

# Radiation interaction with matter and energy dispersive x-ray fluorescence analysis (EDXRF)

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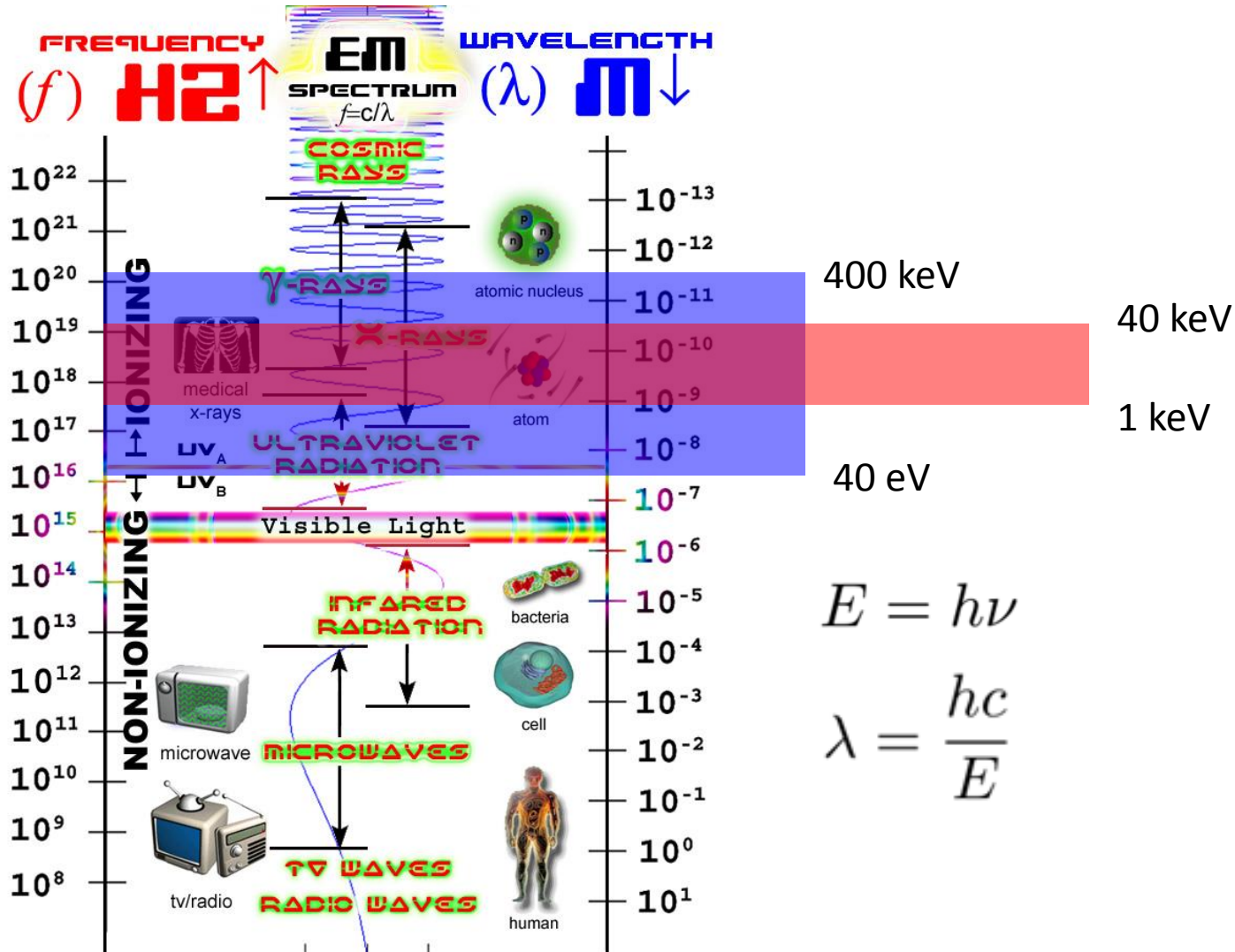
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Caen, France

Wave – particle duality	Planck / Einstein	De Broglie
<b>x-rays photons</b>	electromagnetic radiation 0 rest mass $c = \lambda\nu$	$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$
<b>neutrons</b>	neutral particles 1.675E-27 kg 939.6 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	$E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{p^2}{2m}$ $\lambda = \frac{h}{mv}$
<b>electrons</b>	charged particles 9.11E-31 kg 511.0 keV/c <sup>2</sup>	$E_k = eV = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{p^2}{2m}$ $\lambda = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2meV}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{eV}{2mc^2}}}$

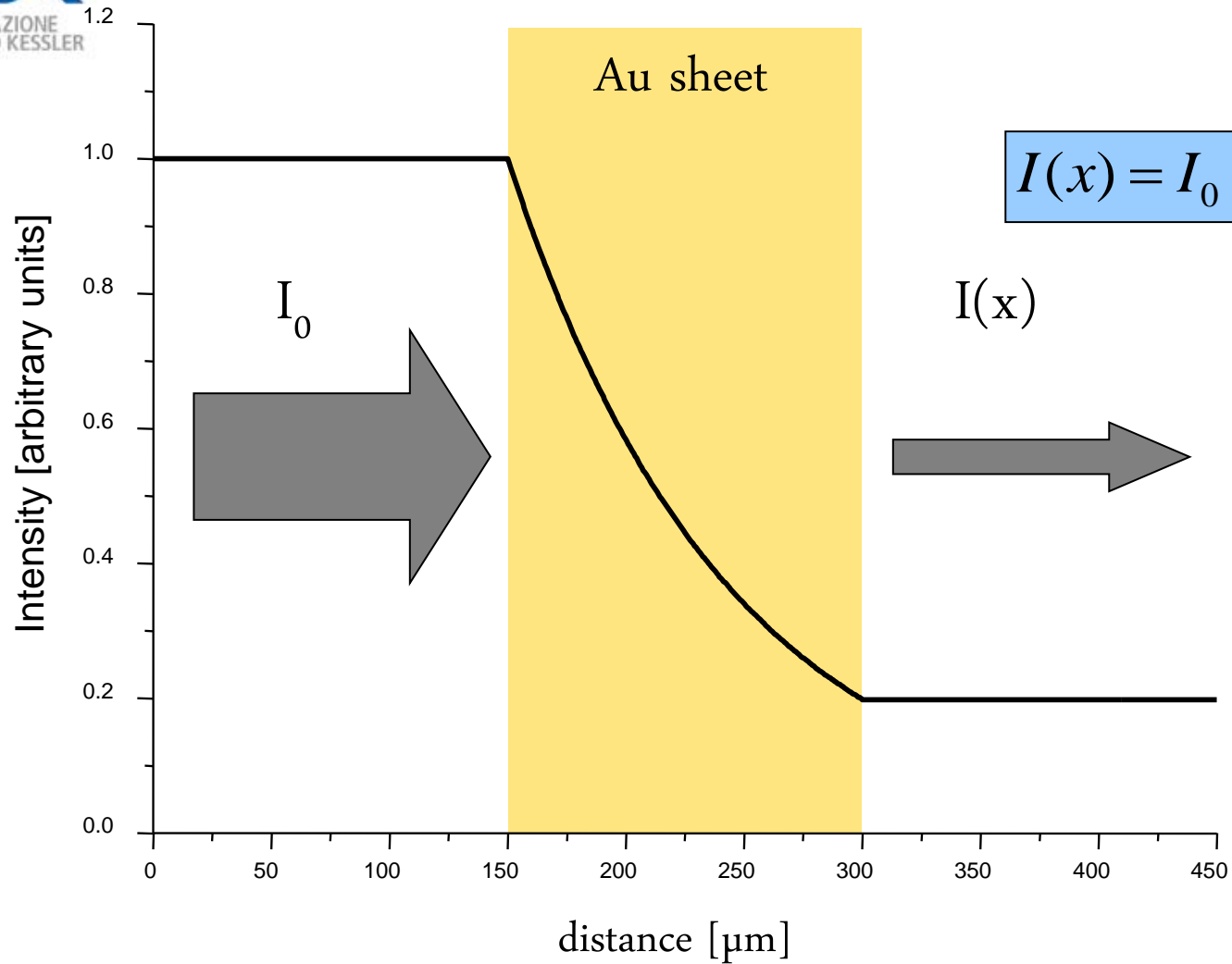
	<b>interaction type</b>	<b>interaction partners</b>
<b>x-rays photons</b>	dipole	electrons atoms/electrons
<b>neutrons</b>	strong force magnetic neutron capture	nuclei unpaired electrons nuclei
<b>electrons</b>	Coulomb force	electrons, nuclei

		energy	wavelength	velocity	temperature
<b>x-rays photons</b>	CuKa1	8.048 keV	1.54 Å		
	MoKa1	17.479 keV	0.71 Å		
<b>neutrons</b>	thermal	25 meV	1.8 Å	2200 m/s	293.6 K
	cold	6.6 meV	3.5 Å	1127 m/s	77 K
<b>electrons</b>	SEM	20 keV	0.122 Å		
	TEM	200 keV	0.025 Å		

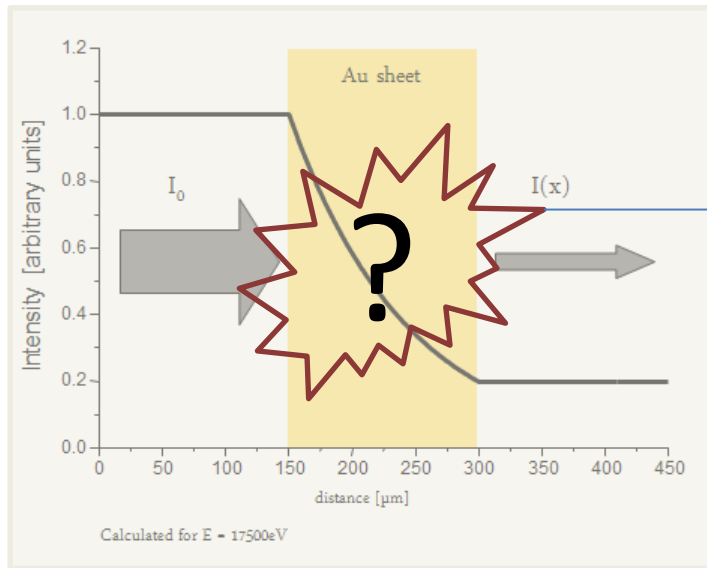
# Radiation – x-rays (photons) , neutrons, electrons



# Radiation – attenuation - Beer Lambert law



Calculated for X-Rays  $E = 17500\text{eV}$

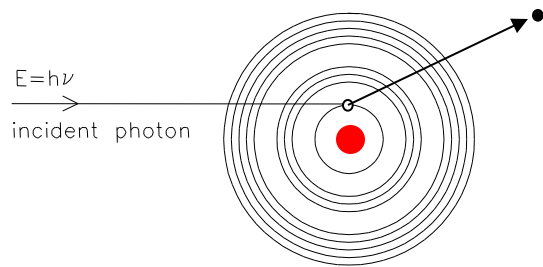


Scattering  
(elastic, inelastic)  
Absorption

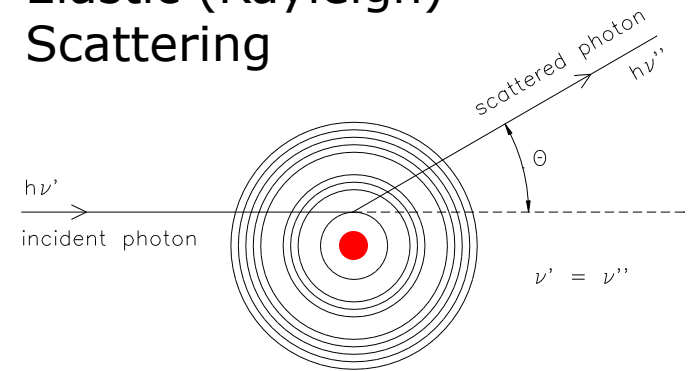
$$I(x) = I_0 \exp(-\mu x)$$

$$\mu = \mu_a + \mu_s$$

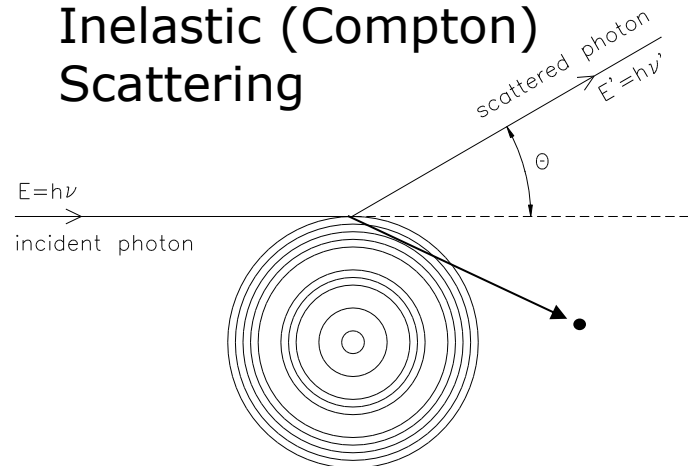
## Photoelectric absorption



## Elastic (Rayleigh) Scattering



## Inelastic (Compton) Scattering

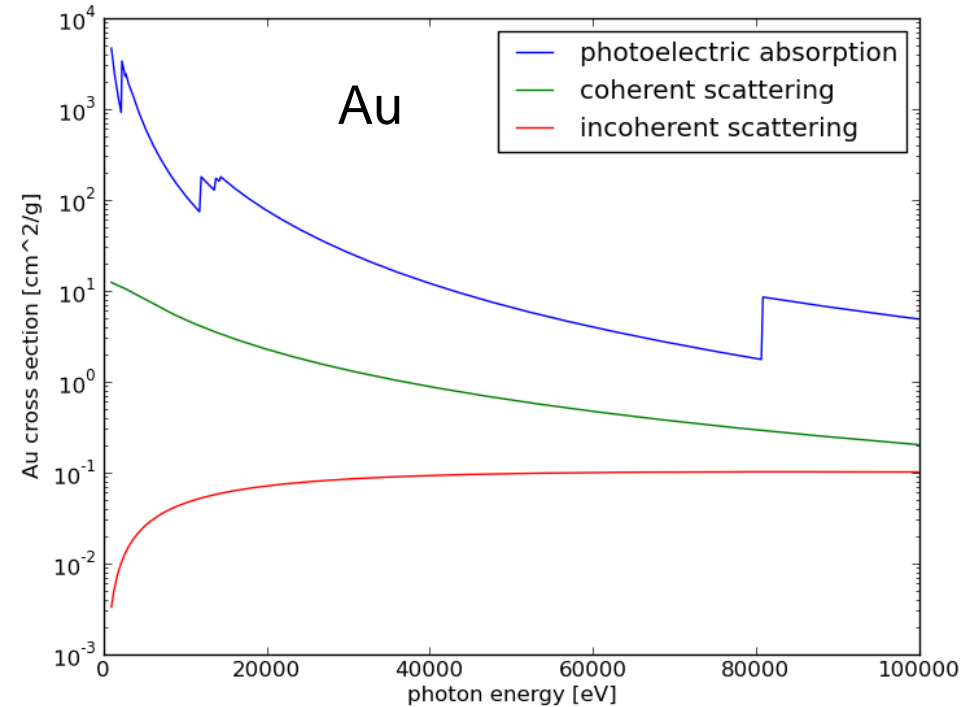
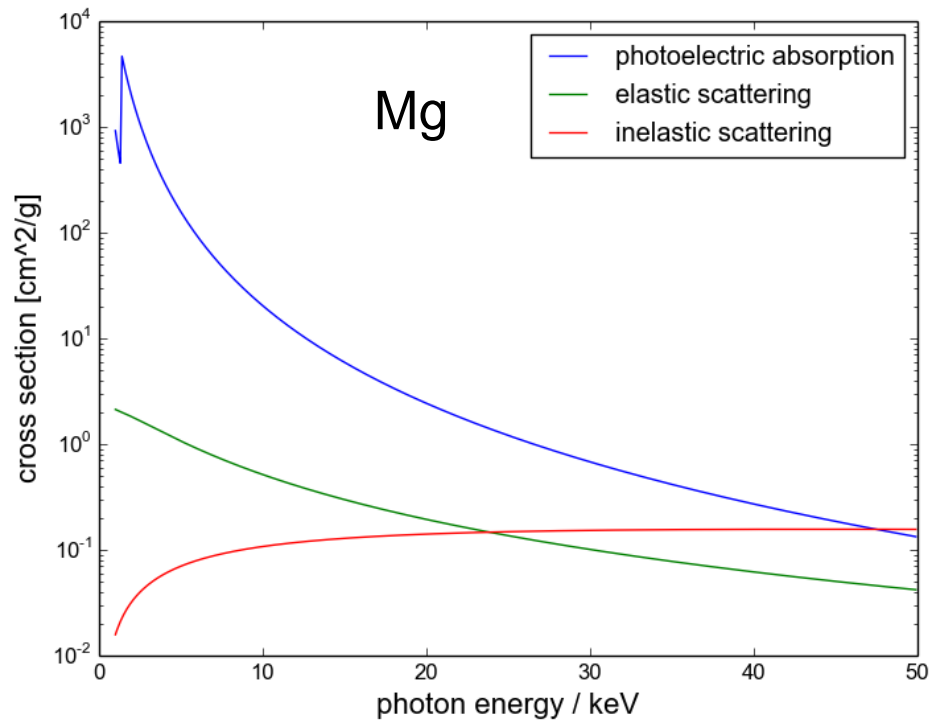




# X-Rays cross section magnitude

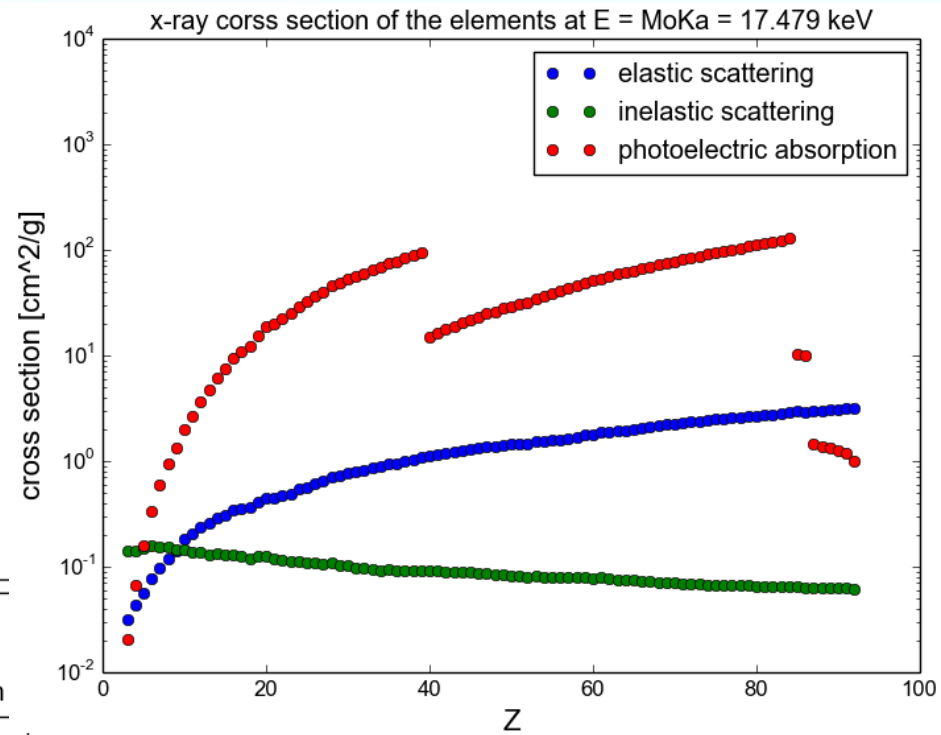
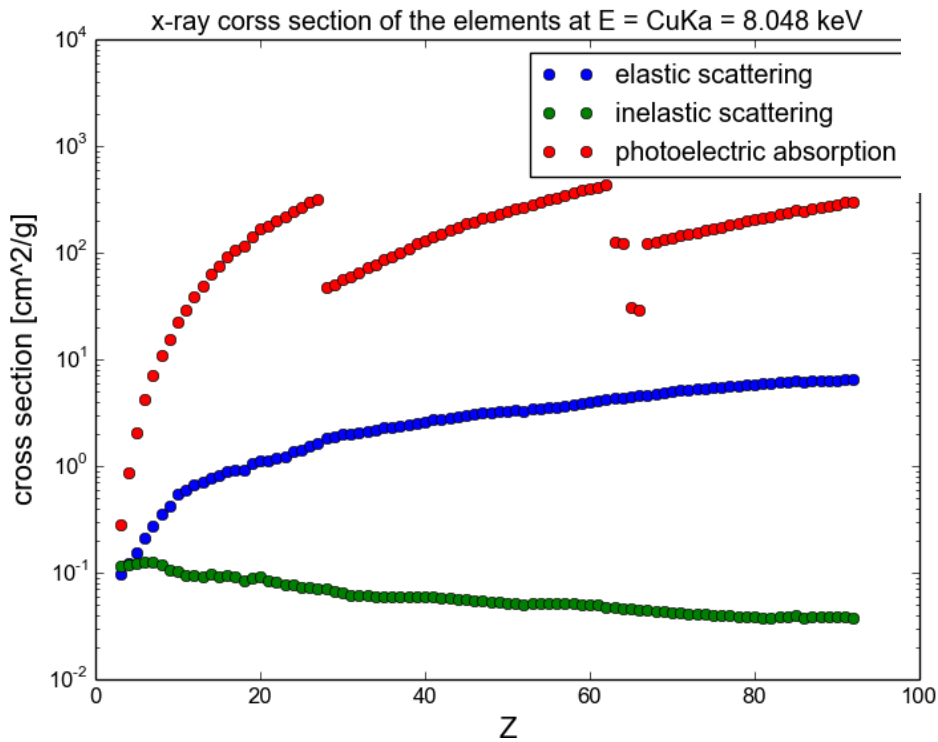
$$I(x) = I_0 \exp(-\mu x)$$

$$\mu = \sigma_c + \sigma_i + \tau$$

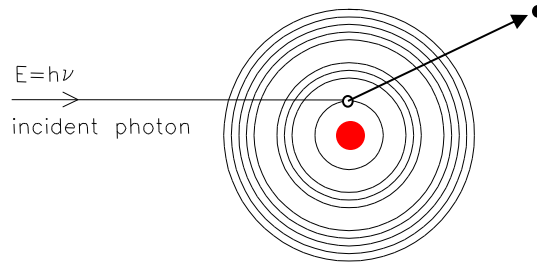


data from:

H. Ebel, R. Svagera, M. F. Ebel, A. Shaltout and J. H. Hubbell,  
**Numerical description of photoelectric absorption coefficients for fundamental parameter programs,**  
**X-Ray Spectrometry, 32, 442–451 (2003)**



# Atomic binding energies, electron energy levels

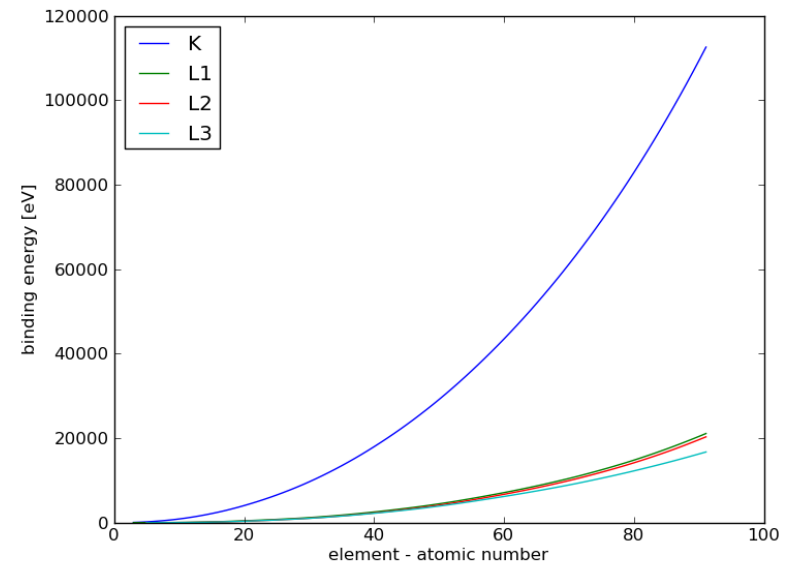
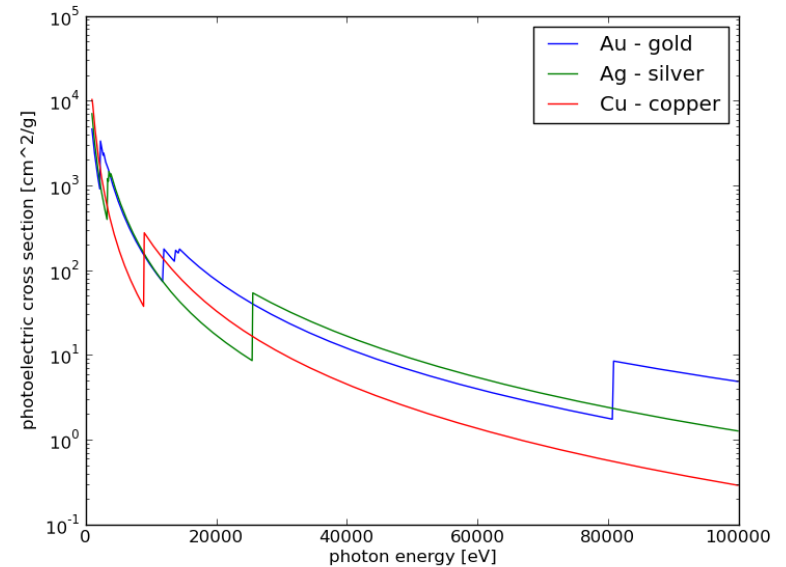


Absorption edges  
Electron energy levels  
Shells

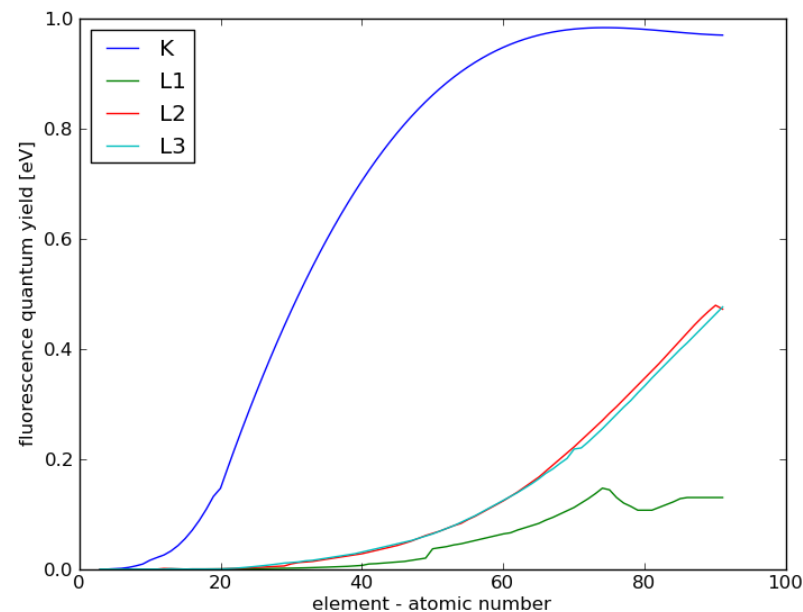
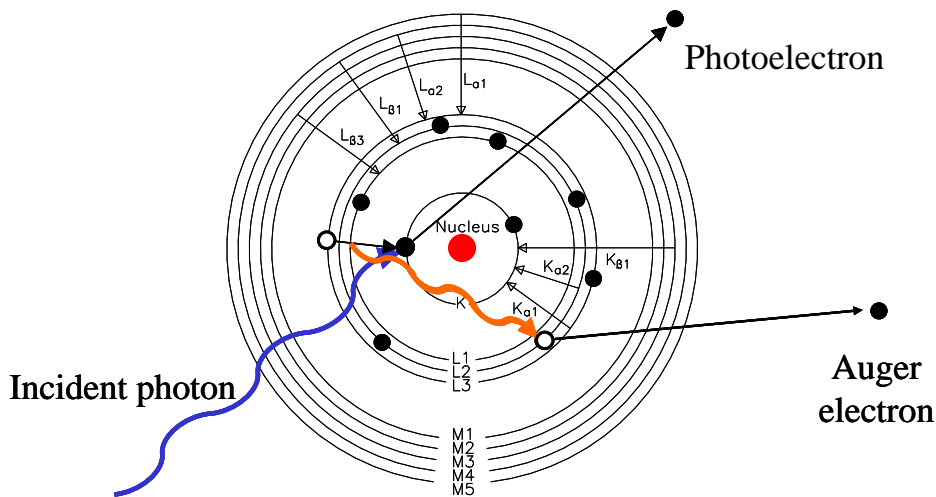
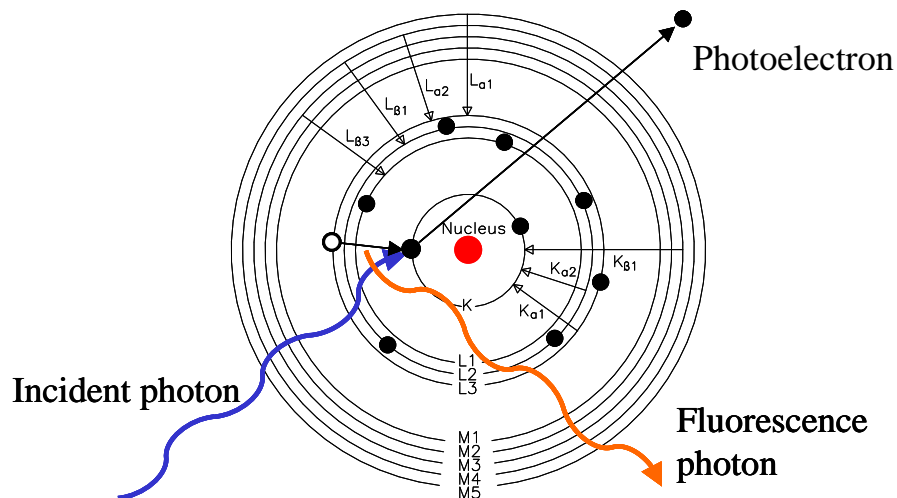
shell	n	l	j	spin sign	max number of electrons
K	1	0	0.5	1	2
L1	2	0	0.5	1	2
L2	2	1	0.5	-1	2
L3	2	1	1.5	1	4
M1	3	0	0.5	1	2
M2	3	1	0.5	-1	2
M3	3	1	1.5	1	4
M4	3	2	1.5	-1	4
M5	3	2	2.5	1	6

Z	shell	energy_eV	jump	level_width_eV
79	K	80724.9	4.874	52.1
79	L1	14352.8	1.15567	9.8
79	L2	13733.6	1.4	5.53
79	L3	11918.7	2.55	5.54
79	M1	3424.9	1.04	15.0
79	M2	3147.8	1.058	9.5
79	M3	2743.0	1.15776	8.5
79	M4	2291.1	1.07	2.18
79	M5	2205.7	1.092	2.18

[www.txrf.org/xraydata](http://www.txrf.org/xraydata)



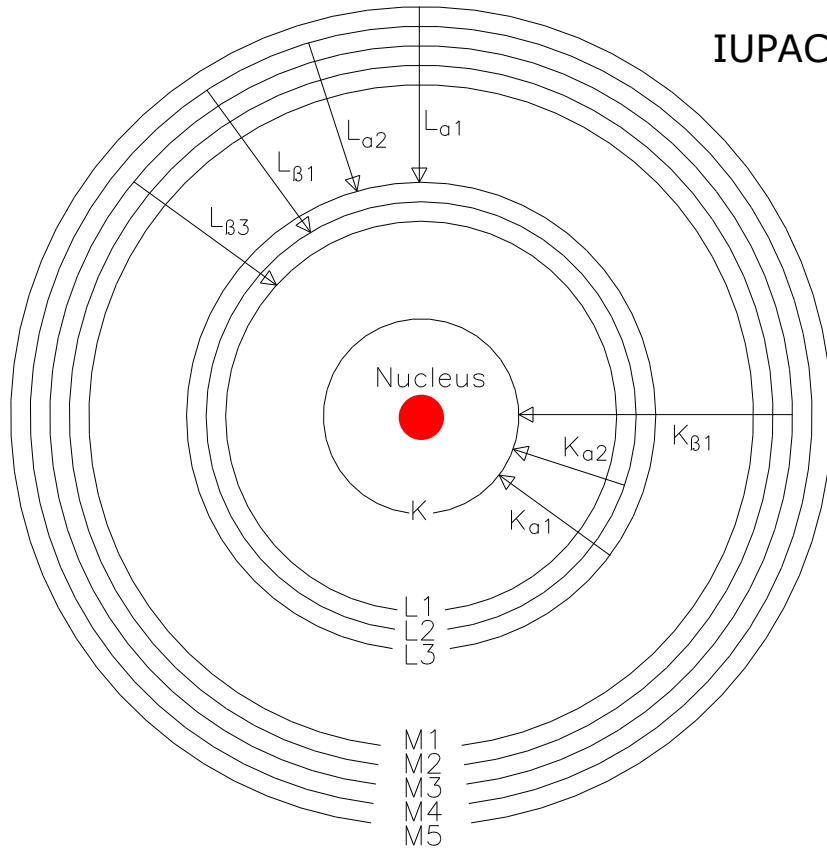
# Secondary effects – fluorescence vs Auger



data from:  
M. O. Krause,  
J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data 8 (1979) 307

Siegbahn = Manne Siegbahn (swedish physicist)  
Nobel Prize in Physics in 1924

IUPAC = International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry

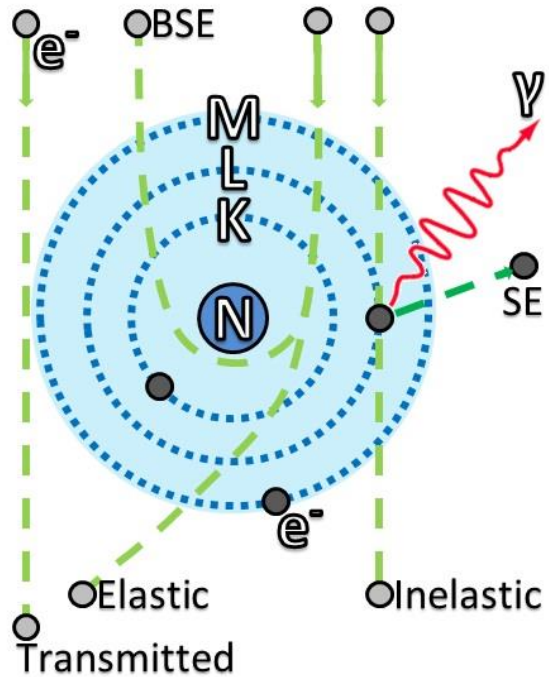


Siegbahn	IUPAC	Siegbahn	IUPAC
$K\alpha_1$	K-L3	$L\alpha_1$	L3-M5
$K\alpha_2$	K-L2	$L\alpha_2$	L3-M4
$K\beta_1$	K-M3	$L\beta_1$	L2-M4
$K\beta_2$	K-N2,N3	$L\beta_2$	L3-N5
$K\beta_3$	K-M2	$L\beta_3$	L1-M3
		$L\beta_4$	L1-M2

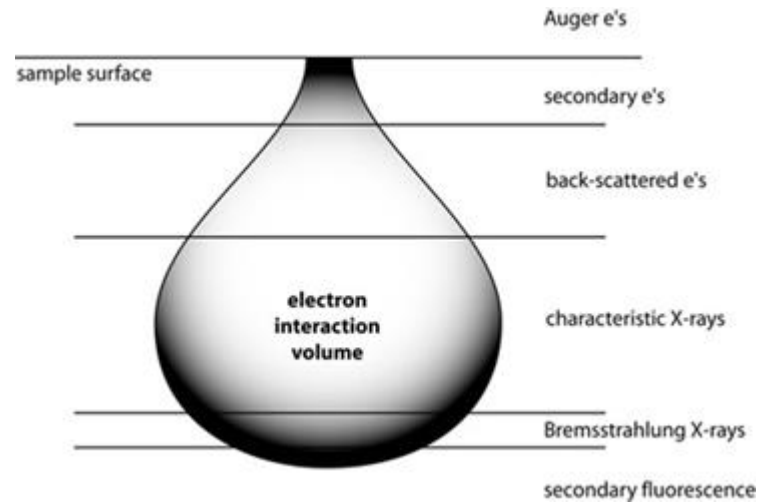
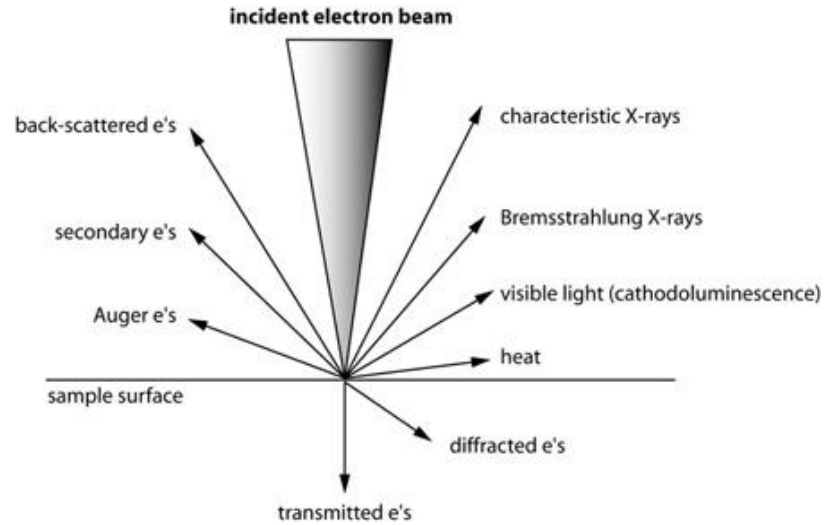
## Germanium

Line	Energy [keV]	Probability
$K\alpha_1$	9.887	0.57380
$K\alpha_2$	9.856	0.29550
$K\beta_1$	10.983	0.08470
$K\beta_2$	11.103	0.00280
$K\beta_3$	10.978	0.04320

# Electrons interaction with matter

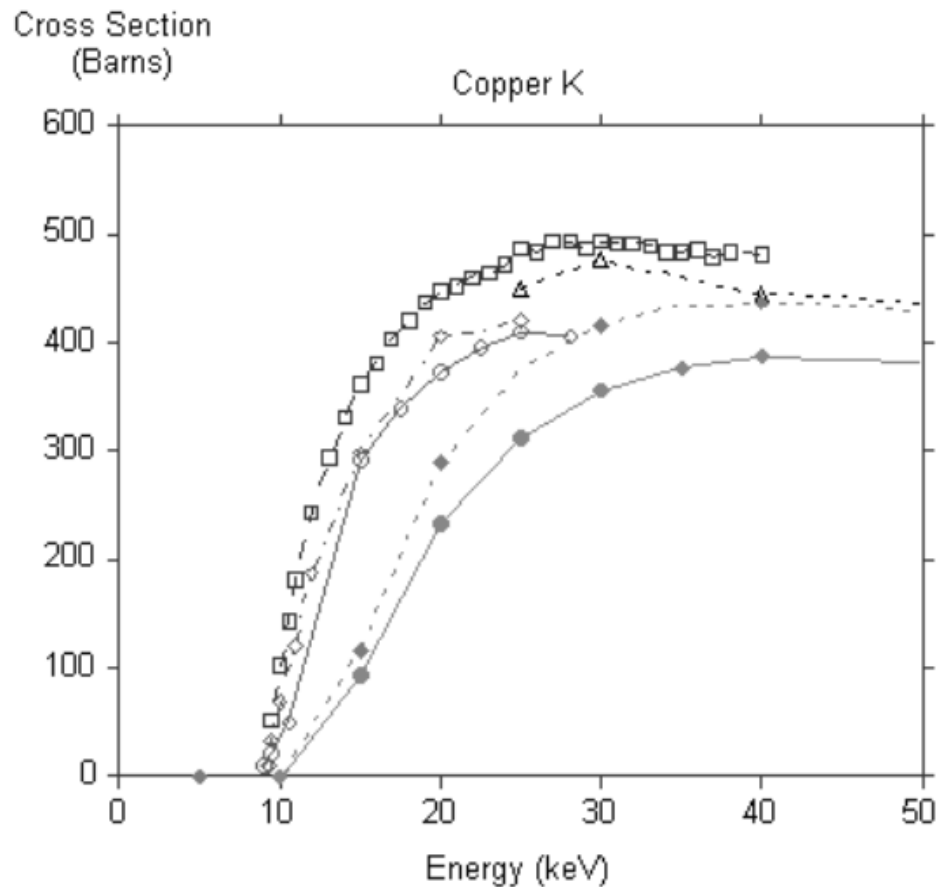
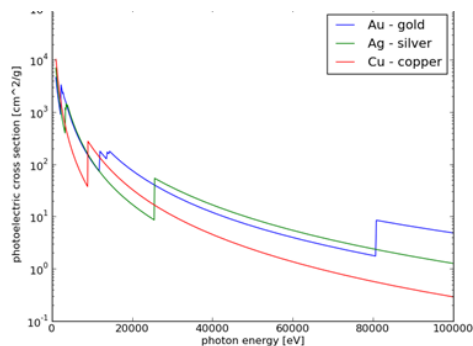
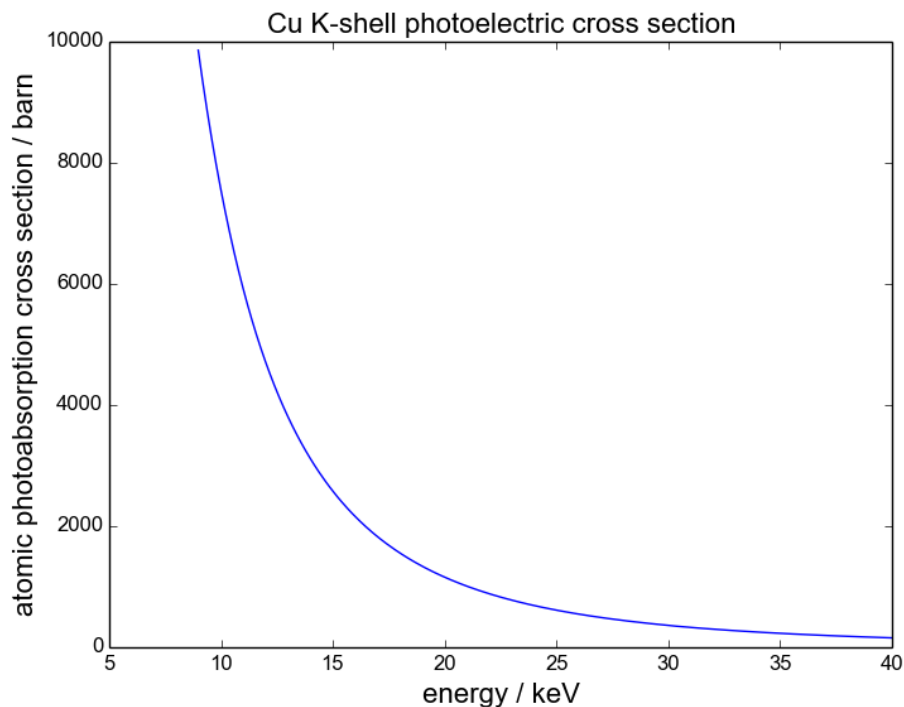


