# Lecture Note #3 (Spring, 2020)

# **Experimental Probes and Techniques**

- 1. Ultrahigh vacuum, sources
- 2. Probe techniques
- 3. Electron diffraction
- 4. Electron spectroscopy
- 5. Vibrational spectroscopy

Reading: Kolasinski, ch.2

# The techniques of surface science

- AES, AFM, EELS, ESCA, EXAFS, FEM, FIM, FTIR, HEIS, HPXPS, HREELS, IRAS, ISS, LEED, LEIS, NEXAFS, NMR, RBS, SERS, SEXAFS, SFG, SHG, SIMS, STM, TEM, TDS, UPS, XANES, SPS, XRD...
- Surface properties: structure, composition, oxidation states, chemical properties, electronic properties, mechanical properties → atomic resolution, smaller energy resolution, shorter time scales, in situ, high pressure
- Sources: electrons, atoms, ions, photons

# Ultrahigh vacuum (UHV)

• Ultra-high vacuum (UHV) conditions  $\rightarrow$  atomically clean surfaces

the Flux, F, of molecules striking the surface of unit area at pressure P

M: average molecular weight of gases species, N\_A: Avogadro's number m = M/N\_A,  $k_B$  = R/N\_A

$$Z_w = P/(2\pi mk_B T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

(1.0.1) in textbook

- UHV (<1.33 x 10<sup>-7</sup> Pa = 10<sup>-9</sup> Torr)  $\rightarrow$  to maintain a clean surface for ~ 1h
- Mean free path: distance that a particle travels on average between collisions → longer mean free path for electron in e<sup>-</sup> spectroscopy

The mean free path is the distance that a particle travels on average between collisions. In an ideal gas with mean velocity  $\overline{c}$  and collision frequency Z, its value is given by

$$\lambda = \frac{\overline{c}}{Z} = \frac{k_{\rm B}T}{2^{1/2}\sigma p} \tag{2.1.3}$$

The collision cross section of N<sub>2</sub> is  $\sigma = 0.43 \text{ nm}^2$ . Therefore, at a pressure of p = 1 atm = 101325Pa = 760 torr, the mean free path is just 70 nm; whereas at  $1 \times 10^{-10}$  torr =  $1.3 \times 10^{-13}$  atm =  $1.3 \times 10^{-8}$ Pa, the mean free path is over 500 km. In electron spectroscopy, an electron must transit from the sample to a detector without scattering from any background gas over a flight path on the order of 1 m. Therefore, electron spectroscopy generally must be performed at a pressure below  $7 \times 10^{-3}$  Pa ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$  torr), such that  $\lambda \ge 1$  m. In practise, even lower pressures are often required so that detector noise from electron multipliers is reduced to acceptable levels.

# Light and electron sources

Electromagnetic radiation (light, photon)



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#### Electric component of electromagnetic wave



 $\rightarrow$  c = 2.99792 x 10<sup>8</sup> m/s

In a air,  $v_i$  differs only slightly from c (about 0.03% less): ~ c

$$c = v\lambda = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} = 3.00 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm/s}$$
 (6-2)

wavenumber  $\overline{v}$ : the reciprocal of wavelength in cm (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $E = hv = h(c/\lambda) = hc\overline{v}$ 

#### The electromagnetic spectrum



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#### **Fundamental Constants**

Constant	Symbol	Value
Speed of light	с	$2.998 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm/sec} = 2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec}$
Planck's constant	h	$6.626 \times 10^{-27} \text{ erg} \cdot \text{sec} = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{sec}$
Avogadro's number	NA	$6.022 \times 10^{23}$ molecules/mole
Electron charge	е	$1.602 \times 10^{-21}$ coulombs = $4.803 \times 10^{-10}$ esu
Gas constant	R	1.987  cal/deg/mole = 8.315  J/deg/mole
Boltzmann's constant	$k_B$	$1.381 \times 10^{-16} \text{ erg/deg} = 1.381 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/deg} = R/N_A$
Gravitational constant	8	9.807 m/sec <sup>2</sup>
Permittivity of vacuum	$\epsilon_0$	$8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{J/m}$

#### **Other Conversion Factors**

1 atm	=	$1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ kg/m/sec}$	2
	=	$1.013 \times 10^5  \text{N/m}^2$	
	=	$1.013 \times 10^{5} \text{ Pa}$	
1 torr	=	$133.3 \text{ N/m}^2$	Visible: 400~700 nm (1.8~3.1 eV)
1 debye	=	$3.336 \times 10^{-30} \mathrm{C} \cdot\mathrm{m}$	UV: 200~400 nm (3.1~6.2 eV)
			<sup>-</sup> X-ray: 0.01~10 nm

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#### Energy Conversion Table<sup>a</sup>

(125~125,000 eV)

	erg	joule	cal	eV	$\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$
1 erg	1	$10^{-7}$	$2.389 \times 10^{-8}$	$6.242 \times 10^{11}$	$5.034 \times 10^{15}$
1 joule	10 <sup>7</sup>	1	0.2389	$6.242 \times 10^{18}$	$5.034 \times 10^{22}$
1 cal	$4.184 \times 10^{7}$	4.184	1	$2.612 \times 10^{19}$	$2.106 \times 10^{23}$
1 eV	$1.602 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.602 \times 10^{-19}$	$3.829 \times 10^{-20}$	1	8066.0
$1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$1.986 \times 10^{-16}$	$1.986 \times 10^{-23}$	$4.747 \times 10^{-24}$	$1.240 \times 10^{-4}$	1

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<sup>*a*</sup> For example, 1 erg =  $2.389 \times 10^{-8}$  cal.

Type of Spectroscopy	Usual Wavelength Range*	Usual Wavenumber Range, cm <sup>-1</sup>	Type of Quantum Transition
Gamma-ray emission	0.005–1.4 Å		Nuclear
X-ray absorption, emission, fluorescence, and diffraction	0.1–100 Å		Inner electron
Vacuum ultraviolet absorption	10–180 nm	$1 \times 10^{6}$ to $5 \times 10^{4}$	Bonding electrons
Ultraviolet-visible absorption, emission, and fluorescence	180–780 nm	$5 \times 10^4$ to $1.3 \times 10^4$	Bonding electrons
Infrared absorption and Raman scattering	0.78–300 μm	$1.3\times10^4$ to $3.3\times10^1$	Rotation/vibration of molecules
Microwave absorption	0.75-375 mm	13-0.03	Rotation of molecules
Electron spin resonance	3 cm	0.33	Spin of electrons in a magnetic field
Nuclear magnetic resonance	0.6–10 m	$1.7 \times 10^{-2}$ to $1 \times 10^{3}$	Spin of nuclei in a magnetic field

#### TABLE 6-1 Common Spectroscopic Methods Based on Electromagnetic Radiation

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**Table 2.1** Types of lasers and their characteristics including typical wavelengths, pulse durations, pulse energyor power, and repetition rates

