

# Characterization of Materials for Novel Devices by XAFS and Ab-initio Calculation

## XAFS Application to $\text{Si}_{0.95}\text{Ge}_{0.05}$ Thin Film

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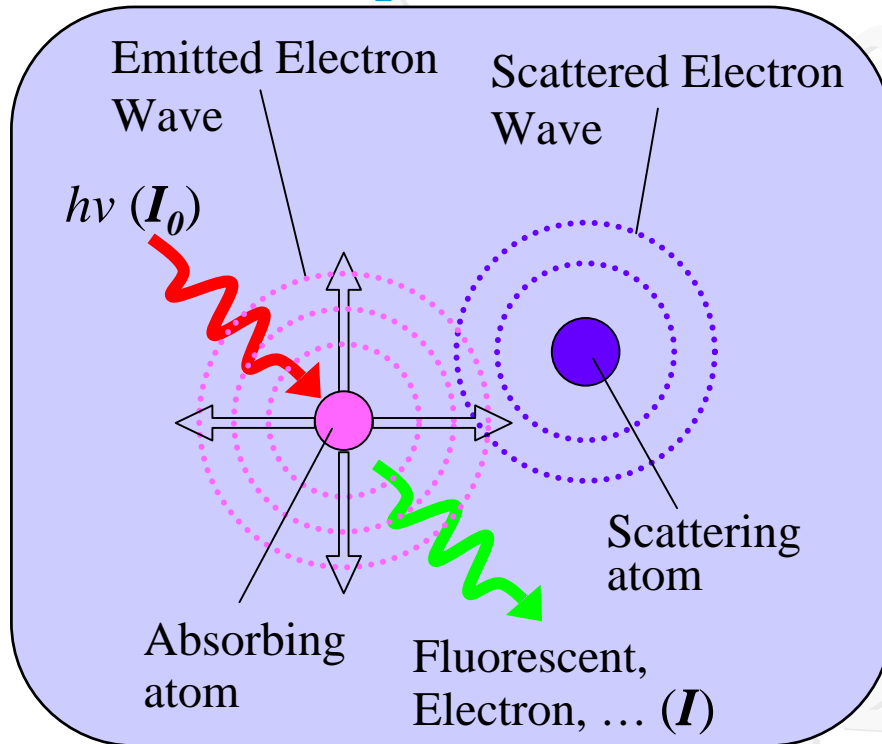
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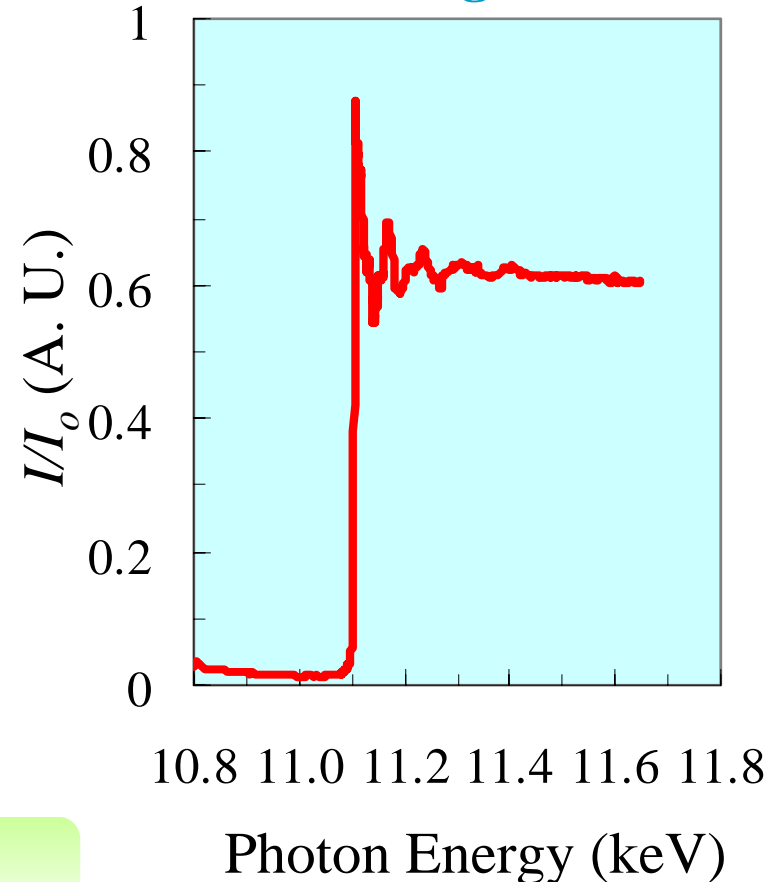
# Principle XAFS and Theoretical Background

