

EXAFS

Extended X-ray Absorption Fine Structure

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EXAFS

Theory

Quantum Mechanics
Models
Approximations

Experiment

Light Source
Monochromator
Higher Harmonics Rejection
Sample Preparation
Detection Methods
Polarization XAFS

Data Analysis

Limited Usable Range in Experimental
Data

Estimation of Background Curves

Fourier Transform

Multi-Scattering

Curve Fitting Procedure

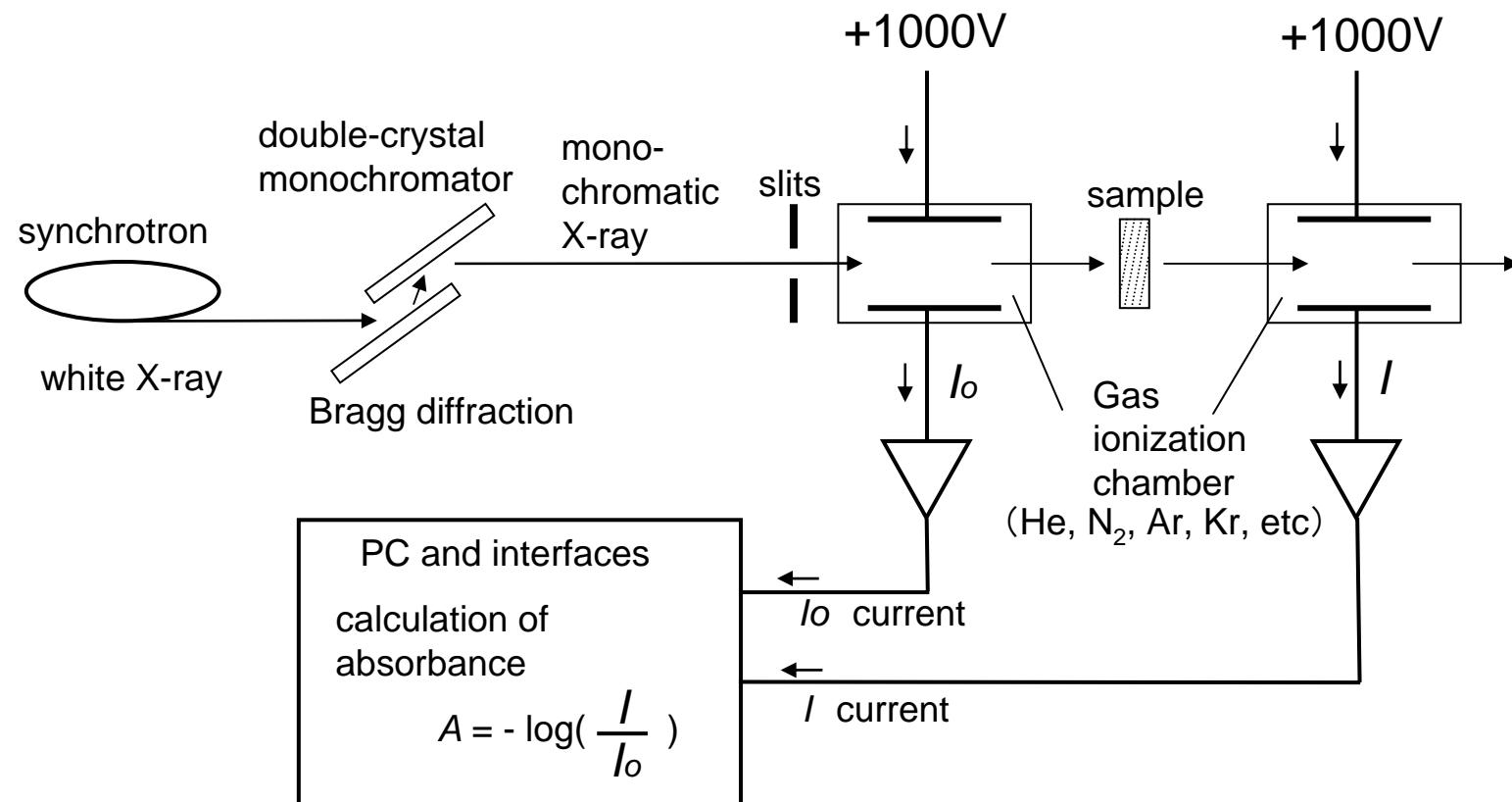
Phase Problems

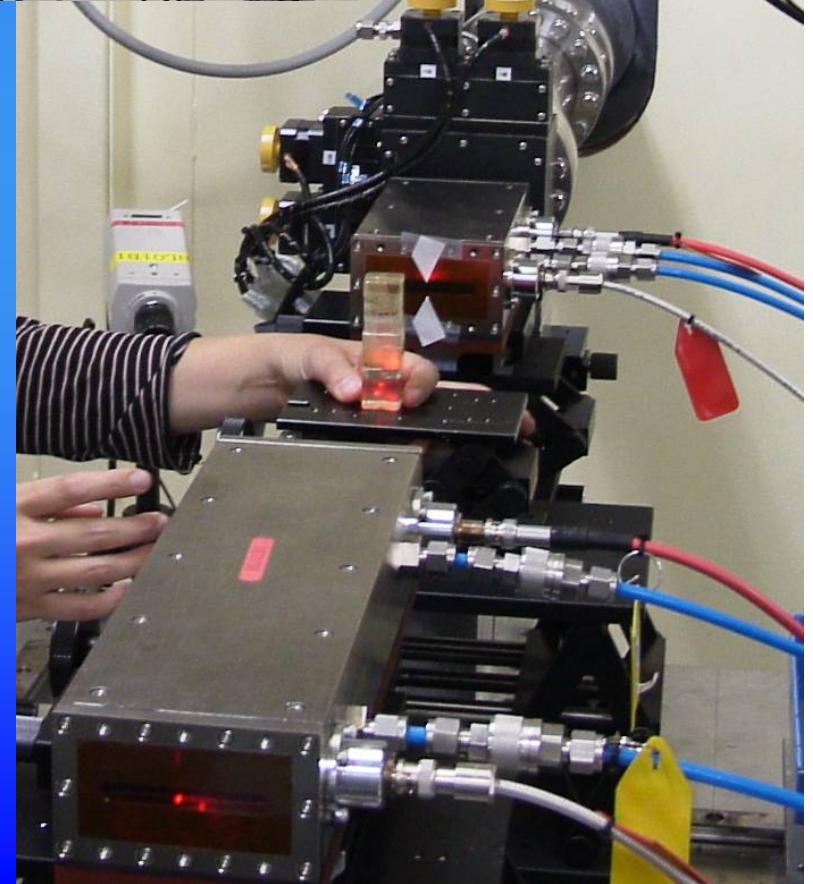
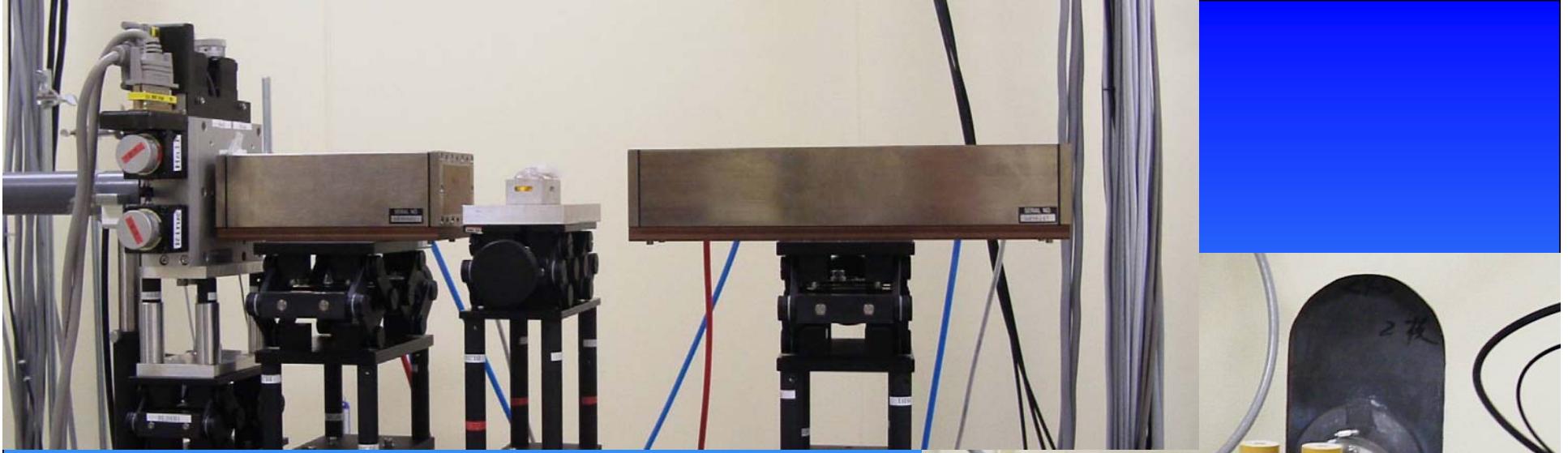
Debye-Waller-Like Parameter

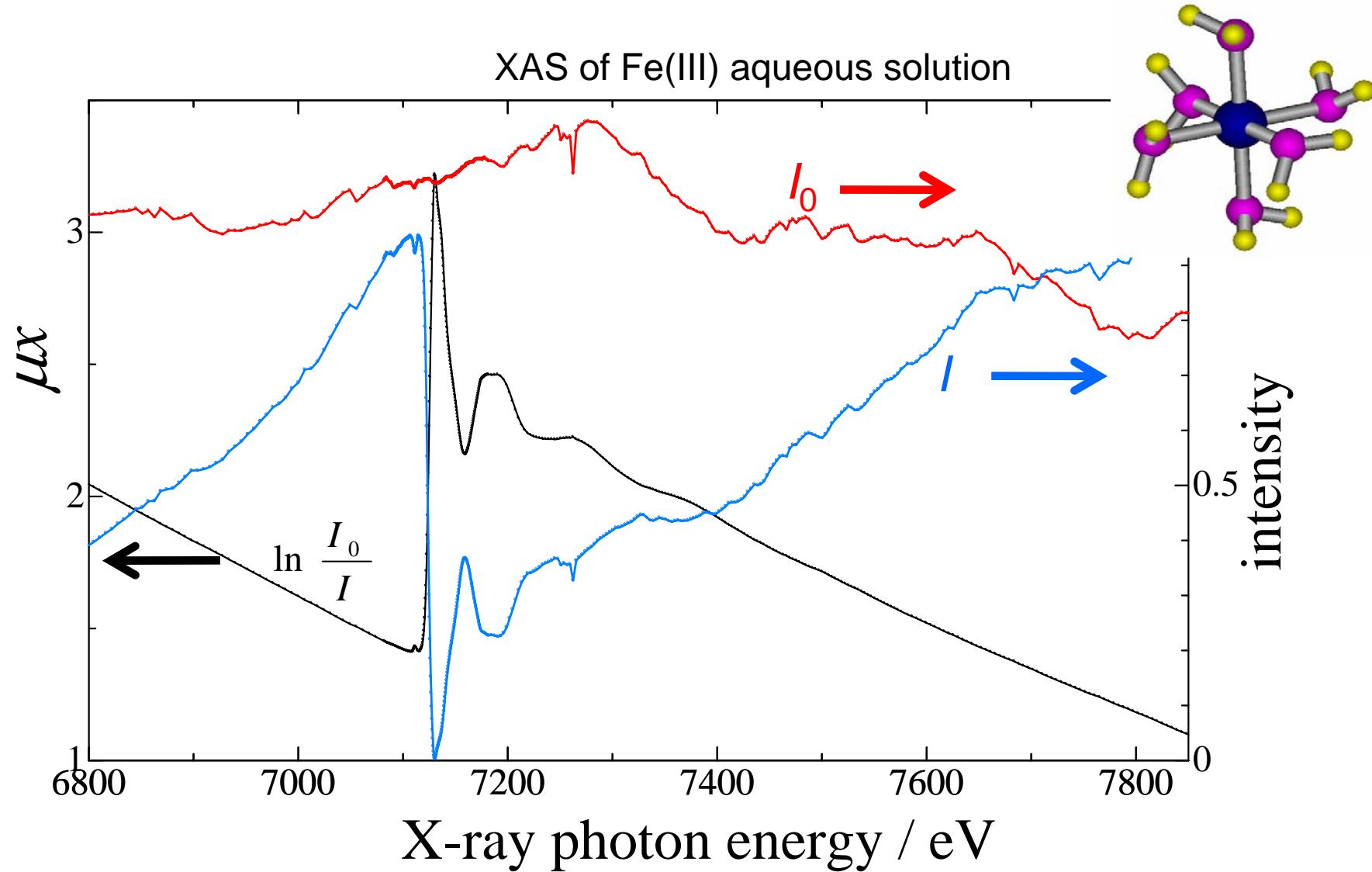
Anharmonicity in Potential

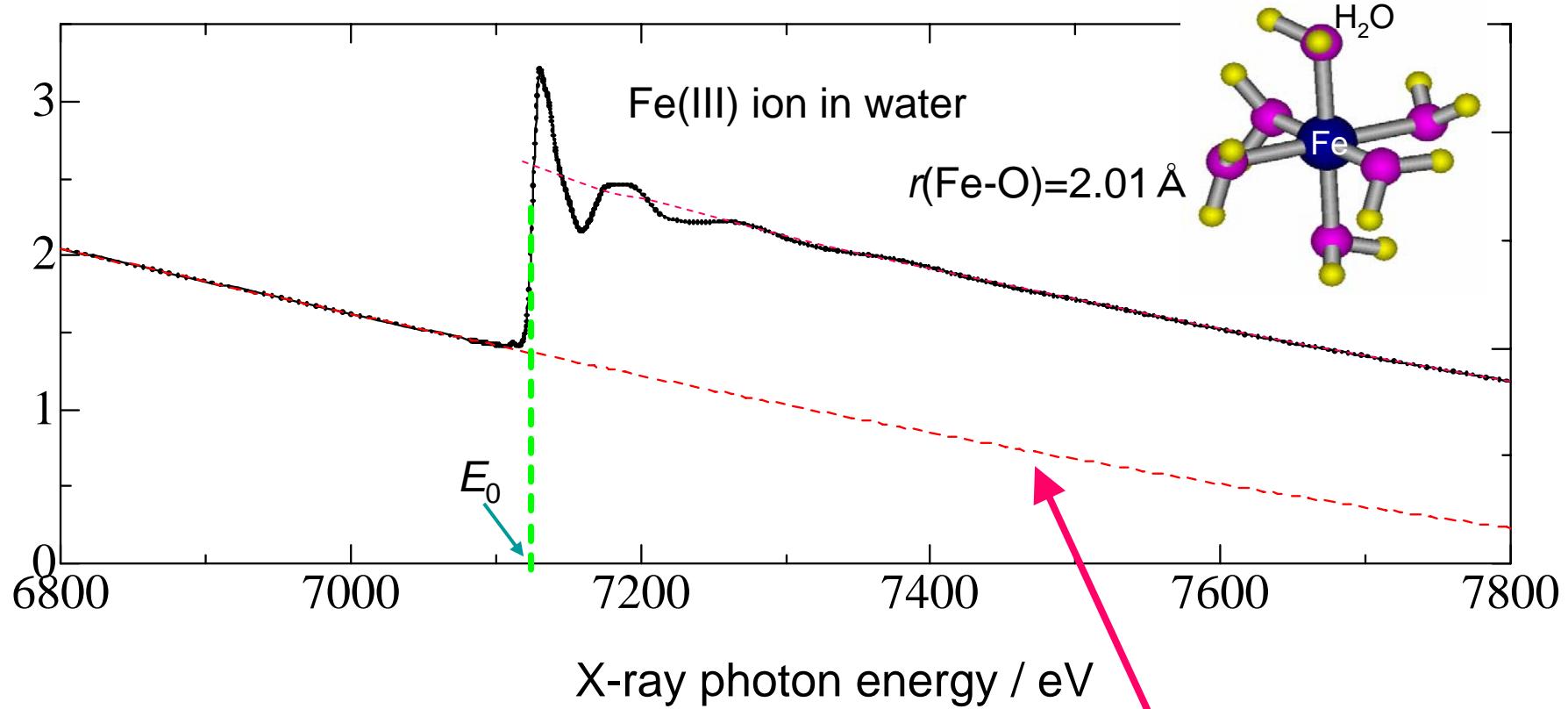
X-ray absorption measurement by transmission method

The most reliable and basic method





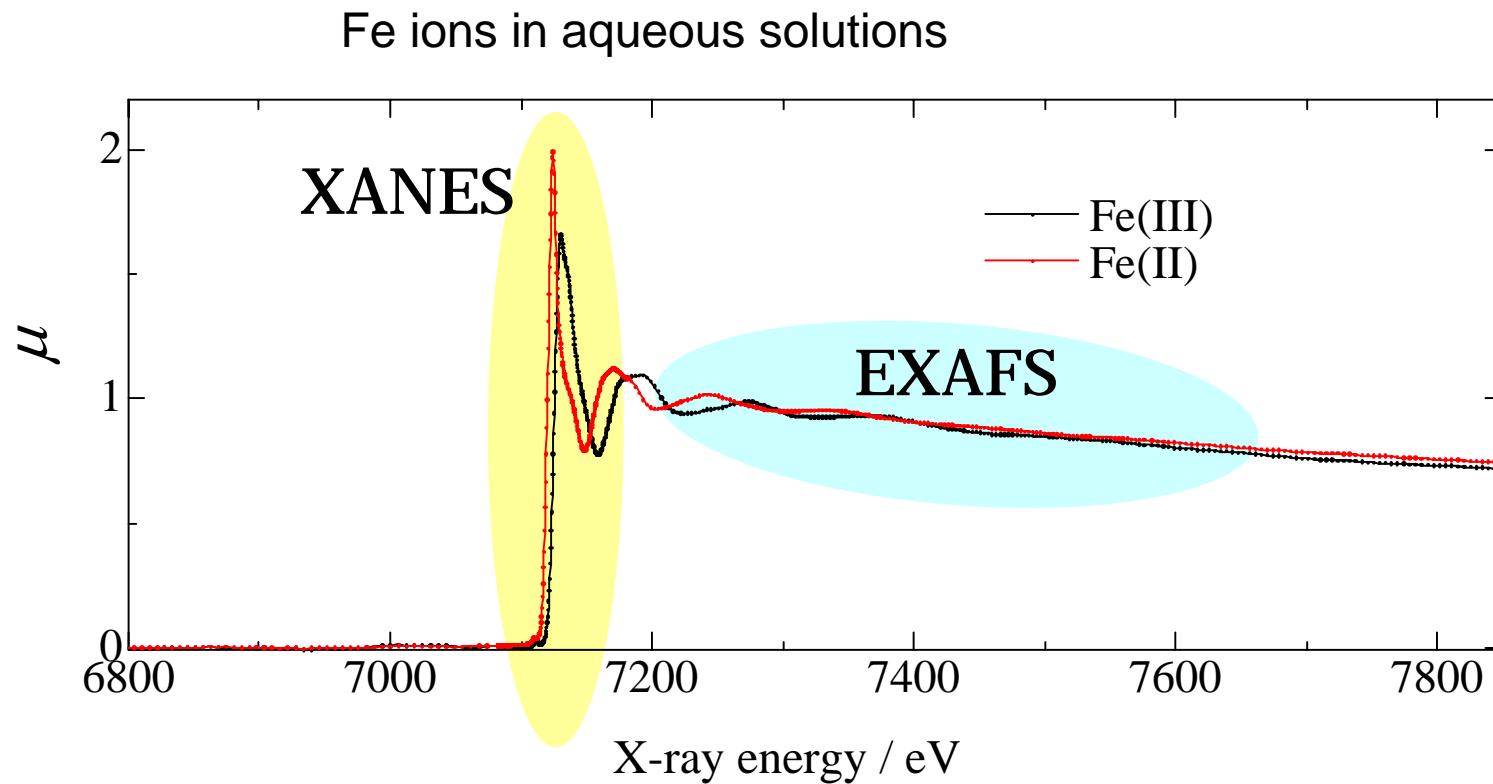




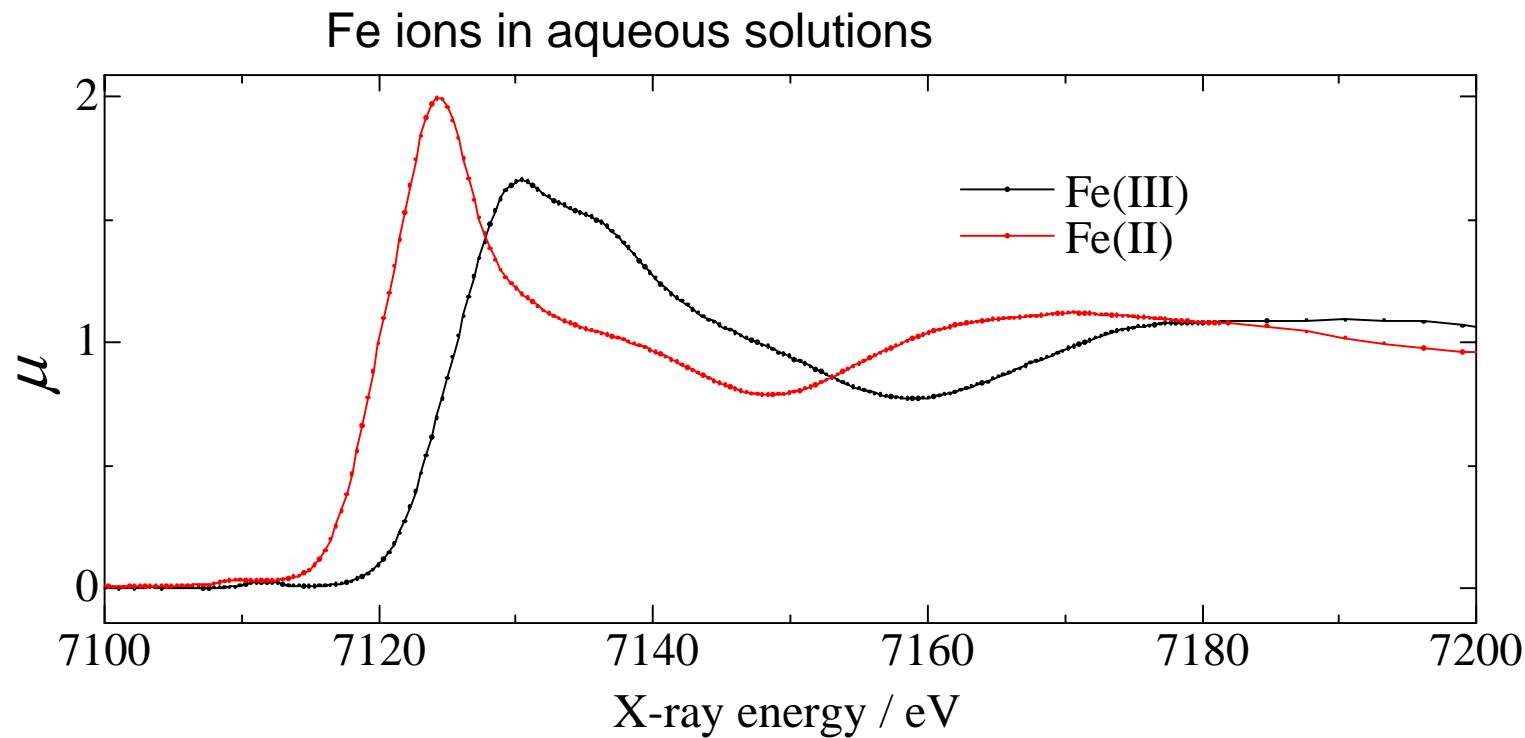
Focusing on K shell
(1s electron)
excitation

