

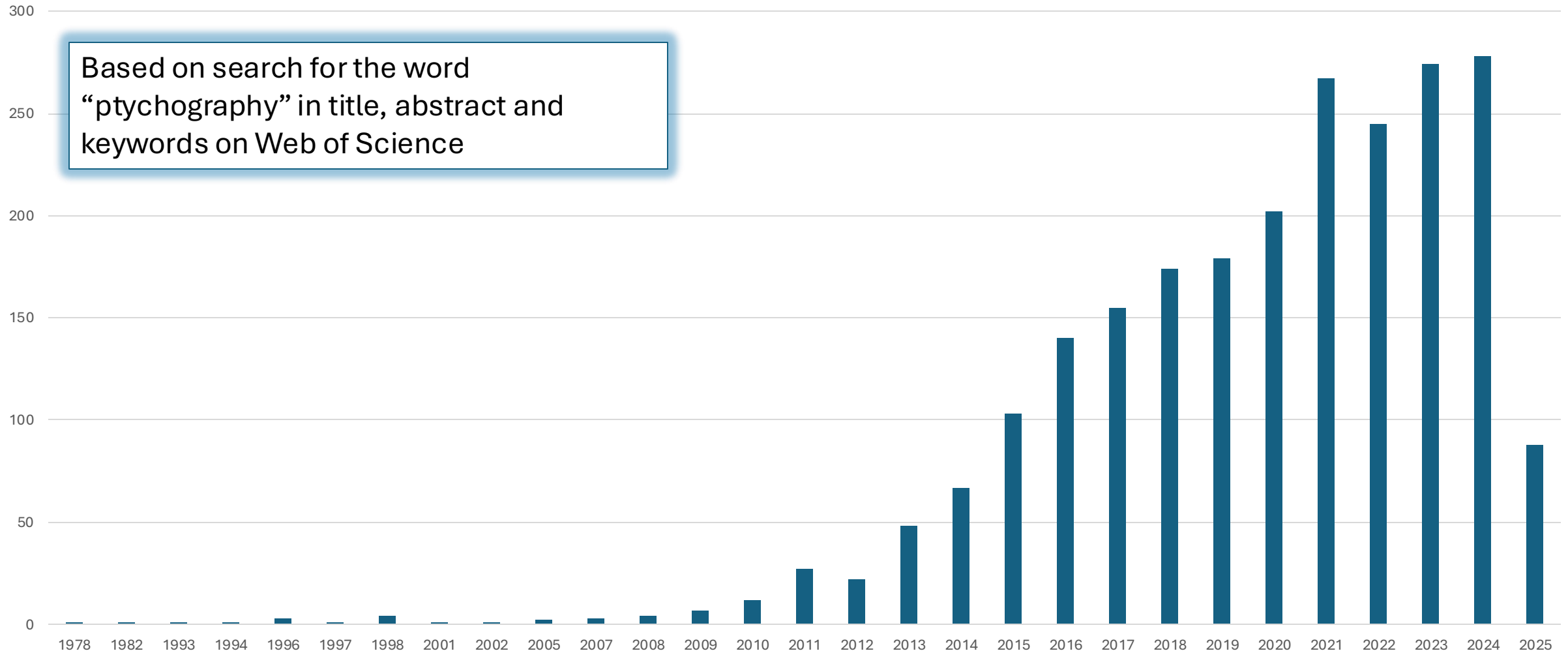
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# Current and Future Challenges

