

A quantum approach to scattering

- Scattering cross sections
- Two-photon processes: 2nd .vs. charge
- X-ray scattering, elastic and inelastic
- Static and dynamic scattering functions
- Phonon scattering - theory
- Phonon scattering - experiments

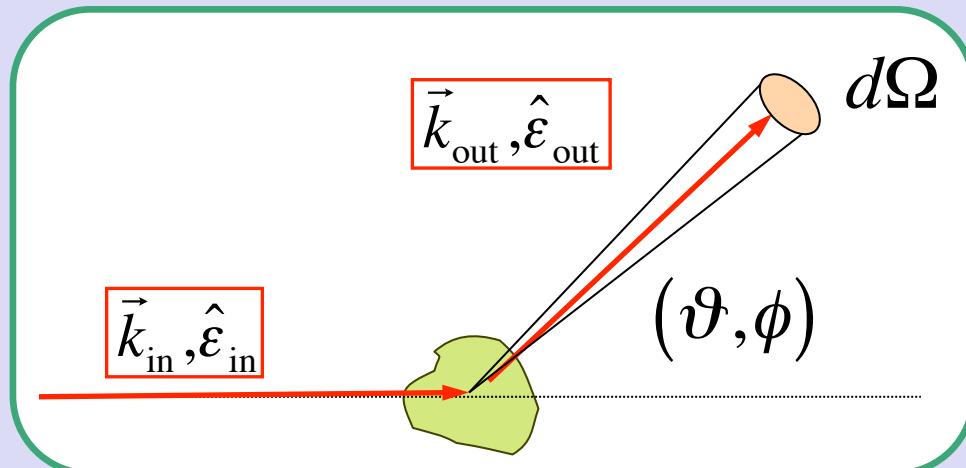
Paolo Fornasini
University of Trento
April 2017



Scattering cross sections

Elastic scattering cross-section

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento



Static scattering function
Structural sample properties

Differential
scattering cross-section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_0 S(\vec{K})$$

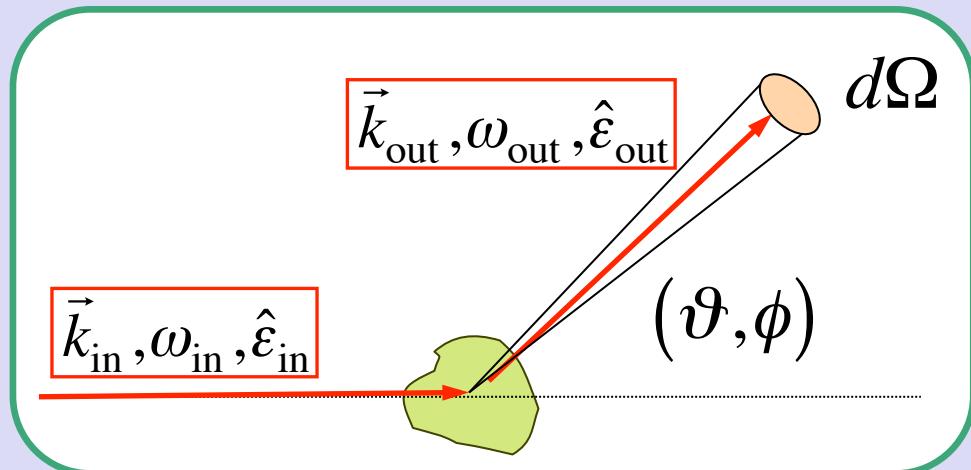
Intrinsic cross-section
Probe - sample coupling

?

- X-rays
- electrons
- neutrons

Inelastic scattering cross-section

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento



Dynamic scattering function

Dynamical sample properties

Double differential
scattering cross-section

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega d\omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_0 S(\vec{K}, \omega)$$

Intrinsic cross-section
Probe - sample coupling

Intrinsic cross-sections for scattering by atoms

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento

X-rays

(neglecting polarisation factor)

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_0 = r_e^2 \left| f_0(\vec{K}, Z) \right|^2 = \left| f_X(\vec{K}, Z) \right|^2$$

Radiation-matter interaction

$$f_0(\vec{K}) = \int \rho_e(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} dV$$

Electrons

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_0 = \left| f_{\text{el}}(\vec{K}, Z) \right|^2$$

Potential scattering
Born approx.

$$f_{\text{el}}(\vec{K}) \approx \int \Phi(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} dV$$

Thermal neutrons

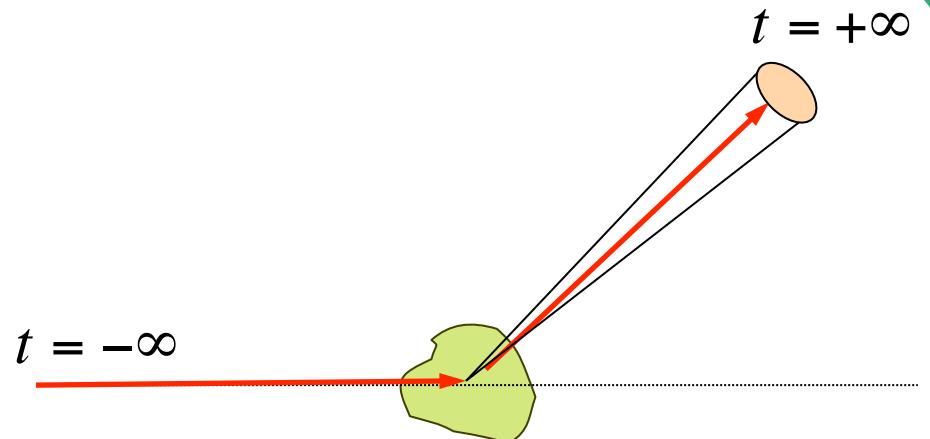
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_0 = |b|^2$$

Fermi pseudo-potential

$$V(\vec{r}) \propto b \delta(\vec{r})$$

Formal scattering theory

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento



Adiabatic switching of the interaction

Scattering amplitude and S matrix

$$\langle \Phi_f | \mathcal{S} | \Phi_i \rangle = \langle \Phi_f | \tilde{U}(-\infty, +\infty) | \Phi_i \rangle$$

- a) $|\Phi_f\rangle$ and $|\Phi_i\rangle$ are the final and initial states of the entire system (probe+sample)
- b) \tilde{U} is the evolution operator from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$ in the interaction picture



Two-photon processes - scattering

Time-dependent perturbation theory

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento

Transition amplitudes

$$c_{fi} = \langle \Phi_f | U(t_f, t_i) | \Phi_i \rangle = c_{fi}^{(1)} + c_{fi}^{(2)} + \dots$$

Approximations:

Zero-order

$$\tilde{c}_{fi}^{(0)} = \delta_{fi}$$

First-order

$$\tilde{c}_{fi}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \int_{t_i}^{t_f} d\tau e^{iE_f\tau/\hbar} \langle \Phi_f | H_{\text{int}} | \Phi_i \rangle e^{-iE_i\tau/\hbar}$$

Second-order

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{c}_{fi}^{(2)} &= \left(\frac{1}{i\hbar}\right)^2 \int_{t_1}^{t_f} d\tau_2 \int_{t_i}^{t_1} d\tau_1 \\ &\quad \sum_{\Phi_1} e^{iE_f\tau_2/\hbar} \langle \Phi_f | H_{\text{int}} | \Phi_1 \rangle e^{-iE_1(\tau_2-\tau_1)/\hbar} \langle \Phi_1 | H_{\text{int}} | \Phi_i \rangle e^{-iE_i\tau_1/\hbar} \end{aligned}$$

.....

n interaction factors
n+1 free evolution factors

Interaction Hamiltonian

Non-relativistic Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{tot}} = H_{\text{at}} + H_{\text{rad}} + H_{\text{int}}$$

$$H_{\text{at}} = \sum_j \frac{P_j^2}{2m} + V(\vec{r}_1 \dots \vec{r}_N)$$

$$H_{\text{rad}} = \sum_{\vec{k}s} \hbar \omega_{\vec{k}s} \left[a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2} \right].$$

1st order (interaction)

2nd order (interaction)

$$H_{\text{int},1} = \frac{e}{m} \sum_j \vec{P}_j \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{r}_j)$$
$$H_{\text{int},2} = \frac{e^2}{2m} \sum_j |\vec{A}(\vec{r}_j)|^2$$

Photon scattering

Photon scattering = two-photon processes \rightarrow 2nd order processes .vs. e

charge

1st-order approximation

2nd-order interaction

$$c_{fi}^{(1)} = -2\pi i \langle \Phi_f | H_{I,2} | \Phi_i \rangle$$

$$H_{I,2} = \frac{e^2}{2m} \sum_j |\vec{A}(\vec{r}_j)|^2$$

Type γ

2nd-order approximation

1st-order interaction

$$c_{fi}^{(2)} = -2\pi i \sum_{\ell} \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle \Phi_f | H_{I,1} | \ell \rangle \langle \ell | H_{I,1} | \Phi_i \rangle}{E_f - E_{\ell} + i\eta}$$

$$H_{I,1} = \frac{e}{m} \sum_j \vec{P}_j \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{r}_j)$$

Type α, β

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\vec{k}s} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\epsilon_0 V \omega_{\vec{k}s}}} [a_{\vec{k}s} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} + a_{\vec{k}s}^+ e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}] \epsilon_{\vec{k}s}$$

Scattering type α

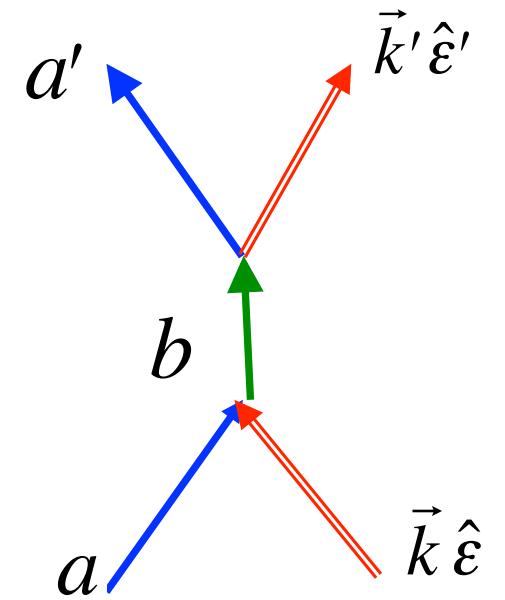
1st-order interaction
2nd-order approximation

$$|\Phi_f\rangle = |a'; \vec{k}' \hat{\varepsilon}'\rangle$$

Energy

$$E_i = E_f = E_a + \hbar\omega = E_{a'} + \hbar\omega'$$

$$|\Phi_i\rangle = |a; \vec{k} \hat{\varepsilon}\rangle$$



Transition amplitude

$$c_{fi}^{(2)} = -2\pi i \sum_b \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle a'; \vec{k}' \hat{\varepsilon}' | H_{I,1} | b; 0 \rangle \langle b; 0 | H_{I,1} | a; \vec{k} \hat{\varepsilon} \rangle}{\underbrace{E_a + \hbar\omega - E_b}_{E_i = E_f} + i\eta}$$

Intermediate-state energy

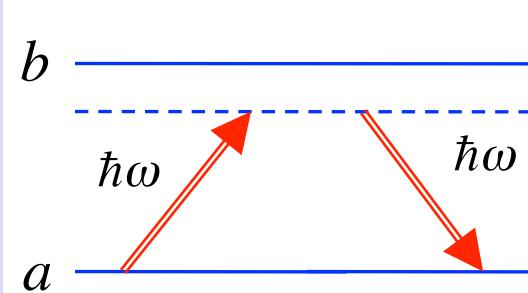
Scattering type α – elastic

1st-order interaction
2nd-order approximation

$$\hbar\omega \ll E_{ion}$$

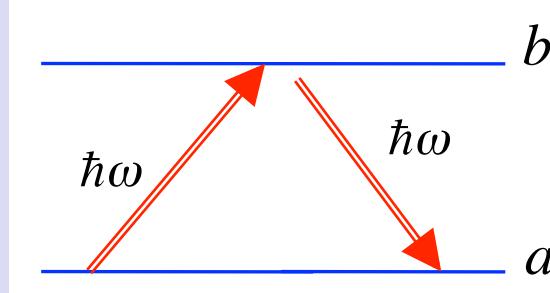
Elastic scattering: $\hbar\omega = \hbar\omega'; \quad a' = a$

$$c_{fi}^{(2)} = -2\pi i \sum_b \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle a; \vec{k}' \hat{\epsilon}' | H_{I,1} | b; 0 \rangle \langle b; 0 | H_{I,1} | a; \vec{k} \hat{\epsilon} \rangle}{E_a + \hbar\omega - E_b + i\eta}$$



non-resonant

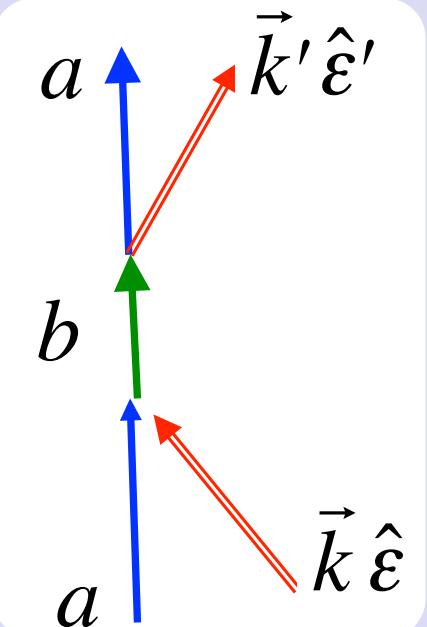
$$\hbar\omega < |E_b - E_a|$$



resonant

$$\hbar\omega = |E_b - E_a|$$

Rayleigh



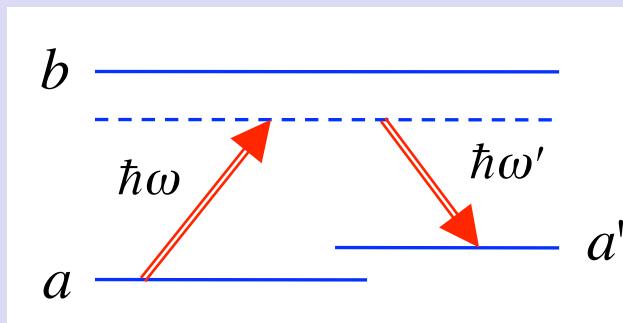
Scattering type α - inelastic

1st-order interaction
2nd-order approximation

$$\hbar\omega \ll E_{\text{ion}}$$

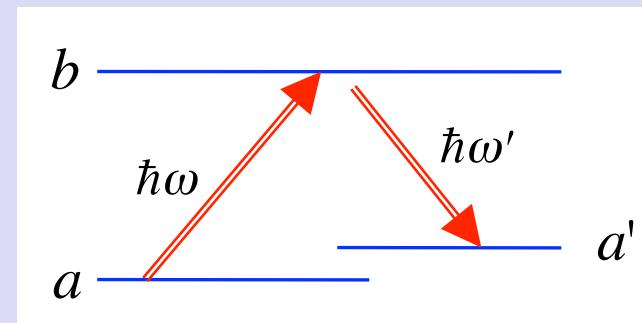
Inelastic scattering: $\hbar\omega \neq \hbar\omega'$; $a' \neq a$

$$c_{fi}^{(2)} = -2\pi i \sum_b \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle a'; \vec{k}' \hat{\varepsilon}' | H_{I,1} | b; 0 \rangle \langle b; 0 | H_{I,1} | a; \vec{k} \hat{\varepsilon} \rangle}{E_a + \hbar\omega - E_b + i\eta}$$

