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20 years of Inverse PhotoEmission Spectroscopy in Milano

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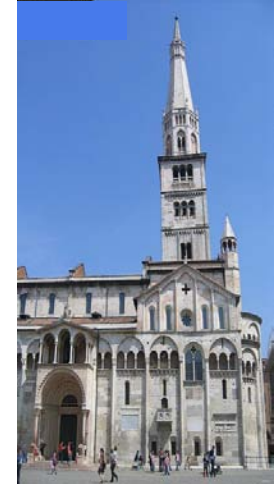
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1) December 1980 – Modena

Advances in Surface and Interface Physics

Spin polarized photoemission from Molecular Beam Epitaxy grown GaAs.

(F. Ciccacci, S.F. Alvarado, M. Campagna)



“...I am quite familiar with (Mott detectors)....”



2) February 1987 – Paris



Inverse PhotoEmission

Spin Polarized Electron Sources



SPIPE: Spin Polarized Inverse PhotoEmission



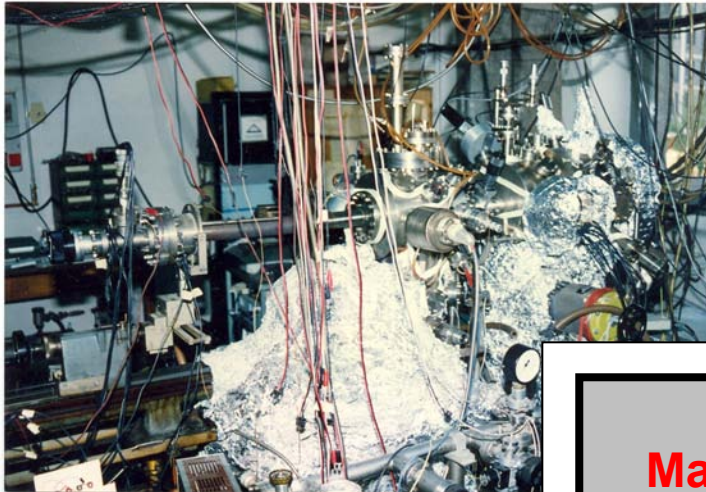
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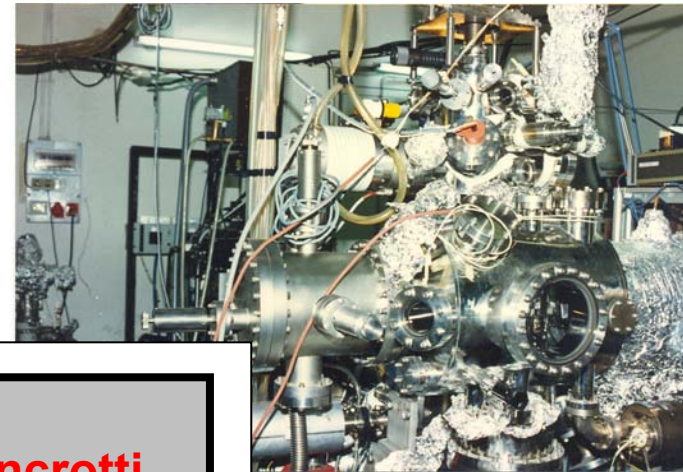
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H discharge lamp + vacuum monochromator
He lamp, X-ray source, CMA



“BIS”

Inverse Photoemission in UV



Massimo Sancrotti

“TER” New lab for production of spin polarized
electron beams

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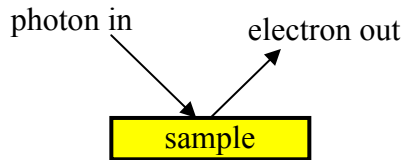
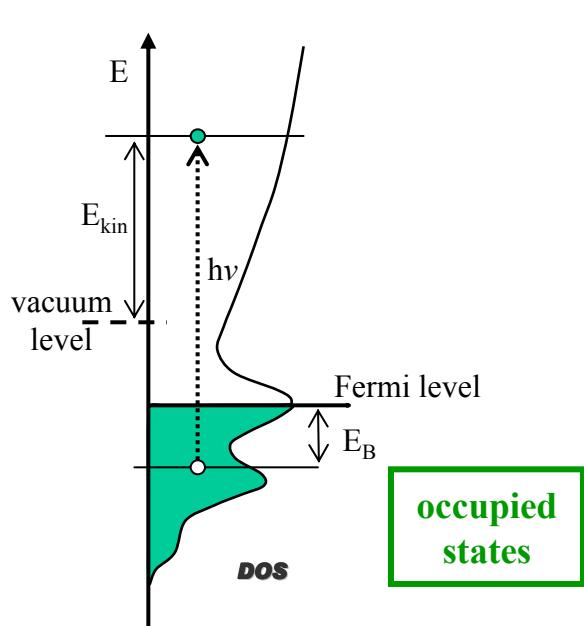
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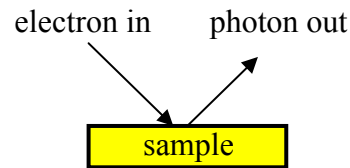
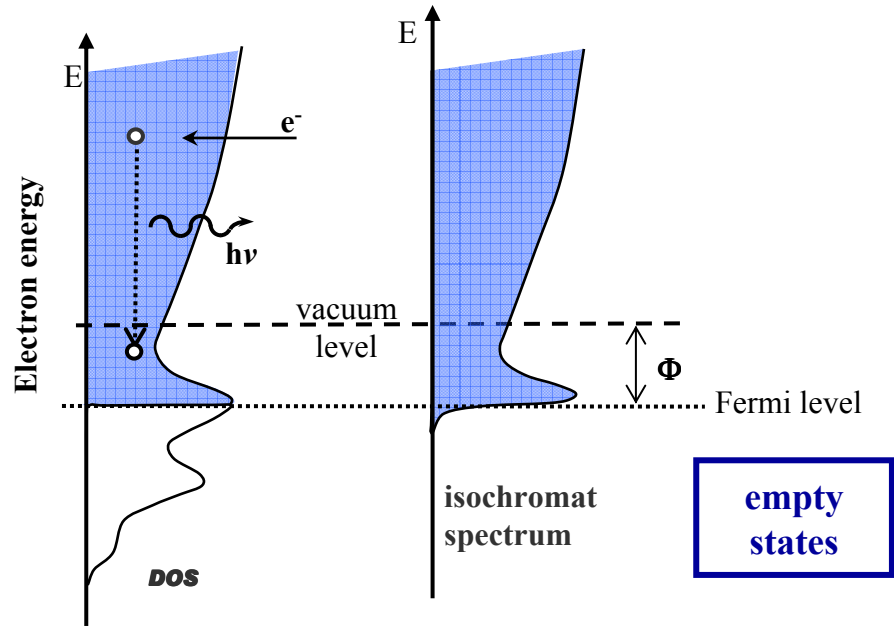
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PhotoEmission versus Inverse PhotoEmission



(direct) PhotoEmission Spectroscopy



Inverse PhotoEmission Spectroscopy

PES \Rightarrow **IPES**
time reversal

- same matrix element $\langle i | \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{p} | f \rangle$
- same cross section behaviour $\sigma(E)$
- $Y_{ph}/Y_{el} = (\lambda_{el}/\lambda_{ph})^2 \sim 10^{-5}$ in the UV



Bremsstrahlung Isochromat Spectroscopy (X-ray range)

pioneering studies: **J.A. Bearden, G. Schwarz**, Phys. Rev. B 79, 674 (1950)

modern spectroscopy tool: **J.K. Lang, Y. Baer**, Rev. Sci. Instrum. 50, 221 (1979)

Inverse PhotoEmission (UV range)

$h\nu = 9.8 \text{ eV}$

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UV grating

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THE EMPTY ELECTRON-STATES IN MoS₂ : AN INVERSE PHOTOEMISSION SPECTROSCOPY INVESTIGATION

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k-integrated Bremsstrahlung isochromat spectra, collected at different UV-photon energies ($h\nu = 13.2-24$ eV), from 2H-MoS₂ are presented. Two structures (energy separation = 1.2 eV) of d-character are resolved close to the Fermi level. A third broad spectral feature appears at higher energy values and is assigned to hybridised metal-cation sp derived states. The results are compared to different electron-states calculations and are found to give support to the theoretical predictions derived within a LCAO scheme.

