

Nanoprobes in Materials Science, Physics & Chemistry

Week 2

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▪ Introduction and Motivation

- Length scales, physical properties, quantization effects
- Nano-objects, "bottom-up" / "top-down" approach

▪ Optical methods

- Visible light microscopy (VLM)
- Confocal laser-scanning microscopy (CLSM)
- Scanning near-field optical microscopy (SNOM)

▪ Scanning probes

- Scanning-tunneling microscopy / -spectroscopy
- Scanning-force microscopy
- Other scanning probe techniques

▪ Electron probes

- Field-electron- / field-ion-microscopy (FEM / FIM)
- Electron microscopy (SEM, TEM, SAM, LEEM, PEEM)

▪ Ion probes

- He Ion Microscopy / FIB / AtomProbe Tomography

▪ X-ray techniques

- Basics (Synchrotron radiation, Photoelectron spectr., x-ray absorption, x-ray fluorescence)
- X-ray microscopy using soft and hard x-rays
- Small-angle x-ray scattering (SAXS) – compare to neutrons

Electron microscopy

EMITTED ELECTRONS:

- Field electron microscopy (FEM)
- Field ion microscopy (FIM)
- Photo electron emission microscopy (PEEM)

INCIDENT ELECTRONS:

- Scanning-electron microscopy (SEM, SAM, ...)
- Transmission electron microscopy (TEM)
- Low-energy electron microscopy (LEEM)

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Electron Microscopy

$$E = \hbar\omega, p = \hbar k = \frac{h}{\lambda}$$

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = eU, |\vec{p}| = mv$$

$$\lambda_{vac} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2meU}}, \lambda_{med} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2m(eU - E_p)}}$$

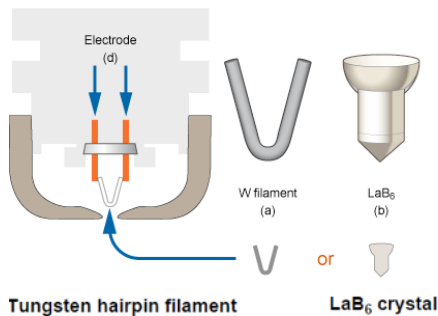
$$n = \frac{\lambda_{vac}}{\lambda_{med}} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{E_p}{eU}}$$

U/V	v/c	λ /nm
10 ⁻¹	6.3 · 10 ⁻⁴	3.9
1	2.0 · 10 ⁻³	1.2
10 ¹	6.3 · 10 ⁻³	3.9 · 10 ⁻¹
10 ²	2.0 · 10 ⁻²	1.2 · 10 ⁻¹
10 ⁴	0.19	1.2 · 10 ⁻²
10 ⁶	0.94	8.7 · 10 ⁻⁴

Significantly shorter wavelength compared to visible light will offer better resolution !

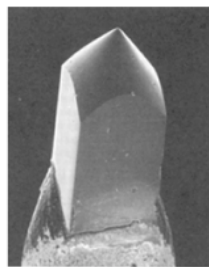
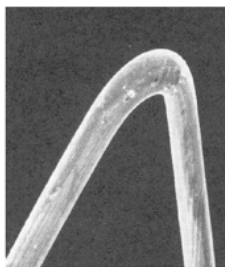
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Creating electrons, e.g., by thermal emission



Tungsten hairpin filament

LaB₆ crystal



Thermionic guns

From: Williams/Carter
Transmission electron microscopy

Thermal emission according to **Richardson law**:

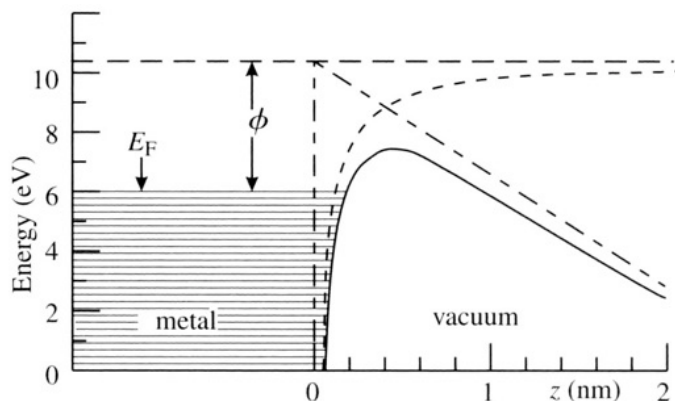
$$\text{Emission current density } j = A T^2 \exp(-\Phi / k_B T)$$

A is a material constant, e.g. $A_W = 120 \text{ A}/(\text{cm K})^2$ $\Phi_W = 4.5 \text{ eV}$

Sharp tip spot-welded to the hairpin filament increases j by a factor of 4

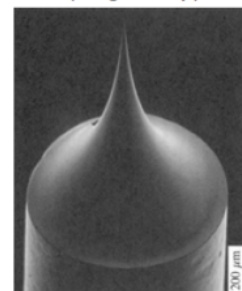
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Creating electrons, e.g., by cold field emission



$$J(T) = AE^2 \exp(-B\phi^{3/2} / E)$$

Field emission source
(tungsten tip)



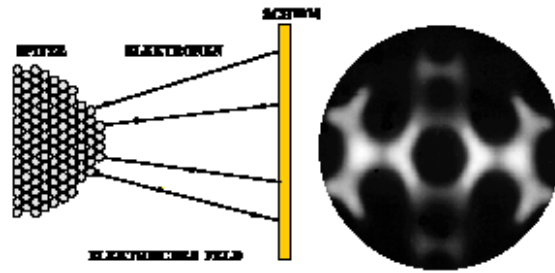
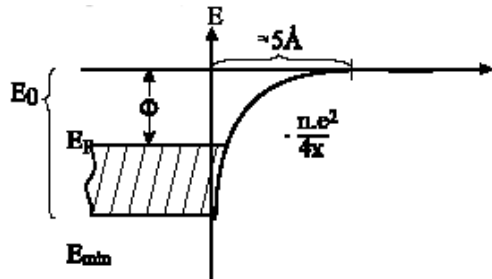
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Transmission electron microscopy

Fowler/Nordheim equation (1928) describes current density J emitted by a filament under a high electric field, where plot of $\log(J/E^2)$ vs. $1/E$ gives straight line.

