

Unveiling the local properties of nanomaterials using x-ray photoelectron spectromicroscopy

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International research centre specialized in synchrotron and free electron laser radiation and their application to materials and life sciences

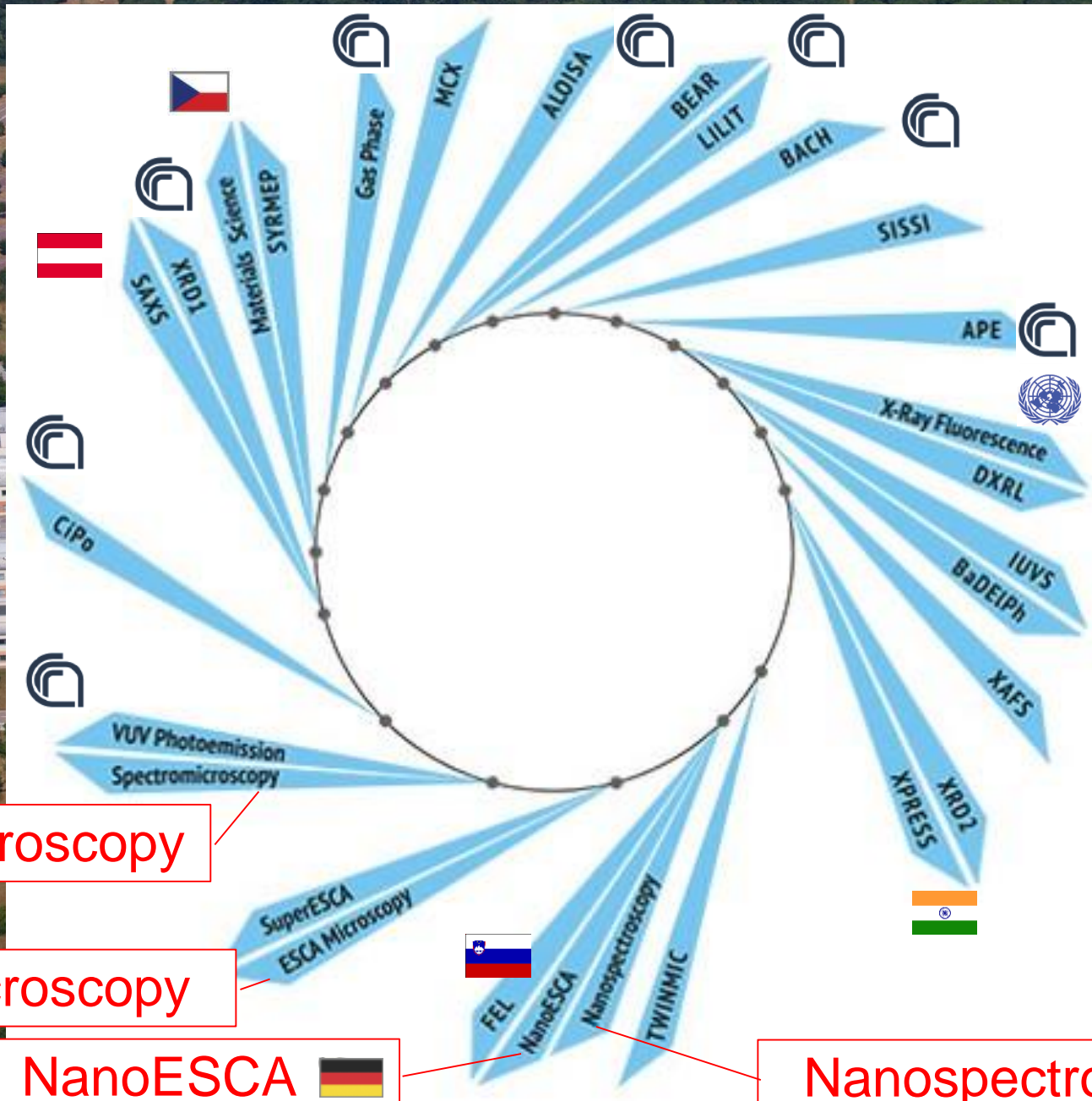
3rd generation synchrotron
first light (1993)
booster injector (2008)
constant accumulated current
310 mA (2 GeV)
160mA (2.4 GeV)
27 operating beamlines
open to academic users
06/2018 – 06/2019
submitted proposal
882 (Elettra) + 159 (CERIC)
Accepted proposals
451 + 93

FERMI free electron laser
(seeded source)
Wavelength (FEL 1): 100 – 20 nm
Lunghezza d'onda (FEL 2): 20 – 4 nm
Pulse energy : 100 – 10 μ J
Pulse duration: 150 – 20 fs
Frequency: 10 – 50 Hz



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Elettra photoemission spectromicroscopes



Spectromicroscopy

ESCAmicroscopy

NanoESCA 

Nanospectroscopy

Outlook – materials & applications

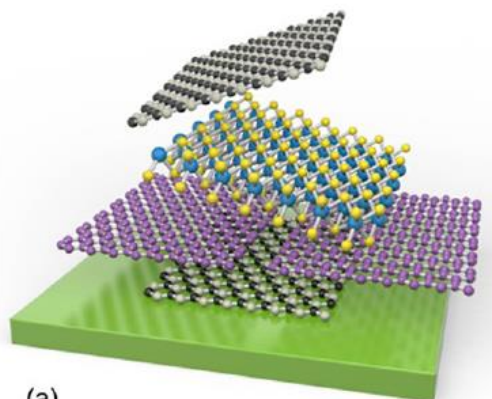
Nanomaterials

Electronic and optical devices

Magnetic devices

Corrosion protection...

Catalysis and electro-chemistry



Goal

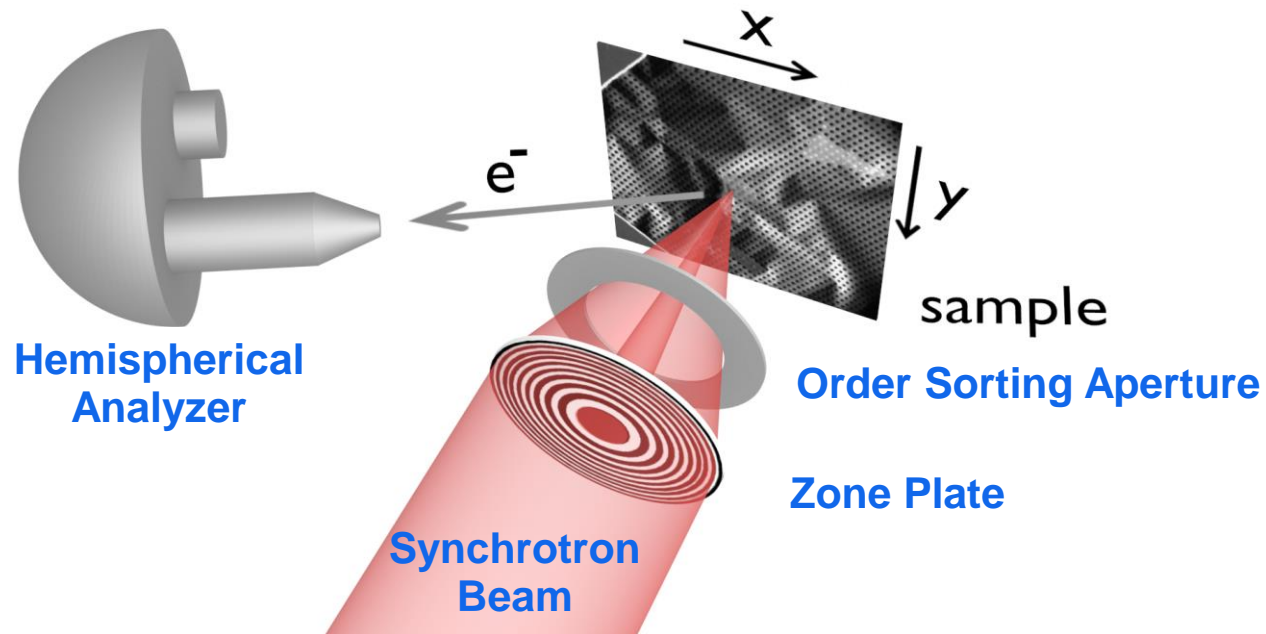
understand/control their properties at the microscopic scale!

- Crystal Structure / Morphology
- Chemical / Electronic Structure
- Magnetic Structure
- Interfacial interactions

**Synchrotron-based
Spectromicroscopes**

ESCA Microscopy Beamline

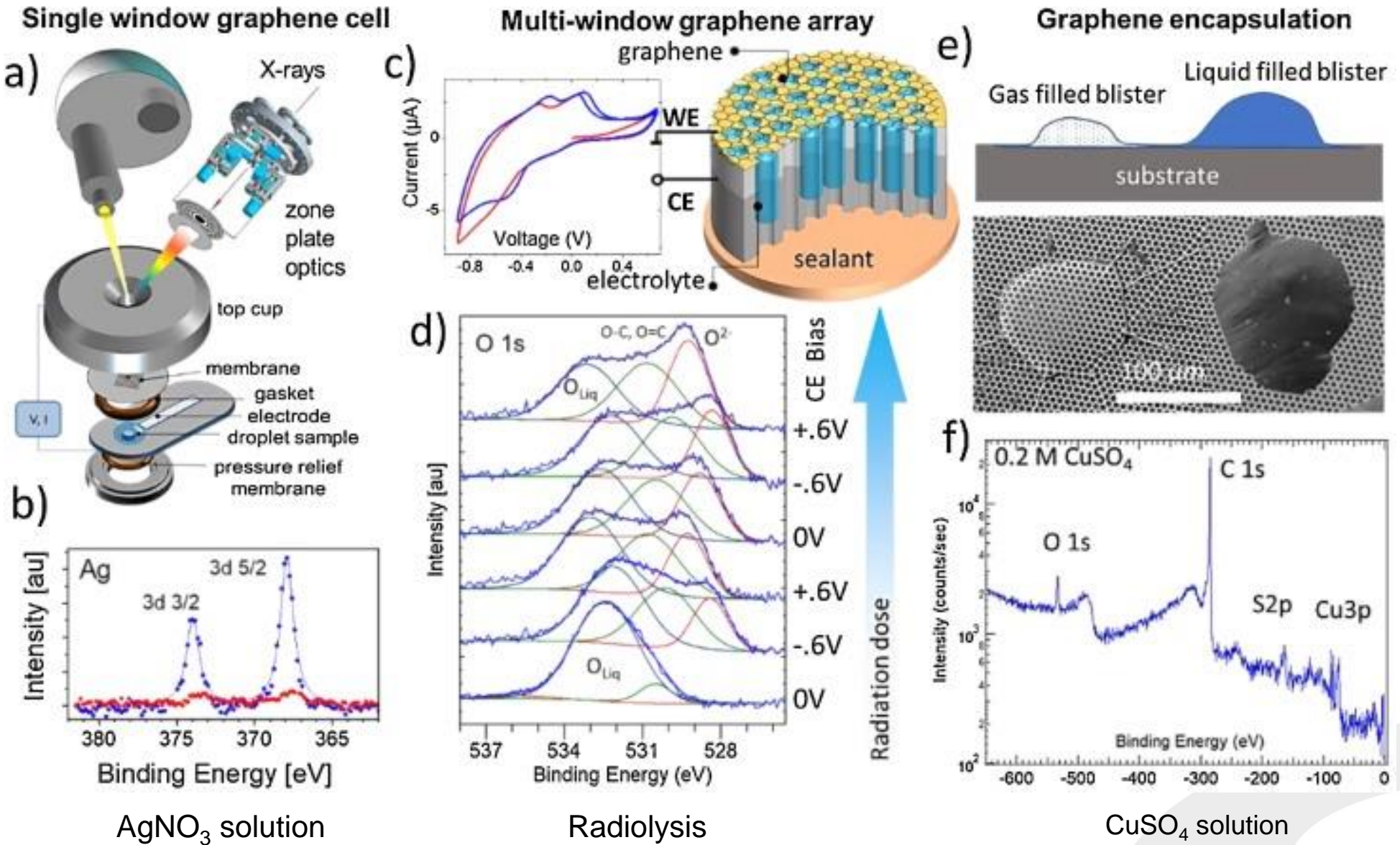
Scanning Photoelectron Microscope (SPEM)



