

# A Soft X-ray Undulator Beamline for High Pressure Photoemission Spectroscopy At NSLS-II

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# High Pressure XPS Basic Principles

## Why Perform Photoemission Spectroscopy Under Elevated Pressure Conditions?

- Photoemission is Chemically Specific, Quantitative and Surface Sensitive

Most Surface Chemical Processes Do Not Occur Under UHV Conditions

- Atmospheric Chemistry: Surfaces of Ice particles, Liquid Aerosol Particles

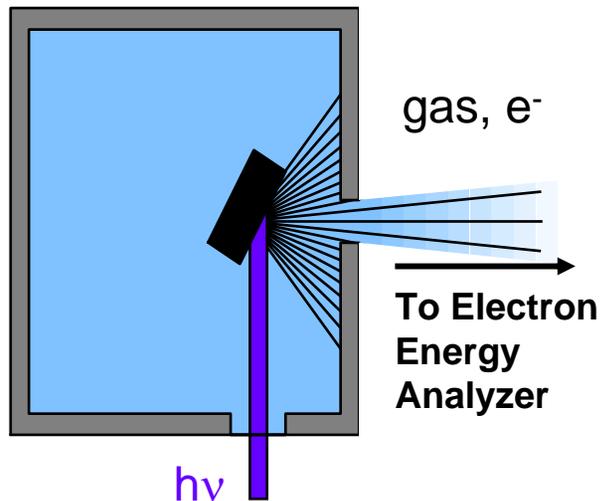
- Environmental Chemistry: Mineral/Liquid Interface can Control Contamination in Ground Water

- Catalysis: Most Industrial Processes Occur at Pressures at or Above Atmospheric Pressure

### General Concept

H. Siegbahn, K. Siegbahn

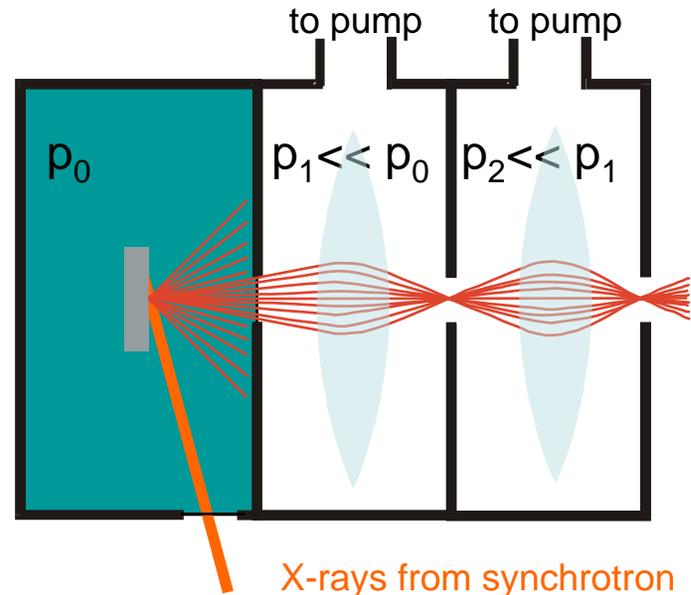
J. Electron Spectrosc. Relat. Phenom. 2 (1973) 319.



Photons enter through a window  
Electrons and a gas jet escape  
through an aperture to vacuum

### High Pressure XPS Berkeley Lab Design

D.F. Ogletree, H. Bluhm, G. Lebedev, C.S. Fadley,  
Z. Hussain, M. Salmeron, Rev. Sci. Instrum. 73 (2002) 3872.



