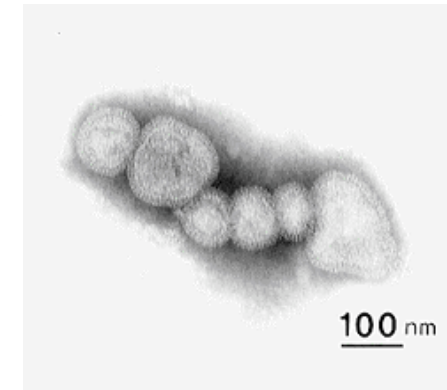
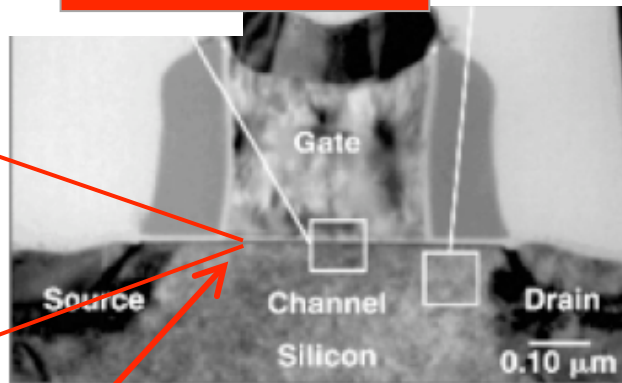
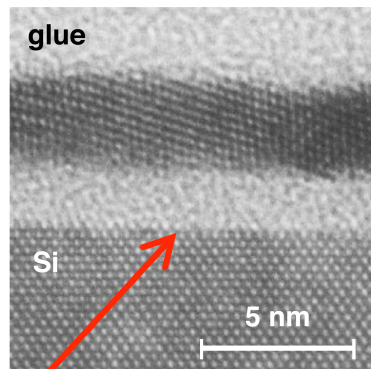
The devices (MOS-FET) used in recent computer are scaled down to nm scale

Si MOS-FET transistor



Chemical reaction occurs at the interface, and the physical properties of bulk material are modified at the interface.

Interface



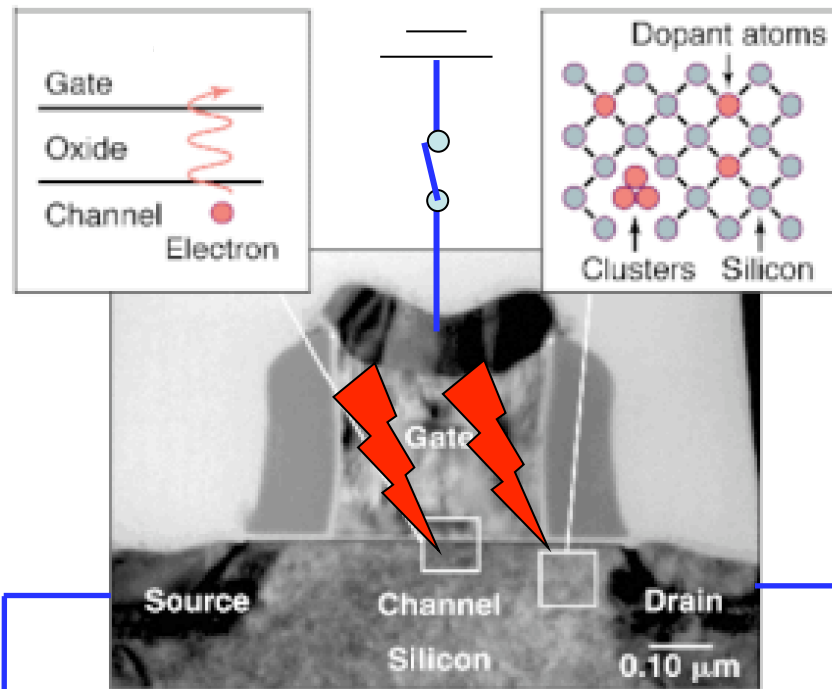
Influenza virus

Channel (the interface between Si and other materials)

For designing the high-performance devices, it is important to characterize the interfacial electronic structure (chemical states, band diagram, etc.) of devices in nm region.

Why is your computer becoming so hot?

MOS transistor



+ P. A. Packan, Science **285**, 2079 (1999). -

Silicide

MSi_2 : Metal

Silicate

$MSiO_4$: Insulator $(MO_2)_x(SiO_2)_{1-x}$

Leak current

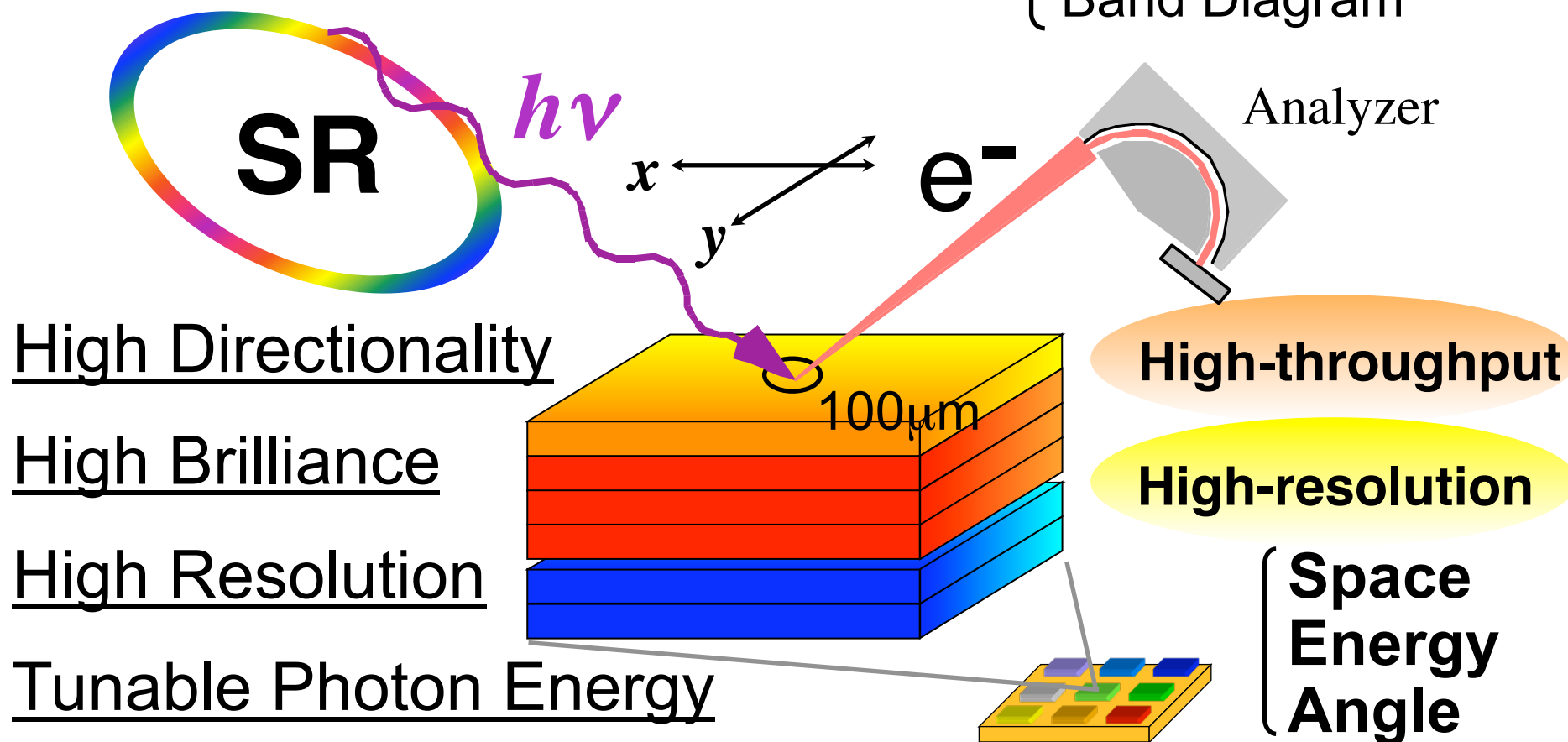
- Due to silicide metal formation at the interface
- Due to the crystallization of gate insulator (amorphous)

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Photoemission characterization
using SR light

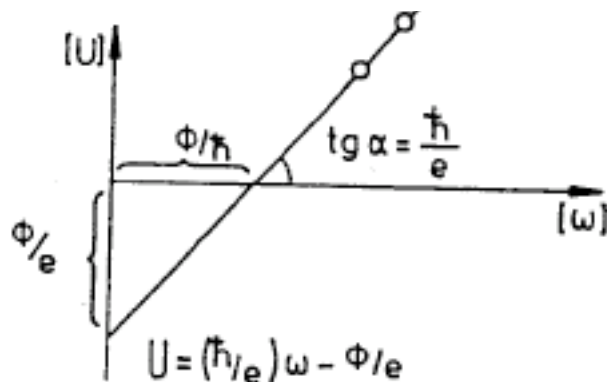
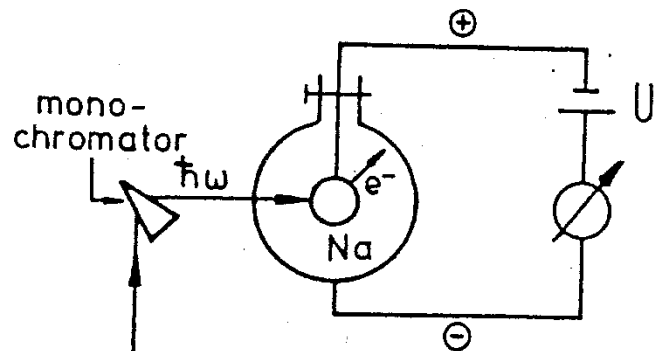
Advantage of SR-PES

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 - Chemical Shift
 - DOS
 - Band Diagram



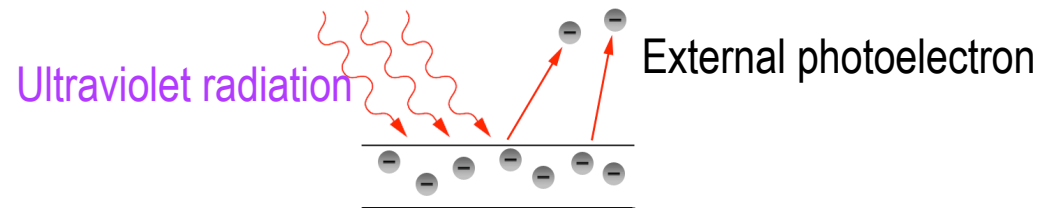
Principle of photoemission spectroscopy : Photoelectric Effect

Schematic Drawing of an early "photoemission" experiment.



U: the retarding voltage

The phenomenon of photoemission was discovered by Dr. H.R. Hertz in 1887.



Dr. A. Einstein was able to explain the systematics by invoking the quantum nature of light (Nobel Prize in 1921).

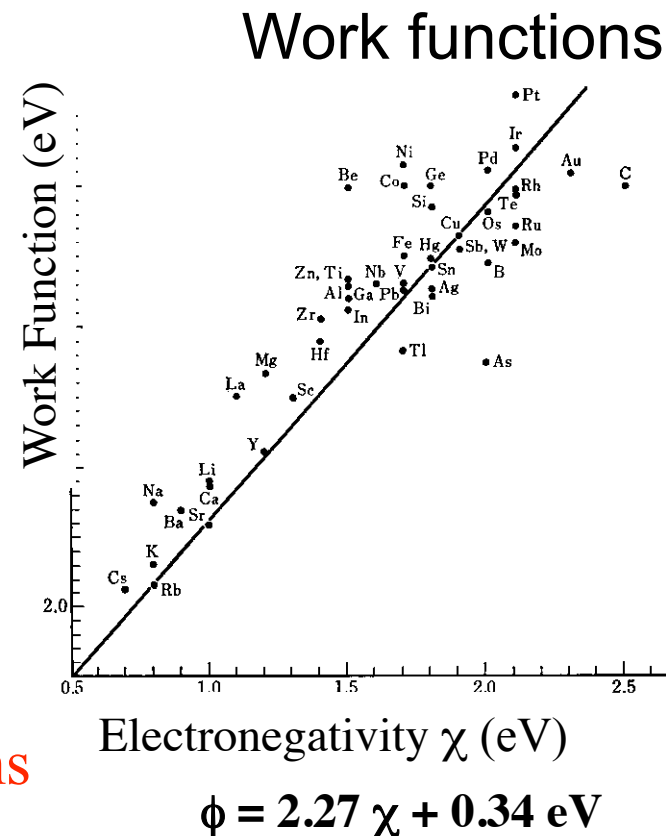
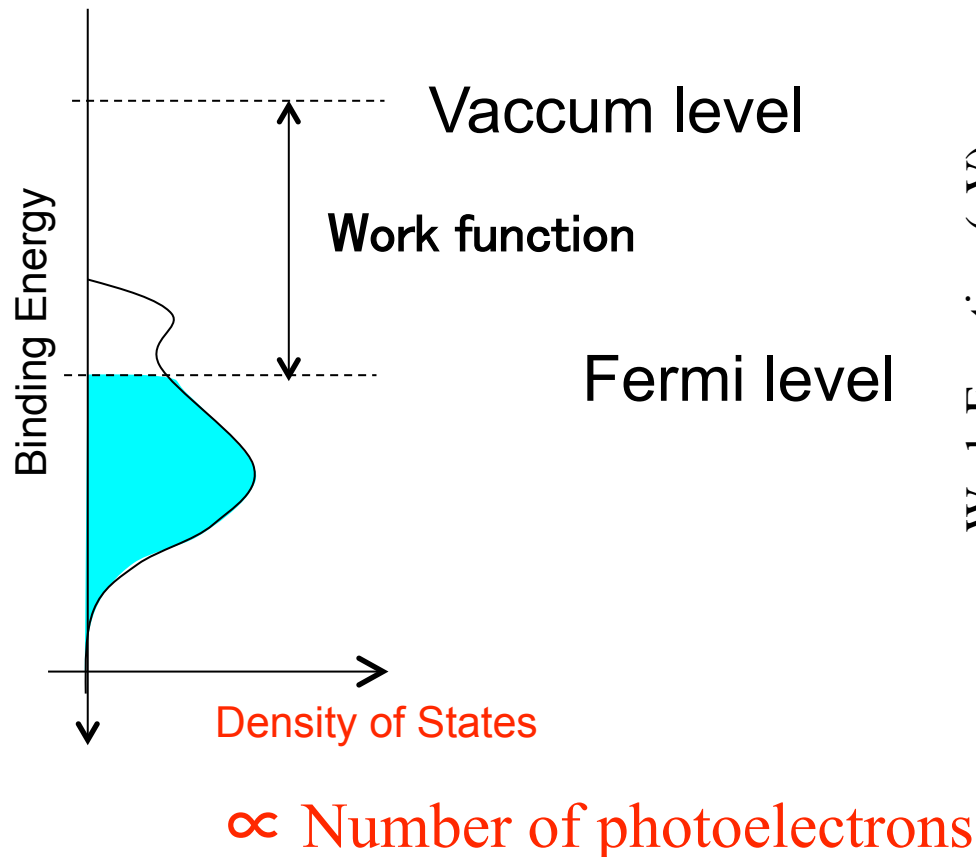
$$eU = E_{\text{kin, max}} = \hbar\omega - \phi$$

- ω : frequency of the light
- $E_{\text{kin, max}}$: the maximum electron kinetic energy
- h : Planck's constant
- ϕ : Work function

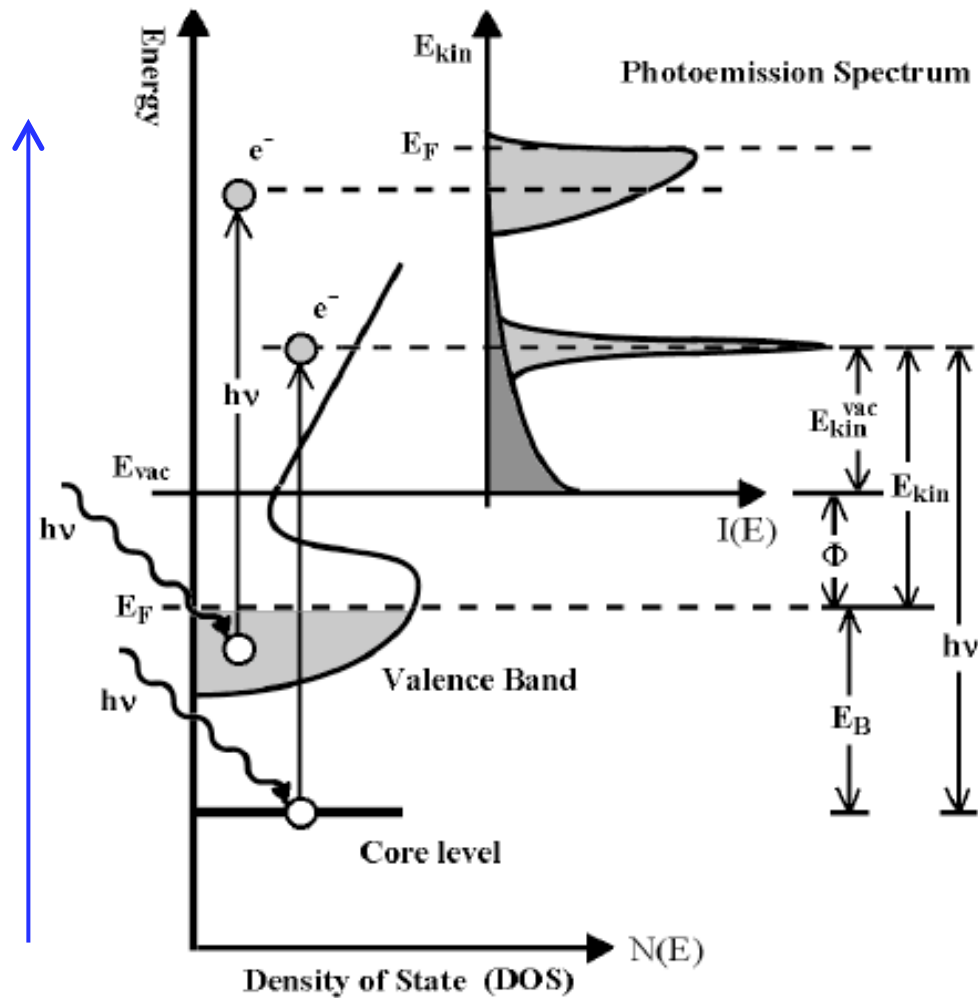
Principle of photoemission spectroscopy : Work Functions

The **work function** is the minimum energy needed to remove an electron from a solid to a point outside the solid surface (or energy needed to move an electron from the Fermi level into vacuum).

Photoelectrons are emitted from the solid surface by irradiating the light.



Principle of photoemission spectroscopy



$$h\nu = E_B + E_{kin.} + \phi$$

E_B ; Binding Energy

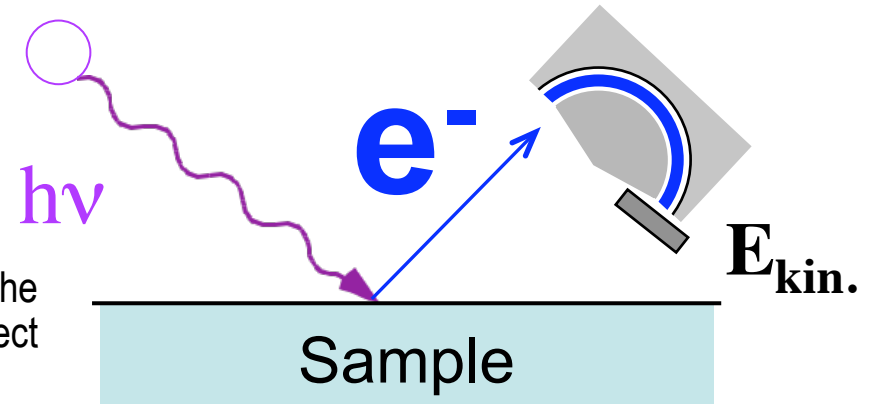
$E_{kin.}$; Kinetic Energy of Photoelectrons

ϕ ; Work functions

Number of emitted photoelectrons
with kinetic energy of E_{kin} .

