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## Transmission electron microscopy

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### 3 HR-TEM imaging II.

$$\Psi(q) = \text{FT} \Psi(r) * \text{FT} O(r)$$

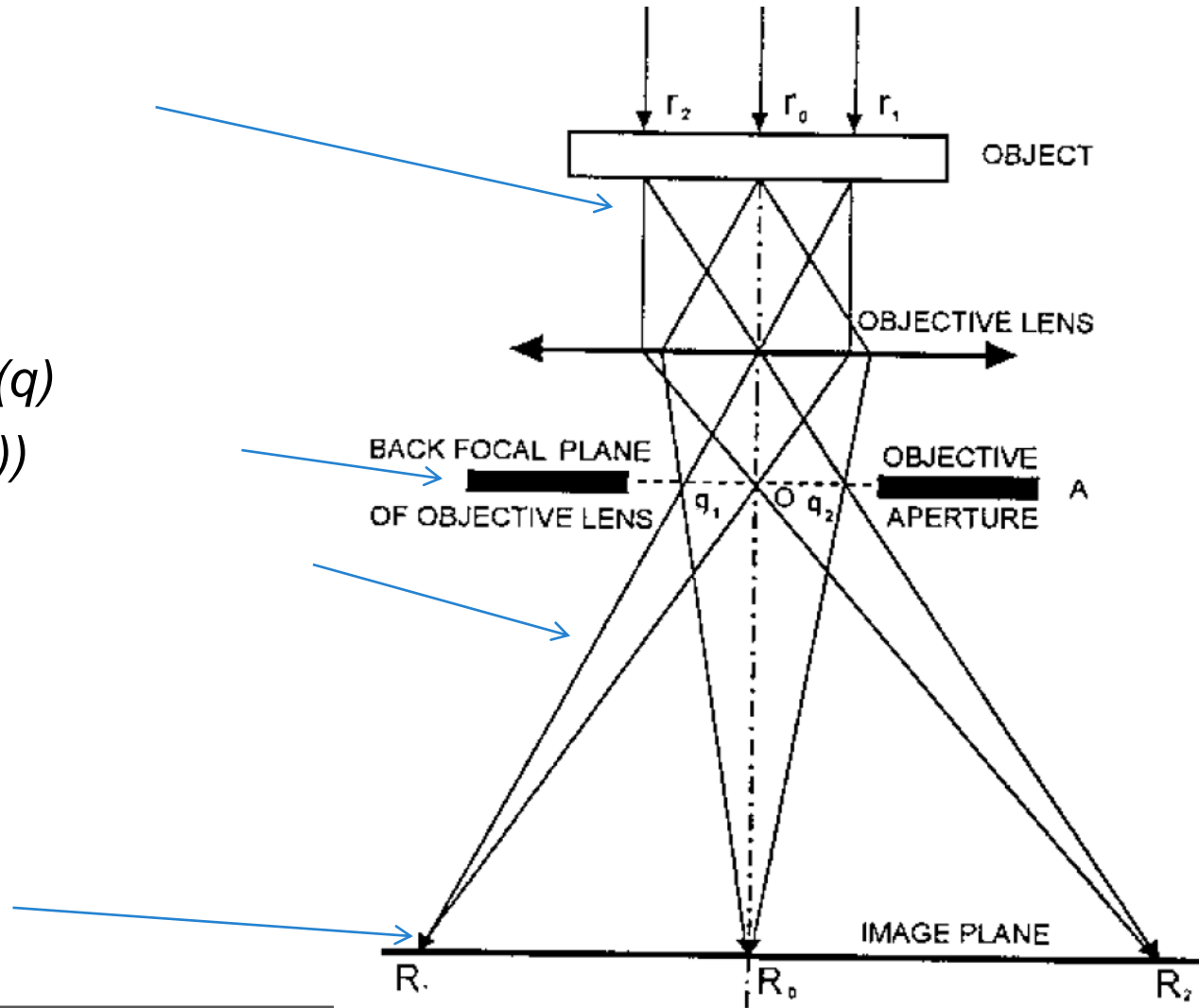
$$\Psi^*(q) = A(q) \text{ konv. } \Psi(q)$$

$$\Psi_{im}(R) = \text{M.FT}^{-1} T(q) \cdot \Psi^*(q)$$

$$T(q) = D(\alpha, \varepsilon, q) \exp(i\chi(q))$$

$$\chi(q) = \Delta \lambda q^2 + 0.5 C_s \lambda q^4$$

$$I(R) = |\Psi_{im}(R)|^2$$



# Contrast Transfer Function I.

- Determines the capability of microscope to transfer the spatial frequencies from sample to visualizing device:

$$I(r) = |\psi_m(r)|^2 = 1 - K(q) \cos W(q) + L(q) \sin W(q)$$

where  $K(q)$  is envelope amplitude function

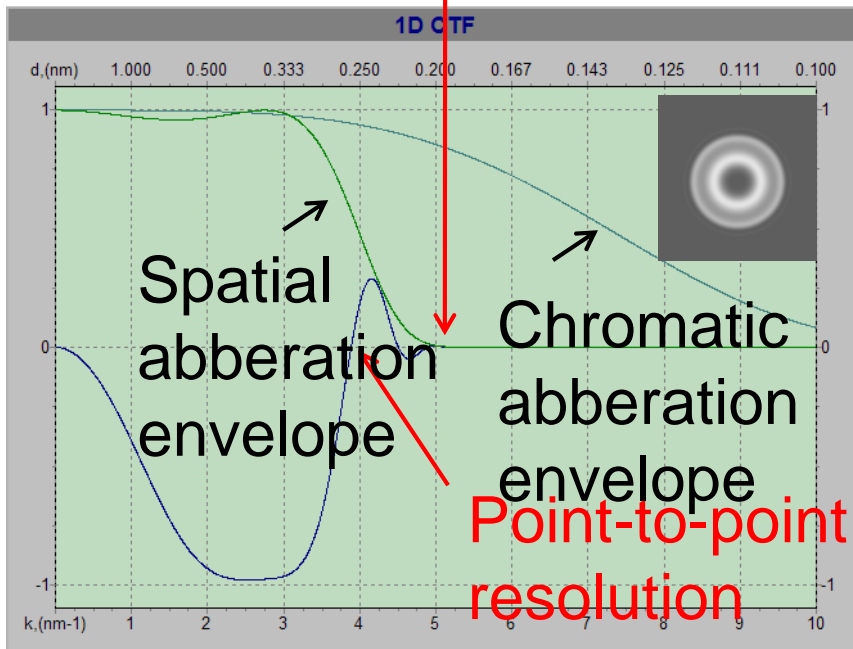
$L(q)$  is envelope frequency function

$$W(q) = \frac{\pi}{2} C_s \lambda^3 q^4 - \pi \Delta f \lambda q^2$$

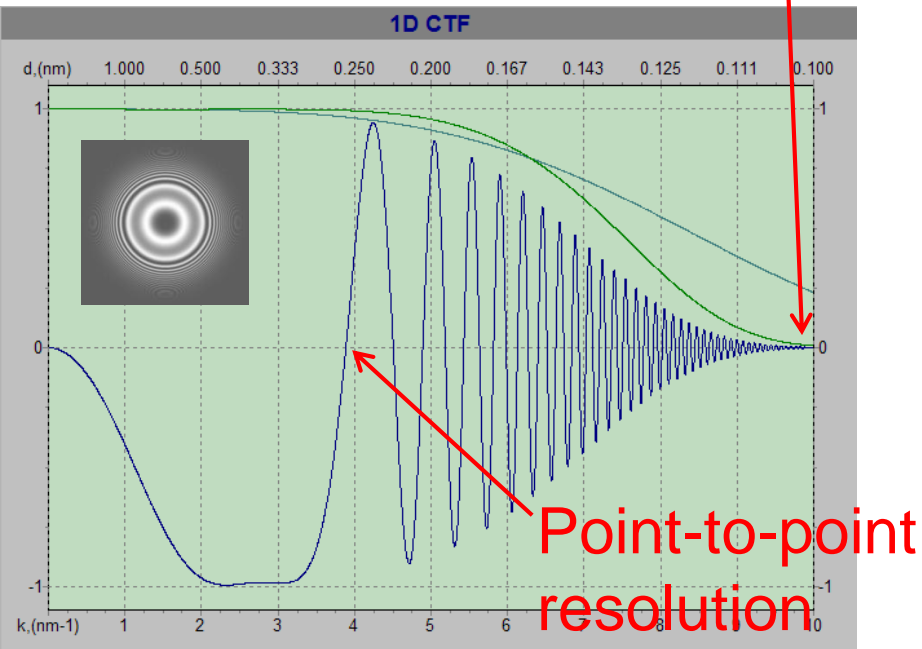
- Where  $C_s$  is spherical aberration,  $q$  is spatial frequency,  $\lambda$  is wavelength,  $\Delta f$  is defocus.

# Contrast Transfer Function II.

Information  
limit



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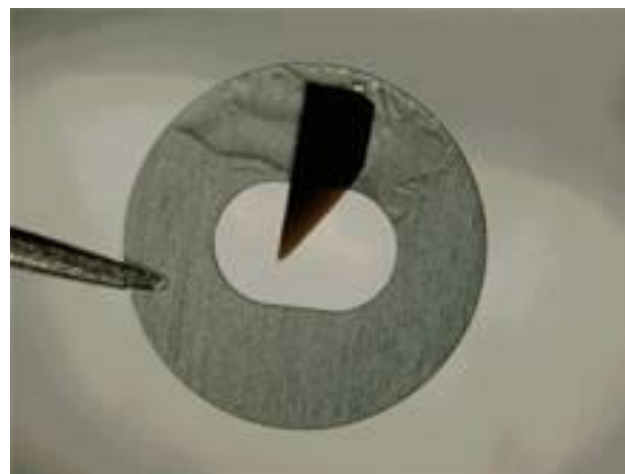
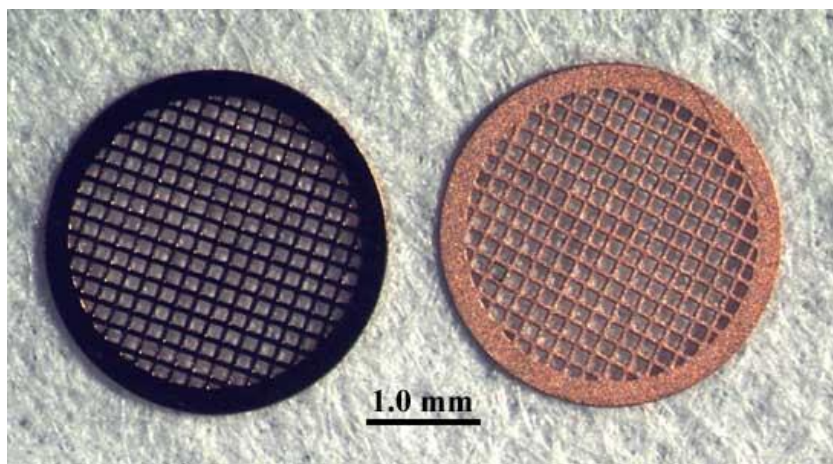


Scherzer defocus – optimal for point-to-point resolution:

$$\Delta f = -1.2\sqrt{C_s \lambda}$$

# 6 Specimens

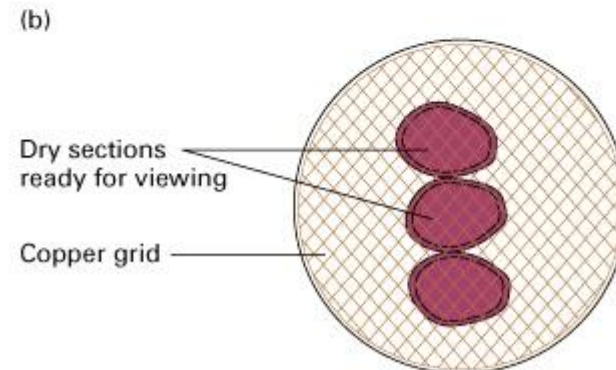
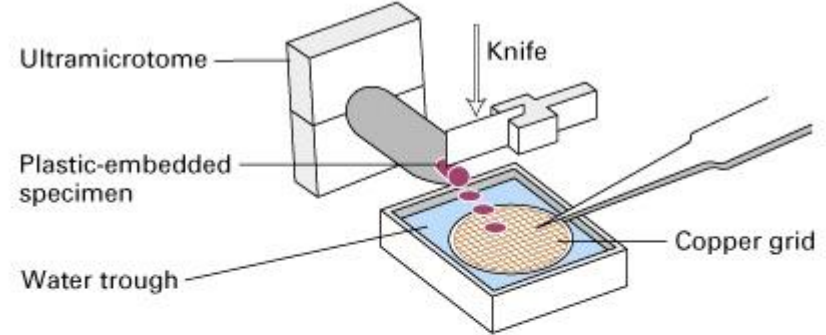
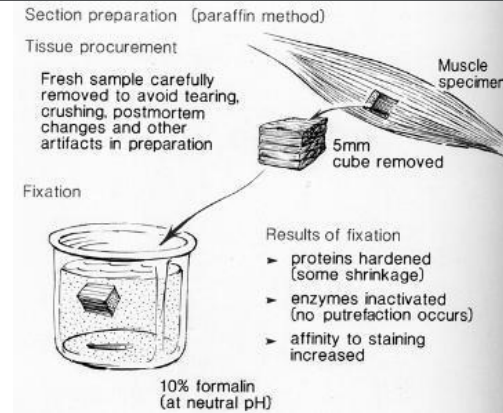
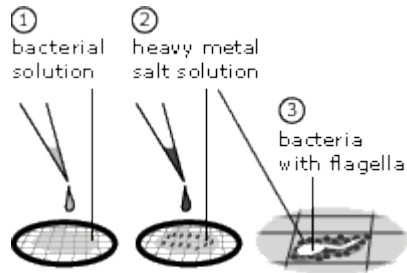
- Thin foils, lamelas or edges of material.
- Thin foils – biologic and metalurgic application.
- Lamelas – semiconductor industry, universities, ...
- Edges – material research, universities, ...
- All of this specimens are worn on support grid.



# 7 Specimen preparation

- Biological specimen – epoxy fixing or deep freezing plus microtom slicing, heavy elements marking.
- Metalurgical specimen – rolling and argon etching.
- Semiconductor specimen – acid and argon etching, SDB.
- Other – replicas, ...
  
- Not easy process, handy experience and knowledge required.

