

X-ray Fluorescence Analysis

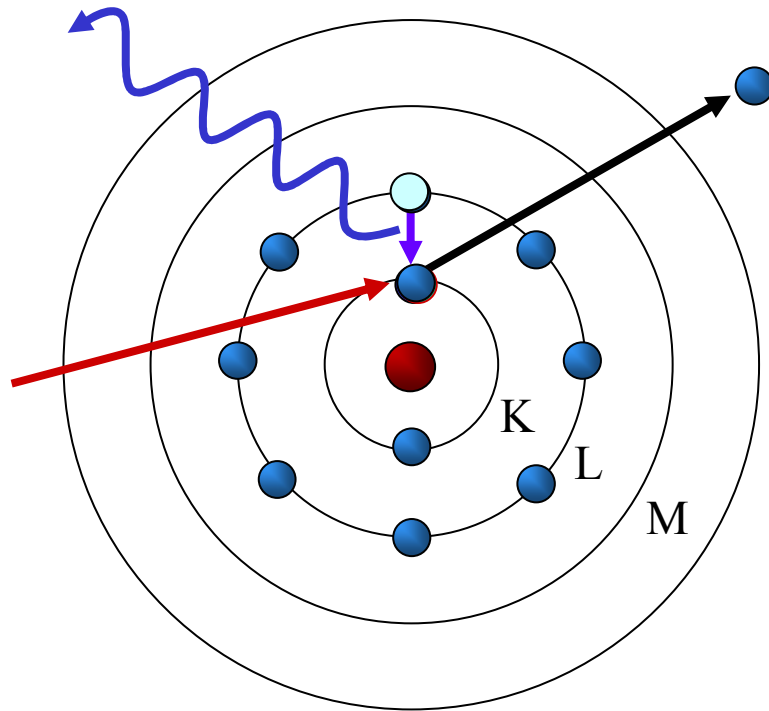
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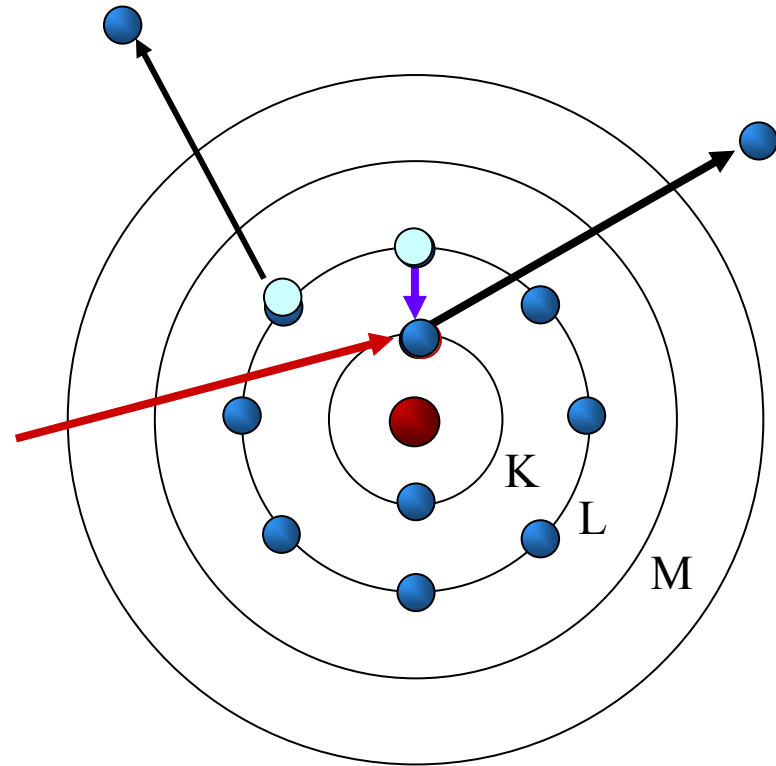
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What happens by core hole creation?



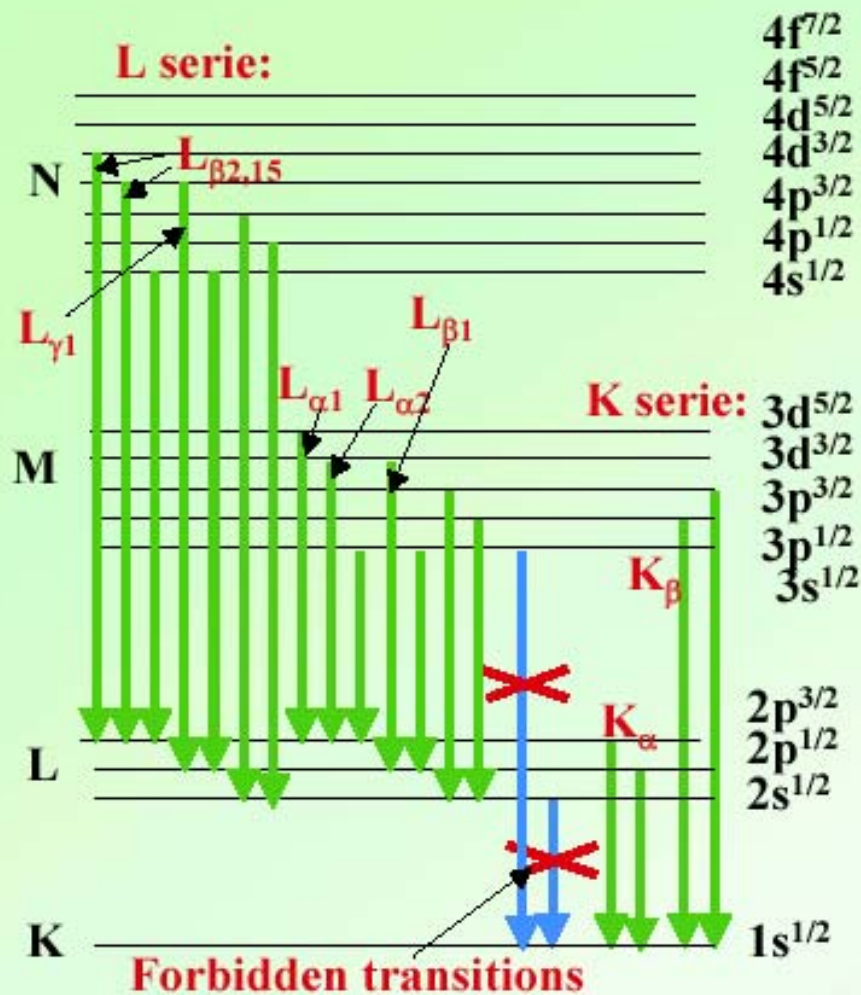
X-ray Fluorescence



Auger electron emission

How does an X-ray spectrum look like?

Diagramm lines



Electric-dipole selection rules

$$\Delta l = \pm 1$$

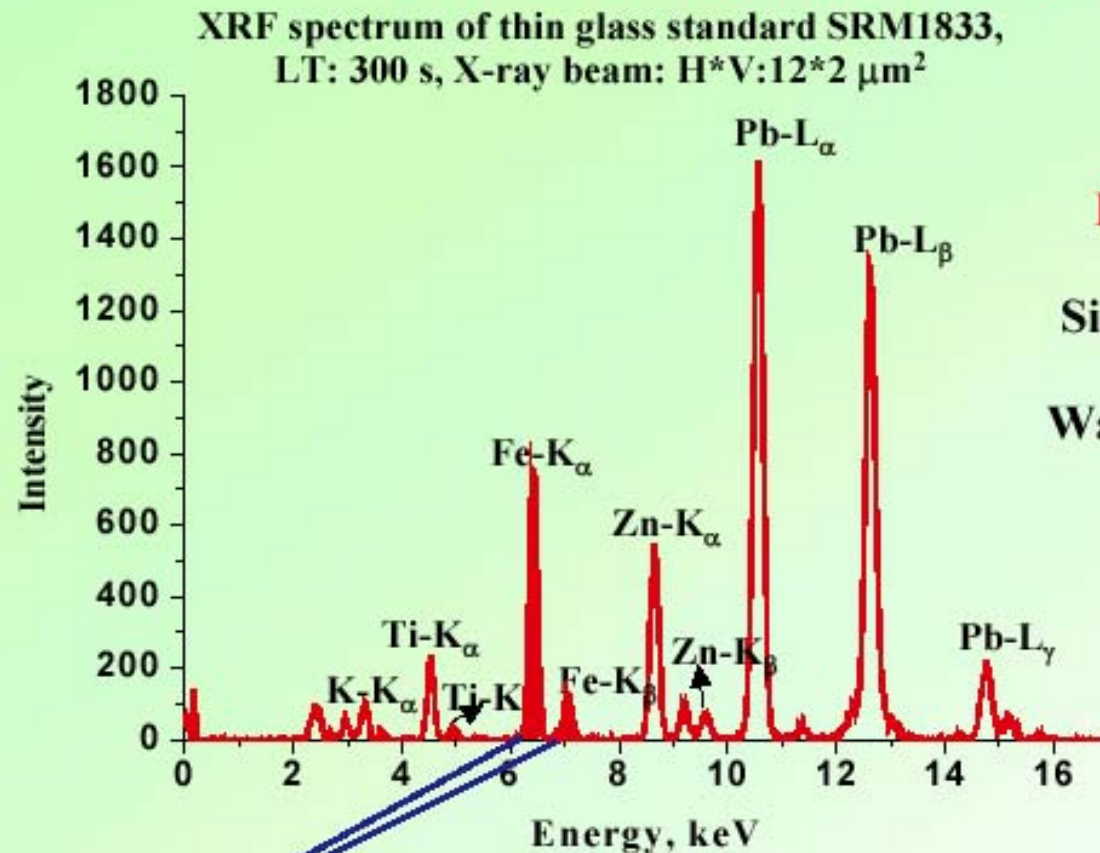
$$\Delta j = 0, \pm 1$$

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First 4 elements, H, He, Li, Be have **no** characteristic X-ray diagramm lines

New transitions become possible with the filling up of the outer electron shells

How does an X-ray spectrum look like?



Detection of XRF spectra:

Si(Li) solid state spectrometer

Wave-length dispersive crystal spectrometer

Energies of the X-ray lines



qualitative analysis

Intensity of a given X-ray line



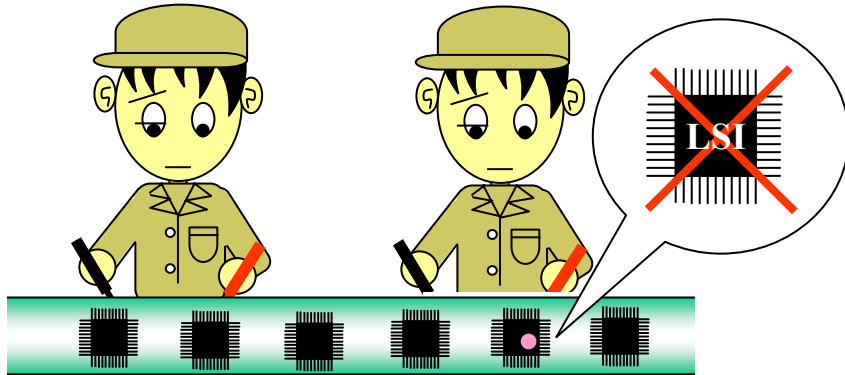
~number of a given atom in the excited volume, quantitative analysis

How can we create core holes?

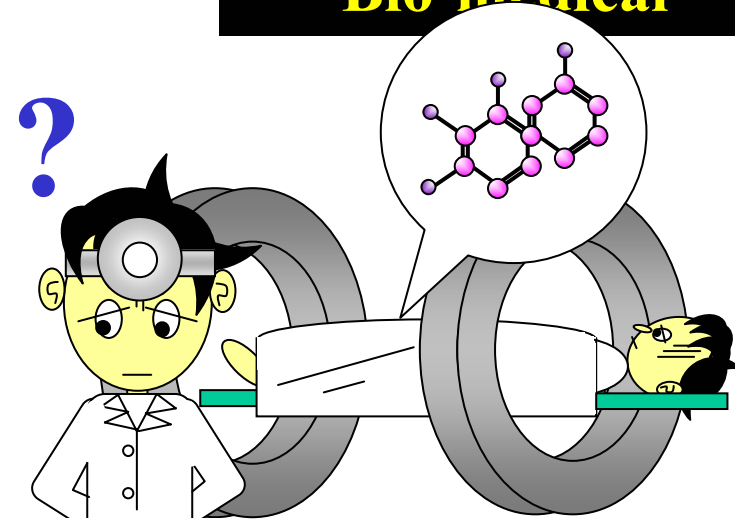
- X-rays, Electrons, Ions which have higher energy than the core electron ionization energies.
- Electrons and ions produces many peaks with multiple excitations. X-ray excitation is preferable.
- Now, X-ray fluorescence analysis by X-ray excitation is a standard technique for trace element analysis.

How is the Trace Characterization important?

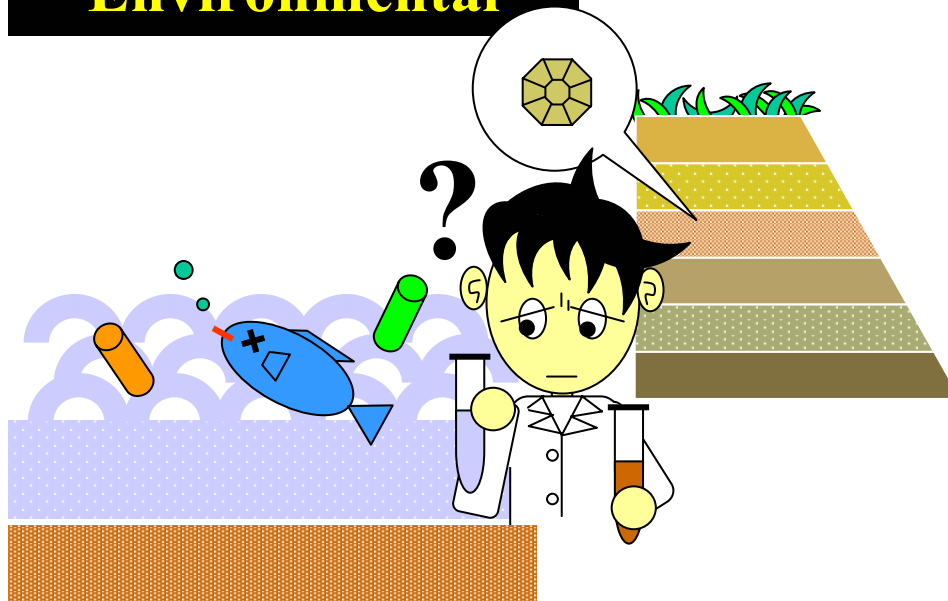
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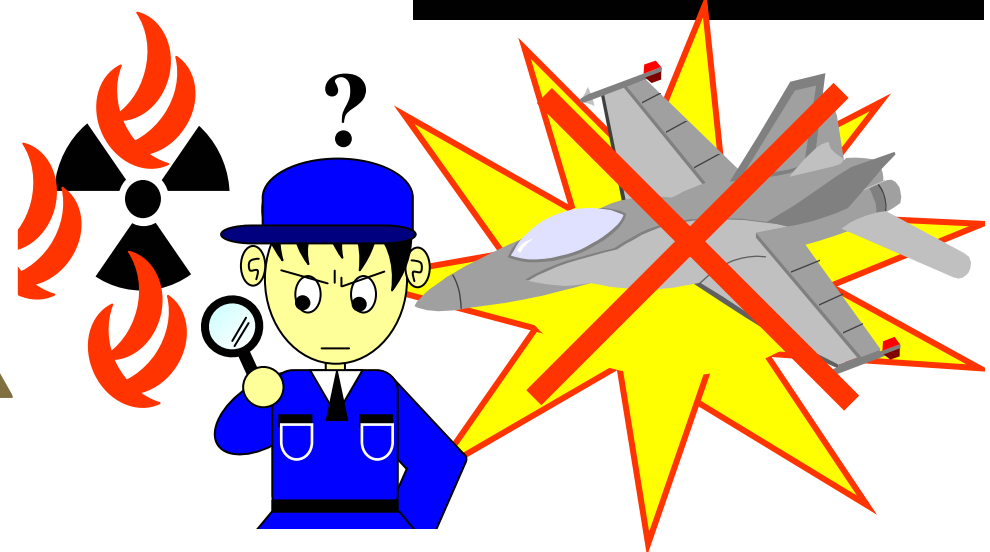
Bio-medical



Environmental



Social



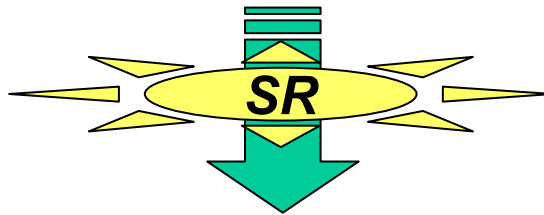
Why synchrotron radiation x-rays ?