Differentially-pumped electrostatic  
Transfer lens allows operation at  
 $p > 5$  torr

# High Pressure XPS Current and Future Beamlines

## Current and Future HP-XPS Experiments (Synchrotron Based)

### In operation

ALS (2 currently operating)

- 1) Undulator Beamline Mainly dedicated to environmentally relevant systems
  - Water adsorption on various surfaces
  - liquids, solutions
  - Also some catalysis/surface science
- 2) Bending Magnet beamline similar to 1) in systems studied
  - “spillover” from 1)

### BESSY

Dedicated Beamline, investigates catalytically relevant systems

### Planning Stages

ALBA  
ELETTRA  
Soleil  
Diamond  
SSRL  
Maxlab  
New Taiwan Synchrotron  
NSLS

- High-Pressure XPS Field is Growing and Competitive
- Room for Further Growth
- NSLS-II May Allow New Experimental Methods and expand Field Further

High P XPS →  
Bend Magnet

High P XPS →  
Undulator  
(STXM Also)

Beamline	% Allocated	Cutoff Score
1.4 (IR)	77	--
4.0.2 (EPU)	32	<a href="#">2.00</a>
5.3.2 (Polymers XAFS)	55	<a href="#">2.30</a>
6.0.1 (Femtosecond)	63	--
6.1.2 (Soft X-Ray Microscopy)	30	<a href="#">2.37</a>
6.3.1 (Materials Sciences)	89	<a href="#">2.40</a>
6.3.2 (Calibration and Standards)	66	<a href="#">2.90</a>
7.0.1 (XPS, STXM, SXF, SPEM)	23	<a href="#">2.06</a>
7.3.1 (PEEM)	100	--
7.3.3 (SAXS)	--	--
8.0.1 (SXF)	40	<a href="#">2.38</a>
8.3.2	69	--
9.0.1	100	--
9.0.2 (Chemical Dynamics)	40	<a href="#">2.48</a>
9.3.1 (XAMS)	100	--
9.3.2 (APSD/AMC, High-Pressure XPS)	45	
10.0.1. (HERS/AMO)	25	<a href="#">2.11</a>
10.3.2 (Micro XAFS)	48	<a href="#">2.31</a>
11.0.1 (Magnetic Microscopy, Spectromicroscopy; PEEM3)	57	--
11.0.2 (Molecular Environmental Sciences)	30	<a href="#">1.98</a>
11.3.1 (Small Molecule Crystallography)	66	<a href="#">2.26</a>
12.0.1 (ARPES)	25	<a href="#">2.20</a>
12.2.2 (High Pressure)	41	<a href="#">2.43</a>
12.3.2	34	<a href="#">2.58</a>
<b>All Beamlines*</b>	<b>54.6</b>	

# Energy Range for High Pressure XPS

## ENERGY RANGE:

Soft X-Ray 100 to 2000 eV

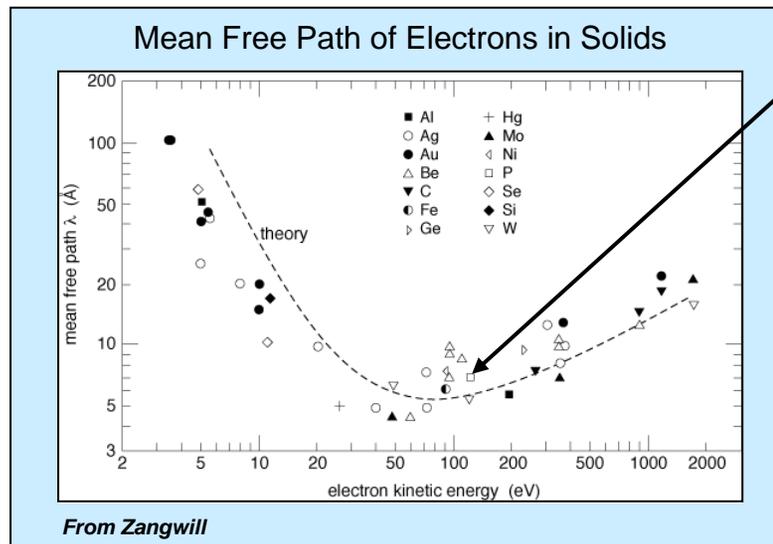
*For Chemical and Catalytic Applications we want to be able to probe and be surface sensitive to:*