# 8 Bio samples preparation

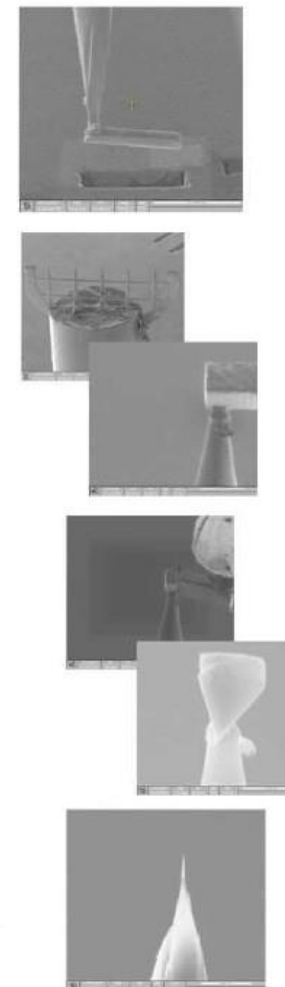
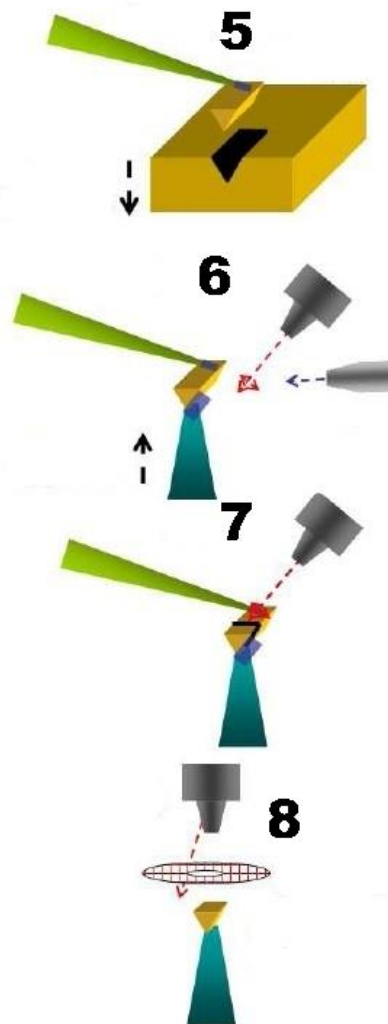
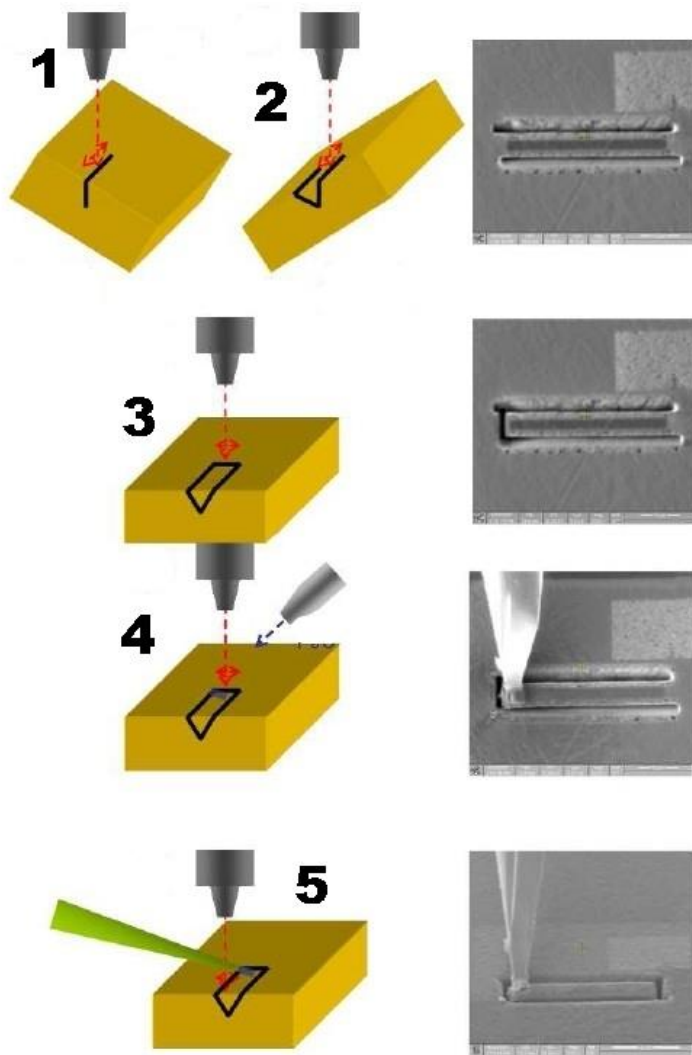


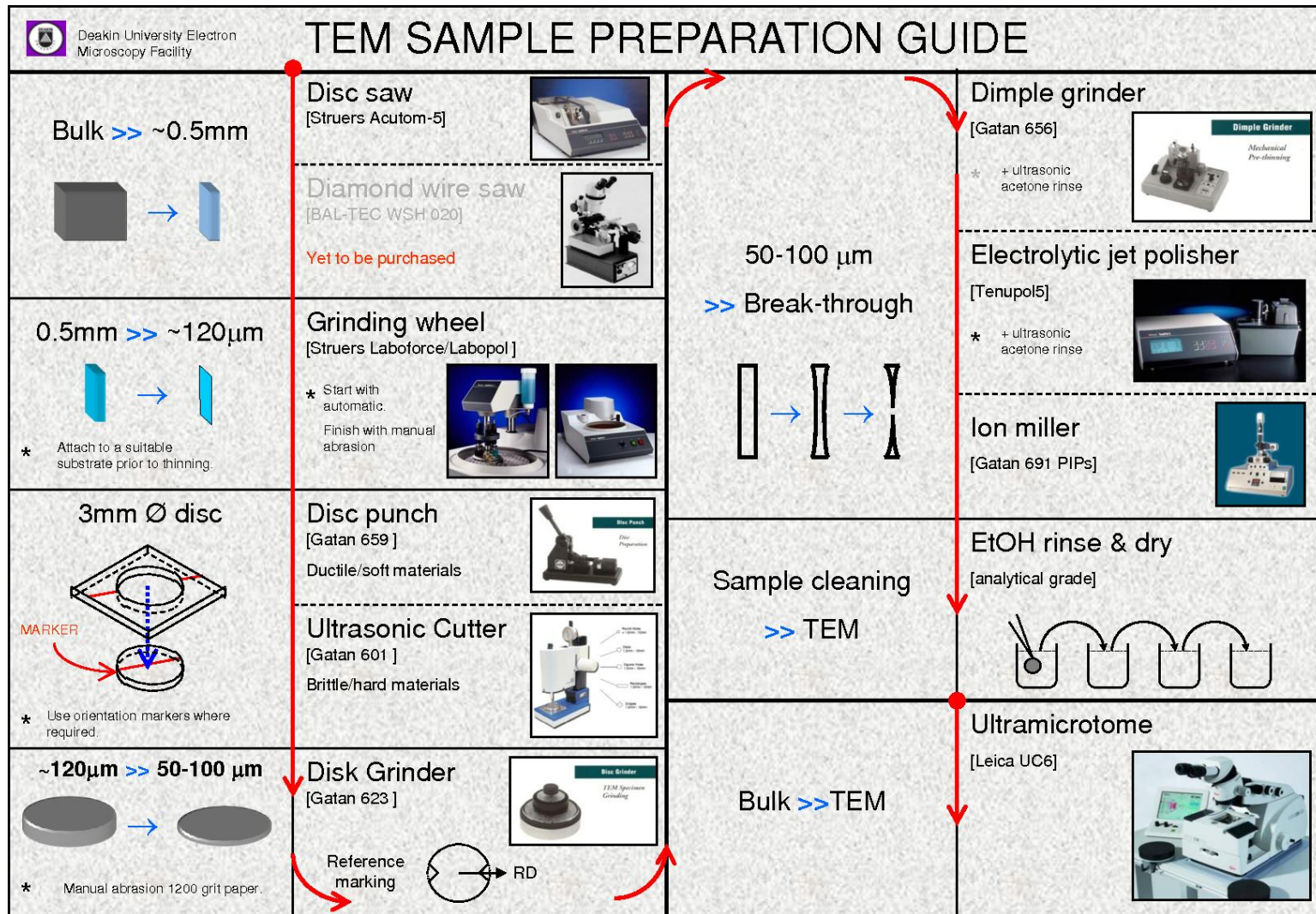


# 9 Lamelas preparation



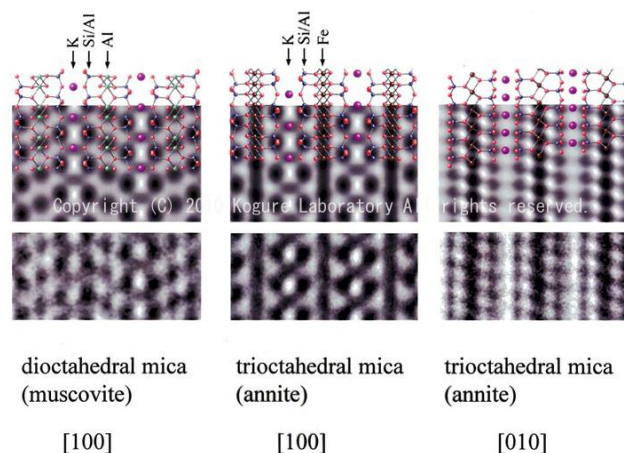
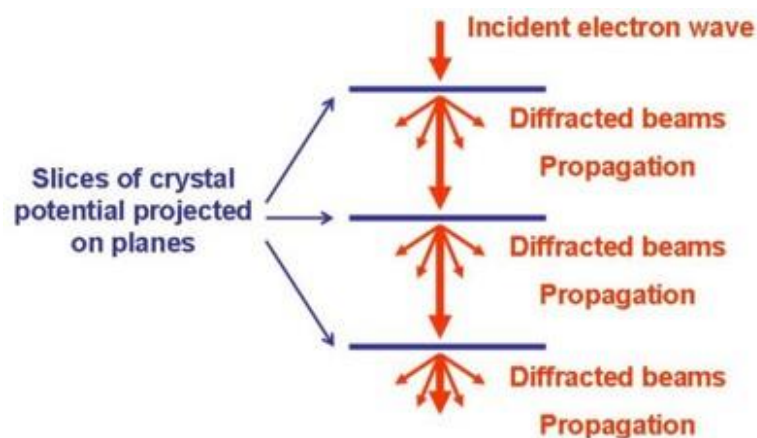
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# 11 HR-TEM imaging I.

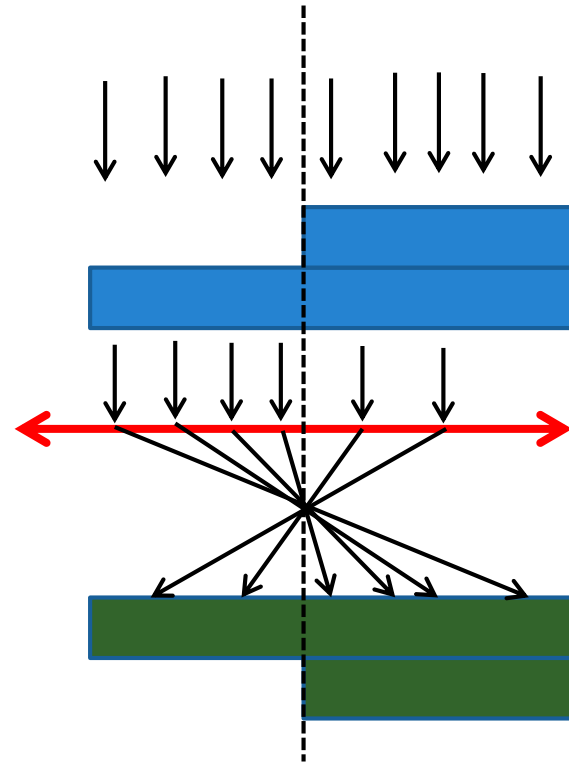
- Image is created as interaction of electron beam with specimen and microscope optic including its aberration and phase shifts.
- To calculate exact image wave function is used.
- Interaction of electron with specimen is multiscattered act.



# TEM – mass contrast.

- Based on material absorption and reflection of electrons.
- Cannot distinguish between material differences and thickness.
- Main role to mag. 100kx.
- Using amplitude envelope of CTF.
- Most usage in biology.

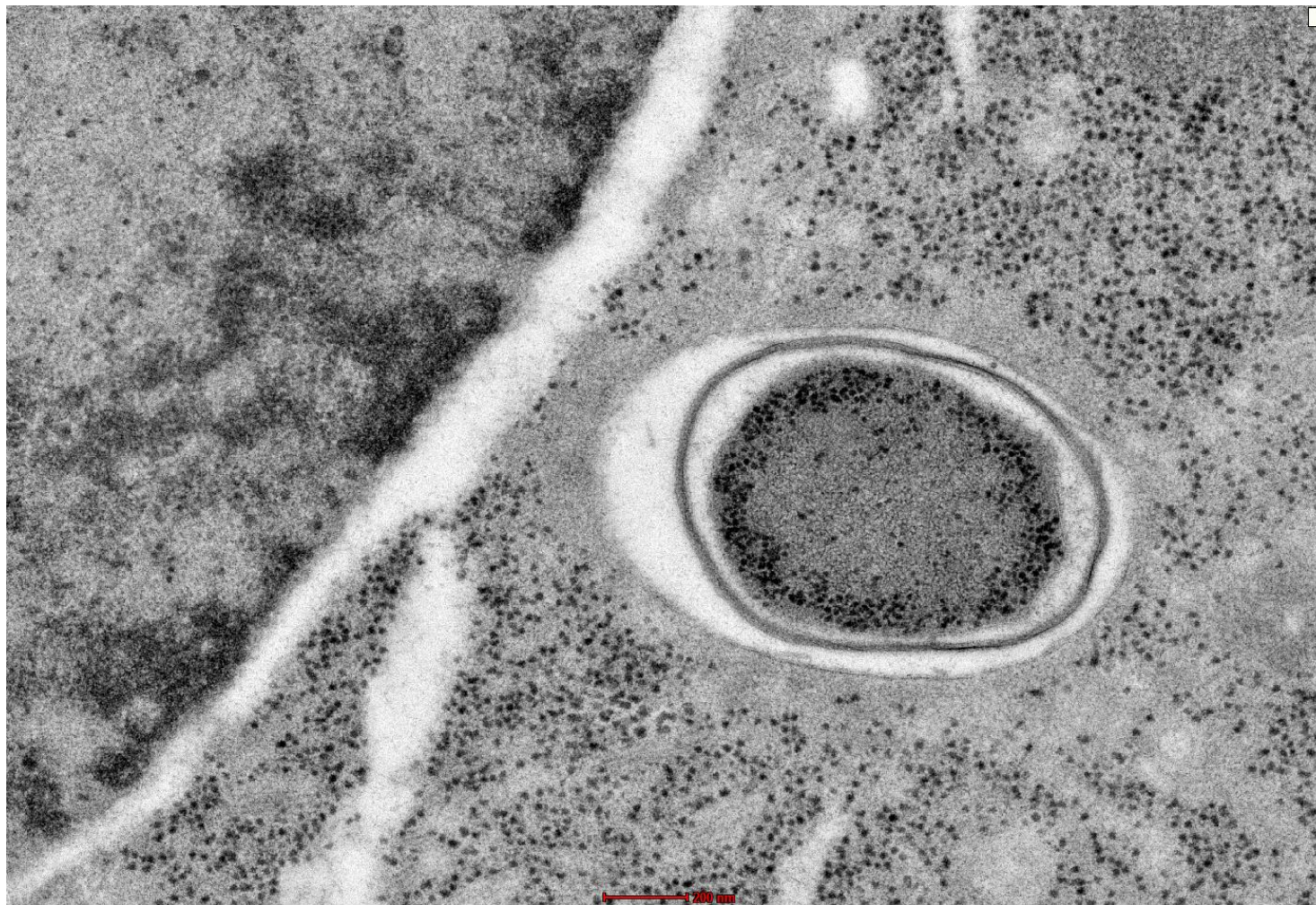
$$I(r) = |\psi_m(r)|^2 = 1 - K(q) \cos W(q) + L(q) \sin W(q)$$



