

- **Coherence of light and matter:
from basic concepts to modern applications**

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Script 2

Coherence based X-ray techniques

Overview, Introduction to X-ray Scattering, Sources of Coherent X-rays, Speckle pattern and their analysis

Imaging techniques

Phase Retrieval, Sampling Theory, Reconstruction of Oversampled Data, Fourier Transform Holography, Applications

X-ray Photon Correlation Spectroscopy (XPCS)

Introduction, Equilibrium Dynamics (Brownian Motion), Surface Dynamics, Non-Equilibrium Dynamics

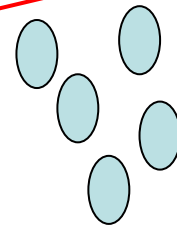
Imaging and XPCS at FEL Sources

Introduction: Experimental Set-Up

source (visible light, x-rays,...)

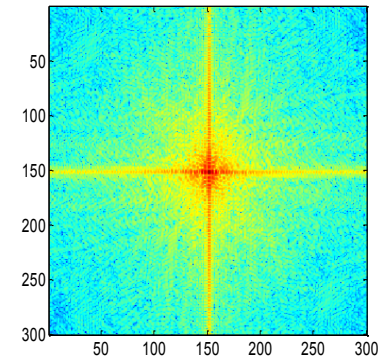
source parameters: source size, λ , $\Delta\lambda/\lambda$, ...

coherence properties: (incoherent, partially coherent, coherent)



sample

interacts with radiation (e.g. x-rays)



detector

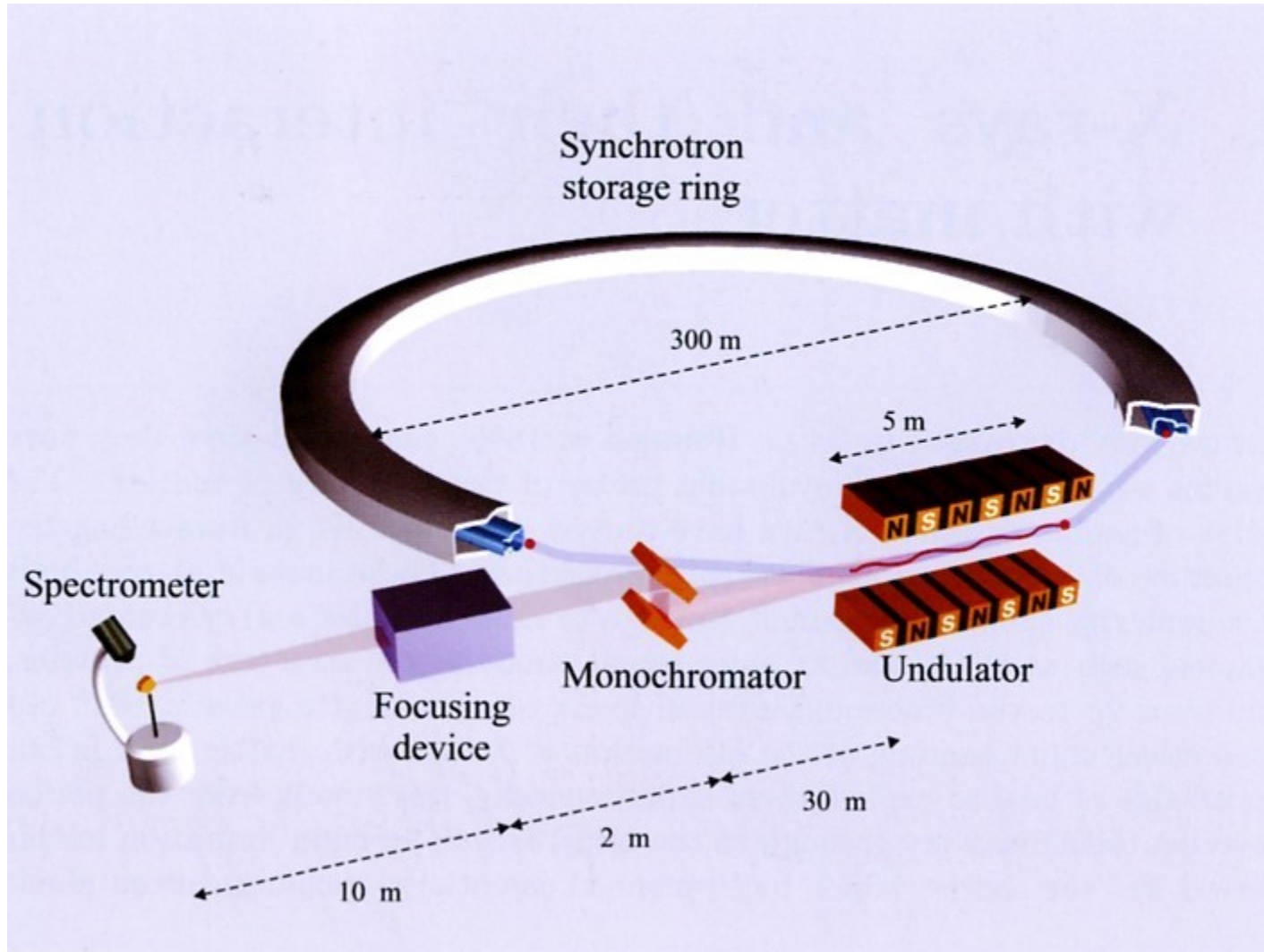
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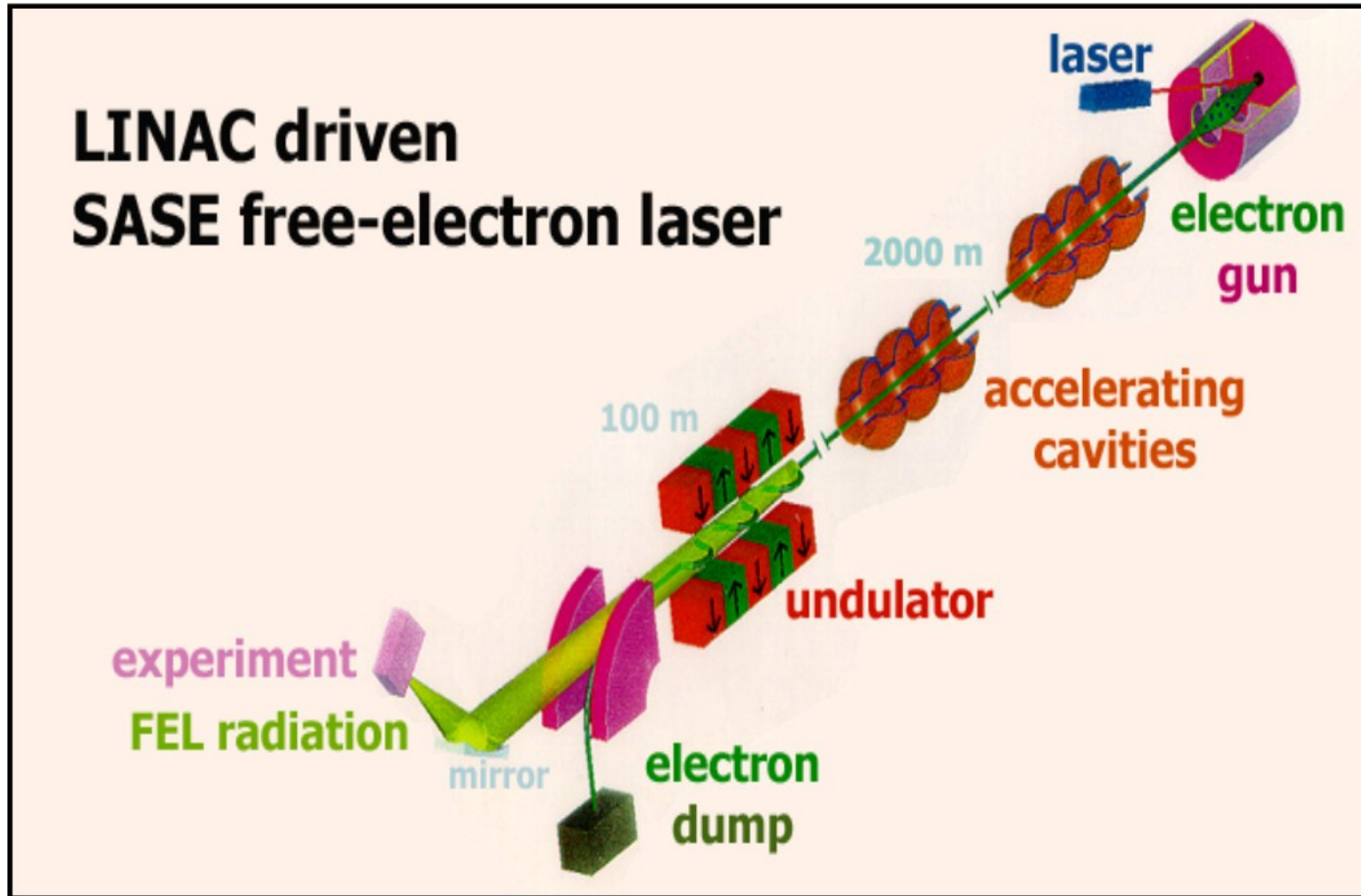
Coherence based X-ray techniques:

Sources of Coherent X-rays

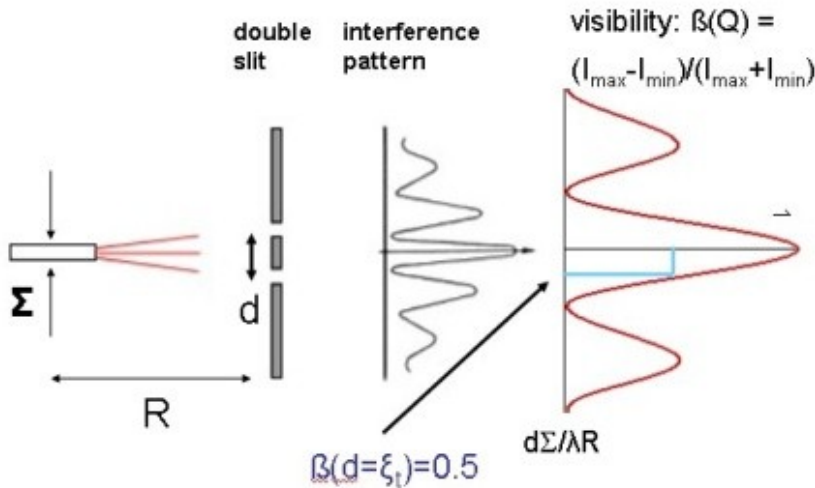
- A storage ring facility



- A Free Electron Laser (FEL)



Coherence parameters of an undulator source



Coherent Flux:

$$F_c = (\lambda/2)^2 \cdot B$$

$$= 3.5 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ ph/s}$$

$$B = 10^{20} \text{ ph/s/mm}^2/\text{mrad}^2/0.1\% \text{bw}$$

$$\Delta\lambda/\lambda = 10^{-4}; \lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}$$

Temporal Coherence:

longitudinal coherence length

$$\xi_l = \lambda(\lambda/\Delta\lambda) = 1 \text{ \mu m}$$

$$\Delta\lambda/\lambda = 10^{-4}; \lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}$$

Transverse coherence length:

$\xi_t^2 \cdot \xi_l$ defines coherence volume

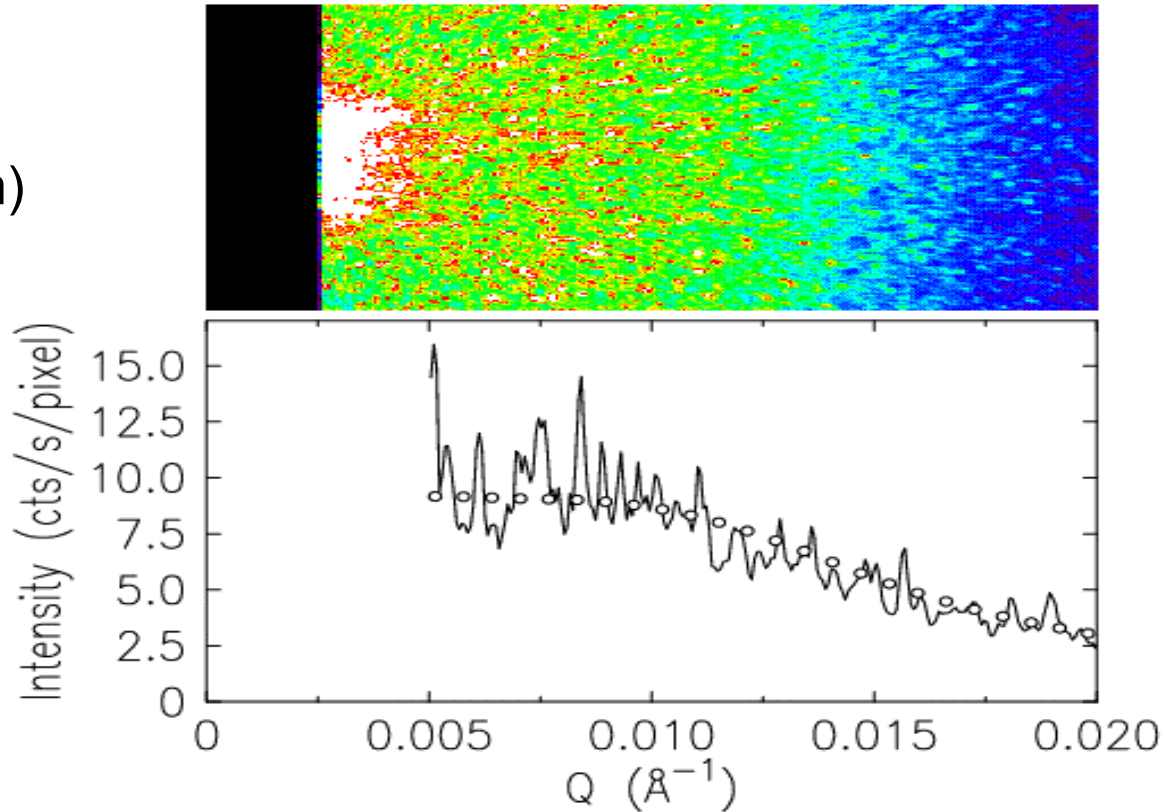
$$\xi_t = (\lambda/2) (R/\Sigma) = 2.5 \text{ \mu m (h), } \Sigma_x = 1 \text{ mm}$$

$$= 25 \text{ \mu m (h), } \Sigma_z = 0.1 \text{ mm}$$

$$(\lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}, R = 50 \text{ m})$$

- Speckle pattern from a porous silica gel

Aerogel
 $\lambda=1\text{\AA}$
CCD (22 μm)