## Principle of XAFS



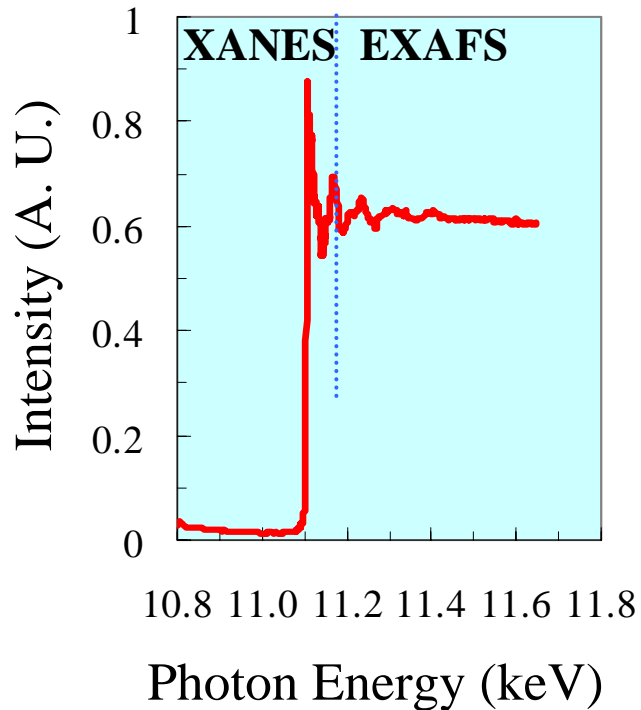
**Interference of electron waves perturbs absorption intensity ( $I/I_0$ ) and yields XAFS.**

## Ge K-edge XAFS

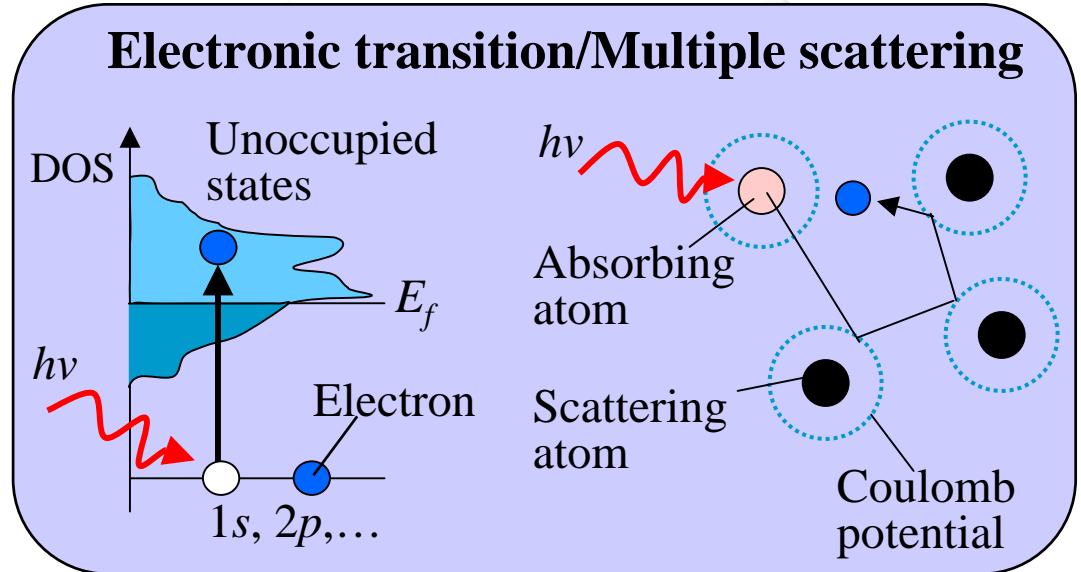


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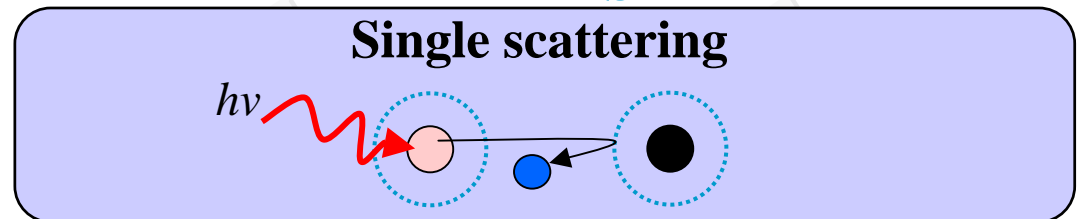
## EXAFS and XANES