# 13 TEM bright Field – Mass contrast



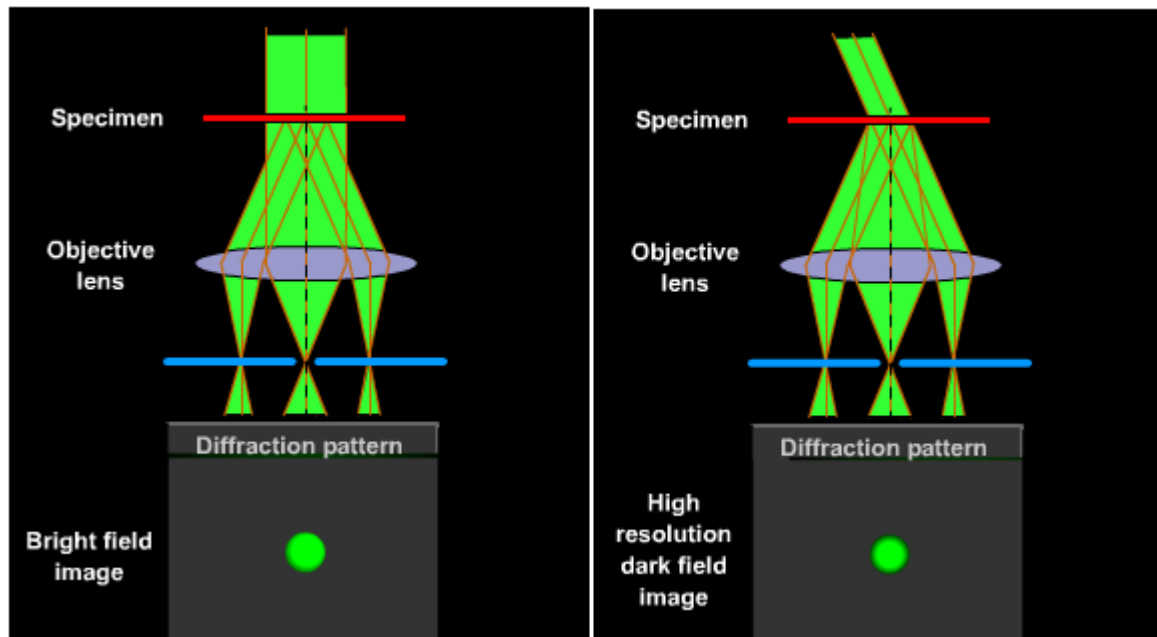
Aluminium 7075

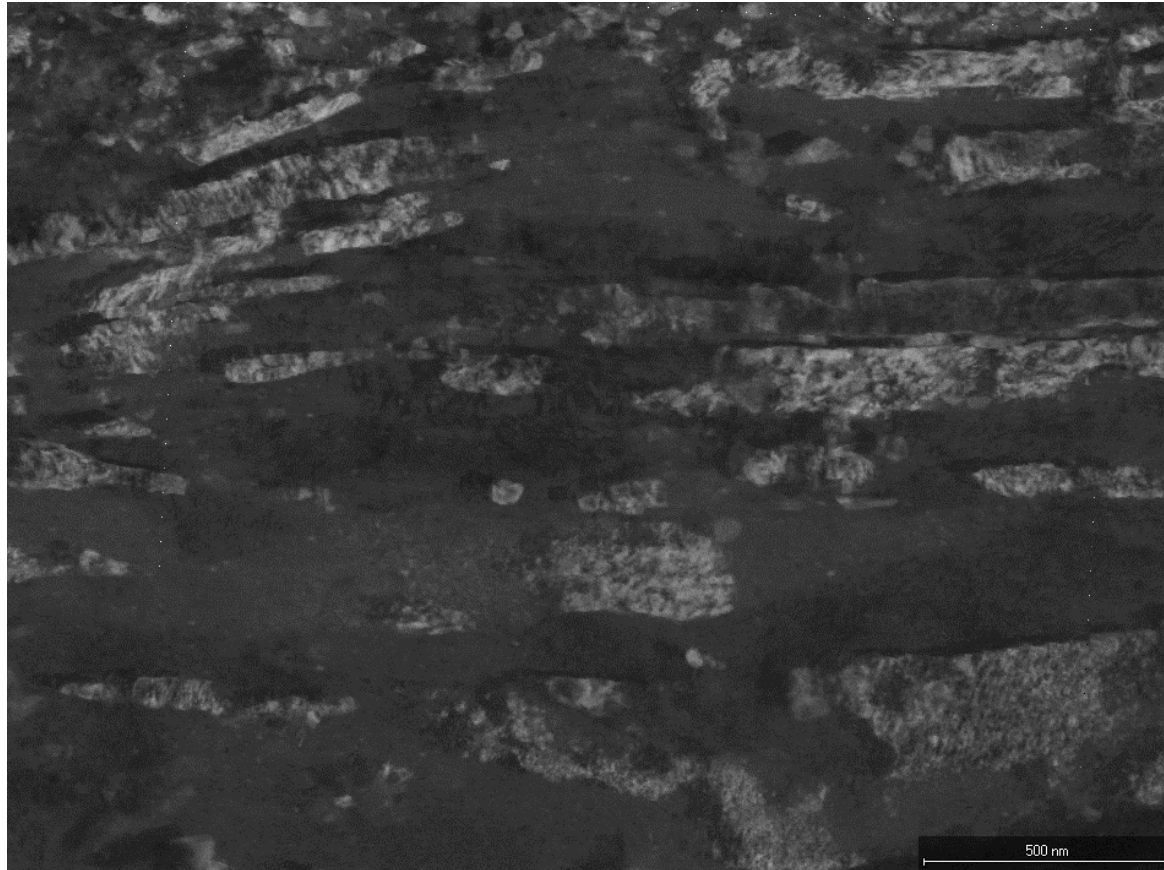


Bakterie syfilisu – (2017) O.L.Sháněl

# TEM – dark field.

- Exploiting only deflected electrons to enhance the image contrast for different techniques (phase, mass contrast).
- Using tilted illumination and objective aperture.
- Use in defect imaging, HR-TEM.

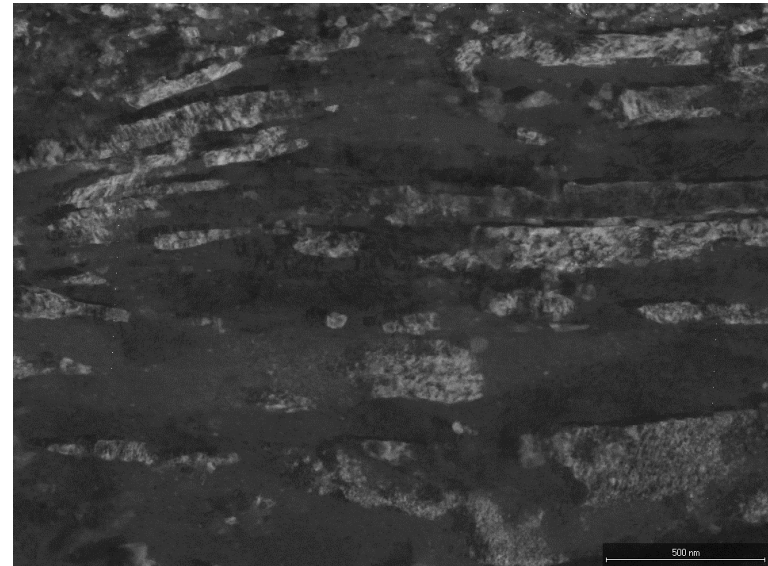
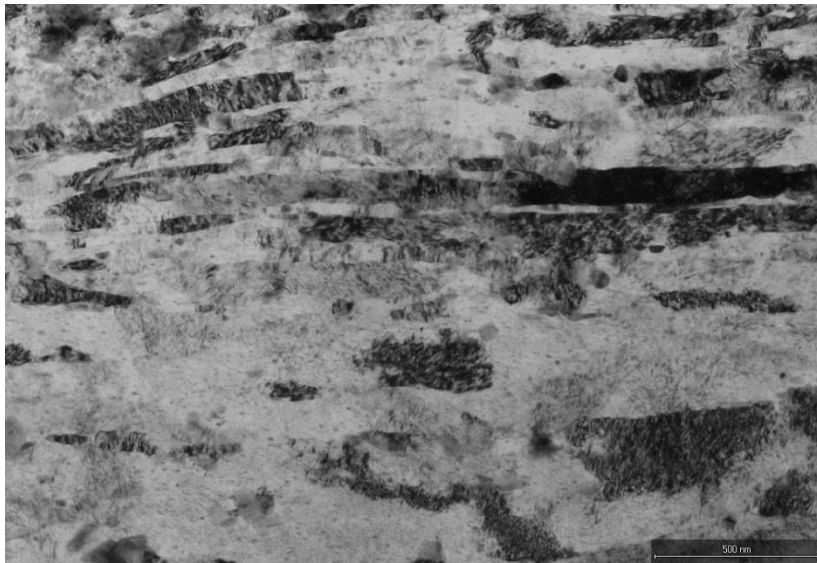




Aluminium 7075



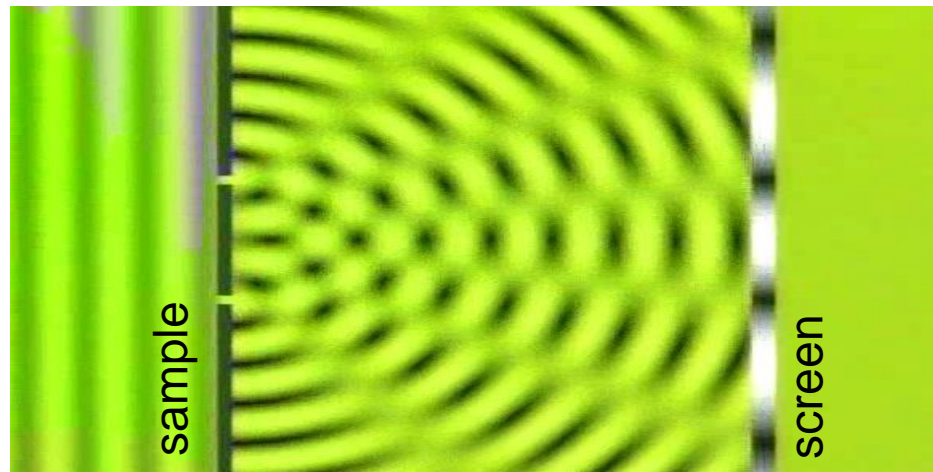
# 17 TEM Bright vs Dark Field



Bright Field - Aluminium 7075 - Dark Field

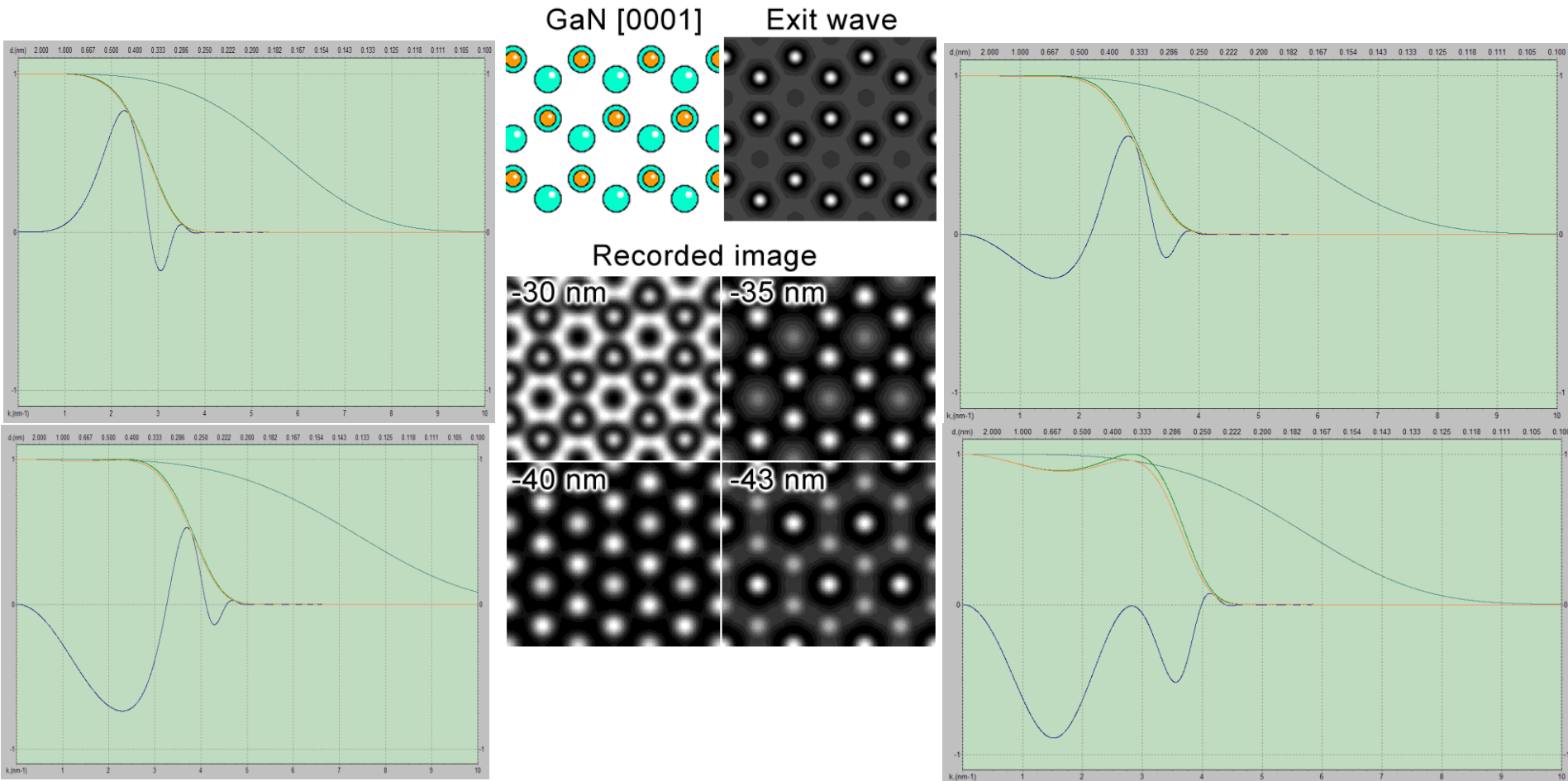
# TEM – phase contrast I.

- Based on electron interference – sample is pattern.
- Using phase part of CFT.  $I(r) = |\psi_m(r)|^2 = 1 - K(q) \cos W(q) + L(q) \sin W(q)$
- Main role above magnification 300kx.
- Non-trully atomic resolution – vacancy atoms are not clear visible – only decreasing of intensity is detected.
- This contrast is used in HR-TEM imaging.



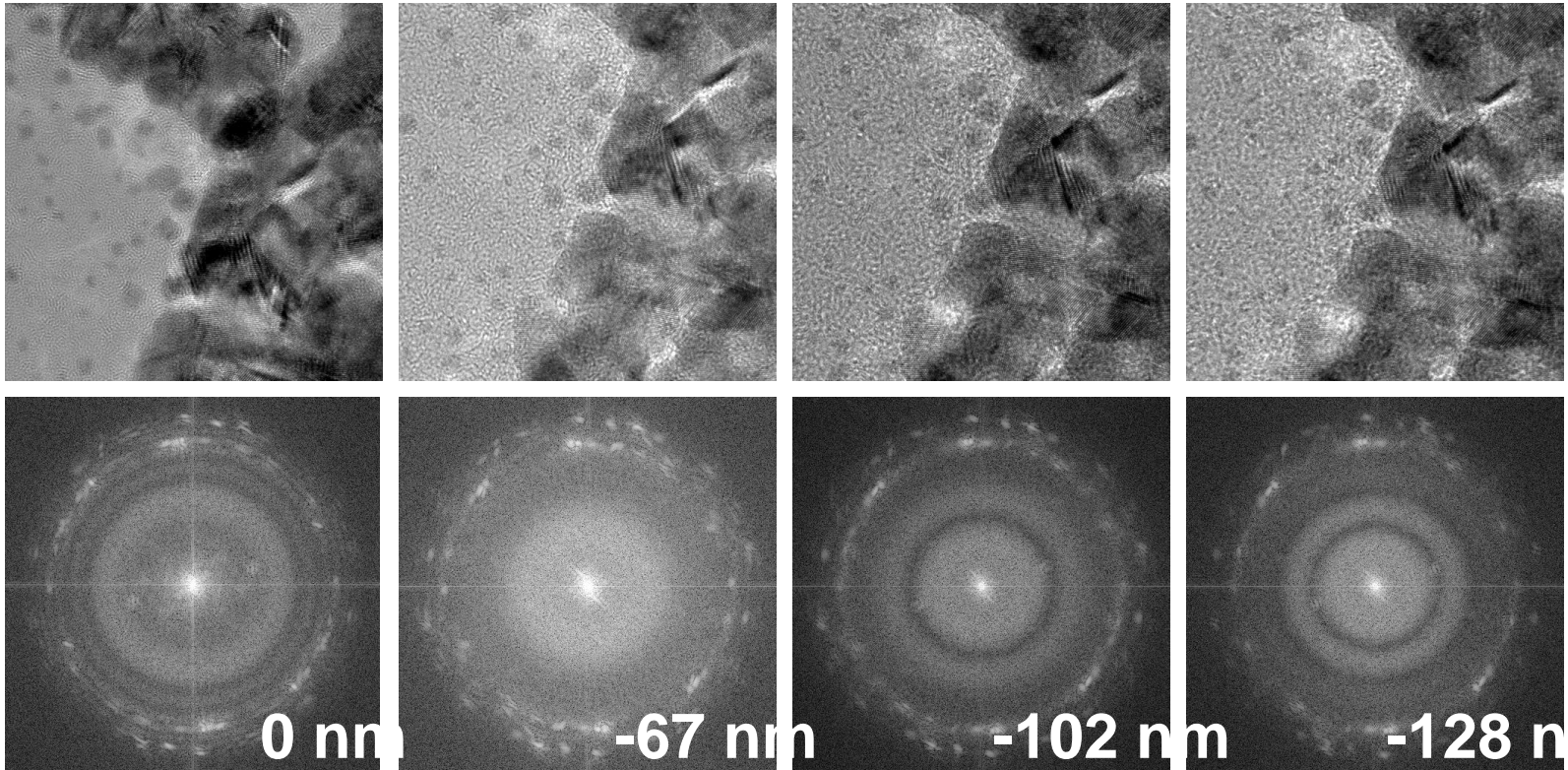
# TEM – phase contrast II.

- Interpretation of image is not easy.
- Importance to know what it should be seen – theoretical calculation.

