

# The Foundation of XPS/XAES

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#### Outline

- Introduction
  - Terminology, surfaces, types of surfaces.
- The Principles of XPS/XAES
  - Production of photoelectrons, peak labeling, handbooks, books, surface sensitivity, electron escape depth, chemical shift, plasmons, multiplet splitting, shake-up.
- Qualitative Analysis
  - Atomic Electron Levels, identification of elements, energy scale calibration, relaxation effects, Auger parameter, peak widths, lineshapes.

#### Quantitative Analysis

 Sensitivity factors, photoelectron cross-sections, asymmetry, analyser transmission, detection limits, effect of thin overlayers, overlayer thickness on curved surfaces.

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### Outline

- Instrumentation
  - Vacuum System, X-Ray Sources, electron energy analyzer , ion Gun, Flood Gun, small area analysis, imaging.
- Sample Preparation
- Bulk, fiber, powder, polymer.
- Data processing
  - Data acquisition, background subtraction, measurement of peak area, curve-fitting.
  - Quantitative Compositional Depth Profiling Sputtering, ARXPS.
- Typical Applications of XPS/XAES
   Carbon materials, silicon materials, transition metal, rare earth element
- Related Technique
  - UPS, REELS, AES, ISS, etc.



### Terminology

- XPS-X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy
- ESCA-electron spectroscopy for chemical analysis(Kai Siegbahn)
- PES-photoemission spectroscopy
- HXPS or HAXPES-hard X-ray XPS
- ARXPS-angle-resolved XPS
- TRXPS-total reflection XPS
- NAP-XPS-near ambient pressure XPS
- UPS-ultra-violet photoelectron spectroscopy
- XAES-X-ray induced auger electron spectroscopy

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### **Surface Analysis by XPS**

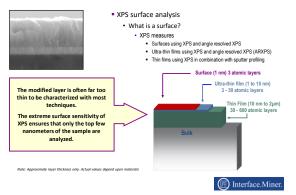
- Identification of elements present at the surfacesqualitative analysis
- Concentration of elements at the surface-quantitative analysis
- · Chemical bonding state of elements-chemistry
- Distribution of elements across the surface-elemental image or map
- Change in composition with depth from the(original) surface-depth profile

### Surface

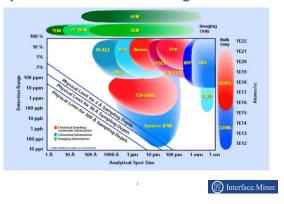
- Processes occurring at the surface are of great practical importance
  - catalysis, coatings, adhesion, corrosion and oxidation, wear and friction, biological implant compatibility, polymers, semiconductors; also at interfaces.
- A surface has ~10<sup>15</sup>atoms per cm<sup>2</sup>.
- · If a bulk material is fractured, surfaces are created
  - Initially clean
  - Gases will adsorb on the surfaces if fractured in air.
  - It takes several seconds to adsorb a monolayer in the vacuum Of  $10^{\rm -4}\, \rm Pa.$

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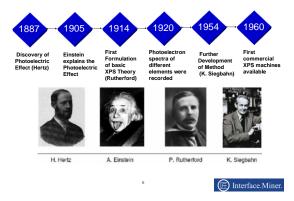
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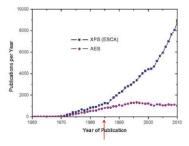
Spot size and Detection Range of XPS



# **Historical Background of XPS**



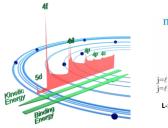
# XPS and AES publications per year



multichannel detection and higher analyzer transmission

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### **Notation of Atomic Electron Levels**





L-S Coupling ( j = |I + s| )

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# **Notation of Atomic Electron Levels**

Electron shell levels in spectroscopic (XPS) and X-ray (AES) notation based on principal quantum number, n; orbital angular momentum, l; spin angular momentum, s; and total angular momentum, j

Quan	uantum numbers			Spectroscopic notation (XPS)	X-ray notation (AES)
n	1	\$	j	notation (APS)	notation (AES)
1	0	+1/2, -1/2	1/2	1s <sub>1/2</sub>	К
2	0	+1/2, -1/2	1/2	$2s_{1/2}$	$L_1$
2	1	-1/2	1/2	$2p_{1/2}$	$L_2$
2	1	+1/2	3/2	$2p_{3/2}$	$L_3$
3	0	+1/2, -1/2	1/2	$3s_{1/2}$	M1
3	1	-1/2	1/2	3p <sub>1/2</sub>	M <sub>2</sub>
3	1	+1/2	3/2	3p <sub>3/2</sub>	$M_3$
3	2	-1/2	3/2	3d <sub>3/2</sub>	$M_4$
3	2	+1/2	5/2	3d5/2	M <sub>5</sub>
					etc.