- Beam Electron
- Atomic Shell Electron
- Electron Cloud
- Beam Electron Path
- Secondary Electron Path
- Characteristic X-Ray



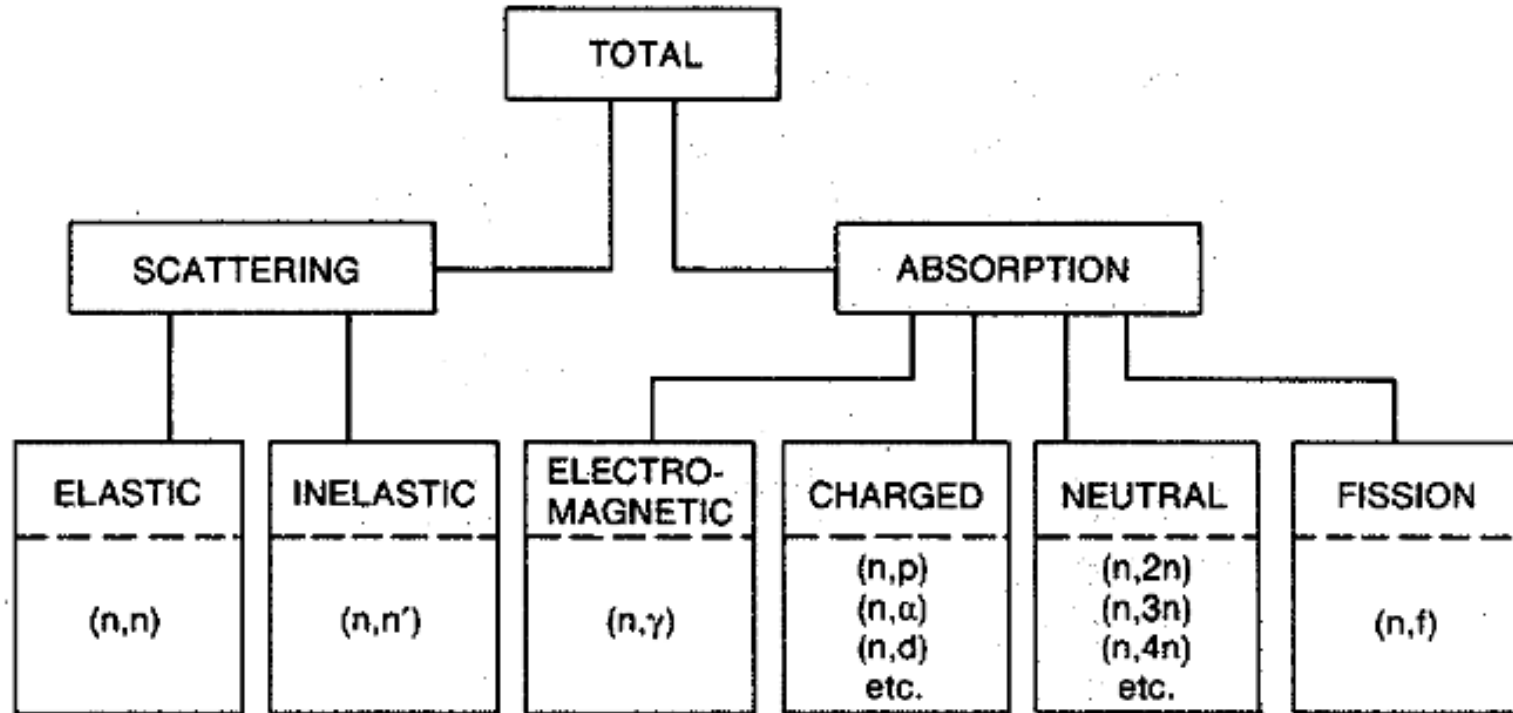
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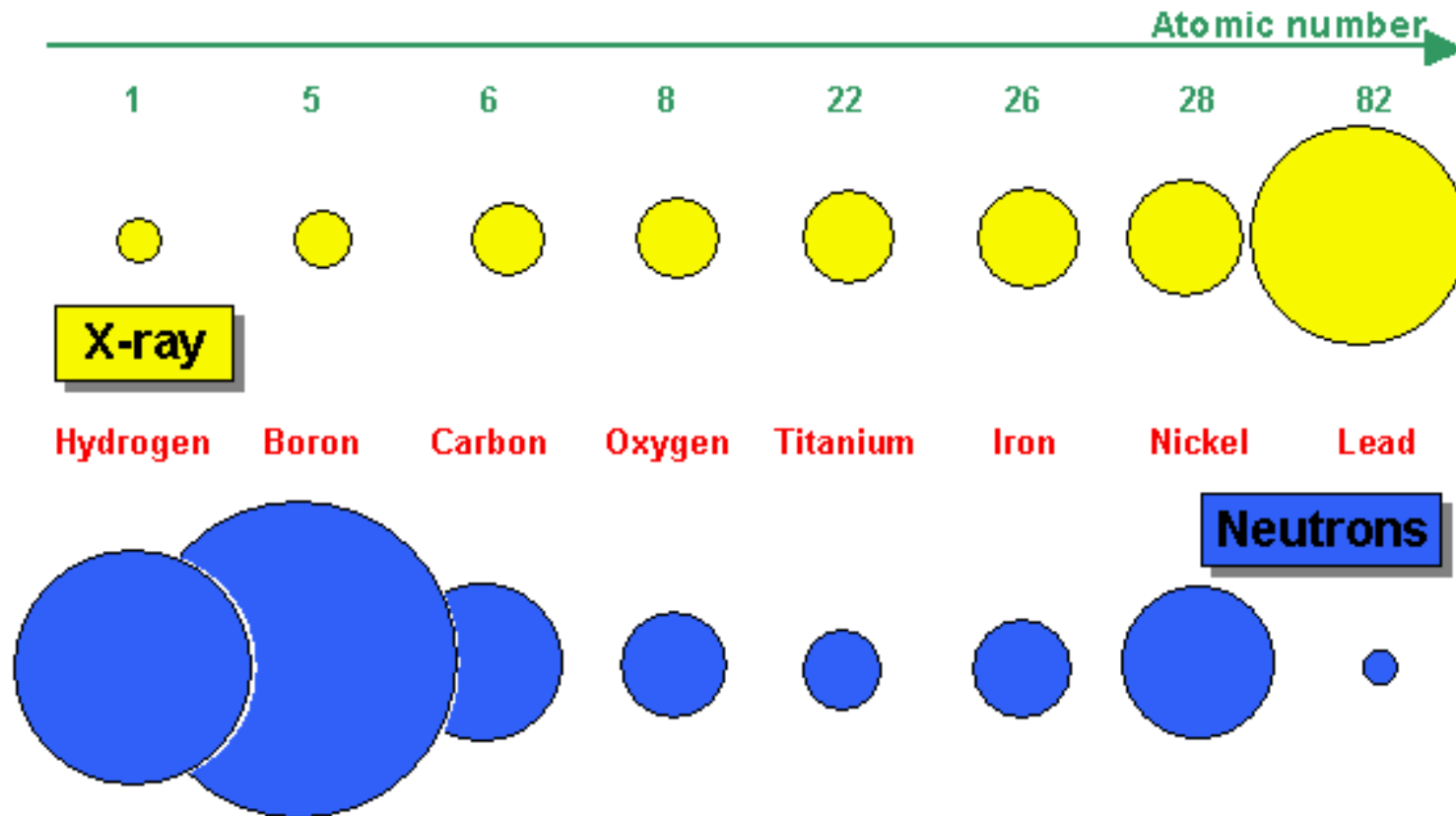


**Fig. 12.2** *Various categories of neutron interactions. The letters separated by commas in the parentheses show the incoming and outgoing particles.*

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# Cross section : x-rays vs neutrons



<https://www.psi.ch/niag/comparison-to-x-ray>

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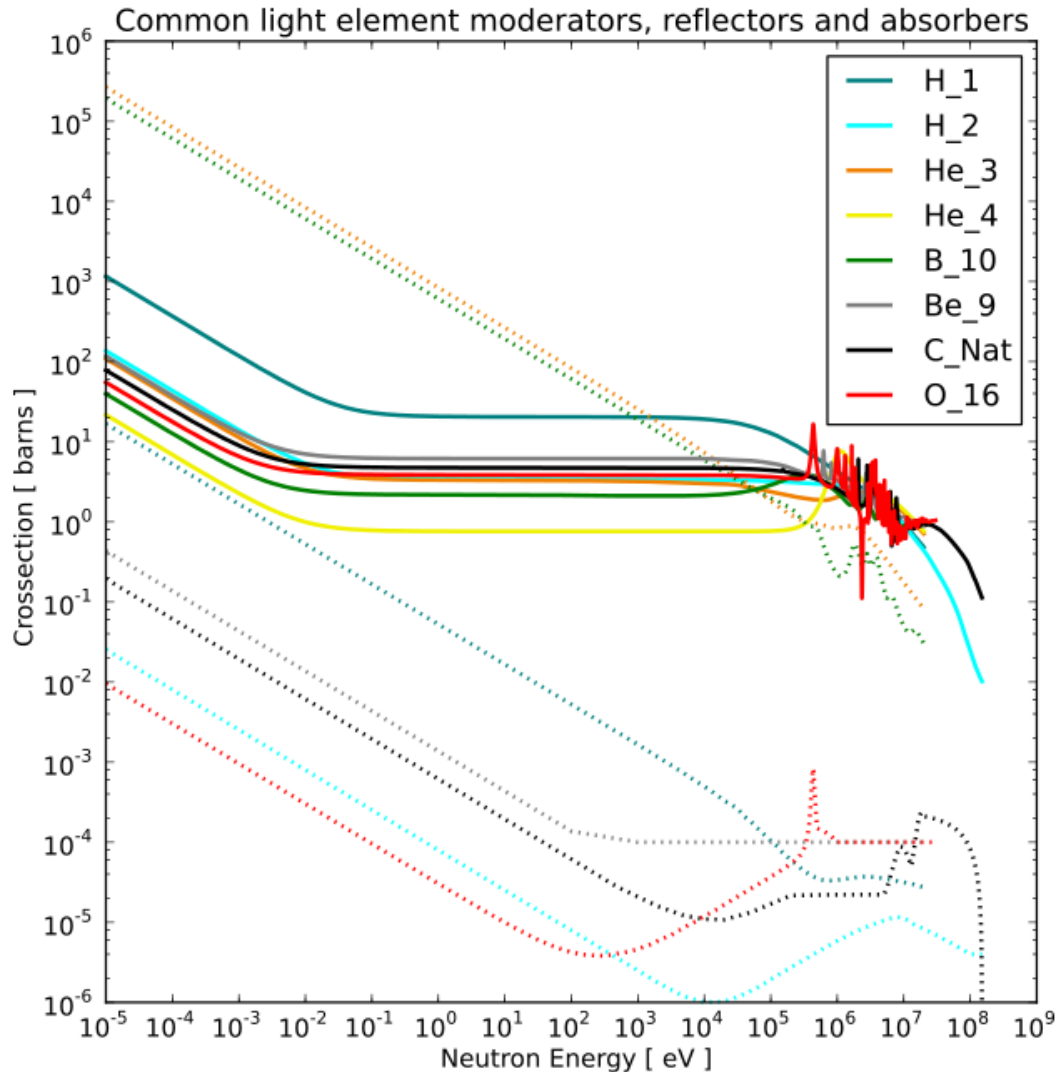
Attenuation coefficients for thermal neutrons [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]

1a	2a	3b	4b	5b	6b	7b	8				1b	2b	3a	4a	5a	6a	7a	0
H																		He
3.44																		0.02
Li	Be												B	C	N	O	F	Ne
3.30	0.79												101.60	0.56	0.43	0.17	0.20	0.10
Na	Mg												Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
0.09	0.15												0.10	0.11	0.12	0.06	1.33	0.03
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
0.06	0.08	2.00	0.60	0.72	0.54	1.21	1.19	3.92	2.05	1.07	0.35	0.49	0.47	0.67	0.73	0.24	0.61	
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe	
0.08	0.14	0.27	0.29	0.40	0.52	1.76	0.58	10.88	0.78	4.04	115.11	7.58	0.21	0.30	0.25	0.23	0.43	
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn	
0.29	0.07	0.52	4.99	1.49	1.47	6.85	2.24	30.46	1.46	6.23	16.21	0.47	0.38	0.27				
Fr	Ra	Ac	Rf	Ha														
	0.34																	
	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu				
*Lanthanides	0.14	0.41	1.87	5.72	171.47	94.58	1479.04	0.93	32.42	2.25	5.48	3.53	1.40	2.75				
	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr				
**Actinides	0.59	8.46	0.82	9.80	50.20	2.86												

Attenuation coefficients for X-ray [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ] (150kV)

1a	2a	3b	4b	5b	6b	7b	8				1b	2b	3a	4a	5a	6a	7a	0
H																		He
0.02																		0.02
Li	Be																	Ne
0.06	0.22																	0.17
Na	Mg																	Ar
0.13	0.24																	0.20
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
0.14	0.26	0.48	0.73	1.04	1.29	1.32	1.57	1.78	1.96	1.97	1.64	1.42	1.33	1.50	1.23	0.90	0.73	
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe	
0.47	0.86	1.61	2.47	3.43	4.29	5.06	5.71	6.08	6.13	5.67	4.84	4.31	3.98	4.28	4.06	3.45	2.53	
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn	
1.42	2.73	5.04	19.70	25.47	30.49	34.47	37.92	39.01	38.61	35.94	25.88	23.23	22.81	20.28	20.22		9.77	
Fr	Ra	Ac	Rf	Ha														
	11.80	24.47																
	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu				
*Lanthanides	5.79	6.23	6.46	7.33	7.68	5.66	8.69	9.46	10.17	10.91	11.70	12.49	9.32	14.07				
	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Vf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr				
**Actinides	28.95	39.65	49.08															

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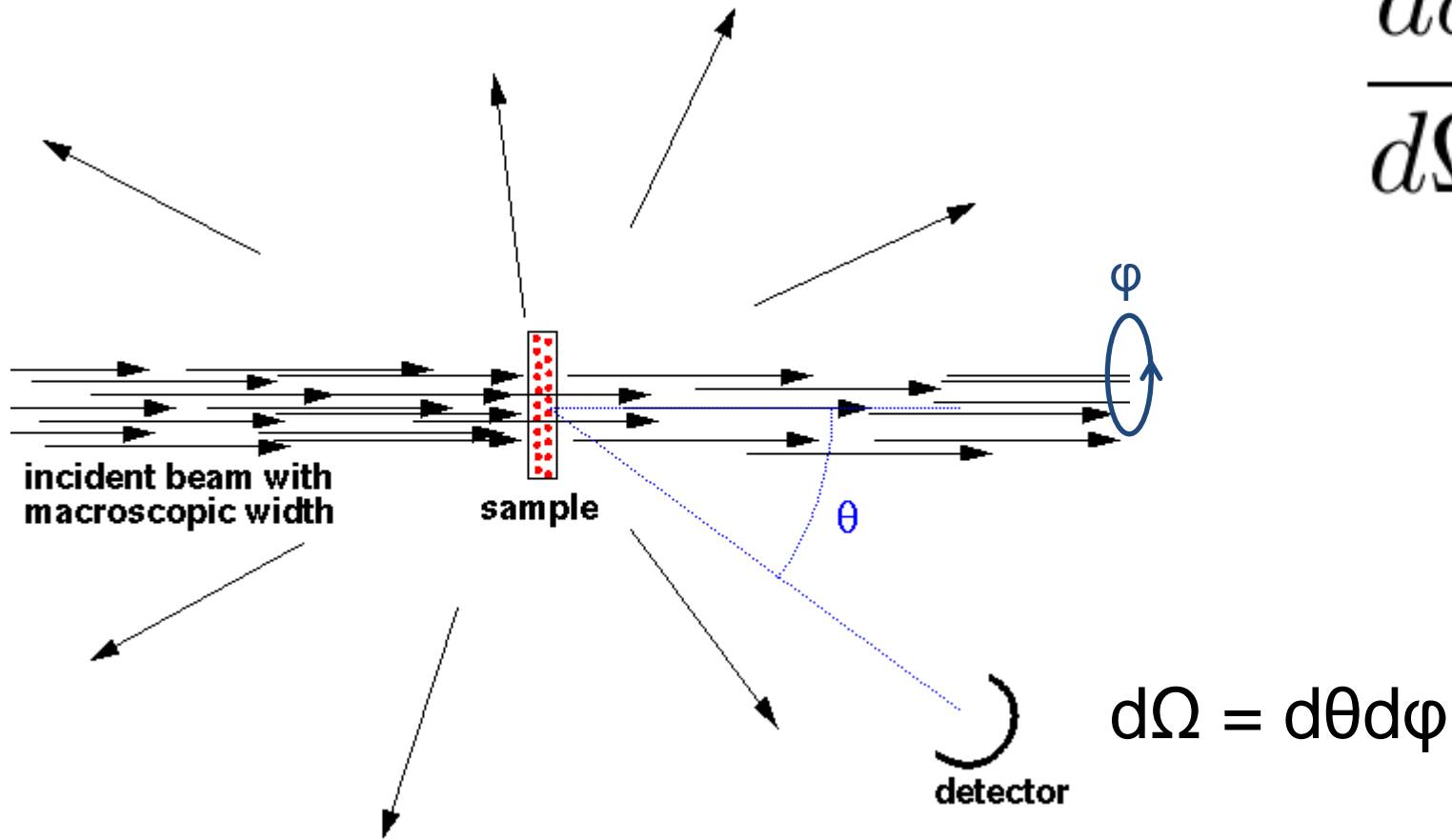


Scattering (full line) and absorption (dotted) cross sections of light element commonly used as neutron moderators, reflectors and absorbers, the data was obtained from database NEA N ENDF/B-VII.1 using JANIS software

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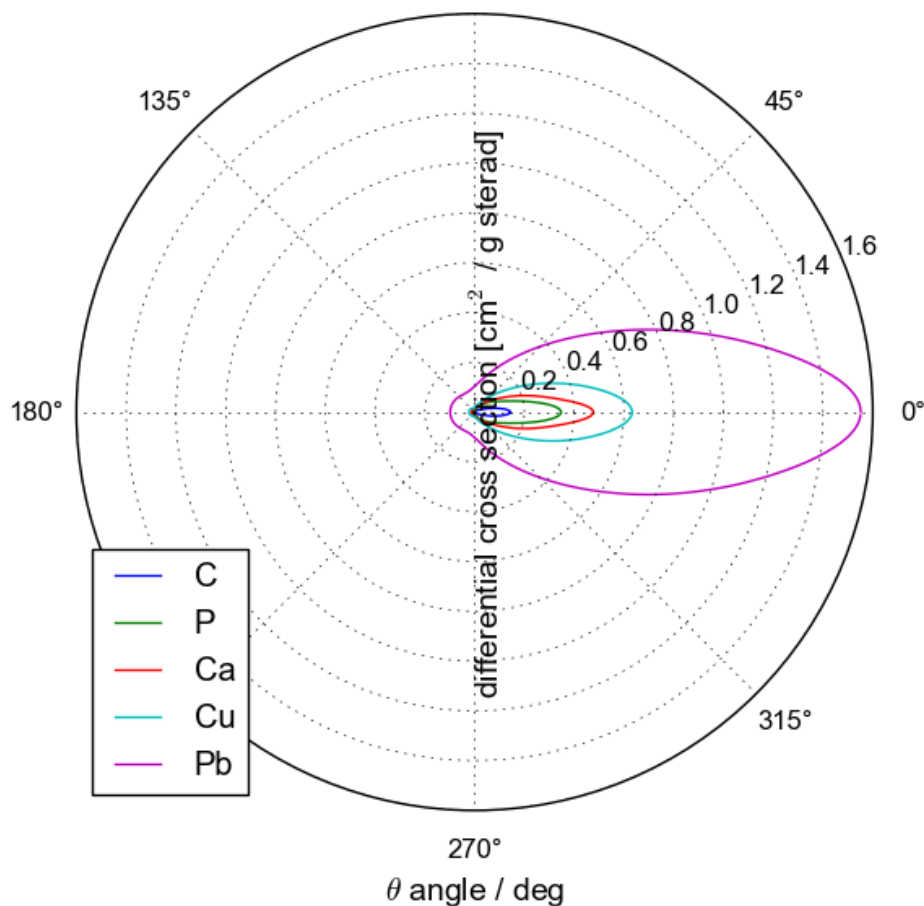
# Scattering - Differential cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$$

