# Surface Modification of CaF<sub>2</sub>

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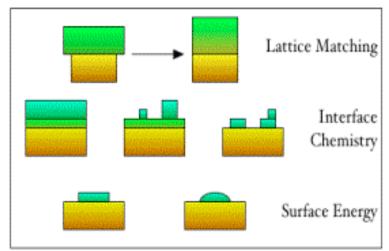
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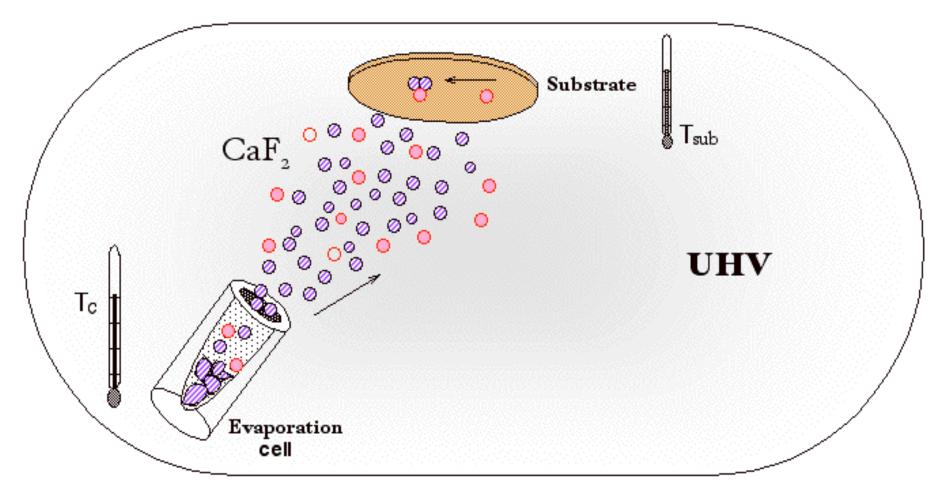
#### Introduction

- What is Epitaxy/ Epitaxial Growth?
  - The growth of one Crystal on another
- GaSe, AlSe, GaAs, TiO₂, CaF₂ on Si
- Various factors:
  - Lattice Match
  - Interface Chemistry
  - Surface Energy



