

X-ray Spectroscopy Application on Energy Materials

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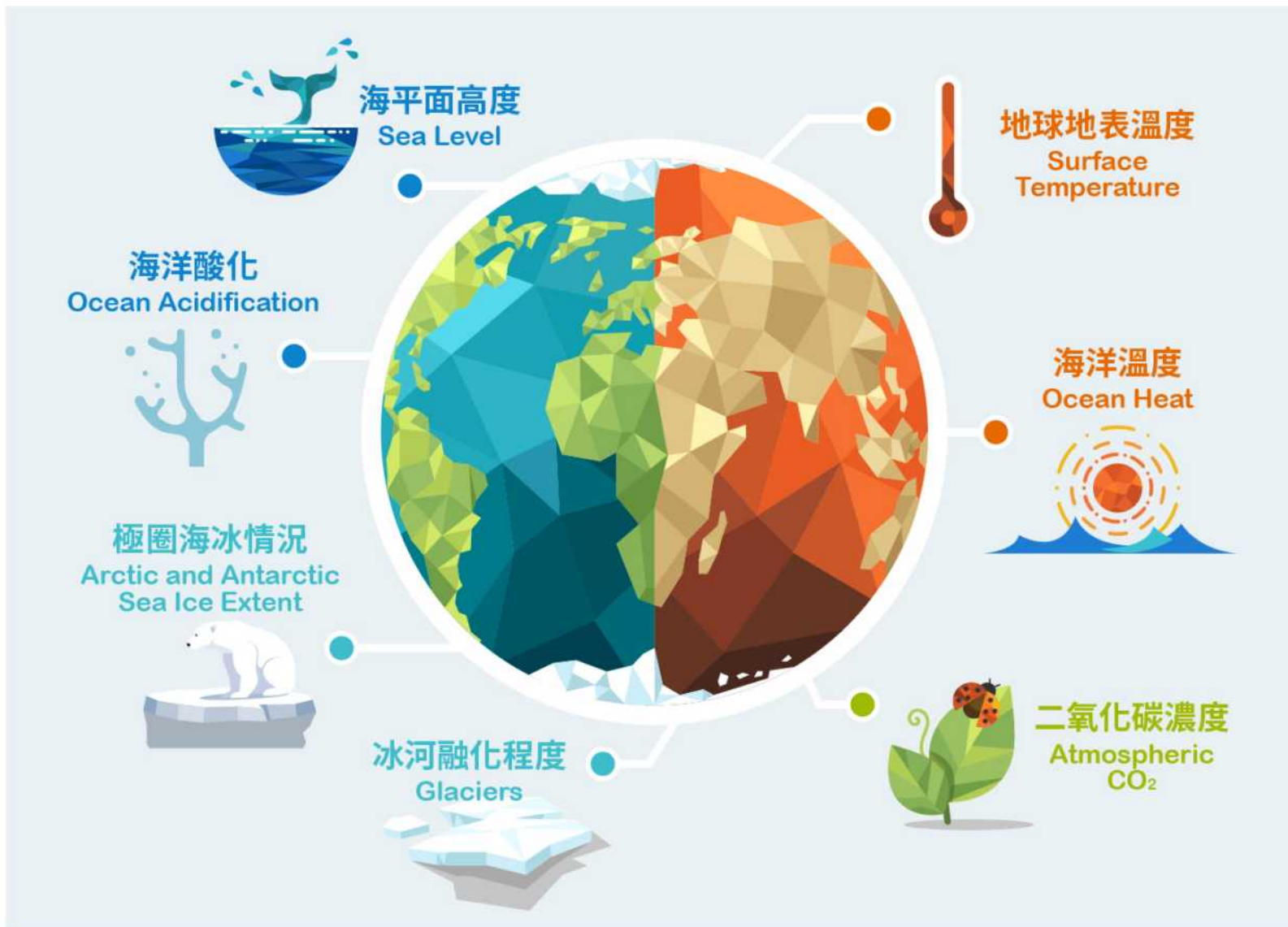
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溫度及能量指標
Temperature
and Energy

大氣指標
Atmospheric
Composition

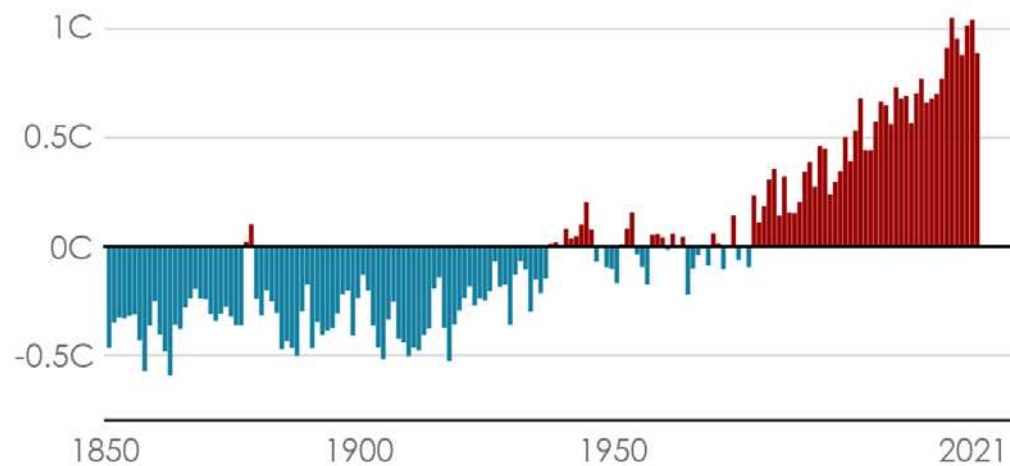
海洋及水文指標
Ocean
and Water

永凍圈指標
Cryosphere



世界氣候正在暖化

1850至2021年間，陸地及海洋年均溫度與歷年平均值的對比

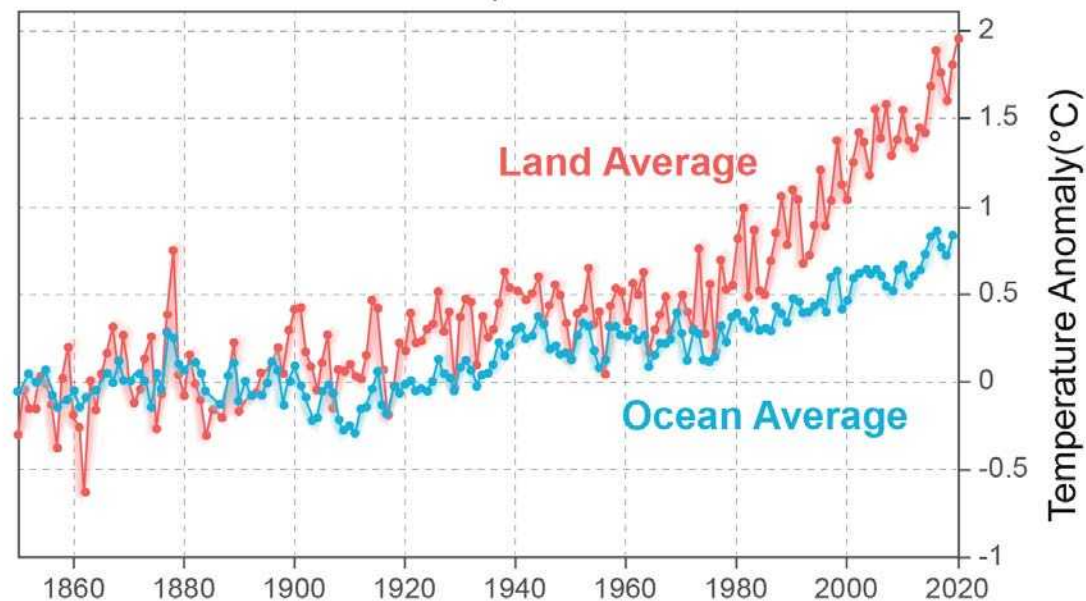


注：歷年平均值根據1951年1月至1980年12月數據計算

資料來源：加州大學伯克利分校



Land and Ocean Temperatures 1850 - 2020



資料來源：Berkeley Earth

Sea level rise

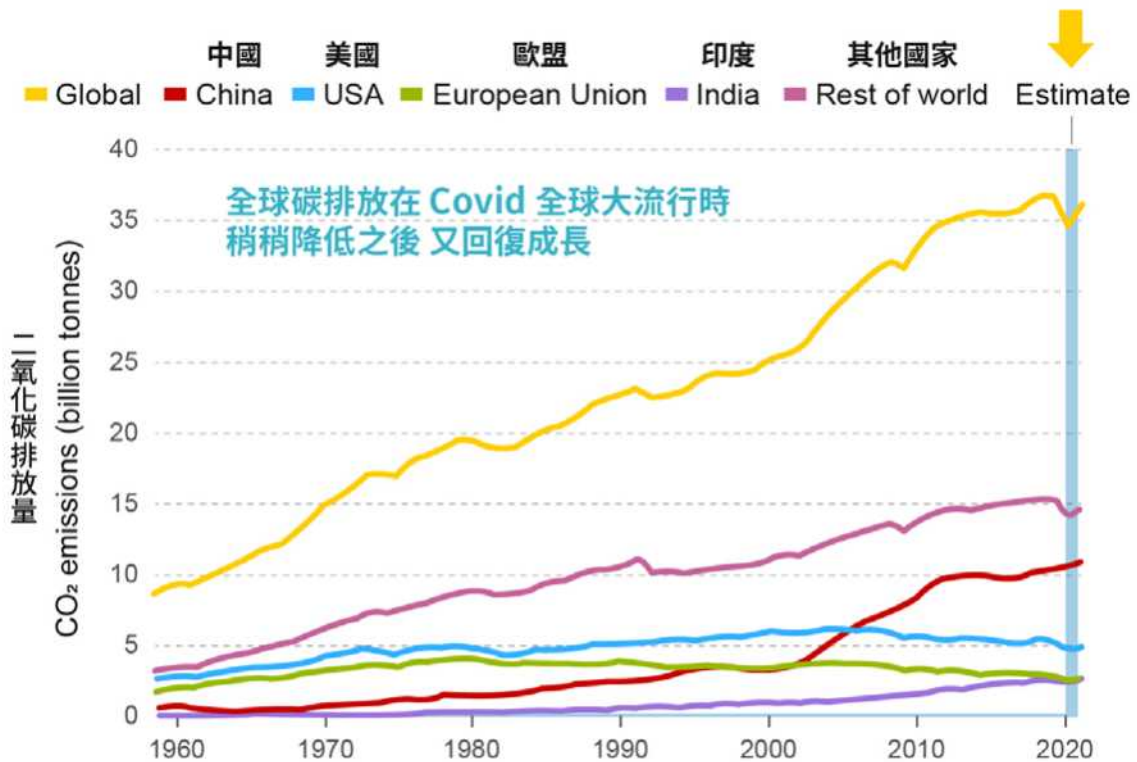
地球的海平面，每年上升3.3公釐(3.3mm)

A rise at an average of 3.3 mm per year



Date 1993-2020

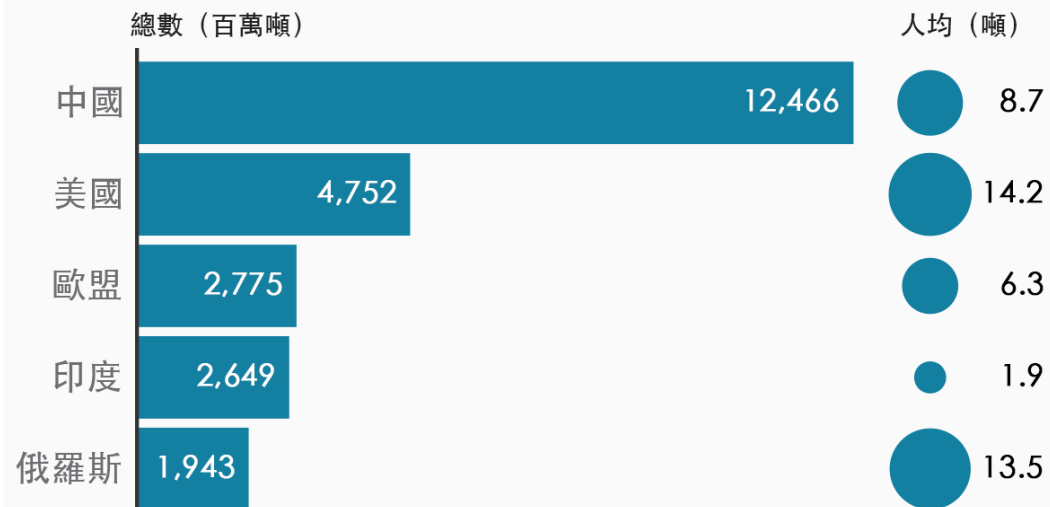
資料來源:GCOS



資料來源: Nature 雜誌

碳排放量最高的國家

人均每年二氧化碳排放量



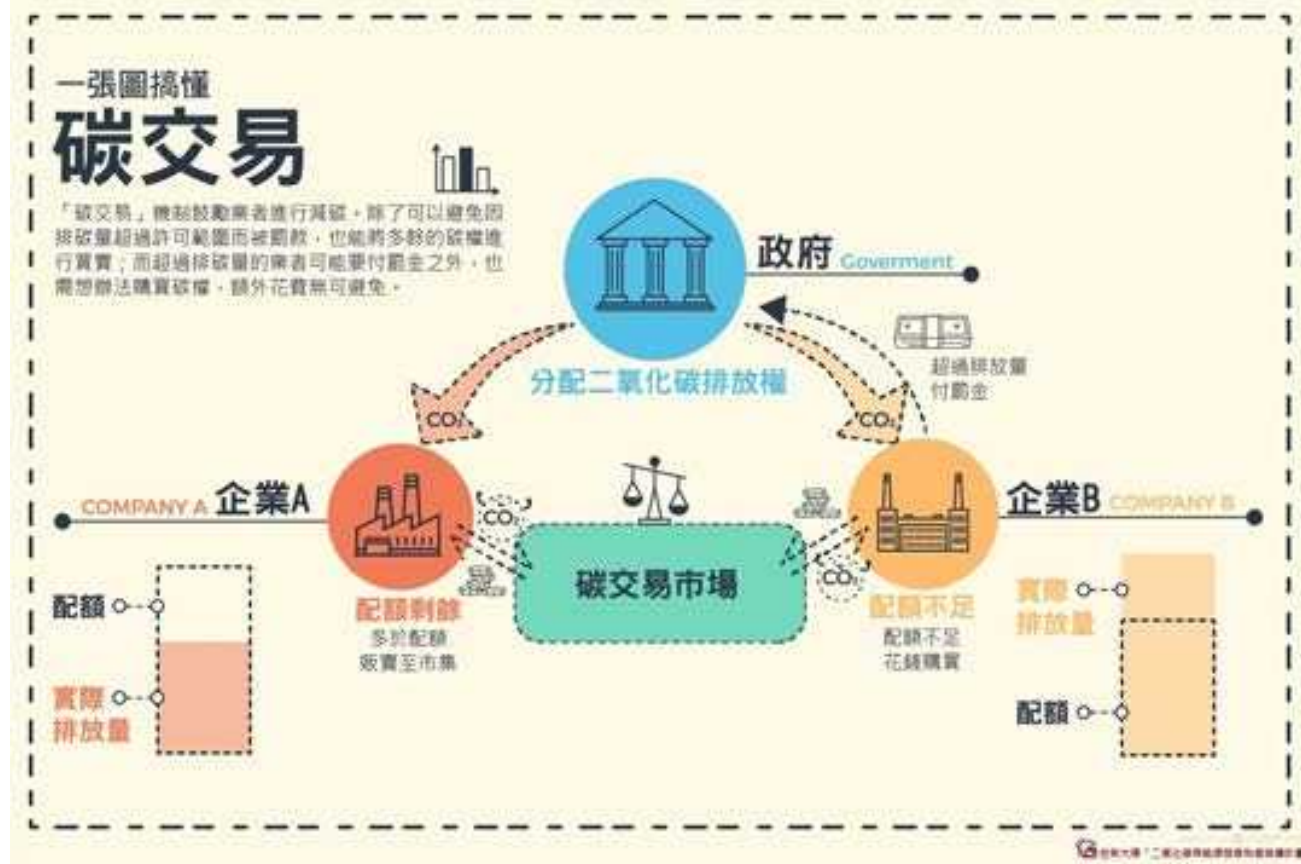
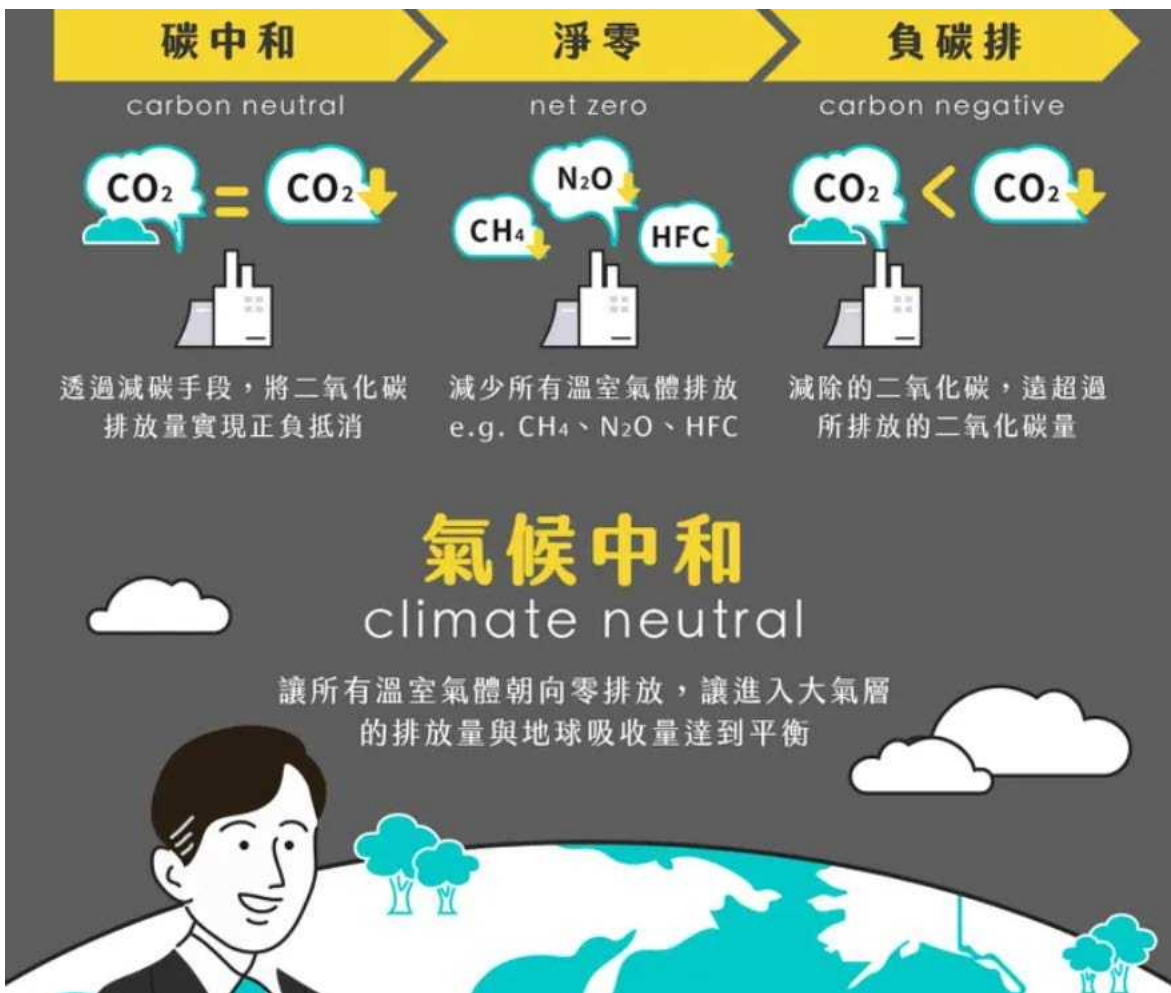
2021年數據
1百萬噸 = 1000000噸

資料庫來源: EC、全球大氣研究排放數據庫



COP27的七大關鍵議題

議題	COP26	COP27	是否有進展
損失與損害 (Loss and Damage)	停留在格拉斯哥對話，無明確目標	首次通過決議，成立損失與損害基金	✓
1000億美元氣候融資	工業國家2009年承諾每年提供，遲遲未達標	今年仍未兌現承諾	×
巴黎協定第六條 (國際碳市場)	拍板規則書，確立國際碳交易原則，禁止各國重複計算減碳貢獻	定義雙軌制 (two-tier) 碳市場，企業向其他國家購買碳權，若用在非強制性減碳目的，雙方皆可計算減碳貢獻，有助國際自願性碳市場的發展	✓
全球甲烷承諾	105國簽署，目標在2030年前減少30%甲烷排放	增加約50國簽署	✓
化石燃料限制	宣示逐步減少 (phase down) 燃煤	無進展，今年決議文鼓勵各國使用「低排放能源」 (low-emission energy)，遭批仍然允許使用天然氣、搭配碳捕捉技術的燃煤。	×
升溫目標	宣示以「地球升溫控制在1.5°C內」為首要目標	維持既有目標，但各國減碳野心無進展，按照目前步調難以達標	×
2030減碳目標	全球應在2030年減少45%溫室氣體排放	重申既有目標。今年僅28國更新國家自定貢獻 (NDCs)，計算後與去年相比無進展	×



台灣氣候變遷績效指標 (CCPI 2023)

指 標	等 級	排 名
溫室氣體排放 (40%)	非常差	58
人均溫室氣體排放當前水準	非常差	-
人均溫室氣體排放目前趨勢	中 等	-
人均溫室氣體排放 以升溫 2°C 以下為基準	非常差	-
2030年溫室氣體排放目標 以升溫 2°C 以下為基準	非常差	-
再生能源 (20%)	非常差	57
再生能源占比 (TPES)	非常差	-
再生能源目前趨勢	佳	-
再生能源占比 (TPES) 以升溫 2°C 以下為基準	非常差	-
2030年再生能源目標 以升溫 2°C 以下為基準	非常差	-
能源使用 (20%)	非常差	54
人均能源使用 (TPES) 當前水準	差	-
人均能源使用 (TPES) 目前趨勢	中 等	-
人均能源使用 (TPES) 當前水準 以升溫 2°C 以下為基準	非常差	-
2030年能源使用目標 以升溫 2°C 以下為基準	非常差	-
氣候政策 (20%)	差	42
國家氣候政策	差	-
國際氣候政策	中 等	-

譯 註 | 非常好 (Very High)、佳 (High)、中等 (Medium)、差 (Low)、非常差 (Very Low)
資料來源 | CCPI 2023 整理 | 陳文姿 製圖 | 劉紀岑

氣候變遷績效指標排名 (CCPI 2023)

■ 非常好
 ■ 佳
 ■ 中等
 ■ 差
 ■ 非常差

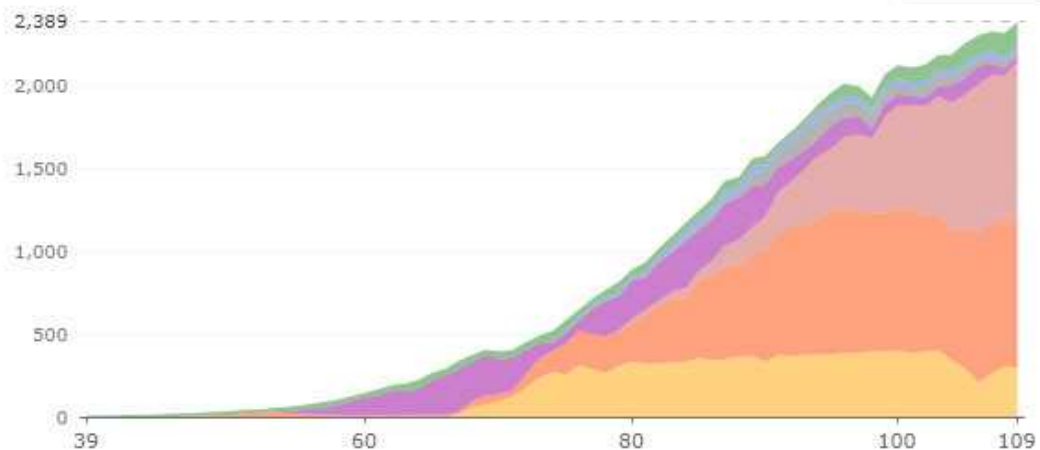
排名	國家	排名	國家	排名	國家	排名	國家
1	從缺	8	印度	38	巴西	57	中華台北
2	從缺	11	英國	40	越南	58	加拿大
3	從缺	16	德國	42	泰國	59	俄羅斯
4	丹麥	19	歐盟	50	日本	60	韓國
5	瑞典	20	埃及	51	中國	61	哈薩克
6	智利	23	西班牙	52	美國	62	沙烏地阿拉伯
7	摩洛哥	28	法國	55	澳洲	63	伊朗

譯註 | 報告以 *Chinese Taipei* (中華台北) 稱呼我國，本文於圖表忠實呈現報告用語。

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台電系統歷年發購電量

單位：億度



109年發購電量結構

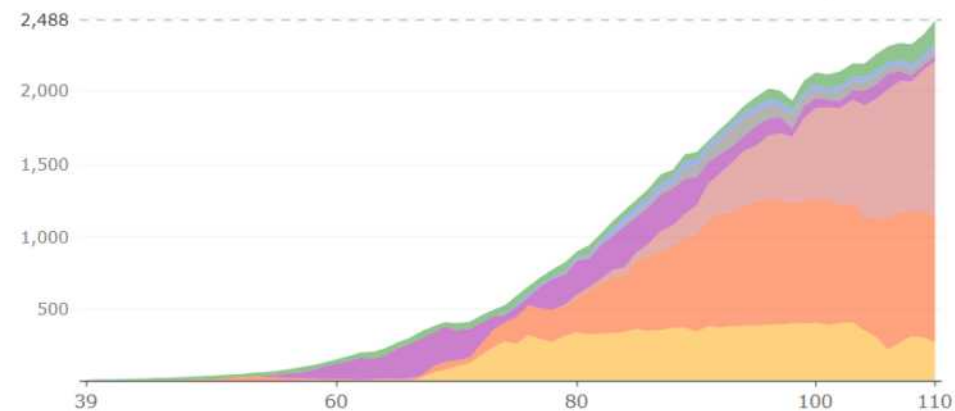


再生	5.8 %
抽蓄	1.3 %
汽電	1.7 %
燃油	1.3 %
燃氣	40.8 %
燃煤	36.4 %
核能	12.7 %

歷年發購電量及結構

台電系統歷年發購電量

單位：億度



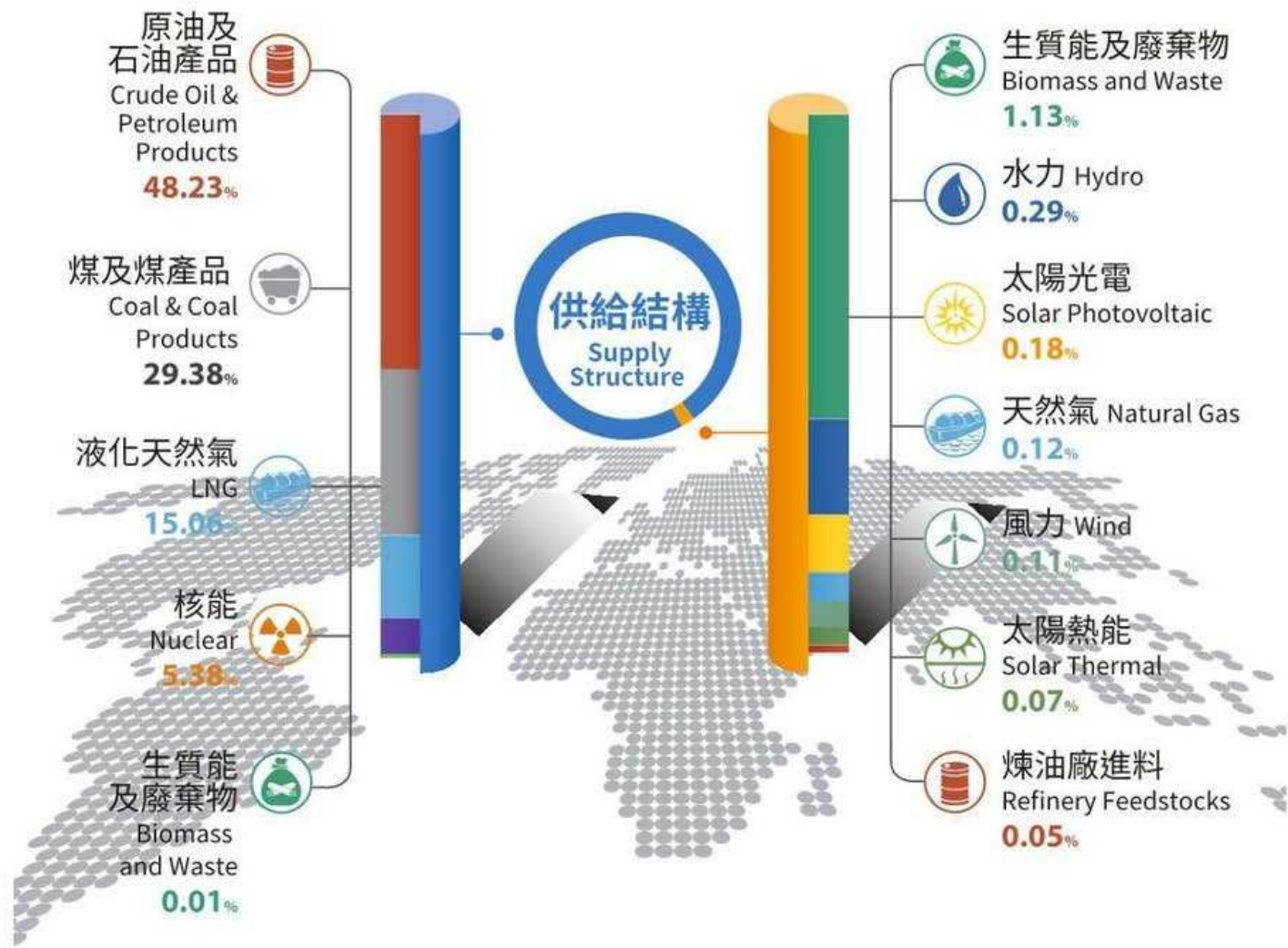
110年發購電量結構



再生	6.3 %
抽蓄	1.3 %
汽電	2.1 %
燃油	1.6 %
燃氣	42.5 %
燃煤	35.5 %
核能	10.8 %

● 進口能源
Imported Energy 98.06%

● 自產能源
Indigenous Energy 1.94%



於2025年達成20-30-50潔淨能源發電結構與非核家園願景

再生能源發電量占比達**20%**

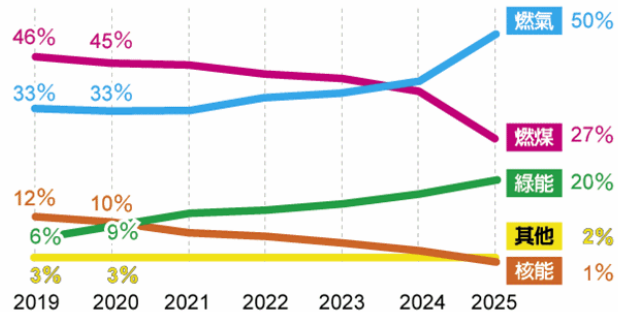
燃煤發電量占比降至**30%**

低碳天然氣發電量占比達**50%**

既有核電廠不延役
核四廢止

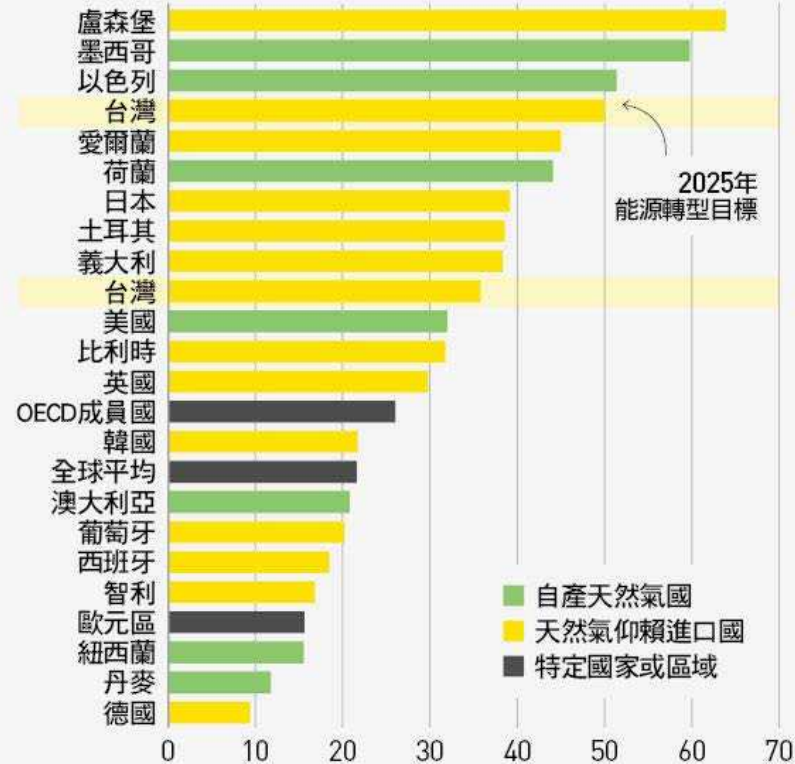


能源配比發展路徑與近年能源結構占比走勢



台灣未來氣電佔比高居全球第四，直逼產氣國

2015年天然氣佔發電比重 (%)



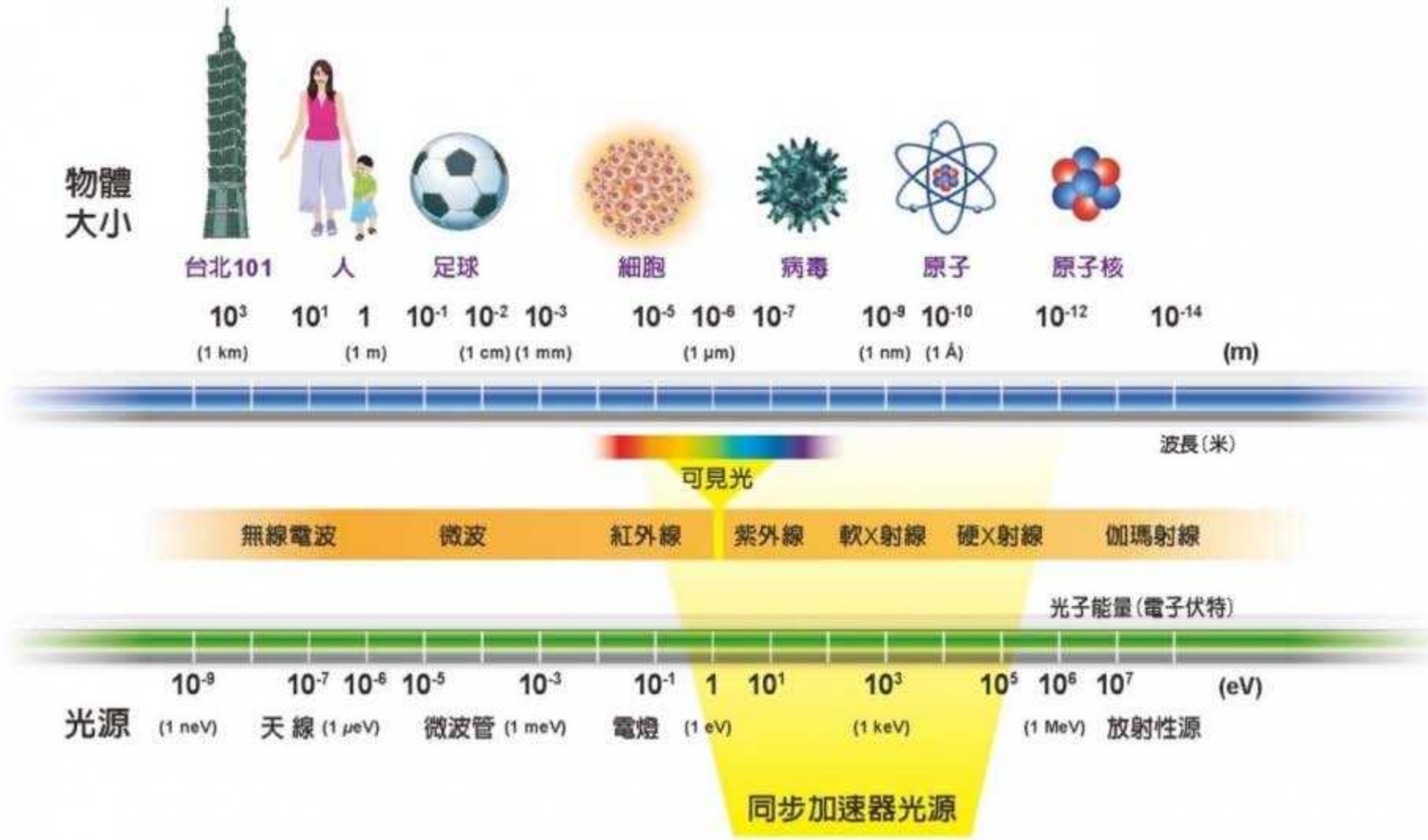
資料來源：世界銀行

淺談同步輻射光源應用



「同步輻射」是什麼？跟核能電廠一樣有輻射的問題嗎？

圖 1 位於新竹科學園區的臺灣光源與臺灣光子源設施。(圖片來源：國家同步輻射研究中心)



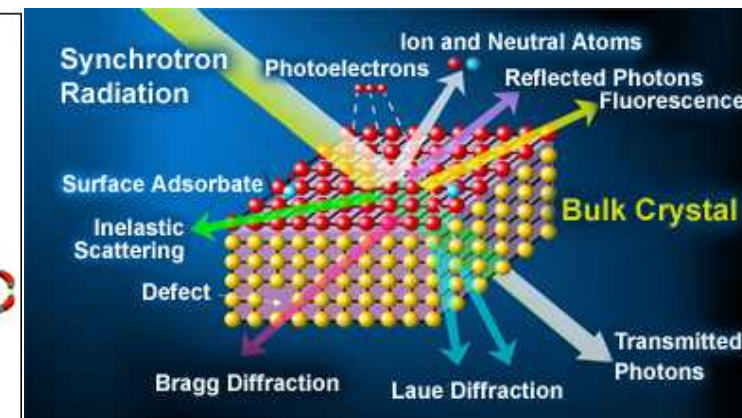
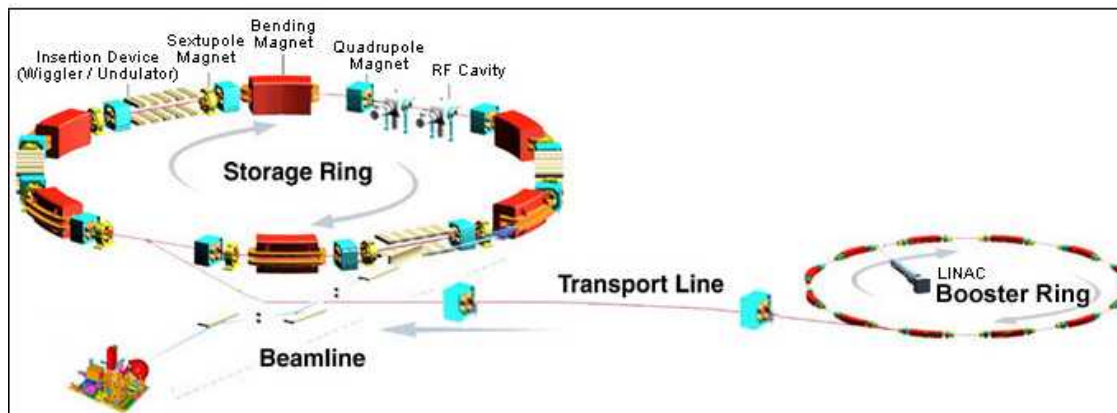
同步輻射產生之光源和一般X光機產生之光源原因不同。不同之處為X光機是用高速電子撞擊金屬靶，將內層電子游離出來後，外層電子躍遷回去放出的光；同步輻射是用電磁鐵讓電子或帶電粒子，在一個固定的環內持續的做圓週運動，使能量累積，累積到一定程度後，可控制電子或質子加速的速度，在切線的方向，動能就會以光的方式釋放出來，所以加速可以控制放出光的強度和頻率。同步輻射具有以下特性

- ◇ 強度極高
- ◇ 波長連續
- ◇ 準直性佳
- ◇ 光束截面積小
- ◇ 具有時間脈波性與偏振性

若以X光為例，同步輻射在這個波段的亮度比傳統X光機還要強百萬倍以上！過去需要幾個月才能完成的實驗，現在只需幾分鐘便能得到結果。以往因實驗光源亮度不夠而無法探測的結構，現在藉由同步輻射，都可分析得一清二楚，也因此於近年內許多新的研究領域得以開發。目前同步輻射Powder and fiber X-ray diffraction beam lines 提供波長 1.333 Å與 1.03 Å ~ 0.37 Å光源做繞射研究。 Small and wide angle X-ray scattering for nano-materials and soft matter , wavelength 2.48 Å ~ 0.54 Å。 X-ray absorption spectroscopy beam lines , energy range 2~33keV。

How a Synchrotron Light Source Works

- Whenever electrons moving close to the speed of light are deflected by a magnetic field, they radiate a thin beam of radiation tangentially from their path. This beam is called "**synchrotron radiation**". Taking the NSRRC's synchrotron light source as an example, the electrons are first accelerated in **the linear accelerator (LINAC) and the booster ring**. They are then sent through the **transport line** and into the **storage ring**, where they circulate in vacuum pipes for several hours, emitting synchrotron radiation. The emitted light is channeled through **beamlines** to the **experimental stations** where experiments are conducted.
- Experiments using synchrotron radiation attempt to analyze **electrons, photons, and other particles** that are emitted when synchrotron radiation strikes matter. The resulting data are then used to deduce the matter's **chemistry, geometry, electronic structure, or magnetic properties**.



- **Photoelectron spectroscopy**
- **X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy**
- **X-ray Diffraction Spectroscopy**

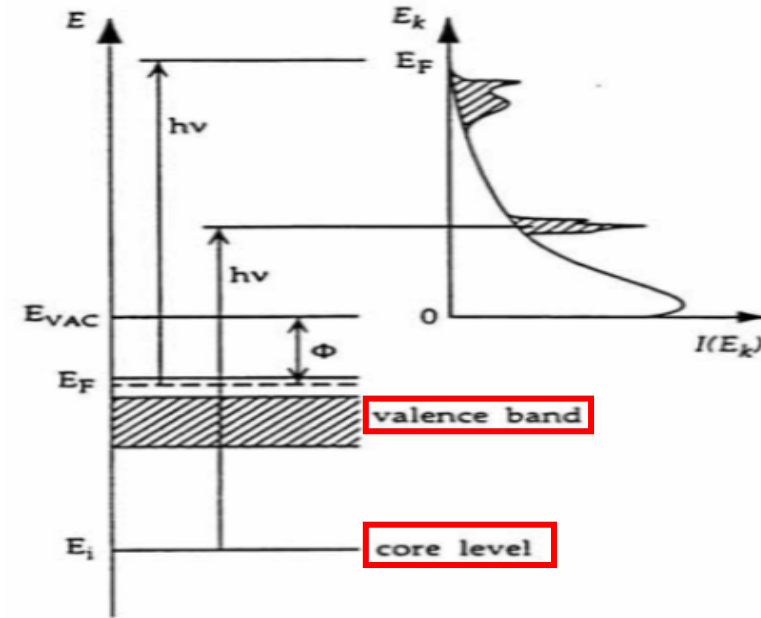
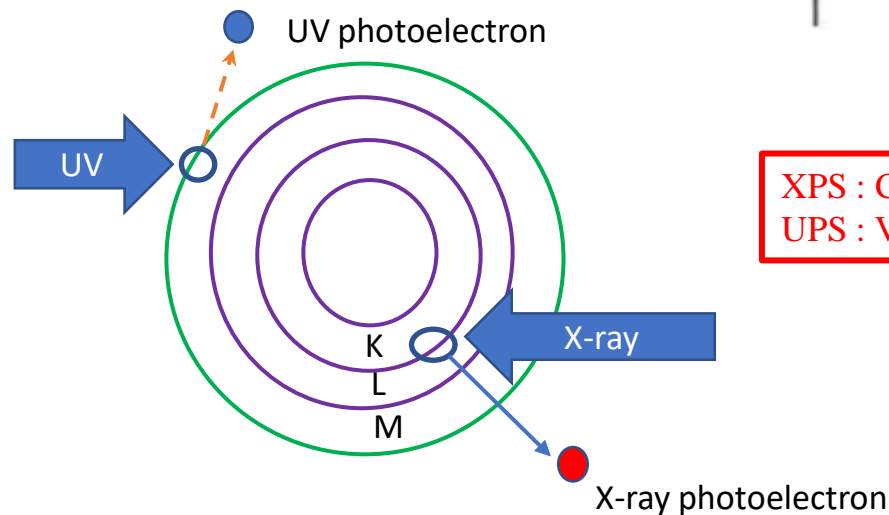
Photoelectron spectroscopy detects the kinetic energy of the electron escaped from the surface.

➤ **X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS)**

- using soft x-ray (200-2000 eV) radiation to examine **core-levels** and **valence levels**.

➤ **Ultraviolet Photoelectron Spectroscopy (UPS)**

- using vacuum UV (10-45 eV) radiation to examine **valence levels**.



XPS : Core electrons ejected
UPS : Valence electrons ejected

The Photoelectric Effect

Albert Einstein considered electromagnetic energy to be bundled into little packets called photons.

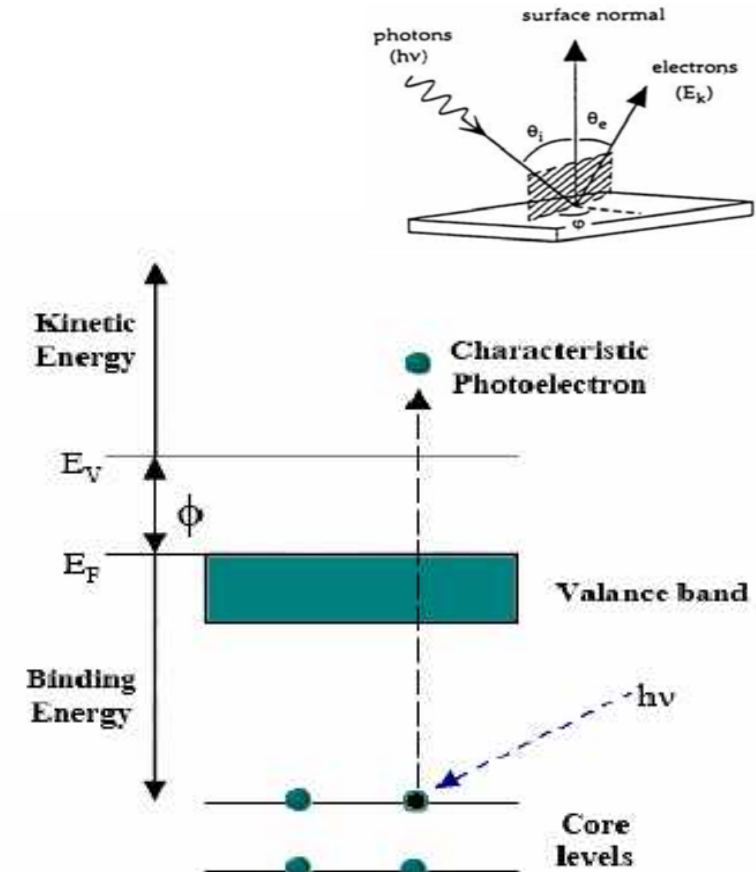
- **$E(\text{Energy of photon}) = h\nu$**

h = Planck constant ($6.62 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$)

ν = frequency (Hz) of the radiation

- **$h\nu = \text{B.E.} + \text{K.E.} + \Phi$**

- Photons of light hit surface electrons and transfer their energy
- The energized electrons overcome their attraction and escape from the surface



Ultraviolet Photoelectron Spectroscopy (UPS)

- The UPS instrument measures the kinetic energy and angular distribution of the photoelectrons, information on the **electronic structure (band structure)** of the material under investigation can be extracted with surface sensitivity.

