

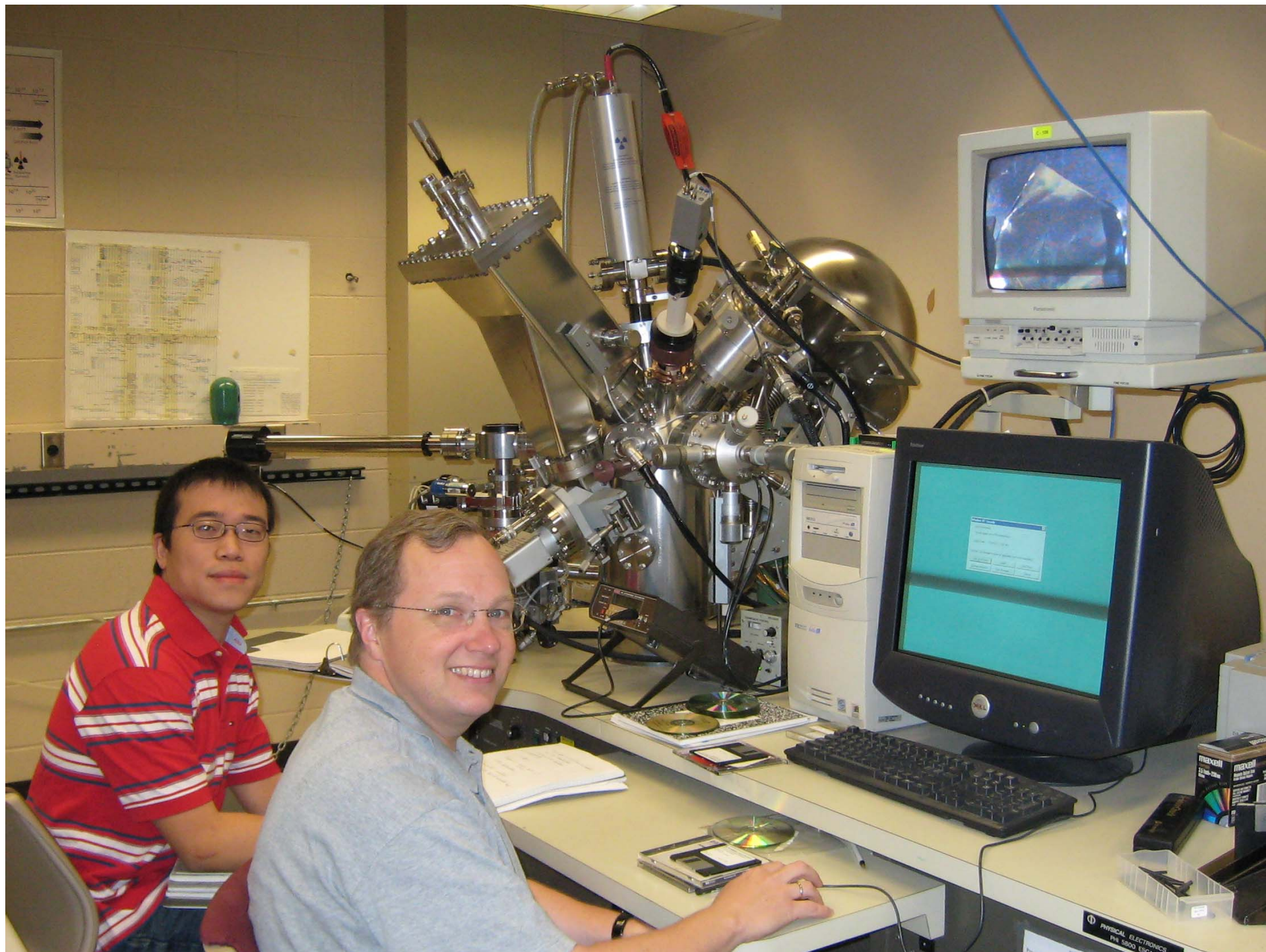
A photograph of an X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS) laboratory. In the foreground, two men are seated at a desk. The man on the left is wearing a red and white striped polo shirt and glasses. The man on the right is wearing a light blue polo shirt and glasses, and is looking at a computer monitor. The monitor displays a software interface with a green background and a grid. In the background, the XPS instrument is visible, featuring a large, complex metal structure with various components and cables. A computer tower is also visible behind the desk. The overall scene is a typical laboratory setting for XPS analysis.

# X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS) at the University of Oklahoma

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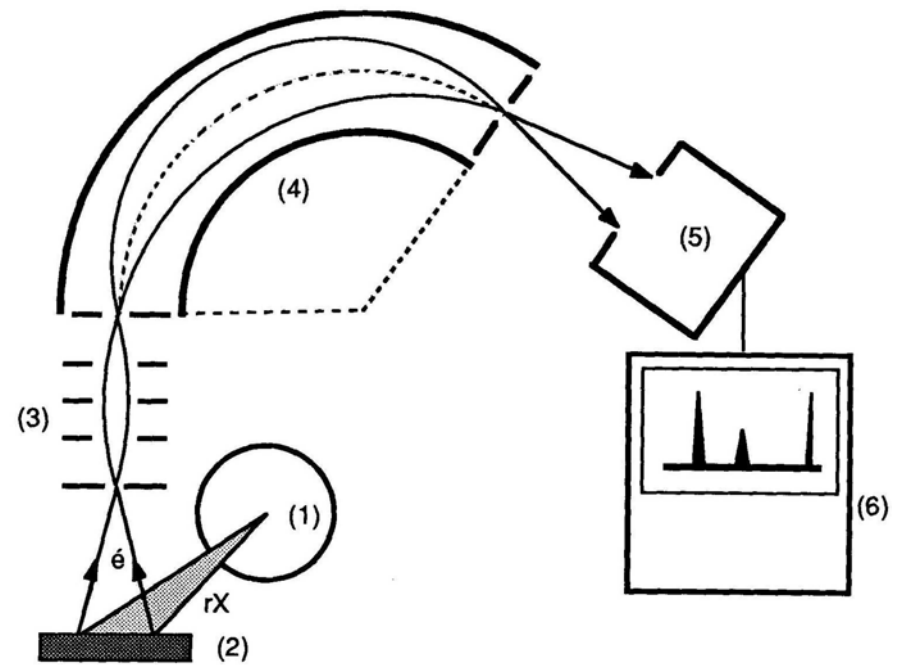
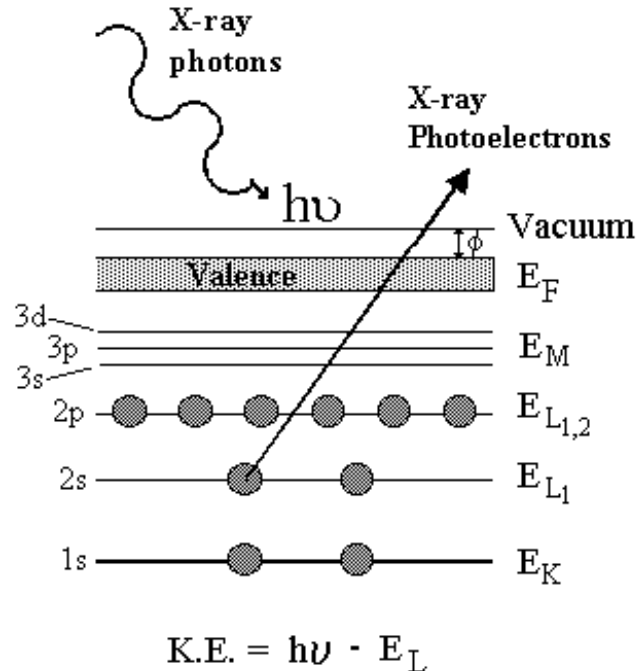


