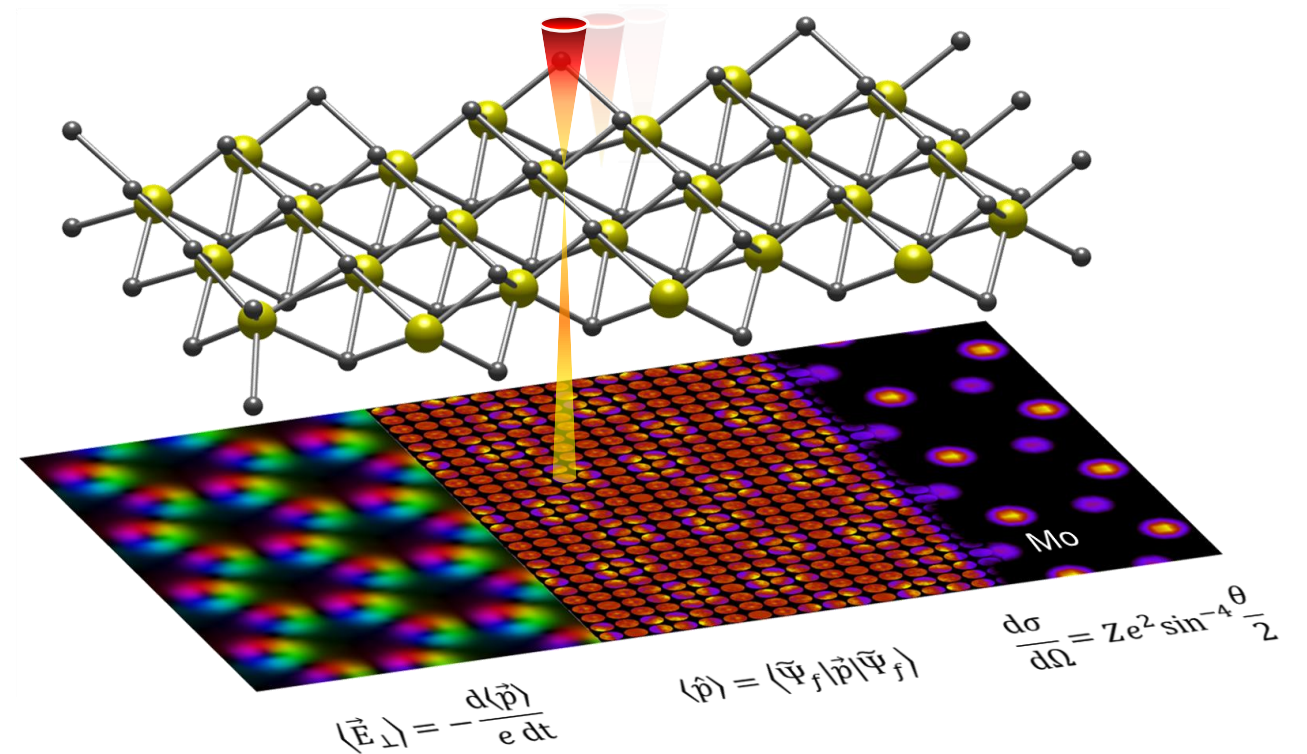


Momentum-resolved STEM: DPC, COM, inverse single- & multislice



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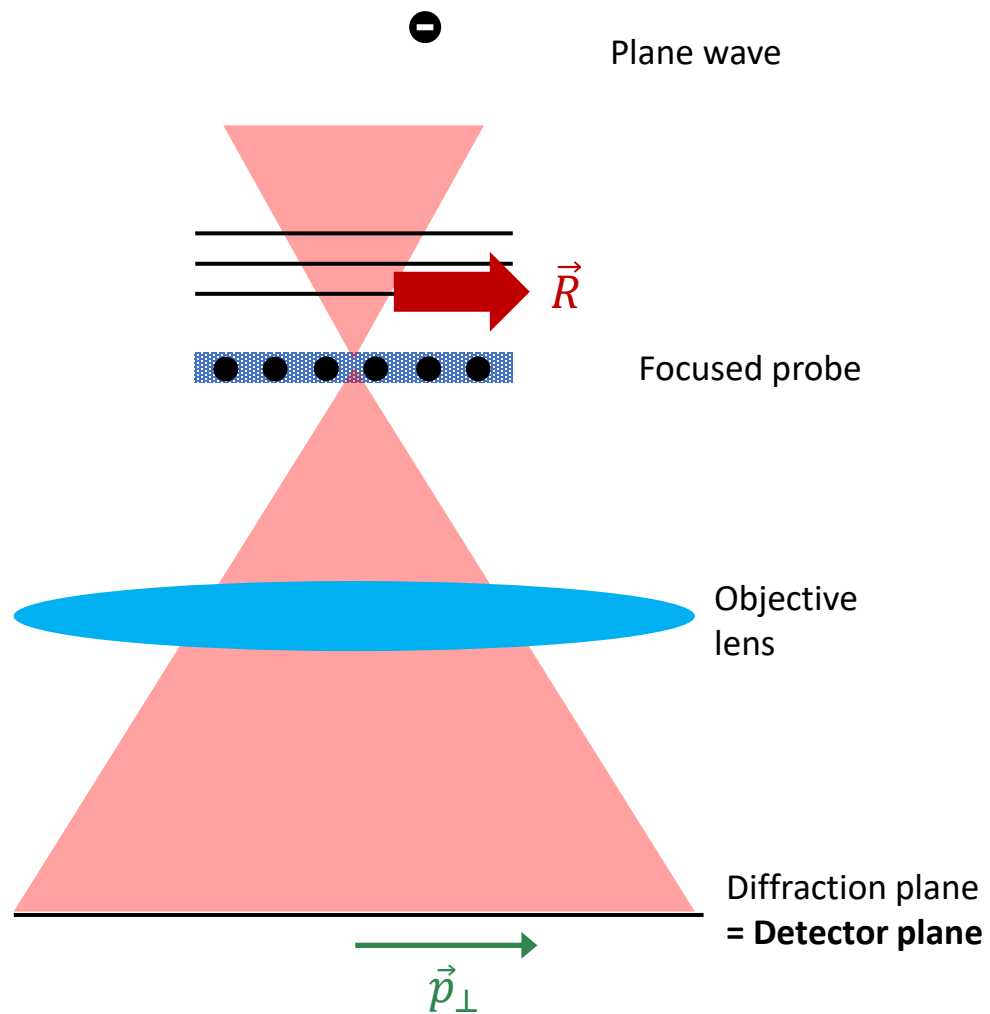
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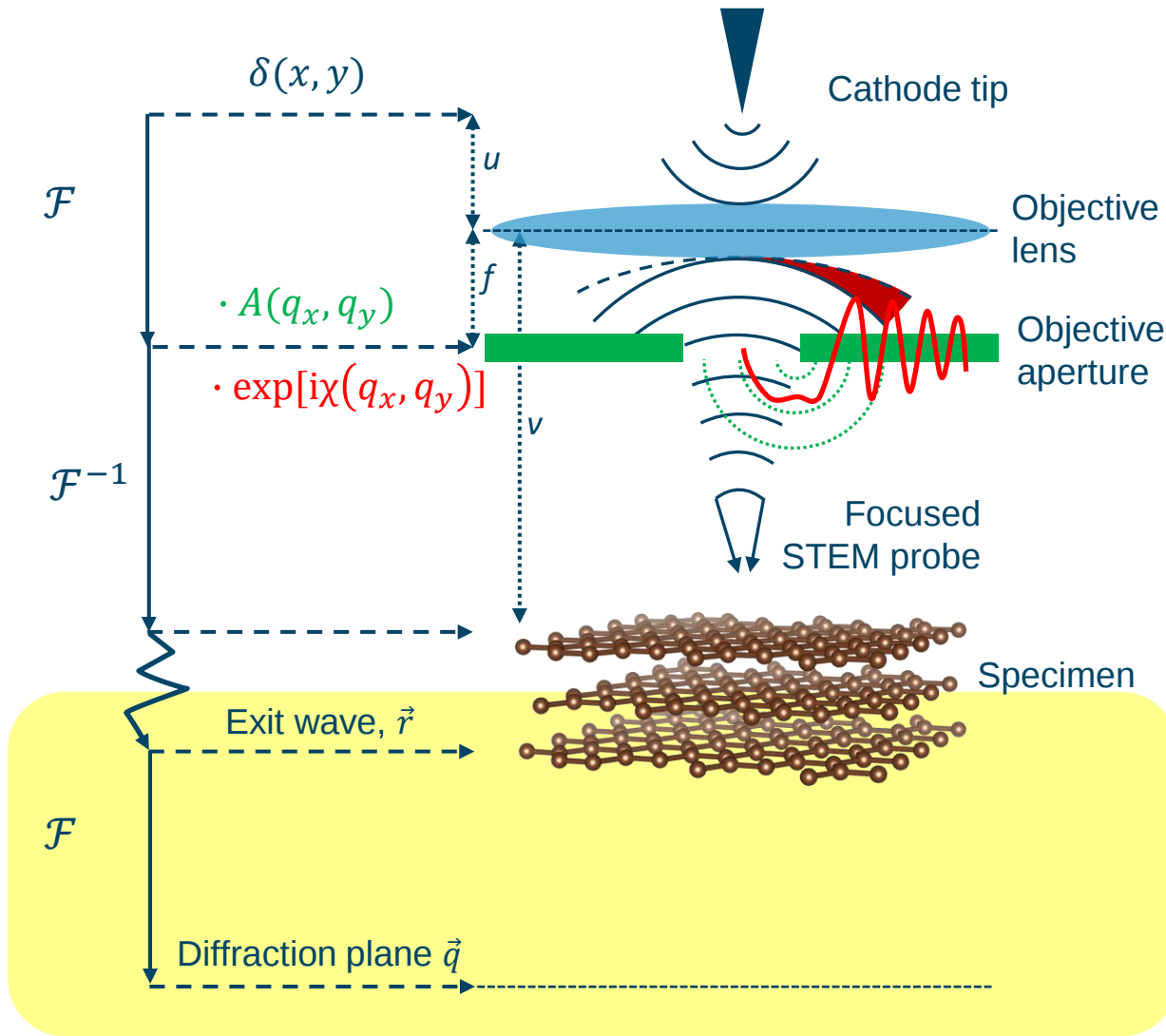


STEM

Information on **both**

- position (**real space**, specimen plane)
 - direction (**reciprocal space**, detector plane)
- collected **sequentially** in real space

STEM concept



- The wave functions in real and reciprocal space represent exactly **the same quantity**
- Real and momentum space representation are thus **formally equivalent**.
- **What is the difference in practice?**

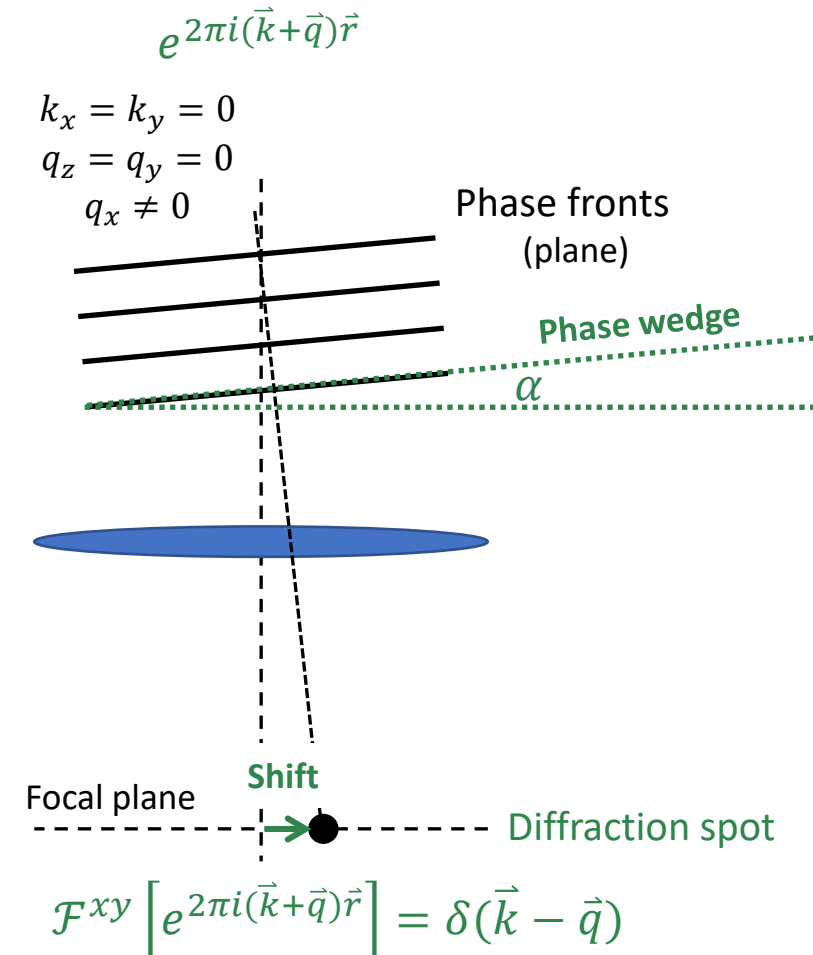
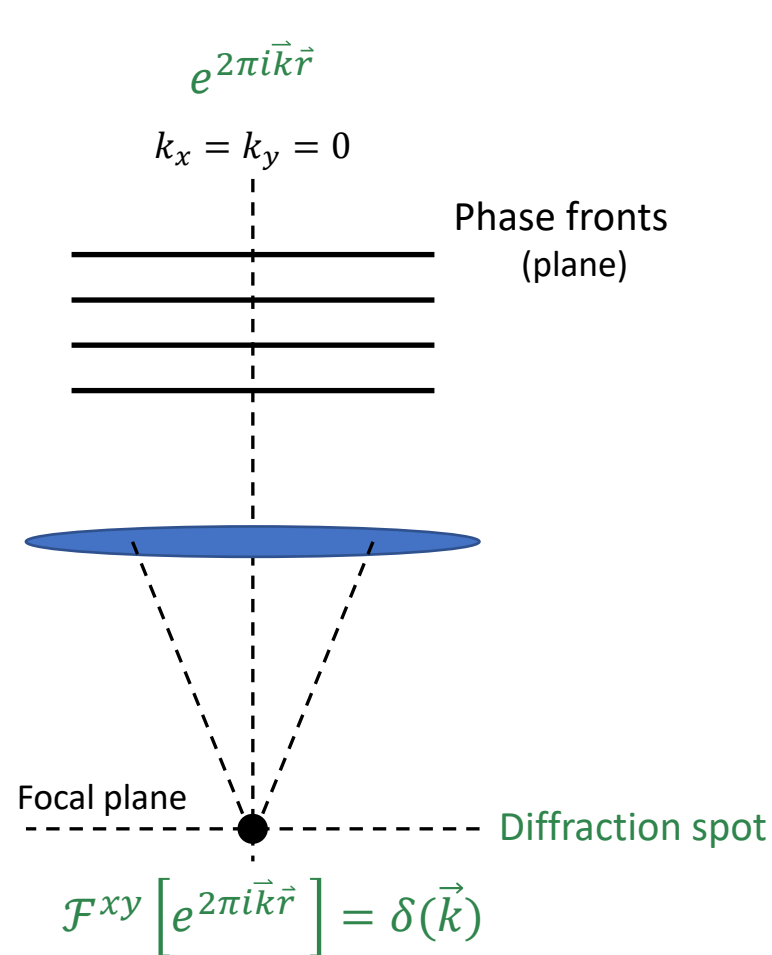
$$\Psi(\vec{r})$$


Change representation

$$\hat{\Psi}(\vec{p}) = \mathcal{F}[\Psi(\vec{r})](\vec{p})$$

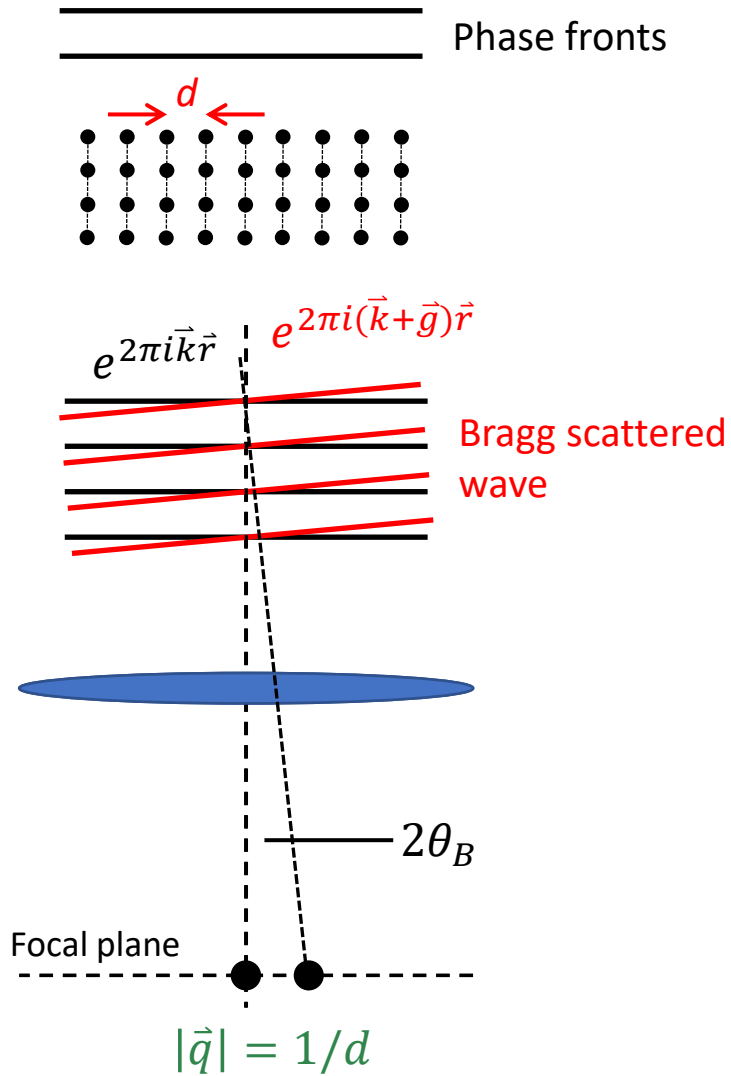
with $\vec{p} = h \cdot \vec{q}$

Phase and momentum

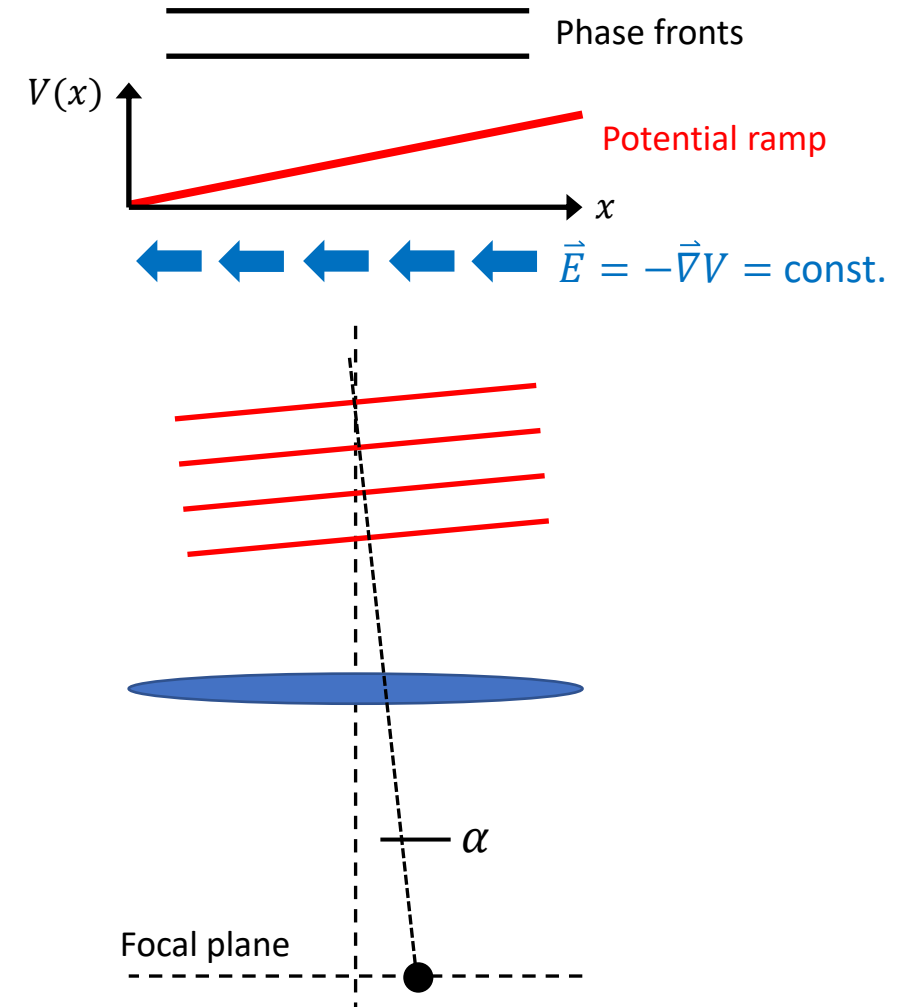


- A **phase wedge in real space** causes a **shift in diffraction space**
- The wave can be assigned a **lateral momentum** $\vec{p} = h \cdot \vec{q}$

Physical origins of phase modulations and momentum transfers



Measurement of movement of Bragg reflections: **Strain**

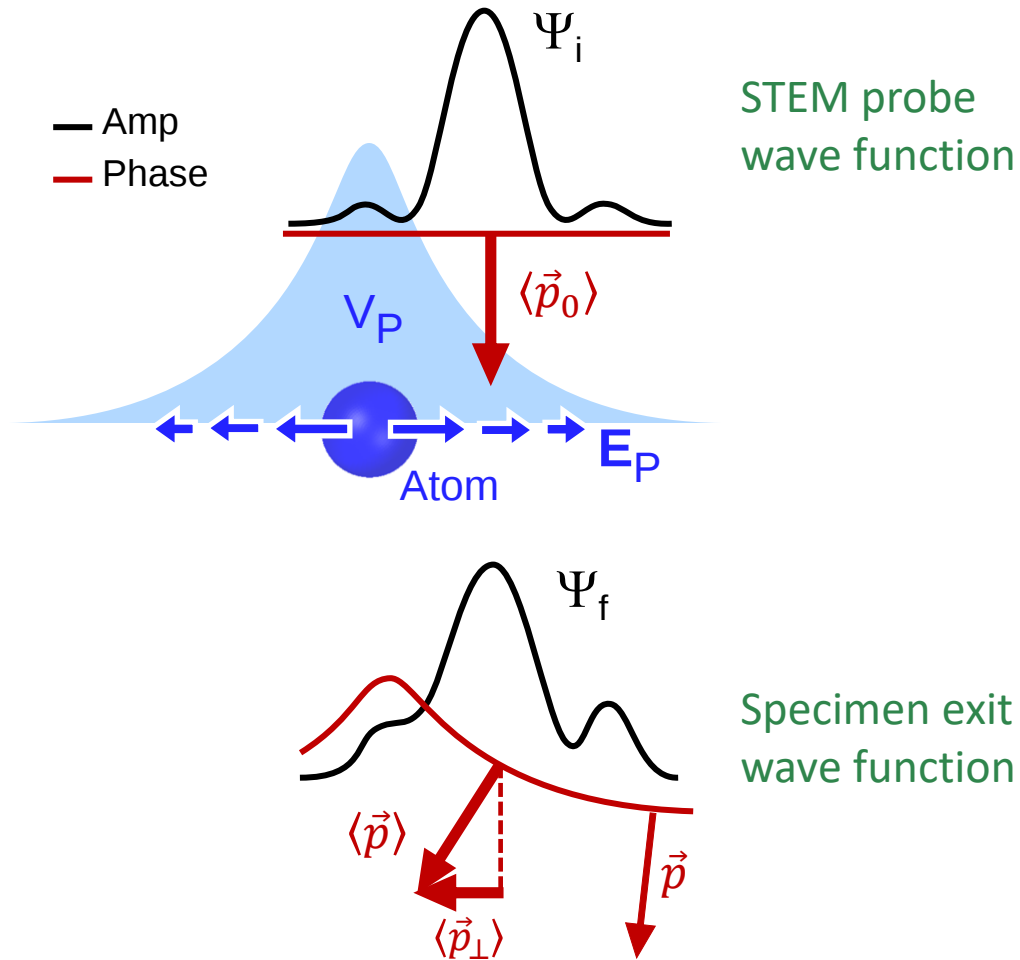


$$E = -\frac{h}{\lambda} \cdot \frac{v}{e \cdot t} \sin \alpha$$

Measurement of position of undiffracted beam/whole diffraction pattern: **Electric field**

Quantum mechanical considerations

Consider scattering by an atom:



Question 1:

- Can we measure the average beam deflection (momentum transfer) $\langle \vec{p}_\perp \rangle$ accurately?

Question 1a:

- Why should we do so?
 - Momentum transfer caused by field $\vec{E}$
 - Hope: recover $\vec{E}$ from $\langle \vec{p}_\perp \rangle$

Question 2:

- How are $\vec{E}$ and $\langle \vec{p}_\perp \rangle$ related physically and mathematically?

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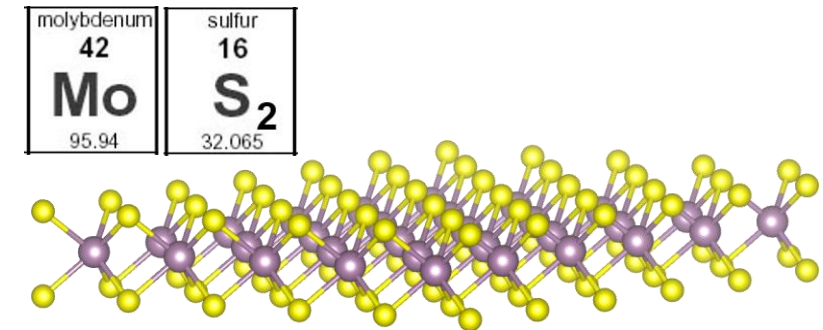
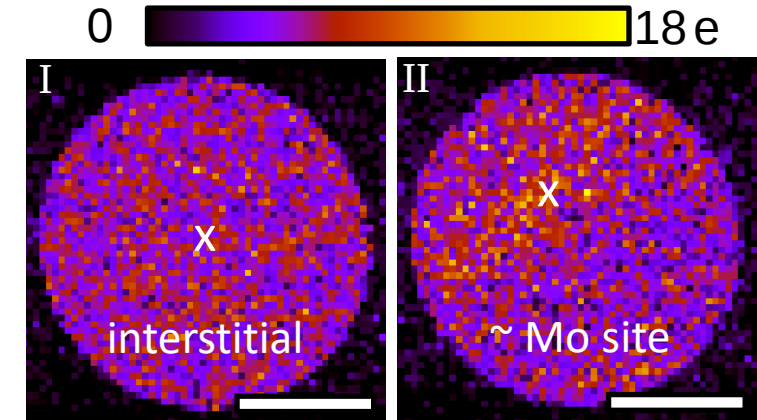
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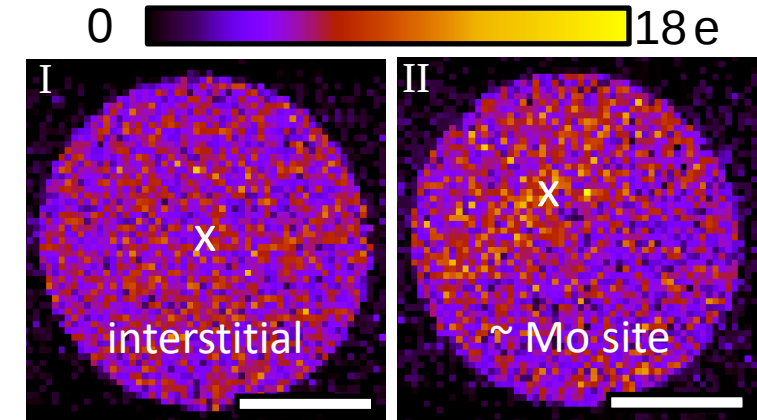
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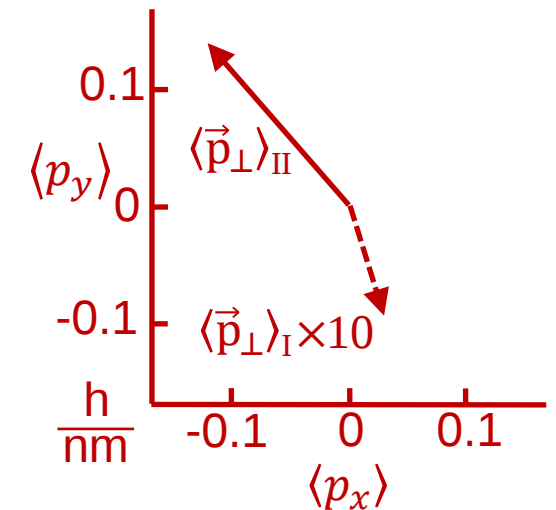
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Each scan point
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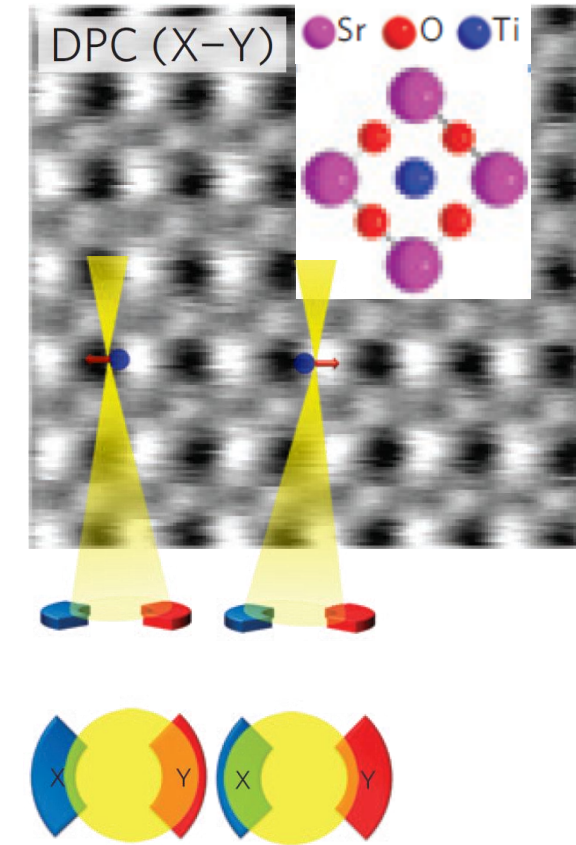
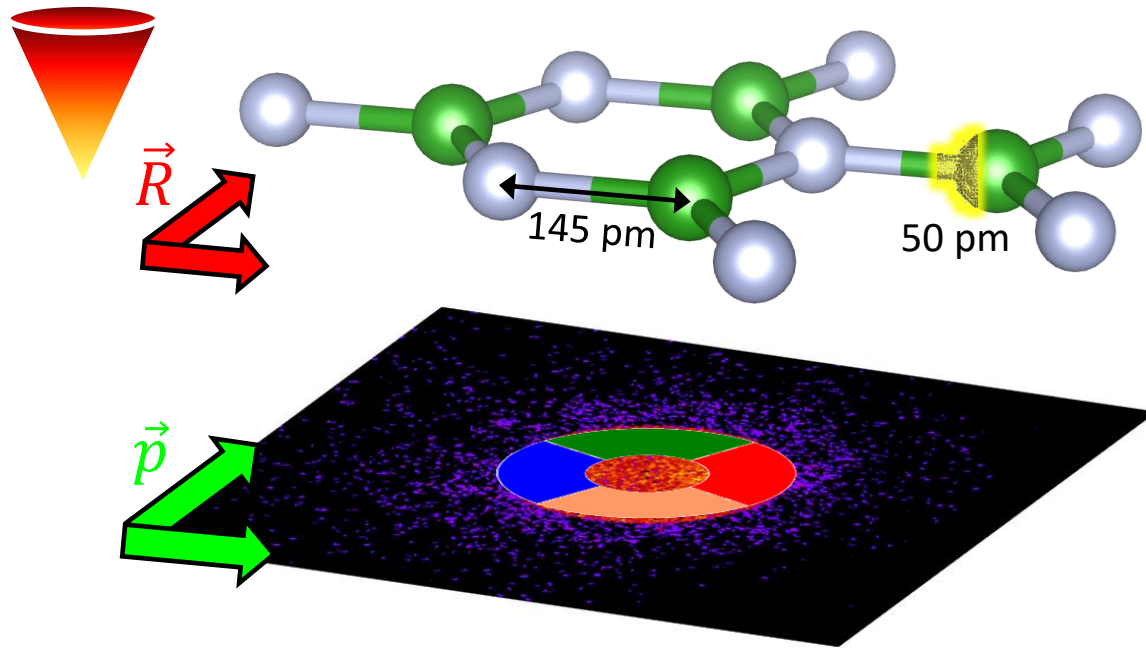


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Position-sensitive experimental setups: DPC



Position sensitivity by segmented ring detectors:

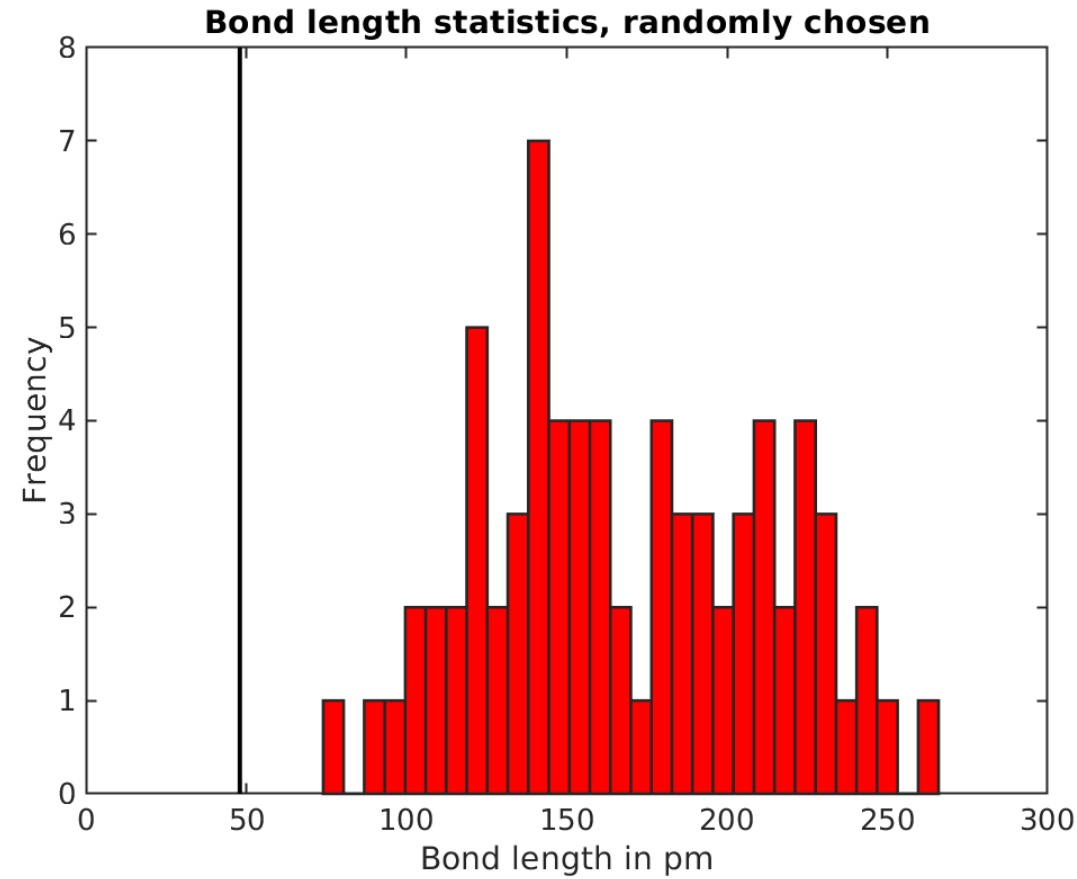
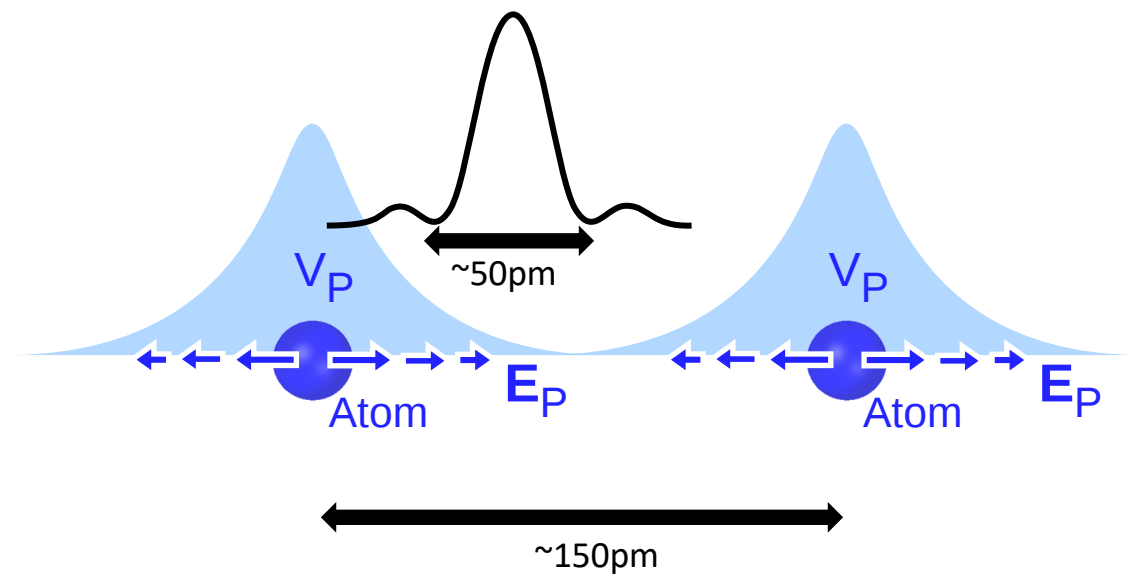
Differential Phase Contrast (DPC)

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Differential phase-contrast microscopy at atomic resolution

Naoya Shibata^{1,2*}, Scott D. Findlay³, Yuji Kohno⁴, Hidetaka Sawada⁴, Yukihiro Kondo⁴ and Yuichi Ikuhara^{1,5}

Aberration-corrected STEM: Look inside atoms



DPC: Historical snapshots

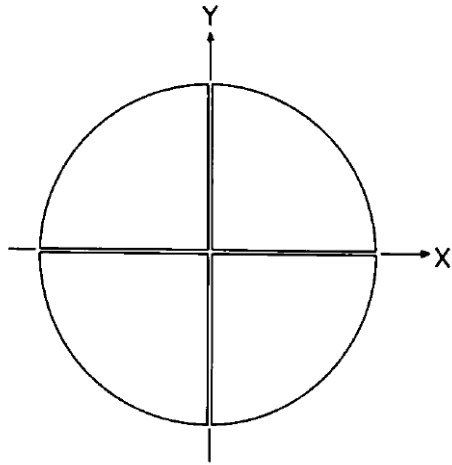
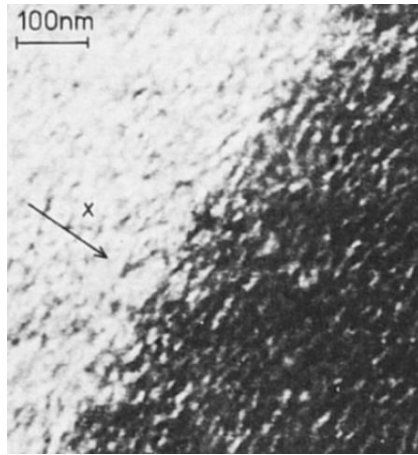


Fig. 5. Scheme of a STEM split detector.

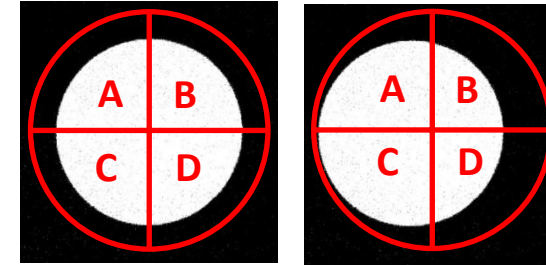


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- Suggestion of a split quadrant detector
- Difference signals (A-D) & (B-C) characteristic for disc position



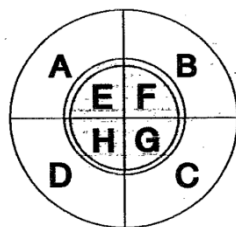
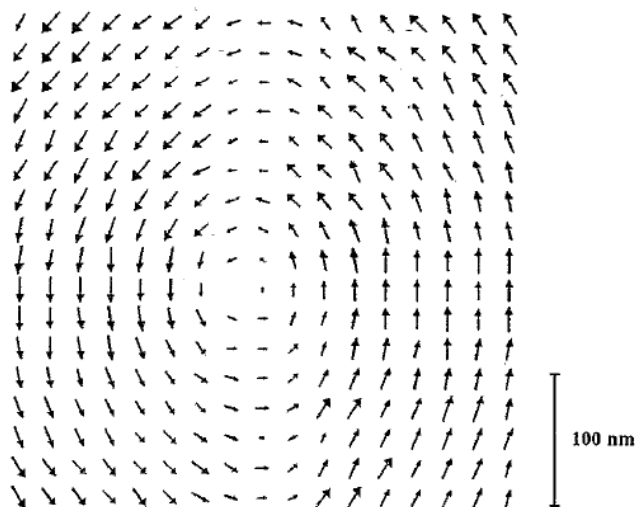
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J.N. CHAPMAN, P.E. BATSON, E.M. WADDELL and R.P. FERRIER

- Magnetic domain walls in permalloy experimentally observed by DPC

DPC: Historical snapshots



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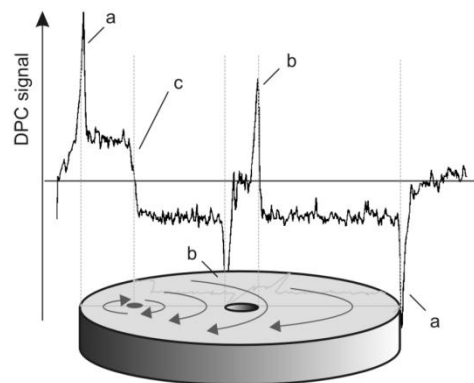
→ Vortex structure of magnetisation in permalloy

FIG. 7. Vector map of the vortex shown boxed in Fig. 5.

