# Progress in the Development of New Optics for Very High-Resolution Inelastic X-Ray Scattering Spectroscopy

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#### Content

- IXS spectroscopy with meV resolution: how it works now?
- Angular dispersion as alternative monochromatization principle.
- $(+, +, \pm)$  Monochromator.
- $(+, +, \pm)$  Analyzer.
- Layouts of the novel IXS spectrometer.
- Present status of the experimental effort
- First experiment: observation of the effect of the angular dispersion
- Summary and outlook

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#### Modern IXS Spectrometer (layout)



High-resolution analyzer is a two-dimensional array of flat crystals on a sphere of radius  $R_{
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#### **High-Resolution Spherical Crystal Analyzer**



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#### Burkel, Dorner, Peisl (1987)



#### X-ray Bragg diffraction and crystal reflectivity



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Solution:

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#### New concept illustrated with optical prism





#### New concept



DE - dispersing element C - collimator W - wavelength selector

An asymmetrically cut crystal behaves like the optical prism dispersing the photons with different photon energies: effect of angular dispersion.

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#### Effect of angular dispersion (1)

$$K_{H} = K_{0} + \tilde{H}$$
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 $\alpha \propto 1 - n$ 

n – refractive index



#### Effect of angular dispersion (2)

 $K_{H} = K_{0} + H$  $\tilde{H} = H + \Delta_H$  $\Delta_{H} = K \frac{\alpha}{\sin(\theta - \eta)} \hat{z}$  $heta < \pi/2$  $\delta heta' = -rac{\delta E}{E} (1+b) an heta$  $b = -rac{\sin( heta-\eta)}{\sin( heta+\eta)}$ 



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$$\begin{split} & K_H = K_0 + \tilde{H} \\ & \tilde{H} = H + \Delta_H \\ & \Delta_H = K \frac{\alpha}{\sin(\theta - \eta)} \hat{z} \\ & \theta \simeq \pi/2 \\ & \delta \theta' = \frac{\delta E}{E} \left( 2 \tan \eta \right) \end{split}$$



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#### **Effect of angular dispersion (4)**



#### **Effect of angular dispersion (5)**



#### Effect of angular dispersion (6)





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#### Spectral resolution of the $(+,+,\pm)$ monochromator



 $E = 10 \text{ keV} \Rightarrow \Delta E = 10 - 0.1 \text{ meV}$  $E = 5 \text{ keV} \Rightarrow \Delta E = 5 - 0.05 \text{ meV}$ 

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#### **Energy dependence of the reflectivity in Si in backscattering**





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#### **1: single-bounce** $\Delta E = 0.82 \text{ meV}$ $E_0 = 21.7 \text{ keV}$ 0.8 З Graef, Materlik (1982) (a) (a) Verbeni et al. (1996) 0.7 1 |2: (+, +)| $\Delta E = 0.80 \; { m meV}$ $E_0 = 14.4 \text{ keV}$ 0.6 Throughput 0.5 CRL Chumakov et al. (1996) 00000 Toellner et al. (1997)4 0.4 **3**: $(+, +, \pm)$ $\Delta E = 0.83 \; { m meV}$ $E_{_0}=9.1~{ m keV}$ 0.3 2 DF 0.2 $\Delta \epsilon$ Shvyd'ko (2004) 0.1 C/W 4: (+, - $\Delta E = 0.93 \; { m meV}$ 0.0 $E_0 = 9.4 \text{ keV}$ 2 -2 $\mathbf{O}$ Yabashi et al. (2001) $E-E_{o}$ [meV] Toellner et al. (2001)(a)

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- 1.  $\Delta E/E$  is independent of E or of Bragg reflection.
- 2. The smaller the photon energy E the smaller is the bandpass  $\Delta E$ .
- 3.  $\Delta E$  can be varied by changing  $\eta$  (*E* is fixed).
- 4. The peak throughput T and the angular acceptance  $\Delta \theta$

are almost constant (while changing  $\eta$ ).

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- 5. Steep wings in the spectral function.
- 6. The temperature control and energy tuning is technically not demanding (for x-ray photons in the low-energy region 5 10 keV).

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DE

# $(+,+,\pm)$ Analyzer



# $(+,+,\pm)$ IXS spectrometer (1)





# Energy tuning of the $(+,+,\pm)$ monochromator

... by changing the temperature of the dispersing element (DE)

#### Bragg back-reflection Si(008) @ 9.13 keV









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#### Thermostats for long crystals



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Bragg reflection: Si(220) Asymmetry angles:  $\eta_1 = \eta_3 = 19^{\circ}$ Angular acceptance:  $\Delta \theta_1 = 106 \ \mu$ rad Angular divergence:  $\Delta \theta'_1 = 5 \ \mu$ rad Angular acceptance:  $\Delta \theta_3 = 5 \ \mu$ rad

**Problem:** absorption in the collimator crystal





















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## Bragg Backscattering from Symmetrically Cut Crystal



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#### What do we observe?



## Bragg Backscattering from Asymmetrically Cut Crystal

#### **THEORY**:





#### **Estimation of the Energy Resolution**



#### **Energy Resolution - Direct Measurements**





#### **Experimental Set-up: @APS, 3ID-D**





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