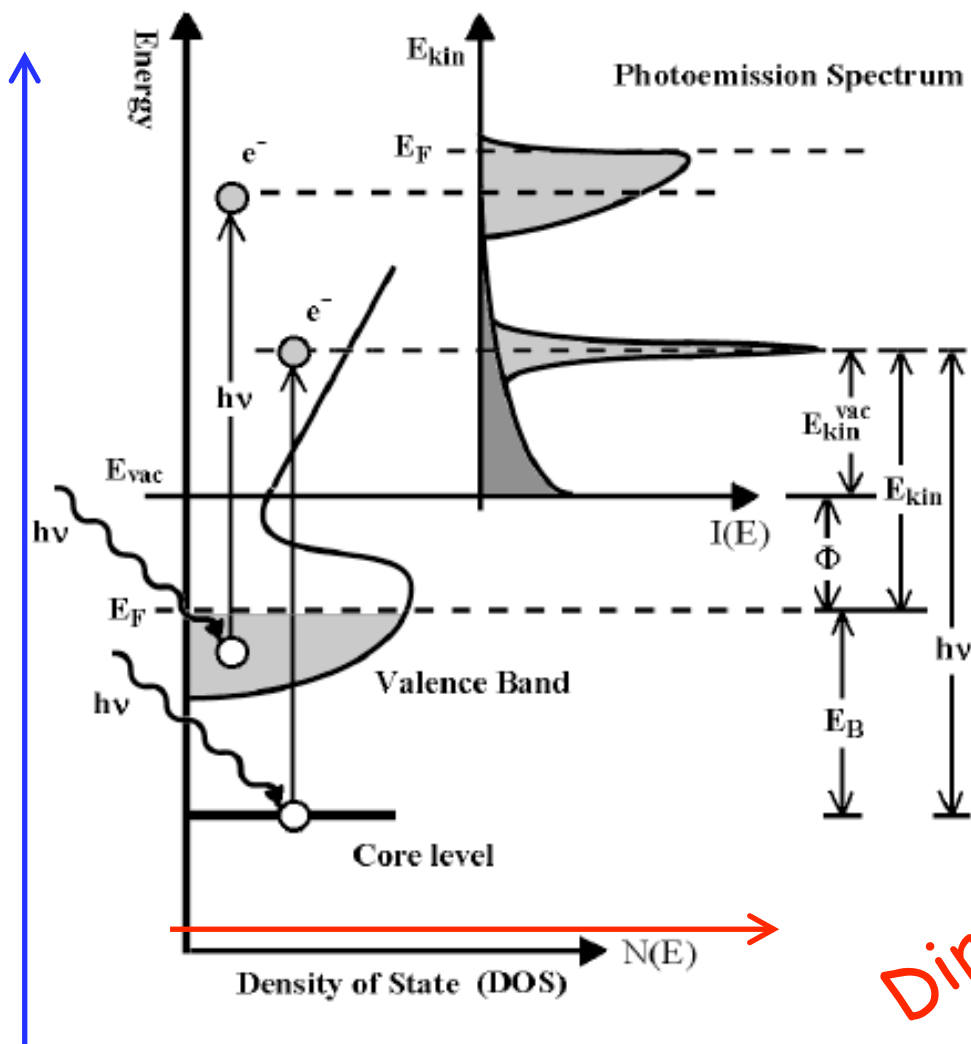
Photon source

Detector



The light radiated from the photon source impinges on the sample, and the photoelectron are then analyzed with respect with their kinetic energy in an electrostatic analyzer.

Principle of photoemission spectroscopy



$$E_B = h\nu - E_{kin.} - \phi$$

Fermi Golden Rule

Photoemission Intensity ($I(\omega)$)

$$I(\omega) \propto \sum_k |\langle \Psi_n^{N-1} | a_k | \Psi_0^N \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - (E_0^N - E_n^{N-1} + \mu))$$

Density of states

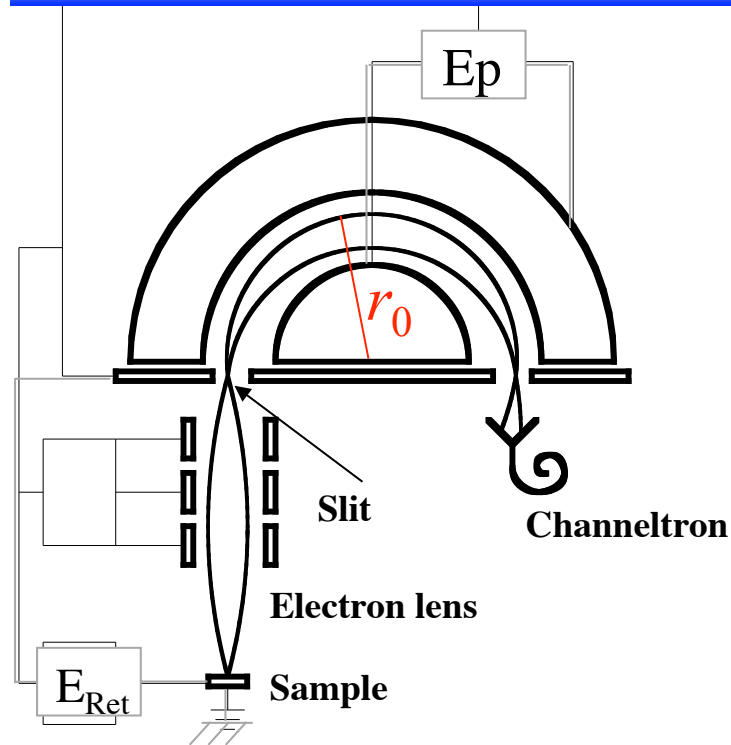
Transition Matrix
(Photoionization Crosssection)
Depending on the photon energy

Detect the photoemission intensity as a function of binding energy.

Directly

Density of States
Core level

Instruments: Electron Analyzer

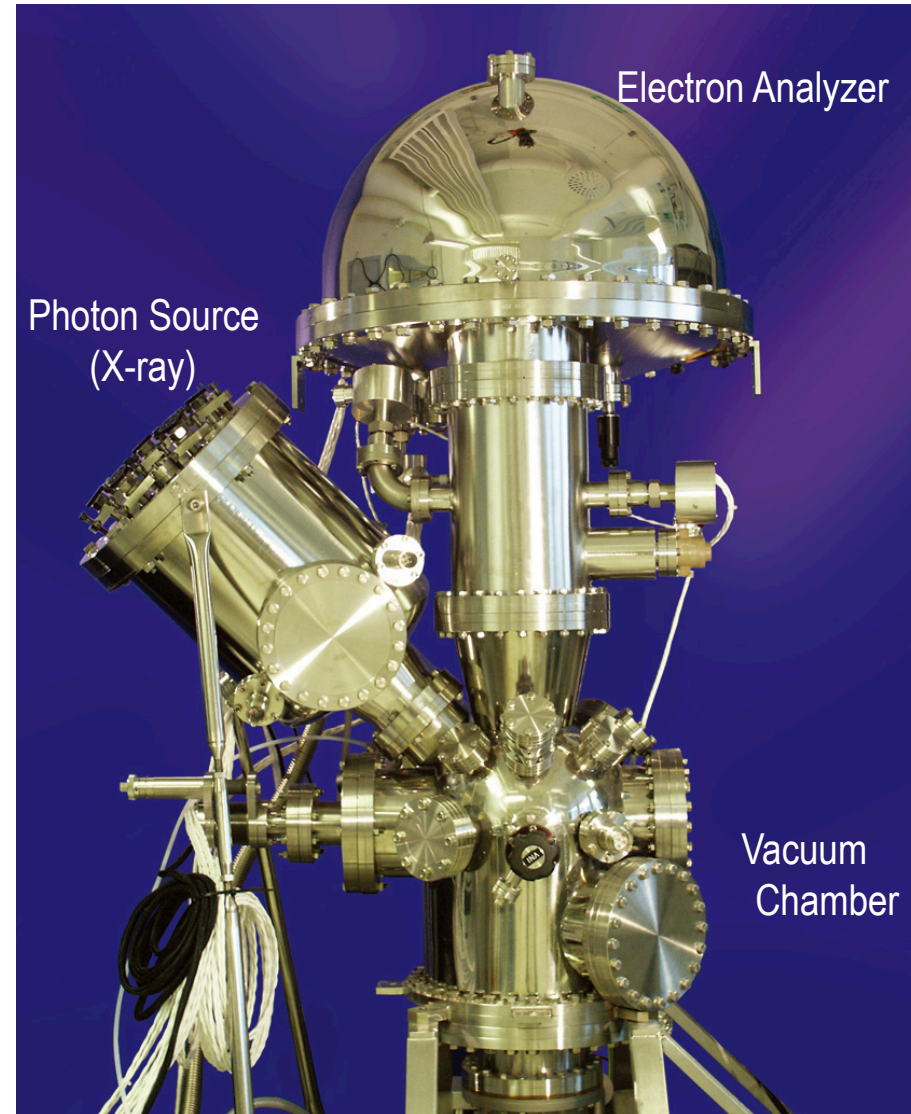


Energy Resolution

$$\Delta E = \frac{wE_p}{2r_0}$$

w ; Slit width

r_0 ; Radius of hemispherical analyzer

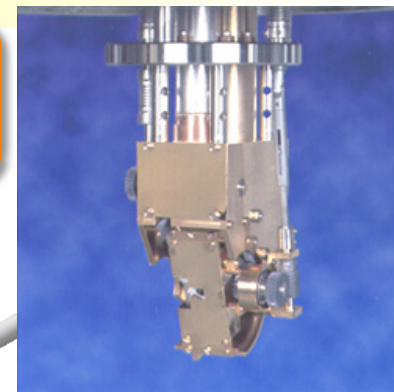


Photoemission Chamber@SR



High resolution
Photoemission
analyzer

Manipulator
(Bi-axial rotating stage)



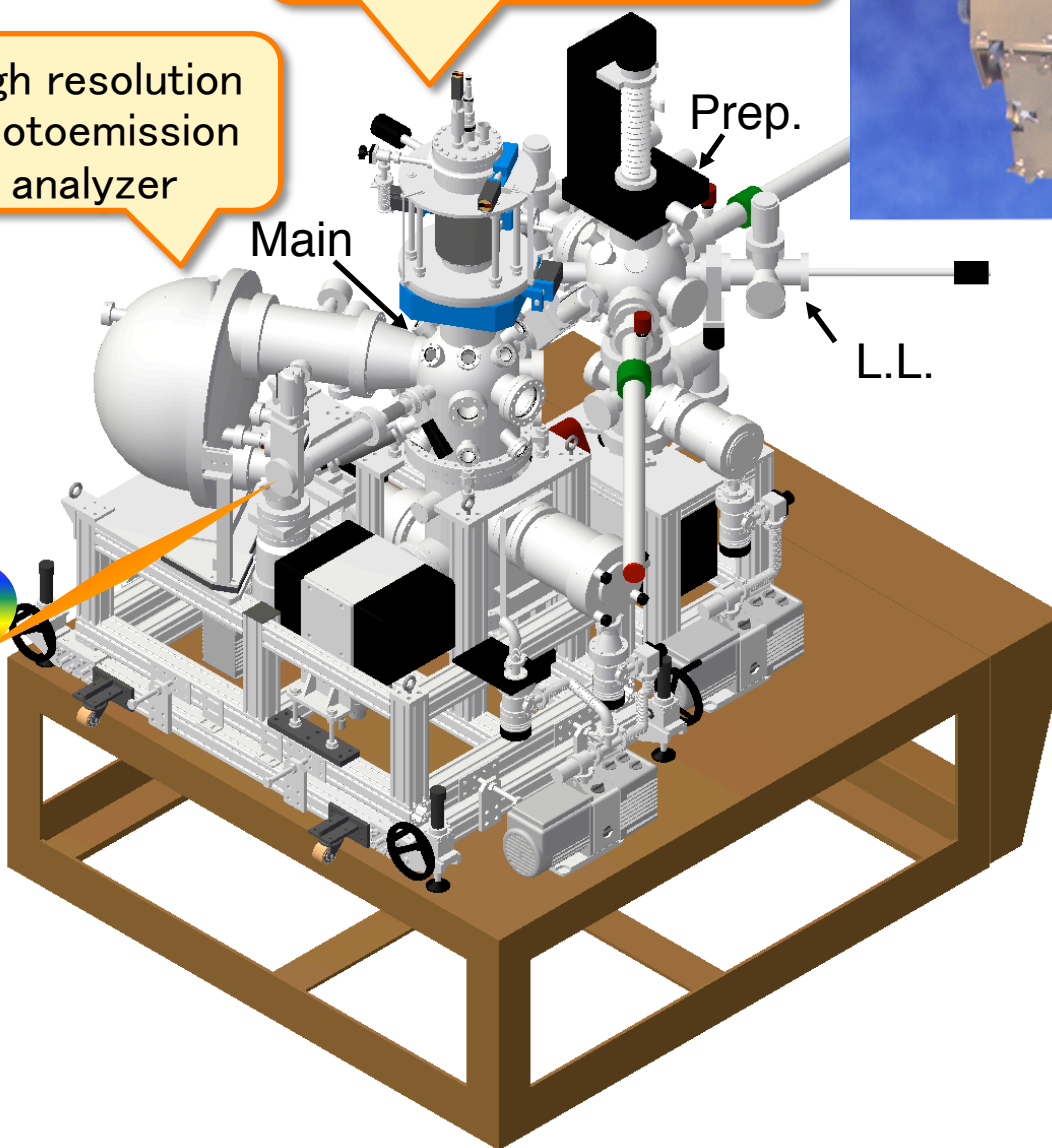
Main

Prep.

L.L.

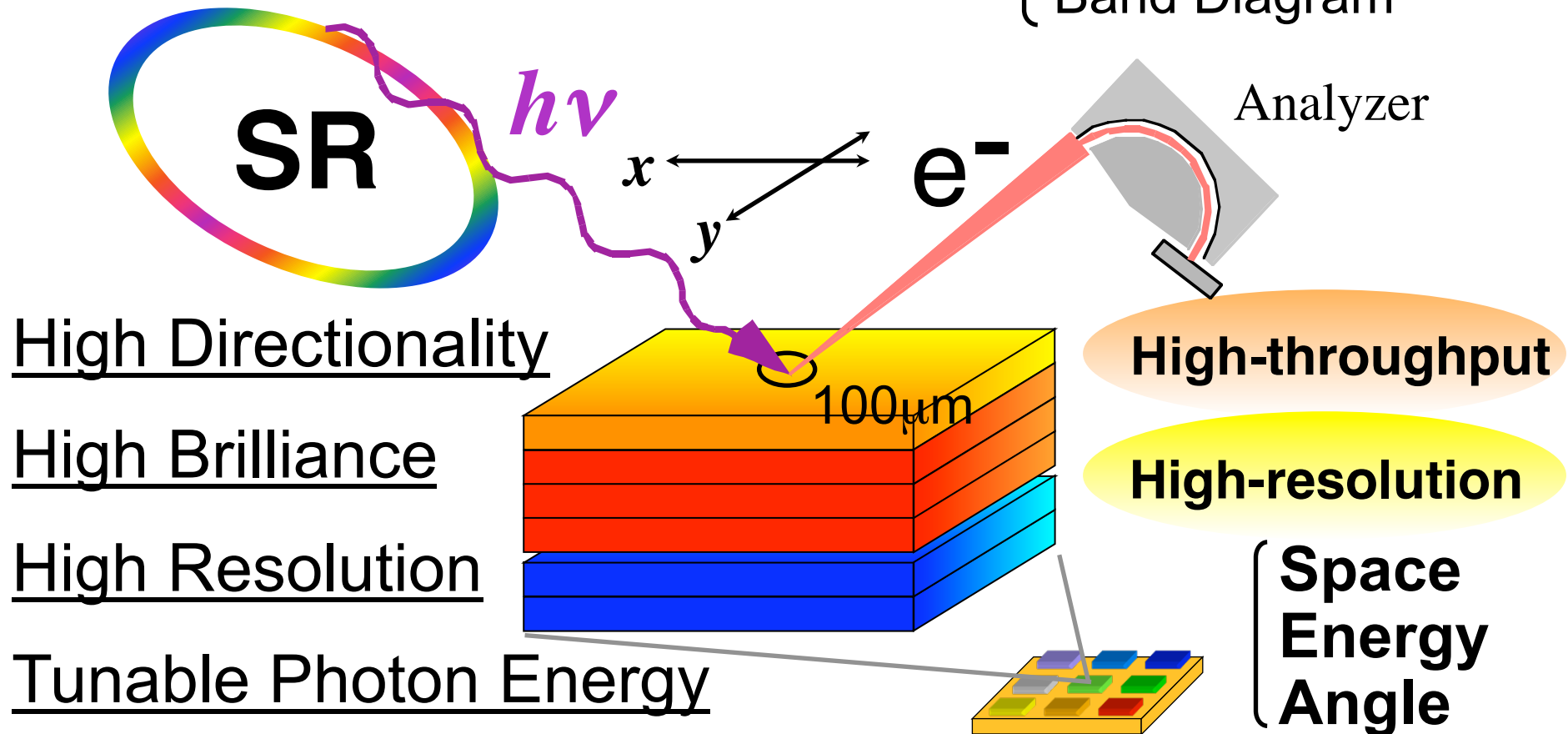


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Photoemission in the soft-x-ray region

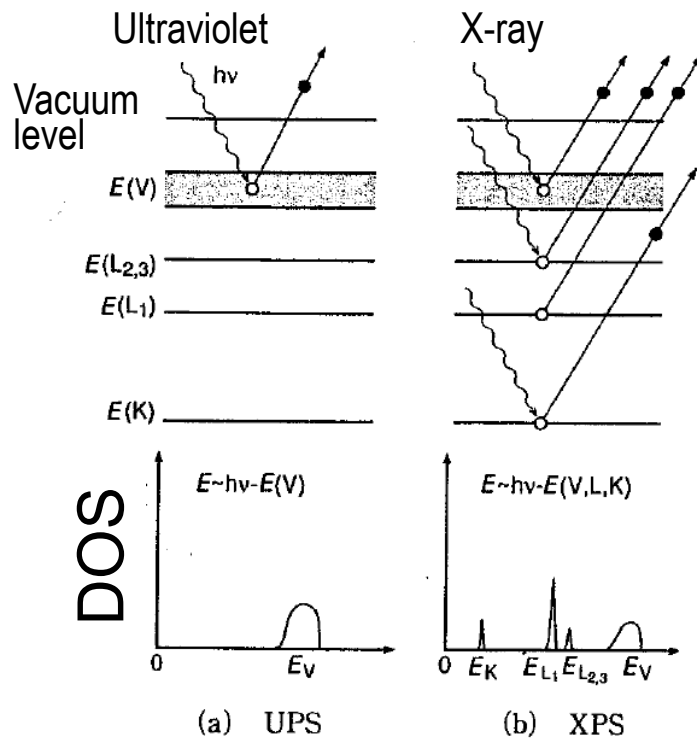
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X-ray photoemission spectroscopy (XPS) Mg Ka : 1253.6 eV
Al Ka : 1486.6 eV
 (Electron Spectroscopy for Chemical Analysis; ESCA)

➔ Core level

Ultraviolet photoemission spectroscopy (UPS)

➔ Valence band He I : 21.22 eV
He II : 40.8 eV



Valence band(UPS) → Density of States

Core levels

Core levels(XPS) → Elemental selectivity
 Chemical composition analysis
 Chemical state analysis

(a) UPS

(b) XPS

XPS : Chemical composition analysis

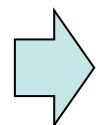
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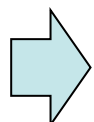
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Core level

Elemental selectivity

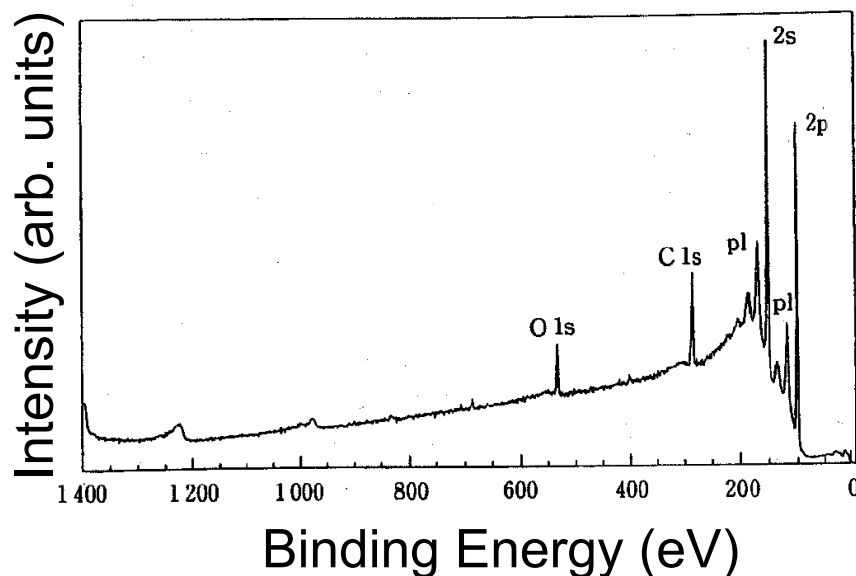
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Si, O, and C

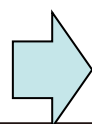
Contamination of Si wafers is some carbon oxides.

XPS spectra of Si.
(pl denote the plasmon)

XPS : Chemical composition analysis

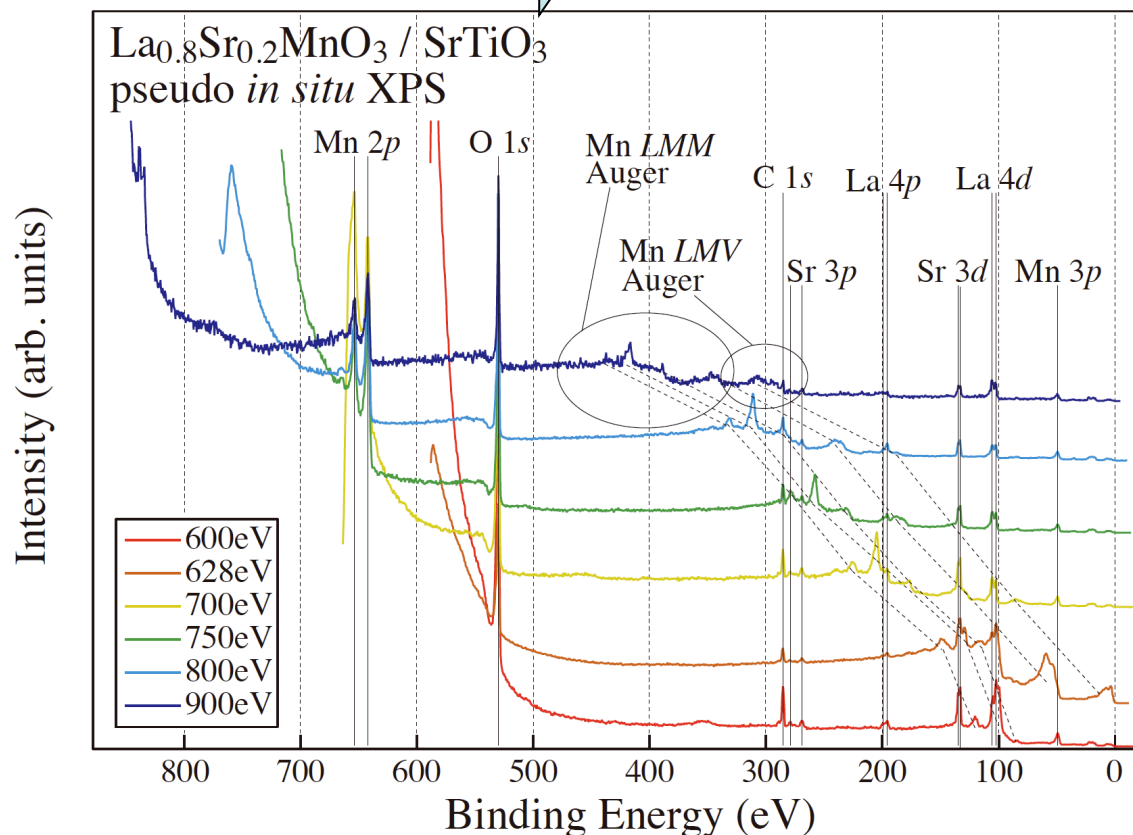
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Core level

Elemental selectivity



XPS spectra of
La_{1-x}Sr_xMnO₃ film

By analyzing the intensity of each core level, the chemical composition is estimated.