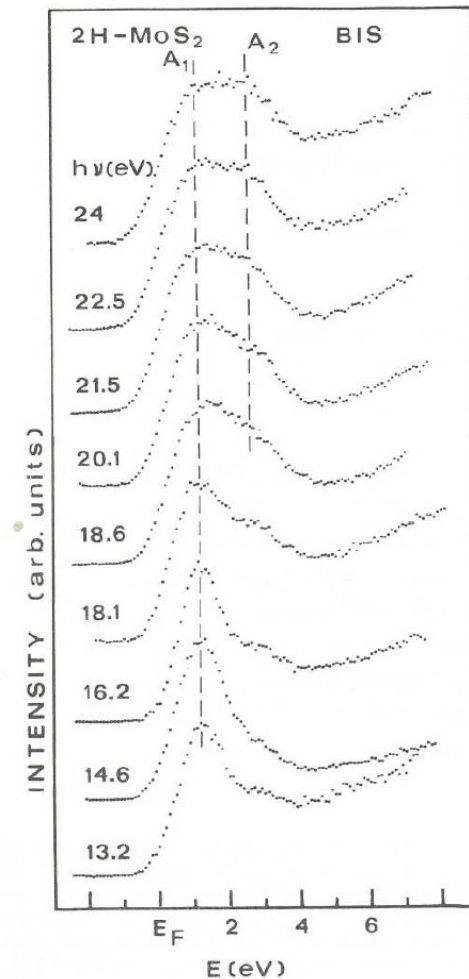


Fig 1 - k-integrated Bremsstrahlung isochromat spectra, collected at different UV-photon energy values, from MoS₂. The spectra were lined up at the Fermi level.



Ultraviolet inverse photoemission spectrograph with parallel multichannel isochromat acquisition

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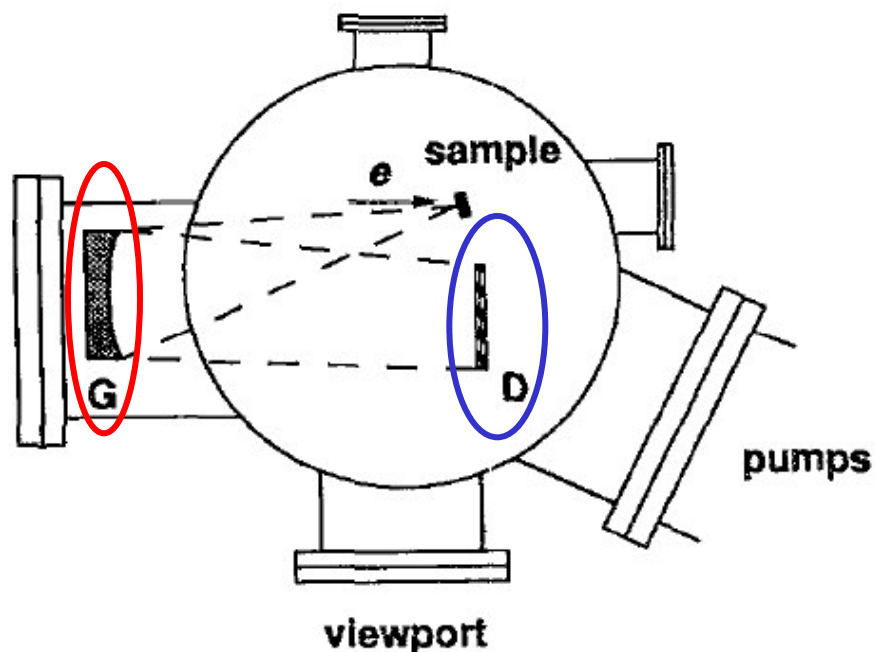


FIG. 1. Schematic view of the main chamber of the ultraviolet inverse photoemission apparatus. *e*, electron beam; *G*, grating; *D*, detector assembly.

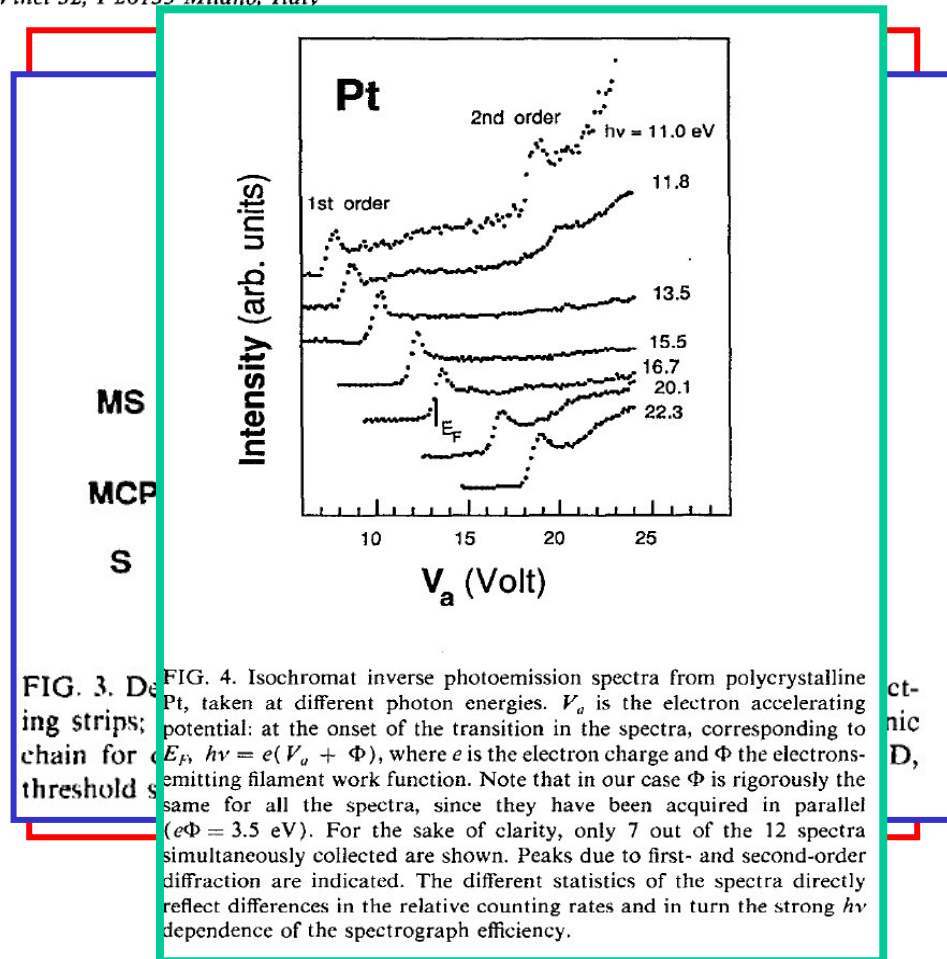
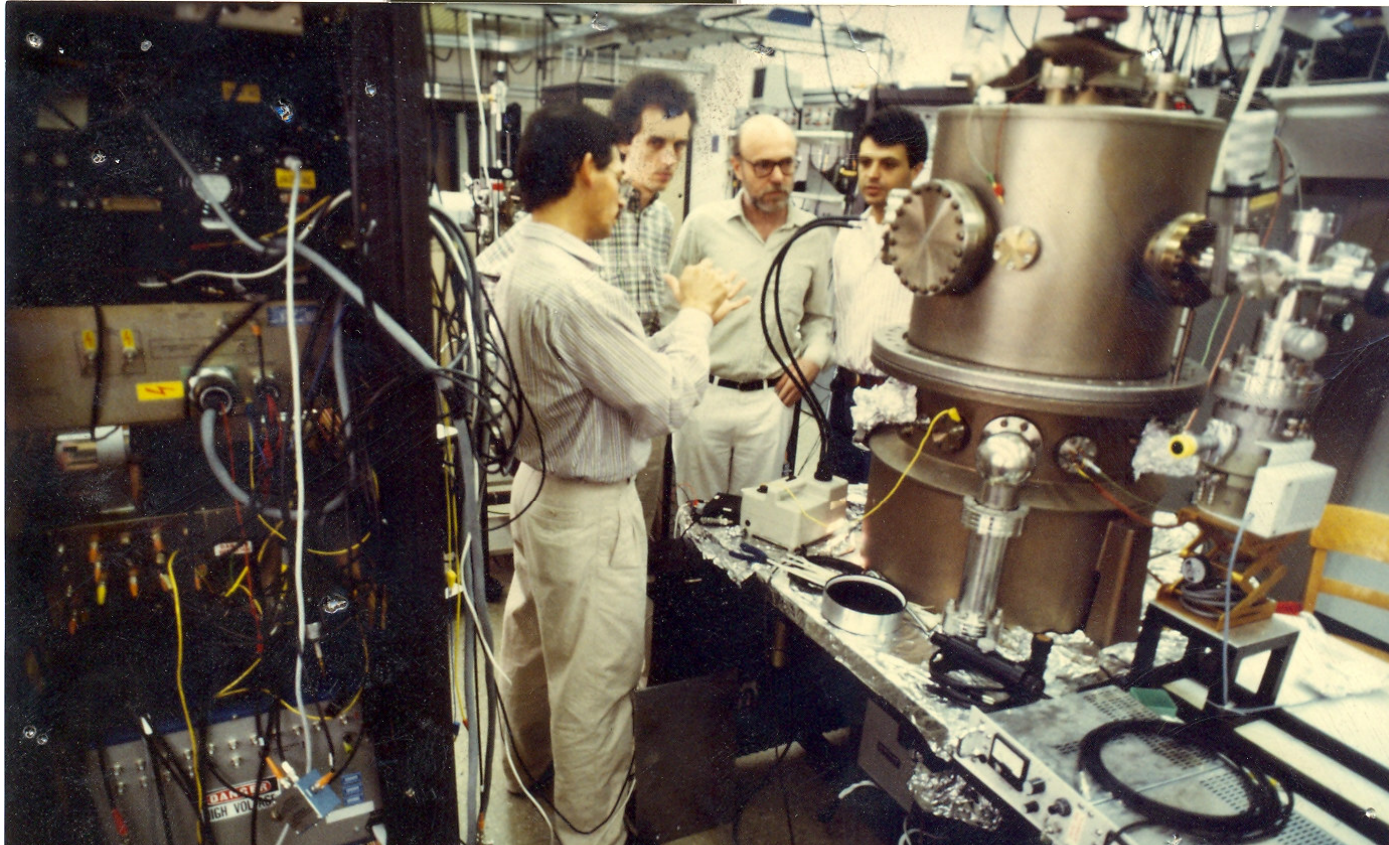


