Coherent X-rays & applications



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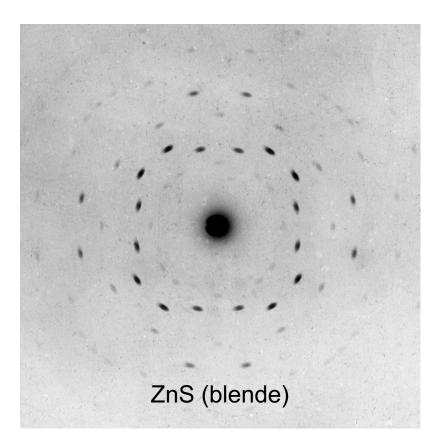
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COHERENT X-RAYS?



Friedrich, Knipping, Laue

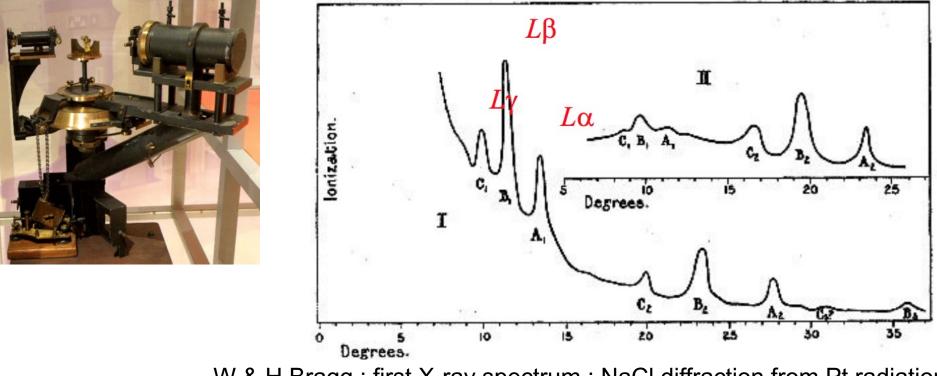


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W & H Bragg : first X-ray spectrum : NaCl diffraction from Pt radiation

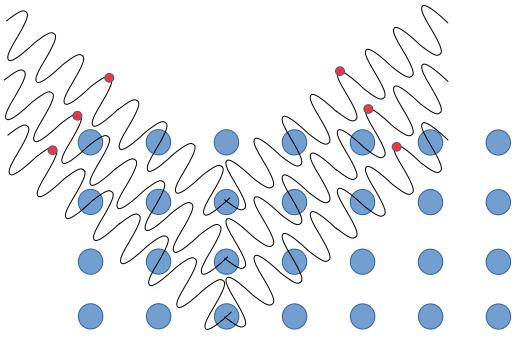
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COHERENT X-RAYS?

X-rays can produce (Bragg) diffraction even from "low-quality" X-ray sources :

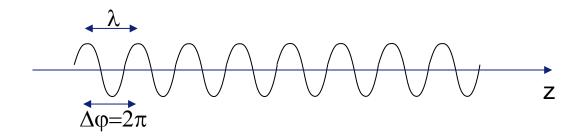
- Large source size
- Non-monochromatic (but discrete spectrum)

Diffraction implies interferences => coherence





WAVE PROPAGATION BASICS



$$A_0 \cos(\omega t - kz) = A_0 \cos\left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi z}{\lambda}\right) = A_0 \cos(\varphi)$$

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$$\lambda$$
: wavelength (0.01 to 1 nm for X-rays)

- ω : pulsation = $2\pi/v$
- v: frequency
- φ: phase



Definition (from Malcolm Howells):

 "Optical coherence exists in a given radiating region if the phase differences between all pairs of points in that region have definite values which are constant with time"

Two types of coherence must be considered:

- Transverse coherence, between points in plane perpendicular to the wavevector
- Longitudinal (temporal) coherence between points along the wavevector



LONGITUDINAL COHERENCE

- Longitudinal (temporal) coherence
- Related to the monochromaticity
- For a beam with $\delta\lambda$ spectrum width (typical $\delta\lambda\lambda$ =10⁻⁴: for Si 111 monochromator)

$$A_{0} \cos\left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi z}{\lambda}\right) = A_{0} \cos(\varphi)$$

$$\lambda - \delta \lambda$$

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Longitudinal coherence length = length for a 2π shift due to $\delta \lambda$.

$$\Lambda_{long} = \lambda \frac{\lambda}{\delta \lambda} = \frac{\lambda^{2}}{\delta \lambda} = > \text{typically 0.5 to 1 } \mu\text{m}$$

LONGITUDINAL COHERENCE & SCATTERING

Towards detector Towards detector $\lambda - \delta \lambda$

There is a phase difference between the beginning and the end of the particle.

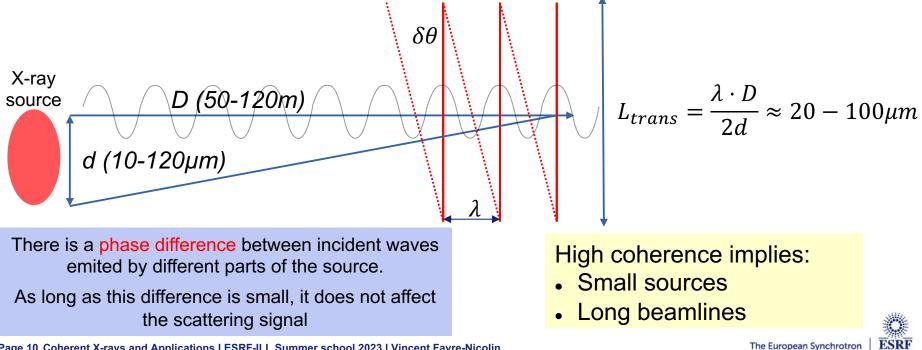
As long as this difference is small, it does not affect the scattering signal

For crystallography, the coherence length is much larger than a unit cell (~1nm), which is why we can always see Bragg diffraction with 'low' coherence



TRANSVERSE COHERENCE

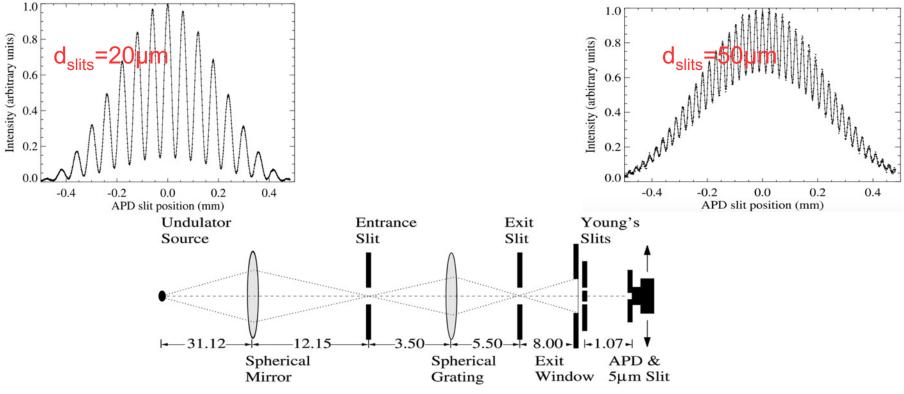
- Transverse coherence, between points in plane perpendicular to the wavevector
- Related to the source size
- X-ray sources (tubes, bending magnet, undulators, XFEL) are incoherent (different points within the source emit with random phase shifts)
- For a source width d (a few 10's of μ m), seen from a distance D (50-120m):



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TRANSVERSE COHERENCE: YOUNG SLITS

• Transverse coherence can be evaluated by fringe visibility:

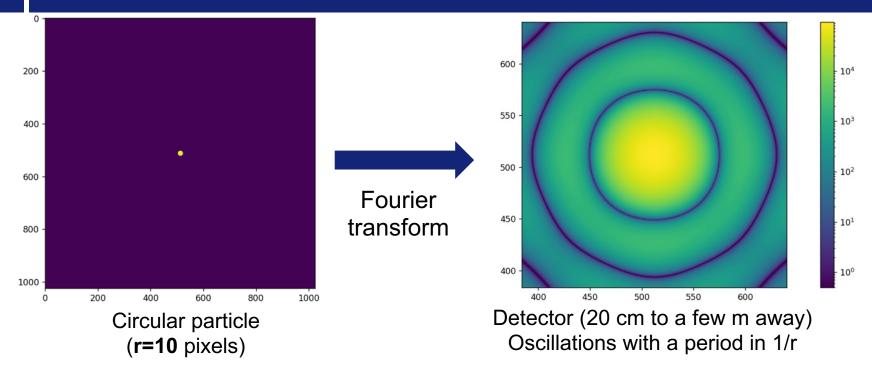


Fringes for a Young double-slit experiment @1.1 keV, 8m from the source

Optics Communications 195, 79 (2001)



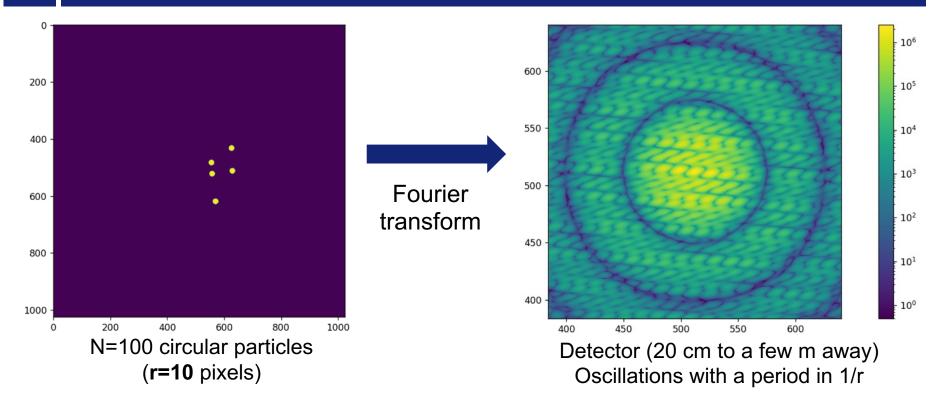
COHERENT SCATTERING: 1 PARTICLE



The scattering from a **coherently illuminated** particle can be simply computed using a Fourier transform



COHERENT SCATTERING: 5 PARTICLES



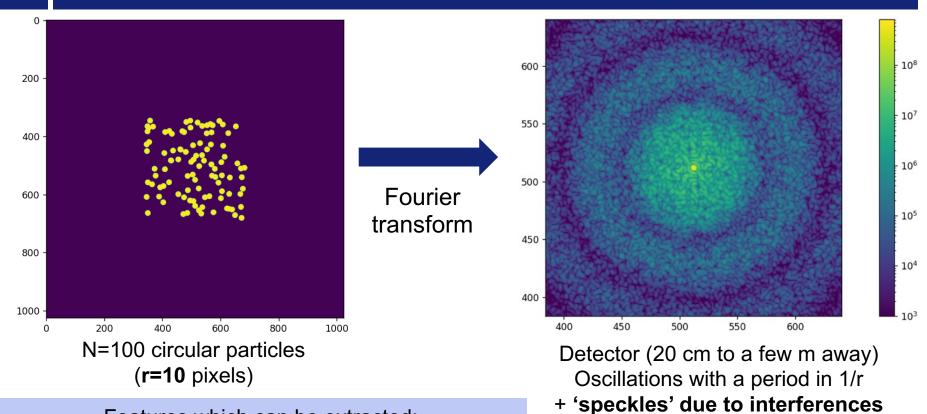
If the particles were **not** coherently illuminated, the detector image would be exactly the same as for a single particle.

