

# Theory of x-ray matter interaction Photoabsorption



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## 1895: Discovery of X-rays by Wilhelm Röntgen

(1<sup>st</sup> Nobel Prize in Physics 1901)

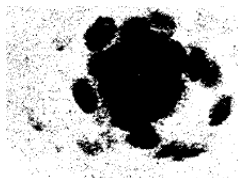


Contrast by absorption

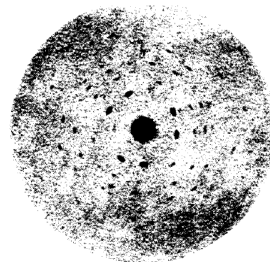
Presentation Speech: C.T. Odhner President of Royal Swedish Academy  
“And there is no doubt that much success will be gained in physical science when this strange energy form is sufficiently investigated and its wide field thoroughly explored.”

## Diffraction of X-rays by crystals

Max von Laue (Nobel prize in physics 1914)

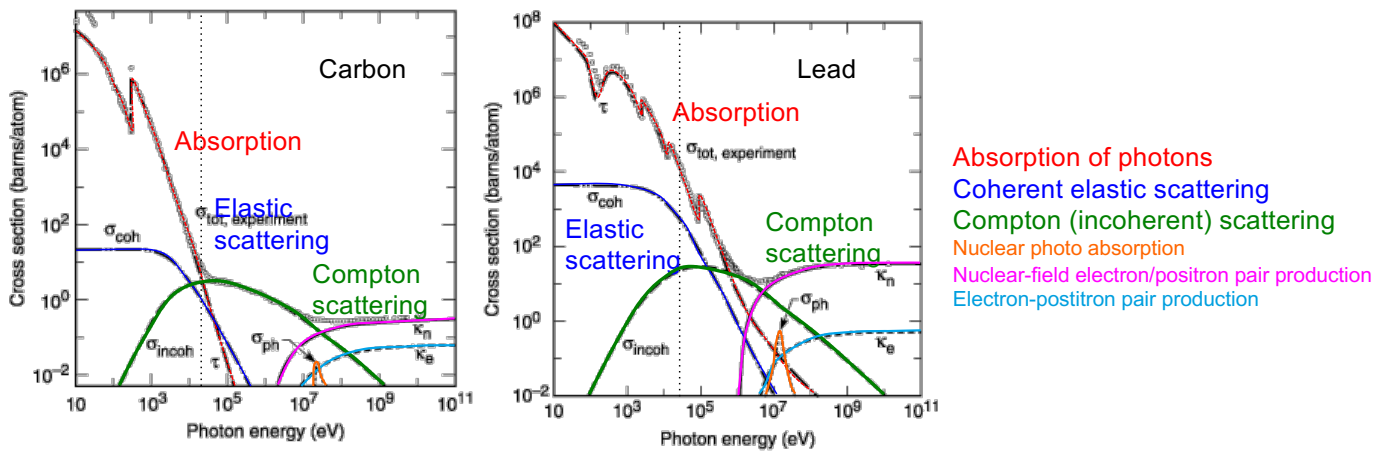


1<sup>st</sup> ever X-ray diffraction pattern  
Copper sulfate  
(1912)



Irradiation along  
4-fold symmetry axis

# Cross-section of x-ray matter interaction processes



Absorption Cross section: approx. 1 Mbarn =  $10^{-22}$  m<sup>2</sup>  
 Focus size: 1  $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup>  
 Photons per pulse:  $10^{11}$  in 10 fs  
 Absorption probability per atom / fs = 1 / fs

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## Outlook

### The concept of a cross section

- Quantum electrodynamics + perturbation theory
- Electronic degrees in 2<sup>nd</sup> quantization
- S-matrix & Transition rates

### X-ray photo absorption

- Many-body effects in single-photon absorption

### Multi-photon absorption at FELs

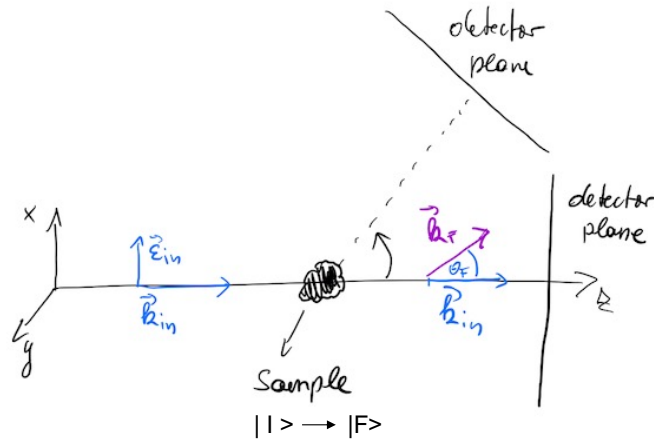
- The role of the higher-order coherence
- Rate equation approach
- Role of transient resonances
- From single-atom to solids – methods to describe warm-dense matter

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# Calculating transition probabilities by scattering approach

Scattering theory – concept of cross section for a specific process



- Treat electromagnetic field quantized
- Treat electronic d.o.f by second quantization  $\rightarrow$  single-particle interpretation
- Transition matrix element (S-Matrix)  $\rightarrow$  transition rate

## Quantization of the Electromagnetic field

Quantized Hamiltonian (dropping vacuum fluctuations):

$$\hat{H}_{EM} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda}, \quad \omega_{\mathbf{k}} = |\mathbf{k}|/\alpha.$$

Bosonic commutator relations for creation and annihilation operators:

$$[\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda}, \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}', \lambda'}^{\dagger}] = \delta_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} \delta_{\lambda, \lambda'} \quad \begin{cases} [\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda}, \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}', \lambda'}] = 0 \\ [\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda}^{\dagger}, \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}', \lambda'}^{\dagger}] = 0 \end{cases}$$

Expansion of vector potential in quantized-field modes:

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{V\omega_{\mathbf{k}}\alpha^2}} \left\{ \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} + \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda}^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda}^* e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \right\}$$

# Minimal Coupling Hamiltonian for matter-field interaction

Single-particle Hamiltonian for nuclei and electrons (assuming point charges):

$$\hat{h}_i = \frac{[\mathbf{p}_i - \alpha q_i \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}_i)]^2}{2m_i} + q_i \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

Giving rise to dynamic electron-field interaction (neglected for nuclei due to large mass  $m_i$ )

Coulomb potential of all the point charges in the system

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_j \frac{q_j}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_j|}$$

Total Hamiltonian can be split in:  $\hat{H} = \hat{H}_{\text{mol}} + \hat{H}_{\text{EM}} + \hat{H}_{\text{int}}$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{mol}} = \hat{T}_{\text{N}} + \hat{V}_{\text{NN}} + \hat{H}_{\text{el}}$$

Includes:  
 electronic kinetic energy  
 electron-electron Coulomb interaction  
 electron-nucleus Coulomb interaction

Nuclear kinetic energy  $\hat{T}_{\text{N}} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_n \frac{\nabla_n^2}{M_n}$

nucleus-nucleus repulsion:  $\hat{V}_{\text{NN}} = \sum_{n < n'} \frac{Z_n Z_{n'}}{|\mathbf{R}_n - \mathbf{R}_{n'}|}$

# Second quantization for the electronic degrees of freedom

Introducing electronic field creation and annihilation operators

Electronic field operator (spinor):  $\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\psi}_{+1/2}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \hat{\psi}_{-1/2}(\mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix}$

