

Orbital Ordering Studied by Resonant X-Ray Scattering

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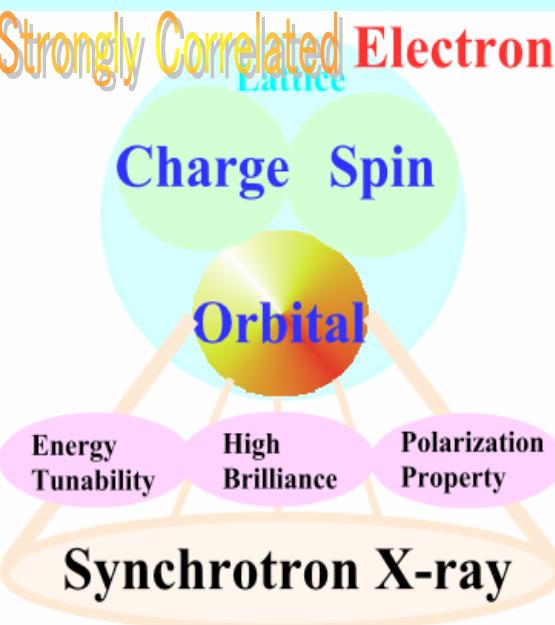
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Introduction

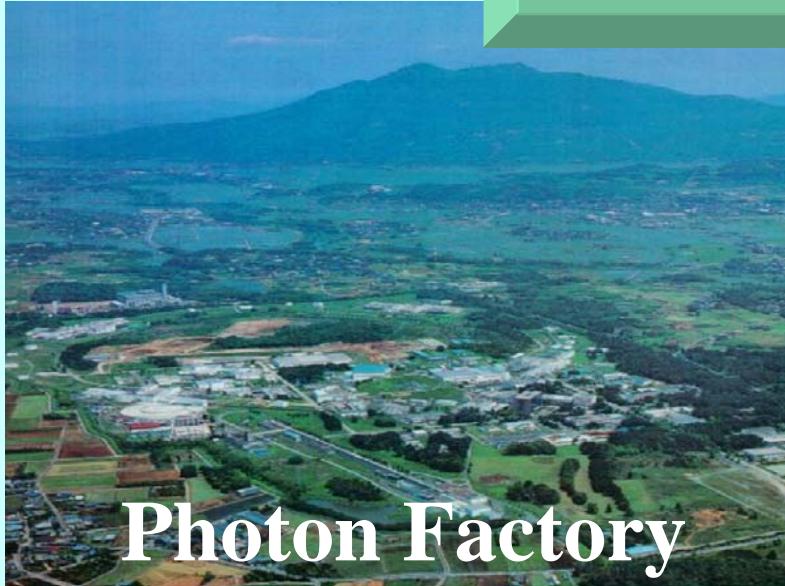
Resonant X-ray Scattering to Observe Orbital Ordering

Recent Development of Resonant X-ray Scattering

1. Short Range Orbital Ordering
2. Orbital Ordering of f -electron Systems
3. Observation of Ferro-Orbital Ordering

Orbital Ordering near the Mott Transition in t_{2g} Electron Systems, Titanates

Resonant Inelastic X-ray Scattering Observation of Orbital Excitation in Manganites



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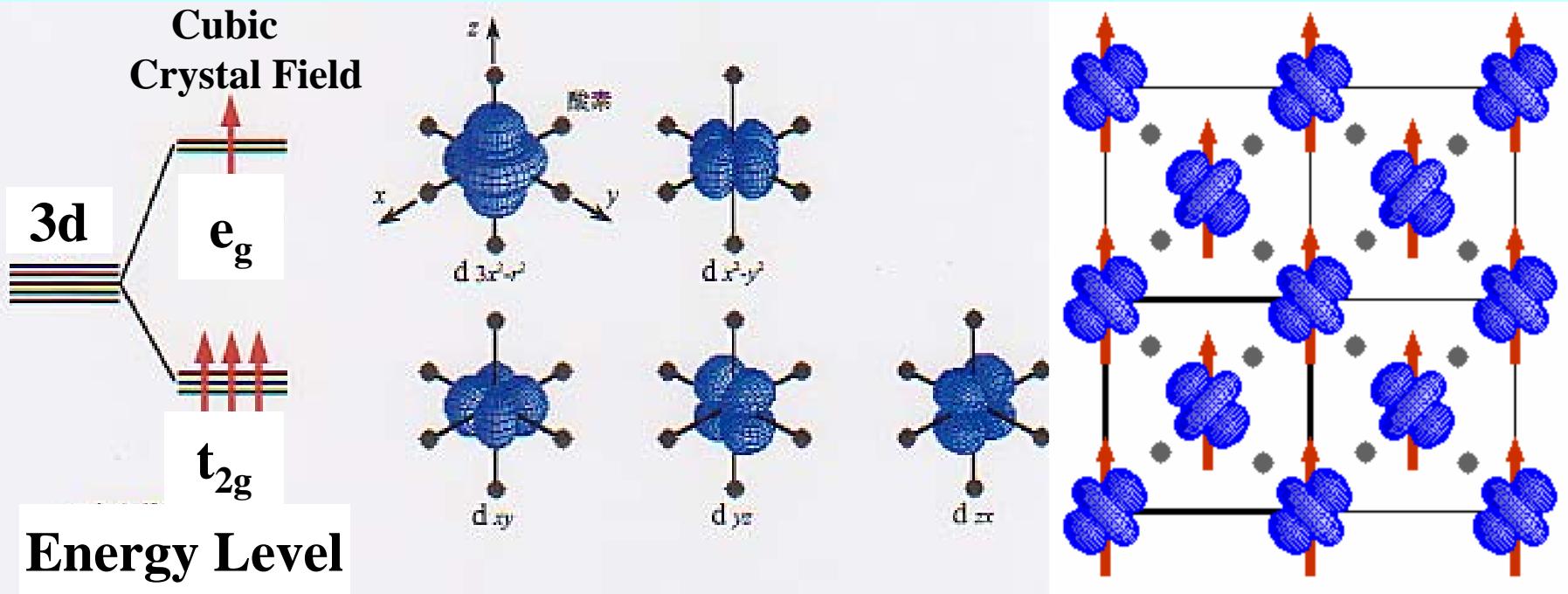


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Orbital Degree of Freedom and Orbital Ordering in Manganite

Orbital Degree of Freedom of Mn^{3+}
in Perovskite-type Manganese Oxide

Orbital Ordering
in ab-plane of LaMnO_3



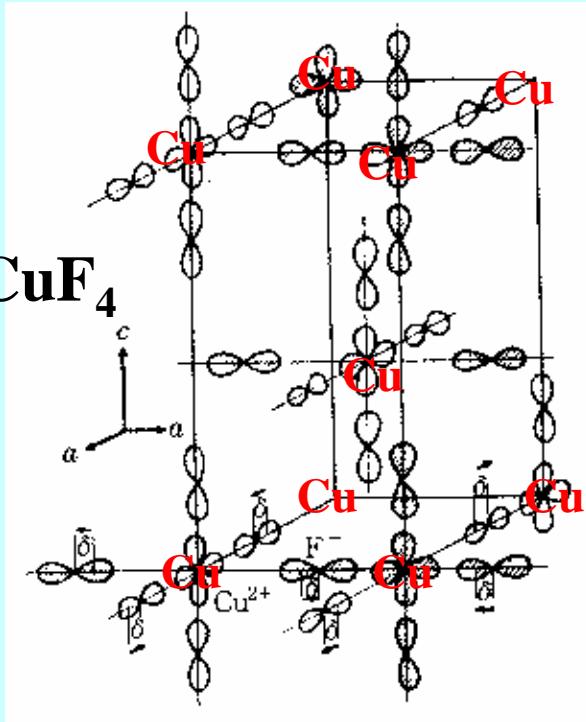
Cooperative Jahn Teller effect
and/or
the super-exchange interaction between Mn sites

Orbital Ordering

Polarized Neutron Diffraction

First Observation of the Orbital Ordering

$\mathbf{K_2CuF_4}$

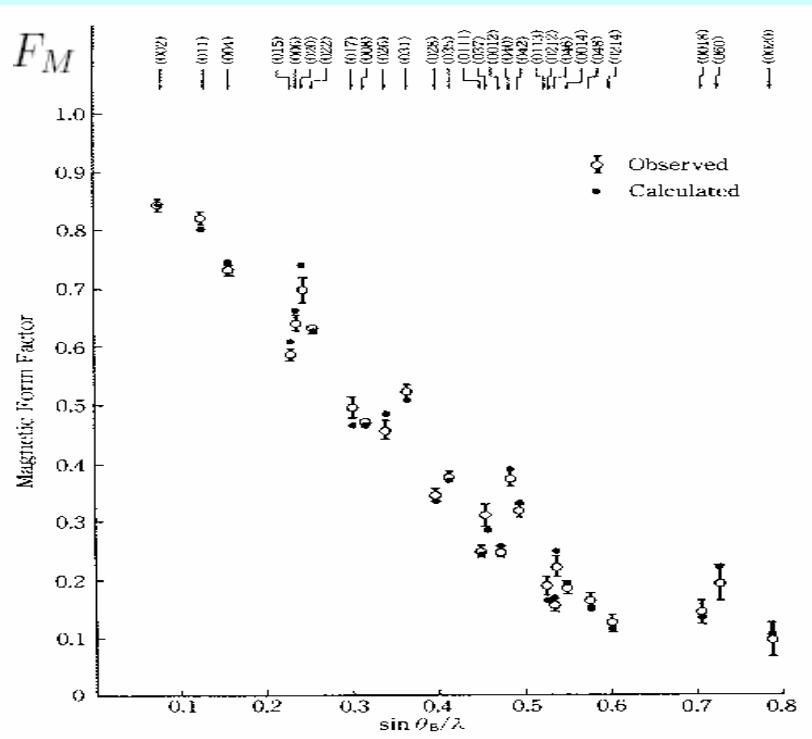


$$\left(\frac{\partial\sigma}{\partial\Omega}\right)^{\pm\pm} = |F_N \pm F_M|^2$$
$$\left(\frac{\partial\sigma}{\partial\Omega}\right)^{\pm\mp} = 0$$

Flipping Ratio R

$$R = \left(\frac{F_N + F_M}{F_N - F_M}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1 + \gamma_0}{1 - \gamma_0}\right)^2$$

$$\gamma_0 = F_M/F_N$$



Y. Ito and J. Akimitsu, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn., 40 (1976) 1621.

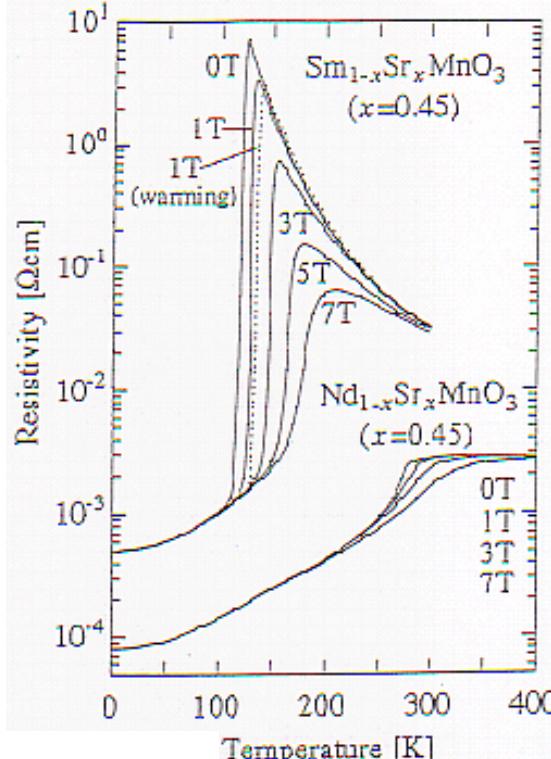
Problems

1. The magnetic order is required.
2. Temperature dependence of the order parameter
3. The correlation Length

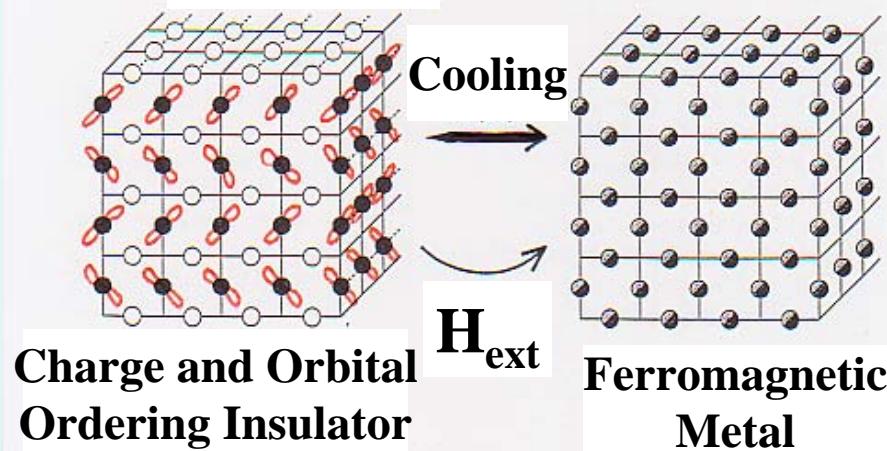
CMR (Colossal Magneto- Resistance) Compound