FIG. 3. Detection chain for electrons. FIG. 4. Isochromat inverse photoemission spectra from polycrystalline Pt, taken at different photon energies. V_a is the electron accelerating potential: at the onset of the transition in the spectra, corresponding to E_F , $h\nu = e(V_a + \Phi)$, where e is the electron charge and Φ the electron-emitting filament work function. Note that in our case Φ is rigorously the same for all the spectra, since they have been acquired in parallel ($e\Phi = 3.5$ eV). For the sake of clarity, only 7 out of the 12 spectra simultaneously collected are shown. Peaks due to first- and second-order diffraction are indicated. The different statistics of the spectra directly reflect differences in the relative counting rates and in turn the strong $h\nu$ dependence of the spectrograph efficiency.



- Low *d*-occupancy silicides (Ca-Si, Gd-Si)
- Intermetallic compounds (LaPd₃, YFe₂)
- Fe oxides and sulphides (Fe₂O₃, Fe₃O₄, FeO, FeS₂)
- Metal oxidation (poly Fe, Co, Ni)
- Rare earths metals (La, Eu, Lu, Ce)
- Rare earths-Transition metal compounds
(LuCo₂, LuRh₂, LuRh₇, Lu₇Rh₃, CeCo₂, CeRh₂, CeRh₃, Ce₇Rh₃, CeIr₅, Ce₇Ir₃)

Extensive use of photon energy dependence of photoemission cross section



Covalency in the electronic structure of Fe_3O_4 : an ultraviolet inverse photoemission investigation

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Ultraviolet inverse photoemission from iron monoxide and self-interaction-corrected local-spin-density calculations

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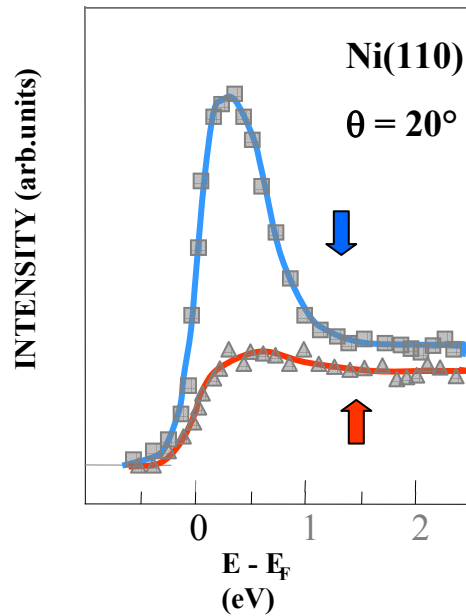
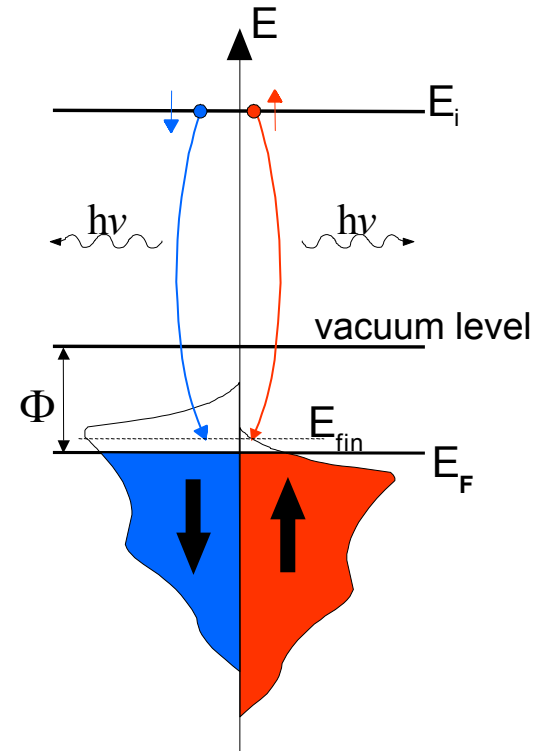
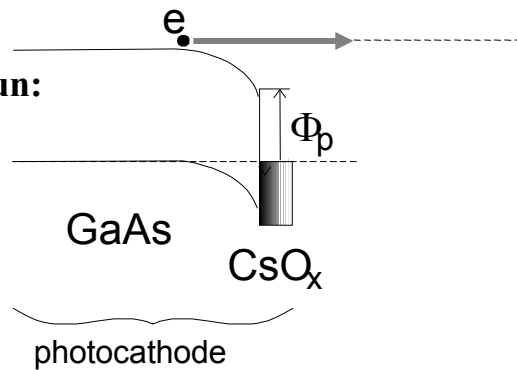
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We present inverse photoemission (IP) results from Fe_xO taken in the isochromat mode at a variety of photon energies in the ultraviolet (11.5–23-eV) and the FeO partial and total density of states calculated in the self-interaction-corrected–local-spin-density approximation (SIC-LSD). The measurements show the Fe 3d contribution just above the bottom of the conduction band E_c and point out a contribution of the type $d^8\bar{L}$ (\bar{L} denotes ligand hole) 12 eV above E_c ; this is superimposed on oxygen (p)-derived states. The comparison with IP and with available direct photoemission results shows the advantages of SIC-LSD over LSD: in particular, the calculations give a gap and account for a distribution of the Fe 3d character in a wide energy range (15 eV) in the ground state. Moreover, the comparison with the experiment shows that SIC-LSD gives a satisfactory approximate evaluation of the Coulomb energy U and of the charge-transfer energy Δ to be used in an impurity model to treat the spectral features that cannot be described by the SIC-LSD eigenvalues ($d^6\bar{L}$ and $d^8\bar{L}$ final states in direct and inverse photoemission, respectively).