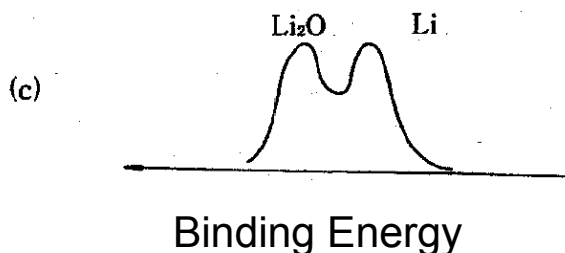
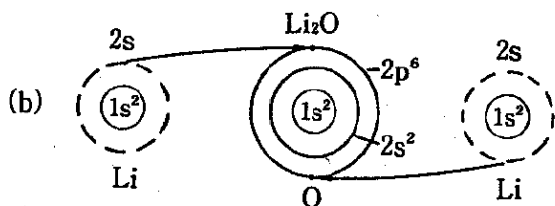
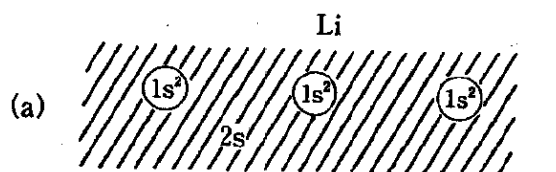
By changing the photon energy, the Auger peaks are distinguish.

XPS : Chemical states analysis

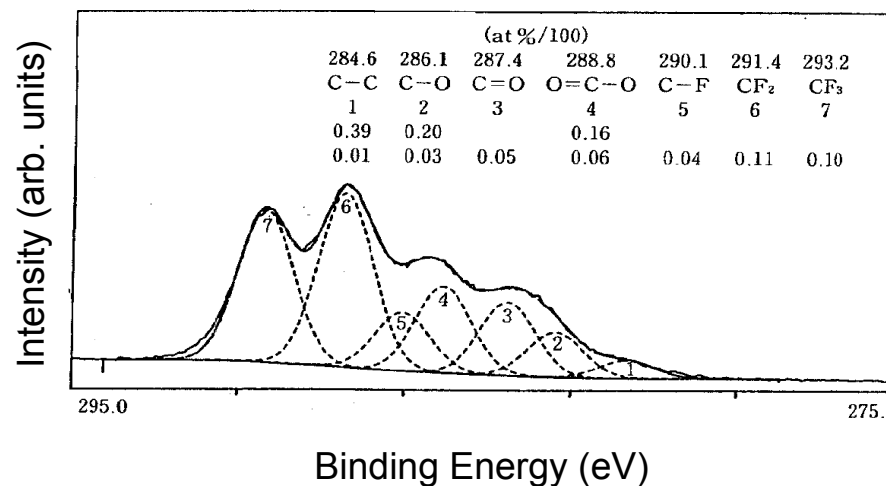
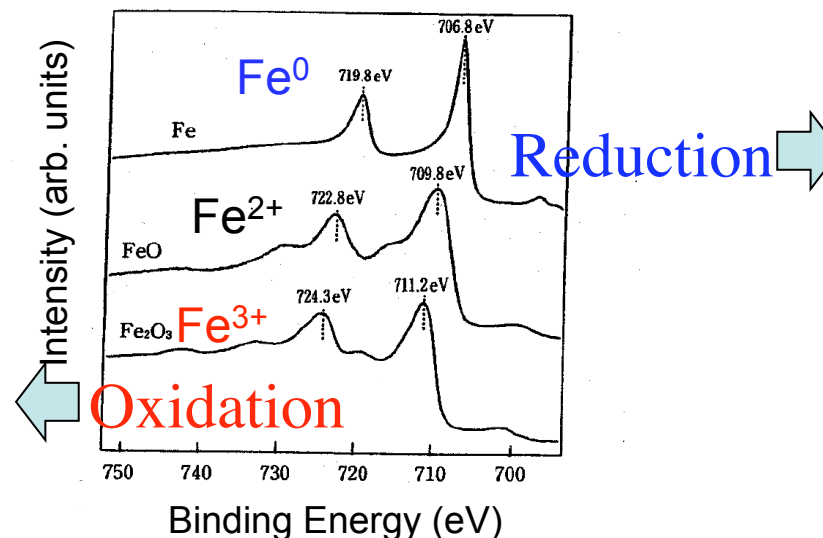
XPS → Elemental specificity, Chemical composition analysis

Chemical state analysis (Chemical shift)

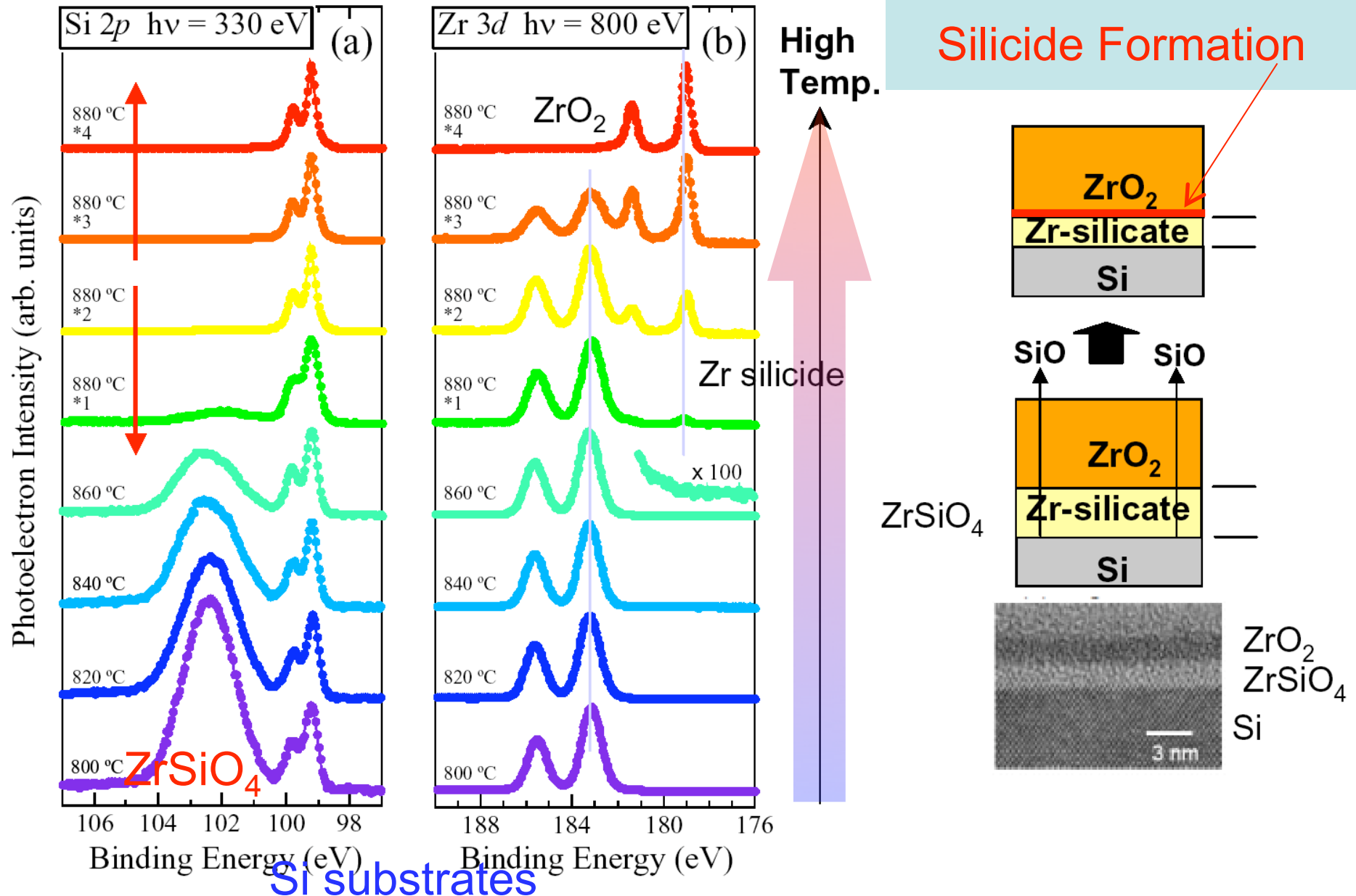
The electric potential around core electrons is changed depending on the difference of chemical bonding. Therefore, reflecting the chemical bonding states, the energy position of the core level shifts.



Chemical Shift of Li 1s core level.

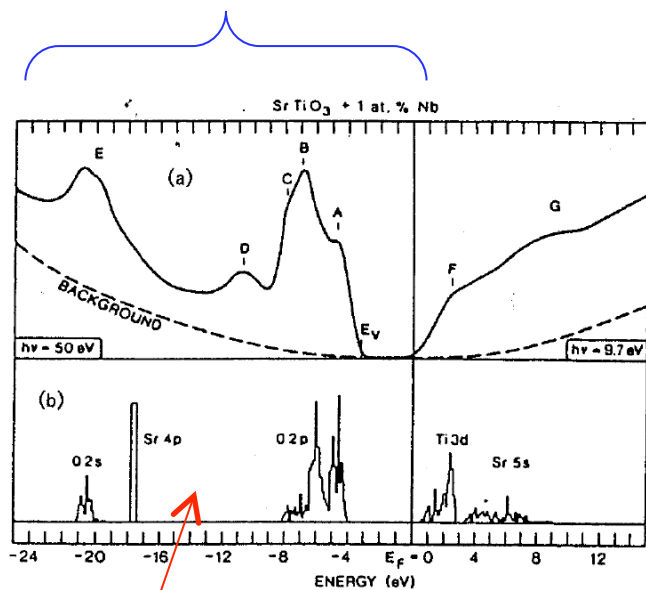


Analysis for high- k ZrO_2 gate



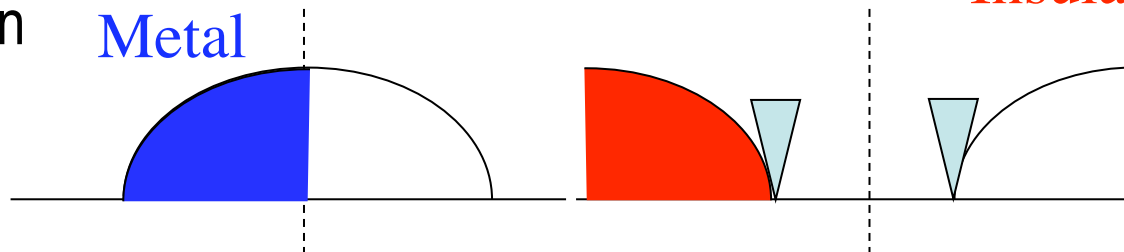
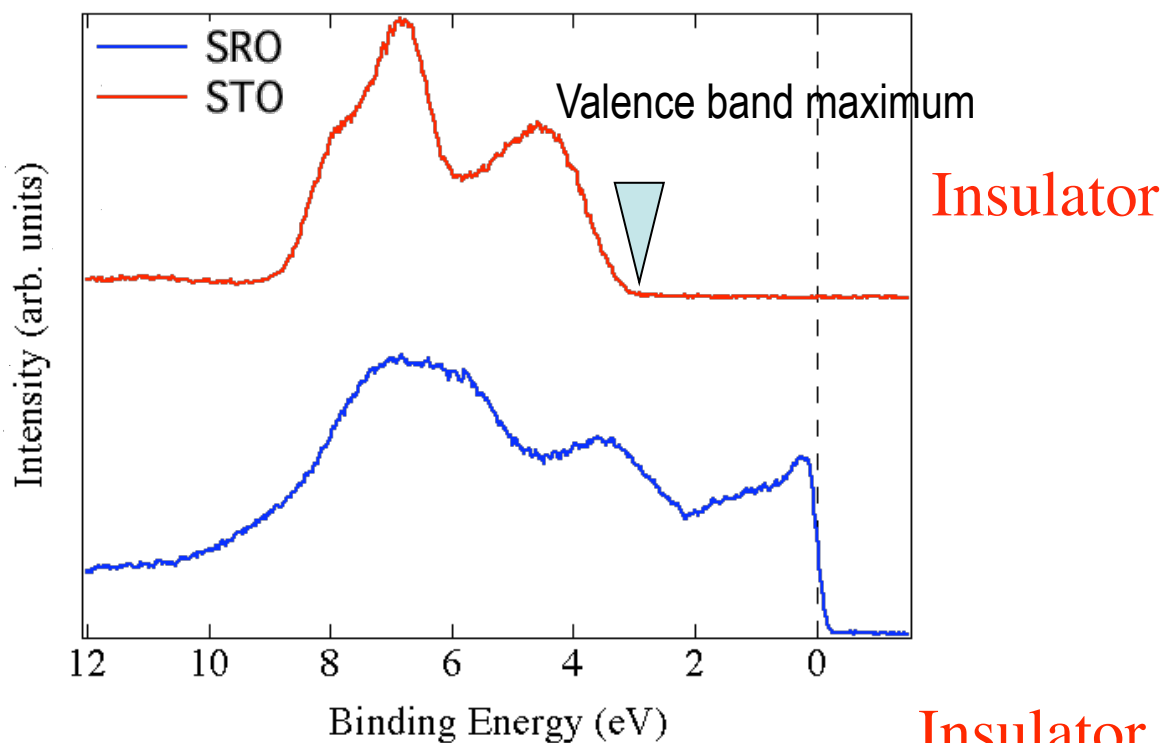
UPS : Valence Band Spectra

UPS → Direct determination of the density of states

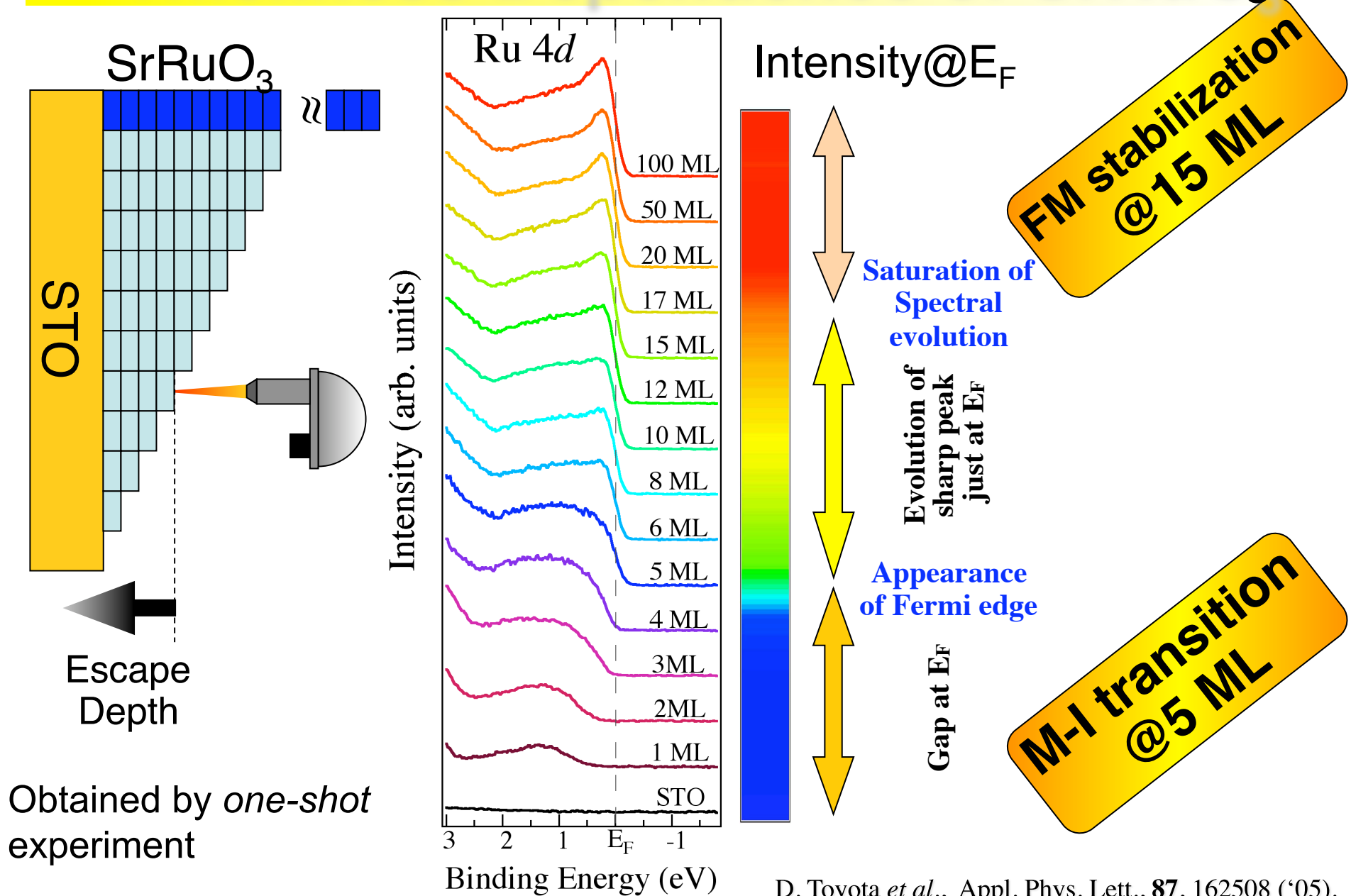


Band structure calculation

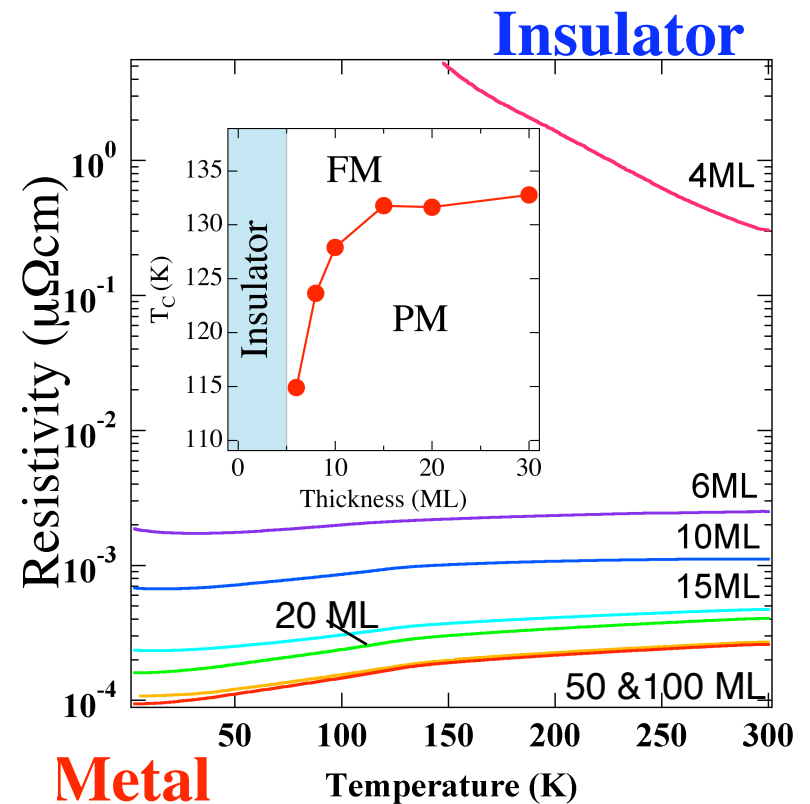
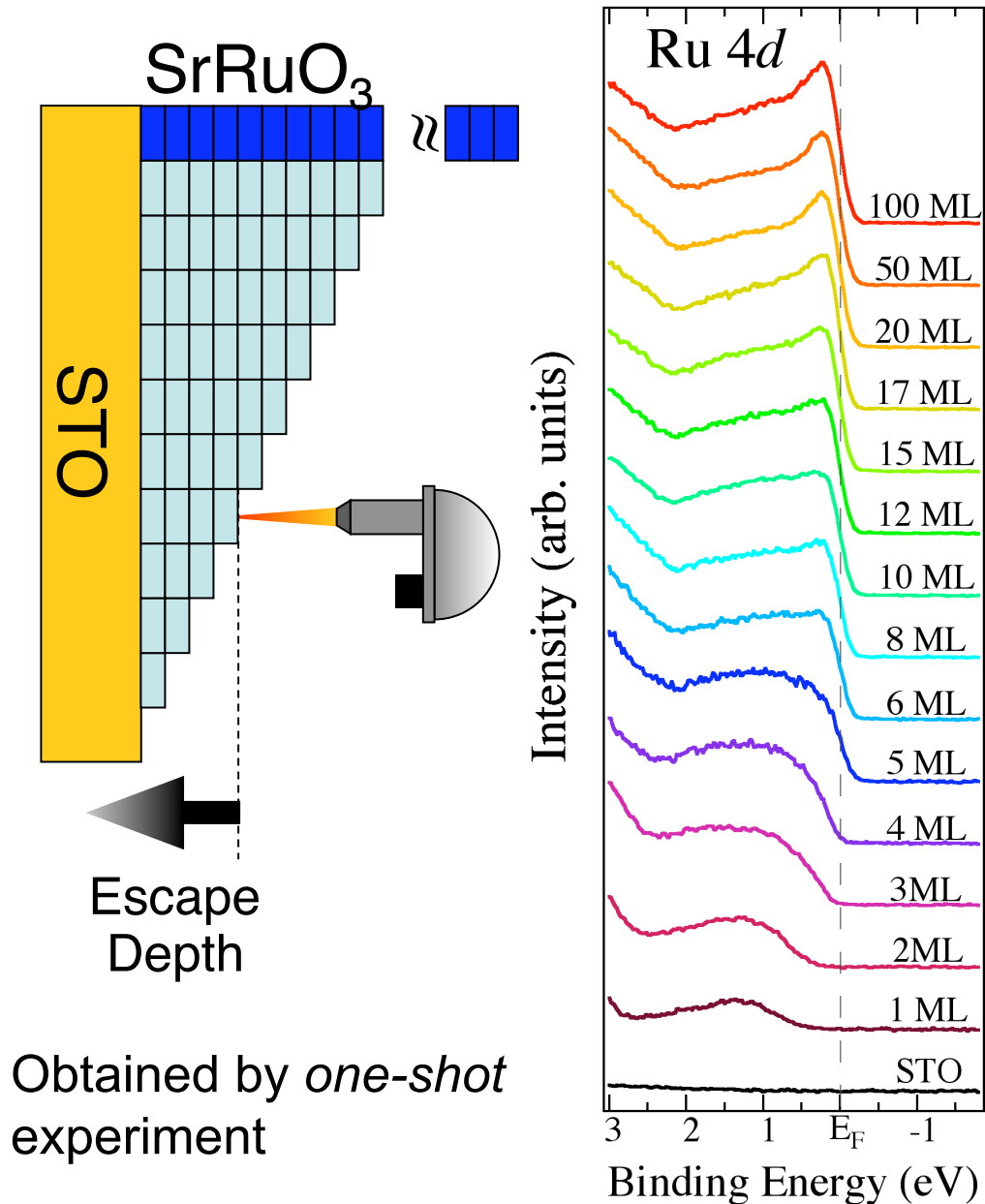
Metal or Semiconductor