Importance of
Orbital degree of
freedom

$\text{Sm}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{MnO}_3$

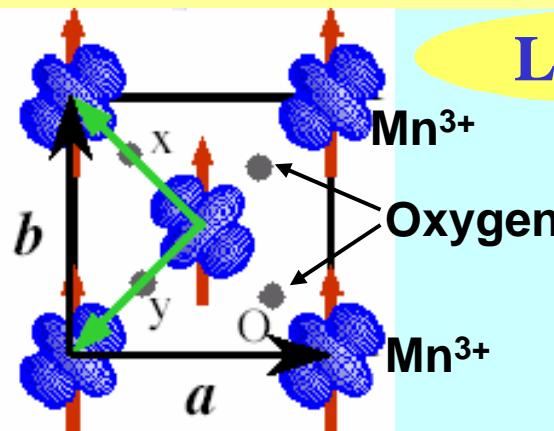


Tokura Group



The revival of experimental and theoretical interest in the manganites has occurred in 1990's by the discovery of CMR.

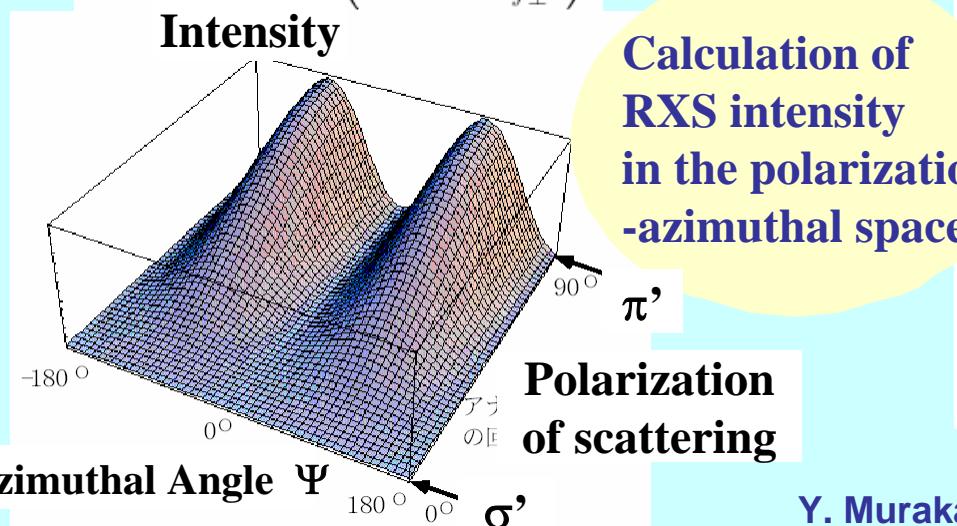
Resonant X-ray Scattering



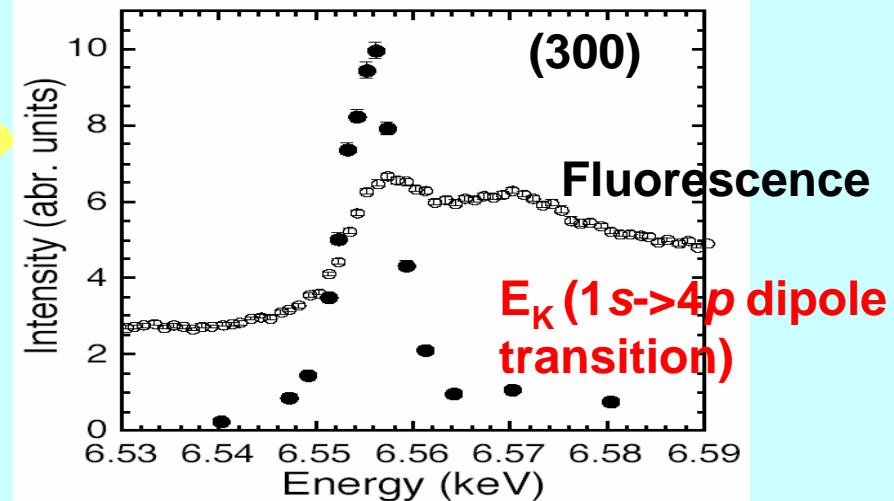
$$\hat{f}(n=+1) = \begin{pmatrix} f_{\perp} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f_{\parallel} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & f_{\perp} \end{pmatrix}$$

Atomic
Scattering
Tensor

$$\hat{f}(n=-1) = \begin{pmatrix} f_{\parallel} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f_{\perp} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & f_{\perp} \end{pmatrix}$$



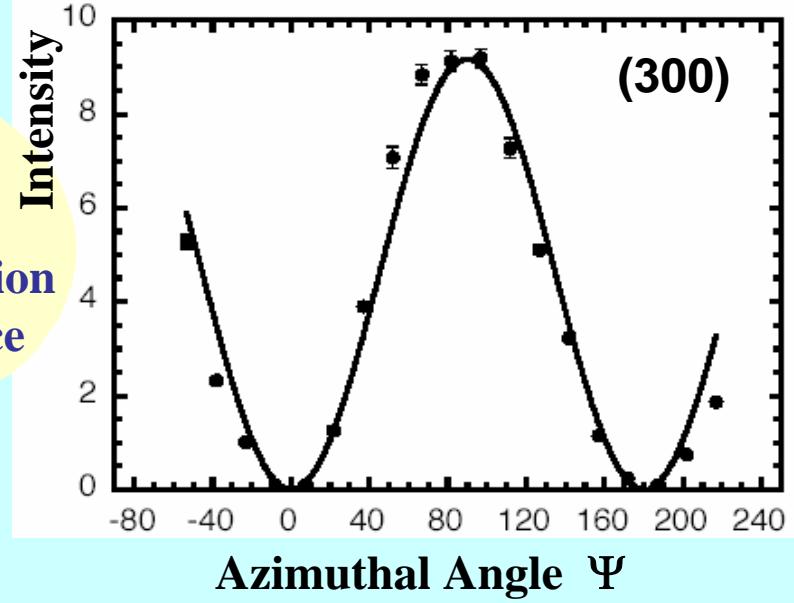
1. Resonant Nature



2. Polarization Dependence

The polarization of x-ray rotates ($\sigma \rightarrow \pi$).

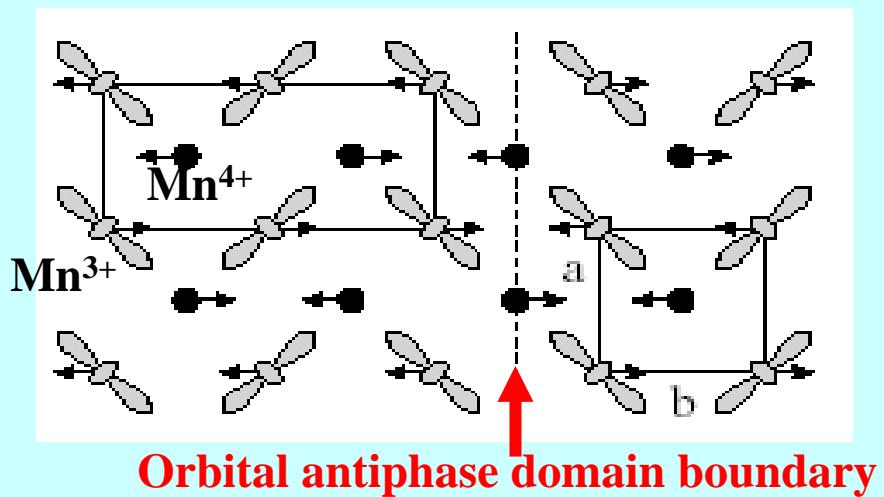
3. Azimuthal Angle Dependence



Recent Development of RXS

1. Observation of short-range orbital ordering: $\text{Pr}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x\text{MnO}_3$,

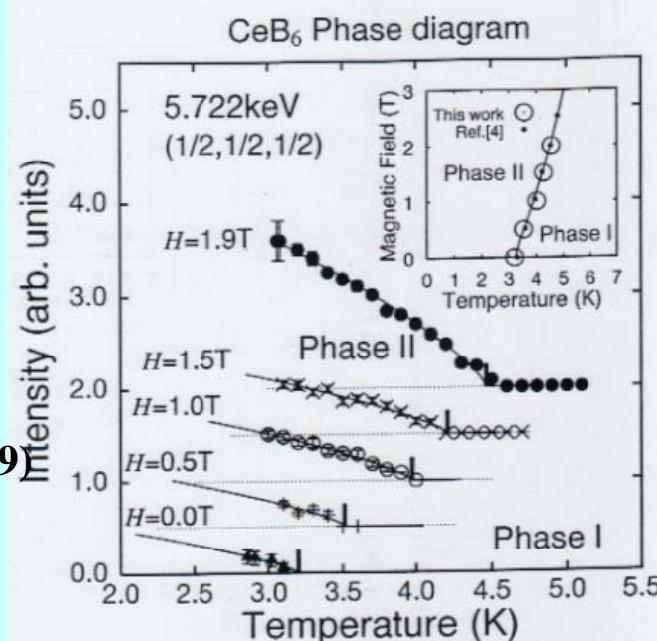
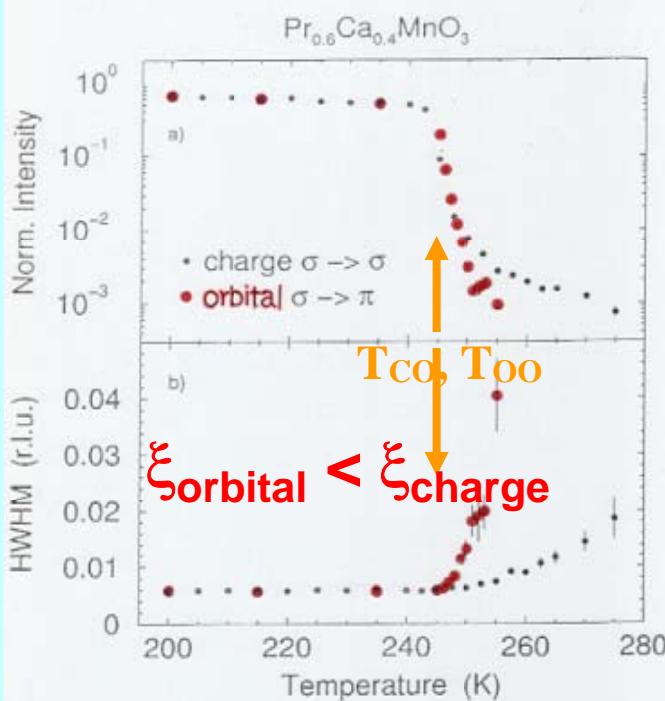
M.v.Zimmermann , PRL 83, 4872 (1999)
(A team of BNL scientists) PRB 64, 195133 (2001)