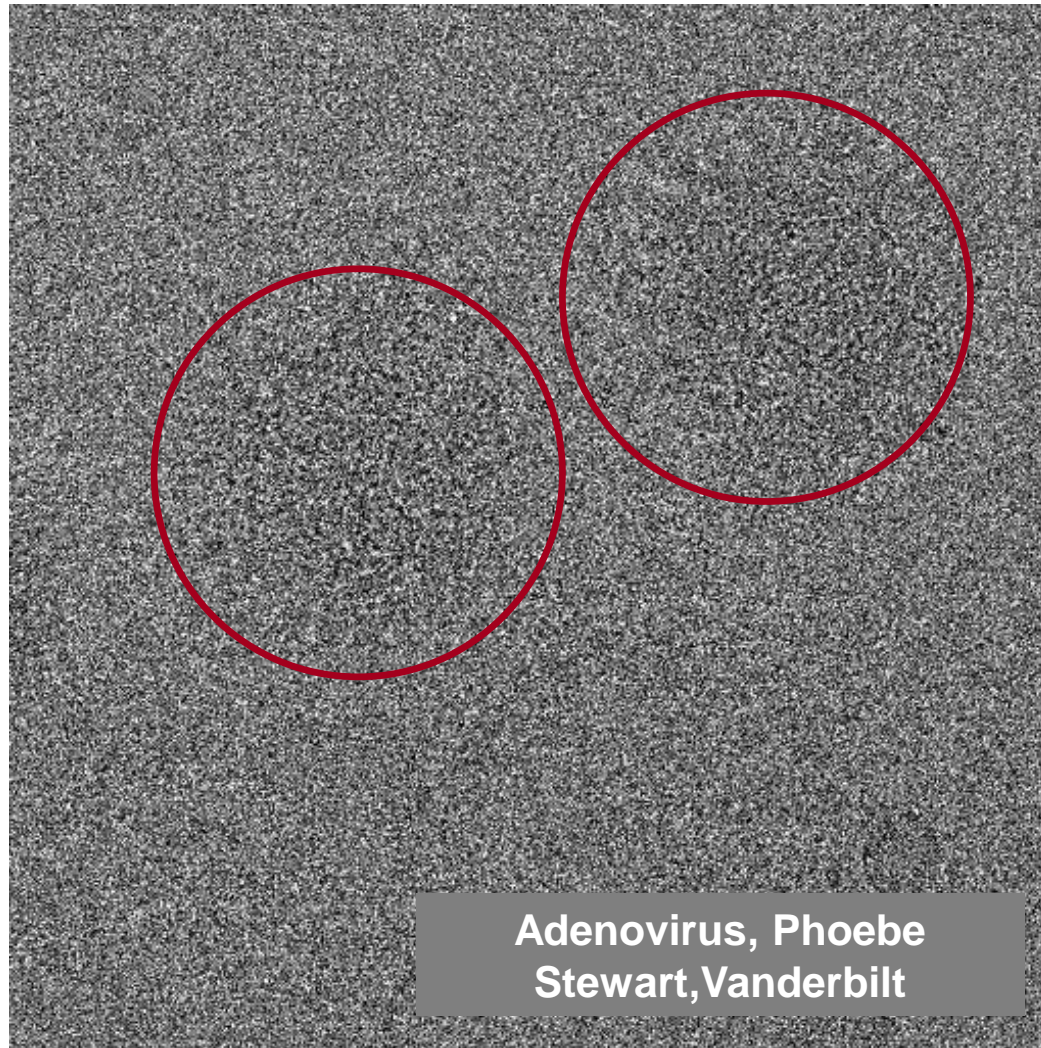


# TEM – phase contrast III.

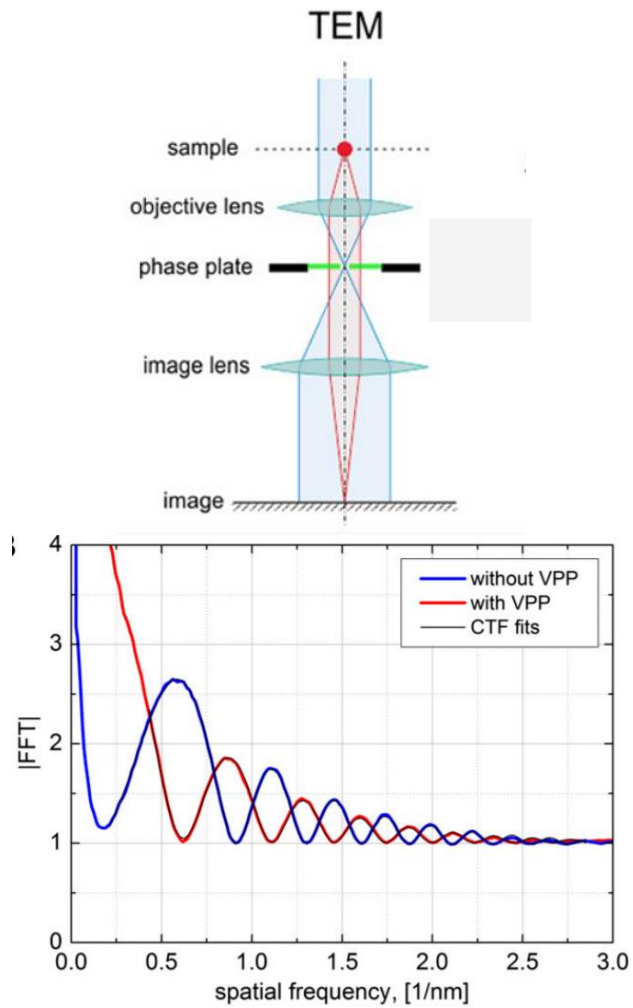
- Gold particles on thin carbon film imaged by 200kV SuperTWIN FEG under different defocus.



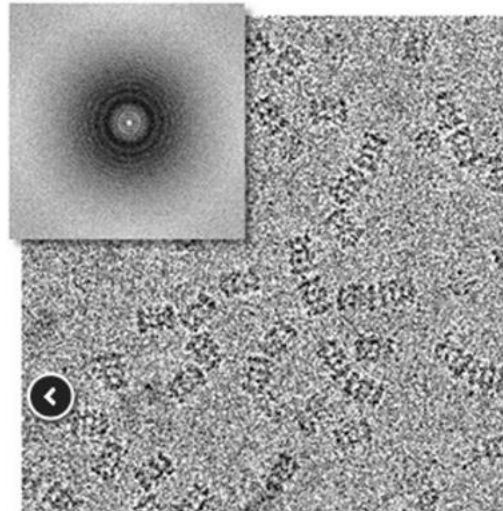
# 21 Low Contrast specimen – Phase contrast



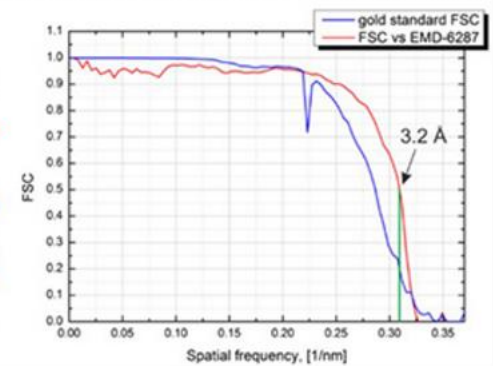
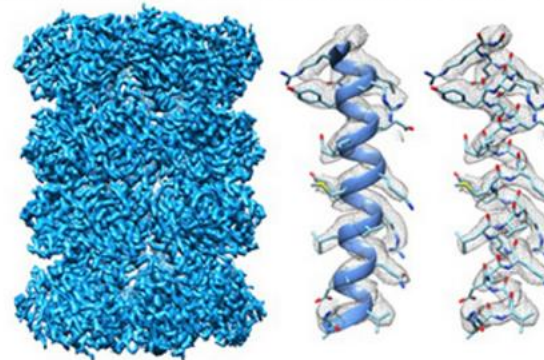
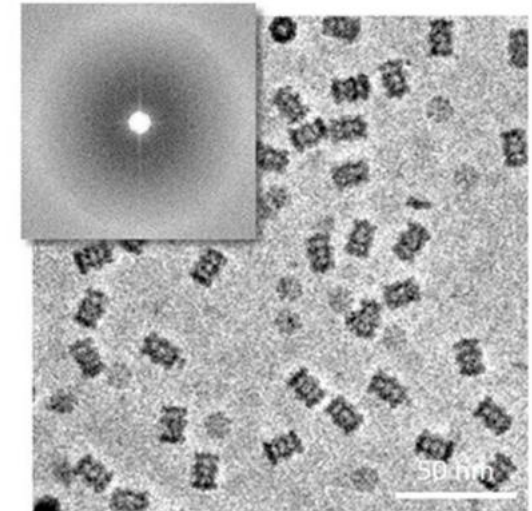
# 22 Phase Plate



Conventional cryo-EM  
1.5  $\mu\text{m}$  defocus



VPP cryo-EM  
in-focus

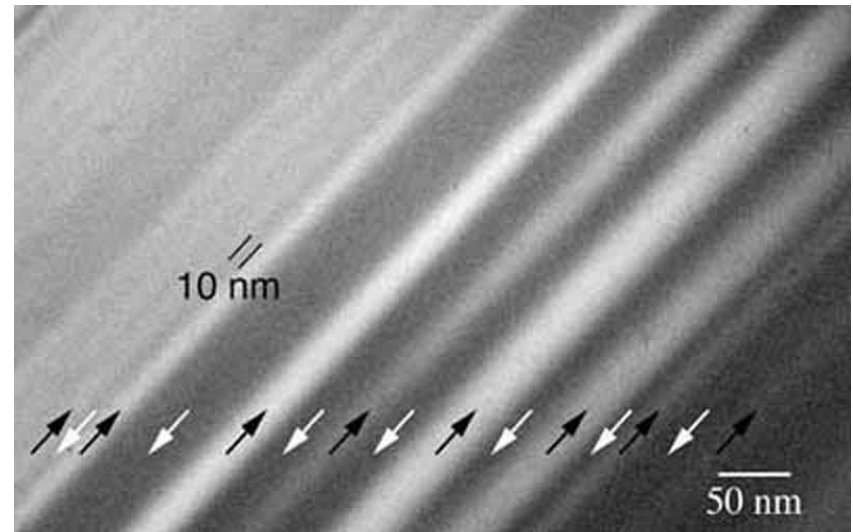
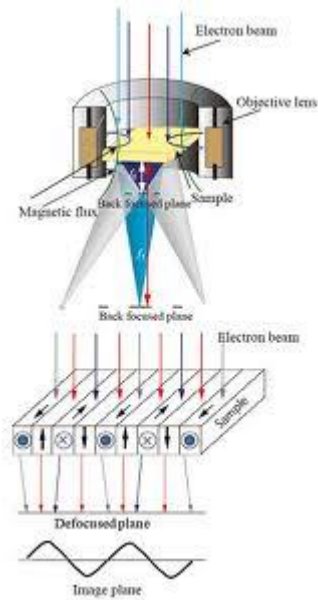


Danev, R. et al. (2014) *PNAS*, 111, 15635

Danev, R. and Baumeister, W. (2016) *eLife*, 5, e13046

# 23 Lorentz microscopy

- To image magnetic or electrostatic specimen.
- Specimen inserted out of magnetic lens field.
- Resolution down to 0.34nm.



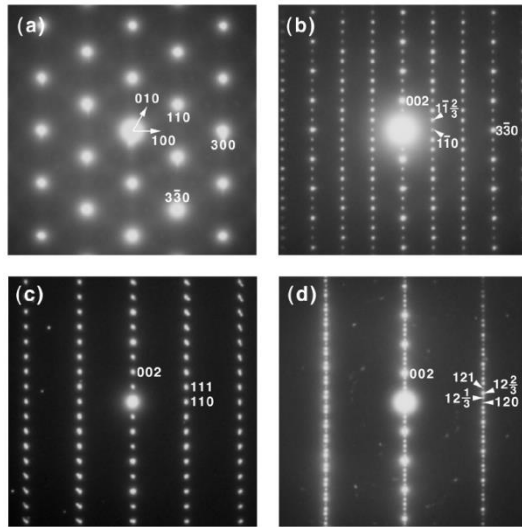
# 24 Environmental TEM

- Specimen is inserted in special capsule where gases can be introduced.
- Maximal pressure varies from 100Pa to 600Pa.
- Resolution 0.344 nm.
- Usage for lifetime experiment observation.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHtKG-Z-AVI>

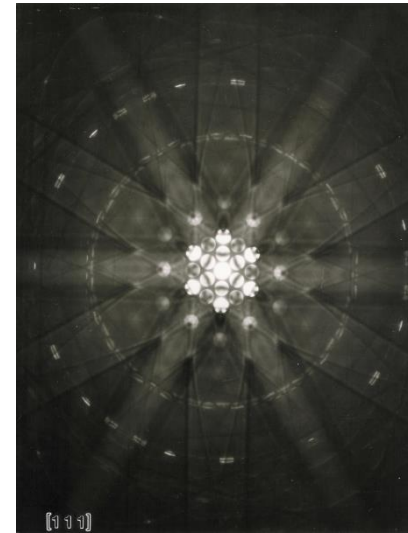




- Focal plane is imaged instead of image itself.
- Two types - SAED – Illumination with plane wave.
  - CBED – Illumination with focused beam.



SAED – YMnO<sub>3</sub> (Figure 1:  
Sets of electron diffraction  
patterns of YMn<sub>0.75</sub>Ti<sub>0.25</sub>O<sub>3</sub>



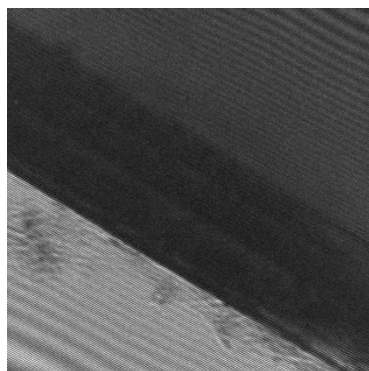
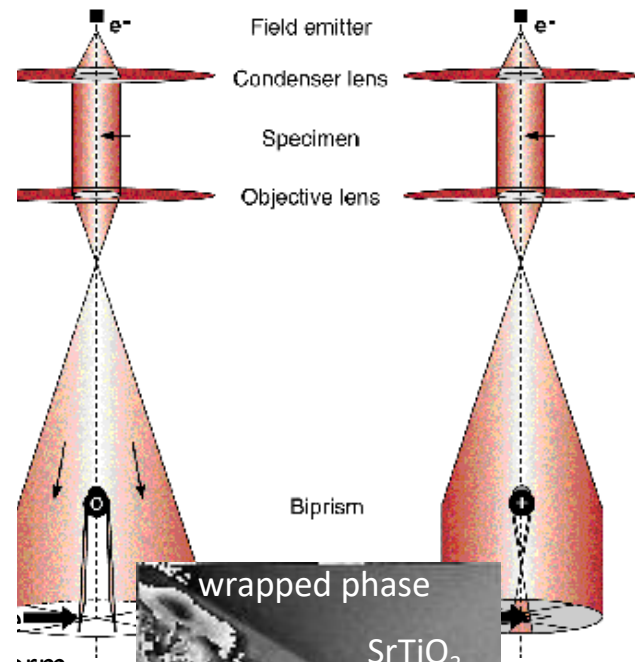
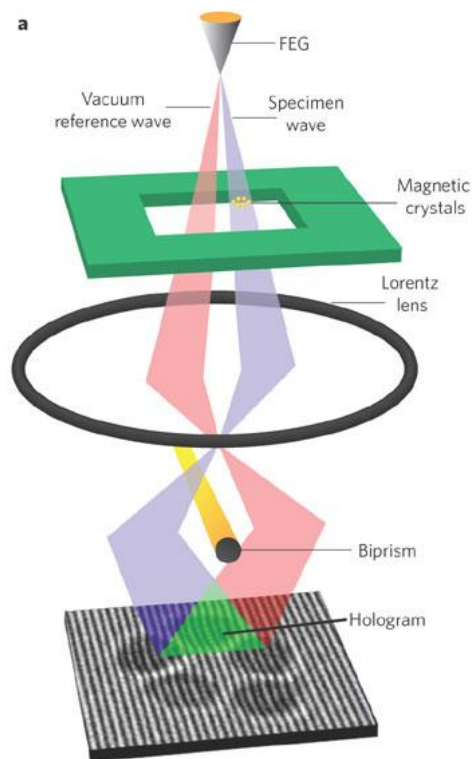
CBED - Fe<sub>0.7</sub>Pb<sub>1.3</sub>Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>  
(pyrochlore-type) along  
[111].