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Laser material	λ/nm	hv/eV	Characteristics
Solid state	States of some	And States and	en state a second state for the second second
Semiconductor laser diode	IR−visible ~0.4−20 µm		Usually cw but can be pulsed, wavelength depends on material, GaN for short λ, AlGaAs 630–900 nm, InGaAsP 1000–2100 nm, used in telecommunications, optical discs
Nd <sup>3+</sup> : YAG (1 <sup>st</sup> - harmonic)	1064	1.16	cw or pulsed, ~10 ns pulses, most common, 150 ps versions (and shorter) available, 10–50 Hz rep rate 11 to
Nd <sup>3+</sup> : YAG (2 <sup>nd</sup> harmonic)	532	2.33	many J pulse energies. $Nd^{3+}$ can also be put in other crystalline media such as YI F(1047 and 1053 nm) or
Nd <sup>3+</sup> : YAG (3 <sup>rd</sup> harmonic)	355	3.49	YVO <sub>4</sub> (1064 nm)
Nd <sup>3+</sup> : YAG (4 <sup>th</sup> harmonic)	266	4.66	
Nd <sup>3+</sup> : glass	1062 or 1054	2.33	~10 ps, used to make terawatt systems for inertial confinement fusion studies
Ruby (Cr:Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> in sapphire)	694	1.79	~10 ns
Ti:sapphire	700-1000	1.77-1.24	fs to cw; 1 Hz, kHz, 82 MHz
Alexandrite ( $Cr^{3+}$ doped BeAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> )	700-820	1.77-1.51	Tattoo removal
Liquid			
Dye laser	300-1000	4.13-1.24	Rep rate and pulse length depend on pump laser; fs, ps, ns up to cw
Gas			
CO <sub>2</sub>	10 600 (10.6 μm)	0.12	Long (many μs), irregular pulses, cw or pulsed at high rep rates, line tuneable, few W to >1 kW
Kr ion	647	1.92	cw, line tuneable, 0.1-100 W
HeNe	632.8	1.96	cw, 0.5–35 W
	543.5	2.28	
Ar ion	514.5	2.41	cw, line tuneable, Ar and Kr ion laser (or versions with
	488	2.54	both present) are commonly used in the entertainment industry for light shows
HeCd	441.6, 325	2.81, 3.82	cw, 1–100 mW
ArF excimer	193	6.42	~20 ns, 1->1000 Hz, several W to over 1 kW, 100 mJ to >1 J
KrF excimer	248	5.00	30-34 ns
XeCl excimer	308	4.02	22-29 ns
XeF excimer	351	3.53	12 ns
F <sub>2</sub>	154	8.05	1-several kHz rep rate, 1-20 W, 10-50 mJ pulse energies, 10 ns
N <sub>2</sub>	337	3.68	1–3.5 ns, 0.1–1+ mJ, 1–20 Hz rep rate

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X-ray



#### X-ray sources

X-ray metal => Mg Ka 1253.6 eV Al Ka 1486.6eV e ejected beam  $L \rightarrow K \Rightarrow K_{\mathcal{A}}$  $M \rightarrow K \Rightarrow K_{\mathcal{B}}$ 2P3, -> 15 Kd, L(n=2)X-ray  $2P_{1/2} \rightarrow (S$ K(n=1) KB Ka Bremsstrahlung

# Synchrotron

#### X-ray absorption spectroscopy

Absorption edge (energy that is just need to eject a particular core electron, e.g., 1s (K edge),  $2p_{3/2} e^{-} (L_3 edge)$ 

Fe & Fe oxides K-edge: 7.112 keV

Within 10-40 eV: X-ray absorption near-edge structure (XANES) (or near-ed absorption fine structure (NEXAFS))  $\rightarrow$  oxidation state & ligand environment

About 50 keV: extended X-ray absorption Fine structure (**EXAFS**)

 $\rightarrow$  distance & arrangement of atoms





### Spectroscopic surface methods



Atomic lamps: H (10.2 eV)

He (21.1, 42.82 eV)  $\rightarrow$  UV sources, UPS Xe lamp (170~3000 nm)

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#### TABLE 21-1 Some Common Spectroscopic Techniques for Analysis of Surfaces

Method and Acronym	Primary Beam	Detected Beam	Information
X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS), or electron spectroscopy for chemical analysis (ESCA)	X-ray photons	Electrons	Chemical composition Chemical structure
Auger electron spectroscopy (AES)	Electrons or X-ray photons	Electrons	Chemical composition
Electron energy-loss spectroscopy (EELS)	Electrons	Electrons	Chemical structure Adsorbate binding
Electron microprobe (EM)	Electrons	X-ray photons	Chemical composition
Secondary-ion mass spectrometry (SIMS)	Ions	Ions	Chemical composition Chemical structure
Ion-scattering spectroscopy (ISS) and Rutherford backscattering	Ions	Ions	Chemical composition Atomic structure
Laser-microprobe mass spectrometry (LMMS)	Photons	Ions	Chemical composition Chemical structure
Surface plasmon resonance (SPR)	Photons	Photons	Composition and concentration of thin films
Sum frequency generation (SFG)	Photons	Photons	Interface structure, adsorbate binding
Ellipsometry	Photons	Photons	Thin-film thickness

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#### Electron and ion Ultra high vacuum (UHV)



Excitation

#### Detection

X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) Photons(X-ray) UV photoelectron spectroscopy (UPS) Photons (UV) Auger electron spectroscopy (AES) Electrons Low-energy electron diffraction (LEED) Electrons High resolution e<sup>-</sup> E loss spec. (HREELS) Electrons Rutherford backscattering (RBS) H+ or He+ Secondary ion mass spec. (SIMS) lons Laser desorption mass spec. (LDMS) Photons

Electrons Electrons Electrons Electrons Electrons H+ or He+ Ions Ions

# Scanning probe techniques

 $\rightarrow$  Surface structure, manipulation of atoms & molecules at surface

- -Microscopy: a sharp tip close to the surface  $\rightarrow$  scanning electron or force and so on  $\rightarrow$  STM, AFM and so on
- -Similar idea: NSOM (Near field scanning optical microscopy) → a small-diameter optical fiber close to the surface (diameter/distance < wavelength of the light) → image resolution far below light wavelength
- -SP techniques: current, van der Waals force, chemical force, magnetic force, capacitance, phonon, photon
- -UHV or at atmosphere or in solution, in situ vs. ex situ techniques

### Scanning tunneling microscopy (STM)



Tersoff and Hamann [31, 32] set the theoretical basis for interpretation of STM images. The tunnelling current, I, depends exponentially on the tip to surface distance d according to

$$I \propto e^{-2\kappa \, d} \tag{2.4.3}$$

where the decay constant  $\kappa$  is given by

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{\hbar} \sqrt{2m_{\rm e}(\Phi_{\rm s} + E_{\rm F}^{\rm s} - E)}.$$
(2.4.4)