Fermionic anticommutation relations:  $\{\hat{\psi}_\sigma(\mathbf{x}), \hat{\psi}_{\sigma'}(\mathbf{x}')\} = 0$   $\{\hat{\psi}_\sigma(\mathbf{x}), \hat{\psi}_{\sigma'}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}')\} = \delta_{\sigma,\sigma'} \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')$   
 $\{\hat{\psi}_\sigma^\dagger(\mathbf{x}), \hat{\psi}_{\sigma'}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}')\} = 0$

Representation of the electronic Hamiltonian (independent of particle number):

$$\hat{H}_{\text{el}} = \int d^3x \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \left\{ \underbrace{-\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2}_{\text{kinetic energy}} - \sum_n \underbrace{\frac{Z_n}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{R}_n|}}_{\text{electron-ion interaction}} \right\} \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \int d^3x' \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}') \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}') \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x})$$

electron-electron interaction

Representation of the electron-field interaction:

$$\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = \alpha \int d^3x \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \left[ \hat{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \frac{\nabla}{i} \right] \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \int d^3x \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \hat{A}^2(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x})$$

Photo absorption (1<sup>st</sup> order in A)  
 Elastic or inelastic resonance scattering (2<sup>nd</sup> order in A)

Elastic scattering (1<sup>st</sup> order A<sup>2</sup>)  
 Inelastic scattering

## Interaction picture, perturbation theory

$$\hat{H} = \underbrace{\hat{H}_{\text{mol}} + \hat{H}_{\text{EM}}}_{\hat{H}_0} + \hat{H}_{\text{int}}$$

State vector in interaction picture:  $|\Psi, t\rangle_{\text{int}} = e^{i\hat{H}_0 t} |\Psi, t\rangle$

Schrödinger equation in interaction picture:

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\Psi, t\rangle_{\text{int}} = \int_{-\infty}^t e^{i\hat{H}_0 t} \hat{H}_{\text{int}} e^{-\epsilon|t|} e^{-i\hat{H}_0 t} |\Psi, t\rangle_{\text{int}}$$

Adiabatic switching of interaction

Initial condition:  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} |\Psi, t\rangle_{\text{int}} = |I\rangle$  State vector contains information of photon field & electrons

Formal integration of Schrödinger Equation gives perturbation expansion:

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## Transition (S) Matrix

Transition amplitude from state  $I$  to  $F$ :

$$S_{FI} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \langle F | \Psi, t \rangle_{\text{int}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle F | \Psi, t \rangle_{\text{int}} &= \langle F | I \rangle - i \int_{-\infty}^t dt' \langle F | e^{i\hat{H}_0 t'} \hat{H}_{\text{int}} e^{-\epsilon|t'|} e^{-i\hat{H}_0 t'} | I \rangle \\ &\quad - \sum_M \int_{-\infty}^t dt' \langle F | e^{i\hat{H}_0 t'} \hat{H}_{\text{int}} e^{-\epsilon|t'|} e^{-i\hat{H}_0 t'} \int_{-\infty}^{t'} dt'' e^{i\hat{H}_0 t''} \langle M | e^{-\epsilon|t''|} e^{-i\hat{H}_0 t''} | I \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$S_{FI} = -i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i(E_F - E_I)t} \langle F | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | I \rangle - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \sum_M e^{i(E_F - E_M)t} \langle F | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | M \rangle \int_{-\infty}^t dt' e^{i(E_M - E_I - i\epsilon)t'} \langle M | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | I \rangle$$

$$S_{FI} = -i 2\pi \delta(E_F - E_I) \langle F | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | I \rangle - \sum_M \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i(E_F - E_M)t} \langle F | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | M \rangle \langle M | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | I \rangle \frac{e^{i(E_M - E_I)t}}{i(E_M - E_I - i\epsilon)}$$

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$$S_{FI} = -2\pi i \delta(E_F - E_I) \left\{ \langle F | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | I \rangle + \sum_M \frac{\langle F | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | M \rangle \langle M | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | I \rangle}{E_I - E_M + i\epsilon} + \dots \right\}$$

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## From transition amplitude to transition rate

$$S_{FI} = -2\pi i \delta(E_F - E_I) \left\{ \langle F | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | I \rangle + \sum_M \frac{\langle F | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | M \rangle \langle M | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | I \rangle}{E_I - E_M + i\epsilon} + \dots \right\}$$

Transition probability:

$$|S_{FI}|^2 = \delta(E_F - E_I)^2 = \delta(E_F - E_I) \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \frac{dt}{2\pi} e^{i(E_F - E_I)t} = \delta(E_F - E_I) \frac{T}{2\pi}$$

Transition rate:  $\Gamma_{FI} = \frac{|S_{FI}|^2}{T}$

$$\Gamma_{FI} = 2\pi \delta(E_F - E_I) \left| \langle F | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | I \rangle + \sum_M \frac{\langle F | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | M \rangle \langle M | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | I \rangle}{E_I - E_M + i\epsilon} + \dots \right|^2$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = \alpha \int d^3x \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \left[ \hat{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \frac{\nabla}{i} \right] \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \int d^3x \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \hat{A}^2(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x})$$

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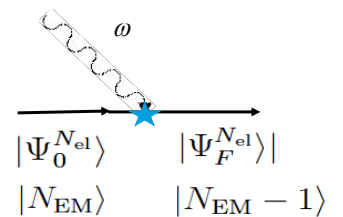
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## X-ray Absorption

$$\Gamma_{FI} = 2\pi \delta(E_F - E_I) \left| \langle F | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | I \rangle + \sum_M \frac{\langle F | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | M \rangle \langle M | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | I \rangle}{E_I - E_M + i\epsilon} + \dots \right|^2$$

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$$\hat{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{V \omega_{\mathbf{k}} \alpha^2}} \left\{ \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} + \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda}^* e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \right\}$$



Initial state:

$$|I\rangle = |\Psi_0^{N_{el}}\rangle |N_{EM}\rangle \longrightarrow \text{Final state: } |F\rangle = |\Psi_F^{N_{el}}\rangle |N_{EM} - 1\rangle$$

$$\Gamma_{FI} = 2\pi \delta(E_F^{N_{el}} - E_0^{N_{el}} - \omega_{\text{in}}) \left| \langle \Psi_F^{N_{el}} | \langle N_{EM} - 1 | \alpha \int d^3x \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \frac{\nabla}{i} \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) | \Psi_0^{N_{el}} \rangle | N_{EM} \rangle \right|^2$$

$$\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} |N_{EM}\rangle = \delta_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_{\text{in}}} \delta_{\lambda, \lambda_{\text{in}}} \sqrt{N_{EM}} |N_{EM} - 1\rangle$$

$$\Gamma_{FI} = 2\pi \delta(E_F^{N_{el}} - E_0^{N_{el}} - \omega_{\text{in}}) \frac{2\pi}{V \omega_{\text{in}} \alpha^2} N_{EM} \alpha^2 \left| \langle \Psi_F^{N_{el}} | \int d^3x \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\mathbf{k}_{\text{in}} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}_{\text{in}}, \lambda_{\text{in}}} \cdot \frac{\nabla}{i} \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) | \Psi_0^{N_{el}} \rangle \right|^2$$

$$\text{Photon flux: } J_{EM} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{N_{EM}}{V}$$

$$\Gamma_{FI} = \frac{4\pi^2}{\omega_{\text{in}}} \alpha J_{EM} \delta(E_F^{N_{el}} - E_0^{N_{el}} - \omega_{\text{in}}) \left| \langle \Psi_F^{N_{el}} | \int d^3x \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\mathbf{k}_{\text{in}} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}_{\text{in}}, \lambda_{\text{in}}} \cdot \frac{\nabla}{i} \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) | \Psi_0^{N_{el}} \rangle \right|^2$$