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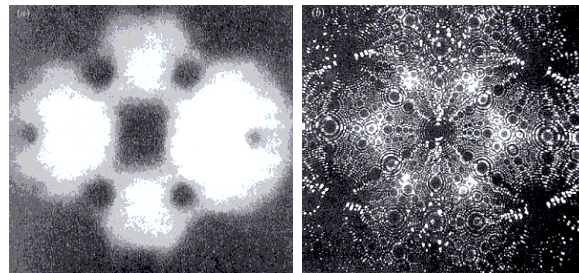
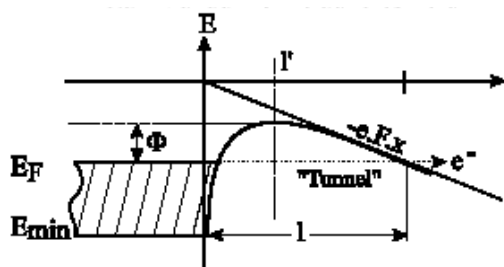
Field electron microscopy (FEM)

1D electrostatic potential at a metal surface without field



FEM scheme

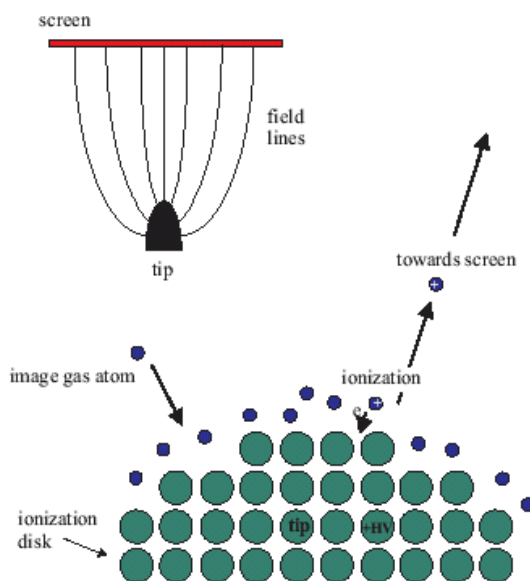
... with external electric field



$\Delta x = 2-3 \text{ nm}$

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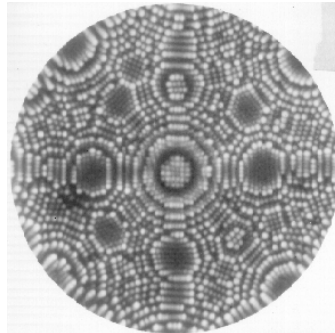
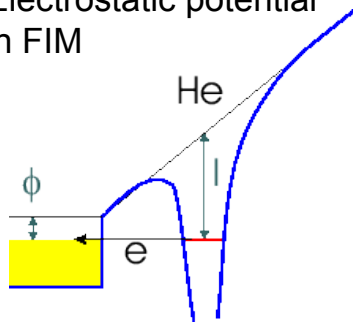
Field Ion Microscopy (FIM)



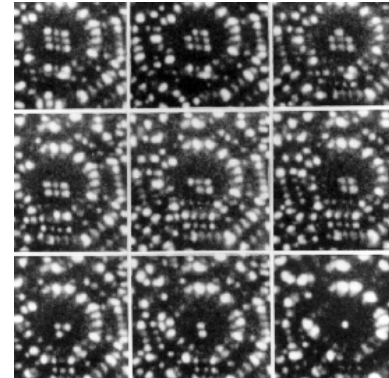
E. Müller, Univ. Erlangen, 1950's

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Electrostatic potential in FIM

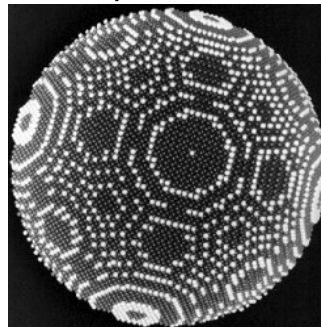


Experiment



Removal of individual atoms from FIM tip

Due to the higher mass of the gas atoms (compared to electrons) and thus smaller Brownian motion, the resolution in FIM is higher than in FEM

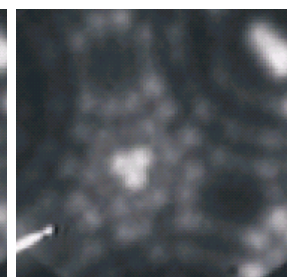
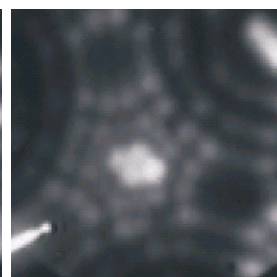
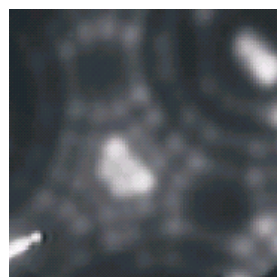
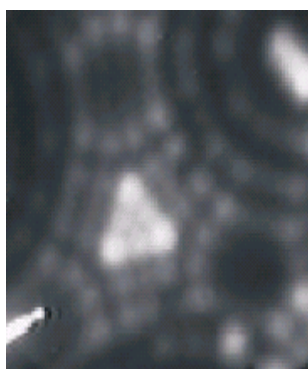


Simulation

$$\Delta x = 0.1 \text{ nm}$$

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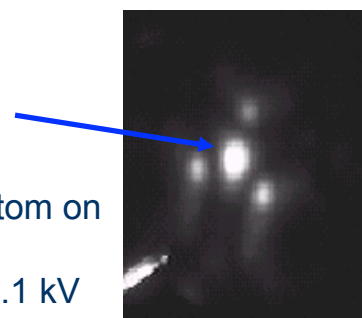
Atomic manipulations in FIM: W(111) tip



Imaging at 5.0 kV
Manipulating at 6.0 kV

In addition:
Field desorption
Field evaporation

Single Au atom on
W(111) tip
imaged at 2.1 kV



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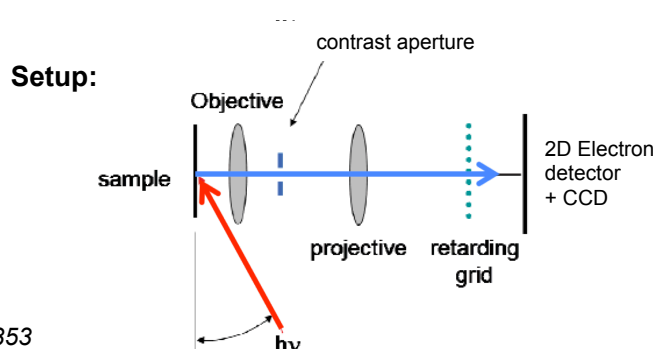
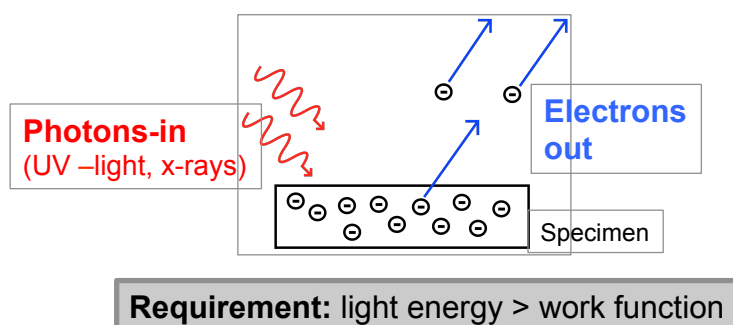
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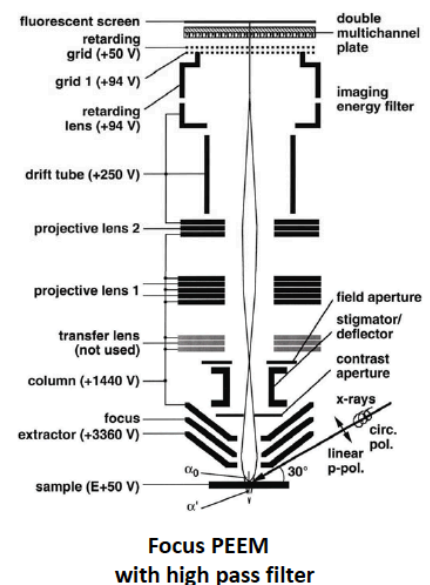
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PEEM = Photo Electron Emission Microscopy