Background absorption due
to other atoms and other
shell electrons

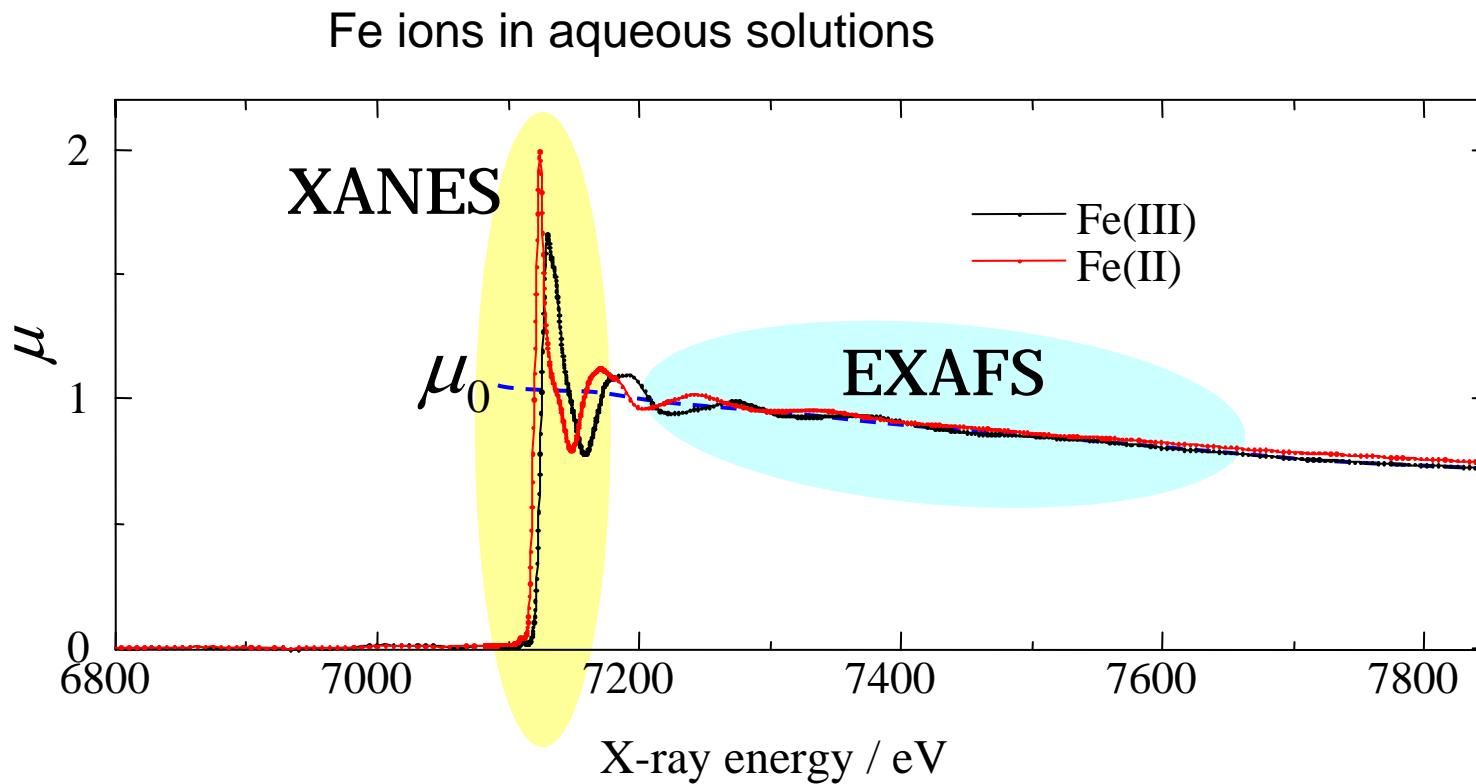
XAFS: X-ray Absorption Fine Structure



XANES: X-ray Absorption Near Edge Structure



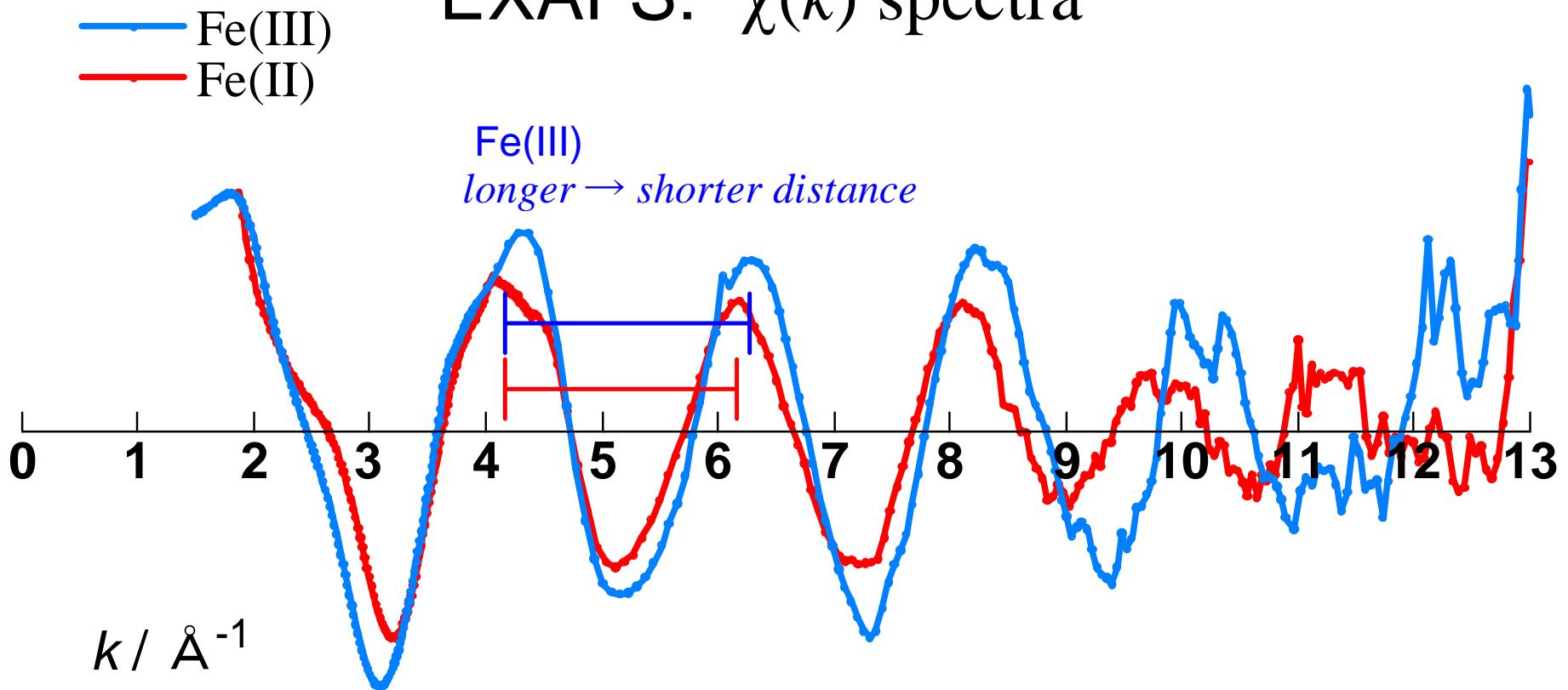
EXAFS: Extended X-ray Absorption Fine Structure



$$\chi(k) = \frac{\mu(k) - \mu_0(k)}{\mu_0(k)}$$

$$k = \sqrt{\frac{2m_e(E - E_0)}{\hbar^2}}$$

EXAFS: $\chi(k)$ spectra



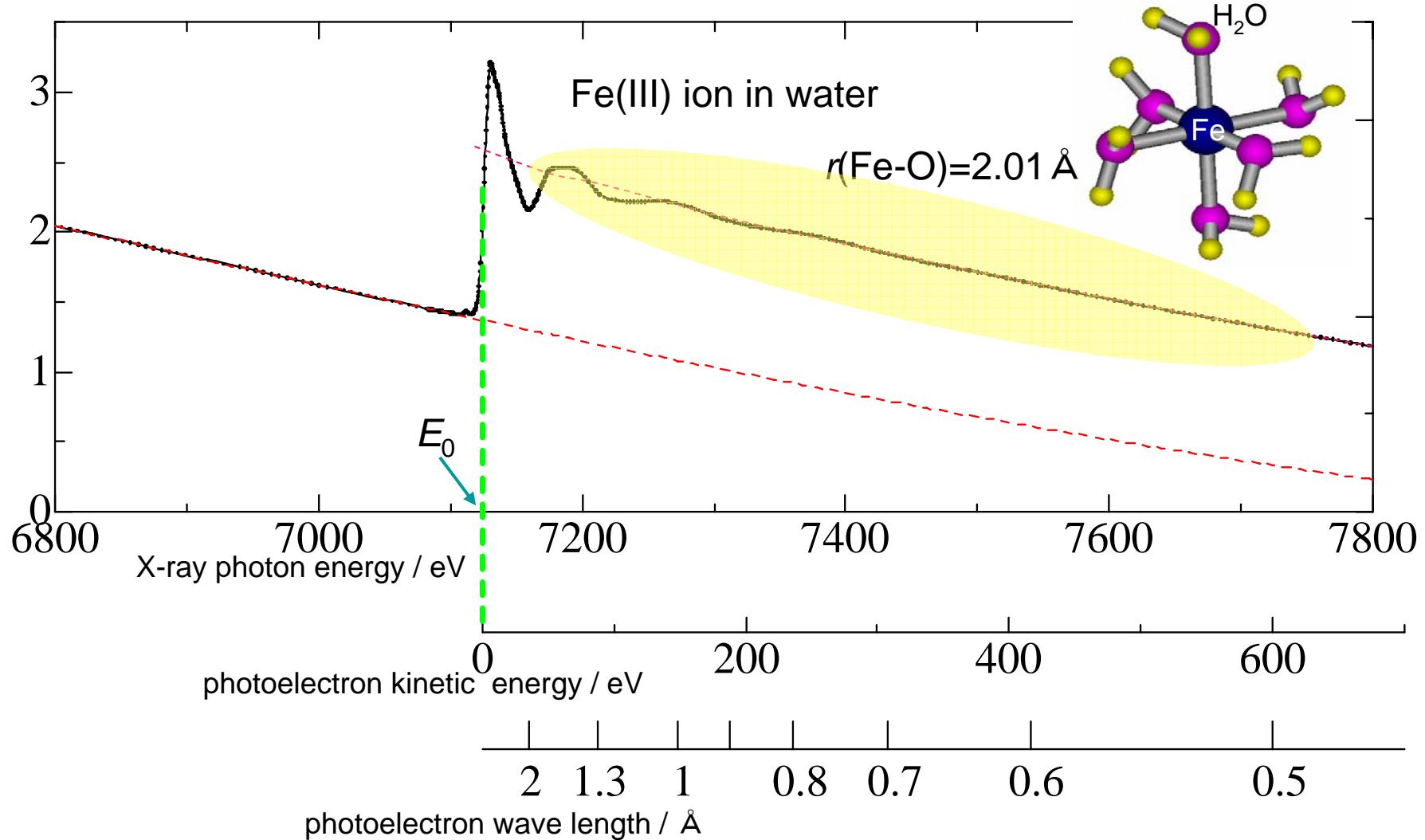
k : wave number, wave vector

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

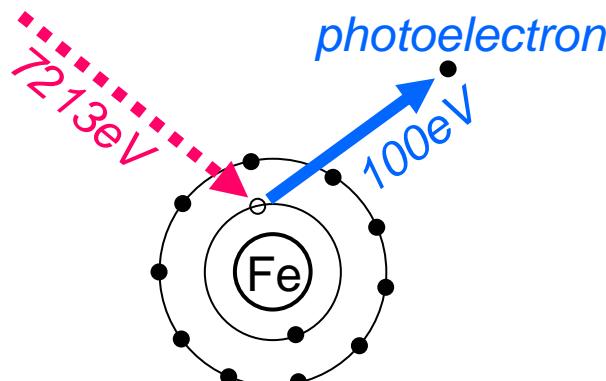
$$k = \sqrt{\frac{2m_e(E - E_0)}{\hbar^2}}$$

$(E - E_0)$
kinetic energy of
photoelectron

*Simplest model to explain how the
EXAFS oscillation occurs*



X-ray photon



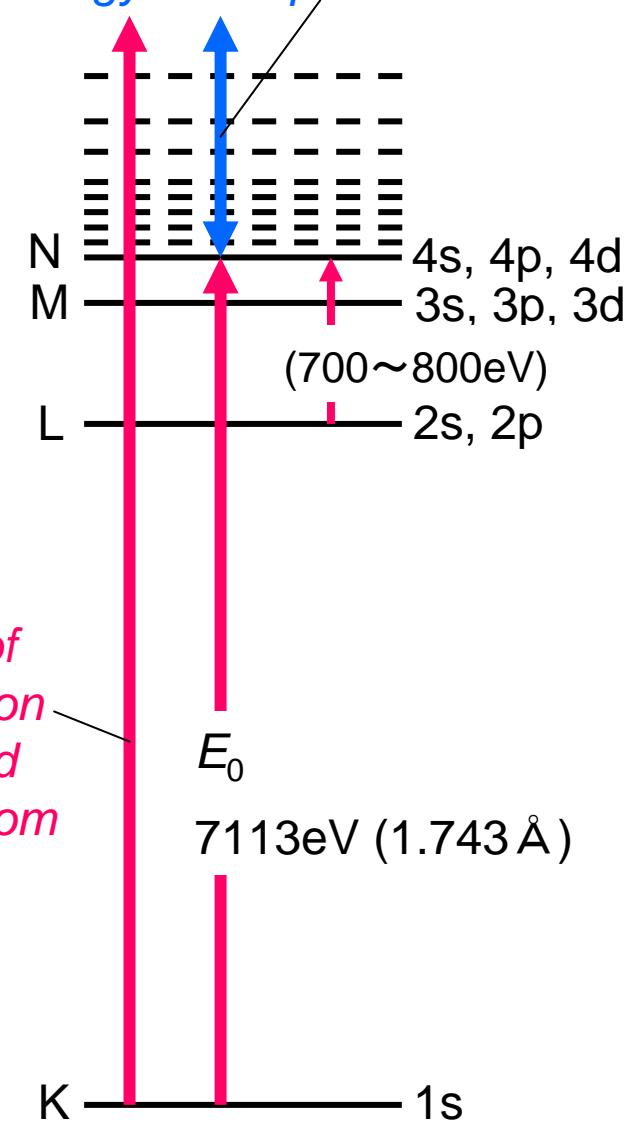
an electron with $E_k=100\text{eV}$ behaves
as a wave with $\underline{\lambda=1.2\text{\AA}}$

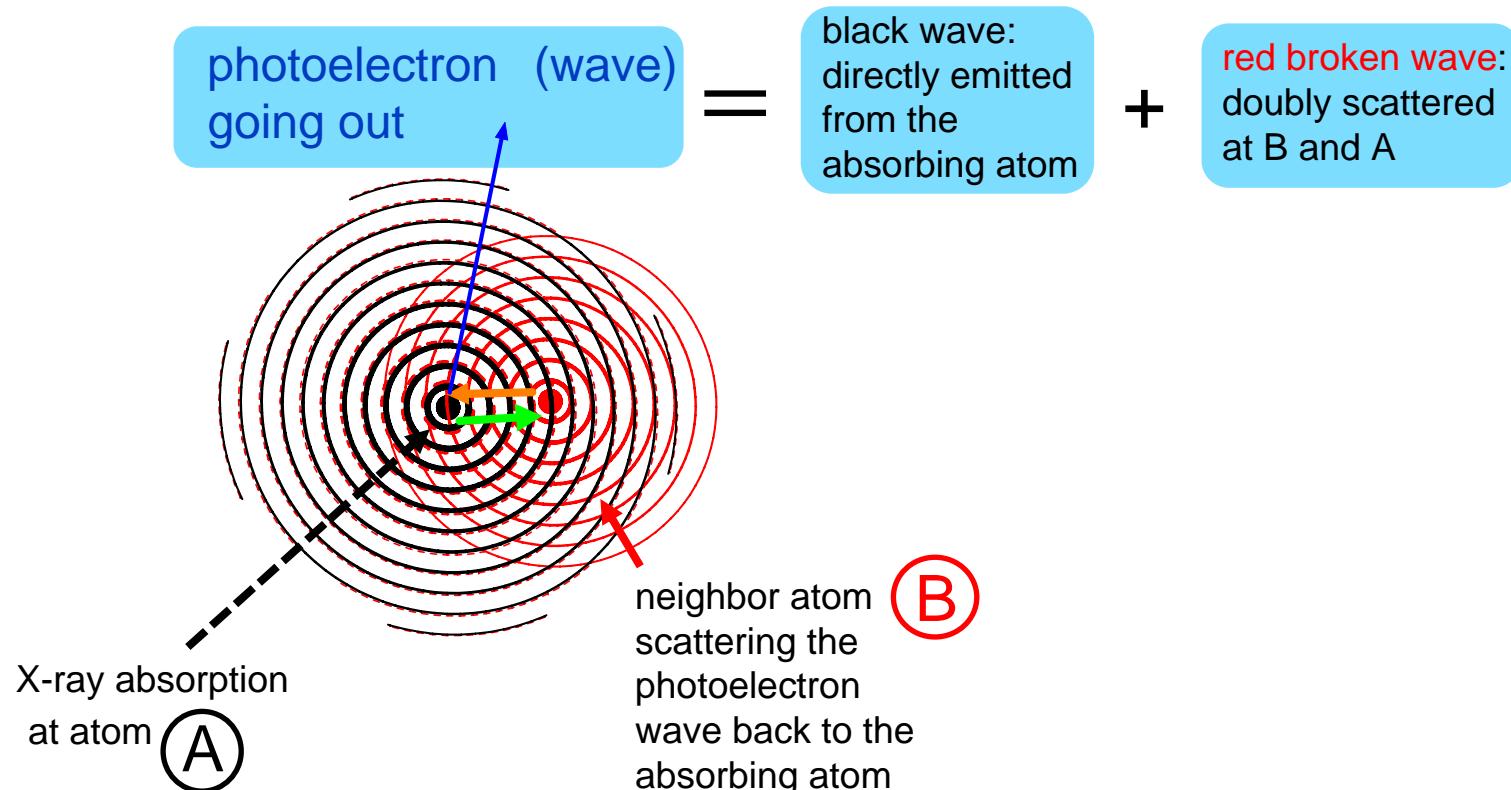
$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} : de Broglie$$

*This wave length is just the order of
normal atom-atom bond distance !!!*

The cause for EXAFS appearance !!!

kinetic energy of the photoelectron





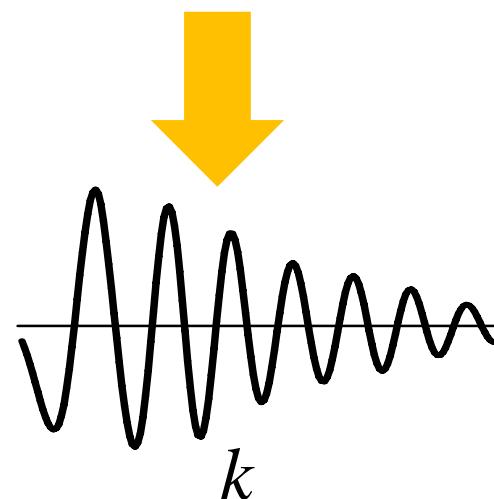
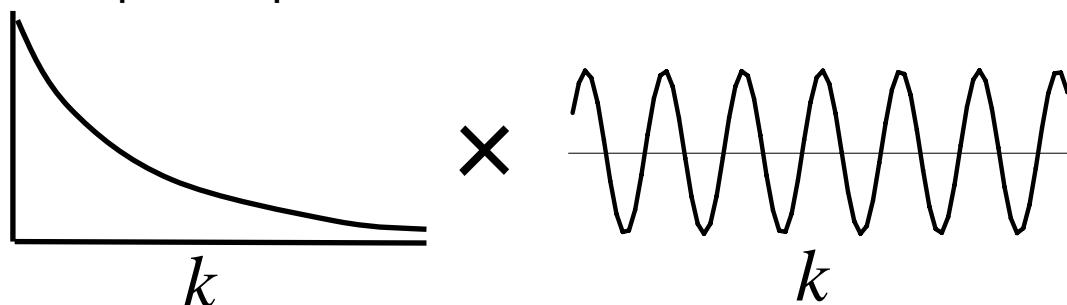
BASIC EXAFS equation

$$\chi(k) = -\sum_i \frac{N_i}{k r_i^2} f_i(k) \exp(-2\sigma_i^2 k^2 - 2r_i/\lambda) S_0^2(k) \sin(2kr_i + \phi_i(k))$$

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amplitude part oscillation part



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k photoelectron wave number

λ photoelectron mean path length

N number of coordinating atoms

S_0^2 reduction factor

r distance between atoms A and B

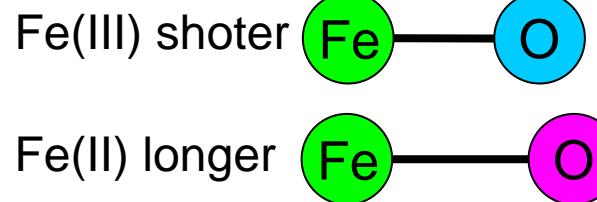
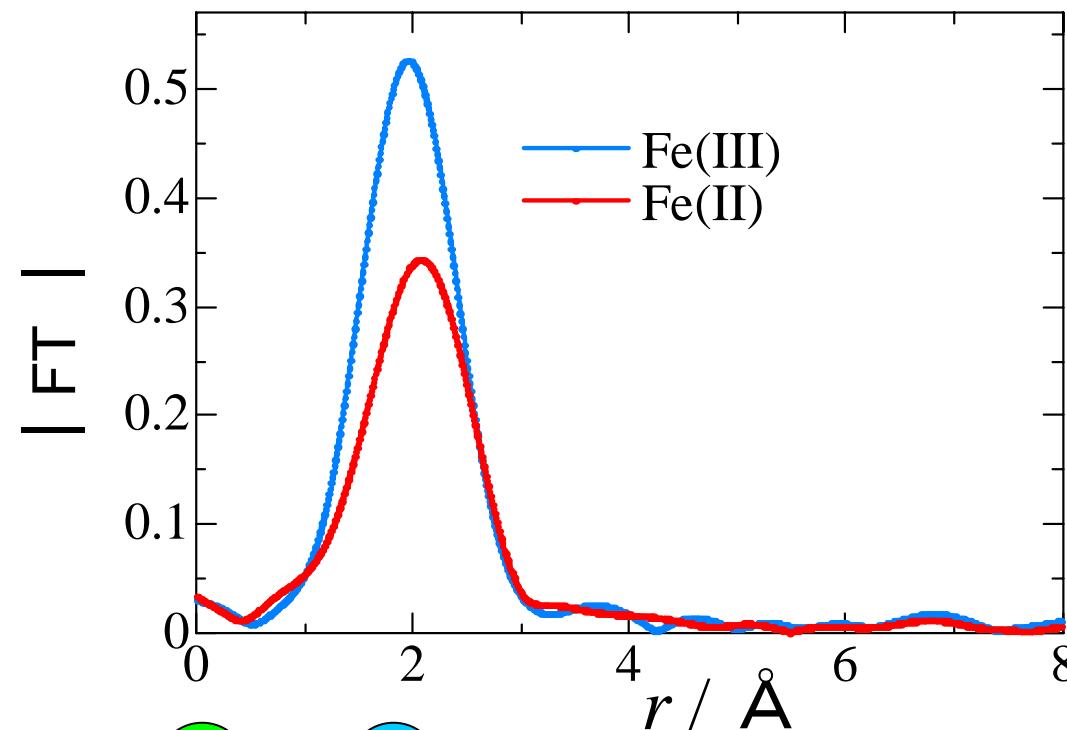
ϕ phase shift

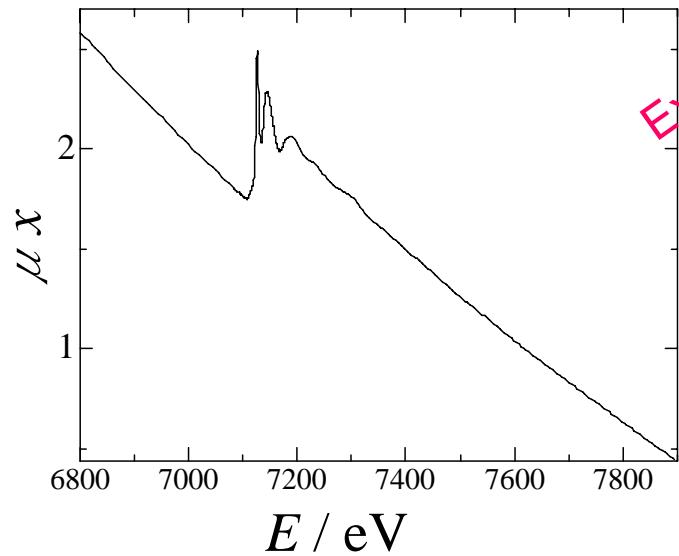
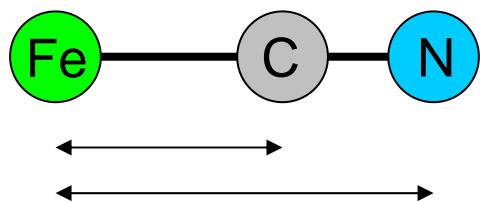
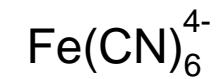
f scattering amplitude