*E* is the energy of the state from which tunnelling occurs, and the barrier height is given by the sum of the average work function of the sample surface  $\Phi_s$  and its Fermi energy  $E_F^s$ .  $\kappa$  is on the order of 1 Å<sup>-1</sup>, hence, a change in separation of just 1 Å leads to an order of magnitude change in the tunnelling current. Importantly, STM does not rely on simple one-dimensional tunnelling but is instead sensitive

### cf. Tunnelling

- if the potential energy of a particle does not rise to infinite in the wall &  $E < V \rightarrow \Psi$  does not decay abruptly to zero
- if the walls are thin → Ψ oscillate inside the box & on the other side of the wall outside the box → particle is found on the outside of a container: leakage by penetration through classically forbidden zones "tunnelling"
- cf) C.M.: insufficient energy to escape



#### Electron flow between tip and surface



**Figure 2.7** Illustrations of the Fermi and vacuum level positions for two metals separated by distance d. (a) Isolated metals. (b) After electrical contact, in the absence of an applied bias. (c) Biasing shifts the relative positions of the Fermi levels and makes available unoccupied states in an energy window eU into which electrons can tunnel. (d) The direction of tunnelling is switched compared to the previous case simply by changing the sign of the applied bias.



**Figure 2.4** An STM image of occupied states on a Si(100)- $(2 \times 1)$  surface nearly completely covered with adsorbed H atoms. The uncapped Si dangling bonds (sites where H is not adsorbed) appear as lobes above the plane of the H-terminated sites. The rows of the  $(2 \times 1)$  reconstruction are clearly visible in the H-terminated regions. Source: Reproduced from J.J. Boland, Phys. Rev. Lett. **67** (1991) 1539. (c) 1991, with permission from the American Physical Society.



**Figure 2.5** Constant current STM images of the clean GaAs(110) surface. (a) The normally unoccupied states imaged at V = +1.9 V. (b) The normally occupied states imaged at V = -1.9 V. (c) Schematic representation of the positions of the Ga (•) and As (o) atoms. The rectangle is at the same position in (a), (b) and (c). This is an unusual example of chemically specific imaging based simply on the polarity of the tip. Source: Reproduced from R.M. Feenstra, J.A. Stroscio, J. Tersoff and A.P. Fein, Phys. Rev. Lett. **58** (1987) 1192. (c) 1987, with permission from the American Physical Society.

#### Electrochemical STM



#### Scanning tunneling spectroscopy (STS)

STM image depends on the voltage on the tip  $\rightarrow$ control of the voltage  $\rightarrow$  to determine the electronic states with atomic resolution (STS)

> Chemisorption changes the electronic structure of the surface



**Figure 2.8** Left-hand side: Topography of the unoccupied states of the clean  $(7 \times 7)$  surface (top panels) and atom resolved tunnelling spectra (bottom panels). The curves represent spectra acquired over different sites in the reconstructed surface (Curve A: restatom, Curve B: corner adatom, Curve C: middle adatom). Negative energies correspond to occupied states, positive to empty states. Right-hand side: Same types of images and spectra obtained after exposure of a Si(111)- $(7 \times 7)$  surface to NH<sub>3</sub>. The different sites exhibit different reactivities with respect to NH<sub>3</sub> adsorption with the restatoms being the most reactive and the middle adatoms being the least reactive. Source: Reproduced with permission from Ph. Avouris and R. Wolkow, Phys. Rev. B 39 (1989) 5091. © 1989 American Physical Society.

## Scanning electrochemical microscopy (SECM)

Using ultra-micro electrode or nano-electrode



### Atomic force microscopy (AFM)

-using attractive or repulsive interactions with the surface (Table 2.2): van der Waals....

-AFM can image conducting as well as insulating surfaces (soft, polymer, biological)

-Force curve: function of distance of the tip from the surface

Table 2.2Interaction forces appropriate to scanning forcemicroscopy and their ranges.

Force	Range (nm)
Electrostatic	100
Double layer in electrolyte	100
van der Waals	10
Surface-induced solvent ordering	5
Hydrogen bonding	0.2
Contact	0.1

Values taken from Takano et al. [45].

Force

$$F_{N} = k_{N} \cdot \Delta z$$

# $k_{\rm N}$ : force constant $\Delta z$ : displacement of the tip





**Figure 2.9** Principal components for an optical lever type AFM. Detection of the reflected laser beam with a quadrant, position sensitive photodiode facilitates the simultaneous detection of bending and torsion of the cantilever. A scanning electron micrograph of a typical AFM cantilever and tip is shown in the lower panel. Reproduced from H. Takano, J. R. Kenseth, S.-S. Wong, J. C. O'Brien, M. D. Porter, Chem. Rev. 99 (1999) 2845. © 1999, with permission from the American Chemical Society.

Technique	Property probed
Contact mode	the second se
Atomic force microscopy	van der Waals forces, chemical forces, electrostatic
2011	interactions, topography
Infrared atomic force microscopy	infrared absorption, thermal expansion
Near-field microwave microscopy	microwave losses
Nano-impedance spectroscopy	interface potential, capacitance, dopant profiling
Piezoforce microscopy	switching dynamics, relaxation time, domain nucleation
Scanning capacitance force microscopy	dopant profile
Scanning capacitance microscopy	capacitance, relative dopant density
Scanning near-field optical microscopy	frequency-dependent dielectric function, surface polaritons, Rayleigh scattering, IR absorption, fluorescence
Scanning non-linear microscopy	dielectric constant
Scanning spreading resistance microscopy	resistivity, relative doping density
Non-contact mode	,, 10 ,
Atomic force microscopy	van der Waals forces, chemical forces, electrostatic
Electrostatic force microscopy	electrostatic force
Kolvin force microscopy	potential work function adsorbate enthalpy and entropy
Magnetic force microscopy	magnetic force
Microwave-frequency ac STM	polarizability dopant profile dielectric response
Photoinduced force microscopy	linear or nonlinear absorption of light, stimulated Raman scattering, optical polarizability, excited state lifetime
Scanning gate microscopy	current flow, local band energy, contact potential variation
Scanning impedance microscopy	interface potential, capacitance, local band energy, current flow
Scanning tunnelling microscopy	topography; local density of states; mapping of gate voltage, bias, and magnetic field; dispersion; phonon and spin excitation; spatial spin contract
Tip-enhanced Raman scattering	Raman scattering

Table 2.3Scanning probe techniques and the properties they probe.

Adapted from Bonnell et al. [24].

