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Workshop

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This workshop will explore the scientific opportunities that would be made possible by an actinide beamline at the Advanced Light Source (ALS). The ALS is a national facility for scientific research and development, located at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory of the University of California. When this facility begins operations in spring 1993, it will generate the world’s brightest synchrotron radiation available as an experimental tool in the far ultraviolet and soft x-ray regions of the spectrum. The proposed actinide beamline would deliver synchrotron radiation in the energy range 20–1000 eV for the study of the transactinium elements and their compounds.

The major question in studies of the physical and chemical properties of these elements is the role of the 5f electrons. The ALS offers the high brightness and spectral range necessary to study the electronic properties of the actinides both in the vapor phase and in the solid state. It will be possible to probe the 5f, 6d, 7s, and inner electron shells unambiguously and to explore the unique role of the 5f electrons throughout the series. Such data combined with theoretical calculations will result in a coherent picture of 5f electron systems.

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Thursday, Oct. 1

8:00-8:30 am  Registration  Bldg. 2, First floor lobby
8:30 am  N. Edelstein, C.B. Harris  Lawrence Berkeley Lab.  Introduction and Welcome
8:40 am  A. Schlachter  Lawrence Berkeley Lab.  ALS Overview
9:00 am  P. Heimann  Lawrence Berkeley Lab.  Characteristics of the U-8 Undulator Beamline at the ALS
9:20 am  M. Krause  Oak Ridge National Lab.  Gas Phase Actinide Studies with Synchrotron Radiation
10:00-10:30 am  BREAK
10:30 am  Y.-K. Kim  National Institute of Standards and Technology  Atomic Structure Calculations for Heavy Atoms
11:10 am  P.C. Canfield  Los Alamos National Lab.  Flux Growth of Single Crystal Uranium Compounds - Extension to Transuranics
11:50 am  LUNCH
1:00 pm  G. Kaindl  Free Universität Berlin  X-ray Absorption Near-Edge Structure Studies of Actinide Compounds
1:40 pm  E. Tamura  Lawrence Livermore National Lab.  The Surface as a New Stage for Studying Actinides: Theoretical Study on Surface Electronic Structure of Uranium
2:20 pm  G.H. Lander  European Institute for Transuranium Elements  Experiments at Resonant X-ray Energies with Actinides - Results and Future Prospects
3:00-3:30 pm  BREAK
3:30 pm  S. Sasaki, H. Ohno, H. Konishi, and K. Kobayashi  Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute  Beamline Instruments for Radioactive Materials
5:00 pm  Bus to reception
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5:30 pm  RECEPTION
7:00 pm  DINNER
8:45 pm  Bus to Shattuck Hotel

Friday, Oct. 2

8:00 am  Bus to workshop from Shattuck Hotel
8:30 am  A. Arko
          Los Alamos National Lab.
          The Laboratory Light Source - A Source of Preliminary Transuranic Data
9:10 am  J. Allen
          University of Michigan
          Electron Spectroscopy Studies of Actinide Systems
9:50-10:20 am  BREAK
10:20 am  T.H. Gouder and C.A. Colmenares
          Lawrence Livermore National Lab.
          Study of Thin Layers of Actinides, Present Status and Future Use of Synchrotron Radiation
11:00 AM  J. Naegele
          European Institute for Transuranium Elements
          High Resolution Electron Spectrometry on Highly Radioactive Actinides: Consequences for a Future Transactinium Synchrotron Beamline
11:40-1:00 pm  LUNCH
1:00 pm  B. Cooper
          West Virginia University
          Electronic Structure and Correlated-Electron Theory for Actinide Materials
1:40 pm  M.B. Maple
          University of California, San Diego
          Heavy Fermion and Kondo Phenomena in Actinide Materials
2:20 pm  SUMMARY - P.N. Ross
          Lawrence Berkeley Lab. and A. Arko
          Los Alamos National Lab.
3:00 pm  ALS Tour
4:00 pm  Bus to Shattuck Hotel
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Executive Summary

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Introduction

The Advanced Light Source (ALS), a national synchrotron radiation facility, is nearing completion at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory (LBL). Beginning in spring 1993, when it opens its doors to researchers, the ALS will produce the world's brightest light for experiments utilizing the vacuum ultraviolet (VUV) and soft x-ray regions of the spectrum.

For the first time, a synchrotron radiation source will be located at a laboratory that has an ongoing and active program in actinide research—in fact, at the very place where the first transuranium elements were discovered. As a result, the infrastructure is available for the safe handling of actinide materials. A beamline dedicated to research on actinides and other radioactive materials has been proposed for the ALS. Planned as a branchline of ALS Beamline 9.0, it will deliver photons in the energy range 20-300 eV from an 8.0-cm-period undulator (U8) into an isolated enclosure housing the actinide end stations. The U8 photon beam will be characterized by tunability, brightness, high flux, narrow bandwidth, and very small spot size. Photons up to 1000 eV also may be deflected from an adjacent bending-magnet beamline into the actinide end stations.

This proposed actinide facility will have numerous applications that would help solve difficult problems of national concern. Taking advantage of the high photon flux, tunability, and small spot size, researchers can map radioactive elements on surfaces while distinguishing their oxidation states; elucidate elemental diffusion profiles; evaluate radiation damage in activated reactor materials; and investigate and characterize radionuclide materials used in medical applications. Environmental applications include the examination of container materials used for storing nuclear fuel rods, surface-interface investigations of materials (e.g., glasses) used for encapsulating nuclear waste, depth-profiling of such materials for various radionuclides before and after leaching tests, the study of corrosion effects on spent nuclear fuel rod cladding and materials, and the demonstration of surface passivation of actinide materials and their containers for long-term storage. In the area of nonproliferation of nuclear materials, the actinide facility will provide a capability for the trace analysis of the ratios of uranium and plutonium.

Overview

A workshop on "Synchrotron Radiation in Transactinium Research" was held at LBL on October 1–2, 1992. Its purpose was twofold: (1) to evaluate the community interest in the use of synchrotron radiation in the energy range from 20 eV to approximately 1000 eV for the study of the electronic, magnetic, and structural properties of the
transactinium elements and their compounds; and (2) to define the scientific opportunities that will be made available by the proposed actinide facility.

An earlier international workshop, "Perspectives on the Use of Synchrotron Radiation in Transuranium Research," was held at Karlsruhe, Germany, in 1985. One major conclusion of this workshop was that the use of synchrotron radiation in transuranium research is highly desirable, in both the VUV and the hard x-ray range, because of important scientific results that would be obtained. Nevertheless, to date, no VUV facility that can utilize radioactive materials has been built at any synchrotron.

At LBL, sixteen invited speakers described the types of basic and applied scientific research that could be conducted at the proposed actinide facility. The topics encompassed a broad range of physics and chemistry. A number of speakers described high-resolution and resonant photoemission experiments on heavy Fermion systems and emphasized that the electronic-structure information obtained from transuranium systems would greatly enhance the understanding of electron correlation effects, not only in the actinides but also in other parts of the Periodic Table. To this end, the theories used to describe these phenomena must also undergo continuing development. The high flux and tunability of the photon beam allow the surface of materials to be investigated and depth profiling measurements to be made. Measurements of this type are important for determining surface structures, interface phenomena, catalytic behavior, and corrosion properties. Surface-structure electronic calculations must be correlated with the experiments. Applications of magnetic circular dichroism (MCD) experiments with synchrotron radiation were also discussed.

Many speakers noted that the characteristics of the photon beams from an ALS actinide beamline—tunability, brightness, narrow bandwidth, and very small spot size—are paramount in transuranium research because they allow the use of very small samples, which greatly reduces radioactivity safety concerns. These characteristics also are essential for vapor-phase studies of the actinides because of the inherently small number density in such systems. Vapor-phase measurements traditionally have provided fundamental information, such as the binding energies and ionization probabilities of the outermost electron shells, as well as information on higher-order effects, such as relativistic and quantum-electrodynamic interactions. Again, theoretical advances in these areas must go hand-in-hand with the experimental measurements.

One means of studying actinide materials in the VUV and soft x-ray regions is to build a laboratory laser plasma light source (coupled with a monochromator) that can be placed in an existing facility. Such a project is under way at Los Alamos National Laboratory and will make valuable contributions to the understanding of actinide materials. However, this facility cannot compete with the proposed 8.0-cm-period undulator beamline at the ALS because the brightness of the plasma light source will be at least 100 times less and its resolution will be at least a factor of 10 less with a limited photon range.

The workshop critically addressed the safety aspects of handling actinide materials at a synchrotron dedicated to a large user community. Speakers described their experiments with radioactive materials utilizing in-house, fixed-energy, laboratory x-ray and UV sources. Their experiences led them to conclude that, with careful design, a branchline and end stations used to study radioactive materials are feasible and can be
reliably operated with extremely low risk at a synchrotron radiation facility. A feasibility study of an actinide facility at a synchrotron, commissioned by the European Institute for Transuranium Elements, was conducted by Savoia and Perfetti. This study discusses in great detail the proposed safety systems necessary to protect the beamline, monochromator, and storage ring.

Experiments utilizing harder x rays with actinide materials, such as near-edge absorption studies (NEXAFS) and x-ray magnetic scattering investigations, also were described. In this energy range, the actinide samples can be encapsulated to greatly reduce the safety hazards. In addition, the synchrotron ring vacuum is isolated from the sample by a Be window. Details about two beamlines under construction at the Photon Factory in Japan were given—one producing soft x rays in the region 1.6–6 keV and the other producing x rays in the region 6–17 keV. These beamlines will be used to study the properties of materials irradiated with high-energy particle beams, uranium and thorium materials, and radioisotopes used as tracers.

Conclusion

The speakers at the workshop and the discussions that followed the talks indicated the very great interest in the construction of an actinide (radioactive materials) facility at the ALS. The willingness of the workshop participants to become actively involved in the programs at the proposed facility was clearly expressed. There is no doubt that very strong basic and applied scientific research programs relevant to the DOE mission would develop at the proposed facility.

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ALS Overview

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The Advanced Light Source (ALS) will begin operations in spring 1993—generating the world’s brightest synchrotron radiation in the extreme ultraviolet and soft x-ray regions of the spectrum (<10 eV to ~10 keV). This $99.5 million facility, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, is available to qualified researchers from industry, universities, and government laboratories.

Light from the ALS possesses special characteristics that make it a research tool of great versatility:

- Very high brightness
- Tunability
- Linear or circular polarization
- Pulsed nature
- High degree of coherence.

Of these, the unique characteristic is the light’s high brightness, a measure of its spatial and spectral concentration (see Fig. 1). That is, the light has a high photon flux per unit source area and per unit solid angle into which the source radiates. (Flux is the number of photons delivered per second.)

As a consequence of high brightness, very high spatial resolution becomes possible because many photons can be focused on an extremely small spot. With help from beamline optics, the ALS is expected to achieve spot sizes as small as 200 Å.

Another effect of high brightness is high spectral resolution. By narrowing the slits of a monochromator, one can select a very narrow range of wavelengths from a beam of synchrotron radiation and still have a sufficient number of photons to use for imaging or measuring the properties of a sample. Many experiments that were previously impractical because of insufficient resolution or long measurement times become feasible using light from the ALS. Figure 2 illustrates the improvement in spectral detail possible with high spectral resolution.

Apart from the issue of spectral resolution, the tunability of light from the ALS is important in itself. From the range available in a beam, one can select specific photon energies, for example, to probe the 5f, 6d, 7s, and inner electron shells of the actinides.
Light from the ALS is naturally pulsed because the electrons producing the radiation travel in bunches (see Fig. 3). Standard pulses are 35 ps wide (FWHM) and occur at intervals of 2 ns. This time structure can be varied by injecting one or a few electron bunches into the storage ring. In the few-bunch mode, the ALS delivers pulses at intervals up to 656 ns. The pulsed nature of the light, the high flux, and the ability to vary the interval between pulses make it possible to perform time-resolved studies, for example, on the kinetics of a chemical reaction or the lifetime of excited states of atoms or molecules.

The ALS storage ring consists of 12 arc sectors alternating with 12 straight sections. The arcs are embedded in a lattice of bending and focusing magnets that force the beam into a curved trajectory and constrain it to a tight ellipse, 40 μm × 200 μm (σ). The three bending magnets in each arc cause the electron orbit to curve and thus generate synchrotron radiation. The straight sections can accommodate insertion devices—undulators and wigglers—that also generate synchrotron radiation, but with enhanced characteristics. Undulators and wigglers consist of two arrays of permanent magnets that create a magnetic field of alternating polarity perpendicular to the electron beam. One array is installed above and the other below the vacuum chamber. The alternating magnetic field causes the beam to curve horizontally from side to side as it passes between the rows of magnets. As the electrons curve back and forth, they emit synchrotron radiation.

Undulators and wigglers differ in the amount of angular deflection their magnets produce. The angle at which a wiggler's magnets deflect the electron beam is large compared with the natural emission angle of synchrotron radiation. As a result, a wiggler produces a continuous spectrum of radiation, similar to that produced by a bending magnet that has the same magnetic field strength—but more intense. The angle at which an undulator's magnets deflect the electron beam is close to the natural emission angle of the radiation. Consequently, the waves of light emitted at each pole in the array reinforce or cancel one another to enhance the

Figure 2. Synchrotron radiation of certain photon energies absorbed by helium atoms leads to the simultaneous excitation of two electrons into a series of distinct quantum states. A 1992 measurement of this phenomenon, made at the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory, had the advantage of a tenfold improvement in resolution and considerably higher flux over the original measurement made in 1963. In addition, the more recent experiment measured ionization, whereas the 1963 experiment measured absorption. Work done by T. Reich, Z. Hussain, E. Moler, G. Kaindl, D. A. Shirley, and M. Howells (bottom) and R.P. Madden and K. Codling (top).

Figure 3. Schematic illustration of the bunched structure of the electron beam circling the ALS storage ring and the corresponding pulsed nature of the synchrotron radiation. Up to 250 electron bunches circle the ring. Each has a duration of about 35 ps. The time interval between bunches, dictated by the rf frequency, is 2 ns.
emission of certain wavelengths. For this reason, undulator radiation at the enhanced wavelengths is extremely bright—brighter than either bending-magnet or wiggler radiation. Furthermore, because it emerges in a narrow cone (see Fig. 4) and is partially coherent, it is similar to the light from a laser. Also, it is linearly polarized. Circularly polarized radiation can be produced by using specialized undulators or wigglers, or by a bending magnet.

![Diagram](image)

**Figure 4. Bending magnets and wigglers generate fan-shaped beams of synchrotron radiation, whereas undulators emit pencil-thin beams.**

The ALS will support an extensive research program in the many scientific disciplines that use x-ray and ultraviolet radiation to study and manipulate matter: atomic and molecular physics, chemistry, the life sciences, materials science, and actinide science (see Fig. 5). When the facility begins operations in 1993, five beamlines will deliver photons to experimental stations: three with undulator sources and two with bending-magnet sources. By 1995, an additional five beamlines will be in operation.

![Diagram](image)

**Figure 5. ALS floor plan showing locations of insertion devices and beamlines, and their applications. The proposed actinide program will use Beamline 9.0.**

The initial complement of five beamlines includes Beamline 9.0, which will deliver 20-300-eV photons produced by an 8-cm-period undulator. The proposed actinide program, for which an experimental station dedicated to the study of the transactinium elements and their compounds is planned, will use this undulator and beamline. Preliminary safety system requirements for this station have been considered.

Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory and ALS management have a commitment to making access to the beamlines as convenient as possible. We are developing efficient systems for user registration and training in order to minimize the time it takes users to meet institutional requirements and maximize the time for productive work. Construction of essential laboratory facilities for users is under way, and space has been made available for offices, a library, and a shop dedicated to users. Our goal is to see high-quality research conducted at the ALS, starting on the first day of operations.
The advanced light source

- Third-generation synchrotron light sources are characterized by ultraviolet and x-ray beams of unprecedented brightness.
- High brightness allows high spatial and high spectral resolution, and partially coherent radiation.
- This provides new research opportunities in physics, chemistry, biology, technology, and other fields.
- The U8 undulator and its beamline will provide an exceptional facility for actinide research.

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Workshop on Synchrotron Radiation in Transactinium Research, October 1, 1992
X-rays are an Important Probe of Matter

• Interact with electrons in atoms ⇒ element selectivity (e.g., K, L edges)

• Energy appropriate for inner shells of atoms

• Short wavelength ⇒ image small objects

• Absorption coefficient appropriate ⇒ penetrate matter

• Relatively easy to produce and detect

• Can be polarized (linear, circular)

• Variable (tunable) energy

• Short-pulse time structure
The Advanced Light Source: Overview

- National user facility

- Provides UV and soft x-ray beams of unprecedented brightness: (<10eV to ~10 keV)
  - Broadly tunable with narrow spectral features (resolution 10,000)
  - Partially coherent (optics, interference)
  - 35 psec time structure (life times, time of flight)
  - Polarized (linear, circular)

- Utilized by researchers from industry, academic, and national laboratory communities:
  - Materials and surface science
  - Atomic and molecular physics
  - Chemistry
  - Life sciences
  - Technology
    - overlap with spectral range of lasers

- Construction project began in late 1986

- Begin operations in spring 1993  April 1993

- Construction cost – $99.5 million
THE ALS IS OPEN TO ALL QUALIFIED USERS

- Open to all qualified users
- Proposals evaluated by peer review (Program Review Panel)
- No user fees (presently) for research published in open literature and supportive of the broad mission of DOE
- Full cost recovery for proprietary research
EVOLUTION OF SYNCHROTRON RADIATION

Yesterday's
Synchrotrons:

Circular electron motion

Continuous e⁻ trajectory "bending"

"Bending magnet radiation"

"X-ray light bulb"

Today's
Synchrotrons:

Many straight sections (periodic magnets)

Tightly controlled electron beam

"Undulator" and "wiggler" radiation

"Laser-like" and Tunable

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INSERTION DEVICES (UNDULATORS AND WIGGLERS) DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE X-RAY PRODUCTION

- Periodic magnetic structure
- Usually array of alternating permanent magnets

• For N periods: flux and brightness increase by a factor of N (N ~ 100 FOR ALS undulators)
AN UNDULATOR PRODUCES A VERY BRIGHT BEAM OF VUV OR X RAYS

- Coherent superposition of radiation from electrons bent many times in periodic permanent-magnet structure

- Properties of undulator radiation:
  - High brightness
  - Tunable photon energy
  - Partial coherence
  - High linear polarization
  - Picosecond time structure

An undulator is a tunable soft-x-ray picosecond strobe light with laser-like properties
The ALS Has Both Undulators and Bending Magnets

Bending magnet radiation
(sweeping searchlight)

\[ E_e = \gamma m_0 c^2 \]

\[ \theta_v \approx \frac{1}{\gamma} \]

Beamline optics
acceptance angle

Undulator radiation

\[ \lambda_u \]

\[ \theta_{cen} \approx \frac{1}{\gamma/N} \]

\[ \lambda_x = \frac{\lambda_u}{2\gamma^2} \left( 1 + \frac{K^2}{2} + \gamma^2 \theta^2 \right) \]

in the central radiation cone:

\[ \frac{\Delta \omega}{\omega} \approx \frac{1}{N} \]

\[ \theta_{cen} \approx \frac{1}{\gamma/N} \]

XBC 911-370
Angular Divergence of Bending Magnet and Undulator Radiation

1 mrad

10 mrad

40 μrad

1 W @ 130 Å, 1 % BW

16 mW @ 130 Å, 1 % BW

"X-ray light bulb"

Photon flux

Photon energy

\[ \frac{\lambda}{\Delta\lambda} \approx 10^2 \text{ to } 10^4 \]

Photons/sec

500 eV

Photon energy
HIGH BRIGHTNESS IS THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE ALS

- High flux onto a small spot
  microns to 100's of Å
- High resolution  \( E/AE < 10,000 \)
- Ease of focusing \( \Rightarrow \) microscopy
- Element-specific sensitivity
- Partial coherence
- Broad tuning range  
  \(< 10 \text{ eV to } > 1 \text{ keV}\)
- Short pulses
THIRD-GENERATION SYNCHROTRON-RADIATION SOURCES HAVE HIGH BRIGHTNESS

- ALS undulators produce a beam which is a factor of 10,000 brighter than that from bend magnets
An ALS undulator also produces high flux.
ALS CAN ACCESS CORE LEVELS OF ESSENTIALLY ALL ELEMENTS: (200 - 1200 eV)

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MANY LIGHT SOURCES ARE BEING BUILT

United States

Existing Facilities
(NSLS, SSRL, CHESS, Aladdin)

Elsewhere

Italy
Germany
Taiwan
Korea
France
England
Russia
Europe
Japan

Existing Facilities
(Japan, Germany, England . . .)

*Photons/mrad²/mm²/0.1% BW
DOUBLE EXCITATION IN ATOMIC HELIUM

- Use of high resolution: SX-700 monochromator at BESSY
- Auto-ionizing states below threshold of He\(^+\)(n=2-7)

Ref: Domke et al., (September 1990)
BESSY

**THE SHORT PULSE LENGTH WILL BE USEFUL FOR TIMING STUDIES**

- Pulse length: 35 ps FWHM
- Bunch structure can be selected: single bunch, multiple bunches

C = 196.8 m  
I = 400 mA  
(1.6 mA per bunch)  

328 buckets available, nominally operate with 250 filled  
L'_{FWHM} = 35 ps (nominal)

Gaussian pulse

\[ l'_{FWHM} = 2.35 \sigma \]

500 MHz RF

\[ V_{AF} \]

2 ns

35 ps 35 ps

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Time structure is useful for some experiments

- Time structure of storage ring is different from that of laser
  - CW laser
  - Pulsed laser
    -- Low repetition rate
    -- Pulsed length depends on laser (μs to fs)
  - Storage ring (ALS)
    -- High repetition rate (500 MHz)
    -- 35-ps pulse at 2 ns intervals standard
    -- Variable filling pattern changes pulse spacing (e.g., single bunch with 650 ns between pulses; pseudo-random filling pattern)

- Select physical problems on ps, or longer, time scale

- Can use multiple photons with time delay (pump-probe)
  - Laser synchronized with storage ring
  - Photons from undulator and bend magnet

- Energy per pulse is lower with SR than with laser
  - Laser: high-pulse energy for harmonic generation
  - SR: low-pulse energy; undulator output includes harmonics
The ALS will have ten beamlines in 1994
NEW CAPABILITIES, NEW RESEARCH

Next-Generation VUV Synchrotron-Radiation Facility
Optimized for Insertion Devices

- INTENSITY, BRIGHTNESS

- COHERENCE

- Polarization

- SHORT PULSES: 35 ps (35 trillionths of a second)

- TUNABILITY

- Biological imaging
- Measurements on small or dilute samples
- Studies of ultrafast processes
- Studies of dynamic processes in biological systems
- Bond-selective chemistry
- High-spatial-resolution studies
- Lithography for chip fabrication
THE ALS PROVIDES AN EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPORTANT NEW RESEARCH

- **Uniqueness of the Source:**
  - Very high brightness/high flux
  - Wide spectral range/tunable
  - High degree of polarization
  - High resolution
  - Partial coherence

- **Importance of the Research:**
  - Materials: spectroscopy, spectromicroscopy
  - Life Sciences: microscopy, spectroscopy, crystallography
  - Atomic Physics: experiments with tenuous targets
  - Chemistry: reaction dynamics

- **Applications to Technology and Industry:**
  - Materials characterization
  - Optics development for lithography
• The approved U8 PRT proposal includes actinide research.

• This beamline will produce bright beams from 20 eV to 300 eV.

• An adjacent bend-magnet beamline will produce higher energy beams.

• Floor space and beam time will be available.

• Preliminary consideration has been given to safety issues.
"Uh-oh."

Center for the study of ACTINIDES
ALS Features

• High brightness
  — Focus to small spot
  — High resolution with high flux

• Fast pulse (35 ps)

• Tunable over wide range (VUX, soft X ray)

• Partial coherence

• Polarization (linear, circular)
THE ADVANCED LIGHT SOURCE U8 BEAM LINE, 20 - 300 EV

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The U8 is a beam line under construction at the Advanced Light Source, which will be completed in the spring, 1993. This beam line will be described along with its performance, emphasizing aspects relating to experiments. The radiation from an 8 cm period undulator is collected by two spherical mirrors. Next, the monochromator consists of an entrance slit, three interchangeable gratings having a 15° deviation angle and a moveable exit slit. At the end, a bendable refocusing mirror and branching mirrors provide a focus in one of several possible experimental chambers. Three horizontal reflections at 5° incidence angle were chosen to deflect the beam toward an actinide hutch in order to have sufficient space. Calculations have been made of both the resolution and output flux over the photon energy range of 20 - 300 eV. The design goal is to achieve high intensity, $10^{12}$ photons/s, at a high resolving power, $E/\Delta E$, of 10,000. The predicted resolution and photon flux are shown in the figures below. Preliminary plans for harmonic rejection use thin filters, such as Al.

Fig. 1. The calculated resolution, where the solid lines show the slit width limit (10 μm) and the dashed lines show the worst aberration coma.