+ 'speckles' due to interferences between the scattering of all particles



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COHERENT SCATTERING: 100 PARTICLES

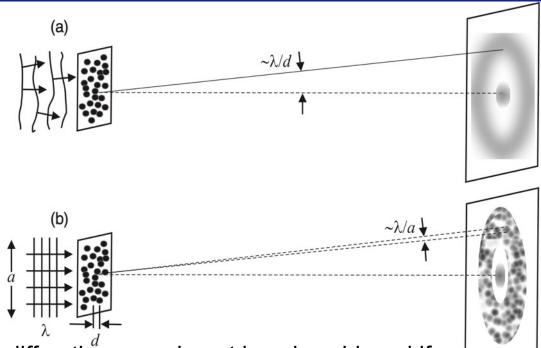


Features which can be extracted:

- Average particle size from oscillations
- Average distance between particles from speckles
- Time evolution

between the scattering of all particles

COHERENT ILLUMINATION



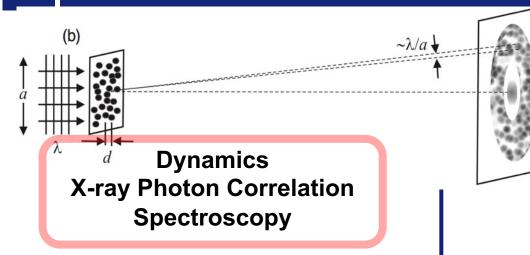
A coherent diffraction experiment is only achieved if :

- The sample is smaller than the coherent length
- Or the beam is collimated to a smaller size than the coherent length

In 3D, the term 'coherent volume' can be used



COHERENT X-RAYS: DYNAMICS & IMAGING



- Study the frame-by frame evolution of the diffraction pattern (image crosscorrelation)
- Information about the evolution of relative position between particles
- Study **diffusion coefficients**, from atomistic to mesoscopic to length scales (colloids, glasses, magnetic systems, etc...)

The diffraction pattern is the sum of the interference of the scattering from all particles

$$A(\vec{s}) = \sum \rho_i e^{2i\pi \vec{s}.\vec{r}_i}$$

High-resolution imaging

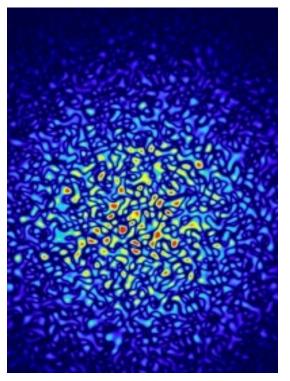
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COHERENT ILLUMINATION

If the object is too complex (too many parameters vs available information), then the experiment will only at best yield a 'speckle pattern'



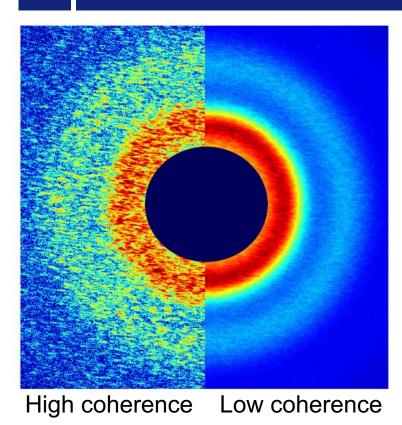
From Oleg Shpyrko web page

Statistical information :

- Width of speckle pattern 🖾 average particle size
- Number of speckles peaks along one
 - dimension 🖾 number of particles

Time-resolved experiments : XPCS





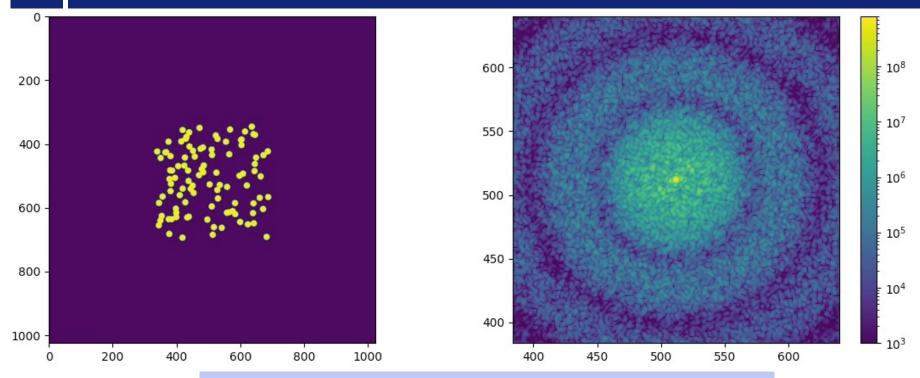
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XPCS:

- Measure the correlation of the scattered intensity as a function of time
- Not a spectroscopy technique

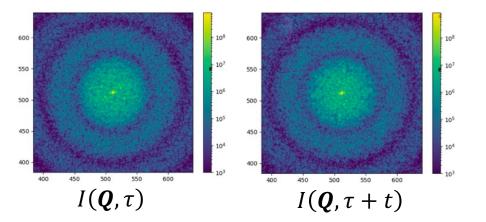


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- Movement of particles (molecules, atoms..) induce changes in the speckles
- Higher angular momentum (far from the centre) are more sensitive to smaller displacements
- Movement (diffusion) can be quantified by correlation

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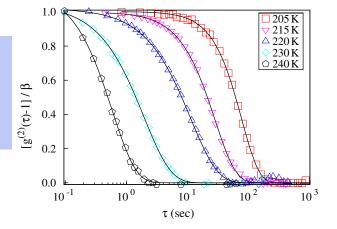


Temporal intensity auto-correlation function:

$$g^{(2)}(\boldsymbol{Q},t) = \frac{\langle I(\boldsymbol{Q},\tau)I(\boldsymbol{Q},\tau+t)\rangle}{\langle I(\boldsymbol{Q},\tau)\rangle^2}$$

Example 1: Dynamics of silica colloidal nano-particles in super-cooled propanediol

- Tf = 245K for propanediol
- T<Tf => supercooled liquid, towards a glass transition

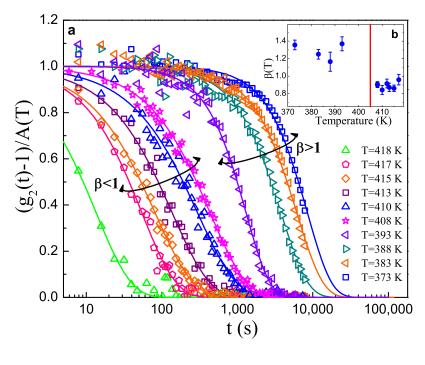


PRL 100, 055702 (2008)



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Example 2: atomic-scale dynamics & in a metallic glass (Mg₆₅Cu₂₅Y₁₀)

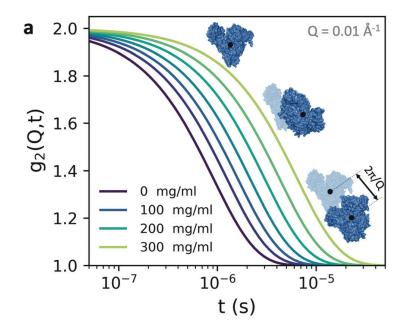


Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 165701 (2012)

- Glasses are seen as 'frozen liquids'
- ... they are *still* liquids, but with a *very* large viscosity
- Tg = 405K
- There is still atomic motion below Tg
- The ß value changes between above and below Tg – different motion regimes

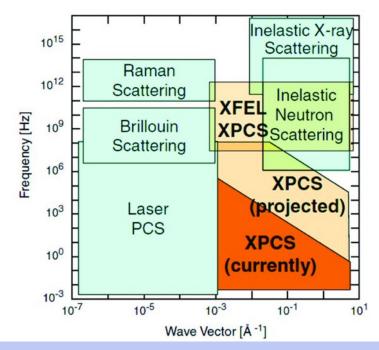
$$g^{(2)}(\mathbf{Q},t) = 1 + Ae^{-2\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right)^{\beta}}$$





XPCS also applies to protein solutions

Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. 22, 19443 (2020)

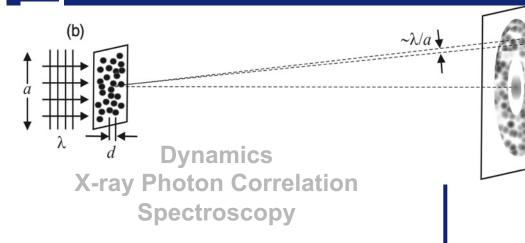


Dynamics can be probed on a wide range of time-scales, which increases with modern synchrotron sources and XFEL

Pawel Kwasniewski PhD (Grenoble)



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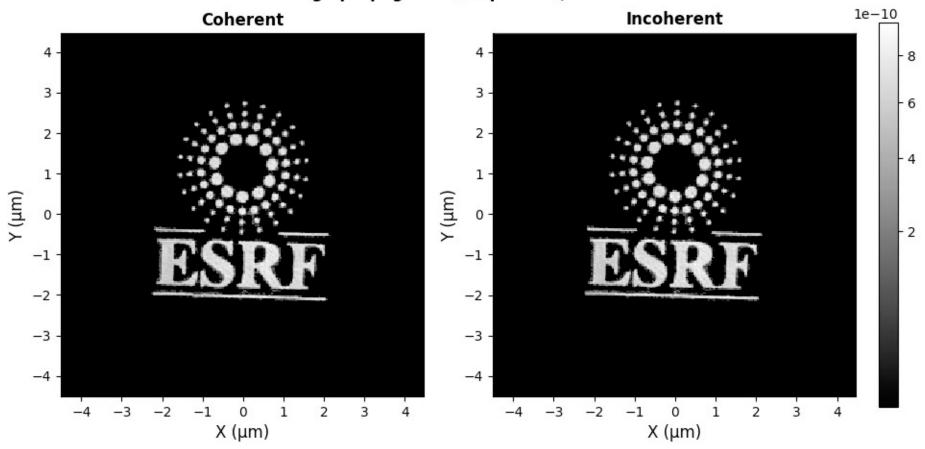
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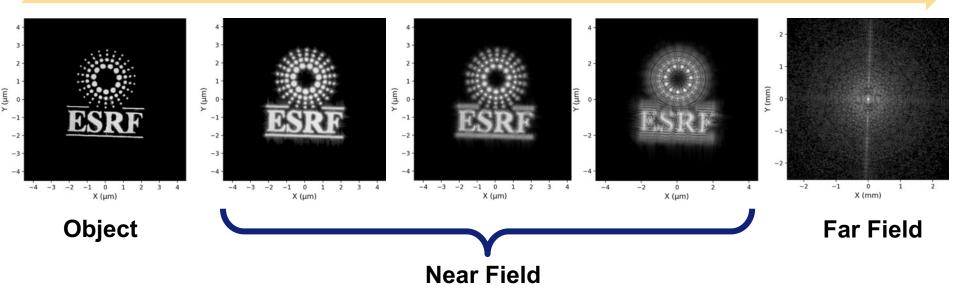
COHERENT VS INCOHERENT IMAGING

ESRF logo propagation (amplitude), z= 100.0 nm



COHERENT X-RAY IMAGING TECHNIQUES

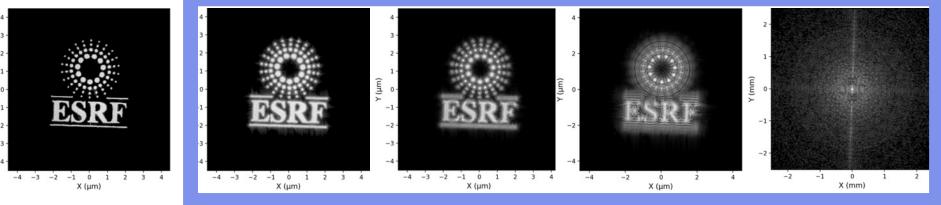
Propagation distance



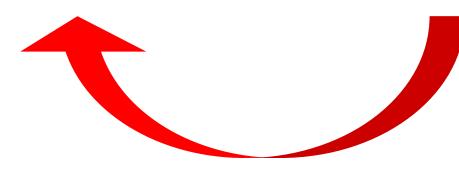


COHERENT X-RAY IMAGING: ALGORITHMS ?