# Optical and electron microscopy

#### Optical microscopy

• Limit of resolution( $\delta$ ): mainly by the wavelength  $\lambda$  of the light





 $\alpha$ : the angular aperture (half the angle subtended at the object by the objective lens), n: the refractive index of the medium between the object and the objective lens, n sin  $\alpha$ : the numerical aperture of the objective lens for a given immersion medium

Numerical aperture: generally less than unity up to 1.5 with oil-immersion objectives  $\rightarrow$  600 nm light: 200 nm (0.2 µm) resolution limit

Serious error in particle size less than 2  $\mu$ m (Table 3.1)

True diameter/µm	Visual estimate/µm
1.0	1.13
0.5	0.68
≤ 0.2	0.5

Table 3.1 Determination of the diameters of spherical particles by optical microscopy<sup>29</sup>

Limitation: resolution power & contrast

#### Transmission electron microscopy(TEM)

- e-beam: wavelength  $\lambda \sim 0.01$  nm
- resolution: 0.2 nm
- limitation: high vacuum system

Scanning electron microscopy(SEM)

• resolution: ~ 5 nm





Figure 3.2 Electron micrographs. (a) Shadowed polystyrene latex particles  $(\times 50\ 000)$ . (b) Shadowed silver chloride particles  $(\times 15\ 000)$ 

### Near-field scanning optical microscopy (NSOM or SNOM)

a small-diameter optical fiber close to the surface (diameter/distance < wavelength of the light) → image resolution far below light wavelength (can be exceeded by using near-field technique)

Optical fiber + laser + AFM techniques Resolution ~ 50 nm, ultimate resolution ~ 12 nm (By working close enough to the aperture, resolution close to the size of the aperture and far below the wavelength of the light can be obtained)



NSOM: -high brightness of light (laser) -optical fiber





*Figure 2.11* NSOM data can be collected in various modes including (a) illumination; (b) collection; (c) reflection; (d) photon tunnelling; and (e) apertureless.

Small aperture diameter (typically 80~100 nm)  $\rightarrow$ few tens of nW light power  $\rightarrow$  ultimate resolution ~12 nm (practically ~50 nm)



### **Electron diffraction**

#### LEED(low energy): surface & adsorbate structure TED(transmission): crystal structure



Figure 2.12 Schematic drawing of a LEED chamber.



Si(100), LEED

en.wikipedia.org



TEM & SAED

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# Surface diffraction

Low energy electron diffraction (LEED), X-ray diffraction, atomic diffraction

de Broglie wavelength,  $\lambda$ , of a particle  $\lambda = h/p$  $\lambda = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2mE}}$ (2.1)
where *h* is Planck's constant, *m* is the mass of the particle, and *E* is the kinetic energy of the particle. For electrons and He atoms, Eq. 2.1 is more conveniently expressed as:

$$\lambda_{\rm e^-}({\rm \AA}) = \sqrt{\frac{150}{E\,({\rm eV})}} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \lambda_{\rm He}\,({\rm \AA}) = \sqrt{\frac{0.02}{E\,({\rm eV})}} \tag{2.2}$$

For X-rays, the wavelength of a photon is given by

$$\lambda_{\text{photon}}(\text{\AA}) \approx \frac{1.24 \times 10^4}{E(\text{eV})}$$
(2.3)

Electrons with 10~200 eV energies and He atoms with thermal energies (~0.026 eV at 300K)  $\rightarrow$  atomic diffraction condition ( $\lambda$  < interatomic distance, ~1 Å)

X-rays at the high intensities available at a synchrotron radiation suitable for surface and interface structure studies (grazing angle Xray diffraction). X-ray bombardment-induced emission of electrons also shows diffraction (photoelectron diffraction)

LEED: electron beam of 10~200 eV is back-scattered  $\rightarrow$  atomic structure of surface



Figure 2.7. A scheme illustration of LEED surface crystallography.

Low energy electron diffraction (LEED):

Why low energy electron used?

- The penetration depth of x-ray is ~ 1 µm. So x-ray diffraction give structural information of a bulk solid (3D). It does not have any surface sensitivity
- The penetration depth of low energy electron is ≤ 20 Å; a rather good surface sensitivity
- In any diffraction the employed wavelength  $\lambda$  should ~ d
- De Broglie wavelength of e- is

 $\lambda = h/p = h/mv = h/(2mE_k)^{1/2}$ 

If  $E_k = 150 \text{ eV}$ ,  $\lambda = \sim 1 \text{ Å}$ 

- Since diffraction can be observed in elastic scattering, the inelastically scattered electrons have to be removed by setting up an potential barrier (grid assembly).
- The LEED pattern is usually recorded by taking a picture.





Instrument

#### **Reciprocal lattice**



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#### **Reciprocal lattice**

#### Basis vectors $\mathbf{a}_1$ , $\mathbf{a}_2$ in the unit cell in real space Basis vectors $\mathbf{a}_1^*$ , $\mathbf{a}_2^*$ in a reciprocal space

The real and reciprocal space lattices are represented by

$$\mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j^* = \delta_{ij} \tag{2.5.5}$$

where i, j = 1 or 2 and  $\delta_{ij}$  is the Kronecker  $\delta$  function.  $\delta_{ij} = 0$  if  $i \neq j$  and  $\delta_{ij} = 1$  if i = j. This means that  $\mathbf{a}_i^* \perp \mathbf{a}_j$  for  $i \neq j$ . Introducing  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma^*$ , which are the angles between  $(\mathbf{a}_1 \text{ and } \mathbf{a}_2)$  and  $(\mathbf{a}_1^* \text{ and } \mathbf{a}_2^*)$ , respectively, the relationships between these angles and the lengths of the basis vectors are

$$a_1^* = 1/(a_1 \sin \gamma)$$
 (2.5.6)

$$a_2^* = 1/(a_2 \sin \gamma) \tag{2.5.7}$$

$$\sin \gamma = \sin \gamma^*. \tag{2.5.8}$$

The inverse relationship between real and reciprocal space means that a long vector in real space corresponds to a short vector in reciprocal space. Eq. (2.5.8) follows from the relationship  $\gamma^* = \pi - \gamma$ .

The need for the reciprocal space description is made evident by Figure 2.14. This figure shows that an image of the diffracted electrons corresponds to a reciprocal space image of the lattice from which the electrons diffracted. Hence, by uncovering the relationship between a reciprocal space image and the real space lattice, we can use LEED patterns to investigate the surface structure.

