



Time-resolved photoemission spectroscopy – An ultrafast camera to image charge and spin carrier dynamics in condensed matter

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Outline



Ultrafast science in solids

- ... electrons in solids
- ... time-resolved photoemission spectroscopy



Monitoring....

.... the population dynamics of charge and spin carriers in momentum space ... the nature and spatial distribution of charge carriers in direct space ... interlayer charge separation across interfaces



Perspectives and challenges of attosecond surface science

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The characteristic timescales of (condensed) matter



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The Role of Charges and Spins in Condensed Matter



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Investigation of isolated, non-interacting particles

Atoms in gas phase



- Isolated non-interacting particles
- Localized wave functions on individual particles
- Well separated electronic states

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Ultrafast electron dynamics



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Coupled atoms/particles

- Chemical bonding
- Coupling between different degrees of freedom



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• Interaction of light with electronic degree of freedom Electronic degree of freedom



Optically excited solids



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- Coupling strength reflected by scattering rate $\Gamma = \frac{1}{\Delta \tau_i}$



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Ultrafast Spectroscopy



Pump-Probe Photoemission Spectroscopy

Signatures of Charge and Spin Carriers in Solids



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Electronic band structure is experimental observable of electronic wave function in energy and momentum space

Projection of band structure into the vacuum







Multidimensional (time, spin, momentum, energy) photoemission spectroscopy fs XUV light pulses







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Spin-resolved Momentum Microscopy



(Spin-) ARPES technique



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Momentum Microcopy

Image of sample surface





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Time of flight energy analyzer





Dispersive energy analyzer



Momentum distribution of electrons





Momentum Microcopy



Spin-resolved momentum microscope "NanoEsca" @ ELI-Alps



Ideal tool for a complete photoemission experiment sensitive to spin, momentum, energy, and space of the emitted electrons

Ultrafast Photoelectron Spectroscopy

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Superposition of several PES spectra generated by different photon energies

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Polychromatic spectrum

Monochromatizating with pass filters



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Complete photoemission experiment for ultrafast surface science:

- 1. Dynamics of charge and spin carrier in energy and momentum space
- 2. Transient renormalization of spin-dependent band structure

Photoelectron spectroscopy





- Monochromatized photon source
- Small spectral bandwidth of source
- High photon flux



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- High photon energies
- Attosecond pulse trains
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Space Charge Effects



Journ. Appl. Phys. **100**, 024912 (2006)

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Space charge can lead to:

- Broadening in energy and momentum
- Energy shifts
- Total loss of information in ARPES data

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Repetition rate of fs-XUV sources





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T. Saule et al. Nat Commun 10, 458 (2019)

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User facilities for ultrafast spectroscopy with fs/as time resolution

ELI-ALPS Szeged, Hungary: EU research facility



Surface science end station

ARTEMIS Rutherford Appleton Lab, UK



100 kHz IR OPCPA system

100kHz IR fiber-based, 3fs, 5mJ

attosecond

sub 10-fs XUV source (15 - 120 eV) for ultrafast time-resolved surface science studies

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Spin-valley-layer locked valence band structure

Hidden spin polarization

X. Zhang et al. Nature Phys 10, 387–393 (2014) Riley et al. Nat. Phys. 10 (2014) 835





Spin-dependent valence band structure

 Σ
 K

 VB1

 VB2

 k



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Spin-dependent valence band structure



 WSe_2

WSe₂

Spin-dependent valence band structure



Spin-dependent unoccupied band structure



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Spin-dependent excited states band structure



Spin-dependent excited states band structure





- Capture a movie of carrier dynamics in real time

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Spin-dependent excited states band structure





- Capture a movie of carrier dynamics in real time
- Quantify the population dynamics of electrons and holes in momentum space

Ultrafast Spin Carrier Dynamics of WSe,

Spin-dependent excited states band structure

WSe₂



Spin conserving intervalley scattering from K to Σ valley

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Spin-dependent excited states band structure

NSe,



- Reversal of spin polarization Σ valley

Spin-dependent excited states band structure

NSe,



- Reversal of spin polarization Σ valley

Spin-dependent excited states band structure



Direct access to spin-dependent inter- and intraband scattering of electrons and holes in real time

Excited Charge Carriers in Ultrathin Semiconductors

Spatial confinement of carriers



Energy level diagram



Molecular semiconductors

Inorganic semiconductors
Excited Charge Carriers in Ultrathin Semiconductors

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Different types of excitons:

- Localized Frenkel excitons
- \rightarrow Charge neutral quasi-particles
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Can we also image the spatial confinement of carriers in solids?

Photoemission Orbital Tomography (POT) for Molecular Materials



Photocurrent: Fermi's Golden Rule I $(E_{kin}, \theta, \varphi) \propto |FT[\psi_{MO}]|^2$

P. Puschnig, M. Ramsey, Science 326, 702 (2009)

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Excited States POT for 2D Materials



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S. Dong et al. Nat Sci 2021; 1:e10010

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Excited States POT for 2D Materials



Conclusions

Ultrafast pump-probe photoemission with fs XUV pulses is a powerful tool for imaging

- inter and interlayer charge and spin transfer processes
- ... the orbitals of excited molecular and 2D materials
- ... the transient charge doping of materials

with femtosecond time resolution.



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From fs to attosecond spectroscopy

Attosecond streaking experiment with single attosecond pulses





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Relative photoemission times in solids



3 step model

W. E. Spicer, *Phys. Rev.* **112** (1958) 114.

time-reversed

LEED state

From fs to attosecond spectroscopy Relative photoemission times in solids



3 step model

W. E. Spicer, *Phys. Rev.* **112** (1958) 114.

$|f_{LEED}\rangle$ 1. EUV $|i_{bulk}\rangle$ bulk vacuum

1 step model

G.D. Mahan, Phys. Rev. B **2** (1970) 4334.

Open Questions:

- What is the role of transport?
- How does the final state influence the photoemission time?
- What about the orbital momentum of the electrons



Z. Tao, et al., *Science*. **353** (2016) 62



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4f and conduction-band spectrogram of single crystal tungsten



Attosecond streaking experiment in the condensed phase



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Nature 449, 1029-1032 (2007)

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Binding energy

Science 357, 1274 (2017)

From fs to attosecond spectroscopy

Continuous wave light source

Single attosecond pulse



No easy way to conduced attosecond streaking experiment for valence band structure

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RABBITT experiment



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From fs to attosecond spectroscopy RABBITT experiment



Attosecond streaking experiment in the condensed phase



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RABBITT experiment

Gas phase (argon) Solid State(silver)



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R. Locher et al., Optica 2 (2015)
Towards Attosecond Surface Science Spectroscopy

From fs to attosecond spectroscopy RABBITT experiment Single HHG line HHG spectrum 24 22 20 Energy 18 18 16 Kinetic Energy [eV] -2-3 Kinetic -4 14 12 V(r) 10 -68 -7<u>-</u>0.4 -0.2 -0.2 0.2 -0.40.0 0.2 0.4 0.0 0.4 k [1/A] k [1/A] Is there no chance for RABBITT for valence states?

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Attosecond Momentum Microscopy







Towards Attosecond Surface Science Spectroscopy



Disentangle photoemission yield of different valence band states and HHG lines by their characteristic signatures in

- Energy
- Momentum space
- Spin

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