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# Imaging using Synchrotron X-rays

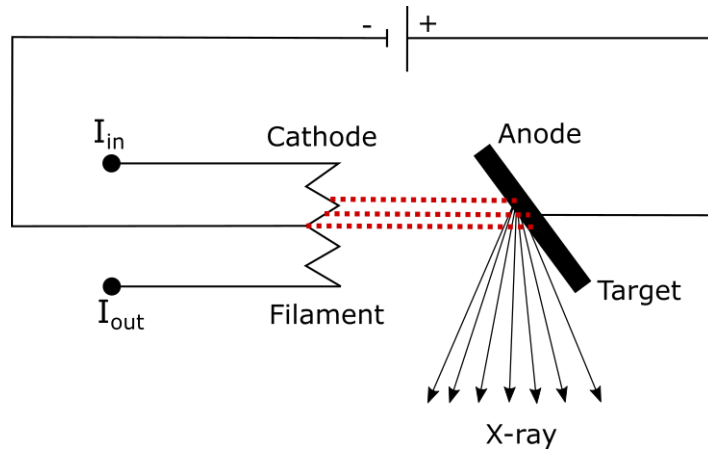
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# X-ray source

## Lab-based source



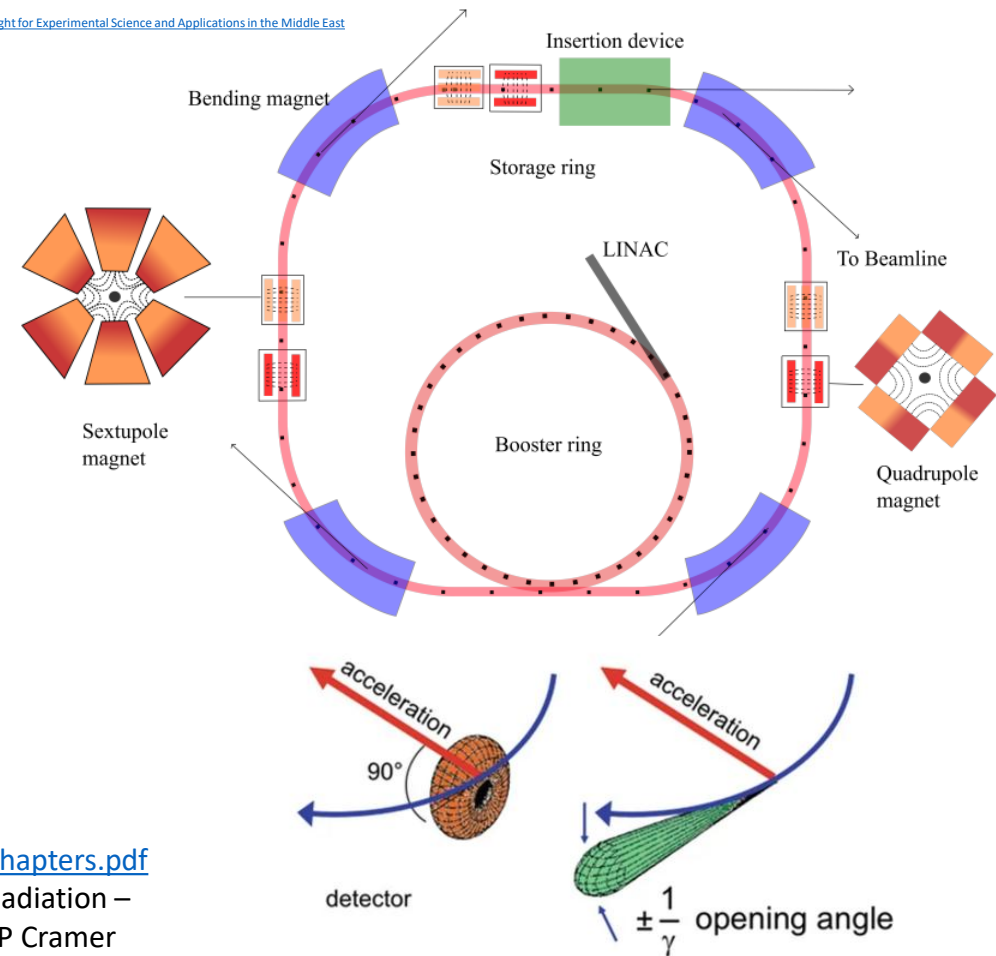
Filament – W

Target – W, Mo or heavy metals



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## Synchrotron source

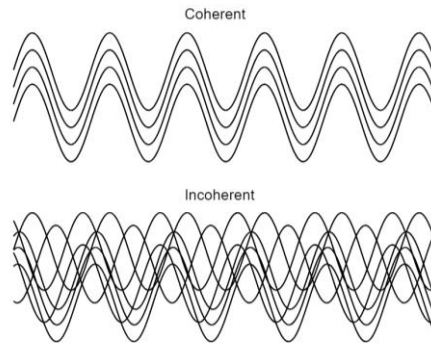
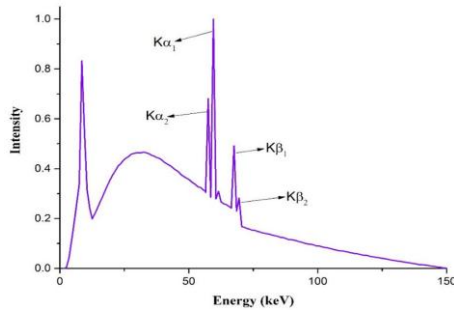


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- [https://edoc.unibas.ch/70259/1/All\\_Chapters.pdf](https://edoc.unibas.ch/70259/1/All_Chapters.pdf)
- X-ray spectroscopy with synchrotron Radiation – Fundamentals and applications Stephen P Cramer

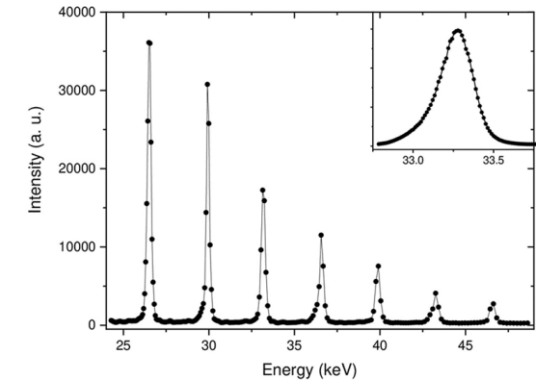
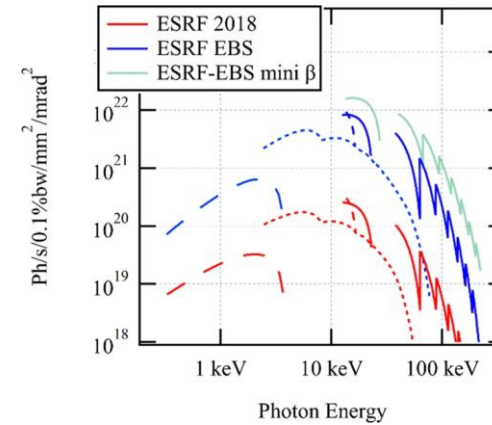
# X-ray source – benefit of a synchrotron