Fig. 2. The calculated photon flux for 10,000 resolving power (slit width limit) and 400 mA. Three gratings span the energy range 20 - 300 eV.
The Advanced Light Source
U8 Beam Line, 20 - 300 eV

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ALS Experimental Systems Group

1. Layout of the Beam Line: 8 cm period Undulator and Spherical Grating Monochromator.

2. Activities in the U8 Construction: Schedule and Show and Tell.

3. Expected Performance: Flux at High Resolution, Resolution, Focus at the Sample, Layout of Space for Experimental Chambers
1. U8 Undulator

1992 September
- Support and Drive finished
- Magnetic Subassemblies Complete

1993 November
- Undulator Assembled in Bldg. 6
- Magnetic Measurements
- Welding the Vacuum Chamber
- Ready for Installation

1993 January
- mening

1993 March
- Welding the Vacuum Chamber

2. U8 Beamline

1992 September
- Photon Shutter Ready to be Installed
- M1 and M2 Mirrors Polished

1993 November
- Entrance and Exit Slit Design Completed

1993 January
- Begin Big Assembly of Components

1993 March
- Install Front End

1993 May
- Install Monochromator

1993 July
- Delivery of Refocus Chambers
8-cm-Period Undulator

![Diagram of an 8-cm-Period Undulator showing the electron beam, magnet poles, and UV and soft x-ray radiation]

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(a) $2\sigma \times 2\sigma$

Spectral flux [$10^{15}$ photons/(s, 0.1% bandwidth)]

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Monochromator Resolution

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\begin{align*}
\Delta E/E &= 10^{-3} \\
\Delta E/E &= 10^{-4} \\
\Delta E/E &= 10^{-5}
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Photon energy (eV)

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from 10 \( \mu \)m slits

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dashed line from coma aberration

Comparison


X1B (NSLS): Resolving Power 8,000 at 400 eV, 1991.
Resolved Flux

Variable Slit Openings Set for 10,000 Resolving Power

Comparison:

6 m TGM (SRC): 2 x 10^{11} photon/s at 2,000 RP, 60 eV

Laser Plasma Source (CXRO): 10^9 photon/s at 100 RP, 100 eV
M1 - HORIZONTAL DEFLECTION MIRROR
SGM - SPHERICAL GRATING MONOCHROMATOR
ES - EXIT SLIT

D - DEFLECTION MIRROR
S1, S2 - GAS-PHASE ELECTRON SPECTROMETRY

Full Layout

U8END30
2/4/92

0 1 2 3 4 5 m
Refocusing and Deflecting Mirrors

Focus at the Sample: 900 μm (horizontal) x 50 - 500 μm (vertical)

Triple Deflection: 3 x 5° incidence
Contributing People

Undulators

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John Chin  Darrel Howler  Bill Hassenzahl
Dave Humphries  John Worth  Steve Marks
Dave Plate  Paul Wong  Ross Schlueter
Paul Pipersky  John Jaeger  Johannes Bahrdt

Undulator Beam Lines

Engineers and Designers  Technicians  Scientists

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Tom Swain  Andy Lunt  Phil Heimann
Don Yee  Brenda Liu  Wayne McKinney
Bruce Gee  Dennis Calais  Steve Irick
Worley Low  Steve Klingler  Malcolm Howells
Steve Abbott  Bruce Rude  Carl Cork
Frank Zucca
Vladimir Moroz
Jim Rounds
Pete Chavez
Summary

1. Description:
   Beamline is an 8 cm period Undulator and a Spherical Grating Monochromator

2. Construction:
   The Undulator will be ready next March. The Beamline will be completed during the following summer, 1993.

3. Expected Performance:
   The Photon energy range is from 20 - 300 eV.
   The Resolving Power will be $10,000 \Delta E/E$.
   At high resolution the flux will be $10^{12}$ photon/s.
   The spot size will be $900 \, \mu m \times < 500 \, \mu m$. 
Gas-phase studies of actinides at ALS will primarily involve atomic metal vapors and molecules of high volatility. Photoelectron spectrometry will be the technique of preference with the photons supplied by the U-8 undulator line in the range from 20 to 300 eV and, additionally, by a bending-magnet line for energies up to 1100 eV. A special spectrometer located in a unique Actinide Station will be used for the measurements.

Photoelectron spectrometry has proven to be a powerful probe of the electronic structure and dynamics of atoms and molecules. Ever since the tunable synchrotron radiation source has been at our disposal, we have gained a much improved understanding of electronic properties for free atoms and molecules through much of the periodic table. However, there has remained an absolute void toward the end of the periodic table: in particular, the nature of the 5f and 6d electrons has not been elucidated for any of the transuranic elements. To illustrate this point, Table 1 presents the knowledge we have at present on such a basic property as the electron binding energy. As exemplified in the case of Am and Cm, no experimental data exist for the 5f and 6d levels, while the theoretical predictions based on a single-particle model are suspect to be considerably off the mark. In fact, the comparison between theory and experiment for the binding energy of the 7s level, the only level energy that was experimentally determined, reveals a discrepancy of about 1 eV, which on a "chemical scale" gives an uncomfortably large uncertainty of more than 20 kcal.

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Table 1 Comparison of Theoretical and Experimental Binding Energies (in eV) for Am and Cm
Evidently, we are uncertain about the binding energies of the chemically important 5f and 6d electrons throughout the actinide series, and we face a theory that is inadequate for the outer electronic region of the 5f elements. Interestingly, experimental data exist for the innermost levels, K and L levels, for several actinide elements, and the accord with theory is quite satisfactory at a level of accuracy of $10^{-4}$ in that instance. Higher-order processes, as for example, the Breit interaction and quantum electrodynamic effects (Lamb shift), are sufficiently well understood to lead to this impressive agreement in the innermost region. Although the higher-order processes, which become strong for the heavy elements, exert an effect even in the outer electronic regime, as summarized in Table 2, it is the electron correlation effects that we implicate for causing a strong shift in the binding energies. In viewing Table 2, one notes in particular that the relative contributions of the various effects (given below the absolute energies as $2(-3) = 2\times10^{-3}$) remain fairly constant through the shell structure for a particular $\ell$ value, except in the case of the f electrons. In the latter case, the magnetic and QED effects are more pronounced for the 5f electrons than the 4f electrons according to theory.

Table 2  Various Contributions to the Binding Energy for Am (From Huang et al (1976))

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With ALS coming on line as a photon source of high brightness, we will be in the unique position to embark for the first studies of the 5f electrons in the isolated atom and, by determining the binding energies, gain an understanding of the presumably strong correlations present in the outer many-electron cortege of the actinides. Americium and curium are suitable first candidates, but other actinides will doubtless be added as experimentation improves and theory advances in interplay with experiment.

Although the fundamental nature of these first studies of atomic level energies cannot be overemphasized, investigations of other electronic properties, and the extension of the work to molecules, will assume great importance and enter into entirely uncharted territory. Utilizing the wide range of the singular photon source, this novel research will include the elucidation of the dynamic properties as contained in the photoionization cross section, the photoelectron angular distribution, the natural level width, and the electron correlation satellites. Studies of volatile molecular species, such as the
hexafluorides, amides, cyclopentadienides, etc, will allow us to classify the role of the 5f and 6d electrons, and their hybridization, across the actinide series. Work of this type would be in part complementary to laser-based research and would, in addition, provide access to structure and phenomena occurring at higher energies, as for example, the inner valence levels and autoionization resonances.

GAS PHASE ACTINIDE STUDIES
WITH SYNCHROTRON RADIATION

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Electronic Structure and Dynamics
of the Free Atoms and Molecules:
Experimental Opportunities.
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\[ ^{95}\text{Am} \]
\[ \text{5f}^{7} \text{7s}^{2} \left( \text{5f}_{7/2}^{0} \right) \] spectroscopic notation

Not a "pure" state, but:
+ 6d\textsuperscript{2} + 7p\textsuperscript{2} + 7d\textsuperscript{2} + 7f\textsuperscript{2} + 7g\textsuperscript{2} + + higher n coefficients \( c_{1}, c_{2} \cdots c_{n} \)

There are no experimental data!
Photon Source
ALS

Undulator → Monochromator → Focussing and Safety Devices → Actinide Station

\[ h\gamma = E_B + E_{\text{run}} \]

Schematic of Setup
for Photoionization Studies

Oven (trap) \{ electron mass fluorescence \} analysis

Detector

Of Actinides in the Gas Phase
Experimental Setup

Generic system for

Angle Resolved Photoelectron Spectrometry of atoms, molecules, vapors etc

FROM SYNCHRO SOURCE

Vapor: $10^{-6}$ Pa

Gas: $10^{-4}$ Pa

110 L/s TURBO

360 L/s TURBO AND/OR 1100 L/s CRYO

PUMPING STAGES

MAIN CHAMBER

FRONT VIEW OF ROTATABLE PLATFORM

ORNL-DWG 80-9619RA
Typical high-efficiency oven for Electron Spectroscopy of free species (atoms, molecules) with the use of Synchrotron Radiation.

ESSR of Metal Vapors – Internal Oven
AG 4D+5S 21.22 EV

Counts/Channel

Prototype Photoelectron Spectrum of Ag Atoms

Small Sample: 5 mg

$E^7S$: 7.576 eV
4d: 12.432 eV
12.628 eV
12.999 eV
13.285 eV

P = 78.1 V
T = 43°C / 155°C
Q = 1 x 10⁻³ / 3 x 10⁻³

$N_{4d} = 24600 \text{ cm}^{-2}$
$\Rightarrow 72.346 \text{ electrons}$
$\Rightarrow 63.00$

$N_{5s} = 26148 \text{ cm}^{-2}$
$\Rightarrow 26.148 \text{ eV}$
$\Rightarrow 0.7\%$
$\Rightarrow 55.9$

$BG = 100\% \Rightarrow 0.24$
$BG = 2\%$

Channel Number
Upper scale: Level Energy (eV)
Composition of Electron Binding Energy

a) Electric Energy
b) Rearrangement energy
c) Breit interaction (magnetic & retardation)
d) Nuclear size effect
e) Lamb shift (self-energy & vacuum polarization)
f) Electron Correlation / multi-configuration interactions
g) Chemical shifts for molecules

→ Dirac-Fock multiconfiguration
    includes relativity
    many correlations

→ QED effects
The variation with principal shell of the quantum-electrodynamic contributions to the total energy of a given subshell.
Table 2  Various Contributions to the Binding Energy for Am (*From Huang et al (1976)*)

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Eu$^+$ (HeI)

Temp $\approx 640^\circ$C

$\hbar\nu = 21.22$ eV

$\theta = 90^\circ$

What do the rare gas photoelectron spectra tell us? What might be expected for Am$^+$?
Table 3  Temperatures Required for Photoelectron Spectrometry of the Higher Actinides

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<td>243 7K a</td>
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<td>248 300K a</td>
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Which elements?

- Temperature
- Activity
- Availability
- "Treatability" 
  (Th, 6d²; Am, 5f²; Md, f³)

\[ U \approx 1900^\circ C \]
\[ Np \approx 1700^\circ C \]
\[ Pu \approx 1400^\circ C \]

\[ \rightarrow \text{start with Am then Cm} \]
The analytical application and some basic explorations

4f doublet in the Am oxides
Photoionization Cross Sections

for $Z \geq 95$

down to $\approx 1$ keV

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$$\sigma \propto \left| \sum \psi_i \exp(i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_i) \psi_f \right|^2$$

Initial state
neutral atom

Final state
ion plus electron
How to locate the electrons (states) of different parentage and symmetries in a valence/conduction band.

VARIATION OF THE PHOTODEMISSION CROSS SECTION WITH PHOTON ENERGY FOR DIFFERENT ELECTRON ORBITALS

- $U_{6d}$
- $U_{5f}$
- $Mn_{3d}$

($\sigma_{sp} \approx 0$)

From J. Naefele

(C.J. Yeh, I. Lindau, 1985) Hertree-Slater Single-Part
First-order Prediction for 5f Electrons

\[ \sigma_{5f} \]

Combalt-Farnoux
Hartree-Slater
Single-Particle

Region of the Cooper Minimum

Photon Energy (eV)
The solid system;

Question: Valence band structure of the free molecule?

Cm atom $5f^26d^17s^2$
Molecules

**Synchro**: 15 to 200 eV
- Valence band structure
- Vibrational structure
- Molecular fragmentation
- Bonding energies
- Compound identification
- "Inner" appearance potentials

**Lasers**: Ion appearance thresholds (multi-photon ionization)
- Ionization threshold

- High volatility compounds:
  - Halides (fluorides)
  - (sub) oxides
  - Cyclopentadienides

- Low volatility compounds
  by way of laser ablation
  - High sensitivity = 10^6
Electronic Structure and Dynamics of Free Actinide Atoms and Molecules

- Virtually no experimental data exist, neither for binding energies nor cross sections.
- Inadequate theoretical predictions.
- ALS Actinide Station as a unique opportunity to determine electron binding energies of the chemically important 5f, 6d and 7s electrons.
- Similarly, photoionization cross sections can be determined at the subshell level.
- Baseline for advanced theoretical models and approximations allowable.
- Baseline for condensed-matter studies, such as locating 5f, 6d, etc states.
- Identification of An-containing compounds as an excellent analytical technique.
- Last, but not least, fully elucidate the role of 5f electrons and explore the uncharted region of the Actinide Elements.

Summary
Atomic structure calculations for heavy atoms require sophisticated descriptions of both relativistic and electron correlation effects. For heavy atoms (Z > 55), these effects cannot be separated easily. Purely ab initio calculations for heavy atoms will be difficult even if the theory is based on a relativistic formalism, such as the Dirac-Fock method, due to a strong coupling between relativistic and correlation effects.

Although relativistic effects alter mostly deep core orbitals, valence orbitals are affected as well because valence orbitals must be orthogonal to core orbitals of the same angular symmetry and see a more screened effective nuclear charge than a nonrelativistic theory would predict. This is known as an indirect relativistic effect. For instance, outer d and f orbitals may expand in orbital size, rather than contract as the hydrogenic Dirac theory predicts, due to the indirect relativistic effect. However, this orbital expansion is a subtle effect of the order of a few percent, and competes with changes due to correlation effects. This is one of the underlying reasons for the theoretical difficulties in predicting the behavior of 5f, 6d, 7s and 7p electrons in actinides.

Relativistic Hartree-Fock theory with options to include correlation orbitals, commonly referred to as the Multiconfiguration Dirac-Fock (MCDF) method, is one of the most powerful and versatile methods to calculate atomic wavefunctions and expectation values. In its most advanced form, it can predict atomic energy levels—including intermediate coupling, correlation and QED corrections—for highly charged ions to a high degree of accuracy, often 0.1% or better, without resorting to any empirical or adjustable parameters.\(^1\) This remarkable performance is often repeated in atoms and ions for which relativistic effects dominate.

However, the MCDF method is ineffective when correlation effects are more important than relativistic effects. Typical examples are neutral carbon (competition among the 2s2p\(^3\), 2p3d and 2p4s configurations) and neutral calcium. For this reason, a straightforward application of the MCDF method to actinides, for which correlation and relativistic effects are equally important, is unlikely to succeed in predicting energy levels with high precision unless a large number of correlation orbitals are introduced.

There are, however, some qualitative aspects of the MCDF method that may still provide useful information without an overwhelming amount of computational effort. For instance, even the simplest form of the Dirac-Fock (DF) method, which does not include any correlation orbitals, correctly predicts inversion of fine-structure splittings, such as that between the 4f\(_{5/2}\) and 4f\(_{7/2}\) levels of neutral copper. Predictions by the DF method on fine-structure splittings in alkali-like atoms—i.e., one electron outside a closed shell core—have invariably agreed with known experimental results, while predictions of such inversions using nonrelativistic theories required a great deal of sophistication to emulate the core polarization.
A Dirac-Fock calculation without any additional correlation orbital—known as the single-configuration Dirac-Fock (SCDF) calculation—for neutral Fr (Z = 87) indicates that the 6^2D, 7^2D and 5^2F levels are all inverted. The magnitudes of these inversions predicted by the SCDF method may not be reliable, but the fact that they are inverted is almost certainly correct.

Table 1. Dirac-Fock expectation values, \(<r>\), of valence orbitals in Fr-like ions (in a.u.).

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When a d or f orbital is about to be occupied in a ground-state configuration, their orbital sizes undergo drastic changes as the atomic number increases, as witnessed around Sc (Z = 21) and La (Z = 58). This rapid change in orbital sizes manifests itself in a variety of ways, but most notably as delayed onset of photoabsorption (or ionization) cross sections involving 4f electrons. A similar change in orbital sizes also occurs in actinides. In Table 1, we have listed the expectation value \(<r>\) of the valence orbitals of ions in the Fr isoelectronic sequence. For Ac^{2+} (Z = 89), the 5f orbitals (j=5/2 and 7/2) are already inside other valence orbitals, but their energy levels are still not the lowest.

Table 2. Low-lying levels of Ac^{2+} (excitation energies, \(E_x\), in cm\(^{-1}\))

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Unlike alkali atoms with low atomic numbers, the SCDF method utterly fails to correctly predict the energy level ordering among valence electrons of Fr-like ions, as can be seen in the
example of Ac$^{2+}$ in Table 2. This is very discouraging, because this implies that it is necessary to use a large-scale configuration mixing even to predict energy levels of an alkali-like structure. This is a worthwhile challenge to relativistic atomic structure theorists, who now have a wide range of experience in lighter atoms and more powerful computers at their disposal.

Similar theoretical difficulties exist for lanthanides, though relativistic effects are not as strong as those for actinides. One of the lessons we have learned through numerous studies of the lanthanide series is that qualitative predictions concerning cross sections based on wavefunctions of moderate accuracy were very helpful in understanding the behavior of lanthanide atoms in both gas and solid phases. To see if this is also the case for actinides, systematic comparisons between experiment and theory for actinides are desirable. At present, several theoretical options are available, such as relativistic Hartree-Fock theory for continuum orbitals, relativistic random phase approximation, and relativistic many-body perturbation theory to calculate photoionization cross sections using theories that include relativity.

For example, relativistic Hartree-Fock theory can produce term-dependent continuum wavefunctions, i.e., different continuum wavefunctions for different total J, which significantly affect photoabsorption cross sections above ionization thresholds. As in the case of lanthanide atoms, it may be too optimistic to expect such theoretical methods to produce quantitatively reliable data, but they are likely to provide qualitatively useful information in interpreting experimental results. Discussions at this workshop will serve to identify topics for fruitful collaboration among theorists and experimentalists.

4. Present work, results from single-configuration Dirac-Fock wavefunctions.
ATOMIC STRUCTURE CALCULATIONS
FOR HEAVY ATOMS

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• Theory

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Hydrogenic Energy Levels

\[ 2s, 2p \rightarrow 2p_{1/2}, 2s_{1/2} \]

\[ 2p_{3/2} \]

\[ 2s_{1/2} \rightarrow 1s \]

\[ 1s_{1/2} \rightarrow 1s \]

Schrödinger \hspace{2cm} \text{Dirac} \hspace{2cm} \text{QED}
Major Effects on Atomic Energy Levels

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\[ Z_{\text{eff}} \sim Z_{\text{null}} - \# \text{ of core electrons} \]
Numerical Example

Magnesium-Like Ions

Wavelengths for the $3s^2 \, 1s_0 \rightarrow 3s3p \, 3p_1$ transition

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Major Computational Methods

A. Multiconfiguration Dirac-Fock (MCDF) Theory

- Extension of nonrelativistic, multiconfiguration Hartree-Fock (MCHF) theory

- Radial functions (large and small components) can be numerical, or expanded in terms of basis functions (STO’s, GTO’s, splines).

- Radial functions can be derived using:
  - An average-config. potential (CI= config. interaction);
  - A potential optimized for each level (OL= optimized level); or
  - A simplified exchange potential (HS= Herman Skilman)
• Advantages

  • General-purpose codes available (Grant, Desclaux)
  • Can be applied to configurations with many open shells
  • Produces compact wavefunctions for other applications
  • Can quickly incorporate major part of correlation

• Disadvantages

  • Convergence problems for numerical MCDF solutions
  • Dependence on basis functions used
  • May be affected by the Brown-Ravenhall disease
  • Difficult to incorporate core-valence correlation
  • "Clean" interface with QED is difficult because MCDF is a nonperturbative theory while the current form of QED is a perturbation theory
B. Relativistic Many-Body Perturbation Theory (RMBPT)

- Extension of nonrelativistic many-body perturbation theory (MBPT)

- As in the MCDF theory, radial functions can be numerical, or expanded in terms of basis functions

- All radial functions must be derived using a common potential (A complete set needed!)

- Usually, unperturbed wave functions are derived from a closed-shell configuration (i.e., single-determinant ground state)

- Some start from a multi-determinant ground state
• Advantages

• Provides a clear "physical" picture (Brueckner-Goldstone diagrams) of what's included and what's not

• Can be extended to QED using the same basis functions and similar diagrammatic technique

• Easy to avoid the Brown-Ravenhall disease

• Similar diagrammatic techniques can be developed for other atomic properties

• Disadvantages

• Can handle only a limited number of open-shell configurations (closed shell, alkali-like)

• Many orders of perturbation may be needed for neutral and lightly-charged atoms

• Difficult to write a general-purpose code

• Resulting wavefunctions are cumbersome
Major Theoretical Issues for Heavy Atoms

Correlation and relativity *cannot* be separated

Relativity affects core orbitals; but

Valence orbitals must be orthogonal to the core orbitals!

Competing valence orbitals

7s, 7p, 6d, and 5f orbitals all compete with each other

A correlation "nightmare" for theorists

Hydrogenic ordering only when ionized many times!

No *ab initio* theory can handle heavy (Z > 86) atoms
Some qualitative aspects of MCDF may still be useful:

- Level inversion
  Magnitude may be bad, but sign is usually right
  Fr (Z=87): $6^2D$, $7^2D$, $5^2F$ are inverted according to DF

- Orbital size
  Affects f values

- Delayed photoionization peak for 5f orbitals
  Similar to lanthanides (delayed peak for 4f)
  Predictions from MCDF will probably be useful

- Binding Energies
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QED corrections

Needed to supplement the original Dirac theory

Self energy

- Dominant QED correction
- Exact values known for point nucleus, hydrogenic levels
- Must be corrected for nuclear size, screening by other bound electrons
- "Phenomenological methods" available for the screening correction
- Rigorous QED-based methods being developed

Vacuum polarization

- The second most important correction, opposite in sign from the self energy
- Becomes equally important for very high-Z ions
- Screening provided by the Uehling potential
- Importance of QED corrections (in eV)

\( \text{U}^{89+}, \ 2s \rightarrow 2p_{1/2} \) transition

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CONCLUSION

Much to be done in theory

• Try basis-set expansion of radial functions to control numerical convergence

• f-value calculations for valence levels

• Photoionization cross sections, using term-dependent continuum orbitals

To assess the reliability of theory, we need experimental data on:

• Energy levels of simple configurations, e.g., Fr-like ions

• f values involving valence electrons

• Photoabsorption cross sections, up to ~ 100 eV above threshold

Binding Energies
If theory cannot handle Fr-like ions, no hope for others!
The importance of single crystal samples for photoelectron spectroscopy can not be over emphasized, specifically in the case of oxygen sensitive f-electron materials. The use of single crystals can allow for the minimization of grain boundary effects, help insure clean surfaces upon cleaving, avoid concern of second phase contamination due to paratetic decompositions, and, of course, allow for angle resolved measurements. In the past, the availability of high quality, adequately sized single crystals has been the limiting step in the use of single crystals, but by using low melting metallic fluxes a wide variety of intermetallic compounds can be grown in single crystal form. In many instances, crystals of roughly 2-4 mm³ can be grown over 100 hour cooling cycles.

The details of this flux growth method have been reviewed in Fisk and Remeika¹ and Canfield and Fisk². The basics of this method involve the proper choice of flux, dilution of solute in the flux, temperature schedule used for growth and removal of grown crystals from remaining flux at the end of the growth cycle. Each of these steps is non-trivial and can usually only be solved by a combination of experience and trial and error experimentation. For the growth of materials out of binary melts, much of the guess work is removed by reference to one of several collections of binary phase diagrams.

Al-U binary phase diagram from reference 3.
The figure is a reproduction of the salient features of the U-Al binary phase diagram taken from Hansen. The primary features are the liquid-solid line, the three intermediate, line compounds: UAl₄, UAl₃, and UAl₂, and the paraletic decomposition lines of UAl₄ and UAl₃ at 730 C and 1350 C respectively. The two compounds that we will focus on are UAl₃ and UAl₂. These are both members of isostructural families that include Np and Pu analogues, with UAl₃, NpAl₃ and PuAl₃ having the primitive cubic AuCu₃ structure and UAl₂, NpAl₂ and PuAl₂ having the face-centered cubic Cu₂Mg structure.

Since UAl₃ decomposes paraetically at 1350 C, it can not be grown in a pure form from a stoichiometric melt. If U and Al are mixed in a ratio of 1:3, heated to 1600 C and cooled UAl₂ will initially form, and only below 1350, the UAl₃ paraletic temperature, will UAl₃ form. On the other hand, the growth of UAl₂ can easily be accomplished by growing the material out of excess Al. A starting concentration of 93 atomic percent Al will allow for crystal growth of UAl₃ below 1200 C. The U-Al mixture can be heated to above 1200 C to ensure thorough mixing and then slowly cooled to just above 730 C, the UAl₄ paraletic temperature, and then rapidly cooled. The crystals can then be removed from the excess Al by a NaOH etch, or by a second melting of the remaining Al and removing the molten flux from the crystal via centrifugal force. Since the binary phase diagrams for Np-Al and Pu-Al are similar, this is a likely method for the growth of NpAl₃ and PuAl₂.

The more difficult growth of the UAl₂ family of materials, as well as the use of this method to grow ternary intermetallics will also be discussed as time allows.

* This work was performed under the auspices of the United States Department of Energy.


Flux Growth of single crystal Uranium intermetallics: 
Extension to Transuranics.

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Zach Fisk

Synchrotron Radiation in Transactinium Research Workshop
Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory
October 1-2, 1992
Bulk Materials:

Polycrystalline

Solid state reaction

Arc melt

On-line growth

Single crystal

Δ Flux growth

Δ Chemical transport

$$ Zone refining

$ Czochralski
Intermetallic Single Crystals

-Well defined structures and ligands.

-Can "tune" An-An distance and hybridization.

-The possibility of easy sample cleavage and relatively stable surfaces. (Structure dependent)

-Well defined samples 3mm on a side for average, several day growth. (Highly sample dependent: 1-10mm on a side.)
Sugar and water:

Sugar: xx.xx g
Water: yy.yy g

Lower melting point:

Sucrose: 185 C
NaCl: 800 C

Easy removal (while flux is still molten).

Possible inclusion and / or incorporation of flux into sample.
Binary Sugar/Water Phase Diagram

- Liquid
- Solid
- Liquid + Solid Sugar

~ 50% Yield
Binary Phase Diagrams.
Several compilations of binary phase diagrams. Data set relatively complete.

Ternary phase diagram data is very incomplete.

YbAl$_2$ melts congruently, i.e. it can be grown from the pure melt.

YbAl$_3$ melts incongruently, i.e. it can not be grown in a pure form from a stoichiometric melt.

Both YbAl$_2$ and YbAl$_3$ can be grown out of excess Al and YbAl$_2$ can be grown out of excess Yb.
- Idea for Growth
- Check binary phase diagrams
- Pack tube
- Growth cycle
- Remove Flux
- Examine crystals

i) Is it expected crystal?
ii) What is it?
"Linus Pauling"

NOTE:
- Very quick. (Over night growths/10 tubes in a furnace)
- Very simple equipment
- Uncommon technique
CeSb: Melts 1800 C.

Grow out of excess Sb or Ce only down to 1500 C.

Try to lower growth temperature by use of third element as flux.