### Examples

*K-edges C1s: ~284 eV, N1s: ~400 eV, O1s: ~530 eV*

*Transition Metal L-edges: Ti (~460 eV), Fe (~720 eV), Cu (~75 eV)*

*P (~135 eV), K (~295 eV), Cl (~200 eV)*

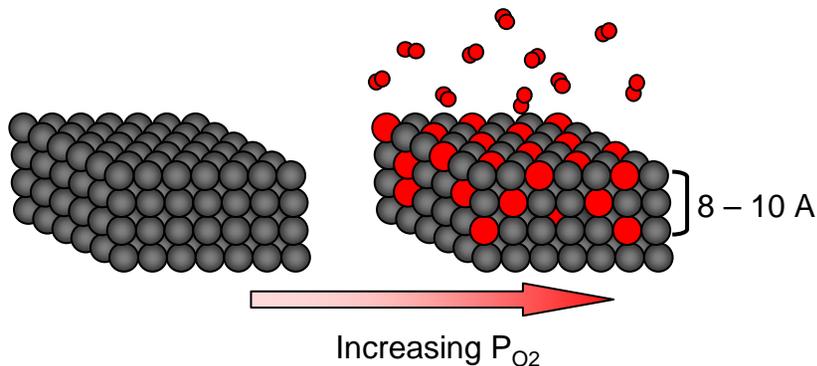


Inelastic Scattering Of Electrons in Solids Makes Electrons in the 50-200 eV KE Range Surface Sensitive

## EXAMPLE: OXIDATION OF METAL, DEPTH PROFILING

*What is the depth and extent of oxidation as a function of Oxygen pressure?*

*- Plot O/Metal Ratio as function of photon energy or probe depth*



**O1s Binding Energy: 530 eV**

**Need ~1000 eV Photons to Have 1 MFP to Study Oxidation Occurring 8-10 Å Deep**

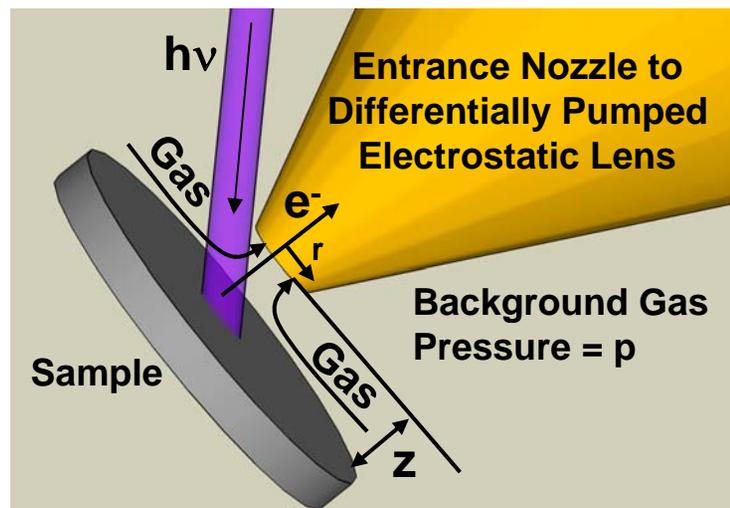
**~ 2000 eV for up to 20 Å deep**

**Need Good Flux at Photon Energies Greater Than 1000 eV**

# High Pressure XPS and Limitations: Advantages of an Undulator Source

## Signal Intensity is Limited by Gas Phase Scattering of Photo-emitted Electrons

Gas is Pumped Through Entrance Aperture

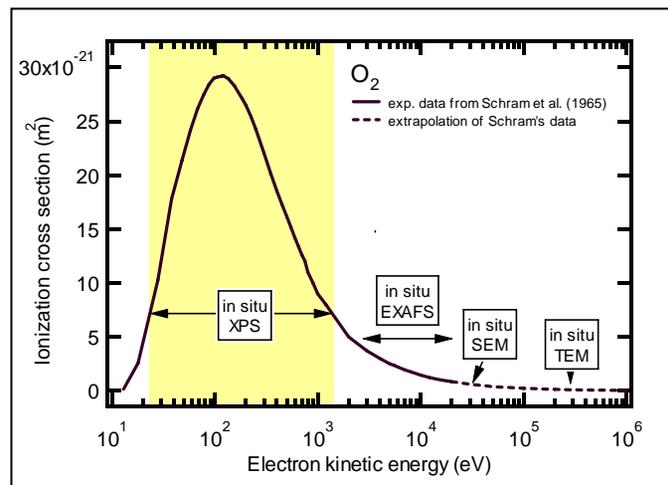


$z$  is limited to distances  $\sim 2r$   
(At  $2r p \sim 0.95p_0$ )