σ^2 mean squared displacement in r
(Debye-Waller factor)

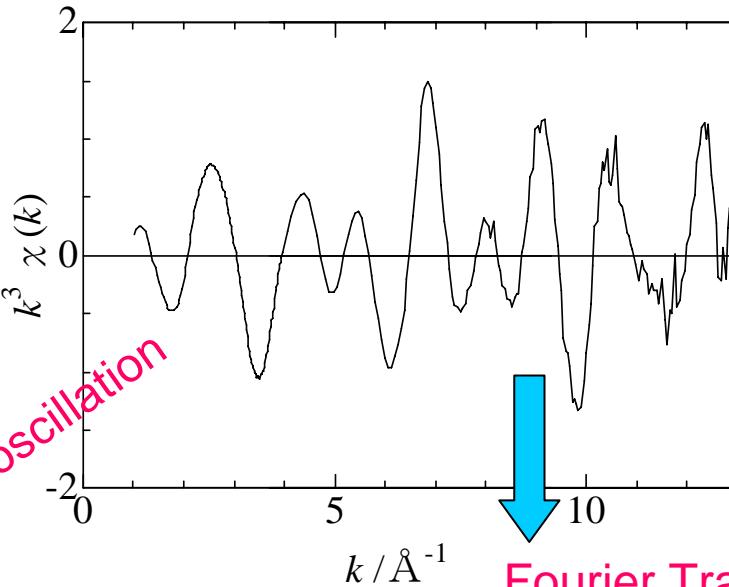
*Fourier Transform:
Simplest way to analyze the
EXAFS oscillation*

The simplest way of knowing the wave number (corresponding to the distance) is Fourier Transformation of wave k

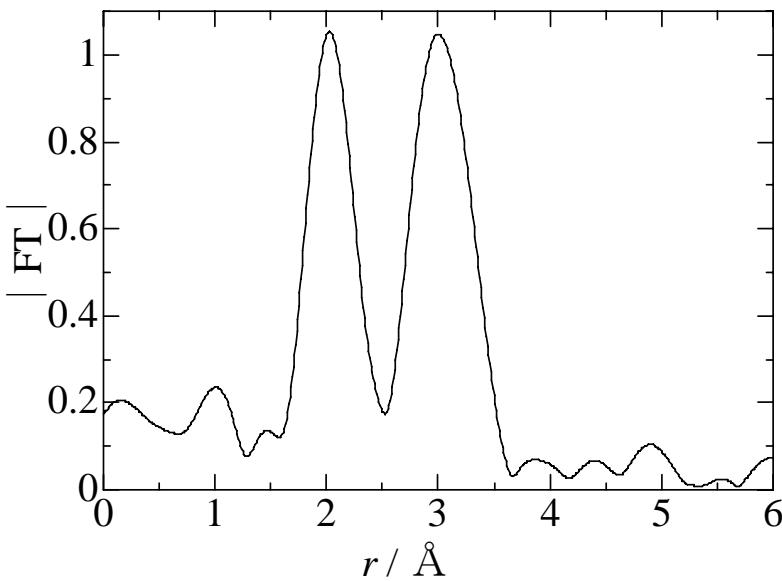




Extract $\chi(k)$ oscillation

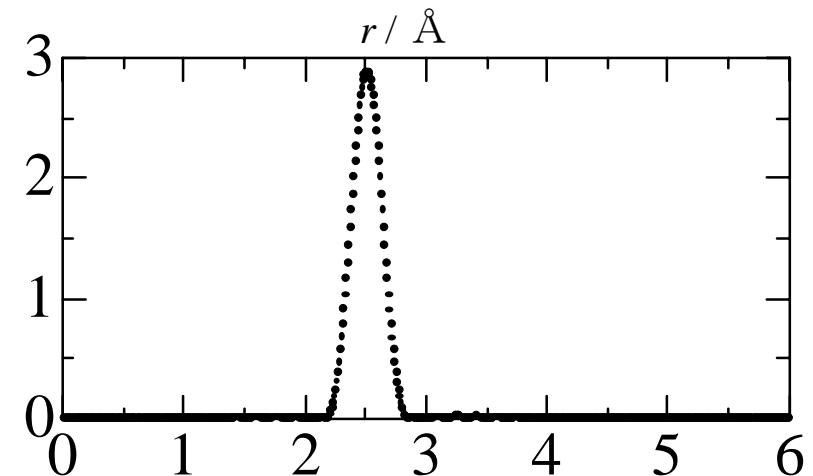
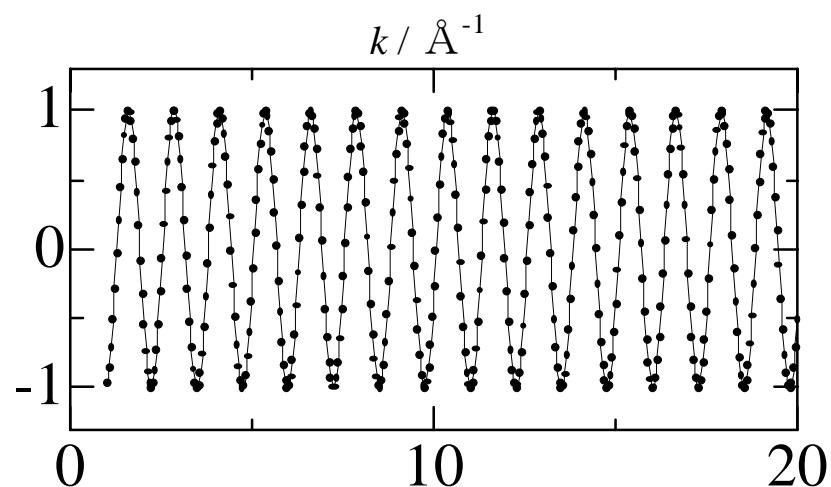


Fourier Transform

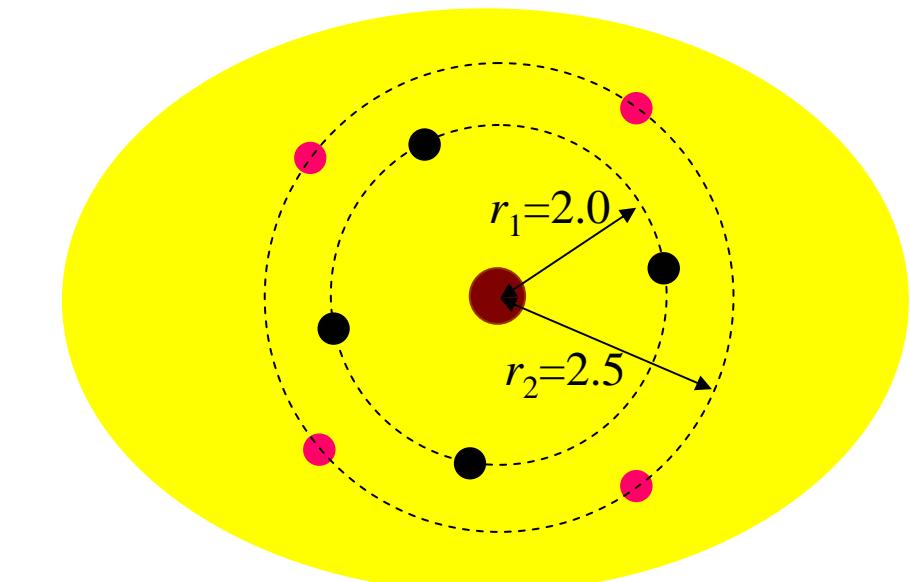
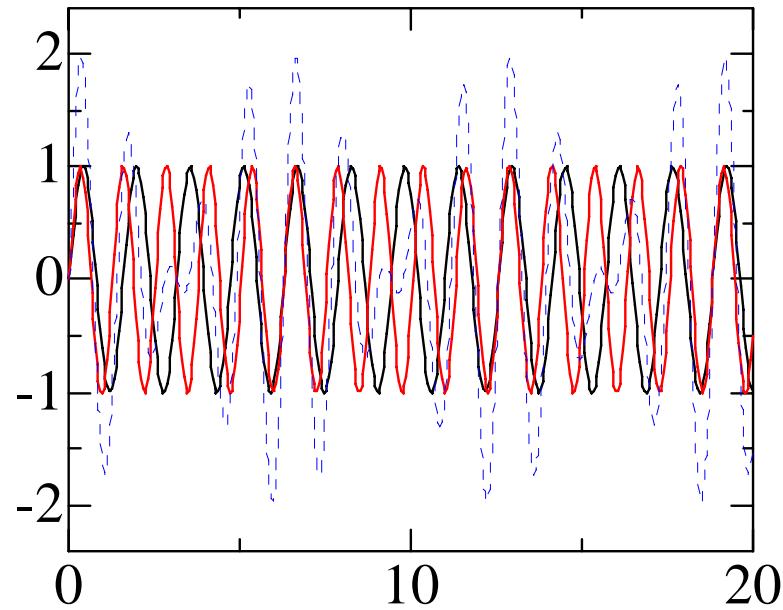


Fourier Transform (Frequency Filter)

*will let you know the frequencies
of the waves*

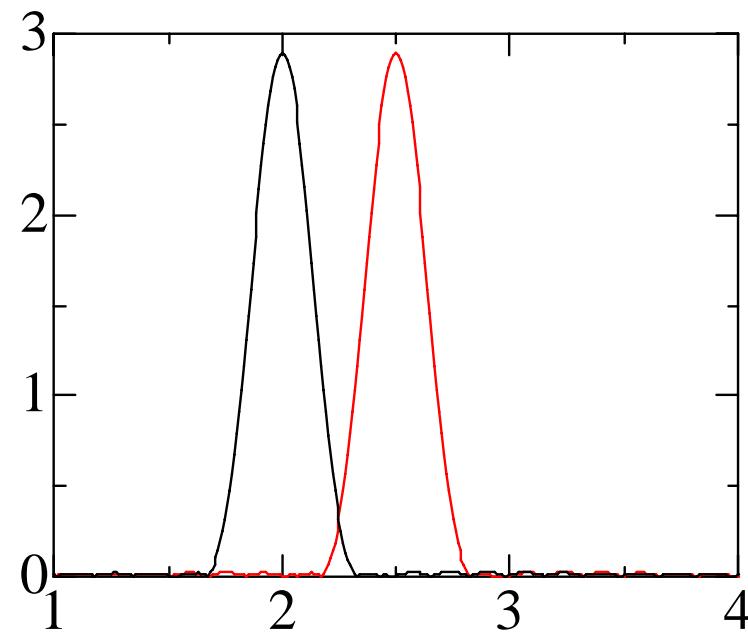
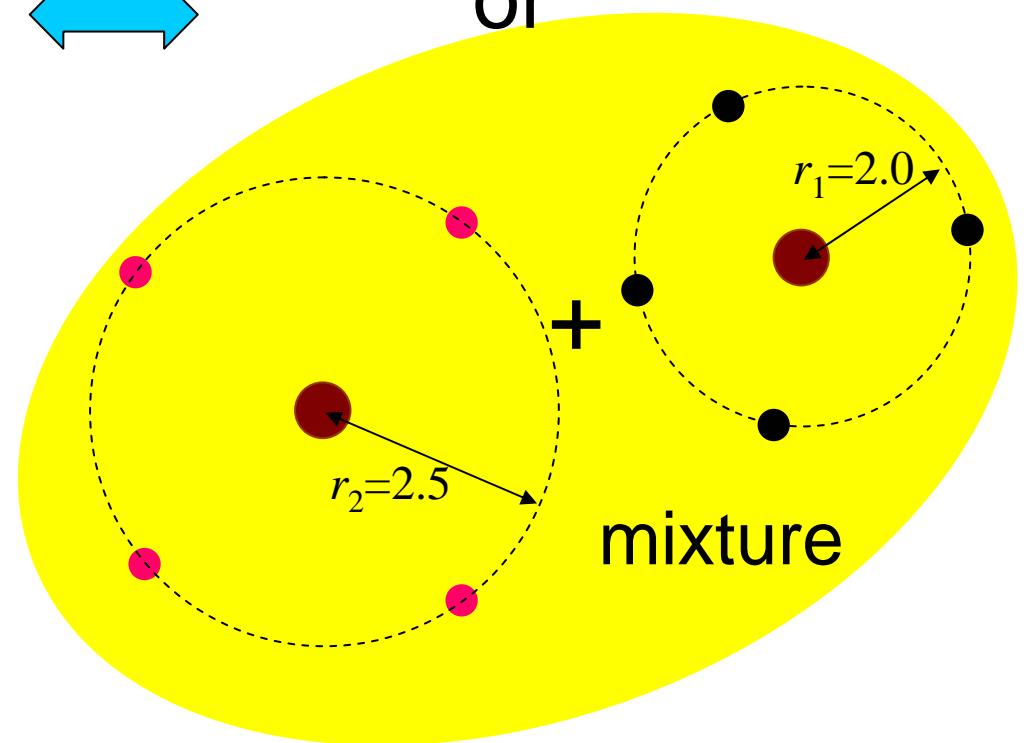


$$\sin(kr)$$



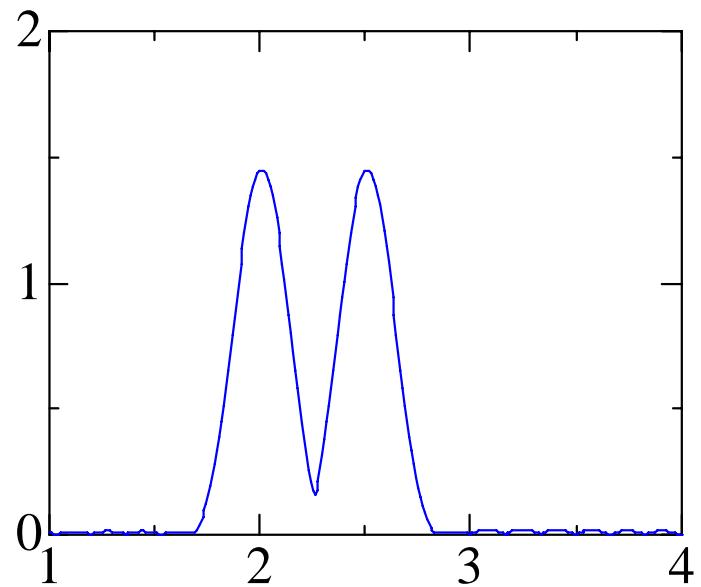
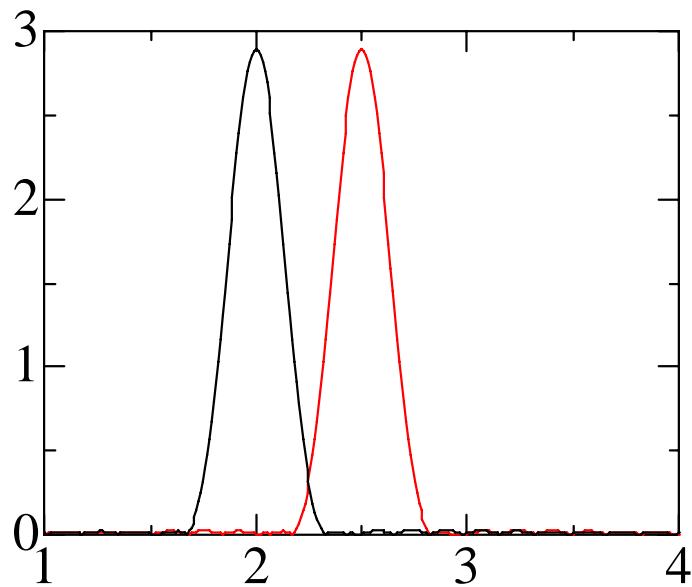
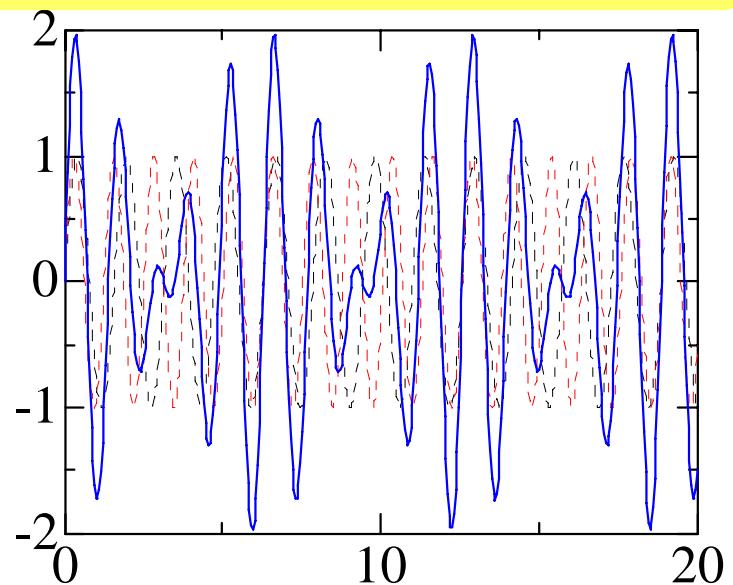
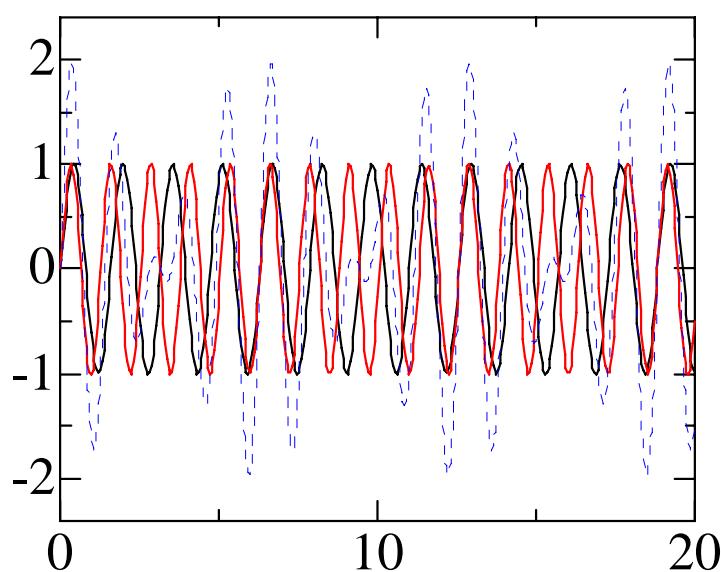
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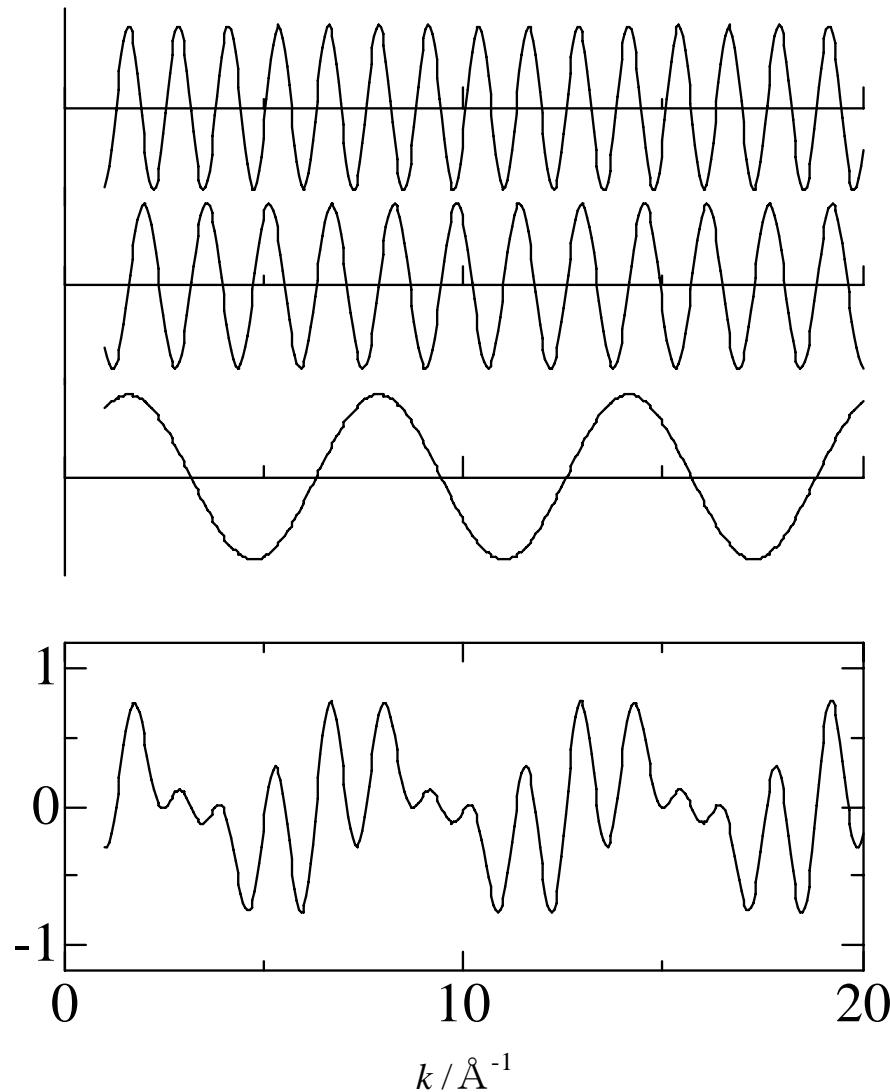
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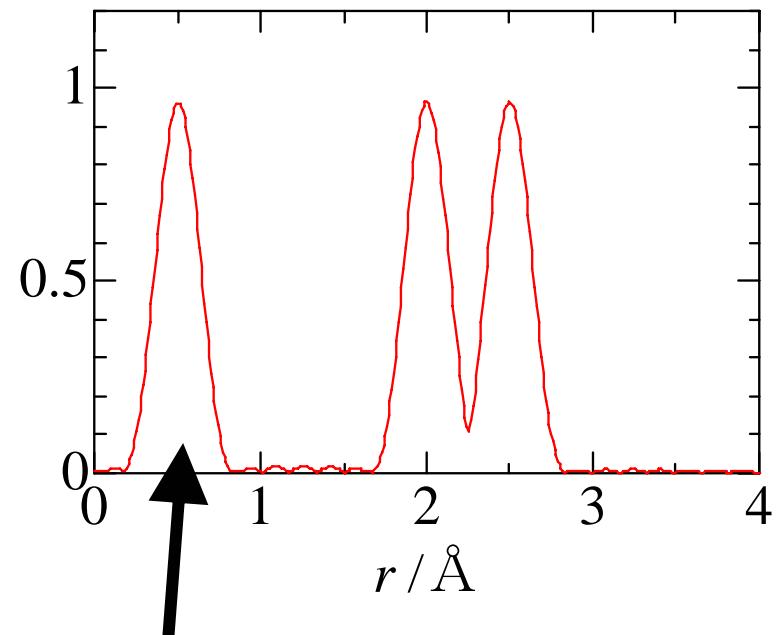
mixture