Abernathy, Grübel, et al. J. Synchrotron Rad. 5, 37, 1998

Statistical Analysis of Speckle Pattern (1)

If the source is fully coherent and the scattering amplitudes and phases of the scattering are statistically independent and distributed over 2π one finds for the probability amplitude of the intensities:

$$P(I) = (1/\langle I \rangle) \exp(-I/\langle I \rangle)$$

Mean: $\langle I \rangle$
 Std.Dev. σ : $\sqrt{\langle I^2 \rangle - \langle I \rangle^2} = \langle I \rangle$
 Contrast: $\beta = \sigma^2 / \langle I \rangle^2 = 1$

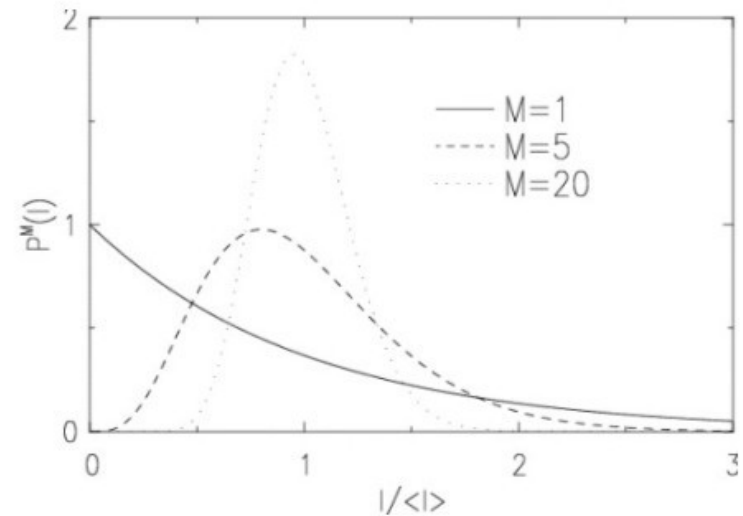
partially coherent illumination:

the speckle pattern is the sum of M

independent speckle pattern

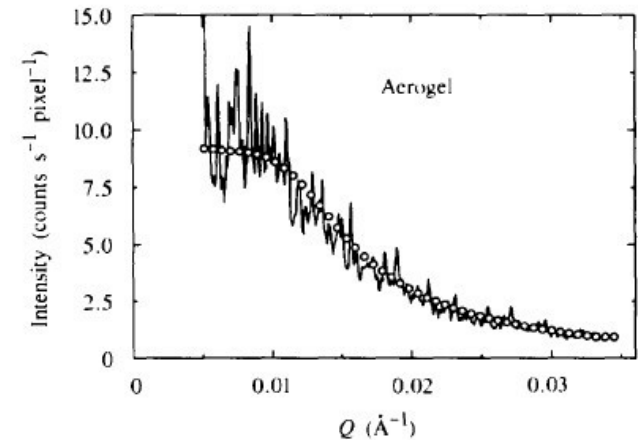
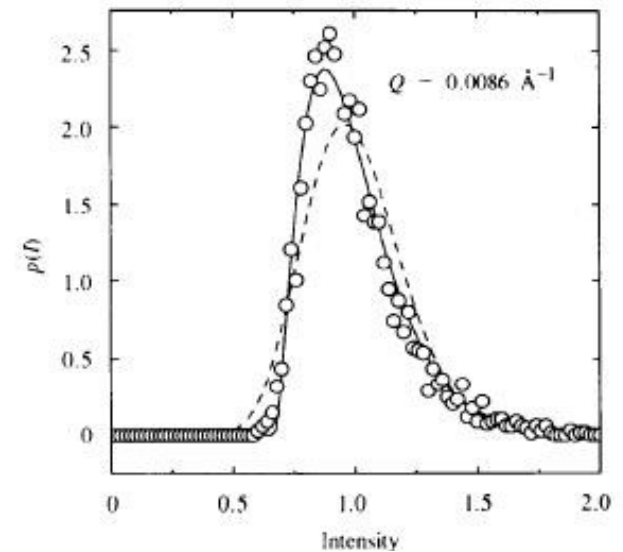
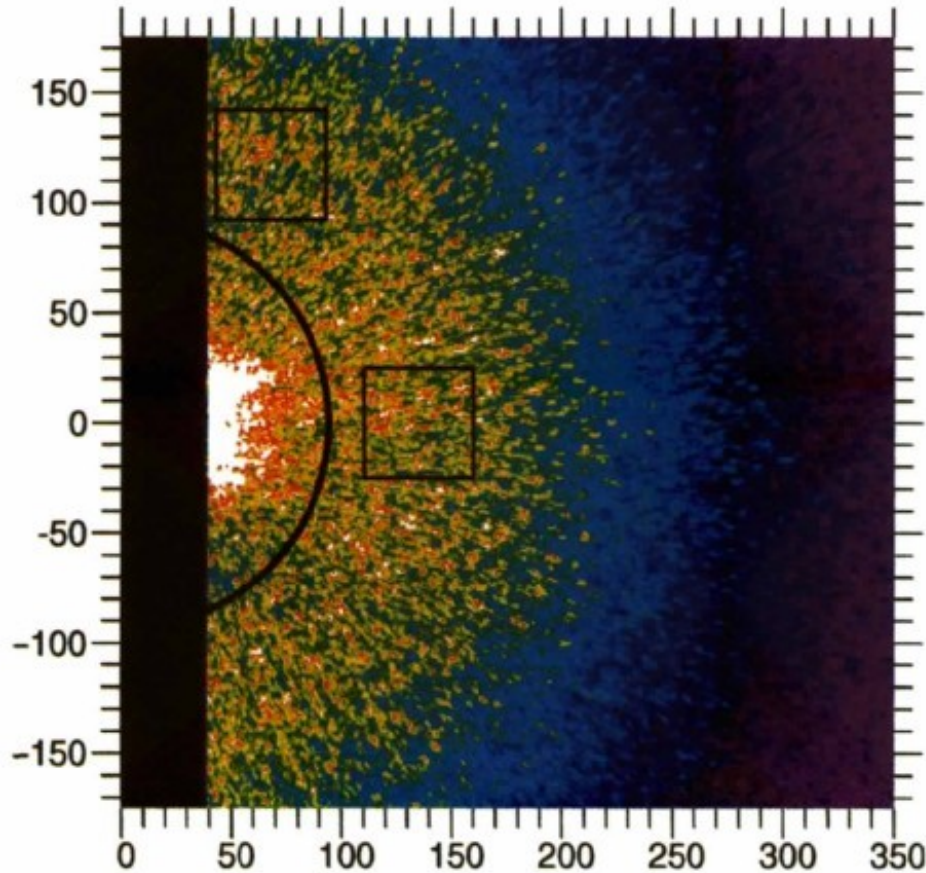
$$P_M(I) = M^M \cdot (I/\langle I \rangle)^{M-1} / (\Gamma(M)\langle I \rangle) \cdot \exp(-MI/\langle I \rangle)$$

Mean: $\langle I \rangle$
 $\sigma = \langle I \rangle / M^{1/2}$
 $\beta = 1/M$



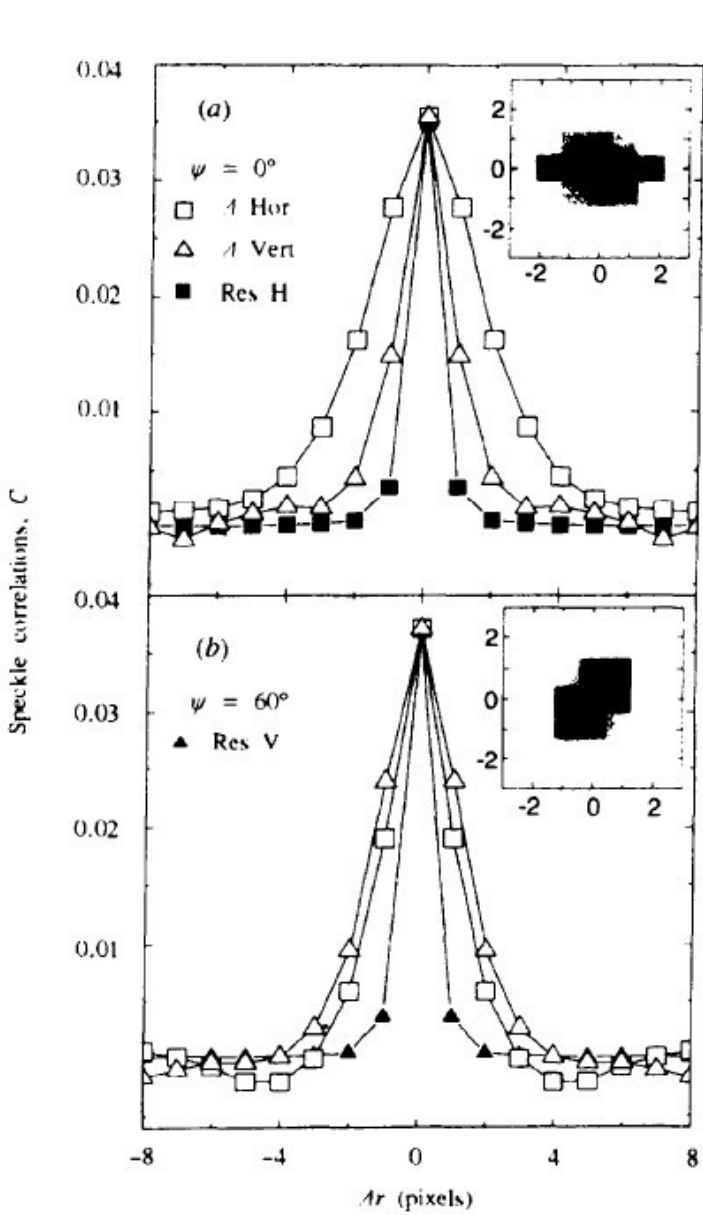
Statistical Analysis of Speckle pattern (2)

Aerogel, $\lambda=1\text{\AA}$, CCD (22 μm)



normalized two-point correlation function:

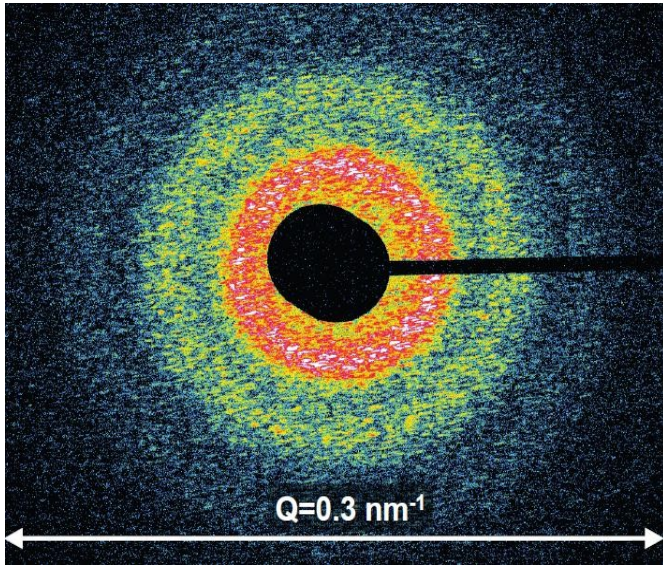
$$C(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = [\langle I(\mathbf{r}_1) \bullet I(\mathbf{r}_2) \rangle / \langle I(\mathbf{r}_1) \rangle \bullet \langle I(\mathbf{r}_2) \rangle] - 1$$



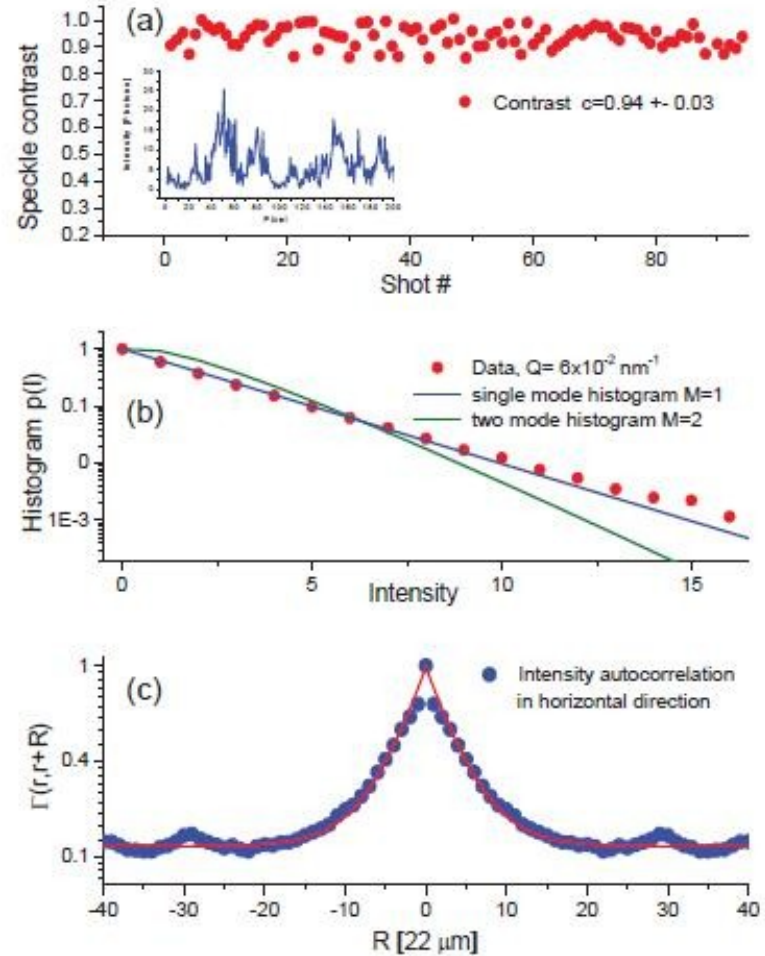
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width: ΔC ; contrast: $\beta = C(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r})$

▪ The Linac Coherent Light Source (LCLS)



Single pulse hard X-ray speckle pattern captured from nano-particles in a colloidal liquid (photon wavelength $\lambda = 1.37 \text{ \AA}$)