Propagation distance



Object

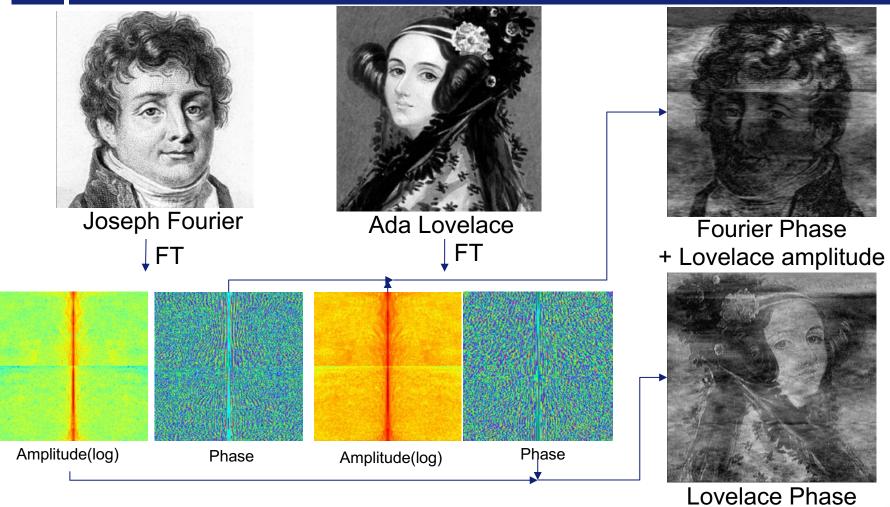


The Phase problem

- Only the intensity is measured
- Complex algorithms required to reconstruct the object
- Iterative processes are used to yield the highest resolution

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AMPLITUDE & PHASE



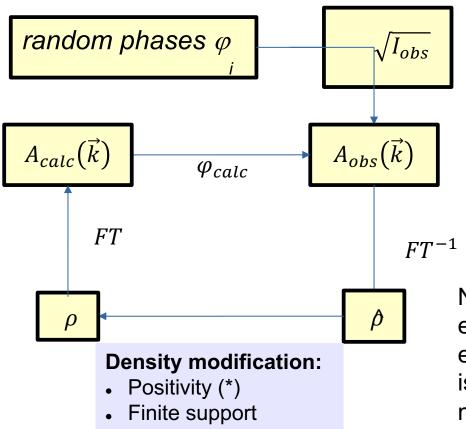
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+ Fourier Amplitude

THE PHASE PROBLEM

To compute the inverse Fourier Transform, both the phase and the amplitude are needed \rightarrow Phase Retrieval algorithms are required

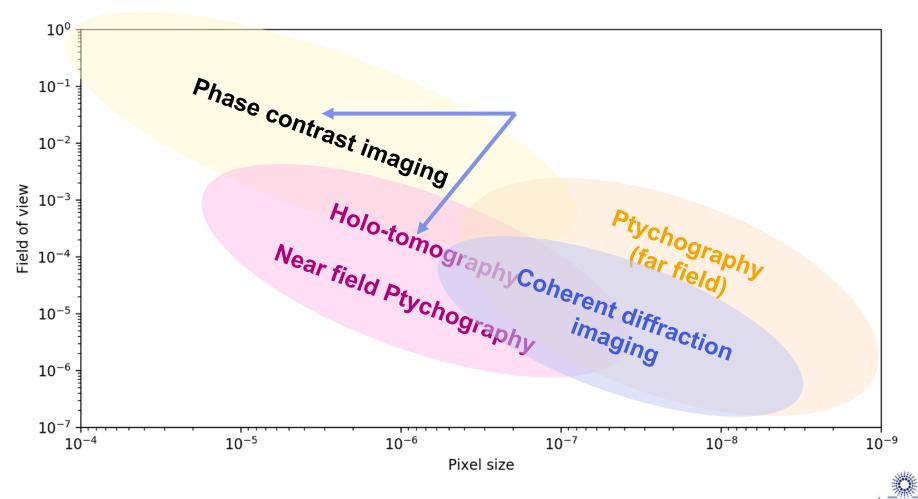


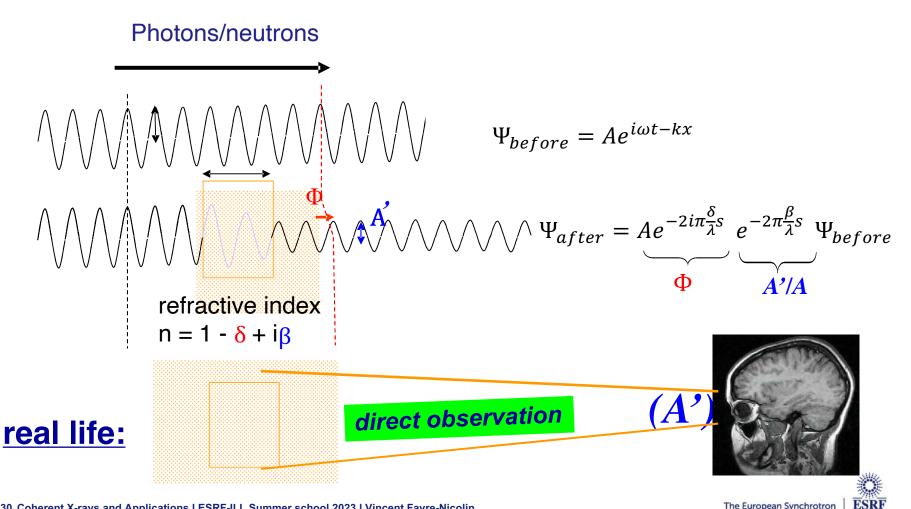
Algorithms: Hybrid Input/Output (HIO) Error Reduction Charge Flipping

NB : the 'Fourier recycling' algorithms are essentially the same as those used to obtain electronic density from anomalous (or isomorphous) diffraction data for macromolecular crystallography.

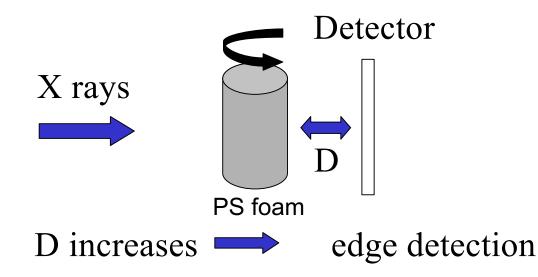
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IMAGING: FIELD-OF VIEW VS RESOLUTION

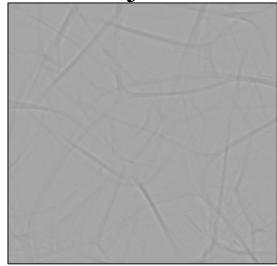




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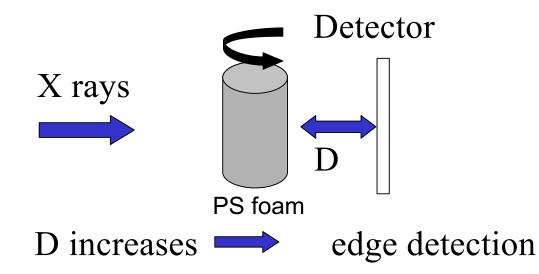
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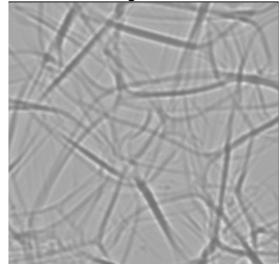
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Only absorption, faint contrast





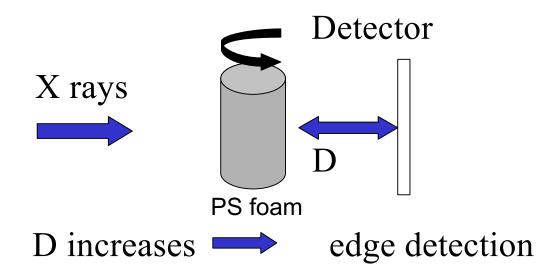
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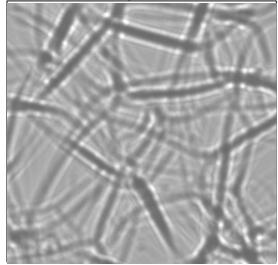
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Better contrast





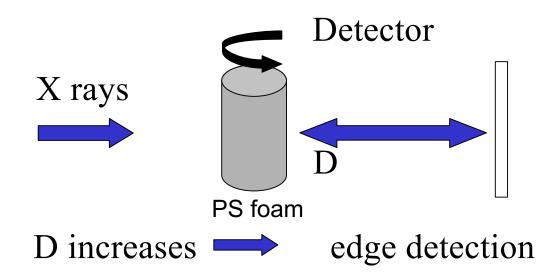
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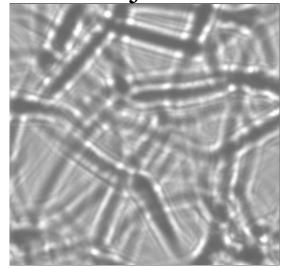
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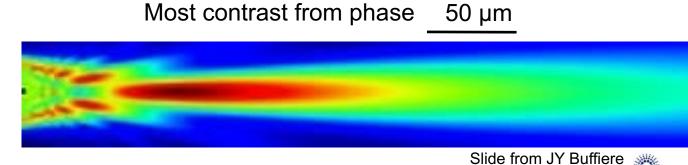
Stronger contrast





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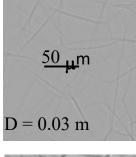


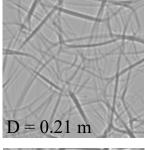


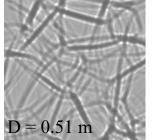
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PHASE CONTRAST IMAGING: HOLOTOMOGRAPHY

PS FOAM







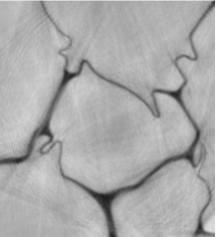
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Phase retrieval $\Delta \phi = 2\pi \delta t/\lambda$

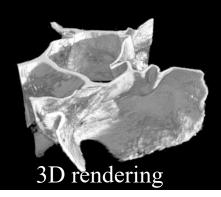
t: thickness

N projections

tomographic reconstruction



Reconstruction of δ (r)



