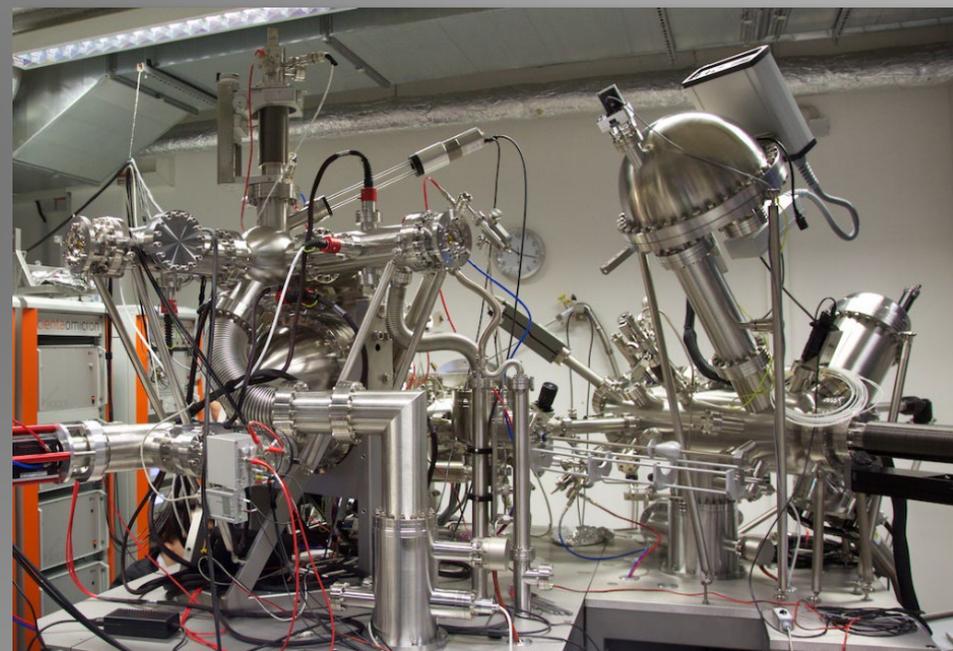
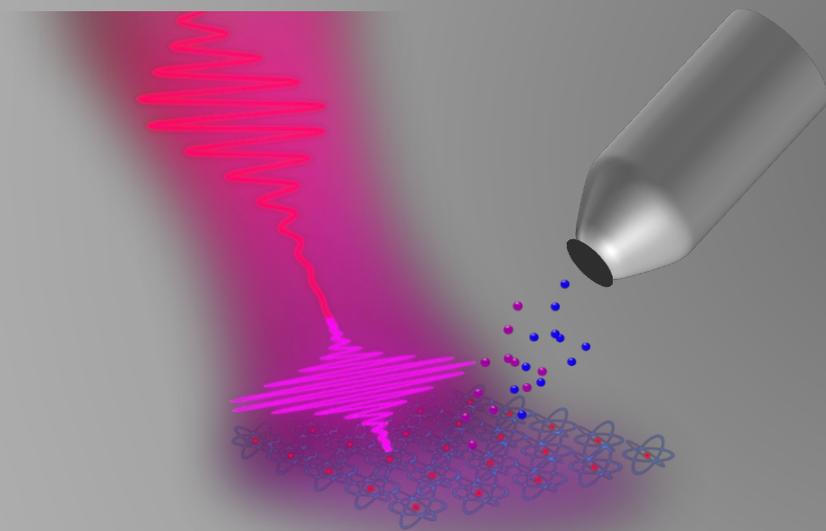
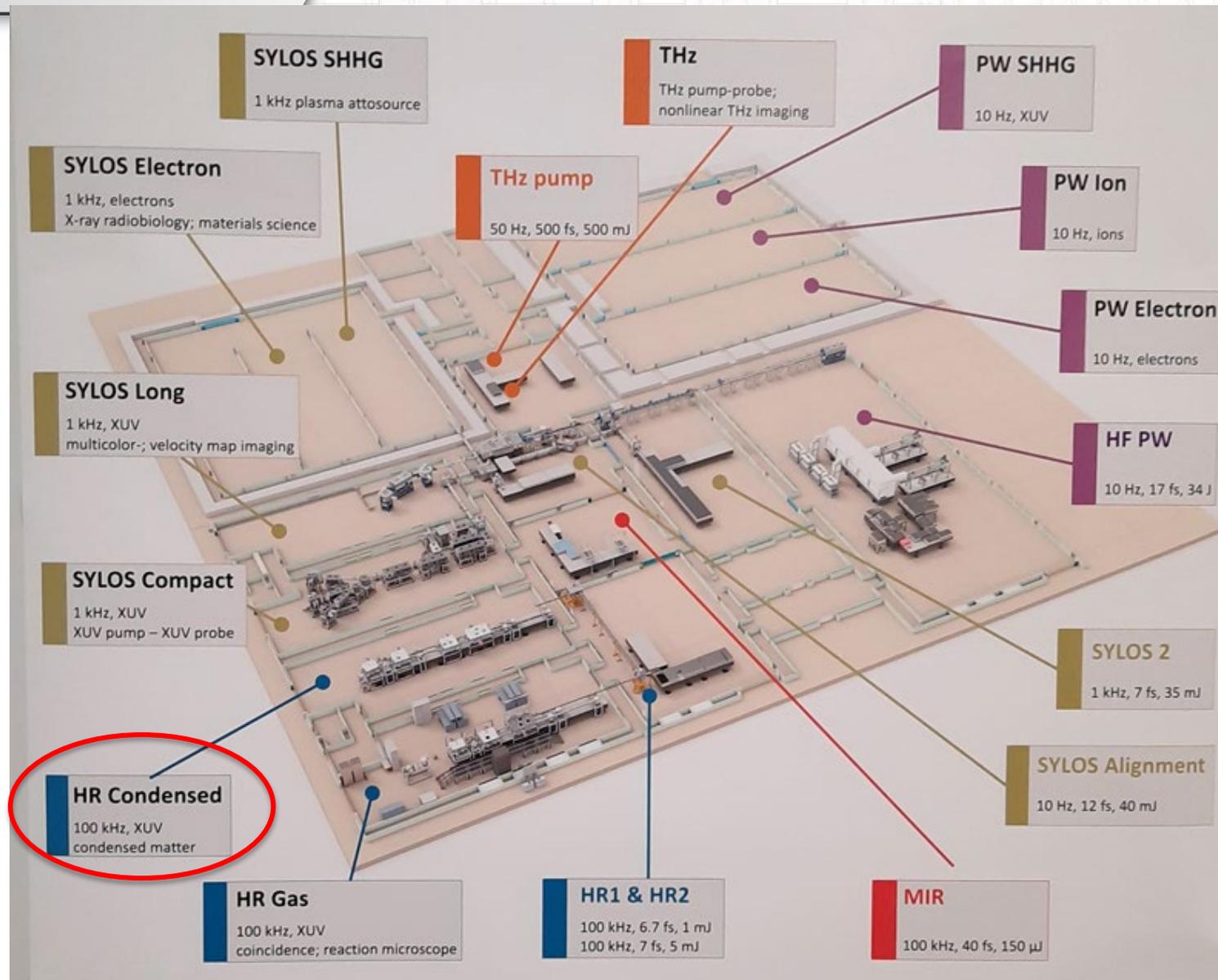


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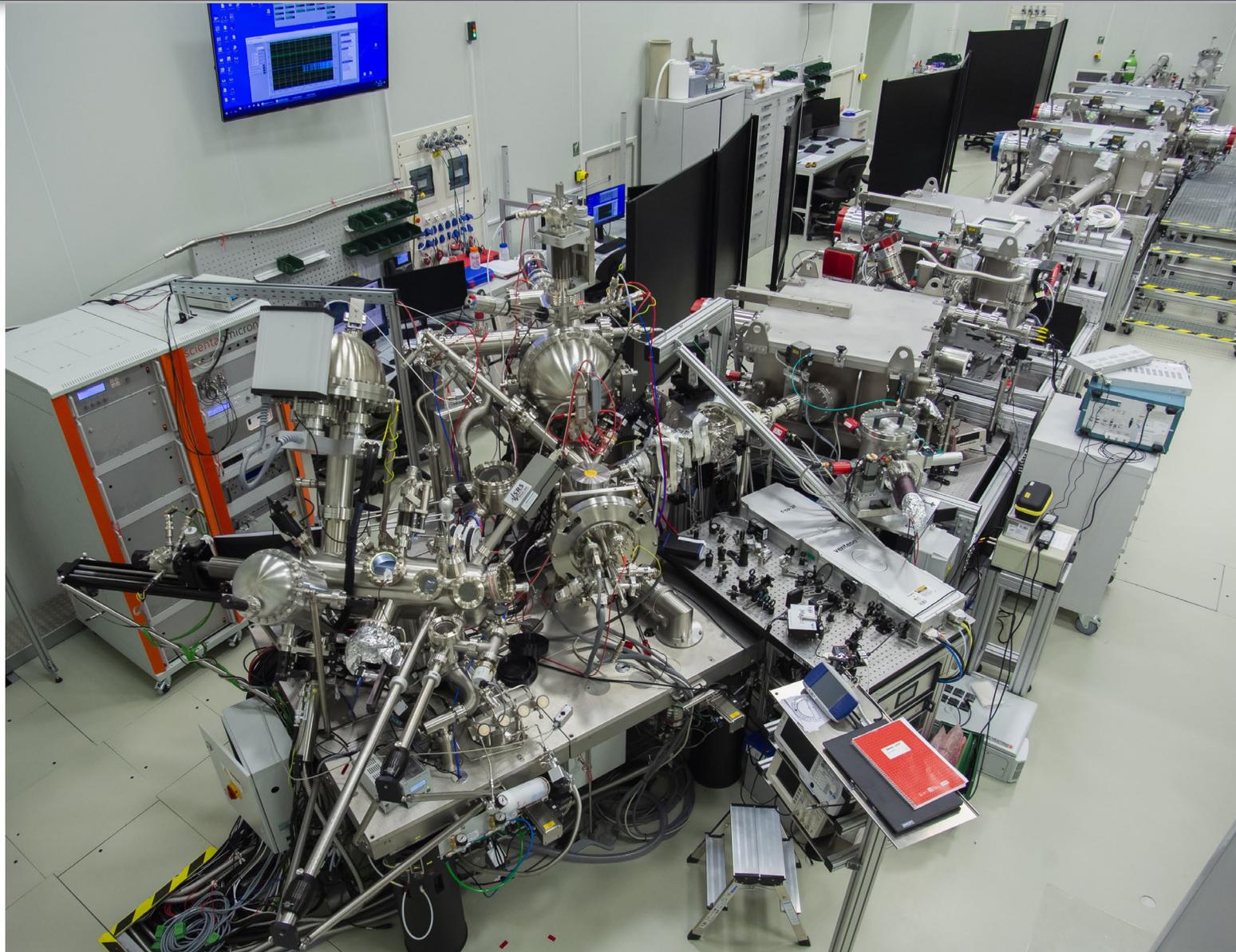


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## Preparation chamber sample cleaning, preparation, and characterization

## Analysis chamber NanoESCA – nano- Electron Spectroscopy for Chemical Analysis

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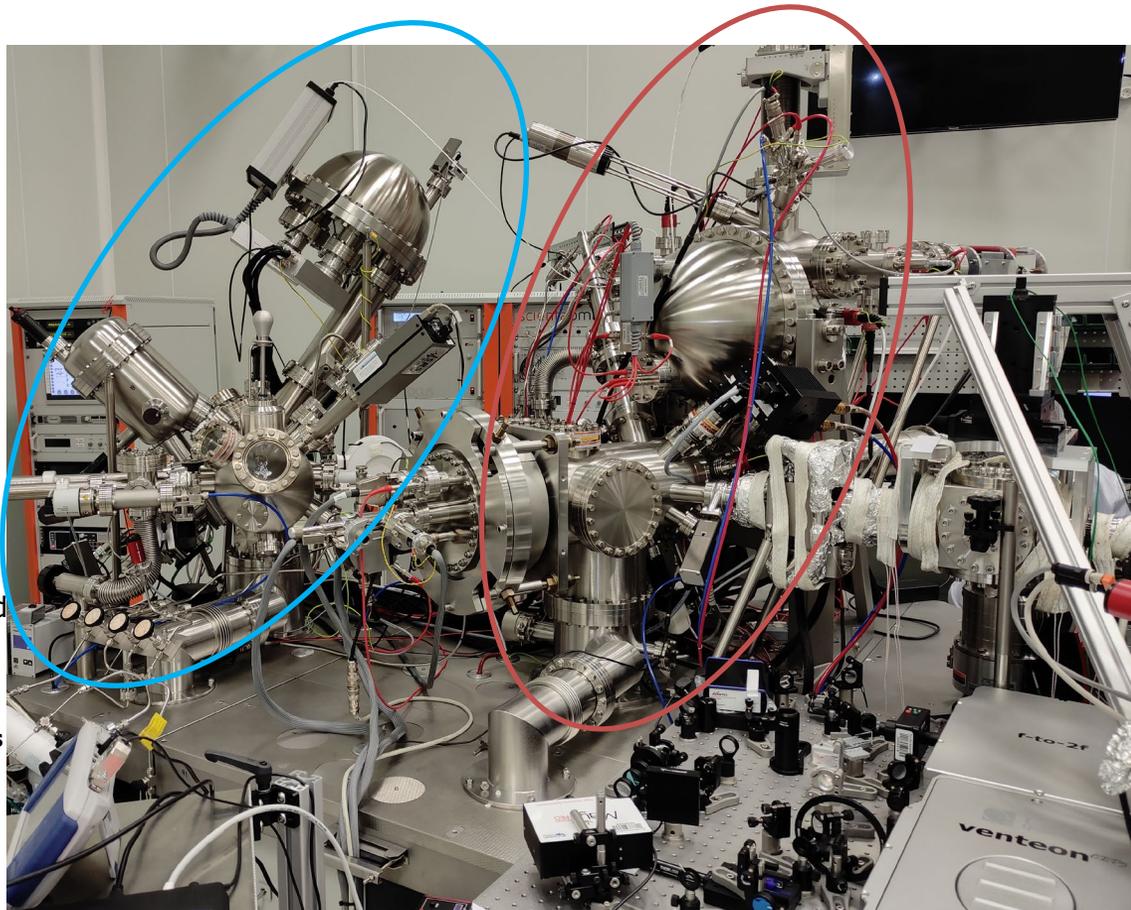
- Ar<sup>+</sup> ion sputtering
- Annealing (heat- and coolable manipulator)

### Preparation:

- **e-beam evaporator** for metal deposition
- **gas dozer** based on a capillary array
- **magnetizer**
  - Helmholtz coil
  - B field: up to 43 mT

### Characterization (laterally averaged):

- **LEED** (Low Energy Electron Diffraction)
- **AES** (Auger Electron Spectroscopy): determination of surface structure and composition
- **XPS** (X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy):
  - **quantitative chemical analysis of the surface** (top few nm)
  - monochromatic Al K<sub>α</sub> X-ray source
  - 128 detection channels
- **RGA** (Residual Gas Analyzer) by quadrupole mass spectrometer



### Modes (outputs):

**PEEM:** Photoemission electron microscope

**ToF-PEEM:** Time of flight + DLD analyzer (delay line detector)

**Spectroscopy for selected area:** Channeltron detector after first hemisphere

**IDEA:** Imaging with dispersive energy analyzer

**Imaging spin filter:** IDEA + spin selective mirror: gold coated Ir(100) crystal

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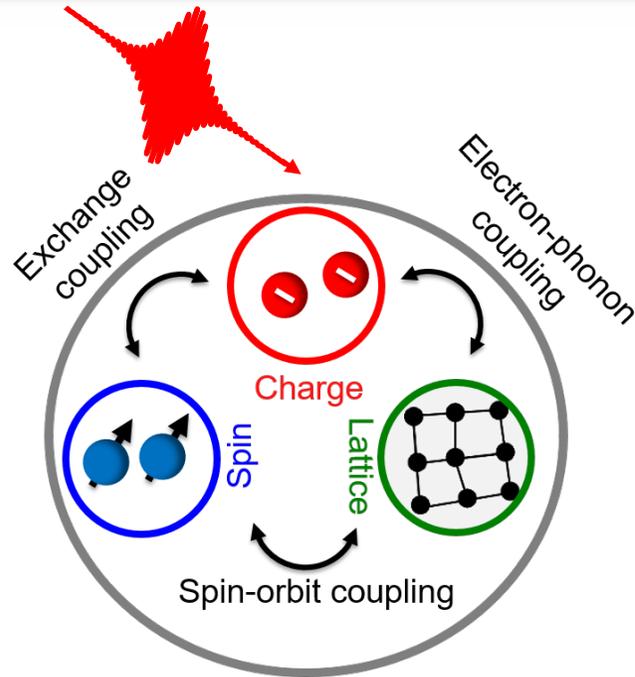
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- He discharge lamp
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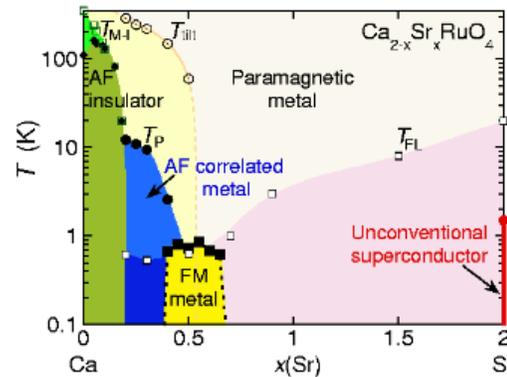
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- pump: HR laser fundamental (1.2 eV – 1030 nm) 100kHz
- probe: HHG generated XUV (20-90 eV – 62-13.8 nm) 100 kHz – „BeamLine condensed”
- Vention CEP5 oscillator (1.5 eV – 830 nm) 80MHz