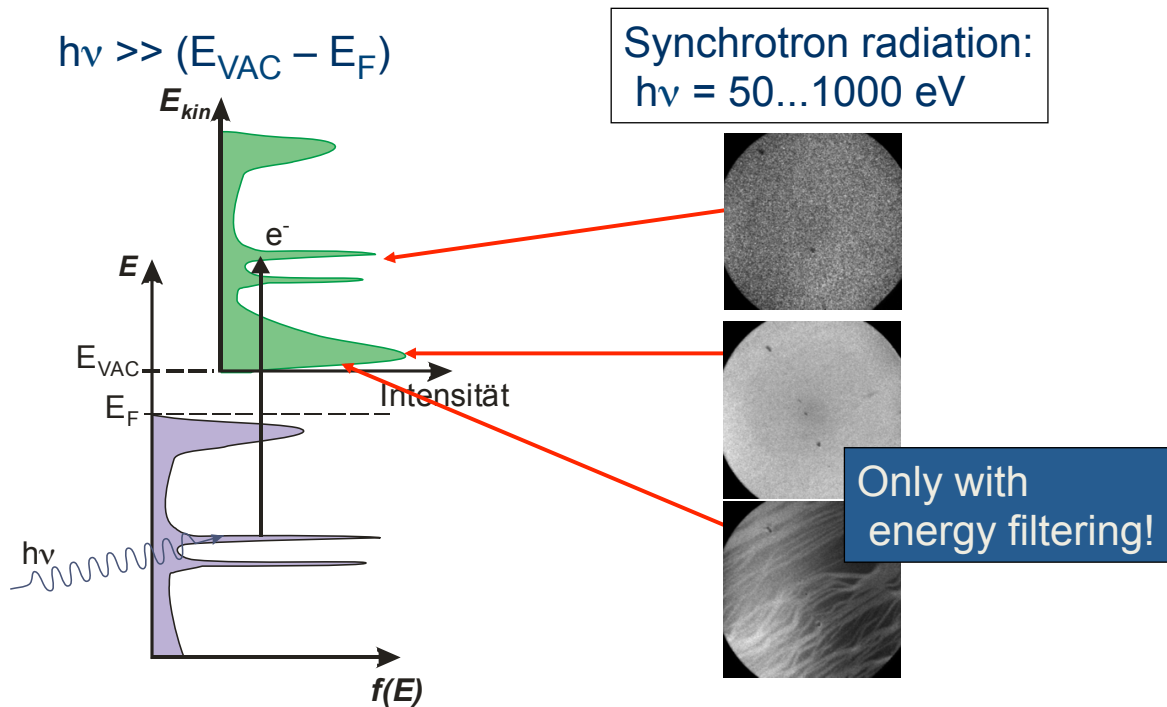
Concept: Photoelectric Effect (Einstein, 1905)



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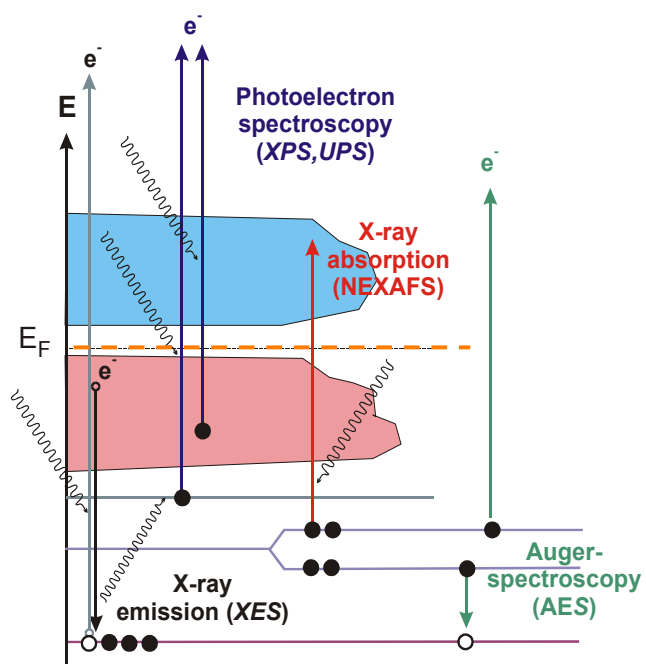
Principle of PEEM/XPEEM



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Appendix: Core-level electron spectroscopies

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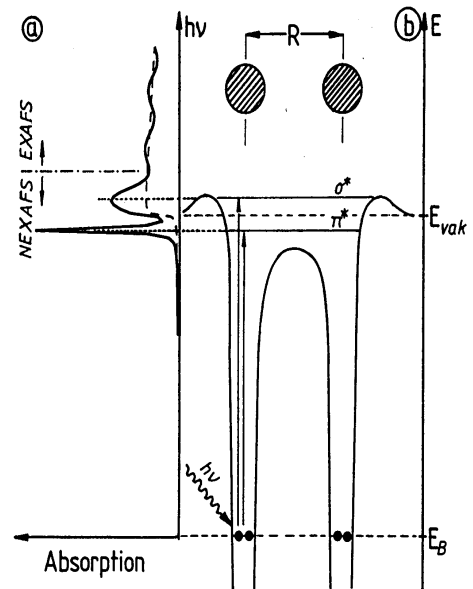
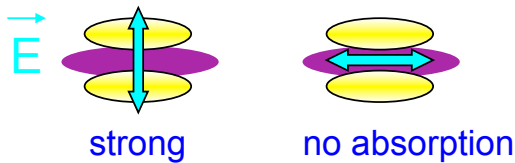
NEXAFS = Near-Edge X-Ray Absorption Fine Structure

core excitation into unoccupied molecular orbitals (π^* -resonances) [LUMO] and into delocalized states (σ^* -resonances)
local chemical probe
→ *chemical bonds*

polarization dependence (*dichroism*)

→ molecular orientation

$$W_{if} \propto |\langle f | \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{e} | i \rangle|^2 \cdot \rho(f)$$



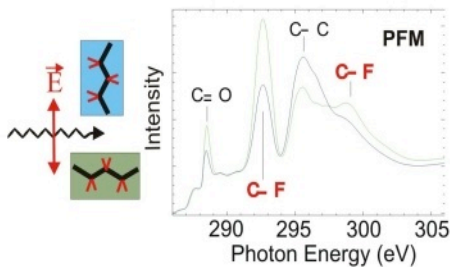
many distinct resonances → model calculations

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Polarization effects in NEXAFS

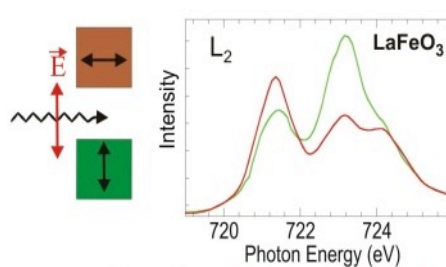
X-ray Linear Dichroism

Stöhr *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **47**, 381 (1981)



