

Inelastic X-ray Scattering: Past, present and future

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Impossible talk

Merriam Webster:

Definition of *impossible*

: Felt to be incapable of being done,
attained or fulfilled: insuperably difficult

Impossible talk

“Inelastic x-ray scattering: Past, present and future”

- 1) Past, present and future each deserve their own talks = 3 talks
- 2) Non-resonant inelastic x-ray scattering and resonant inelastic x-ray scattering should be separate topics **x2**
- 3) Hard x-ray RIXS and soft x-ray RIXS should be their own topics **x2**
- 4) Direct and indirect RIXS should be their own topics **x2**
- 5) Theory and experiment should be their own topics **x2**
- 6) Total of 48 talks or 1 min on each!
- 7) Guaranteed to offend everyone in this room!

Impossible Burger



Excitations

A complete picture of a system requires knowledge of both its ground state and the excitations.

(in high-energy physics parlance: Vacuum and particles)

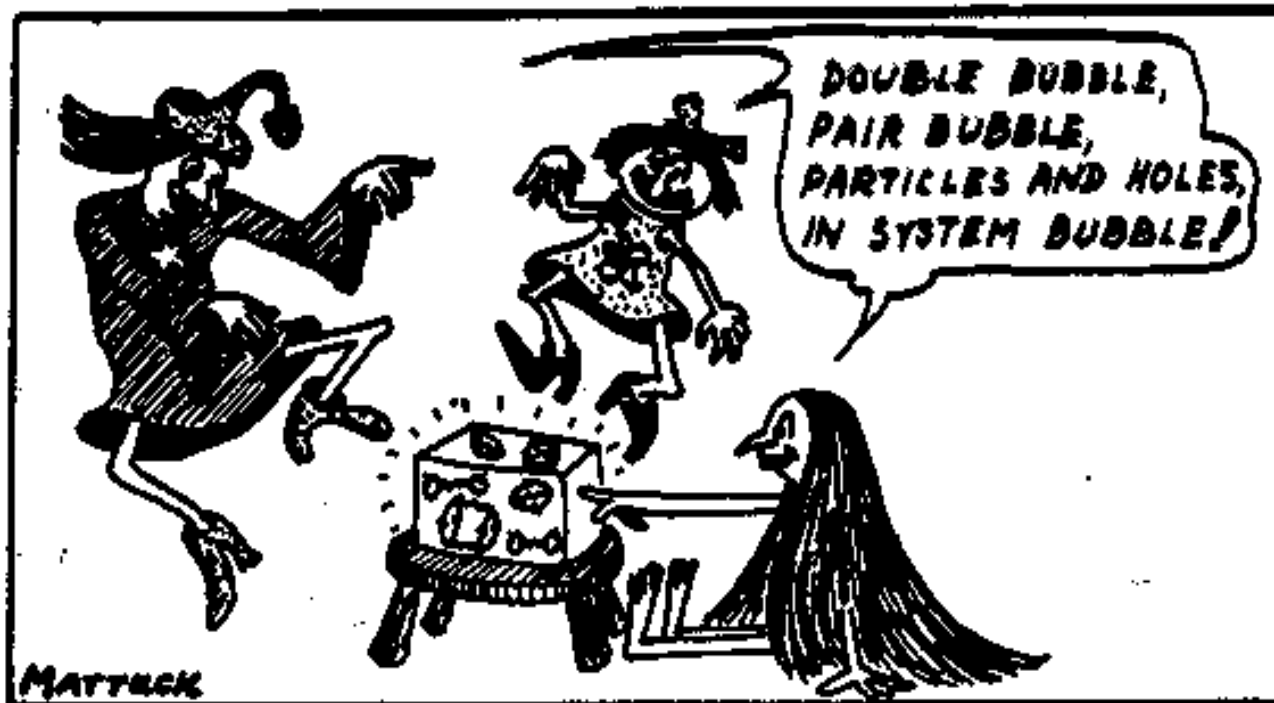
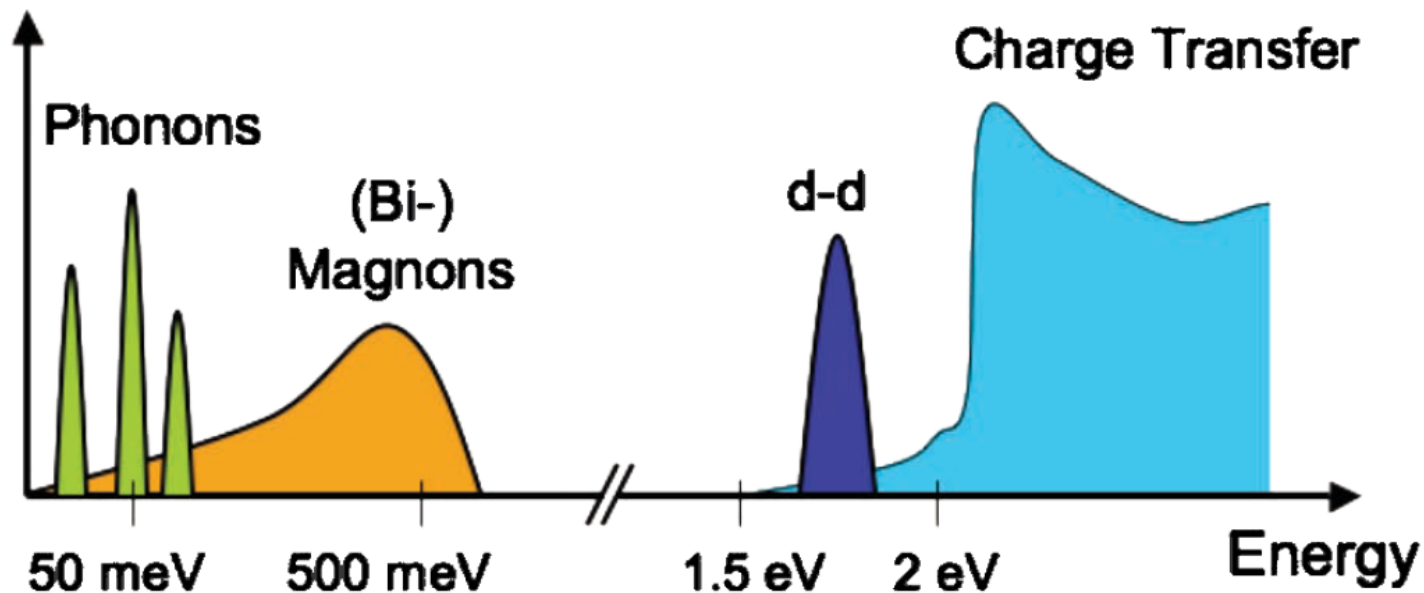


Fig. 1.5 *Modern View of a Many-body System in Its Ground State*

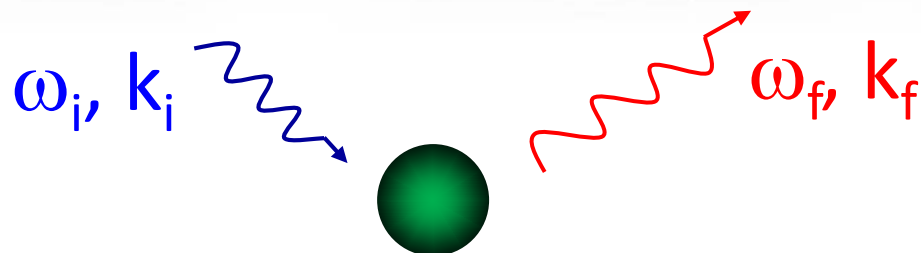
Biologists: Normal modes of a protein, or lipid bilayer, or....

Excitation Spectrum



- Excitations determine the dynamic response of a system
- IXS can study all these excitations over the relevant $(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$ regime for condensed matter systems
- Stringent test of theoretical descriptions of the system

Cross-section



$$q = k_i - k_f$$
$$\omega = \omega_i - \omega_f$$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega d\omega} \propto \left| \langle f | H_{\text{int}} | i \rangle + \sum_{|n\rangle} \frac{\langle f | H_{\text{int}} | n \rangle \langle n | H_{\text{int}} | i \rangle}{E_i - E_n + \hbar\omega_i + i\Gamma} \right|^2$$

Non-resonant scattering
(weak)

Resonant scattering
(strong at $E_i = E_n$)

Mostly



Phonons with ~ 1 meV
resolution

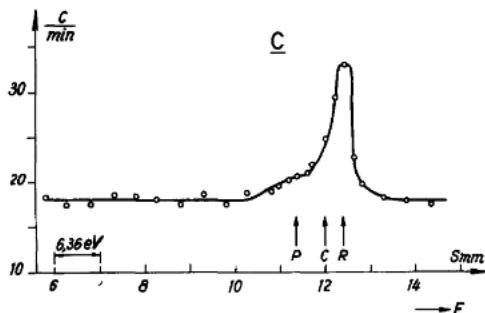
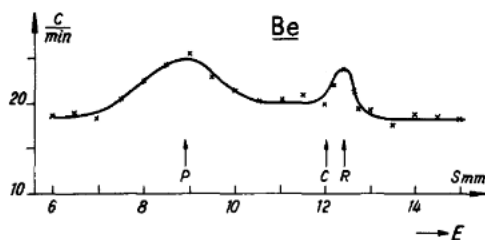
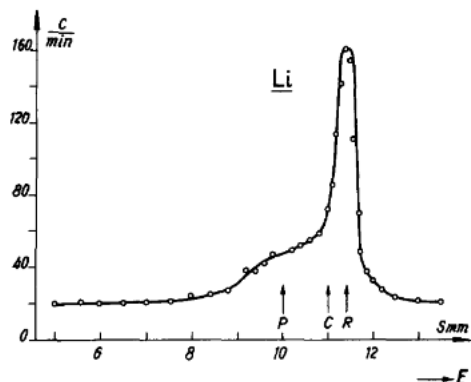
Mostly



Electronic excitations
with ~ 20 meV resolution

Electronic Excitations

First work



First measurement of valence electron excitations (plasmons) in 1968 by Priftis, Theddossiou and Alexopoulos

Tour de force measurement

Sparked a decades long debate as to the origins of the corrections to RPA many body theory