Fourier Transform for two-shell model

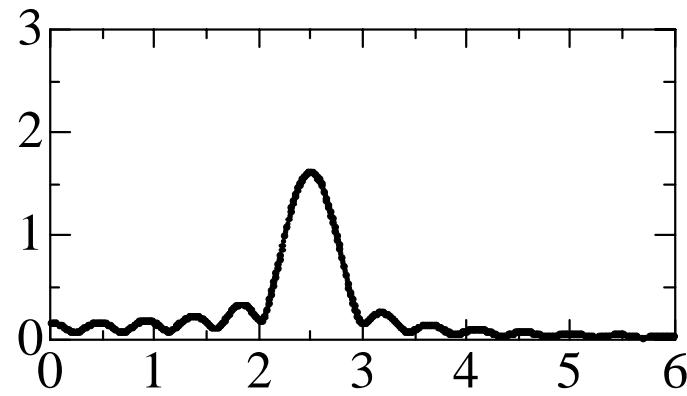
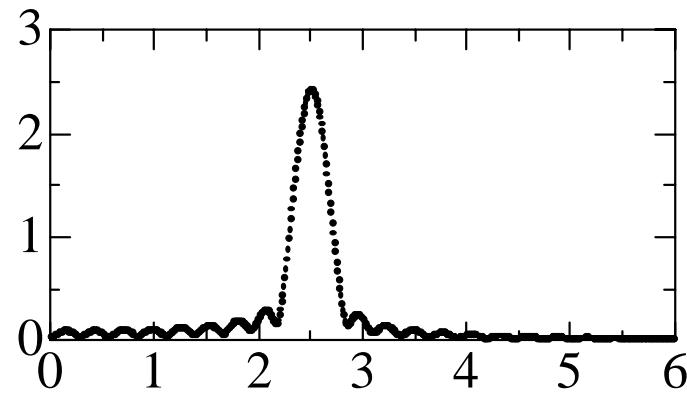
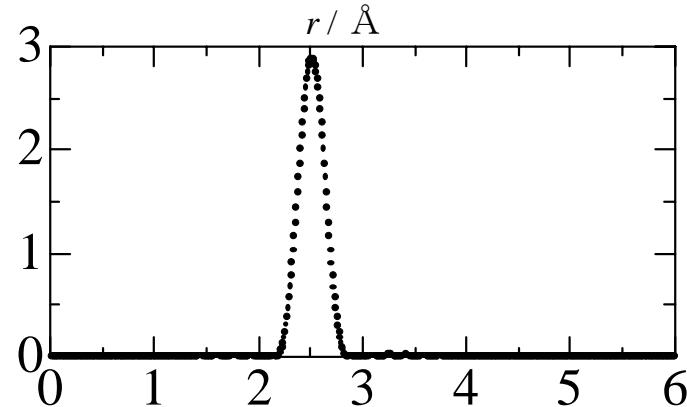
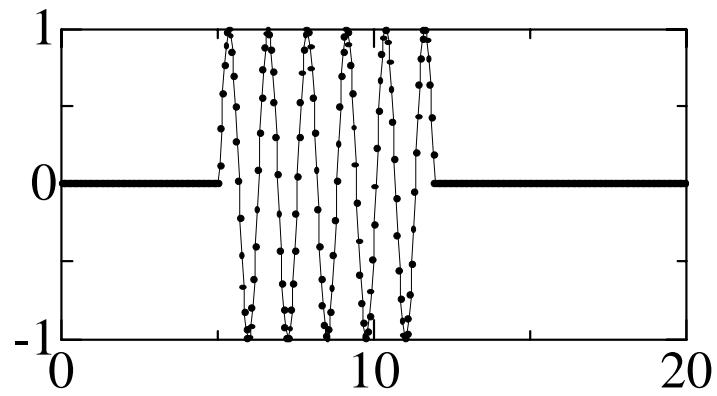
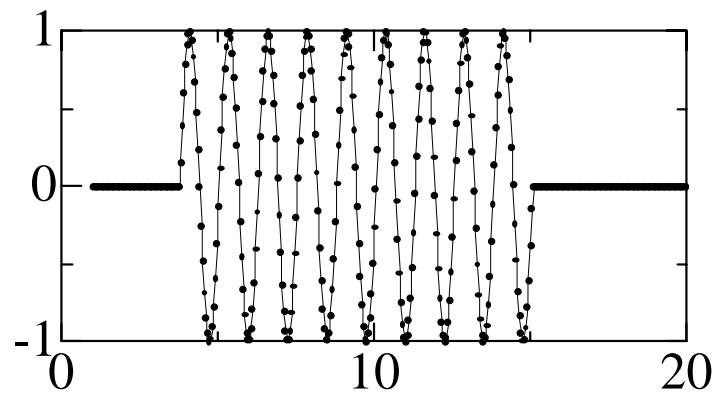
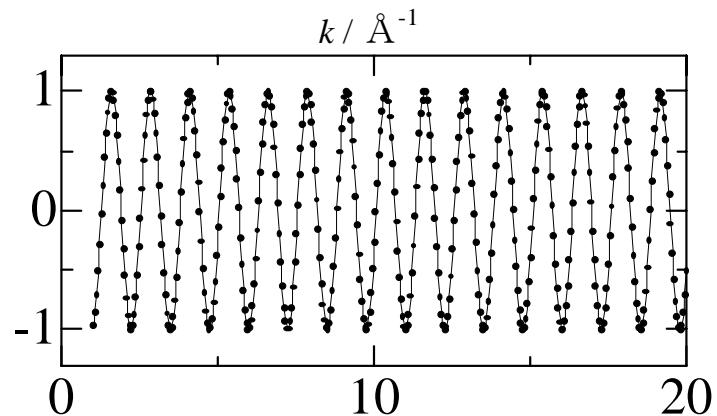


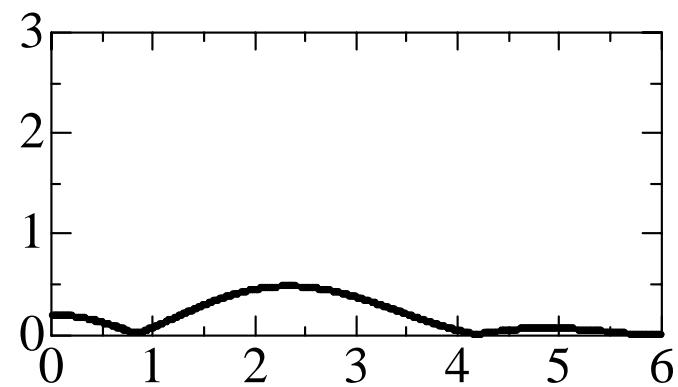
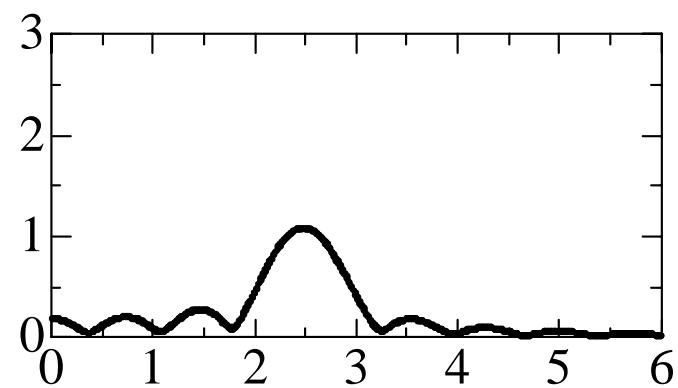
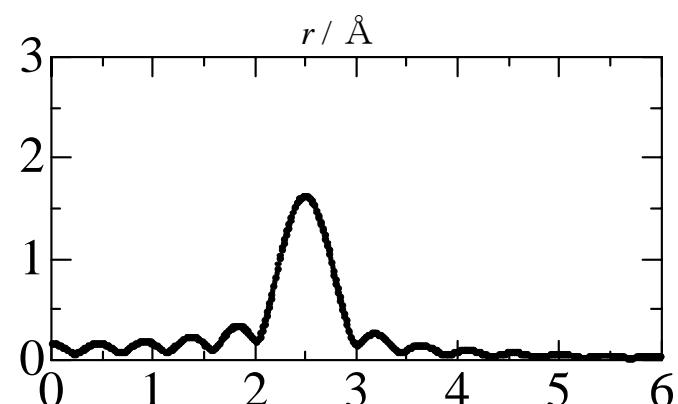
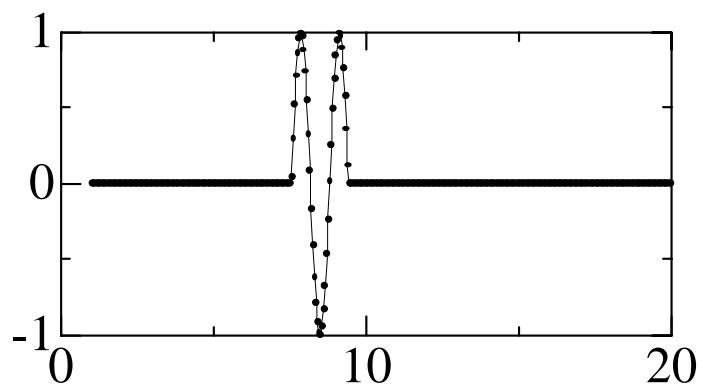
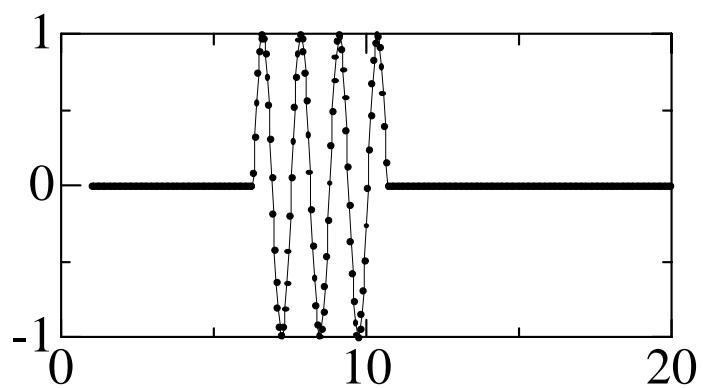
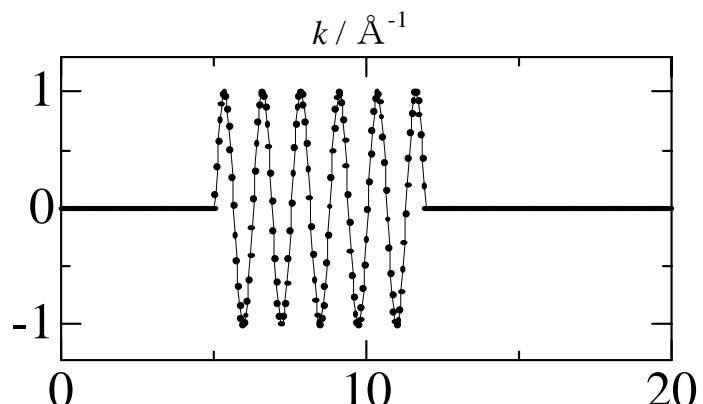


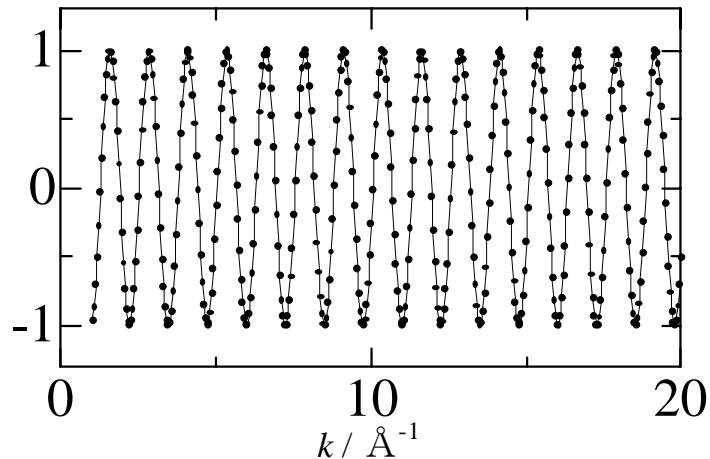
Fourier Transform for a three-shell model



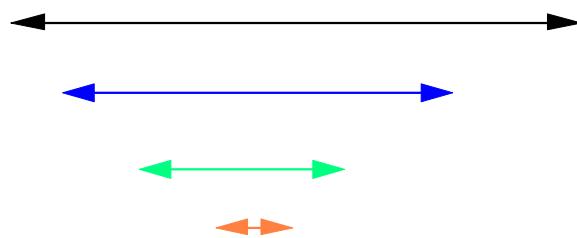
This must be a BACKGROUND structure, not corresponding to a real atom-atom distance.





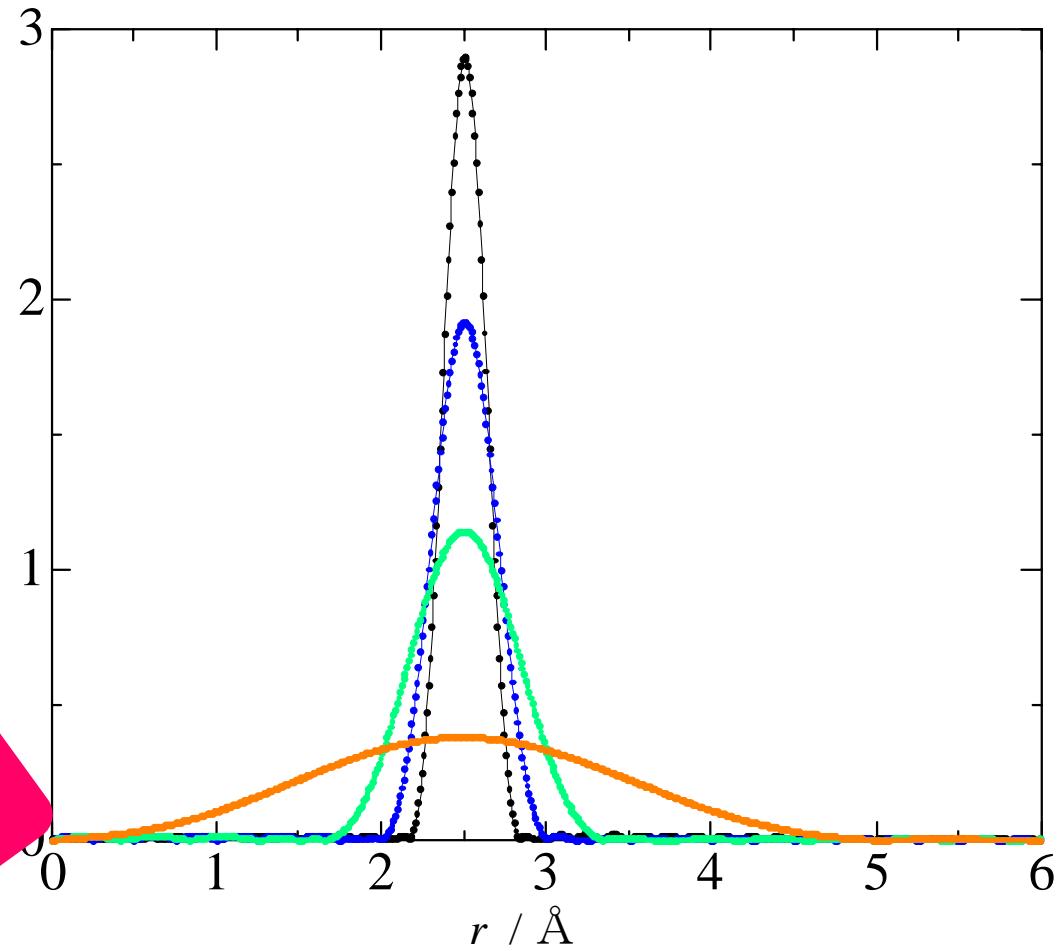


Fourier Transform for
different k ranges



If you have a small
number of cycles in k ,

Problem !



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amplitude part

oscillation part

By comparing the theoretical EXAFS $\chi(k)$ and experimental $\chi(k)$, you can determine;

N coordination number

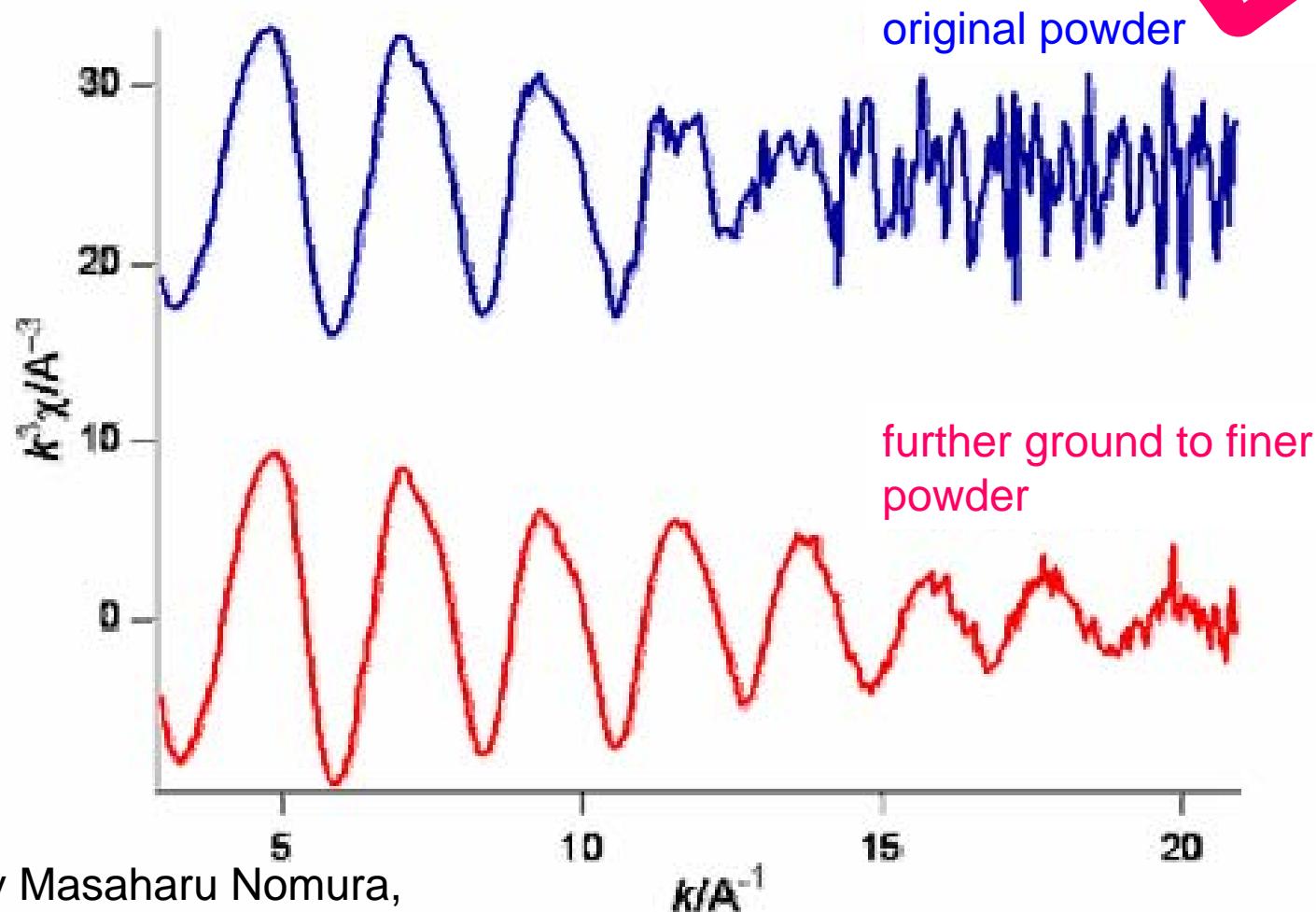
r bond length

atomic type of coordination

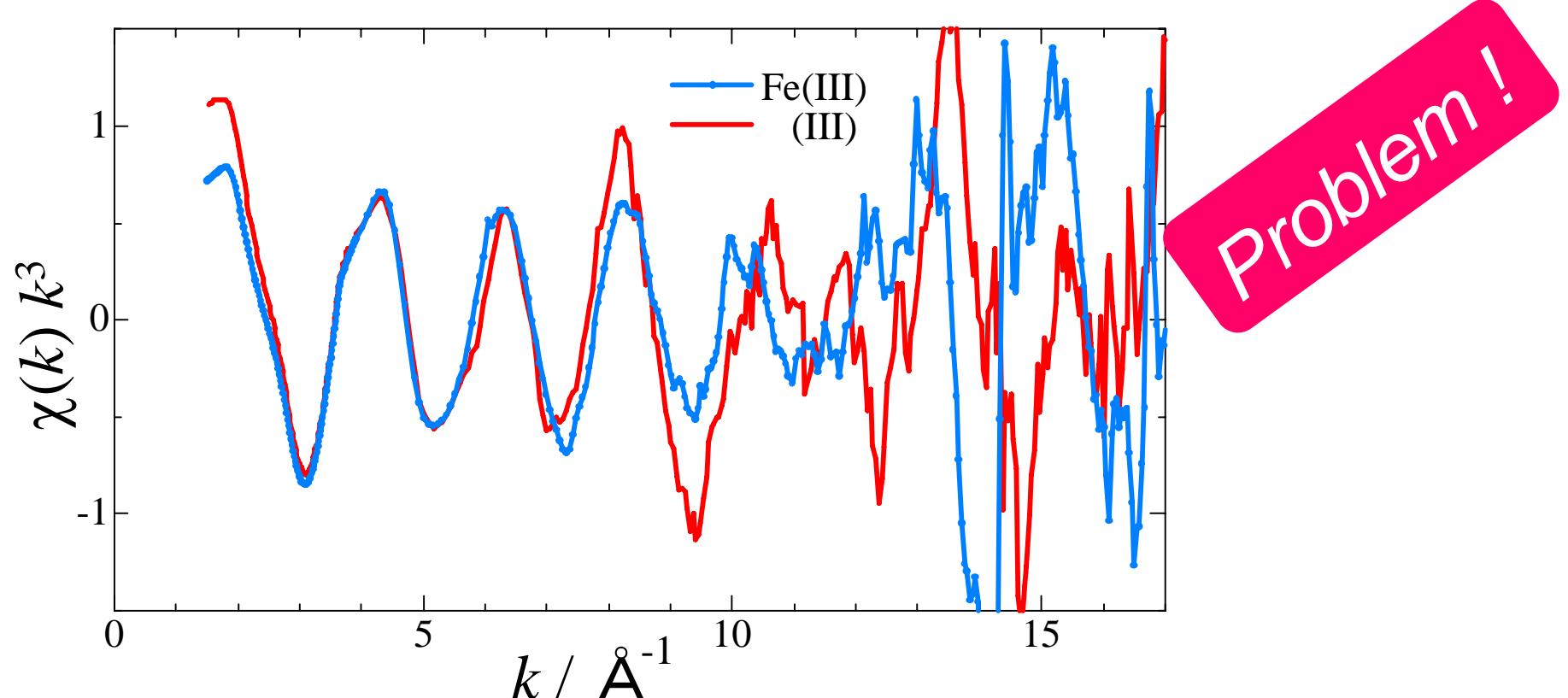
Transmission method

Problem !

