

Photocathode Physics: Band Structure and Emittance

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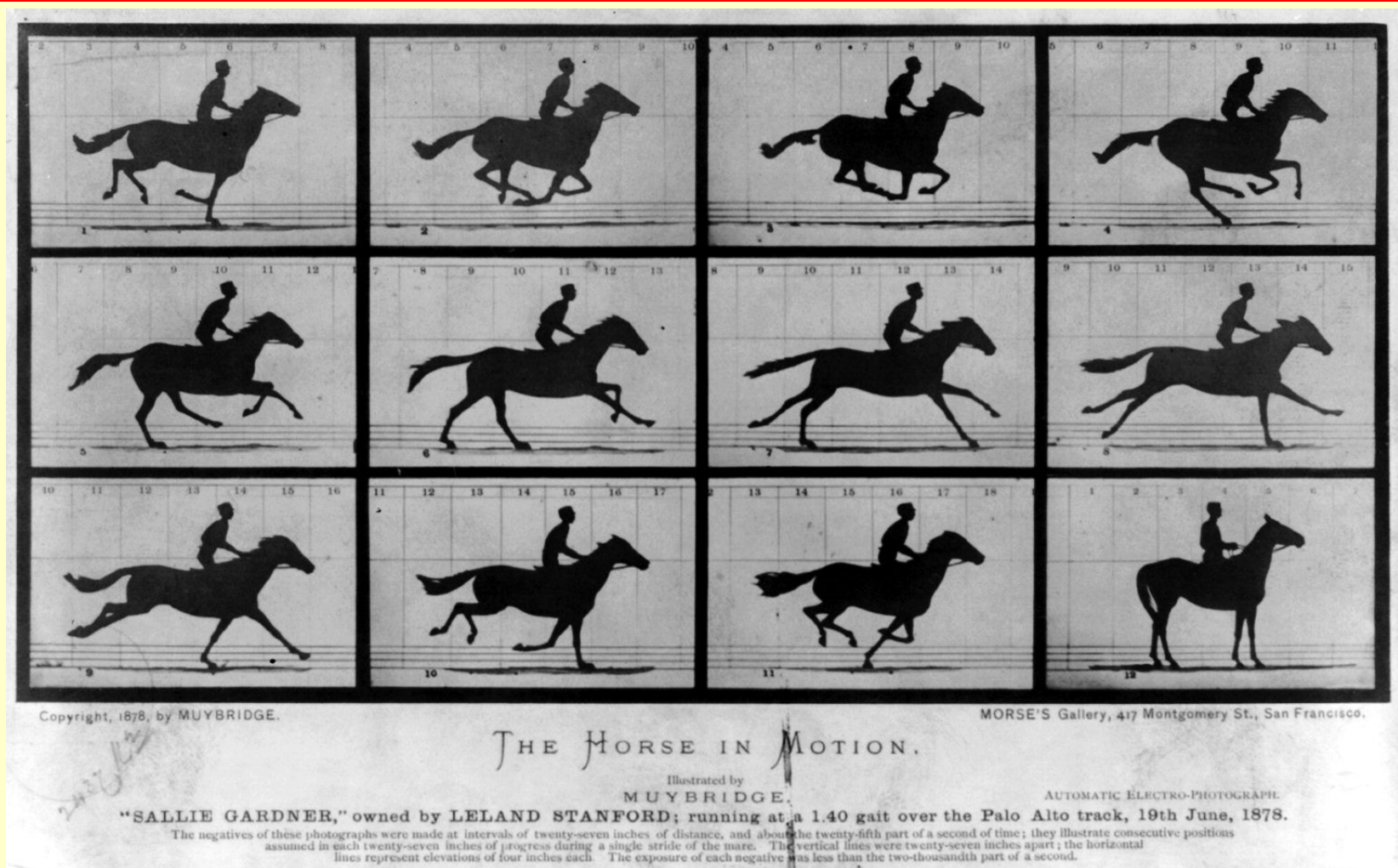
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Space-time resolution

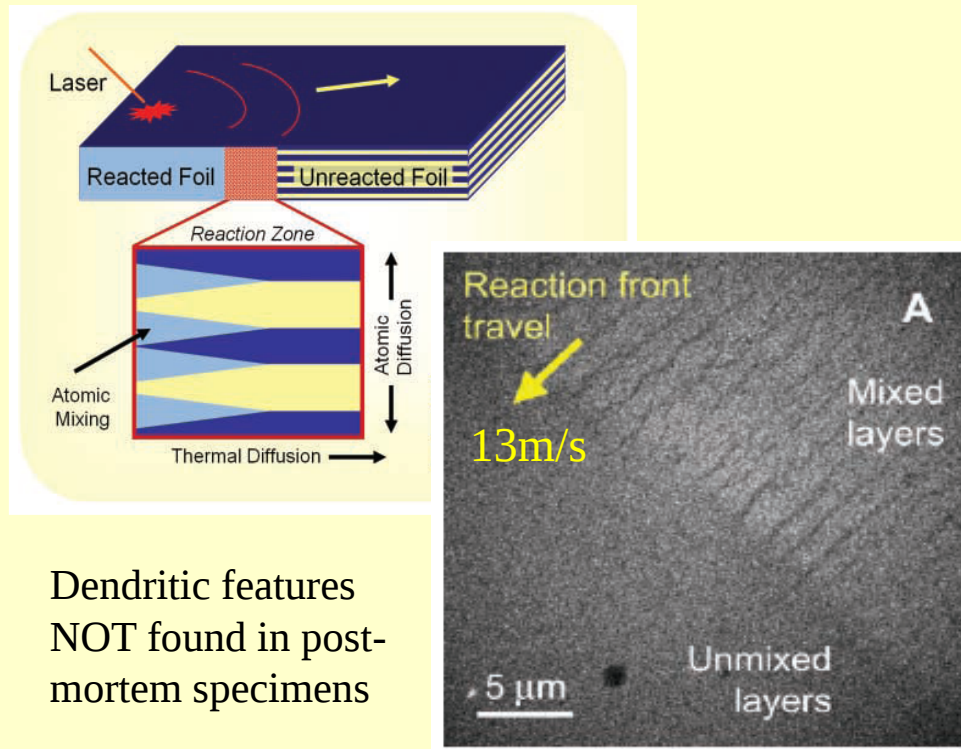


E. Muybridge (photographer, 1878): $\delta t = 0.002\text{s}$ and $\delta x \sim 10\text{cm}$
 $\Rightarrow$ Space-time resolution, $\delta x \cdot \delta t \sim 1 \text{ mm} \cdot \text{second}$

Dynamic TEM

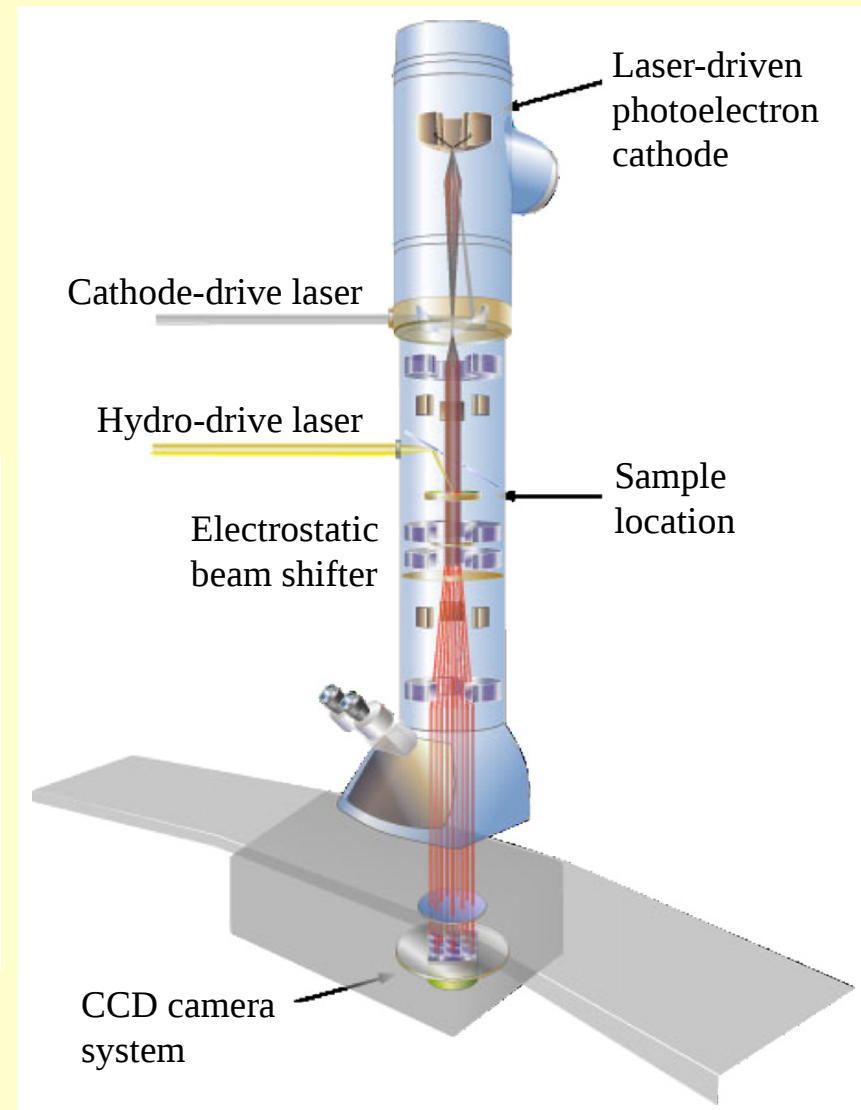
– LLNL DTEM: Single-shot *imaging*

- Laser-initiated reaction in Al/Ni reactive multi-layer foil (RMLF):



Dendritic features
NOT found in post-
mortem specimens

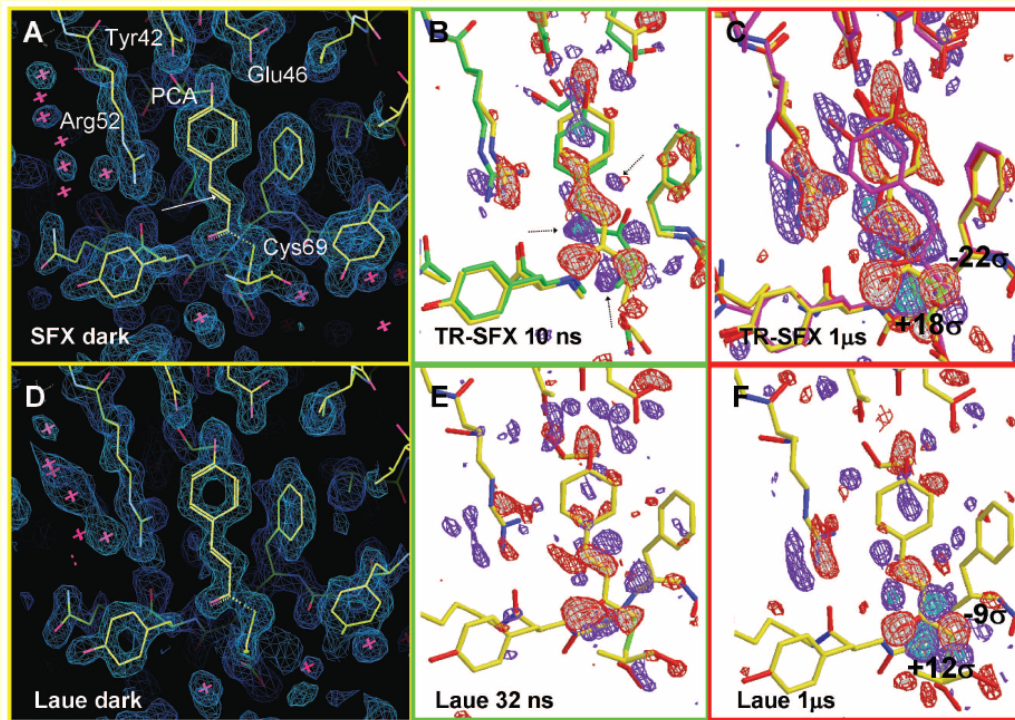
$$\delta x \cdot \delta t \approx 10\text{nm} \cdot 10\text{ns} \sim 100 \text{ nm} \cdot \text{ns}$$



Ultrafast X-ray diffraction

– SLAC X-ray free electron laser (XFEL)

- Reaction intermediates of photoactive yellow protein:

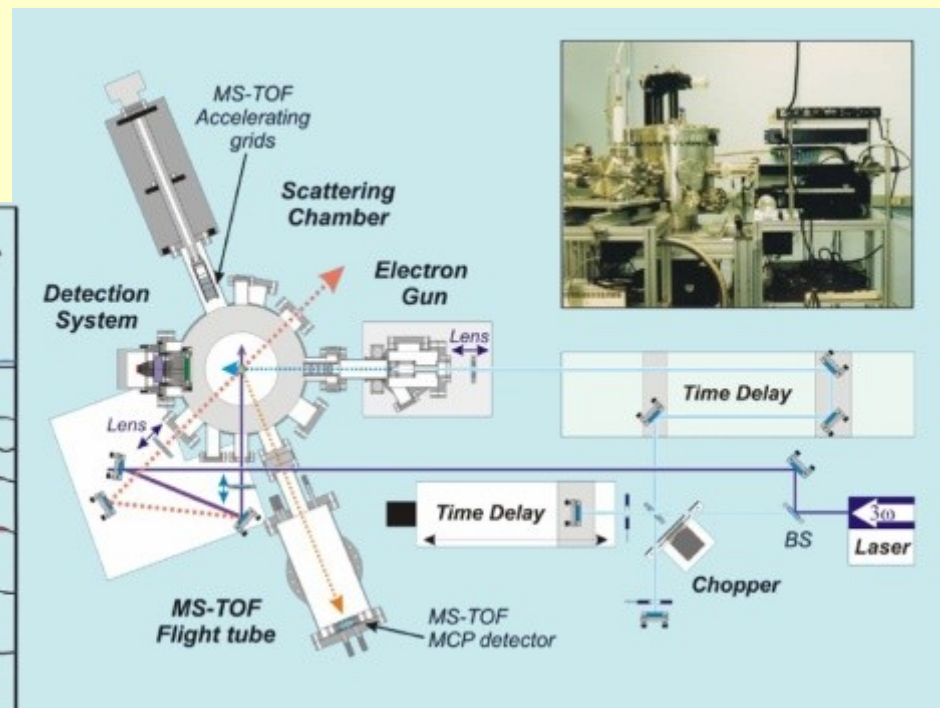
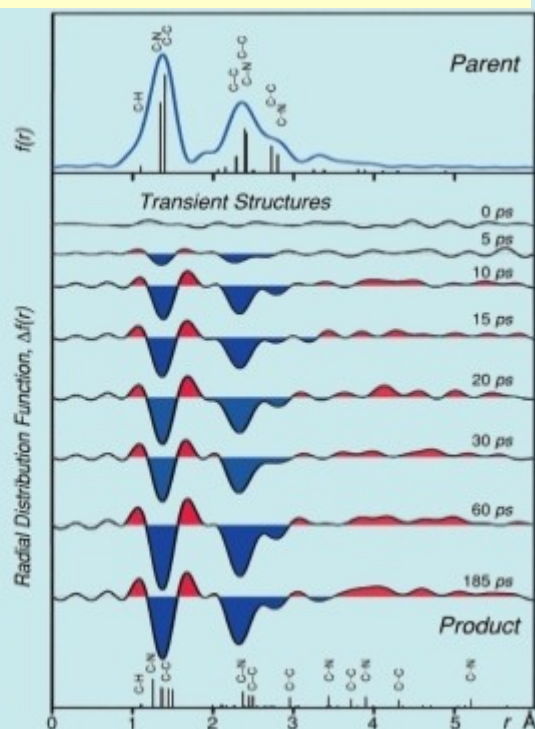
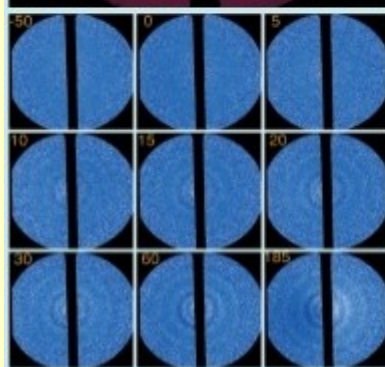
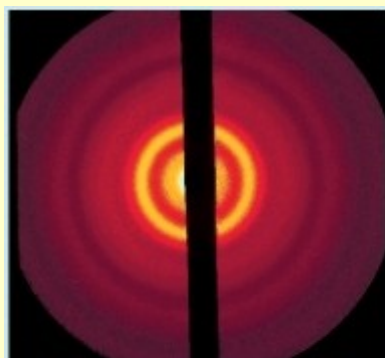


$$\delta x \cdot \delta t \approx 1.6 \text{ \AA} \cdot 100 \text{ ps} > 10^{-2} \text{ nm} \cdot \text{ns}$$



