

# HANDS-ON TUTORIAL: FINITE DIFFERENCE METHOD CALCULATIONS FOR NEAR-EDGE AND EXTENDED RANGE X-RAY ABSORPTION FINE STRUCTURE

Jay D. Bourke



*Postdoctoral Fellow in X-ray Science  
School of Physics,  
University of Melbourne  
Victoria 3010, Australia*

# OUTLINE

- Finite Difference Method for Near-Edge Structure (FDMNES)
- Overview and Purpose
- Method of Calculation (FDM mode)
- Examples and Hands-on
- Finite Difference Method for XAFS (FDMX)
- Overview and Purpose
- Method of Calculation
- Examples and Hands-on

# FINITE DIFFERENCE METHOD FOR NEAR-EDGE STRUCTURE (FDMNES)

- Written by Y. Joly – Institut Néel,  
CNRS, Grenoble, France

[yves.joly@grenoble.cnrs.fr](mailto:yves.joly@grenoble.cnrs.fr)

- Available from  
<http://www.neel.cnrs.fr/fdmnes>

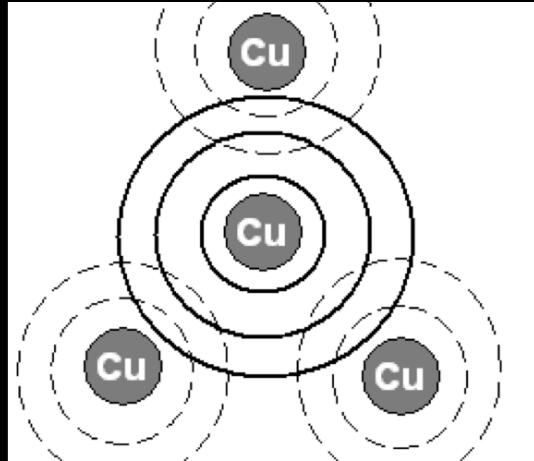


\* Y. Joly, *Phys. Rev. B* **63** 125120 (2001)

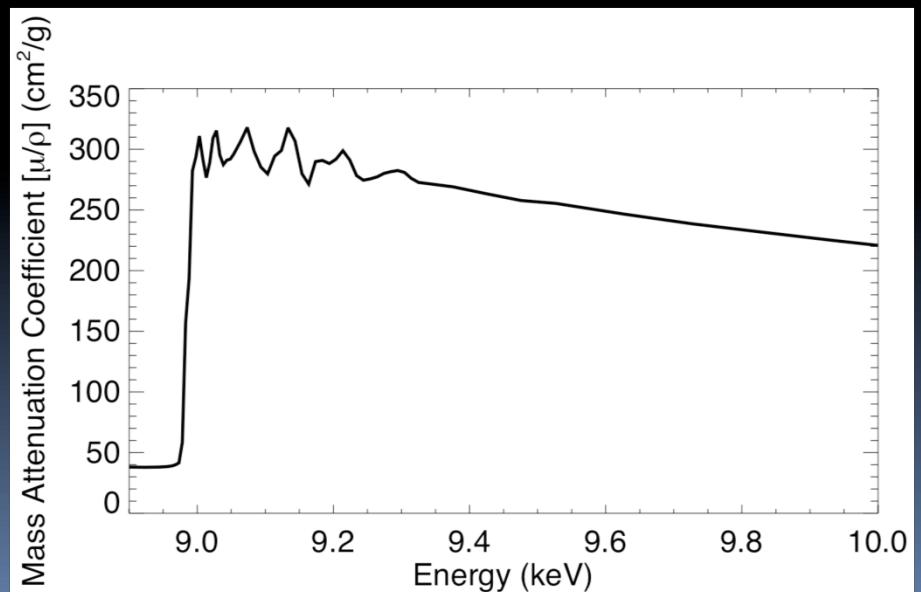
# FINITE DIFFERENCE METHOD FOR NEAR-EDGE STRUCTURE (FDMNES)

- Cluster-based calculation for the determination of x-ray spectroscopies
- Many applications – X-ray Absorption Near-Edge Structure (XANES), X-ray Absorption Fine Structure (XAFS), Diffraction Anomalous Fine Structure (DAFS), Resonant X-ray Diffraction/Scattering (RXD/RXS)
- Our focus is on XANES – XAFS – EXAFS

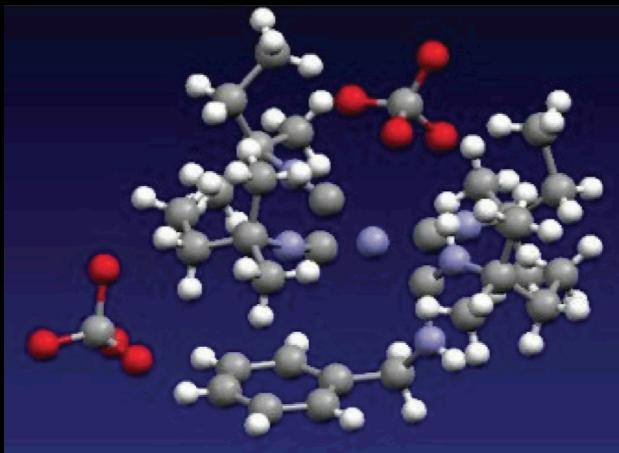
# FDMNES OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE



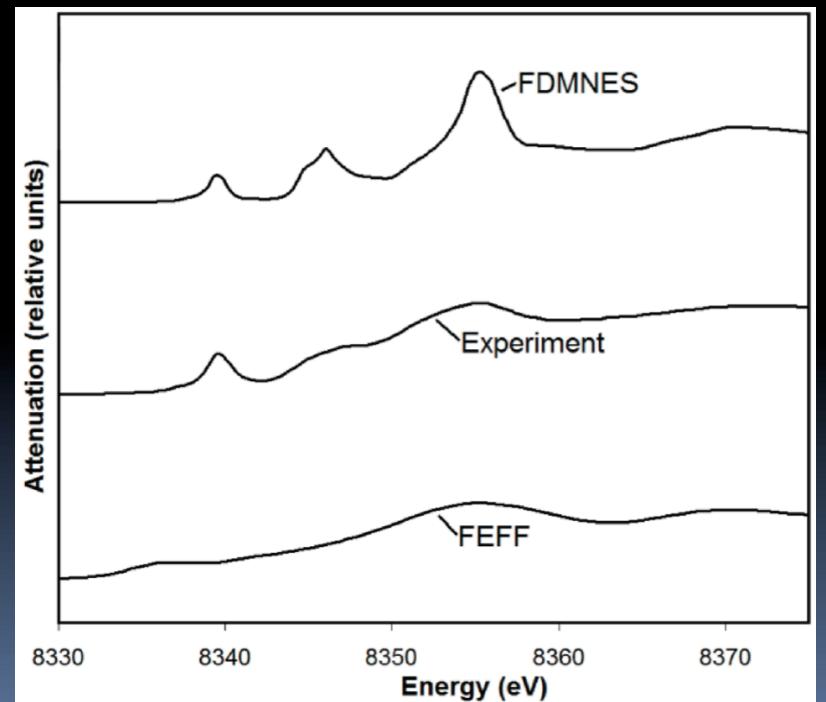
- Originally used for near-edge structure (XANES) calculations
- Two operational modes – Finite Difference Method (FDM) and Full-Multiple Scattering (FMS)
- FDM mode avoids muffin-tin approximation
- Useful in XANES region and for complex molecules