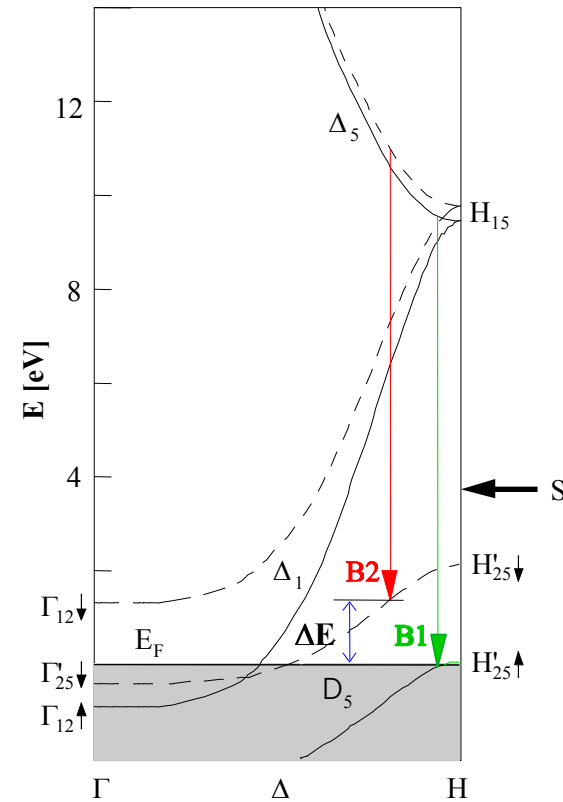
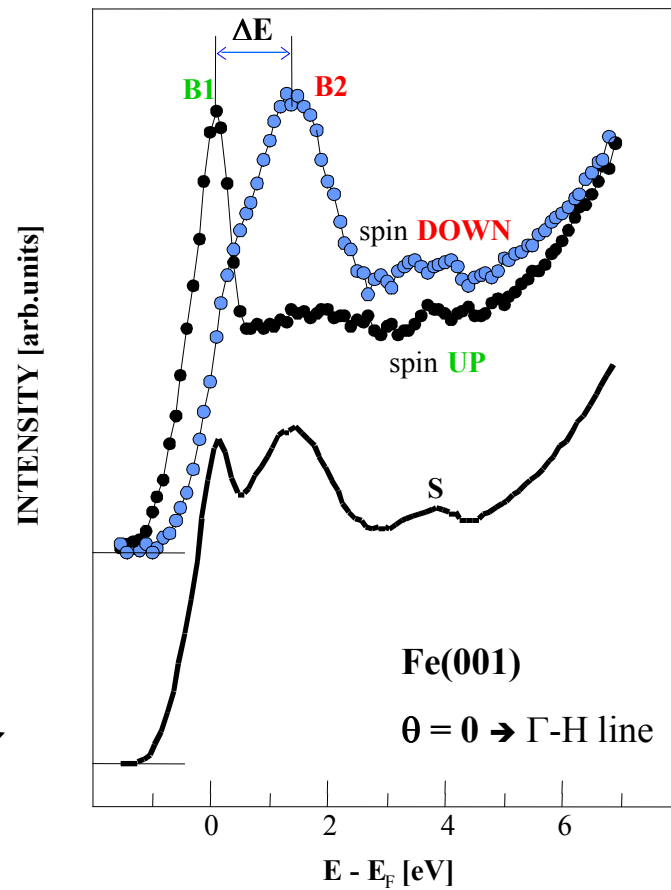
Spin polarized electron gun:
GaAs polarized source



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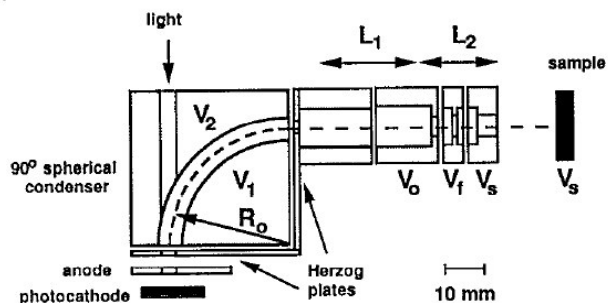
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Spin-polarized electron gun for electron spectroscopies

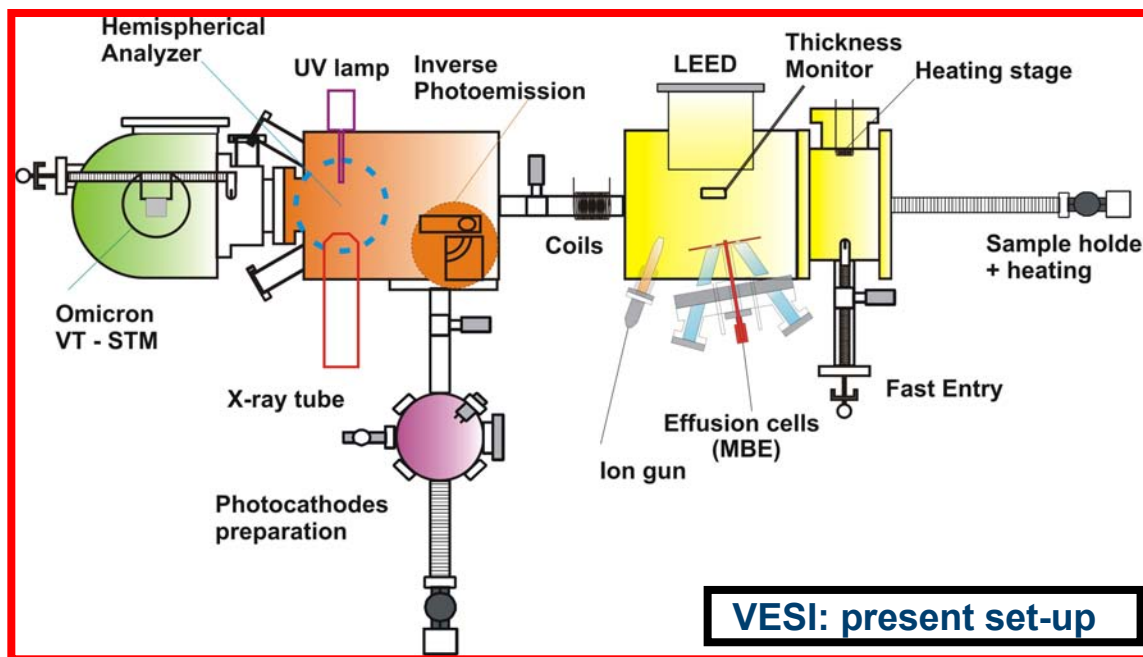
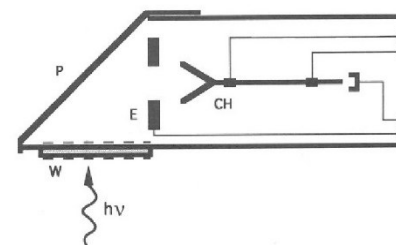
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High-sensitivity bandpass uv photon detector for inverse photoemission

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Thin Fe films grown on Ag(100) studied by angle- and spin-resolved inverse-photoemission spectroscopy

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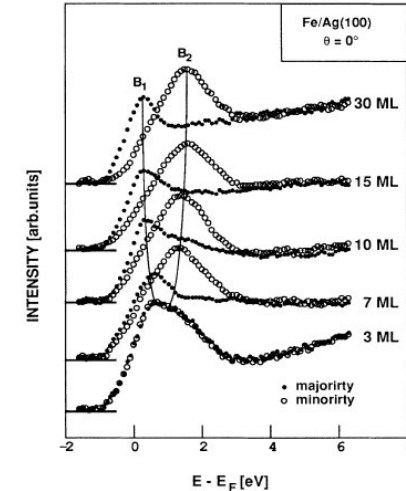


FIG. 7. Spin-resolved spectra normalized to a 100% polarized incident beam from Fe films grown on Ag(100), taken at normal incidence. The majority and minority B_1 and B_2 structures appear in two different spin channels.

thin magnetic films

- evolution of electronic and magnetic structure: Fe on Ag(001), Au(001), and Cu(001)
- antiferromagnetic films: Cr/Ag(001) and Cr/Fe(001)
- metastable films: hcp Co on Fe(001)
- thin oxide films: NiO on Ag(001) and Fe(001)
- half-metals: LaMnSrO and LaMnSrO/SnTiO interfaces
- Fe homoepitaxial growth

clean surfaces - adsorbates

- “negative” exchange splitting of image states in Fe(001)
- adsorbate-induced enhancement of spin dependent effects at Fe(001)-p(1x1)O

magnetic coupling in multilayers

- oscillatory exchange coupling: Fe/Cr/Fe(001)
- exchange bias: Fe/NiO/Fe(001)

non-magnetic films on ferromagnetic substrate

- spin dependent quantum well states: Ag on Fe(001)
- interface states: Pt on Fe(001)
- electron mean free path: V on Fe(001)
- localized f-states: Ce on Fe(001)

ferromagnet / semiconductor interfaces

- Fe/GaAs(001), Fe/Ge(001), Fe/ZnSe(001)

