Coherent imaging by near and far-field diffraction



- 1. Why x-ray imaging ?
- 2. The phase problem
- 3. How to: the far-field (CDI)
- 4. How to: the near-field

(propagation imaging)

5. From synchrotron to FEL



Tim Salditt, Institut für Röntgenphysik Universität Göttingen, UXSS 2011 **Imaging with x-rays- advantage No.1: transparency**



 $\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{I}_0 e^{-\mu \mathbf{z}}$



absorption coefficient µ~E⁻³ Z⁻⁴ *look into biomaterials* (bulk information)

X-ray advantage No.2: (a) quantitative contrast and weak scattering cross section



index $n = 1 - \delta + i \beta$, δ , $\beta \approx 10^{-5-}10^{-6}$ close to 1.

⇒ reduced reflections at internal interfaces *no multiple scattering*

(look through foam of beer, R.W. Pohl 1939)



(Born Approx.)

advantage No.3: small wavelength – high resolution



4th advantage: short pulses -- the spatio-temporal map







Interference of two point scattering centers



Phase difference

$$=\frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0} \text{ opt.Weg} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0} \frac{1}{k_0} \left(\vec{k}_0 - \vec{k}_1 \right) = \left(\vec{k}_0 - \vec{k}_1 \right) \cdot \vec{r}_e = \vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}$$

elastic $k_0 = k_1$

Interference: from two points to a crystal ...



Atoms (Molecules) on a lattice :

$$\vec{r}_n = n_1 \vec{a} + n_2 \vec{b} + n_3 \vec{c}$$
 $n_i = 1, 2, 3...$

 $f_n = f$ simplification:

In the far-field

$$S(\vec{q}) = \sum_{n}^{N} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}_{n}} = \sum_{n_{1}n_{2}n_{3}}^{N} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot(n_{1}\vec{a}+n_{2}\vec{b}+n_{3}\vec{c})} = \left(\sum_{n_{1}}^{N_{1}} e^{in_{1}\vec{q}\cdot\vec{a}}\right) \left(\sum_{n_{2}}^{N_{2}} e^{in_{2}\vec{q}\cdot\vec{b}}\right) \left(\sum_{n_{3}}^{N_{3}} e^{in_{3}\vec{q}\cdot\vec{c}}\right)$$

$$\sum_{n_{1}}^{N} e^{in_{1}\vec{q}\cdot\vec{a}} = \frac{\sin\frac{N_{1}}{2}(\vec{q}\cdot\vec{a})}{\sin\frac{1}{2}(\vec{q}\cdot\vec{a})} \qquad \vec{q}\cdot\vec{a} = 2\pi q$$

$$\vec{q}\cdot\vec{b} = 2\pi r$$

$$\vec{q}\cdot\vec{c} = 2\pi s$$

Continuous electron densities: the form factor

$$\sum_{m} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}_{m}} \rightarrow \int_{V} d^{3}r \ n_{e}(\vec{r}) \ e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}_{m}} = f(\vec{q})$$

CDI : a simple far-field diffraction experiment



Object Scattering potential

$$o(\vec{x}) = r_e \rho(\vec{x}) = \frac{\pi}{\lambda^2} \left(1 - n^2(\vec{x}) \right)$$
$$\approx \frac{2\pi}{\lambda^2} \left(\delta(\vec{x}) + i\beta(\vec{x}) \right)$$
$$= \frac{2\pi}{\lambda^2} \Delta n(\vec{x})$$

Observed intensity at Fraunhofer plane

$$I(\overline{q}) \propto I_0 \cdot |O(\overline{q})|^2$$

= $I_0 \cdot \left| \int P_z[o(\overline{x})] \exp(2\pi \mathbf{i} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{q}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{x}}) \, d\overline{\mathbf{x}} \right|^2$

as Born and projection approximation valid ...