# FDMNES OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE



- Example of FDM application – Activated Nickel (t-Amylisocyanide) molecule
- Full-potential calculation predicts extra near-edge structure
- Very computationally intensive
- Structures can be overestimated – see FDMX



\* J. L. Glover et al. *AIP Conf. Proc.* **882** 625 (2007)

# FDMNES - METHOD OF CALCULATION

- Sum over transition amplitudes

$$M_{gf} = \left\langle \psi_f \left| \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \cdot \boldsymbol{r} \left( 1 + \frac{i}{2} \boldsymbol{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{r} \right) \right| \psi_g \right\rangle$$

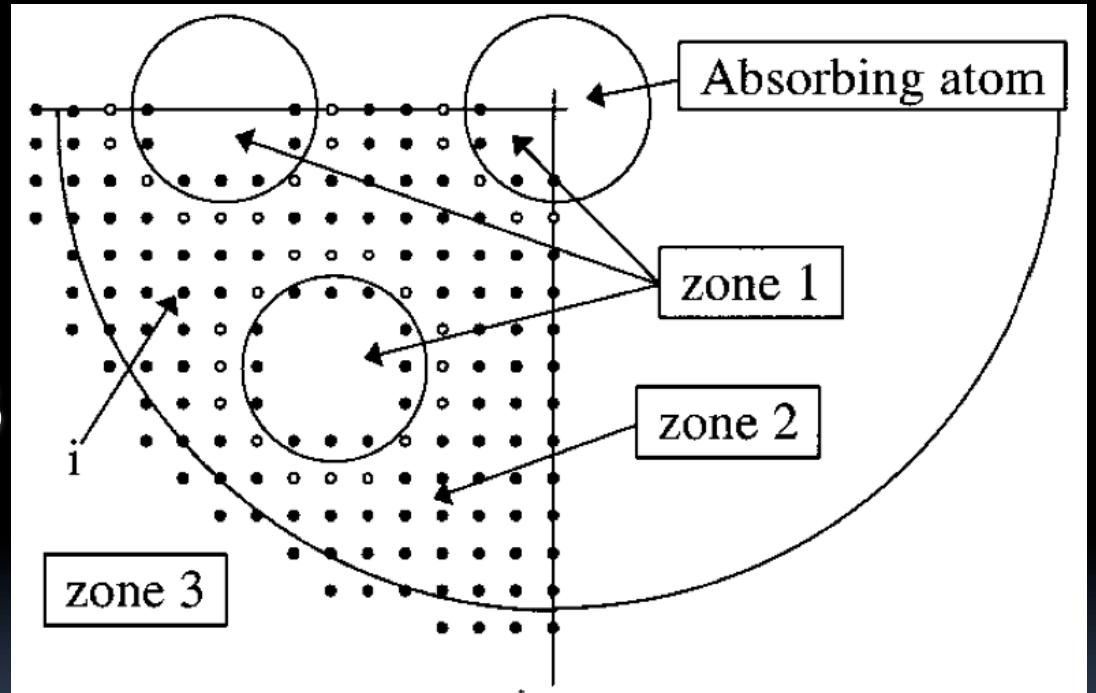
- To evaluate optical cross section Fermi's Golden Rule

$$\sigma = 4\pi^2 \alpha \hbar \omega \sum_{f,g} \left| M_{gf} \right|^2 \delta(\hbar\omega - E_f + E_g)$$

- Require wavefunctions for final + initial states
- Initial state is a ground state – calculated atomistically with relativistic corrections
- Final state determined using the FDM

# FDMNES - METHOD OF CALCULATION

- Cluster broken up into three zones – (1) near cores (small), (2) interstitial, (3) outside cluster
- Wave functions in zone 1 constructed from spherical harmonics, in zone 3 from Neumann and Bessel functions



- In zone 2 the FDM is used to determine the final-state photoelectron wave function

## FDMNES - METHOD OF CALCULATION

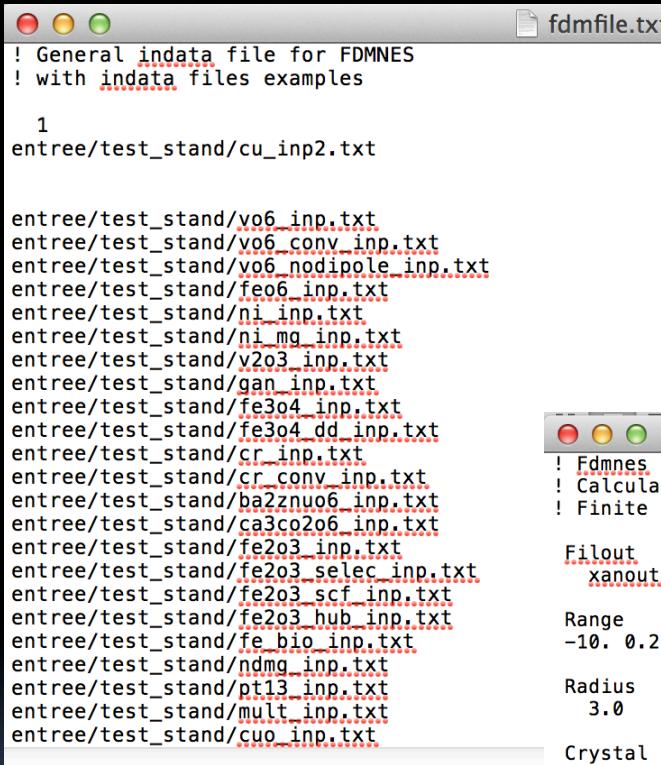
- Potential in interstitial region may be determined from DFT internally or externally (WIEN2k), or from electron density values with exchange+correlation correction
- Once potential is found, evaluate wavefunctions using discretized Schrödinger Equation:

$$\nabla^2 \psi_i = \frac{1}{h^2} \left( \frac{4}{3} \sum_{j,\varepsilon} \psi_j^\varepsilon - \frac{1}{12} \sum_{j,\varepsilon} \psi_j^{\varepsilon\varepsilon} - \frac{15}{2} \psi_i \right)$$