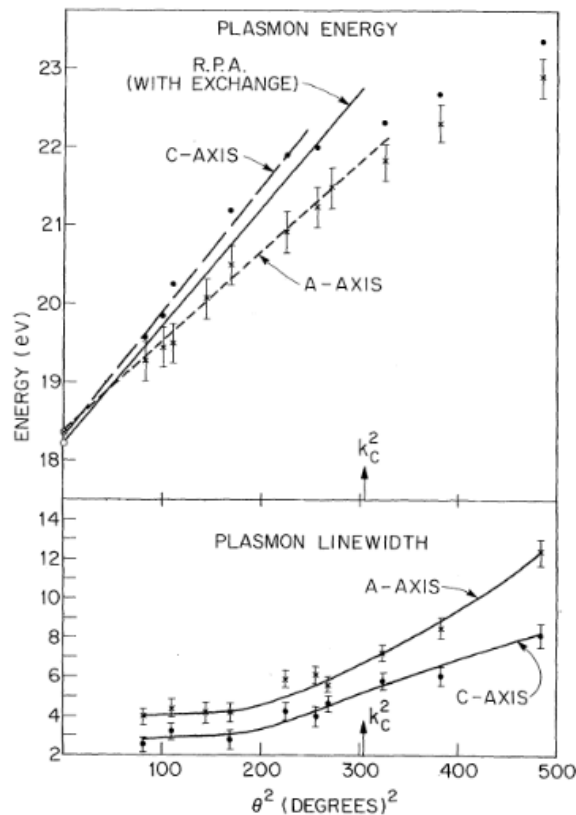
Cr Tube source

$\Delta E \sim 4-5$ eV

Count rate = ~ 0.1 cps

Priftis *et al.*, Phys. Lett A (1968)

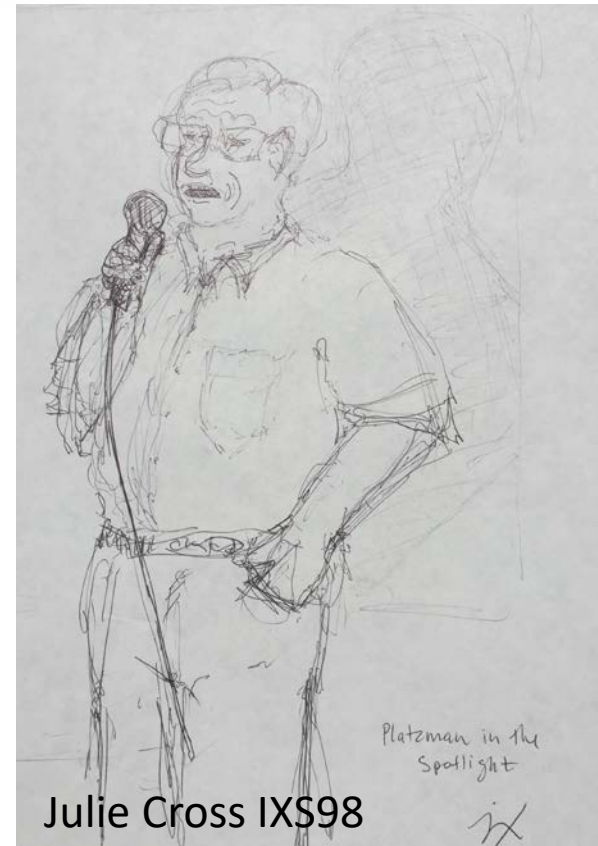
Phil Platzman's contributions



Drove the heated debate between many-body effects vs band structure effects as the origin of discrepancies with RPA

Pushed for X21 at NSLS to be tunable around Ni K-edge leading to the discovery of hard RIXS in NiO

Driving force behind early RIXS studies of high-Tc compounds

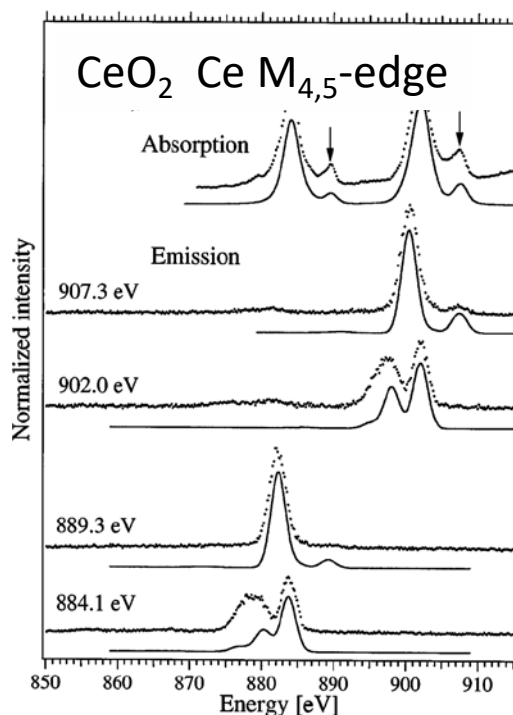


Eisenberger, Platzman and Pandy PRL (1973)

First RIXS experiments

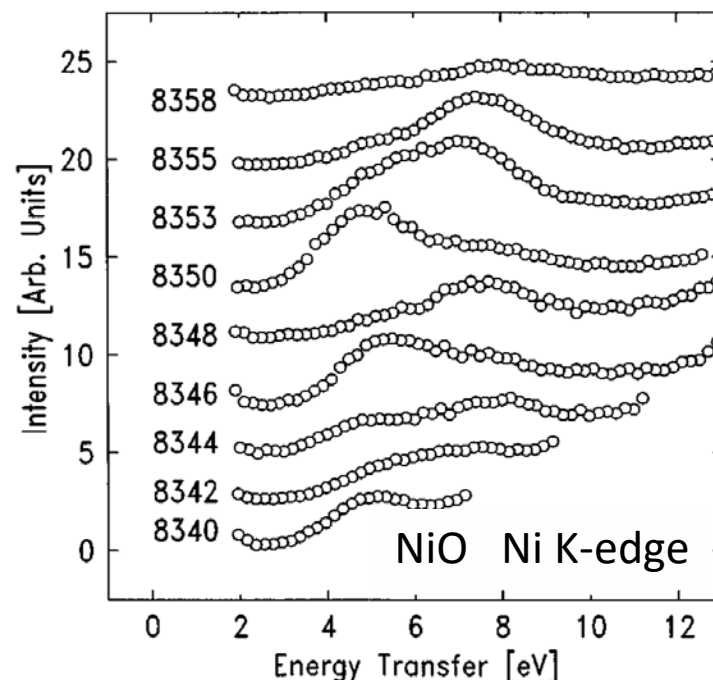
The discovery in the late 1990's of large ($\times 100$) resonant enhancements in the IXS cross-section transformed the study of electronic excitations:

Soft RIXS



S.M. Butorin *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. (1996)

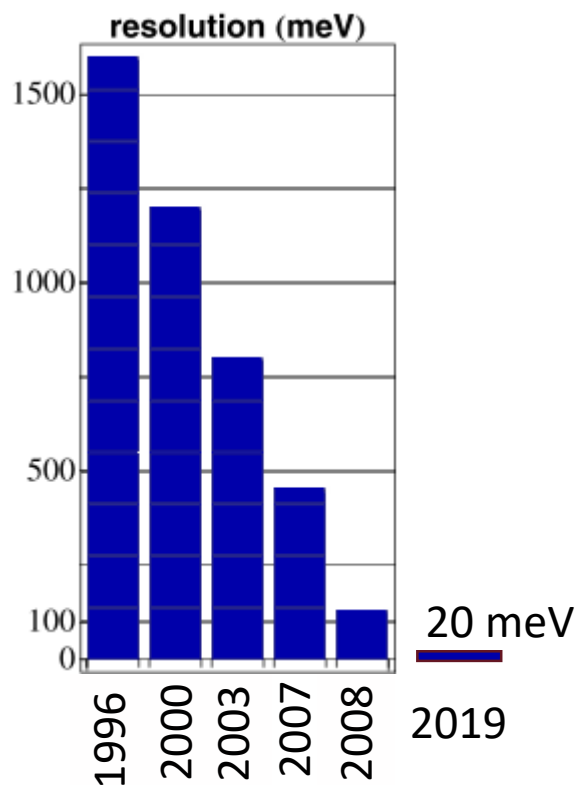
Hard RIXS



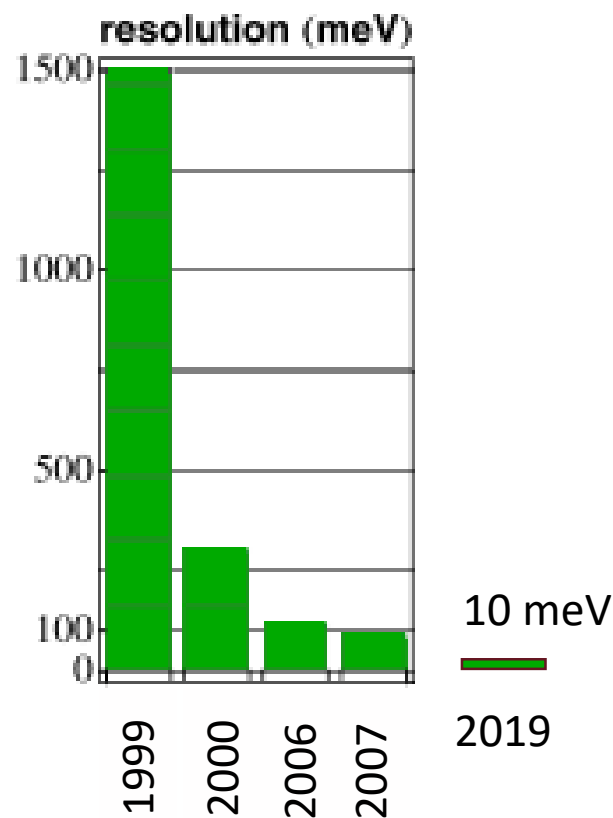
C.-C. Kao *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B (1996)

Instrumentation advances in soft and hard RIXS have paralleled each other:

Soft x-ray

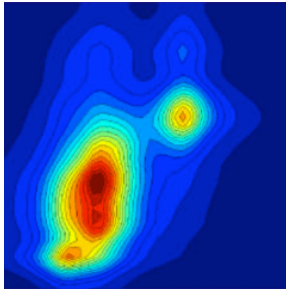


Hard x-ray



Mirrored by advances in RIXS theory

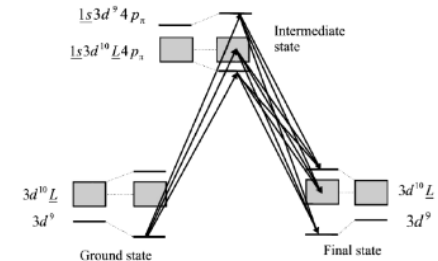
Multiplets



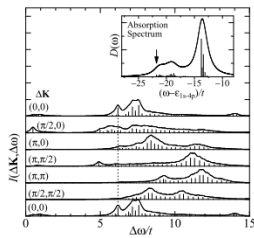
Joint DOS

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega d\omega} \propto \left| \langle f | H_{\text{int}} | i \rangle + \sum_{|n\rangle} \frac{\langle f | H_{\text{int}} | n \rangle \langle n | H_{\text{int}} | i \rangle}{E_i - E_n + \hbar\omega_i + i\Gamma} \right|^2$$

