

Lightsource opportunities using coherent X-ray diffractive imaging to visualize dark matter and neutrino tracks in the rock record at scale

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Visualizing damage tracks from Dark Matter and neutrinos in 2D and 3D

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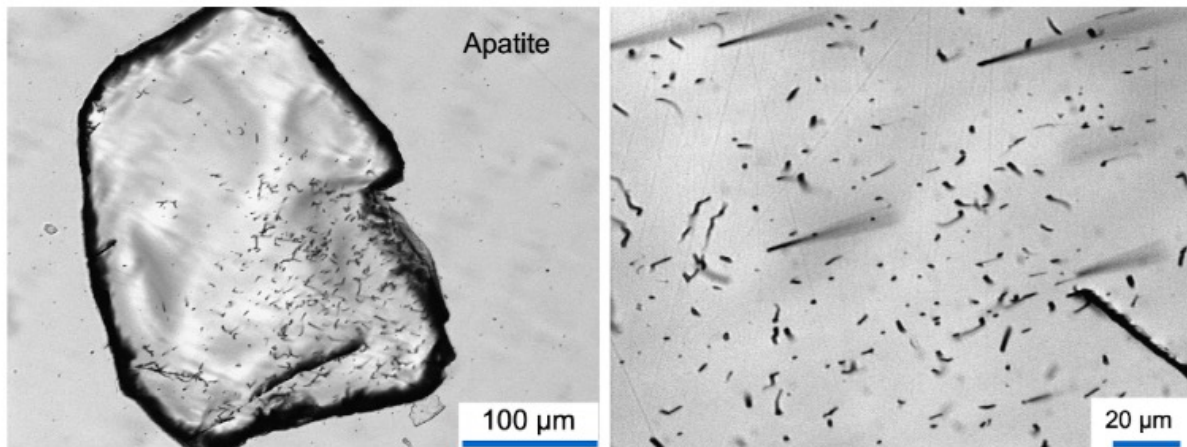


Fig. 4. Etched dislocation, spontaneous latent fission tracks, and mineral inclusions in apatite. Image taken by optical microscopy [93].

- Optical microscopy
- Electron microscopy: SEM/TEM/SFM
- Etching to enhance pits and tracks
- Soft X-ray microscopy
- Hard X-ray computed tomography
 - Lab-based sources
 - Lightsources

Large amounts of energy are deposited into minerals: characteristic damage (e.g., localized amorphization, phase change, grain morphology modification)

Using minerals as Dark Matter 'paleo-detectors' requires large volume imaging

- Multiple samples of same material different locations?
- Multiple materials of similar ages
- Samples from different depths (background understanding)
- Samples of different age to provide stop-action video of Earth's neutrino and DM environment over cosmic time
 - Need to scan 10 mg with 1nm resolution in 3D track length
 - Need to scan ~400 cm²

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Multi-beam X-ray ptychography for high-throughput coherent diffraction imaging

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An efficient ptychography reconstruction strategy through fine-tuned deep learning model **scientific reports**

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OPEN Scalable and accurate multi-GPU-based image reconstruction of large-scale ptychography data

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High-resolution ptychographic imaging enabled by high-speed multi-pass scanning

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3rd & 4th generation lightsources

Synchrotron: Work horse of x-ray imaging (MHz, $\sim 10^3$ coherent x-rays per pulse, 80- ps duration)

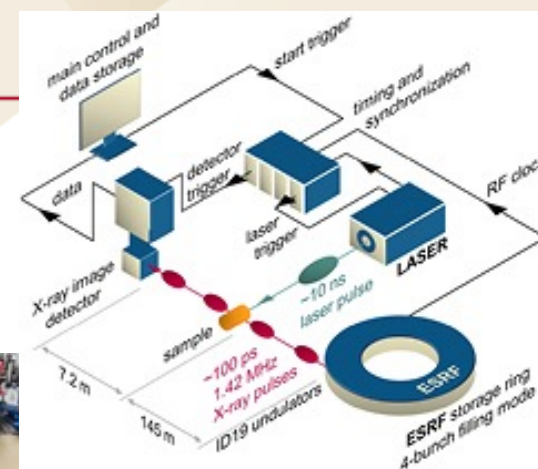
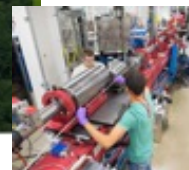
- -Multibend achromat (MBA) upgrades (APS-U)
- Increase coherent flux by 100 times, making DCS and other beamlines at APS more powerful
- -ESRF, microtomography BL ID19

X-ray free electron lasers

(120 Hz - MHz, 10^{13} coherent photons per pulse, attosec-10s fs duration) Coherent buildup of photons, full spatial coherence



DCS @ APS



ID19 @ ESRF; Olbinado et al., 2018



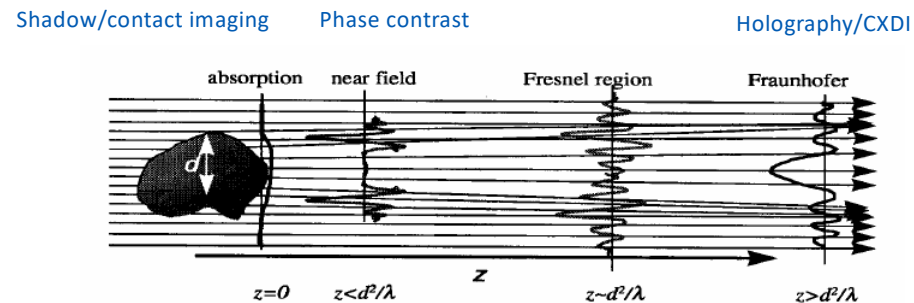
MEC @ LCLS



Matter in Extreme Conditions - MEC
Location: Far Experimental Hall, Hutch 6

X-ray imaging at 3rd & 4th generation lightsources will bring a revolution in nanoscale visualization

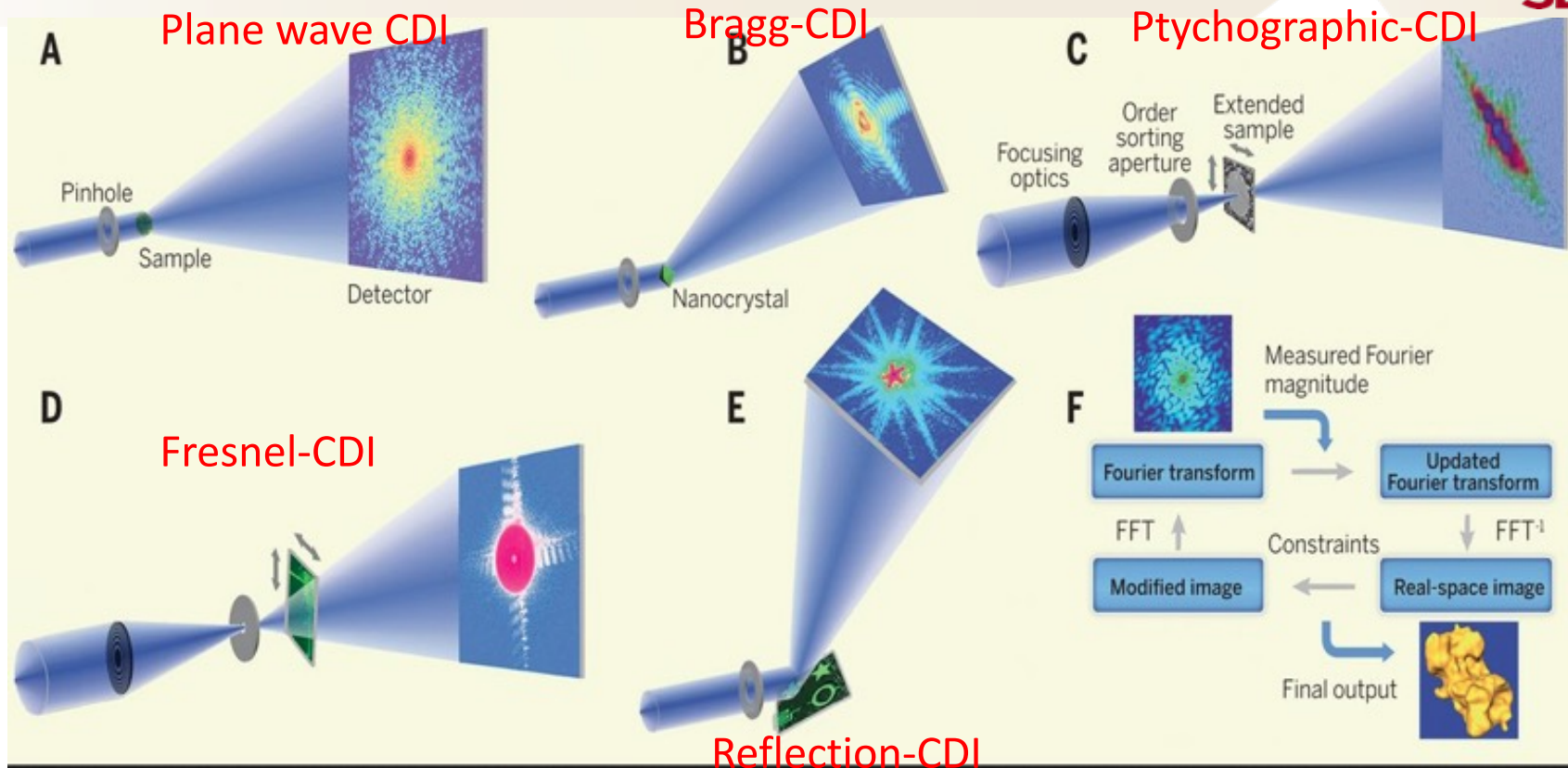
- **Traditional imaging (think lens)**
 - Fresnel, Kirz, Laue, Kinoform lenses for hard x-rays (up to 0.5 MeV)
 - Resolution: **down to ~100s nms**
- **Radiography approaches (line-projection, tomography, phase contrast imaging (PCI) and divergent beam PCI)**
 - Resolution typically scales with pixel size (max $r \sim \text{pixel}/100 > 100 \text{ nm}$, **typically 1 μm**)
- **Coherent approaches (holography, PCI, coherent diffraction imaging (CDI))**
 - Resolution: **Few nanometer resolution possible**



