

3D Ptychography with Differential Aperture Microscopy

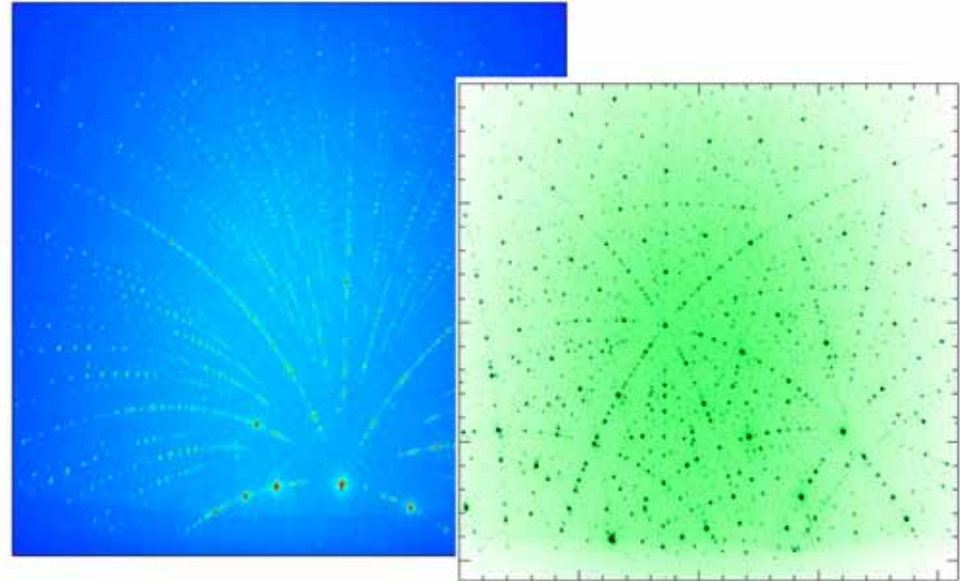
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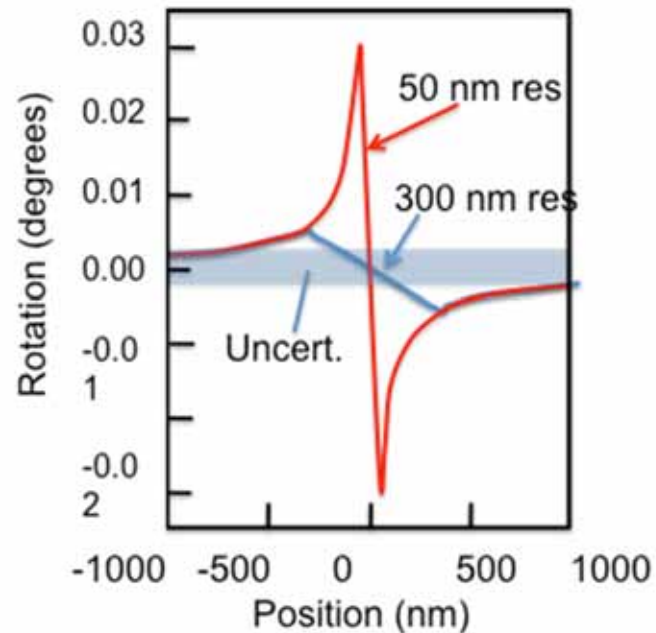
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Vision builds on existing expertise

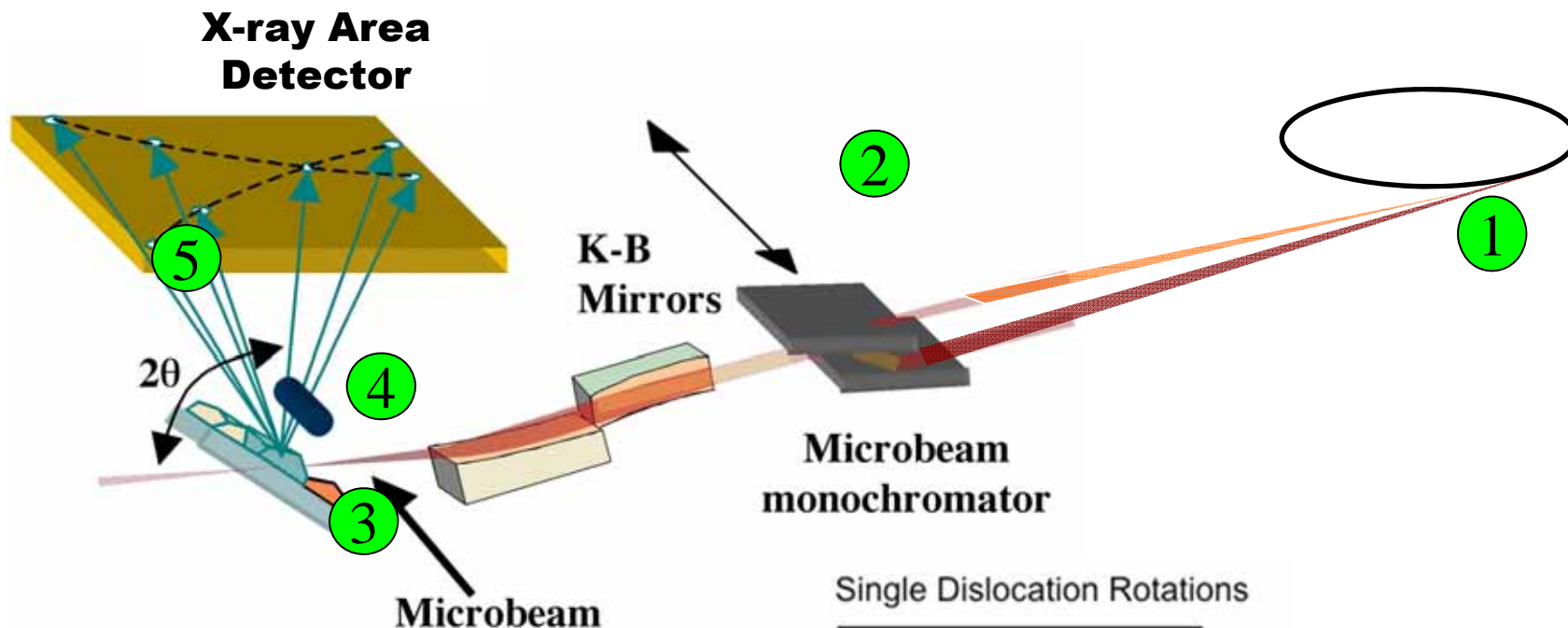
- Achromatic X-ray infrastructure developed on 34-ID-E to study local structure and defects
- Elastic strain tensor
- Pushes envelope of what is possible