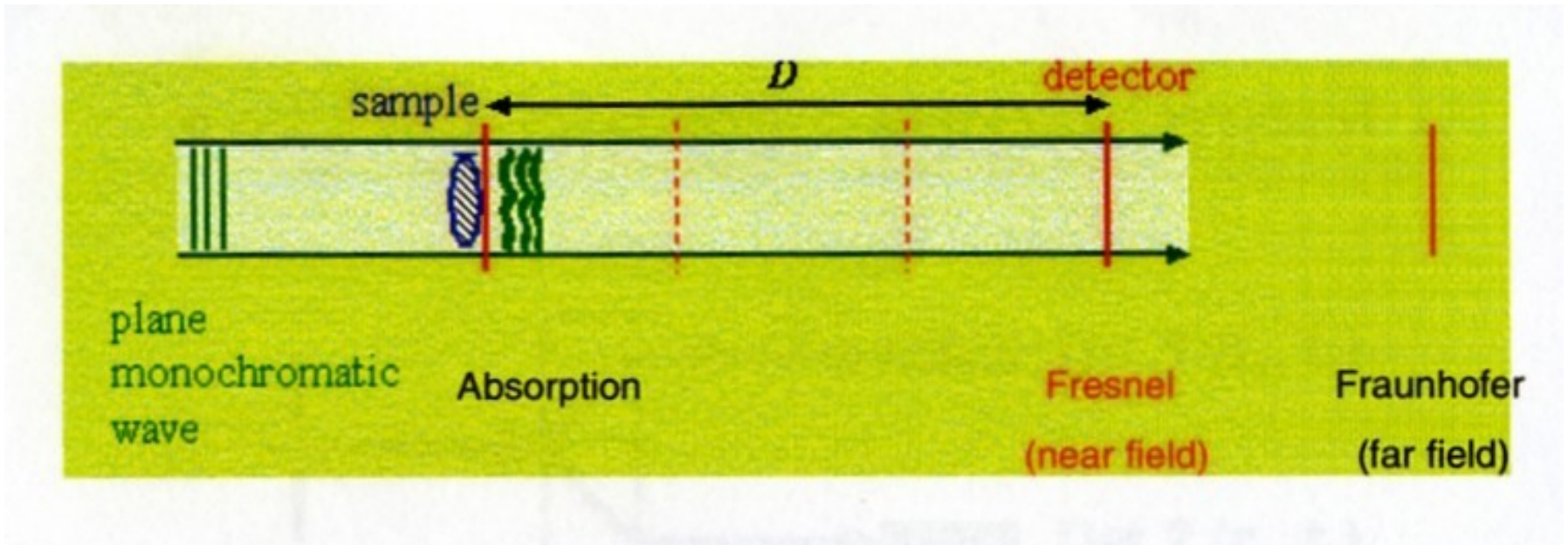


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Imaging techniques:

Lensless Imaging, Fourier Transform
Holography

- Imaging techniques

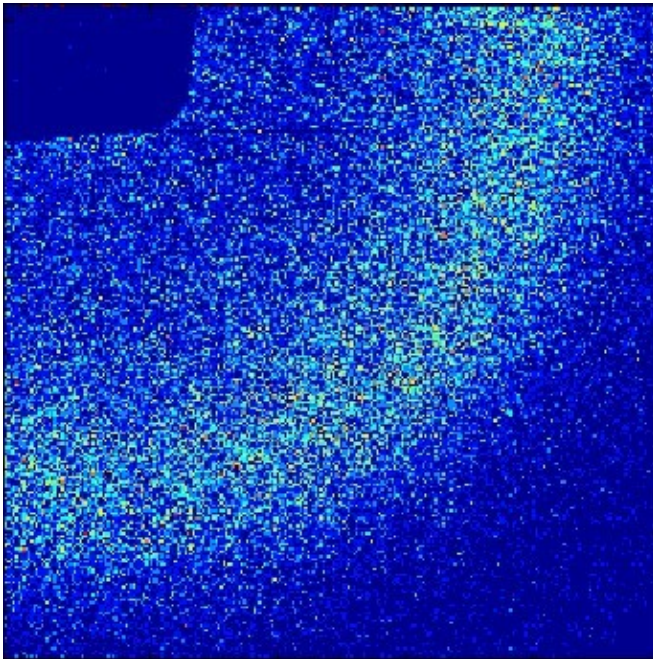


(Lensless) Imaging

If coherent light is scattered from a disordered system it gives rise to a random (grainy) diffraction pattern, known as “speckle”. A speckle pattern is an interference pattern and related to the exact spatial arrangement of the scatterers in the disordered system.

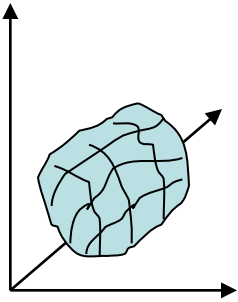
$$I(Q,t) \sim S_c(Q,t) \sim \left| \sum_j e^{iQR_j(t)} \right|^2$$

j in coherence volume $c = \xi_t^2 \xi_l$



phase information
is lost

▪ The Phase Problem (1)



consider a non-periodic object with mass density $\rho(\mathbf{x})$

$$F(\mathbf{k}) = \int \rho(\mathbf{x}) \exp (2\pi i \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

approximate object $\rho(\mathbf{x})$ and its fourier transform by (N) “elements”

$$F(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}=0}^{N-1} \rho(\mathbf{x}) \exp (2\pi i \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x} / N) \quad (\$)$$

with

$$I(\mathbf{k}) = | F(\mathbf{k}) |^2$$

here (\$) defines a set of N equations to be solved for $\rho(\mathbf{x})$ at each pixel

[J.Miao et al., J. Opt. Soc. Am.A; Vol.15 \(1998\)1662](#)

▪ The Phase Problem (2)

note: cannot distinguish between:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) \\ f(x+x_0) e^{i\phi} \\ f^*(-x+x_0) e^{i\phi} \end{aligned}$$

i) $\rho(x)$ complex 2N variables (real and imaginary part)
N equations

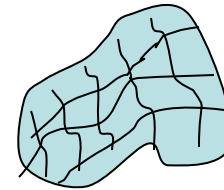
ii) $\rho(x)$ real N variables

Friedel's law: $I(\mathbf{k}) = I(-\mathbf{k})$ central symmetry:
N/2 equations

problem underdetermined by factor 2

Phase Retrieval and Oversampling

without a priori information eq. (\$) cannot be solved uniquely
== > decrease number of unknown variables:



object elements with known scattering density (e.g. zero)

i) use objects with some known scattering density

$$\sigma = \text{total number of elements} / \text{number of unknown-valued pixels} > 2$$

ii) increase number of known quantities in eq. (\$) by “oversampling”
sample the magnitude of a Fourier transform finely enough to get a finite support for the object such that the element values outside the finite support is zero

$$\text{need: } \sigma > 2 \text{ in 1D; } \sigma > 2^{1/2} \text{ in 2D; } \sigma > 2^{1/3} \text{ in 3D}$$

iii) apply iterative algorithms to retrieve phase

iv) resolution determined by maximum momentum transfer Q

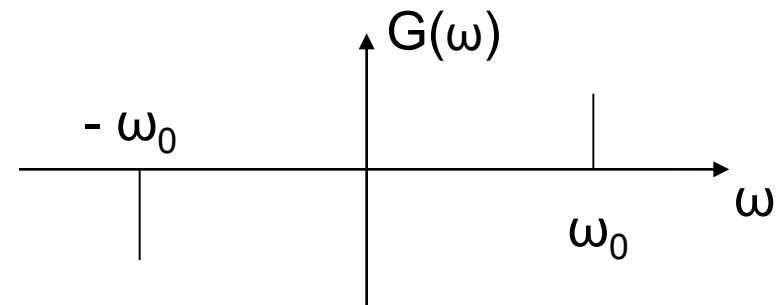
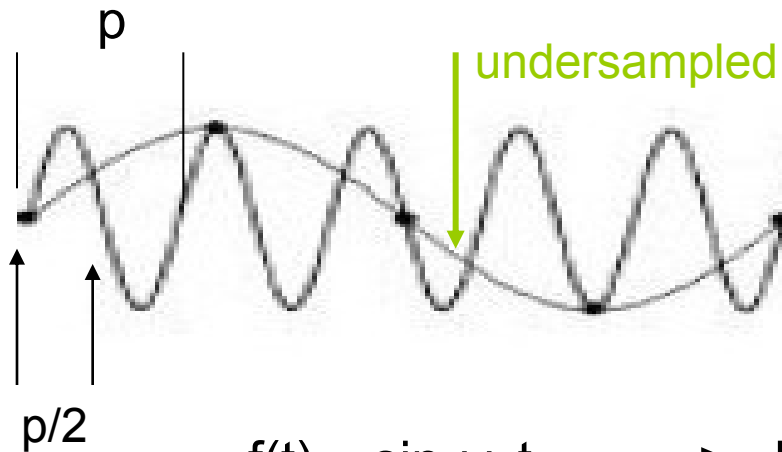
Sampling Theory (1)

Sampling Theorem:

A signal $f(t)$ that is

i) bandwidth limited

ii) sampled above the Nyquist frequency is completely determined by its samples.



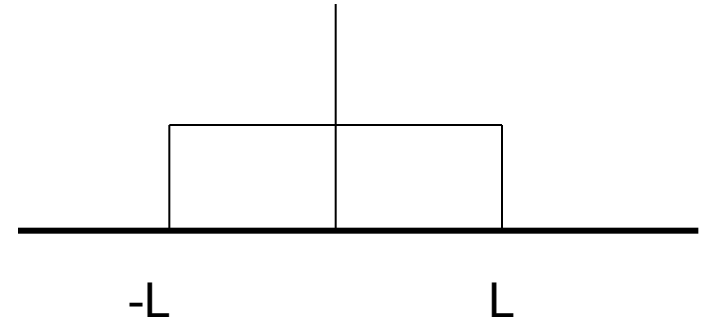
$$f(t) = \sin \omega_0 t \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \text{FT} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad G(\omega) = \int f(t) e(-i2\pi\omega t) dt$$

A signal is called bandwidth limited if it contains no frequencies outside the interval: $[-f_{\max}, f_{\max}]$. Here $f_{\max} (= \omega_0)$ is called the bandwidth of the function. The Nyquist frequency is usually given by $f_{\text{NY}} = 2 f_{\max} (= 2\omega_0)$.

Note: period $p = 2\pi/\omega_0$ and (Nyquist) sampling period $p_{\text{NY}} = 2\pi/2\omega_0 = p/2$.
(undersampling: $p > p_{\text{NY}}$; oversampling: $p < p_{\text{NY}}$)

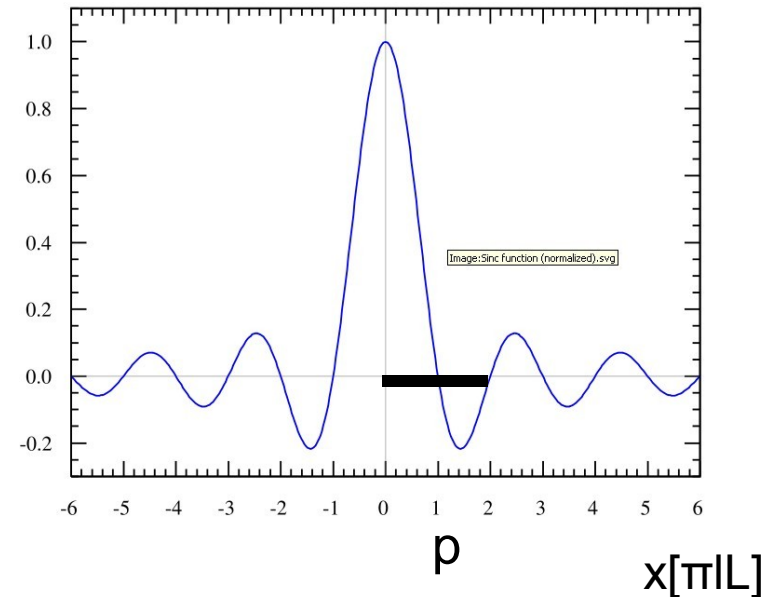
Sampling Theory (2)

consider $z(t) = 1 \quad |t| \leq L$
 $= 0 \quad \text{elsewhere}$



its FT is given by

$$I(x) = \text{sinc}(Lx) = \sin(Lx) / Lx$$



period $p = 2\pi/L$
max frequency: $f_{max} = 2\pi/p = L$
 Nyquist frequency: $f_{NY} = 2L = 4\pi/p$
 sampling period: $p_{NY} = 2\pi/f_{NY} = p/2$

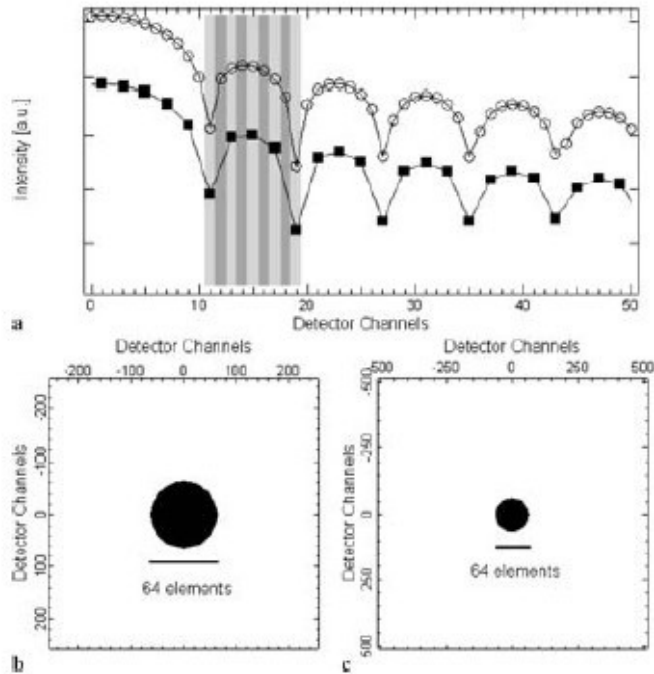
need to sample in fourierspace on a scale $\leq p/2$

“oversampling” corresponds to sampling in “real” space on a scale $\xi > 2L$

Sampling Theory (3)

scattering from a circular slit aperture: $I(q) = I_0 |2J_1(qa)/qa|^2$

scattering from a rectangular slit aperture: $I(q) = I_0 |\sin(qa)/qa|^2$



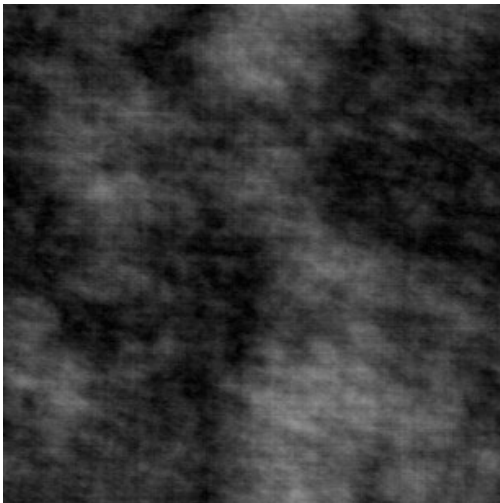
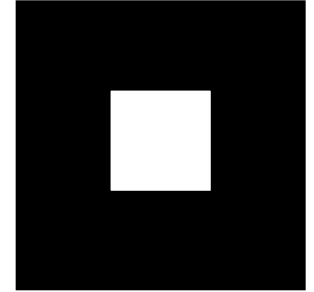
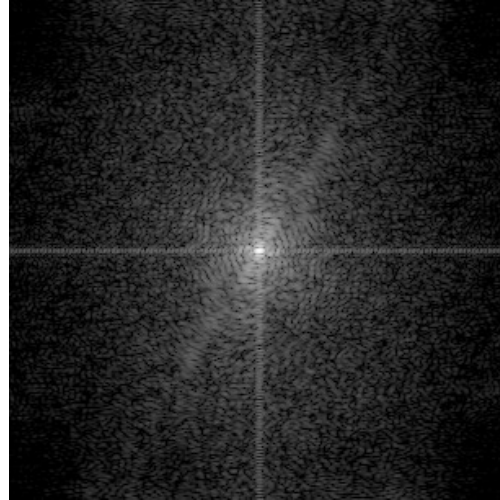
scattering from circular pinhole aperture with a linear oversampling ratio of 4 (8)

S. Eisebitt et al., Appl. Phys. A80(2005)921

Fourier transform of an oversampled Airy pattern illustrates sampling of an area 4 (8) times bigger than the investigated object.