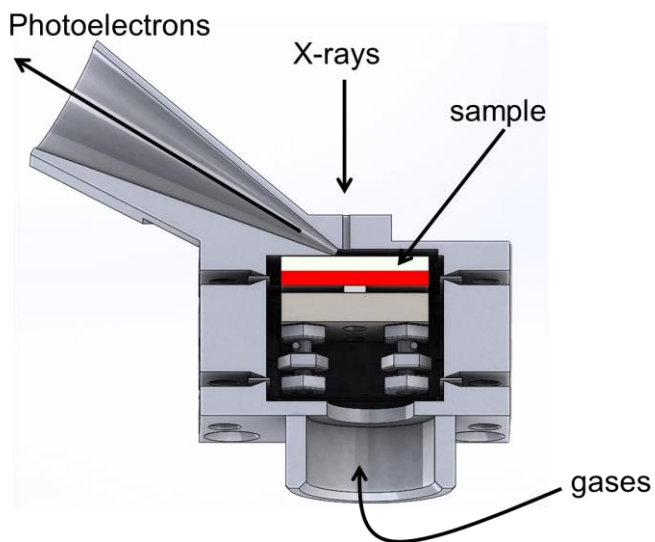
- Linearly Polarised Undulator
- Photon energy range: 400 – 1200 eV
- Overall Energy resolution: $\sim 180\text{meV}$ @ 500 eV
- **Beam Spot size at the sample: $> 130\text{ nm}$ @ 500 eV**

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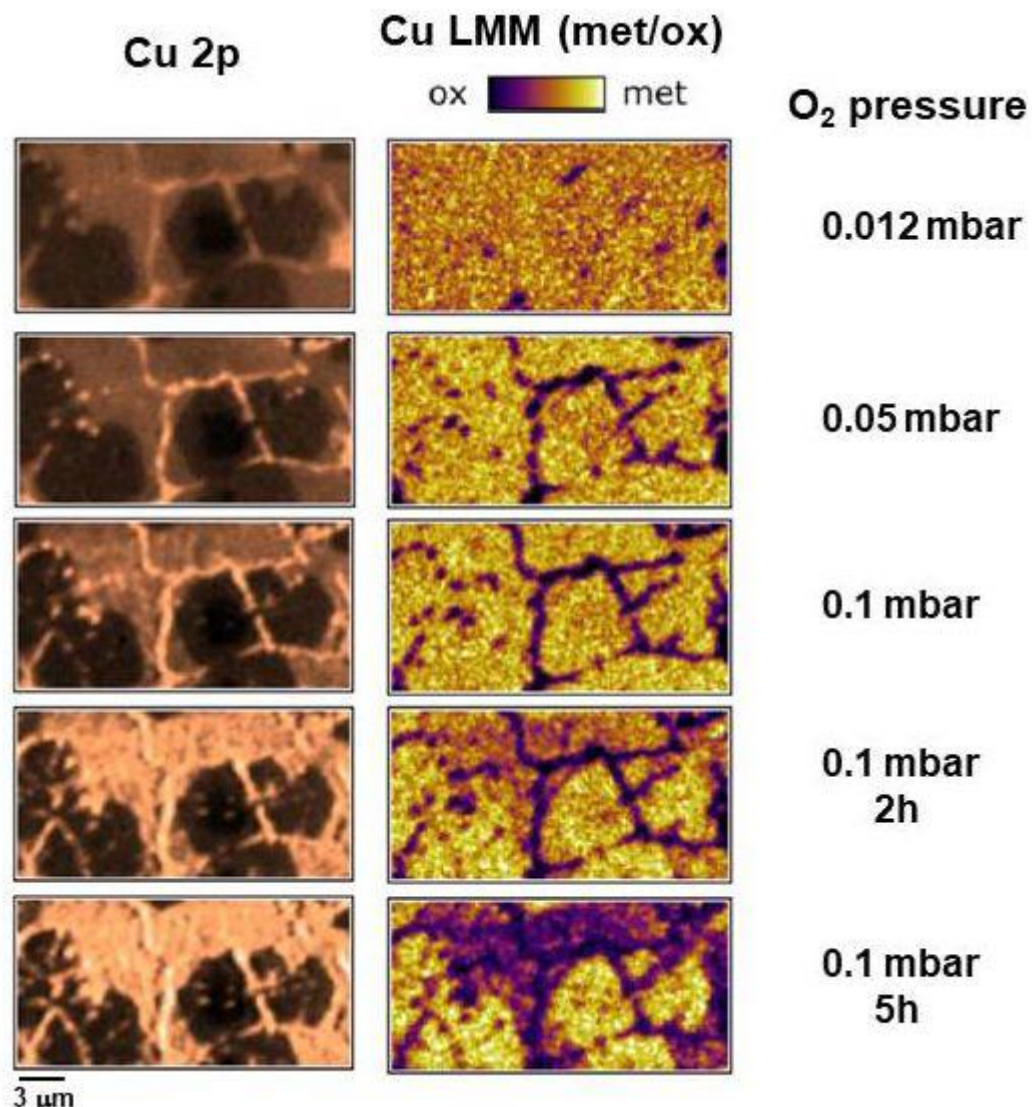
Graphene environmental cells: probing liquids



Highlighting the Dynamics of Graphene Protection toward the Oxidation of Copper Under Operando Conditions



Near Ambient Pressure Cell for NAP-XPS spectromicroscopy
(custom set up for pressure up to 1 mbar)



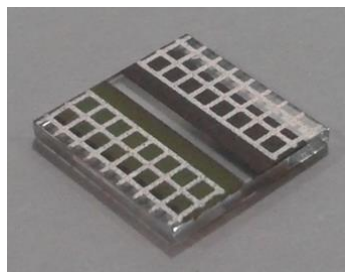
Characterization of a single-chamber solid oxide fuel cell



(in collaboration with B. Bozzini, Università del Salento, Italy)

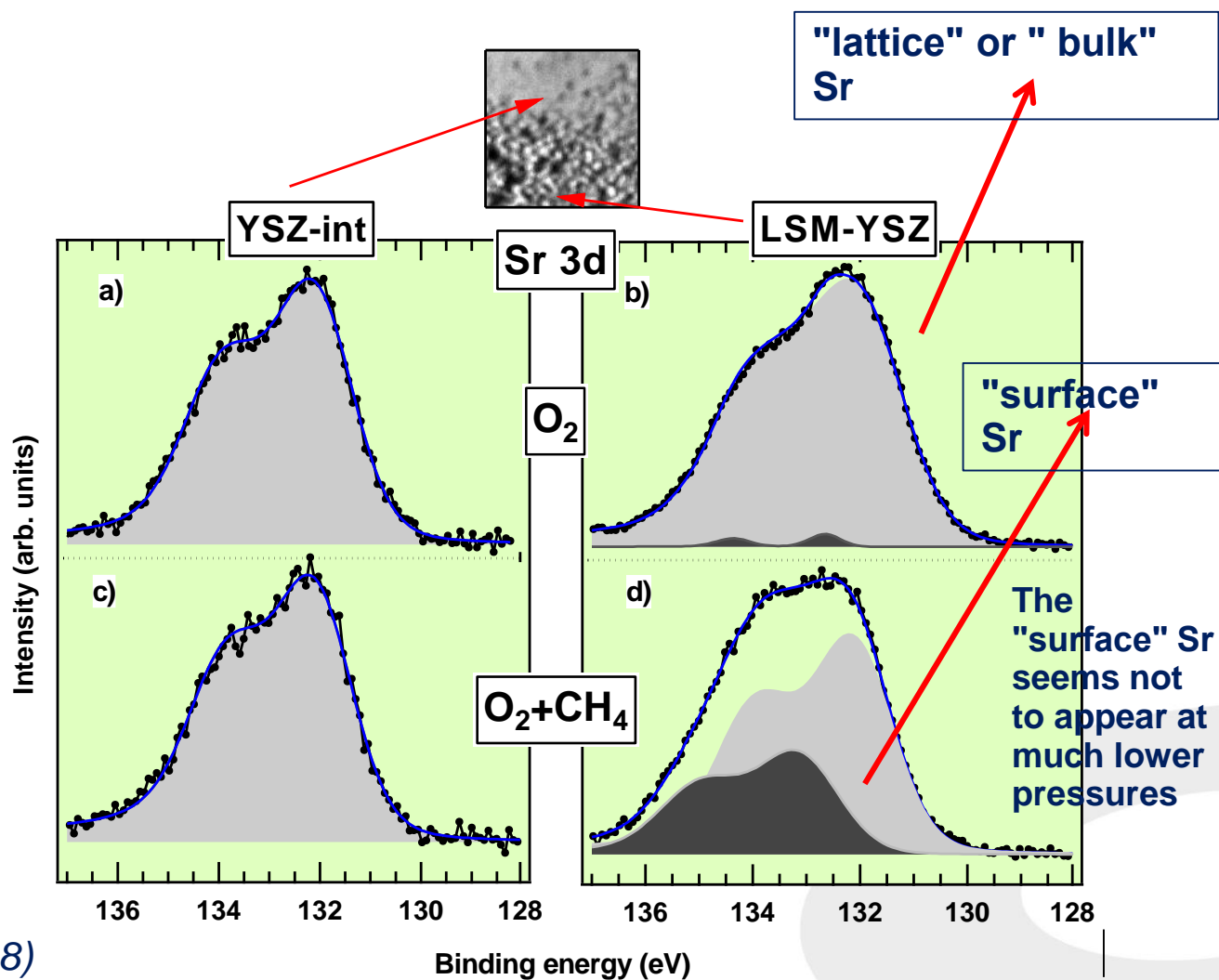
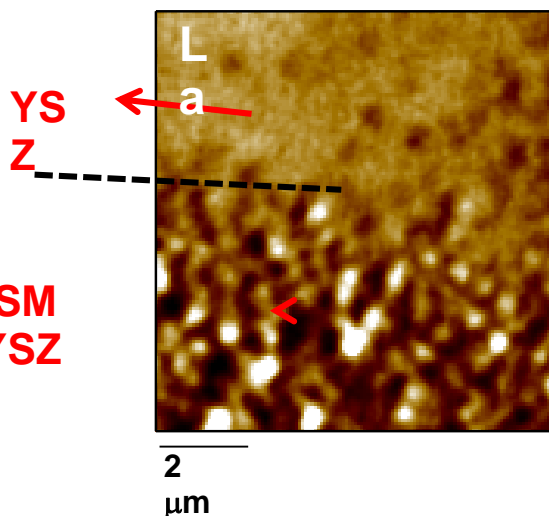
- In *operando* near-ambient pressure characterization of an operating single chamber solid oxide fuel cell (SC-SOFC)