- Higher intensity → higher sensitivity
- Energy tunability → Make the analysis easier, chemical state analysis
- Polarizability → Reduce background
- Directionality → applicable to tiny sample
- → Spectromicroscopy, Imaging

Synchrotron Radiation excited X-ray fluorescence Analysis

Advantages of XRF elemental analysis

- **Non-destructive**
- **multi-elemental analysis**
- **environmental condition**
- **high accuracy**
- **wide dynamic range**



• **High sensitivity**

ng=>fg, ppm=>ppb

• **Chemical state analysis**

• **Micro-beam analysis**

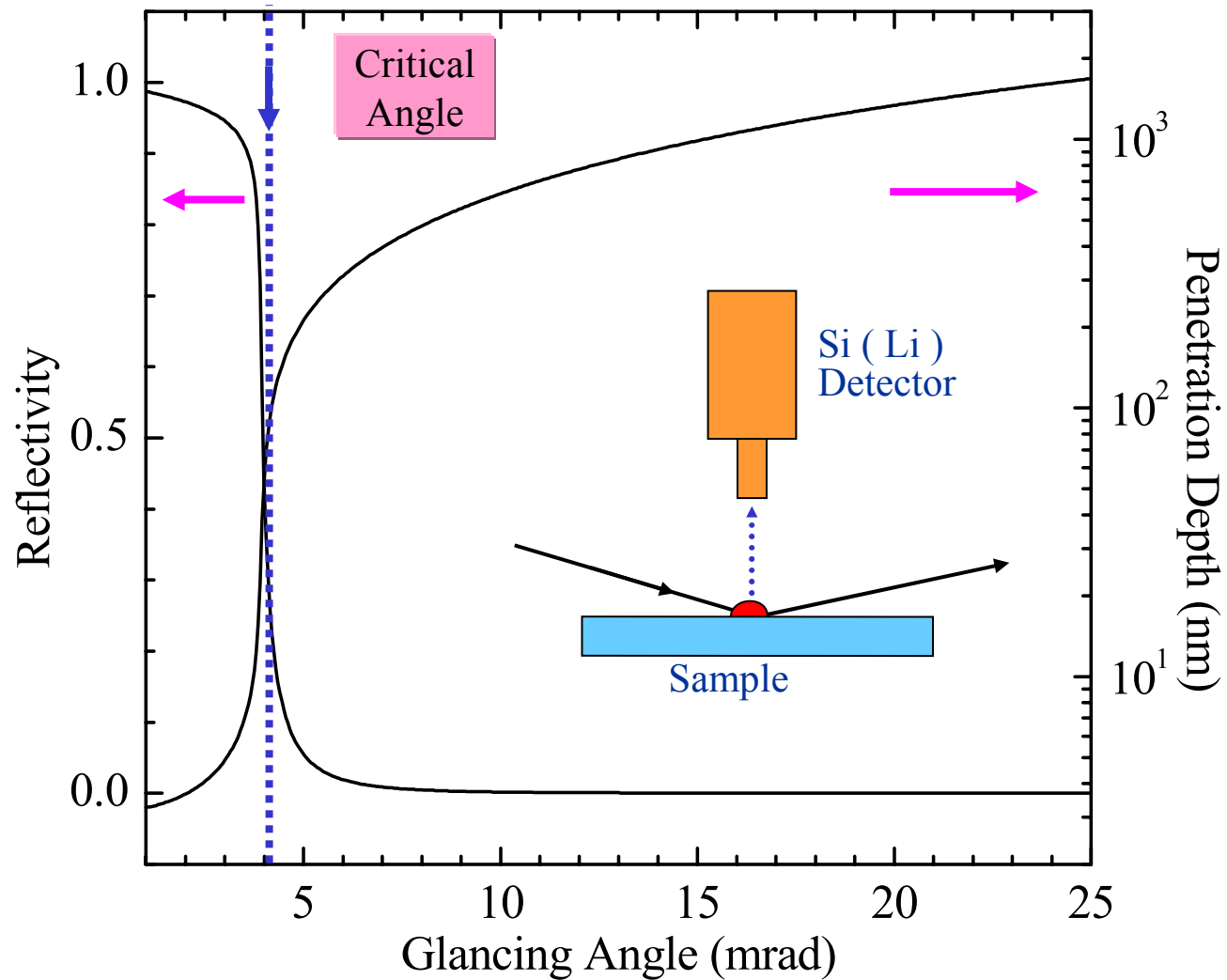
mm=> μm

• **Total reflection analysis**

10^{15} atoms/cm²=> 10^8 atoms/cm²

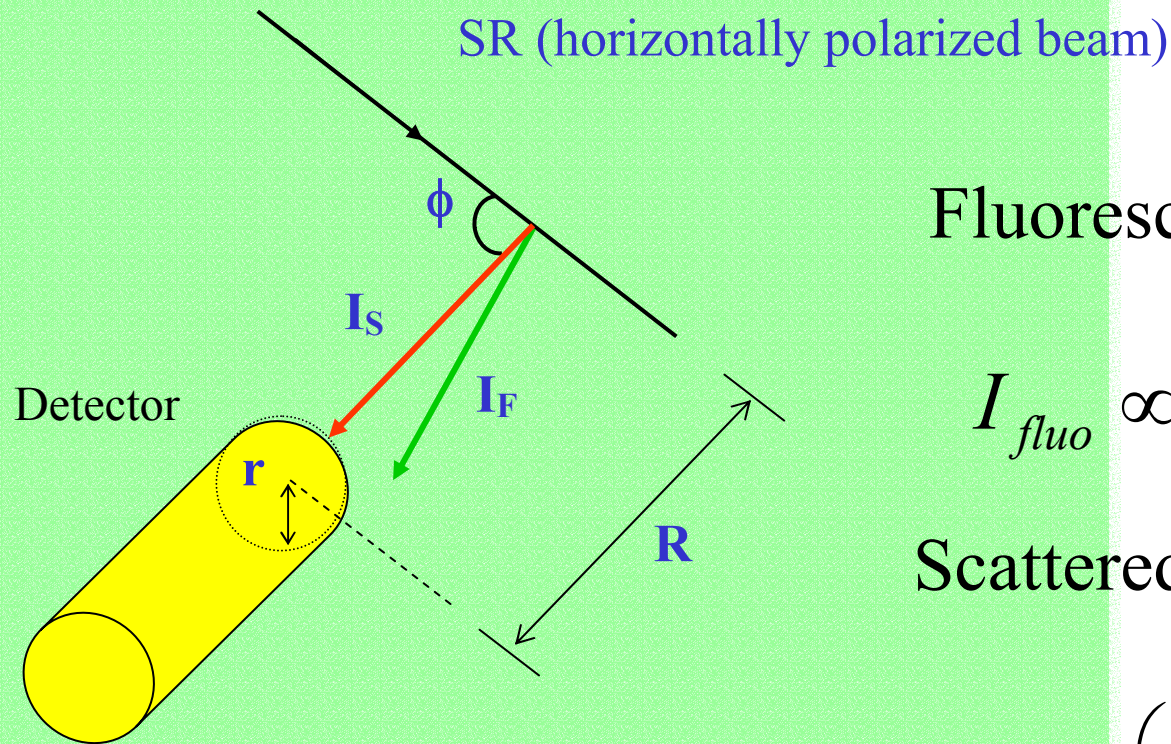
Total-reflection X-Ray Fluorescence (TXRF)

Reduction of scattering background from the substrate(1)



Total-reflection X-Ray Fluorescence (TXRF)

Reduction of scattering background from the substrate (2)



Fluorescent X-rays

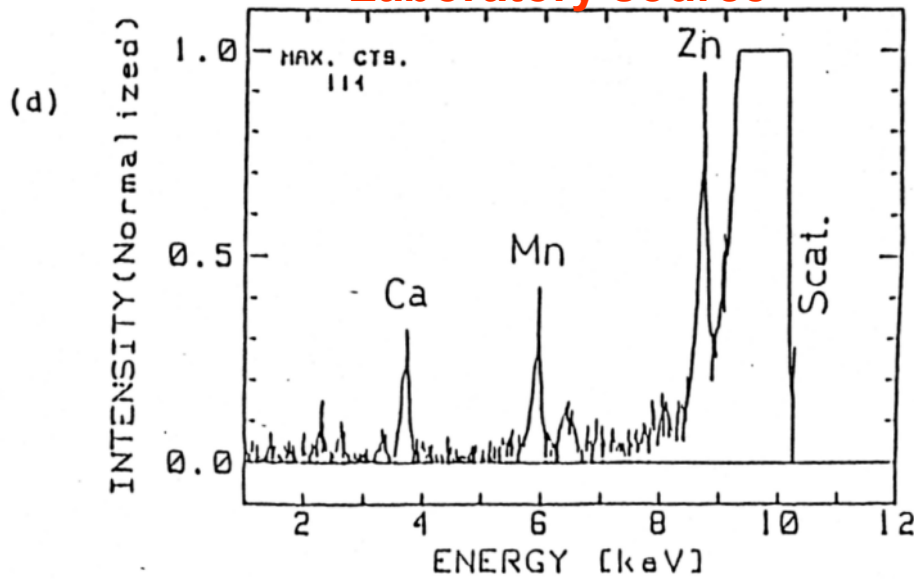
$$I_{fluo} \propto \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^2$$

Scattered X-rays

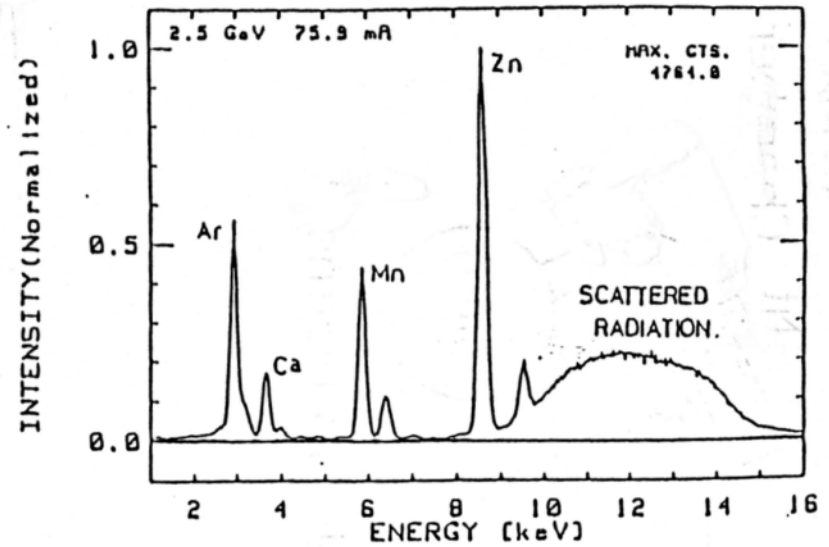
$$I_{scat} \propto 2 \cos^2 \phi \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^2 + \sin^2 \phi \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^4$$