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Josef Zweck*, Tanja Zimmermann, Thomas Schuhrke

→ Contributions to understanding of GMR



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Shifting and Pinning of a Magnetic Vortex Core in a Permalloy Dot by a Magnetic Field

Thomas Uhlig,* M. Rahm, Christian Dietrich, Rainer Höllinger, Martin Heumann, Dieter Weiss, and Josef Zweck†

→ Manipulation and live visualisation of magnetic vortices



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The differential phase contrast uncertainty relation: Connection between electron dose and field resolution

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$$\Delta\langle p_x \rangle \cdot \Delta x \geq \frac{h}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_e}} \quad (29)$$



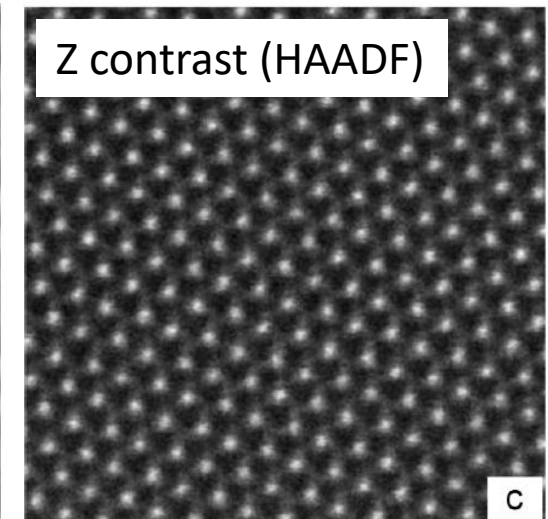
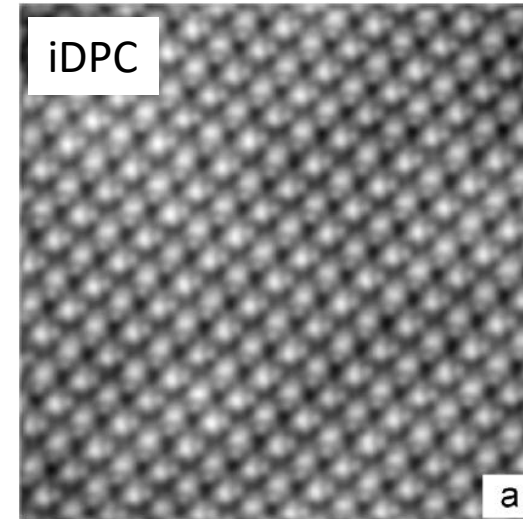
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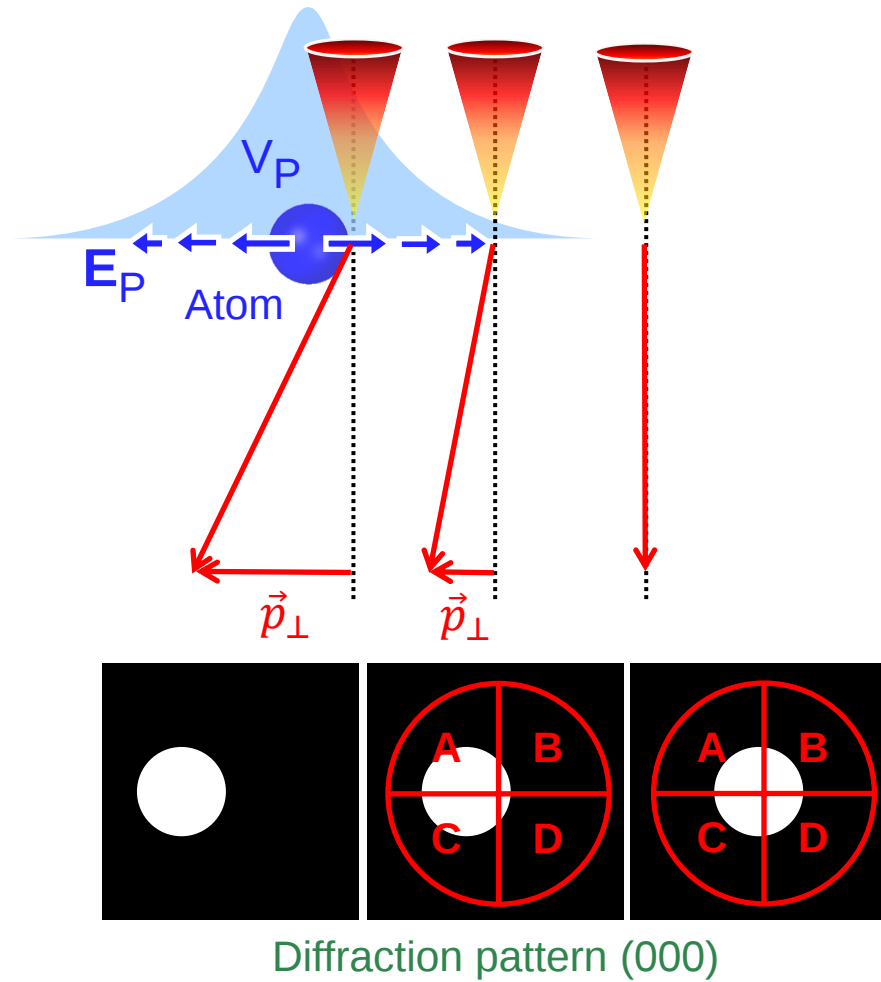
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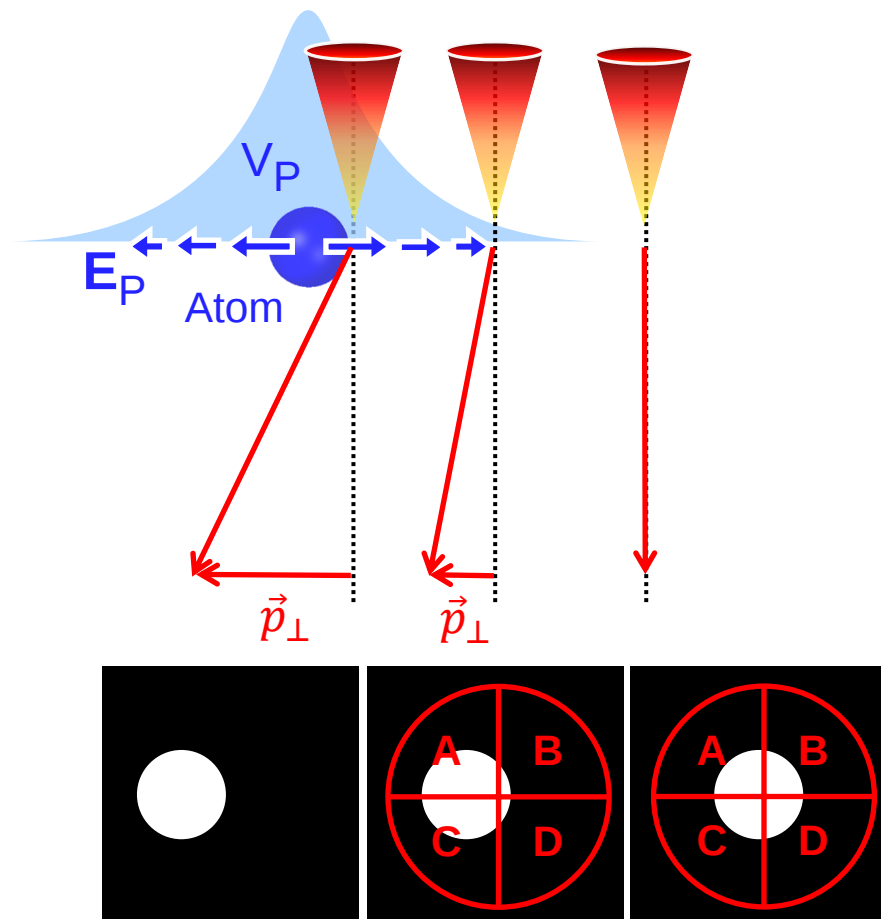
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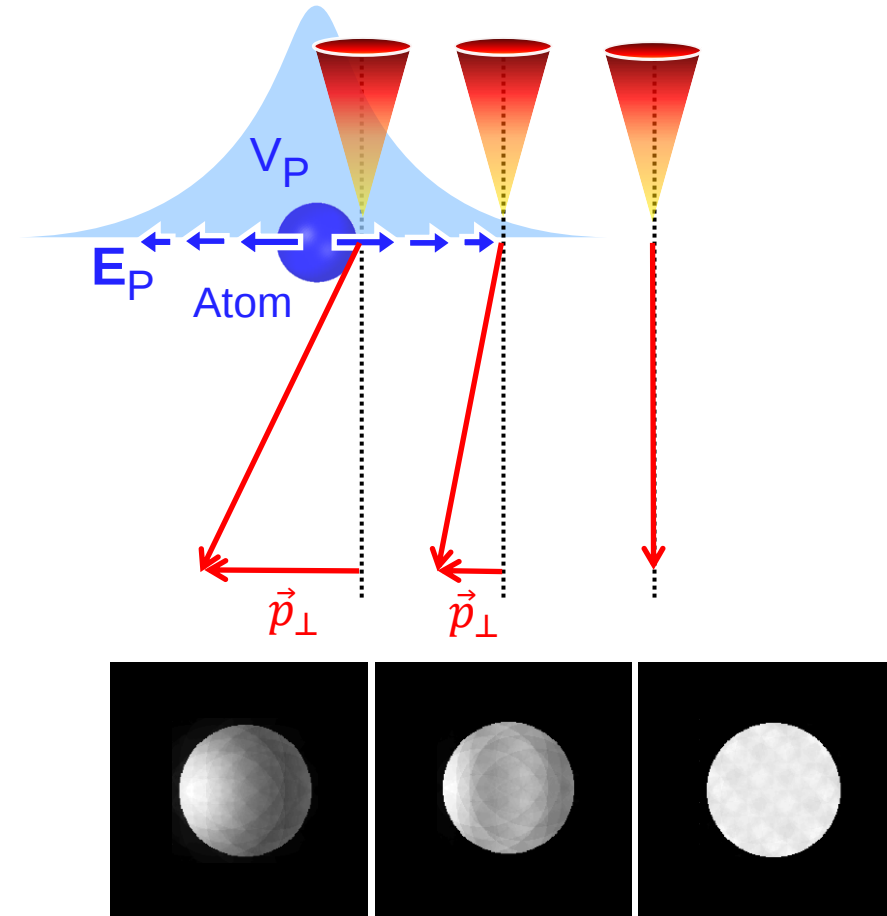
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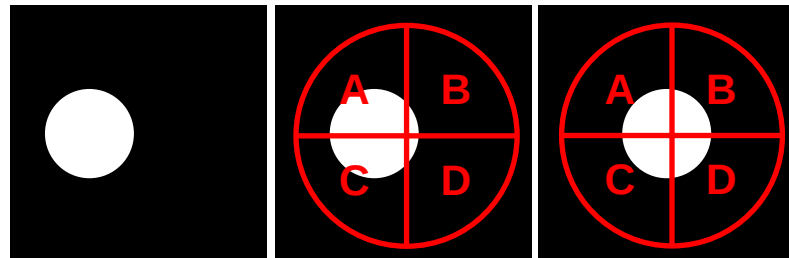


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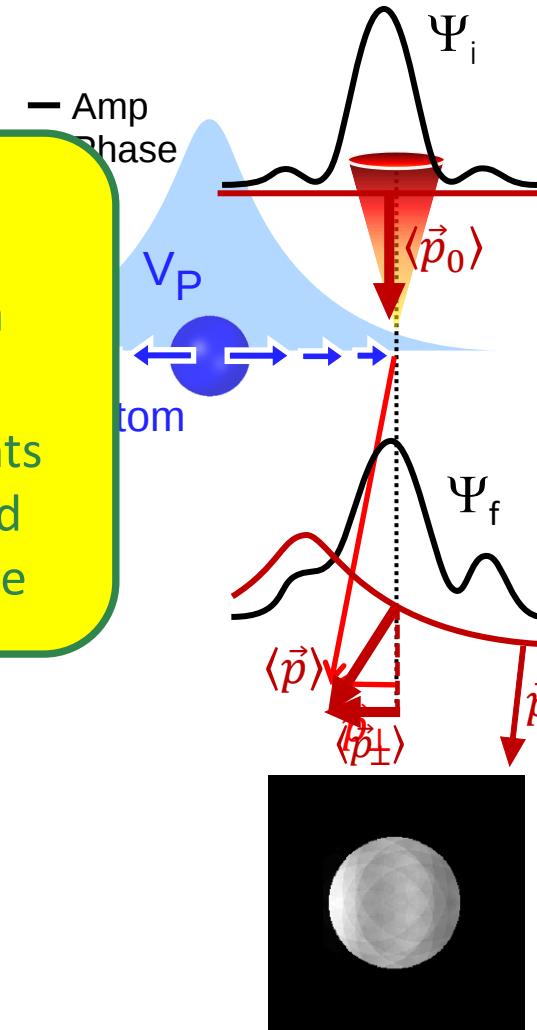
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DPC

- Approximates first moment/COM imaging via segmented ring detectors
- Yields high contrast for $\vec{E}$, $\vec{B}$ and light elements
- Quantification difficult/usually fails when field gradients are present at the scale of the probe

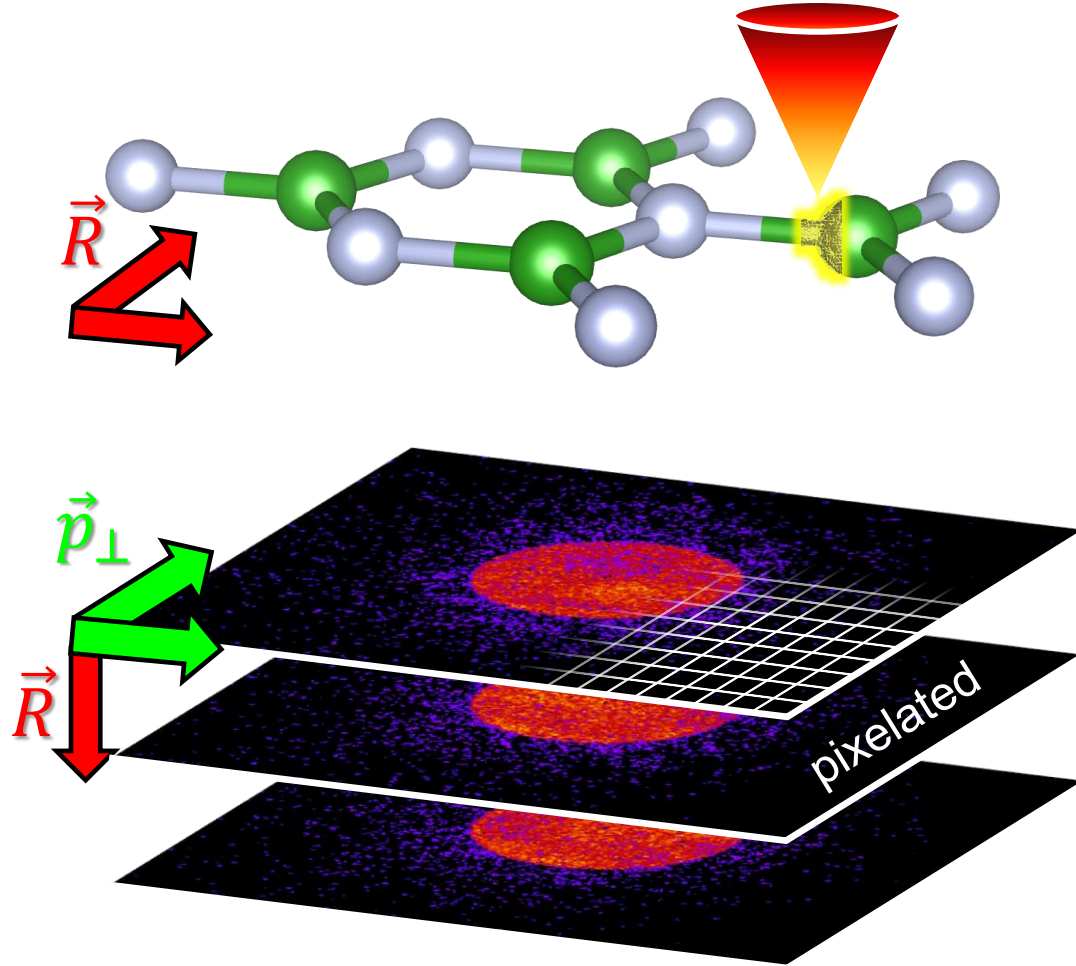


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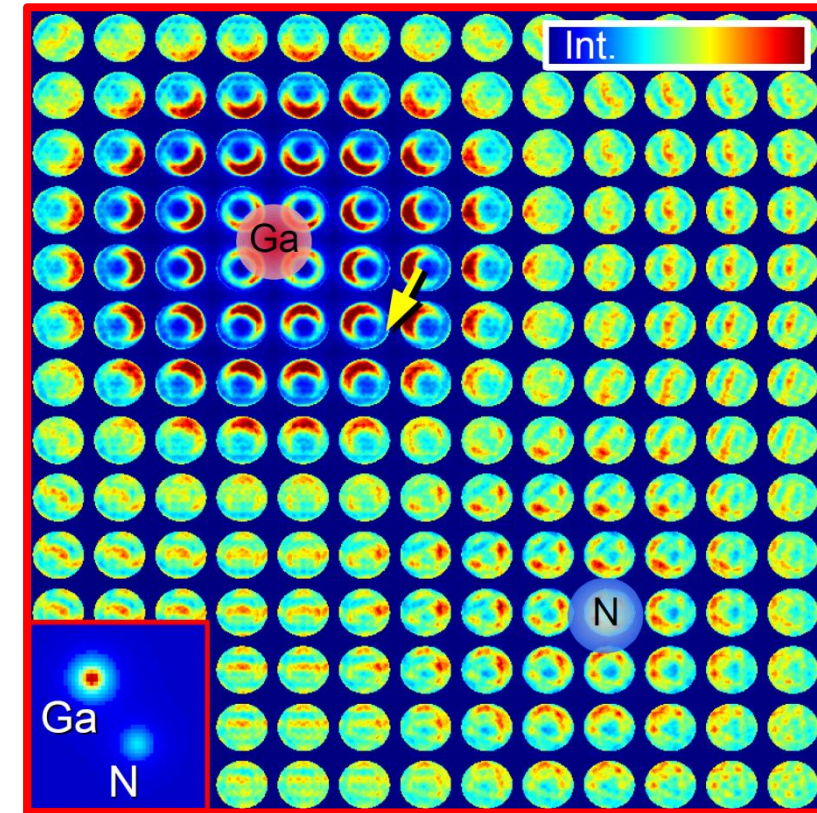


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STEM with full momentum resolution

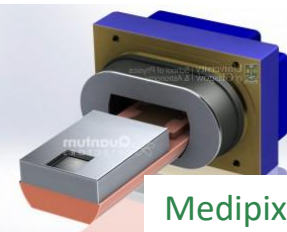
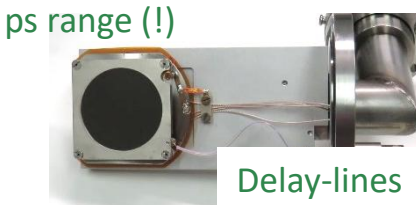
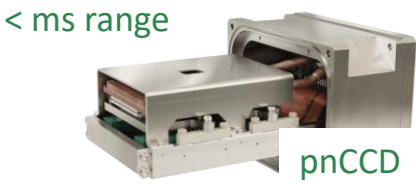
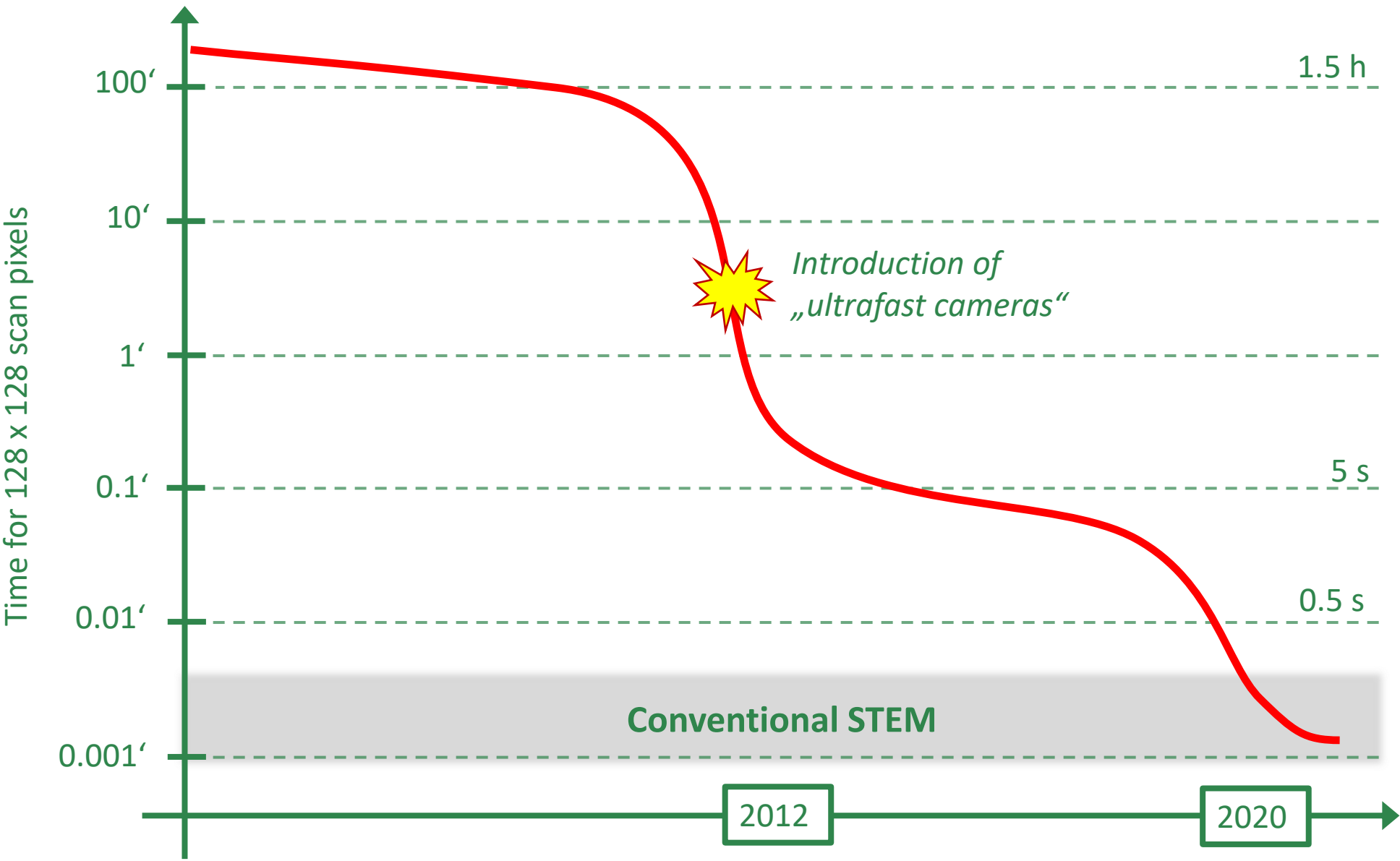


4-dimensional data set



Full diffraction pattern at each scan position

Ultrafast cameras



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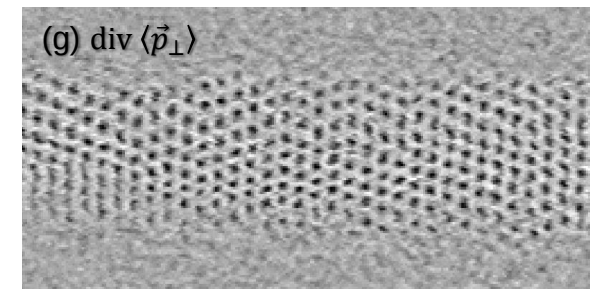
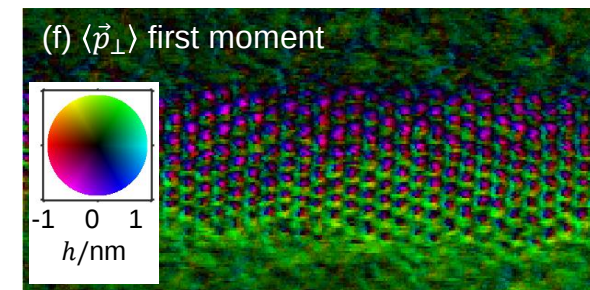
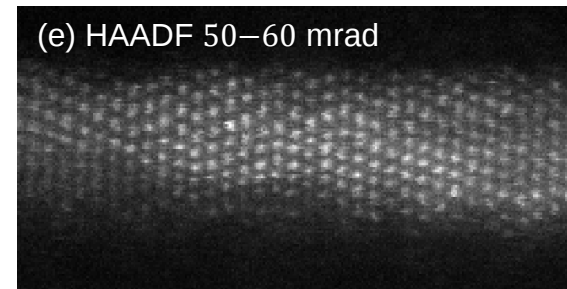
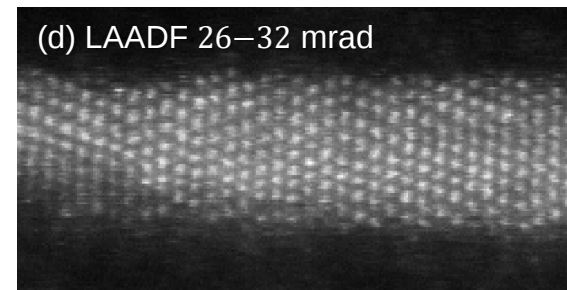
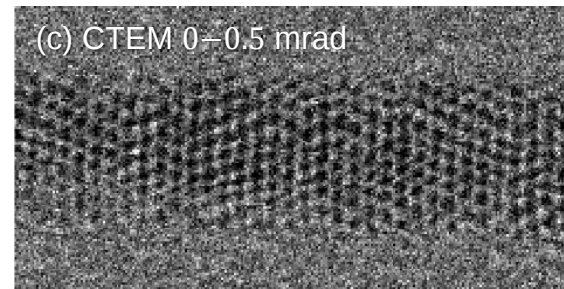
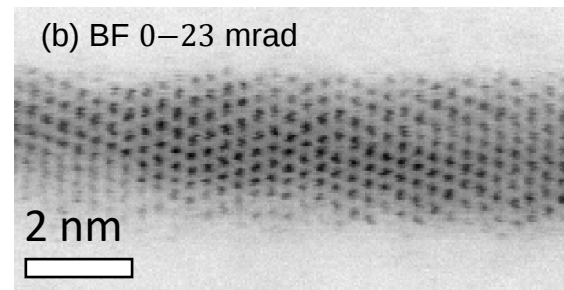
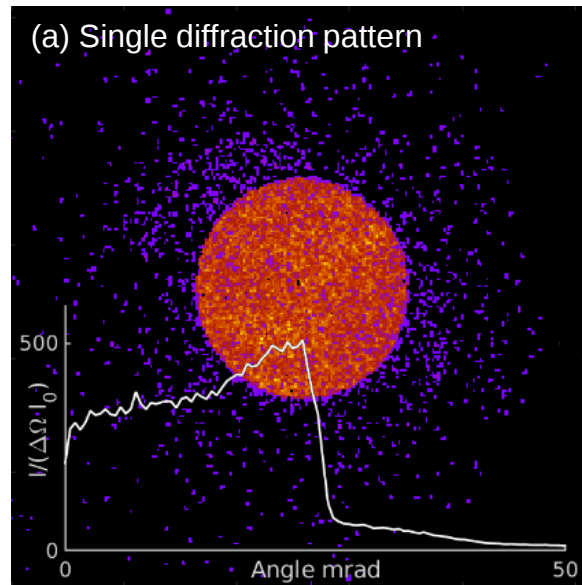
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Momentum-resolved STEM: Allows versatile characterisation in addition to position-sensitivity

Conventional STEM

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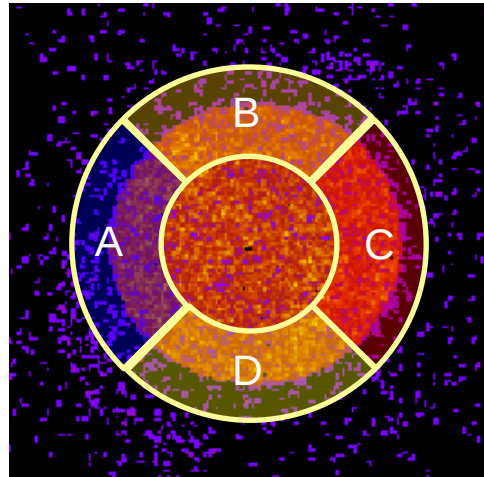
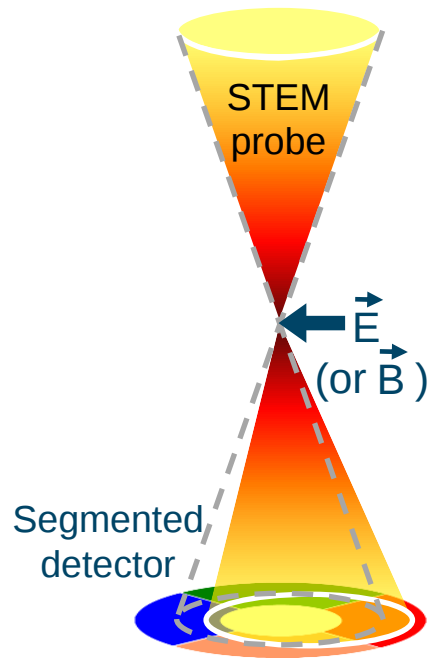
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Approximating first moment with segmented detectors: Transfer function?

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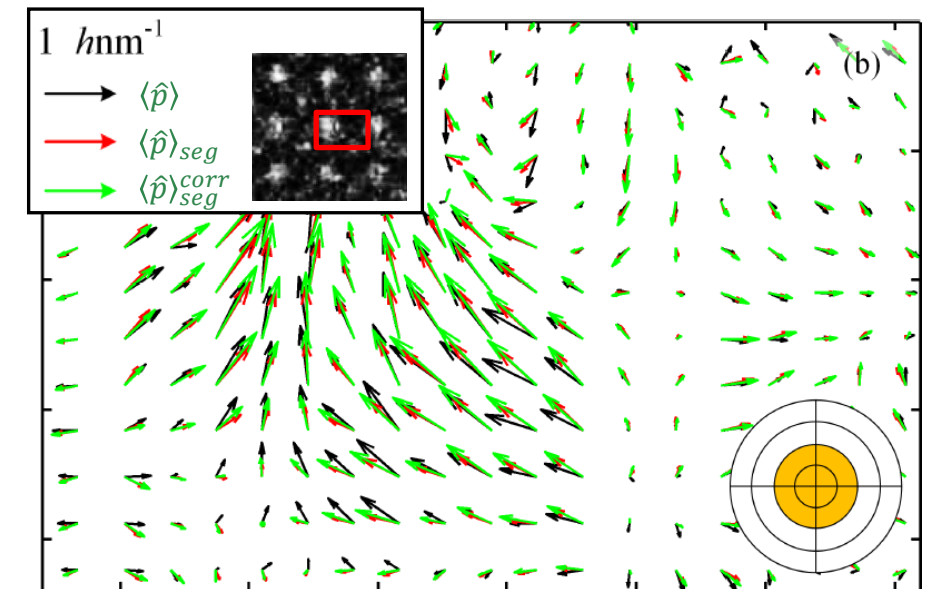


- Opposite segment differences approximate $\langle \hat{p} \rangle$:

$$\langle \hat{p} \rangle_{seg} \sim \begin{pmatrix} C - A \\ D - B \end{pmatrix}$$

- Correction for transfer function (Fourier space):

$$\mathcal{F}\{\langle \hat{p} \rangle_{seg}^{corr}\} = \frac{TF_{first\ moment}}{TF_{segment\ Det.}} \cdot \mathcal{F}\{\langle \hat{p} \rangle_{seg}\}$$



- Segmented DPC yields first moments approximately
- Difficult to quantify, difficult to correct by TF

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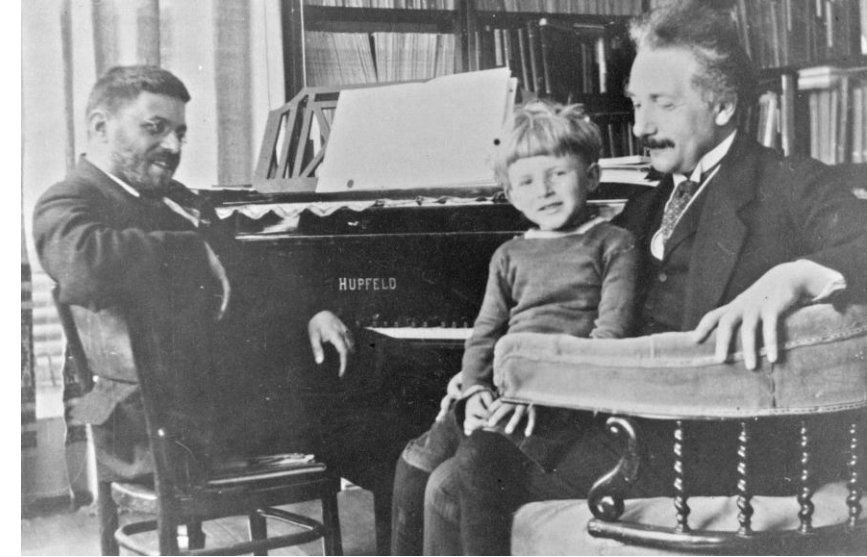
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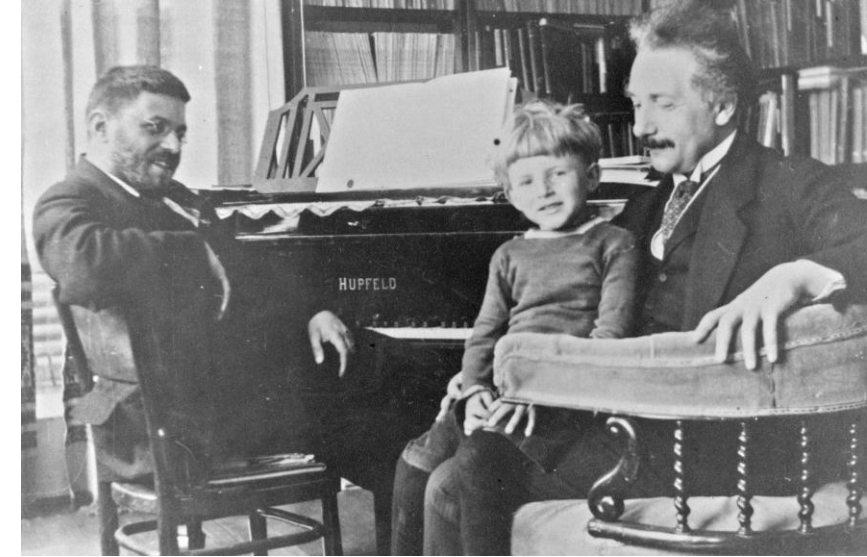
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From the commutator $[\hat{H}, \hat{o}]$ we have to evaluate the expression

$$[\hat{p}_\perp^2, \hat{p}_\perp] = [\hat{p}_\perp \hat{p}_\perp, \hat{p}_\perp] = \hat{p}_\perp [\hat{p}_\perp, \hat{p}_\perp] + [\hat{p}_\perp, \hat{p}_\perp] \hat{p}_\perp = 0 \quad .$$

What remains is the potential part (care: $\vec{\nabla}_\perp$ acts on unwritten wave function, too):

$$\left[-e\hat{V}(\vec{r}), \frac{\hbar}{i} \vec{\nabla}_\perp \right] = -e \frac{\hbar}{i} (\hat{V}(\vec{r}) \vec{\nabla}_\perp - \vec{\nabla}_\perp \hat{V}(\vec{r}) - \hat{V}(\vec{r}) \vec{\nabla}_\perp) = e \frac{\hbar}{i} \vec{\nabla}_\perp \hat{V}(\vec{r}) = -e \frac{\hbar}{i} \vec{E}_\perp$$



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we arrive at

$$\frac{d\langle \hat{p}_\perp \rangle}{dt} = -e \langle \vec{E}_\perp \rangle \quad .$$

An electron with velocity v travels a distance dz during time interval dt , thus

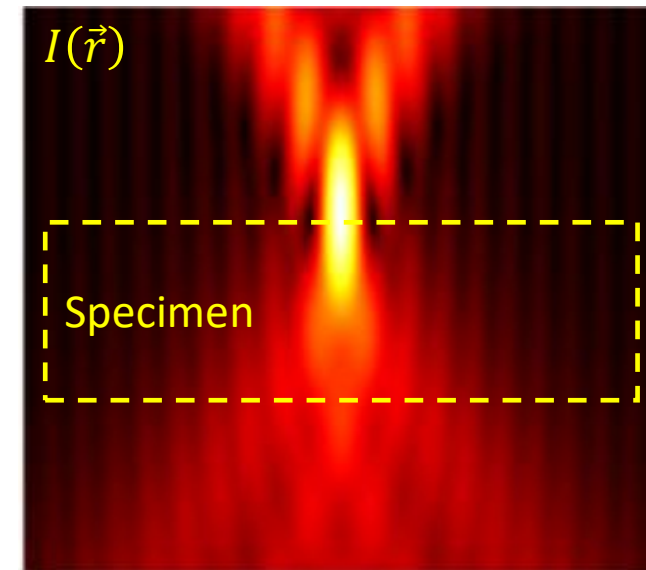
$$d\langle \hat{p}_\perp \rangle = \frac{-e}{v} \langle \vec{E}_\perp \rangle dz \quad .$$

This can be integrated to yield

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The **expectation value of the momentum** equals the integral over the product of **electric field and intensity** in the **whole interaction volume**.

This expression is **exact**.



From momentum transfer to electric field

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Problem:

$I(\vec{r})$ varies strongly in the specimen due to propagation and (multiple) scattering.

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Approximate $I(\vec{r})$ to be the intensity of the STEM probe in the whole specimen.

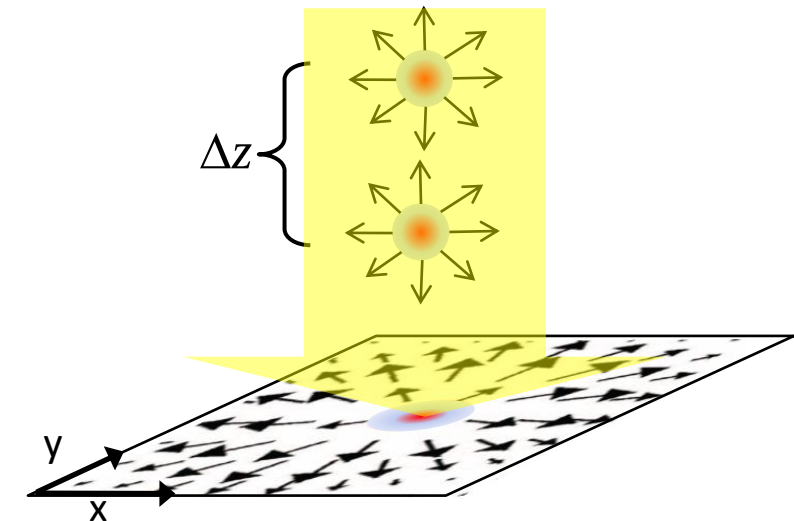
→ For thin specimen $I(\vec{r}) \approx I(\vec{r}_\perp) = I(x, y)$

→ Perform z Integration of $\vec{E}_\perp(\vec{r})$:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{p}_\perp \rangle &= \frac{-e}{v} \iiint \vec{E}_\perp(\vec{r}) dz \cdot I(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \frac{-e}{v} \iint \vec{E}_\perp^P(x, y) \cdot I(x, y) dx dy \end{aligned}$$

Projected electric field [V]:

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$$I(x, y) = I^c(x - X, y - Y)$$

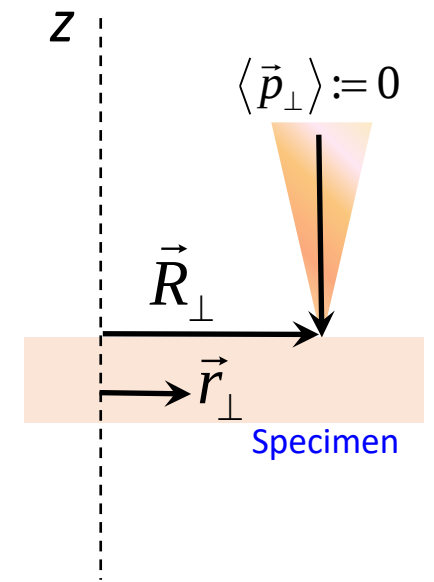
Thus:

$$\langle \hat{p}_\perp(\vec{R}) \rangle = \frac{-e}{v} \iint \vec{E}_\perp^P(x, y) \cdot I^c(x - X, y - Y) dx dy$$

Or:

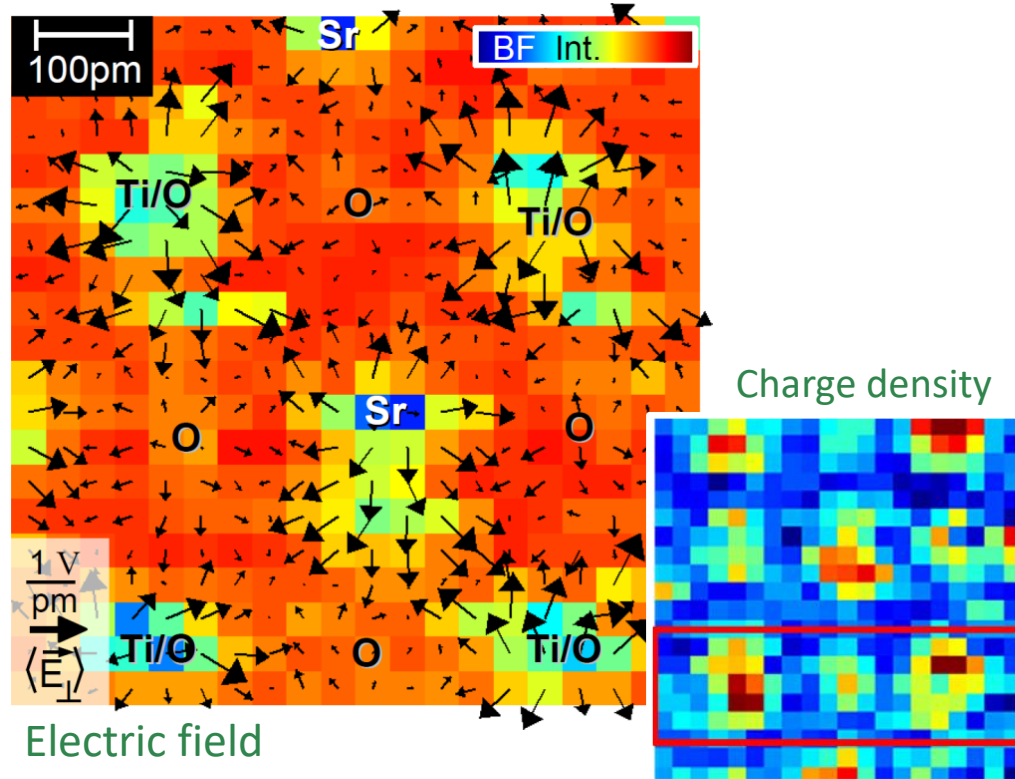
$$\langle \hat{p}_\perp(\vec{R}) \rangle = \frac{-e}{v} [I^c \star \vec{E}_\perp^P]$$

The average momentum transfer in a thin specimen equals the cross-correlation ($\star$) of the intensity of the STEM probe and the projected electric field.