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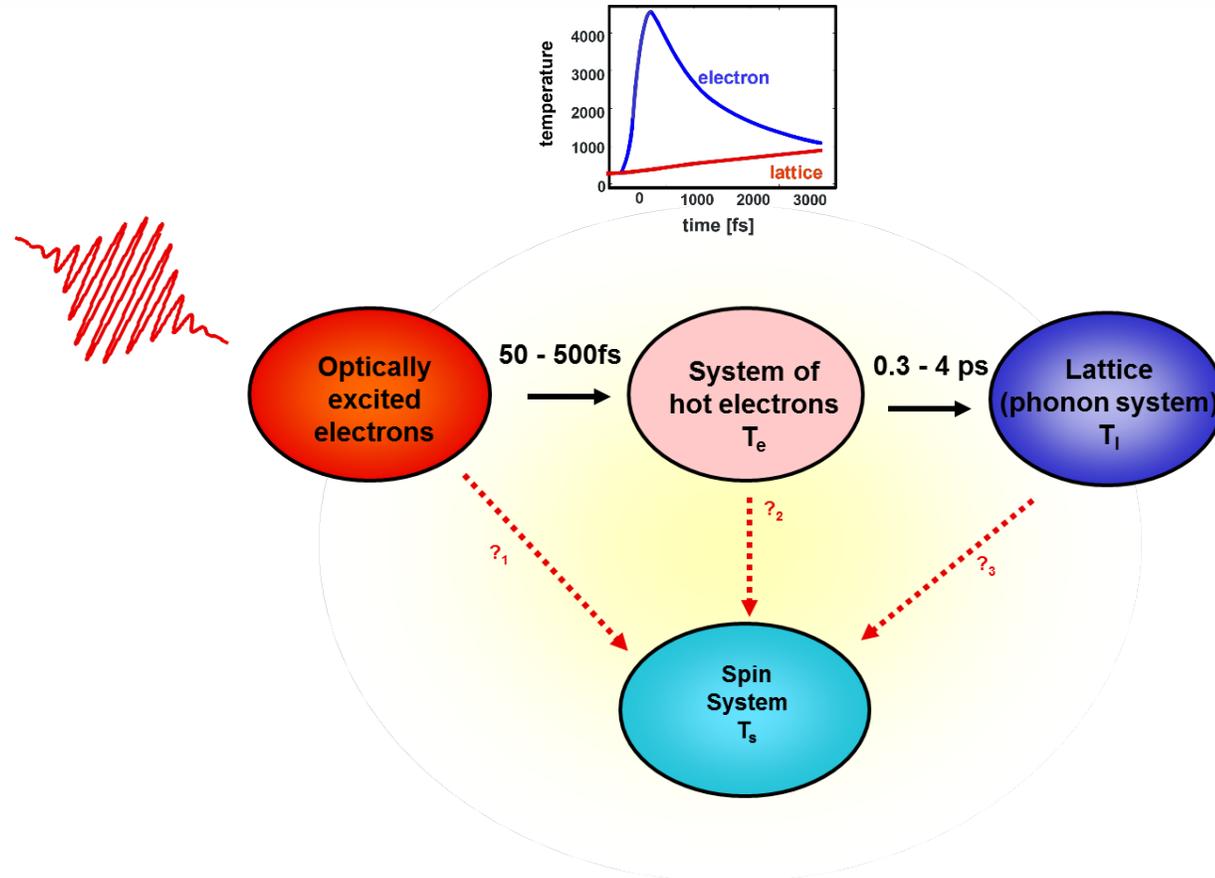
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- yield rich phase diagrams of states in novel correlated-electron materials



S. Nakatsuji et al.,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 93,  
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- the dominant interaction that is responsible for the formation of a specific phase is most often hard to determine in thermal equilibrium,
- by driving the material system **temporally out of equilibrium** and using **time-resolved spectroscopy techniques** (e.g. various photoemission techniques) paves the way to overcome these limitations.

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**microscopic mechanism ?**

⇒ Ultrafast thermal nonequilibrium allows to study the competing interactions of spin with charge and lattice

First HHG light in the NanoESCA end station :

23. September 2022

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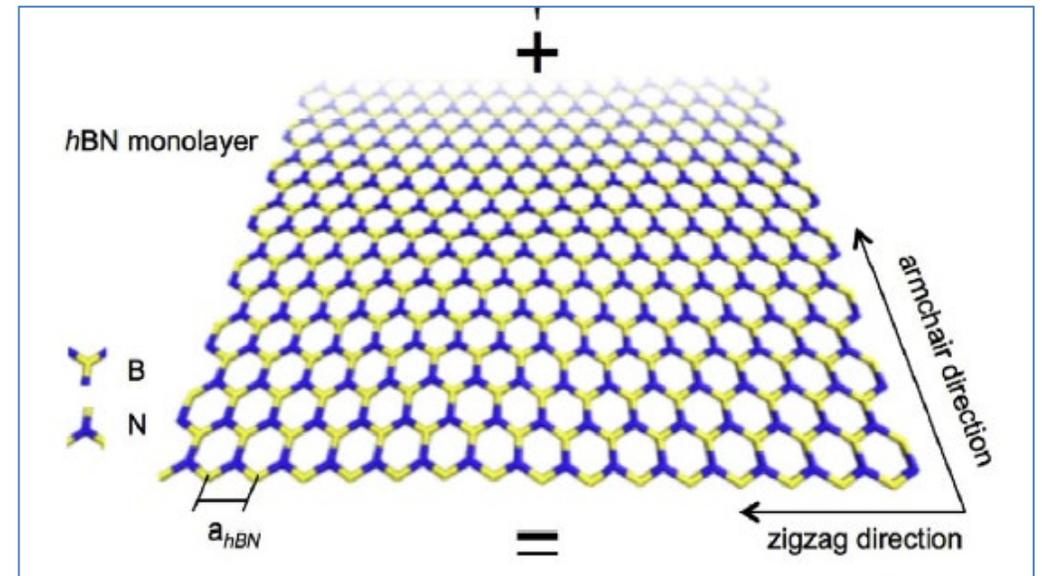
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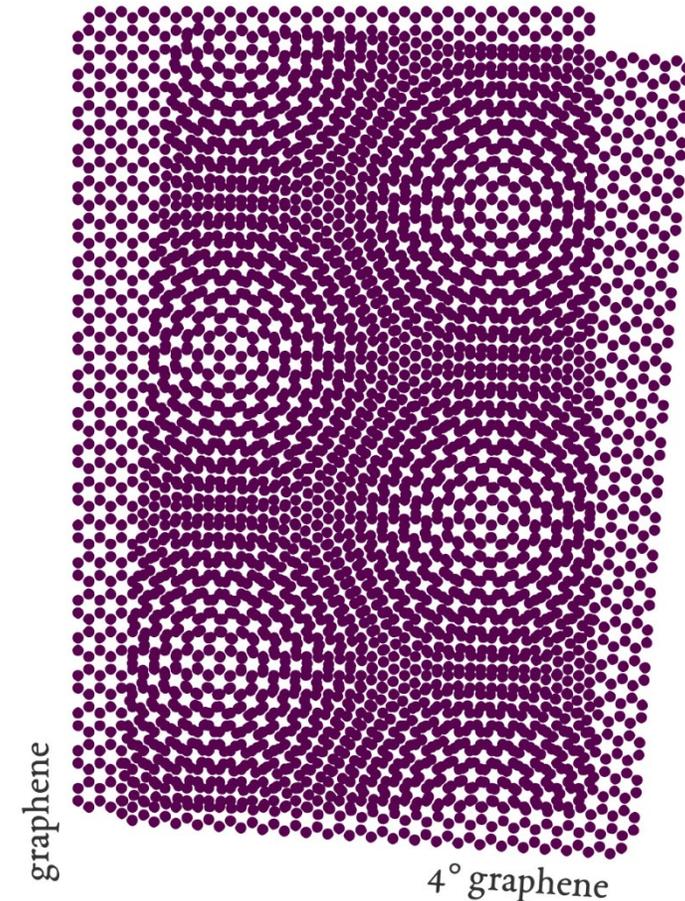
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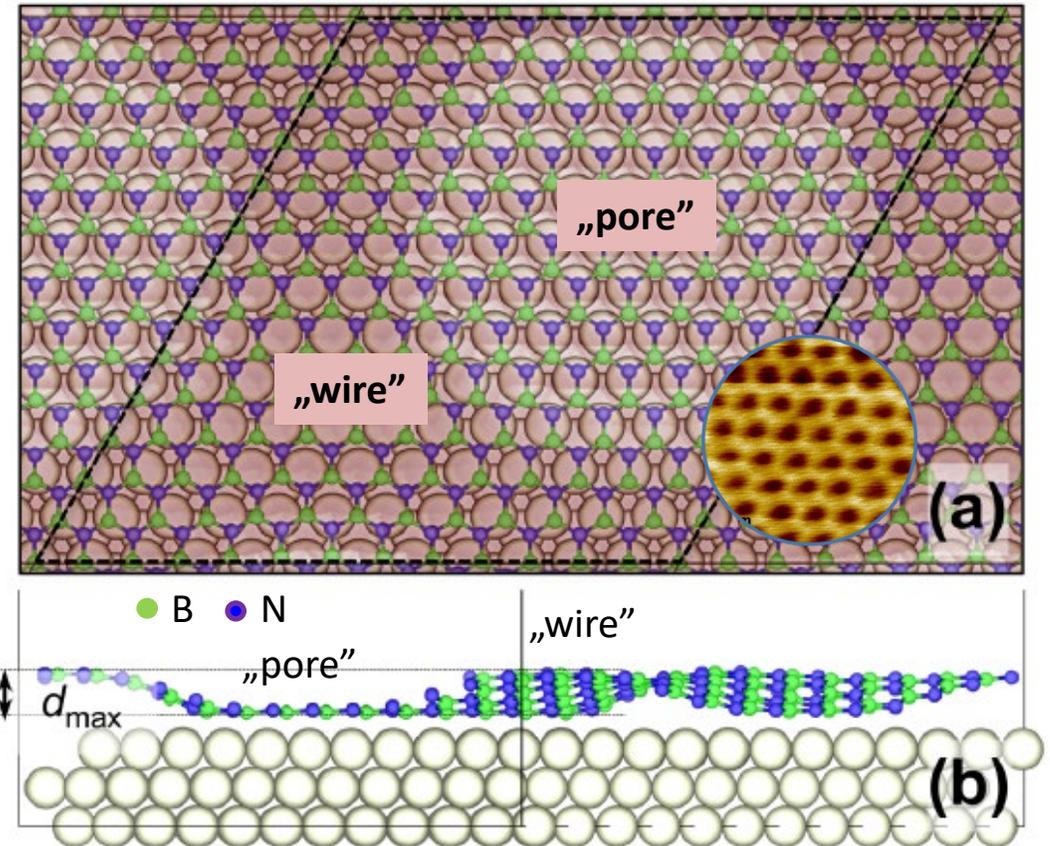
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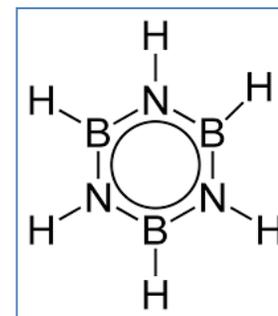


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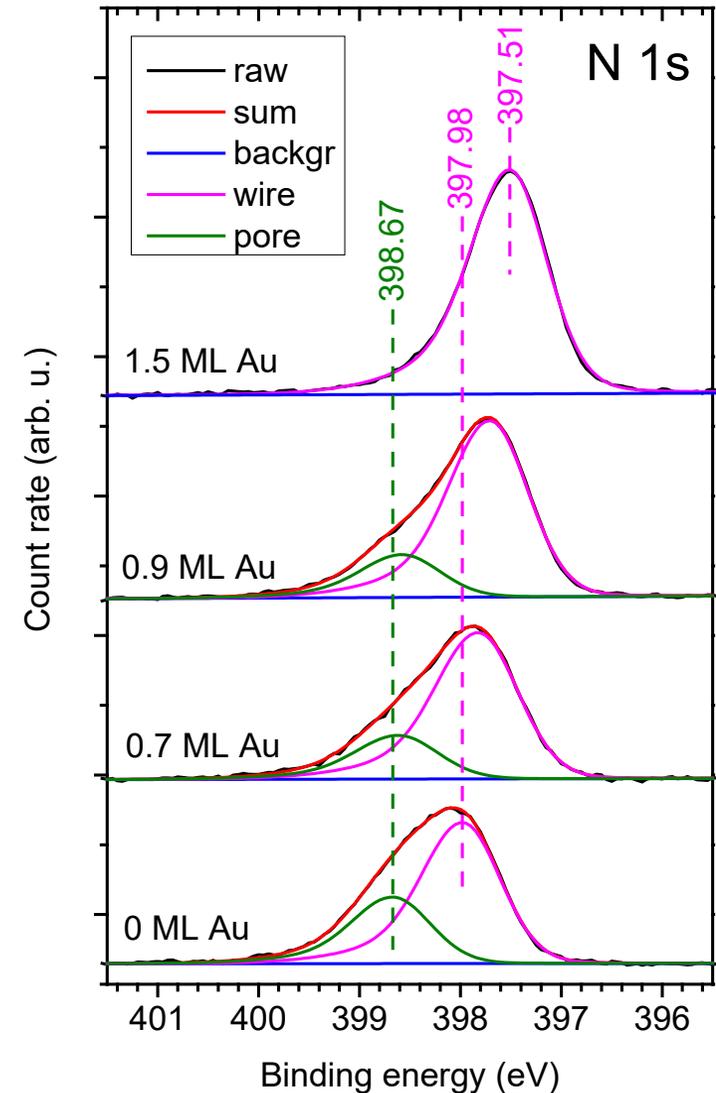
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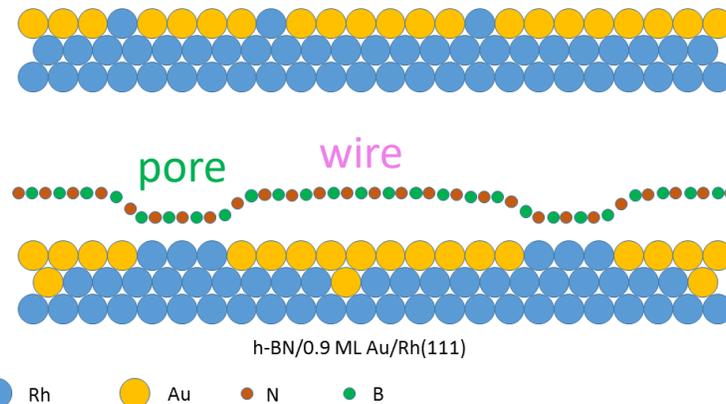


borazine

- The N 1s region of the h-BN nanomesh is composed of two components due to the pore-wire duality.
- The position of the wire component in the N 1s region is sensitively influenced by Au.
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- In accordance with STM, the **pore / wire** XPS area ratio decreases as an effect of Au.

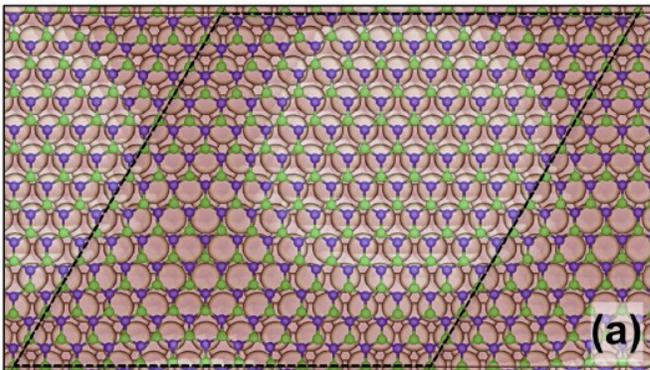


0.9 ML Au/Rh(111) before h-BN growth



h-BN/0.9 ML Au/Rh(111)

(a)