T= 923 K with a CH₄/O₂ gas mixture; P_{max}=0.1 mbar



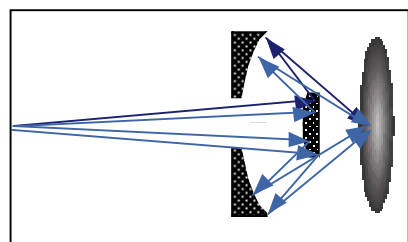
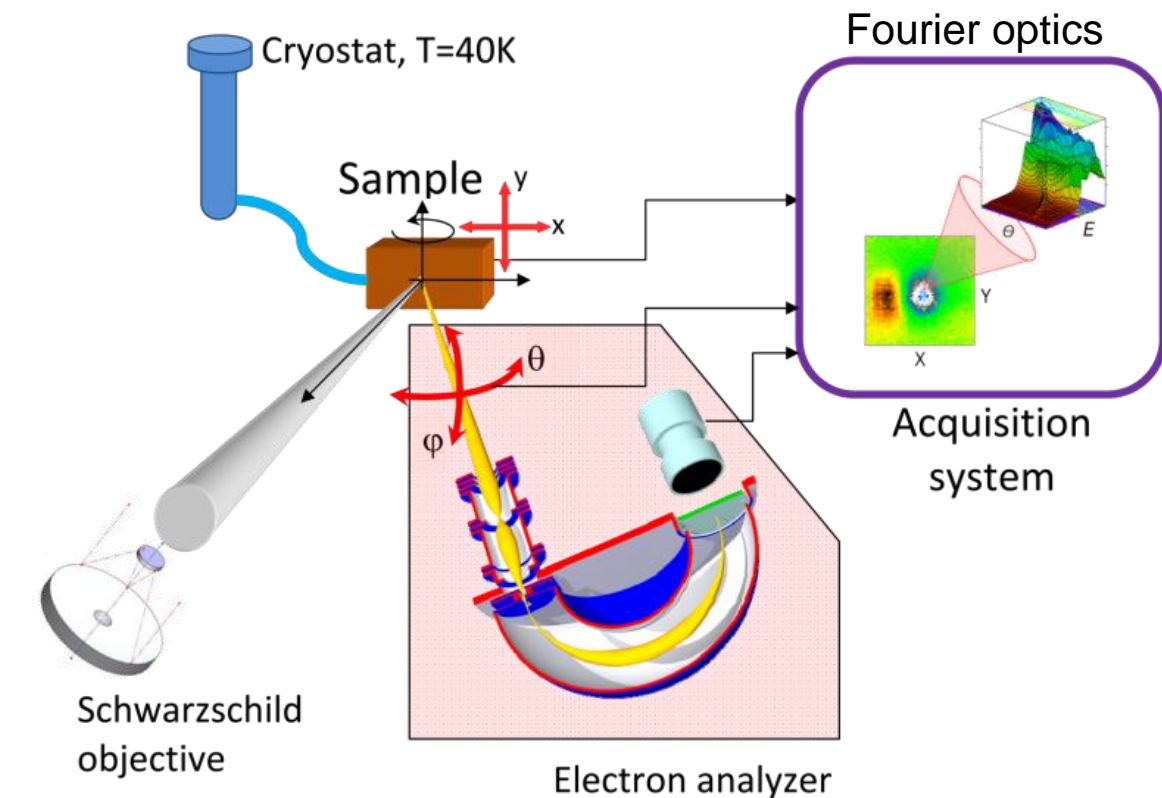
NiO – anode
LSM – cathode
YSZ – electrolyte

SPEM map of the interface

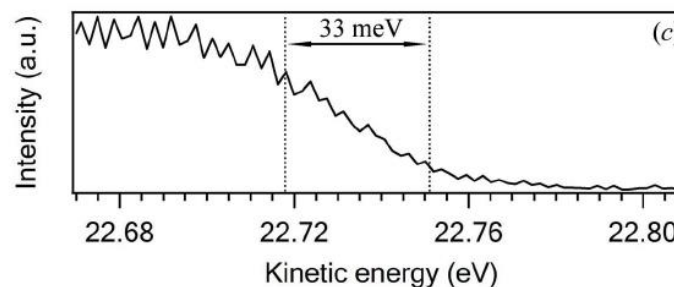
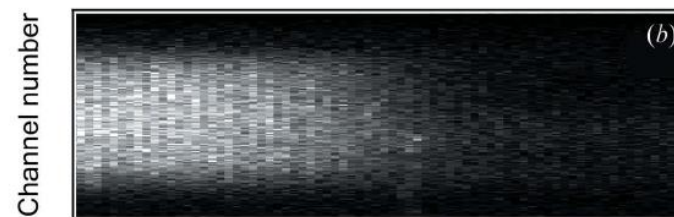
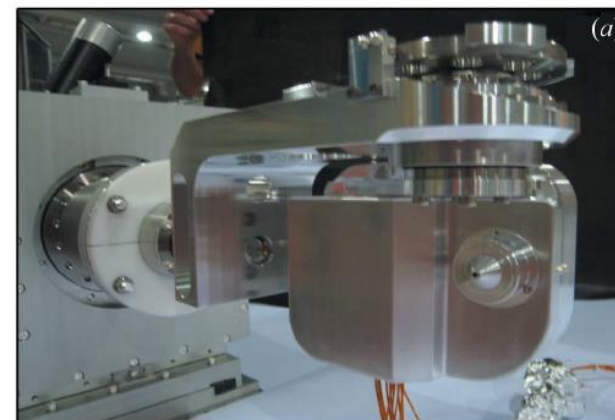


Spectromicroscopy beamline

microspot angle resolved x-ray photoemission spectroscopy

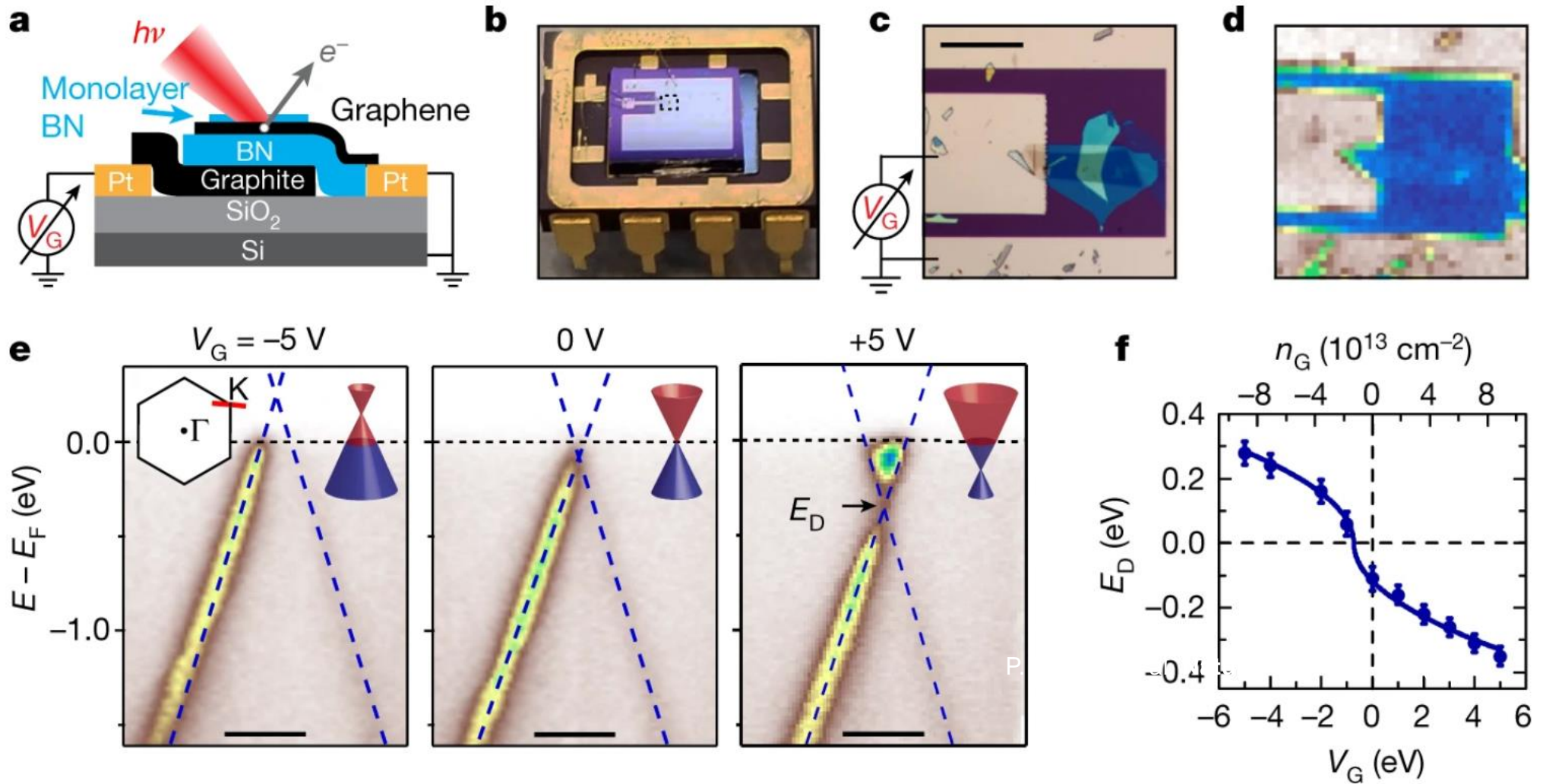


Resolution, $0.6 \mu\text{m}$
 $25\text{-}50 \text{ meV}$, $\pm 0.3^\circ$
 High photon flux $> 10^{10-11} \text{ ph sec}^{-1}$
 Two possible energies: 27 eV with $< 1\%$ scattered background and 74 eV with $< 20\%$ scattered background.
 Vacuum $< 1.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ mbar}$.