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Coherent X-ray Diffractive Imaging (CXDI) can provide 3D information

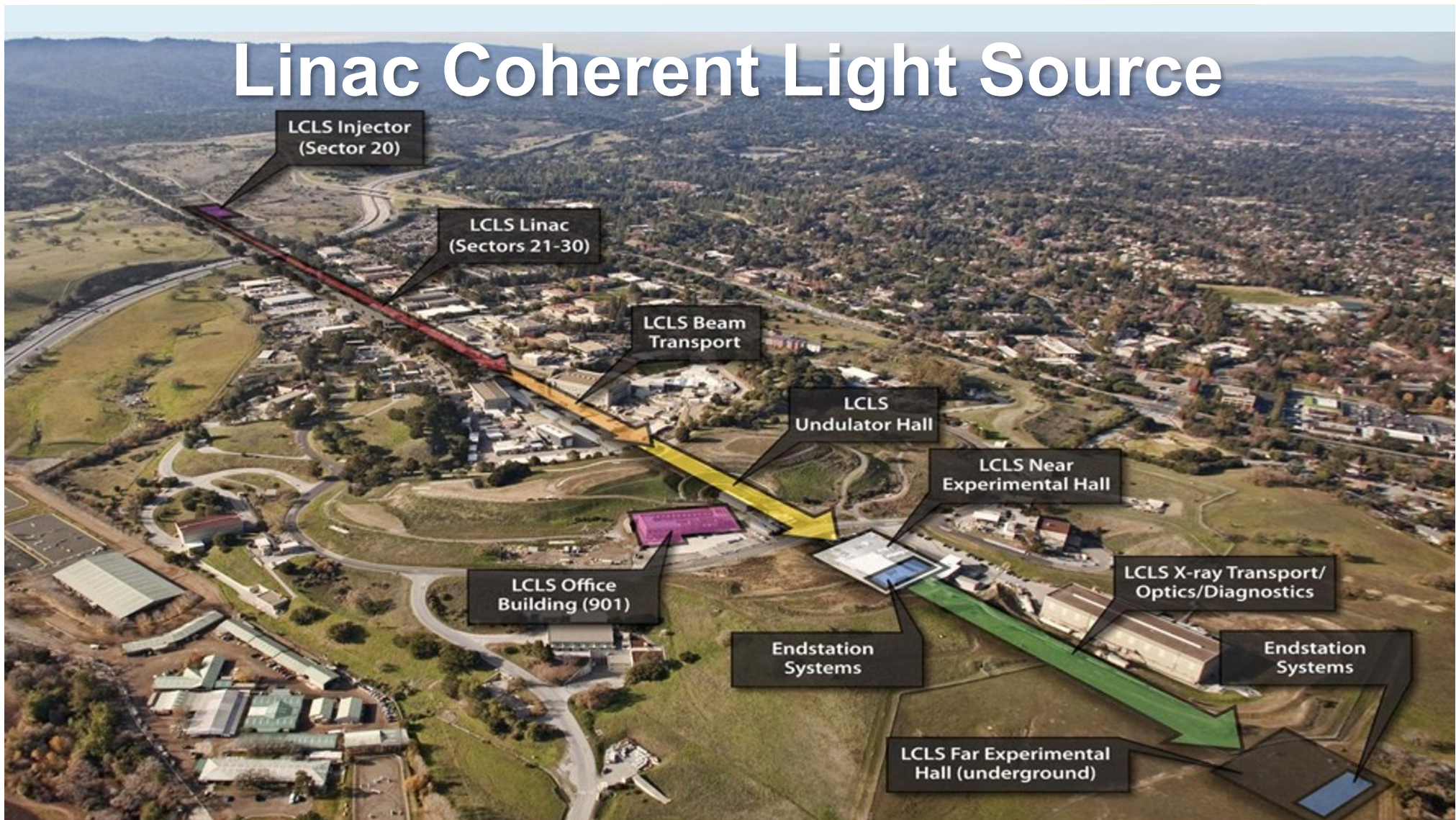
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SLAC Miao et al., 2015

Iterative phase retrieval; 100s-1000s iterations can find the correct phase

Linac Coherent Light Source



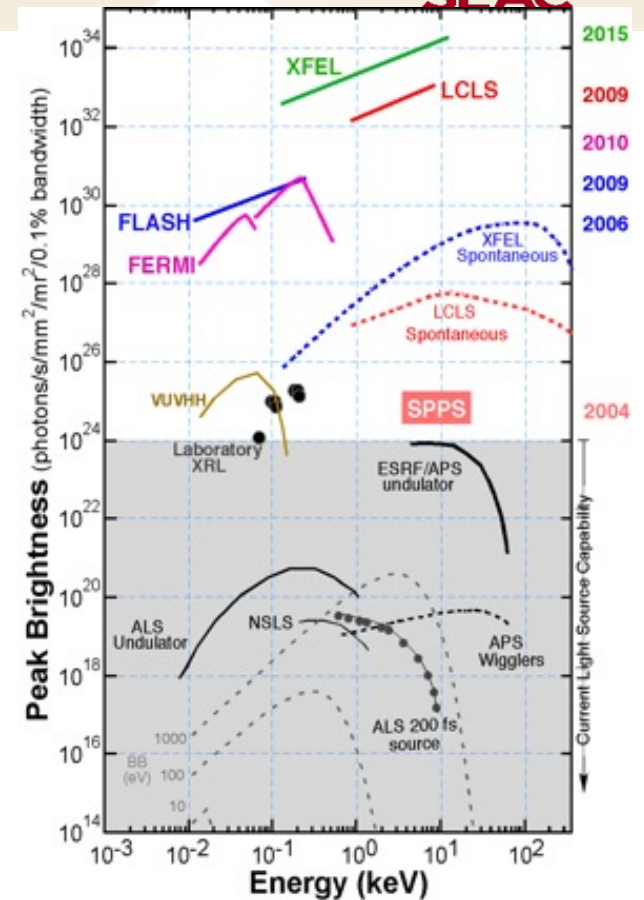
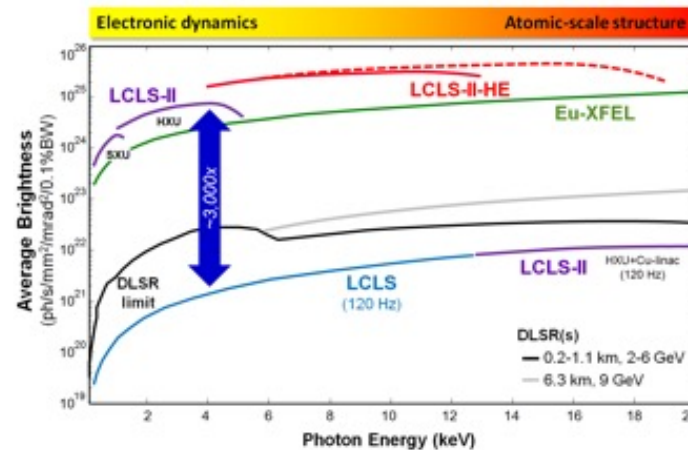
Revolution in X-ray sources is enabling a revolution in condensed matter physics & materials science