Ultrafast electron diffraction (UED)

- A. Zewail: 1999 Nobel Prize in Chemistry
- Pump-probe technique:
 - Laser pulse initiates perturbation
 - Time-delayed electron pulse monitors changes



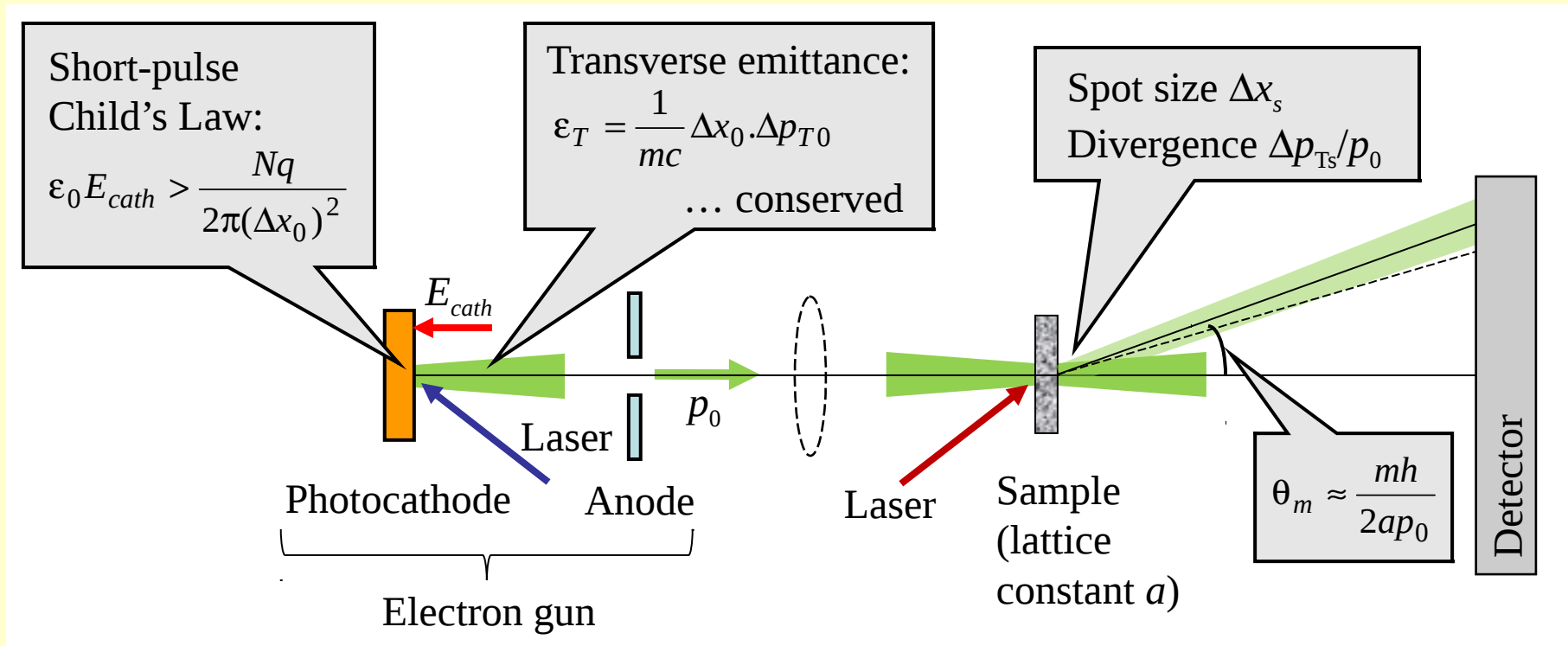
Modern *single-shot* UED systems:
 $\delta x \cdot \delta t < 1 \text{ \AA} \cdot 100 \text{ fs} = 10^{-5} \text{ nm} \cdot \text{ns}$

H. Ihee et al., *Science* **291** (2001) 458

V.A. Lobastov et al., *J. Phys. Chem. A* **105** (2001) 11159

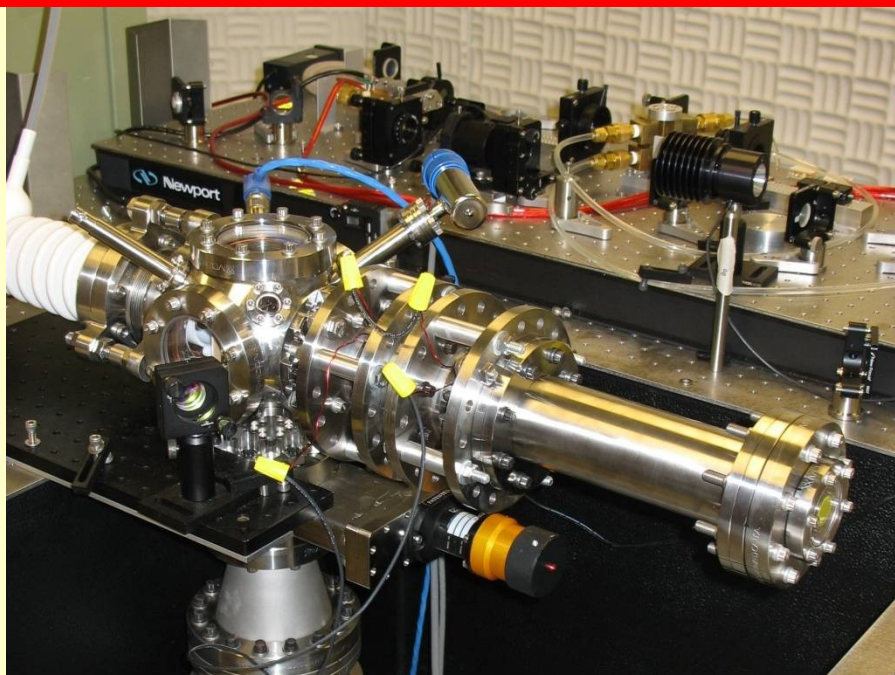
UED: Spatial Resolution Limit

– Non-relativistic regime

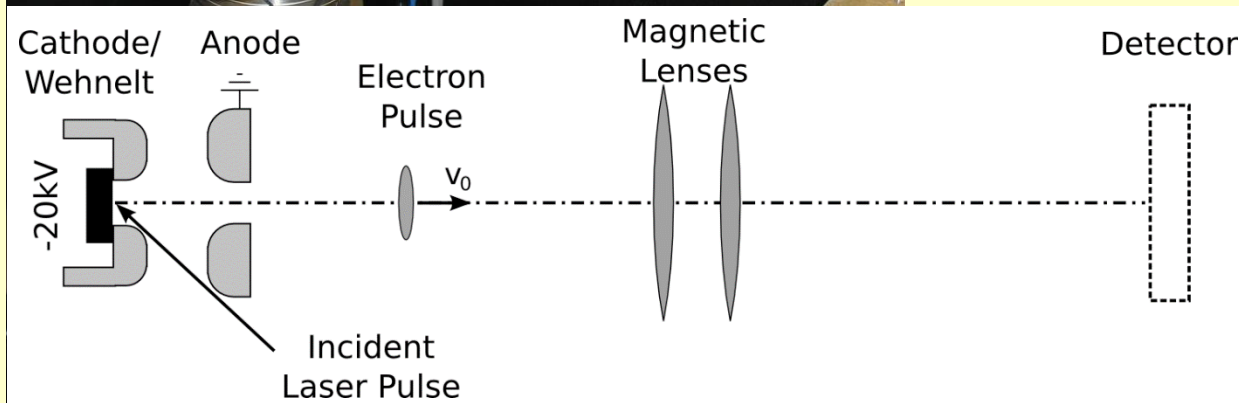


$$\Rightarrow \text{Observable } \frac{\delta a}{a} \geq \frac{\xi}{mh} \left(\frac{a}{\Delta x_s} \right) \sqrt{\frac{2Nq}{\pi \epsilon_0 E_{cath}}} \cdot \Delta p_{T0} \quad ; \quad \text{with } \Delta p_{T0} = ??$$

Δp_{T0} Measurement: Solenoid Scan

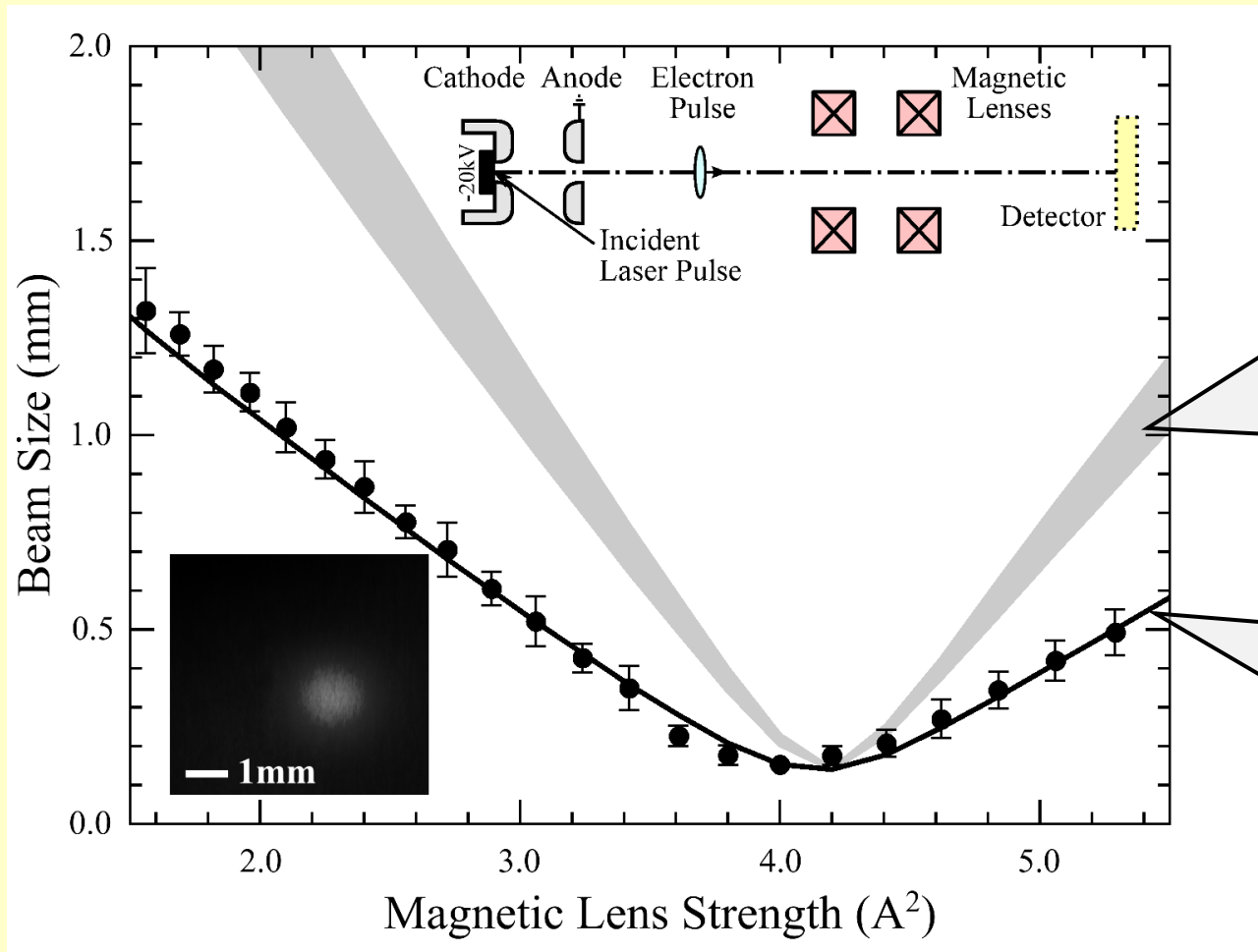


- 2W, 250fs, 63MHz , diode-pumped Yb:KGW laser
 - $\sim 4\text{ps}$ at 261nm ($\hbar\omega = 4.75\text{eV}$)
- YAG scintillator optically coupled to CCD camera
 - Beam size vs. magnetic coil (lens) current measured
 - Analytical Gaussian (AG) pulse propagation model to extract Δp_{T0}



Results: Polycrystalline Cr

– Solenoid scan measurement



Range for Δp_T from

$$\Delta p_{T0} = \sqrt{\frac{m_0(\hbar\omega - \phi)}{3}}$$

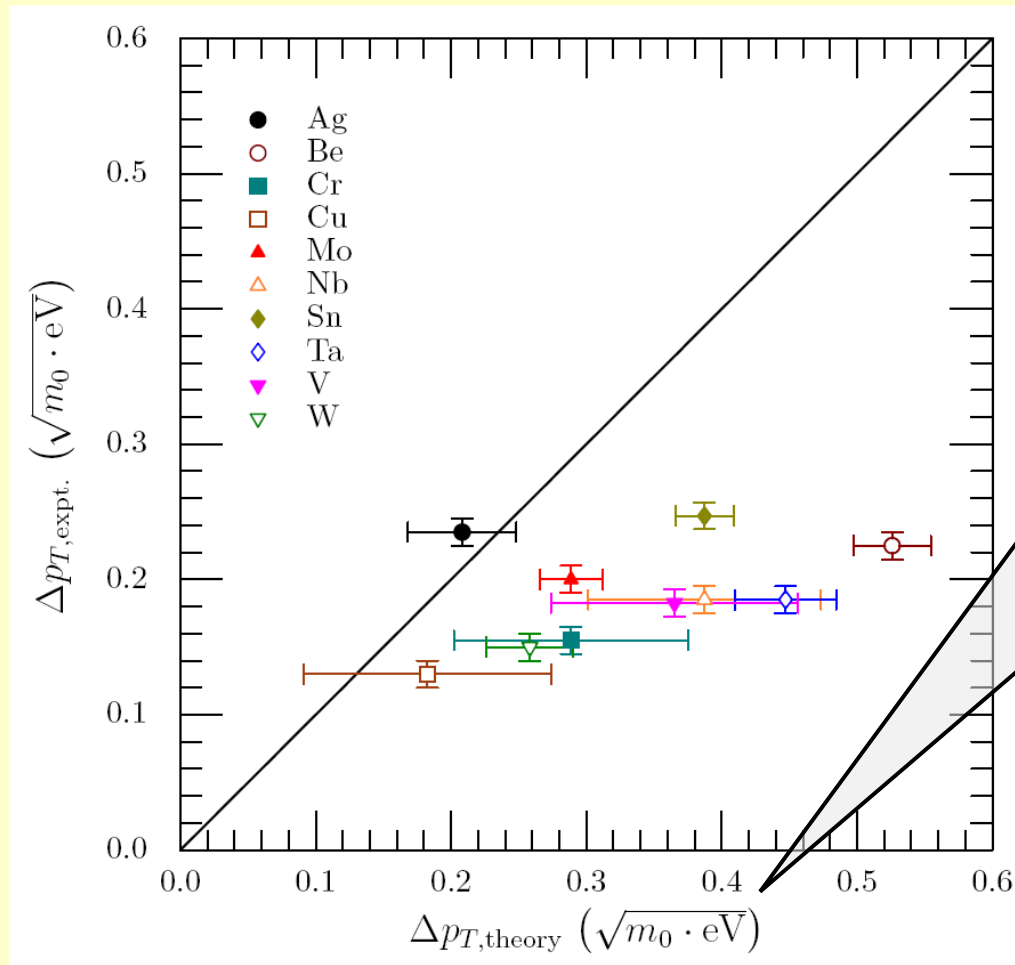
... $\phi = 4.50(\pm 0.05)\text{eV}$
and $\hbar\omega = 4.75\text{eV}$