Reconstructing the real space structure – the main principle

Gerchberg&Saxton(1972); Fienup (1982)



courtesy L. Stadler

- 1. Guess support in real space
0. Add random phases to measured amplitudes
1. FT into real space
2. Set pixels outside support to zero and use positivity
3. FT into fourier space
4. Substitute amplitudes with measured values

Loop over steps 1-4

Reconstructing the real space structure -

Gerchberg & Saxton (1972)

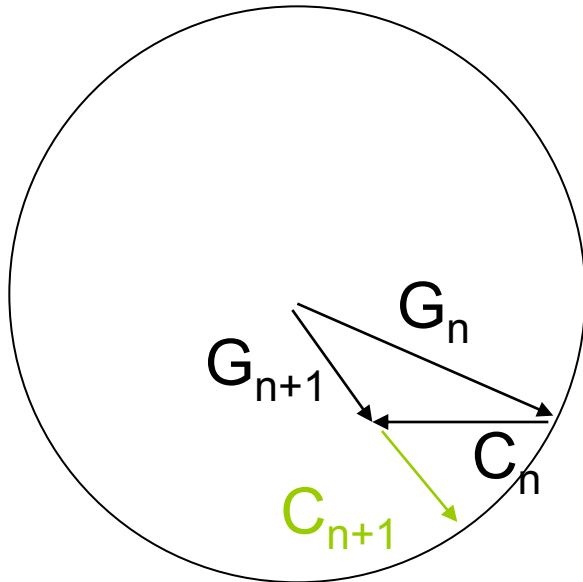
Determination of the phases for given amplitudes in real and Fourier space ($|f(x)|$ and $|F(k)|$, respectively):

0. Adding random phases to the given amplitudes in real space gives an estimate $g_0(x)$.
1. Adjust amplitudes, i.e., $g_1(x) = g_0(x) |f(x)| / |g_0(x)|$.
2. FT into Fourier space $\Rightarrow G_1(k)$
3. Adjust amplitudes, i.e., $G_2(k) = G_1(k) |F(k)| / |G_1(k)|$.
4. FT back into real space $\Rightarrow g_2(x)$.

By **iterating steps 1 to 4** the estimate $g(x)$ approximates $f(x)$ better and better.

Graphical Illustration

Fourier space

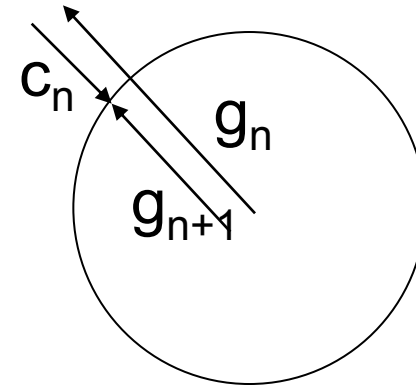


the error

$$\sum_j |c_j|^2$$

decreases
mono-
tonically!

real space



$$g_{n+1} = g_n + c_n$$

Triangle inequality:

$$|G_n| \leq |G_{n+1}| + |C_n|$$

$$|G_n| - |G_{n+1}| = |C_{n+1}| \leq |C_n|$$

Parseval's theorem:

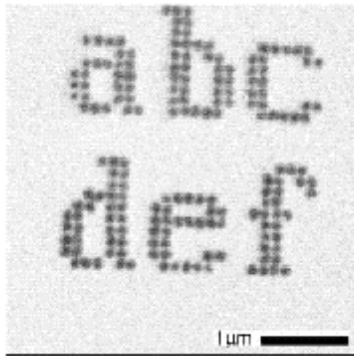
$$\sum_j |c_{n,j}|^2 = \sum_j |C_{n,i}|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_j |c_{(n+1),j}|^2 \leq \sum_j |c_{(n),j}|^2$$

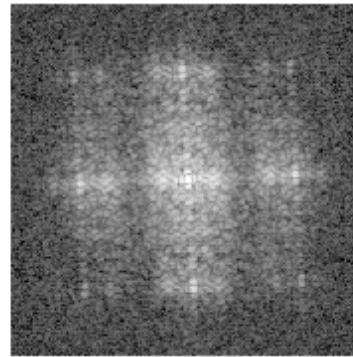
g_n is obtained by FT of G_n , which has the correct amplitude in Fourier space (compare step 3 on the previous slide)

Reconstruction of „oversampled“ data (1)

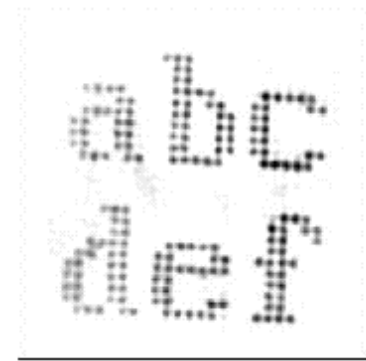
Reconstruction (phasing) of a speckle pattern: “oversampling” technique



gold dots on SiN membrane
(0.1 μm diameter, 80 nm thick)



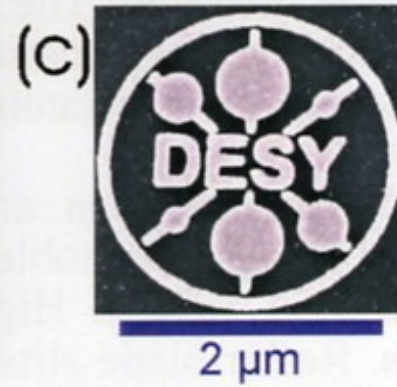
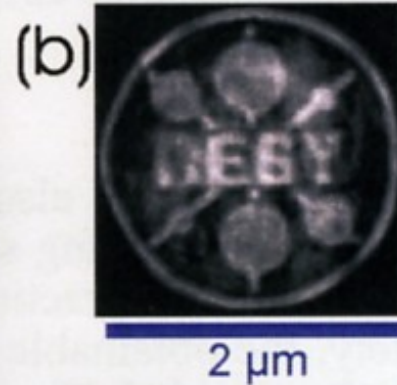
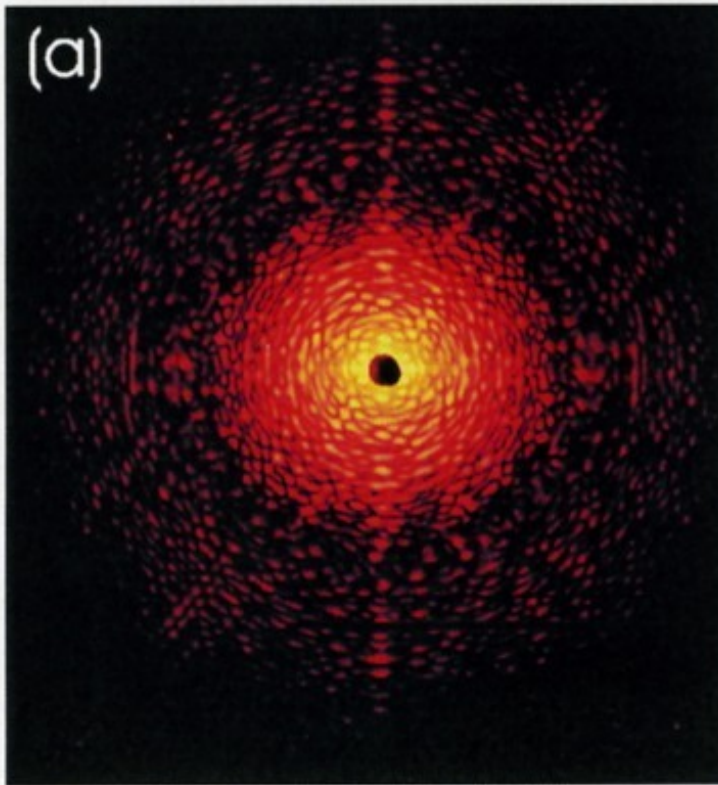
$\lambda=17\text{\AA}$ coherent beam at X1A
(NSLS), $1.3 \cdot 10^9$ ph/s $10\mu\text{m}$ pinhole
 $24\mu\text{m} \times 24\mu\text{m}$ pixel CCD



reconstruction
“oversampling” technique

Miao, Charalambous, Kirz, Sayre, Nature, 400, July 1999

- Reconstruction of “oversampled” data (2)



E= 8 keV ID10C (ESRF)
 10x10 μm² beam, L=3.3m
 200 nm height gold
 structures on 50nm Si₃N₄
 membrane (c: SEM)
 1242x1152 pixel, 22.5
 μm² pixel CCD in 3.29 m
 200 x 3 s exposure (a)
 Reconstruction (average
 of 4 best runs) (b)

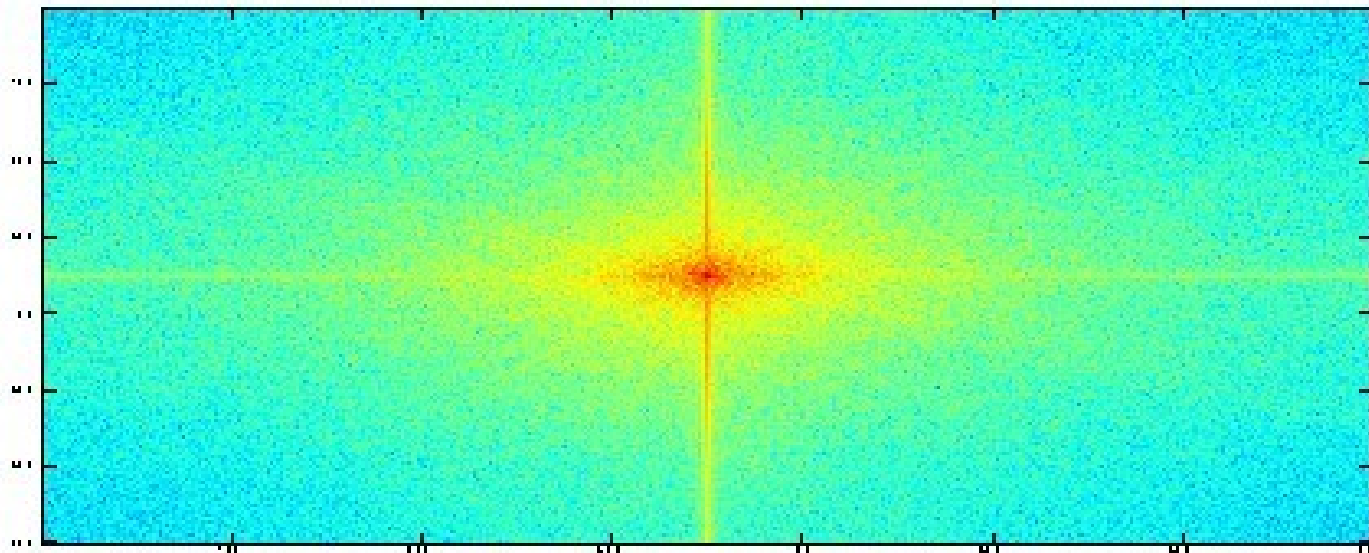
oversampling ratio $\sigma = \text{object image} / \text{pixelsize} = (\lambda \cdot L / d) / \text{pixel} \approx 10$

- Reconstruction of oversampled data (2)



