

x-ray diffraction imaging: brilliance limited techniques for the study of electronic devices and functional nanostructures

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Brilliance hungry methods and their potential progress with new sources

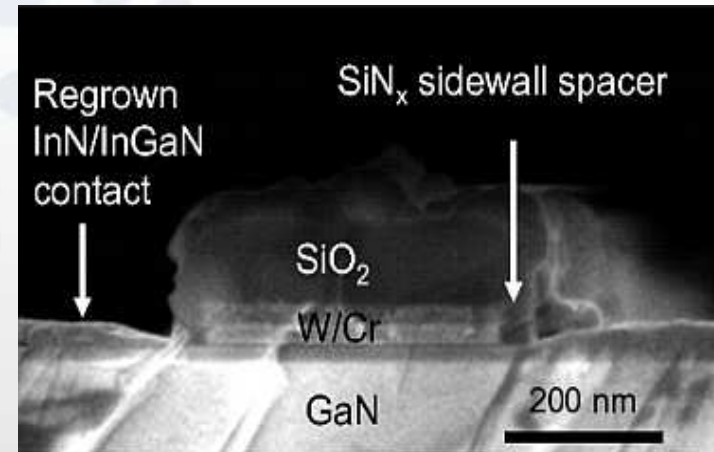
How “nano” and how fast do we need to get ?

Challenges 2018

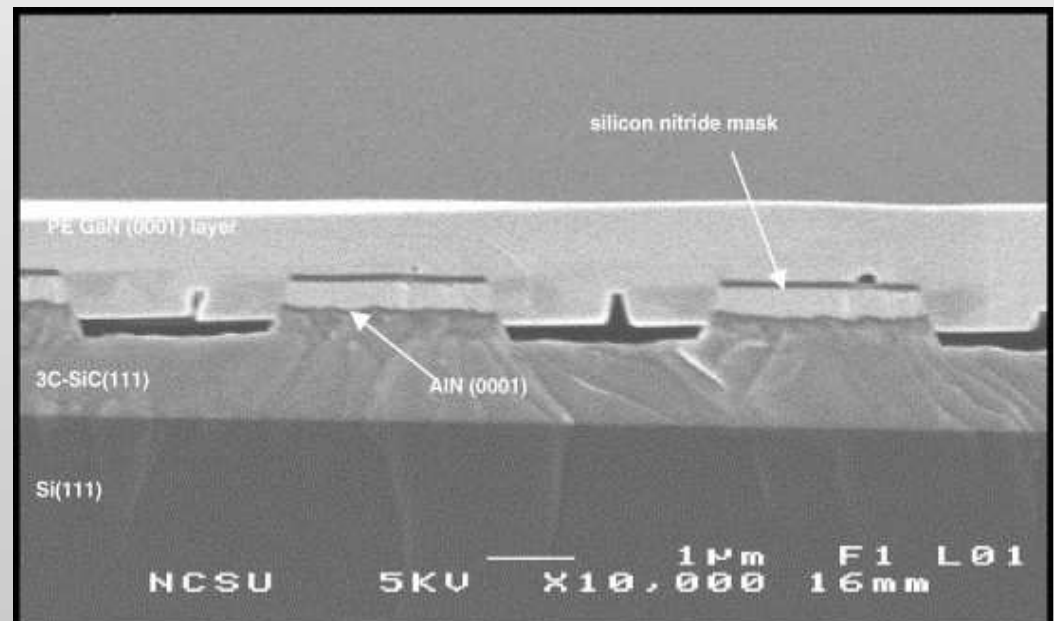
High power/nano-electronics:
Increased multi Material complexity ! (“More than Moore”)