UPS

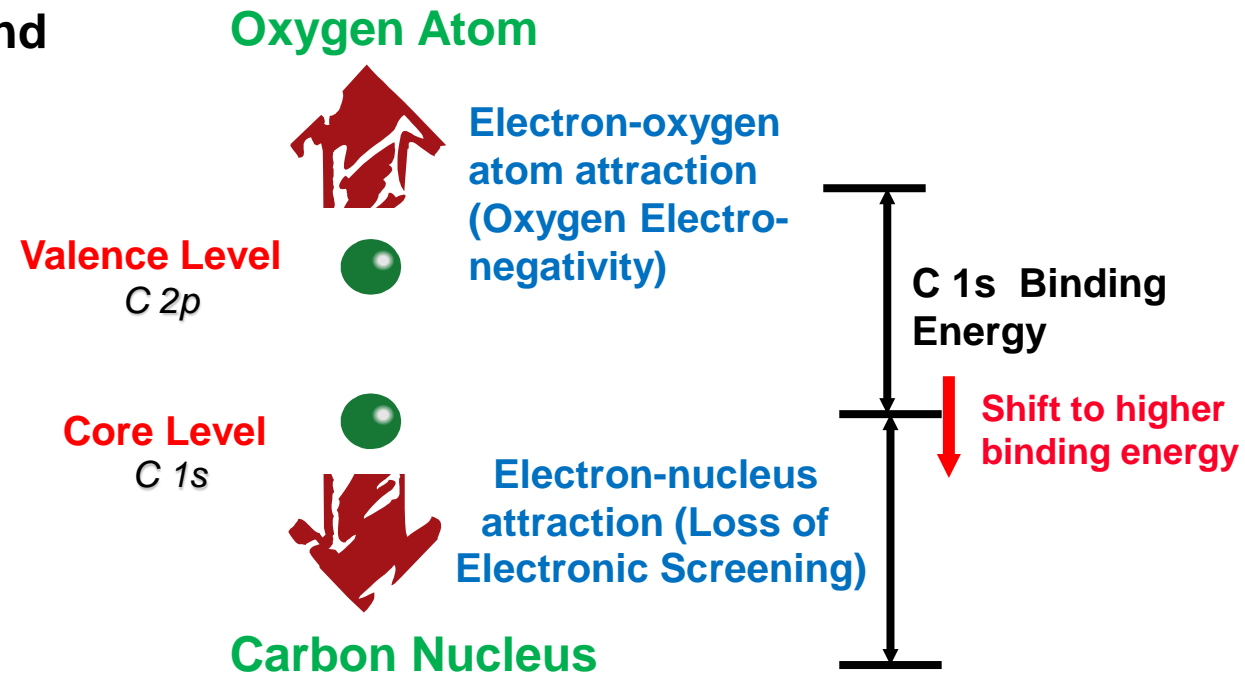
- **Low Escape Depth
High Surface Sensitivity**
- **High Resolution**
- **Access to: Valence Band Features,
Bonding Process**

XPS

- **Core Levels & Valence Band**
- **Sharp Lines
Qualitative & Quantitative Analysis**
- **Chemical Shifts**

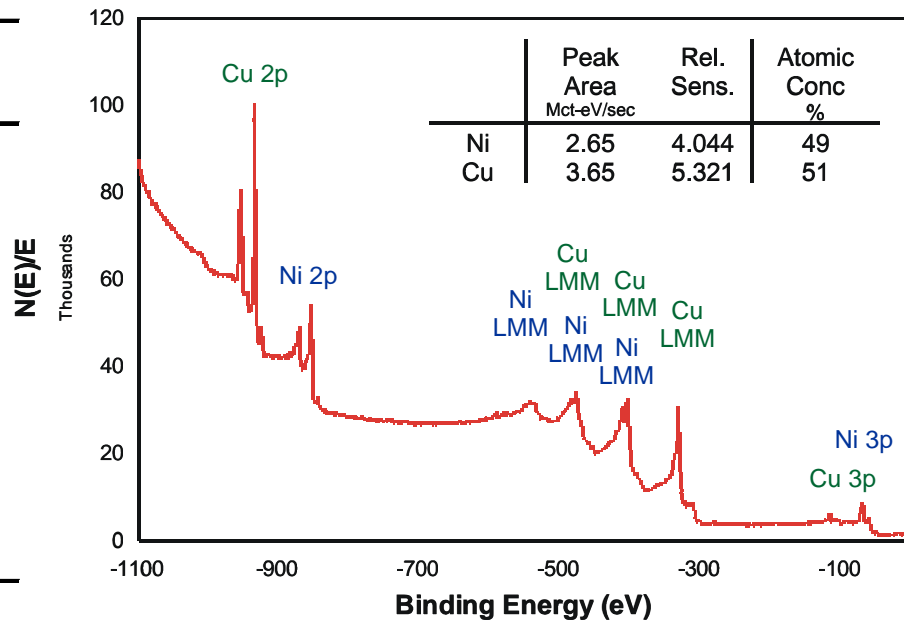
Binding Energy Shifts (Chemical Shifts- Electronegativity Effects)

Carbon-Oxygen Bond



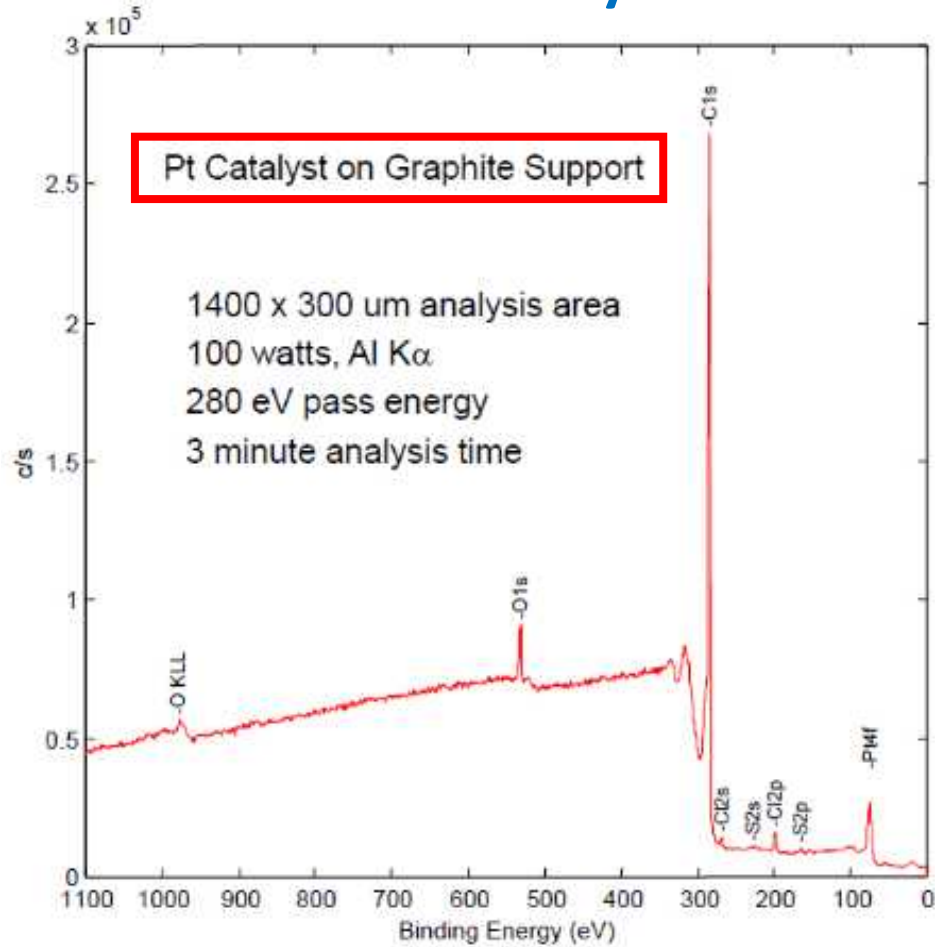
Binding Energy Shifts (Chemical Shifts- Electronegativity Effects)

<i>Functional Group</i>	<i>Binding Energy (eV)</i>
<i>hydrocarbon</i> <u>C</u> -H, <u>C</u> -C	285.0
<i>amine</i> <u>C</u> -N	286.0
<i>alcohol, ether</i> <u>C</u> -O-H, <u>C</u> -O-C	286.5
<i>Cl bound to C</i> <u>C</u> -Cl	286.5
<i>F bound to C</i> <u>C</u> -F	287.8
<i>carbonyl</i> <u>C</u> =O	288.0



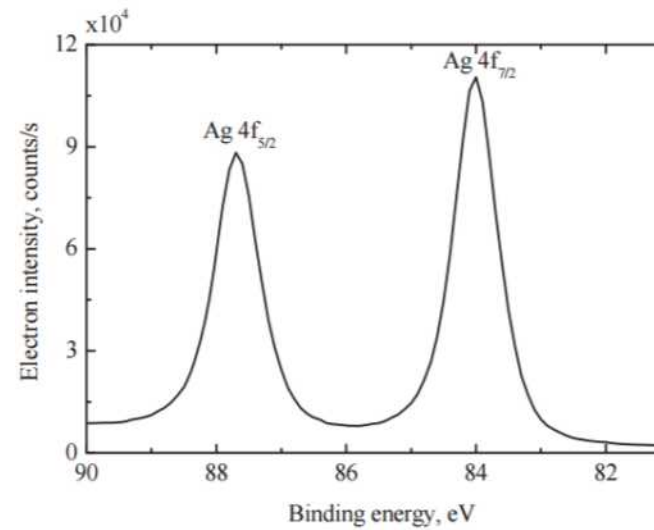
XPS of Copper-Nickel alloy

Surface Survey

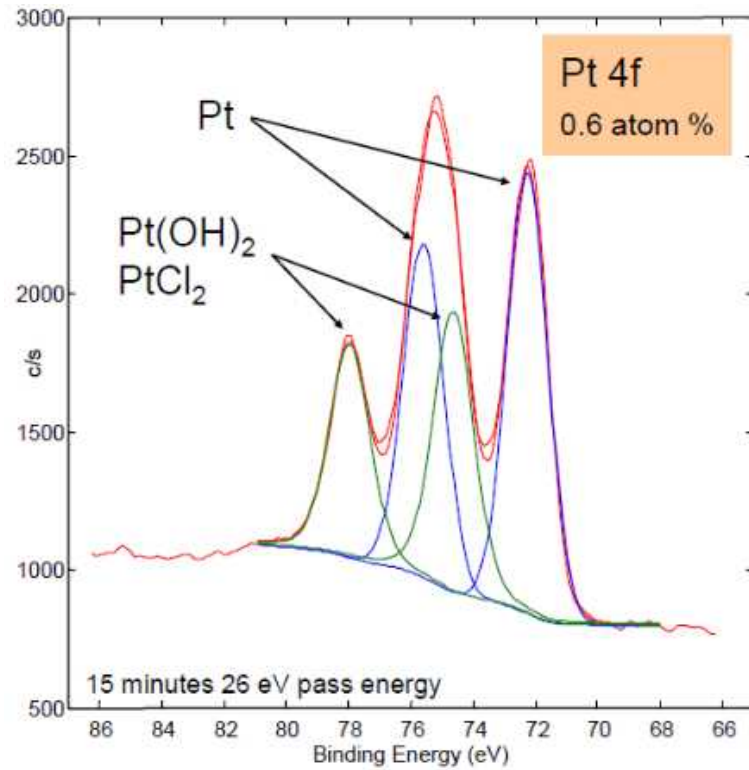


Surface composition (atom %)

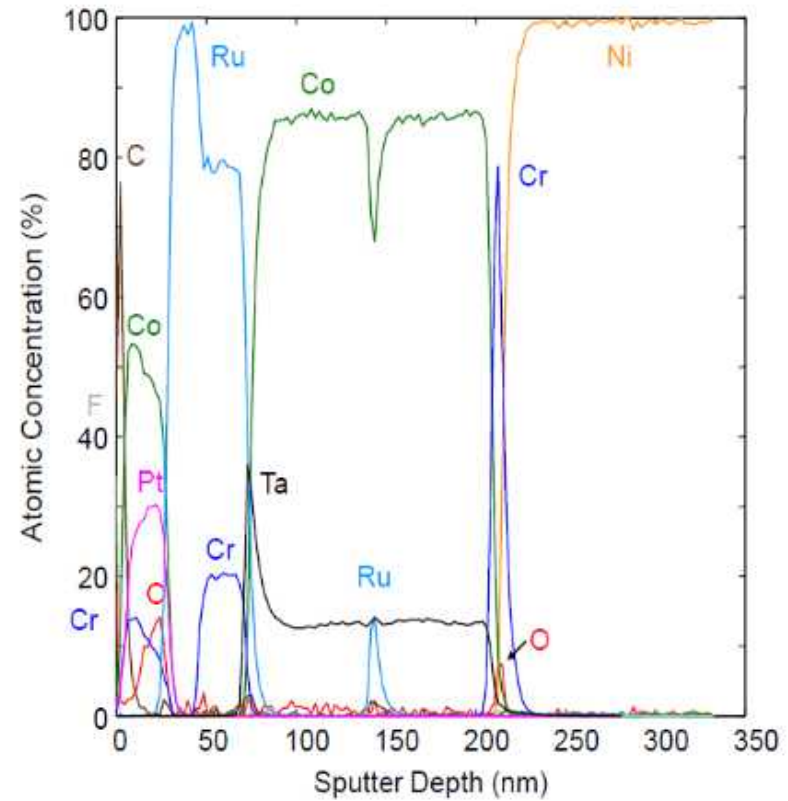
C	95.1
O	3.3
Cl	0.9
Pt	0.6
S	0.2



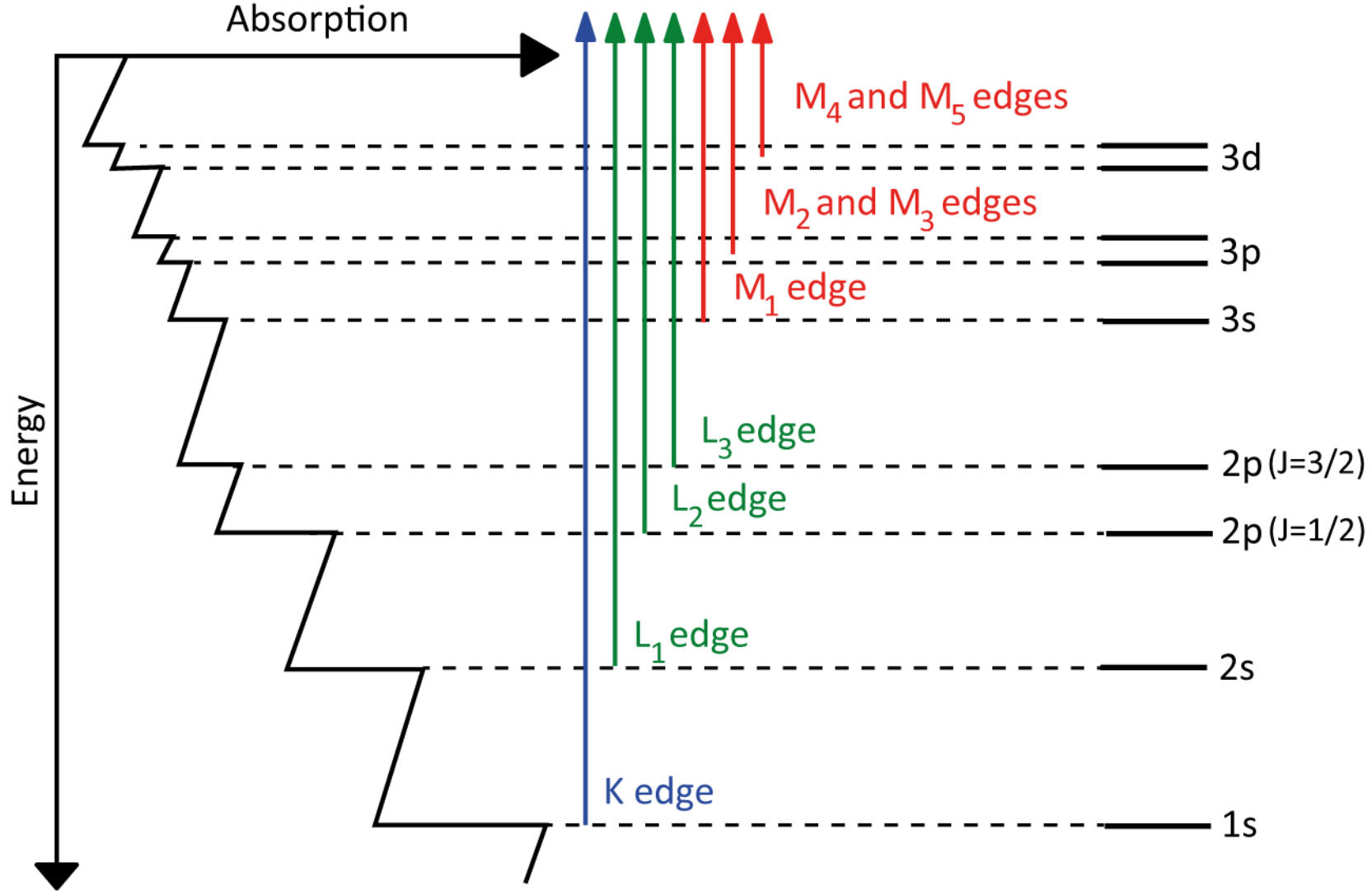
Narrow Scan

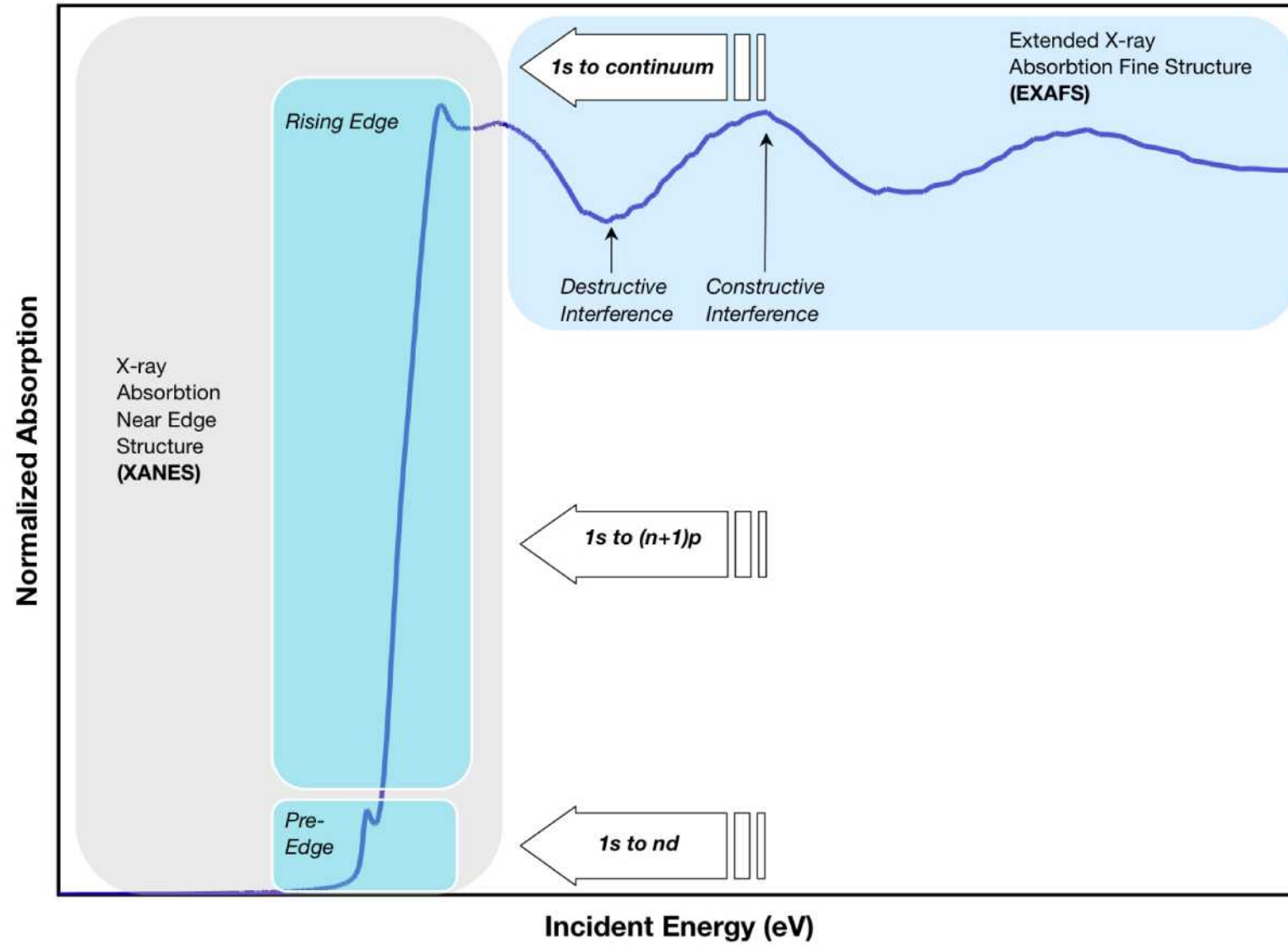


Depth Profile



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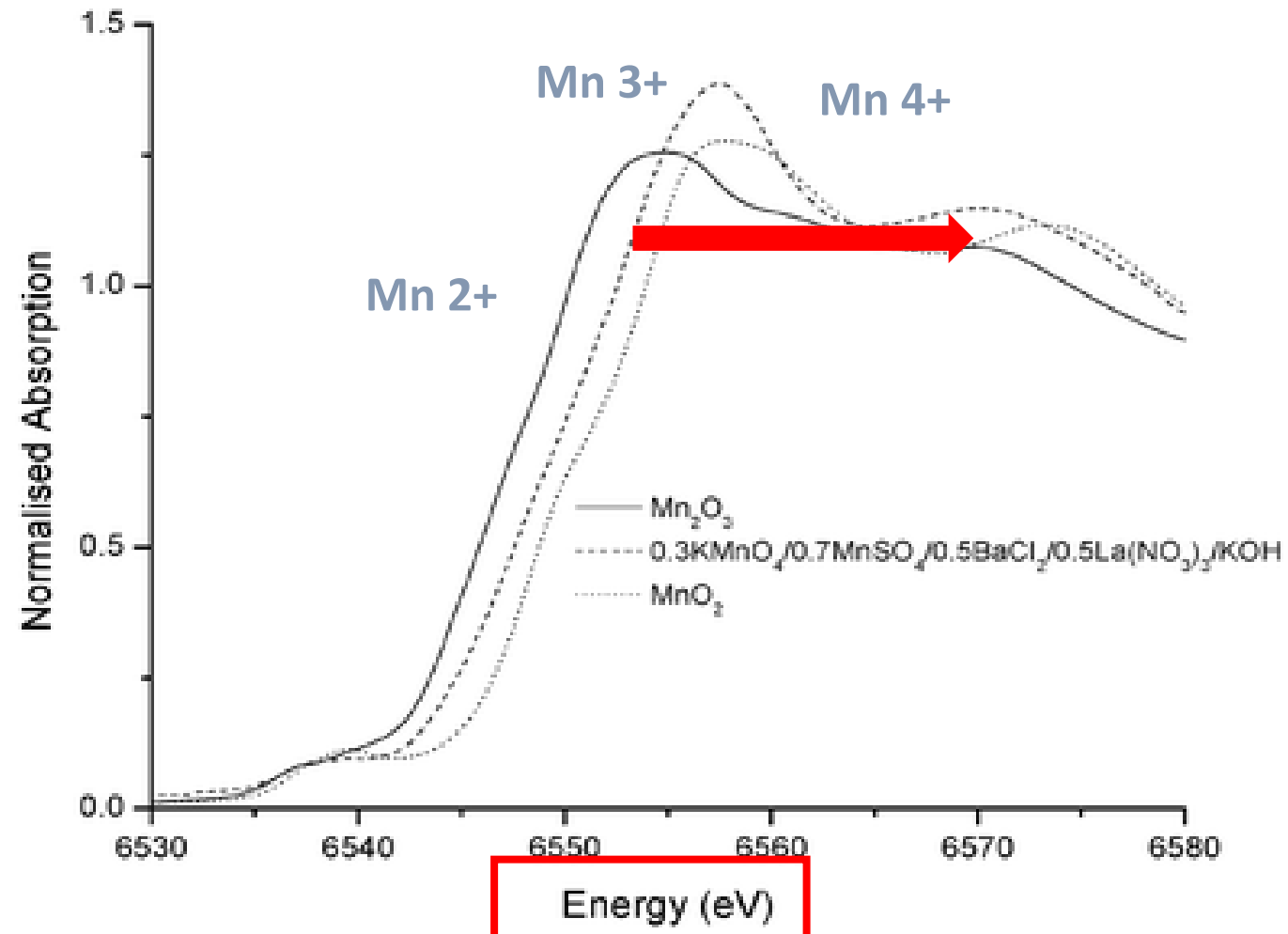




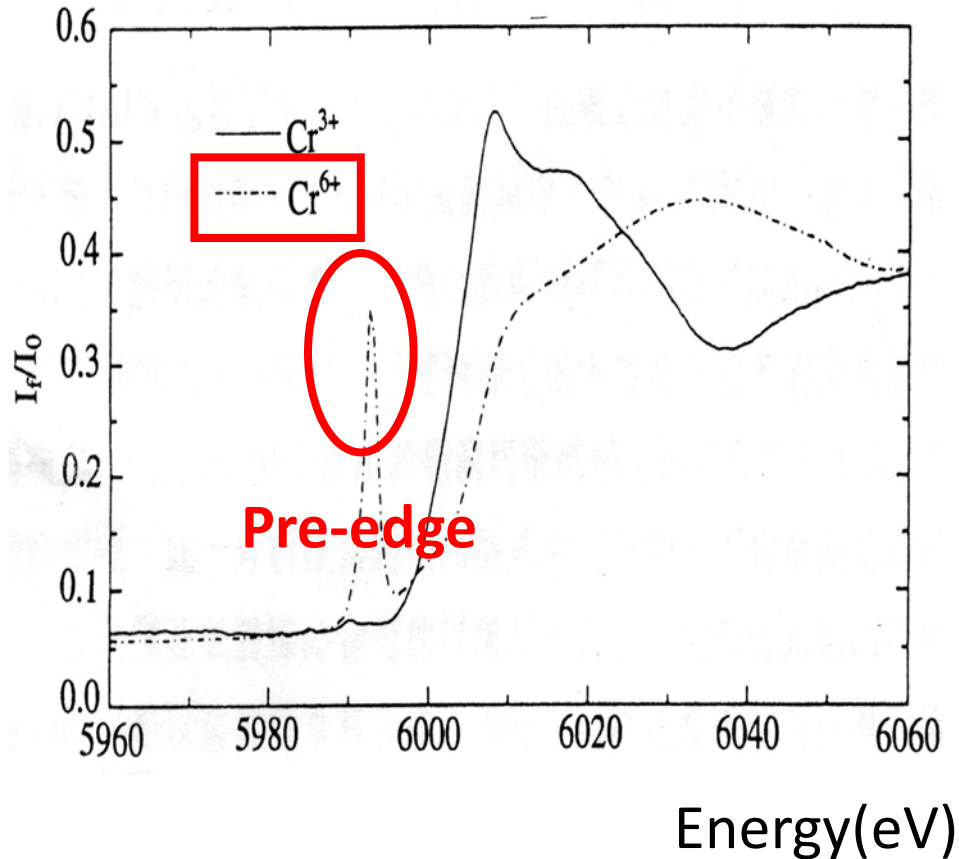
XANES

- Average oxidation state
- Local coordination environment
- Electronic structure (empty density of state)

Oxidation state



Local coordination environment



Pure octahedral case

Centro-symmetric: no p-d mixing allowed; only quadrupolar transitions – very low intensity

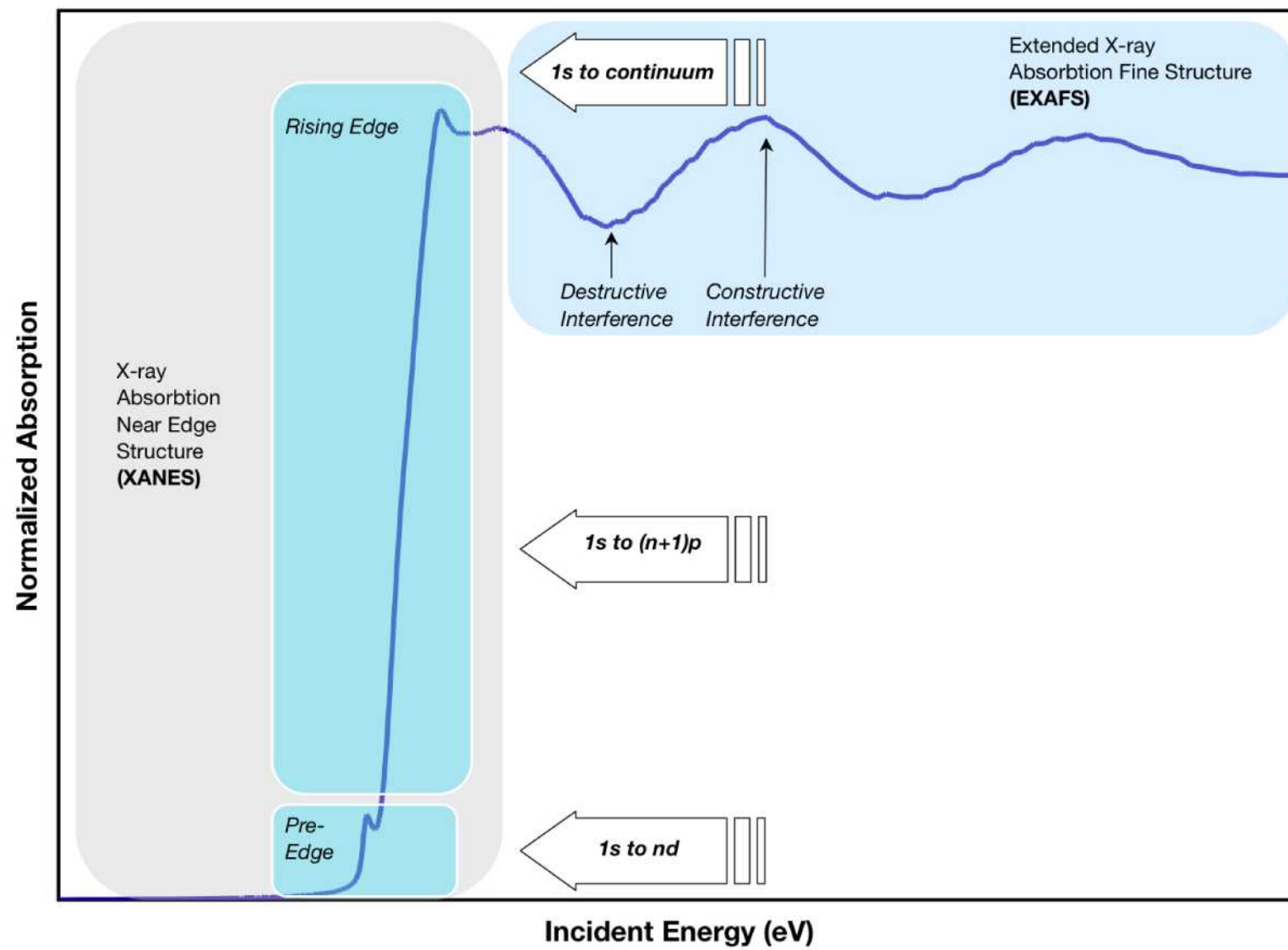
Distortion from octahedral

p-d mixing allowed: dipole transition in pre-edge – increasingly larger intensity.



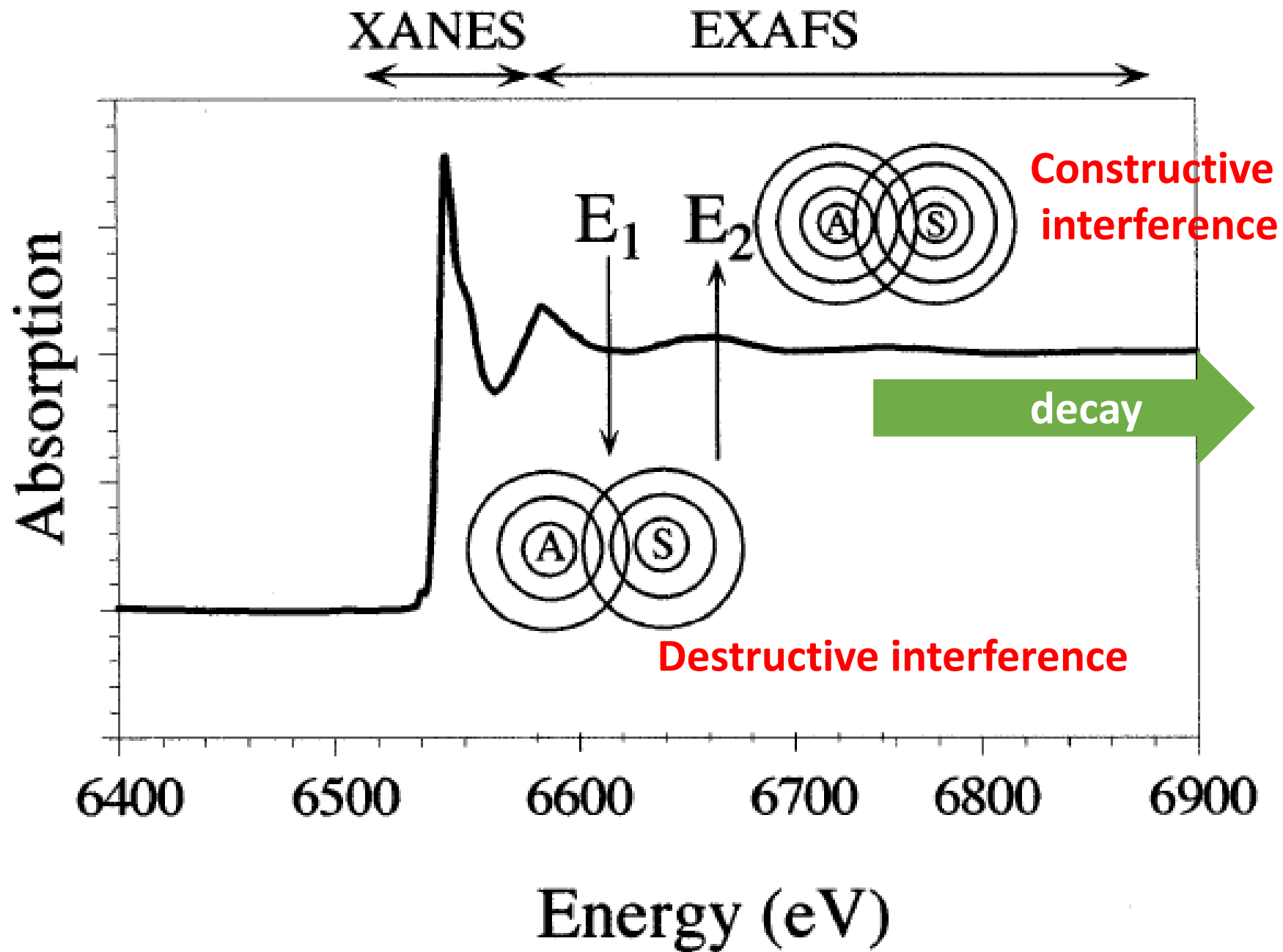
Pure tetrahedral

Largest pre-edge intensity.

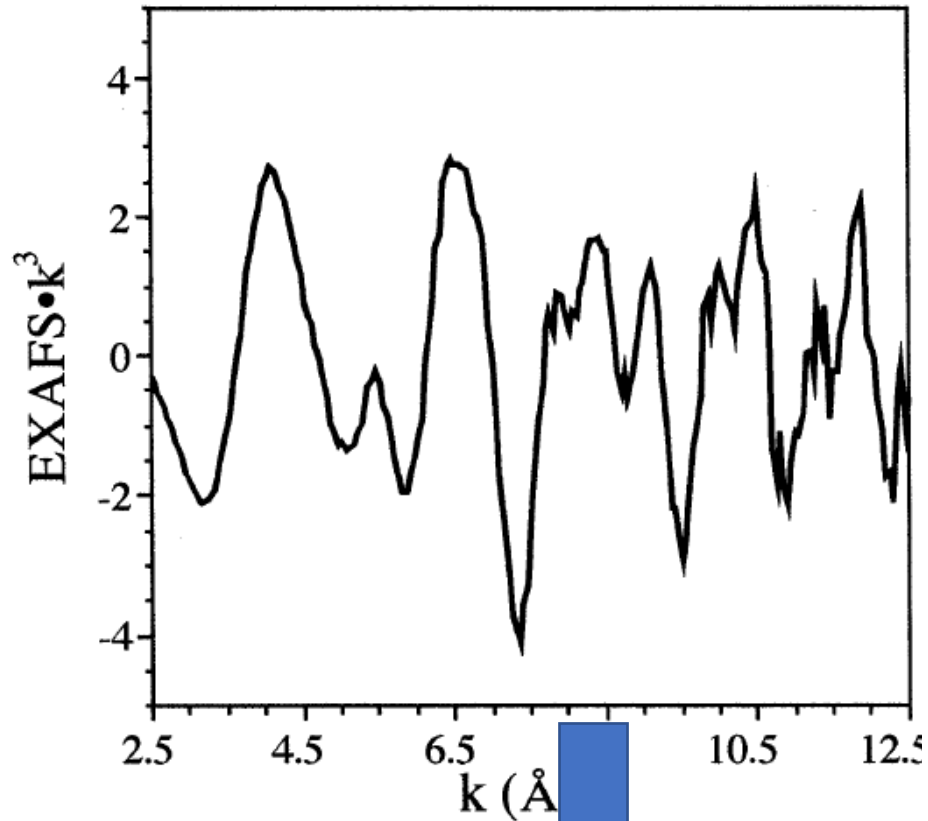


EXAFS

- Distance to neighboring atoms (average bond length)
- Coordination number and type of the neighboring atoms
- Order or disorder for atom arrangement



K (wave number)

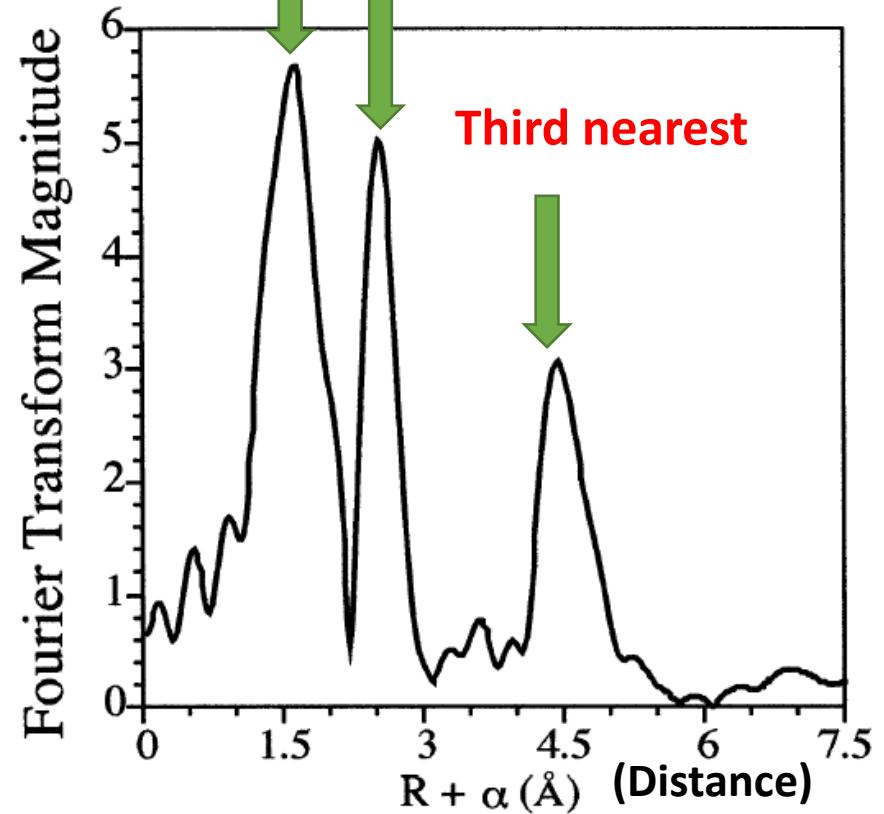


$$k = \left[\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - E_0) \right]^{1/2}$$

First nearest

Second nearest

Third nearest



Fourier transformation

$$\chi(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_j \frac{N_j S_0^2 f_j(\mathbf{k}) e^{-2R_j/\lambda(\mathbf{k})} e^{-2k^2 \sigma_j^2}}{k R_j^2} \sin[2k R_j + \delta_j(\mathbf{k})]$$

where $f(\mathbf{k})$ and $\delta(\mathbf{k})$ are *photo-electron scattering properties* of the neighboring atom.

If we know these properties, we can determine:

- R distance to neighboring atom.
- N coordination number of neighboring atom.
- σ^2 mean-square disorder of neighbor distance.

The scattering amplitude $f(\mathbf{k})$ and phase-shift $\delta(\mathbf{k})$ depend on atomic number Z of the scattering atom, so we can also determine the species of the neighboring atom.