$$(-\nabla^2 + V_i - E) \psi_i + \sum_j (-\nabla^2 \psi_j) = 0$$

# FDMNES - EXAMPLES AND HANDS-ON

- /fdmnes/fdmfile.txt

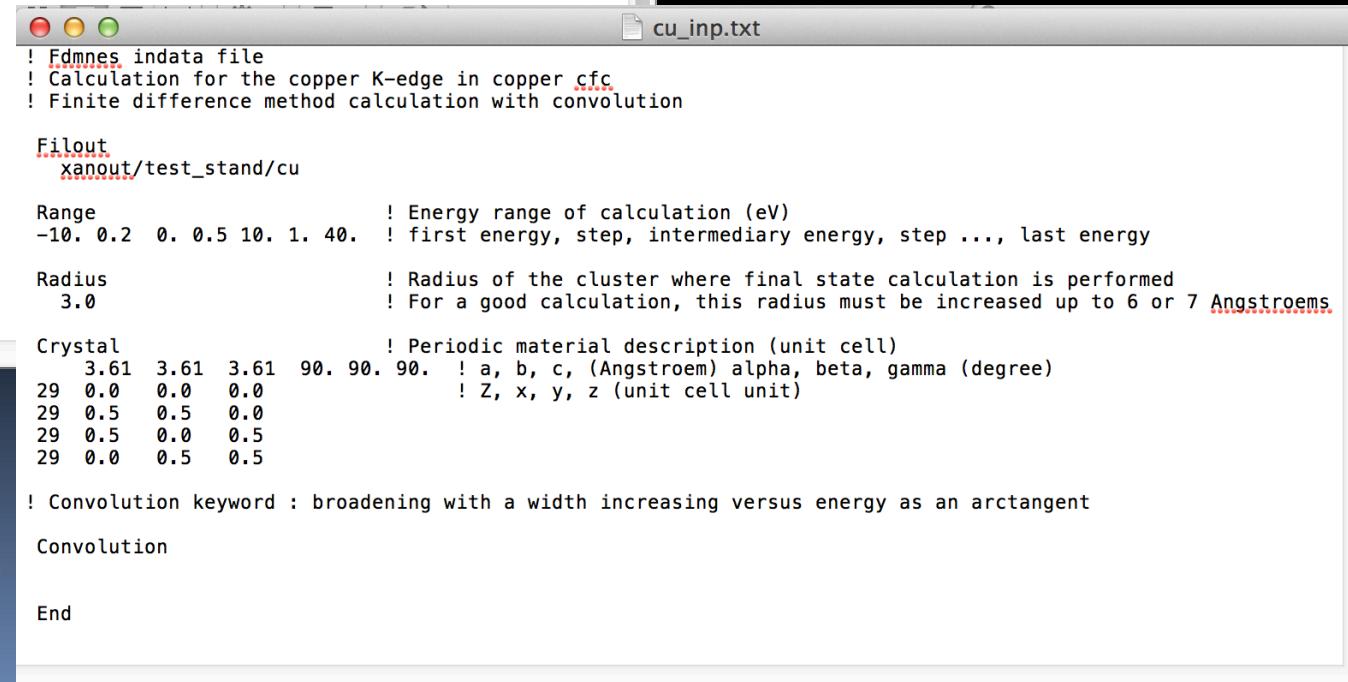


```
! General indata file for FDMNES
! with indata files examples

1
entree/test_stand/cu_inp2.txt

entree/test_stand/v06_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/v06_conv_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/v06_nodipole_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/fe06_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/ni_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/ni_mg_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/v203_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/gan_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/fe3o4_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/fe3o4_dd_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/r_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/cr_conv_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/ba2znu06_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/ca3co2o6_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/fe2o3_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/fe2o3_selec_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/fe2o3_scf_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/fe2o3_hub_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/fe_blo_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/ndmg_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/pt13_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/mult_inp.txt
entree/test_stand/cuo_inp.txt
```

- /fdmnes/entree/  
cu\_inp.txt



```
! Fdmnes indata file
! Calculation for the copper K-edge in copper cfc
! Finite difference method calculation with convolution

Filout
    xanout/test_stand/cu

Range          ! Energy range of calculation (eV)
-10. 0.2  0. 0.5 10. 1. 40. ! first energy, step, intermediary energy, step ..., last energy

Radius          ! Radius of the cluster where final state calculation is performed
    3.0           ! For a good calculation, this radius must be increased up to 6 or 7 Angstroems.

Crystal         ! Periodic material description (unit cell)
    3.61 3.61 3.61 90. 90. 90. ! a, b, c, (Angstroem) alpha, beta, gamma (degree)
29  0.0  0.0  0.0
29  0.5  0.5  0.0
29  0.5  0.0  0.5
29  0.0  0.5  0.5

! Convolution keyword : broadening with a width increasing versus energy as an arctangent

Convolution

End
```

- Run  
FDMNES.exe

# FDMNES - EXAMPLES AND HANDS-ON

- KEYWORDS (Mandatory)
- Filout – output file
- Range – energy range of calculation
- Radius – cluster radius
- Crystal – atomic co-ordinates
- KEYWORDS (Important)
- Convolution – Lorentzian convolution
- Adimp – interpoint distance
- Edge – absorption edge (K, L1, L2, etc)
- Green – MS calculation (fast)