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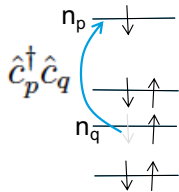
## Definition of the photoabsorption cross section

$$\underbrace{\Gamma_{FI}/J_{EM}}_{\sigma_F(\mathbf{k}_{in}, \lambda_{in})} = \frac{4\pi^2}{\omega_{in}} \alpha \delta(E_F^{N_{el}} - E_0^{N_{el}} - \omega_{in}) \left| \langle \Psi_F^{N_{el}} | \int d^3x \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\mathbf{k}_{in} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}_{in}, \lambda_{in}} \cdot \frac{\nabla}{i} \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) | \Psi_0^{N_{el}} \rangle \right|^2$$

Expansion of field operators in single-particle orbitals  $\varphi_p(\mathbf{x})$  :  $\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_p \varphi_p(\mathbf{x}) \hat{c}_p$

$$\sigma_F(\mathbf{k}_{in}, \lambda_{in}) = \frac{4\pi^2}{\omega_{in}} \alpha \delta(E_F^{N_{el}} - E_0^{N_{el}} - \omega_{in}) \left| \sum_{p,q} \underbrace{\langle \varphi_p | e^{i\mathbf{k}_{in} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}_{in}, \lambda_{in}} \cdot \frac{\nabla}{i} | \varphi_q \rangle}_{\text{single-particle transition dipole}} \underbrace{\langle \Psi_F^{N_{el}} | \hat{c}_p^\dagger \hat{c}_q | \Psi_0^{N_{el}} \rangle}_{\text{Overlap integral, Containing all electron correlations (exact)}} \right|^2$$

Assumption: Groundstate is a Hartree-Fock single Slater determinant



$$|\Psi_0^{N_{el}}\rangle \approx \prod_{i=1}^{N_{el}} \hat{c}_i^\dagger |\text{vacuum}\rangle$$

$$\langle \Psi_F^{N_{el}} | \hat{c}_p^\dagger \hat{c}_q | \Psi_0^{N_{el}} \rangle = 1 \quad \text{if } q \text{ initially occupied \& appropriately chosen final state}$$

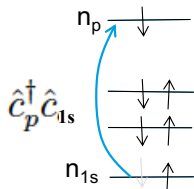
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## Definition of the sub-shell photoabsorption cross section

$$\sigma(\mathbf{k}_{in}, \lambda_{in}) = \frac{4\pi^2}{\omega_{in}} \alpha \delta(E_F^{N_{el}} - E_0^{N_{el}} - \omega_{in}) \left| \sum_{p,q} \underbrace{\langle \varphi_p | e^{i\mathbf{k}_{in} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}_{in}, \lambda_{in}} \cdot \frac{\nabla}{i} | \varphi_q \rangle}_{\text{single-particle transition dipole}} \underbrace{\langle \Psi_F^{N_{el}} | \hat{c}_p^\dagger \hat{c}_q | \Psi_0^{N_{el}} \rangle}_{\text{Overlap integral, Containing all electron correlations (exact)}} \right|^2$$

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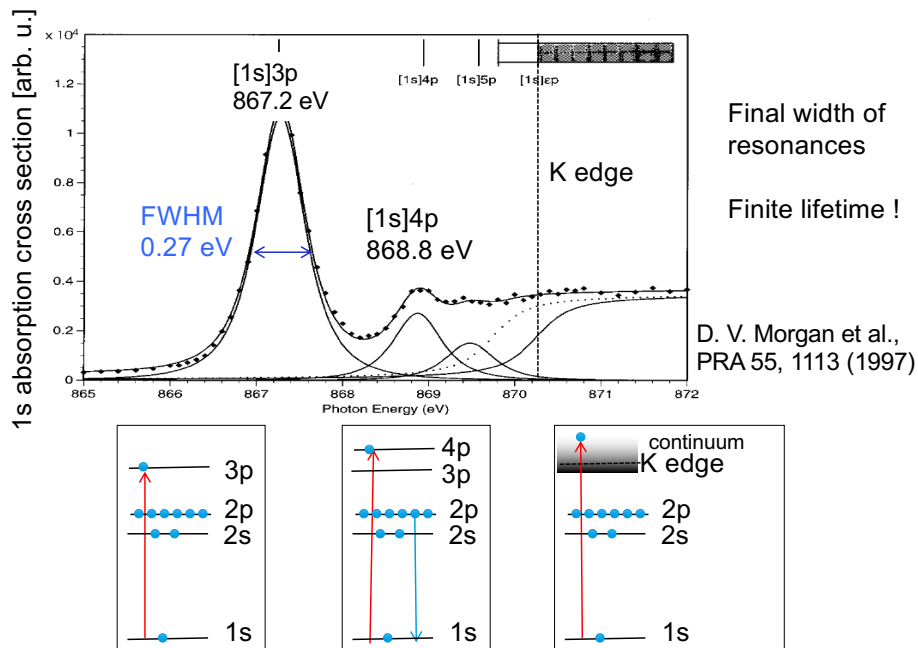
Restrict summation over  $q$  to a specific sub-shell: For example: 1s photoionisation cross section:

$$\sigma_{1s}(\mathbf{k}_{in}, \lambda_{in}) = \frac{4\pi^2}{\omega_{in}} \alpha \delta(E_F^{N_{el}} - E_0^{N_{el}} - \omega_{in}) \left| \sum_{q=1s, p} \langle \varphi_p | e^{i\mathbf{k}_{in} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}_{in}, \lambda_{in}} \cdot \frac{\nabla}{i} | \varphi_q \rangle \langle \Psi_F^{N_{el}} | \hat{c}_p^\dagger \hat{c}_q | \Psi_0^{N_{el}} \rangle \right|^2$$

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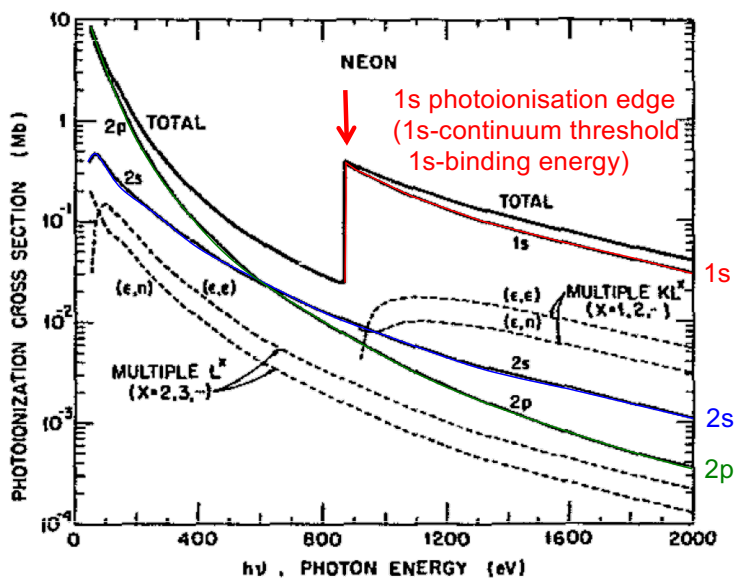
# 1s photoabsorption-cross section of Neon



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# Neon sub-shell photoionization cross section