# TEM – potential contrast.

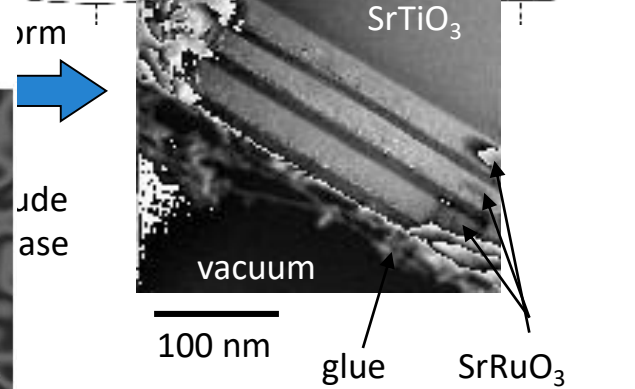
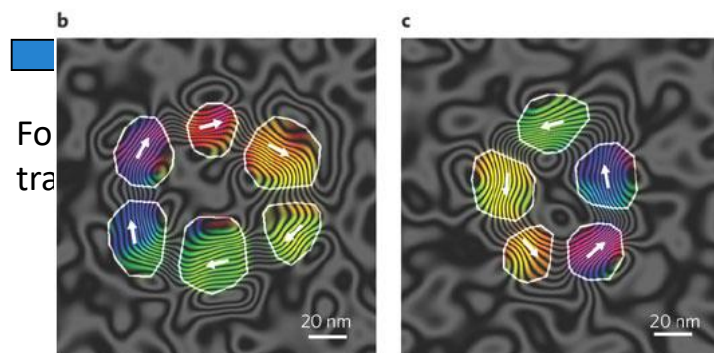
- Using holography
- Added phase shift

$$I_{hol} = 1 + A^2(\vec{r}) + 2\mu A(\vec{r}) \cos(\varphi(\vec{r}))$$

$$\varphi(\vec{r}) = C_E V_{proj}(r) - 2\pi\Phi_{mag}(t)$$

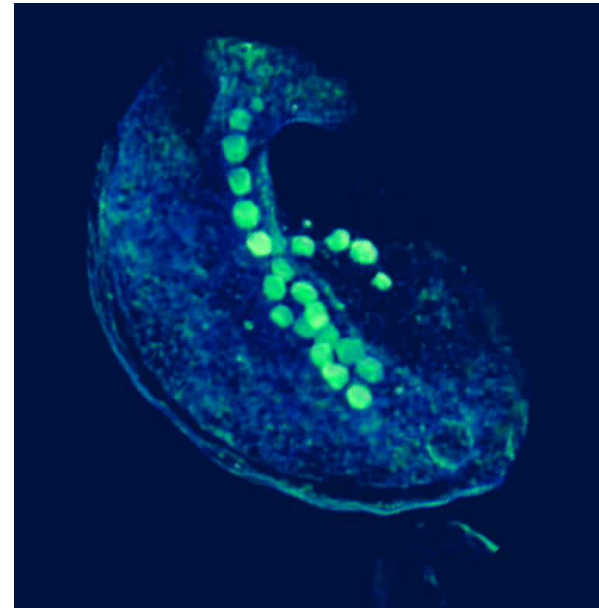
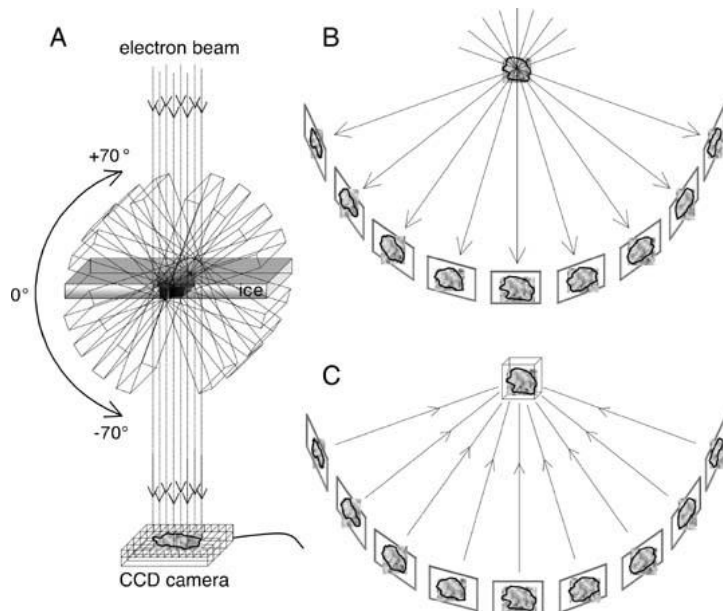


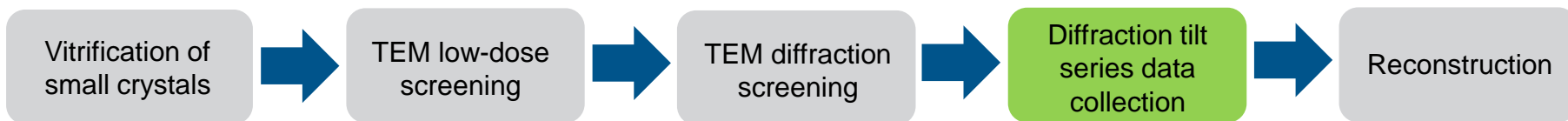
Original Image (called 'the hologram')



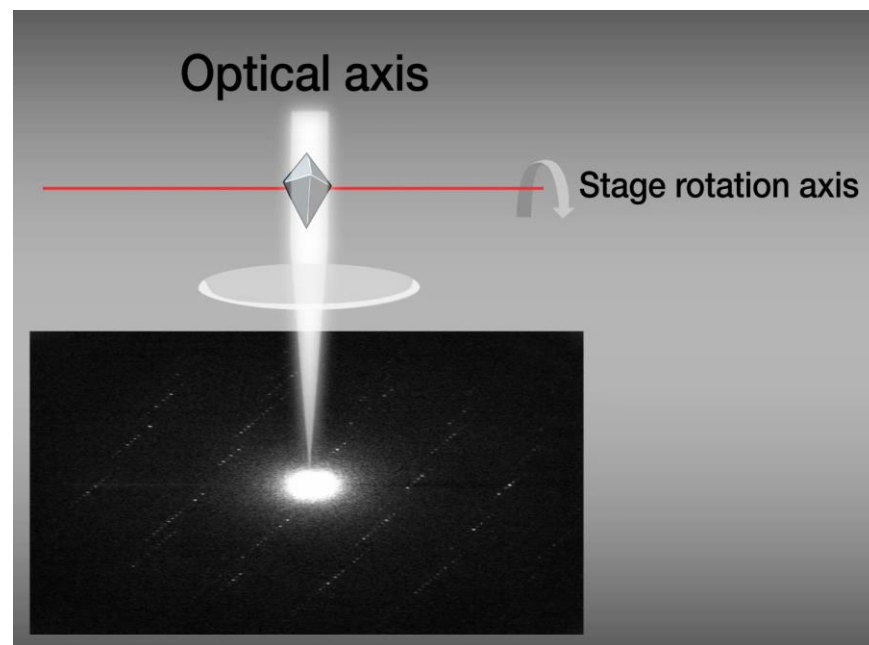
# 27 Tomography

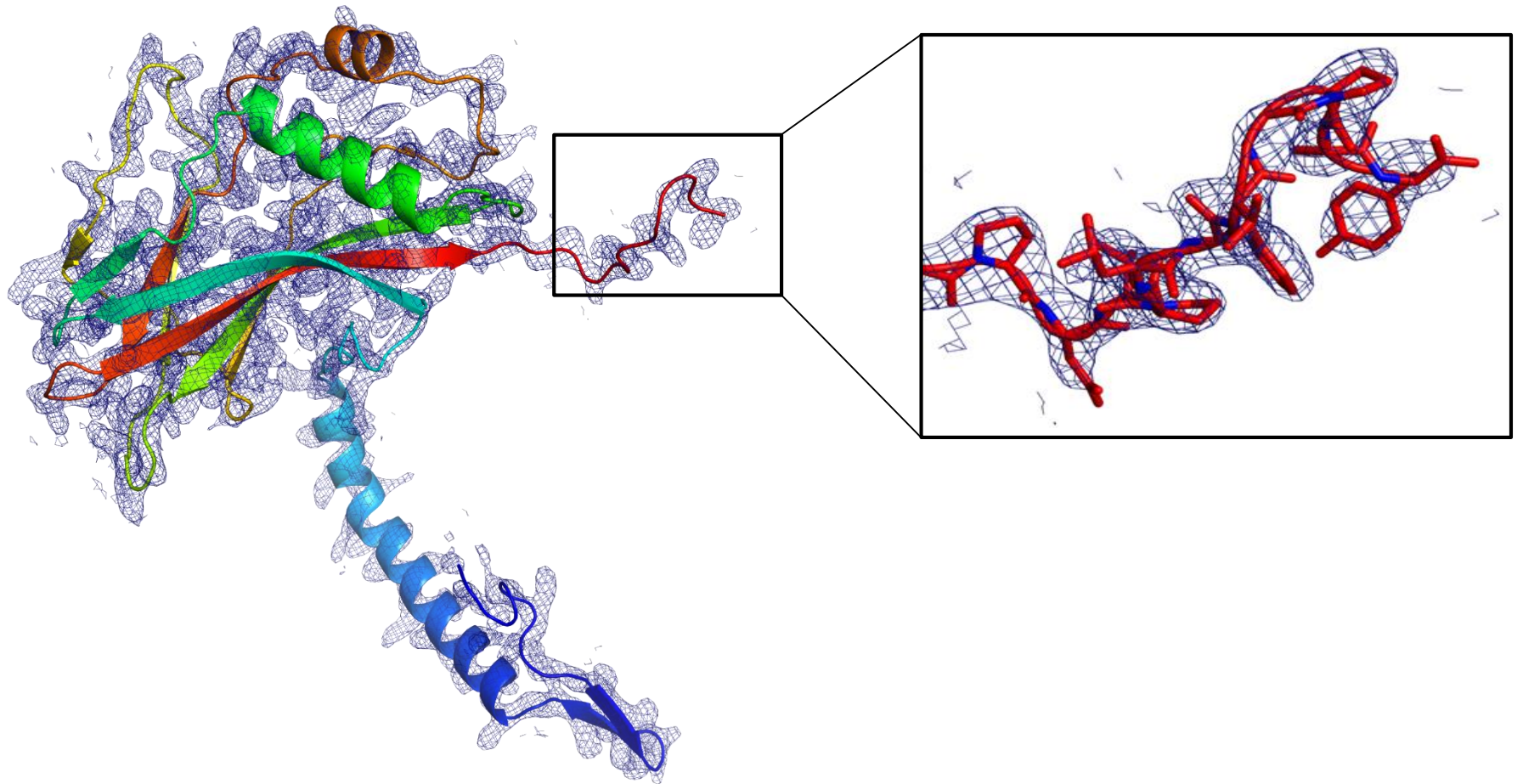
- Specimen is imaged under different angles and then is constructed with mathematical module to 3D image.
- Resolution down to 0.5 nm (limited by specimen stage shift and tilt accuracy).



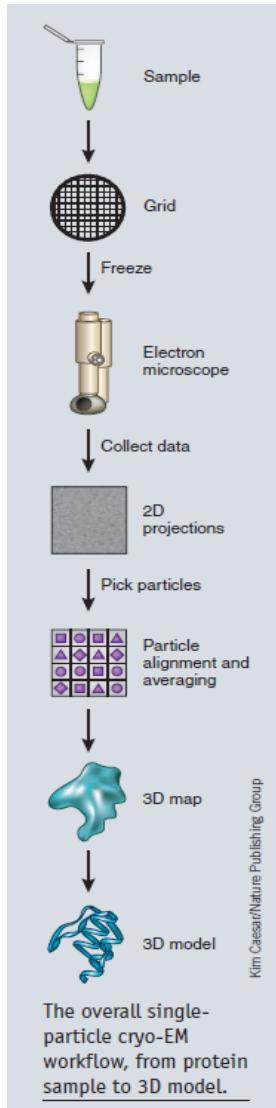


- Small crystals
- Needs few crystals
- Low dose imaging ( $1.5 - 3 \text{ e}/\text{\AA}^2$ )
- Crystals imaged under cryo-conditions
- Provides high resolution





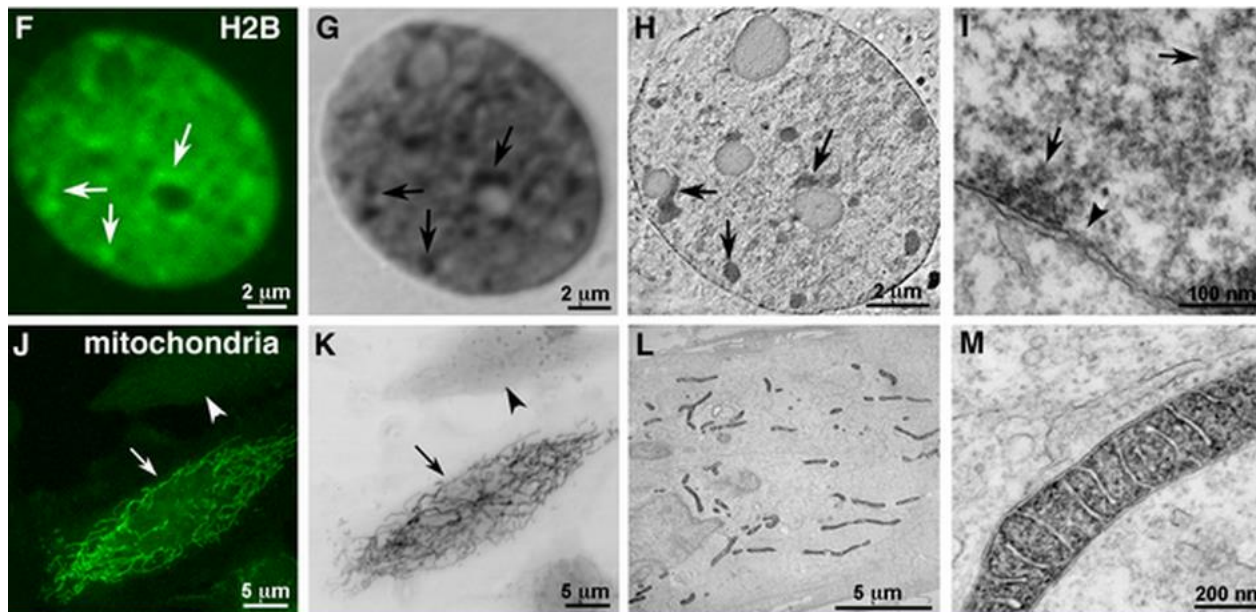
# Single Particle CryoEM Workflow



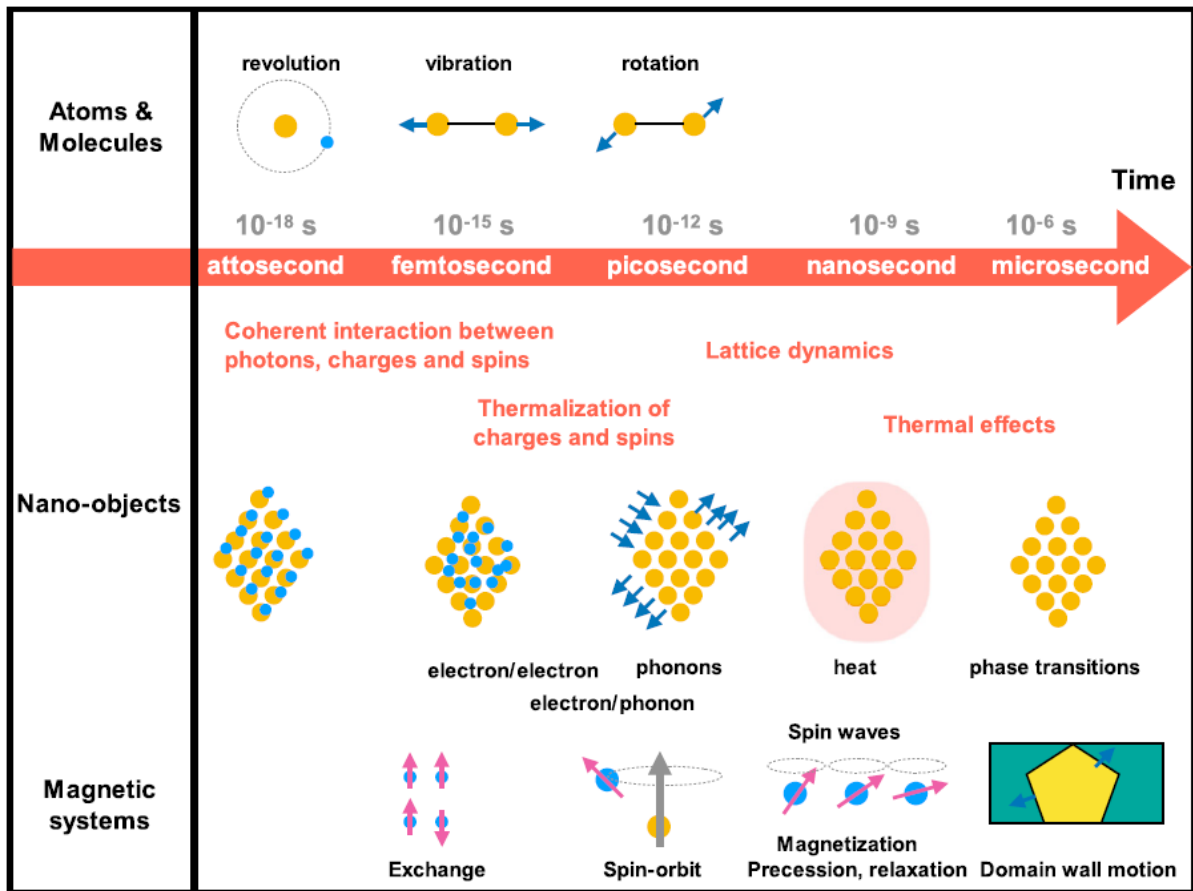
*Animace se svolením Max Planck Institutu Biochemie, Martinsried, Germany*

# 31 Correlative EM-light microscopy

- Imaging with light microscopy first (fluorescence or reflection mode) – up to  $1\mu\text{m}$  details.
- EM imaging for more details up to  $1\text{nm}$ .