Thickness Dependence of SrRuO₃



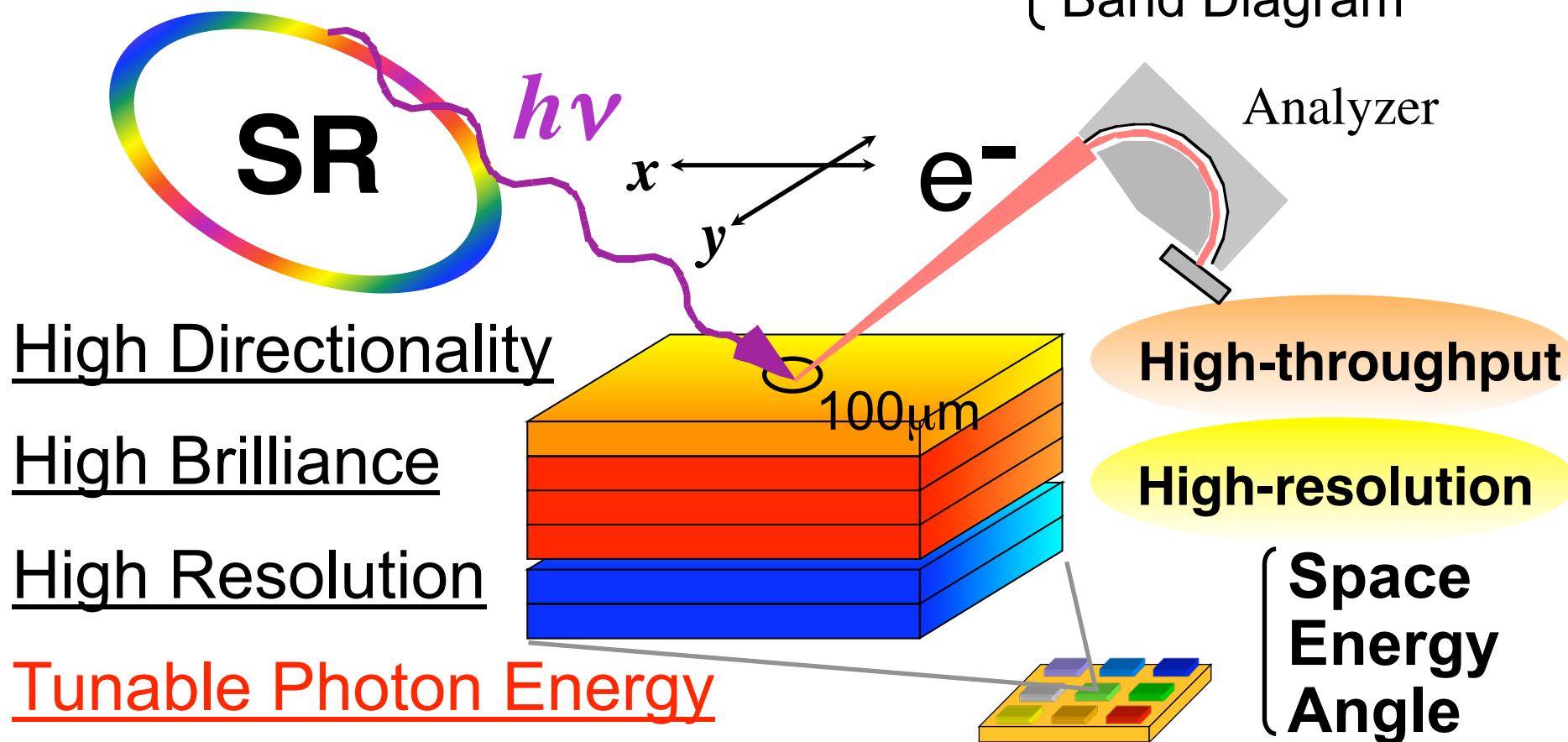
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M-I transition @ 5 ML
FM stabilization @ 15 ML

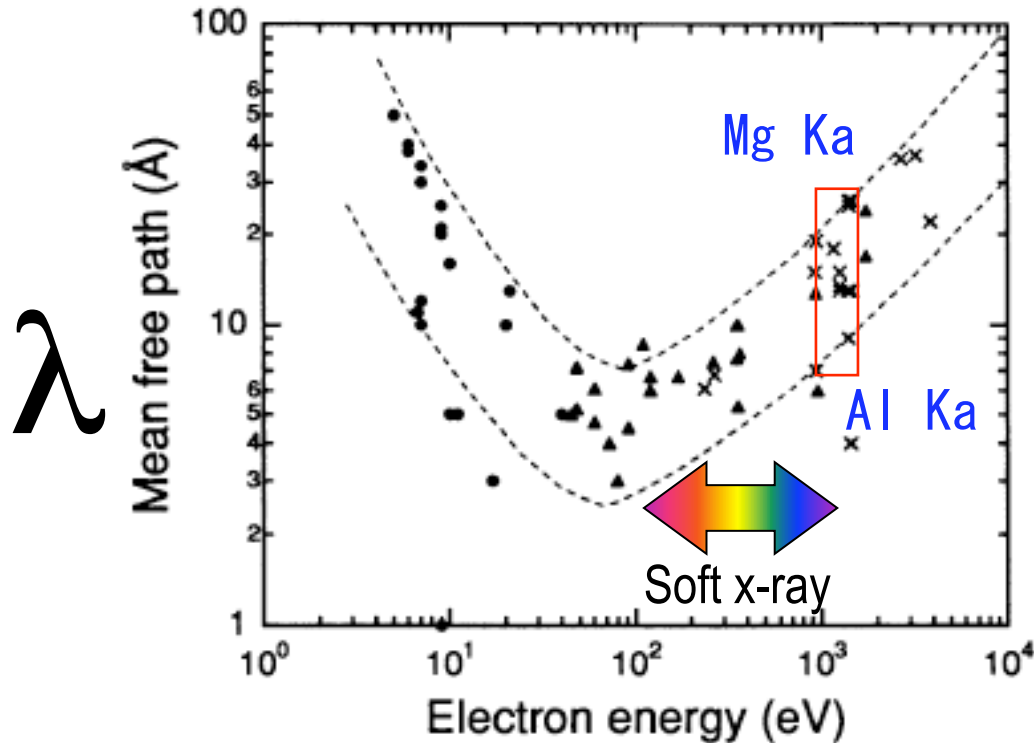
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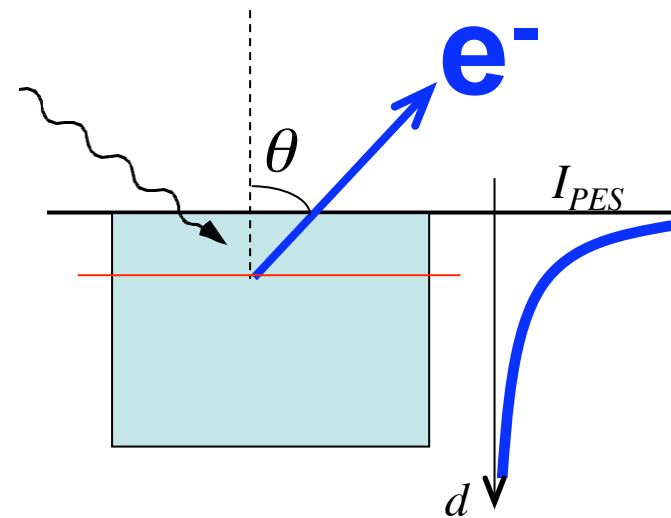
Probing depth

Photoemission is a surface sensitive probe.



Chemical states at the surface (interface).

$$I_{PES} = \exp(-d / \lambda \cdot \cos \theta)$$



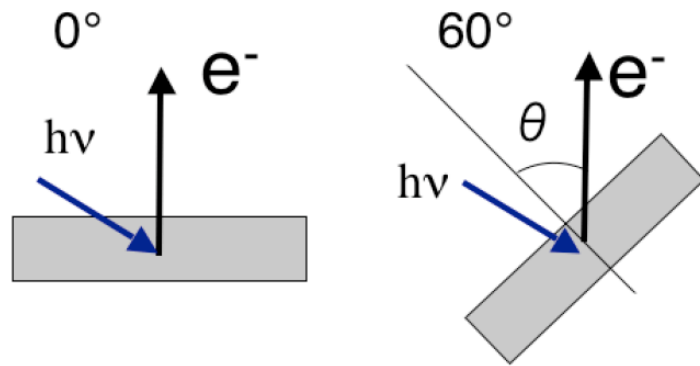
Escape depth (mean free path) of photoelectrons depends on the kinetic energy.

The escape depth in the soft x-ray region is ranged from 1 to 10nm. Thus, we studies the surface states of solid.

Surface sensitivity

Photoemission is one of the best prove to study the electronic structure at the surface and interface.

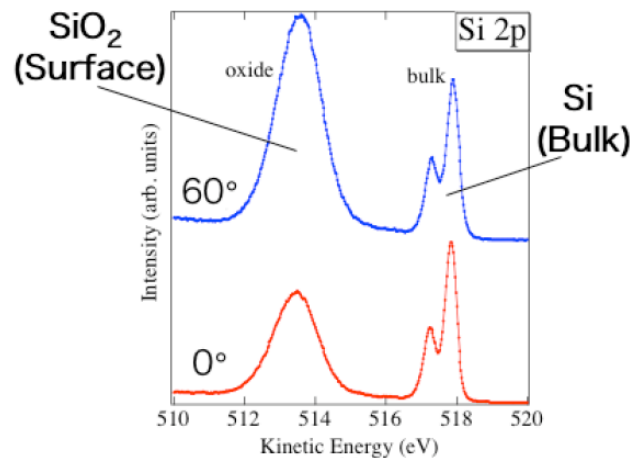
The intensity of photoelectrons is decade as a function of $\exp(-d / \lambda \cdot \chi_0 \sigma \theta)$. Therefore, we are able to extract the surface and/or interface components by changing the photon energy (kinetic energy of photoelectrons) and the angle between the incident light and the normal of the sample surface.



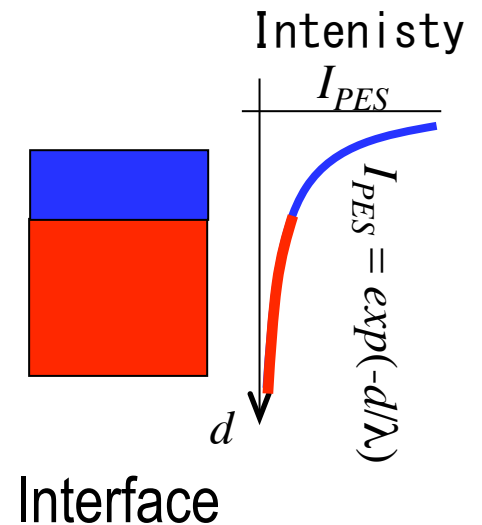
$$\lambda(E_K, \theta) = \lambda(E_K) \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

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Si surface is oxidized.

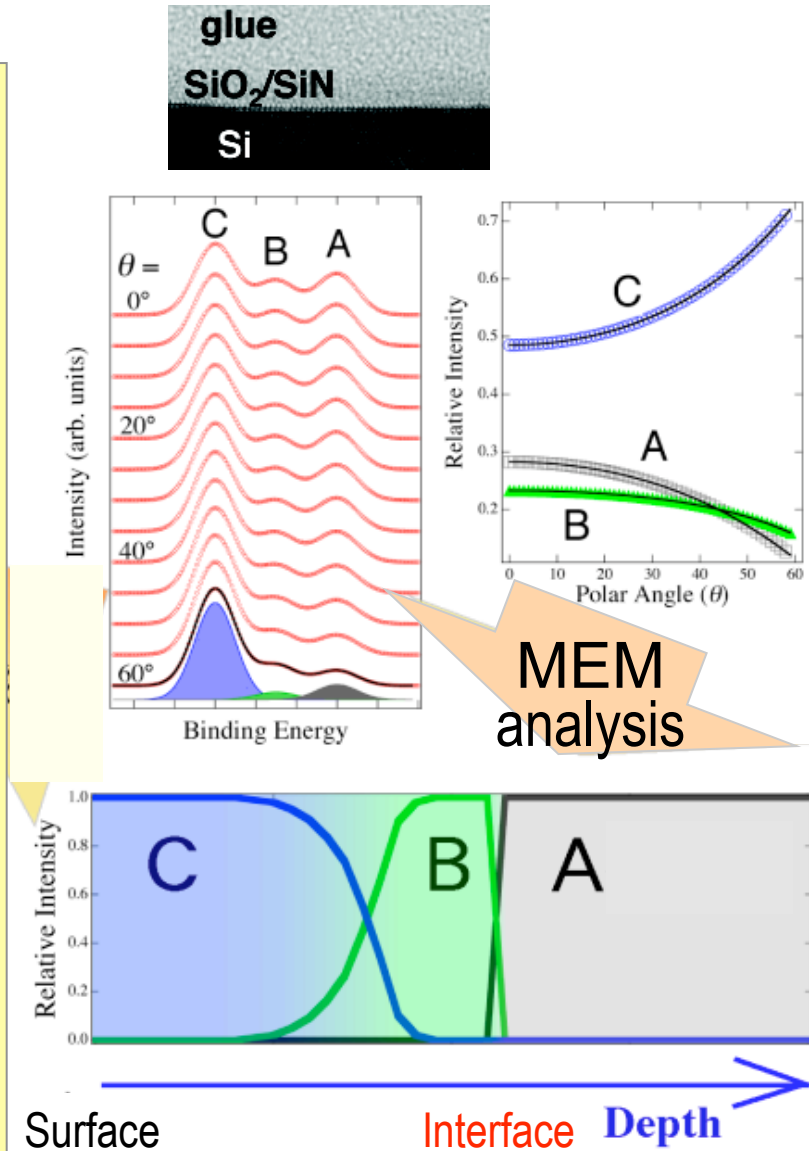
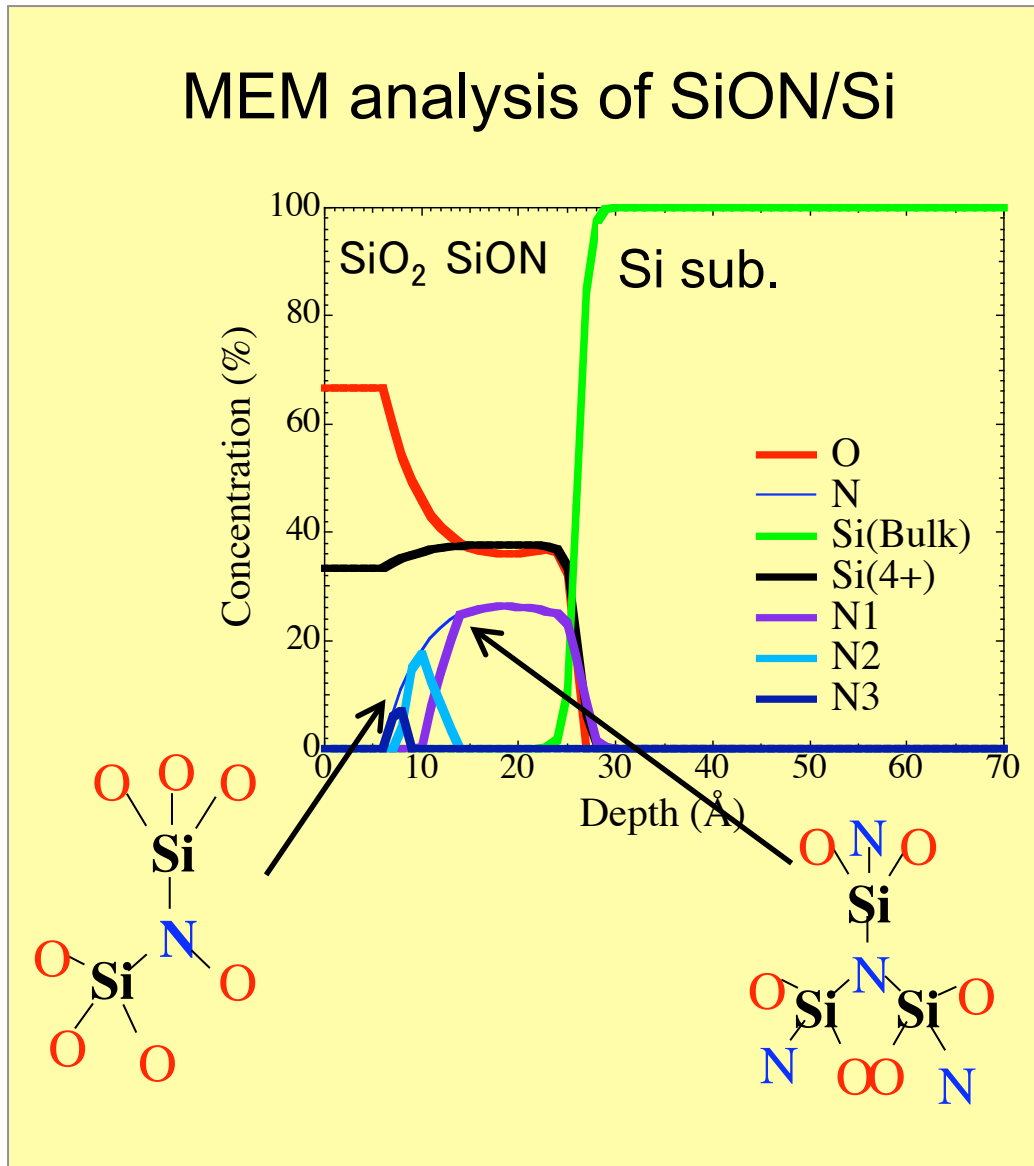