## Lab-based source



1. Polychromatic
2. Conical beam – large divergence
3. Non-Coherent
4. Low intensity
5. Suitable for only absorption based imaging – e.g. tomography

## Synchrotron source



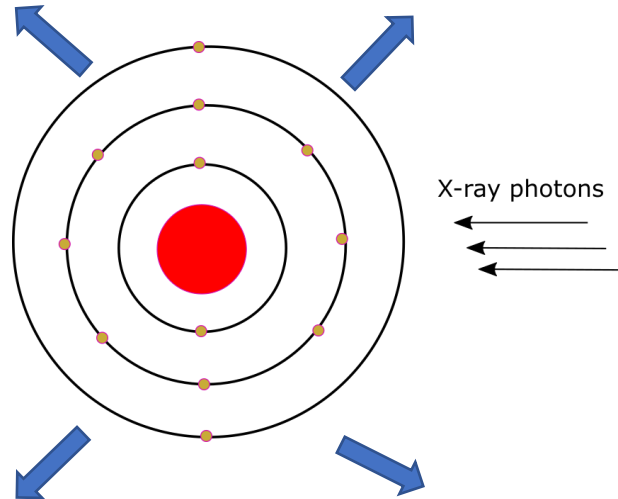
1. Polychromatic/ Monochromatic
2. Parallel beam – less divergence
3. Highly Coherent
4. High intensity – EBS !!
5. Possible to do many imaging modalities 😊

# X-ray interaction with matter

## Microscopic origin

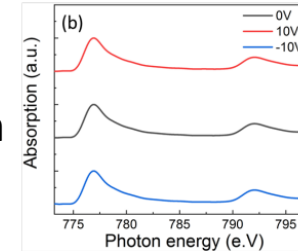
Elastic scattering

Inelastic scattering

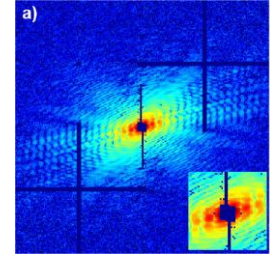


## Macroscopic effect

X-ray absorption  
(Chemical)

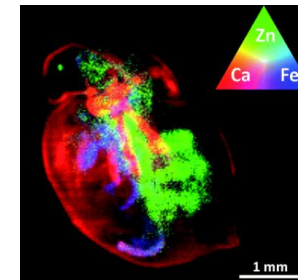


X-ray diffraction  
(structural)



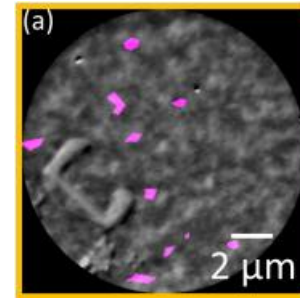
[3D imaging of whole cells using cryocooled coherent X-ray diffraction \(esrf.fr\)](https://www.esrf.fr/science/news/3D%20imaging%20of%20whole%20cells%20using%20cryocooled%20coherent%20X-ray%20diffraction)

Fluorescence  
(chemical)

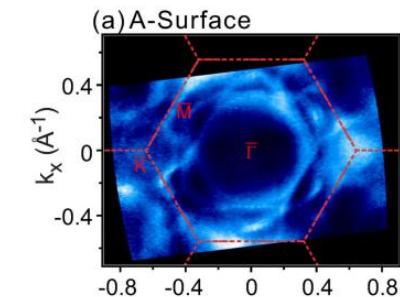


Bojrn et al., JAAS, **34**, 2083-2093 (2019)

Photoemission  
(Electronic)



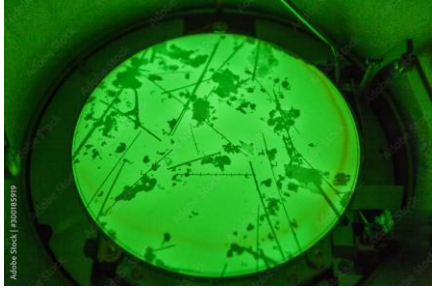
X-ray scattering  
(form factor, refractive index, electronic)



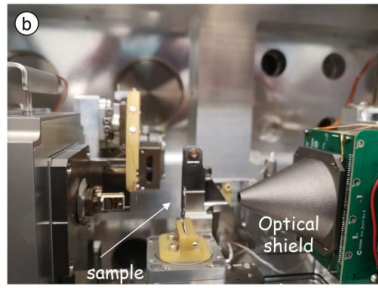
W. Jiang et al., J. Appl. Phys. 128, 135103 (2020)

# X-ray detector

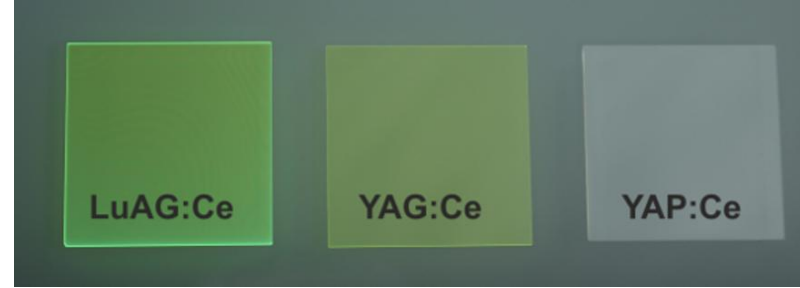
Goal is X-ray imaging is to spatially resolve the X-ray interaction