# The need of ultrafast



## Time resolution

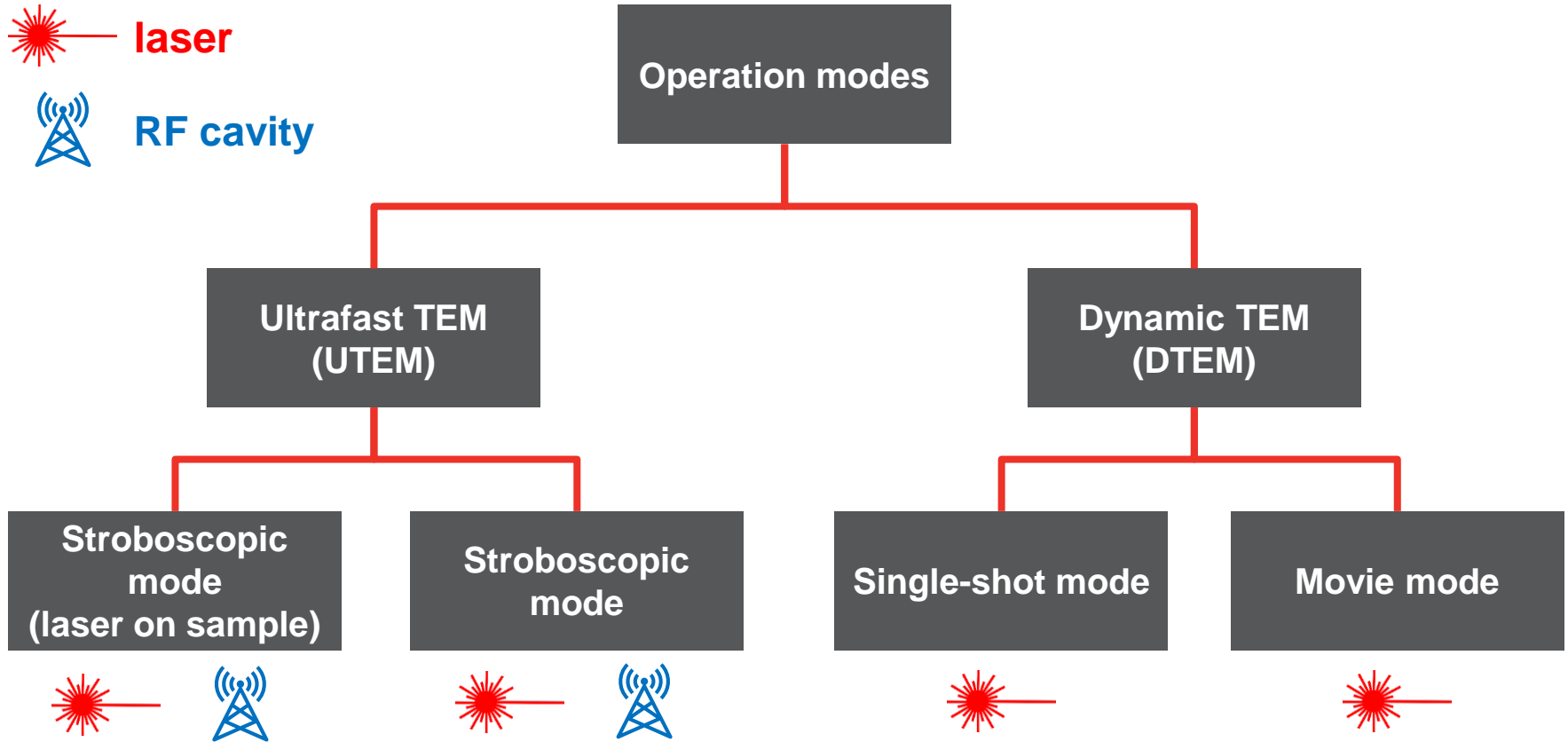
TEM: milliseconds  
(camera frame rate limit)

UEM: femtoseconds  
(pulse length limit)

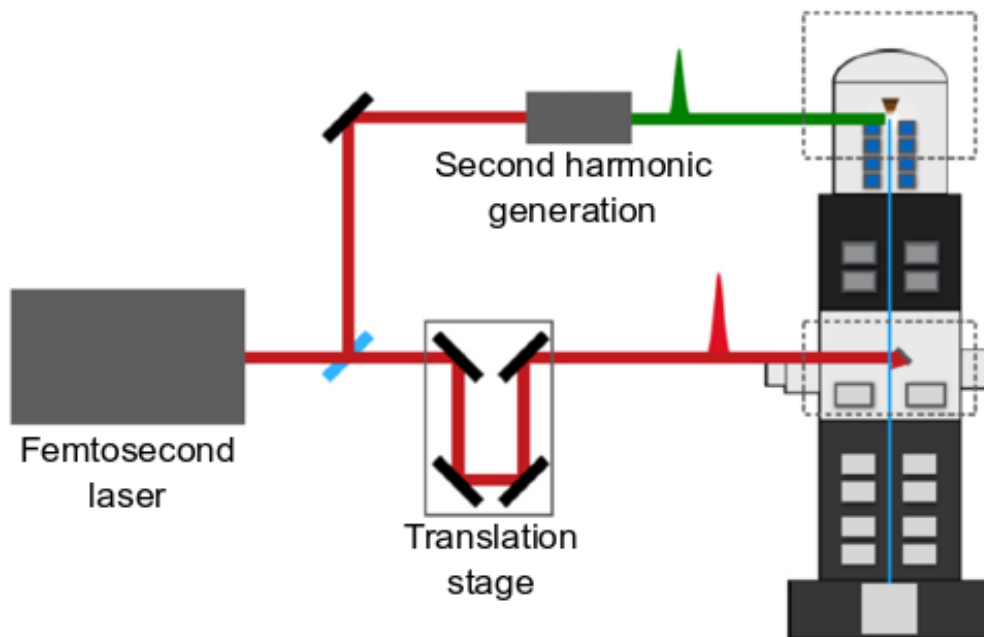
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# Operation modes



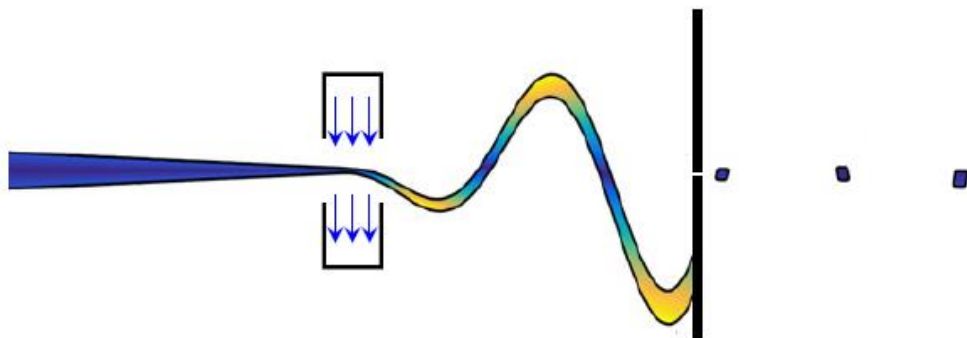
# Schematic overview of UEM setup with laser induced/assisted emission



Arbouret A., Caruso G. M., Houdellier F.:  
*Advances in Imaging and Electron  
Physics*, **207**, (2018)

# Realization of femtosecond electron pulses

- RF-cavity beam deflection: continuous beam over a slit using RF-cavity pulses are created by deflection of the aperture

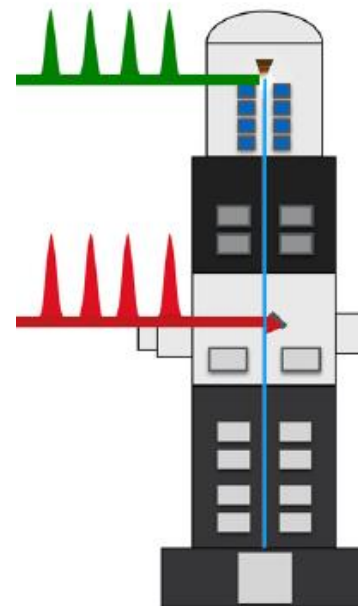


Verhoeven W. et al: *In-situ High quality ultrafast transmission electron microscopy using resonant microwave cavities*, (2018)

# Operation modes

## Stroboscopic mode

- also called *Ultrafast TEM* (UTEM)
- millions of electron pulses are detected to create a single image
- time delay between laser hitting the sample and electron pulse arrival is kept unchanged during one image capture
- pulse repetition rate – order of **MHz**
- pulse duration – order of **100 fs** (laser pulse duration limit)
- no significant change in spatial resolution



Arbouret A., Caruso G. M., Houdellier F.: *Advances in Imaging and Electron Physics*, **207**, (2003)

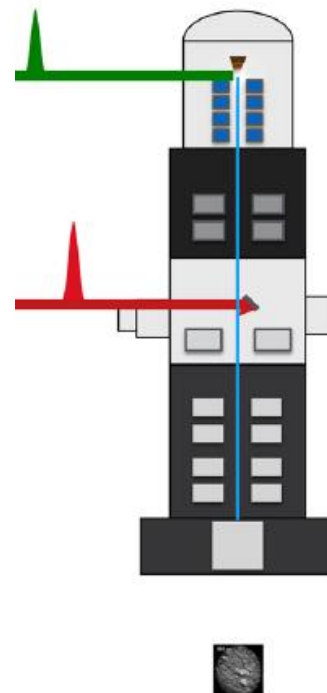
## ONLY REVERSIBLE PROCESSES

- nanostructures melting and recrystallization
- dynamics of laser beam induced phase transitions and atomic structural expansion
- debeye-waller factor measurement

Barwick B. et al: *4D Imaging of Transient Structures and Morphologies in Ultrafast Electron Microscopy*, **322**, (2008)

## Single-shot mode

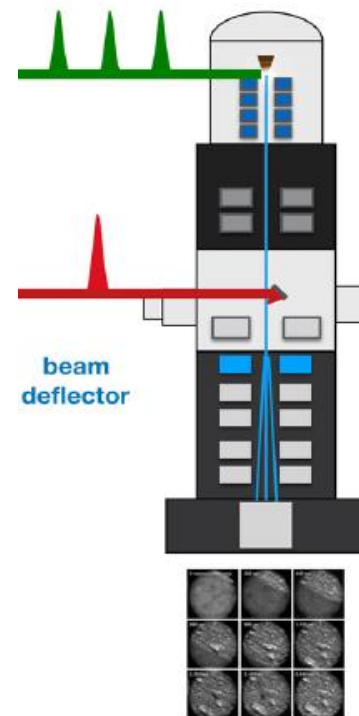
- also called *Dynamic TEM* (DTEM)
- irreversible processes
- millions (typically  $10^8$ ) electrons in a single pulse
- spacecharge effect (Boersch effect) results in limited spatial resolution (typically **10-200 nm**) and temporal resolution (typically **10-50 ns**) which is no longer determined by laser pulse length



Arbouret A., Caruso G. M., Houdellier F.: *Advances in Imaging and Electron Physics*, **207**, (2003)

## Movie mode

- also called *Movie DTEM*
- electron pulse train is created and individual pulses are then deflected to different sections of camera
- sample is still illuminated by a **single pulse**
- same limitations as for the case of the single-shot mode



Arbouret A., Caruso G. M., Houdellier F.: *Advances in Imaging and Electron Physics*, **207**, (2018)

## IRREVERSIBLE PROCESSES

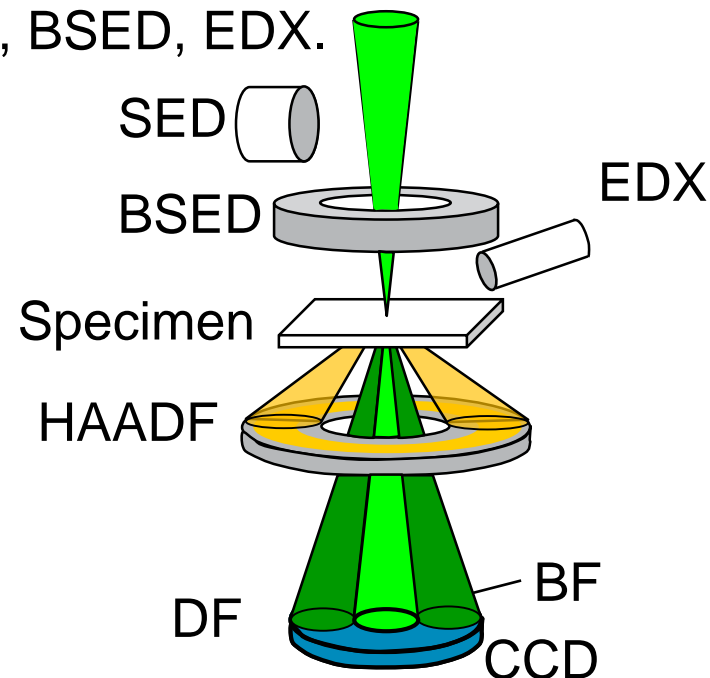
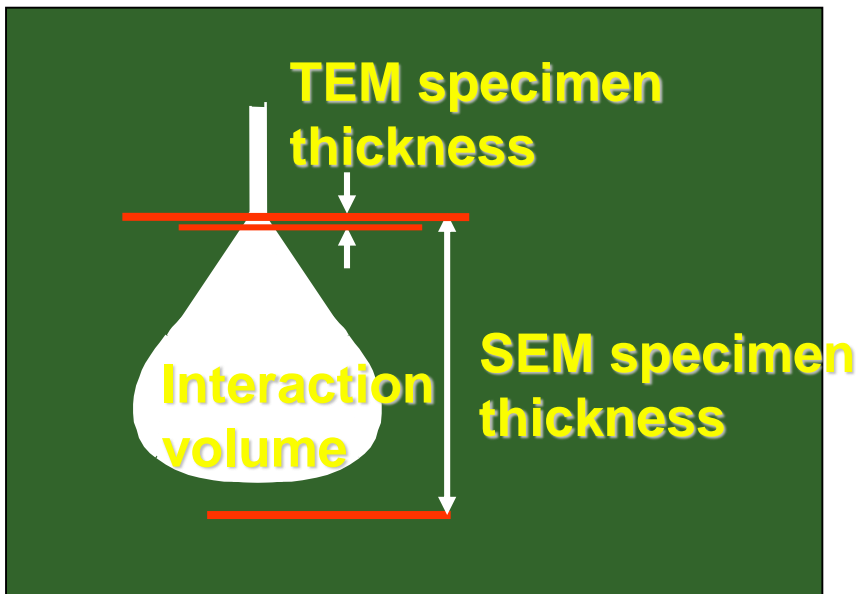
- reactive multilayer foils – reaction wavefront propagation
- various irreversible chemical reactions
- study of biological reactions: utilizing also *in-situ* liquid microscopy or cryo-electron microscopy

Kim J. S., et al: *Imaging of Transient Structures Using Nanosecond in Situ TEM*, **321**, (2008)  
Evans J. E., Browning N. D.: *Enabling direct nanoscale observations of biological reactions with dynamic TEM*, **62**, (2013)