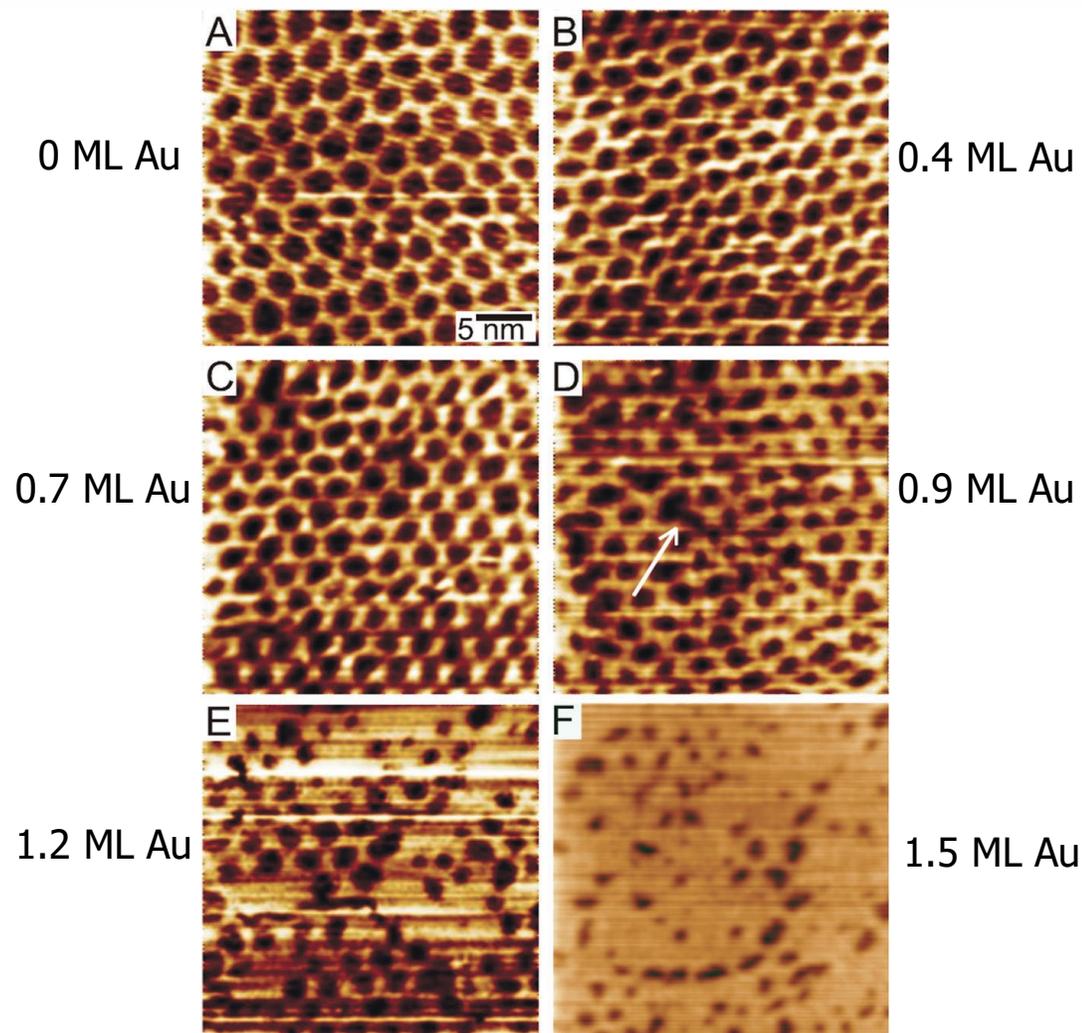
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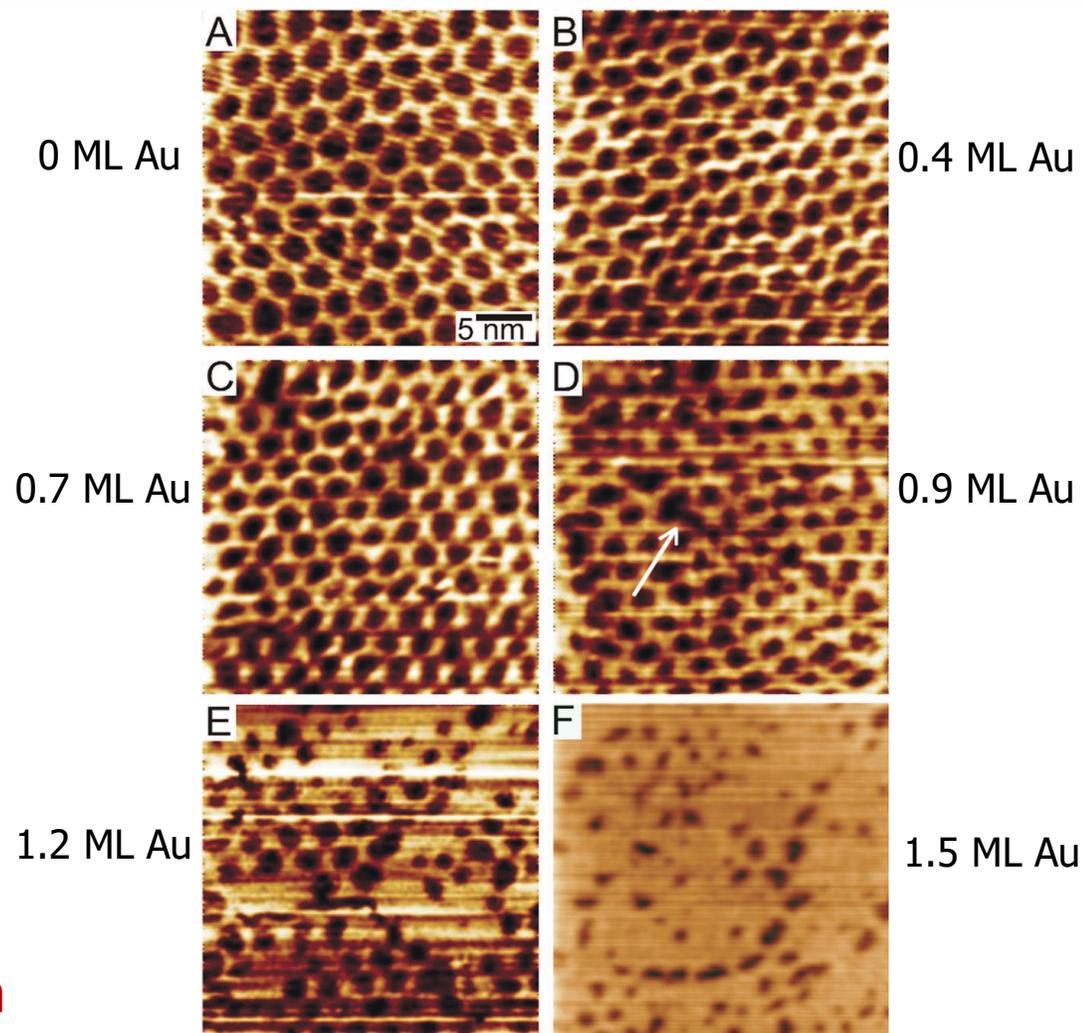
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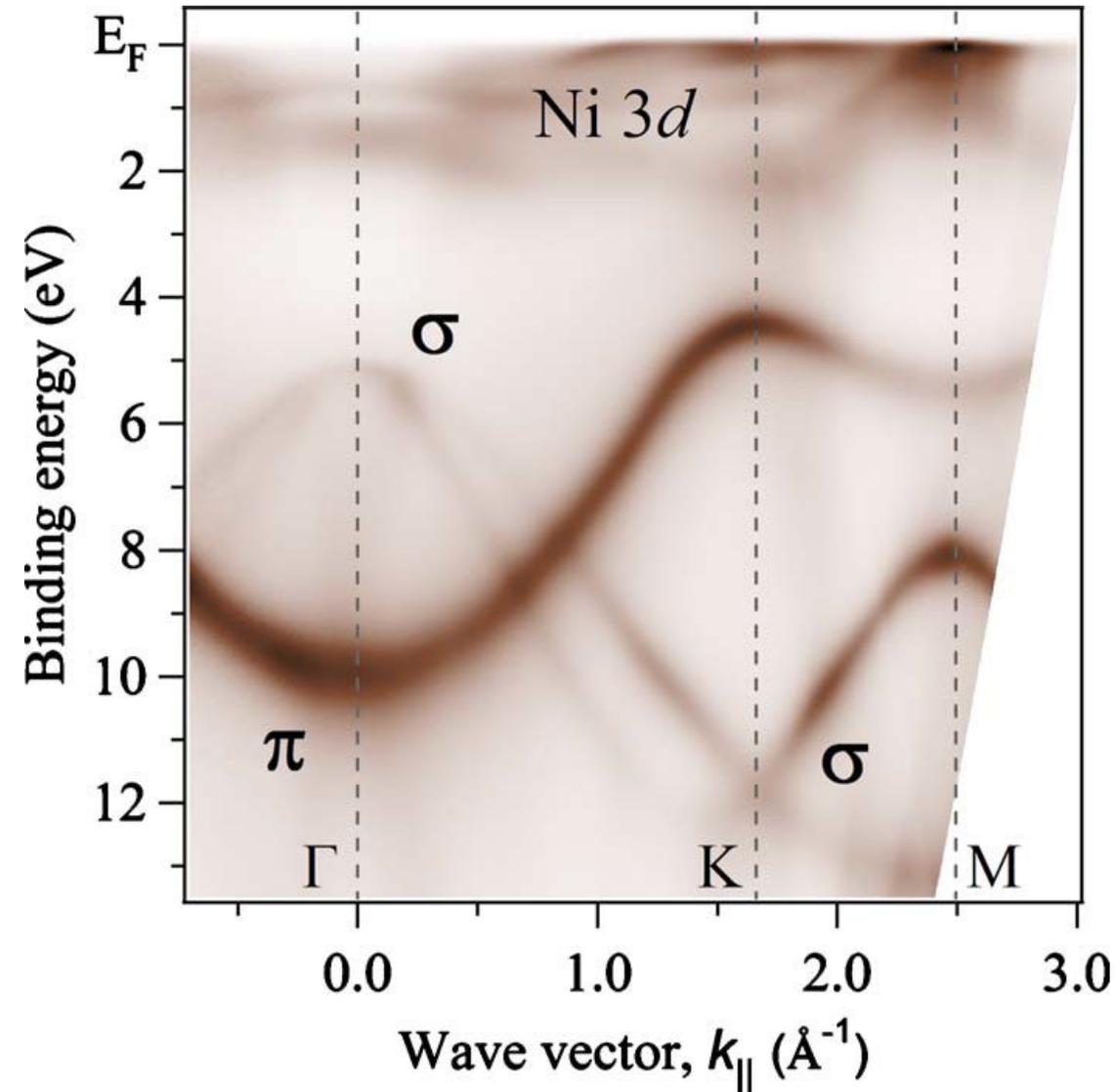
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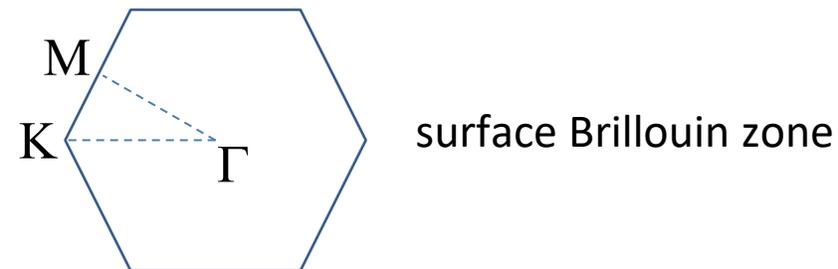
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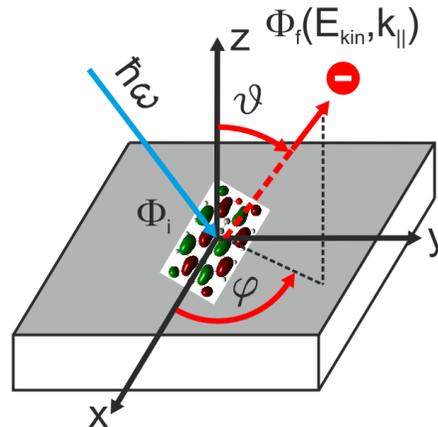
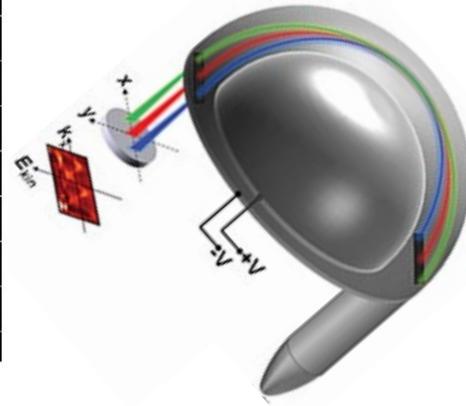
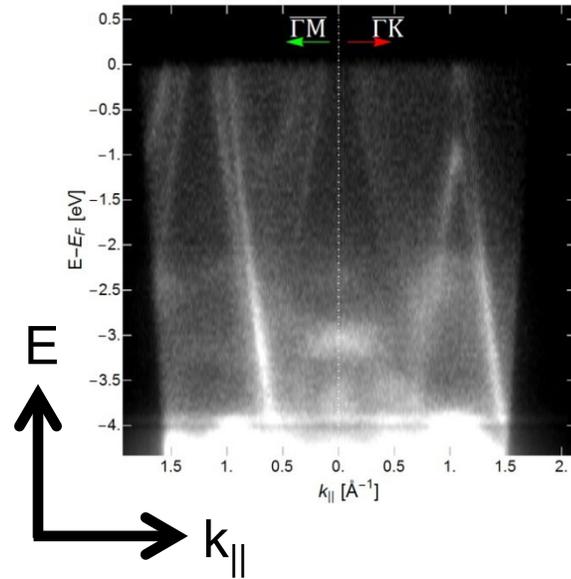




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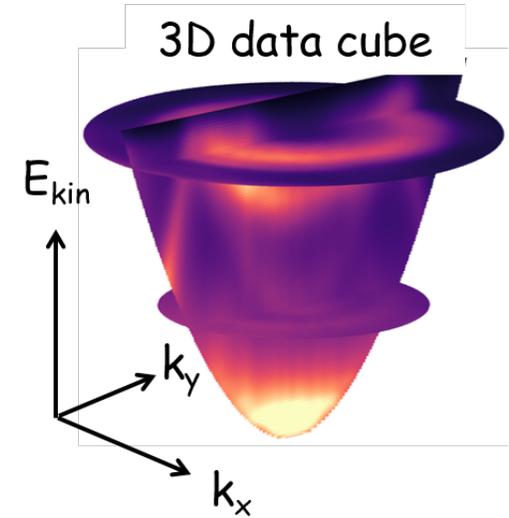
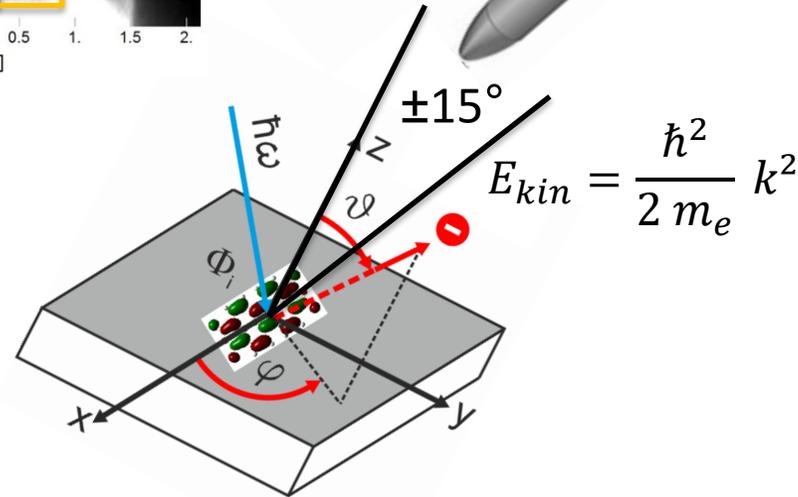
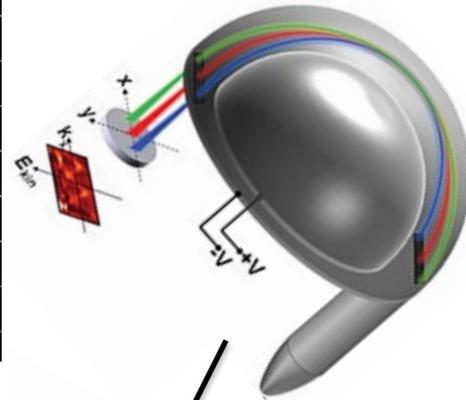
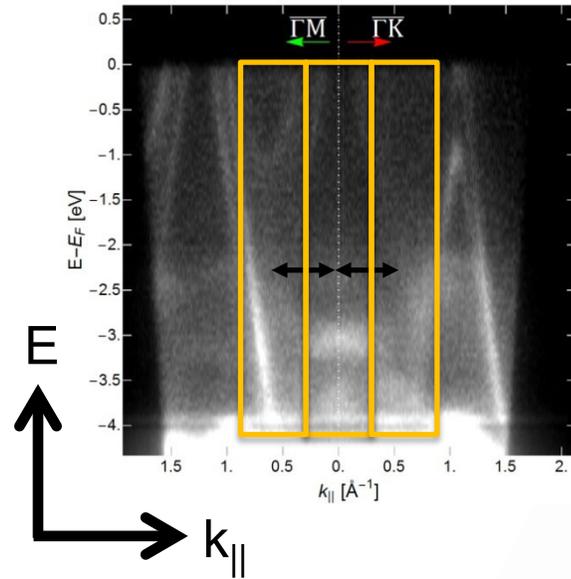
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$$E_{kin} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} k^2$$