2. Observation of orbital ordering in f-electron system (quadrupolar ordering):

Dy B_2C_2 , Y. Tanaka, J. Phys. Cond. Matter. 11, L505 (1999)
K.Hirota, PRL 84, 2706 (2000)
T. Matsumura, PRB 65, 094420 (2002)

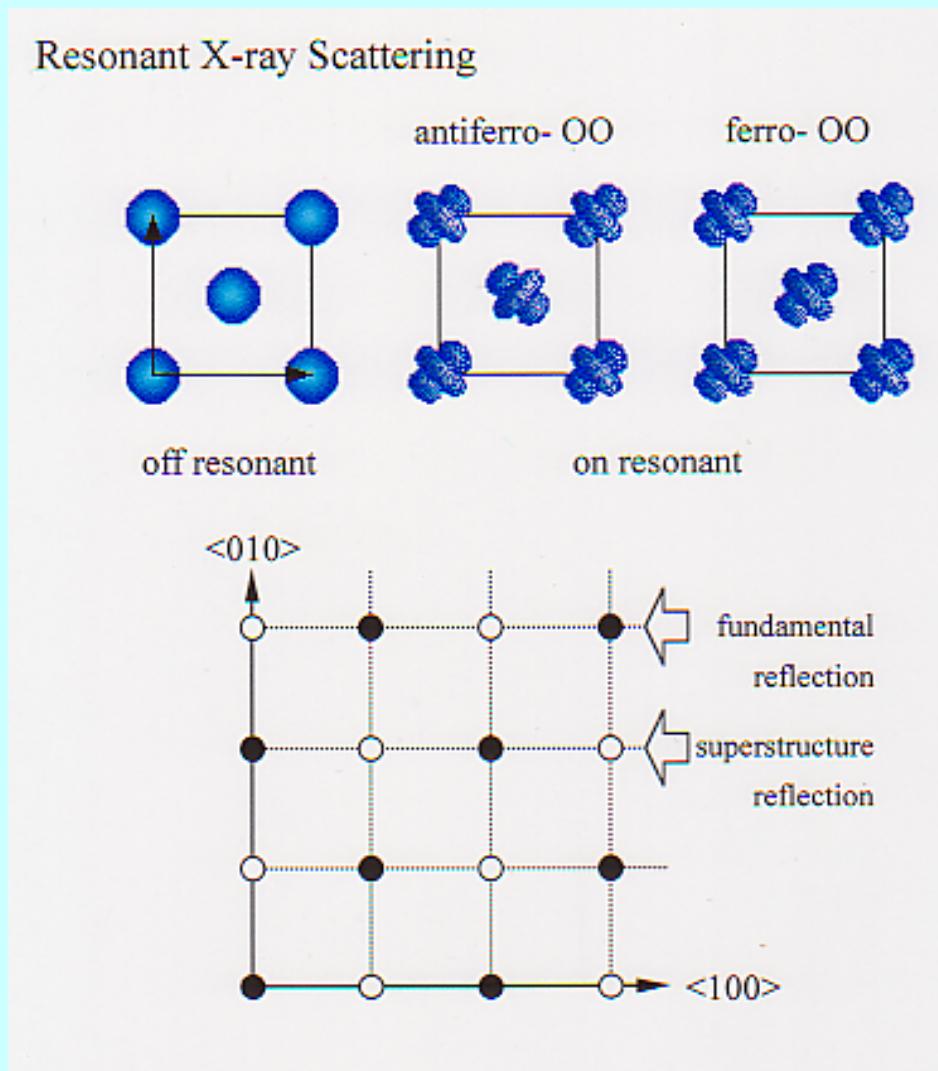
Ce B_6 , H.Nakao , JPSJ 70, 1857 (2001)



3. Observation of Ferro-Orbital Ordering

$\text{La}_{0.5}\text{Sr}_{0.5}\text{MnO}_3$ thin films, H. Ohsumi et al., JPSJ 72, 1006 (2003).

$\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{MnO}_3$ superlattice, T. Kiyama et al., JPSJ 72, 785 (2003).



Interference Technique using Resonant X-ray Scattering

T. Kiyama et al., JPSJ 72, 785 (2003).
H. Ohsumi et al., JPSJ 72, 1006 (2003).

New Technique to Observe Ferro-Orbital Ordering

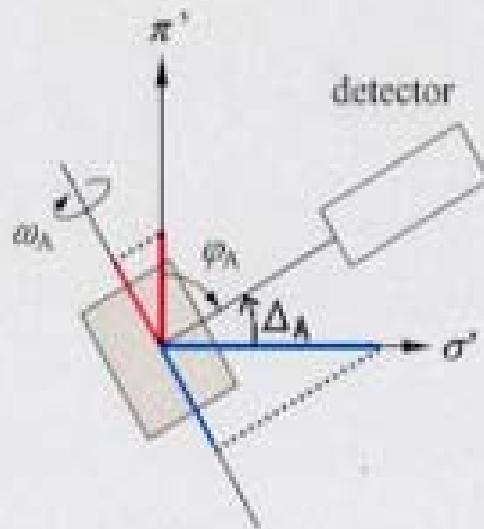
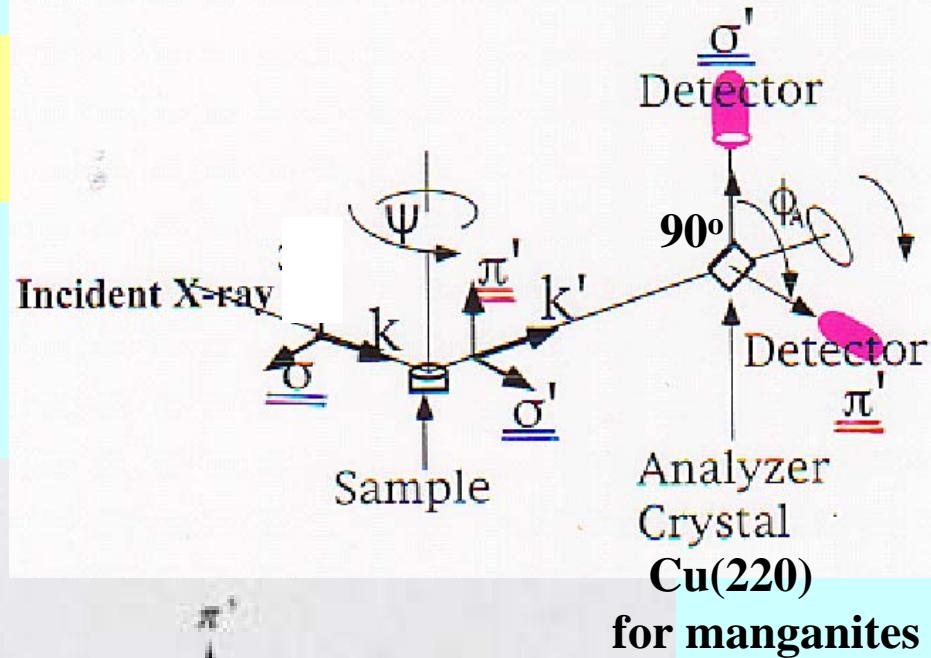
Polarization analysis ($2\theta_A = 90^\circ$)

$$I(\varphi_s) \propto \left| (\sigma \hat{F} \sigma) \cos \varphi_s - (\pi \hat{F} \sigma) \sin \varphi_s \right|^2$$

amplitude of electric field
along the ω_h -axis

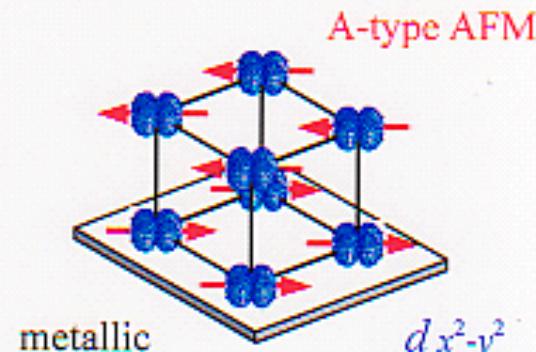
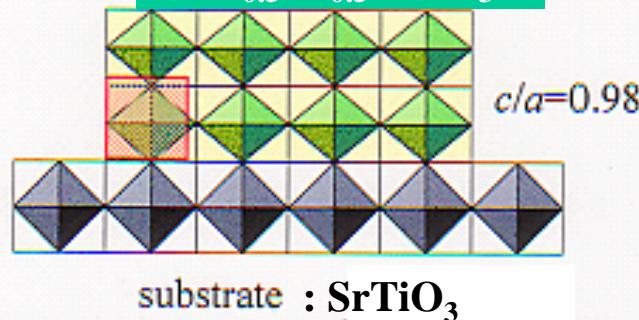
Interference Term

$$\begin{aligned} I(90^\circ + \Delta_s) - I(90^\circ - \Delta_s) &\propto \left| (\sigma \hat{F} \sigma) \sin \Delta_s + (\pi \hat{F} \sigma) \cos \Delta_s \right|^2 - \left| (\sigma \hat{F} \sigma) \sin \Delta_s - (\pi \hat{F} \sigma) \cos \Delta_s \right|^2 \\ &= 2 \operatorname{Re} [(\sigma \hat{F} \sigma) (\pi \hat{F} \sigma)] \sin 2\Delta_s \end{aligned}$$



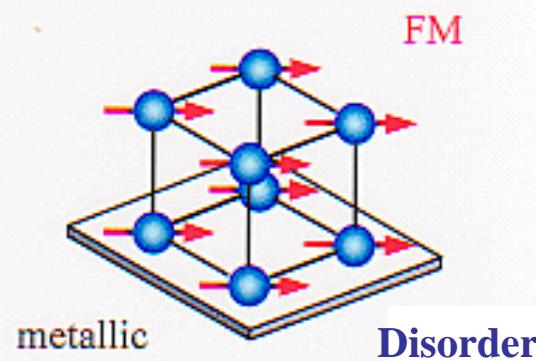
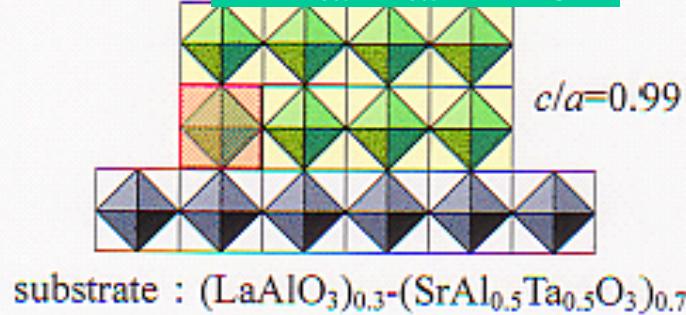
STO