# FDMNES - EXAMPLES AND HANDS-ON

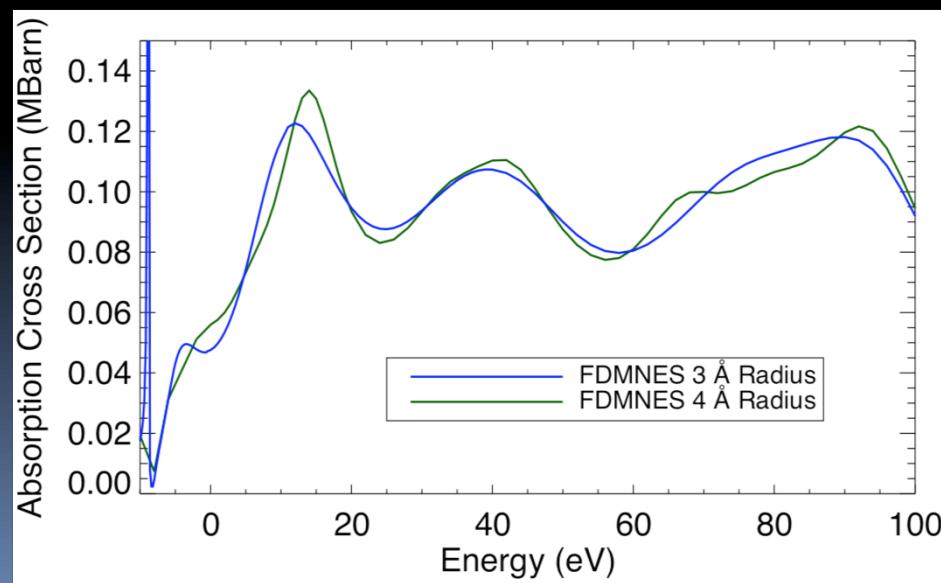
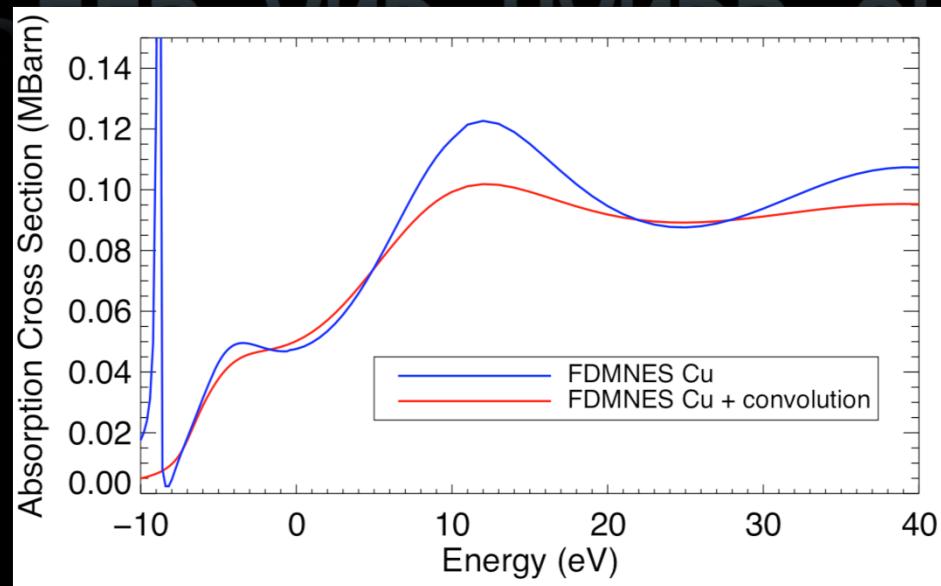
- Outputs /fdmnes/xanout/test\_stand/
  - Cu.txt
  - Cu\_bav.txt
  - Cu\_conv.txt

```
Energy <xanes>
-10.000 5.0259349E-03
-9.800 5.2667609E-03
-9.600 5.5352524E-03
-9.400 5.8365972E-03
-9.200 6.1773302E-03
-9.000 6.5657709E-03
-8.800 7.0126206E-03
-8.600 7.5317714E-03
-8.400 8.1413749E-03
-8.200 8.8651683E-03
-8.000 9.7338710E-03
-7.800 1.0785959E-02
-7.600 1.2065966E-02
-7.400 1.3616577E-02
-7.200 1.5460152E-02
-7.000 1.7572514E-02
-6.800 1.9870821E-02
-6.600 2.2239606E-02
-6.400 2.4577676E-02
-6.200 2.6826421E-02
-6.000 2.8962402E-02
-5.800 3.0979226E-02
-5.600 3.2875021E-02
-5.400 3.4647108E-02
-5.200 3.6290995E-02
-5.000 3.7801478E-02
-4.800 3.9174379E-02
-4.600 4.0407854E-02
-4.400 4.1502963E-02

8979.000 29 1 1 0.00000 -12.19174 -6.92535 1 1 8838.311 0.012599168
0.00000 = E_edge, Z, n_edge, j_edge, Abs_before_edge, V0_interstitial, E_Fermi, ninitl,
ninit1, Epsii, Atom_density, f0_forward
Energy <xanes>
-10.000 1.7563421E-02
-9.800 1.9998719E-02
-9.600 2.3894525E-02
-9.400 3.1032405E-02
-9.200 4.9535182E-02
-9.000 1.2873099E-01
-8.800 2.8192980E-01
-8.600 8.0071356E-03
-8.400 2.4017761E-03
-8.200 2.3759765E-03
-8.000 4.5577548E-03
-7.800 7.5060174E-03
-7.600 1.0407134E-02
-7.400 1.3139177E-02
-7.200 1.5759159E-02
-7.000 1.8331884E-02
-6.800 2.0902525E-02
-6.600 2.3493499E-02
-6.400 2.6109023E-02
-6.200 2.8737112E-02
-6.000 3.1352415E-02
-5.800 3.3920285E-02
-5.600 3.6398098E-02
-5.400 3.8741293E-02
-5.200 4.1145219E-02
```

# FDMNES - EXAMPLES AND HANDS-ON

- Output from copper example:
- Try increased energy range, Radius  $3.0 \text{ \AA} \rightarrow 4.0 \text{ \AA}$
- Extra structure appears from second co-ordination shell

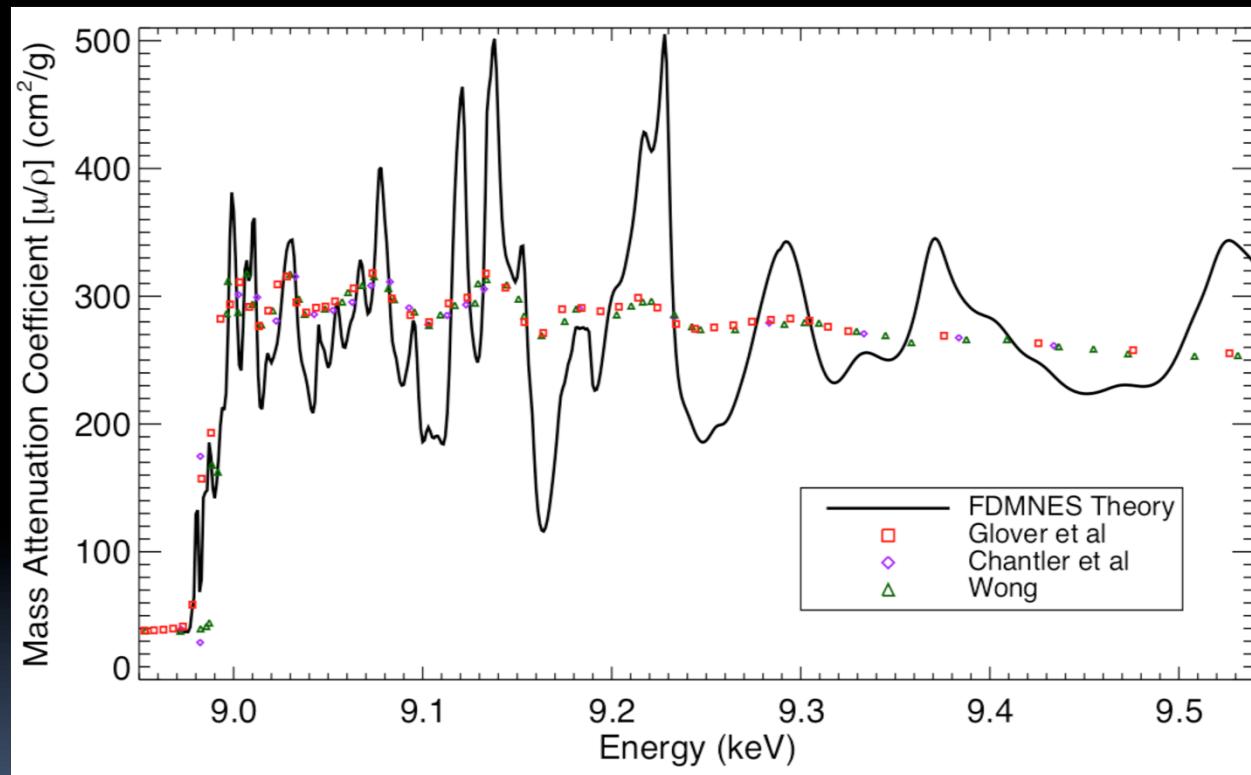


# FINITE DIFFERENCE METHOD FOR XAFS (FDMX)

- Jay Bourke, Chris Chantler, Yves Joly
- School of Physics, University of Melbourne, Australia
- Available [jayb@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:jayb@unimelb.edu.au) and from IUCr 2014 - online soon!
- Designed to enable ab initio full energy range XAFS, XAS calculations from a full potential base
- Includes extra physics!

