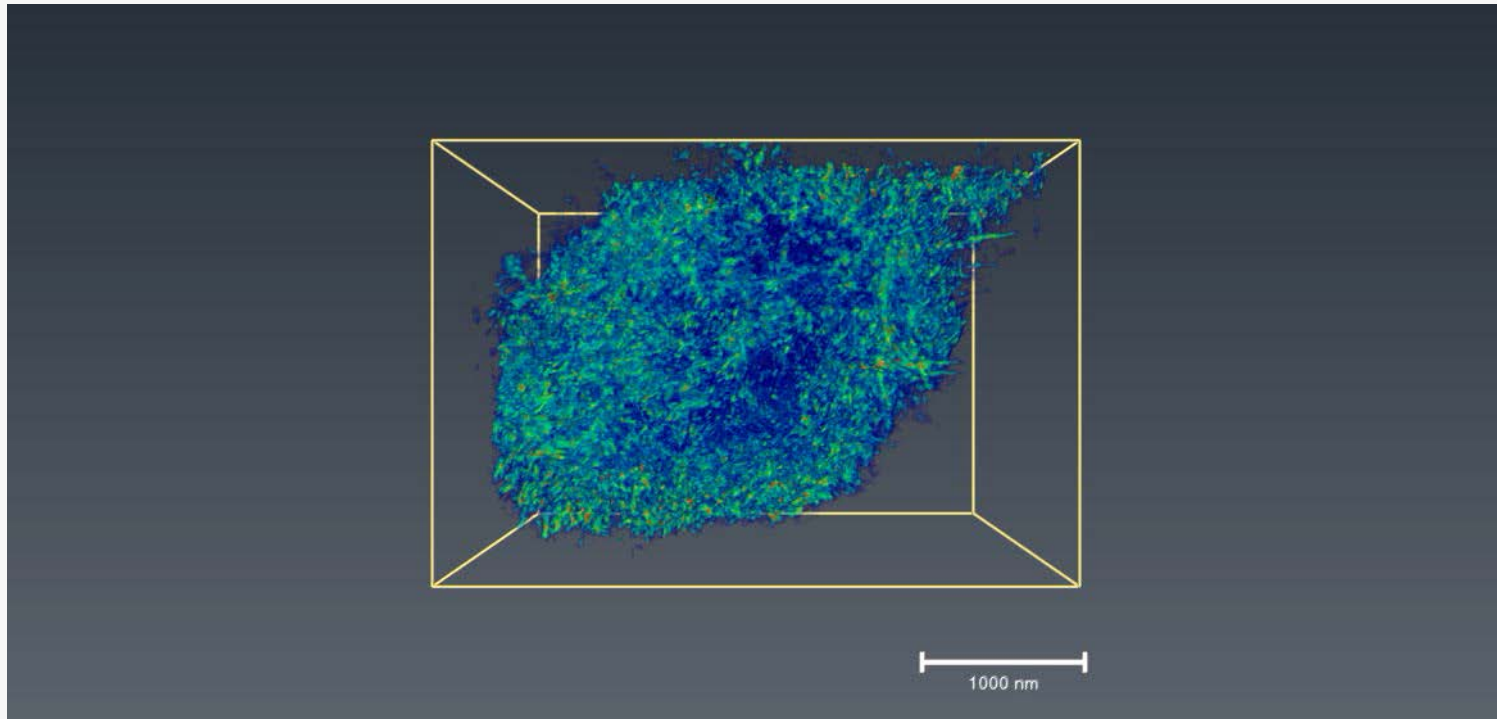


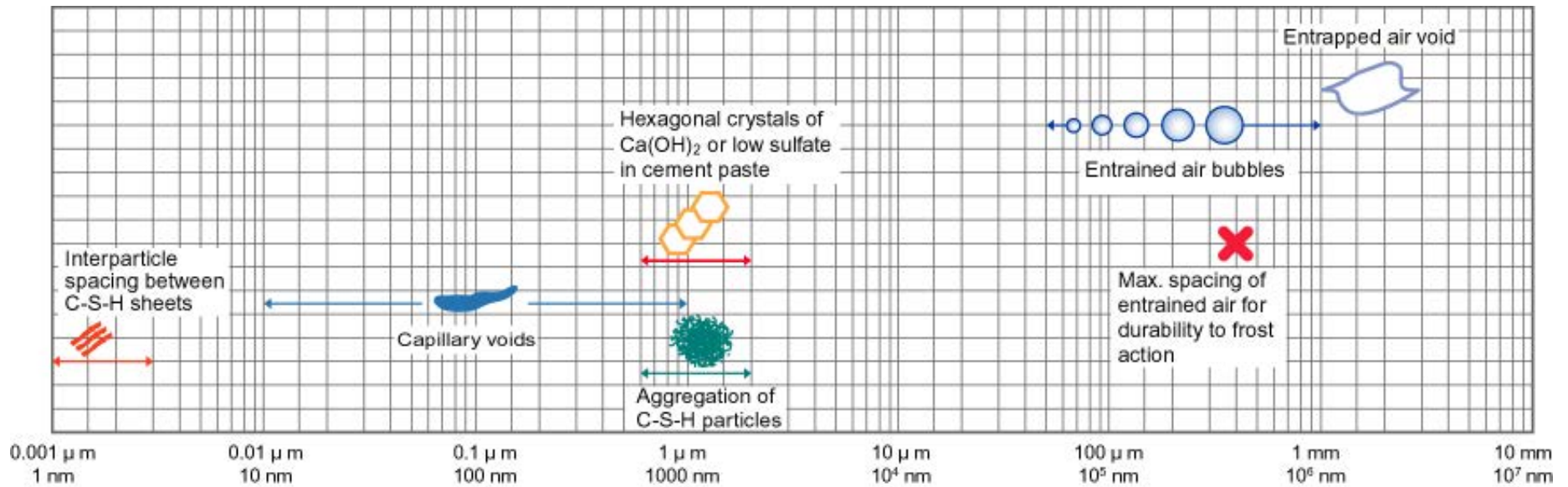
# Multiscale Imaging of Concrete



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# Need for multiscale imaging



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## *With Connecticut Foundations Crumbling, 'Your Home Is Now Worthless'*