$\text{La}_{0.5}\text{Sr}_{0.5}\text{MnO}_3$



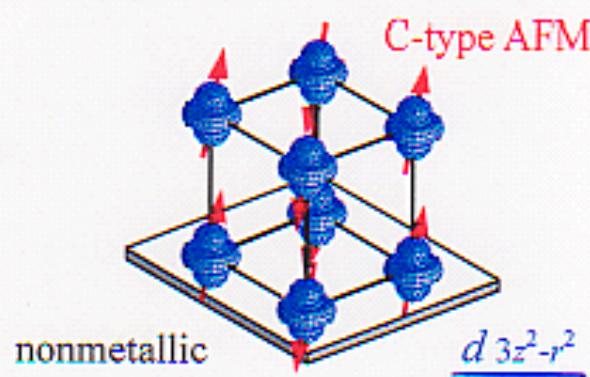
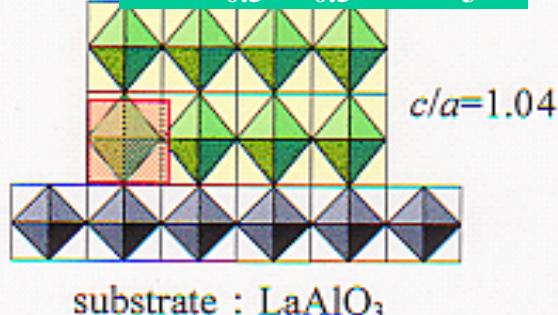
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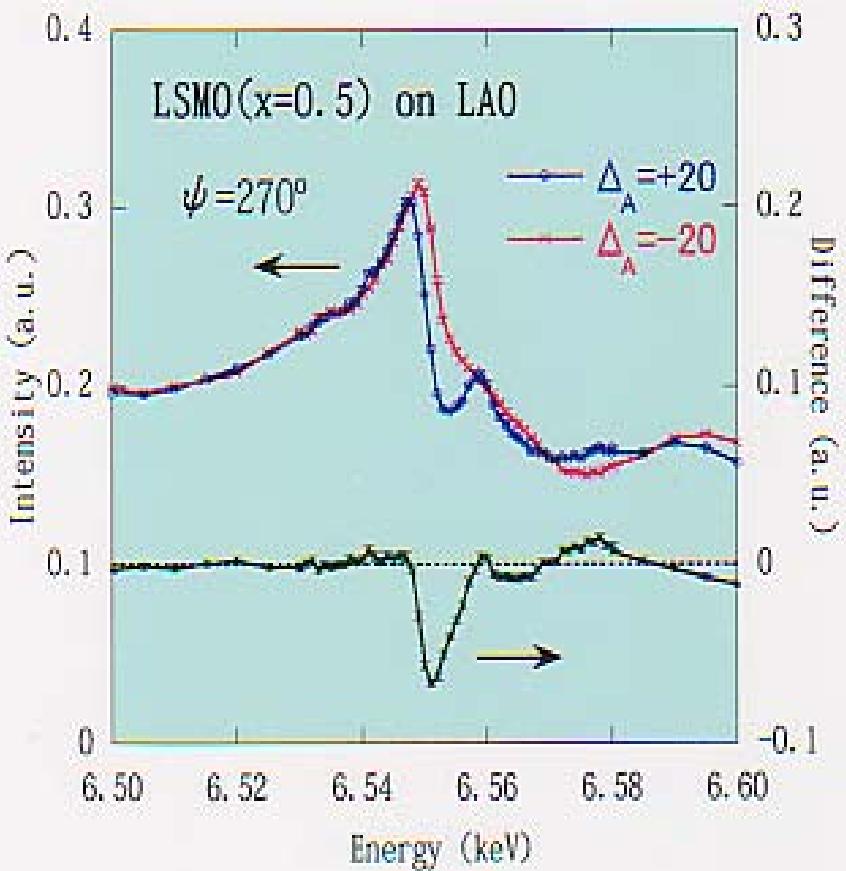
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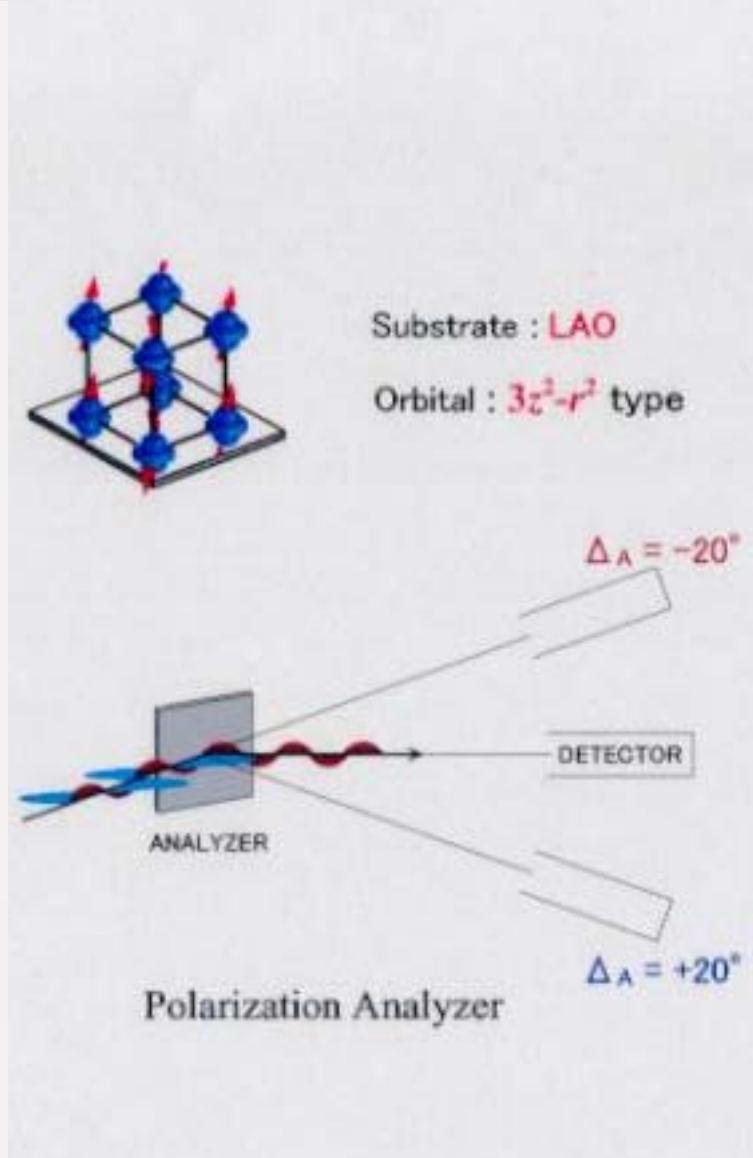
LAO

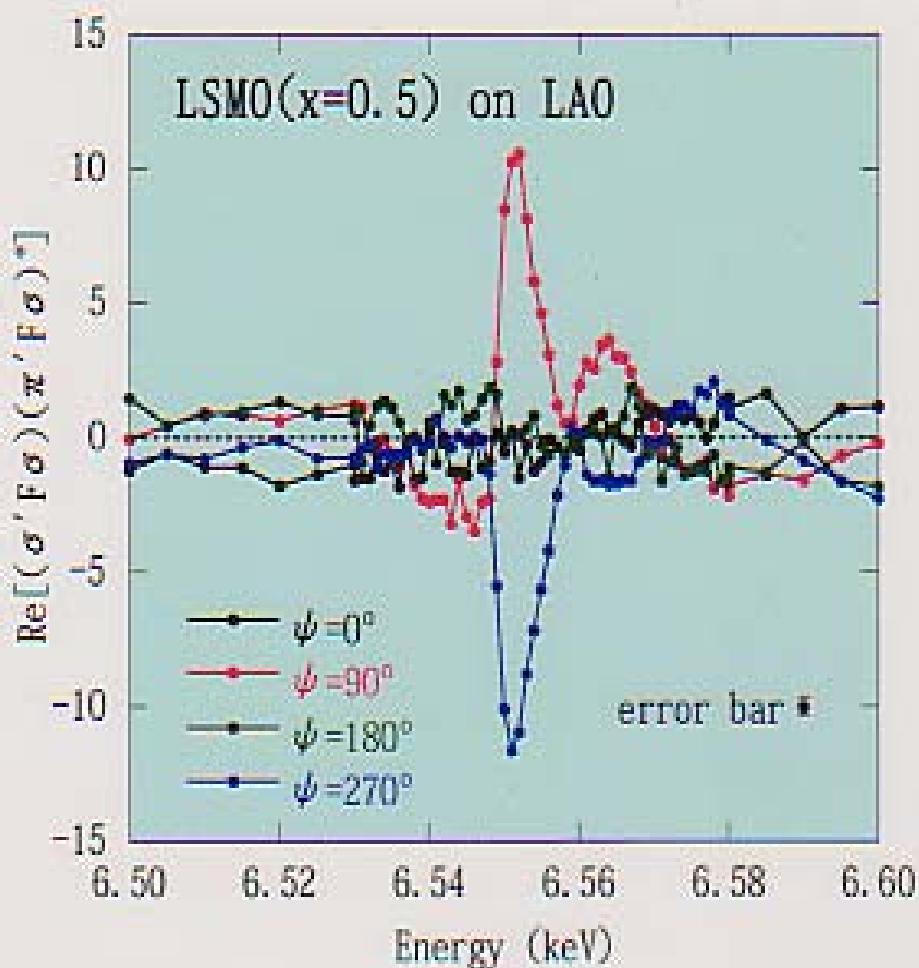
$\text{La}_{0.5}\text{Sr}_{0.5}\text{MnO}_3$



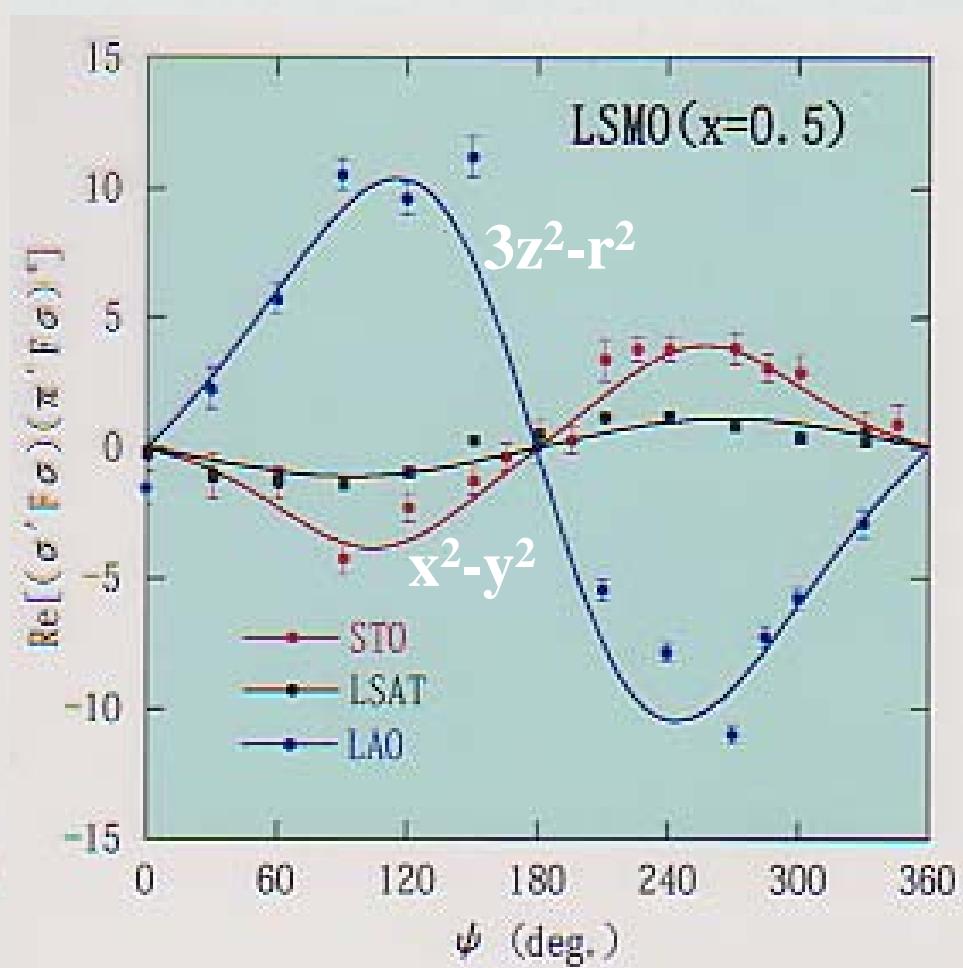


Energy dependence of the (012) Bragg reflection near the manganese K -absorption edge.