AG model simulation
of experiment gives

$$\Delta p_{T0} = 0.155(\pm 0.01) \\ (m_0 \cdot \text{eV})^{1/2}$$

Results: 10 Polycrystalline Metals

– Δp_T from solenoid scan measurements vs. standard theory



Standard expression,

$$\Delta p_{T0} = \sqrt{\frac{m_0(\hbar\omega - \phi)}{3}},$$

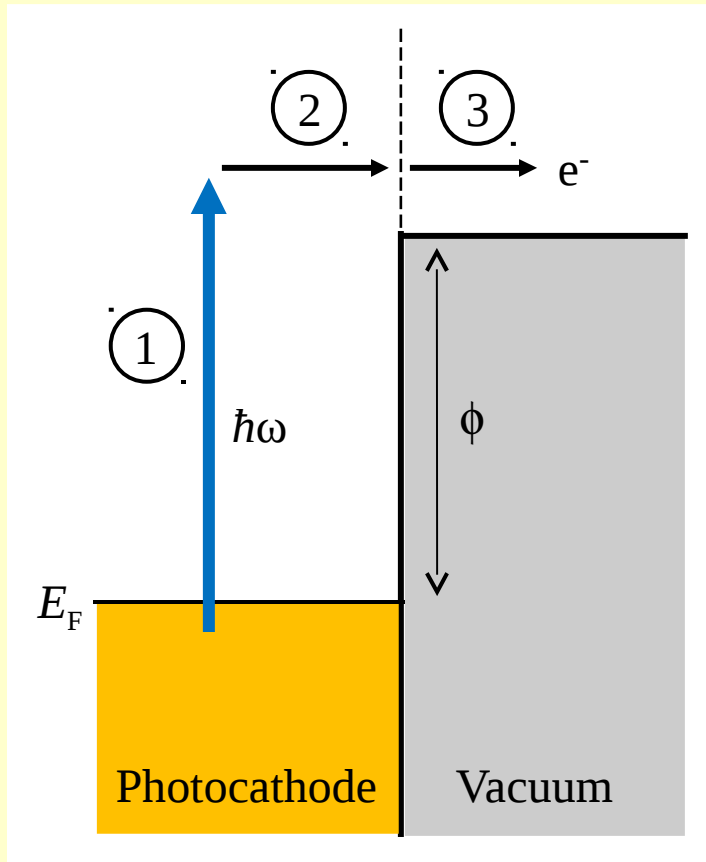
assumes:

- (i) Isotropic parabolic electron-like bands;
- (ii) Constant density of states;
- (iii) $m^* = m_0$, the free electron mass.

Disagreement $\Rightarrow$ Band structure effect ?

Photoemission Theory I

– The semi-classical three-step ‘Spicer’ model



1. Photoexcitation
2. Transport to surface
3. Emission from surface

▪ Transport $\Rightarrow$ **Real** electronic band
 $\therefore$ Photoexcitation into upper state
 near vacuum level

▪ Emission from upper excited state
 $\Rightarrow$ High quantum efficiency (η_{PE})

AND

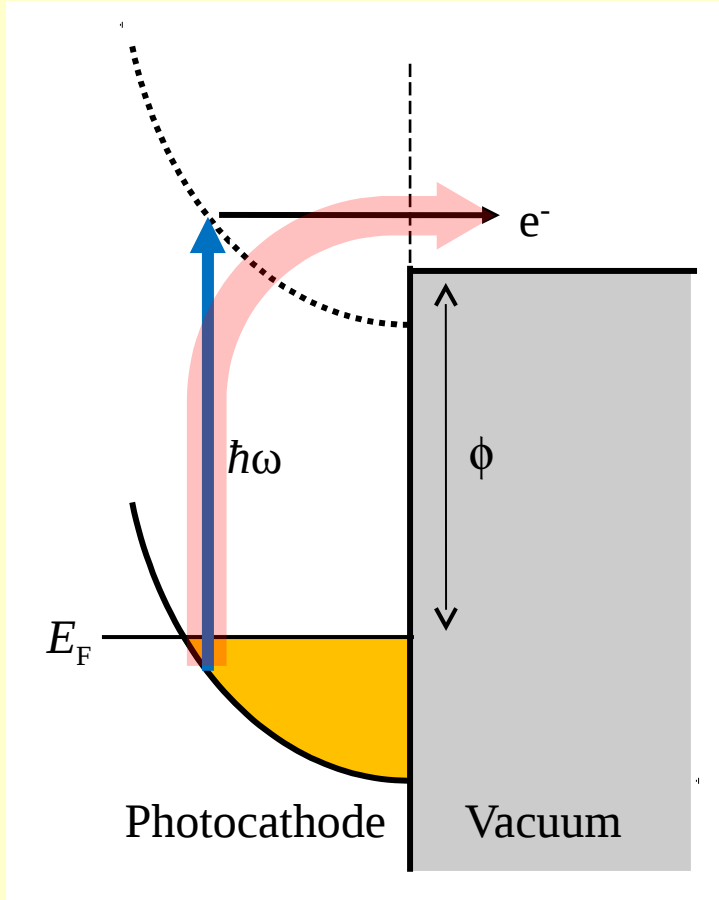
Response time $\approx$ Lifetime (ps-ns)

$\therefore$ **NOT** suitable for UED

Examples: NEA GaAs, KCsSb, GaSb,
 diamond, Cu(111)?

Photoemission Theory II

- The ‘quantum mechanical’ one-step model



Photoexcitation into a **virtual** state
(excited copy of filled band)
emitting into the vacuum in one step

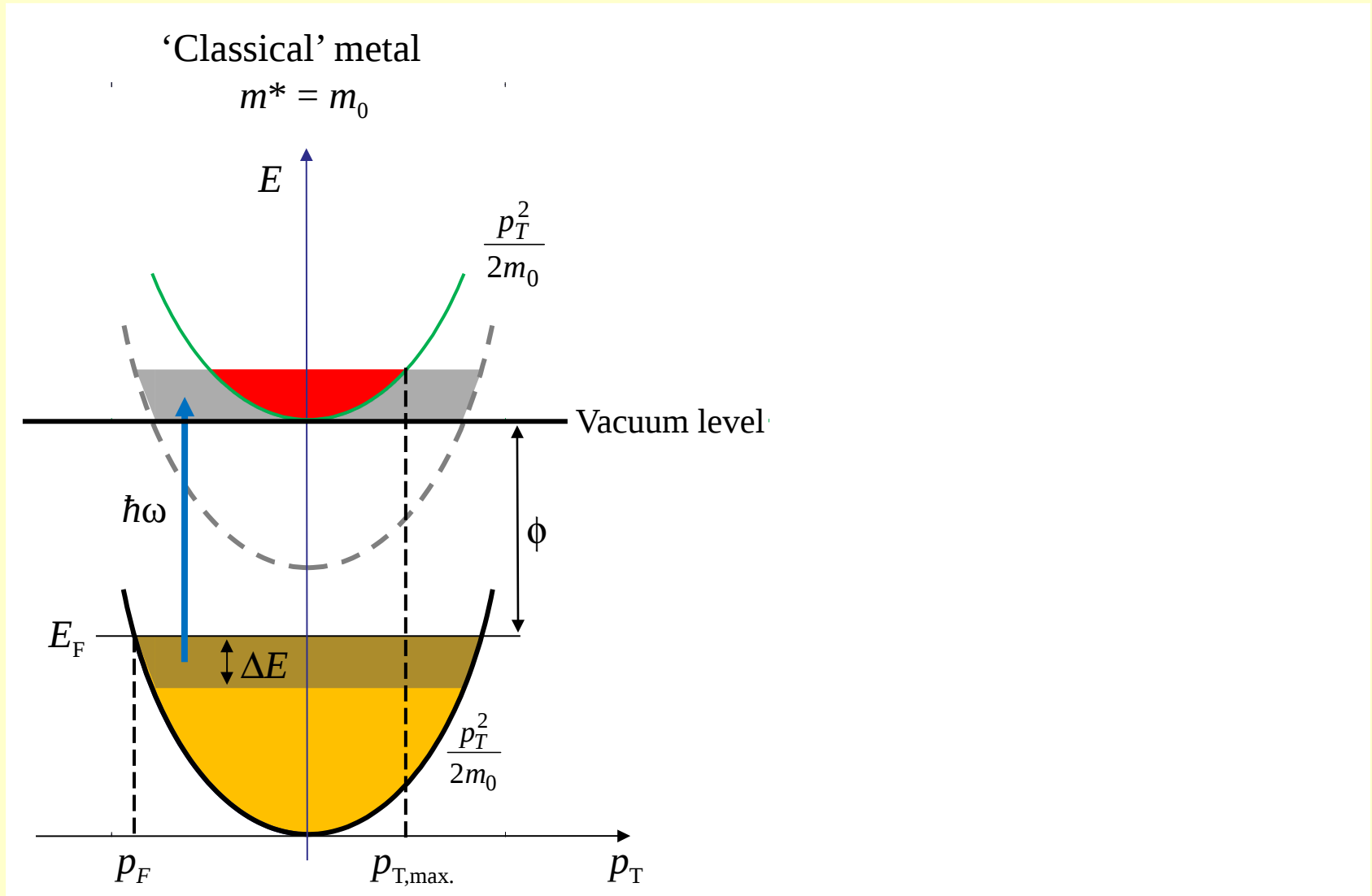
- Low $\eta_{PE} \sim 10^{-5}$ to 10^{-7}
- ‘Instantaneous’ emission process

Suitable for UED

Examples: Most metals

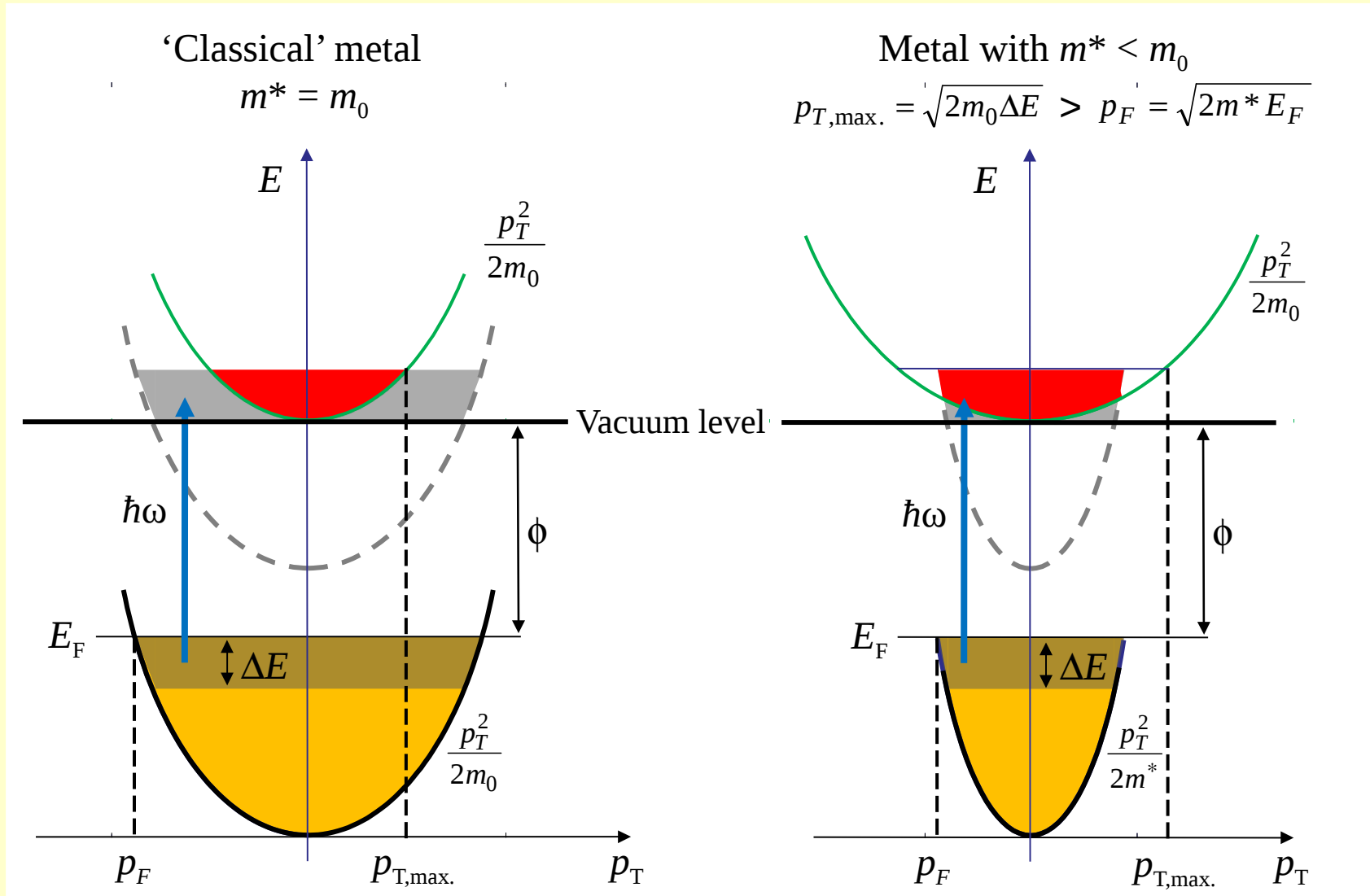
Band Structure Effects

- Transverse momentum p_T conserved in photoemission



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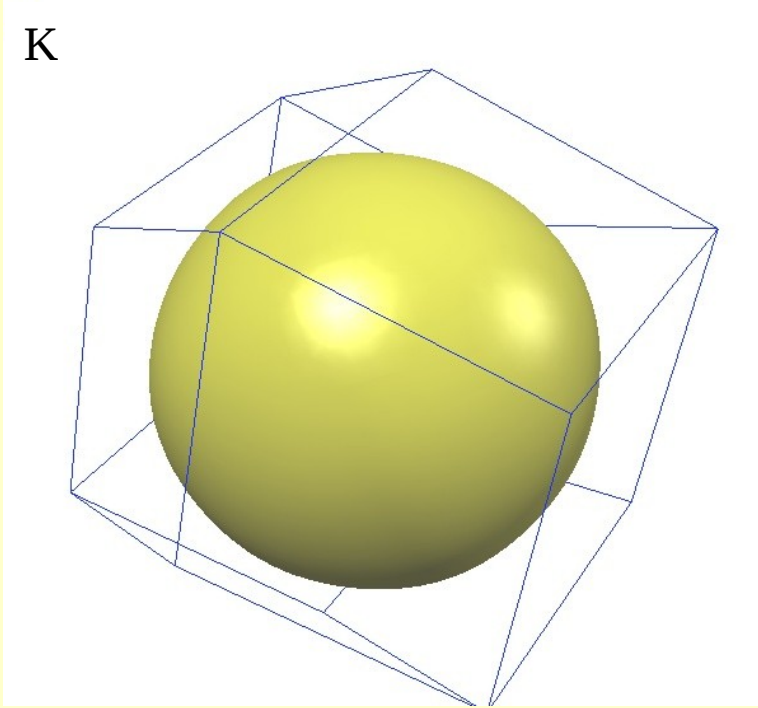
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Fermi Surfaces