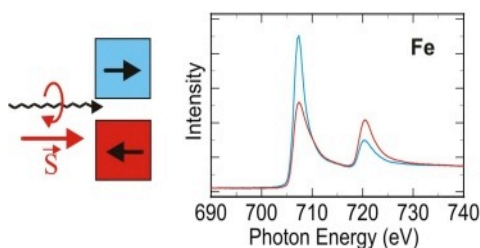
X-ray Magnetic Linear Dichroism

Van der Laan *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B **34**, 6529 (1986)



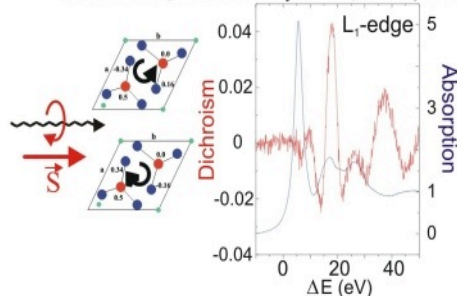
X-ray Magnetic Circular Dichroism

Schütz *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **58**, 737 (1987)



X-ray Natural Circular Dichroism

Goulon *et al.*, J. Chem. Phys. **108**, 6394 (1998)

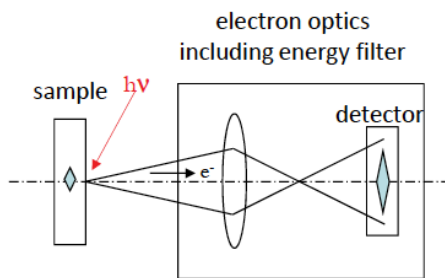


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Taken from: J. Stöhr, Stanford

Method characteristics (PEEM / XPEEM)

X-ray photo emission electron microscopy (XPEEM)



- ❖ Direct imaging, parallel detection
- ❖ Dynamic processes ok!
- ❖ Lateral resolution is determined by electron optics (10-50 nm); with aberration correction: few nm will be possible.
- ❖ Requires smooth sample morphology.
- ❖ Combination with LEEM/LEED
- ❖ Spectroscopic PEEM! Intermediate spectroscopic ability(200 meV).
- ❖ Diffraction imaging possible.
- ❖ Sensitive in plane magnetisation!
- ❖ Vacuum better than $1 \cdot 10^{-5}$ mbar

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Cathode lens in PEEM (LEEM)

1. In emission microscopy θ (emission angle) is large. Electron lenses can accept only small θ because of large chromatic and spherical aberrations
2. Solution of problem: accelerate electrons to high energy before lens \rightarrow Immersion objective lens or cathode lens

$$n \sin\theta = \text{const}$$

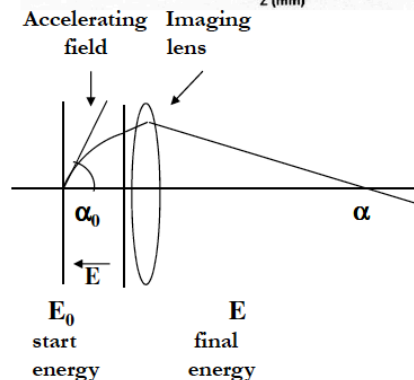
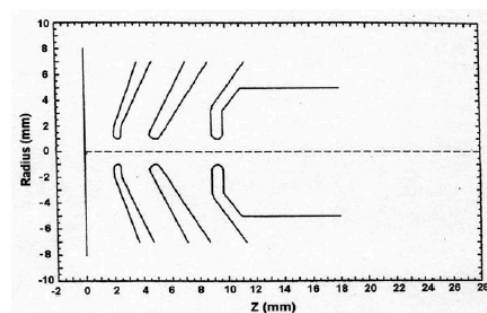
$$n \sim \sqrt{E}$$

$$\theta \rightarrow \alpha$$

$$\sin \alpha / \sin \alpha_0 = \sqrt{E_0/E}$$

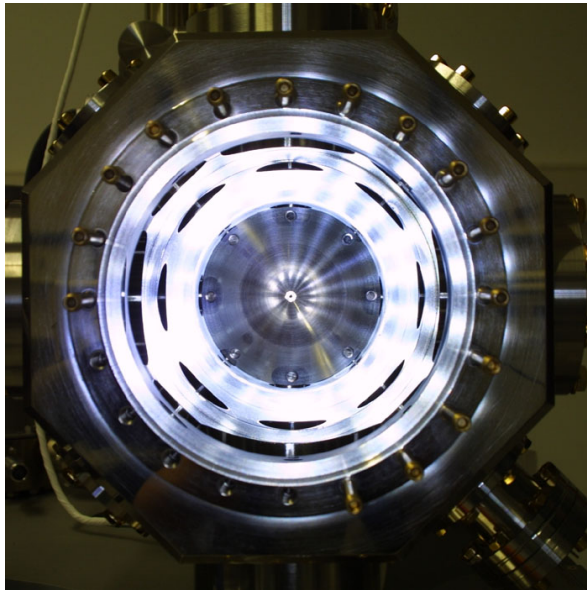
Example for $E = 20000$ eV:

E_0	2 eV	200 eV
α for $\alpha_0 = 45^\circ$	0.4°	4.5°



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Magnetic Lenses



Objective Lens of new S-PEEM in Essen

- **As Lenses for Optics**

- Focal Length

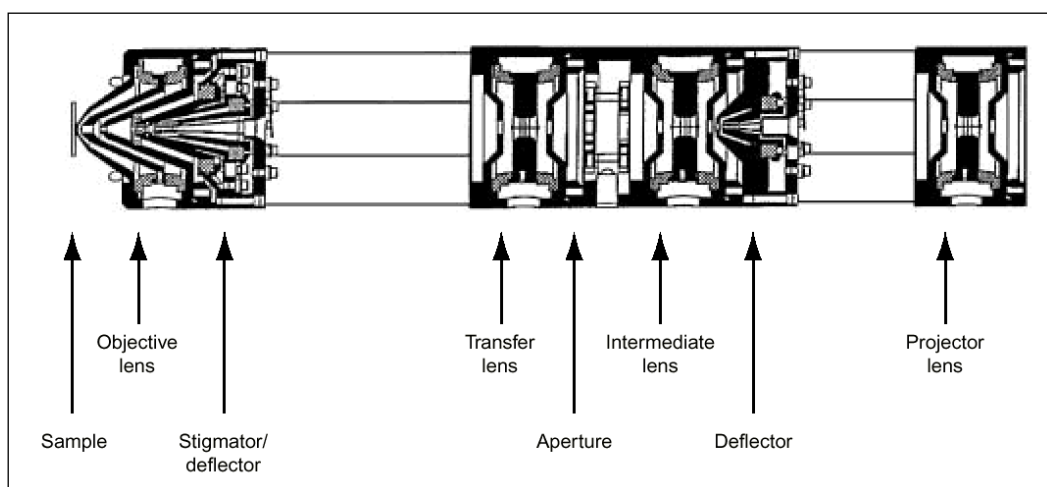
$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{e}{8m_e U} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} B_z^2 dz$$