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# **Relative Intensities of Doublets**

#### Relative Intensities of Doublets

Subshell	J-values	Ratio
s	1/2	
р	1/2:3/2	1:2
d	3/2:5/2	2:3
f	5/2:7/2	3:4

The peak area ratios of a core level of an element in different compounds are also nearly the same.

Spin orbital splitting and peak area ratios assist in elemental identification and curve fitting.

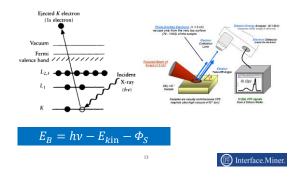
	(metal)
Ag3d <sub>1/2</sub> (metal)	
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Ag3d<sub>5/2</sub>

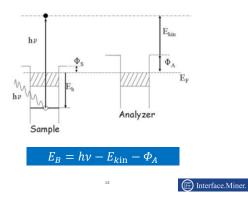
Ag3d spectrum of silver metal

# **Principle of XPS Analysis**

Three-step Model: I) excitation; II) transfer; III) escape.



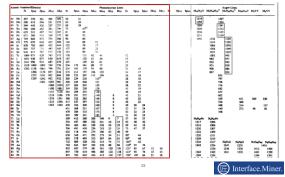
# **Principle of XPS Analysis**



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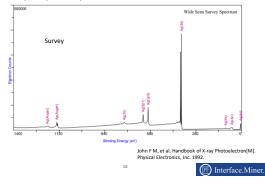
# **Binding Energies of Elements**

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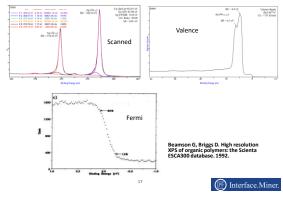


# **XPS Spectrum of Ag**

1s<sup>2</sup> 2s<sup>2</sup>p<sup>6</sup> 3s<sup>2</sup>p<sup>6</sup>d<sup>10</sup> 4s<sup>2</sup>p<sup>6</sup>d<sup>10</sup> 5s<sup>1</sup>

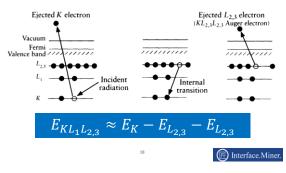


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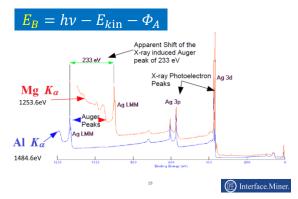


### **XAES Process**

Relaxation of the ionized atom of Figure 1.2 by the emission of a  $\mathsf{KL}_{2,3}\mathsf{L}_{2,3}$  Auger electron

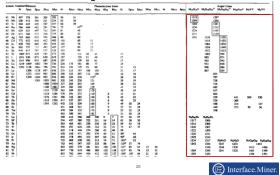


#### **XAES Process**



### **Auger Electron Energies**

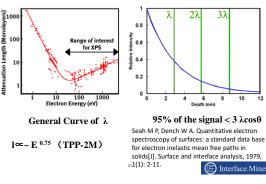
Accessible with  $AIK_{\alpha}$  Radiation



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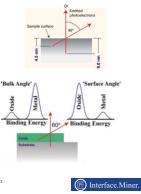
# XPS is a surface sensitive technique

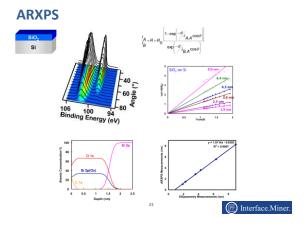
 $I=I_0exp(-z/\lambda)$ 



# ARXPS

- By changing the electron collection angle, the XPS information depth varies.
- Electrons acquired at a grazing ("surface") angle come exclusively from a shallow region of the sample.
- Electrons acquired at a near-normal ("bulk") angle may come from deeper into the sample.
- •Non-destructive compositional depth profile and thickness measurement of ultra-thin film.