Try a variety of low melting fluxes.

Al, Ga, Pb, Sn, In

Sn works!

CeSb/Sn : (CeSb)$_{0.05}$Sn$_{0.95}$

Ce: 0.78 g  
Sb: 0.68 g  
Sn: 12.00 g

NOTE:

Sn melts at 250 C, but spin off above 700 C to avoid second phase of CeSn$_3$. 

\[ Ce \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 1150 \rightarrow 750 \rightarrow Sn \]
Ce-Sn and Sn-Sb Binaries:

**Ce-Sn**

**Sb-Sn Antimony-Tin**
Transactinium Intermetallics:

Grow isostructural compounds and look for systematics across the early actinides.

$\text{AnSn}_3$ and similar binaries.

$\text{AnAl}_3$ and other Al flux growths

$\text{AnSb/Sn}$ and ternary compounds

Glove box requirements.
AnSn$_3$--Cu$_3$Au Structure

Pu Sn

Sn-U

-Low melting flux and grows well.
-Twins along (1,1,1) direction.
-AnPb$_3$ is similar.
AnAl₃—Cu₃Au Structure

Problem with Al as flux:

Al attacks the quartz tube, causing a loss of protective atmosphere.

Requires a vertical tube (V. T.) furnace and gas handling system. V. T. will become contaminated and can be awkward to use in a glove box.

Advantages of Al as flux:

Easy to etch with NaOH. No spin is required if sample is stable, samples can be handled only at room temperature.

Can grow a number of Borides and Berylides out of dilute Al melts.
AnSb/Sn and Ternaries

Dilute USb/Sn
Spin off at 750 to avoid USn₃.

USb MELTS
~1850 °C

IF NOT Sn, THEN TRY
In, Pb, Ga + Al

Sn and In are good for the growth of ThCr₂Si₂ compounds.

AnCu₂Si₂  AnNi₂Si₂
AnCu₂Ge₂  AnNi₂Ge₂
Known for An=U and Np
Glove box requirements:

A **LARGE** hot glove box that can accommodate:

Sample preparation space

--balance

--cutting tools

--microscope

Sample growth space

--hydrogen/oxygen torch

--high temperature furnace (1200 or 1500 C) (Box or Vertical Tube)
A FAMILY TREE

$R_{2-x}Pt_4Ga_8 \rightarrow Ce_3Bi_4 \rightarrow Pt_3 \rightarrow \text{Optimize growth}$

$\rightarrow Bi \rightarrow R_{Bip}t \rightarrow Nd-Lu$

$\rightarrow Y_{b}Bi_{p}t \rightarrow Y_{b}Sb_{p}t / Sb X$

$\rightarrow Y_{b}Sb_{p}t / Sm \rightarrow T_{1}NiSm / Sm$

$\rightarrow Sb \rightarrow U_{3}Sb_{4}Pt_{3}$

$(Th, Lu, Y-sub.)$

$\rightarrow Sb \rightarrow CeSb_{2}$

$\rightarrow CeBi_{2}$

$Ce_{2}Sb$

$Ce_{2}Bi$

$CeScSi$

$CeScGe$

GREAT POTENTIAL FOR THE DISCOVERY OF NEW MATERIALS
Basic Growth Philosophy:
Have a basic agenda(s)

BUT

Keep your eyes open for interesting new phases.

To do this there must be a sorting mechanism to determine what is interesting.

\[ \rho(T) \quad \text{Rough Sorting} \]
\[ \chi(T) \]
\[ C(T) \quad \text{Second Phase Physical Measurements} \]
\[ S(T) \]
\[ \text{Hall Effect} \]

X-ray diffraction

Elemental Analysis
X-RAY ABSORPTION NEAR-EDGE STRUCTURE STUDIES OF ACTINIDE COMPOUNDS

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The present status in the use of x-ray absorption (XA) with synchrotron radiation in the study of the electronic structure of compounds of the light actinide elements is reviewed. The useful XA thresholds cover the range from the VUV (O_{IV, V}), via soft x-rays (N_{IV, V}; M_{II,III; IV, V}) to the hard x-ray region (L_{II,III}). Due to the lack of an actinide beamline at present synchrotron radiation facilities, most studies of the more radioactive materials (Np, Pu, Am) have been performed at the L thresholds, where due to the hard x-ray energies of \( \approx 20 \) keV, the absorber material can be safely encapsulated. In this photon-energy range, the XA method is also readily applicable to high-pressure studies. The talk will therefore emphasize work at the L absorption thresholds, but will also try to glance at the perspectives of future work in the soft x-ray region.

In the authors group, L-edge XA studies were performed up to now for a variety of metallic and nonmetallic compounds of Th, U, Np, Pu, and Am using synchrotron radiation from the ROEMO beamlines of HASYLAB at DESY in Hamburg. The information on the correlated electronic structure of these materials is contained in those studies in the threshold energies and in the x-ray absorption near-edge structure (XANES). The XANES spectra at the L_{II} and L_{III} thresholds exhibit intense white lines (WL) due to optical excitation of a 2p core electron to unoccupied 6d final states with a high density of states close to EF. These white lines are found to shift with the valence state of each actinide element and often exhibit fine structures due to core-excited final states with different 5f occupancies, which are populated due to the interaction of the localized 5f electrons with the valence states. Figure 1 gives as an example a graphical plot of L_{III}-WL shifts relative to the respective dioxides as reference compounds for a series of chalcogenides and pnictides of U, Np, Pu, and Am. The observed chemical shifts are essentially caused by the Coulomb interactions between the 5f electrons with the 2p core hole as well as the excited 6d electron. The magnitude of these shifts is found to increase systematically from U to Np, Pu, and Am, which reflects the increasing localization of the 5f states.

The most extensive study of L_{III}-XANES spectra has been carried out so far for compounds of Np with formal valencies ranging from III to VII. In this case, the L_{III}-WL of Np^{V}, Np^{VI}, and Np^{VII} compounds exhibit fine structures due to different core-ionized many-body final states, which reflect the correlated groundstates of these systems. The weighted mean positions of the L_{III}-XANES WL structures shift to higher energies with decreasing 5f occupancy and, for
Figure 1. Shifts of the $L_{\text{III}}$ white line for compounds of U, Np, Pu, and Am relative to those of the respective dioxides.

Figure 2. Correlation between mean $L_{\text{III}}$ shift, $\Delta E(L_{\text{III}})$, and Mössbauer isomer shift, $S$, for nonmetallic (filled circles) and metallic (open circles) compounds of Np. The dashed curve through the data points for nonmetallic compounds serves as a guide to the eye.
non-metallic compounds, depend monotonically on the respective Mössbauer isomer shifts of the 59-keV nuclear gamma transition of $^{237}$Np. This correlation is given in Fig. 2. Systematic deviations from this correlation are observed for metallic Np compounds caused by the contributions of the conduction electrons to the Mössbauer isomer shift, which - due to their itinerant nature - have little influence on the $\text{L}_{\text{III}}$-$\text{W}L$ energies.

XANES measurements at the L-XA thresholds of actinide elements are also readily applicable to studies of the effects of high external pressure on the electronic structure of actinide compounds. Using a diamond-anvil high-pressure cell, such investigations have only been performed up to now for compounds of Th and U.\textsuperscript{5,6} In all cases studied, the $\text{L}_{\text{III}}$ white lines were found to shift to higher energies with increasing pressure due to increasing 5f delocalization, i.e. decreasing 5f occupancy. In addition, structural phase transitions were found to lead to discontinuities in the pressure derivatives of the WL energies.

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X-Ray Absorption Near-Edge Structure Studies of Actinide Compounds

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Outline

Introduction to XANES

- Useful XA thresholds in actinides
- L-edge XA in Th, U, Np, Pu, Am....
- Detailed LIII-XA study of Np compounds
- High-Pressure effects
- Summary and outlook

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(A) Introduction to XANES in An compounds

- XANES = X-ray Absorption Near-Edge Structure
  monitors unoccupied electronic structure
  + effects due to correlated nature of 5f states.

Why is electronic structure of An compounds interesting?

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5f states localize between U and Am

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Ca  Sc  Ti  V  Cr  Mn  Fe  Co  Ni  Cu  Zn
Sr  Y  Zr  Nb  Mo  Tc  Ru  Rh  Pd  Ag  Cd
Yb  Lu  Hf  Ta  W  Re  Os  Ir  Pt  Au  Hg
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What can XANES contribute to our understanding of 5f states in actinide compounds?
**XANES**: electronic structure information

**XA process:**

\[ \mu \propto \langle f | e^{-z} | v \rangle^2 \cdot g(E_F) \]

- monitors density of unoccupied final states at \( E_F \)
- with \( \Delta \ell = \pm 1 \)

**XA threshold probes**

- \( K, L_I \)  \( \rightarrow \) \( p \) states
- \( L_{\text{II, III}} \)  \( \rightarrow \) \( d \) states
- \( M_{\text{II, III}} \)
- \( M_{\text{IV, V}} \)  \( \rightarrow \) \( f \) states
- \( N_{\text{IV, V}} \)
- \( O_{\text{IV, V}} \)

- In case of bandlike, non-TM solids:
  - XANES reflects \( l \)-projected unoccupied partial density of states.

- In case of highly correlated, open-shell systems:
  - XANES reflects Coulomb and/or exchange interactions between the open shells.

...
XAS is high-energy spectroscopy.

i.e. energy separation $\Delta E$ between different core-ionized final states is usually much larger than the mixing energy $V$ of these states in the ground state:

$$\Delta E \gg V$$

Example:

$\text{EuCu}_2\text{Si}_2$ homogeneously-mixed valent, $\bar{V} \approx 2.5$

$0|4f^6 \rangle + 6|4f^7 \rangle)$; $V \approx 10 \text{ meV}$

\[ \mu \]

2 final states separated by $\Delta E \approx 7 \text{ eV}$. 

$\text{hv} \leftrightarrow \Delta E \gg V$

Note:

Mössbauer spectroscopy is low-energy spectroscopy since only nucleus is excited, and difference in hyperfine interactions between different final states is $\ll V$.

E.g. isomer shift $\Delta S$ between $\text{Eu}^{2+}(4f^7)$ and $\text{Eu}^{3+}(4f^6)$ differs only by

$$\Delta S \approx 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV}$$

$$\Delta S \ll V$$

Single Mössbauer line measures unperturbed ground state of $\text{EuCu}_2\text{Si}_2$.  

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Example: $L_{III}$-XANES of Dy$^{II}$, Dy$^{III}$, and Dy$^{IV}$ compounds

Dy: $[\text{Xe}] 4f^{10} 6s^2 \quad 2p \rightarrow 5d$

- White-line shift $\Delta E = 8.2$ eV between Dy$^{III}$ and Dy$^{II}$
- $11.7$ eV $\rightarrow$ "Dy$^{IV}$" $\rightarrow$ Dy$^{III}$

Component C due to 4f covalency populated under the influence of the 2p core hole: $2p 4f^g \rightarrow 5d^x$.  

Ref: Z. Hu, G. Kaindl et al., unpub.
\[ 2p^6 4f^n 5d^m \rightarrow 2p^5 4f^{n-1} 5d^{m+1} \]

White line (WL) due to high density of states of unoccupied 5d states at \( E_F \).

\[ \text{WL shift } \Delta E \]

\[ \Delta E = \Delta U_{cf} + \Delta U_{cd} - \Delta U_{fd} \]

- measures difference in Coulomb energies \( U \) between the two compounds or final states.

\[ U_{cf} = \text{core hole/4f attraction} \]

\[ U_{cd} = \text{core hole/5d* attraction} \]

\[ U_{fd} = \text{4f/5d* repulsion} \]

- \( U_{cd} \) should not vary much chemically

\[ \Delta E \equiv \Delta U_{cf} - \Delta U_{fd} \]

main term
LIII-XANES spectra of various U compounds

- Width and relative weight of white line vary
- $6d$ density of states
- Position of WL changes by $\approx 17$ eV
- $5f$ occupancy and localization

$5f$ covalency

2 final states

$5f^2$ 4 eV shift between $U^{III}$ and $U^{IV}$

localized $2$ eV

itinerant shift

$5f$ band-like

WL damped
Useful XA thresholds in Actinides

XANES spectra of UF₄ at various thresholds

\[ \text{Ref: } G. \text{ Kalkowski et al.} \]

PRB 35, 2667 (1987)

- \( M_{III} \) provides very similar information as \( L_{III} \).

- at \( O_{4.5} \) multiplet splitting resolved \( 5d^9 5f^3 \) final state
Analogous results at $M_\text{III}$ measured in absorption
Analogous results at $M_{\text{III}}$ measured in total-electron yield.
XANES spectra at the $M_{IV, V}$ thresholds

- $\text{ThO}_2$
- $\text{Th}$
- $\text{UO}_3$
- $\text{UF}_4$
- $\text{UO}_2$
- $\text{UNi}_5$
- $\alpha-U$

Total Electron Yield

Photon Energy (eV)

$3d \rightarrow 5f$

- Multiplet splitting cannot be resolved
XANES at the $N_{IV}$ thresholds

$4d^{10}5f^n \rightarrow 4d^95f^{n+1}$

- No multiplet splitting resolvable
- No edge jumps
  WL dominate
XANES spectra at \( \Upsilon_{IV/II} \) thresholds

\[ 5d^{10} 5f^n \rightarrow 5d^9 5f^{n+1} \]

Theory by A. Kotan et al. (1992).

Ref:
G. Kalkowski et al.
PRB 35, 2667 (87)

- Multiplet splitting resolved
- Washed out with increasing 5f delocalization
(c) L-edge XA in hot actinides: Np, Pu, Am,...

Experimental

• XANES studies at L-thresholds of Th, U, Np, Pu, Am
  $16.3 \text{ keV} \leq h\nu \leq 23.1 \text{ keV}$

absorption line with 3 ionization chambers:

• 3-fold encapsulated absorbers

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Diamond-anvil high-pressure setup for $U-L_{III}$ XANES studies

- external pressures up to $\sim 500$ kbar.

- slit for sample
- slitted Be gasket
Comparative \(\text{L}^{\text{III}}\)-XAS study of U, Np, Pu chalcogenides and pnictides

Ref.: G. Kalkowski et al., Solid State Comm. 64, 193 (87).

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{U} & \quad \text{Np}^{237} & \quad \text{Pu}^{239} \\
\text{(a)} & \quad \text{(b)} & \quad \text{(c)}
\end{align*}
\]

- \(\text{UO}_2, \text{NpO}_2, \text{PuO}_2\): tetravalent, localized \(5f\) states serve as reference compounds.
- W.L. of other compounds shift to lower energies relative to dioxides.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{UO}_2 - \text{UO}_3 & : \Delta E = 3.5 \text{ eV} \\
\text{NpO}_2 - \text{NpI}_3 & : \Delta E = 3.9 \text{ eV}
\end{align*}
\]

\(\Rightarrow\) higher \(5f\) occupancy.
Related L₃-XANES studies of ²⁴¹Am compounds

\[ \Delta E = -6 \text{ eV} \]

Ref: S. Bertram et al., unpublished
L₃ shifts for U, Np, Pu, Am compounds relative to those of the respective dioxides.

\[ \Delta E(L_3) \]

\[ \text{White Line Shift (eV)} \]

\[ \Delta E \text{ between } UO_2 \text{ and } UCl_3 \text{ (3.5 eV)} \text{ and } NpO_2 \text{ and } NpI_3 \text{ (3.9 eV)} \text{ agree well with theoretical predictions (Herbst & Wilkins, 1988).} \]
Pu compounds

- PuSb: n-form factor → rather localized $5f^{5}(3^+)$ agrees with $L_3$-shift: $\Delta E(L_3) = -5.3$ eV

- PuTe: $3^+$ with strong covalent mixing? (temperature-independent $\kappa$ + semiconductor-like resistivity)
  - not supported by $L_3$-shift:
    - $\Delta E(L_3) = -6.3$ eV
  - favors a mixed-valent state for PuTe, with $V$ between 2 and 3
  - $5f$-occupancy $>5$
U compounds

comparison with

- PE results for USB, UTE < B. Reihl et al. (1987)

- Magneto-optical studies of
  USB, USE, UTE < W. Reim et al. (1984)

  higher 5f localisation in UTE as compared to
  USB, USE, and USE.

  Agrees well with present L3-shift results.

- USB: n-scattering shows large covalent mixing
  of 5f with Sb-p states < Landel et al. (1978)

  well reproduced by L3-shifts.

- USB, UTE: Relativistic energy-band calculations

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  number    total fcount
  of 5f electr.
  in band states

  compare very well with L3-shift results.
(D) Detailed $L_{III}$-XANES study of Np compounds

Interpretation due to final states with different 5f occupancies as a consequence of a strongly covalent 5f groundstate.
Comparison with $\text{Ce}^{IV}$ compounds: $\text{CeF}_4$, $\text{CeO}_2$

Ref: G. Kaindl et al., Phys. Rev. B 38, 10174 (88)

- 4f covalency increases with pressure
- Relative intensity of component B increases ($2p\ 4f^1$)
Analogous High-pressure Effects on
$L_{III}$-XANES Spectra of $U^{IV}_3$

- Separation of peaks $\delta$ decreases with pressure
- Weight of peak $B$ increases with pressure
- Increase in covalency.
- $A$ and $B$ due to different core-ionized final states with different $5f$ occupancies ($5f^0$ and $5f^{2+}$).
- $\Delta E(L_{III})$: experimental: 11 eV (for $P=0$)
  theoretical: 11.1 eV
LIII XANES spectra of metallic Np compounds

Ref: S. Bertram et al., unpublished
Correlation between $\Delta E(L_{\text{III}})$ and Mössbauer isomer shift

- Isomer shift $S \propto \Delta \langle r^2 \rangle \Delta \rho(0)$

- Since $\Delta \langle r^2 \rangle < 0$ for the 59-keV Mössbauer transition of $^{237}$Np, the systematic deviation of the metallic compounds is due to the contribution of the conduction electrons to the charge density at the nucleus.

- $\Delta E(L_{\text{III}})$ monitors $5f$-occupancy $n_{5f}$ and $6d$-occupancy $n_{6d}$, but is insensitive to conduction electron density ($n_{7s}$).
High-Pressure $L_{III}$-XANES studies of U compounds.

$\text{USb}$: semimetal $\rightarrow$ NaCl $\rightarrow$ CsCl crystallogr. phase transition at 8 GPa, $\Delta V/V \approx -8\%$.

- White line A shifts to higher energy with pressure due to decrease in $U_{pc}$.
- Satellite B appears at higher pressures in the CsCl phase.
\[
\frac{dE}{dP} = 9 \times 10^{-2} \text{ eV/GPa} ; \quad \frac{dE}{dP} = 6.3 \times 10^{-2} \text{ eV/GPa} ;
\]
$U\text{Te}$ metallic; $C_{12} < 0$; Kondo effect

most localized $U$ compound studied

Shift by 2.8 eV between 0 and 18.8 GPa

Relative Energy (eV)

$\frac{dE}{dP} = 6 \times 10^{-2}$ eV/GPa

White-Line Position (eV)

$\frac{dE}{dP} = 20 \times 10^{-2}$ eV/GPa

Pressure (GPa)

$\square$ pressure released
UC, UN delocalized 5f states

(a) 

Relative Energy (eV)

(b) 

Pressure (GPa)

(c) 

White-Line Position (eV)

structural phase transitions

Pressure (GPa)
Summary and outlook

- XANES at various XA thresholds of An elements from XUV to hard x-ray region provides wealth of information on correlated 5f electronic structure.

- Without actinide beamline only L (and M)-edge studies feasible.

- \( \text{L}_{II} \)-XANES of light An compounds monitors 5f occupancy (valency) and 5f localization (covalency).

- \( \text{L}_{III} \)-XANES well suited for high-pressure studies

  Many-body theory needed for An-XANES results.

  Bright future with actinide beamline:
  - XANES studies at soft XA thresholds
  - Study of 5f magnetism by use of circular polarized light: magnetic circular dichroism.
Surface as a New Stage for Studying Actinides:  
Theoretical Study of the Surface Electronic Structure of Uranium

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Apart from traditional interests in surfaces—for example, studies of the physical properties of an interface between the vacuum and the bulk—the surface has been recognized as a new stage for constructing materials. They may be completely new materials or already known (but well controlled like defect-free single crystals). The advantage of this technique is that one can very easily control the lattice constants of crystals or even their structures by choosing suitable substrates for crystal growth. Although the crystals may grow only several layers, keeping the substrate lattice constant, they can normally be good representatives for studying the bulk properties of metals, and one can, of course, investigate a variety of interesting surface properties by varying the layer thickness.

As a prototype, we study theoretically the system in which U grows epitaxially on Pt(111) surfaces. Because relativistic effects play an important role in this system (generally for elements $Z > 50$), we first construct the fully relativistic, spin-polarized, surface Green function by the layer-KKR method. Once the Green function is obtained, one can essentially calculate any type of physical quantity: (spin-polarized) angle-resolved photoelectron current in UPS experiments, scattering intensities (also polarization) of electrons in LEED techniques, etc. Furthermore, the momentum-resolved, layer-projected density of states (DOS) can be easily calculated from the Green function itself, which is also helpful in analysis of experimental surface-spectroscopy data. Since our formalism is fairly general, we also discuss magnetically polarized systems and related surface-spectroscopy techniques.
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Discussion

I) Surface Spectroscopies and Sample Preparation

II) Theories of Surface Spectroscopies

III) Theoretical Study on U/Pt(111)
I) Surface Spectroscopies and Sample Preparation

Surface Spectroscopies

1. Strongly Interacting Probe

Low energy electrons: LEED
Vacuum Ultraviolet: UPS

etc.

2. Weakly Interacting Probe

High energy electron: RHEED
X-ray: XPS and Related Techniques
(The excited electrons are low-energetic or the signals are well-separated from the bulk signals.)

etc.

Sample Preparation

Choice of substrate plays an important role!

1. Lattice Constant

2. Reactivity

Celebrated Epitaxial Growth
(Layer-by-layer growth)
II) Theories of Surface Spectroscopies

The surface Green function plays a powerful role! $G(E, k'^n)$

0. Layer-projected Density of States
(Spectral Function of the quasiparticles)

\[
N(E, k'^n) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \ tr \ G(x, x'; E, k'^n)
\]

1. LEED $k'^n$

\[
I(E, k'^n) = \left| I_G(xD, xS; E, k'^n) \right|^2
\]

2. UPS $k'^n$

\[
I(E, k'^n) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \langle \phi_{\text{LEED}} | A G A^+ | \phi_{\text{LEED}} \rangle
\]

3. XPS and Related Techniques

\[
I(\omega) = \int dE \, dk'^n \, dk'' \, \text{tr} \ G(E + \omega, k'^n) A G(E, k'') A^t
\]

4. .....and any

Write any graph.
III) Theoretical Study on $U_{Pt(111)}$

Pt Substrate

UPS \( \theta_e = 0 \) \( \theta_{ph} = 0 \) Circular P.L

![Graph showing UPS spectra for Pt(111) with two peaks labeled $I^+$ and $I^-$ at 20 eV.]
Pt (111) Layer DOS

U-p(1x1)/Pt(111)

Pt Bulk Layer

ENERGY (eV)

LAYER DOS (a.u.)

\( \Lambda_{6} \)

\( \Lambda_{4+5} \)

\( \Lambda \) (C\text{3\text{}v})
**Group Theoretical Consideration**

**D: Pole selection rule**

\[ \left< \ell \left| Y_1^1 \right| i \right> \]

| \( \Lambda_6 \) | \( \uparrow \left| \alpha \right> \) | \( \downarrow \left| \beta \right> \) | \( \Lambda_6 \) |
|---|---|---|---|
| \( \Lambda_6^1 \) | \( Y_i^0 | \alpha \rangle \) | \( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (Y_3^3 - Y_3^{-3}) | \alpha \rangle \) | \( Y_i^0 | \beta \rangle \) | \( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (Y_3^3 - Y_3^{-3}) | \beta \rangle \) |
| \( \Lambda_6^2 \) | \( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (Y_3^3 + Y_3^{-3}) | \alpha \rangle \) | \( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (Y_3^3 + Y_3^{-3}) | \beta \rangle \) |
| \( \Lambda_6^3 \) | \( Y_i^1 | \beta \rangle \) | \( -Y_i^{-2} | \beta \rangle \) | \( Y_i^{-1} | \alpha \rangle \) | \( Y_i^2 | \alpha \rangle \) |

| \( \Lambda_{4+5} \) | \( e^{-i\phi} | \alpha \rangle \) | \( e^{i\phi} | \beta \rangle \) | \( \Lambda_{4+5} \) |
|---|---|---|---|
| \( \Lambda_{4+5}^3 \) | \( Y_i^{-1} | \beta \rangle \) | \( Y_i^1 | \alpha \rangle \) | \( Y_i^2 | \beta \rangle \) | \( -Y_i^{-2} | \alpha \rangle \) |

**Initial** | **Final** | by \( \Omega \) light

\[ \Lambda_6 \uparrow +100\% \rightarrow \Lambda_6 \]
\[ \Lambda_{4+5} \downarrow -100\% \rightarrow \Lambda_6 \]
MonoLayer U on Pt (111)

U-Layer DOS

U-p(1x1)/Pt(111) f.c.c. U Layer

U-p(1x1)/Pt(111) h.c.p. U Layer

ENERGY (eV)

LAYER DOS (a.u.)
U-p(1x1)/Pt(111)
Pt Topmost Layer
Spin Polarized LEED

U-p(1x1)/Pt(111)  f.c.c
(0,0)-beam  45 (deg)

U-p(1x1)/Pt(111)  h.c.p.
(0,0)-beam  45 (deg)
UPS $\theta_e = 0$ $\phi_{ph} = 0$ C.P.L.

**f.c.c.**

U-p(1x1)/Pt(111)

20 eV

**h.c.p.**

U-p(1x1)/Pt(111)

20 eV
U(111) f.c.c. Bulk Layer DOS

ENERGY (eV)

LAYER DOS (a.u.)

U(111)
Bulk Layer

\( - \Lambda_{6} \)
\( - \Lambda_{415} \)
U(111) s,p,d,f-decomposition

Bulk Layer

--- s,p
--- d
--- f

ENERGY (eV)

LAYER DOS (a.u.)
U(111) f.c.c.

U(111) 1st Layer

U(111) 2nd Layer

ENERGY (eV)

LAYER DOS (a.u.)
$\upsilon_{0e=0 \ \upsilon_{ph}=0 \ C.P.L.}$
Conclusion

Do it on the SURFACE !!!!
Spin analysis is highly recommended!