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- bunch duration: 50 fs
- full transverse coherence
- high repetition rate: 120 Hz
- tunable from 600 to 12000 eV
- photons per bunch $> 10^{12}$
- 4 mJ/pulse

Doubles accelerator energy,
extending X-Rays from 5 keV
limit to 12 – 20 keV
(at high repetition rate)

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https://portal.slac.stanford.edu/sites/lcls_public

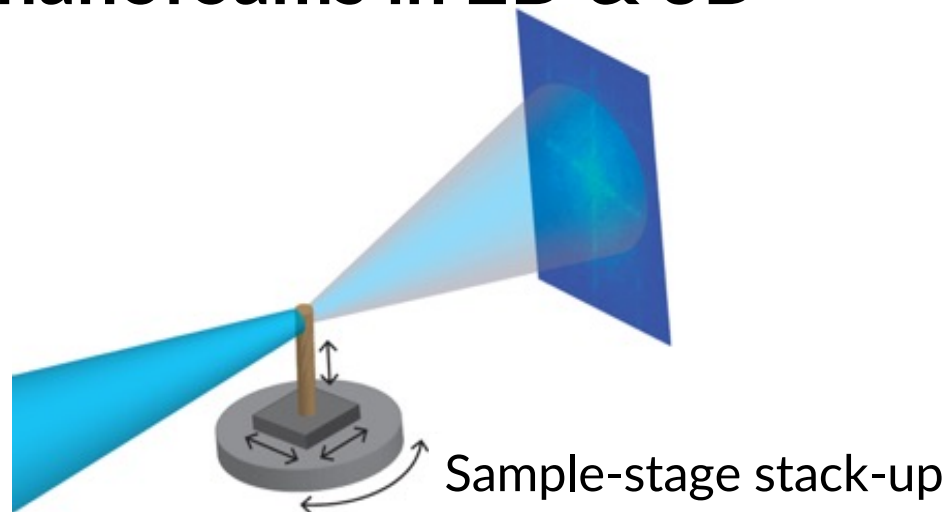
Example case study of nanofoam microstructure studies for fusion energy science

Foundational foam measurements:

Static

- Dry foam 3D characterizations to 10s nm (e.g., the pore-structure morphology, pore size distribution, pore wall density, spatial distribution of impurity/chemical concentration at pore intersection, and pore shape distribution)
- Characterizations as function of fabrication process / composition

Use XFEL-based ptychography to image nanofoams in 2D & 3D



Polymer nanofoam fabrication-dependent microstructure is not well mapped & cryo-D/T wetting process is unknown

There are many foam types: two-photon polymerization (TPP); chemical processes; molds

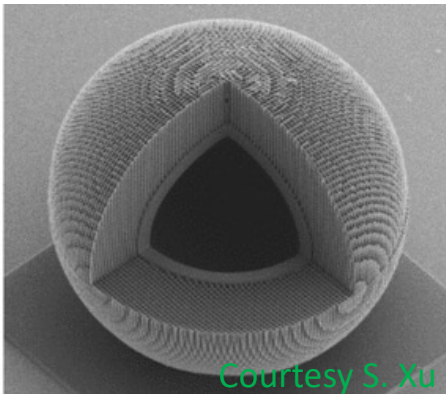


Figure 2. An example of a foam target with a solid shell inside. The external diameter is 860 μm , a shell thickness of 10 μm , and a foam density of 80 mg/cm^3 .

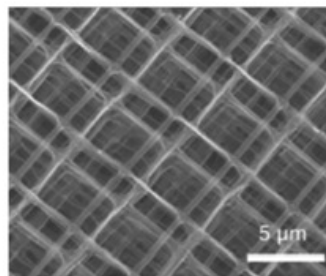
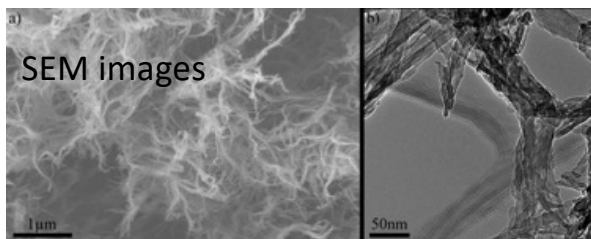
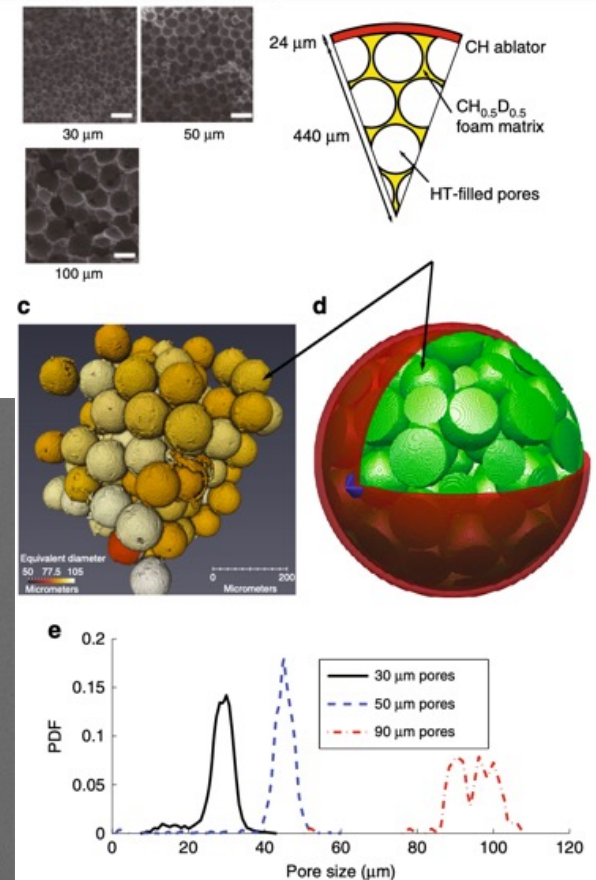
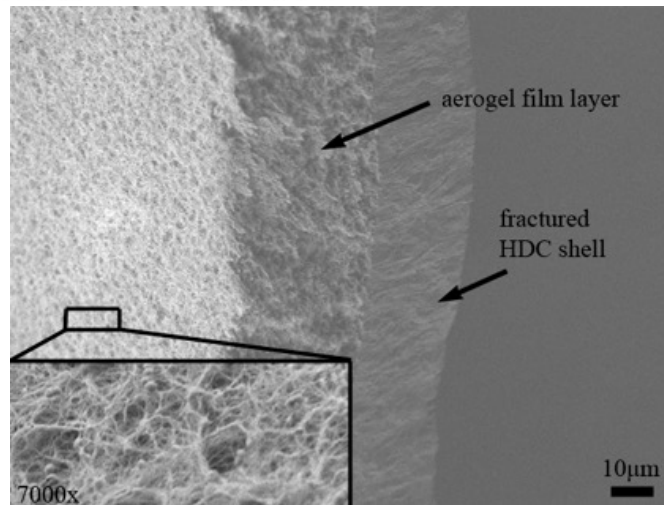
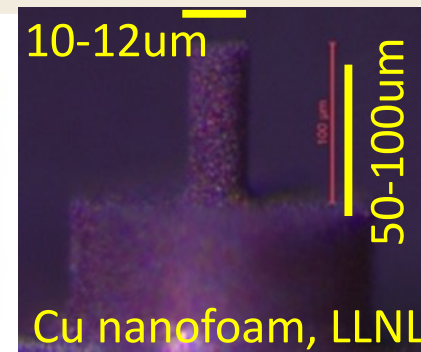
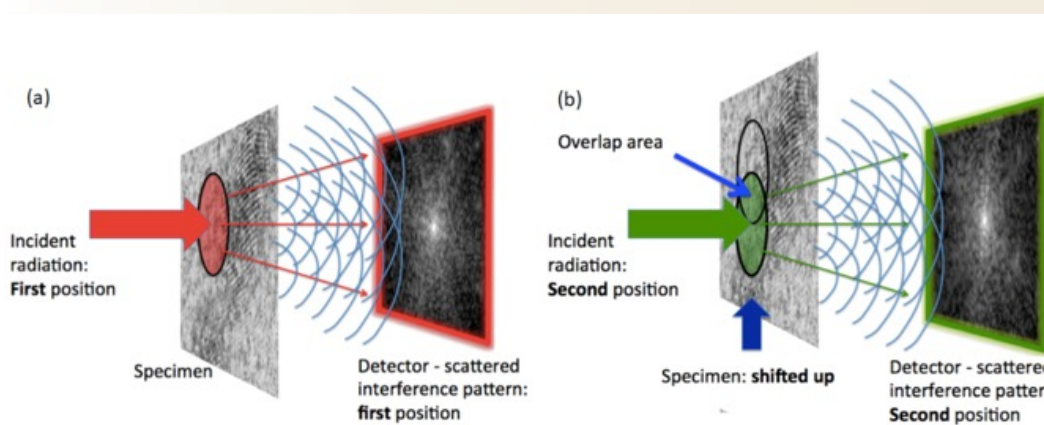


FIG. 3. 16 mg/cc log-pile carbon foam with hollow filaments separated by $\sim 5 \mu\text{m}$.