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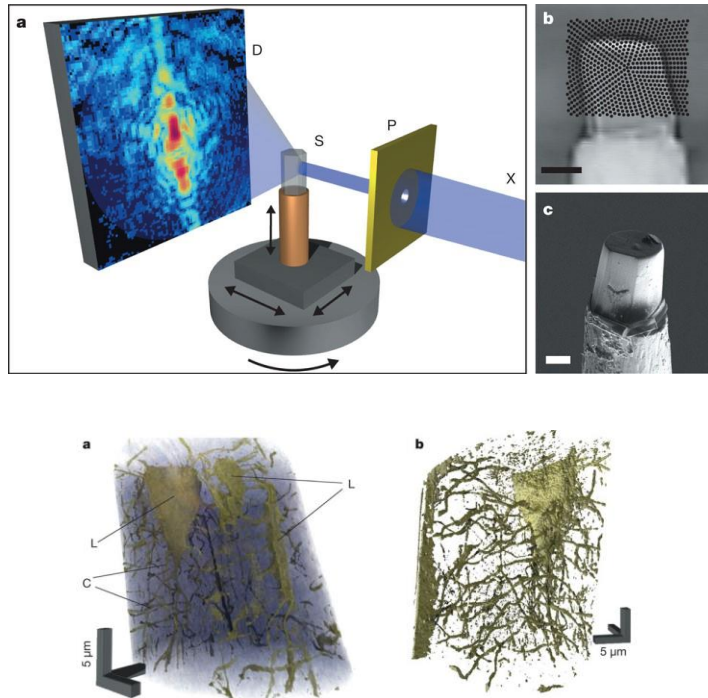
# How popular is Ptychography as a method?

Publications with topic "ptychography"



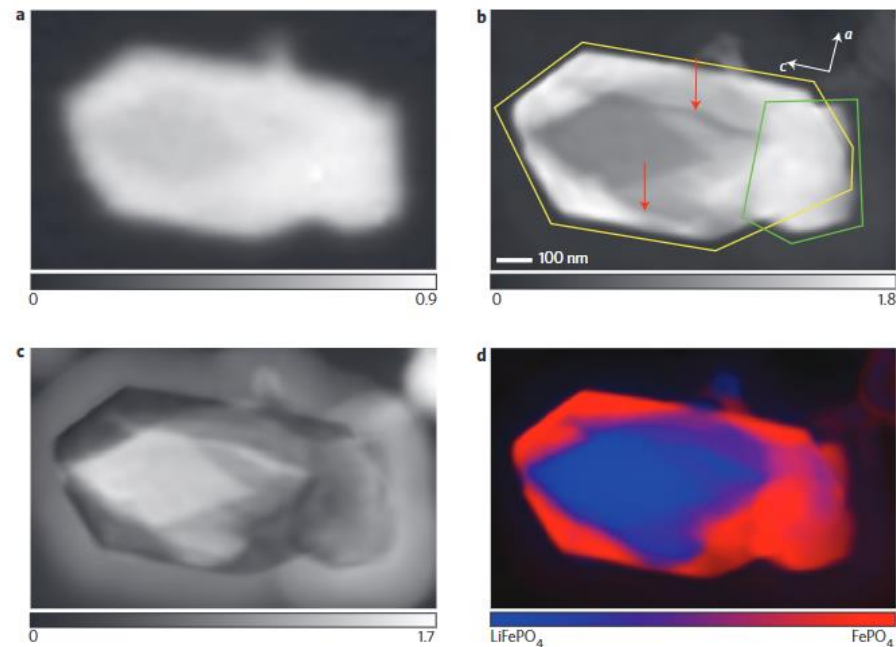
# A few ptychography highlights and trends

## Ptycho-Tomography Expanding to Three dimensions



Dierolf, M. *et al.* *Nature*, 467(7314), pp. 436–439 (2010)

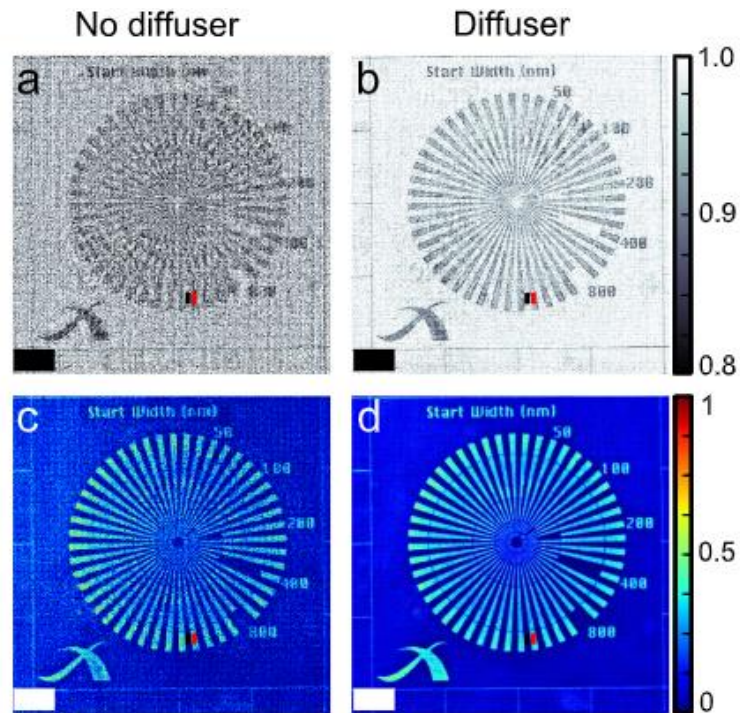
## Spectro-Ptychography Chemical specificity