# STEM - principle

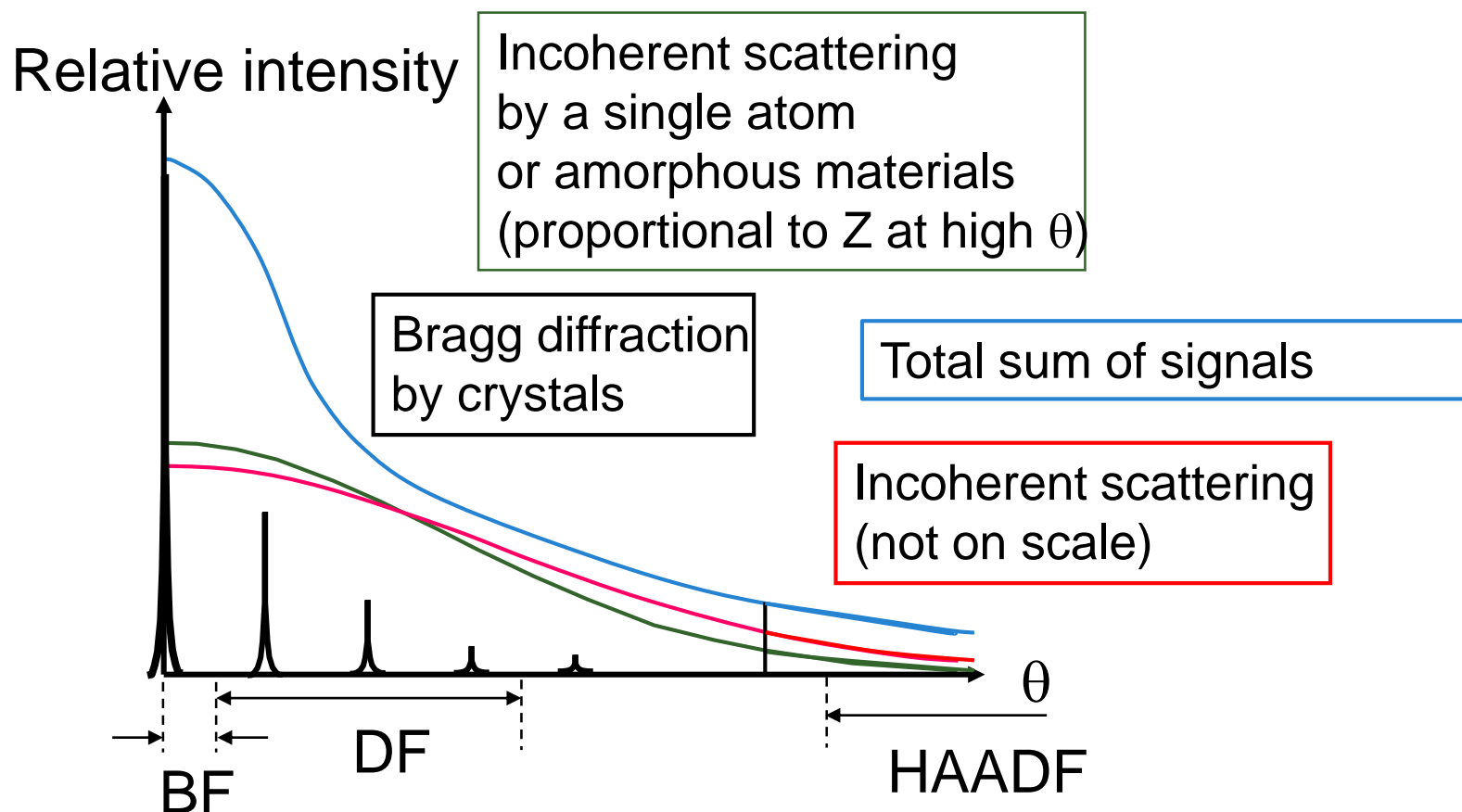
- Scanning with small probe through sample – collection of signal gone through the sample on the detector below imaging system.
- STEM and SEM is not the same technique. STEM is of course much better!
- Almost true atomic resolution – easier interpretation regarding to HR-TEM.
- Many detection techniques – BF, DF, SED, BSED, EDX.



- STEM image is influenced by three main factors:
  - 1.) Sample-electron interaction.
  - 2.) Detector type (BF, DF, HAADF).
  - 3.) Diffraction camera length.
- Image contrast is defined by:
  - 1.) Sample thickness – BF (transmitted primary).
  - 2.) Elements composition – DF (diffraction on cryst. structure).
  - 3.) Elements weight – HAADF (Z-contrast).

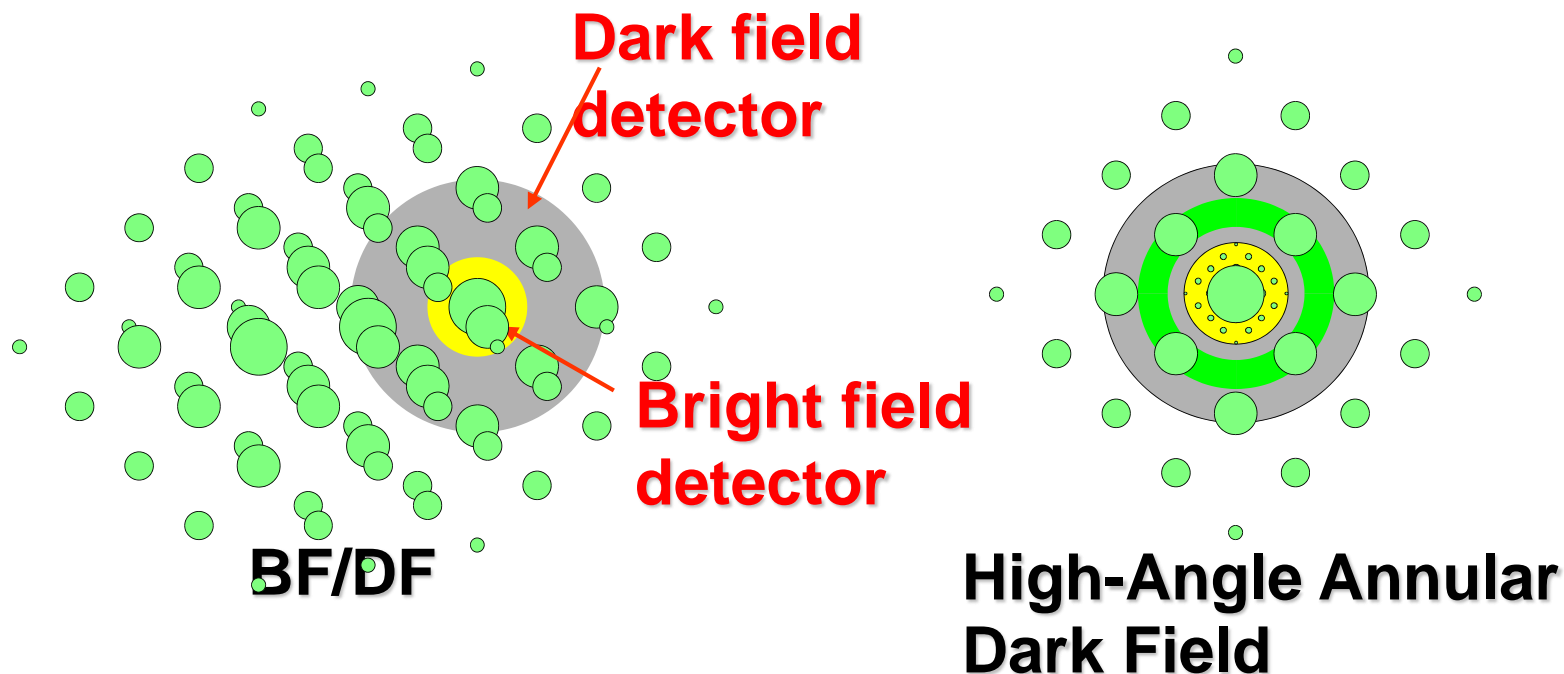
# STEM – electron sample interaction.

- Electron sample interaction change the energy of primary beam differently based on atom weight and crystal structure.



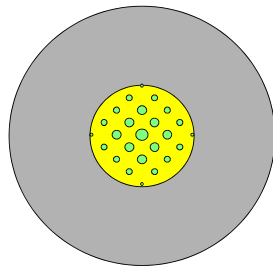
# STEM detectors

- Three main detectors collect different spectrum of deflected beam:
- BF – transmitted primary beam.
- DF – deflected beam on crystal structures.
- HAADF – high angle deflected beam – Z-contrast.

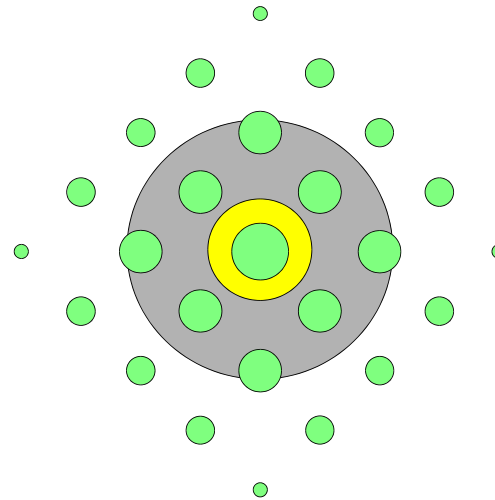


# STEM – camera length

- The diffraction camera length significantly influences the detected signal.
- With camera length changing is possible to obtain a different contrast using the same detector.

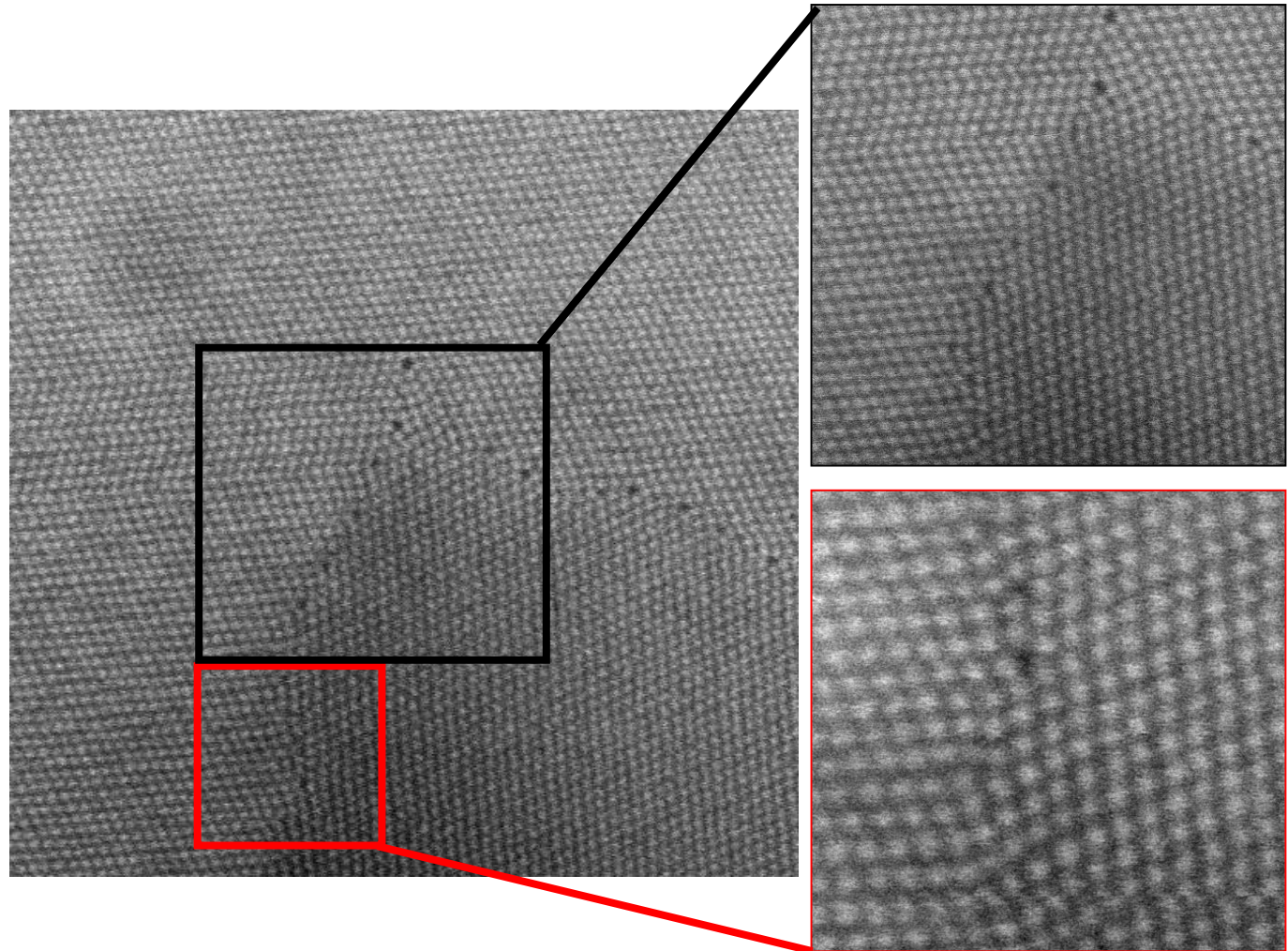


camera length 100 mm



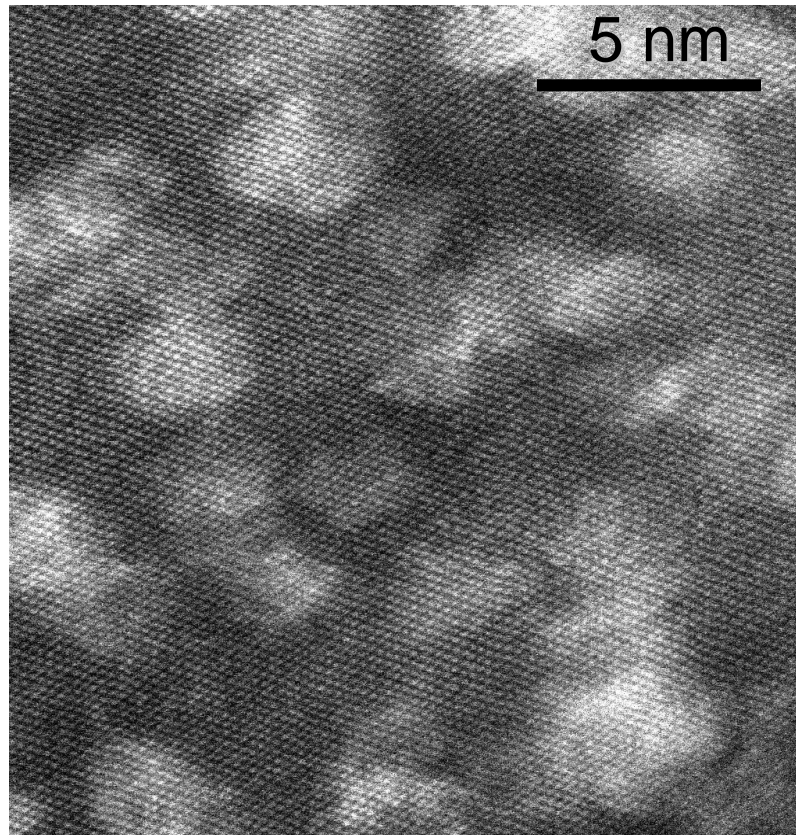
camera length 300 mm

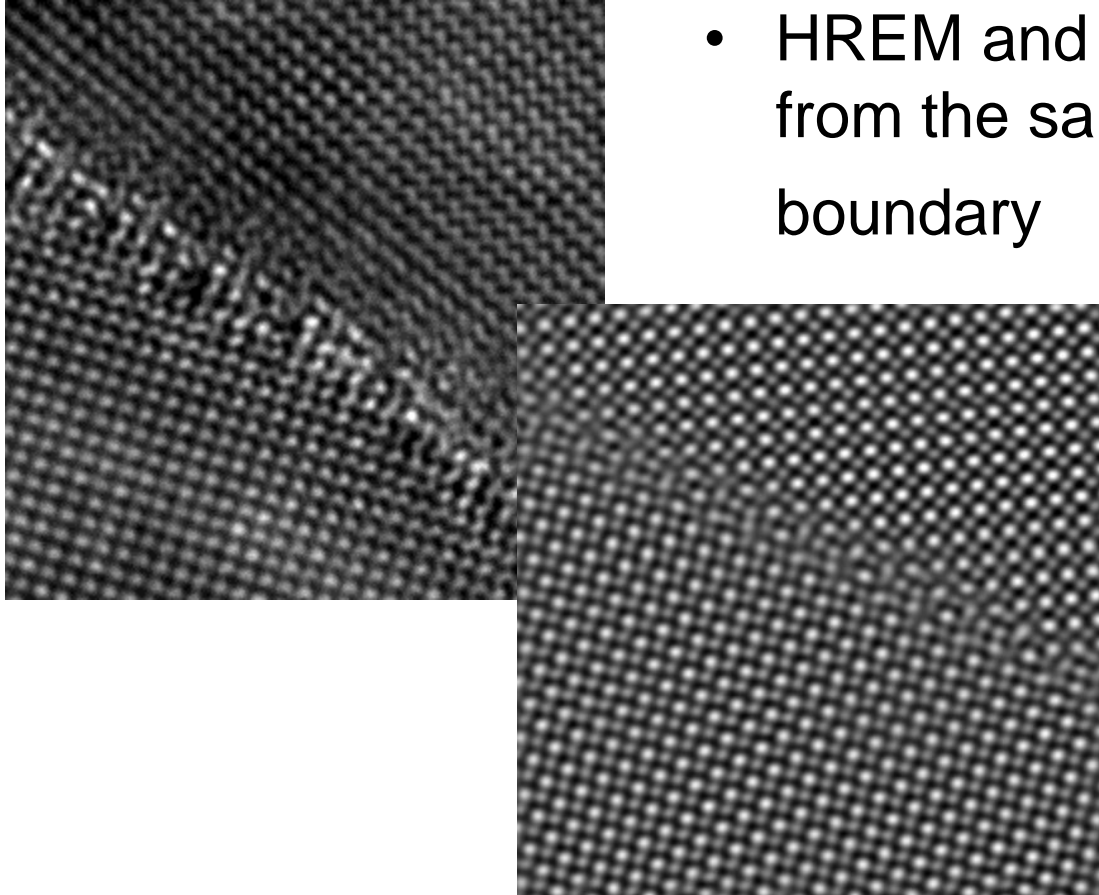
High Resolution  
ADF STEM image  
of a triple-junction in  
Au poly-crystal.  
Numerous voids  
occur at defects at  
the interface.