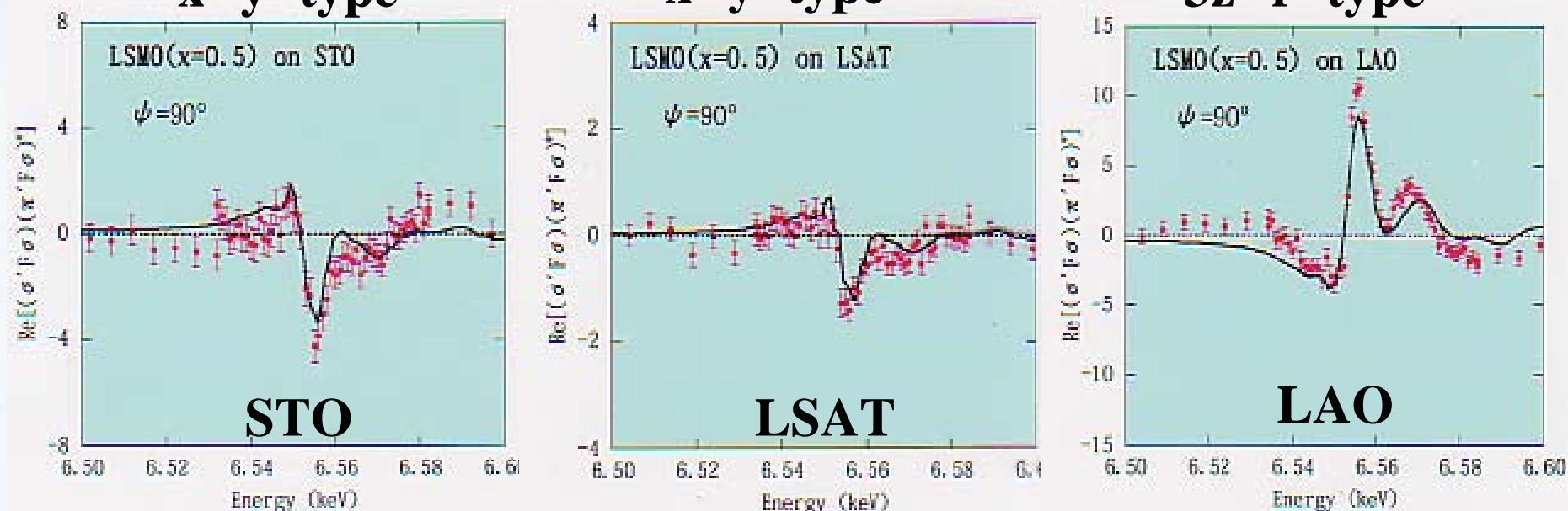
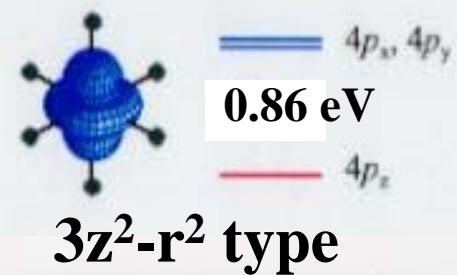
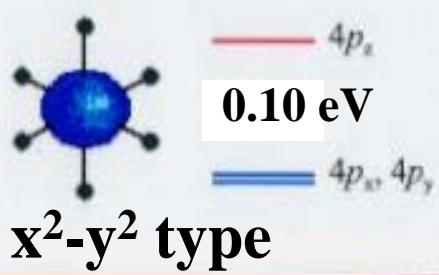
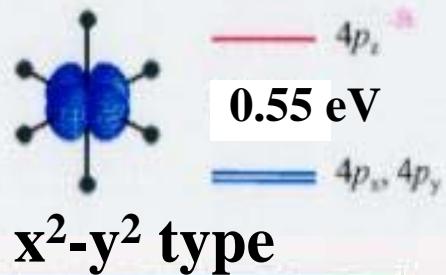


Energy Dependence



Azimuthal Angle Dependence

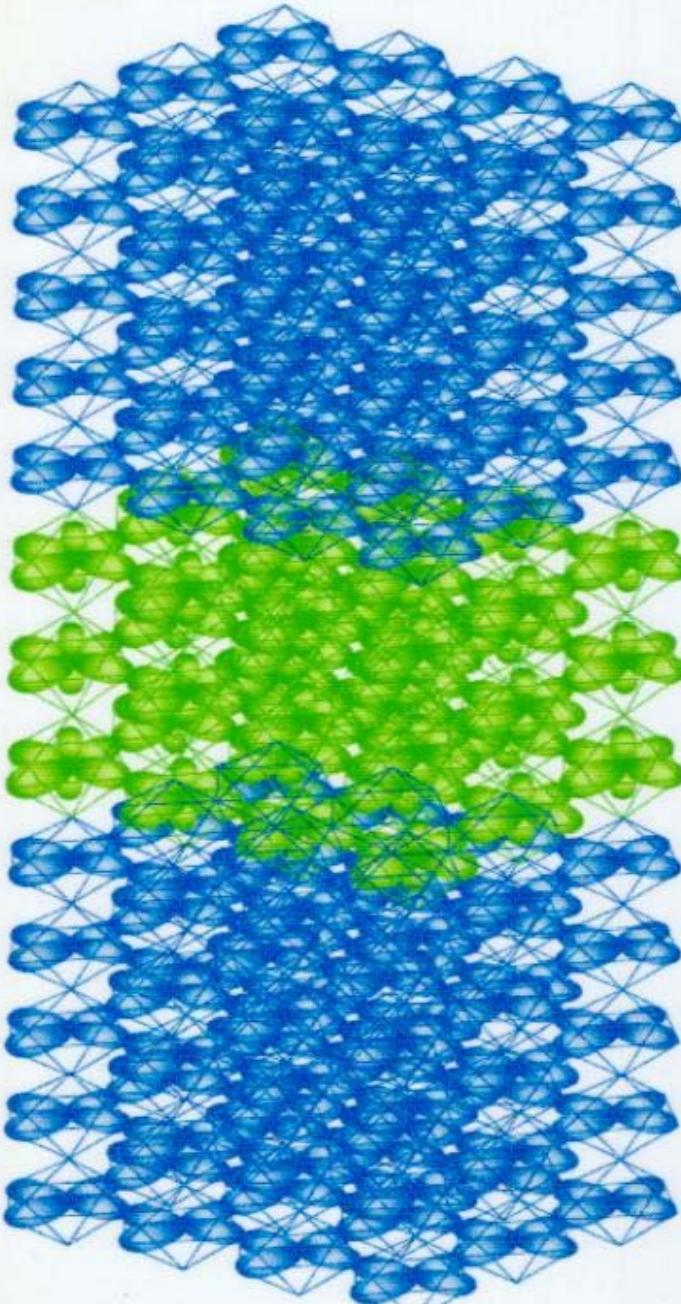
Electric Structure of $4p$ state



Energy Dependence of the Interference Term

Orbital-Super-lattice

(La_{0.45}Sr_{0.55}MnO₃ 10units/La_{0.6}Sr_{0.4}MnO₃ 3units) 20



Super-lattice Structure of $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{MnO}_3$

La_{0.45}Sr_{0.55}MnO₃

x=0.55

La_{0.6}Sr_{0.4}MnO₃

x=0.40

La_{0.45}Sr_{0.55}MnO₃

x=0.55

Orbital Ordering Systems Studied by RXS

eg Electron System

$\text{La}_{0.5}\text{Sr}_{1.5}\text{MnO}_4$
 $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_{1+x}\text{MnO}_4$
 LaMnO_3
 $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{MnO}_3$
 $\text{La}_{2-2x}\text{Sr}_{1+2x}\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_7$
 $\text{Nd}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{MnO}_3$
 $\text{Pr}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x\text{MnO}_3$
 KCuF_3
 $\text{KCu}_x\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{F}_3$
 K_2CuF_4
 $(1s \rightarrow 4p)$

t_{2g} Electron System

YTiO_3
 $\text{Y}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x\text{TiO}_3$
 RTiO_3
(R=Gd, Sm, Nd, La)
 YVO_3
 LaVO_3
 V_2O_3
 $(1s \rightarrow 4p)$

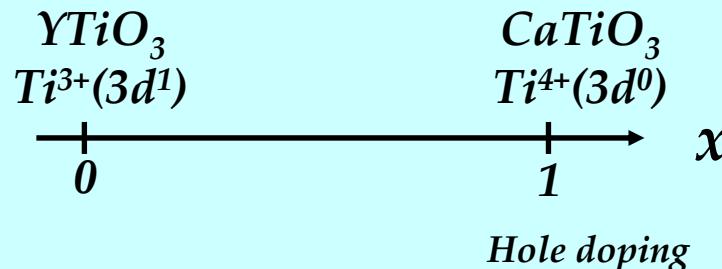
f Electron System

DyB_2C_2
 HoB_2C_2
 TbB_2C_2
 CeB_6
 $\text{PrFe}_4\text{P}_{12}$
 $(2p \rightarrow 5d)$
 $\text{UPd}_3, \text{UGa}_3$
 NpO_2
 $(3d \rightarrow 5f)$

This list is rapidly increasing.

We can know the temperature dependence of the orbital state and its correlation length from the width of the resonant x-ray reflections

Orbital Ordering near the Mott Transition in t_{2g} Electron Systems



Manganites

Orbital Ordered State
Antiferro-Insulator

Low Hole Doping

CMR

Orbital Liquid State
Ferro-Metal

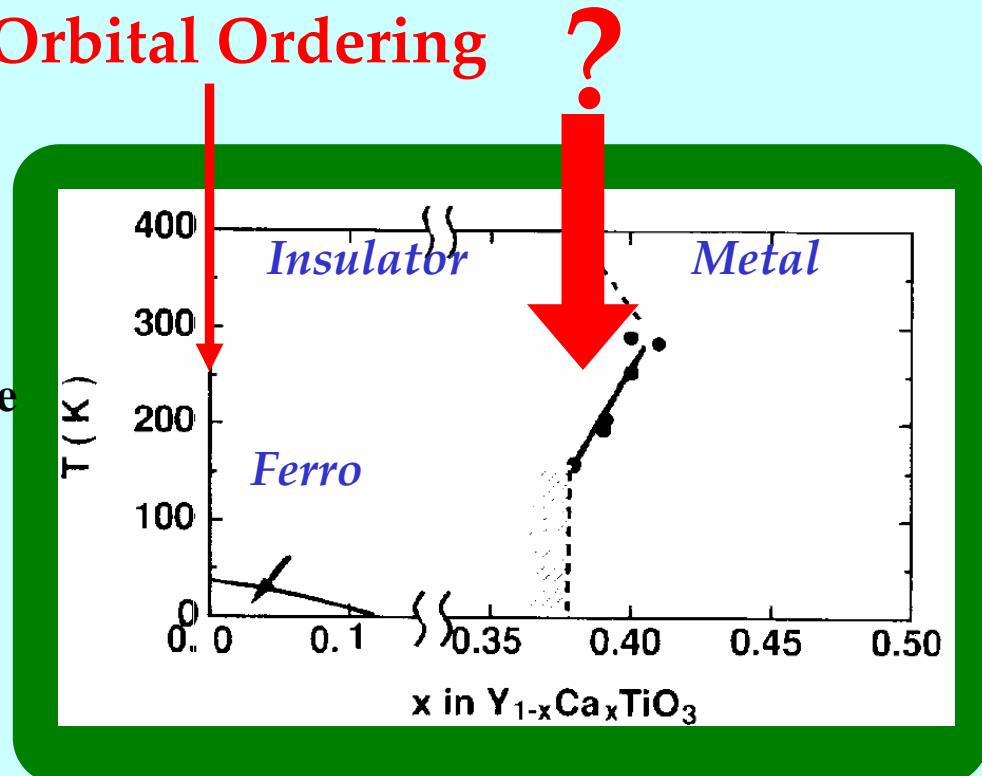
Questions

$Y_{1-x}Ca_xTiO_3$

1. Why does the ferromagnetic state become unstable in the insulative phase with the hole doping?
2. Why is the system still insulator in the high hole doped region?