## XANES



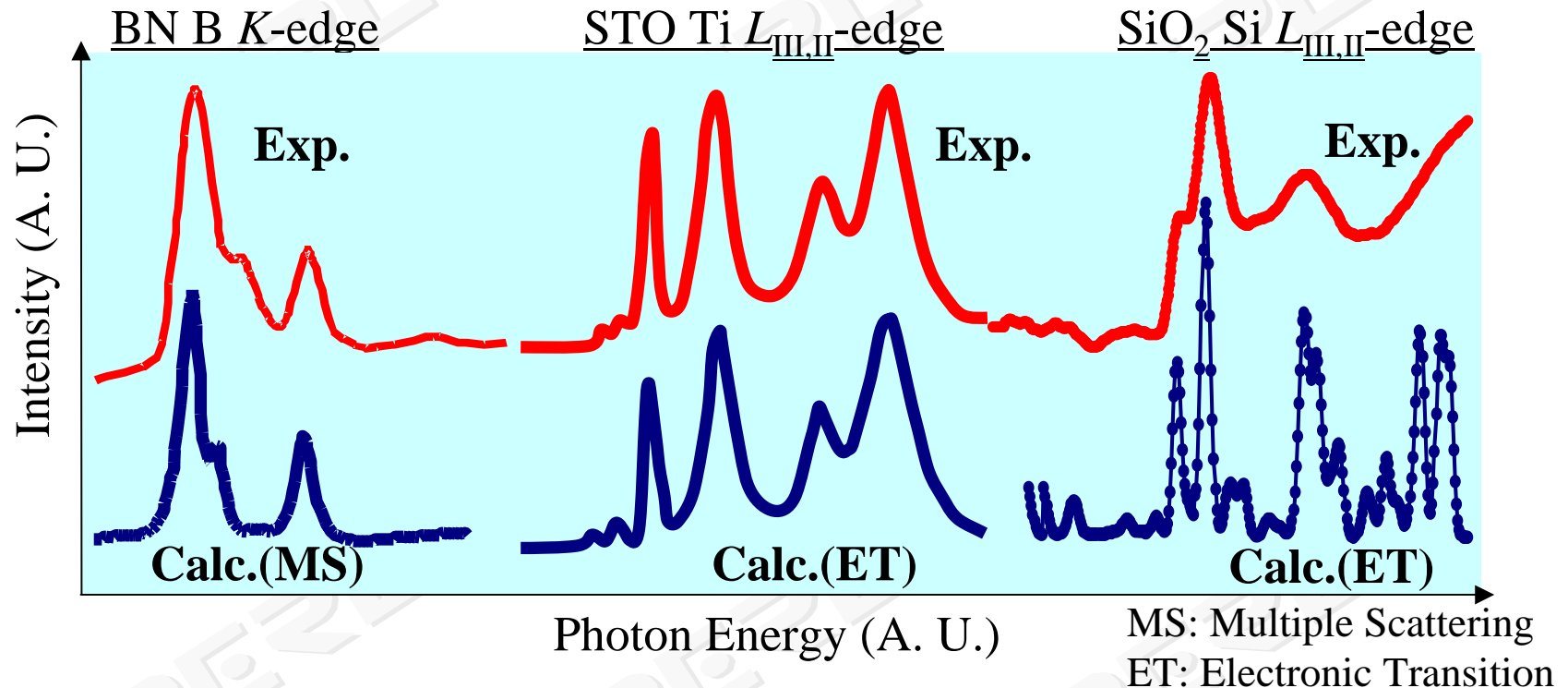
## EXAFS



We developed programs for XANES calculations and applied to analysis.

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## Experimental and calculated XANES spectra