Sample courtesy of Dr. T. Radetic,  
U.Dahmen & C. Kisielowski,  
NCEM Berkeley, USA

- Ag concentration in individual atomic columns of Al

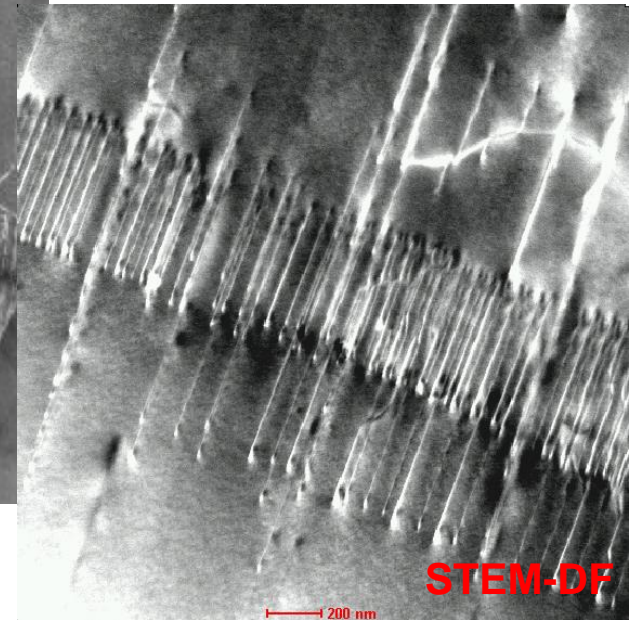
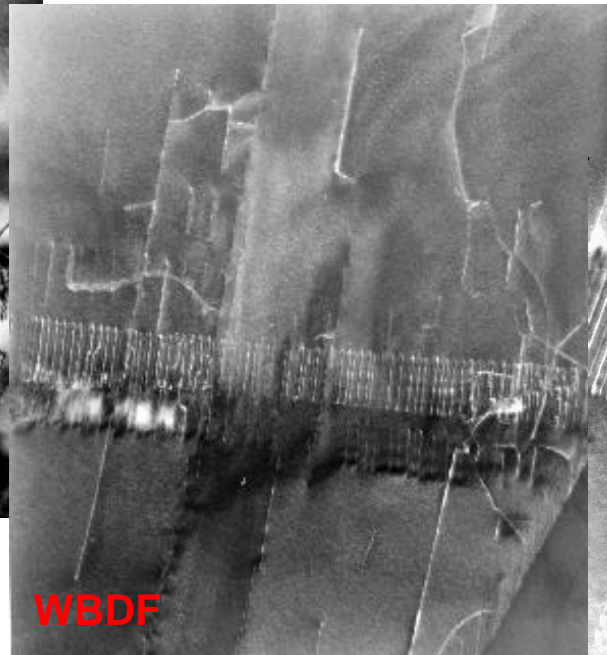
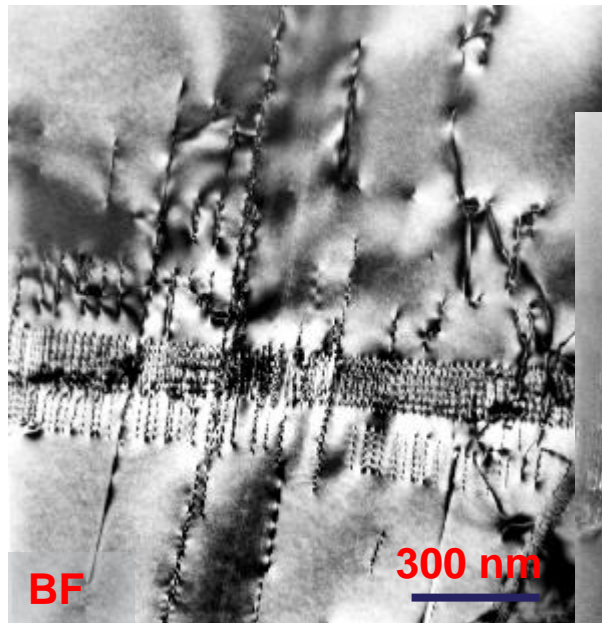




- HREM and HR-STEM images from the same SrTiO<sub>3</sub> bi-crystal boundary



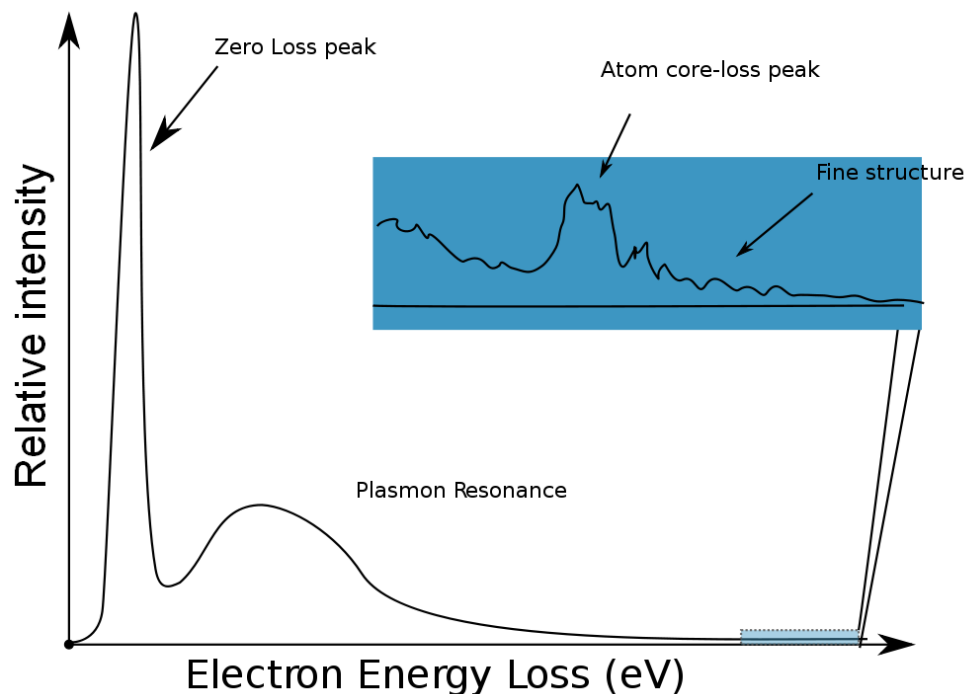
# HR-TEM vs. HR-STEM II.



Visualization of dislocation in silicon using TEM and STEM techniques

# 50 Electron Energy Loss Spectroscopy I

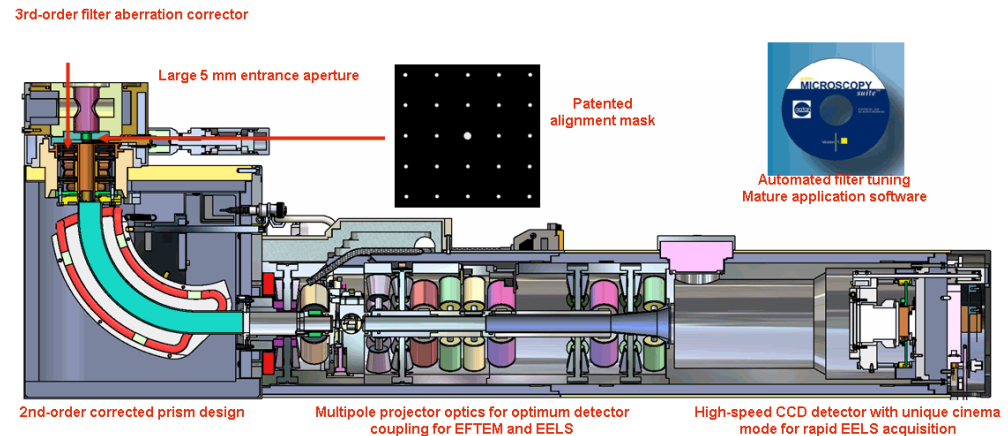
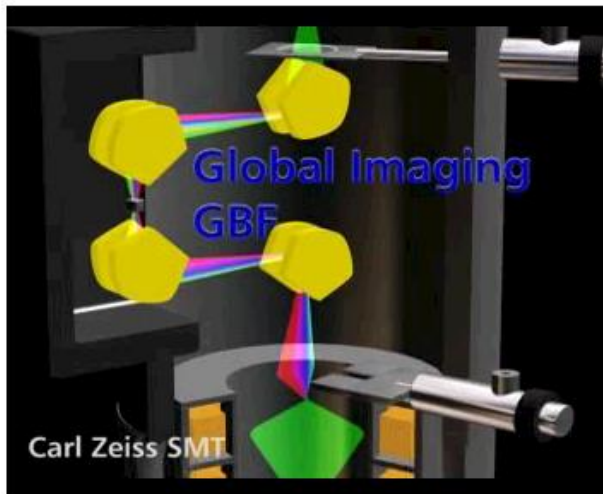
- Electron energy filtering for spectroscopy or imaging.
- Resolution to 0.004 eV.
- Possible to distinguish element type, plasmon energy, type of atomic band.



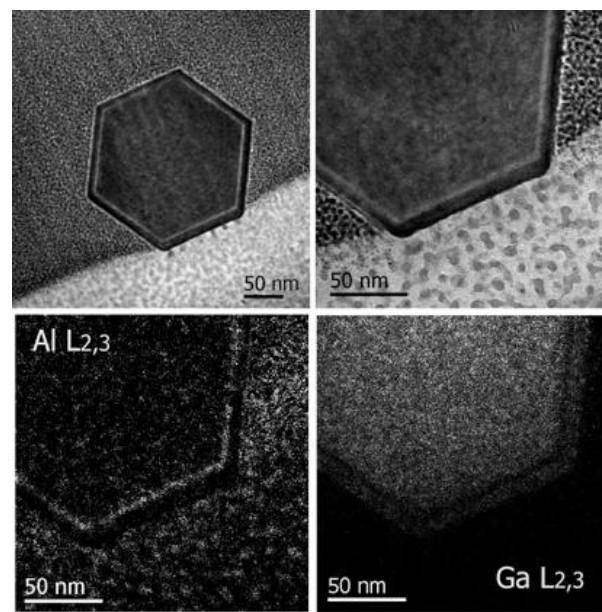
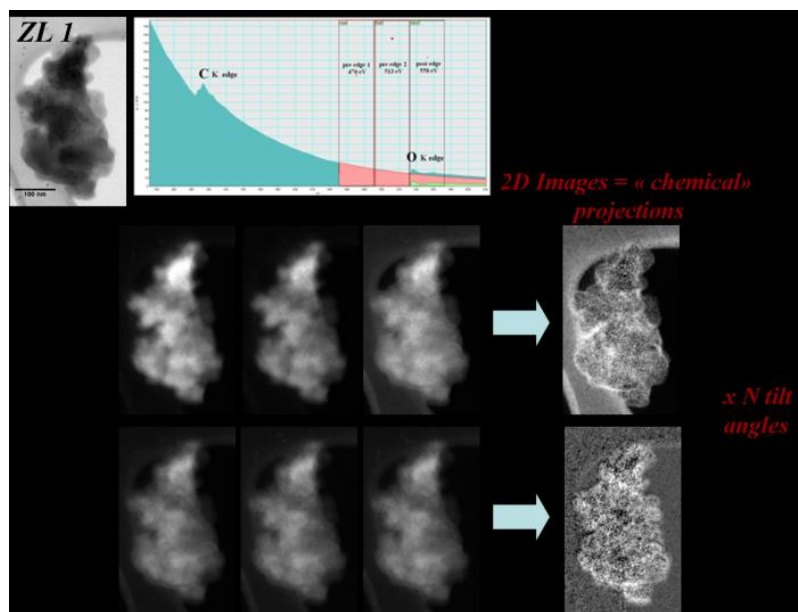
# 51 Electron Energy Loss Spectroscopy II

- Using magnetic Biprism.
- Two HW solution – in-column (Zeiss, Jeol).
  - under column (Gatan – FEI, Jeol).

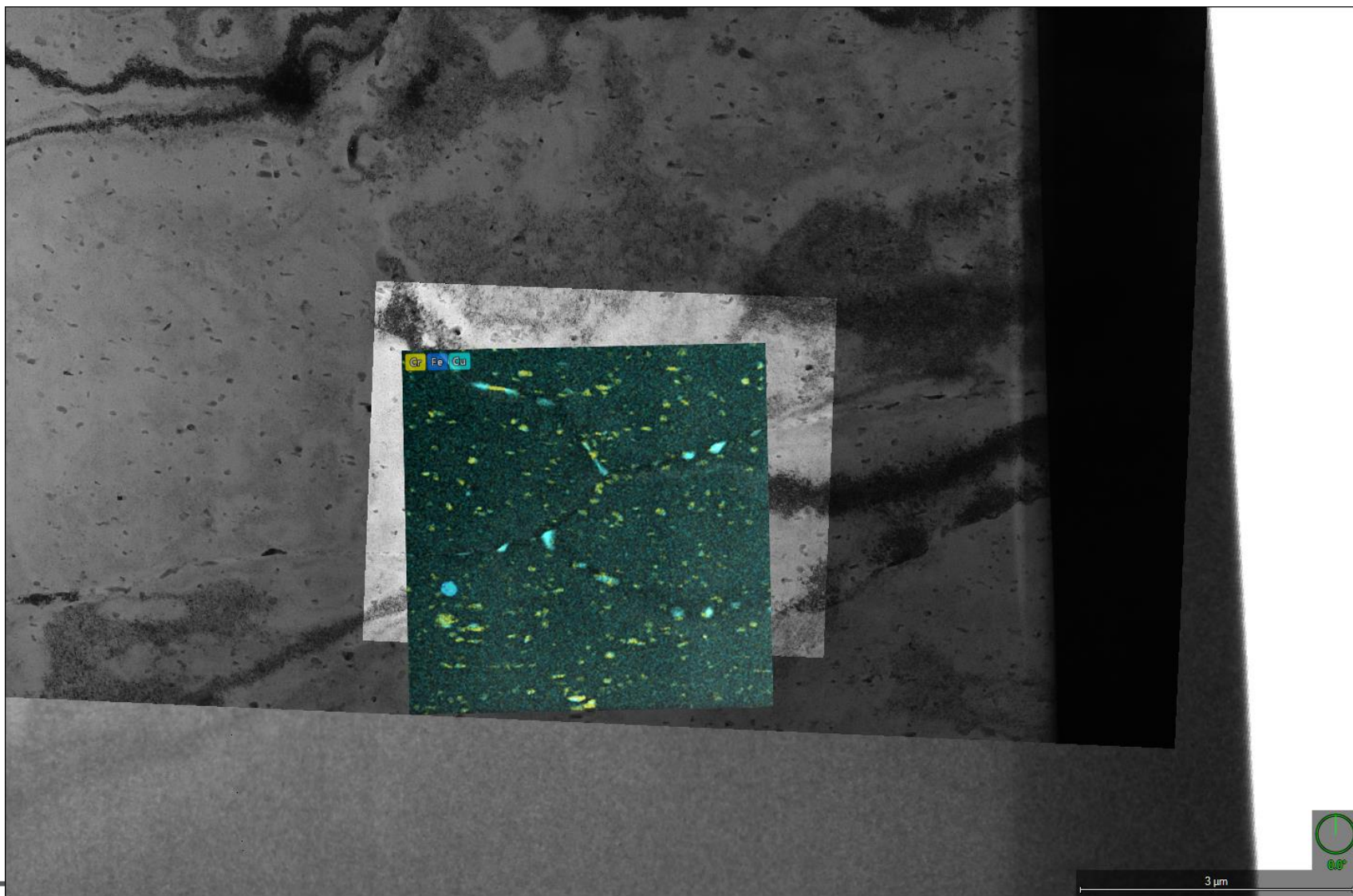
## LIBRA<sup>®</sup> 200 C<sub>s</sub> - Corrected View of the Sub-Ångstrom World -



- Used same filtering technique as EELS.



# 53 EDAX mapping





# Conclusion

- TEM and STEM offer extremely powerful scientific tool.
- There are many possibilities how to create image under different contrast conditions – enable to distinguish many types of physical properties of sample:
  - 1.) Atomic structure.
  - 2.) Electric and magnetic potential distribution.
  - 3.) Bound type and its energy.
  - 4.) Thickness.
  - 5.) Elements distribution over sample.