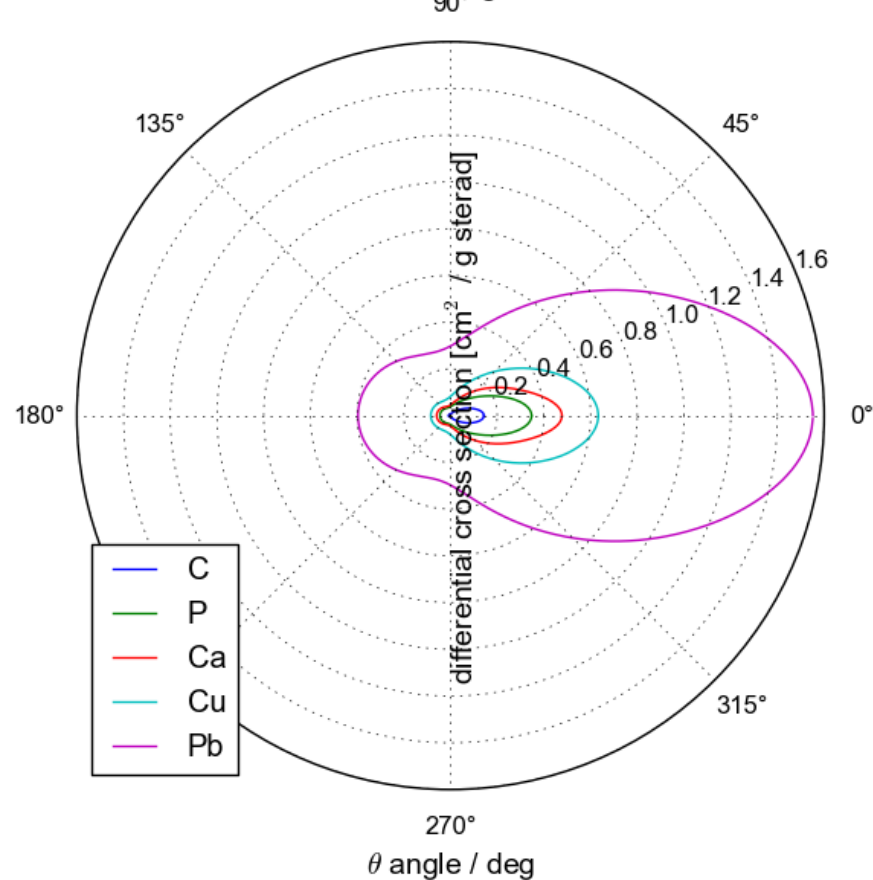


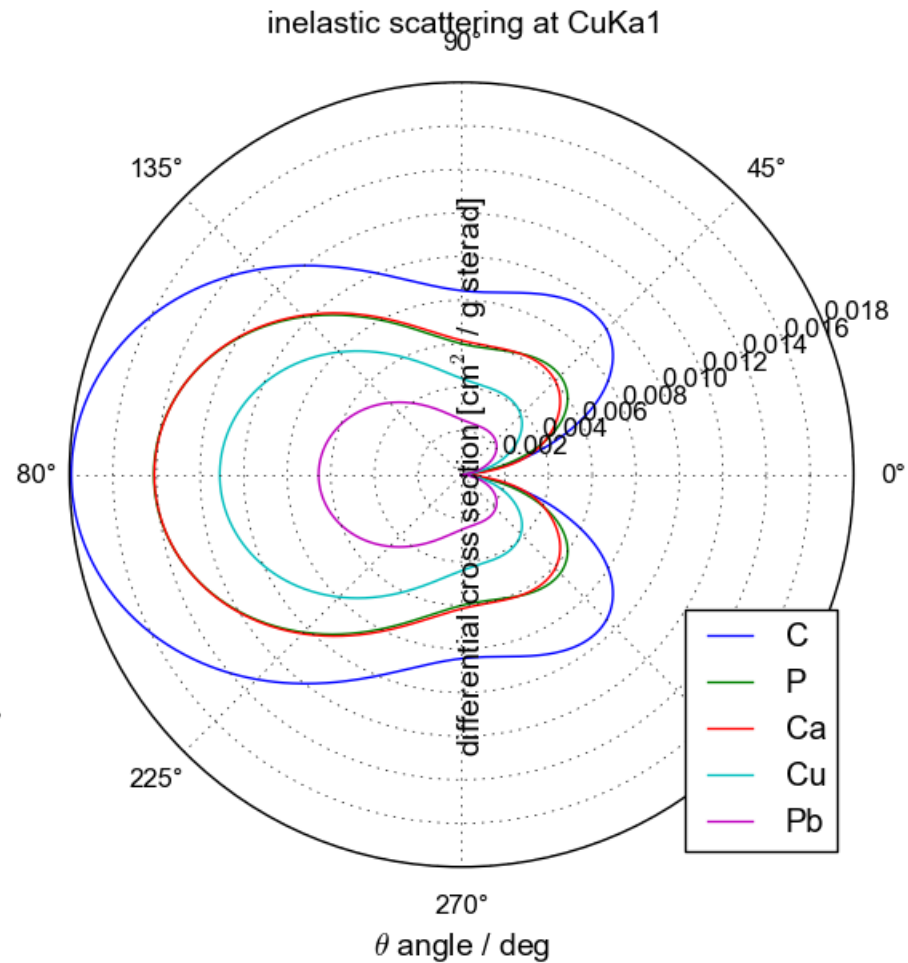
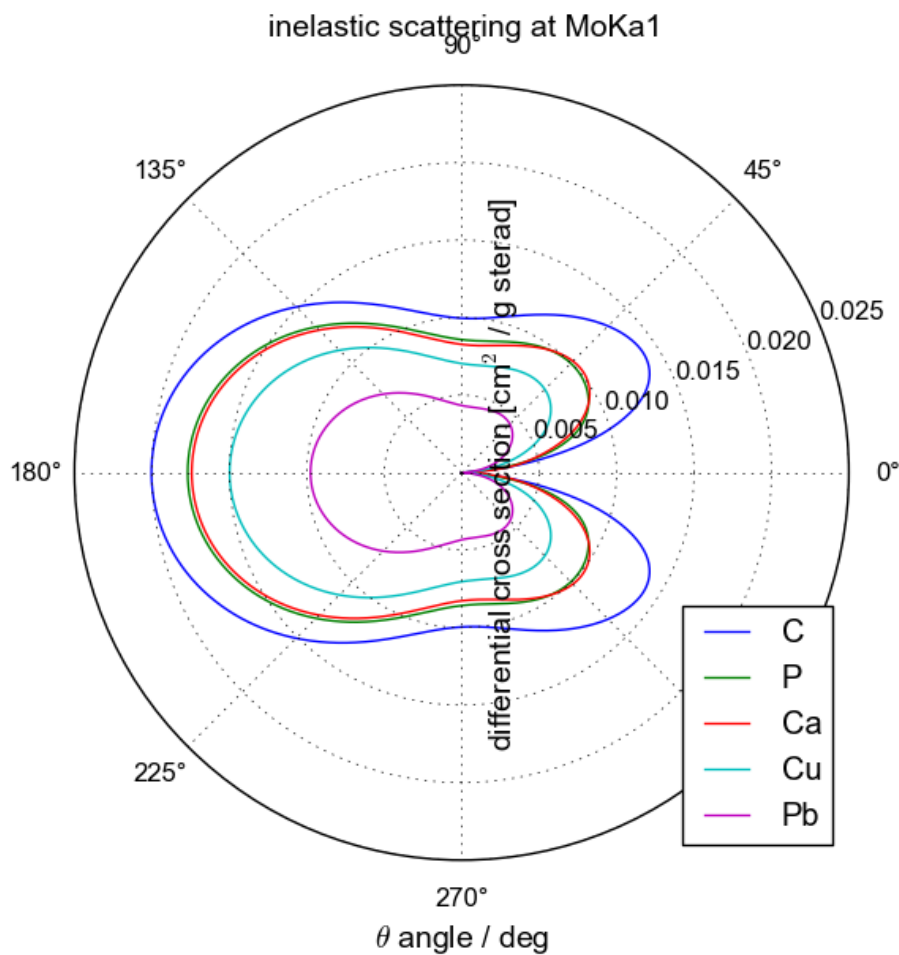
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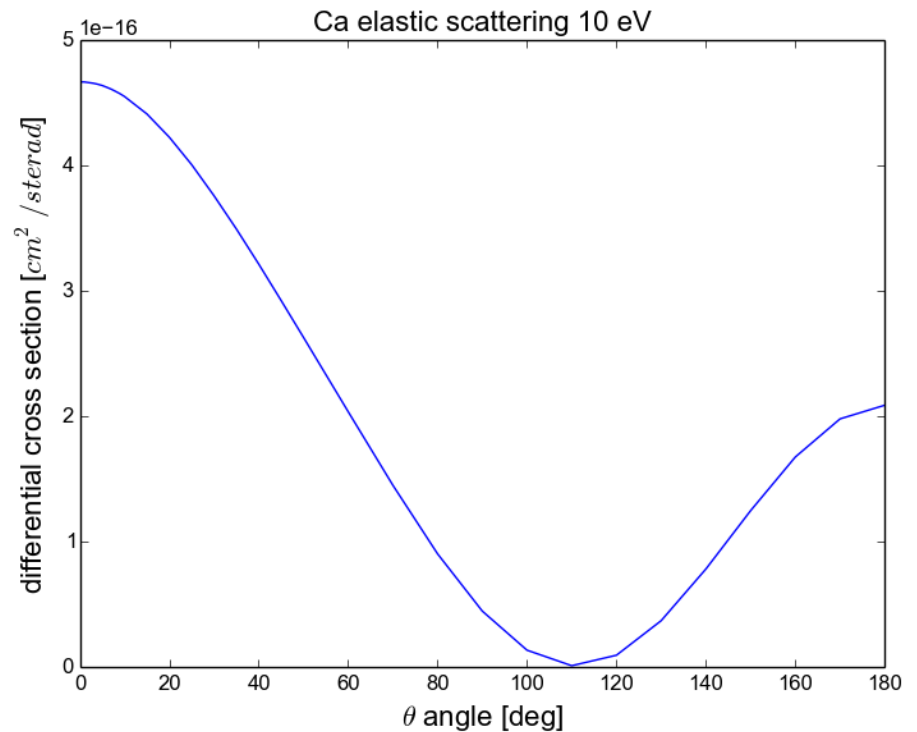
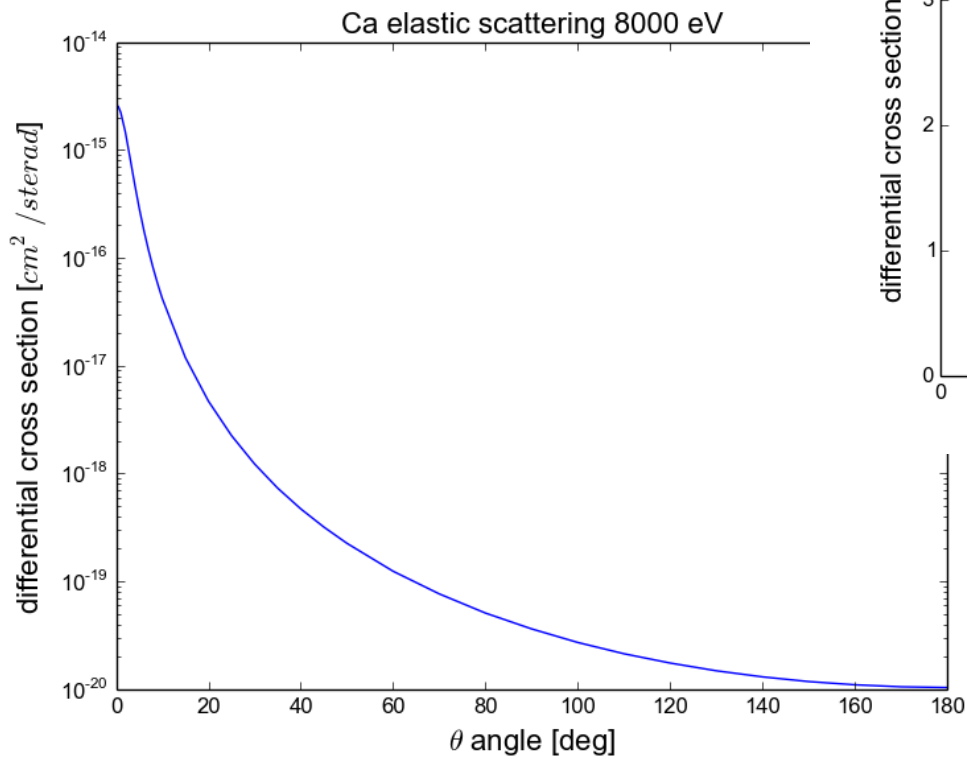
elastic scattering at MoK $\alpha$ 1



elastic scattering at CuK $\alpha$ 1







Data from: <http://www.ioffe.rssi.ru/ES/Elastic/>



$$\frac{d\sigma_{el}}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma_T}{d\Omega} |F(x, Z)|^2$$

## Thomson cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma_T}{d\Omega} = \frac{r_0^2}{2} (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$$

## Atomic form factor (atomic scattering factor)

$$F(x, Z) \quad x = \frac{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}{\lambda}$$

**Variable related  
to the  
momentum transfer**

$$F(x, Z) = 4\pi \int_0^\infty r^2 \rho(r, Z) \frac{\sin(4\pi x r)}{4\pi x r} dr$$



... but actually there is a further dependence on energy ...

$$f = f^0(x, Z) + f'(E, Z) + i f''(E, Z)$$

$$F(x, Z) = 4\pi \int_0^\infty r^2 \rho(r, Z) \frac{\sin(4\pi x r)}{4\pi x r} dr$$

$f''$  photoelectric absorption

$f'$  corrections for photoabsorption (Kramers-Kronig dispersion)  
relativistic effects, nuclear scattering

Diffraction (structure factor)

$$F(h, k, l) = \sum_j f_j e^{-M_j} e^{2\pi i(hx_j + ky_j + lz_j)}$$

forward scattering factors ( $x = \theta = q = 0$ )

$$f = f(0, Z, E) = f_1 + if_2$$

$$f_2 \equiv f''$$

$$f_1 \equiv f^0(x = 0) + f'$$

photoabsorption

$$\mu_a = 2r_0\lambda f_2$$

$f_1$  and  $f_2$  are directly related to the index of refraction  
(reflection, refraction, XRR)

$$n = 1 - \frac{1}{2\pi}Nr_0\lambda^2(f_1 + if_2)$$

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

$$\delta = \frac{1}{2\pi}Nr_0\lambda^2 f_1$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{2\pi}Nr_0\lambda^2 f_2$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_i}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma_{KN}}{d\Omega} S(q, Z)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{KN}}{d\Omega} = \frac{r_0^2}{2} P(\theta, E)$$

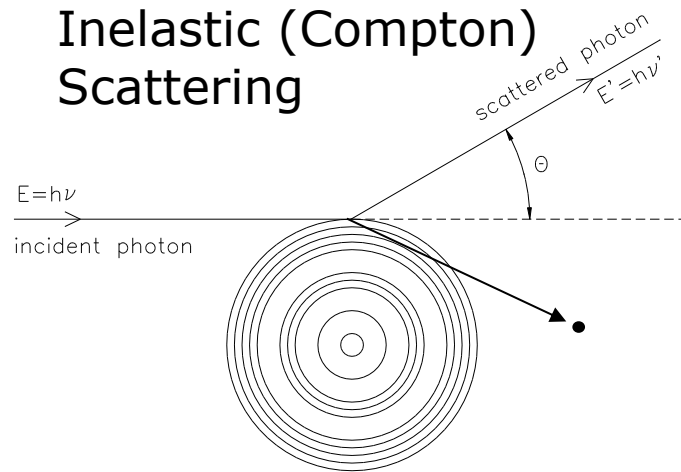
$$P(\theta, E) = \frac{1}{(1 + \alpha(1 - \cos\theta))^2} \left[ 1 + \cos^2\theta + \frac{\alpha^2(1 - \cos\theta)^2}{1 + \alpha(1 - \cos\theta)} \right] \quad \alpha = \frac{E}{m_0 c^2}$$

$$S(q, Z) = \int_{\epsilon > 0} |F_\epsilon(q, Z)|^2 \quad \text{Inelastic scattering function}$$

$$F_\epsilon(\vec{q}, Z) = \sum_{n=1}^Z \langle \Psi_\epsilon | \exp(i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}_n) | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

form factor elastic scattering

$$F(\vec{q}, Z) = \sum_{n=1}^Z \langle \Psi_0 | \exp(i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}_n) | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

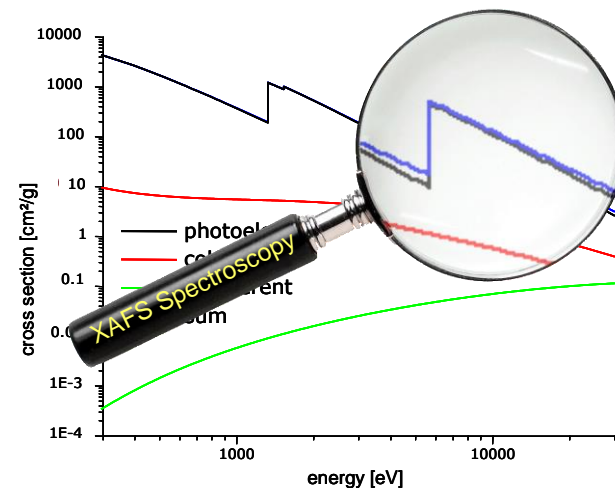
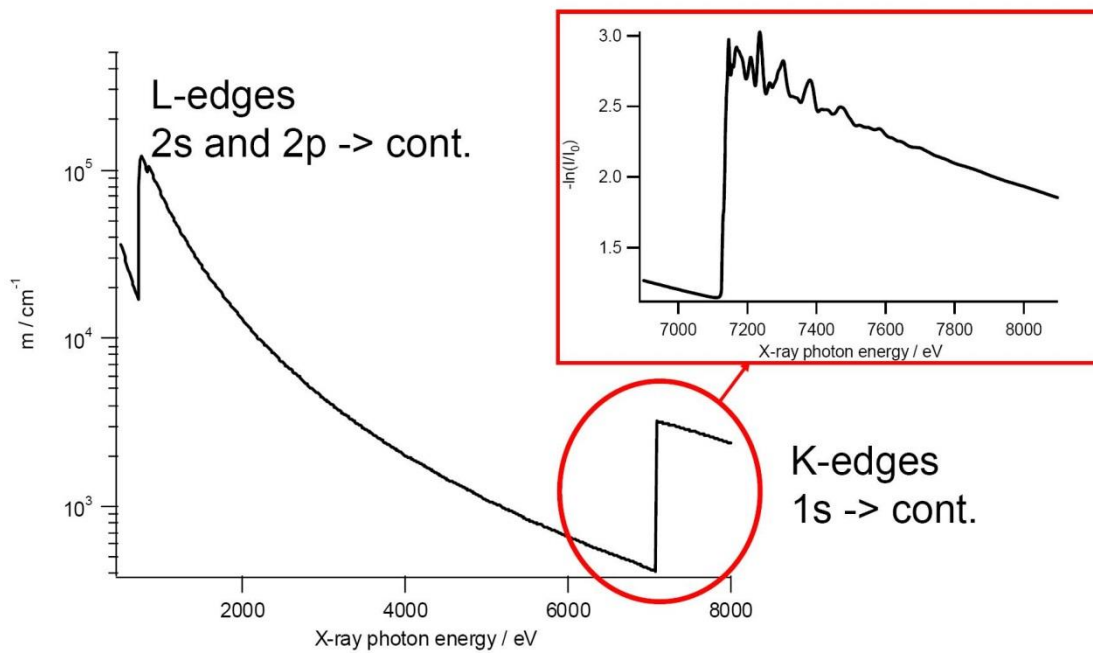


$$\lambda - \lambda' = \frac{h}{m_e c} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$E' = \frac{E}{1 + \frac{E}{m_0 c^2} (1 - \cos \theta)}$$

in a spectrum the Compton peak is broader due to the angle dependence (in the accepted solid angle there are different scattering angles) and due to Doppler broadening