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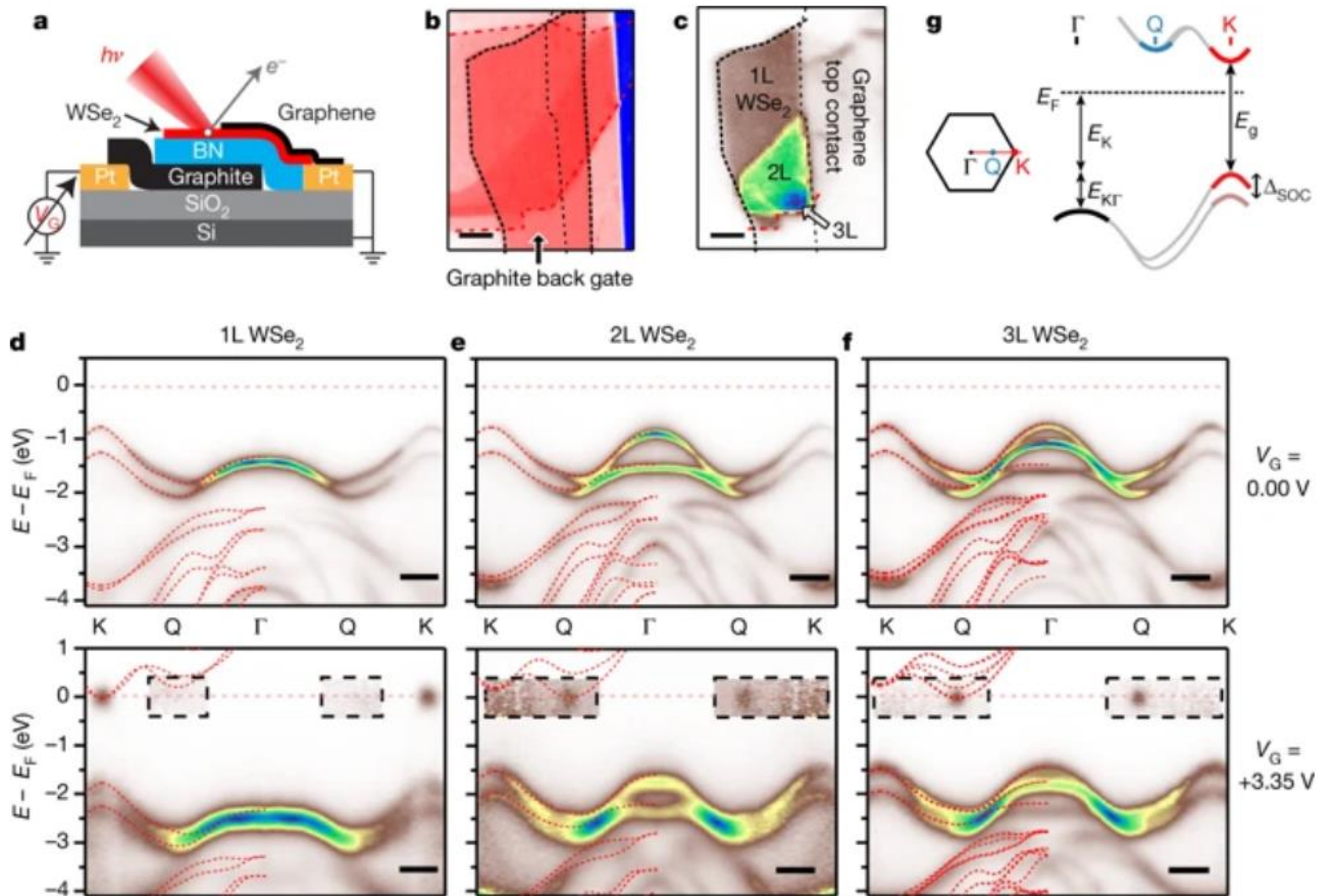
Visualizing electrostatic gating of monolayer graphene



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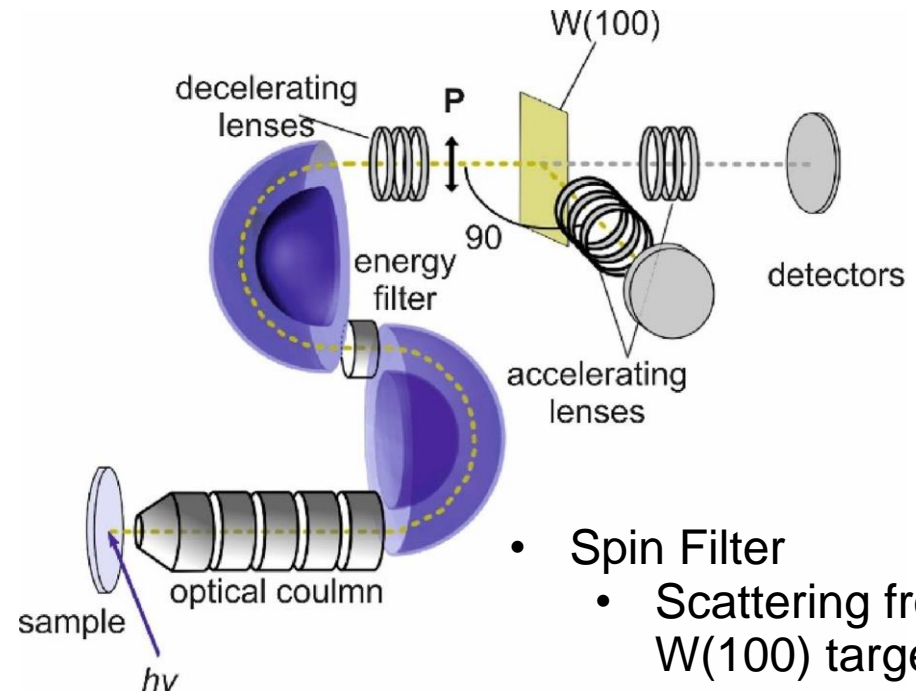
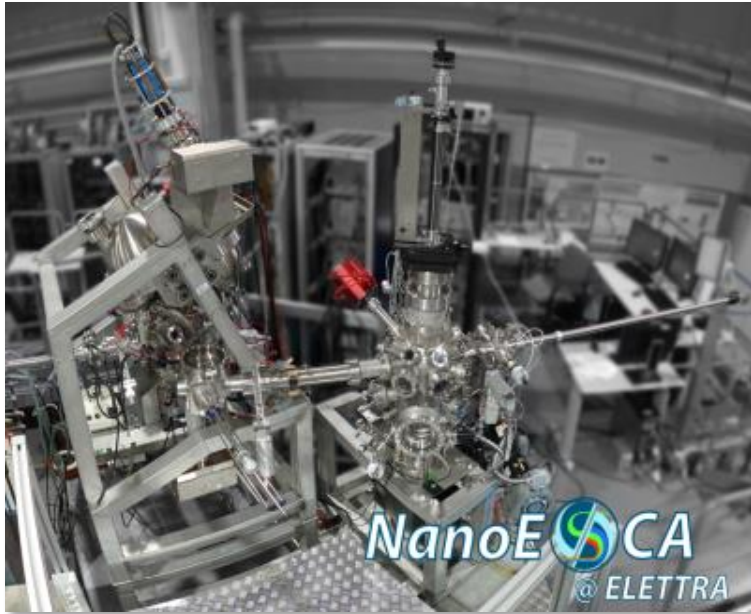
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Visualizing electrostatic Layer-number-dependent CBE in WSe₂



NanoESCA beamline

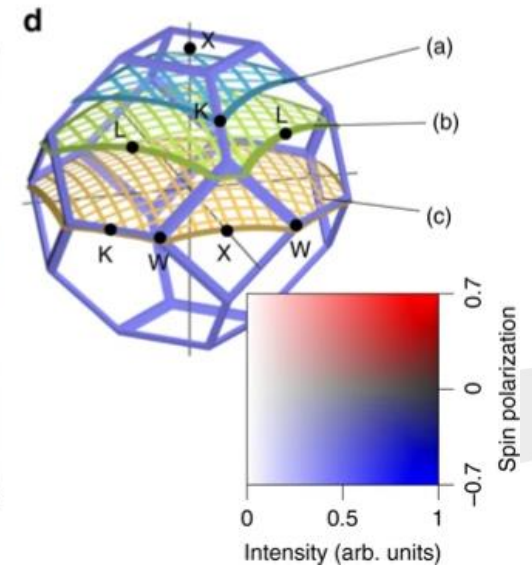
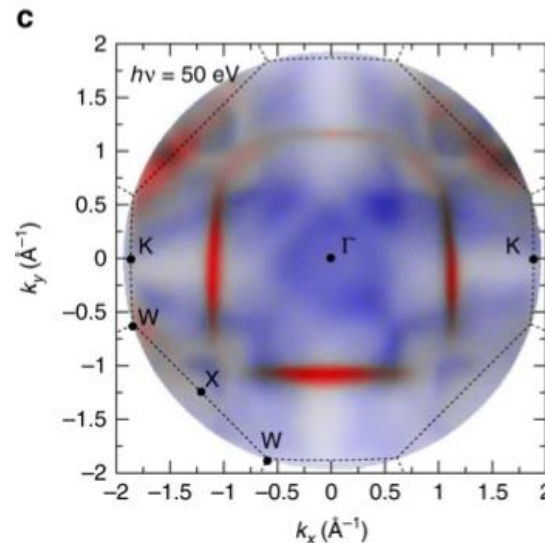
microspot angle resolved x-ray photoemission spectroscopy



- Spin Filter
 - Scattering from W(100) target

- $h\nu$: 20 – 1000 eV, **s p** and **c+/c-** pol.
- Energy Filter: $\Delta E \sim 70$ meV
 - **Real Space** (100 nm)
 - **Reciprocal Space**
 - μ -ARPES: spot size ~ 12 -4 μm