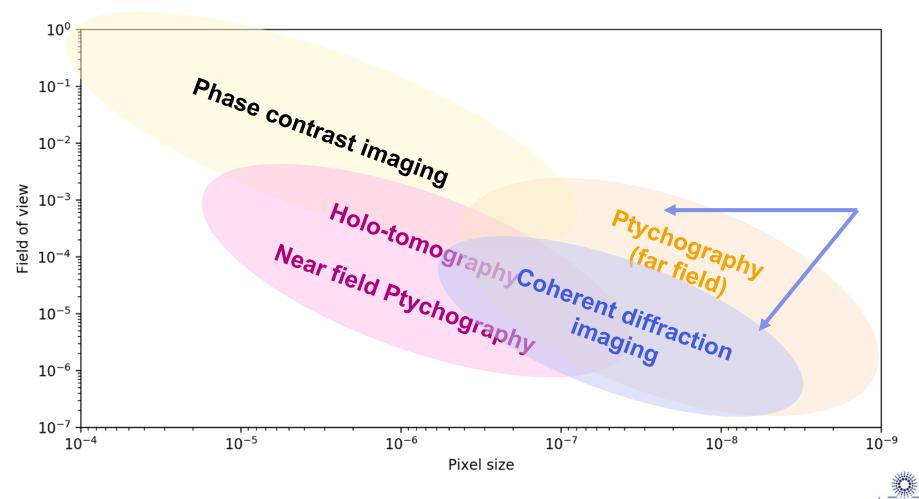
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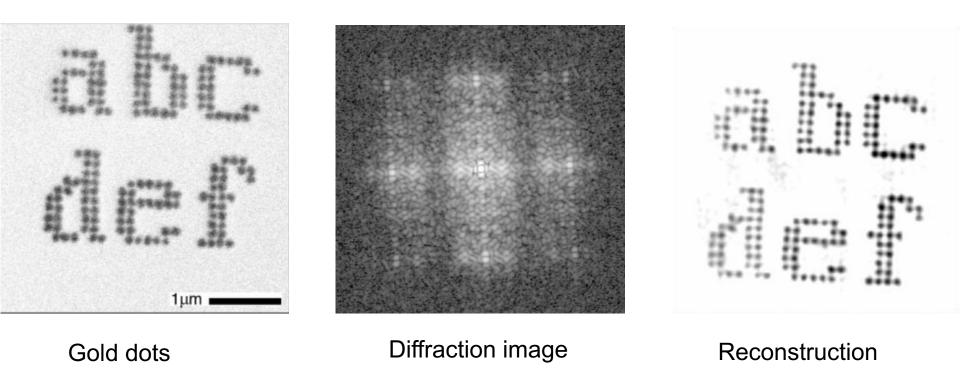
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COHERENT DIFFRACTION IMAGING



J. Miao, P. Charalambous, J. Kirz, and D. Sayre, Nature 400, 342 (1999).



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WHY COHERENT DIFFRACTION IMAGING

Why use a method :

- Which is complex (experimentally : coherence)
- Where more than half the information (phase) is lost
- Where algorithms are not always robust

When there are simpler methods :

- Absorption imaging
- Phase contrast imaging
- Scanning microscopy

RESOLUTION

For scanning microscopy :

• Resolution = beam size

For phase contrast/absorption imaging :

- Resolution = pixel size
- With focusing optics (projection microscopy), down to a few 10's of nm



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For CDI

The smaller the object, the wider its Fourier Transform !

 \rightarrow The resolution is inversely proportionnal to the extent of the measured scattering in reciprocal space

 \rightarrow lower current limit : 5-10 nm for CDI at 8-15 keV

The resolution is smaller than the beam size \rightarrow " super-resolution " \rightarrow High resolution studies and/or nano-objects

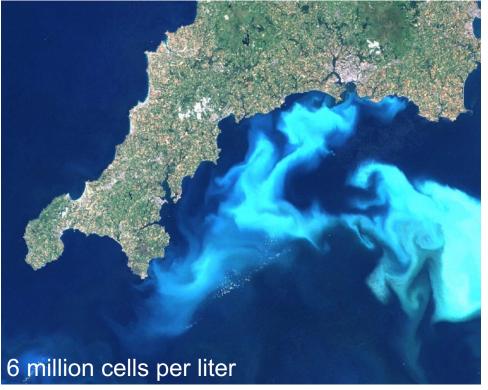




MORPHOLOGY OF COCCOLITHS USING CDI

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Emiliania Huxleyi bloom south of cornwall (UK)

single-celled phytoplankton covered with calcite disks (coccoliths)

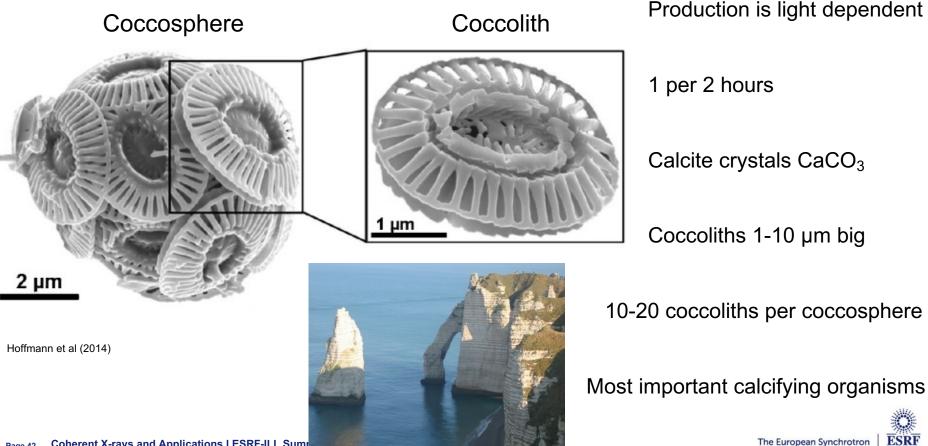
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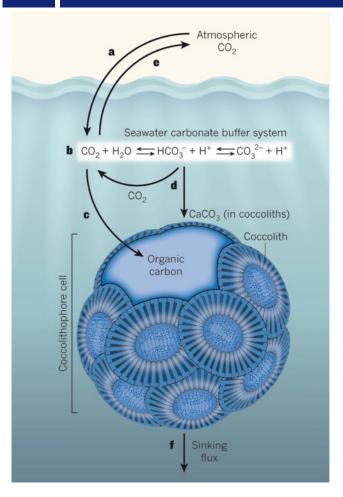
MARINE ALGAE - COCCOLITHOPHORES

Emiliania huxleyi



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COCCOLITHOPHORE CARBON CHEMISTRY



Transfer of CO₂ from atmosphere to limestone

Last 200 years absorbed 50% of CO_2 emitted by human activities (>500 Gt CO_2)

Pre-industrial atmospheric CO₂ 280 ppm

Today atmospheric CO₂ 380 ppm

pH decreased of 0.1 units since pre-industrial times pH of sea water today 8.2±0.3

Calculating mass fluxes is major endeavour



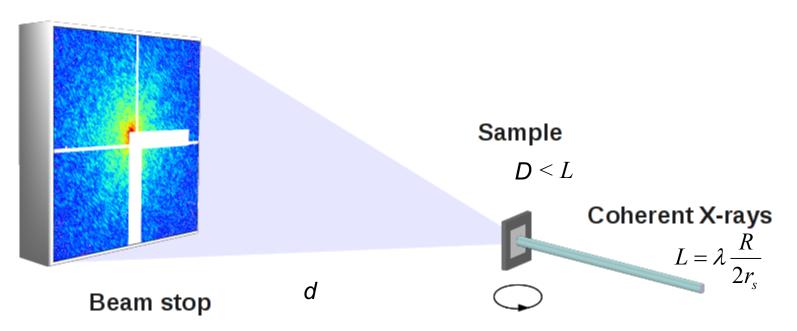
D. A. Hutchins Nature **476**, 41, (2011)

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CXDI – ID10 BEAMLINE

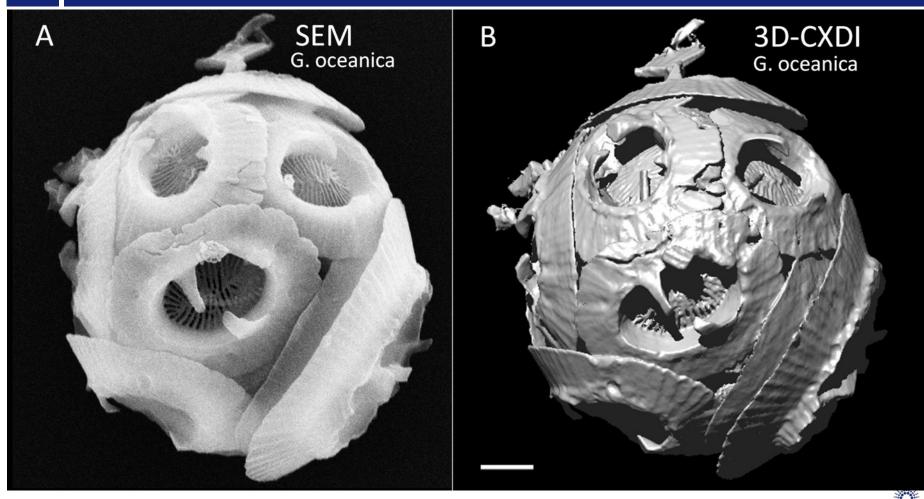
Isolated sample <7 µm is illuminated with coherent plane wave Voxel size < 32nm

Detector *p*,*N*





3D-CXDI

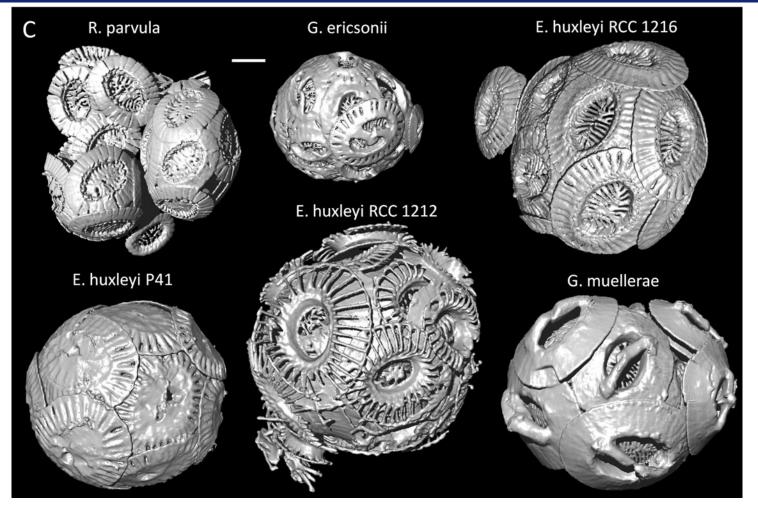




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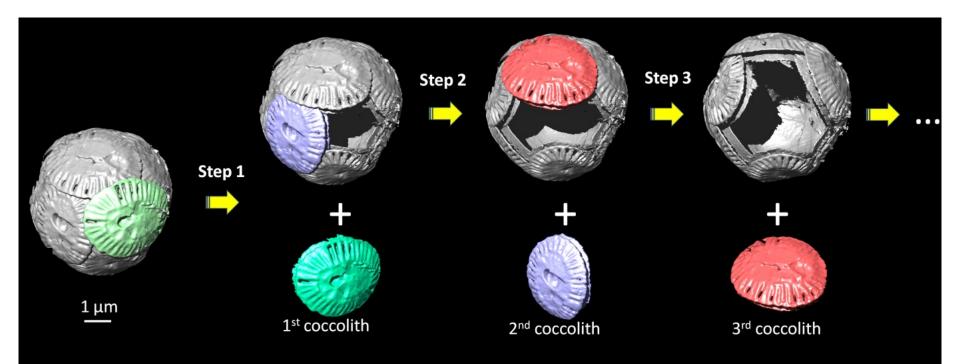