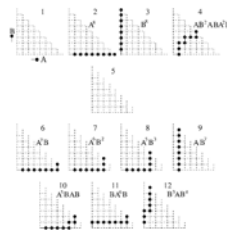
Anderson impurity model



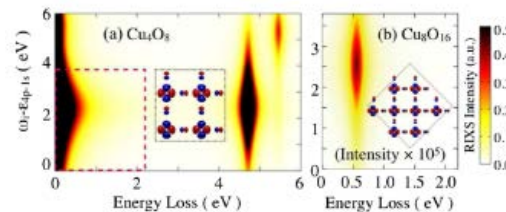
Hubbard model



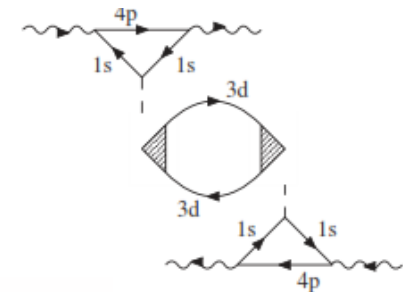
Series expansion



Cluster exact diagonalization



Diagrammatics



Community tools

CTM4RIXS

Quanty

EDRIXS

Abbamonte (1999)

Kotani and Shin (2001)

Nomura and Igarashi (2004), 2005)

Van Veenendaal (2006)

Tohyama (2005)

Markiewicz and Bansil (2006)

V. d. Brink and v. Veenendaal (2005), (2006)

Ament (2007)

Haverkort (2010)

Chen (2010)

Jia (2011)

Chen (2016)

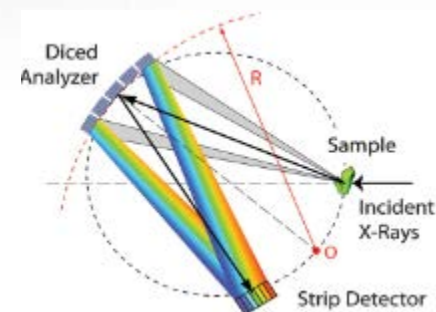
De Groot

Key advances that powered these RIXS developments

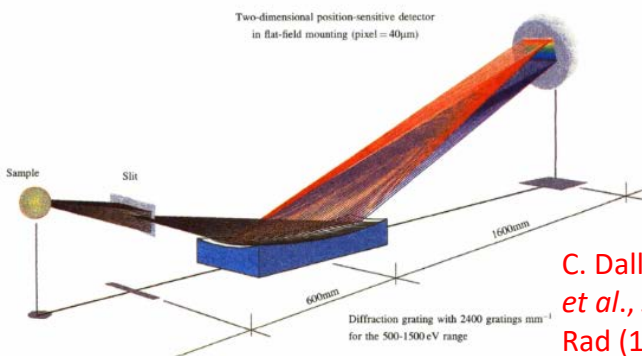
For both hard and soft RIXS, several things contributed:

1. 3rd generation synchrotrons
APS, ESRF, SLS
2. Use of dispersive optics and area detectors
3. Dedicated, purpose-built instruments
Ex: MERIX (APS), ADDRESS (SLS), ID20 (ESRF)....
4. Theoretical advances relating the cross-section to $S(q, \omega)$ and understanding of polarization dependencies

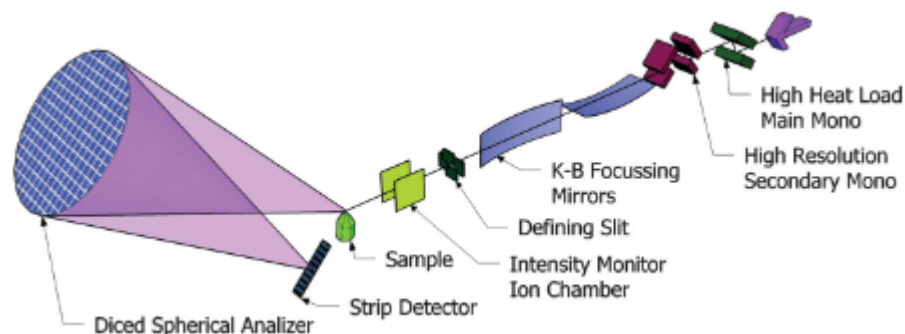
V. d. Brink, v. Veenendaal, Devereaux, Haverkort, Igarashi, Maekawa...



S. Huotari *et al.* J. Syn. Rad (2005),



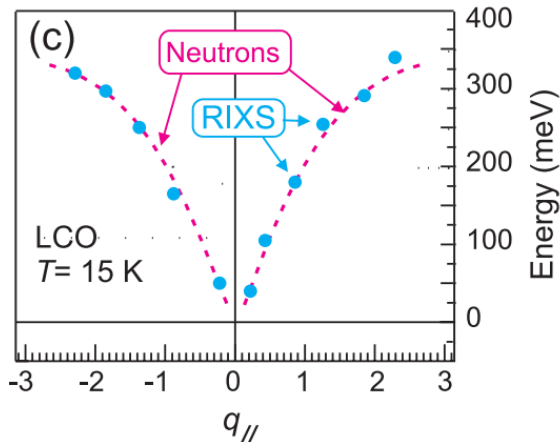
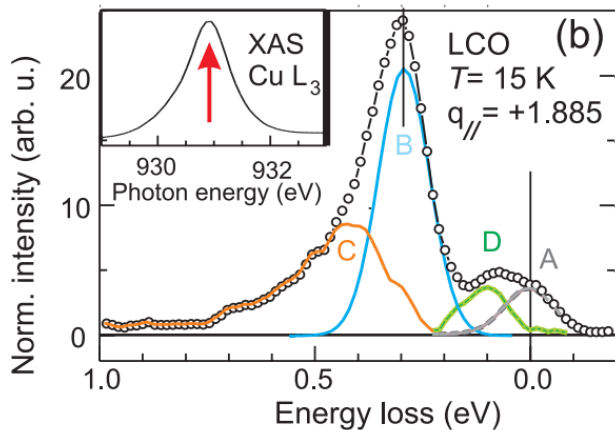
C. Dallera
et al., J. Syn
Rad (1996)



D. Casa, Y .Shvyd'ko, T. Gog...

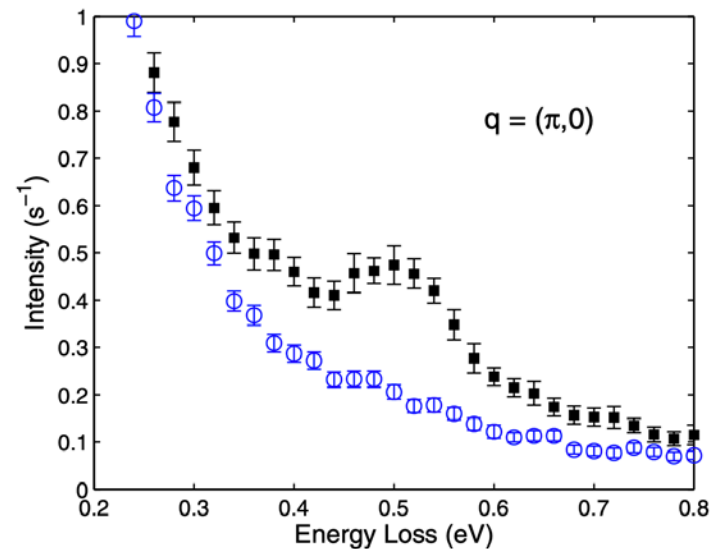
First observations of magnons: La_2CuO_4

Soft RIXS: Cu L-edge



Braicovich et al., PRL (2010)

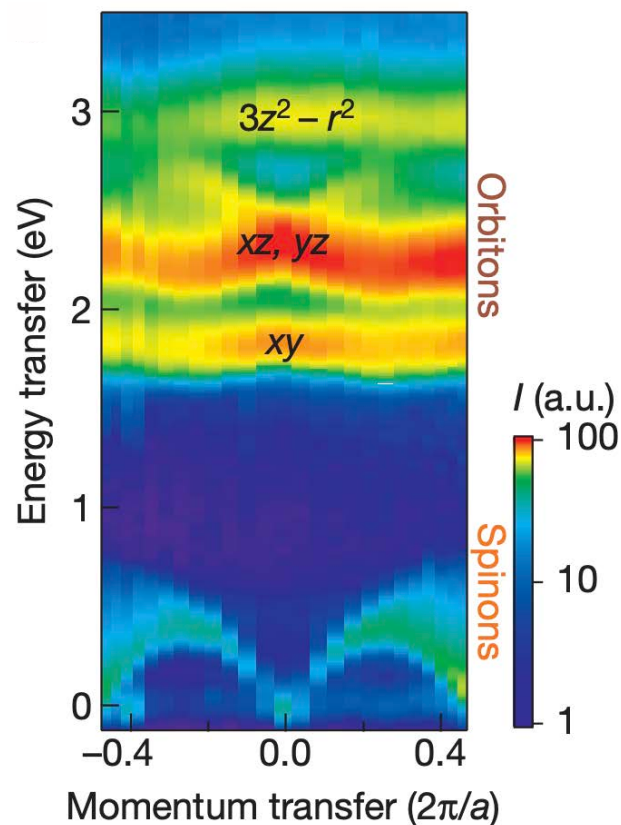
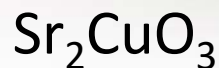
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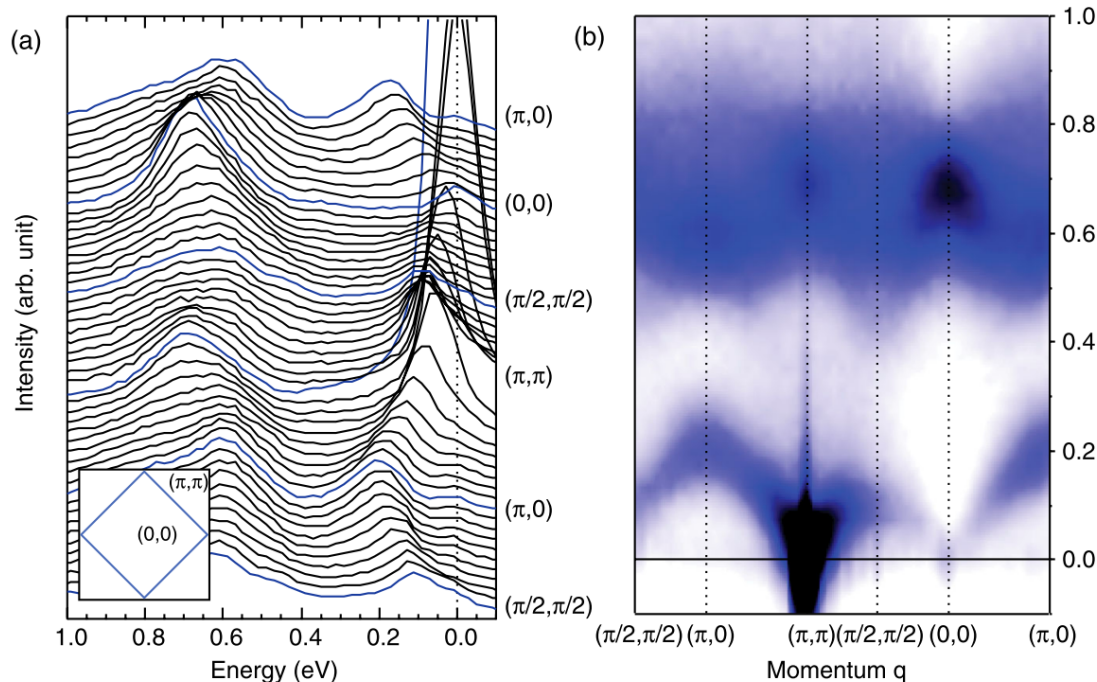
Hill et al., PRL (2008)