with

$$o(\bar{x} = (x, y)) = P_z[o(\bar{x} = (x, y, z))] = \int o(x, y, z) dz$$

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Lenseless (diffractive) imaging with coherent x-rays



- projection approximation, multiplicity of P and O
- measured intensity is given as a convolution of object and probe function
- transversal coherence length must be larger than sample
- Use iterative algorithm to retrieve O from its modulus squared Fourier transform
- Separate P and O either experimentally or theoretically

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The phase problem



Augustin Jean Fresnel, 1788-1827



Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen, 1845-1923



 $\widehat{\rho}_{kl} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N \cdot M}} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} \rho_{ij} e^{-2\pi i \left(\frac{ik}{N} + \frac{jl}{M}\right)}$





Phase Problem

Problem

Real data: problem is discretized:

 $I(q_{x}^{(k)}, q_{y}^{(l)}) = \left| \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} o(x_{i}, y_{j}) \exp\left(2\pi i \cdot \frac{q_{x}^{(k)} \cdot x_{i} + q_{y}^{(l)} \cdot y_{j}}{N}\right) \right|^{2} \qquad x_{j} = j\Delta x; \ j = 1..N$ $y_{j} = j\Delta y; \ j = 1..N$ $q_{x,y}^{(j)} = j\Delta q; \ j = 1..N$

with

Is there a way to reconstruct o(x,y) from I(q) from this nonlinear system of equations?

"Oversampling": a strategy to render the problem unique ?



J.Miao et al., *J. Opt. Soc. Am.* '98 J.Fienup, *Appl. Opt.* 21, 2758 (1982) J.Miao, J. Kirz & D. Sayre, *Acta Cryst.* D 56, 1312 (2000) Information theory (Shannon) ? really more information

More unknowns than equations ?

$$I(q_{kl}) = F(q_{kl}) F^{*}(q_{kl}) = \left| \sum_{i}^{N-1} \sum_{j}^{N-1} \rho_{ij} e^{-i(q_{k} x_{i} + q_{l} y_{i})} \right|^{2} \quad h, k, i, j = 0...N - 1$$

 N^2 (2D) unknowns $\rho_{ij},$ but only $N^2/2\,$ independent equations

 $F(q) = F^*(-q)$

 $\rho(r) = 0$ out of support !

If support is half the size of the field of view in both both dimensions: N² (2D) unknowns ρ_{ij},
4 N² equations
2 N² independent equations

But how to solve this set of independent equations ?

Solution of the phase probelm by iterative algorithms





Three-Dimensional Visualization of a Human Chromosome Using Coherent X-Ray Diffraction



FIG. 2 (color). Coherent diffraction pattern of an unstained human chromosome and its reconstructed projection image. The

The Mimi virus: single shot biological imaging with an FEL



Nature | Letter

Single mimivirus particles intercepted and imaged with an X-ray laser Seibert et al. (2011)

LCLS, Haidu Chapman collaborations





Fig. 2. Schematic depiction of single-particle coherent diffractive imaging with an XFEL pulse. (**A**) The intensity pattern formed from the intense x-ray pulse (incident from left) scattering off the object is recorded on a pixellated detector. The pulse also photo-ionizes the sample. This leads to plasma formation and Coulomb explosion of the highly ionized particle, so only one diffraction pattern [a single two-dimensional (2D) view] can be recorded from the particle. Many individual diffraction patterns are recorded from single particles in a jet (traveling from top to bottom). The particles travel fast enough to clear the beam by the time the next pulse (and particle) arrives. The data must be read out from the detector just as quickly. (**B**) The full 3D diffraction data set is assembled from noisy diffraction patterns of identical particles in random and unknown orientations. Patterns are classified to group patterns of like orientation, averaged within the groups to increase signal to noise, oriented with respect to one another, and combined into a 3D reciprocal space. The image is then obtained by phase retrieval.