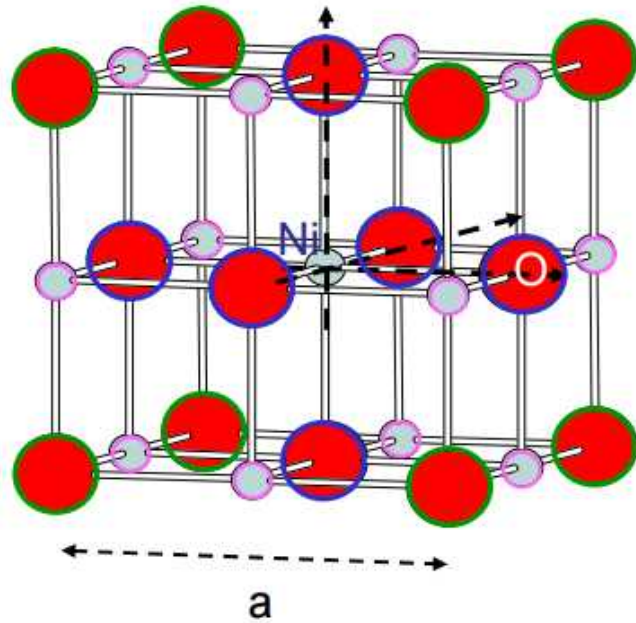
Nickel Oxide

Crystal structure : face centered cubic (fcc)

Lattice constant a : 4.178 Å

Ni occupies corner site: (000)

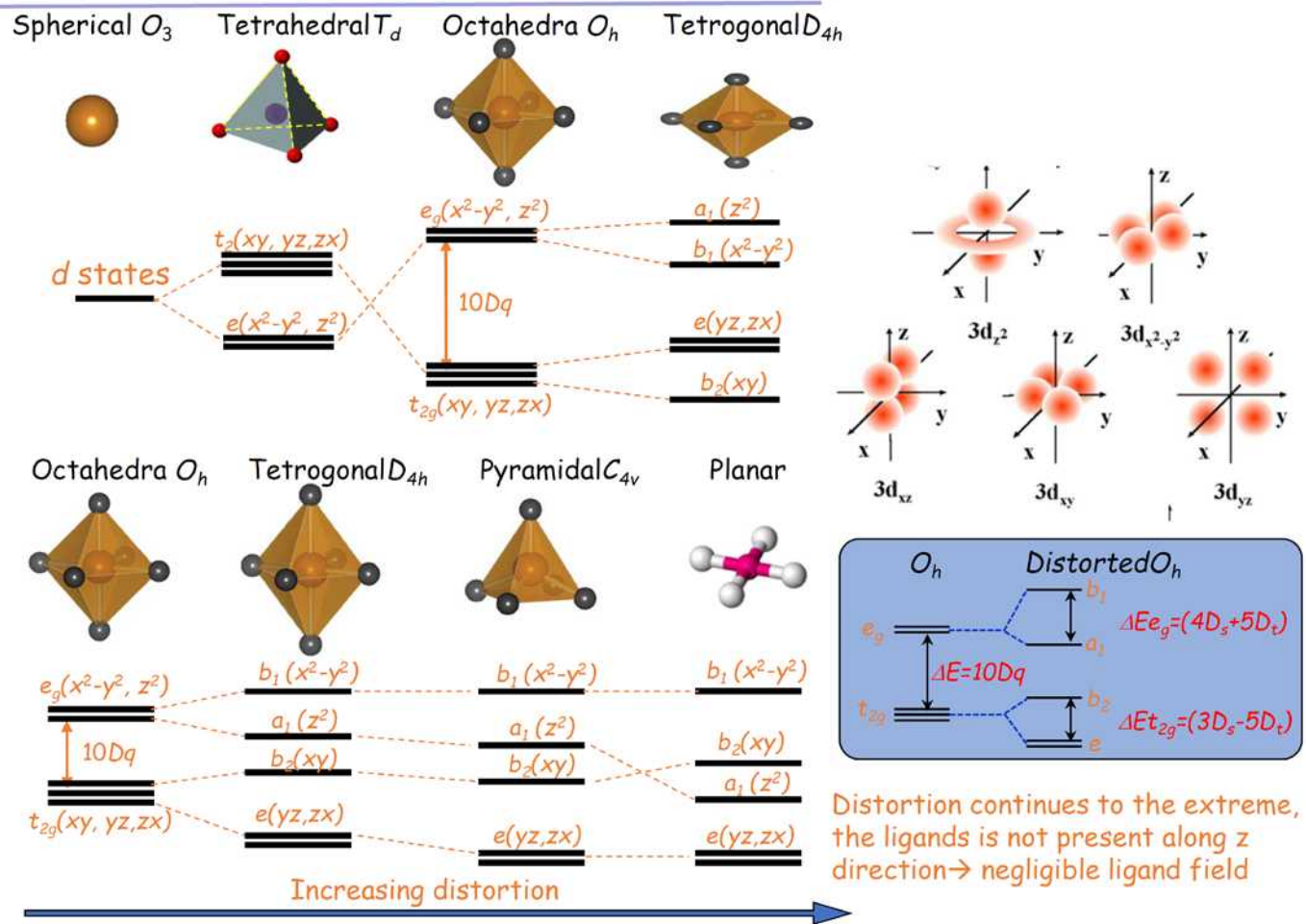
O occupies body center site: ($\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}$)



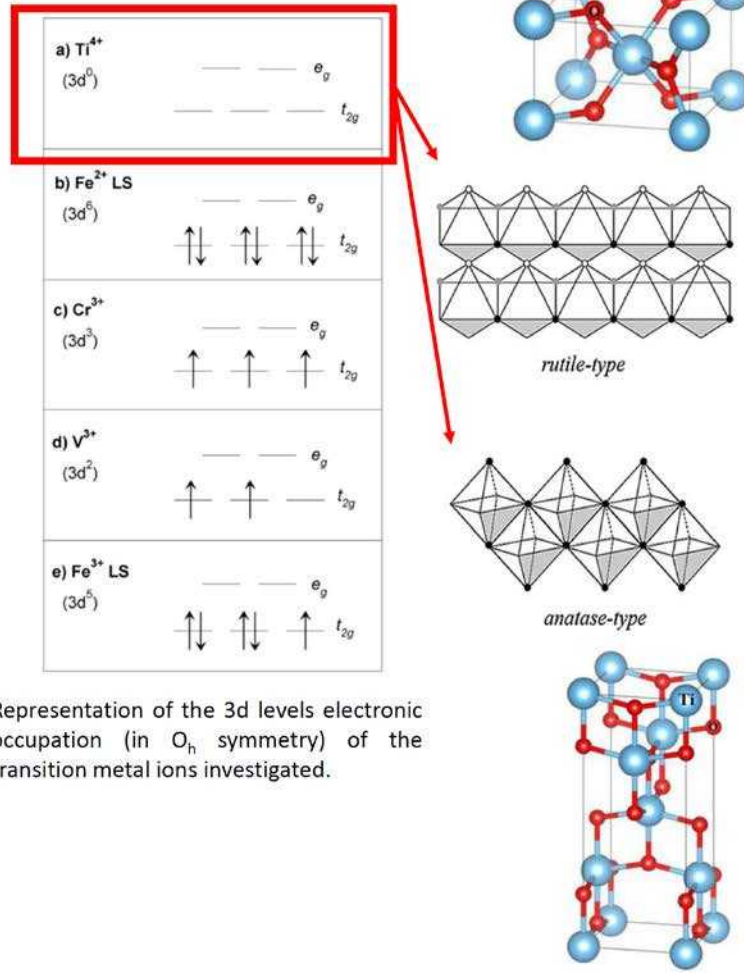
absorbing atom: Ni

Shell	element	distance (Å)	coordination no.
1 st	O	2.09	6
2 nd	Ni	2.95	12
3 rd	O	3.62	8

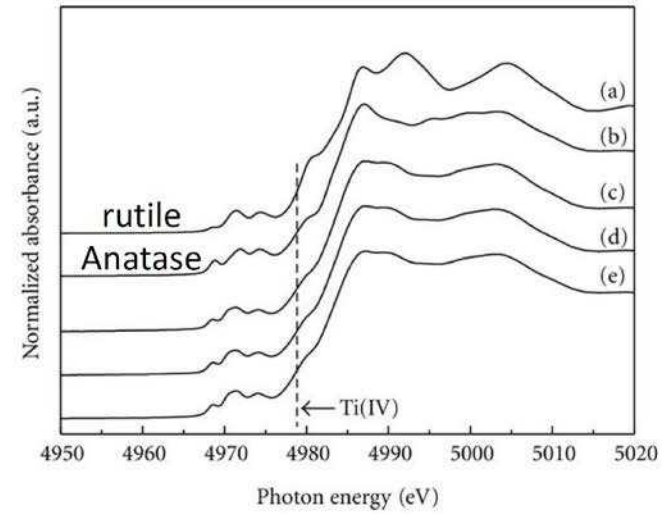
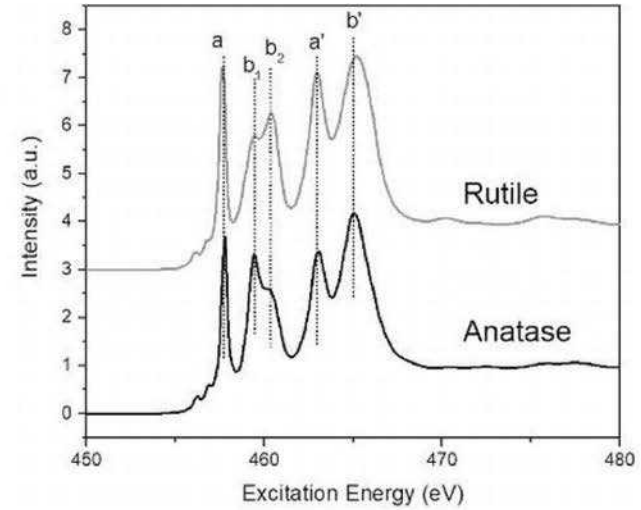
3. Crystal field splitting & 3d orbital symmetry



3d orbital symmetry

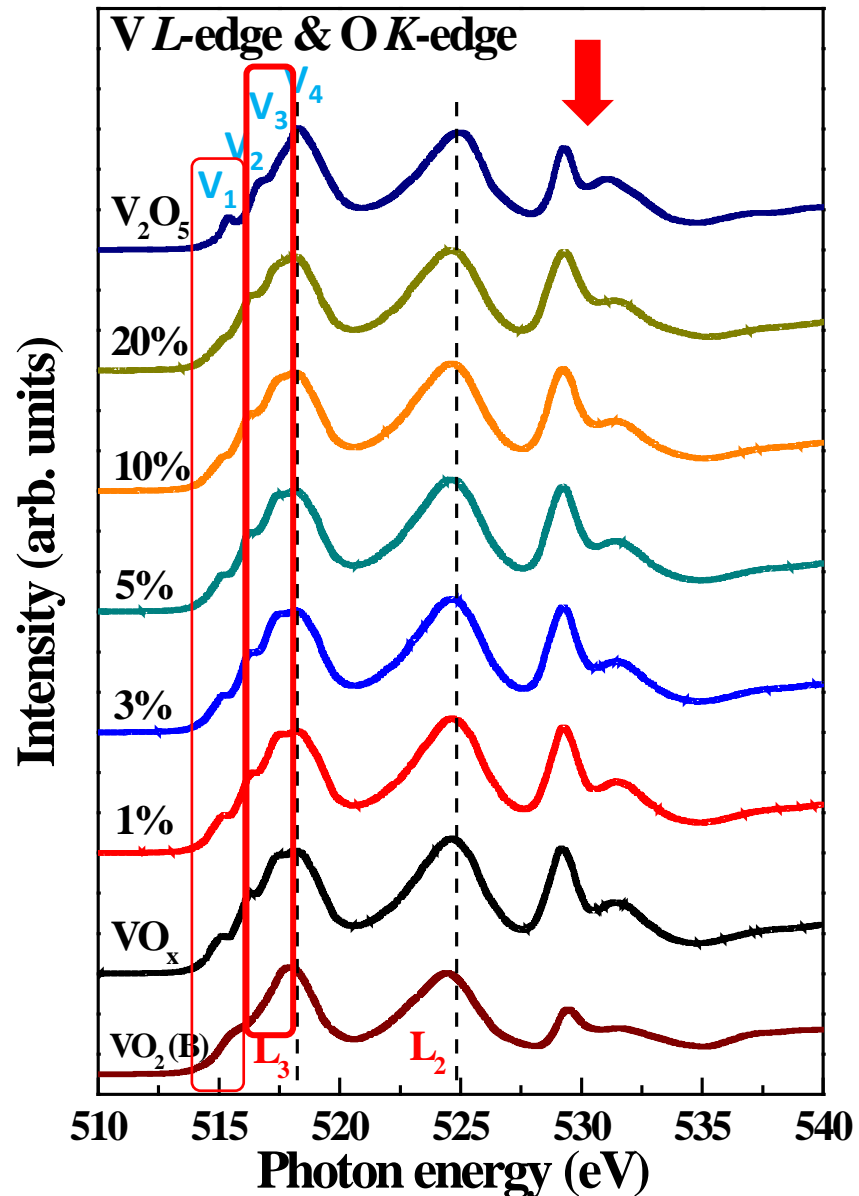


Representation of the 3d levels electronic occupation (in O_h symmetry) of the transition metal ions investigated.



Result

XAS



O K-edge

O 1s \rightarrow O 2p

t_{2g} : O 2p - V 3d (t_{2g})

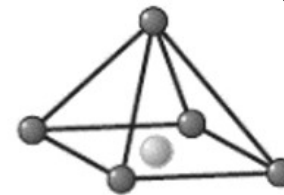
e_g : O 2p - V 3d (e_g)



octahedral

pyramid

V 3d orbital



$d_{x^2-y^2}, d_z^2$

d_{xy}, d_{xz}, d_{yz}

e_g

t_{2g}

d_z^2

$d_{x^2-y^2}$

d_{yz}, d_{xz}

d_{xy}

V L_3 -edge

V_1 : $3d_{xy}$

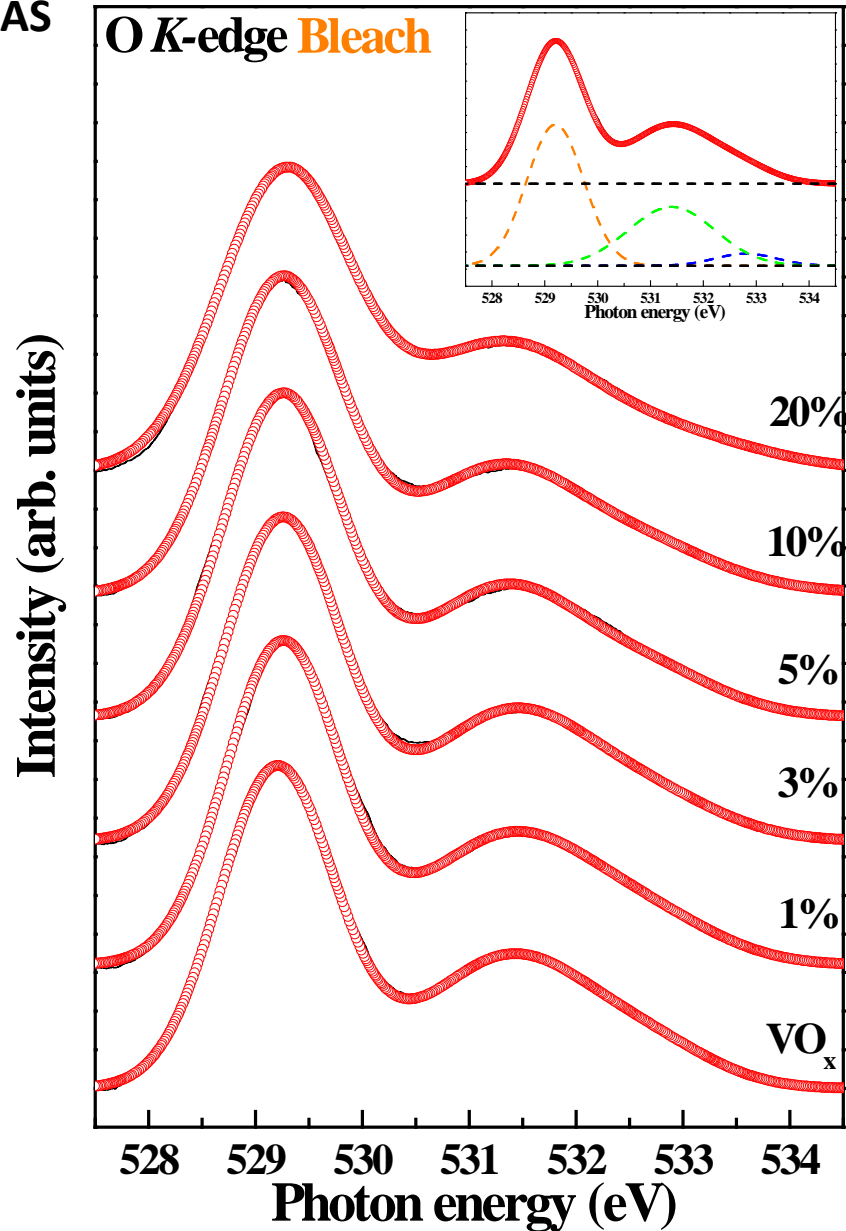
V_2 : $3d_{xz} + 3d_{yz}$

V_3 : $3d_{x^2-y^2}$

V_4 : $3d_z^2$

Result

➤ XAS



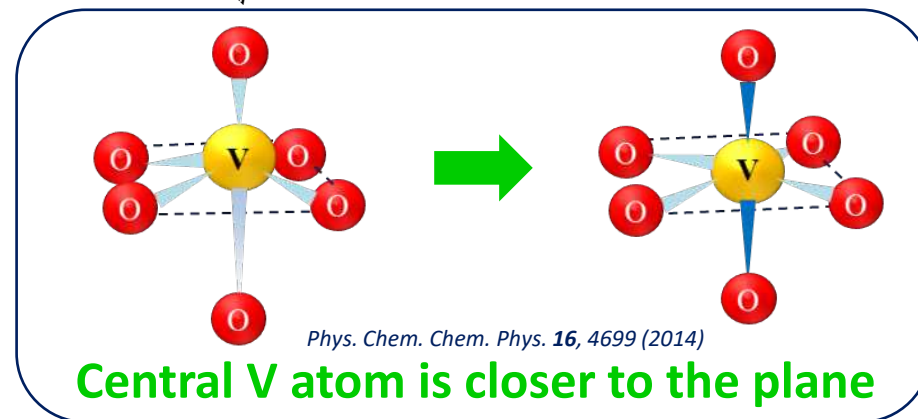
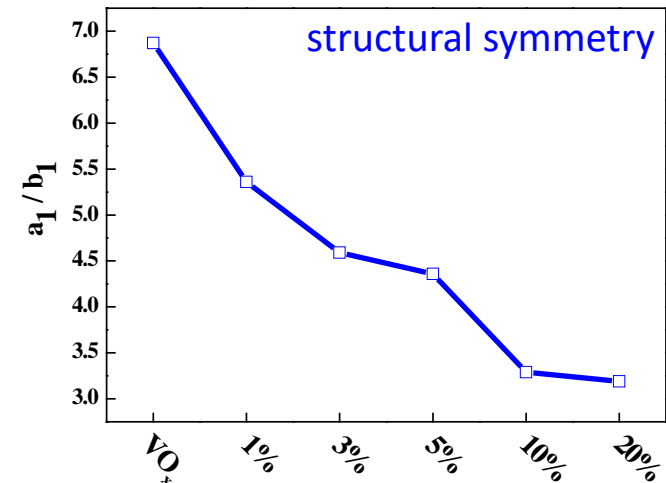
$$b_1 (x^2 - y^2)$$

$$a_1 (z^2)$$

$$b_2 (xy)$$

$$e (yz, zx)$$

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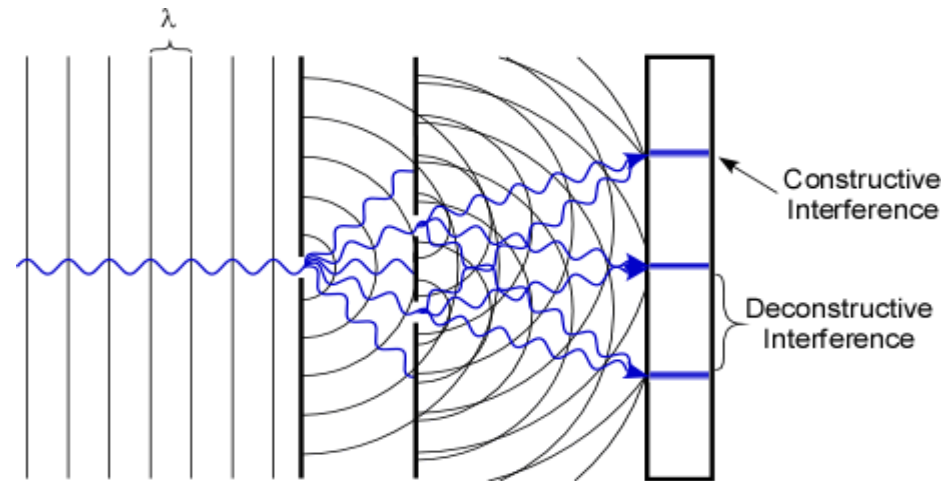
- **Photoelectron spectroscopy**
- **X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy**
- **X-ray Diffraction Spectroscopy**

XRD

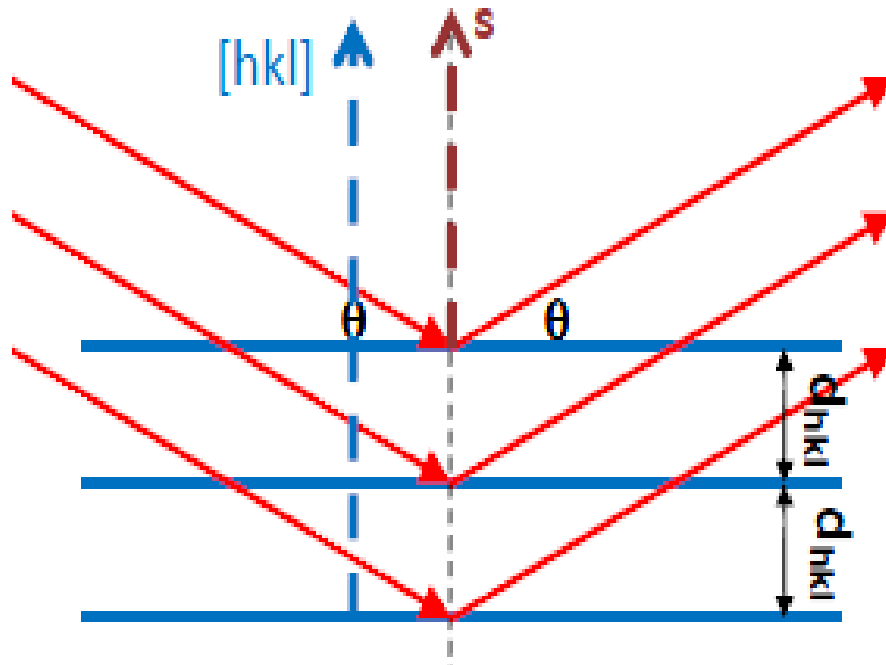
- NSRRC: **continuum spectrum**
- In house XRD: **characteristics spectrum**
- X-ray diffraction is a rapid analytical technique primarily used for **phase identification of a crystalline material** and can provide **information on unit cell dimensions**.

The theory of XRD

- The wavelength of x-ray is $10^{-12} \sim 10^{-8} \text{m}$.
- The wavelength of X-rays are similar to the distance between atoms.
- Diffraction occurs when light is scattered by a periodic array with **long-range order**, producing **constructive interference** at specific angles.

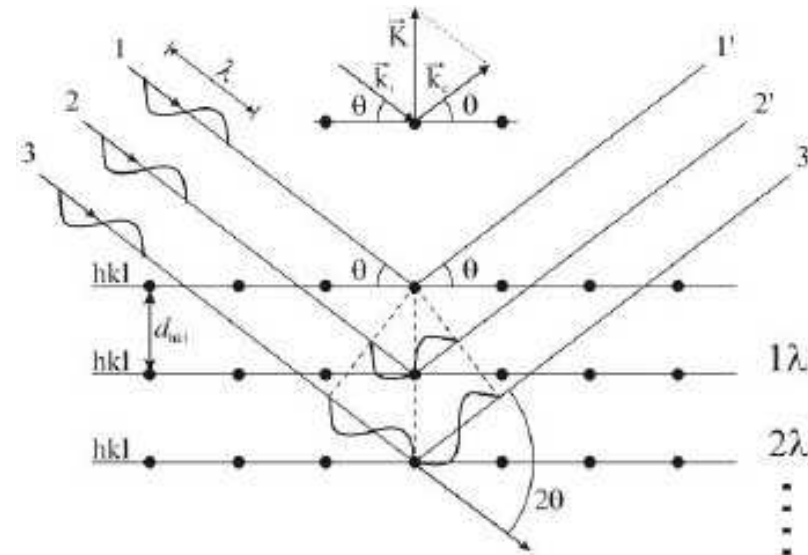


Bragg's law

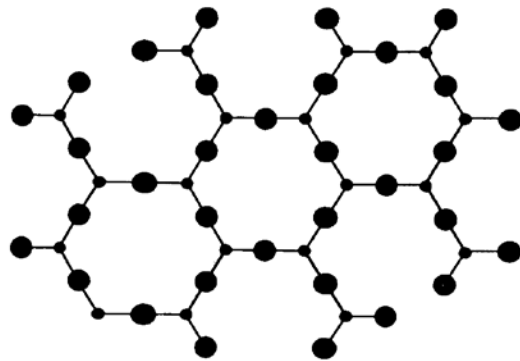


$$n\lambda = 2d \sin\theta$$

- For parallel planes of atoms, with a space d_{hkl} between the planes, constructive interference only occurs when Bragg's law is satisfied.
- Additionally, the plane normal $[hkl]$ must be parallel to the diffraction vectors

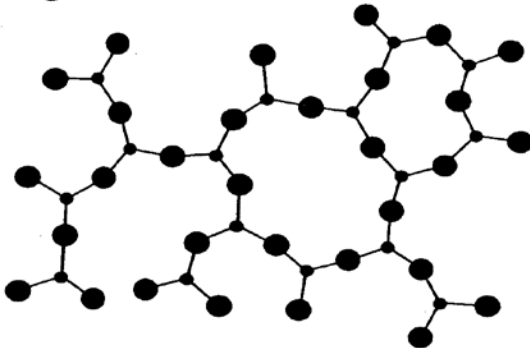


The theory of XRD



crystalline

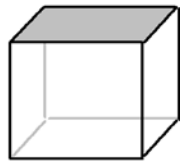
● Silicon atom
● Oxygen atom



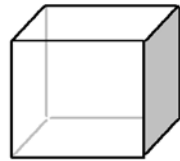
non-crystalline

- The scattering of X-rays from atoms produces a diffraction pattern, which contains information about the **atomic arrangement within the crystal**.
- Amorphous materials like glass do not have a periodic array with long-range order, so they do not produce a diffraction pattern.

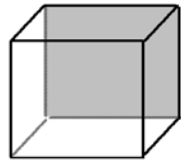
Miller index (hkl)



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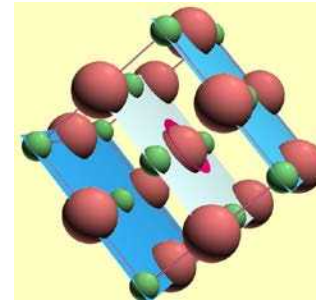


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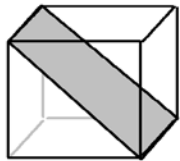
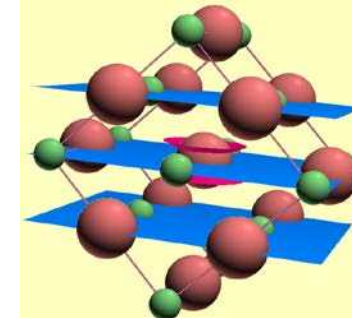


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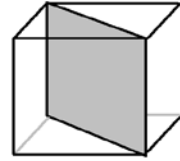
The (200) planes of atoms in NaCl



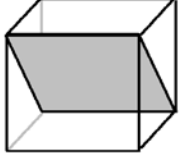
The (220) planes of atoms in NaCl



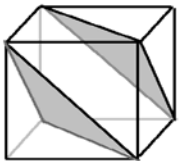
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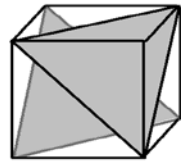
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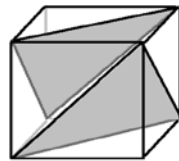
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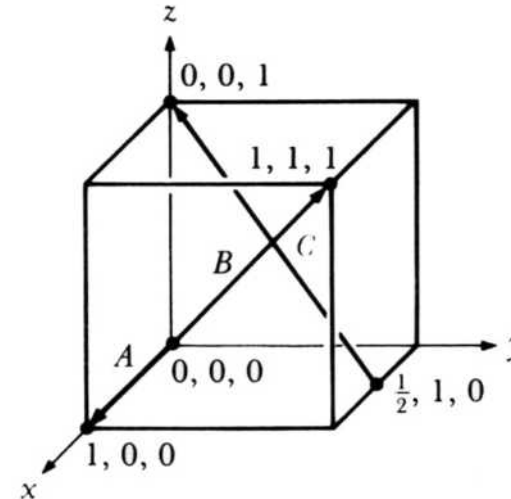


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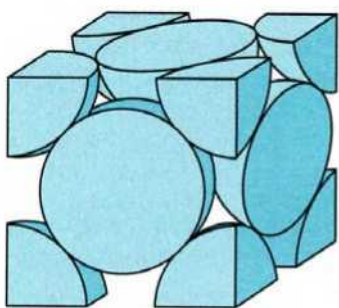


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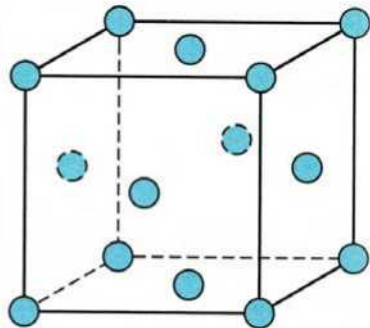
- Miller indices (hkl) are used to identify different planes of atoms.



Crystal structure

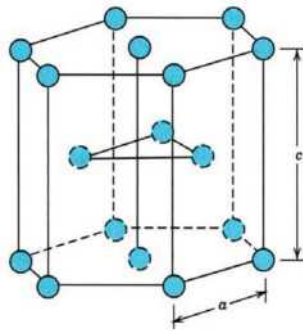


(a)



(b)

The Face-centered Cubic Crystal Structure

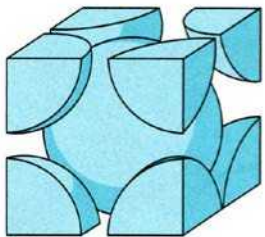


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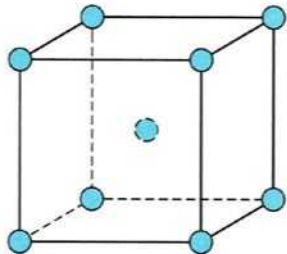


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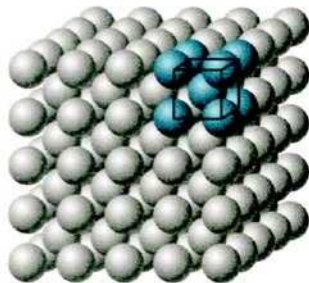
The Hexagonal Close-packed Crystal Structure



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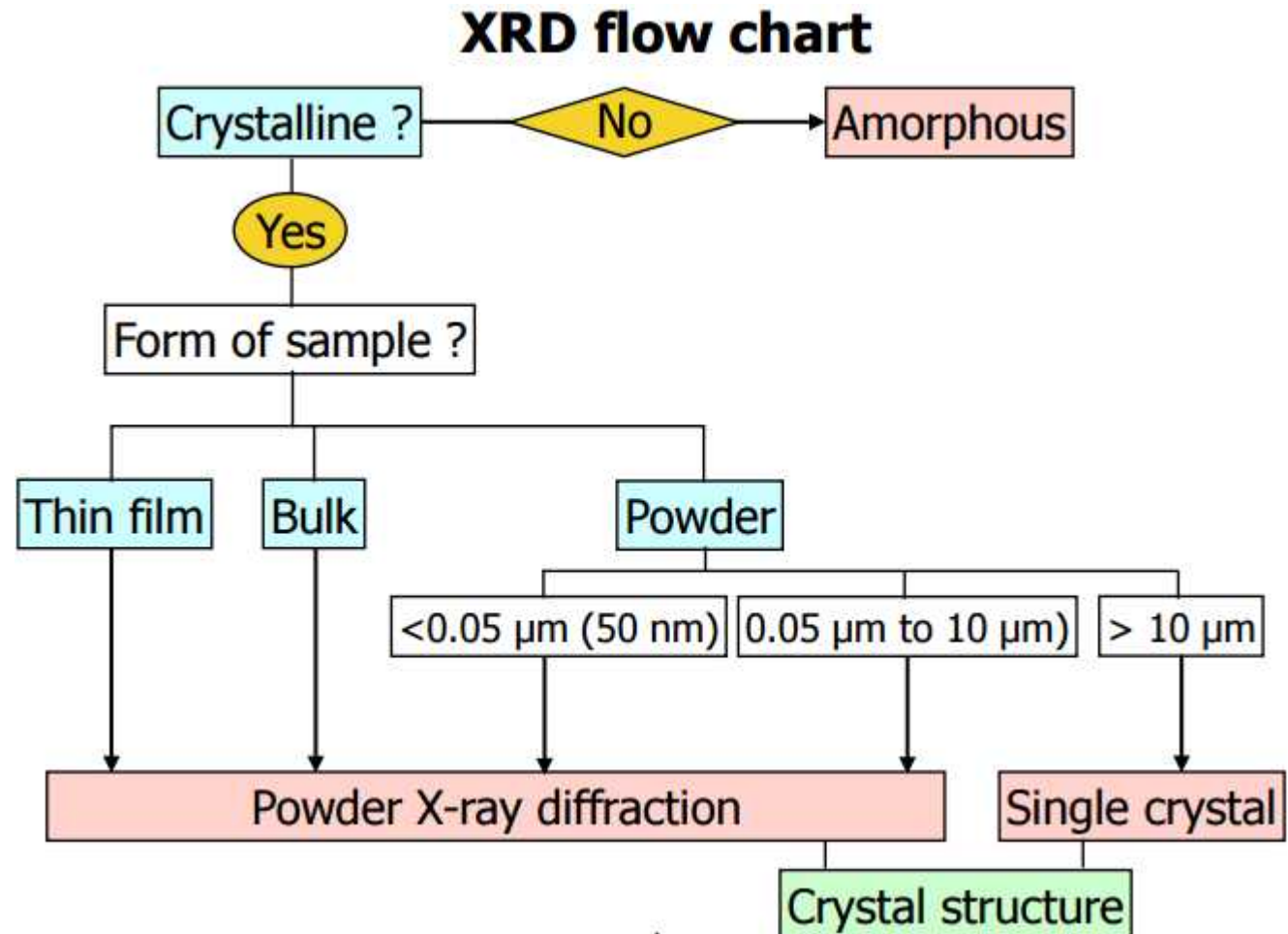
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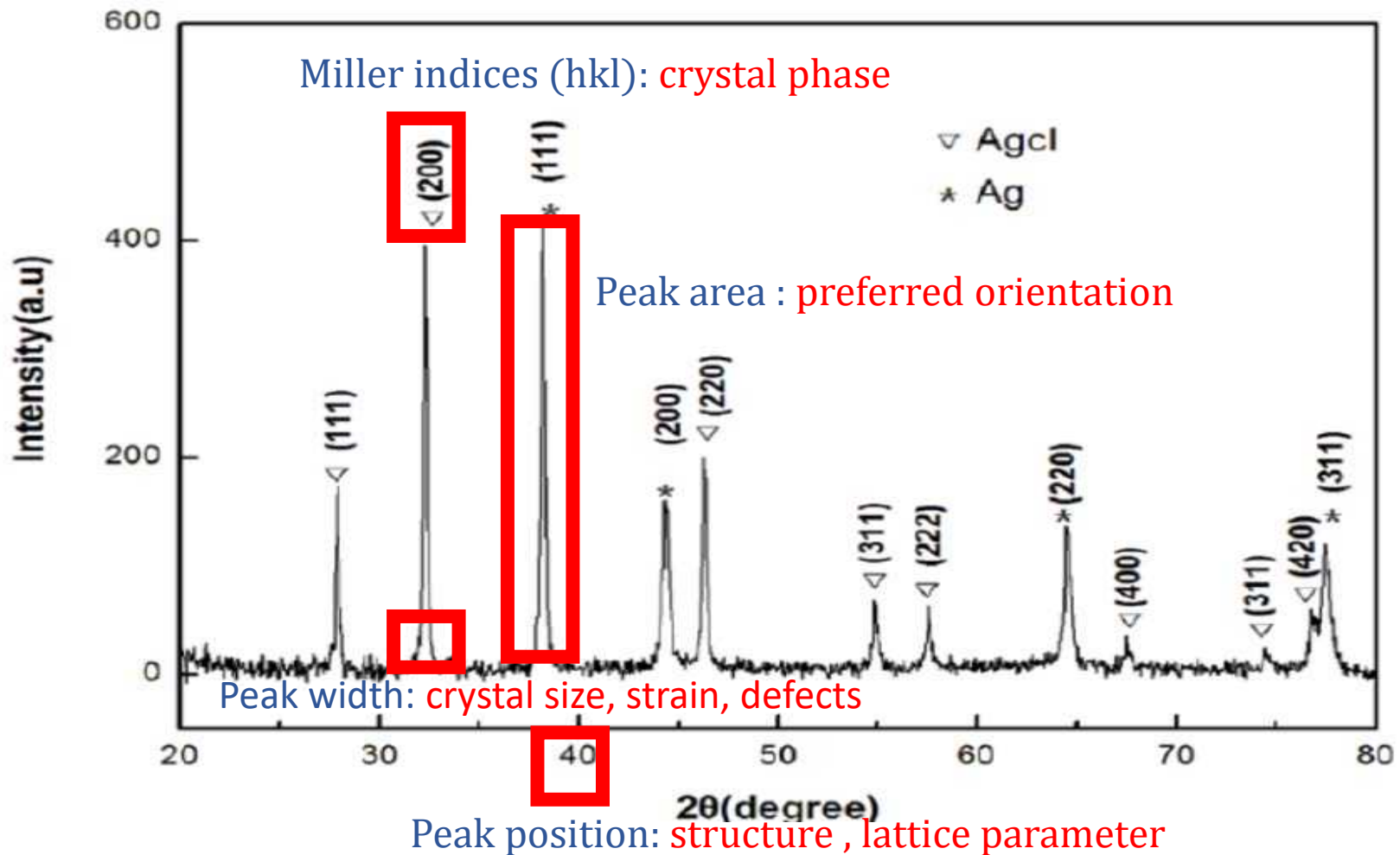
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The Body-centered Cubic Crystal Structure

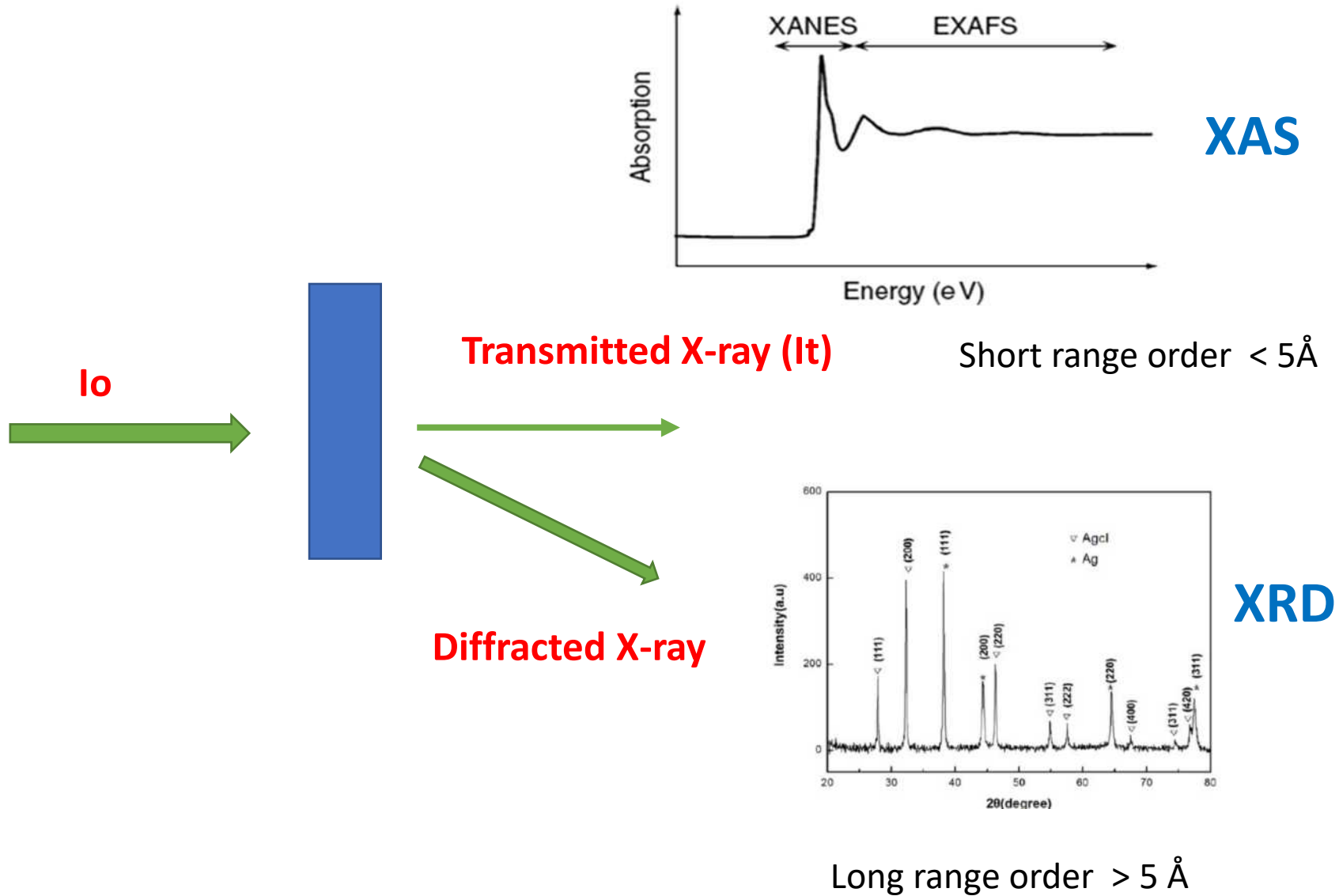
The measurement of XRD



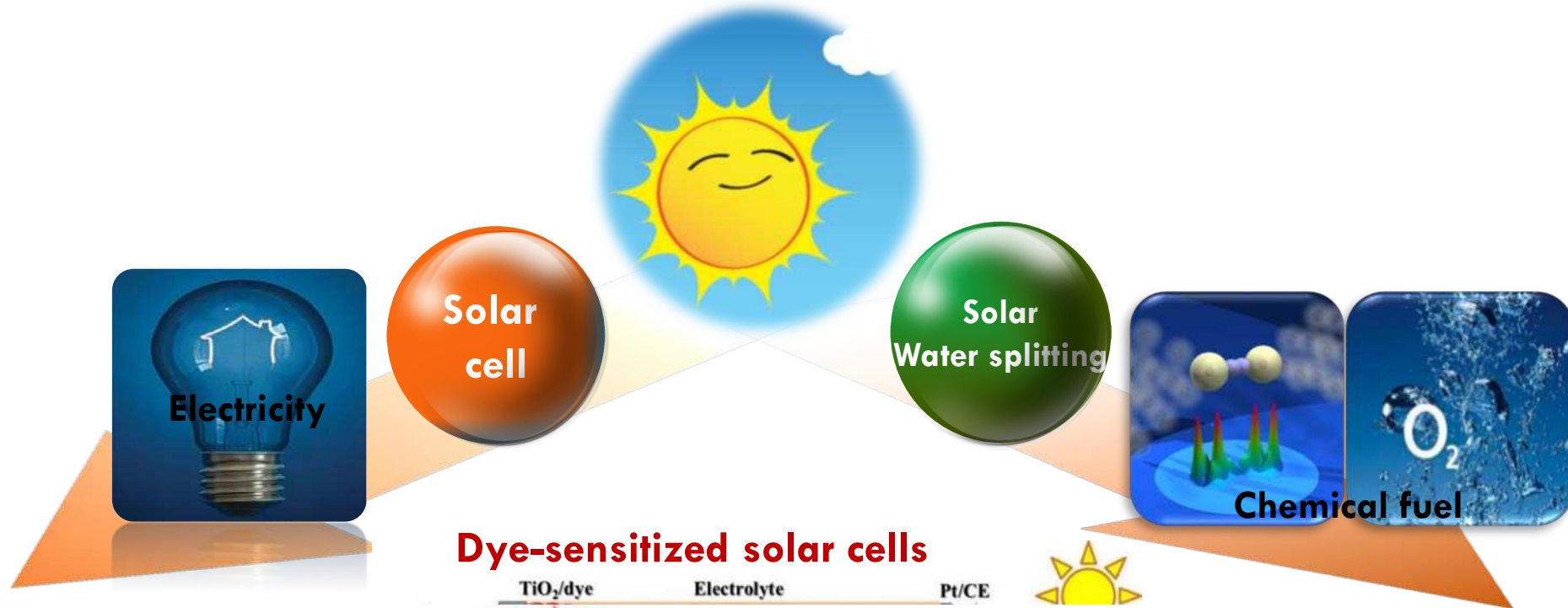
Diffraction peaks are associated with planes of atoms



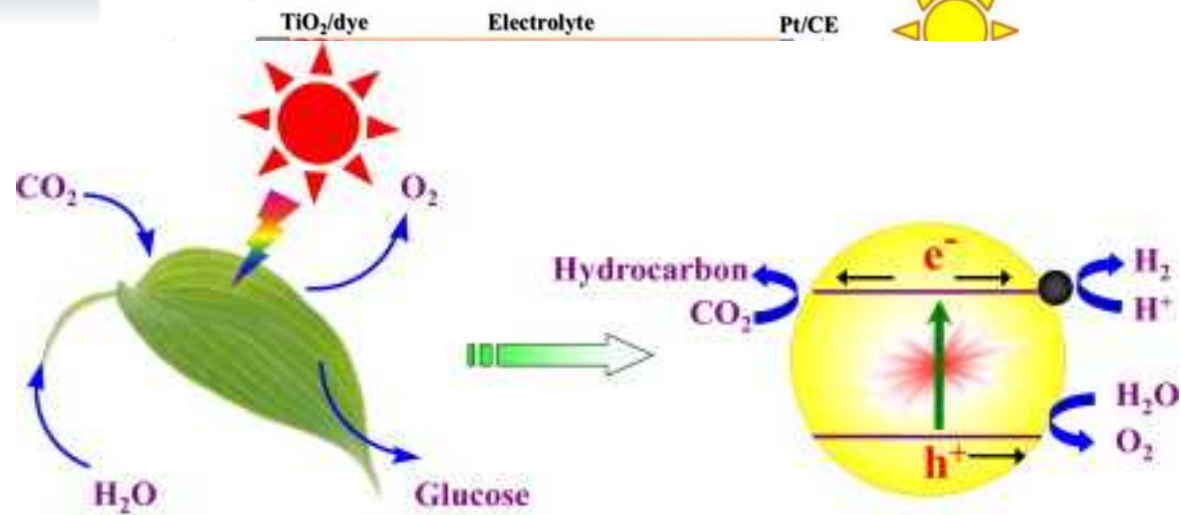
XRD vs XAS



Energy Generation-Solar energy

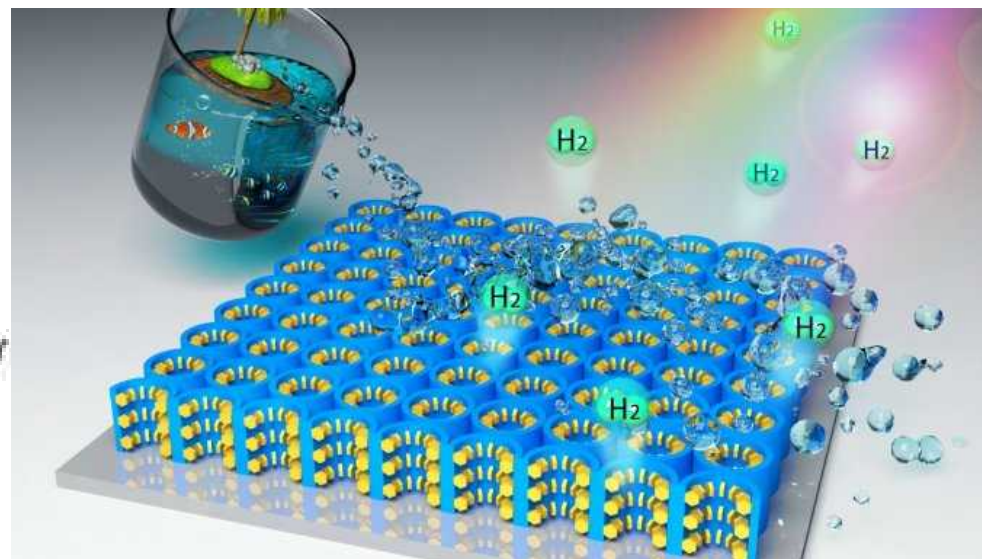
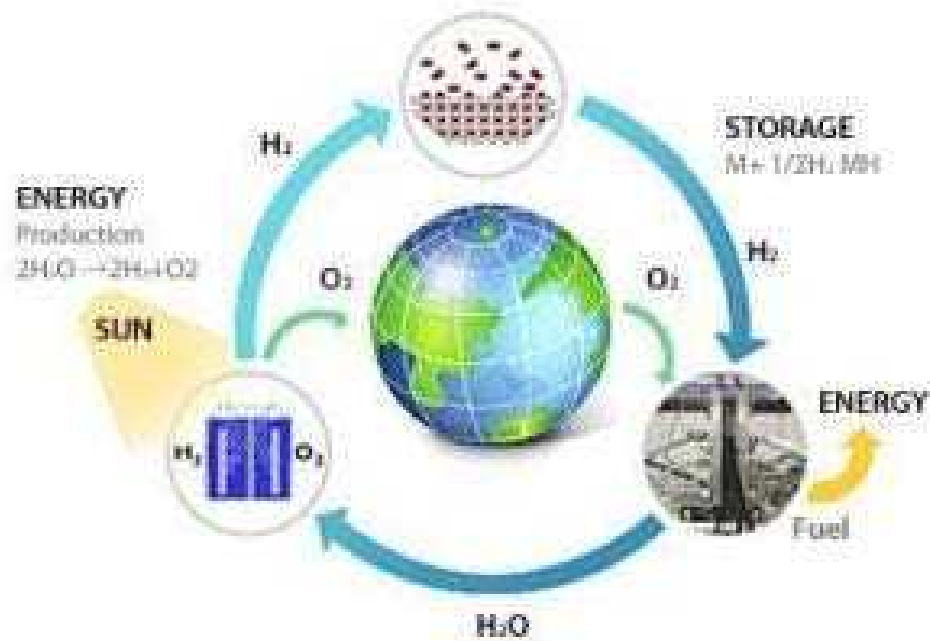