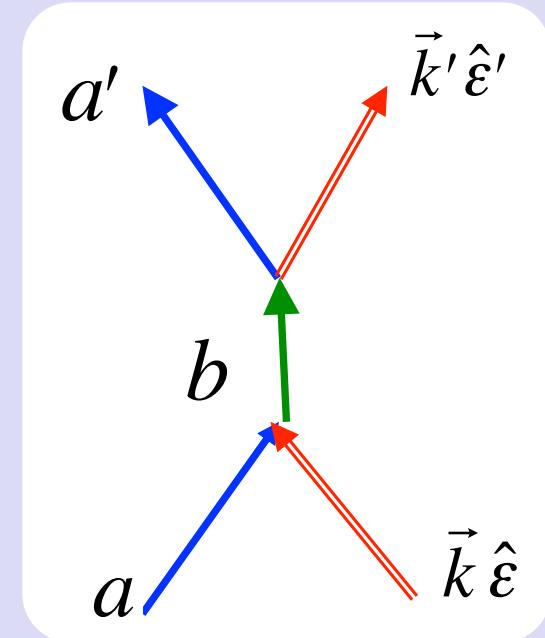


non-resonant

Raman



resonant



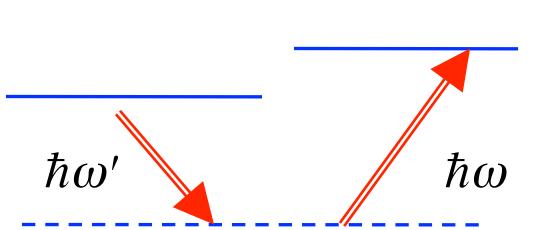
Scattering type β

1st-order interaction
2nd-order approximation

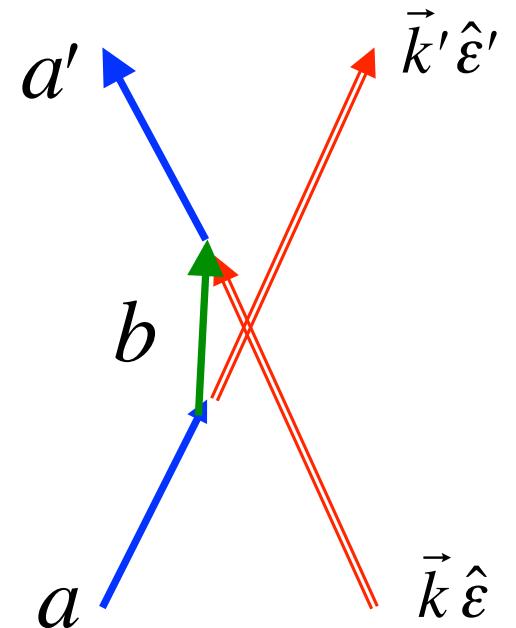
$$|\Phi_f\rangle = |a'; \vec{k}' \hat{\varepsilon}'\rangle$$

Energy

$$E_i = E_f = E_a + \hbar\omega = E_{a'} + \hbar\omega'$$



$$|\Phi_i\rangle = |a; \vec{k} \hat{\varepsilon}\rangle$$



Transition amplitude

$$c_{fi}^{(2)} = -2\pi i \sum_b \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle a'; \vec{k}' \hat{\varepsilon}' | H_{I1} | b; \vec{k} \hat{\varepsilon}, \vec{k}' \hat{\varepsilon}' \rangle \langle b; \vec{k} \hat{\varepsilon}, \vec{k}' \hat{\varepsilon}' | H_{I1} | a; \vec{k} \hat{\varepsilon} \rangle}{E_a - \hbar\omega' - E_b + i\eta}$$

Scattering type γ

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento

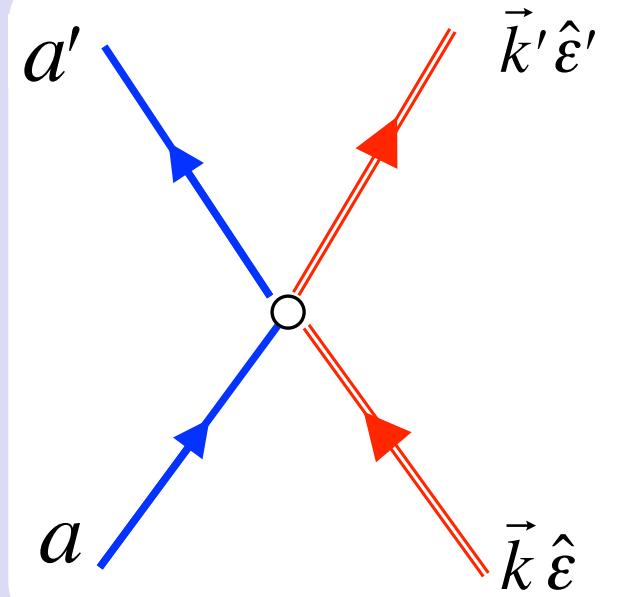
2nd-order interaction
1st-order approximation

$$|\Phi_f\rangle = |a';\vec{k}'\hat{\varepsilon}'\rangle$$

Energy

$$E_i = E_f = E_a + \hbar\omega = E_{a'} + \hbar\omega'$$

$$|\Phi_i\rangle = |a;\vec{k}\hat{\varepsilon}\rangle$$



Transition amplitude

$$c_{fi}^{(1)} = -2\pi i \langle a';\vec{k}'\hat{\varepsilon}' | H_{I,2} | a;\vec{k}\hat{\varepsilon} \rangle$$

Scattering type γ - elastic

2nd-order interaction

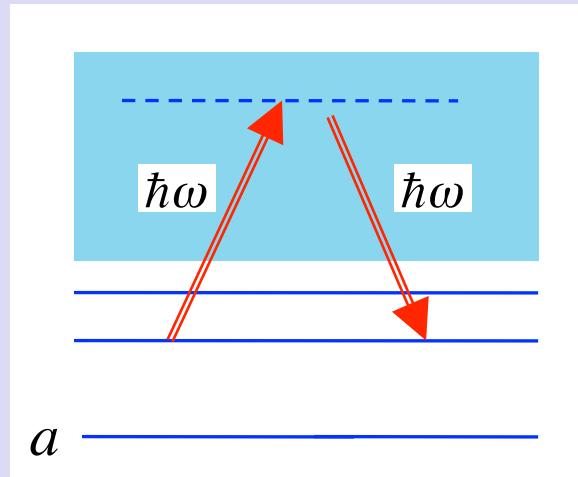
1st-order approximation

Transition amplitude

$$c_{fi}^{(1)} = -2\pi i \langle a; \vec{k}' \hat{\varepsilon}' | H_{I,2} | a; \vec{k} \hat{\varepsilon} \rangle$$

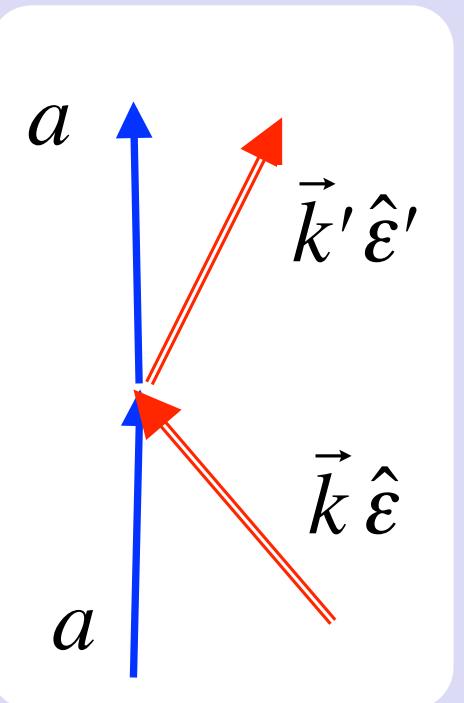
Elastic scattering:

$$\hbar\omega = \hbar\omega'; \quad a' = a$$



$$\hbar\omega \gg E_{ion}$$

Thomson



Scattering type γ - inelastic

2nd-order interaction

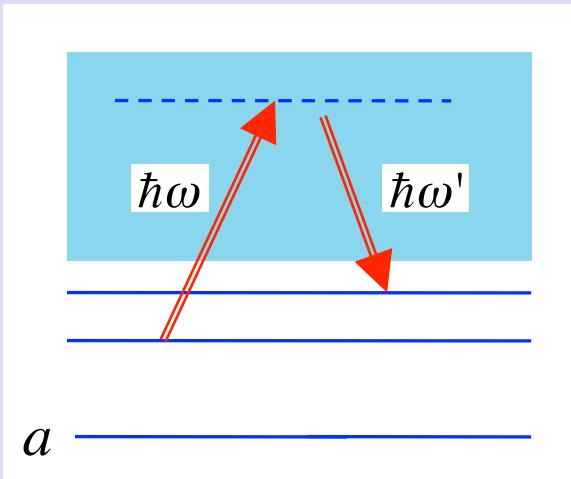
1st-order approximation

Transition amplitude

$$c_{fi}^{(1)} = -2\pi i \langle a'; \vec{k}' \hat{\varepsilon}' | H_{I,2} | a; \vec{k} \hat{\varepsilon} \rangle$$

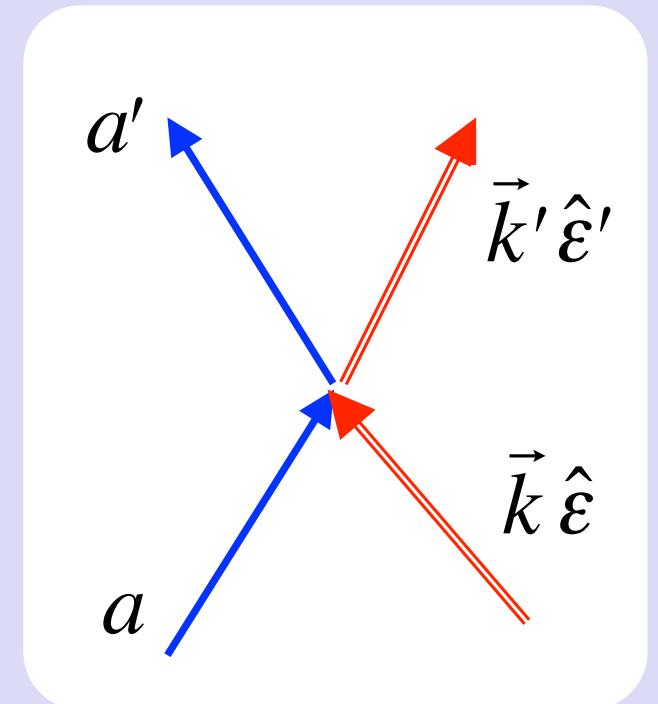
Inelastic scattering:

$$\hbar\omega \neq \hbar\omega'; \quad a' \neq a$$



Compton

$$\hbar\omega \gg E_{ion}$$





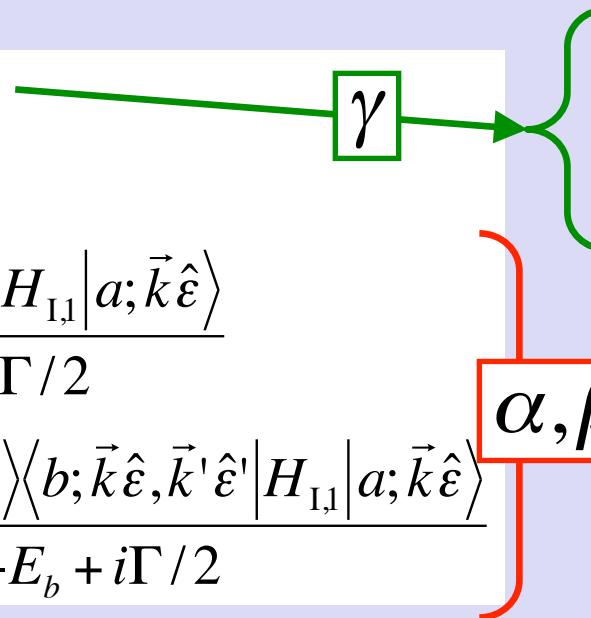
X-ray scattering

X-ray scattering

$$c_{fi}^{(1)} + c_{fi}^{(2)} = -2\pi i \langle a'; \vec{k}' \hat{\varepsilon}' | H_{I,2} | a; \vec{k} \hat{\varepsilon} \rangle$$