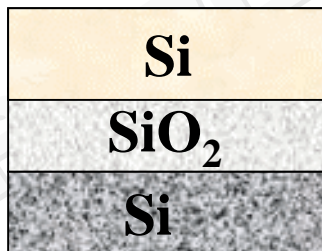


**Calc. can reproduce experimental data fairly well.**

**It is possible to obtain electronic and structural information from XANES.**

# XAFS Application to $\text{Si}_{0.95}\text{Ge}_{0.05}$ Film: Introduction

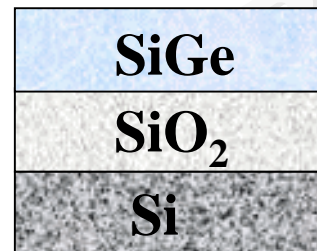
## Poly-Si gate



### Problem of poly-Si gate

1. High temperature deposition
2. Carrier depletion

## Poly-SiGe gate



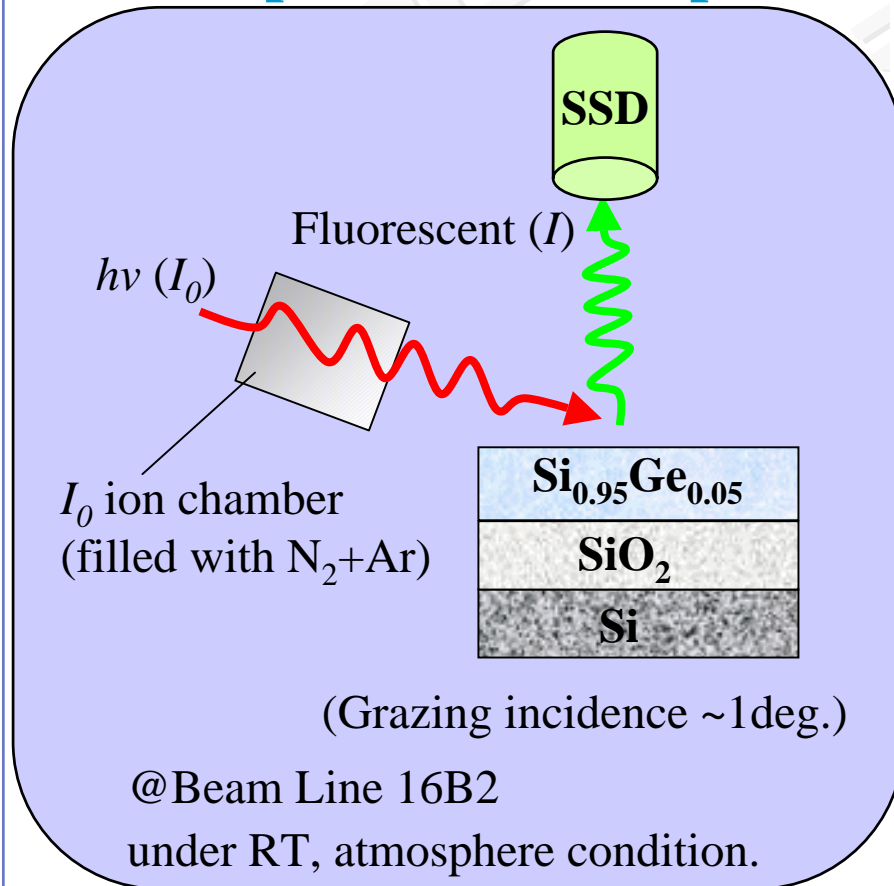
### Features of poly-SiGe gate

1. Low temperature deposition
2. Suppression of carrier depletion

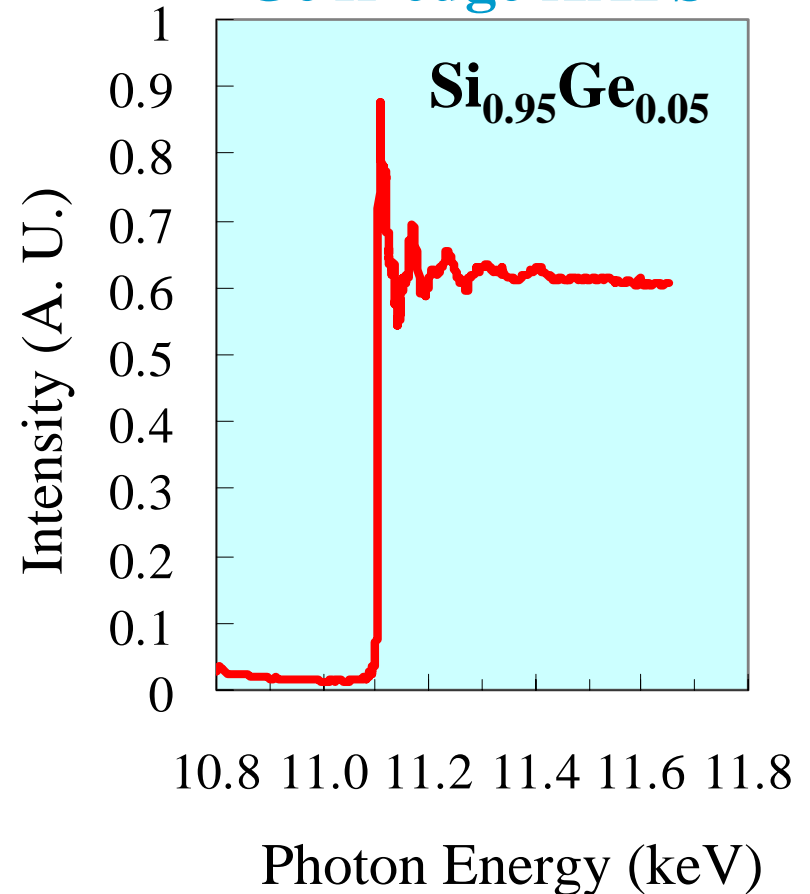
**In order to understand properties of SiGe,  
we applied XAFS to  $\text{Si}_{0.95}\text{Ge}_{0.05}$  to obtain the structural information.**