Ptychography Technique



Rodenburg et al. PRL 98, 034801 (2007)

Without probe retrieval: Ptychographic Iterative Engine (PIE)

Nellist, P.D., McCallum, B.C. and Rodenburg, J.M. *Nature* **374**, 630 (1995) Rodenburg *et al. PRL* **98**, 034801 (2007)

With probe retrieval: Scanning X-ray Diffraction Microscopy or Ptychographic CDI

Thibault, P. *et al. Science* **321**, 379 (2008) Guizar-Sicairos M., and Fienup, J.R. *Optics Express* **16**, 94330 (2008)

reconstruction of object and illumination function



Giewekemeyer et al., PNAS (2010)

6.2 keV 500 nm Ta test sample Resolution (FWHM) 50 nm, fluence 5.1.10⁶ ph/µm² Measured phase and amplitude change: 0.34p and 0.86 (expected: 0.34p and 0.88)

4.5

3.5

2.5

2

1.5

3 µm



illumination

Thibault, P, Dierolf, M, Menzel, A, Bunk, O, David, C, and Pfeiffer, F Highresolution scanning X-ray diffraction microscopy. Science 321:379–382 (2008).

Ptychography - Principle



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DNA packing in nucleoids: *Deinococcus Radiodurans*



Among most radiationresistant organisms on earth, can survive 15 kGy of ionizing radiation

Left: Scanning X-ray Microscopy DPC / dark field

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Right: super-resolution by phasing the coherent diffraction pattern

- Freeze-dried, unstained and unsliced cells
- Overall phase shift of single cell 0.25-0.3 rad (< 10% p), consistent with simulations
- 2500 iterations of SXDM algorithm, averaged over each 5th iterate, starting at 2000

	f [rad]
	U
	-0.05
	-0.1
	-0.15
-	-0.2
	-0.25
	-0.3
	-0.35
	-0.4



TEM-slices, Os-stained chromatin Levin-Zaidman, Science (2003)



2x3 Im size, tetrad morphology 4 identical copies of the genome

Far-field and near-field diffraction patterns !



1.1 wave equations: a sequence of seperations

$$\nabla^2 \psi(\vec{r},t) + \frac{n^2(\vec{r})}{c^2} \partial_t^2 \psi = 0$$

 $\psi(\vec{r},t) = u(x,y,z) \exp(-i\omega t)$

$$\nabla^2 u(x,y,z) + k^2 u = 0$$

 $u(x,z) = A(x,z) \exp(ik_0 z)$

Parabolic wave equation

Ansatz

$$u(x,z) = A(x,z) \exp(ik_0 z)$$

insert in Helmholtz-Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial x^2} + 2ik_0 \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial z^2} + k_0^2 [n^2(x, z) - 1]A = 0$$

neglecting second order variation along optical axis

$$\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial x^2} + 2ik_0 \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + k_0^2 [n^2(x,z) - 1]A = 0$$

and in free space

$$\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial x^2} + 2ik_0 \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} = 0$$

Justification of parabolic wave equation for small paraxial angles

plane wave in homogeneous media $u(x, z) = u_0 \exp[i(k_x x + k_z z)]$ with $k_x = nk_0 \sin \alpha$ and $k_z = nk_0 \cos \alpha$, we have

$$A(x,z) = u_0 \exp[ink_0(\sin\alpha)x] \exp[ik_0\{(n\cos\alpha)-1\}z]$$

A(x,z) varys slowly with z ! For the derivatives

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = -n^2 k_0^2 (\sin \alpha)^2 u = O(\alpha^2 k_0 u) = O(\delta k_0^2 u)$$

$$2ik_0 \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} = -2k_0^2 (n\cos \alpha - 1)A \approx -2nk_0^2 ((1 - \delta) * (1 - \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2) - 1)A = O(\delta k_0^2 A)$$

$$k_0^2 (n^2 - 1)A = k_0^2 (1 - 2\delta + \delta^2 - 1)u = O(\delta k_0^2 A)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = -k_0^2 (n\cos \alpha - 1)^2 u = O(\delta^2 k_0^2 A)$$

last term smaller by factor $\delta <<1$ and can be neglected

Kirchhoff diffraction integral

- •derive diffraction integral (by use of Greens formula) from Helmholtz eq.
- •Object plane z=0 with complex transmission $\tau(x,y)$
- \bullet illumination with plane wave, wavelength λ



