# (Resonant) Inealstic X-ray Scattering

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#### **Compton Scattering**



Arthur Compton



 $\times 10^{-4}$ 

20

15

10

5

0



Hafiz et al, Science Adv. 3, e1700971 (2017)

#### **Raman Scattering**



C. V. Raman



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#### **Resonant Raman Scattering**



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Raman and his student K.S. Krishnan performed the measurements to identify what became known as the Raman effect in solids, liquids, and gases. Did Krishnan receive the Nobel Prize along with Raman in 1930?

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#### **Detector Improvements**





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2010s

1920s

#### "New" Facilities



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## **Improvements in Resolution**





You use a detector with a resolving power of 30,000 to detect photons at 900 eV. What is the resolution (considering only the detector)?



# **Complexity in Transition Metal Materials (Oxides)**



Dagotto et al, Science 309, 257-262 (2005)



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Keimer et al, Nature 518, 179-186 (2015)

Our examples will involve cuprates as their electron configurations make them somewhat better template systems

#### X-ray K-, L-, and M-edges



Atenderholt @ Wikipedia

Energy

# **Resonant Inelastic X-ray Scattering (RIXS)**



#### **Direct RIXS**

Transition Metal L-edge & M-edges, O K-edge Indirect RIXS

Transition Metal K-edges

+ Photon-in/Photon-out

- + Bulk Sensitive
- + Chemical Specific
- Resonant Enhanced Cross-sections
- + High Resolution
- + Polarization Control

# **Elementary and Collective Excitations**



Techniques:

Raman Scattering Inelastic X-ray Scattering ARPES ...

- Orbital fluctuations: ~ 100 meV 1.5 eV
- Multiphonons/magnons ~ 50-500 meV
- Pseudogaps ~ 30-300 meV
- Quasi e-h pairs ~ 1-250 meV
- Collective modes ~ 1-150 meV
- Optical Phonons: ~ 10 70 meV
- Single Magnons: ~ 10 meV 400 meV
- Superconducting gaps ~ 1 35meV



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**RIXS Map** 







Tokura et al, Science 288, 462-468 (2000)



In the atomic limit and an octahedral environment with an elongated c-axis, which d-orbital is partially filled in a  $3d^9$  configuration due to crystal field effects?



# Cu L-edge dd excitations in Ca,Y,Cu,O,

 $d_{xy}$ 

duz

drz



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#### **RIXS cross-section for each transition**

$$\sigma_{3z^2-r^2}^{\downarrow(\uparrow)} \propto \sum_{q'} \left| \sum_{m} \langle d_{3z^2-r^2}^{\downarrow(\uparrow)} | T_{q'}^{\dagger} | p_{\frac{3}{2},m} \rangle \langle p_{\frac{3}{2},m} | T_q | d_{x^2-y^2}^{\downarrow} \rangle \right|^2$$

- + Include linear polarization
- + 3*j*-symbols
- Straightforward evaluation

- Align scattering plane along *a*-axis +
- Scattering angle fixed at 50° +
- Incident polarization along c +
- Out-going polarization along c or in the *a-b* plane
- At half-filling, ~ Cu  $3d^9$  chains +

#### **Question #4**

Which side is the experimental data on?



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#### **Crystal Field Energies for** *d***-orbitals**



# **Question #5**

Typically in a cubic or tetragonal system the binding energy for  $d_{eg} < d_{t2g}$ . Why does the  $d_{372-t2}$  orbital have the highest loss energy?



Other atoms (+ charge) in the crystal push it down to higher energy loss



The lack of apical oxygen ligands make it a more favorable orbital for electron occupation, giving it a higher binding energy (energy loss)



Spin-orbit coupling in the valence shell



The core-hole potential

## **Crystal Field Energies for any Cu 3**d<sup>9</sup>



#### **Question #6**

Can you use RIXS to measure spin excitations?



No. X-rays AREN'T sensitive to the electrons spin degree of freedom



Yes. X-rays ARE sensitive to the electrons spin degree of freedom



It depends on the spin orientation and core-level spin-orbit coupling



don't know

# **Core Spin-Orbit Coupling Allows Access to Spin**



#### **RIXS Measures Spin Excitations**



Braicovich et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 104, 077002 (2010)



# **Spin Excitations across Multiple Compounds**

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Peng et al, Nature Physics 13, 1201-1206 (2017)

#### **Do Spin Excitations Persist with Doping?**

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Fujita et al, JPSJ 81, 011007 (2012)

Wakimoto et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 247003 (2007)

# **Do Spin Excitations Persist with Doping?**



Muschler et al, EPJ: Special Topics 188, 131 (2010)

- Well defined AFM excitations in the undoped compounds
- + An "hourglass" shape emerges, intensity rapidly decreases
- Rapid suppression of the two-magnon response



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Y. Onose et al, Phys. Rev. B 69, 024504 (2004)

#### **Question #7**

Is RIXS capable of detecting magnon-like excitations in doped cuprates?