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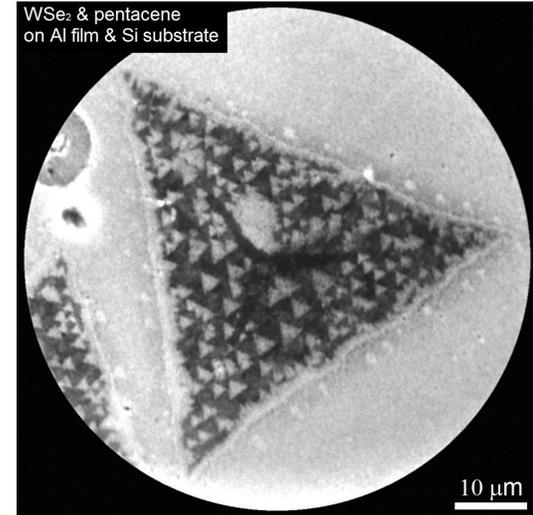
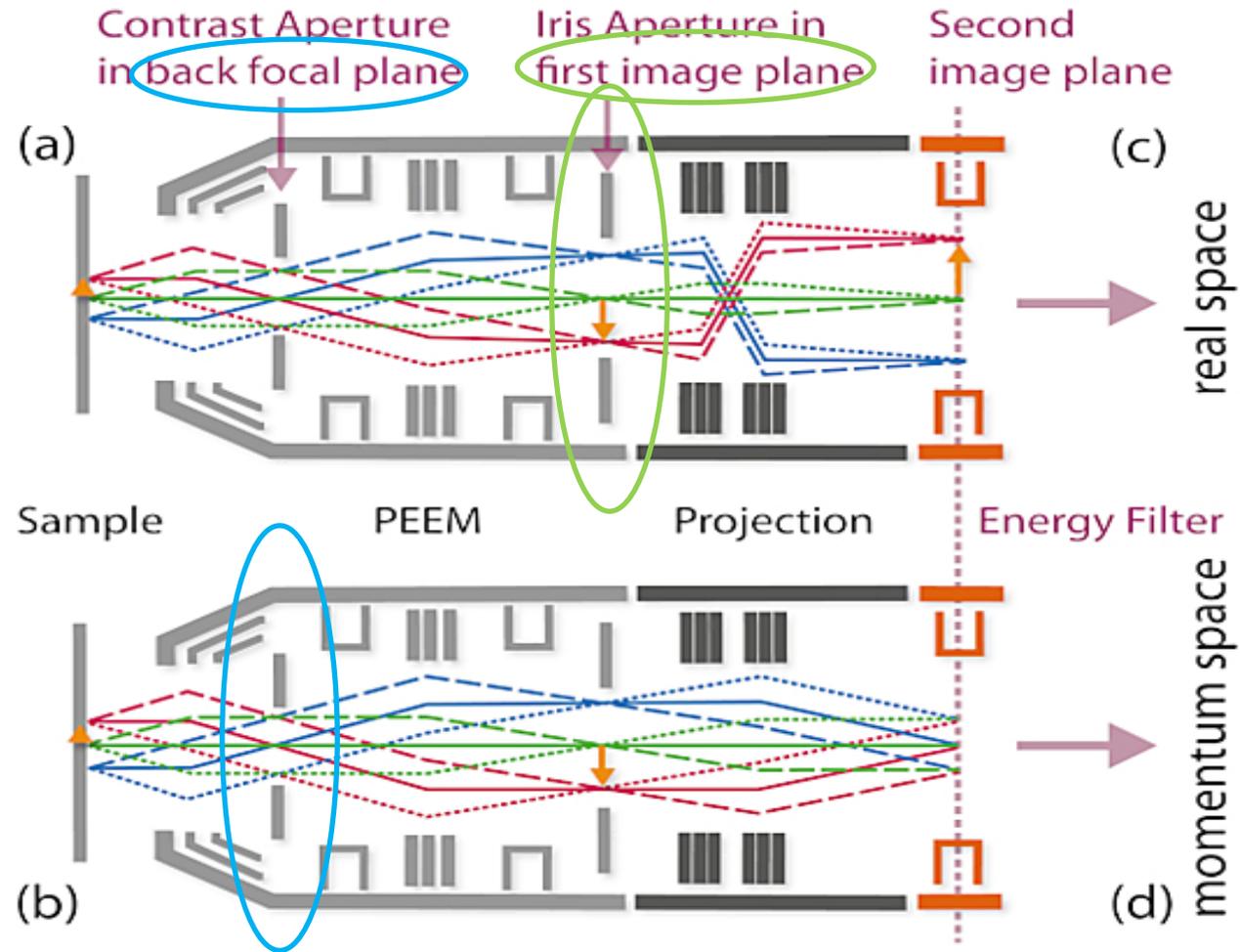
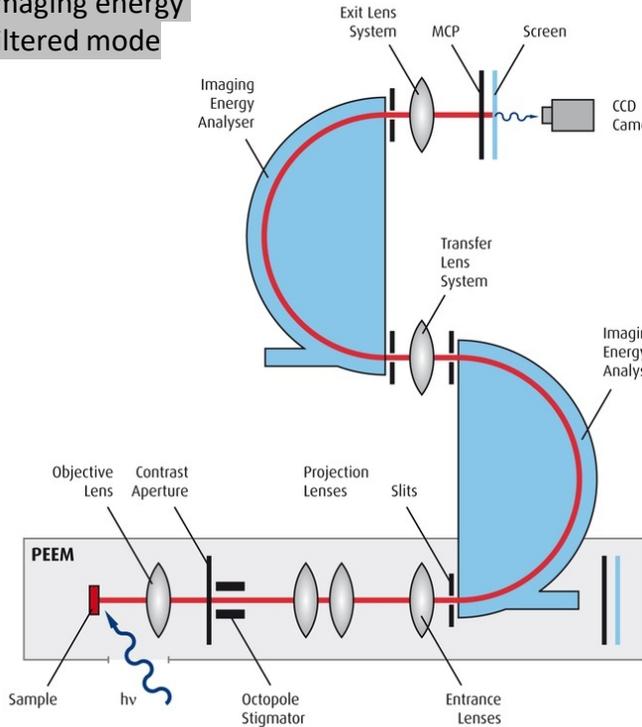
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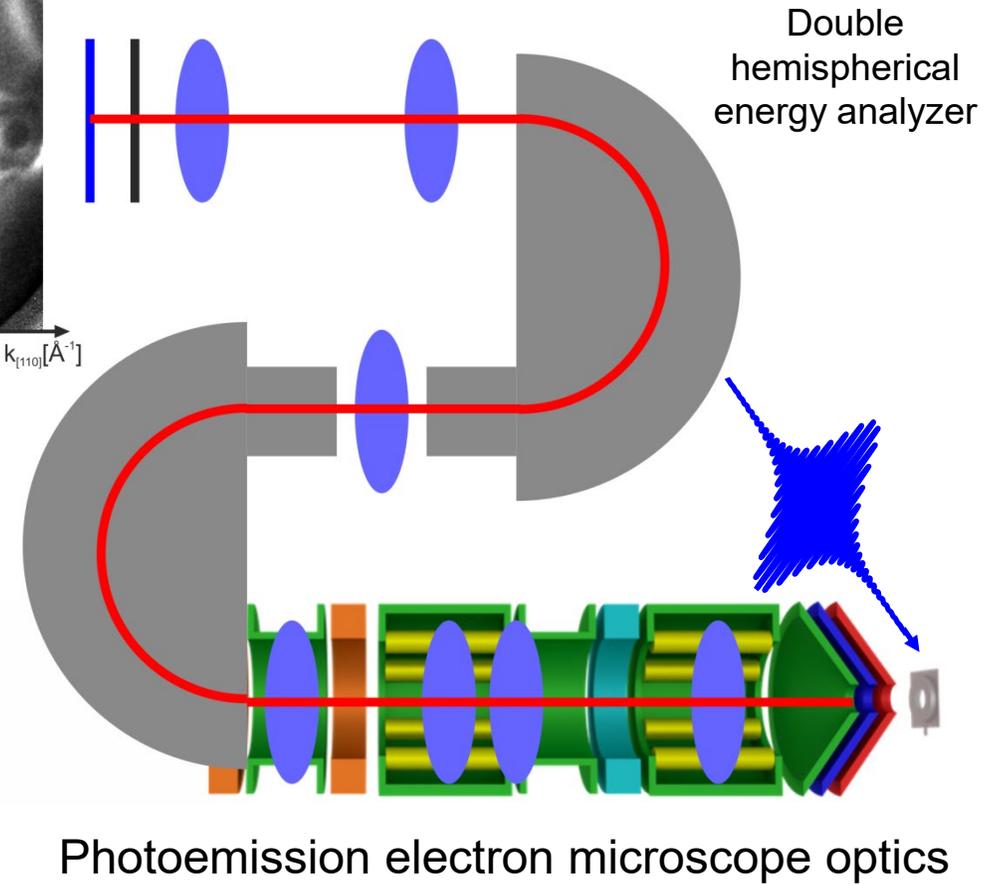
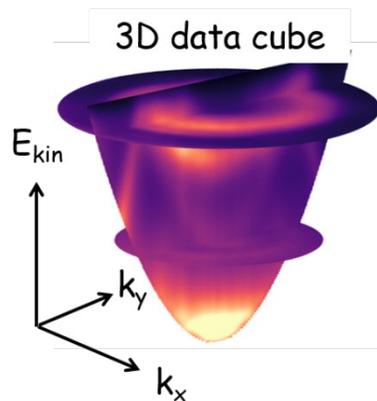
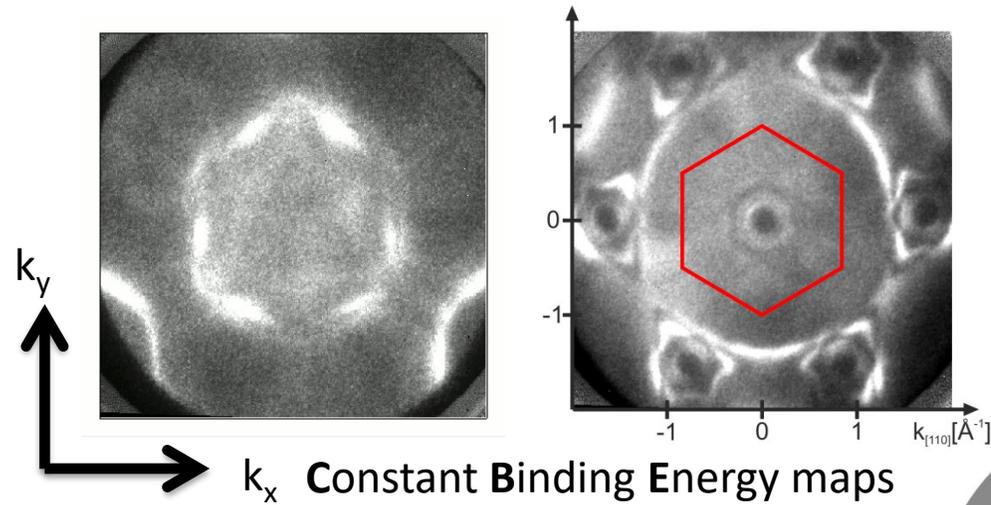
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Imaging energy filtered mode