These results energized the field, inspiring theoretical studies and in particular many Cu L-edge studies of magnons in cuprates

Next steps for magnetic excitations



Schlappa et al., Nature (2012)

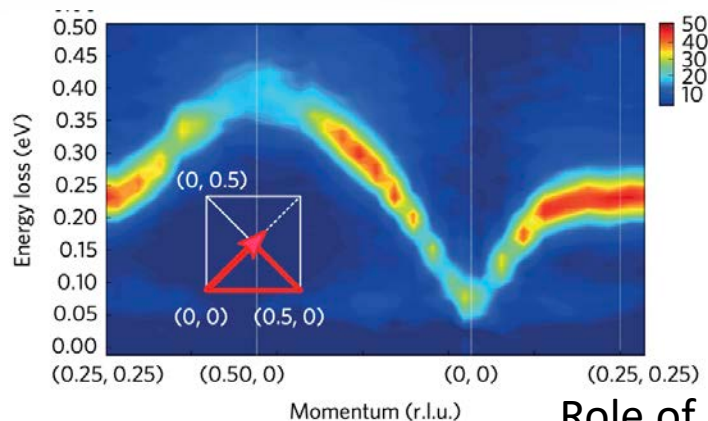


Kim et al., PRL (2012)

These measurements made strong connection with $S(q, \omega)$

Latest soft RIXS

CaCuO_2

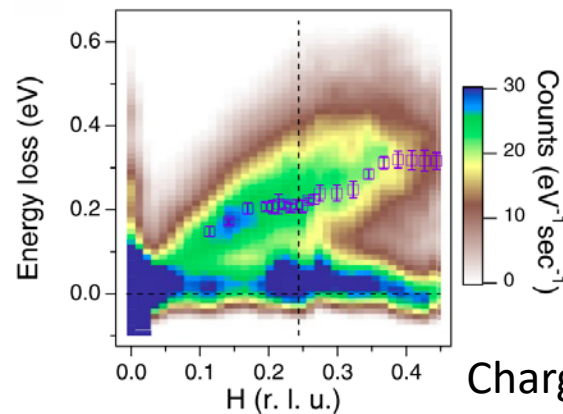


Peng *et al.*,
Nature
Physics
(2017)

Role of apical oxygen

$\text{La}_{1.875}\text{Ba}_{0.25}\text{CuO}_4$

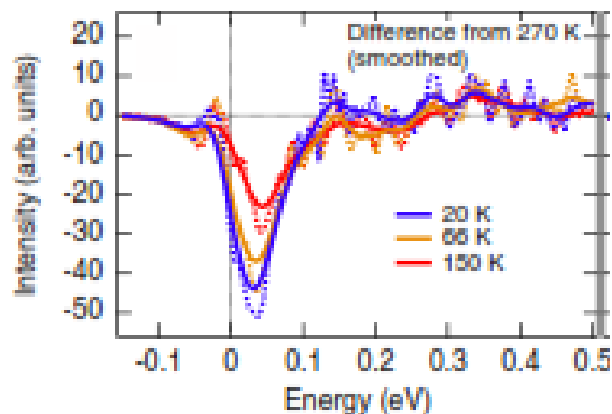
$T = 23 \text{ K}$



Miao *et al.*,
PNAS (2017)

Charge spin coupling

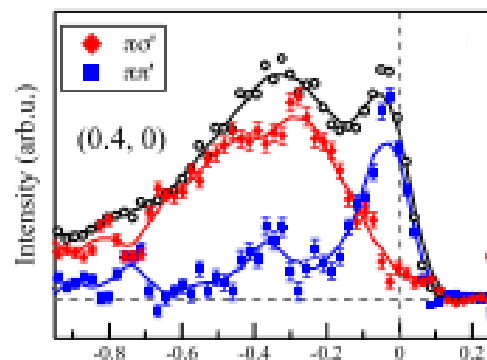
Bi2212



Suzuki *et al.*
npj
Quantum
mat. (2018)

SC gap

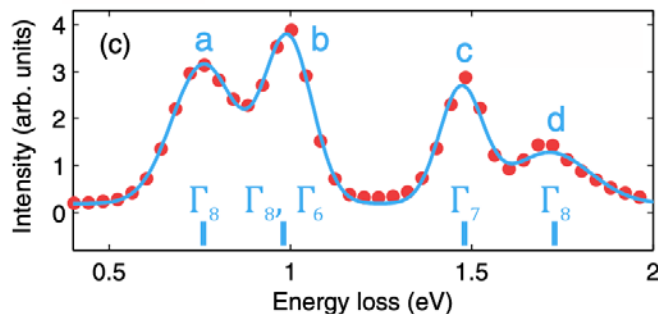
Bi2201



Peng *et al.*
PRB (2018)

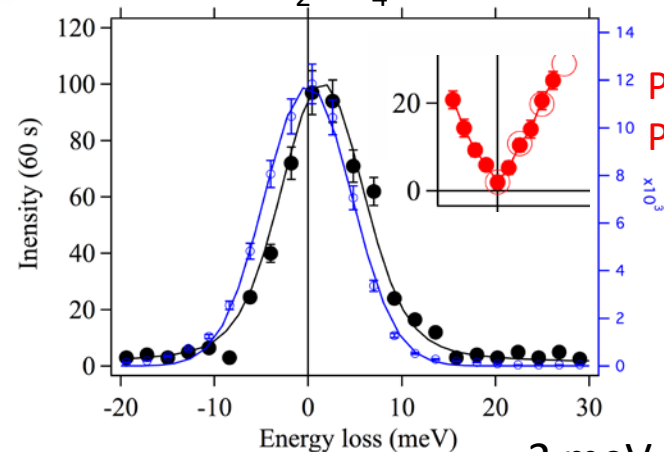
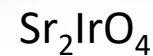
Polarization dep

Latest hard RIXS



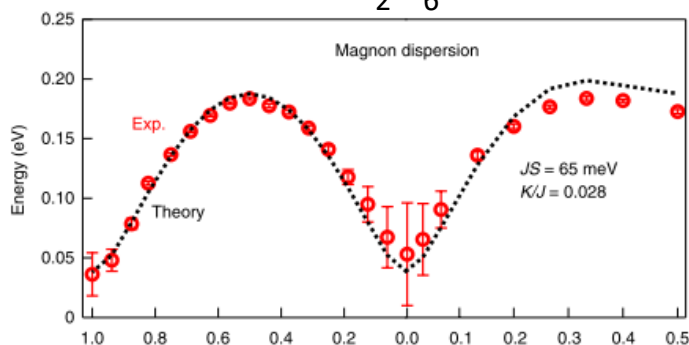
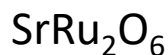
Taylor *et al.*,
PRL (2017)

$J_{\text{eff}}=3/2$ state in osmates



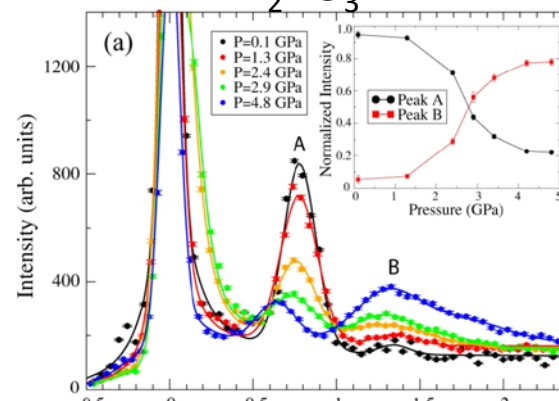
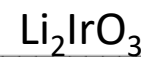
Porras *et al.*,
PRB (2019)

2 meV magnon gap



Suzuki *et al.*,
Nat
Mat (2019)

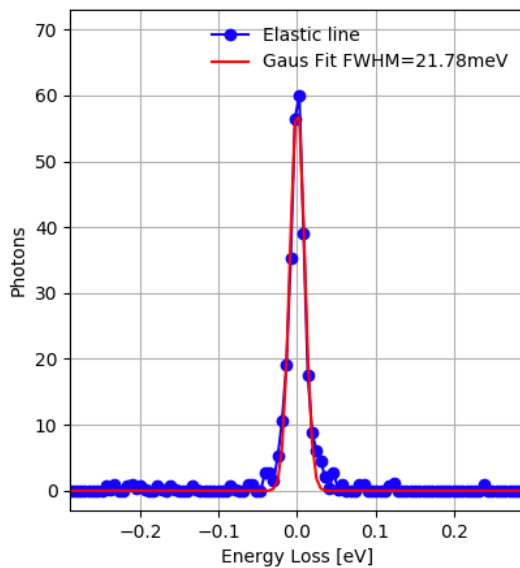
Magnons in 4d oxide



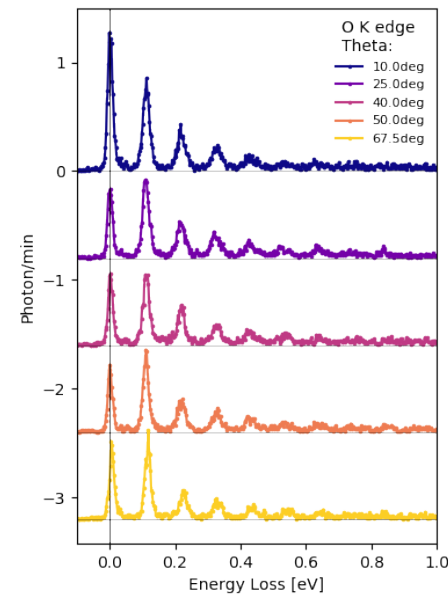
Clancy *et al.*,
npj Quant.
Mat (2018)