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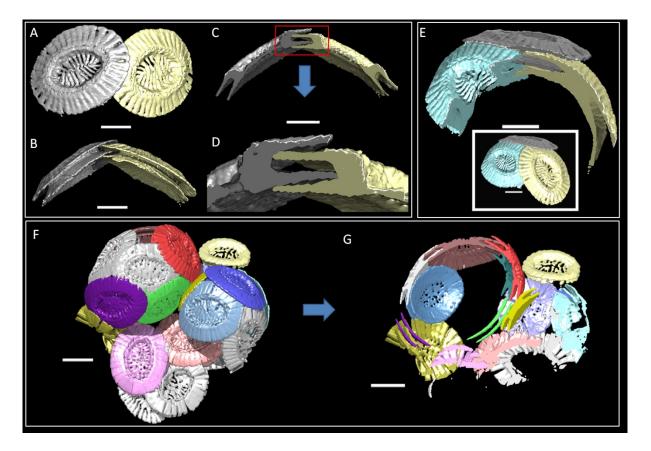
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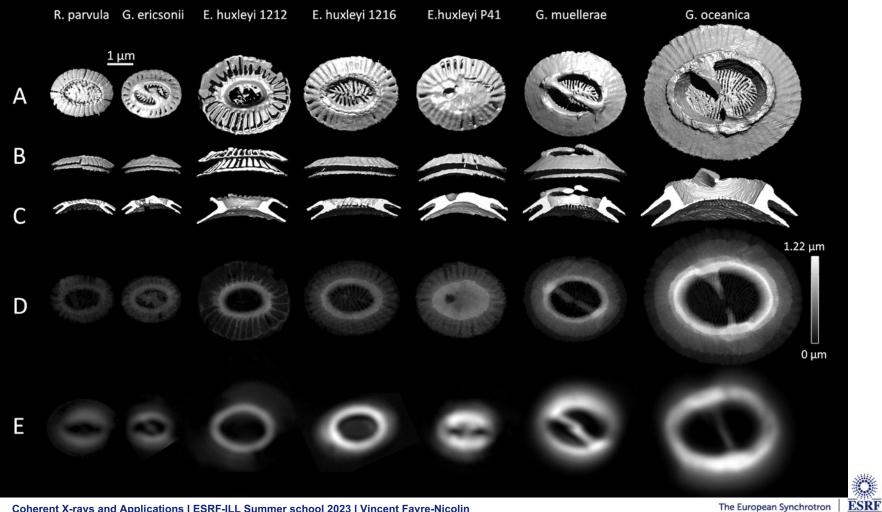




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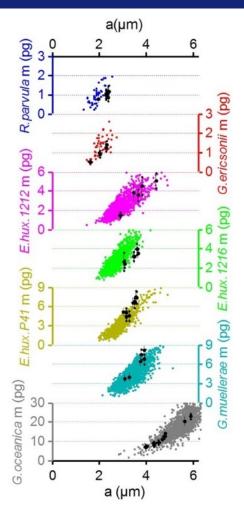
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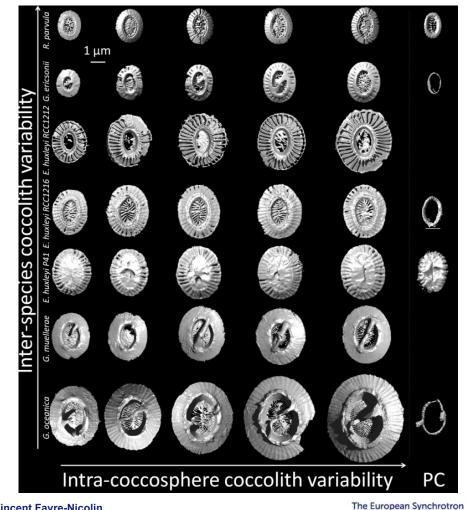


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COCCOLITHS - MASS

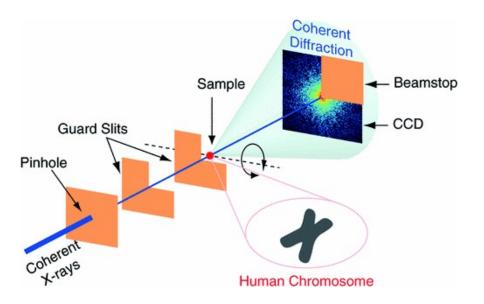


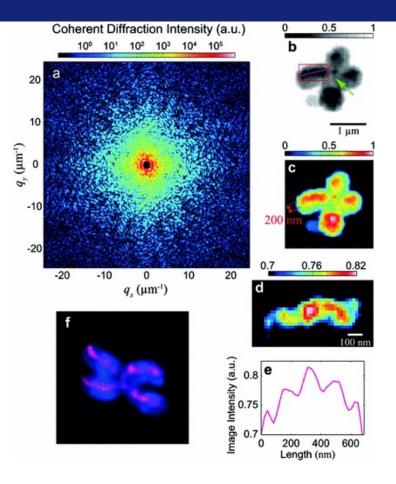


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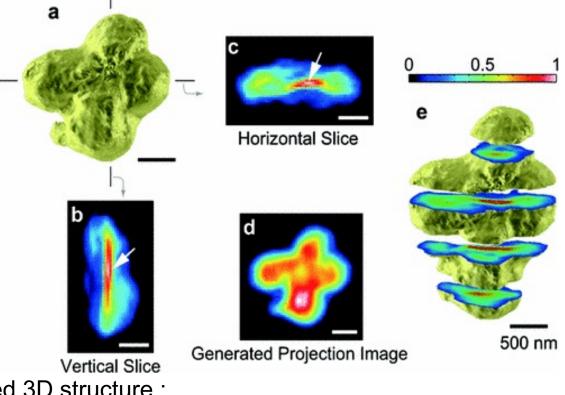




Y. Nishino et al, Physical Review Letters 102, (2009).

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Reconstructed 3D structure :

- 2D resolution : 38 nm
- 3D resolution : 120 nm
- Dose : 2x10^10 Gy

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Limitations of CDI :

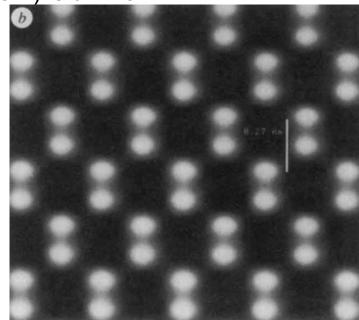
- No imaging of extended objects (limited to the coherent volume of the beam)
- Need oversampled diffraction data
- Convergence of the algorithm can be difficult (support evaluation)
- The probe (amplitude and phase of the incoming beam) is unknown
- Non-unicity of the solution

First experiments from electron microscopy :

Hoppe, Acta Cryst. A25 (1969) 459 Hoppe, Ultramicroscopy 10, 187 (1982)

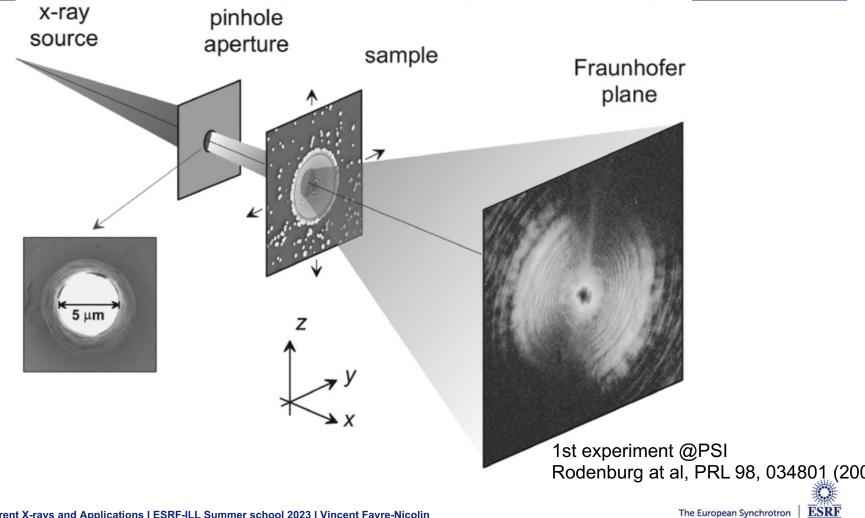
Nellist, McCallum & Rodenburg Nature A54 (1995) 49

" Resolution beyond the 'information limit' in transmission electron microscopy "



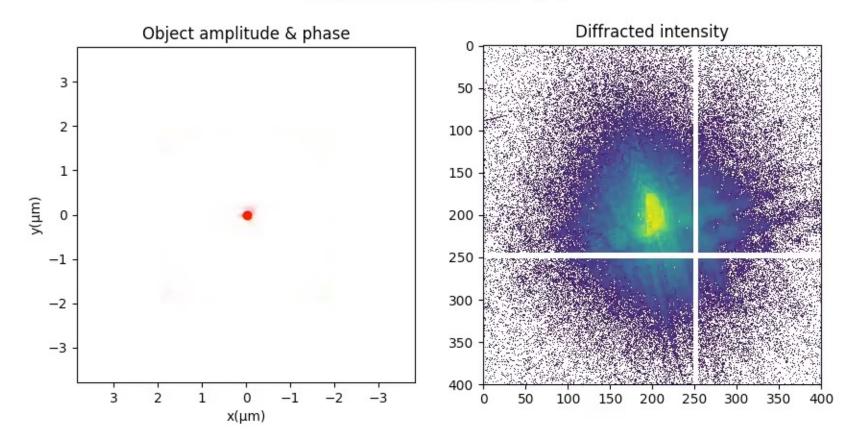


X-RAY PTYCHOGRAPHY

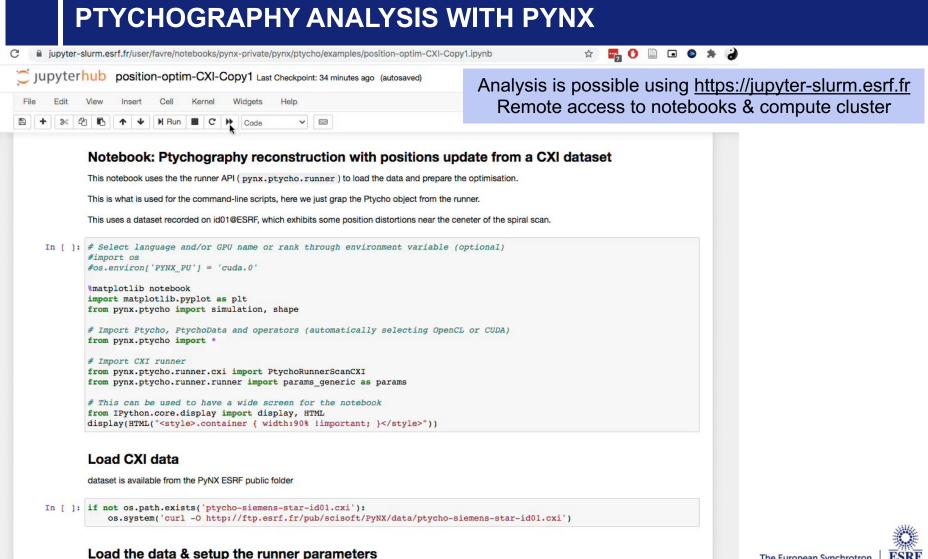


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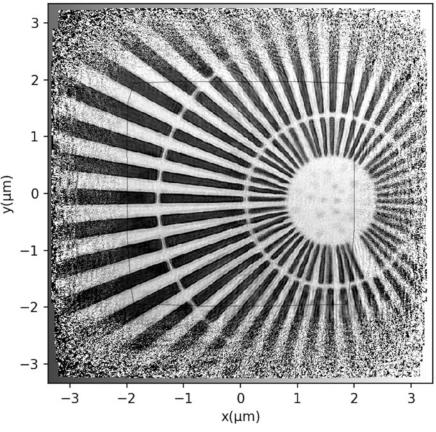