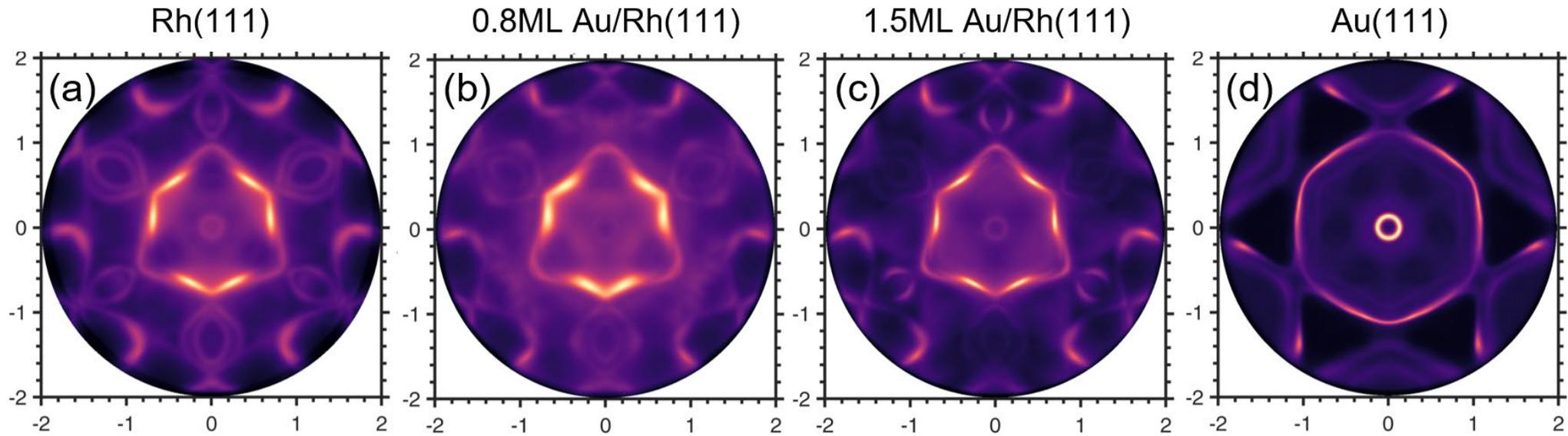


Au(111) Fermi surface @117 K

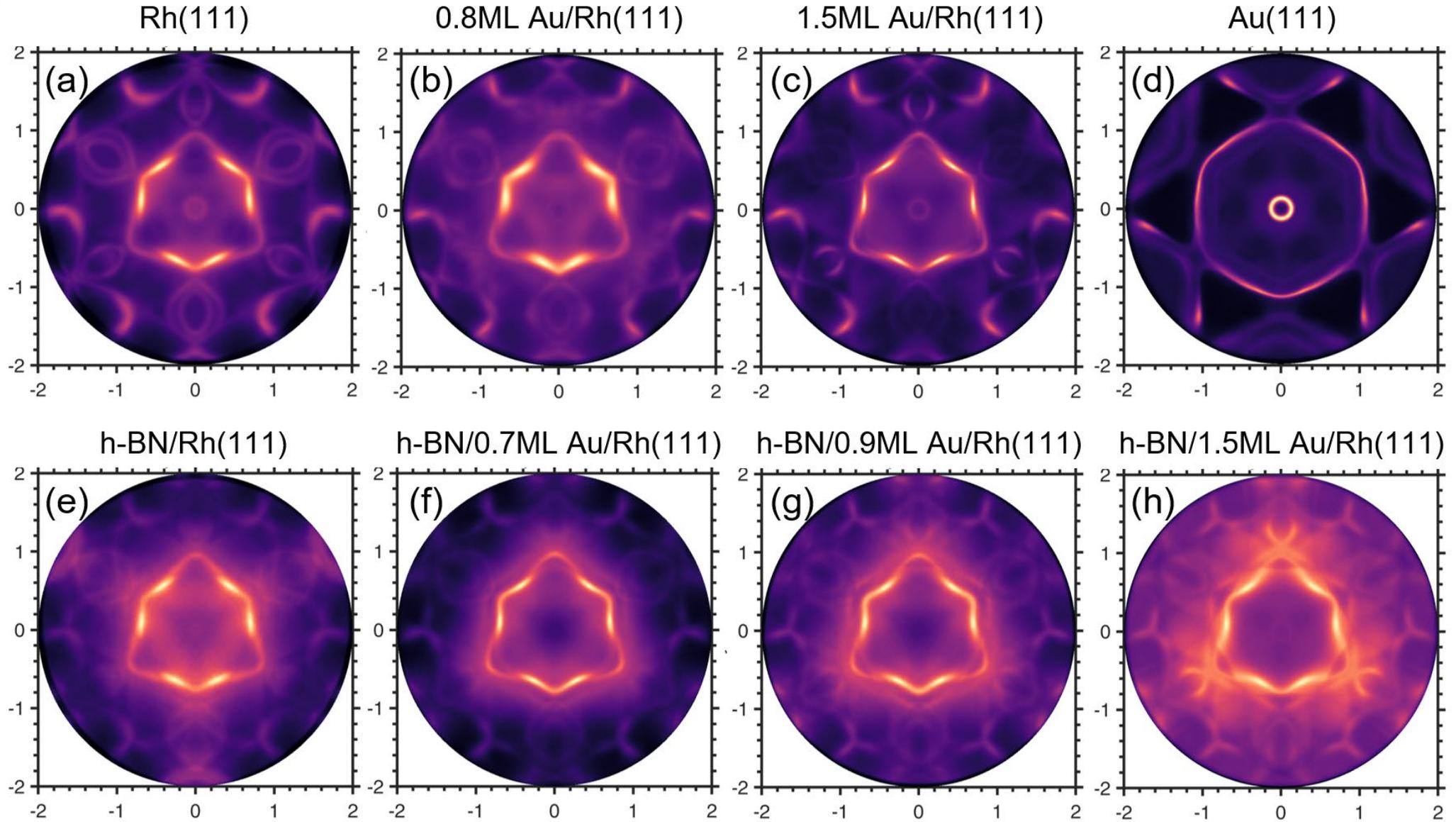
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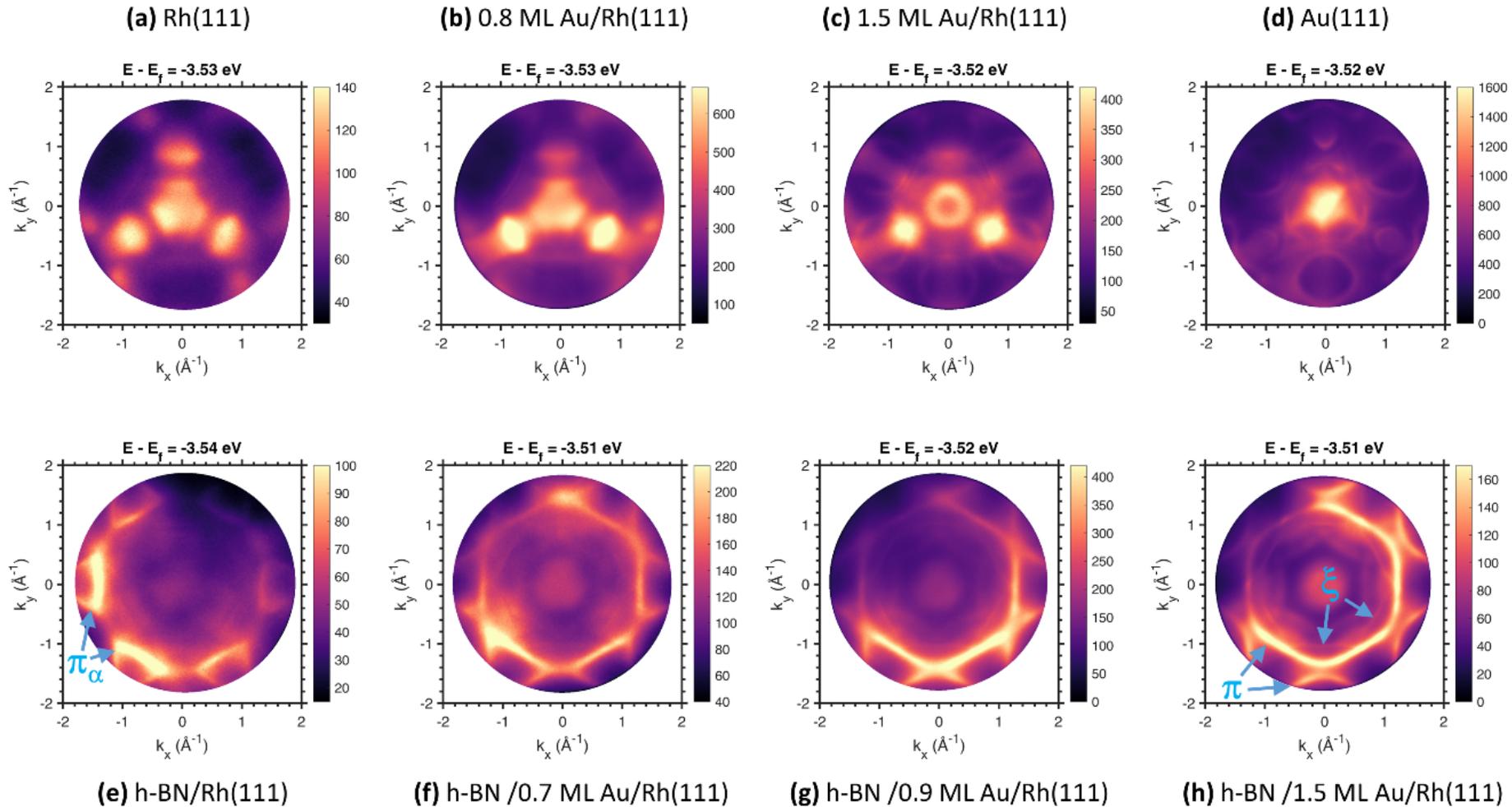
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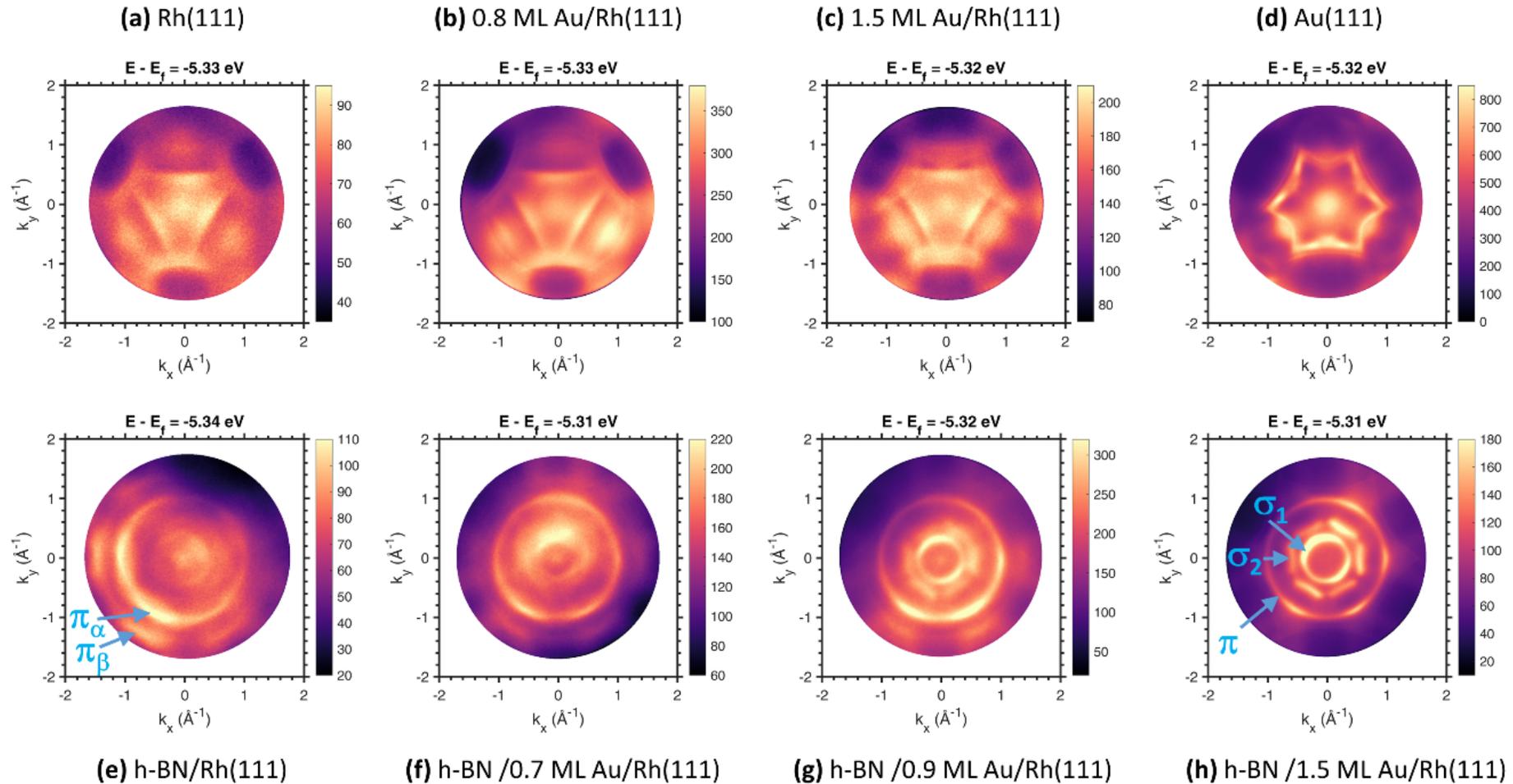
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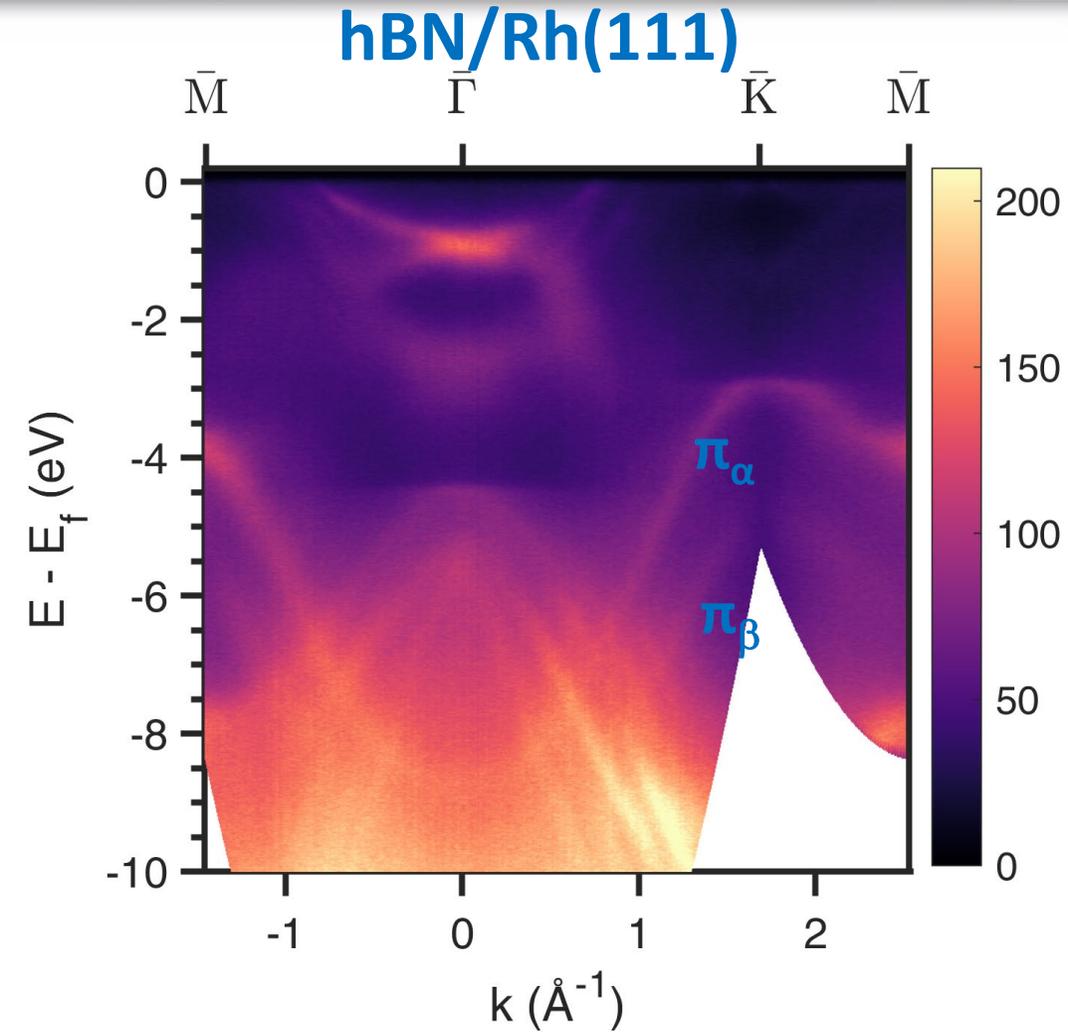
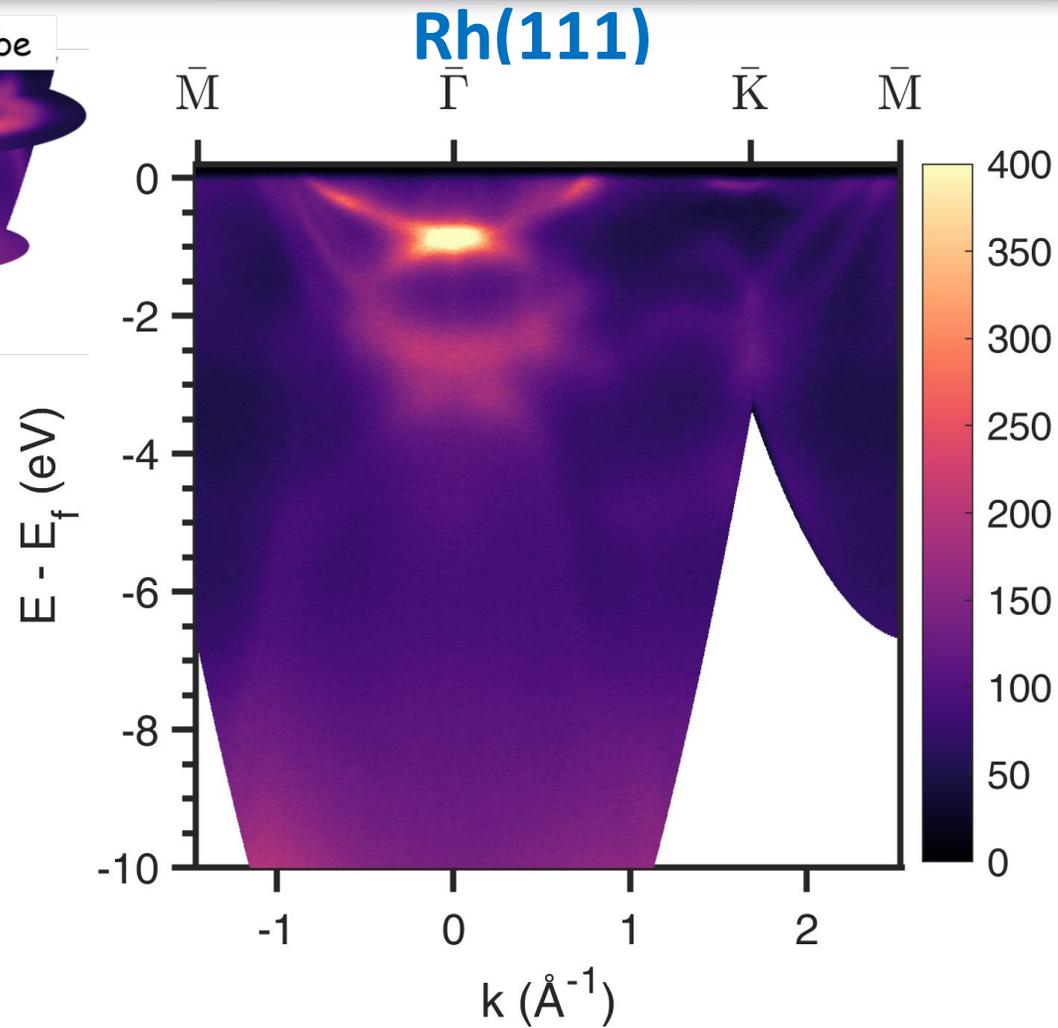
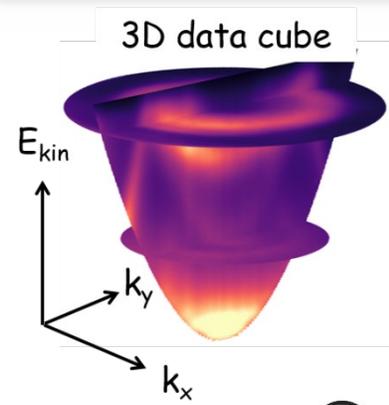
- The  $\pi$  band shifted toward the lower binding energies with increasing Au coverage (the triangles corresponds to  $\pi$  bands open and became larger)
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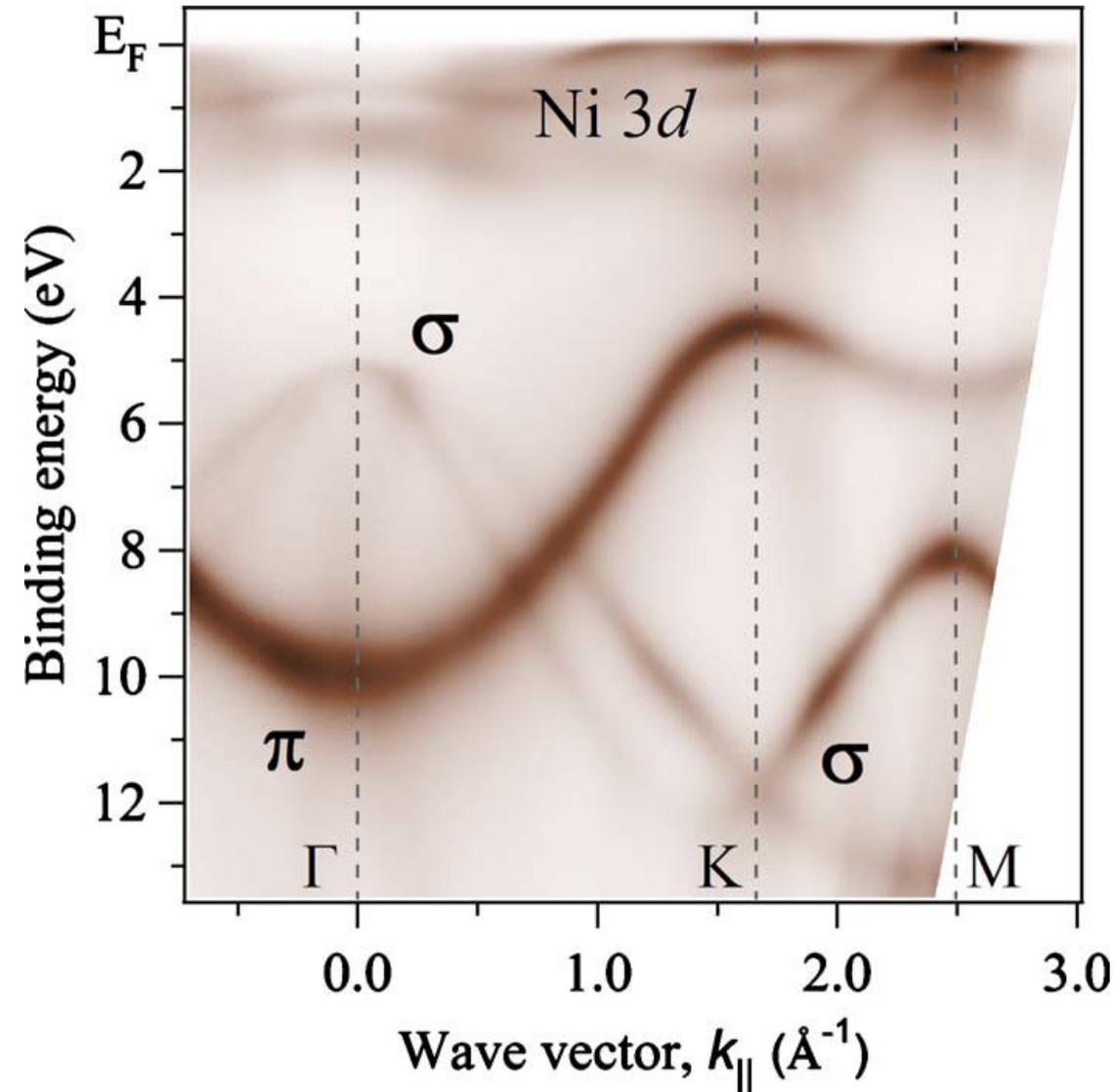
The strong interaction of the Rh and h-BN influences the appearance of bands:

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- $\pi_\alpha$  (wire): weak interaction – continuous rings