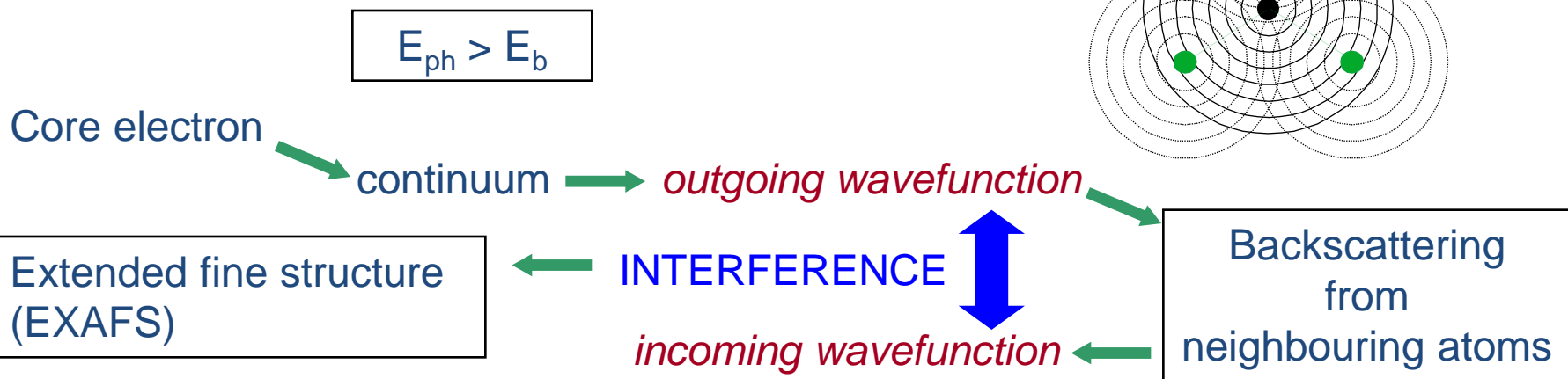
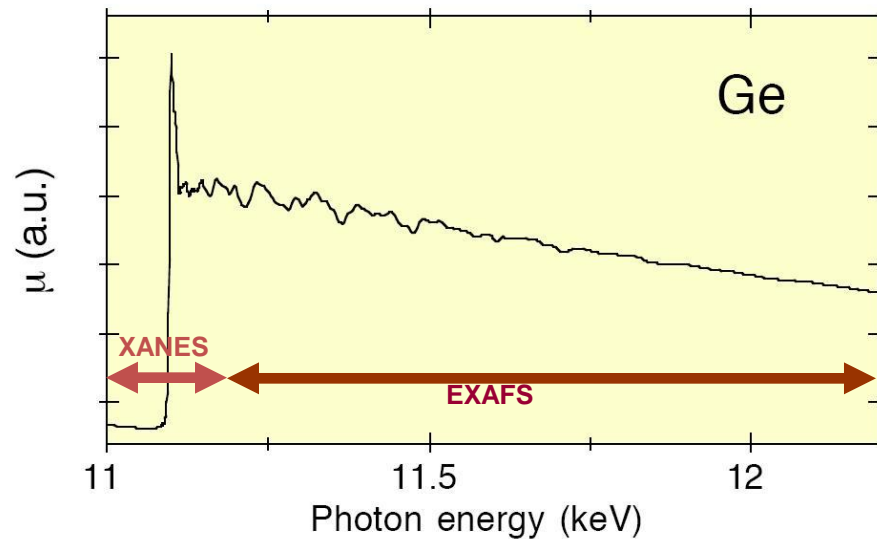
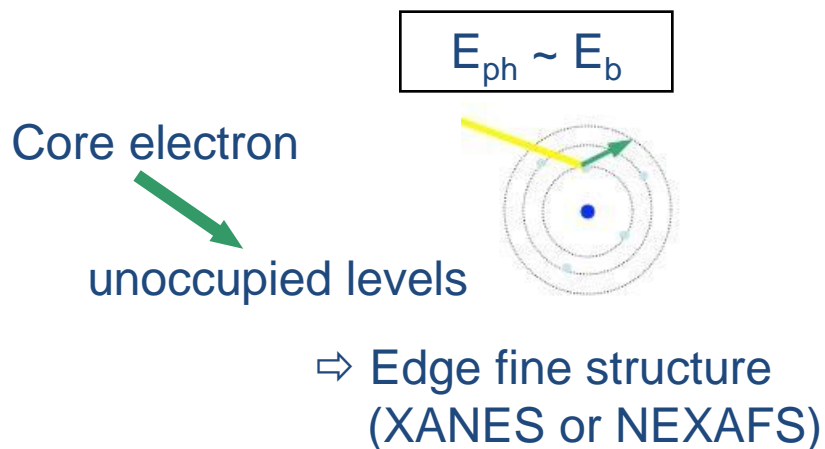
## The X-ray Absorption Fine Structure (XAFS) of an iron foil



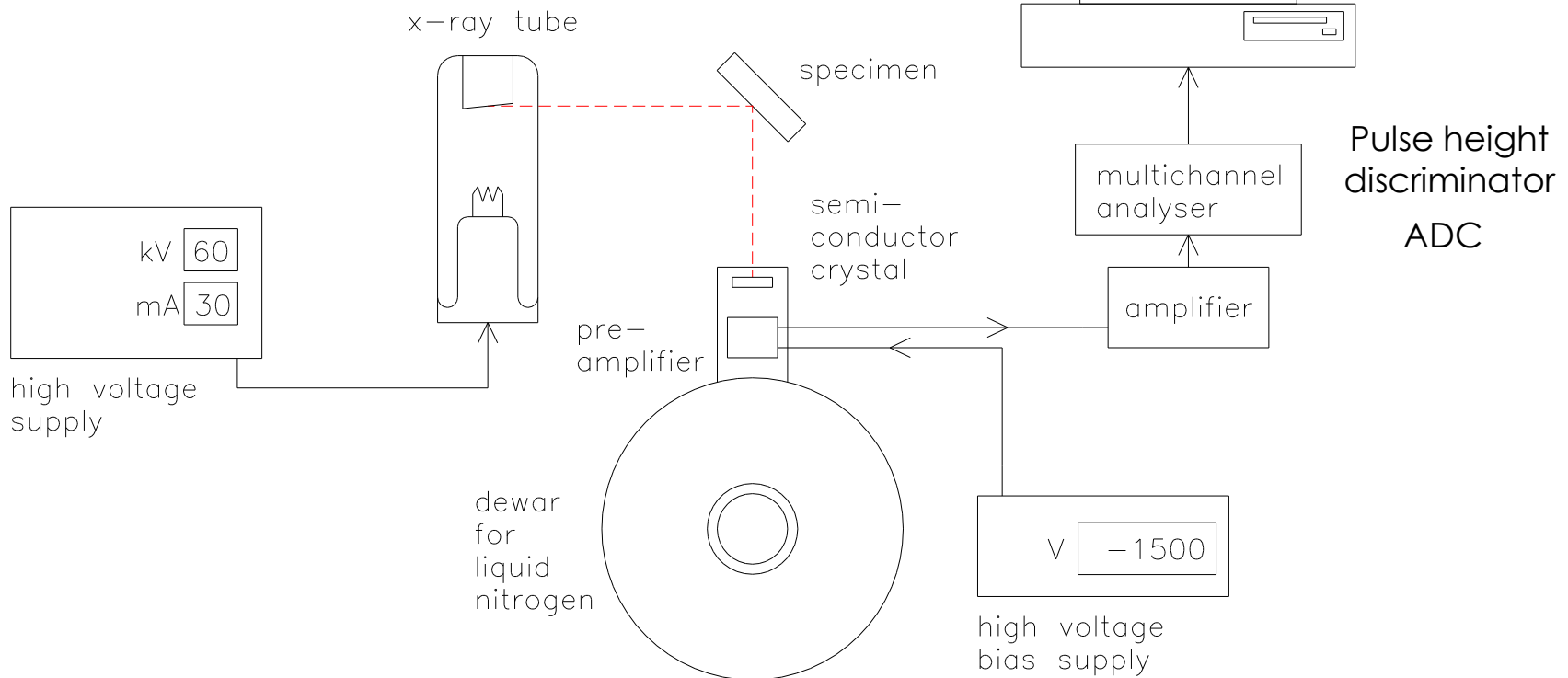
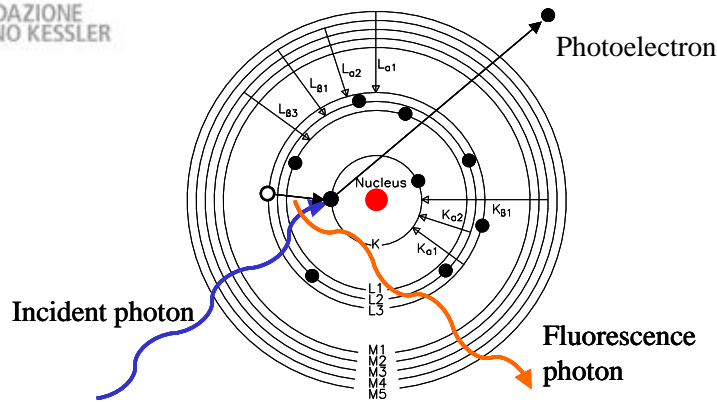
Different phenomena for:

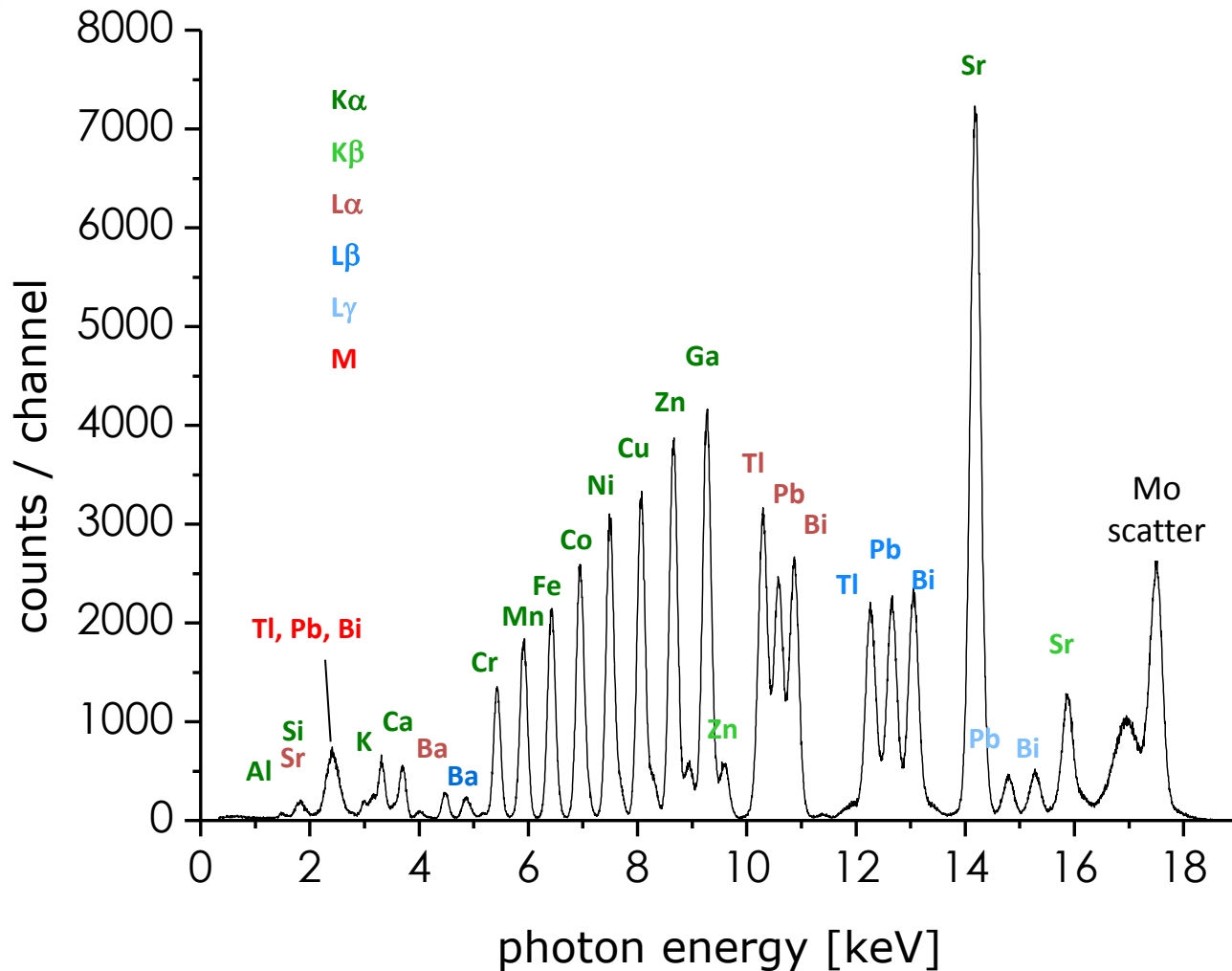
- 'free' atoms
- molecules
- condensed systems

# X-Ray Absorption near edge fine structure



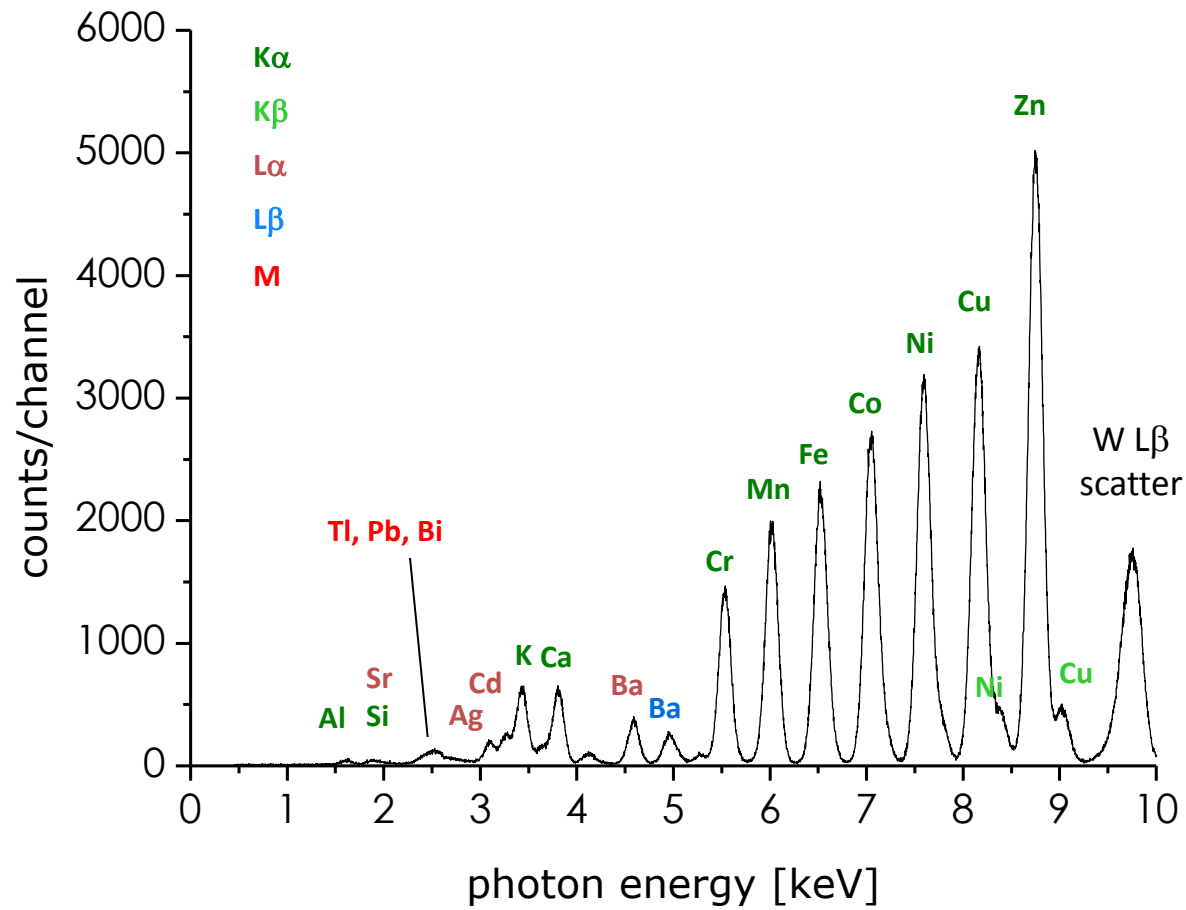
# Energy Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence analysis (EDXRF)

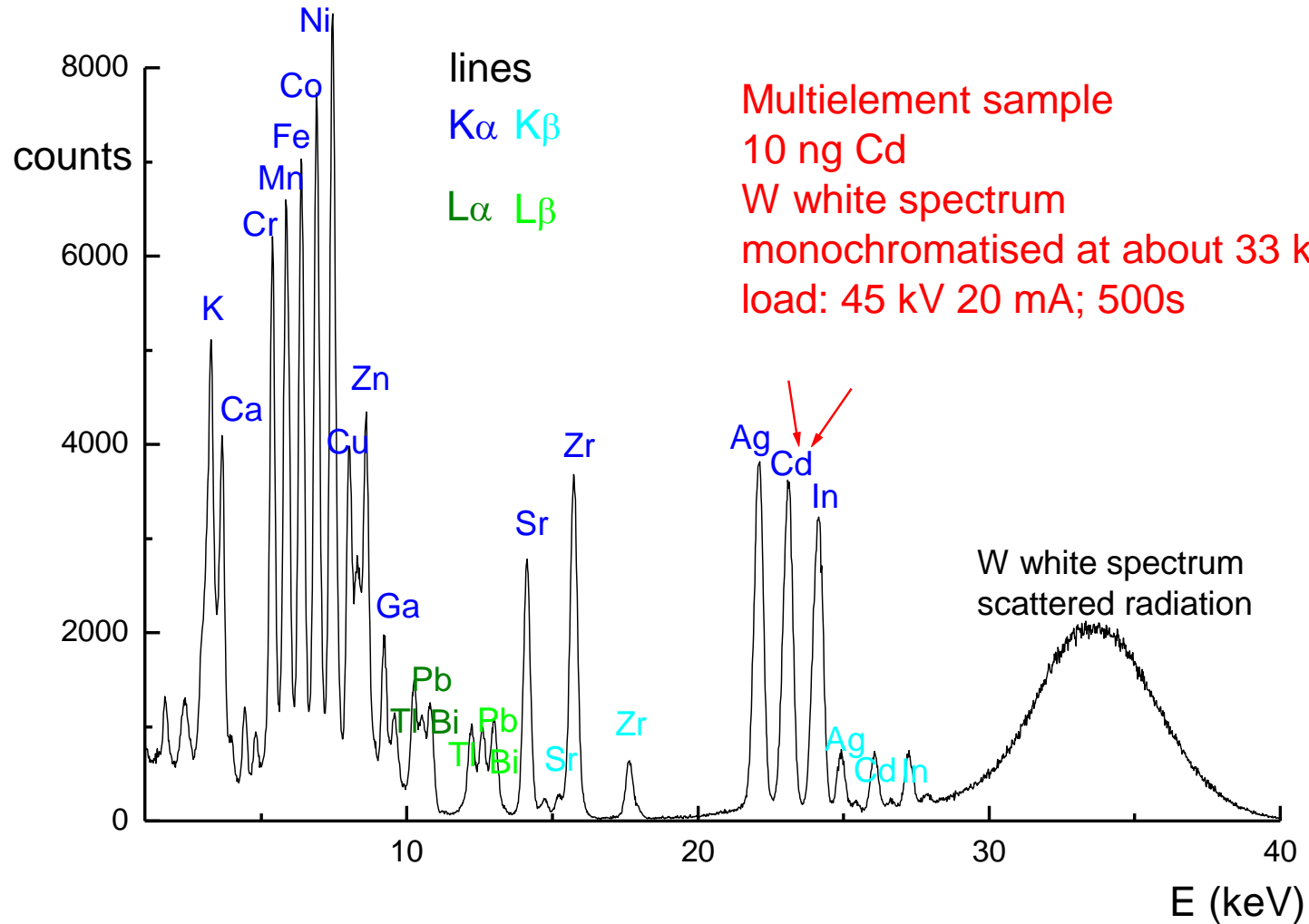




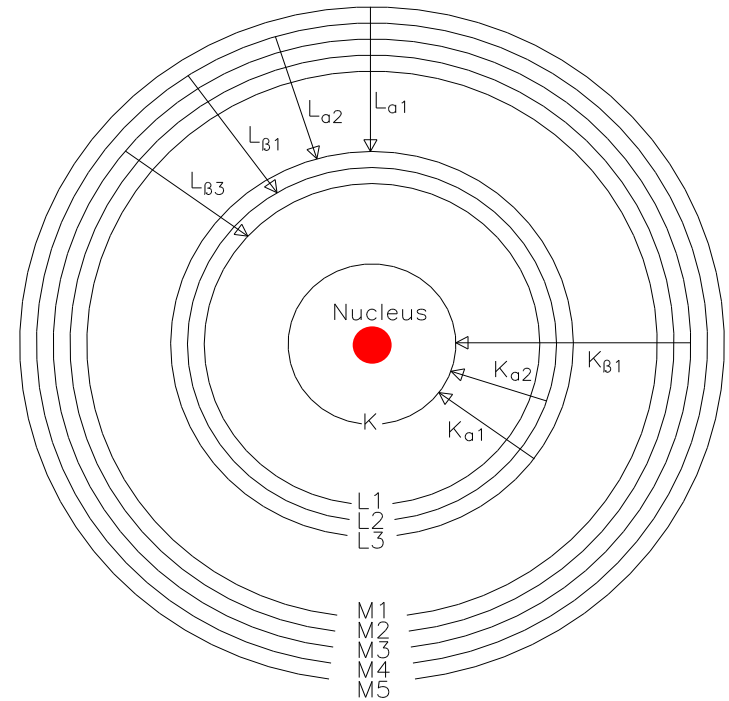
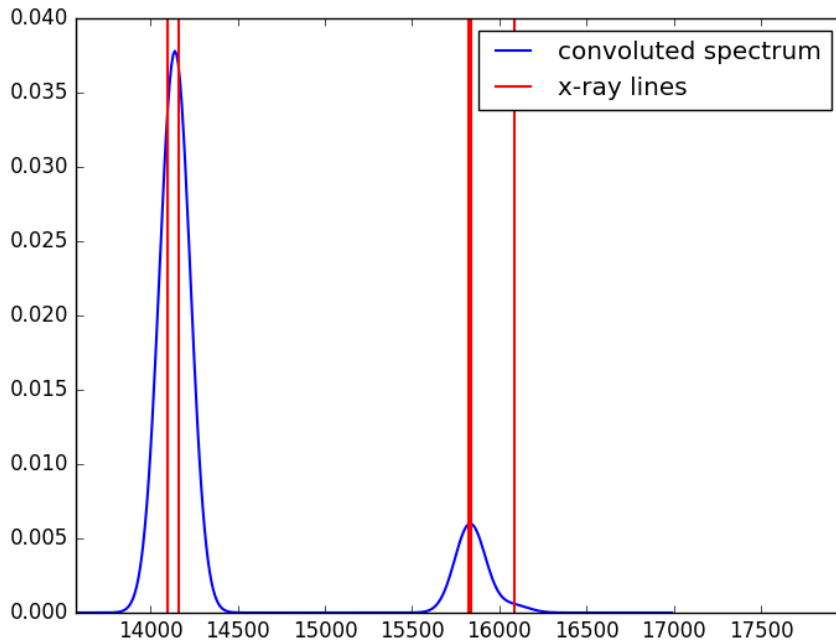
Element	Concentration	Uncertainty
Ca	51,316	0,500
Cr	46,281	0,239
Mn	48,436	0,226
Fe	48,590	0,197
Co	50,803	0,179
Ni	52,852	0,164
Cu	50,330	0,146
Zn	52,675	0,136
Ga	50,000	0
Sr	51,947	0,087
Ba	48,295	0,501
Tl	56,445	0,129
Pb	43,545	0,108
Bi	46,477	0,109
Ag	56,982	2,160
Cd	56,722	2,398