Comparison of S/N and S/B ratios

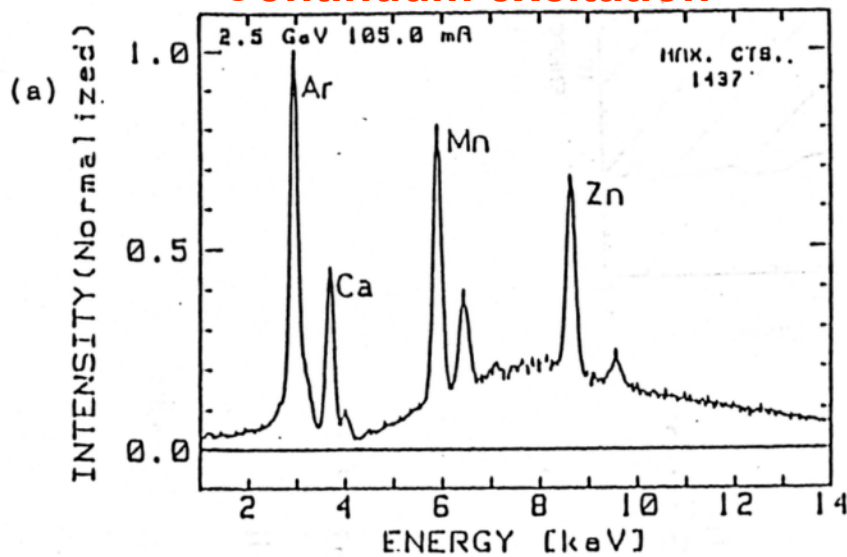
Laboratory source



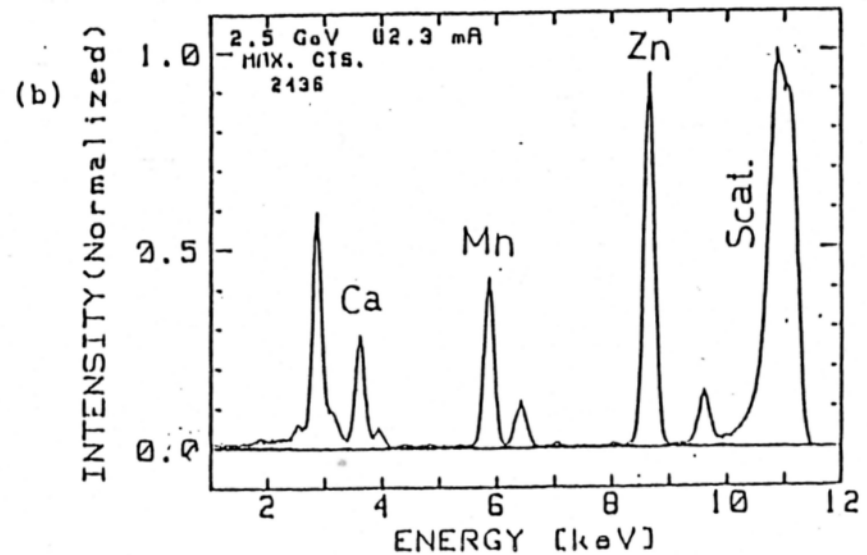
Refl./Trans. Mirrors



Continuum excitation



Monochromatic excitation

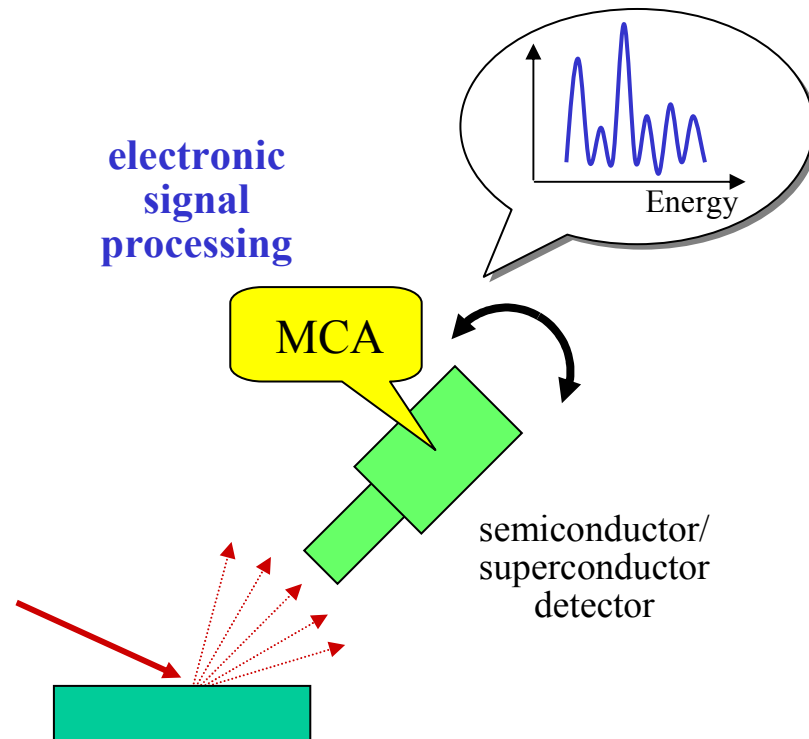


Sample: chelete resin beads

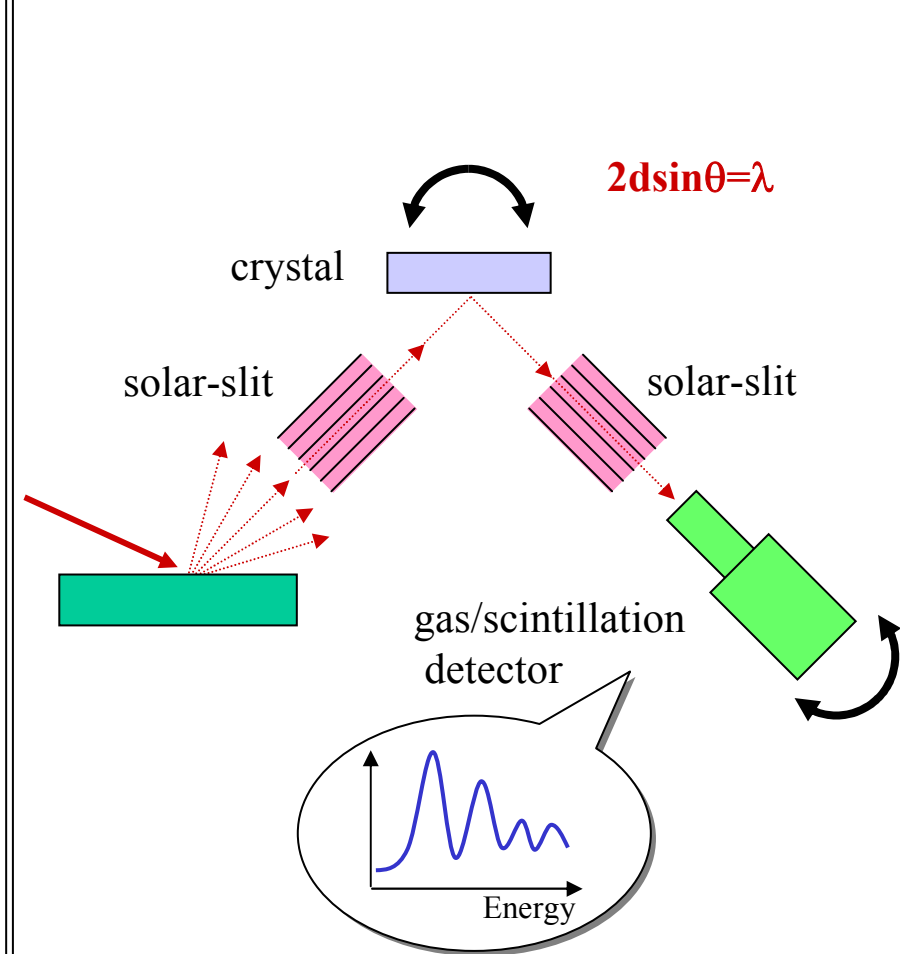
How to analyze X-Ray Fluorescence

Wavelength-dispersive vs. energy-dispersive

Energy-dispersive



Wavelength-dispersive



Chemical Characterization by X-ray Fluorescence Spectra

- ❖ Qualitative and quantitative analysis
- ❖ in terms of XRF

Si (Li) detector

- ❖ Intensity changes

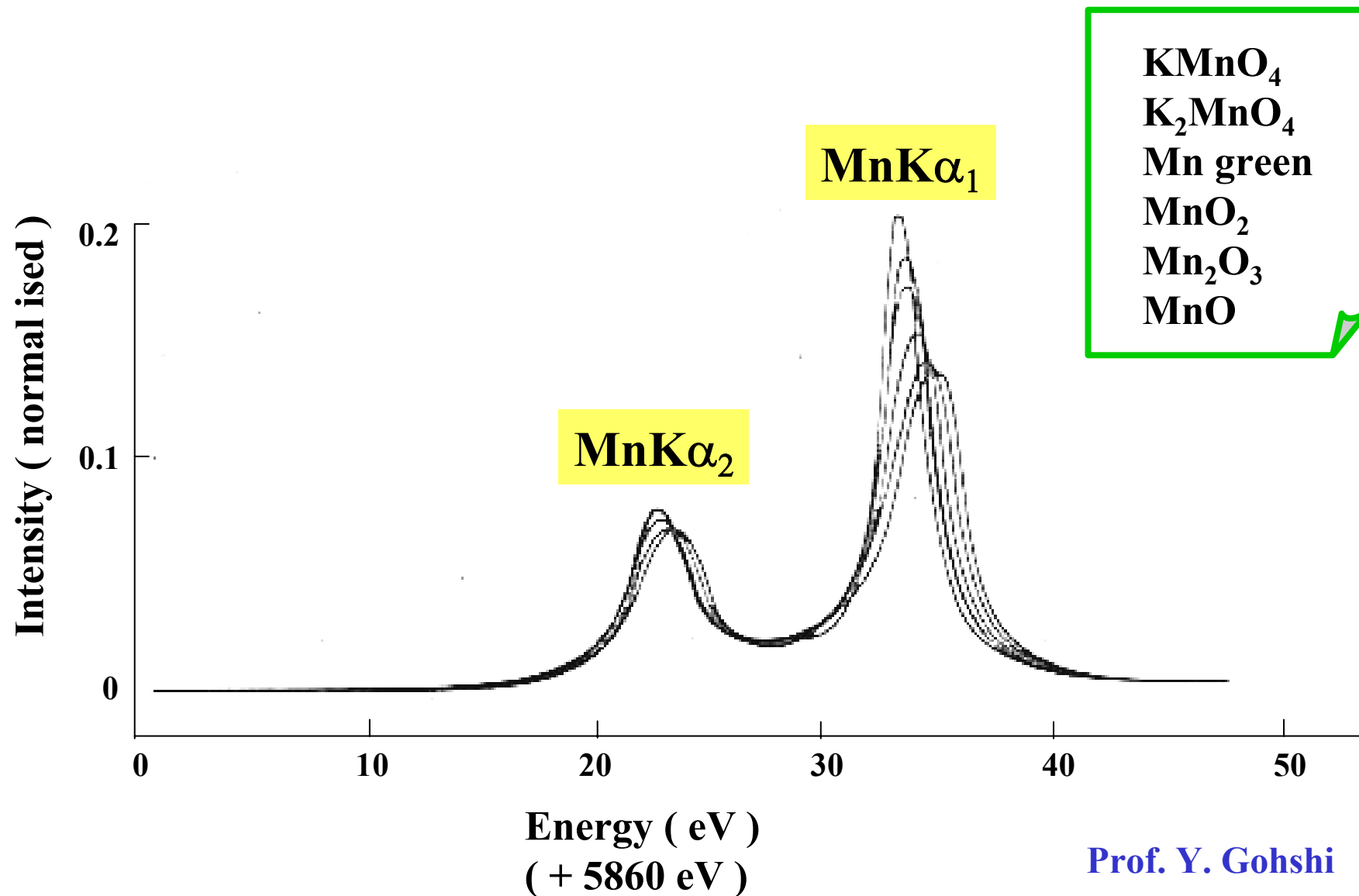
Single-crystal spectrometer

- ❖ Chemical shifts
- ❖ Profile changes and other fine structures
- ❖ Satellite lines

Double-crystal spectrometer

Chemical Shifts and Profile Changes

High resolution X-ray spectrometry



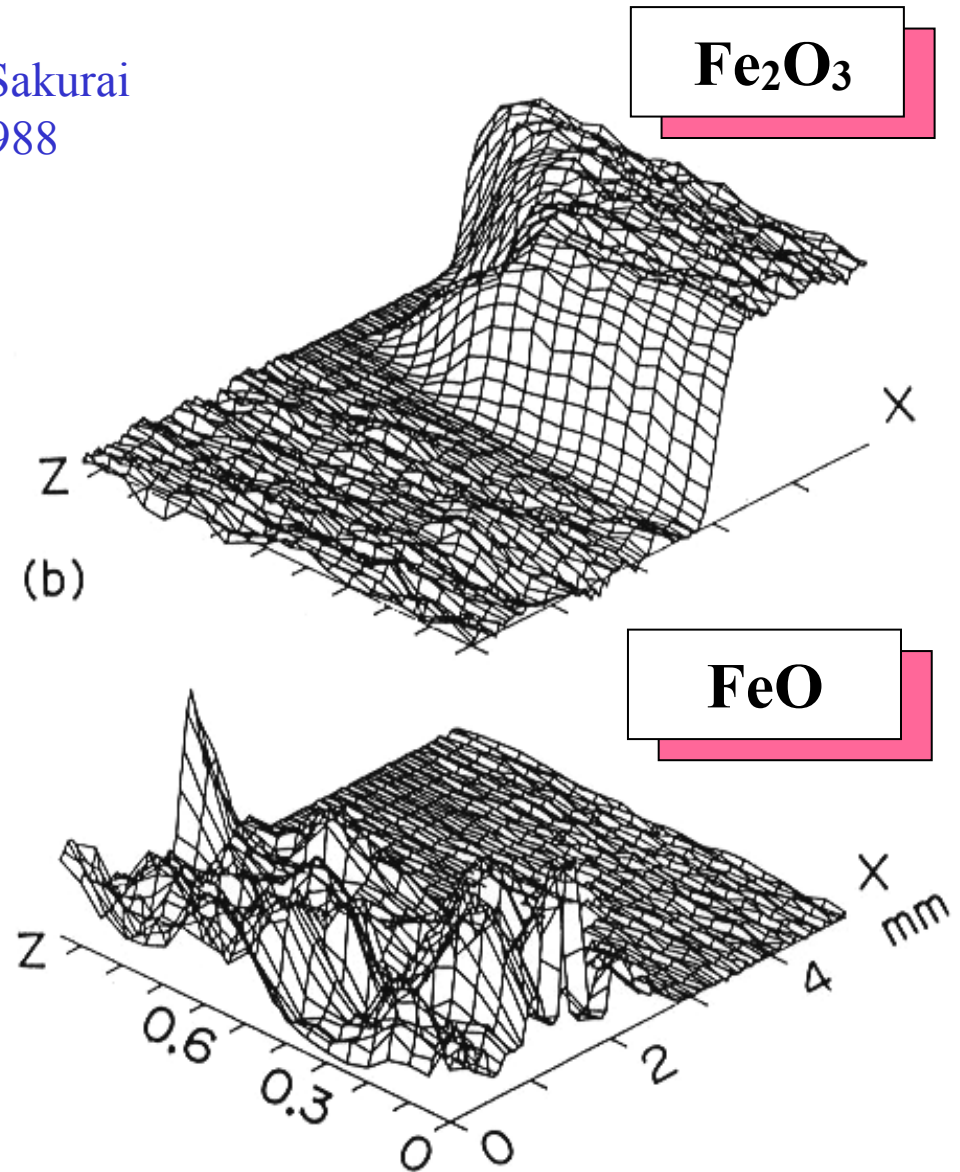
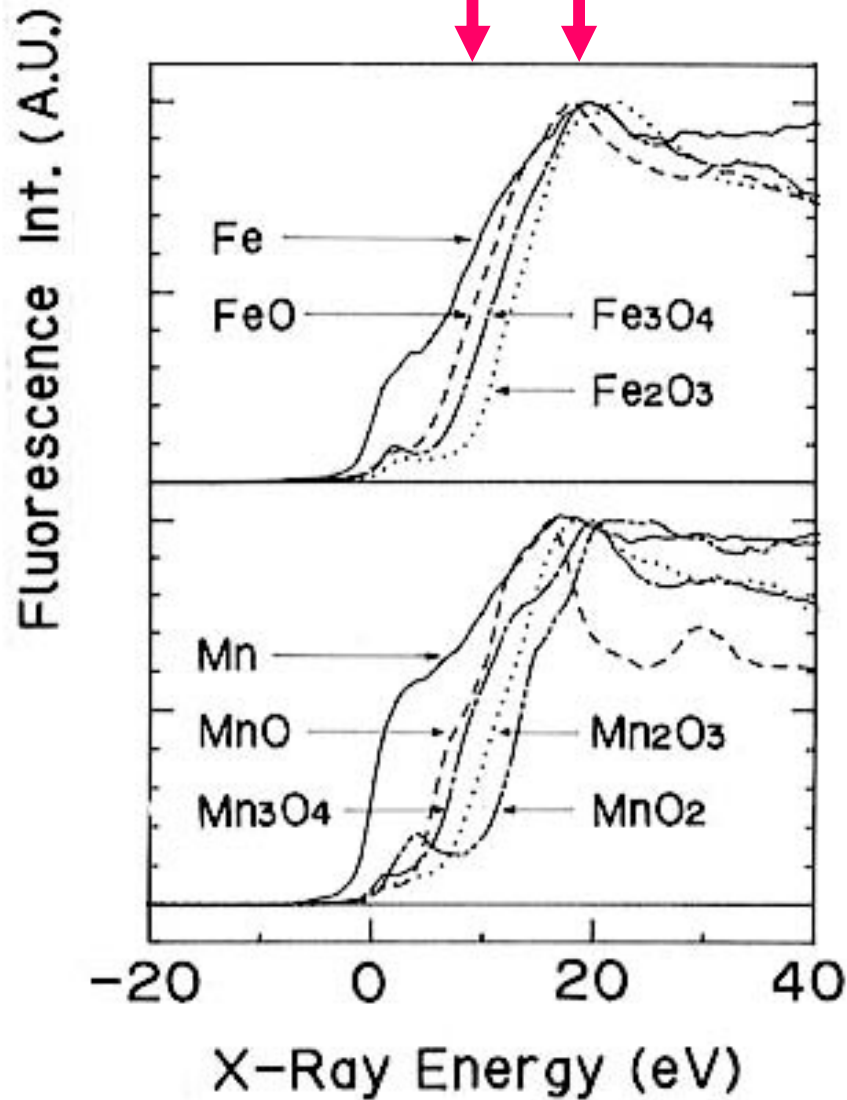
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Selectively Induced X-Ray Emission Using Edge Shifts

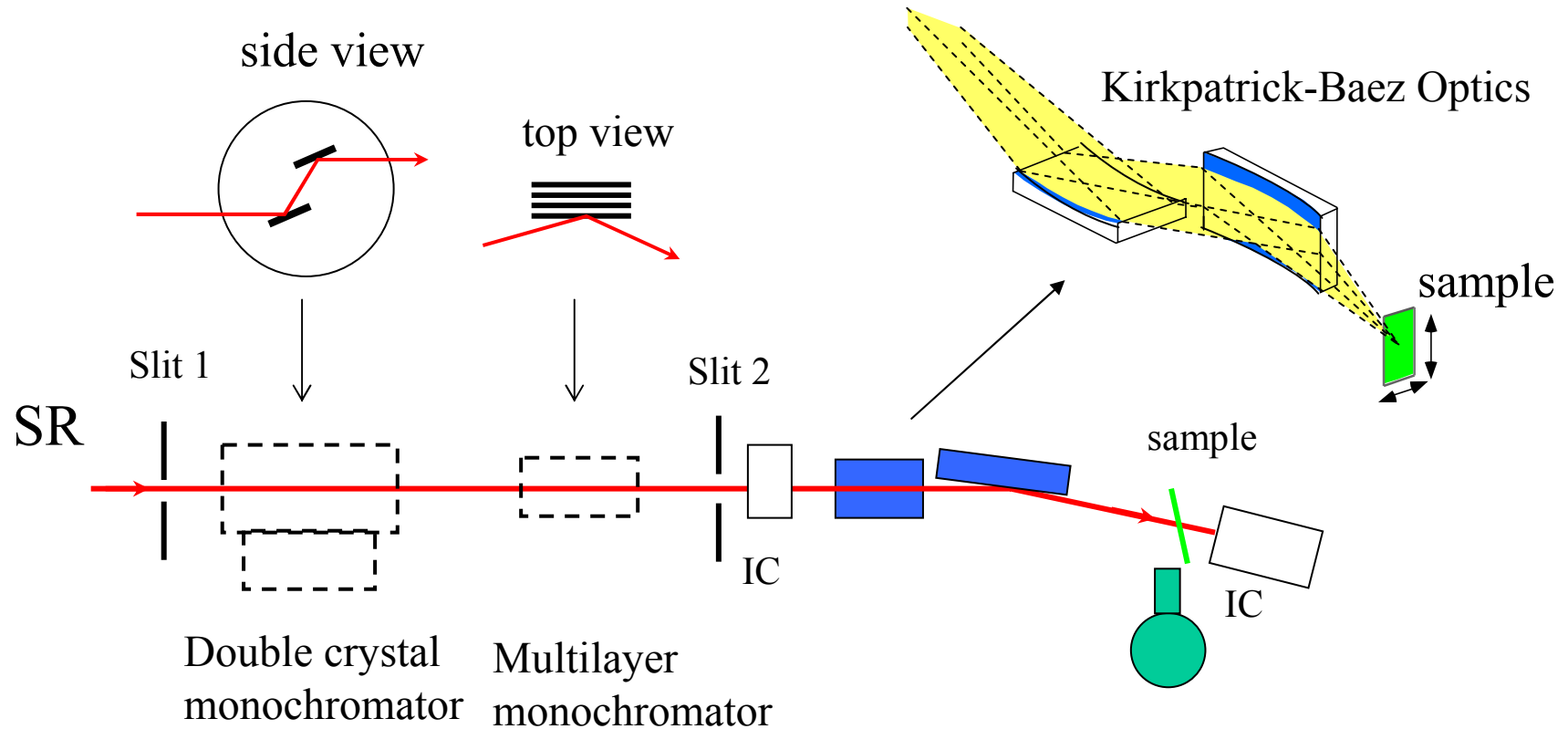
Use of tunable monochromatic synchrotron source