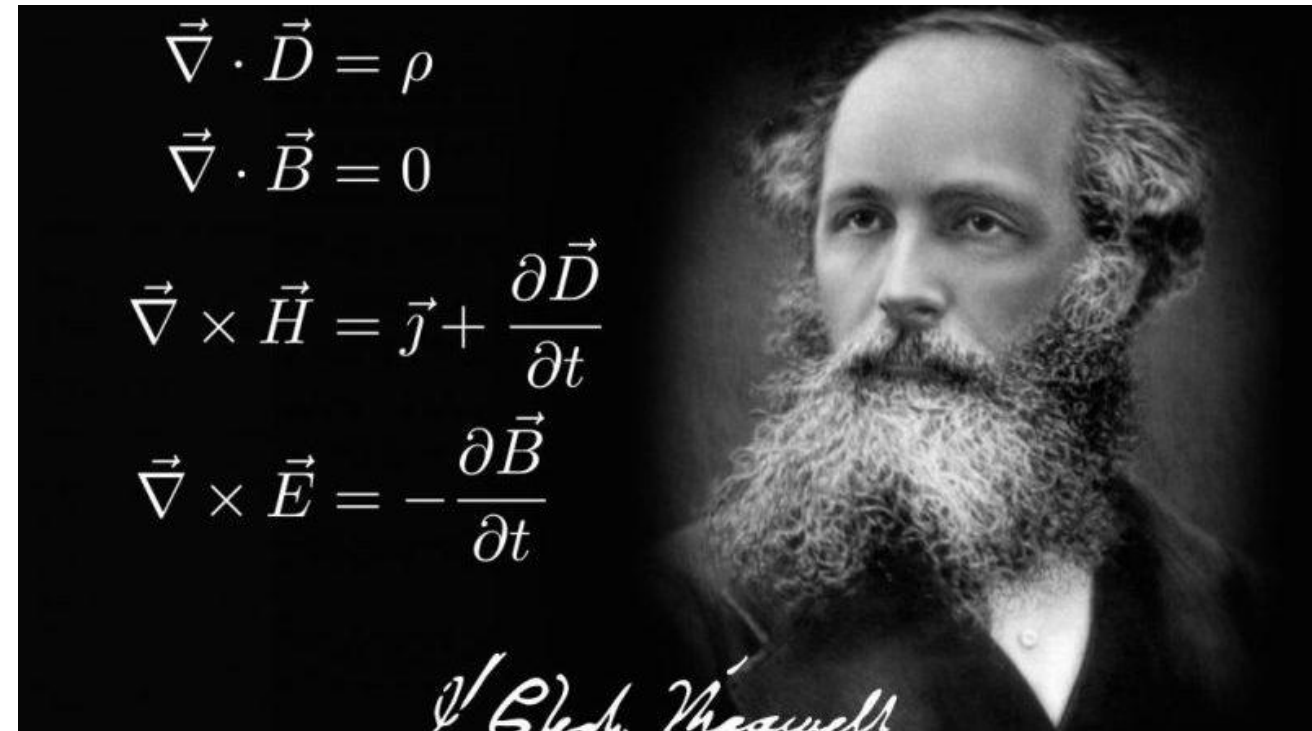


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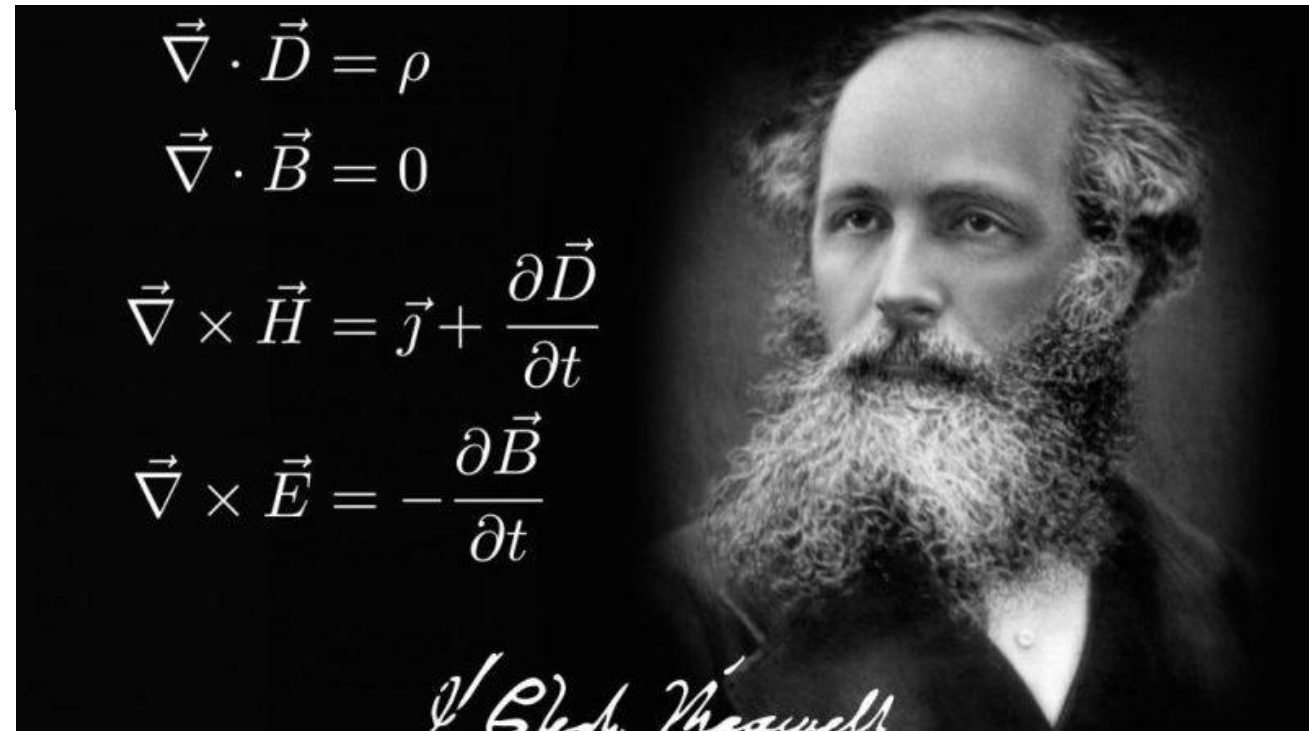
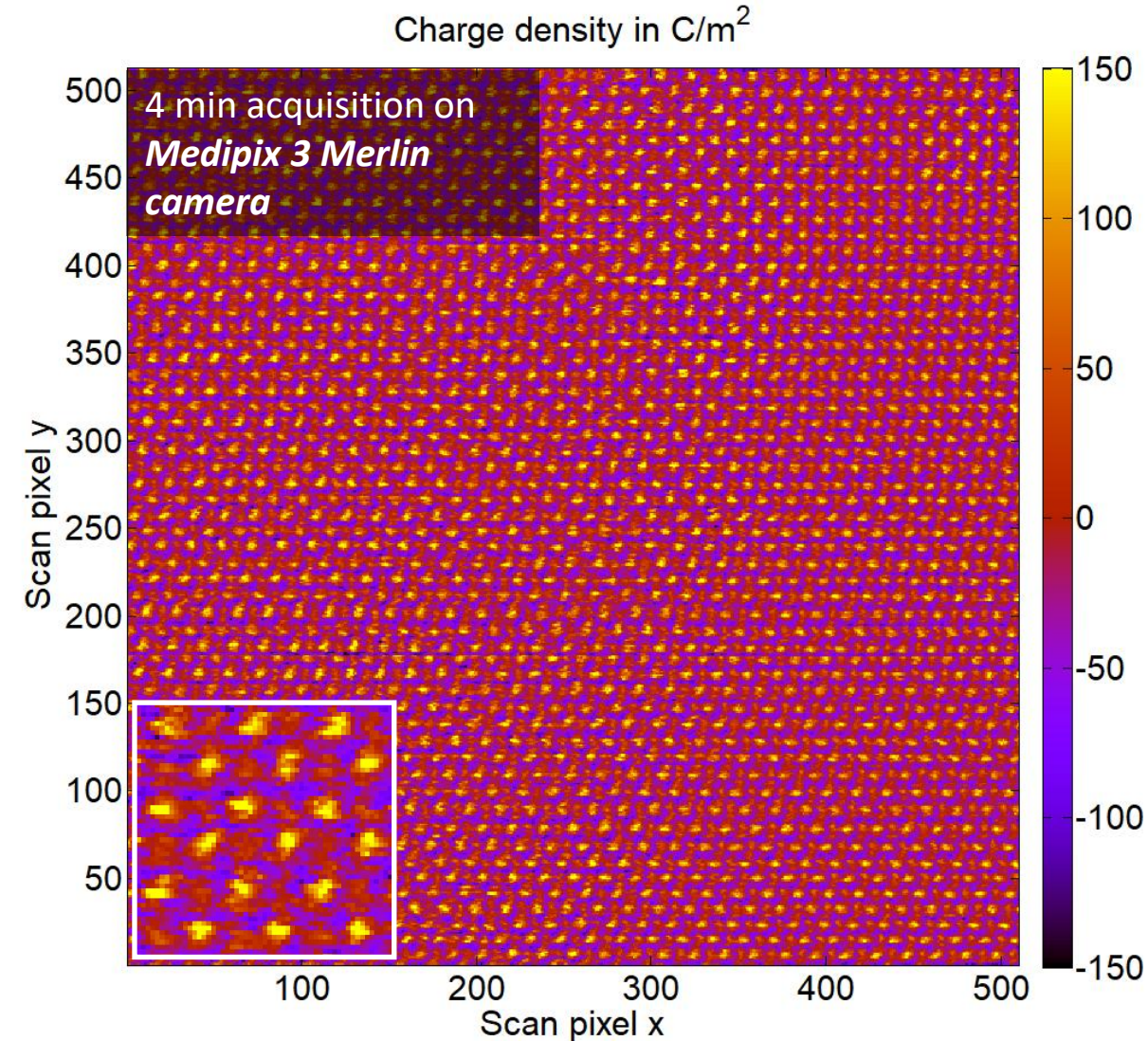


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$$\frac{\vec{q}}{2\pi i q^2} \cdot \mathcal{F}[\vec{E}](\vec{q}) = \mathcal{F}[V](\vec{q})$$

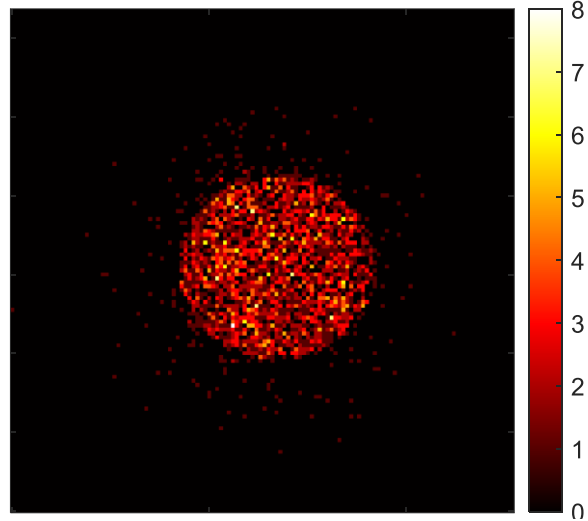
Inverse Fourier Transform:

$$V(\vec{r}) = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\vec{q}}{2\pi i q^2} \cdot \mathcal{F}[\vec{E}](\vec{q}) \right\}(\vec{r})$$

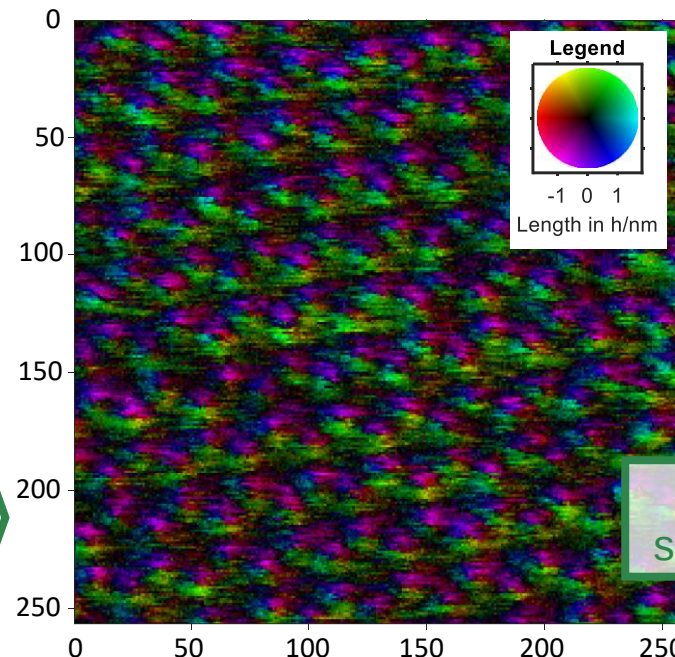
1. Fourier transform $\vec{E}$ component-wise
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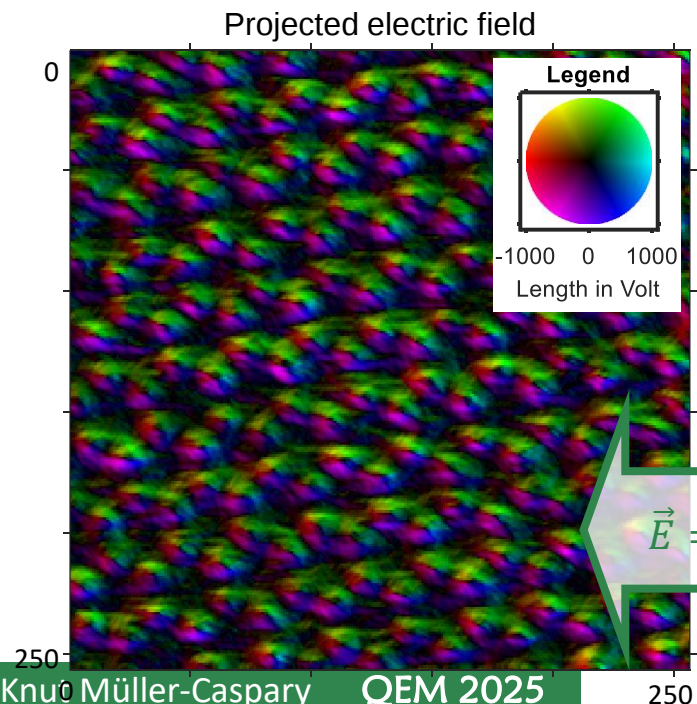
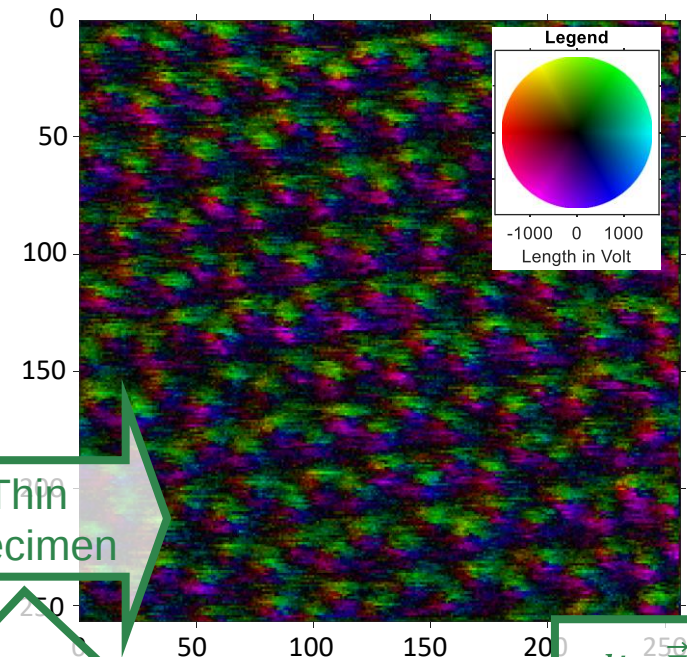
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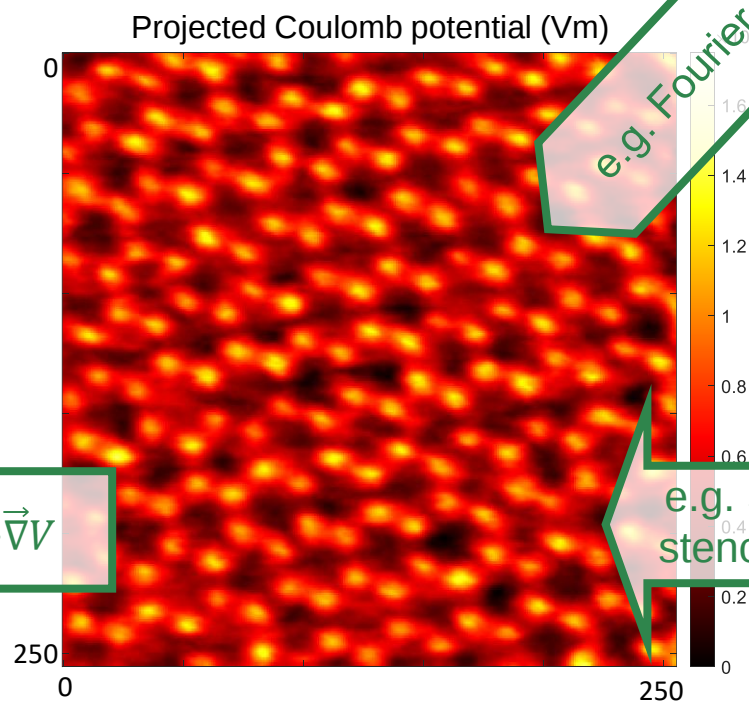
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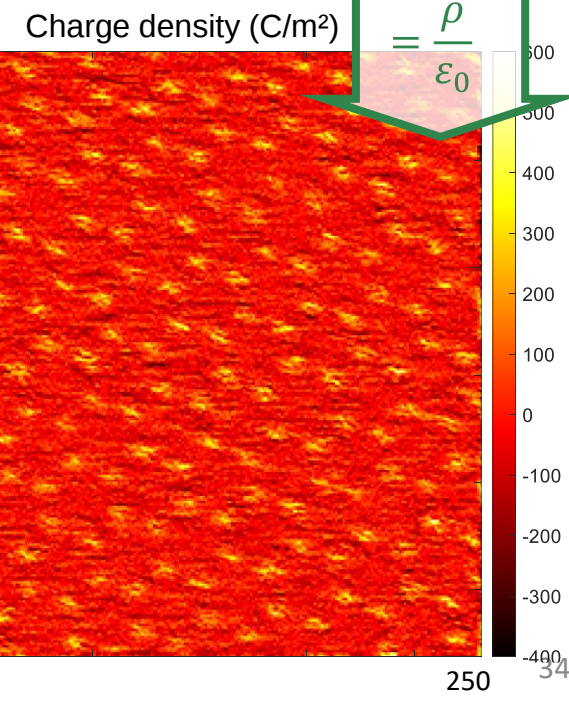


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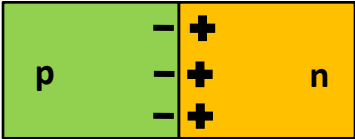
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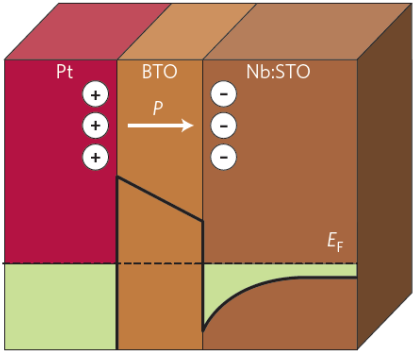
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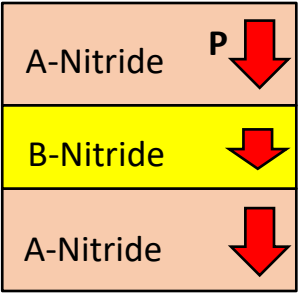
Motivation



Electric field at pn-Jct.



Ferroelectric Tunnel Jct.



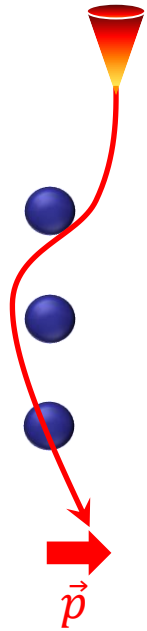
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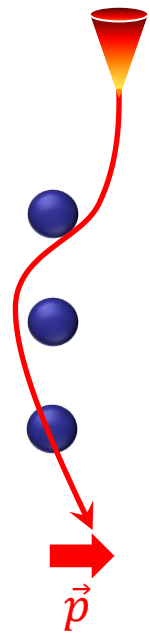
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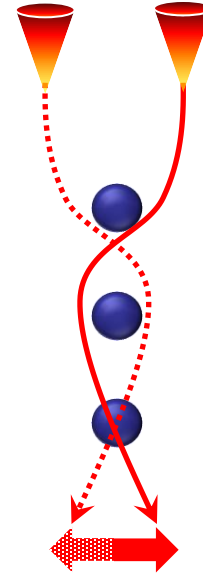
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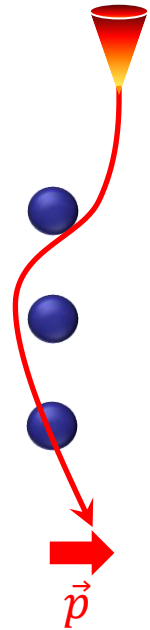
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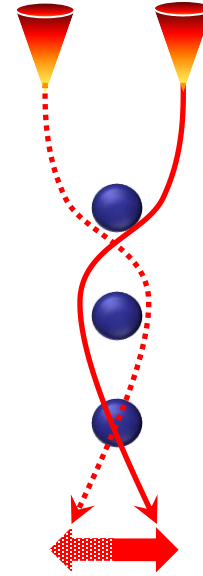
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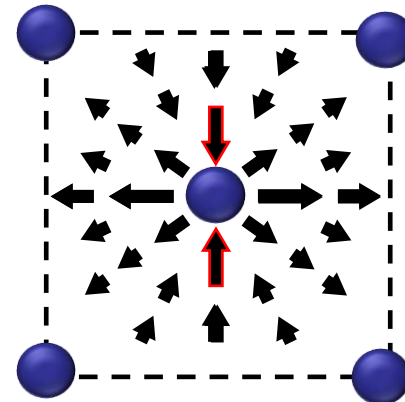
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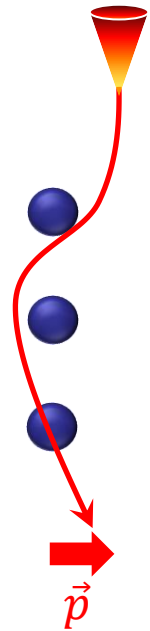
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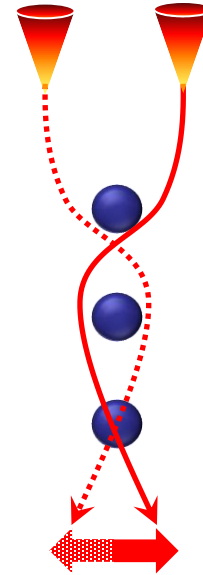
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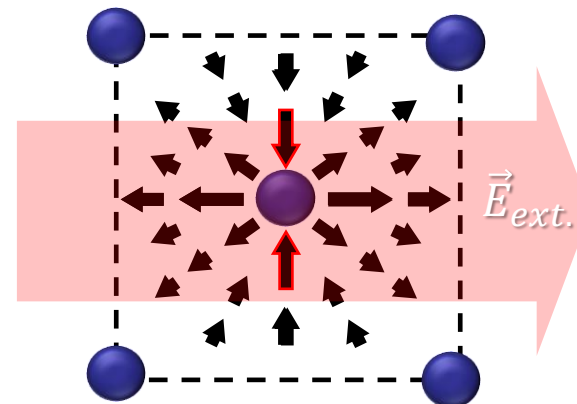
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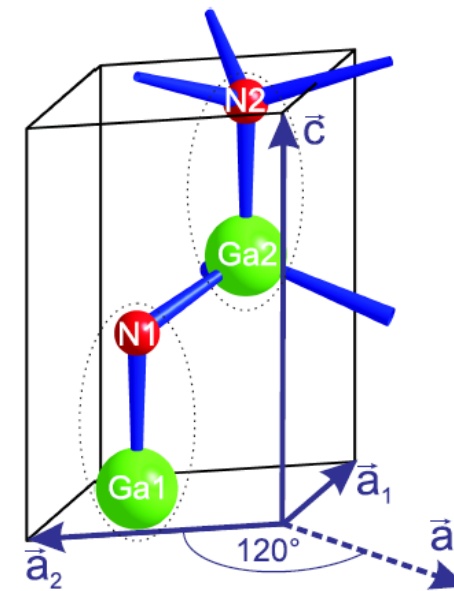
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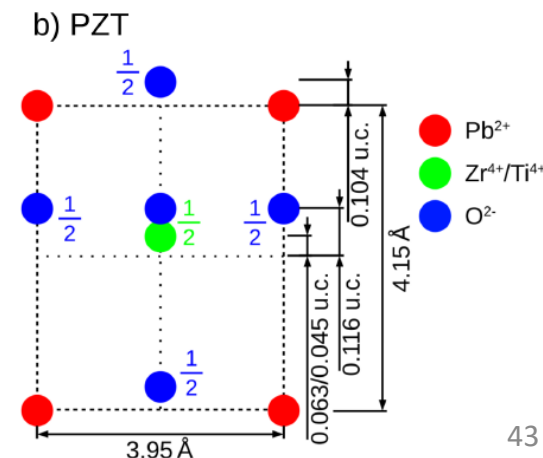
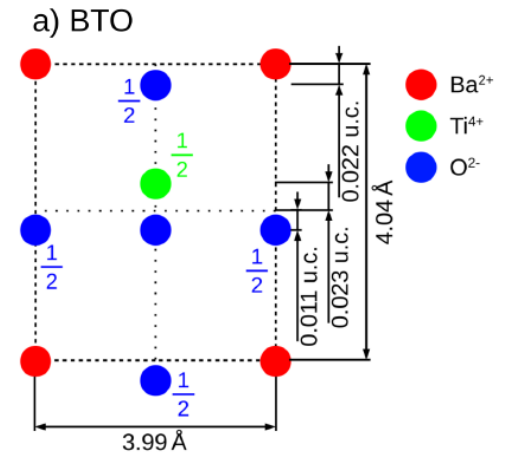
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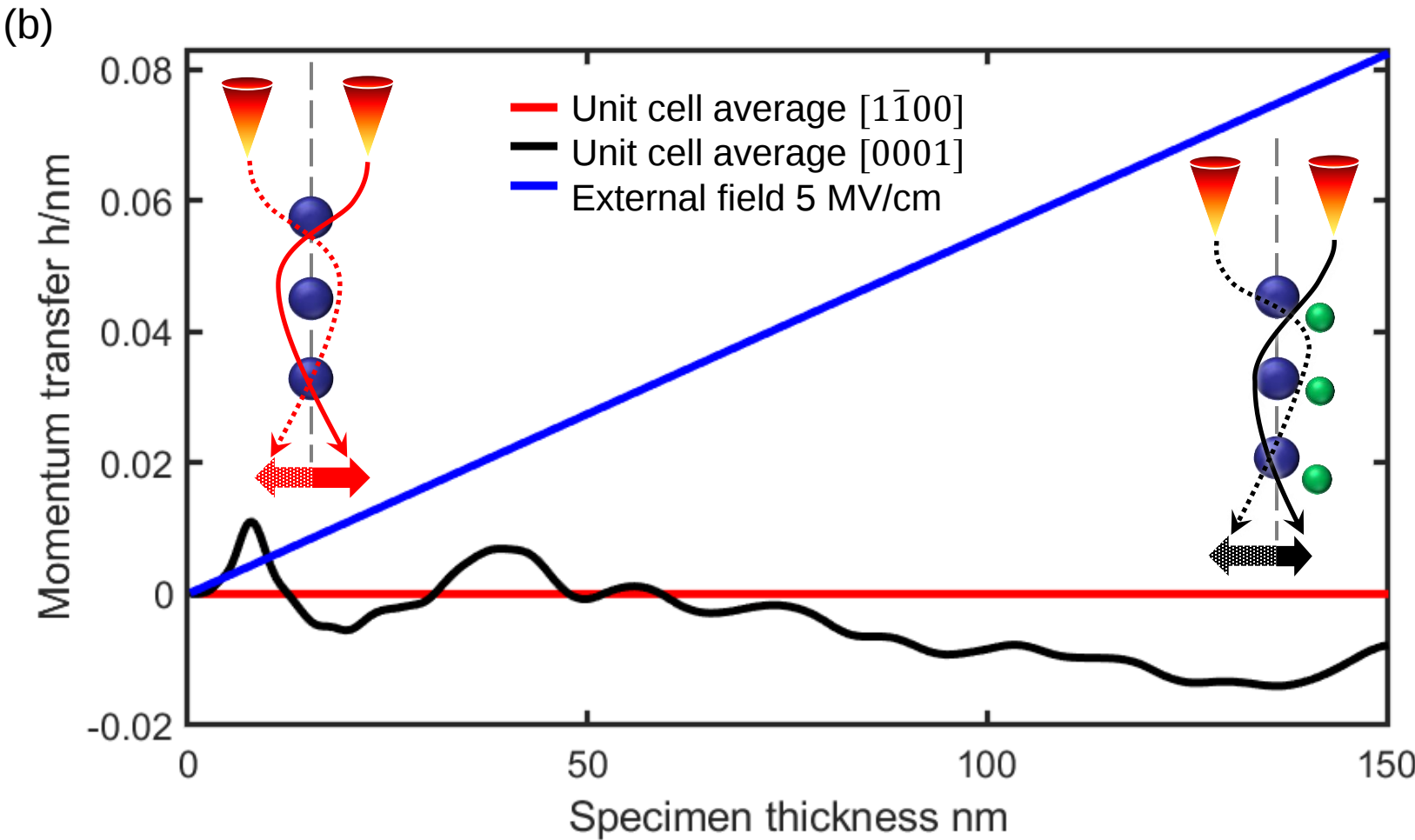
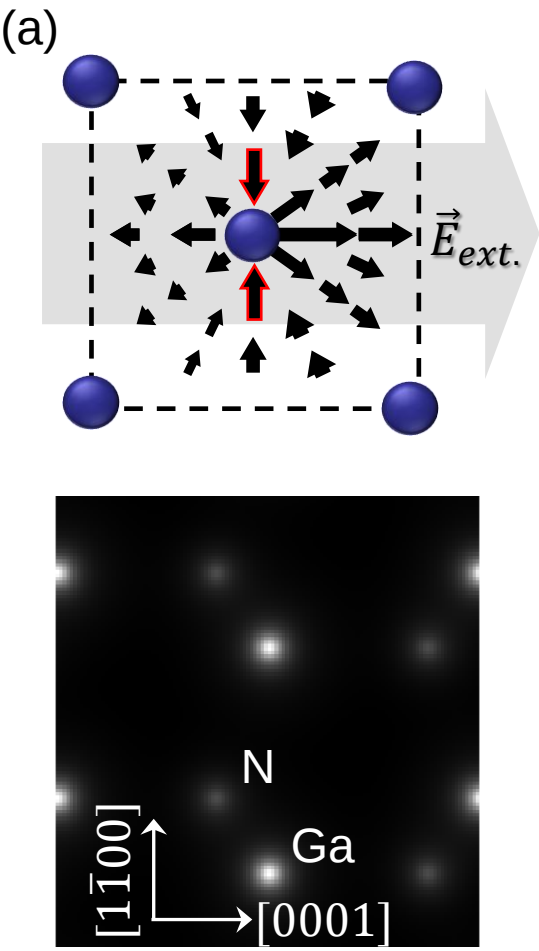


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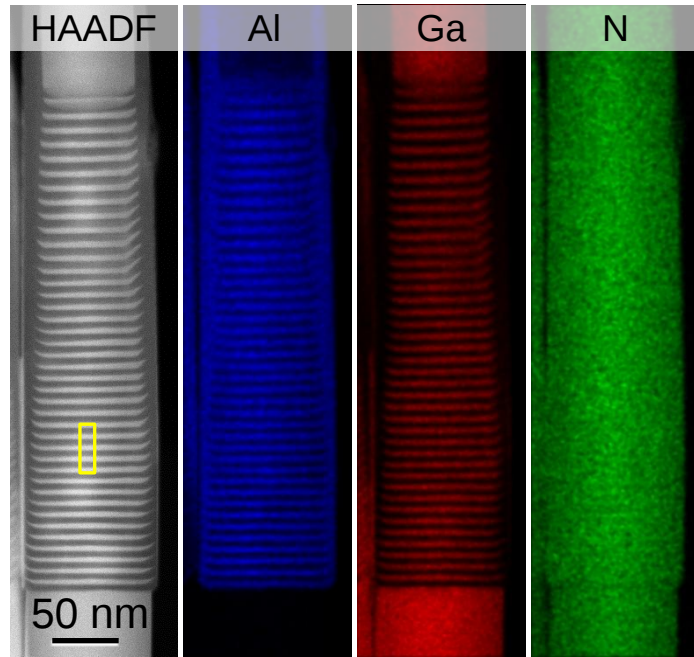
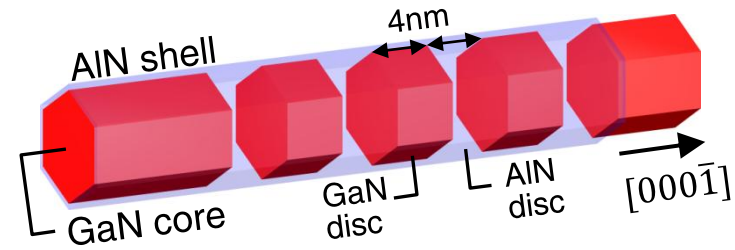
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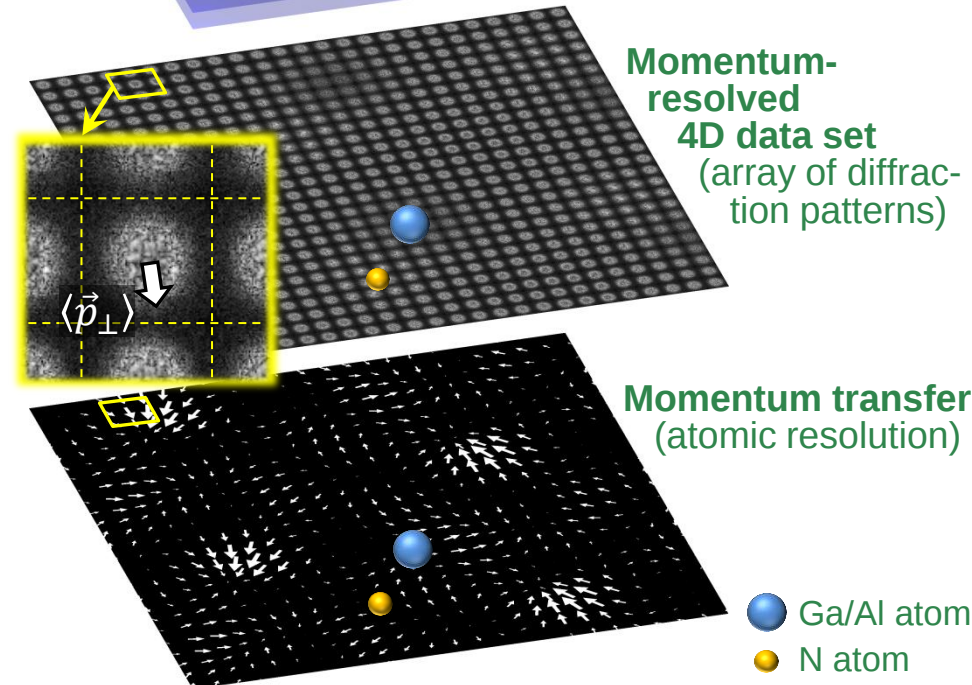
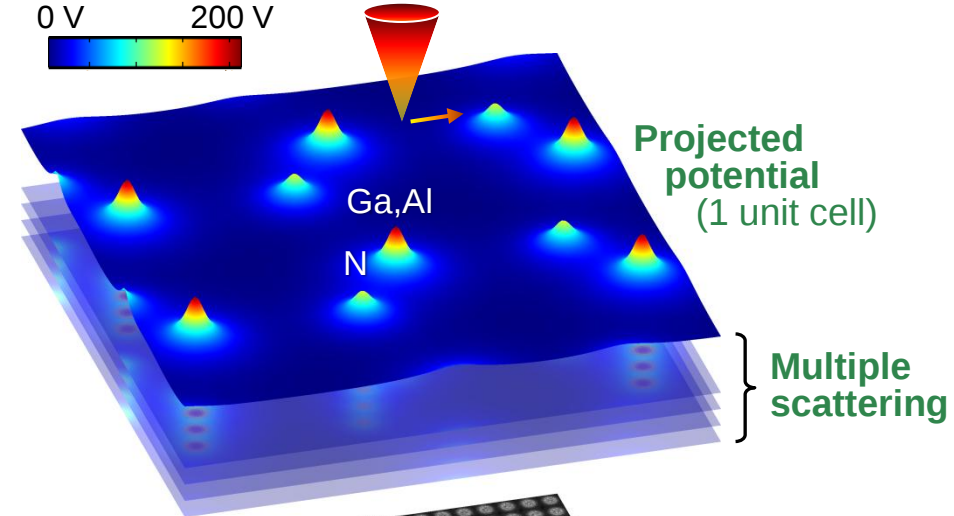


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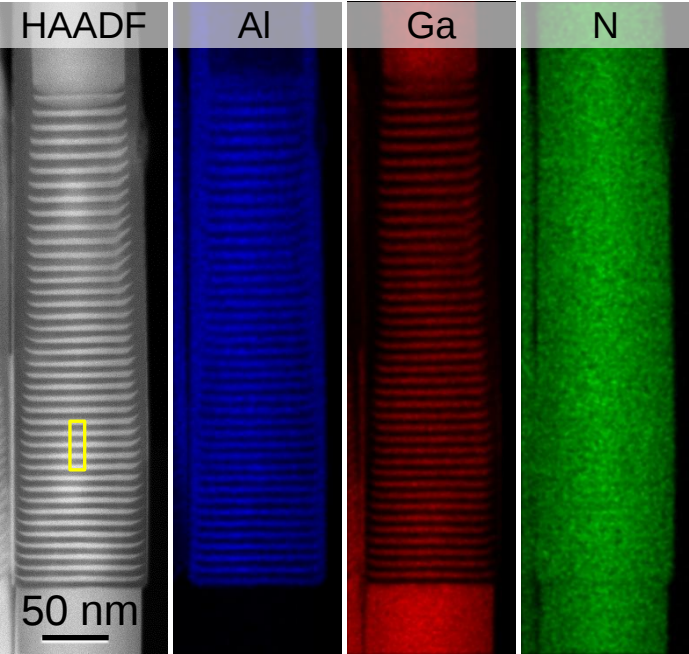
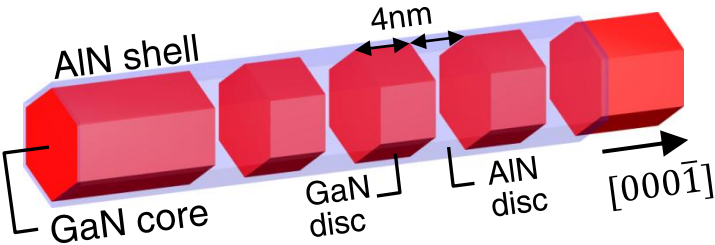