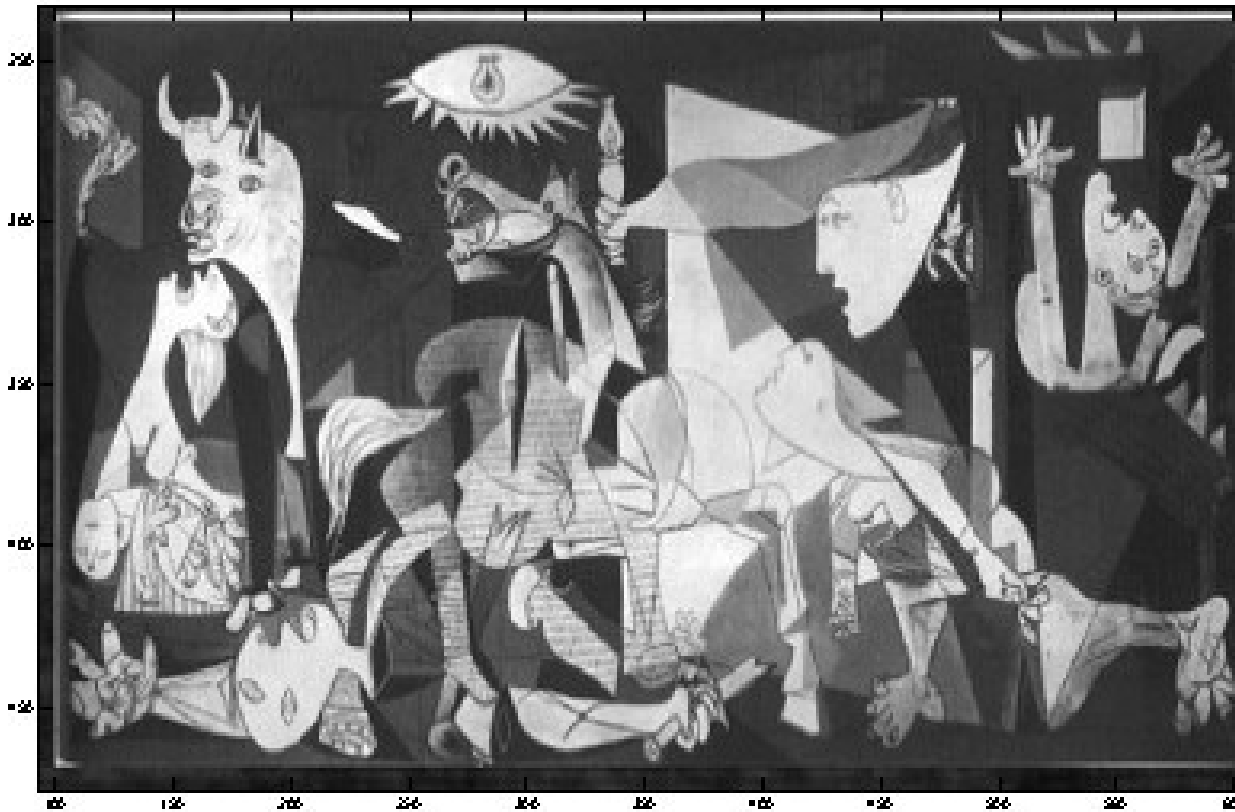
Reconstruction of “oversampled” data (3)

an “unknown” object

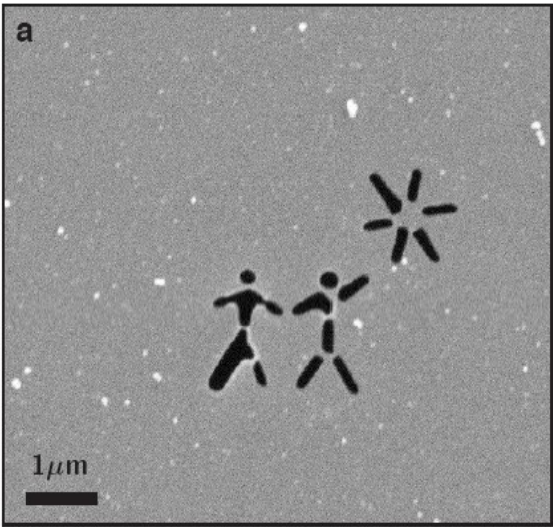


Reconstruction of “oversampled” data (3)

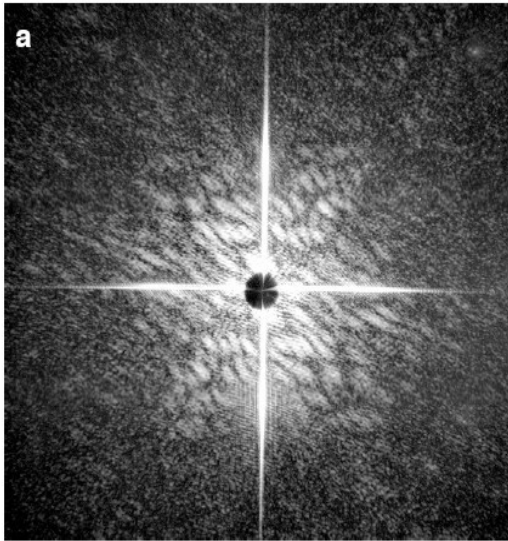
and its reconstruction



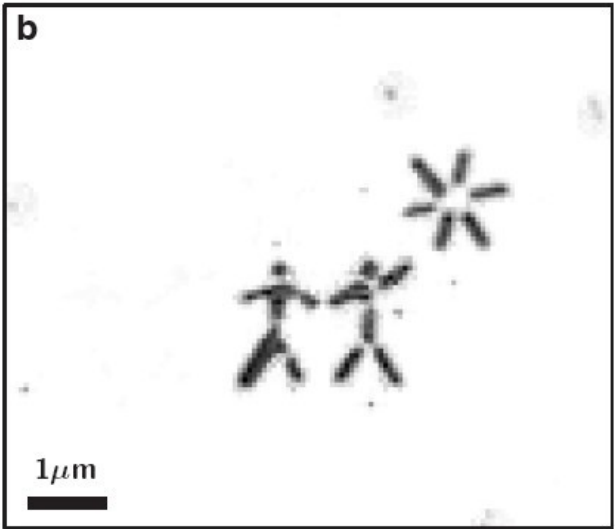
Reconstruction of “oversampled” data (4)



Model structure in 20 nm SiN membrane

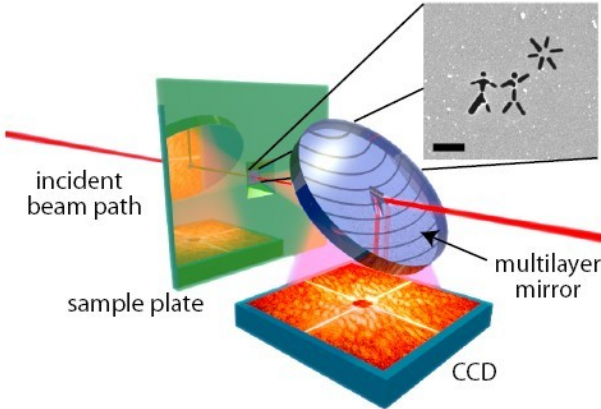


Speckle pattern recorded with a single (25 fs) pulse



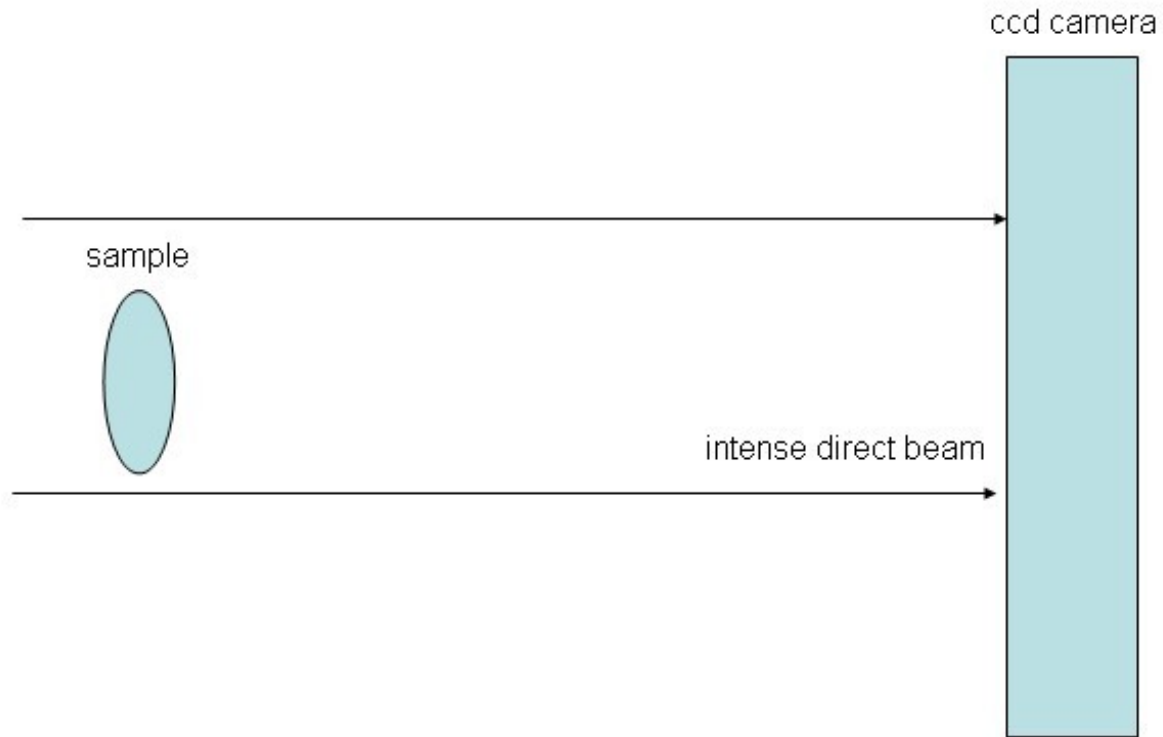
Reconstructed image

Incident FEL pulse:
25 fs, 32 nm,
 $4 \times 10^{14} \text{ W cm}^{-2}$ (10^{12}
ph/pulse)



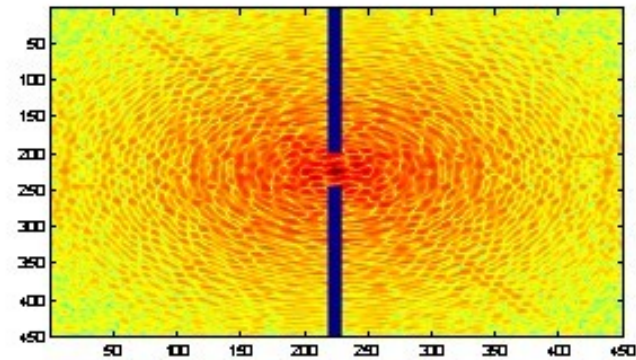
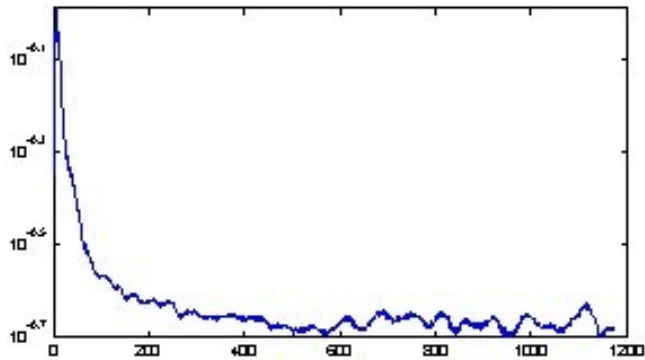
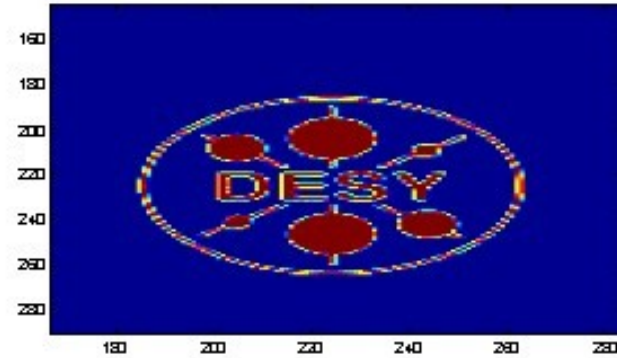
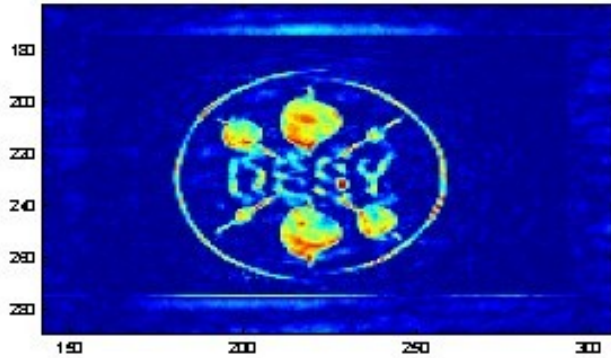
H. Chapman et al.,
Nature Physics,
2,839 (2006)

- The beamstop problem

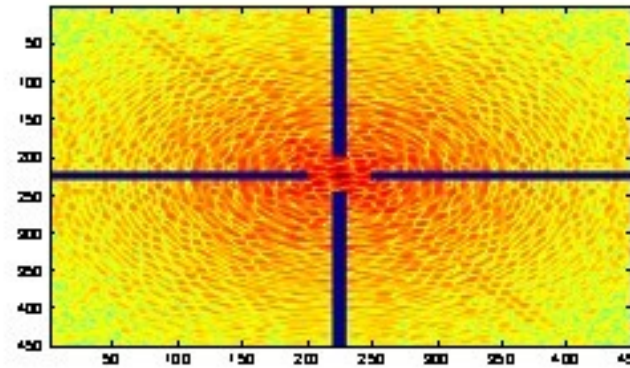
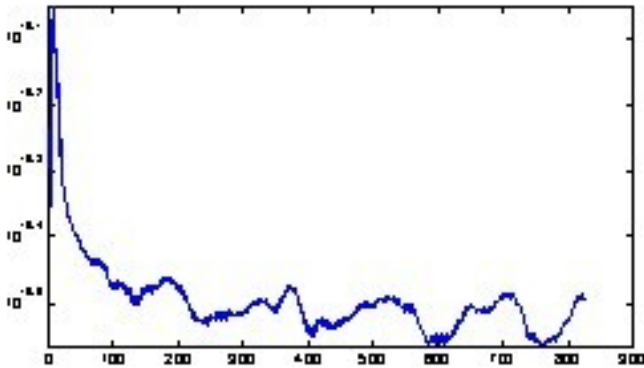
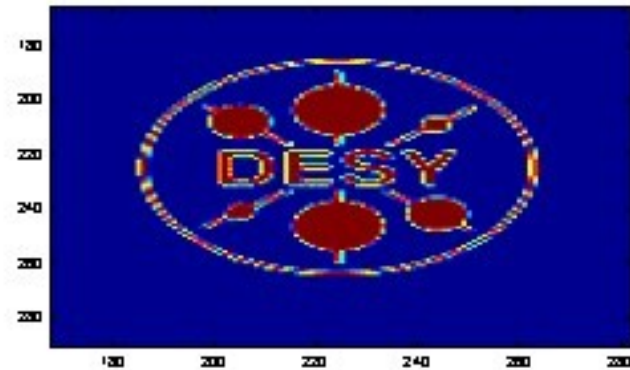
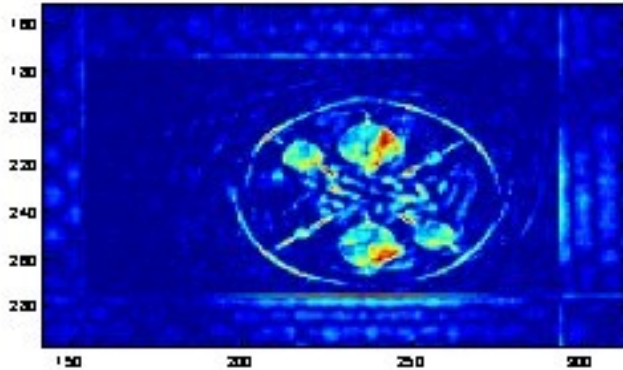


Missing Data (1)

Missing Data 2



Missing Data (2)



▪ How to solve the missing data problem

(i) take a low resolution picture of the sample, calculate x-ray intensities and paste the corresponding near forward data into the beamstop area
Miao et al. Nature 400, 342 (1999)

(ii) algorithm approach: calculate F also for the missing pixels and rescale electron densities

Nishino, Miao, Ishikawa, PRB 68,220101 (2003)