•Field in object plane $E(x,y) = \tau(x,y)E_i(x,y)$,

- •Source point (x,y,0) emitts spherical wave (Huygens)
- •Superposition of emitted waves $E(x^{\cdot},y^{\cdot},z)$ in image plane

how the object comes in (Born approximation)

$$E_{out}(x, y) = E_{in}(x, y) \quad T(x, y)$$

$$T(x, y) = Exp[-k \int_{z_-object-\varepsilon}^{z_-object+\varepsilon} dz \left(\beta(x, y, z) + i \delta(x, y, z)\right)]$$

$$T(x,y) = \sqrt{T_{int}(x,y)} e^{i\varphi(x,y)} T_{int} = |T(x,y)|^2 \varphi(x,y) = \arg T$$

paraxial approximation

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(\hat{n}\hat{r}) &\approx 1\\ r &= \sqrt{(x'-x)^2 + (y'-y)^2 + z^2} = z\sqrt{1 + \frac{(x'-x)^2}{z^2} + \frac{(y'-y)^2}{z^2}} \approx z + \frac{(x'-x)^2}{2z} + \frac{(y'-y)^2}{2z} \\ E(x',y',z) &= \frac{\exp(ikz)}{i\lambda z} \iint E(x,y) \exp\left(\frac{ik}{2z} [(x'-x)^2 + (y'-y)^2]\right) dxdy\\ &= \frac{\exp(ikz)}{i\lambda z} \exp\left[i\frac{\pi}{\lambda z}(x'^2 + y'^2)\right] \quad \iint E(x,y) \exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{\lambda z}(x^2 + y^2)\right) \exp\left[-2\pi i \left(\frac{x'}{\lambda z}x + \frac{y'}{\lambda z}y\right)\right] dxdy\\ C(x',y',z) \quad \iint E(x,y) \exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{\lambda z}(x^2 + y^2)\right) \exp\left[-i\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \left(\frac{x'}{z}x + \frac{y'}{z}y\right)\right] dxdy\\ C(x',y',z) \quad FT\left[E(x,y) \exp\left[\frac{i\pi}{\lambda z}(x^2 + y^2)\right]\right] \left(\frac{x'}{\lambda z}, \frac{y'}{\lambda z}y\right)\\ &= 2DFouriertrans.in\frac{x'}{\lambda z} and\frac{y'}{\lambda z}\end{aligned}$$

$$\iint E(x,y) \exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{\lambda z}(x^2+y^2)\right) \exp\left[i(q_x x+q_y y)\right] dxdy \qquad (q_x = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \tan\theta \approx \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \frac{x'}{z})$$

Fraunhofer approximation

$$E(x',y',z) = C(x',y',z) \quad \iint E(x,y) \exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{\lambda z}(x^2+y^2)\right) \exp\left[i(q_x x+q_y y)\right] dxdy$$

for large distances compared to object x^2 , $y^2 \ll \lambda z$ (Fraunhofer diffraction)

$$E(x',y',z) = C(x',y',z) \quad \iint E(x,y) \exp[i(q_x x + q_y y)] dxdy$$

definition of Fresnel number : $F = a^2 / \lambda z$ size of object (aperture) : a

Computation of the FK integral

$$E(x',y',z) = \frac{\exp(ikz)}{i\lambda z} \int \int E(x,y) \exp\left(\frac{ik}{2z} [(x'-x)^2 + (y'-y)^2]\right) dxdy$$