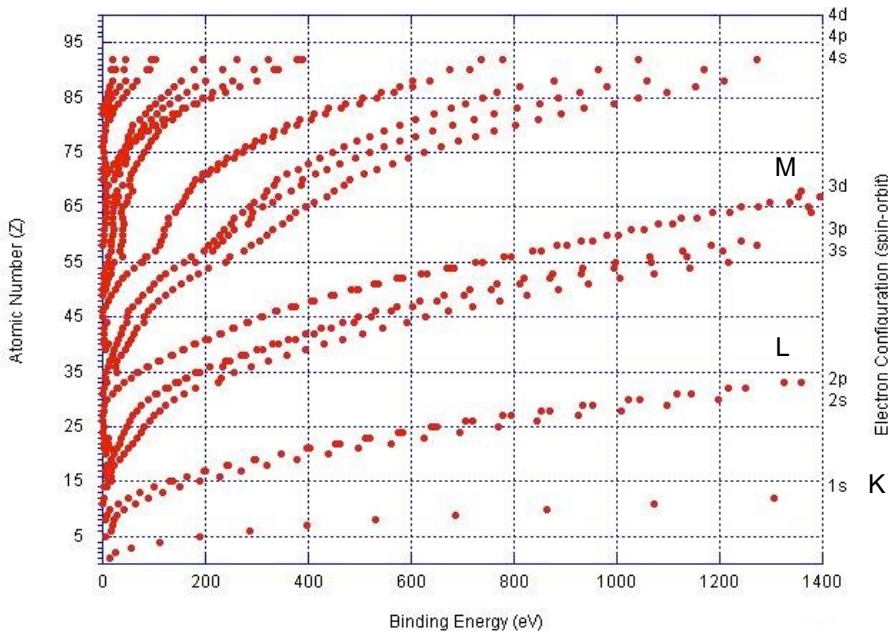
Photoionisation cross section at threshold:  $\sim 1 \text{ Mb}$  ( $10^{-18} \text{ cm}^2$ )

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# Element sensitivity of x-rays

Sub-shell binding energies as a function of nuclear charge



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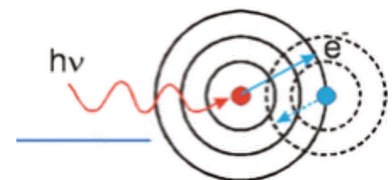
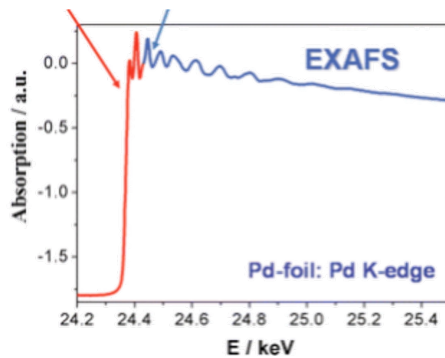
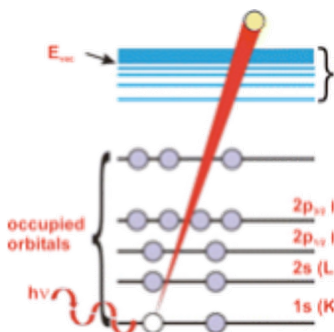
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# Structural information of photoabsorption

XANES (X-ray Absorption Near Edge Structure) & EXAFS (Extended X-ray Absorption Fine Structure)

$$\sigma_{1s}(k_{in}, \lambda_{in}) = \frac{4\pi^2}{\omega_{in}} \alpha \delta(E_F^{N_{el}} - E_0^{N_{el}} - \omega_{in}) \left| \sum_{q=1s, p} \langle \varphi_p | e^{i k_{in} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{k_{in}, \lambda_{in}} \cdot \frac{\nabla}{i} | \varphi_q \rangle \langle \Psi_F^{N_{el}} | \hat{c}_p^\dagger \hat{c}_q | \Psi_0^{N_{el}} \rangle \right|^2$$



De Broglie wavelength of photo-electron:  $\lambda [\text{\AA}] = 12 / (E_{el} [\text{eV}])^{1/2}$   
 For photo-electron energy of 50 eV:  $\lambda = 1.7 \text{ \AA}$

Interference (scattering of photoelectron)  $\rightarrow$  EXAFS is highly sensitive to changes in bond length

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## X-ray atom interaction probability

**Calculate the ionization rate for Neon at the 1s threshold** for typical pulses of 3<sup>rd</sup> generation synchrotron light source at the 1s threshold, assuming a cross section of 1 Mb.

Suppose: - Pulse duration of 100 ps  
 -  $10^6$  photon / pulse  
 - Focal area of  $100 \mu\text{m}^2$

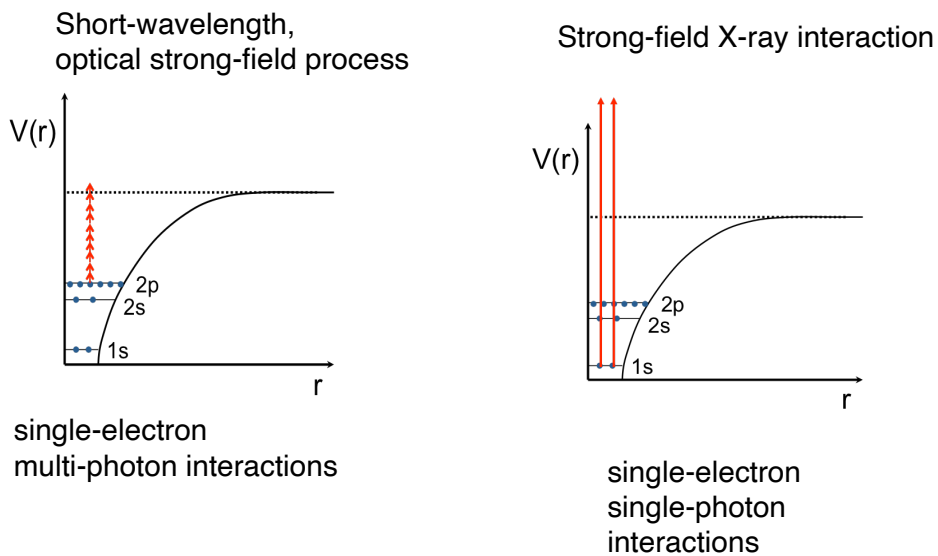
**Calculate the ionisation probability per pulse**

**Now the same exercise for a typical, focused FEL pulse:**

Suppose: - Pulse duration of 10 fs  
 -  $10^{12}$  photon / pulse  
 - Focal area of  $1 \mu\text{m}^2$

Within of a single pulse, multiple photo-ionization becomes possible ➡ nonlinear interaction

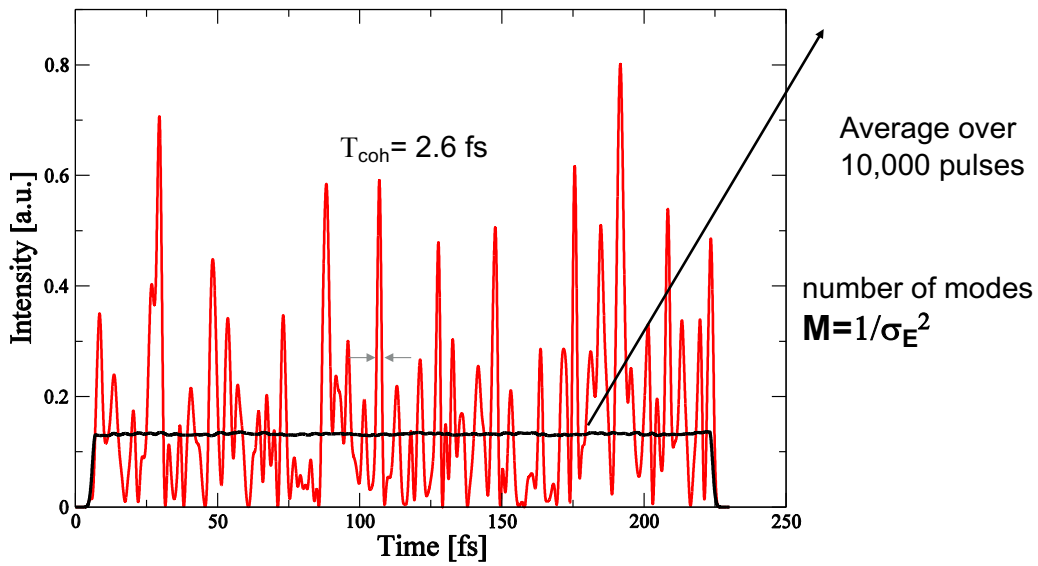
## Intense optical versus X-ray field-atom interaction