# X-Ray Photoelectron Spectrometer (XPS)

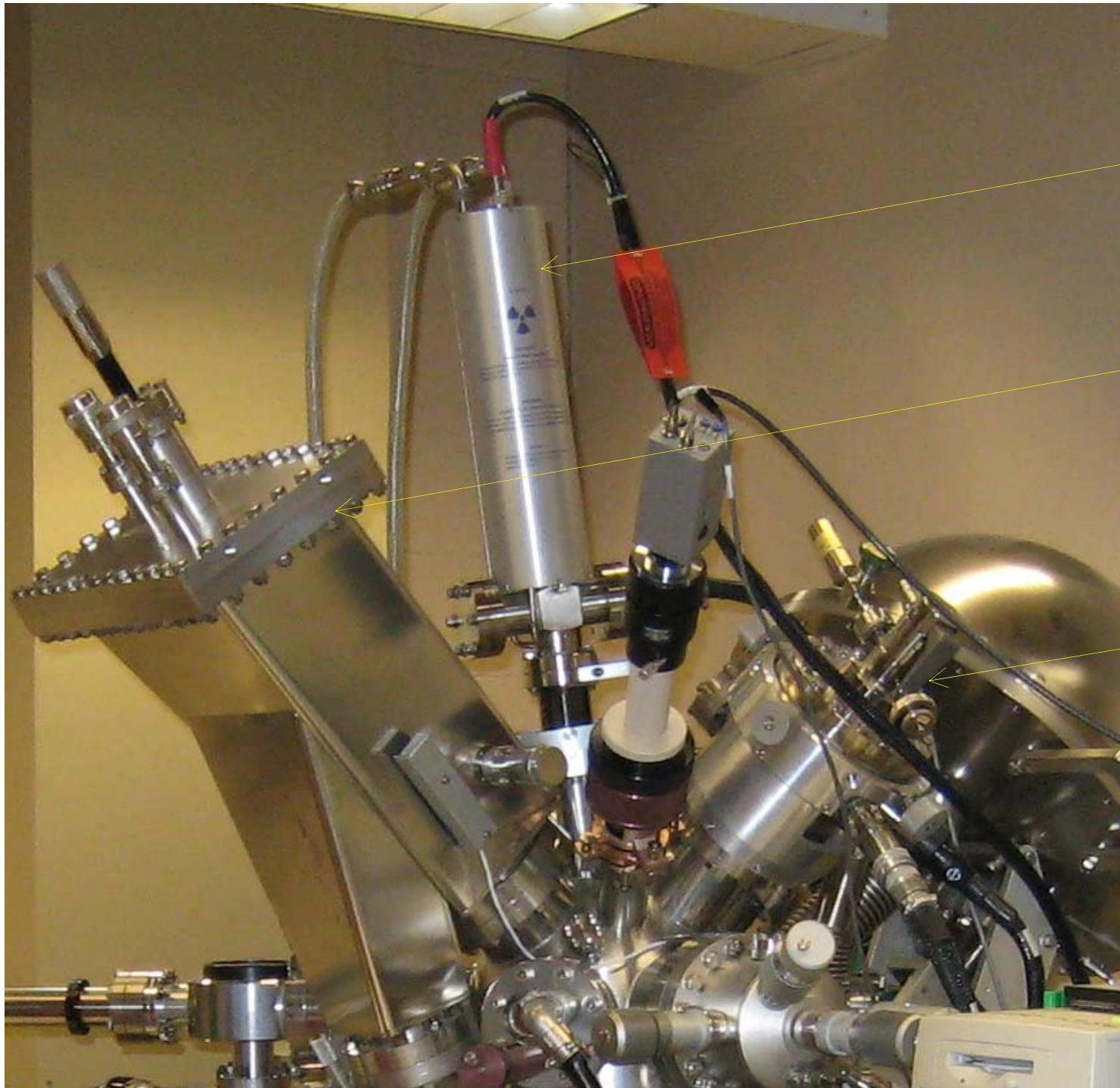
XPS measures electrons emitted at an energy according to their binding energy.

Each chemical element is characterized by a single spectrum

XPS makes it possible to analyze chemical composition of surface and identify its chemical state.