Collapse of $J_{\text{eff}}=1/2$ state with pressure

SIX at NSLS-II: Highest Energy Resolution



$\Delta E = 22 \text{ meV}$ at
Cu L-edge



LiCuVO4
O K-edge

Phonon resonant
harmonics

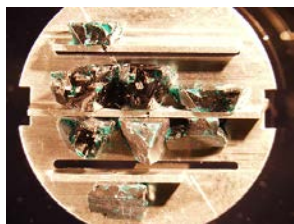
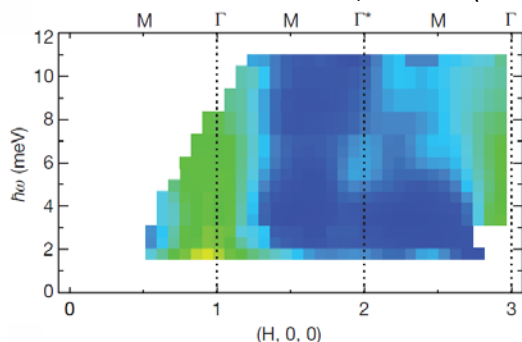
Bisogni et al.
(unpublished)

Magnetic excitations of a quantum spin liquid

Previous neutron scattering

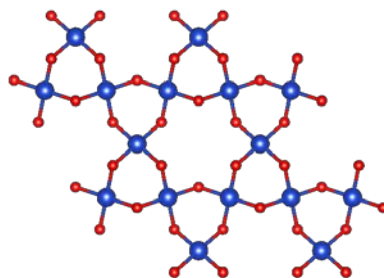
Spinon continuum in herbertsmithite

T.-H. Han *et al. Nature* **492**, 406-410 (2012)



1.2 gram co-aligned crystal of herbertsmithite

Spin-1/2 Kagome lattice



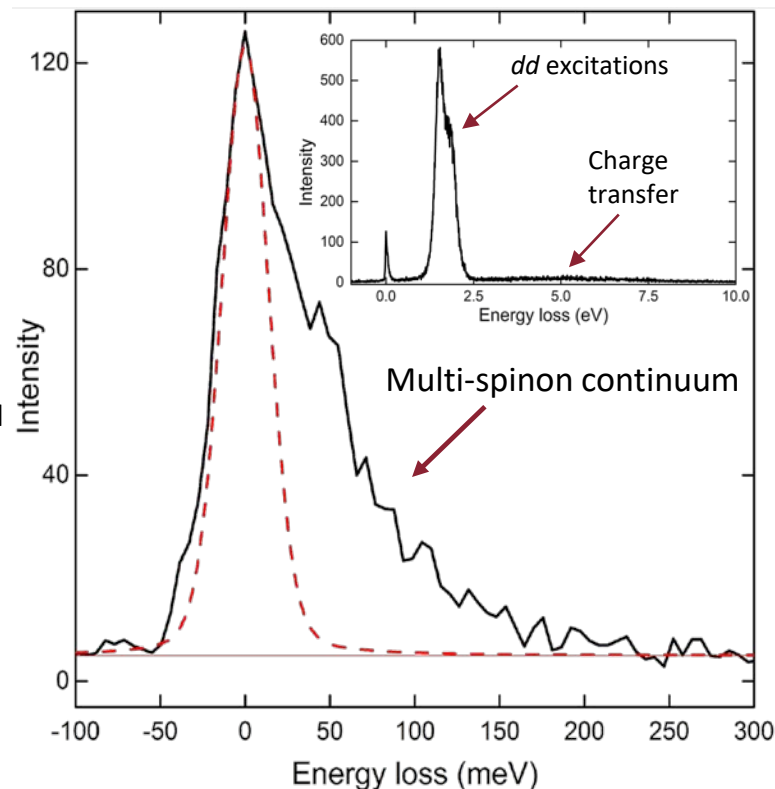
Zn-barlowite
($\text{Cu}_{3.44}\text{Zn}_{0.56}\text{OH}$) $_6\text{FBr}$ crystal
measured at SIX



0.6 mm
 ~ 0.001 gram

RIXS at SIX

Rebecca Smaha *et al. (June 2019).*



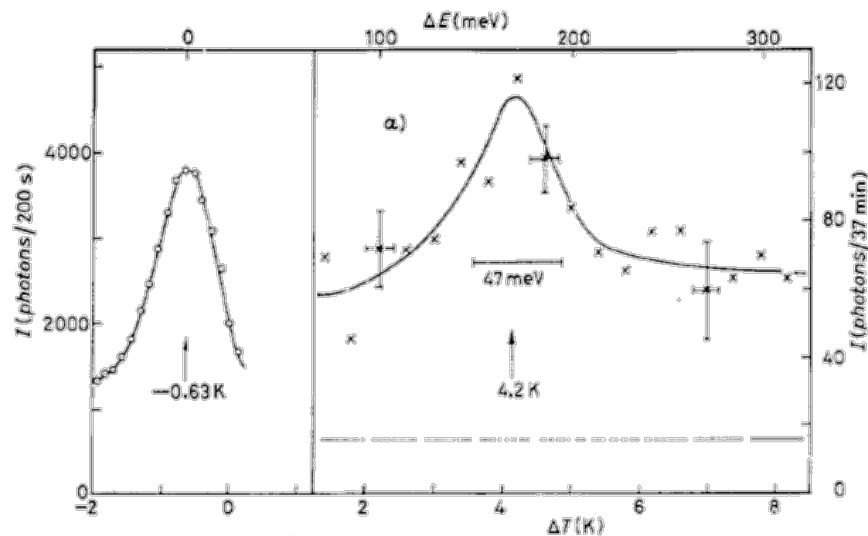
Unpublished data

Young Lee group (Stanford and SLAC), SIX beamline team, NSLS-II

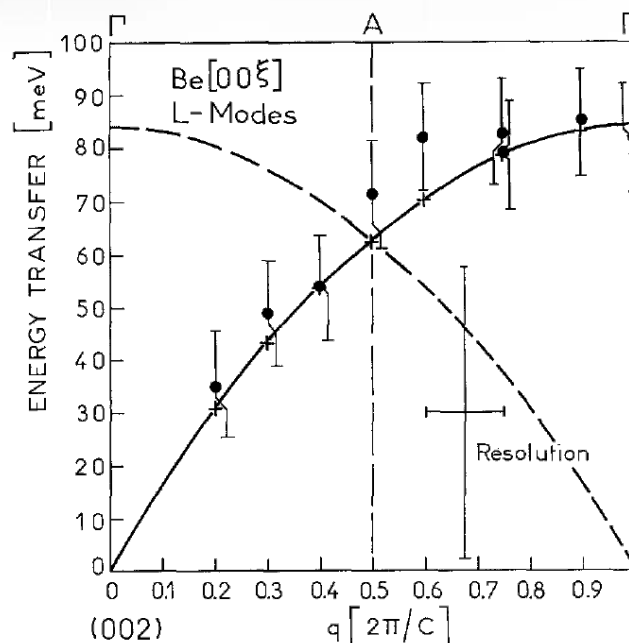
Atomic excitations

First Phonon measurements

Optical phonon mode in pyrolytic graphite in the hexagonal plane measured by INELAX

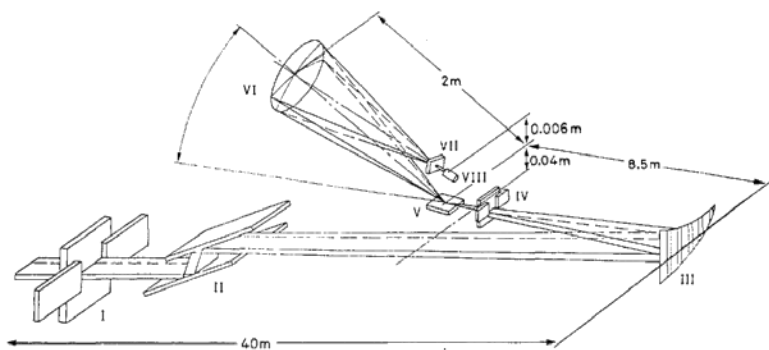


1st Phonon dispersion in Be by INELAX



$\Delta E = 47 \text{ meV}$
 $10^6 - 10^7 \text{ ph/s/meV}$

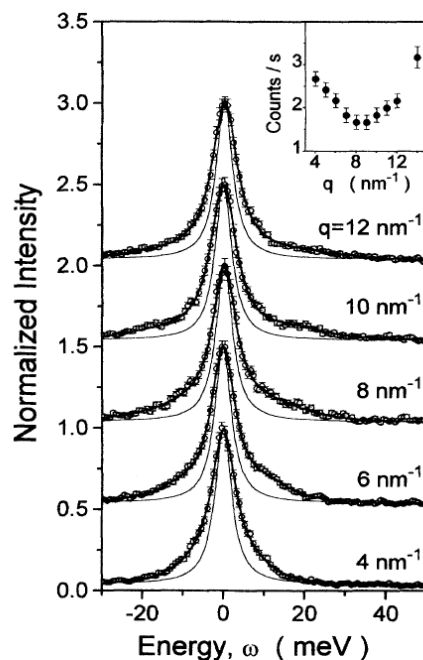
Dorner & Peisl, N. Instr. & Meth. 208, 587 (1983)
 Burkel, Peisl & Dorner, EPL 3, 957 (1987)
 Dorner et al, Z. Phys. B 69, 179 (1987)



INELAX @ HASYLAB

Acoustic modes in disordered systems

Water



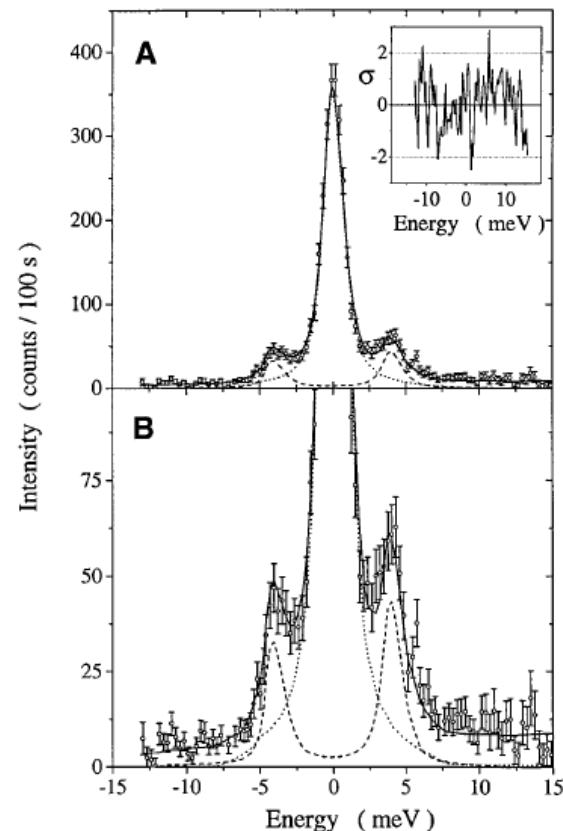
Sette *et al*,
PRL (1995)