### Undulator Source: High Brightness

- Smaller x-ray size allows reduction of  $r$  (entrance aperture radius) allows reduction in  $z$  (sample-aperture distance) without reducing Pressure at the Sample
- This reduces gas-phase scattering of photoelectrons  
Higher signal intensity at given  $P$   
Allows higher Pressures (estimate up to 100 torr with NSLS-II VUV EPU 100 Undulator)

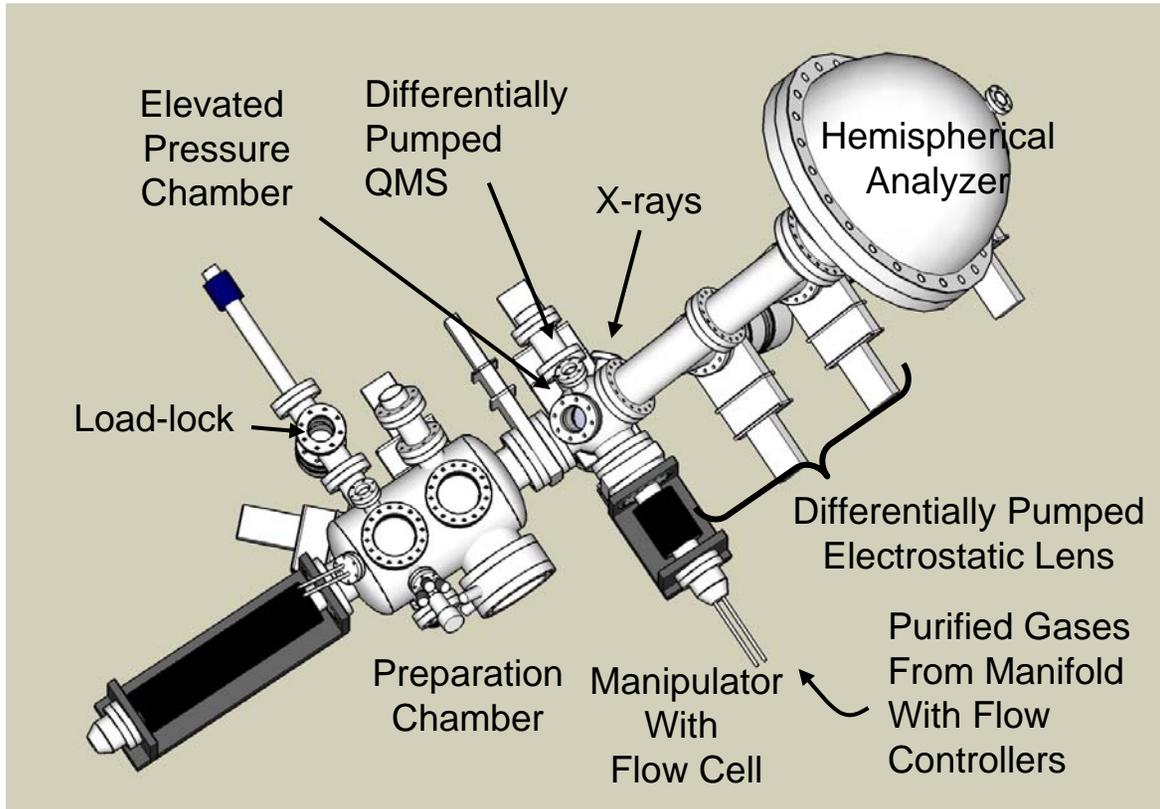
Electron Ionization Cross Section of Gas