$$-2\pi i \sum_b \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle a'; \vec{k}' \hat{\varepsilon}' | H_{I,1} | b; 0 \rangle \langle b; 0 | H_{I,1} | a; \vec{k} \hat{\varepsilon} \rangle}{E_a + \hbar\omega - E_b + i\Gamma/2}$$

$$-2\pi i \sum_b \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle a'; \vec{k}' \hat{\varepsilon}' | H_{I,1} | b; \vec{k} \hat{\varepsilon}, \vec{k}' \hat{\varepsilon}' \rangle \langle b; \vec{k} \hat{\varepsilon}, \vec{k}' \hat{\varepsilon}' | H_{I,1} | a; \vec{k} \hat{\varepsilon} \rangle}{E_a - \hbar\omega - E_b + i\Gamma/2}$$



$$H_{I,2} = \frac{e^2}{2m} \sum_j |\vec{A}(\vec{r}_j)|^2$$

$$\hbar\omega \gg E_{ion}$$

$$H_{I,1} = \frac{e}{m} \sum_j \vec{P}_j \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{r}_j)$$

$$\hbar\omega \ll E_{ion}$$

Vector potential

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\vec{k}s} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\varepsilon_0 V \omega_{\vec{k}s}}} [a_{\vec{k}s} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} + a_{\vec{k}s}^+ e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}] \hat{\varepsilon}_{\vec{k}s}$$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\varepsilon_0 V}} \left[\frac{\hat{\varepsilon} a_{\vec{k}s} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} + \hat{\varepsilon} a_{\vec{k}s}^+ e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}}{\sqrt{\omega}} + \frac{\hat{\varepsilon}' a_{\vec{k}'s'} e^{i\vec{k}'\cdot\vec{r}} + \hat{\varepsilon}' a_{\vec{k}'s'}^+ e^{-i\vec{k}'\cdot\vec{r}}}{\sqrt{\omega'}} \right]$$

Many photons

Two photons

X-ray scattering: γ

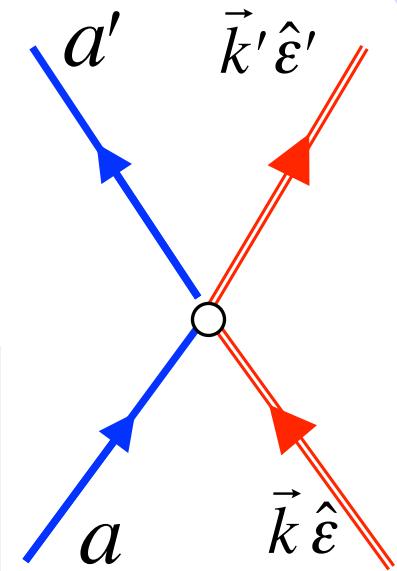
$$H_{I,2} = \frac{e^2}{2m} \sum_j |\vec{A}(\vec{r}_j)|^2$$

$$= \frac{e^2}{2m} \frac{\hbar}{2\epsilon_0 V} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega \omega'}} (\hat{\varepsilon} \cdot \hat{\varepsilon}') \sum_j \left[a_{\vec{k}s} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_j} a_{\vec{k}'s'}^+ e^{-i\vec{k}' \cdot \vec{r}_j} + a_{\vec{k}'s'}^+ e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_j} a_{\vec{k}s} e^{-i\vec{k}' \cdot \vec{r}_j} \right]$$



transition amplitude

1 photon created + 1 photon deleted



$$c_{fi}^{(1)} \approx \langle a'; \vec{k}' \hat{\varepsilon}' | H_{I,2} | a; \vec{k} \hat{\varepsilon} \rangle = \frac{e^2}{2m} \frac{\hbar}{\epsilon_0 V} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega \omega'}} (\varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon') \langle a' | \sum_j e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_j} | a \rangle$$



$$e^{i(\vec{k}' - \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{r}_j} = e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_j}$$

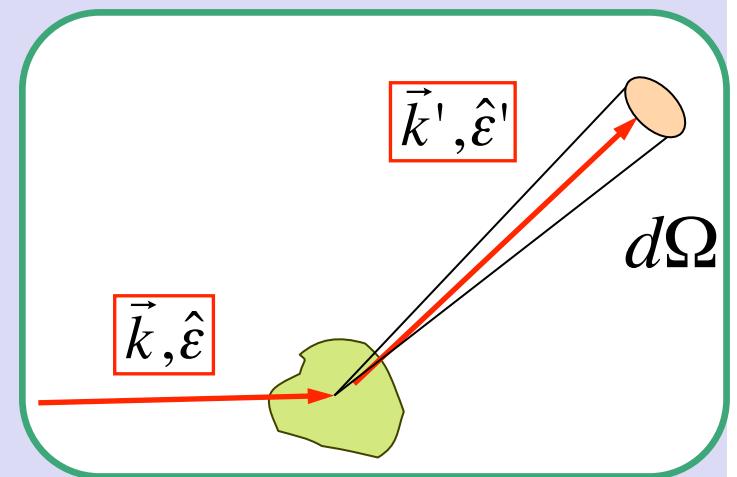
X-ray scattering: γ

Transition probability per unit time

$$w_{\text{fi}}^{(1)} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left| \langle a'; \vec{k}' \hat{\varepsilon}' | H_{\text{I},2} | a; \vec{k} \hat{\varepsilon} \rangle \right|^2 g(E_f)$$



Golden rule



Number of available final states

$$dN = \frac{V}{8\pi^3} k'^2 dk' \Delta\Omega = g(E_f) dE_f$$

Density of final states

$$g(E_f) = \frac{V}{8\pi^3} \frac{\omega'^2}{\hbar c^3} \Delta\Omega$$

$$w_{\text{fi}}^{(1)} = \frac{c}{V} \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2 m} \right)^2 \frac{\omega'}{\omega} (\hat{\varepsilon} \cdot \hat{\varepsilon}')^2 \left| \langle a' | \sum_j e^{i(\vec{k}' - \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{r}_j} | a \rangle \right|^2 \Delta\Omega$$

X-ray elastic scattering

γ

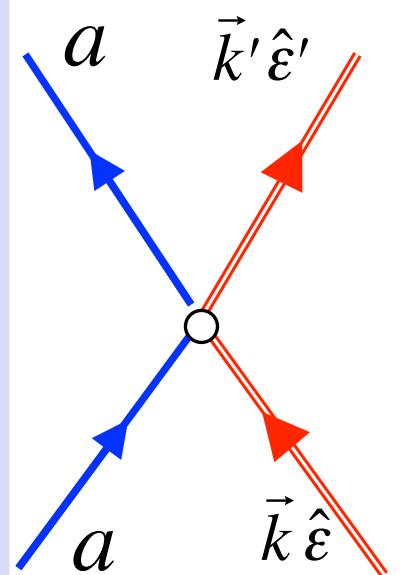
Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento

Transition probability per unit time

$$w_{\text{fi}}^{(1)} = \frac{c}{V} \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2 m} \right)^2 \frac{\omega'}{\omega} (\hat{\varepsilon} \cdot \hat{\varepsilon}')^2 \left| \langle a' | \sum_j e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_j} | a \rangle \right|^2 \Delta\Omega$$

elastic scattering
 $a' = a, \quad \omega' = \omega$

$$\langle a | \sum_j e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_j} | a \rangle = \int |\psi|^2 e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}} dV = f_0(\vec{K})$$



$$w_{\text{fi}}^{(1)} = \frac{c}{V} \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2 m} \right)^2 (\hat{\varepsilon} \cdot \hat{\varepsilon}')^2 |f_0(\vec{K}, Z)|^2 \Delta\Omega$$



$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_0 = \frac{w_{\text{fi}}^{(1)}}{\Phi_{in}} \frac{1}{\Delta\Omega} = r_e^2 (\hat{\varepsilon} \cdot \hat{\varepsilon}')^2 |f_0(\vec{K}, Z)|^2$$

= classical result

$$c_{fi}^{(2)} = -2\pi i \sum_b \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle a; \vec{k}' \hat{\varepsilon}' | H_{I,1} | b; 0 \rangle \langle b; 0 | H_{I,1} | a; \vec{k} \hat{\varepsilon} \rangle}{E_a + \hbar\omega - E_b + i\Gamma/2}$$

$$H_{I,1} = \frac{e}{m} \sum_j \vec{P}_j \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{r}_j)$$

$$c_{fi}^{(2)} \approx c_{fi}^{(1)} \left(\frac{E_{\text{ion}}}{\hbar\omega} \right)^2$$

Resonant scattering



Scattering functions

$$E_{A,\text{out}} + \hbar\omega_{\text{out}} = E_{A,\text{in}} + \hbar\omega_{\text{in}}$$

A = material system

Inelastic scattering

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega d\omega_{\text{out}}} = r_0^2 (\hat{\epsilon}_{\text{out}} \cdot \hat{\epsilon}_{\text{in}})^2 \frac{\omega_{\text{out}}}{\omega_{\text{in}}} \left| \left\langle A_{\text{out}} \left| \sum_j e^{-i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_j} \right| A_{\text{in}} \right\rangle \right|^2$$

$$S(\vec{K}, \omega)$$

Dynamic scattering function

Elastic scattering

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = r_0^2 (\hat{\epsilon}_{\text{out}} \cdot \hat{\epsilon}_{\text{in}})^2 \left| \left\langle A \left| \sum_j e^{-i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_j} \right| A \right\rangle \right|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{\text{out}} &= \omega_{\text{in}} \\ A_{\text{out}} &= A_{\text{in}} = A \end{aligned}$$

$$S(\vec{K})$$

Static scattering function

Static scattering function

$$\begin{aligned} S(\vec{K}) &= \left| \langle A | \sum_j e^{-i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_j} | A \rangle \right|^2 = \left| \sum_j \langle j | e^{-i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_j} | j \rangle \right|^2 \\ &= \left| \sum_j \int |\psi_j(\vec{r})|^2 e^{-i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_j} d\vec{r}_j \right|^2 \\ &= \left| \int \sum_j \rho_j(\vec{r}) e^{-i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_j} d\vec{r}_j \right|^2 \\ &= \left| \int \rho(\vec{r}) e^{-i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}} d\vec{r} \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

j {
electrons (X scatt.)
nuclei (n scattering)}

Fourier
transform
of number density

The inversion problem

$$S(\vec{K}) \rightarrow \rho(\vec{r})$$

- Finite K range
- Finite K resolution
- Phase problem

Equal-time correlation function

$$\begin{aligned} S(\vec{K}) &= \left| \int \rho(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{r} \right|^2 = \int \rho(\vec{r}_1) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}_1} d\vec{r}_1 \times \int \rho(\vec{r}_2) e^{-i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}_2} d\vec{r}_2 \\ &= \int d\vec{r}_2 \int d\vec{r}_1 \rho(\vec{r}_1) \rho(\vec{r}_2) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)} \\ &= \int d\vec{R} \int d\vec{r}_1 \rho(\vec{r}_1) \rho(\vec{r}_1 + \vec{R}) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{R}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{R} = \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1$$

$$S(\vec{K}) = \int G(\vec{R}) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{R}} d\vec{R}$$

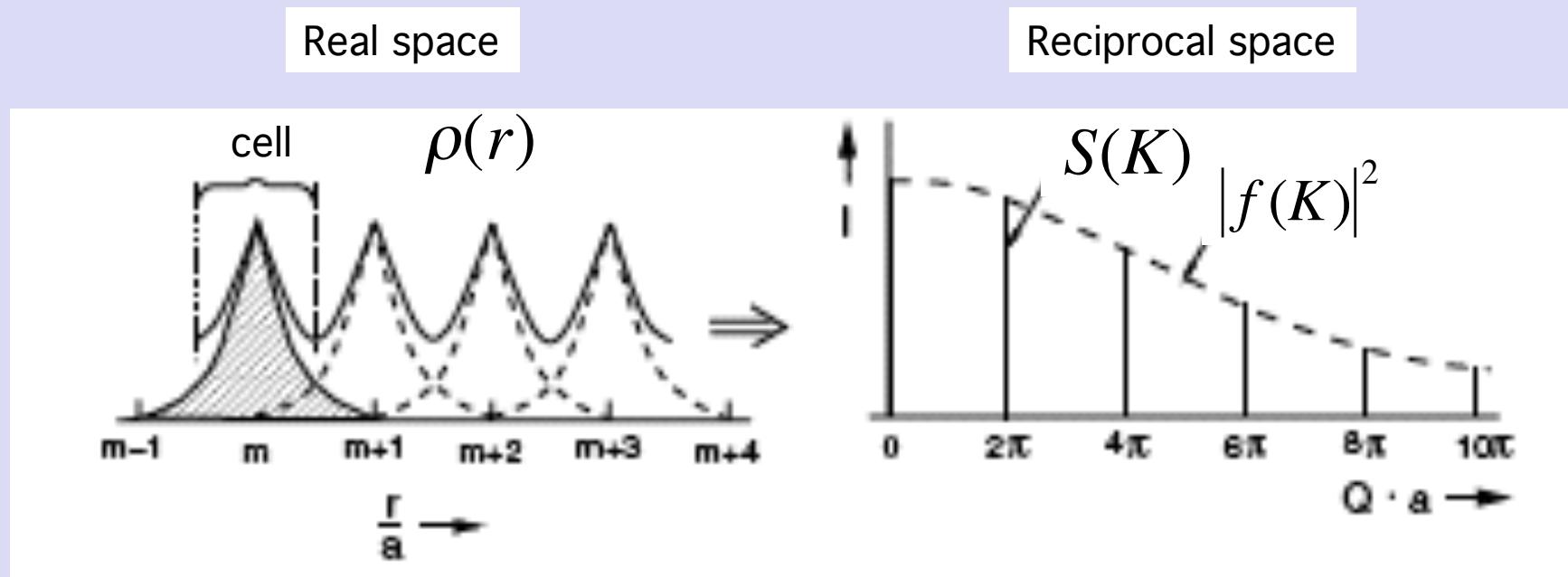
$$G(\vec{R}) = \int d\vec{r}_1 \rho(\vec{r}_1) \rho(\vec{r}_1 + \vec{R})$$