Dye-sensitized solar cells



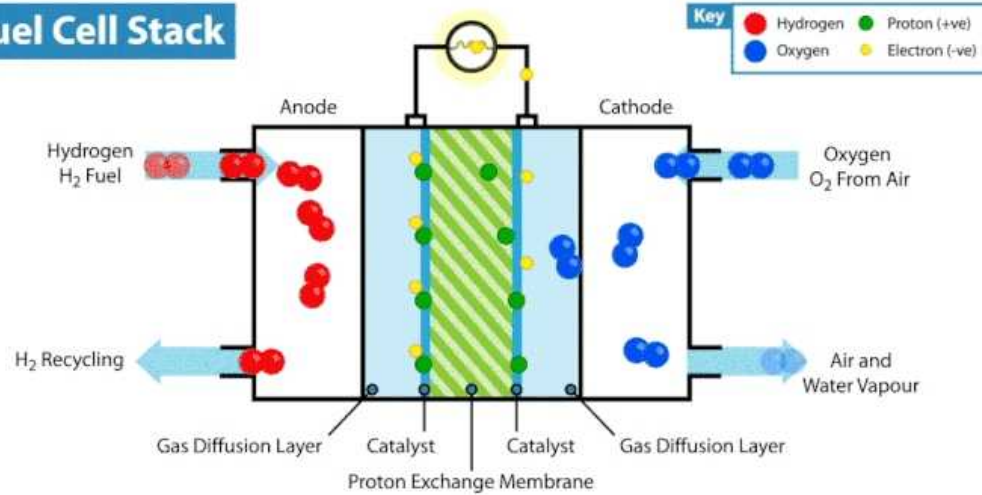
Natural Photosynthesis
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Artificial Photosynthesis



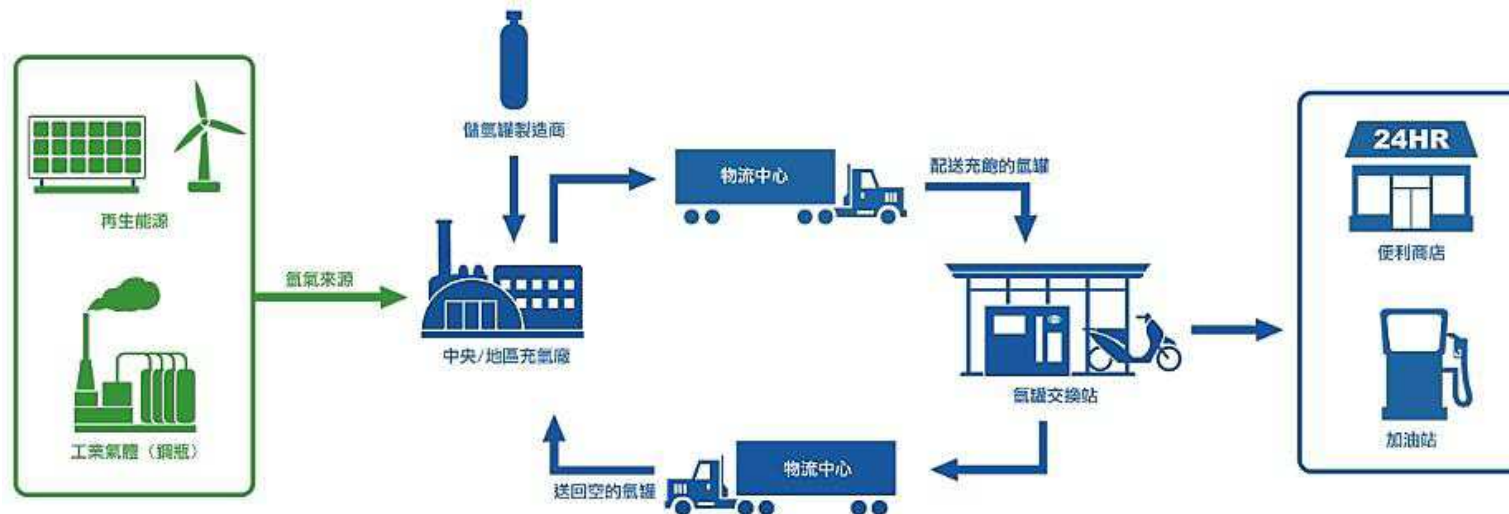
Application of the Chemical Fuel – H₂

Fuel Cell Stack



輕型車輛動力系統

亞太燃料電池公司具多年燃料電池動力系統設計經驗，整合低壓氫氣儲存技術，提供輕型燃料電池交通工具一個低壓氫氣解決方案，大大降低使用成本，加速全球氫能運具時代的來臨！



Application

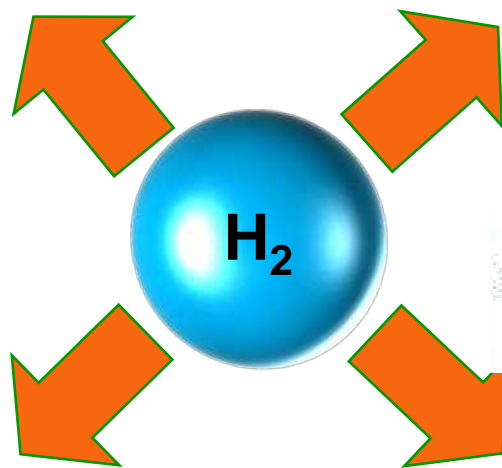


electricity generation

大型發電廠的應用



定置型電熱共生系統
(同時產生電力與熱能，供應家庭使用)



全球第一輛量產的燃料電池車
(2015)



3C產品行動電源

Future

日本推動乾淨能源 2021奧運打造「**氫氣城**（hydrogen town）」
選手村用



東京都政府為因應氫能源政策，
已決定將選手村打造成未來感
十足的「氫氣城」。
（擷取自《The Japan News》）

火車正駛向「零碳排」的歷史新頁：首輛 「氫能驅動」鐵路列車將在德國上路





淨零科技方案重點



目 標

推動永續及前瞻能源、低碳、負碳、循環、人文社會科學等五大領域，協助國家達成2050淨零碳排目標

經 費

112年投入119億元

2030年前
效益

打造出全球首座百MW級浮動式離岸風機商轉、1MW級甲烷裂解去碳燃氫機組，在跨部會協作下，建構數位淨零體系

2030年後
效益

發展出深層地熱電廠總裝置量達GW級，並擴大低碳製程與氫能燃燒等技術，協助產業減碳達2,000萬噸

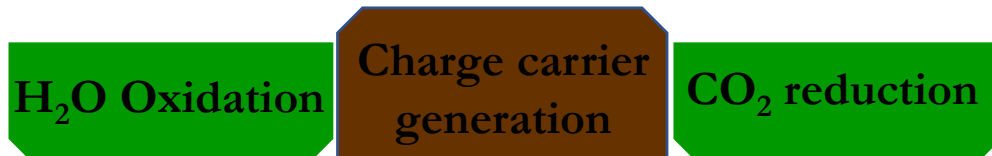
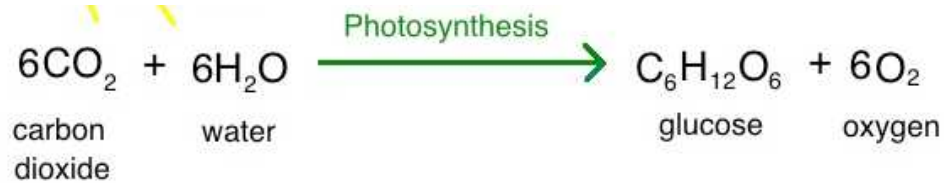
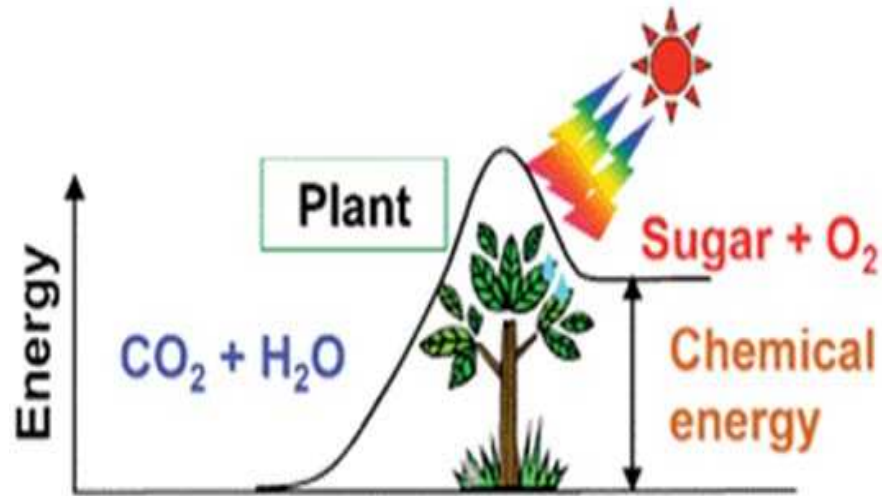
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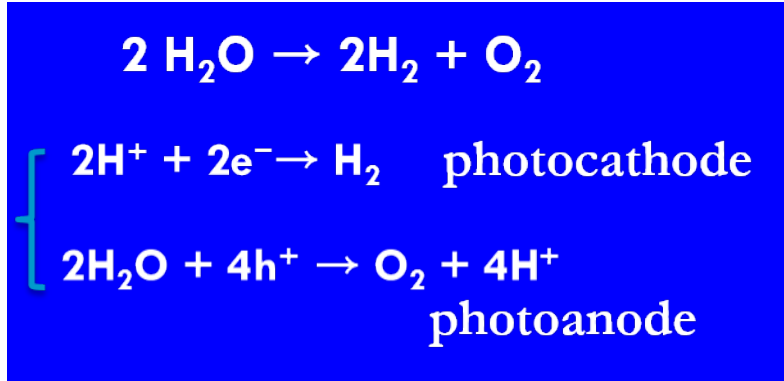
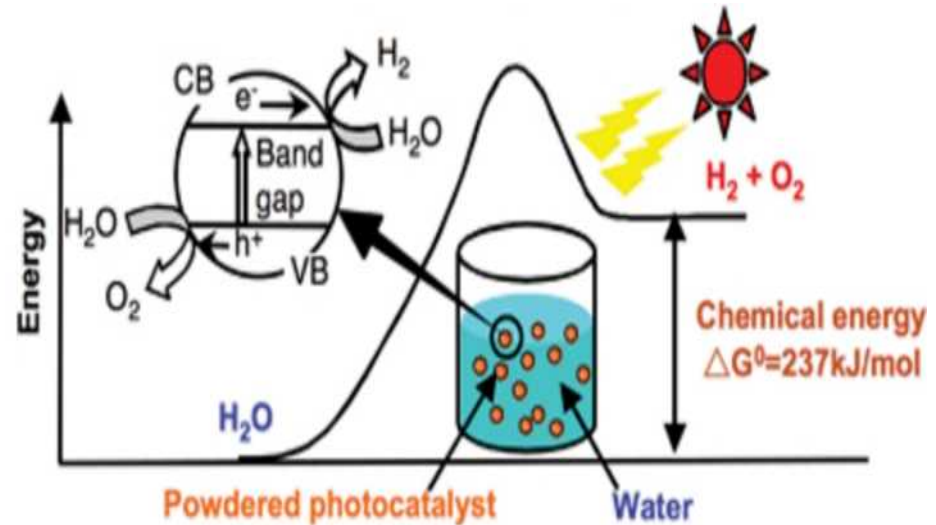
Solar to Hydrogen Device

Photosynthesis vs. Artificial Photosynthesis

Photosynthesis



Artificial Photosynthesis (uphill reaction)

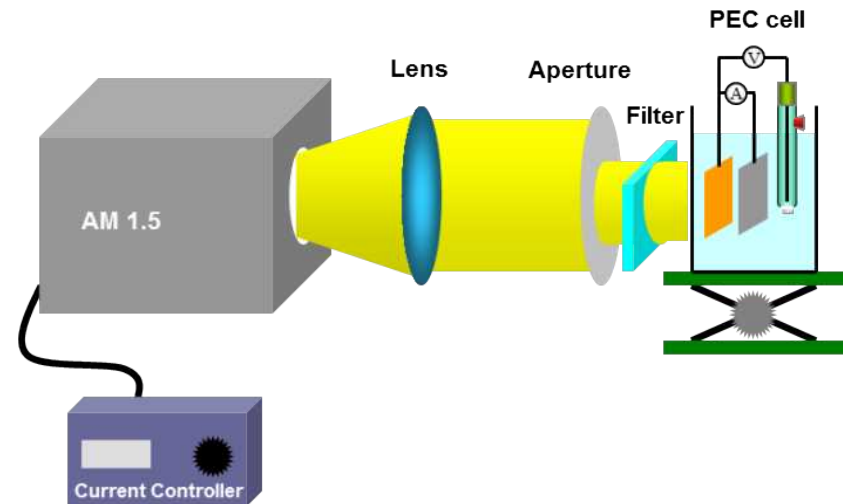
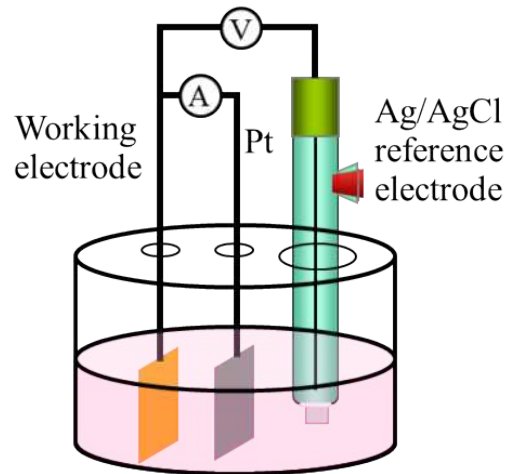


Approach: Modification of band structure by doping

Accomplishments: Mo-doped ZnO nanorods

Experimental process

Cyclic voltammetric method



Solutions:

Zinc chloride

ZnCl_2

Sodium molybdate

Na_2MoO_4

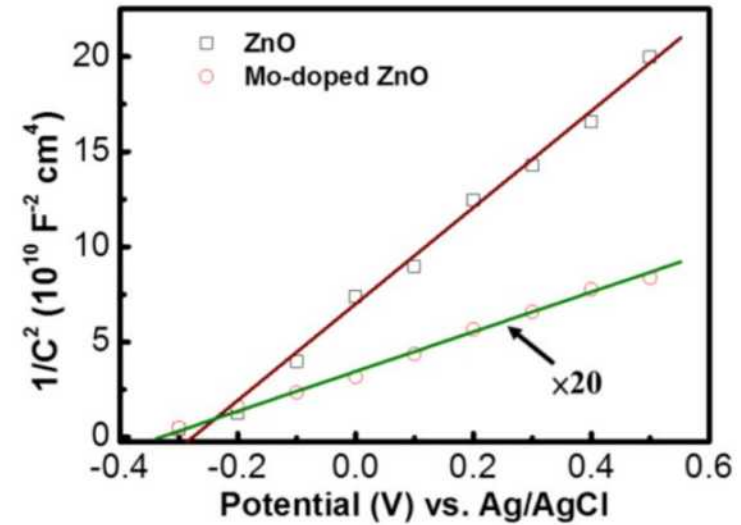
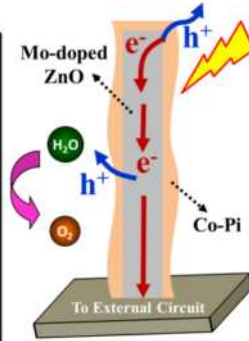
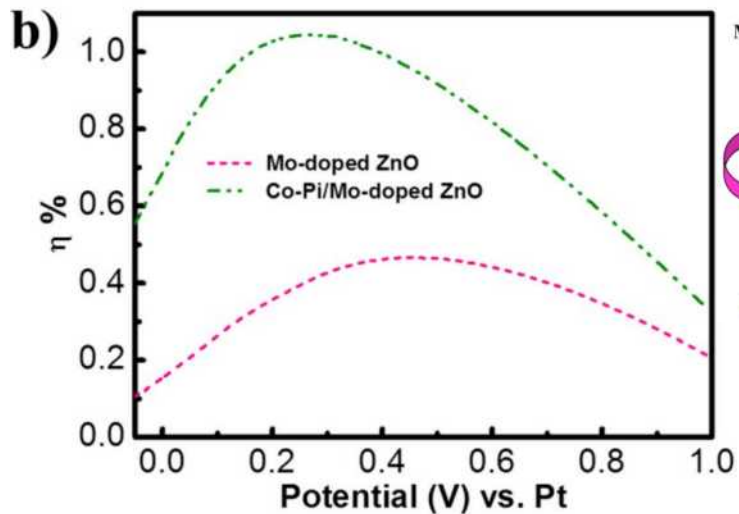
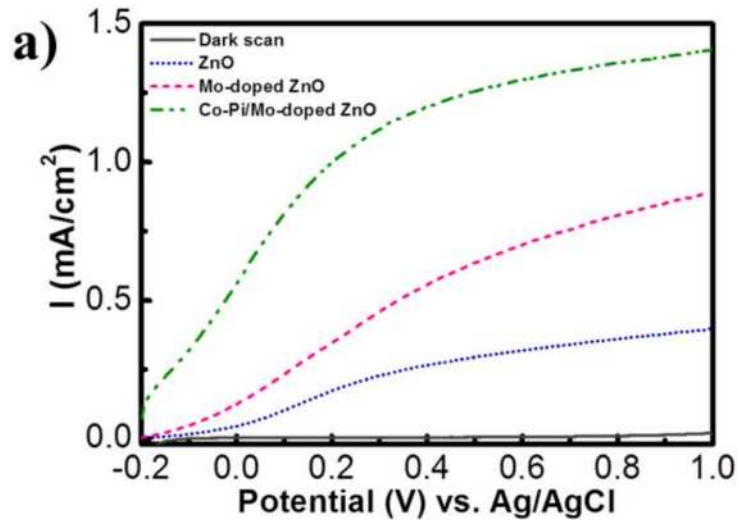
Applied Potential: -0.8V (Ag/AgCl)

Reaction Temp: $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

Deposit time: 30 min

- ✓ PEC measurement
- ✓ IPCE measurement
- ✓ Mott-Schottky analysis

Mott-Schottky Analysis



Fitting results:

ZnO

$$N_D = 6 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$V_{\text{FB}} = -0.28 \text{ V vs Ag/AgCl}$$

Mo-ZnO

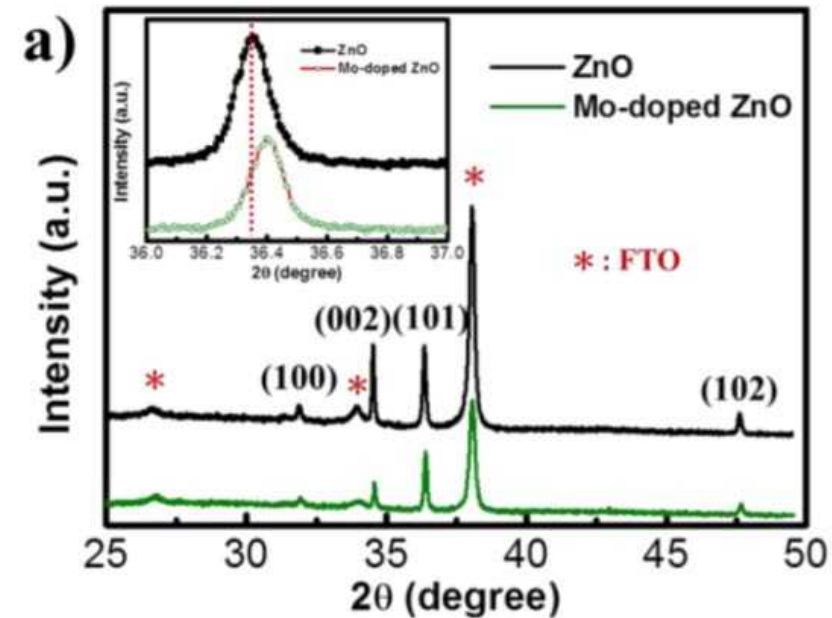
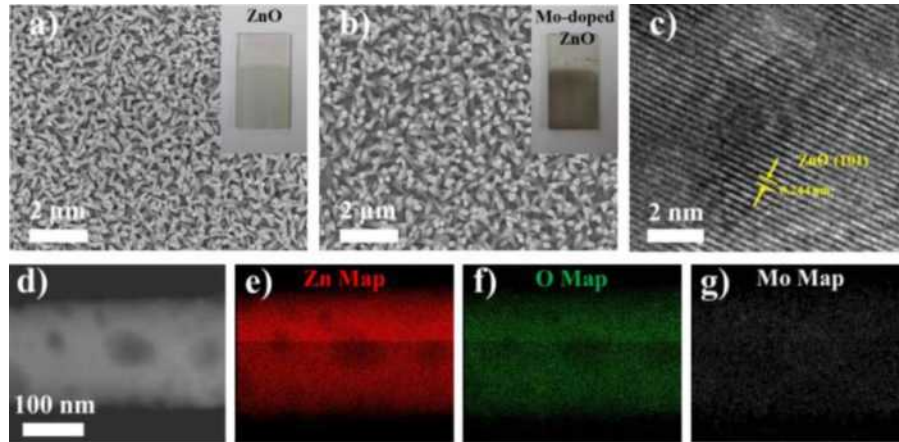
$$N_D = 3 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$V_{\text{FB}} = -0.34 \text{ V vs Ag/AgCl}$$

➤ Mo incorporation improve overall PEC activity

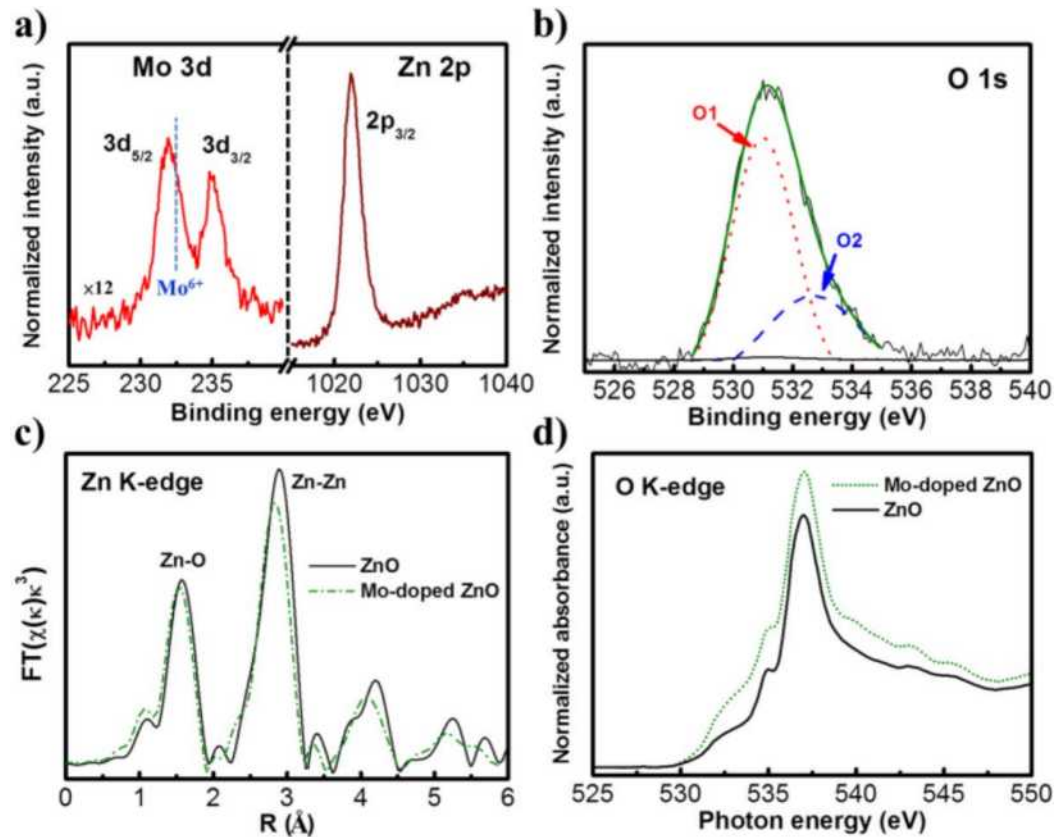
Approach: Modification of band structure by doping

Accomplishments: Mo-doped ZnO nanorods



ZnO vs Mo-doped ZnO

- Morphology unchange
- Contraction of ZnO lattice
Smaller Mo atom has substituted for the larger Zn atom
- Red-shift of the band gap



- ◆ Insertion of Mo into ZnO
- partial reduction of Mo^{6+}
- charge transfer from O to Mo
- 1.7 at. % Mo in ZnO

530-538 eV
 O 2p-Zn 4s hybrid states
 539-550 eV
 O 2p-Zn 4p hybrid states

- increase in number of unoccupied hybrid states
- e^- transfer from O 2p to Mo

sample	shell	N	R_f (\AA)	σ^2 (\AA^2)	ΔE_0 (eV)	R-factor
ZnO	Zn-O	3.3	1.96	0.003	4.8	0.003
	Zn-Zn	13.2	3.23	0.015	3.9	0.003
Mo-doped ZnO	Zn-O	3.2	1.94	0.004	2.7	0.004
	Zn-Zn	11.8	3.18	0.02	3.5	0.003

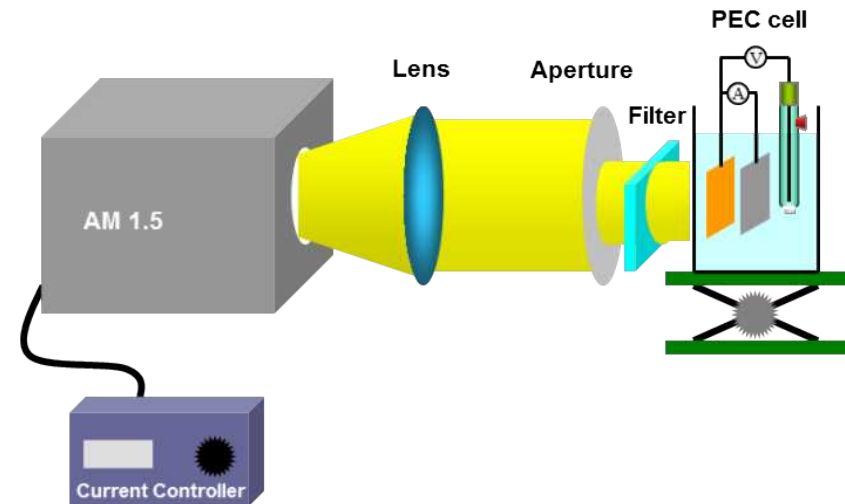
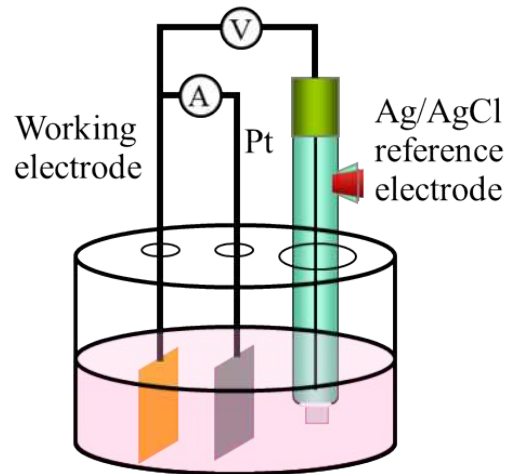
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Approach: Modification of band structure by doping

Accomplishments: Ca-doped MnO_2 nanorod bundles

Experimental process

Cyclic voltammetric method



Solutions: (at 25 °C)

Manganese acetate $\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2$

Calcium nitrate $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$

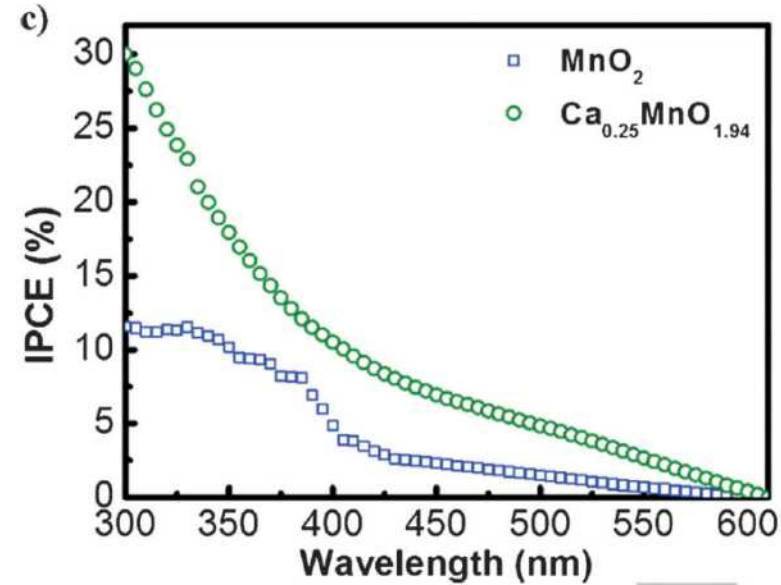
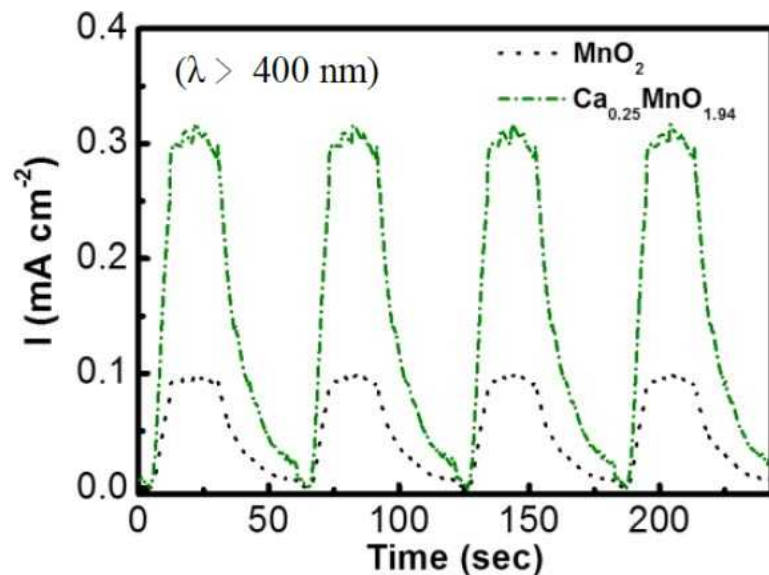
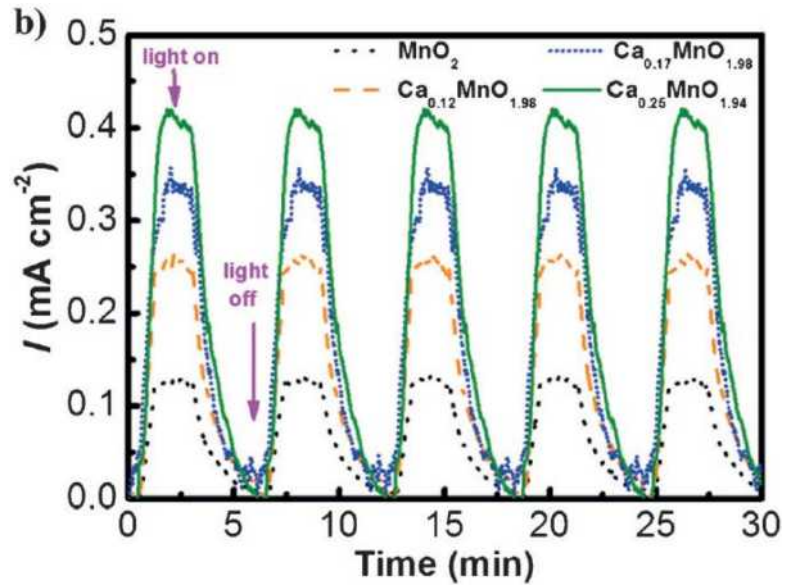
Potential window: 0V~0.7V

Scan rate: 500mV/s

Deposit time: 15 mins

- ✓ PEC measurement
- ✓ IPCE measurement
- ✓ Mott-Schottky analysis

PEC results



$$\text{IPCE} [\%] = \frac{1240 \times \text{photocurrent density} [\text{mA cm}^{-2}]}{\text{wavelength} [\text{nm}] \times \text{photon flux} [\text{mW cm}^{-2}]} \times 100$$

➤ **Ca incorporation improve overall visible-light absorption and PEC activity.**

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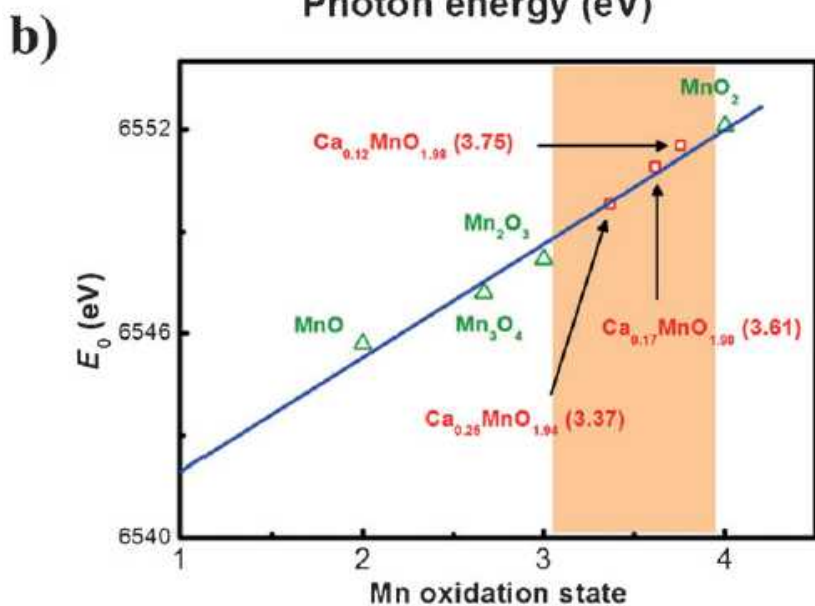
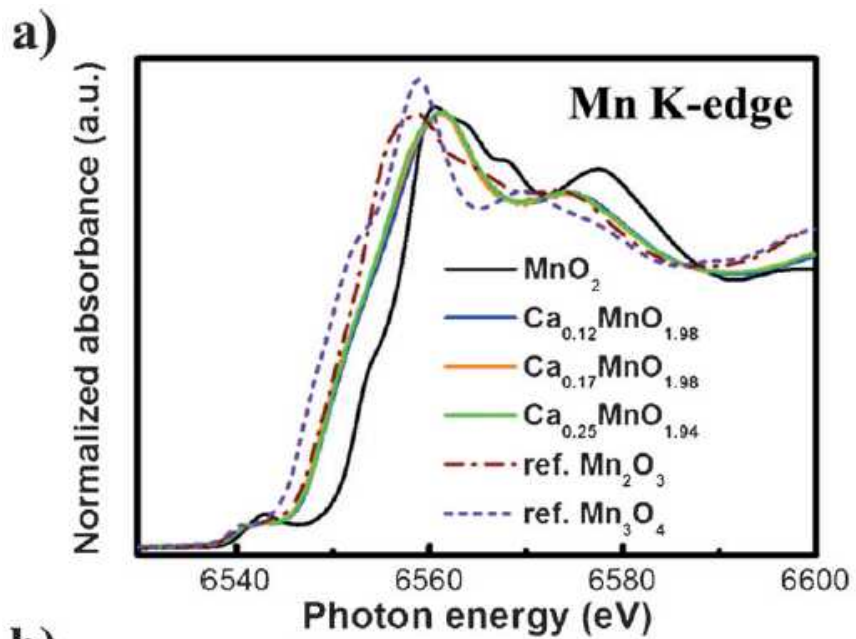
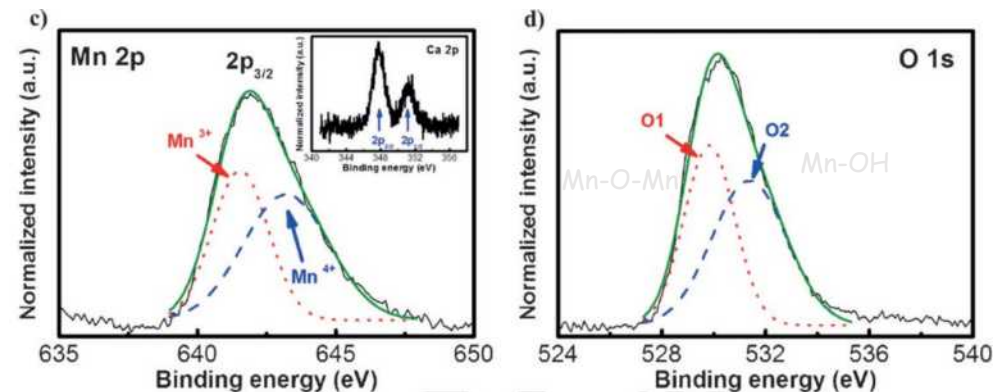


Table 1. Characteristics of pristine and Ca-containing MnO_2 samples.

Sample composition	$[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ initial content (M)	Ca:Mn atomic ratio ^[a]	Mean Mn oxidation state ^[b]	Element ratio ($\text{Mn}^{3+}/\text{Mn}^{4+}$) ^[b]
MnO_2	-	0 : 1	4	0
$\text{Ca}_{0.12}\text{MnO}_{1.98}$	0.5	0.12 : 1	3.75	0.33
$\text{Ca}_{0.17}\text{MnO}_{1.98}$	1	0.17 : 1	3.61	0.64
$\text{Ca}_{0.25}\text{MnO}_{1.94}$	1.5	0.25 : 1	3.37	1.7

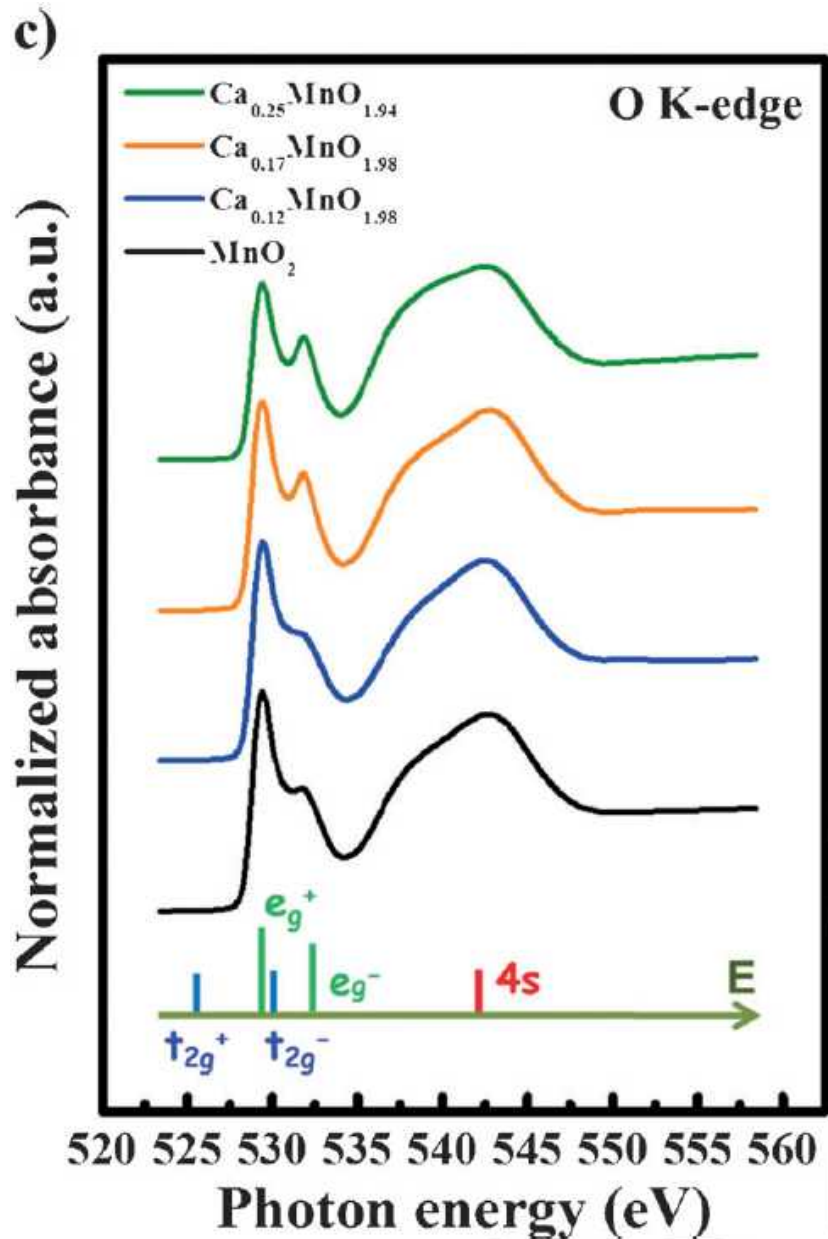
[a] Atomic ratios were determined by ICP. [b] Valence states and element ratios were calculated by XAS.

- ◆ Insertion of Ca into MnO_2
- decreases Mn oxidation state
- charge transfer from Ca to Mn



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7.8 at. % Ca in MnO_2



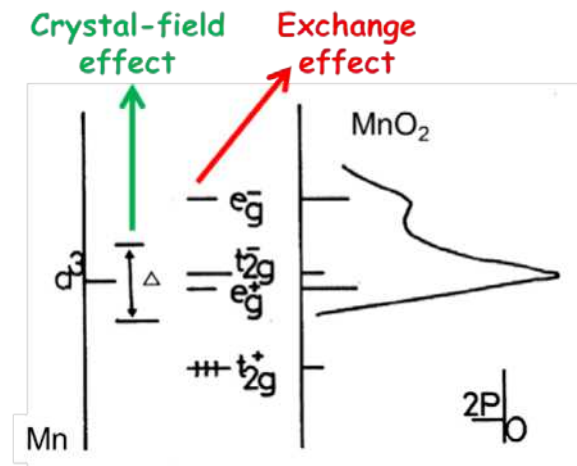
545 eV

O 1s to Mn 4sp transition

531 eV

O1s to mixing O 2p and Mn 3d transition

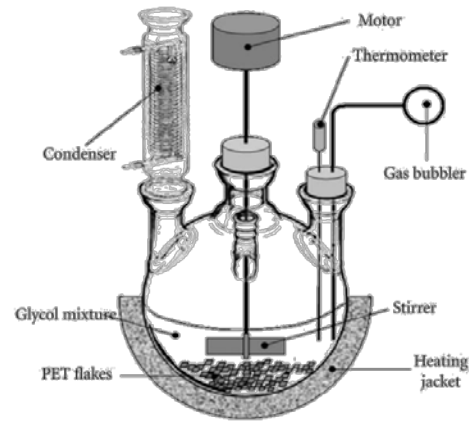
- ◆ Insertion of Ca into MnO_2
 - decreases $t_{2g} \downarrow$ and/or $e_g \uparrow$
 - increases $e_g \downarrow$
 - Mn^{III} Jahn-Teller ion arises accompanying insertion of Ca
 - Mn^{IV} ion is distorted from octahedral symmetry



β -SnWO₄ Photocatalyst with Controlled Morphological Transition of Cubes to Spikecubes

Experimental process

Polyol method



Solutions:

24mM Na₂WO₄·2H₂O in diethylene glycol

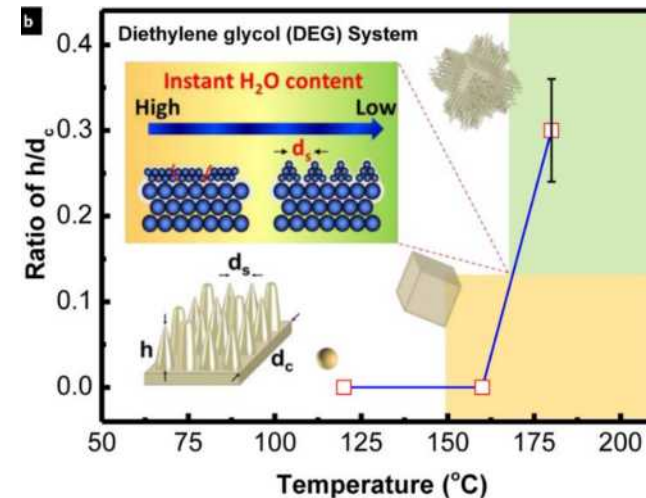
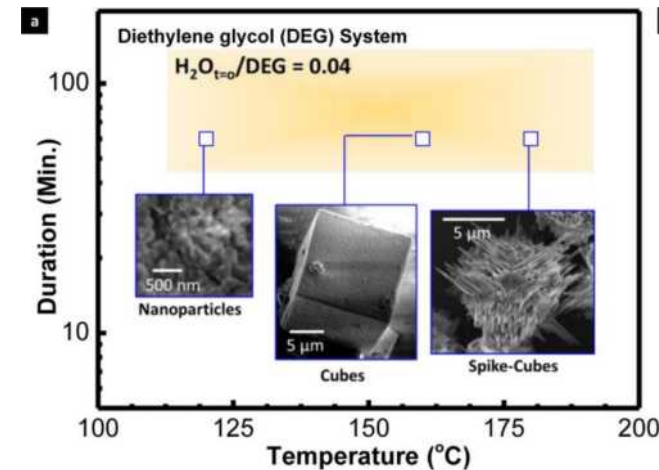
0.6 M SnCl₂·2H₂O in DI H₂O

Reaction temp. :