Chemical shift



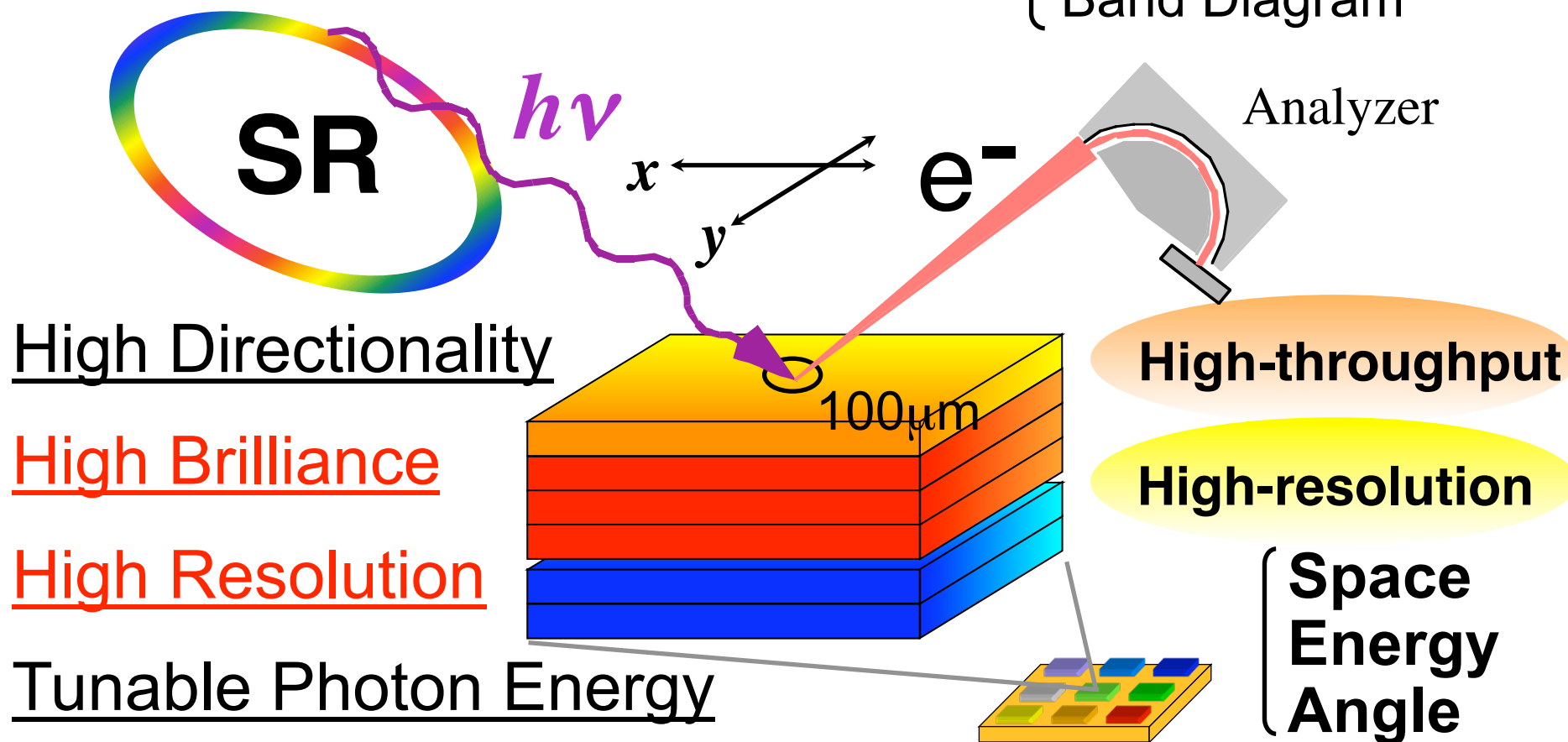
Interface

Depth profiling using angle dependent XPS

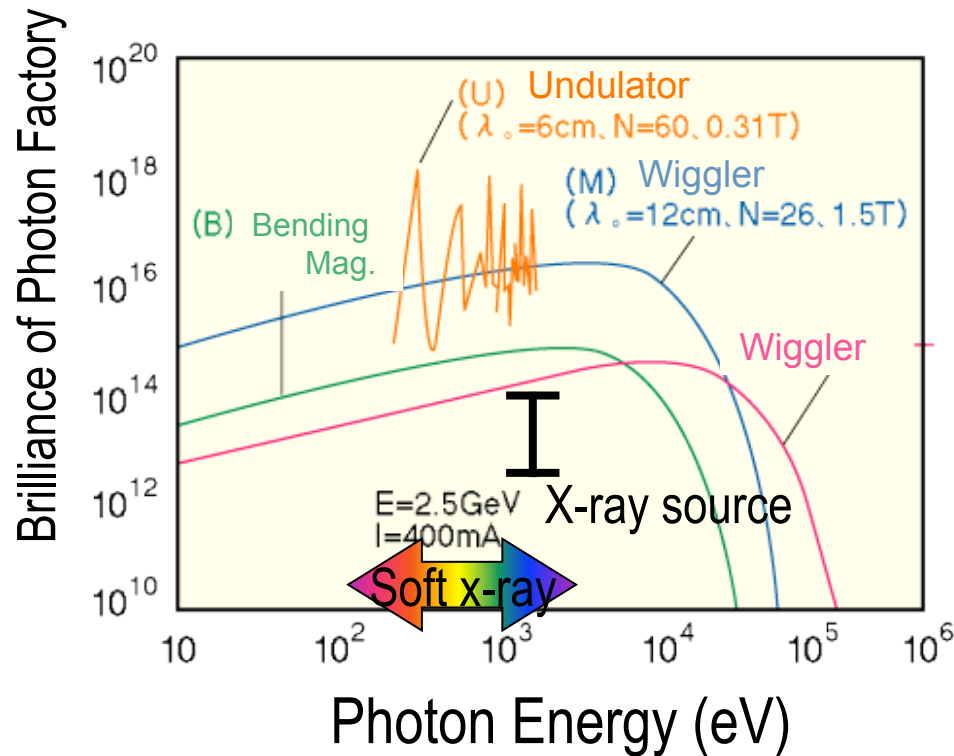
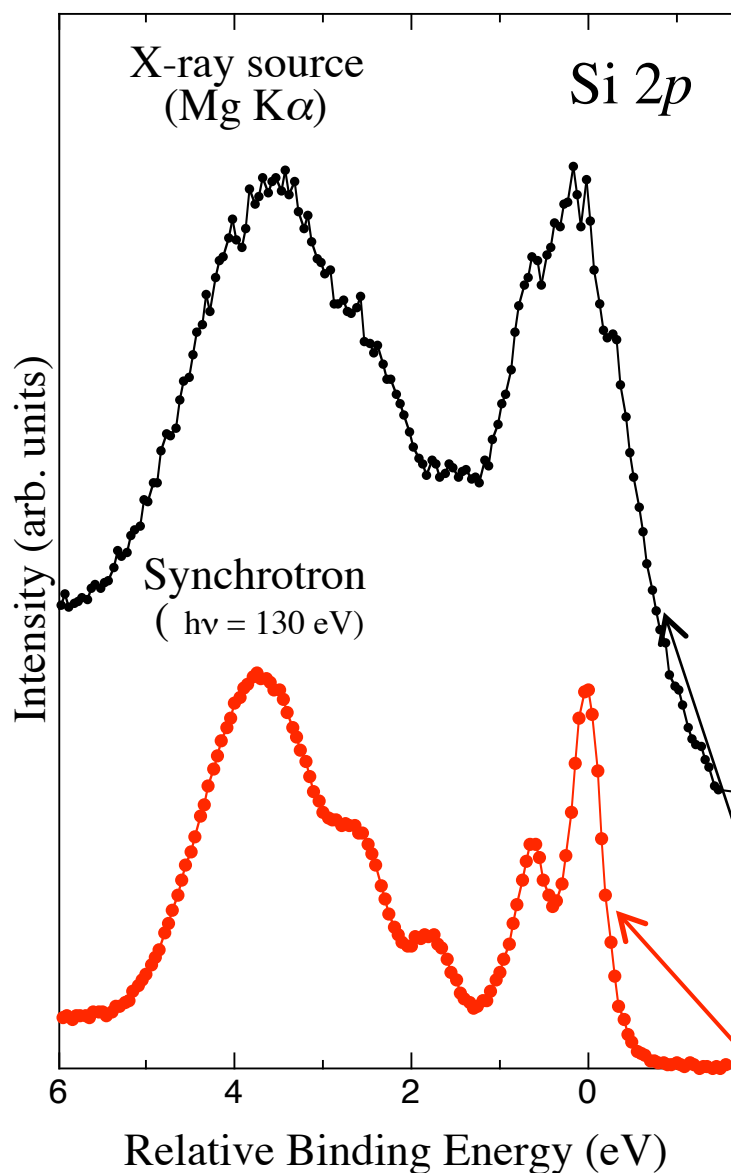


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High brilliance and resolution: High-throughput and precise characterization



X-ray (Lab.)

SR

Resolution

1.0 eV

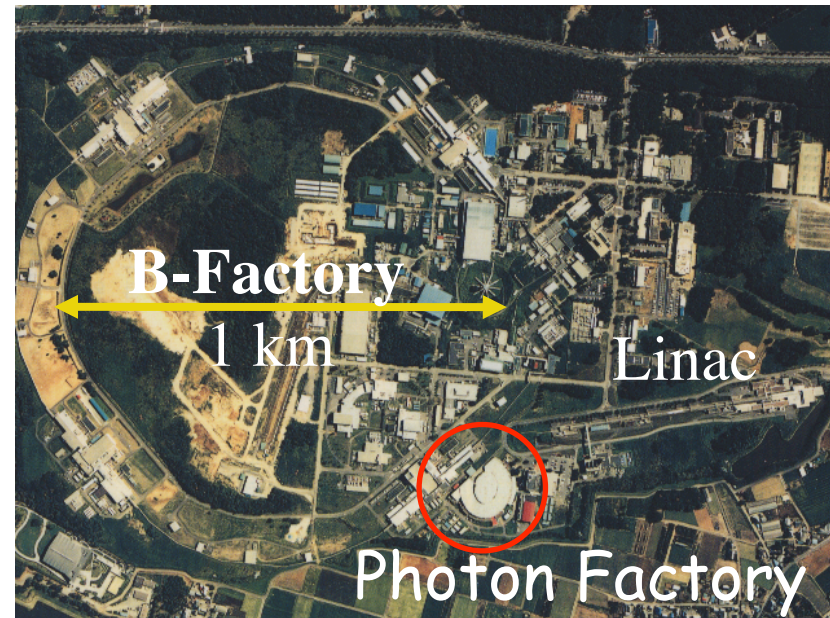
0.1 eV

Acquisition Time

100 min

1 min

Application to the high-throughput characterization for devices



SR facilities (SX region)
in Japan



PF Ring & Beam Lines for VUV-SX

BL28: UPS

VUV (30-300 eV)

For High-resolution PES&ARPES

BL2C: XPS, XAS

SX (300-1500 eV)

For High-resolution XPS

BL16: XPS, MCD

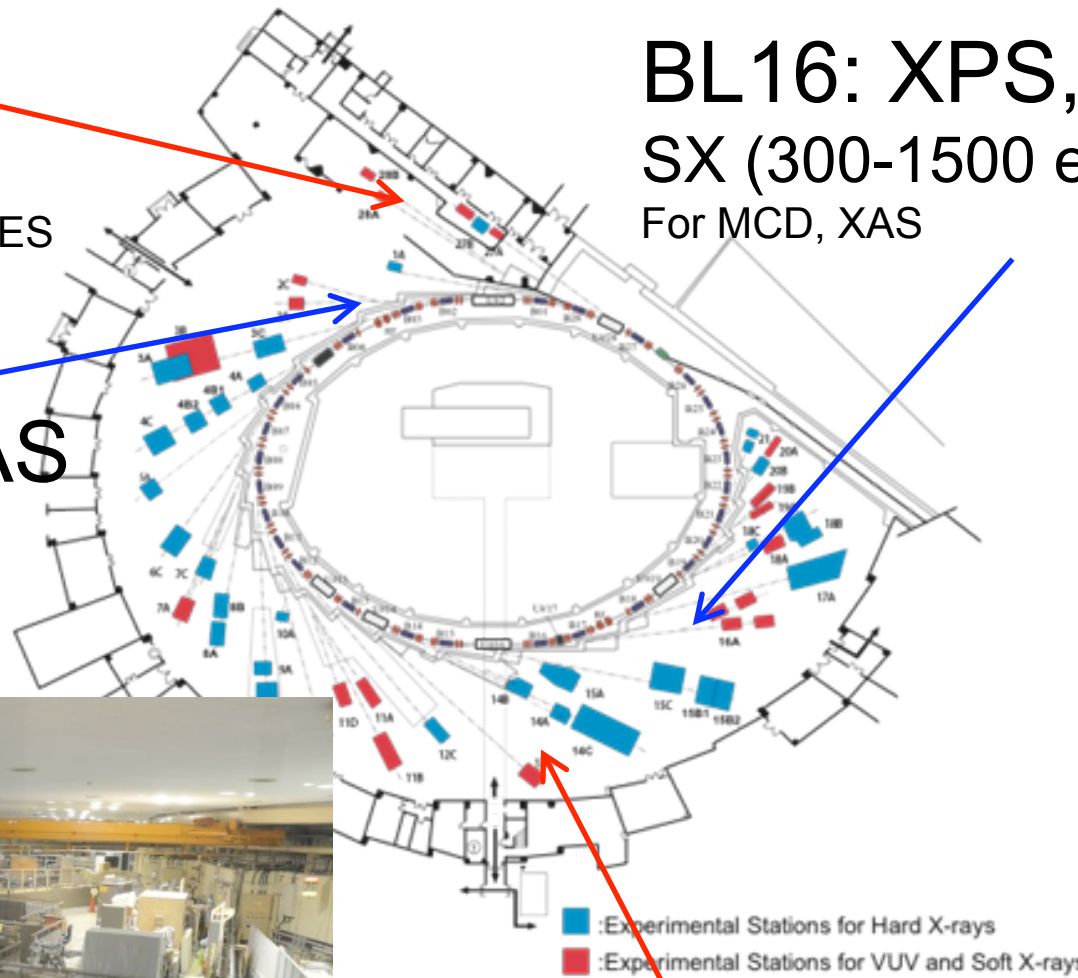
SX (300-1500 eV)

For MCD, XAS

BL13: UPS

VUV (50-1000 eV)

For High-resolution PES&ARPES



Picture inside of PF





Beam Line 2C: For High-resolution XPS

BL28:

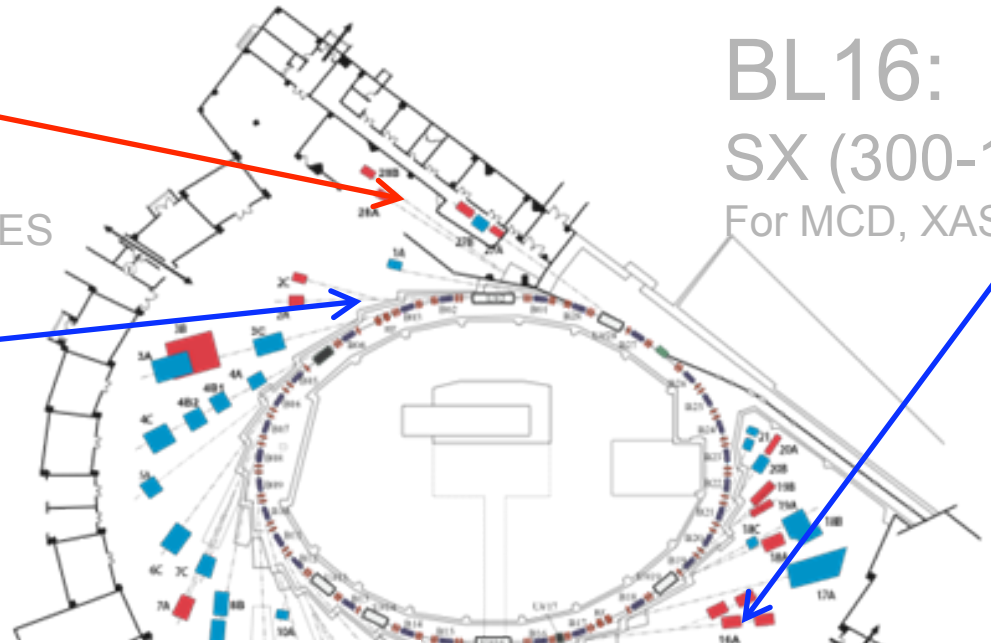
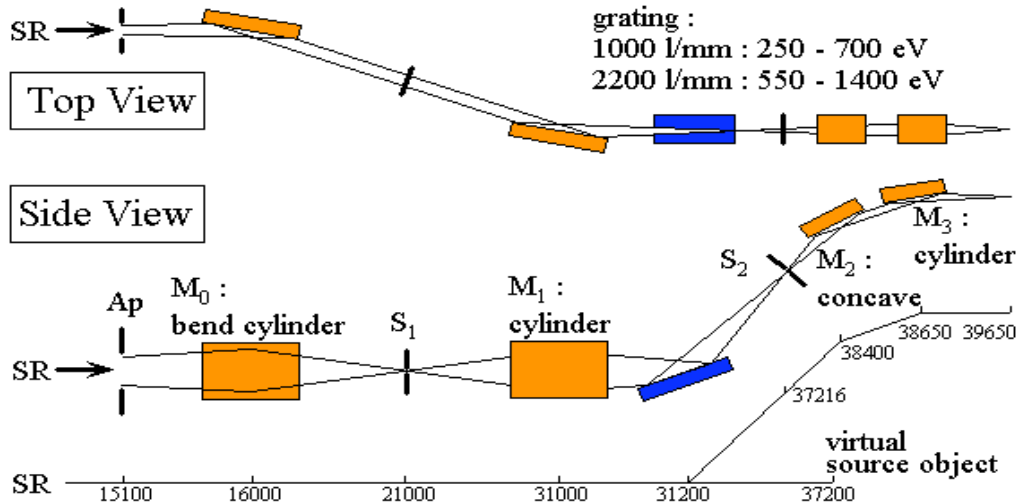
VUV (30-300 eV)
For High-resolution PES&ARPES

BL2C:

SX (300-1500 eV)
For High-resolution XPS

$E/\Delta E \leq \sim 10000$

$10^9 \sim 10^{10}$ photons /sec/0.02%BW



BL16:

SX (300-1500 eV)
For MCD, XAS

BL13:

VUV (50-1000 eV)
For High-resolution PES&ARPES

■ : Experimental Stations for Hard X-rays
■ : Experimental Stations for VUV and Soft X-rays

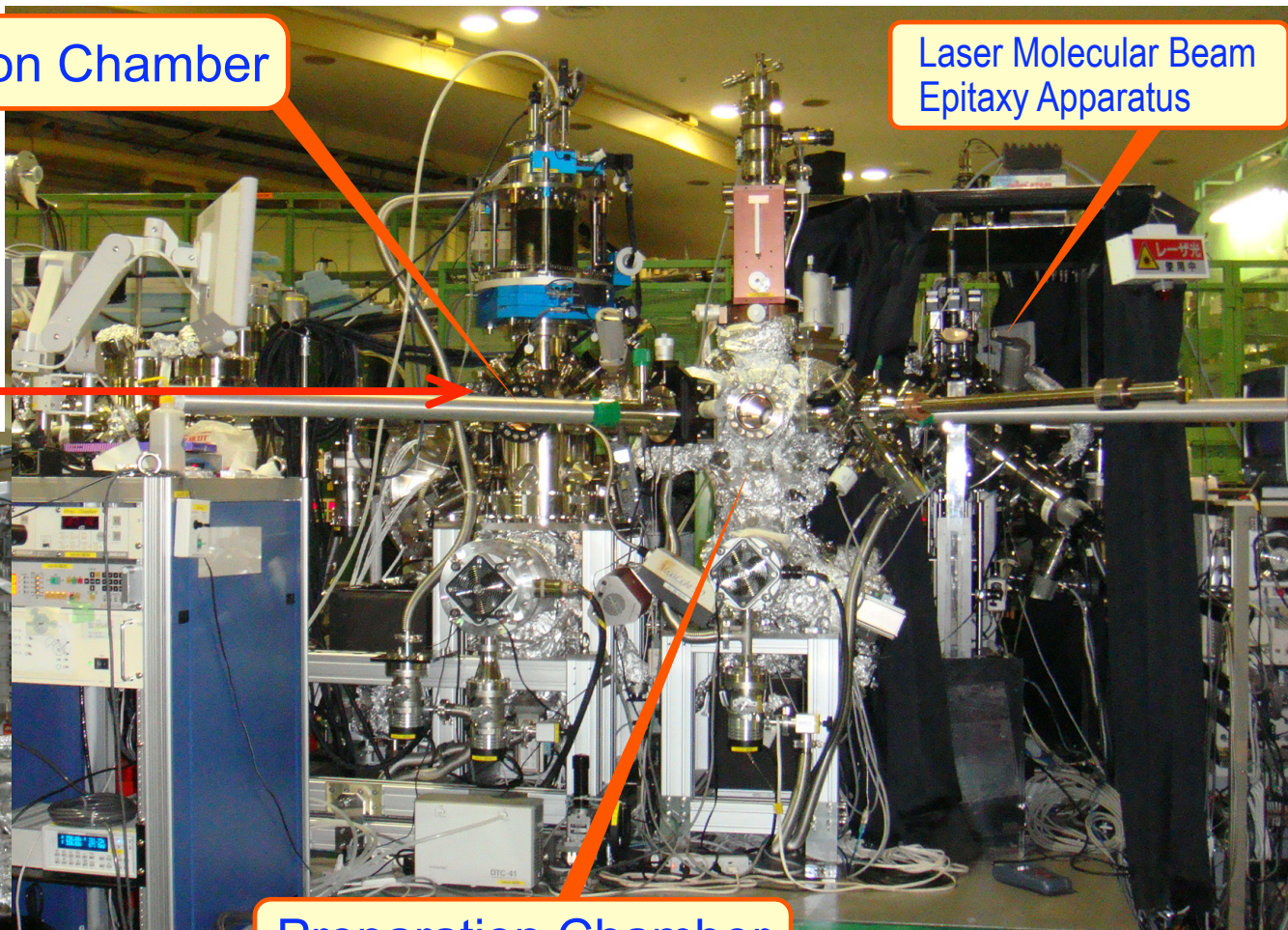
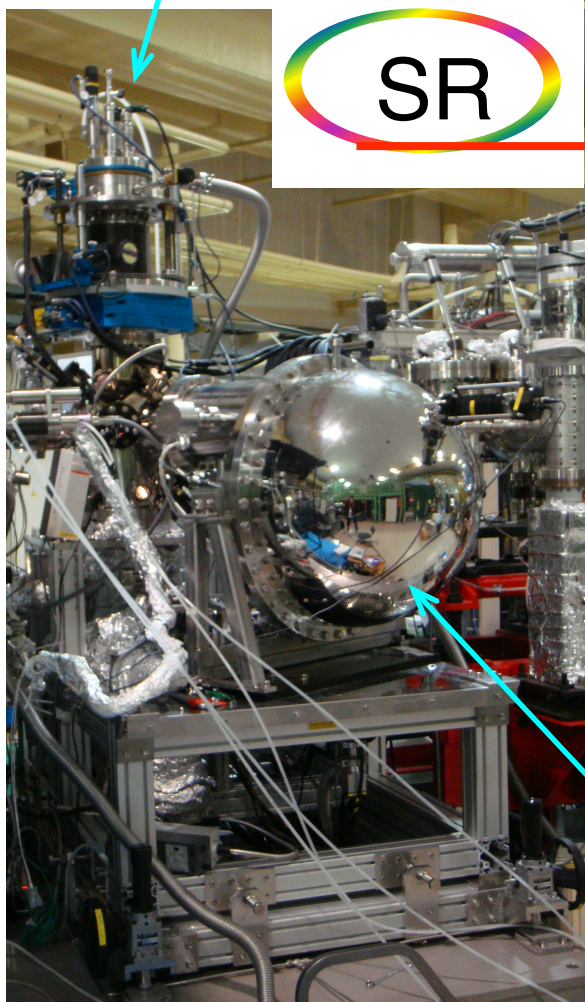