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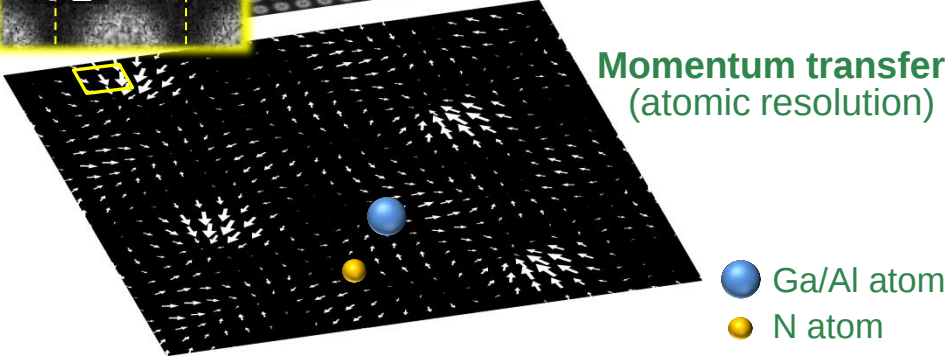
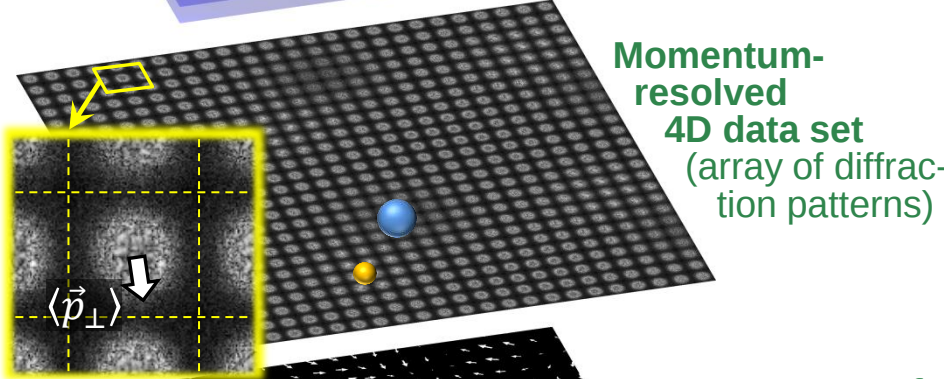
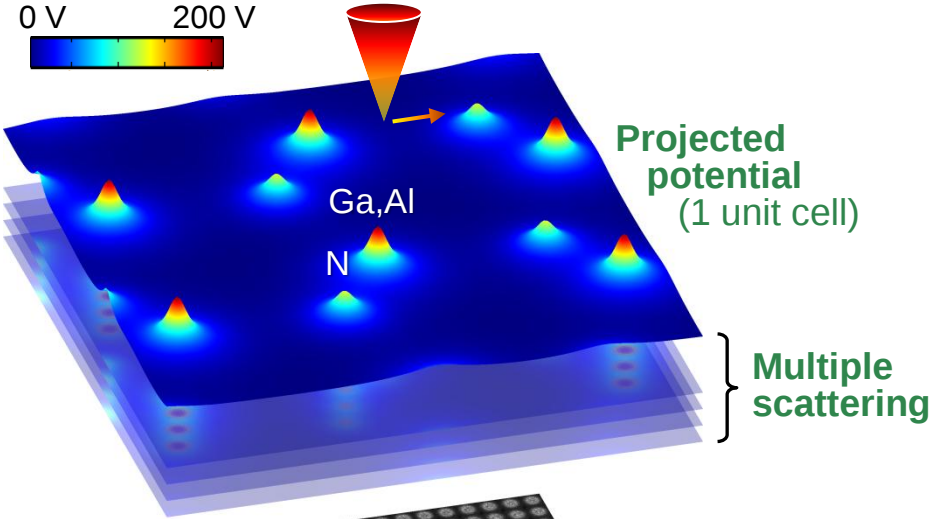


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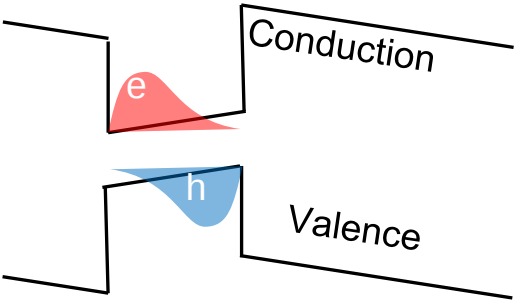
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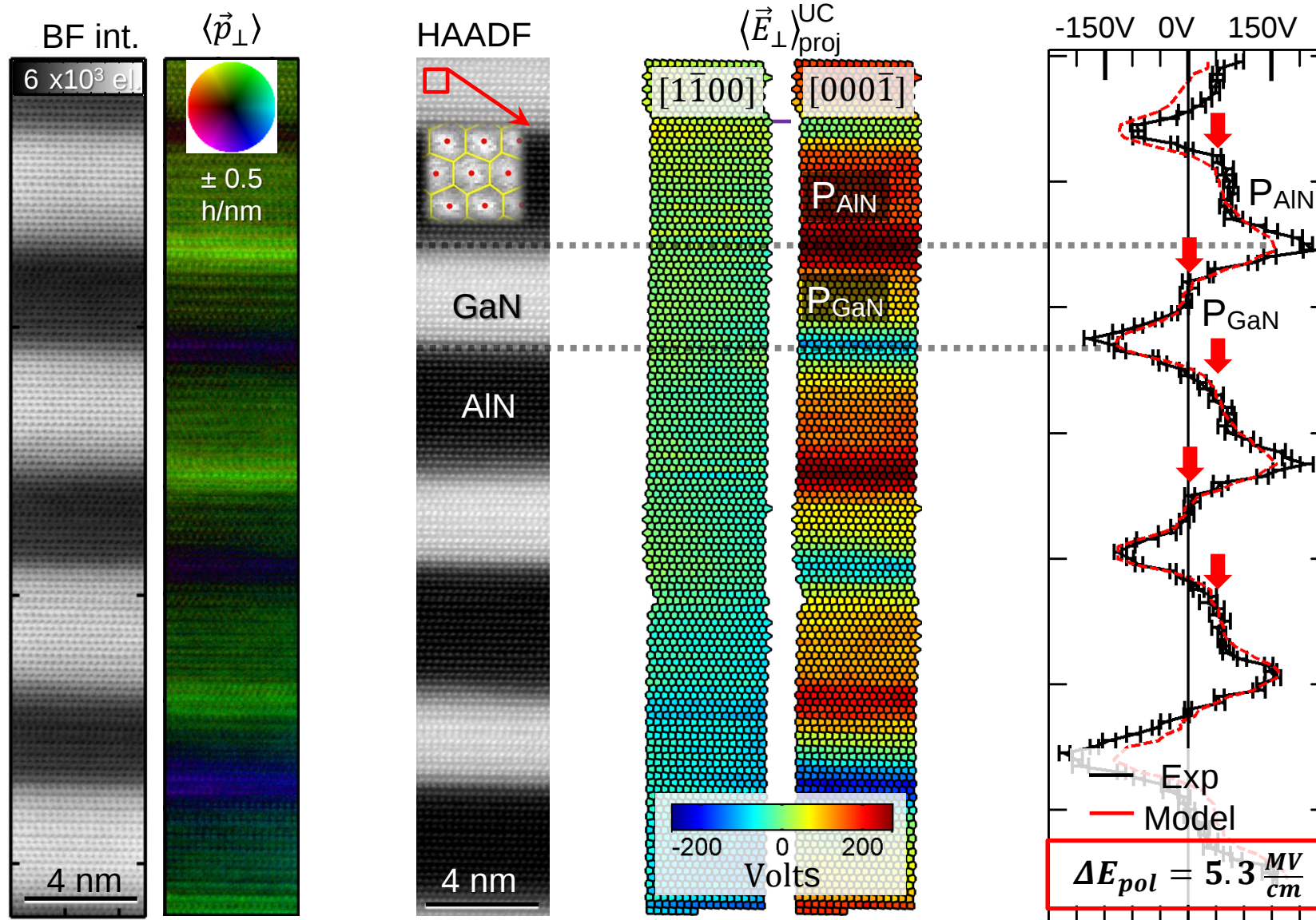
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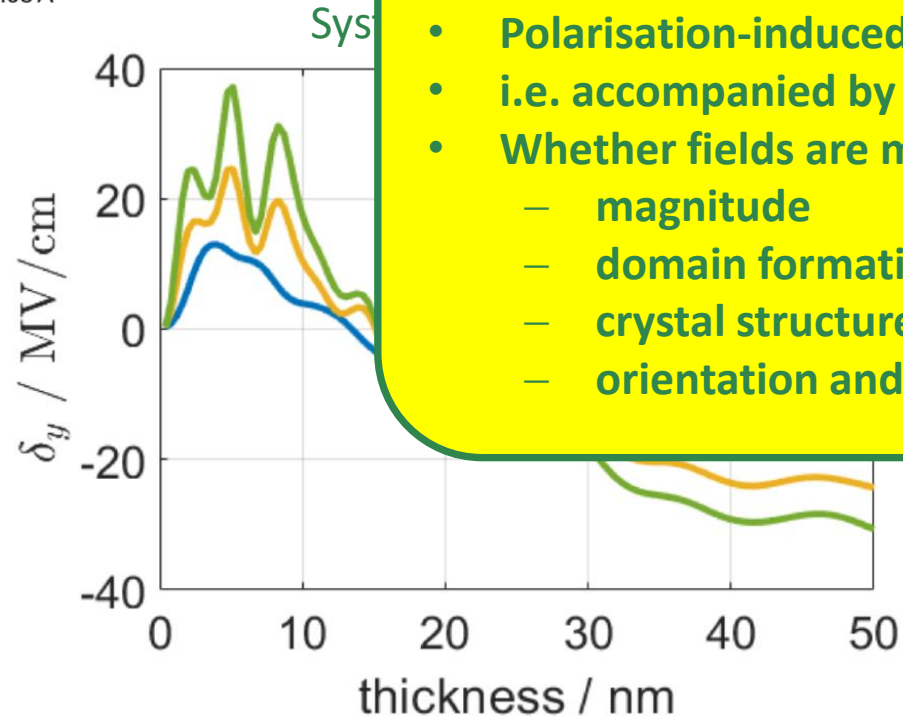
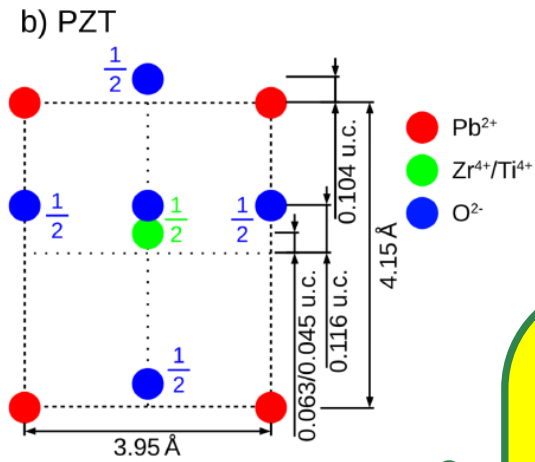
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Measurement of polarisation-induced electric fields



- Polarisation-induced electric fields at unit-cell resolution
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Summary polarisation fields

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 - crystal structure
 - orientation and thickness gradients



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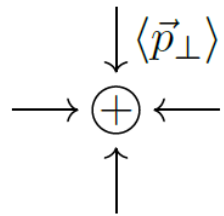
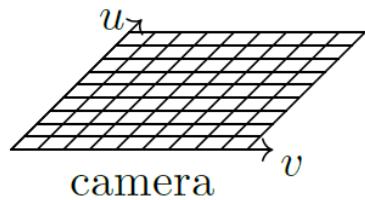
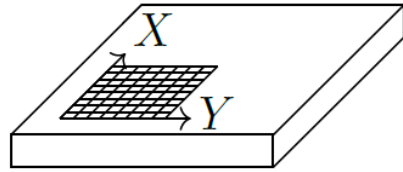
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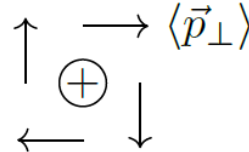
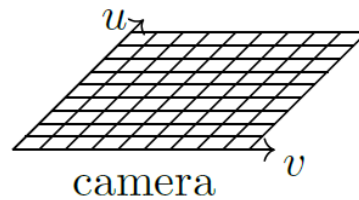
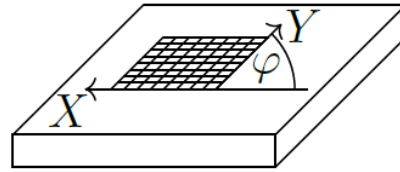
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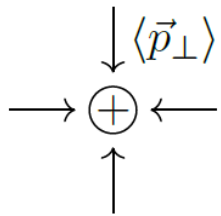
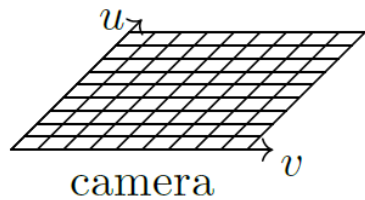
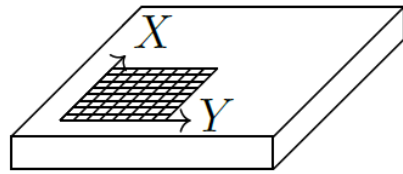
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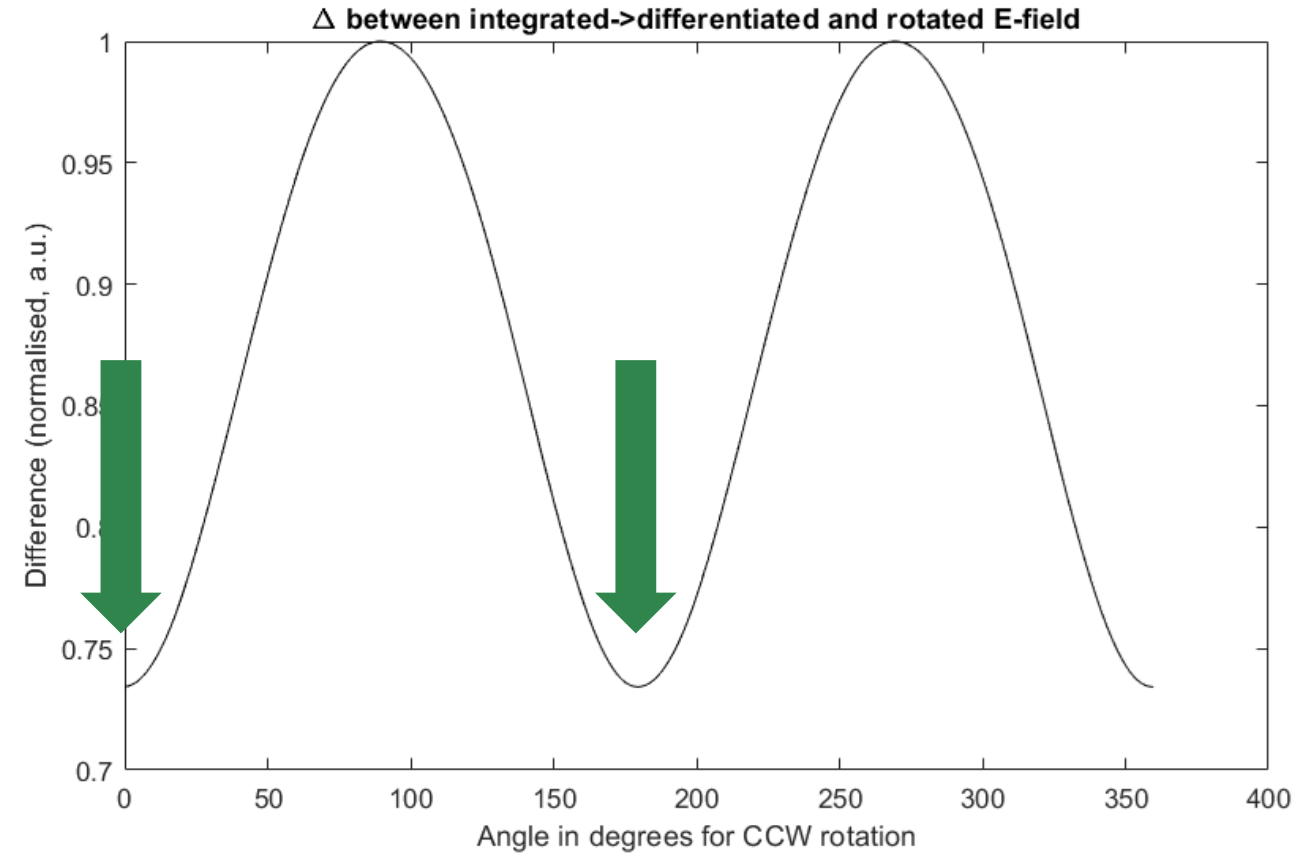
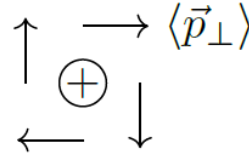
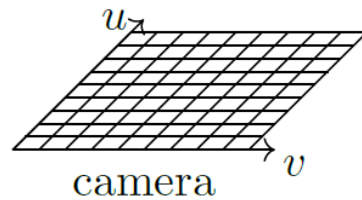
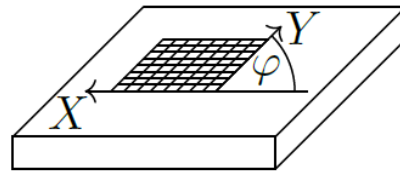
- *Usually*, the momentum vector field is registered in the coordinate system of the **scan**.
 - Momentum vectors are *usually* determined in the coordinate system of the **camera**.
 - In almost all cases both coordinate systems are **rotated** against each other.
 - This can cause a **gradient** field to appear as a **curl** field
- Measure correct rotation and
→ Correct directions of measured momentum transfers

Practice hint 2: Relative rotation between scan and camera

(a) No rotation



b) Rotation $\varphi = \pi/2$

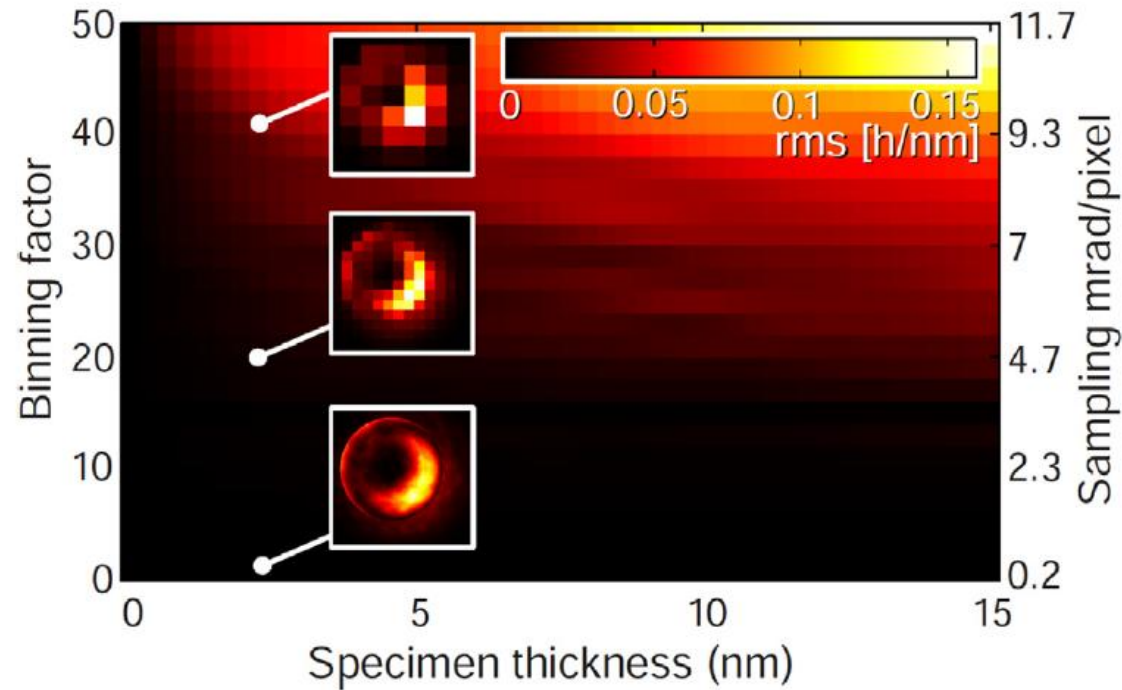


One method: Minimize

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) + \vec{\nabla} \left[\mathcal{F}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\vec{q}}{2\pi i q^2} \cdot \mathcal{F}[\vec{E}](\vec{q}) \right\} (\vec{r}) \right]$$

by varying the rotation of $\vec{E}$

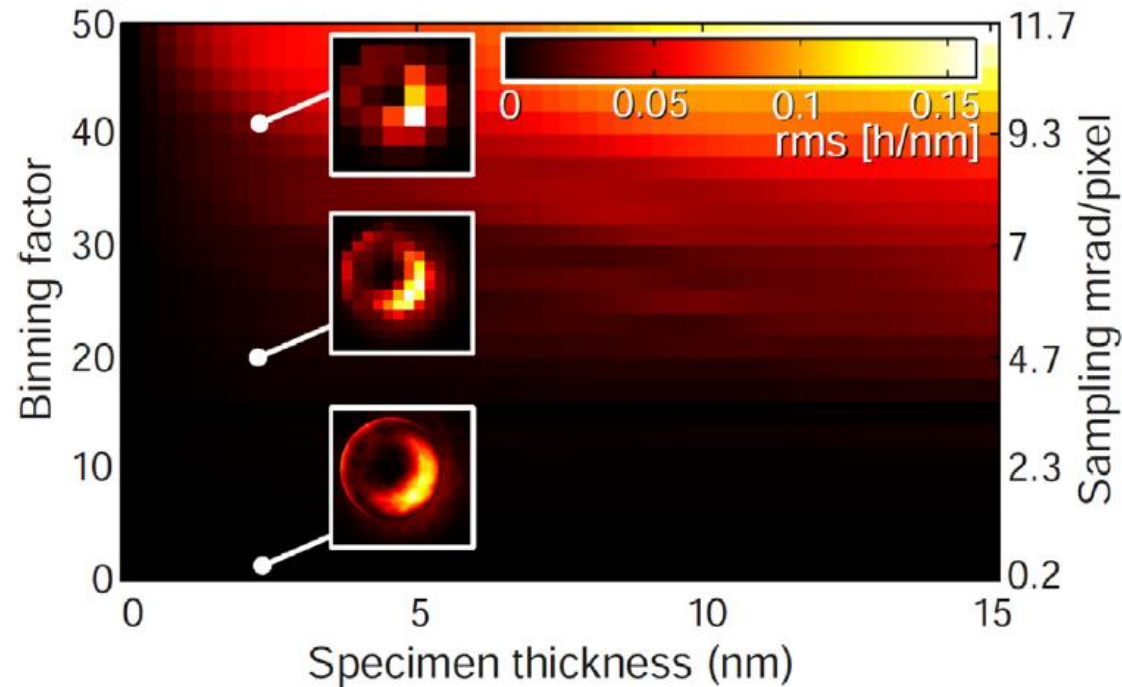
Practice hint 3 & 4: Sampling in diffraction space and cutoff



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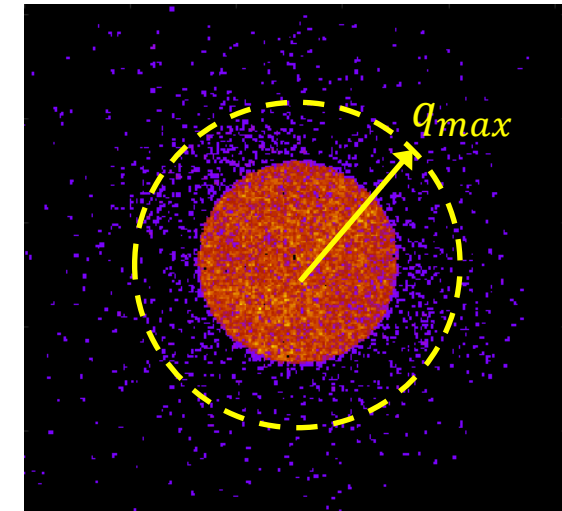
In the strict sense:

- **Infinite** integration limits for first moment:

$$\langle \vec{p}_\perp(\vec{R}) \rangle = h \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \vec{q}_\perp I(\vec{q}_\perp, \vec{R}) d^2 q$$

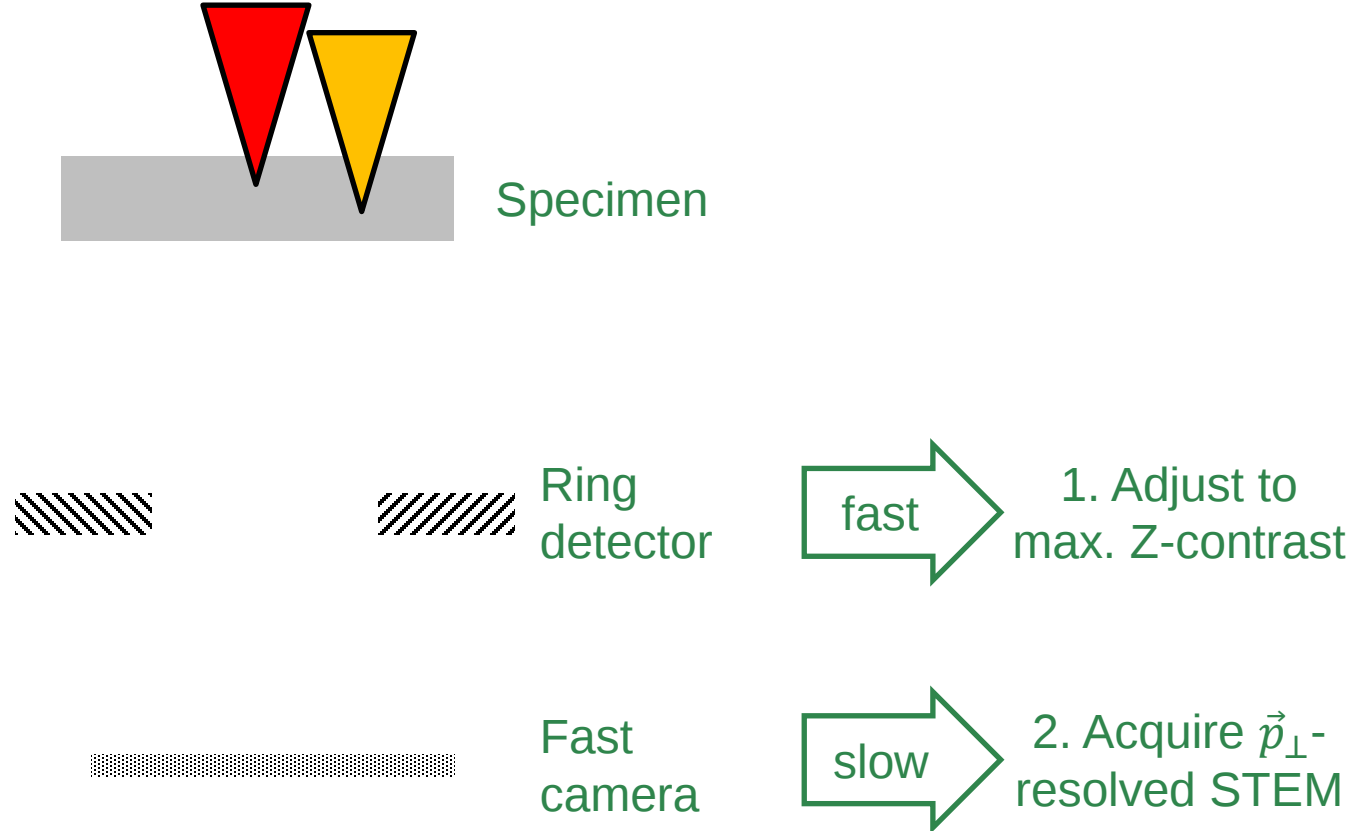
- **However:**

- Detectors are finite
- Cutoff depends on camera length

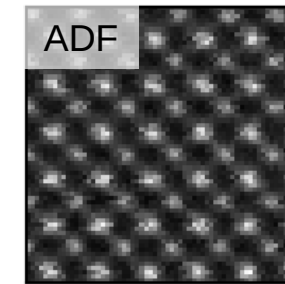


- No **general** rule for robust cutoff
- Should be checked such that $\langle \vec{p}_\perp(\vec{R}) \rangle$ **converges** when increasing q_{max}
- Rule of thumb: q_{max} in the range of **1.2 – 1.5 x Ronchigram radius**

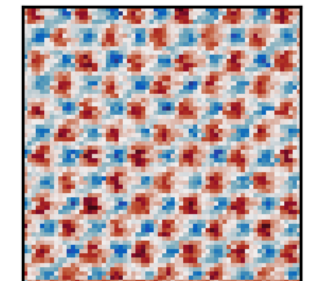
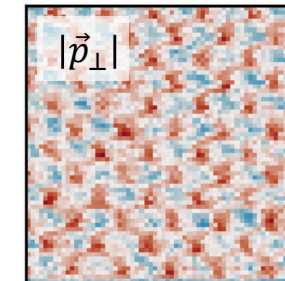
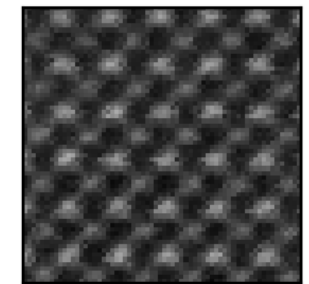
Practice hint 5: Signal-dependent focus



Result

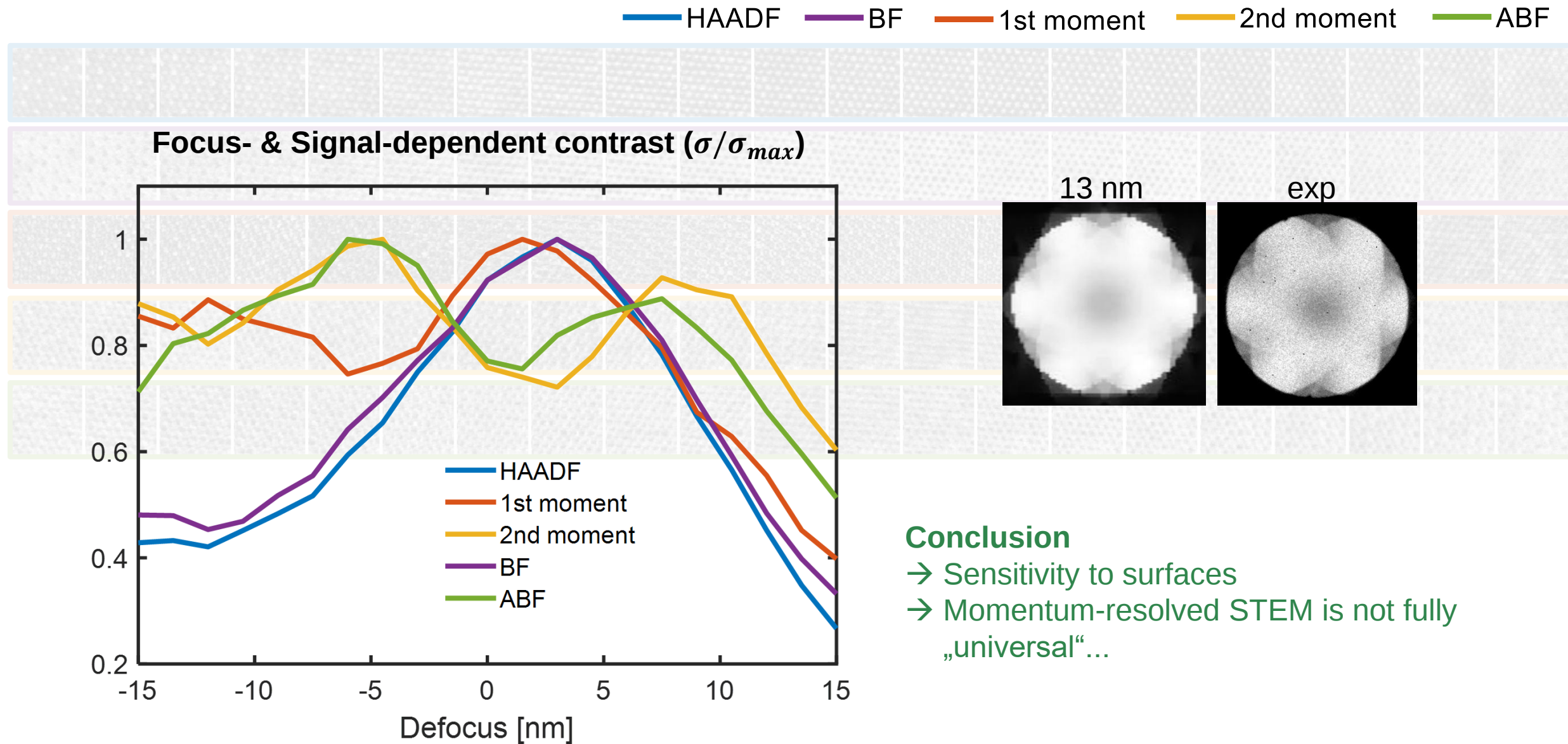


Result



- The optimum focus is signal-dependent
- Angle dependence?
- Consequence: Pixelated detectors are not really universal
- → **Focal series momentum-resolved STEM ...**

Focal series momentum-resolved STEM

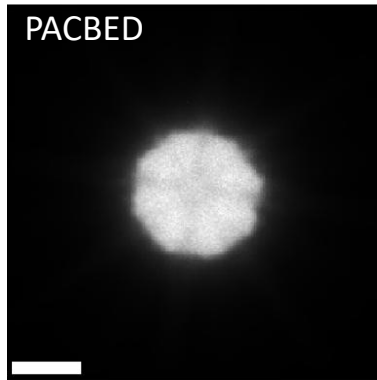


Conclusion

- Sensitivity to surfaces
- Momentum-resolved STEM is not fully „universal“...

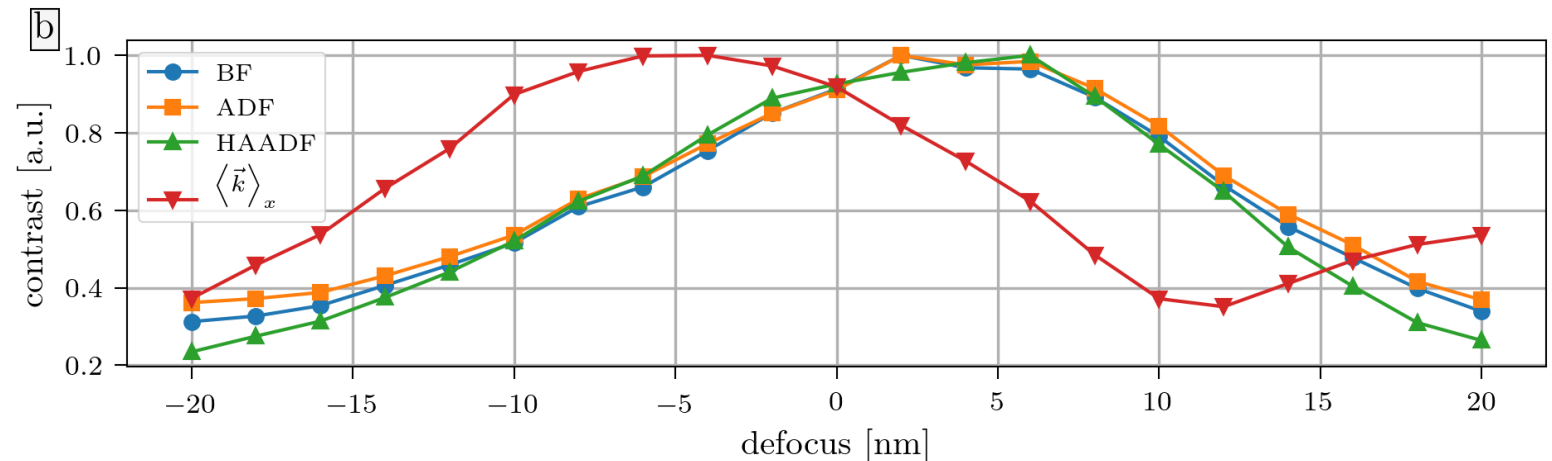
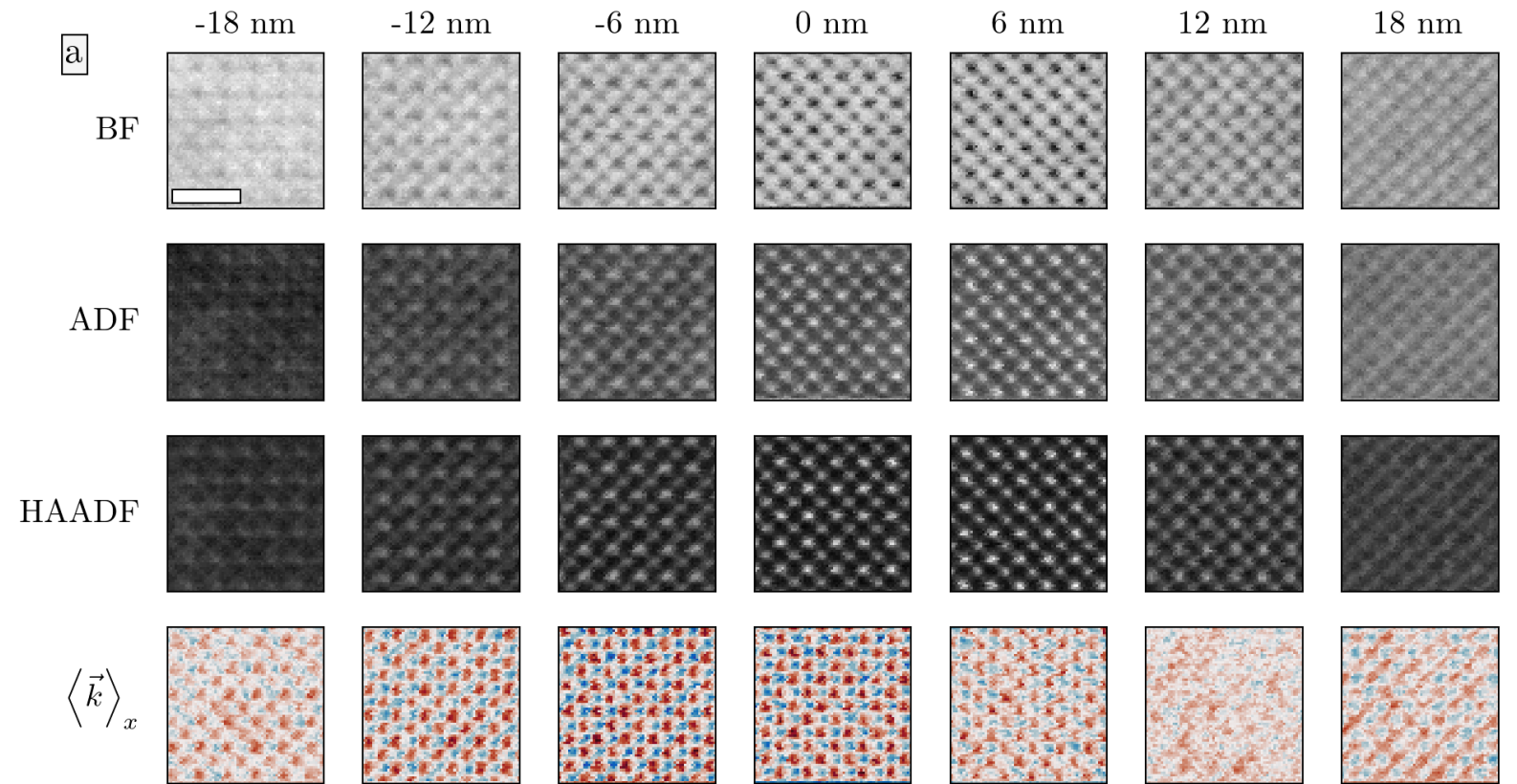
Focal series momentum-resolved STEM

And this effect can be much worse even!

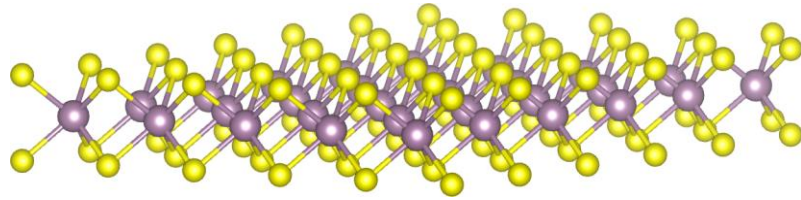


Medipix data,
unfiltered

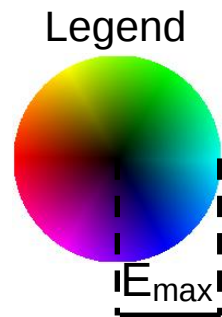
It is recommended to focus on the first moment before recording (not the HAADF), since both signals might have different optimum foci.