Statistical properties of radiation matter in both cases

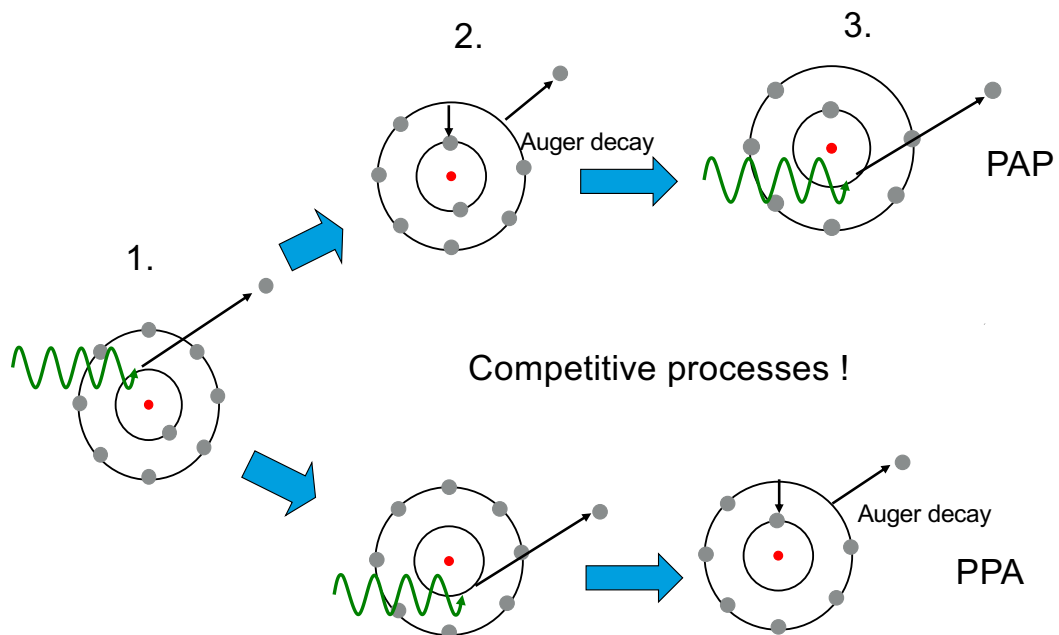
## Typical simulated SASE FEL pulse for LCLS parameters

$\omega=1.05$  keV, relative bandwidth  $4.3 \times 10^{-4}$ , pulse duration  $t_{\text{pulse}}=230$  fs



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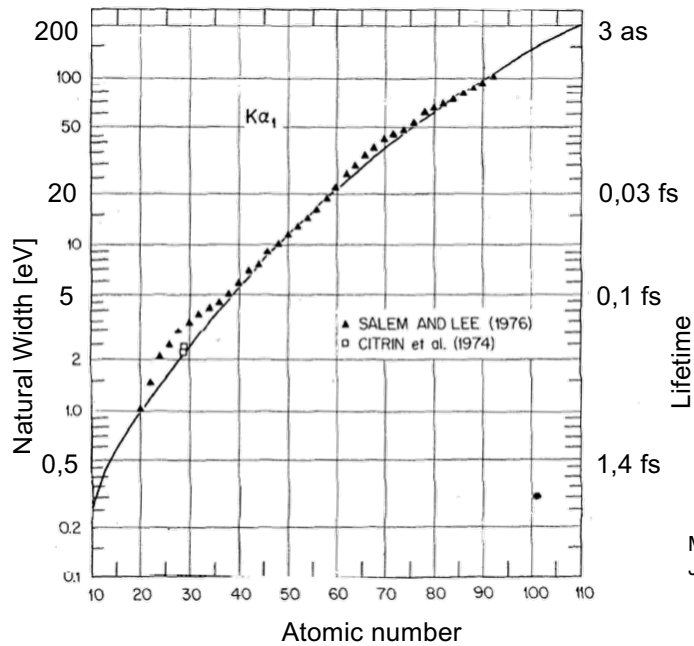
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## Natural width of $K\alpha_1$ x-ray lines

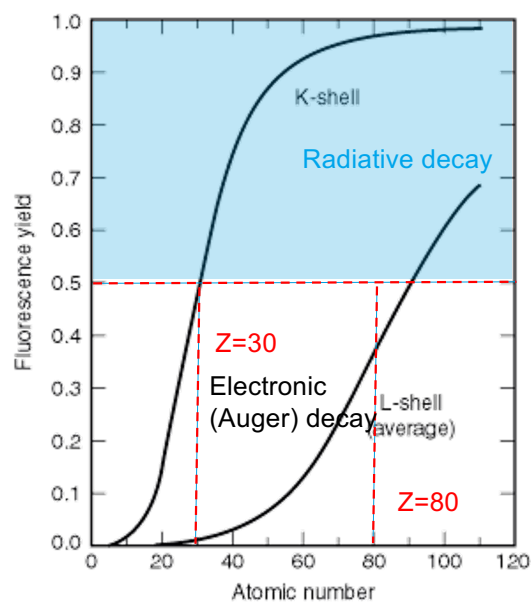


M. O. Krause and J. H. Oliver,  
*J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data*, 8 329 (1979)

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## Fluorescence Yield – Radiative versus Auger decay



M. O. Krause, *J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data* 8, 307 (1979).  
 M. O. Krause and J. H. Oliver, *J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data* 8, 329 (1979).

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# Rate equations for Neon

Following the time-dependent occupation/depletion of electronic configurations and charge states

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{N}(t) &= -\sigma_{1s}^0 N(t)j(t) - \sigma_{2s}^0 N(t)j(t) - \sigma_{2p}^0 N(t)j(t) \\
 \dot{N}_{1s}^+(t) &= \sigma_{1s}^0 N(t)j(t) - (r_{1s^2;2s2s}^+ + r_{1s^2;2s2p}^+ + r_{1s^2;2p2p}^+) N_{1s}^+(t) - (\sigma_{1s^2;1s}^+ + \sigma_{1s^2;2s}^+ + \sigma_{1s^2;2p}^+) N_{1s}^+(t)j(t) - f_{1s}^+ N_{1s}^+(t) \\
 \dot{N}_{2s}^+(t) &= \sigma_{2s}^0 N(t)j(t) - (\sigma_{2s^2;1s}^+ + \sigma_{2s^2;2s}^+ + \sigma_{2s^2;2p}^+) N_{2s}^+(t)j(t) \\
 \dot{N}_{2p}^+(t) &= \sigma_{2p}^0 N(t)j(t) - (\sigma_{2p^2;1s}^+ + \sigma_{2p^2;2s}^+ + \sigma_{2p^2;2p}^+) N_{2p}^+(t)j(t) \\
 \dot{N}_{2p^2}^{2+}(t) &= r_{1s^2;2p2p}^+ N_{1s}^+(t) + \sigma_{2p^2;2p}^+ N_{2p}^+(t)j(t) - (\sigma_{2p^2;1s}^{2+} + \sigma_{2p^2;2s}^{2+} + \sigma_{2p^2;2p}^{2+}) N_{2p^2}^{2+}(t)j(t) \\
 \dot{N}_{1s^2}^{2+}(t) &= \sigma_{1s^2;1s}^+ N_{1s}^+(t)j(t) - (r_{1s^2;2s2s}^{2+} + r_{1s^2;2s2p}^{2+} + r_{1s^2;2p2p}^{2+}) N_{1s^2}^{2+}(t) - (\sigma_{1s^2;2s}^{2+} + \sigma_{1s^2;2p}^{2+}) N_{1s^2}^{2+}(t)j(t) - f_{1s^2}^{2+} N_{1s^2}^{2+}(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

