

# Ptychographic imaging of biological tissues

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Taking x-ray phase contrast imaging  
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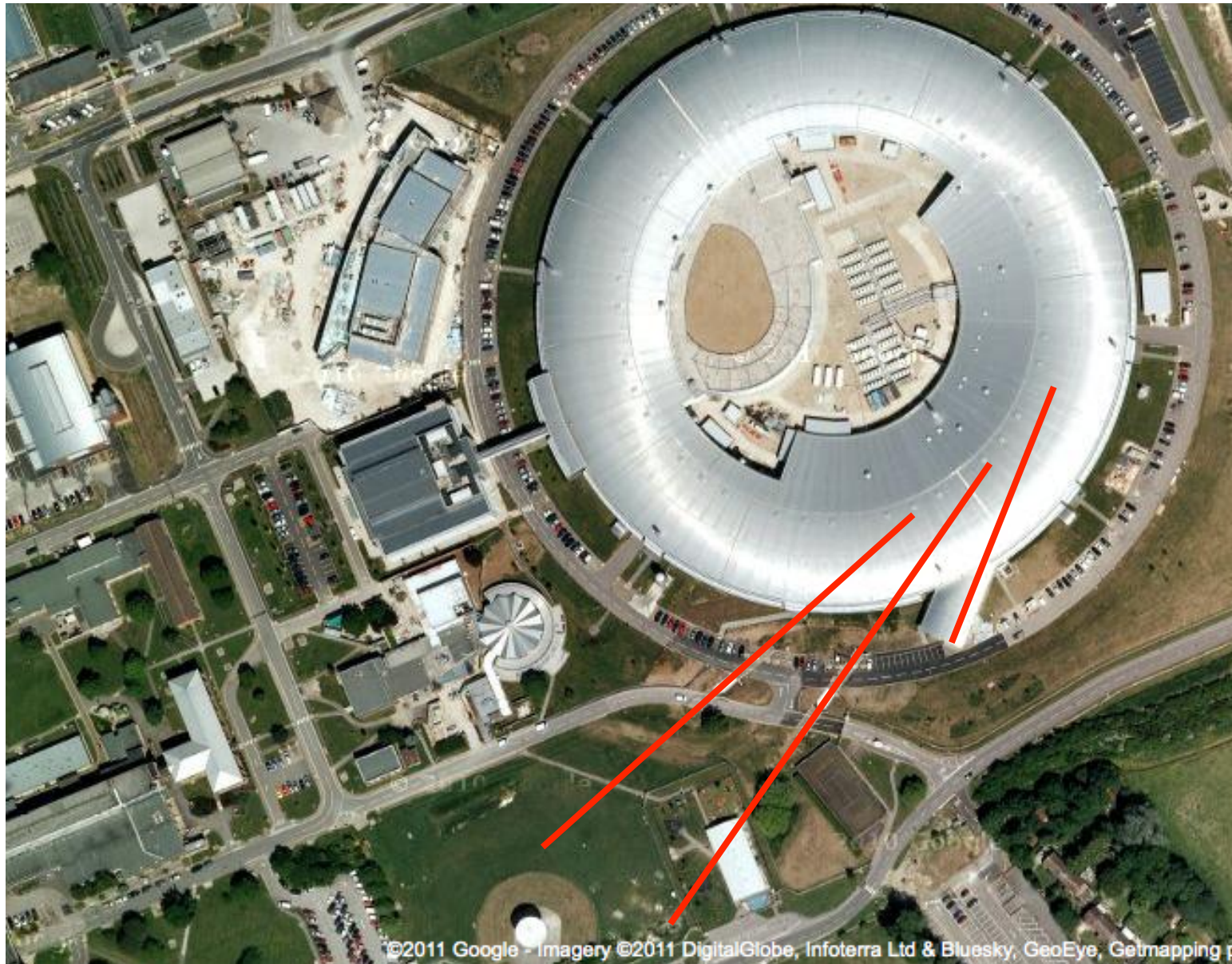
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# Outline

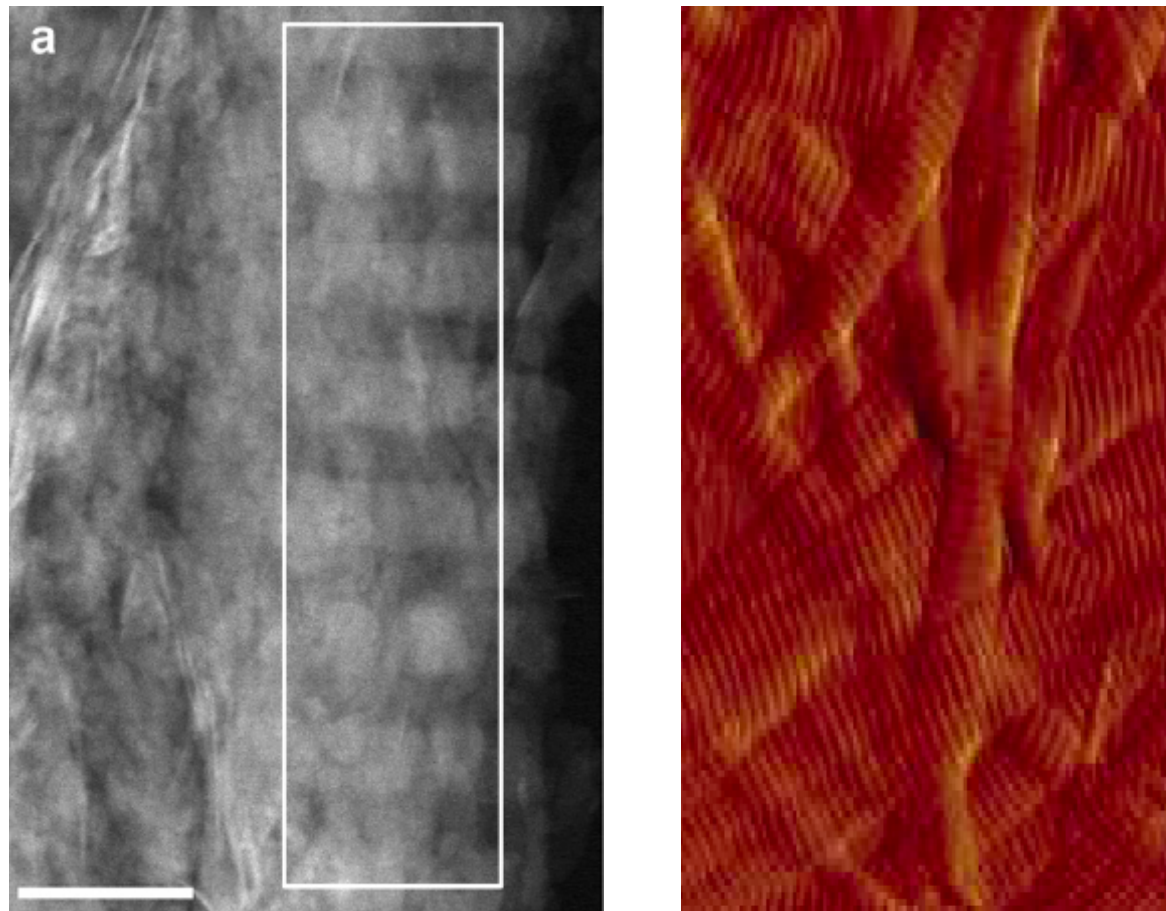
- Phase Contrast Imaging
- Ptychography
- Collagen studies by ptychography
- 3D ptychography
- Complex multicomponent paint

# Diamond Light Source, 2009



# STEM biom mineralisation, AFM

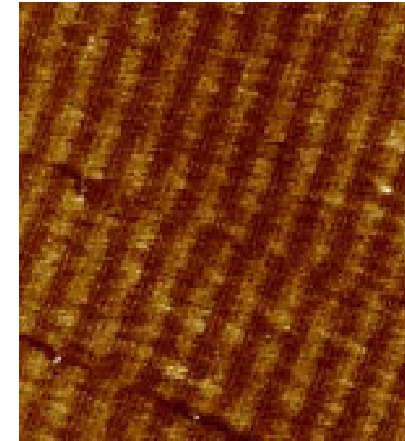
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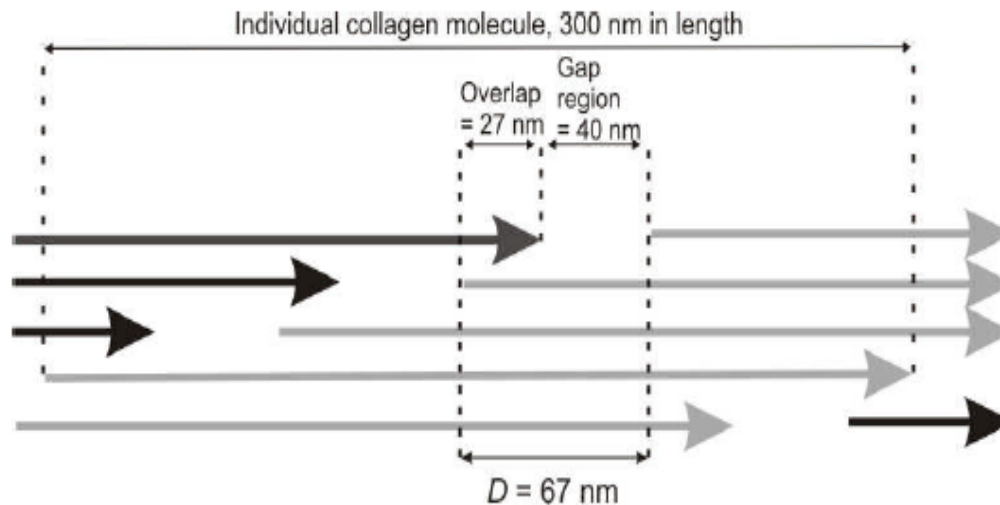
# Collagen Primary Structure

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- Collagen is the most common protein in animal tissue (bones, teeth, tendon, cartilage, connective tissue)
- Potential applications in medicine (artificial bone, skin diseases)
- Collagen packing to built-up fibres is not completely understood  
Different proposed models by Orgel 2007, Wess 2006, Bozec 2007 ...