Sample: Ge-Si powder

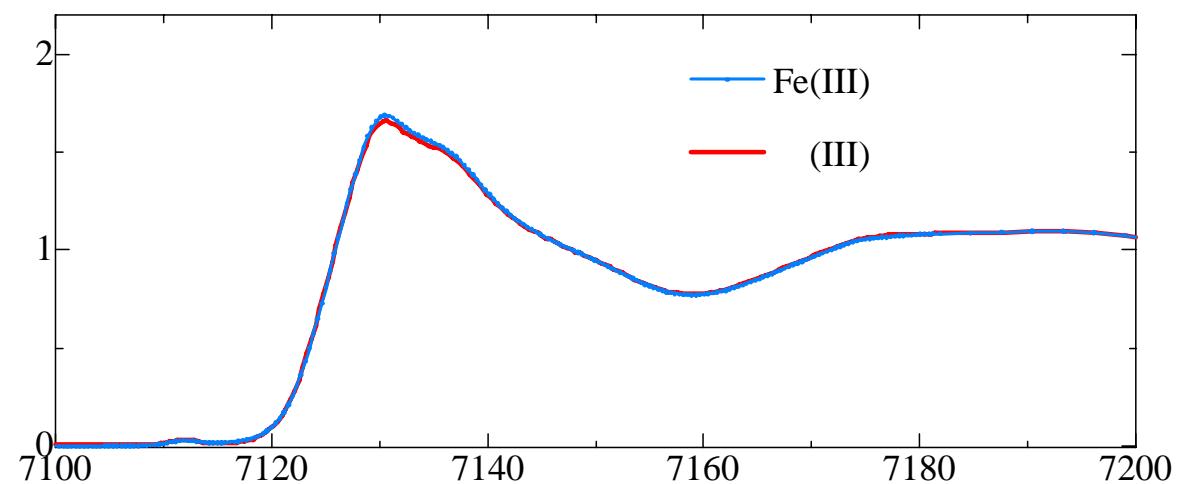


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Fe(III) ions in aqueous
solution

possibly,
inhomogeneous
sample thickness



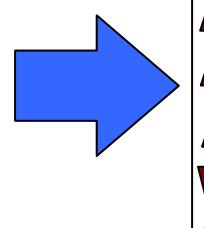
X-ray beam from monochromator



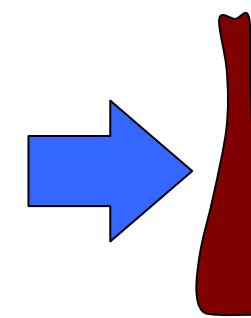
X-ray flux is not homogeneous and the density pattern moves and changes along with the monochromator angle scan

Inhomogeneous sample

solid powder



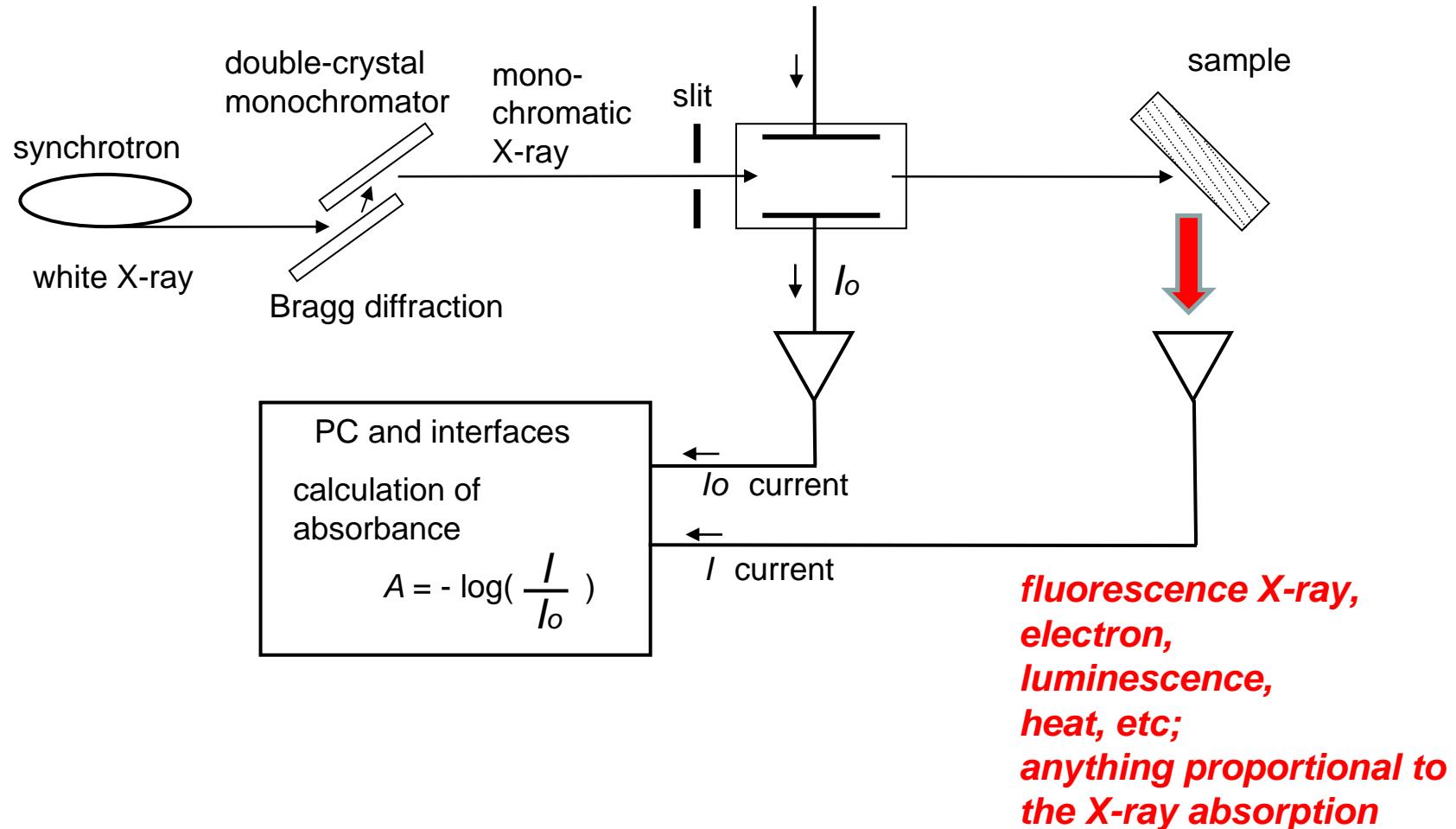
liquid or film



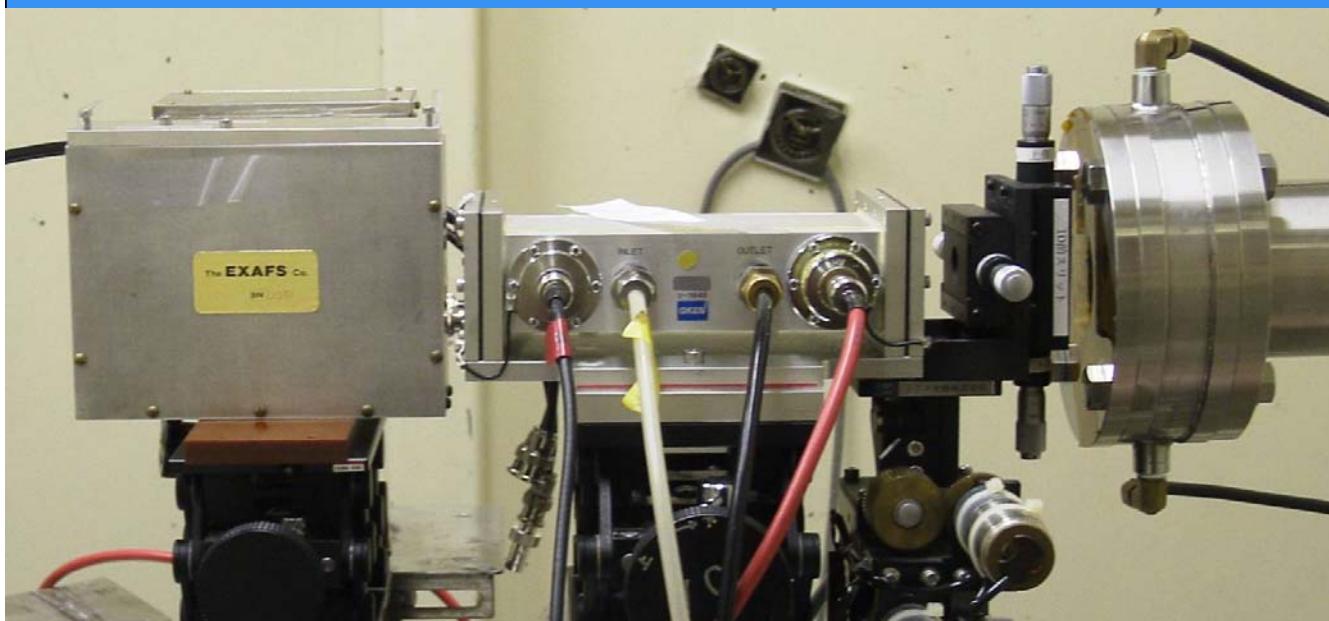
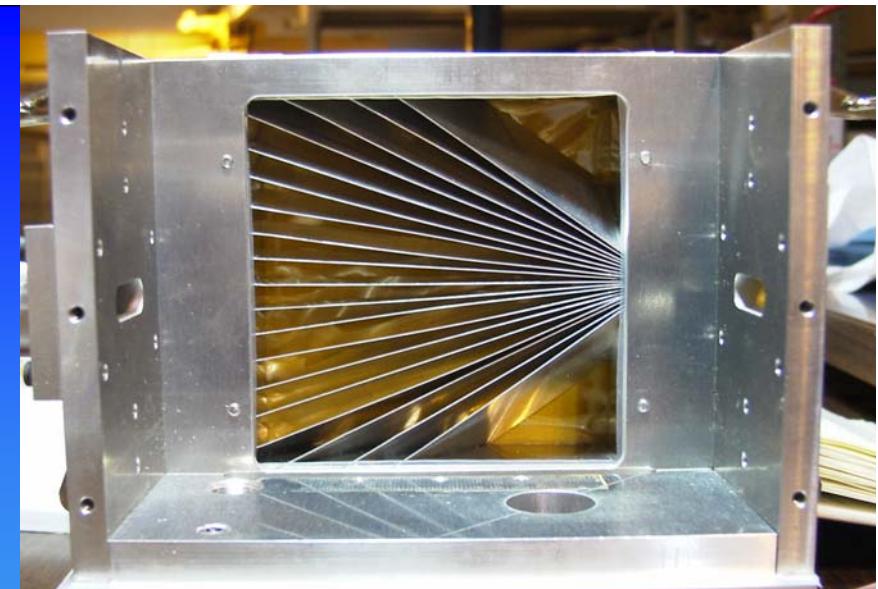
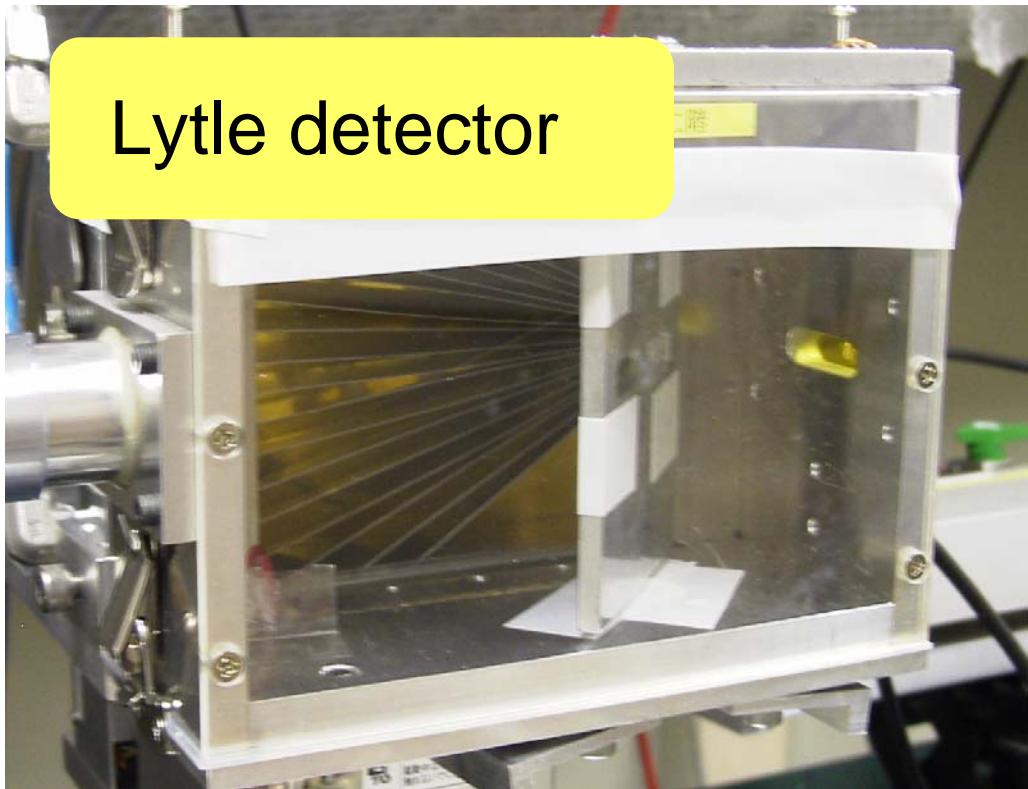
Leads to weaker EXAFS oscillation amplitude and noisy spectrum

Yield methods:
Fluorescence yield
and
Total-conversion-electron-yield

X-ray absorption measurement by *yield* methods

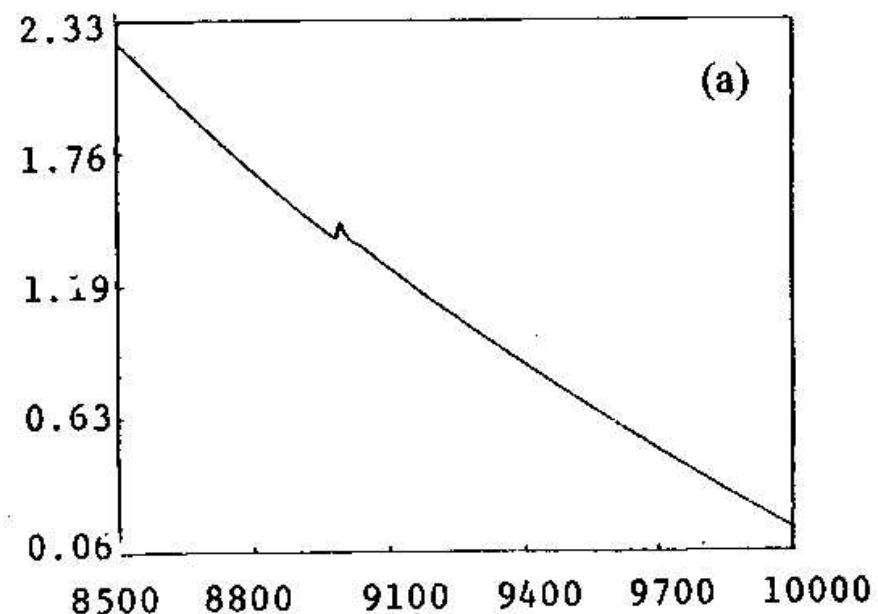


Lytle detector

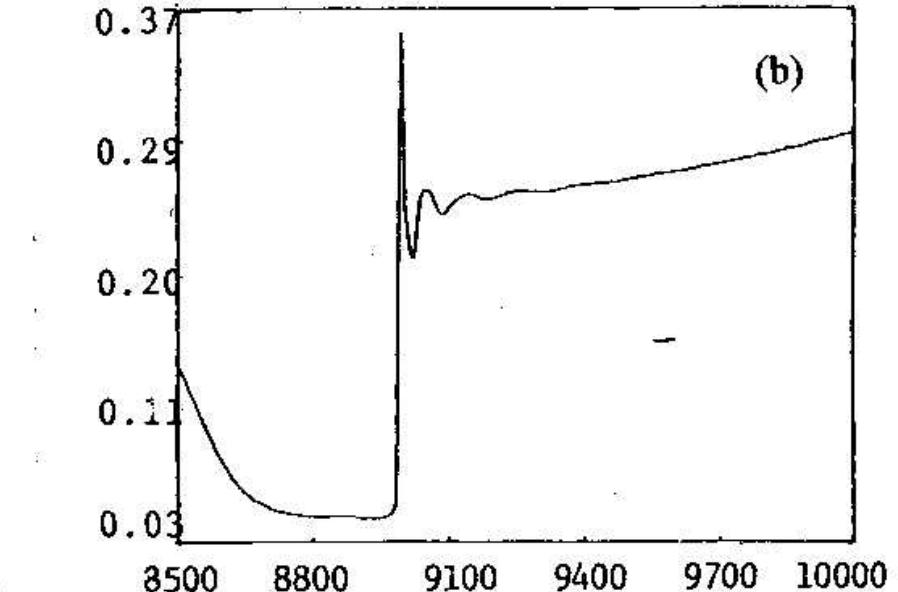


Sample: 0.01 mol dm^{-3} Cu(II) solution

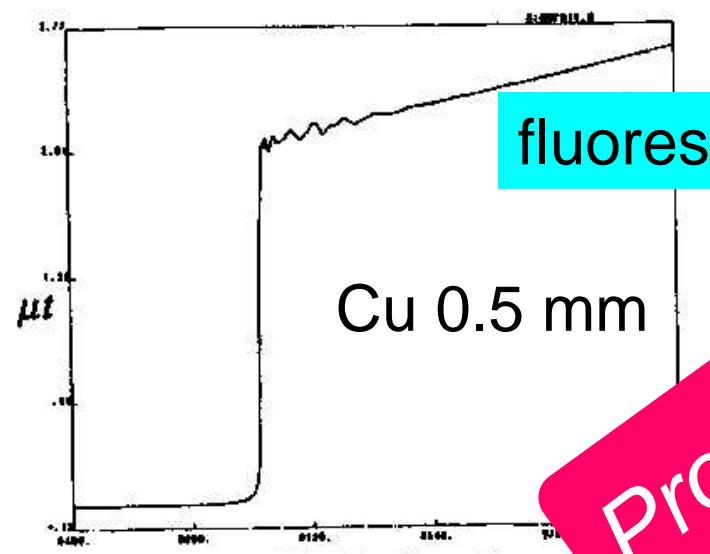
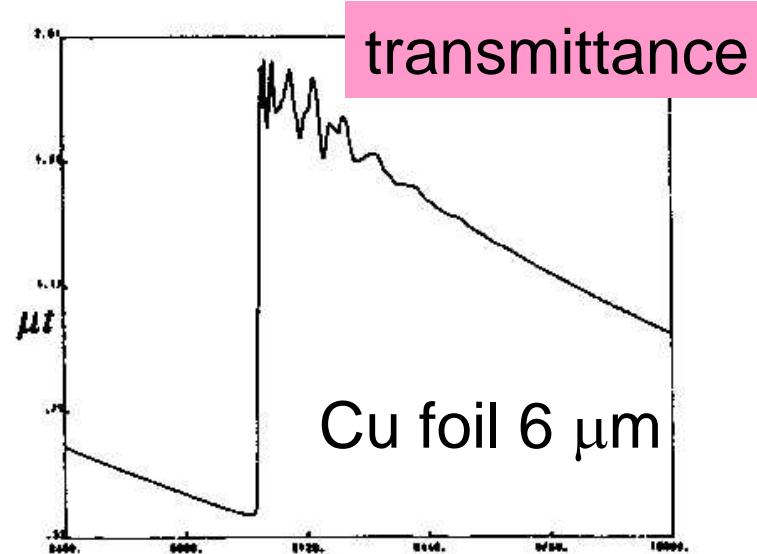
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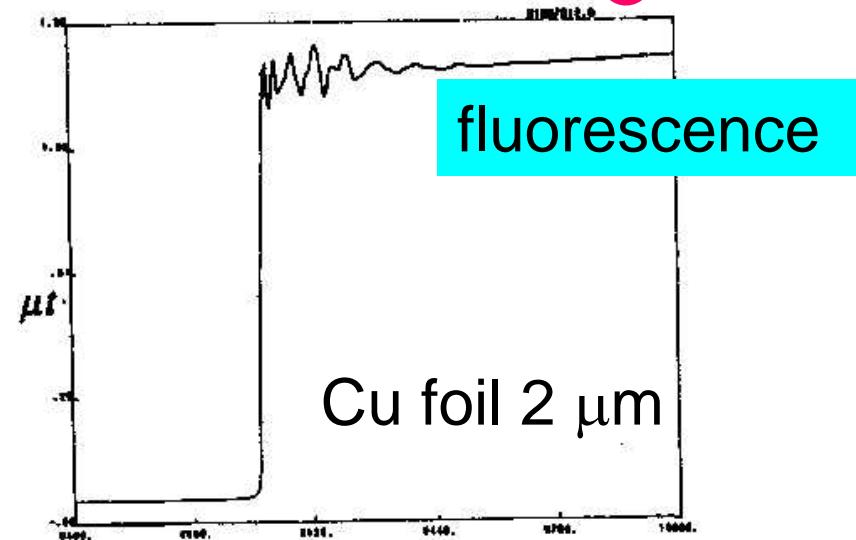
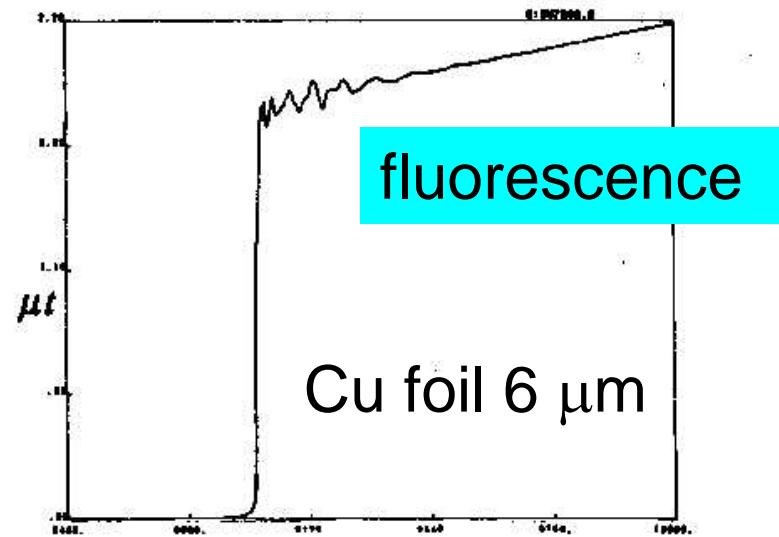
fluorescence



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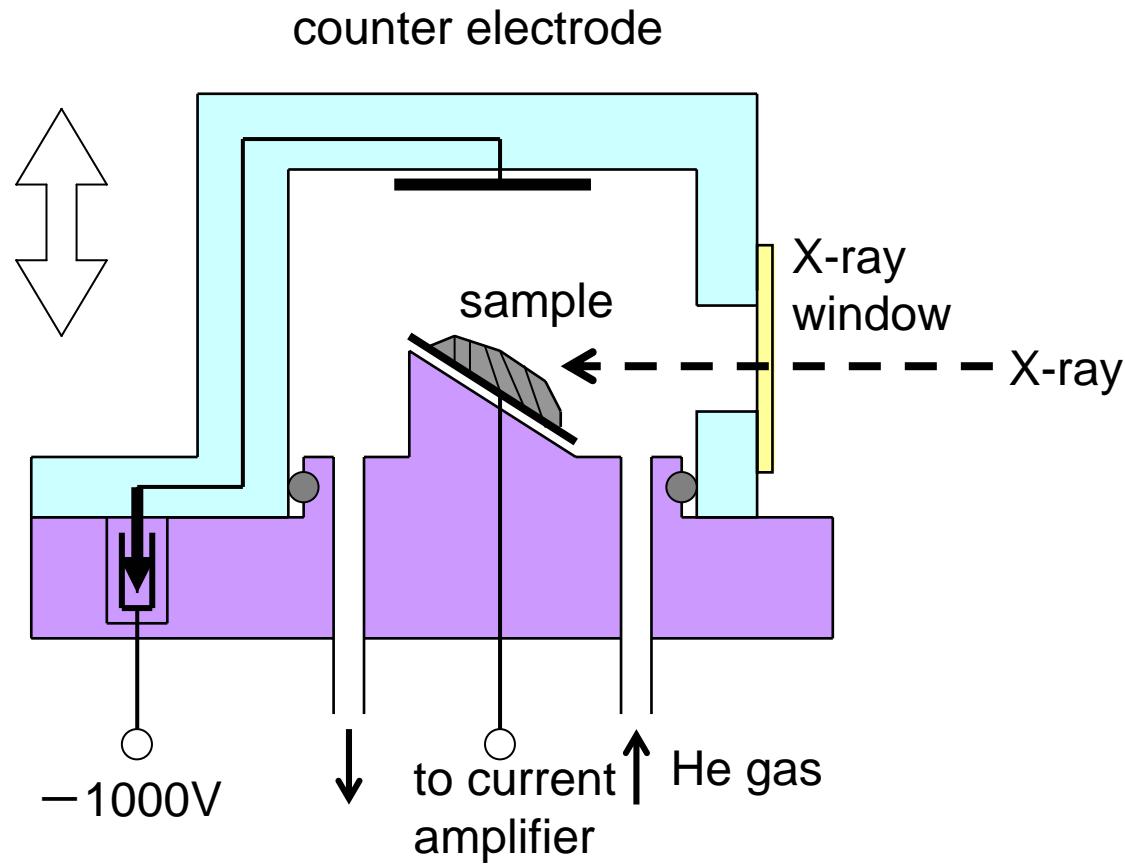
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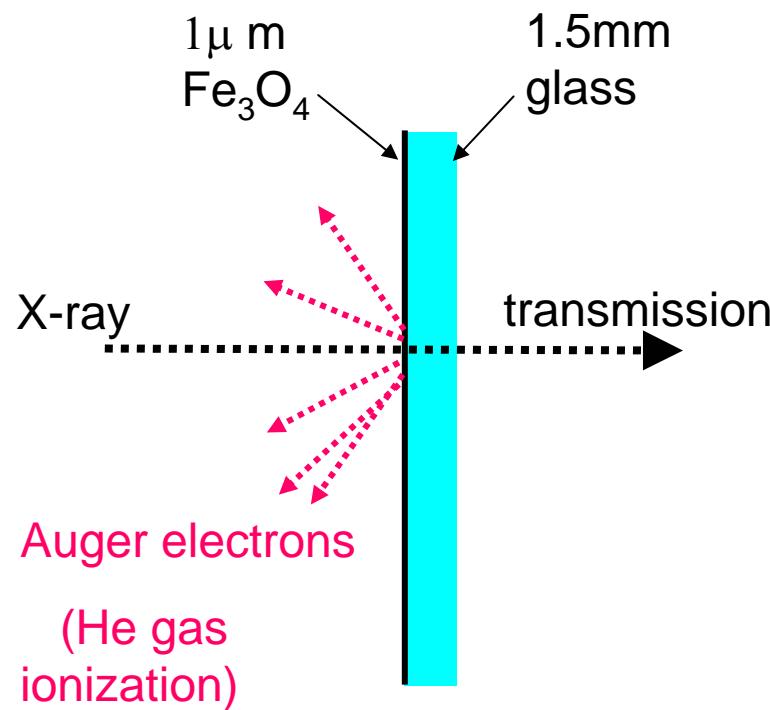