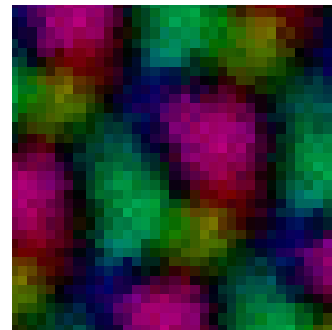
Coherence



Monolayer MoS₂

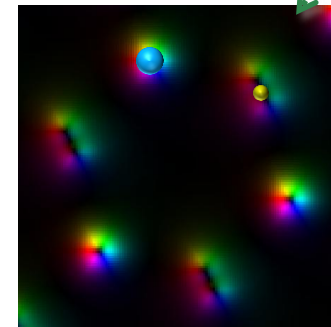


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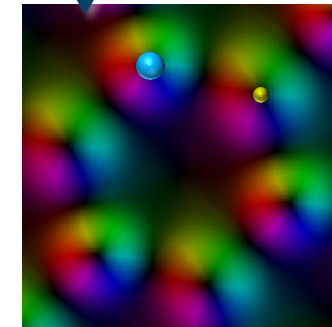


$E_{\max} = 100\text{V}$

$$\langle \vec{p}_{\perp} \rangle = \frac{-e}{v} (\vec{E}_P * I_0)(\vec{R})$$



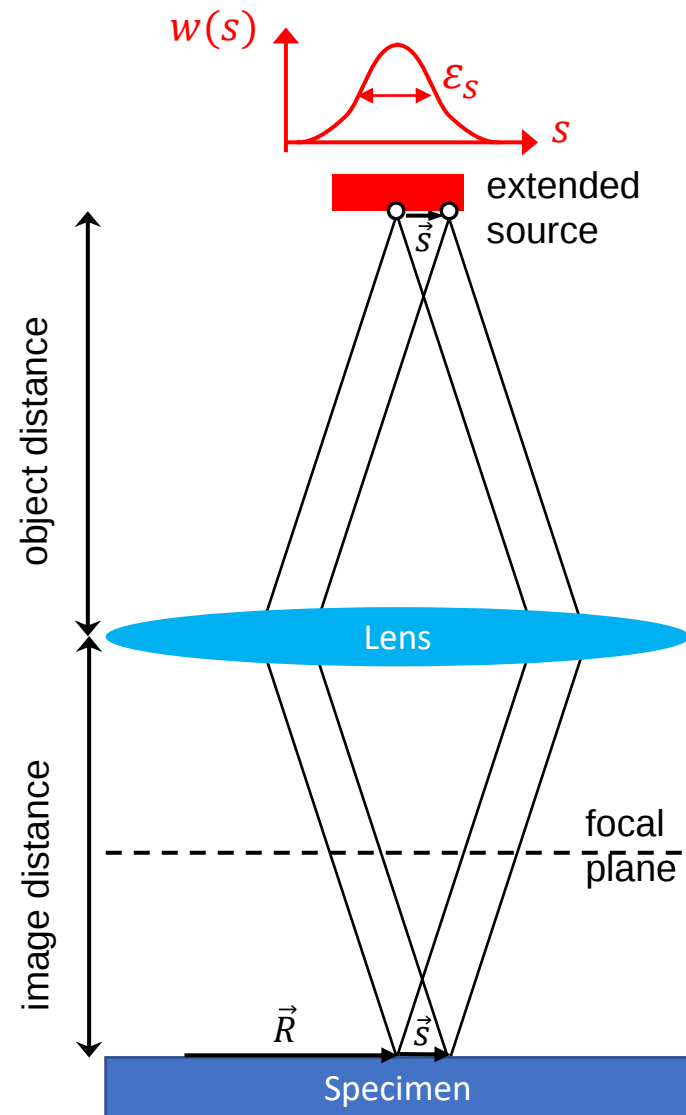
$E_{\max} = 2.5\text{kV}$



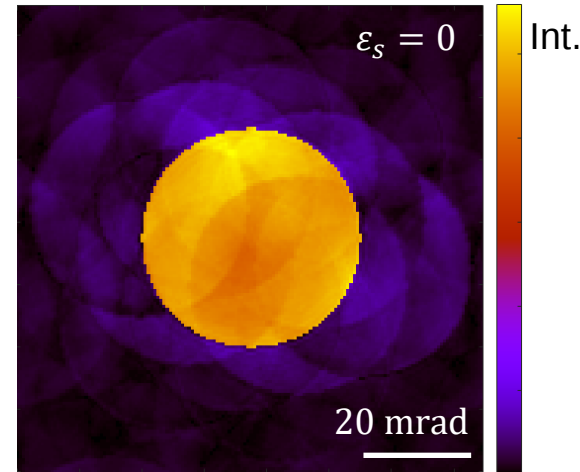
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- Simulation does **not match at all**

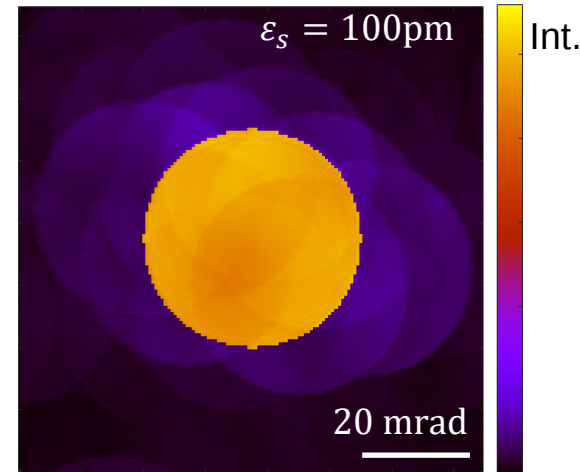
Coherence (spatial)



(b) Coherent diffraction



(c) Partially coherent



1. Intensity of diffraction pattern formed by source point $\vec{s}$ at nominal scan position $\vec{R}$:

$$w(s) \cdot K(\vec{p}, \vec{R} + \vec{s})$$

2. Recorded diffraction pattern: Incoherent summation over all source points:

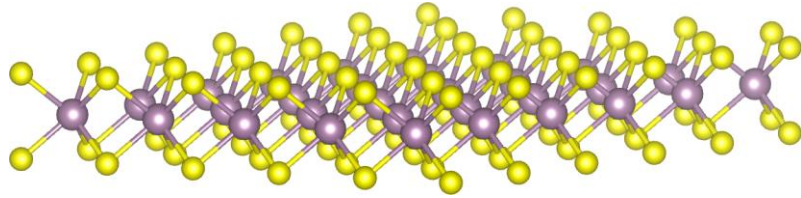
$$K(\vec{p}, \vec{R}) = \iint w(s) \cdot K(\vec{p}, \vec{R} + \vec{s}) d^2 \vec{s}$$

3. First moment of recorded diffraction pattern:

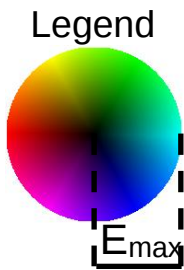
$$\begin{aligned} \langle \vec{p}(\vec{R}) \rangle &= \iint \iint w(s) \cdot K(\vec{p}, \vec{R} + \vec{s}) \vec{p} d^2 \vec{s} d^2 \vec{p} \\ &= \iint \iint K(\vec{p}, \vec{R} + \vec{s}) \vec{p} d^2 \vec{p} w(s) d^2 \vec{s} \\ &= \langle \vec{p}(\vec{R} + \vec{s}) \rangle \\ &= (\mathbf{w} \circ \langle \vec{p} \rangle)(\vec{R}) \end{aligned}$$

4. Measured electric field: $\vec{E}(\vec{R}) = [w \circ (\vec{E}^P \star I_0)](\vec{R})$
5. Measured charge density: $\varrho(\vec{R}) = [w \circ (\varrho^P \star I_0)](\vec{R})$
6. ... same for partial temporal coherence

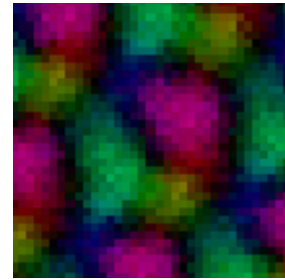
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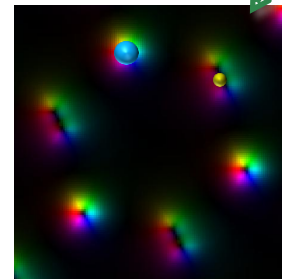


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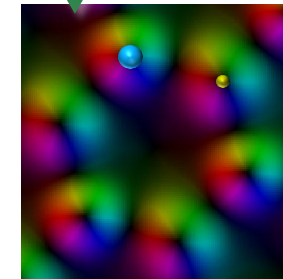


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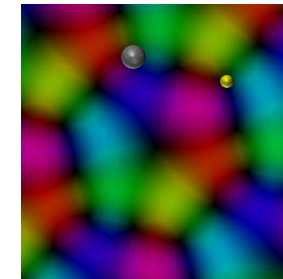


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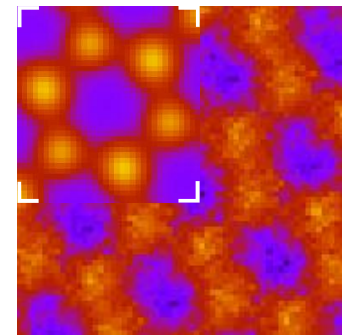
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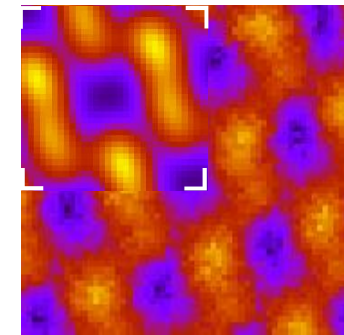


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- Partial coherence has drastic effect on measured field and charge density



ML average



BL average

Outline

STEM, DPC, COM, phases and momentum transfer

**Electric fields in thin specimen:
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Practice hint 1 – 5, focus, coherence

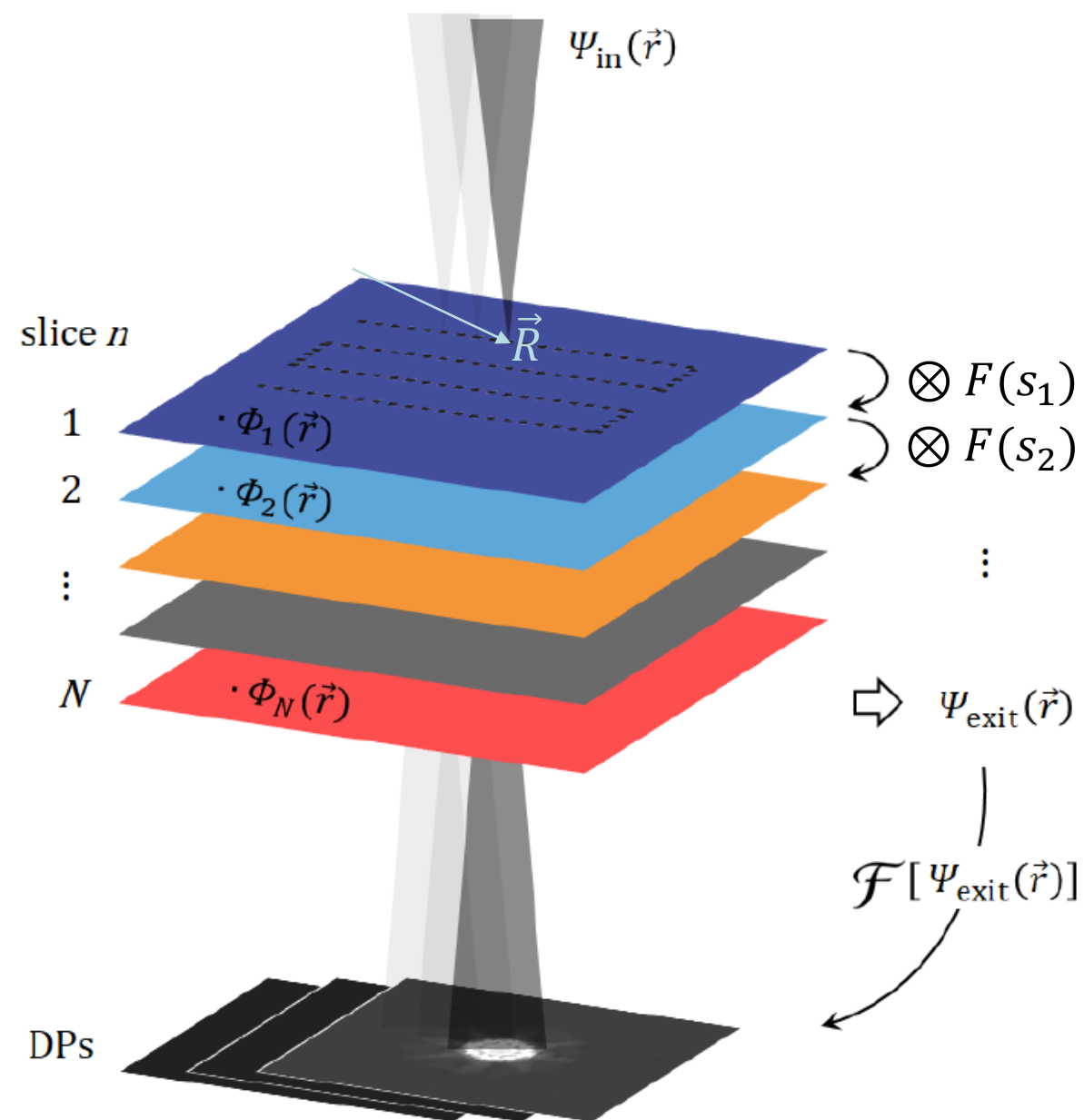
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Inversion of multislice



Forward multislice (coherent formulation)

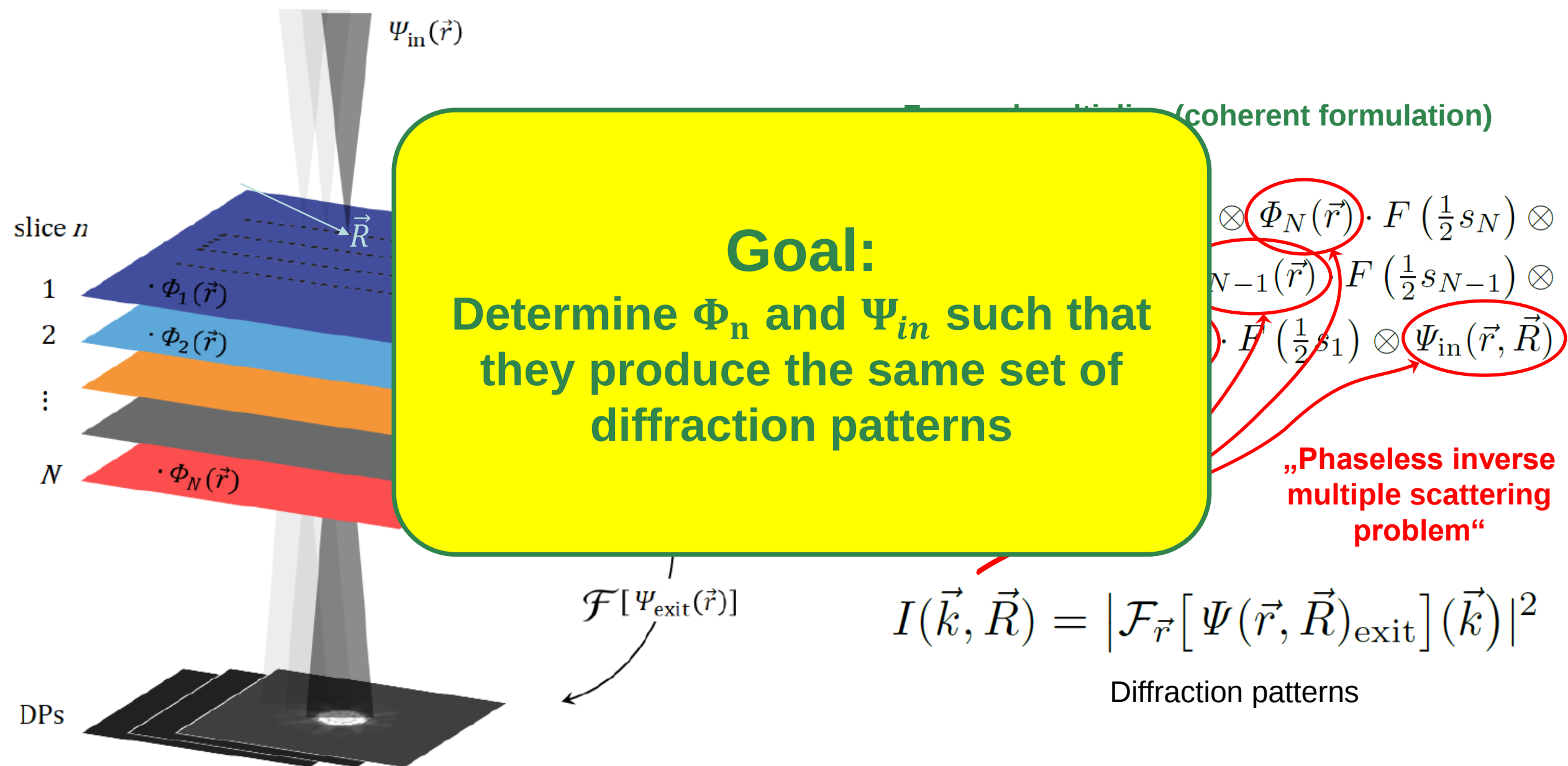
$$\Psi_{\text{exit}}(\vec{r}, \vec{R}) = F\left(\frac{1}{2}s_N\right) \otimes \Phi_N(\vec{r}) \cdot F\left(\frac{1}{2}s_N\right) \otimes F\left(\frac{1}{2}s_{N-1}\right) \otimes \Phi_{N-1}(\vec{r}) \cdot F\left(\frac{1}{2}s_{N-1}\right) \otimes \dots \otimes F\left(\frac{1}{2}s_1\right) \otimes \Phi_1(\vec{r}) \cdot F\left(\frac{1}{2}s_1\right) \otimes \Psi_{in}(\vec{r}, \vec{R})$$

„Phaseless inverse multiple scattering problem“

$$I(\vec{k}, \vec{R}) = |\mathcal{F}_{\vec{r}}[\Psi(\vec{r}, \vec{R})_{\text{exit}}](\vec{k})|^2$$

Diffraction patterns

Inversion of multislice



Some literature (incomplete!)

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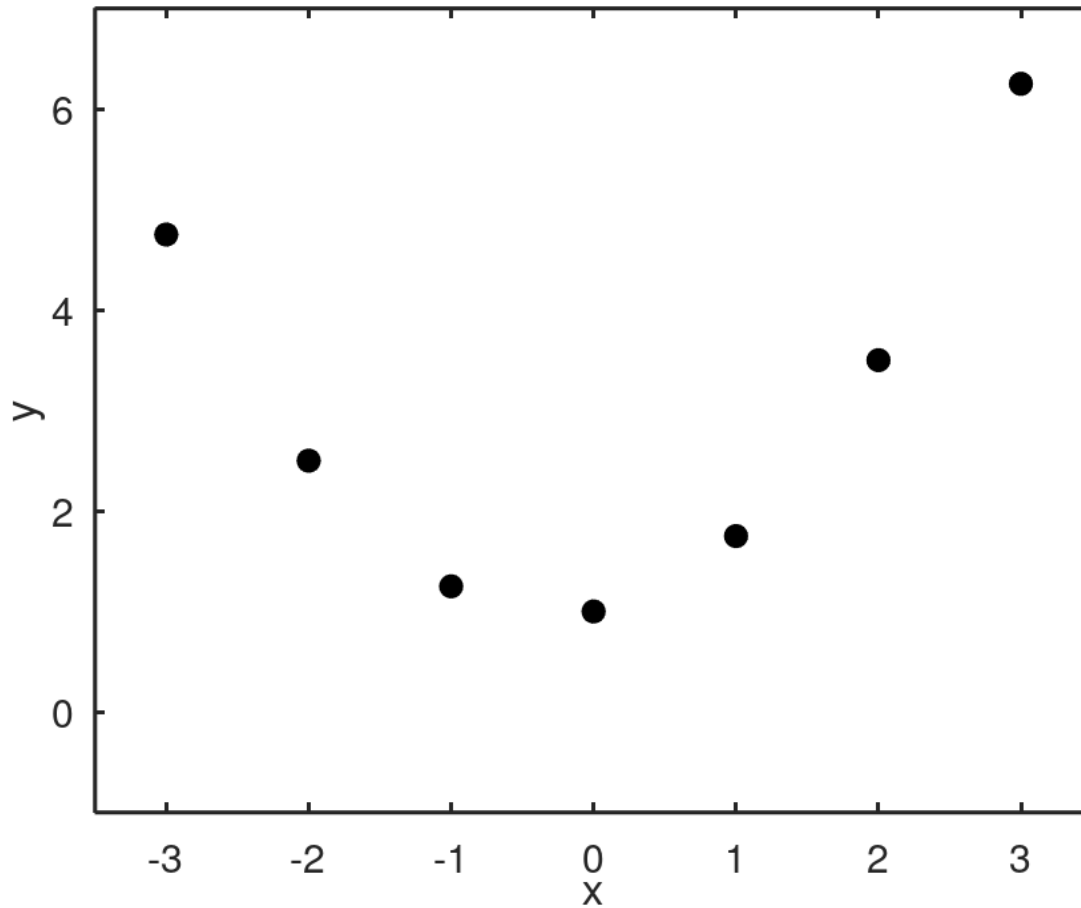
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Set of measurements

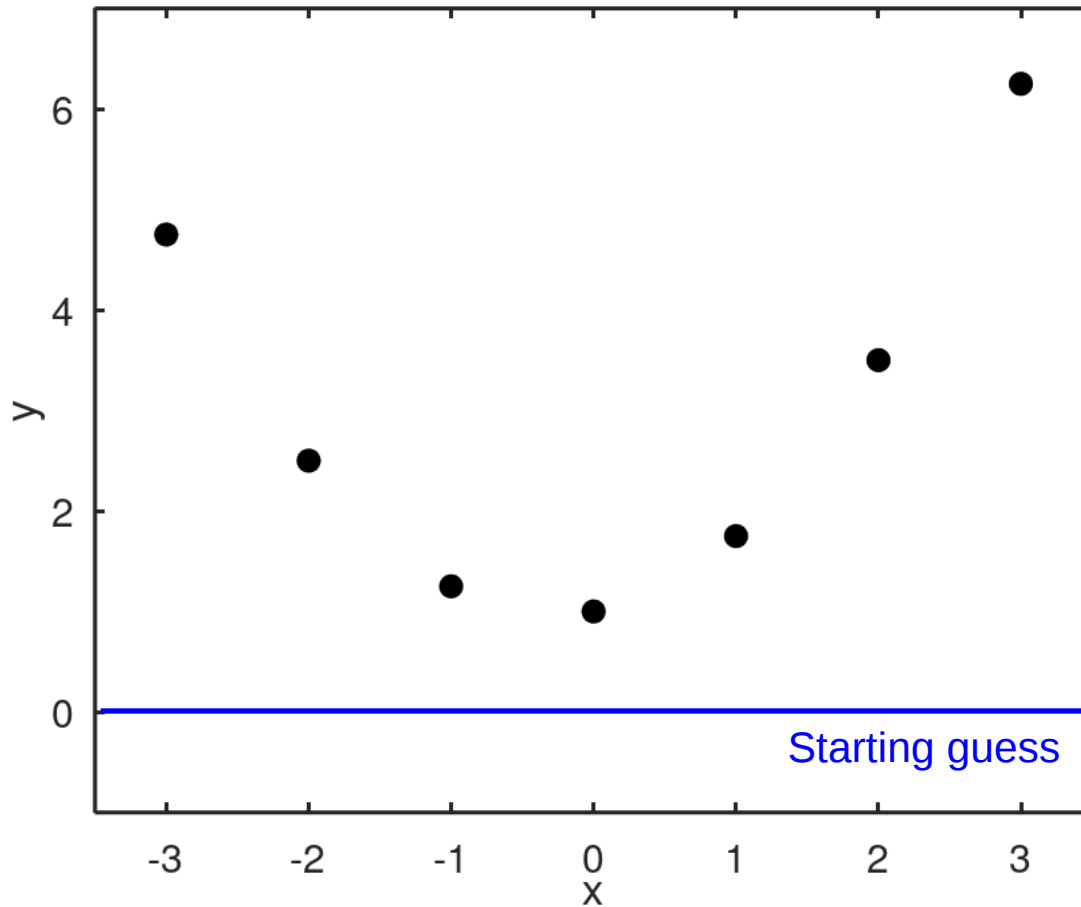


- We strive to express the experimental data (y_i, x_i) by a **model** $Y(x)$
- Let us use a second order polynomial
$$Y(x_i) = ax_i^2 + bx_i + c$$
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- Concept:

1. Start with a guess $\{a^{(0)}, b^{(0)}, c^{(0)}\}$
2. Quantify the consistency with the experiment
3. Update the parameters $\{a, b, c\}$

- Define „Loss function“, e.g. the $\mathcal{L}_2$ loss as

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \sum_{i=1}^N [Y(x_i) - y_i]^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N [ax_i^2 + bx_i + c - y_i]^2$$

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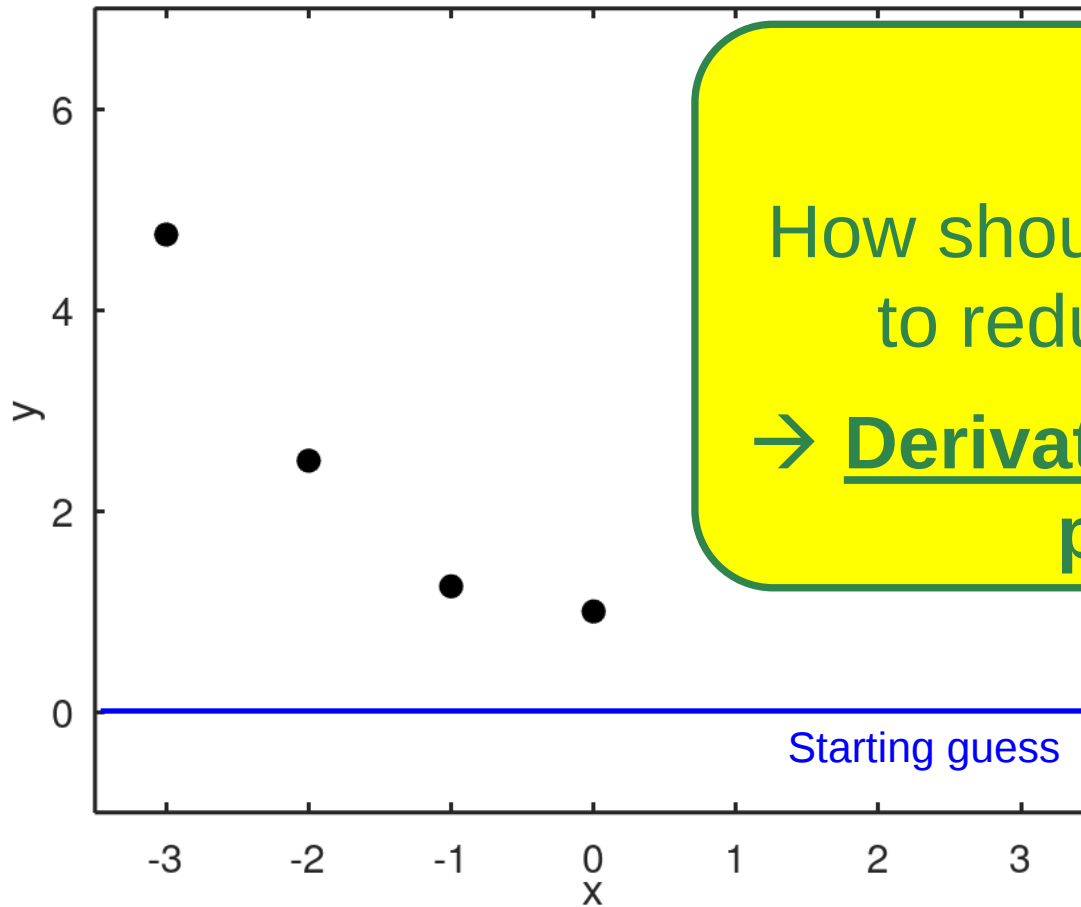
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Question

How should a, b, c be updated so as to reduce (change) the loss?

→ Derivatives of loss w.r.t. all free parameters needed

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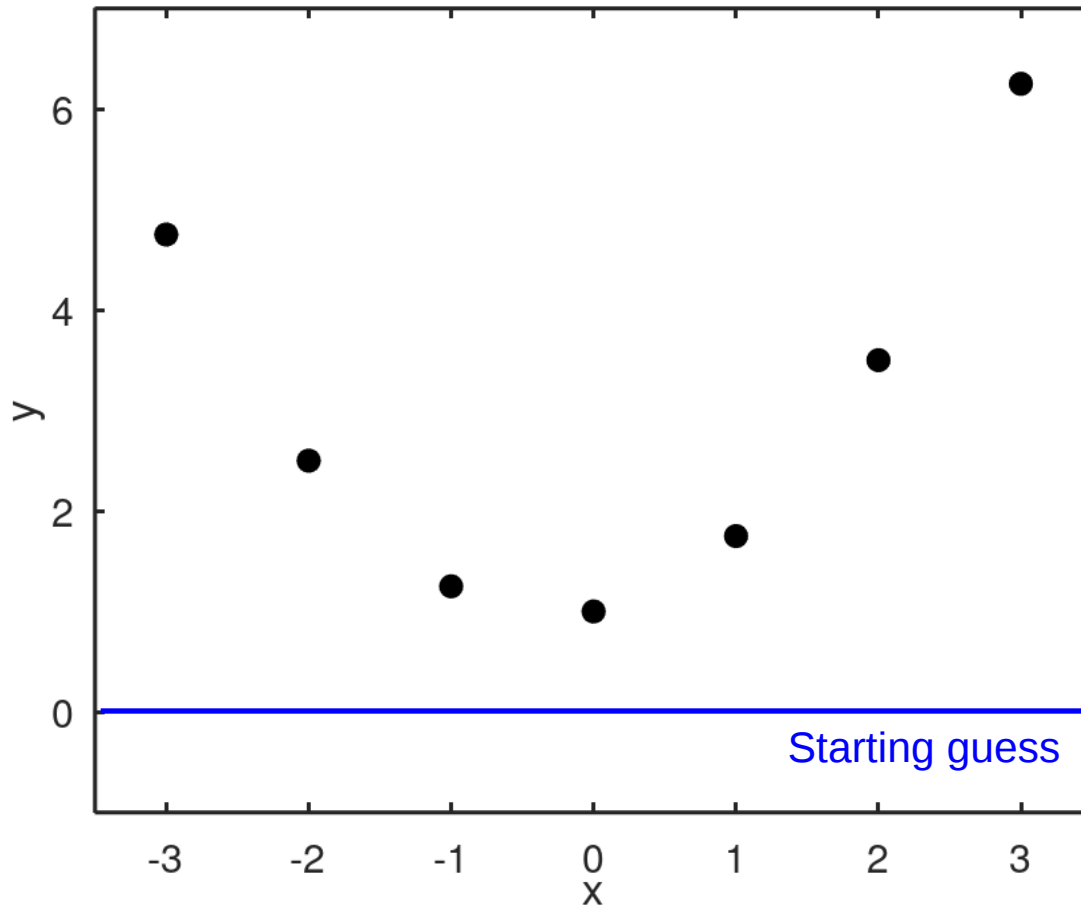
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- Change of loss in dependence of each parameter a, b, c :

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_2}{\partial a} = \sum_{i=1}^N 2(ax_i^2 + bx_i + c - y_i) \cdot x_i^2$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_2}{\partial b} = \sum_{i=1}^N 2(ax_i^2 + bx_i + c - y_i) \cdot x_i$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_2}{\partial c} = \sum_{i=1}^N 2(ax_i^2 + bx_i + c - y_i)$$

- Update a, b, c in next epoch such that loss **gets smaller**:

$$a^{(j+1)} = a^{(j)} - \beta_a \cdot \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_2}{\partial a}$$

$$b^{(j+1)} = b^{(j)} - \beta_b \cdot \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_2}{\partial b}$$

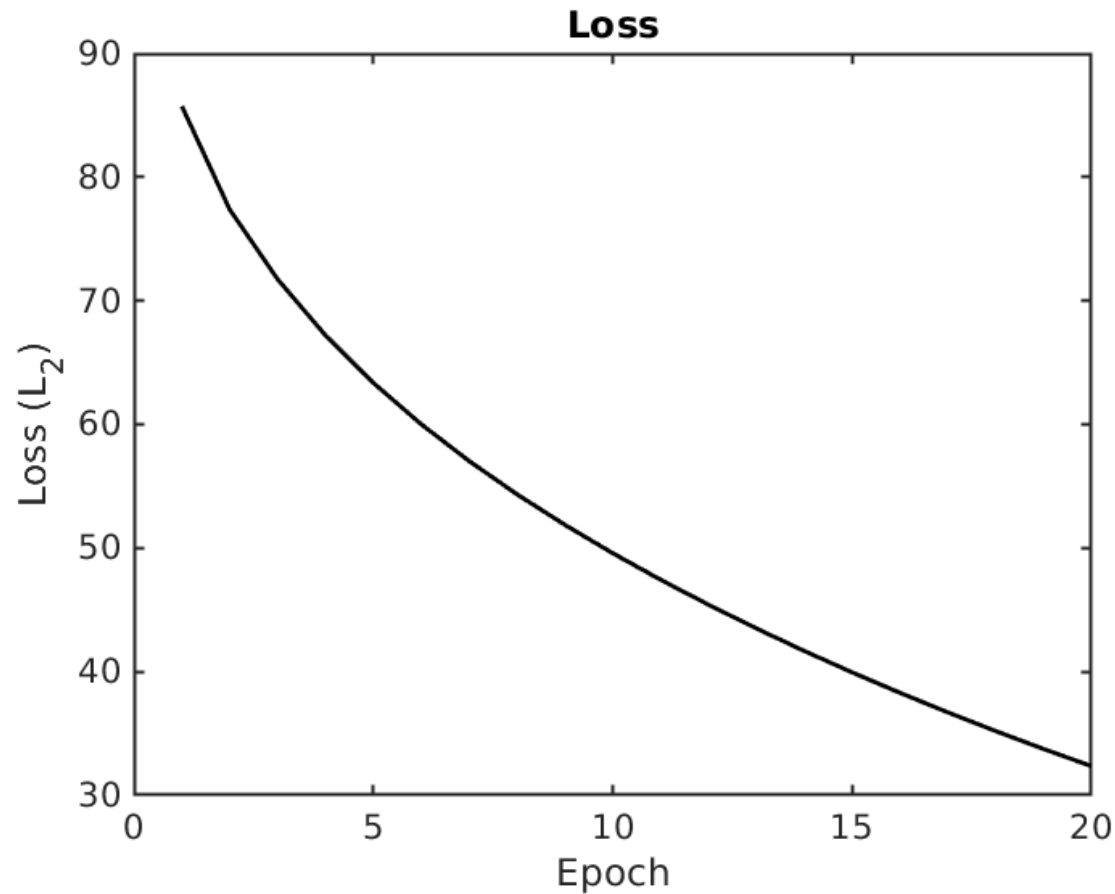
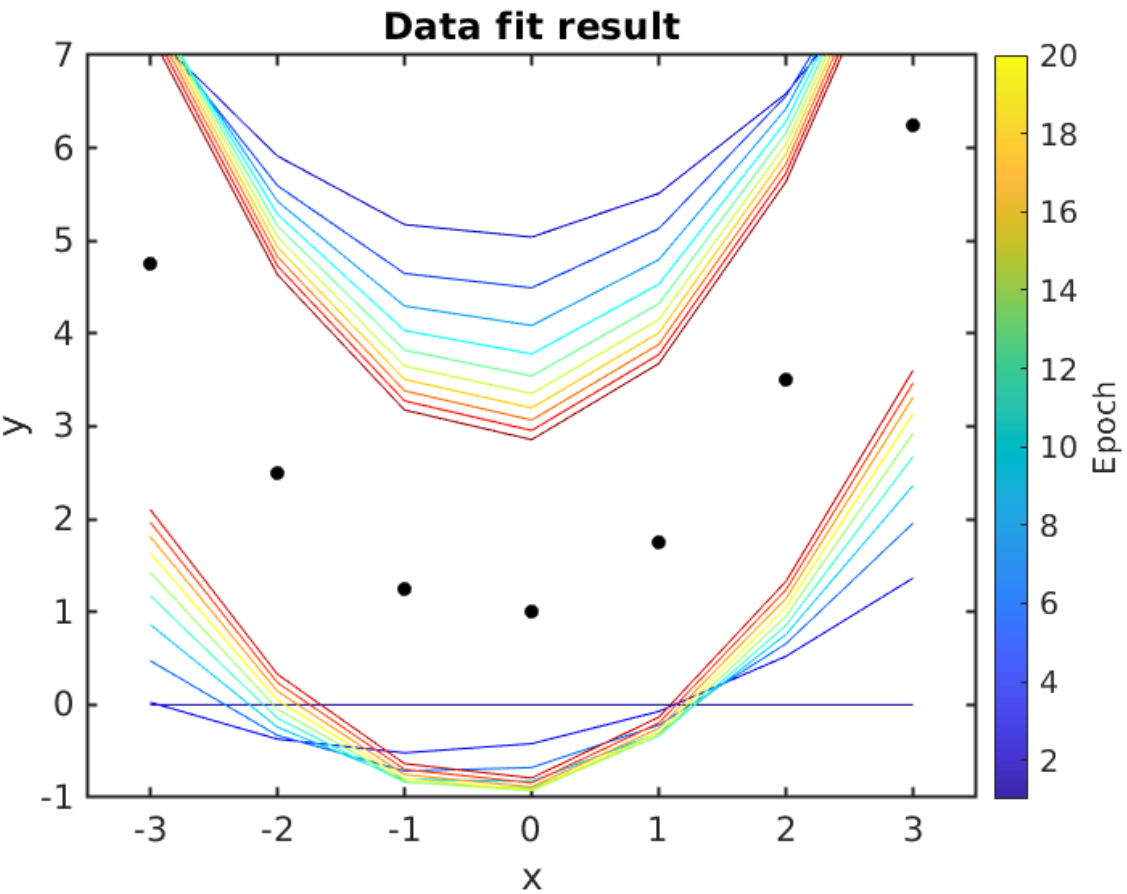
$$c^{(j+1)} = c^{(j)} - \beta_c \cdot \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_2}{\partial c}$$



„Learning rate“

$\beta_a = 0.0012, \beta_b = \frac{\beta_a}{10}, \beta_c = \frac{\beta_a}{100}$

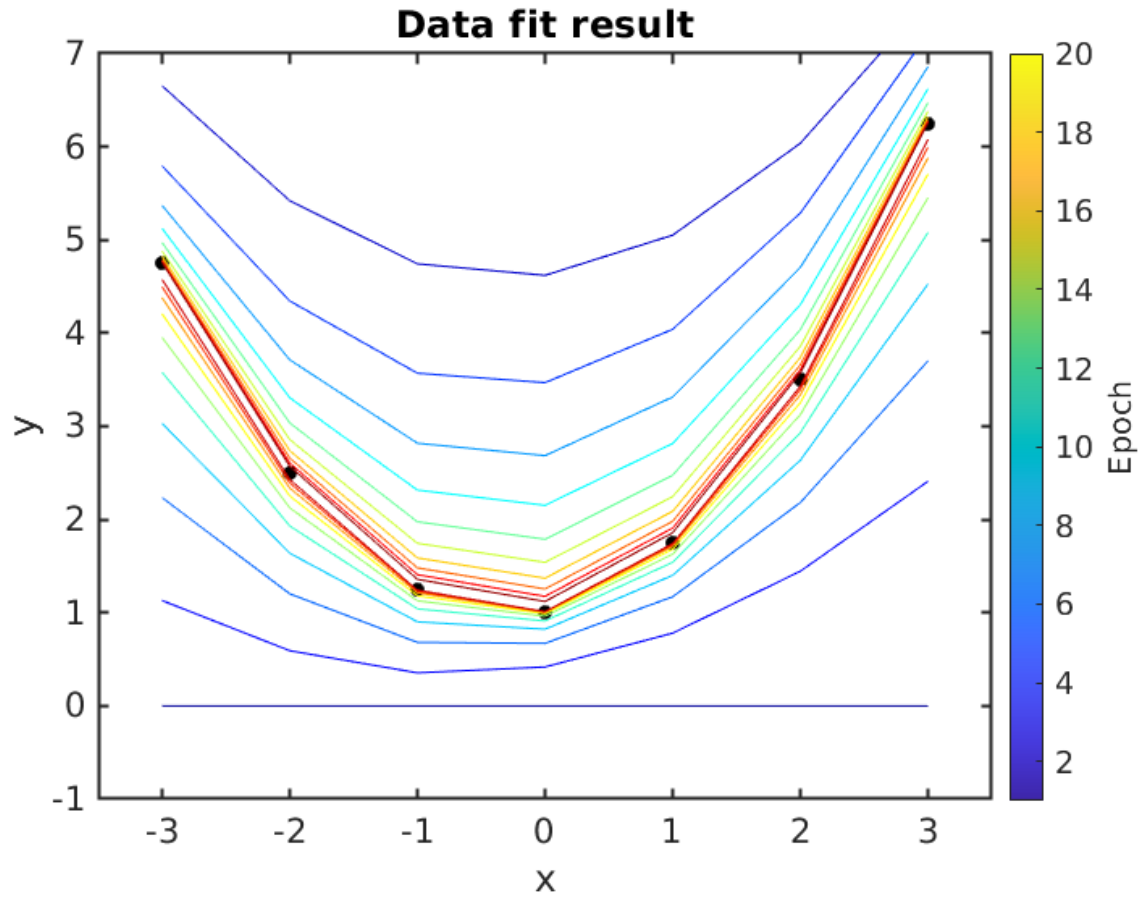
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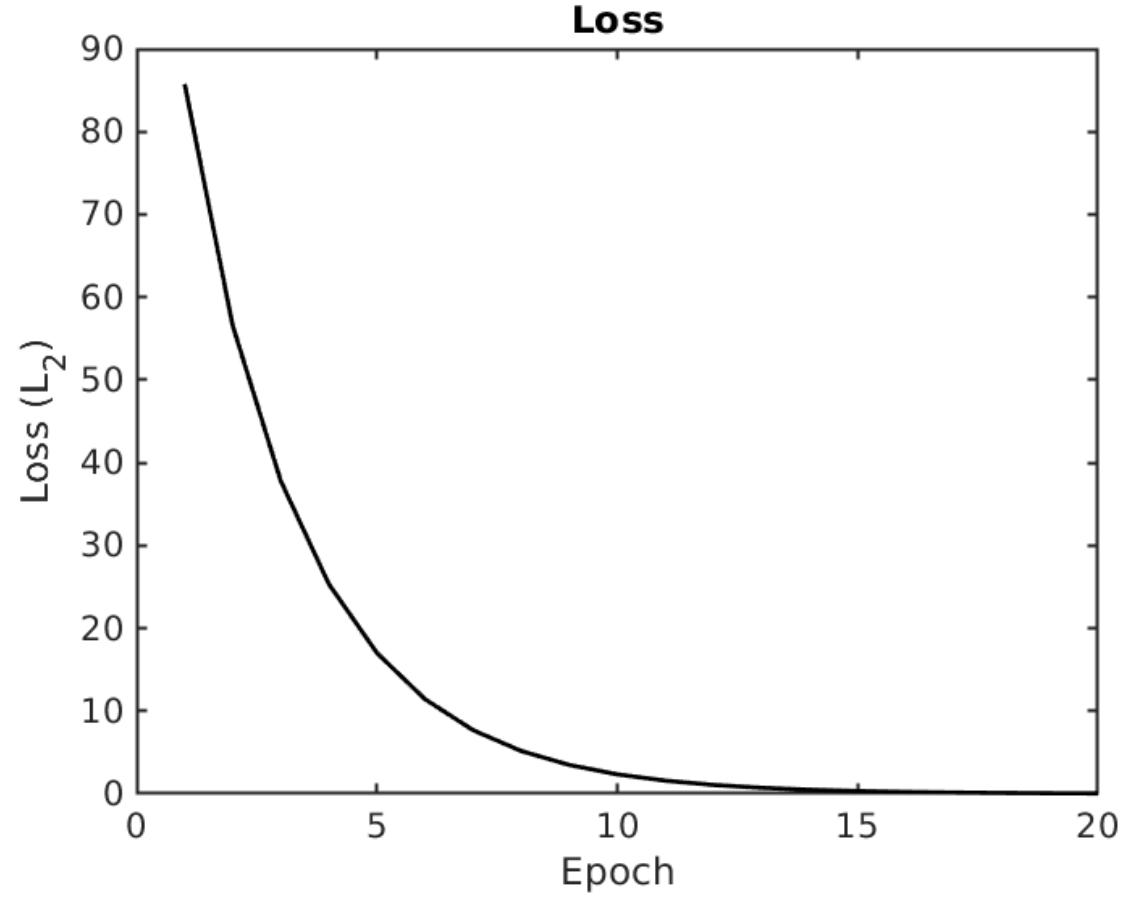
Oscillating solutions ...