Thanks to J. van Ek
who provided self-consistent uranium potentials for various lattice constants.
Magnetic X-ray scattering experiments at resonant energies

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The cross sections for magnetic scattering of electromagnetic radiation were derived many years ago but are in general $\sim 10^{-6}$ of the familiar cross sections for charge scattering. The brilliance of present and projected synchrotron sources now make this technique one of considerable promise.\(^1\,2\) The X-ray technique is complementary to the more usual technique of neutron scattering, and gives the possibility to separate spin and orbital moments, and to use the high intrinsic wavevector resolution to observe subtle effects in both the magnetic and crystal structures.\(^3\)

An important discovery of resonant magnetic scattering was made by Gibbs et al.\(^4\,5\) in holmium. This occurs when the incident photon energy is tuned to certain absorption edges. A consequence is an enormous ($>10^5$ in the case of actinides) enhancement\(^6\) of the intensity, making the technique of particular importance in the study of f element magnetism. Resonance occurs when the an electron is excited into a shell in which there are already spin-polarized electrons. The relevant edges are shown in the Table.

We are examining the resonance itself to learn more about whether the predominant 'atomic' physics description\(^7\) contains information on the condensed-matter properties of the material. In Fig. 1 we show the intensities of the magnetic reflections as a function of energy as the latter is varied through the Mn and MIV absorption edges for the antiferromagnets USb and NpAs. The ratio of the intensities at the two edges can be calculated from first principles,\(^8\) and has been shown to be a sensitive measure of the 5f-occupancy and degree of crystal-field mixing in the electronic ground-state wavefunctions.

Table I
Representative elements of the different possible magnetic series, together
with the possible strong (E1) dipole transitions for resonant magnetic scattering, and the relevant X-ray energies and wavelengths (E = 12.398/\(\lambda\)).

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<td>3.49</td>
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Integrated intensities as a function of energy for the antiferromagnetic reflections of USb (top curve) and NpAs (bottom curve)

The resonant scattering can be used also to examine the magnetic structures. Because the wavevector resolution of X-ray from the synchrotron is intrinsically so good, the technique is extremely powerful and has already given valuable information on the spatial correlations in systems such as the heavy fermion URu2Si2, in which the moments are \(< 0.1 \mu_B\) and the magnetism is not truly 'long range' in the same sense as the crystal structure. A similar situation has been found by us in examining the complex magnetism in the solid solution.
U_{0.85}Th_{0.15}Sb with both neutrons and X-rays at resonant energies. More recently we have been examining the correlations that develop above T_N in antiferromagnetic NpAs and find that they are different as viewed by X-rays and neutrons. This raises the question of the surface sensitivity of the X-ray technique (the neutrons are a bulk probe). There are already indications that the near-surface volume (the penetration depth here is 2000 - 3000 Å) behaves differently from the bulk, and we anticipate more studies of this sort.

The prospects for resonant scattering are bright. By chance, the largest effects occur in the actinides, so that we should be exploiting them aggressively, particularly at the new 3rd generation sources. New areas one can envision are surface and multilayer magnetism, examination of transcurium samples at the microgram level, and inelastic magnetic scattering within the range of ~100 to 1000 meV.

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Magnetic Scattering of X-rays

The strongest interaction between photons and matter is through the charge (Thomson) term.

However the relativistic nature of electromagnetic radiation means that interactions between space and spin wave functions cannot be distinguished - so that there is a term sensitive to the electron spin state.

This 'magnetic' interaction is weaker by the term

\[ \frac{\hbar \omega}{mc^2} \sim 0.016 \text{ for } 8 \text{ keV photons.} \]

This was recognised by Gell-Mann & Goldberger in 1954

First experiments by de Bergevin & Brunel (CNRS, Grenoble) in 1981 with standard x-ray tubes.

But - synchrotrons have \( \sim 8 \) orders of magnitude more intensity than sealed x-ray tubes.
(3) Polarisation of the photons.

Magnetic scattering results in $\sigma$ to $\pi$ rotation of the plane of polarisation. This means that it may be isolated by polarisation analysis.

Beams from a bending magnet line are highly linearly polarised ($\sigma$). The magnetic cross section contains terms that allow the separation of the spin $S$ and orbital $L$ components of the magnetisation. This separation can be done only in certain cases with neutrons, e.g. our own work on UFe$_2$

(4) Tunability.

We have a constant, or nearly so, flux of photons over a wide range of energies.

This allows us to bring the energy near an absorption edge and observe RESONANT MAGNETIC SCATTERING.

We should emphasize that a complete theory for resonant scattering is not yet available.
There are 4 features of synchrotron radiation that are of particular interest.

(1) **Intensity**

This may allow us to see magnetic scattering from samples that are of nanogram size.

It may also allow the observation of the arrangements of spins on the surface by using grazing incidence techniques.

(2) **Wavevector resolution**

This can be up to 10 times better than possible with neutrons (because of the naturally high collimation of the photon beams). This allows the study of phase transitions (e.g. Ho, Er etc) to be performed with high precision. Lattice effects can also be studied.

For both of these effects *good* crystals are needed!

\[ \text{U R}_{2}\text{Si}_2 \] — E. Isaac, B. Faulin et al.
Magnetic scattering of photons

In the limit of high photon energy
the cross section is:

\[
\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{e^2}{mc^2}\right)^2 \text{tr} \left( \left\langle M_c - \frac{i\hbar \omega}{mc^2} M_m \right\rangle P \left\langle M_c - \frac{i\hbar \omega}{mc^2} M_m \right\rangle^\dagger \right)
\]

where \( \left\langle M_c \right\rangle = \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{Q}) \cdot \mathbf{X} \) charge density
\( \left\langle M_m \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{Q}) \cdot \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{Q}) \cdot \mathbf{B} \)

\( \mathbf{A} \) and \( \mathbf{B} \) depend on geometry.

Note that magnetic part is weak.

Modified by \( i \frac{\hbar \omega}{mc^2} \)
\( i \) — out of phase by \( \pi/2 \)

\( \frac{\hbar \omega}{mc^2} \) ratio of incident photon energy to rest mass of electron
\( mc^2 = 511 \text{ keV} \)
So with \( \frac{\hbar \omega}{mc^2} = 8 \text{ keV} \)
magnetic amplitude is down to \( \sim 1\% \)

\( P \) is density matrix for incident polarization.
The determination of magnetic structures appears possible, but the intensities are very small. These experiments are difficult.

Magnetic structures are much easier done with neutrons.

Neutrons can easily determine magnetic structures from powders, none yet with X-rays.

X-rays are and will be used to study in more detail systems already known, and special examples, e.g. surfaces and very small samples.

Antiferromagnets already examined:

\begin{align*}
\text{MnF}_2 & \quad \text{Ho} & \quad \text{UAs} \\
\text{Cr} & \quad \text{Dy} & \quad \text{UO}_2 \\
\text{Tm} & \quad \text{Er} & \quad \text{USb} \\
\text{Sm} & \quad \text{U}_0\text{.}_8\text{Th}_{0\cdot15}\text{Sb} \\
\text{Gd - Y} & \quad \text{NpAs} \\
\text{Ho - Y} &
\end{align*}
Resonant Magnetic Scattering

We now come to the 'tunability' of a synchrotron source, i.e. the fact that photons of all wavelengths are emitted and not just a characteristic wavelength (e.g. Cu Kα at $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ Å}$)

X-ray resonances arise from electric multipole transitions between core levels and unoccupied electronic states near the Fermi edge.

Take $L_{\text{III}}$ in Ho $8.07 \text{ keV, } 1.54 \text{ Å}$

$E1$ dipole $2p_3/2 \rightarrow 5d_5/2$

$E2$ quadrupole $2p_3/2 \rightarrow 4f_5/2$

A strong enhancement of the scattering amplitude occurs so that

$$\langle M_m \rangle \Rightarrow \frac{\langle M_m \rangle}{\left( \frac{E_1 - E_2 - k\omega}{\Gamma/2} - i \right)}$$

at resonance

$$k\omega = E_1 - E_2$$

$\Gamma$ is width.
Resonant Scattering

The increase in the amplitude as a result of resonance will depend on:

(a) The lifetime effects
(b) The extent of overlap of the wavefunction of excited and existing unpaired electron states.
(c) The order of the multipole interaction.

e.g. Ho

$2p_{3/2} \rightarrow 5d_{5/2}$  \hspace{1cm} E1
small occupied DOS \hspace{1cm} large matrix element

$2p \rightarrow 4f$  \hspace{1cm} E2
large DOS \hspace{1cm} small matrix element

Gibbs et al. PRL 61, 1241 (1988)
see enhancement of $\sim 50$

Hamon et al. PRL 61, 1245 (1988)
interpret data and emphasize that dipole (E1) + large DOS will give a big effect.
Resonance Exchange Scattering in UAs.

Notice the enormous increase in intensity at $M_{IV}$.

Exp. at NSLS, Brookhaven Nat. Lab, USA.
Resonances — where will they be useful?

\[
E = \frac{12.4}{\lambda \text{ (keV)}}
\]

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<td>9.2</td>
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<td>( 5f ) U ( M_{IV}, M_{V} ) 3d ( \rightarrow ) 5f</td>
<td>3.73</td>
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Clearly, actinides are the best

\( \lambda = 3.3 \text{ Å} \) can get a few reflections
poor penetration
low incident intensity
\& strongly absorbed by air

\[
\begin{align*}
M_{IV} & \quad 3d_{3/2} \rightarrow 5f_{5/2} \\
M_{V} & \quad 3d_{5/2} \rightarrow 5f_{7/2}
\end{align*}
\]

Bragg's law \( 2d \sin \theta = \lambda \)
for most materials \( d_{\max} \sim 4 \text{ Å} \), \( \lambda \leq 6 \text{ Å} \)
Analogue in absorption measurements is circular dichroism.

Here because it is a $q=0$ measurement one must separate the normal and 'magnetic' contributions to the absorption.

This is done by using circular polarization (which has an imaginary component i) and reversing the applied field direction $\pm \mathbf{H}$ and measuring the difference in absorption.

G. Schütz et al. at Hamburg.

PRL 58, 737 (1987)
PRL 62, 2620 (1989)

$\text{U}_2\text{O}_2$

(c)

$\log_{10}(\text{INT. INTENSITY } \times \mu)$

ENERGY (eV)

3500 3600 3700 3800 3900

Solid line is fit with 2 resonances.

"Atomic physics" describes resonance behaviour.

Widths close to resolution and expected core-hole lifetimes ($\sim 5\text{eV}$)

Ratios of heights give "Branching Ratios"
Tang et al (1991) 1104651

![Graph](graph.png)

\[
\log_{10}(\text{INT. INTENSITY } \times \mu)
\]

\[
\text{ENERGY (eV)}
\]

Separation \(\approx\) binding energy

\(\Rightarrow\) spin-orbit splitting of 5f shell.
Calculation of branching ratios
by Paolo Carra of the ESRF, Grenoble.

"ab initio" atomic calculations

all transitions possible for the transitions

$5f^2 (^3 H_4) \rightarrow 3d^9 5f^3$

and $5f^3 (^4 I_{9/2}) \rightarrow 3d^9 5f^4$

then, convoluted with Lorentzian shape
(a) $^{4+}U: 5f^2$

(b) $^{3+}U: 5f^3$

Energy (eV)
Variation (Branching ratio)$^2$
vs 5$f$ electron occupation.

![Graph showing the relationship between branching ratio and 5f electron occupation for different ions.](image-url)
Absorption of $\mu = 2 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ means attenuation of beam $e^{-\mu t}$

$I/I_0 = 0.2 \quad t \approx 8000 \text{ Å (0.8 µm)}$

Penetration (if $2 \theta_b = 60^\circ$) $\sim 2000 \text{ Å}$

Near surface probe.
$U_{0.85} Th_{0.15} Sb.$

$\text{uth. 06 \#77 78 79 81 82 220K } T>T_N$

Paramagnetic

$T=200K$

$T<T_N$

$[\text{L (C*)}]$

$10^{-4} 10^{-3} 10^{-2} 10^{-1} 10^{0}$

$1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0$
**Future Prospects**

**Intensity**

Surface magnetism

Critical scattering (helped also by resolution)

Nanogram quantities of actinides (using resonance)

Inelastic scattering?

**Resolution**

New details of magnetic structures and coupling to the lattice. Correlation lengths.

**Polarization**

Separation of L and S

**Tunability**

We need a complete theory to be able to relate moments to the signal measured.

Branching ratio - new information on the electronic structure.

Orbital moment
Prospects

(1) Need 3.5–5 keV possibility of circular polarization
(2) Can use Be window at sample but want as little as possible in beam.
   At BNL we lose a factor of 60!
(3) Presently have a ‘flake’ of NpAs, 1.5x1.5x1 mm
   ~ 12 mg.
   > 20,000 cts/sec in mag. peak.
   we can estimate that exp. can be done on nanogram samples
The magnetism of higher actinides is unknown
   \( \Rightarrow \) gives us information on electronic structure.
Objective

Physics and chemistry of actinides are increasing their interest. Many successful experiments have been performed on the so-called "heavy fermion", or narrow band system particularly on uranium by using synchrotron radiation. It would be of great interest to extend photoemission studies beyond uranium and to study localization of the 5f electrons quantitatively with a certain experimental method to separate the spin and orbital components.

Recently, we constructed a new beamline at the Photon Factory, KEK. The aim of construction is to study unsealed radioactive materials, to obtain the know-how on design and installation of a beamline and to investigate necessary optics and instrumental specifications of the SPring-8 beamline for radioactive material research.

Outlines

The beamline is designed to accept radiations emitted from a bending magnet. Outline of the beamline is schematically shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The basic design of the front end is similar to those of the conventional type in the KEK-PF. The beamline is divided into two branch beamlines by means of a fixed mask. One is a soft x-ray [1.6-6 keV] beamline, BL-27A, which adopts a focusing optical system with a bent-cylindrical CVD-SiC mirror and an InSb (111) flat double-crystal monochromator. All the optical components are installed in ultra-high vacuum. The first crystal of the monochromator is cooled using a heat pipe. The BL-27A has two tandem experimental stations. The upstream station is located at halfway to the focusing point in order to get a large beam size (>20 mm x 5 mm) for the irradiation of biological samples. The downstream station is located at the
focus point to be used for photoelectron spectroscopy. The estimated photon flux is \(5 \times 10^{10} \text{cps} \) for 3 keV x-rays with an energy resolution of \(4 \times 10^{-4}\) for 200 mA beam current. The other is an x-ray [4-17 keV] beamline, BL-27B. The BL-27B is designed for XAFS and XRD. Horizontal focusing is achieved by a Si(111) sagittally focusing double-crystal monochromator and vertical focusing is achieved by a downstream bent mirror. The flux of 10 keV x-rays is estimated to be \(1 \times 10^{11}\text{cps}\) with an energy resolution of \(2 \times 10^{-4}\) for 200 mA beam current.

There are some new design concepts for this beamline different from those of the conventional beamlines. Firstly, two monitor chambers (RI ports) for an eventual radioactive contamination are installed. The radioactivity of those monitors will be checked at regular intervals. Secondly, two additional fast closing valves and a buffer chamber are installed as shown in Fig.2 in the soft x-ray beamline. These are against an eventual accident of scattering of the radioactive samples as well as an event of the vacuum failure. Thirdly, a capton foil mounted on SUS wires of 200 meshes is inserted in front of the experimental area of the soft x-ray beamline. Although the radiations of the VUV region of the energy less than 300 eV are cut by the foil, more than 80% transparency is guaranteed for soft x-rays of the energy above 1 keV.

Figure 1. Layout of optical components for BL-27A&B.
Figure 2. Schematic view of BL-27 showing the layout of beamline components.
BEAMLINE INSTRUMENTS FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

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Objectivis

1. To study radioactive materials irradiated with high energy particle beams
2. To study actinoid compounds
3. To study bio-specimens includes radioisotopes as tracers
Plan View of the Photon Factory
The BL-27 consists of two branch beamlines, BL-27A and BL-27B.

BL-27A (Soft X-ray Line)

Energy region: 1.8 - 6 keV
Acceptance angle: 5 mrad
Optical devices: double crystal monochromator InSb(111)
                SiC bent cylindrical mirror
Stations: Radiation Biology Studies
          X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS)

BL-27B (Hard X-ray Line)

Energy region: 4 - 20 keV
Acceptance angle: 4 mrad
Optical devices: double crystal monochromator Si(111)
                with sagittal focusing mechanism
Station: XAFS
         X-ray Diffraction
Characteristics of BL-27

1. Kapton Film Window (7.9 μm thick)

2. Two Fast Closing Valves

3. RI Ports : Special components for quick survey of the radioactive contamination in the beamline

4. Specially Designed Masks
BL-27 Control Area

BL-27 污染管理区域想定図
BL-27で使用する核燃料物質及びRIの種類、形状、量について

（Elements & Compounds which can be used at BL-27）

1. アクチノイド系物質
元素除 U、Th
主な化学形態
酸化物 UO₂CO₃、UO₂C₂O₄、UO₂SO₄、CuU₃O₄、CuCO₄
   CuU₃O₁₀、UXOY
   Th(CO₃)₂、Th(SO₄)₂、Th(C₂O₄)₂、ThXOY等
炭化物 UXCY、ThXCY
空化物 UXNY、ThXNY
その他の金属間化合物（Metalic compounds）

2. RI含有物質（Matters including following radio-isotope）
主な核種

2群 Na-22、Si-32、Ca-45、Ti-44、V-49、Mn-54、
   Co-56、Co-57、Co-58、Co-60、Ni-63、Zn-65、
   Ge-68、As-73、Sr-85、Sr-89、Y-88、Y-91、Zr-88、
   Zr-95、Nb-93、Nb-95、Tc-95、Tc-97、Ag-105、
   Ag-110、Sn-113、Sn-119、Sb-123、Sb-124、Cs-134、
   Cs-137、Ba-133、Ce-139、Ce-141、Ce-144、Hf-172、
   Hf-175、Hf-181、Ta-179、Ta-182、W-181、W-185、
   W-188、Pt-193、Au-195、Tl-204、

3群 P-32、P-33、S-35、V-48、Cr-48、Mn-52、Ca-47、
   Fe-52、Fe-55、Fe-59、Ni-57、Ni-66、Cu-64、
   Cu-67、Zn-62、Zn-69m、Zn-72、Ge-69、Ge-77、
   As-71、As-72、As-74、As-76、As-77、Sr-82、
   Sr-91、Y-87、Y-90、Y-93、Zr-89、Zr-97、Nb-90、
   Mo-99、Tc-95、Tc-96、Tc-99m、Pd-100、Pd-103、
   Pd-109、Ag-111、Sn-121、Sn-125、Sb-119、Sb-120、
   Sb-122、Sb-126、Sb-127、Sb-128、Cs-129、Cs-131、
   Cs-132、Cs-135、Nd-147、Ta-183、W-178、W-187、
   Pt-188、Pt-191、Pt-193m、Pt-195m、Pt-197、
   Au-196、Au-198、Au-199

4群 H-3、C-14

3. 形状、取扱い量
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Schematic Layout of Beam Line for RI and Actinoid experiments (BL-27)

- **Source**: Beam line begins with a source.
- **Mask**: Positioned after the source, aligns the beam.
- **Focusing Mirror**: Helps in focusing the beam with an angular spread of 5 mrad.
- **Double Crystal Si (111) Monochromator**: Positioned after the focusing mirror, with a sagittal focusing system.
- **Sealed Wall**: Surrounds the monochromator part of the beam line.
- **Double Crystal InSb (111) Monochromator**: Located after the sealed wall, for further refinement of the beam.
- **Samples**: Sample 1, Sample 2, Sample 3 are placed at various points along the beam line, with BL-27A and BL-27B identifiers.

Additional details:
- The beam is collimated at 1.47 mrad before entering the double crystal monochromator.
- A focusing mirror with a sagittal focusing system is positioned before the sealed wall.
- The beam angle is adjusted to 1.6° post-the focusing mirror.

The diagram shows the path of the beam line from the source to the final samples, indicating the beam's path and angular adjustments at various stages.
カプトン窓概観図
(Kapton Window for Soft X-ray Beamline)
Kapton Window
Mirror Chamber
Soft X-Ray Monochromator with Heat Pipe
"The Search for X-Ray Absorption Magnetic Circular Dichroism in Actinide Materials: Preliminary Experiments using UFe$_2$ and U-S"

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Recently we began a series of experiments using near-edge-x-ray-absorption-fine structure (NEXAFS) looking for magnetic-circular-dichroism (MCD) in the magnetic actinide materials UFe$_2$ and U-S. These experiments were performed at SSRL using the University of California/National Laboratories PRT Beamline 8–2(1,2). This SGM beamline permits us to access the 2p $\rightarrow$ 3d transition of Fe ($B^F = 707, 720$ eV) and the 4d $\rightarrow$ 5f transition of U ($B^U = 736, 778$ eV). Absorption experiments with circularly-polarized x-rays(2) should allow direct, elementally-specific interrogation of the magnetic and related electronic structure of these materials, in analogy with the results from magnetic x-ray scattering(3). Our initial experiments utilized NEXAFS(4), but in the future they will also be expanded to include core-level photoemission(5) as well. The preliminary results for these systems will be presented, as well as a simplified, single-electron theoretical framework for approximate spin analysis of NEXAFS-MCD(4,6,7). The limitations of this approach will be discussed in light of results from many-body calculations(8).

Finally, we will describe how the orders-of-magnitude improvement in brightness at the ALS, plus the establishment of a dedicated transactinium facility will open the door for an unprecedented opportunity for both basic science using 5f elements, as well as improving the overall understanding of the physical and chemical properties of actinide materials.

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X-ray absorption magnetic circular dichroism in actinide materials

- Preliminary study
  - Polycrystalline UFe$_2$ and sulphur on polycrystalline U at SSRL

- Magnetic uranium compounds

- Beamline 8–2 at SSRL (moving to ALS)

- MCD effects in x-ray absorption and photoemission
  - Experiments with 3d materials
  - Projections for 5f systems

- Photoemission of S/U and UFe$_2$

- Near-edge x-ray absorption of S/U and UFe$_2$
Ferromagnetic uranium compounds

Ordered magnetic moments of actinide monopnictides and monochalcogenides. Open circles - ferromagnetic; closed circles - antiferromagnetic. From Landolt Bornstein III/12c

Magnetization of a uranium monosulfide crystal (specimen C1) as a function of relative angle in the (110) plane at 75K. Gmelin Handbook in Inorganic Chemistry, 8th Ed.

Magnetic transition temperatures of actinide monopnictides and -chalcogenides.

Reduced magnetization $\sigma(T)/\sigma(0)$ vs. reduced temperature $T/T_c$ for four ferromagnetic AF$_2$-type intermetallic compounds. "The Physics of Actinide Materials," P. Ersos and J.A. Robinson. For UFe$_2; T_c = 172$K.
Spherical Grating Monochromator
Beamline (8-2) at SSRL

Outputs of the Beamline VIII bending magnet and Beamline X wiggler for SPEAR operating at 3 GeV and 100 mA. Changing the wiggler magnetic field (measured in teslas) changes the deflection parameter $K$ and the output spectra.

Three Beamlines
X-2 Wiggler
VIII-1 Toroidal Grating Mono
VIII-2 Spherical Grating Mono
Nanoscale magnetics: Beamline 8–2

High resolution x-ray absorption by gases

$N_2 1s-\pi^*$ Absorption

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Helicity selection and detection

Helicity selection and detection

View of Electrons In Ring

Left

Linear

Right

Selection

- Originally moved first mirror
- Now move selection aperture

Detection

- CoPd multilayers in I0 section

In collaboration with Jo Stöhr et al., of IBM-Almaden Research and M. Rowen of SSRL
Transmission multilayer structures produce useful phase retardation in the $h\nu \approx 50 - 300$ eV range.

transmitted field amplitude ratio $t_s/t_p = |t_s/t_p|e^{-i\Delta}$

transmitted intensity $\approx 20\%$

incident linear

transmitted elliptical ($\Delta = 50^\circ$)

$\nu = 97$ eV
Mo/Si multilayer
$d = 8.75$ nm
20 periods

Kortright and Underwood, NIM, A291, 272 (1990)
Nanoscale magnetics – Vector alignment

Normal incidence

(electron energy analyzer)

Grazing incidence

(electron energy analyzer)

For perpendicular magnetization

For parallel magnetization
Nanoscale magnetics – Photoemission

Photoemission

1. Fix photon energy
2. Choose helicity – above, in, or below plane or ring
3. "Align" magnetization and helicity vectors
4. Vary kinetic energy of accepted electrons

![Graph showing electron energy distribution](image)

Photon Energy 550 eV

2.5 ML of Fe/Cu(001)

- Valence bands
- Cu3p
- Fe3s
- Fe3p

Intensity (arbitrary units) vs. Binding energy (eV)
Nanoscale magnetics – Absorption of x-rays

**Electron emission**

1. Choose low Ke window
2. Choose helicity: above, in, or below plane or ring
3. "Align" magnetization and helicity vectors
4. Scan photon energy (LV)

**Absorption spectrum**

Photoemission

kinetic energy
**X-Ray Magnetic Circular Dichroism - Near Edge X-Ray Absorption Fine Structure**

Electric dipole selection rules

right circular pol: $\Delta m_l = +l$, $\Delta m_j = +l$, $\Delta m_s = 0$

left circular pol: $\Delta m_l = -l$, $\Delta m_j = -l$, $\Delta m_s = 0$

Fe $2p \rightarrow 3d$

$$BR = \frac{I(2p^{3/2})}{I(2p^{3/2}) + I(2p^{1/2})}$$

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NEXAFS MCD–simplified, approximate analysis

\[ BR_{TH} = \frac{3 + 2(1 - \alpha)\beta + 2(1 - \beta)\alpha}{6} \]

\[ MM = 2(10 - n) \left[ \frac{3BR' - 2}{2\beta - 1} \right] = 2(10 - n) \left[ \frac{3BR' - 2}{P} \right] \]

- **BR** = Branching ratio
- **\( \alpha \)** = Spin-down polarization
- **\( \beta \)** = Right circular polarization
- **MM** = Magnetic moment
- **P** = 2\( \beta - 1 \), circular polarization
- **BR'** = Normalized branching ratio
- **n** = Configuration # (n = 6 for Fe)

Assumptions include:
- Single electron picture
- Nonstatistical effects can be "normalized out" in BR
- Only \( p \rightarrow d \) transition, electric dipole
- No coupling of majority and minority density of states
- Dominant octahedral crystal field splitting (or isotropic potential)
- Complete orbital quenching
- \( g = 2 \)

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*2\( \mu_B \)/Fe atom, 90% circular polarization*
Nanoscale magnetics: NEXAFS MCD

Temperature studies:
Loss of remanent magnetization

4 ML Fe/Cu (001) NEXAFS

Intensity (arb. units)

Photon energy (eV)

4 ml Fe/Cu(001)
Negative magnetization, negative helicity
Nanoscale magnetics: Core level photoemission → exchange splitting

4 ML Fe/Cu(001) Fe 2p

(A) Right Circular Polarization

(B) Parallel Antiparallel
X-Ray Magnetic Circular Dichroism: Core Level Photoemission

Asymmetry of the photoemission intensity observed for parallel (I_p) and antiparallel (I_A) orientation of photon spin and sample magnetization, \( A = (I_p - I_A)/(I_p + I_A) \).