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don't know

#### **Do Spin Excitations Persist with Doping: Yes!**



M. Le Tacon *et al*, Nature Phys. **7**, 725-730 (2011)

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## Spin Excitations Harden with Doping?



#### **The Condensed Matter "Fruit Fly"**



#### **Question #8**

Is the Hubbard model exactly solvable?



Yes, using the Bethe Ansatz in 1-D



It's an NP hard problem with no exact solution for dimensions D>1



Both of the above



I'll just use mean-field theory!

#### **Spin Structure Factor**

 $|t_{pd}| = 1.13 \text{ eV}$  $|t_{pp}| = 0.49 \text{ eV}$  $\Delta = 3.23 \text{ eV}$  $U_d = 8.5 \text{ eV}$  $U_p = 4.1 \text{ eV}$ 





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# **Spin Structure Factor with Doping**





- $^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$  S(q,w) from DQMC and MEM
- + Results at *T=t*/3
- + t'/t = -0.3 bandstructure with U=W=8t

White et al, *Phys. Rev. B* **40**, 506 (1989) Jarrell and Gubernatis, *Phys. Rep.* **269**, 133 (1996)

# **Spin Structure Factor with Doping**



- Weak softening on the hole-doped side
- Significant hardening with electron-doping
- Decent comparison for t~400 meV

Braicovich *et al*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **104**, 077002 (2010) Le Tacon *et al*, Nature Phys. **7**, 725-730 (2011) Dean *et al*, Nature Mat. **12**, 1019 (2013)

# **Microscopic Physics**

- Super-exchange J
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## **Question #9**

For spin excitations in RIXS from doped cuprates, which of the following is flase?



J (the super exchange energy) decreases rapidly



Paramagnons are broad, but persist due to short-range spin correlations



With doping, higher order exchange and delocalization become important



Only the first one is false!

#### **Return to the 1-D Chain Compound**



## **Question #10**

What could cause this kind of "kink" in the RIXS spectrum?

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Intersecting an emission line



Magnetic excitations



Phonons



Something's wrong with the spectrometer

# **Phonons in RIXS (Indirect)**

# **Franck-Condon**

J. Hancock et al, New Journal of Physics **12** (2010) 033001

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}\Omega} \propto \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |\mathcal{M}|^2 \delta(\hbar(\nu_{\mathrm{in}} - \nu_{\mathrm{sc}}) - (E_{\mathrm{MO}} + m_{\mathrm{MO}}\hbar\omega_0 - E_{\mathrm{g}}))$$
$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=\mathrm{WS,PS}} \frac{[\langle \mathrm{MO}|i\rangle\langle i|g\rangle]_{\mathrm{e}}[\langle m_{\mathrm{MO}}|n_i\rangle\langle n_i|0_{\mathrm{g}}\rangle]_{\mathrm{v}}}{\hbar\nu_{\mathrm{in}} - (E_{\mathrm{i}}^e + \hbar\omega_0 n_i - E_{\mathrm{g}}) - i\Gamma}$$
$$[\langle m_a|n_b\rangle]_{\mathrm{v}} = \mathrm{e}^{-\gamma_{a\to b}^2/2} \frac{(-1)^{n-N}\sqrt{m!n!\gamma_{a\to b}^{n+m-2N}}}{(n+m-N)!} L_N^{n+m-2N}(\gamma_{ba}^2)$$

$$\gamma_{a \to b} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu \omega_0}{2\hbar}} (x_b - x_a)$$



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Reaction Coordinate

#### **Franck-Condon Simulation**



#### **Phonon Contributions to Energy/Linewidth**



#### **Direct Phonon RIXS**



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#### **Directly Access the Electron-Phonon Coupling**



# **Electron-Phonon Coupling**



 A comprehensive energy-momentum space picture of the interplay between CDW, charge, and phonon.

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- Bond stretching phonon softens at the CDW wavevector.
- Anomalous phonon intensity enhancement due to the "Fano" interference between the CDW excitations and phonon.

# First evidence of dispersive CDW excitations in cuprates, enabling access to the dynamics of CDW.

L. Chaix et al., Nature Physics 13, 952-956 (2017)

#### **Plasmons**

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# Wannier Orbital Based Method for XAS/RIXS



# **Charge Transfer Atomic Multiplet Calculation**

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