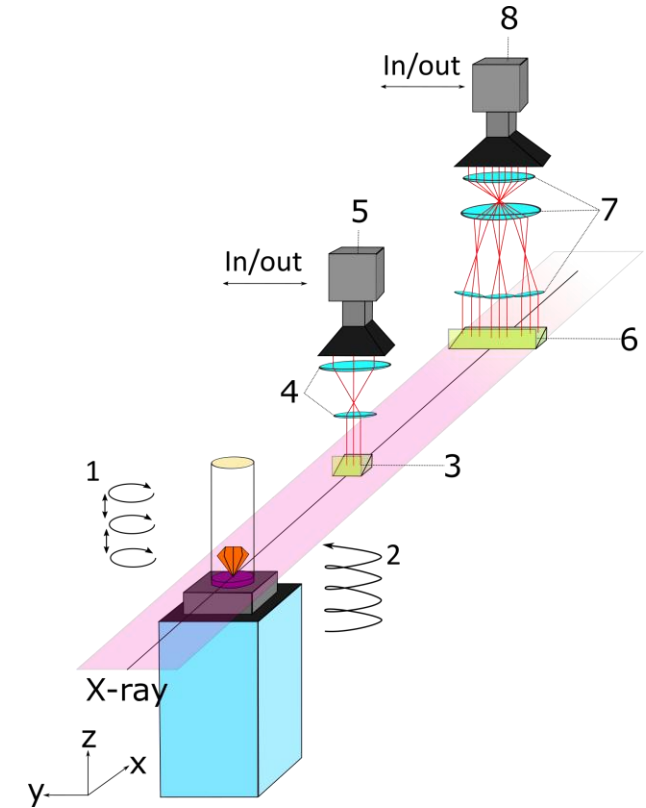
Phosphor screen



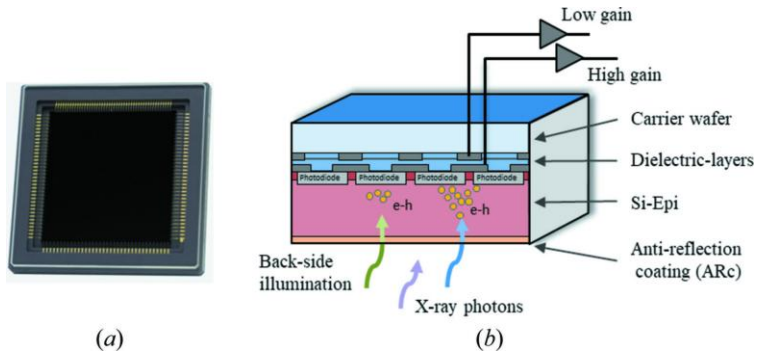
Point detector



Scintillators



Schematic for hierarchical microtomography



CMOS/CCD



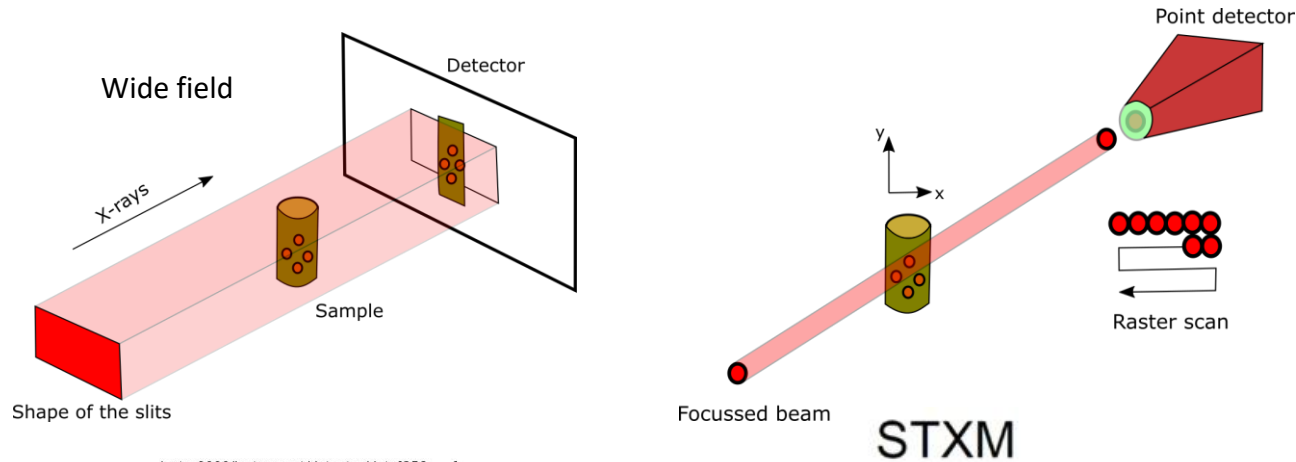
2D array detector

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# Modalities – X-ray transmission microscopy

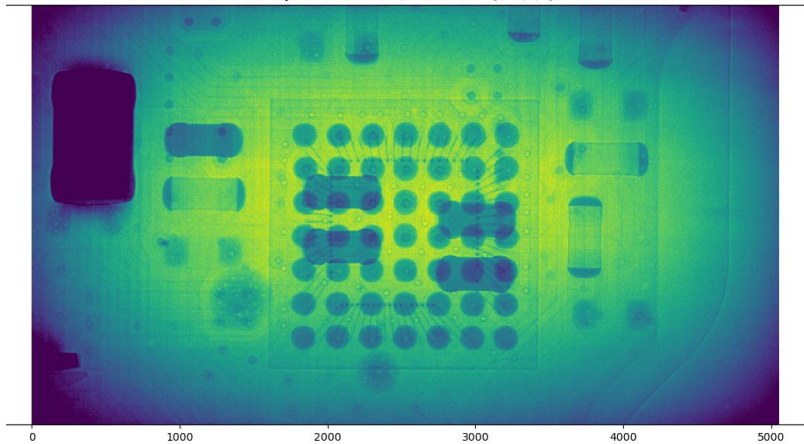
Transmission image → absorption image/ radiography image/ projection image



Resolution depends on:

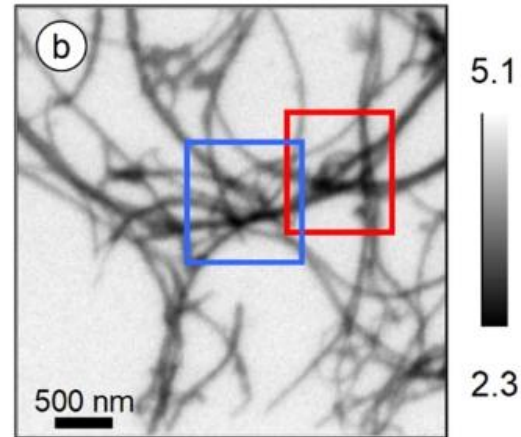
1. Size of the beam ( $\sim 10$  nm, default – 60 - 100 nm)
2. Precision of the stage

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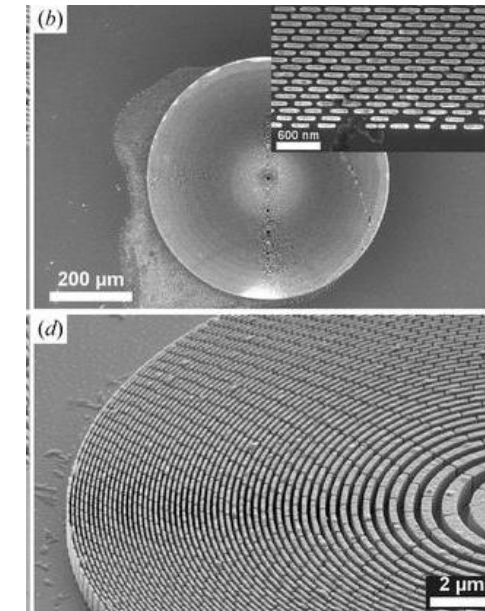
Radiography/transmission

Acquisition time  $\sim 50$  ms



Raster scan

Acquisition time  $>15$  min



N. Mille et al., Communications materials, 3,8 (2022)

S. Gorelick et al., JSR,18, 442-446(2011)

# Modalities – Phase contrast imaging

Why phase contrast imaging?