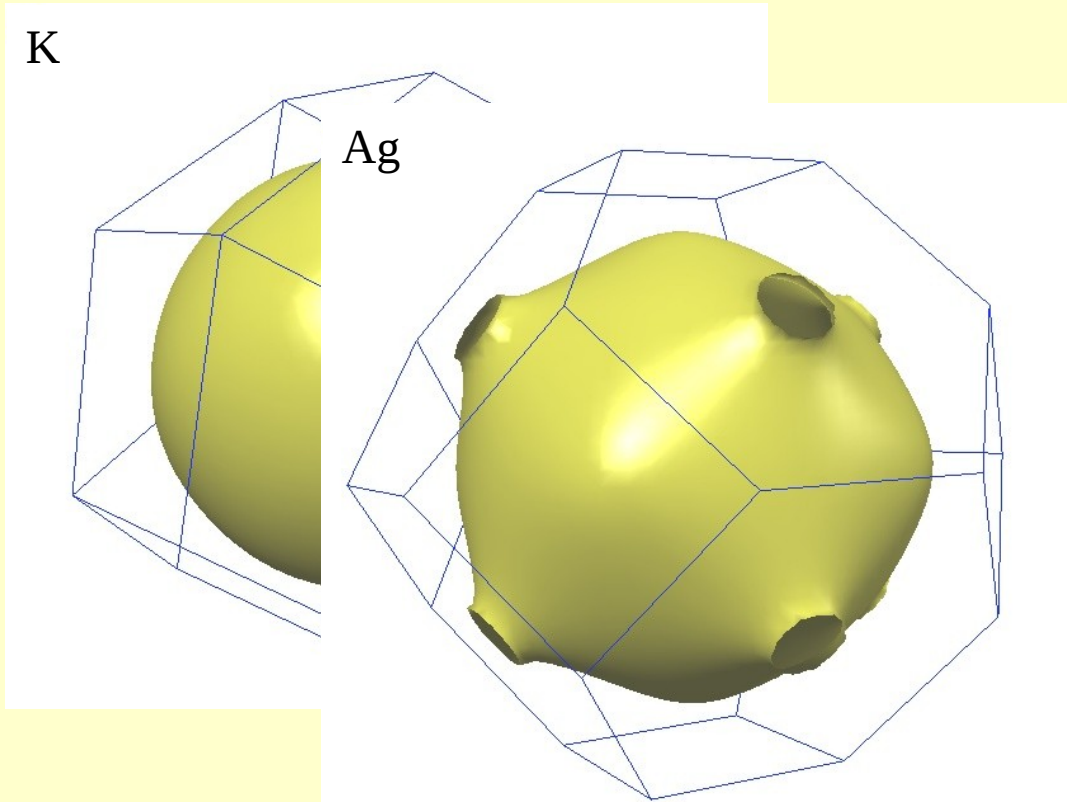
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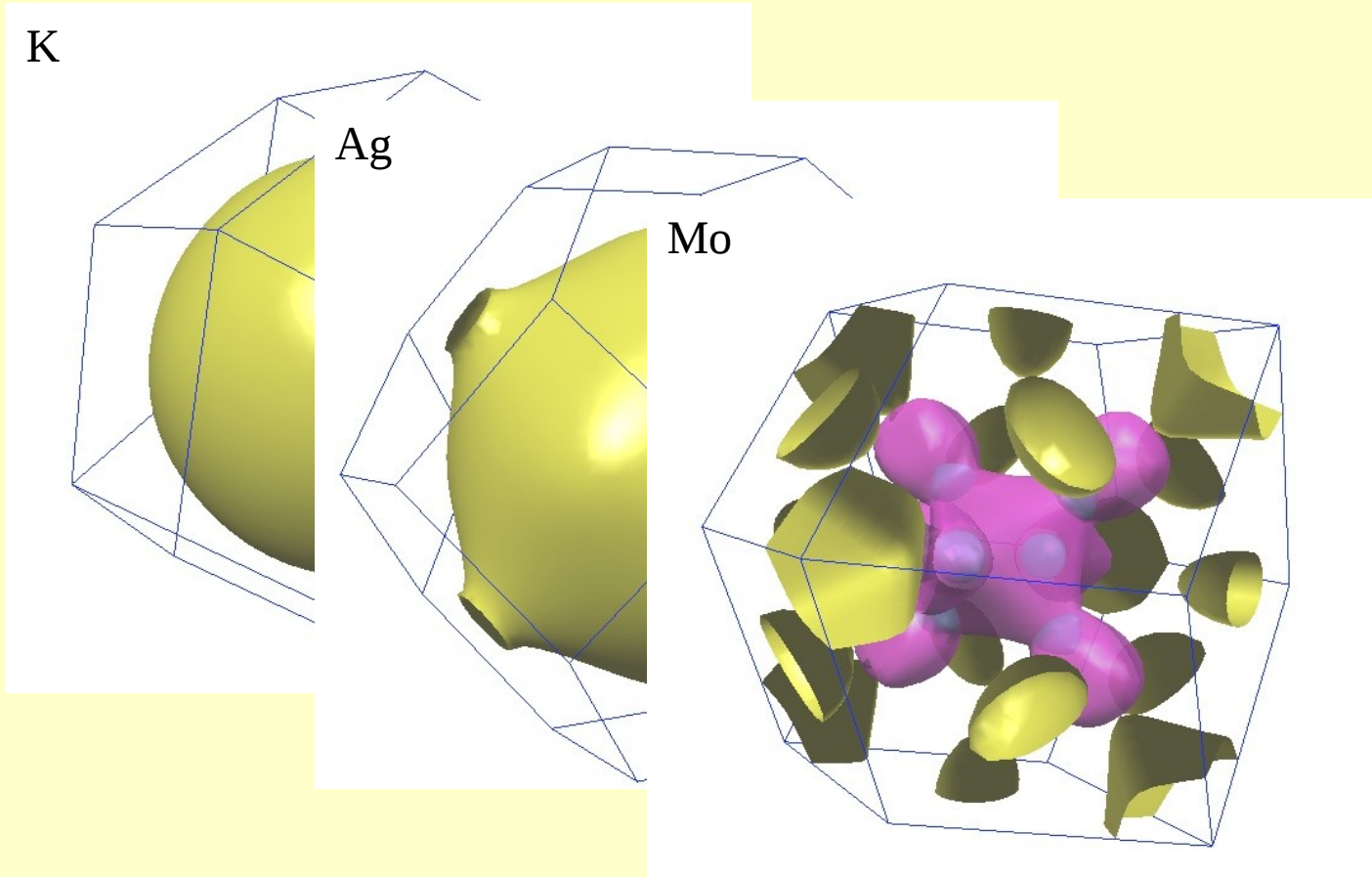
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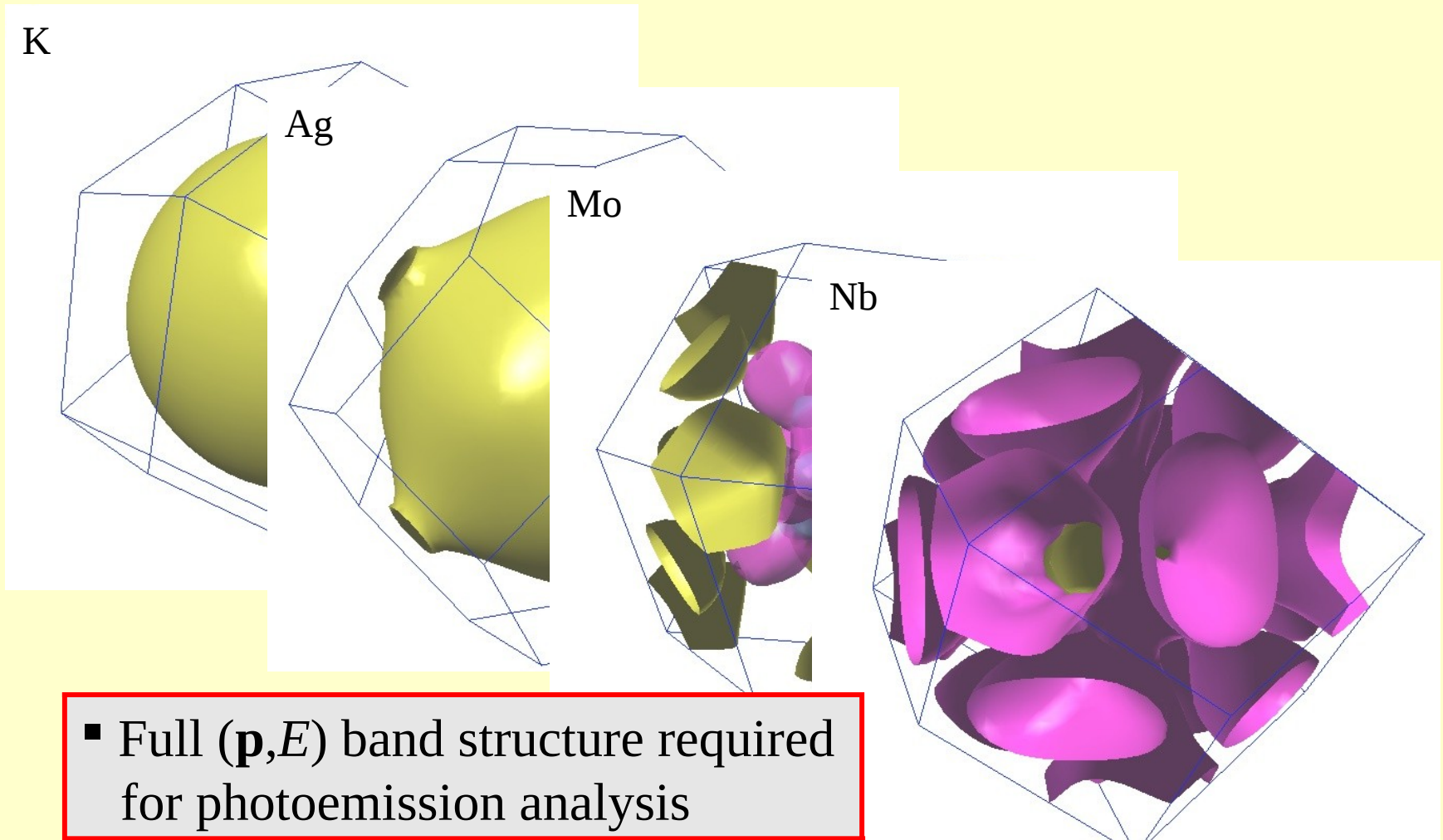
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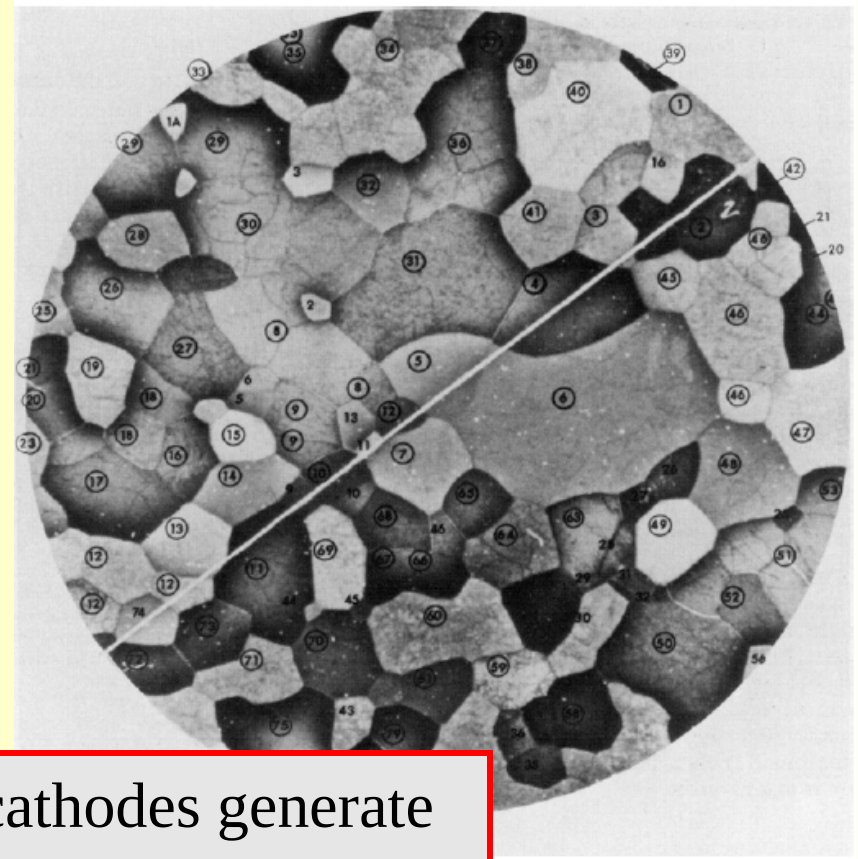
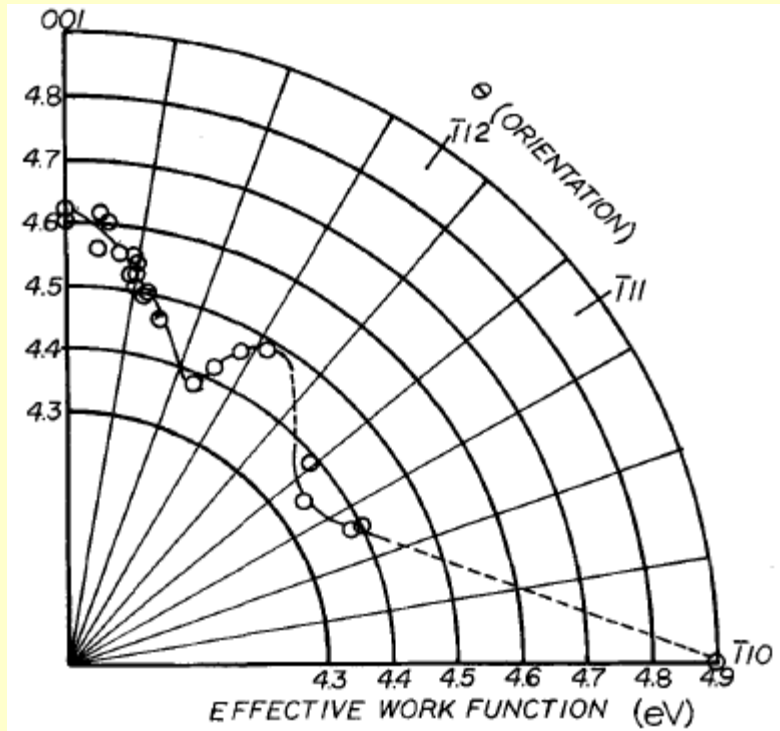
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Work Function Anisotropy