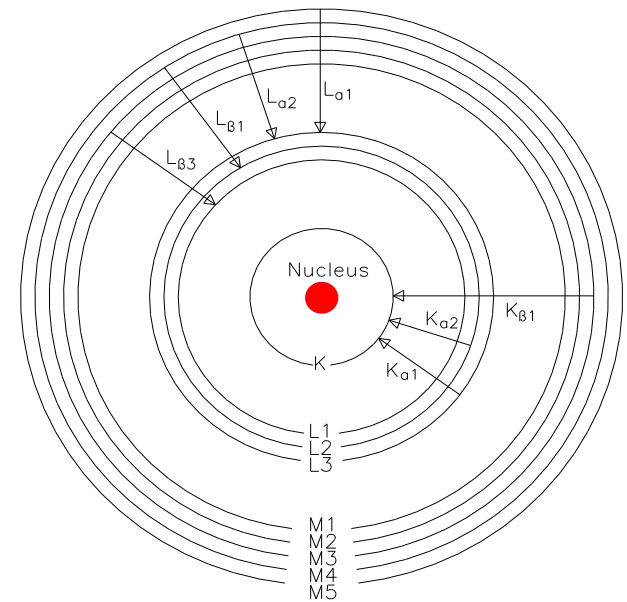
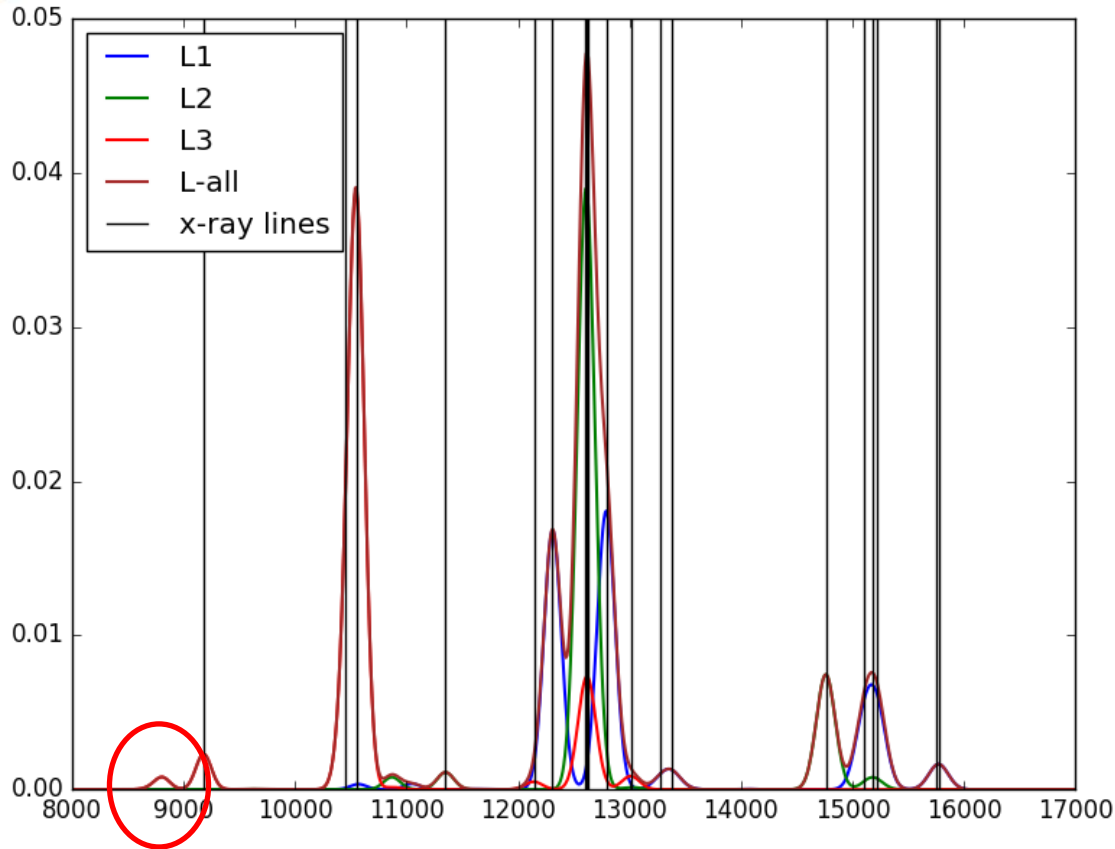


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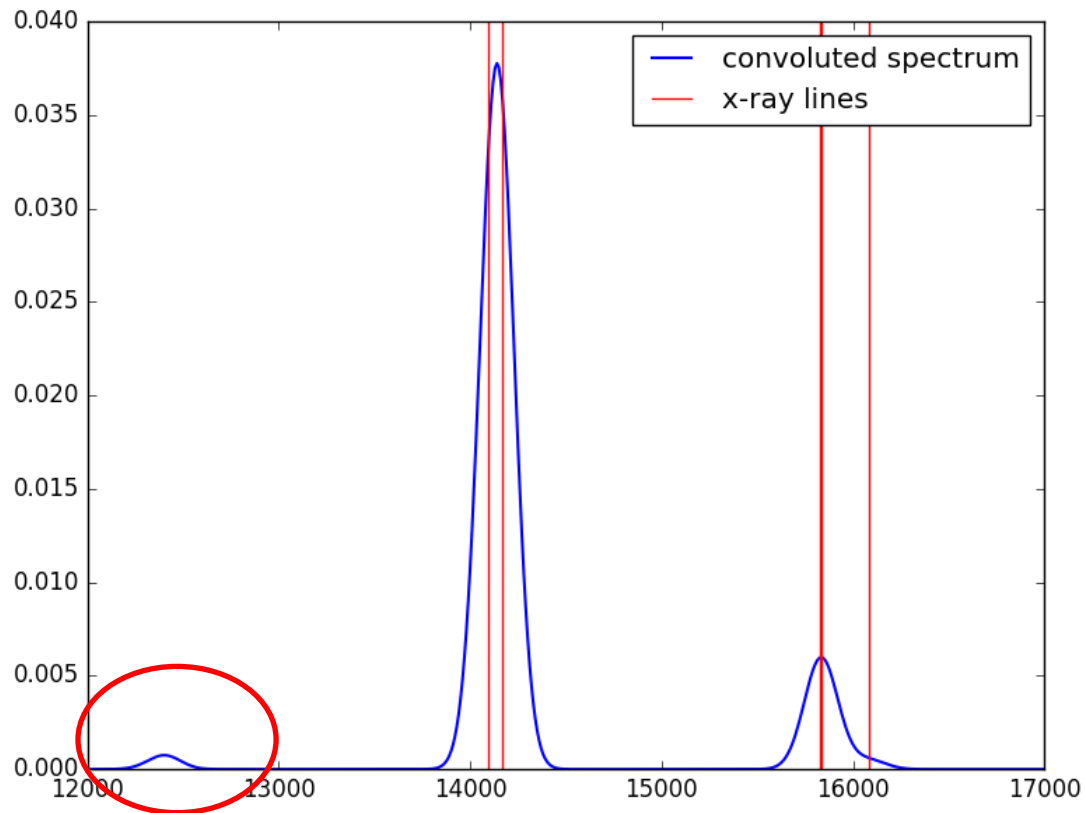
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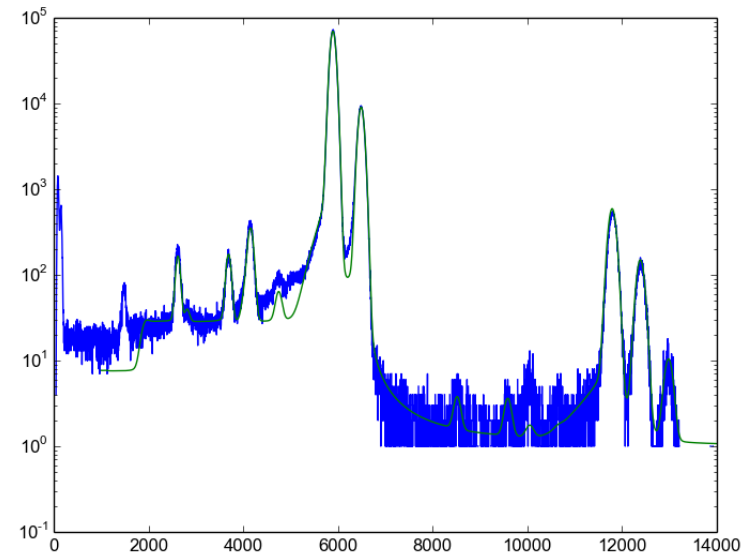
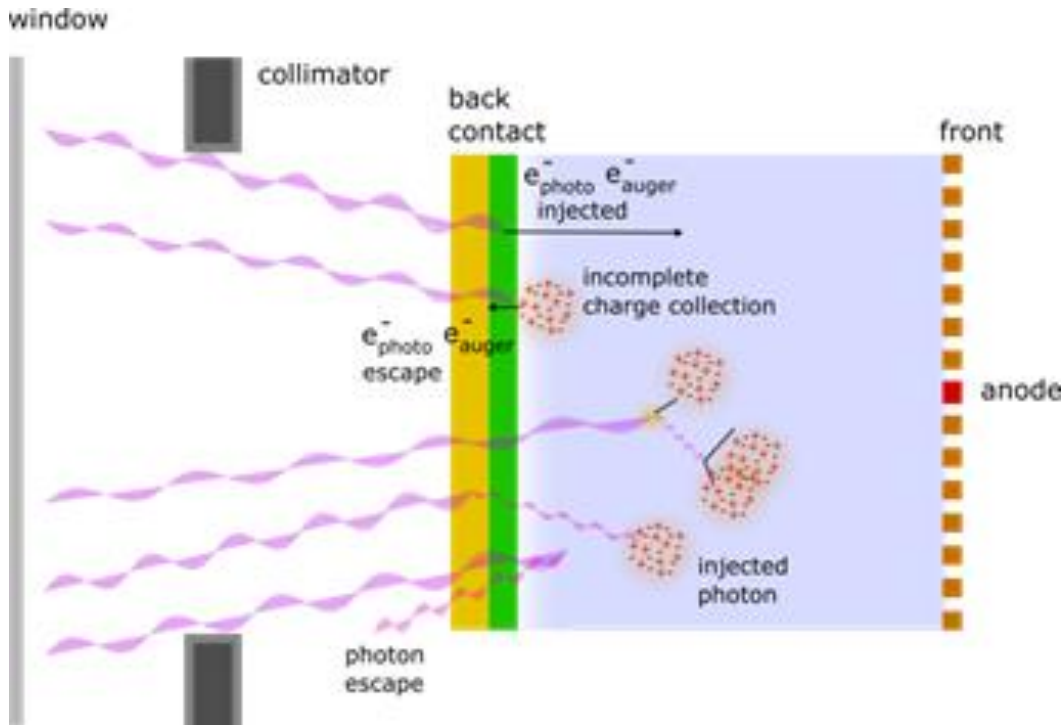


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$$\epsilon E_{\zeta j k}$$

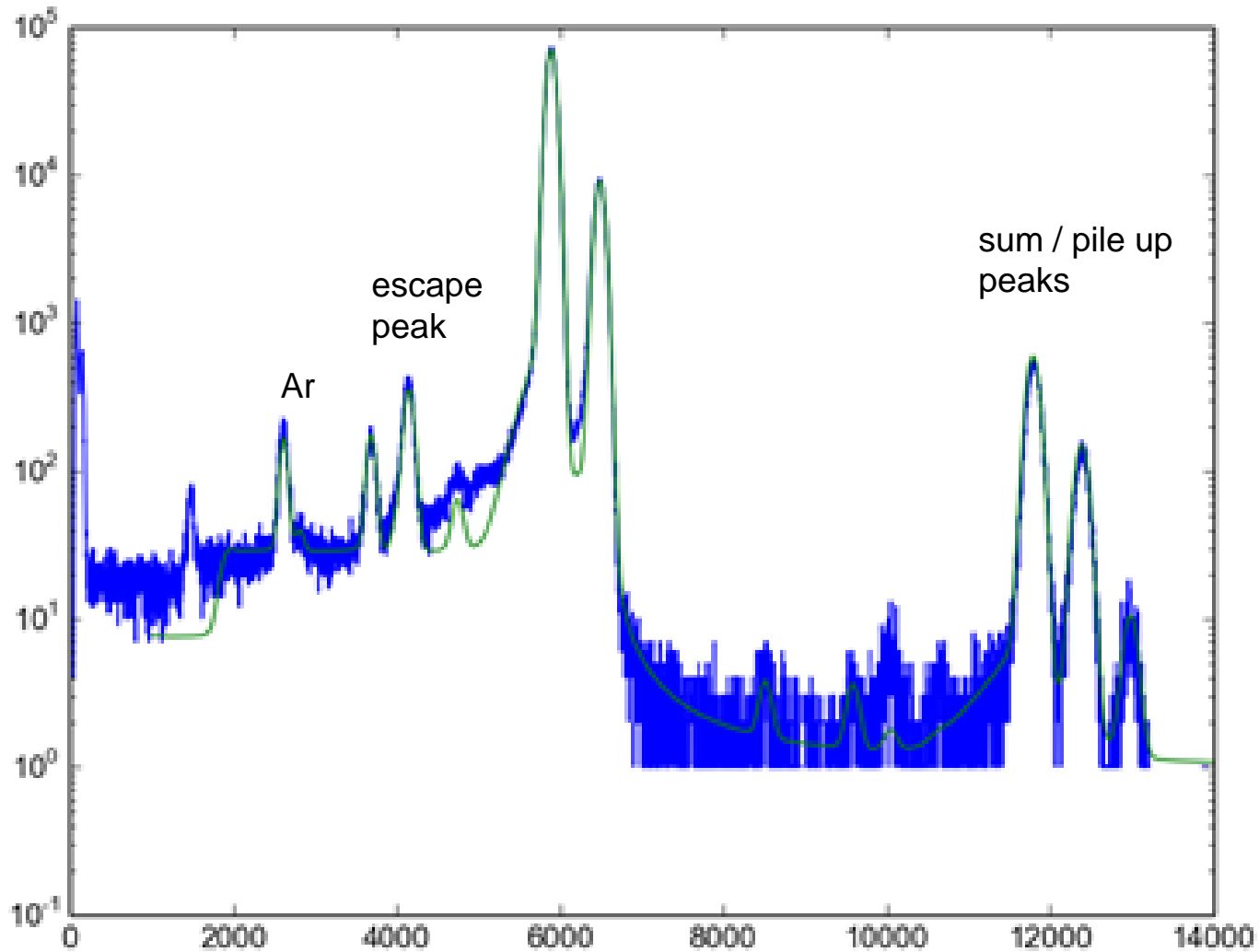
detector efficiency + response



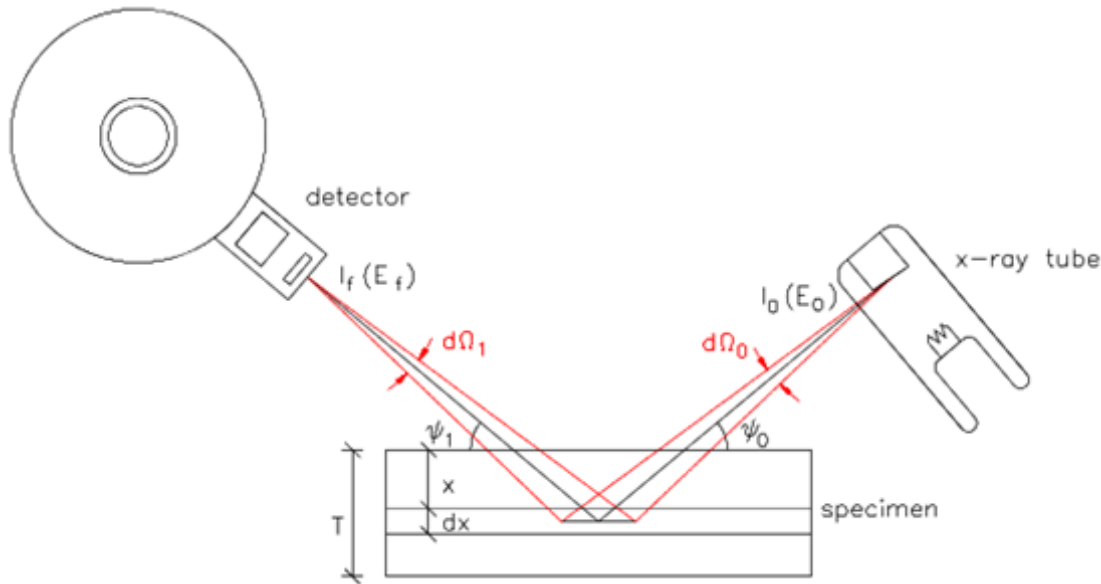
Modelling the response function of energy dispersive X-ray spectrometers with silicon detectors

F. Scholze, and M. Procop

# Detector artefacts / 'environmental' artefacts



# X-Ray Fluorescence – intensity - Sherman equation



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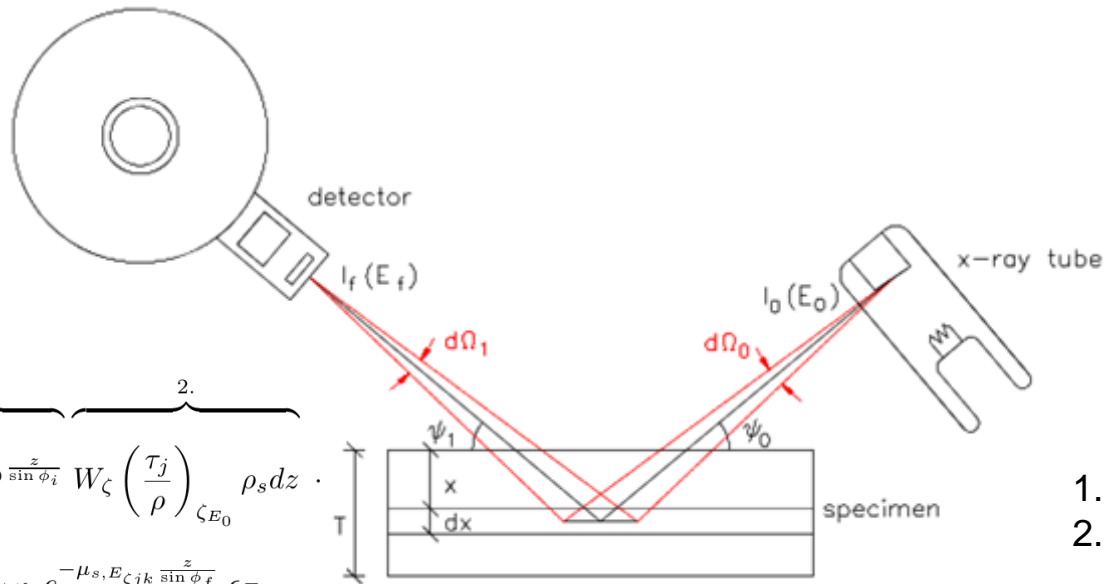
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$$\cdot \frac{1 - e^{-\left( \frac{\mu_{s,E_{\zeta jk}}}{\sin \phi_f} + \frac{\mu_{s,E}}{\sin \phi_i} \right) T}}{\frac{\mu_{s,E_{\zeta jk}}}{\sin \phi_f} + \frac{\mu_{s,E}}{\sin \phi_i}}$$