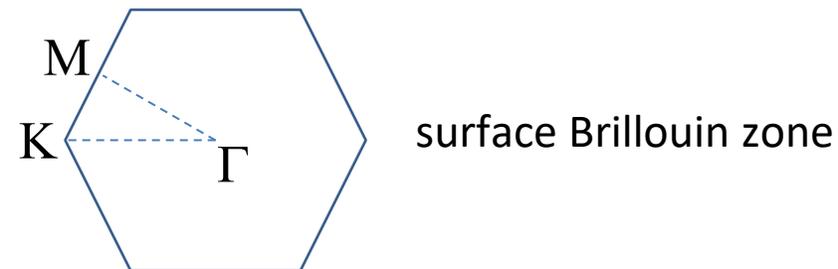
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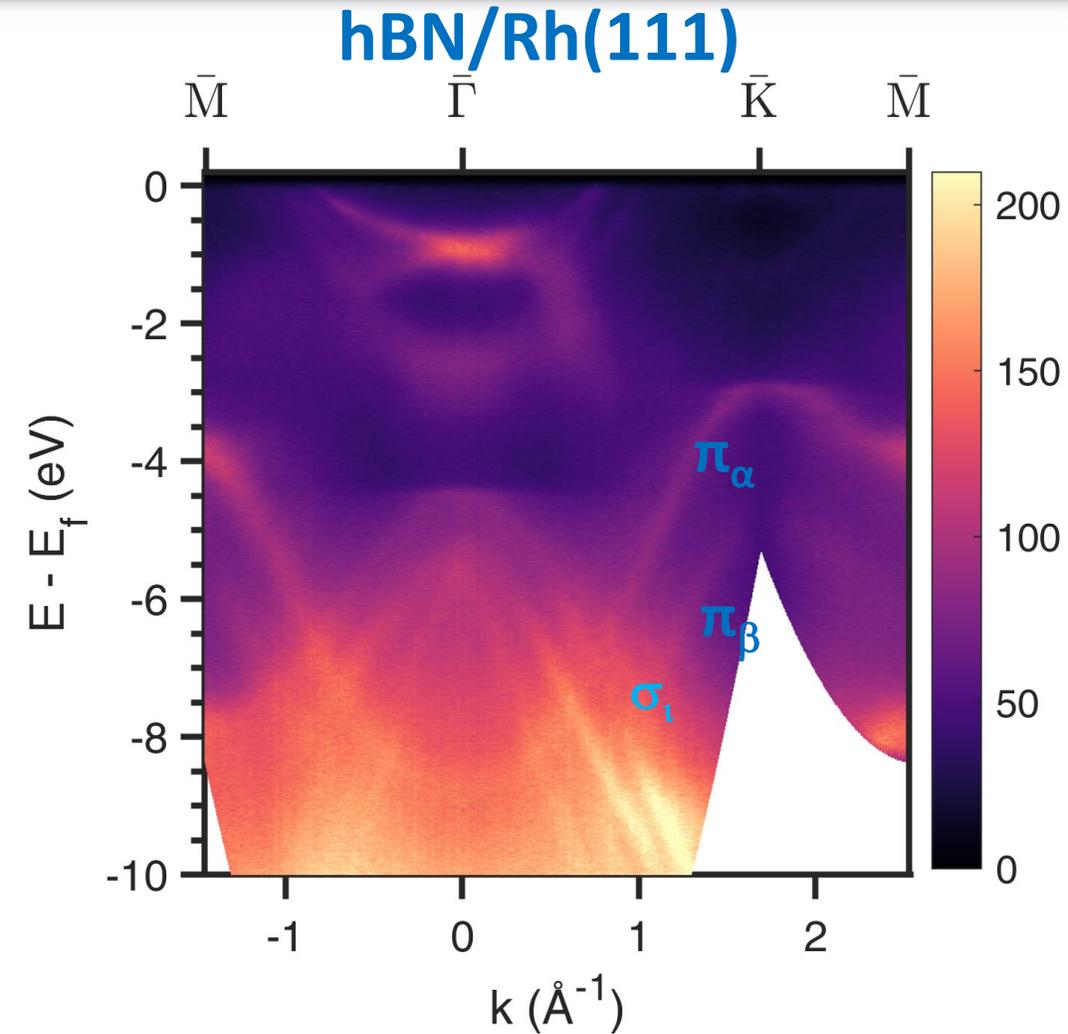
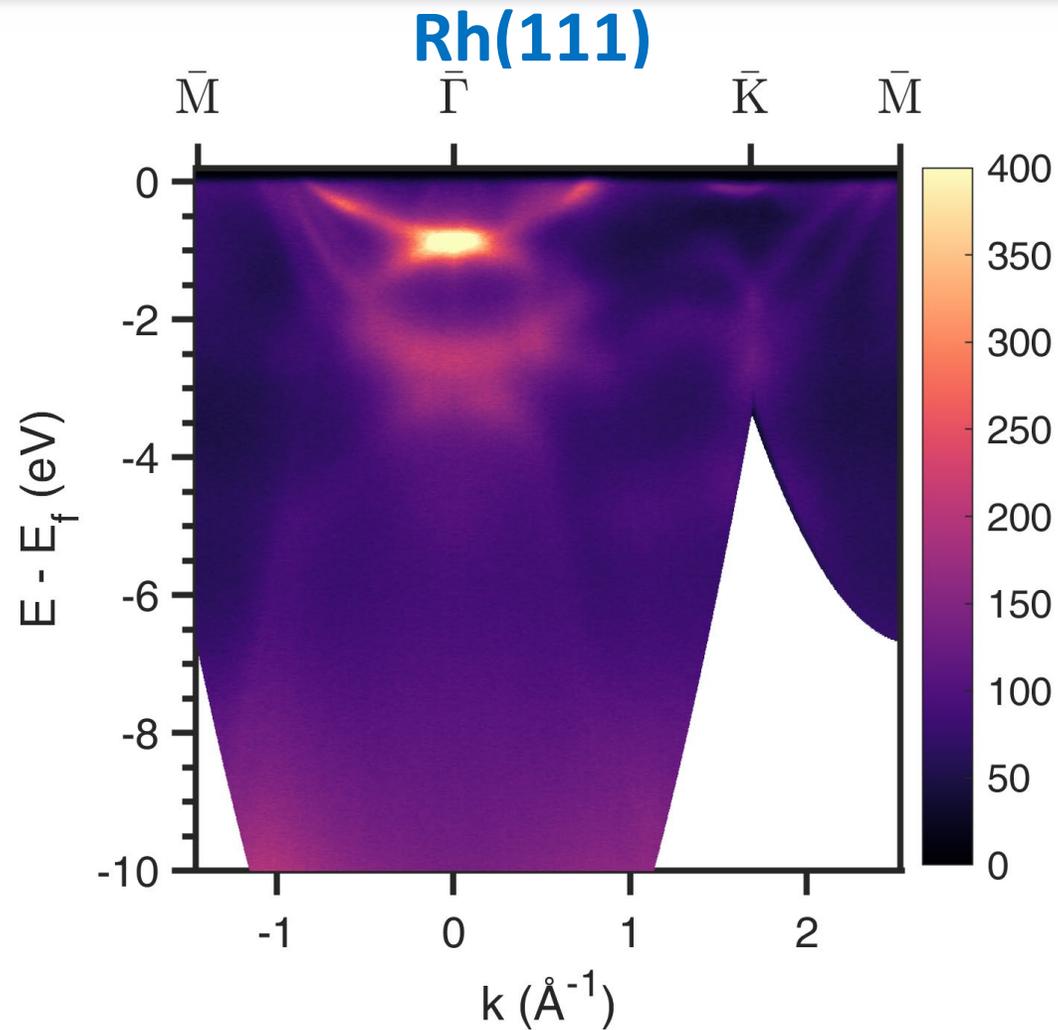


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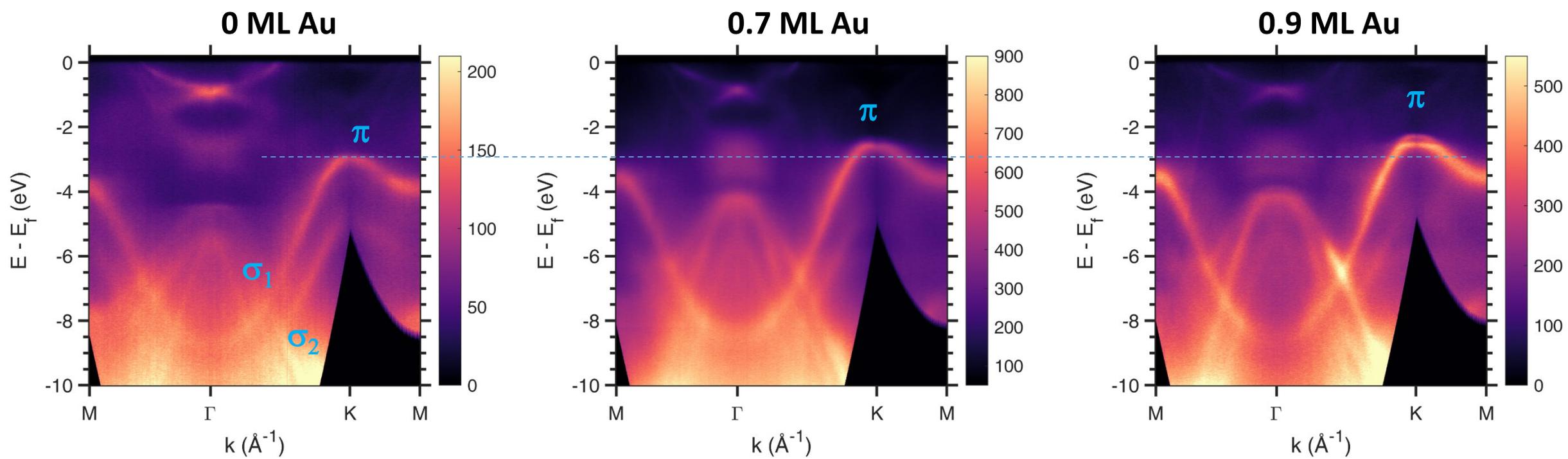


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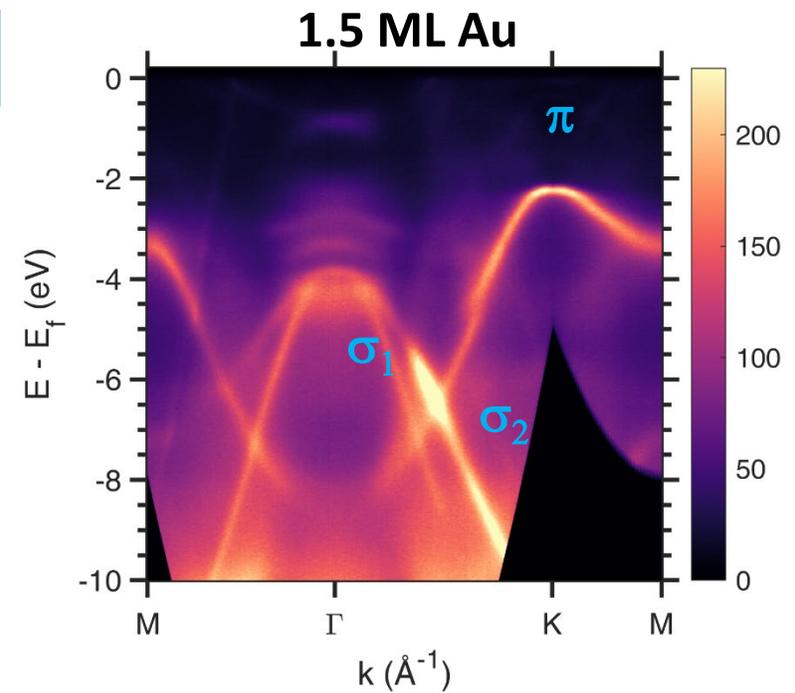


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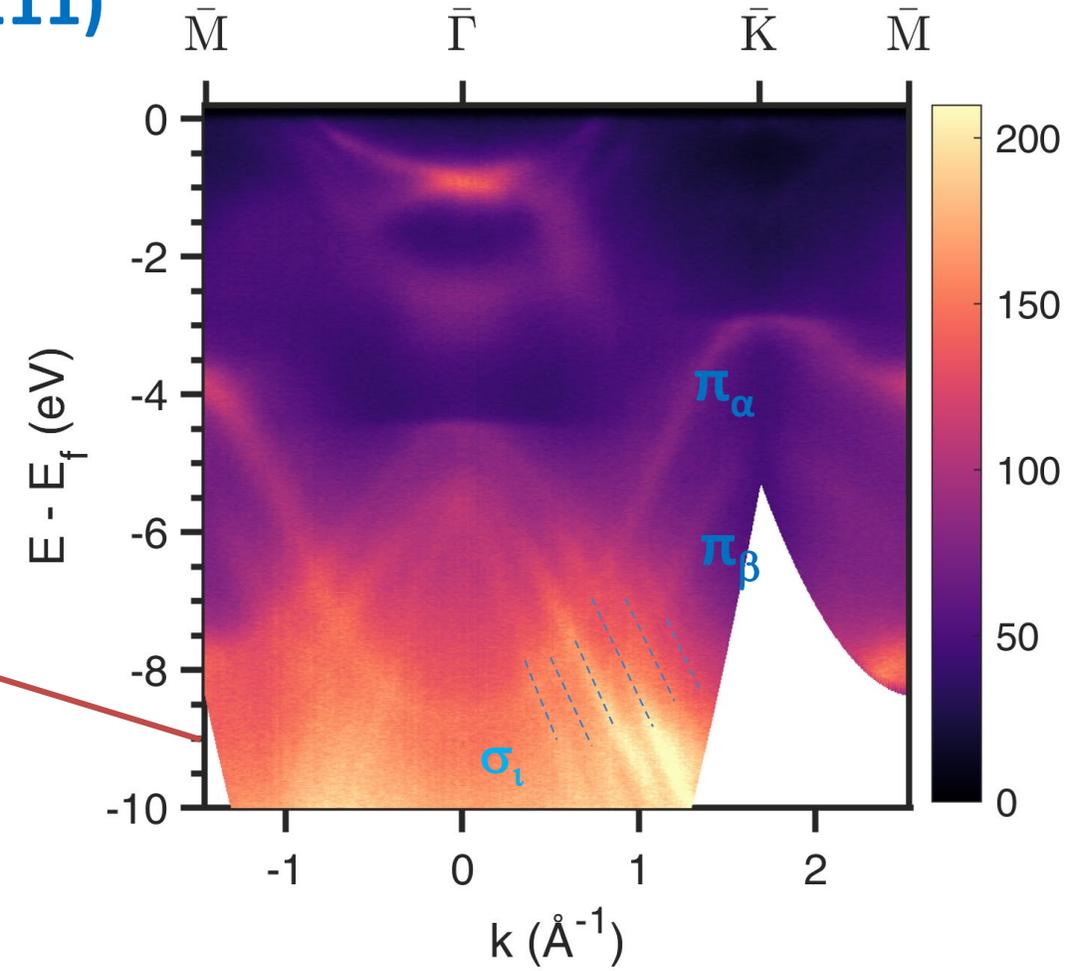
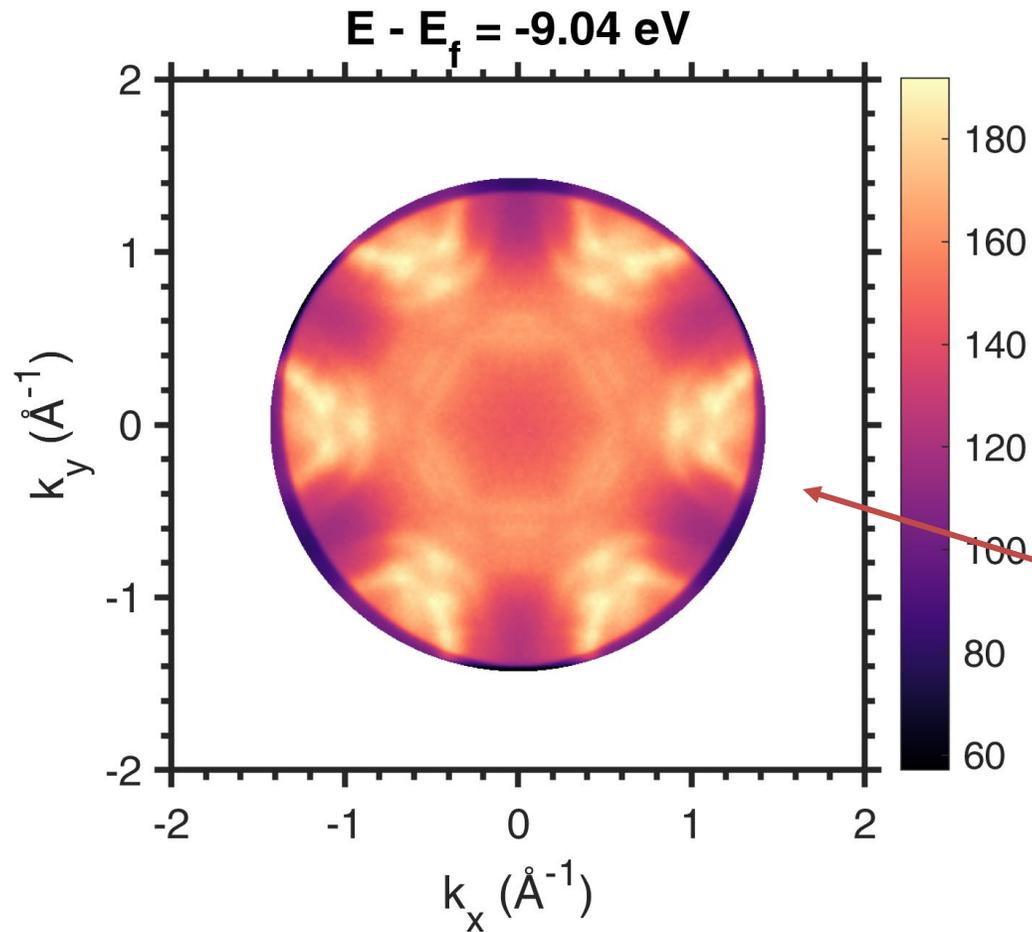


### h-BN/xAu/Rh(111) surfaces

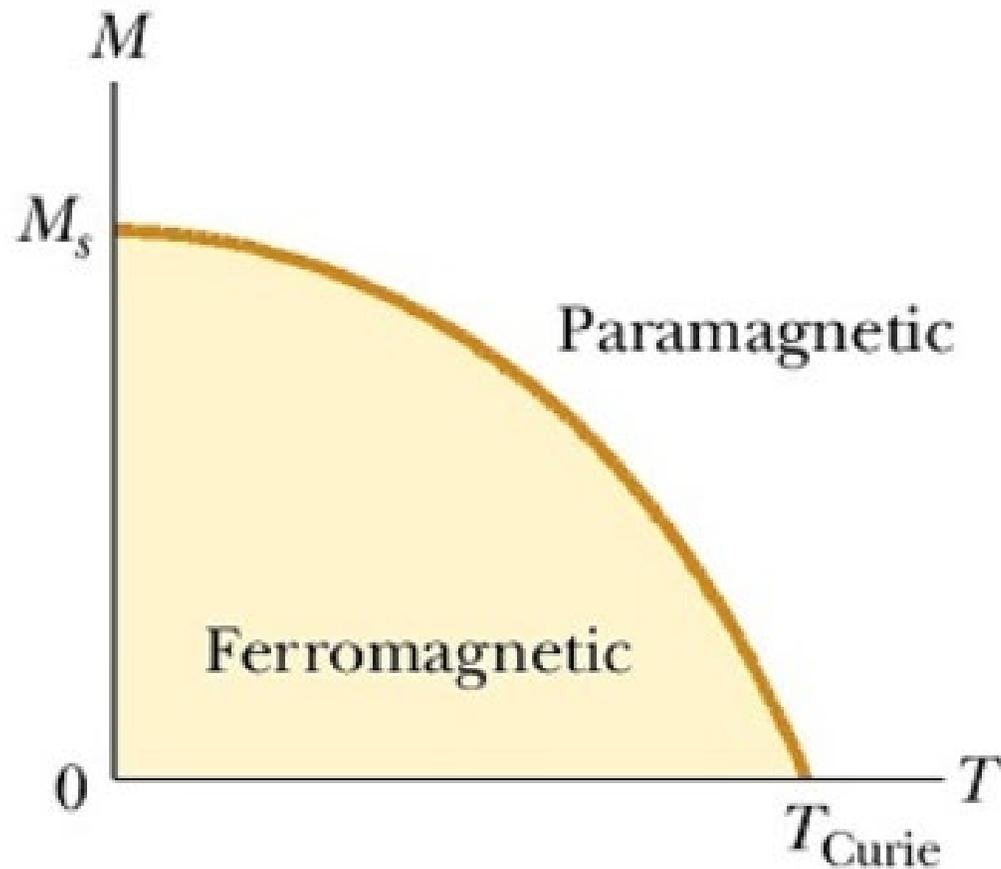
- The pore-wire duality, is present in the band structure also at  $\Theta_{\text{Au}}=0.7$  ML, and at  $\Theta_{\text{Au}}=0.9$  ML, but vanishes at  $\Theta_{\text{Au}}=1.5$  ML Au, when the h-BN monolayer is completely flat according to STM.
- The  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$  band-splitting also observable at intermediate Au coverages: 0.7 & 0.9 ML, respectively. The  $\pi$  band shifted toward the lower binding energies with increasing Au coverage.