By KRISTIN HUSSEY and LISA W. FODERARO JUNE 7, 2016



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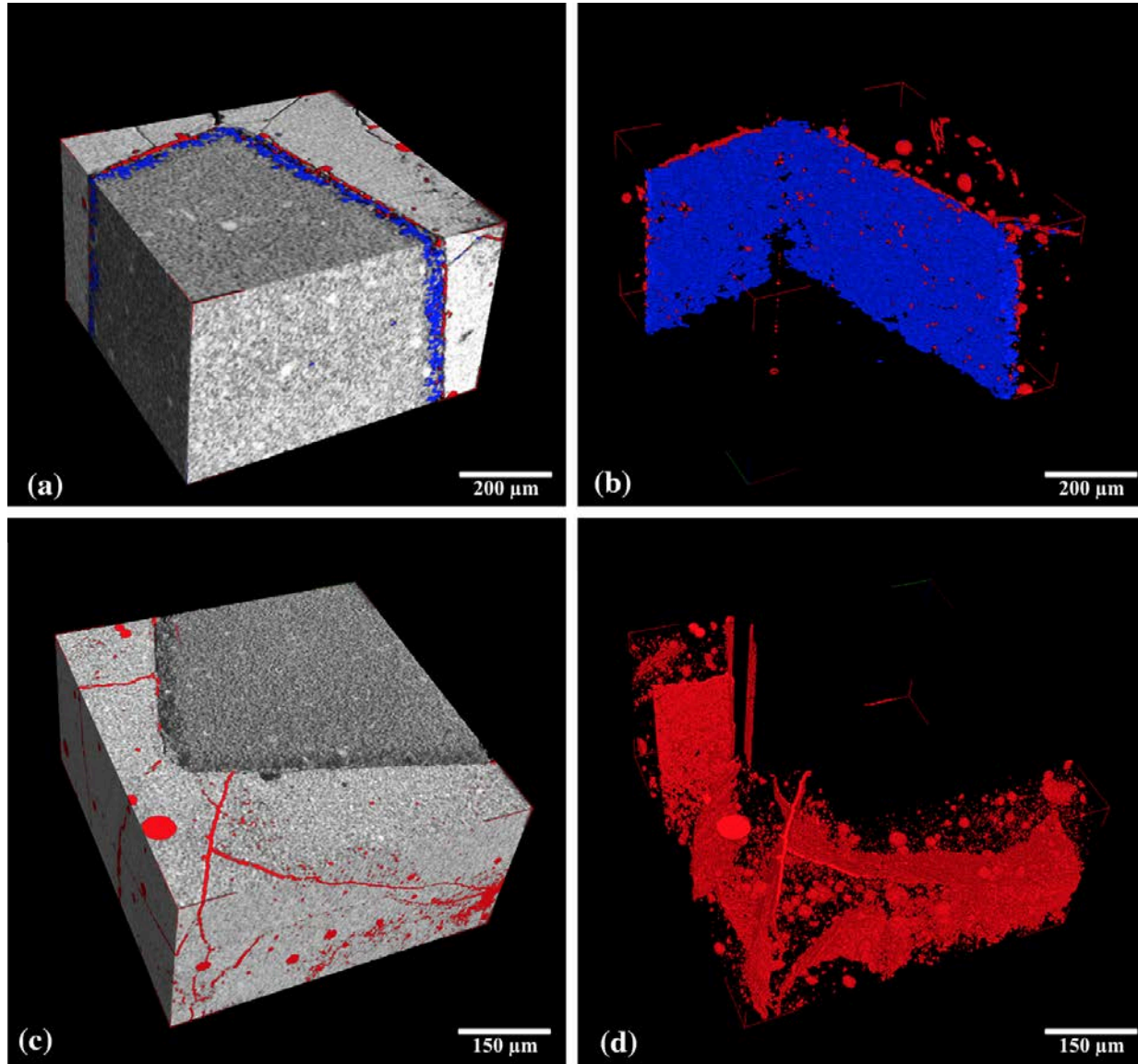






# **Combining techniques at the micro/nano scale**

# Micro-tomography

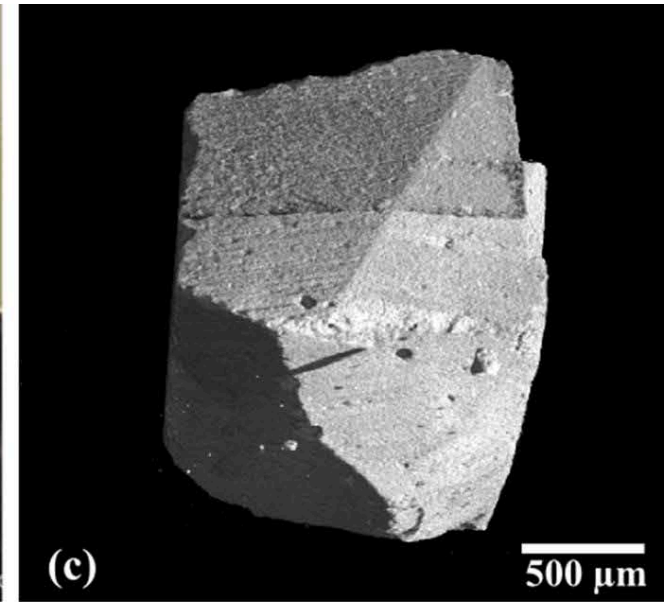
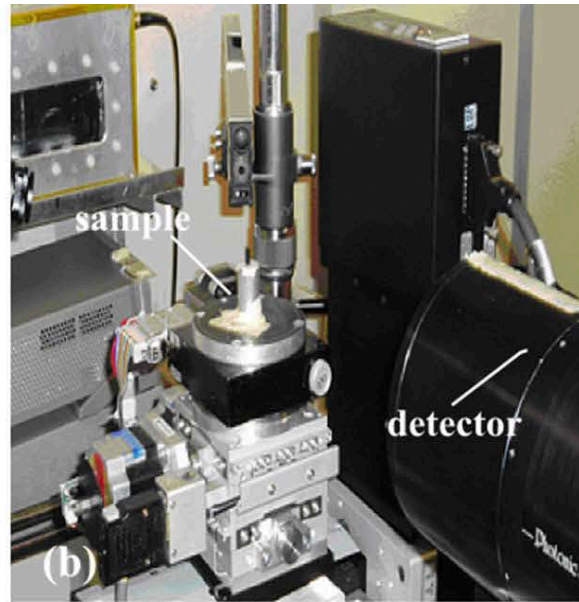
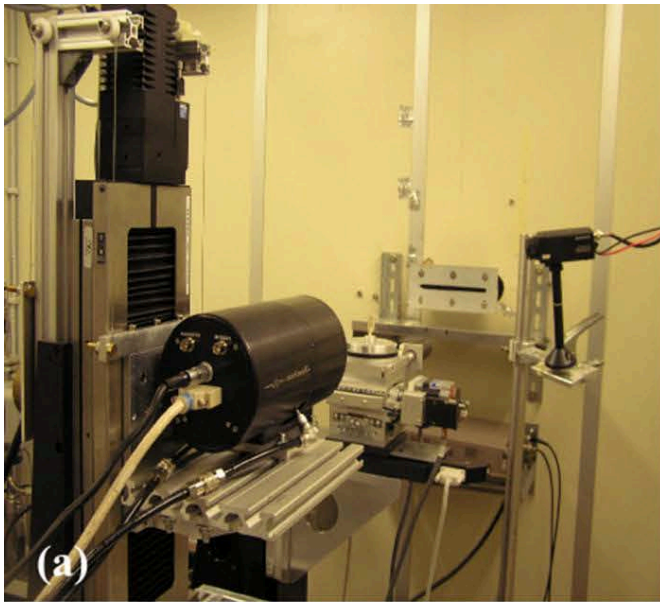