Single Dislocation Rotations

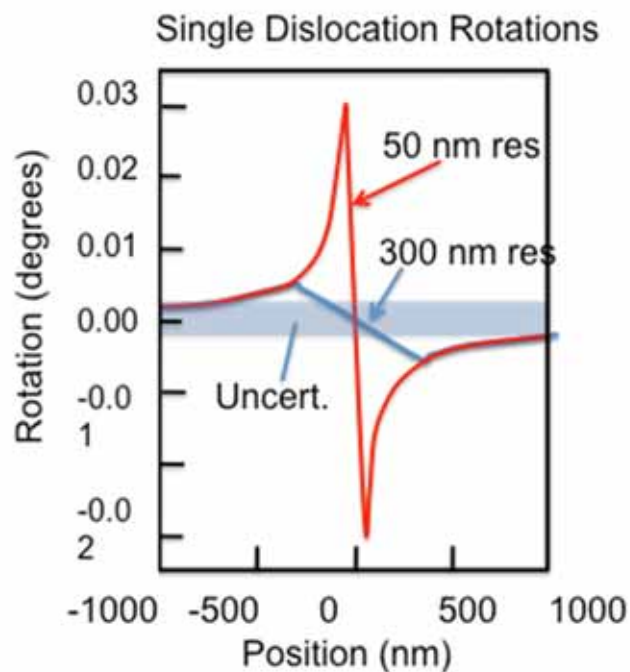


Existing infrastructure near what is needed to observe and characterize discrete defects deep in sample

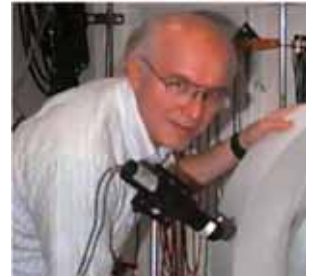


$<0.25 \times 0.25 \times 0.5 \mu\text{m}^3$
 strain $\sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$ (~ 10 fm)

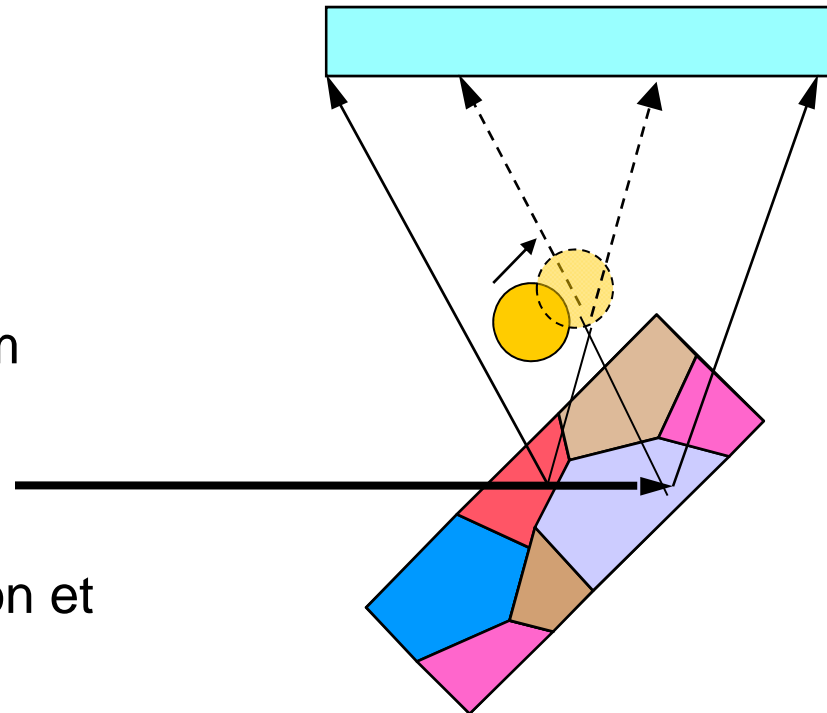
Improve spatial resolution
Improve sensitivity to rotations



Differential aperture microscopy resolves submicron along incident beam!

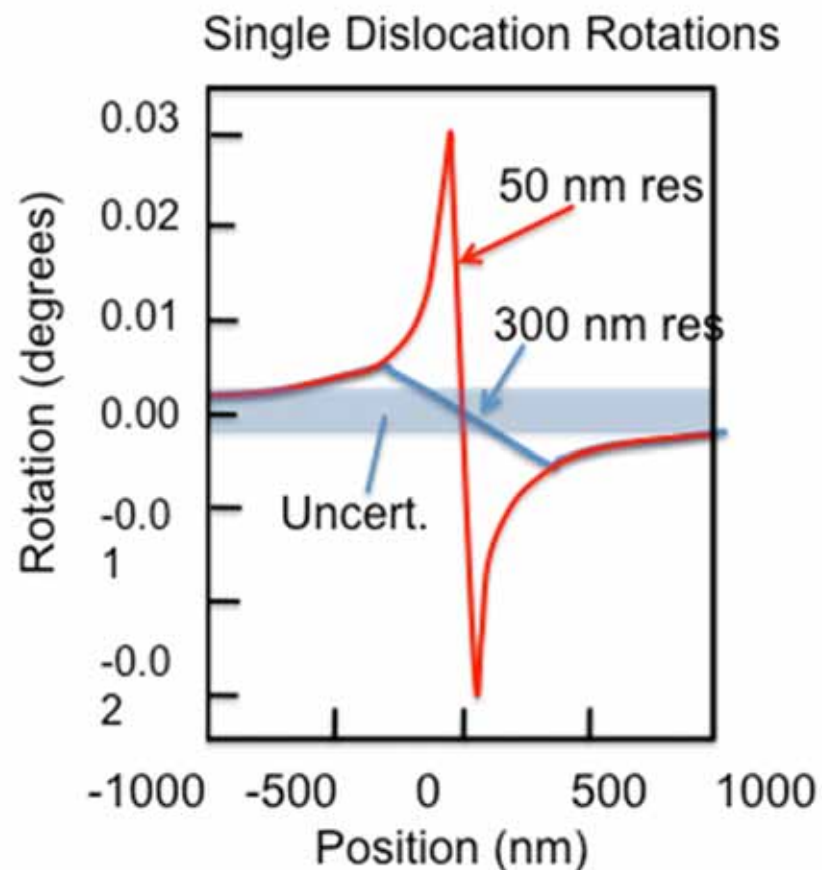


- Simplifies data interpretation
- Submicron Z resolution
- Isolates weak diffraction from strong
- First demonstration by Larson et al. on deformed Cu -



