

## **Inelastic form factors, scattering cross sections, dipole selection rules**

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#### FYS5310 teaching schedule

Preliminary schedule only! You should keep the class-times on Wednesdays and Thursdays open unless notified by email (or in this schedule) that there is no class References to the textbook to Fultz & Howe unless stated otherwise.



# **This lecture**

- Recap from last time
	- The inelastic form factor
- Cross section of a single scattering event
- Cross section for several possible final states
- GOS
- Dipole selection rules

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Figure 1: Sketch showing a plane wave scattered by atom in  $\mathbf{R}_j$ .

$$
f(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_0) = \frac{-m_e}{2\pi\hbar^2} \langle \beta | \langle \mathbf{k} | \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} + V(\mathbf{r}_1) | \mathbf{k}_0 \rangle | \alpha \rangle
$$
  
\n
$$
= \frac{-m_e}{2\pi\hbar^2} \left[ \langle \beta | \langle \mathbf{k} | \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} | \mathbf{k}_0 \rangle | \alpha \rangle + \langle \beta | \langle \mathbf{k} | V(\mathbf{r}_1) | \mathbf{k}_0 \rangle | \alpha \rangle \right]
$$
  
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$$
= \frac{-m_e}{2\pi\hbar^2} \left[ \langle \beta | \langle \mathbf{k} | \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} | \mathbf{k}_0 \rangle | \alpha \rangle + \langle \beta | \alpha \rangle \langle \mathbf{k} | V(\mathbf{r}_1) | \mathbf{k}_0 \rangle \right]
$$
  
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$$
= \frac{-m_e}{2\pi\hbar^2} \left[ \langle \beta | \langle \mathbf{k} | \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} | \mathbf{k}_0 \rangle | \alpha \rangle \right]
$$

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## **Fermi golden rule – scattering between two distict states**

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma(\Delta\mathbf{k})}{\mathrm{d}\Omega}=|f(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}_0)|^2=\frac{4}{a_0^2\Delta k^4}\left|\int\limits_{-\infty}^{\infty}\Psi_{\beta}^*(\mathbf{r}_2)e^{-i\Delta\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}_2}\Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_2)\mathrm{d}^3\mathbf{r}_2\right|^2
$$

 $\Delta$ **k** – scattering vector  $\Delta$ **k** = **k**<sub>0</sub> – **k**  $\Psi_{\alpha}$  – initial state of target electron  $\Psi_{\beta}$  – final state of target electron **r**<sub>2</sub> – position of scattering event

Assumption 1 Only one scattering event at a time Assumption 2 Separation of the electronic and atomic degrees of freedom

# **Double differential cross section**

 $d\sigma$  $\overline{\Delta k}$  $\rightarrow$  $d^2\sigma(\Delta k, E)$  $\Delta$ k $dE$ 

We want to consider all possible transistions from  $\Psi_\alpha$  with energy E

$$
\bigotimes \!e^{-i{\bf \Delta k}\cdot{\bf r}}|\alpha\rangle\big|^2
$$

Several possible final states with same energy

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \sigma(\Delta \mathbf{k}, E)}{\mathrm{d}\Omega \mathrm{d}E} = \frac{4}{a_0^2 \Delta k^4} \rho(E) \left| \langle \beta | e^{-i \Delta \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} | \alpha \rangle \right|^2
$$

Assumption 3 Matrix element is a constant for all  $\beta$  under consideration

$$
G_{\alpha\beta}(\Delta k, E) = E_{\alpha\beta} \frac{2m_e}{\hbar^2 \Delta k^2} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi_{\beta}^*(\mathbf{r}) e^{-i\Delta \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_2} \Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_2) d^3 \mathbf{r} \right|^2
$$
  
\nexp. scatt. angles  
\n
$$
\frac{d^2 \sigma(\phi, E)}{d\phi dE} = \frac{2\pi \hbar^4}{a_0^2 m_2^2 E_{\alpha\beta} T} \underbrace{\phi}_{\phi^2 + \phi_E^2} \underbrace{\phi(E)}_{\phi^2 + \phi_E^2} \underbrace{\phi(E)}_{\text{G}_{\alpha\beta}(\Delta k, E)}
$$

sol. state eff.

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Bethe surface for K-shell ionization of  $C$ , calculated using a hydrogenic model. The GOS is zero for energy losses below the ionization threshold  $E_K = E_{\alpha\beta}$ , or  $E < 0$ . The horizontal coordinate increases with scattering angle. The Bethe ridge is most distinct at large  $E$ towards the front of the figure. After  $[5.5]$ 



# **Small scattering angles – the dipole selection rule**

Most of the scattering is at small angles Can be further limited by selecting small  $\beta$ 

$$
\Delta \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} \ll 1
$$
  $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \cdots$ 

$$
e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} = 1 + i\Delta\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r} + \frac{(i\Delta\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r})^2}{2!} + \frac{(i\Delta\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r})^3}{3!} + \dots \frac{d\sigma}{d\Delta\mathbf{k}} = \frac{4}{a_0\Delta\mathbf{k}^4} |\langle\beta|e^{i\Delta\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}|\alpha\rangle|^2
$$

$$
\frac{d\sigma}{d\Delta\mathbf{k}} \approx \frac{4}{a_0\Delta\mathbf{k}^4} |\langle\beta|1 + i\Delta\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}|\alpha\rangle|^2 = \frac{4}{a_0\Delta\mathbf{k}^4} |\langle\beta|i\Delta\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}|\alpha\rangle|^2
$$

Matrix element dependent on spatial overlap of states The scattering is dominated by *local* states

> Under these assumtions, the core loss EELS spectrum probes the

- local density of states around the excited atom...
- with symmetry  $\ell \pm 1...$
- above the Fermi-level

The site and symmetry selected DOS

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \sigma(\Delta \mathbf{k}, E)}{\mathrm{d}\Omega \mathrm{d}E} = \frac{4}{a_0^2 \Delta k^4} \rho(E) \left| \langle \beta | e^{-i \Delta \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} | \alpha \rangle \right|^2
$$

# **Direct comparison with calculated density of states (DOS)**

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \sigma(\Delta \mathbf{k}, E)}{\mathrm{d}\Omega \mathrm{d}E} = \frac{4}{a_0^2 \Delta k^4} \rho(E) \left| \langle \beta | e^{-i \Delta \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} | \alpha \rangle \right|^2
$$

- The transition matrix determines the underlying edge shape
- Usually slowly varying with energy
- The density of states gives more rapid variations on top of this
- Allows comparison with calculated DOS, e.g. from density functional theory (DFT)

# **Next time**

- More on comparisons of EELS spectra with DOS
- Elemental quantification with EELS