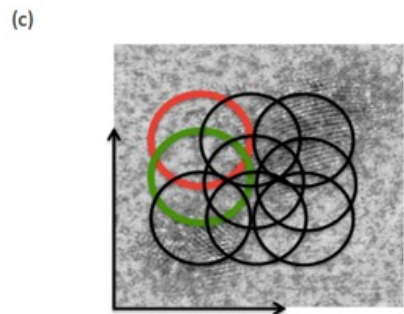
Haines et al., 2020

X-ray ptychography enables non-destructive, high-resolution imaging

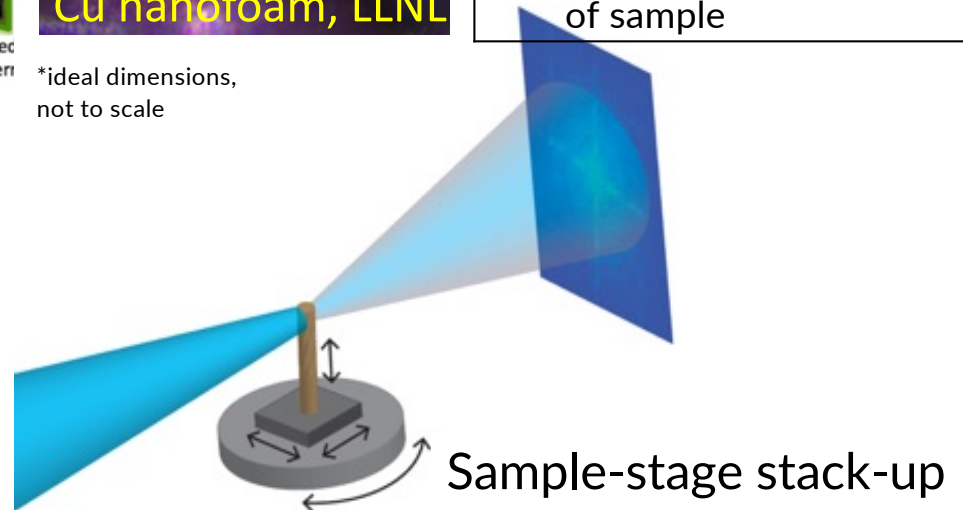
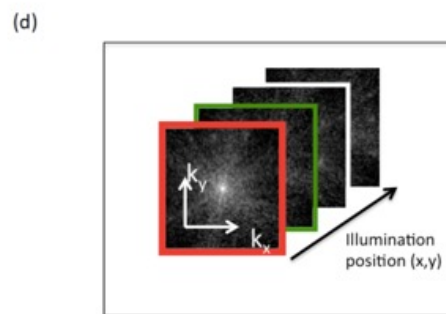


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Advantages	
•	Image resolution only limited by detector
•	Can image large volumes
•	Quantitative phase information (absorption) of sample



Wikipedia.org, 2018



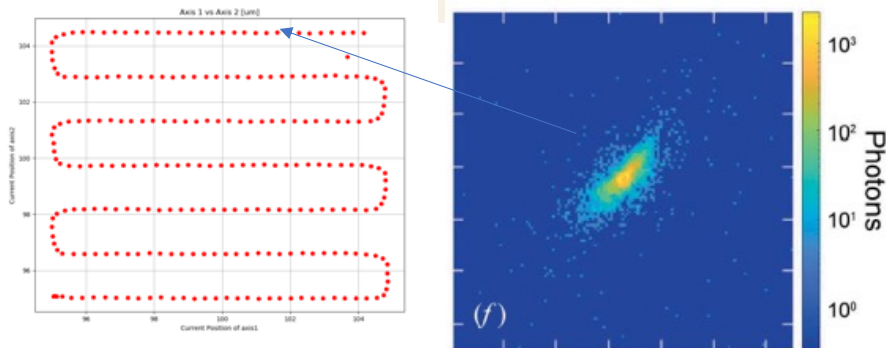
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Test Pattern

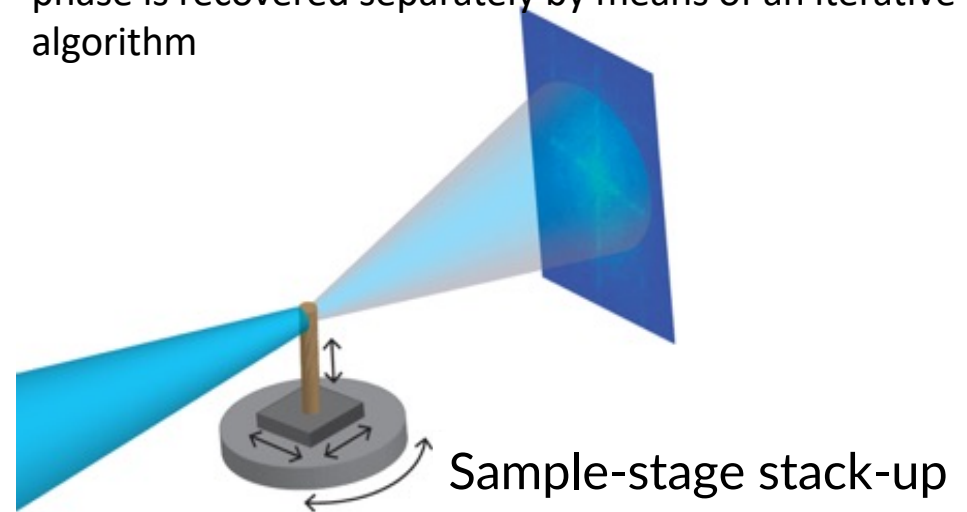
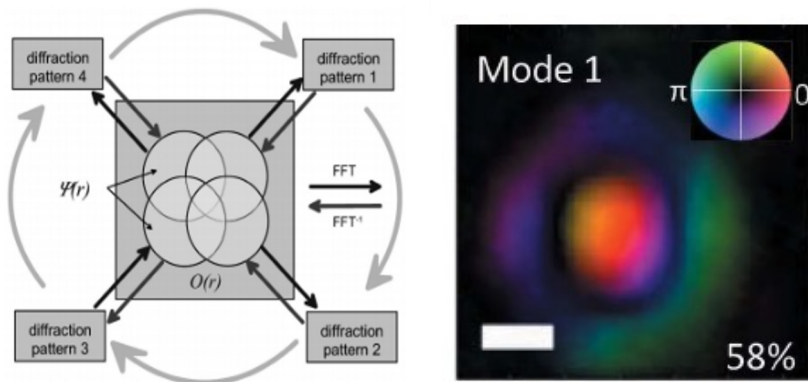
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X-ray ptychography enables non-destructive, high-resolution imaging



- Oversampled diffraction patterns from an object
- Real-space structure determined by Fourier transformation
 - requires amplitude and phase of the diffracted X-rays
 - amplitude can be calculated directly from the measured intensity
 - phase is recovered separately by means of an iterative algorithm

