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EMIL - Experimental Capabilities of the Energy Materials In-Situ Laboratory

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#### **Open questions in energy materials research**



Chemical/electronic structure? Band alignment?

Compound formation?

Stability?

Charge carrier

separation/transport?

Secondary phases?



advanced analytics (permanent access & "two color" beamline)& deposition tools (industry-scale & connected via UHV transfer)



# Uniquely suited for tomorrow's energy materials research!

#### X-Ray Spectroscopy @EMIL



PES – Photoelectron spectroscopy
PEEM – Photoemission electron microscopy
HAXPES – Hard X-ray PES

XES – X-ray emission spectroscopy
XAS –X-ray absorption spec.
XRF – X-ray fluorescence spec.
XRD – X-ray diffraction spec.

#### Wide X-ray energy range needed (80 eV - 10keV)

#### **Photoelectron Spectroscopy (PES): Principle**



X-ray PES (XPS, ESCA) + AES:

- $hv \sim 100 1500 \text{ eV}$
- Core levels
- Composition of surface
- Chemical species

#### **Experimental Setup**



#### **PES: Surface Sensitivity**



#### Values can be obtained from:

S. Tanuma et al., Surf. Interf. Anal., Vol. 21, 165 (1993) http://www.quases.com/frames/samples\_and\_downloads.htm

Courtesy of L. Weinhardt

#### **XPS vs. HAXPES: PROBING DEPTH**





#### (HA)XP(E)S: Qualitative Information



XPS gives information about elements at surface and chemical compounds (chemical shift)

# (HA)XP(E)S (+AES): Chemical shifts



- Energy positions of core levels and Auger lines shift for different chemical compounds
- But: determination of chemical compound typically needs more than just one line position!
- To eliminate effects of band bending and charging the use of the Modified Auger Parameter can be used:

$$\alpha^* = \alpha + h\nu = E_{kin}^{Auger} + E_B^{PES}$$

Cd	3d5/2	CdO	404	Click
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Cd	3d5/2	CdSe	405.3	Click
Cd	3d5/2	CdSe	405	<u>Click</u>
Cd	3d5/2	Ba/Ca/Cd/Sr/in_montmorillonite	406.4	Click

http://srdata.nist.gov/xps/

#### **HAXPES:** Current state-of-the-art



 Hard x-ray EMIL beamline (w/ cryogenic undulator) is expected to provide higher flux than current HIKE beamline

#### **XPS: Quantification**

Element  
Line (e.g. 2p)  

$$I \propto \sigma(Z, N, h\nu) \cdot T(E_{kin}) \cdot L(\gamma, N) \cdot \int_{0}^{d} c(Z, x) \cdot e^{-x \cos \theta / \lambda(E_{kin})} dx$$

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Homogeneous layer,  $d \rightarrow \infty, \, \theta \!=\! 0$  :

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# X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS) and x-ray emission spectroscopy (XES): Principle



#### XAS:

 Conduction band from the "perspective of a chosen core hole" (wave function overlap is needed)

#### <u>XES:</u>

 Valence band and weakly bound core levels from the "perspective of a chosen core hole"

Photon in - photon out techniques => investigation of buried interface, charging samples, liquids,...

#### Fluorescence vs. Auger process



*T. Attwood, Soft X-rays and extreme ultraviolet radiation: principles, Cambridge University Press (1999). M. O. Krause, Atomic radiative and radiationless yields for K-shells and L-shells, J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data 8, 307 (1979).* 

#### Need for high-flux beamline at a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation synchrotron light source!

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# **XES: Probing depth**

- "photon in photon out" technique
- More bulk sensitive than photoemission
- Attenuation lengths: some 10 ... few 100 nm



http://www.cxro.lbl.gov/optical\_constants/atten2.html

#### **XES & XAS: Experimental setup**





H. A. Rowland, Philos. Mag. 13, 469 (1882).

# Experimental setup in real life



#### XES example: S L<sub>2,3</sub> emission spectrum

"Fingerprint" approach => identification of different species



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#### "Resonant" excitation



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#### CdS: Impact of core excitonic feature



Weinhardt et al., PRB 75, 165207 (2007).