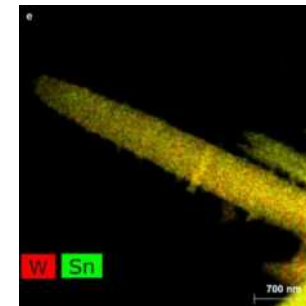
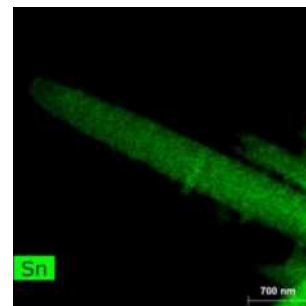
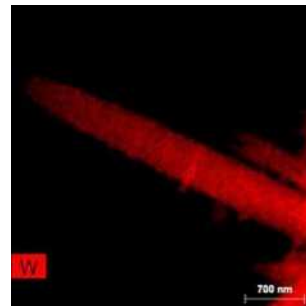
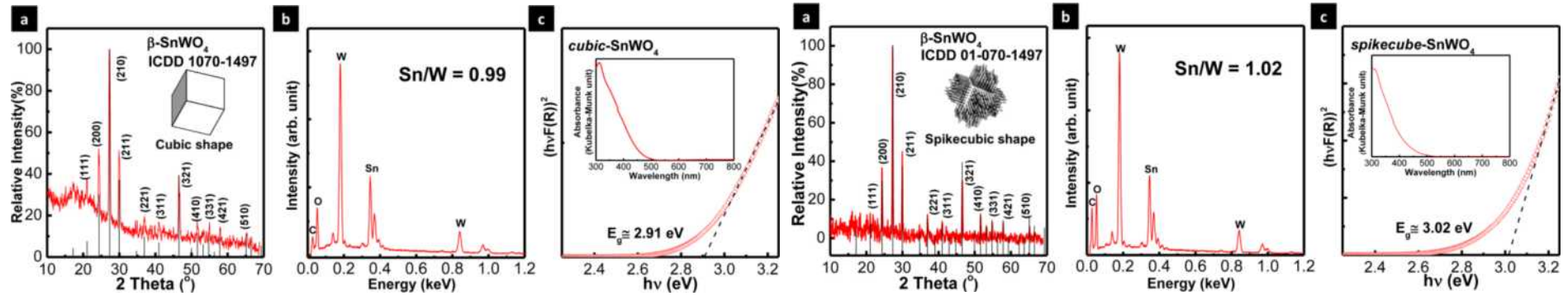
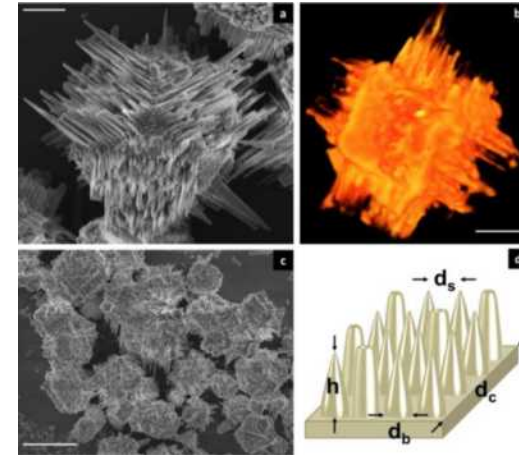
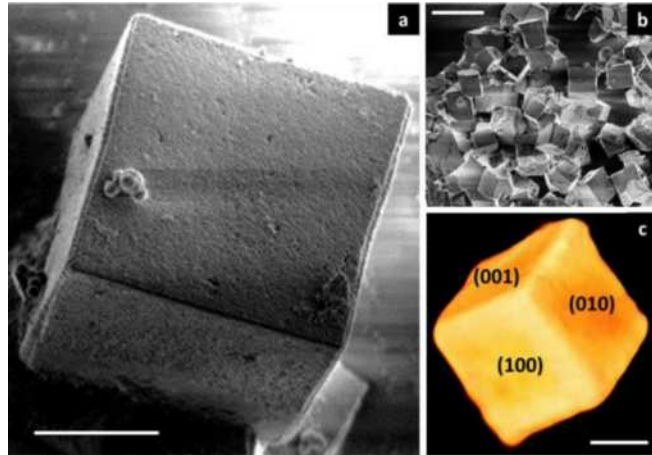
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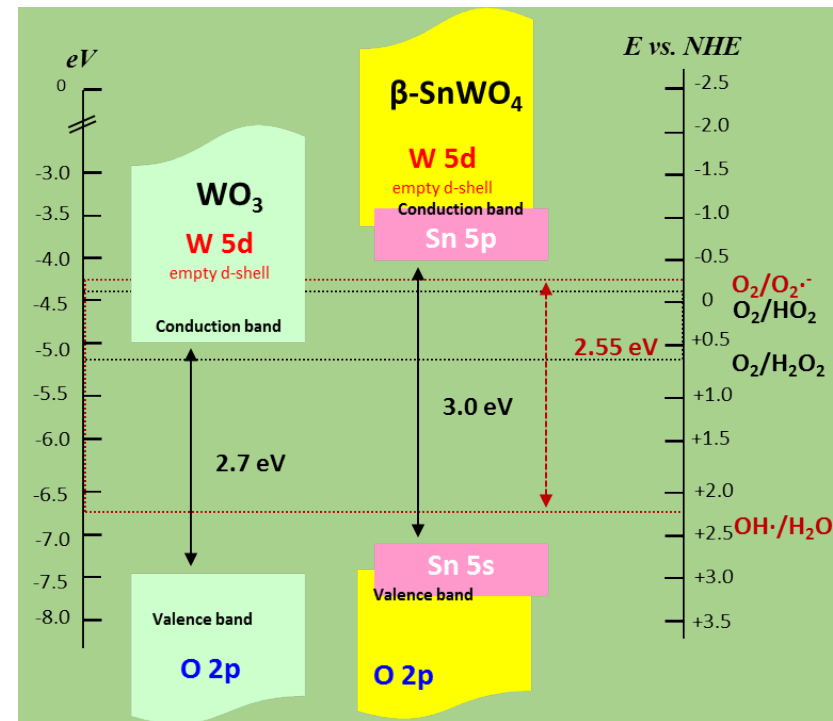
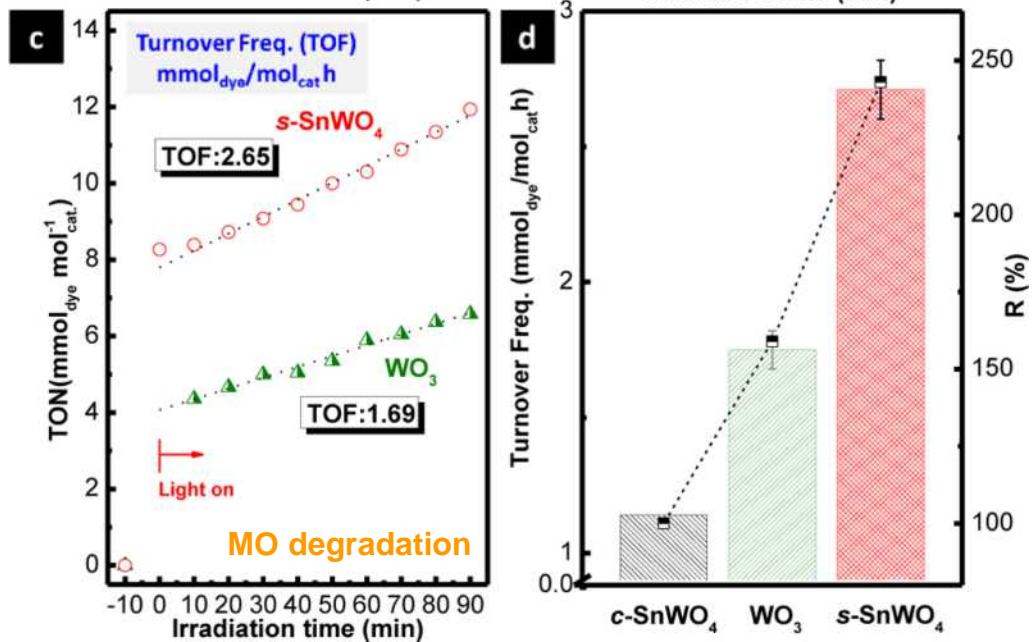
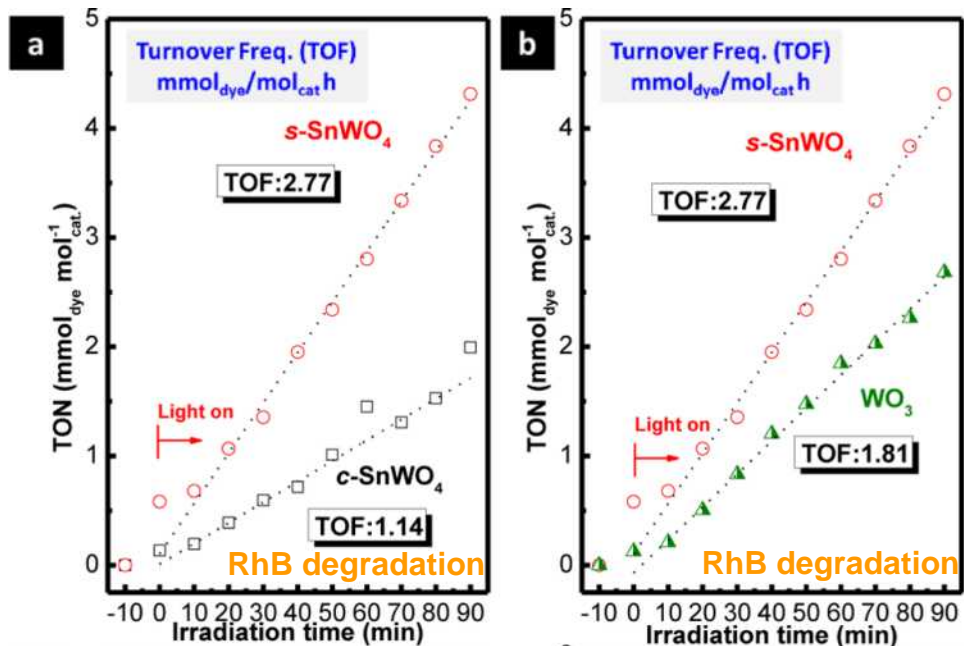
Reaction time :

60 (min)



Cube vs Spikecube



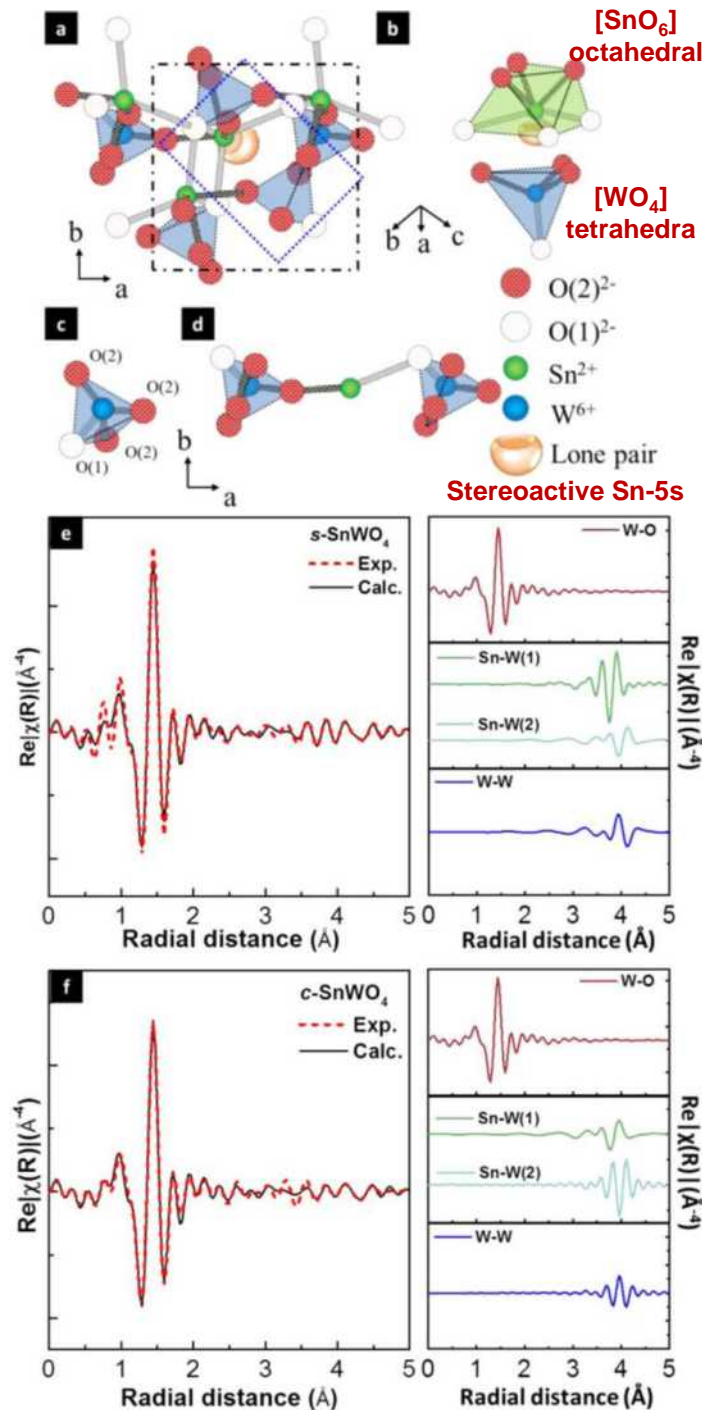
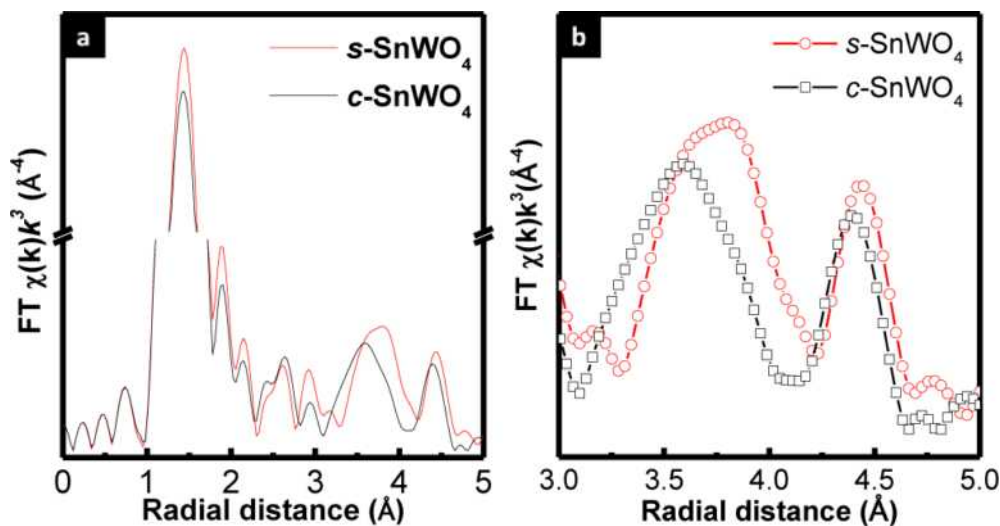


$$\text{TON} = \frac{\text{Number of reacted molecules}}{\text{Number of atoms in a photocatalyst}}$$

$$\text{TOF} = \frac{\text{TON}}{\text{reaction duration}}$$

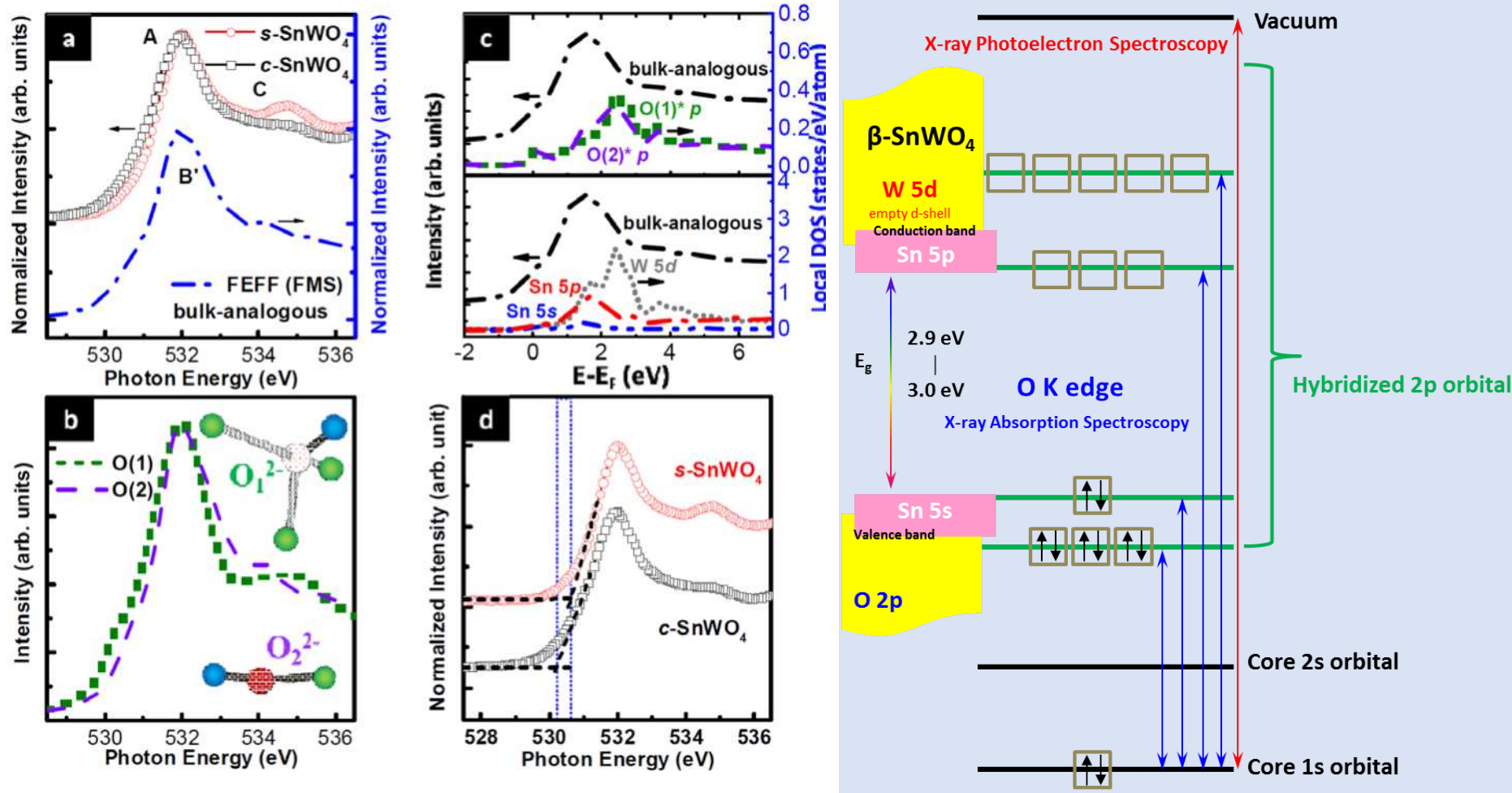
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XAS - W L₃-edge



absorber-backscatter pair	$N^{a,b}$	$R^{a,b}$ (Å)	$\sigma^{2a,b}$ (Å ²)
Spikecubic Shape			
W-O	4	1.780(1)	0.0010(2)
W-Sn(1)	2.1(9)	4.050(74)	0.0067(8)
W-Sn(2)	1.6(7)	4.240(66)	0.0043(59)
W-W	0.6(3)	4.540(24)	0.0010(59)
absorber-backscatter pair	$N^{a,b}$	$R^{a,b}$ (Å)	$\sigma^{2a,b}$ (Å ²)
Cubic Shape			
W-O	4	1.780(12)	0.0010(2)
W-Sn(1)	4.0(1.7)	4.080(35)	0.0147(40)
W-Sn(2)	0.9(4)	4.250(25)	0.0029(20)
W-W	0.5(4)	4.540(31)	0.0010(59)

XAS - O K-edge



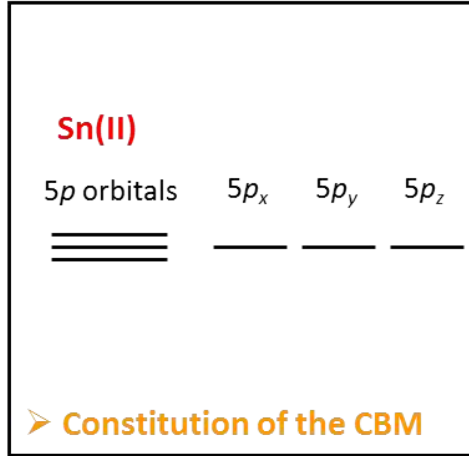
ab initio FMS computation

Full multiple scattering (FMS)

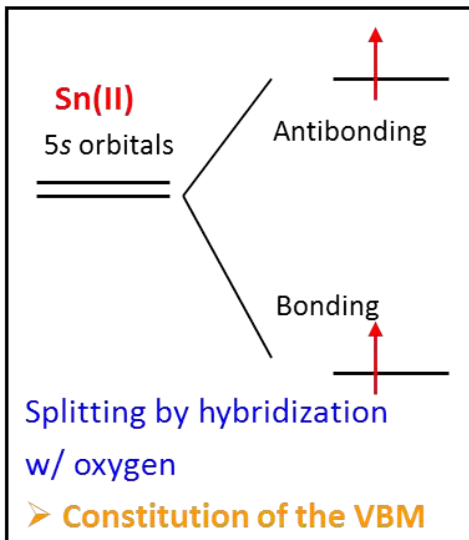
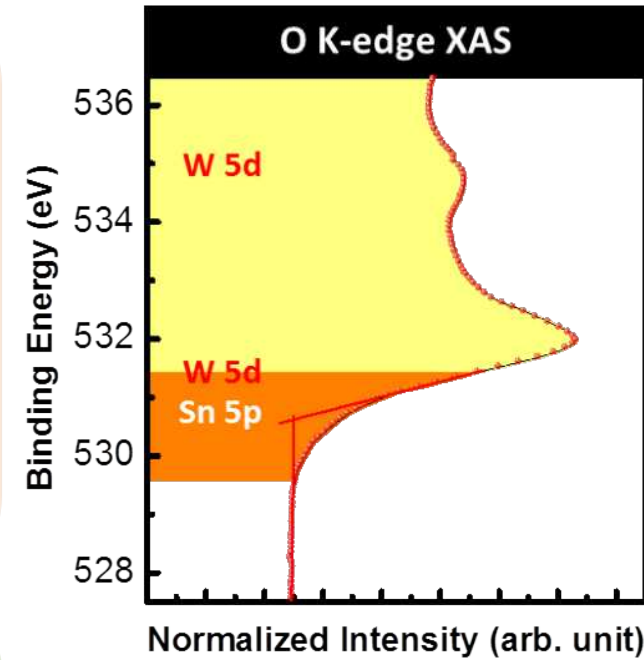
Enhanced SOFT and covalence effects account for band gap opening via the energy shift of CBM !

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Electronic Structure of β -SnWO₄

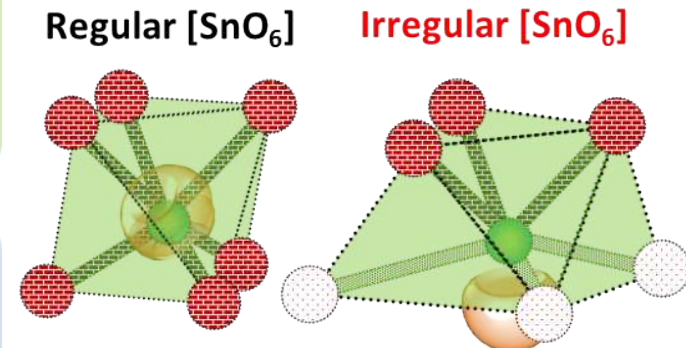


- The **localized Sn 5s lone pair** strongly favors a **second-order Jahn-Teller (SOJT) distortion** and results in a lower symmetry structure (**distorted [SnO₆]**).
- SOJT enables the Sn 5s and Sn 5p_z (CBM) states to mix in order to stabilize the antibonding state (VBM).
- **Elevation of CBM**
- **Increased band gap**

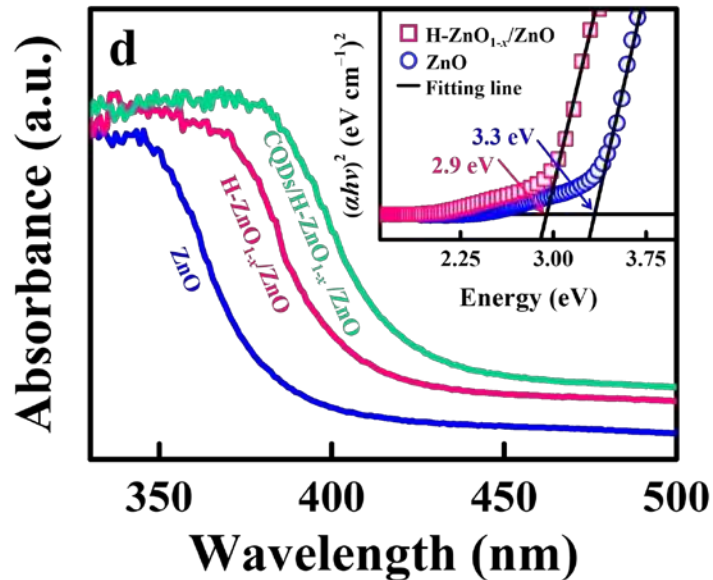
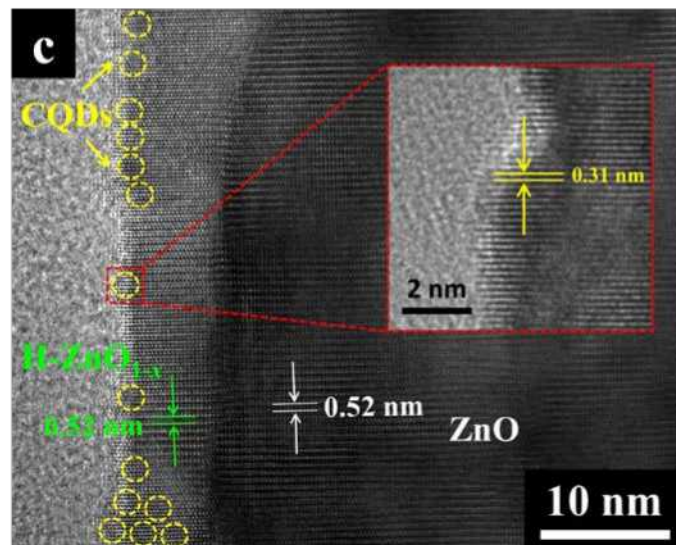
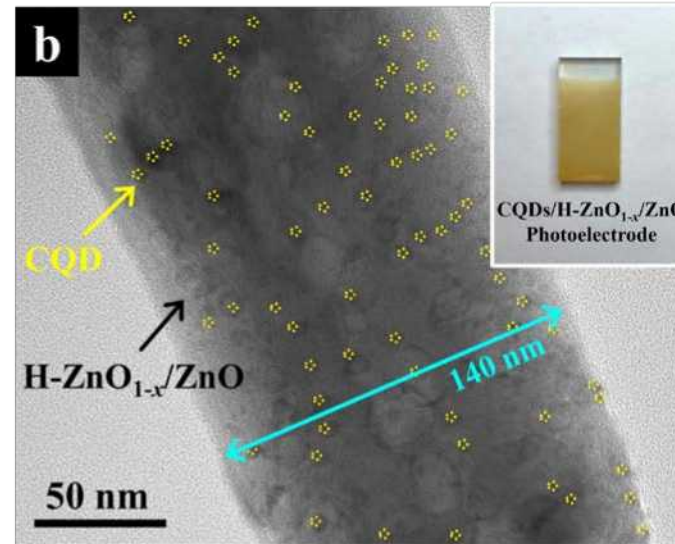
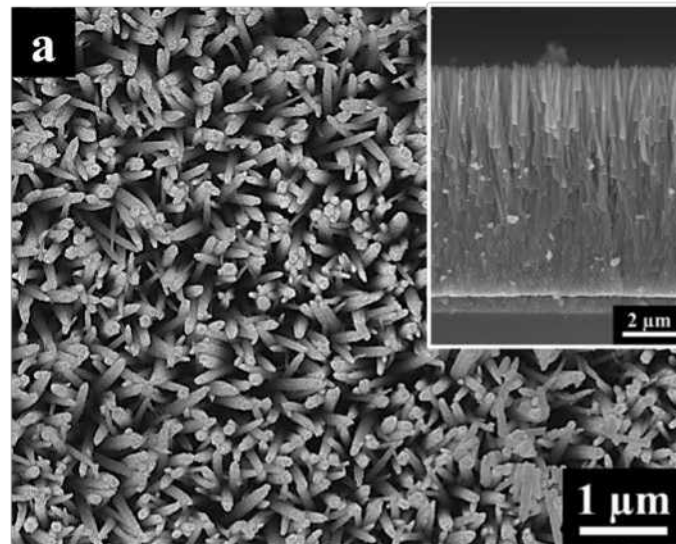


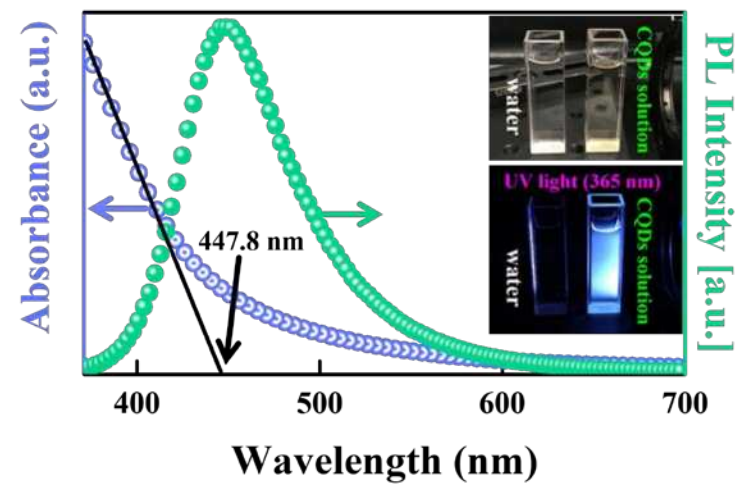
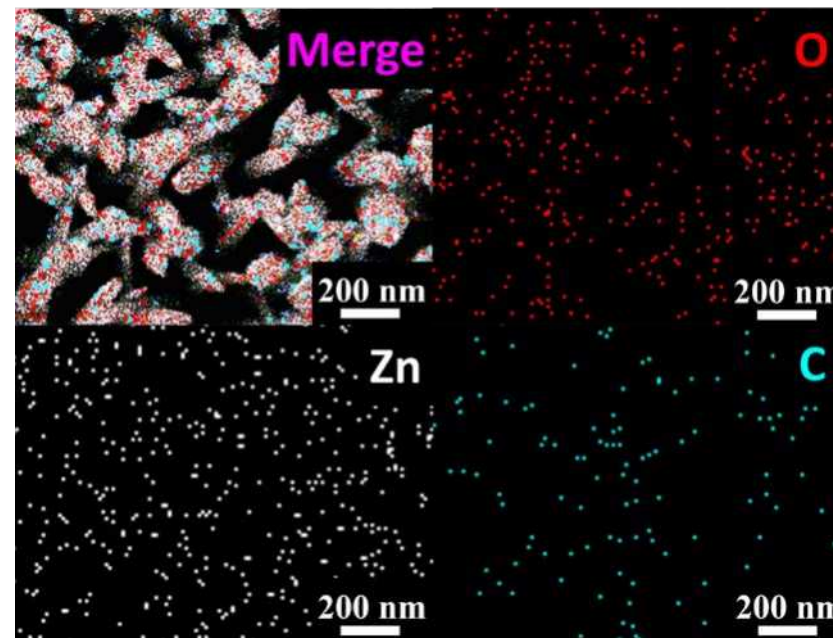
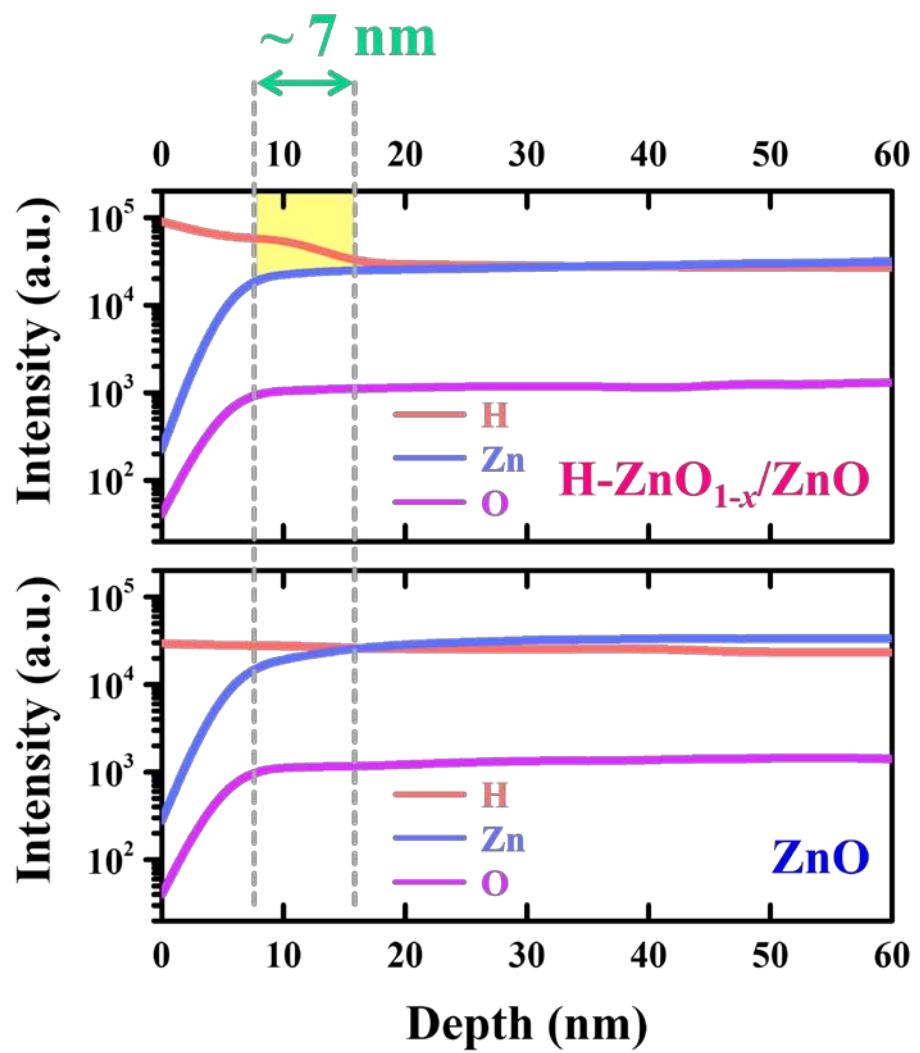
- One of the basic concepts of **molecular orbital theory** is that interactions where **both the bonding and antibonding levels are equally filled** have a **destabilizing influence**.

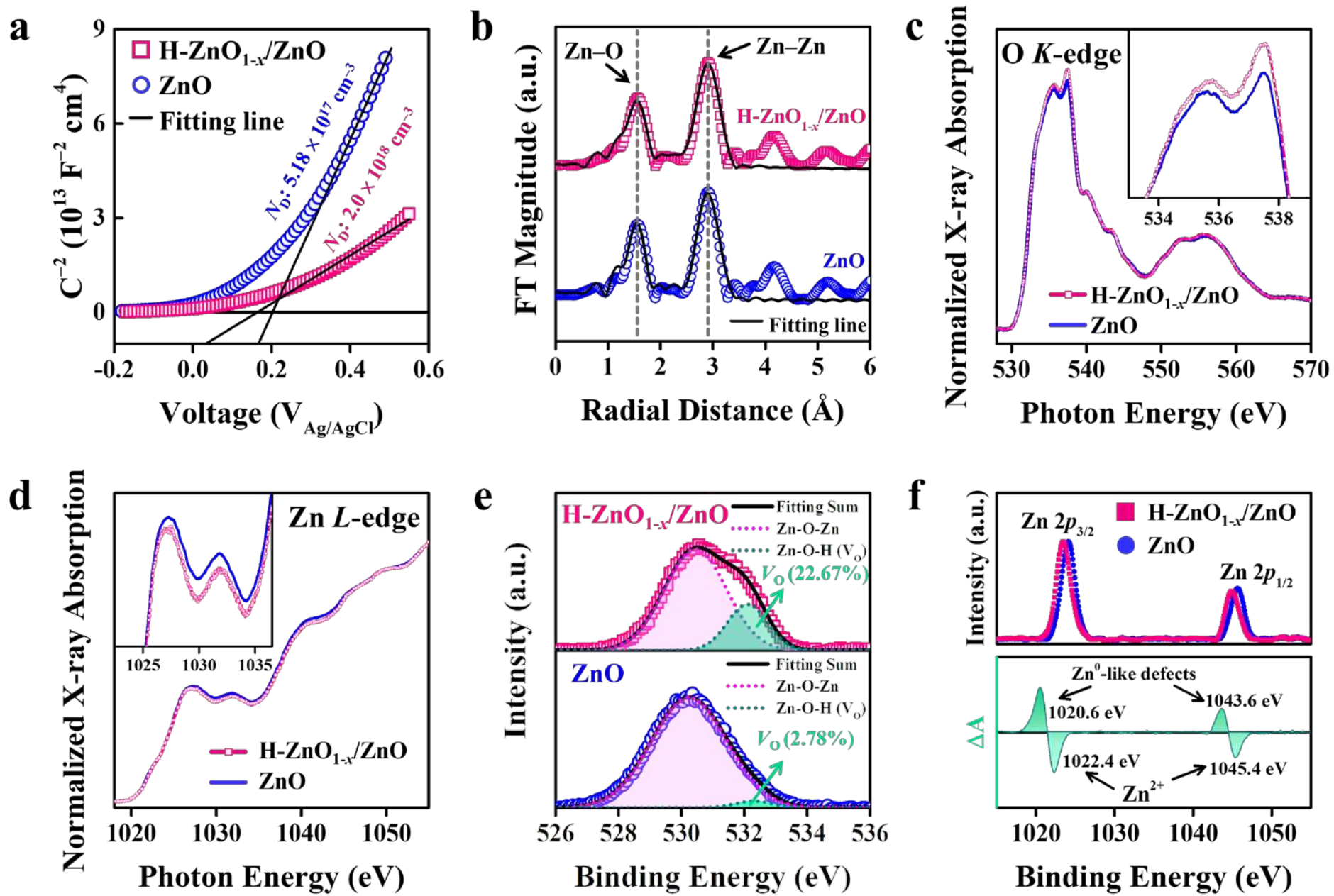
- The dependence of **hybridization** on **coordinated site symmetry**.
- **Symmetry** → **destabilized VBM**
- **Distortion** → **stabilized VBM**



Modeling and Synthesis of CQD/H-ZnO_{1-x}/ZnO Photoanodes



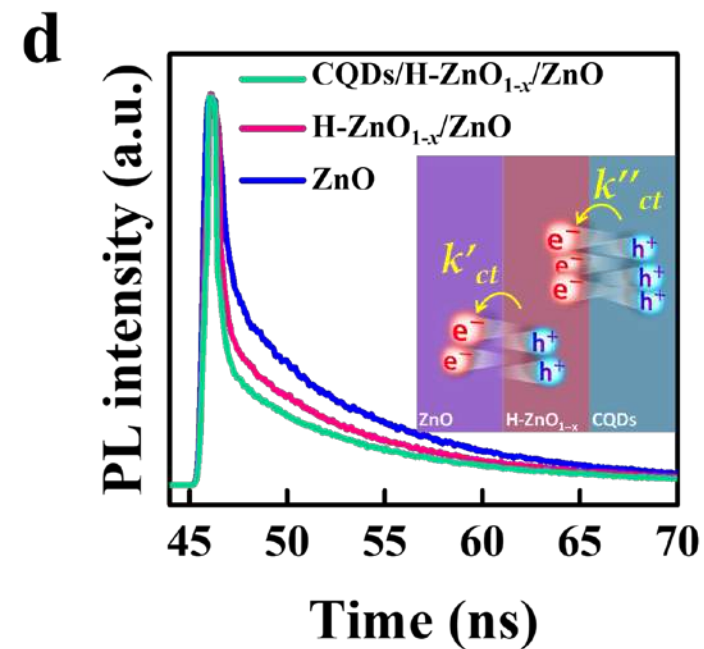
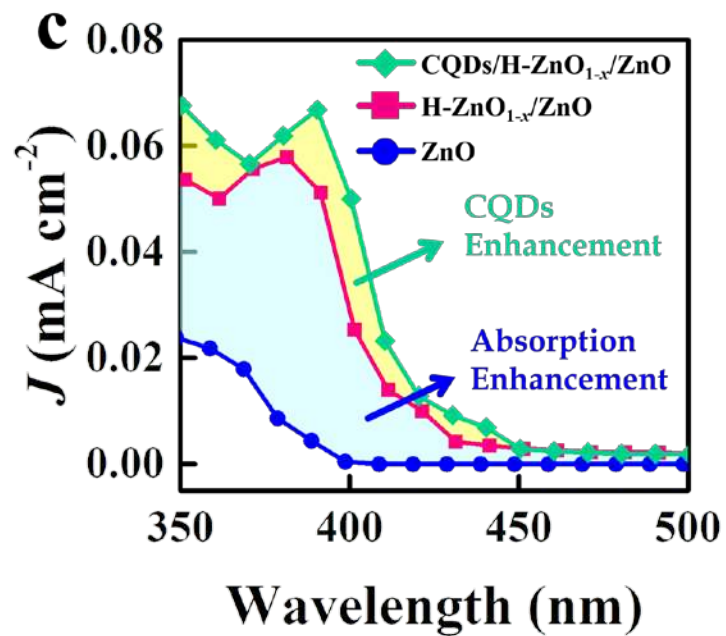
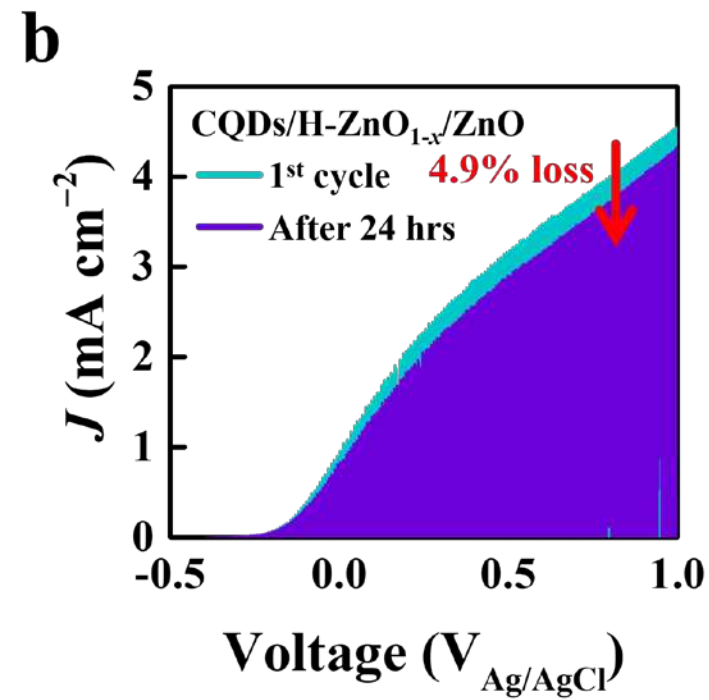
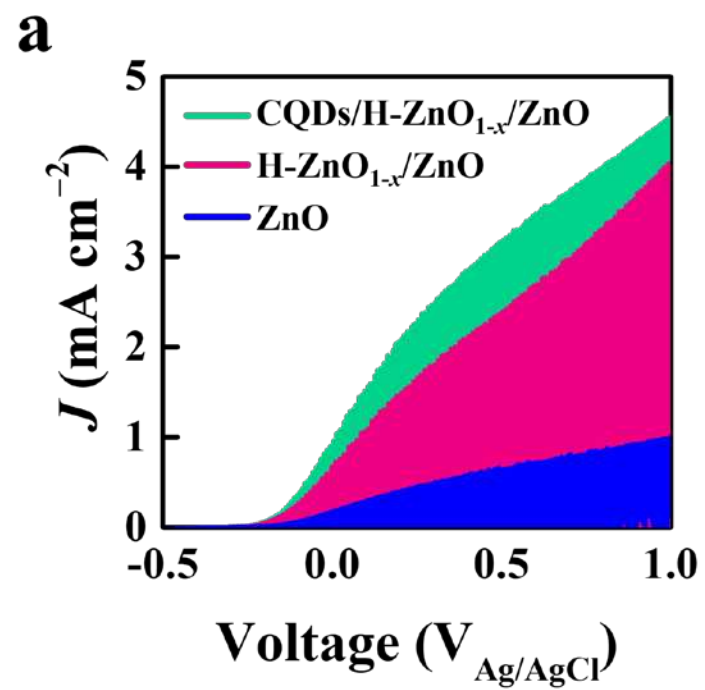


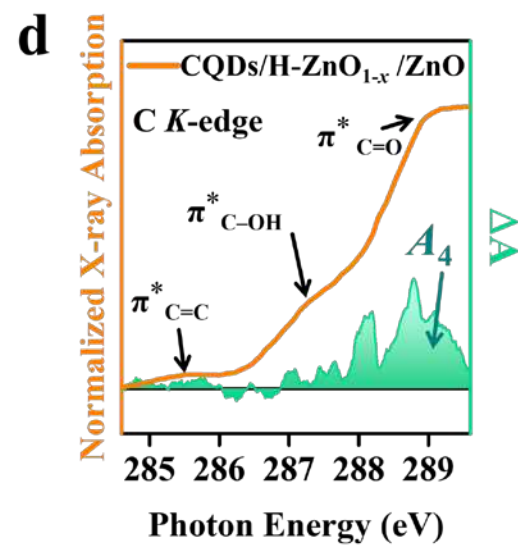
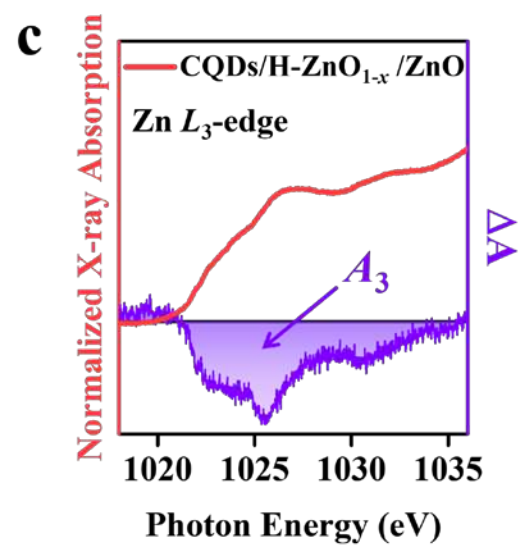
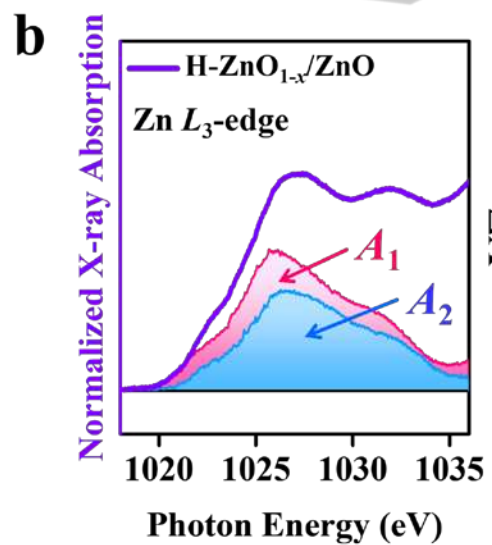
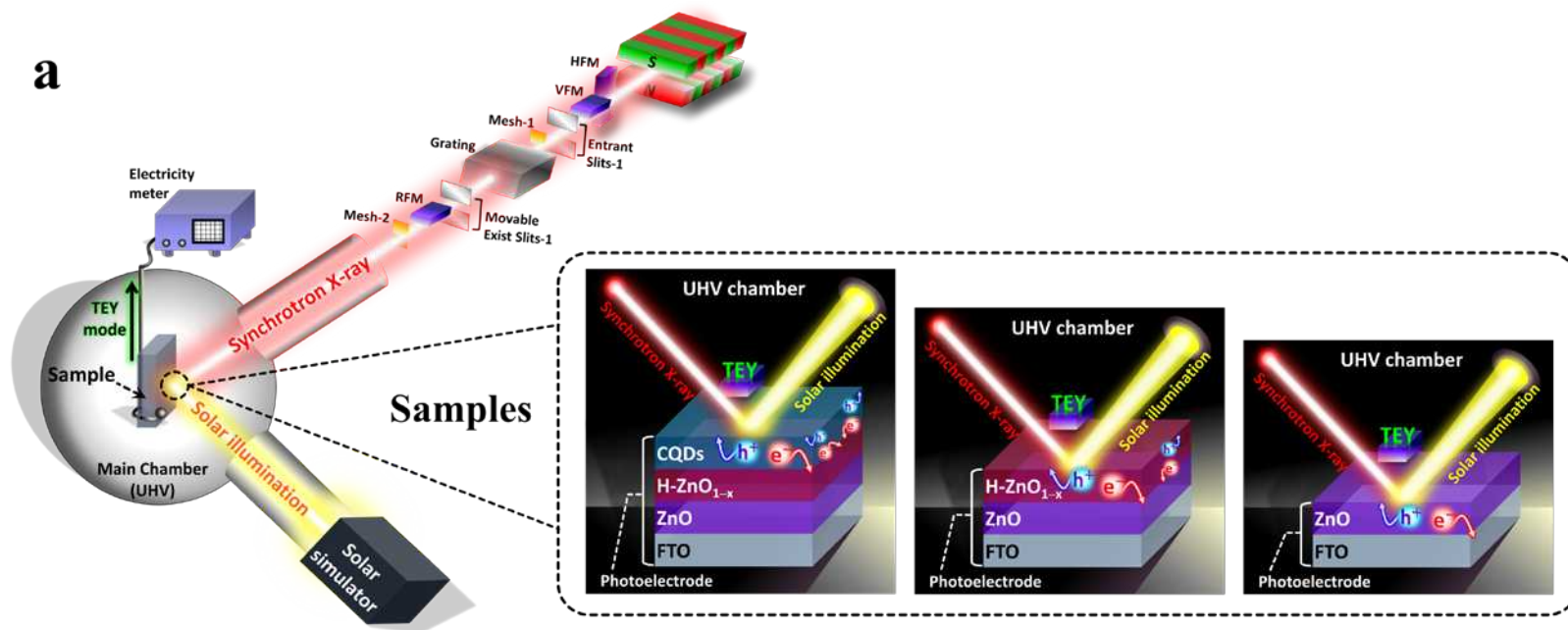


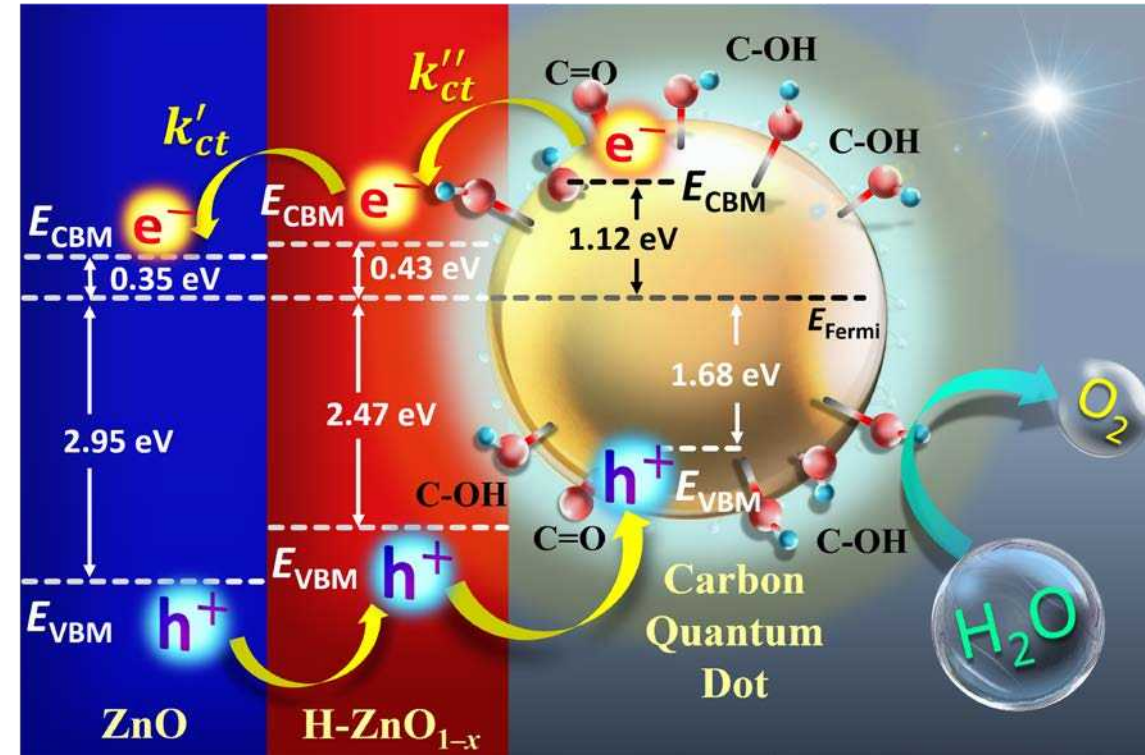
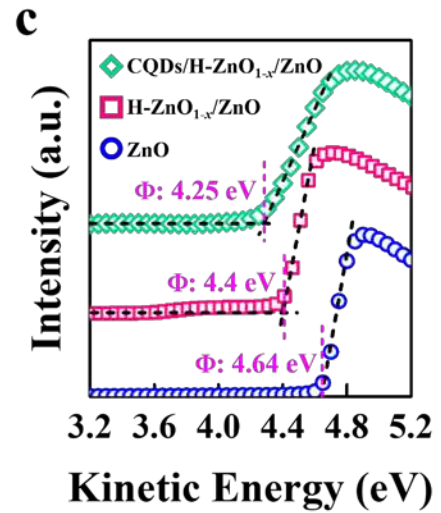
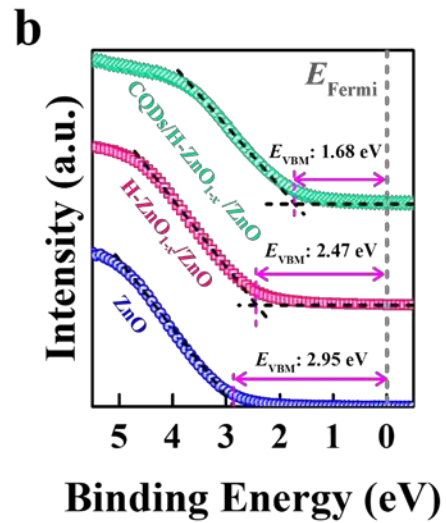
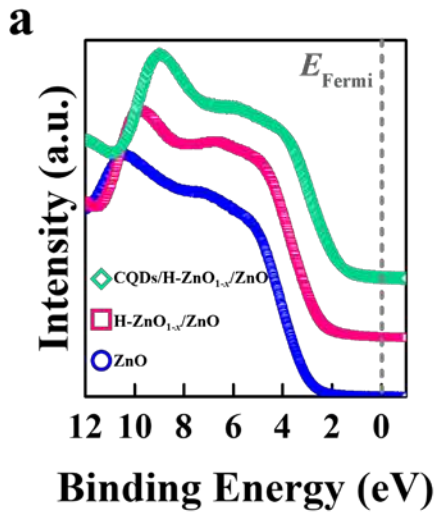
Summary of the FT-EXAFS fitting data for H-ZnO_{1-x}/ZnO and ZnO.