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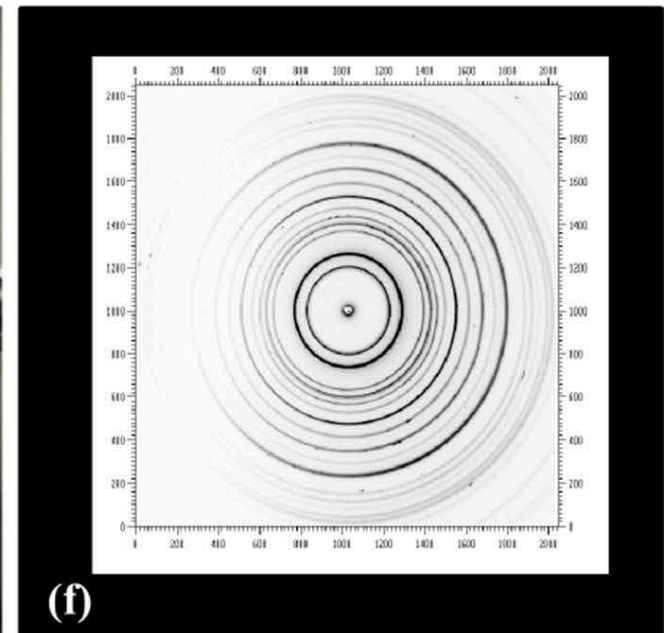
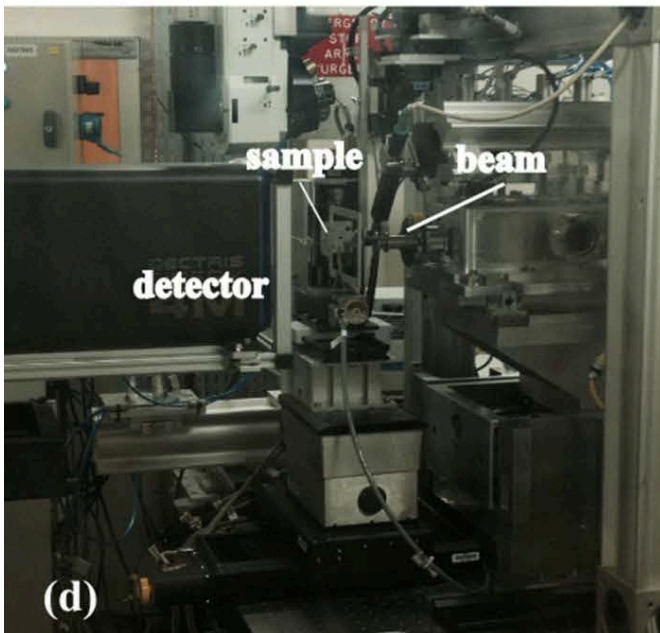
- a) subvolume rendering showing dissolution zone in chert (blue) and debonding (red);
- c) rendering of the subvolume with microcracks (red) emanating from the aggregate particle