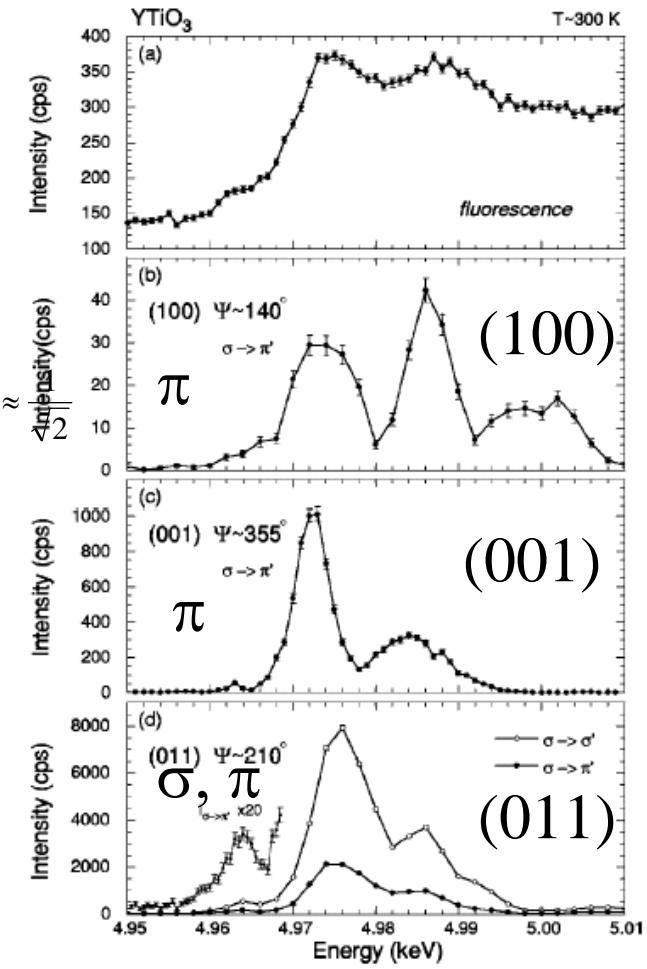
→ Orbital states

Orbital Ordering

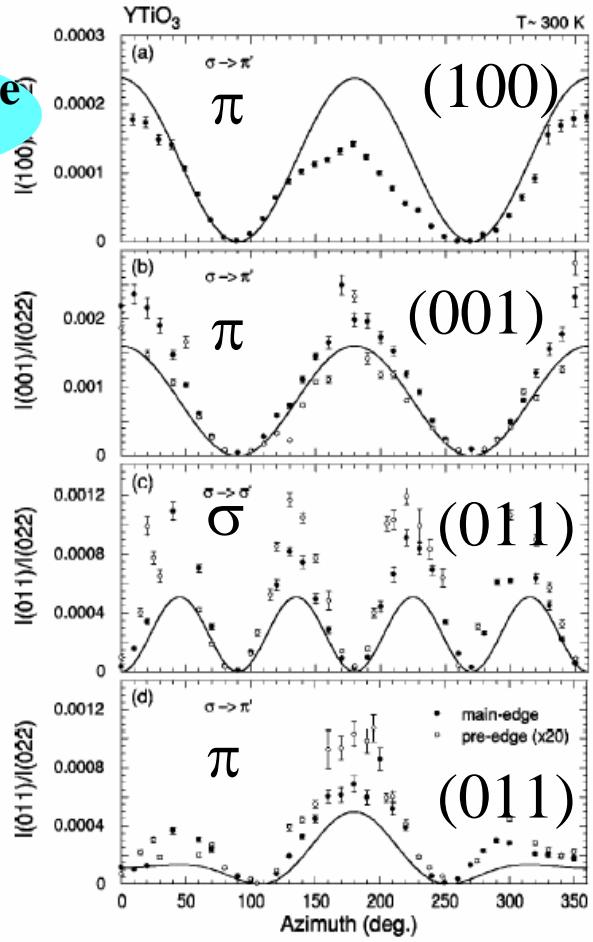


Orbital State of YTiO₃

Energy Dependence
of (100), (001), (011)

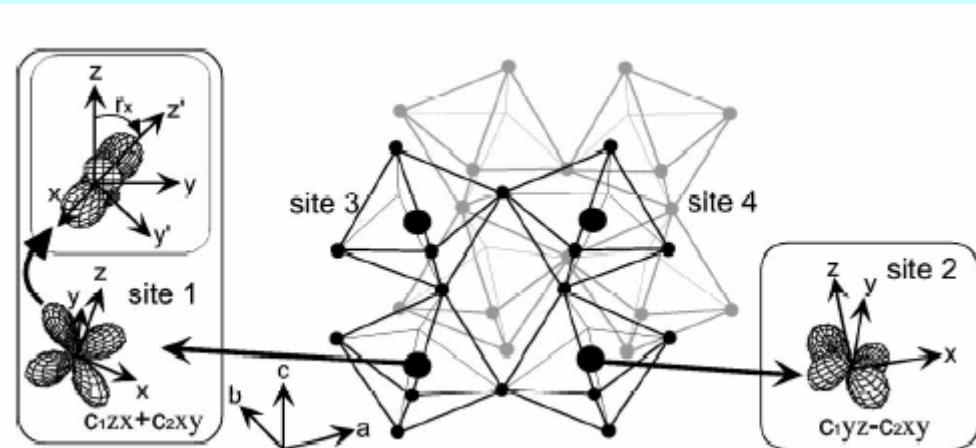


Azimuthal angle dependence



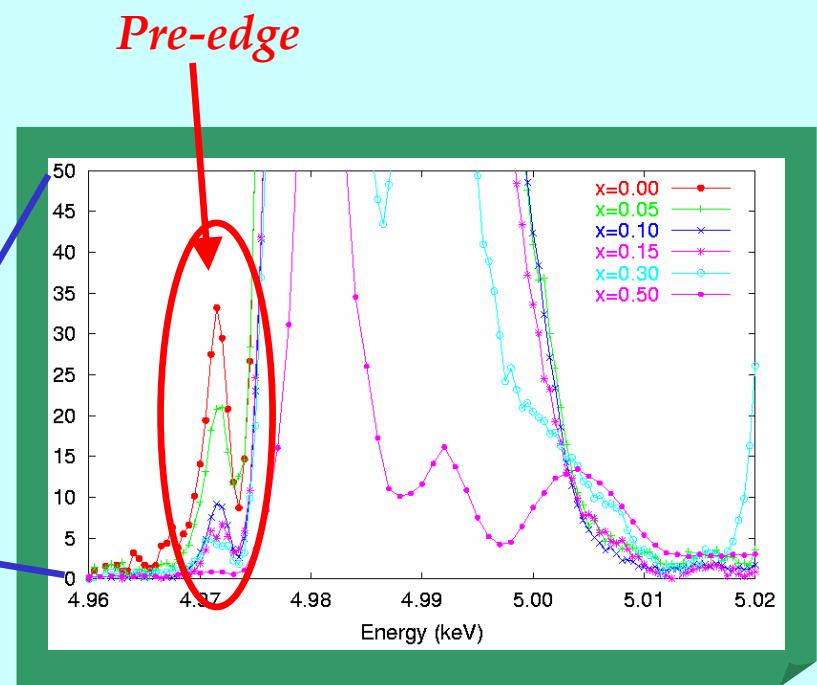
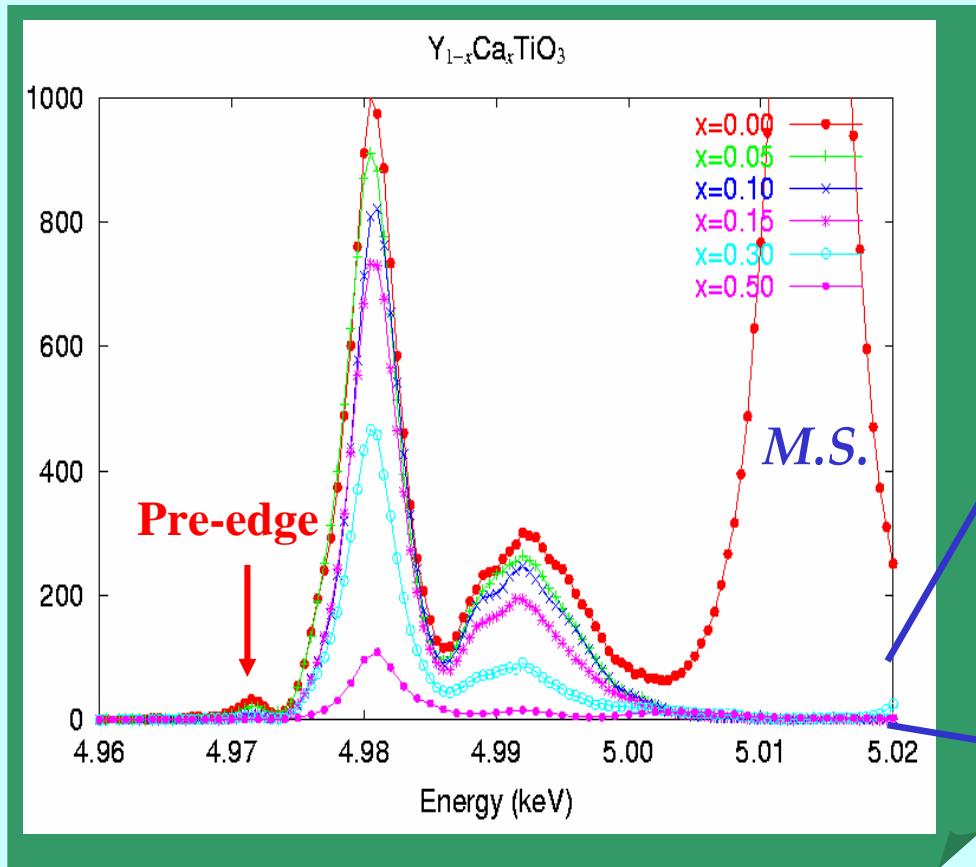
Site1: $c_1 d_{zx} - c_2 d_{xy}$
Site2: $c_1 d_{yz} + c_2 d_{xy}$
Site3: $c_1 d_{zx} + c_2 d_{xy}$
Site4: $c_1 d_{yz} - c_2 d_{xy}$