Integration over thickness

$$I_{\zeta jk} = I_0 G S_{\zeta jk} \rho_s W_{\zeta} \int_{E_{edge}}^{E_{max}} \int_0^t \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{\mu_{s,E_0}}{\sin \phi_i} + \frac{\mu_{s,E_{\zeta jk}}}{\sin \phi_f} \right) z \right] dz dE$$

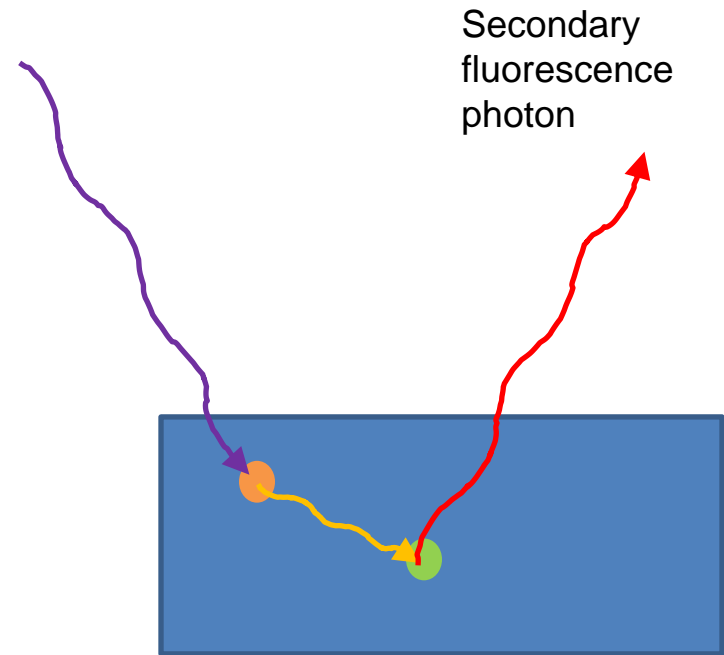
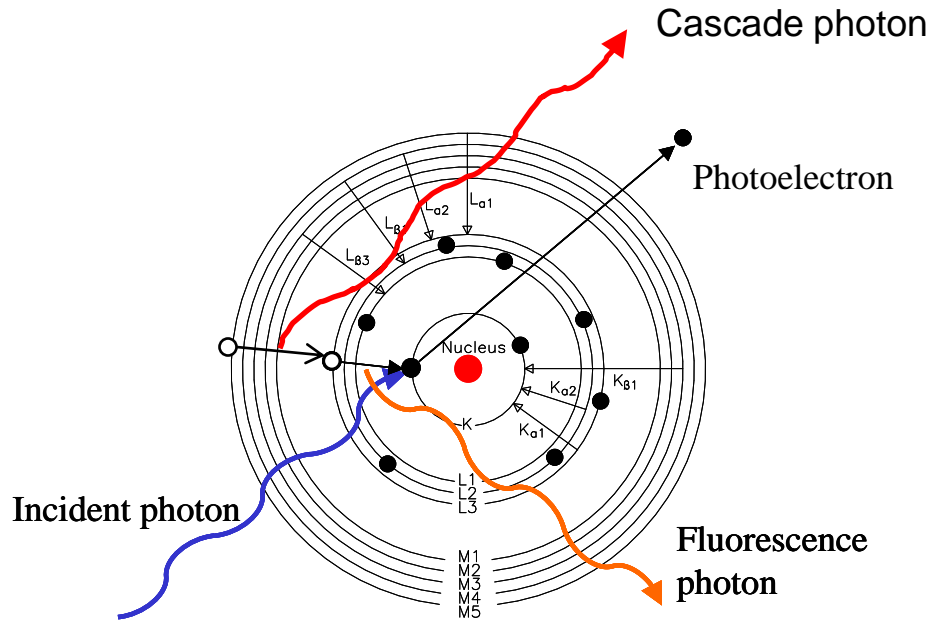
Monochromatic

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$$\left( \frac{\mu}{\rho} \right)_{sample} = \sum_{\zeta} W_{\zeta} \left( \frac{\mu}{\rho} \right)_{\zeta}$$

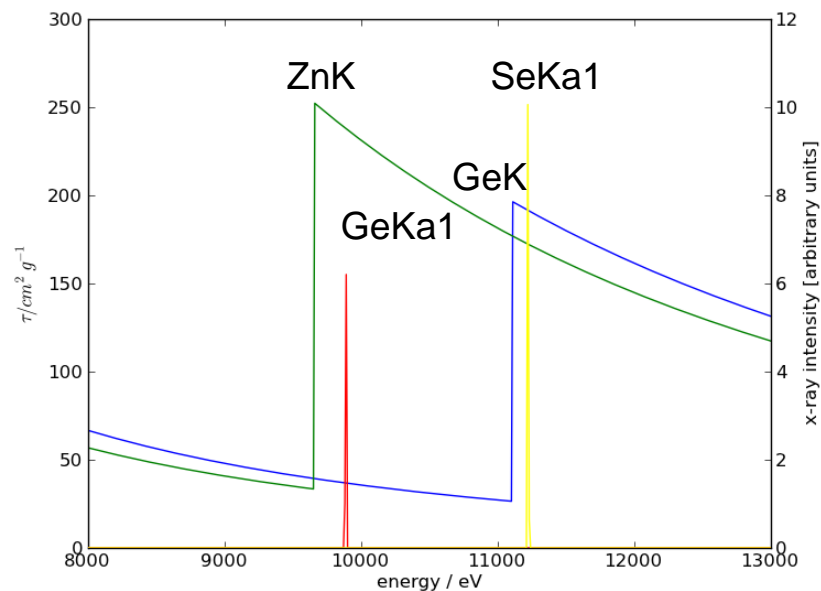
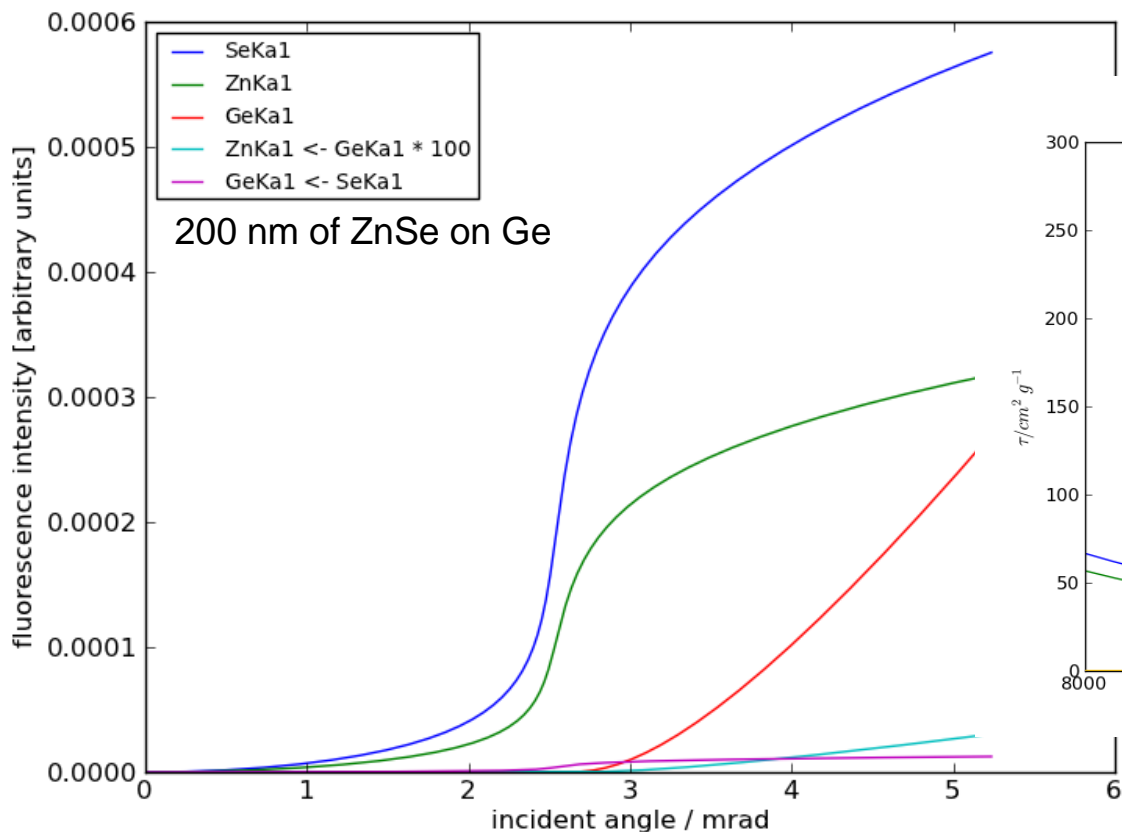
# Fluorescence enhancement, secondary fluorescence



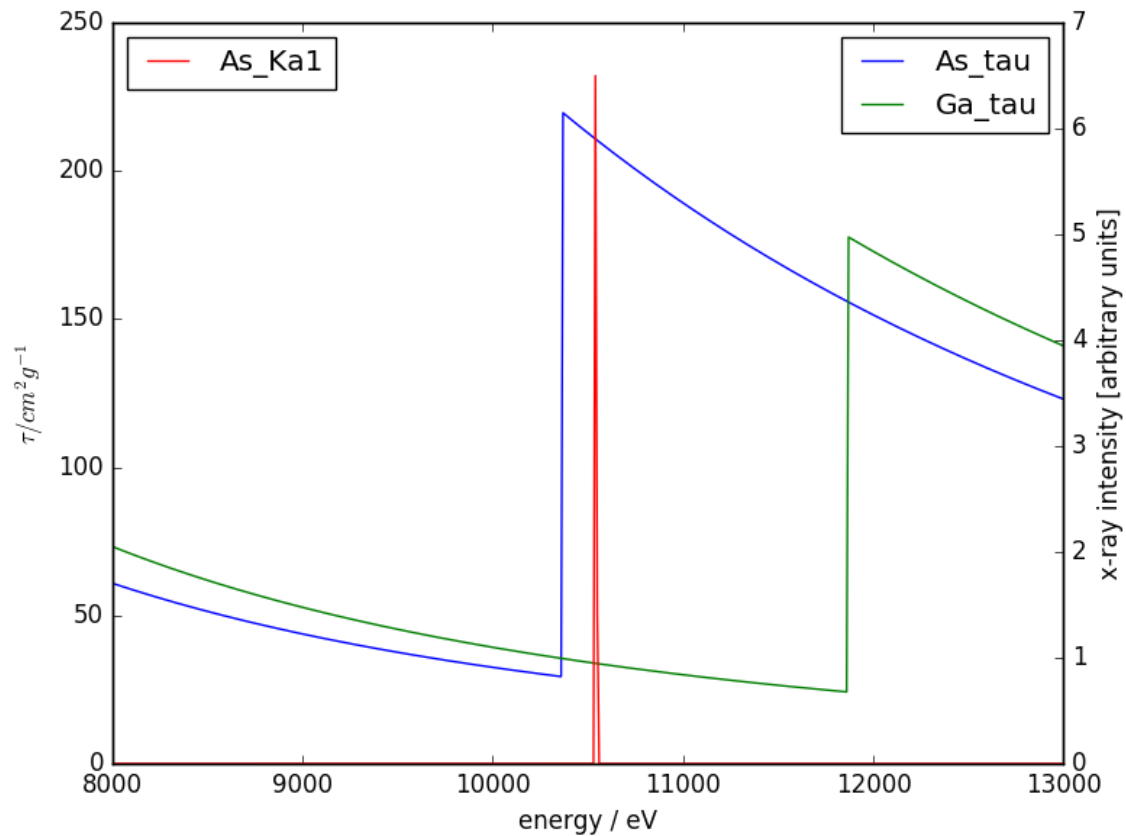
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## Molecular beam epitaxial growth of single domain ZnSe on Ge

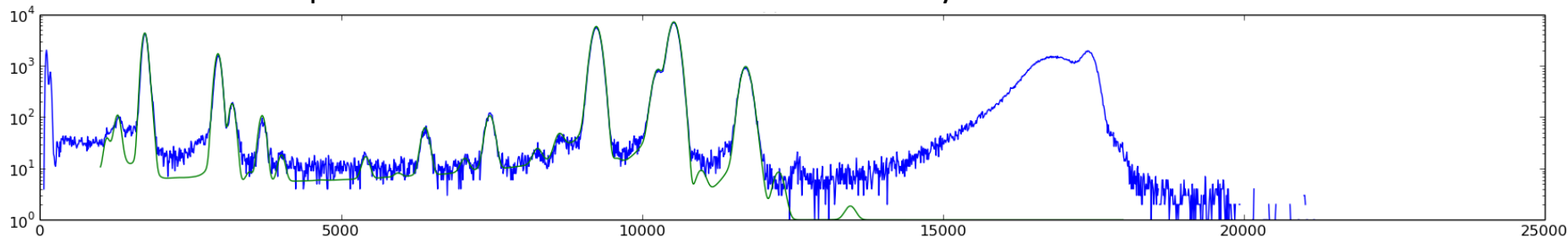
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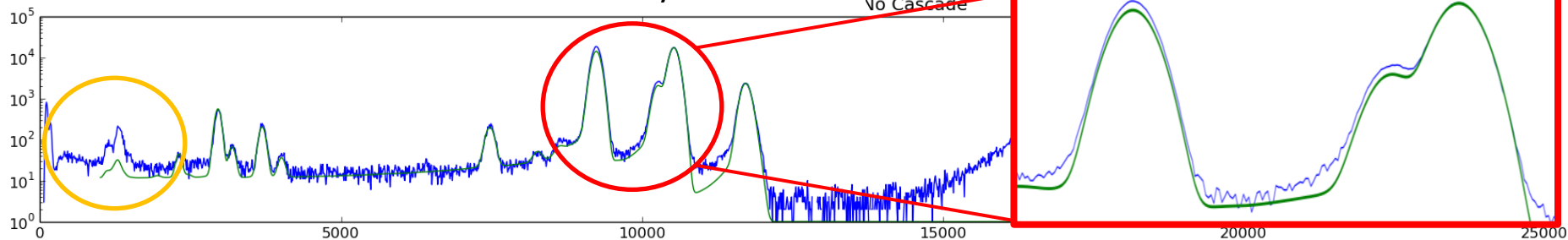
## GaAs



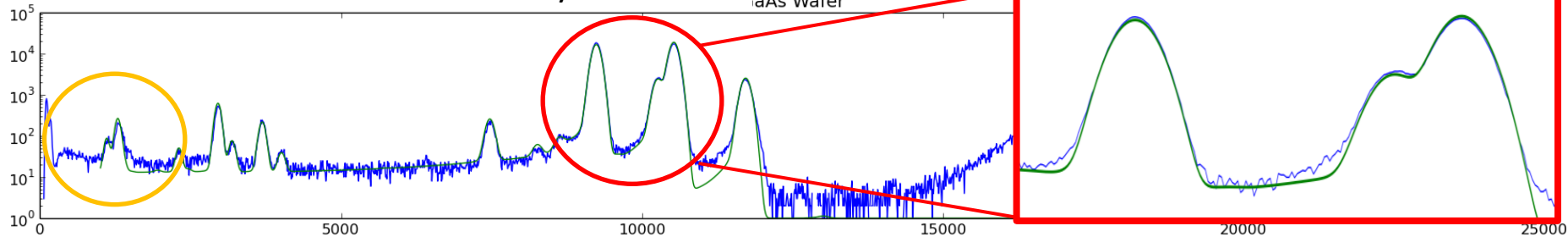
GaAs solution deposited on silicon – Cascade – No Secondary Fluo

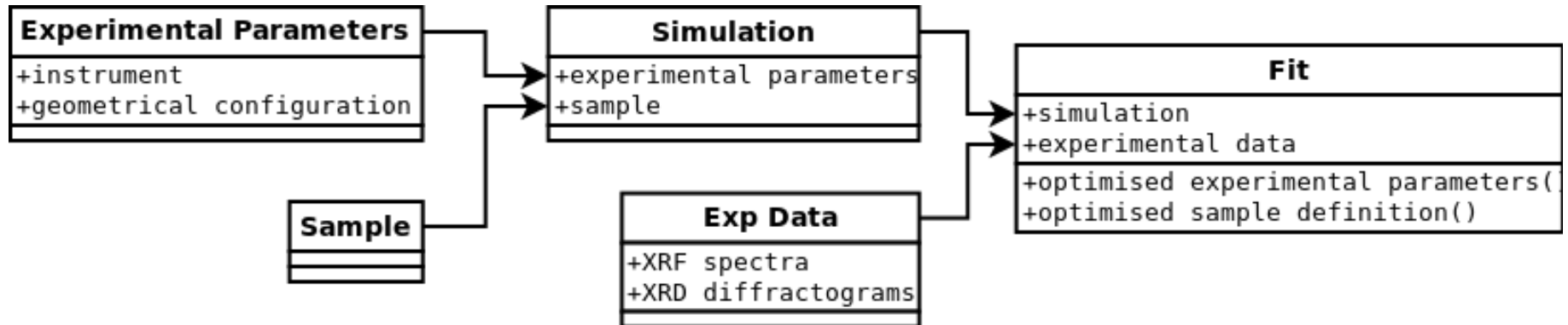


GaAs Wafer – No Cascade – No Secondary Fluo



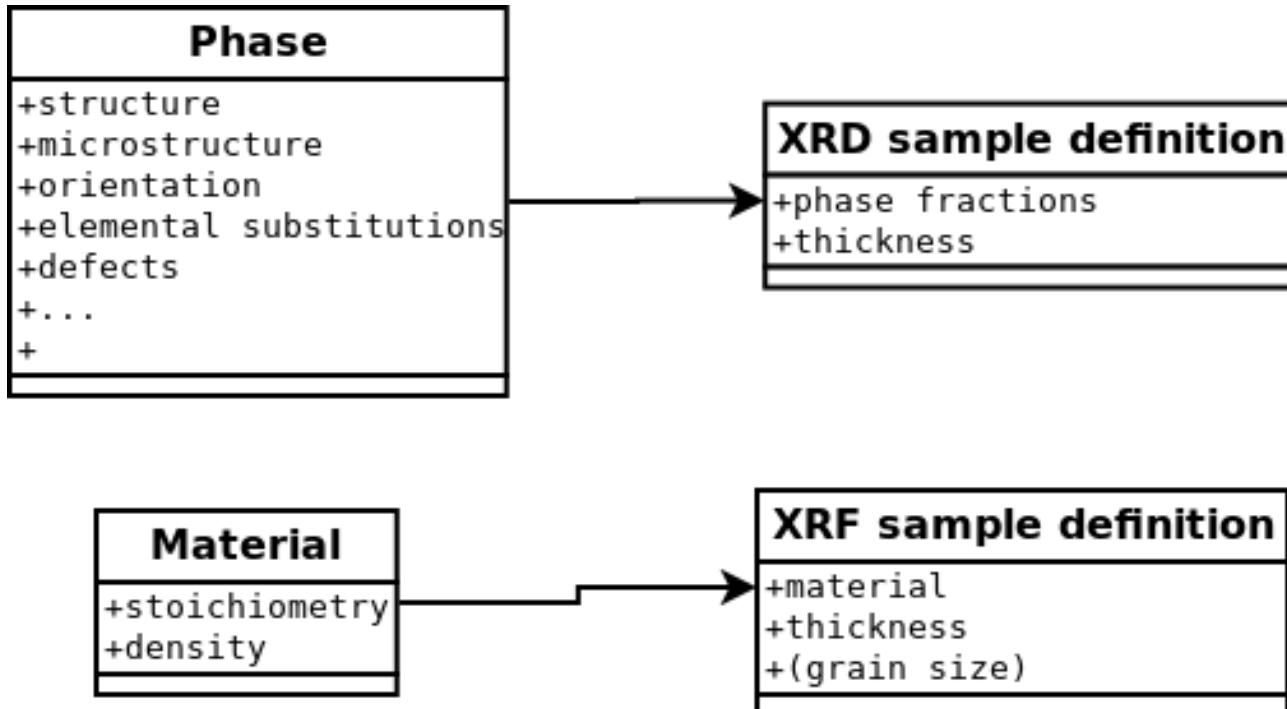
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XRD : Rietveld