- Measure non-absorbed region
- Suitable for organic materials
- Particularly at high energy

Refractive index =  $1 - \delta + i\beta$

Phase shift  $\rightarrow 2\pi \delta \text{ thickness}/\lambda$

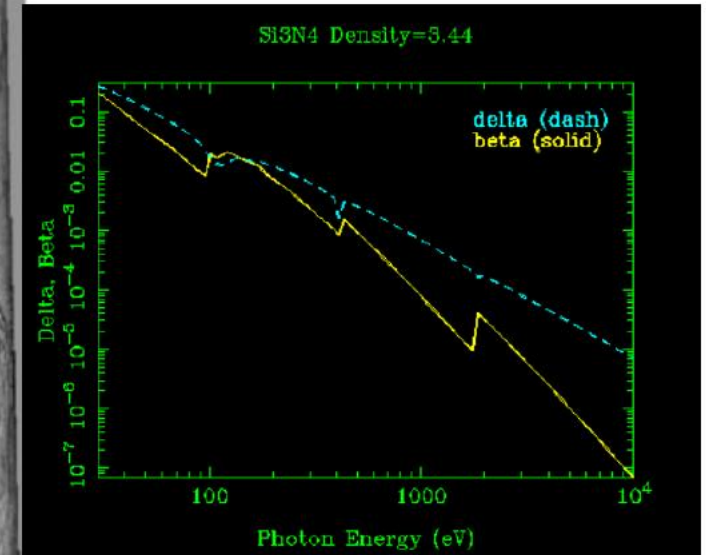
By Zernike phase imaging

Interferometry, analyzer and propagation based methods. At high energy – it the default!

(a) Transmission



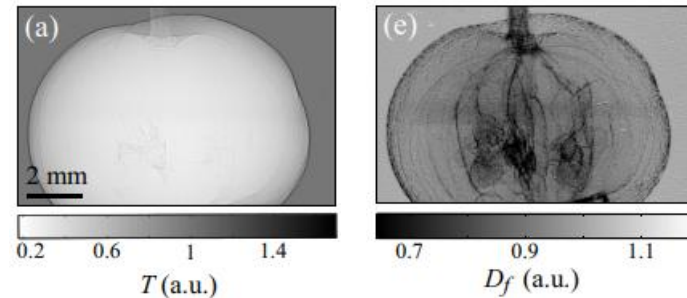
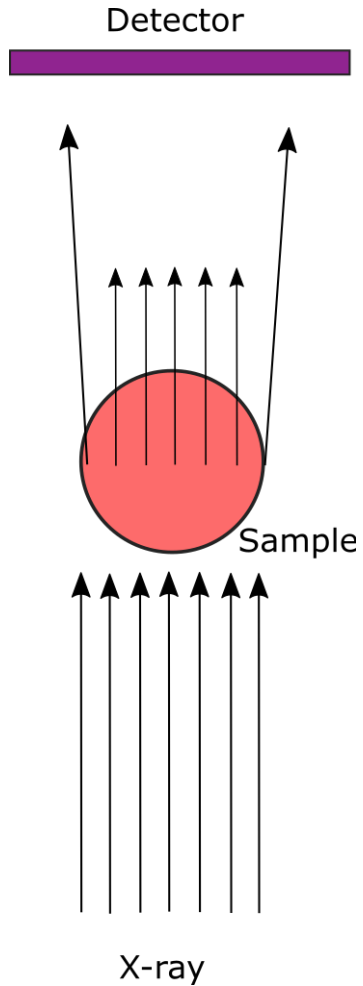
(b) Phase contrast



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3. U. Bonse and M. Hart, APL, 6, 155-156 (1965)
4. V. N. Ingal and E.A. Beliaevskaya, Journal of physics D: applied physics, 54, 181-342 (1993)
5. K. A. Nugent et al., PRL, 77, 2961 (1996)



# Modalities – dark field imaging



Extract details smaller than the voxel size

Information exist – just need to separate them 😊

(a) Transmission



(b) Phase contrast

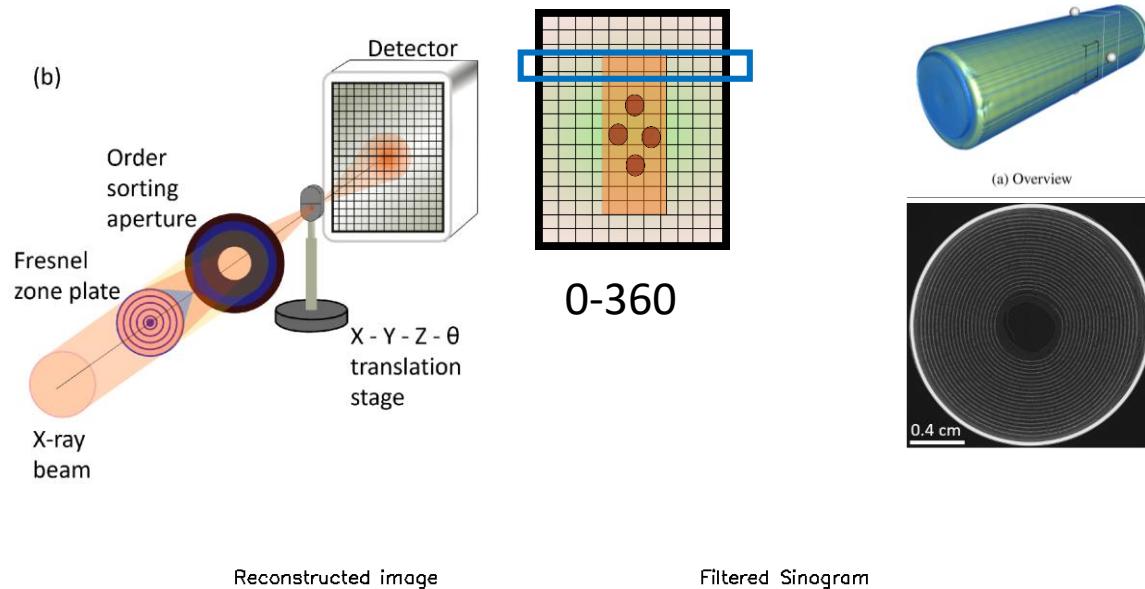


(c) Dark-field contrast



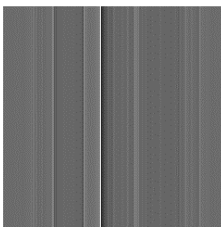
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# Modalities – Computed Tomography