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K.Sakurai
~1988



Synchrotron X-Ray Microbeam



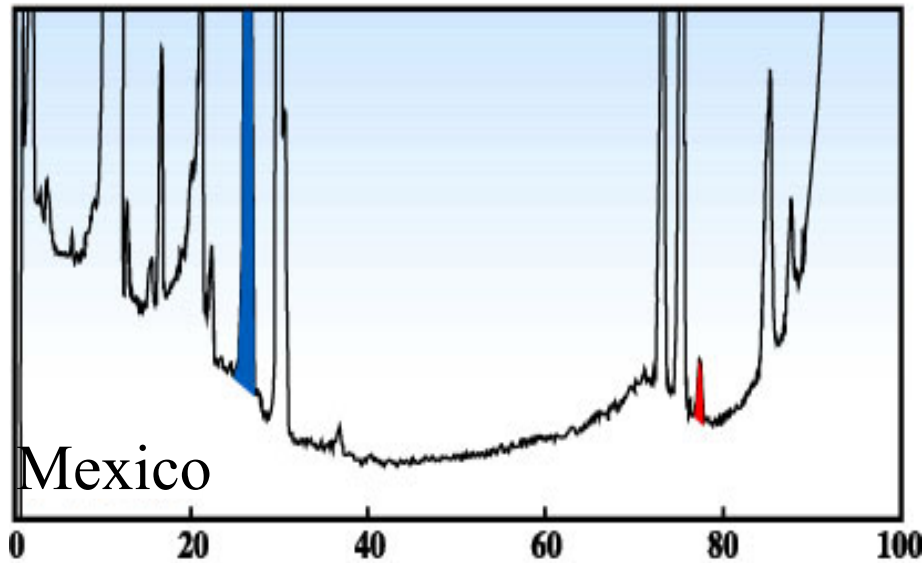
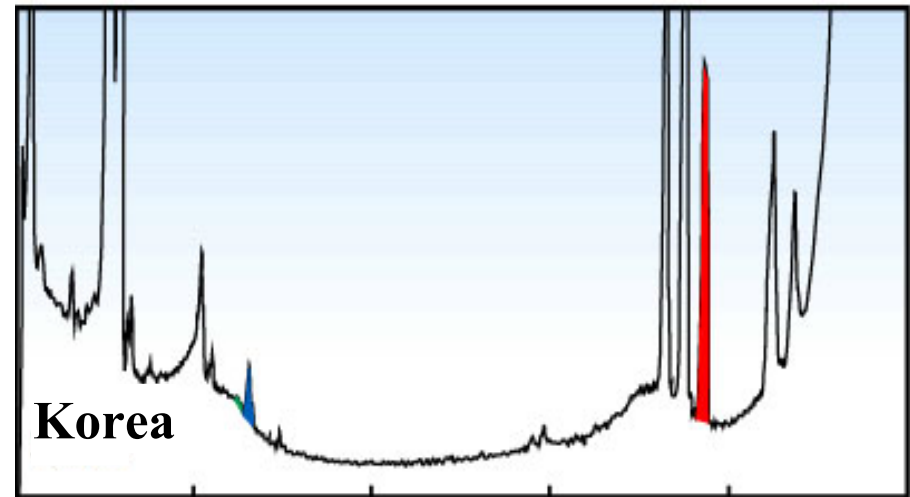
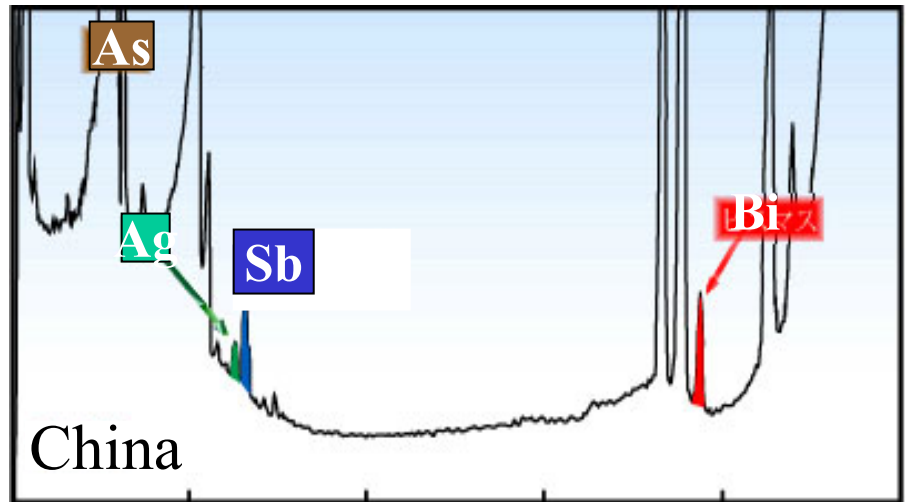
Beam size $5\sim 6 \mu\text{m}^2$ ($1 \mu\text{m}$ min)

Photon Flux(Max) 10^{10} (Multilayer) 10^8 (DXM)

Application to criminology

- A serious case of murder happened in a small town in Japan in 1999.
- White arsenic(arsenic oxide) was mixed in curry and 5 kids died of arsenic poisoning.
- No witness and no confession, only presumptive evidence
- XFS technique works effectively.

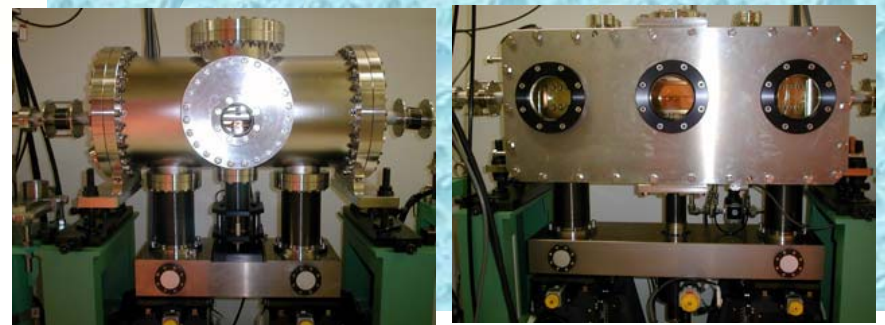
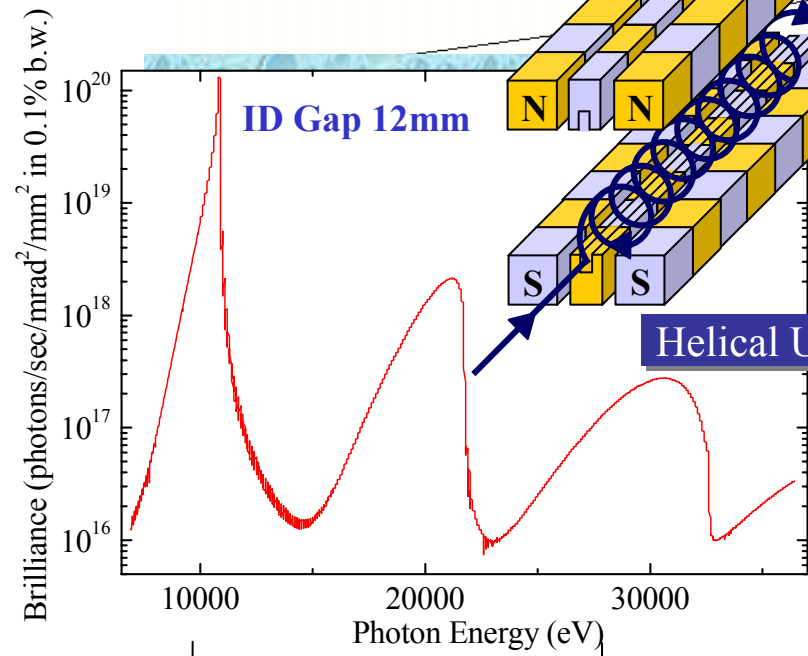
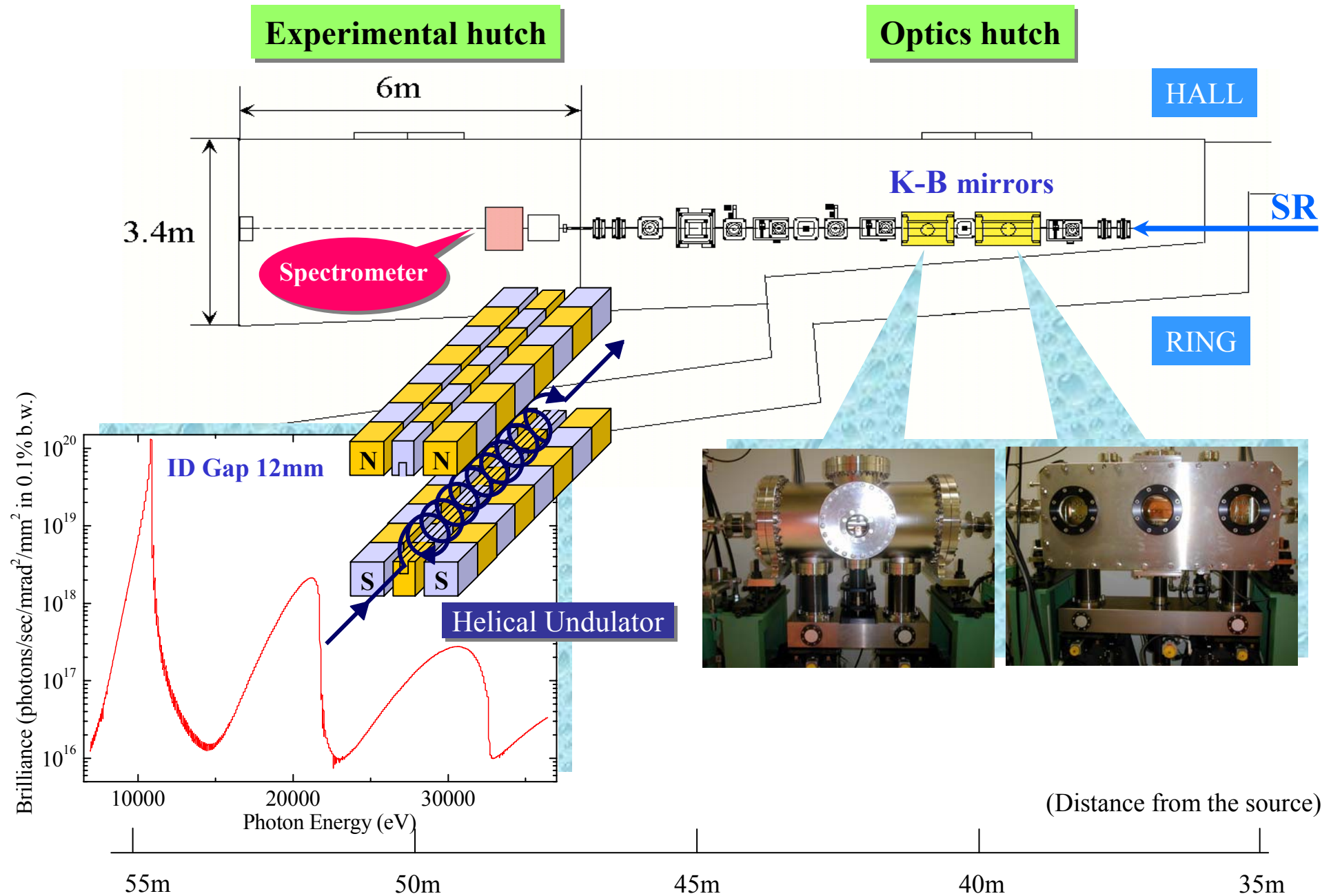
XFS of white arsenic produced in various countries



Spectral patterns from two samples agree with each other!

X-ray energy(keV)

Plan View of Beamline 40XU at SPring-8

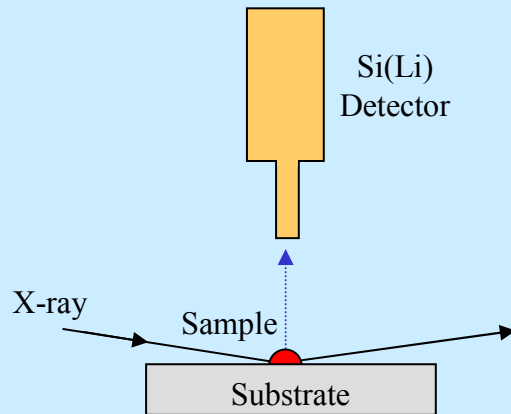


(Distance from the source)

From Energy-dispersive to Wavelength-dispersive Spectrometer

To further upgrade signal to background ratio

Energy-dispersive TXRF



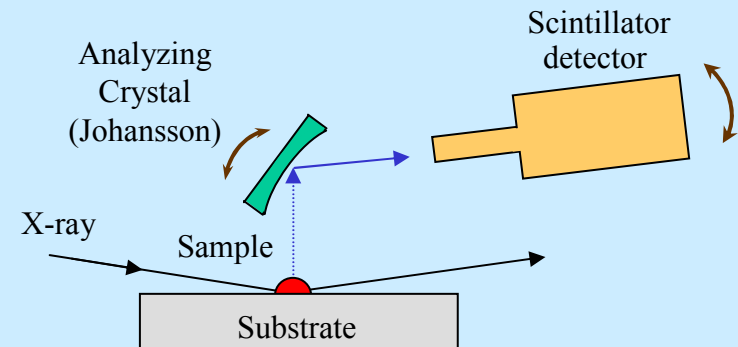
Advantages

Large solid angle (High detection efficiency)
Collecting whole XRF spectra simultaneously

Disadvantages

Low energy-resolution
Limitation of counting-rate
Scattering background

Wavelength-dispersive TXRF



Advantages

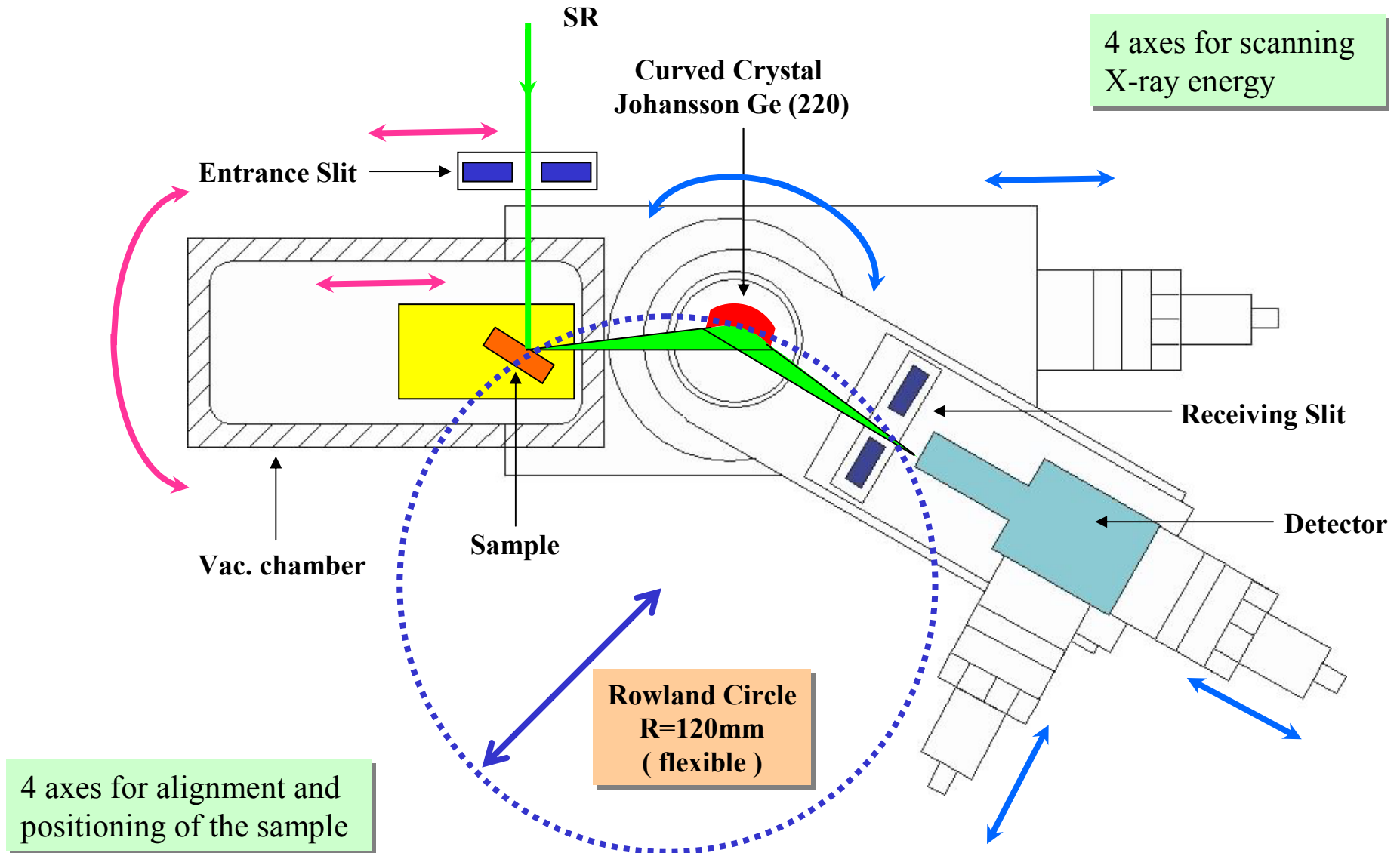
High energy-resolution
Good signal to background ratio