# XAFS Application to $\text{Si}_{0.95}\text{Ge}_{0.05}$ Film: Experimentals

## Experimental setup

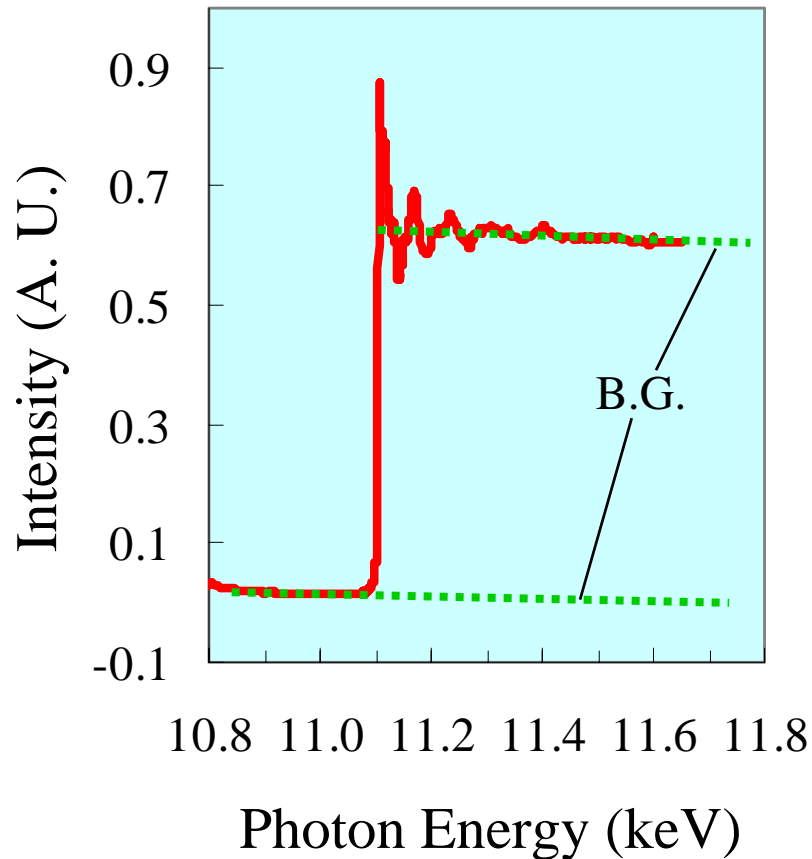


## Ge K-edge XAFS

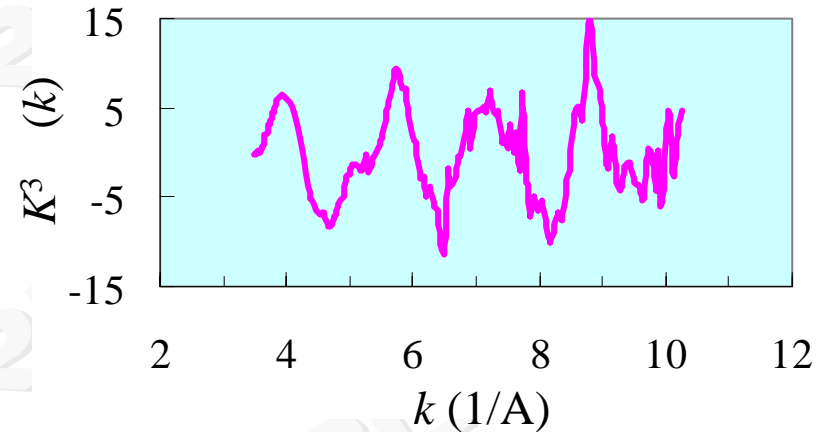


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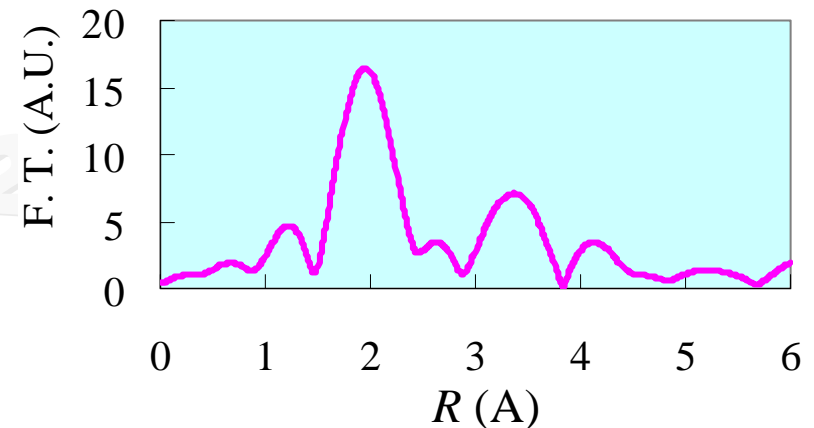
Raw data and background