- **A Few Differences**

- Image Rotation
- Only Convex Lenses

Courtesy of F. Meyer-zu-Heringsdorf,
Univ. Essen-Duisburg
www.leem-user.de

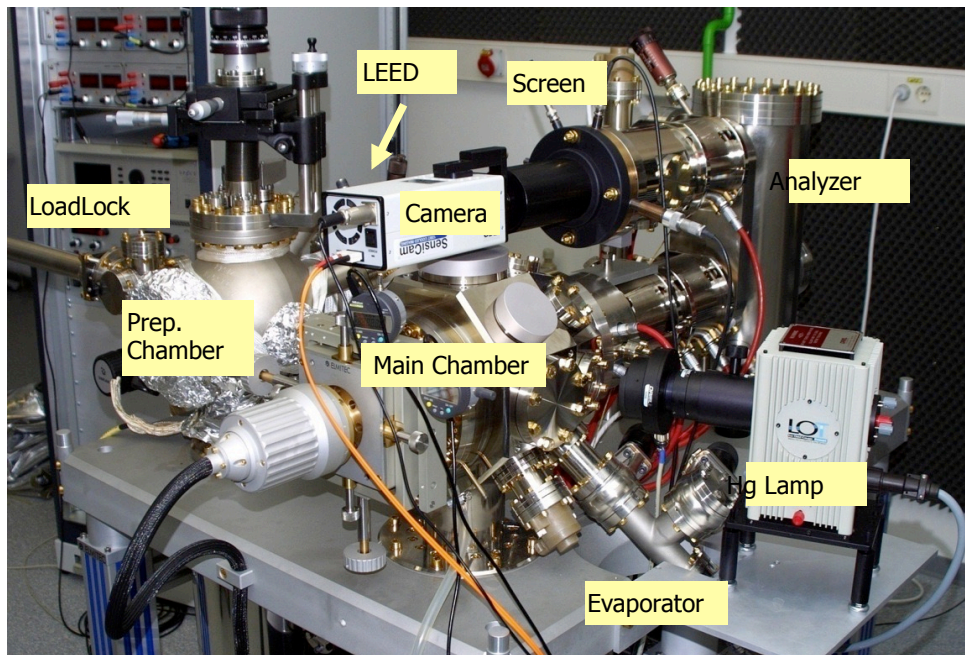
PEEM2, ALS Berkeley, USA (J. Stöhr, S. Anders et al)



Only electrostatic lenses !

from the endstation datasheet BL 7.3.1., ALS, Berkeley, USA, J. Stöhr et al

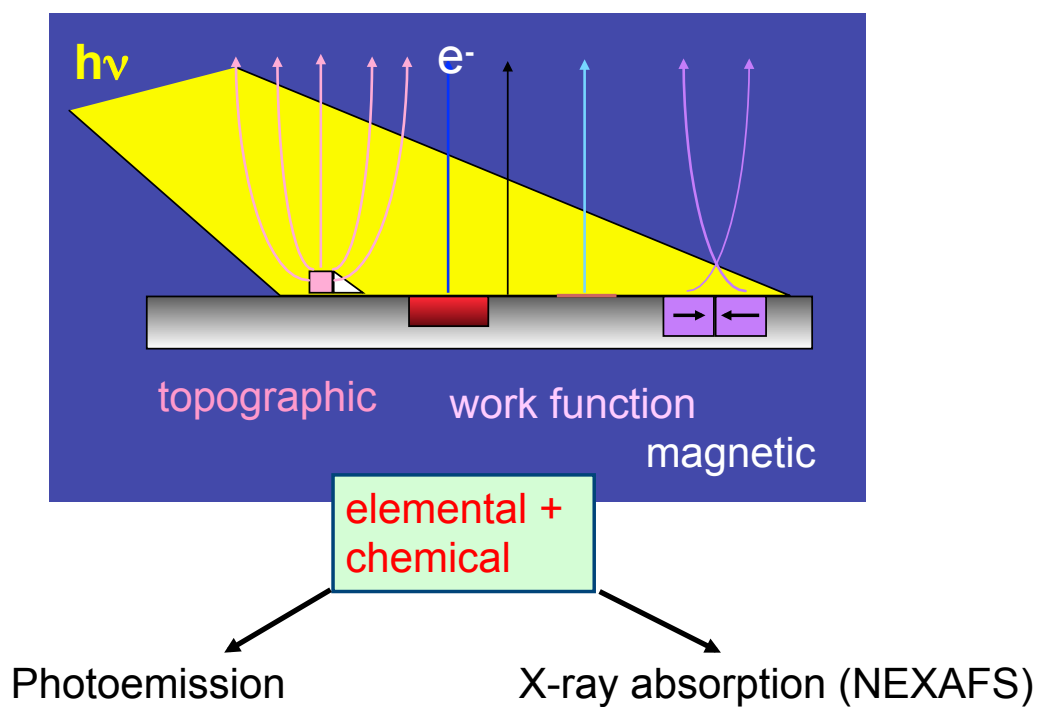
Spectroscopic PEEM (ELMITEC PEEM-III)



- Energy Analyzer
- Preparation Chamber
- LN2 Sample Cooling
- LEED, Auger

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PEEM contrast mechanisms



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Sample requirements for XPEEM

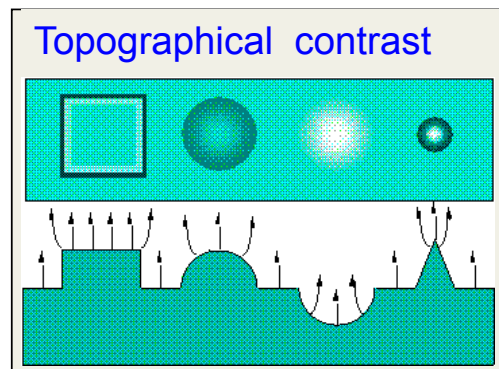
conducting samples (avoids charging !)

conducting substrates

surface roughness crucial

sample size > 8 mm diameter

sample in ultrahigh-vacuum

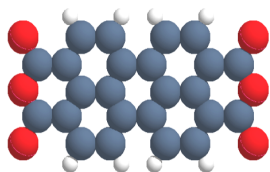


CRUCIAL: extreme high photon flux density → sample degradation

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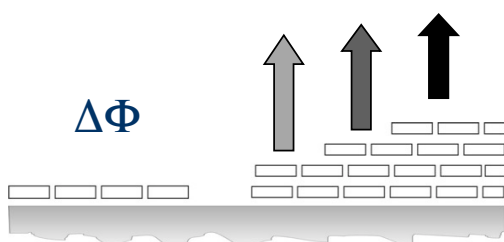
ORGANIC EPITAXY : layer-by-layer growth (1)

PTCDA/Ag(111)

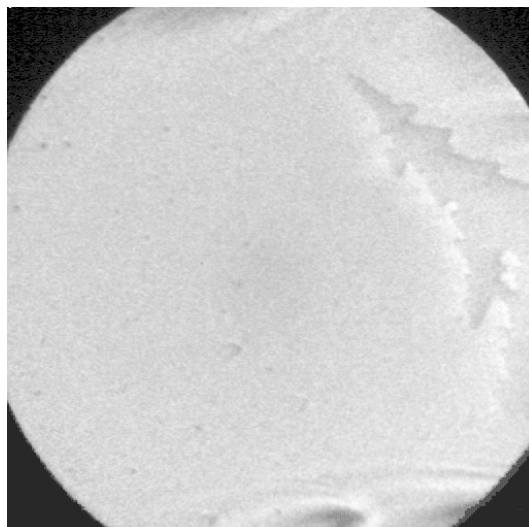


Deposition at **420 K** (0.2 ML/min.)