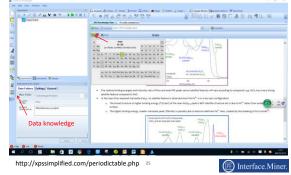


# **Identification of elements**

- · Start with the most intense peak
- Compare position with table/handbook
- Looking for confirming peaks
- Continue until all peaks are identified
- Check relative intensities
- Quantification uses the area of one peak from each element detected

#### **Avantage**

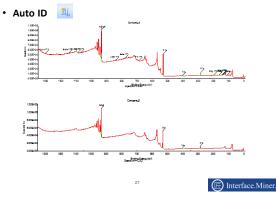
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### Avantage

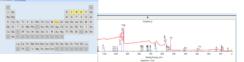


### Identification of elements——Avantage



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Quantification

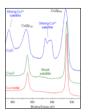
Name	Peak BE	FWHM eV	Area (P) CPS.eV	Atomic %	Q
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Cu2p3	933.17	2.8	220046.7	29.66	1
C1s	284.72	1.54	14507.32	19.96	1
N1s	404.93	0.77	1483.77	1.32	1

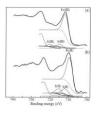
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# **Shake-up Satellites**

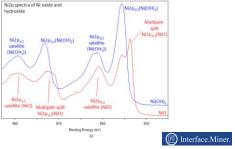
- Shake-up satellites may occur when the outgoing photoelectron simultaneously interacts with a valence electron and excites it (shakes it up) to a higher-energy level.
- The most notable examples being the 2p spectra of the d-band metals and the  $\pi$ ->  $\pi$  \* transition brought about by C Is electrons in aromatic organics.





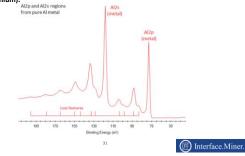
# **Multiplet Splitting**

- Multiplet splitting of a photoelectron peak may occur in a compound that has unpaired electrons in the valence band, and arises from different spin distributions of the electrons of the band structure.
- Mn, Cr(3s levels), Co, Ni (2p3/2 levels), and the 4s levels of the rare earths



### **Plasmons**

 They arise when the outgoing electron excites collective oscillations in the conduction band electrons and thus suffers a discrete energy loss (or several losses in multiples of the characteristic plasmon frequency, about 15 eV for aluminum).

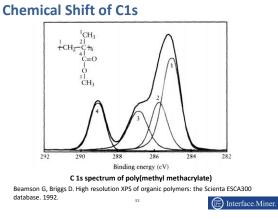


### **Chemical Shift**

- The binding energy of core electrons can change when the chemical environment changes.
- Generally, the binding energy of core levels increase when valence electrons are removed from when valence electrons are removed from an atom.
- Generally, the biding energy of core levels decrease when valence electrons are added to an atom.
- The chemical shift of Some d-band metals and rare earths is not so significant or abnormal(Ce→CeO2,-2eV ).

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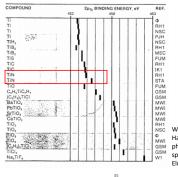
### **Chemical Shift of Si2p**



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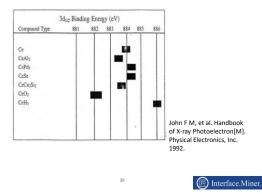
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# Chemical Shift of Ti2p3



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# **Chemical Shift of Ce3d5**

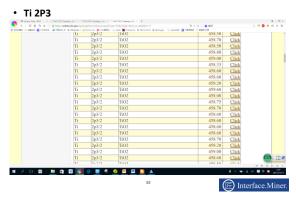


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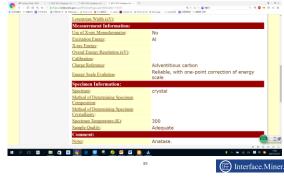
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#### • Ti 2P3



# **XAES and Auger Parameter**

• Some elements has more larger XAES chemical shift than XPS.