## MicroCT: SYRMEP beamline (ELETTRA)

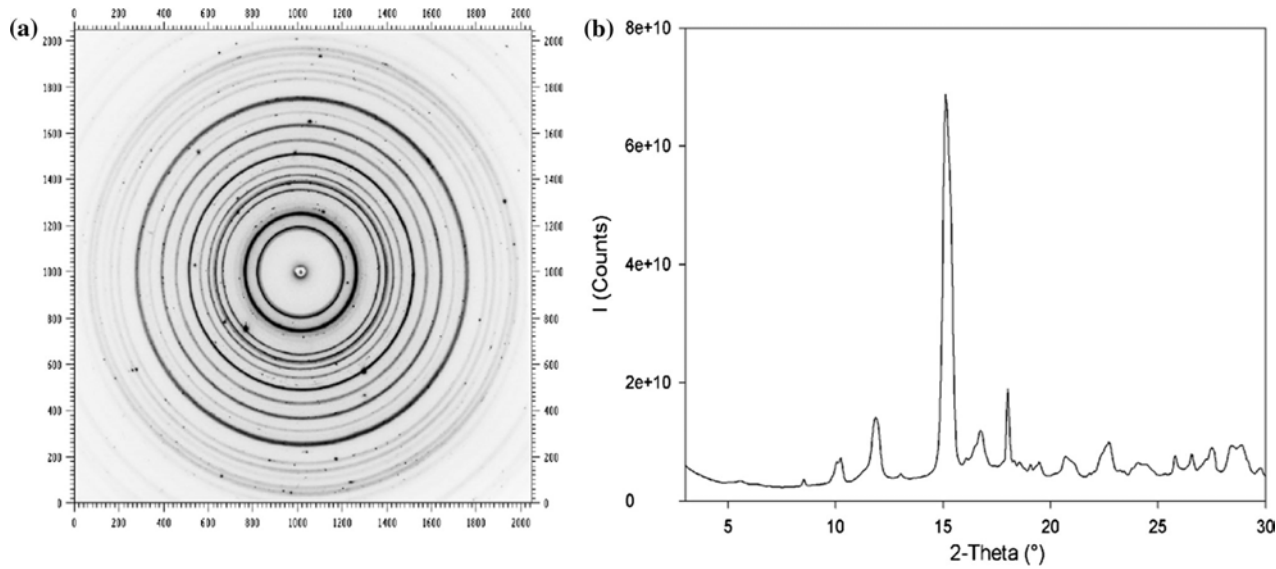


## MicroXRD: SYRMEP beamline (ELETTRA)



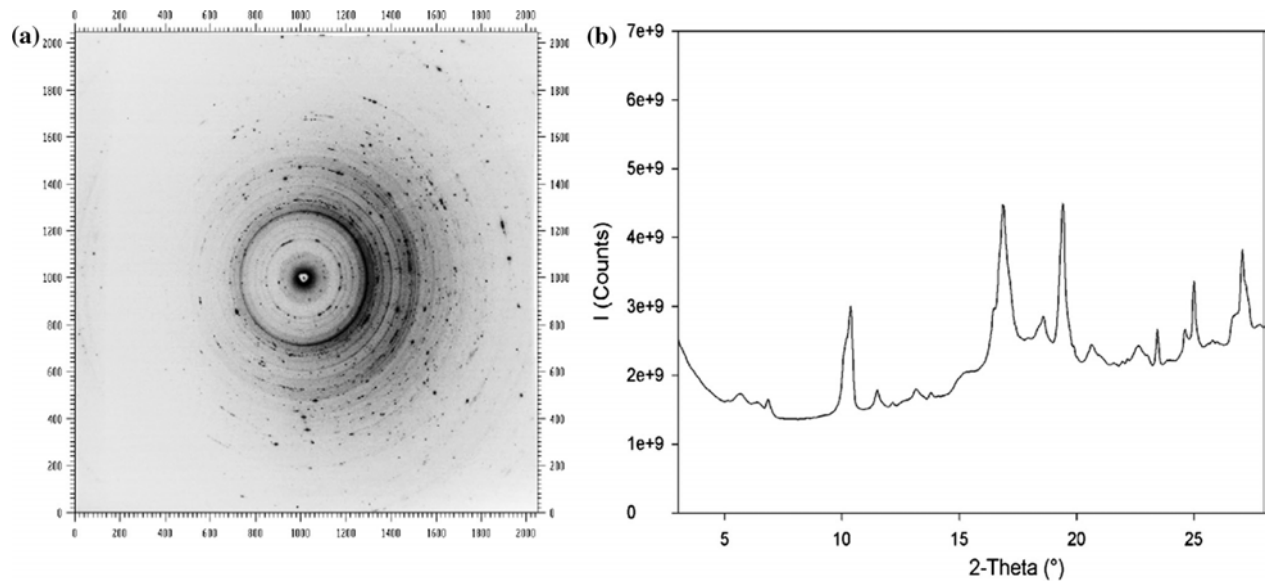


# Mineralogy can be studied with microXRD



Chert near the interface.

Mean peaks → quartz

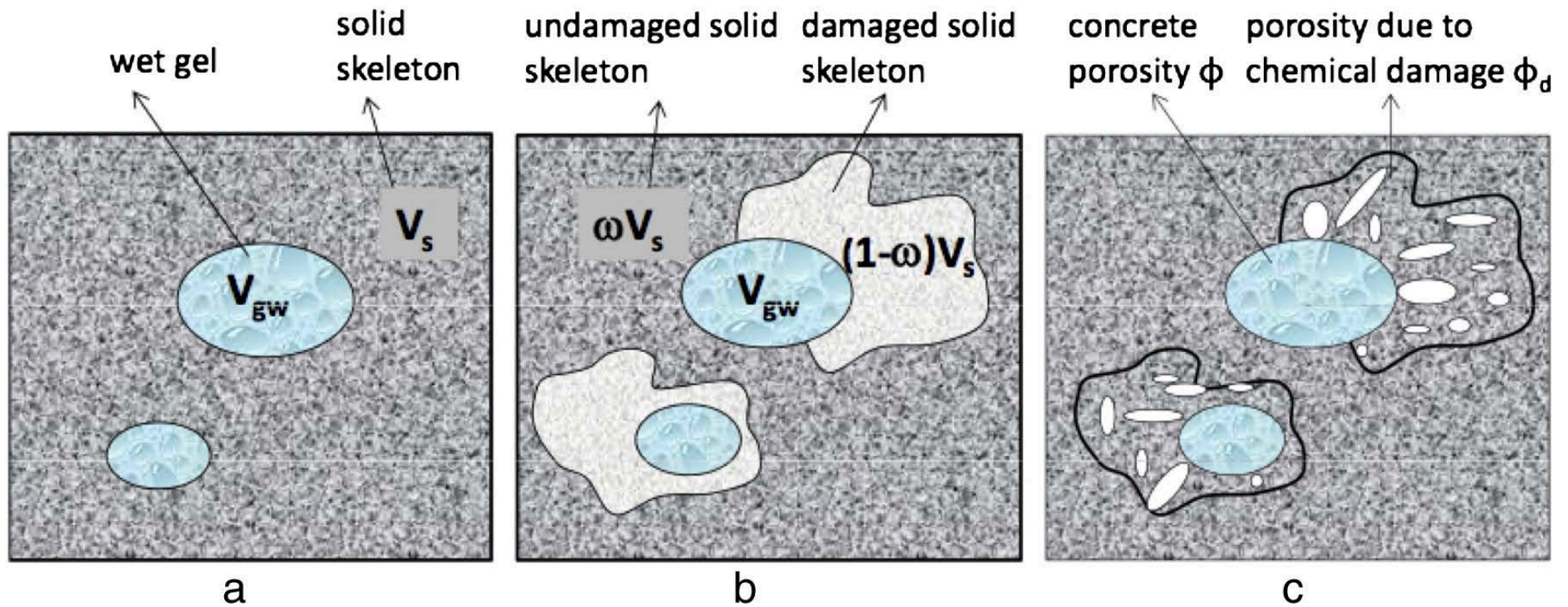


Chert near the interface.