SEM [Cisneros, 2006]

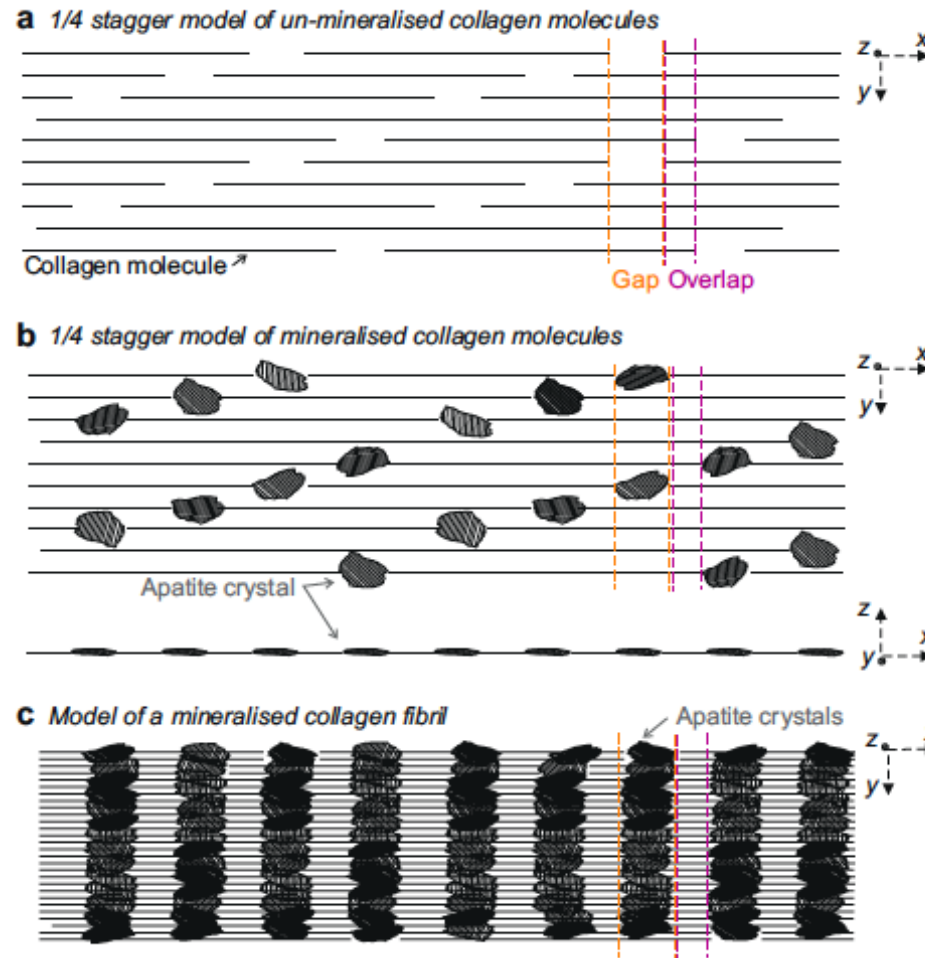


[Hodge and Petruska, 1976]

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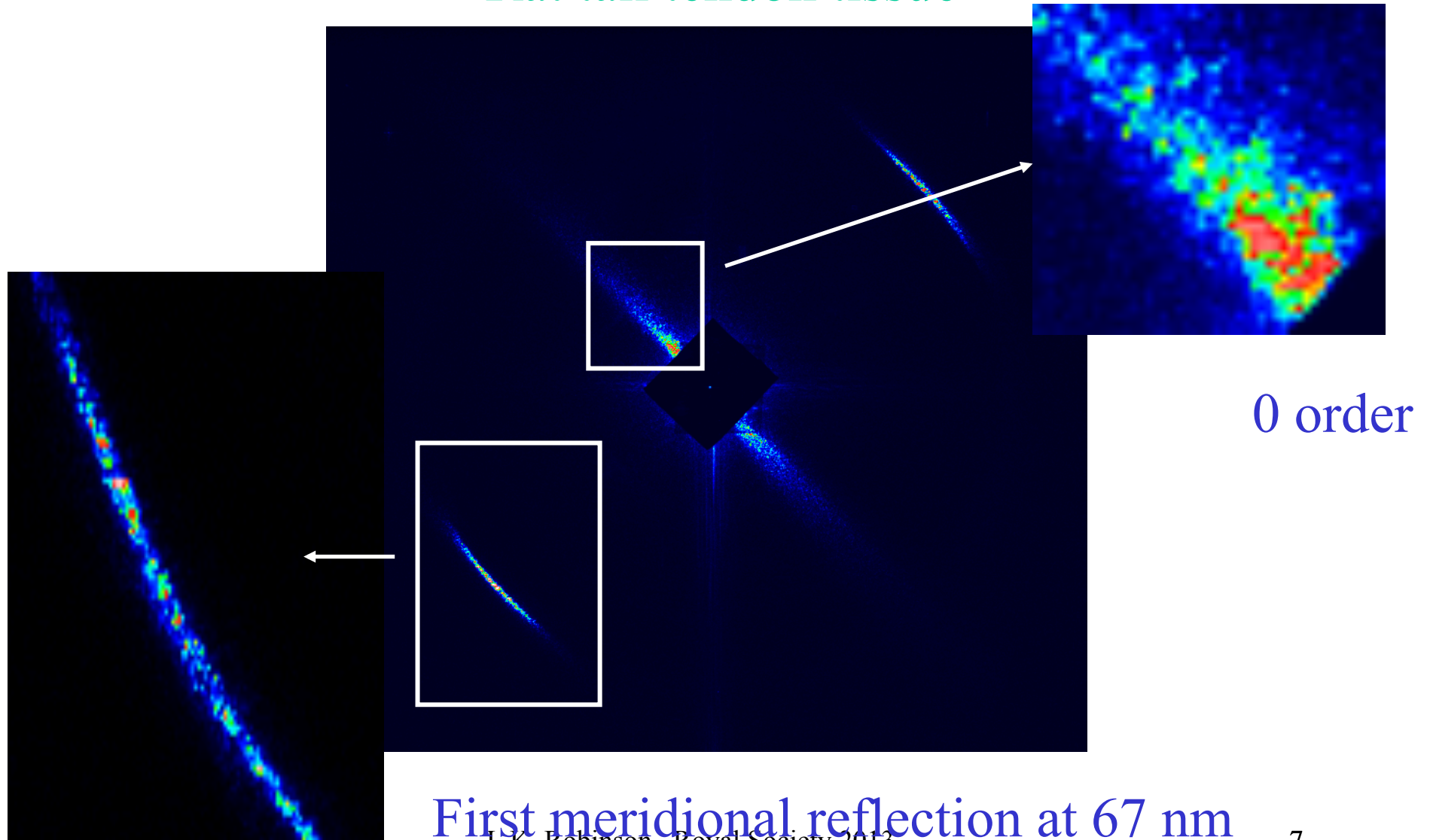
# Biom mineralisation Model

Jantou-Morris, V, Horton, MA, McComb, DW  
Biomaterials 31 5275 (2010)



# First experimental results on collagen

Rat tail tendon tissue

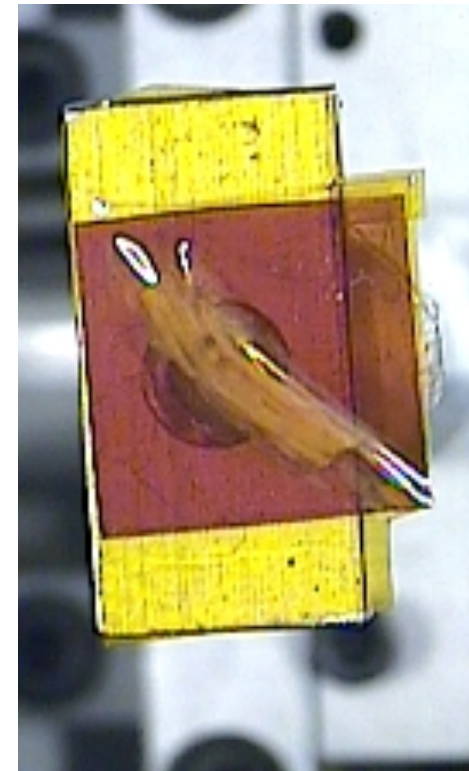
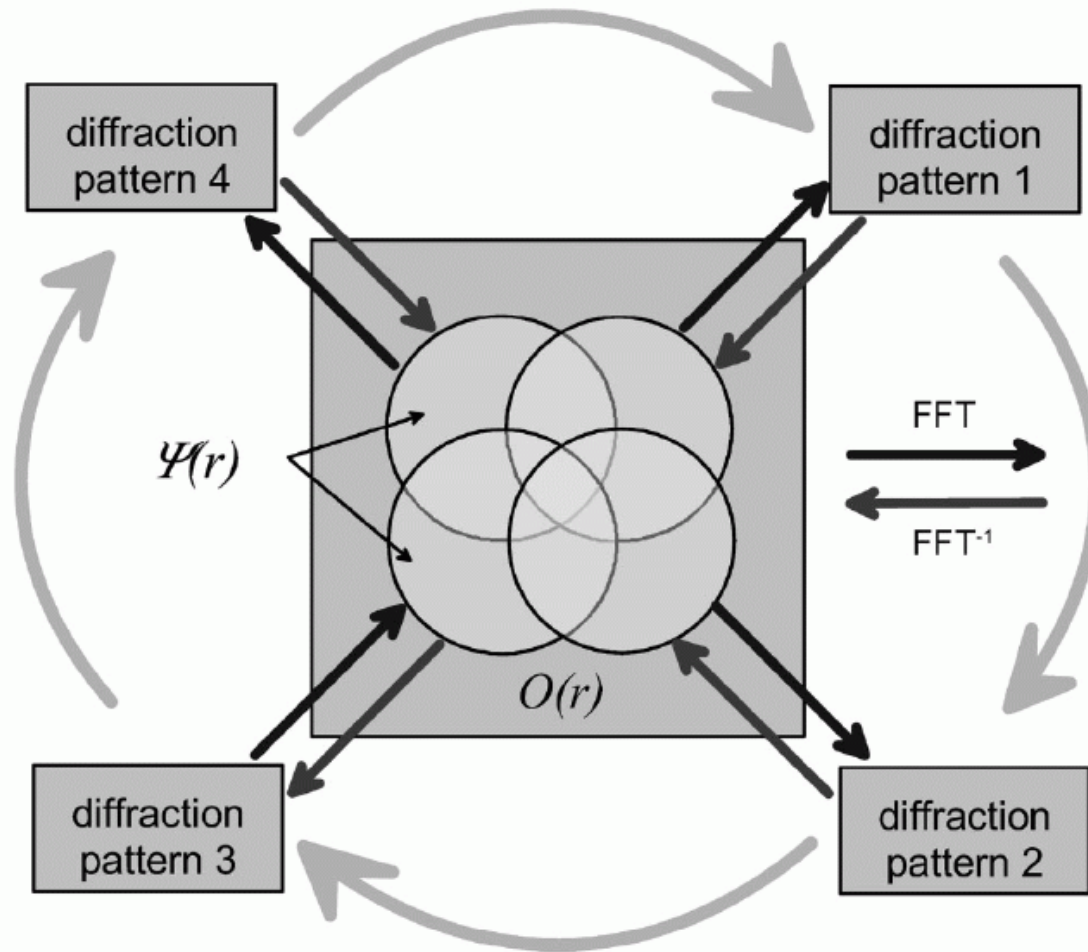