Disadvantages

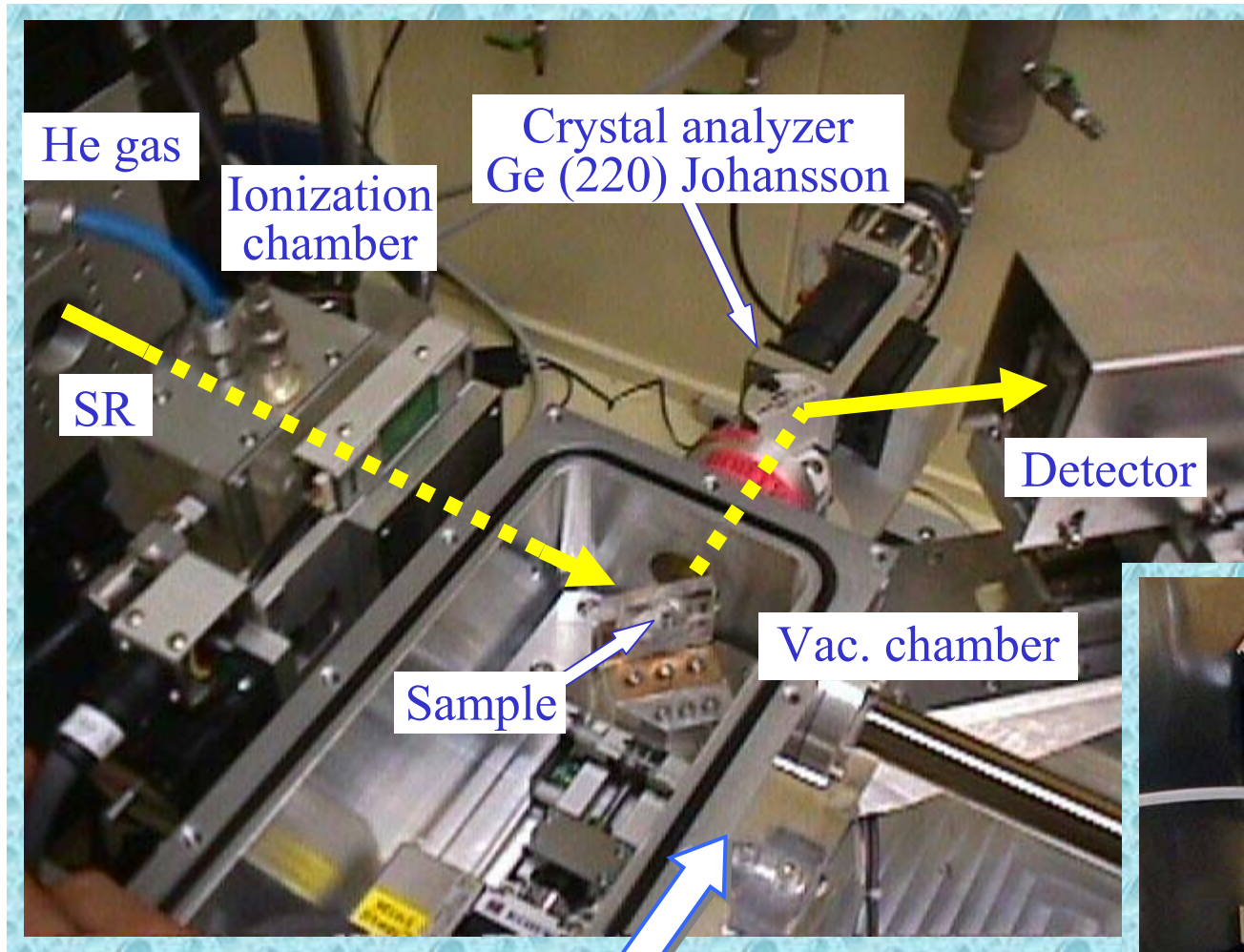
Low detection-efficiency

Design Considerations

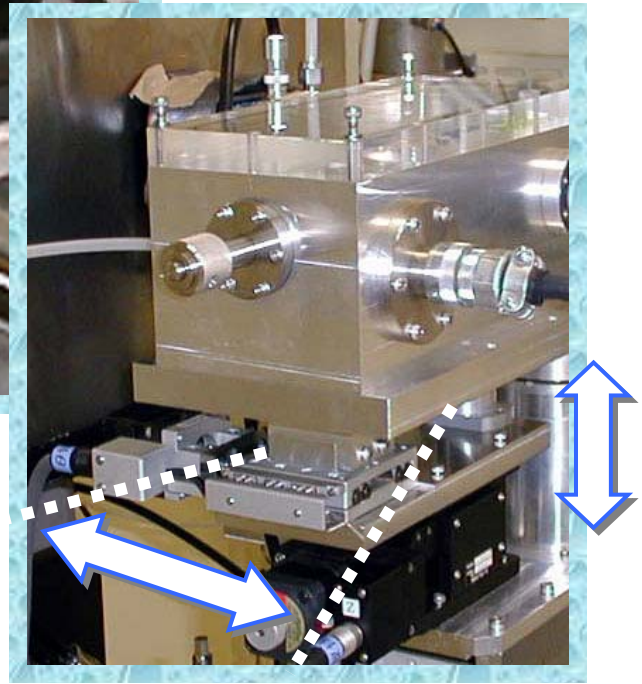
Flexibility and feasibility for practical analytical applications



Compact Johansson X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometer



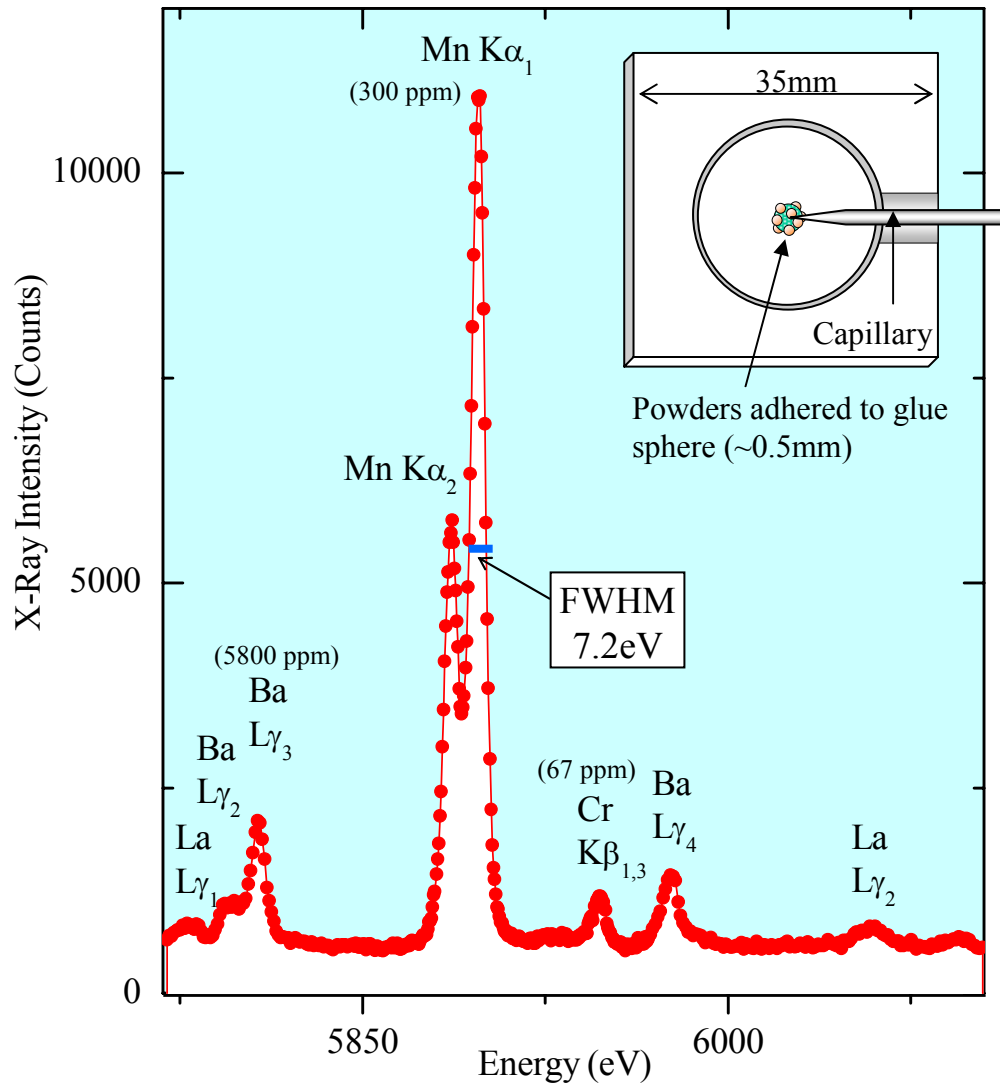
Sample positioning stages



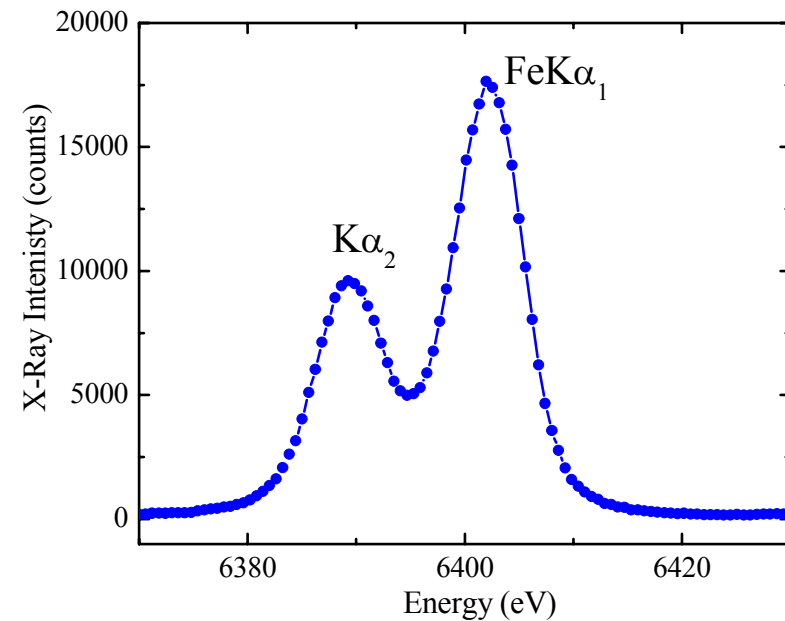
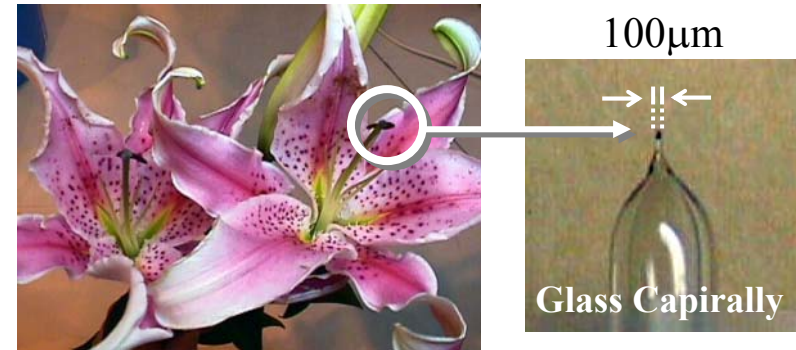
Performance of the Spectrometer

Feasibility for the analysis of trace elements in small samples

Coal Fly Ash (NIST SRM-2690)

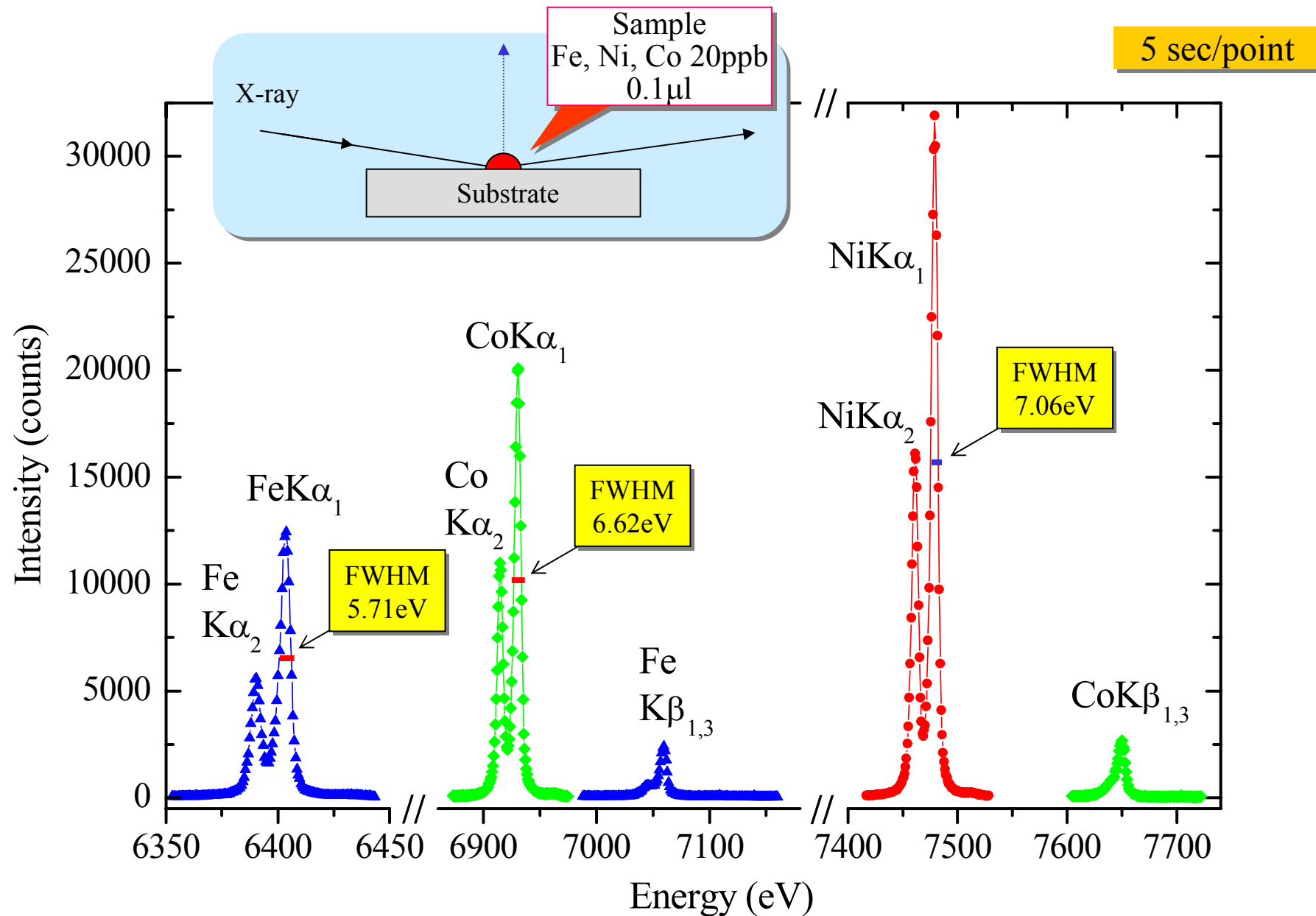


Lily Pollen (20 particles.)



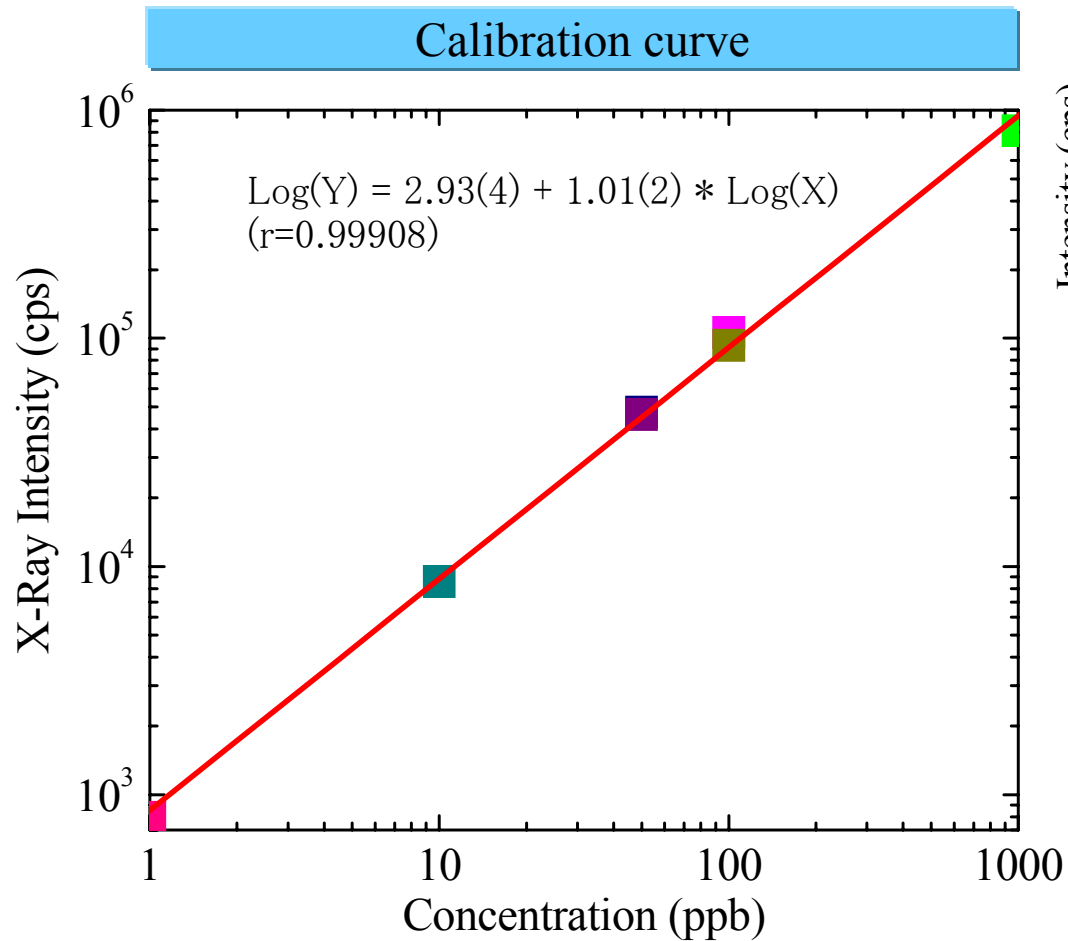
WD-TXRF Spectra for Trace Elements in Micro Drop