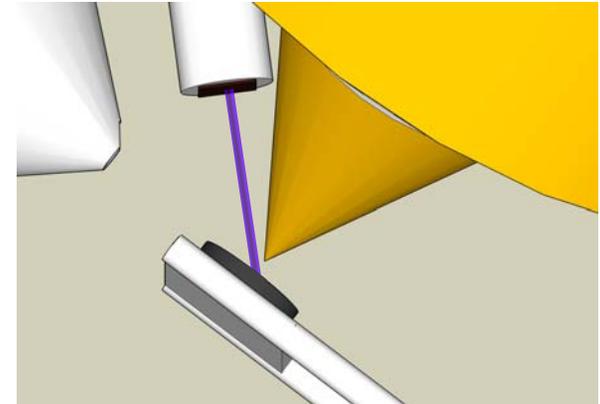
Inelastic Scattering is Mostly Due to Ionization of Gas Phase Molecules

$$I_p \propto I_{\text{vac}} \exp(-z\sigma(E)p)$$

# High Pressure Photoemission End-Station



## Experimental Geometry



X-rays enter through  $\text{SiN}_x$  window (typically 100 nm thick,  $0.5 \times 0.5 \text{ mm}^2$  active area)

Distance between sample and window Approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch

### Elevated Pressure Chamber

small volume: flow-cell type measurements, contamination reduction  
differentially pumped QMS for gas analysis

### Gas Manifold

Catalysts for gas treatment/purification, Gas cabinets for Hazardous Gas Storage, Flow Controllers

### Preparation Chamber

Surface Preparation Tools: Sputter and Annealing, LEED, Temperature Programmed Desorption, Metal Evaporators

### Sample Types

Single Crystal Model Catalysts, Powders, With Modification Possibly Liquids and Ice

# Novel Experiment With Undulator Source: Dynamic Measurements on the ms Timescale

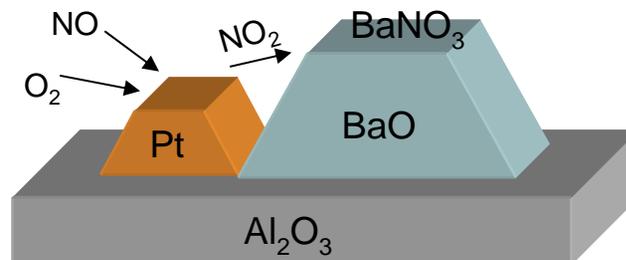
## Example NO<sub>x</sub> Storage Catalyst

### Fuel Lean Conditions

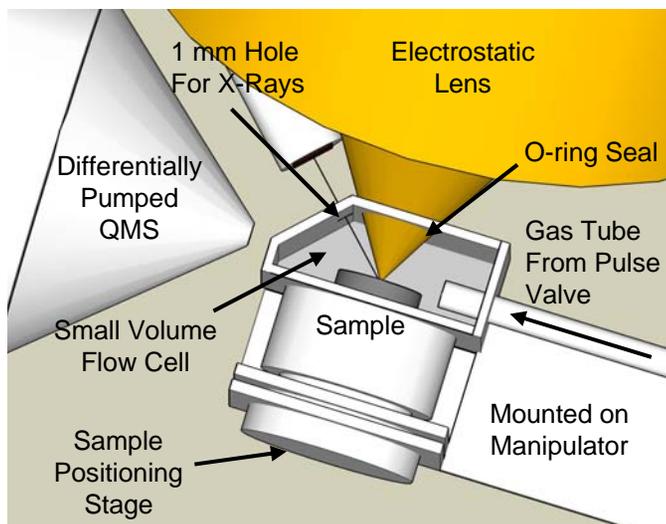
1) Oxidation of NO Storage of NO<sub>x</sub>