#### **Reciprocal lattice**



A: real lattice 
$$\rightarrow$$
 unit cell  
A\*: reciprocal lattice  $\rightarrow$  unit cell  
A =  $|\alpha_1 \times \alpha_2| = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \sin \chi$   
A\* =  $|\alpha_1^* \times \alpha_2^*| = \alpha_1^* \alpha_2^* \sin \chi^* = \frac{1}{A}$   
 $(\sin \chi = \sin \chi^*)$   
 $AA^* = (\alpha_1 \alpha_1^* \sin \chi)(\alpha_2 \alpha_2^* \sin \chi) = 1$


**Figure 2.14** The principle of diffraction pattern formation in a LEED experiment. The incident electron beam approaches along  $s_0$ . The specular beam exits along  $s_{00}$ . Reproduced from G. Ertl, J. Küppers, Low Energy Electrons and Surface Chemistry, 2nd ed., VCH, Weinheim. © 1985, with permission from John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

The diffraction condition from a one-dimensional lattice of periodicity a leads to constructive interference at angles  $\varphi$  when

$$a\sin\varphi = n\lambda$$
 Bragg's law (2.5.18)

for an electron with a wavelength  $\lambda$  incident at normal incidence. *n* is an integer denoting the diffraction order. The wavelength of the electron is given by the de Broglie relationship, Eq. (2.4.9). The Bragg condition of Eq. (2.5.18) needs to be generalized to two dimensions. This leads to the Laue conditions

$$\mathbf{a_1} \cdot (\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s_0}) = h_1 \lambda \tag{2.5.19}$$

$$\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot (\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}_0) = h_2 \lambda \tag{2.5.20}$$

where  $s_0$  defines the direction of the incident beam (generally along the surface normal) and s defines the direction of the diffracted beam intensity maxima.  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are integers. They are used to identify the diffraction reflexes that appear in the LEED pattern. The specular reflex at (00) is used as the origin and arises from electrons that are elastically scattered without diffraction.

#### Matrix notation for adsorbate



Fig. 9.2. Examples for overlayer structures. a)  $2 \times 2$ , b)  $c(2 \times 2)$ , c)  $\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}/R$  30°.

 $\mathfrak{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ 

#### 2D real vs. reciprocal lattices of adsorbate

 $b_1 = m_{11}a_1 + m_{12}a_2 \qquad b_1^* = m_{11}^*a_1^* + m_{12}^*a_2^*$  $b_2 = m_{21}a_1 + m_{22}a_2 \qquad b_2^* = m_{21}^*a_1^* + m_{22}^*a_2^* .$ 



Fig. 9.11. A two-dimensional real lattice, described by  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$  (dark circles), and its reciprocal lattice  $a_1^*$ ,  $a_2^*$  (open circles).

m<sub>ij</sub>\* can be measured directly from LEED pattern

$$\mathfrak{M}^* = \mathfrak{M}^{-1}$$
, and so  $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{M}^{*-1}$ 

m\*: inverse transposed matrix of m

$$m_{11} = \frac{1}{\det \mathfrak{M}^*} \cdot m_{22}^*$$

$$m_{12} = -\frac{1}{\det \mathfrak{M}^*} \cdot m_{21}^*$$

$$m_{21} = -\frac{1}{\det \mathfrak{M}^*} \cdot m_{12}^*$$

$$m_{22} = \frac{1}{\det \mathfrak{M}^*} \cdot m_{11}^*$$
where det  $\mathbf{M}^* = m_{11}^* \cdot m_{22}^* \cdot m_{21}^* \cdot m_{12}^*$ 

Target: m<sub>ij</sub> can be calculated from reciprocal pattern

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{real} \quad |b = [M \cdot a \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} |b_{1} \\ |b_{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{1} \\ a_{2} \end{pmatrix} \\ & \text{recipro cal} \quad |b^{*} = |M^{*} a^{*} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} |b_{1}^{*} \\ |b_{2}^{*} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11}^{*} & m_{12}^{*} \\ m_{21}^{*} & m_{22}^{*} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{1}^{*} \\ a_{2}^{*} \end{pmatrix} \\ & \text{Inverse matrix} : A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{m_{11}^{*} & m_{22}^{*}}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}, ad - bc : determinant of A \\ & \text{transposed matrix} : A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} \\ & \text{inverse matrix} \quad |M^{-1} = \frac{(m_{12}^{*} & -m_{12}^{*})}{det M^{*}} \begin{pmatrix} m_{22}^{*} & -m_{12}^{*} \\ -m_{21}^{*} & m_{11}^{*} \end{pmatrix}, \quad M^{*-1} = \frac{det M}{det M} \begin{pmatrix} m_{22}^{*} & -m_{12} \\ -m_{21}^{*} & m_{11}^{*} \end{pmatrix} \\ & \text{inverse matrix} \quad |M^{-1} = \frac{(m_{12}^{*} & -m_{12}^{*})}{det M^{*}} \begin{pmatrix} m_{22}^{*} & -m_{12}^{*} \\ -m_{21}^{*} & m_{11}^{*} \end{pmatrix}, \quad M^{*-1} = \frac{det M}{det M} \begin{pmatrix} m_{22} & -m_{12} \\ -m_{21}^{*} & m_{11}^{*} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\widehat{M}^{*} = \frac{1}{\det M^{*}} \begin{pmatrix} m_{22}^{*} - m_{21}^{*} \\ -m_{12}^{*} & m_{11}^{*} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \widehat{M}^{*} = \frac{1}{\det M} \begin{pmatrix} m_{22} - m_{21} \\ -m_{12} & m_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{M = \widetilde{M}^{*-1}}$$

 $\mathfrak{M}^* = \mathfrak{M}^{-1}$ , and so  $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{M}^{*-1}$ 

$$b_1 = m_{11}a_1 + m_{12}a_2 \qquad b_1^* = m_{11}^*a_1^* + m_{12}^*a_2^* b_2 = m_{21}a_1 + m_{22}a_2 \qquad b_2^* = m_{21}^*a_1^* + m_{22}^*a_2^* .$$

$$\begin{split} \|b_{\vec{\lambda}} \cdot b_{\vec{j}} &= \hat{J}_{\vec{\lambda}} \\ & \sigma_{\vec{\lambda}} \cdot \sigma_{\vec{j}} &= \delta_{\vec{j}} \\ & \sigma_{\vec{\lambda}} \cdot \sigma_{\vec{j}} &= \delta_{\vec{j}} \\ & = \delta_{\vec{\lambda}} \\ & = 1 \\ \begin{pmatrix} m_{11}^{*} & m_{12}^{*} \\ m_{12}^{*} & m_{22}^{*} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{21} \\ m_{12} & m_{22} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} m_{11}^{*} m_{11} + m_{12}^{*} m_{12} & m_{11}^{*} m_{12} + m_{12}^{*} m_{22} \\ m_{21}^{*} m_{22}^{*} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{21} \\ m_{12} & m_{22} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ & I &= b_{1} \cdot b_{1}^{*} &= (m_{11} \sigma_{11} + m_{12} \sigma_{2}) (m_{11}^{*} \sigma_{11}^{*} + m_{12}^{*} \sigma_{2}^{*}) &= m_{11} m_{11}^{*} + m_{12} m_{12}^{*} \\ & 0 &= b_{1} \cdot b_{2}^{*} &= ( ) \\ & 0 &= b_{2} \cdot b_{1}^{*} &= ( ) \\ & 0 &= b_{2} \cdot b_{1}^{*} &= ( ) \\ & I &= b_{1} \cdot b_{2}^{*} &= ( ) \\ & I &= m_{21}^{*} m_{11} + m_{22}^{*} m_{12} \\ & I &= m_{21}^{*} m_{21} + m_{22}^{*} m_{22} \\ \end{pmatrix} \end{split}$$