New *in-situ* PES + Laser MBE system

Photoemission Chamber

Laser Molecular Beam Epitaxy Apparatus

Manipulator
(two-axial rotating stage)



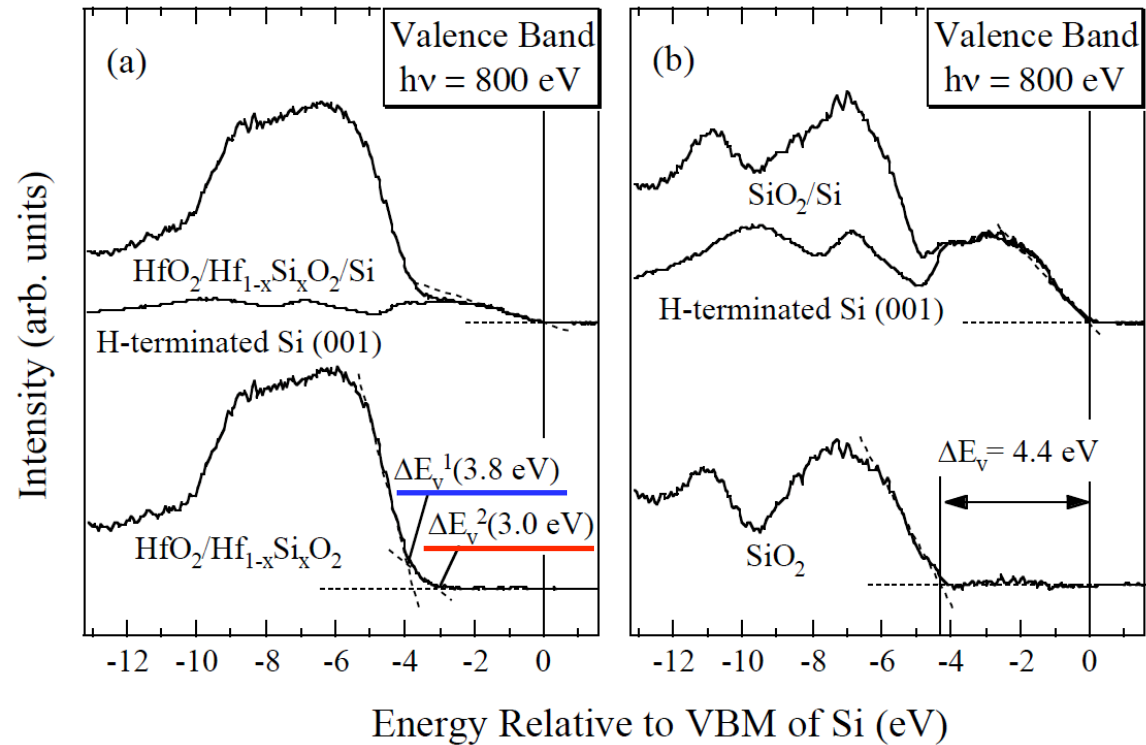
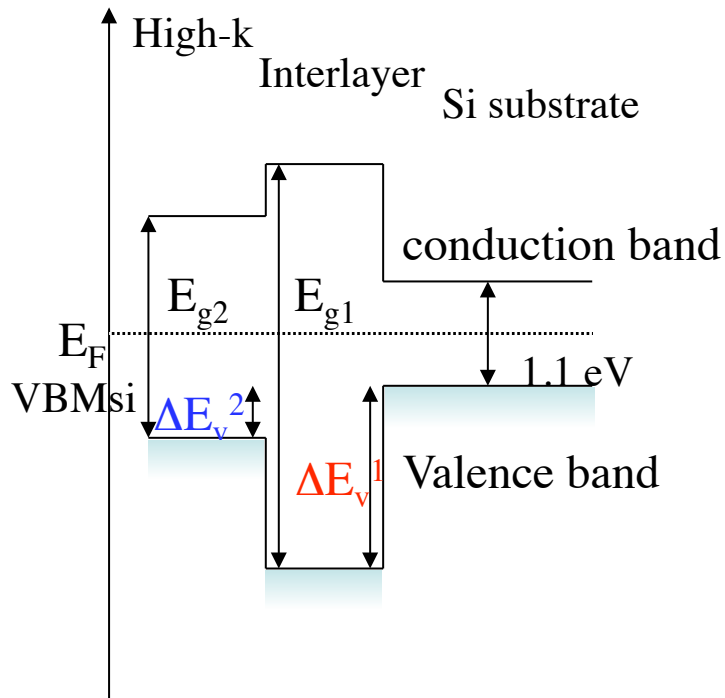
Preparation Chamber

@KEK-PF BL-2C

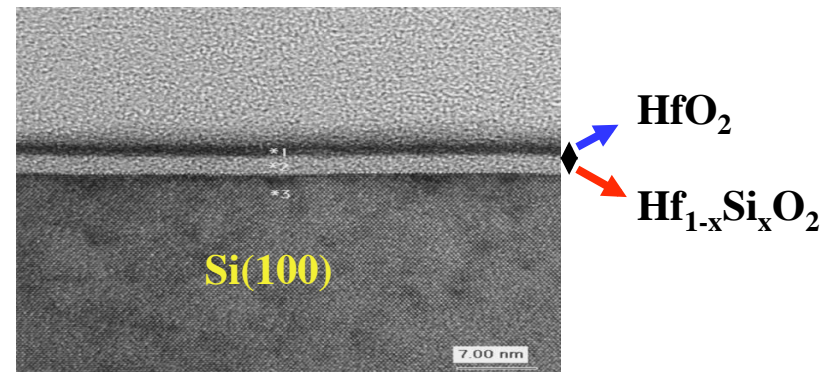
High resolution photoemission analyzer
VG-Scineta SES2002

Energy-band offsets in high-k materials

Band diagram



Determination of the band diagram of multilayer structures

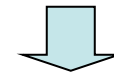


Evaluation of the valence band maximum by photoemission

X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS)

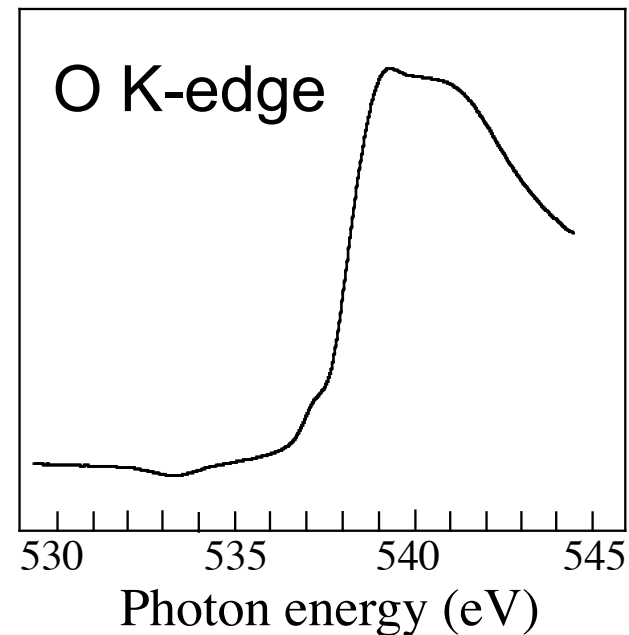
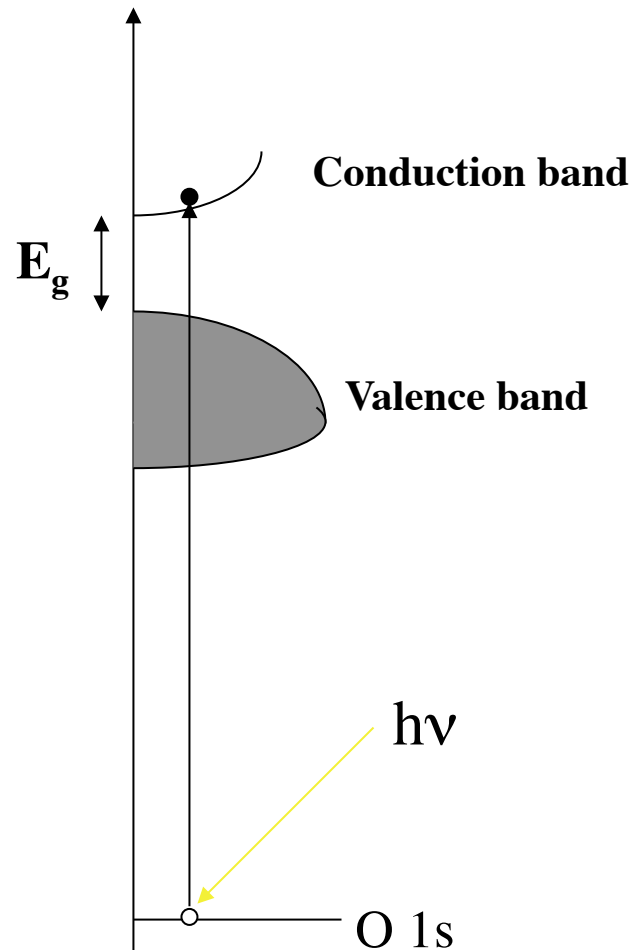
XAS;

Measure the sample current (intensity of emitted electrons) by changing the photon energy.

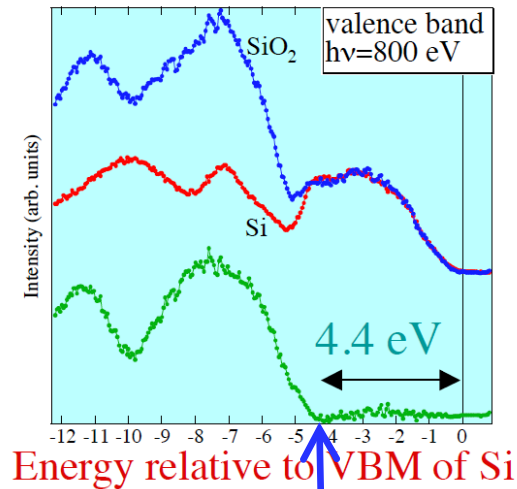
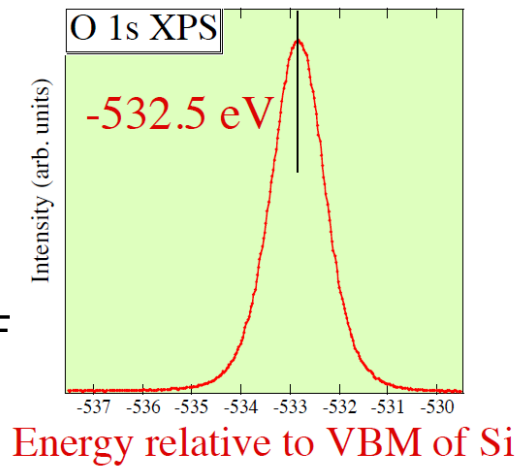
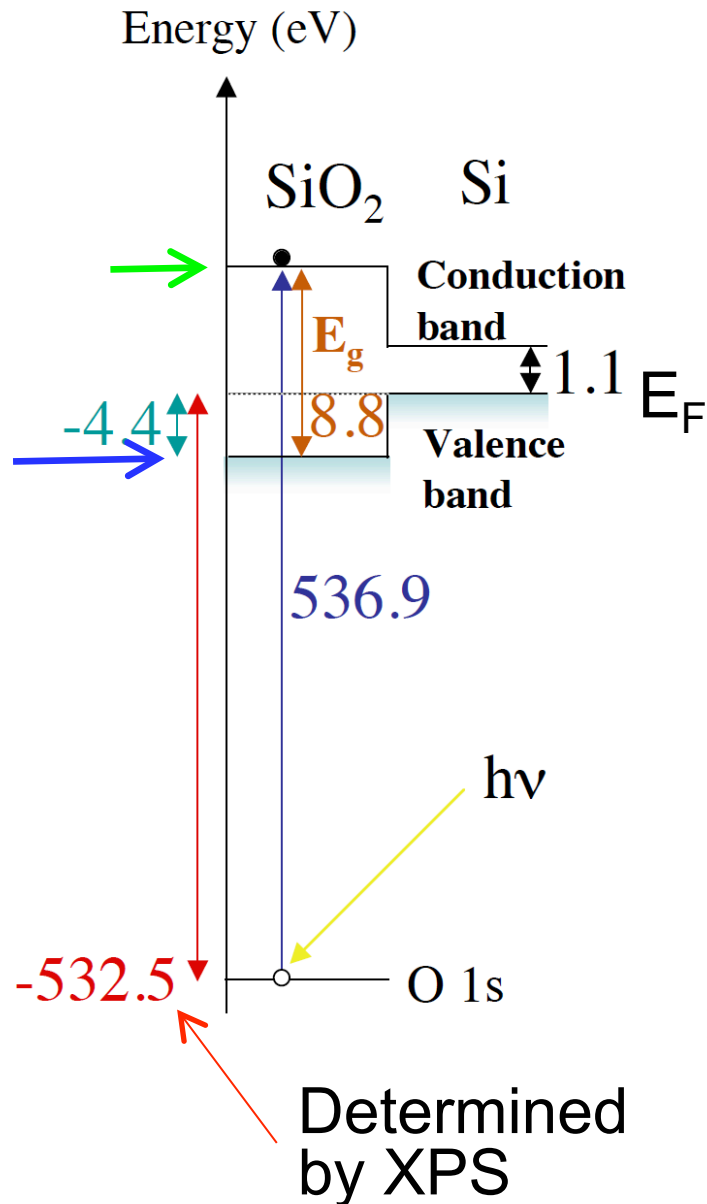


Information of conduction band

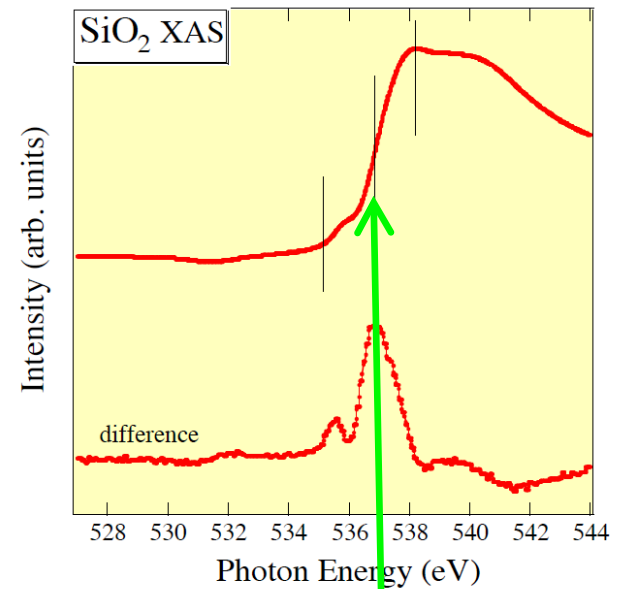
Tunable Photon Energy provided from SR



X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS)

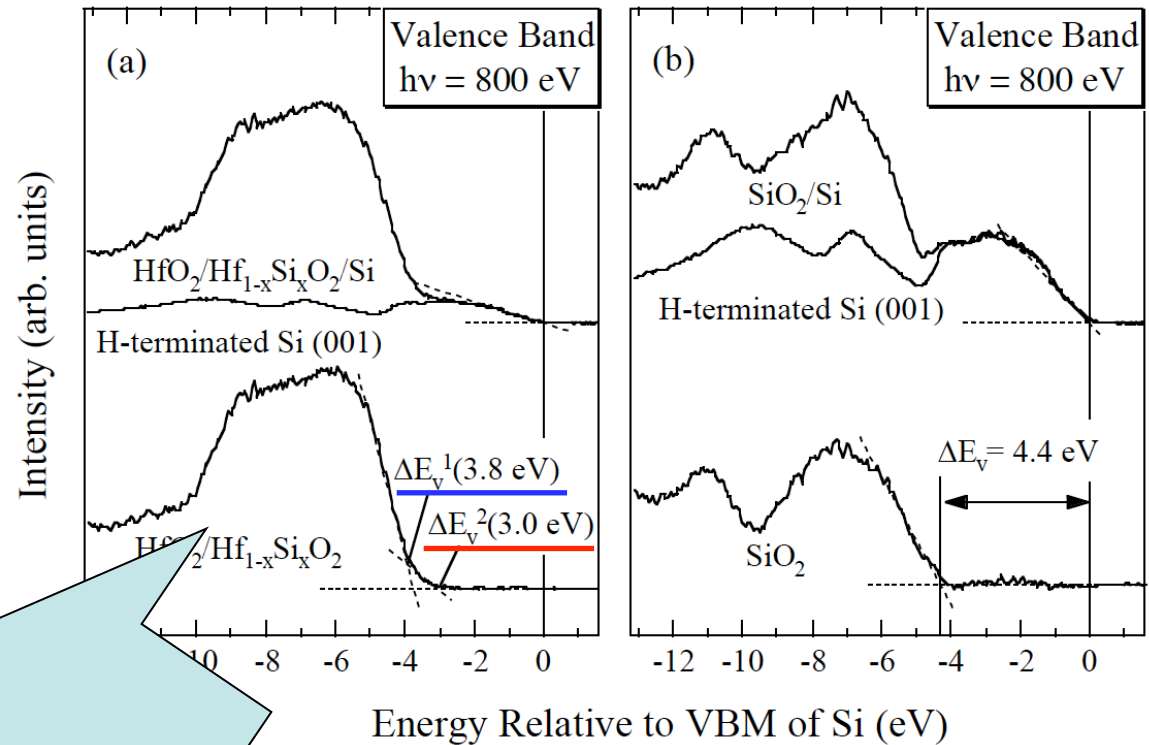
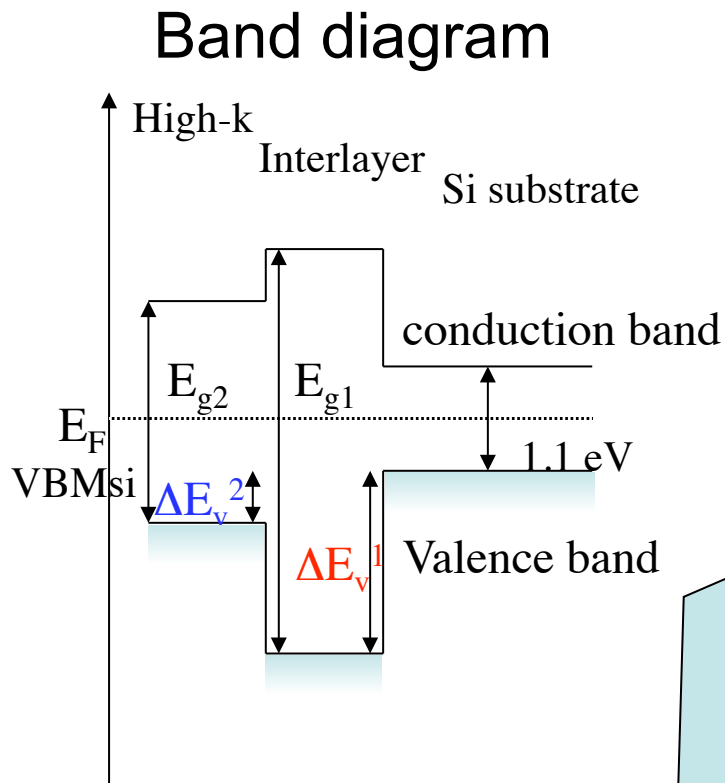


(Valence band minimum)

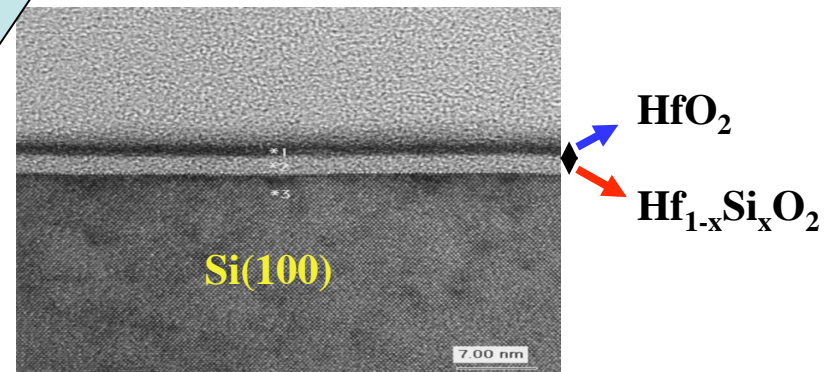


Absorption Edge
(Conduction band minimum)