	$\boldsymbol{a}^{(20)}$	$\boldsymbol{b}^{(20)}$	$\boldsymbol{c}^{(20)}$
Fit	0.4122	0.2500	-0.7319
Ground truth	0.5	0.25	1

$\beta_a = 0.0011, \beta_b = \frac{\beta_a}{10}, \beta_c = \frac{\beta_a}{100}$
20 epochs



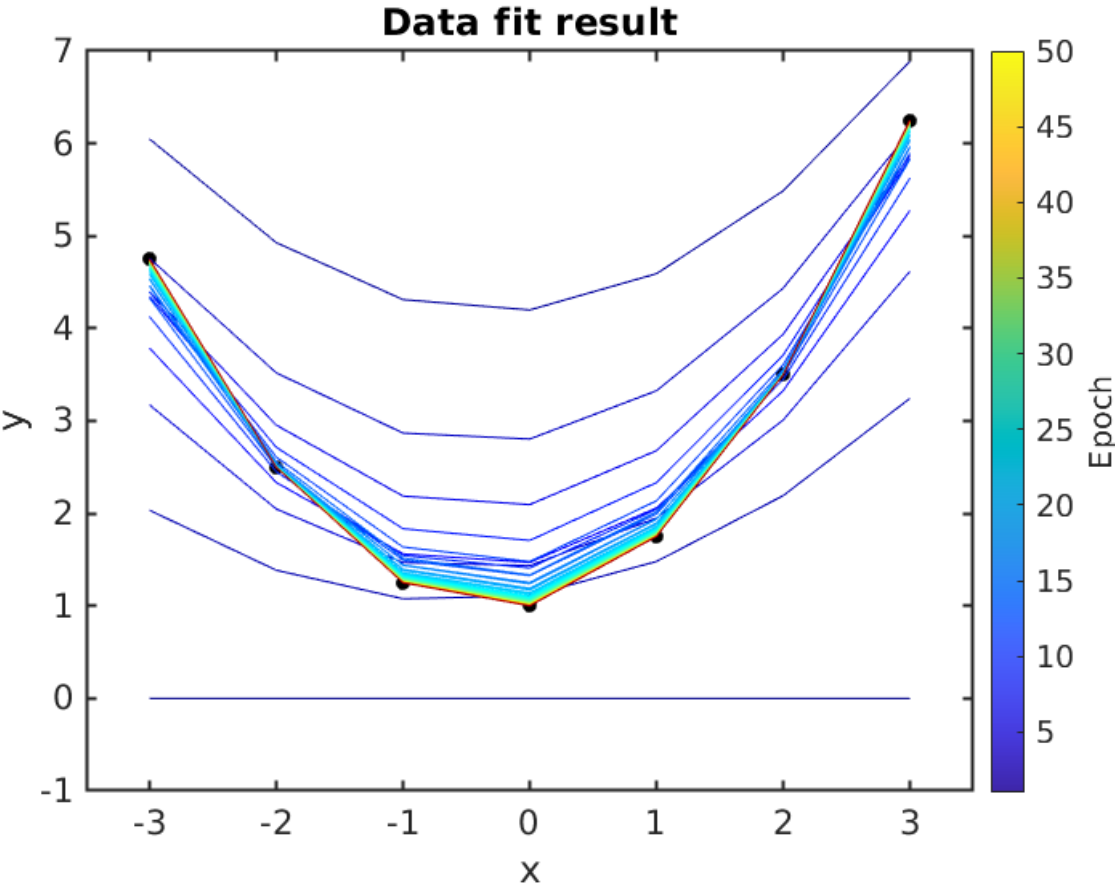
Much better fit



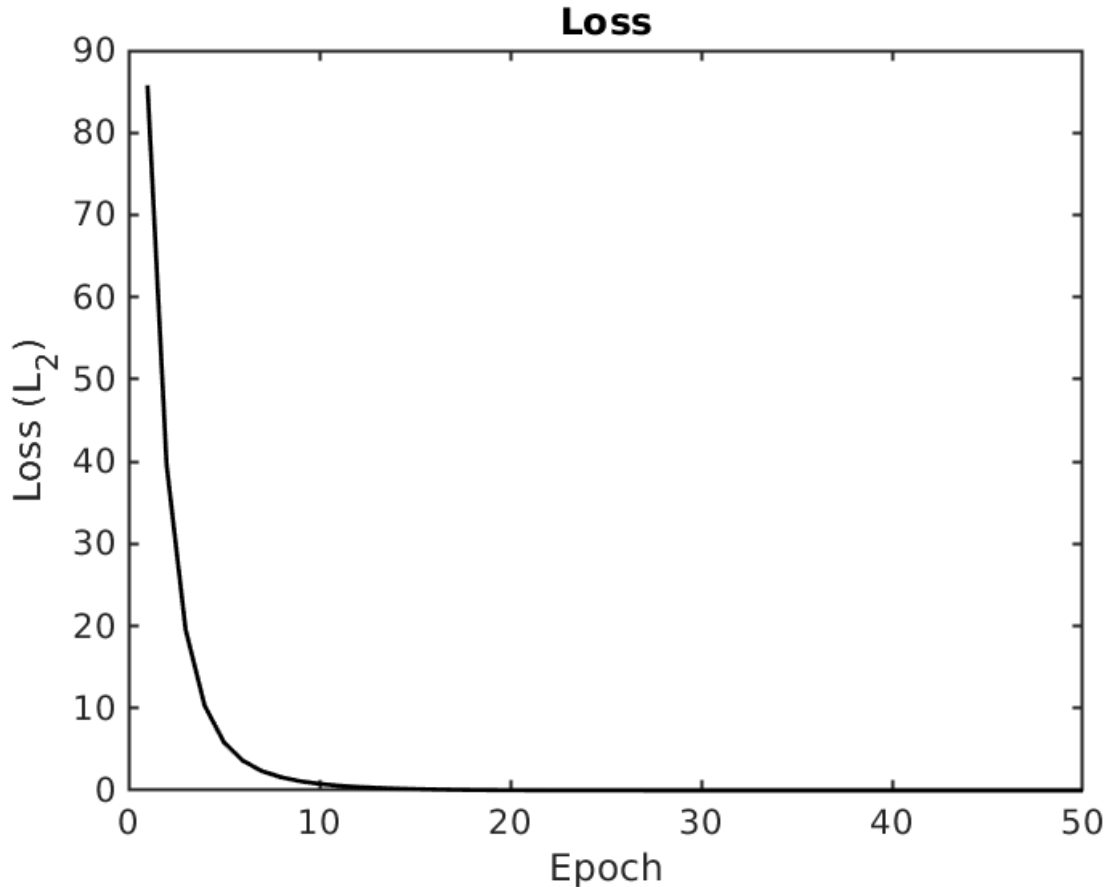
Loss asymptote

	$\mathbf{a}^{(20)}$	$\mathbf{b}^{(20)}$	$\mathbf{c}^{(20)}$
Fit	0.4855	0.2500	1.0115
Ground truth	0.5	0.25	1

$\beta_a = 0.001, \beta_b = \frac{\beta_a}{10}, \beta_c = \frac{\beta_a}{100}$
50 epochs



Much better fit



Loss asymptote

	$a^{(50)}$	$b^{(50)}$	$c^{(50)}$
Fit	0.4998	0.2500	1.0008
Ground truth	0.5	0.25	1

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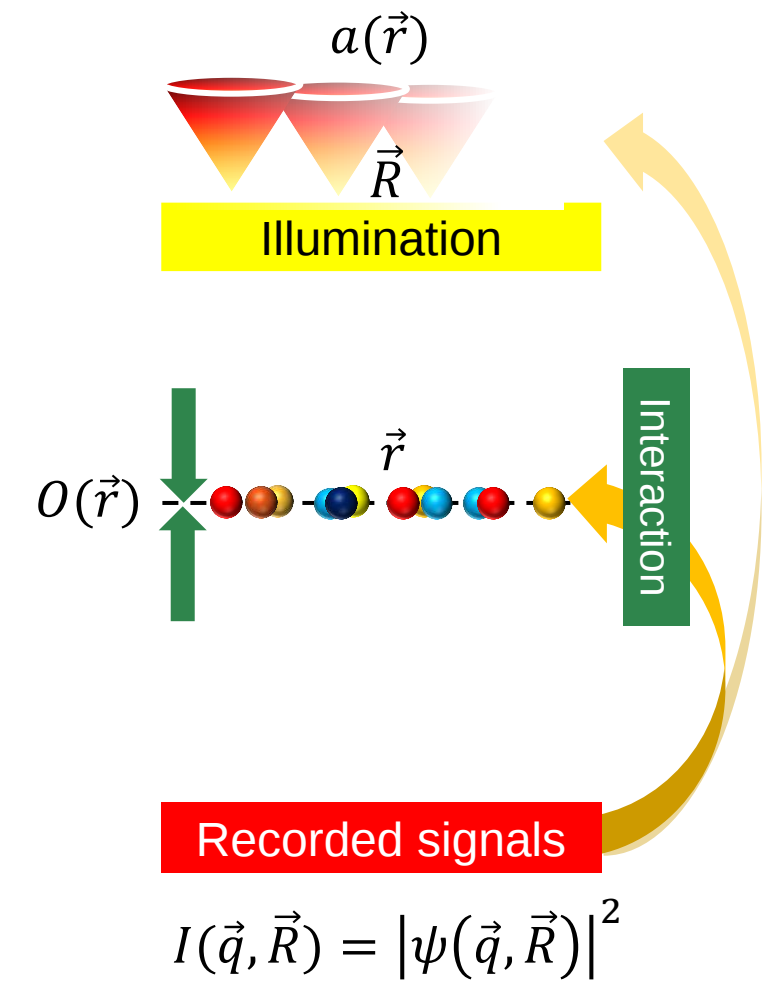
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Single-scattering Ptychography



Scattering model: (Complex) multiplicative object

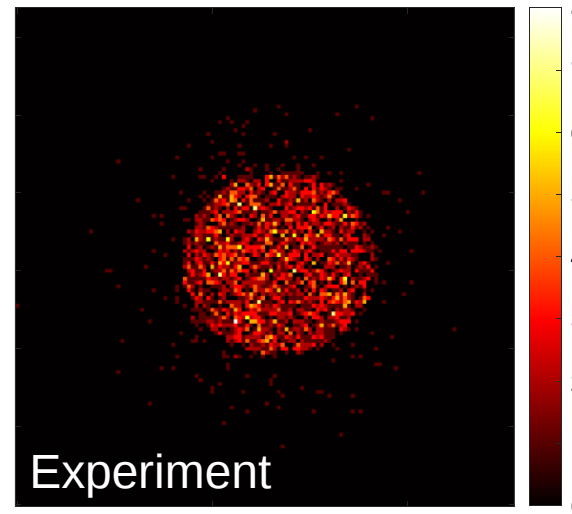
$$\psi(\vec{r}, \vec{R}) = [a(\vec{r}) \otimes \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{R})] \cdot O(\vec{r})$$

Object
Transmission
function

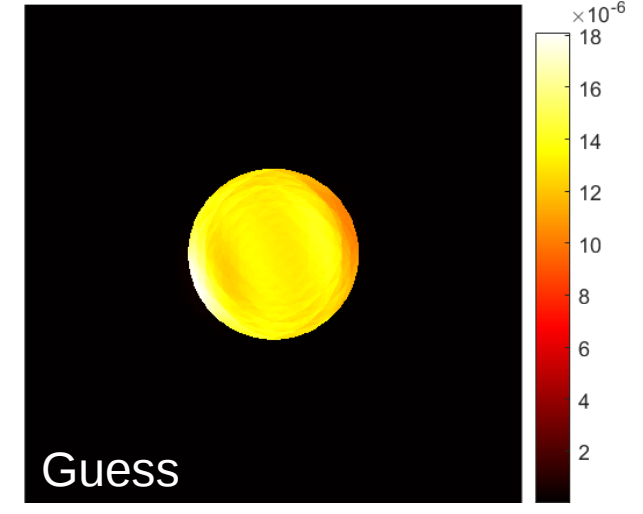
Model to describe observations

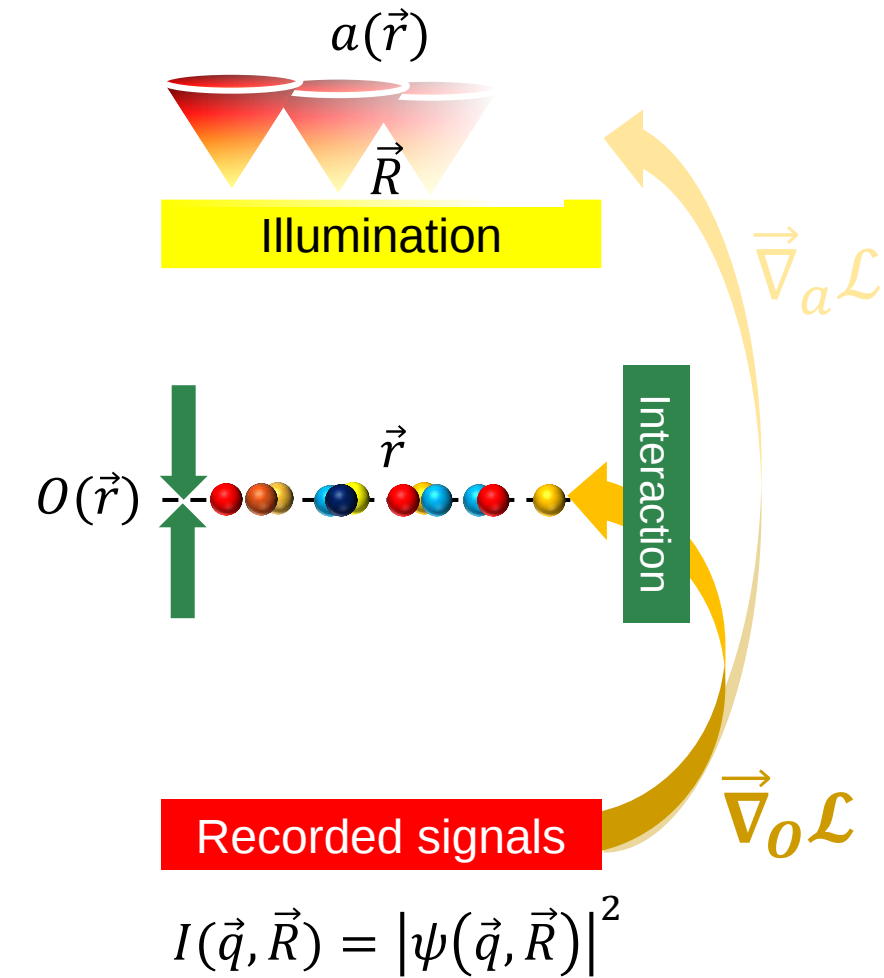
$$I(\vec{q}, \vec{R}) = |\mathcal{F}_{\vec{r}}[\psi(\vec{r}, \vec{R})]|^2$$

$I(\vec{q}, \vec{R})$



$\hat{I}(\vec{q}, \vec{R})$



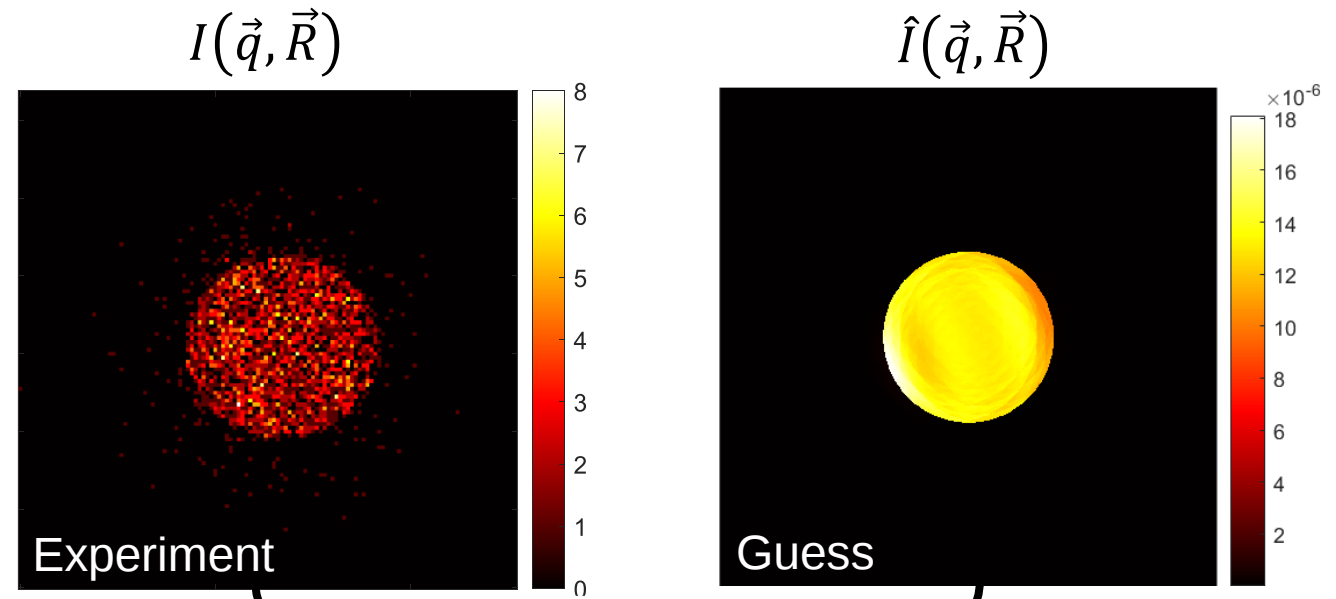


„Wirtinger Flow“

$$\hat{O}^{t+1}(\vec{r}) = \hat{O}^t(\vec{r}) - \beta \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{\hat{O}^*} \mathcal{L} \left(\hat{I}(\vec{q}, \vec{R}), I(\vec{q}, \vec{R}) \right) \quad \text{Object}$$

$$\hat{a}^{t+1}(\vec{r}) = \hat{a}^t(\vec{r}) - \beta \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{\hat{a}^*} \mathcal{L} \left(\hat{I}(\vec{q}, \vec{R}), I(\vec{q}, \vec{R}) \right) \quad \text{Probe}$$

Wirtinger gradient/derivative



$$\mathcal{L}[\hat{I}(\vec{q}, \vec{R}), I(\vec{q}, \vec{R})] \quad \text{Loss}$$

→ Wirtinger derivatives

Complex differentiability of complex function

$$f(x + iy) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$$

→ Fulfil **Cauchy-Riemann** differential equations:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

Let $z := x + iy$ then

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$$
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z^*} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$$

Are the **Wirtinger derivatives**.

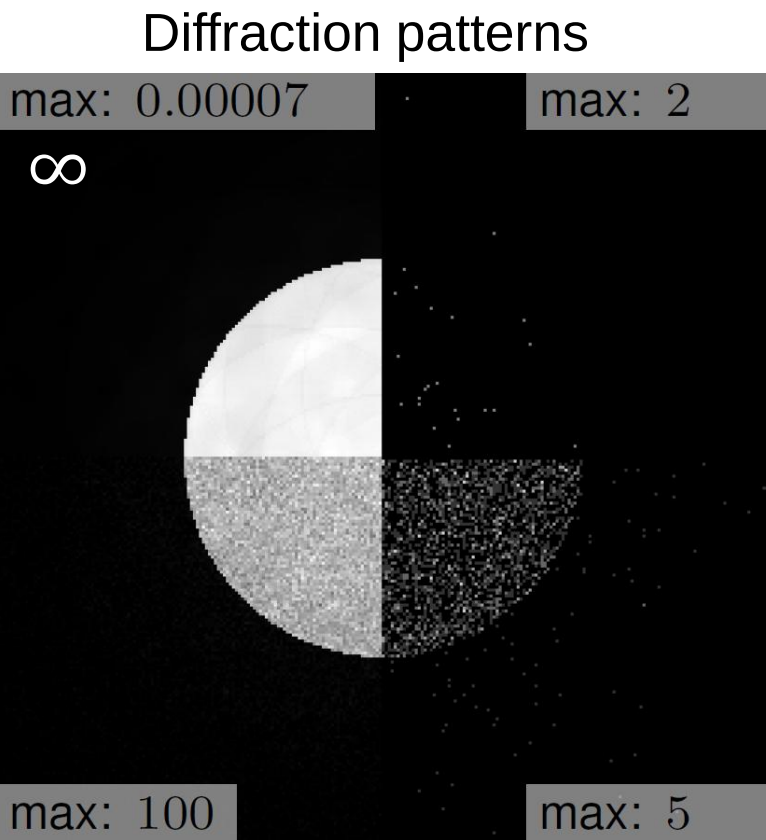
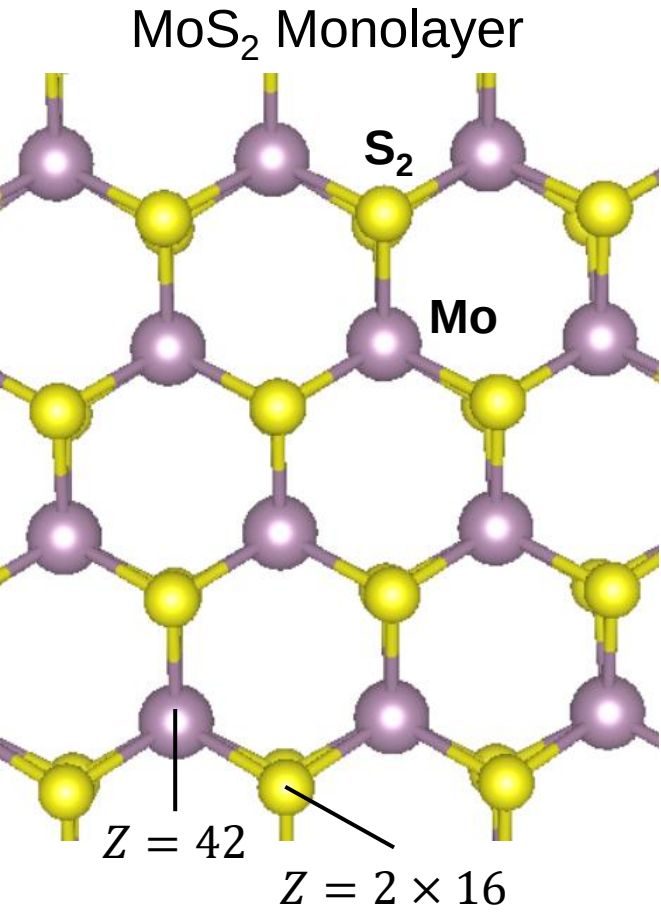
Example:

$$f(z) = zz^* = (x + iy)(x - iy) = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} (2x - 2iy)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z^*} = \frac{1}{2} (2x + 2iy)$$

Single-scattering Ptychography



Max Leo Leidl

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L₁ loss

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Mean squared error

$$\mathcal{L}_{MSE} = \sum_k (\hat{I}_k - I_k)^2$$

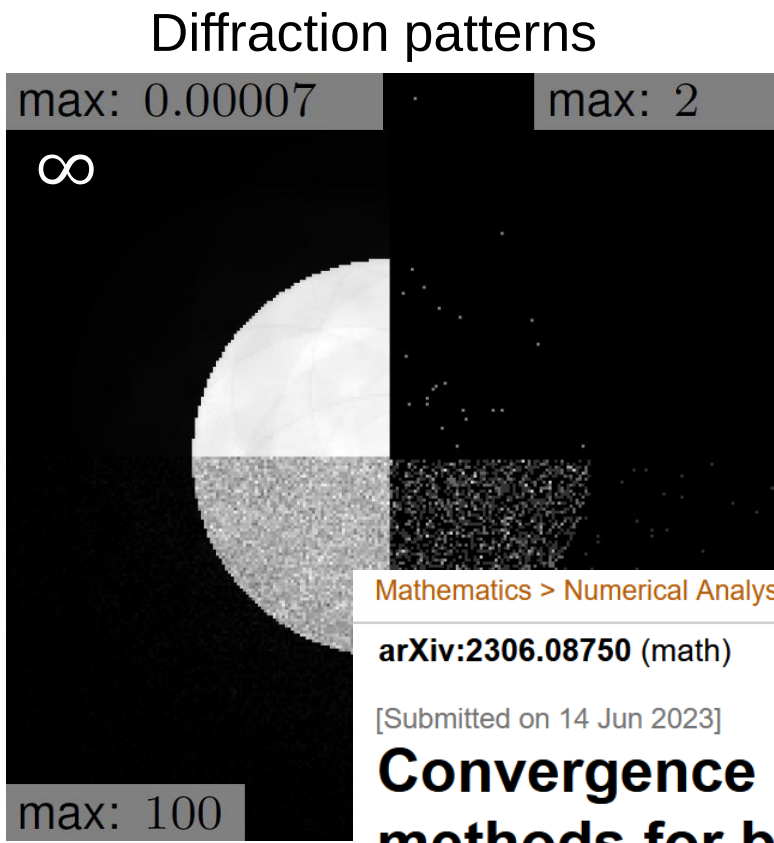
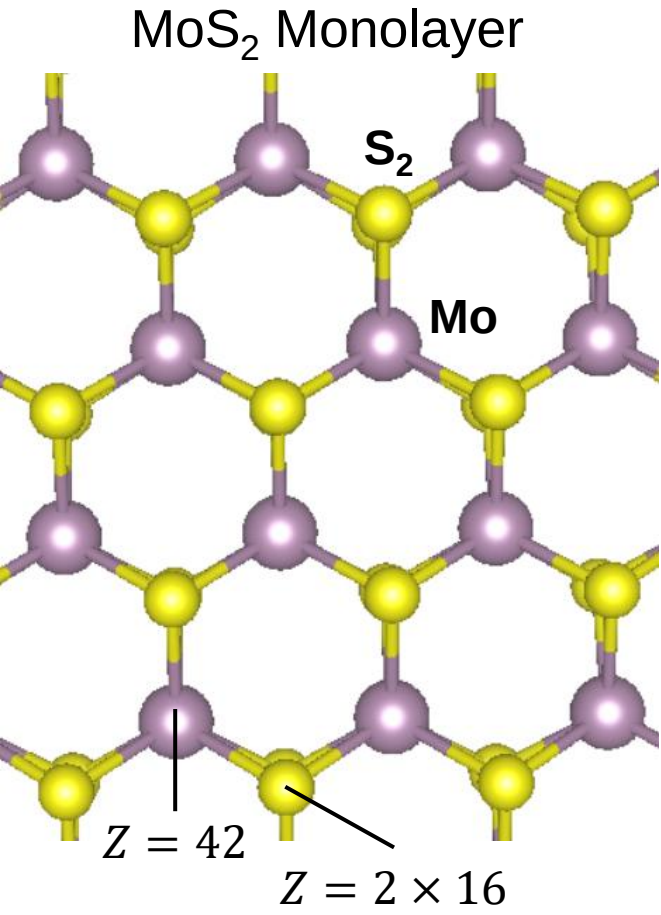
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$$\mathcal{L}_P = \sum_k [\hat{I}_k - I_k \ln(\hat{I}_k + \varepsilon)]$$

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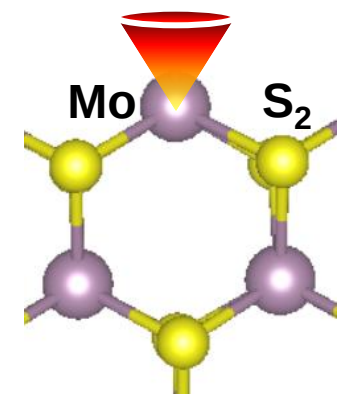
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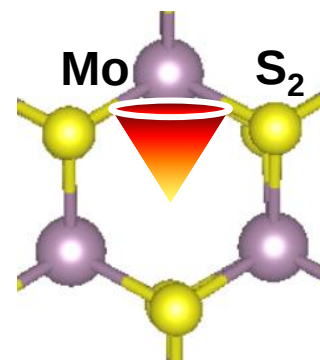
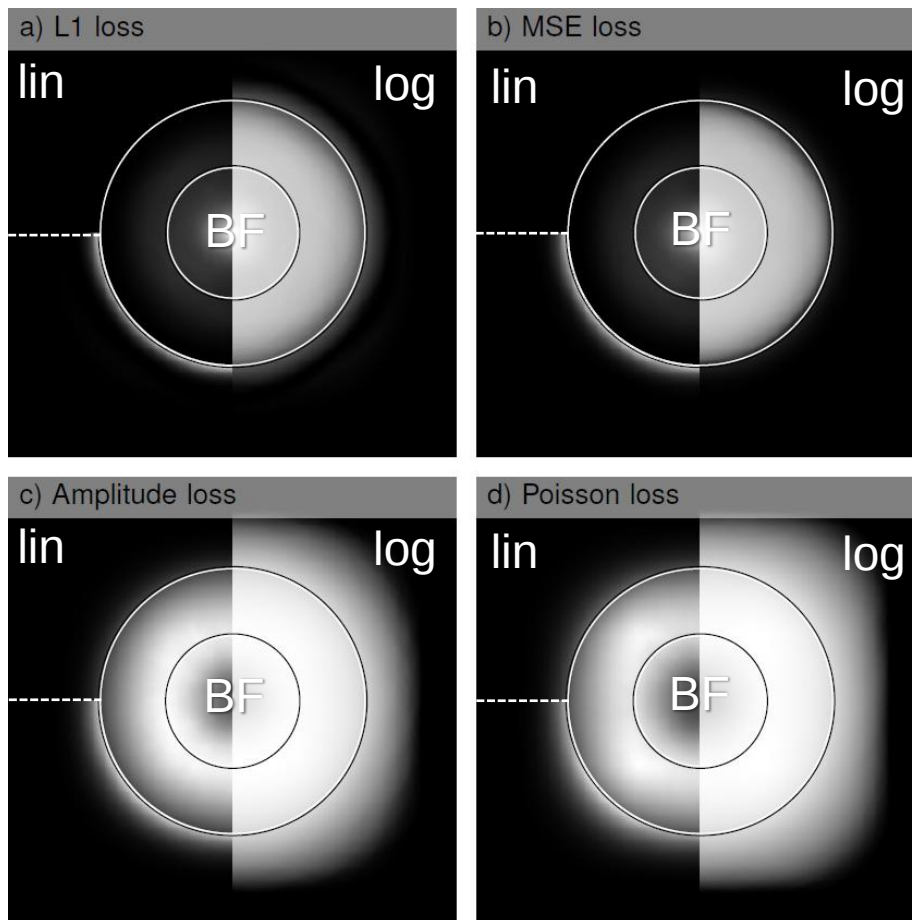
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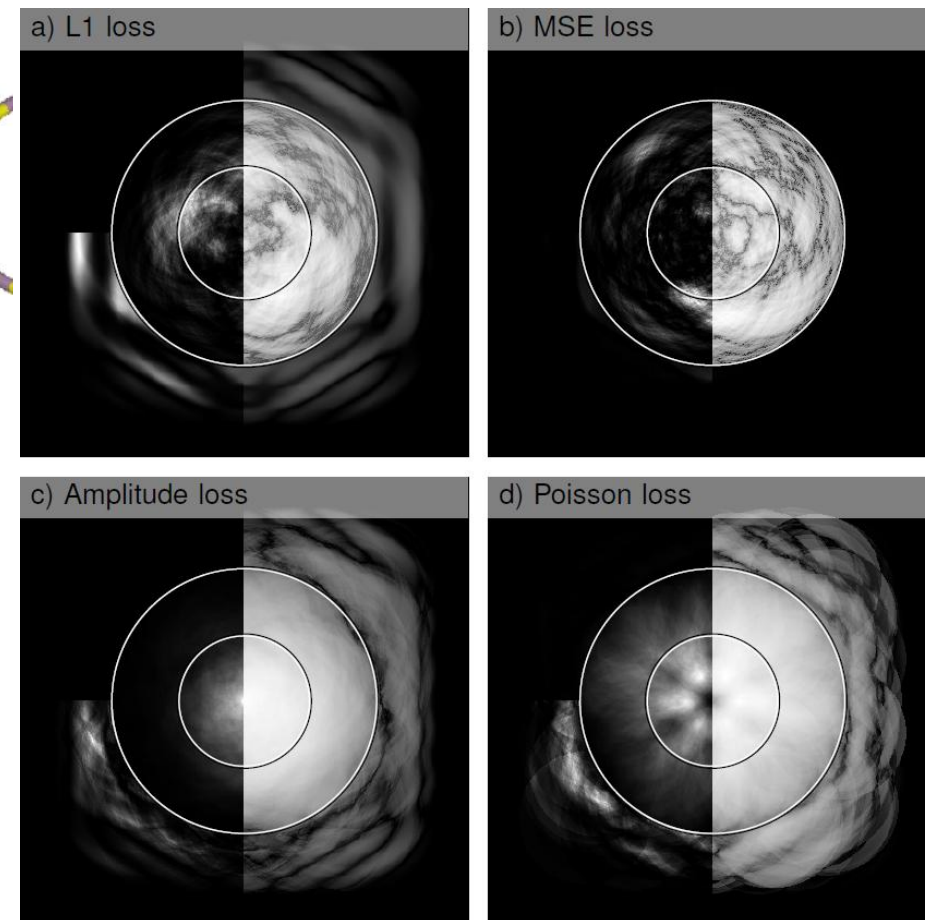
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Epoch:
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$$\text{Gradient-based update spectrum: } \mathcal{F}_{\vec{r}}[\hat{O}^{t+1}] = \mathcal{F}_{\vec{r}}[\hat{O}^t] - \mu \cdot \mathcal{F}_{\vec{r}} \left[\vec{\nabla}_{\hat{O}}^* \mathcal{L} \left(\hat{I}(\vec{q}, \vec{R}), I(\vec{q}, \vec{R}) \right) \right]$$

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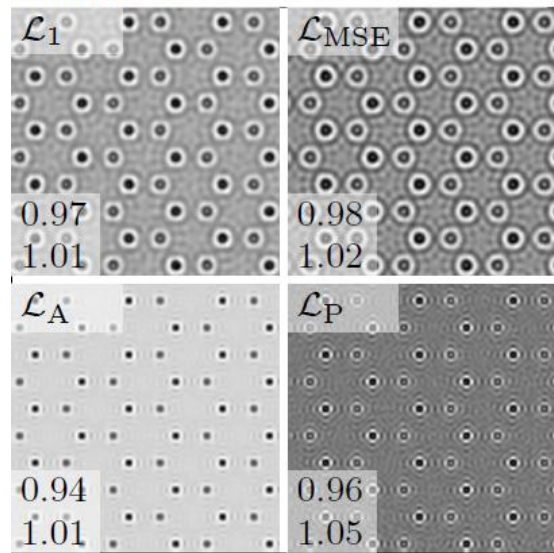
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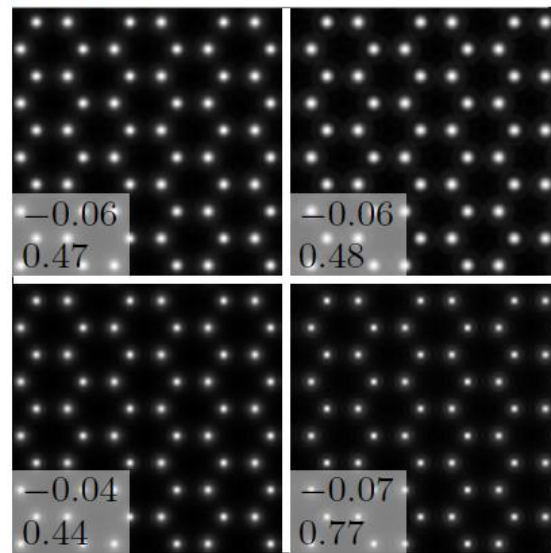
Single-scattering Ptychography

High dose (10^6 *e*l./pattern)

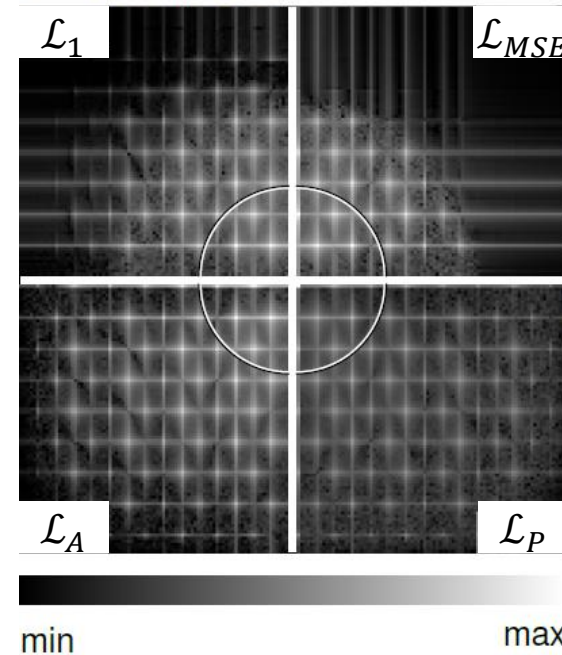
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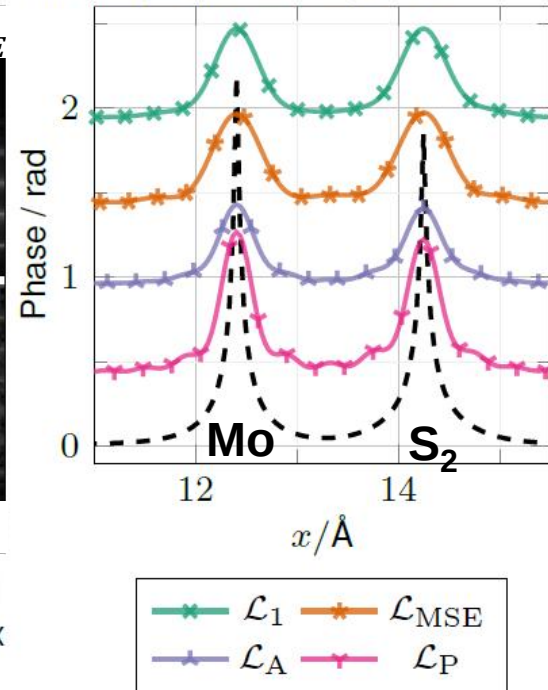
b) Phase



c) Power spectra



d) Line profile of the phase



- All loss functions perform well up to 2α
- Amplitude and Poisson loss yield highest spatial frequencies