Mean peaks → calcite

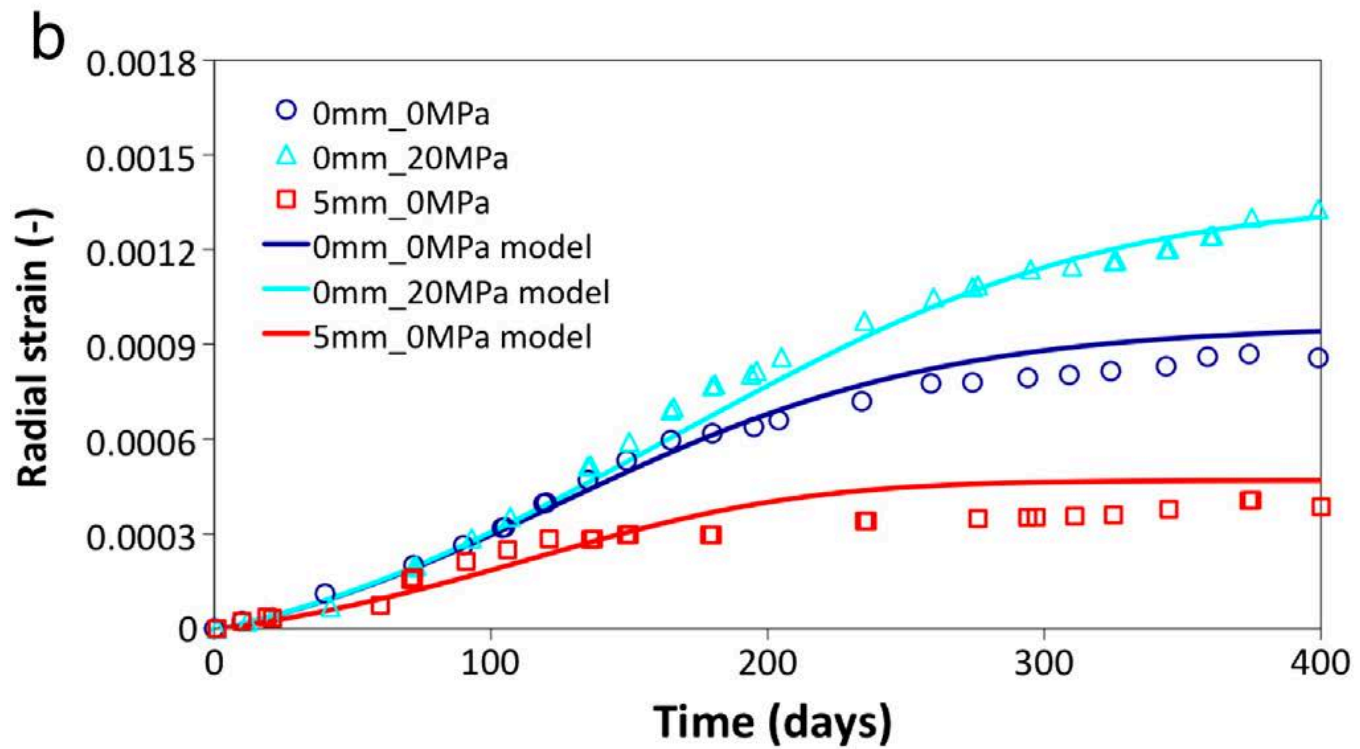
Quartz has dissolved away

# Poromechanical model with chemical and mechanical damage

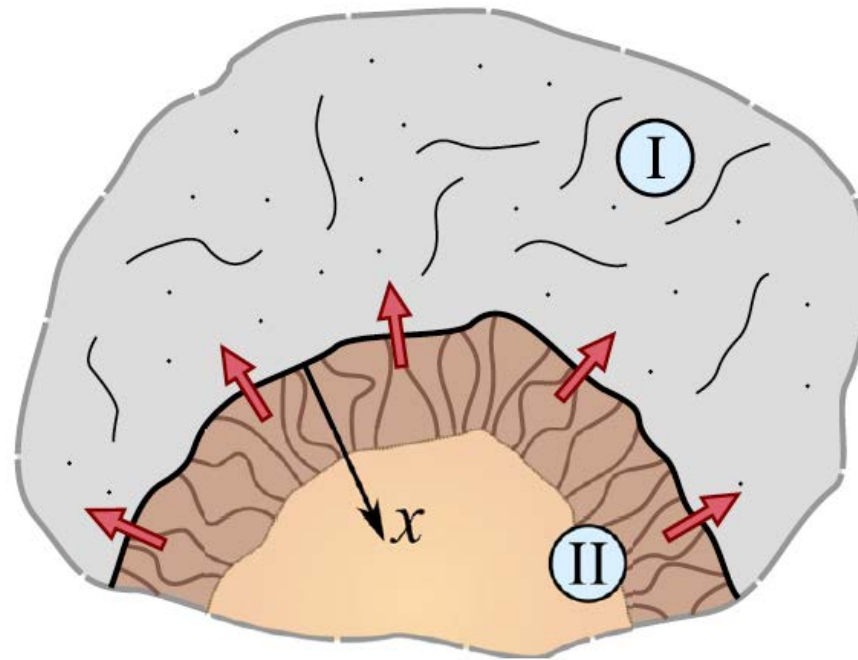




$$(1-d) = \frac{(1-D_{ch}) \left[ (1-\omega)K_s + Mb^2 \right] - Mb^2}{(1-\omega)K_s}$$



# Studies of shales at the nanoscale



- (I) a porous, fissurized matrix and
- (II) a kerogen inclusion with very low permeability