First meridional reflection at 67 nm

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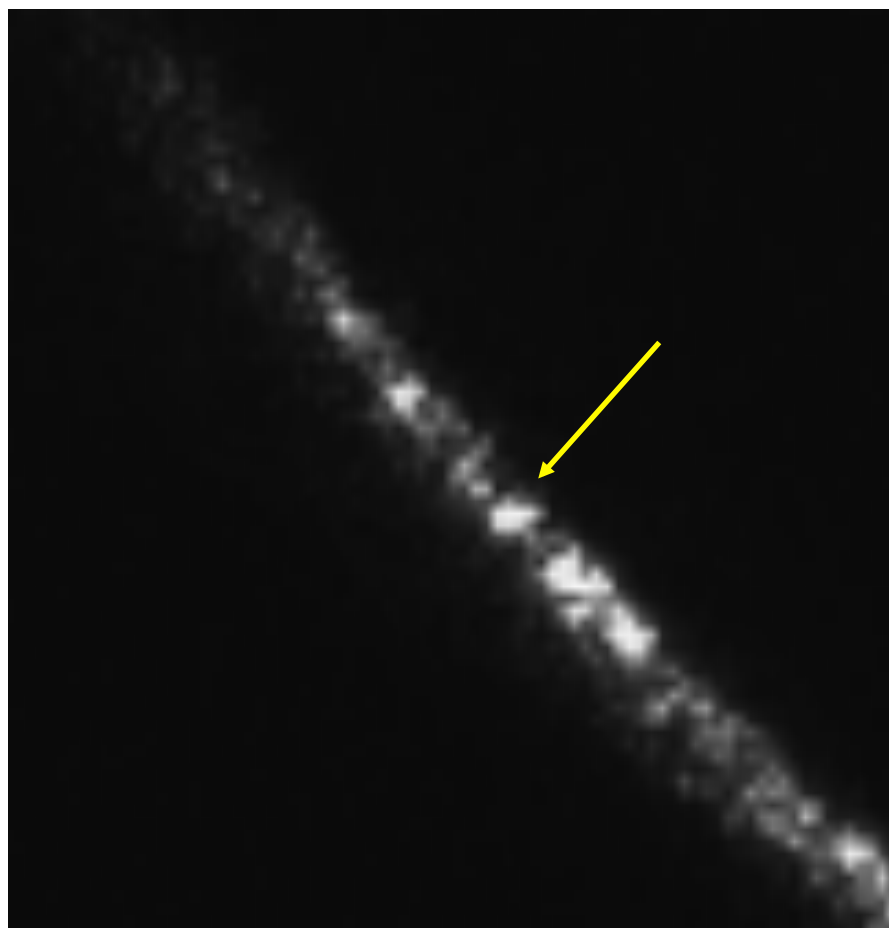
# X-ray Ptychography

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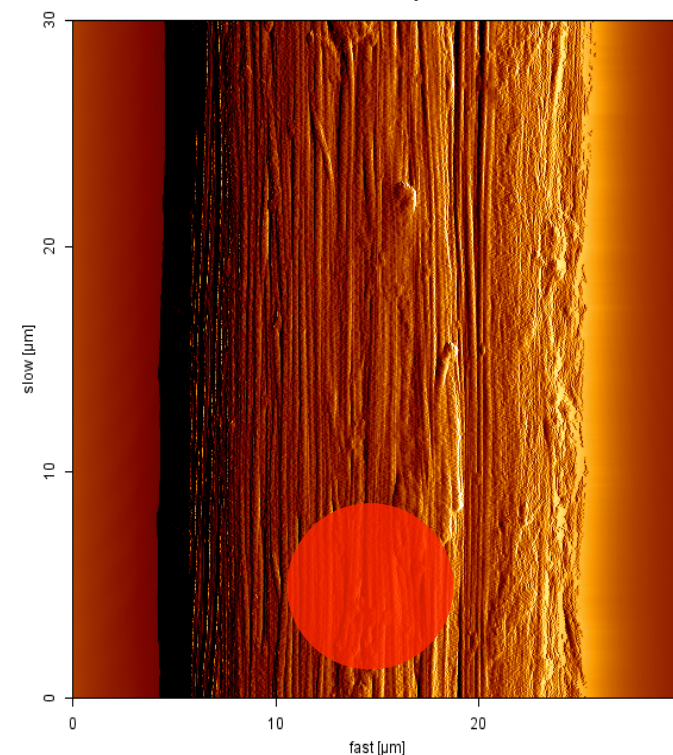