Density-density
autocorrelation function
or
Equal-time correlation function

Probability density that given a particle @
another particle is @

$$\begin{matrix} \vec{r}_1 \\ \vec{r}_1 + \vec{R} \end{matrix}$$

S(K) for a monatomic crystal



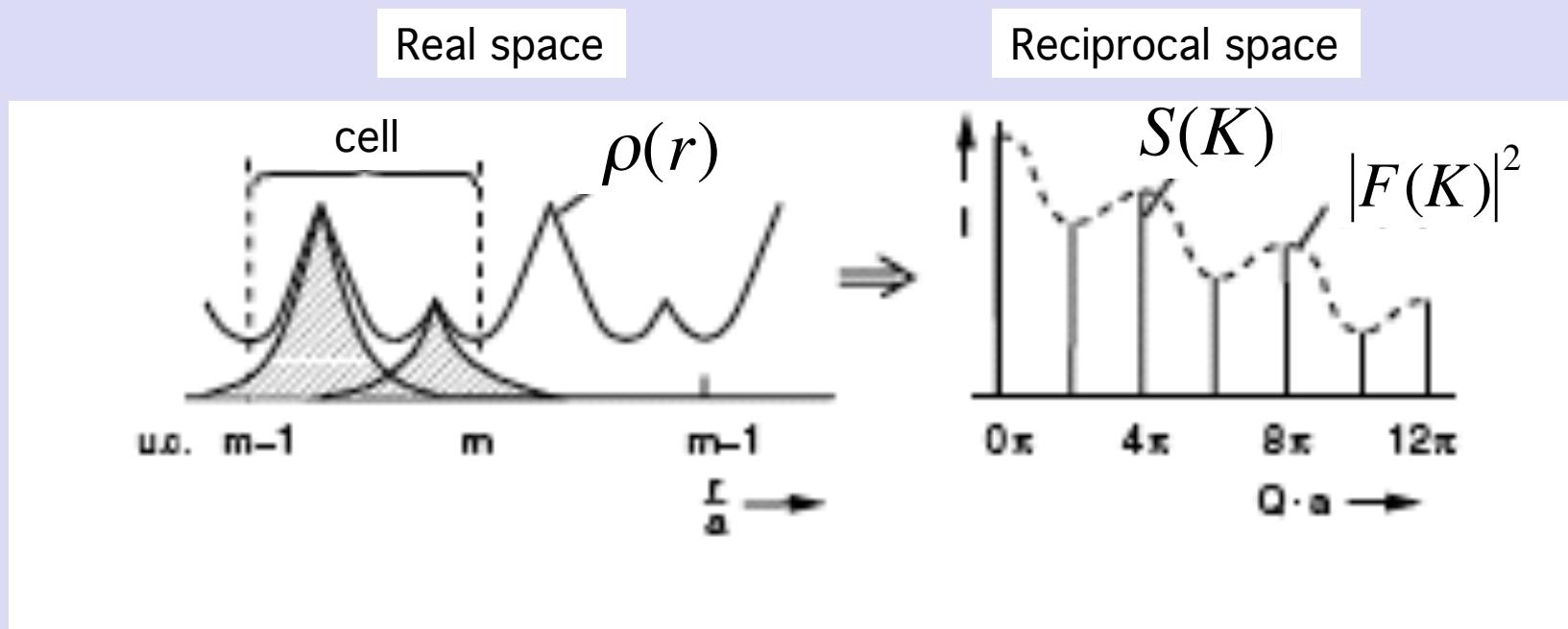
$$S(\vec{K}) = \left| A_{eu}(\vec{K}) \right|^2 = \left| f(\vec{K}) \right|^2 \sum_{mn} e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{R}_{mn}}$$

m, n = atom indices

atomic scattering factor

$S(K)$ for a two-atomic crystal

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento



$$S(\vec{K}) = |A_{eu}(\vec{K})|^2 = |F(\vec{K})|^2 \sum_{mn} e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{R}_{mn}}$$

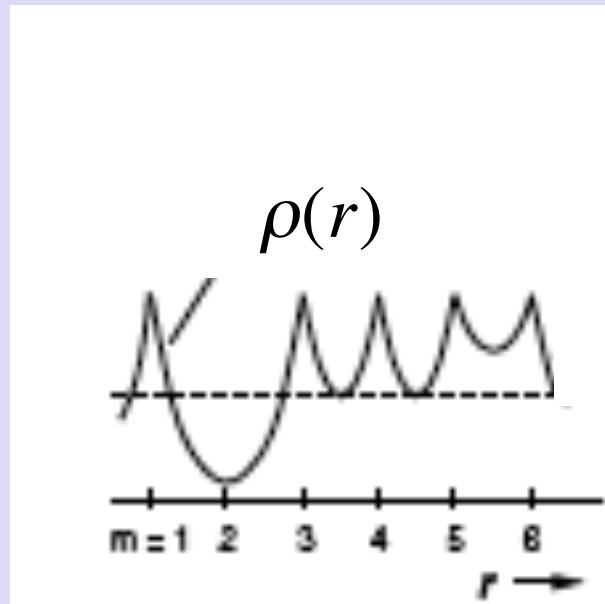
$m, n = \text{cell indices}$

structure factor

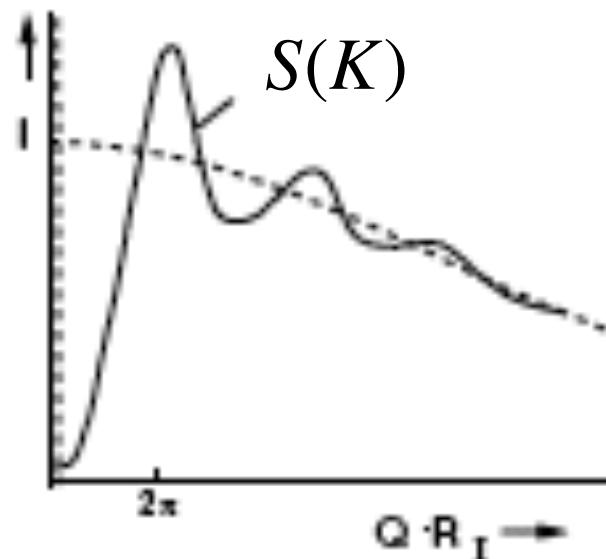
$S(K)$ for a monatomic liquid

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento

Real space



Reciprocal space



$$S(K) = \sum_{m,n} f_m f_n \left\langle e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{R}_{mn}} \right\rangle = \sum_{m,n} f_m f_n \frac{\sin(KR_{mn})}{KR_{mn}}$$

Inelastic scattering (non-resonant)

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega d\omega_{\text{out}}} = r_0^2 (\hat{\epsilon}_{\text{out}} \cdot \hat{\epsilon}_{\text{in}})^2 \frac{\omega_{\text{out}}}{\omega_{\text{in}}} \left| \left\langle A_{\text{out}} \left| \sum_j e^{-i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_j} \right| A_{\text{in}} \right\rangle \right|^2$$


 $S(\vec{K}, \omega)$

$$E_{\text{A,out}} + \hbar\omega_{\text{out}} = E_{\text{A,in}} + \hbar\omega_{\text{in}}$$

$$\omega = \omega_{\text{out}} - \omega_{\text{in}}$$

System excitations

- Single particle
- Collective

Characteristic length

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento



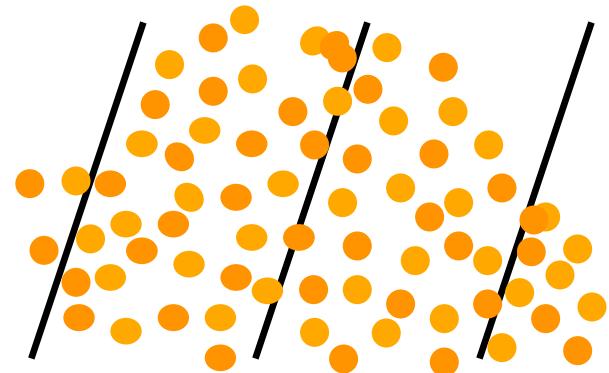
= characteristic length describing the spatial inhomogeneity
(e.g. the inter-particle distance)

$$K\xi \leq 1$$

$$\frac{1}{K} \geq \xi$$

Interference
Probe of collective behaviour

- phonons
- plasmons
- magnons



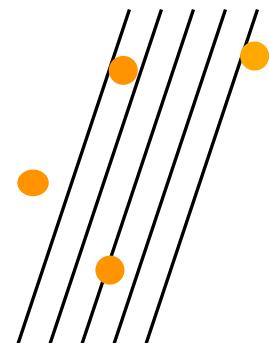
$$K\xi \gg 1$$

$$\frac{1}{K} \ll \xi$$

Independent contribution of particles
Probe of single-particle properties

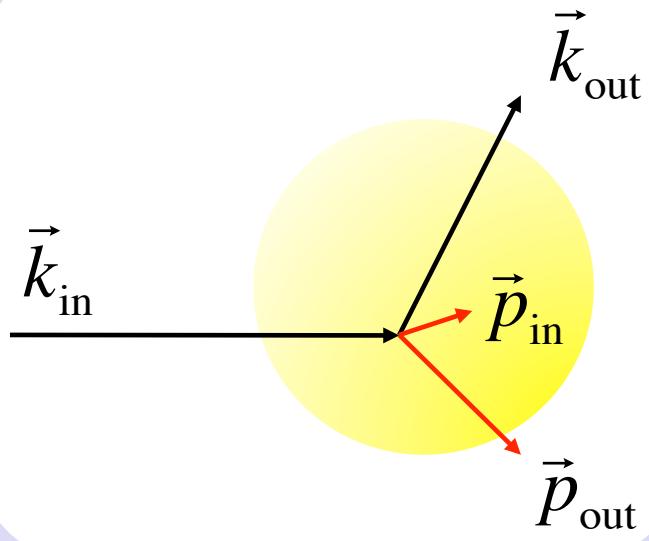
- Compton scattering $\hbar\omega \gg E_b$

- inner-shell excitations $\hbar\omega \approx E_b$



Compton scattering from moving electrons

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento



$$\hbar\omega_{in} + \frac{p_{in}^2}{2m} = \hbar\omega_{out} + \frac{p_{out}^2}{2m}$$

energy conservation

$$\hbar\vec{k}_{in} + \vec{p}_{in} = \hbar\vec{k}_{out} + \vec{p}_{out}$$

momentum conservation

Scattering vector

$$\vec{K} = \vec{k}_{in} - \vec{k}_{out}$$

Exchanged energy
=lost by field
=gained by electron

$$\hbar\omega = \hbar\omega_{in} - \hbar\omega_{out} = \frac{(\hbar K)^2}{2m} - \frac{\hbar}{m} \vec{p}_{in} \cdot \vec{K}$$

Atomic electron
momentum

One-dim. projection
of the momentum density

Compton scattering function

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento

$$S(\vec{K}, \omega) = \left| \left\langle A_{\text{out}} \left| \sum_j e^{-i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_j} \right| A_{\text{in}} \right\rangle \right|^2$$

One electron

$$\begin{aligned} S(\vec{K}, \omega) &= \frac{1}{V} \left| \int d^3 \vec{r} \varphi_{\text{out}}(\vec{r}) e^{-i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}} \varphi_{\text{in}}(\vec{r}) \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{V} \left| \int d^3 \vec{r} e^{i\vec{p}_{\text{out}} \cdot \vec{r}/\hbar} e^{-i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}} \varphi_{\text{in}}(\vec{r}) \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{V} \left| \int d^3 \vec{r} e^{i\vec{p}_{\text{in}} \cdot \vec{r}/\hbar} \varphi_{\text{in}}(\vec{r}) \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Energy conservation

$$\delta\left(\hbar\omega - \frac{(\hbar\vec{K})^2}{2m} + \frac{\hbar}{m} \vec{p}_{\text{in}} \cdot \vec{K}\right)$$

$$\varphi_{\text{out}}(\vec{r}) = e^{i\vec{p}_{\text{out}} \cdot \vec{r}/\hbar}$$

outgoing
plane wave

$$\vec{p}_{\text{out}} = \vec{p}_{\text{in}} + \hbar\vec{K}$$

(for a fixed K)