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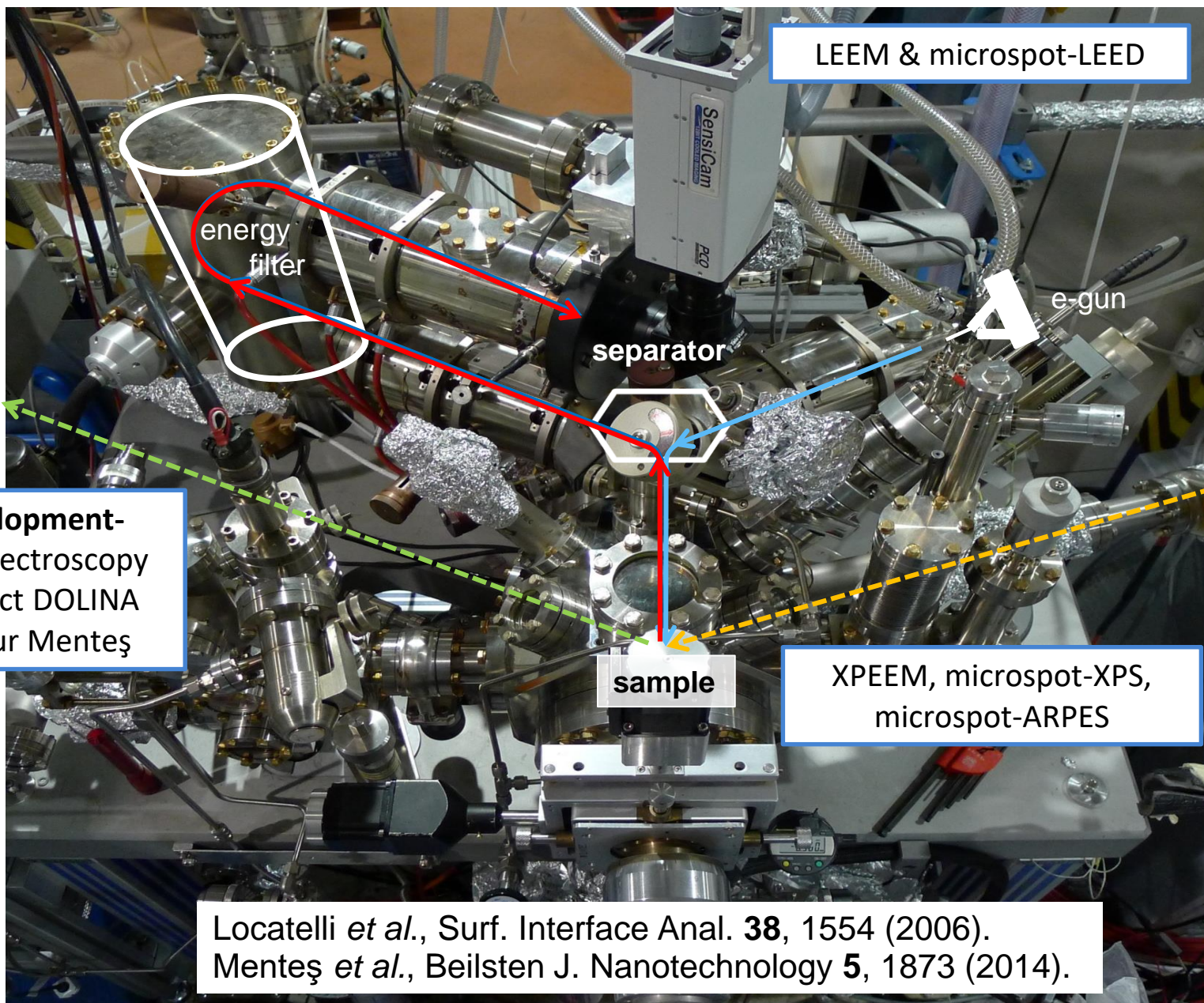




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The SPELEEM @ Nanospectroscopy

Full-field, soft x-rays (25-1000eV) or low energy electrons as probe

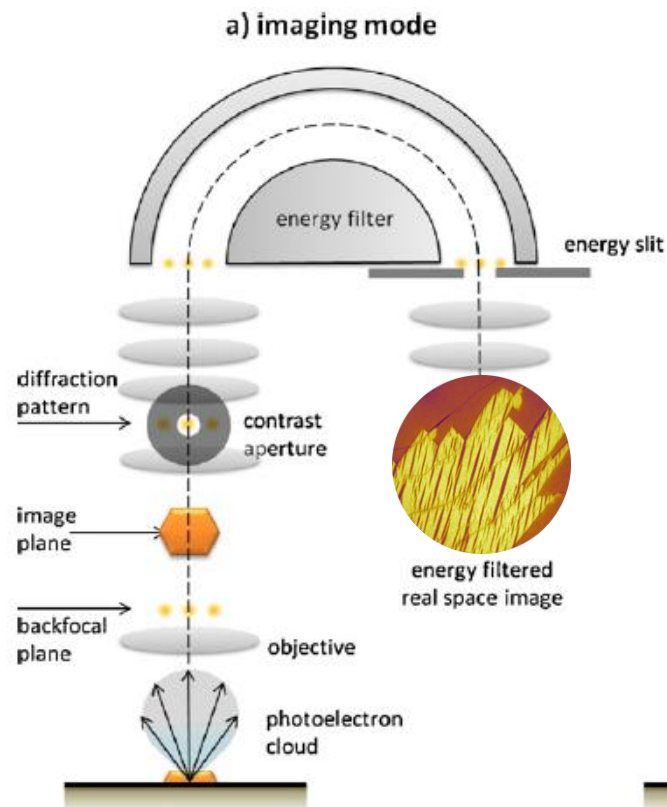


-under development-
CDI @ Nanospectroscopy
Internal project DOLINA
by Tefvik Onur Menteş

Locatelli *et al.*, Surf. Interface Anal. **38**, 1554 (2006).
Menteş *et al.*, Beilstein J. Nanotechnology **5**, 1873 (2014).

SPELEEM multi-method analysis

Spectroscopic imaging
XAS-PEEM / XPEEM / LEEM

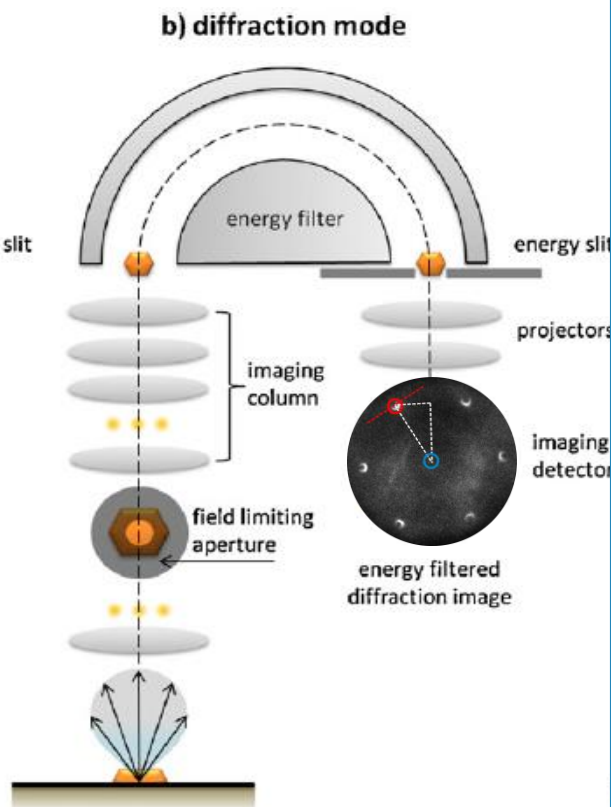


spatial resolution
LEEM : 10 nm
XPEEM : 25 nm

energy resolution
XPEEM : 0.3 eV

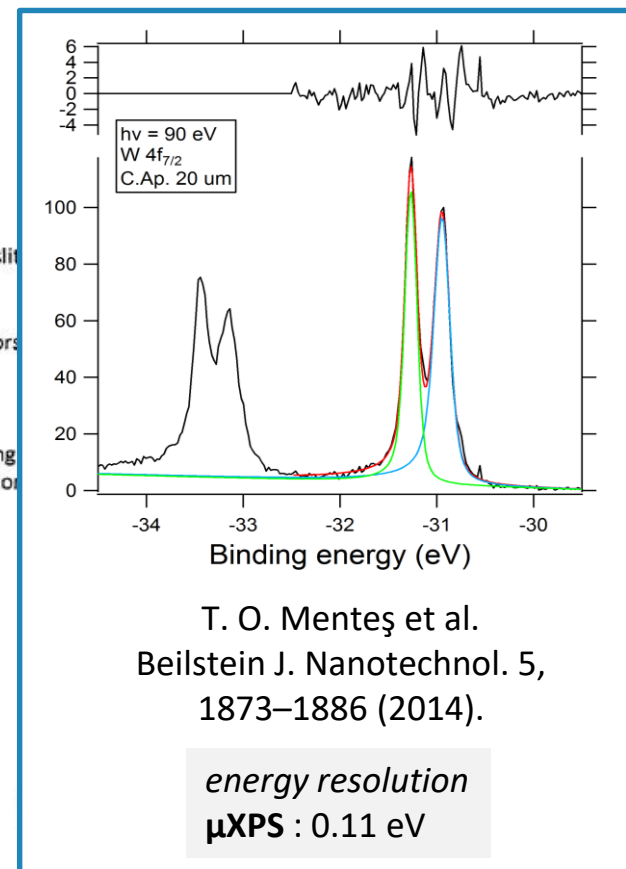
Detector blanking available for time-resolved XMCD-PEEM: see Ultramicroscopy 202, 10-17 (2019)

microprobe-diffraction
ARPES / LEED



Limited: to 2 microns in dia.
Energy resolution:
ARPES: 0.3 eV
angular resolution
ARPES: 0.01 Å⁻¹