Chemic al Shift			Mg→ MgO	Ag→ Ag2SO4	In <del>.)</del> In2O
XPS	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.5
XAES	2.3	4.6	6.4	4.0	4.6

Auger Parameter

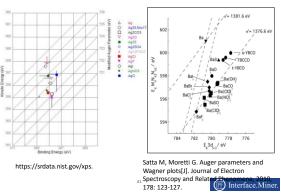
 $\alpha = E_B + E_k$ 

 $E_{\rm B}$  is the binding energy of the most intense photoelectron emission peak and  $E_{\rm k}$  is the kinetic energy of the Auger transition

Independent of any electrostatic charging of the specimen.

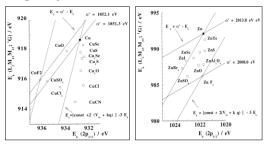
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# Wagner plot

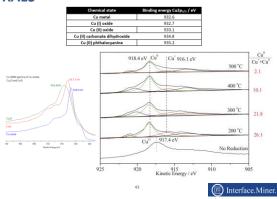


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# **Quantitative Analysis**

#### First-principles method:

#### /= J*Nσ*λcos(θ)T

J -- x-ray photon flux

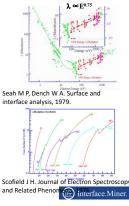
- N -- number of atom per cm<sup>3</sup>
- $\sigma$  -- photo-ionized cross section
- $\lambda$  -- mean free path

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 $\theta$ -- accept solid angle of the analyzer *T*-- transmission of analyzer (T $\propto$ E<sup>-1</sup>)

 $S = \sigma \lambda T \propto \sigma E^{-0.25}$ Hofmann S. Springer Science & Business Media,





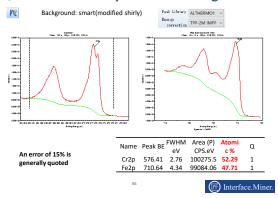
# Wagner RSF

#### $S \propto \sigma E^{-0.34}$ , $S_{F1s}=1$ .

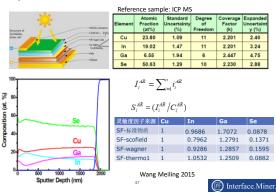
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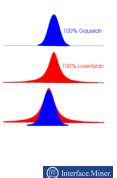


# **Experimental RSF--CIGS**



# **Curve fitting**

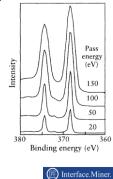
- Combinations of Gaussian and Lorentzian functions have been generally used.
- Augmented by asymmetric tail functions.
- Also by defining a lineshape using data acquired from a reference sample.
- Reasonable Peak is the most important, followed by FWHM, L/G ratio, and then the asymmetric tail functions.



#### **FWHM**

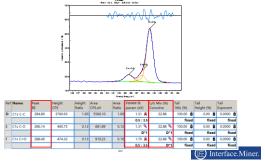
- It is mathematical combination of
  - the natural width of core level,  ${f E}_{f L}$
  - Phonon broadening, E<sub>p</sub>
  - the width of the X-ray line,  ${\rm E_x}$
  - The energy resolution of the analyzer, E<sub>A</sub>
- If they are all Gaussian functions or shapes, the measured energy resolution, E<sub>M</sub> would be given by:

 $E_{M}^{2} = E_{L}^{2} + E_{p}^{2} + E_{x}^{2} + E_{A}^{2}$ 



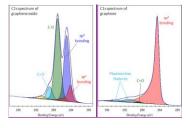
# **Carbon contamination**

• Adventitious carbon contamination is commonly used as a charge reference for XPS spectra.



### Graphene

- Functionalized graphene will have a complex C1s spectrum, containing sp2 and sp3 components.
- The sp3 carbon peak should be 1eV to the higher binding energy side of the sp2 component.