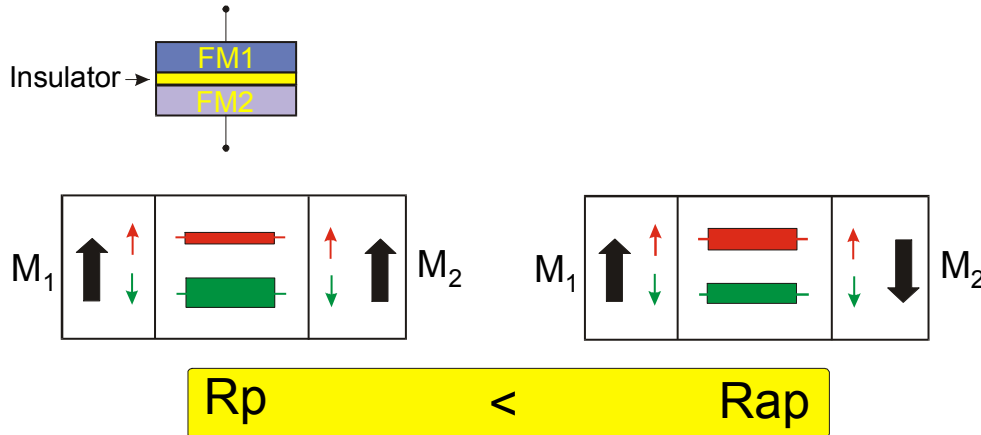
organic-inorganic semiconductor interfaces

Magnetic Tunneling Junctions

- STO/LSMO/STO, Fe/MgO/Fe(001)



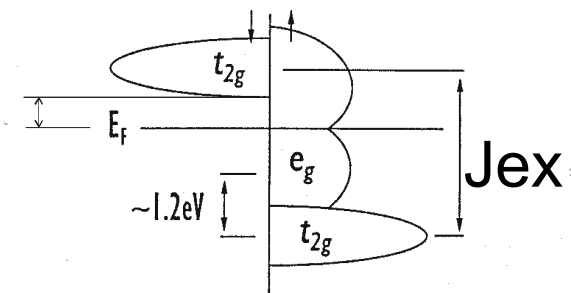
MTJ: Magnetic Tunnel Junctions



$$TMR = \frac{R_{AP} - R_P}{R_P} = 2 \frac{P_1 \cdot P_2}{1 - P_1 \cdot P_2}$$

Important to find materials with high spin polarization at the Fermi level

Half metals: $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{MnO}_3$



J.-H. Park et al. Nature, 392, 794 (1998)

A. Chattopadhyay et al., Phys. Rev. B, 61, 10738 (2000)

MTJ: LSMO/STO/LSMO (epitaxially grown by PLD)

TMR ≈ 1900%

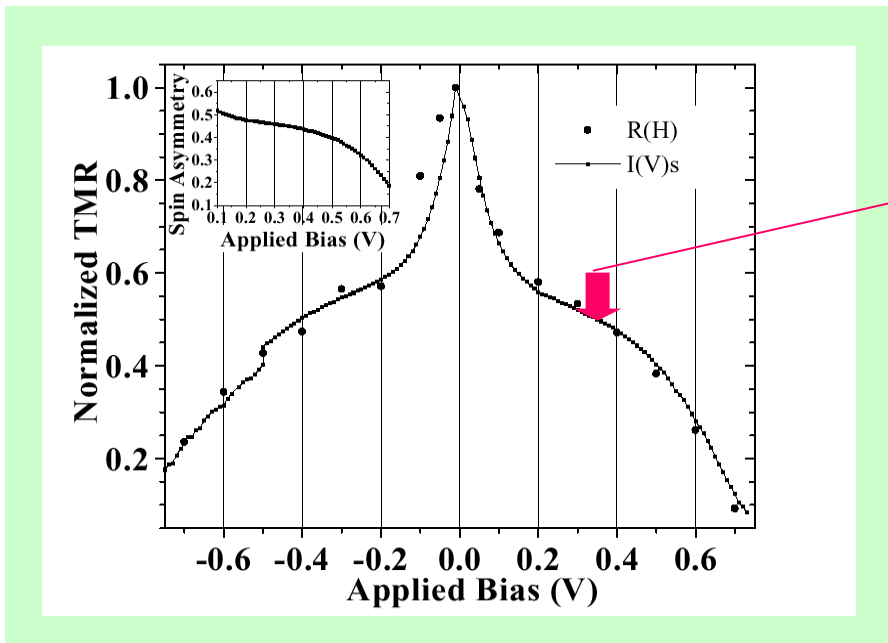
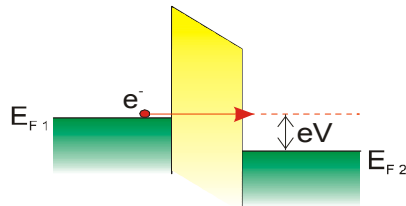
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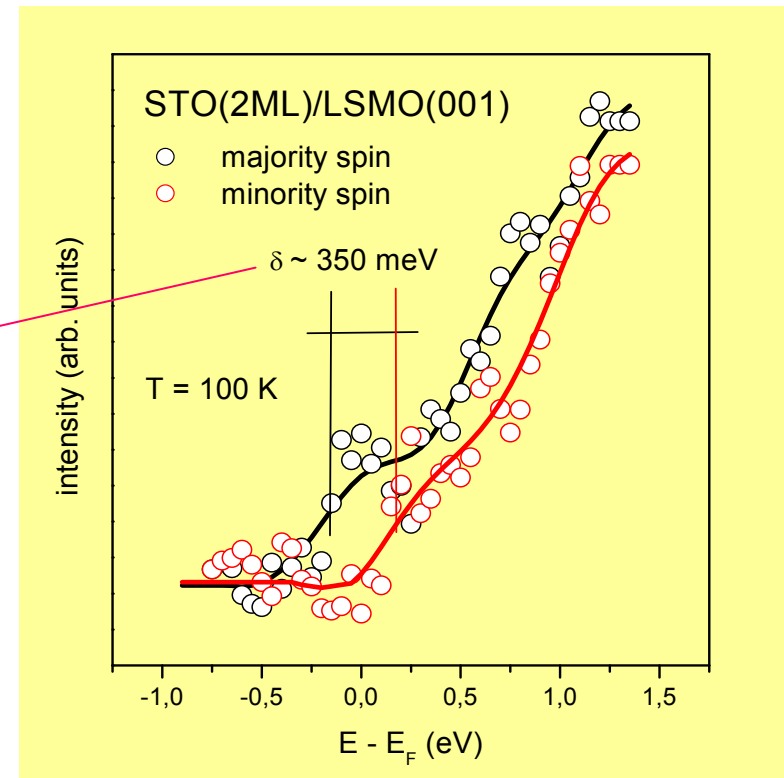
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Bias dependence of TMR (Paris)



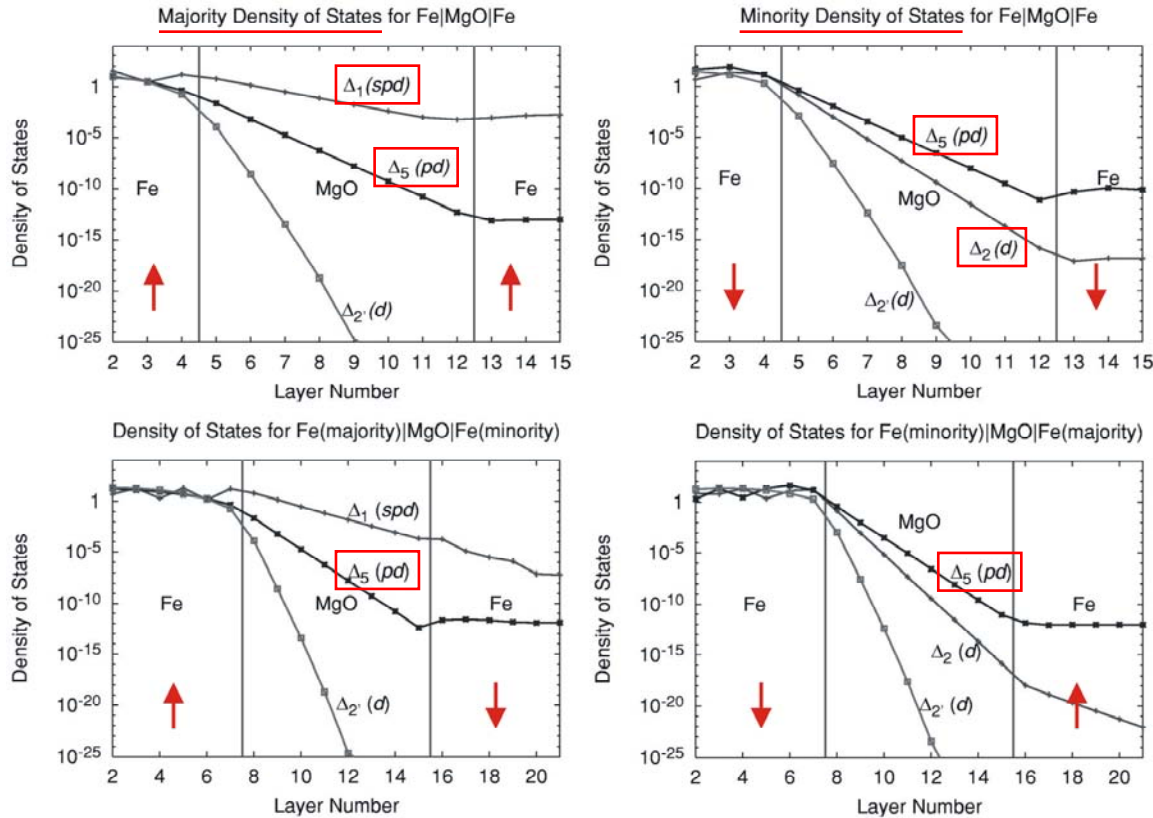
Spin resolved inverse photoemission (Milano)