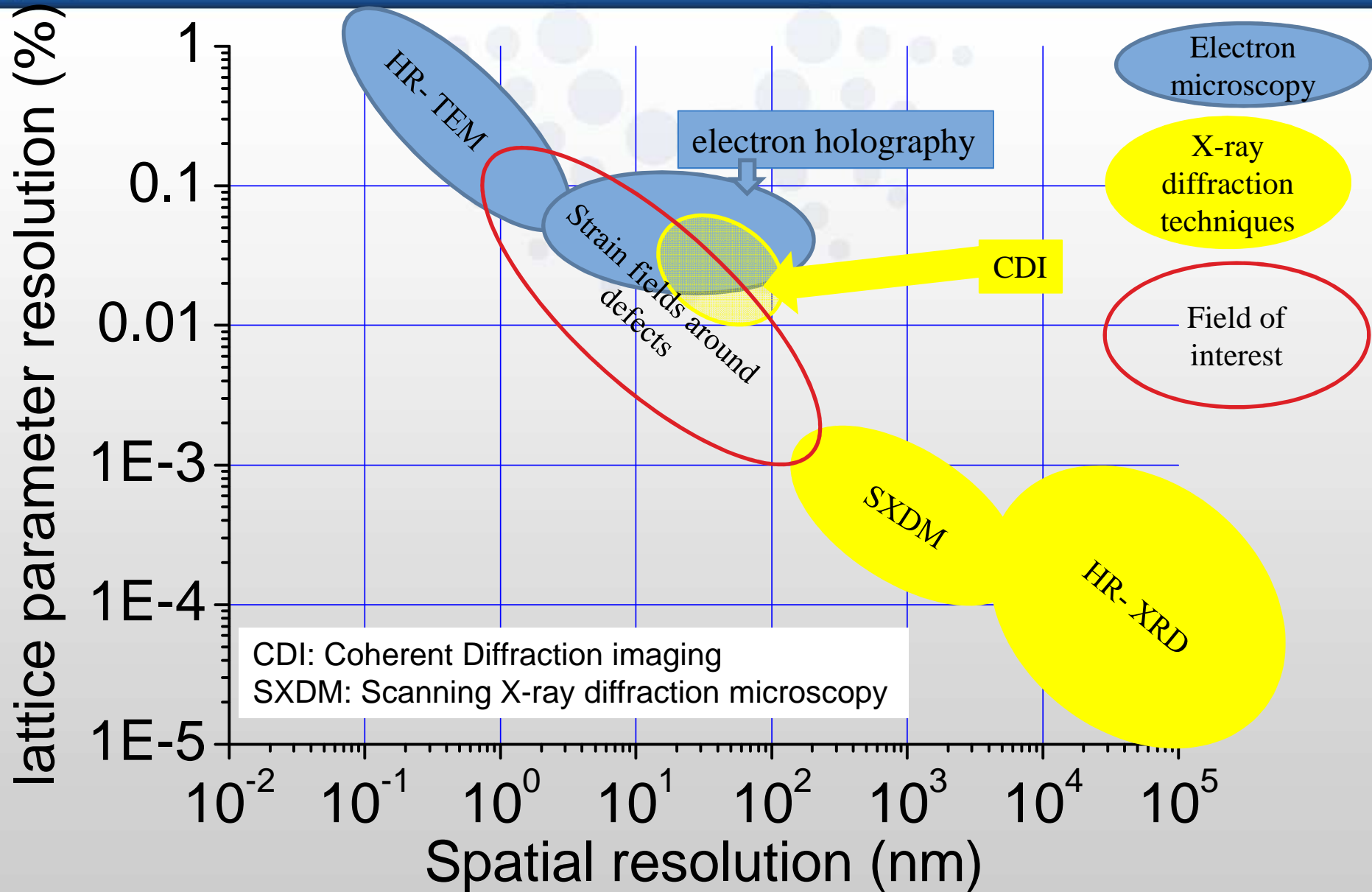
High performance alternatives to Si (SiC, GaN, AlN,..) have difficulties to achieve full performance (defects)

Defects and strain are critical
Typical system sizes: sub 100 nm
Lattice strain values: 0.01-0.001%



Wong et al 2013 *Semicond. Sci. Technol.*





Methods which today are mainly Brilliance (B) limited:

1) Coherent Diffraction Imaging (CDI)/ Ptychography

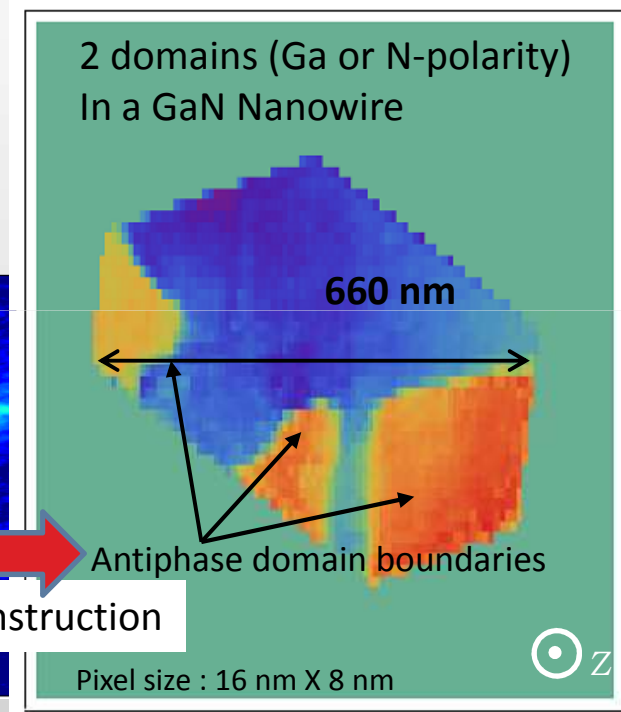
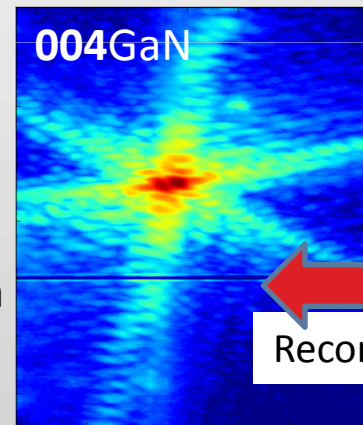
Example today: **Typical exposure times for 10 nm voxel** for CDI \sim 1 hour ($Z=20-30$)

Ptychography: same procedure for 20-100 positions \rightarrow 20-50 h

Resolution $\sim \sqrt{B}$ (supposed that optics can follow)

Speed $\sim B$

2) Fast Scanning X-ray Diffraction Microscopy (SXDM)