FT of the ground-state wavefunction
 → momentum-space wave-function

$$\chi(\vec{p}_{\text{in}})$$

Compton profile

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento

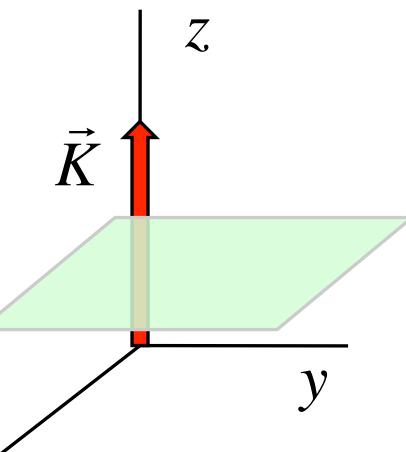
$$\rho(\vec{p}_{in}) = \sum_j |\chi_j(\vec{p}_{in})|^2$$

One atom

$$S(\vec{K}, \omega) = \int d^3 \vec{p}_{in} \rho(\vec{p}_{in}) \delta\left(\hbar\omega - \frac{(\hbar\vec{K})^2}{2m} + \frac{\hbar}{m} \vec{p}_{in} \cdot \vec{K}\right)$$

distribution of electron momenta

Energy conservation (link between \vec{K} and \vec{p}_{in})



Compton profile

$$J(p_z) = \int dx dy \rho(\vec{p}_{in})$$

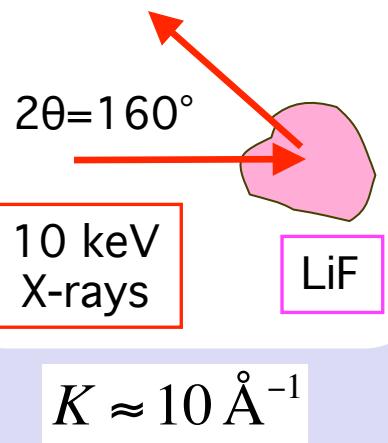
Cross section

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega d\omega} = r_0^2 (\hat{\epsilon}_{out} \cdot \hat{\epsilon}_{in})^2 \frac{\omega_{out}}{\omega_{in}} \frac{m}{|\vec{K}|} J(p_z)$$

$$S(\vec{K}, \omega)$$

Compton cross section and Compton profile

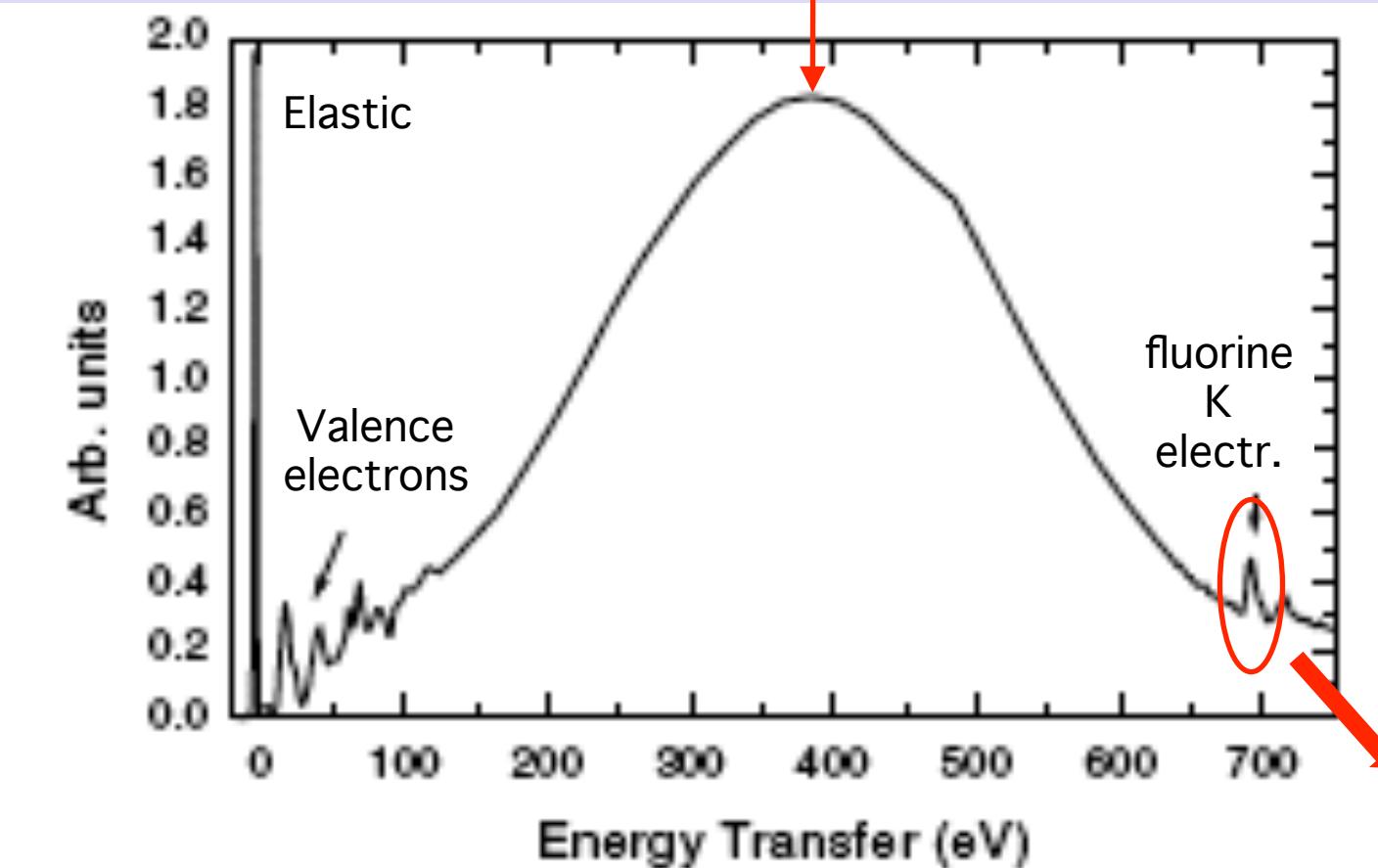
Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento



$$K \approx 10 \text{ Å}^{-1}$$

Rest electrons

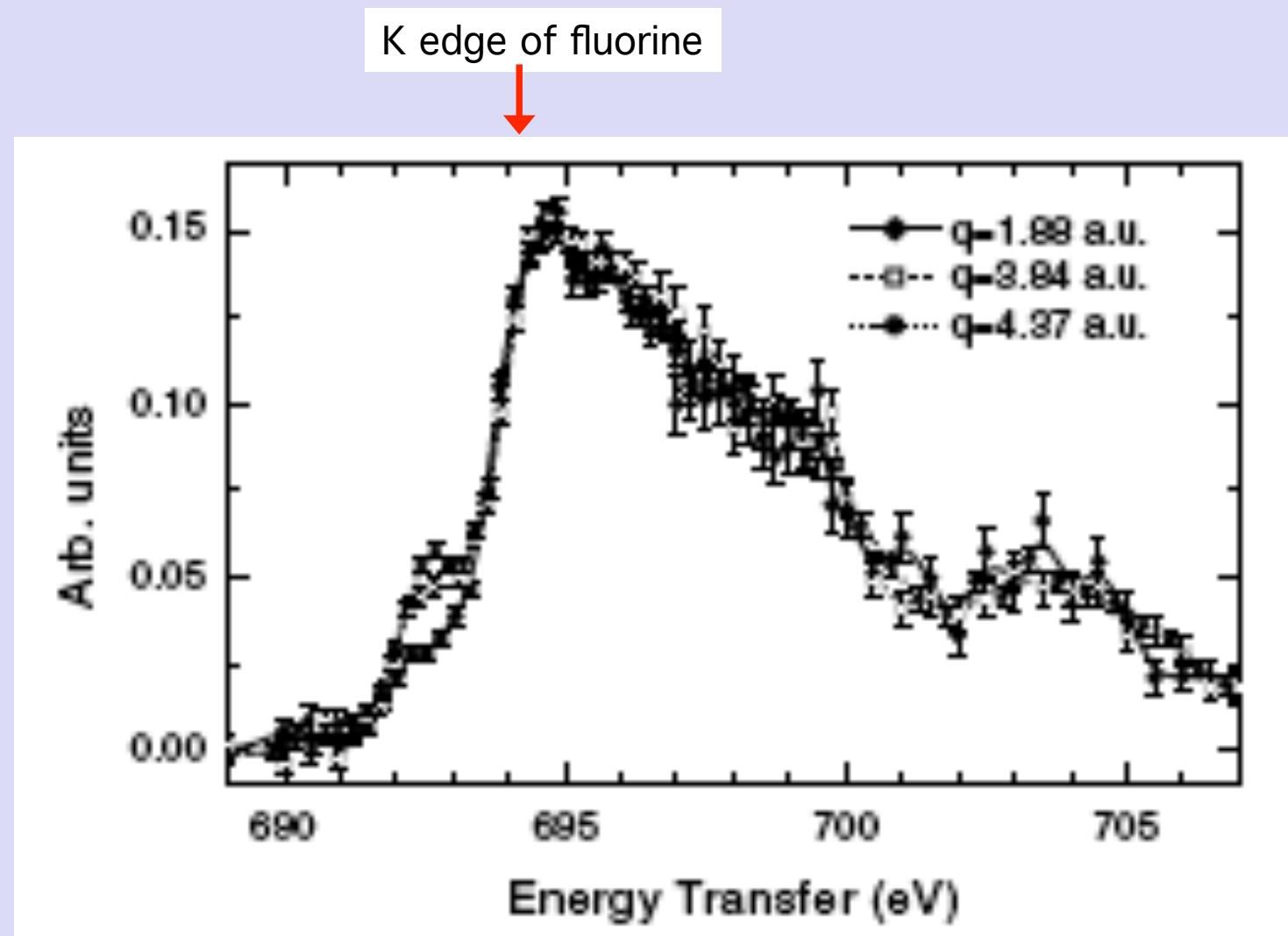
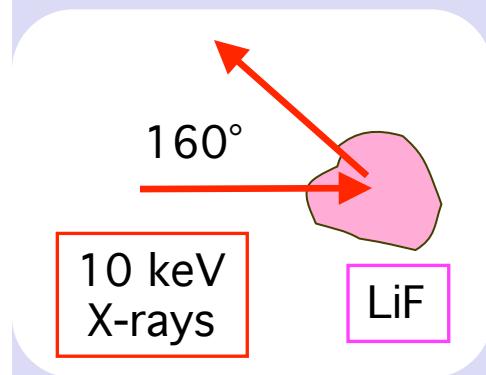
$$\Delta E \approx \hbar \omega_0 \frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda_0} = 380 \text{ eV}$$



next
slide

X-ray Raman scattering

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento

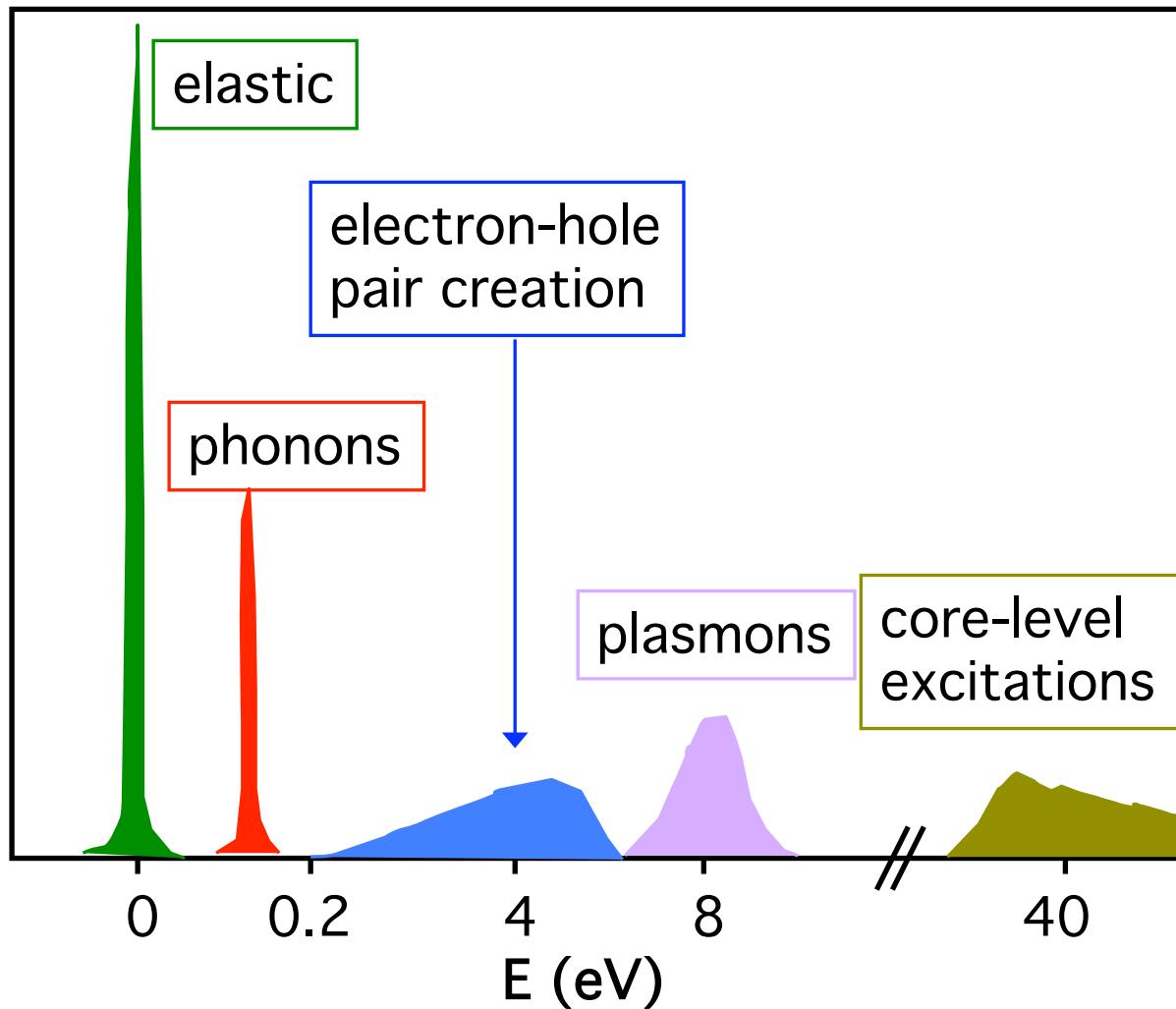


Non-resonant X-ray Raman scattering

Excitations in condensed matter

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento

$S(\omega)$



Energy transfer

$$\hbar\omega = \hbar\omega_{\text{in}} - \hbar\omega_{\text{out}}$$

Space-time correlation function

$$S(\vec{K}, \omega) = \int G(\vec{R}, t) e^{i(\vec{K} \cdot \vec{R} - \omega t)} d\vec{R} dt$$