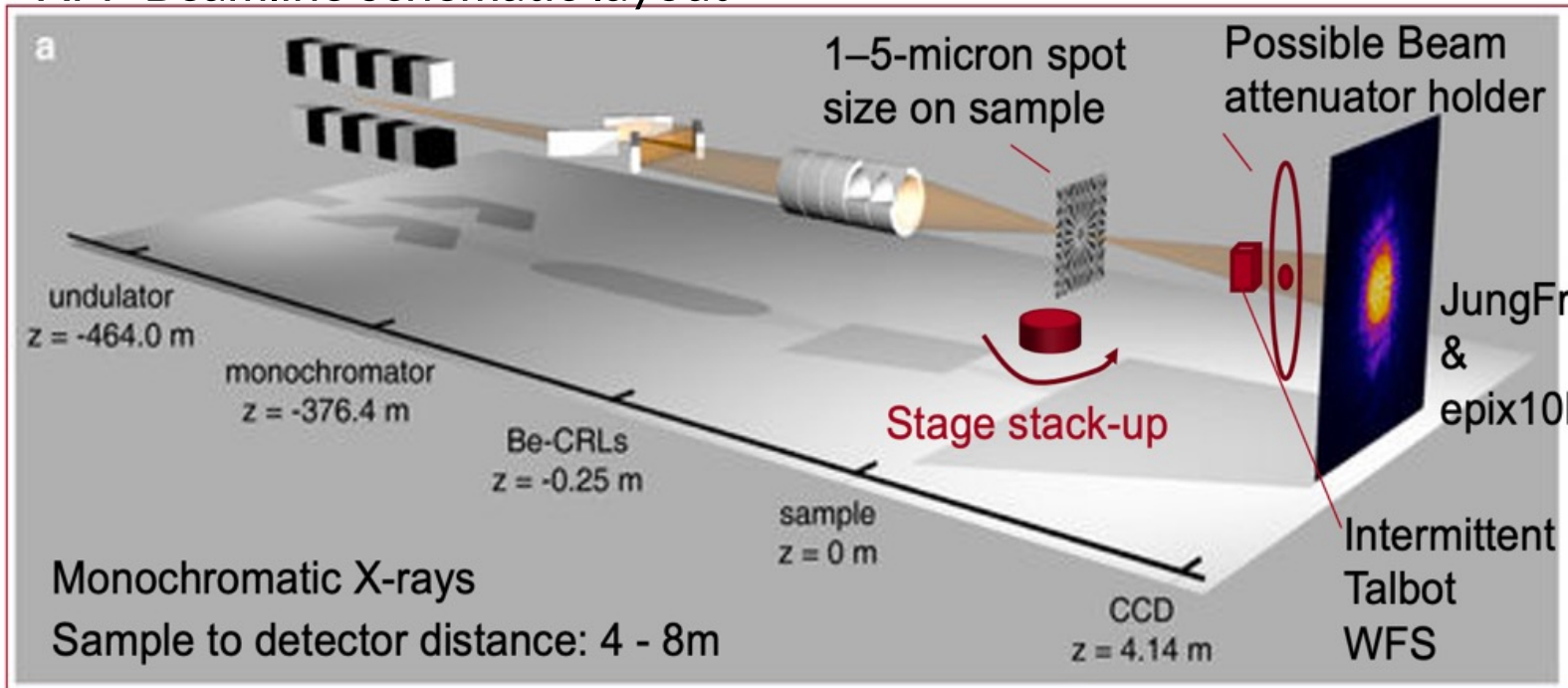
Iterative reconstruction algorithm (ptychography) for image and probe reconstruction



X-ray Pump Probe (XPP) Instrument at LCLS demonstrates ~30 nm spatial resolution on Cu-nanofoam

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XPP Beamline schematic layout



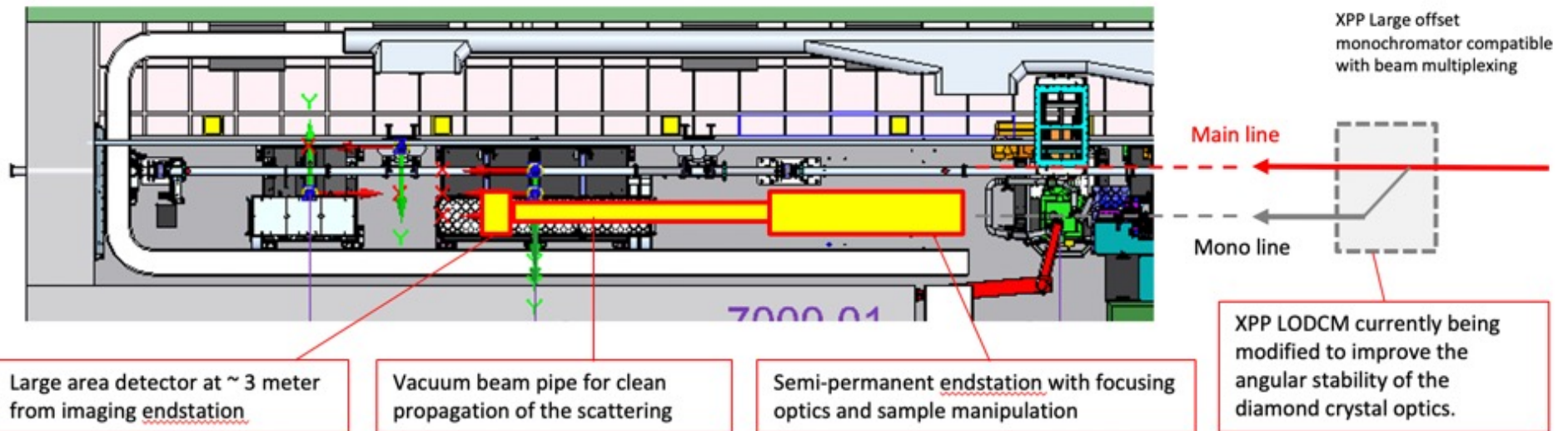
- 8.8 keV
- diamond- and Si-mono design
- multiplexed-collection mode
- 2D X-ray ptychographic images collected at multiple angles

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X-ray Pump Probe (XPP) End-station at LCLS: Setup

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- Goal: Demonstrate 3D ptycho-tomography in a multiplexed mode at XPP
- Key steps
 - Set up automatic ptychographic reconstructions
 - Verify beam stability



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Prior Work: Coherent X-ray Imaging and X-ray Pump Probe End-stations

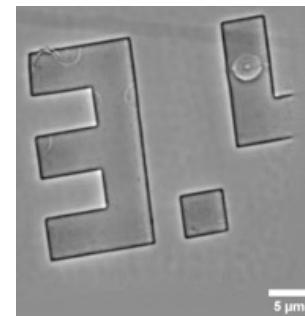
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Parasitic mode at CXI: To our knowledge, 1st ptychography reconstructions at CXI (Pound, B.A., Mertes, K.M., Carr, A.V., Seaberg, M.H., Hunter, M.S., Ward, W.C., Hunter, J.F., Sweeney, C.M., Sewell, C.M., Weisse-Bernstein, N.R. et al. (2020). *J. Appl. Cryst.* 53, <https://doi.org/10.1107/S1600576720010778>).

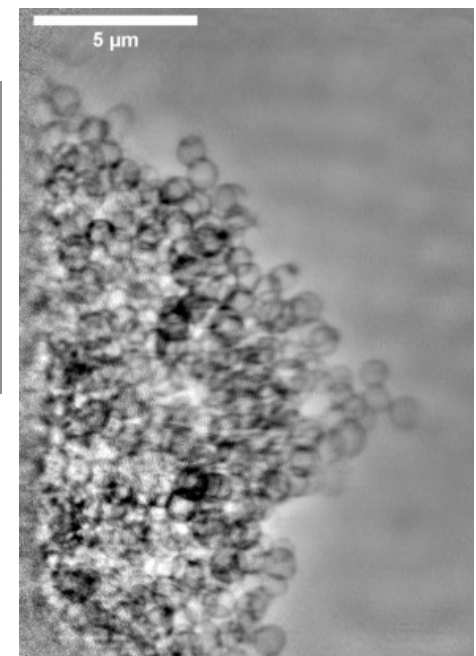
Multiplexed mode at XPP

Evaluated reconstruction quality using ePix10k and JungFrau detectors

Test Pattern
(200nm Au)



Nanofoam (XPP)
(Cu 100nm-300um void features)