Significant enhancement of signal to background ratio

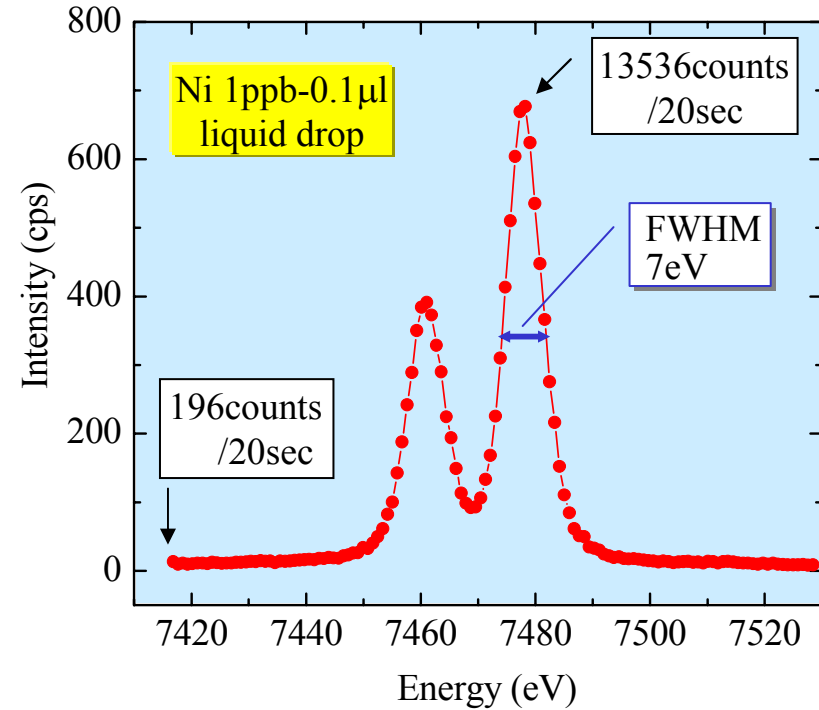


Performance of Wavelength-Dispersive TXRF

ppt level detection limit with less than 10eV energy



Ni in 0.1 μl solution



Detection Limit

	Absolute amount	Concentration of solution of 0.1 μl
Ni	0.31 fg	3.1 ppt

Summary

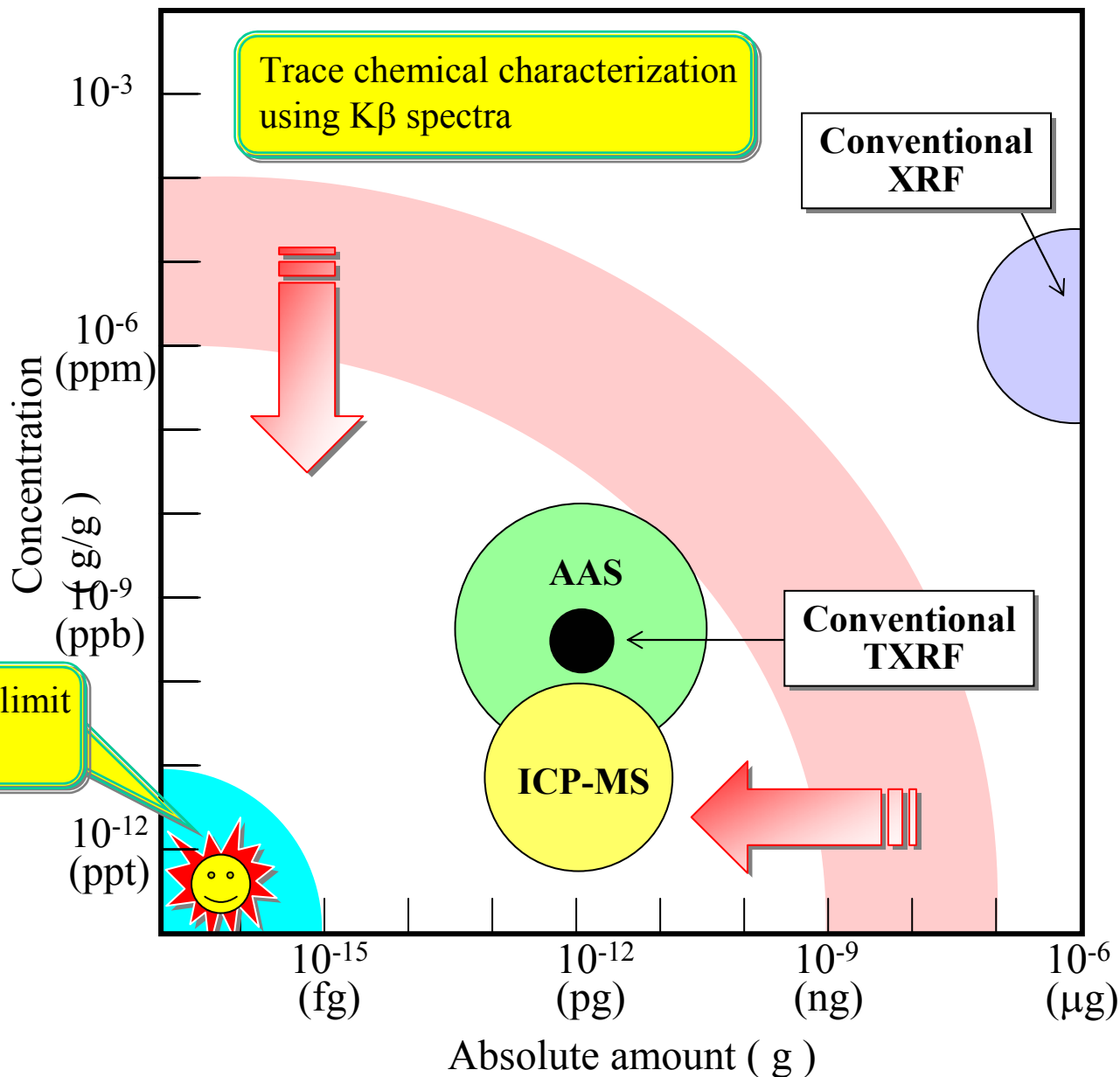
Towards ppt chemistry

Reducing scattering background as well as parasitic X-rays due to contamination is extremely important.

Downsized wavelength depressive XRF spectrometer is effective to enhance both detection efficiency and energy resolution.

$\sim 10^{-16} \text{g}$
 $\sim 10^{-12} \text{(ppt)}$
For $0.1 \mu\text{l}$

Present detection limit
(SR-WD TXRF)



X-ray fluorescence analysis

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Outline

- **What is X-ray fluorescence analysis (XRF)?**
- **Micro-X-ray fluorescence analysis**
- **Application of scanning μ -XRF**
- **X-ray fluorescence tomography and applications**
- **Combination of μ -XRF with other μ -X-ray techniques (μ -XRD, μ -XANES, μ -tomography)**
- **Conclusion**

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Synchrotron radiation induced scanning μ -XRF

ID21, ID22 beam-lines of the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF)

	ID21	ID22/ID18F
	X-Ray Microscopy	Micro-XRF, Imaging, Diffraction
•Energy range:	2-8 keV	6-70 keV
•Spatial resolution:	0.1 - 1.0 μ m	1.5 - 3.0 μ m
•Monochromator:	Si 111 or Si 220	Si 111 or Si 311
•Detection:	parallel multiple detection	
•Fluorescence:	HPGe	Si(Li)
•Transmission:	photodiode	photodiode, ion. chamber
	operation in air/vacuum	operation in air
•Detectable elements:	Z<26 (Fe) K-lines	14<Z<72 (Hf) K-lines
(by XRF)	Z<64 (Gd) L-lines	72<Z L-lines

Applications:

Geochemistry, Biology, Environmental Sciences, Materials Science...

Micro-X-ray fluorescence spectrometry

Focusing devices

Fresnel Zone Plates (FZP)

Diffractive Optics

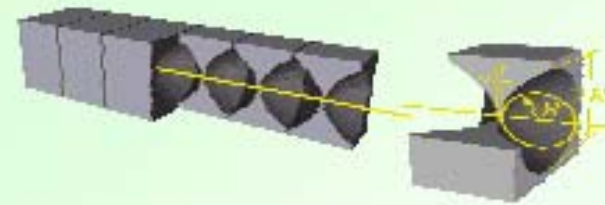
- diffraction gratings of increasing linear density
- 50-60 % efficiency
- spot size: $< 0.1 \times 0.1 \mu\text{m}^2$ (for low E)



Compound Refractive Lenses (CRL)

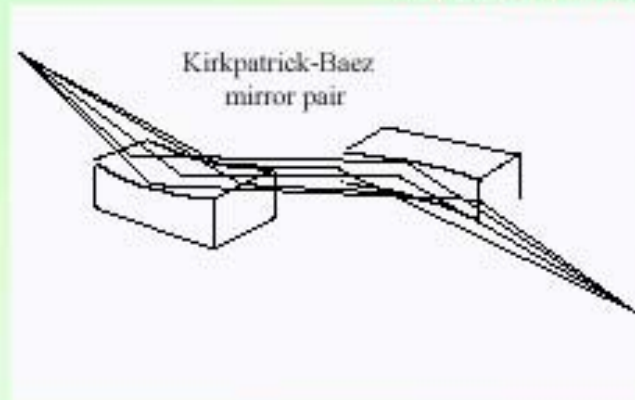
Refractive Optics

- parabolic lenses - reduced aberrations
- variable n assemblies: tune f and L_2
- high yield for high E
- spot size: $\sim 2 \times 12 \mu\text{m}^2$



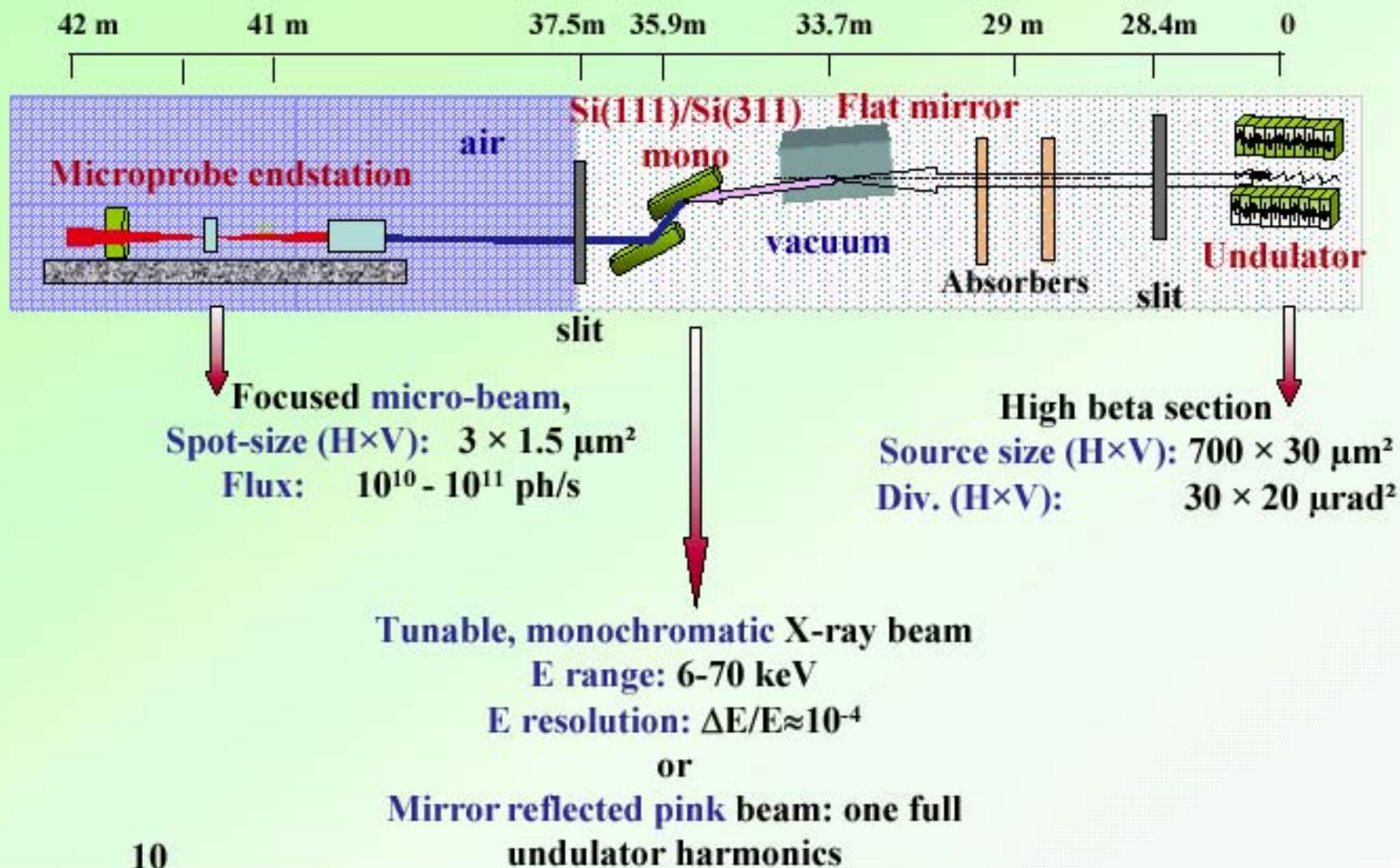
Bent mirrors Kirkpatrick-Baez, (KB mirror pair)

Reflective optics

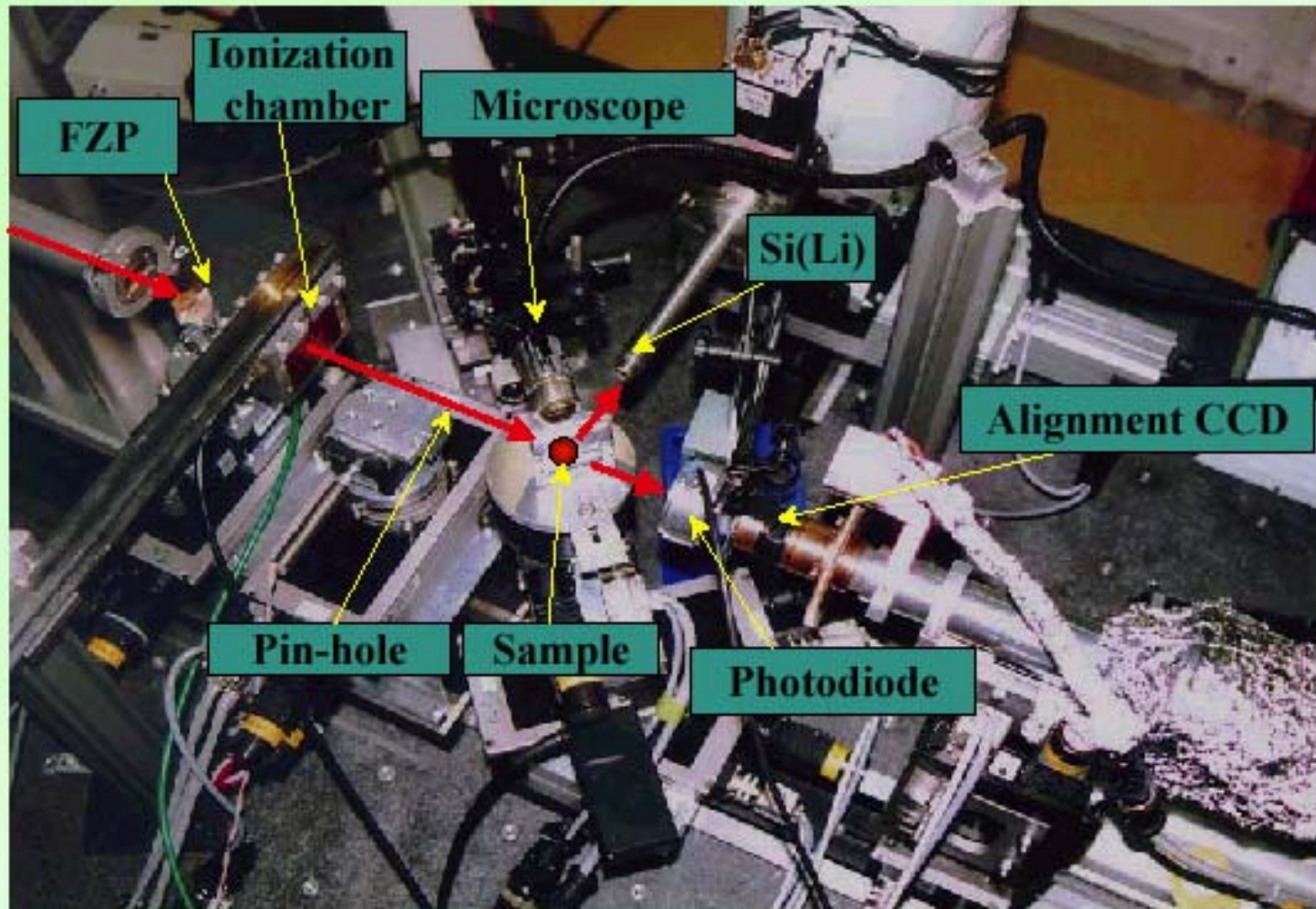


- 60-70 % efficiency
- achromaticity
- Multilayer mirror for high energy
- spot size: $\sim 1 \times 3 \mu\text{m}^2$