Space-time correlation function

$$G(\vec{R}, t) = \int d\vec{r}_1 \rho(\vec{r}_1, 0) \rho(\vec{r}_1 + \vec{R}, t)$$

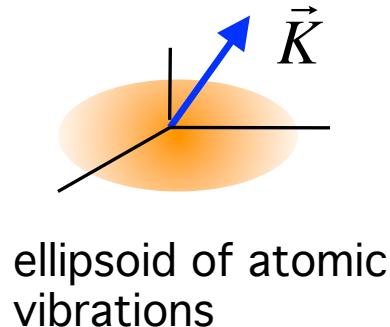
Probability density that: given a particle @ $\vec{r}_1, t = 0$
another particle is @ $\vec{r}_1 + \vec{R}, t$



Effects of atomic vibrations
on diffraction patterns

Average over instantaneous displacements

$$I_{\text{e.u.}}(\vec{K}) = \left| f(\vec{K}) \right|^2 \sum_{mn} e^{i\vec{K} \cdot (\vec{r}_m - \vec{r}_n)} \left\langle e^{i\vec{K} \cdot (\vec{u}_m - \vec{u}_n)} \right\rangle$$



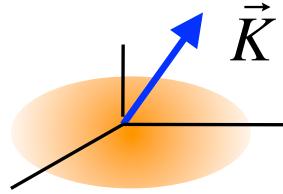
Gaussian distrib.

$$\left\langle e^{ix} \right\rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x^2 \rangle}$$

$$e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle (\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m)^2 \rangle} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle (\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n)^2 \rangle} e^{\langle (\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m)(\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n) \rangle}$$

$$e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle (\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m)^2 \rangle} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle (\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n)^2 \rangle} \left\{ 1 + \left[e^{\langle (\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m)(\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n) \rangle} - 1 \right] \right\}$$

Debye-Waller factor (monatomic crystals)



ellipsoid of atomic vibrations

$$\langle (\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m)^2 \rangle$$

Increases with

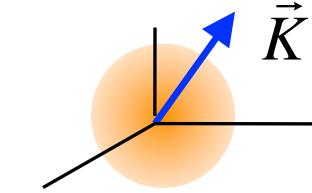
increasing K
increasing temperature

$$e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle (\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m)^2 \rangle}$$

Decreases with

increasing K
increasing temperature

Isotropic vibrations → Debye-Waller factor



$$e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle (\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m)^2 \rangle} = e^{-W(T, K)}$$

Two equal atoms

$$e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle (\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m)^2 \rangle} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle (\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n)^2 \rangle} = e^{-2W(T, K)}$$

Partition of total scattering intensity

$$I_{\text{e.u.}}(\vec{K}) = \left| f(\vec{K}) \right|^2 e^{-2W(K,T)} \sum_{mn} e^{i\vec{K} \cdot (\vec{r}_m - \vec{r}_n)}$$



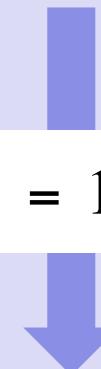
Laue scattering

$$+ \left| f(\vec{K}) \right|^2 e^{-2W(K,T)} \sum_{mn} e^{i\vec{K} \cdot (\vec{r}_m - \vec{r}_n)} \left[e^{\langle (\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m)(\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n) \rangle} - 1 \right]$$



Diffuse
scattering

$$e^{\langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m(0)][\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n(t)] \rangle} = 1 + \langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m(0)][\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n(t)] \rangle + \dots$$



$$I_{\text{e.u.}}(\vec{K}) = \left| f(\vec{K}) \right|^2 e^{-2W(K,T)} \sum_{mn} e^{i\vec{K} \cdot (\vec{r}_m - \vec{r}_n)}$$



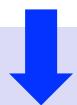
Laue scattering

$$+ \left| f(\vec{K}) \right|^2 e^{-2W(K,T)} \sum_{mn} e^{i\vec{K} \cdot (\vec{r}_m - \vec{r}_n)} \left[\langle (\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m)(\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n) \rangle + \dots \right]$$



Diffuse
scattering

$$I_{\text{e.u.}}(\vec{K}) = |f(\vec{K})|^2 e^{-2W(K,T)} \sum_{mn} e^{i\vec{K} \cdot (\vec{r}_m - \vec{r}_n)}$$



Debye_Waller factor

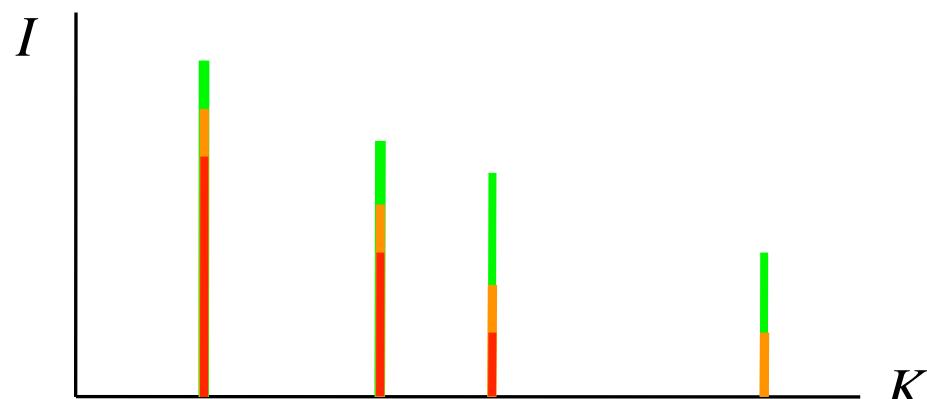


Decreases with



increasing K

increasing temperature



Energy lost for elastic scattering
goes into diffuse scattering

Diffuse scattering

X-rays exchange energy with crystal normal modes

1-phonon processes

2 or more phonons

$$\left|f(\vec{K})\right|^2 e^{-2W(\vec{K})} \sum_{mn} e^{i\vec{K}\cdot(\vec{r}_m - \vec{r}_n)} \left[\langle (\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m)(\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n) \rangle + \dots \right]$$

correlation significant
only for neighbouring atoms

sum limited to
neighbouring atoms

significant intensity for $\vec{K} \neq \vec{G}$



Scattering by crystal phonons

Dynamical scattering function (a)

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento

- Monatomic crystal
- Adiabatic approximation > Scattering from atoms

$$S(\vec{K}, \omega) = \int G(\vec{R}, t) e^{i(\vec{K} \cdot \vec{R} - \omega t)} d\vec{R} dt$$

$$G(\vec{R}, t) = \int d\vec{r}_1 \rho(\vec{r}_1, 0) \rho(\vec{r}_1 + \vec{R}, t)$$

$$G(\vec{R}, t) = \sum_{m,n} \int d\vec{r}' \delta[\vec{r}' - \vec{r}_m(0)] \delta[\vec{r}' + \vec{R} - \vec{r}_n(t)]$$

$$S(\vec{K}, \omega) = |f(\vec{K})|^2 \sum_{m,n} \int dt \left\langle e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_m(0)} e^{-i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_n(t)} \right\rangle e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}^0 + \vec{u}(t) \rightarrow$$

Dynamical scattering function for a crystal

$$S(\vec{K}, \omega) = |f(\vec{K})|^2 \sum_{m,n} e^{i\vec{K} \cdot [\vec{r}_m^0 - \vec{r}_n^0]} \int dt \left\langle e^{i\vec{K} \cdot [\vec{u}_m(0) - \vec{u}_n(t)]} \right\rangle e^{-i\omega t}$$

Gaussian distrib.

$$\left\langle e^{ix} \right\rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x^2 \rangle}$$

$$e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m(0)]^2 \rangle} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n(t)]^2 \rangle} e^{\langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m(0)][\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n(t)] \rangle}$$

Self-correlations

Pair-correlation

$$S(\vec{K}, \omega) = |f(\vec{K})|^2 \sum_{m,n} e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{R}_{mn}} e^{-\langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}]^2 \rangle} \int e^{\langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m(0)][\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n(t)] \rangle} e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

Debye-Waller factor

$$e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle (\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m)^2 \rangle} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle (\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n)^2 \rangle} = e^{-2W(T, K)}$$

Scattering function for a crystal (c)

$$S(\vec{K}, \omega) = |f(\vec{K})|^2 \sum_{m,n} e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{R}_{mn}} e^{-\langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}(t)]^2 \rangle} \int e^{\langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m(0)] [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n(t)] \rangle} e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

$$e^{\langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m(0)] [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n(t)] \rangle} = 1 + \langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m(0)] [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n(t)] \rangle + \dots$$



$$S(\vec{K}, \omega) = |f(\vec{K})|^2 \sum_{m,n} e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{R}_{mn}} e^{-\langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}(t)]^2 \rangle} \int 1 e^{-i\omega t} dt$$
$$+ |f(\vec{K})|^2 \sum_{m,n} e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{R}_{mn}} e^{-\langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}(t)]^2 \rangle} \int \left\{ \langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m(0)] [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n(t)] \rangle + \dots \right\} e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

Elastic

Inelastic

1st order

Elastic scattering

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento

$$S^{(0)}(\vec{K}, \omega) = \left|f(\vec{K})\right|^2 \sum_{m,n} e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{R}_{mn}} e^{-\langle [\vec{K}\cdot\vec{u}(t)]^2 \rangle} \int e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

$$= \left|f(\vec{K})\right|^2 \sum_{m,n} e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{R}_{mn}} e^{-\langle [\vec{K}\cdot\vec{u}(t)]^2 \rangle} \delta(\omega)$$

$$\omega = \omega_{\text{out}} - \omega_{\text{in}} = 0$$

$$S^{(0)}(\vec{K}, \omega) = S(\vec{K})$$

Inelastic scattering – 1st order (a)

$$S(\vec{K}, \omega) = |f(\vec{K})|^2 \sum_{m,n} e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{R}_{mn}} e^{-\langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}(t)]^2 \rangle} \int 1 e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

$$+ |f(\vec{K})|^2 \sum_{m,n} e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{R}_{mn}} e^{-\langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}(t)]^2 \rangle} \int \left\{ \langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m(0)] [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n(t)] \rangle \right\} e^{-i\omega t} dt + \dots$$



$$S^{(1)}(\vec{K}, \omega) = |f(\vec{K})|^2 \sum_{m,n} e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{R}_{mn}} e^{-\langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}(t)]^2 \rangle} \int \langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m(0)] [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n(t)] \rangle e^{-i\omega t} dt$$



α, β
cartesian
coordinates

$$\langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_m(0)] [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}_n(t)] \rangle = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} K_\alpha K_\beta \langle u_{m\alpha}(0) u_{n\beta}(t) \rangle$$

Atomic displacements and normal modes

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento

Atomic
displacements

Mode
eigenvectors

$$u_{m\alpha}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{NM}} \sum_{\vec{q}s} \left[e_{m\alpha, \vec{q}s} e^{i\vec{q} \cdot R_m} Q_{\vec{q}s}(t) \right]$$

Normal coordinates

$$Q_{\vec{q}s}(t) = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\omega_{\vec{q}s}}} \left[a_{\vec{q}s} e^{-i\omega_{\vec{q}s} t} + a_{\vec{q}s}^+ e^{i\omega_{\vec{q}s} t} \right]$$

$$u_{m\alpha}(t) = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2NM}} \sum_{\vec{q}s} \frac{e_{m\alpha, \vec{q}s}}{\sqrt{\omega_{\vec{q}s}}} e^{i\vec{q} \cdot R_m} \left[a_{\vec{q}s} e^{-i\omega_{\vec{q}s} t} + a_{\vec{q}s}^+ e^{i\omega_{\vec{q}s} t} \right]$$

Sum over
normal modes

Annihilation and creation
operators

Correlation term

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento

$$u_{m\alpha}(t) = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2NM}} \sum_{\vec{q}s} \frac{e_{m\alpha,\vec{q}s}}{\sqrt{\omega_{\vec{q}s}}} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_m} \left[a_{\vec{q}s} e^{-i\omega_{\vec{q}s} t} + a_{\vec{q}s}^+ e^{i\omega_{\vec{q}s} t} \right]$$



$$\begin{aligned} \langle u_{m\alpha}(0) u_{n\beta}(t) \rangle &= \frac{\hbar}{2NM} \sum_{\vec{q}s} \left(\frac{1}{\omega_{\vec{q}s}} \right) e_{\alpha,\vec{q}s} e_{\beta,\vec{q}s} \\ &\times \left[\langle n_{\vec{q}s} \rangle e^{-i\omega_{\vec{q}s} t} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_{mn}} + \langle n_{\vec{q}s} + 1 \rangle e^{i\omega_{\vec{q}s} t} e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_{mn}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