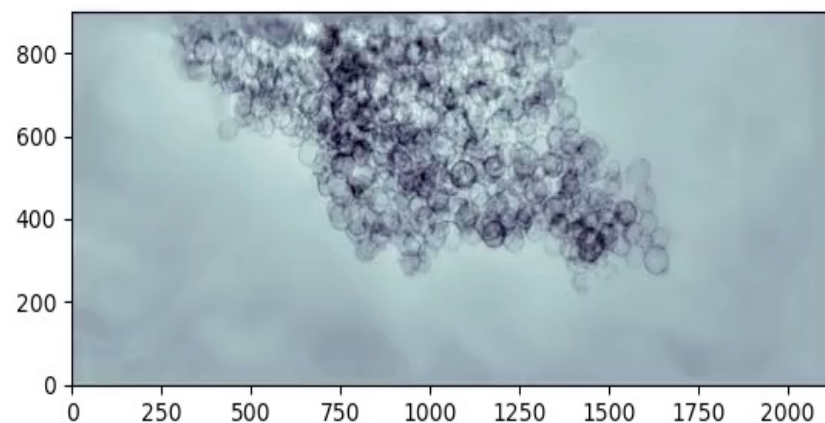
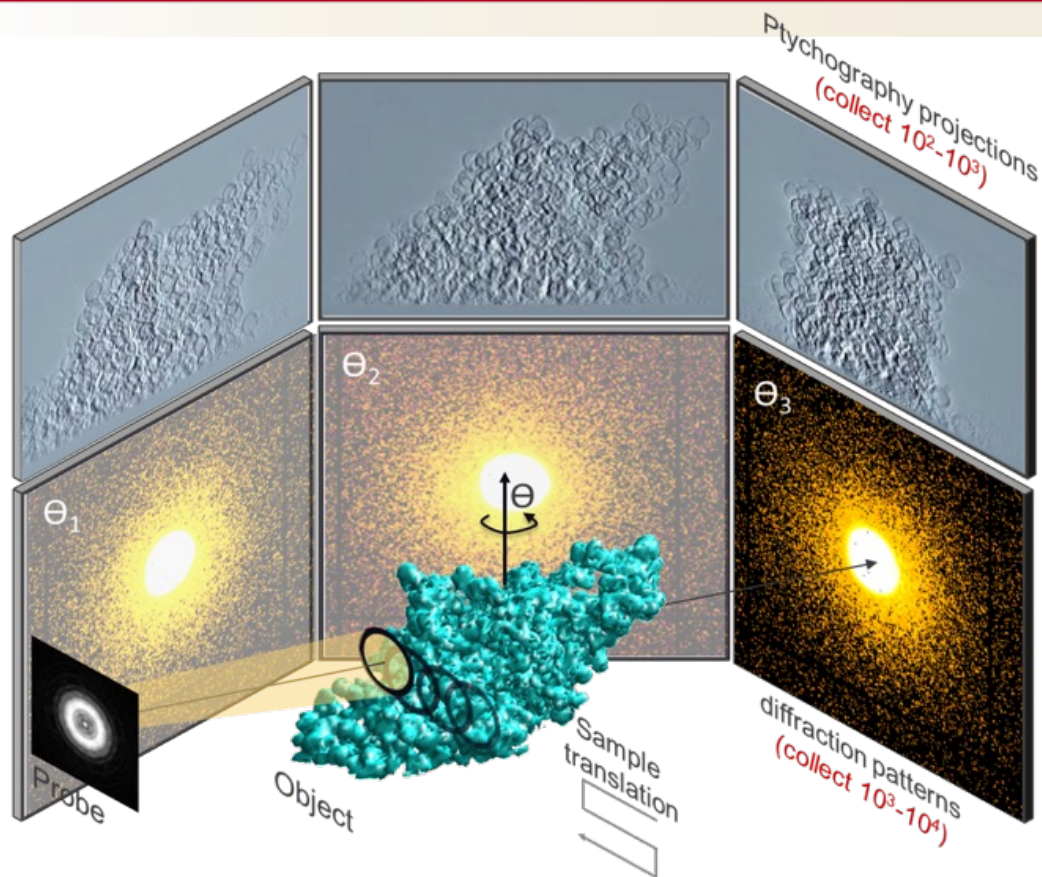
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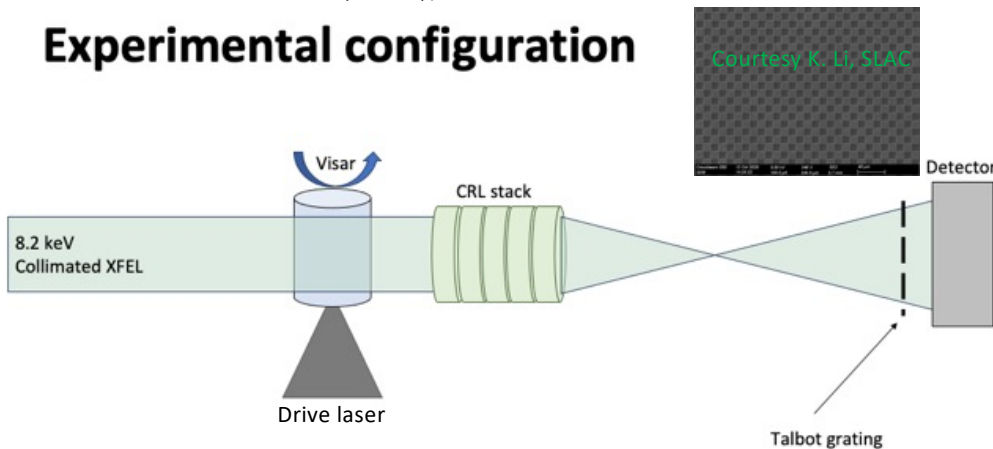
**More detail in paper: A. Carr et al., 3D Ptycho-tomography of nanofoams for radiation hydrodynamics and fusion applications, to be submitted 2024

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Goal: Collect high-resolution Talbot phase-contrast images of laser-driven foams at the Matter in Extreme Conditions (MEC) end-station, Linac Coherent Source (LCLS), SLAC

Experimental configuration



- Talbot imaging accentuates the visibility of highly dense structures and density gradients
- Talbot effect: a Fresnel phenomenon in which self-images of a periodical structure are reproduced at specific planes under coherent illumination
- A phase grating placed at a Talbot distance from a detector enabling phase-contrast imaging → simultaneous retrieval of refraction and absorption

TIA: A forward model and analyzer for Talbot interferometry experiments of dense plasmas

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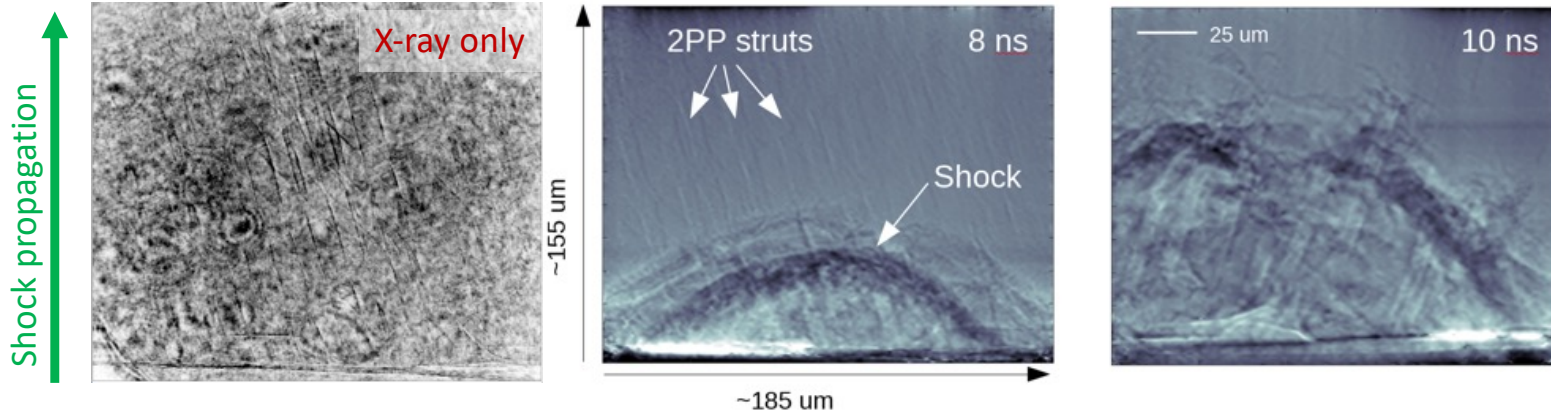


Investigation of shock dynamics in laser-driven foams using Talbot X-ray Imaging: preliminary results