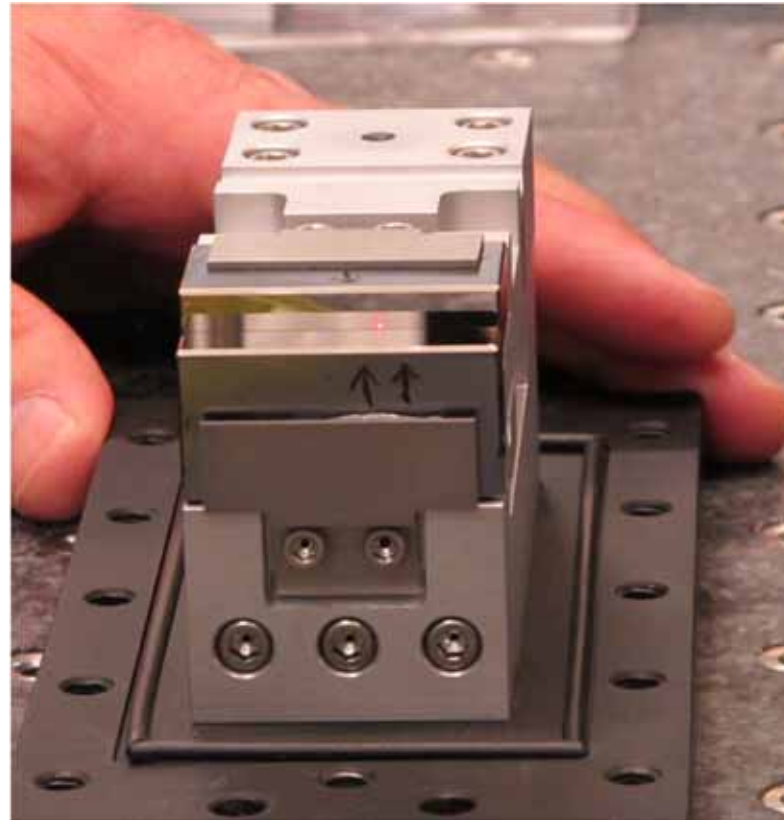
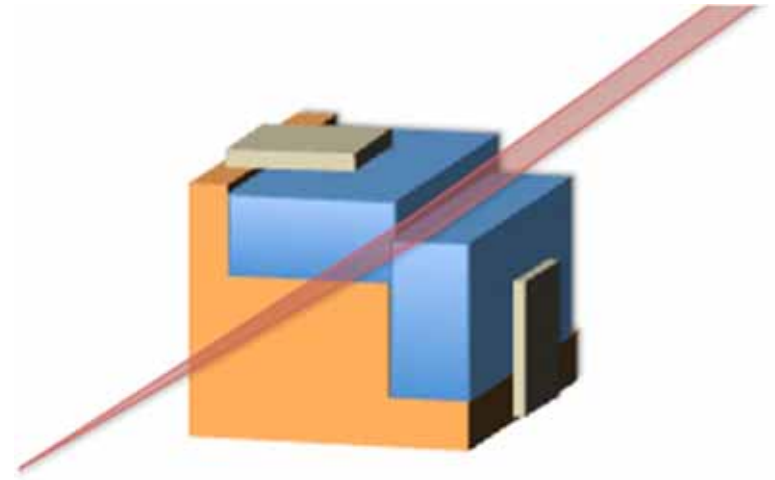
We are pushing in two directions

- Improve spatial resolution of focused beam
- Explore achromatic coherent diffraction methods



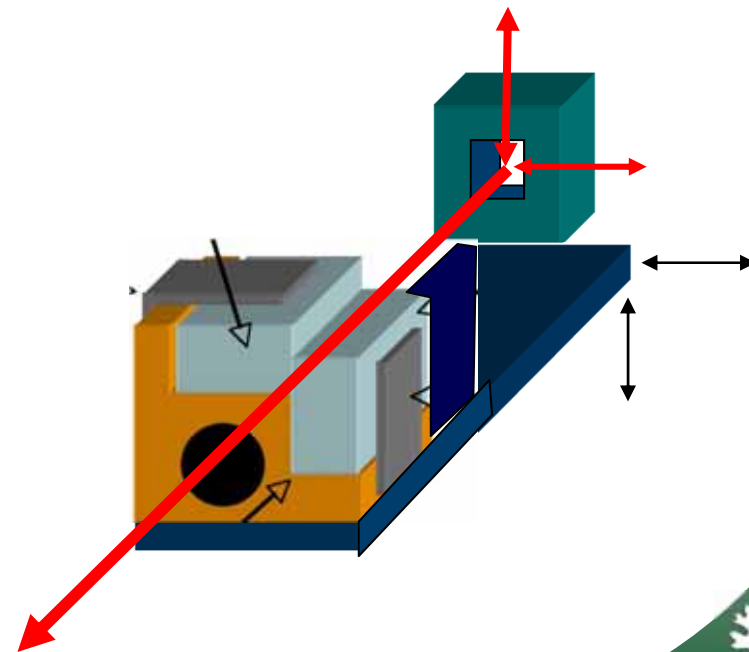
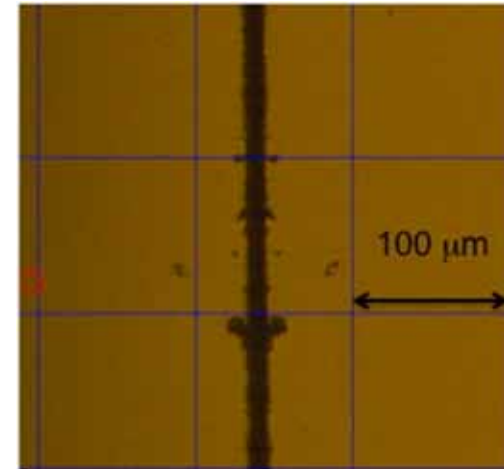
Nested (Montel) optics will push spatial resolution

- More compact
- Improved thermal/vibration stability
- First tests
 - ~150 nm beams
 - Increased intensity
- 50-100 nm very practical
- More recent tests ~100 nm resolution