Spin orbit and exchange splitting

Baumgarten et al., PRL, 65, 492 (1990)
Bulk Fe PES
X-Ray Magnetic Circular Dichroism: Core Level Photoemission

From Baumgarten, et al., PRL 65, 492 (1990)
[Bulk Fe Pes]
Spin-Dependent Core Level Photoemission

Angle-resolved photoemission spectra with \( h\nu = 190 \text{ eV} \) of the Fe 3s exchange splitting for 1.6 ML Fe/Cu(001). The splitting is \( \sim 3.8 \text{ eV} \).
MCD–NEXAFS and photoemission of Fe/Cu(001)

- Giant effect in NEXAFS MCD

- Simplified approximate analysis: \[ BR_{TH} = \frac{3 + 2(1 - \alpha)\beta + 2(1 - \beta)\alpha}{6} \]

- Perpendicular moment at low coverage–NEXAFS

- Parallel moment at high-coverage–NEXAFS

- Core-level photoemission \( \rightarrow \) exchange splitting
  - Ultrathin film value < bulk Fe
X-ray absorption MCD in actinides: Projections

Fig. 1. The top panels: calculated $4d \rightarrow 5f$ x-ray absorption spectra. The right sides correspond to $4d3/2$ components and the left sides to $4d5/2$. The second panels: the same curves, on the same scale, for each $\Delta J$ final state. The third panels: MXD spectra for linearly polarized light. The bottom panel: MXD spectra for circularly polarized light at $T = 0$ K, RCP (solid curves) and LCP (dashed curves). From Ogasawara, Kotani and Thole, Phys. Rev. B., 44, 2169 (1991).

Simple one-electron picture $d \rightarrow f$ transitions

$$BR_{TH} = \frac{2}{5} [1 + (1 - \alpha) \beta + (1 - \beta) \alpha]$$

$\alpha = \%$ down spin polarization; $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$

$\beta = \%$ right spin polarization; $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$

Only appropriate for systems without spin-orbit splitting (e.g., $L = 0$ Gd$^{3+}(4f^7)$ and $L = 0$ Am$^{2+}(5f^7)$, Cm$^{3+}(5f^7)$)
Resonant photoemission at SSRL

S/Poly-U

ANNEALED

Polycrystalline UFe2

ANNEXED

SPUTTERED

PHOTON ENERGY

10BEV

102EV

10BEV

102EV

BINDING ENERGY (EV)

PHOTON ENERGY

10BEV

102EV

10BEV

102EV

BINDING ENERGY (EV)
Actinides — Proposed MCD studies

UF\textsubscript{e}2 near edge structure

\begin{align*}
\text{Fe}2\text{p} & \rightarrow 3\text{d} \\
\text{U}4\text{d} & \rightarrow 5\text{f}
\end{align*}

Intensity

Photon Energy (eV)

Tobin, Waddill, Gouder, and Colmenares
Probing for MCD in S/Poly-U

S/U NEXAFS

Intensity (arb. units)

Energy (eV)

Negative Magnetization

--- Right

----- Left
MCD in uranium compounds – prospects

- Elemental specificity: Useful for complex systems
- 100x brightness improvement in move to ALS
- Multilayers: Chaiken and Jankowski (in development...)
- Microscopic samples with ALS spectromicroscopy facility?
- X-ray absorption and photoemission with uranium
  - $4d \rightarrow 5f$ $B_F = 778, 736$ eV
  - $5d \rightarrow 5f$ $B_F = 103, 94$ eV
- Actinide facility: Expand beyond U$^{238}$
  - Chalcogenides and pnictides of actinide elements often exhibit strong magnetic effects. MCD measurements will provide stringent benchmarks for modeling of such systems and MCD may provide additional analytical capabilities for monitoring corrosion.
The Laser Plasma Laboratory Light Source: A Source of Preliminary Transuranic Data

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The 5f electron series of elements is unique in the periodic table with its richness of narrow band phenomena. Electron spectroscopy, particularly photoemission using tunable light, offers the best means of exploring the electronic structure of the 5f's. While it has indeed been employed extensively in the study of uranium and its compounds, it is the elements beyond uranium which seem to offer the best potential for understanding the localization-delocalization mechanism. However, the inherent dangers of working with highly radioactive materials at a soft X-ray synchrotron source (sample encapsulation is not possible in the soft X-ray regime) have prevented, at least up to now, the utilization of this technique for transuranics. X-Ray Photoemission Spectroscopy in the laboratory has proven to be a valuable resource, but it cannot address many of the unique properties of the 5f's which can only be probed with tunable light. In particular, it is resonant photoemission which is the most powerful tool for separating the orbital character of the photoelectron features.

The proposed transuranic beamline will solve most of the above problems provided that the performance in the 80 eV to 200 eV range, the region of the 5f resonances, is adequate, and provided that sufficient beam time is available for users. To a large extent, however, many of the measurements can be accomplished on a rather inexpensive poor man's light source, sometimes called the laser plasma light source. The integrated output intensity of this source is related to the power of the laser light impinging on the target, combined with the collection solid angle of the first mirror. With the right set of parameters it can equal the intensity of a bending magnet beamline over a limited range of photon energies. Thus, much of the work can be done in one's own laboratory without the need to transport radioactive samples in an era when the public is overly sensitized to the dangers of radioactivity. Only crucial experiments can be reserved for the undulator beamline which is likely to be over-subscribed in any case.

A schematic diagram of the Laser plasma source is given below (see Fig. 1). A high intensity excimer laser light (700 mJ/pulse, 30 nsec/pulse, 200 Hz) is focused on to a metal target to produce a high temperature plasma in a ≈100 micron area of the target. Some metals such as

Fig. 1 Schematic of the Laser Plasma Light Source.
gold will re-radiate a continuum of light, essentially black body radiation, which can be collected and focused on a monochromator, and subsequently focused on a sample for purposes of photoelectron spectroscopy. Because the entire light source, together with the monochromator and the spectrometer, must fit within the confines of one's laboratory, one cannot have the luxury of high-resolution monochromators such as a TGM. Instead, a compact variable-grooved grating monochromator from Hettrick Scientific, with a resolving power of about 500, and an energy range from ≈30 to ≈200 eV, with fixed entrance and exit slits, will be employed. Thus it should be possible to obtain about 200 meV resolution in the region of the 5f resonances. This is still only about a factor of 2 worse than some of the best resolutions presently reported in this energy range at this time. The data collection system will consist of multi-channel charge integration rather than pulse counting, since the individual electrons will be too closely bunched during a single pulse to separate them out.

In order to enable us to work with highly radioactive transuranic materials in our laboratory it will still be necessary to develop a glove-box and sample transfer system whereby a specimen surface can be prepared in a "hot" sample preparation chamber (see Fig. 2). After the surface is prepared, the sample can then be transferred into the spectrometer chamber via a series of right angle transfers thereby avoiding direct line of sight from the specimen chamber, and further insuring that only the small sample holder, rather than the entire transfer arm, is the only contamination introduced into the spectrometer chamber. In this way we feel that contamination can be kept to a minimum. Once the sample is in the chamber and cooled to some low temperature, subsequent cleaning can be effected with a light laser pulse on the sample.

A potentially useful side benefit of the laser source is the prospect of doing pump-and-probe experiments with two lasers to study empty states at high resolution. Because of the high photon intensity per pulse (≈10^8 photons) at the sample, combined with the slow rep rate, one can actually do better in the way of usable photon flux than is possible at bending magnet sources by at least 3 orders of magnitude, primarily because one is only able to use ≈10^3 bunches at best at a synchrotron.

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The Laser Plasma Light Source: A Source of Preliminary Data for the Transuranics

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Work Supported by the U.S. Department of Energy
Need For Tunable Light

* Resonance -- Separate out f-component
* Cross-section variation (Cooper Minima)
* Angle-Resolved Studies
* Surface vs Bulk Studies
* CFS and CIS Spectra
* Pump and Probe
Why the Need for the LPLS?

* Primary reason is safety!
  a) Highly radioactive samples
  b) Cannot use windows in the XUV range
  c) Real risk of contaminating an expensive ring
  d) Many suffer in case of contamination

* LPLS is very inexpensive

* Only a few individuals involved

* No need to transport samples

* Security at LANL already in place

* Long term Storage of Samples

\textit{Undulator will in any case be over-subscribed!}

\textit{In no way can this source replace the undulator if the safety considerations are resolved!}

* Intensity 1 to 2 orders of magnitude down

* No polarization

* Cannot reach ultra-high resolution

\textit{But it does have a favorable time structure for time resolved studies!}
Schematic Diagram of Laser System

Rotating Target
Collecting Mirror
Focusing Lens
KrF Excimer Laser

Monochromator
Grating
Slits
Experimental Chamber
Sample
To Glove box
Specifications

I. The Laser (Lambda Physik)

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II. The Target (Acton Research)

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III. The Monochromator (Hettrick Scientific)

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IV. The Analyzer (VSW Angle Resolved)

- 50 mm Radius
- Multichannel detection
- Charge Integration
Schematic representation of the Laser Plasma Light Source, (a) side view, (b) front view.
UO$_2$ (100) NORMAL EMISSION EDCs

(a) AMPLITUDE (arb. units)

E ($eV$)

(b) ENERGY ($eV$)

E$_v$ac

5f's

E$_f$

5f

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$URh_3B_x$

$x=0.0$

$x=0.4$

$x=0.75$

Intensity [arb. units]

Energy [eV]
URh$_3$

$\nu = 99$ eV

$\nu = 100$ eV

Difference
(5f Spectrum)
THEORY \((U5f_{5/2})\)

- \(URh_3\)
- \(URh_3B\)

DOS (ARBIT. UNITS)

ENERGY (eV)

D. E. Koelling
Cross Sections in UBe₁₃

Boring, Weinberger, Albers, Schadler
Data from “upt3.5f 108”

UPt$_3$ – 5f
UGe$_3$ – 5f

Intensity (Arb. Units)

Energy (eV)
$\text{UPd}_3$

$\text{UPd}_{2.95}\text{Pt}_{0.05}$

Intensity (Arb. Units)

Energy Below $E_F$
a) UPd$_{1.2}$ Pt$_{1.8}$

b) UPt$_3$ - 5f

Energy Relative To $E_F$

5f intensity (Arb. Units)
$5f$ Intensity

- $\text{U}_{\text{Rh}_3} \text{B}_{0.4}$
- $\text{U}_{\text{Rh}_3} \text{B}_{0.8}$
- $\text{U}_{\text{Rh}_3} \text{B}_{1.0}$
- $\text{U}_{\text{Ir}_3}$

Intensity (Arb. Units)

Energy (eV)
Usn3 minus Uge3 at 99eV
Res-Anti.CeSb.DIFF1
hv=120 - hv=113 normalized to 'd' feature at -2 eV

CeSb $T \sim LN_2$

Intens. & Ke adj. for d feature $\Theta -2eV$
to line-up: Res $\rightarrow \hbar\nu = 120 eV$
Anti Res $\rightarrow \hbar\nu = 113 eV$
Resonant Ce 4f PE spectra of γ-Ce metal, α-Ce metal, and CeIr$_2$, taken at the Ce 4d (left panel) and Ce 3d (right panel) thresholds, with 700 meV spectral solution in both cases. The solid lines through the data points serve as a guide to the eyes.
ResAntiRes.CeSb.Diff
$\text{UPt}_3$ (10T0)

$h\nu = 40 \text{ eV}$
UPt$_3$ and UPd$_{1.2}$ Pt$_{1.8}$

Complete Spectra at Resonance
Data from "updpt18.5f113"

- $^{\text{UPt}_3$
- $^{\text{UPd}_{1.2}\text{Pt}_{1.8}}$

5f spectra only

Localized

Itinerant
[Image of a diagram showing various compounds and their phase behavior. The image includes labels for compounds such as URh$_3$, UPd$_3$, and UPt$_3$, and phases like (AuCu$_3$), (TiNi$_3$), and (MgCd$_3$). At one point, it indicates 'heavy fermion'.]
UPd$_{1-x}$Pt$_x$

- $x=0$
- $x=0.025$
- $x=0.05$
- $x=1.0$
- $x=1.8$
- $x=1.5$

Intensity (Arb. Units)

Energy (eV)
$I_{UPd_{1.5}Pt_{1.5}}$
ELECTRON SPECTROSCOPY OF HEAVY FERMION ACTINIDE MATERIALS *

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The actinides belong to the general category of materials often called by the term "narrow band," by which it is meant that correlations induced by Coulomb interactions play an important role in determining their properties. The 5f electrons of the actinides are generally regarded as being more localized than the transition metal 3d electrons, but less localized than the rare earth 4f electrons. Given that the band model seems to be a good starting point for describing the 3d electrons of the elemental transition metals, but that the atomic model seems to be the proper starting point for describing the 4f electrons of the rare earth elements, it is perhaps not surprising that the full range of bandlike to atomic behavior seems to be found in actinide elements and compounds. For the elements, the usual understanding is that, as one progresses to the right across the actinide row, the transition from bandlike to atomic occurs between Pu and Am. As with the transition metals, atomic behavior can be induced by making compounds. For example, an atomic model is a better starting point than band theory for describing the 3d and 5f electrons of NiO and UO₂, respectively.

Heavy fermion behavior is a narrow band property, found in both rare earth and actinide materials, and perhaps even transition metal materials, which highlights the tension between the band and atomic viewpoints especially well. The defining characteristic is that the T-linear specific heat coefficient \( \gamma \), which is proportional to the density of states at the Fermi energy for an electron gas is found to be 50 to 1000 times larger than for a free electron gas. Phenomenologically, the large \( \gamma \) suggests a very small bandwidth. Band calculations for such materials do find reduced bandwidths but the predicted \( \gamma \)-values are still 20 to 50 times less than the measured values. A quite different approach which has met with great success for rare earth materials models the 4f electrons as strongly correlated atomic states, hybridized with bandlike conduction band states. This approach leads to the Kondo picture in which the rare earth magnetic moment is quenched by formation of a many-body singlet ground state, but where spin fluctuations occur on the scale of the Kondo temperature \( T_K \). The evolution of the spin entropy over the energy and temperature range \( T_K \) gives a T-linear specific heat contribution with coefficient \( \gamma \sim 1/T_K \). In this picture, heavy Fermion behavior is naturally explained by very small \( T_K \) values associated with the quenching of atomic magnetic moments. However, the story comes full circle again with the realization that low temperature electrical properties display the translational symmetry of the lattice, and that f-electron Fermi surfaces in fair to excellent agreement with predictions of band theory have been found for some heavy fermion materials.

Spectroscopic studies of Kondo behavior have centered on Ce and Yb materials. The signature of Kondo behavior in the single-particle f spectrum, measured by photoemission spectroscopy (PES) and inverse photoemission spectroscopy (IPES), is the appearance of a peak near the Fermi energy \( E_F \) called the Kondo resonance. In Ce, for example, the resonance lies between a \( 4f^{1} \rightarrow 4f^{0} \) atomic ionization peak below \( E_F \) in the PES spectrum and a \( 4f^{1} \rightarrow 4f^{2} \) atomic affinity peak above \( E_F \) in the IPES spectrum. The separation of the affinity and ionization peaks signals the atomic Coulomb repulsion \( U \). The spectral weight of the Kondo resonance increases with \( T_K \) and for materials with a small number of f-electrons like Ce (or U), most of the weight lies in the IPES spectrum. Such a three peaked structure is observed in Ce compounds and has
been interpreted from the view of the impurity Anderson model within its Kondo regime\textsuperscript{1}. The Hamiltonian parameters found from fitting the 4f spectra, and also the 3d core level spectra of Ce and Yb materials, lead to $T_K$ values of the right order of magnitude for small $T_K$ materials, and in good agreement with experiment for moderate to large $T_K$ materials. No other picture at present offers such a unified view of spectroscopic and low temperature properties.

A confusing complication, however, is that the PES spectra of small $T_K$ materials display much more spectral weight near $E_F$ than expected for the small-$T_K$ resonance. In fact, the model predicts spectral weight near $E_F$ due to other mechanisms\textsuperscript{1} than the resonance itself, but there is currently controversy\textsuperscript{2} as to whether these mechanisms do indeed explain spectra taken with ever-better resolution\textsuperscript{3}. There is also controversy\textsuperscript{2} as to whether the temperature dependence\textsuperscript{3} of the resonance is or is not consistent with theory for Ce and Yb materials.

For actinides, due to the difficulty of obtaining and handling highly radioactive samples, heavy fermion research, and most electron spectroscopy, centers on uranium and its compounds. In general, the 5f spectra of heavy-fermion uranium materials do not resemble those of rare earth materials. There is a very large amount of spectral weight around $E_F$ with a rather bandlike appearance, and there are not well separated ionization and affinity peaks. The only evidence\textsuperscript{4} of the importance of the Coulomb interaction $U$ is that the widths of both the PES and IPES 5f spectra exceed that predicted in band calculations, and the primary evidence\textsuperscript{4} for the applicability of the impurity Anderson approach has been that dilution of uranium by a non-5f element like Y causes no change in the 5f PES spectrum measured at modest resolution.

Recently an exception\textsuperscript{5,6,7} has been found in the system $Y_{1-x}U_xPd_3$. UPd$_3$ is not a heavy-fermion material but it is the only uranium intermetallic with a 5f spectrum which suggests an Anderson model. The 5f spectrum has a gap around $E_F$ with peaks below and above $E_F$ which are interpreted, respectively, as a $5f^2\rightarrow5f^1$ ionization peak and a $5f^2\rightarrow5f^3$ affinity peak. In the alloy system it is found that $E_F$ shifts toward the ionization peak as $x$ is decreased. This phenomenon is called "Fermi level tuning" and occurs\textsuperscript{5} because $Y^{3+}$ replaces $U^{4+}$, the ionization state corresponding to $5f^2$. For $x < 0.3$ the transport properties\textsuperscript{6} develop characteristic Kondo behavior, with $T_K$ increasing as $x$ decreases. This is qualitatively consistent with the Anderson impurity model, which predicts that $T_K$ increases as the 5f ionization energy relative to $E_F$ decreases. For the same range of decreasing $x$, the 5f IPES spectrum displays a growth of weight near $E_F$ which produces an un-gapped spectrum much like that of concentrated heavy-Fermion materials, and which has been interpreted as the Kondo resonance\textsuperscript{7}. As with small $T_K$ Ce systems, there is extra weight near $E_F$ which must be rationalized by various additional mechanisms in the model. Another exciting finding\textsuperscript{6} is that the transport properties display unusual features consistent with non-Fermi liquid behavior arising from the quadrupolar Kondo effect. Thus this alloy system both provides the first example of a uranium system for which the Anderson/Kondo scenario works even qualitatively, and joins the high temperature superconducting cuprates as a possible example of non-Fermi liquid behavior.

Spectroscopy using synchrotron radiation has been essential in all the work described above, and will continue to be a driving experimental force. Resonant photoemission\textsuperscript{8}, which utilizes a 5f PES cross-section enhancement occurring when the photon energy is tuned through an absorption threshold, provides the means for extracting the 5f PES spectrum in systems with strong competing emission from other elements or in systems where the 5f element is very dilute. Related absorption edge and core level studies also provide useful information about the 5f
electronic states. With the advent of insertion device beamlines and matching monochromators, these studies can be carried out with increasingly better resolution, and also at higher energy absorption edges, where the resonance contrast can be higher, or where the higher kinetic energy of the outgoing electrons permits less surface sensitive spectra to be taken. Angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES) has had less impact in studies of heavy-Fermion materials because the low energy scale associated with the large $\gamma$-values has required resolutions not normally achievable. Also, in the higher photon energy range where resonant photoemission is usually performed, adequate $k$-resolution requires angle resolution better than that allowed by present signal to noise ratios. This situation too will be improved by the intensity and resolution of the new generation of beamlines and monochromators, and angle-resolved resonant photoemission spectroscopy studies should become feasible. For both heavy-Fermion and non-Fermi liquid behavior it will be very important to study the details of ARPES lineshapes very near $E_F$. Finally, none of these powerful techniques have been applied to actinides other than Th or U. A great advance in understanding actinide electronic structure generally can be anticipated if such studies can be made on the entire actinide sequence.

Much energy has been wasted in debate as to whether the atomic or the band approach is the better choice. It is obvious that the experimental properties display features of both approaches and that what is required is a unified explanation. One anticipates, for example, that the Kondo resonance of the impurity model should have additional spectral structure associated with dispersing excitations that make up a renormalized band structure which defines the Fermi surface. To test such ideas will require ultra high resolution angle resolved photoemission studies of states very near $E_F$, as may be possible with future synchrotron-based spectroscopy.

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"Heavy Fermion"
from large specific heat $\gamma$

Recall for free Fermions

$$C_{el} = \frac{2}{3} \int_0^\infty \varepsilon f(\varepsilon) N(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$

$$\approx \frac{2}{3} \left[ \frac{\pi^2}{3} k_B^2 N(E_F) \right] T + \cdots$$

Simple picture [we know it's too simple]

$$S_E \sim [k_B T N(E_F)] \times \frac{1}{k_B}$$

$$c \sim \left[ \frac{2}{3} k_B^2 N(E_F) \right] T$$

- Big $\gamma$, big $N(E_F)$
- Big mass
- Narrow bands
- $\gamma \approx$ low en.
- Fermi excitation

$N(E_F) \sim m$

Typically 0.5 to 5 mJ/mole $k^2$
**"Heavy-Fermion" Materials**

- large specific heat \( \gamma \)
  \[ C_v = \gamma T + \ldots \]
- \( \gamma \) as mass for free Fermions
- some superconductors
- speculation of unusual pairing

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<td>UBe(_{13})</td>
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<td>UPt(_3)</td>
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Large metal-metal spacing
\( \rightarrow \) Anderson (impurity) model

local orbital \((f)\) electron

conduction electrons
1-channel Kondo

Anderson impurity model - f-electron ion in metal

For low energies \( J = \frac{e V^2}{\epsilon_f} \)

Ground state singlet

Local moment screened dynamically

\( T < T_k \approx T_F^* \) Local Fermi liquid

Renormalized conduction electrons

\( \frac{\Delta \chi}{\chi} \approx \frac{1}{T_k} \)

\( \frac{\Delta c}{c} \approx \frac{1}{T_k} \)

Small \( T_k \)

Big & heavy Fermi
RARE EARTH 4f SPECTRUM & KONDO RESONANCE (Suhl/Abrikosov)
PARADIGM (1st rigorous derivation Gunnarsson / Schönhammer 1983)

RESONANCE WEIGHT \( \sim (1 - n_f) N_f \) PES
small for small \( T_K \) \( \sim (1 - n_f) N_f \) BIS
large for large \( T_K \) \( \sim n_f \left[ \frac{K T_K}{g V^2} \right] \) PES

RESONANCE SHOWS OTHER ENERGY SCALES
\( \Delta L_S \) and \( \Delta \text{CEF} \)
fine structure - gives extra weight

ALSO EXTRA WEIGHT \( f^2 \rightarrow f^1 \) from
\( f^2 \) in ground state - important for
small \( T_K \) materials

SHOULD ALSO SHOW LATTICE EFFECTS
(dispersion) as fine structure - but not
observed yet. [But extra width]
THE FIRST ORDER CASE (Allen, Fuggle, Gunnarsson/Schönhöme, Maple)

- Unified description of high energy spectral weights and thermodynamics
  - 4f photoemission
  - 4f inverse photoemission (BIS)
  - 3d XPS
  - 3d XAS
  - \( \chi(\omega) \), \( \chi \)

- Semi-quantitative description of cerium 2-\( \chi \) phase trans.
  - Kondo volume collapse (Allen-Martin)
  - (Relevance to Plutonium?)
Good spectra fits and $\chi(0) \sim 1/T_K$ also.

Ce 4f SPECTRAL WEIGHT

--- PES/BIS
--- THEORY

CeAl $T_K \sim 1 K$

-heavy fermions

$x \sim 1/T_K$

CeNi$_2$ $T_K \sim 10^3 K$

-lighter fermions

TROUBLE FROM $\delta$-LIKE SURFACE PART

INTENSITY (arbitrary units)

ENERGY ABOVE $E_F$ (eV)

FIT 3d XPS XAS ALSO
Analysis with Gunnarsson / Schönhammer
Adv. in Physik

CeAl
$\Delta a_v = 0.04$
$n_f = 1.04$

CeAl $\delta$-like
$T_K \lesssim 1K$

Intensity (arb. units)

$E_F$ too large
for Kondo resonance
but fit easily
anyway!

Weight near
$E_F$ too large
for Kondo resonance
but fit easily
anyway!

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Fit PES, BIS, and Ce 3d XPS core levels, need all three to get Hamiltonian parameters:

\[ \Rightarrow n_f, \quad \chi(\theta), \quad \text{and } T_h \]

Trouble here now known to be due to surface \( \delta \)-like contribution.

Add \( 4f \)-core Coulomb energy \( U_{fc} \) to Anderson Hamiltonian.
CALCULATE PHASE BOUNDARY

SCALE SPECTROSC.
Δ's by 1-12
TO MATCH Χ(0)
EXACTLY.
AFTER THAT-
NO ADJUSTMENTS

P-V isothersms
& equal area
construction.

Ce Kondo VOLUME COLLAPSE
CALCULATED FROM SPECTROSCOPY
(Liu/Atten Phys. Rev. 1992)

Experimental
Uncertainty
in
Critical
Point

Second critical point real!
MORE DETAILED STUDIES

- HIGH RESOLUTION PHOTOEMISSION
- T-DEPENDENT PHOTOEMISSION & BIS
- SURFACE SHIFTS OF PARAMETER VALUES
  \[\rightarrow\] SURFACE VALENCE CHANGES

OUTCOME?