Energy-band offsets in high-k materials



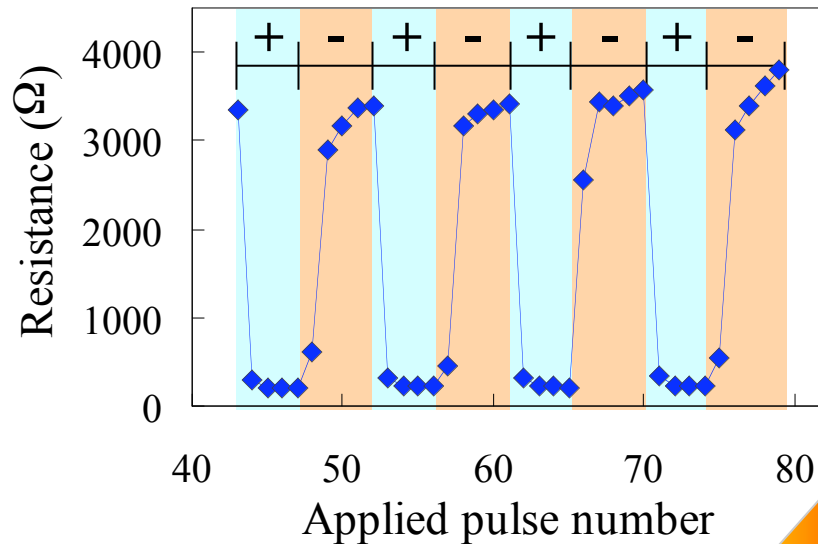
Determination of the band diagram of multilayer structures



Evaluation of the valence band maximum by photoemission

Resistance Changes by Application of Pulse Voltage

Resistance switching behavior in metal/oxide/metal structures

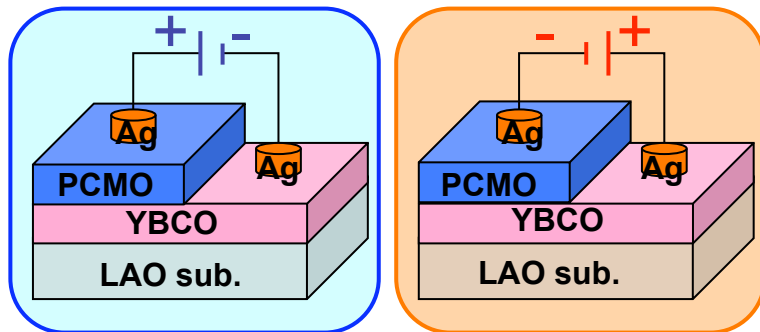


High Resistance States

Two stable resistance states

Low Resistance States

S. Q. Liu *et al.*, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **76**, 2749 (2000).

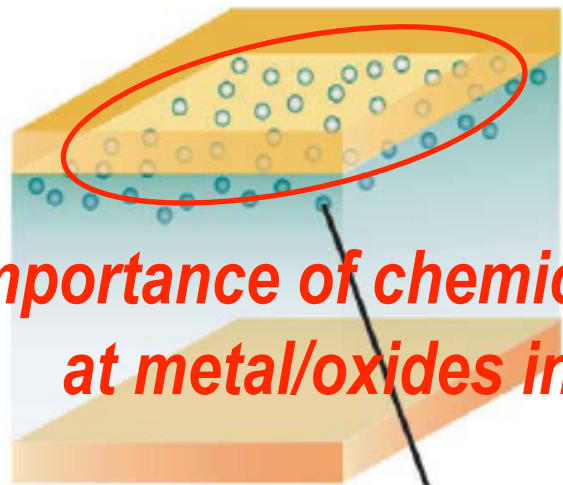


Resistance Random Access Memory (ReRAM)

While various RS mechanisms have been proposed, the mechanism have not been fully understood yet.

Possible Mechanism for ReRAM

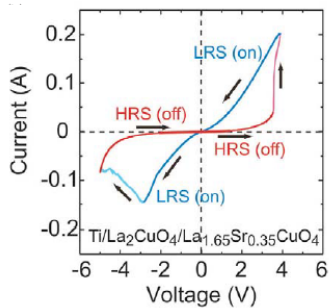
Interface type



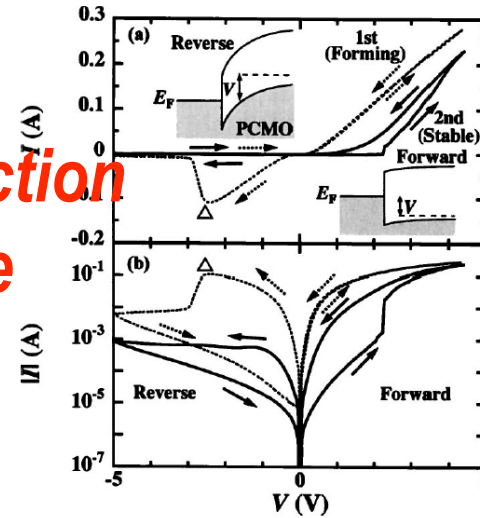
Importance of chemical reaction at metal/oxides interface

Oxygen vacancy or Charge carrier

Bipolar switching

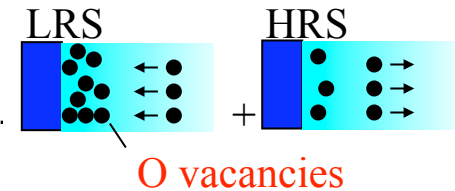
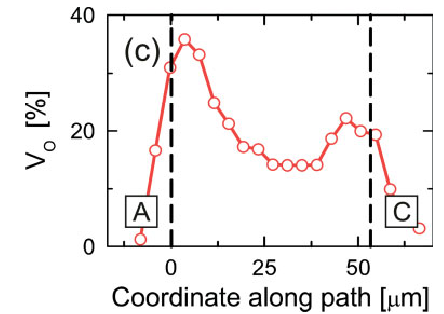


Modulation of Schottky Barrier height



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Change in conductivity due to oxygen deficient



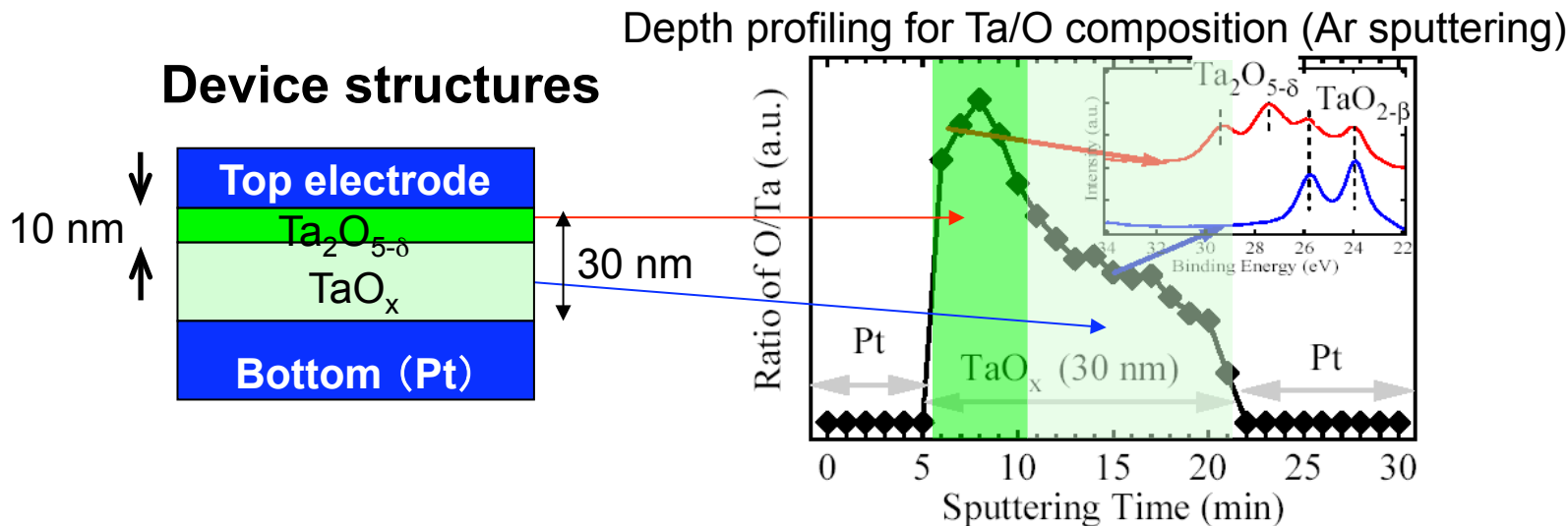
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Chemical states at the interface

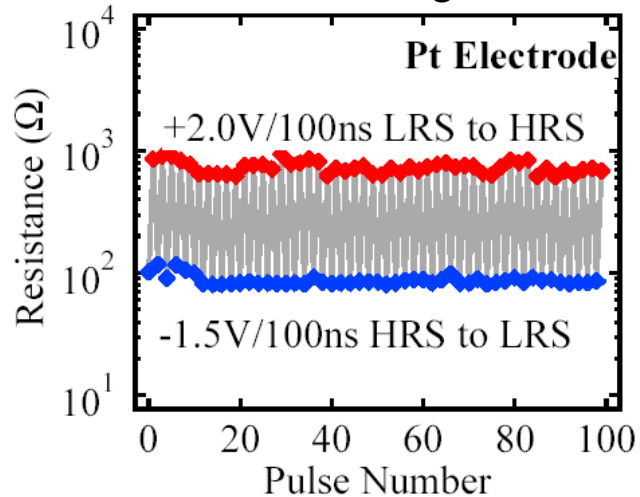


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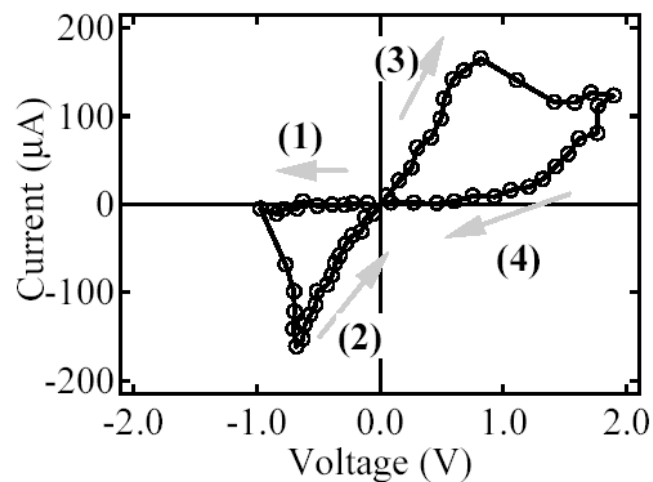
Characteristics of Pt/Ta₂O_{5-δ}/TaO_x ReRAM Device



Resistance switching behavior



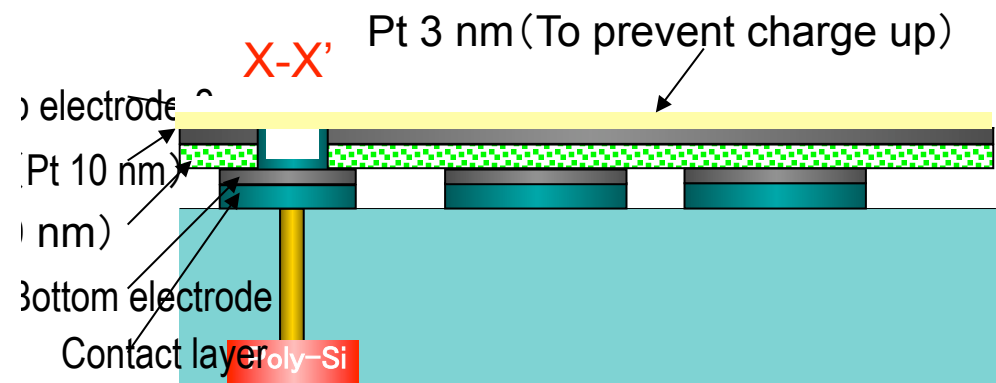
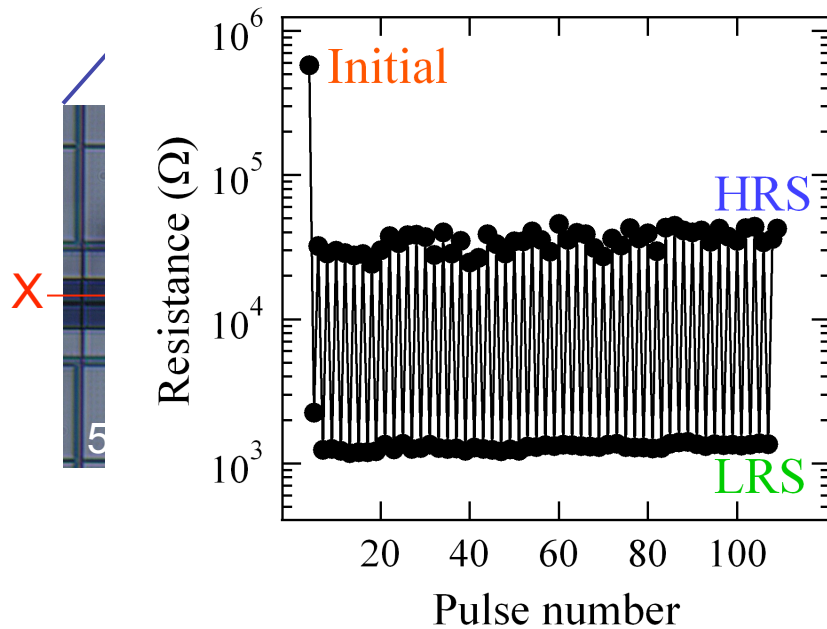
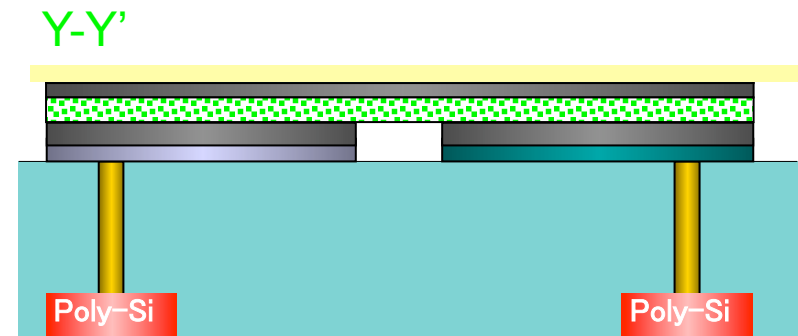
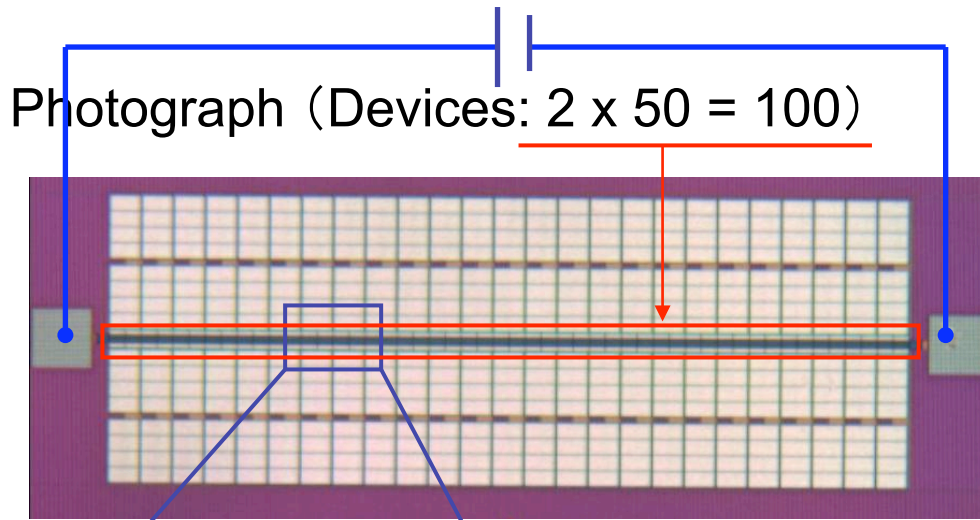
IV characteristics



Bi-polar type resistance switching

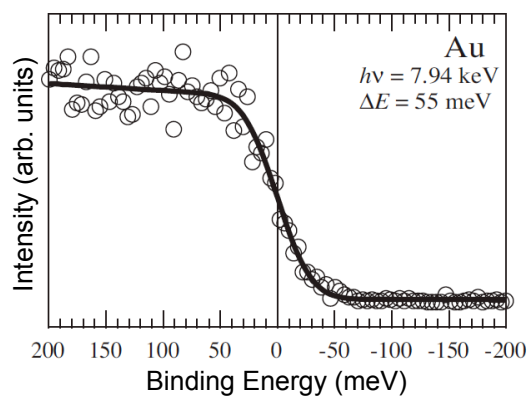
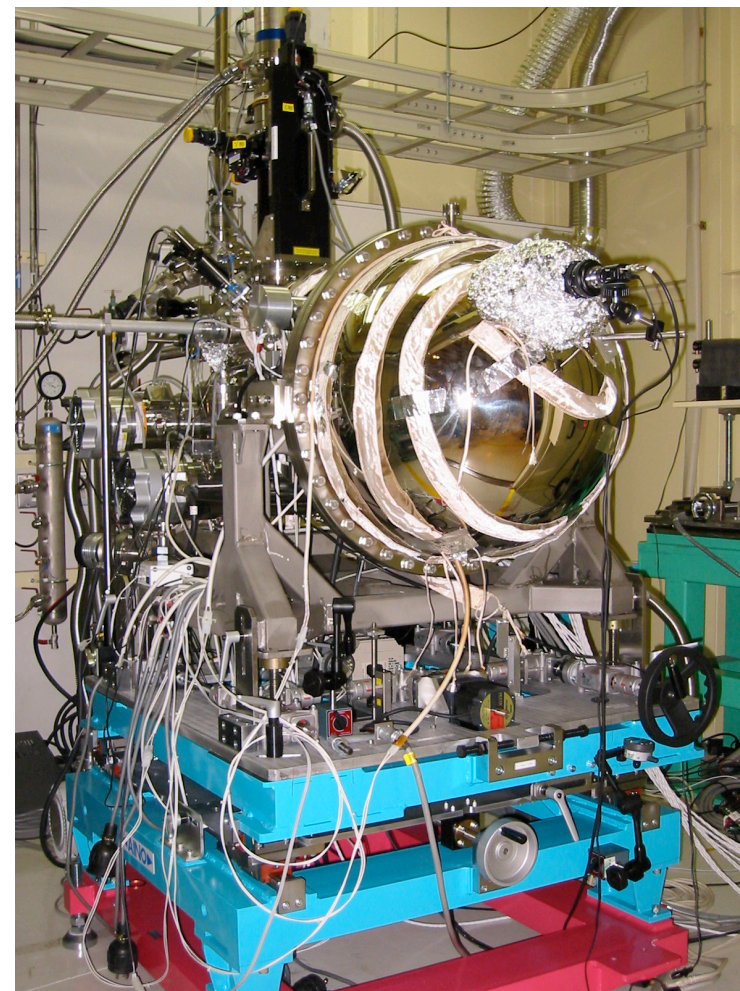
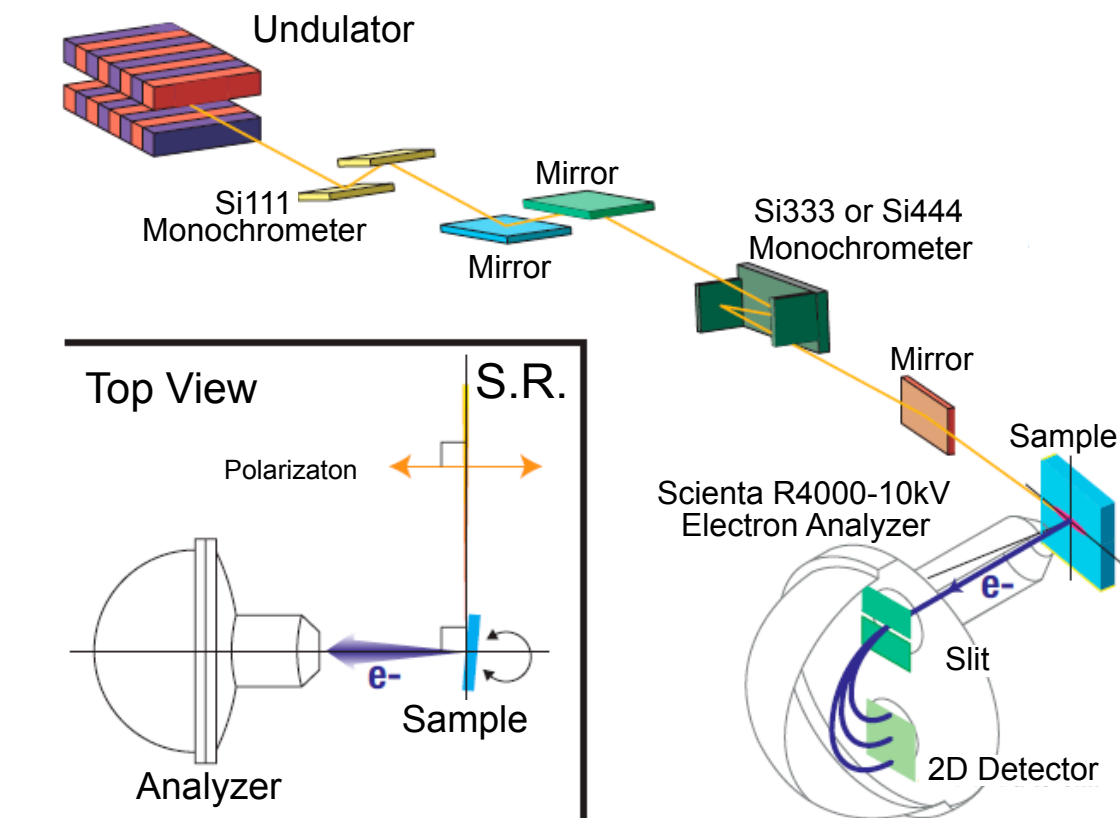
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Device Structure for HXPES Measurements (Fabrication Process)