Reconstructed image

Filtered Sinogram



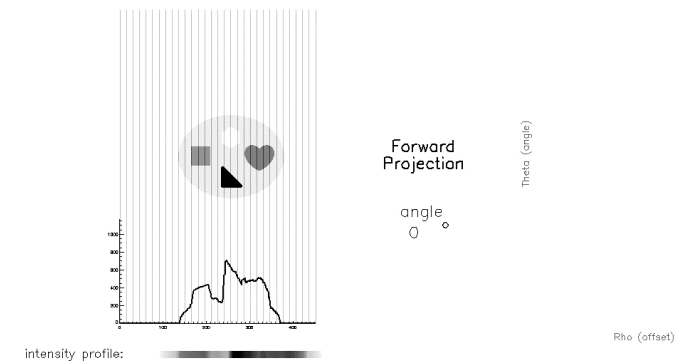
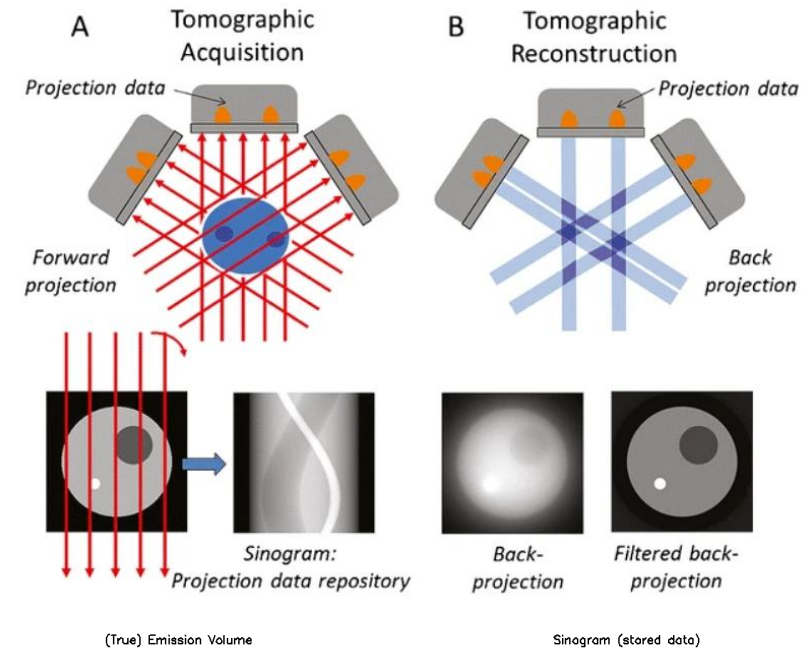
Theta (angle)

Filtered Back Projection

Rho (offset)

Created by Adam Leon Kesner, PhD, Medical Physicist

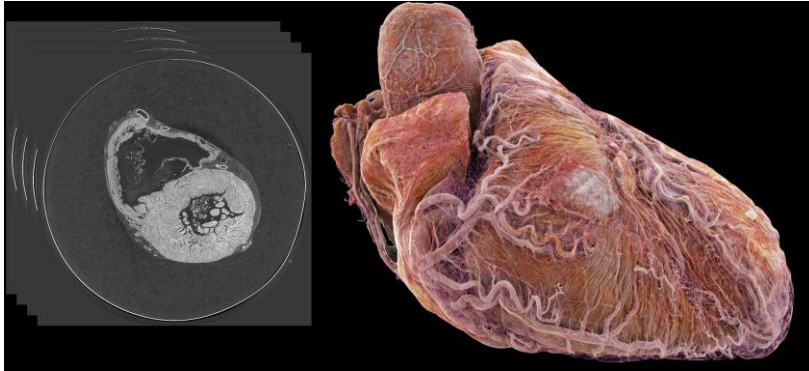
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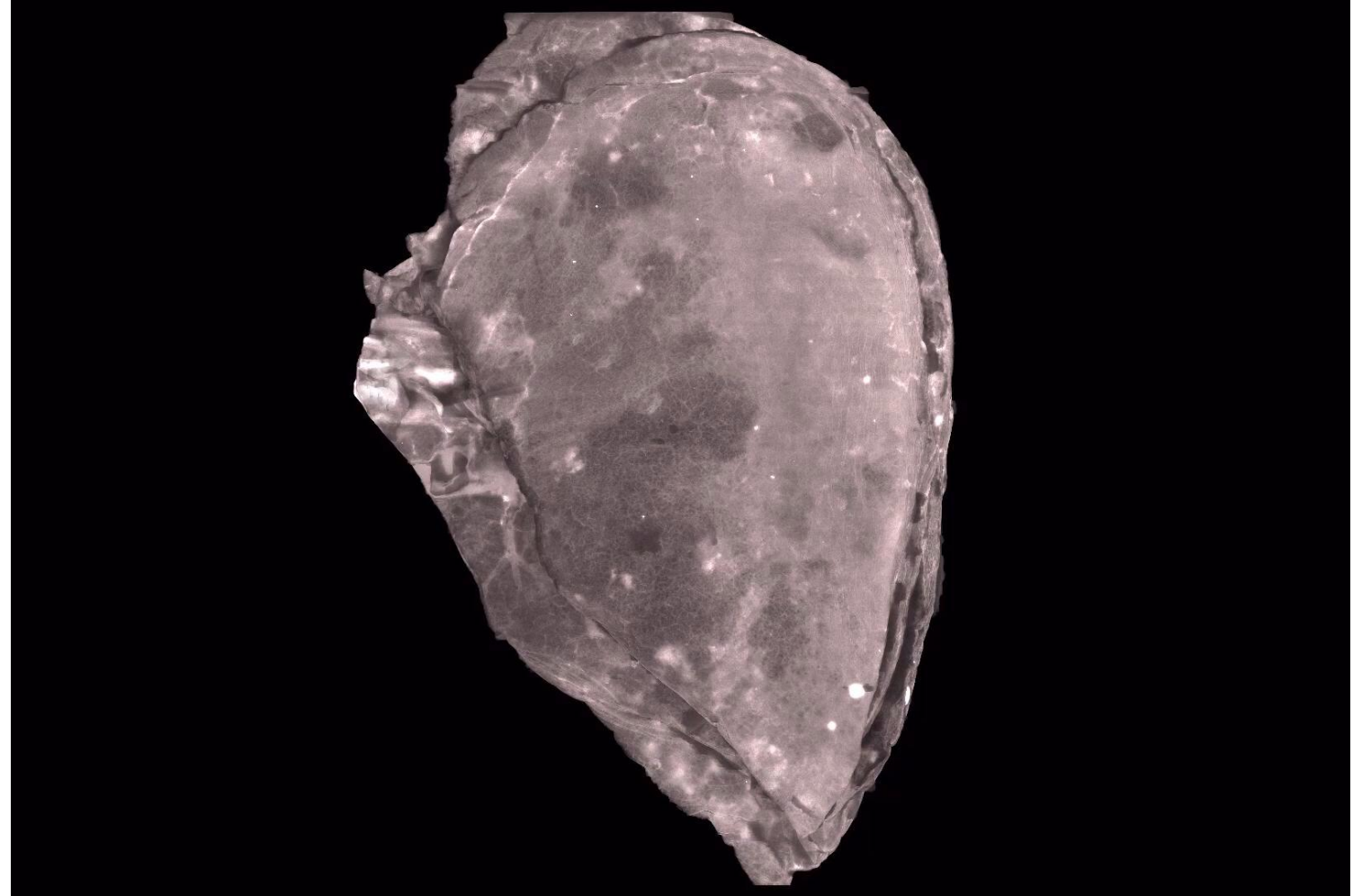
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# Modalities – microtomography