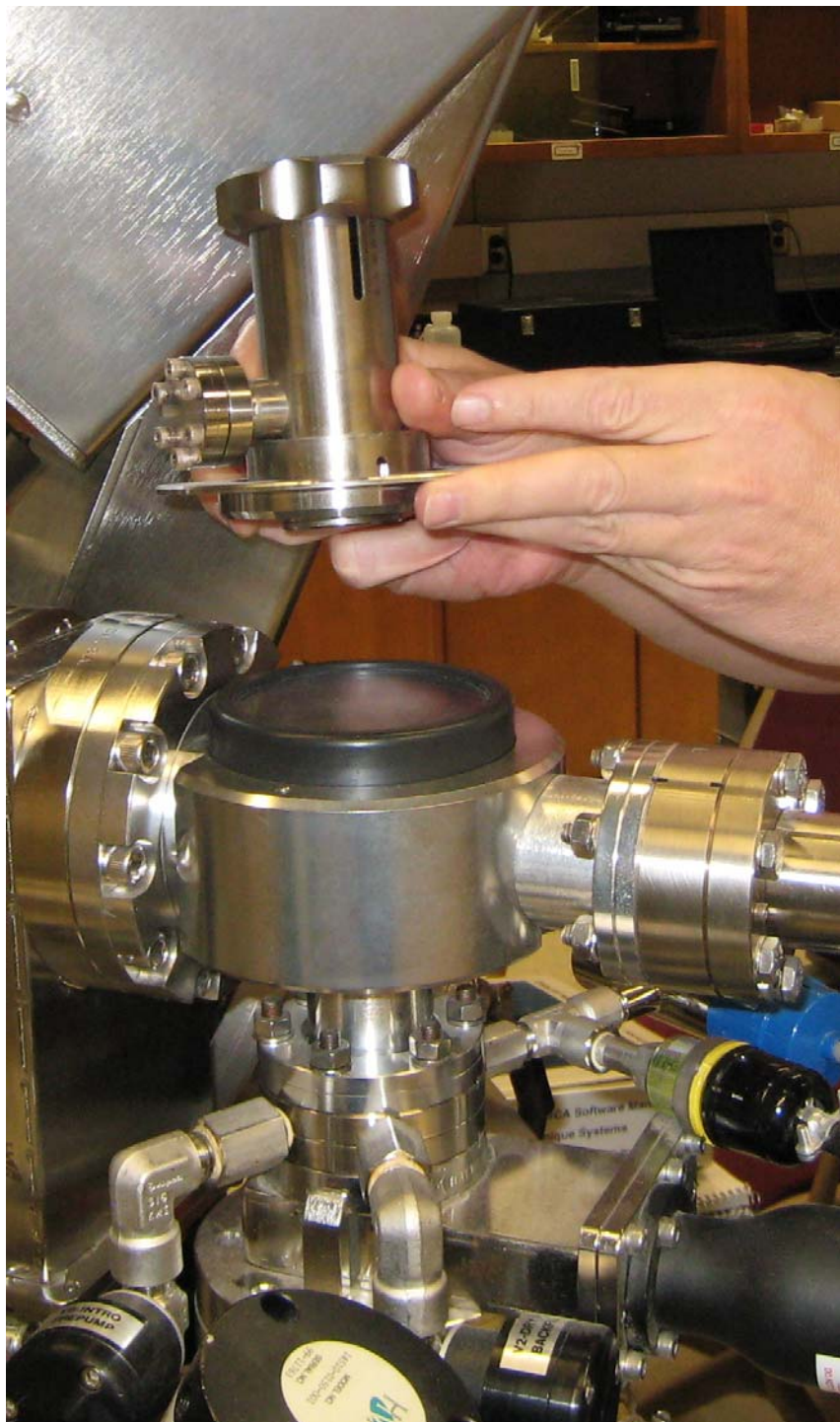




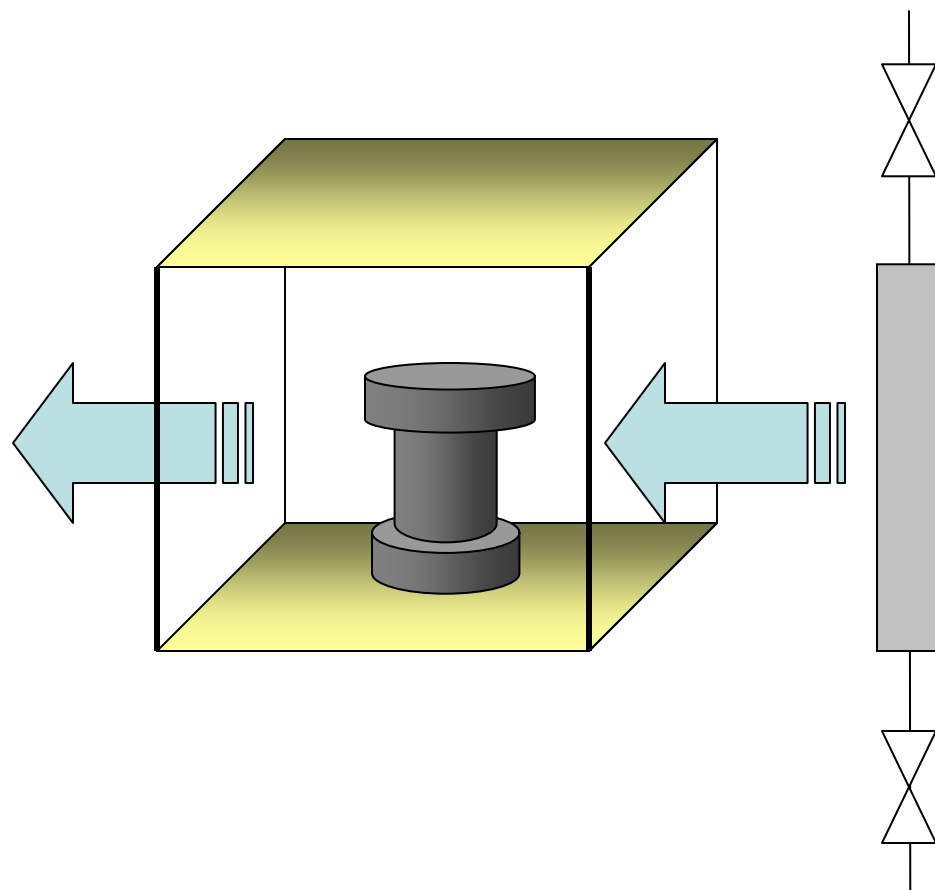
**Dual Anode  
X-ray source**

**Monochromatic  
Radiation  
Source**

**Argon Ion  
Gun**

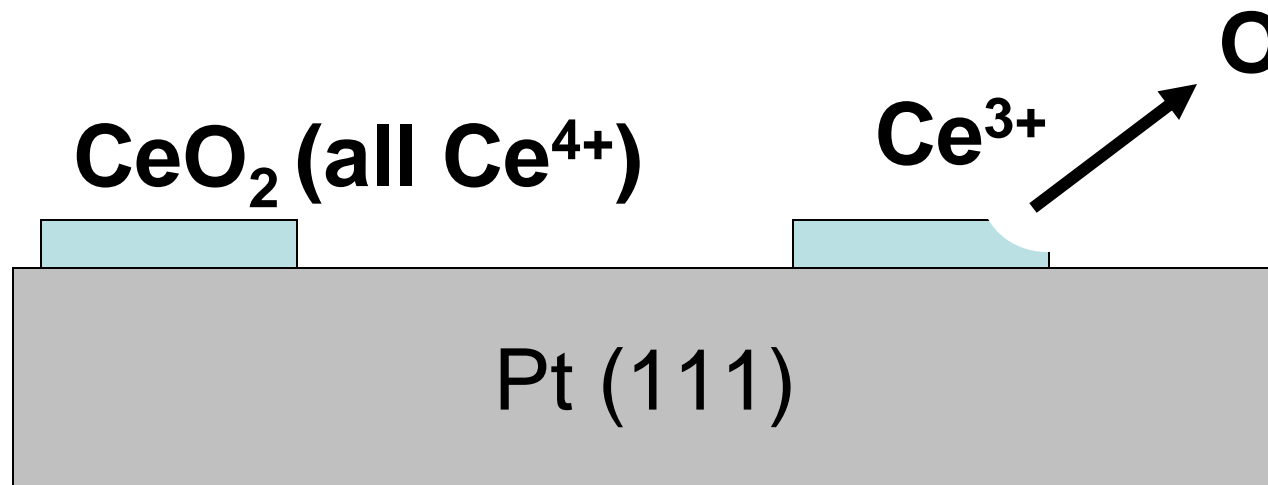


## Gas-tight transfer cell for ex-situ reactions

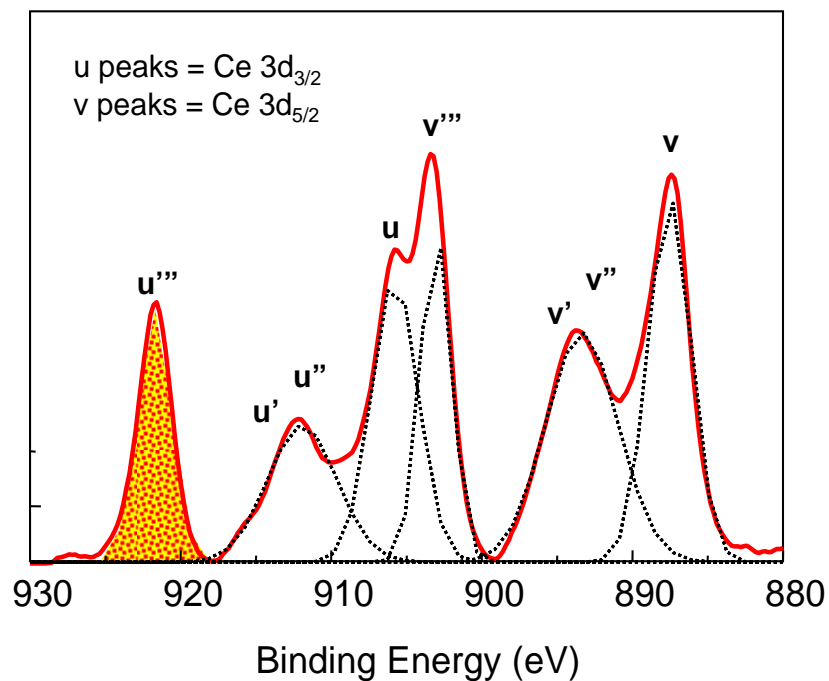
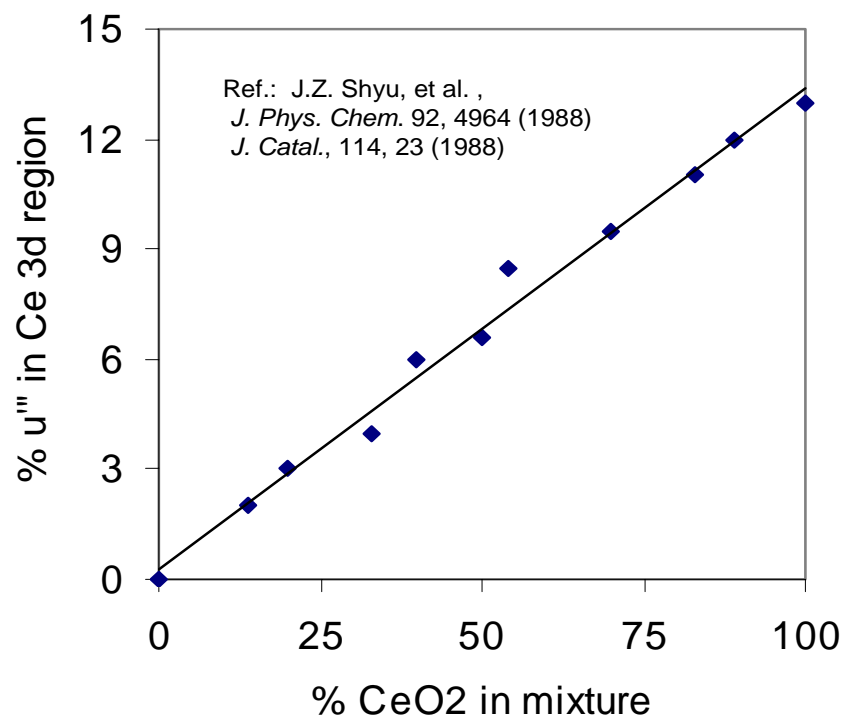


## Example 1: Oxidation State of Ce under reaction conditions ( $\text{CO}_2 + \text{CH}_4$ reaction)

- If Ce oxide is stoichiometric, (that is, no O vacancies) then 100 % as  $\text{Ce}^{4+}$
- If vacancies are formed, then  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$







Under reaction conditions two reactions occur:

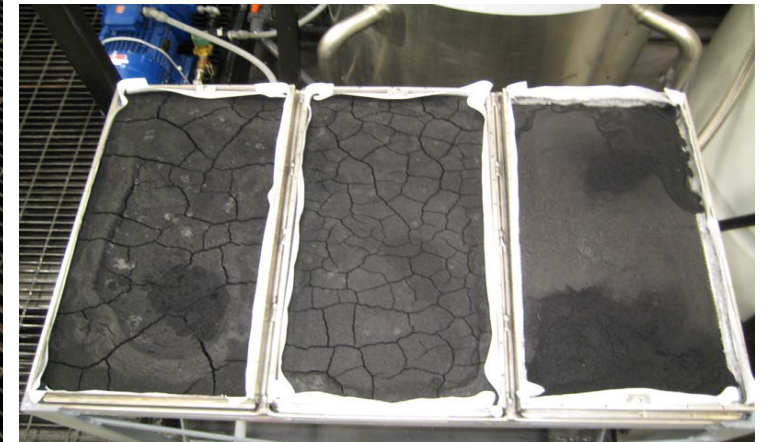
- Ce<sup>4+</sup> to Ce<sup>3+</sup>  
by reduction with CH<sub>4</sub>
- Ce<sup>3+</sup> to Ce<sup>4+</sup>  
by oxidation with CO<sub>2</sub>

Pretreatment	% Ce <sup>4+</sup>
Oxidation in O <sub>2</sub> at 760C	100 %
Reaction CH <sub>4</sub> :CO <sub>2</sub> = 1:1	82 %
Reduction in CO at 760C	65 %
Reaction CH <sub>4</sub> :CO <sub>2</sub> = 1:1	83 %

## Example 2: Single-walled carbon nanotubes

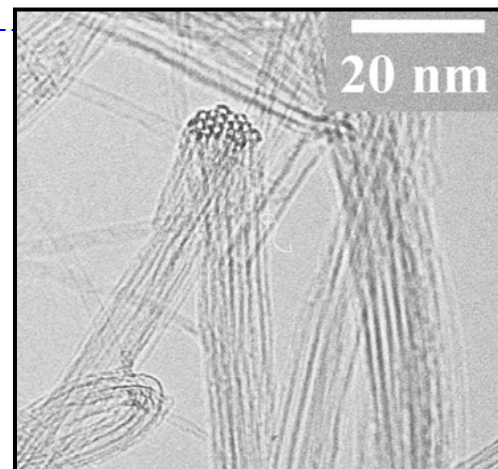
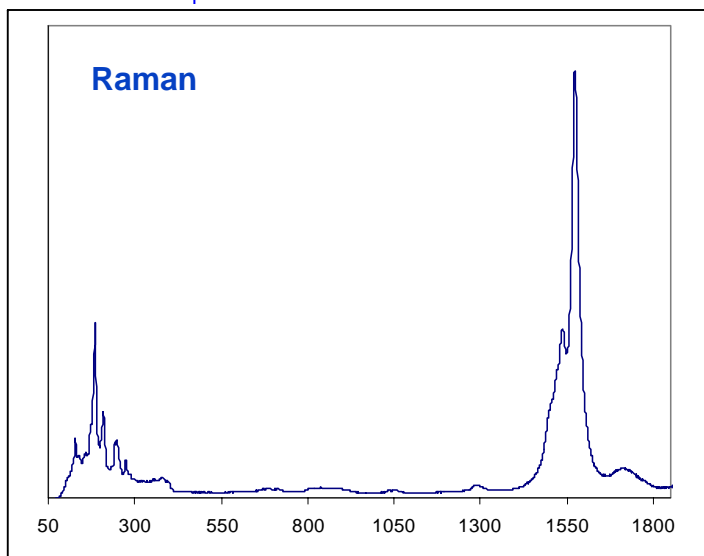


Large-scale production  
of High-quality SWNT



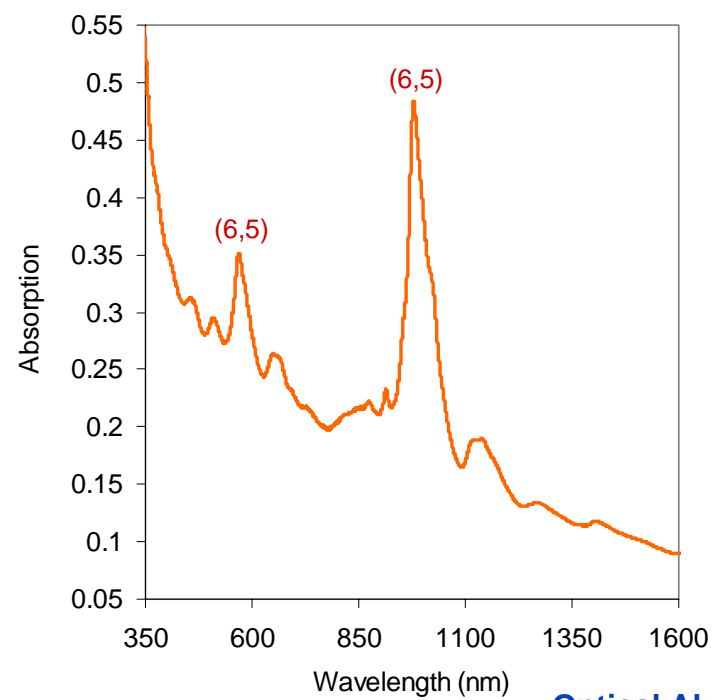
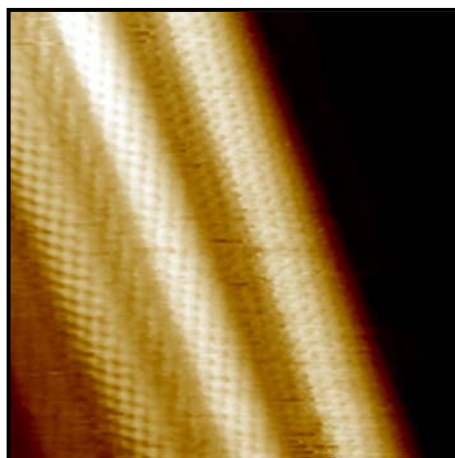