# X-ray Ptychography

First meridional reflection



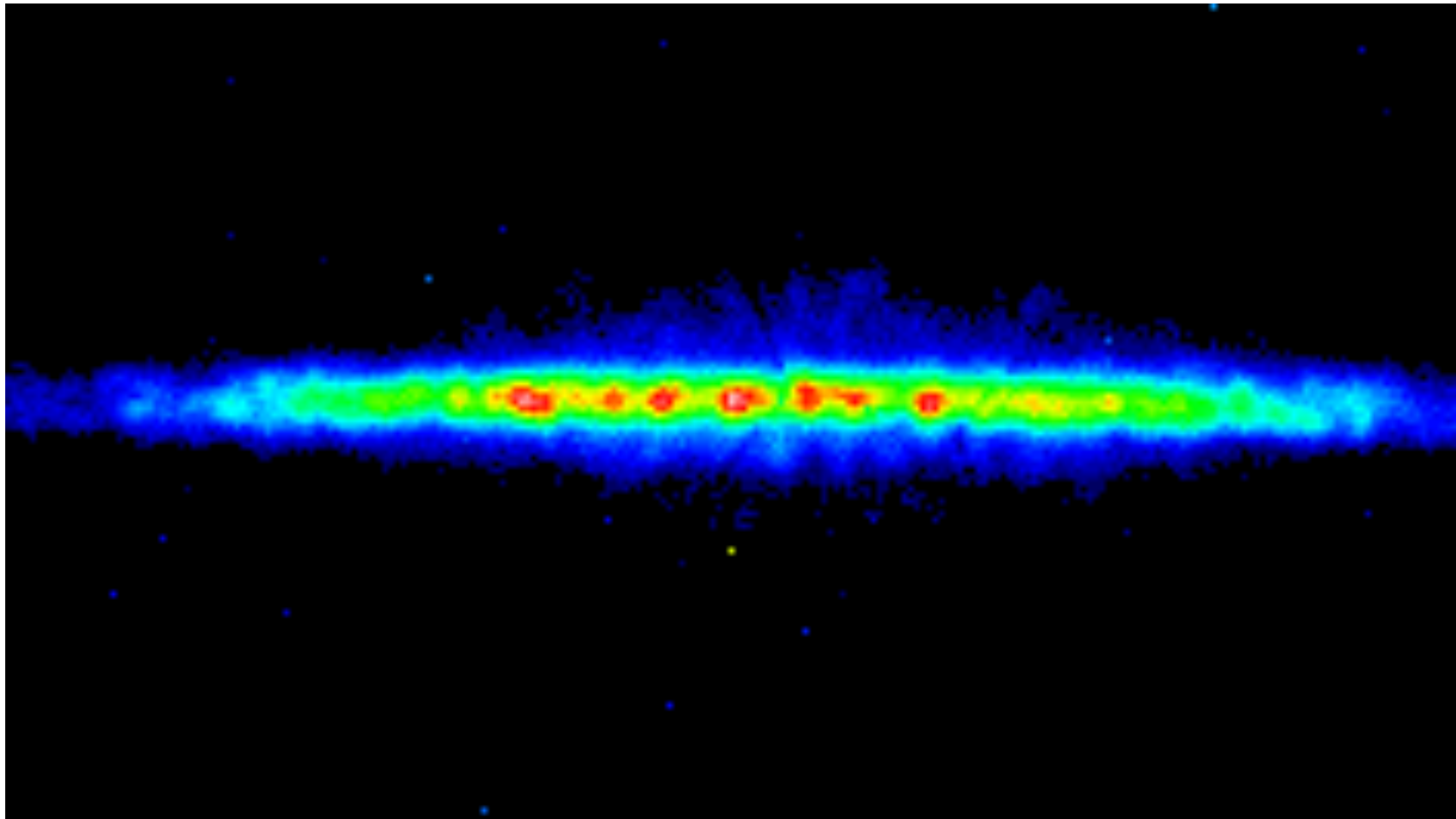
10  $\mu\text{m}$  beam



**Dark field imaging:**  
collagen distribution in  
different tissues

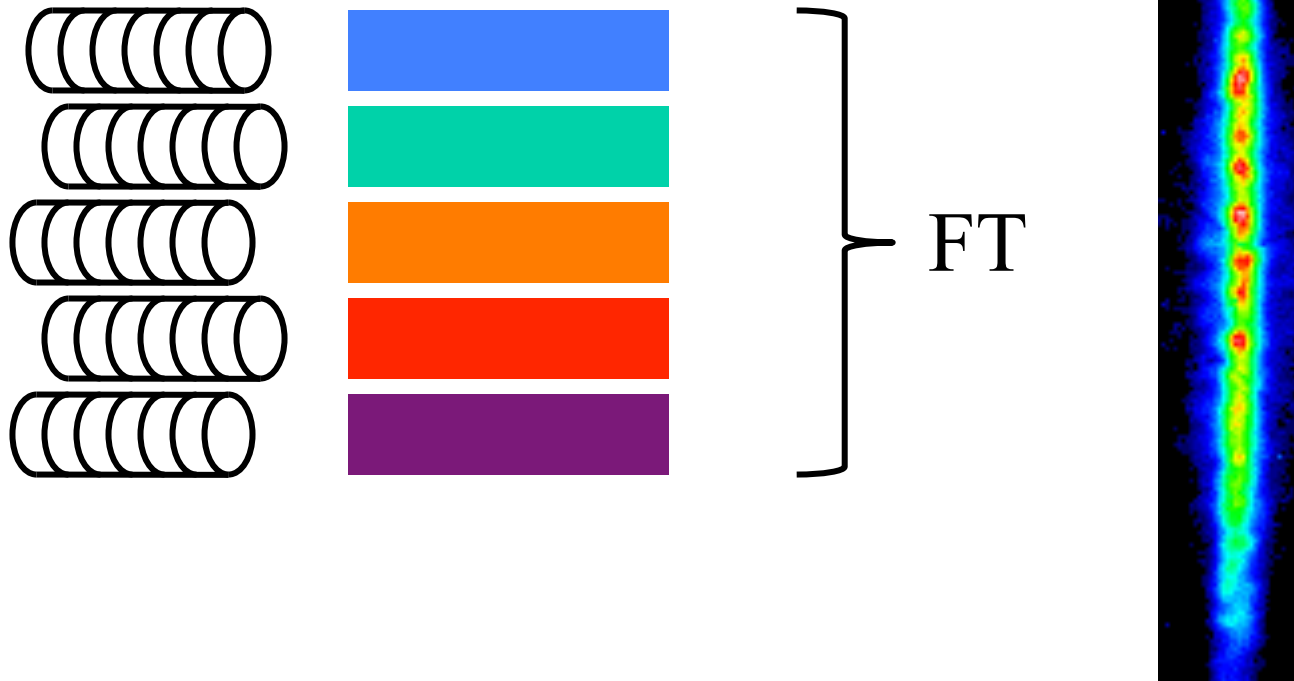
# Improved collagen sample prep

Diamond I-22, Nov 2008



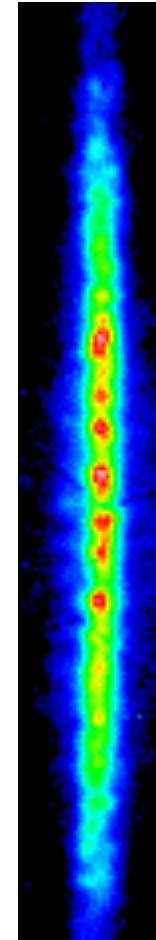
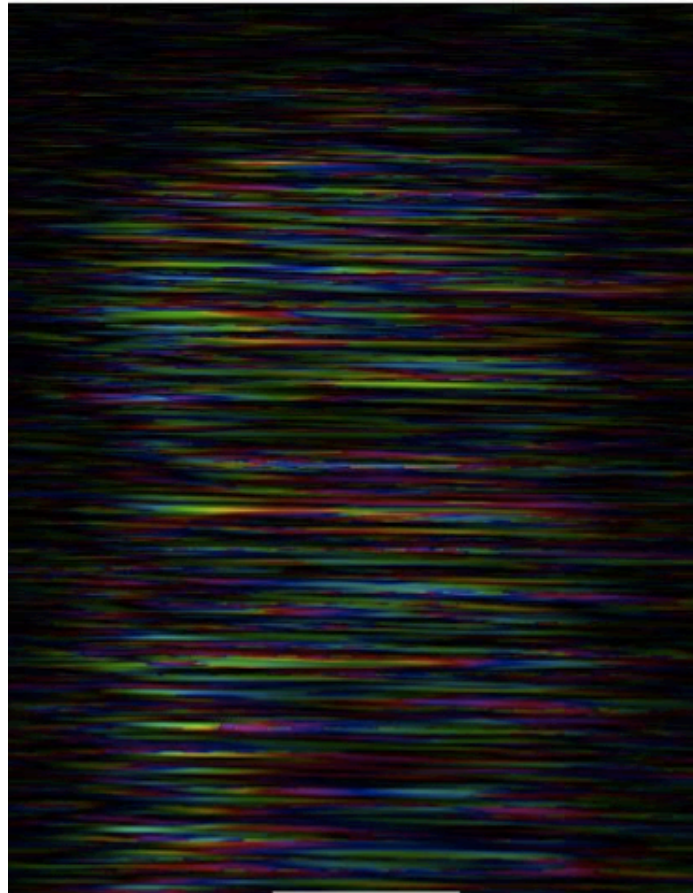
# Collagen imaged with Bragg peak

$1\mu\text{m}$  fibrils cut by  $20\mu\text{m}$  beam



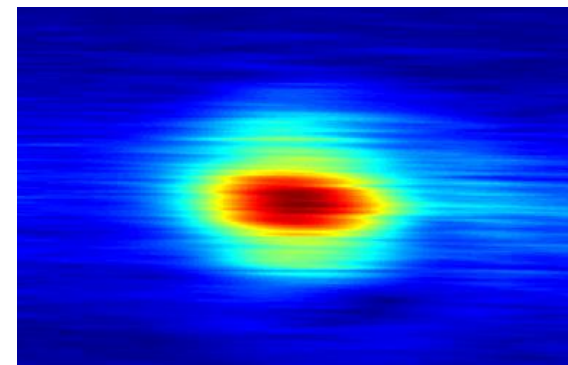
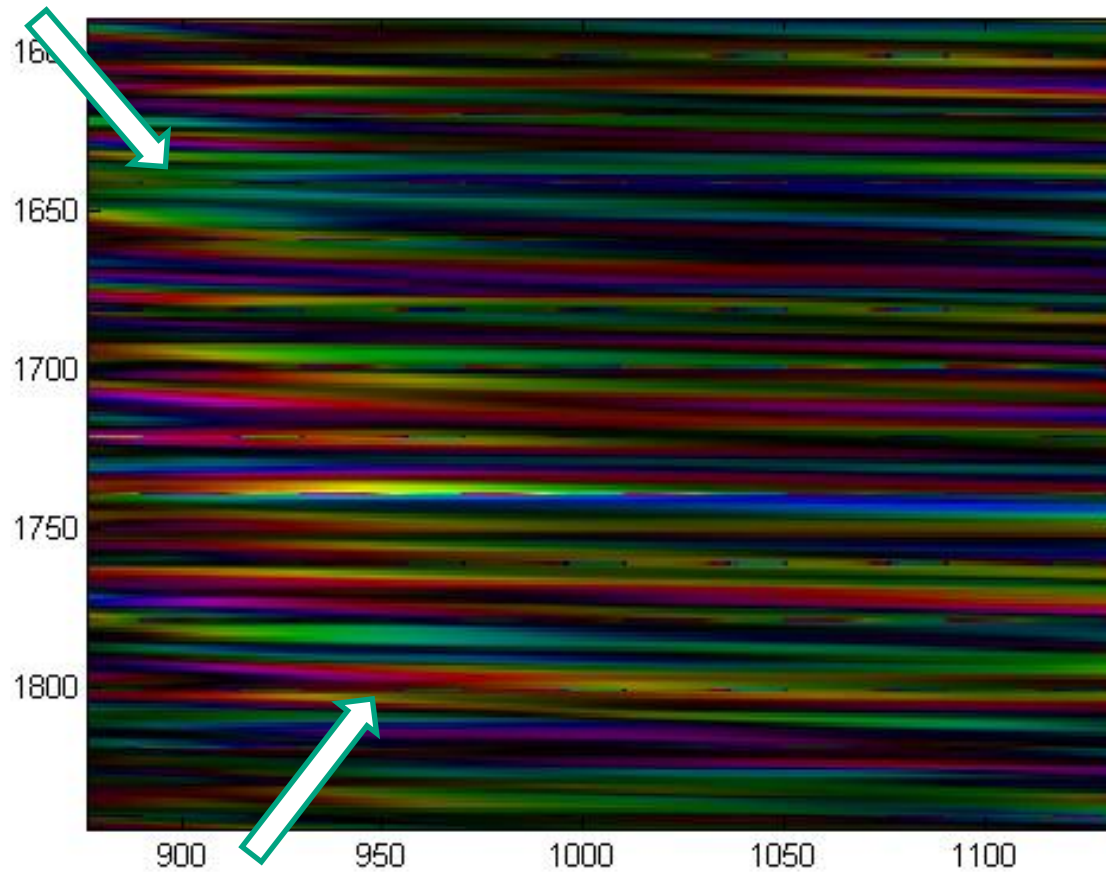
# Collagen imaged with Bragg peak

Felisa Berenguer, X-ray ptychography



# Collagen fibre “fusions”

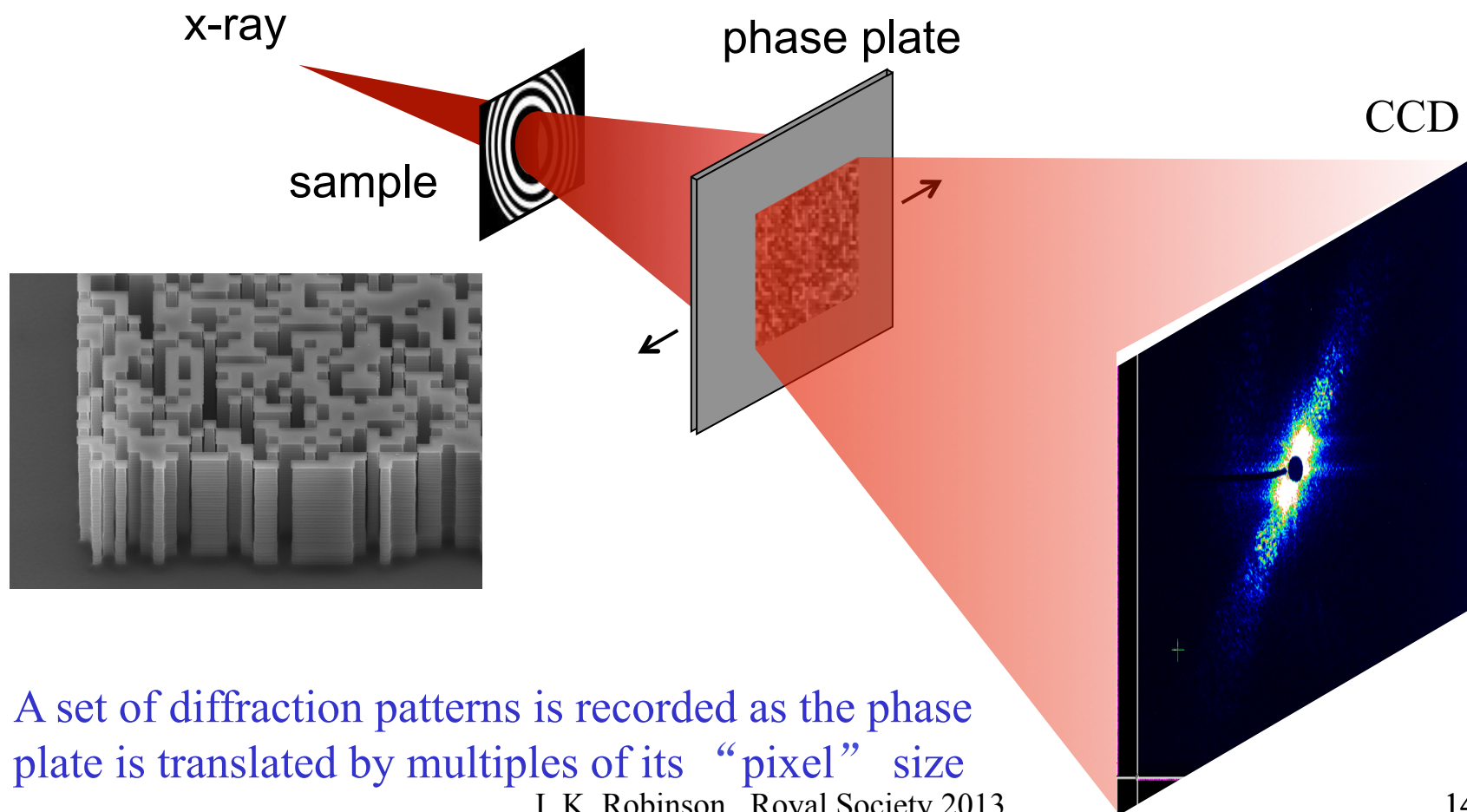
Felisa Berenguer, Laurent Bozec, in preparation