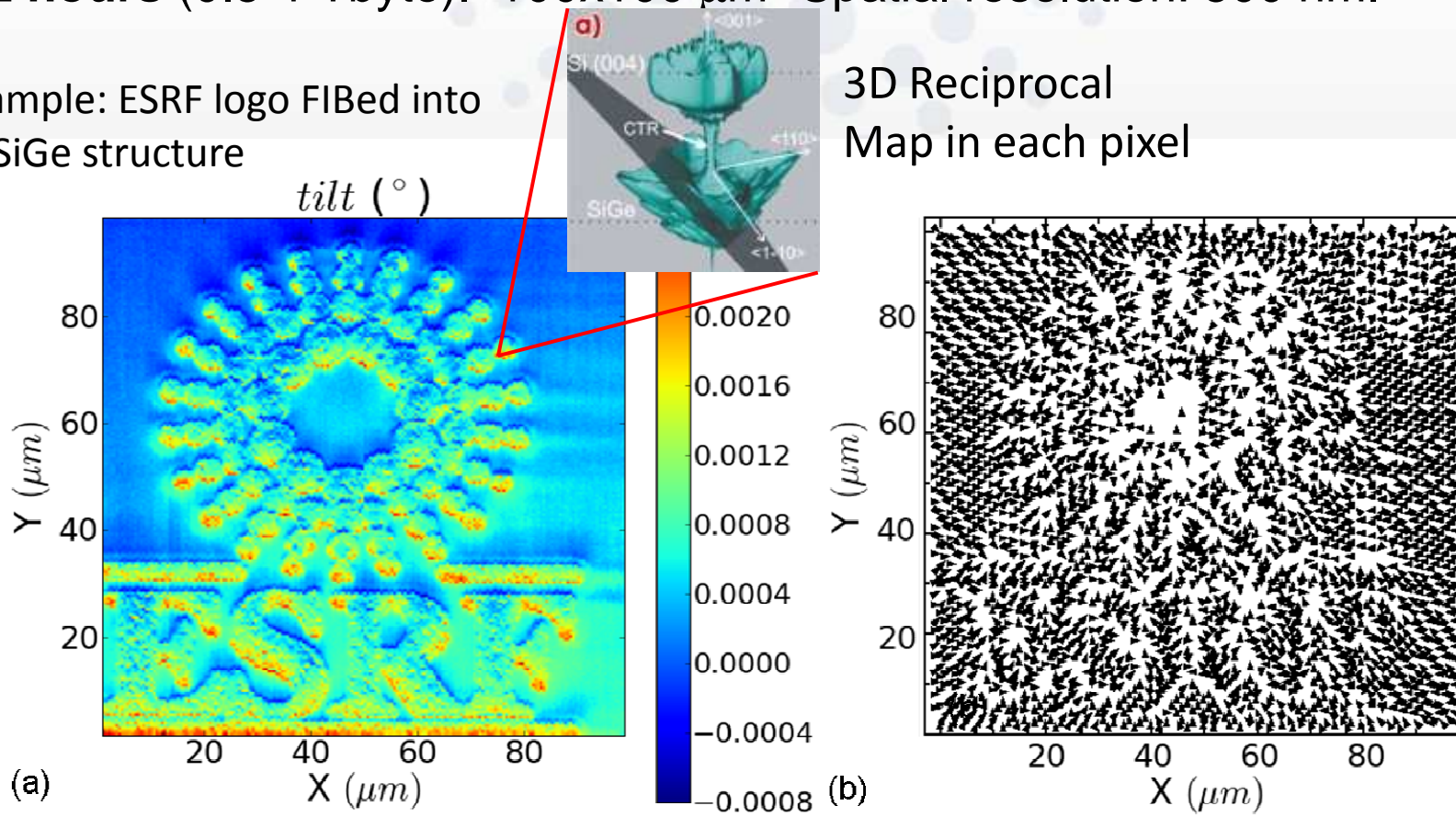
Coll. IM2NP, CEA-Grenoble, SIMaP

Methods:
SXDM

SXDM: device like structures and industrial samples.

~ **2 hours** (0.5-1 Tbyte). 100x100 μm^2 Spatial resolution: 500 nm.

Example: ESRF logo FIBed into Si/SiGe structure



SXDM of Tilt magnitude in $^\circ$
3D reciprocal space diffraction maps on 2D film = 5D

G. Chahine, M.-I. Richard, T. U. Schülli, 2014

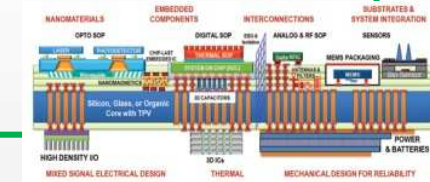
Methods & Challenges

imaging of devices:

“Thick” structures (**100 nm +**), at sub-ms frame rates

5D images within 1 min in SXDM

-> *In situ* growth and ageing of devices under thermal stress

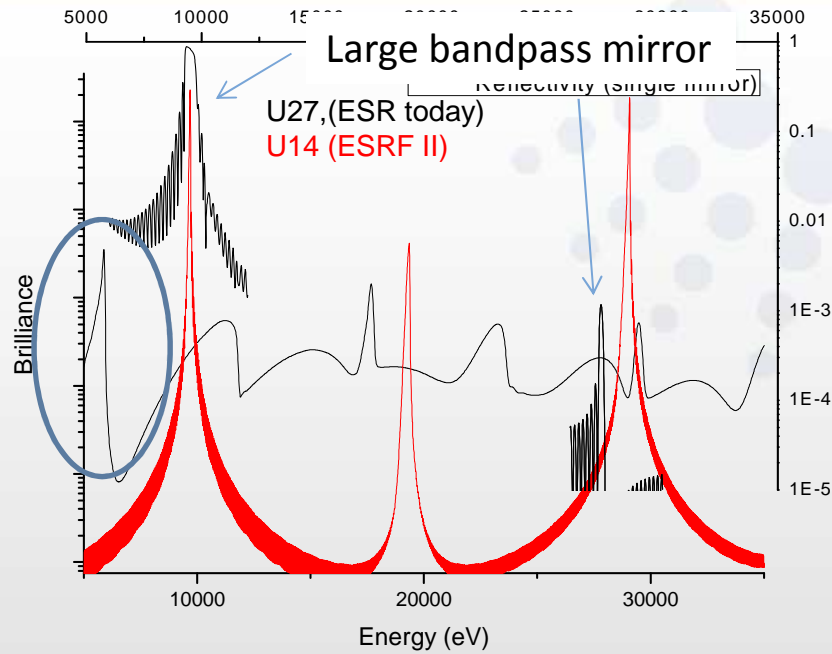


(sub)10 nm layers and functional oxide films (ferroelectrics etc.)
5D images within 1 hour