$$c_1 = c_2 \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

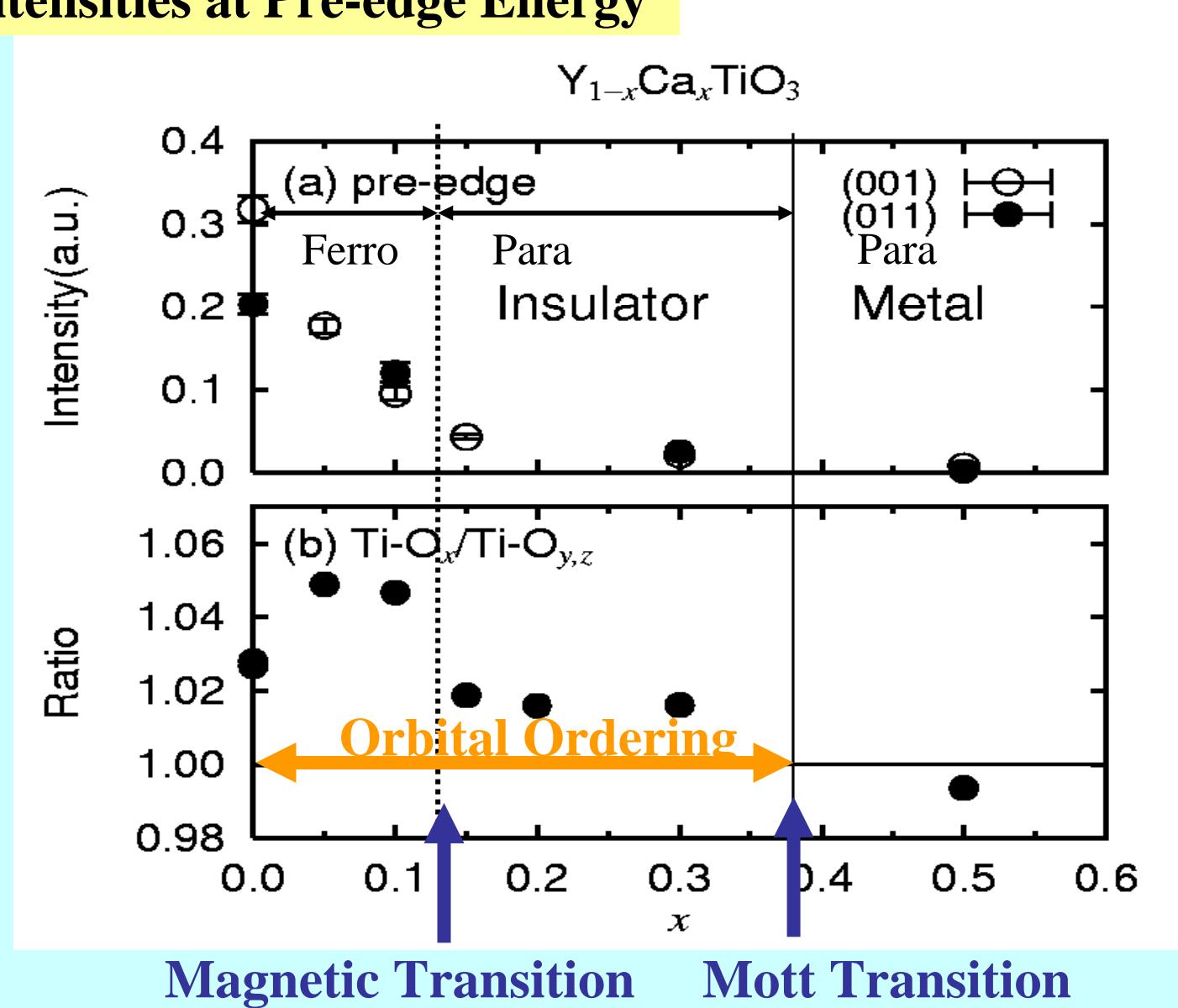


H. Nakao, PRB 66, 184419 (2002).

Energy Dependence of (001) Signals



Concentration x Dependence of RXS Intensities at Pre-edge Energy



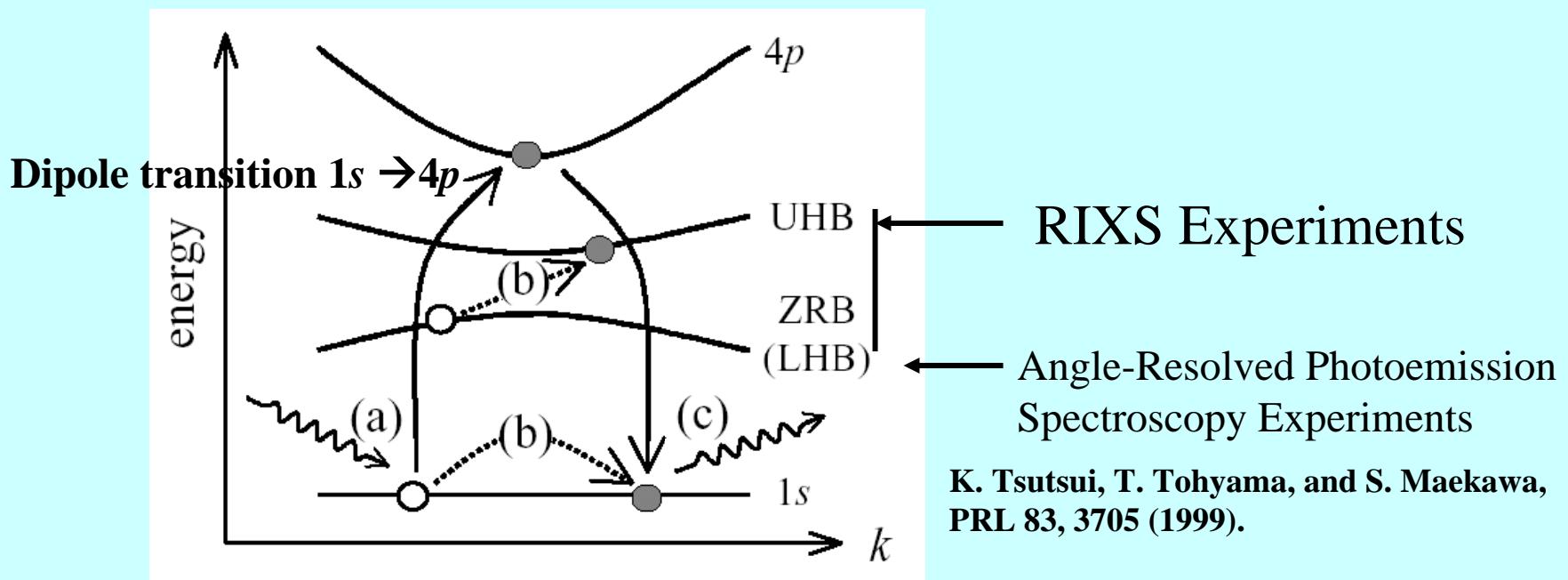
Resonant Inelastic X-ray Scattering (RIXS)

The RIXS is a powerful technique to obtain information on the momentum dependence of the elementary excitations.

Transition metal Oxides like manganites and cuprates

**Ex. Charge Transfer excitation
between the transition metal and oxygen**

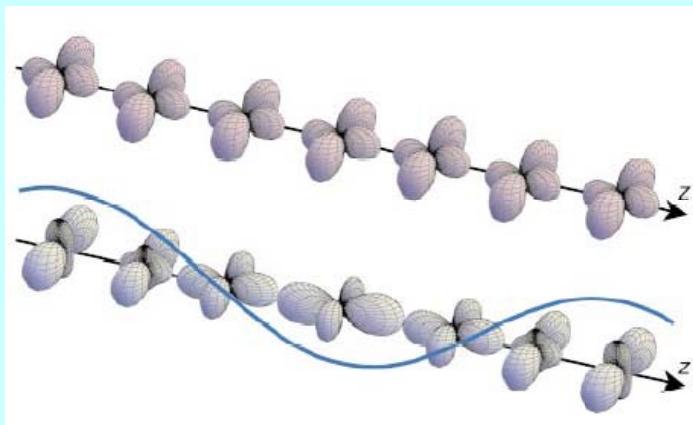
***d-d* excitation
on the transition metal site**



Schematic view of RIXS process in the case of the cuprate

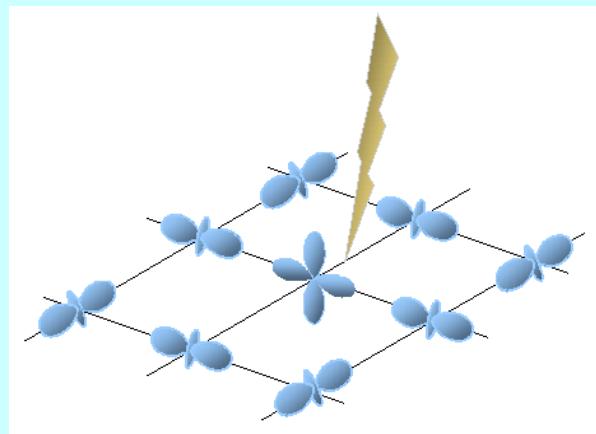
Observation of Orbital Excitations

Collective Orbital Excitation



E. Saitoh, Nature 410, 180 (2001)

Individual Orbital Excitation



by S. Ishihara & S. Maekawa

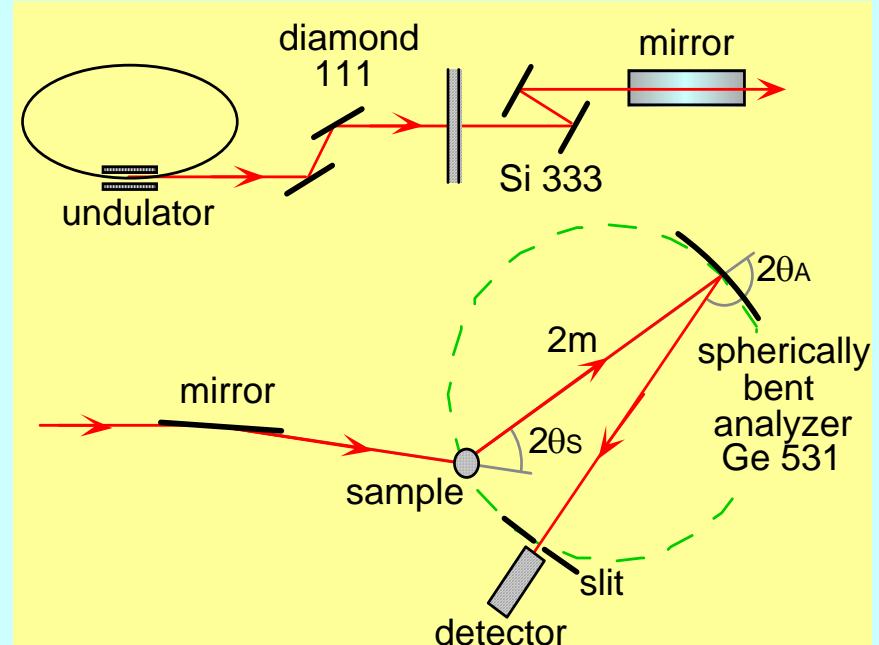
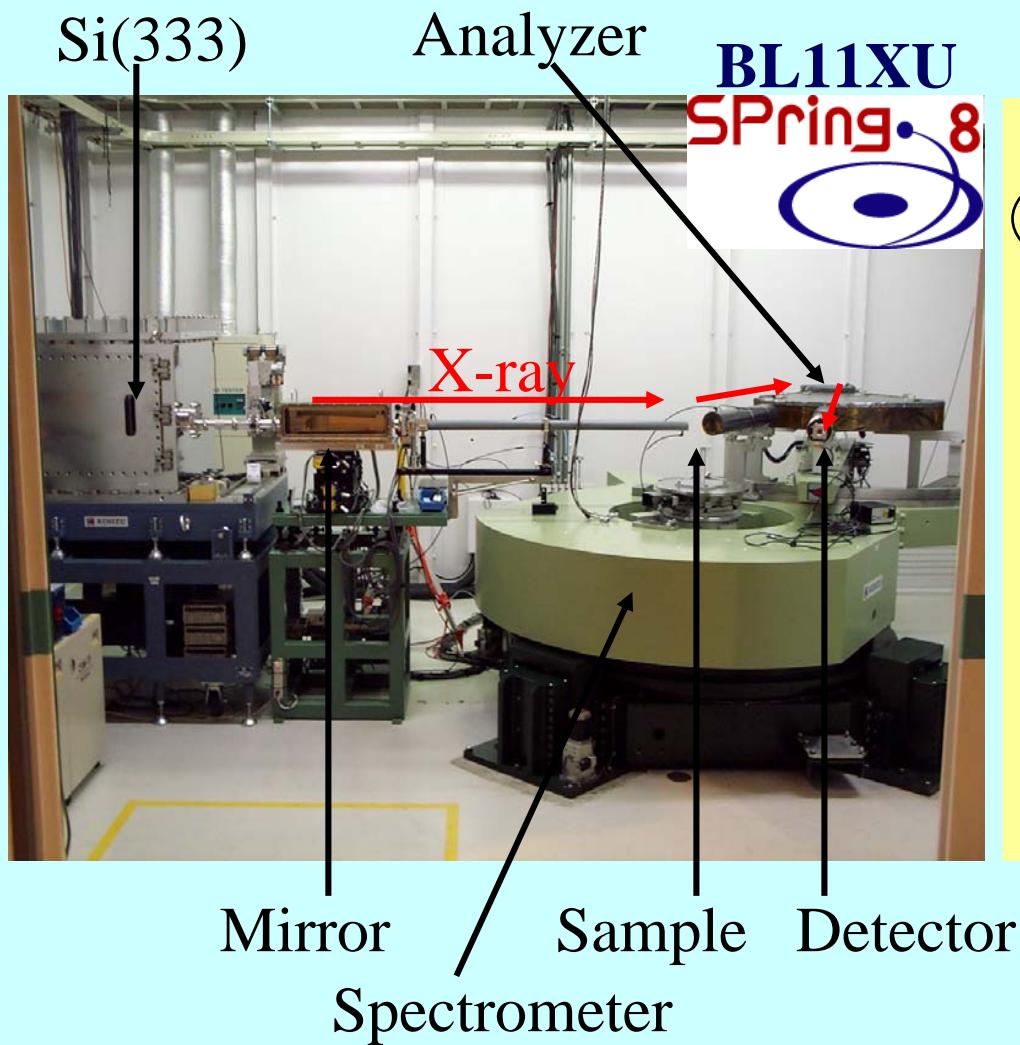
Orbital Wave
cf. Spin Wave