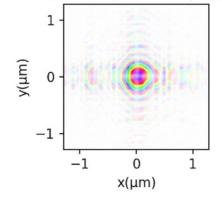


PTYCHOGRAPHY: PHASE & AMPLITUDE

Object phase [-0.12- 0.08 radians]



Probe amplitude & phase

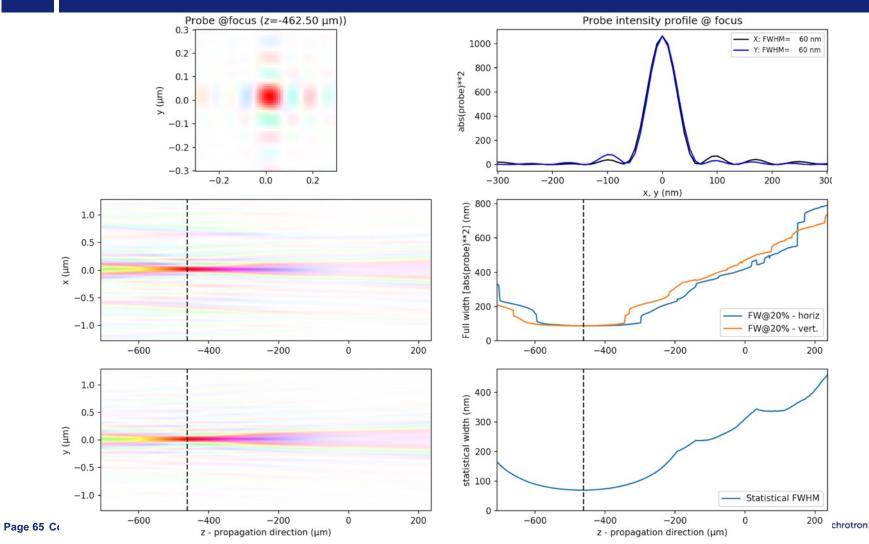


id16A @17keV Lambda detector 256x256 GaAs 150 nm step, 125 ms/frame, 566 frames With filters (~20x) ⁽²⁾

Both object and probe, amplitude and phase are recovered at the same time

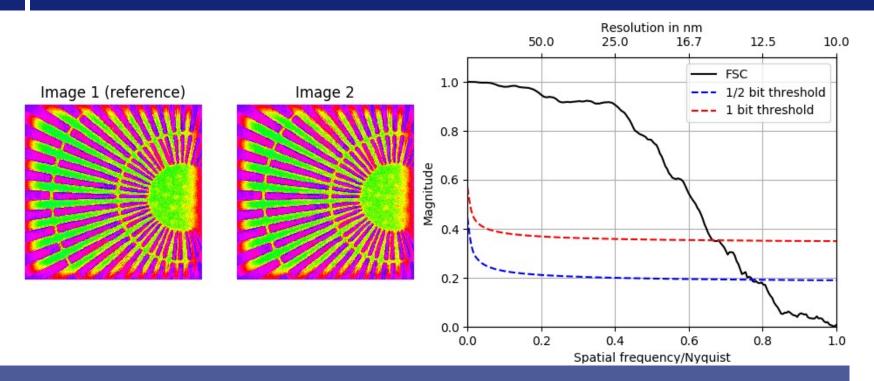


PTYCHO: PROBE PROPAGATION



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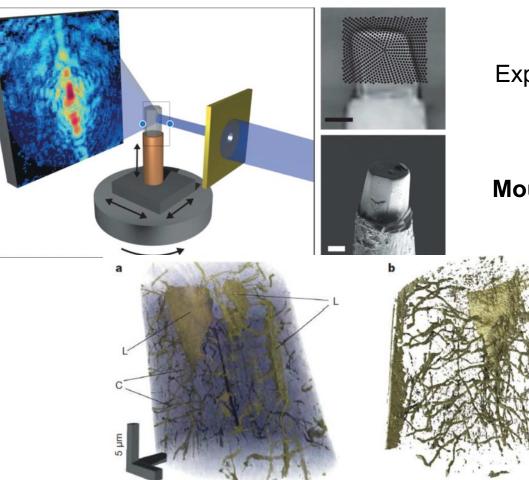
RESOLUTION: FOURIER SHELL (RING) CORRELATION



Resolution from Fourier shell (ring) correlation: ~15nm (comparing two scans from the same area with different positions) van Heel & M. Schatz, J. Struct. Biol. 151(2005), 250



PTYCHOGRAPHY-TOMOGRAPHY



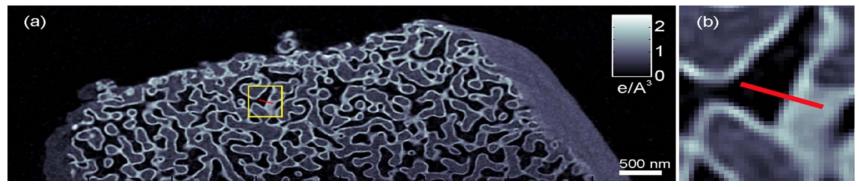
Experiments at cSAXS beamline SLS Dierolf et al Nature, 467, 436-439 (2010)

Mouse femur bone, imaged in 3D at 120nm resolution Voxel size : 65 nm

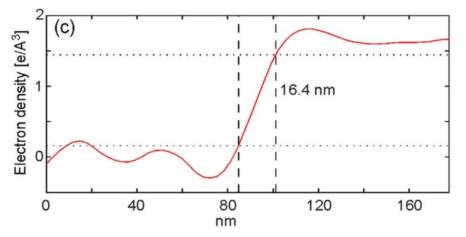


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PTYCHOGRAPHY: 3D HIGH RESOLUTION



Test object : porous SiO₂ structure of 139 nm mean pore size + Ta₂O₅ coating



3D reconstruction resolution : 16 nm

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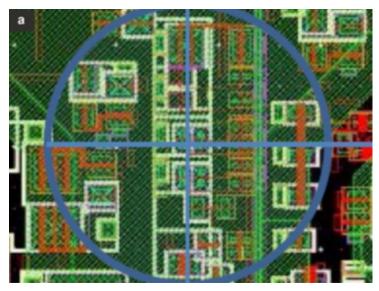
- 720 angular positions
- For each angle, 180 CDI images
- \rightarrow 129600 images



HIGH RESOLUTION IMAGING WITH PTYCHO-(TOMO)

Sample: micro-processor:





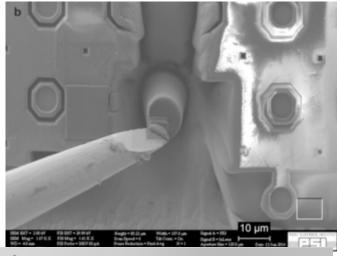
Select an area from the processor schematics



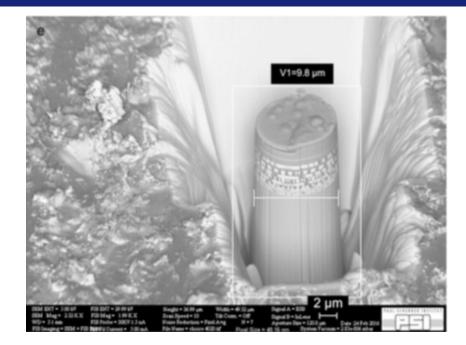
Socket LGA 1150, 3MB Cache, 22nm

Holler et al, Nature 543, 402-406 (2017)

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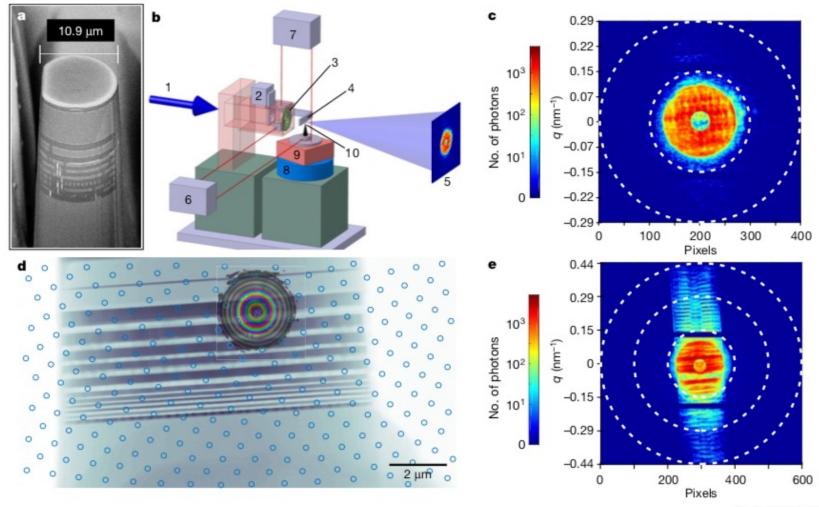


Extraction of a 10 μ m pillar Mount on a sample holder



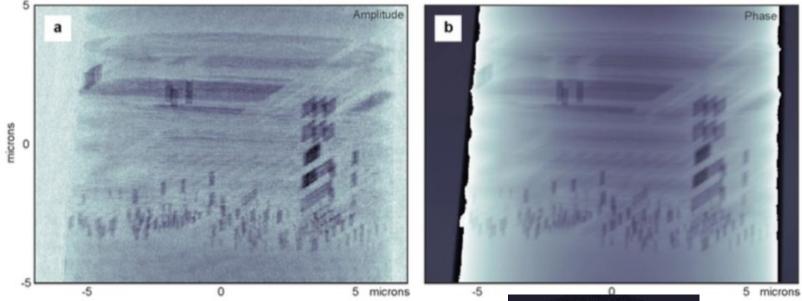
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Result:

- 14.6 nm 3D resolution
- 1200 projections
- 24 hours
- 5850 resolution elements per second