## hBN/Rh(111)



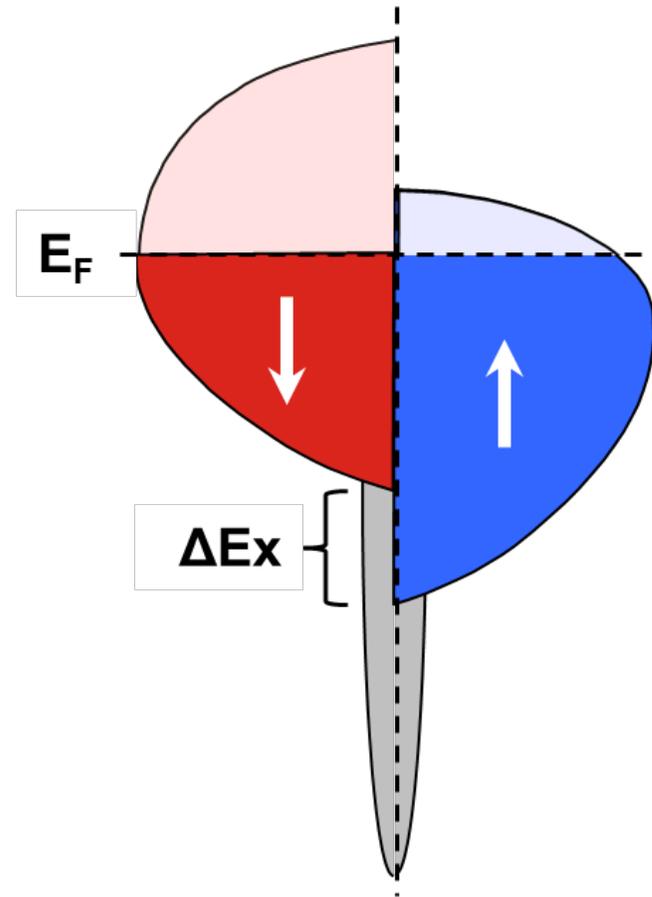
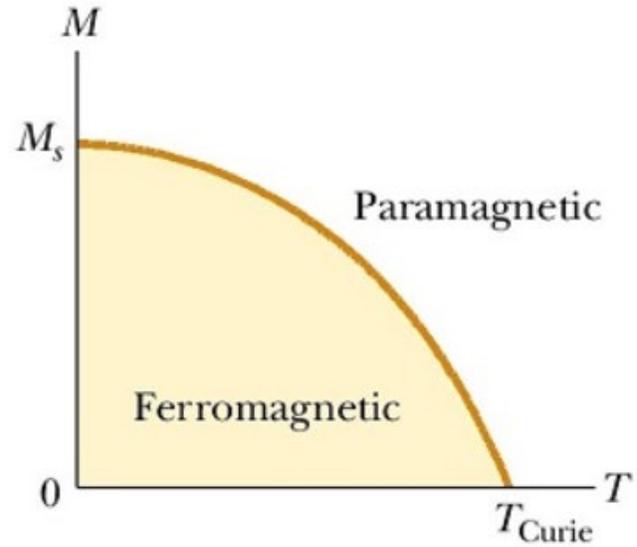
**Pore-wire duality** was observed also for the  $\sigma$  bands, but those are split into even more **branches** ( $\sim 6$ ): replica bands as observed on h-BN/Ir(111), e.g. due to photoelectron diffraction on the superlattice (Usachov et al. Phys. Rev. B 86, 155151 (2012)).



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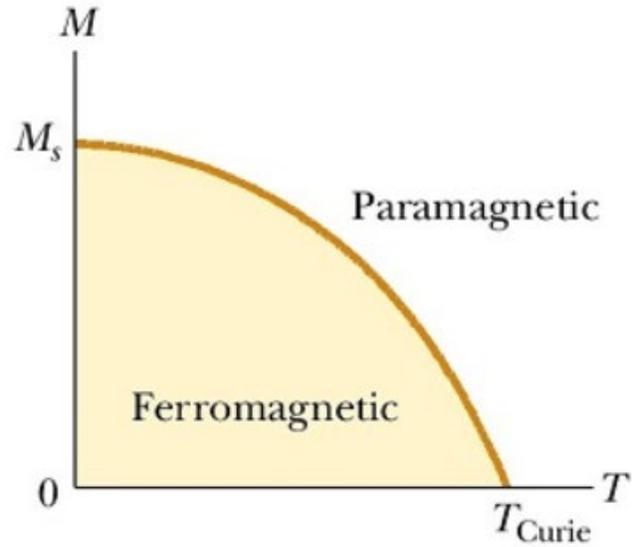
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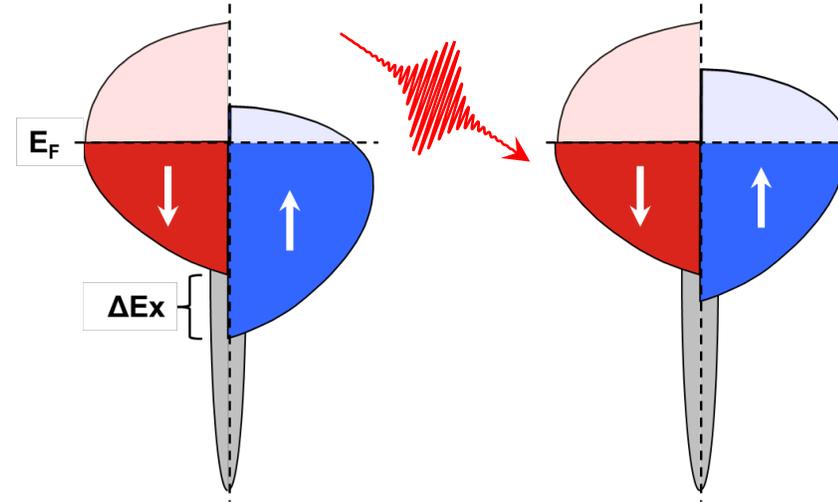


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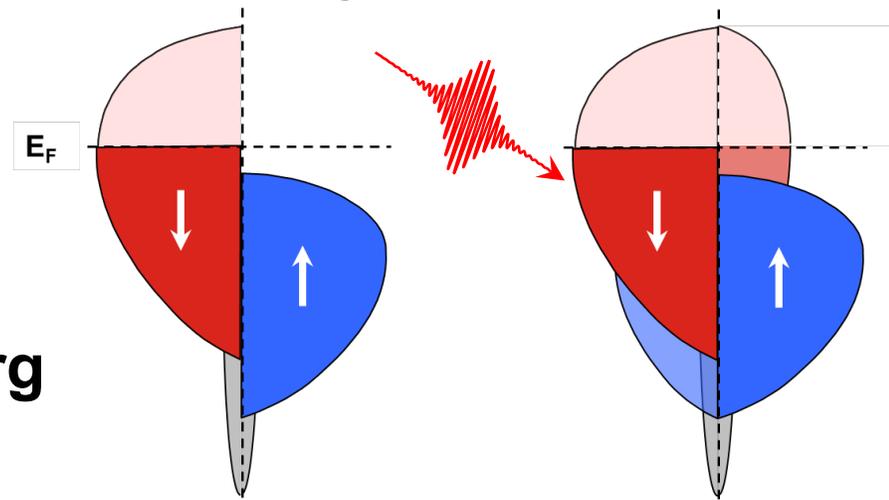
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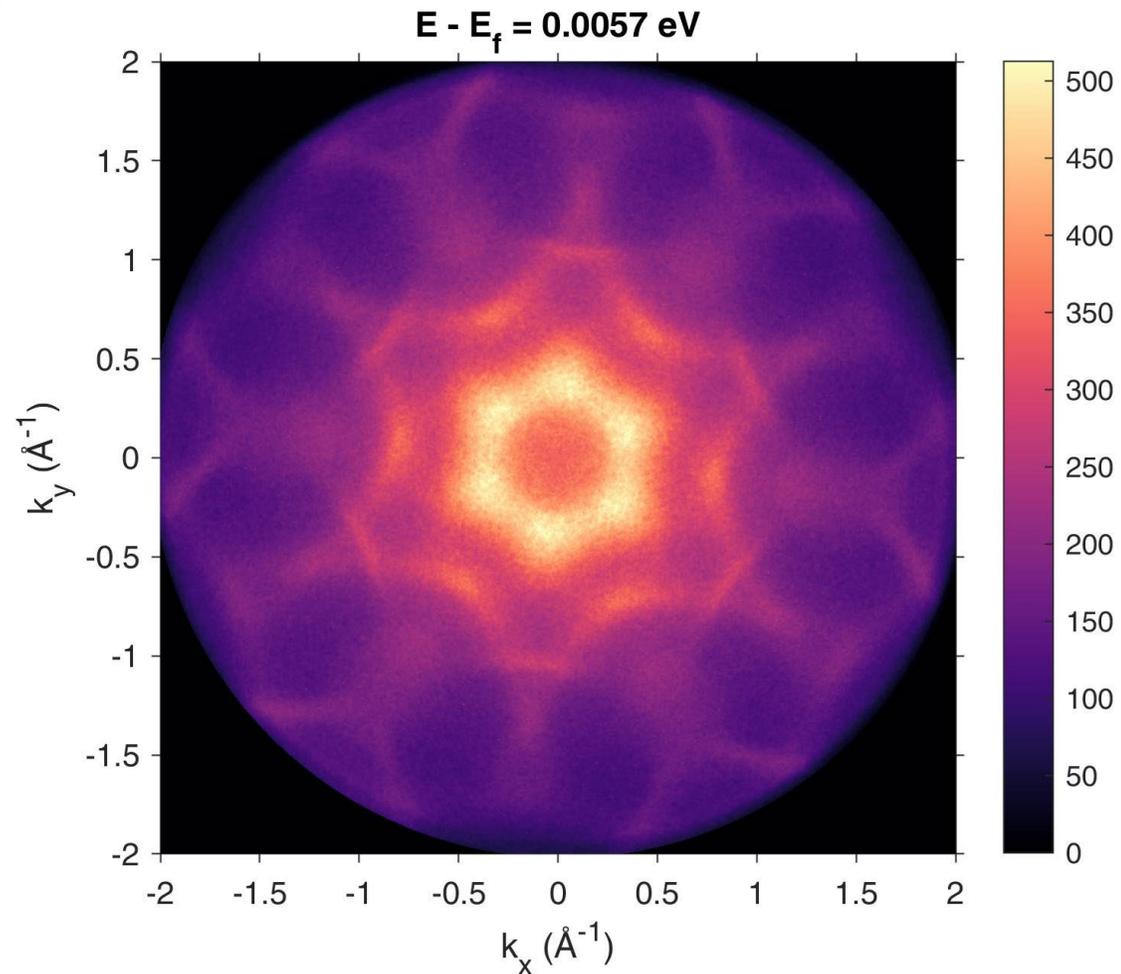
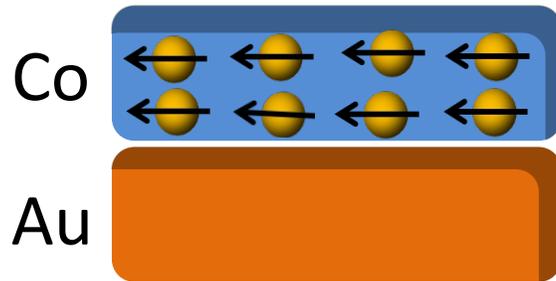
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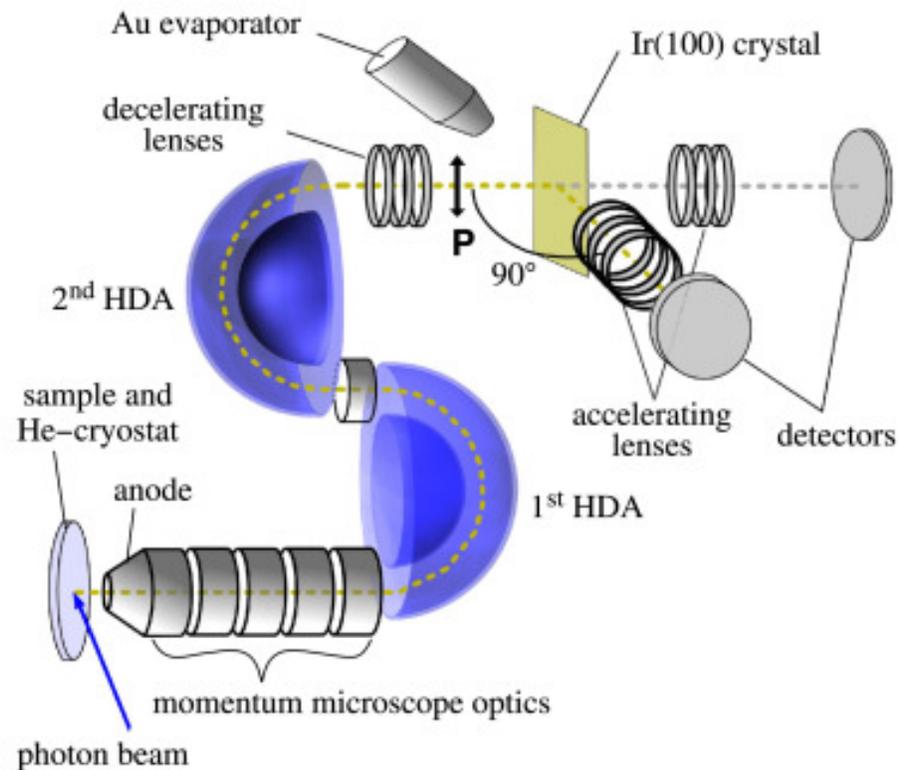


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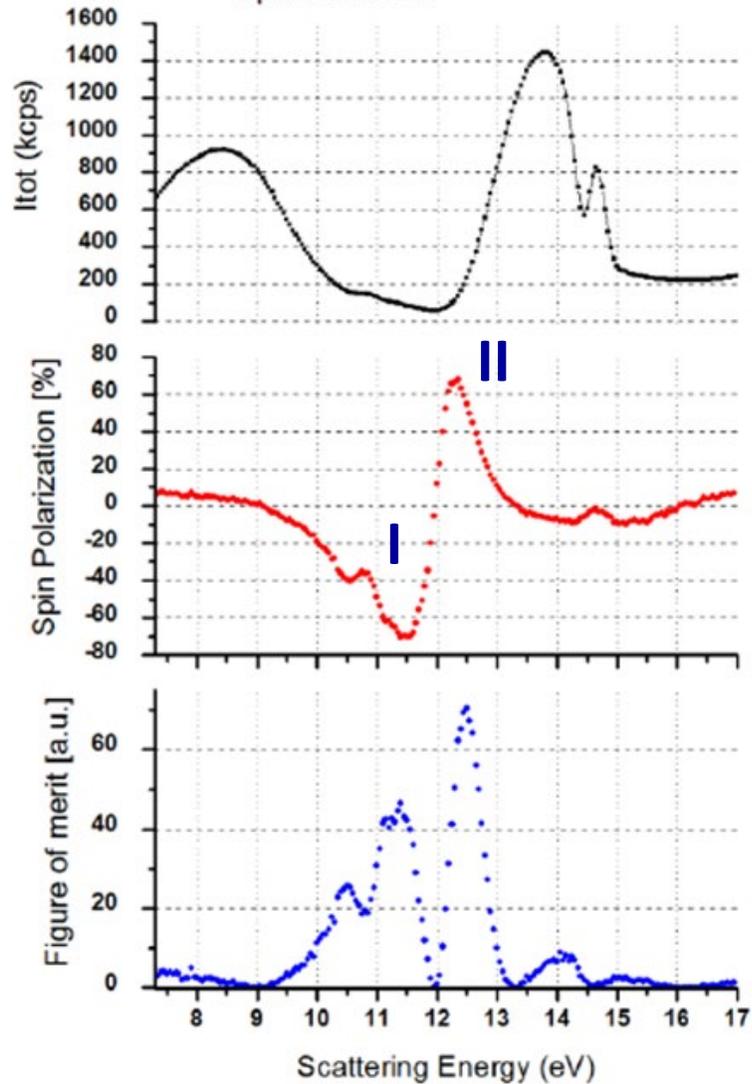
or others ???

## Momentum Microscopy Mode





- A monolayer gold on a Ir(100) single crystal.
- Spin polarizing mirror to detect the lateral spin-polarization of either a real or k-space image. (Spin quantization axis  $\mathbf{P}$ )
- Opposite sign of Sherman-functions at two working points for imaging.