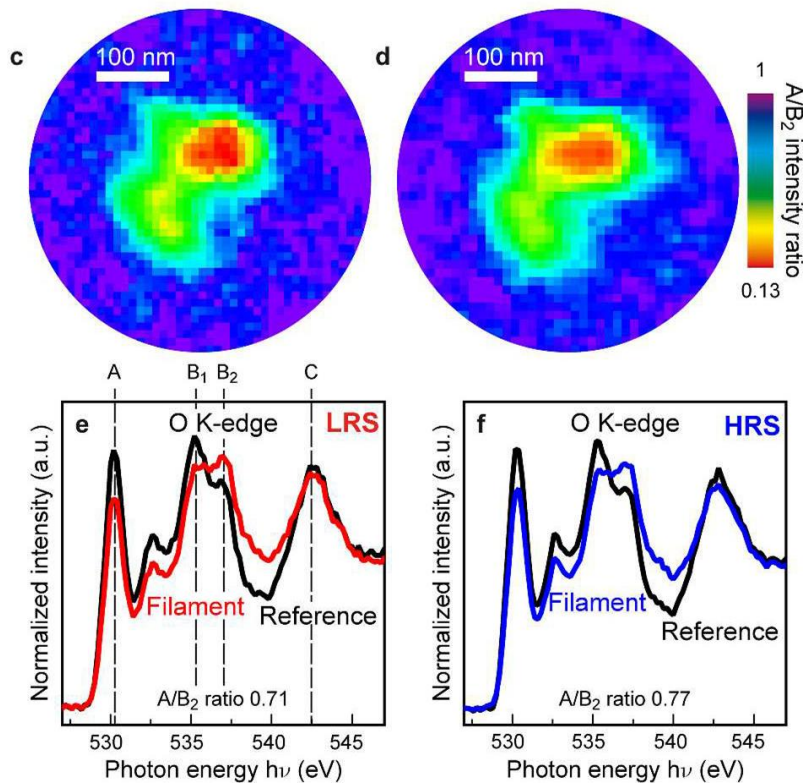
microprobe-spectroscopy
Fast-XPS



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XAS-PEEM and mu-ARPES

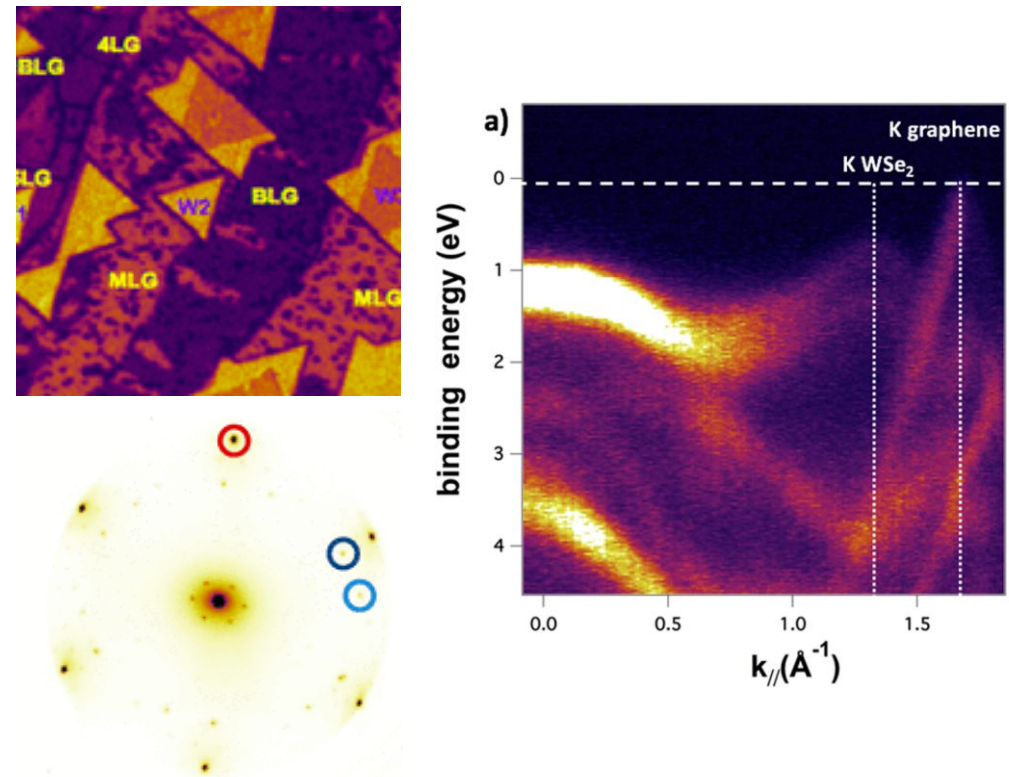
- ✓ microscopic origin of resistance variability in memristor devices



XAS at high lateral resolution reveals oxidation state at filaments

C. Baeumer *et al.*, ACS Nano 11, 6921 (2017).
See also: C. Baeumer *et al.*, Nano Lett. 19, 54–60 (2019).

- ✓ Electronic Properties at the WSe₂-Graphene Interface

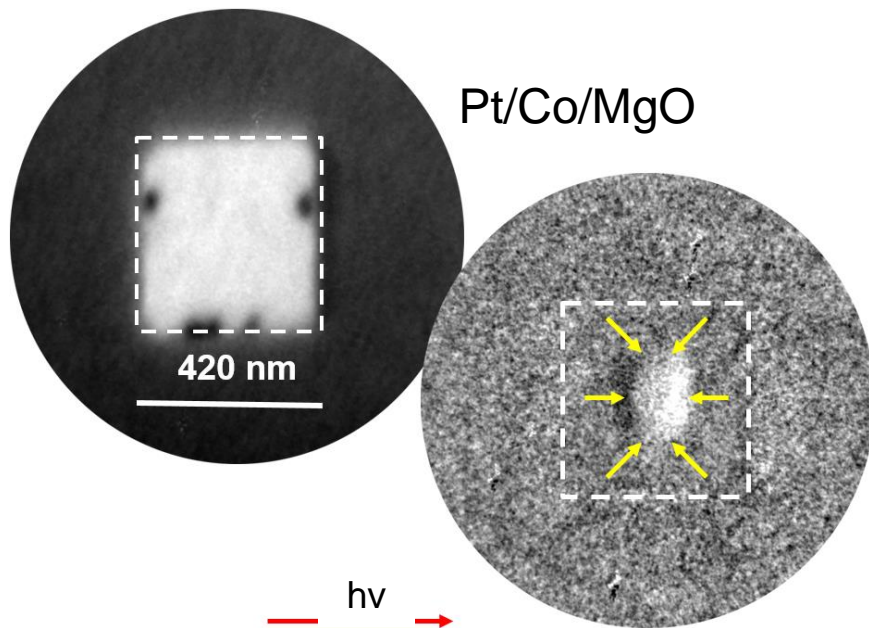


Unique combination of crystal and electronic structure information

S. Agnoli *et al.*, ACS Appl. Nano Mater. 1 (3), 1131–114 (2018)

SPELEEM examples: magnetic imaging at high lateral resolution

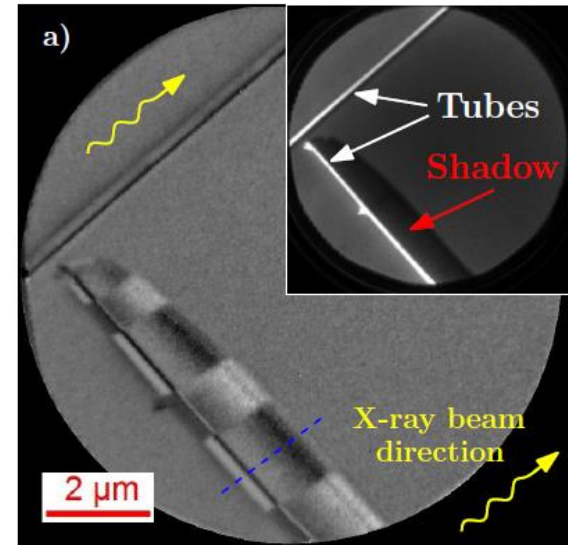
- ✓ First observation of chiral skyrmions at room temperature



O. Boulle *et al.*, Nat. Nanotech. **11**, 449–454 (2016)
doi: 10.1038/nnano.2015.315

More recently, «Current-Driven Skyrmion Motion and SHE»
R. Juge *et al.*, Phys Rev. Appl. **12**. 044007 (2019)

- ✓ Magnetism in Nanowires



Fast Domain Wall Motion in cylindrical magnetic NW
M. Schöbitz *et al.*, Phys Rev. Lett., accepted (2019)

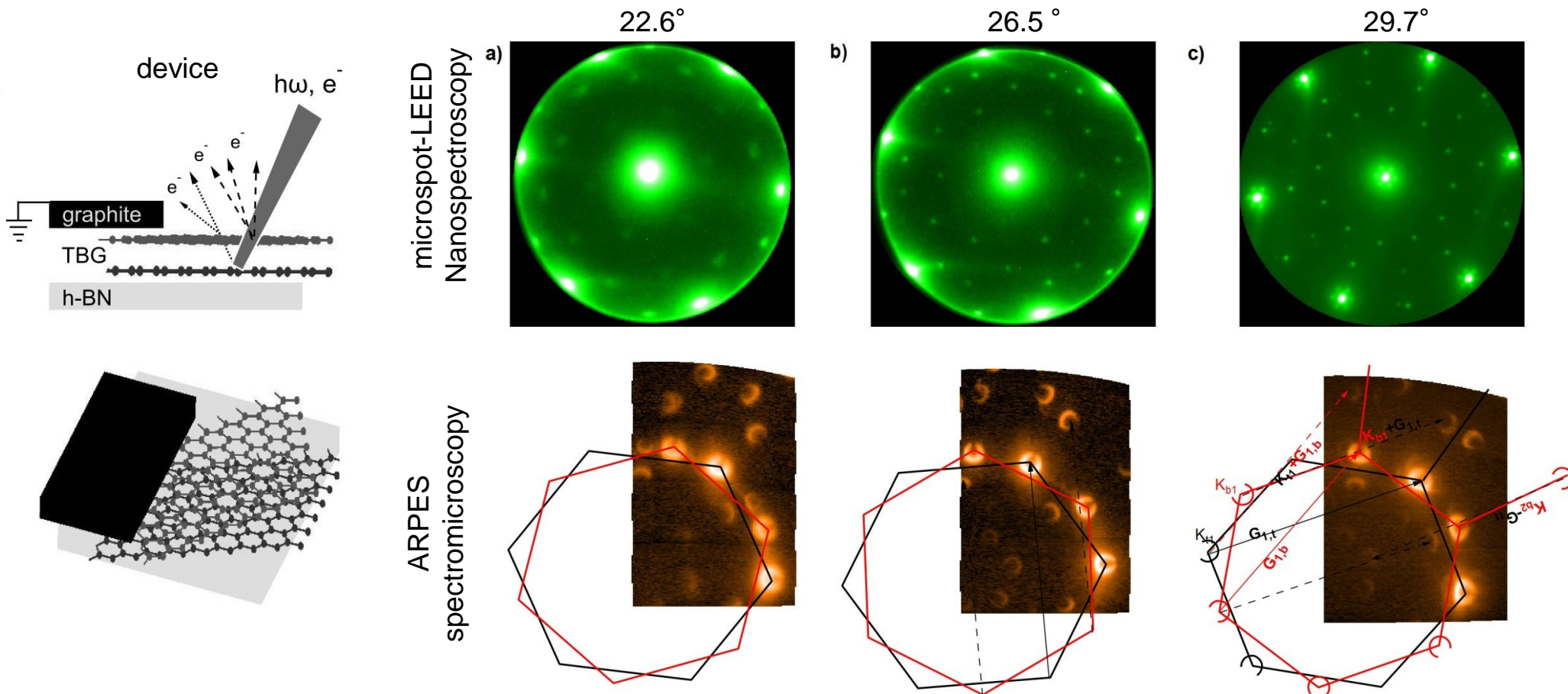
Flux-closure domains in high aspect ratio
electroless-deposited CoNiB nanotubes
M. Staňo *et al.*, SciPost Phys. **5**, 038 (2018)

Quantitative analysis of shadow XMCD-PEEM
S. Jamet *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B **92**, 144428 (2015)

Bloch-point DW in cylindrical magnetic NW
S. Da Col *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B **89**, 180405(R) (2014).