# A mathematical model of fluid and gas flow in nanoporous media

Paulo J. M. Monteiro<sup>a,b</sup>, Chris H. Rycroft<sup>c,d</sup>, and Grigory Isaakovich Barenblatt<sup>c,d,e,1</sup>

$$\partial_t p = \chi \partial_x (\partial_x p)^{m+1}, \quad \chi = \frac{A \rho_0}{\alpha \mu \phi}$$

for the case of weakly compressible fluid and

$$\partial_t p = \kappa \partial_x \left( p (\partial_x p)^{m+1} \right), \quad \kappa = \frac{A}{\mu \phi}$$

production rate per unit of area

$$Q = S j_n$$

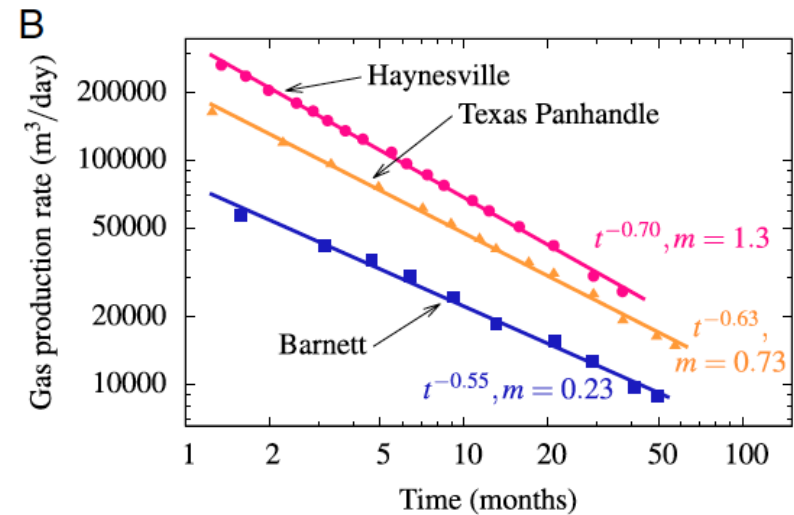
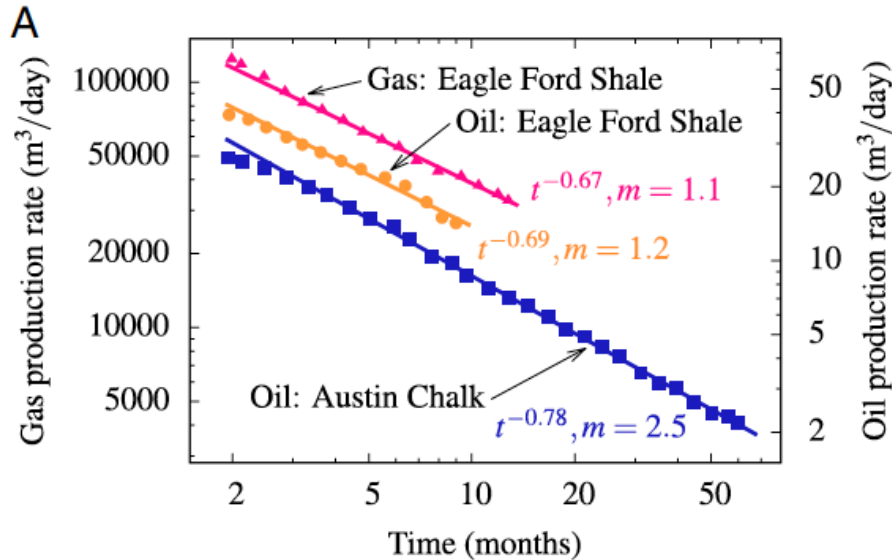
$$= S \rho_0 u_n = \frac{S \rho_0}{\mu} \left( \frac{df(0)}{d\xi} \right)^{m+1} \frac{P^{m+1}}{[\chi(t-t_0) P^m]^{(m+1)/(m+2)}}$$

$$= \frac{S A \rho_0}{\mu} P^{\frac{2(m+1)}{m+2}} [\chi(t-t_0)]^{-\frac{m+1}{m+2}} \left( \frac{df(0)}{d\xi} \right)^{m+1} .$$

- Finally, the production rate is given by:

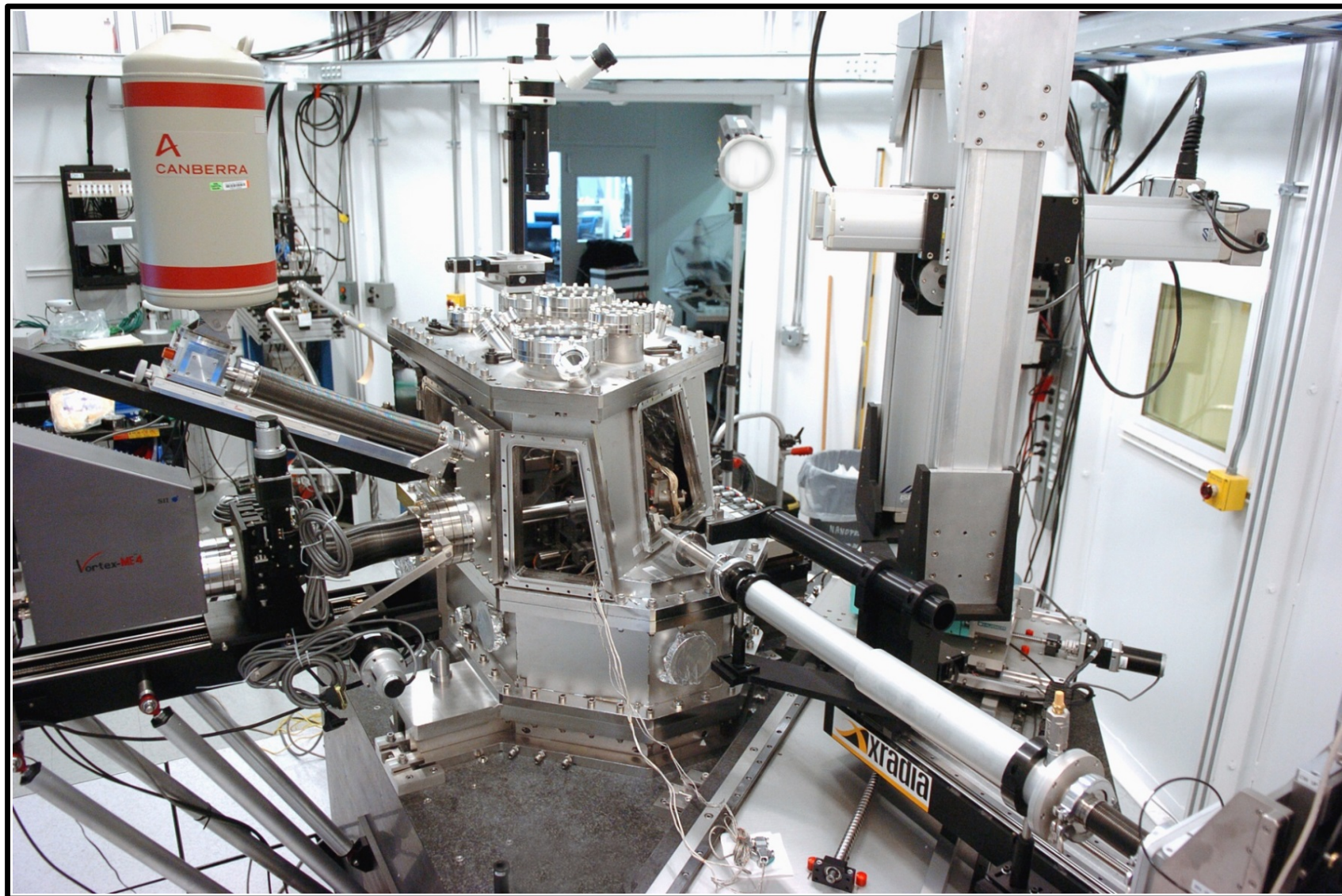
$$Q = \frac{SA\rho_0}{\mu} P_{m+2}^{m+1} [\kappa(t-t_0)]^{-\frac{m+1}{m+2}} \left( \frac{df(0)}{d\xi} \right)^{m+1}$$