in magnetically ordered systems

Particle-hole Excitation
cf. Stoner Excitation

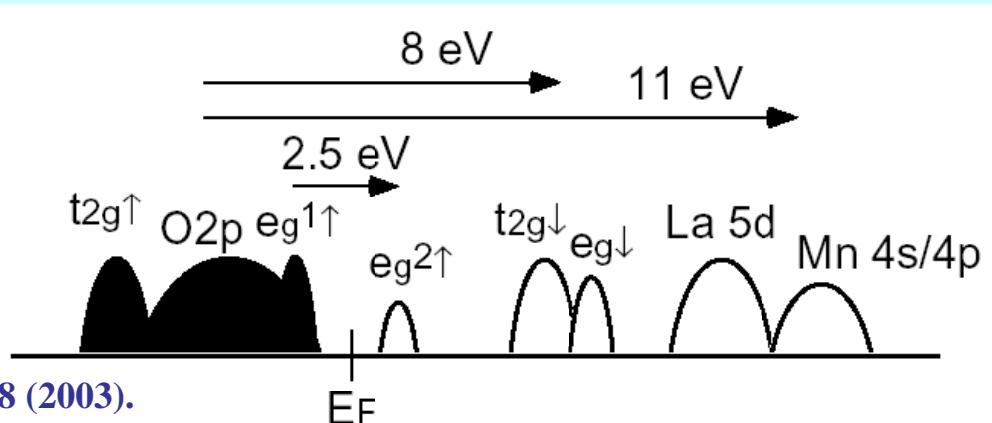
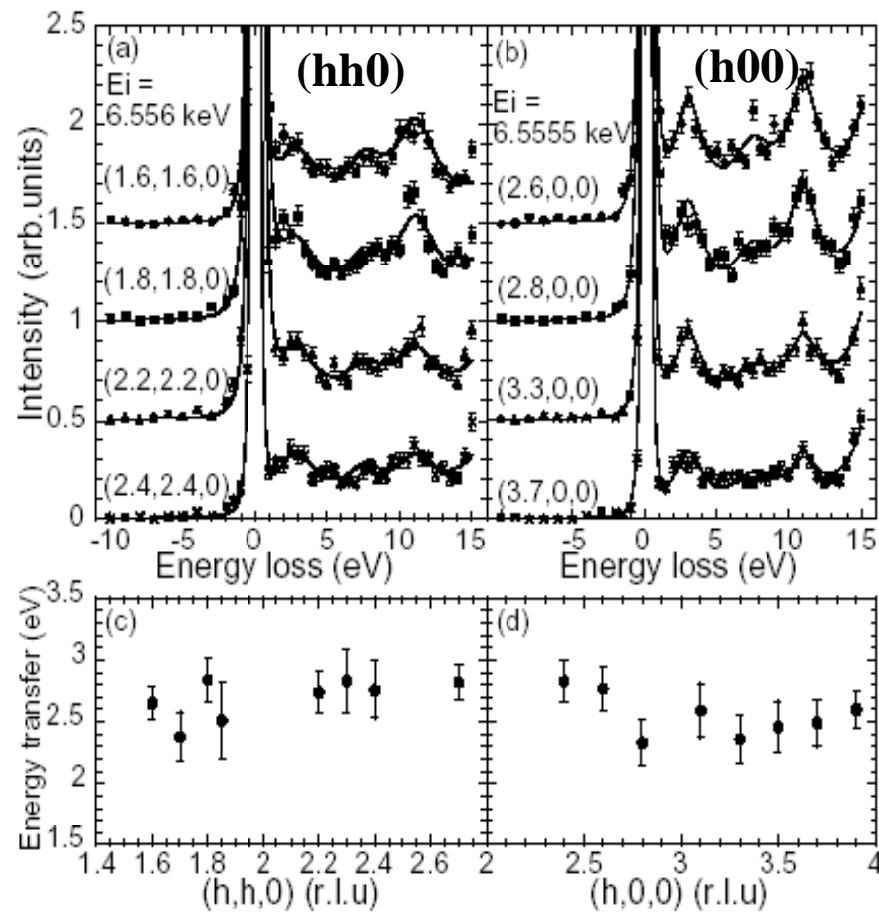
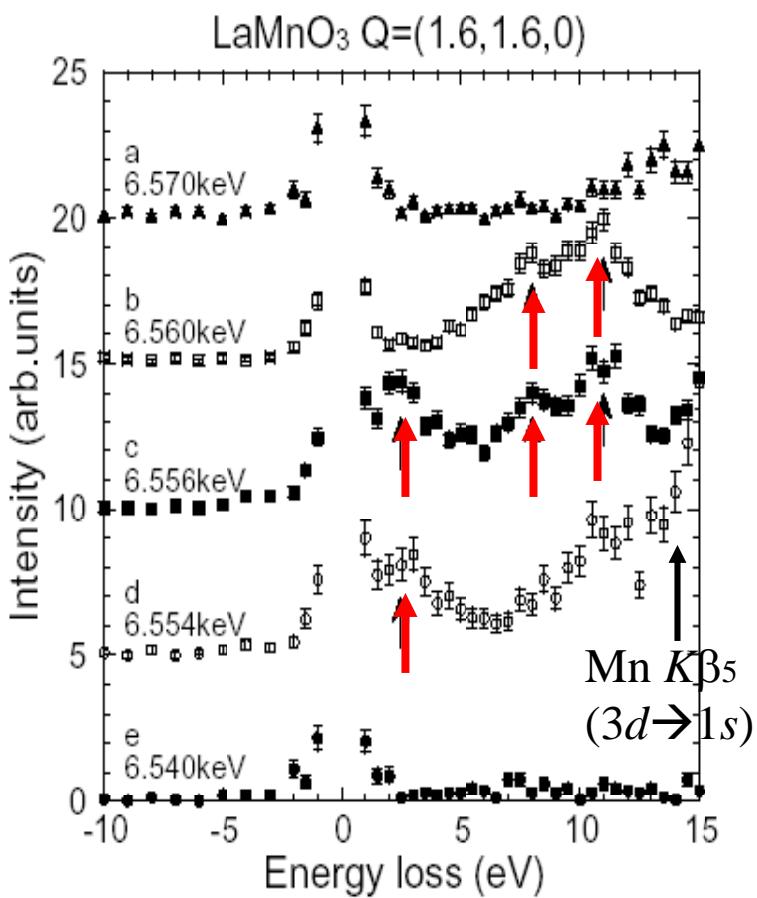
Resonant Inelastic X-ray Scattering (RIXS)

Monochrometor

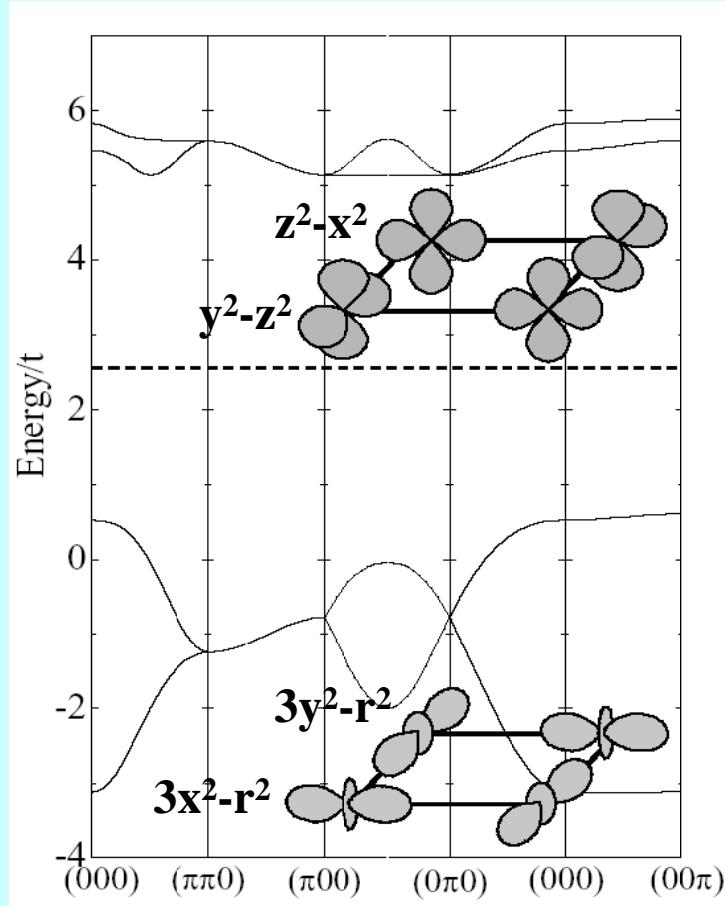
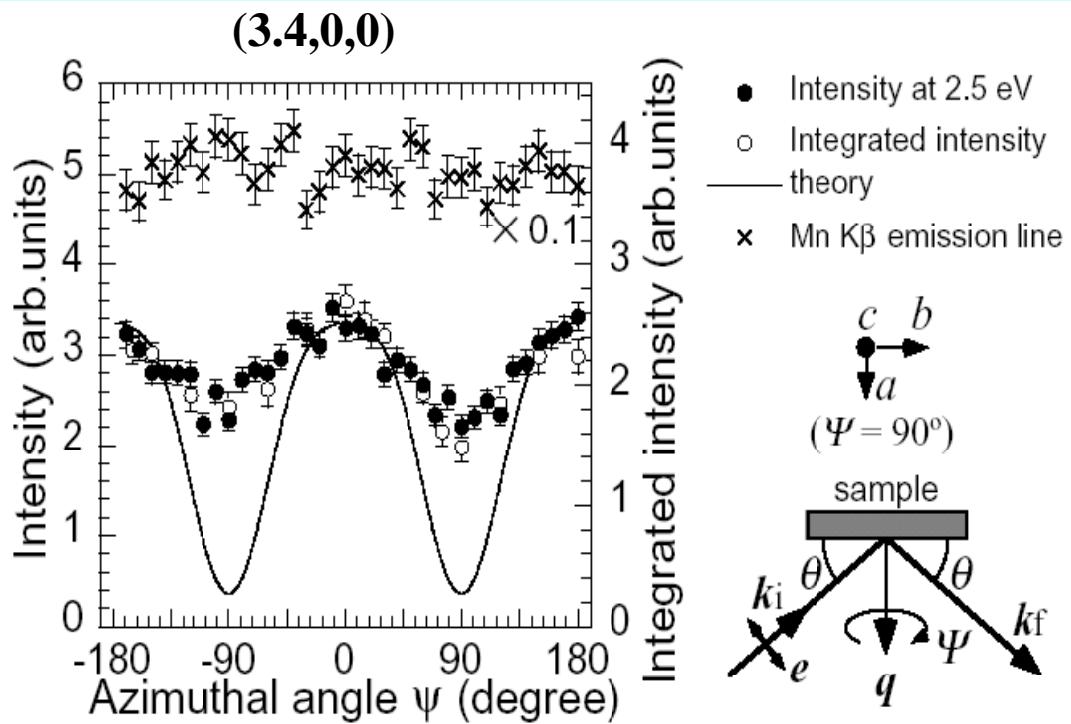


Normal Resolution: 500 meV
High Resolution : 130 meV FWHM

Electronic Excitations in LaMnO₃ Observed by RIXS



Azimuthal angle dependence of the Orbital Excitation and the electronic band structure for LaMnO₃



T. Inami, S. Ishihara et. al., Phys. Rev. B 67, 045108 (2003).

Summary

We have developed resonant RXS (RIXS) Technique to observe the orbital ordering and its excitations.

Short Range Order
Quadrupole Order
Ferro-Orbital Order

The magnetism is controlled by the orbital ordering, which make the system insulative in the titanates.

$Y_{1-x}Ca_xTiO_3$
 $RTiO_3$

We have observed the individual orbital excitation from $d_{3x^2-r^2}/d_{3y^2-r^2}$ to $d_{y^2-z^2}/d_{z^2-x^2}$.

$LaMnO_3$
 $La_{1-x}Sr_xMnO_3$