We represent a surface overlayer by the basis vectors  $\mathbf{b_1}$  and  $\mathbf{b_2}$  and the corresponding reciprocal lattice vectors are given stars. The substrate and overlayer lattices are related by

$$\mathbf{b_1} = m_{11}\mathbf{a_1} + m_{12}\mathbf{a_2} \tag{2.5.9}$$

$$\mathbf{b_2} = m_{21}\mathbf{a_1} + m_{22}\mathbf{a_2} \tag{2.5.10}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_1^* = m_{11}^* \mathbf{a}_1^* + m_{12}^* \mathbf{a}_2^* \tag{2.5.11}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_2^* = m_{21}^* \mathbf{a}_1^* + m_{22}^* \mathbf{a}_2^*. \tag{2.5.12}$$

This can be written in matrix notation as

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{a} \to \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 \\ \mathbf{b}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 \\ \mathbf{a}_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(2.5.13)

A similar relationship holds for the reciprocal space representation

$$\mathbf{b}^* = \mathbf{M}^* \cdot \mathbf{a}^* \to \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1^* \\ \mathbf{b}_2^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11}^* & m_{12}^* \\ m_{21}^* & m_{22}^* \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1^* \\ \mathbf{a}_2^* \end{pmatrix}.$$
(2.5.14)

It can be shown that M\* is related to M (and vice versa) by

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{\det \mathbf{M}^*} \begin{pmatrix} m_{22}^* & -m_{21}^* \\ -m_{12}^* & m_{11}^* \end{pmatrix}$$
(2.5.15)  
$$\mathbf{M}^* = \frac{1}{\det \mathbf{M}} \begin{pmatrix} m_{22} & -m_{21} \\ -m_{12} & m_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$
(2.5.16)

The determinant of M\* is define as

$$\det \mathbf{M}^* = m_{11}^* m_{22}^* - m_{21}^* m_{12}^*, \qquad (2.5.17)$$

and analogously for the determinant of **M**. Experimentally, the challenge is to determine the elements of **M** from the diffraction pattern measured on the LEED screen.



**Figure 2.15** Real space and reciprocal space patterns. (a) Reciprocal lattice (LEED pattern) composed o substrate (normal) spots  $\circ$  and overlayer (extra) spots  $\bullet$ . (b) Real lattice of the substrate ( $\circ$ ) and overlayer ( $\bullet$ ) The solid line delineates the c(4 × 2) cell and the arrows depict the unit vectors.

From (a) i)  $|b_1^* = \frac{1}{4}a_1^* - \frac{1}{4}a_2^* = m_1^*a_1^* + m_1^*a_2^*$  $b_2^* = \frac{1}{4}a_1^* + \frac{1}{2}a_2^* = m_2 a_1^* + m_2 a_2^*$ fcc(110) (i)  $\alpha_1 \perp \alpha_2^*$ ,  $\alpha_2 \perp \alpha_1^*$ Substrate position  $a_1 = \frac{1}{a_1^* \sin \gamma} = \frac{1}{a_1^*}$ ,  $a_2 = \frac{1}{a_2^* \sin \gamma} = \frac{1}{a_1^*} = \sqrt{2}a_1$ area  $(\gamma = 90^{\circ})$ adsorbate  $M_{11} = \frac{M_{12}}{det M^*} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 2$ ,  $M_{12} = \frac{-M_{21}}{det M^*} = -1$ ,  $M_{21} = -\frac{M_{12}}{det M^*} = 2$ ,  $M_{22} = 1$  $|\mathsf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \vdots \quad |\mathsf{b}_1 = 2\mathsf{a}_1 - \mathsf{a}_2$  $lb_2 = 201 + 012$  (Fig 2.15(b))

### LEED image

### Bisulfate/Pt(111)



E = 0.34 V in 50 mM sulfuric acid 49.4 eV



 $(\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3})R30^{\circ}$ 

Sung's Ph.D thesis

## **Electron spectroscopy**

XPS (X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy) UPS (UV photoelectron spectroscopy) AES (Auger electron spectroscopy)





## X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) or electron spectroscopy for chemical analysis (ESCA)

Binding energy of core electron ~ photon energy of X-ray region

$$E_{\rm b} = hv - E_{\rm k} - w$$
 (21-2)

w: work function of spectrometer



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Element <sup>b</sup>	Oxidation State									
	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5	+6	+7
Nitrogen (1s)	-	*0c	_	+4.5 <sup>d</sup>	-	+5.1	-	+8.0	-	_
Sulfur (1s)	-2.0	—	*0		—	_	+4.5	-	+5.8	
Chlorine (2p)	-	*0	-		—	+3.8	-	+7.1		+9.5
Copper (1s)	-	-	*0	+0.7	+4.4	—	-	-	-	-
Iodine (4s)		*0	_		—	-	-	+5.3		+6.5
Europium (3d)				_	*0	+9.6		_	<u></u>	

#### TABLE 21-2 Chemical Shifts as a Function of Oxidation State<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> All shifts are in electron volts measured relative to the oxidation states indicated by (\*). (Reprinted with permission from D. M. Hercules, *Anal. Chem.*, **1970**, *42*, 28A. Copyright 1970 American Chemical Society.)

<sup>b</sup>Type of electrons given in parentheses.

<sup>c</sup>Arbitrary zero for measurement, end nitrogen in NaN<sub>3</sub>.

<sup>d</sup>Middle nitrogen in NaN<sub>3</sub>.

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## Oxidation state ↑ → electron의 binding energy ↑

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XPS quantitative analysis $I = n\phi\sigma\epsilon\eta ATl$ (21-3)Sensitivity factor $S = \sigma\epsilon\eta ATl$ (21-4)

n: number density of atoms of the sample (atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>)

- $\varphi$ : flux of the incident X-ray beam (photons/cm<sup>2</sup>·s)
- $\sigma$ : photoelectric cross section (cm2/atom)
- ε: angular efficiency factor for the instrument
- η: the efficiency of producing photoelectrons (photoelectrons/photon)
- A: area of sample which photoelectrons are detected (cm<sup>2</sup>)
- T: the efficiency detection of the photoelectrons
- *I*: mean free path of photoelectrons in the sample (cm)

 $\rightarrow$  for a given transition, last six terms are constant  $\rightarrow$  atomic sensitivity factor S (XPS Handbook)