Observation of fast sound

Measurement of propagating modes led to improved microscopic understanding of the dynamics in glasses

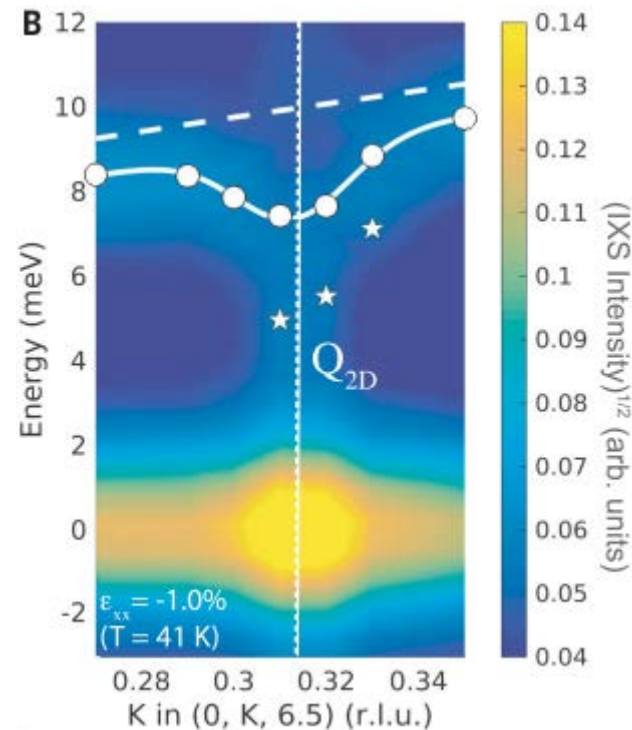
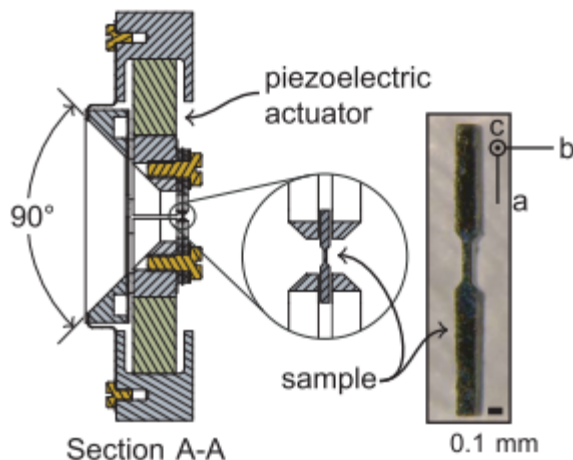
$\Delta E = 1.5$ meV
 2×10^8 ph/s

Glycerol



Sette *et al*, Science (1998)

Optical phonons and the CDW transition in $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$

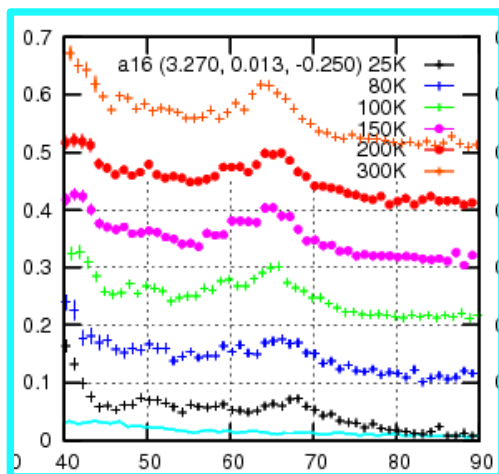


Kim *et al.*, *Science* (2019)

Apply strain to drive the 3D CDW transition and observe a softening of an optical phonon

Bond-Stretching Phonon: Optimally Doped $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$

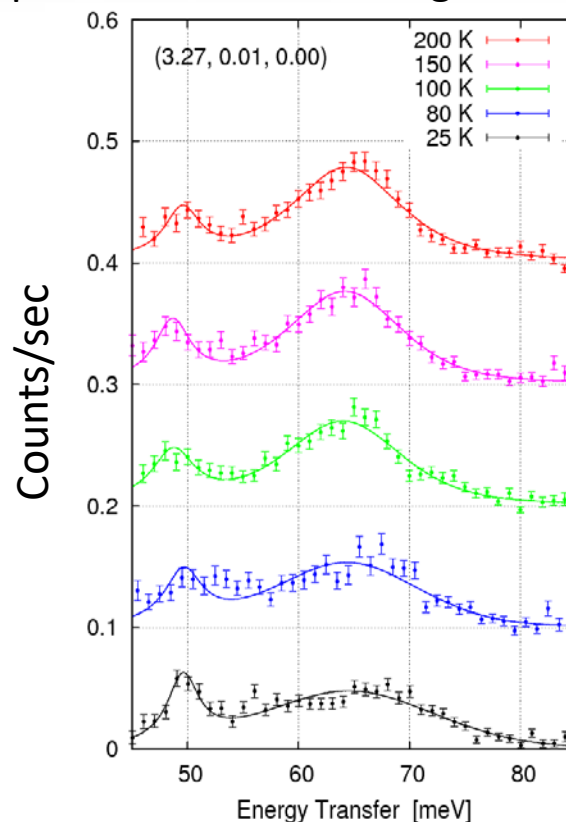
T-Dependence: Broadening turns on at T_c



BL43LXU <24 hours/trace

10^{10} ph/s/meV with $\Delta E < 2$ meV

Flux/meV/ Resolution is 5×10^4
improvement from INELAX days!!



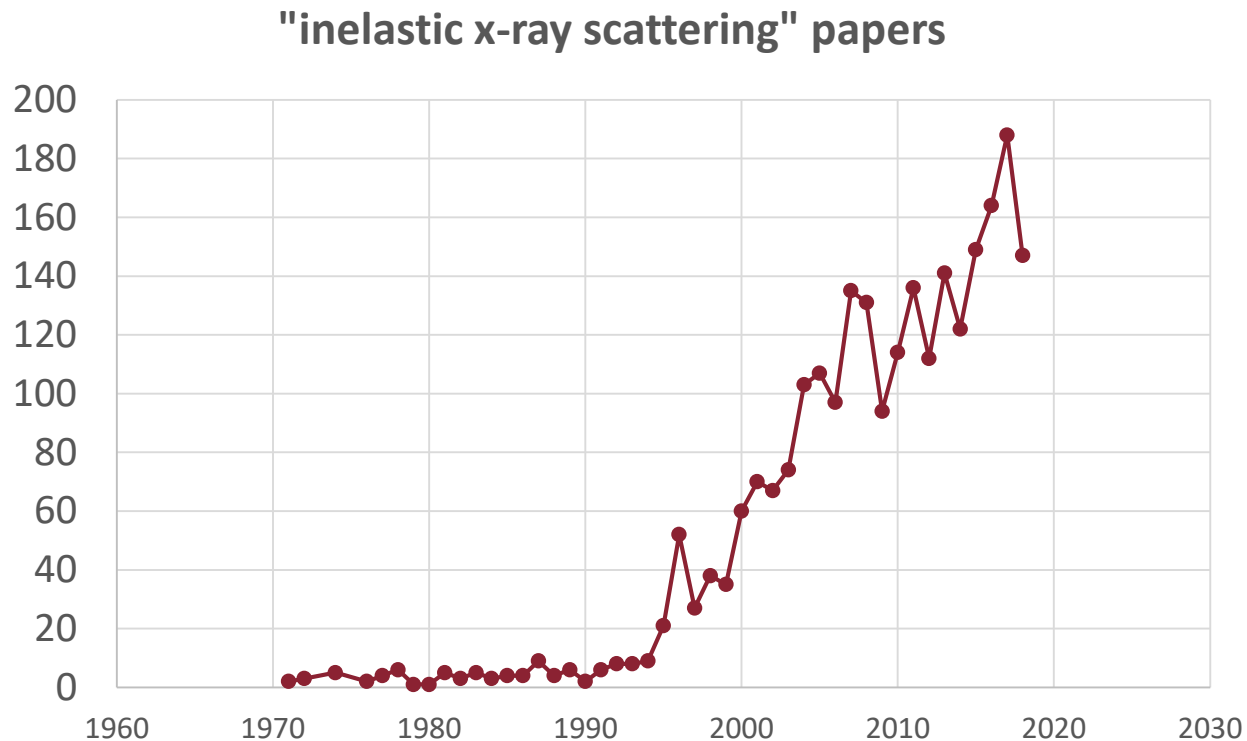
(tails of low-energy modes subtracted)