### Fuel Rich Transients

3) Release and reduction of NO<sub>x</sub>



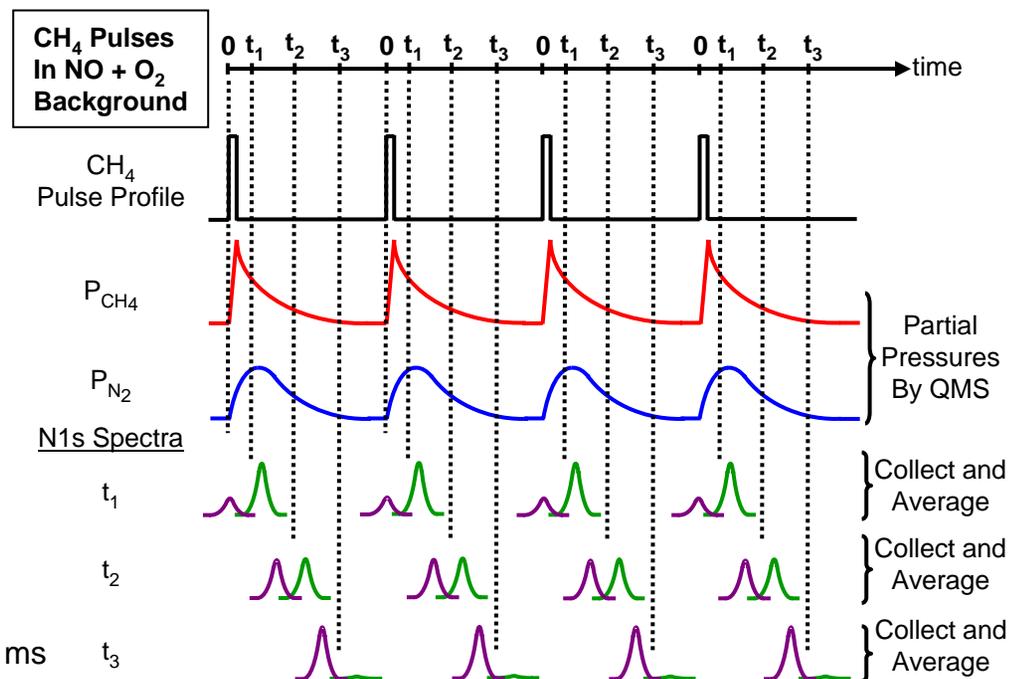
## Flow Cell in High P XPS Set-up



Using Parameters (total dwell time) for Spectra at ALS BL 11.0.2

- 1000 secs to collect a spectrum that represents 5 ms at specified delay time after the pulse
- Experiments may be difficult to achieve at Bend Magnet

## Stroboscopic Measurements using Delay-Line Detector



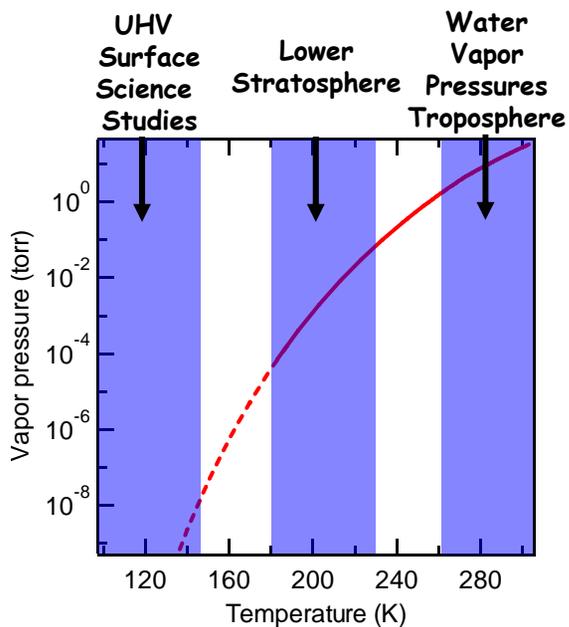
# Summary

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- High Pressure XPS is a currently active field of research
  - rapidly expanding
  - competitive
  - room for further growth
- To perform these experiments an Undulator Source is desirable
  - Smaller Spot Sizes at the Sample
  - Increased Intensity
  - May allow higher operating pressures
- NSLS-II Undulator Source May Facilitate New Novel Experiments that allow the study of catalyst chemical changes on the ms timescale