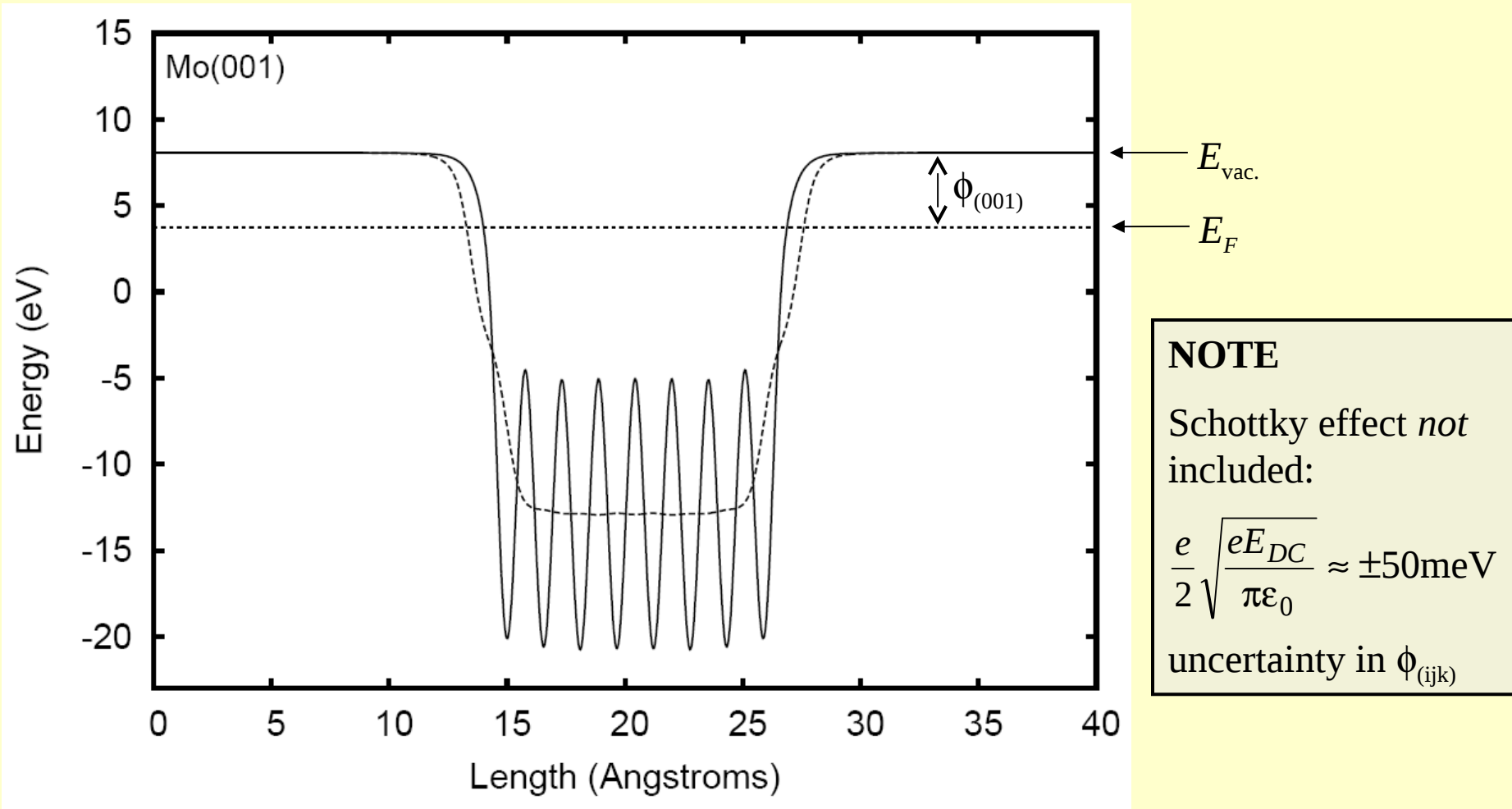
– Example: $\phi_{(ijk)}$ for Mo by electron emission microscopy



- Polycrystalline metal photocathodes generate *inhomogeneous* electron beams
- Any photoemission analysis **must** include $\phi_{(ijk)}$

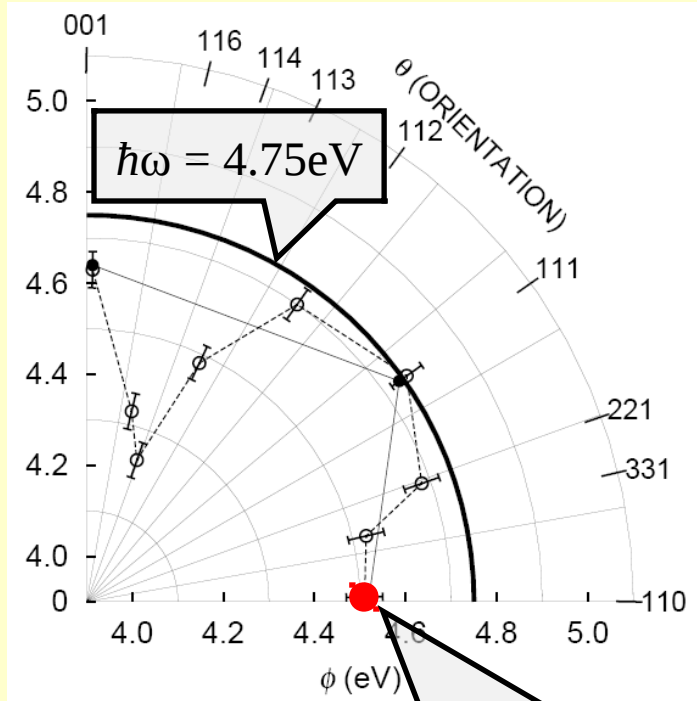
Thin-slab Evaluation of $\phi_{(ijk)}$

– Example: $\phi_{(001)} = 4.53(\pm 0.05)\text{eV}$ for Mo



Photoemission Simulation: Ag

– fcc crystal lattice



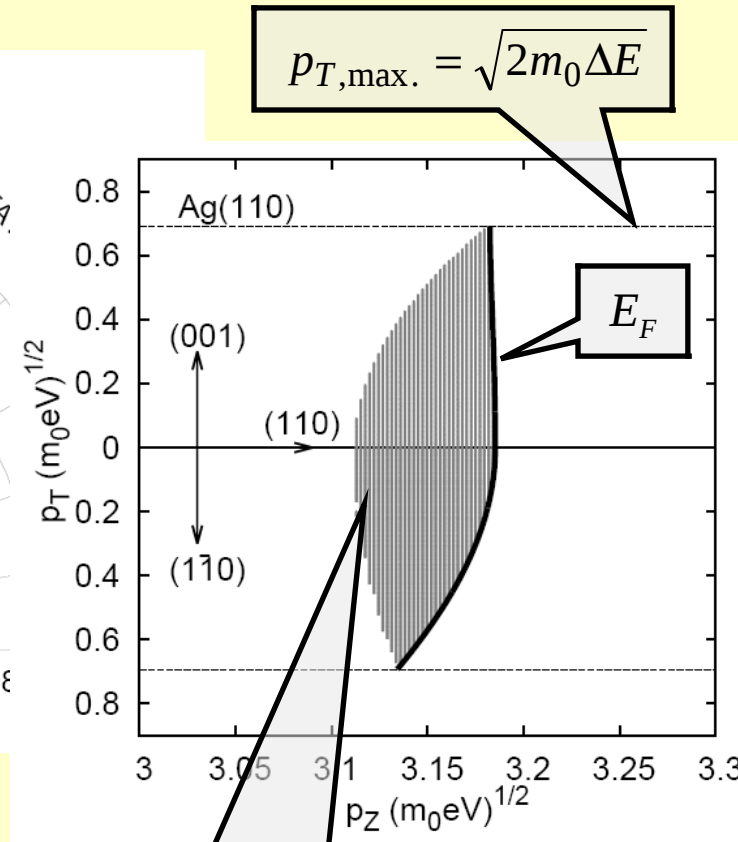
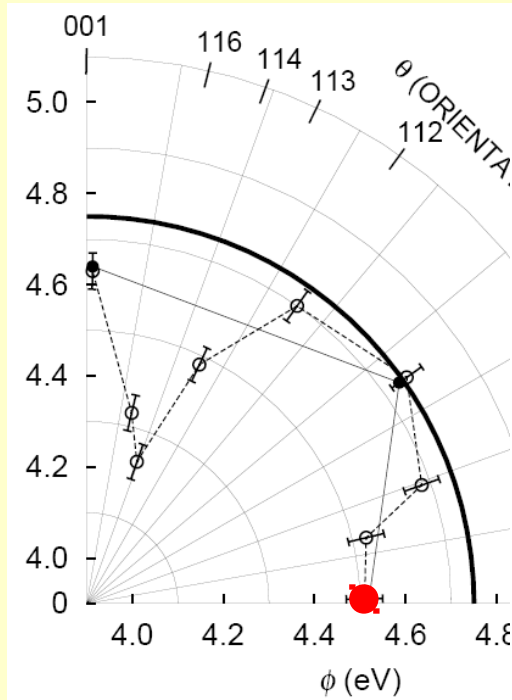
Lowest index face
with lowest $\phi_{(ijk)}$

$$\Delta E = \hbar\omega - \phi_{(110)} = 0.23\text{eV}$$

... $\pm 50\text{meV}$ error in $\phi_{(ijk)}$

Photoemission Simulation: Ag

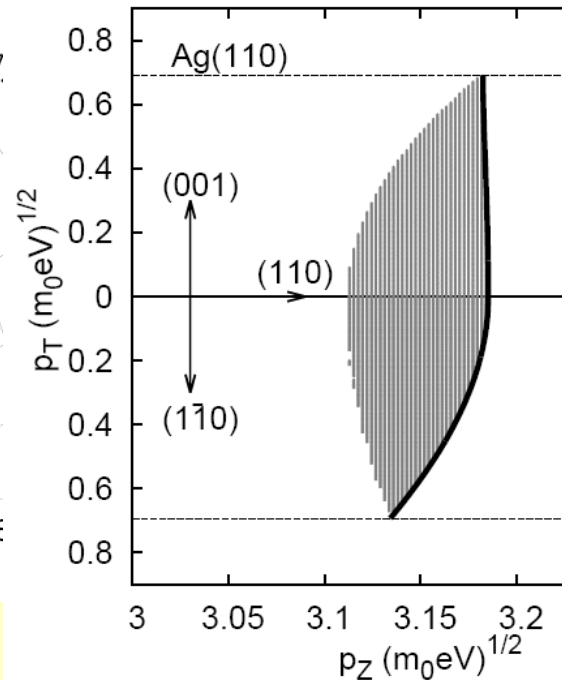
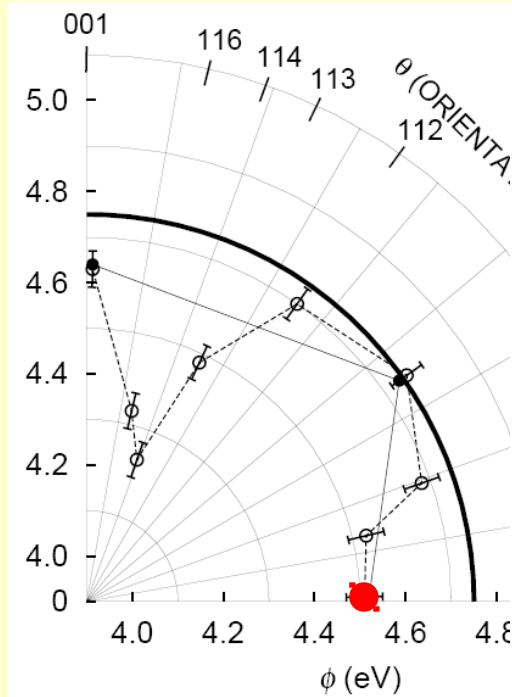
– fcc crystal lattice



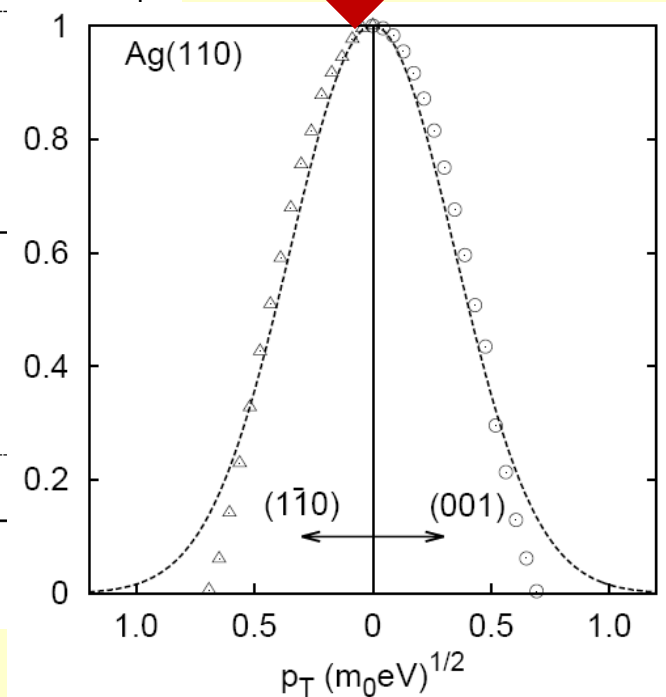
Photoemitting
electron-like states for
 $\hbar\omega = 4.75\text{eV}$
($\mathbf{p}_T$ and E conserved)

Photoemission Simulation: Ag

– fcc crystal lattice



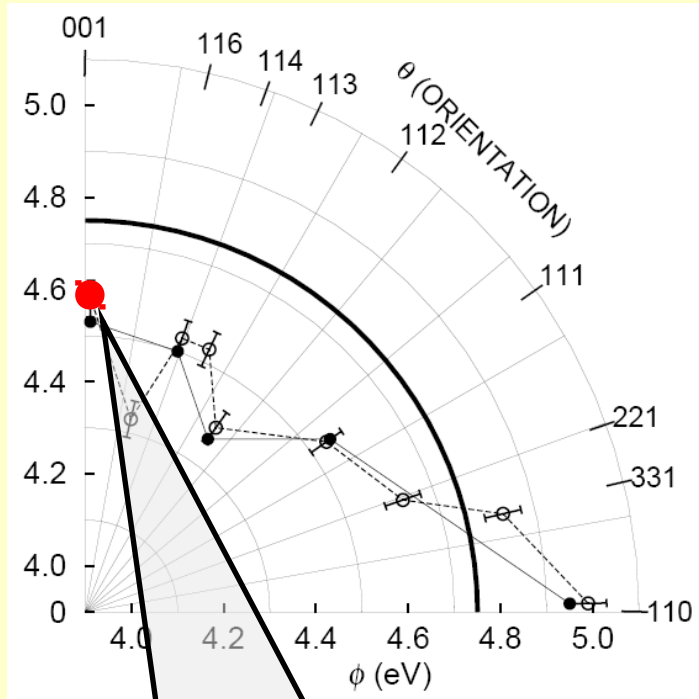
$E, \mathbf{p}_T$ conservation
PLUS
Barrier transmission, $T(p_z, p_{z0})$