# The CoMoCAT product



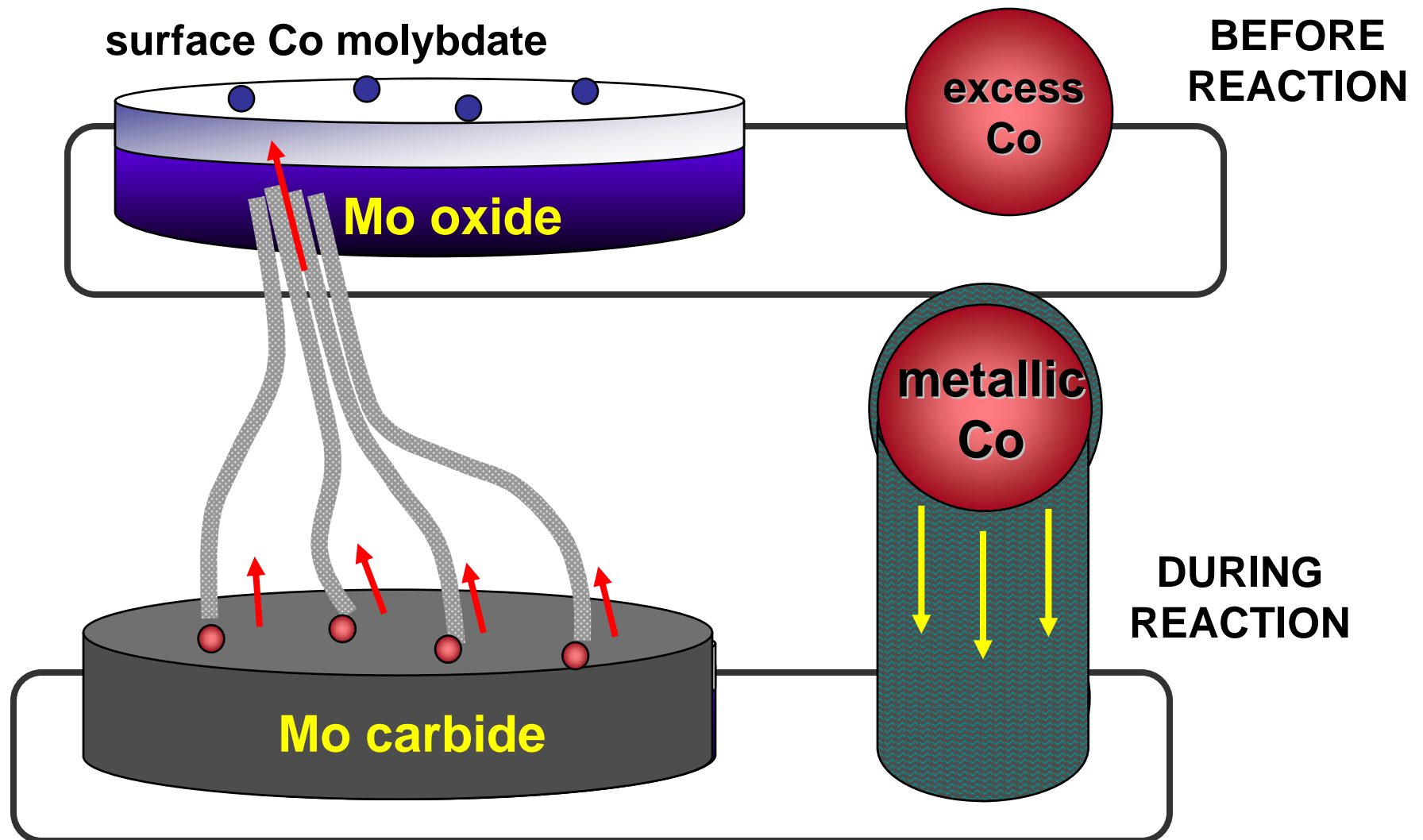
**TEM**

**STM**



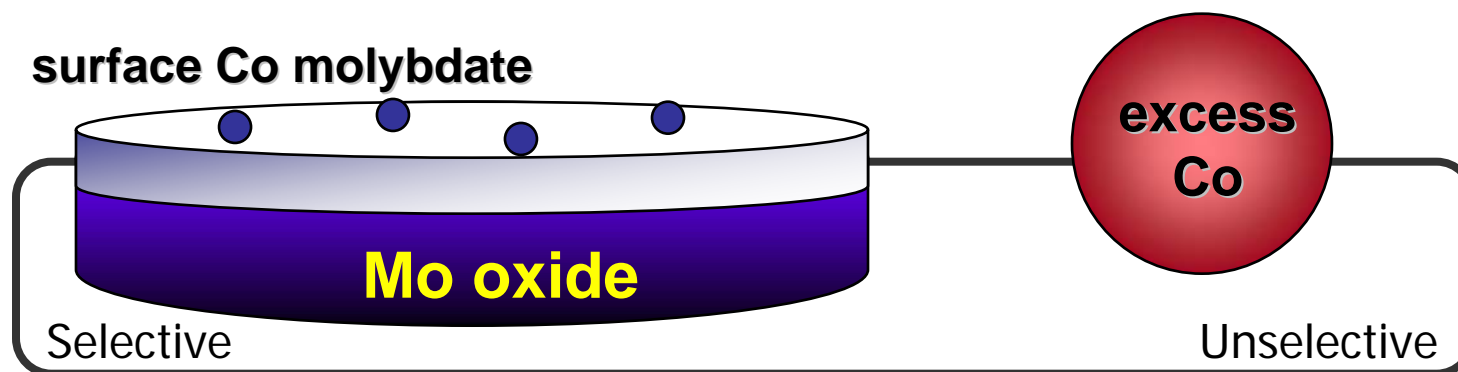
**Optical Absorption**

## Example 2: Co-Mo catalysts for nanotube synthesis (SWNT)



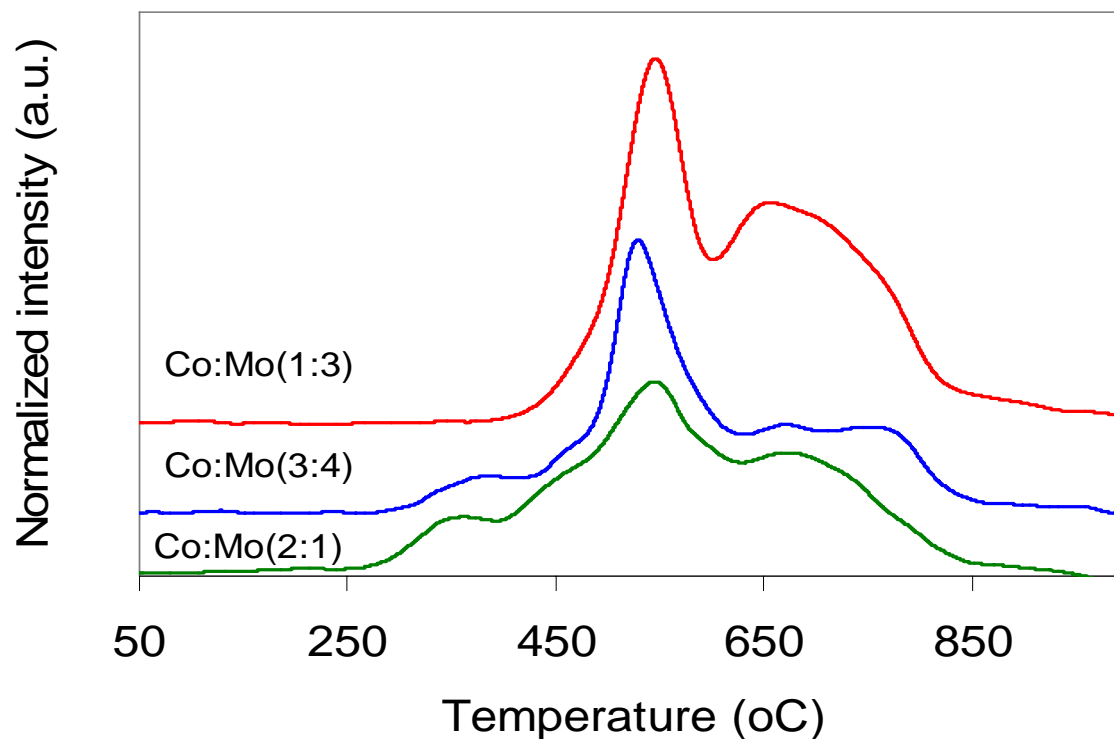


# Characterization of the Catalysts After Calcination

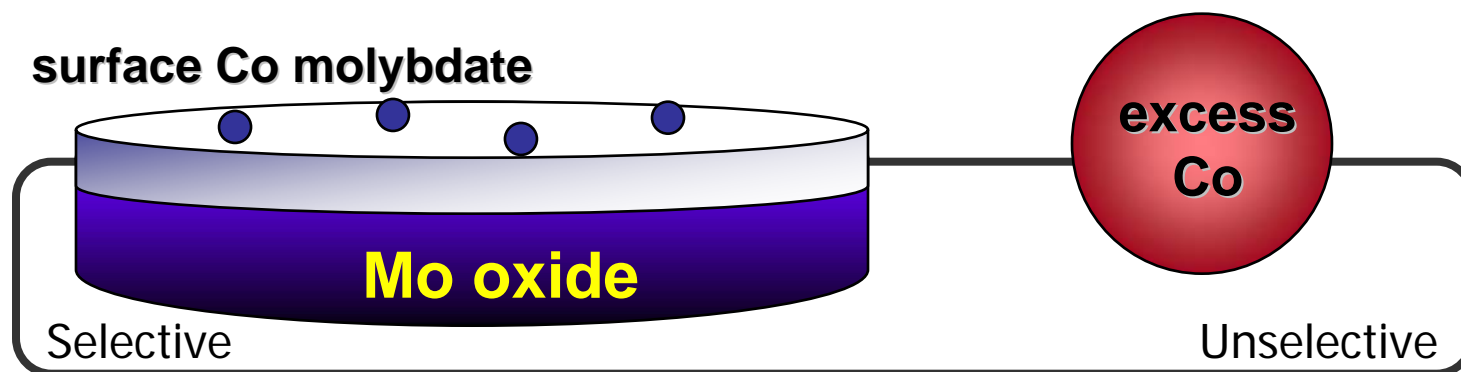