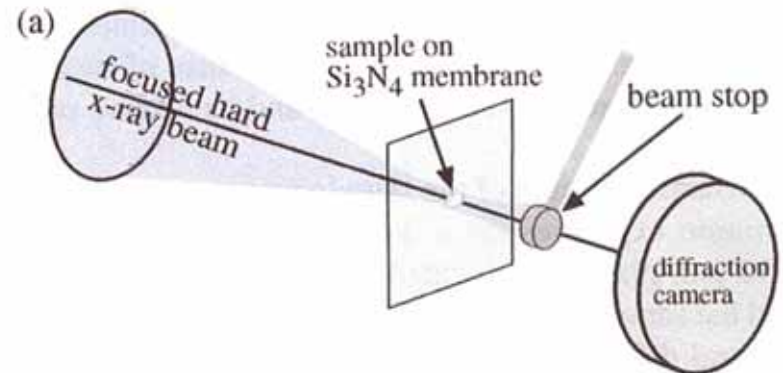
New approaches will address remaining technical challenges

- Low figure errors at edge-small spot
- Figured edge shape-higher efficiency
- Novel alignment/angle control



Focused-beam Coherent Imaging Offers Significant Advantages

- Full field imaging
- Nm resolution
- ***Focusing improves resolution at expense of field-of-view***



Schroer et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. **101** (2008)

10^8 photons/s x 600 seconds = 6×10^{10}
→ 5 nm

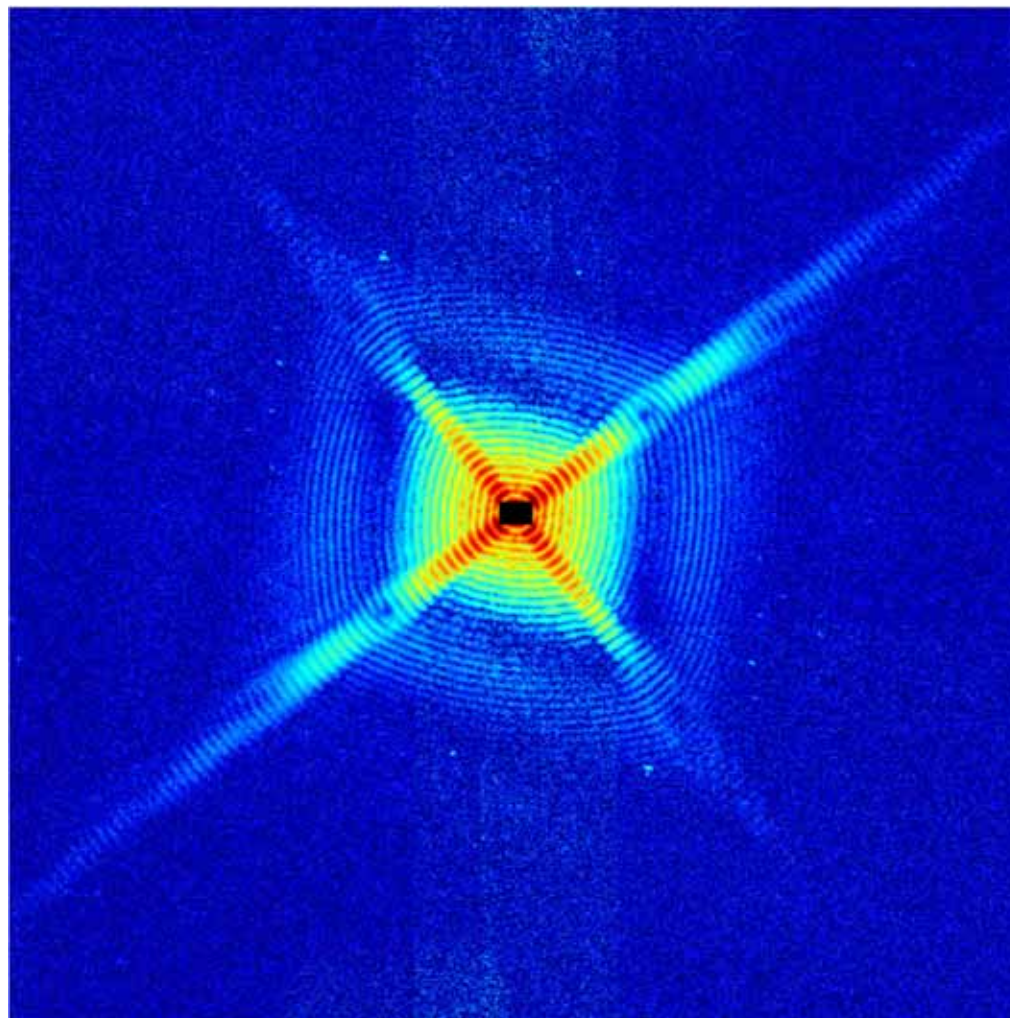
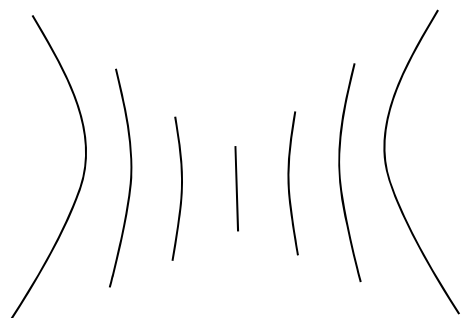
In 100×100 nm²

~ 2×10^{14} → 0.2 nm

In 10×10 nm²

Takahashi et al. reach 2 nm resolution with 1 μm beam

- Diffraction-limited focusing (Osaka mirrors)
- Treat beam as plane wave at focus



Takahashi et al. Phys. Rev. B 82 21412 (2010).

Challenges

- Sample damage/ heating
 - Heating of a thin sample

$$\Delta T = \frac{P_o}{2\pi\mu K} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \ln \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2} \right) \right)$$

- $\Delta T_{\text{Aluminum}} = 10^\circ \text{C} @ 4 \times 10^{14} \text{ 20 keV x-rays/sec}$

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Radiation-induced melting in coherent X-ray diffractive imaging at the nanoscale