➔ HX-PES@Spring-8

Hard X-Ray PES (BL47XU@SPring-8)



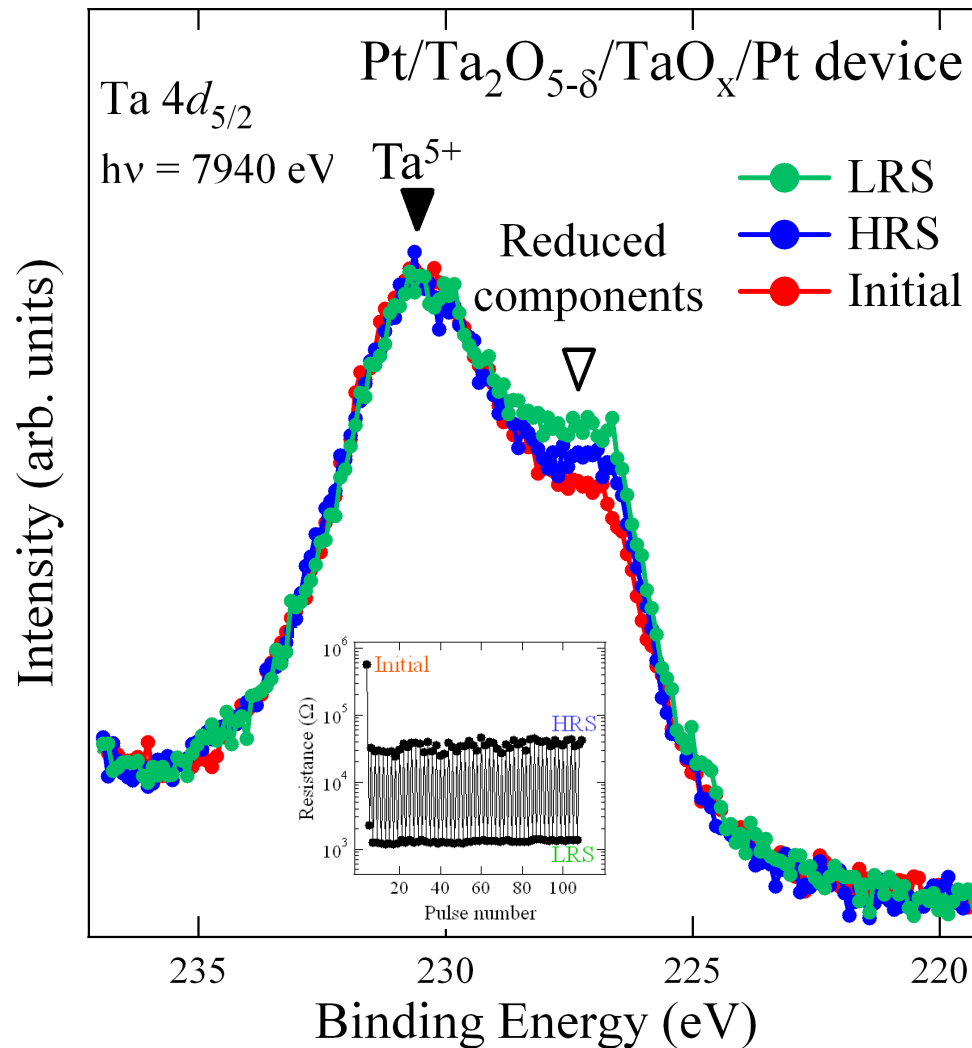
Photon Energy

8 keV

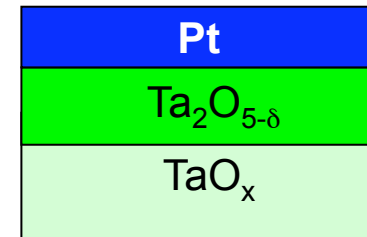
Energy Resolution

230 meV

Change in Chemical States at On and Off States: Redox Reactions

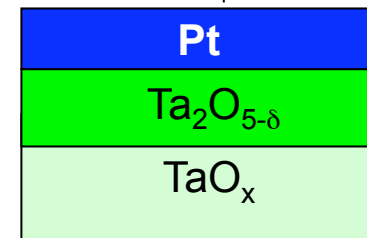


Initial



High

HRS

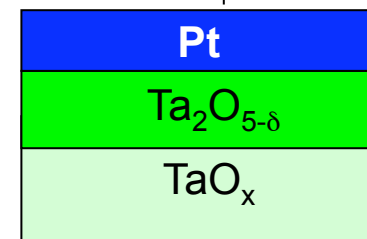


+ 2.0 V



Resistance

LRS



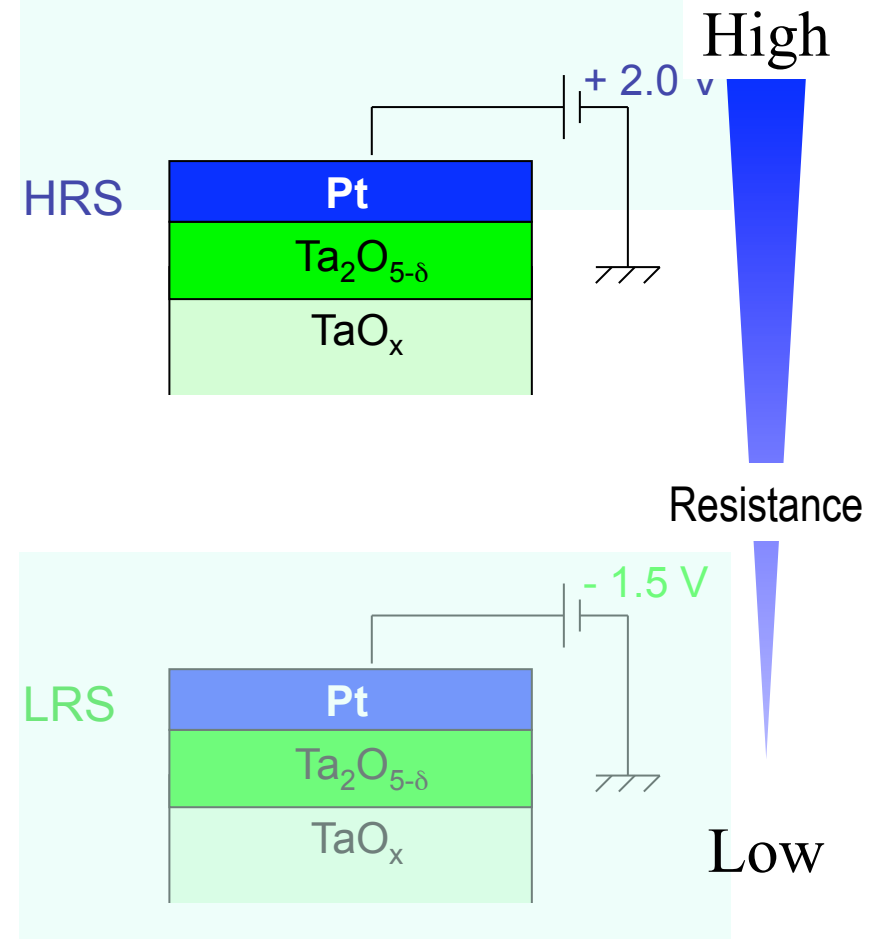
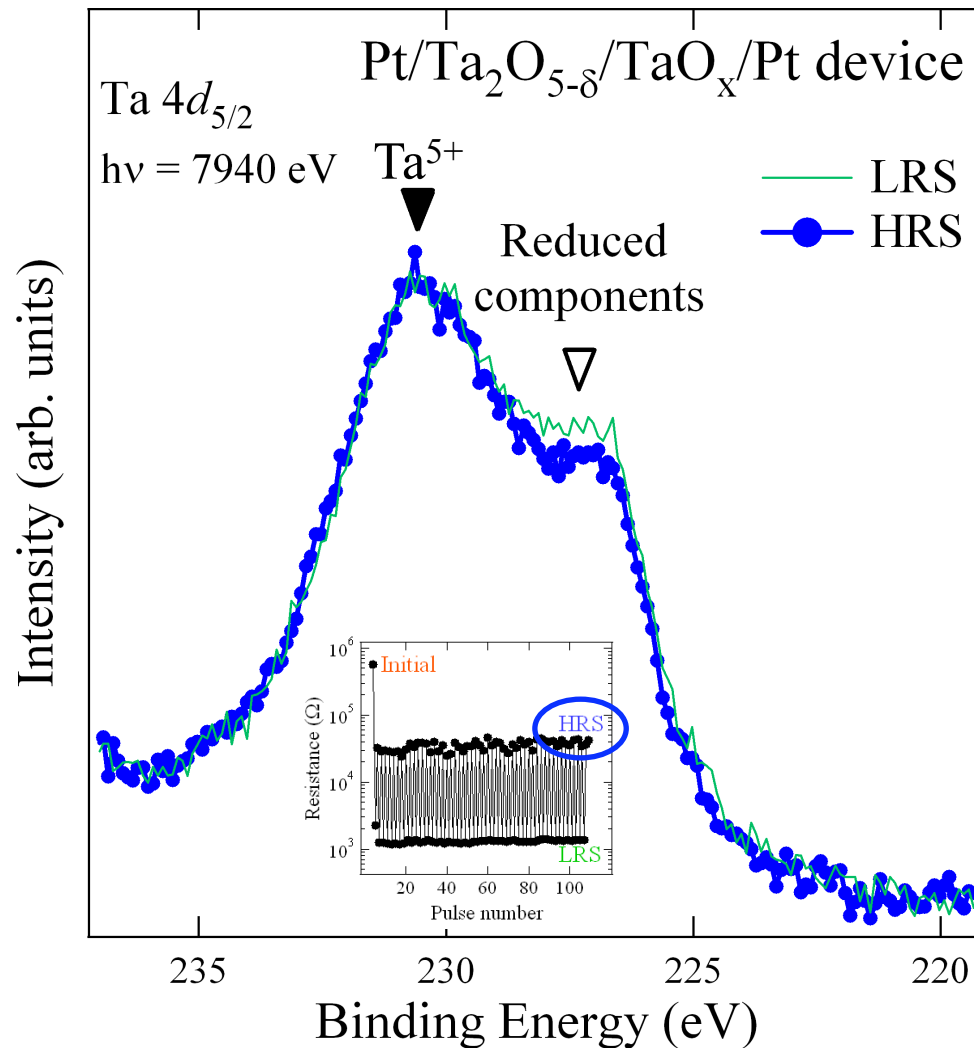
- 1.5 V



Low

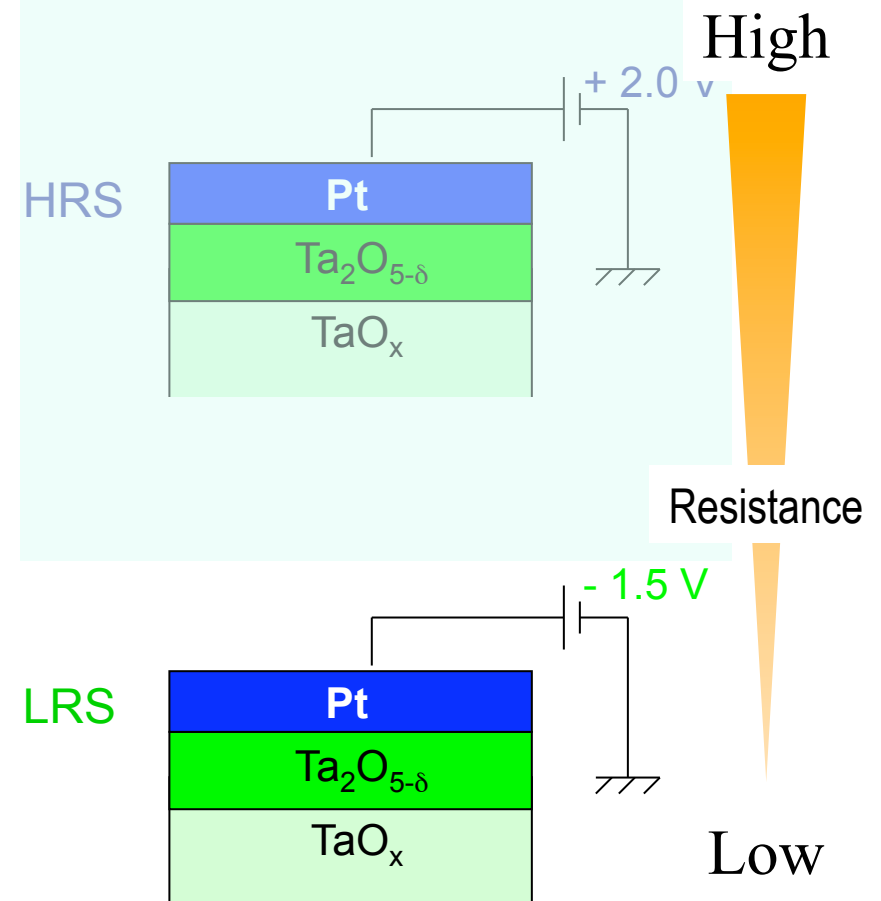
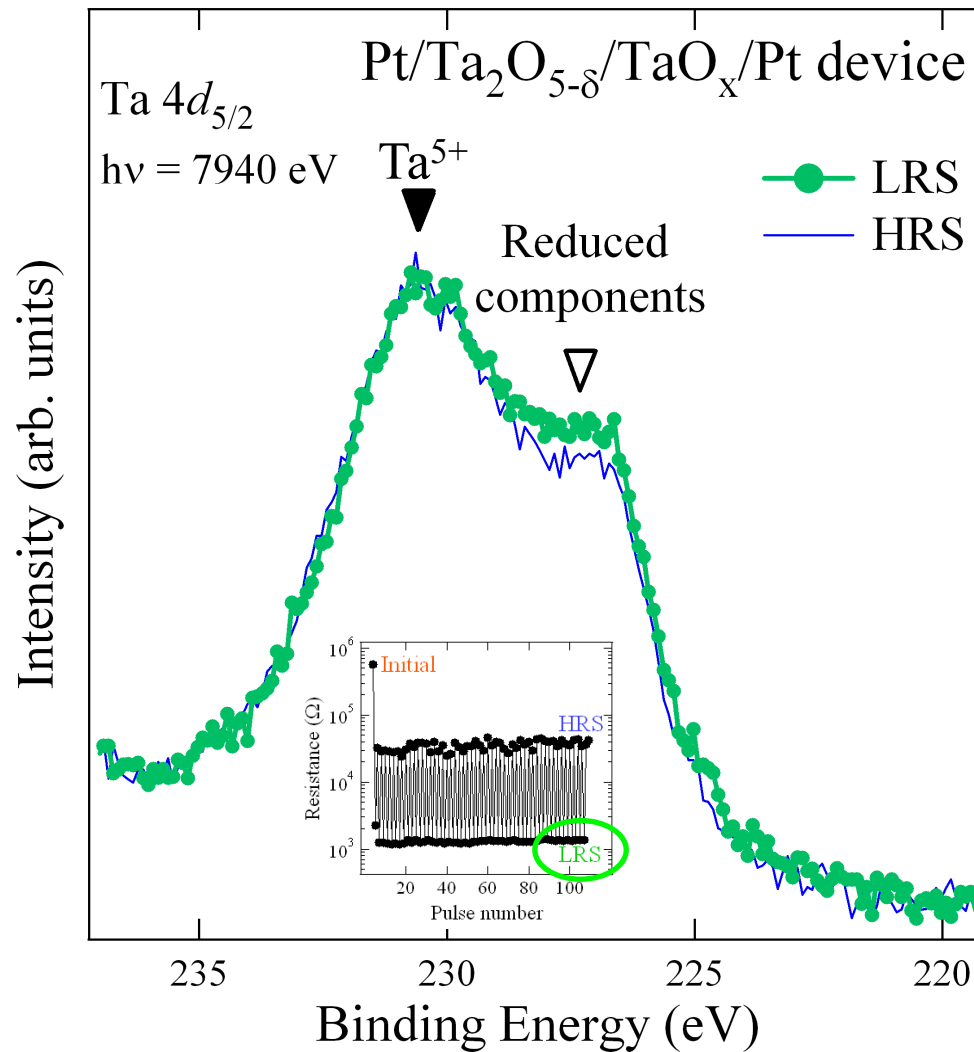
The intensity of reduced components changes with resistance switching.

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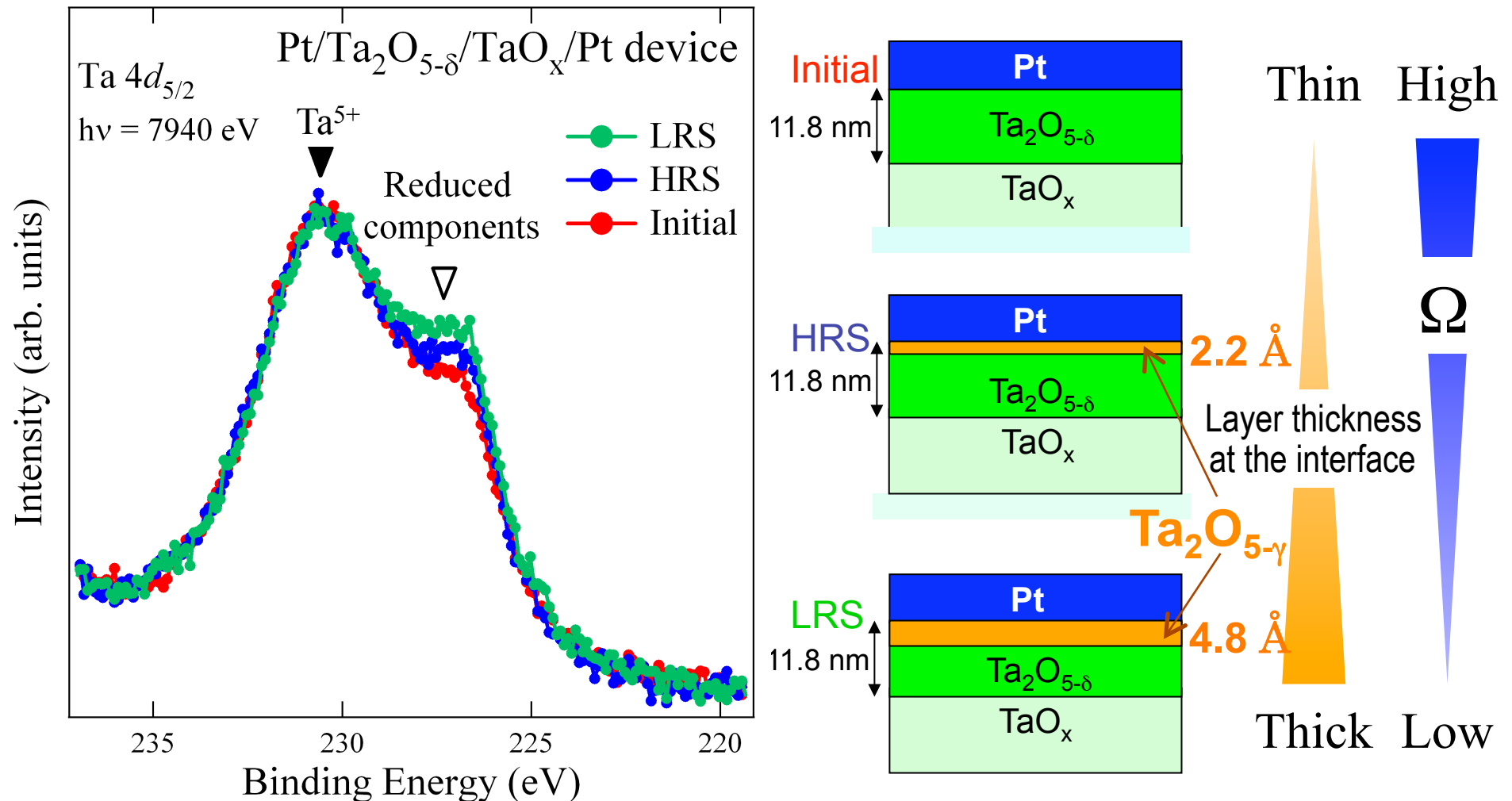
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Change in Chemical States at On and Off States: Redox Reactions



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Chemical Changes of Ta_2O_{5-d} Associated with Resistance Changes



Redox reaction at the interface induced by application of pulse voltage is indispensable for ReRAM operation.

Summary



Photoemission spectroscopy combined with synchrotron radiation is powerful experimental technique to study the surface and interface electronic structures of devices.

Valence band spectra (X-ray absorption spectra)	{	Density of states Valence band maximum (Conduction band minimum)
Core level spectra	{	Chemical composition analysis Chemical state analysis

Direct observation of electronic structures.

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