Courtesy - J. Brunet (BM18 - ESRF/UCL) - human heart



Human Lung



[Human Organ Atlas \(esrf.eu\)](https://www.esrf.eu)

C. L. Walsh et al., Nature Methods, 18, 1532-1541 (2021)

J. Vijayakumar et al., Pharmaceuticals, 16(5), (2023)



# Modalities – microtomography



Lobster - Courtesy – K. Dollman and R Garrouste (MNHN) (BM18)



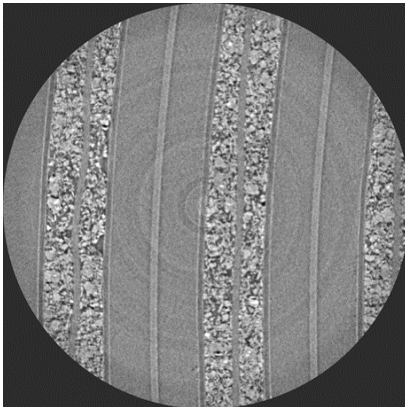
Shrimp - Courtesy – P. Tafforeau (BM18)

France TV 'Mystérieux insectes, sur la piste des origines

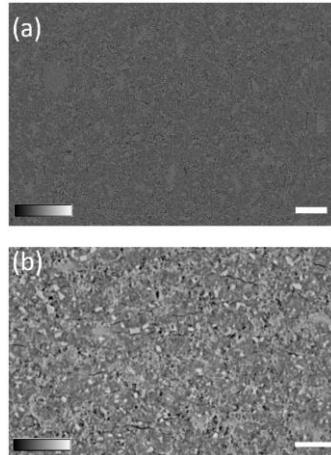


Dinosaurs and birds - Courtesy – V. Beyrand (BM18)