## TPR

**Stabilization by  
Mo inhibits  
reduction of Co**

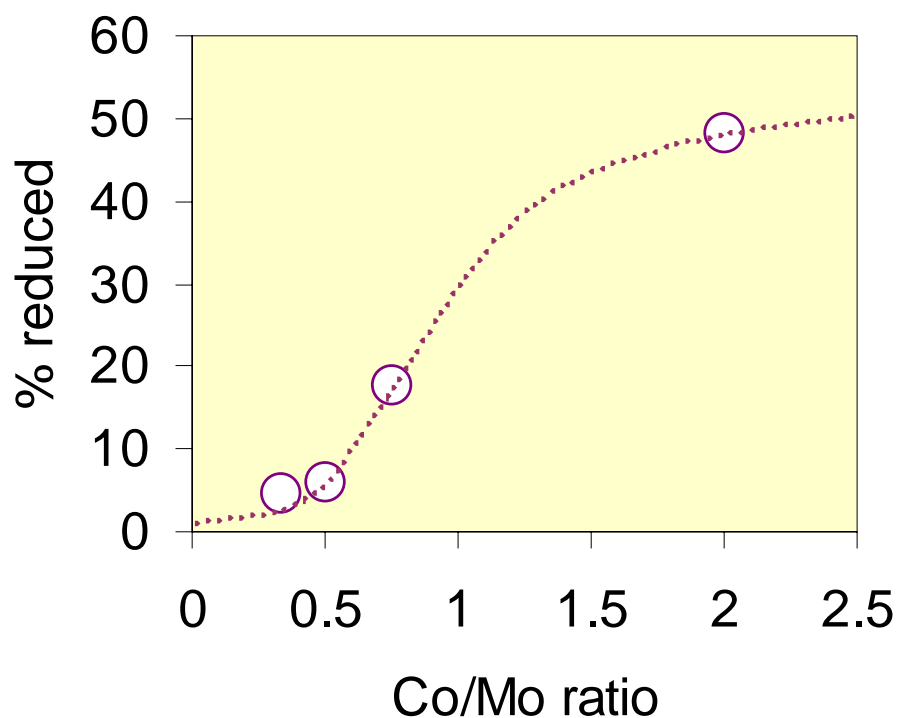


# Characterization of the Catalysts After Reduction



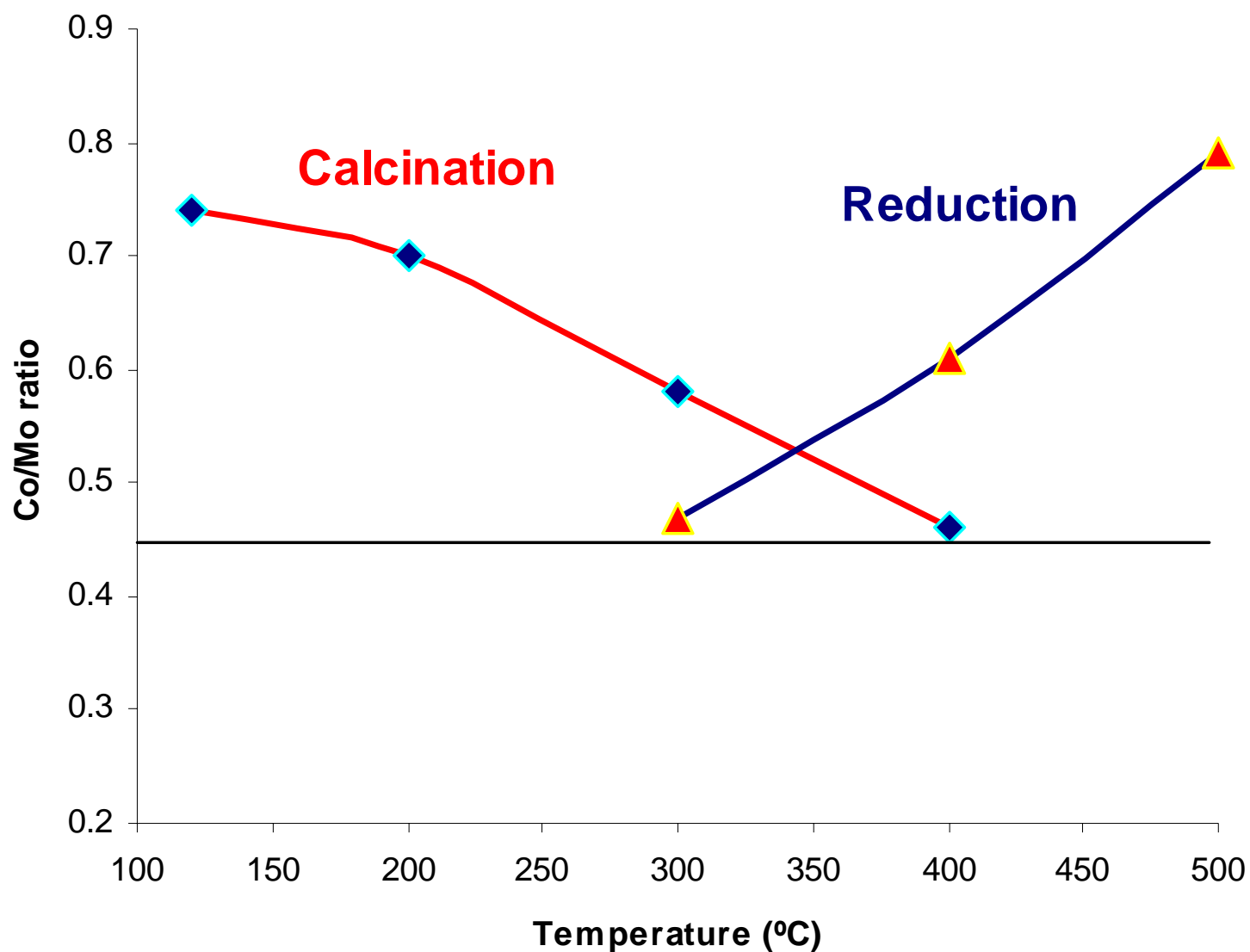
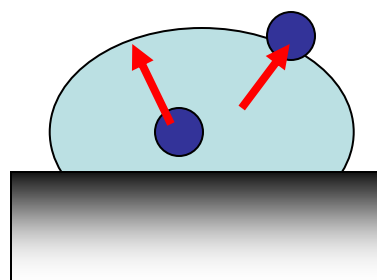
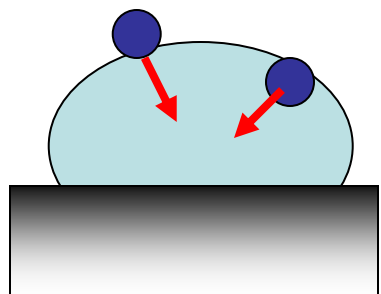
## XPS