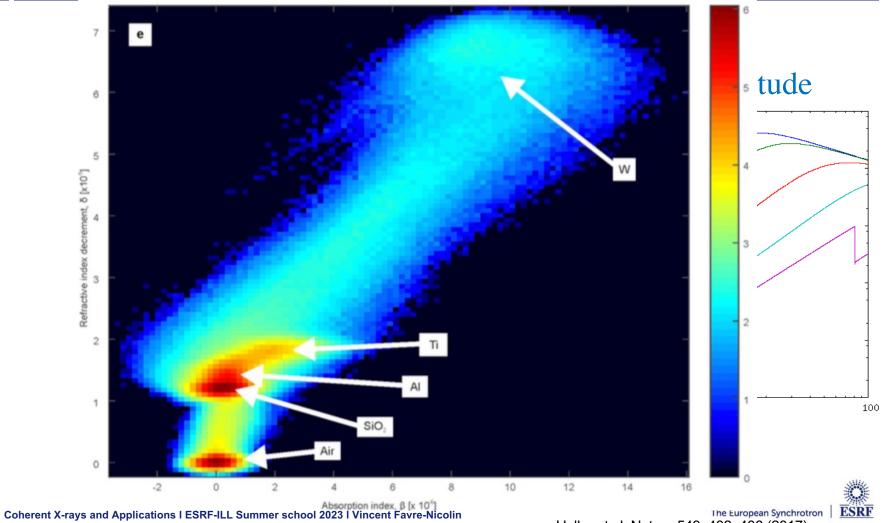


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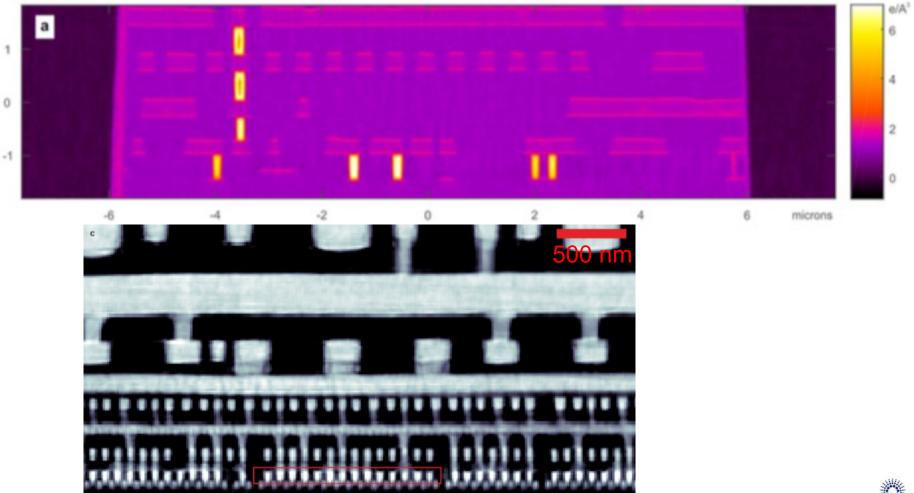
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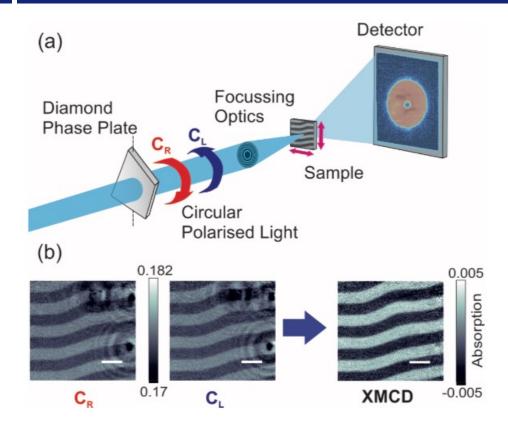
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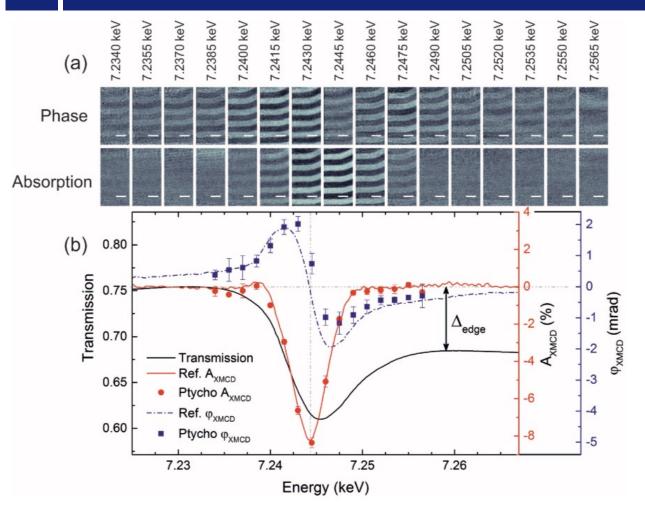


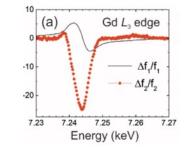
Synchrotron X-rays are normally (*) linearly polarised

A phase plate can be used to transform this into a circularly-polarised X-ray beam

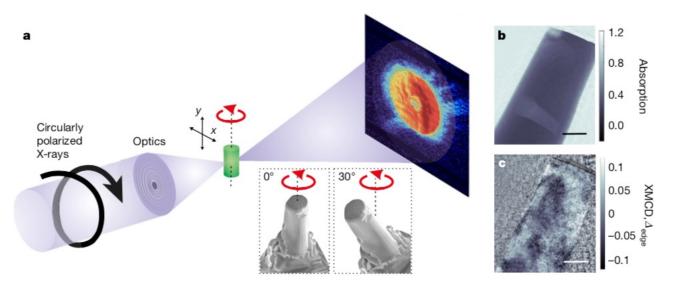
Sensitivity is maximal when magnetic moment is // to X-ray photon wavevector







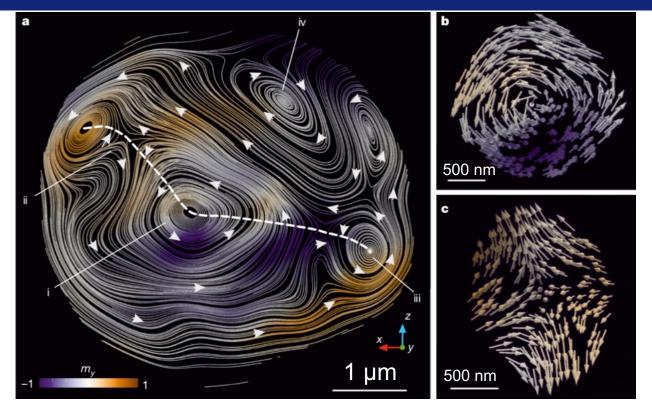




Setup for a ptycho-tomography setup

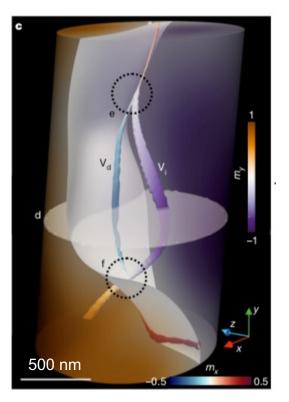
Using two tilt angles to be sensitive to the 3D orientation of magnetic domain !! Magnetic structure is a <u>3D vector field</u>, not a 3D scalar !!

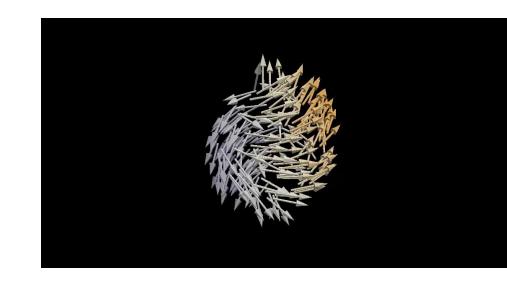




Axial tomographic slice of the reconstructed magnetization vector field Note the anti- and clockwise vortices Spatial resolution ~100-200 nm



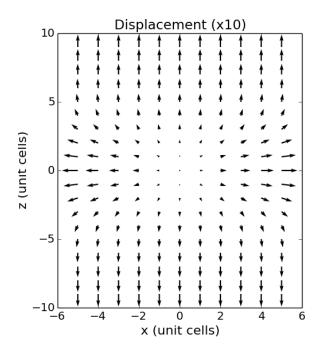




3D view of the magnetic reconstruction with two main domains Two vortices Vi and Vd intersect at two Bloch points (m=0)



SMALL ANGLE VS BRAGG CDI



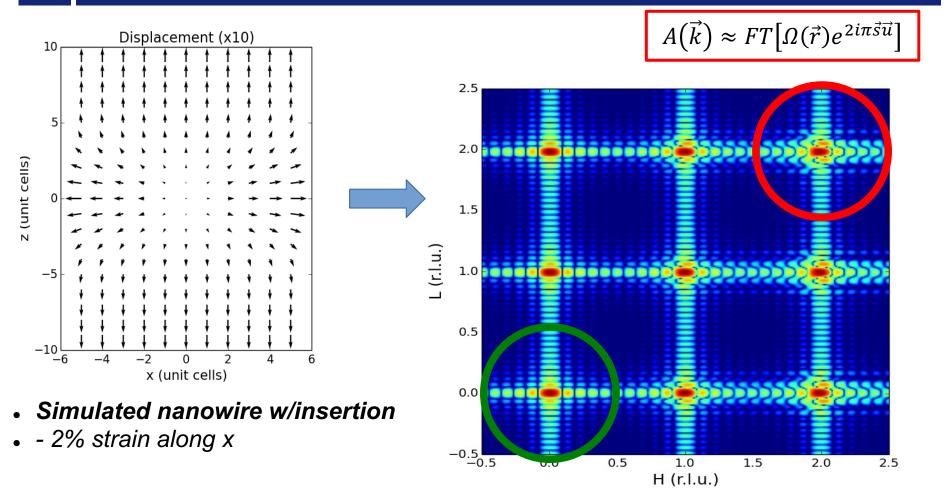
$$A(\vec{k}) \approx FT[\Omega(\vec{r})e^{2i\pi\vec{s}\vec{u}}]$$

Simulated nanowire w/insertion

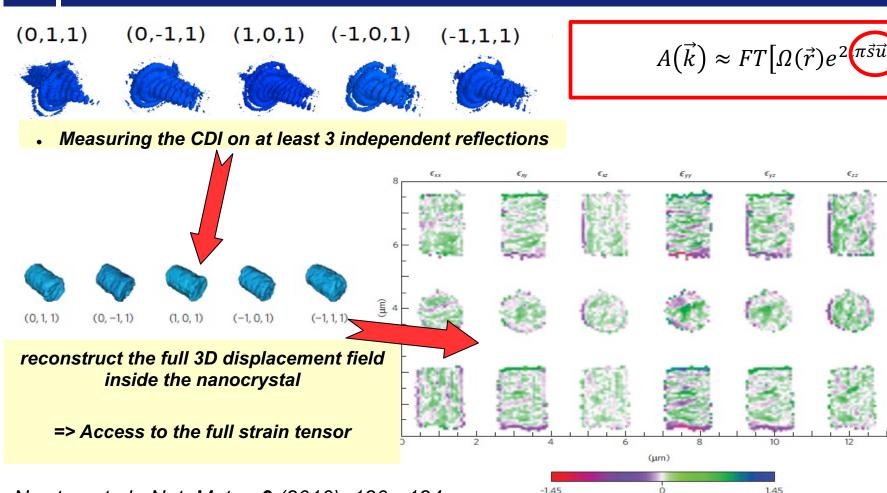
• - 2% strain along x



SMALL ANGLE VS BRAGG CDI



BRAGG CDI: STRAIN RECONSTRUCTION



Newton et al., Nat. Mater. 9 (2010), 120 - 124

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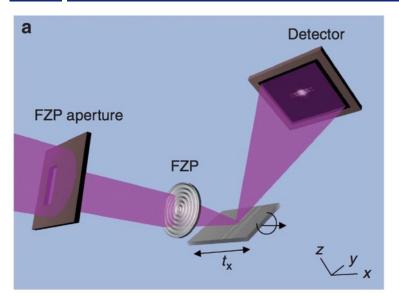
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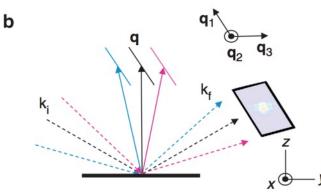
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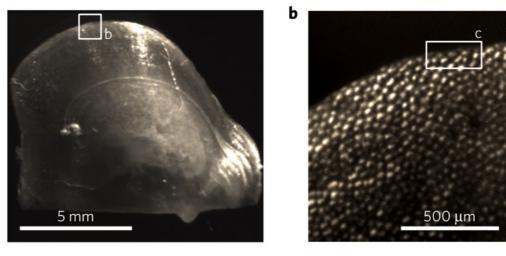
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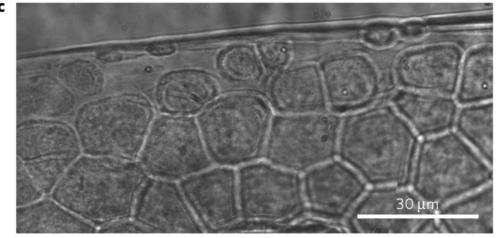


Bragg Ptychography : 2D Ptychography at different rotation angles (angle step ~0.04°, ptycho step 300 nm)