TMR versus empty state density at FM/insulating interface

M. Bowen, A. Barthèlèmy, M. Bibes, E. Jacquet, J.P. Contour, A. Fert, F. Ciccacci, L. Duò, R. Bertacco

Phys. Rev. Lett. 95, 137203 (2005)



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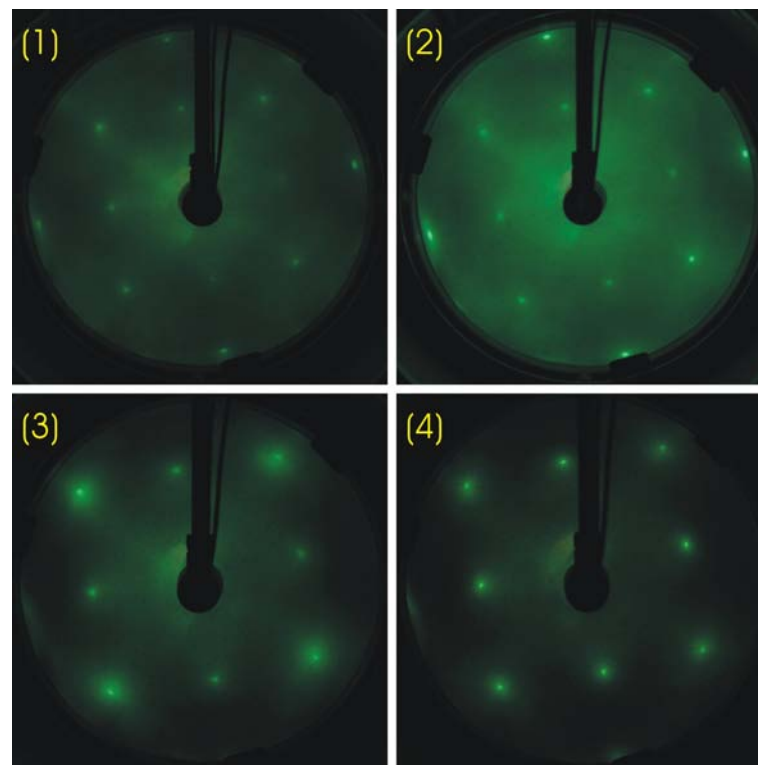
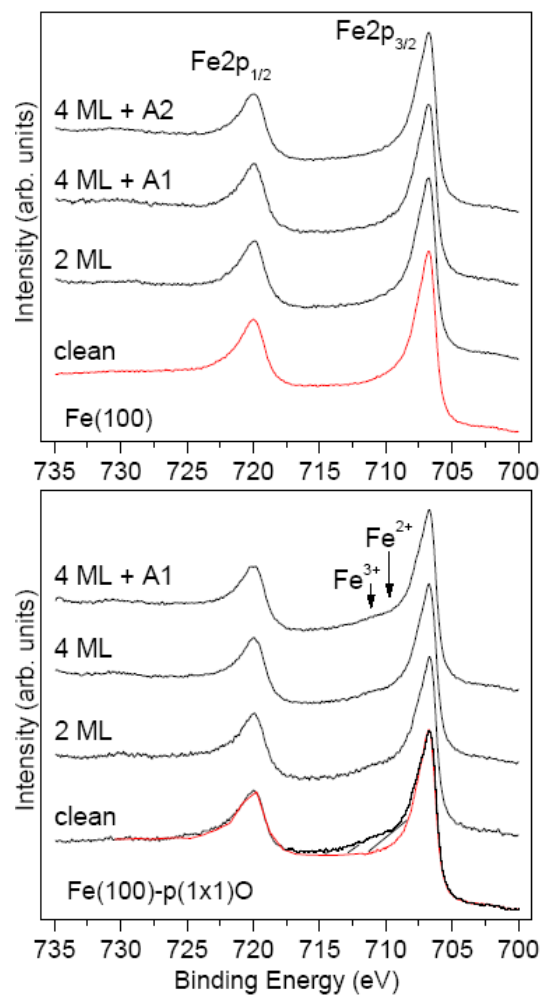
W. H. Butler *et al*, PRB **63** 054416 (2001)

TMR ~1000% (theory)

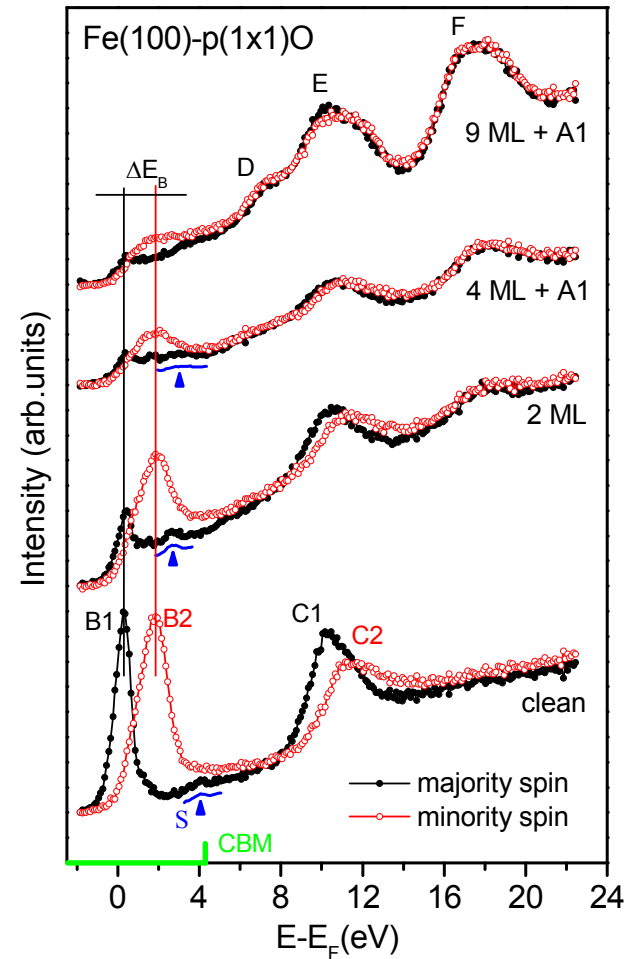
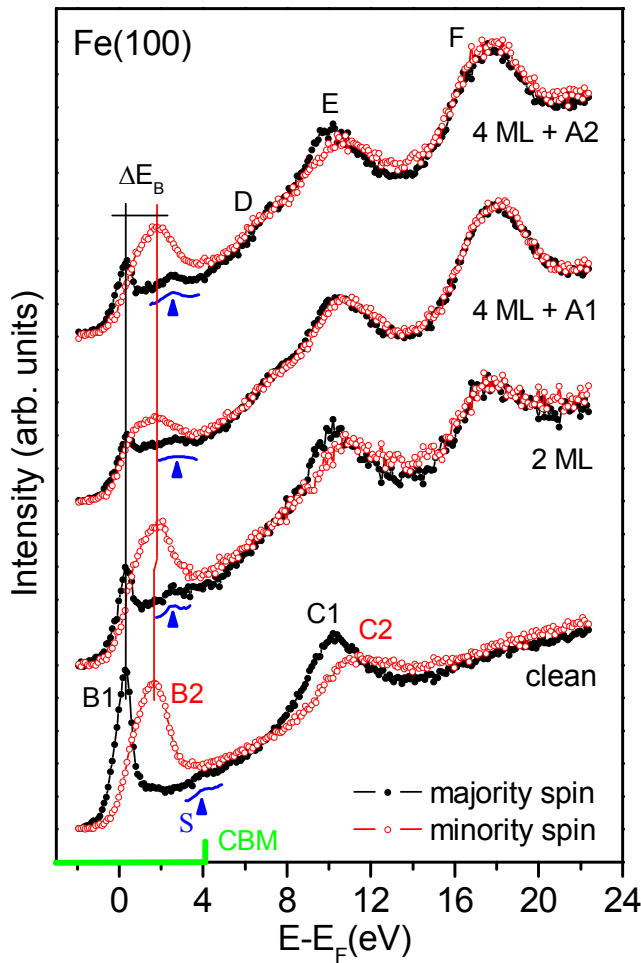
200-300% (experimental)