Shapiro, D.A. *et al.*, *Nature photonics*, 8(10), pp. 765–769 (2014)

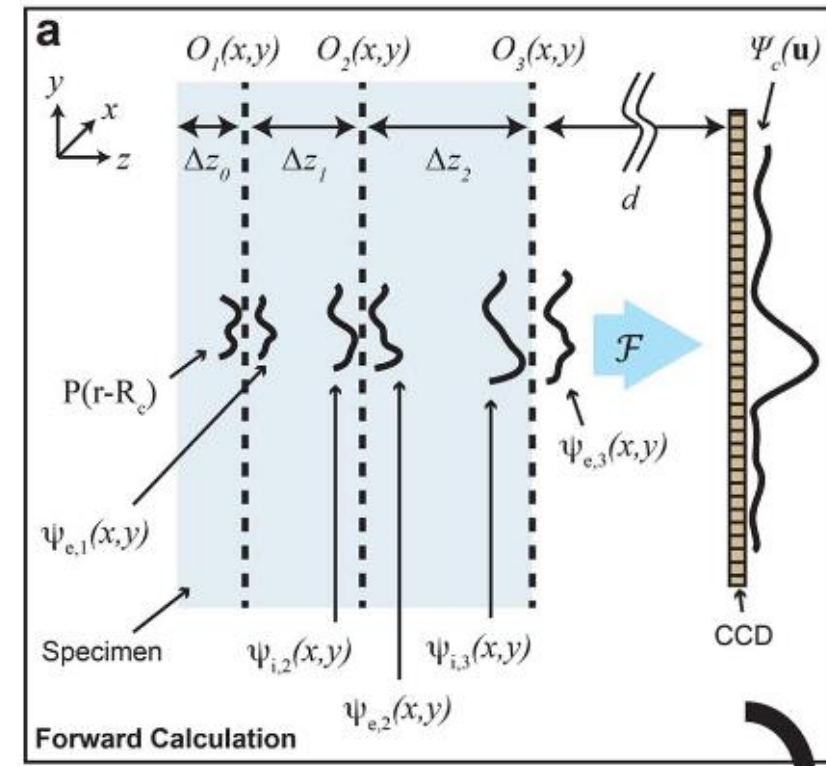
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## Ptychography in the nearfield



Stockmar, M. *et al.*, *Scientific reports*, 3, p. 1927 (2013)