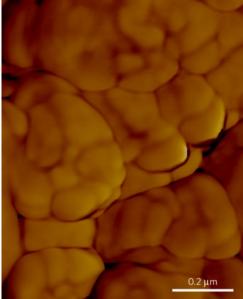
BRAGG PTYCHOGRAPHY ON MOLLUSC SHELLS





Pinctada margaritifera shell at different length scales

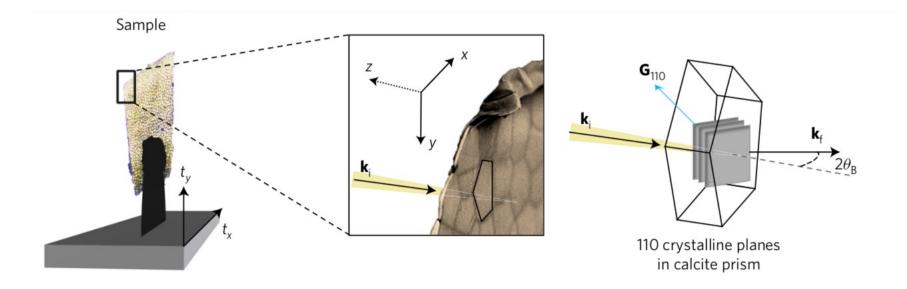
Calcite nano-structures





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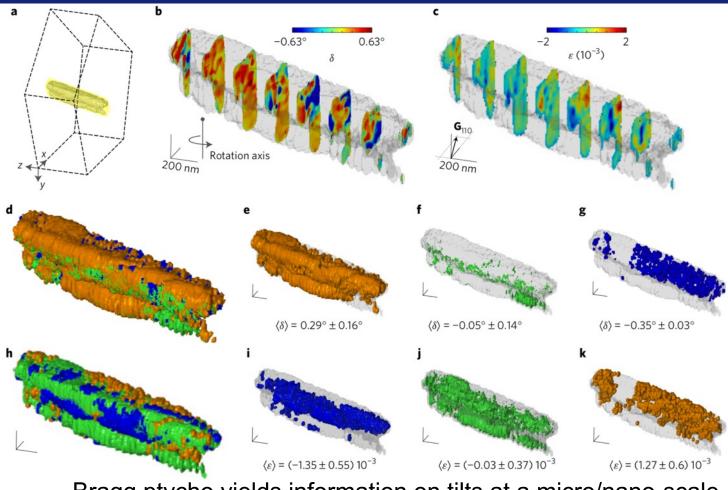
BRAGG PTYCHOGRAPHY ON MOLLUSC SHELLS



Diffraction on individual calcite prisms



BRAGG PTYCHOGRAPHY ON MOLLUSC SHELLS



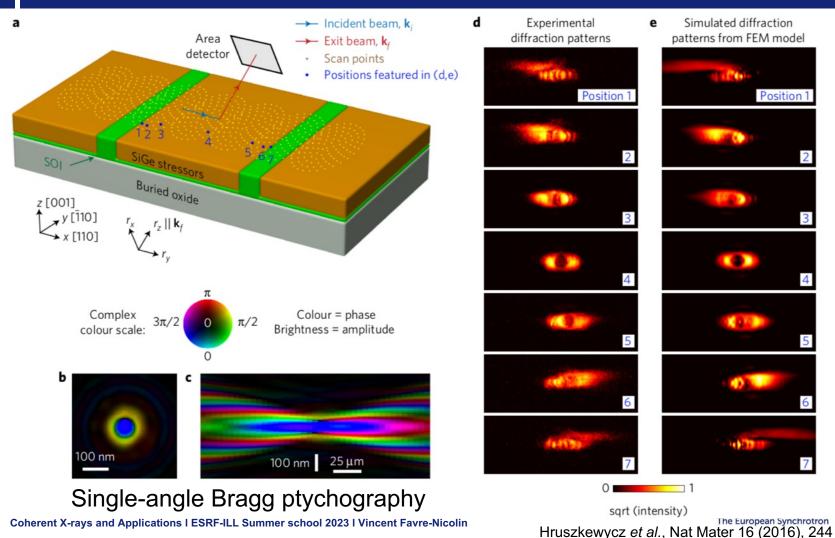
Bragg ptycho yields information on tilts at a micro/nano-scale

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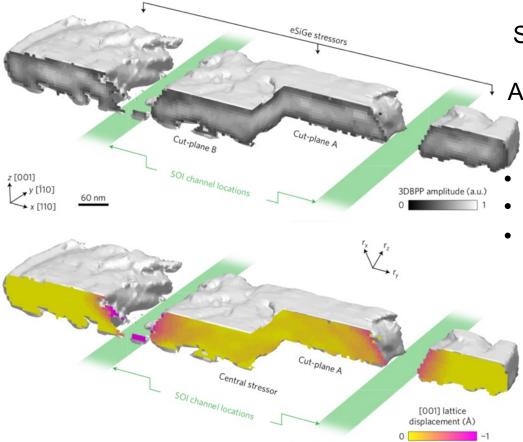
BRAGG PROJECTION PTYCHOGRAPHY

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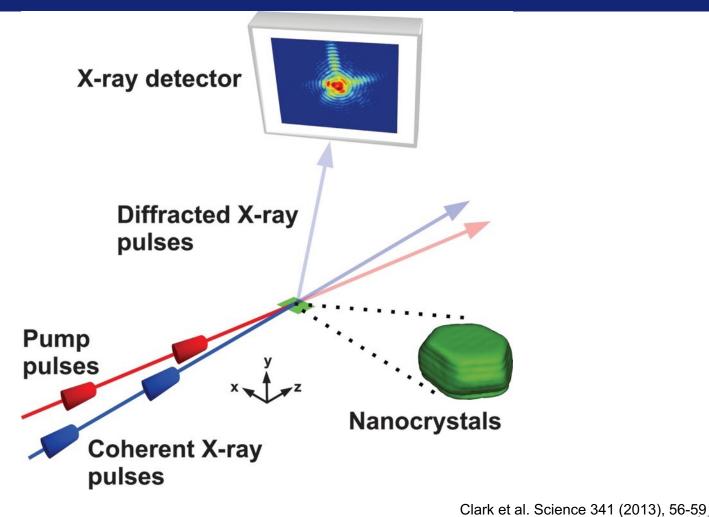


Single-angle Bragg ptychography

- Allows reconstructing an extended
 object with limited data:
 - Faster data collection
 - Less radiation damage
 - Only sensitive to deformation in the detector plane



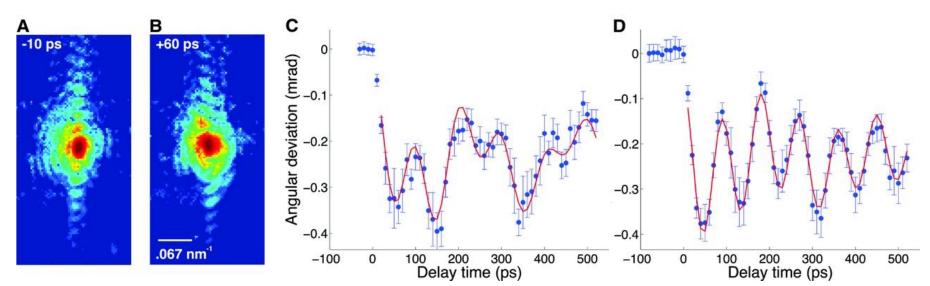
XFEL LATTICE VIBRATION IMAGING USING BRAGG CDI



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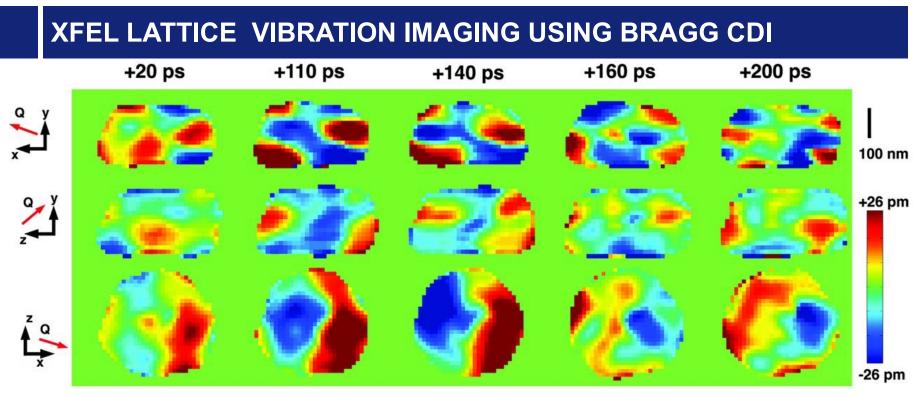
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Experimentally recorded coherent diffraction patterns from a single nanocrystal for delay times of –10 and +60 ps.

Bragg peak angular shift as a function of delay time for two different nanocrystals

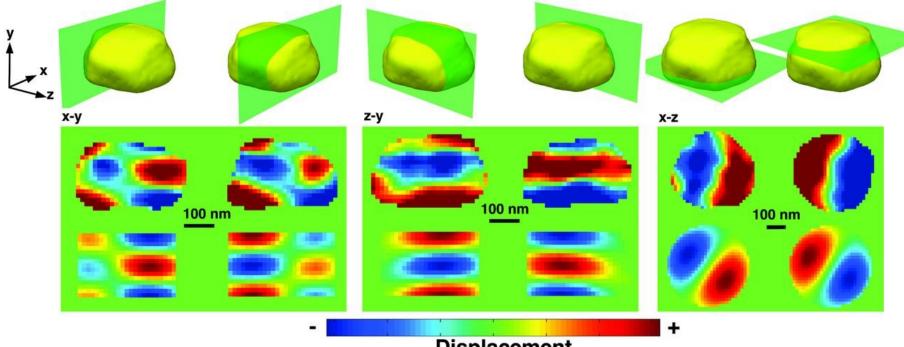




Orthogonal cut planes through the center of the nanocrystal showing the projected displacement as a function of delay time



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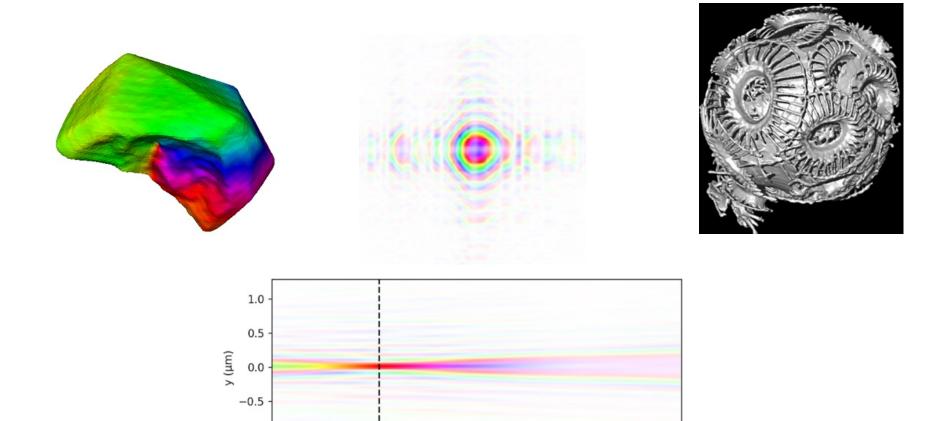


Displacement

Orthogonal slices taken either side of the center (top) of the nanocrystal compare the projected displacement obtained from the experiment (middle) with a simulated (1, 1) mode for a cylinder (bottom).



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z - propagation direction (µm)

0

200



-600

-400

-1.0

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