(iii) algorithm approach: use calculated autocorrelation functions as object constraints and update them during the algorithm

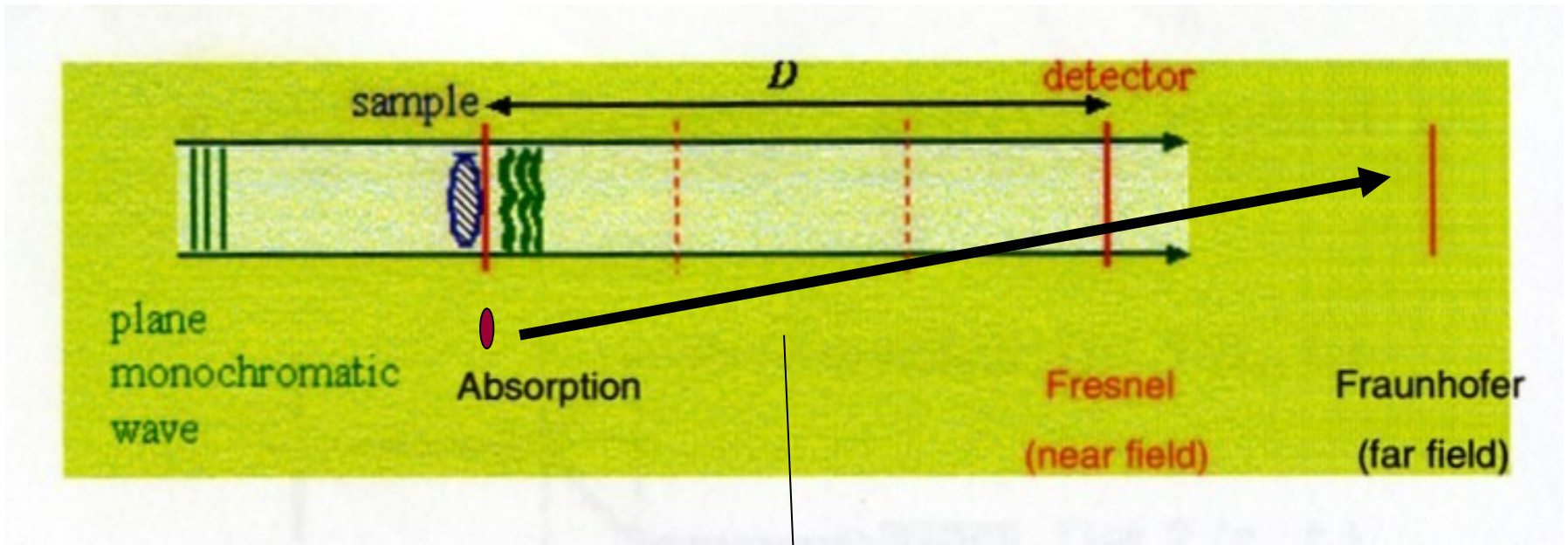
S. Marchesini, Chapman et al. PRB 68, 140101

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Imaging techniques:

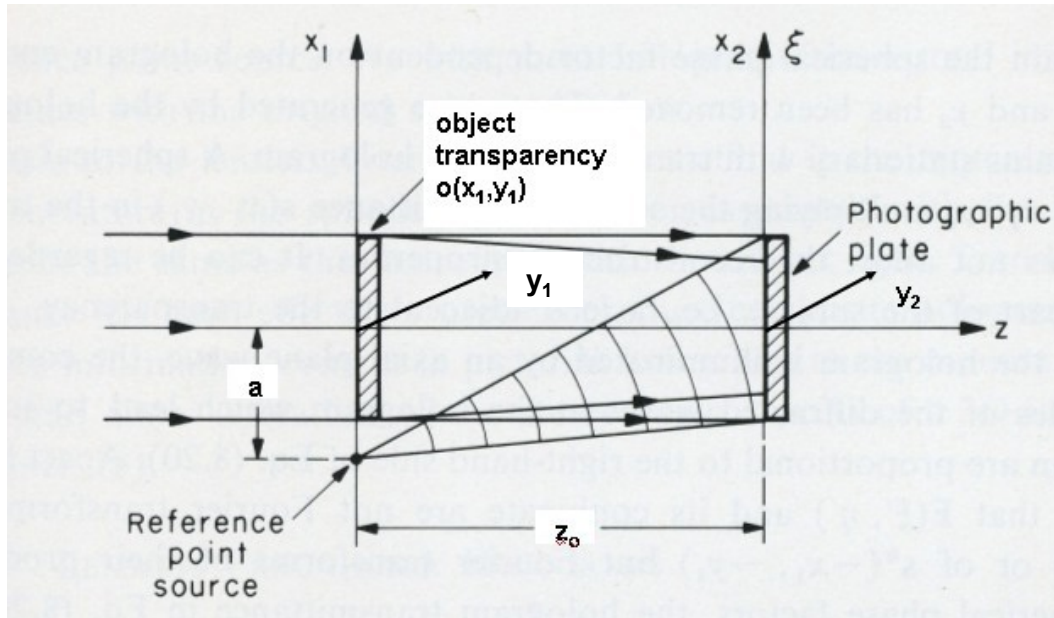
Fourier Transform Holography

- Imaging techniques:



reference beam: holography

Fourier Transform Holography – FTH (1)



$o(x_1, y_1)$: amplitude of the wave transmitted through object o

$r(x_1, y_1)$: reference wave

R.J. Collier, C.B. Burckhardt, L.H. Lin "Optical Holography", Academic Press (1971)

Fresnel Kirchhoff Theory

$$o(x_2, y_2) = (i/\lambda z_0) \exp\{i\pi/\lambda z_0 (x_2^2 + y_2^2)\} \bar{O}(\xi, \eta)$$

$$r(x_2, y_2) = (i/\lambda z_0) \exp\{i\pi/\lambda z_0 (x_2^2 + y_2^2)\} \check{R}(\xi, \eta) \exp\{-2i\pi\xi a\}$$

with $\bar{O}(\xi, \eta) = \text{FT}\{o(x_1, y_1)\}$, $\check{R}(\xi, \eta) = \text{FT}\{r(x_1, y_1)\}$, $\xi = x_2/\lambda z_0$, $\eta = y_2/\lambda z_0$

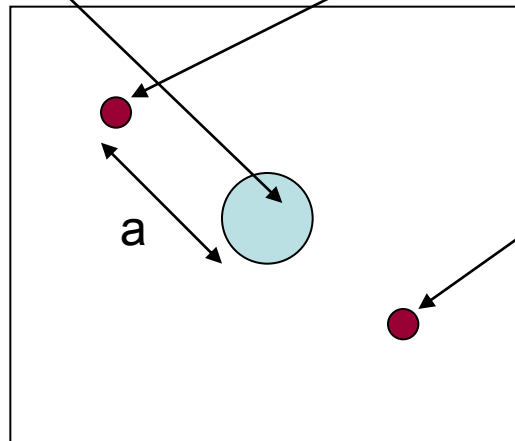
Fourier Transform Holography (2)

$$I(x_2, y_2) = |r(x_2, y_2) + o(x_2, y_2)|^2$$

$$I(x_2, y_2) = |r(x_2, y_2)|^2 + |o(x_2, y_2)|^2 + r^*(x_2, y_2) o(x_2, y_2) + r(x_2, y_2) o^*(x_2, y_2)$$

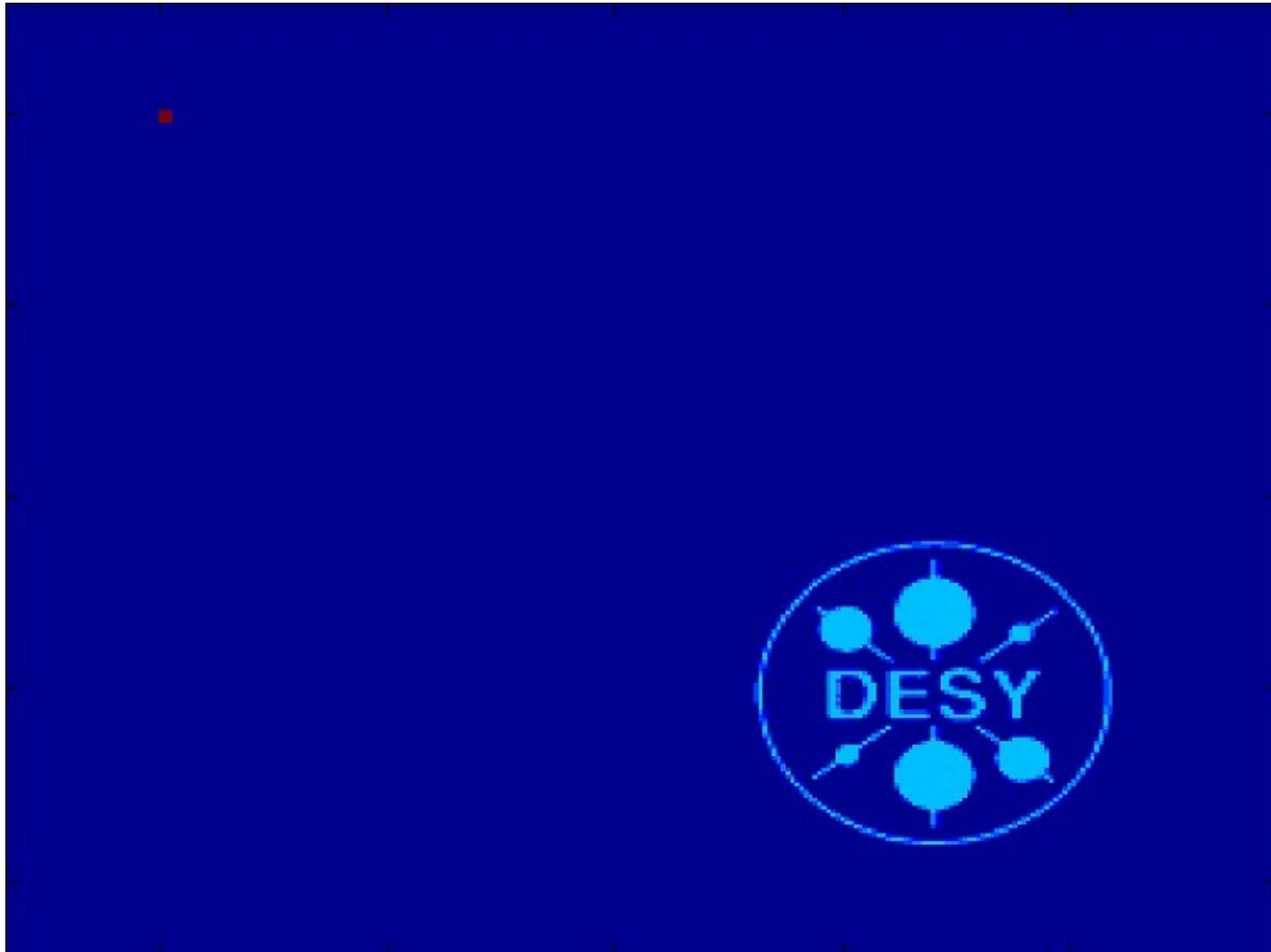
$$I(x_2, y_2) \approx \underbrace{|\check{R}(\xi, \eta)|^2}_{\text{reference}} + \underbrace{|\check{O}(\xi, \eta)|^2 + \check{R}^*(\xi, \eta) \check{O}(\xi, \eta) e^{i\pi a \xi} + \check{R}(\xi, \eta) \check{O}^*(\xi, \eta) e^{-i\pi a \xi}}_{\text{object}}$$