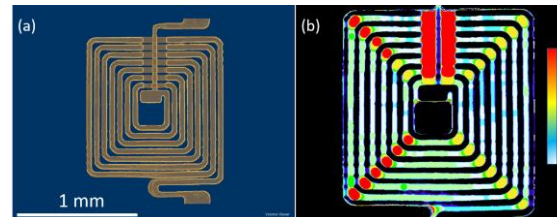
Nanotomography



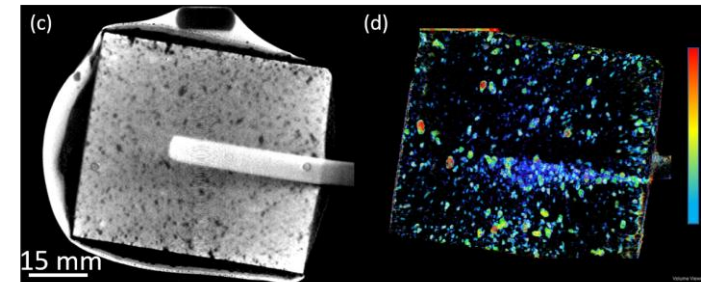
Battery



Tablet



Inductor



Capacitor

# Modalities – Diffraction contrast tomography

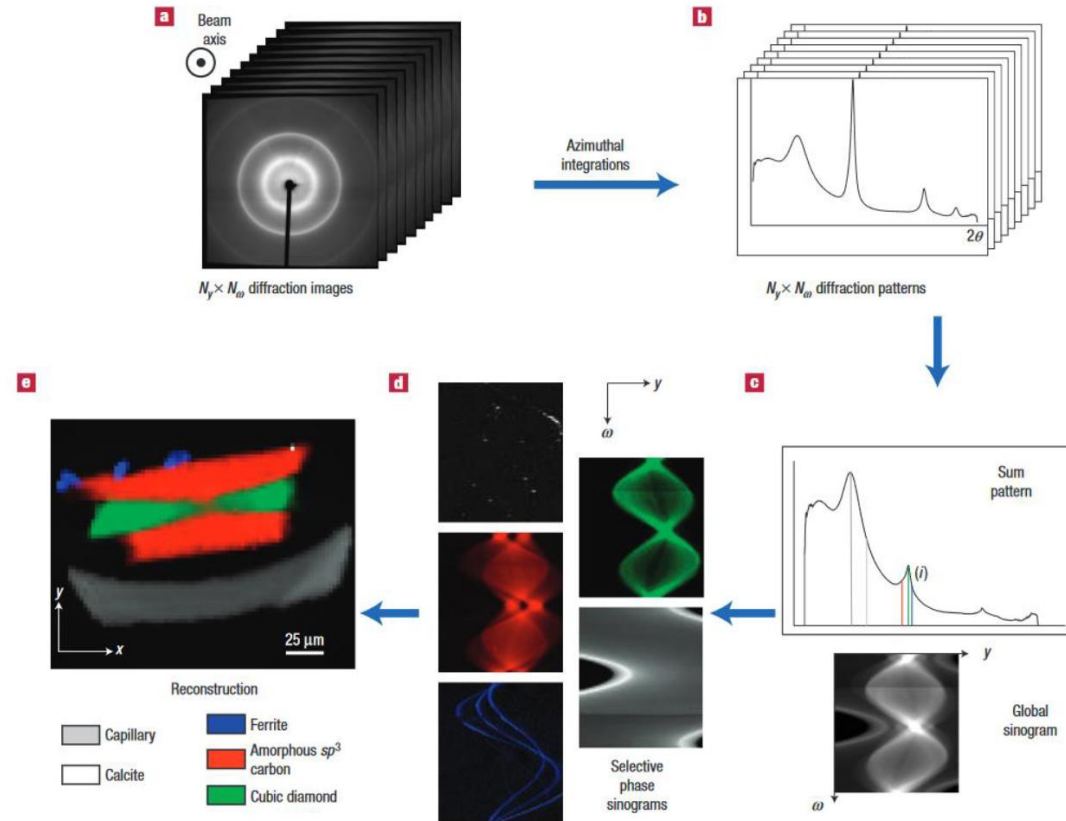
To measure local crystallinity

There are two types – DCT/XDT

Computationally intense

Resolution depends on beam size

Lab based sources – not implemented

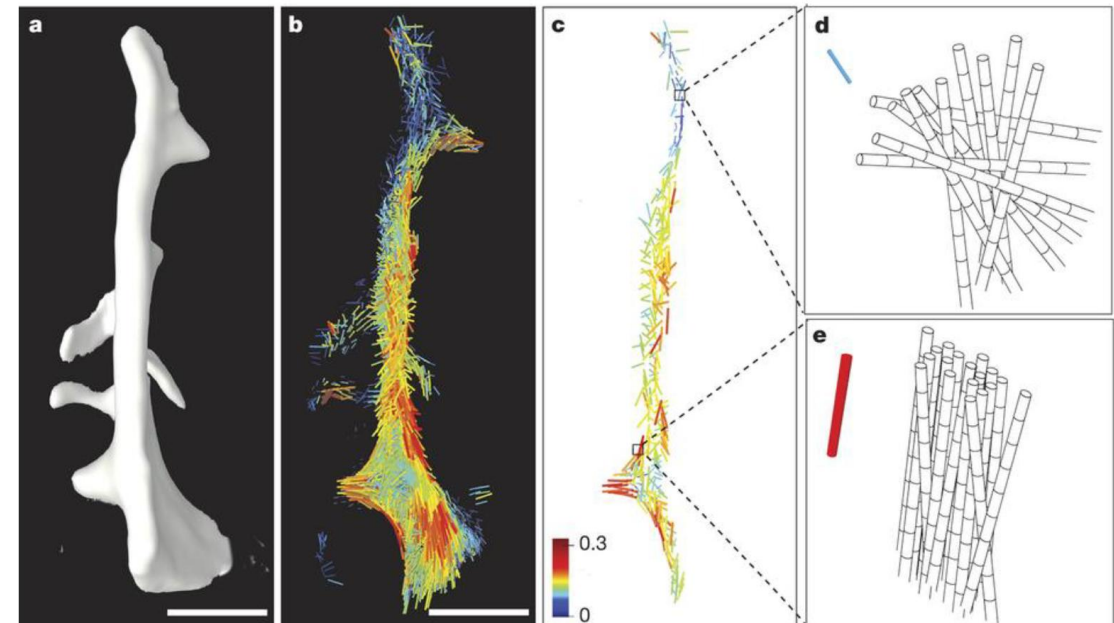
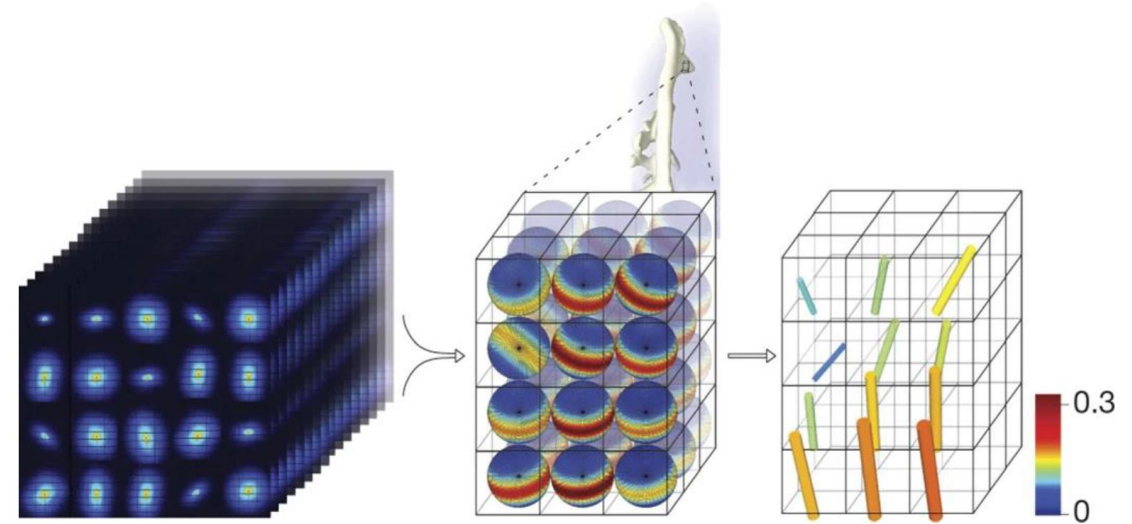


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# Modalities – SAXS Tensor tomography

- Absorption – scalar quantity
- 3D X-ray scattering vector – tensor quantity

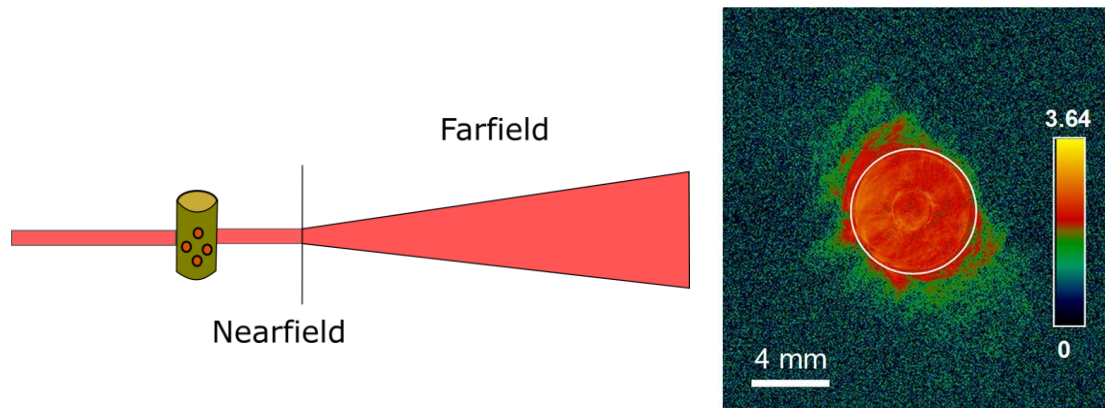
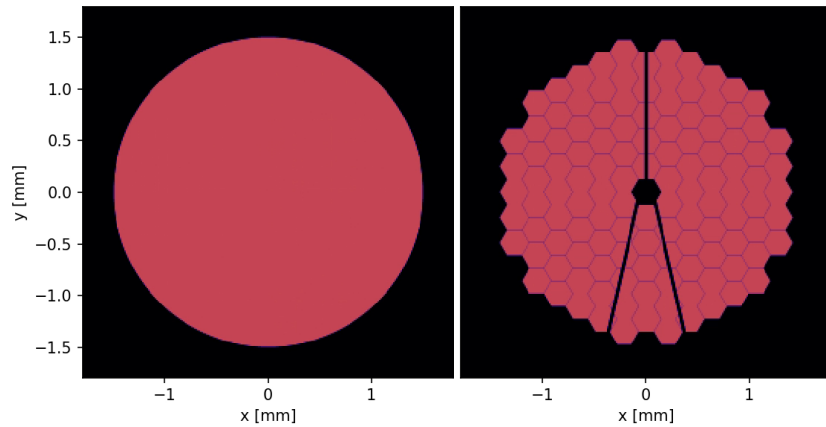