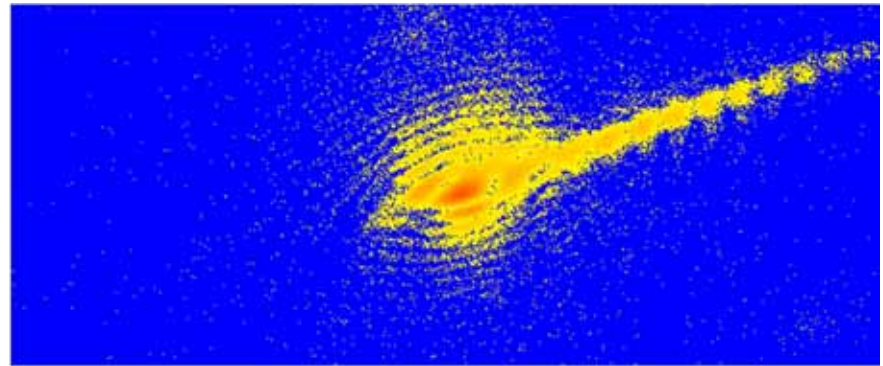
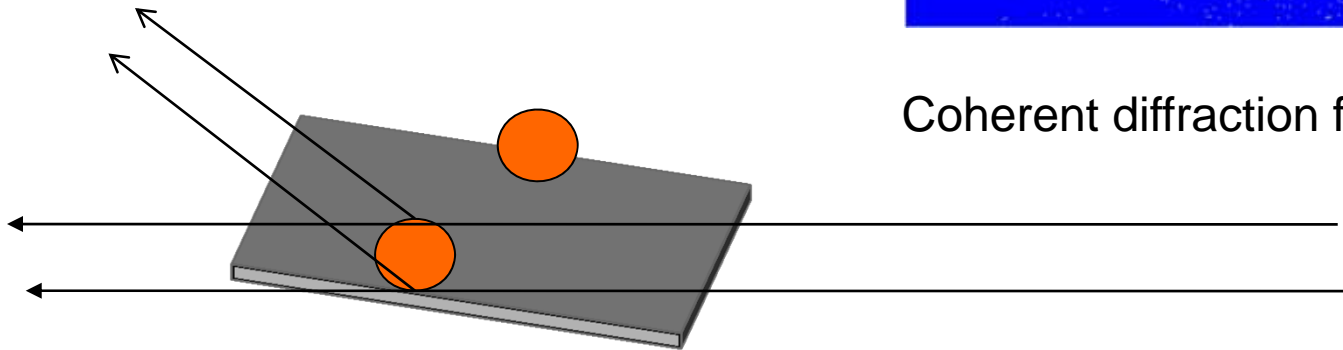
O. Ponomarenko *et al.*

Synopsis

- Reconstruction of topologic defects (dislocations)
- Signal-to-noise
- Extended objects-ptychography
- Extended 3D objects

Coherent diffraction in Bragg mode offers strain sensitivity-but additional Challenge

- Must collect multiple reflections to measure strain tensor-rotate sample

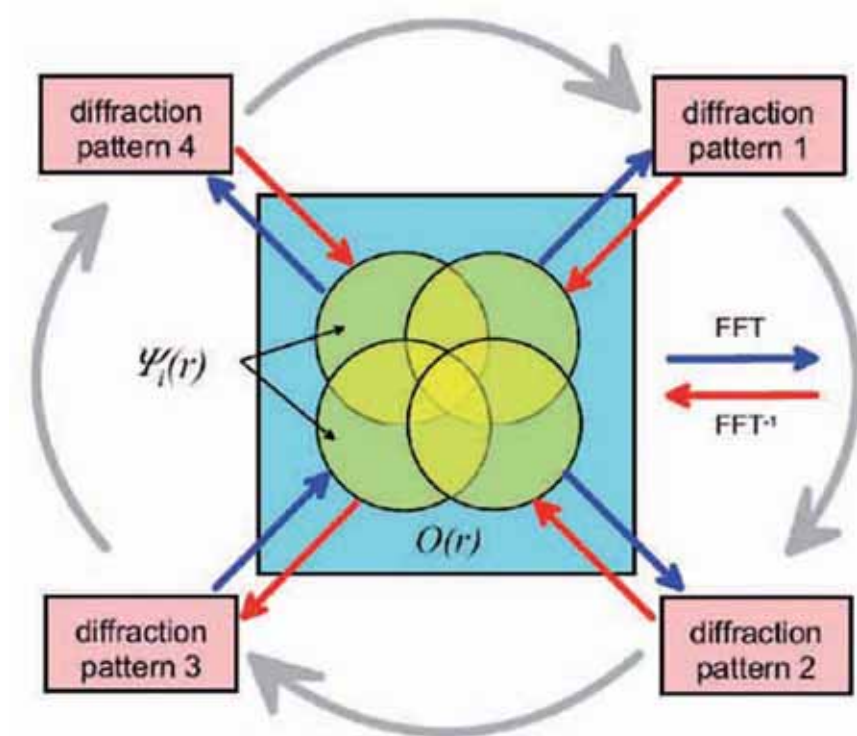


Coherent diffraction from a Au nano particle

Robinson et al. approach
Most studies to date on small isolated particles

Can Achromatic Methods Extend Lensless Diffraction Imaging?

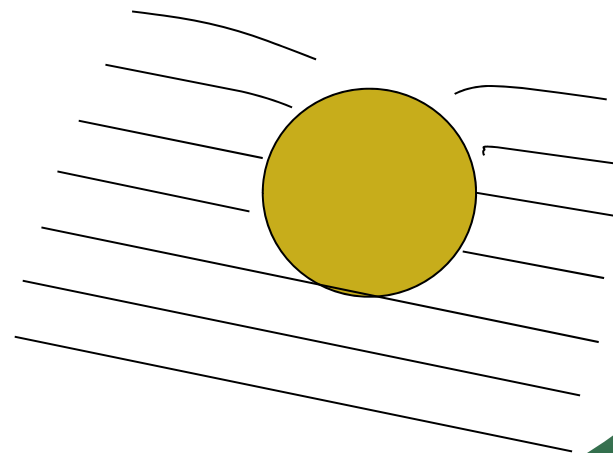
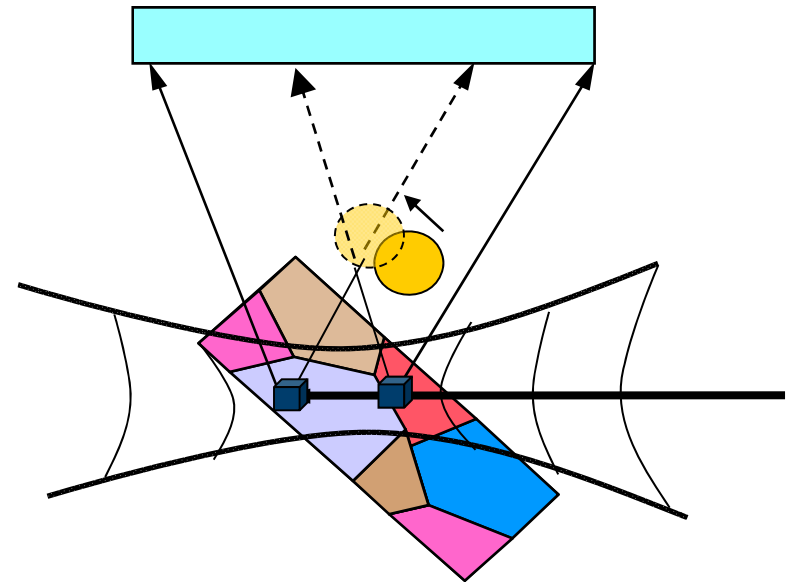
- Diffraction imaging provides strain tensor 4 Bragg reflections
 - Multiple Bragg reflections accessed *by Energy Scans*
 - **NO SAMPLE ROTATIONS**
- Ptychography subdivides sample complexity in two dimensions.
- What about 3rd?