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E<sub>g</sub> (CdS): 2.4 ... 2.5 eV
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Landolt-Börnstein, Springer (2011)

 Taking core exciton into account (Gauss profile):

=> E<sub>g</sub> = 2.7 eV

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#### **Comparison with (validation of) calculated DOS**

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- XES represents (partial) density of states, DOS
- Comparison with calculated DOS useful to
  - => identify spectral contributions
  - => validate band structure calculations

#### "Resonant" excitation -> RIXS



#### **XES** => **RIXS**

(Resonant Inelastic X-ray Scattering)

- Coherent emission, conservation of crystal momentum
- Selection of k vectors only through excitation energy

S L<sub>2,3</sub> RIXS of CdS



Weinhardt et al., PRB 75, 165207 (2007).

# S L<sub>2,3</sub> RIXS of CdS: Standard approach



- RIXS spectra measured at a series of energies around the absorption edge
- S L<sub>2,3</sub> RIXS is tough: ~99.99% Auger
   ⇒ approx. 20 hours of measuring time for the complete series



Weinhardt et al., PRB 75, 165207 (2007).

# S L<sub>2,3</sub> RIXS of CdS: New VLS spectrometer



- RIXS spectra measured at every point in the absorption spectrum
- Total measurement time: 33 min



L. Weinhardt et al., PRB 79, 165305 (2009).

# S L<sub>2,3</sub> RIXS of CdS: RIXS map approach



#### S L<sub>2,3</sub> RIXS of CdS: Validate theory with experiment



# Research Example: Depth-resolved X-ray spectroscopy of mixed-halide perovskites

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# Motivation and sample preparation

We have used electron and X-ray based spectroscopies with different information depths to:

- measure core and valence levels of CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>PbI<sub>(3-x)</sub>Cl<sub>x</sub>/TiO<sub>2</sub>
- correlate the chemical and electronic properties of the *surface* and the *near-surface* region
- monitor the formation of the perovskite *in-situ*

Sample preparation<sup>1</sup>:

$$CH_3NH_3I + PbCI_2 \rightarrow CH_3NH_3PbI_{(3-x)}CI_x$$

(Samples provided by Prof. Henry Snaith Group)

- 1) Solution of  $CH_3NH_3I + PbCl_2$  in DMF spincoated on compact TiO<sub>2</sub>
- Samples annealed in N<sub>2</sub>(g) filled glove box at 90°C for 2h

<sup>1</sup>Michael M. Lee *et al.* Science **338**,643 (2012)



# Pb 4f spectra: location of metallic Pb



### Valence Band Spectra: Metallic Pb



# In-situ perovskite formation in UHV



# **Depletion of CI in surface region**



D.E. Starr, G. Sadoughi, E. Handick, R.G. Wilks, J.-H. Alsmeier, L. Köhler, M. Gorgoi, H. Snaith and M. Bär, Energy Environ. Sci. 8 1609 (2015).

CI 2p XPS and CI K edge XAS: Where does the chlorine go?



Where does the chlorine go?







D. Starr et al., Energy Environ. Sci., 2015,8, 1609.















# XES: Beamdamage?!!!!!!!!



• N K XES spectra indicate that  $CH_3NH_3PbI_{3-x}CI_x$  is altered in x-ray beam

# Summary

- X-ray spectroscopies are well suited to probe the chemical and electronic properties of perovskite-based cell structures
- If observed, metallic Pb increases in its concentration with increasing bulk sensitivity
- No (within the detection limit) Cl is present at the surface of mixed halide perovskites
- Cl concentration increases towards TiO<sub>2</sub> substrate
- Beware of beamdamage





# The Energy Materials In-situ Laboratory (EMIL) at BESSY II:

# SISSY @ EMIL



# **Energy Materials In-Situ Lab Berlin**



# The EMIL Building (2000 qm)



# The EMIL beamline (80-10,000 eV)



# SISSY@EMIL: Analytics, Transfer, Cluster



# **SISSY@EMIL:** automated UHV transfer



# Sample sizes, holders and adapters



T – sample temperature (max. / min.)

# **EMIL: Advantages for Energy Research**

Unique research environment

=> deposition tools for thin-film materials directly connected to synchrotron analysis without vacuum break (*in situ & in system*)

- (Quasi) permanent access to the synchrotron
   => feedback loop can be established
  - => knowledge-driven development of processes, materials, and devices
- Enable the establishment of a world-class international user community and industry collaboration at EMIL
- External User Philosophy

=> Use existing and establish new collaborations with the leading researchers in the world

=> Offer unique characterization and synthesis capabilities at EMIL
 => User support understood rather in form of a collaboration than a service

→ Attractive to researchers from all energy materials communities and beyond...

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