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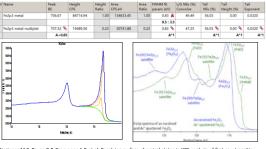
### **Molybdenum oxides**

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Mo3d5 sub		CPS	Height Ratio	Area CPS.eV			L/G Mix (%) Convolve	Tail Mix (%)	Tail Height (%)	Tail Exponent
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	A+3.15 (+0.2 -0.1)	A*0.691				A*1	fixed	A*1	A*1	A*1
Mo3d5 MoO3	233.09 📕	6642.52	0.71	8276.16	0.43	1.04 🕯	33.72 🛔	100.00 🕸	0.00 🕯	0.0000 🛔
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# **Unsymmetrical Peak**



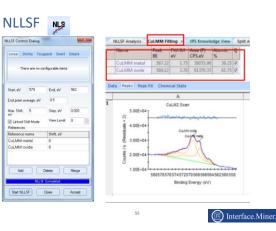
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#### **NLLSF**

- Non-Linear Least Squares Fitting (NLLSF) assumes that the data is composed of a sum of component spectra but that the peak positions may due to charging, especially in Auger analysis where charge compensation may not be easily controlled.
- In NLLSF, the reference spectra are determined as before, but at every level in the profile, the peak positions are adjusted to give the mathematical best fit.
- The advantage that NLLSF has over normal peak fitting is that real peak shapes compared with G/L mixtures can be applied to sets of data.

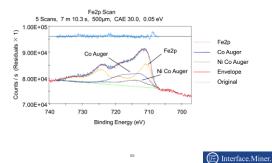
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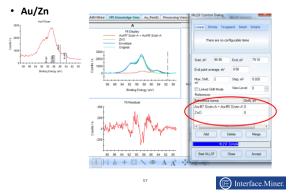


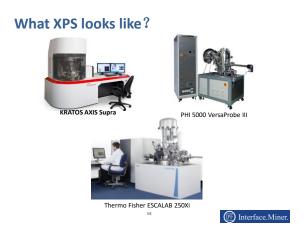
#### **NLLSF**

#### • Fe2p, Co Auger, Ni Auger



### NLLSF





# **XPS instrumentation**

#### UHV System

- Ultra-high vacuum keeps surfaces clean
   Allows longer photoelectron path length
- X-ray source
- Typically Al Kα radiation
- Monochromated using quartz crystal
- Electron analyser
  - Lens system to collect photoelectrons
    Analyser to filter electron energies
  - Detector to count electrons
- Low-energy electron flood gun
- Analysis of insulating samples
- Ion gun
  - Sample cleaning
  - Depth profiling
  - For polymers, cluster ion sources may be required

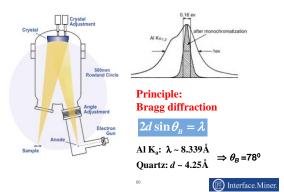
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X-ray source

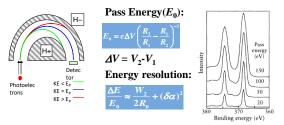
Hemispherical analyser

Flood gun

# **Monochromated X-ray sources**



# **Electron energy analyzer**



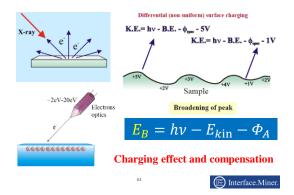
Since  $W_2$  and  $\delta \alpha$  is small in CHA, so the energy resolution is high for XPS.

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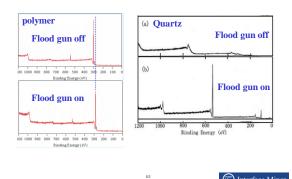


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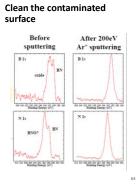
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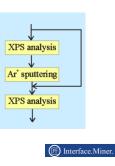
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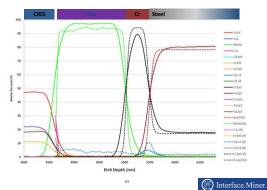
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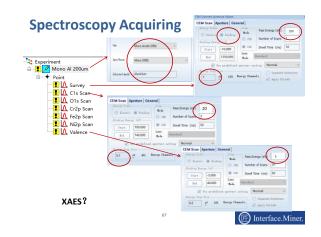


# **CIGS** solar cell



# **Sample Preparation**

- Volatile?
- Magnetic?
- Conductive?
- Size?
- Powder?
  - Tablet press
  - Conducting resin
- Fiber?
  - Tablet press
  - Conducting resin
  - Hang cross a gap



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### **Summary of XPS Capabilities**

- •Elemental analysis(H,He)
- •Chemical state information
- •Quantification (sensitivity about 0.1 atomic %)
- •Small area analysis (5 µm spatial resolution)
- •Chemical mapping
- •Depth profiling
- •Ultrathin layer thickness
- •Suitable for insulating samples

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