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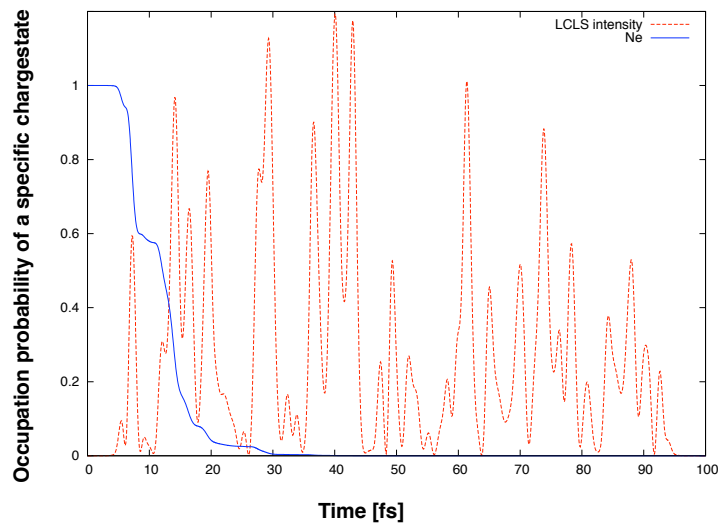
Fluorescence yield in Neon: 1.8%  
 Most probable sequence of events: PAPAPA.....

N. Rohringer, R. Santra, Phys. Rev. A 76, 033416 (2007)  
 S.-K. Son, R. Santra, Phys. Rev. A 85, 063415 (2012)

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# Charge-state evolution as a function of time in Neon

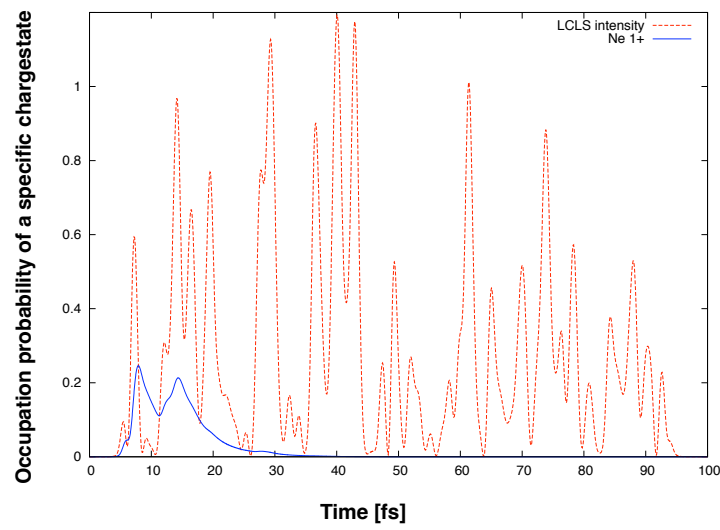


Parameters: pulse of 100 fs,  $10^{12}$  photons,  $\omega=1.4$  keV, focused to  $2 \mu\text{m}$

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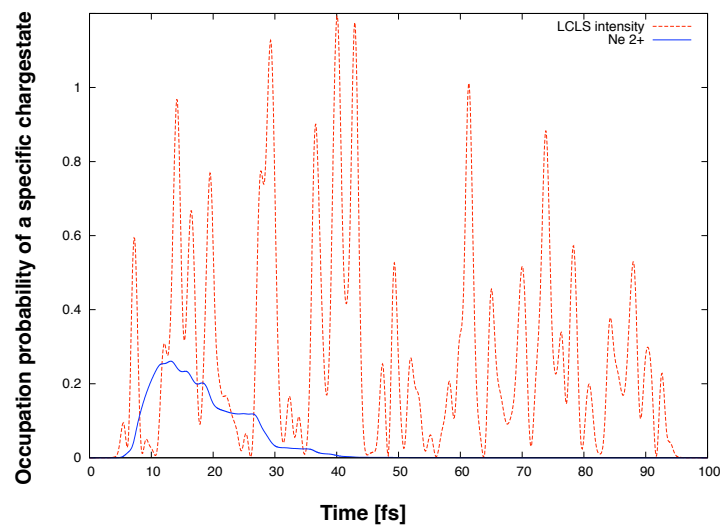
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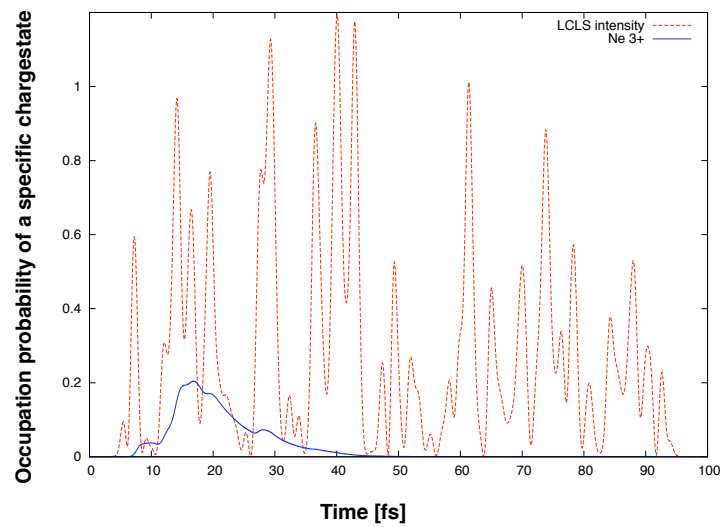
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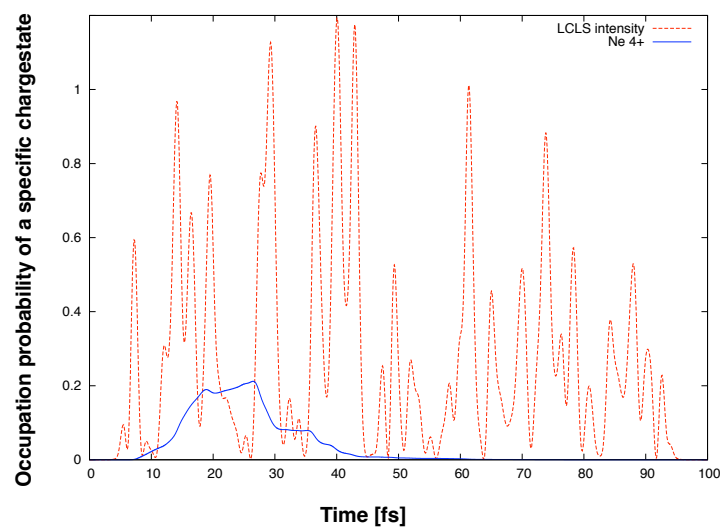