## Ptychography with thick samples

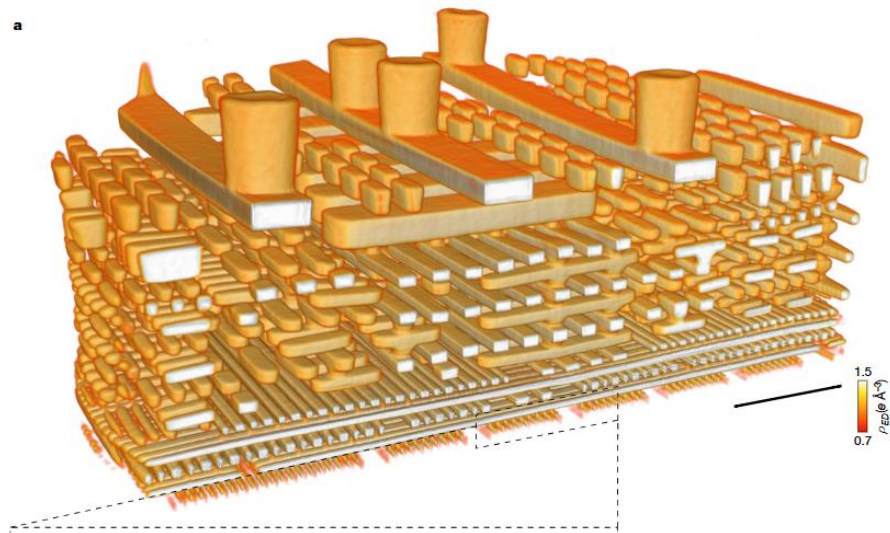


Maiden, a. M. *et al.*, *JOSA A*, 29(8), pp. 1606–1614. (2012)



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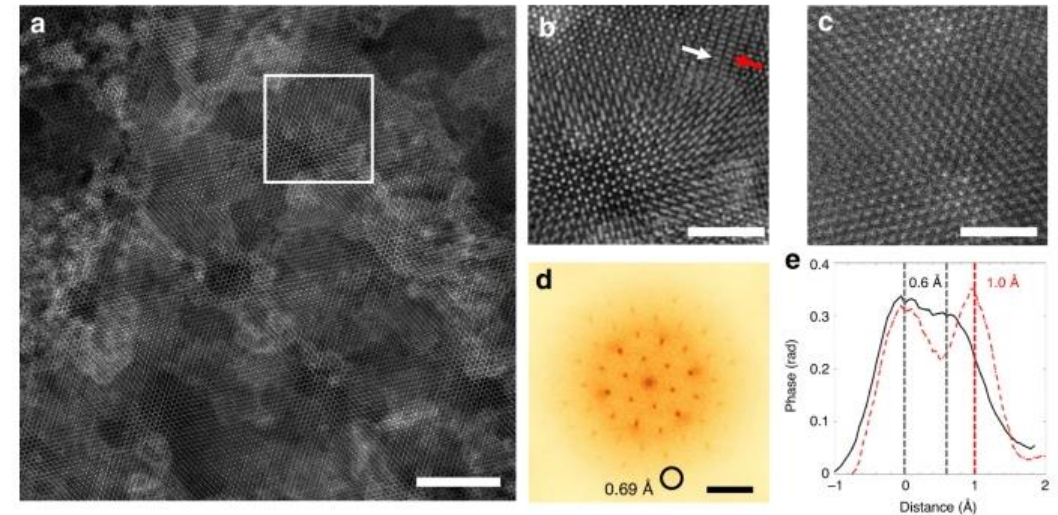
## Burst ptychography in Three dimensions



Achieved record in 3D resolution by adding more refinement

Aidukas, T. *et al.*, *Nature*, 632(8023), pp. 81–88. (2024).

## Ptychography with electrons

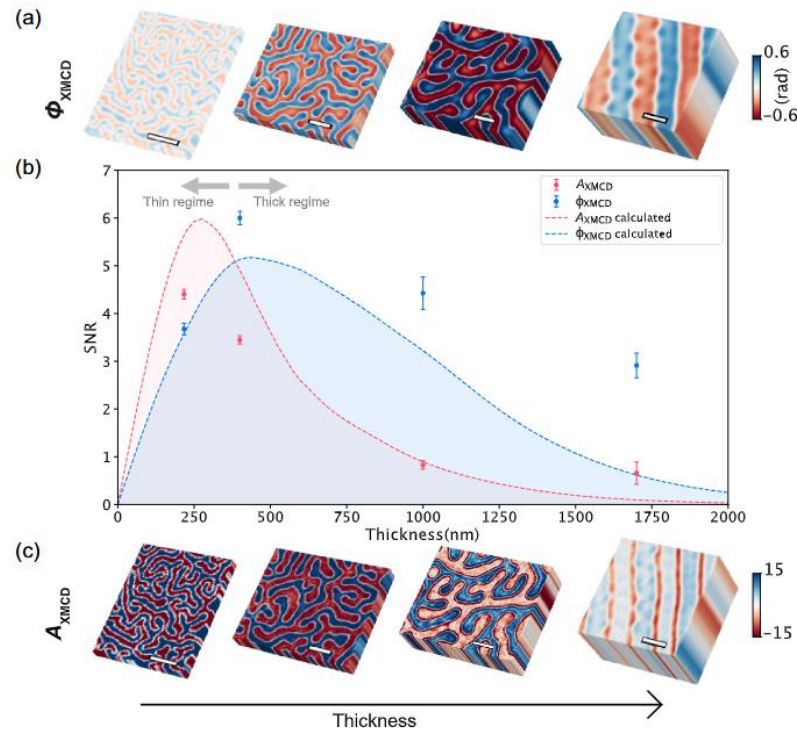


Sub-Angstrom resolution

Chen, Z. *et al.*, *Nature communications*, 11(1), p. 2994. (2020)