Sample	Path	CN ^a	R (Å) ^b	σ^2 (10 ⁻³ Å ²) ^c	ΔE_0 (eV) ^d
ZnO	Zn-O	3.6	1.9647	6.8	1.9221
	Zn-Zn	11.0	3.2285	10	-1.2996
H-ZnO _{1-x} /ZnO	Zn-O	3.2	1.9647	7.0	1.9888
	Zn-Zn	10.9	3.2285	11	-1.3873

*The effective parameters for EXAFS fitting includes coordination number (CN)^a, interatomic distance (R)^b, Debye-Waller factor (σ^2)^c, and potential correction ΔE_0 ^d. Typically, ZnO with wurtzite structure was used as the model of EXAFS fitting, where Zn is coordinated with 4 O atoms (Zn-O path, first shell) and second near-neighbor 12 Zn atoms (Zn-Zn, second shell). The k^3 -weight EXAFS data was fit in k -space in the region of 2.0-12.5 Å⁻¹ with Hanning-shaped window. The R -space with the range of 1.0-3.6 Å to fit all the EXAFS data. All samples were fit simultaneously, yielding a normalized sum of squared residuals [R-factor = $\sum(\text{data-fit})^2 / \sum \text{data}^2$] of 0.02 (2%). The amplitude reduction factor S_0^2 is defined at 1 to fit all samples for Zn K -edge.

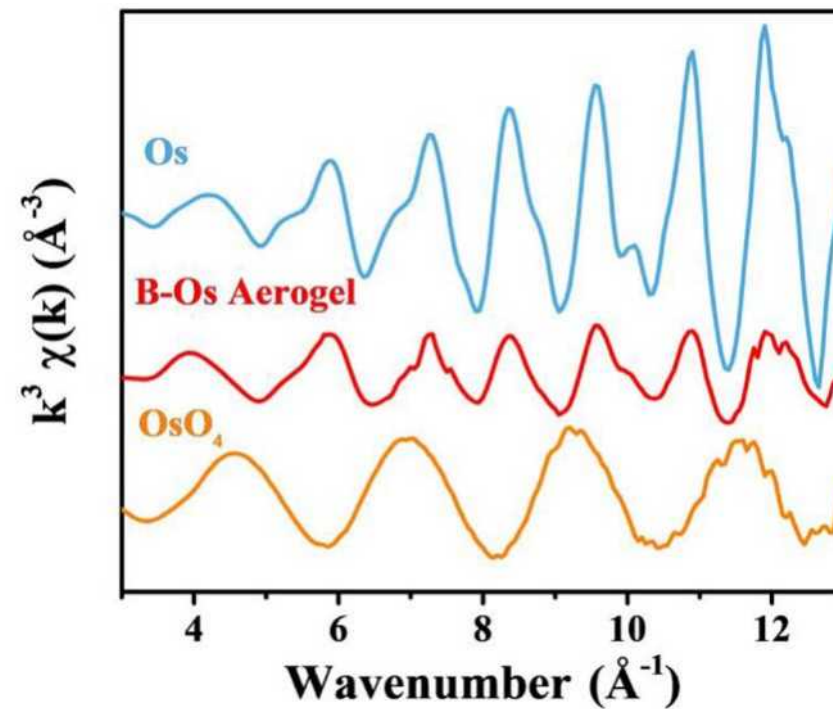
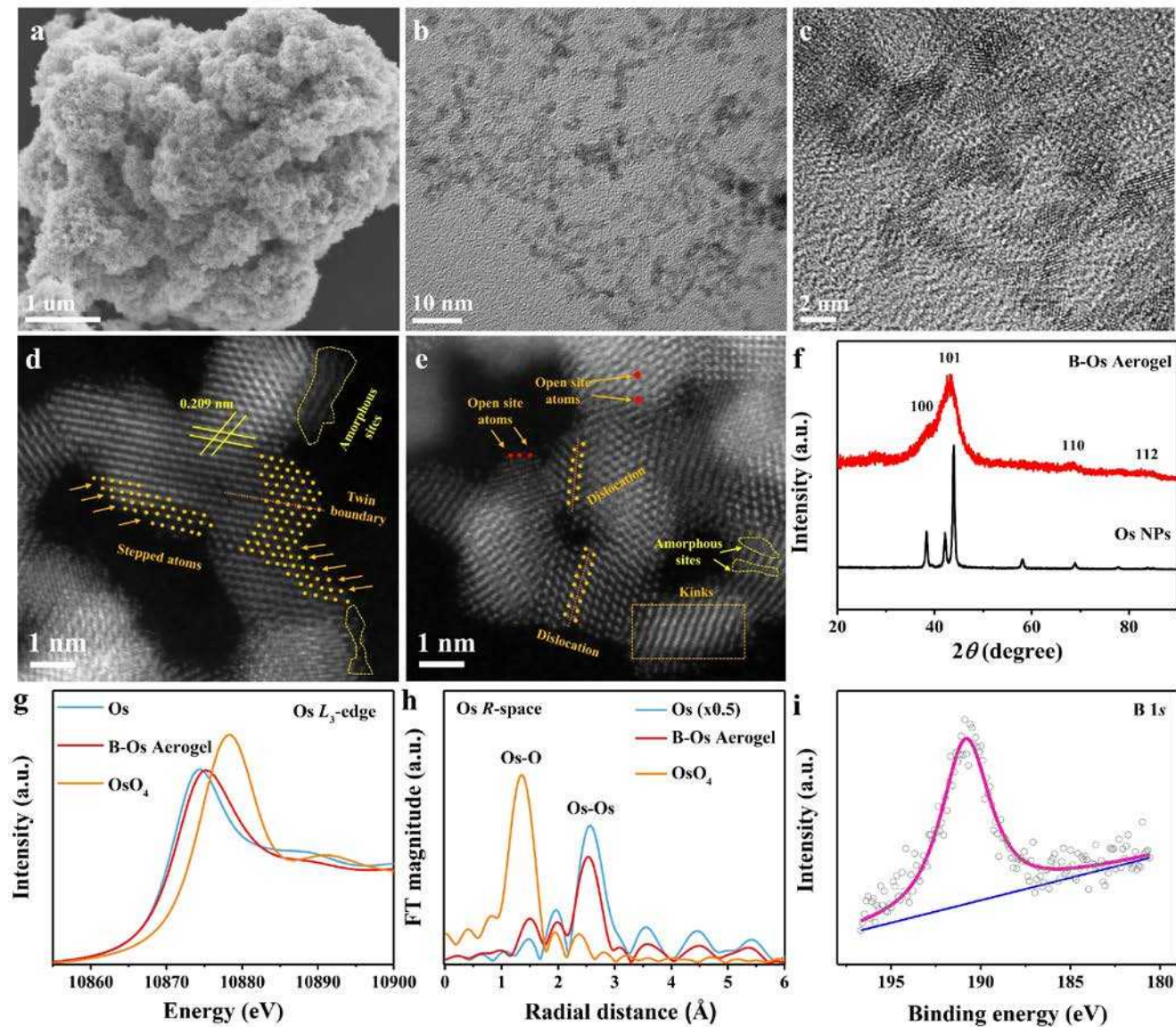


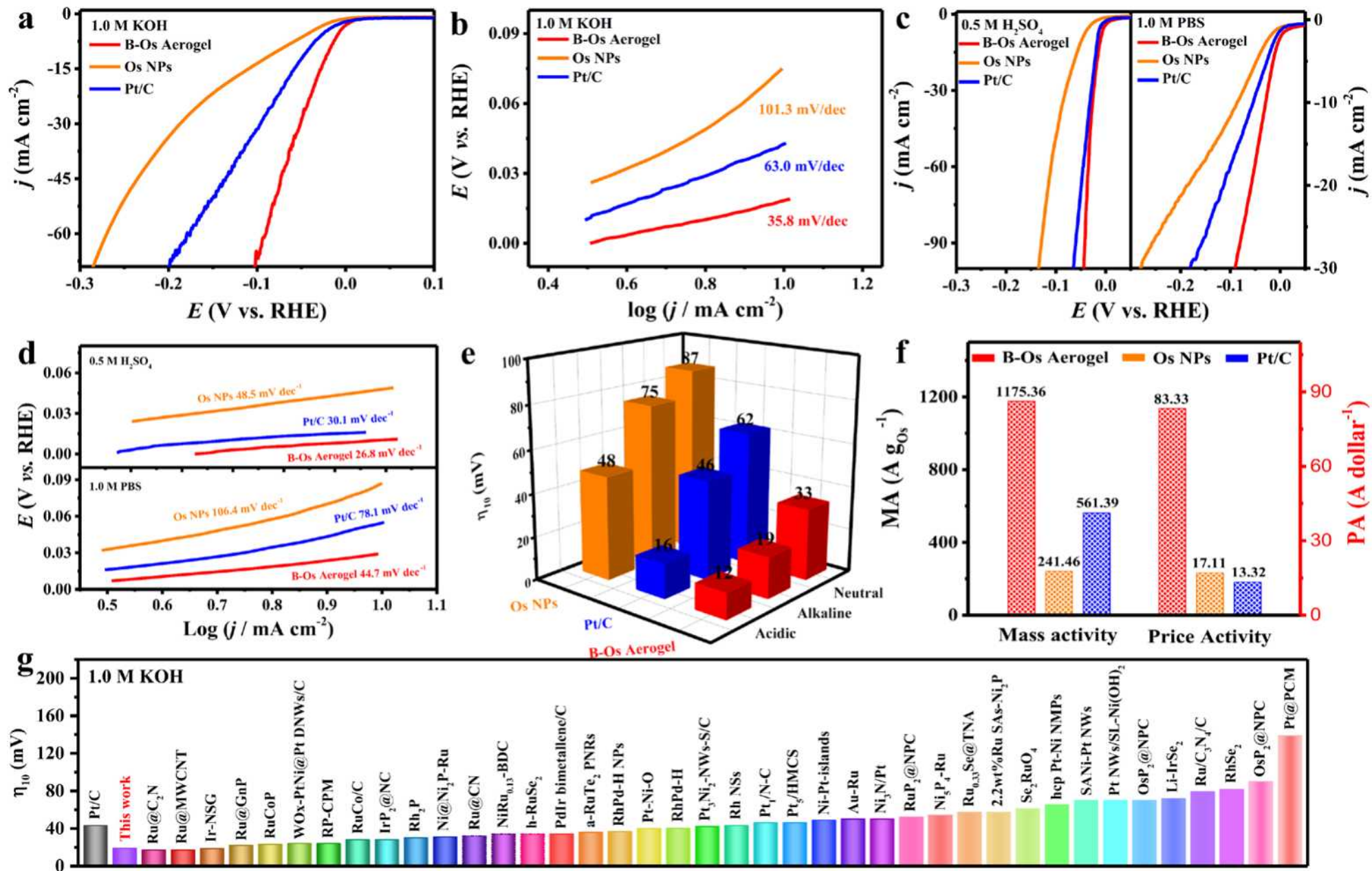


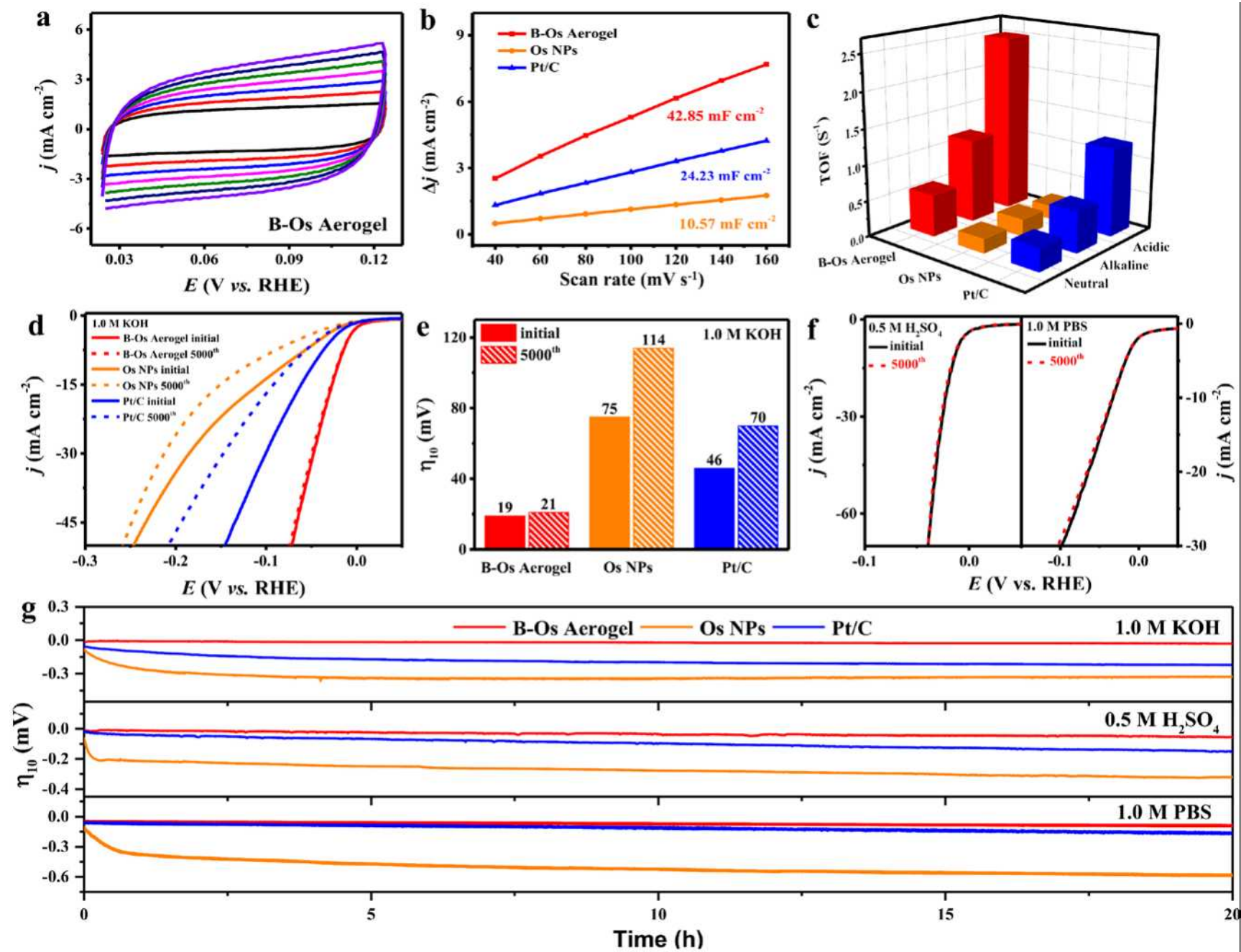


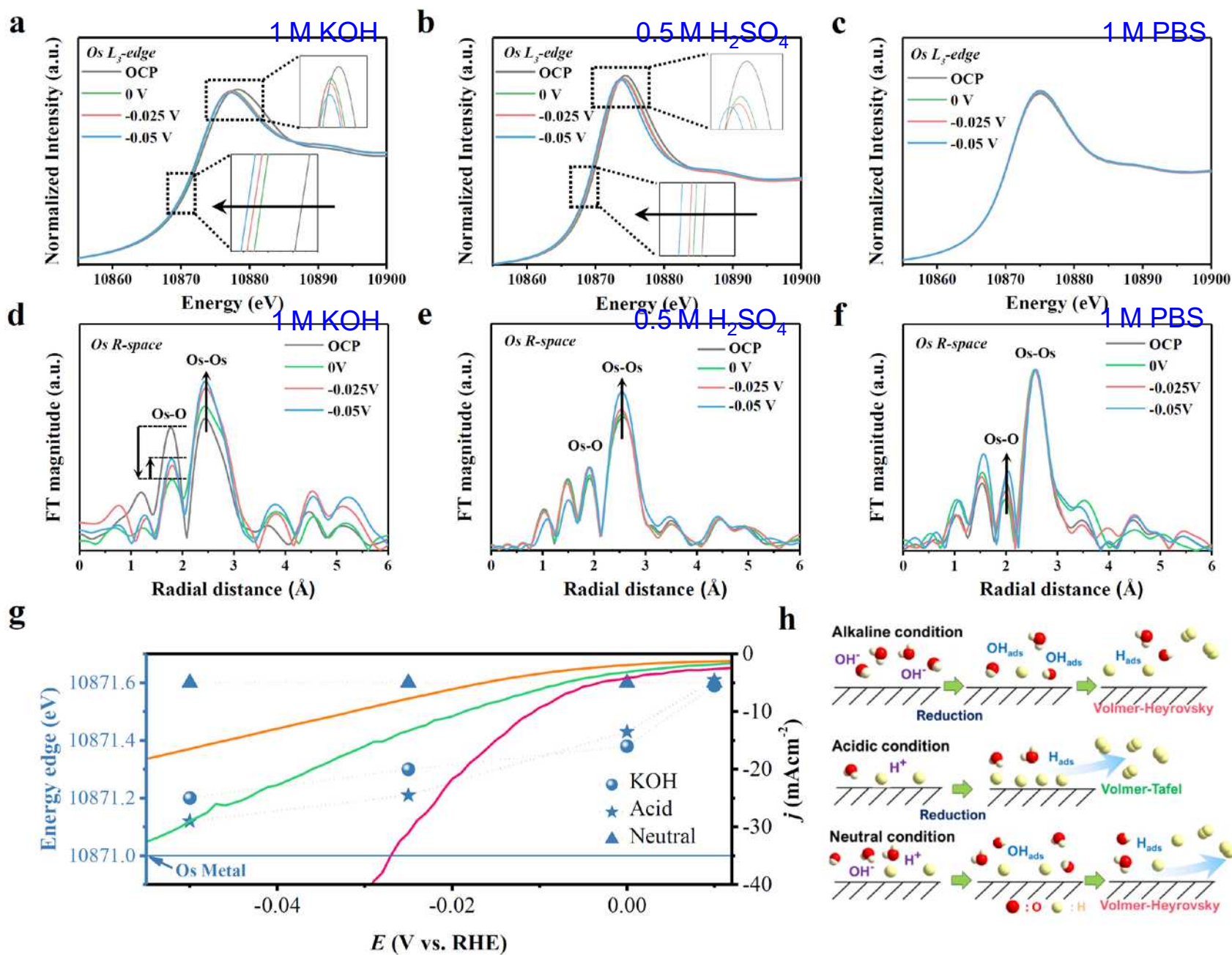
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Boron-Triggered Electronic-Structure Reorientation of Os for hydrogen evolution reaction (HER)

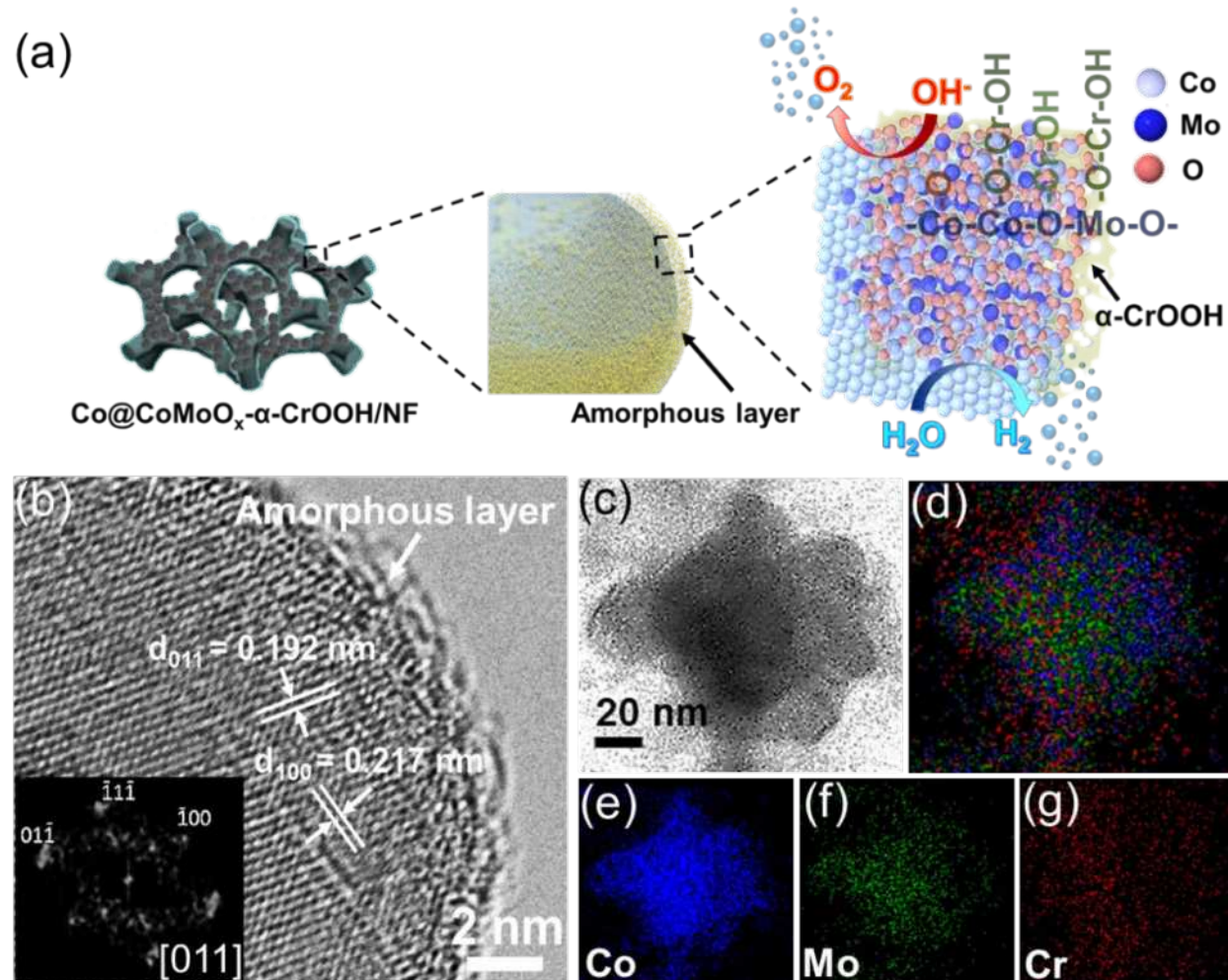


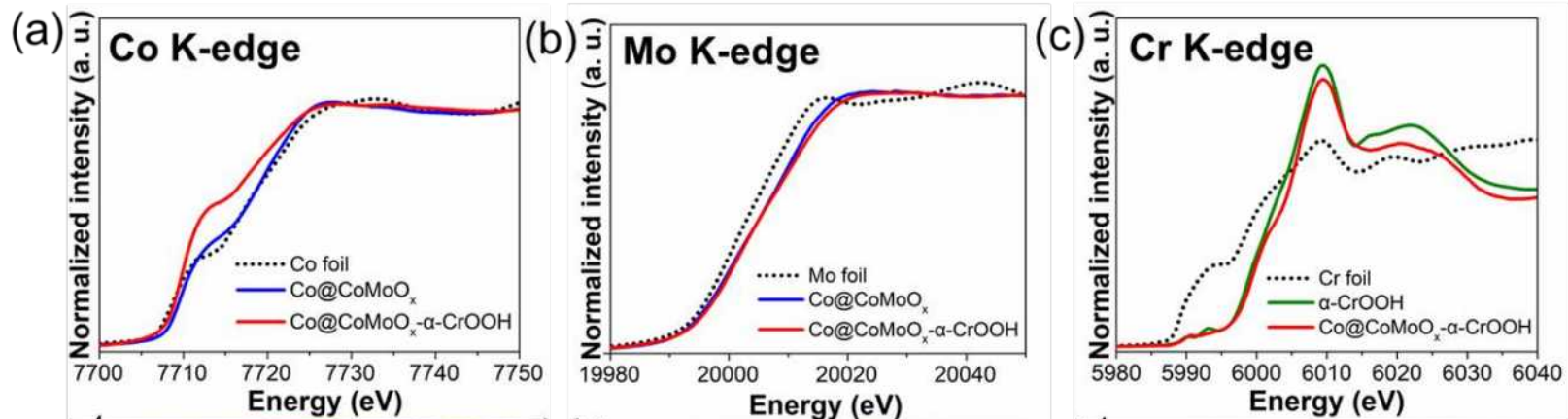




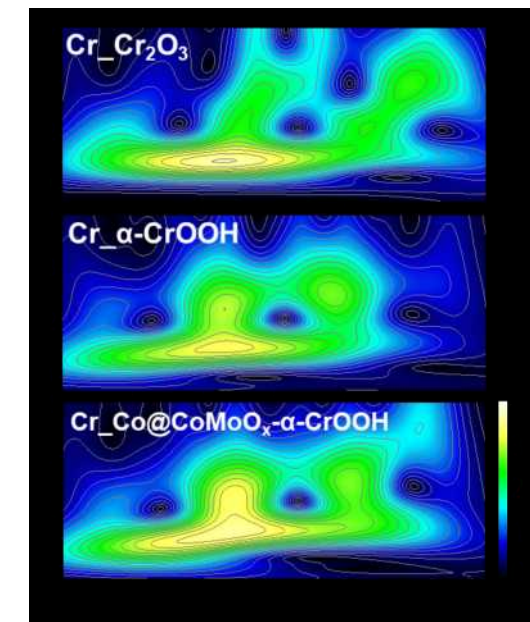
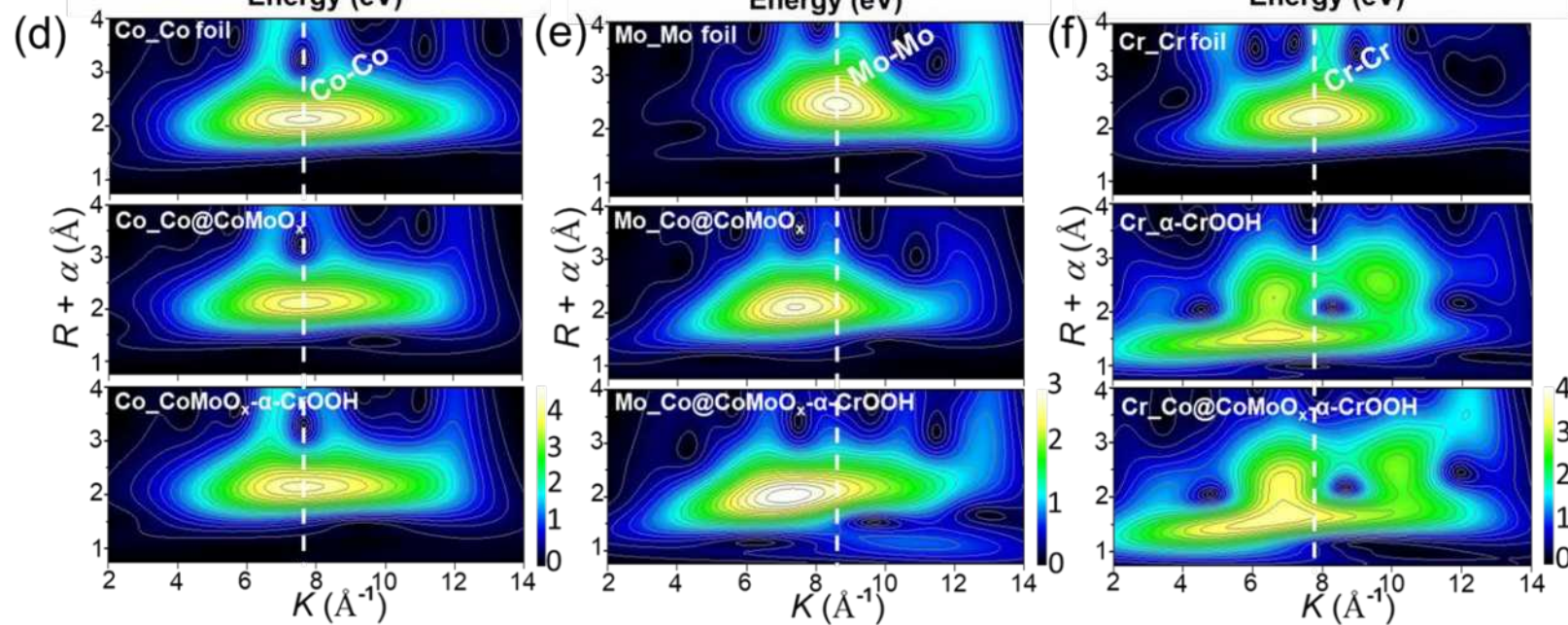


α -CrOOH-modulated Co@CoMoO_x for overall water splitting



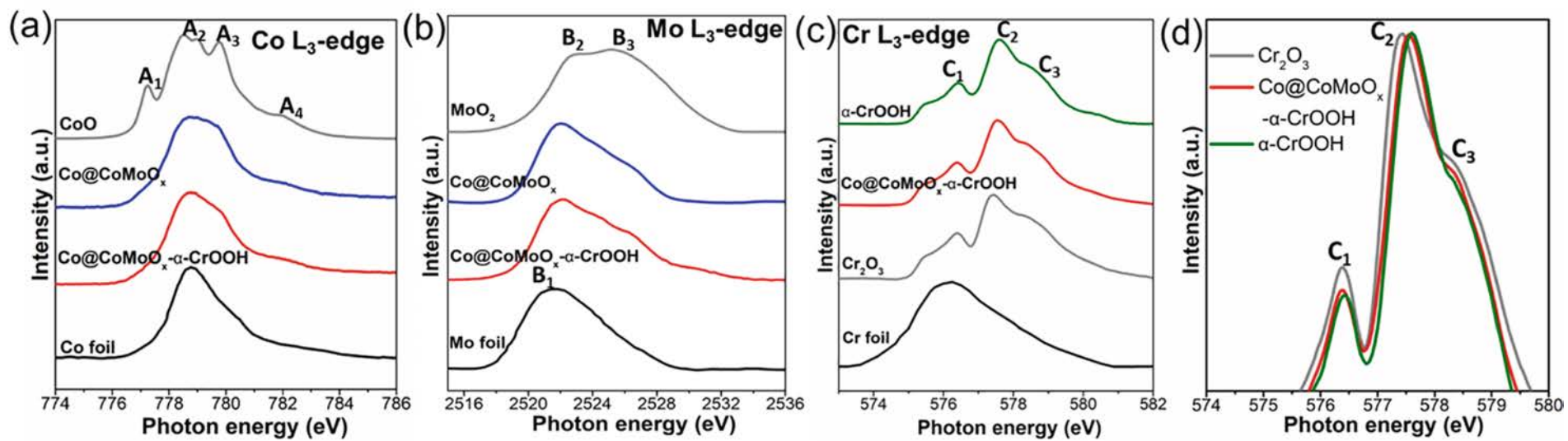


Co : Low oxidation
Mo : High oxidation
Cr : distorted octahedral symmetry



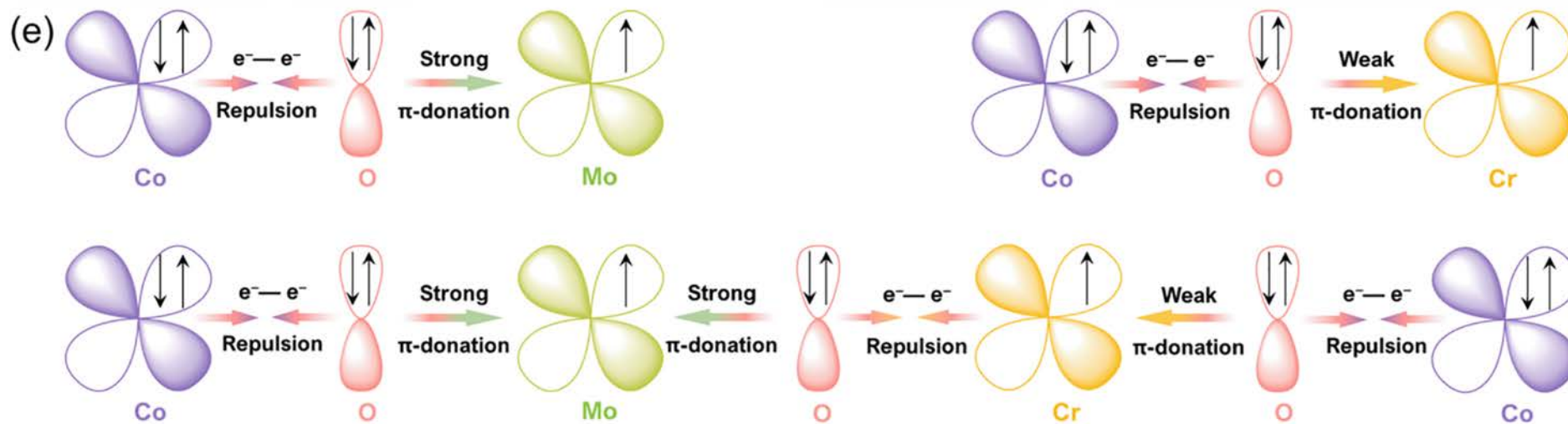
Wavelet transform
Maxi. Intensity : Mo-Co-O interaction

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Co : $\text{Co}^0 + \text{Co}^{2+}$
 Mo : High oxidation
 Cr : $\alpha\text{-CrOOH}$

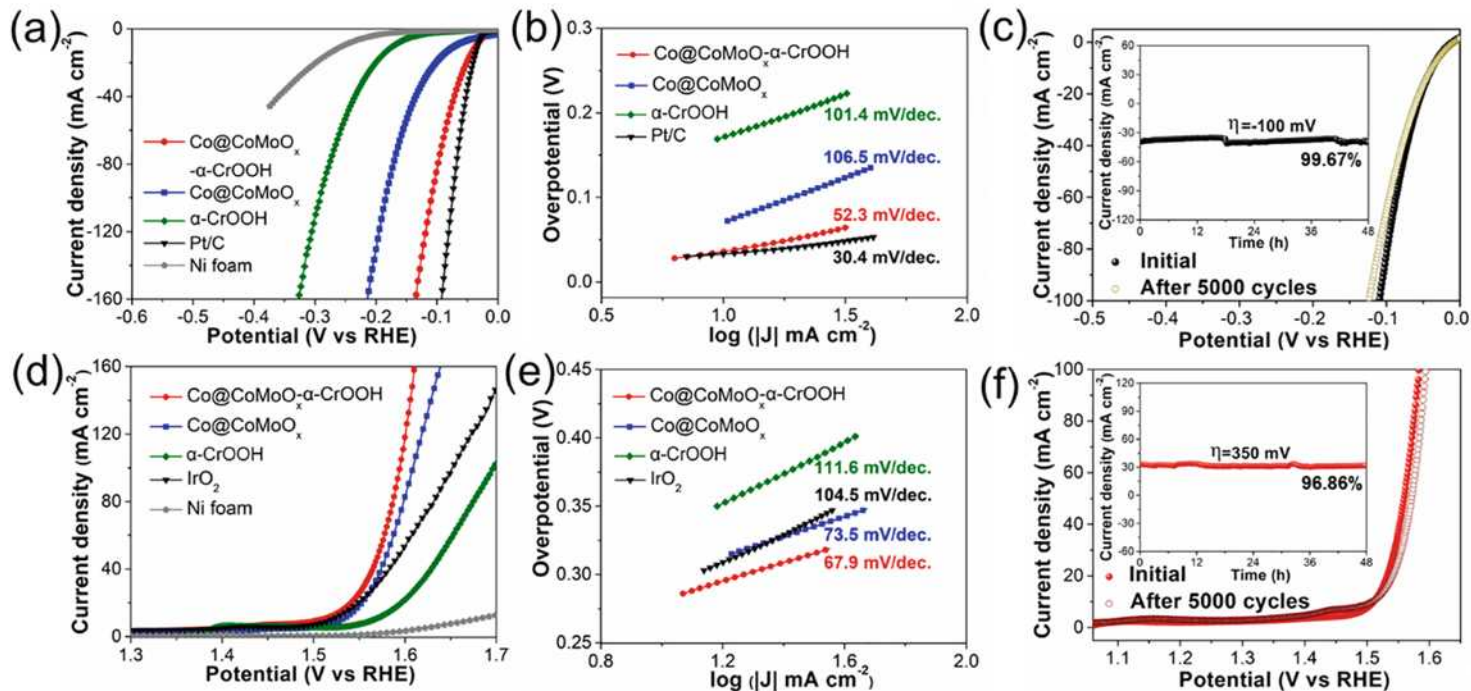
B2 : $2p\text{-}4d\ t_{2g}$
 B3 : $2p\text{-}4d\ e_g$



Electronic coupling /interaction
 → More e^- to Mo
 → redistribution

Co^{2+} : $t_{2g}^6 3d^7 (t_{2g}^6 e_g^1)$ orbital ; fully occupied
 Cr^{3+} , Mo^{4+} and Mo^{6+} : $3d^3 (t_{2g}^3 e_g^0)$, $4d^2 (t_{2g}^2 e_g^0)$ and $4d^0 (t_{2g}^0 e_g^0)$
 Cr & Mo : unpaired e^- in t_{2g}
 ↑ electron donation of π -symmetry → e^- from Co to **Cr and Mo**

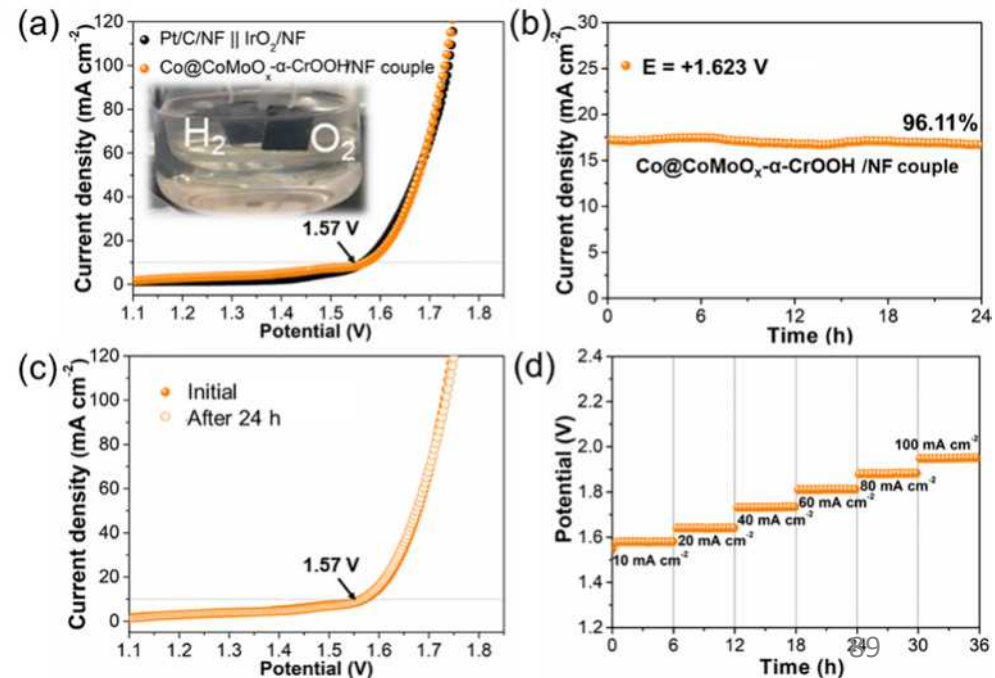
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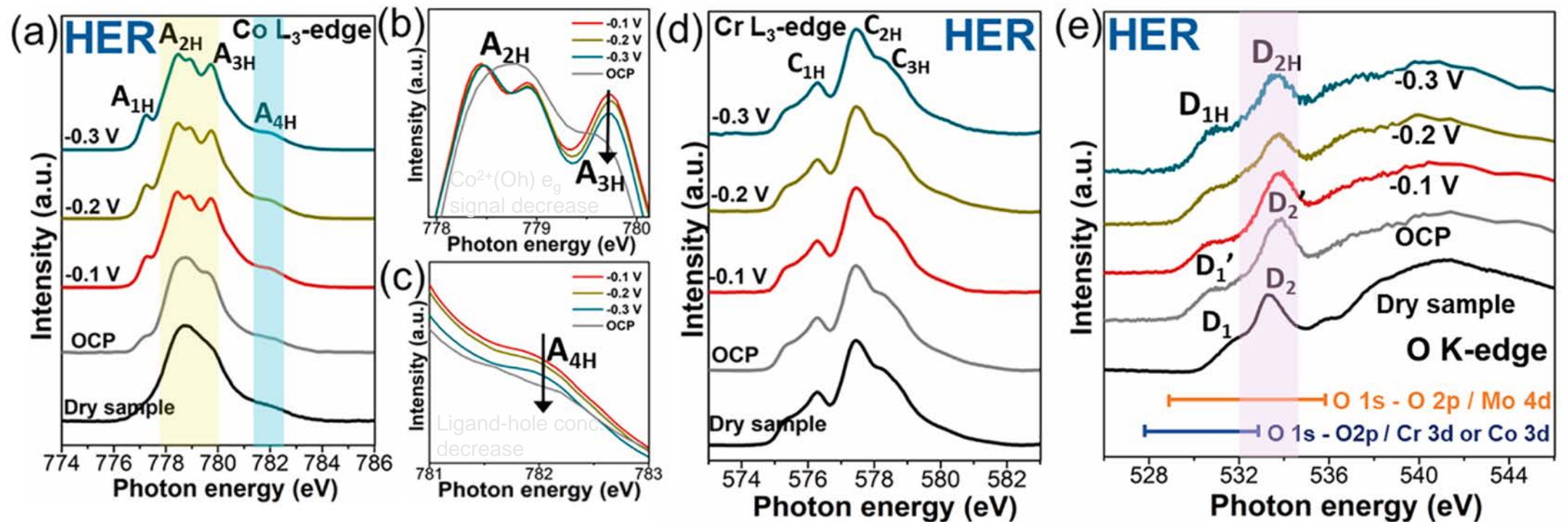