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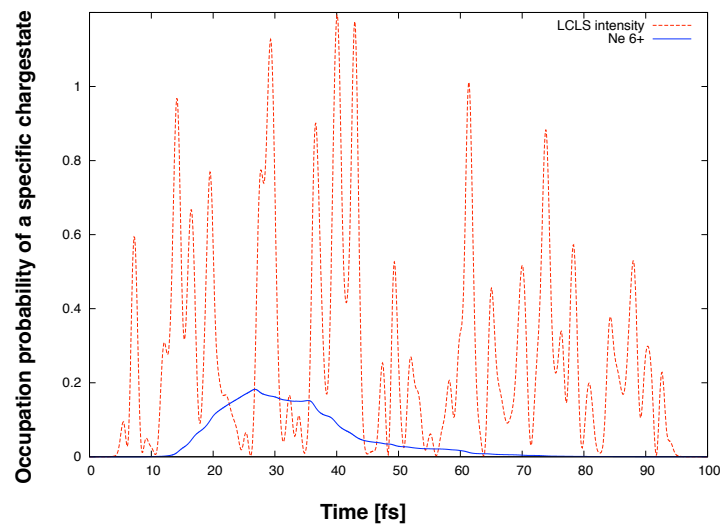
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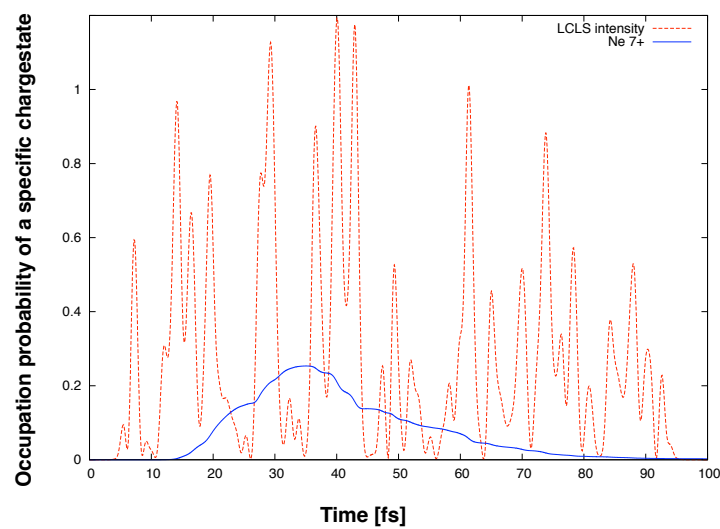


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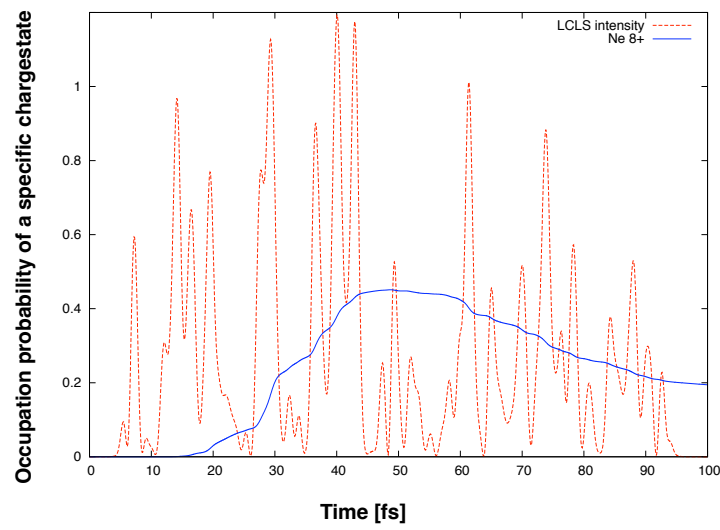


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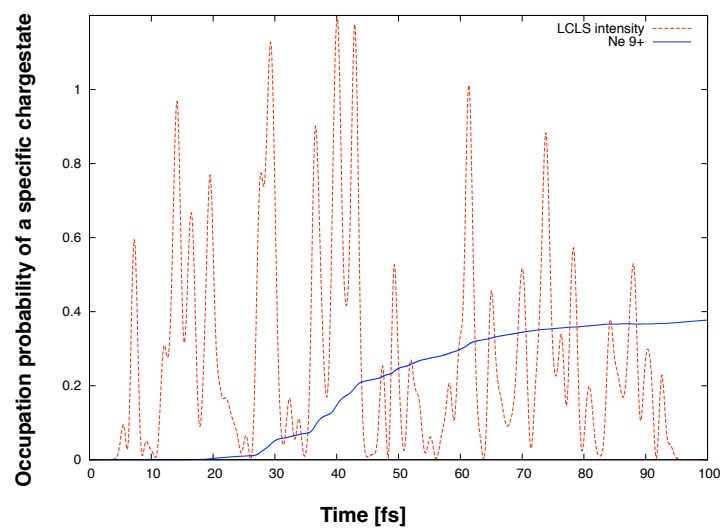


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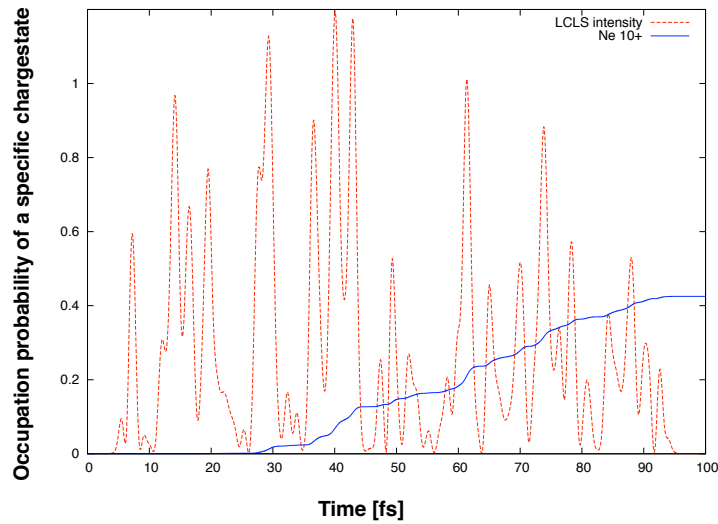


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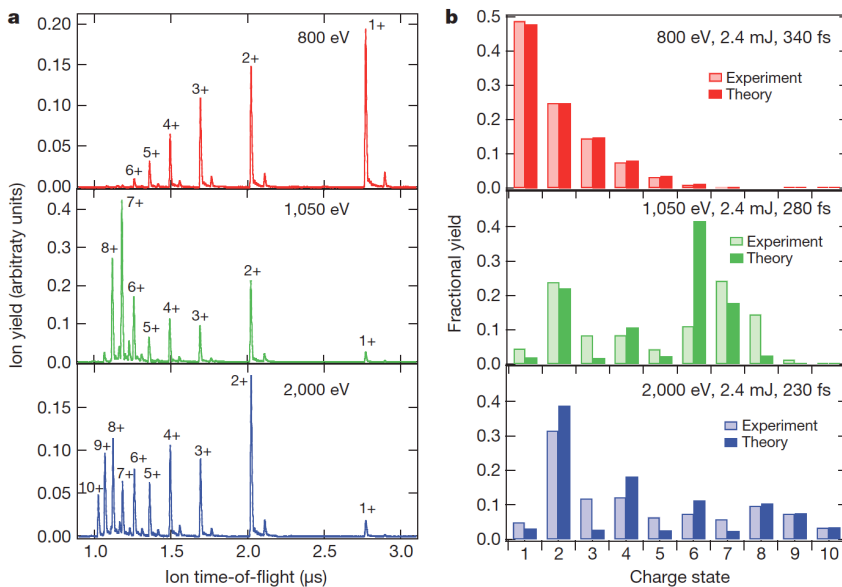
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## Experimental Results of 1<sup>st</sup> user experiment @ LCLS