A. Baron & S. Tajima, *et al. unpublished*

Anomalous
phonon
behavior
observed
through T_c

FUTURE

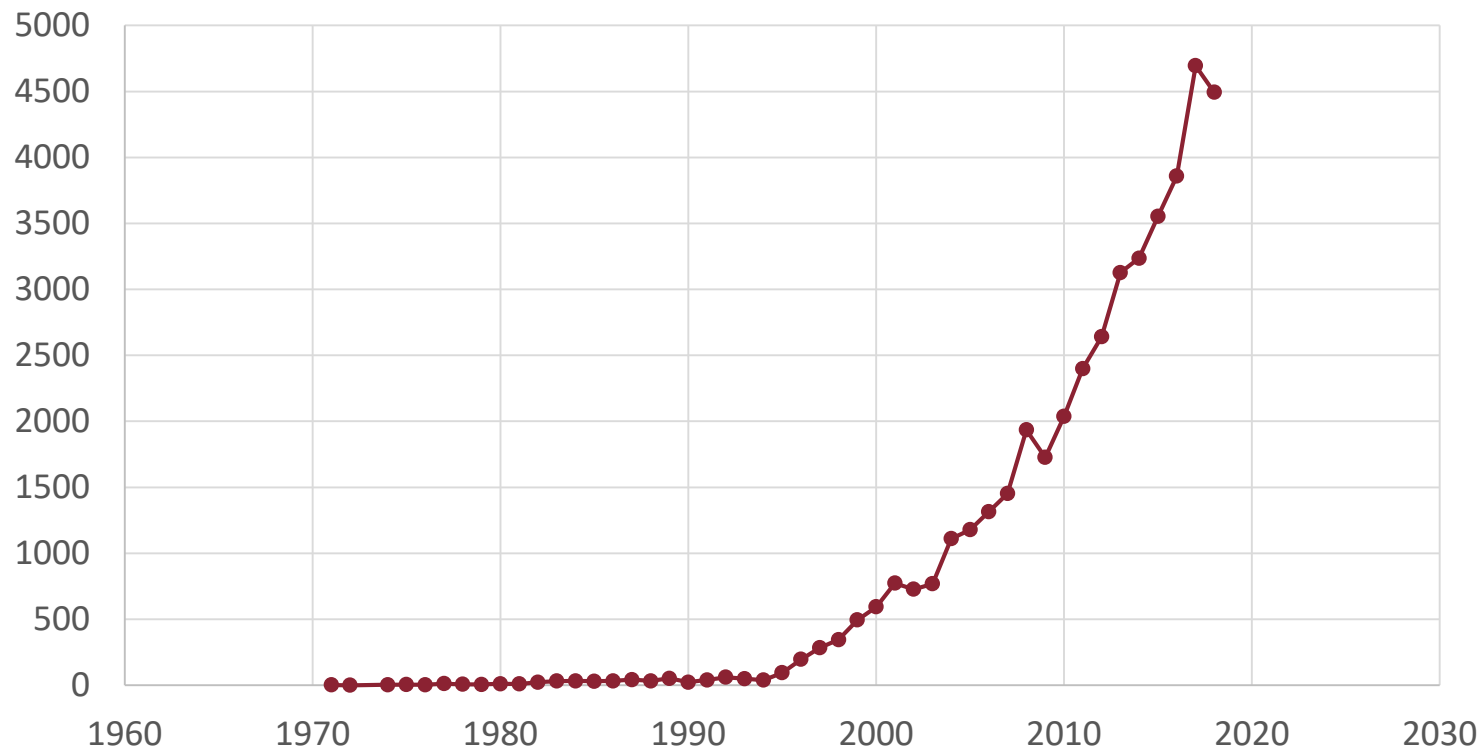
Number of IXS papers continues to grow rapidly...



~ 180 papers/year

...as do their citations

Citations for "inelastic x-ray scattering"



~ 5000 citations/year

In which fields is IXS having impact?

Top 30 papers: 6 of which are technique reviews or instrumentation

Graphite

Phonons : Maulzsch (2004) 354 citations
Phonons : Mohr (2007) 271 citations
Phonons : Lazzeri (2008) 192 citations
Phonons : Bosak (2007) 169 citations
Electronic b.s.: Carlisle (1995) 150 citations

Hi Pressure

Iron: Mao (2001) 219 citations
Iron: Badro (2007) 157 citations

Other

TM complexes: Glatzel (2005) 541 citations
Phonons: Fultz (2010) 248 citations
Cathodes: Luo (2016) 208 citations
Iron pnictides: Wang (2009) 151 citations

Amorphous systems

Glasses: Sette (1998) 275 citations
Water: Sette (1995) 202 citations
Fluids: Simeoni (2010) 192 citations
Silica: Foret (1996) 183 citations
Silica: Benassi (1996) 171 citations
Water: Sette (1996) 143 citations

Strongly correlated systems

Oxides: Kotani (2001) 552 citations
Iridate: Kim (2012) 272 citations
 Fe_2O_3 : Vayssieres (2005) 249 citations
Cuprates: LeTacon (2011) 225 citations
Cuprate: Hasan (2000) 173 citations
Cuprate: Braicovich (2010) 163 citations
Cuprate: Schlappa (2012) 157 citations

Inelastic neutron scattering impact

Top 30 papers, by citation. No technique reviews or instrumentation papers

MOFs

Science	3445 citations
Chem Soc Rev	3200 citations
Chemical comm.	835 citations
JACS	561 citations
Ange Chem Int	518 citations

Glasses and liquids

Science	3118 citations
J. Phys. Chem	1619 citations
J. Appl. Phys	1470 citations
J. Phys Cond Mat	662 citations

Other

Molecular magnets	2175 citations	Discrete breathers	913 citations	Spin clusters	557 citations
Proton conduction	1609 citations	Spin clusters	718 citations	Ferro	536 citations
Myoglobin	936 citations	Nano particles	568 citations	STO	521 citations
		Semiconductors	501 citations		

Quantum magnetism and high T_c

RMP	1038 citations
RMP	937 citations
PRL	697 citations
Physica C	685 citations
PRL	527 citations
PRL	508 citations

Graphite and Fullerenes

RMP	807 citations
PRB	564 citations

H₂ absorption

Chem reviews	602 citations
Ange Chem Int	602 citations

IXS and INS

Complimentary techniques, providing similar information, but IXS has some real advantages:

- Requires (much) small samples
- Probe of electronic excitations
- Energy and momentum resolution decoupled. No multiple scatt effects
- Can work in applied fields, high pressure
- Can look at high energy transfers
- No need to deuterate
- ...

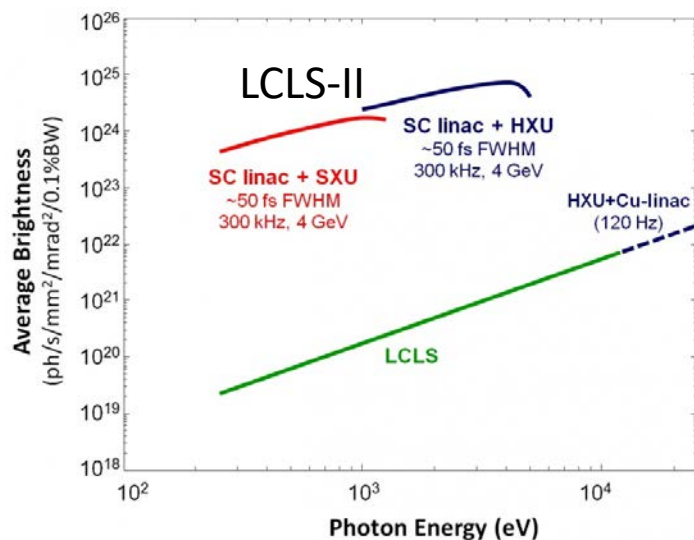
So, why less impact?

- 1) Number of spectrometers in the world
- 2) Difficulty in making the experiments work
- 3) Resolution hasn't been well matched to problems of interest
- 4) Difficulty in obtaining appropriate analyzers for resonant edges

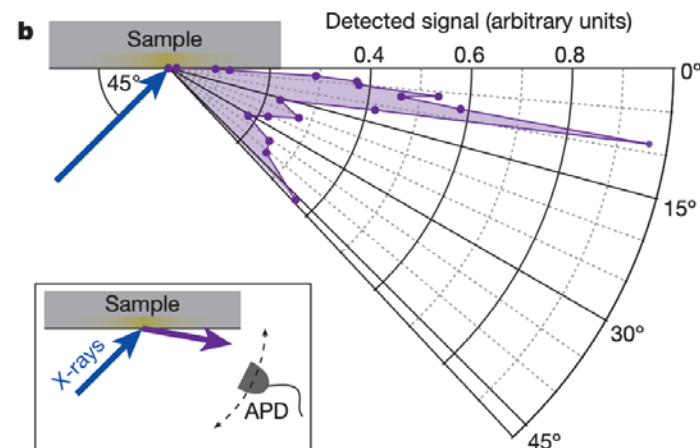
1) – 4) have all gotten much better in recent years. Expect IXS to diversify problems tackled and to have increased impact in the coming years...

Free electron lasers

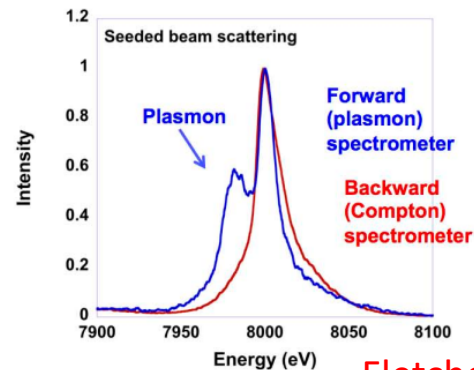
- Non-equilibrium & time resolved
- V. high time-averaged flux (SR $\times 10^4$)
- Stimulated RIXS, non-linear effects?



Stimulated emission



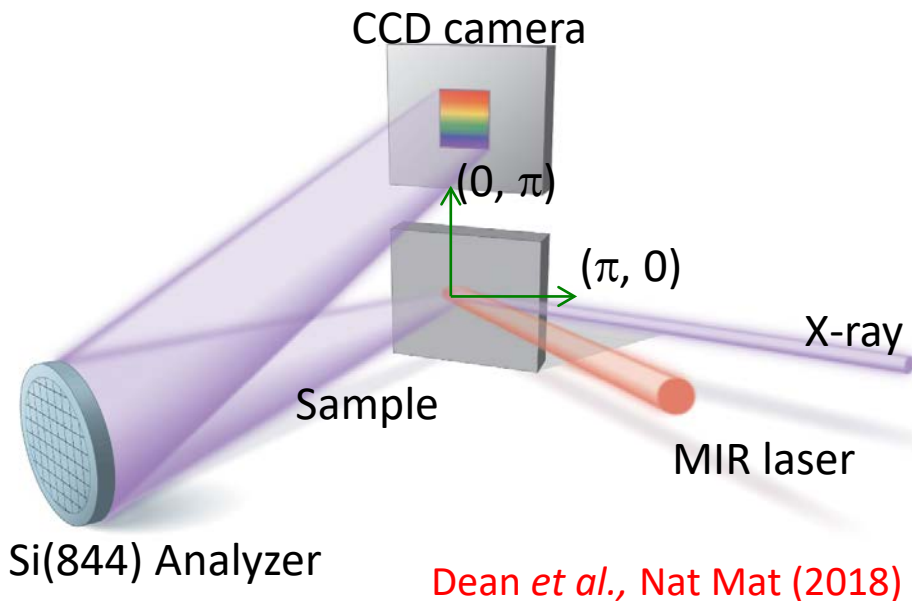
M. Beye *et al.*, Nature (2013)



Fletcher *et al.* (2013)

See Chi-Chang Kao's talk Friday

Time-resolved RIXS



Dean *et al.*, Nat Mat (2018)

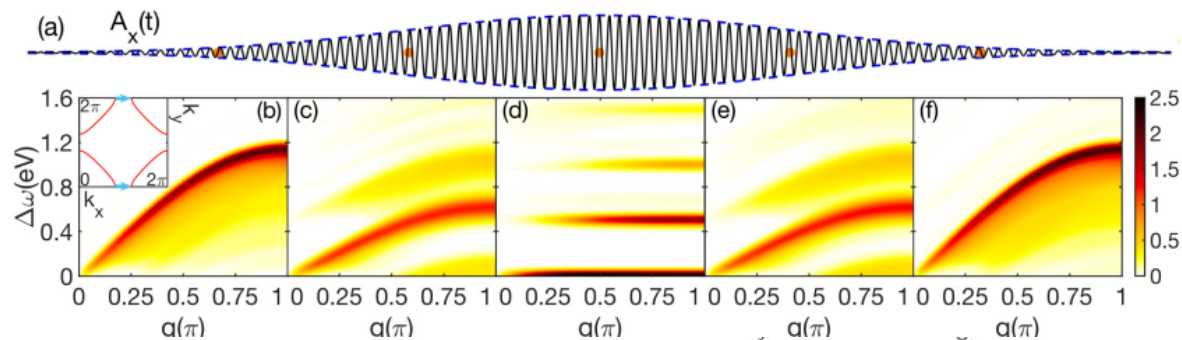
“killer app” will be measuring spin-wave dispersions following a pump pulse (optical, IR, MIR, THz) to obtain a movie of $\mathcal{H}(t)$

Example question:

- How does the excitation spectrum of a transient superconductor differ from the equilibrium one?