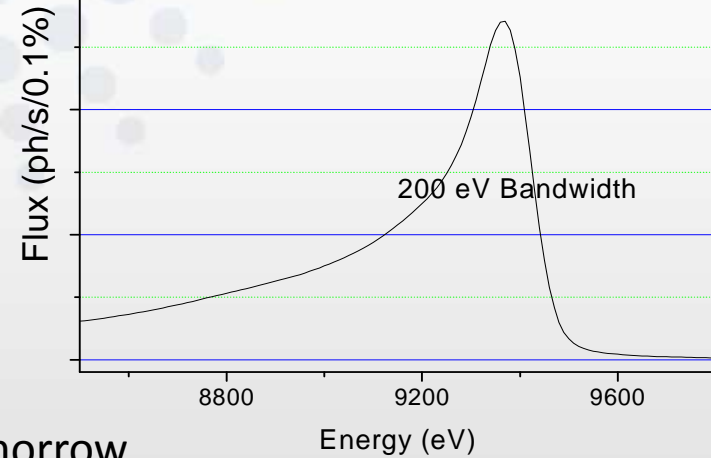
imaging of catalysis (CDI and SXDM)

Low-Z catalysts: zeolite ($Z \sim 12$) “consumption” or poisoning takes few minutes at RT
 1 nm resolution in 100 s requires a factor 1000 +