One-phonon scattering

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento

$$S^{(1)}(\vec{K}, \omega) = |f(\vec{K})|^2 \sum_{m,n} e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{R}_{mn}} e^{-\langle [\vec{K} \cdot \vec{u}(t)]^2 \rangle} \int \sum_{\alpha,\beta} K_\alpha K_\beta \langle u_{m\alpha}(0) u_{n\beta}(t) \rangle e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u_{m\alpha}(0) u_{n\beta}(t) \rangle &= \sum_{\vec{q}s} \left(\frac{\hbar}{2NM\omega_{\vec{q}s}} \right) w_{\alpha,\vec{q}s} w_{\beta,\vec{q}s} \\ &\times \left[\langle n_{\vec{q}s} \rangle e^{-i\omega_{\vec{q}s} t} e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}_{mn}} + \langle n_{\vec{q}s} + 1 \rangle e^{i\omega_{\vec{q}s} t} e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}_{mn}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

energy gain
phonon annih.

energy loss
phonon creation

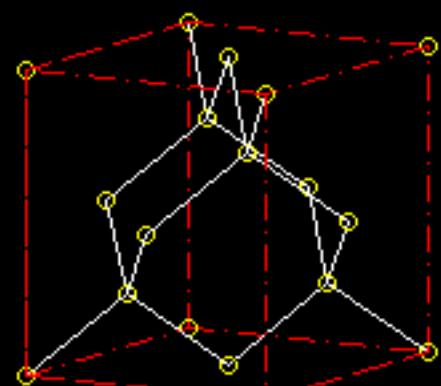
$$S^{(1)}(\vec{K}, \omega) \neq 0 \quad \text{for}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \omega = \omega_{\vec{q}s} \\ \vec{K} = \vec{G} \pm \vec{q} \end{array} \right.$$

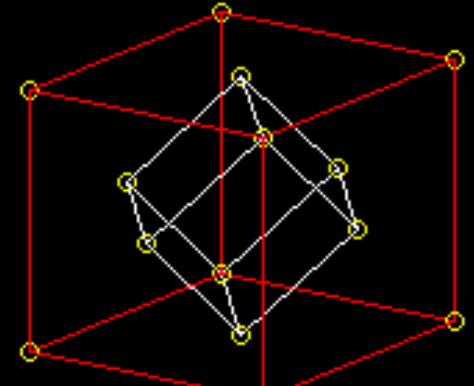


Phonon scattering - experiments

Real and reciprocal space



Diamond conventional
unit cell (8 atoms/cell)

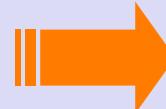


Primitive unit cell
fcc + 2 atoms/cell

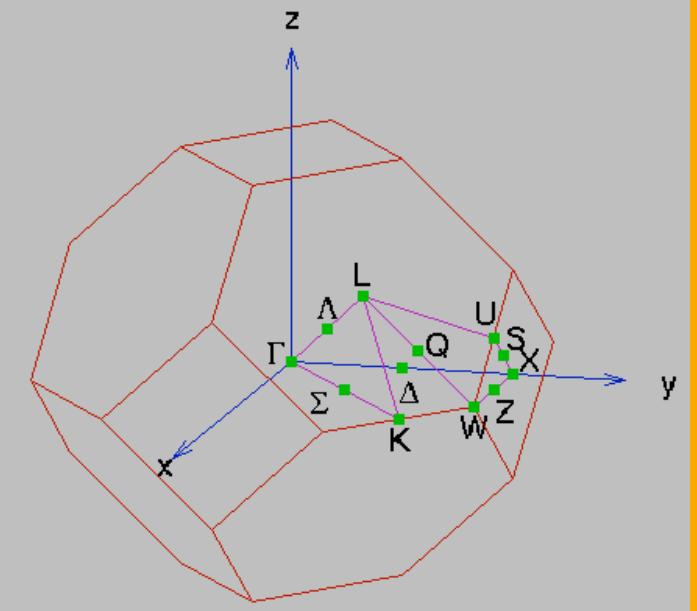


Real space

Reciprocal space



1st Brillouin zone

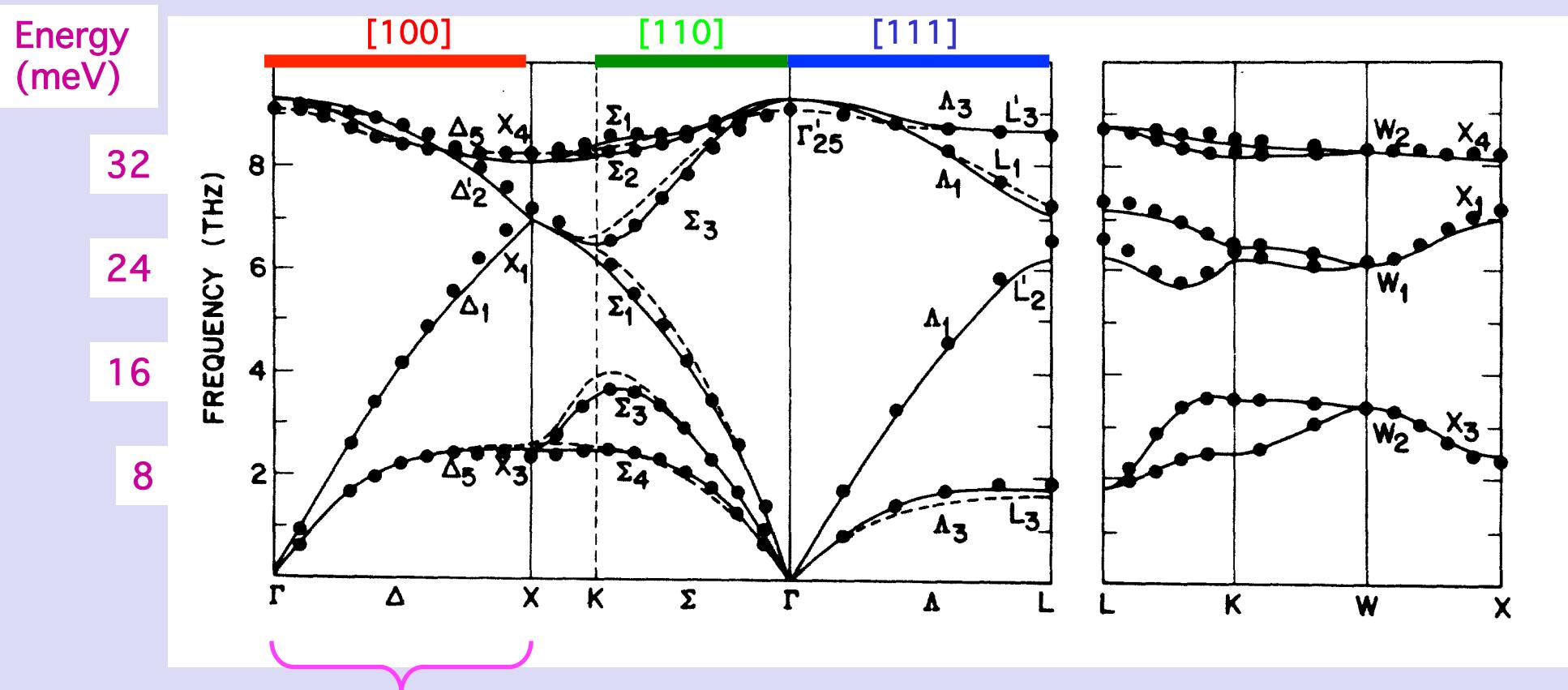


- Reciprocal space vectors
- Phonon wave-vectors

$$\vec{G} \quad \vec{q}$$

Phonon dispersion curves (Ge)

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento



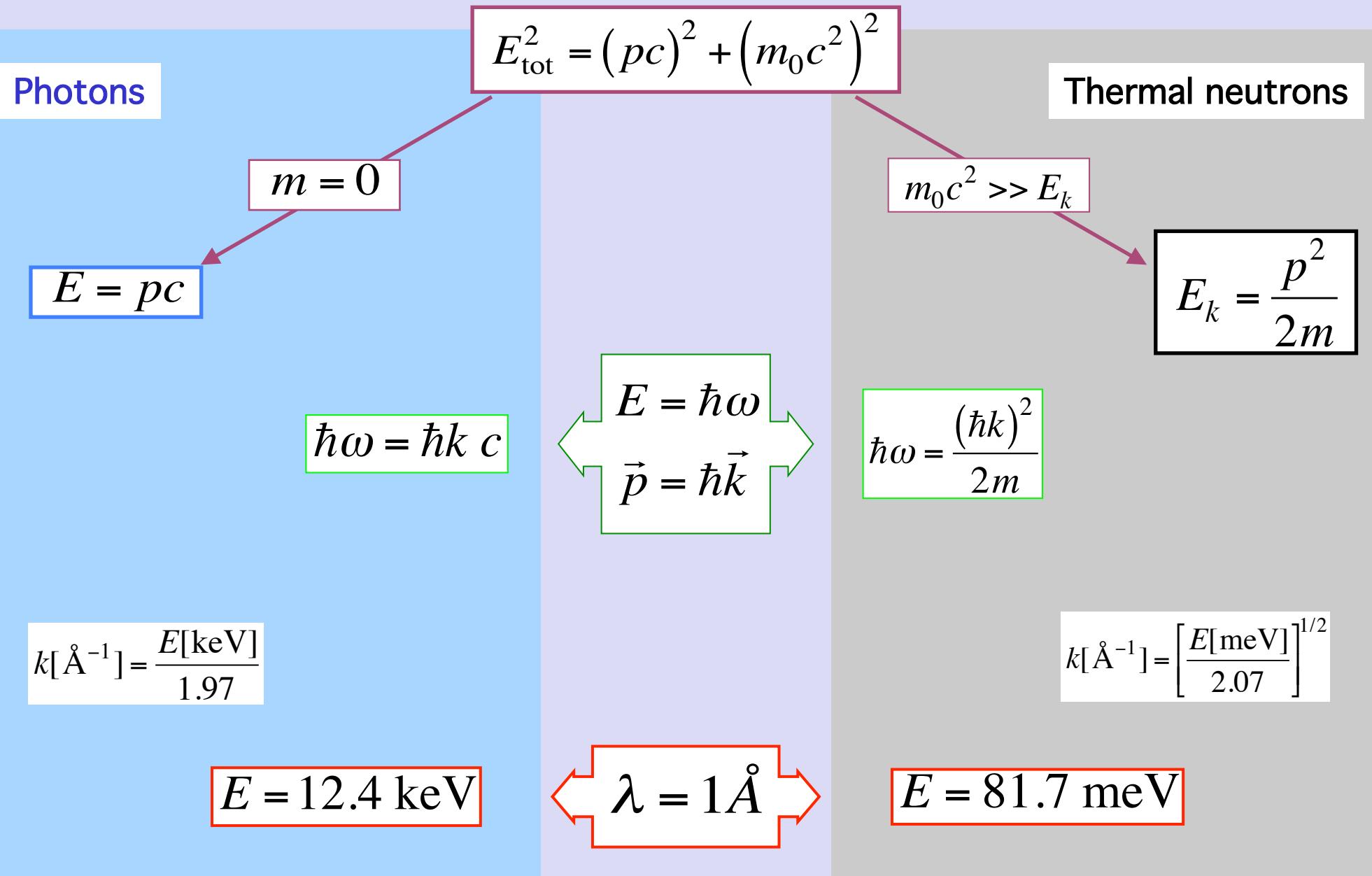
$$0 < q \leq \frac{\pi}{a}$$

$$\omega = \omega_{\vec{q}\lambda}$$

$$\vec{K} = \vec{G} \pm \vec{q}$$

Neutrons and X-rays

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento



Thermal neutrons

$$E = 81.7 \text{ meV}$$

$$\lambda = 1 \text{\AA}$$

$$E = 12.4 \text{ keV}$$

Photons

Natural probe for phonons

Complementary probe

Limitations

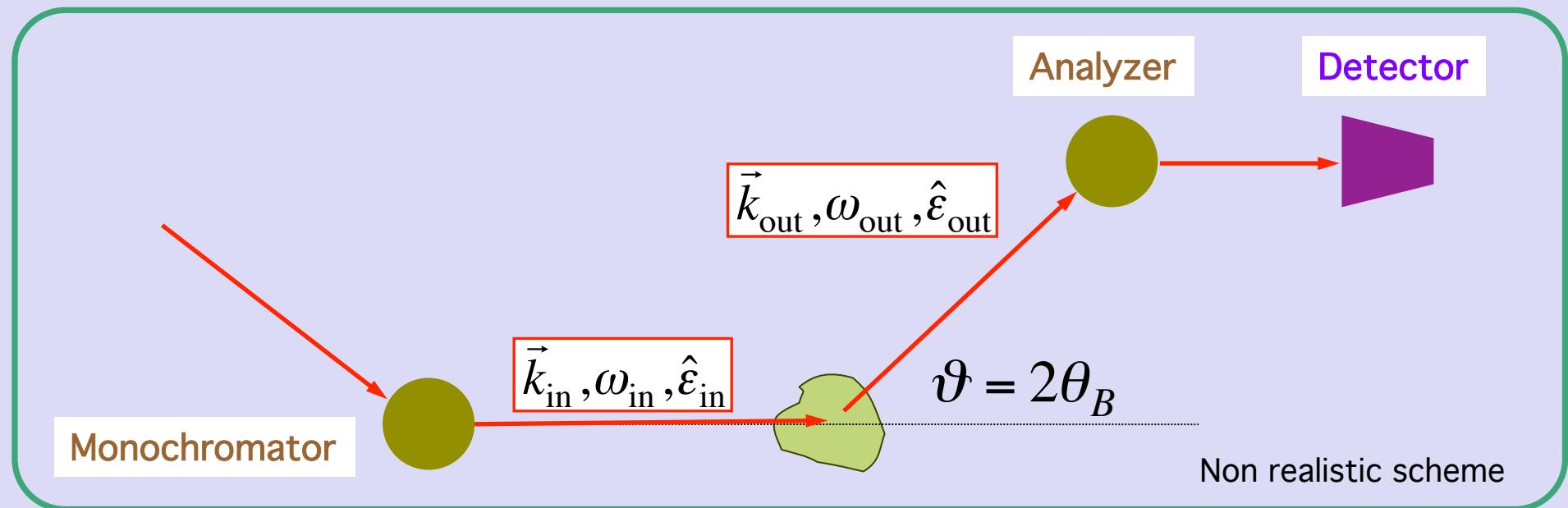
- Large samples required
- Weak signal from some isotopes (like H)
- Limited velocity .vs. phase velocity of phonons