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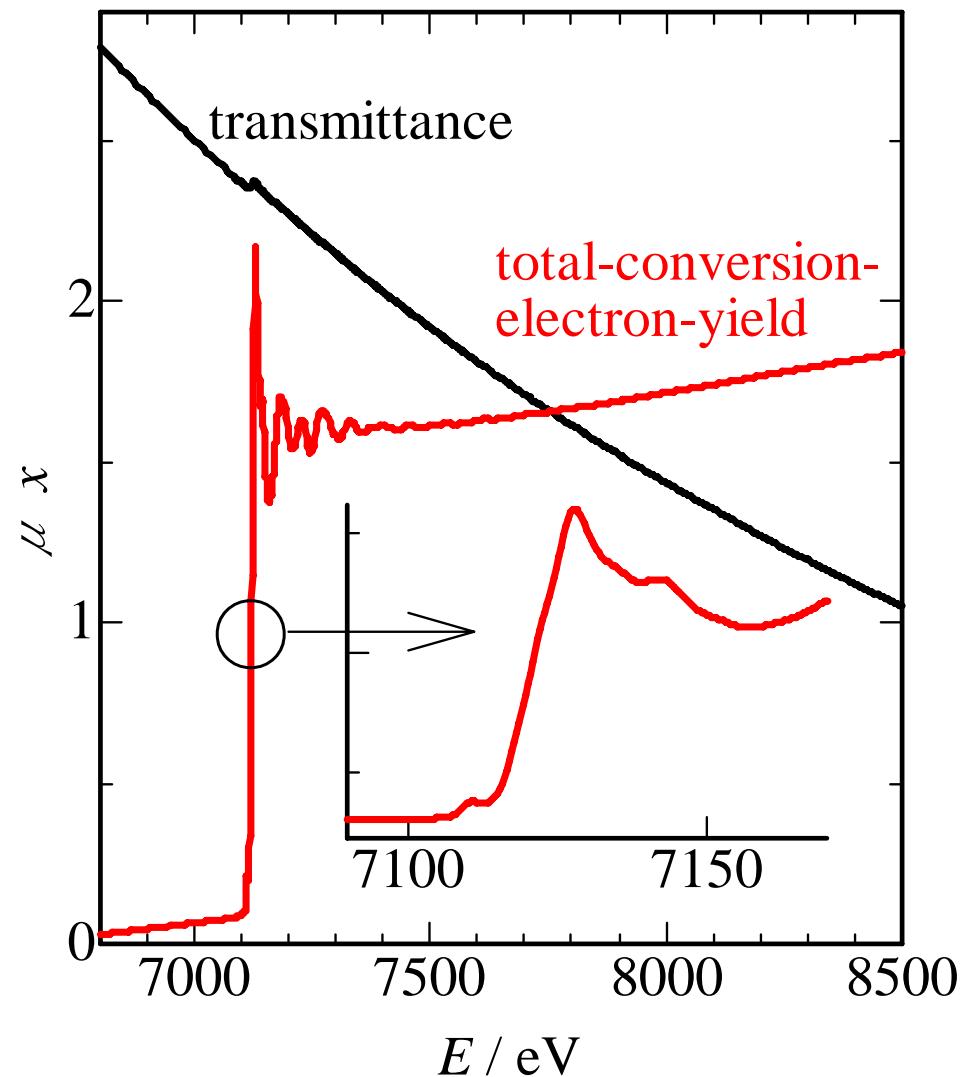
Self-absorption effect → incorrect N

Total-Conversion-Electron-Yield method

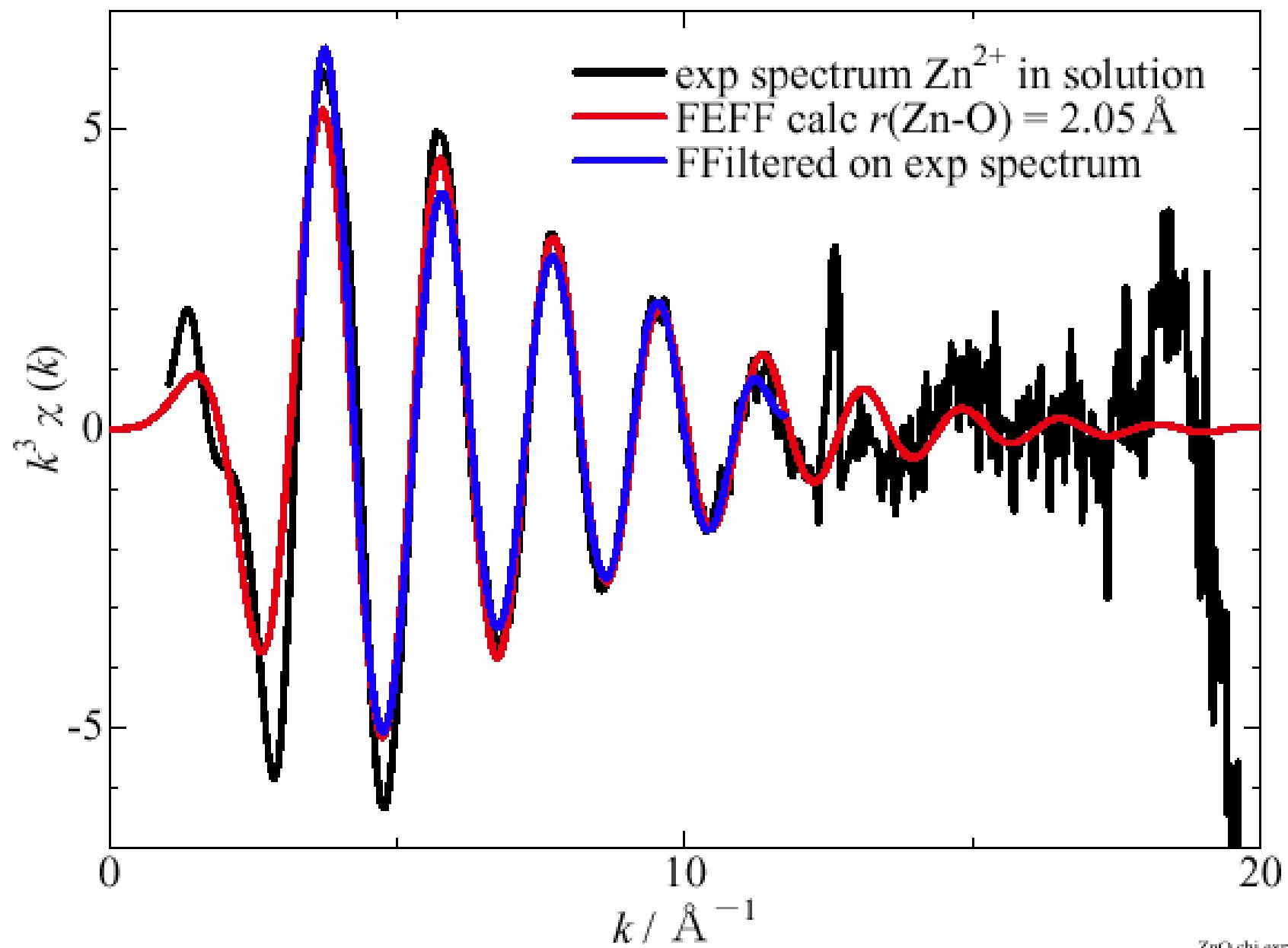




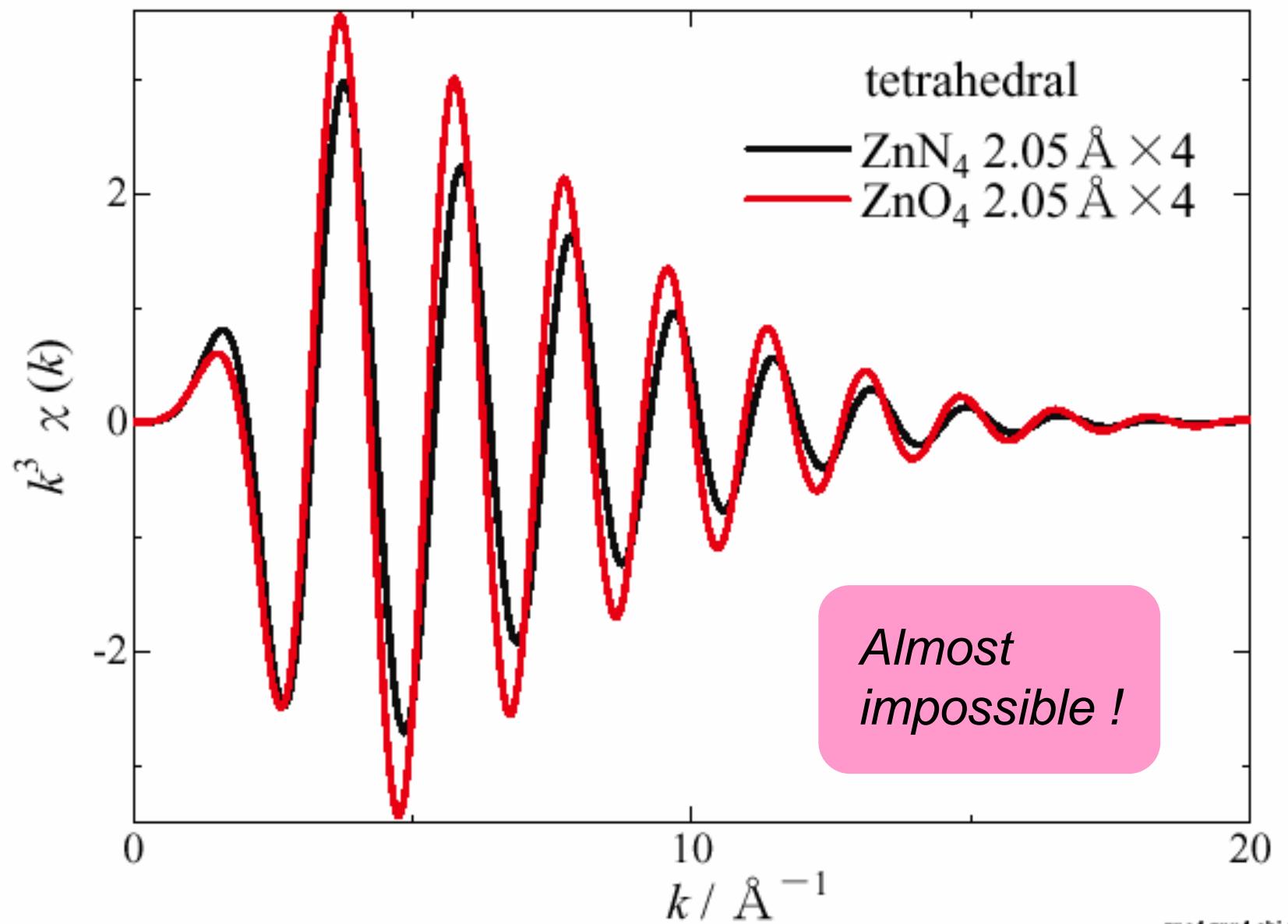
This method can be applied to thick samples owing to the short escape depth of Auger electron.

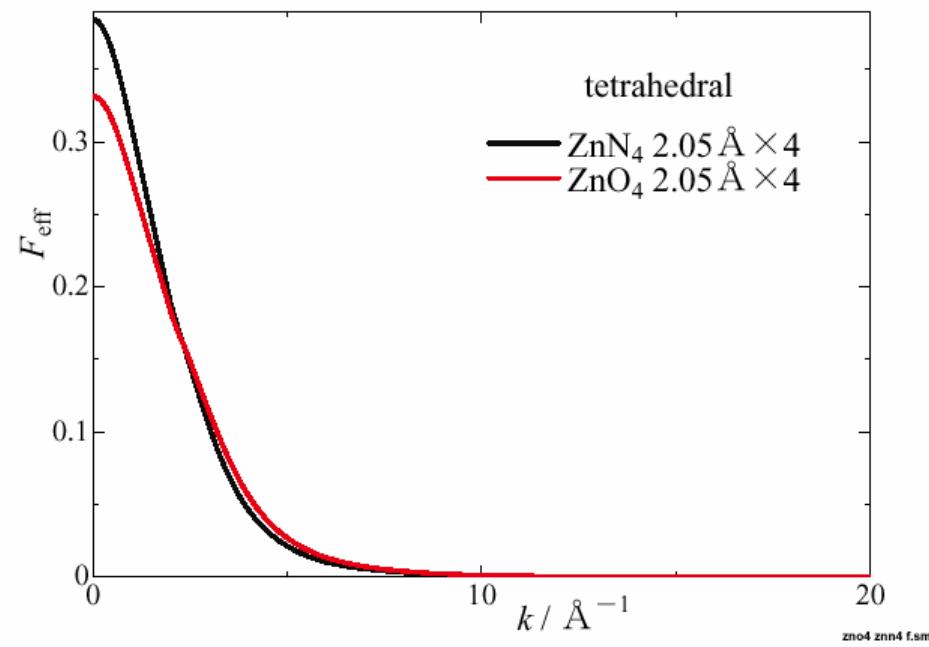
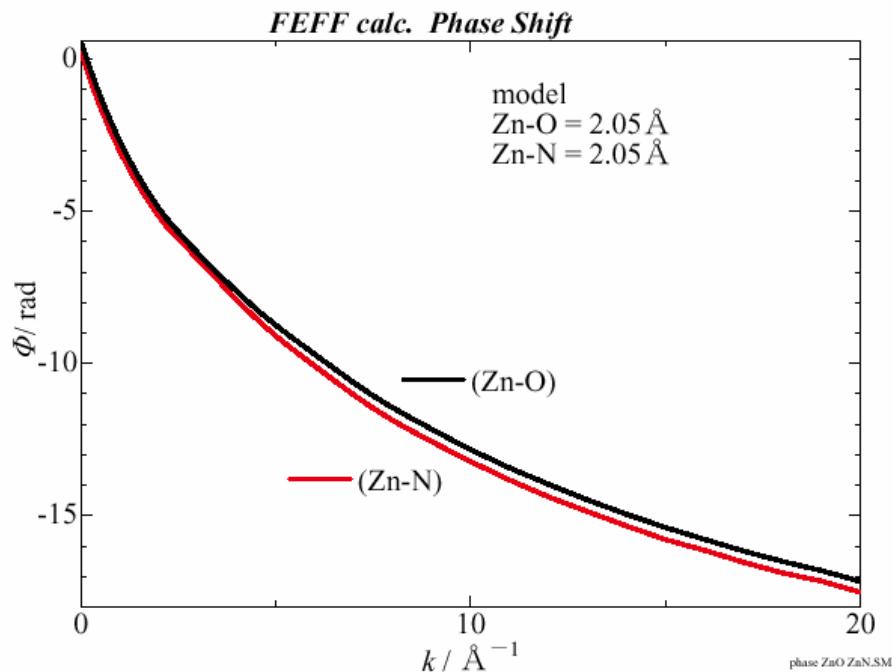


*Can we distinguish oxygen from
nitrogen by EXAFS?*



ZnO chi exp theo.SMP





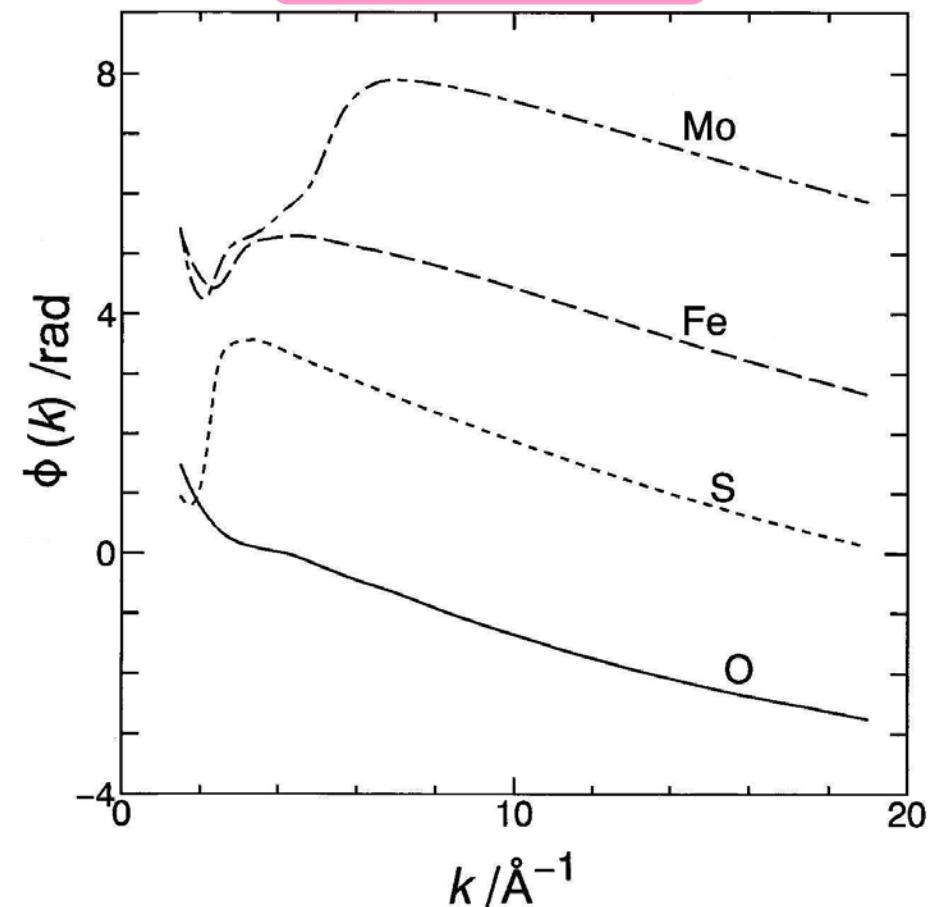
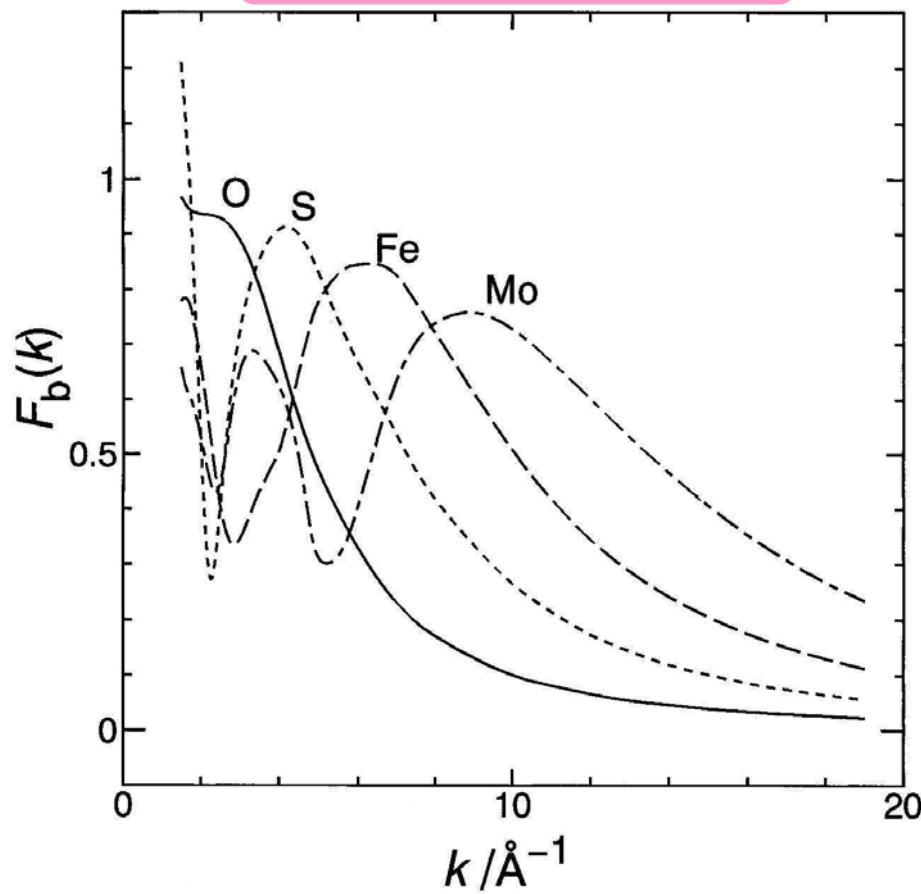
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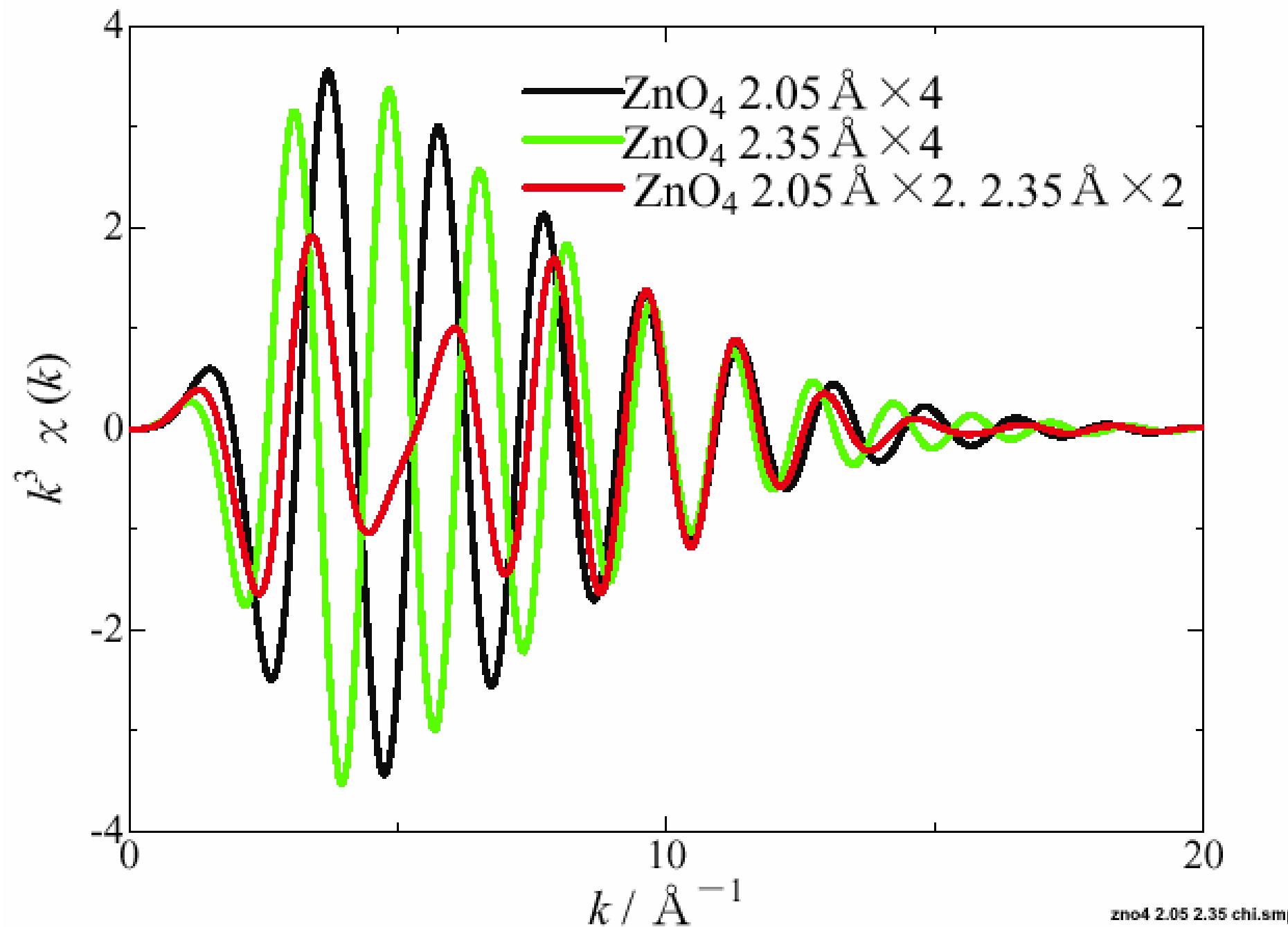
oscillation part