Spatially-averaged
 $\Delta p_{T0} = 0.267 (m_0 \cdot eV)^{1/2}$

Photoemission Simulation: Mo

– bcc crystal lattice



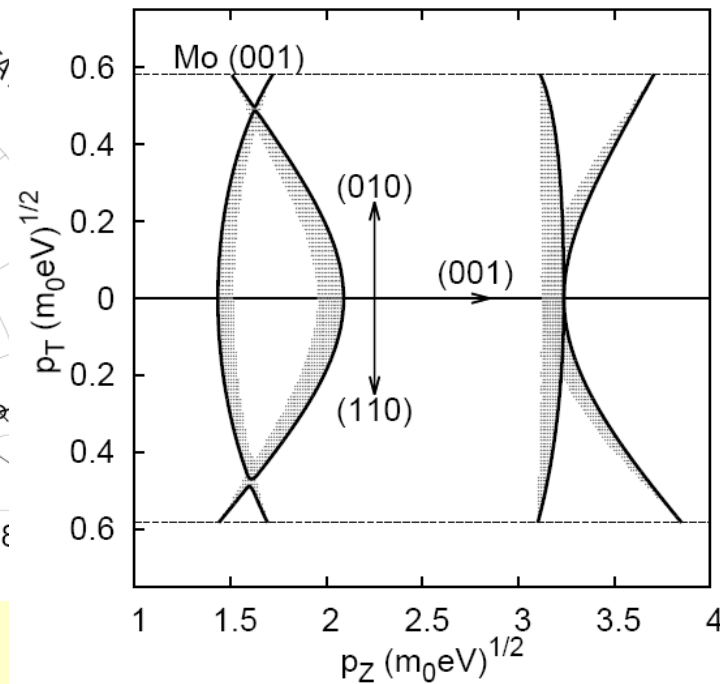
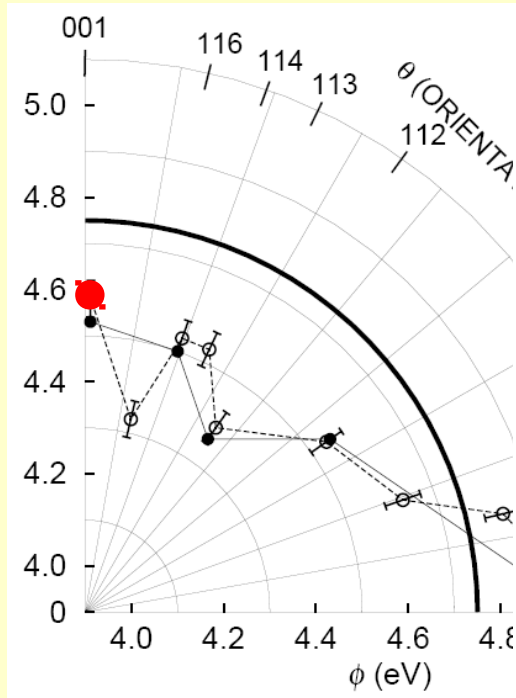
Lowest index face
with lowest $\phi_{(ijk)}$

$$\Delta E = \hbar\omega - \phi_{(001)} = 0.22\text{eV}$$

... $\pm 50\text{meV}$ error in $\phi_{(ijk)}$

Photoemission Simulation: Mo

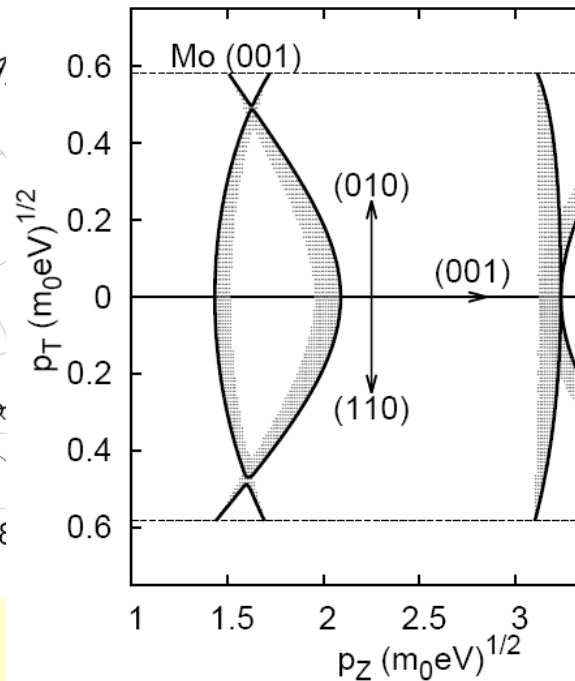
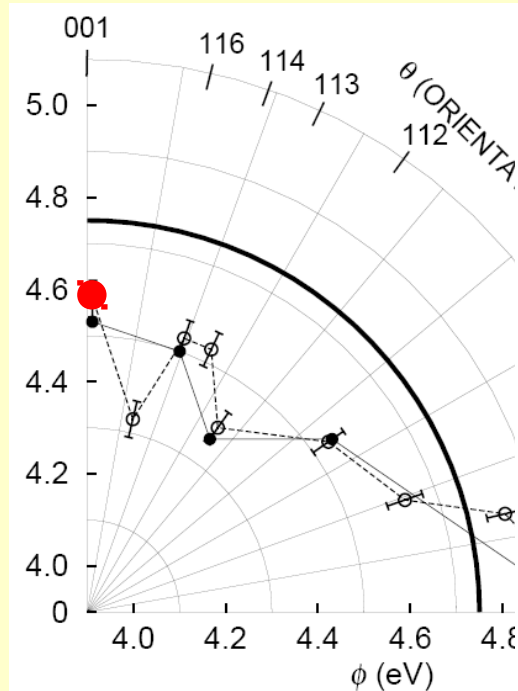
– bcc crystal lattice



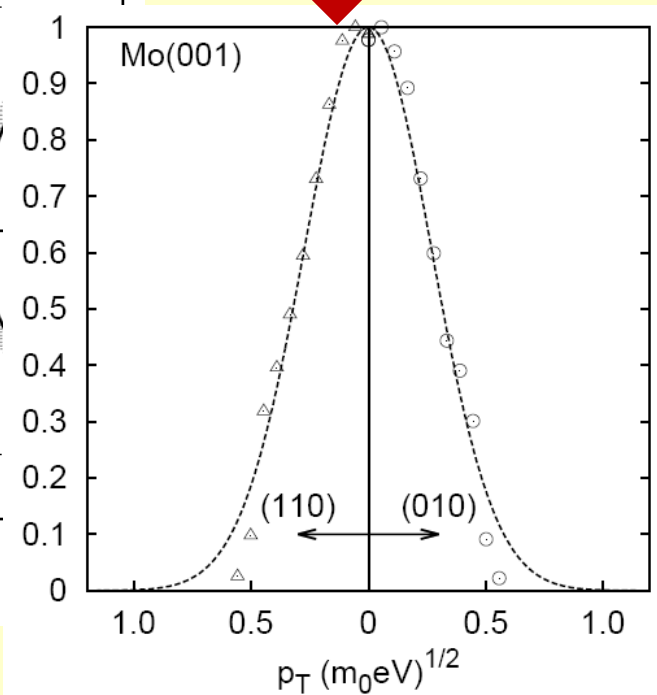
Both electron- and hole-like
states contribute to
photoemission

Photoemission Simulation: Mo

– bcc crystal lattice



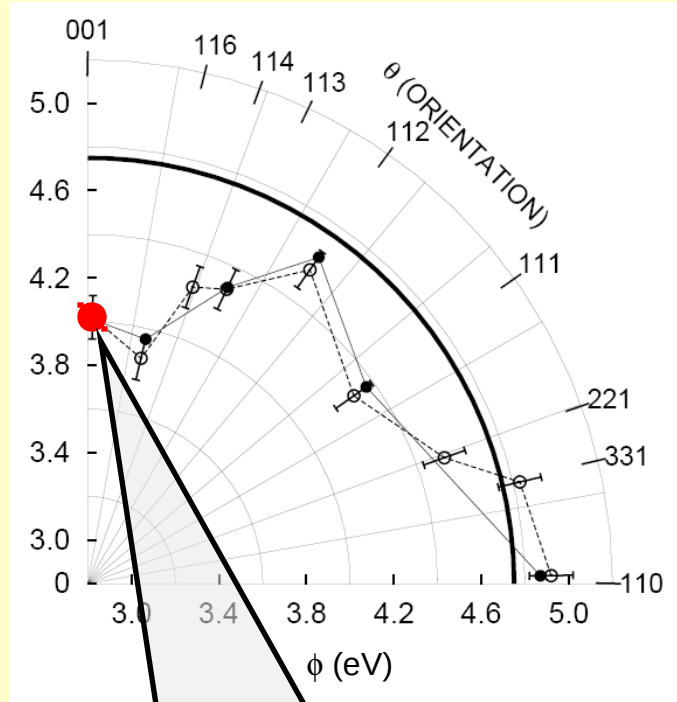
E, p_T conservation
PLUS
Barrier transmission, $T(p_z, p_{z0})$



Spatially-averaged
 $\Delta p_{T0} = 0.219 (m_0 \cdot eV)^{1/2}$

Photoemission Simulation: Nb

– bcc crystal lattice



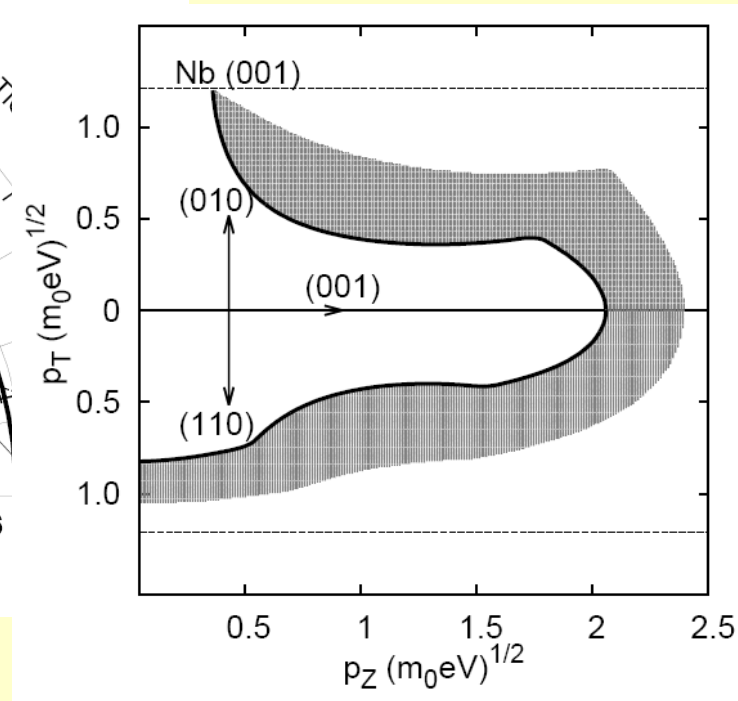
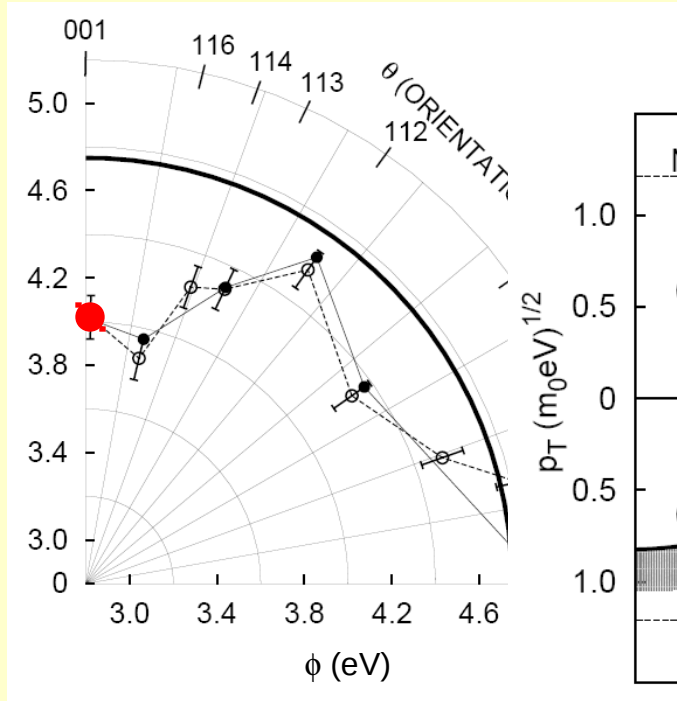
Lowest index face
with lowest $\phi_{(ijk)}$

$$\Delta E = \hbar\omega - \phi_{(001)} = 0.73\text{eV}$$

... $\pm 50\text{meV}$ error in $\phi_{(ijk)}$

Photoemission Simulation: Nb

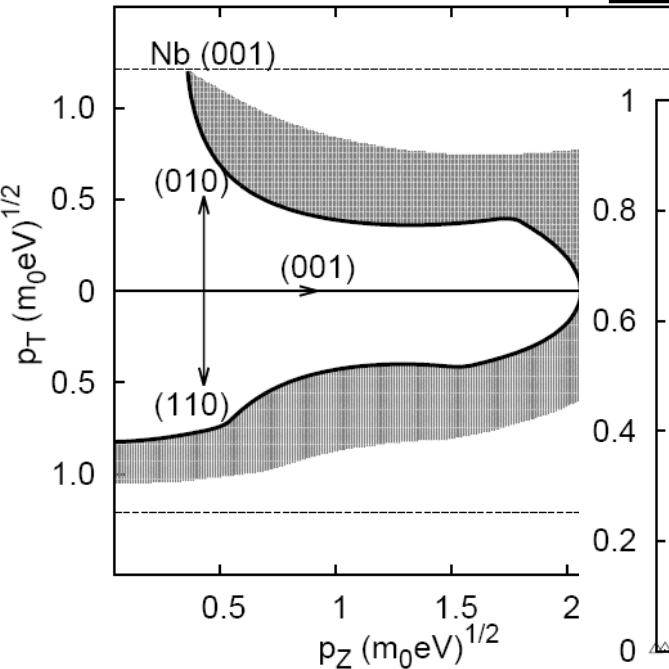
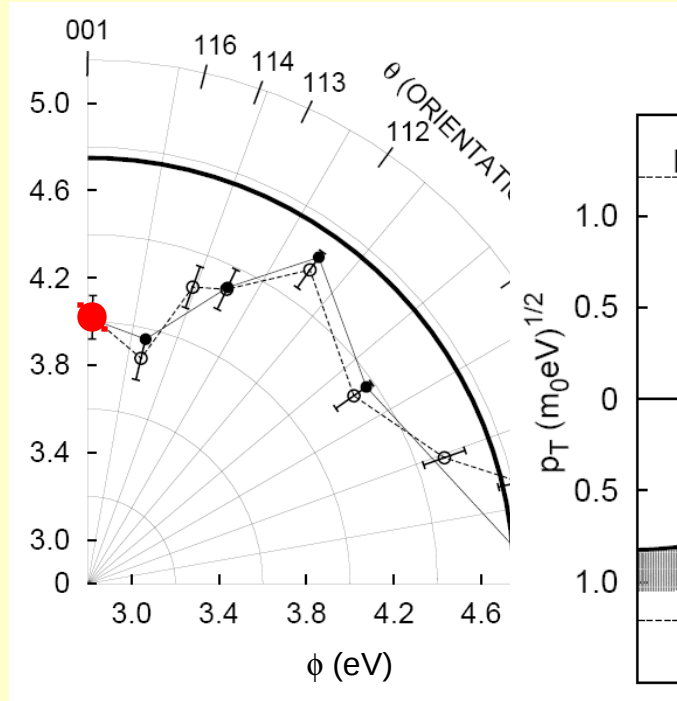
– bcc crystal lattice



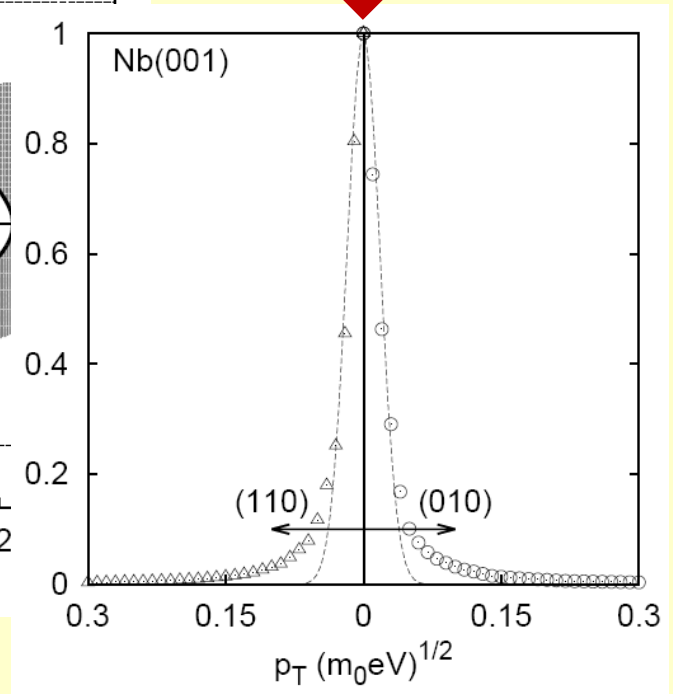
Only hole-like states contribute
to photoemission