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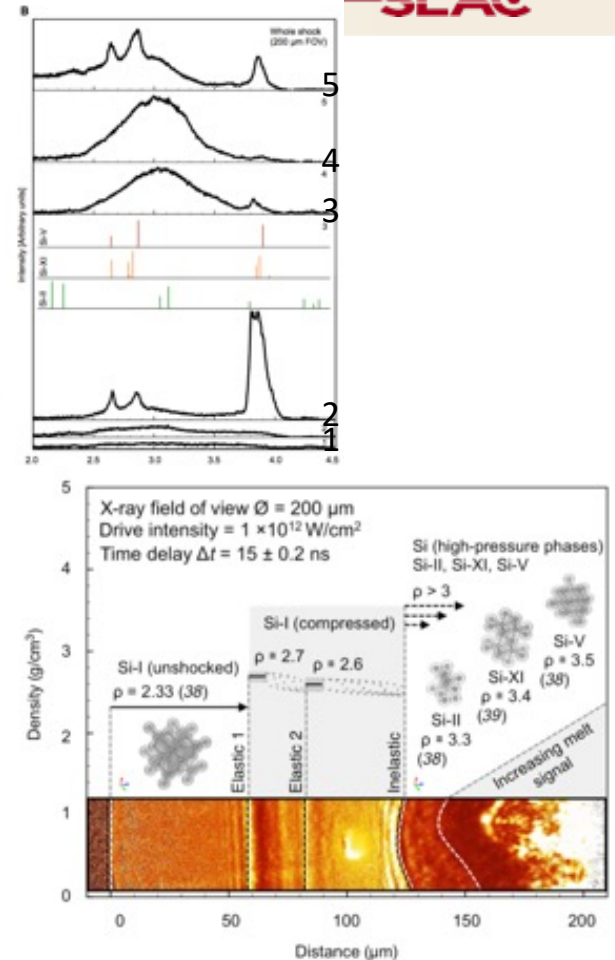
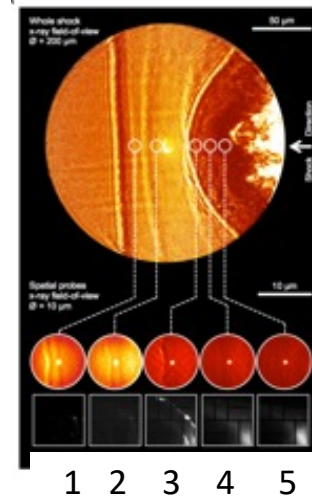
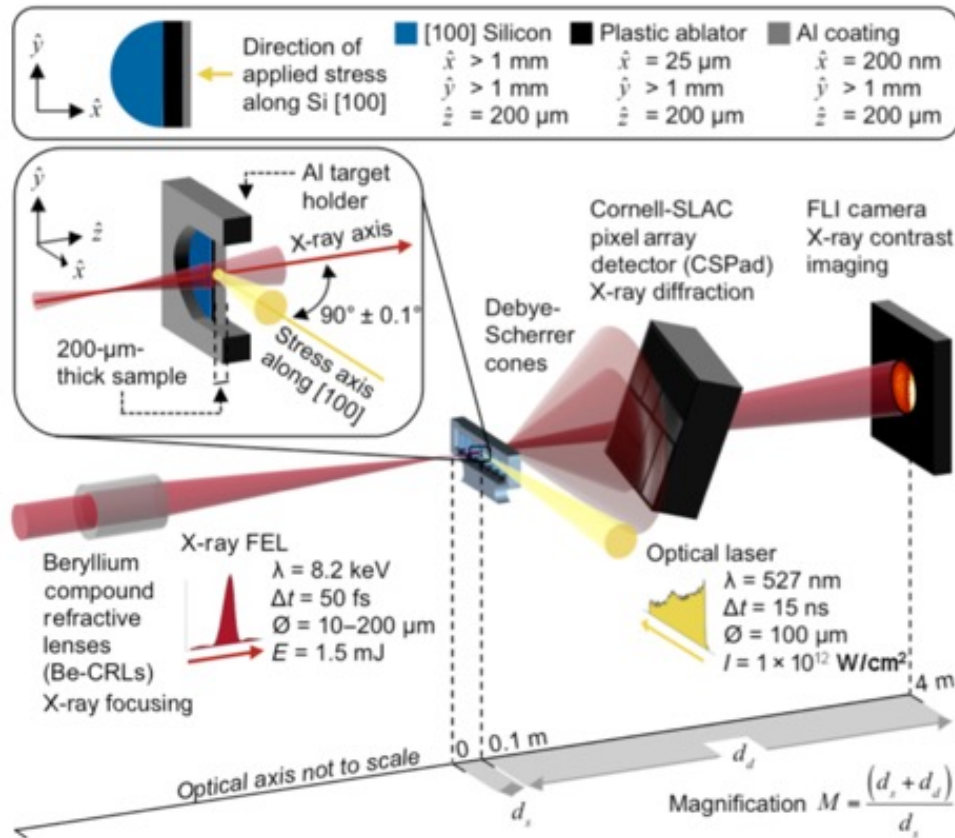


Talbot x-ray deflectometry (TXD) images printed foams shot at LCLS MEC reveal detailed shock front structures. International team of colleagues led by UCSD, have successfully fielded 3D printed lattices at MEC, and obtained phase contrast images using the TXD diagnostic capable of resolving features down to ~ 100 nm. Phase unwraps were generated using the Talbot Interferometry Analyzer (TIA) code.

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Phase Contrast Imaging + X-ray diffraction capabilities, case study in Silicon

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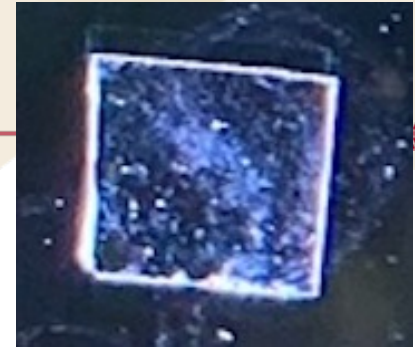


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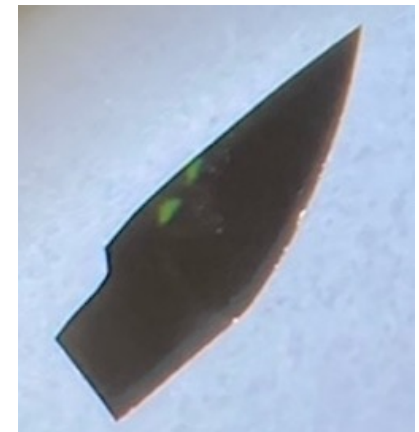
Brown et al.. 2019

Control Samples for Ptychography

- Want to mimic low-mass Dark Matter tracks
- Implant pristine silicon and mica sheets
- Four parameter sets:
 1. As ions, 30 keV, 15 μm tracks, 6 degrees to normal
 2. As ions, 200 keV, 120 μm tracks, 6 degrees to normal
 3. **As ions, 200 keV, 120 μm tracks, 30 degrees to normal**
 4. As ions, 1 MeV, 500 μm tracks, 6 degrees to normal
- Used parameter set #3 for first LCLS ptychography beam time
- Very rushed sample preparation ~ 1 hour to make beam time
- Significant detritus from cutting small samples



Mica sample. 12 microns thick



Silicon sample. 10 microns thick

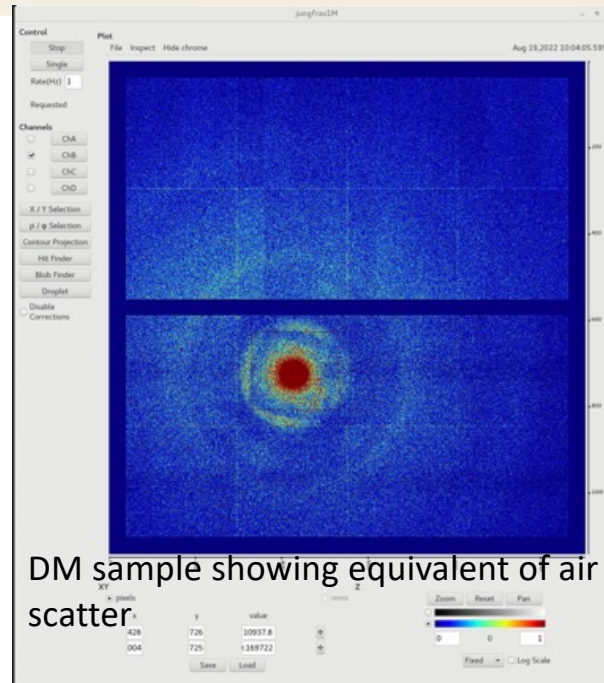
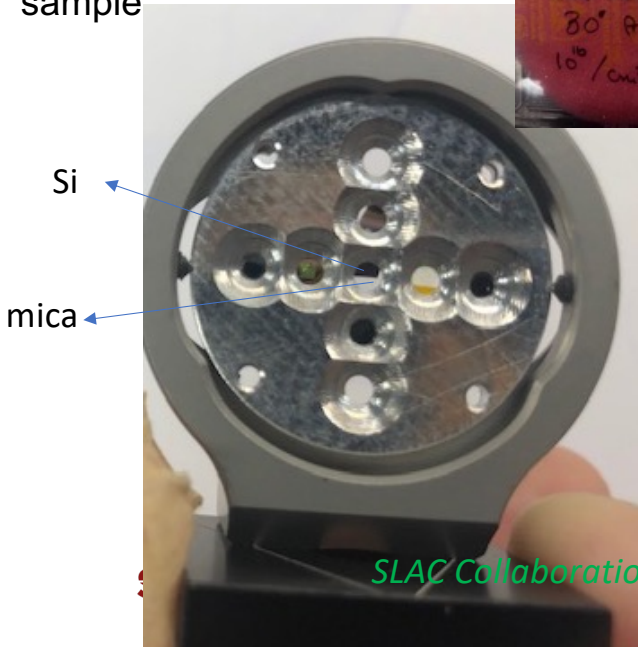
XPP Dark Matter test samples