Schematic layout of the ID22 beam line and the microprobe end-station

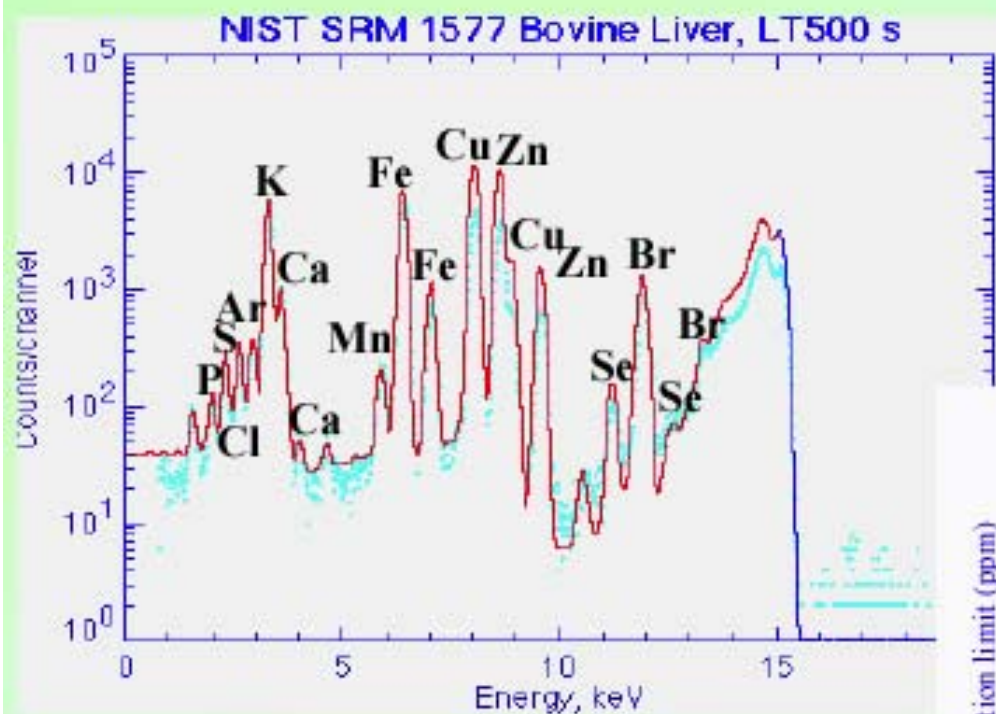


X-ray microprobe set-up at ID22



X-ray microprobe set-up at ID22, ESRF

Minimum limit of detection



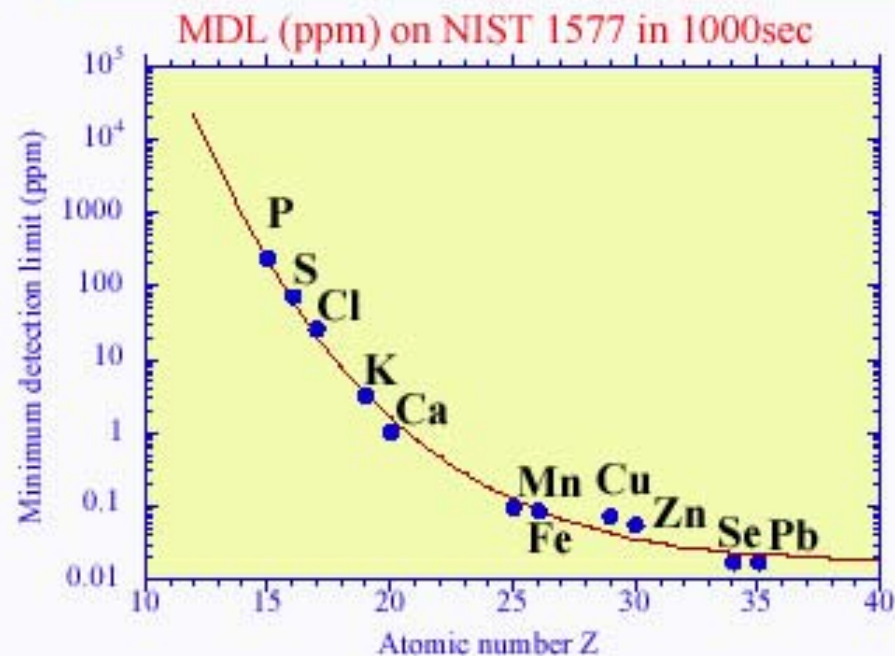
Detection limit/1000 s:

≈ 20 ppb

≈ 0.4 fg

$E=15$ keV, $1 \times 5 \mu\text{m}^2$

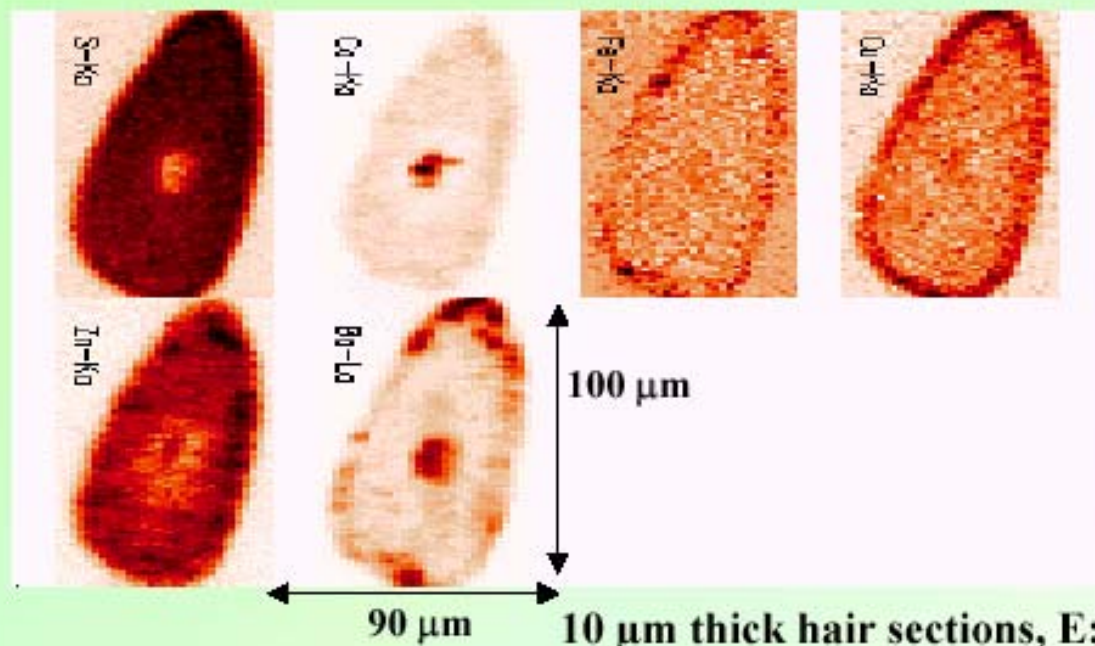
10^{10} - 10^{11} photons/s in the focused beam



Scanning micro-XRF, biological applications

XRF mapping of hair sections, ID18F

In collaboration with S. Bohic, ID22, ESRF, France, Y. Duvault: L'Oréal, P. Dumas: LURE, France



10 μm thick hair sections, E: 17 keV, spot size 2x4 μm², LT:7 s/pixel

Aim of the study:

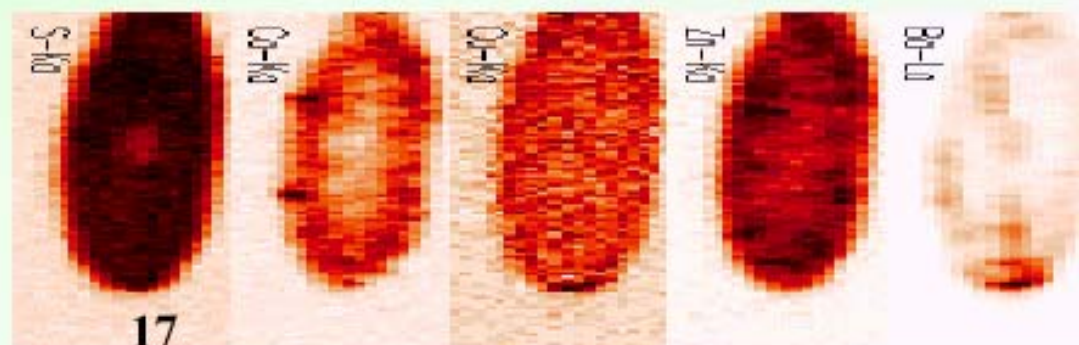
Anomalies of elemental distribution: stress? Chemicals?

Effect of cosmetics, new developments

Medical diagnostics?

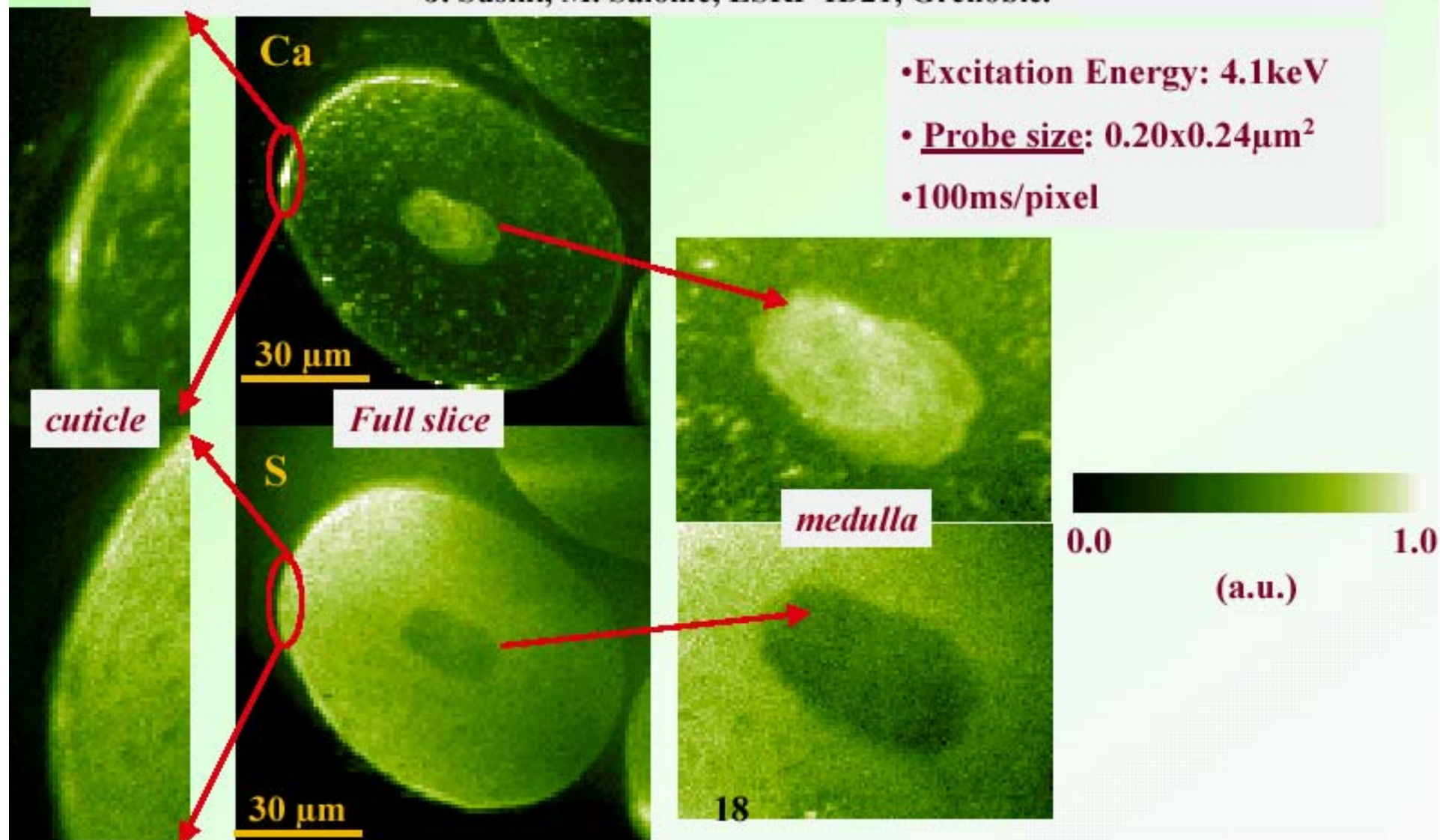
Needed:

Large number of samples !!!
Complementary techniques, SAX,
IR
Careful sample preparation



XRF mapping of hair sections, ID21

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Scanning micro-XRF, biological applications

Single cell spectroscopy

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Aim: study of the

- biological effects
- intracellular distribution
- anticancer action

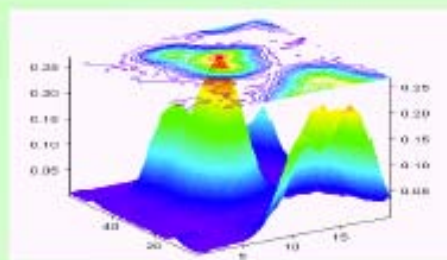
anticancer drugs:



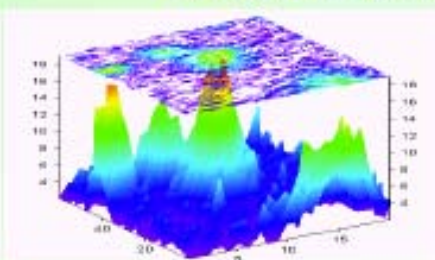
low 1 mg/ml conc.

of various high Z labelled anticancer drugs used at pharmacological doses

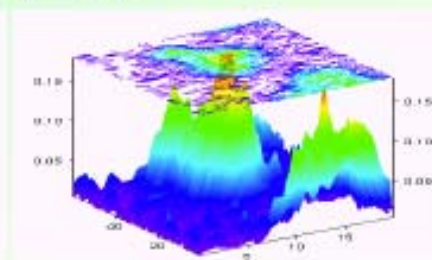
Ovarian cancer cell



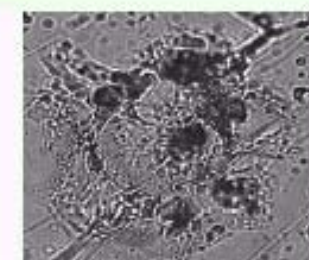
K K_α



Fe K_α



I L_β



optical img

PINK beam: 1 x 5 μm (min), flux $\geq 5 \cdot 10^{11}$ ph/s , CRL lenses

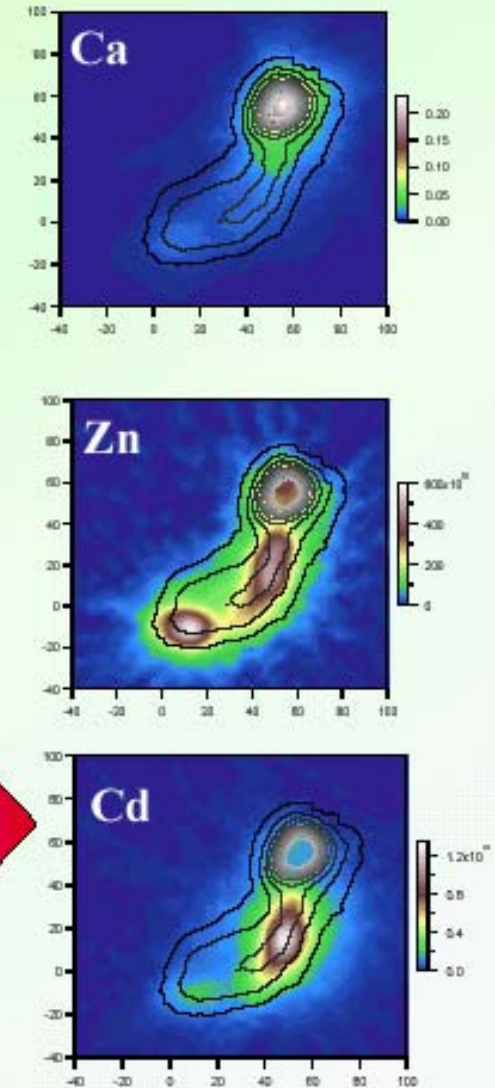
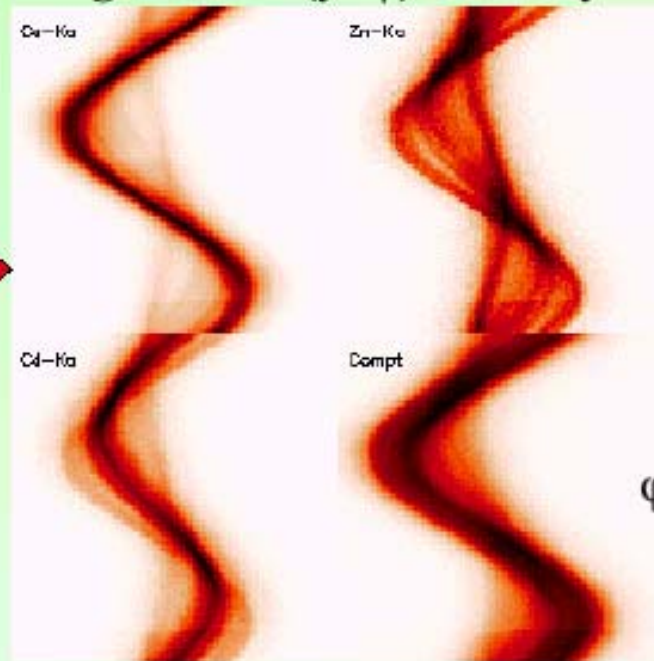
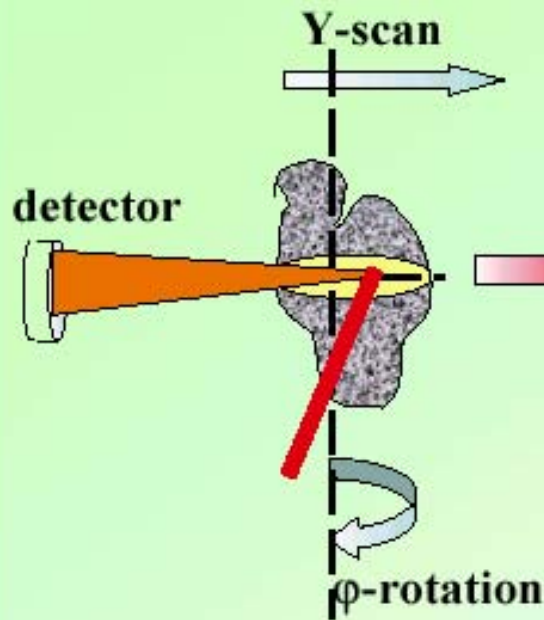
Non-destructive: dry or freeze-dry samples, $t \leq 5$ μm