Photoemission Simulation: Nb

– bcc crystal lattice

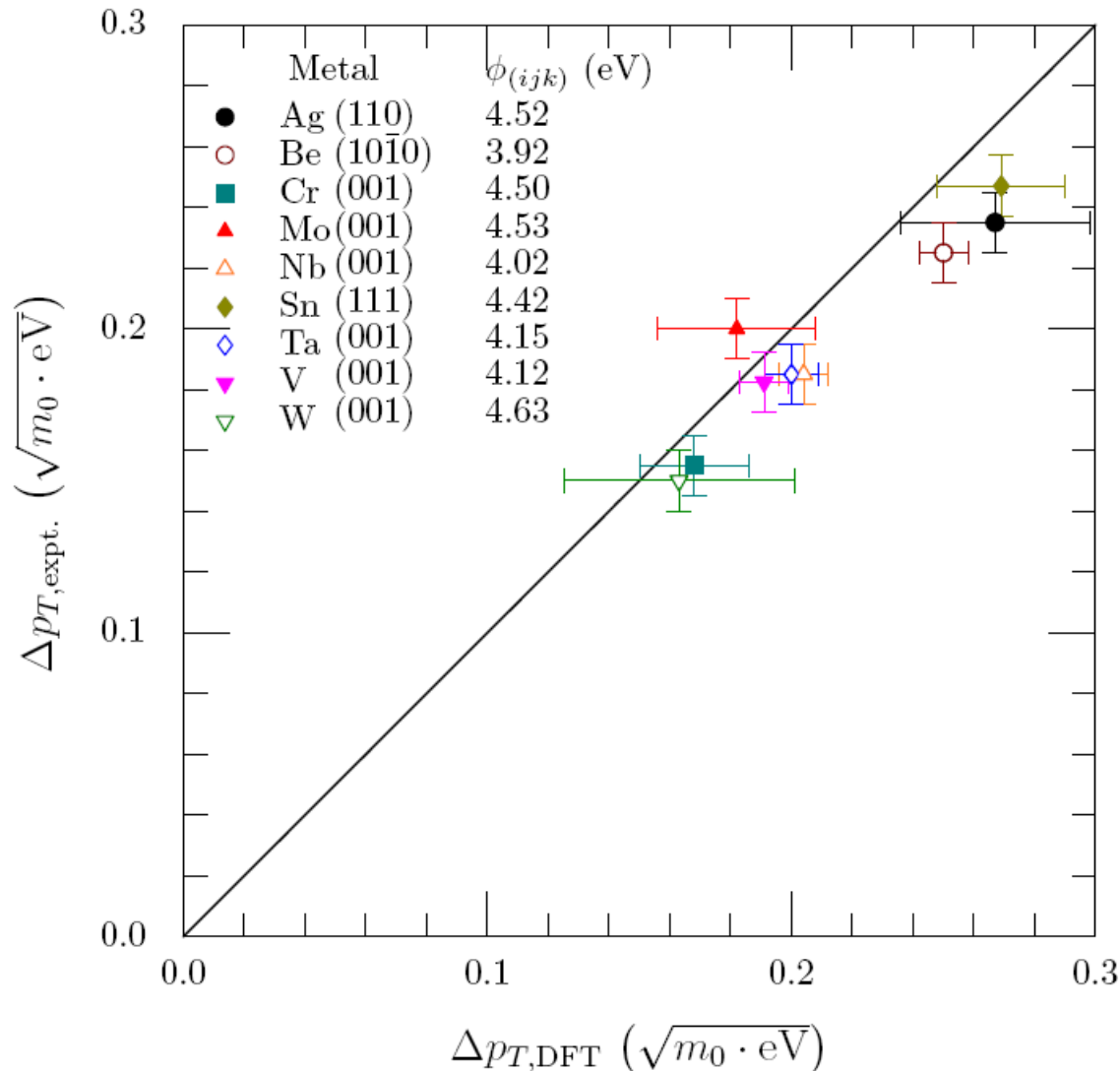


E, p_T conservation
PLUS
Barrier transmission, $T(p_z, p_{z0})$



Spatially-averaged
 $\Delta p_{T0} = 0.196 (m_0 \cdot eV)^{1/2}$

Experiment vs. DFT Analysis

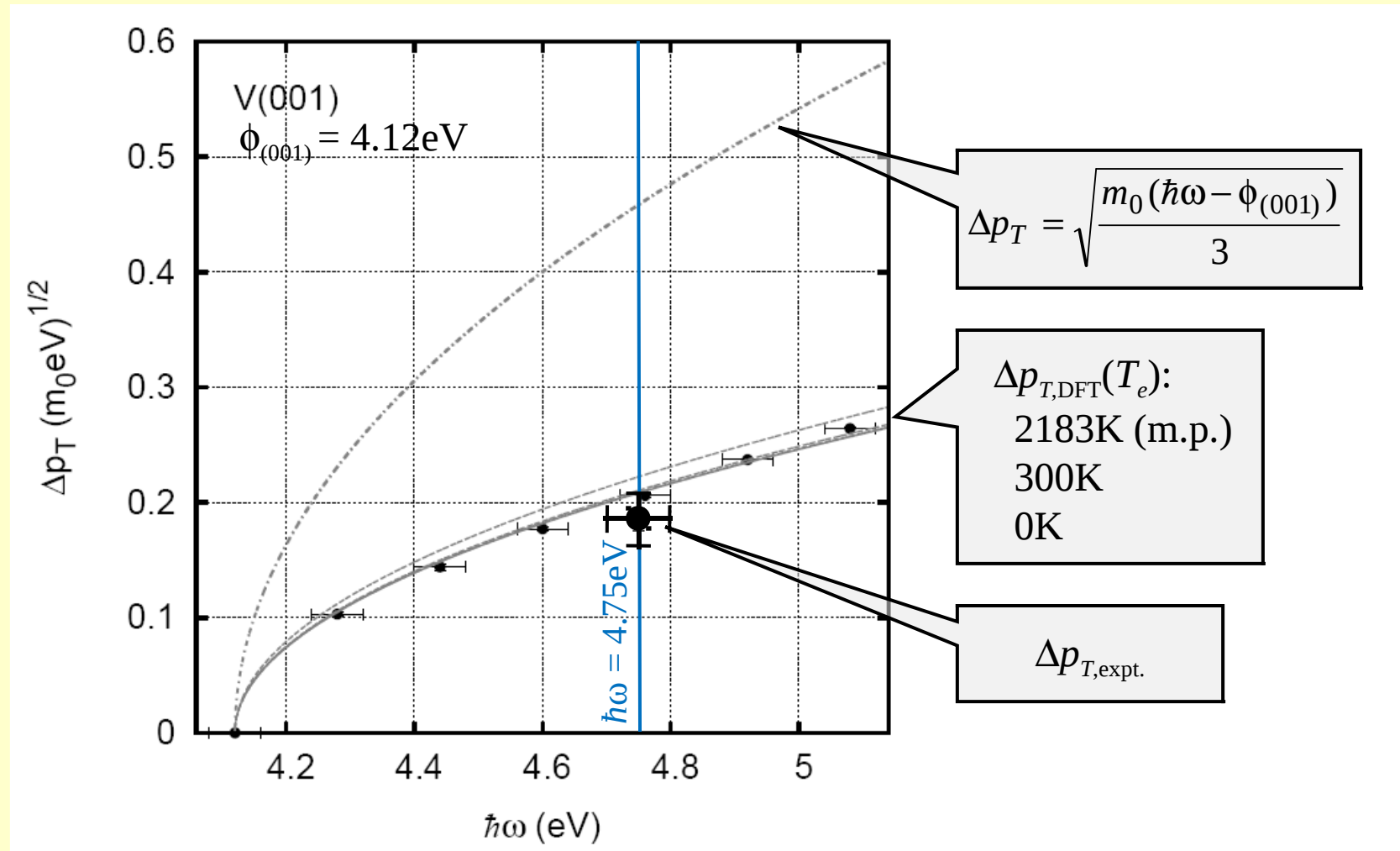


NOTE:

- Polycrystalline vs. single-crystal comparison
 - Other crystal faces with smaller $\Delta E = \hbar\omega - \phi_{(ijk)}$ contribute lower Δp_{T0}
- DFT analysis at $T_e \rightarrow 0K$
Experiment at 300K
- Cu is missing ...
- Be is HCP
 $\Rightarrow$ Anisotropic Δp_{T0} ?

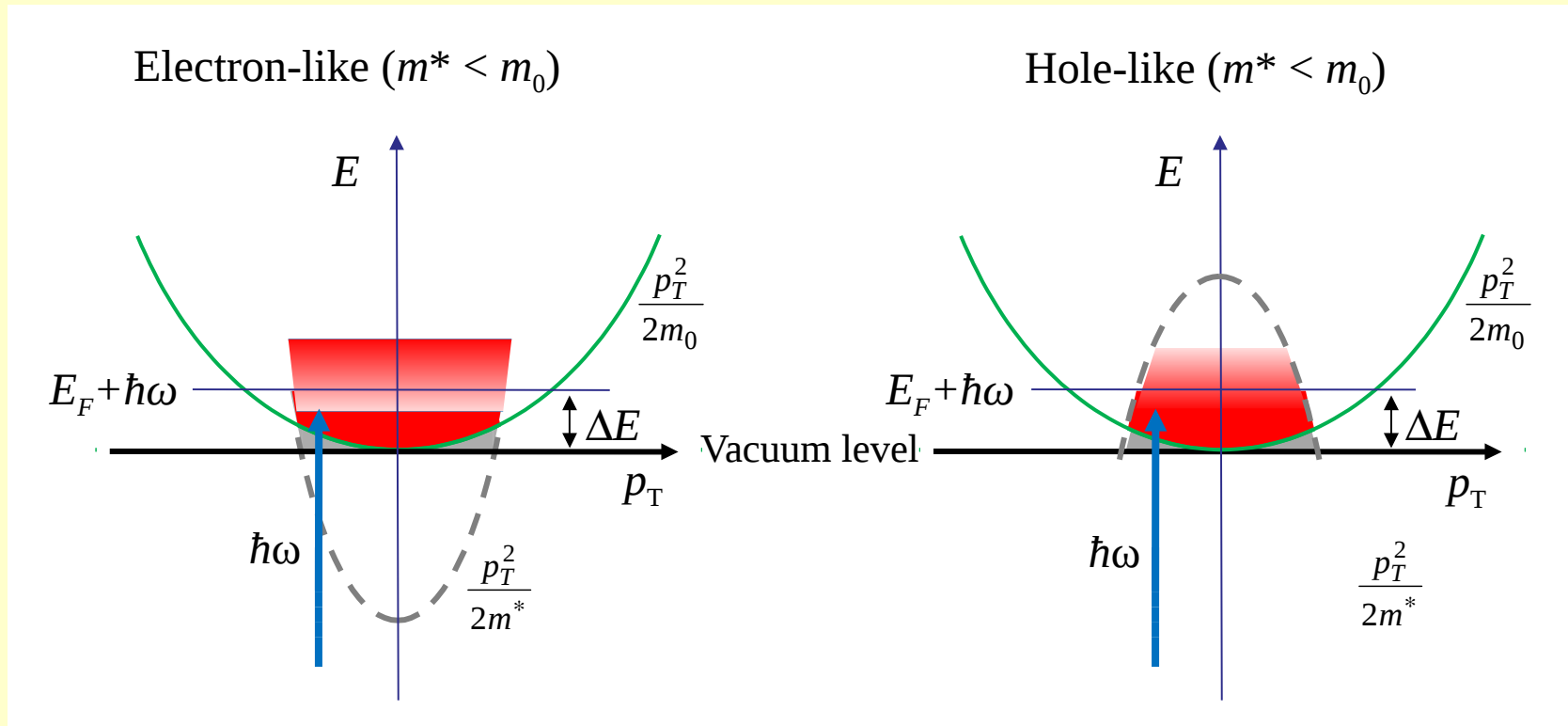
$\Delta p_T(T_e)$ for V(001) emission

– DFT band structure with Fermi-Dirac distribution for electrons



Electron-like vs. Hole-like States

– Δp_{T0} and its sensitivity to T_e

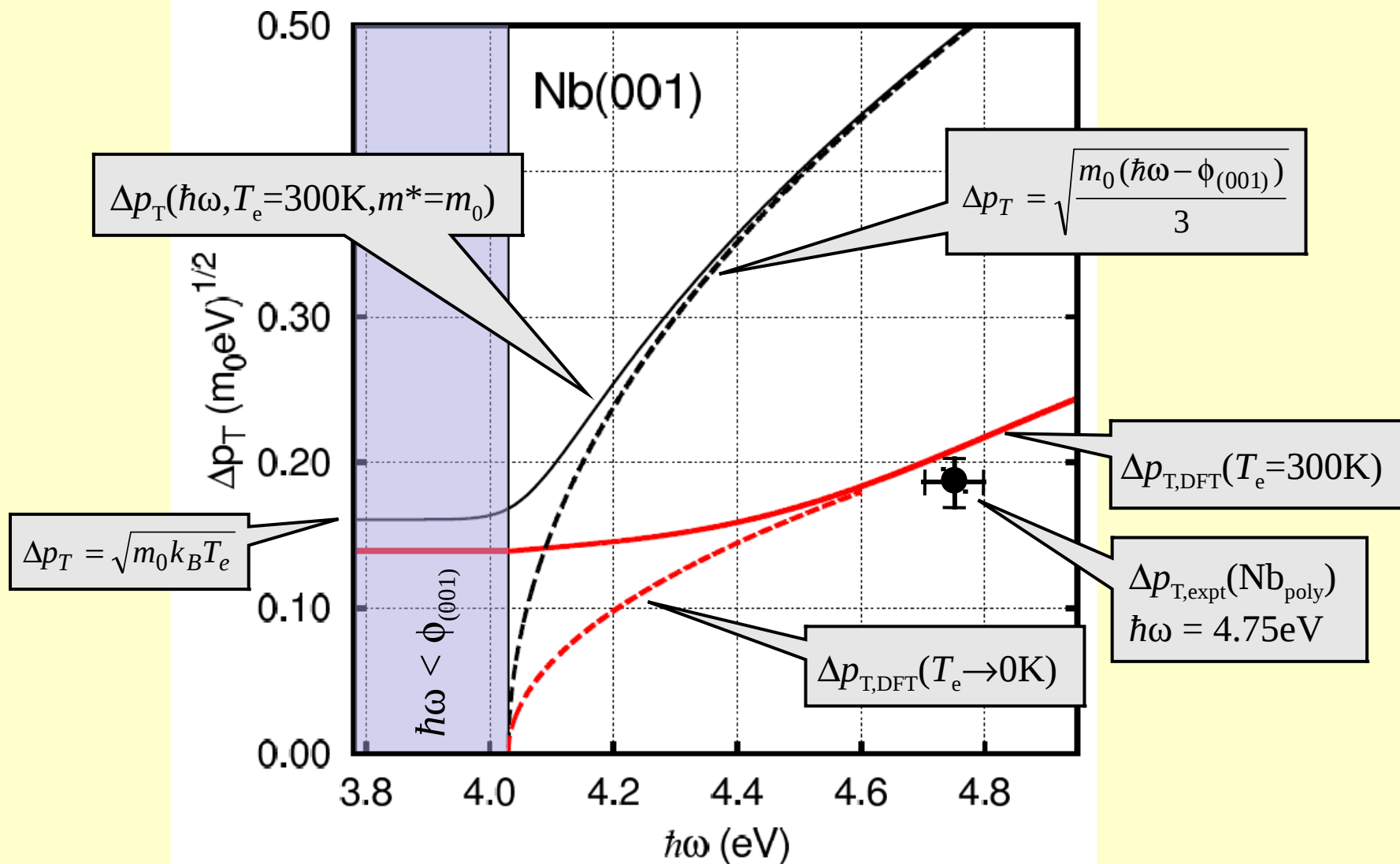


- Higher p_T electrons at high E
- More high p_T states occupied as T_e increases