# FDMX - EXAMPLES AND HANDS-ON

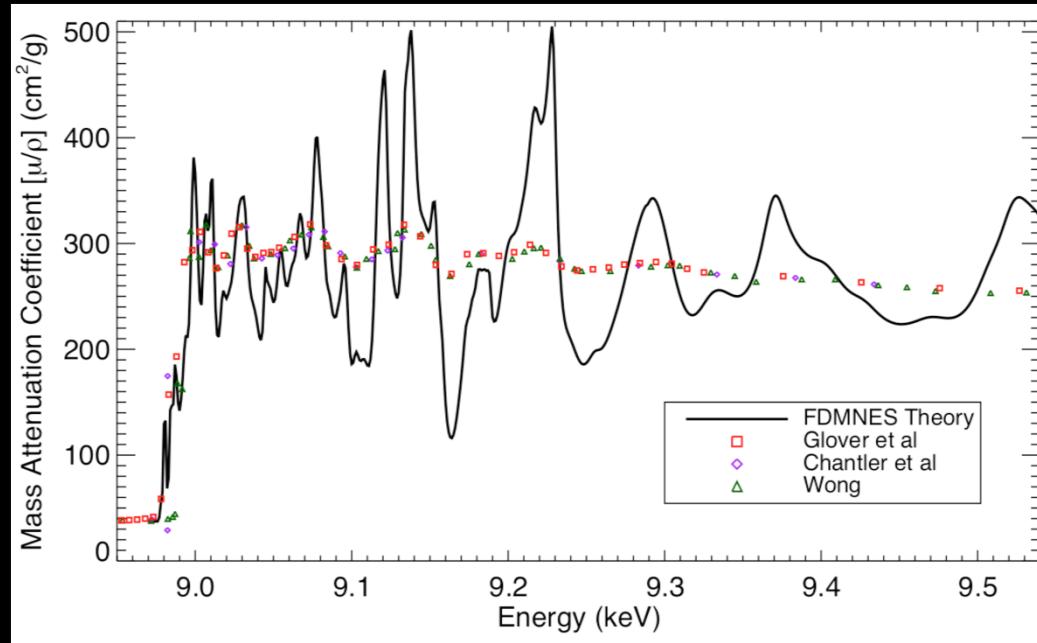
- FDMNES: increase Radius to 8.3 Å, reduce grid spacing (adimp), increase energy



- Match to experiment not so good! – Need extended theory

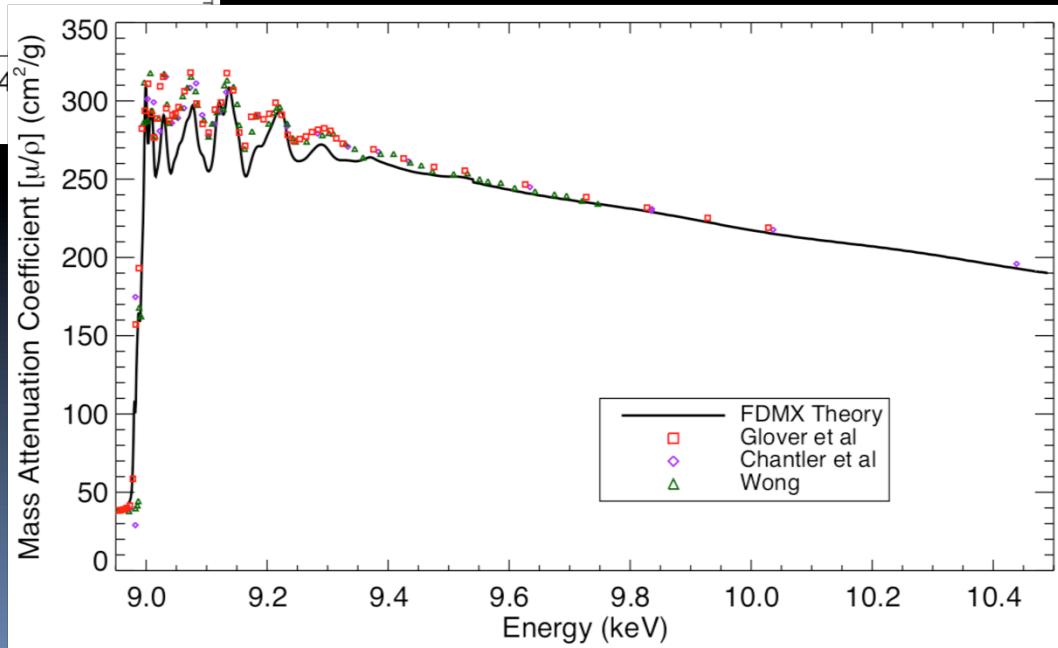
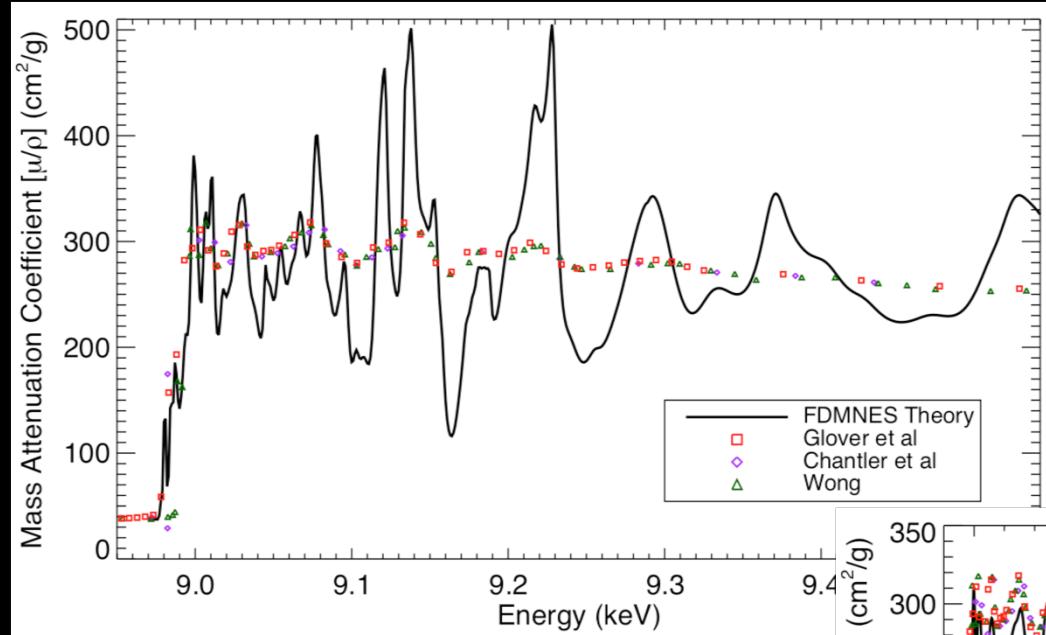
# FDMX OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE

- In a nutshell... we want to turn this:



# FDMX OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE

- In a nutshell... we want to turn this:



- Into this →

# FDMX OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE

- XAFS Equation – convenient parameterization

$$\chi(k) = \sum_j N_j S_0^2 F_j(k) \frac{\sin[2kr_j + \phi_j(k)]}{kr_j^2} e^{(-2\sigma_j^2 k^2)} e^{\left(\frac{-2r_j}{\lambda_j(k)}\right)}$$

- Make sure all of the physics is there!