$$FT\{r^*(-x, -y) \otimes o(x+a, y)\} + FT\{r(x, y) \otimes o(-x-a, -y)\}$$

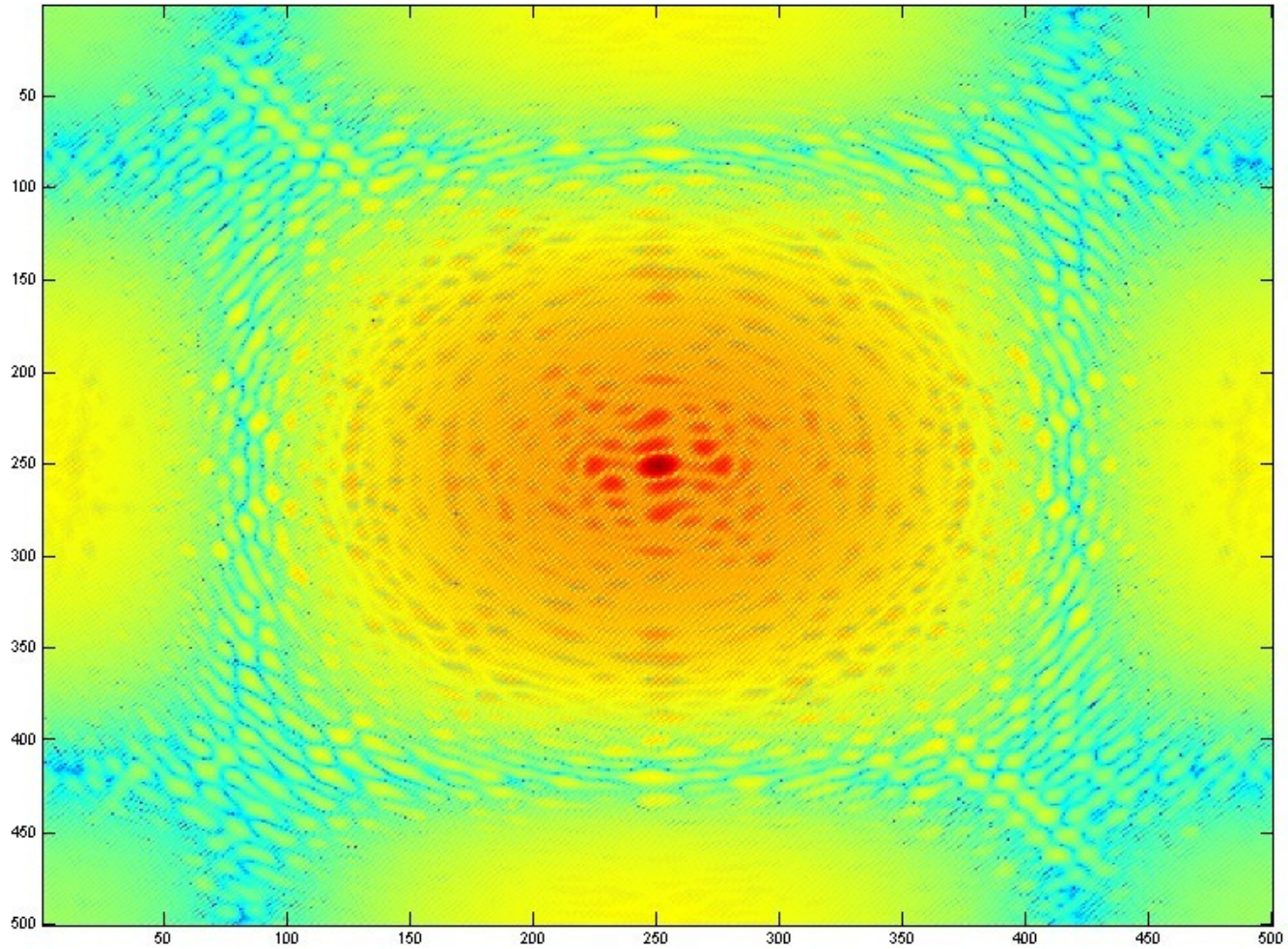


note: resolution determined by size of reference aperture

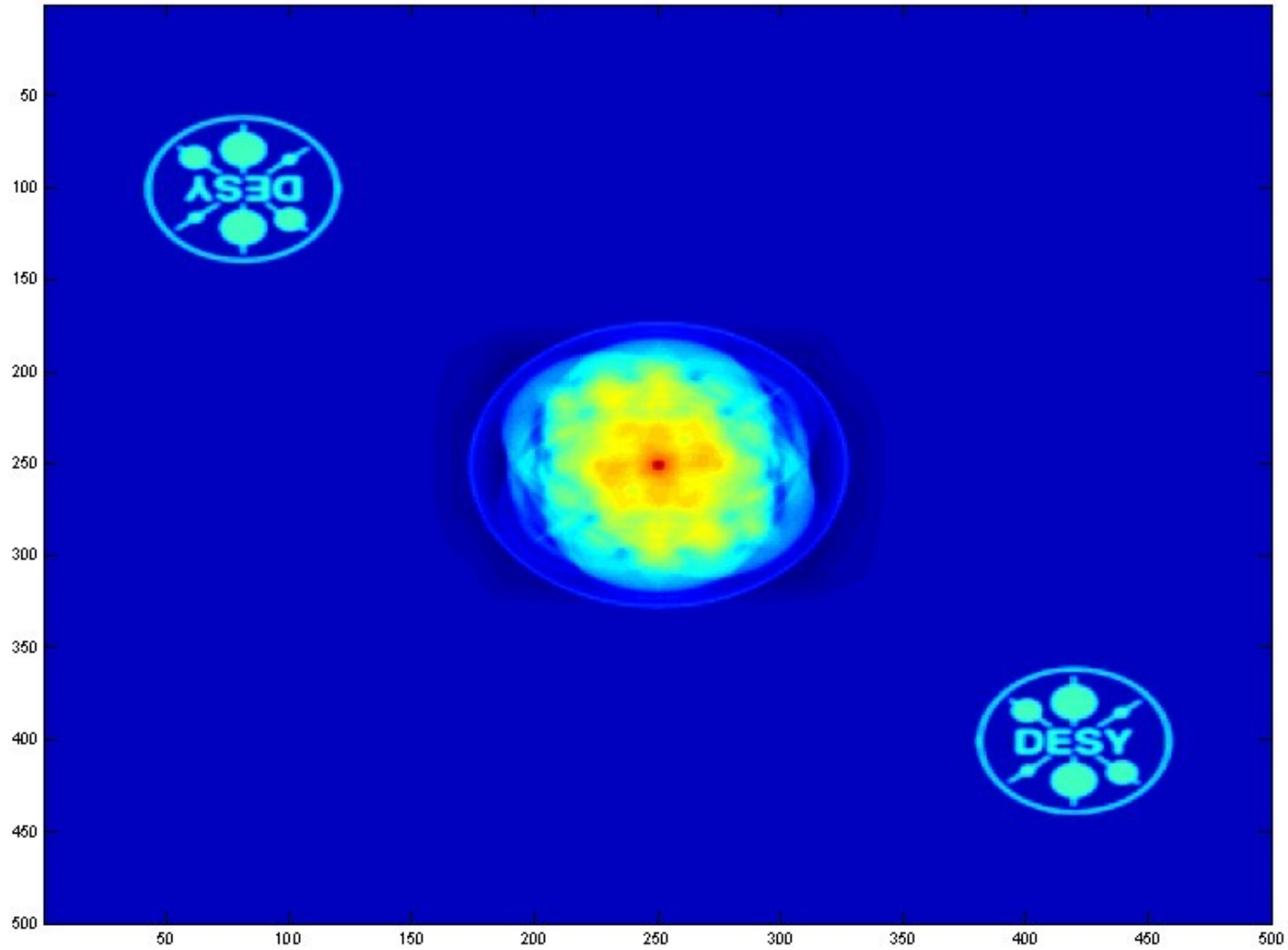
- FTH (3): small reference hole



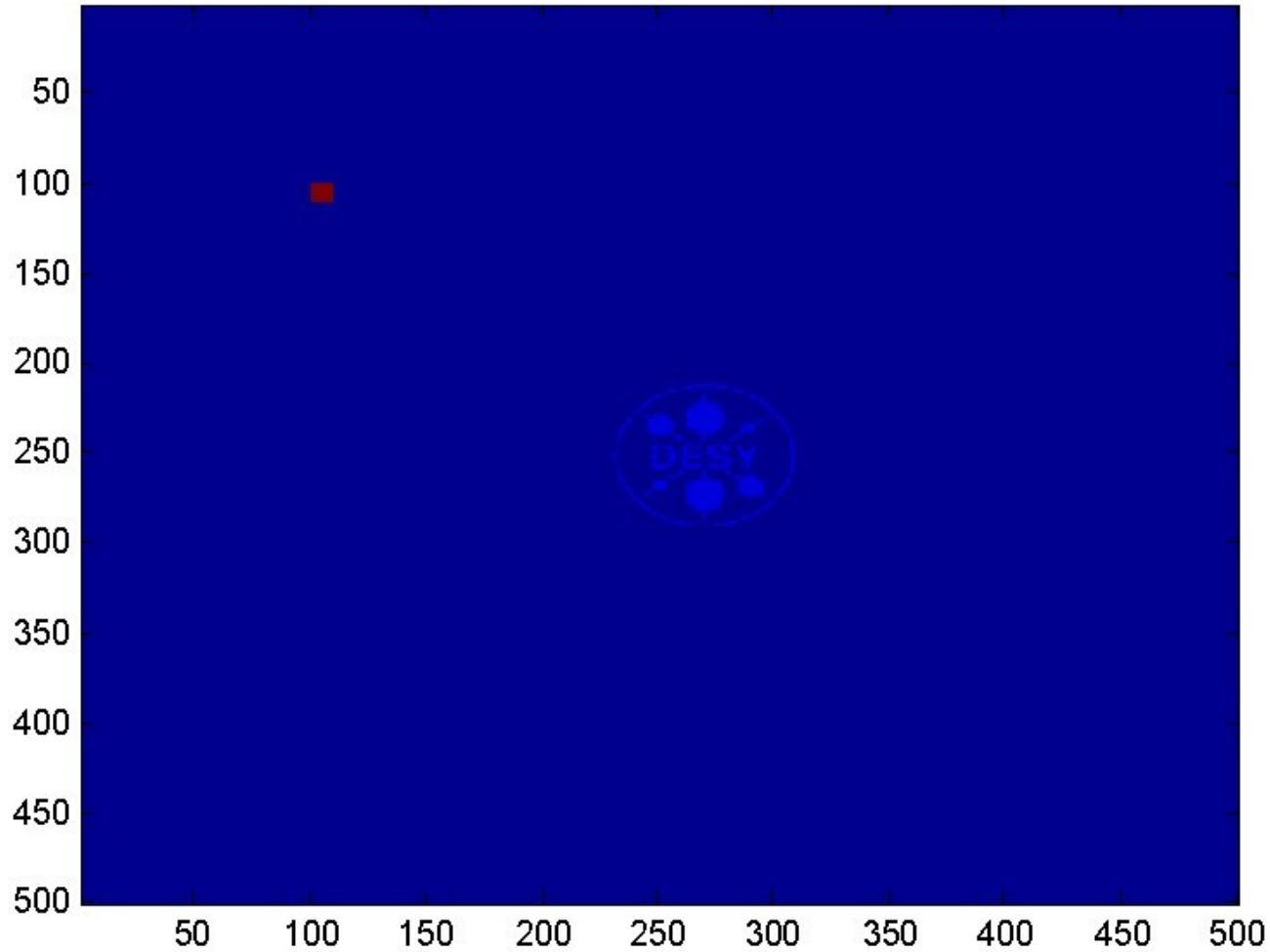
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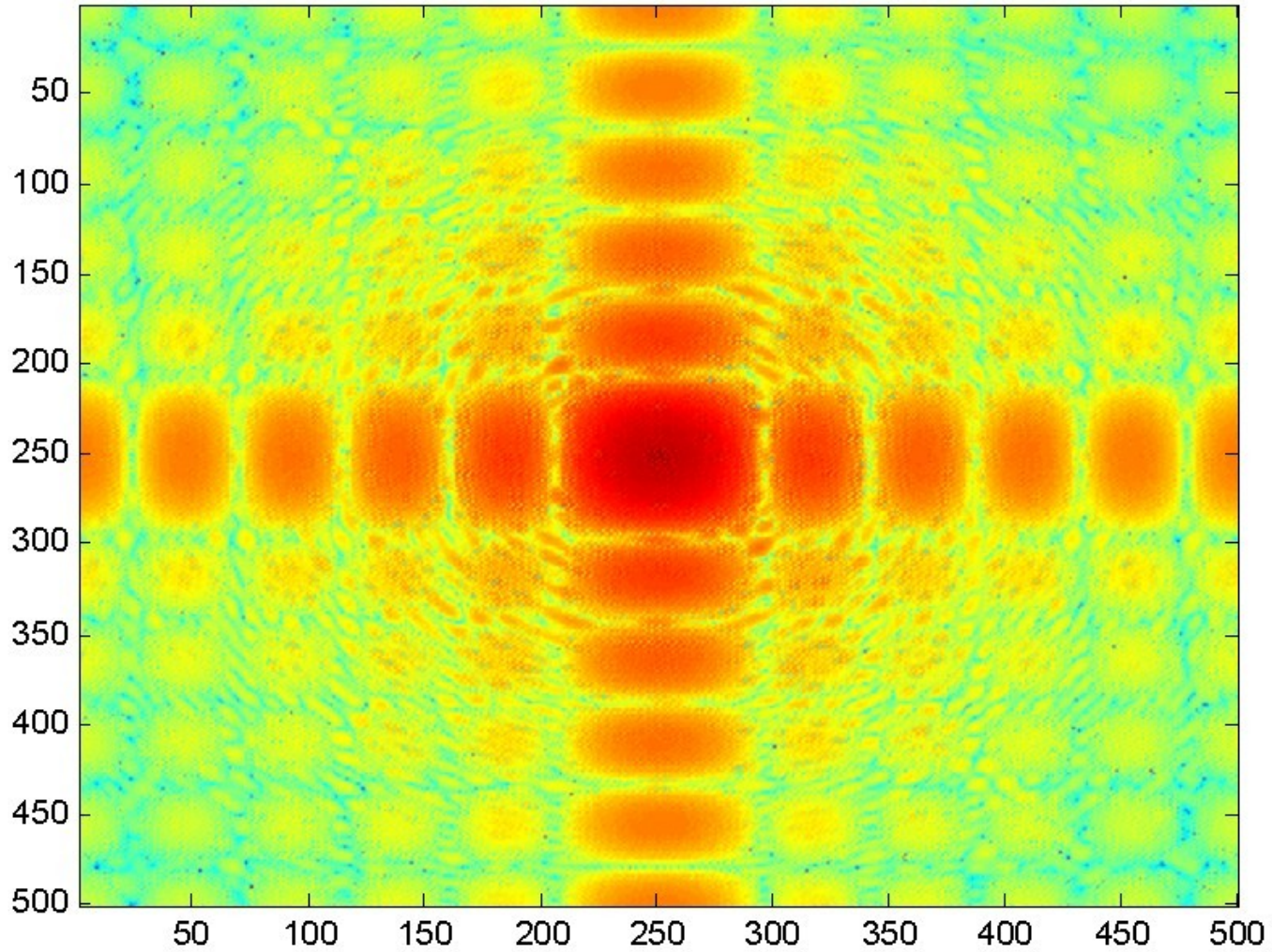
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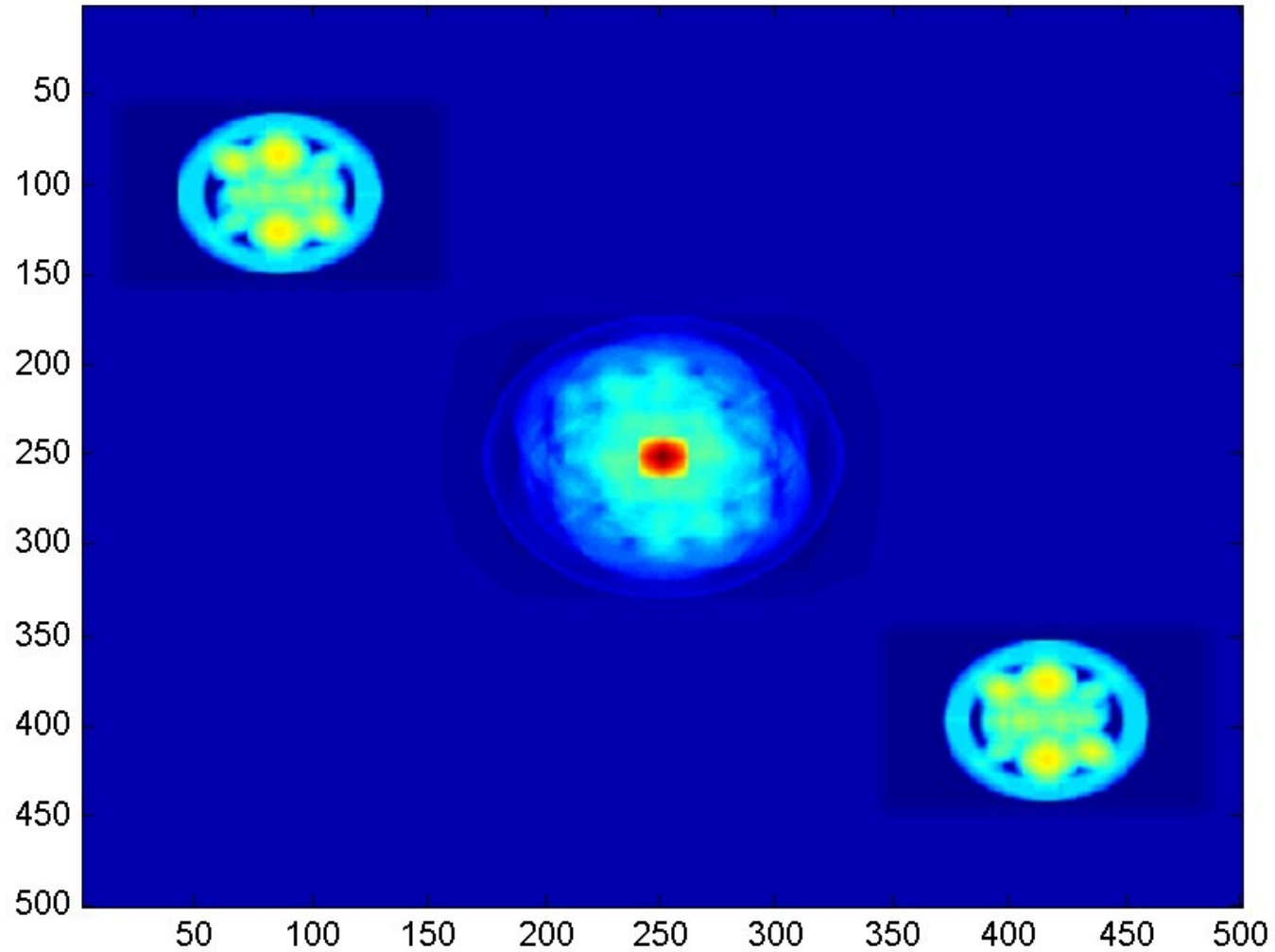
- FTH (6): large reference hole