Mapping: 2-4 hours, 1-2 sec./point (PINK),
 $t > 20$ h (monochromatic)

Scanning micro-XRF, 2D/3D internal elemental distribution

Fluorescence tomography

Sinogram: 2D (y - ϕ) intensity map



Several slices: complete 3D distribution, time-consuming

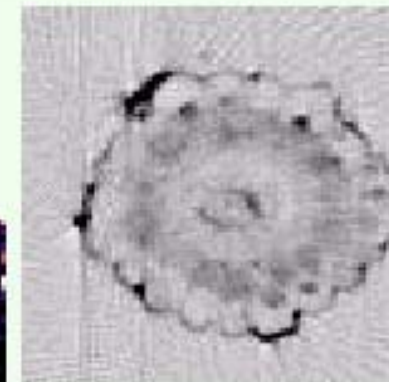
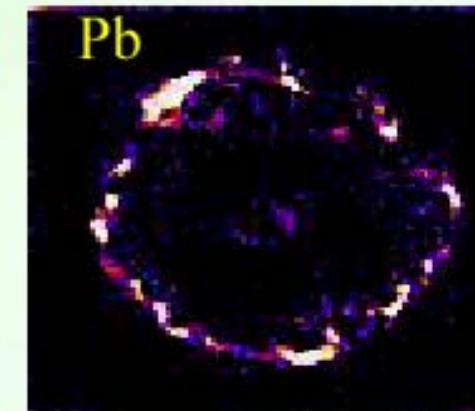
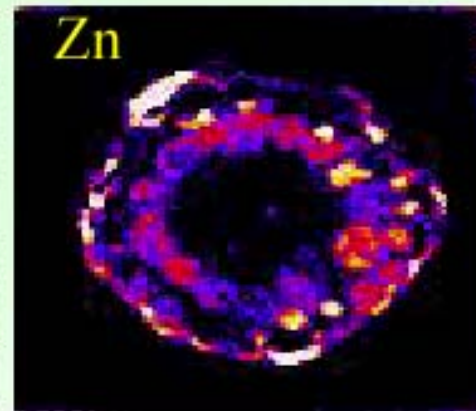
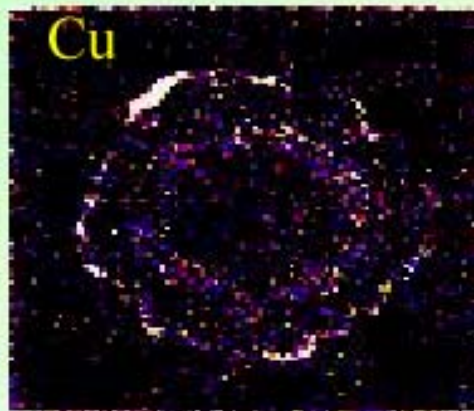
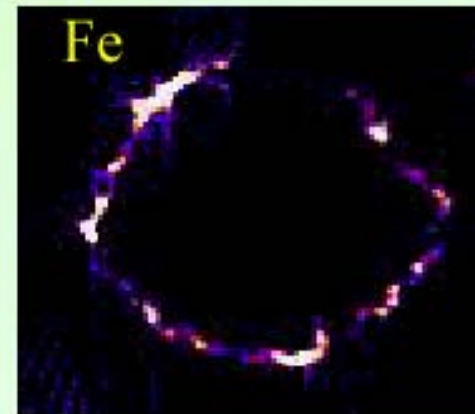
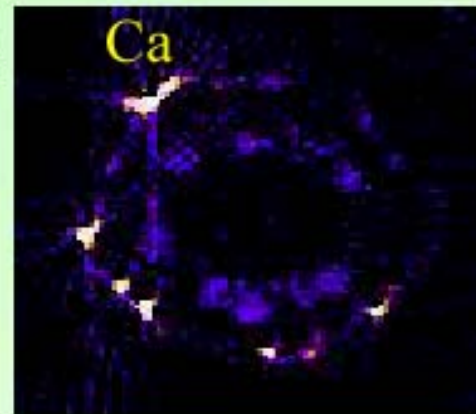
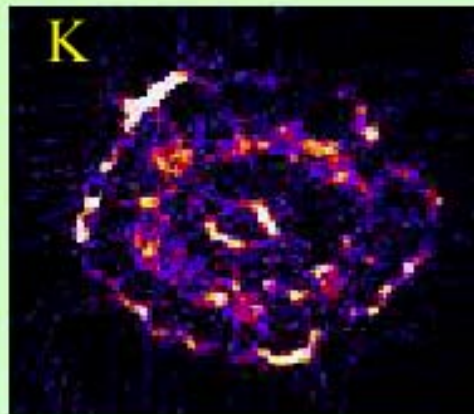
Reconstruction algorithm 2D, (x - y) internal intensity (concentration) distribution

Fluorescence tomography, biological application

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Study of ion transport in plants

Mycorrhizal root of tomato plant root - $\varnothing < 0.5$ mm; resolution ≈ 1 μ m



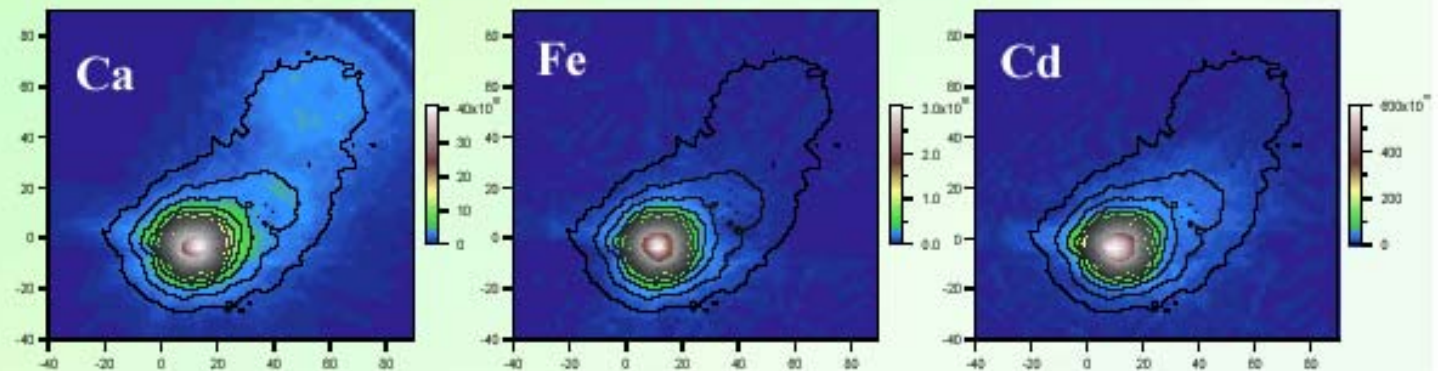
Transmission

Scanning μ -XRF + Combined techniques

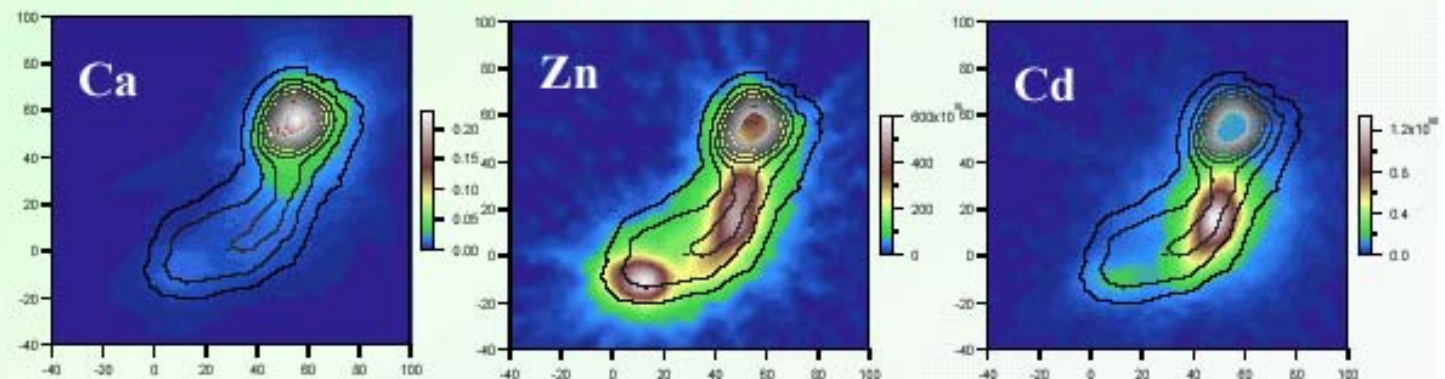
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Internal elemental distribution within Slice2



Internal elemental distribution within Slice1



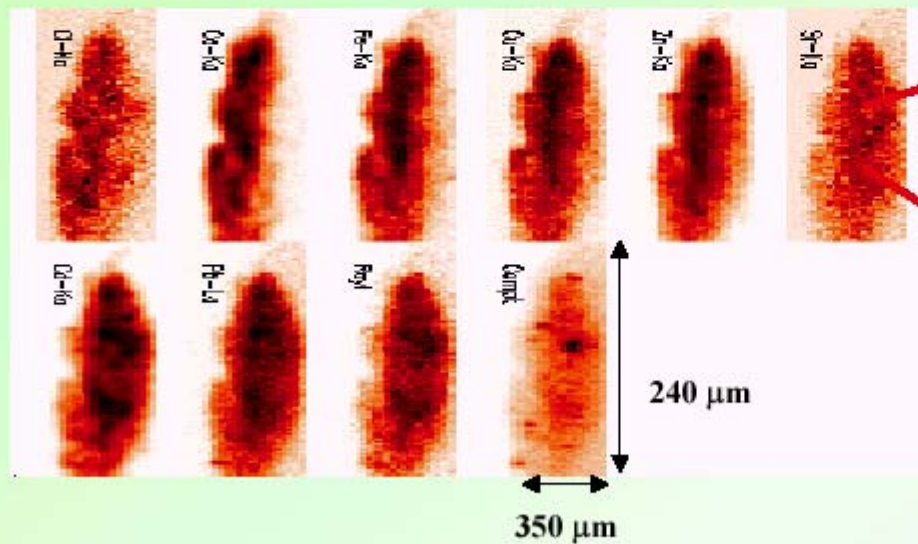
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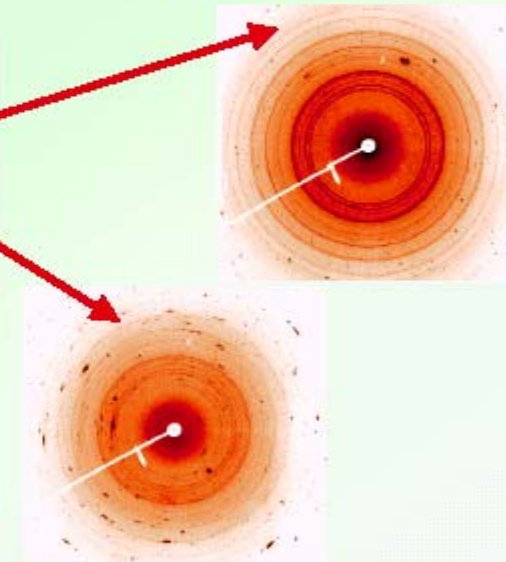
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Crystalline structure: micro-XRD

Scanning-Micro-XRF



Micro-XRD

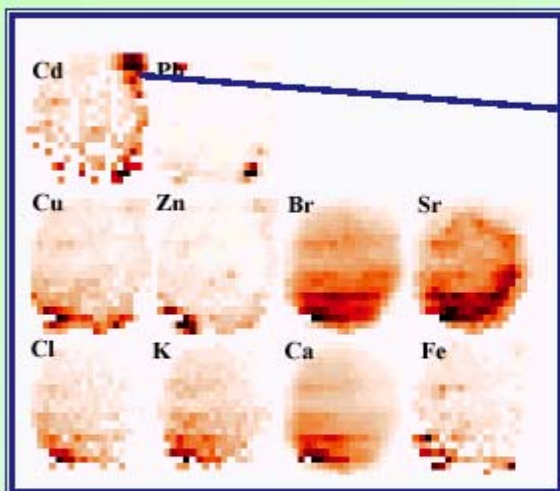


Single waste fly ash particles, LT:6 s, step-size H*V:14*3 μm^2 , ID18F/ID22

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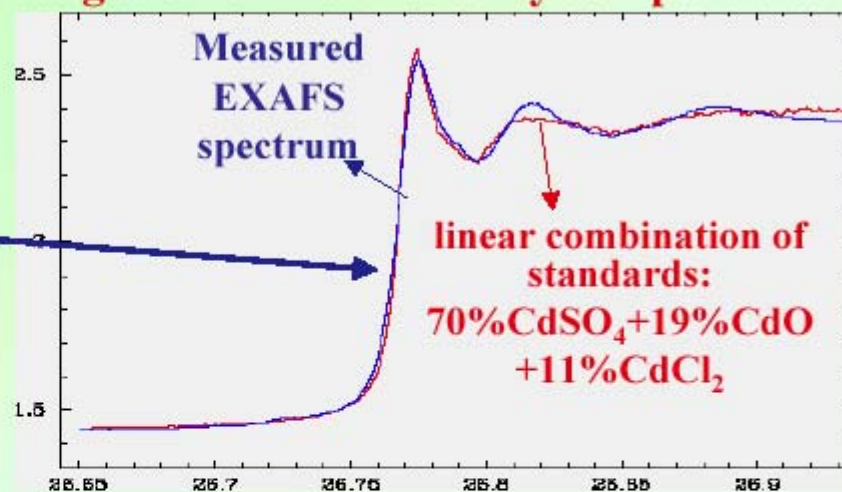
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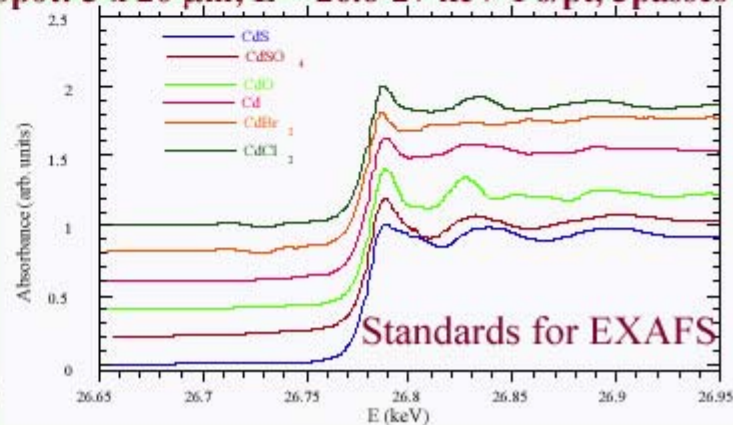


Spot: $8 \times 8 \mu\text{m}^2$, $E = 27 \text{ keV}$, LT: 6 s/pt

Chemical speciation and coordination number of Cd in the chosen pixel: μ -EXAFS



Spot: $3 \times 20 \mu\text{m}$, $E = 26.6-27 \text{ keV}$ 1 s/pt, 3 passes



Conclusions

SR-X-ray XRF technique is very powerful.

- Low detection limit down to fg, ppt level
- applicable to samples of limited size
- well analyzed due to energy tunability and high energy resolution
- Development of XRF imaging
- Combination with different micro techniques (XRD, XANES and EXAFS)