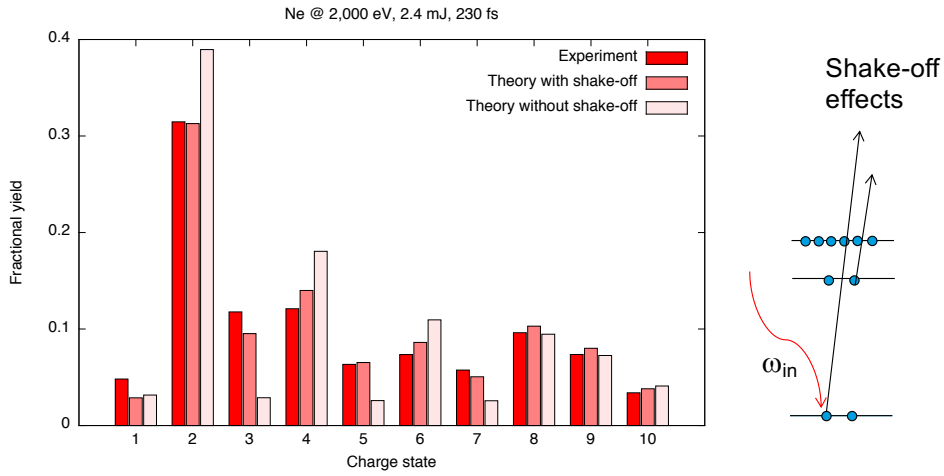
Ion charge spectrum of atomic neon at different LCLS photon frequencies and pulse durations



L. Young et al., *Nature* 466, 56 (2010).

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## The effect of shake-off in multiple ionisation of Ne



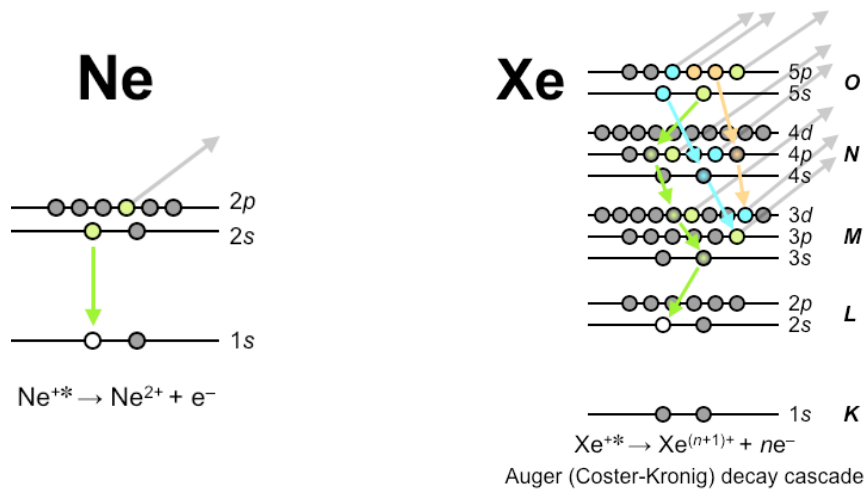
$$\sigma(k_{in}, \lambda_{in}) = \frac{4\pi^2}{\omega_{in}} \alpha \delta(E_F^{N_{el}} - E_0^{N_{el}} - \omega_{in}) \left| \sum_{p,q} \langle \varphi_p | e^{i\mathbf{k}_{in} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}_{in}, \lambda_{in}} \cdot \frac{\nabla}{i} | \varphi_q \rangle \langle \Psi_F^{N_{el}} | \hat{c}_p^\dagger \hat{c}_q | \Psi_0^{N_{el}} \rangle \right|^2$$

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## Configuration space explored in nonlinear x-ray interaction

Number of involved electronic configurations grows drastically for heavier elements



Neon @ 1,5 keV: ~ 50 Configurations

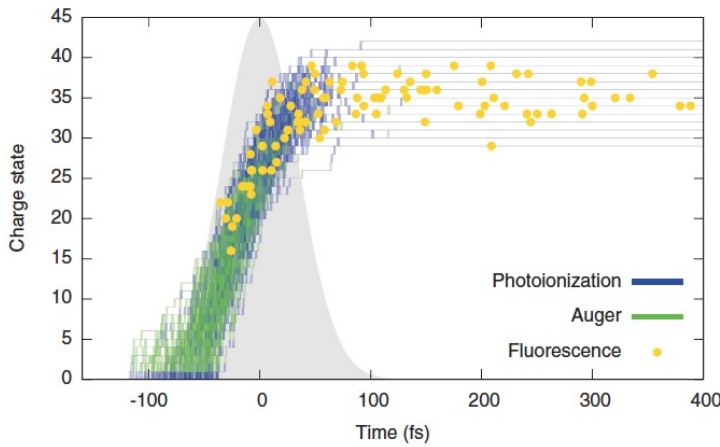
Xenon @ 1,5 keV: > 10<sup>6</sup> Configurations

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# Solving rate equations for multiple ionization in Xe

100 sample trajectories, Xe @ 4,5 keV, 80fs,  $5 \times 10^{12}$  photons/ $\mu\text{m}^2$



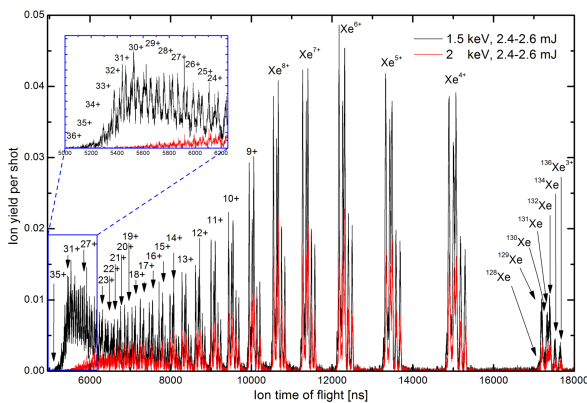
Supposing energy of 4,5 keV (above threshold for M, N and O-shell ionisation)  
**More than 1 Million configurations of Xe and Xe ions**

Theory: Xatom Code – Monte Carlo approach to rate equations  
 San Kil Son & Santra, Phys. Rev. A 85 ,063415(2012)

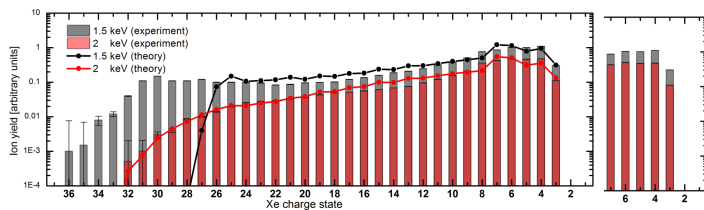
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# Resonances can play substantial role in efficient multi ionization



Why is maximum charge state at 2 keV ( $\text{Xe}^{32+}$ ) lower than at 1.5 keV ( $\text{Xe}^{36+}$ )?



Calculations by Sang-Kil Son and Robin Santra

Something must be happening at 1.5 keV that goes beyond the sequential  $\text{P(A)}^n\text{P(A)}^n$  scheme modelled by the calculations...

DESY. B. Rudek *et al.*, Nature Photonics 6, 858 (2012)

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# Summary

## The concept of a cross section

- Quantum electrodynamics + perturbation theory
- Electronic degree in 2<sup>nd</sup> quantization
- S-matrix & Transition rates

## X-ray photo absorption

- Many-body effects in single-photon absorption

## Multi-photon absorption at FELs

- The role of the higher-order coherence
- Rate equation approach
- Role of transient resonances