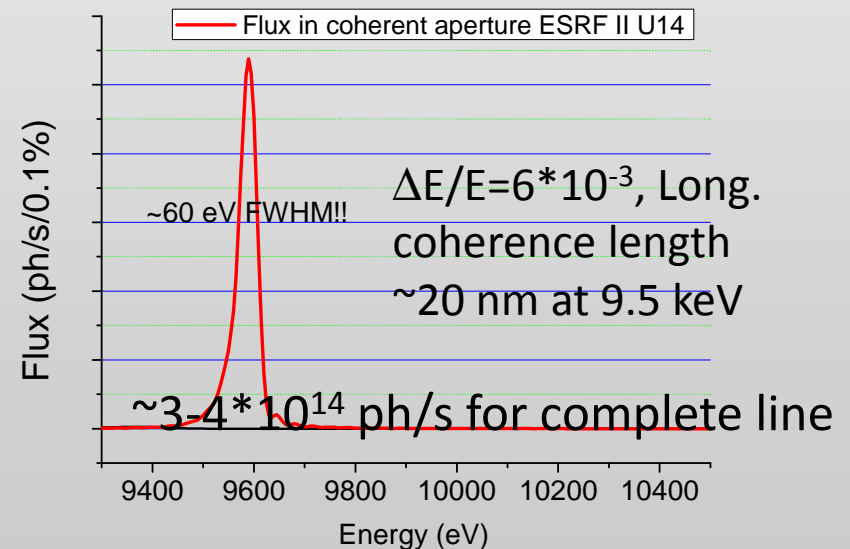
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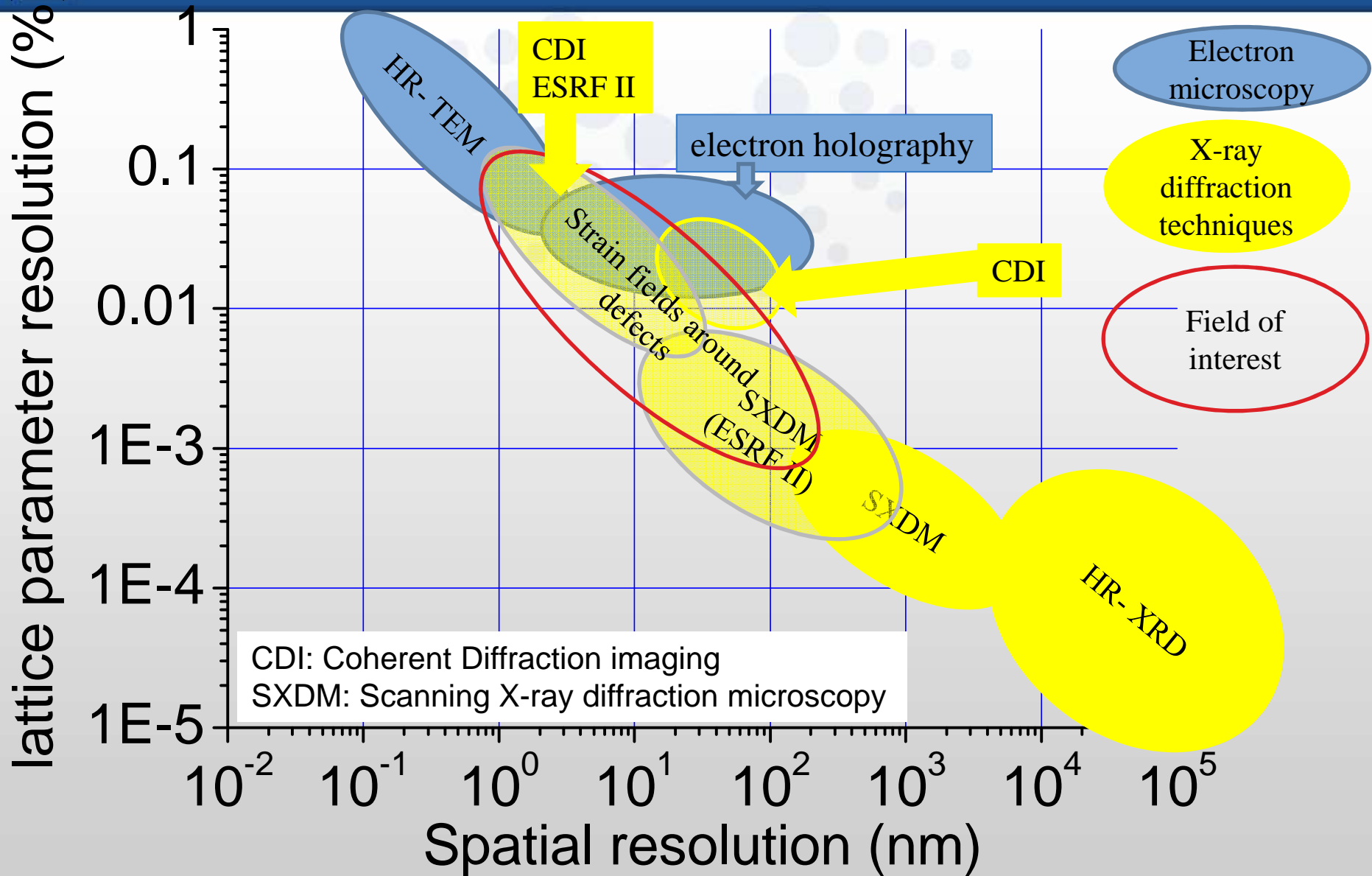
Today's flux inside the coherent aperture at 9.5 keV:



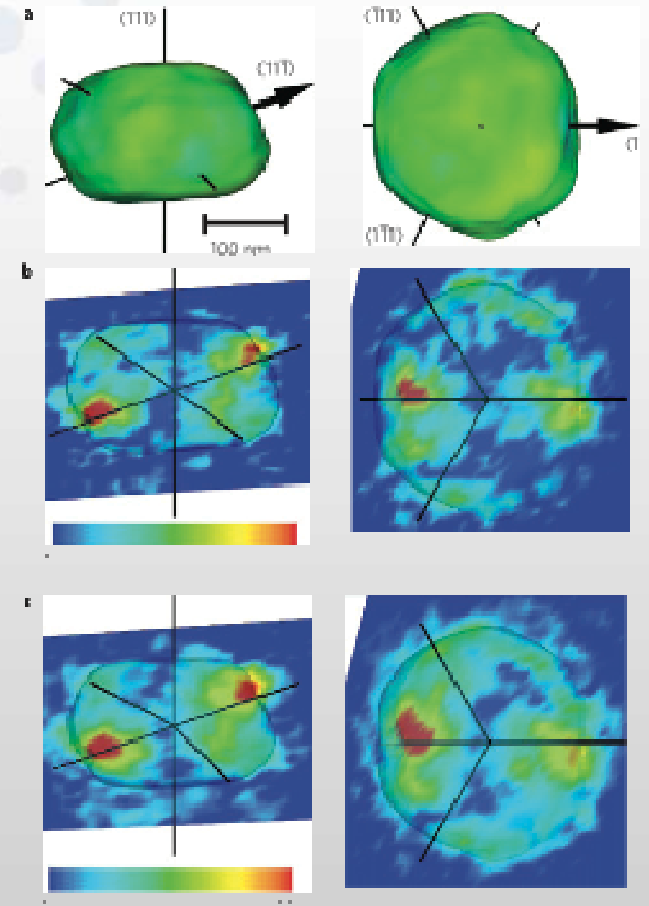
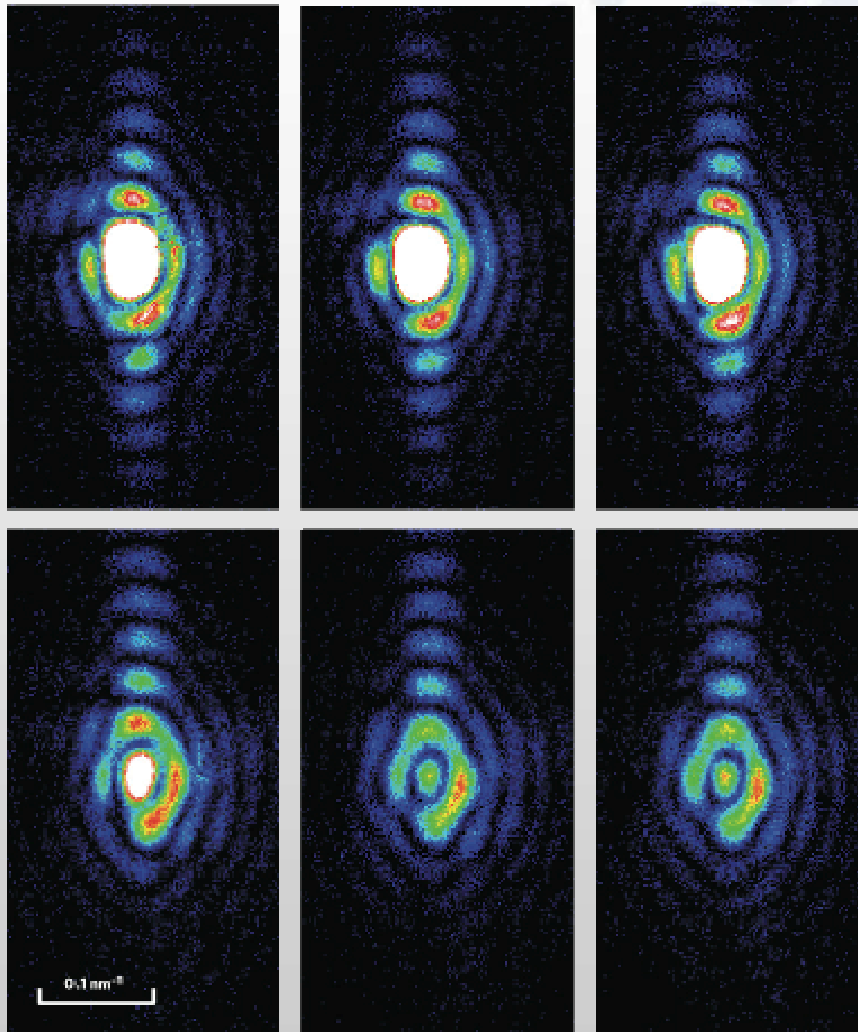
Tomorrow