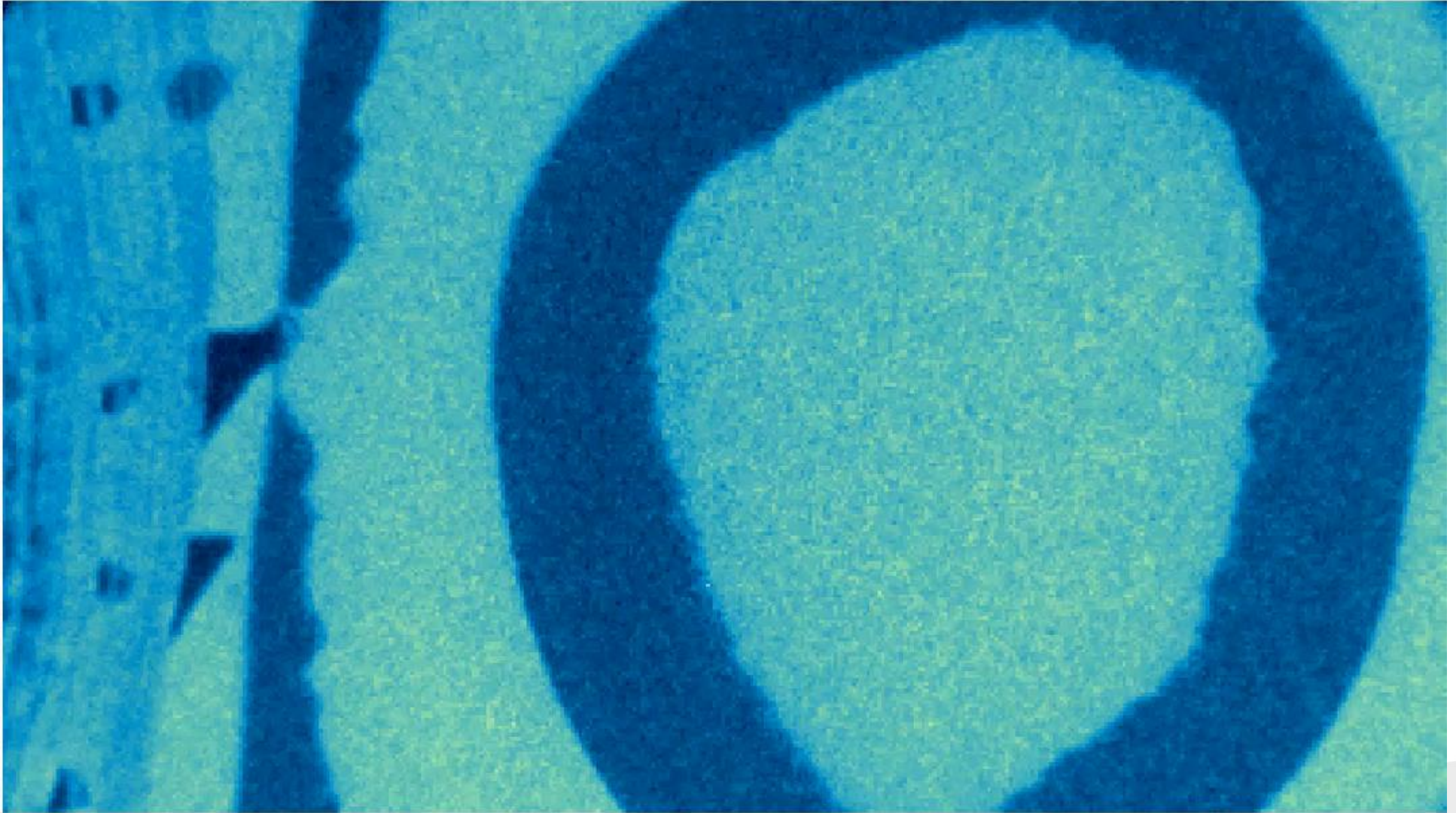
Artificially fabricated 2D heterostacks

- ✓ Combining LEEM & microspot LEED with ARPES capabilities (energy resolution in particular) is highly desirable!
- ✓ Example: twisted graphene/h-BN (Graphene institute, Manchester, UK)



M. Hamer, A. Barinov, R. Gorbachev *et al.*, in preparation

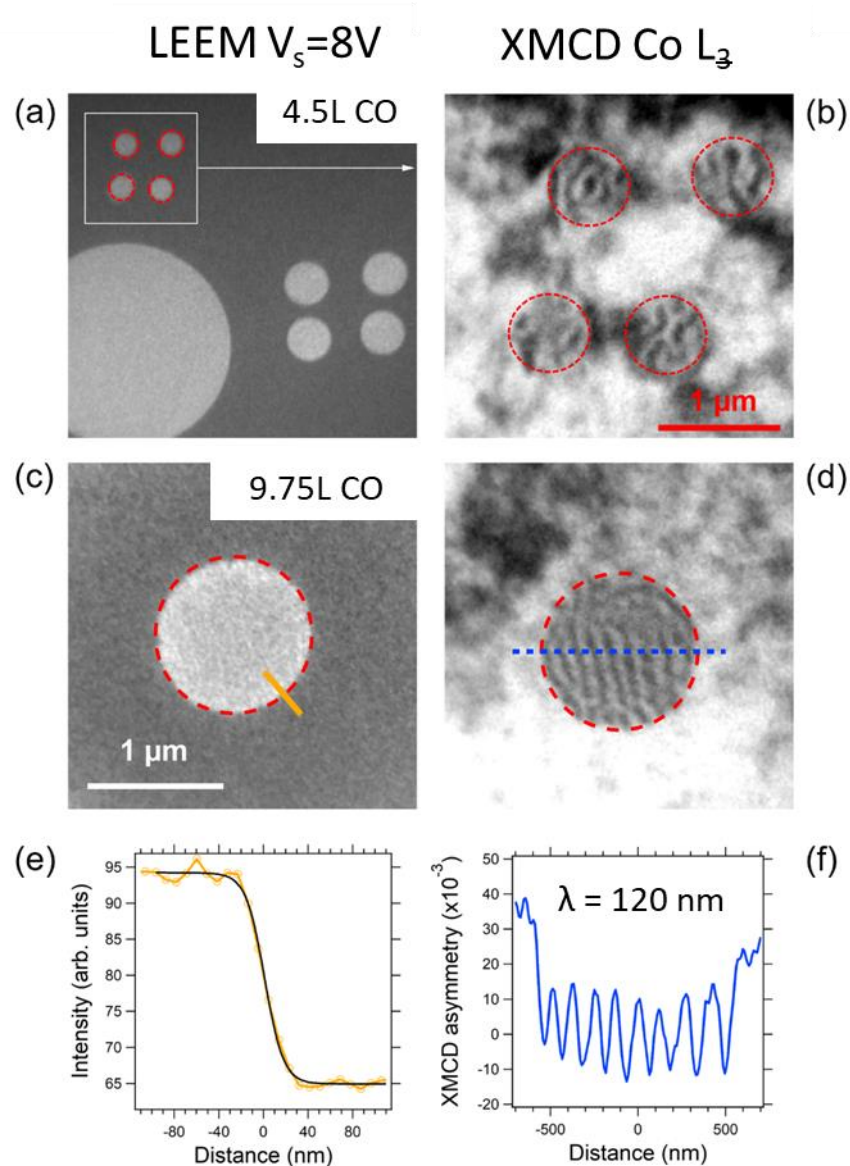
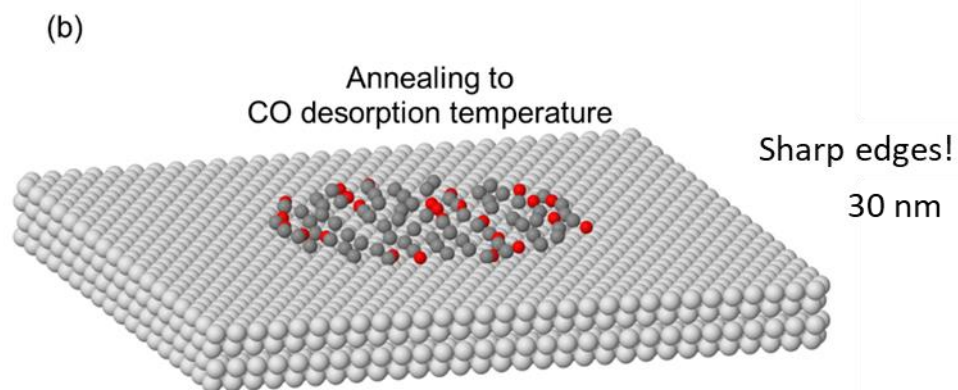
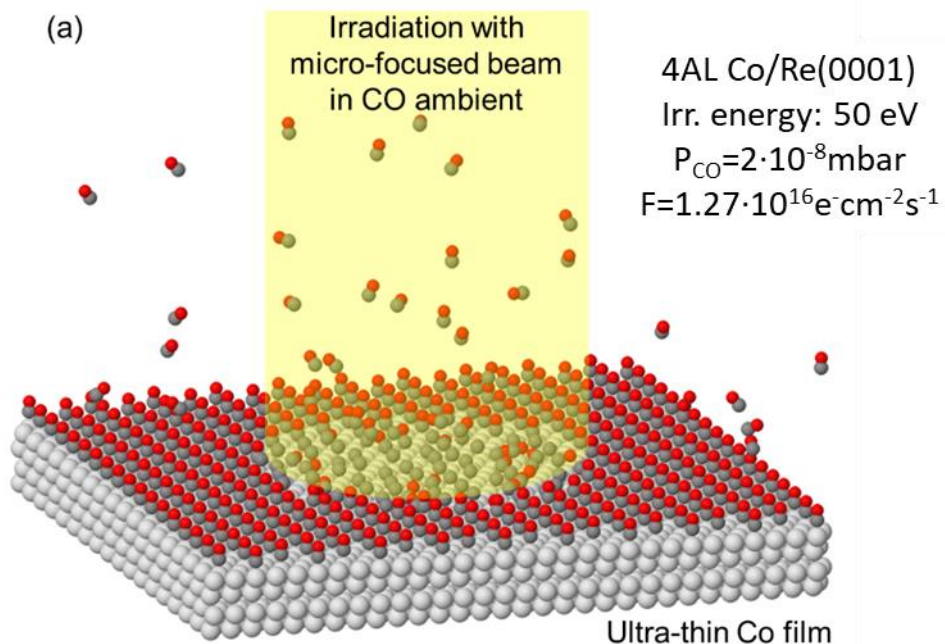
LEEM Imaging: thin film growth