- CONFIRM
- REFINE
- DESTROY

NEW FOCUS

Yb the one-hole analog of Ce 4f

- main Kondo resonance in photoemission - high res possible & large T-dependence predicted
  \[\rightarrow\] Photoemission - synchrotrons - will be important for heavy actinides
Quasi particle bands for CeCu$_2$Si$_2$

(d'Ambrumenil + Fulde 1985)

- Very near $E_F$
- $Z$ constructed from single-site Andevson $f$ (Kondo) scattering phase shifts — modify LDA

\[
\frac{E - E_F}{T_k} \quad \& \quad T_k \sim 1 \text{ meV}
\]

Note: energy scale is

In principle resonance has "band structure" not observed yet by PES/BIS

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WHERE IS THE "U" in Uranium?

CeAl
small Tr
"heavy" Fermions

Heavy Fermion
UBe$_{13}$
(Weilland et al. 1984)

CeRu$_2$
big Tr
"light Fermions"
HEAVY FERMION U - MATERIALS

1. Both LDA and spectrum have too much 5f weight around EF to easily understand large Δ.

2. But spectrum much broader than LDA both above and below EF.

![UAl₂](image)

**PES U 5f**

**BIS**

**PES (E_{photon} = 92 eV)**

**DOS**

Local density functional (Boring, Albers, Stewart, Koelling)

- ENERGY RELATIVE TO EF (eV)
- INTENSITY (arbitrary units)

2. Is only evidence of Uff!!

Uranium seems different from Ce, spectroscopically.

**Allen et al. PRL '85**
Heavy Fermion $Y_{1-x}U_xAl_2$

5f SPECTRUM INDEPENDENT OF X

Impurity Anderson OK for starting point

Huang et al. PRL '87

\[ Y_{1-x}U_xAl_2 \]

PES U 5f

RESONANT

INTENSITY (arbitrary units)

ENERGY BELOW $E_F$ (eV)

\[ X \]

- 1
- 0.1
- 0.02
$Y_{1-x}U_xPd_3$

Low $T_c$ (actually no $T_c$)

HIGH EXCITEMENT!!

Two "FIRSTS":

- Non-Fermi Liquid Kondo $x < 0.3$

- Spectroscopy/Transport qualitatively correlated with impurity Anderson model

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THE ARCHETYPE "LOCALISED 5f" SYSTEM

- $f^2 \Delta_{CFS}$ neutron scat. $U^{4+}$
- $\approx 0$ 5f weight at $E_F$ \( \Rightarrow \) correlation gap $U$
- other evidence

**UPd$_3$ - REFERENCE COMPOUND**

Baer et al.
SCCM 36, 387 (1980)
Y_{1-x} U_x Pd_3

(J.-S. HANG thesis)

**Unexpected Action!!**

- 5f peak narrows & shifts to E_F''

- Change not especially correlated with crystal structure transition

\[ \text{Cu}_3\text{Au} \xrightarrow{\text{Cu}} \text{Ni}_2\text{Ti} \]

mixed phase
"Fermi-level Tuning"


Idea: $Y^{3+}$ replaces $U^{4+}$ in $Y_{1-x}U_xPd_3$

as $x$ changes $1 \to 0$

cond. elec./cell decreases by 1

$E_F$ decreases by $\sim \frac{1 \text{elec/cell}}{1 \text{eV/cell}} \approx 1 \text{eV}$

band theory $YPd_3$ $D(E)$ near $E_F$

HOPE! A paradigm impurity system for spectroscopy & transport

... test picture spectroscopically $U-M - L \approx LiU$

... do transport (vcsd)-C. Seaman

$T_K \sim E_F \exp \left( \frac{-E_F}{pN_fV^2} \right)$

$\Rightarrow T_K$ increases as $x$ decreases ($E_F$ decreases)
2-CHANNEL KONDO (quadrupolar Kondo) idea

EXAMPLE: \( U^{++} 5f^2 \ P_3 \ \) doublet of \( J=4 \) (cubic) hybridization \( \left| P_\uparrow, P_\downarrow 5f^4 \right> \)

- non-Kramers doublet; no magnetic dipole electric quadrupole
- group theory \( \rightarrow \) each channel of quadrupole couples to 2 channels of \( P_3 \) conduction band quartet

\[ H = -2J \sum \mathbf{S} \cdot \sum \left[ 5f_1 + 5f_2 \right] \]

pseudo spins \( \mathbf{S} = \sum \)

\( \downarrow \uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \downarrow \)

\( \oplus \) never can get singlet \( \rightarrow \) so never get Fermi liquid!

\( \oplus \) FIND LOCAL NON-FERMI LIQUID

\[ \frac{\Delta C}{T} \sim -\ln dT \]

\[ \Delta S(0) = \frac{R}{2} \ln 2 \]

\[ \frac{S(T)}{S(0)} \sim 1 - A \sqrt{T} \]

NON FL. SURVIVES IN LATTICE? NOT KNOWN
UCSD PHASE DIAGRAM FROM TRANSPORT

Y_{1-x}U_xPd_3

Cubic  Mixed phase  Hex

\[ \begin{array}{c}
0.0 & 0.2 & 0.4 & 0.6 & 0.8 & 1.0 \\

0 & 10 & 20 & 30 & 40 \\
\end{array} \]

T (K)

U concentration x

- Exciting results for \( x < 0.3 \)
- Non-Fermi liquid Kondo in transport properties
- Kondo resonance in BIS spectrum
**Resistivity**

Log $T$ behavior shows Kondo effect. $T_K$ increases as $x$ decreases.

Low $T$ linear behaviour for $x \leq 0.2$.

Non-Fermi liquid (but not $\nu T$).
\(Y_{1-x} U_x \text{ Pd}_3 \text{ Results}

**COMPLEX PHASE DIAGRAM** (Seamon)

UCSD

PRL published
1991

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{CUBIC} \quad \text{XTAL} \quad 2\text{-PHASE} \quad \text{HEX} \\
T_{\text{T}} \\
T_{\text{sq}}
\end{array}
\]

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{QUAD} \\
\text{MOMDO} \\
\text{SPIN} \\
\text{GLASS} \\
\Delta C/T \text{ has max} \\
\text{x}(T) \text{ hysteric}
\end{array}
\]

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{FOR } X < 0.3 \\
(\text{QUADRUPOlar}) \text{ Kondo Ground State} \\
(\text{QUADRUPOlar}) \text{ Kondo Resonance}
\end{array}
\]

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CORE LEVEL XPS

$Y_{1-x} U_x Pd_3$

Quantitatively on shifts for Pd, Y same direction $\approx$ same magn.

Slight magn. difference $\Rightarrow$ charge transfer

$E_f$
VALENCE BAND
PES $h\nu = 40.8$ eV
RES $\sim 100$ meV
SF CROSS-SECTION SMALL

ALIGN VALENCE BAND FEATURES

see $E_F$ shift as $x$ changes
$1 \rightarrow 0$
$\Delta E_F \approx 0.8$ eV
BIS data - 8 samples

Y_{1-x}U_xPd_3

RAW BIS

INTENSITY (arbitrary units)

ENERGY RELATIVE TO E_F (eV)

x

1.0

0.9

0.5

0.3

0.2

0.1

0.03

0
BIS / PES

$Y_{1-x}U_xPd_3$

PES U 5f

BIS

Intensity (arbitrary units)

Energy relative to $E_r$ (eV)

LDA for $Y_{Pd_3}$

( König 1983)

$X_{Pd_3}$

$X_d - Pd_4$

Antibonding peak

States/Spin/Ry/Cell

Pd

4d

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Extracted Sf BIS

- Assume YU iso-electronic
- Shift $X = c$ curve by $E_F$ shift in valence band PES
- Subtract from $X \neq 0$ curves
  NaTE - doesn't affect result near $E_F$

For $X \leq 0.3$
  $\sigma(\Omega)$ shows kondo with $T_K$ increasing we observe growth of $E_F$ weight!
  Interpret as kondo resonance!

Liu et al. PRL 68, 1034 (1992)
DETAIL PES / BIS NEAR EF

- $E_F$ as $X$ increases
- DOS rather flat & constant with $X$
- BIS increases then decreases as $X$ increases
Growth of EF weight gives gapless spectrum in diluted material like heavy Fermion UPt$_3$ as $U$ is diluted.

\[ \text{U 5f PES/BIS} \]

\[ \text{UPd$_3$} \]

\[ \text{Y$_{0.6}$U$_{0.4}$Pd$_3$} \]

\[ \text{UPt$_3$} \]

\[ \text{ENERGY RELATIVE TO E$_F$ (eV)} \]

\[ \text{INTENSITY (arbitrary units)} \]

\[ \rightarrow \text{Support for Kondo Resonance/Anderson model picture of all heavy Fermion Uranium materials (Allen et al. PRL '85)} \]
Differences from Ce

1. $U_{eff} \sim 2$ eV  [~6 eV for Ce]
   Correlation gap much smaller $< U $ (f$^3$$\rightarrow$f$^2$ important)

2. Ce$^{3+}$ 4f$^1$ largest splitting is
   $\Delta$ spin orbit $\sim 0.25$ eV
   $\Rightarrow$ simple resonance sidebands

   - But $U^{4+}(5f^2)$ or $U^{3+}(5f^3)$ has
     many multiplets, $\sim 1-2$ eV range
   $\Rightarrow$ spread out sideband structure
     & much more weight for
     same to - fills in gap,
     gives band-like look

3. Hybridization $\langle 5f^n | \beta | 5f^{n-1} \beta \rangle$
   greatly reduced by overlap factors [Hirst, Cox]
   even the $\langle f \lambda \lambda | f \lambda \lambda \rangle$ larger than for Ce.
   Allows small T$\chi$ and big m$^*$.
$^{4+}_{\text{Th}} \, U^{4+}_{x} \, Pd_{3}$

$U \, 5f$

$\text{U and Th same valence}$

$\Rightarrow \, \text{No EF Shift}$
Pd core levels — no shift in $\text{Th}_{1-x}\text{U}_x\text{Pd}_3$
Fermi Level Tuning DOMINATES inter-site interactions

decrease $U$ 0.2 to 0.1 but preserve total $4t$ with Th
$\Rightarrow$ $E_F$ not shifted
observe $T_K \neq$ same!

and much different from $Y_{0.9}^{3t} U_{0.1}^{4t} Pd_3$ where $E_F$ shifts
OVERVIEW

Strongly interacting fermion systems:
typically multiple energy scales
appear in $G(w)$

Aim: trace

hi energy scales \[\rightarrow\] emergent low energy scales
(tends to be charge) \[\rightarrow\] (tends to be spin)

Interesting ground state properties

ACTIVITY

RARE EARTHS

Details of impurity Anderson model
surface shifts ($\text{Kaindl}^1$) \{Ce
LDA V(E) for fitting data \{trans.-
Kondo volume collapse \}
Lattice effects "on hold"

ACTINIDES

compare spectra to LDA
dilution studies
looking for paradigm — Found!

T-metal oxides

Mott-Hubbard insulators
impurity Anderson $\rightarrow$ lattice effects?

HTSC metals — normal state issues
MI transition
The study of actinide thin layers is a very important but yet unexplored field in the surface science of these materials. The low coordination environment of the surface should produce band narrowing\textsuperscript{1,2} and this could ultimately result in the localization of the 5f-electrons, even for the light actinides. The wide surface concentration range which can be covered by thin layer deposition allows chemical and physical properties to be determined as a function of surface composition. The interaction of a dilute U surface phase with gas molecules is an important subject in the field of catalysis, where actinide surface atoms could act as promoters and local reaction centers.\textsuperscript{3} From a more applied viewpoint, thin layers offer the opportunity to study non-buried interfaces between actinides and the substrate material, thus allowing surface science to investigate the behavior of actinide-containment material interfaces under corroding conditions: interdiffusion, oxidation and phase separation can particularly be addressed by this technique.\textsuperscript{4}

We will present an XPS/UPS study of the U deposition on Pt. We will discuss the mode of growth of the surface phase, surface compound formation and bulk diffusion of the surface actinide atoms. U immediately reacts with the Pt substrate to form a surface alloy and this is shown by the narrowing of the Pt5d lines (Figure. 1), which is attributed to the dilution of Pt atoms in a U matrix.

\begin{center}
\textbf{Fig. 1.} Spectra resulting from the deposition of uranium onto a platinum surface at room temperature.
\end{center}
For the more concentrated U phase the U5f electrons are delocalized, as shown by the 5f emission at EF. It is not possible to investigate a very dilute U system by conventional laboratory spectroscopy because of the strong Pt signal, thus it is necessary to resort to synchrotron radiation studies. In addition, we will address the interaction of the surface alloy with the gas phase, in particular the decomposition of the surface alloy in the presence of O2. We will discuss the use of thin layers of U on an inert support (graphite) to study the U surface reaction with O2 and CO, at high gas dosages, without a bulk to act as a sink for O and C. In particular we will present a study of the conversion of UO2 into the U oxycarbide, which is a solid solution of UO and UC (Figure 2).

![Figure 2](image_url.png)

**Fig. 2.** HeII spectra of the formation of UO2 followed by its conversion to oxycarbide by exposure to C2H4 at 573K.

These results may be of importance for the use of U in catalytic applications. Finally we will discuss the use of synchrotron radiation in the study of diluted actinide systems and thin layers.


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Thin Layers of Actinides

Chemical Reactivity and Electronic Structure

Outline

1. Introduction
   - Research Interests
   - Choice of Substrates
   - Sample Preparation

2. Status Quo / Outlook
   - XPS/AES/UPS - Synchrotron
     - Electronic Structure  U - Pd / U-Pt
     - Chemical Reactivity  U - Pt: 02, CO
                            U - Pd: 02

3. Conclusion
Uranium Thin Layers: Research areas

- Chemical Reactivity
- Electronic Structure

* System

* Subjects

- Diffusion
- Dissolution

- Interface Decomposition

- Surface properties
  - * 5f - localization
  - * Local Reaction Centers (Catalysis)

An Interface Substrate

Containment Nuclear Materials

Corrosion
Strategy

Clean Systems

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Surface Reactions

| Gas Adsorptions |

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Chemical Applications

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5f Localization in Chemical Systems

* Dilution (Alloys): increase mean An-An distance
  avoid hybridization: [UPt$_3$]

* Partial Oxidation: $Z_{\text{eff}} \neq \text{UO}_2$,

* Decrease Dimensionality:

  * Surface

  * Thin Layer

  * Cluster

    High interaction - low interaction

    Solid $\rightarrow$ Atomic like
Electronic Structure - 5f Localization

5f - Levels in Pure Elements (Metals)

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5f - Levels in Chemical Systems

* 5f - 5f overlapping → An-An distance
   → An-An coordination

* 5f - ligand hybridization
Surface Reactivity

- Subject

* An - Adsorbate Bonding

6d7s - 5f

- Reactivity of An Systems (→ Catalysis - Corrosion)

* Concentrated Bulk An

- 6d7s electrons → early TM : strong bonding
- 5f electrons → late TM : weak bonding

⇒ catalysis

* Diluted Bulk An

- for [U] \( \uparrow \) reactivity \( \downarrow \) UNi\(\times\) ↔ CO
- surface segregation

* Diluted Surface An

- low reactivity molecular chemisorption
- stable surface phase
Choice of Substrate

* Interaction Substrate - $U$ ($\rightarrow$ 5f localization)

- **Strength**

  - Low
  - Medium
  - Strong

- **Type**  
  $U$ 6d / U5f hybridization
  
  - localized system
    $\rightarrow$  
    Pd
  
  - heavy fermion systems?
    $\rightarrow$  
    Pt

* **Chemical Reactivity**

  group VIII metals: Ni, Pd, Pt

  group 1b: Cu

* **Containment Materials - Passivation**

  Ti, Mo, Binary Systems
Cluster Deposition

* Sputter Deposition

Source: Target Current: 5 mA
       Ar-Pressure: 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Torr}
       Impur. Pressure: < 10^{-9} \text{ Torr}

Particles: Atoms / Ions
           Clusters
U deposition on Pd at RT - AES study

*U Overlayer: 30 sec - 10 mA U: 5 A

*UO₂ Overlayer: 10 L O₂
Electronic Structure of U-surface phase

- Experiment

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| * U-Pt  | UPS                        |

- Summary/Future work

* Synchrotron
U - Pd system: Surface Reconstruction

- AES - Study of U-Pd Annealing

(U deposition at RT) (Time (s))

*low temperature diffusion*

- \( \text{U}_1 \downarrow 75\% \)
- step height with U coverage
  
  \( \rightarrow \) U surface diffusion
  \( \rightarrow \) Formation of surface compound

*high temperature diffusion*

- \( \text{U}_1 \downarrow 0\% \)
  
  \( \rightarrow \) U bulk diffusion
U - Pd: Annealing

\[ U_{4f} \]

\begin{center}
\begin{tikzpicture}
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\end{center}

* \textbf{RT deposition} \\
- Asymmetrical shape \rightarrow DOS at \( E_F \) \\
- Broad peak \rightarrow inequivalent U atoms \\
- 6 eV satellite \rightarrow 5f localization

* \textbf{Annealing 200 C, 400 C} \\
- Asymmetry \\
- Sharper peaks \rightarrow 5f localization \\
- 6 eV satellite
U - Pd: Annealing

Pd3d

* RT deposition
  - High BE shift (85%) --> U-Pd surface layer
  - Non shifted (15%) --> Pd-bulk
  - Asymmetry --> Pd4d DOS at EF

* Annealing 200 C, 400 C
  - BE decreases --> U diffusion
  - Pd\text{met} peak disappears

→ Continuous shift ↔ Dilution ↔ Variable stoichiometry
U - Pd: Increasing [U]

Pd3d - high resolution

* for [U]

- Binding Energy  Pd3d U-Pd
- Intensity  Pd3d Pd metal
U - Pd: Annealing

RT deposition
- \( \text{IEF} \leftrightarrow \text{U5f} \) \( \rightarrow \) U5f delocalized
- BE (Pd4d) \( \rightarrow \) U-Pd bonding
- Pd4d narrows \( \rightarrow \) Pd dilution (?)

Annealing 200 C, 400 C
- \( \text{IEF} \) \( \rightarrow \) U5f localization
- U5f2 at 1.4 eV \( \rightarrow \) UPd3
- Pd4d broadens \( \rightarrow \) U dilution
U - Pt: Increasing Temperature

HeII

![Graph showing binding energies at different temperatures](image)

- Binding Energy (eV)
- Intensity (arbitrary units)

* With T\rightarrow: I_{EF} \\
  - [U] \\
  \Rightarrow U - Pt reaction \\
  \Rightarrow High Interaction System

* BE (Pt5d) \rightarrow: pure Pt \\
  \Rightarrow U responsible for high BE
Electronic Structure: Summary

* Status Quo

- High Purity surface phase
- Surface U: 5f delocalized \(\longleftrightarrow\) high [U]
- Bulk diffusion \(\longleftrightarrow\) continuous stoichiometry

* Future Work

- **Systems**
  - Low [U]
  - s.c. Studies: well defined surfaces
  - Heavier Actinides (Np, Pu):
    approach localization threshold

- **Synchrotron Studies**
  - Low [U] / high TM d-signal \(\leftrightarrow\) Resonant PE
  - High Energy Resolution \(\leftrightarrow\) High Photon Current
  - Band Mapping
  - Depth Resolution - XPS: vary hn

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Surface-Gas Interaction

- Experiment

  * U-Pt / O2, CO Interaction
  * U-Pd / UO2 Dissolution

- Summary/Future work

  * Synchrotron
CO on U - Pt at RT

* O2p: dissociative adsorption
* CO 4σ, 1π: molecular chemisorption

Δ4σ-1π: changed e- structure of CO

→ Modification of Pt by U
**O2 on U - Pt**

HeII

![Graph showing O2 dosage vs. binding energy](image)

* O2p*: oxide formation \( UO_2, UO_{2+x} \)

* IEF \( \downarrow \) | U oxidized  
  | no Pt5d

* Pt5d | I \( \downarrow \)  
  | BE \( \downarrow \)

oxidation: total attenuation of Pt signals
Pd - UO₂: Annealing

* at 550 C: Dissolution of UO₂

\[ \text{Pd} + \text{UO}_2 \rightarrow \text{Pd} - \text{U} - \text{O} \]
\[ \rightarrow \text{Pd} - \text{U} , \text{O} \]

\[ \Delta H_f \text{ Pd} - \text{U formation} \text{ driving force?} \]
Surface-Gas Interaction/Summary

* Status Quo

- U-Pt: Molecular adsorption at RT → Reactivity
- U-Pt / O₂: U surface segregation
- U-Pd: UO₂ dissolution

* Future Work

- **Systems**
  - Low [U]
  - Heavier Actinides (Np, Pu)
  - H₂O, CO₂, ... Corrosion

- **Synchrotron Studies**
  - Low [U] / high TM d-signal ↔ Resonant PE evolution of 5f gas adsorption (CO, CO₂)
  - Depth Resolution - XPS: vary hv
Conclusion

Chemical Reactivity - Electronic Structure
Identify Role of 5f Electrons in Chemical Bonds

- well characterized systems/experiments
- highly diluted An system
- study of heavier actinides ↔ realistic An systems

Actinide Beamline
The intermediate position of the 5f actinide series between the 4f and 3d series is well established as e.g. nicely exhibited in a so-called "Nearly Periodic Table of Transition Elements". The transition from delocalized to localized behaviour of the electrons in the unsaturated shell occurs at the beginning and end of the 4f and 3d series, respectively, whereas for the actinides that transition is observed in the middle of the series around Pu and Am. This uniqueness of the actinides is strikingly demonstrated by their electronic properties resulting in a very rich complexity of physical properties; Heavy Fermion behaviour is mentioned in particular. Thus the actinides offer an ideal opportunity to study the gradual change in localization of 5f electrons, i.e. correlation effects.

Photoemission spectroscopy using ultraviolet (UPS) and X-ray light (XPS) either from conventional laboratory light or synchrotron sources is well accepted to determine in a quite straightforward way the electronic structure of solids. Because of the unique electronic structure of the actinides with particular emphasis on the influence of the 5f electrons and of the great importance of actinides with respect to nuclear safety, an electron spectrometer for XPS, AES, EELS and particular high resolution UPS on highly radioactive materials has been built up at the Institute for Transuranium Elements. A commercial Leybold-Heraeus LHS-10 spectrometer has been modified to meet safety and vacuum requirements under glove box conditions. The spectrometer is divided into three parts: preparation chamber (1), analysis chamber (2) and pumping section (3).

1. A new preparation chamber was designed for pressures better than 10⁻⁸ Pa and mounted into a closed glove box. An integrated baking system is shielded by water cooling to allow for baking to 200 °C in the closed glove box. All necessary "in-situ" sample surface preparation, like sputtering or scraping, is performed solely in the preparation chamber. Thus most of the radioactive waste is kept back in the preparation chamber.

2. A new µ-metal analysis chamber together with the excitation sources (X-ray and UV rare gas discharge sources) and the hemispherical electron energy analyzer are mounted into a generally open glove box frame.

3. The UHV-pumping systems are also mounted into an open glove box system underneath the analysis and preparation chamber compartments. The roughing pumps are placed outside of the glove box system; the vacuum lines are fed through absolute filters into the glove box system to keep back potential radioactive contaminants.

The activity level in the analysis chamber was kept for about two years below the critical value beyond which one can no longer open the analysis side without closing the glove box. Afterwards the analysis glove box had to be closed in case of repair. For this purpose a repair glove box system has been installed. Recently, after extensive measurements on a very brittle PuSe single crystal, the contamination level was so seriously enhanced that the noise counting rate induced by radioactivity within the energy analyzer reached 1500 c/sec which prevented any further successful measurements. In a time consuming procedure, the energy analyser was successfully cleaned up in the repair glove box and transferred back to the analysis chamber.
Based on the experience collected now for more than 10 years at the Institute for Transuranium Elements the following statements concerning a future synchrotron beam line for transuranium elements can be made:

- A contamination of the storage ring can under all circumstances be completely excluded by e.g. using fast closing valves in connection with a "delay-line" as described in a feasibility study.
- The photoemission experiment should not be dependent in particular on laboratory infrastructure, i.e. atmosphere, water and gas supply, radiation monitors, decontamination means etc.. A possible solution would be to introduce the experiment into a small test chamber including an entrance lock.
- Facilities for handling and storage of radioactive samples and contaminated spectrometer parts, as well as for repair purposes ("repair box"), are desirable.
- The radioactivity level within the analysis chamber must be kept for an extended time (>5y) as low as possible because of risk of storage ring contamination in case of unexpected accidents and low background count rate. This can be achieved by placing a special transfer chamber between the analysis and preparation chamber as proposed in a feasibility study.
- The analyzer system should have an entrance lens system to minimize the background count rate originating from the radioactivity of the sample itself.
- The highly focussed photon-beam of the storage ring will permit the use of very small samples (diameter<1mm) and thus cause much less radioactive waste produced by cleaning processes in the preparation chamber.

The performance of the spectrometer at the Transuranium Institute is described. Particular emphasis is given to high resolution UPS: at T = 80 K, a pass energy of 2 eV, the Fermi edge of gold showed a width of 45 meV at a maximum counting rate of 1.4 \times 10^4 c/s. Recently, the spectrometer has been modified to cool the sample with liquid He. The spectrometer resolution has been measured by UPS on Ar gas showing a width of about 20 meV for the Ar 3p lines. It is pointed out that the high resolution in combination with high counting rates is essential for the very highly reactive actinide materials because of the fast oxidation of the surface due to the segregation of bulk oxygen impurities to the surface. High intensity synchrotron light from the ALS will provide a resolution of 10 meV or even better provided the sample can be cooled to liquid He temperatures. It is shown that this is important for measurements on Heavy Fermion materials.

UPS/XPS valence band and XPS core level spectra are presented for the following materials: UO₂, PuO₂, Pu₂O₃, Am₂O₃, Th, U, Np, α-Pu, δ-Pu, Am, PuₓAm₁₋ₓ, PuSe, UNi₂ and UMn₂.

All actinide oxides have localized 5f electrons and should therefore display 5f⁻¹ final state multiplets. The oxygen 2p and the 5f emissions are clearly identified by their excitation probabilities varying specifically with the photon excitation energy. Surprisingly no 5f multiplets but just a single actinide 5f peak are observed. Using the calculated multiplet intensities, it is shown that phonon broadening of about 1 eV prevents completely the resolution of the multiplet components and explains the characteristic variation of the 5f emission intensity along the series.