PEEM-contrast



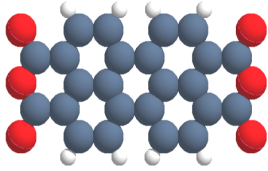
UV-PEEM: field of view $27 \mu\text{m}$



Exp.: Th.Schmidt, H. Marchetto, R.F.

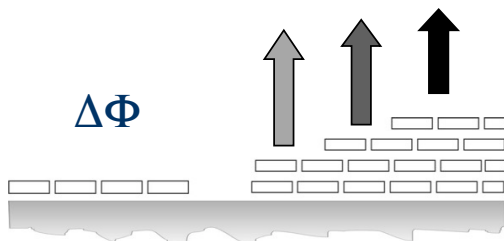
ORGANIC EPITAXY : layer-by-layer growth (2)

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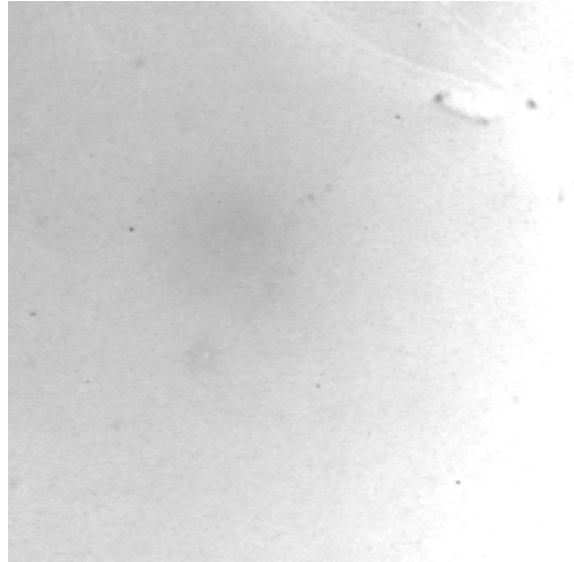


Deposition at **room temperature**
(0.2 ML/min.)

PEEM-contrast

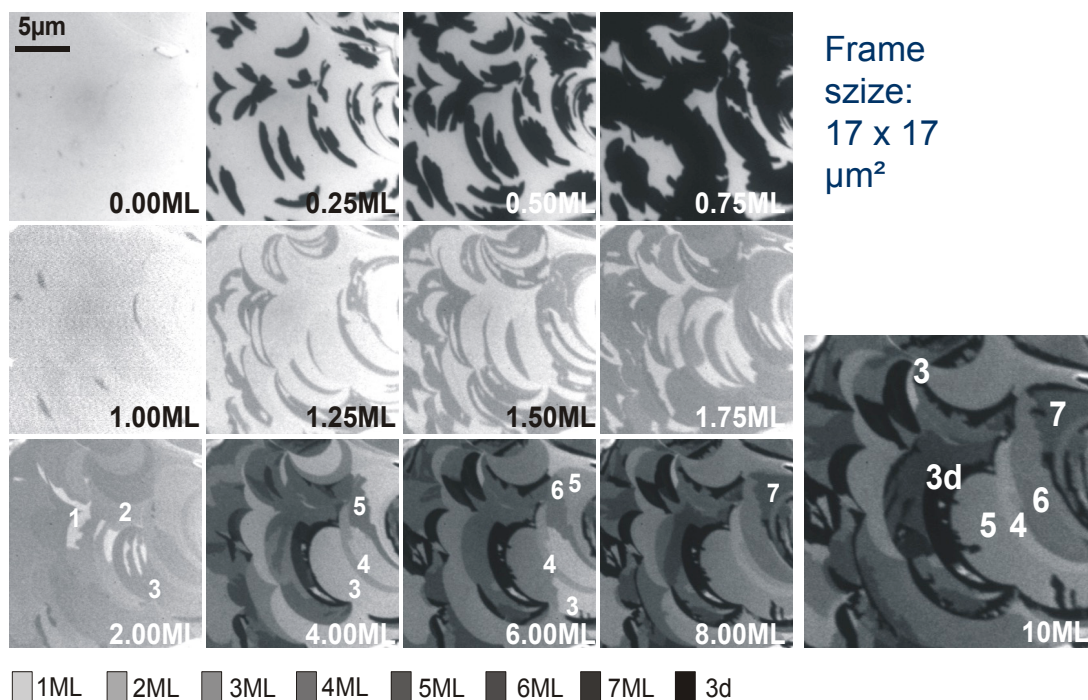


UV-PEEM: field of view 27 μm

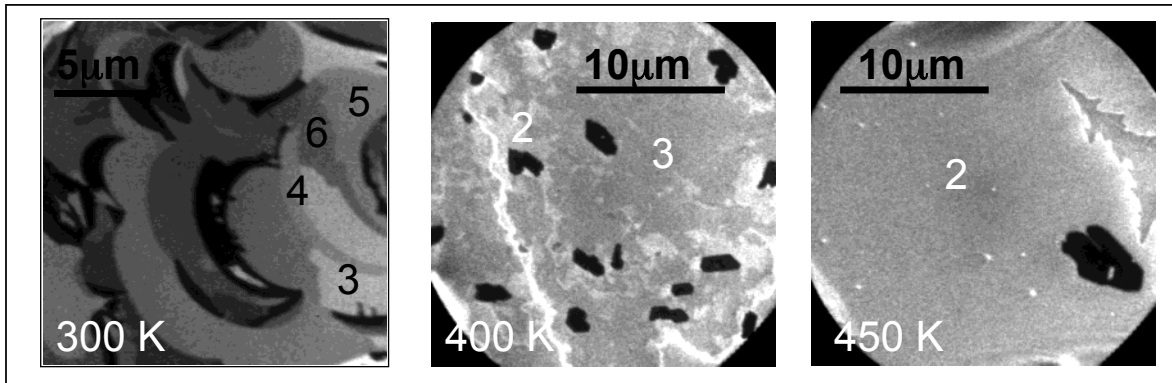


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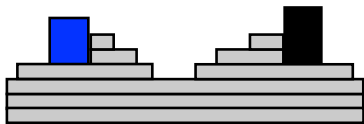
PTCDA - epitaxial growth - PEEM