# Imaging by wavefront modification

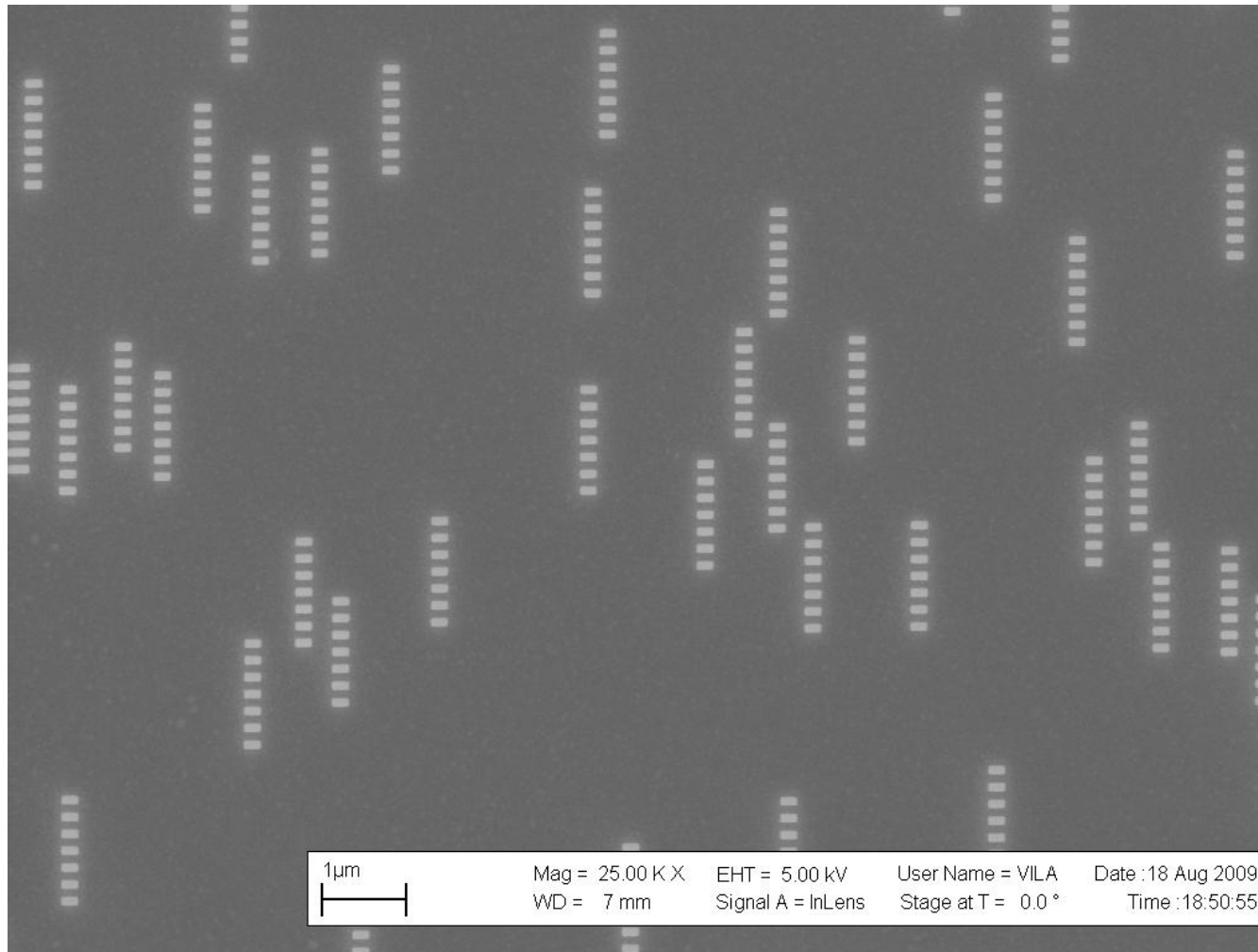
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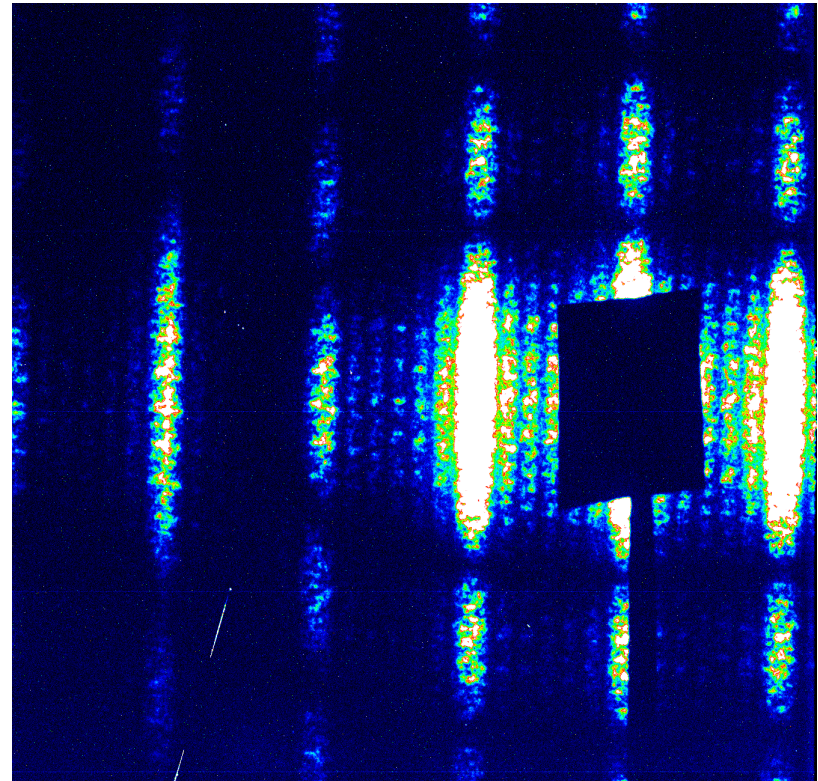
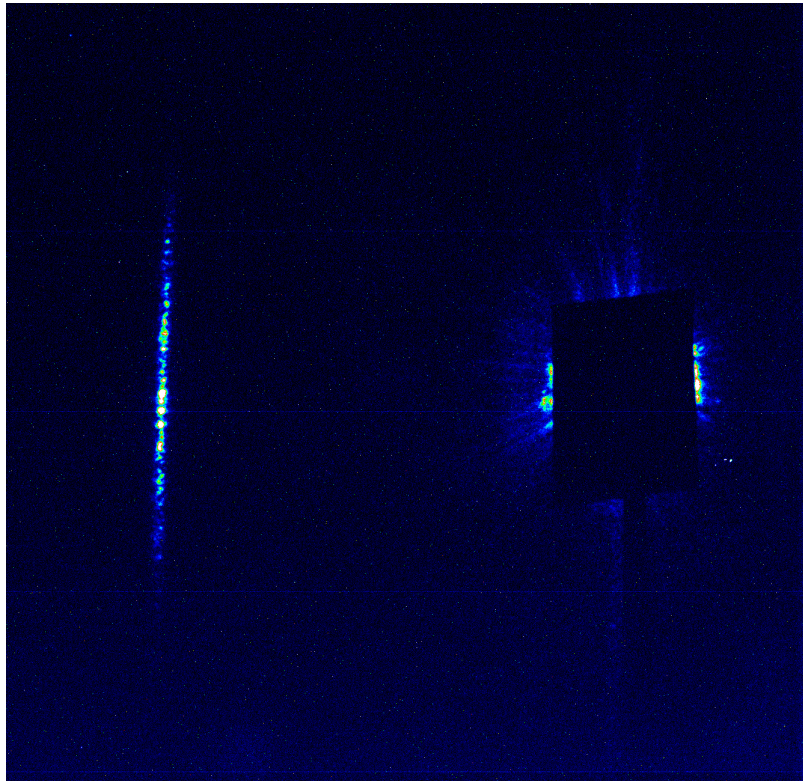
# New phase plate design