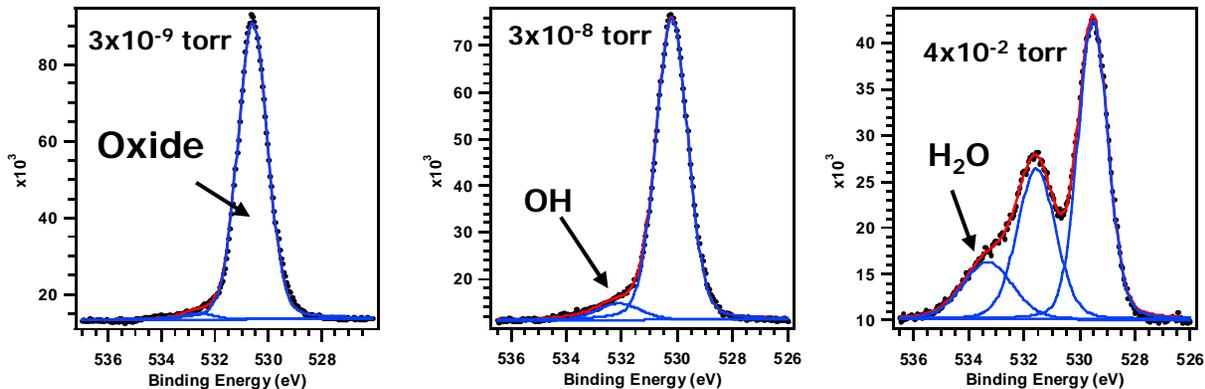
# Other Examples of Current Research Using High Pressure XPS

## Environmental Applications



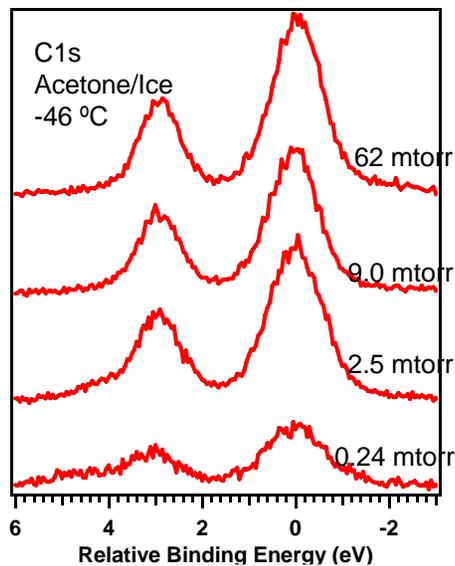
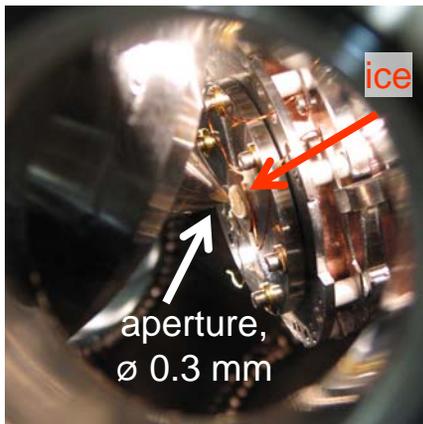
## Water Adsorption On Mineral Surfaces

H<sub>2</sub>O/MgO(100)

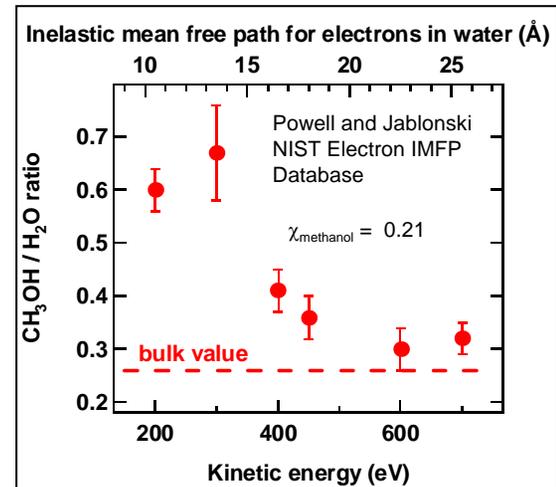
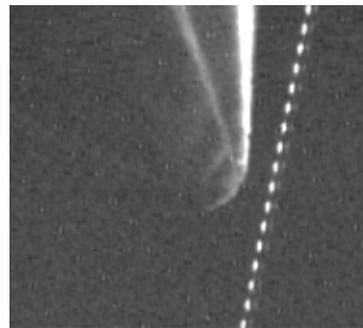


Increasing P<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub>

## Adsorption on Ice



## Liquid/Vapor Interface



# Advanced Light Source Beamline 11.0.2

H. Bluhm et al, *J. Electron Spectrosc. Relat. Phenom.* 150 (2006) 86.