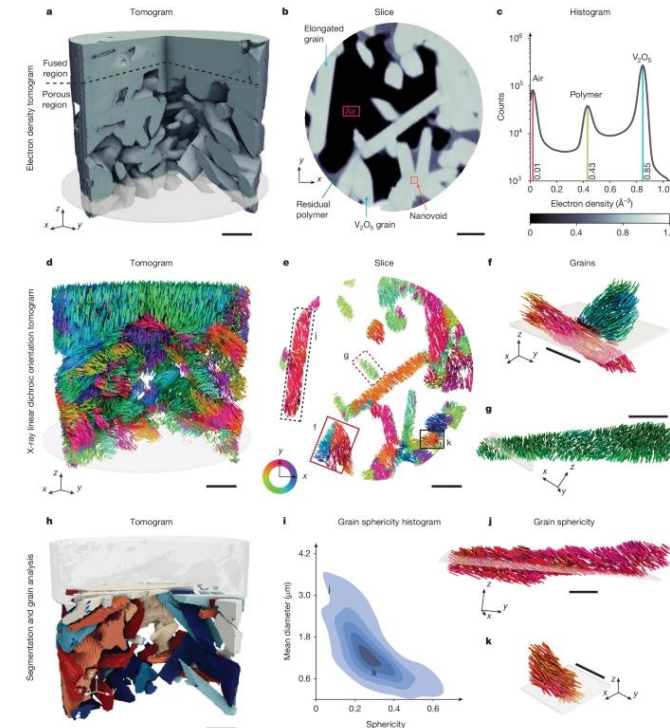
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## Magnetic Dichroism with ptychography in Two dimensions



Neethirajan, J. *et al.*, *Physical review. X*, 14(3), p. 031028. (2024)

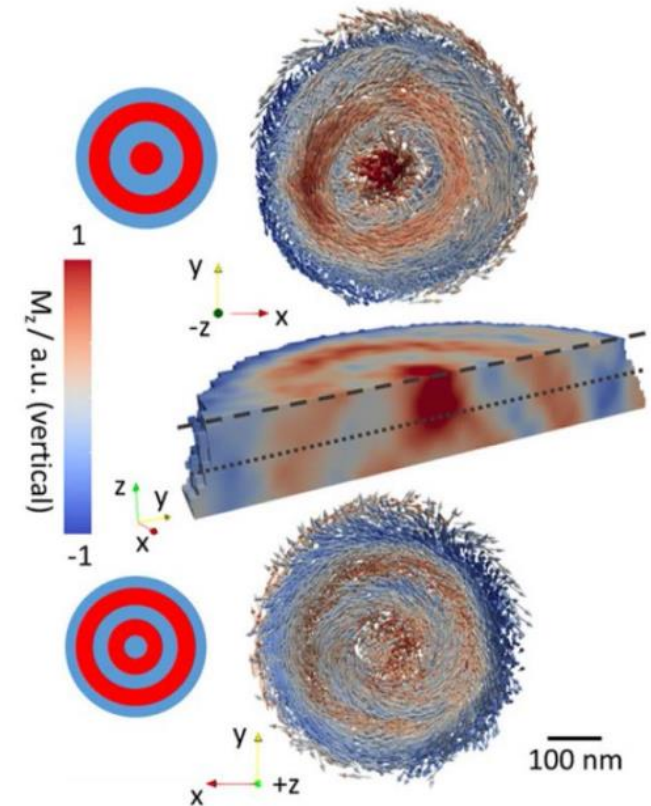
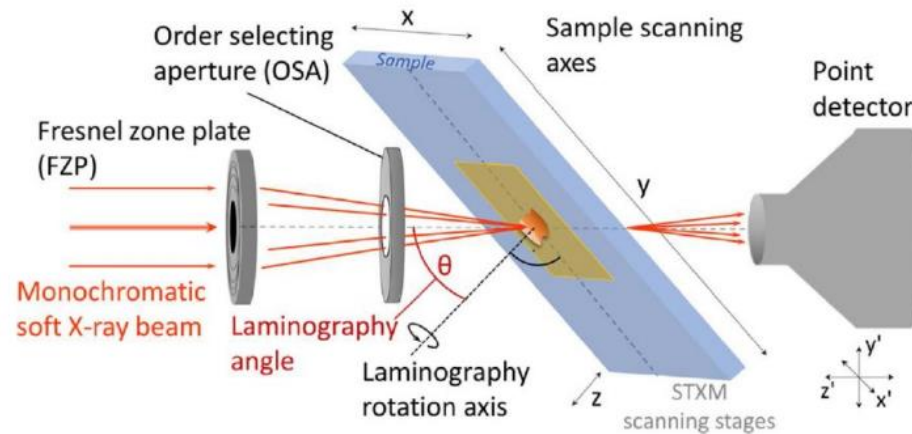
## Magnetic Dichroism with ptychography in Three dimensions