→ Origin of differences: low DF counts

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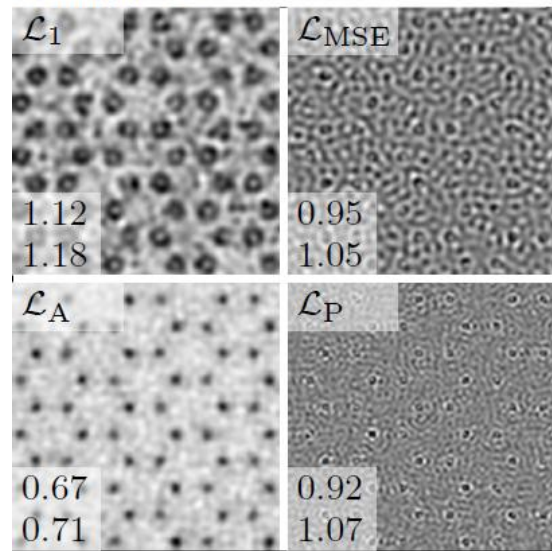
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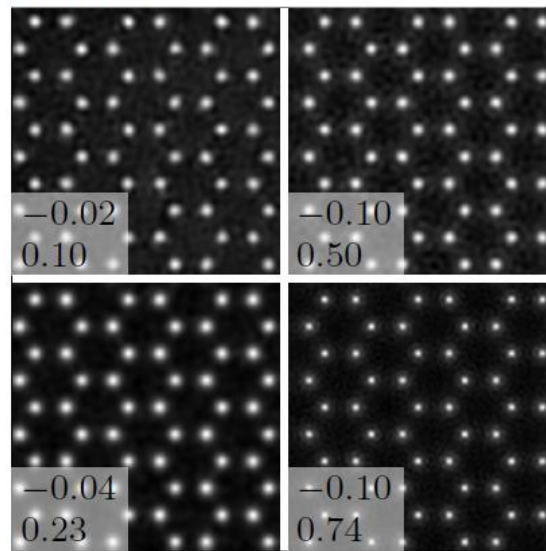
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Medium dose (10^4 *e*l./pattern)

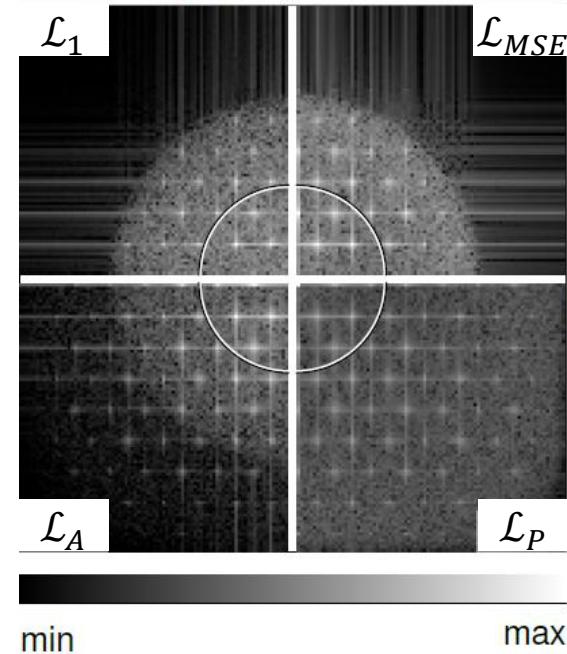
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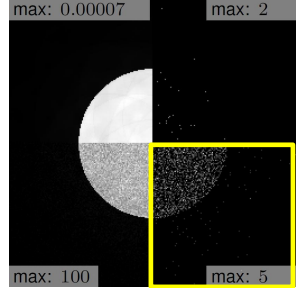
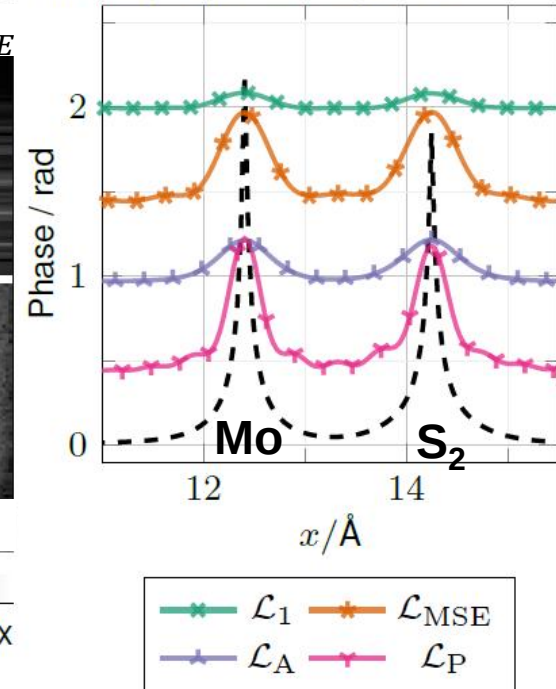
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- **Amplitude and Poisson loss**
 > 1.5 *higher spatial frequencies reconstructed*
- **Poisson: Continuous signal & noise transfer**

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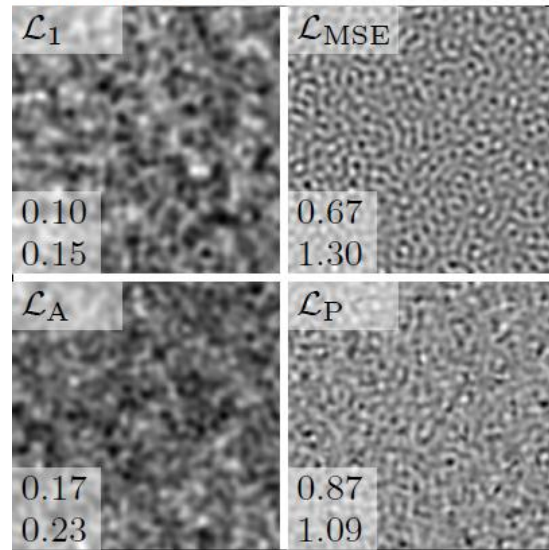
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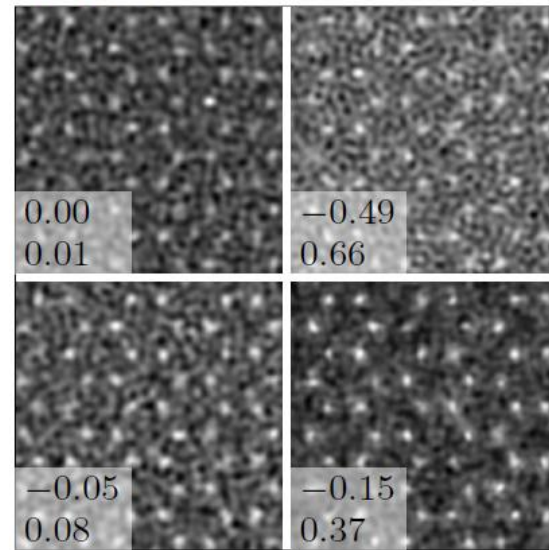
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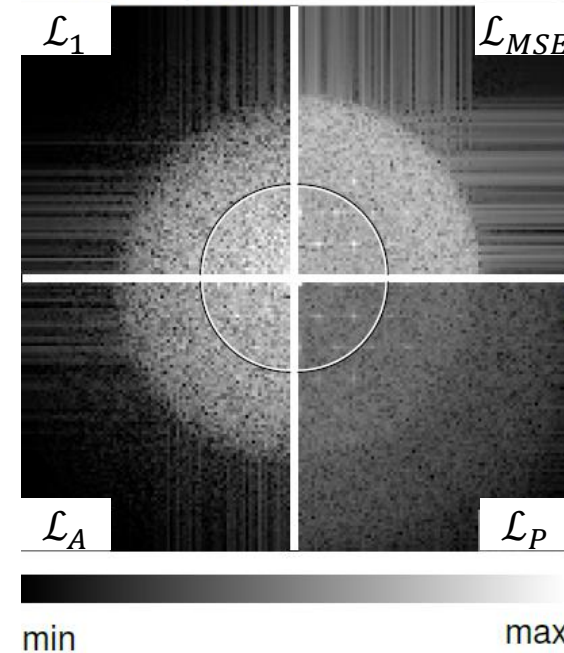
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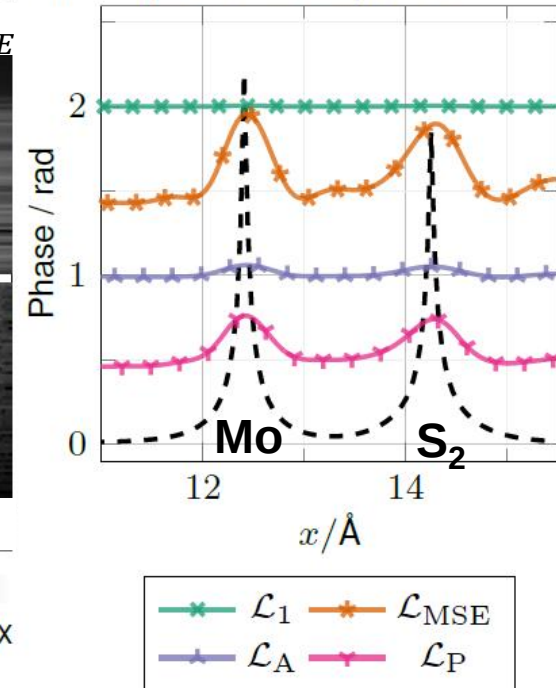
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- *Poisson: 2α modulation sets in as well*
- *However: Best SNR in phase*

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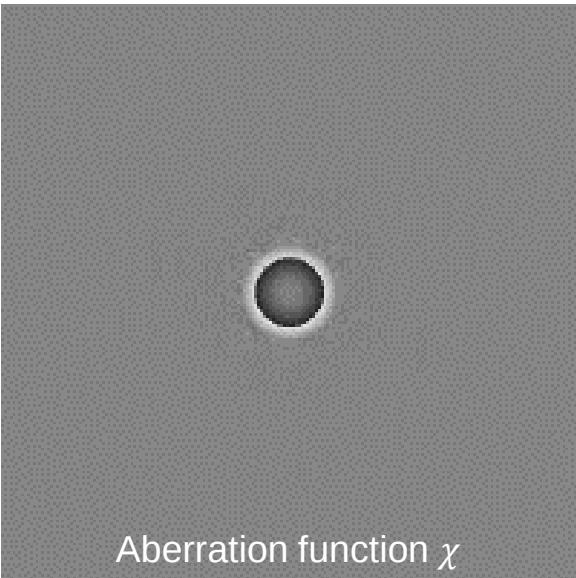
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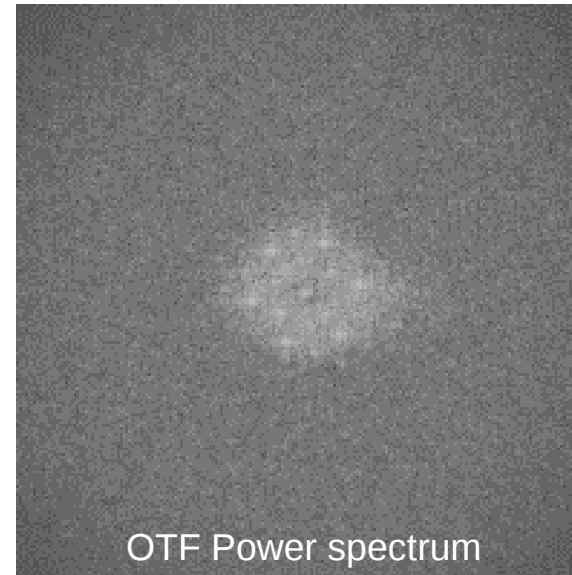
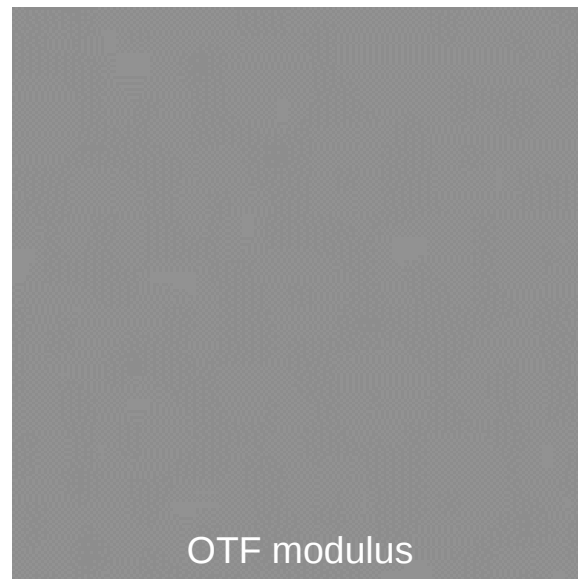
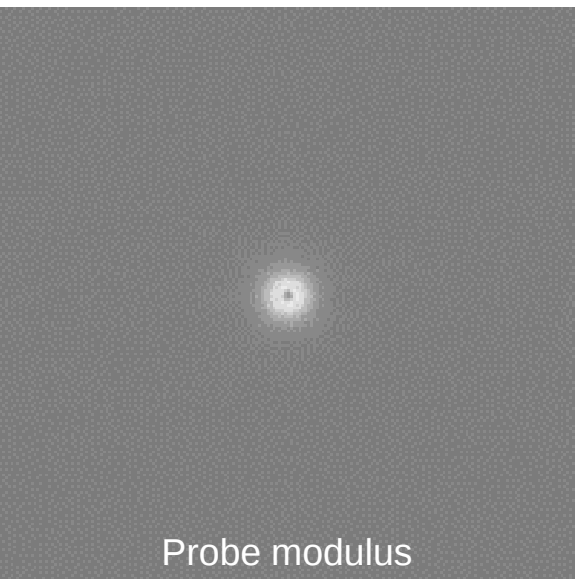
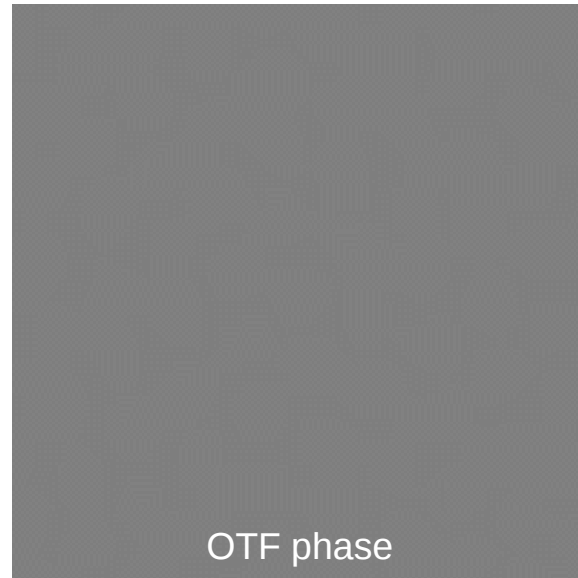
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Foretaste of the practical: reconstruct atomic structure of SnS_2

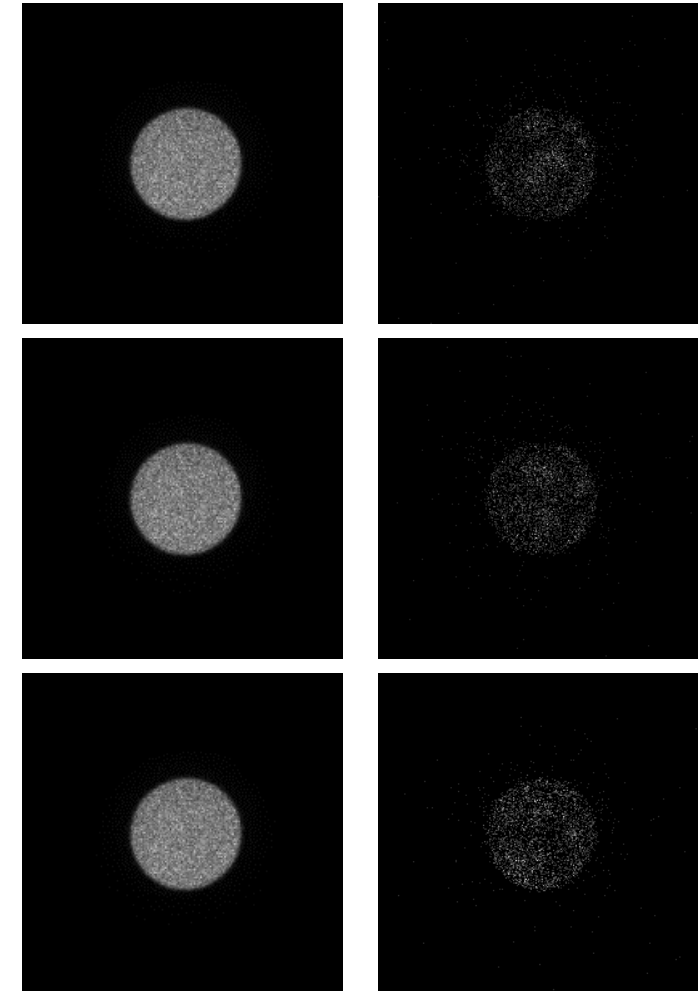
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Specimen



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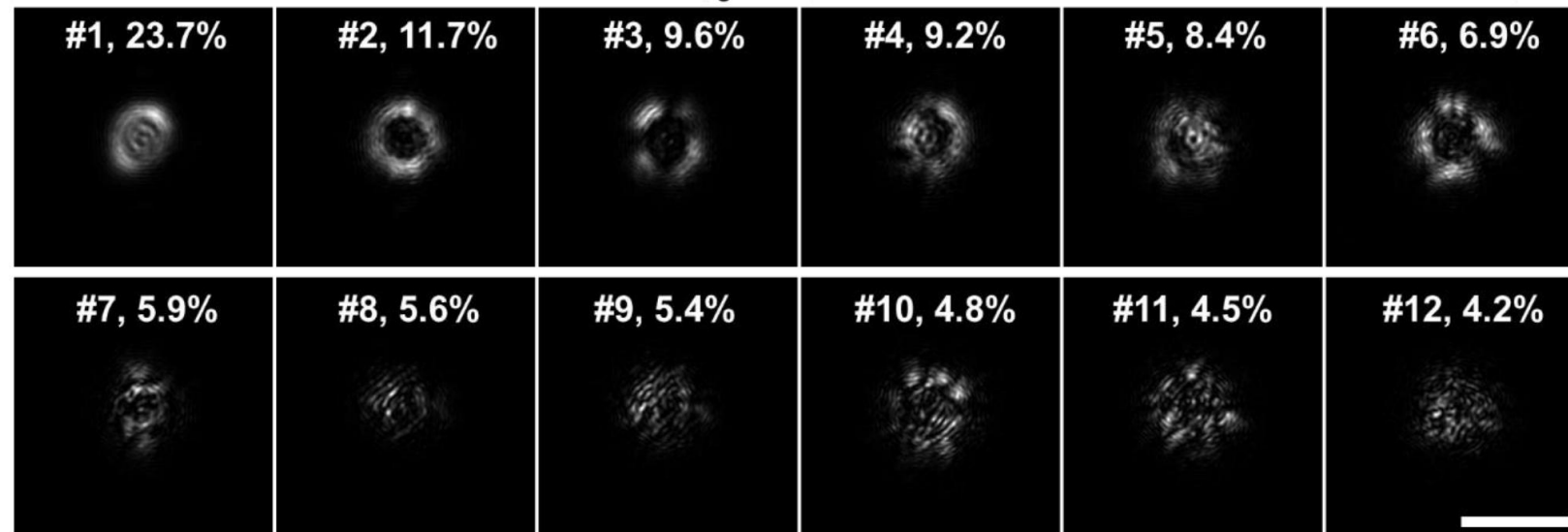
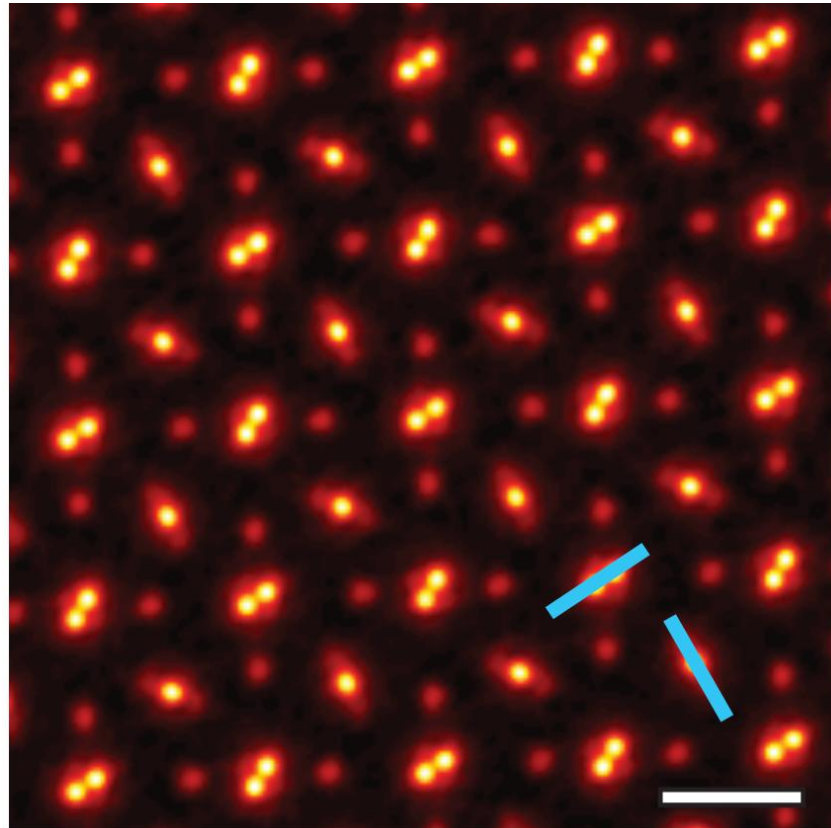
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Benchmark study: Chen et al (Group David Muller)



{P} multimodal probes pixel wise reconstructed

→ Order of $N_{\text{probes}} \times 1\text{K} \times 1\text{K} = N_{\text{probes}} \times 10^6$
complex parameters

{S} pixel- & slice wise reconstructed

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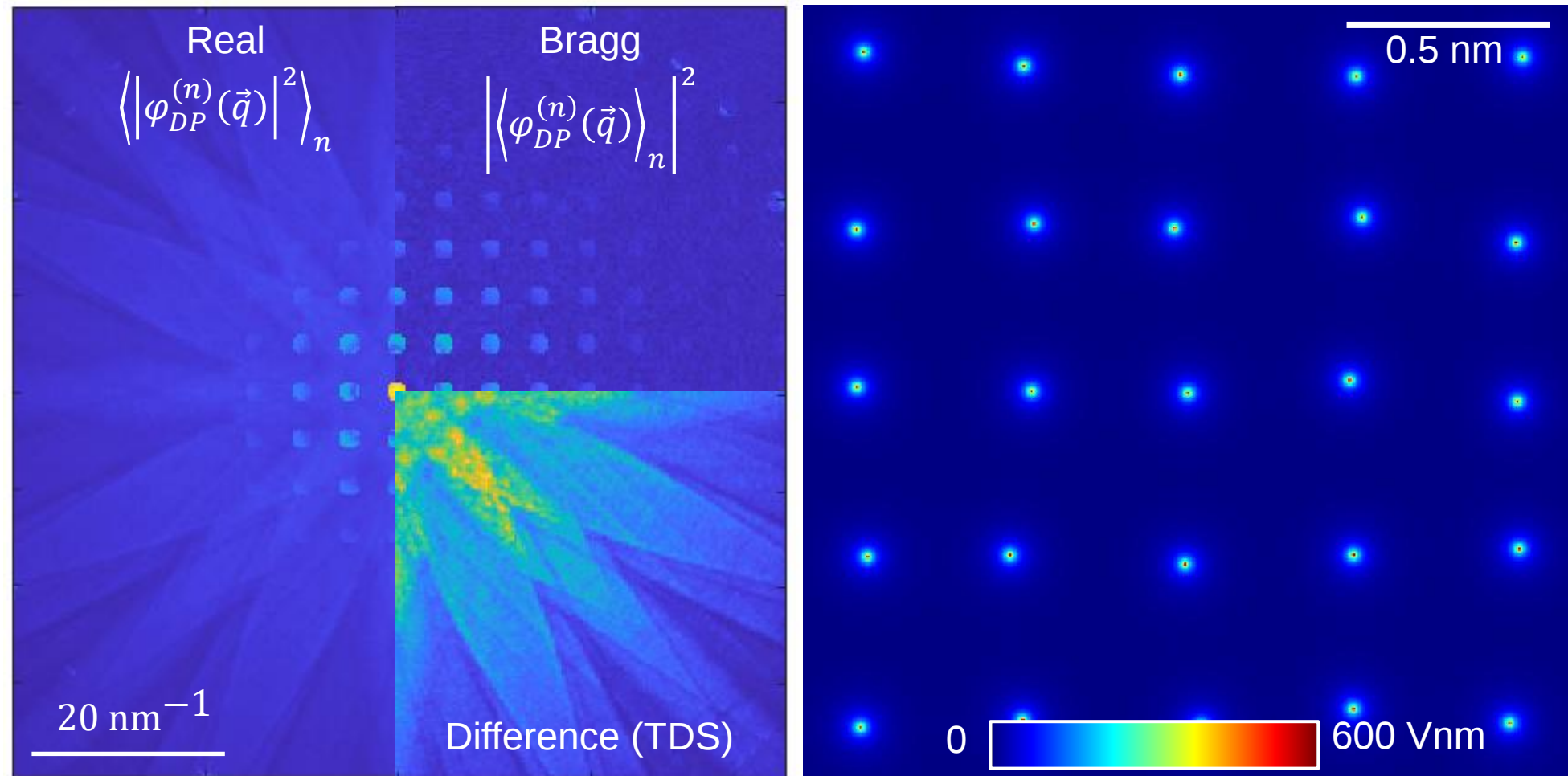
→ Reconstruction of 10^7 complex parameters

→ No physics constraints to potentials and wave functions

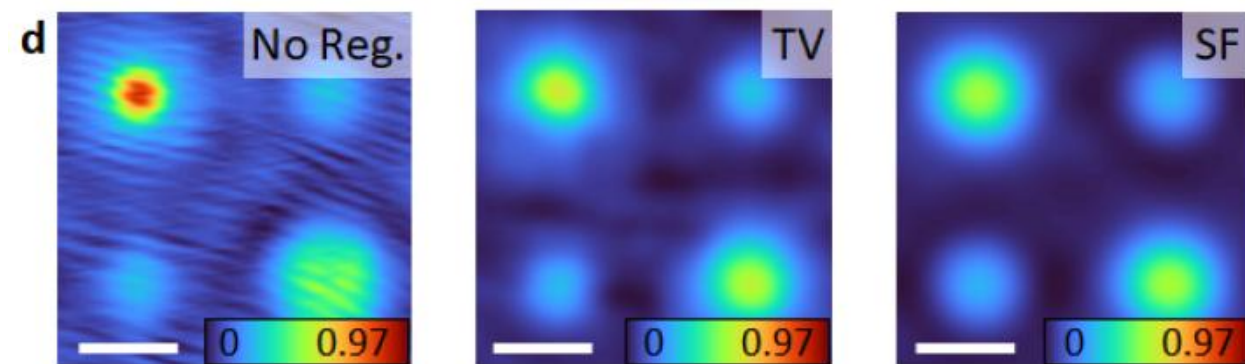
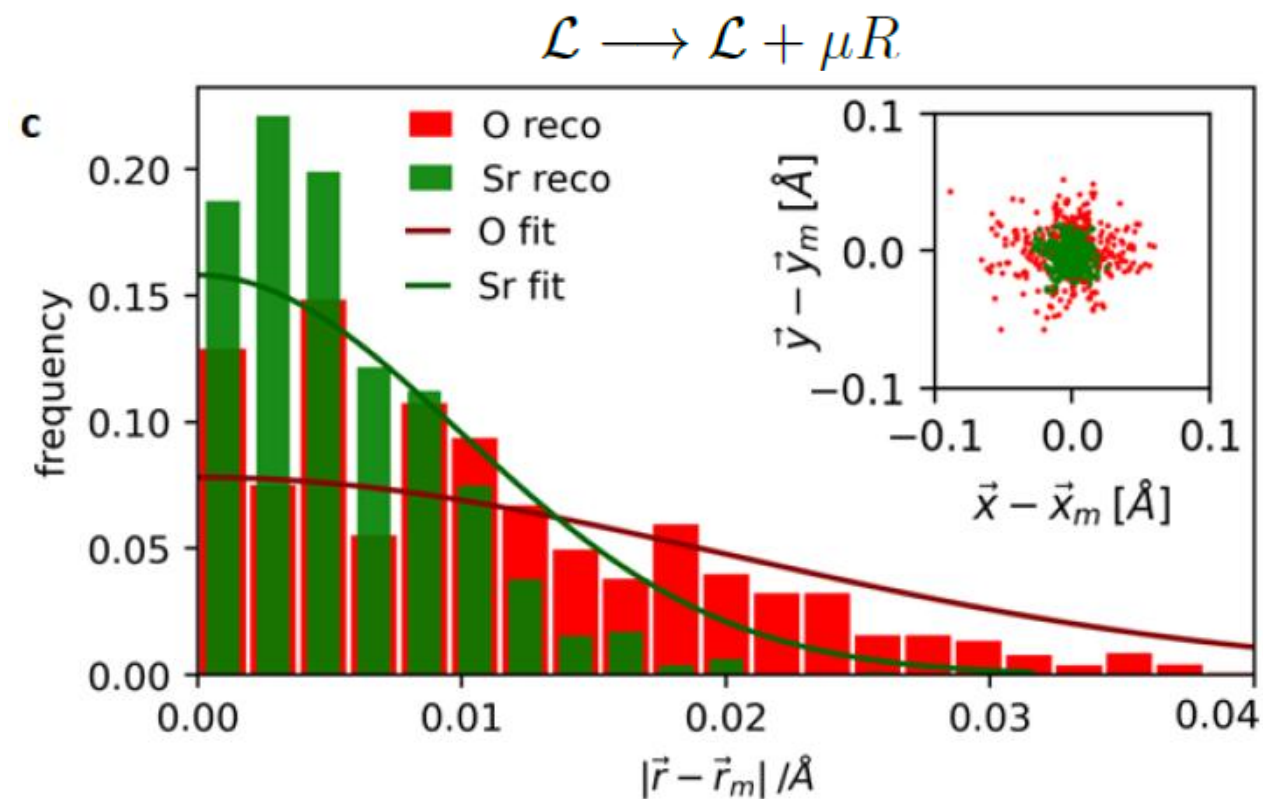
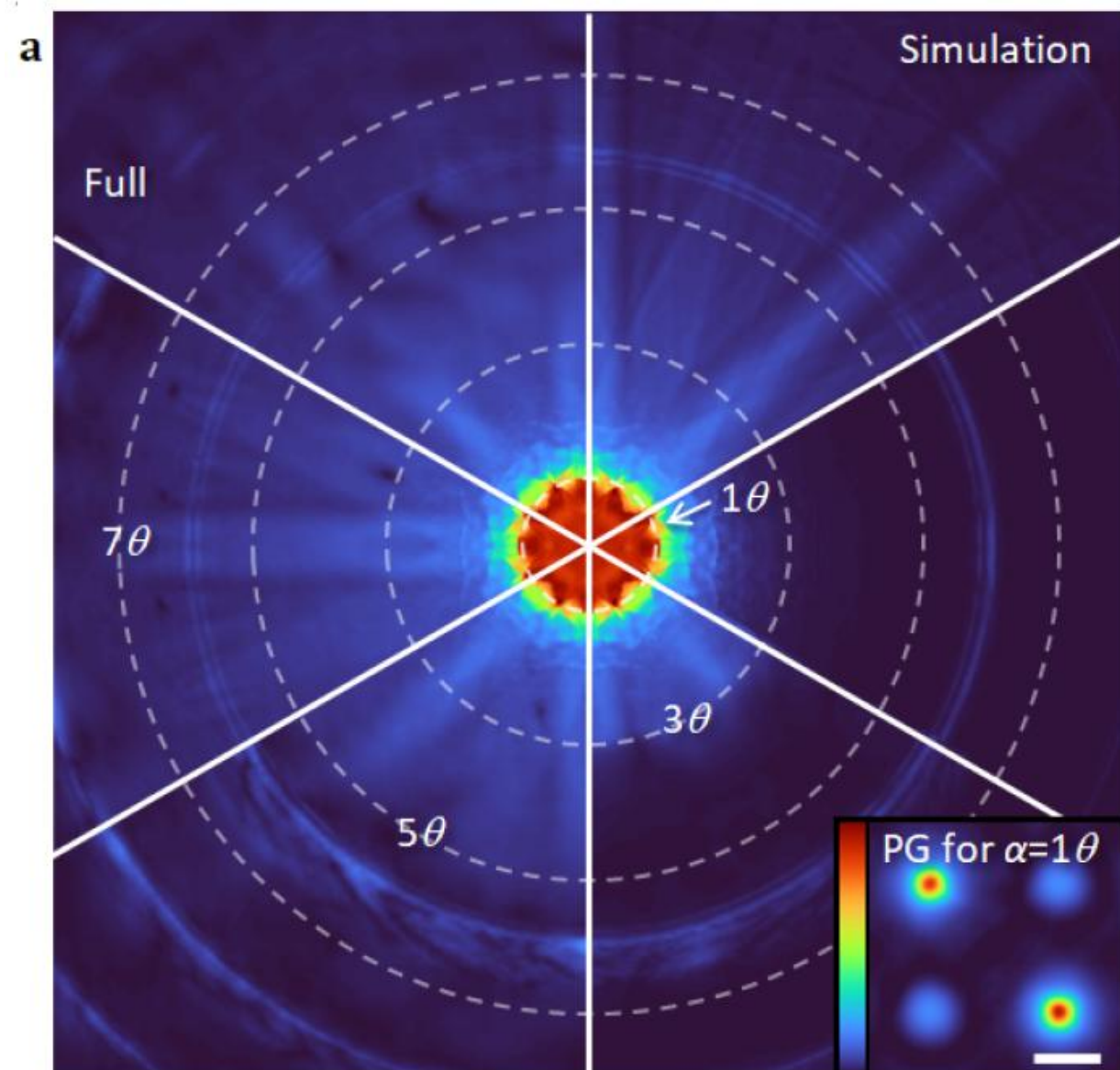
→ Handcrafted regularisation concepts

Inversion of multislice

... But multislice inversion is for thick specimens
... in which TDS is omnipresent



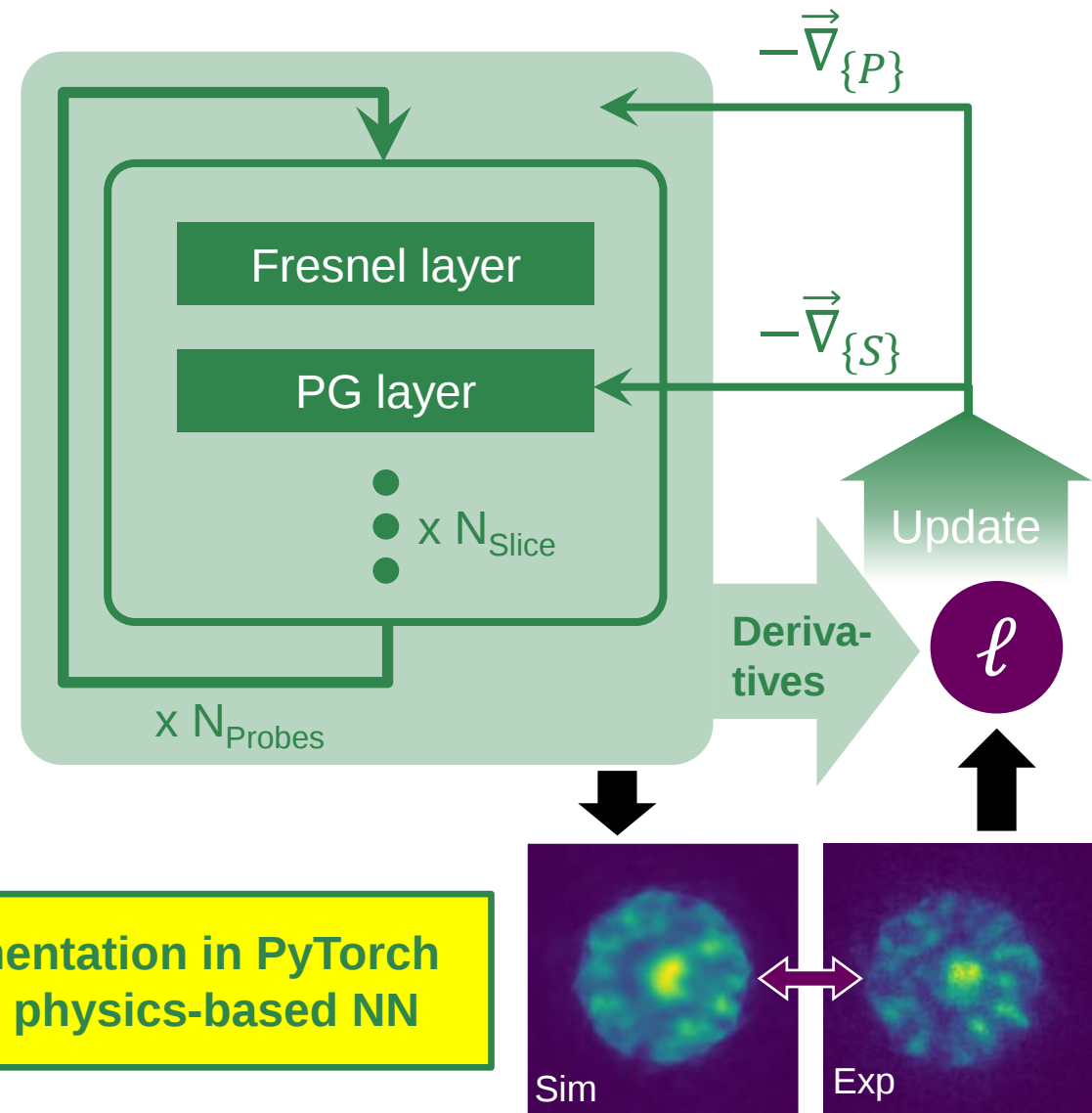
TDS: Model violations in pixelwise reconstructions (STO)



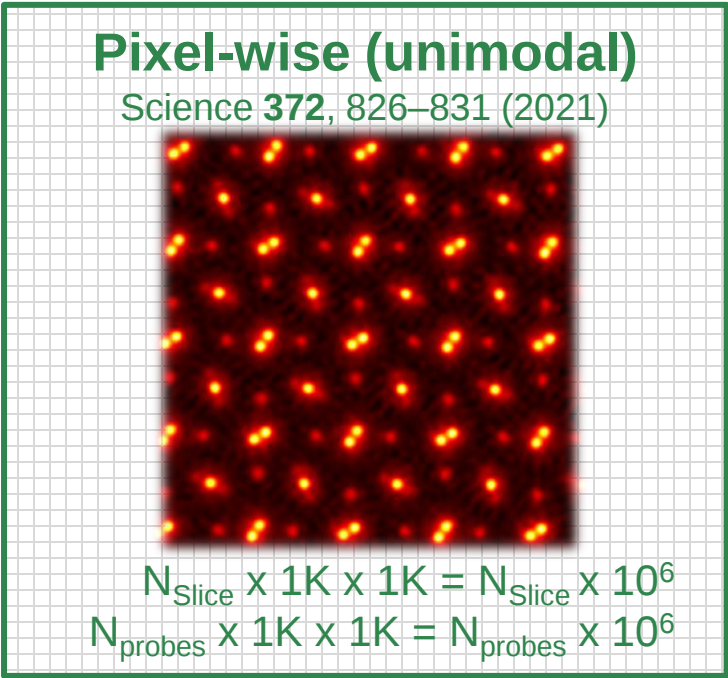
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Gradient calculation: Multislice as a Neural Network

Van den Broek, Phys Rev Lett **109**, 245502 (2012)



- Implementation in PyTorch
- Strictly physics-based NN



„Multimodal objects“: Thibault et al., Nature **494**, 68 (2013)

Inversion of multislice

Parametrised inversion of partially coherent dynamical scattering

- Partially coherent probe formation known

Probe expressed by:

$$\psi_k = \alpha_k \cdot \phi_{in}^{\{P\}}(\vec{r} - \vec{s} - \vec{\eta}_k, \delta_k)$$

Diagram illustrating the parameters of the probe wave function ψ_k :

- α_k : Probability for $\vec{\eta}_k, \delta_k$
- $\phi_{in}^{\{P\}}$: Partial spacial coherence
- $\vec{r} - \vec{s} - \vec{\eta}_k$: Scan position
- δ_k : Focus fluctuations
- $\vec{\eta}_k$: Semi-angle, aberrations

→ Order of $N_{\text{probes}} \times 10$ **real** parameters

→ Bounded to **physical solutions**

- Specimen potential known

Built by N atoms:

$$V_{DW}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{n=1}^N w_n \cdot D_n \otimes v_{Z_n}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n)$$

Diagram illustrating the parameters of the specimen potential $V_{DW}(\vec{r})$:

- w_n : Weight to adjust type
- D_n : Debye-Waller Factor
- $v_{Z_n}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n)$: Atomic potential (from Hartree-Fock)

Single **Frozen Phonon** configuration τ in slice j :

$$V_{FP}^{(j)}(\vec{r}, \tau) = \sum_{n=1}^N w_n \cdot v_{Z_n}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n - \sqrt{\langle u_n^2 \rangle} \cdot \vec{g}_{n,\tau})$$