Phonon broadening is certainly of minor importance for metallic actinide systems, in contrast to highly ionic semiconducting actinide compounds like the oxides. Thus for metals, much sharper structures are observed, in particular close to the Fermi level. Whereas all elemental actinide metals from U to α-Pu show similar valence band and 4f core level spectra due to itinerant 5f states pinned at the Fermi level, Am is the first metal in the actinide series showing a withdrawl of the 5f states from the Fermi level, i.e. a 5f final state triplet due to localization of the 5f electrons. The 5f multiplets are resolved...
because neither phonon nor the life-time broadening conceal their structures because of the low 5f density of states at the Fermi level. Discrepancies between the experimentally observed 5f multiplet components and calculated intensities are discussed.

Of particular interest are those cases for which the 5f electrons are intermediate between delocalization and localization. With respect to this, examples of $\delta$-Pu, $Am_xPu_{1-x}$ and PuSe will be presented and discussed in detail even if the final description of the 5f electrons is not yet well established. The 4f core level and valence band spectra show similar 5f derived features for the three compounds:

- The 4f core levels exhibit, in addition to the metallic $\alpha$-Pu 4f lines, a satellite at roughly 4 eV higher binding energy (the intensity of which is obliviously dependent on the degree of the 5f localization that is relatively small in $\delta$-Pu, increasing in $Am_xPu_{1-x}$ with x and more pronounced in PuSe).
- Three sharp structures appear in the vicinity of the Fermi level at 0.9 and 0.6 eV binding energy and directly at the Fermi level; the width of these structures is of order of 100 to 150 meV. In $\delta$-Pu, the narrowing of the 5f state compared with $\alpha$-Pu is quite clearly observed; a similar effect is observed in $Am_xPu_{1-x}$. In PuSe, an additional broad 5f derived structure is observed at 2 eV binding energy.

In PuSe, unusually strong temperature variations are observed for the 4f core levels as well as for the triplet structure in the vicinity of the Fermi level that cannot be explained by the common Fermi edge broadening.

A final consistent explanation is hard to give on the basis of conventional photoelectron spectroscopy using classical synchrotron radiation and laboratory UV-sources. But it is shown how the availability of the ALS will definitely improve the situation in actinide reasearch. That is further proved by the example of synchrotron photoemission experiments on UMn$_2$.

Finally, because of the importance of the actinides for the nuclear industry and related safety aspects, recent gas adsorption studies on Pu$_{14}$ and photoelectron studies on (U/Pu)$_2$O$_{14}$ fuel pellets and their dissolution residues$^4$ are reported. In this respect the availability of the ALS will open new possibilities for analytical investigations.

Electron spectrometer (UPS/XPS/AES) for highly radioactive materials

GB open

GB closed

in situ sample treatment:

Ar⁺ sputtering
scraping / brushing
heating / cooling
evaporation
sputter deposition

J.R. Naegle, J. d. Mysicque
45, C2-344 (1984)
Photon energy dependent valence band spectra of UO$_2$ demonstrating cross sections

photoelectron intensity (arb. units)

energy below $E_F$ (eV)

UO$_2$ UPS/XPS

1253.6 eV

48.4 eV

40.8 eV

21.2 eV

U 5f loc.

O 2p
UPS

\( a: 24.2 \text{ eV} \)
\( b: 40.8 \text{ eV} \)
\( c: 48.4 \text{ eV} \)

Emission intensity (a.u.)

**\( \text{UO}_2 \)**

\( 5f^4 \rightarrow 5f^4 \)

\( \text{NpO}_2 \)

\( 5f^3 \rightarrow 5f^2 \)

\( \text{PuO}_2 \)

\( 5f^7 \rightarrow 5f^3 \)

Binding energy (eV)
XPS 4f-core-level spectra of Am and Pu metal.
PHOTOELECTRON SPECTRA OF THE CONDUCTION BAND OF ACTINIDE METALS

\[ h\nu = 40.8 \text{eV (UPS)} \]

[Diagram showing photoelectron intensity versus binding energy for Am, Pu, Np, U, Th.]

- Am: localized 5f states
- "multiplet"
- delocalized 5f states
- \( \alpha \)-Pu
- Np
- U
- Th
- no occupied 5f states
Am

PHOTOELECTRON INTENSITY (arb. units)

ENERGY BELOW $E_F$ (eV)

- a: 24.2 eV
- b: 40.8 eV
- c: 48.4 eV
- d: 1253.6 eV
PHOTOELECTRON SPECTRA OF THE CONDUCTION BAND OF UHn$_2$

hv: variable 16.7 - 48.4 eV (UPS)

T = 80K

48.4 eV

40.8 eV

24.2 eV

16.9 eV

Intensity (arb. units)

BINDING ENERGY $E_B$ (eV)
XPS 4f core level spectra
(U/Pu)O₂

The spectra for the dissolution residues (in HNO₃)
of (U/Pu)O₂ are displayed here. They show a
~ 10% enhanced Pu surface concentration
compared with virgin (U/Pu)O₂.
PHOTOELECTRON SPECTRA OF THE NP 4f CORE LEVELS
FORMATION OF SURFACE NP$_2$O$_3$ OXIDE ON NP METAL

hv = 1253.6 eV (XPS)

NP 4f (NP$_2$O$_2$)
NP 4f (NP$_2$O$_3$)
ONLY ON NP-SURFACE NOT EXISTENT AS BULK!
NP 4f (NP-metal)

BINDING ENERGIE $E_B$ (eV)

Np$_2$O$_3$ NOT EXISTENT AS BULK PHASE!
$O_2$ adsorption on Pu metal

UPS (He II: 40.8 eV) valence band spectra
Conduction Band Spectra of PuSe

scraped surface  d: XPS $\Delta E = 1.1\text{eV}$

$\begin{align*}
\alpha & (16.8\text{eV}) \\
\beta & (21.2\text{eV}) \\
\gamma & (40.8\text{eV})
\end{align*}$

UPS $\Delta E = 45\text{meV}$

PuSe, $T=70\text{K}$

J.R. Naeyeke, F. Schiocca, J.C. Spirlet

Institute for Transuranium Elements, to be published
PuSe, T = 70 K
scrapped surface
Pu 4f core lines

PHOTOELECTRON INTENSITY (arb. units)

KINETIC ENERGY (eV)

Localized 5f response
"poor screening"

De-localized 5f response
"well screened"

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Institute for Transuranium Elements
to be published
He II  T=20K  SCP

\[ \delta - \text{Pu} \]

Intensity (arb. units)

Binding Energy (eV)
Am$_{1-x}$ Pu$_x$

XPS (AE $E_d$: 1486.6 eV) Am 4f levels

Pu rich!

Am $<0.7$ Pu $>0.3$

Am$_{0.7}$ Pu$_{0.3}$

Am 4f | Pu 4f

Intensity (arb. units)

Binding Energy (eV)
Electronic Structure and Correlated-Electron Theory for Actinide Materials

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The central feature of the electronic and related solid-state behavior for actinide materials is the \( f \)-electron localization that occurs as the \( f \) transition shell is filled. From the point of view of theory this translates into the development of correlation (fluctuation) effects in the electronic behavior that cannot be captured by the time-averaged potentials used in band theory. We have treated several aspects of this question in recent years and will discuss two of these: (1) the relevance of surface electronic structure behavior as a probe of the development of correlation effects as the \( f \) electrons begin to have some localized character, (2) the effects of band-\( f \) hybridization and coulumb exchange in transferring \( f \) spectral density into (or out of) the band sea thereby causing moment washout and driving the approach to the heavy fermion state. Both these effects can be probed experimentally by photoemission.
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The central feature of the electronic and related solid-state behavior for actinide materials is the $f$-electron localization that occurs as the $f$ transition shell is filled. This translates into the development of correlation (interconfigurational fluctuation) effects in the electronic behavior that cannot be captured by the time-averaged potentials used in band theory. We have treated several aspects of this question in recent years and will discuss two of these.

(1) The relevance of surface electronic structure behavior as a probe of the development of correlation effects as the $f$ electrons begin to have some localized character.

(2) The effects of band-$f$ hybridization and coulomb exchange in transferring $f$ spectral density into (or out of) the band sea thereby causing moment washout and driving the approach to the heavy fermion state.

Both these effects can be probed experimentally, and I will discuss the ongoing relationship between theory and experiment in these developing areas of research.
As increase atomic number, Coulomb correlation energy (effects on energy of instantaneous rather than time-averaged motion of electrons) becomes large relative to the $f$-electron bandwidth, and the itinerant (band) description is no longer valid for the $f$ electrons.

As the atomic number increases, the added $5f$ electrons are not able to screen completely the increased nuclear charge, and therefore the occupation number of the $5f$ level increases more rapidly than the increase in atomic number, i.e., nonlinear effect→threshold for localization.

Instead the localized description of the ionic $5f$ electrons (i.e., large spin-orbit and Hund's rule coupling of $L$, $S$ (maximized) and $J$ (minimized) [really intermediate coupling closer to $L-S$ than to $j-j$] interacting with their environment through the crystalline electric field and the exchange interactions via the conduction electrons) becomes more appropriate. The increased importance of correlation effects favors magnetic ordering as opposed to solid-state bonding.
The known radii of the atomic volumes of the actinide atoms for the room-temperature phases of the pure metals. The line shows the assumed actinide contraction (similar to the lanthanides) based upon the radii of Ac, Am, Cm, and Bk. It is the tri-valent sign that would occur without f-electron bonding. Curium above the line is the same as for gadolinium in the lanthanides, where the tri-valent line is well defined.

The lattice parameters for five families of lanthanide (circles) and actinide (squares) compounds. As in the pure elements, the presence of the f-band causes a size depression below the smooth line connecting the lanthanide compounds, which is the same line (unlike the pure elements) as for the actinide compounds. Magnetic behavior is indicated by P-paramagnetic, AF-antiferromagnetic, and F-ferromagnetic.
Will discuss two regimes of behavior as go from fully itinerant toward somewhat localized $f$-electron behavior.

(1) Light actinide elements (uranium, neptunium, plutonium, americium)---increased localization on going from bulk to surface behavior for $f$-electrons→beginnings of importance of correlation effects, possible increased importance of polarization effects (possible magnetic ordering coordinated with surface reconstruction) compared to bonding effects.

(2) Development of significant correlation effects as $f$-electrons localize further and hybridization of $f$-electrons with non-$f$ band electrons becomes dominant effect on $f$ state broadening as compared to direct $f-f$ overlap---approach to the heavy fermion state, associated magnetic effects, importance of orbital aspects of coulomb exchange between $f$ electrons and band electrons on top of hybridization.
CHANGE IN \textit{f}-ELECTRON BEHAVIOR OF LIGHT ACTINIDES BETWEEN BULK AND SURFACE

Theoretical electronic (band) structure results (O. Eriksson, Y.G. Hao, B.R. Cooper) on changes in surface relative to bulk for Pu compared to U.

plus

L. Cox experimental results on $\alpha$-Pu photoemission difference between 85° (almost normal) and 15° to surface (Mg K\textalpha x-rays, 1253.6 eV).

Raise interesting questions:
(1) of possible structure and magnetic ordering changes at surface compared to bulk for Pu,
(2) of surface for U behaving in more Pu-like way than bulk of Pu, i.e. possibly having complicated reconstructions,
(3) of how the "conflict" between greater density/band broadening for increased cohesion (bonding) versus less density/band narrowing (localization, minimizing adverse effects of occupation of antibonding states and increasing gains of polarization/magnetic ordering energy) develops as $5f$ occupation increases---does surface of uranium contract relative to bulk to increase bonding while that of plutonium expands to accommodate occupation of antibonding states, but decrease anti-bonding effects by developing magnetic ordering??
The graph shows the intensity (arb. units) plotted against binding energy (eV). Two curves are present: one for the \( \alpha \)-Pu surface and another for \( \delta \)-Pu at 380°C.
Table 1
Theoretical lattice constants of the Pu monolayer, and bulk Pu* (a.u.).

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* For the experimental $\alpha$ density the lattice constant of fcc Pu is $\sim$ 8.1 a.u. and for the $\delta$ density it is $\sim$ 8.8 a.u.

Table 3
Magnetic moments $m(\ell)$, $\ell = s, p, d$, and $f$, from spin polarized scalar-relativistic Pu at two densities, $a=8.1$ and $a=7.6$. $S$ denotes the surface-layer, $S-1$ the subsurface-layer and C the center- (bulk) layer.

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moment (units of Bohr)

Pu

- 5f-spin moment - scalar
- total spin moment
- 5f-spin moment - fully relativistic
- total spin moment
- orbital moment

lattice constant (a.u.)
SPHERICALLY PROJECTED DENSITY OF STATES

SURFACE

SUBSURFACE

CENTER

- 5f 5/2 STATE
- 5f 7/2 STATE

ENERGY (eV)

DOS (1/eV)
Localized Rare Earth Magnetism

Localised f's

Itinerant f's

Itinerant Electron Magnetism

Heavily Fermion State
Heavy Fermion Antiferromagnets

(1) Reduced Néel Temperature
(2) Reduced Ordered Moment
(3) Sensitivity of $T_N$ to Chemical Composition

We have developed theory and ab initio computational technique allowing us to use the prediction of reduced ordered moment (and reduced $T_N$) behavior as a diagnostic tool defining the approach to (or departure from) the correlated-electron heavy-fermion state with changing chemical environment in an isostructural series of compounds.
Going from uranium to cerium to heavy rare earth, the peak positions of the f-wave functions decrease while the peak values of the f-wave functions increase. This indicates that the f states are becoming more and more localized.
Reason for $f$ states being more delocalized in uranium than in rare earths: the existence of the $4f$ shell in uranium pushes its $5f$ states outward, since $\phi_{5f}$ and $\phi_{4f}$ must be orthogonalized. (Having the same angular part $Y_{3m}$, their radius parts must be orthogonalized.)
Starting from the true Hamiltonian:

\[ H = \sum_i \nabla_i^2 + V_0(r_i) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \]

- \( V_0(r_i) \): potential from nuclei and core electrons
- \( 1/r_{ij} \): Coulomb interaction involving all valence and \( f \)-electrons

Second quantization + Hartree-fock approximation

\[ H = H_0 + H_1 \]

\[ H_0 = \sum_k \epsilon_k b_k^+ b_k + \sum_{Rm} \epsilon_m c_m^+(R)c_m(R) + \frac{U}{2} \sum_{R \neq R^\prime} n_m(R)n_{m'}(R) \]

\[ H_1 = \sum_{kmR} [V_{km} e^{-i(k-R)b_k^+ c_m(R)} + h.c.] + \sum_{kk'nn',R} J_{nn'(k,k')} e^{-i(k-k') \cdot R} b_k^+ c_n^+(R)b_{k'} c_{n'}(R) \]

- \( V_{km} \): band-\( f \) hybridization
- \( J_{nn'(k,k')} \): band-\( f \) exchange
• In our present treatment, hybridization (mixing of f-electrons with non-f band electrons) is treated differently for cerium and neodymium (slightly delocalized f-electrons) than for uranium (more delocalized f-electrons). Hybridization is negligible for heavy rare earths.

• Coulomb exchange is treated in the same way for the rare earths and uranium.

• The two-ion "exchange" and the magnetic ordering are treated the same way for rare earths and uranium — behavior is projected onto a "site-centered" ionic basis, and thereby effects of hybridization giving interconfigurational fluctuations (correlations, not time averaged) are included.

• For cerium and uranium materials we have also done calculations using spin and orbitally polarized band theory (only effects of hybridization giving correlation included are time averaged — LDA).
TECHNIQUE FOR RARE EARTHS

(1) Evaluate the hybridization from the starting point that the f-states are viewed as resonance states confined to the core.

(a) Perform a warped linear-muffin-tin-orbital (LMTO) band structure calculation. The f states are treated as local states in such calculation.

(b) Extract a characteristic quantity, the resonance width, from the band structure calculation. Use this quantity to calculate the hybridization $V_k$ between f-states and non-f band states.

$$\text{resonance width } \frac{\Gamma}{2} = \frac{|\psi_f(s)|^2}{|\kappa h_3(\kappa s)|^2}$$

$$\text{hybridization potential } \nu(\kappa) = -\left[\frac{\Gamma}{2s\Omega}\right]^{1/2}$$

$$\text{hybridization } V_{km} = \nu(\kappa)(\Omega)^{1/2}[T_m(k)]^*$$

where $\psi_f$ is the f-state wave function, $h_3$ the Hankel function, $s$ the muffin-tin sphere radius, $\kappa^2$ the fermi energy, $\Omega$ the unit cell volume, and $T_m(k)$ is related to KKR structure function.
(2) Calculate the exchange interaction between the f-states and non-f band states. The LMTO scheme expands a large number of band wave functions in terms of a limited number of muffin-tin orbitals. Therefore \( J_{nn'}(k, k') \) can be expanded in terms of the \( B \) tensor given below which is also limited in the number of its elements:

\[
J_{nn'}(k, k') = \sum_{tt' = 1, 2} \sum_{l'm's't'} X_{lms}(k) B^{l'm's't'}_{n'l'm's'} X_{l'm's'}(k')
\]

\[
X_{lms}(k) = a_{lms}^k
\]

\[
X_{lms}(k) = \sum_{l'm's'} a_{l'm's'}^k S_{l'm's'}^k lms
\]

\[
B^{l'm's't'}_{n'l'm's'} = \langle \chi_{lms}(r_1) \psi_{n}(r_2) | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | \psi_{n}(r_1) \chi_{l'm's'}(r_2) \rangle
\]

where \( a_{lms}^k \) and \( S_{l'm's'}^k lms \) are the band eigenvectors and KKR structure functions. The tensor \( B^{l'm's't'}_{n'l'm's'} \) is the integral between the f-wave function \( \psi_{n}(r) \) and various muffin-tin orbitals \( \chi_{lms}(r) \), where \( k, l, m, s \) stand for momentum, angular momentum, magnetic quantum number and spin respectively, and \( t \) is the type of muffin-tin orbital.
HYBRIDIZATION TECHNIQUE FOR URANIUM

Evaluate the hybridization from the starting point that the f-states are viewed as bands.

Start with the Bloch sum of the f-states:

$$\psi_{mk}(r) = \frac{1}{N^{1/2}} \sum_{R} \exp(ik \cdot R) \psi_{m}(r - R)$$

The Hamiltonian matrix is constructed from $\psi_{mk}(r)$ and the Bloch sum of non-f states $\phi_{nk}(r)$:

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} H_f & V \\ V^* & H_c \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$(H_f)_{mm'} = <\psi_{mk}(r) | H | \psi_{m'k}(r)>$$

$$(H_c)_{nn'} = <\phi_{nk}(r) | H | \phi_{n'k}(r)>$$

$$(V)_{mn} = <\psi_{mk}(r) | H | \phi_{nk}(r)>$$

The non-f part of the Hamiltonian $H_c$ is singled out and diagonalized to give the nonhybridized non-f band states $\Phi^a_k(r)$,

$$\Phi^a_k(r) = \sum_{n'} \alpha_{nn'}^k \phi_{n'k}(r)$$

where $\alpha_{nn'}^k$ is the eigenvector and $n$ the band index. The hybridization matrix elements are obtained by projecting $V_{mn}$ onto $\Phi_k(r)$:

$$V_{km}^n = <\psi_{mk}(r) | H | \Phi^a_k(r)> = \sum_{n'} \alpha_{nn'}^k V_{mn'}$$
EXPRESSION FOR TWO-ION INTERACTION:

\[ H(1, 2) = - \sum_{n_1 n'_1 n_2 n'_2} E_{n_1 n'_1}^{n_2 n'_2}(R_2 - R_1) \times c_{n_2}^+(2)c_{n'_2}^+(2)c_{n_1}^+(1)c_{n'_1}(1) \]

\( E_{n_1 n'_1}^{n_2 n'_2} \) is calculated using perturbation method:

\[
E_{n_1 n'_1}^{n_2 n'_2}(R_2 - R_1) = \sum_{\text{4th order}} \left\langle 0 \left| \frac{1}{E_0 - H_0} H_1 \frac{1}{E_0 - H_0} H_1 \ldots H_1 \right| 0 \right\rangle
\]

where \( |0\rangle \) and \( E_0 \) are the ground state and its energy. For the ground state, all the ions are in the \( f^1 \) configuration and the band electrons form a closed Fermi sea. For the intermediate states, the ions can either be in \( f^1, f^2 \) or \( f^0 \) configuration. We have to take into account all the possible virtual excitation processes which exchange electrons (holes) between the two ions.

There are three types of processes:

Exchange-Induced (RKKY): \[ J \quad \overset{\cdots}{\text{J}} \]

Hybridization-Induced: \[ V^2 \quad \overset{\cdots}{V^2} \]

Cross Effect: \[ V^2 \quad \overset{\cdots}{\text{J}} \]
"Charge leakage" of f states in rare earths versus uranium:

YbSb 0.18%
ErSb 0.25%
TbSb 0.21% localized
NdSb 0.60% ↓
CeSb 1.6% weakly delocalized
USb 4.0% ↓
UTE 3.1% begin to show itinerancy

Influence: self banding of the f states in rare earths negligible; self banding of the f states in uranium substantial.
Essentially, we have learned how to exhibit magnetic ordering properties in the correlated-electron state by projecting onto a site-centered basis (free-ion states). This takes the form of having a complicated looking, highly anisotropic two-ion interaction with consequent observable properties. Note that the only correlation effects included are on-site (interconfigurational) correlations.

Since uranium $f$-electrons are substantially more delocalized than cerium $f$-electrons, we have developed a scheme for uranium that goes back and forth between a band and a site-centered picture for the $f$-electrons. The site-centered basis is not as adequate for capturing magnetic ordering effects in uranium systems as it is for cerium systems (i.e. there is a need for a “richer” basis, presumably containing band states).

For monopnictides and monochalcogenides, of NaCl-structure: For Cerium, coulomb exchange $>$ hybridization (not a general rule); for uranium, hybridization $>$ exchange.
Hybridization drives the system toward the heavy fermion state by merging the $f$-spectral density into the d-p band spectral density in the presence of interconfigurational correlation effects.

Moment Washout

Coulomb exchange counteracts this moment reduction by acting through the orbital part of the RKKY interaction (brought about by the strong spin-orbital coupling).

HEART OF THE PHYSICS
The correlations we include are on-site correlations (U, configuration fluctuations). As the $f$-spectral density is pulled off-site by hybridization, U becomes ineffective; and ordered moment is lost because the cooperative hybridization (or really the cooperative hybridization/orbital exchange) giving ordered moment becomes ineffective the more the $f$-spectral weight is pulled off-site by hybridization (the larger the fraction of time off-site as reflected in broadening).
Hybridization → merges $f$-spectral density into $d-p$ band spectral density

↓

heavy fermion state

weak hybridization (e.g. CeSb) — $f$-moment "left behind" on-site very slightly diminished – primary effect is highly anisotropic magnetic ordering via dense $f/d-p$ plasma – orbitally-coupled magnetism.

strong hybridization (e.g. CeTe, PuTe) — washes away on-site $f$-spectral density to be polarized – ordered moment drastically reduced and then destroyed – moment washout.

Band-$f$ coulomb exchange acts to restore moment via orbitally corrected RKKY.

(Thus, our calculations for CeTe would predict an ordered low-temperature moment of a few hundredths of a Bohr magneton with hybridization only, but this increases to a few tenths of a Bohr magneton in close agreement with experiment when coulomb exchange is included.)
The strong hybridization in itinerant uranium systems is responsible for the high ordering temperature.

Polarized band theory is good for US, but UTe is too itinerant for site centered theory and not itinerant enough for band theory.

The site centered treatment of magnetic ordering for uranium systems overestimates the way in which increased hybridization increases interionic coupling, and therefore this treatment overestimates the ordering temperature.

In polarized band theory, the increase of hybridization causes band broadening, and this gives too low an ordered moment for UTe.

Much weaker hybridization in rare earths than in uranium.

Correlated electron theory works excellently for CeTe. Band theory fails because it neglects interconfigurational fluctuations. (correlations)

Decreasing exchange going from light to heavy rare earths; hybridization is negligible for heavy rare earths.
Depression of superconductivity with Pr content in $Pr_xY_{1-x}Ba_2Cu_3O_7$.

$T_c [K]$ vs $x$ plot.

$T_N \approx 17K$

$Cm \sim Pr$  $T_N = 22K$

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Jee et al. (Temple VI), 1988
Dispersion curve for UTe along the $q_z$ (parallel to the moment) and $q_y$ (perpendicular to the moment) directions at 5 K. The narrow hatched line shows the optic-phonon frequency. The different symbols correspond to different spectrometer conditions. The wide hatched area on the left-hand side corresponds to the region where we are unable to assign specific peak positions.

FWHM of Lorentzian damping function at 5 K for excitation peaks as a function of $q$ in Å⁻¹. Solid points correspond to $q_z$, open points to $q_y$. The dashed vertical line indicates the wave vector at which the magnetic and optic-phonon excitation intersect.
We extended our previous theory for the magnetic behavior of hybridizing partially-delocalized $f$-electron systems to include hybridization-induced relaxation effects in the magnetic response. Each partially delocalized $f$-electron ion is coupled by hybridization to the band sea; and this both leads to a hybridization-mediated anisotropic two-ion interaction giving magnetic ordering and also gives a damping mechanism, via the coupling to the band sea, for the excitations of the magnetically ordered lattice. This coupling also provides a strong renormalization of the magnetic excitation energies obtained for the ionic lattice coupled by the two-ion interaction. To treat these effects on the magnetic response we have developed a formalism for calculating the dynamic susceptibility based on the projection-operator method developed by Mori and others.
We solve the problem by three steps:

1. **Two-ion coupling → mean-field level structure.** Solve the eigenvalue problem with $H_0$ in the mean-field theory to obtain a 10-energy-level structure (dispersionless).

2. **Two-ion coupling → RPA excitation dispersion.** Solve the equations of motion for $H_0 - (H_0)_{MF}$ to get the dispersion of magnetic excitations in the Random Phase Approximation (RPA).