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} \approx 10^{-8} \div 10^{-7}$$



Technical problems

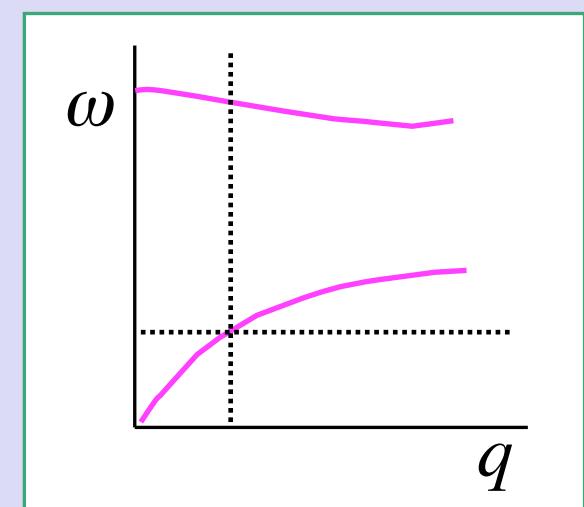
Inelastic X-ray scattering



$$\omega \ll \omega_{\text{in}} \Rightarrow k_{\text{out}} \approx k_{\text{in}} \Rightarrow K = 2k_{\text{in}} \sin \theta_B$$

- Scattering angle \Rightarrow momentum transfer
- Analyzer \Rightarrow energy transfer

$$\vec{K} = \vec{G} \pm \vec{q}$$
$$\omega = \omega_{\vec{q}\lambda}$$



Energy resolution

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \frac{\omega}{\omega_{\text{in}}} \approx 10^{-8} \div 10^{-7}$$

Perfect unstrained crystal

Crystal contribution (Darwin width)

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} \propto \frac{r_e \lambda^2}{\sin^2 \theta_B}$$

Monochromator & analyzer

$$\theta_B = \vartheta / 2$$

Geometry contribution (beam divergence)

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} \propto \cot \theta_B \Delta \theta_B$$

High-order reflections

Minimum for

$$\theta_B = 90^\circ \rightarrow \vartheta = 180^\circ$$

Back-scattering geometry

Back-scattering geometry

Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento

ESRF - Grenoble

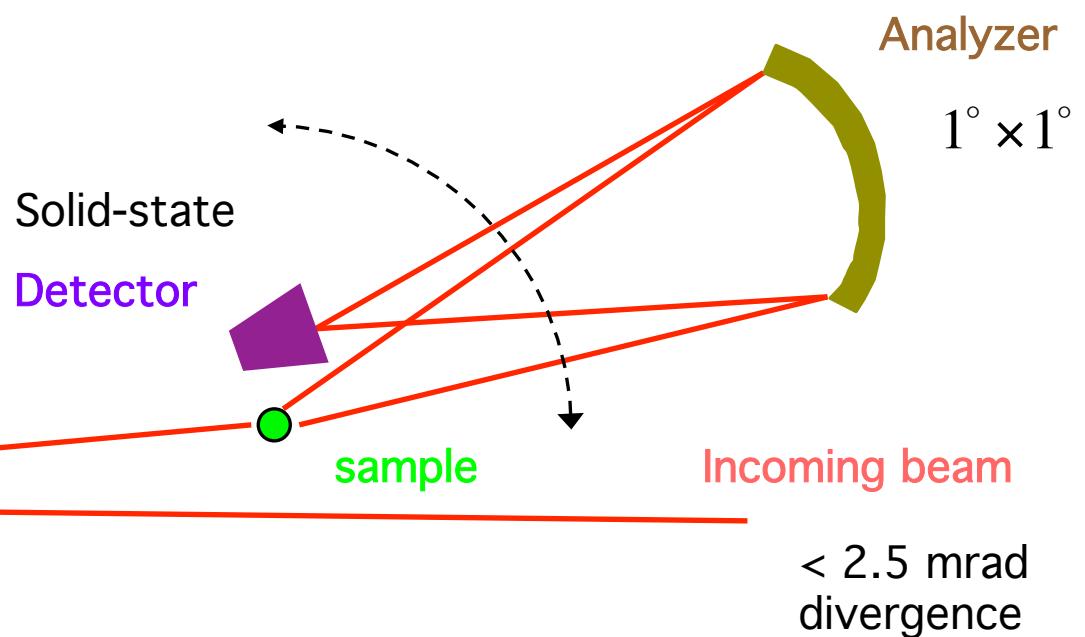
$$n\lambda = 2d \sin \theta_B$$

Array of
spherically bent
crystals
 ω_{out} fixed

$$n\lambda = 2d \sin \theta_B$$

Monochromator

ω_{in} varied by thermally
varying d ($1 \text{ K} \Rightarrow 51 \text{ meV}$)

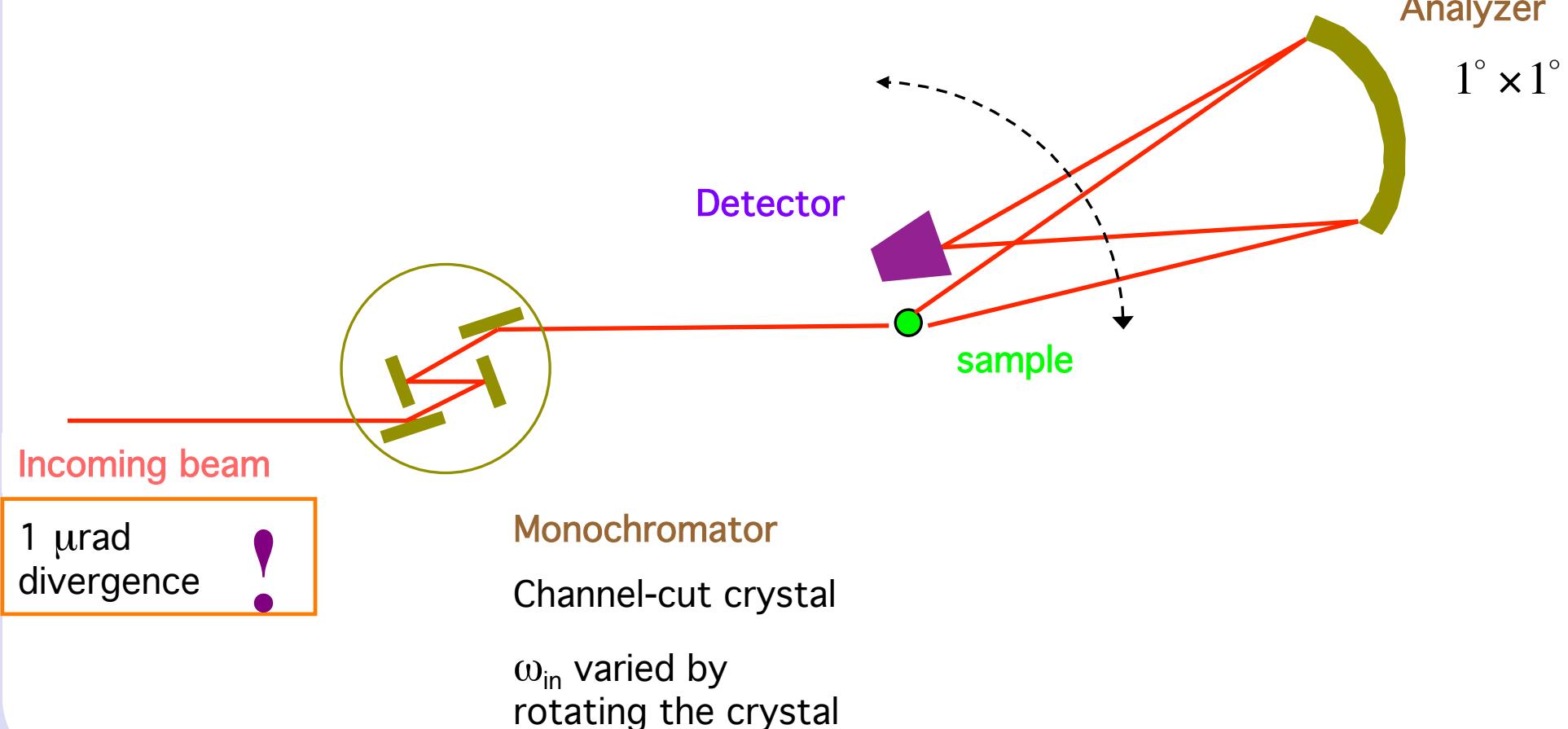


$$\Delta E = \hbar\omega \approx 1 \text{ meV}$$

In-line monochromator

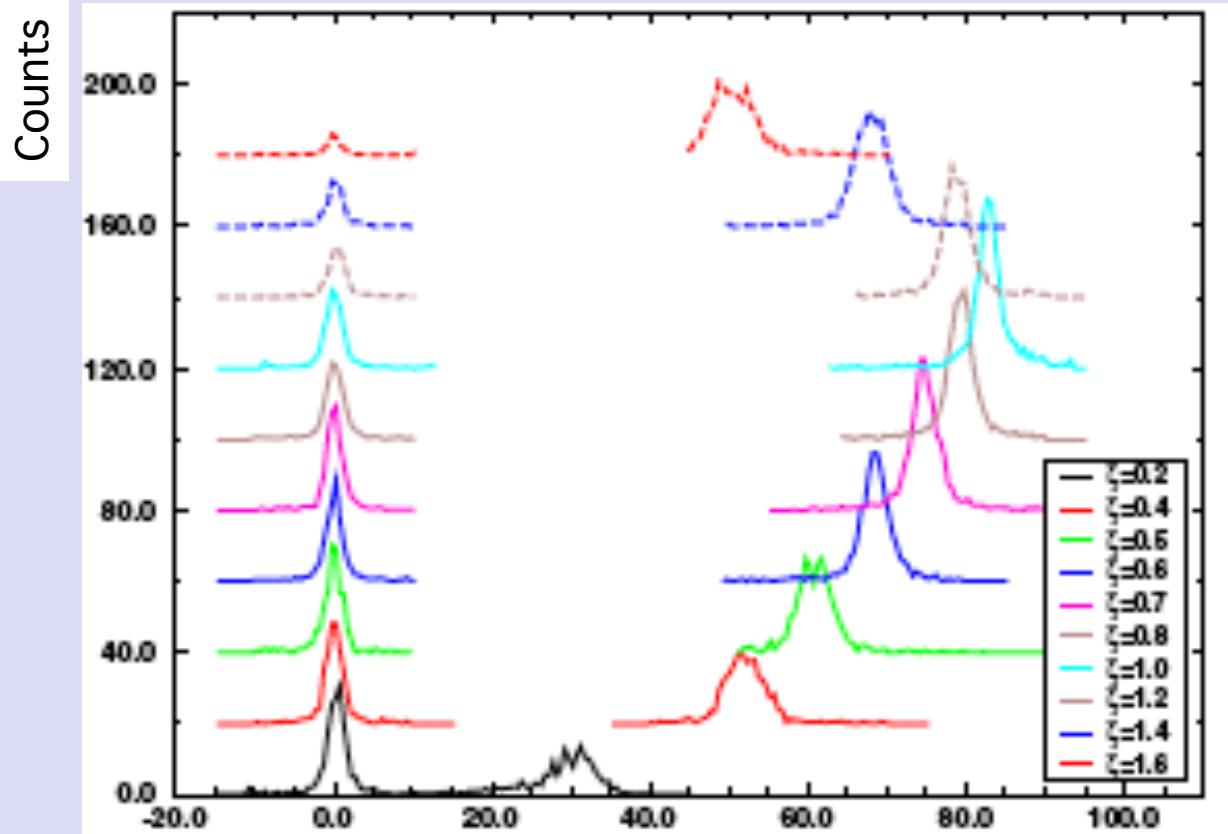
Paolo
Fornasini
Univ. Trento

APS - Chicago



Mesaurements

Elastic peak

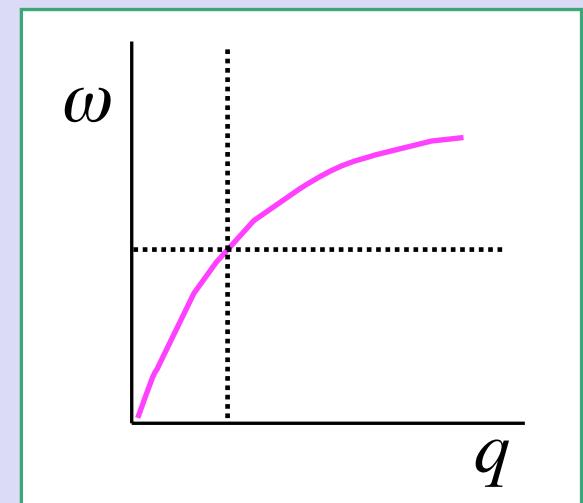


Beryllium

Energy scans
at different q values

$(0,0,\zeta)$

Longitudinal phonons



Dispersion curves