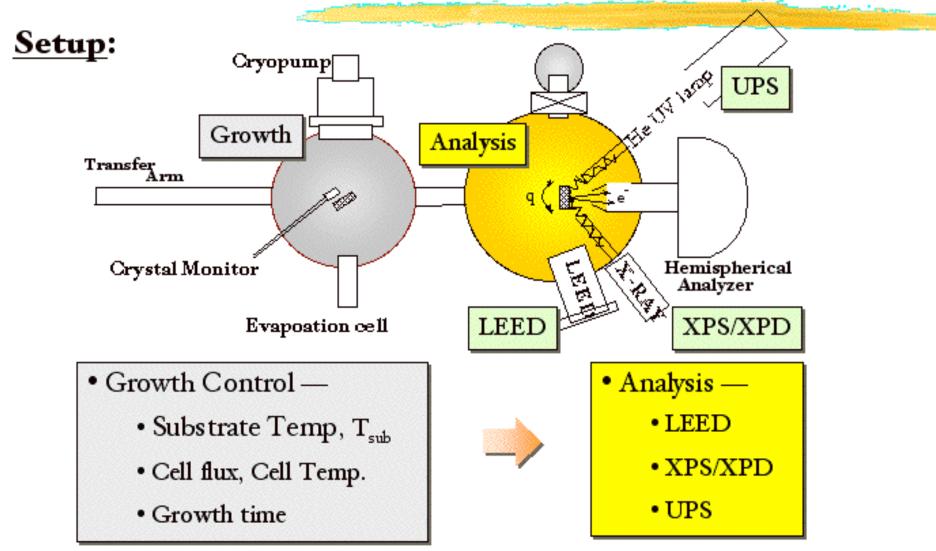


# Molecular Beam Epitaxy





## The Chamber

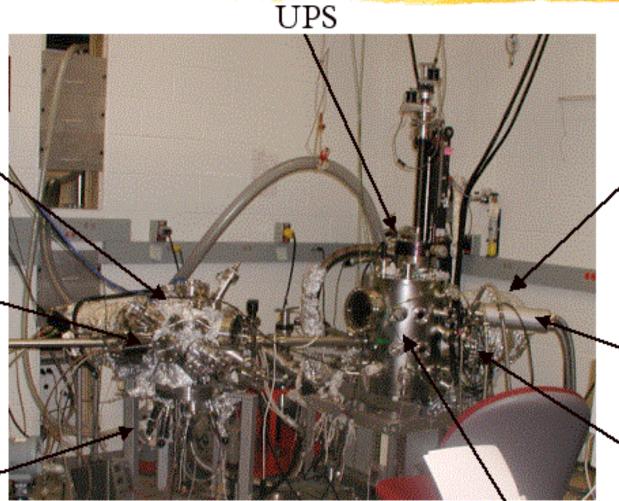


## The Chamber

Growth Chamber

Crystal Monitor

Evaporation Cell



Analyzer

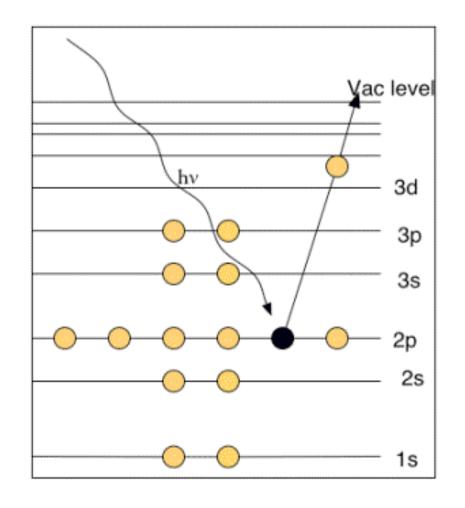
XPS/XPD

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Main Chamber

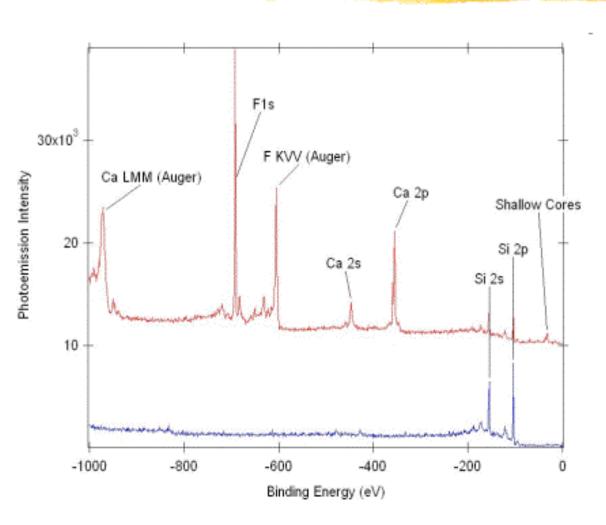
### **XPS**

- Incident photons transfer energy to e⁻ in the crystal
- Photo-electron energies are scanned
- $KE(e^{-}) = h\nu BE \phi_{inner}$



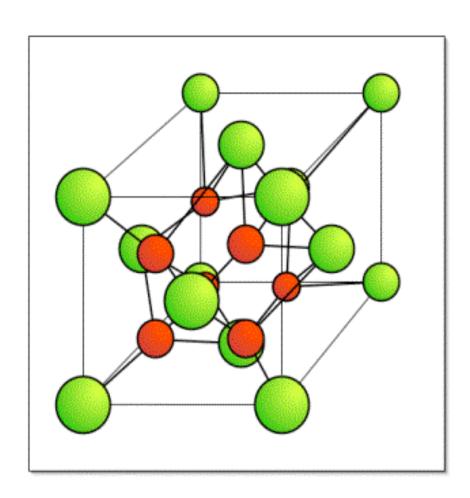


# **XPS**





# Why CaF<sub>2</sub>?

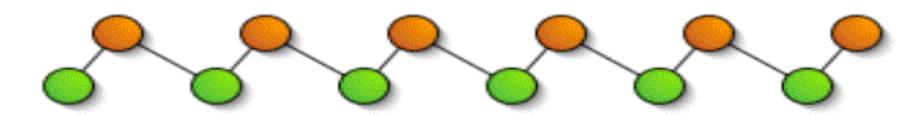


- Ionic Crystal
- Insulator with a great lattice match to Si (0.6% mismatch)
- Quantum wells, Confinement