Extracted EXAFS function



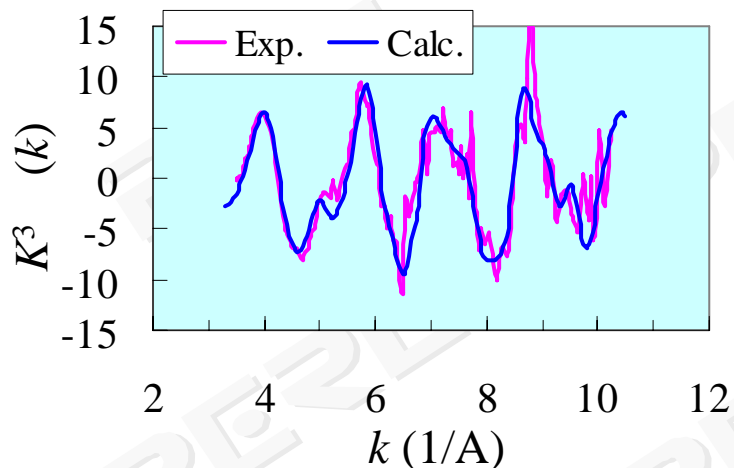
Fouriertransformed EXAFS function



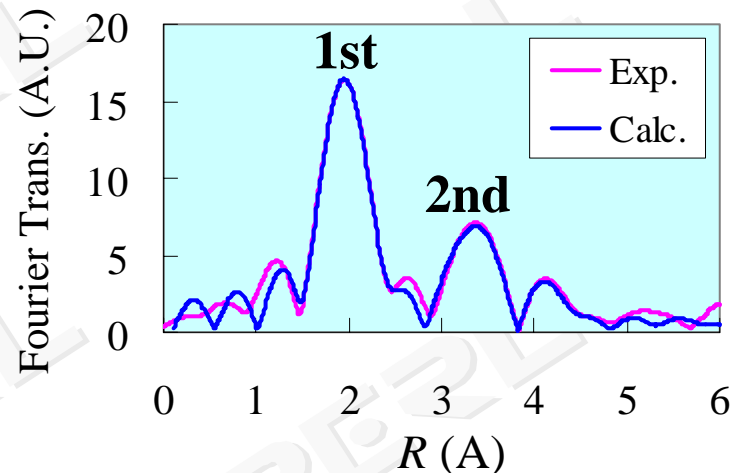


# XAFS Application to $\text{Si}_{0.95}\text{Ge}_{0.05}$ Film: Results

**Extracted EXAFS function**



**Fourier transformed EXAFS function**



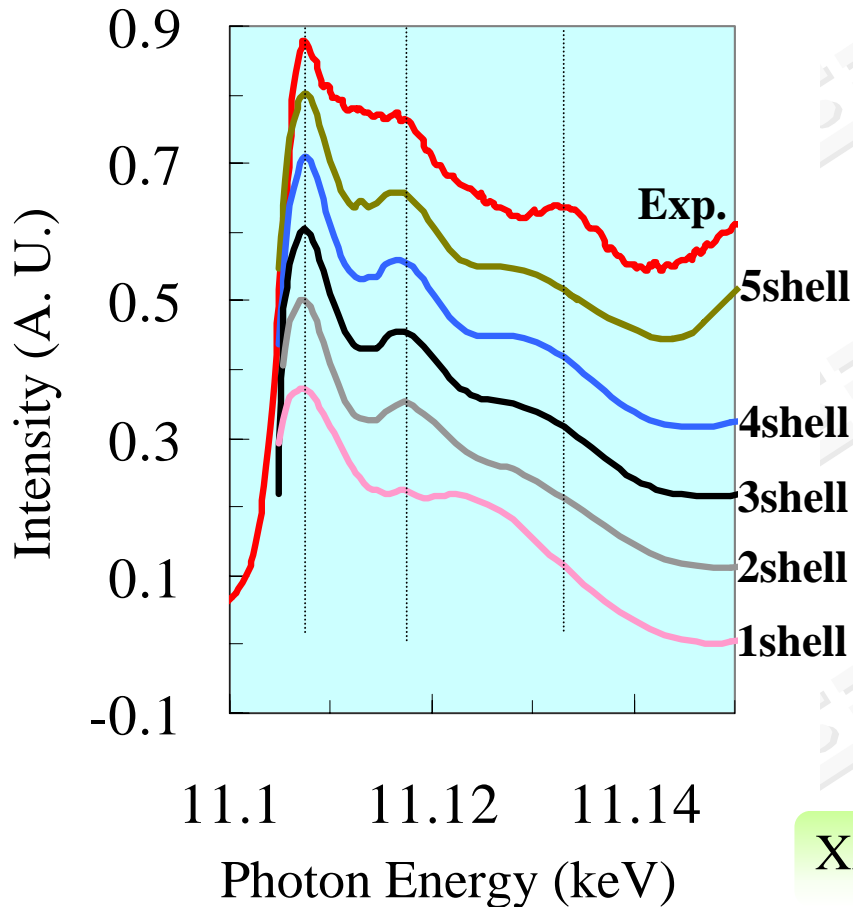
## Curve fitting Results

	Shell	$S_0^2N$	$R$ (A)	$E$ (eV)	$C_2$ ( $\times 10^2 \text{A}^2$ )	$R$ -fac (%)
1st Peak	Ge-Si	3.40	2.363	4.60	0.22	0.5%
	Ge-Ge	0.31	2.418	-0.42	~0	
2nd Peak	Ge-Si	7.52	3.809	-0.21	0.68	2.1%