$N_j$  Degeneracy of scattering paths

$r_j$  Scattering path length (bond lengths)

$\sigma_j$  Debye-Waller factor (thermal disorder)

$\lambda_j$  Electron inelastic mean free path

# FDMX METHOD OF CALCULATION

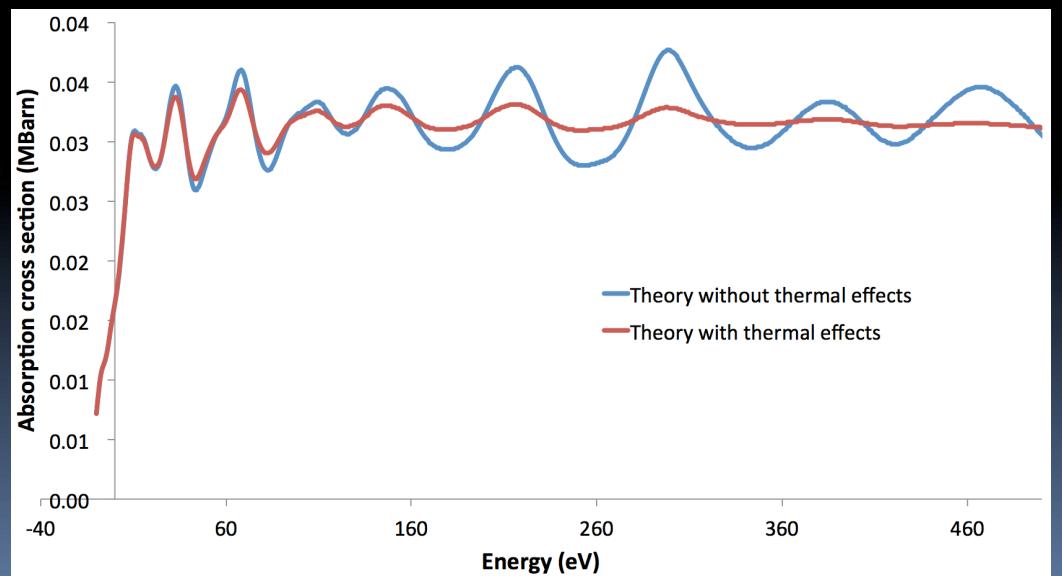
- Inclusion of thermal disorder
- Beni-Platzmann theory

$$\chi_j(k) \rightarrow \chi_j(k)e^{(-2\sigma_j^2 k^2)}$$

$$\sigma_j^2 = \frac{6\hbar}{m\omega_D} \left[ \frac{1}{4} + \left( \frac{T}{\theta_D} \right)^2 D_1 \right] - \frac{6\hbar}{m\omega_D} \left\{ \frac{1 - \cos(q_D r_j)}{2(q_D r_j)^2} + \left( \frac{T}{\theta_D} \right)^2 \left[ D_1 - \frac{1}{3!} \left( q_D r_j \frac{T}{\theta_D} \right)^2 D_3 + \frac{1}{5!} \left( q_D r_j \frac{T}{\theta_D} \right)^4 D_5 - \dots \right] \right\}$$

$$D_n = \int_0^{\theta_D/T} \frac{x^n}{e^x - 1} dx$$

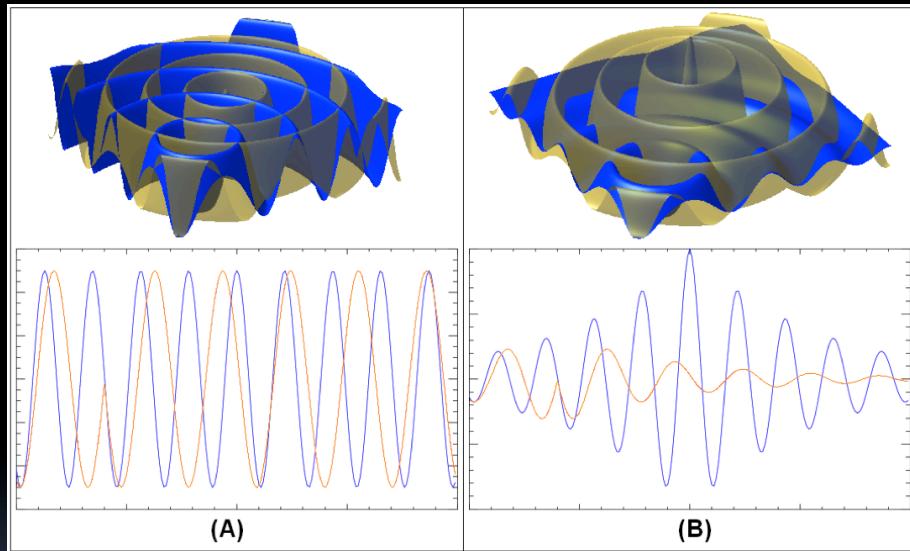
- Evaluate DW factor from neighbour positions
- Includes correlated motion



# FDMX METHOD OF CALCULATION

- Inelastic scattering causes an energy-dependent broadening of the XAFS

$$\Gamma(E) = \frac{\hbar}{\lambda(E)} \sqrt{\frac{2E}{m}} + \Gamma_H$$



- Core-hole lifetime also included
- Strong effect beyond 10 eV

- Use many-pole optical data model and generalized theory of Tanuma et al.

\* S. Tanuma et al. *Surf. Interface Anal.* **43** 689 (2011)

# FDMX METHOD OF CALCULATION

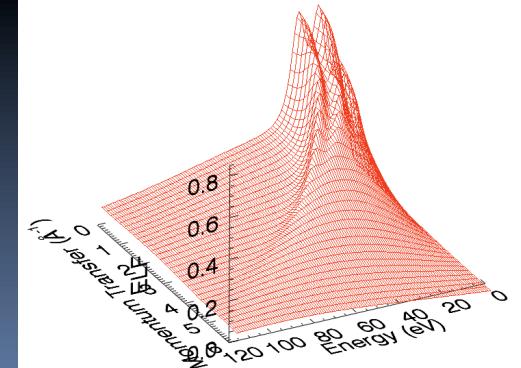
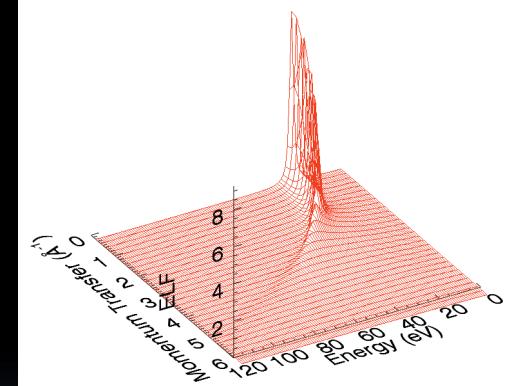
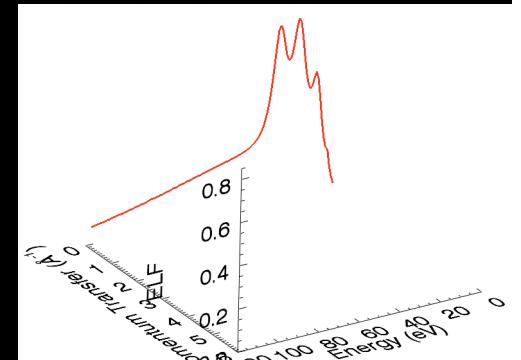
- IMFP determined from electron energy loss function (ELF)