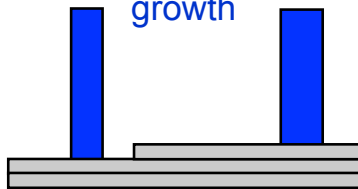
Temperature dependence of growth



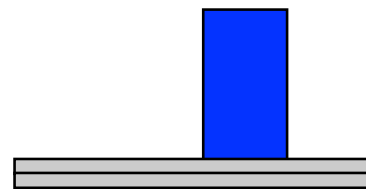
Layer-by-Layer
growth



high nucleation density
growth

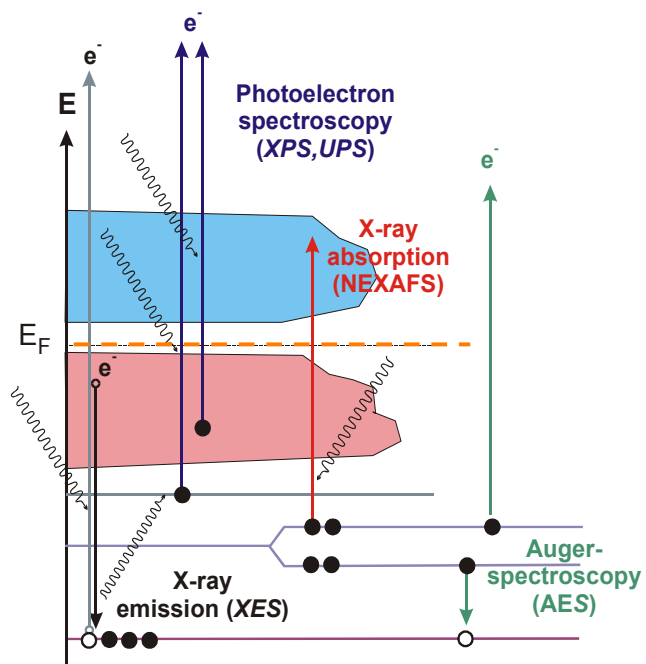


Stranski-Krastanov



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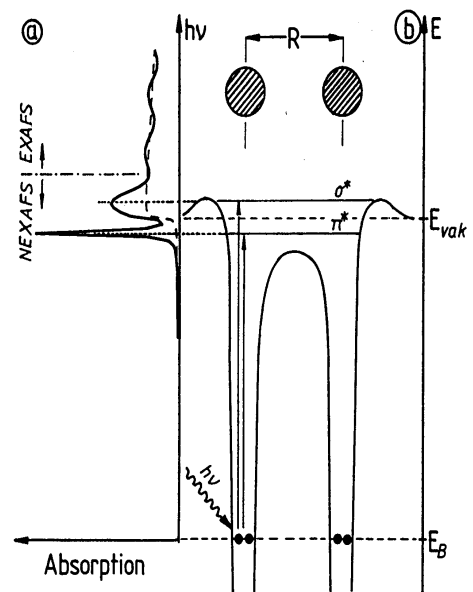
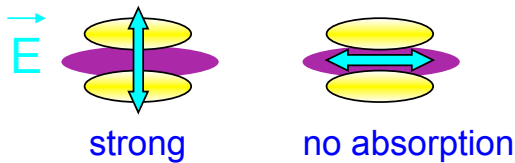
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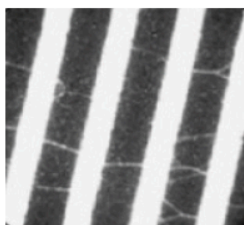
many distinct resonances → **model calculations**

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Properties accessible in XPEEM

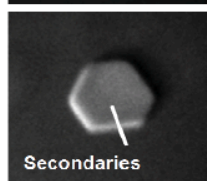
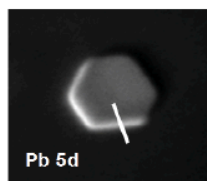
ELEMENTAL COMPOSITION & CHEMICAL STATE

C1s image of SWCN Pb on W110



1 μm

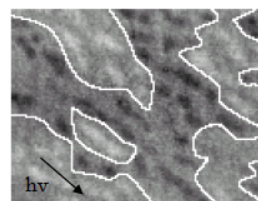
S. Suzuki et al,
J. El. Spec. Rel. Phenom.
357-360, 144 (2005)



500 nm

MAGNETIC STATE using XMCD

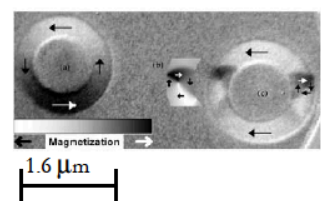
Co nanodots on Si-Ge



Co - L₃ edge

A. Mulders et al,
Phys. Rev. B 71,
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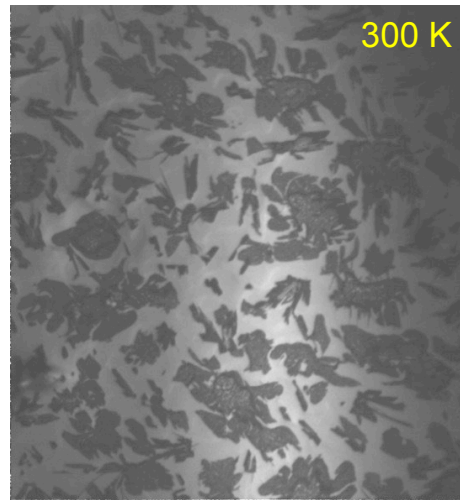
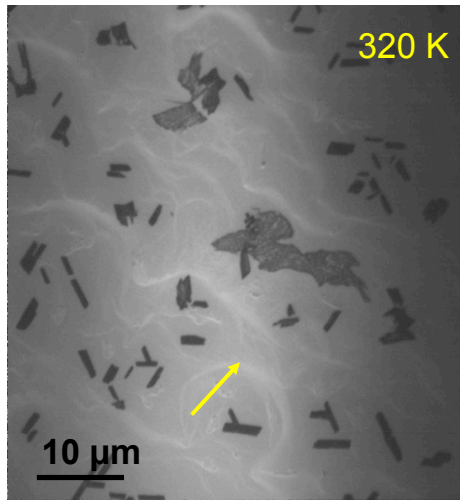
patterned structures



M. Klauwi et al,
Phys. Rev. B 68,
134426 (2003).

Film morphology - XPEEM

NTCDA/Ag(111):



Stranski-Krastanov growth mode (layer-plus-island)

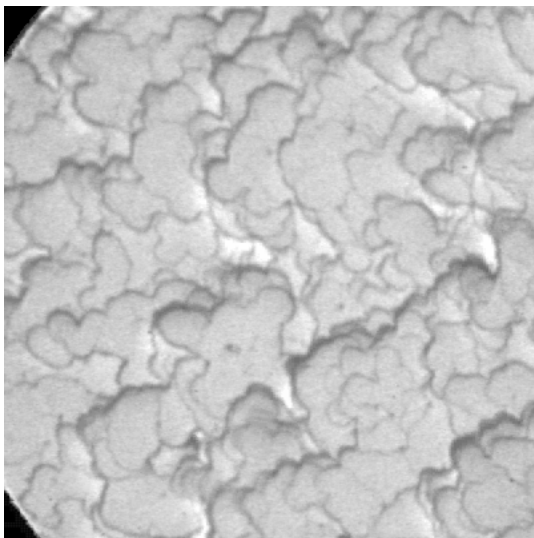
320 K: NTCDA crystallites (upright standing molecules)

300 K: dendritic growth, different island morphology

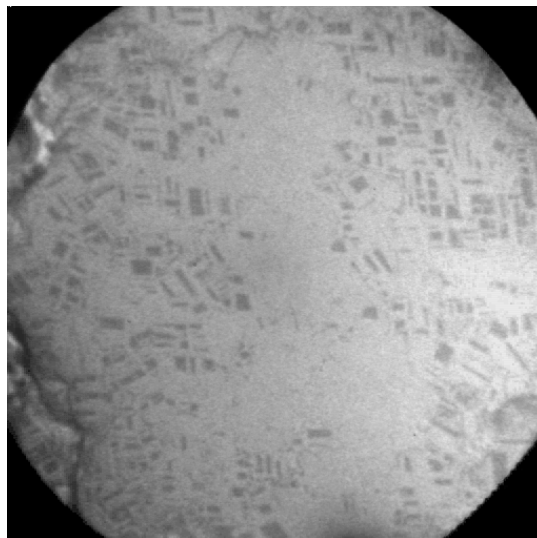
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NTCDA/Ag(111) - in-situ growth (UV-PEEM)