TR-RIXS theory being worked on:

Chen *et al.*, PRB (2019)



Challenges and future directions for SR IXS

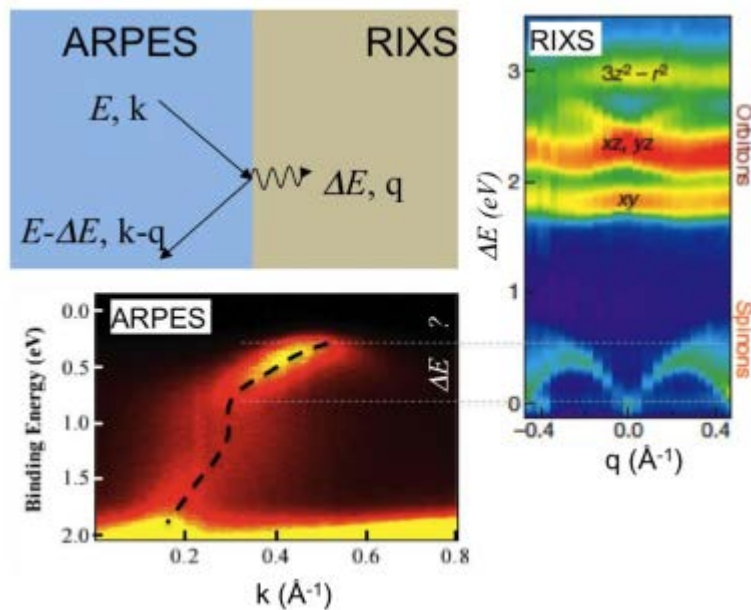
Storage rings maintain crucial advantages for IXS

- Ability to have large, dedicated spectrometers
- Large amounts of beamtime for complex expts
- Push to $\Delta E \sim 1\text{meV}$ for soft and hard RIXS
- Make polarization analysis routine in soft and hard RIXS
- Add nano diffraction capability
- Expand sample environments: Magnetic field, electric field, ultra low temperatures....
- Non-equilibrium (ns and longer)

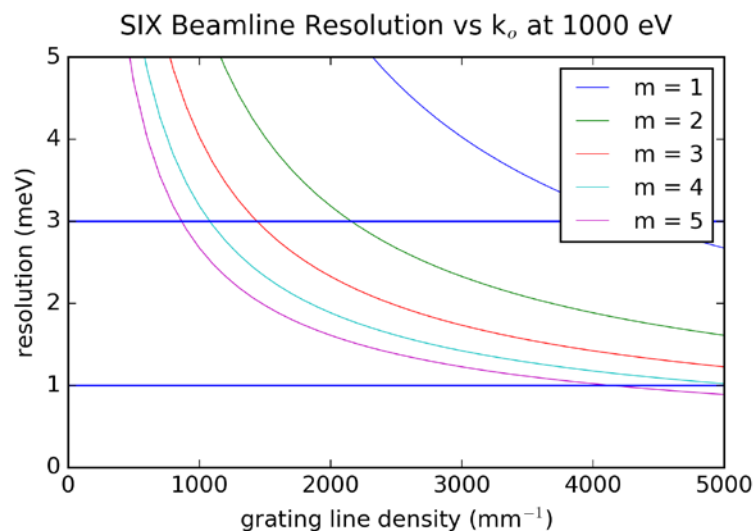
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Soft RIXS – what is next?

1. Combine with ARPES
2. Add spatial resolution



3. Achieve $\Delta E = 1$ meV



- Achieve 3 meV with 2nd order gratings and improved slope errors and detector resolution (x2.5)
- 1 meV also requires multilayer gratings in higher order

J. Dvorak et al.

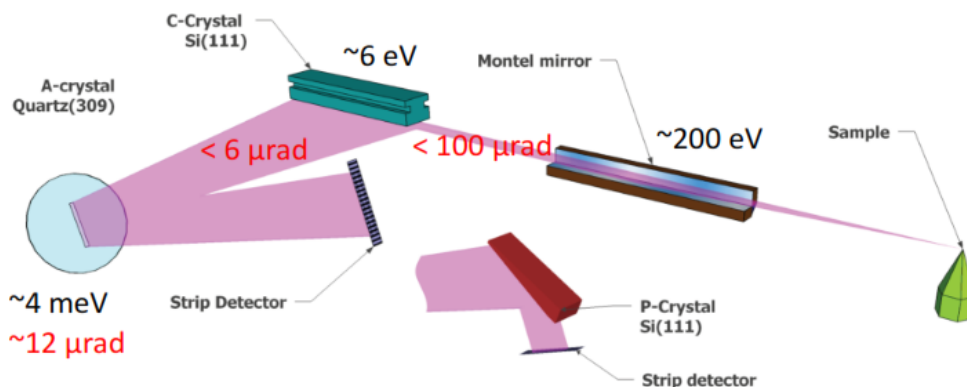
- Proposed “ARI” beamline at NSLS-II

Hard RIXS: towards 1 meV..

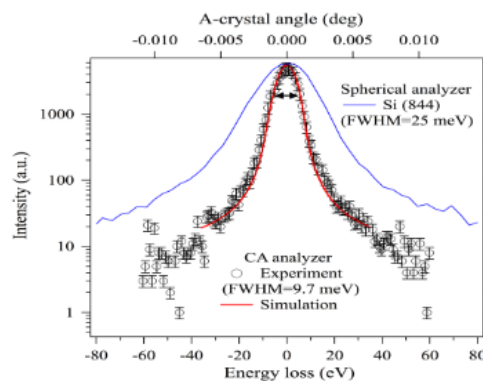
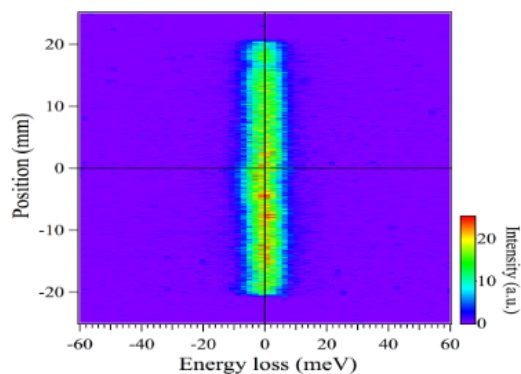
Post-sample-collimation

: Large enough collecting solid angle (< 10 mrad)

: Smaller divergence ($< 6 \mu\text{rad}$) than the analyzer acceptance angle.



Analyzer
resolution
 $\Delta E = 3.9$ meV



Builds on earlier work
on quartz: Sutter *et al.*
(2006)

J. Kim et al., Scientific Reports 8, 1958 (2018)

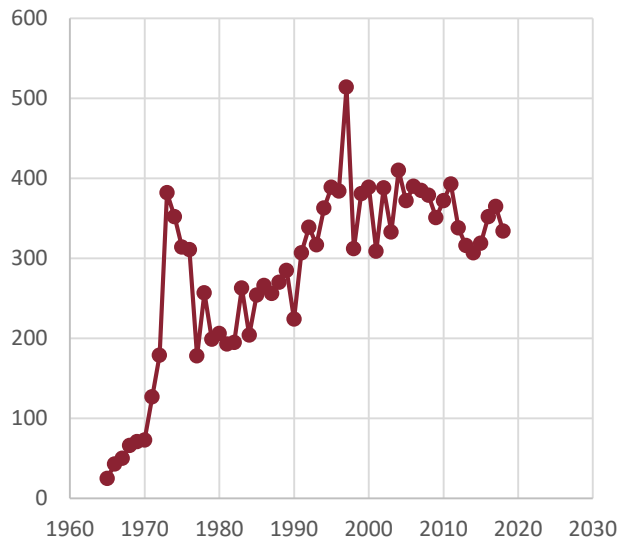
Summary

- It has been 50 years of enormous advances, driven by the work of many in instrumentation, sources and theory
- Technique has matured: “it is not the beginning of the end, but the end of the beginning”
- FELs will be disruptive – in some areas
- Synchrotrons will remain the mainstay of the field
- Expect IXS to have major impact in the next decade across a range of disciplines

Back up slides

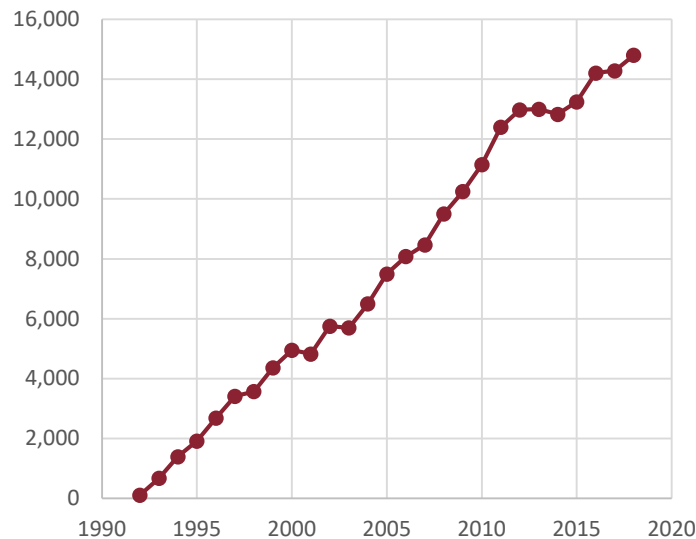
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