\$\approx E\otimes h_z\$

withFresnelpropagator

$$h_{z}(x,y) = \frac{\exp(ikz)}{i\lambda z} \exp\left(\frac{ik}{2z}(x^{2}+y^{2})\right)$$

$$E(x',y',z) = FT^{-1}[FT[E(x,y)] \cdot FT[h_z(x,y)]]$$

$$FT[h_z(x,y)] = \exp(ikz)\exp\left(-i\pi\lambda z(v_x^2 + v_y^2)\right)$$

alternatively

$$E' \propto FT \left[E(x,y) \exp\left[\frac{i\pi}{\lambda z}(x^2 + y^2)\right] \right] \left(\frac{x'}{\lambda z}, \frac{y'}{\lambda z}y\right)$$

2DFouriertrans.in $\frac{x'}{\lambda z}$ and $\frac{y'}{\lambda z}$

Propagation imaging



P. Cloetens et al. et al. ,1999; S.Wilkins et al. , 2000-2004

Imaging formation: Fresnel diffraction integrals





Density in 3D : resolution AND contrast matter !

Cochlea: Phase contrast vs. Absorption contrast

M.Bartels et al., unpublished



absorption versus phase contrast

 $E_{out}(x,y) = E_{in}(x,y) \quad \tau(x,y)$

 $\tau(x,y) = \exp\left[-k \int_{z}^{z+d} dz \left(\beta(x,y,z) + i \delta(x,y,z)\right)\right]$

$$n = 1 - \delta + i\beta$$

x-ray index of refraction

$$\delta = 10^{-5} \dots 10^{-9}$$
$$\beta = 10^{-7} \dots 10^{-13}$$



 $\delta >> b$ for low Z elements and high photon energies \rightarrow phase contrast

weakly scattering object (Born approximation)

$$E_{out}(x,y) = E_{in}(x,y) \quad T(x,y)$$
$$T(x,y) = Exp[-k \int_{z}^{z+d} dz \left(\beta(x,y,z) + i \delta(x,y,z)\right)]$$

$$\tau(x,y) = \sqrt{\tau_{int}(x,y)} e^{i\varphi(x,y)} \tau_{int} = |\tau(x,y)|^2 \phi(x,y) = \arg(\tau)$$

 $\tau(x,y) := Exp[i \,\delta(x,y) d - \mu(x,y) d/2]$

Contrast transfer function

$$f(x,y) = \exp(ikt) \times \underbrace{\exp[i\phi(x,y) - \mu(x,y)/2]}_{=\tau(x,y)} \text{ con$$

complex object transmission function

$$\tau(x,y) = \exp[i\phi(x,y) - \mu(x,y)/2] \approx 1 + i\phi(x,y) - \mu(x,y)/2.$$

$$\tilde{E}_2(\nu_x, \nu_y) = \tilde{\tau}\tilde{h}_z \simeq (\delta_D(\nu_x, \nu_y) + i\tilde{\phi}(\nu_x, \nu_y) - \tilde{\mu}(\nu_x, \nu_y)/2)$$
$$\exp(ikz) \exp\left[-i\pi\lambda z(\nu_x^2 + \nu_y^2)\right] ,$$

$$\begin{split} \tilde{I}(\nu_x,\nu_y) &\approx \delta_D(\nu_x,\nu_y) + 2\tilde{\phi}(\nu_x,\nu_y) \sin\chi - \tilde{\mu}(\nu_x,\nu_y) \cos\chi \\ &\quad \text{oscillatory CTF} \\ \chi &= \pi\lambda z ({\nu_x}^2 + {\nu_y}^2) \\ \end{split} \quad \text{dependence on spatial frequencies} \end{split}$$

Contrast transfer function (CTF)



Fresnel scaling theorem: an equivalence between parallel and point source illumination

hologram recorded with the point source corresponds to a hologram recorded with a plane wave at an effective defocusing distance

$$Z_{\text{eff}} = \frac{Z_1 Z_2}{Z_1 + Z_2}$$

magnified by

$$M = \frac{z_1 + z_2}{z_1}$$

→magnification allows for a spatial resolution below detector pixel size!