Adsorption



Desorption (thermal annealing)



Photoelectron emission contrast partly due to molecular reorientation:

modification of the surface dipole

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Biomaterials in parrotfish teeth

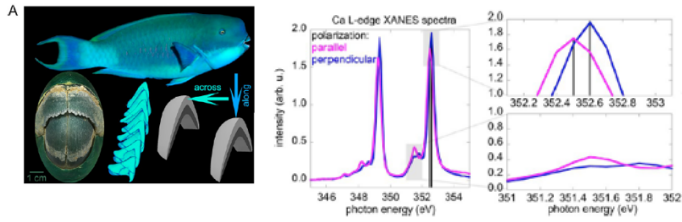


Figure 6. VLM micrograph of embedded and polished parrotfish teeth. The colored squares the $60 \mu\text{m} \times 60 \mu\text{m}$ areas where the PIC maps of Figures 7–9 were acquired.

Nanocrystal orientation from polarization dependent imaging contrast (PIC, linear abs. dichroism)

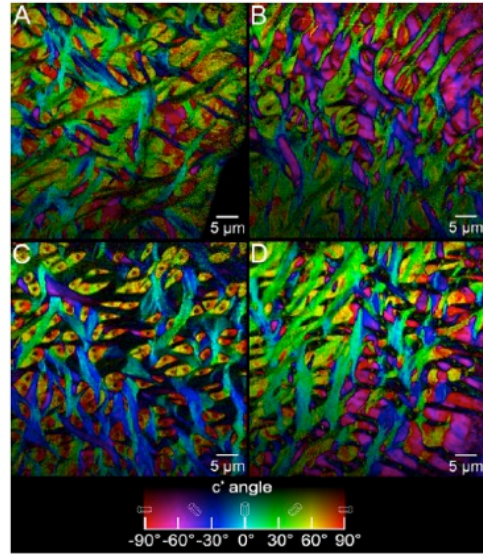
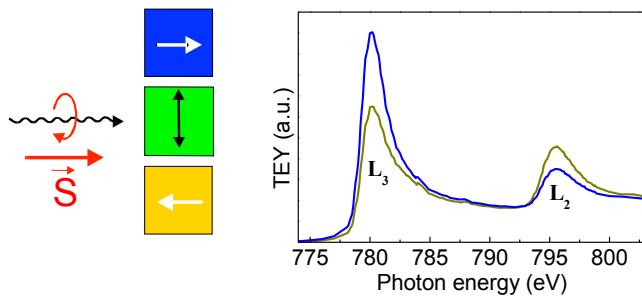


Figure 7. PIC maps showing different fluorapatite crystal sizes and orientations at the biting tips of teeth #1–4 as labeled in Figure 6. Two μm -wide fibers, made of 100 nm wide FAP crystals, are interwoven. The crystal orientations, shown schematically by prisms in the color bar, are as seen in projection perpendicular to the X-ray beam, which comes in from the right, at 30° from the surface.

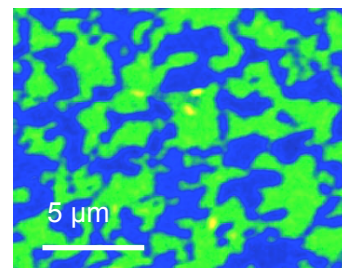
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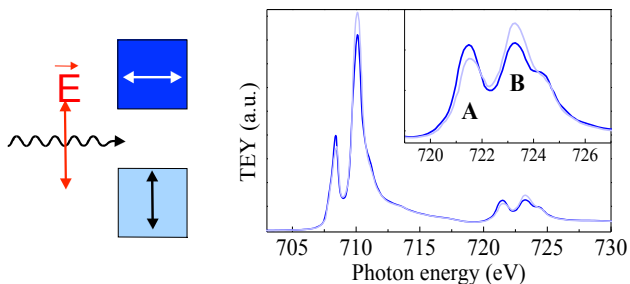
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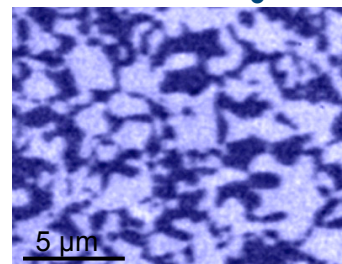
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XMLD (X-ray Magnetic Linear Dichroism)



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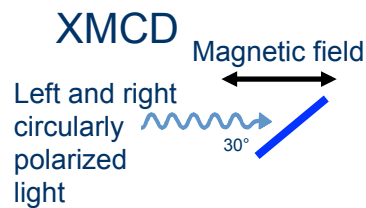
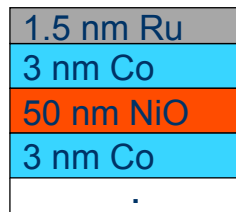


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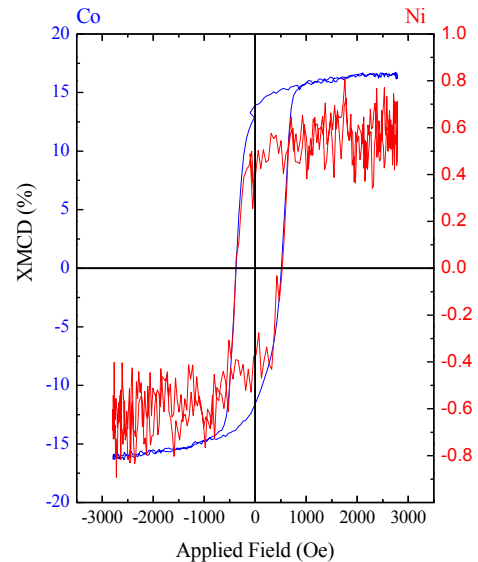
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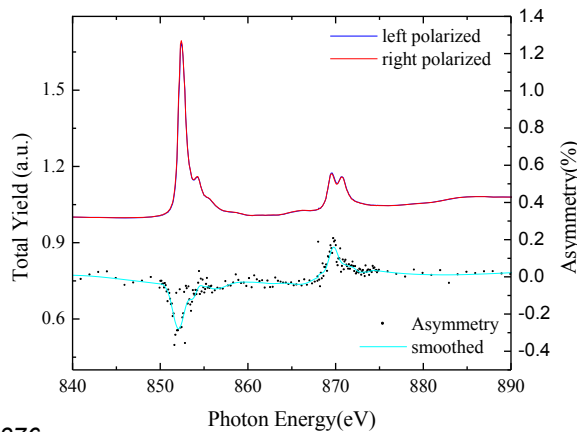


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Hysteresis of Co and NiO



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(X)PEEM: Good points, bad points

- Surface inspection
Chemical composition info available
- Large areas accessible
- In-situ observations
- Informative 3d images
- Aberration correction already available ! (later)

- Only used on conducting samples
- Sample in vacuum
- Edge effects cause image distortions
- Possibility of beam damage due to high photon intensities

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