S. Yuasa *et al*, Nature Materials, **3** 868 (2004)

role of Fe oxidation at interface

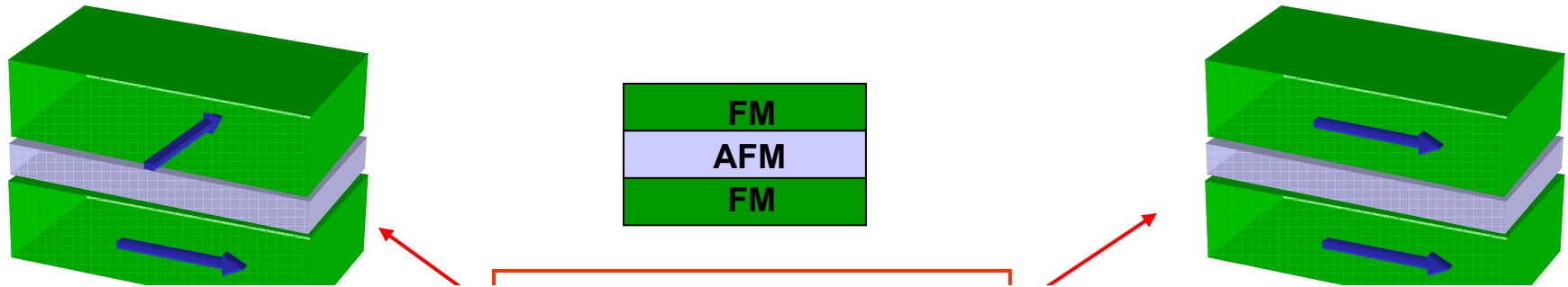


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.... the Fe(001)-p(1x1)O surface is a good candidate for the realization of good interfaces in Fe/MgO/Fe MTJs...

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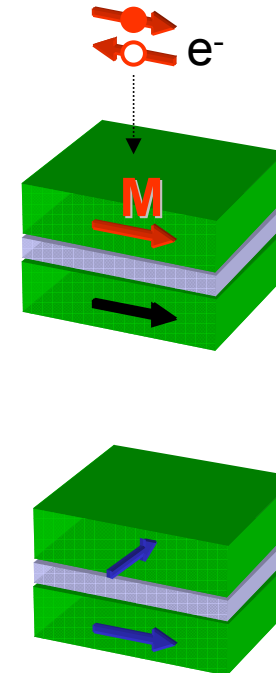
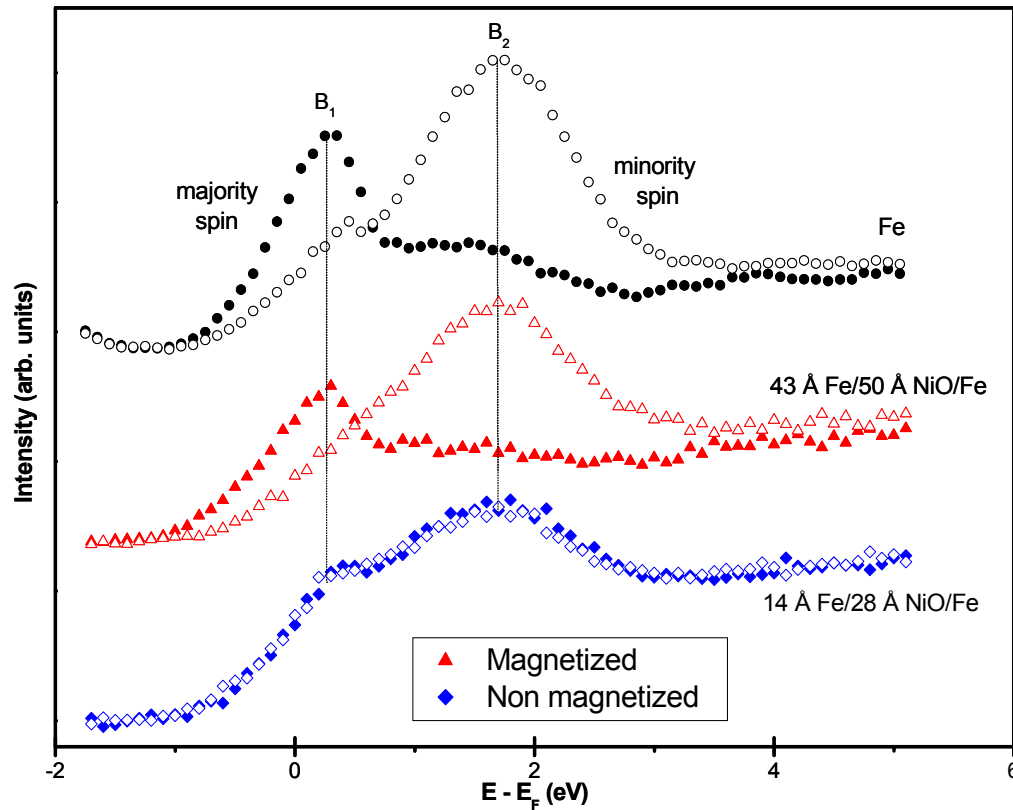
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Magnetic properties of interfaces and multilayers based on thin antiferromagnetic oxide films

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Magnetization reversal properties of Fe/NiO/Fe(001) trilayers

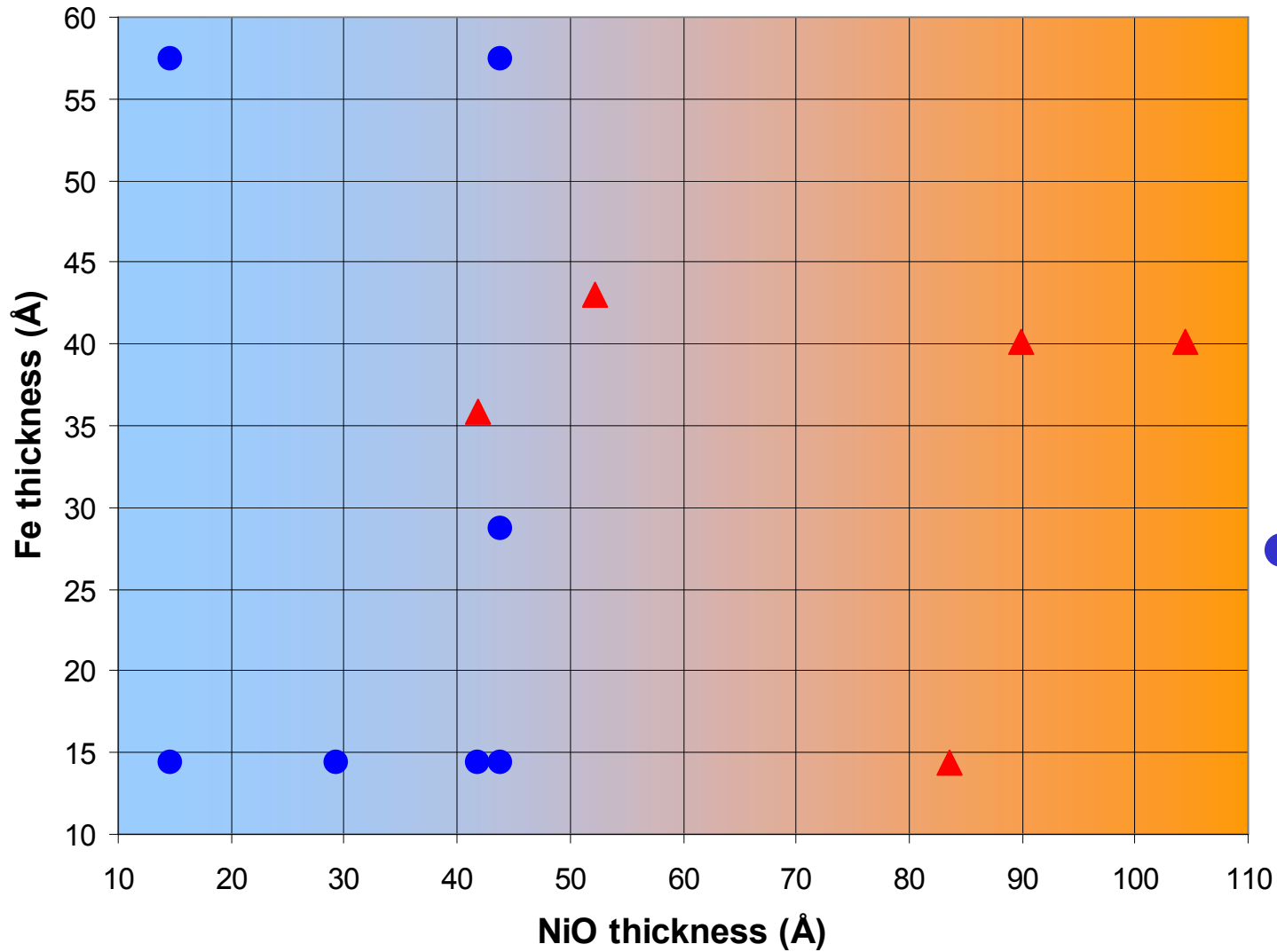
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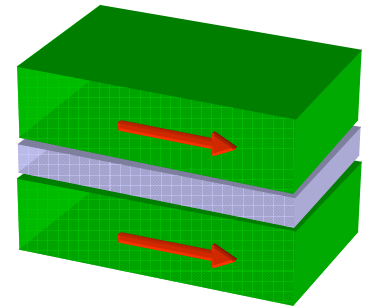
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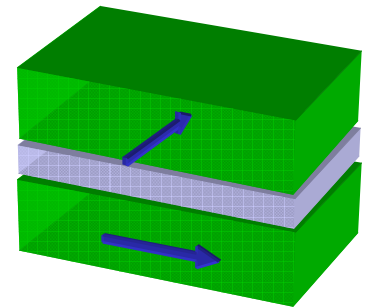
Fe/NiO/Fe: SPIPE results