		(0.25)	(0.003)	(0.30)	(0.25)	

$S_0^2N(\text{Ge-Si})$   $S_0^2N(\text{Ge-Ge})$  **Ge-Ge bonds can be neglected.**

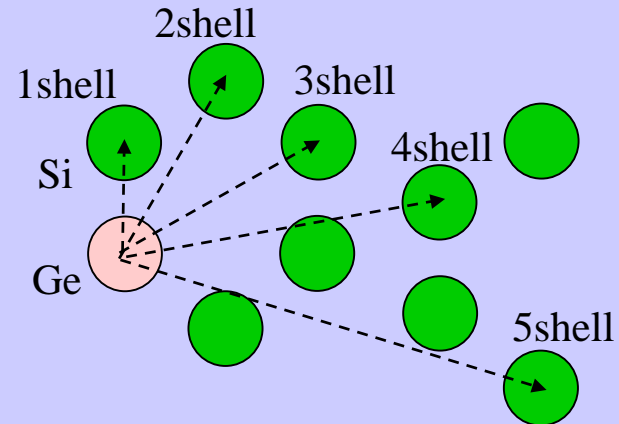
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Exp. and Calc. XANES spectra



Calculation Model

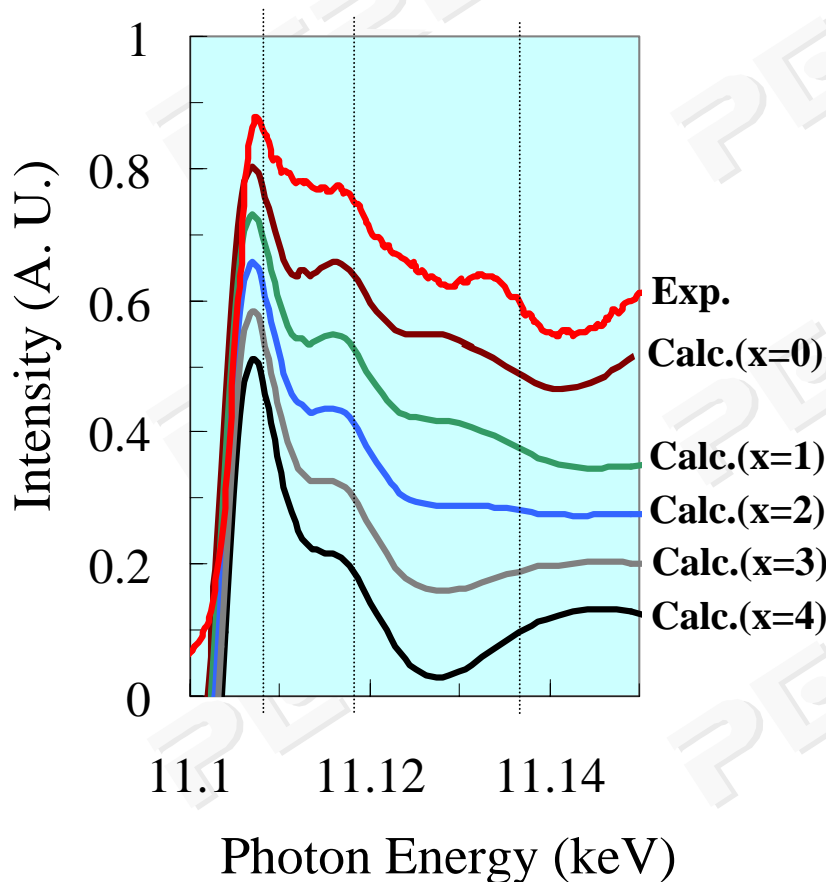
5Shell ··· Ge in  $\text{Si}_{46}$  matrix  
 4Shell ··· Ge in  $\text{Si}_{34}$  matrix  
 3Shell ··· Ge in  $\text{Si}_{28}$  matrix  
 2Shell ··· Ge in  $\text{Si}_{16}$  matrix  
 1Shell ··· Ge in  $\text{Si}_4$  matrix



XANES Calculation needs more than 5shell.