 \rightarrow plane wave setup used for simulations and reconstruction

$$n = 1 - \delta + i\beta$$





Zeros of phase contrast transfer (CTF): inversion of contrast



hologram of Siemens star calibration pattern X50-30-2m, X-radia, h=180nm Au ID22NI/ESRF, pink undulator beam, E=17.5 keV Beam size: 146 x160 nm² 10^{11} cps



T. Salditt, K. Giewekemeyer, S. Krüger, R. Tucoulou, P. Cloetens, Physical Review B 2009



Nano-focused coherent x-ray beams for imaging ...



Improved algorithms for holographic imaging



FIG. 2: Waveguide-based holographic diffraction imaging of *Dictyostelium Discoideum* cells. (A) Intensity hologram obtained from a sequence of 501 recorded images with and without the sample in the beam (for further details on experimental details see main text). (B) Single-step holographic reconstruction (phase) from hologram shown in A. (C) Iterative reconstruction of the object phase, obtained after 50 iterations of a standard Gerchberg-Saxton algorithm. (D) Quantitative phase reconstruction obtained with a modified Gerchberg-Saxton scheme, taking into accound the noise in the measured hologram and assuming a constant phase outside the cellular area (phase support). (D) Mass density distribution obtained from a rescaling of subfigure D. Scale bars denote 5 μ m. transformation from spherical to parallel beam, z-> z_{eff.} M magnified coordinate system normalisation of the measured intensity I by empty beam

$$\overline{I}(x,y) \simeq |\psi_{\rm in} D_{z_{\rm eff}}[\chi(x,y)]|^2 / |\psi_{\rm in}|^2$$
$$= |D_{z_{\rm eff}}[\chi(x,y)]|^2.$$



 $I(x,y) = |D_{z_{\text{eff}}}[\psi_{\text{in}}\chi(x,y)]|^2 \simeq |\psi_{\text{in}}D_{z_{\text{eff}}}[\chi(x,y)]|^2$



Propagator
$$D_z = FFT^{-1} \exp[iz \sqrt{k^2 - k_x^2 - k_y^2}] FFT$$

 $P_{D} :' \text{ projector'} \quad \text{in detector} \quad \text{plane}$ $\left| \widetilde{\chi}_{n}(x, y) \right|^{2} = (1 - \frac{D}{d}) \overline{I}(x, y)$ $+ \frac{D}{d} \left| \widetilde{\chi}_{n}(x, y) \right|^{2}$ $d^{2} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x, y} (\left| \widetilde{\chi}_{n}(x, y) \right|^{2} - \overline{I}(x, y)^{2})^{2}$ $D = \sqrt{2/\langle I_{0} \rangle} \quad \text{noise}$

 $P_{s}: \text{projector in sample plane}$ $|\chi_{n+1}(x,y)| = |\chi_{n}(x,y)| - \beta(|\chi_{n}(x,y) - 1|)$ $\arg(\chi_{n+1}(x,y)) = \begin{cases} \arg(\chi_{n}) - \gamma \arg(\chi_{n}) & \forall (x,y) \notin S \\ \min(\arg(\chi_{n},0) & \forall (x,y) \in S \end{cases} \\ S \text{ support (from holographi c reconstruction)} \end{cases}$





0.0e+00 photons/um*2

FIG. 3: Three spot patterns from the series described in the text recorded from the ribosome crystal. Many of

$$D = \frac{\mu P h\nu}{\varepsilon \sigma_s} = \frac{\mu P h\nu}{\varepsilon} \frac{1}{r_e^2 \lambda^2 |\rho|^2 d^4},$$

 $N_0 = \frac{P}{r_e^2 \, \lambda^2 \, \left| \rho \right|^2 \, d^4} \, .$

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