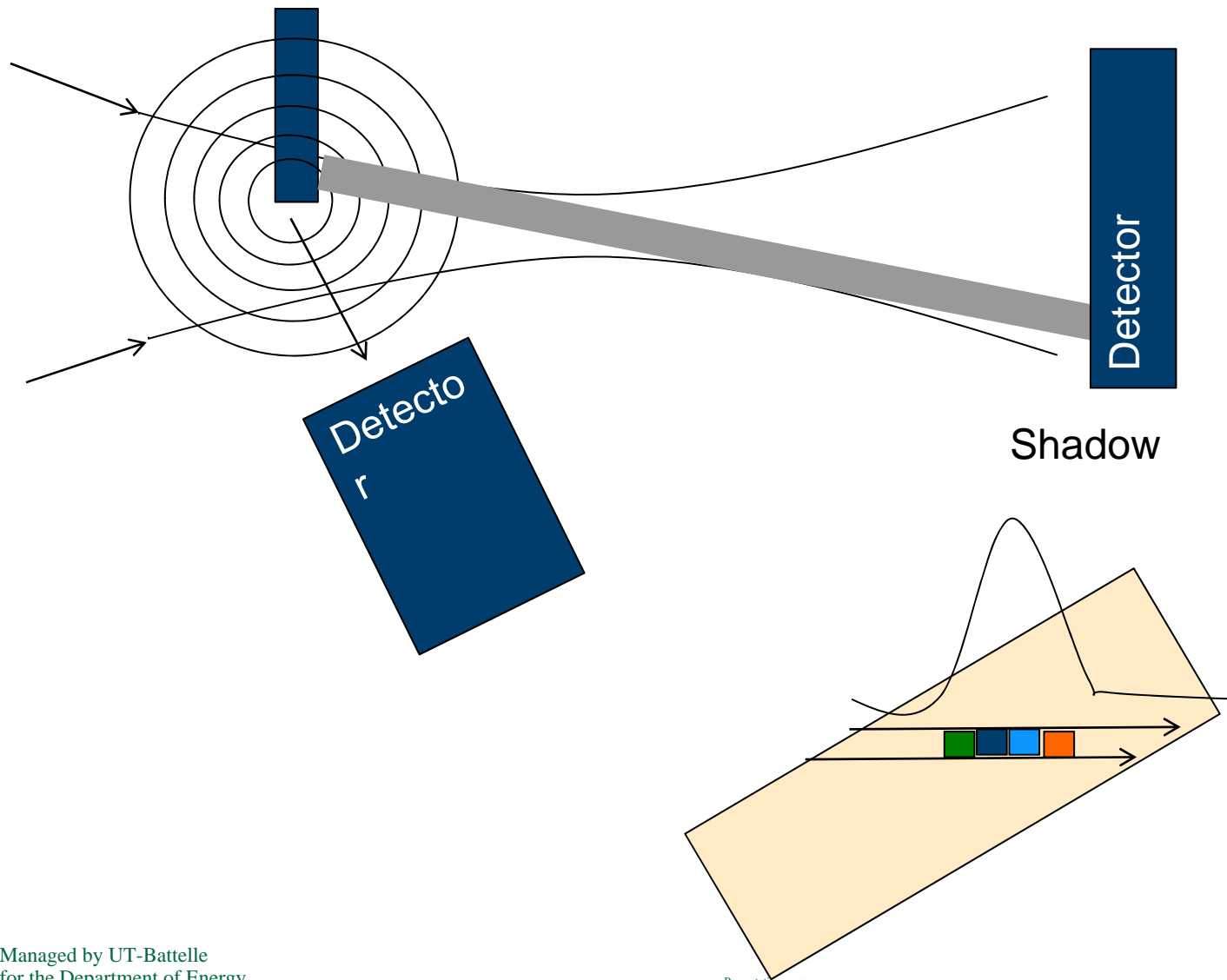
Real revolution will be to extend ptychography to 3 dimensions

- Differential aperture provides additional spatial information
 - Resolves discrete particles with non-overlapping diffraction
 - Can it be used to determine regions contributing coherently, partially coherently and incoherently