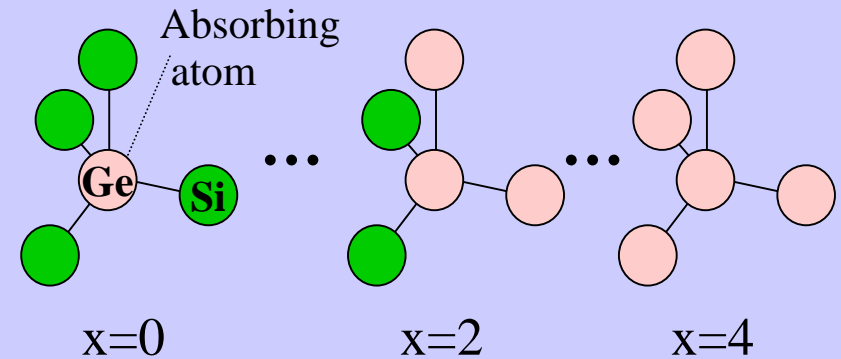
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## Calculation Model

$\text{Si}_{5-x}\text{Ge}_x$  cluster in  $\text{Si}_{42}$  matrix (5shell)



x: Number of Ge around absorbing atom

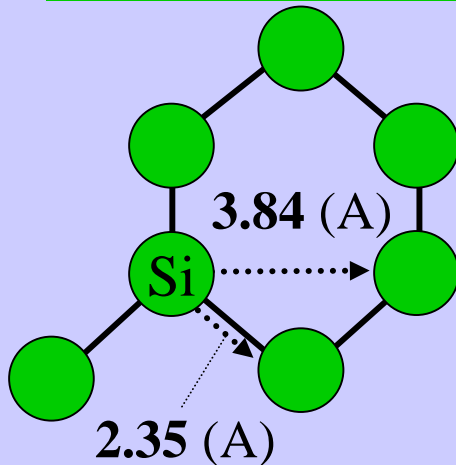
Calc.(x=1) can reproduce Exp. well.

→ XANES confirms EXAFS result,  
 $S_0^2 N(\text{Ge-Si}) \quad S_0^2 N(\text{Ge-Ge})$ .

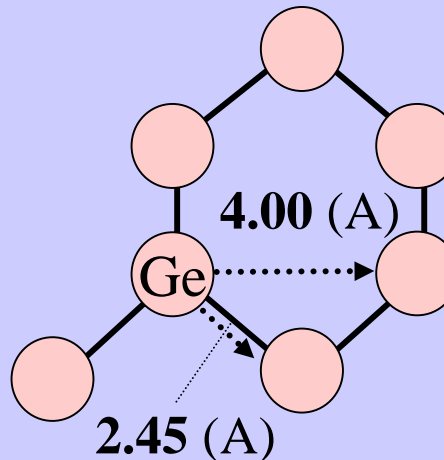
# XAFS Application to $\text{Si}_{0.95}\text{Ge}_{0.05}$ Film: Atomic Structure

## Local atomic structure of Si, Ge, $\text{Si}_{0.95}\text{Ge}_{0.05}$

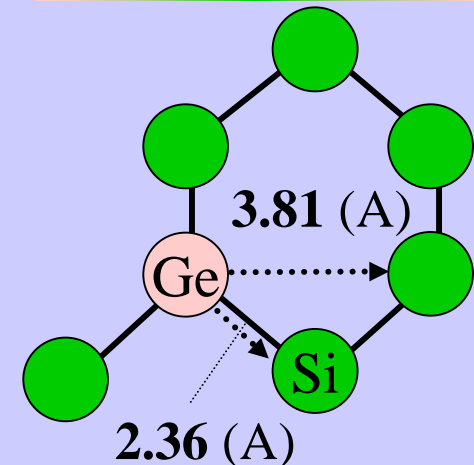
Si crystal



Ge crystal



$\text{Si}_{0.95}\text{Ge}_{0.05}$ (Exp.)



$\text{Si}_{0.95}\text{Ge}_{0.05}$  structure is almost same with Si.



This largely strained structure may have the effect on electrical properties.

# Summary

**We applied XAFS and Ab-initio calculations to  $\text{Si}_{0.95}\text{Ge}_{0.05}$  film and following conclusion was obtained.**

**Local structure of  $\text{Si}_{0.95}\text{Ge}_{0.05}$  is almost coincidence with crystalline Si structure and highly strained.**