Pink beam (20 nm long. Coh. length)
coherent flux * 2000 !!

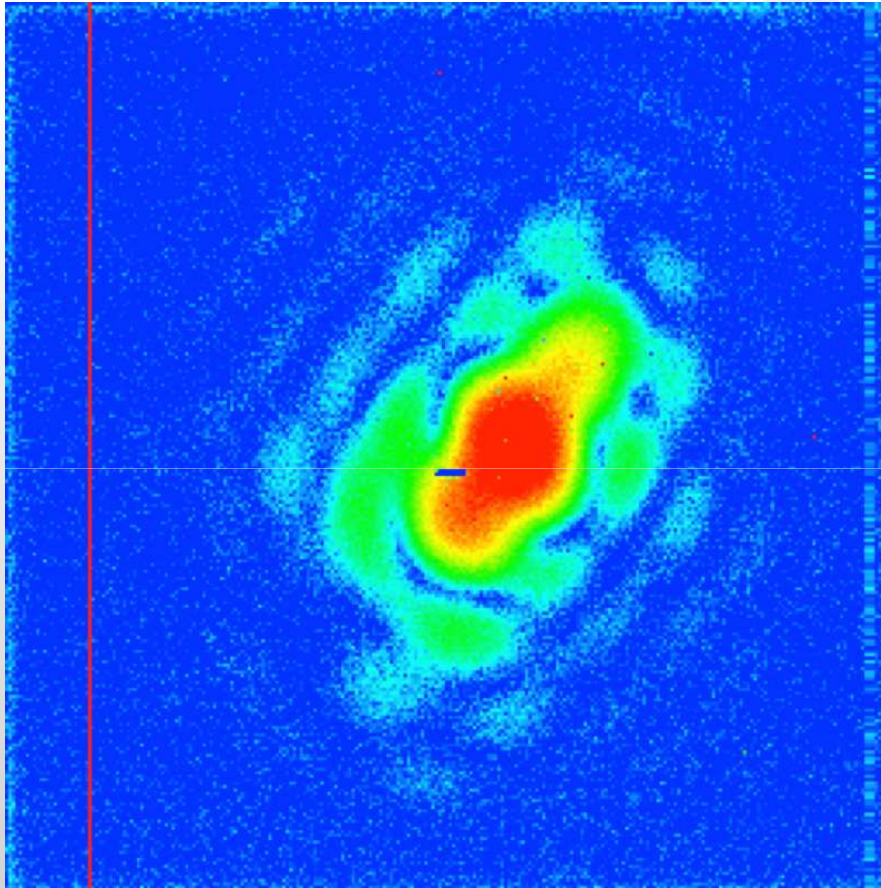




CDI to determine induced stress by thiol adsorption on Gold nano-crystals



M. Watari et al., NMAT 3124 (2011)



Today:

“Satisfactory” quality from $Z=30$
with 10 nm voxel, 10 s for single
coherent frames.

For nanoparticles tomorrow:

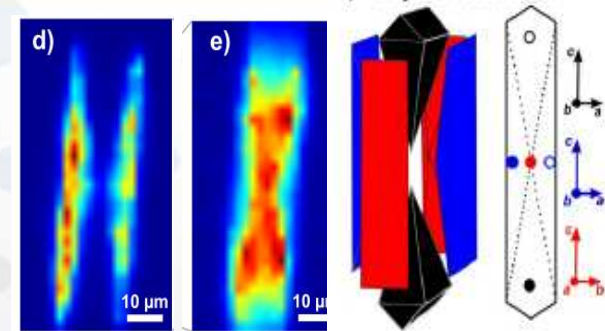
1 nm voxel possible at 200 ms frame
velocity with “matching longitudinal
coherence length”

Today: Model size 80 micron ZSM-5 Zeolite

Ristanovic. et al, Angew. Chem. 2013

Tomorrow:

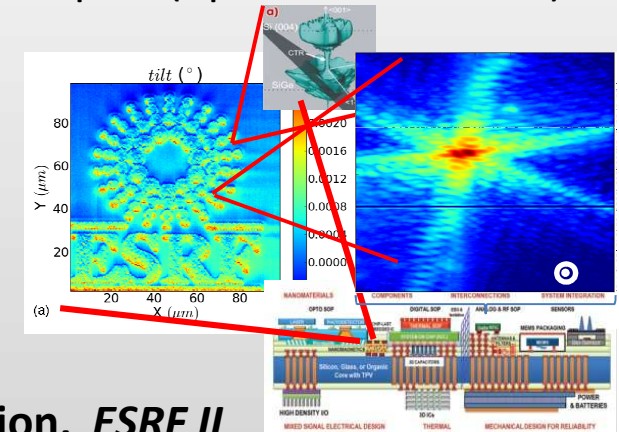
Real catalyst (0.5-2 micron)



Today SXDM within 1-2 hours on (not too thin...) films and devices (up to 1TB/hour)

Tomorrow: SXDM & Bragg CDI & Ptychography will merge as techniques (up to 100 TB/hour)

Time resolution: minutes (10^2 s) full 5D or Ptychography
down to $10^{-3}..10^{-4}$ s: single (coherent) scattering frames



Winning 3-4 orders of magnitude in time and space resolution, *ESRF II* will fill the gap between TEM and High resolution XRD potentially under growth and operation conditions