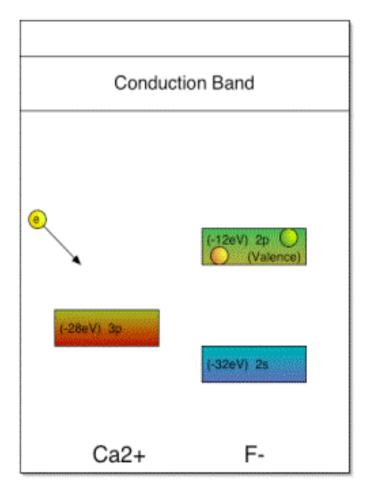


# Surface of CaF<sub>2</sub>

- Stable in UHV
- No surface reconstruction
- F⁻ termination is problematic
- Murphy's Law of Epitaxy
  - If A grows well on B, then B doesn't grow well on A"
  - $\sigma$  (Si) > 300%  $\sigma$  (CaF<sub>2</sub>)

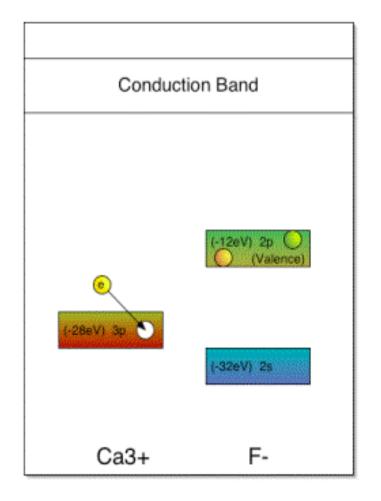


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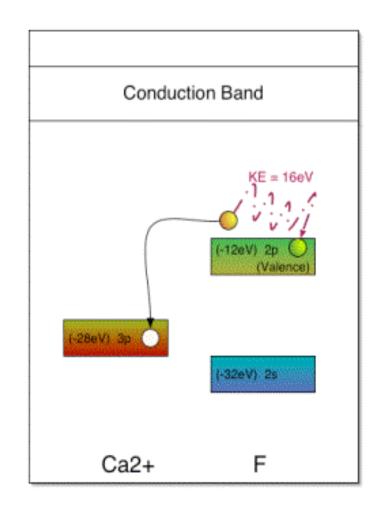


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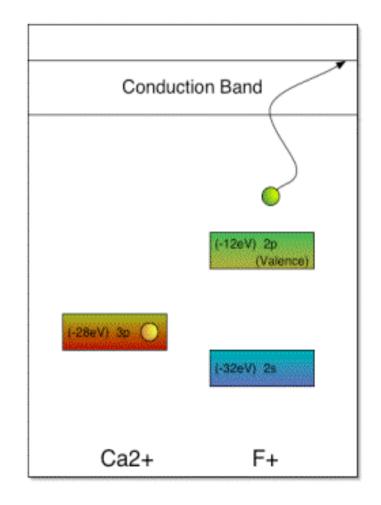


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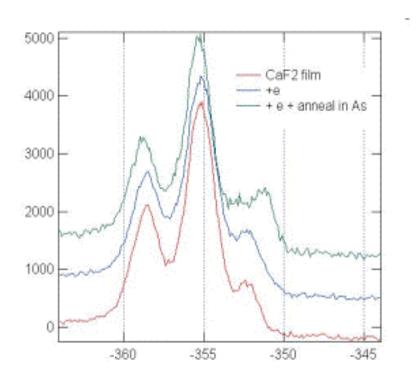


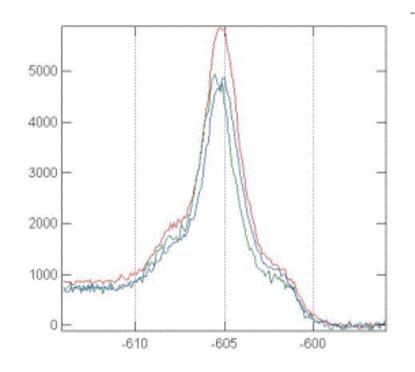
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- An Auger e is ejected, leaving the F ion with a net 1+ charge