R. Bean and J. Vila-Comamala, PSI

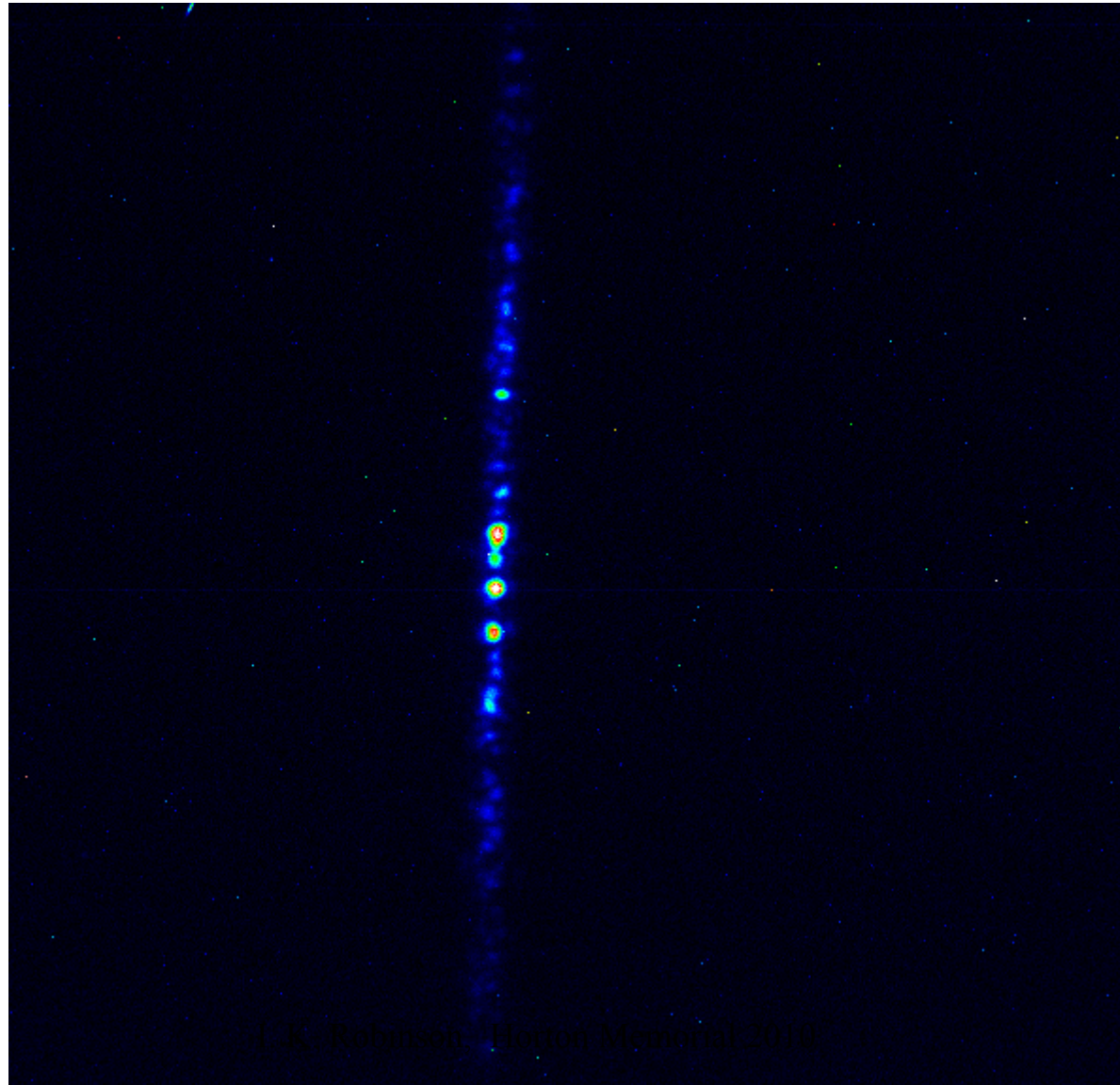


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# Collagen in liquid cell +/- phase plate



# Sample+phase plate interference

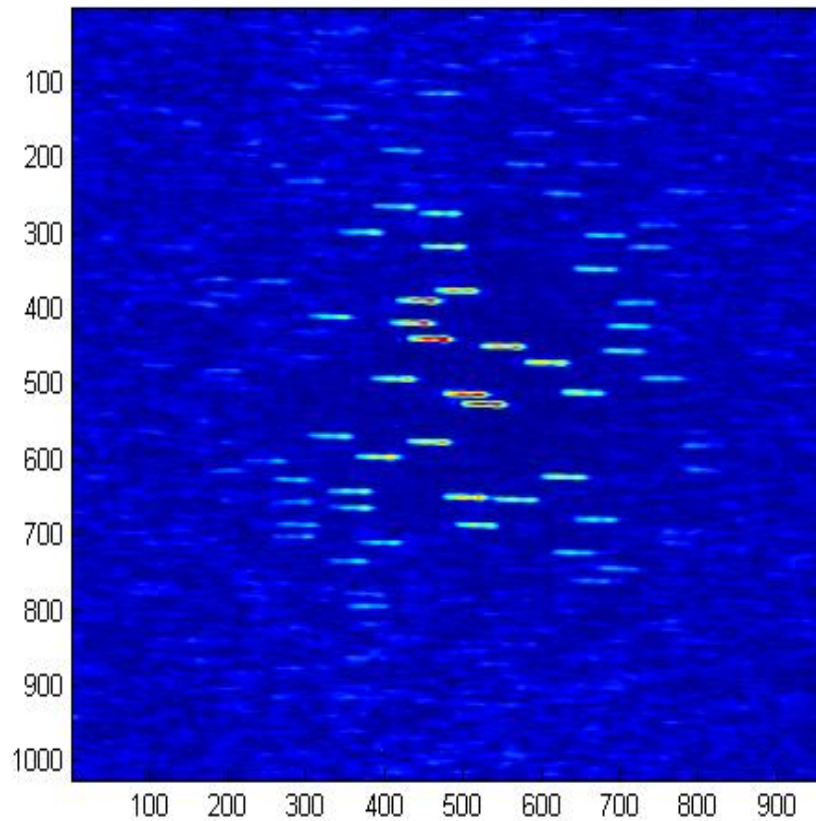


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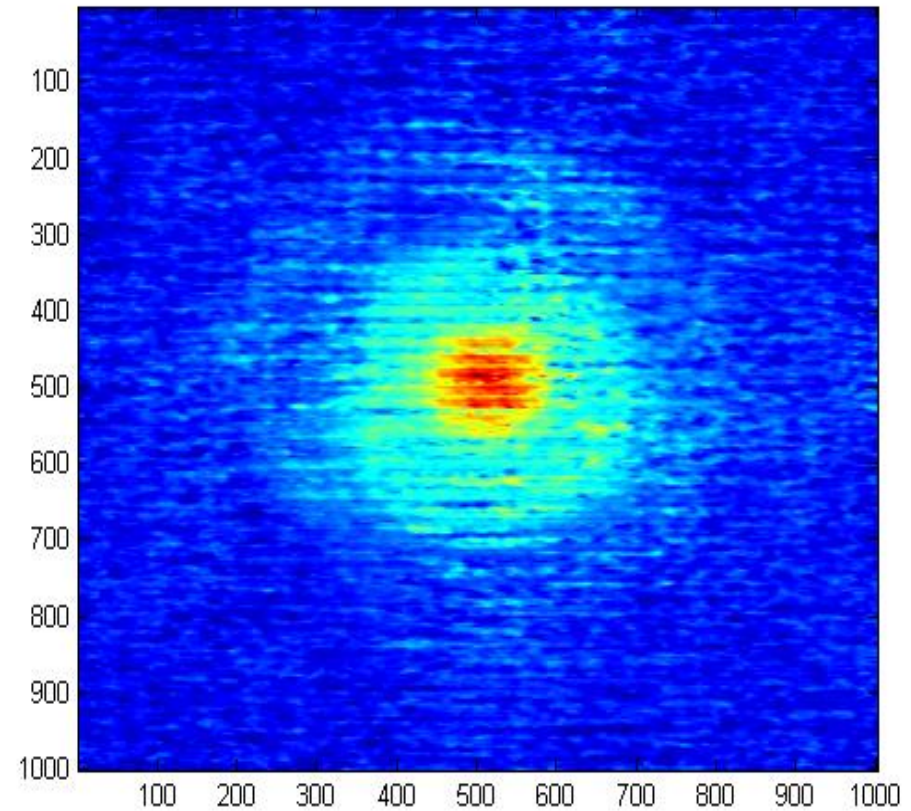
# Reconstruction of the First Order Peak

Richard Bean 2011

Phase plate

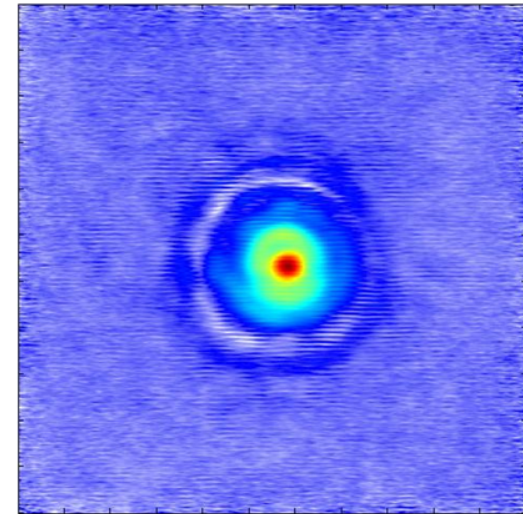
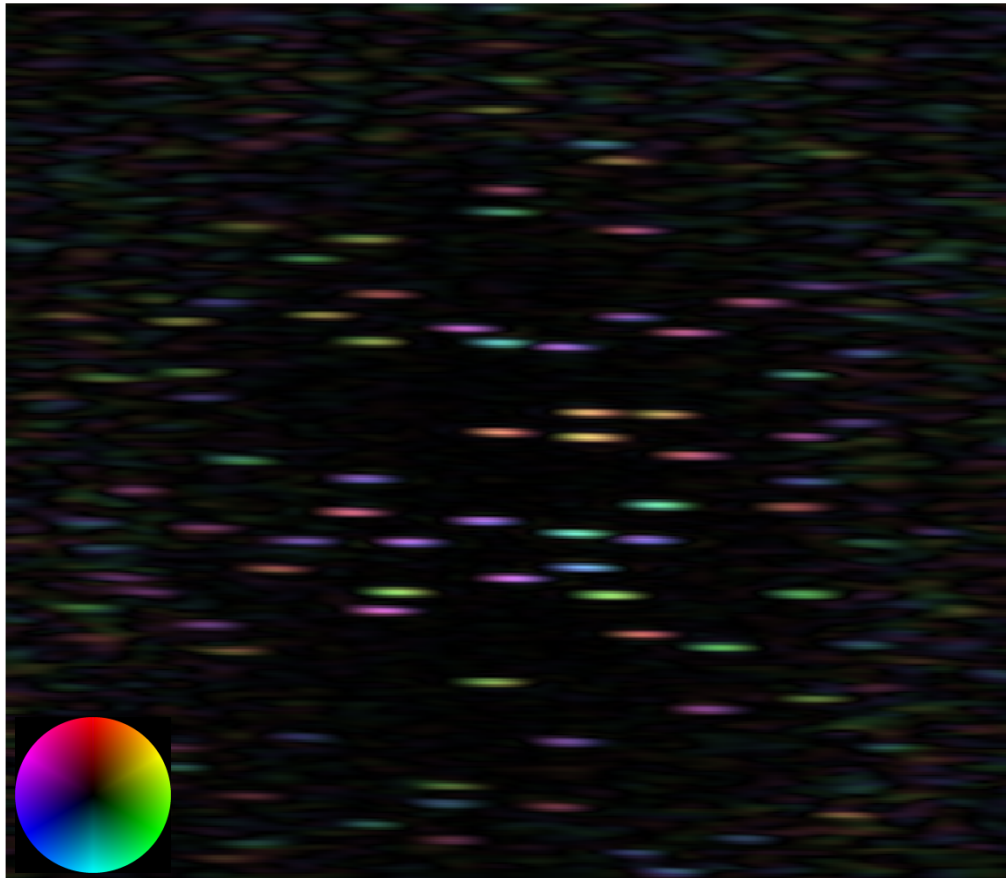