3. **Hybridization relaxation to band bath → strong renormalization of excitation energies.** Using the memory function method of Mori et al. to calculate the magnetic damping caused by $H^-$ (hybridization coupling of each uranium to band bath).

\[
\begin{align*}
\mathcal{H}_0 &= \sum_{\alpha,M,M'} \epsilon_{\alpha,m} n_{\alpha,M} + \sum_M g_{MM'} n_M n_{M'} + \frac{U}{2} \sum_{M,M'} n_{MM'} n_{M'M}, \\
+ W \left[ x \frac{(O_0^0 + 5O_0^1)}{60} + (1 - |x|) \frac{O_0^0 - 21O_0^1}{2520} \right] \\
- \sum_{j} E_j \sum_{M,M',N,N'} J_{NN'}^{(0)} L_{MM'}^{(0)} L_{NN'}^{(1)}.
\end{align*}
\]

Input: $T_c = 104 \text{ K}$, ordered moment $2.6 \mu_B$, ab initio $N(E_f) = 0.09\, (1990)$, $\langle N(\epsilon) \rangle \sim -0.2$.
$\hat{q} = (0.5, 0.5, 0)$

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$\text{UTE, } T = 4.5K$

$\chi''(\omega)/[1 - e^{-\beta \omega}]$

$\omega (\text{THz})$
- dispersion agreement probably affected by double counting of hybridization
- broadening would roughly double with present $J N(E_f)$.
Giant magneto-optic Kerr rotations occur in a number of cerium and uranium chalcogenides and pnictides (ETH experiments). Some of these materials (e.g. CeTe, UTe) show distinct evidence of correlated-electron behavior including incipient heavy fermion behavior. This leads us to ask two questions. What is the origin of the giant magneto-optic effects? What relationship, if any, exists between the giant magneto-optic behavior and the approach to the correlated-electron, heavy fermion state? We have found quantitative answers to these questions through comparison of absolute ab initio spin-and-orbitally polarized full-potential LMTO LDA calculations of the optical conductivity tensor in comparison with experiment. The giant magneto-optic behavior originates in the coupling of light to the large partially itinerant orbital polarization present in these materials. The approach to the heavy fermion state is characterized by a washout (broadening away) of what band theory would predict to be strong structure in the magneto-optic dispersion; and magneto-optic behavior appears to be a very sensitive probe of the approach to the heavy fermion state, presumably reflecting very sensitively the broadening that characterizes this approach.
• Conventional one-electron band theory is inadequate for an understanding of the giant magneto-optic behavior.

• To see if one-electron (band) theory is adequate, extend band theory to include explicit orbital polarization (Hund's second rule ala Brooks).

• With explicit orbital polarization, does band theory correctly give the experimental static magnetic moment (magnetization measurement/neutron diffraction) and dynamic magnetic moment (magneto-optic experiment)?

• Results for US, UTe and CeTe.
Band Theory works for iron - a good itinerant electron ferromagnet
Summary of Key Results

• For static moment, band (i.e. one-electron) theory is inadequate for understanding the diminished ordered moment associated with the approach to the highly-correlated electron state as in CeTe (an incipient heavy fermion - Ott and Hulliger) even when explicit orbital polarization is included.

\[ \text{US} \rightarrow \text{UTe} \rightarrow \text{CeTe} \]

• The Magneto-optic behavior is a more sensitive measure of the diminished ordered moment associated with strong correlation effects presumably because it provides a dynamic measure of the moment.
FCC CTE

\[ \sigma_{XX}^1 \text{ (10}^{15} \text{s}^{-1}) \]

\[ \sigma_{XY}^2 \text{ (10}^{14} \text{s}^{-1}) \]

Theory ——
Schoenes and Reim ———

This band theory line with spectral intensity washed away and shifted to ~1.5-2 eV below \( E_{\text{Fermi}} \) might become this experimental line.

Photon Energy (eV)

This raises questions to be explored in photoemission. Can extend Mori theory to magneto-optics and photoemission.
LOCALIZED RARE EARTH MAGNETISM

HEAVY FERMION STATE

NP materials promise to be of special interest.

Localized 5's

Itinerant 5's

Detailed chemistry

Itinerant Electron Magnetism
HEAVY FERMION AND KONDO PHENOMENA IN ACTINIDE MATERIALS

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Heavy fermion and Kondo phenomena in metals containing transition metal, rare earth, and actinide ions with partially-filled 3d, 4f, and 5f electron shells can be traced to the hybridization of the localized 3d, 4f, and 5f states and the conduction electron states. Since the spatial extent of the 5f wave functions is intermediate between that of the 4f and 3d wave functions, the strength of the hybridization for systems containing actinide ions is intermediate between that of systems containing rare earth and transition metal ions. In this intermediate regime, a rich variety of heavy fermion and Kondo phenomena in actinide systems are found, some of which are briefly summarized below.

Heavy Fermion Compounds

Heavy fermion compounds are formed from 4f- and 5f-elements (such as Ce, U, and Yb) which have an unstable f-configuration [1,2]. The "heavy fermion" state, characterized by an enormous electronic specific heat coefficient \(\gamma\), develops below a characteristic "coherence temperature." While the high temperature behavior may be reasonably well accounted for in terms of an array of independent paramagnetic Kondo "impurity ions," the low temperature coherent Fermi liquid regime is not well understood. It is unstable against the formation of superconducting and low moment (-0.01 \(\mu_B\)) antiferromagnetic states, which coexist on a microscopic scale in compounds such as \(\text{UPt}_3\) [3-5] and \(\text{URu}_2\text{Si}_2\) [6-8]. The superconducting state is particularly interesting. The power-law temperature dependences of thermodynamic and transport properties below \(T_c\) in heavy fermion superconductors indicate the existence of an anisotropic energy gap similar to that of superfluid \(^3\text{He}\). Additional evidence for a nonscalar \((\lambda \neq 0)\) order parameter is the observation of two or more distinct superconducting states in \(\text{UPt}_3\) [3-5], \(\text{U}_{1-x}\text{Th}_x\text{Be}_{13}\) [9,10], and, possibly, \(\text{URu}_2\text{Si}_2\) [11], the origin of which may be due to the coupling of antiferromagnetic and multicomponent superconducting order parameters. However, it has not yet been definitively demonstrated that the multiple superconducting transitions in all of these materials are intrinsic features of unconventional superconductivity or associated with two different metallurgical phases. Antiferromagnetic fluctuations have also been proposed as the mechanism leading to Cooper pair formation in heavy fermion superconductors and have been shown to impede s-wave pairing. The magnetic and superconducting properties of heavy fermion compounds are also extraordinarily sensitive to chemical impurities and frequently yield striking results such as the non-monotonic decrease of \(T_c\) in \(\text{U}_{1-x}\text{Th}_x\text{Be}_{13}\) [9,10], the transition from small to localized moment antiferromagnetic ordering in \(\text{U}_{1-x}\text{Th}_x\text{Pt}_3\) [12], the transition from SDW to local moment antiferromagnetic ordering in \(\text{URu}_{2-x}\text{Rh}_x\text{Si}_2\) [13] and to ferromagnetic ordering in \(\text{URu}_{2-x}\text{Re}_x\text{Si}_2\) [14].

Hybridization Gap Semiconductors

Another striking and related phenomenon observed in these unstable f-electron materials is the formation of an insulating ground state with a small energy gap of the order of several meV which is apparently associated with hybridization between localized f and conduction electron states (hence the terminology "hybridization gap semiconductor") or Kondo interactions (hence the name "Kondo insulator"). Materials which exhibit this behavior include, for example, \(\text{SmB}_6\) [15],
SmS [16], CeFe4P12 [17], UF4P12 [18], Ce3Bi4Pt3 [19], and U3Sb4Pt3 [20,21]. Apparently, the physics of such systems can be described by a lattice Hamiltonian consisting of a single half-filled conduction band which is crossed by an occupied magnetic level.

Multichannel Kondo Effect

While the exotic superconductivity of the heavy fermion materials has attracted the most attention, it is clear that no fundamental understanding can be achieved without a microscopic theory of the normal state properties. Recent experiments [22,23] on the Y1-xUxPd3 system have led to important and exciting results that provide compelling evidence for a two-channel quadrupolar Kondo effect [24] with concomitant non Fermi liquid behavior. There may be a relation between the breakdown of Fermi liquid theory in Y1-xUxPd3 and that which is believed to occur in the high Tc oxide superconductors. This work is important from several viewpoints. First, this is a new aspect of the Kondo problem and it enhances our fundamental understanding of magnetic moments in metals. Secondly, the behavior of the electrons cannot be described using Fermi liquid phenomenology which has traditionally been very successful in characterizing normal state properties of even highly correlated electronic materials. Finally, these results could have consequences for the concentrated heavy fermion systems which exhibit such anomalous behavior, and perhaps other highly correlated electronic systems. For the Y1-xUxPd3 system at low temperatures T << TK, where TK is the Kondo temperature, the electrical resistivity varies nearly linearly with T, \( \rho(T)/\rho(0) = 1 - T/(aT_K) \), and the electronic specific heat diverges logarithmically, \( \Delta C/T = -(1/T_K)\ln T \) with a finite residual T = 0 entropy S(0) = (R/2)ln2. Electronic specific heat \( \Delta C/T \) vs lnT data for Y1-xUxPd3 samples with x = 0.1 and 0.2 are shown in Fig. 1.

![Figure 1. Electronic specific heat ΔC/T vs lnT data for Y1-xUxPd3 samples with x = 0.1 and 0.2. The solid lines correspond to fits with T_K = 220 K and 42 K for x = 0.1 and 0.2, respectively [10].](image)
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HEAVY FERMION AND KONDO PHENOMENA IN ACTINIDE MATERIALS

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• Materials containing lanthanide, actinide, and transition metal ions with partially-filled 4f, 5f, and 3d electron shells
  ⇒ correlated electron phenomena

• Dilute or concentrated

• Disordered or ordered (sublattice)

• Hybridization between localized 4f, 5f, and 3d states and conduction electron states

• Radial extent of 5f wavefunctions (~0.7 Å) intermediate between that of 4f and 3d wavefunctions (~0.4 Å, ~0.9 Å)
  ⇒ Hybridization of actinide ions intermediate between that of rare earth and transition metal ions

• Delicate balance between localized and itinerant character for actinide ions leads to rich variety of heavy fermion and Kondo phenomena

Three examples

• Heavy fermion superconductivity and magnetism

• Hybridization gap semiconductors (Kondo insulators)

• Multichannel Kondo effect (non-Fermi liquid)
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*Nozieres and Blandin, '80*

- Metallic matrix containing paramagnetic impurity ions

  m-channel Kondo effect

  m channels of conduction electrons interact via spin dependent exchange interaction with paramagnetic impurity ions
  \[ \Rightarrow \text{overscreening of paramagnetic impurity spin for } T \ll T_K \]
  \[ \Rightarrow \text{local non-Fermi liquid} \]

  Relevant to high \( T_c \) superconductivity in oxides
  Normal state properties (e.g., linear \( \rho(T) \) curve)
  \[ \Rightarrow \text{marginal or non-Fermi liquid behavior} \]

- Two channel quadrupolar Kondo effect — *Cox, '87*

  Quadrupolar Kondo effect — electric analogue of magnetic Kondo effect

  System — \( Y_{1-x}U_x\text{Pd}_3 \)
Experimental evidence for two-channel quadrupolar Kondo effect in $Y_{1-x}U_xPd_3$

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**UPd$_3$** Only actinide intermetallic compound consistent with localized 5f electrons (low T)

\[ \text{U}^{4+} \quad 5f^2 \quad (^{3}H_4) \quad ^{2S+1}L_J \]

INS: CEF levels (Shamir et al., '78)
(Nonmagnetic ground state)
Small $\gamma = 5 \text{ mJ/mol K}^2$ (Andres et al., '78)
PES/BIS: Gap in 5f spectral weight about $E_F$
Low $N(E_F)$ (Baer et al., '80)
(Reihl et al., '88)
(Arko et al., '88)

**YPd$_3$** Small $\gamma = 3.5 \text{ mJ/mol K}^2$ (Besnus et al., '83)
$N(E_F) = 1 \text{ state/eV cell}$ (Koenig et al., '83)

\[ N(E) \]

\[ E \]

**Y$_{1-x}$U$_x$Pd$_3$** PES (Kang et al., '89)
Increase in $|E_{5f} - E_F|$ with $x$ ($\sim 1 \text{ eV as } x = 0 \rightarrow 1$)
Interpretation: Fermi-level tuning
Substitution of $\text{U}^{4+}$ for $\text{Y}^{3+} \Rightarrow$ increase in $n$
$\Rightarrow$ increase in $E_F$
Expectation: Moderate 5f-conduction electron hybridization (V\text{Kf})

\[ \Rightarrow \text{Kondo effect} \]

\[ H_{\text{ex}} = -2J S \cdot S(0) \text{ with } J < 0 \]

\[ J \sim \frac{\langle V_{kf}^2 \rangle}{|E_{5f} - E_F|} \] should decrease in magnitude with \( x \)

\[ \Rightarrow T_K \sim T_F \exp[-1/N(E_F)|J|] \] should decrease with \( x \)

Motivated measurements of \( \rho(T), C(T), \chi(T), R(H) \) on polycrystalline \( Y_{1-x}U_xPd_3 \)
Structural change: Electronically driven

Kondo behavior ($x \leq 0.2$)

$T_K$ decreases with $x$ (consistent with FLT and U$^{4+}$)

Unconventional low-T behavior (non-Fermi liquid)

Comparison to m-channel Kondo model yields remarkable agreement with $m = 2$, $S = 1/2$ case

Quadrupolar Kondo effect: Microscopic mechanism
Kondo Effect

\[ \mathcal{H}_{ex} = -2J S \cdot s(0); \quad J < 0 \quad (AFM) \]

Moderate hybridization — \( S \) well defined (long-lived)
Single ion effect

\[ T_K \sim T_F \exp \left[-1/N(E_F) |J| \right] \]

T-dependent Kondo resonance

\[ N(E) \]

\[ T >> T_K: \text{Local moment} \quad \chi(T) \sim C/(T - \Theta cw); \quad |\Theta cw| \sim 3 - 4 T_K \]

\[ \rho(T) \sim -\ln T \]

\[ T << T_K: \text{Highly correlated many-body singlet ground state} \]
Local Fermi liquid

\[ \chi(T), C(T)/T \rightarrow \text{const} \propto N(E_F) \sim 1/T_K \]

\[ S(0) \rightarrow 0 \]

\[ \rho(T) \rightarrow \rho_0 \left[1 - (T/T_0)^2\right] \quad \text{e.g., } T_{h_{\downarrow}} U_x \quad T_K \approx 100 K \]

Maple et al., '70
Two-Channel Kondo Effect (Nozieres & Blandin,'80)

\[ \mathcal{H}_{ex} = -2J S \cdot [\sigma_1 + \sigma_2] \]

\( T \ll T_K: \) Overscreening \( \Rightarrow \) Critical state behavior
Local non-Fermi liquid

\[ \chi(T), \frac{C(T)}{T} \to -(1/T_K)\ln T \]

\[ \rho(T) \to \rho_0[1-(T/T_0)^n], \ n = 1/2 \]

\[ S(0) = (R/2)\ln(2) \]

Tsvelik,'85
Sacramento & Schlottmann,'89
Affleck & Ludwig,'91

Quadrupolar Kondo Effect (Cox,'87)

\( S: \) Impurity pseudospin 1/2 (quadrupole moment)
\( \sigma_1, \sigma_2: \) time-reversed (\( \uparrow, \downarrow \)) channels which screen \( S \)

\[ \Gamma_1 \quad 5f_{2}^{\prime}, J=\frac{5}{2}, T_g \]
\[ \Gamma_4 \quad 5f_{2}^{\prime 2}, J=4, T_g \]
\[ \Gamma_5 \quad \text{non-Kramer's, non-magnetic doublet} \]
\[ \Gamma_3 \quad \text{partial waves} \]

\( U^{4+} (\text{Pr}^{3+}) \quad 3H_{4} \text{ groundstate multiplet} \)

\[ \chi \to \chi_{\text{quadrupolar}} \]
\[ \chi_{\text{magnetic}} = \chi_{vv} \sim 1 - T^{1/2} \quad \text{(Cox, '91)} \]
\[ T > T_K: \quad \rho(T) \sim -\ln T \Rightarrow \text{Kondo effect} \]

\[ T \ll T_K: \quad \frac{\rho(T)}{\rho(0)} = 1 - \left(\frac{T}{T_0}\right)^n \left\{ \ln \left[ 1 - \rho(T) \rho(0) \right] = n_b T - n_b T_0 \right\} \]

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<td>1.13 ± 0.04</td>
<td>4.3 ( T_K )</td>
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Theory:

- Single-channel Kondo  \( n = 2 \)  (Fermi liquid)
- Two-channel Kondo  \( n = 1/2 \)
$Y_{0.98}U_{0.02}Pd_3$

\[ \rho(T)/\rho(0) = 1 - (T/6600 \text{ K}) \]
Electrical Specific Heat $\Delta C(T)$

- $x = 0.3, 0.4, 0.5$  
  Broad anomalies (SG)

- Schottky anomaly  
  (excited level $\sim 10$ meV)

  INS – UPd$_4$:
  $\Gamma_5 \sim 5$ meV above ground state $\Gamma_3$ (Furrer et al., '77)

- $x = 0.1, 0.2$
  No peak  
  (not SG)

  No saturation  
  (not usual Kondo effect)
Two-channel Kondo: \( \frac{\Delta C(T)}{T} = -0.251 \frac{1}{T_K} \ln \frac{T}{0.41 T_K} + b \)
(Tsvelik,'85)
(Sacramento & Schlottmann, '89)

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<th>( b ) (mJ/mol U K²)</th>
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\( S(0) = (R/2) \ln(2) \)
The graph shows the magnetic susceptibility ($\chi$) of $Y_{1-x}U_xPd_3$ as a function of temperature (K), with $\chi$ values plotted against temperature. The data is represented for various values of $x$, ranging from 0.1 to 1.0. The magnetic susceptibility values are given in mol U/cm$^3$. The graph displays a clear trend with increasing temperature for each concentration of $x$. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 1000, while the x-axis ranges from 0 to 300 K.
Magnetic Susceptibility \( \chi(T) \)

High T: \( \chi(T) = \chi_0 + C/(T - \Theta_{CW}) \)

- \( \mu_{\text{eff}} = 3.4 \mu_B \) \( \mu_{\text{eff}}(U^{4+}) = 3.58 \mu_B \) \( \mu_{\text{eff}}(U^{3+}) = 3.62 \mu_B \)
- \( \chi_0 < 0 \) \( \Rightarrow \) Low \( \chi_{\text{Pauli}} \propto N(E_F) \)
- \( \Theta_{CW} < 0 \) \( \Rightarrow \) AFM correlations

Trend opposite to that for cooperative behavior

Kondo systems: \( |\Theta_{CW}| \approx 3 - 4 T_K \)

\[ X(T) = X_0 + C/(T - \Theta_{CW}) \]

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Trend opposite to that for cooperative behavior

Kondo systems: \( |\Theta_{CW}| \approx 3 - 4 T_K \)
\( \chi(T) \) does not saturate at low \( T \)

Fits to \( \chi(T) = \chi(0)\left[1-\alpha(T/T_K)^{1/2}\right] \) (1.6 K \( \leq T \leq 5 \) K) (Cox, '91)

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<th>( \chi )</th>
<th>( \chi(0) ) (10^{-3} \text{ emu/mol U})</th>
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\( \chi_{\nu\nu} = 16 \times 10^{-3} \text{ emu/mol U for } \Gamma_5 10 \text{ meV above } \Gamma_3 \)
CEF peaks:

1) $P_3 \rightarrow P_5$ at $\sim 6\text{ meV}$, $\Gamma/2 \sim 1.5\text{ meV}$

2) $P_3 \rightarrow P_7$ at $\sim 15\text{ meV}$, $\Gamma/2 \sim 3\text{ meV}$

H.A. Mook et al., '92.
$\Delta \rho(T)/\Delta \rho(0) = 1 - (T/T_0)^m$

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Conclusions

Fermi-level tuning: Observe decrease in $T_K$ with $x$
Consistent with PES/BIS
Unprecedented for U system

Single-ion/cooperative effects compete for ground state
SG-like freezing \((0.3 \leq x \leq 0.5)\)
Kondo effect \((x \leq 0.2)\)

Unconventional (non-Fermi liquid) Kondo behavior \((T < T_K)\)
\begin{align*}
p(T) &\sim 1 - T \\
\chi(T) &\sim 1 - T^{1/2} \\
C(T)/T &\sim -\ln T \\
S(0) &\sim (R/2)\ln(2)
\end{align*}

Consistent with two-channel Kondo effect

Quadrupolar Kondo effect \Rightarrow origin of two-channel behavior:
\begin{align*}
U^{4+} \text{ in cubic CEF} &\Rightarrow \Gamma_3 \text{ doublet ground state} \\
\chi(T) &\sim 1 - T^{1/2} \\
C(H) &\text{: Crossover to single-channel Kondo} \\
&\text{(Andraka & Tsvelik,'91)} \\
\text{INS: No strong, narrow quasielastic peak} \ (\Gamma_4, \Gamma_5)
\end{align*}
Heavy fermion superconductivity and magnetism

- Heavy fermion superconductors

  \[ \text{CeCu}_2\text{Si}_2, \text{UBe}_{13}, \text{UPt}_3, \text{UNi}_2\text{Al}_3, \text{UPd}_2\text{Al}_3 \]

  \[ \gamma \sim 1 \text{ J/mole K}^2 \ (m^* \sim 10^2-10^3 \text{ m}_e, T_0 \sim 1-10 \text{ K}), T_c \sim 1 \text{ K} \]

- Anisotropic superconductivity

  \[ \Delta(k) \text{ vanishes at points or lines on Fermi surface} \]

  \[ \Delta(k) = 0 \rightarrow \text{poles} \Rightarrow \text{axial state, equator} \Rightarrow \text{polar state} \]

  Electron pairing mediated by AFM spin fluctuations

- SC coexists with weak AFM \((\mu \sim 10^{-2} \mu_B)\)

- Multiple superconducting phases \(\Rightarrow\)

  Coupling of multicomponent superconducting order parameter and AFM order parameter

  Complex superconducting phase diagrams

  \text{UPt}_3 \text{ and, possibly, URu}_2\text{Si}_2 \quad \text{H-T plane}
  \quad \text{H}-\text{T and T-P planes}

- Chemical substitution \(\Rightarrow\)

  Suppresses SC and weak AFM

  Induces local moment AFM or FM \((\mu \sim 1 \mu_B)\)

  \text{UPt}_3 \quad \text{Th for U; Pd, Au for Pt} \Rightarrow \text{local moment AFM}
  \text{URu}_2\text{Si}_2 \quad \text{Rh for Ru} \Rightarrow \text{local moment AFM}

  \quad \text{Re, Tc for Ru} \Rightarrow \text{local moment FM}

- Kondo effect — origin of heavy fermion state
$T_c(P)$ measurements on $(U_{1-x}Th_x)Be_{13}$

$P=0: T_c(x) -$ Smith, Fisk, Willis, Roof, Ott, Rudiger & Felder, '85

$C(T) -$ Ott, Rudiger, Fisk & Smith, '85
(U_{1-x}Th_x)Be_{13}  \\
\begin{align*}
\text{P=0 kbar} & \\
\text{2} & \\
\text{4} & \\
\text{6} & \\
\text{8} & \\
\text{10} & \\
\text{12} & \\
\end{align*}
\begin{align*}
\text{Th} & \\
\text{Lu} & \\
\text{La} & \\
\end{align*}

\text{S.E. Lambert, Y. Dalichaouch, M.B. Maple, J.L. Smith, R. Fisk (1996)}

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$\gamma' = 112 \text{ mJ/mole U-K}^2$, $\Theta_0 = 294 \text{ K}$

$\gamma(0) = 65.5 \text{ mJ/mole U-K}^2$ ($m^* \sim 25m_b$)

$\gamma(0)/\gamma' \approx 0.6 \Rightarrow \sim 40\%$ Fermi surface removed by CDW or SDW.

BCS-type mean field transition at $T_0 \sim 175 \text{ K}$. 

$\delta C = A \exp(-\Delta/T)$; $\Delta \sim 10^2 \text{ K} \sim 10 \text{ meV}$

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\( C/T \) (mJ/mol K^2) vs. \( T^2 \) (K^2) for \( U_{1-x}Th_xRu_2Si_2 \) with \( x = 0 \), \( x = 0.02 \), and \( x = 0.05 \) (a).

For \( U_{0.98}Th_{0.02}Ru_2Si_2 \), the equation is given by:

\[
C = \gamma T + Ae^{-\Delta T}
\]

where \( \gamma = 59 \) mJ/mol K^2, \( A = 4.79 \times 10^4 \) mJ/mol K, and \( \Delta = 49 \) K (b).

M. A. Lopez de la Torre et al, UCSD, '92
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Hybridization gap semiconductors (Kondo insulators)

CeFe$_4$P$_{12}$, CeNiSn, Ce$_3$Bi$_4$Pt$_3$
SmB$_6$, "gold" SmS
TmSe, TmTe
YbB$_{12}$
UFe$_4$P$_{12}$, UPtSn, U$_3$Sb$_4$Pd$_3$

• Hybridization of flat f-band and broad conduction band with exactly two electrons per unit cell

• Two electrons fill lower hybridized band $\Rightarrow$ insulator

• $\Delta \sim 10^{-10^2}$ meV
  low T $\Rightarrow$ semiconductor
  high T $\Rightarrow$ metal

Example: MFe$_4$P$_{12}$

bcc — derived from binary skutterudite structure (CoAs$_3$)
M cations — bcc sublattice
Fe cations — sc sublattice
P anions — distorted corner sharing octahedra centered by Fe cation

Metals: M = La, Pr, Nd, Sm, Eu
Semimetal: M = Th
Semiconductors: M = Ce, U
$LaFe_{4}P_{12}$ structure (W. Teitschko & D. Braun, 1977)
\[ R = R_0 \exp \left( \frac{E_a}{k_B T} \right) \]

\[ \Delta E_a = 130 \text{ meV (85 K} < T < 140 \text{ K)} \]

\[ \Delta E_a = 17 \text{ meV (160 K} < T < 300 \text{ K)} \]

CeFe₄P₁₂ - paramagnetic semiconductor \( d_{\text{Ce}} \sim 6.7 \text{ Å} \)

\( = \) intermediate valence Ce

UFe₄P₁₂ - ferromagnetic semiconductor \( d_{\text{U}} \sim 6.7 \text{ Å} \)

magnetic moment \( 5f \sim 2 \)

G.P. Meisner et al., '85
M. S. Torikachvili et al., 86