Thickness dependent intensity modulations
Co/Re(0001) at $T= 460\text{K}$

electron-beam assisted carbon lithography

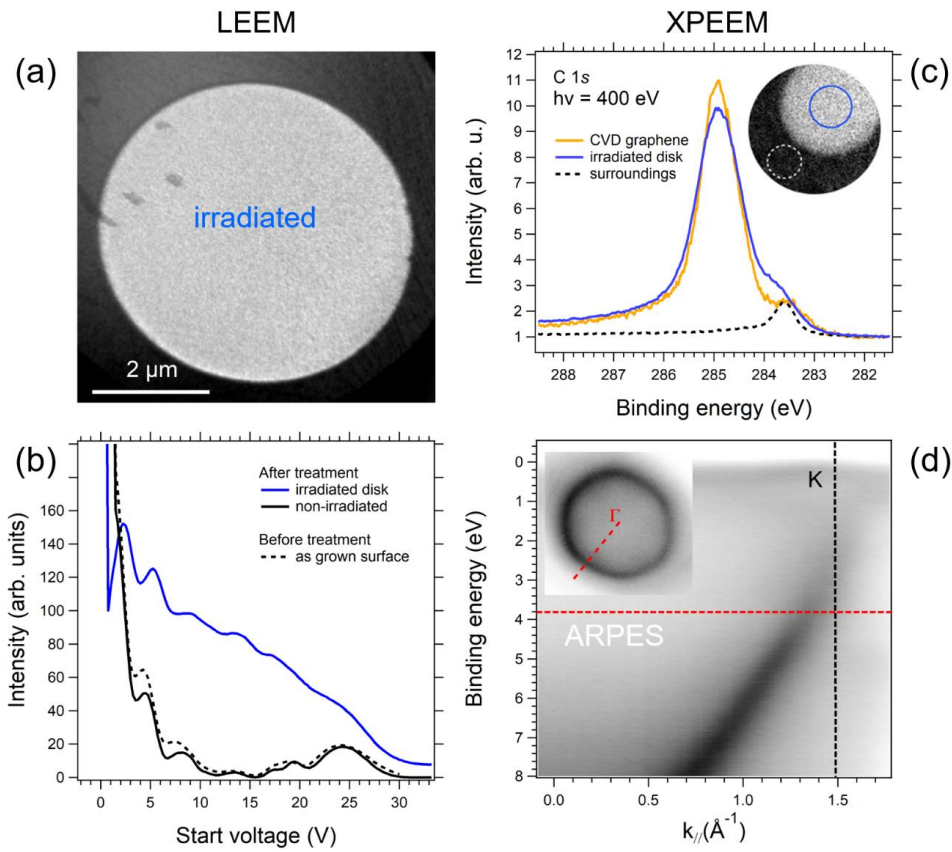
Similar to FXBIP and FEBIP



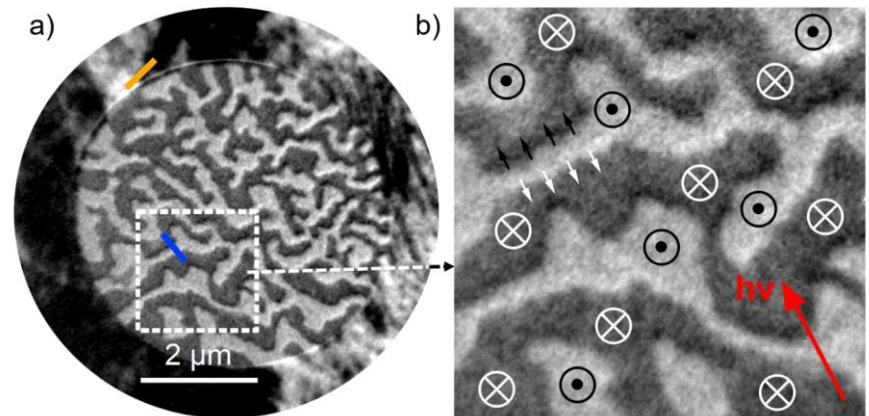
Chemistry and magnetism of gr/Co/Re(001)

CO exposures of the order or in excess of 1000 L \rightarrow ML amount of carbon on the surface, which transforms to graphene upon annealing at 380° C.

✓ enhanced perpendicular magnetic anisotropy



XMCD-PEEM Co L_3



- Néel magnetic domains with right handed chirality
- Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction \rightarrow
- Skyrmion bubbles observed upon magnetization reversal

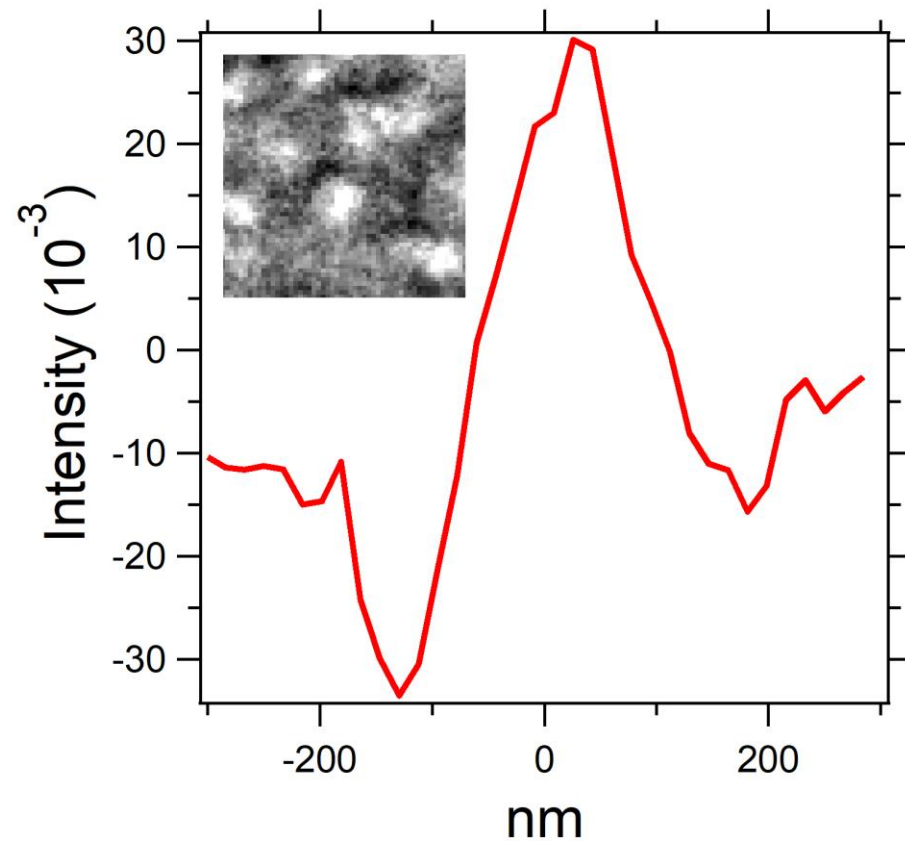
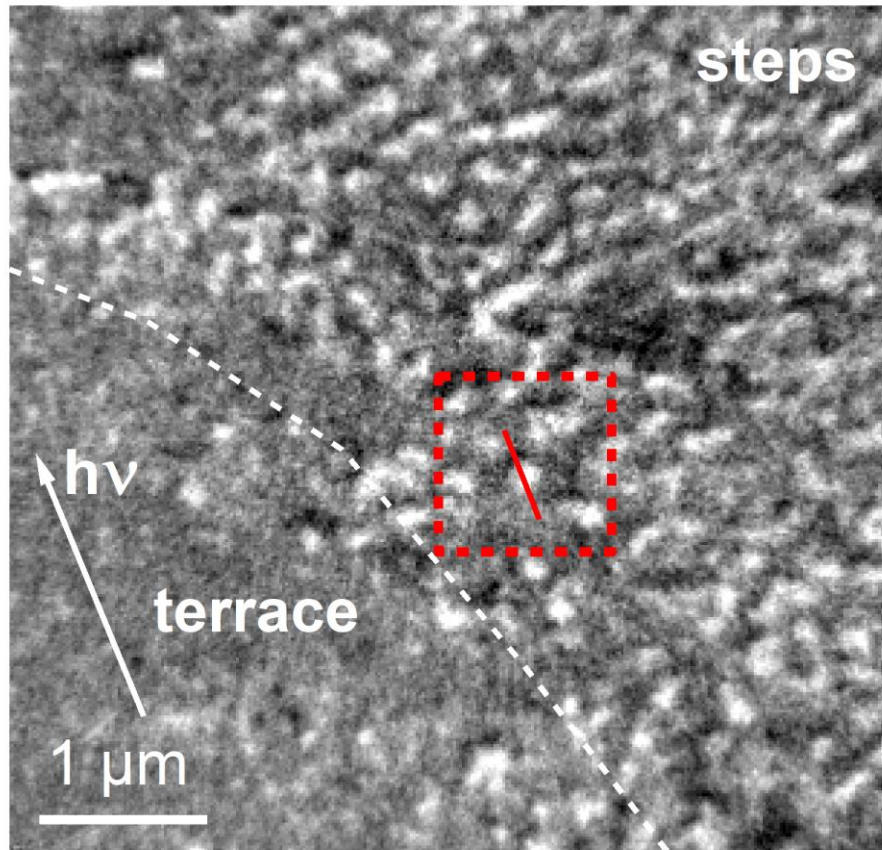
P. Genoni *et al.*, ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces 10(32), 27178–27187 (2018)

F. Genuzio *et al.*,

J. Phys. Chem. C 123(13), 8360-8369 (2019);

IEEE Transactions on Magnetics 55(2), 1-4 (2019);

XMCD-PEEM imaging of a hysteresis cycle



Summary

photoemission microscopes available at Elettra: SPEM, XPEEM

- Nanometer-range lateral resolution
- LEEM in-situ preparation with surface science methodology
- time-resolved studies using stroboscopic approach
- Magnetic imaging
- Capabilities in operando experiments
- SPEM @ near ambient pressure

microprobe ARPES

- Spectromicroscopy beamline
- NanoESCA (also spin-resolved)