“Probe” (inc. wave)



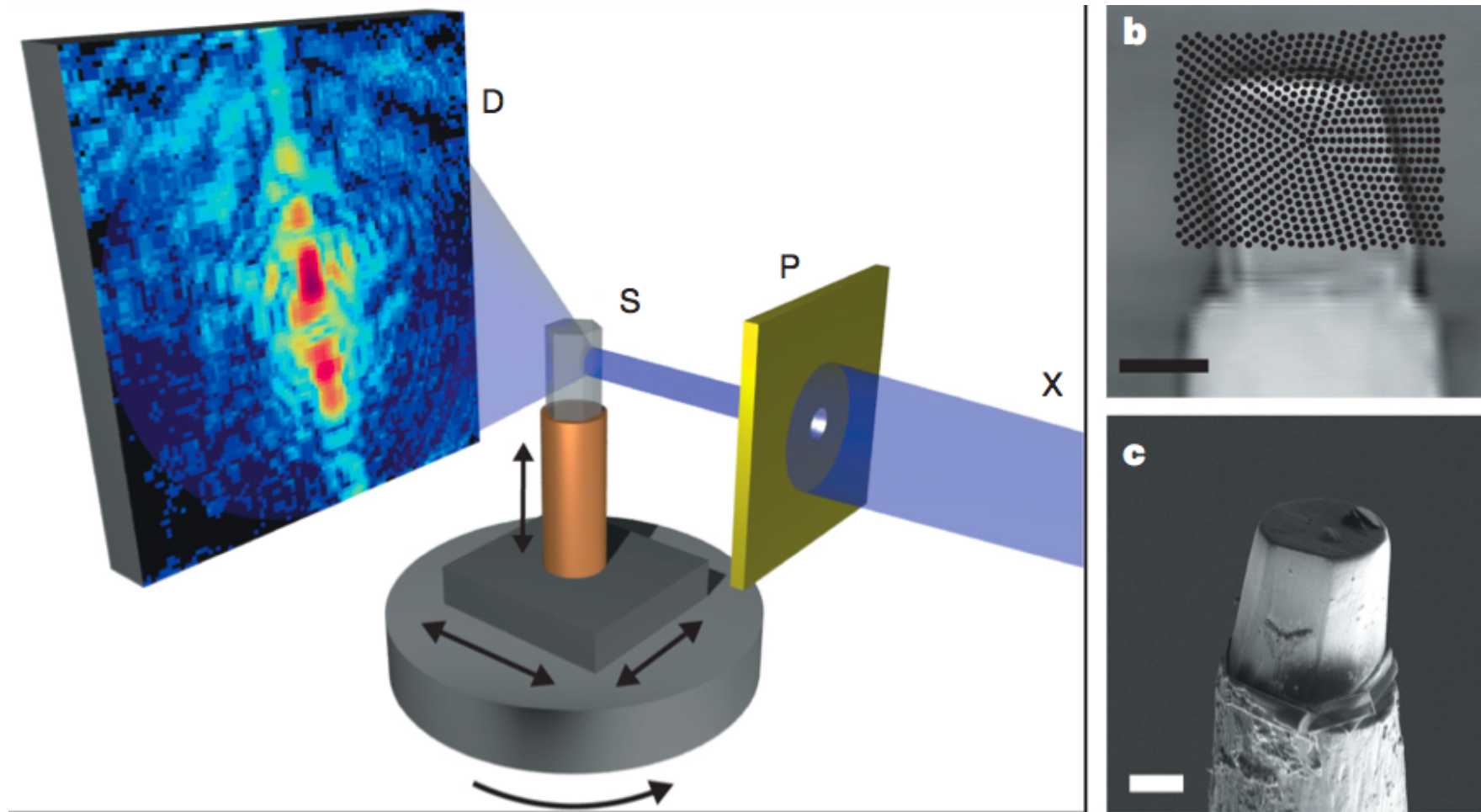
# Plot of reconstruction

Amplitude (brightness)/ phase (colour)