8.9 keV, 1.4 mJ, Si mono

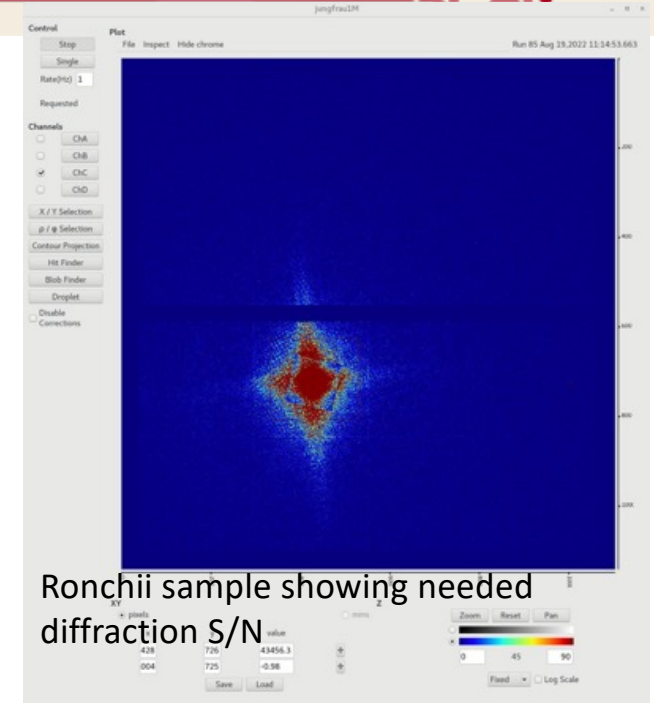
4 μm spot size on target

Be CRLs as focusing optics

Focus was upstream of sample



DM sample showing equivalent of air scatter.



Ronchi sample showing needed diffraction S/N

- Did not see significant/any scatter from the either DM sample, unfortunately.
- We translated in steps of 5-20 μm , laterally in each direction (vertically & horizontally)

SLAC Collaboration: S. Baum, C. Kenney, P.A. Breur, A. Gleason, J. Segal

Run 22 beamtime is possible (April 2024)

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3D is possible if FIBed to ~10 um diameter

2D attempt again, maybe increase thickness to 40 um for Si or mica (~70% transmission at 8.9 keV, and etching for max density contrast)

Use known angle of control tracks to search for signal

Use known track geometry to enhance

Longer term exploit the full power of the 4 orders of magnitude increase in power of LCLS II

Developing ptychography is a major focus of facility

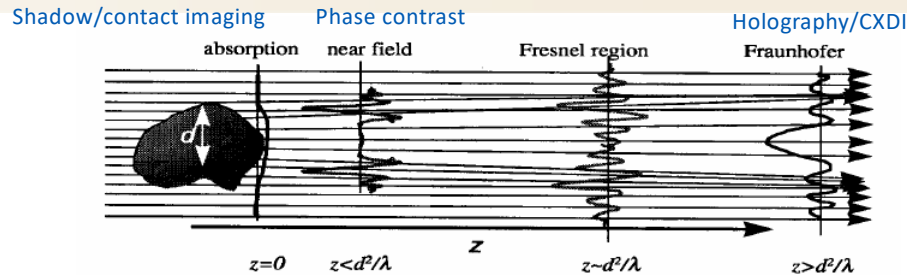
Ideally x-rays can provide complete track length spectrum

Enabling if can flag areas of possible tracks to decrease AFM workload

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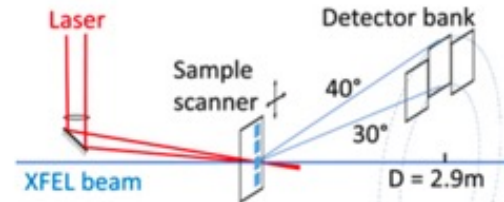
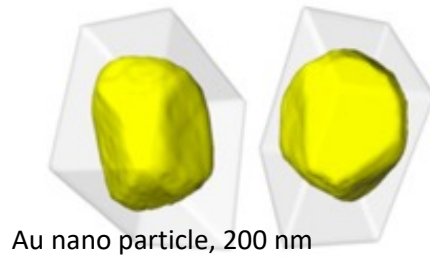
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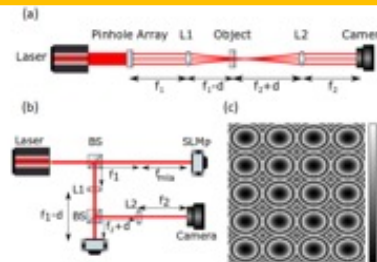
Bragg-CDI



Robinson et al., 2016

- 9keV
- crystalline sample
- bath the sample in X-rays

Multi-beam ptychography



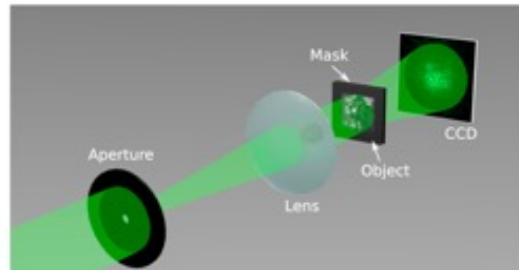
Sidorenko and Cohen, 2015
Wengrowicz et al, 2019

pinhole array for each xFEL beam

- maybe diffraction overlap on detector
- limited fov
- 70% overlap between spots

Single shot CXDI

time resolved
ptychography

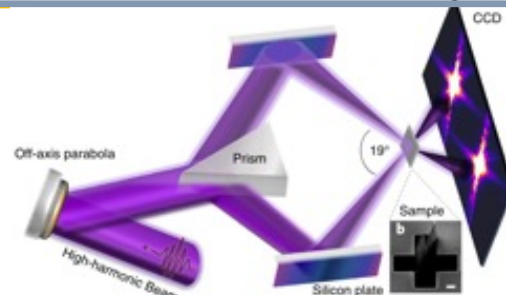


random mask for each xFEL beam

Seaberg et al, 2015

- so far only test with optical light & soft X-rays

ptychotomography

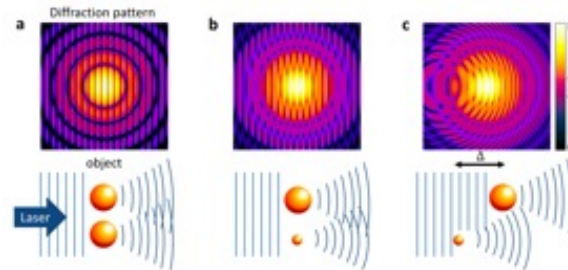


computed stereo lensless x-ray imaging

Duarte et al, 2019

- so far only soft X-rays

in-flight holography



Gorkhover et al, 2018

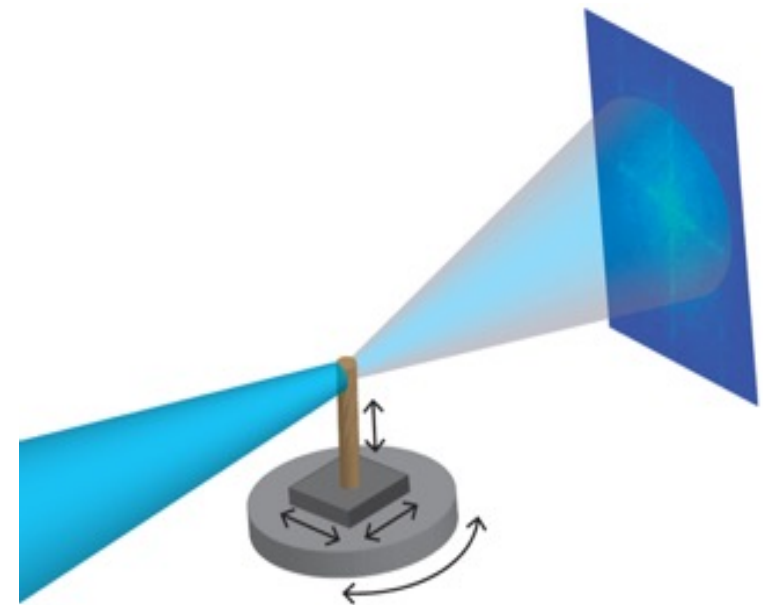
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- maintain know (unchanging or predictable) reference which must scatter more or equivalent to the sample

Using minerals as Dark Matter ‘paleo-detectors’ requires large volume imaging → Novel CXDI Techniques

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 - Need to scan 10 mg with 1nm resolution in 3D track length
 - Need to scan $\sim 400 \text{ cm}^2$
 - Capabilities to date: $20\mu\text{m} \times 50\mu\text{m}$, 30 seconds
 - $10 \mu\text{m}^3$, 360 deg, 6-8 hours
 - Tiling, stitching & high-throughput compute strategies to improve speed and increase volumes

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