- Aperture will itself diffract intensity

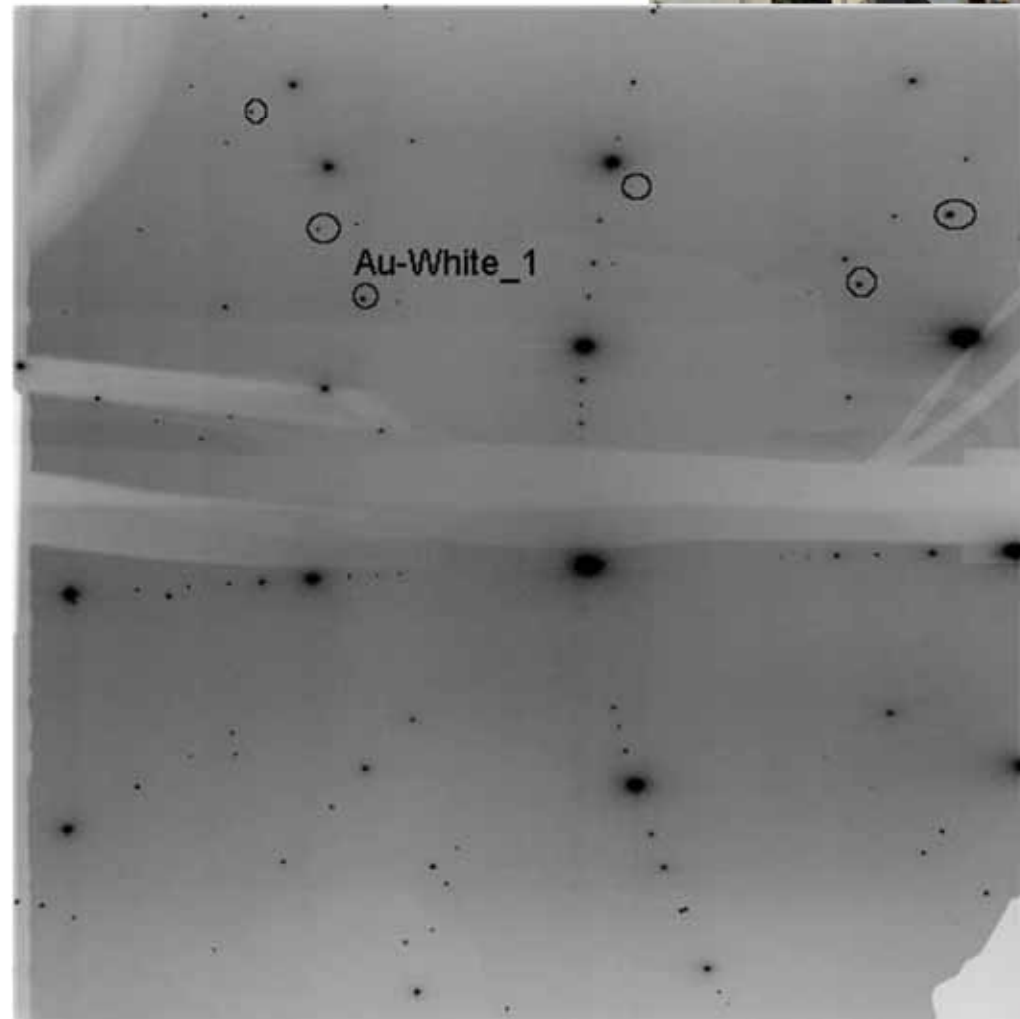


Osaka group uses diffraction from knife edge to achieve nm spatial resolution



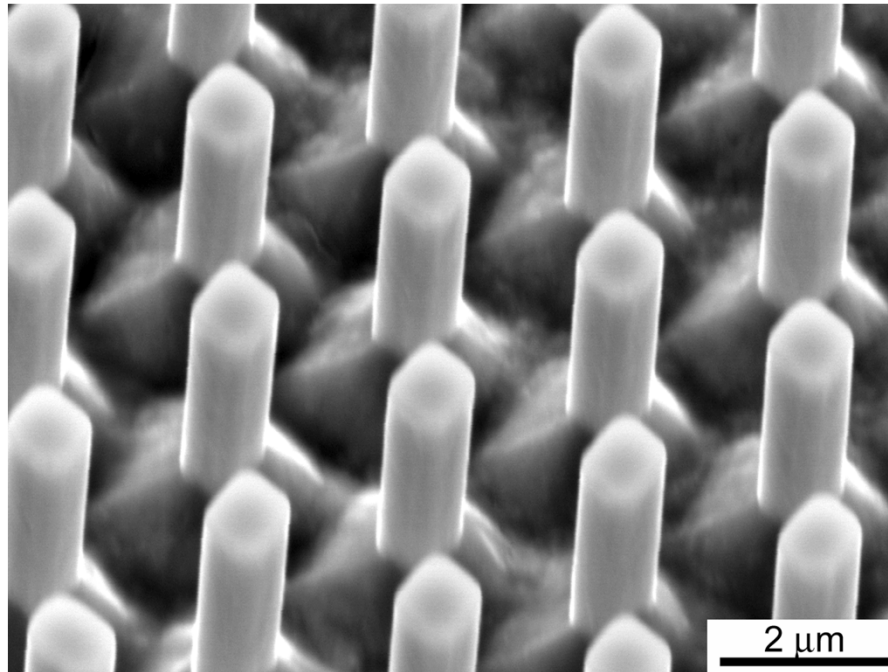
First experiments begun

- Nanoscale particles indexed with white beam
- However simple surface samples do not work well with white beam or high intensity monochromatic beams



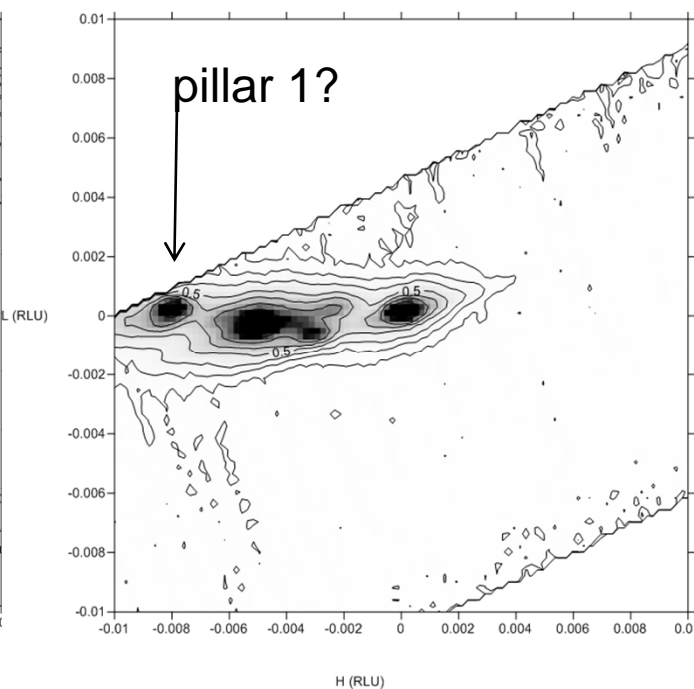
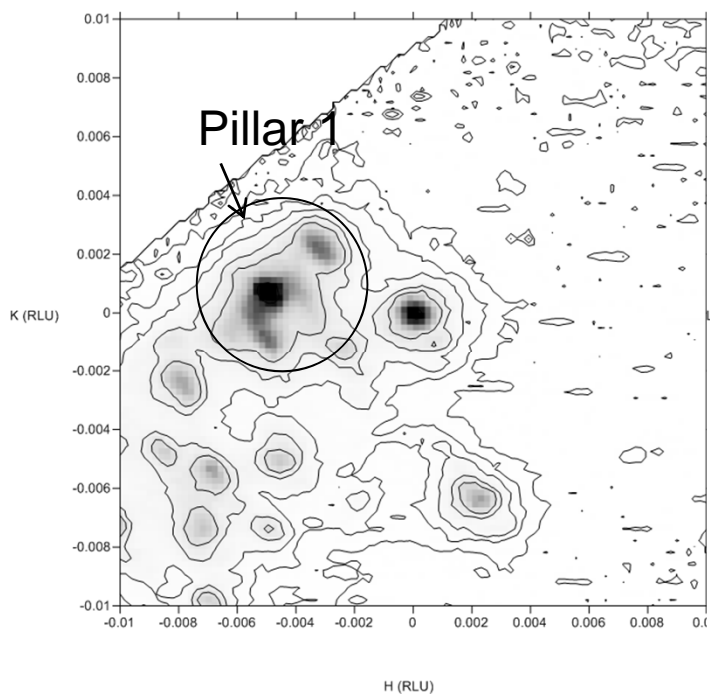
Eutectic pillar samples (Bei/George) provide stable sample