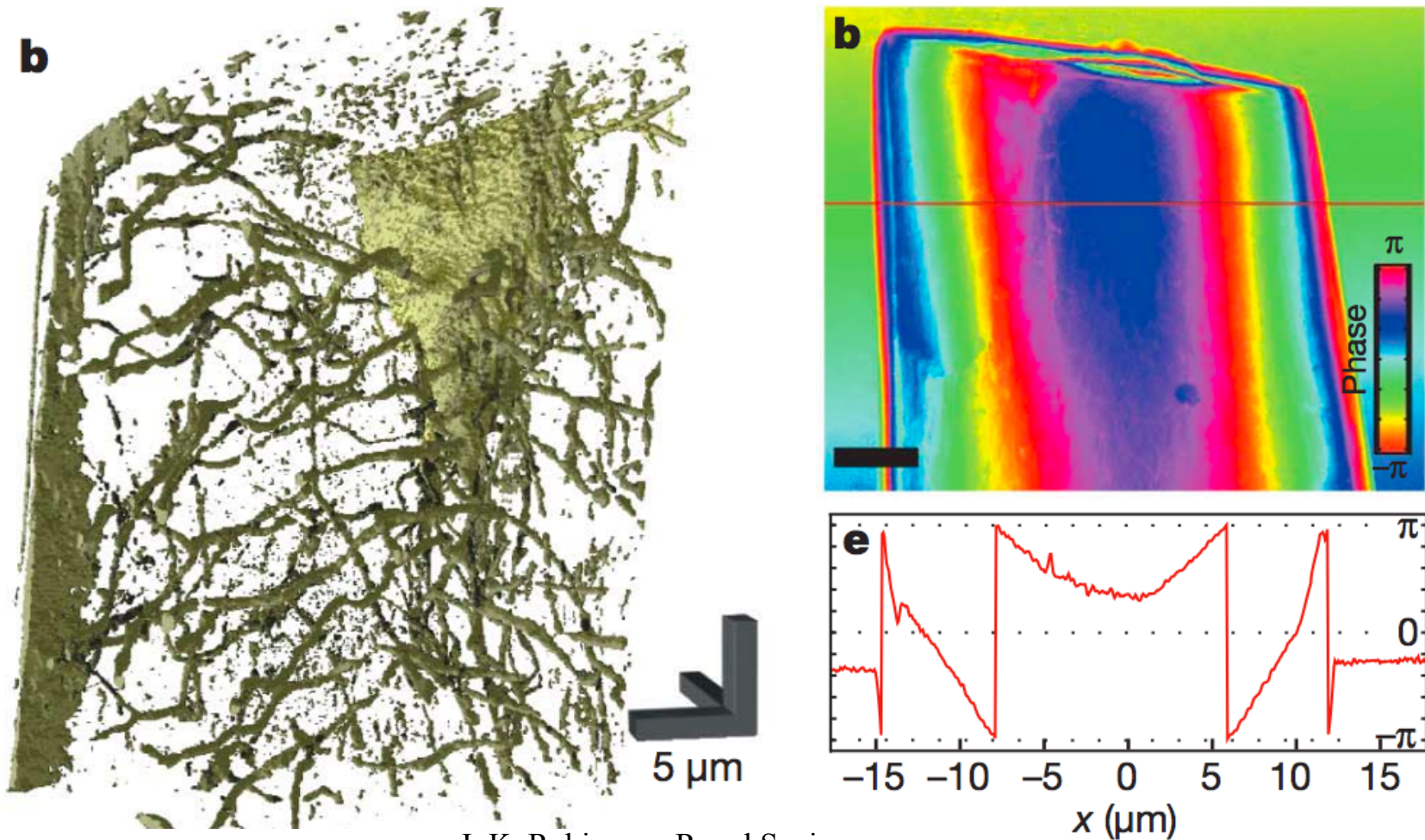


Probe function

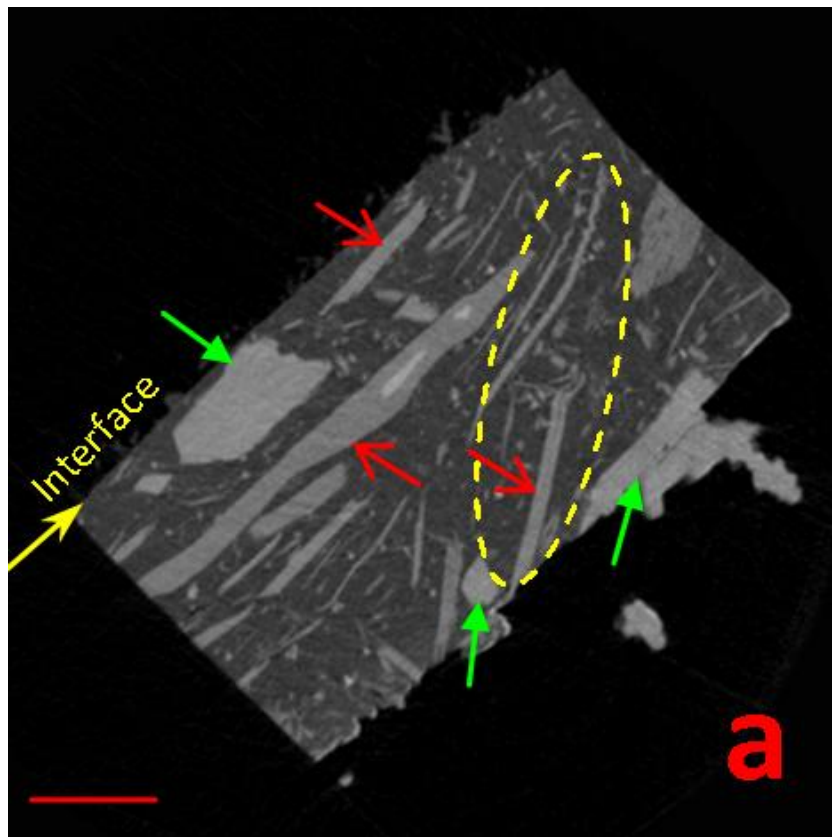
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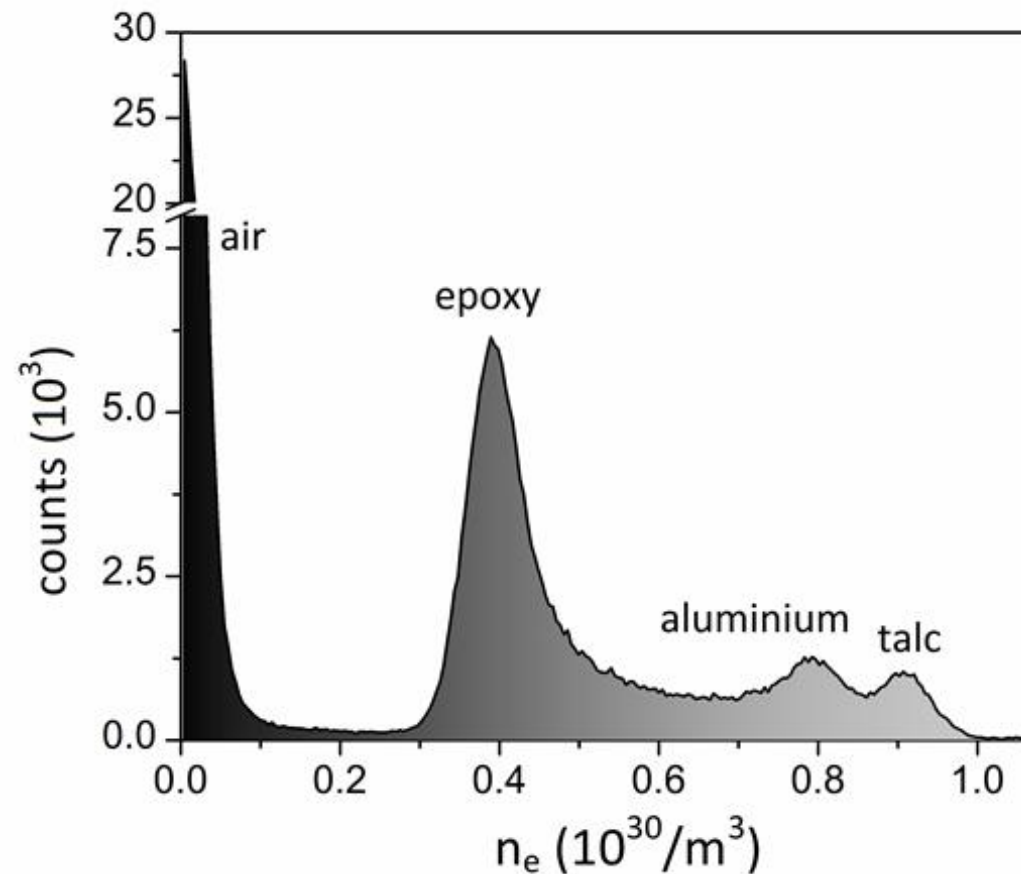
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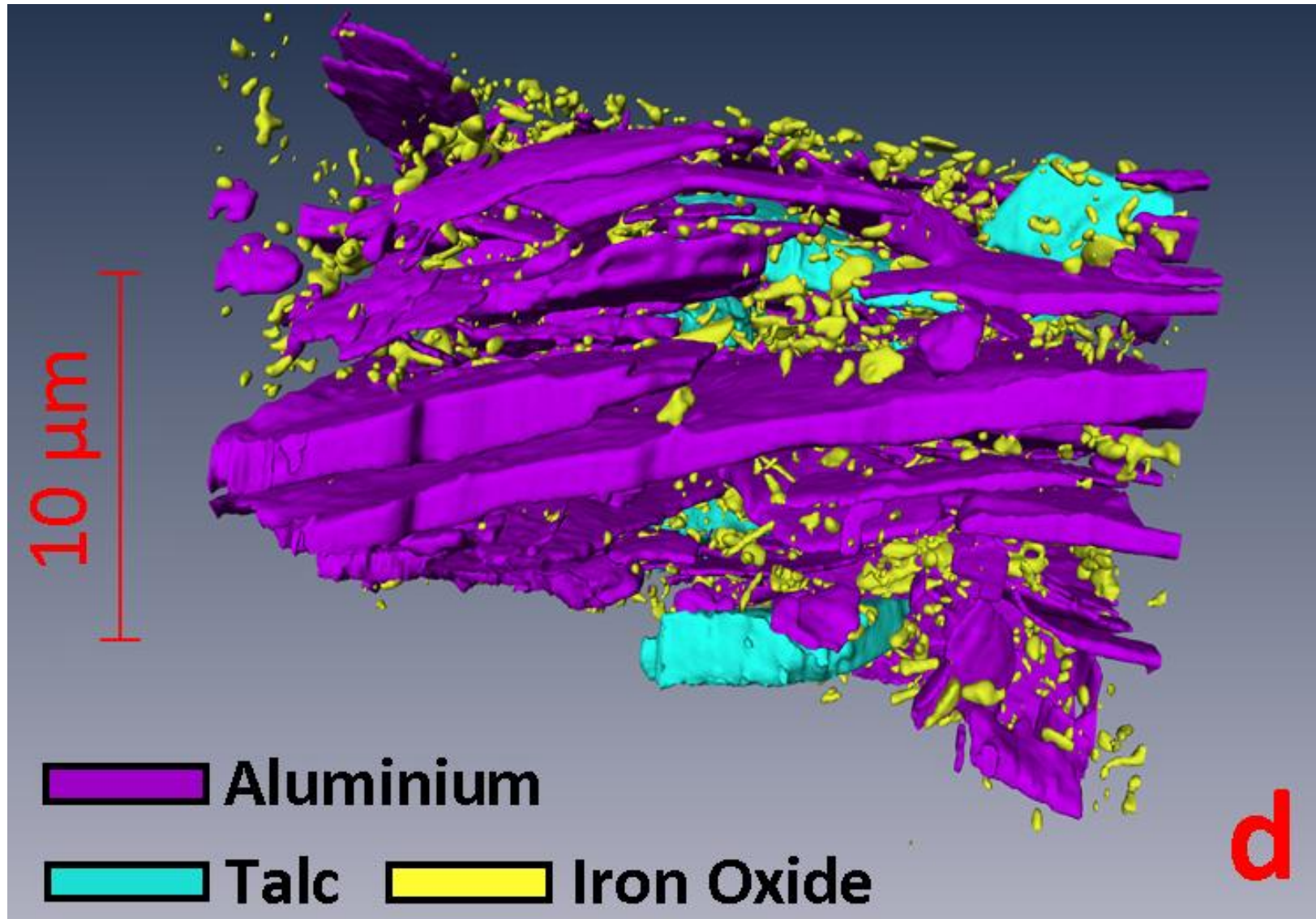
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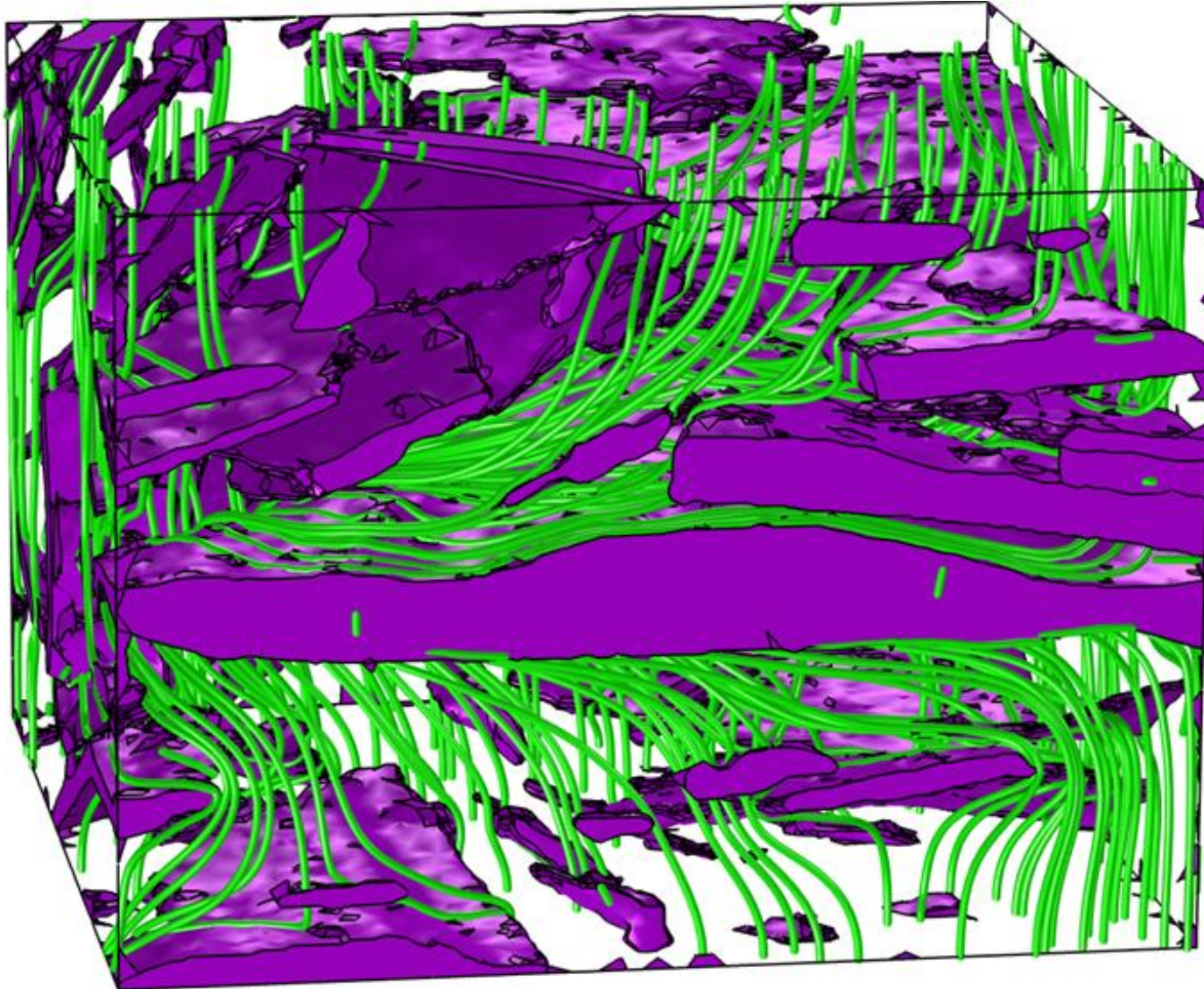
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# Conclusions

- Ptychography has ‘ultimate’ phase contrast
- Collagen Fibrils within intact tendon
- 3D imaging needed in materials & biology
- Ptycho-tomography demonstrations