## **Post Irradiation**

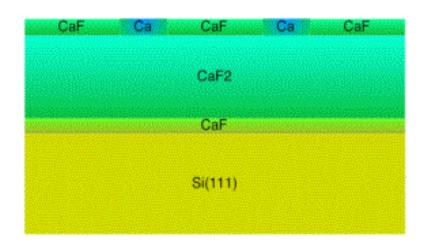


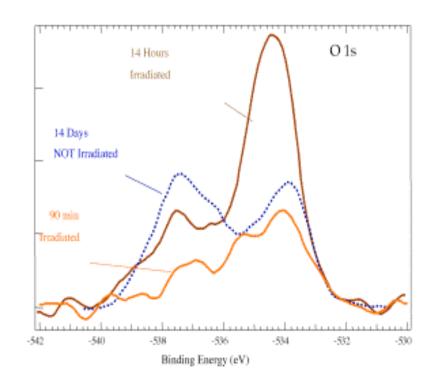




# Surface of CaF<sub>2</sub> (post irradiation)

- Ca metal and CaF
- Very Reactive with residual gases in Chamber



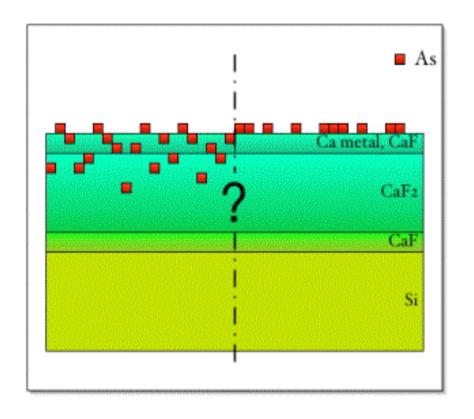


Passivate Surface: As



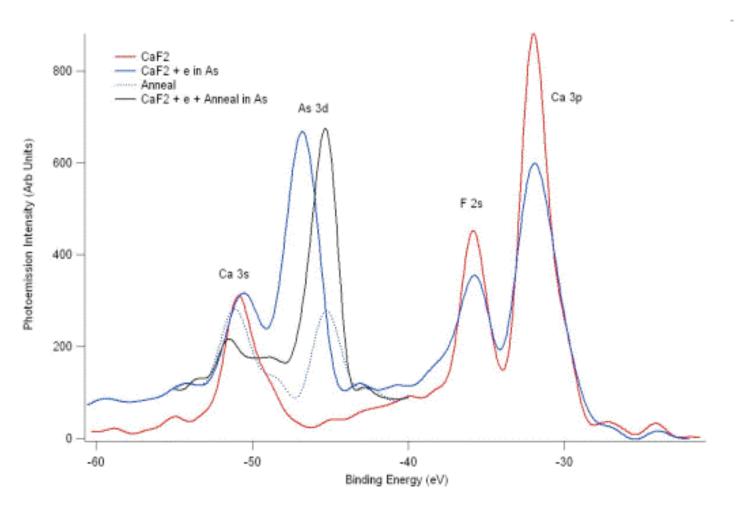
# The Question

- As works to passivate the surface
- Only sticks to Irradiated Surface
- Where is the As?
  - Surface, only 1/3 ML?
  - Diffused into Crystal?





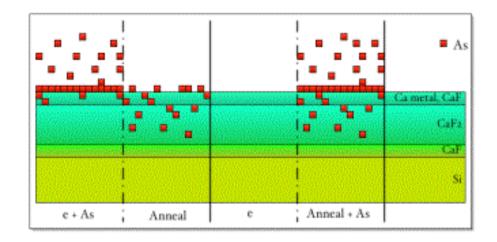
## Irradiation with As





#### "The Answer"

- Irradiated CaF<sub>2</sub> allows for 1 ML of As to be deposited
- Annealing induces diffusion into the Crystal
- When Annealed in As, ML remains





# Summary

- MBE allows for controllable growth of Thin CaF<sub>2</sub> Films
- XPS is a relatively fast way to analyze the composition of Thin Films
- ESD, while increasing the Surface energy, creates a highly reactive surface
- As for the As?
  - ML on surface diffuses down with annealing



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