A much larger fraction of Co gets reduced as the Co/Mo ratio increases



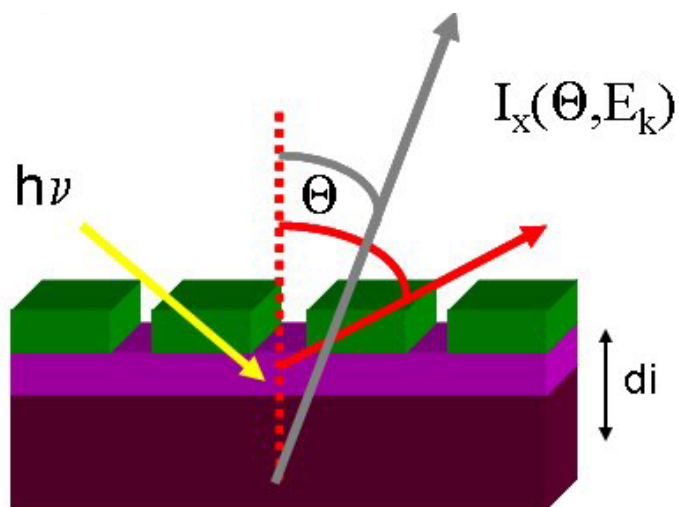


# Surface Co/Mo ratio as measured by XPS

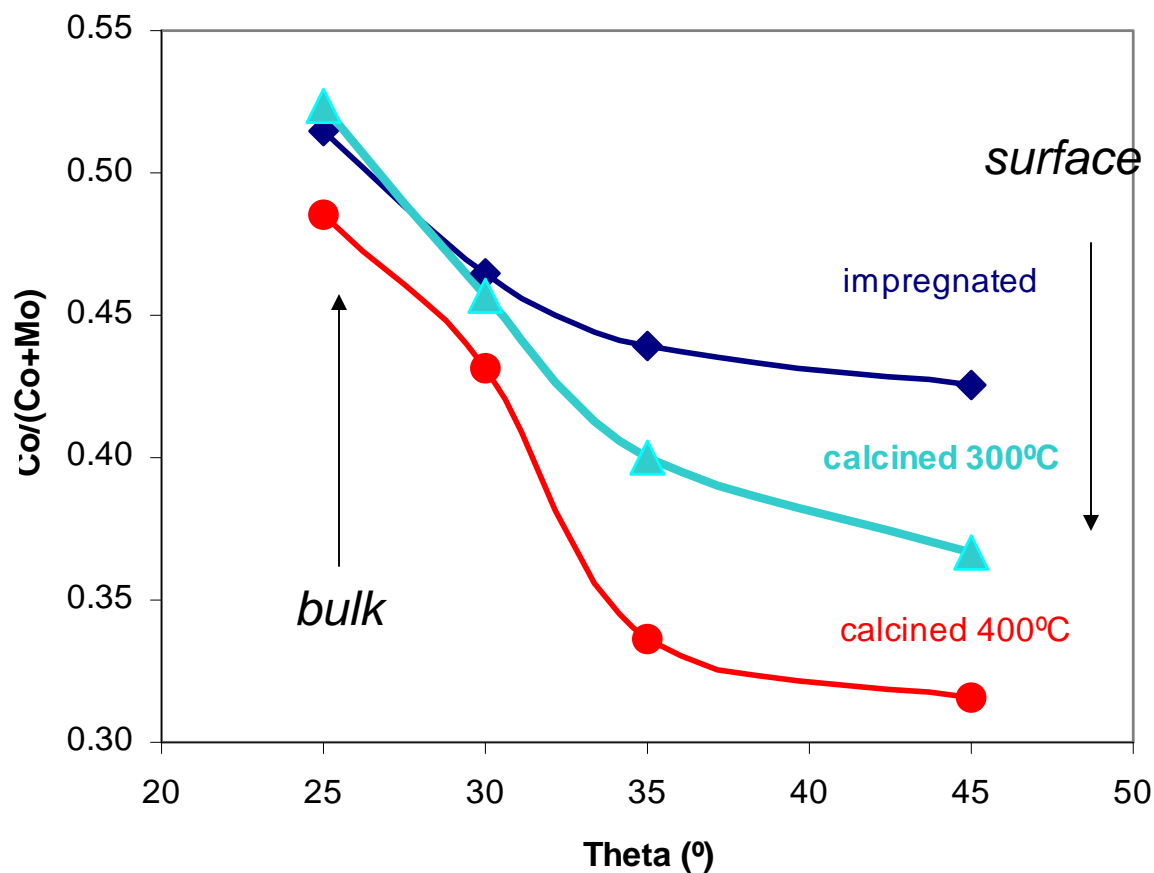


# Angle-resolved XPS

Co leaves the surface as the temperature of calcination increases

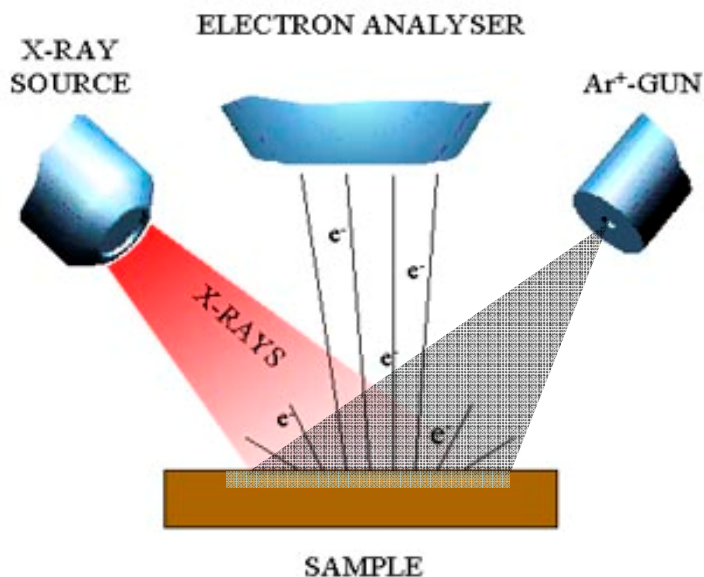


effective information depth  $d_i$   
varies with polar angle  $\theta$



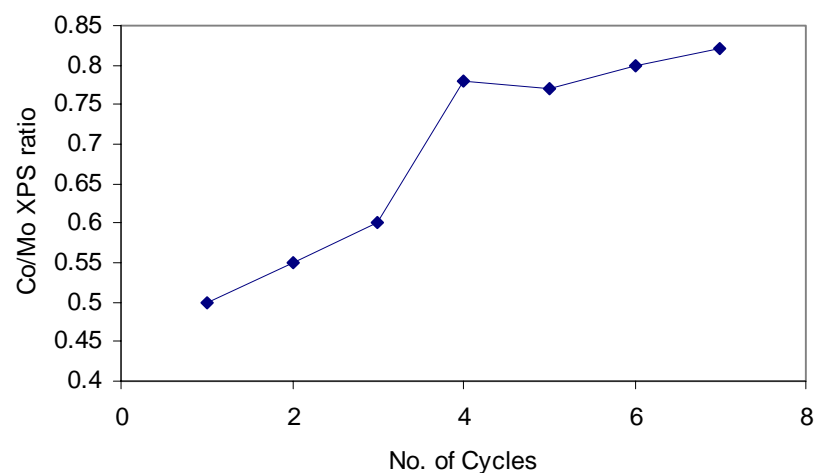
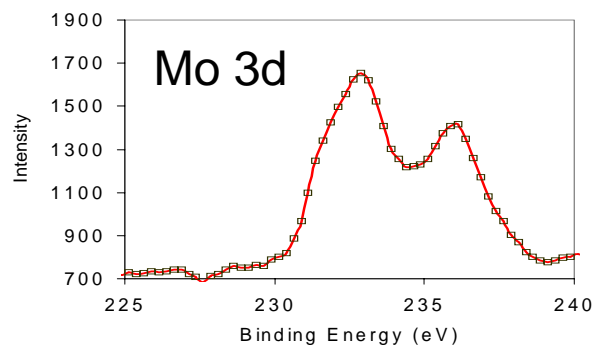


# Sputter Depth Profiling

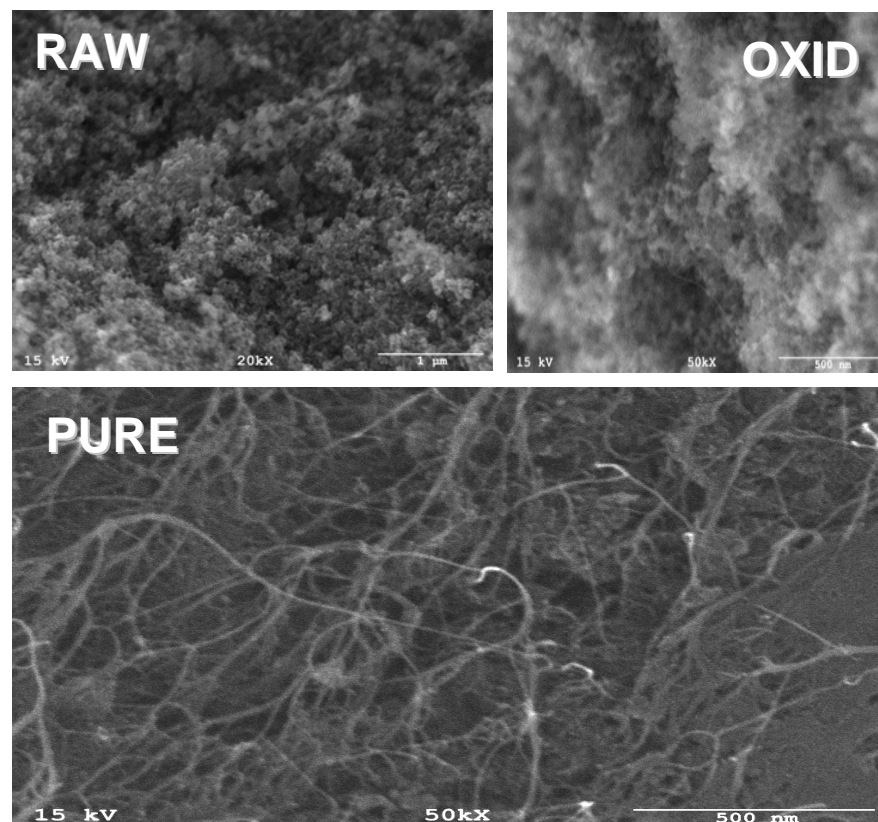
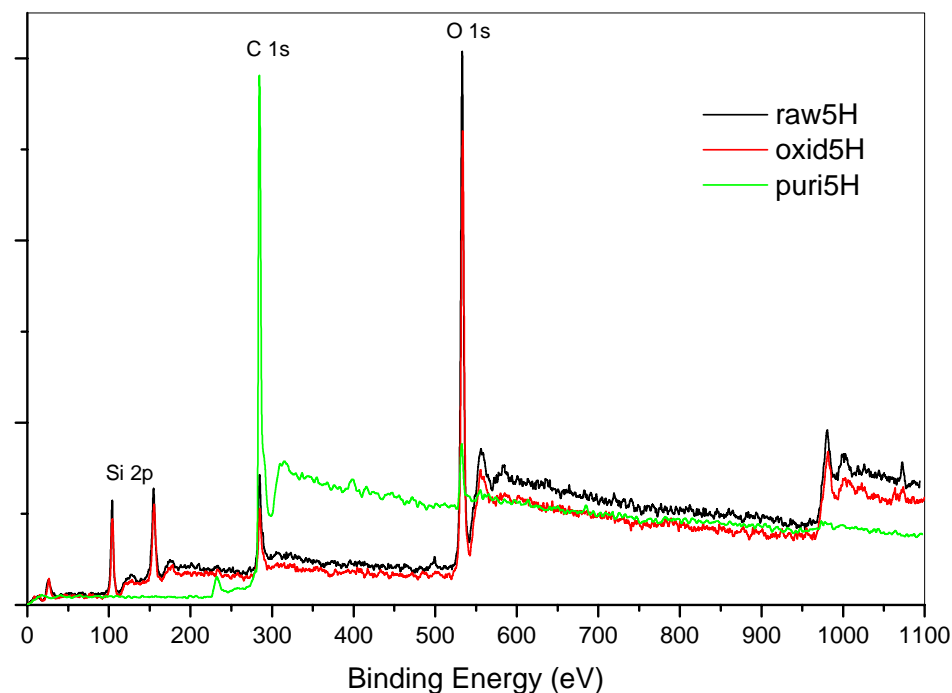