XRF : Fundamental parameters method



In MAUD:

the XRD definitions are obviously followed, since they contain more information:

from the XRD definition you can derive the XRF one, not the other way around



XRF: energy, intensity fraction

XRD: wavelength, intensity fraction

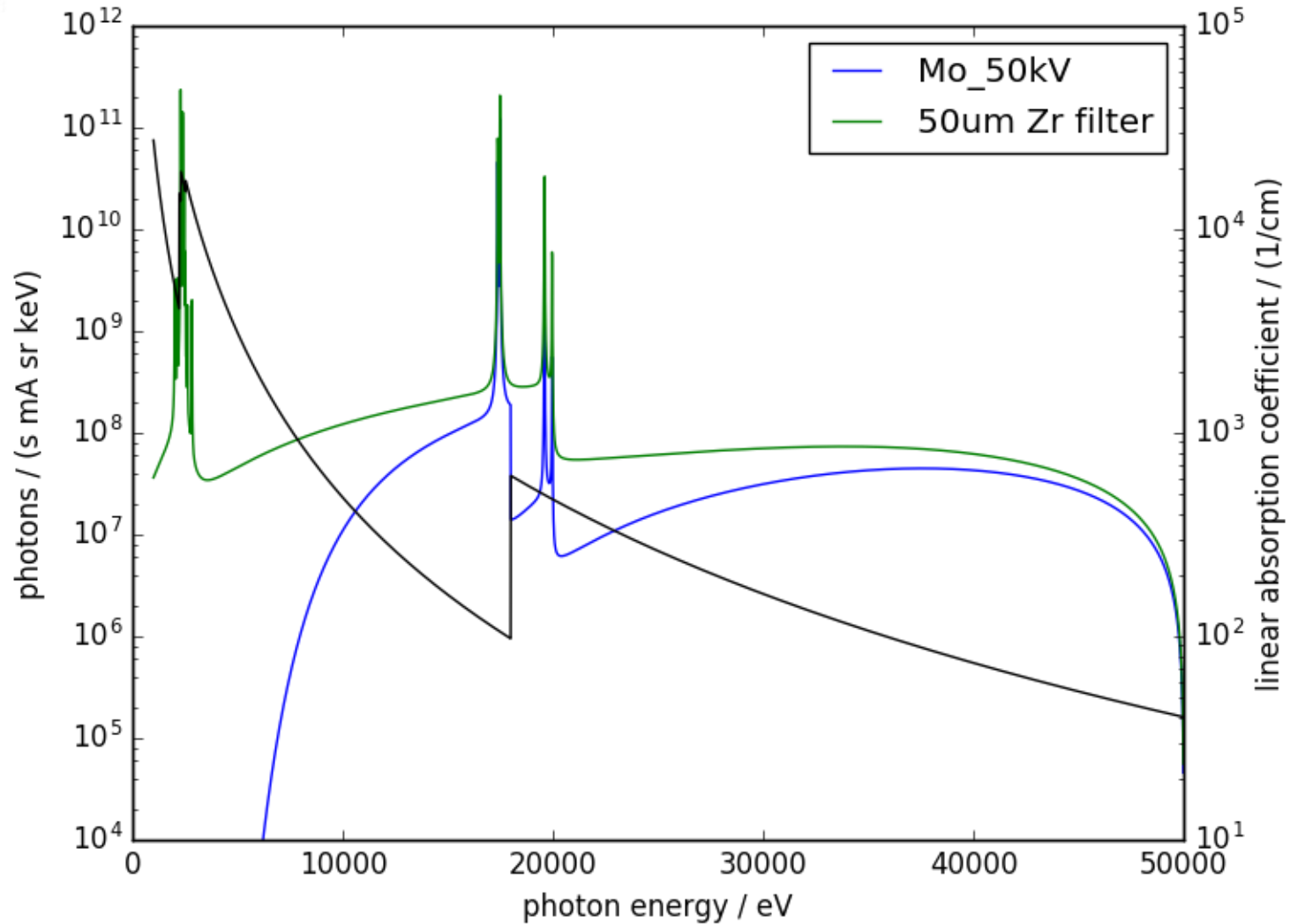
$$\lambda = \frac{hc}{E} \quad \lambda(\text{\AA}) = \frac{12.3984}{E(\text{eV})}$$

In MAUD:

One or multiple wavelengths can be indicated with intensity fraction

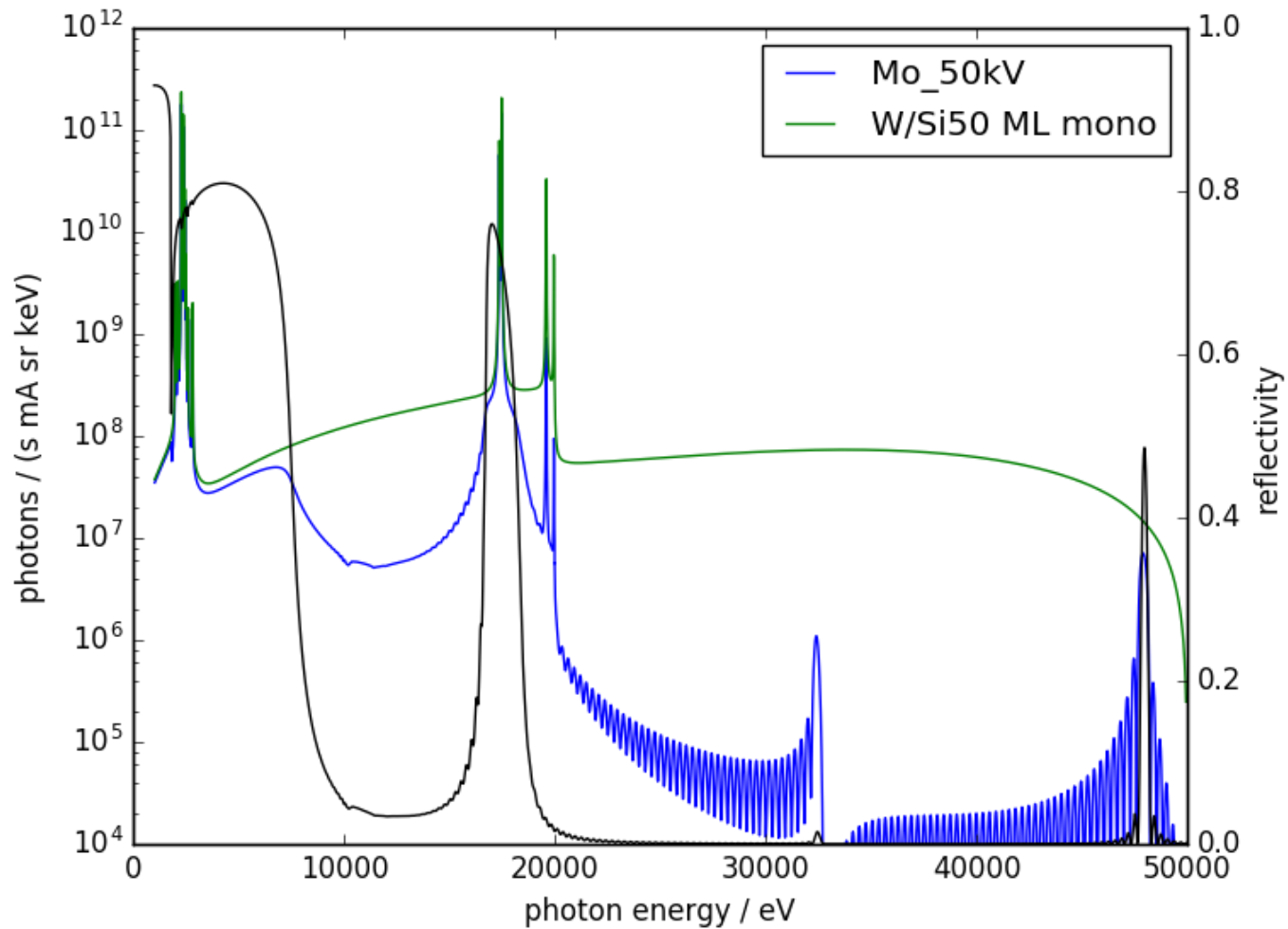
Integration over different energies/wavelengths done numerically

# Primary radiation – x-ray tube



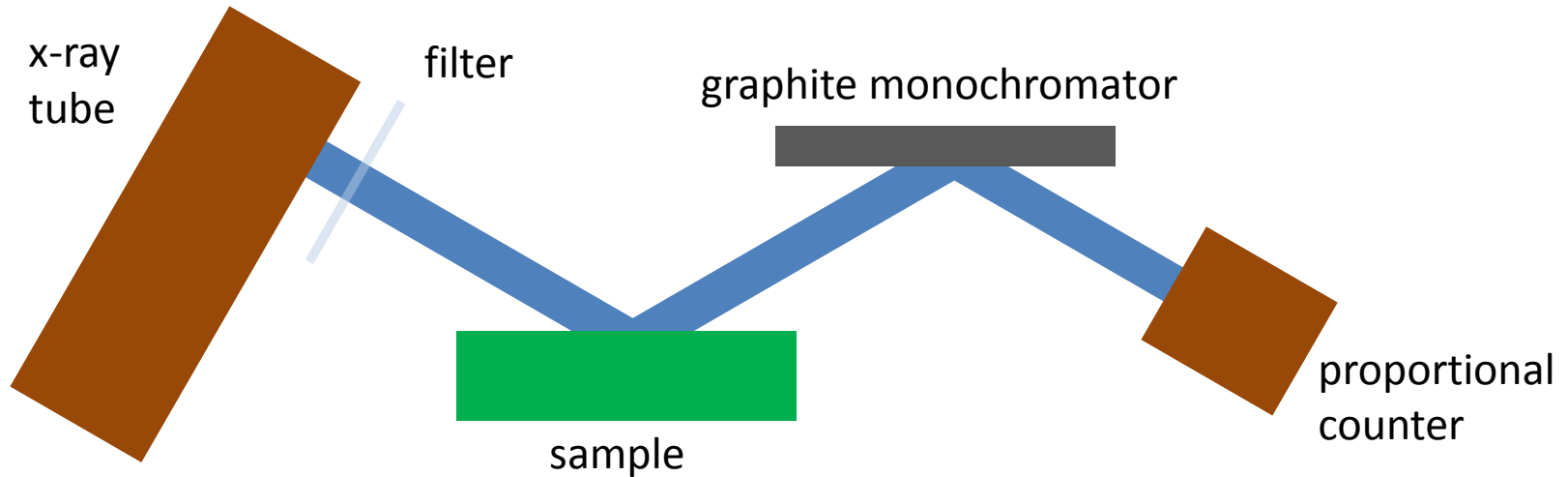
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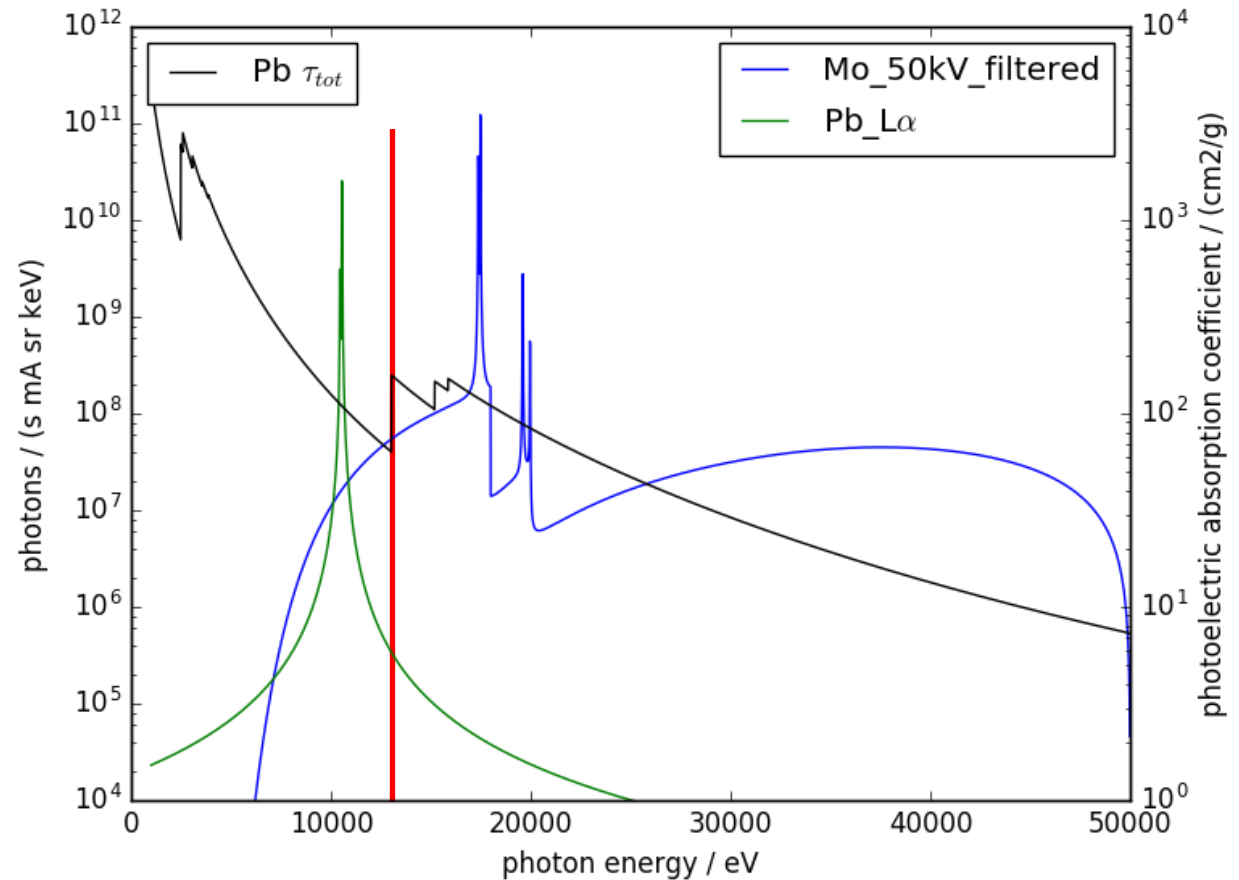
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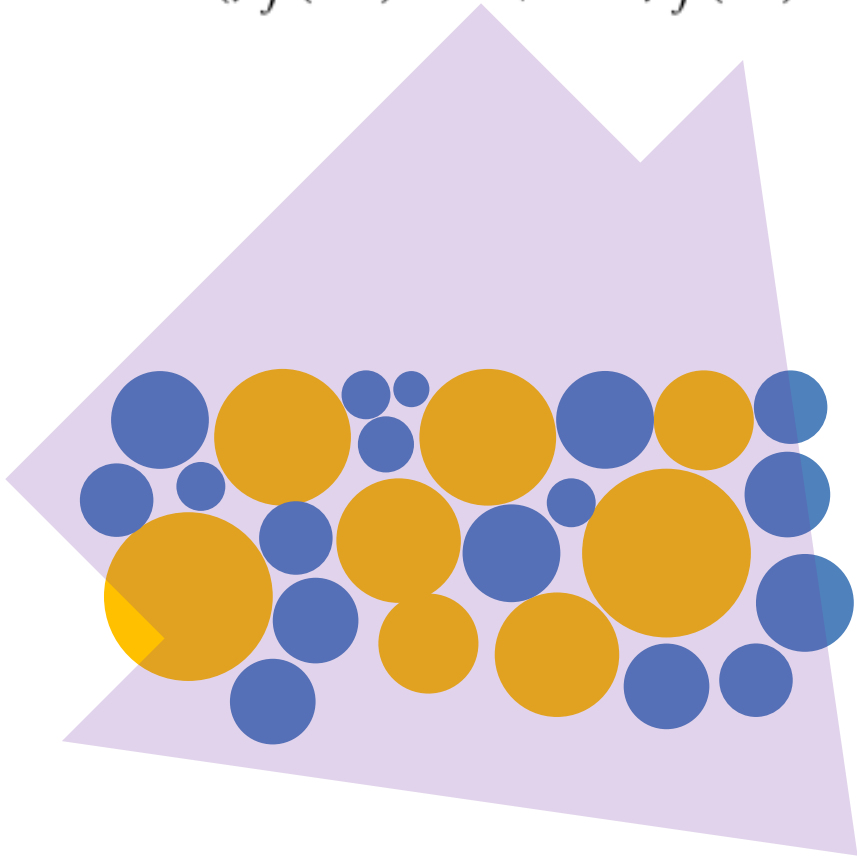
XRF and XRD signals related to different part of the X-ray primary beam  
In MAUD: defined separately, hence taken into account

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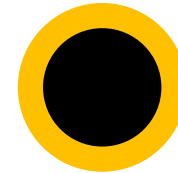


$$I_{\zeta jk \text{ layer}} \propto \int_{E_{\text{edge}}}^{E_{\text{max}}} W_{\zeta} \left( \frac{\tau_j}{\rho} \right)_{\zeta E} \rho_s \omega_{\zeta j} p_{\zeta jk} \cdot \frac{1 - e^{-\left( \frac{\mu_{s,E_{\zeta jk}}}{\sin \phi_f} + \frac{\mu_{s,E}}{\sin \phi_i} \right) T}}{\frac{\mu_{s,E_{\zeta jk}}}{\sin \phi_f} + \frac{\mu_{s,E}}{\sin \phi_i}} dE$$

$$F_i = \frac{1 - \exp[-(\mu_f^*(E_0) \csc \psi_1 + \mu_f^*(E_i) \csc \psi_2)a_r]}{(\mu_f^*(E_0) \csc \psi_1 + \mu_f^*(E_i) \csc \psi_2)a_r}$$

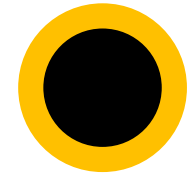
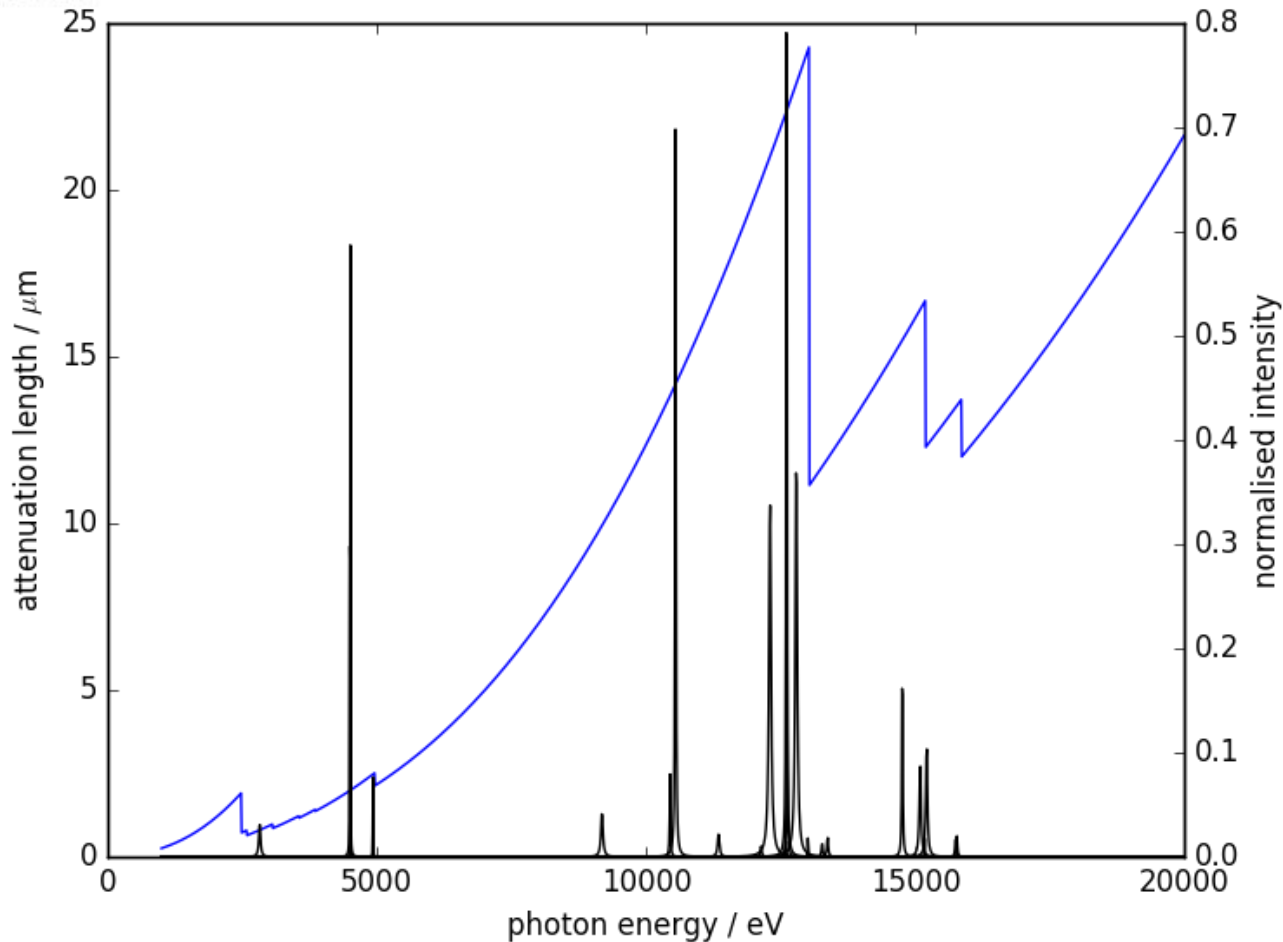


$\mu^*$  = linear absorption coefficient



$a_r$  = radiometric particle diameter  
 $a$  = geometric particle diameter

Similar to Brindley correction, but not quite the same:  
 In Maud? Work in progress



PbTiO3

overcome by sample preparation : fused beads

1050 deg C + lithium tetraborate (LiT or  $\text{Li}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$ ) and lithium metaborate (LiM or  $\text{LiBO}_2$ )  
(commonly used in various proportions)

**Thank you for your attention!**