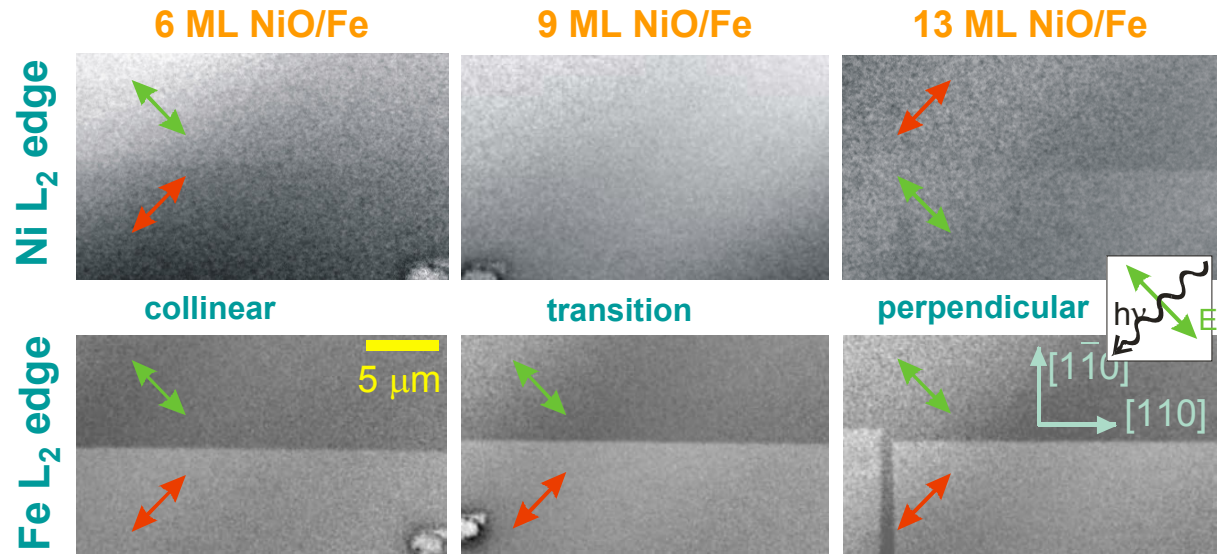
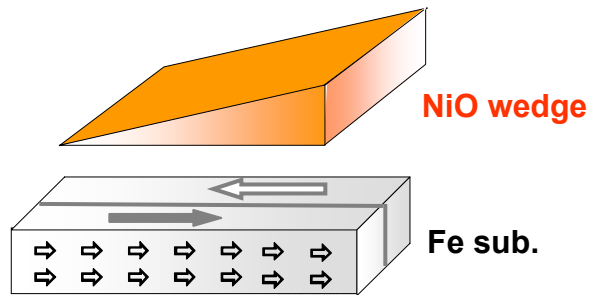
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transition regime $t_{AFM} \approx 40 \text{ \AA}$

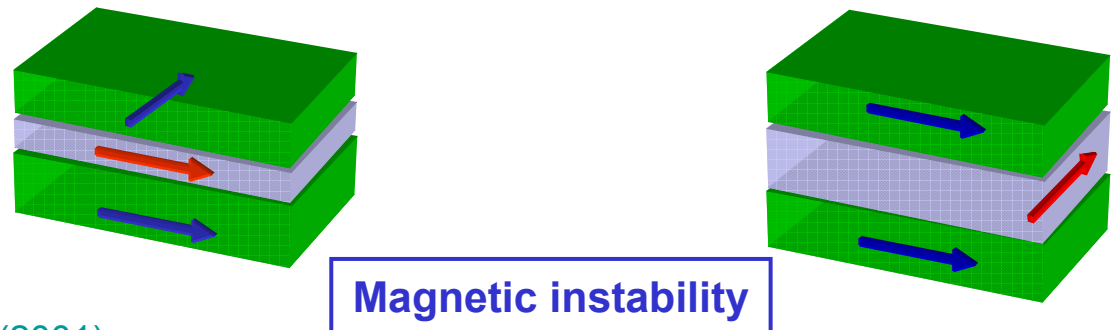


increasing NiO thickness (i.e. moving on the wedge)

M. Finazzi *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **97**, 97202 (2006); L. Duò *et al.*, Surf. Sci. **600**, 4160 (2006)

Reverse interface: Fe/NiO(001) perpendicular coupling at any Fe coverage

H. Ohldag *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **86**, 2878 (2001)





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Frustration-driven micromagnetic structure in Fe/CoO/Fe thin film layered systems

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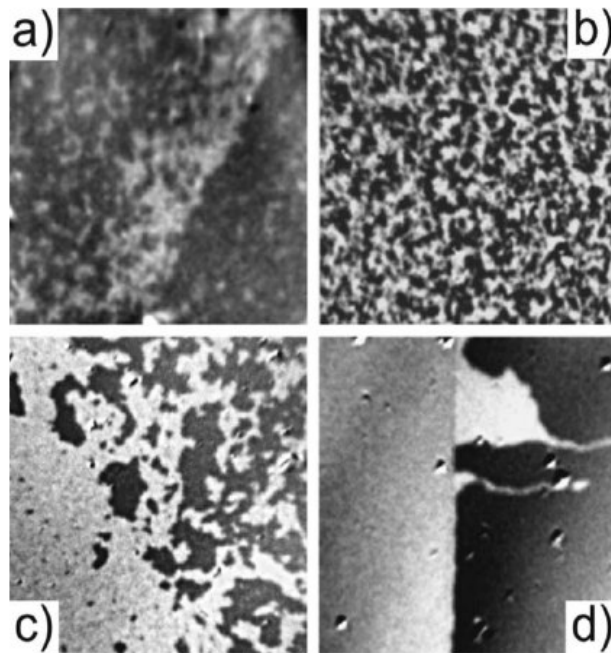


FIG. 1. Room-temperature XMCD asymmetry images from the top Fe layer in the Fe/CoO/Fe system. The CoO thickness is from panels (a) to (d): 1 nm, 2 nm, 4 nm, and 5 nm, respectively. The field of view is $10 \mu\text{m} \times 10 \mu\text{m}$ for each image.

In conclusion, we have provided experimental evidences of the stabilization of **very small in-plane magnetic domains** on top of Fe/CoO/Fe trilayer systems and compared such observations with analogous results previously obtained on Fe/NiO/Fe systems, also in consideration of the dramatically different values of the magnetocrystalline anisotropy reported for the two systems. The observed domain structure cannot be explained in the framework of conventional magnetic domain theories, while it is clearly connected with magnetic instabilities generated by frustrations at the FM/AFM interfaces. Such instabilities are also expected to be connected to the different coupling regimes between the magnetization directions in the FM layers which have in fact been observed by MOKE for different CoO thicknesses.



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