- Lower p_T electrons at high E
- Less high p_T states occupied as T_e increases

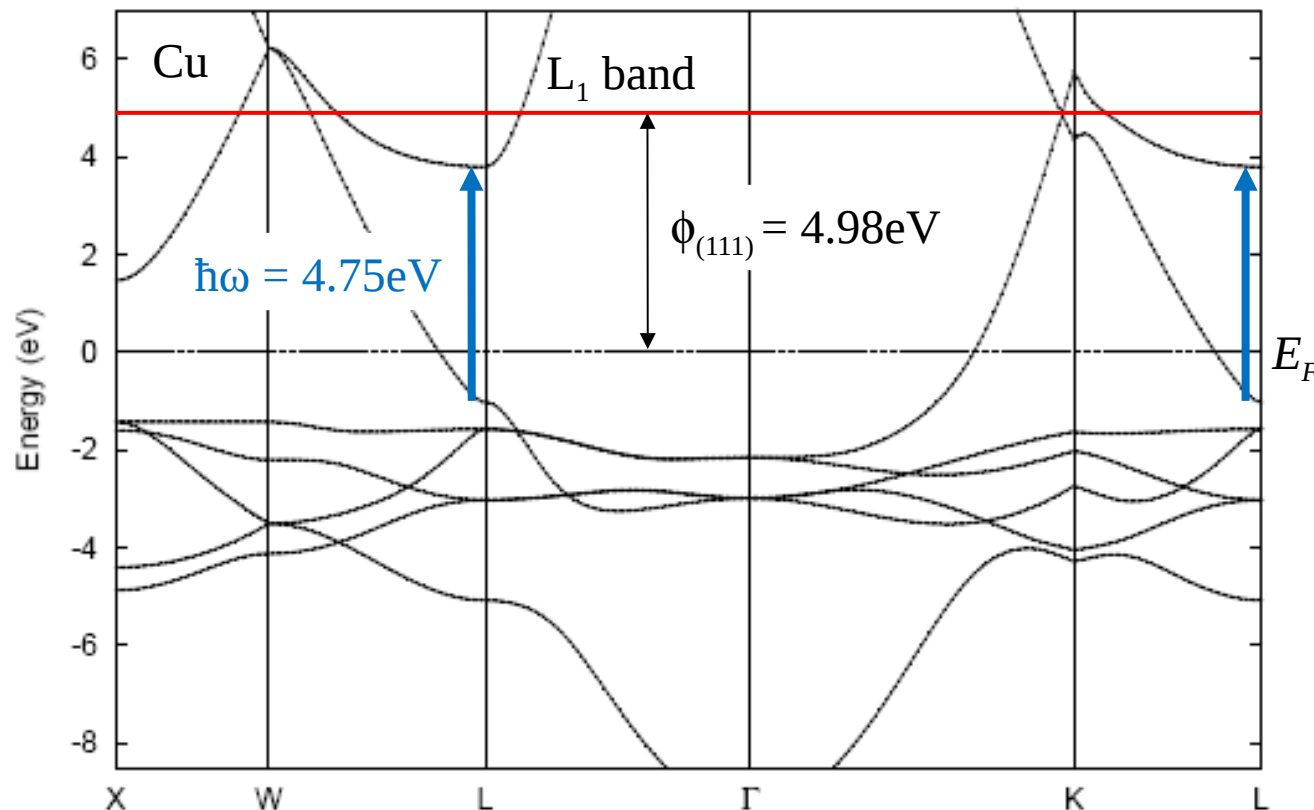
$\therefore$ Low m^* hole-like states preferred

Temperature dependence: T_e



Copper Photocathodes

- Possible excited state emission process for Cu(111)



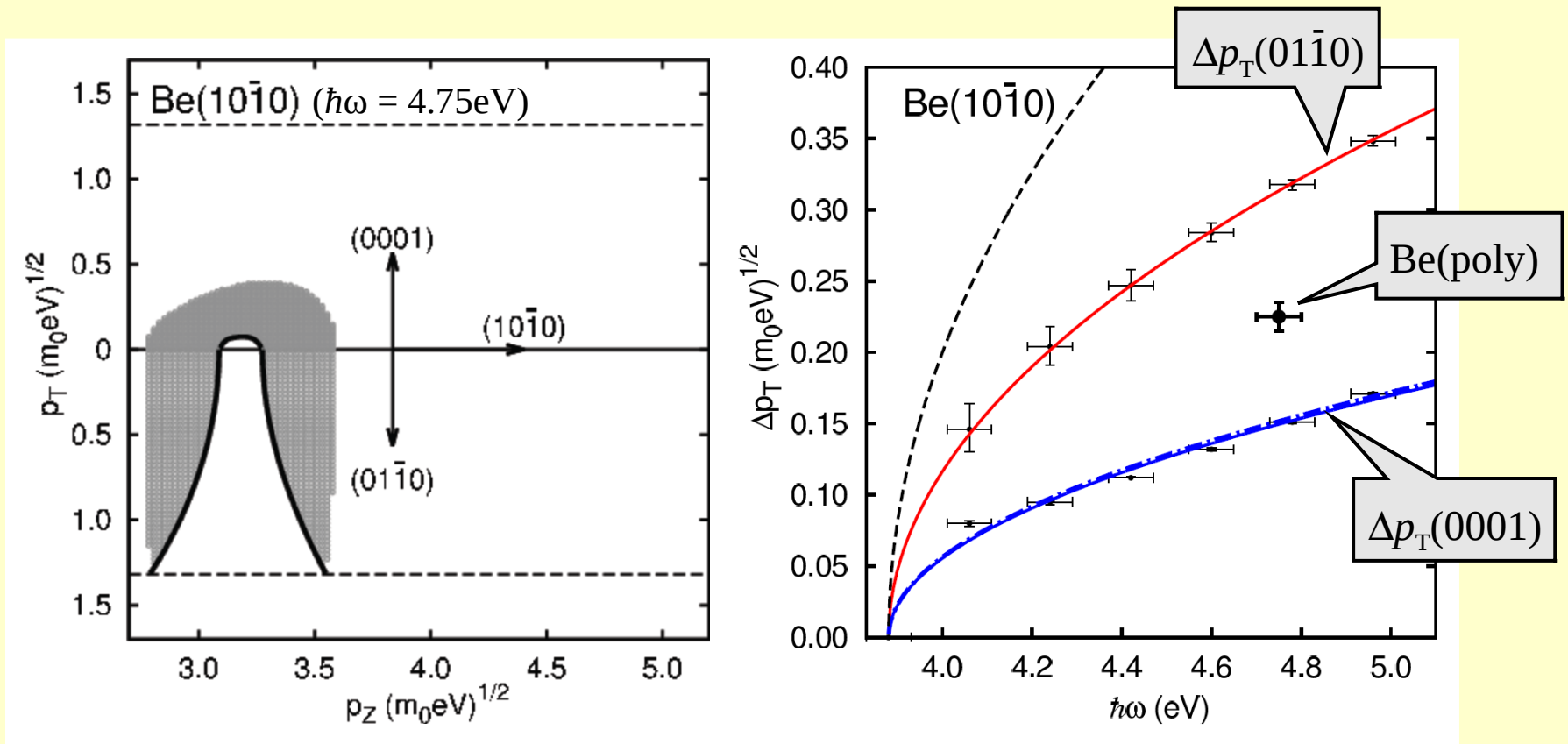
NOTE:

Could explain higher than expected QE for polycrystalline Cu photocathodes

HCP Metals: Be

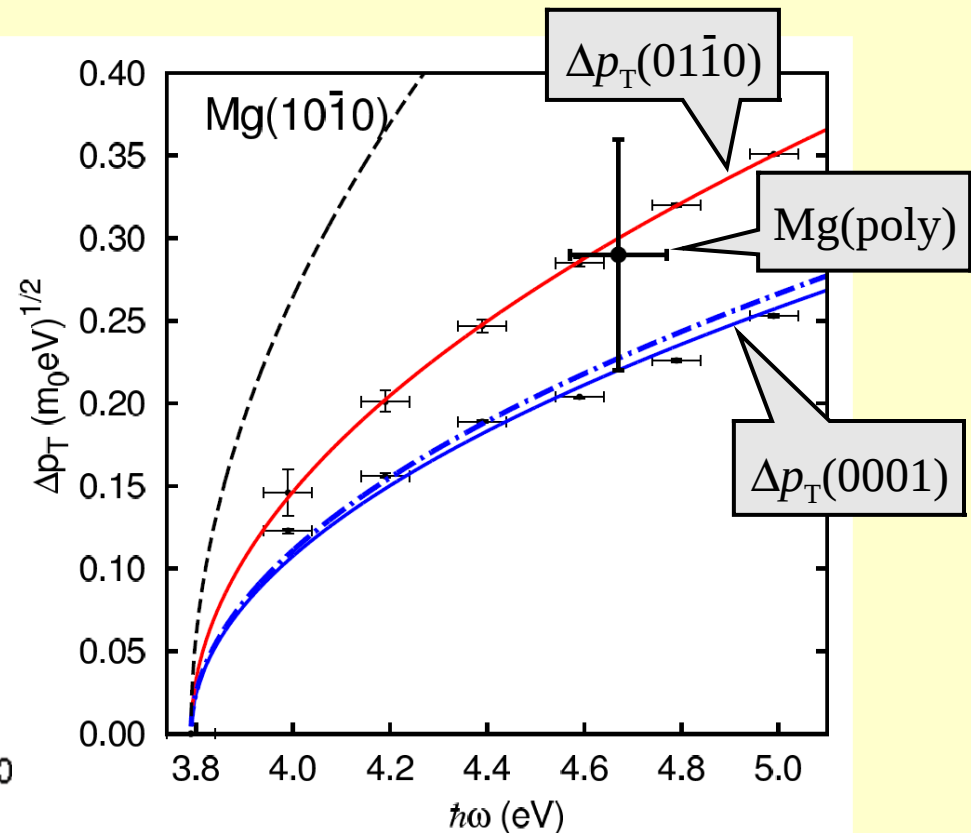
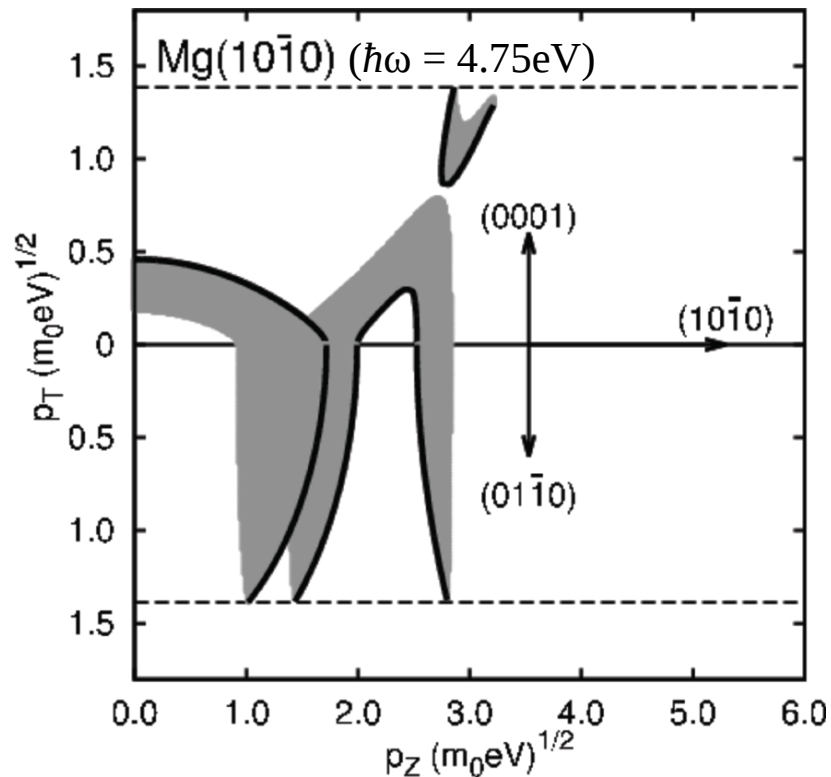
– Intrinsic electron state anisotropy in HCP crystal structure

- $(10\bar{1}0)$ -face is most prevalent in polycrystalline HCP metals:



HCP Metals: Mg

- Mg less anisotropic than Be



■ Photocathodes for UED

- **Single-crystals** for homogeneous electron beam generation ($\hbar\omega > \phi_{(ijk)}$)
 $\Rightarrow$ Higher η_{PE} (?) and higher conductivity (σ and κ)
- Instantaneous response $\Rightarrow$ **Virtual** excited state emission
- Emission from low m^* states: $p_F > p_{\text{T,max}} \Rightarrow$ Lower Δp_{T0}
- ‘Hole-like’ emission states are preferred:
Even lower Δp_{T0} and less sensitive to T_e (e.g., laser heating)
- Robust (e.g., high m.p.) and chemically inert

■ Future work

- Direct comparison with theory: Single-crystal photocathodes
- Crystalline compounds: $\text{Mo}_x\text{Nb}_{1-x}$, semiconductors, A_3B (e.g., Nb_3Sb), ...
- Search for **ultra-low** Δp_{T0} solid-state photocathodes:
 Δp_{T0} approaching cold atom electron sources $\Leftarrow$ TID issues?

Thank you!

GaSb band structure

– Vacuum level at $\phi_{eff} = 4.84\text{eV}$ above bulk VB maximum

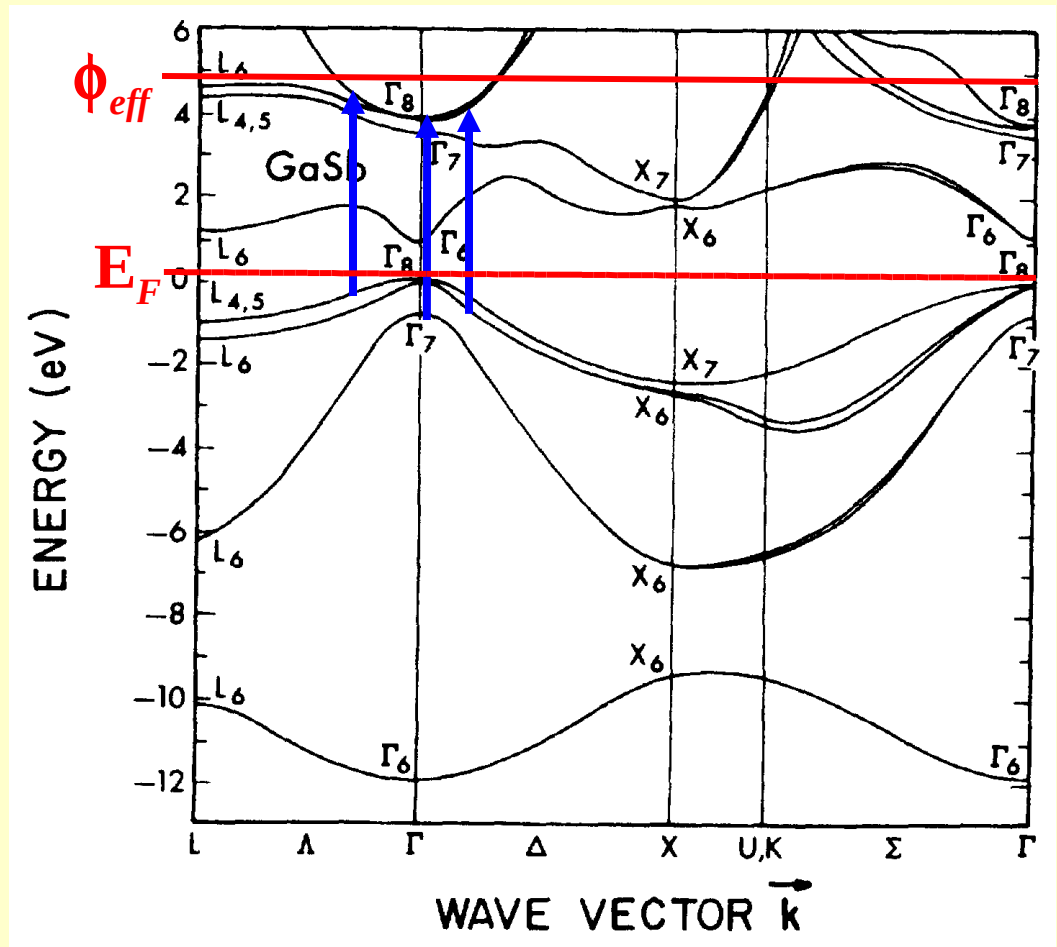
- Strong absorption at 261nm:

$$\alpha = 1.44 \times 10^6 \text{cm}^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^{-1} \approx 7\text{nm}$$

... ‘metal-like’

- Γ -valley transitions from VB (HH, LH, and SO bands) to upper Γ_8 conduction band



J.R. Chelikowsky & M.L. Cohen, *Phys. Rev. B* **14** (1976) 556

D.E. Aspnes & A.A. Studna, *Phys. Rev. B* **27** (1983) 985

- Results available on-line at <http://people.uic.edu/~tli27/Database.html>.