$$\lambda^{-1}(E) = \frac{\hbar}{a_0 \pi E} \int_0^{\frac{E-E_F}{\hbar}} \int_{q_-}^{q_+} \frac{1}{q} \text{Im} \left[ \frac{-1}{\epsilon(q, \omega)} \right] dq d\omega$$

$$q^\pm = \sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}} \pm \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}(E - \hbar\omega)}$$

- Electron ELF built from transform of optical dielectric function  $\epsilon(0, \omega)$

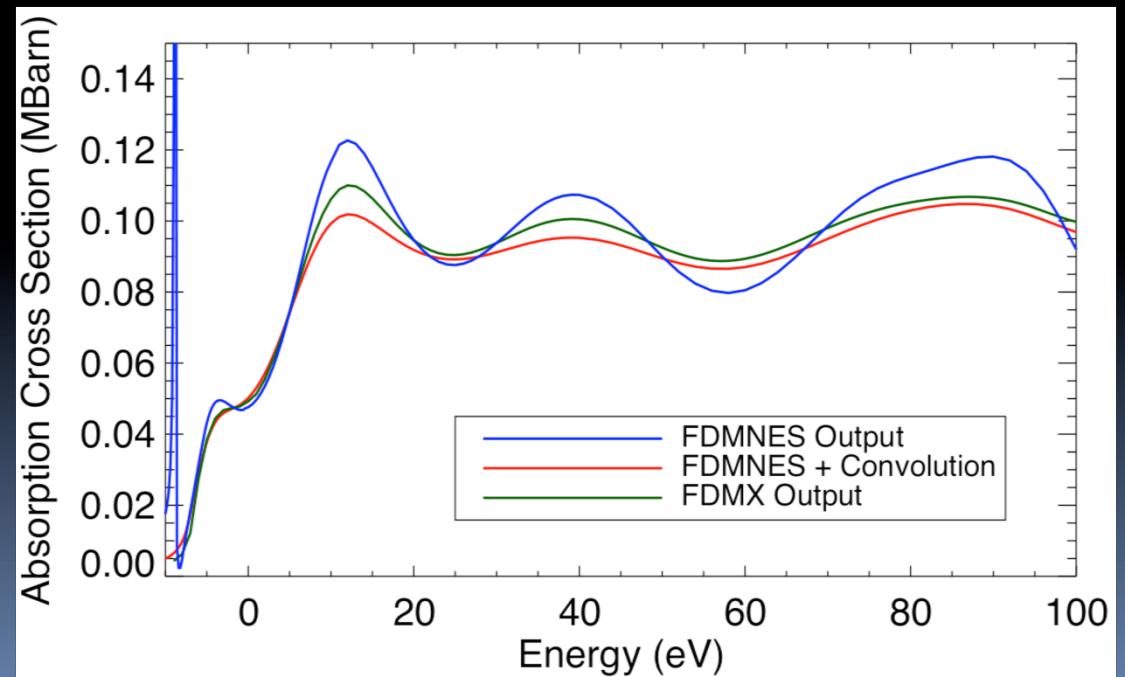
$$\text{Im} \left[ \frac{-1}{\epsilon(0, \omega)} \right] = \sum_i A_i \text{Im} \left[ \frac{-1}{\epsilon_{FEG}(0, \omega; \omega_p = \omega_i)} \right]$$



# FDMX - EXAMPLES AND HANDS-ON

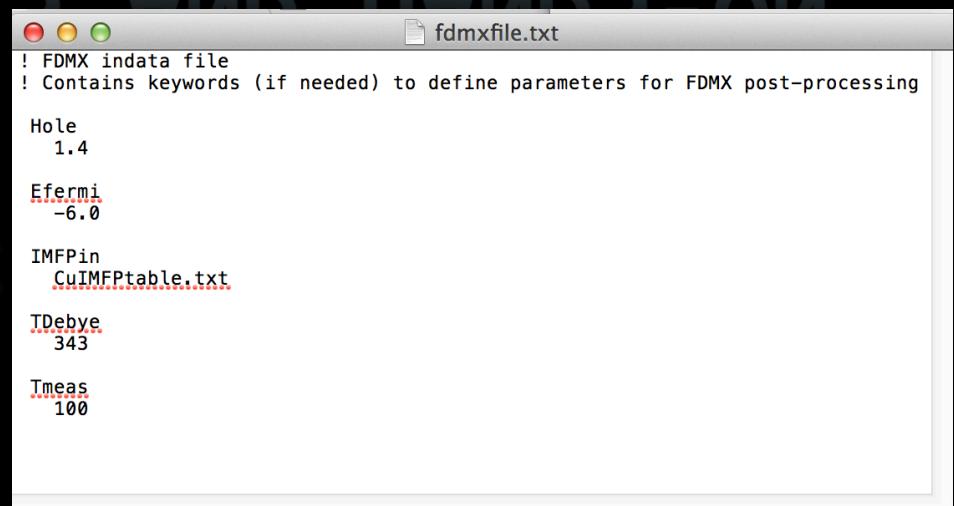
- Run FDMX.exe
- Uses fdmnes inputs (fdmfile.txt etc) to establish material data e.g. crystal structure
- implements physical effects to produce accurate XAFS theory over an extended range

Cu Example:



# FDMX - EXAMPLES AND HANDS-ON

- Custom parameters may be included with optional input `fmdxfile.txt`
- Can exclude effects using keywords `nohole`, `noDW`, `noIMFP`
- Recommended for low & high T measurements, complex molecules, exotic materials



```
! FDMX indata file
! Contains keywords (if needed) to define parameters for FDMX post-processing

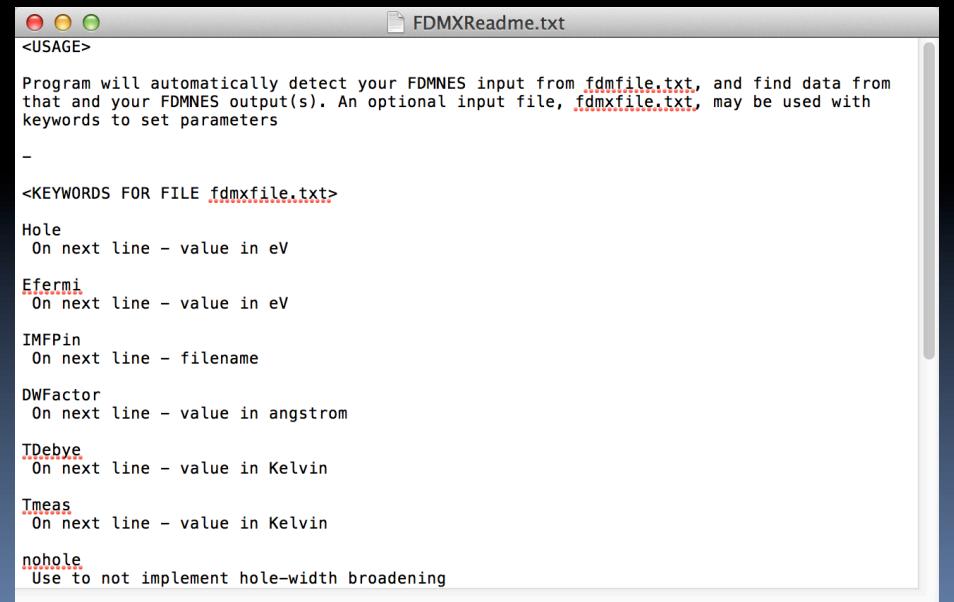
Hole
1.4

Efermi
-6.0

IMFPin
CuIMFPtable.txt

TDebye
343

Tmeas
100
```



```
<USAGE>

Program will automatically detect your FDMNES input from fmdxfile.txt, and find data from that and your FDMNES output(s). An optional input file, fmdxfile.txt, may be used with keywords to set parameters

-
<KEYWORDS FOR FILE fmdxfile.txt>

Hole
On next line - value in eV

Efermi
On next line - value in eV

IMFPin
On next line - filename

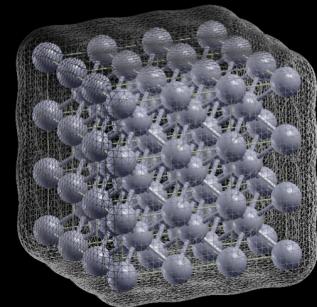
DWFactor
On next line - value in angstrom

TDebye
On next line - value in Kelvin

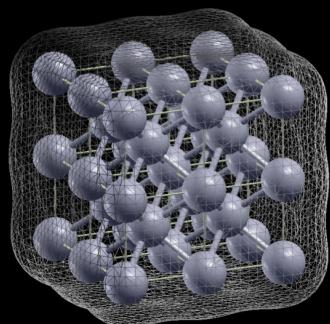
Tmeas
On next line - value in Kelvin

nohole
Use to not implement hole-width broadening
```

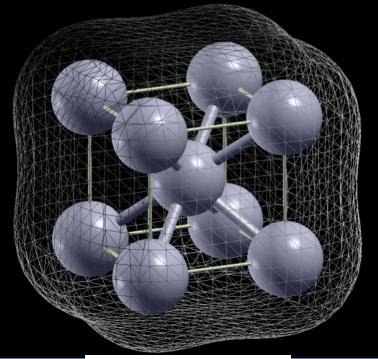
# FITTING - ELECTRON IMFP



$$\lambda = 12 \text{ \AA}$$

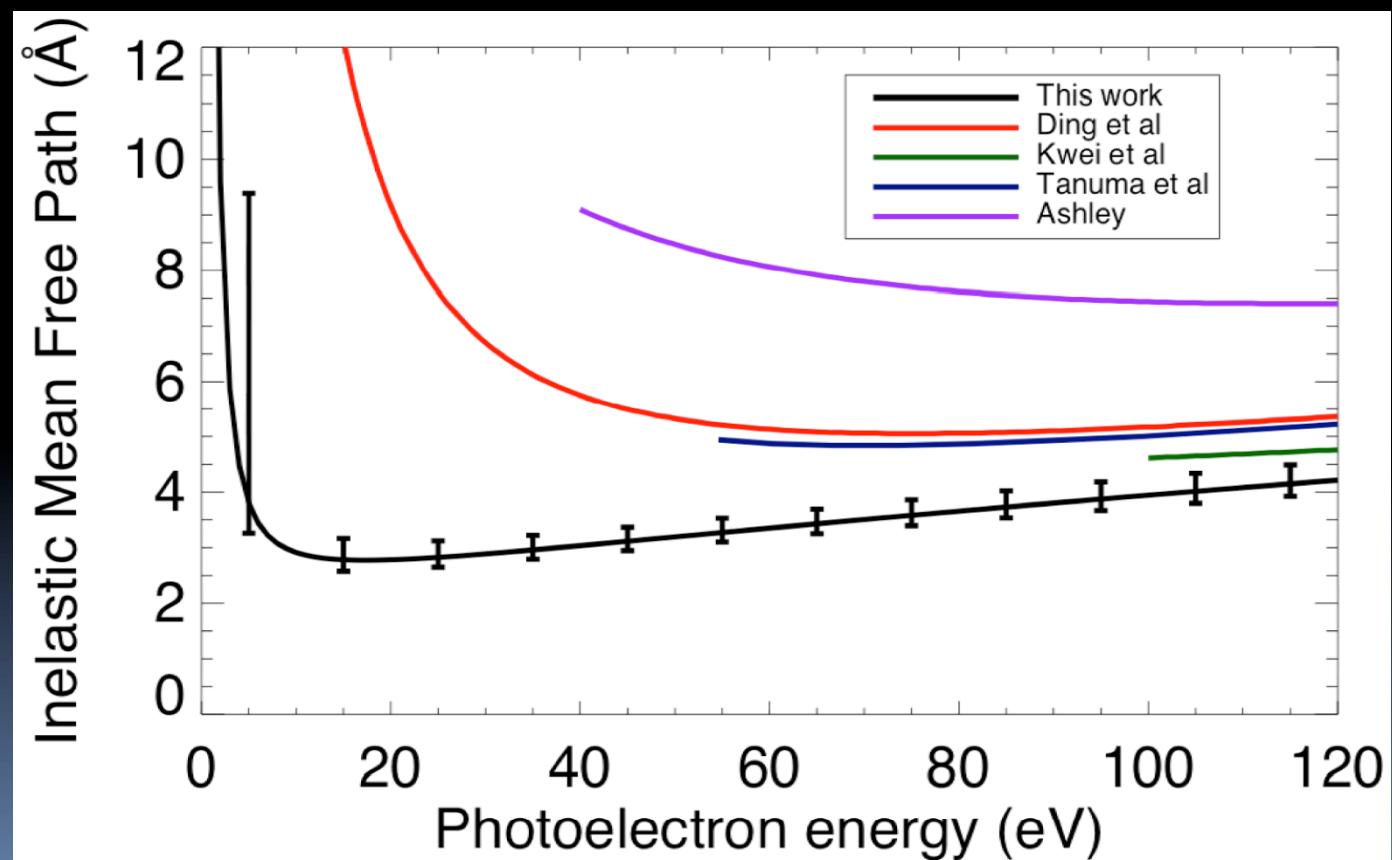


$$\lambda = 8 \text{ \AA}$$



$$\lambda = 4 \text{ \AA}$$

- May be extracted with sufficiently high measurement density and absolute accuracy



THANK YOU!

THANK YOU!