f scattering amplitude

ϕ phase shift

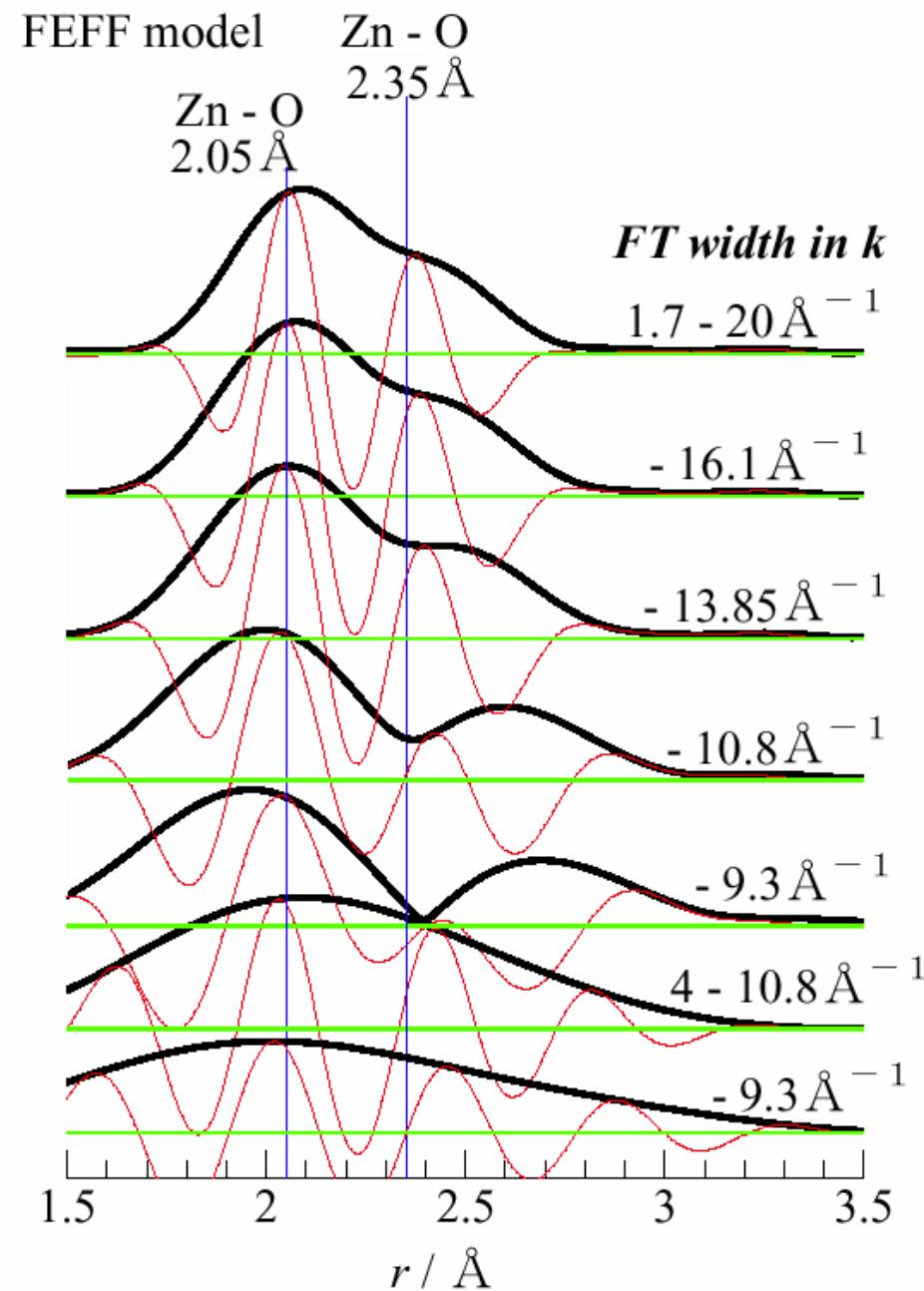


*Can we distinguish oxygen atoms
15% distant from others by
EXAFS?*

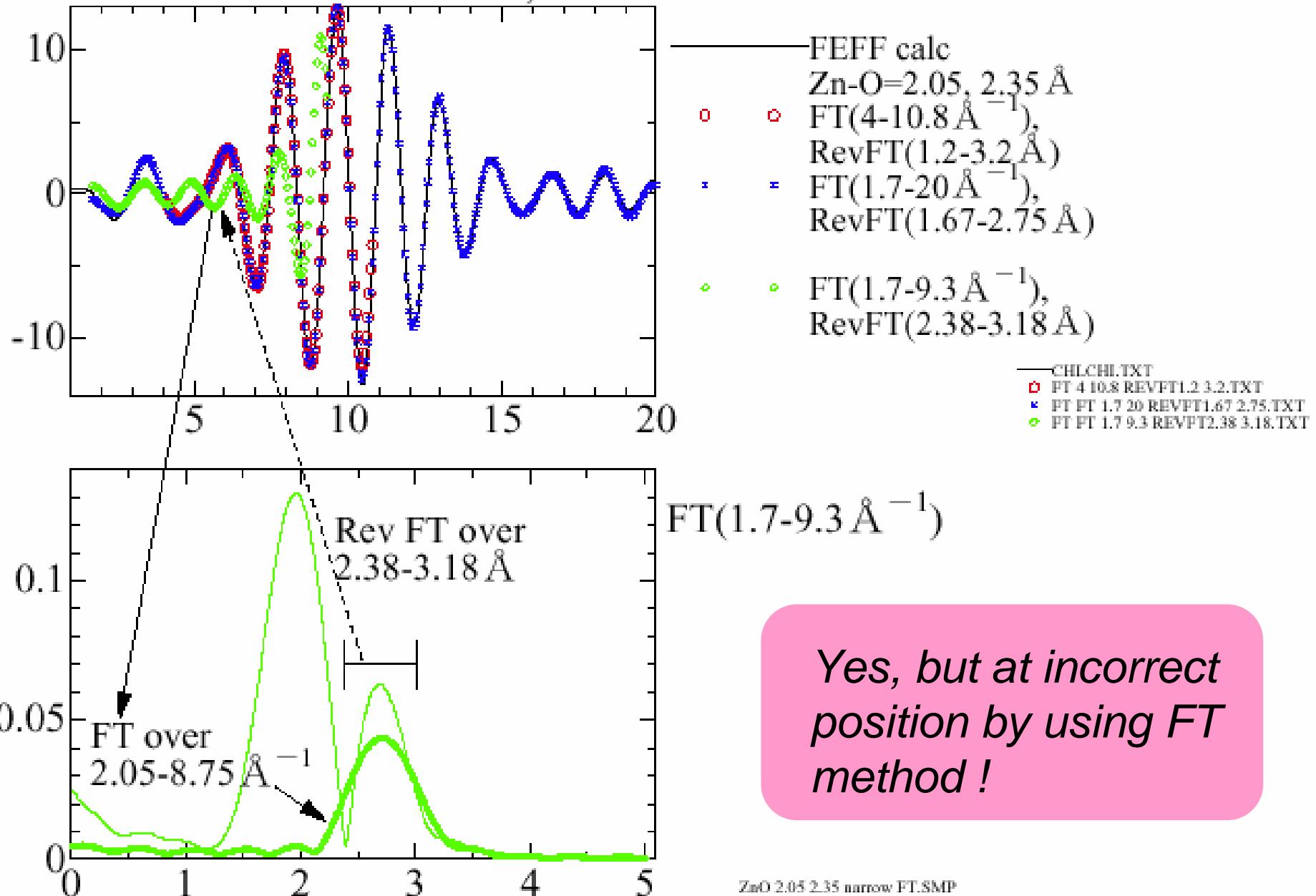


zno4 2.05 2.35 chi.smp

Parameters used for Fourier Trans: O

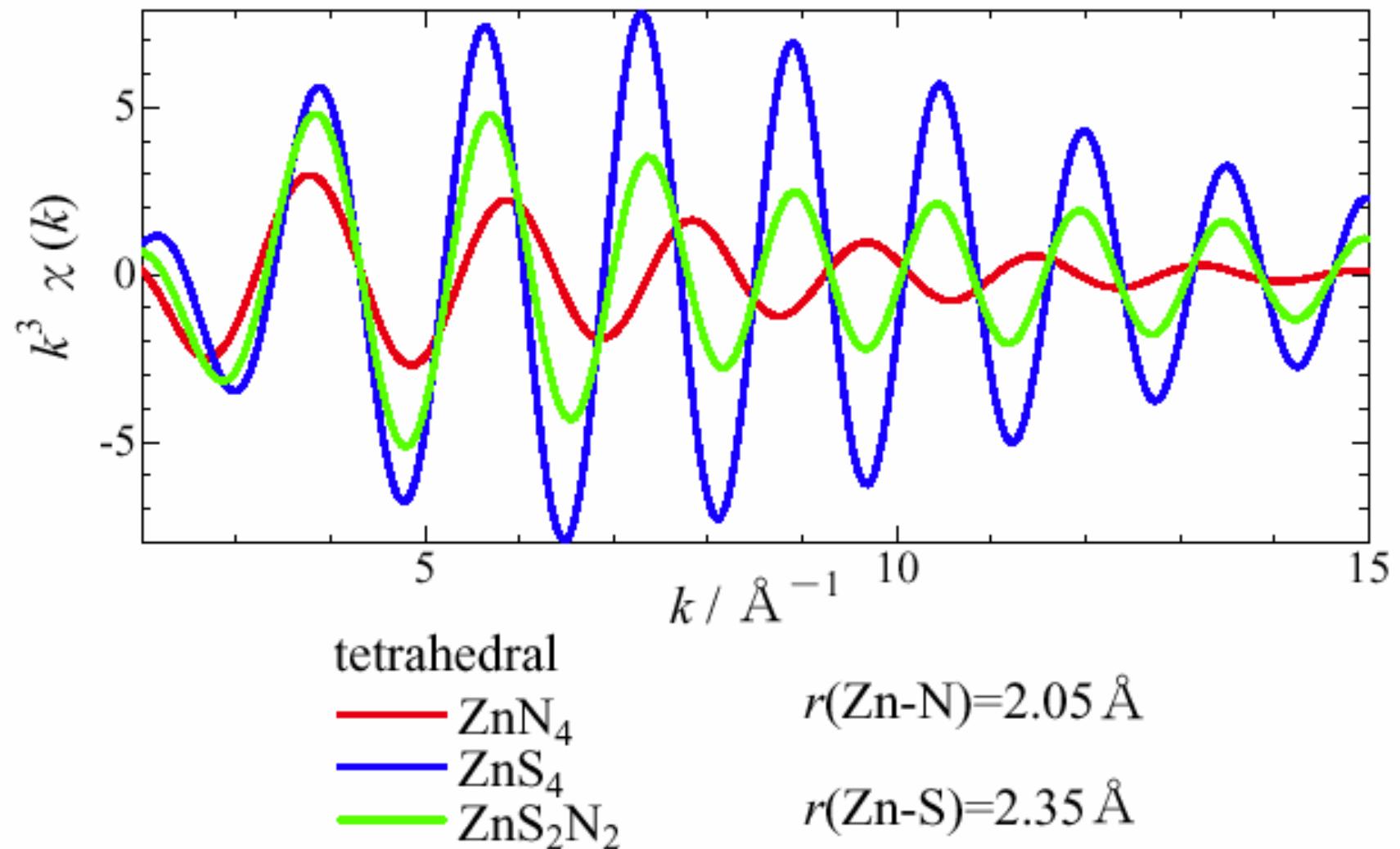


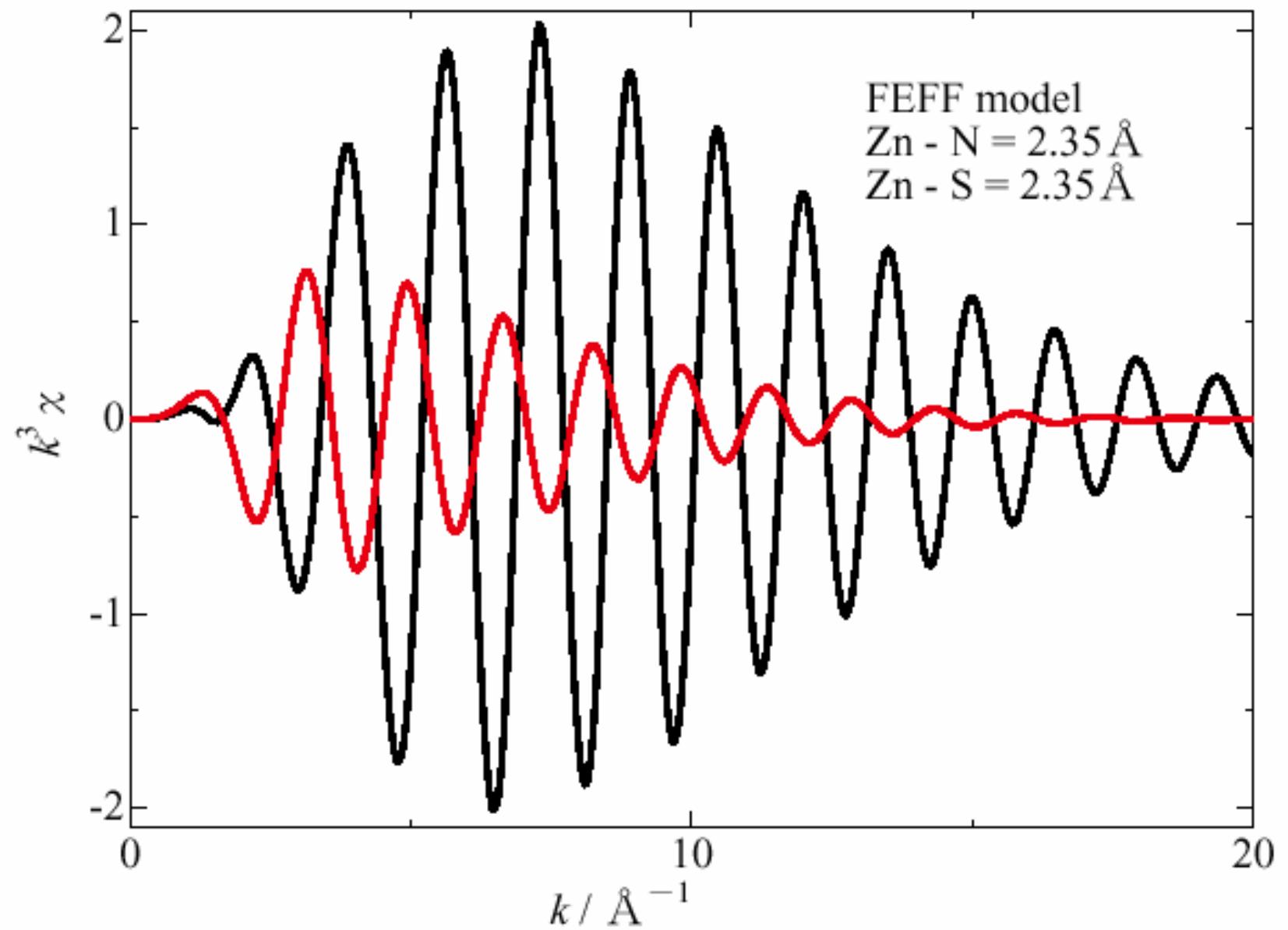
FEFF model: Zn-O = 2.05, 2.35 Å



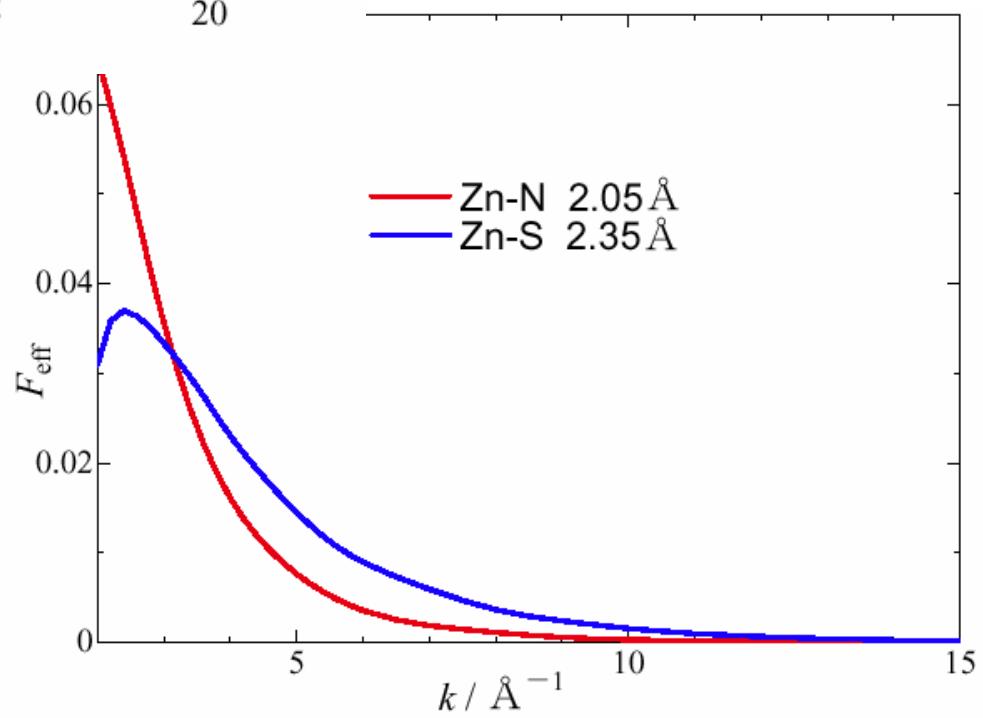
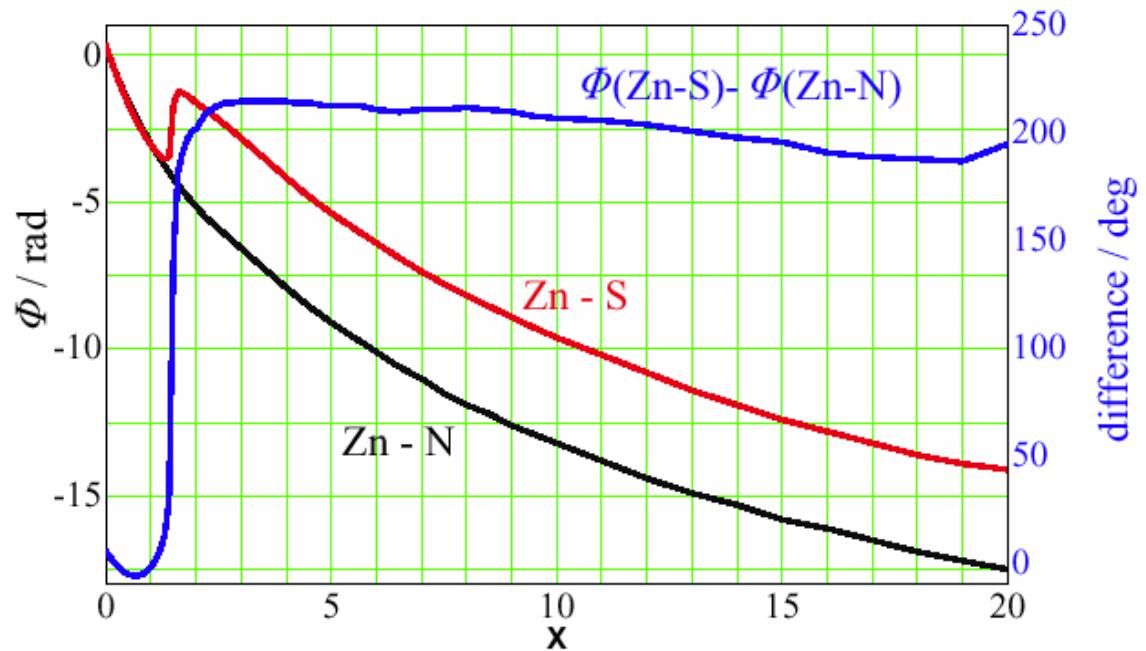
James E. Penner-Hahn J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1998,120,8401