 $I/S \propto$  concentration

#### XPS quantitative analysis

The coverage  $\theta_A$  represents the covered fraction of B, the substrate. The uncovered portion is then  $(1-\theta_A)$ . The signal from the adsorbate A is not attenuated by electron scattering, hence

$$I_{\rm A} = \theta_{\rm A} I_{\rm A}^0, \tag{2.6.12}$$

where  $I_A^0$  is the signal from a known or standard coverage of A. Eq. (2.6.12) can be used to determine the absolute coverage at an arbitrary coverage if the absolute coverage is known for  $I_A^0$ . If not, then Eq. (2.6.12) can only be used to determine a relative coverage compared to the coverage at  $I_A^0$ . The absolute coverage can be found at any arbitrary coverage if we use a ratio of XPS signals. The signal from B, given by the sum of the bare-surface contribution and that of the covered portion, is

$$I_{\rm B} = I_{\rm B}^0 \left[ 1 - \theta_{\rm A} + \theta_{\rm A} \exp\left(-\frac{a_{\rm A}\cos\vartheta}{\lambda_{\rm A}}\right) \right]$$
(2.6.13)

where  $I_B^0$  is the signal from a clean B substrate,  $\lambda_A$  is the inelastic mean free path, and  $\vartheta$  the detection angle. Therefore,

$$\frac{I_{\rm A}I_{\rm B}^0}{I_{\rm B}I_{\rm A}^0} = \theta_{\rm A} \left[ 1 - \theta_{\rm A} + \theta_{\rm A} \exp\left(-\frac{a_{\rm A}\cos\vartheta}{\lambda_{\rm A}}\right) \right]^{-1}.$$
(2.6.14)

### XPS for Pt 4f levels:



species	Binding	Energy, eV	Relative Peak Areas <sup>b</sup>				
	4f (7/2)	4f (5/2)	+0.7 V	+1.2 V	+2.2 V		
rt	70.7	74.0	56	39	34		
PtO <sub>ads</sub>	71.6	74.9	39	37	24		
PtO	73.3	76.6	<5	24	22		
rtO <sub>2</sub>	74.1	77.4	0	0	20		

### Electrochemical XPS (SNU)



UHV-XPS Glove Box



### Ex-situ Analysis without Contamination

#### Ambient Pressure X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy



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### Ultraviolet photoelectron spectroscopy (UPS)

UV photons can excite photoemission from valence levels Since valence electrons are involved in chemical bonding  $\rightarrow$  UPS is well suited to the study of bonding at surfaces  $\rightarrow$  work function, band structure of the solids, surface and adsorbed layers, bonding structure( $\sigma$  or  $\pi$ )



**Figure 2.18** The influence of the spectrometer work function,  $\Phi_{sp}$ , on photoelectron spectra.  $\Phi_s$ , work function of the sample;  $E_{vac}^{sp}$ ,  $E_{vac}^{s}$ ,  $E_{$ 

$$E_{\rm K} = h\nu - E_{\rm B} - \Phi_{\rm sp}.$$
 (2.6.16)

For excitation with a fixed photon energy hv, therefore, the maximum kinetic energy of photoelectrons is given by

$$E_{\rm K,max} = h\nu - \Phi_{\rm sp}.\tag{2.6.17}$$

Meanwhile the minimum kinetic energy is given by

$$E_{\rm K,min} = \Phi - \Phi_{\rm sp}.$$
 (2.6.18)

The width of the spectrum,

$$\Delta E = E_{\rm K,max} - E_{\rm K,min} = h \,\nu - \Phi \tag{2.6.19}$$

is used to determine the work function of the sample

$$\Phi = h \nu - \Delta E \tag{2.6.20}$$

### Auger electron spectroscopy (AES)

3 electron processes

- (1) Core electron ejected
- (2) Higher electron fills the core hole
- (3) Exothermicity to eject 3<sup>rd</sup> electron (Auger electron)



**Figure 2.22** A detailed depiction of Auger transitions involving (a) three core levels; (b) two core levels and the valence band; and (c) a Coster-Kronig transition in which the initial hole is filled from the same shell.





**Figure 2.23** Energy levels for a KLV Auger transition, including the influence of the spectrometer work function  $\Phi_{sp}$ . Adapted from J.C. Vickerman, Surface Analysis: The Principal Techniques, John Wiley & Sons, Chichester. © 1997 with permission from John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.



Auger electron energy (eV)

#### Quantitative analysis



**Figure 2.24** The geometry of Auger electron spectroscopy. A primary electron beam excites the formation of Auger electrons as well as X-ray fluorescence. Backscattered and secondary electrons are also created in the process.

Approximate compositional analysis can easily be obtained with the use of the measured relative sensitivity factors  $s_X$ , which can be found in the *Handbook of Auger Electron Spectroscopy* [116]. The mole fraction of component A in a binary mixture of A and B is given by

$$x_{\rm A} = \frac{I_{\rm A}/s_{\rm A}}{I_{\rm A}/s_{\rm A} + I_{\rm B}/s_{\rm B}}.$$
(2.6.30)

### AES depth profile: ion sputtering



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### AES depth profiles: GaAs



# Vibration spectroscopy

Vibration motions  $\rightarrow$  IR absorption, electron energy loss, Raman, sum frequency generation, inelastic neutron tunneling, He scattering

Energy of electromagnetic field: oscillating electric & magnetic disturbance

$$E = hv = h c/\lambda$$

h; Planck constant (6.6 x  $10^{-34}$  Js) speed of light (c); 3 x  $10^8$  m/s, wavelength ( $\lambda$ ); distance between the neighboring peaks of wave, 1 Å = 0.1 nm =  $10^{-10}$  m frequency (v, Hz = 1 s<sup>-1</sup>); number of times per second  $\lambda v = c$ wavenumber (cm<sup>-1</sup>, reciprocal cm), v-bar = v/c =  $1/\lambda$ cf) 1 eV ~ 8066 cm<sup>-1</sup>

Wavelength ( $\lambda$ , nm) = 1240/band gap energy (eV)

### Widely used IR spectroscopy: mid-IR (670~4000 cm<sup>-1</sup>( $2.5 \sim 14.9 \mu m$ ))

TABLE 17-1 Major Applications of IR Spectrometry

Spectral Regions	Measurement Type	Kind of Analysis	Applicable Samples
Near-IR	Diffuse reflectance	Quantitative	Solid or liquid commercial materials
	Absorption	Quantitative	Gaseous mixtures
Mid-IR	Absorption	Qualitative	Pure solid, liquid, or gases
		Quantitative	Complex liquid, solid, or gaseous mixtures
		Chromatographic	Complex liquid, solid, or gaseous mixtures
	Reflectance	Qualitative	Pure solids or liquids
	Emission	Quantitative	Atmospheric samples
Far-IR	Absorption	Qualitative	Pure inorganic or organometallic species

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#### Electromagnetic spectrum



IR radiation ~ energy differences for vibrational & rotational states

For absorption of IR radiation: dipole moment change during vibration

Dipole moment is determined by the magnitude of the charge difference and the distance between two centers of charge e.g) H-Cl (o) O-O (x)