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# Modalities – Coherent diffraction imaging

Coherent diffraction imaging → Near field diffraction and far-field diffraction (resolution less than 10 nm)

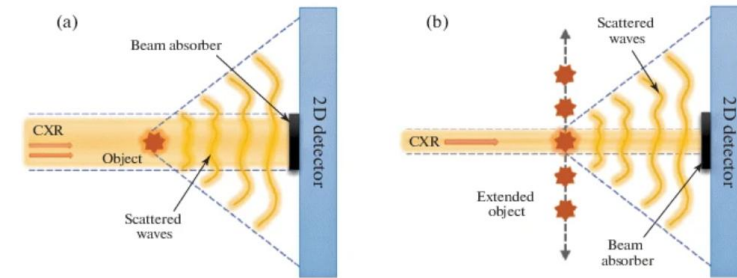
Distance: 0.000 meter



Coherent diffraction imaging

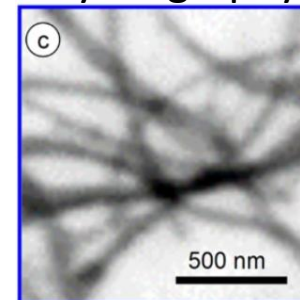
Ptychography

Fig. 1.

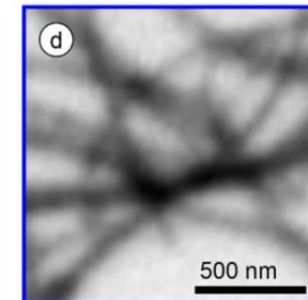


More the beam scatters → kind of magnification!

Ptychography



STXM



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Thank you!

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# Modalities – Spectral imaging

An approach to obtain chemical contrast

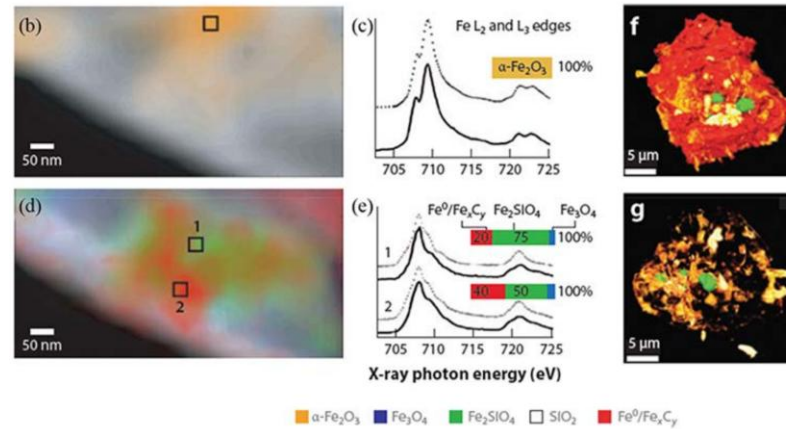
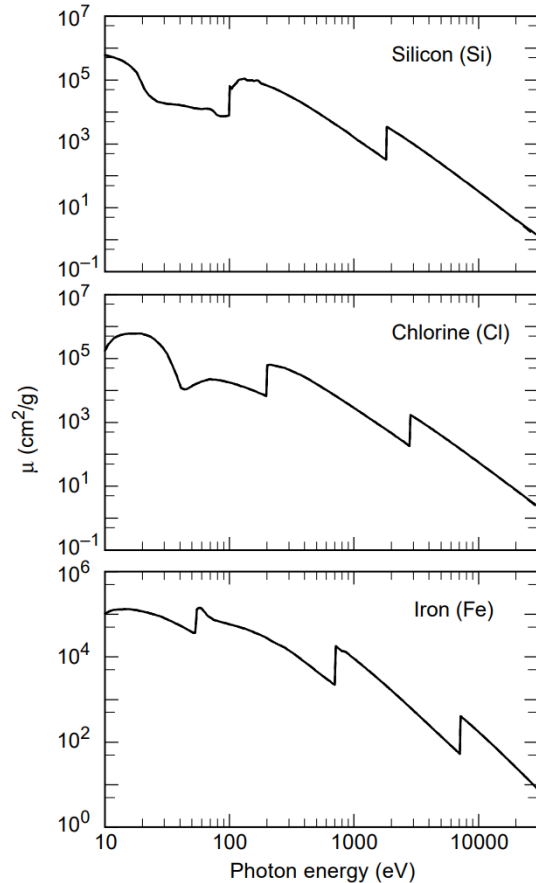
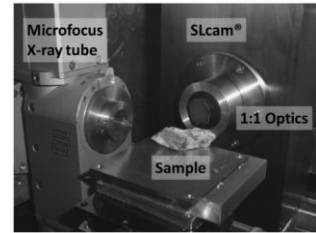
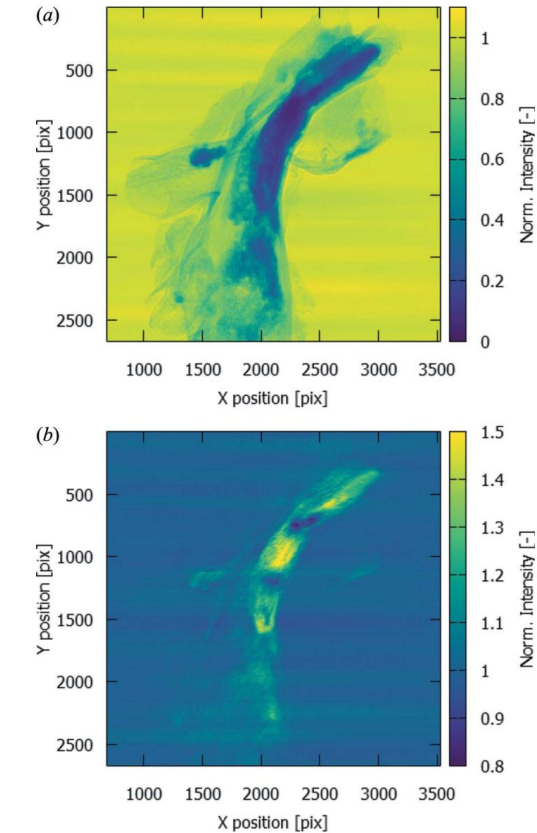


Image a sample with different absorption edges



Spectral/hyperspectral imaging -Detector level, create bins to separate interacted photons

Absorption vs photon energy

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