Apseros, A. *et al.*, *Nature*, 636(8042), pp. 354–360. (2024).

# A few ptychography highlights and trends

## New Diamond-II flagship beamline CSXID / I17

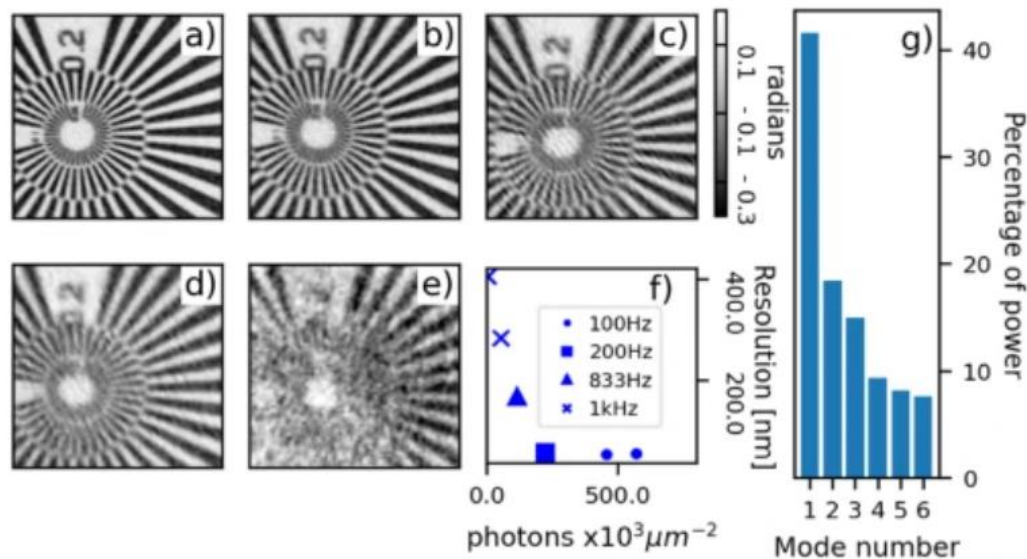


Available to the community in 2030



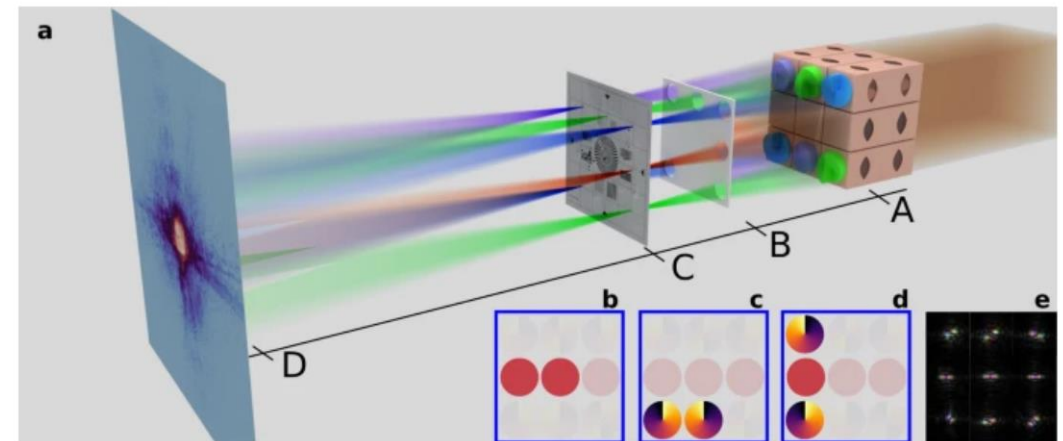
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## Ptychography with very fast detectors



Batey, D. *et al.*, *Scientific reports*, 12(1), p. 7846. (2022).

## Ptychography with multiple beams



Lyubomirskiy, M. *et al.*, *Scientific reports*, 12(1), p. 6203. (2022).



# A non-complete list of other approaches

- Ptychography with a very large field of view
- Correlative imaging with fluorescence and other modalities
- Wavefront sensing with ptychography
- Tele-ptychography
- Single-shot ptychography
- Broadband ptychography
- Ptychography with very low dose
- Etc.



# How does PtyPy fit into this landscape?

## Sources

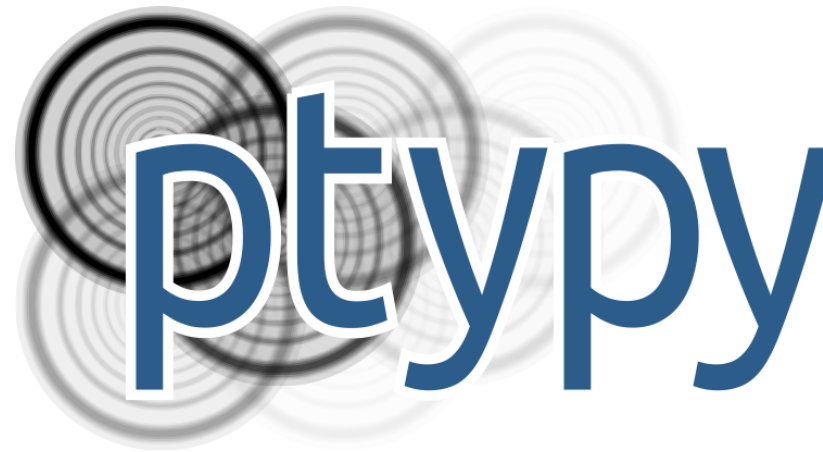
X-rays ✓  
Optical light ✓  
Electrons ✓

## Innovative Geometries

Multi-beam ✓  
Nearfield ✓  
Multi-probe ✓  
Multi-wavelength ✓  
Multi-slice ⌚  
Tele-ptycho ✓

## High-throughput

GPU acceleration ✓  
Scalable ✓  
Data streaming ✓  
Efficient data loading ✗



## Other features

Mixed states ✓  
Refractive index ⌚  
Noise models ✓  
Validation utils ⌚  
Subpixel optimisation ✗

# Current core developer priorities

- Better documentation
  - New paper with latest features
  - New documentation page
- High-performance upgrades
  - Identify and fix bottlenecks in data loading and model creation
  - Improve the MPI communicator
  - Distributed object with shared borders
- User experience
  - Redo parameter validation with Pydantic/Dataclass
  - More general overlap metric
  - Improve interaction class to support web front-end more natively



# The user community's added priorities

- Multi-slice ptychography
- Refractive index ptychography
- New obscure geometry X
- New favourite phase retrieval algorithm Y
- GPU acceleration for all of the above
- And more, what is your priority?

**We – the core developers – cannot implement any of these,  
but hopefully the wider community can!**

**15-19 September 2025, Triest ► speak to us if interested**

# Q & A

- What's missing in PtyPy?
- How can we improve the code?
- How can we improve the documentation?
- How can we improve the hands-on tutorials?
- Did we miss anything important during the basic lectures?
- Should we keep organising these user workshops?
- Anything else you would like to ask us?