- Locked into matrix
- Complicated with multiple pillars illuminated simultaneously

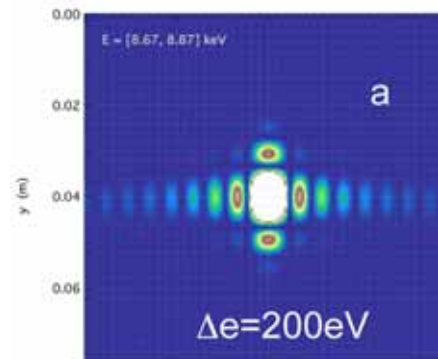


Really need 3D ptychography!

High Q-space resolution helps separate Mo/NiAl pillar scattering

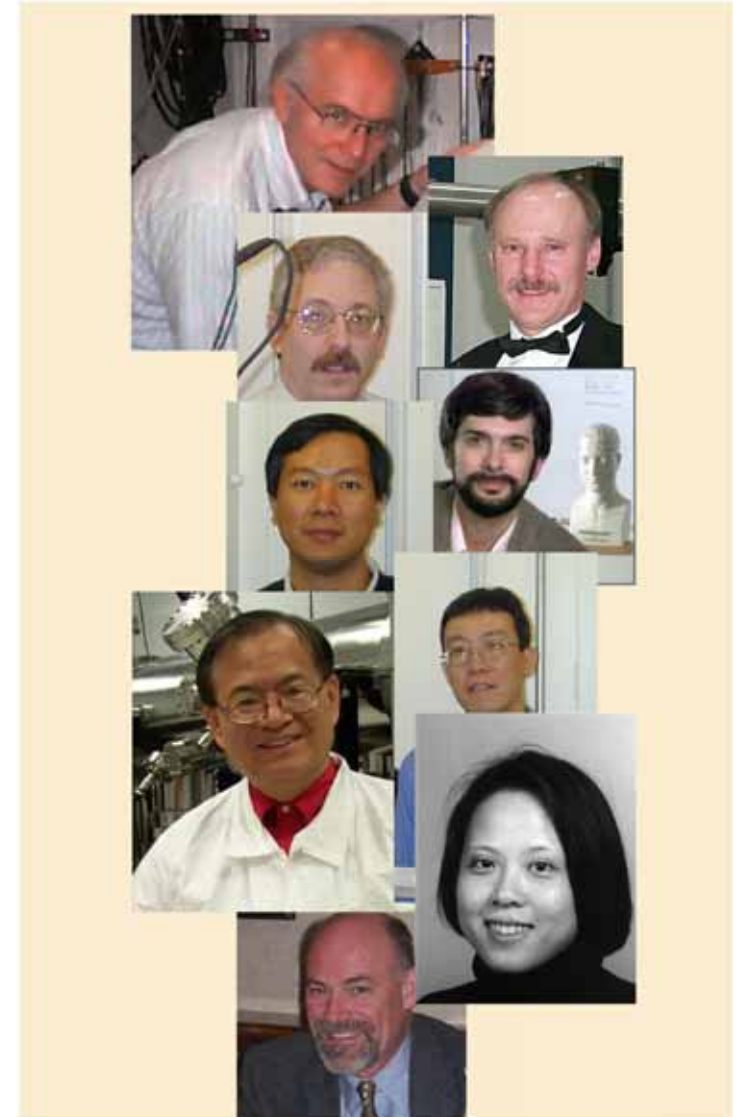


Real space



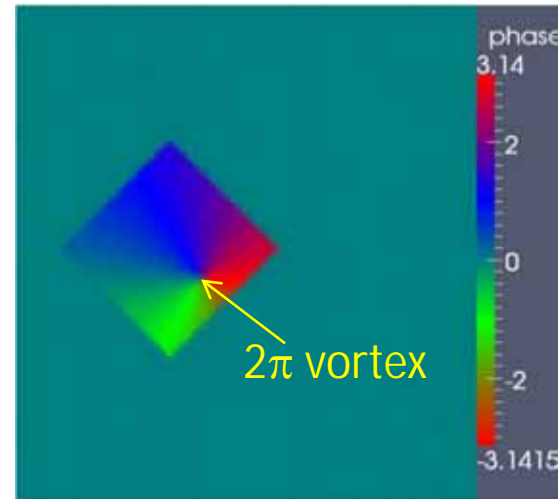
Summary

- **X-ray imaging needed for things that can't be done with electrons.**
 - Buried samples
 - 3D samples
 - Samples in environmental chambers
- **New approaches needed to study real materials.**
 - 3D ptychography
 - Energy scanning methods for reciprocal space mapping
- **Existing achromatic hardware provides model for future**

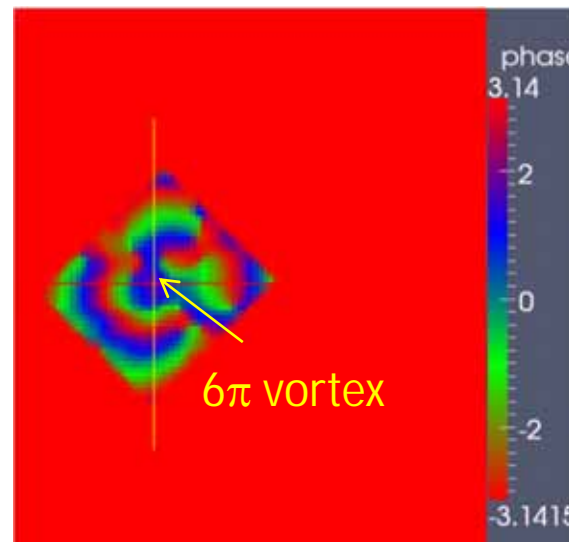


Reconstruction of dislocation still an unsolved challenge

- Temporary solution compare to models
- Work on alternatives-ptychography near dislocation to characterize strain field



Sample



Reconstruction