X-ray Diffraction Imaging of Nanoscale Materials and Biological Structures

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Coherent Diffraction Microscopy (or Lensless Imaging)



Phase Recovery

Shannon Sampling vs. Bragg Sampling



Oversampling



Miao, Sayre & Chapman, J. Opt. Soc. Am. A 15, 1662 (1998).





The Missing Center Problem



AFM Image of GaN quantum dots, showing the platelet structures.

$$\eta_i = \frac{D_i - 1}{2\sigma_i} \quad i = x, y, z$$



Oversampled diffraction pattern from a GaN quantum dot nanoparticle

- i) Start with 16 independent reconstructions.
- ii) For each reconstruciton:

iii) Calculate the *R*-value,

$$R = \sum \left\| F_{\text{exp}} \right\| - \alpha \left| F_{cal} \right\| / \sum \left| F_{\text{exp}} \right|$$

iv) Select a seed out of 16 images (ρ_{seed}) with the smallest *R*-value.

v)

$$\rho_{new}^{i} = \sqrt{\rho_{seed}} \times \rho_{old}^{i}$$

 $i = 1, 2, \dots, 16$

Chen et al., PRB 76, 064113 (2007).

Image Reconstruction Using the GHIO Algorithm at 0th Generation





Image Reconstruction Using the GHIO Algorithm at 8th Generation

3D Surface Morphology of Nanoparticles



Revealing 3D GaN-Ga₂O₃ Core Shell Structure



Miao et al., PRL 97, 215503 (2006).

Schematic Layout of Resonant X-ray Diffraction Microscopy



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100 E=2.550 keV 10 (1) |F(Q)| (arb. unit) 100 (2) 10 E=2.595 keV 2 1 0.06 0.07 0.08 0.09 0.10 0.05 Q (1/nm)

X-ray Diffraction Patterns of a Bi Doped Si Crystal at E=2.550 and 2.595 keV

Elemental Mapping of Buried Bi Structure



Hierarchical Structures in Bone



X-ray Diffraction Imaging of Unmineralized Bone Particles





X-ray Diffraction Imaging of Low Mineralized Bone Particles



X-ray Diffraction Imaging of Highly Mineralized Bone Particles



Jiang et al., PRL 100, 038103 (2008).

- Oversampling the diffraction intensities \Rightarrow the phase information.
- Imaged nanoscale materials and biological structures in 2- and 3- dimensions.
- Resonant X-ray diffraction microscopy for element specific imaging of buried structures.
- Towards 3D structural determination of noncrystalline materials at the near atomic resolution using future brighter X-ray sources such as NSLS-II.

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