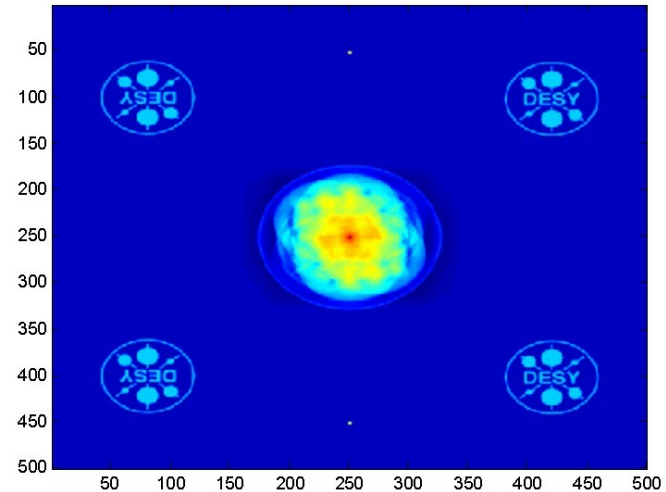
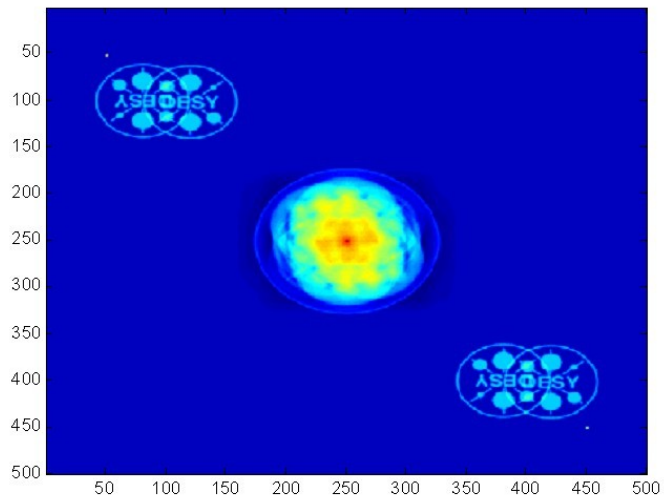
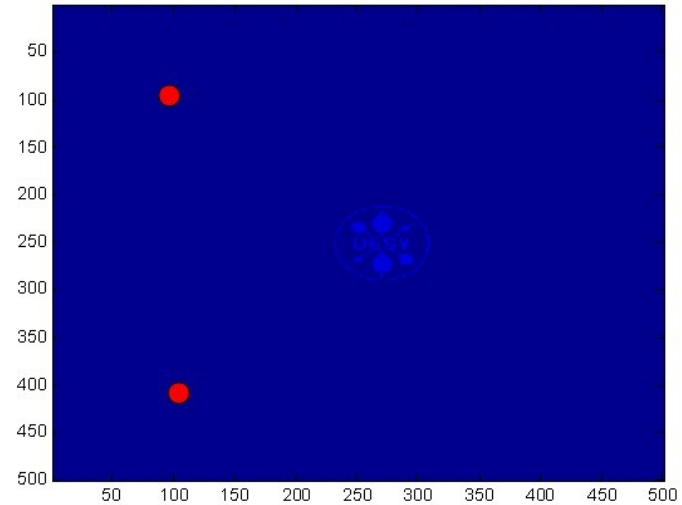
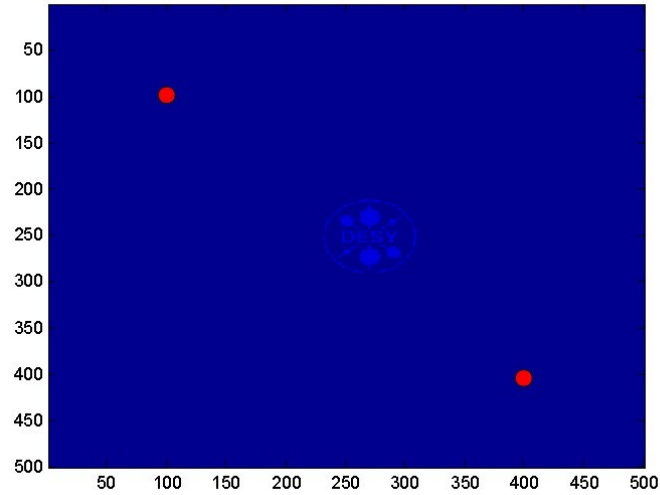
- FTH (7)



- FTH (8)

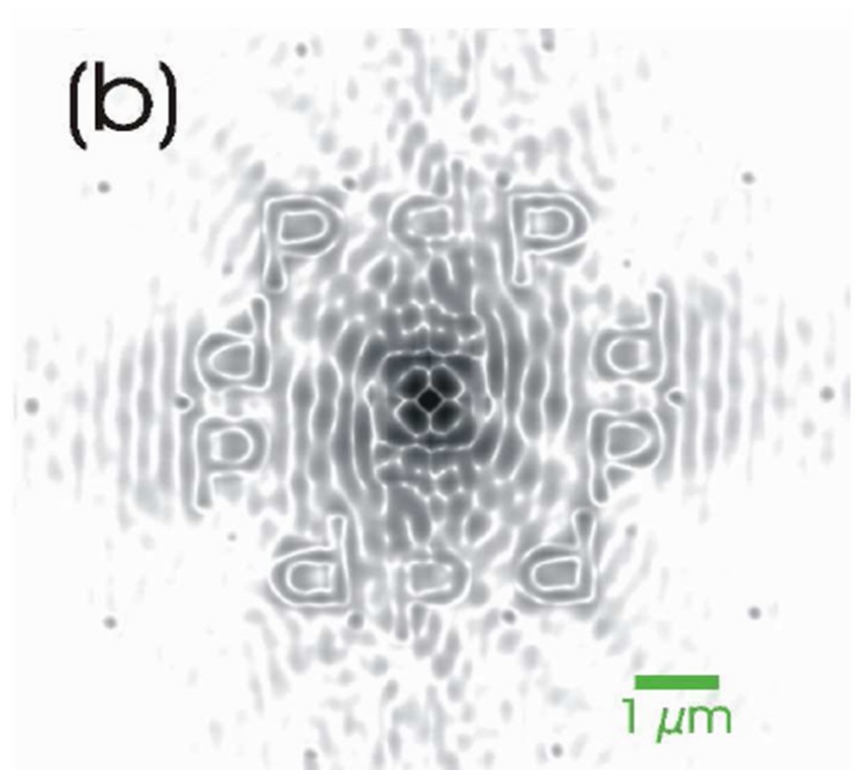
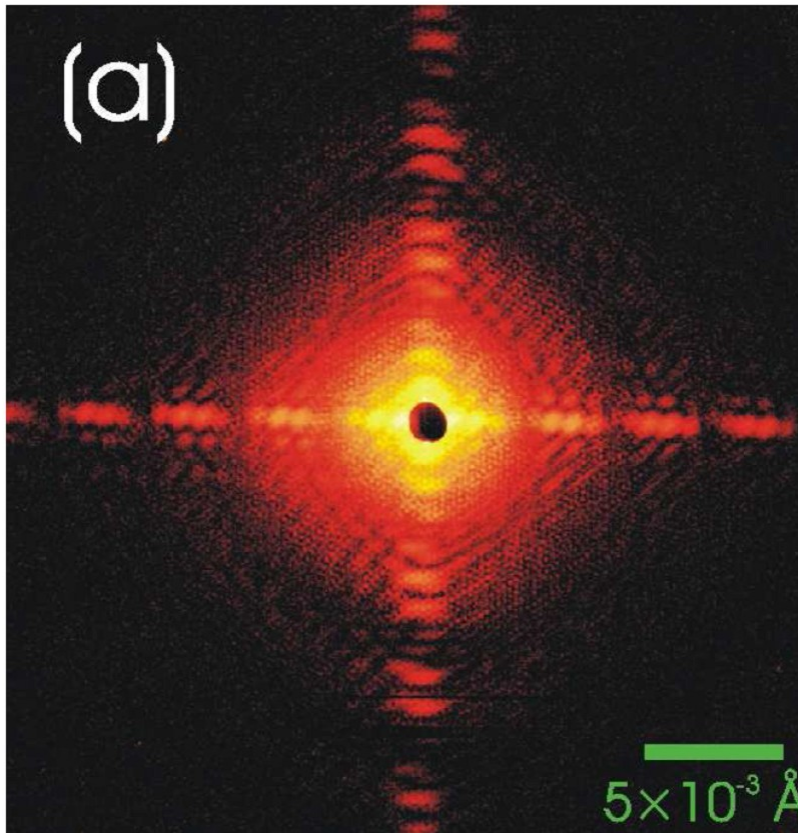


- FTH (9): more than one reference hole

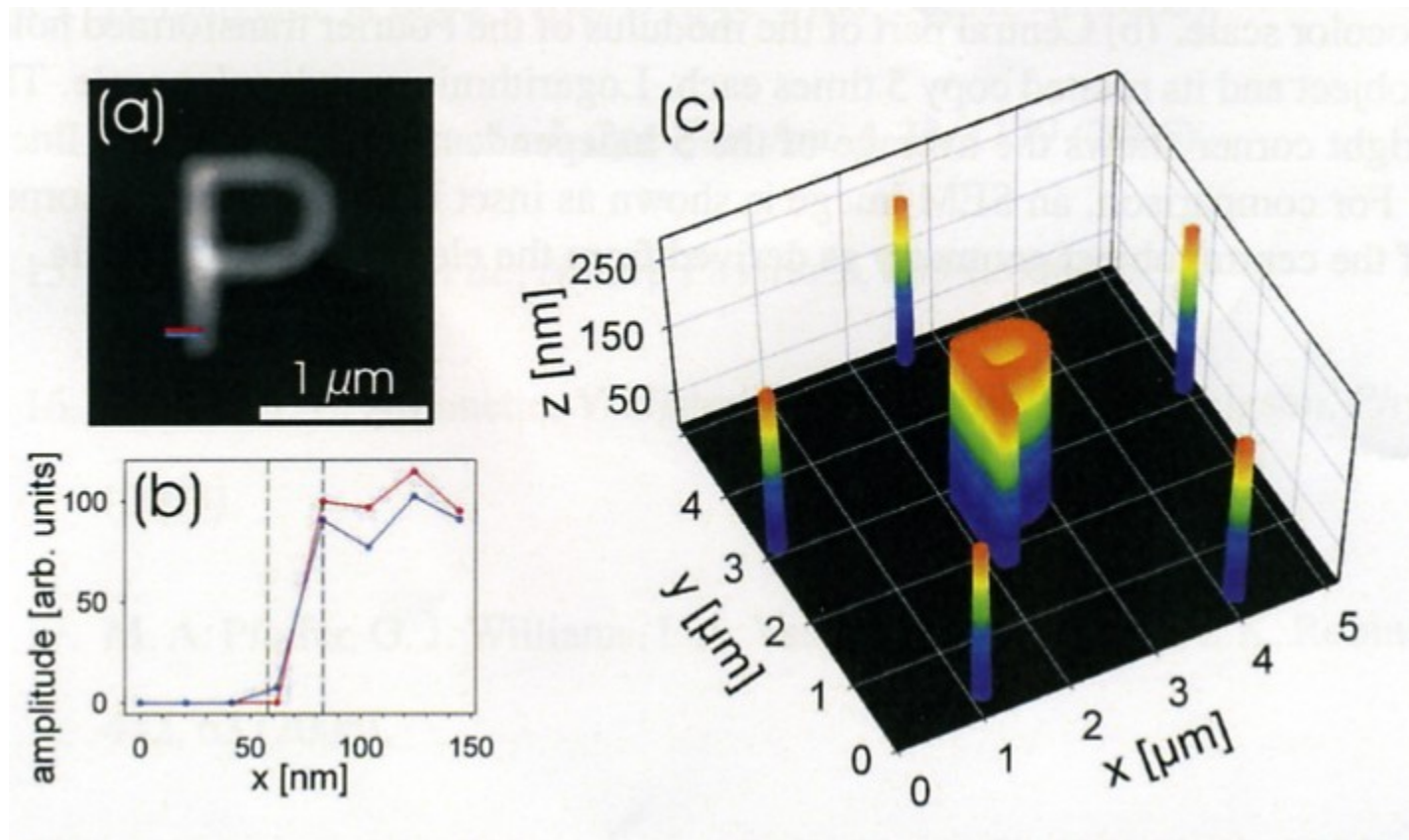


▪ FTH (10)

Au reference structure (letter P): letter elements 200 nm in width and 220 nm height on 50 nm Si_3N_4 -membrane. 5 Au reference dots of 175 nm diameter and 220 nm height on a circle of 2.5 μm around the sample. 200x 3s exposures ($\approx 1.4 \times 10^8$ ph/s through $10 \times 10 \mu\text{m}^2$ at 8 keV).



- FTH (10):



(a) average of 100 phase retrieval runs

(b) slices yielding a resolution of ≈ 25 nm

(c) visualization of the object as determined from the electron density profile