Types of vibration: stretching & bending



(b) Bending vibrations

Harmonic oscillator

F = -ky Hooke's law



### Vibrational frequency

$$F = ma = m(d^2y/dt^2) = -ky$$

 $y = Acos(2\pi vt)$ 

Frequency of mechanical oscillator

 $v = (1/2\pi)\sqrt{k/m}$ 

Reduced mass:  $\mu = m_1 m_2 / (m_1 + m_2)$ 

 $v = (1/2\pi)\sqrt{(k/\mu)}$ 

Quantum treatment of vibration:

$$\mathsf{E} = (\mathsf{v} + \frac{1}{2})(\mathsf{h}/2\pi)\sqrt{(\mathsf{k}/\mu)} = (\mathsf{v} + \frac{1}{2})\hbar\omega_0$$

h: Planck's constant, v: vibrational quantum number



Wavenumber (cm<sup>-1</sup>): v-bar =  $(1/2\pi c)\sqrt{(k/\mu)}$ = 5.3 x 10<sup>-12</sup> $\sqrt{(k/\mu)}$ 

### IR spectroscopy



*Figure 2.26* The IR spectrum of H adsorbed on chemically prepared (a) flat and (b) stepped Si(111) surfaces. Source: Reproduced with permission. Panel (a) from R. Honke, et al., Phys. Rev. B **59** (1999) 10996. ©1991 American Physical Society. Panel (b) reproduced from P. Jakob, Y. J. Chabal, K. Raghavachari, S. B. Christman, Phys. Rev. B, **47** (1993) 6839. ©1993 American Physical Society.
#### IR spectroscopy

### Transmission Reflection **Diffuse reflection** Internal reflection

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(a)

(b)



(c)

(d) Figure 2.28 The modes of IR spectroscopy.

$$T = I/I_0 \tag{2.7.5}$$

or absorbance

$$A = -\log T = \log(I_0/I)$$
 (2.7.6)

where  $I_0$  is the incident intensity and I is the transmitted intensity. In the absence of reflection and scattering, the transmittance is given by

$$T = 10^{-acl} = \exp(-\alpha l)$$
 (2.7.7)

where *a* is the absorptivity, *c* the concentration and *l* the path length. The absorption coefficient,  $\alpha$ , is related to the absorptivity by

$$\alpha = 2.3026 \ ac$$
 (2.7.8)

which is, in turn, related to the imaginary part,  $\kappa$ , of the complex refractive index,  $\tilde{n}$ , by

$$\alpha = 4\pi\kappa/\lambda_0 \tag{2.7.9}$$

where  $\lambda_0$  is the vacuum wavelength of the infrared light and  $\kappa$  is defined through

$$\widetilde{n} = n + i\kappa. \tag{2.7.10}$$

It follows that absorbance is linearly proportional to concentration and the path length

$$A = acl. \tag{2.7.11}$$

IR reflection spectroscopy

Specular reflection: smooth surface Diffuse reflection Internal reflection



Specular reflection

**Diffuse reflection** 

Internal reflection (blue line)



Diffuse Reflectance Infrared Fourier Transform Spectroscopy (DRIFT)



Powder sample

### Electron energy loss spectroscopy (EELS)

Electron backscattered from surface  $\rightarrow$  lose energy of the surface and adsorbed layer  $\rightarrow$  vibrational transitions (1 meV = 8.064 cm<sup>-1</sup>)



**Figure 2.29** The electron energy loss spectrum of co-adsorbed  $O_2 + CO$  on Pd(111). The species associated with  $\omega_1$ ,  $\omega_2$  and  $\omega_3$  are illustrated in Fig. 3.8. Adapted from K.W. Kolasinski, F. Cemič, A. de Meijere, E. Hasselbrink, Surf. Sci., 334, 19. © 1995 with permission from Elsevier.

High resolution electron energy loss spectroscopy



## Second harmonic and sum frequency generation

SHG & SFG are two closely related techniques  $\rightarrow$  application in surface and interface science  $\rightarrow$  laser light illuminates an interface between two phases A and B  $\rightarrow$  excites a non-linear polarization responses 1) Two photons at same frequency  $\omega$ , can be mixed together to form a 3<sup>rd</sup> photon at frequency  $\omega = \omega_1 + \omega_2$ A → "second harmonic generation" Interface 2) Two photons with distinct frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  and angle of ha incidence  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  can mix together  $2\omega_1 = 0$ to form 3<sup>rd</sup> photon  $\omega = \omega_1 + \omega_2$ SFG has which depart at  $\theta_3$ ha  $\rightarrow$  "sum frequency generation"

> (d) (001) [100],  $k_{\parallel} = \frac{v^{0}}{p}$  $E(2\omega)$

**Figure 2.30** (a) Two bulk materials joined by an interfacial region. (b) Two photons of the same frequency are mixed in second harmonic generation (SHG). (c) Two photons of different frequency are mixed in sum frequency generation (SFG). (d) The polarization components s and p are shown for a laser incident on a surface.

#### Second harmonic spectroscopy

Second harmonic generation (SHG):  $\omega \rightarrow 2\omega$ Second harmonic generation (SHG): noncentrosymmetric crystals If symmetry is broken at the solid/liquid interface  $\rightarrow$  SHG signal

SHG signal is sensitive to species at the interface: used to detect adsorbed species, reaction intermediates etc



# Summary

- Knudsen beams are molecular beams with thermal properties.
- Supersonic jets experience significant cooling during expansion, exhibit high-translational energy and have significantly enhanced intensity compared to Knudsen beams.
- STM involves the tunnelling of electrons from occupied to unoccupied electronic states. The voltage between the tip and the surface determines the direction of current flow.
- STM images electronic states not atoms.
- AFM allows for atomic scale imaging on insulating surfaces and for direct measurements of intermolecular forces.
- NSOM extends optical spectroscopy to the nanoscale and even single molecule regime.
- Low-energy ( $\sim 20-500 \text{ eV}$ ) electrons penetrate only the first few atomic layers and can be used to investigate surface structure.
- The symmetry of LEED patterns is related to the periodicity of the substrate and adsorbate overlayer structure.
- XPS probes the electronic states associated with core levels and is particularly well suited to quantitative elemental analysis.
- UPS probes the electronic states associated with valence electrons, and is particularly well suited to the study of electronic changes associated with chemical bonding.
- AES is also used for quantitative elemental analysis.
- In IR spectroscopy at metal surfaces, a strict dipole selection rule means that only vibrations with a component along the surface normal can be observed.
- In EELS electrons scatter through dipole, impact and/or resonance scattering mechanisms, and no strict selection rule can be assumed unless the mechanism is known.
- EELS is suitable for the investigation of low-frequency vibrational modes.
- SHG and SFG can be interface sensitive even in the presence of a gas or liquid.
- SFG can be used not only to perform spectroscopy in the frequency domain, but also to perform pump-probe studies, which investigate dynamics directly in the time domain.