HER : 36 mV@ η_{10} vs Pt/C 33 mV@ η_{10}
Fixed potential -100 mV for 48 h
OER : 278 mV@ η_{10} vs IrO₂ 289 mV@ η_{10}
Fixed potential 350 mV for 48 h

Two-electrode full cell
1.570 and 1.731 V at current densities 10 and 100 mA cm⁻²
Pt/C/ NF || IrO₂/NF
1.566 V and 1.738 V at current densities 10 and 100 mA cm⁻²

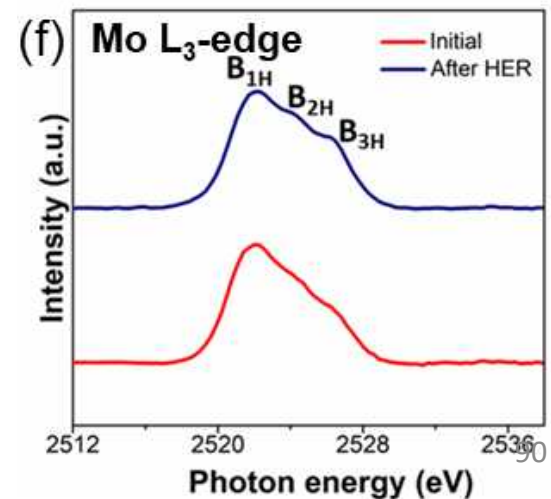
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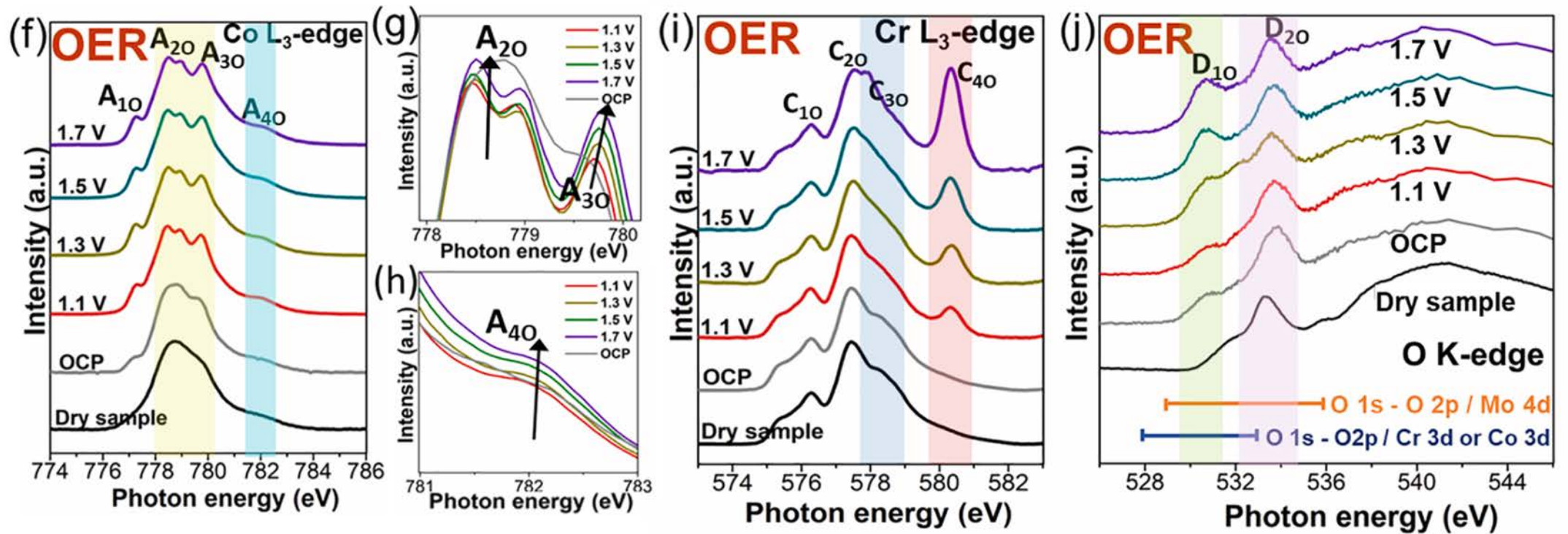




Co : Dry \rightarrow Co(OH)₂ (@OCP) \rightarrow slight reduction
 Mo : Intensified B_{2H}(*e_g*) , B_{3H}(*t_{2g}*) \rightarrow Increased valence
 \rightarrow adsorption of H* intermediates
 Cr : No obvious change
 O : D₂-D_{2'} \uparrow \rightarrow Co(OH)₂ (@OCP)
 D_{2'} \downarrow \rightarrow -OH bond breaking

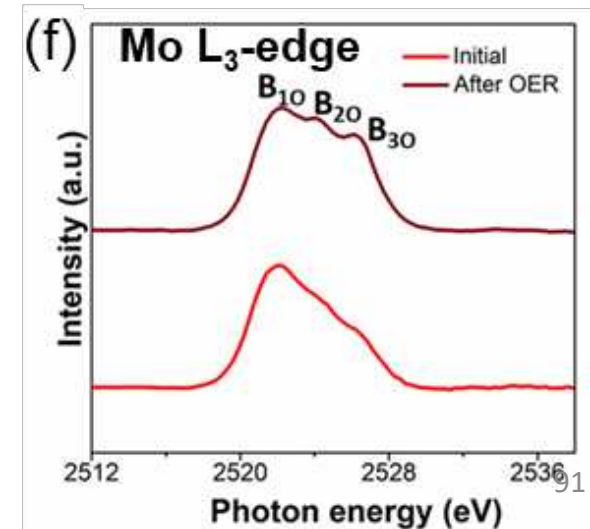
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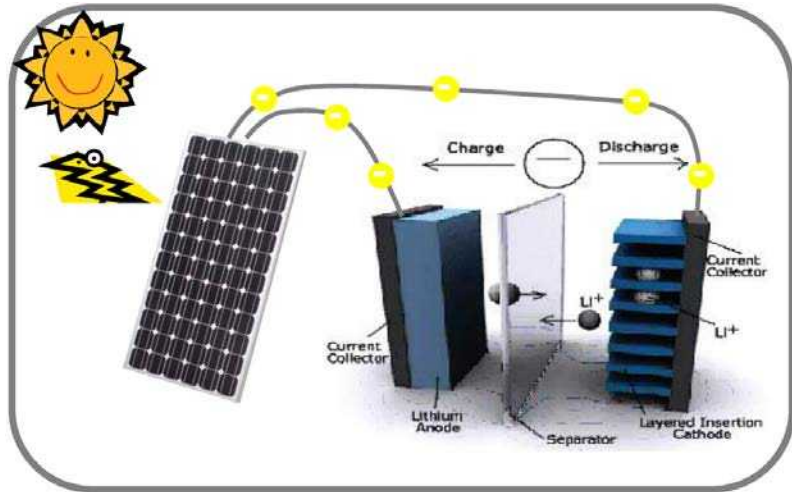
Co : Intensified and edge-shifted for A₃₀ & A₄₀ → Co³⁺ (CoOOH)
 Mo : Intensified B₂₀ and B₃₀ → Increased valence (Mo⁴⁺ and Mo⁶⁺)
 → e_g⁰ orbitals can form stronger binding with oxygen species
 Cr : Cr³⁺ → Cr⁶⁺
 O : signal D₁₀ ↑ → Cr⁶⁺/Co³⁺/Mo⁴⁺/Mo⁶⁺ ↑

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Energy Storage Device

Reliable Electrochemical Energy Storage for Alternative Energy

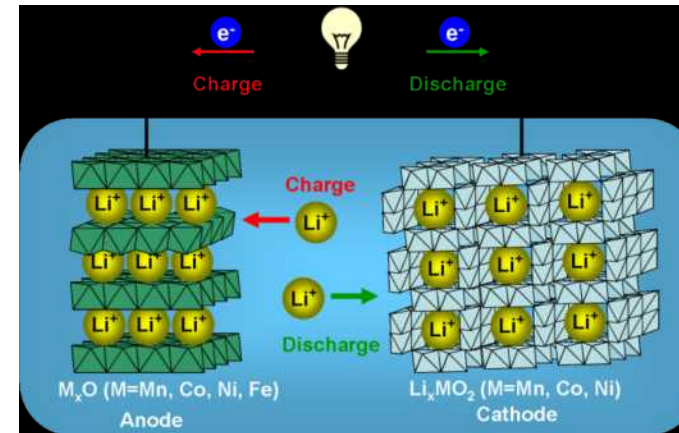
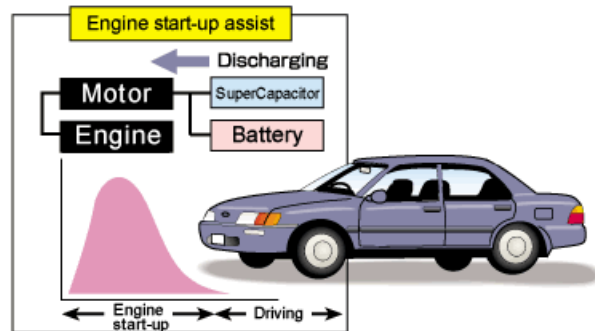


Energy storage devices are “charged” when they absorb energy, either directly from renewable generation devices or indirectly from the electricity grid.

They “discharge” when they deliver the stored energy back into the grid.

Charge and discharge normally require power conversion devices, to transform electrical energy (AC or DC) into a different form of electrical, thermal, mechanical or chemical energy.

Automobile engine start-up assist

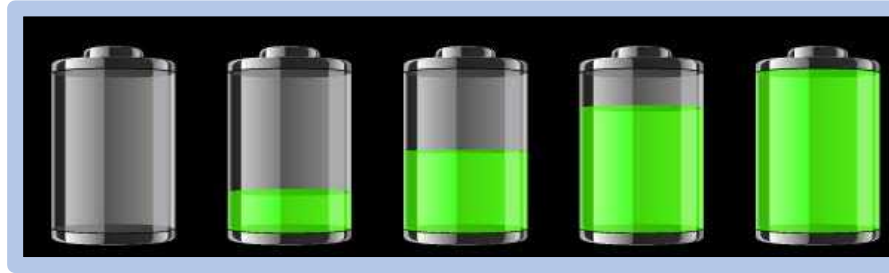


Electron storage device

- Supercapacitor
- Lithium battery

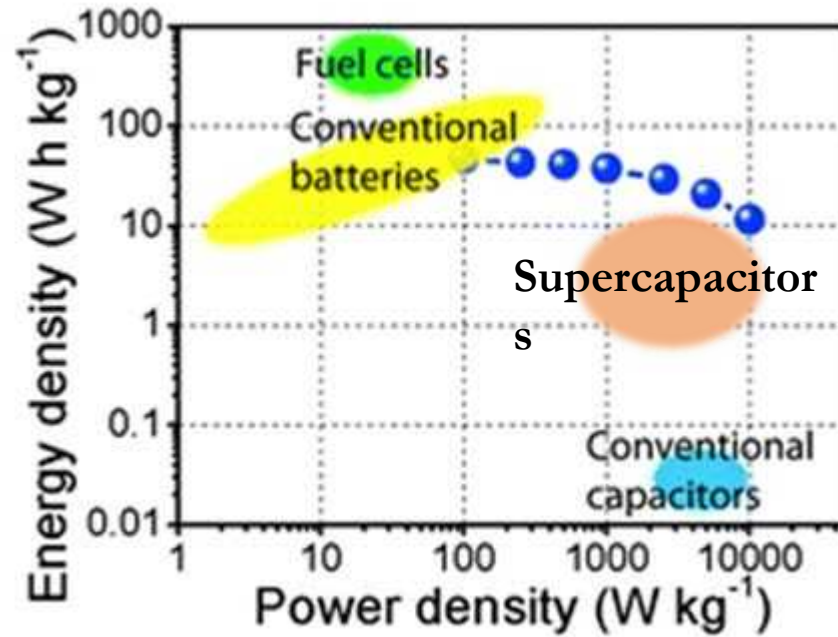
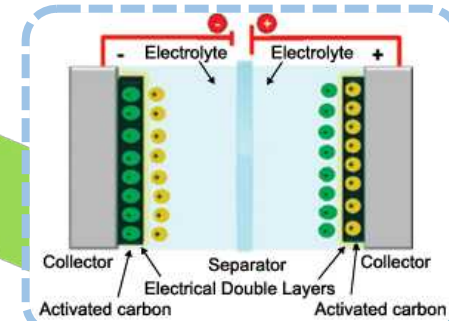
Energy storage is one of the key challenges we face in the 21st century

Energy Storage



Battery

Capacitor

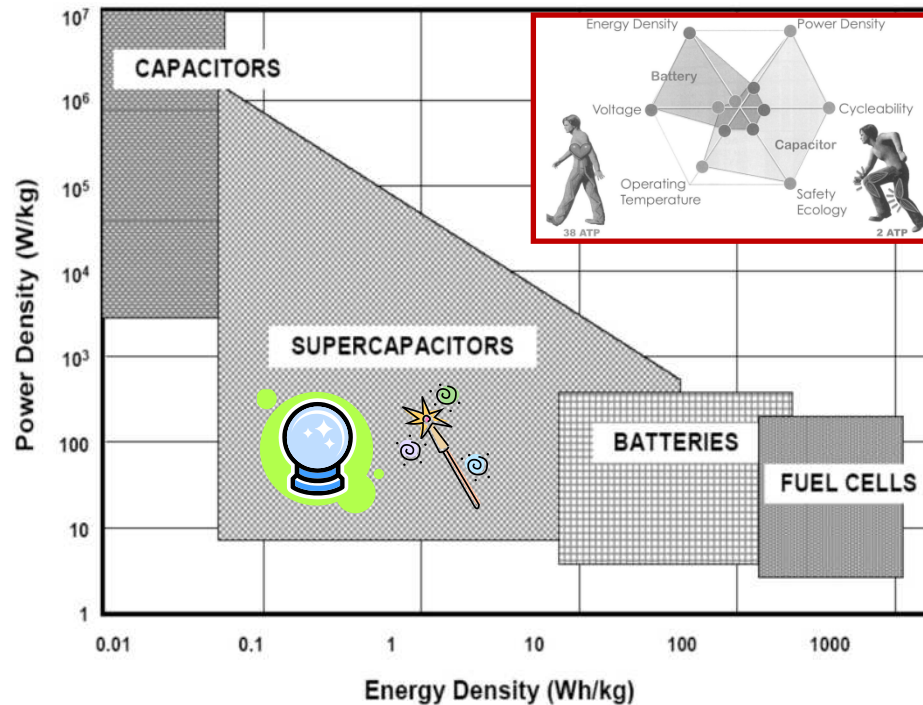


Ragone plots

Supercapacitors bridge between batteries and conventional capacitors

Energy – the capacity to do work

Power – how fast the energy is delivered



Supercapacitors are able to attain greater energy densities while still maintaining the high power density of conventional capacitors.

Supercapacitors are a potentially versatile solution to a variety of emerging energy applications based on their ability to achieve a wide range of energy and power density.

Obviously We can't invent a giant energy storage device to solve the storage problem

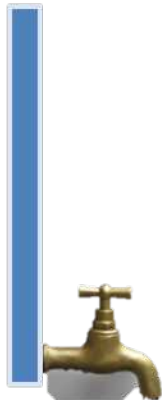
But we can make tradeoffs to optimize performance for a given application and we can continue to make innovative breakthroughs

Capacitor vs. Supercapacitor vs. Battery

Capacitor



- Low Energy Density
- Very High Power Density



- Small Volume
- High Pressure
- Large Tap

Supercapacitor



- Moderate Energy Density
- High Power Density



- Moderate Volume
- Moderate Pressure
- Moderate Tap

Battery



- High Energy Density
- Low Power Density

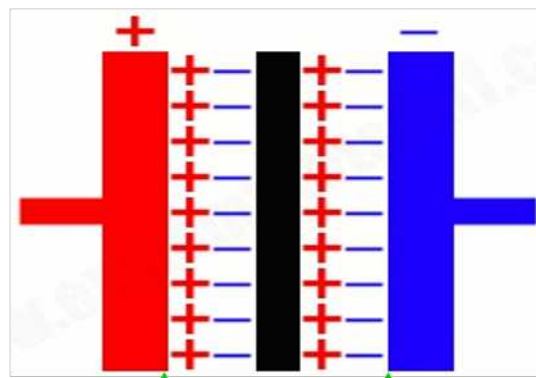
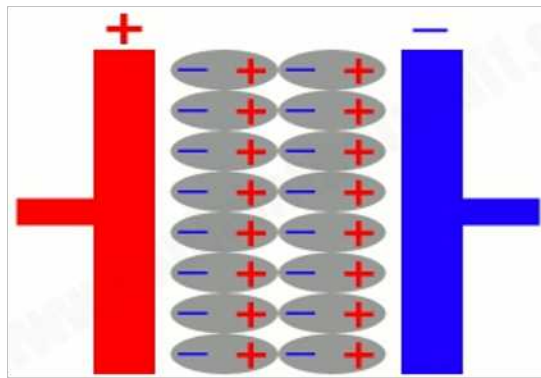
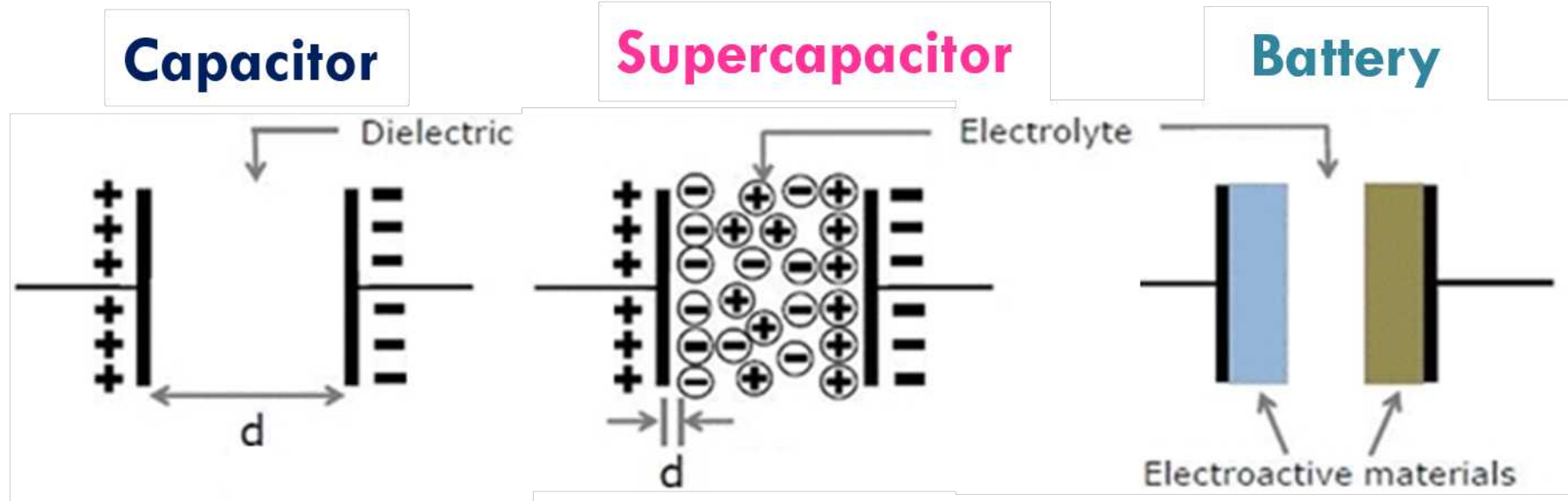


- Large Volume
- Small Pressure
- Small Tap

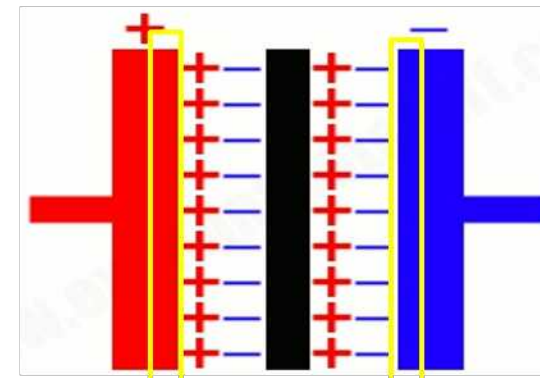
Capacitor vs. Supercapacitor vs. Battery

	BATTERY	SUPERCAPACITOR	CAPACITOR
Charge Time	1 – 5 h	0.3 – 30 s	$10^{-3} - 10^{-6}$ s
Discharge Time	0.3 – 3 h	0.3 – 30 s	$10^{-3} - 10^{-6}$ s
Energy (Wh/kg)	10 – 100	1 – 10	< 0.1
Cycle Life	1000	> 500,000	> 500,000
Specific Power (W/kg)	< 1000	< 10,000	< 100,000
Charge/discharge Efficiency	0.7 – 0.85	0.85 – 0.98	> 0.95

Capacitor vs. Supercapacitor vs. Battery



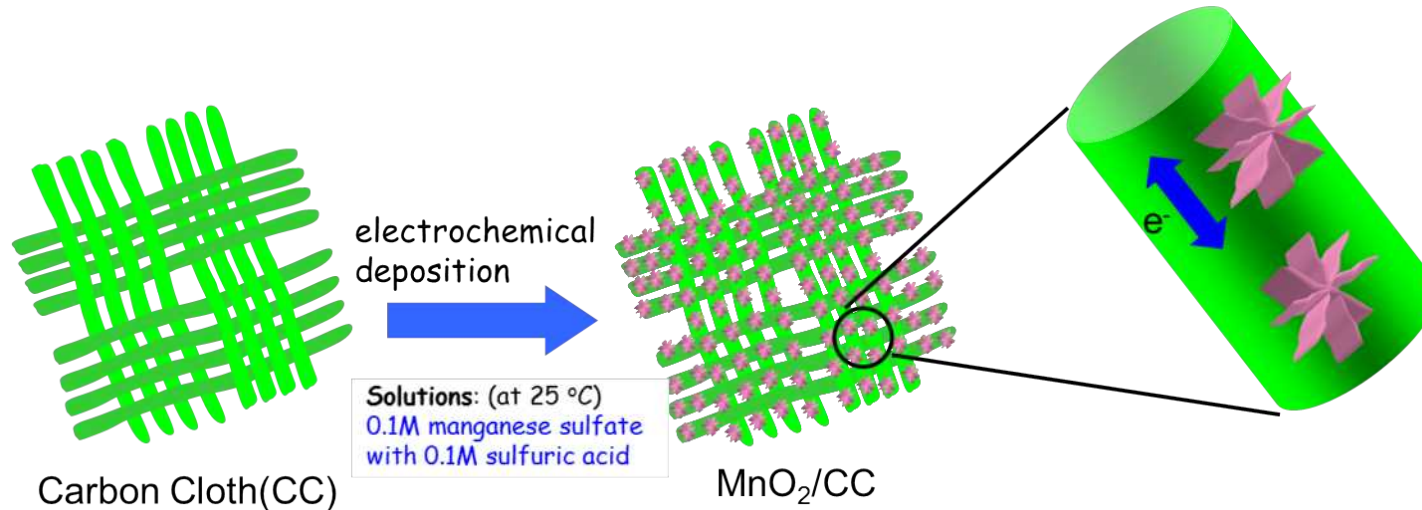
Faradic reactions occur at the surface of active materials



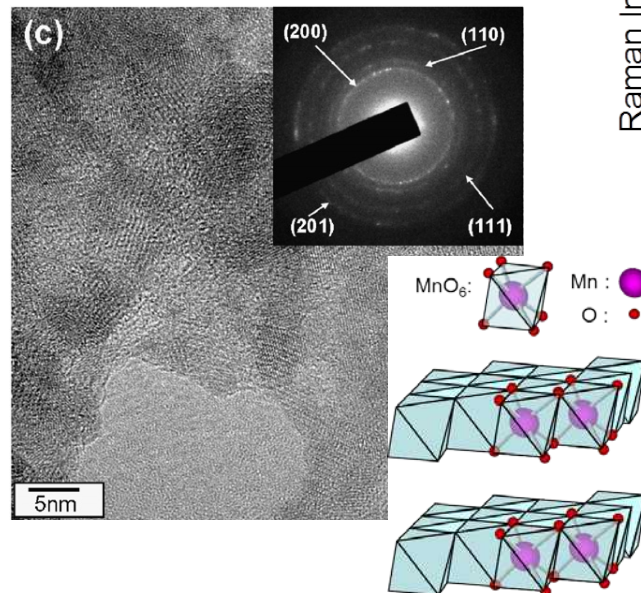
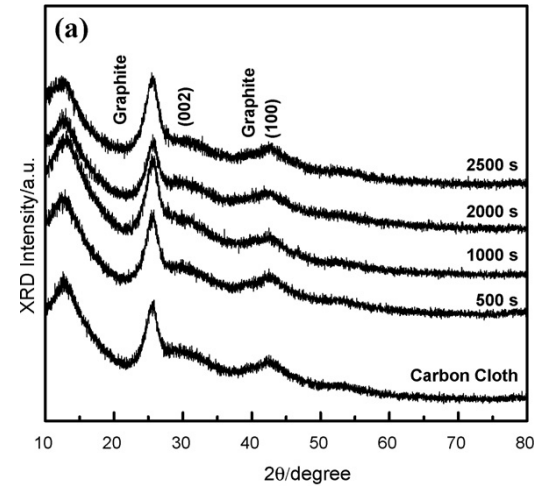
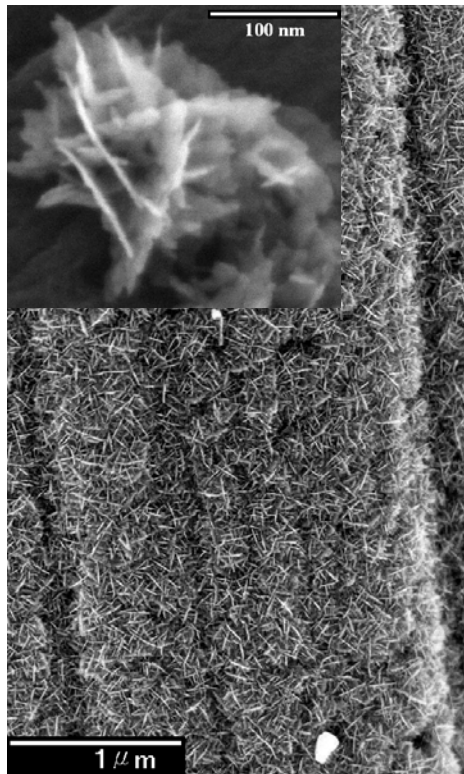
Faradic reactions occur in the whole active material

Nanostructured electrode materials: MnO_2

Accomplishments: MnO_2 nanosheet/carbon cloth

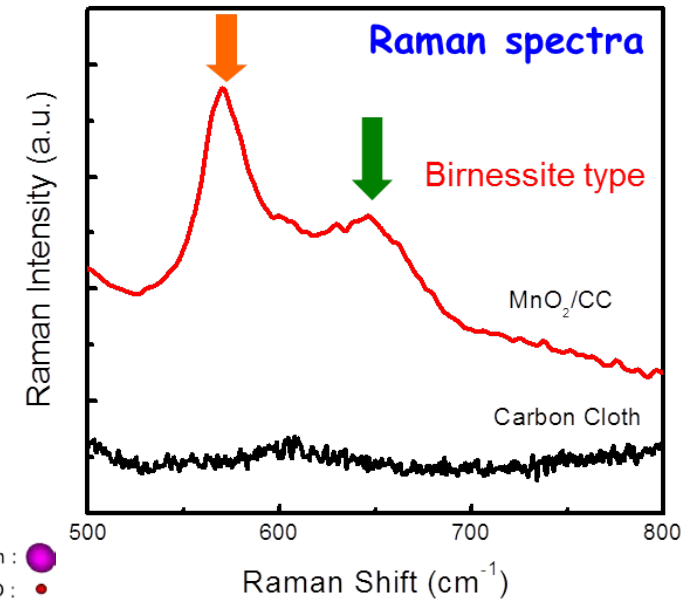


Morphology & Structure of MnO₂

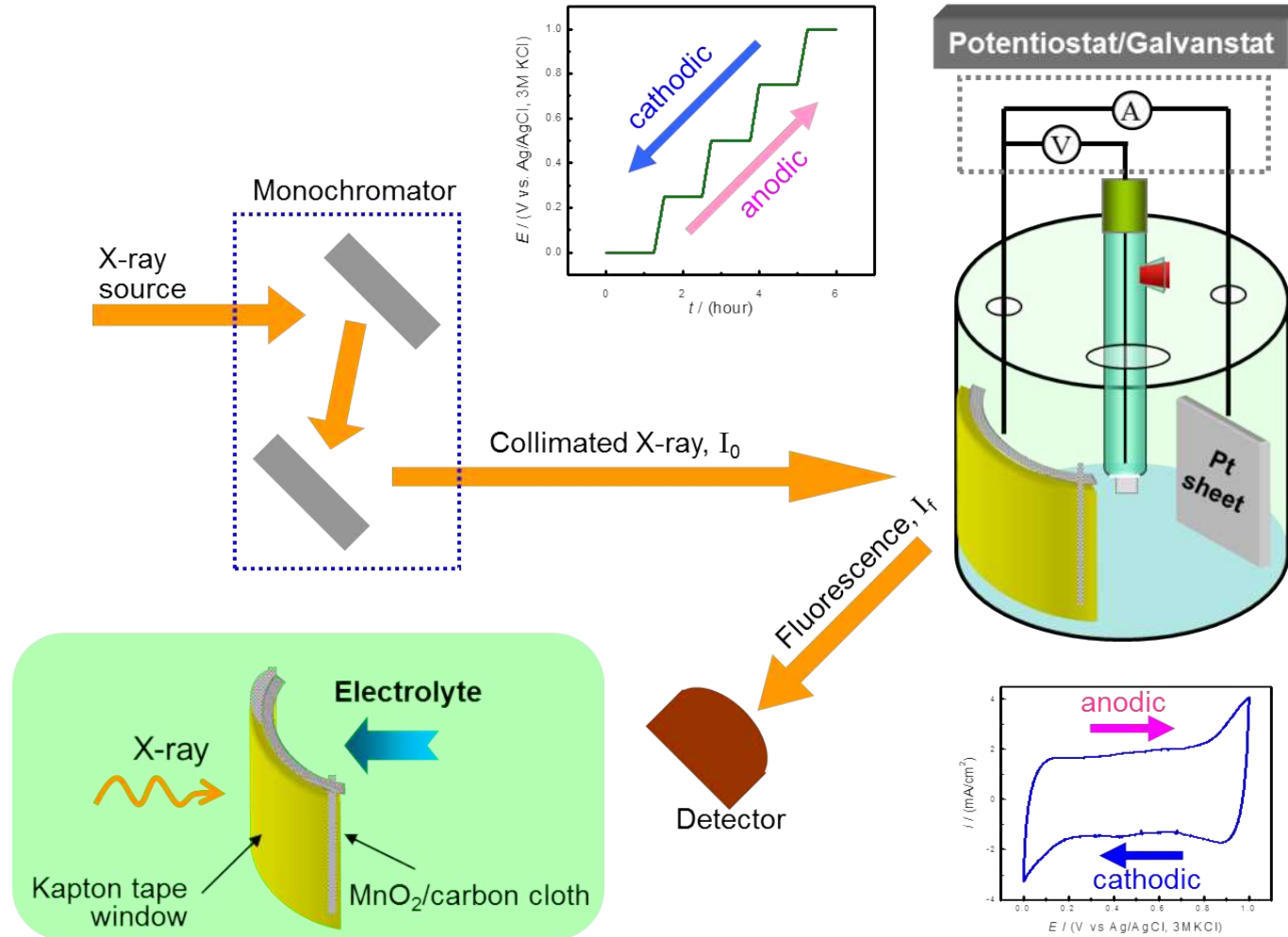


640 cm⁻¹: the symmetric stretching vibration (Mn–O) of the MnO₆ groups.

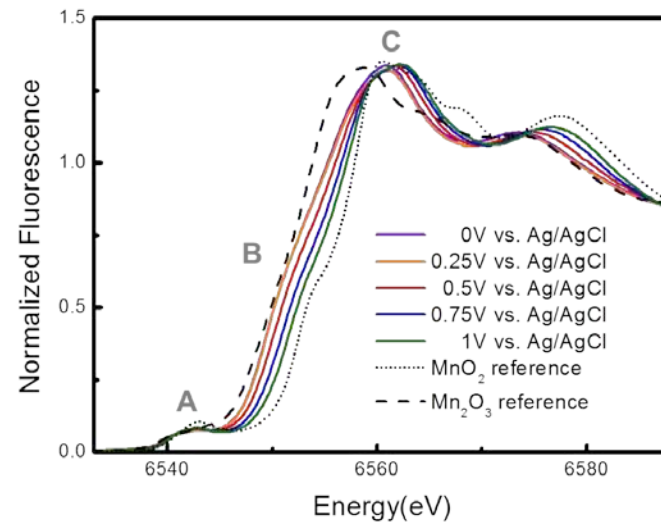
575 cm⁻¹: (Mn–O) stretching vibration in the basal plane of MnO₆ sheet.



In-situ X-ray Absorption Fine Structure Studies



In-situ Mn K-edge XANES Spectra

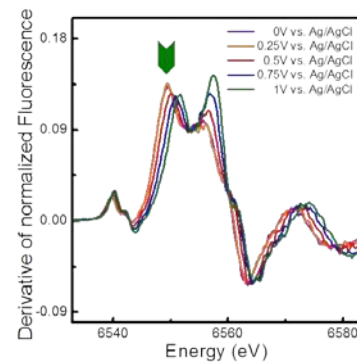


A: pre-edge region

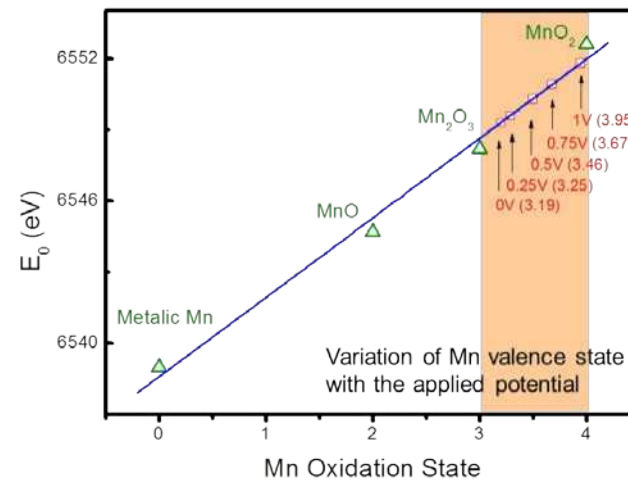
electronic excitation from 1s core state to unoccupied 3d orbital

B: main edge region

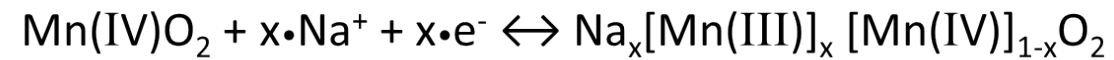
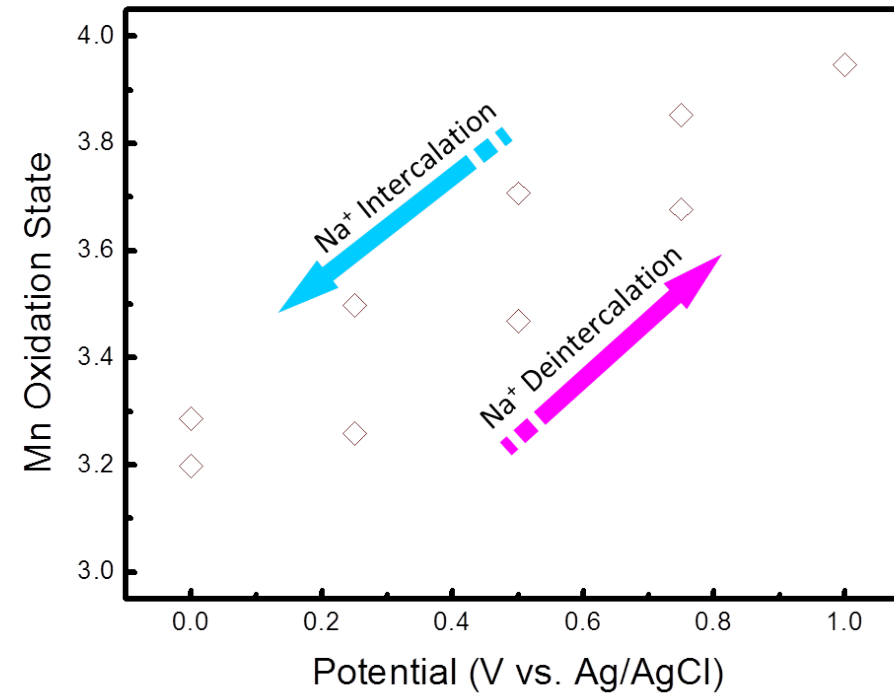
C: peak region
 electric dipole-allowed transition of 1s core electron to unoccupied 4p bound state with and without a shakedown process, which originated from ligand-to-metal charge transfer.



Valence state of Mn can be determined from the first inflection point on the main absorption edge.

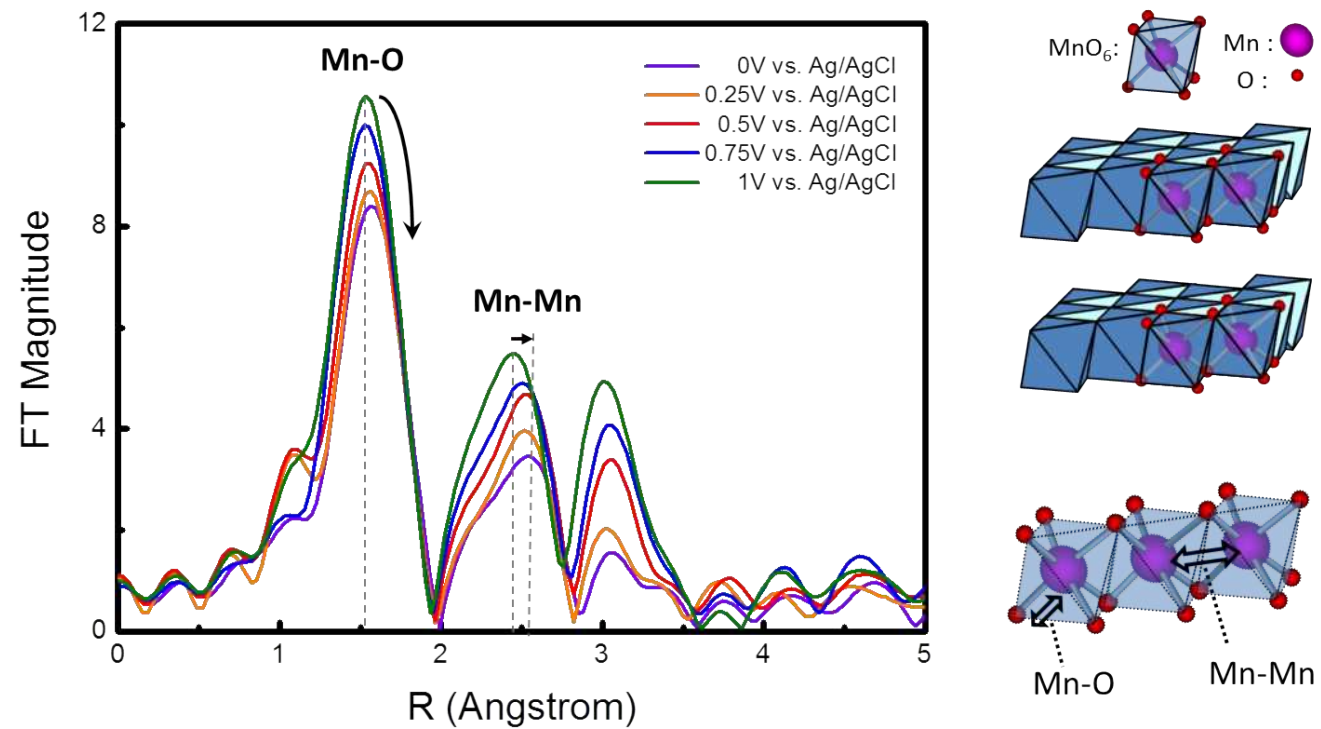


In-situ Mn K-edge XANES Spectra



- **Reversible faradic redox transition**
→ **superior capacity performance**

In-situ Mn K-edge EXAFS Spectra

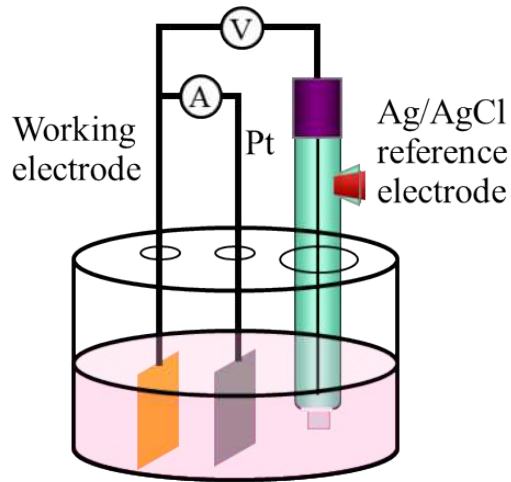


- The increase of Mn-O & Mn-Mn bond length resulted in expansion of MnO₆ layer.
- The decrease in FT magnitude was ascribed to local structure distortion.