## Typical Conditions

- Ion energy: 5 keV.
- 2  $\mu$ A current intensity
- about  $1.7 \cdot 10^{-7}$  mbar pressure
- Ion gun emission current: 13.5 mA (90% of 15 mA)
- Ion incidence angle:  $62^\circ$
- Sputtering time per cycle: 90 seconds



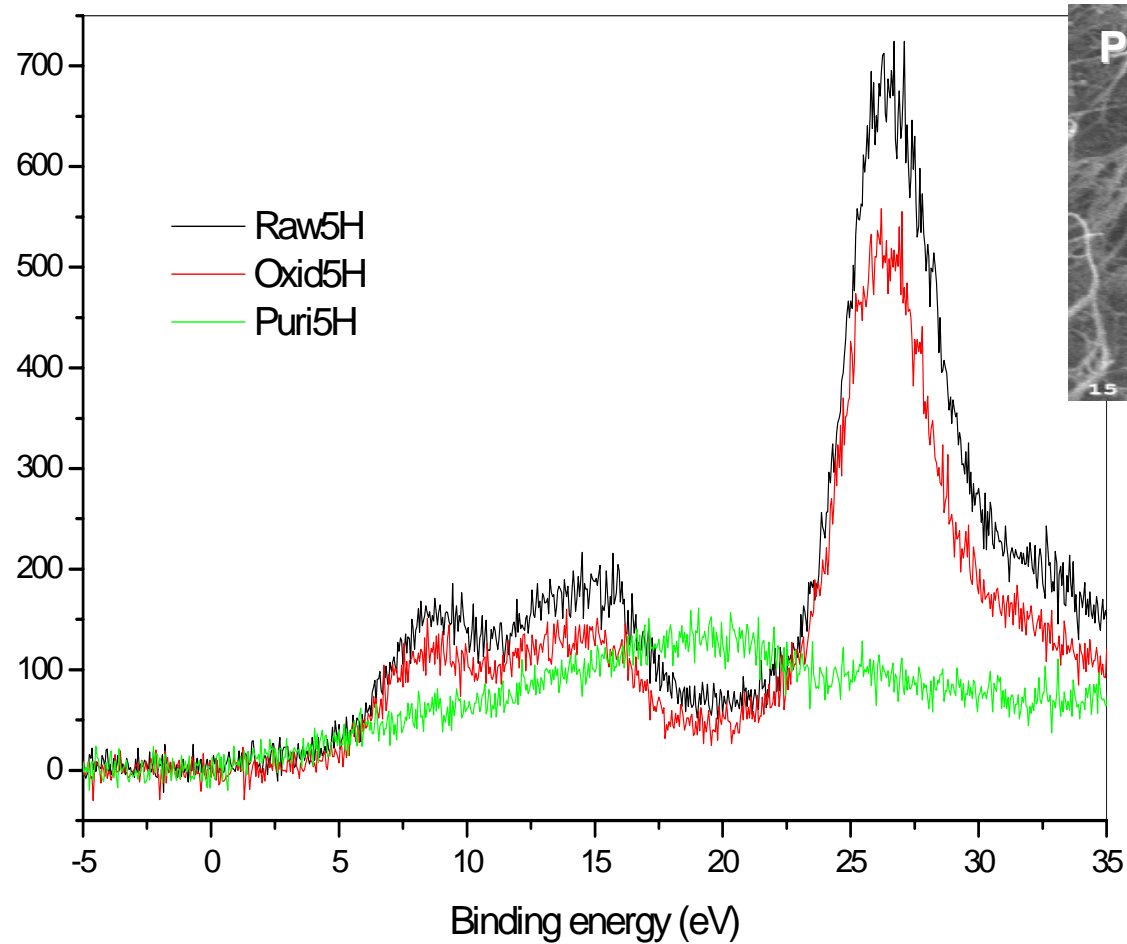
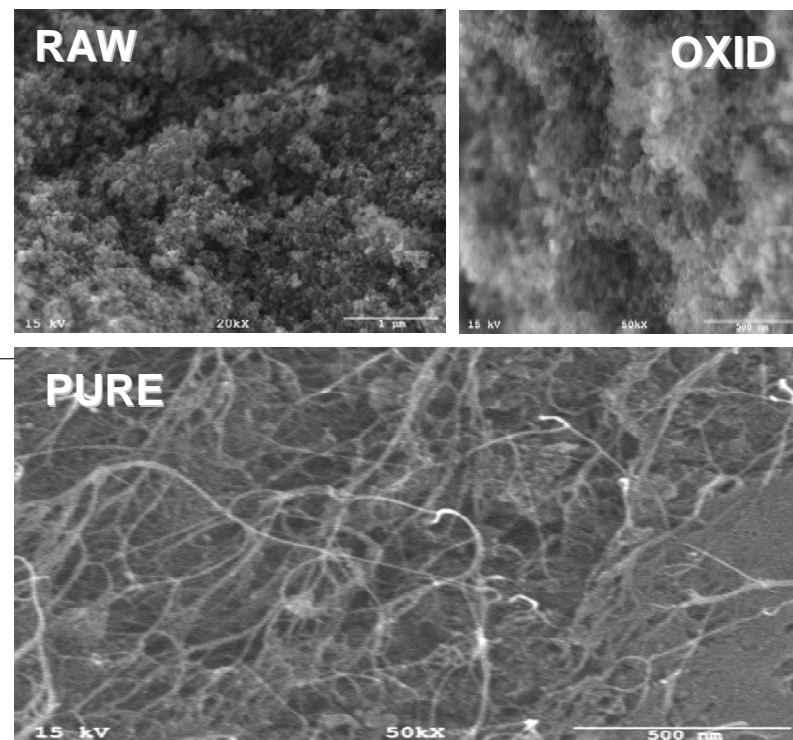
# Example 3: Purification of Single-walled carbon nanotubes



FileName	C1s	O1s	Na1s	Si2p	Cl2p	Co2p	Mo3d	F1s
RAW	28.56	49	0.74	21.44	0.15	0	0.12	-
OXID	25.51	51.01	0.65	22.66	0	0	0.17	-
PURE	95.25	4.36	0	0	0	0	0.34	0.05



# XPS Valence band



# **X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS) at the University of Oklahoma**

- **Widely used surface analysis technique**
- **Capabilities:**
  - Two X-ray sources (monochromatic)
  - Argon sputtering profiles
  - Ex-situ treatments
- **Projects supported:**

– Catalysis	–Environmental science
– Nanotubes	–Electrochemistry
– Fibers and textiles	–Fuel Cells
– Polymers	–Metal alloys
	–Composites