*Can we distinguish sulfur from
nitrogen (or oxygen) by EXAFS?*



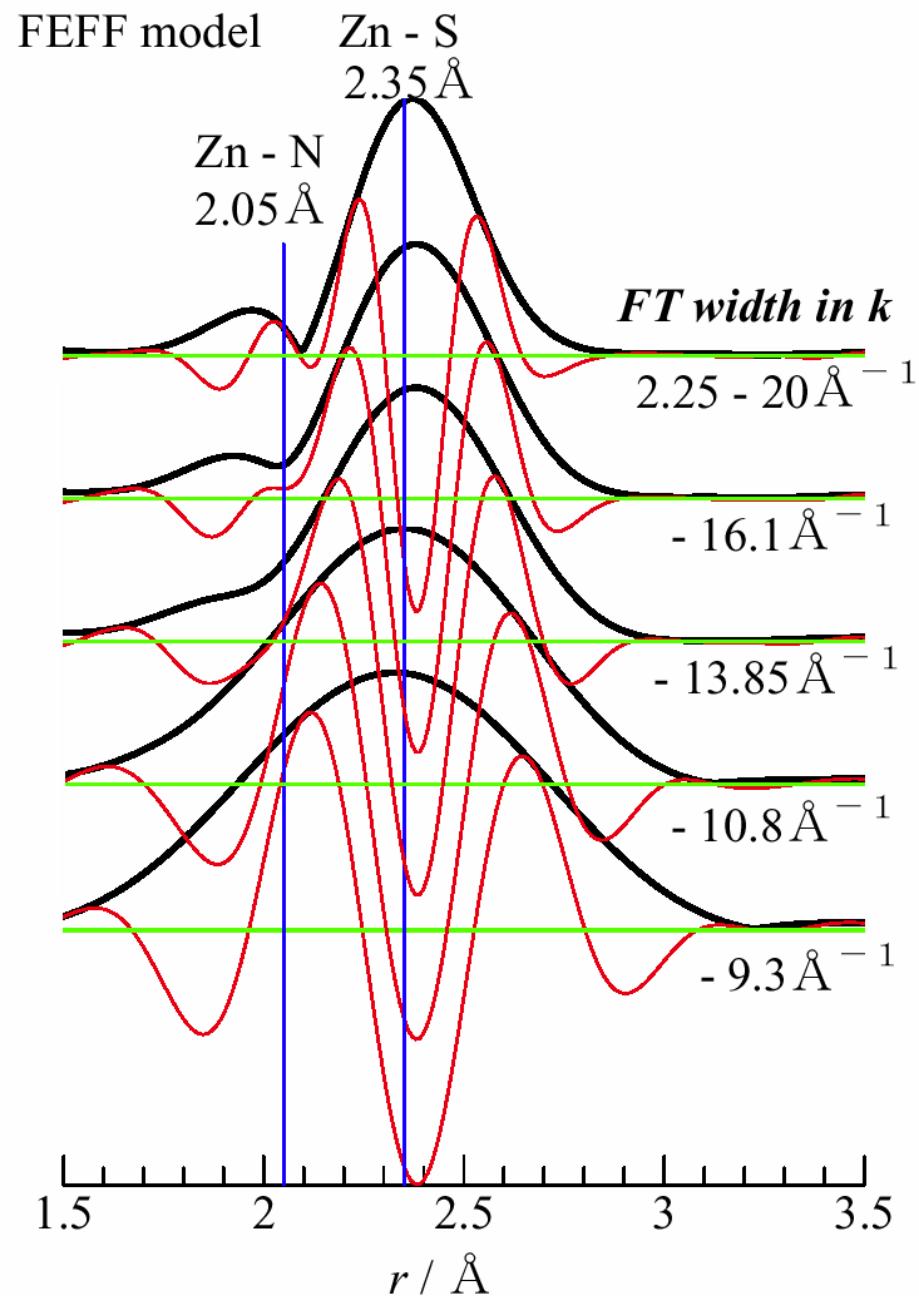


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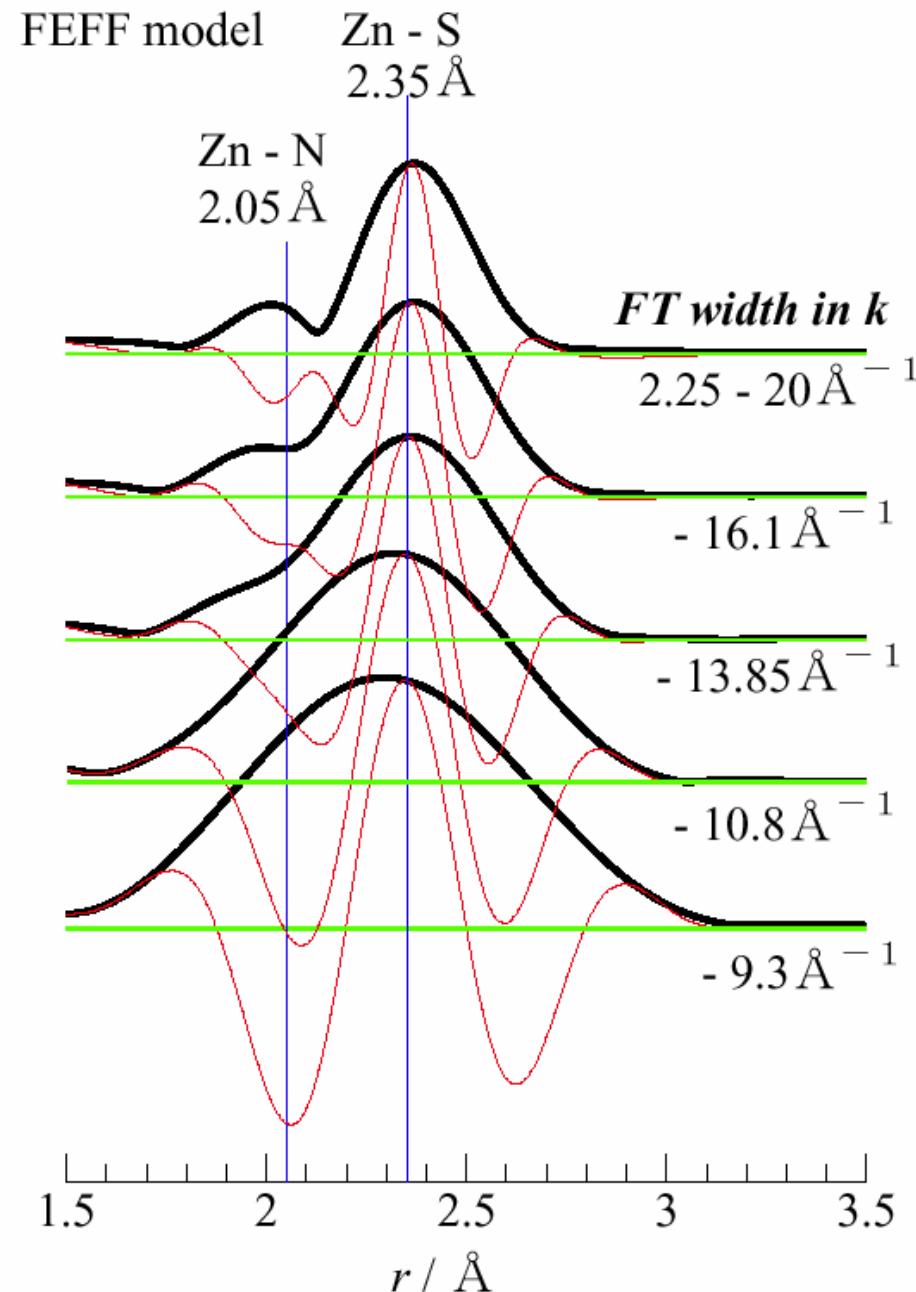


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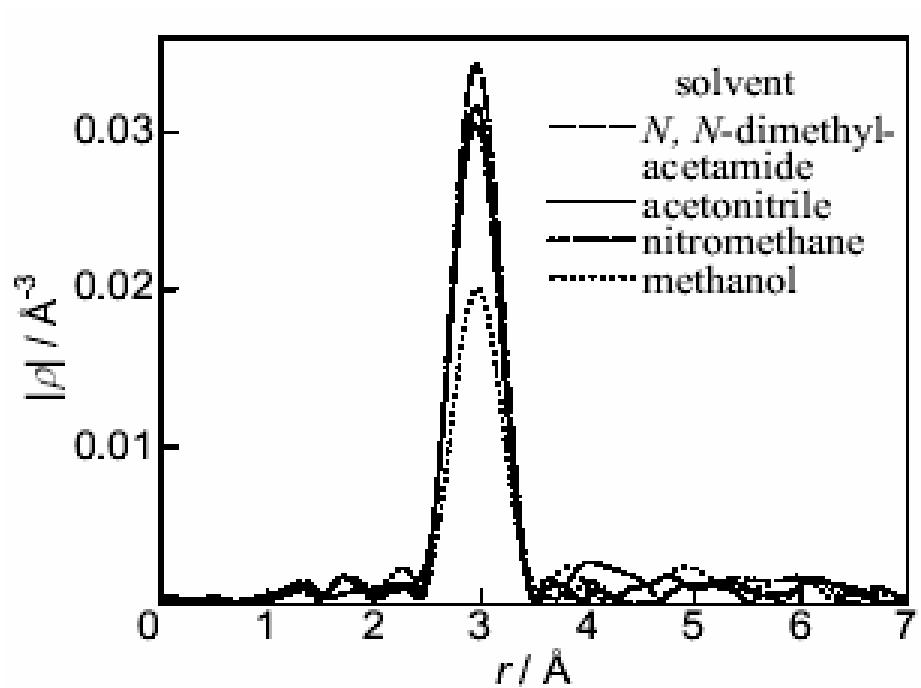
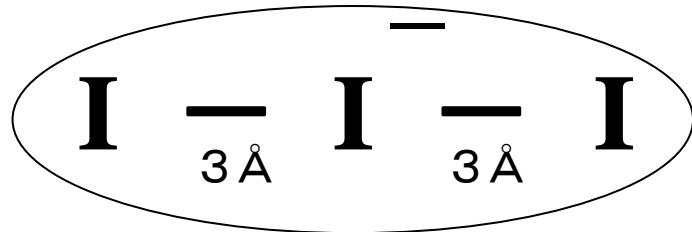
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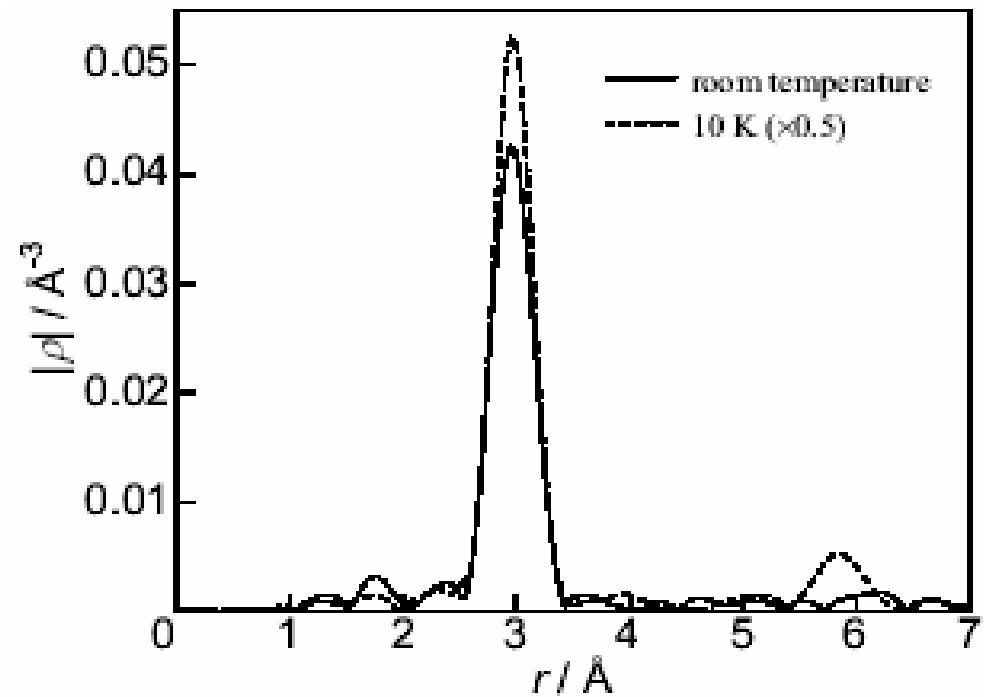
*Almost
impossible !*

Can we detect the end-end atomic interaction in I-I-I molecule (I_3^-) by EXAFS?

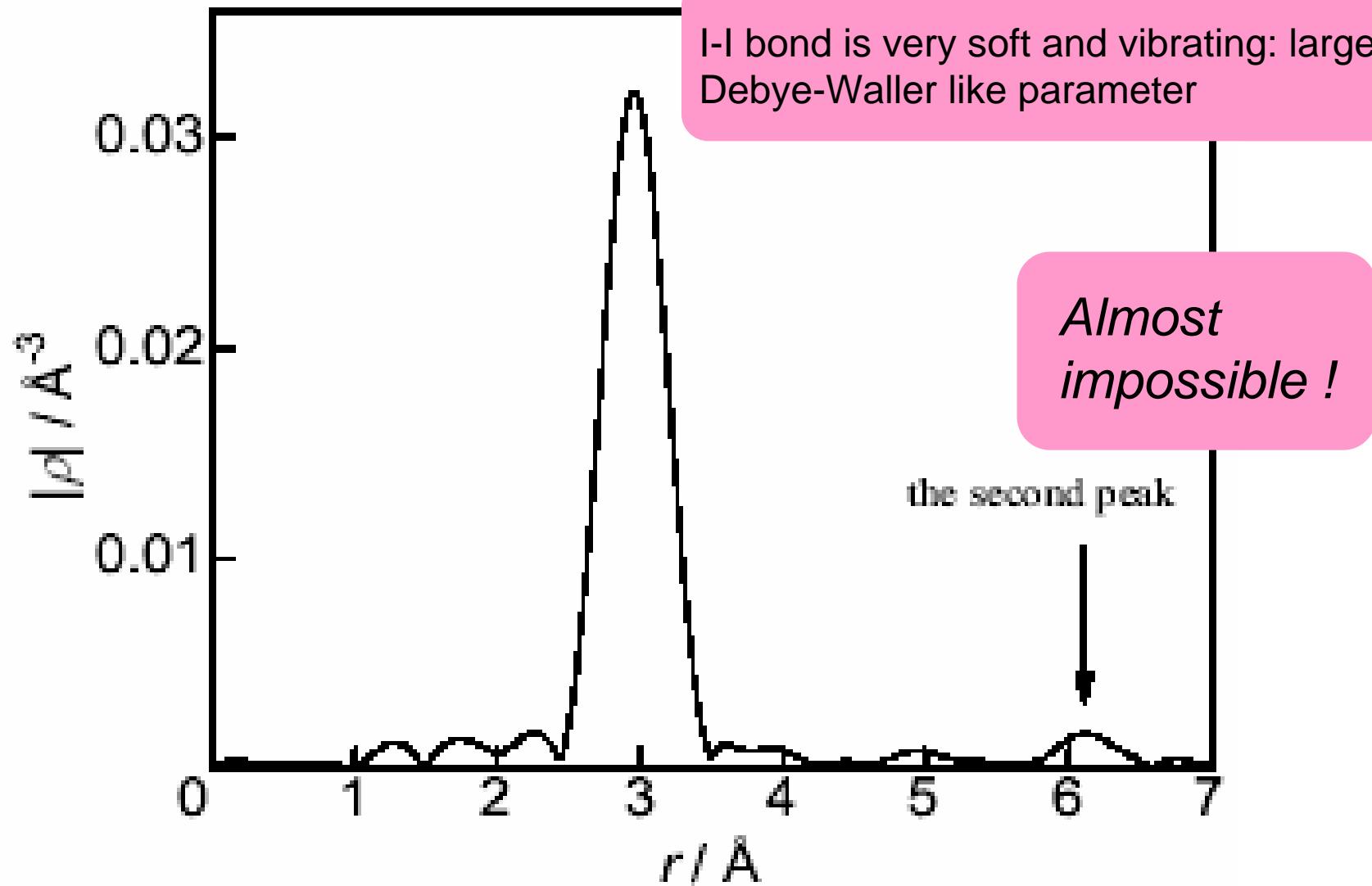
I K-edge EXAFS FT for I_3



Dissolved in organic solvents



$(\text{n-C}_3\text{H}_7)_4\text{N I}_3$ powder

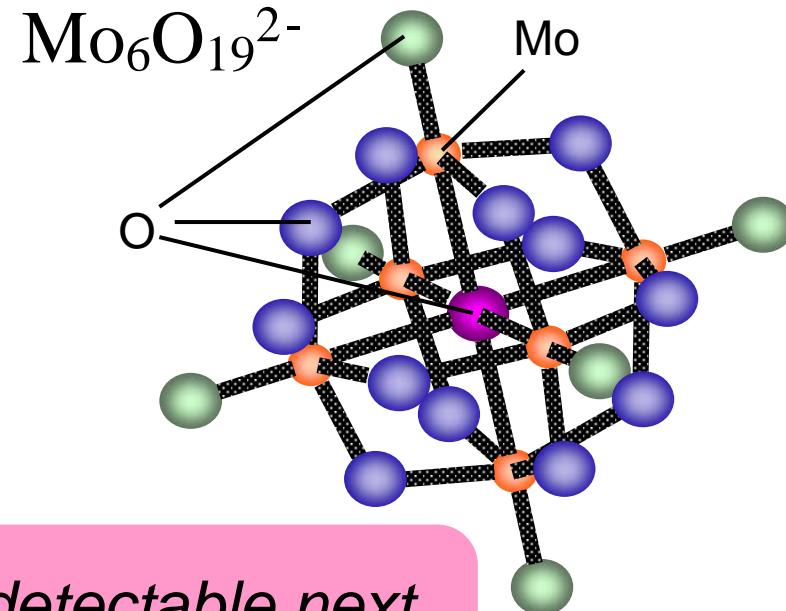
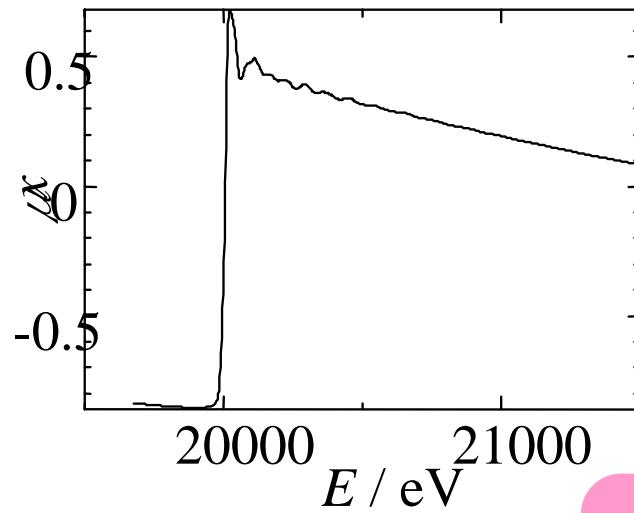


Iodine K-edge EXAFS Fourier transform for the compound spectrum made up from 12 independent spectra for organic solvent solutions.

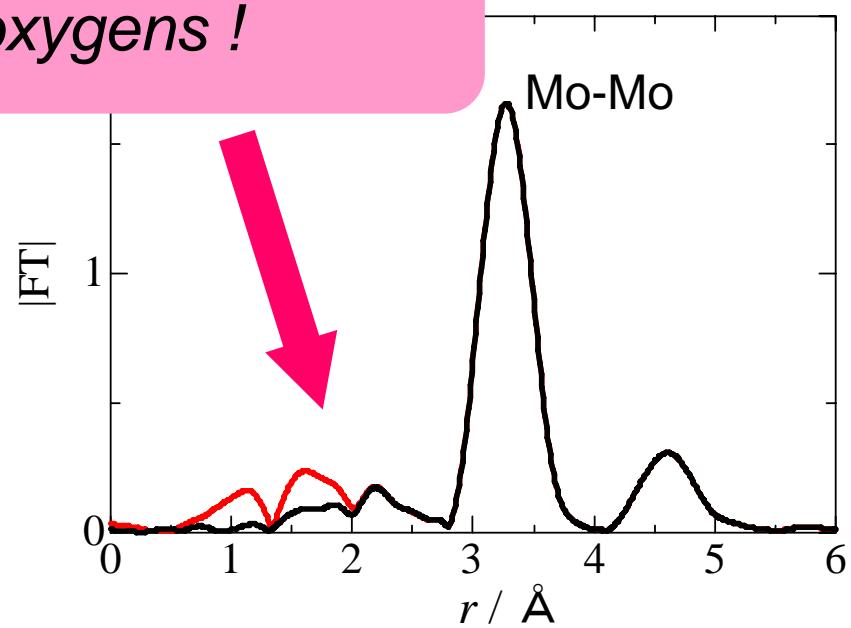
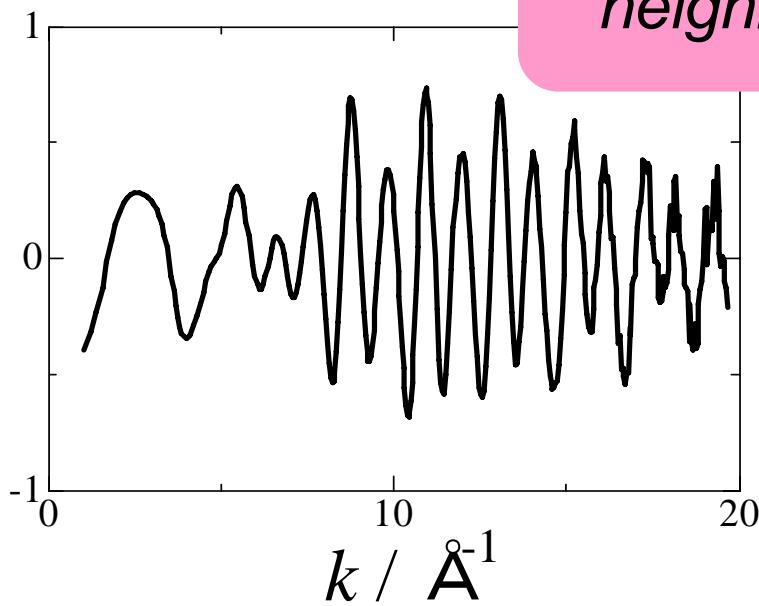
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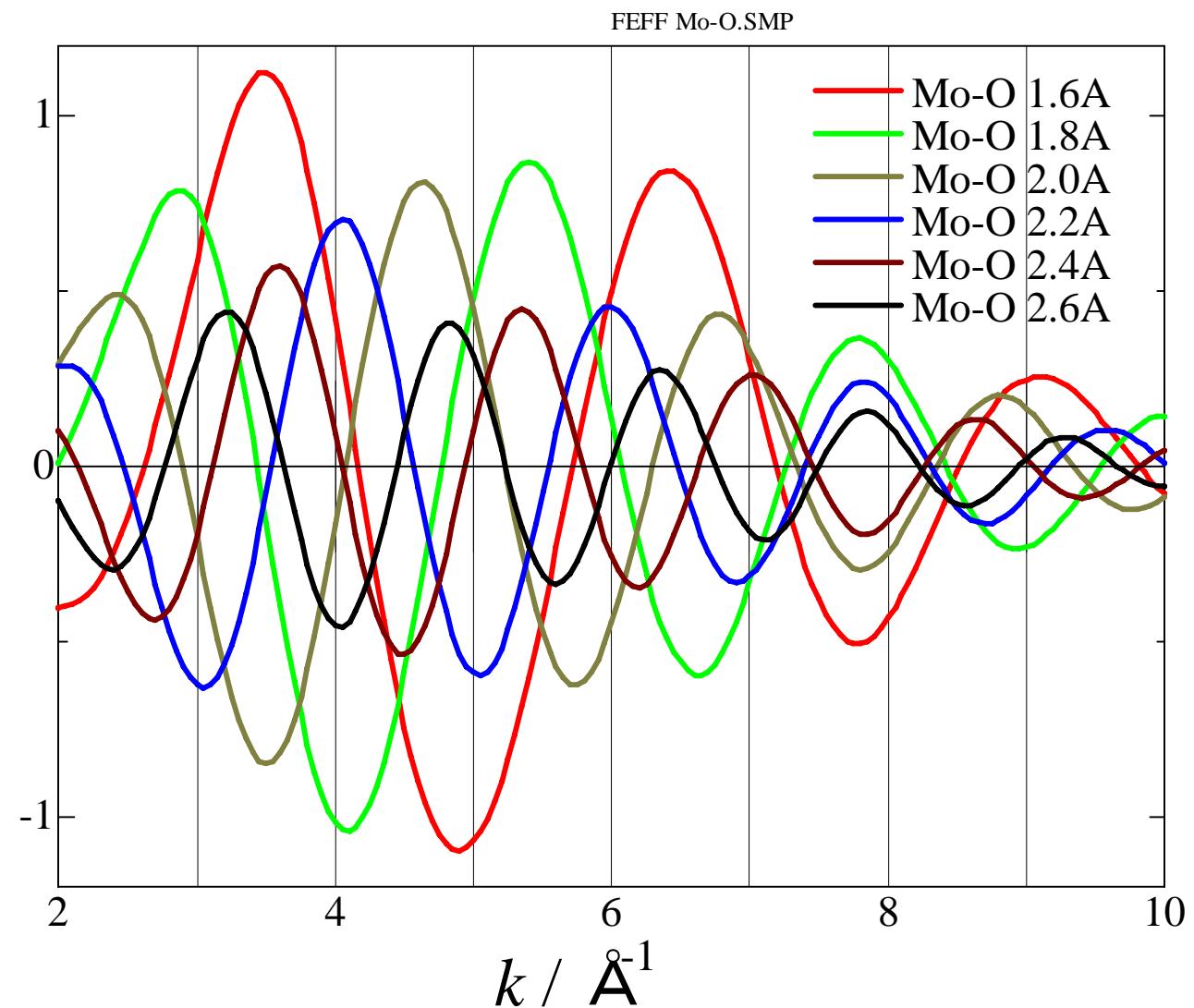
*Large symmetrical cluster of
molybdenum oxide complex*

Mo K-edge XAFS



Almost undetectable next neighbor oxygens !





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Extended X-ray Absorption Fine Structure

Theory; very difficult.

Experiment; looks easy.

Data analysis; looks straight forward.

*Thanks to the advanced data
analysis software.*

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In reality,

Theory; becomes even more and more complex and difficult to understand.

Experiment; to obtain CORRECT spectral data is NOT an easy task.

Data analysis; no one except for the GOD knows whether the conclusion from the EXAFS analysis is CORRECT.

EXAFS is a tricky technique.

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Then, what do we have to do ?

Use

- ★ *other analytical methods,*
- ★ *knowledge of chemistry and physics,*

and

- ★ *good sense as a scientist*

*and combine them together with
the EXAFS analysis.*