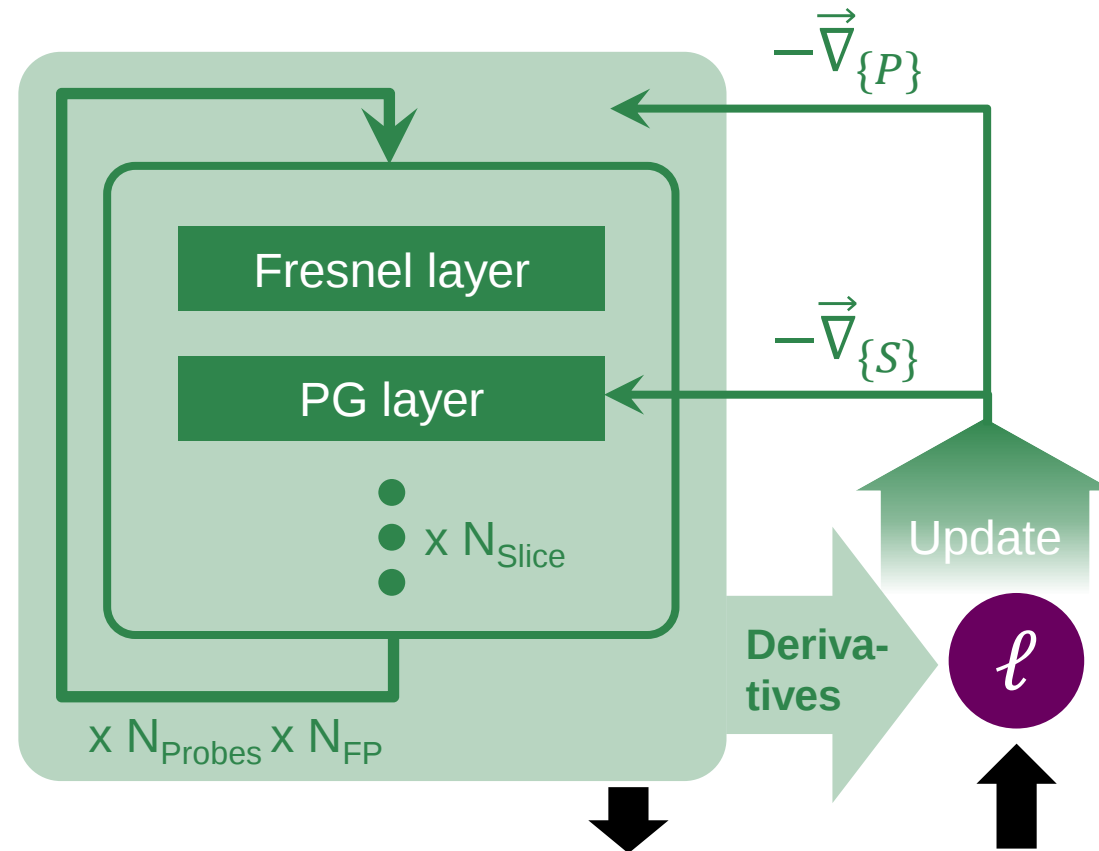
Diagram illustrating the parameters of the frozen phonon potential $V_{FP}^{(j)}(\vec{r}, \tau)$:

- $\sqrt{\langle u_n^2 \rangle} \cdot \vec{g}_{n,\tau}$: Random Gaussian displacements

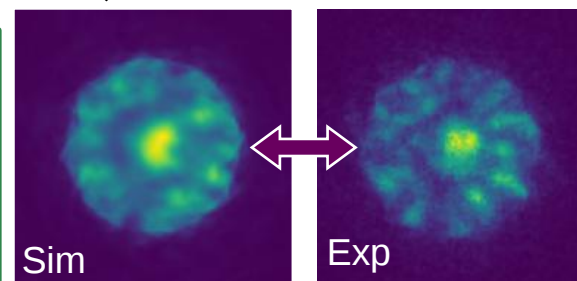
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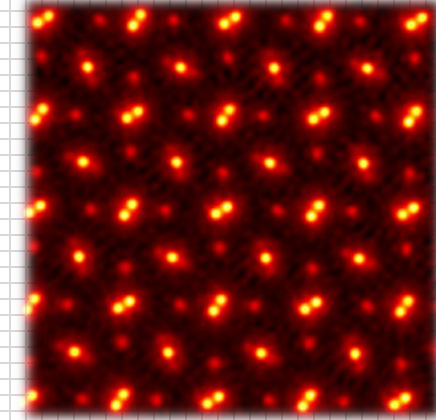


- Implementation in PyTorch
- Strictly physics-based NN
- Partial coherence of probe (N_{probes}) and specimen (N_{FP})



Pixel-wise (unimodal)

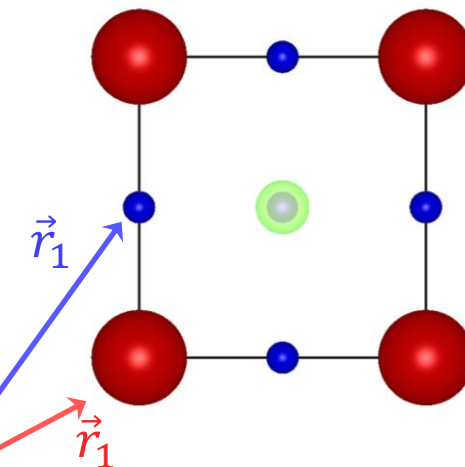
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$$N_{\text{Slice}} \times 1\text{K} \times 1\text{K} = N_{\text{Slice}} \times 10^6$$
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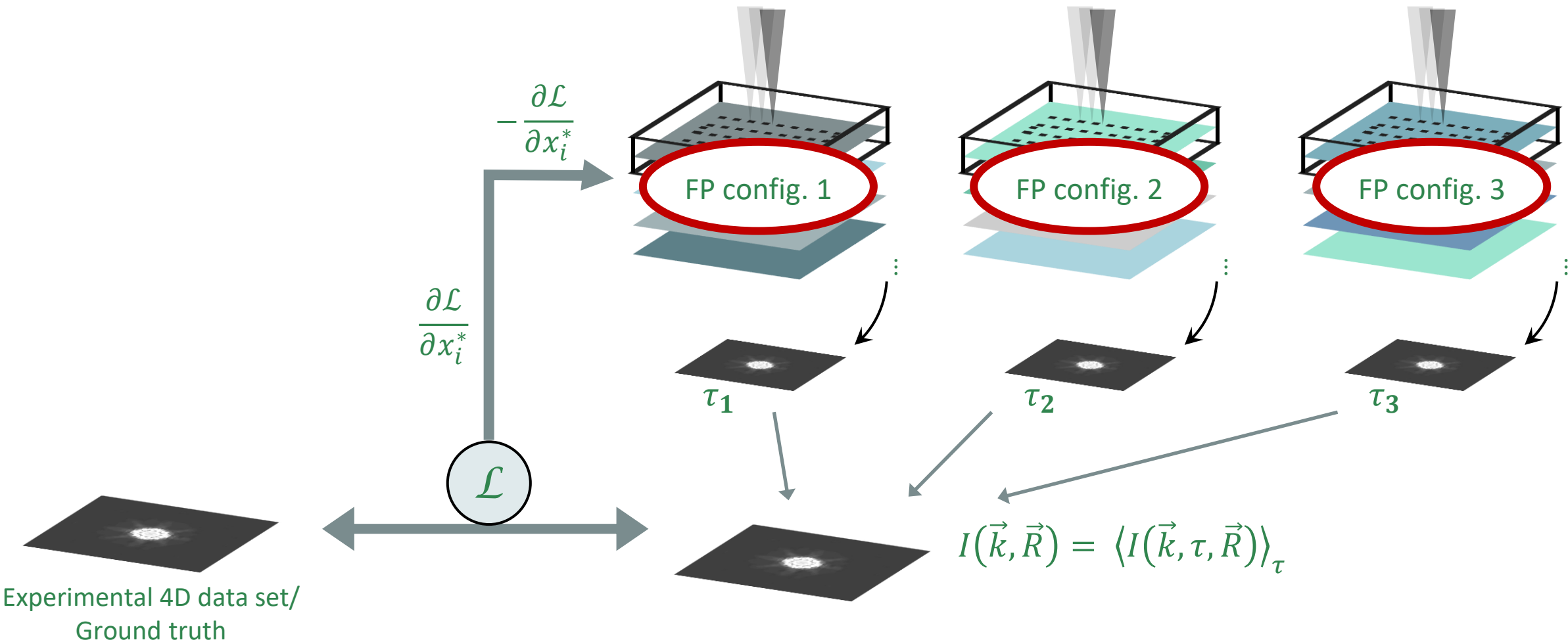
Parameterised

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Inversion of multislice: Multimodal probe & specimen

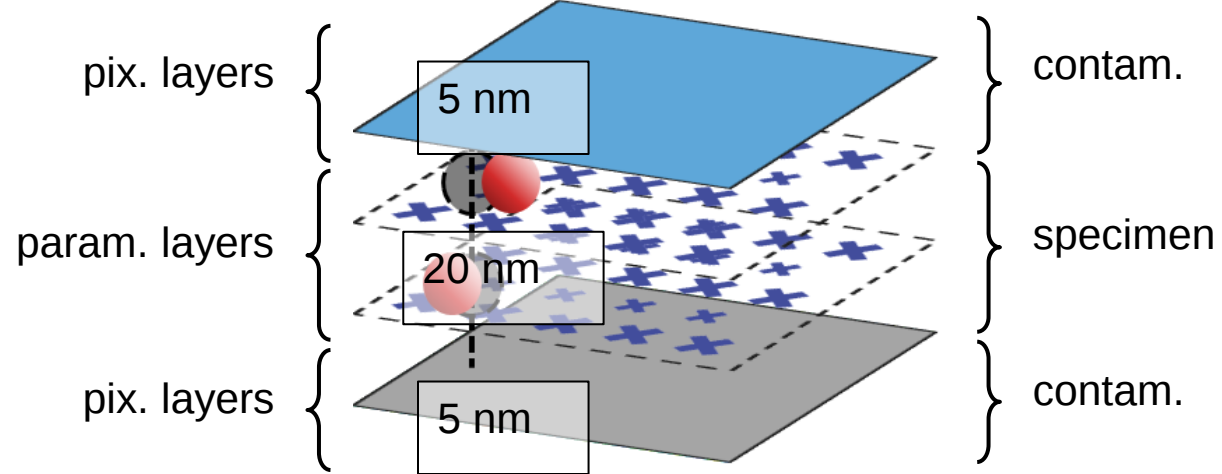
Multi-modal reconstruction to enable TDS



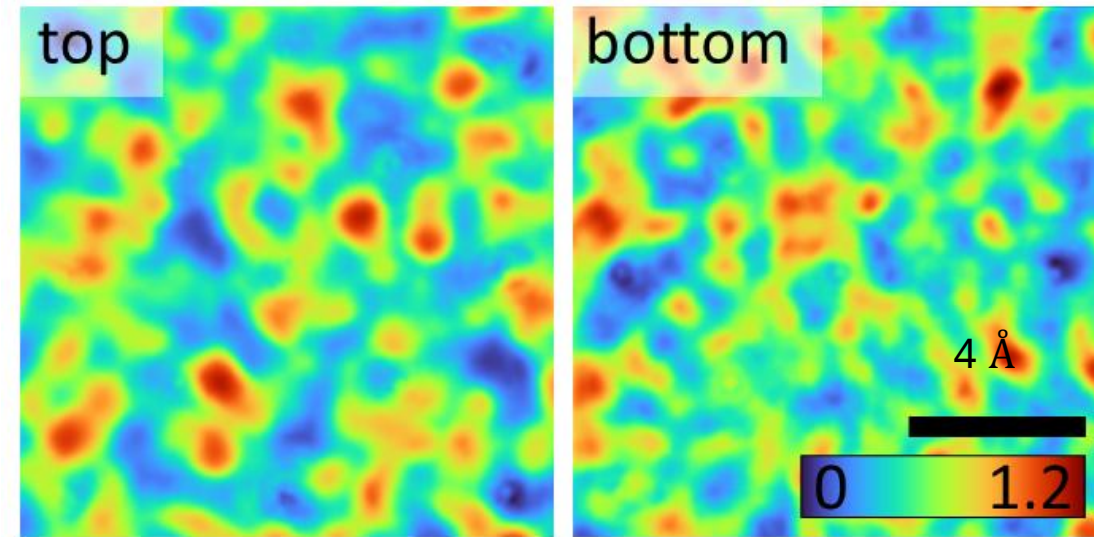
Hybrid parameterised/pixellated model

Decontamination of specimen surfaces

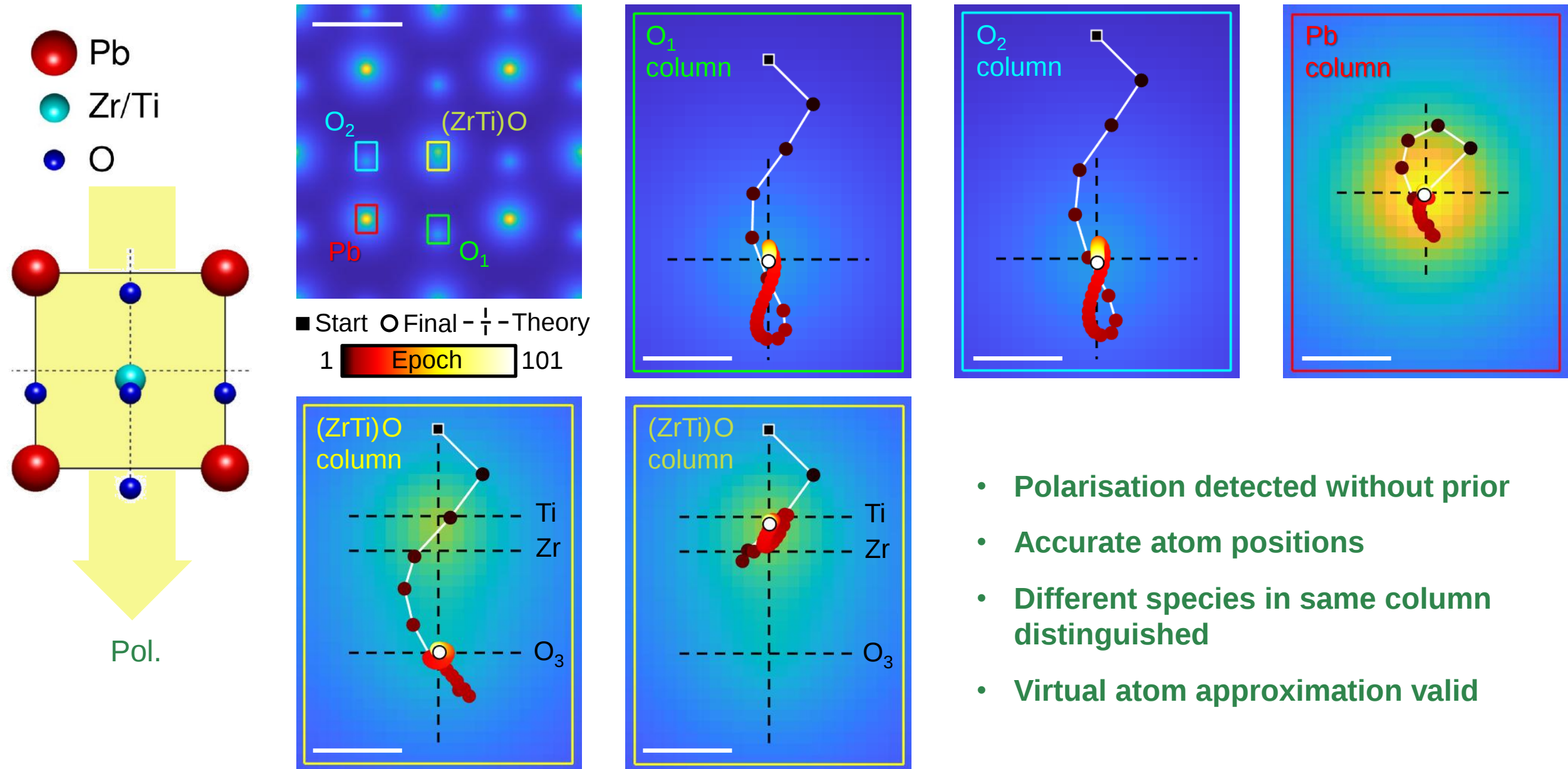
Hybrid model



Reconstructed amorphous carbon layers (simulation study)

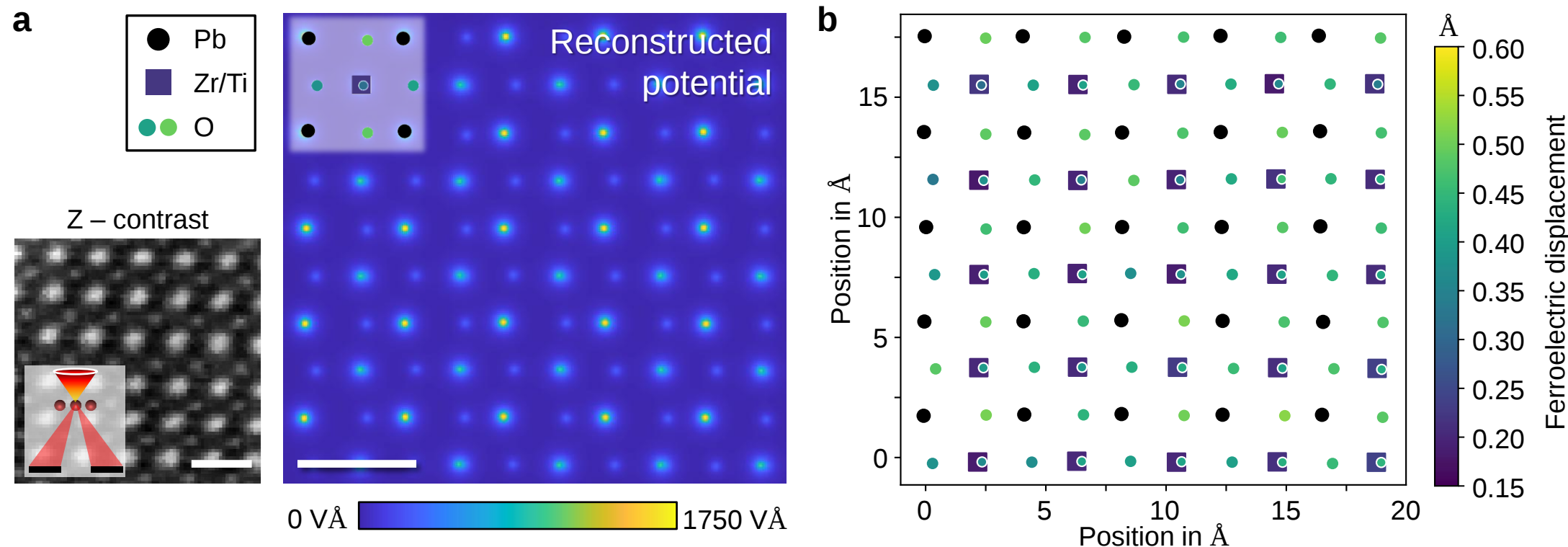


Inverse multislice in PZT ferroelectrics



- Polarisation detected without prior
- Accurate atom positions
- Different species in same column distinguished
- Virtual atom approximation valid

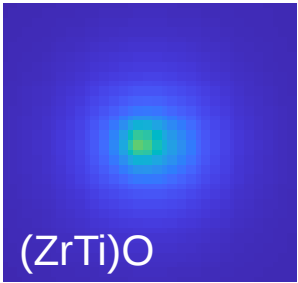
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→ Incorporates TDS in inverse model

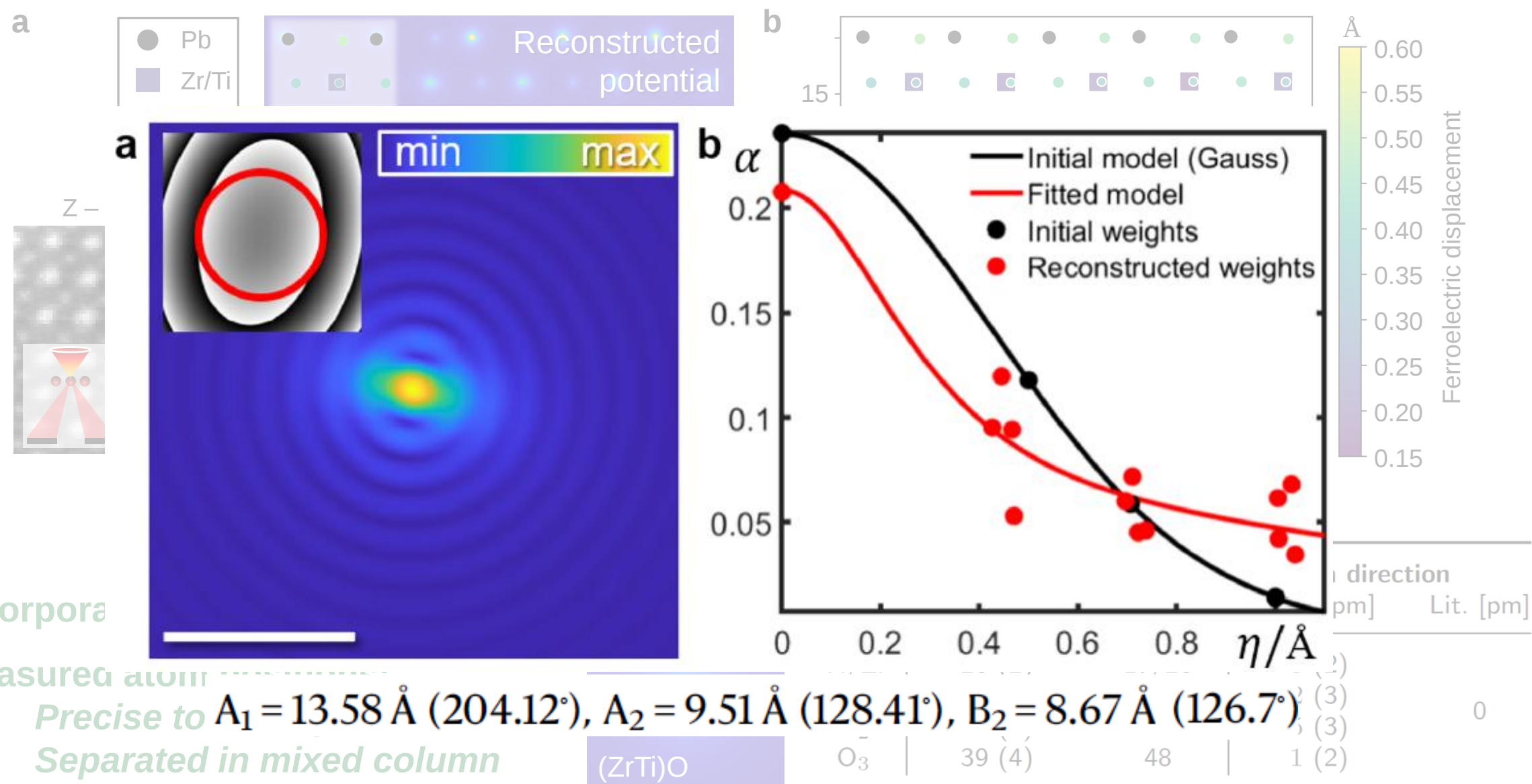
→ Measured atom positions:

Precise to a few picometers
Separated in mixed column



Site	c direction		a direction	
	Exp. [pm]	Lit. [pm]	Exp. [pm]	Lit. [pm]
Ti/Zr	20 (2)	17/26	0 (2)	
O ₁	42 (4)	43	2 (3)	0
O ₂	48 (2)	48	5 (3)	
O ₃	39 (4)	48	1 (2)	

Inverse multislice of PZT ferroelectrics



→ Incorporate

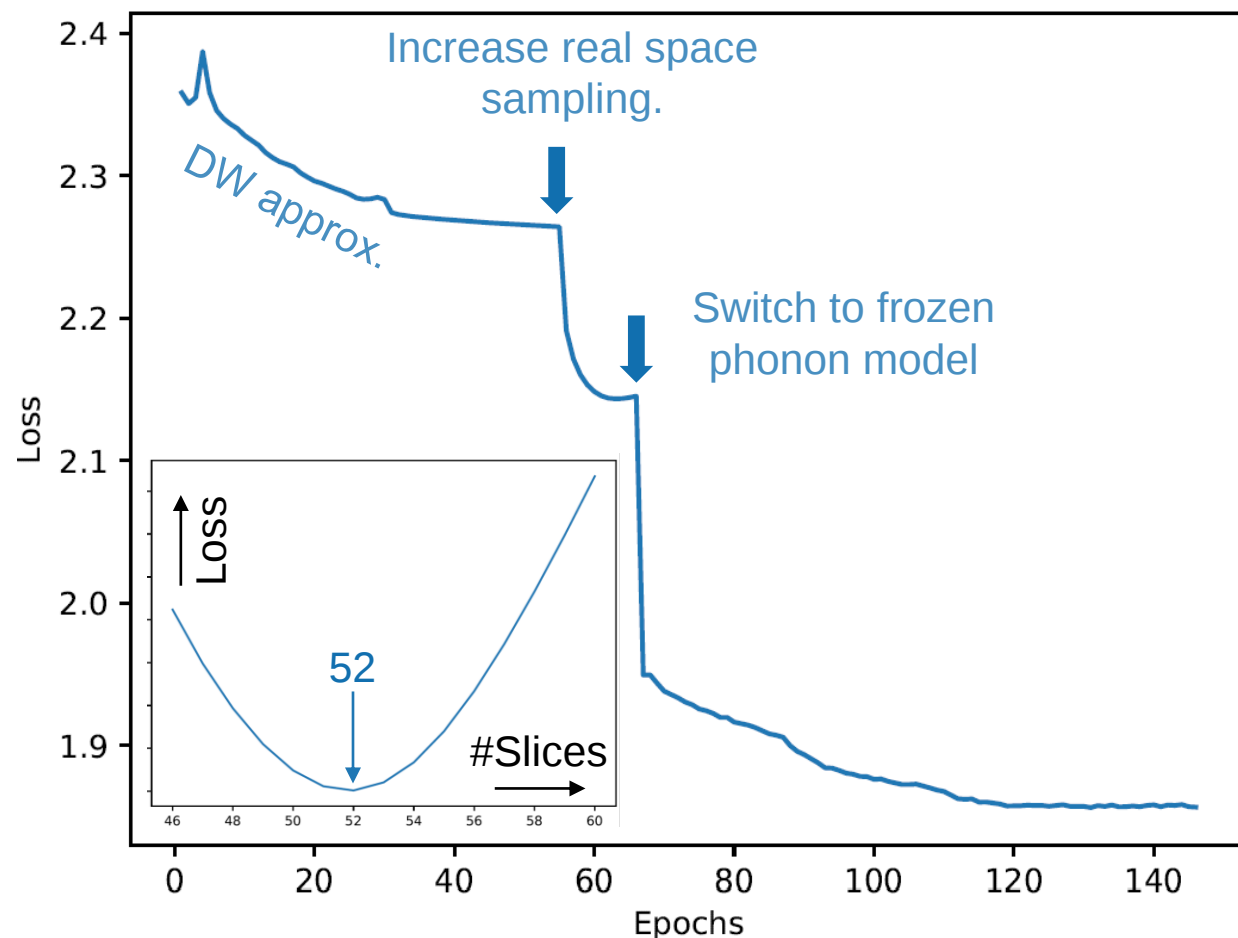
→ Measured atom

Precise to

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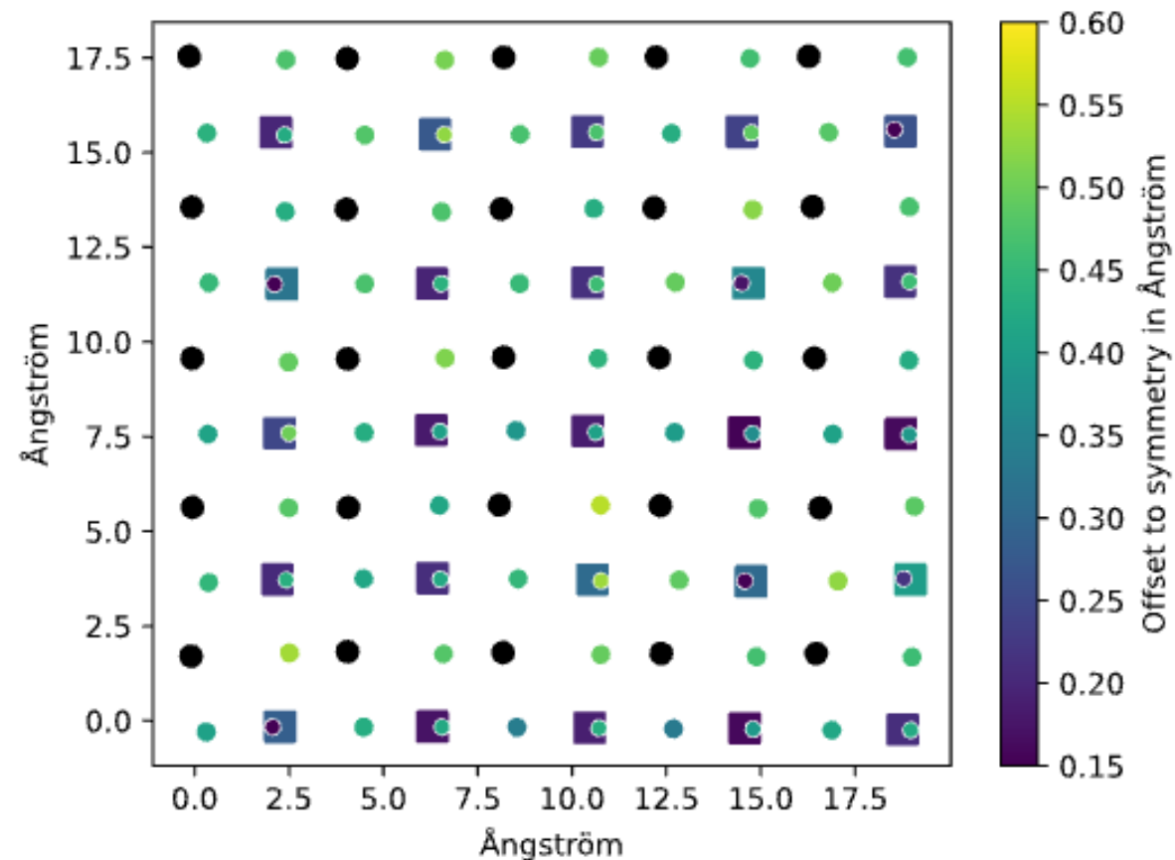
Importance of TDS

Loss characteristics



- Unique minimum in thickness scan
- Drastic improvement of $\mathcal{L}_1$ loss upon switch to FP

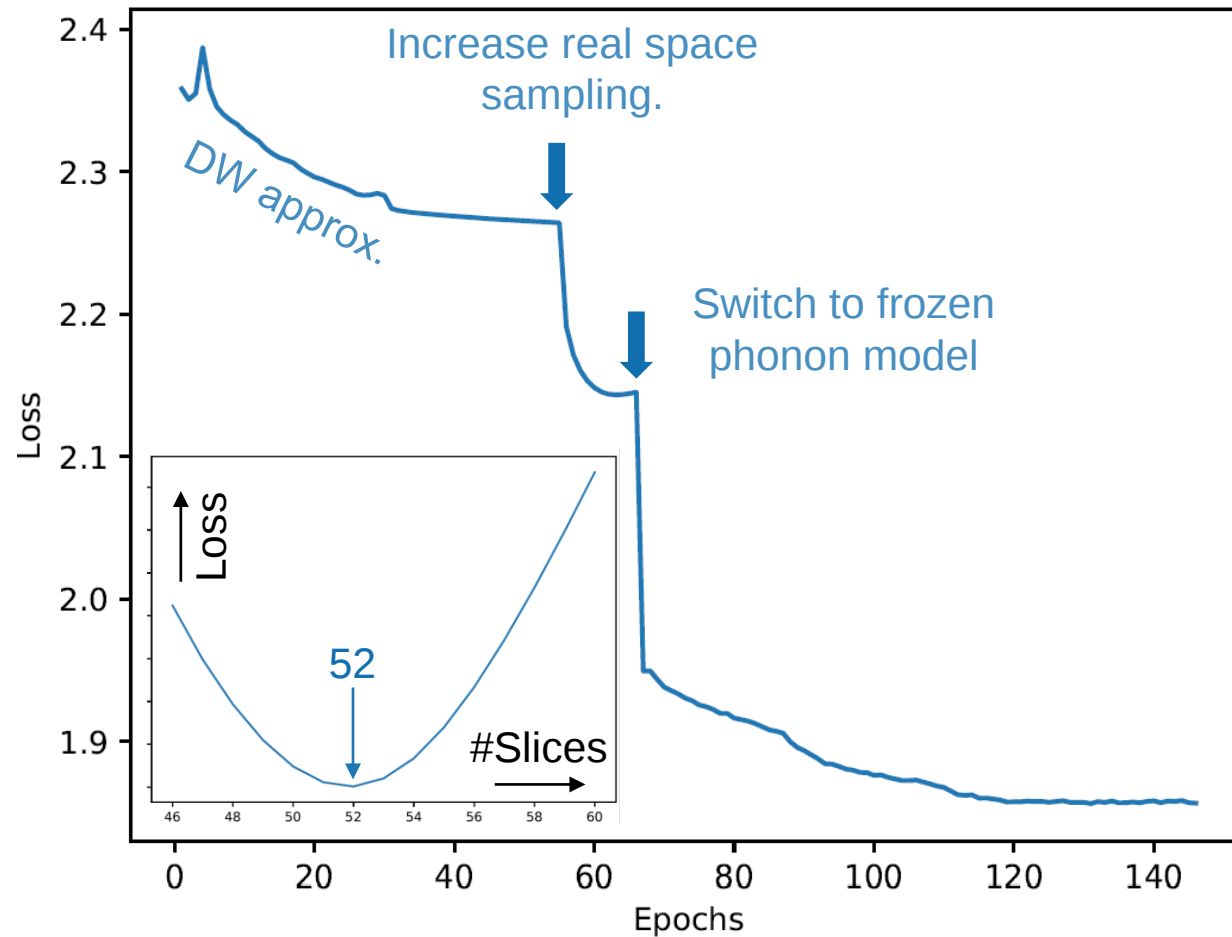
Single-state DW result for displacements



- Precision significantly worse compared to FP
- Polarisation direction (partly) wrong for O

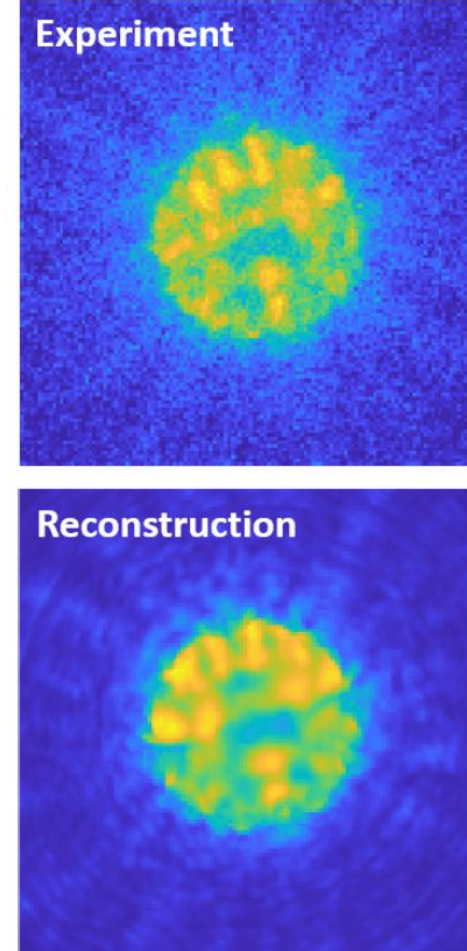
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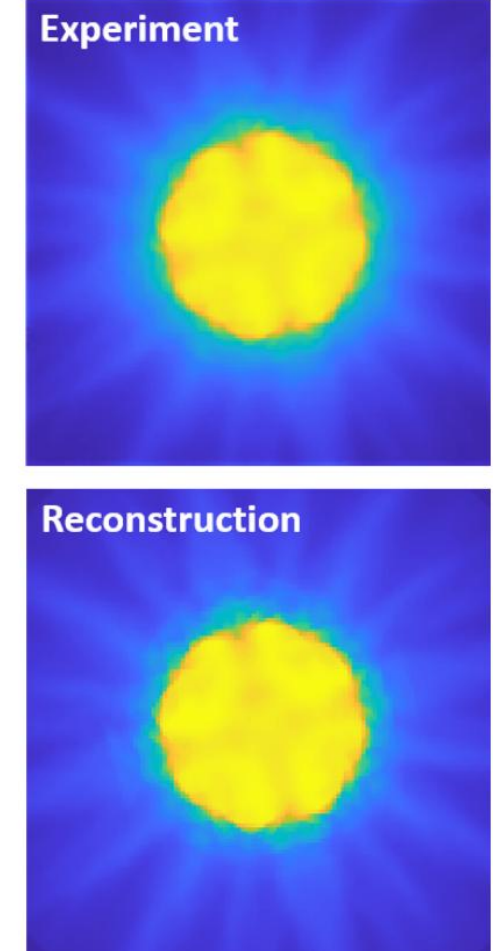


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Single diffraction pattern



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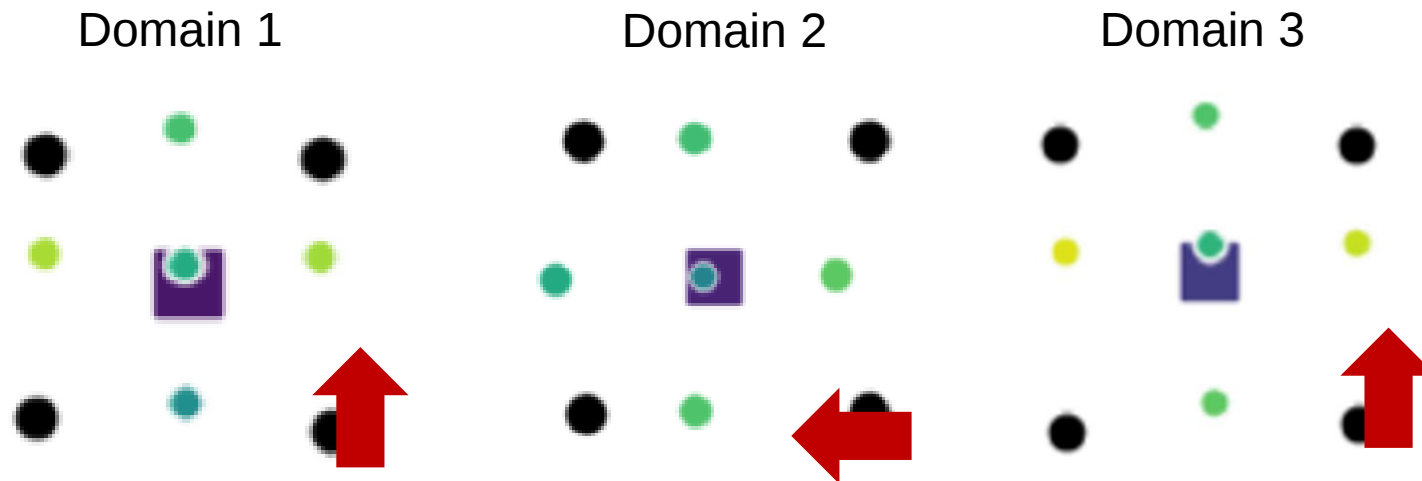
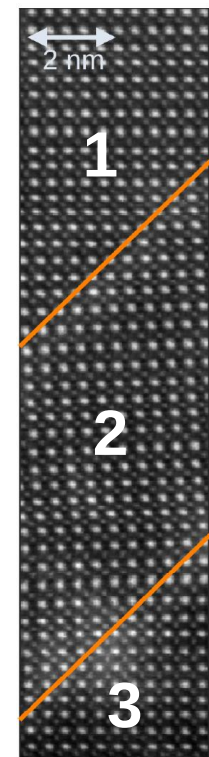


- TDS reproduced reliably with frozen phonon model (Einstein)

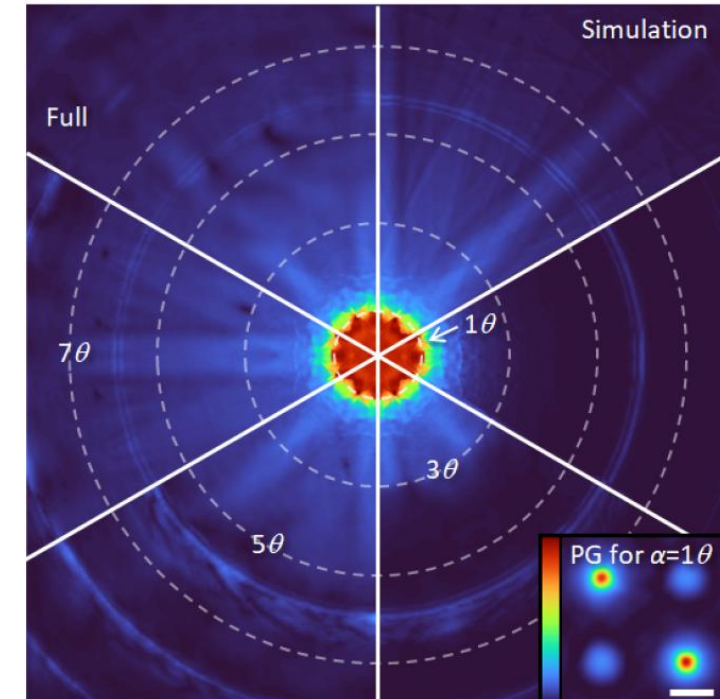
Summary ferroelectric case study

Parametrized inverse multislice:

- Inverse model with Frozen Phonons
- Thermal diffuse scattering included
- Z-contrast
- Mistilt-eliminated structural imaging



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See also: A. Gladyshev arXiv:2309.12017

Merci beaucoup!

STEM, DPC, COM, phases and momentum transfer

**Electric fields in thin specimen:
Ehrenfest theorem**

**Approaches for polarisation-
induced field mapping**

Practice hint 1 – 5, focus, coherence

Gradient – based (single & multislice) ptychography

Introduction to the inverse problem

**Minimizing the loss function: a
single-scattering example**

**Inverse multislice: concept,
coherence, TDS, parametrisation**

TorchSlice software in practicals