Nanostructured electrode materials: FeOOH

Accomplishments: γ -FeOOH nanosheet/carbon cloth

Potentialstatic method



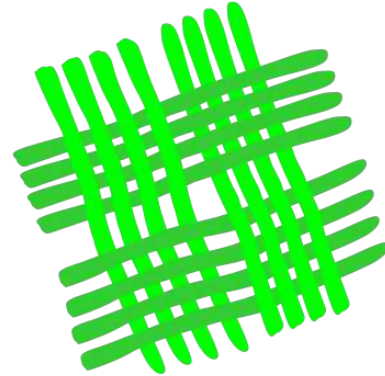
Solutions:

Ammonium iron sulfate
 $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Fe}(\text{SO}_4)_2$
Sodium Acetate (CH_3COONa)
Ammonium Fluoride (NH_4F)

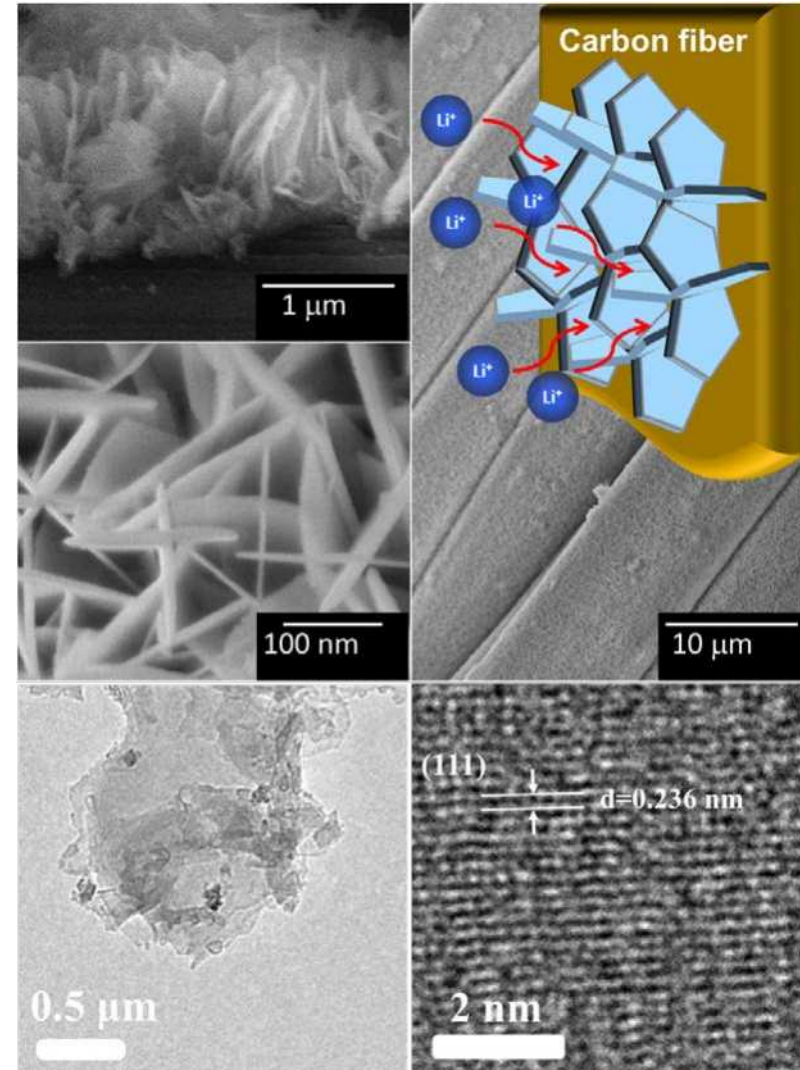
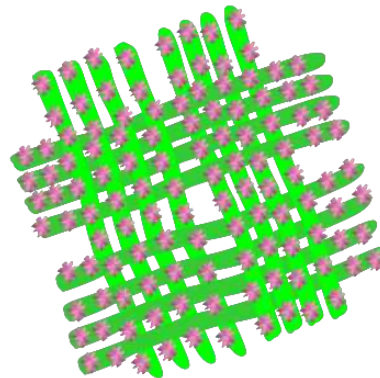
Substrate: Carbon Cloth

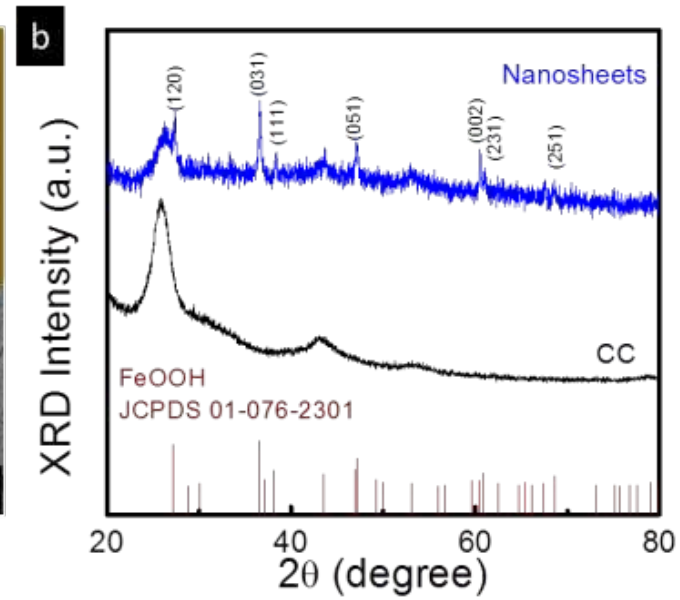
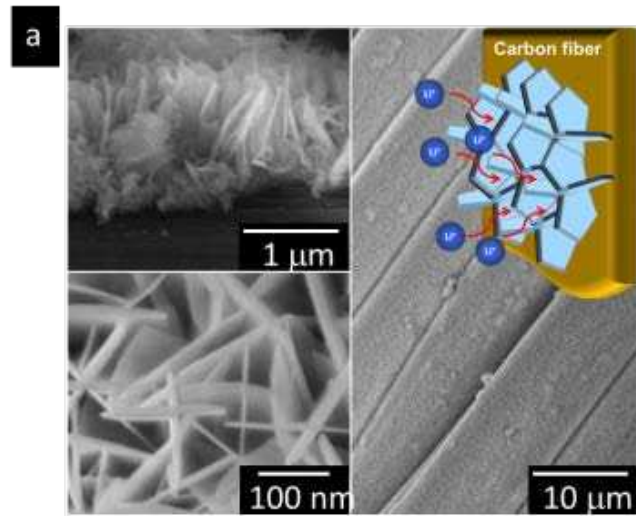
Deposit Potential: 0.5-1 V

Deposit time: 0.5-1.5 hr



electrochemical
deposition





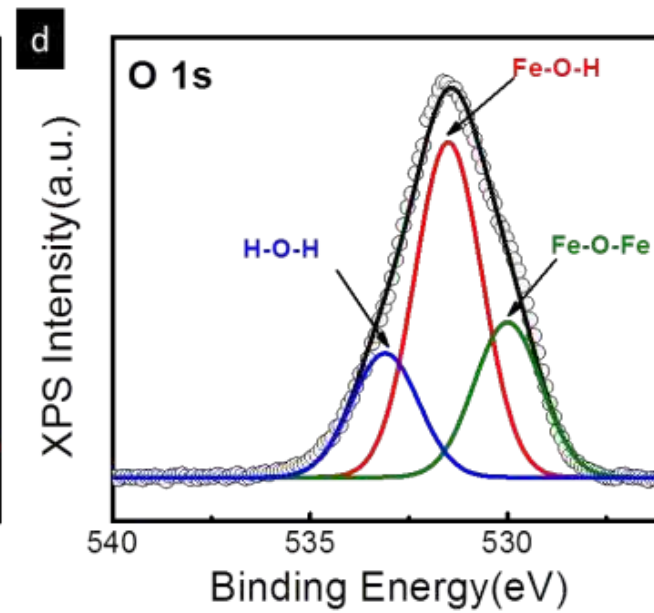
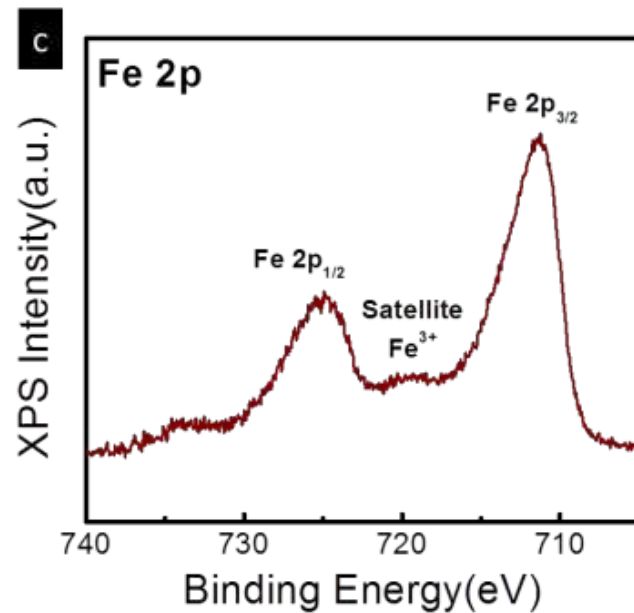
γ -FeOOH

Fe³⁺ in FeOOH

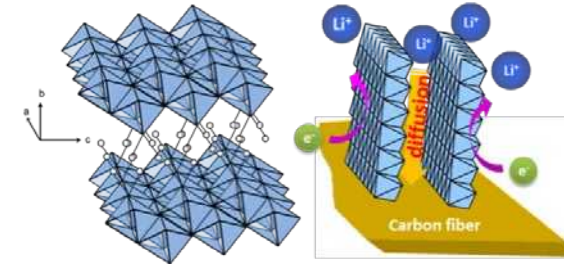
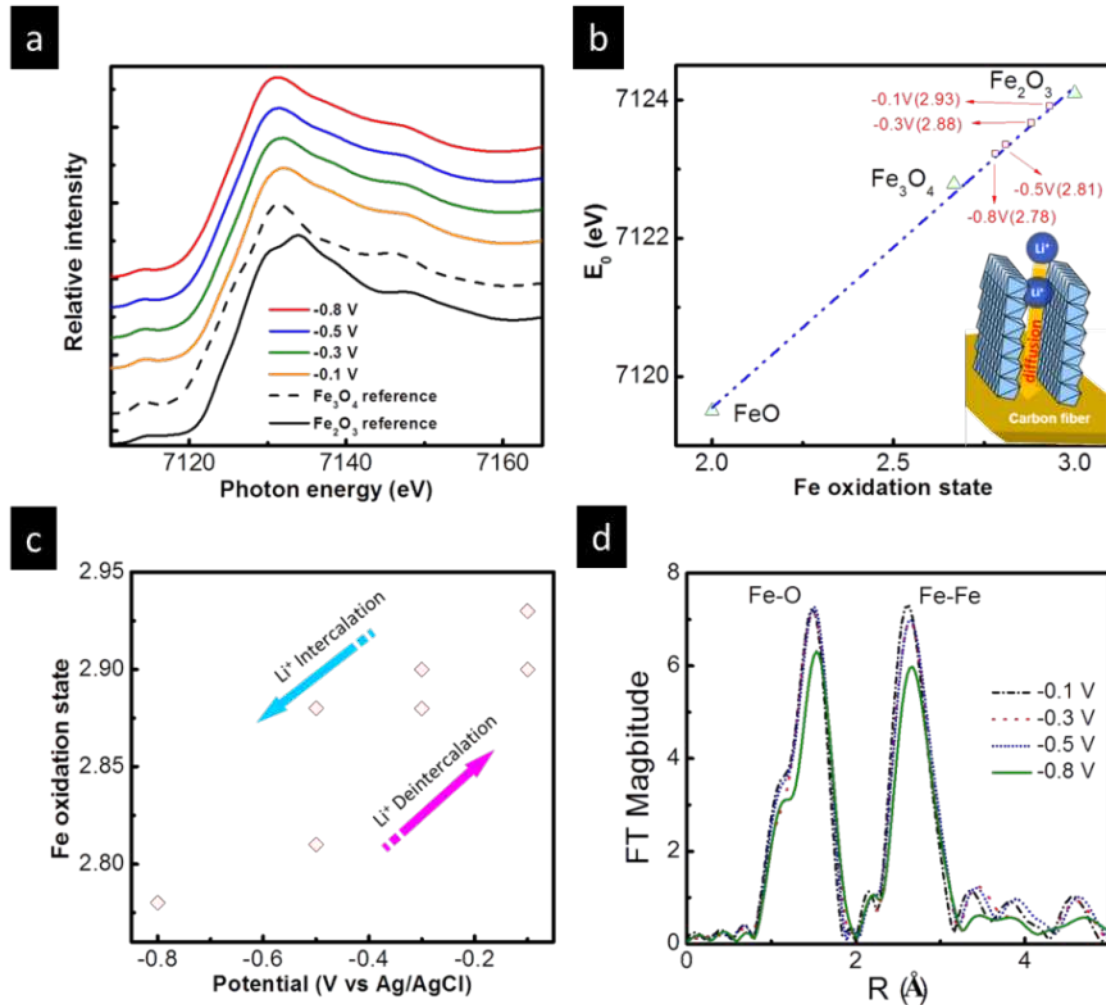
H-O-H

→ H₂O molecule

→ hydrated form



In-situ Fe K-edge XAS Spectra

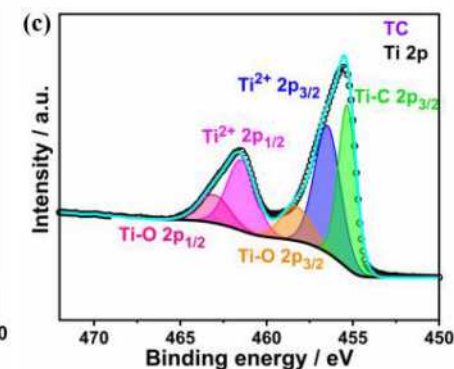
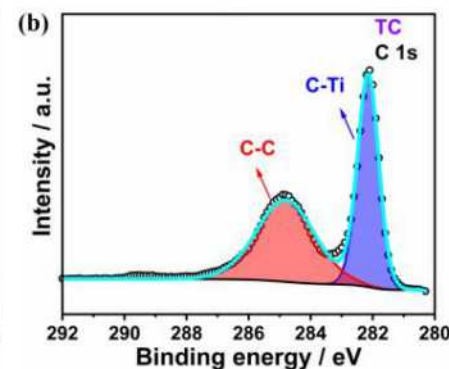
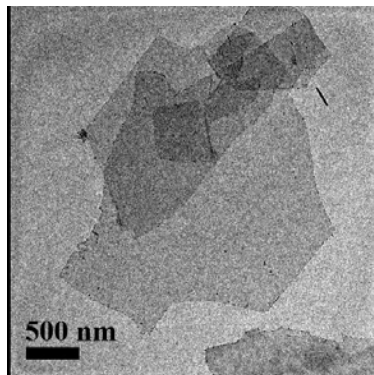
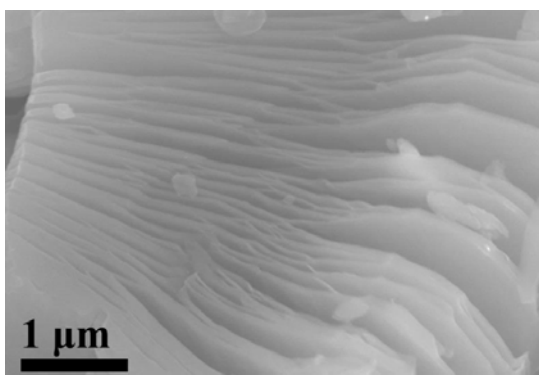
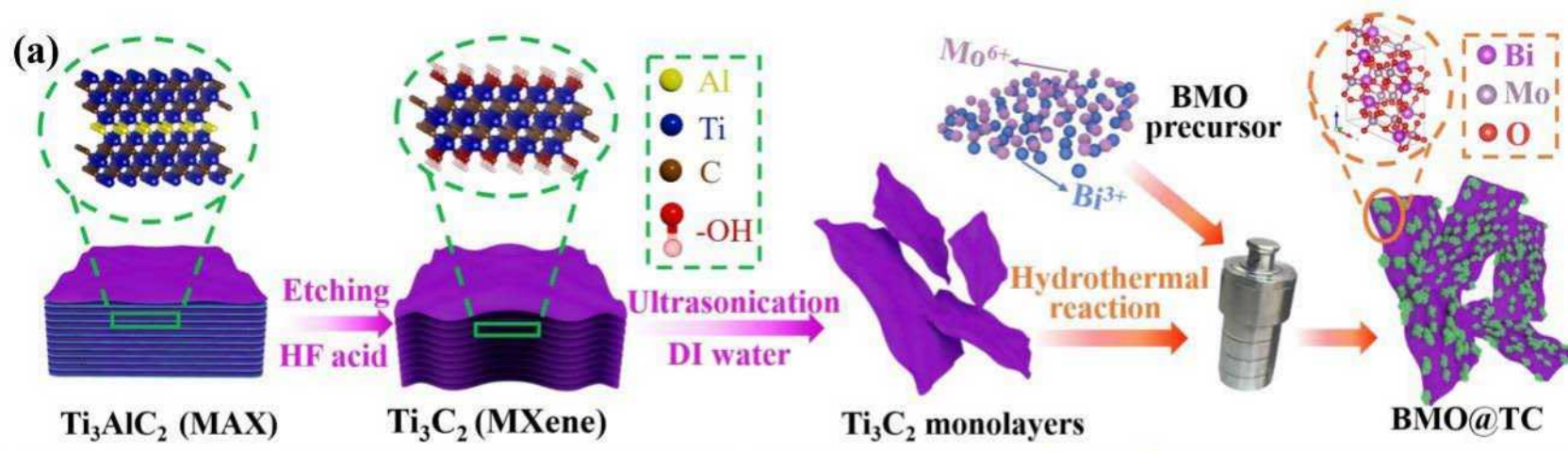


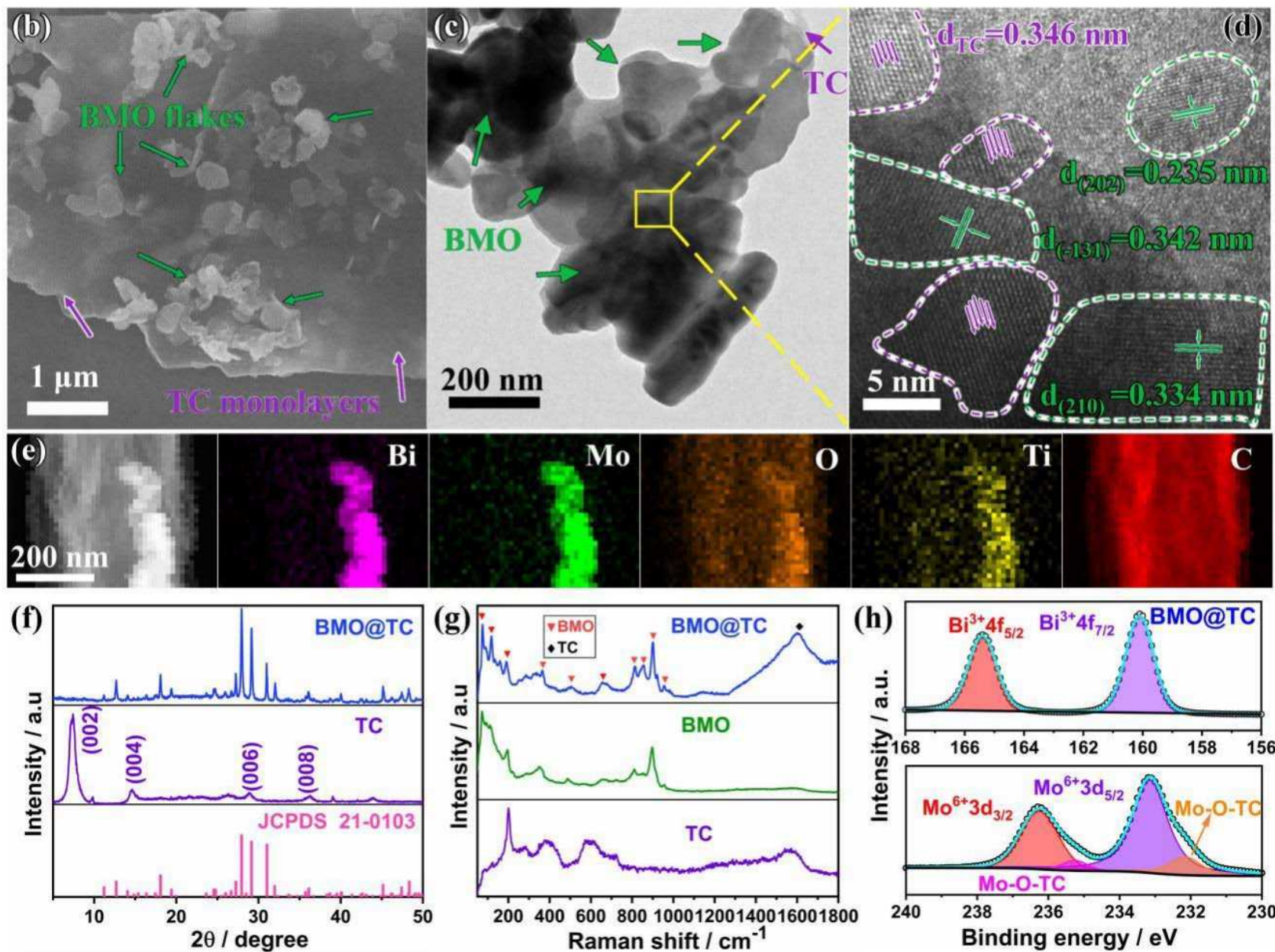
Orthorhombic crystal structure
Infinite layer of $[\text{FeO}_6]$ octahedra

- Reversible faradic redox transition
→ superior capacity performance
- The increase of Fe-O bond length
→ expansion of FeO_6 layer
- The decrease in FT magnitude
→ local structure distortion
- Pseudocapacitive mechanism:
 $\text{Fe(III)OOH} + \text{Li}^+ \leftrightarrow \text{LiFe(II)OOH}$

Nanostructured electrode materials

Accomplishments: $\text{Bi}_2\text{Mo}_3\text{O}_{12}$ Anode Composited with Ti_3C_2



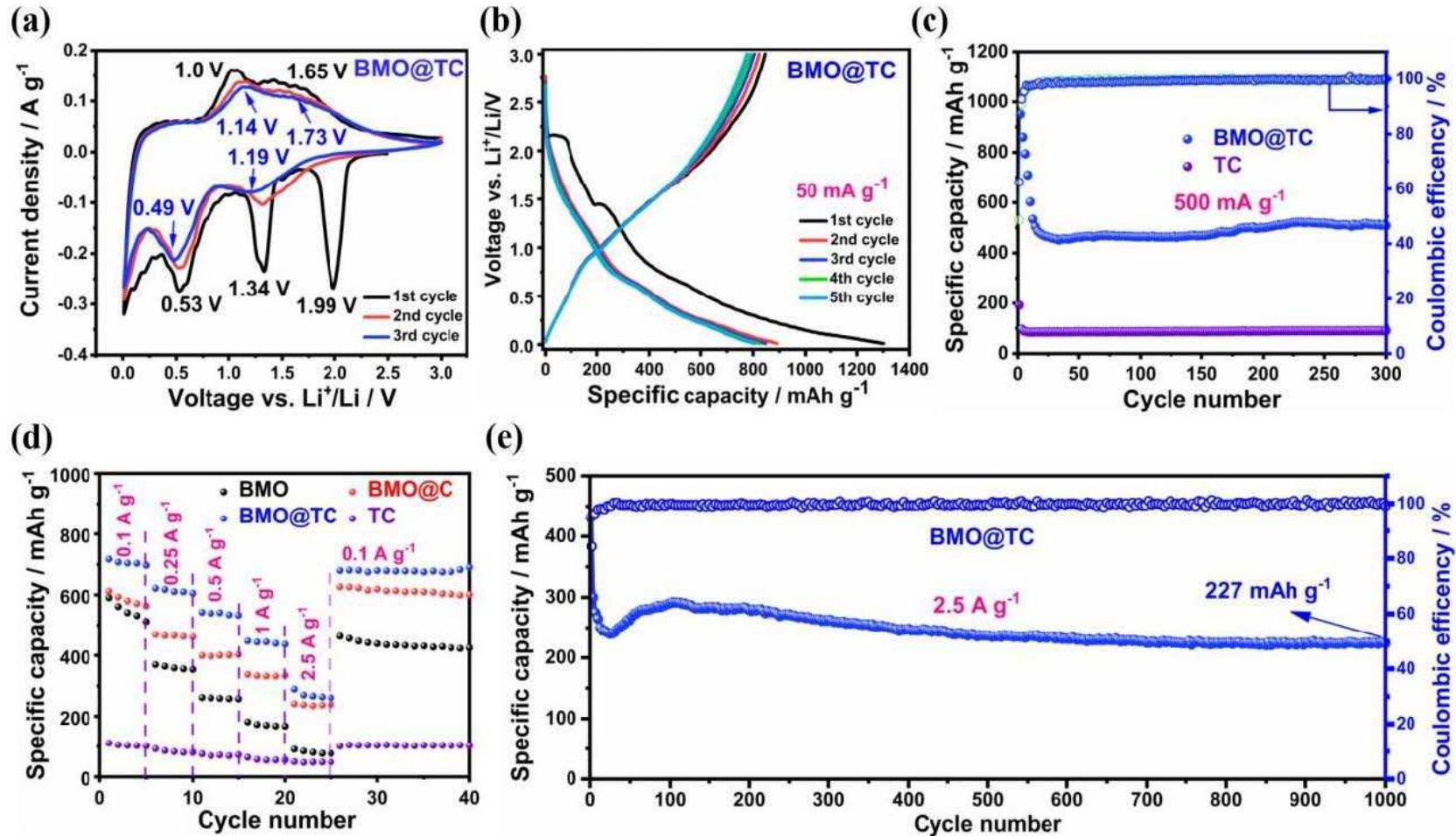


monoclinic $\alpha\text{-Bi}_2\text{Mo}_3\text{O}_{12}$ phase

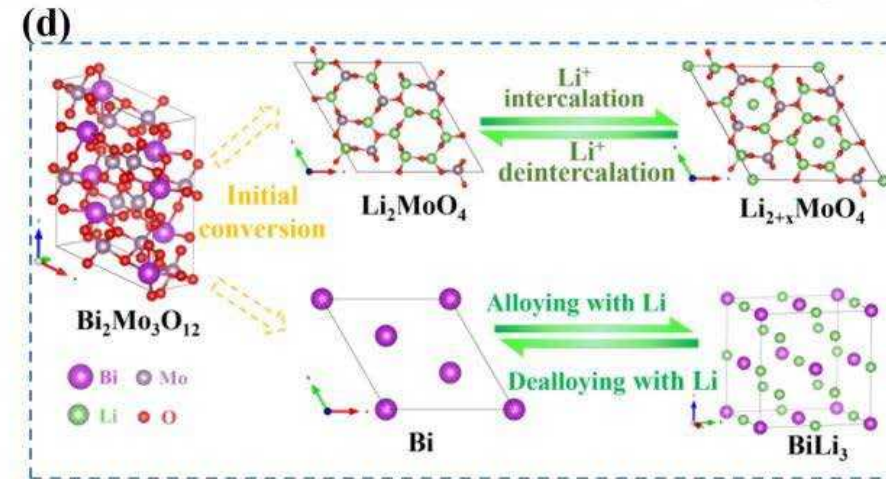
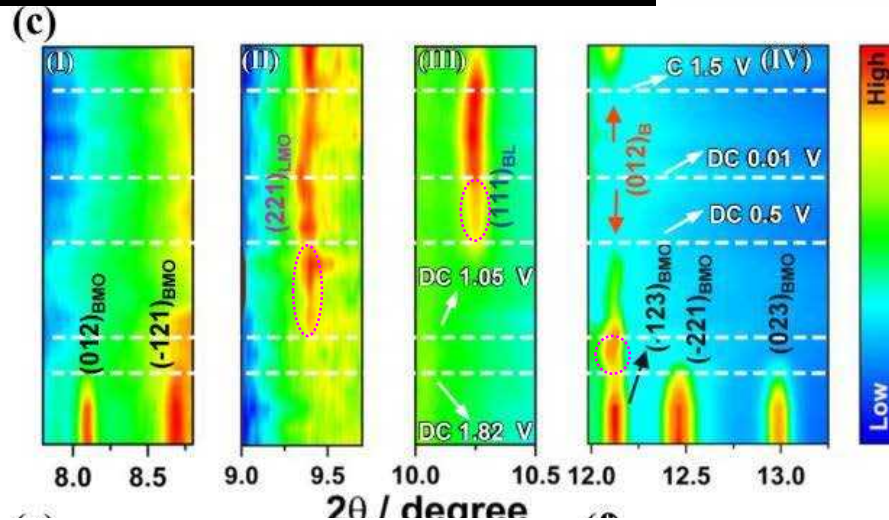
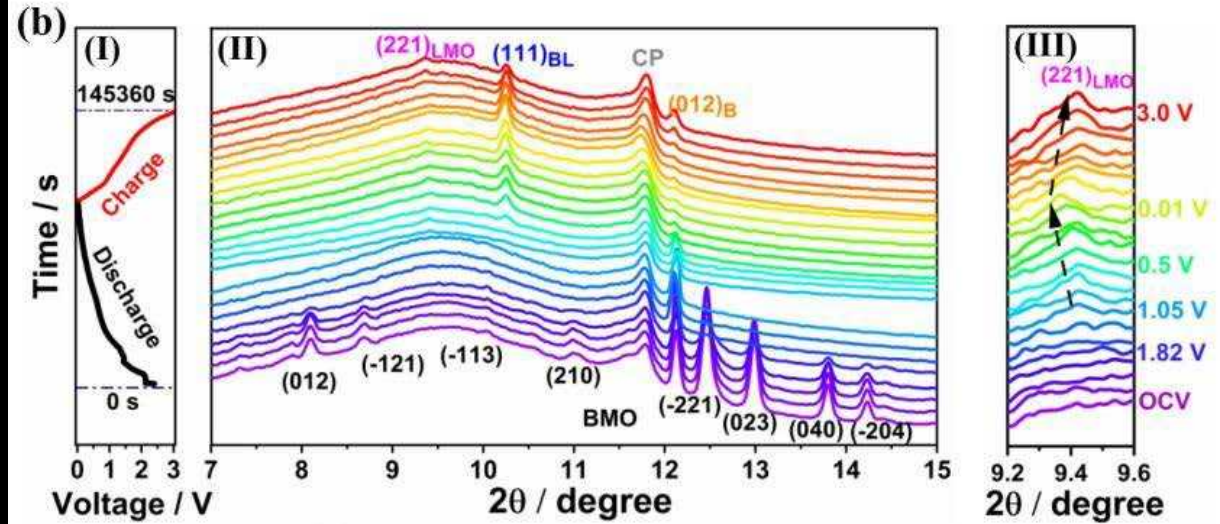
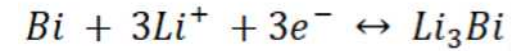
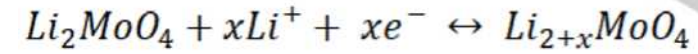
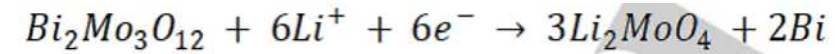
BMO@TC : 846 mAh/g (1st charge capacity)

High rate performance

After 1000 cycles at high charge/discharge current : 227 mAh/g

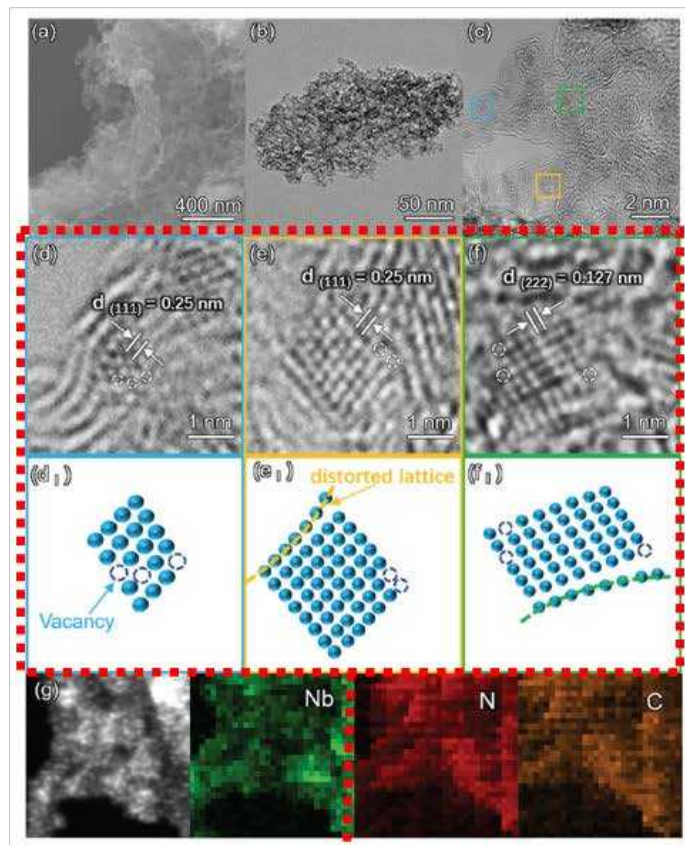


Operando XRD at 100 mA/g
 BMO : $\text{Bi}_2\text{Mo}_3\text{O}_{12}$
 OCP $\rightarrow 3\text{ V} \rightarrow 0\text{ V}$
 1.82 V : complete conversion of BMO
 After 1.82 V : new peak $(012)_B \rightarrow \text{Bi}$
 1.05 V : $(221)_{\text{LMO}} \rightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{MoO}_4$
 Below 0.5 V : $(111)_{\text{BL}} \rightarrow \text{Li}_3\text{Bi}$
 Shift of $(221)_{\text{LMO}} : \text{Li}_2\text{MoO}_4 \rightarrow \text{Li}_{2+x}\text{MoO}_4$
 0 V $\rightarrow 3\text{ V}$
 After 1.5 V : $(111)_{\text{BL}} \downarrow$ & $(012)_B \uparrow \Rightarrow \text{Li}_3\text{Bi} \rightarrow \text{Bi}$
 Recovery of $(221)_{\text{LMO}}$
 $\text{Li}_{2+x}\text{MoO}_4 \rightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{MoO}_4$



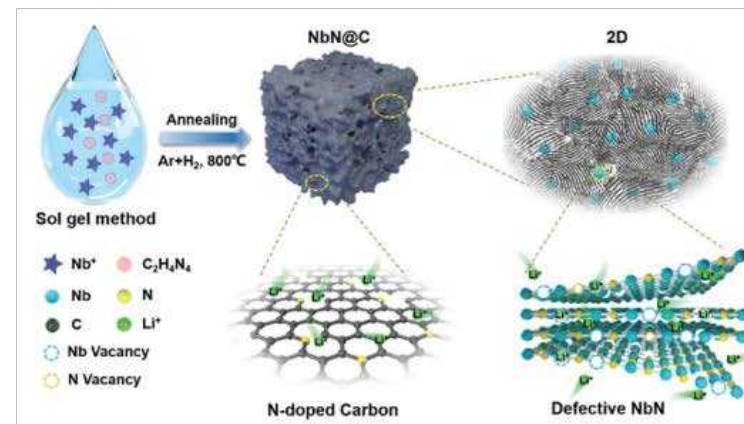
NbN Monocrystals for Supercapacitor

FE-SEM, TEM, HR-TEM & HAADF images

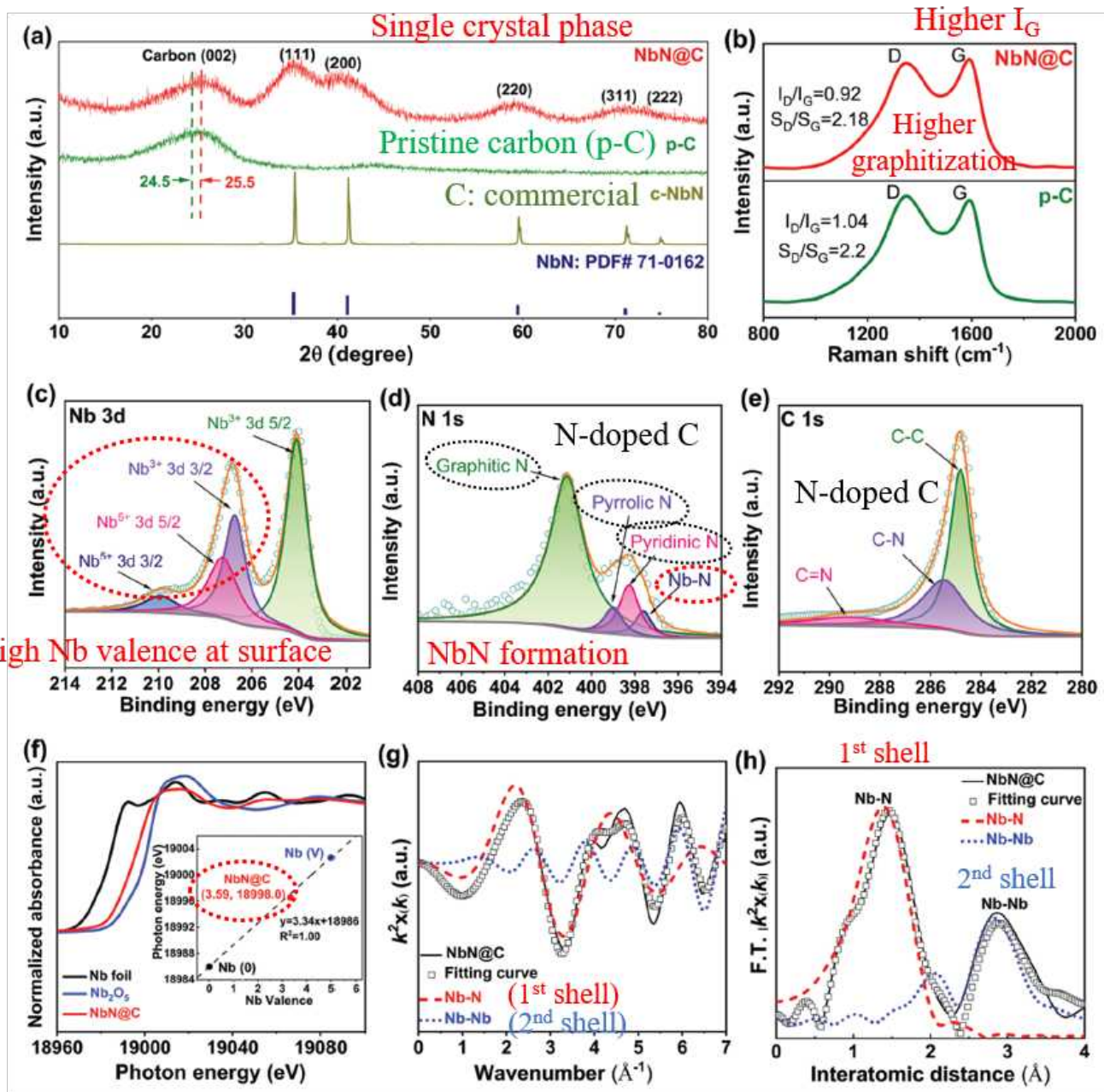


Vacancy & Distortion

Fabrication of NbN@C material for Li-ion storage



Sol-gel method + Annealing
= NbN@C



Average Nb valence=3.59

Nb-N & Nb-Nb bonds were identified with high accuracy.

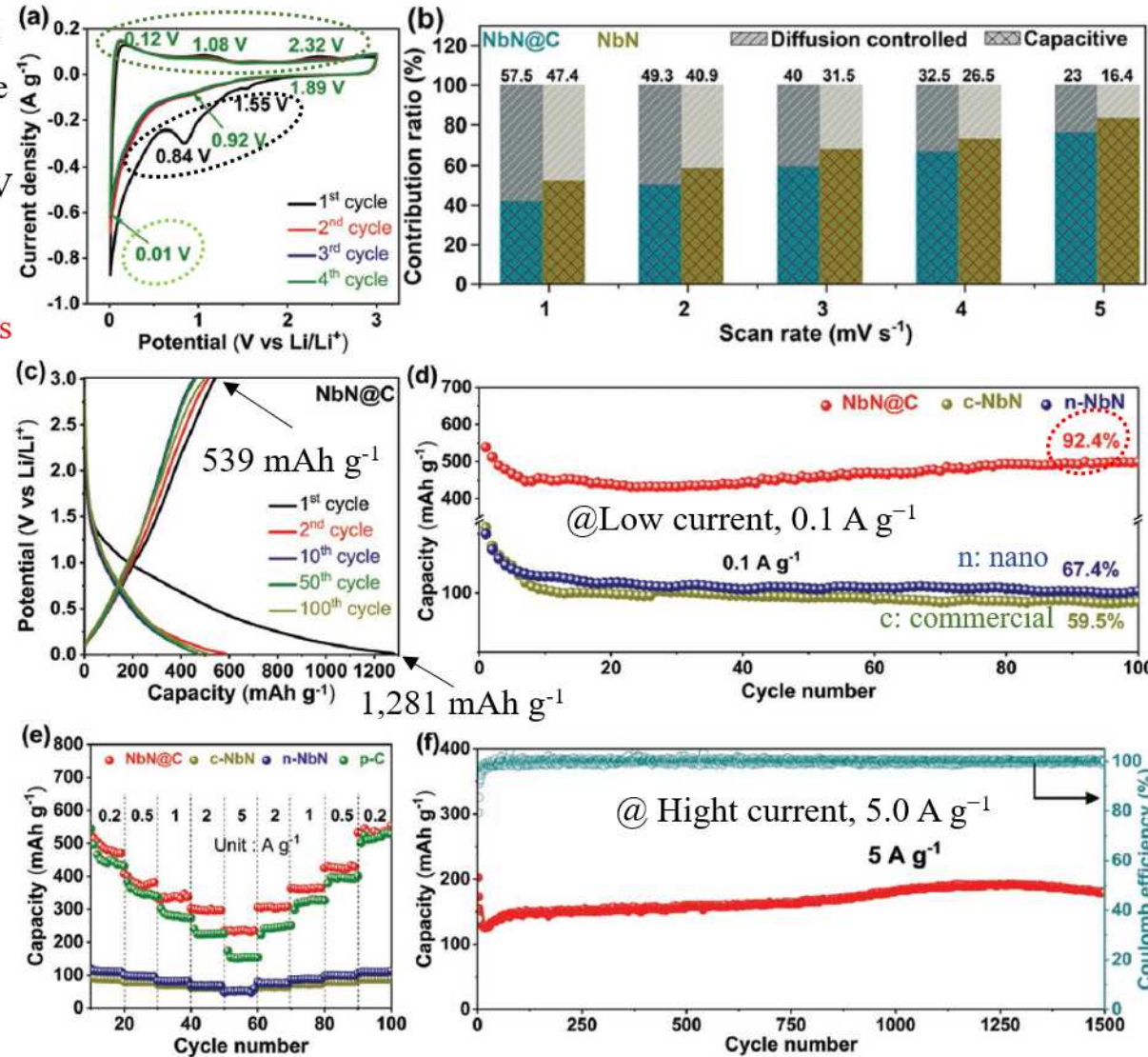
Electrochemical Performances: Half NbN@C cell

Li-storage performances of half NbN@C cell

Anodic peaks
Cathodic peaks @ 1.55V, 0.84V in 1st cycle
(Solid-electrolyte interface, SEI film)

Cathodic peak @ 0.01V
(C component)

→ Multistep Li-ion intercalations/deintercalations



- Surface-controlled (capacitive behavior)
- Diffusion-controlled (battery behavior)

Structural defect favors the Li-ion diffusion into NbN lattice at various scan rates.

Superior capacity retention

Why the NbN@C has better Li-ion storage performances compared with other references?

1. Structural defects at Nb-site vacancy
2. Lattice distortion in NbN monocrystals
3. Additional surface and lattice space

for accommodating alkaline ions.

The electrolyte was 1 M LiPF₆ dissolved in ethylene carbonate (EC) and dimethyl carbonate (DMC)

Electrochemical Performances: Full NbN@C//AC Cell

Full cell NbN@C//AC performance

Attractive energy/power density at different potential

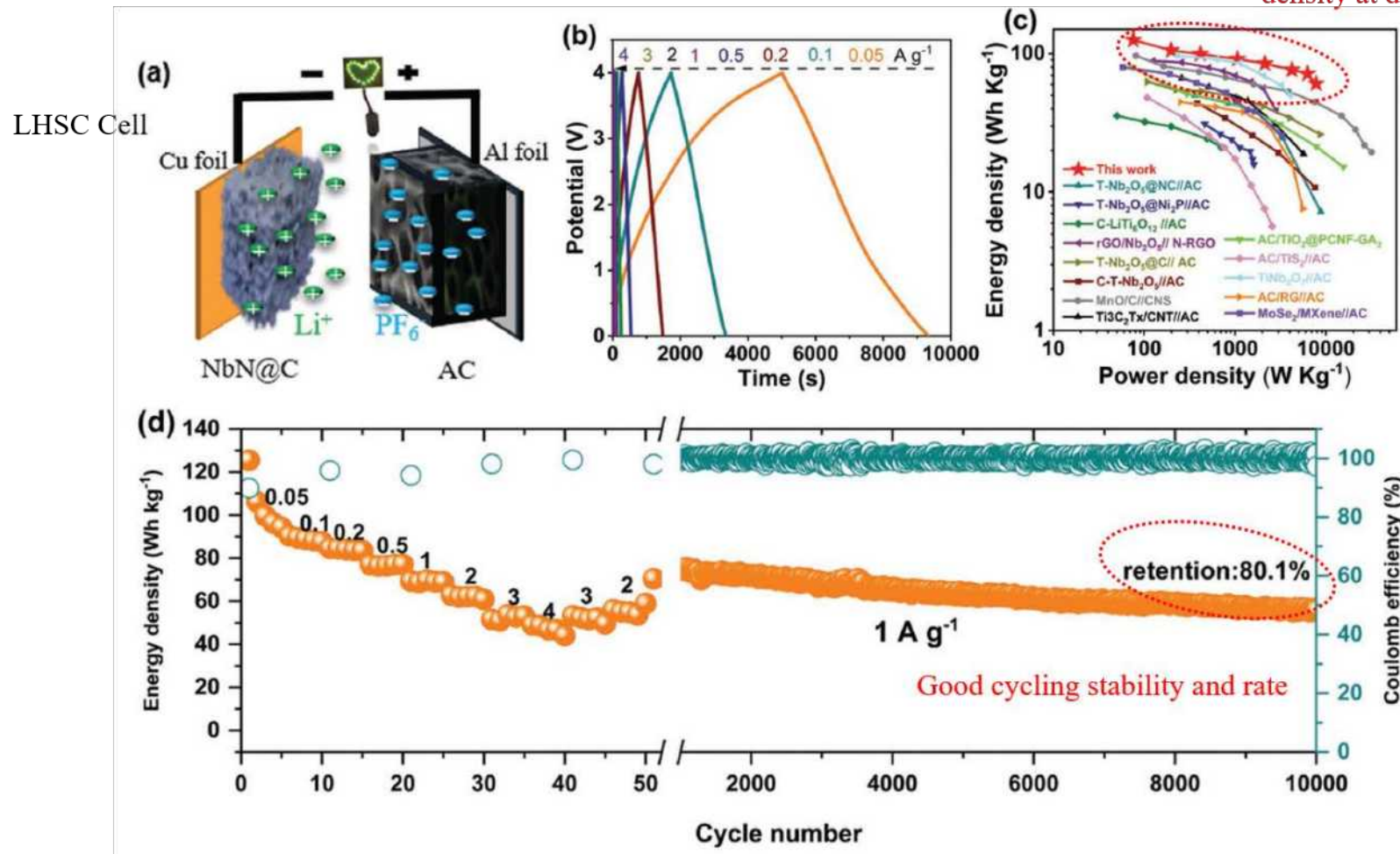
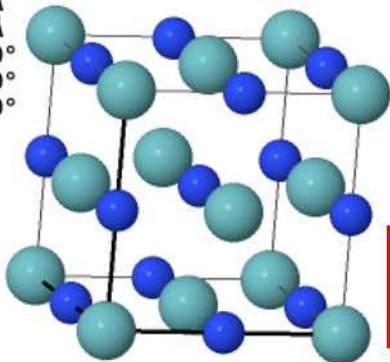


Table S1. Fitting results for the NbN component within the NbN@C composite material based on FT-EXAFS spectrum and a perfect $Fm-3m$ crystal model.

Model	Path	Coordination number	Bond distance (Å)	Debye-Waller factor (Å ²)	R-factor
$Fm-3m$	Nb-N	4.95	2.15	0.02051	0.04385
	Nb-Nb	9.90	3.12	0.00036	

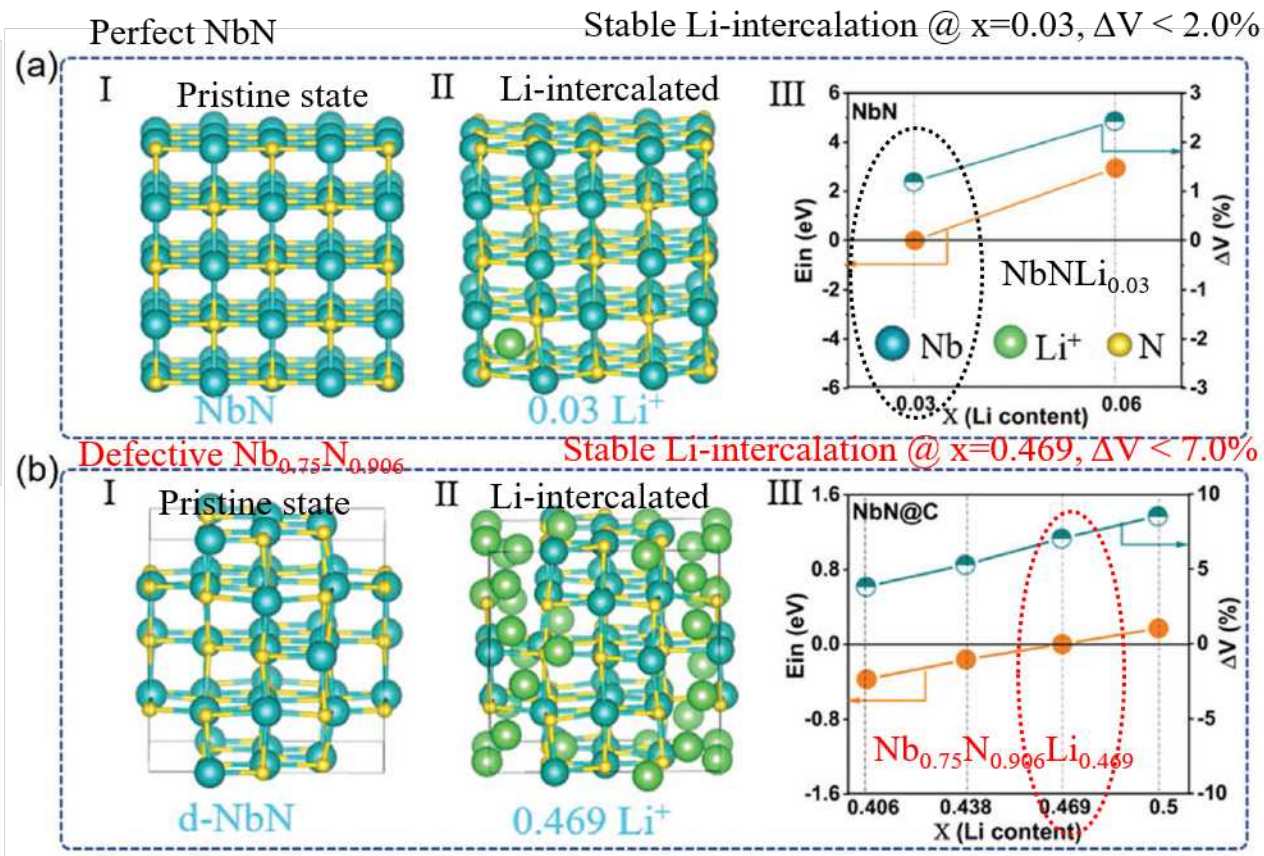
HM: $Fm-3m$ #225
 $a=4.394\text{Å}$
 $b=4.394\text{Å}$
 $c=4.394\text{Å}$
 $\alpha=90.000^\circ$
 $\beta=90.000^\circ$
 $\gamma=90.000^\circ$



Standard CN:
 Nb-N: 6.0
 Nb-Nb: 12.0

What is the actual chemical formula of NbN@C?

- CNs are less than standard values.
- Defects exist at Nb sites.



The insertion energy E_{in} that originates from the Li-ion intercalation is defined as follows:

$$E_{in} = (E_2 - E_1 - x\mu_{Li})/x \quad (3)$$

where E_1 and E_2 are the total energies in original and Li-ion intercalated materials, respectively; μ_{Li} is the chemical potential of a Li-ion, and x is the number of Li-ion stabilized in the active material.^[41] A positive E_{in} value indicates an endothermic reaction.

$\Delta E_{in} > 0$, endothermic reaction (Li **unstable** intercalation)
 $\Delta E_{in} < 0$, exothermic reaction (Li **stable** intercalation)