Reflection (scattering yield)

Spin Asymmetry in Elastic Electron Scattering

Figure of Merit

# Spin-resolved PEEM in *Real Space*

Experiment

$I_1, s_1 < 0$

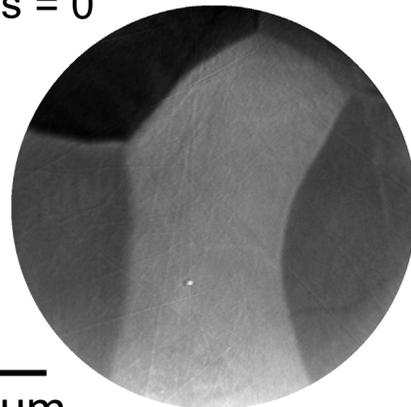


$I_2, s_2 > 0$



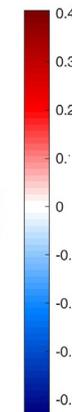
Computation

$I_0, s = 0$



30  $\mu\text{m}$

P



Work flow:

$I_1$

$I_2$



$$I_i = I_0 R_i (1 + s_i * P)$$



$I_0$

P

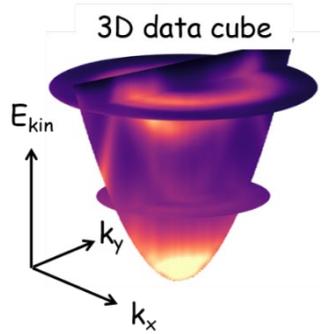


$$I_{\uparrow, \downarrow} = \frac{I_0}{2} (1 \pm P)$$



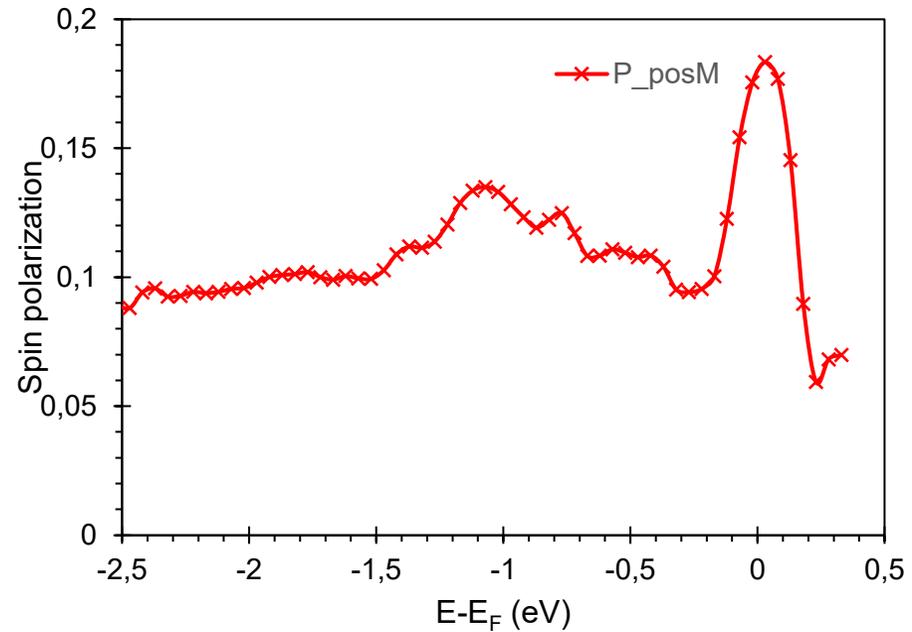
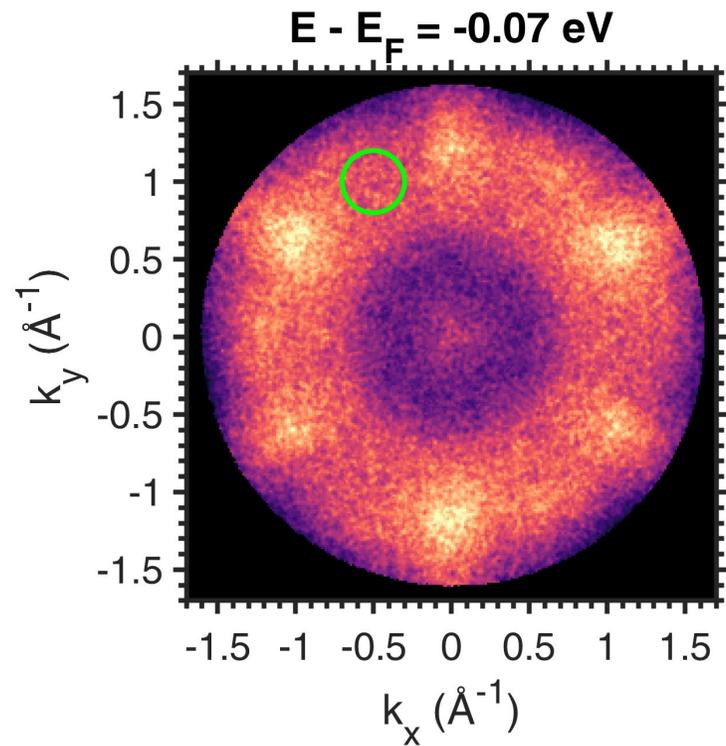
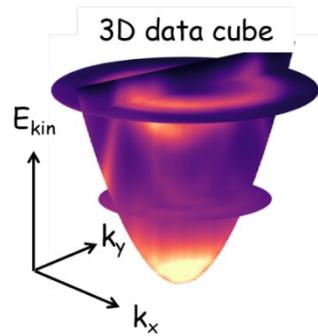
$I_{\uparrow}$

$I_{\downarrow}$

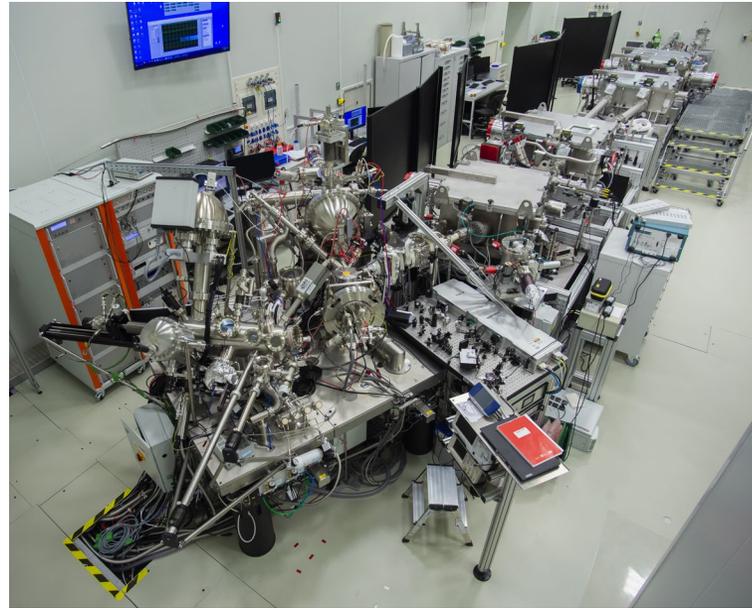


$$I_1 \quad I_2$$
$$I_i = I_0 R_i (1 + s_i * P)$$
$$I_0 \quad P$$
$$I_{\uparrow, \downarrow} = \frac{I_0}{2} (1 \pm P)$$
$$I_{\uparrow} \quad I_{\downarrow}$$



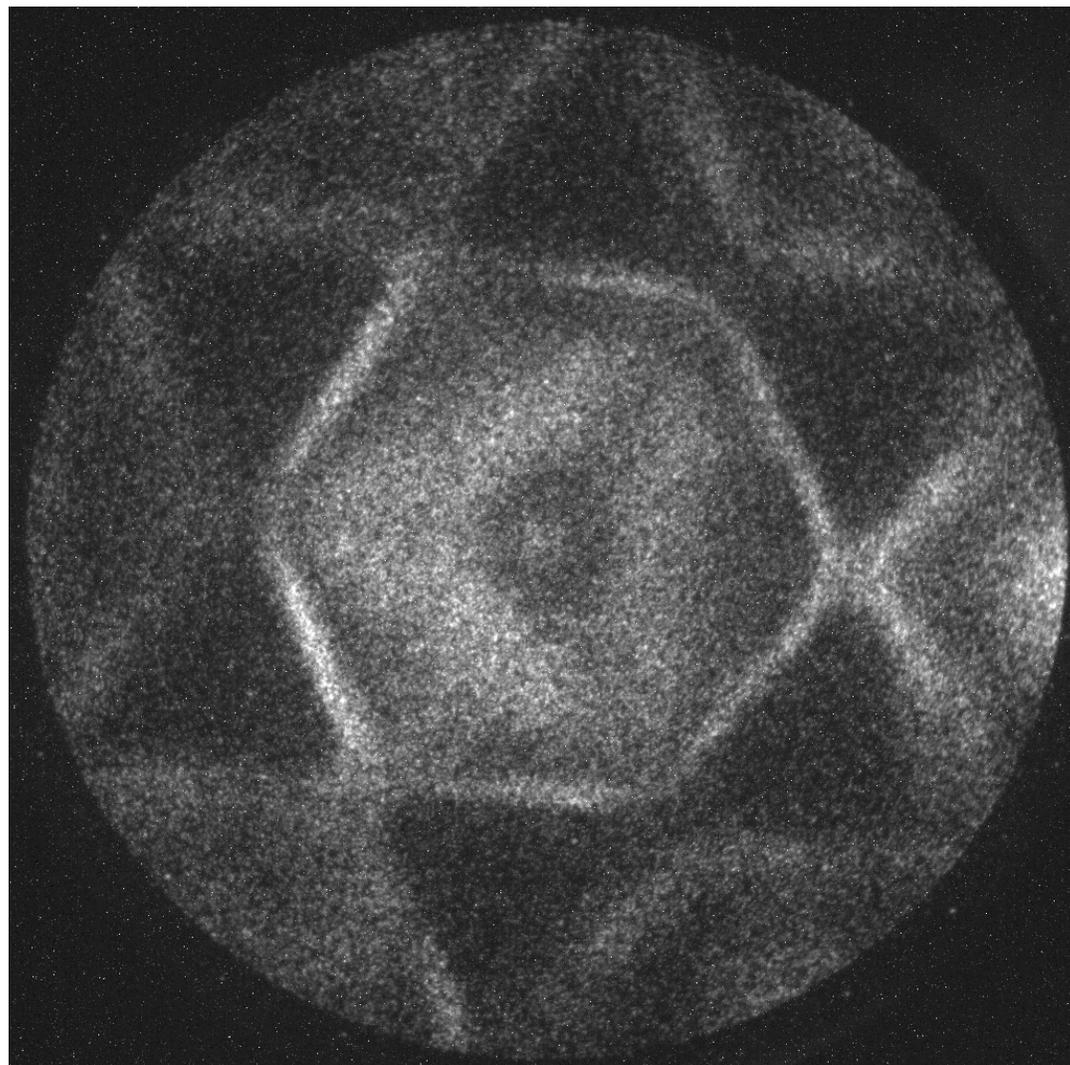


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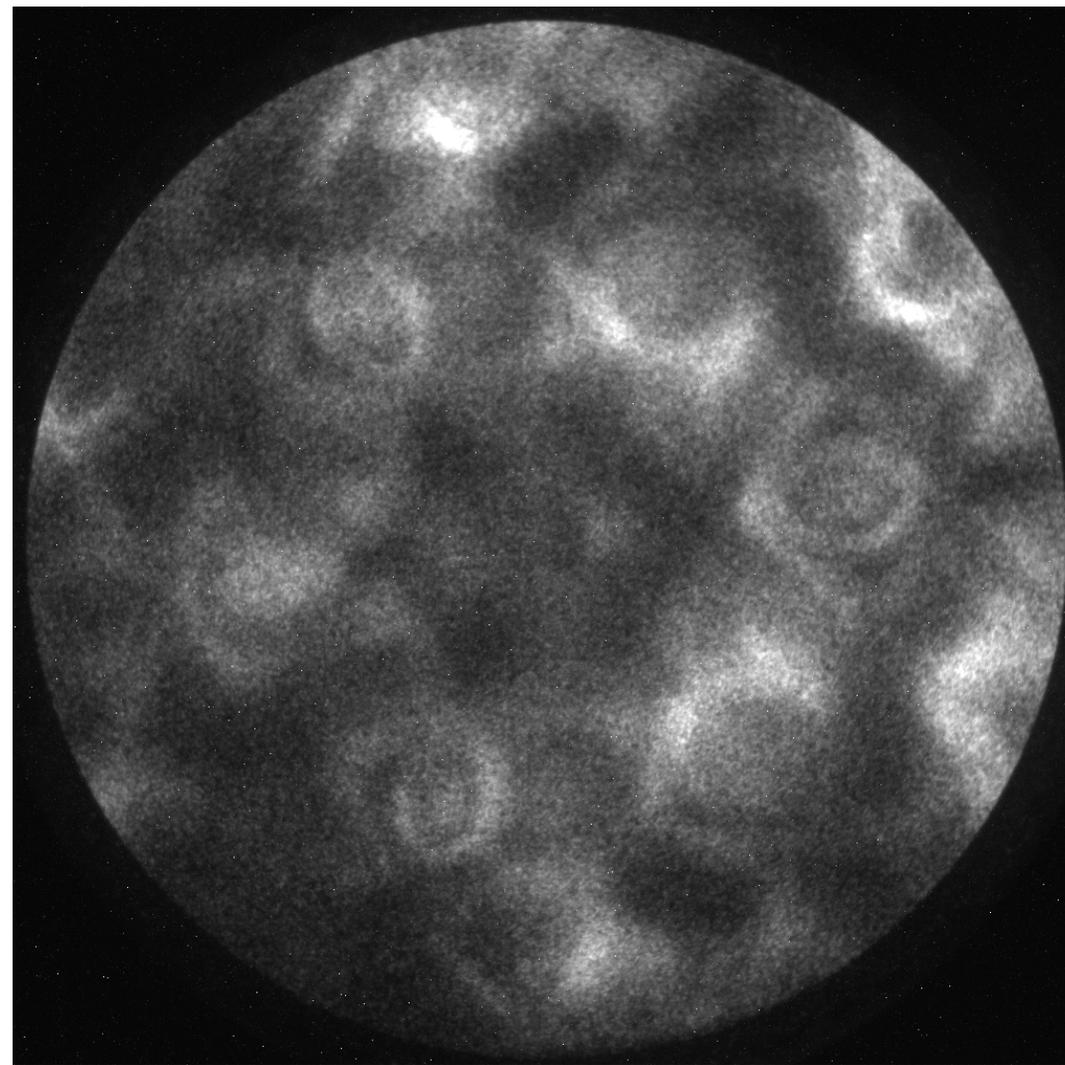
Finally, there is HHG light!!!

Au(111) near Fermi surface

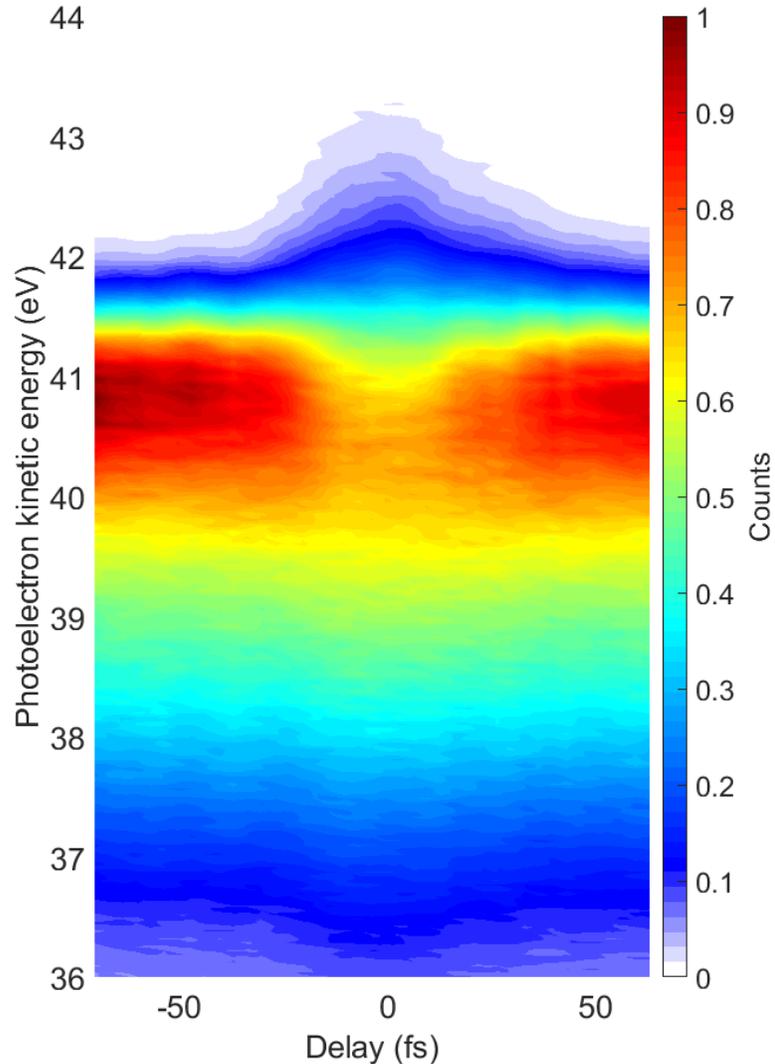


Exposure time: 10 min

Rh(111) near Fermi surface



Exposure time: 6.7 min



- **NIR pump** (1.2 eV, 12-15 fs) and **XUV probe** (~42 eV, ~50-60 fs) were applied.
- The XUV monochromator was used without pulse front tilt compensation to achieve higher photon flux.
- Time zero was found using the TOF analyzer of NanoESCA in spectroscopy mode.

Area normalized TOF spectra as a function of delay. Kinetic energy is referred to the Fermi level.

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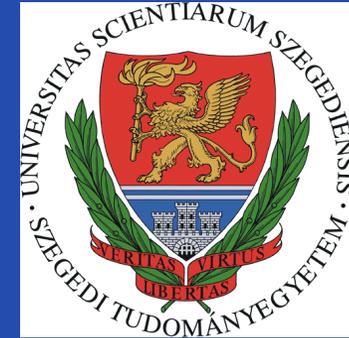


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