$$Q \sim (t-t_0)^{-(m+1)/(m+2)}$$



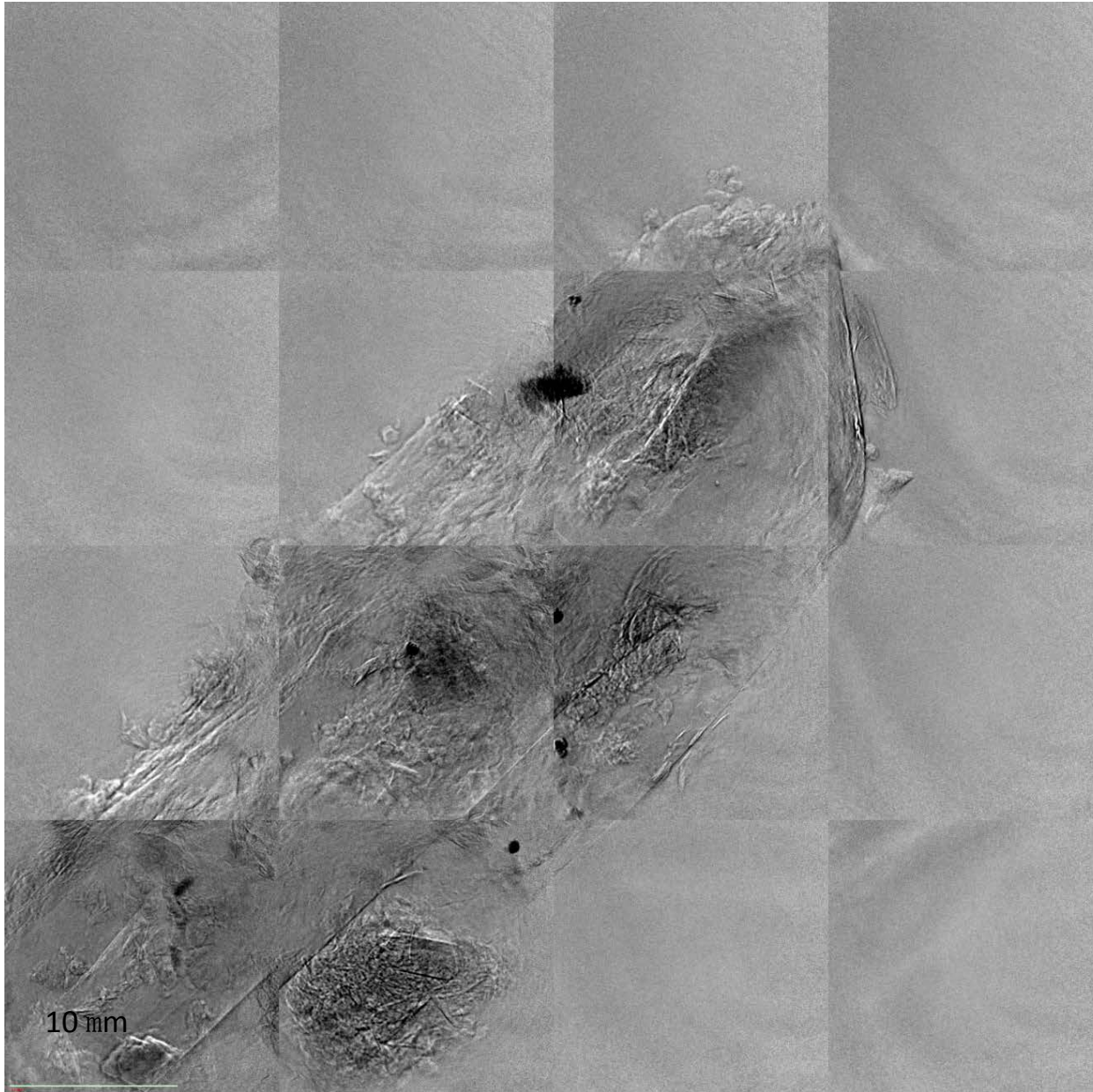


# Nanoprobe at APS



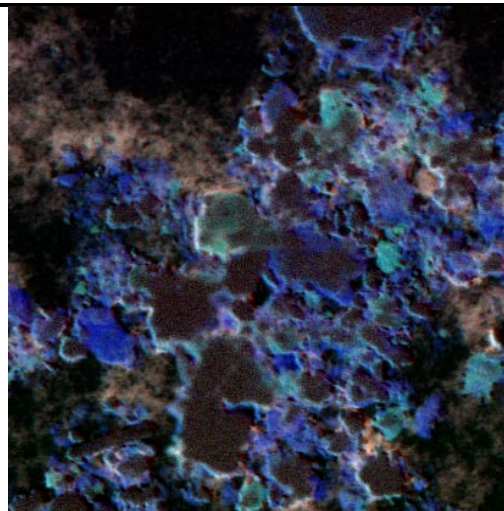
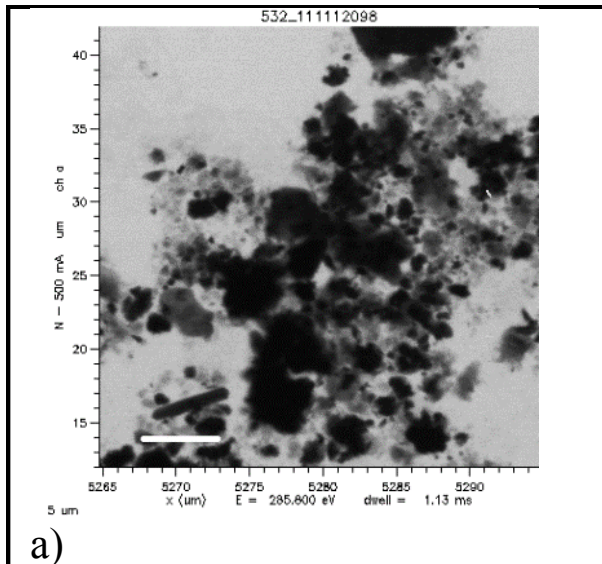


# Preliminary tests for shale



Imaging of shale using hard x-ray at APS. The images were stitched together to have a broad field of view of the particle. The pixel size was 16 nm with a spatial resolution of 30 nm.

# Distribution of kerogen in a shale

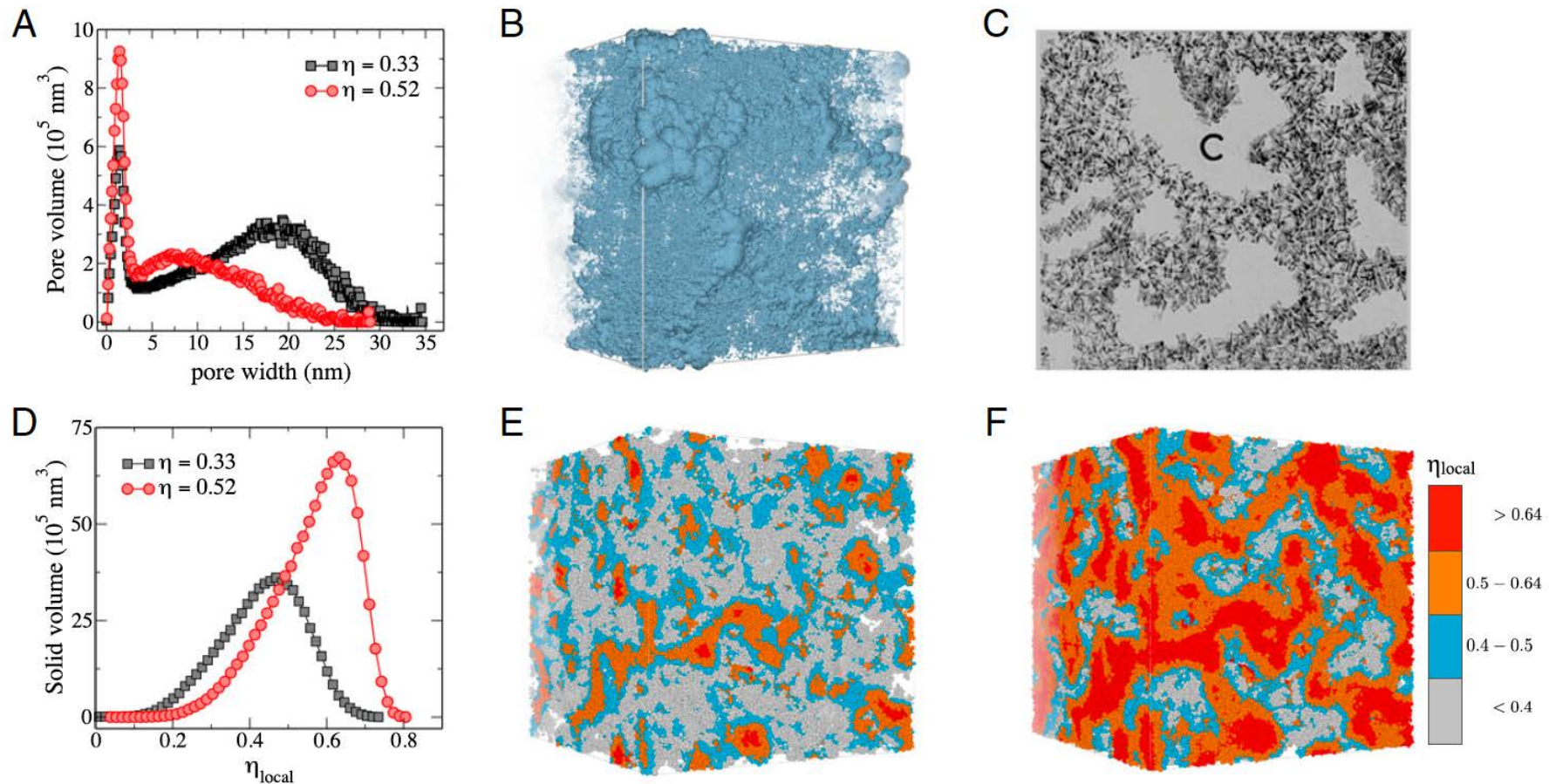


b)

Determination of the connectivity of organic matter in shales a) absorption image of shale. At this energy it is not possible to identify the various phases in shale; b) Synchrotron radiation allows for the fine-tuning of photon energy so it is possible to create high-resolution mapping of the location of the kerogen. Red: "Kerosene" peak at 286.7, Green: 296eV, Blue: "Shale" peak at 297eV.



# Importance of the mesoscale

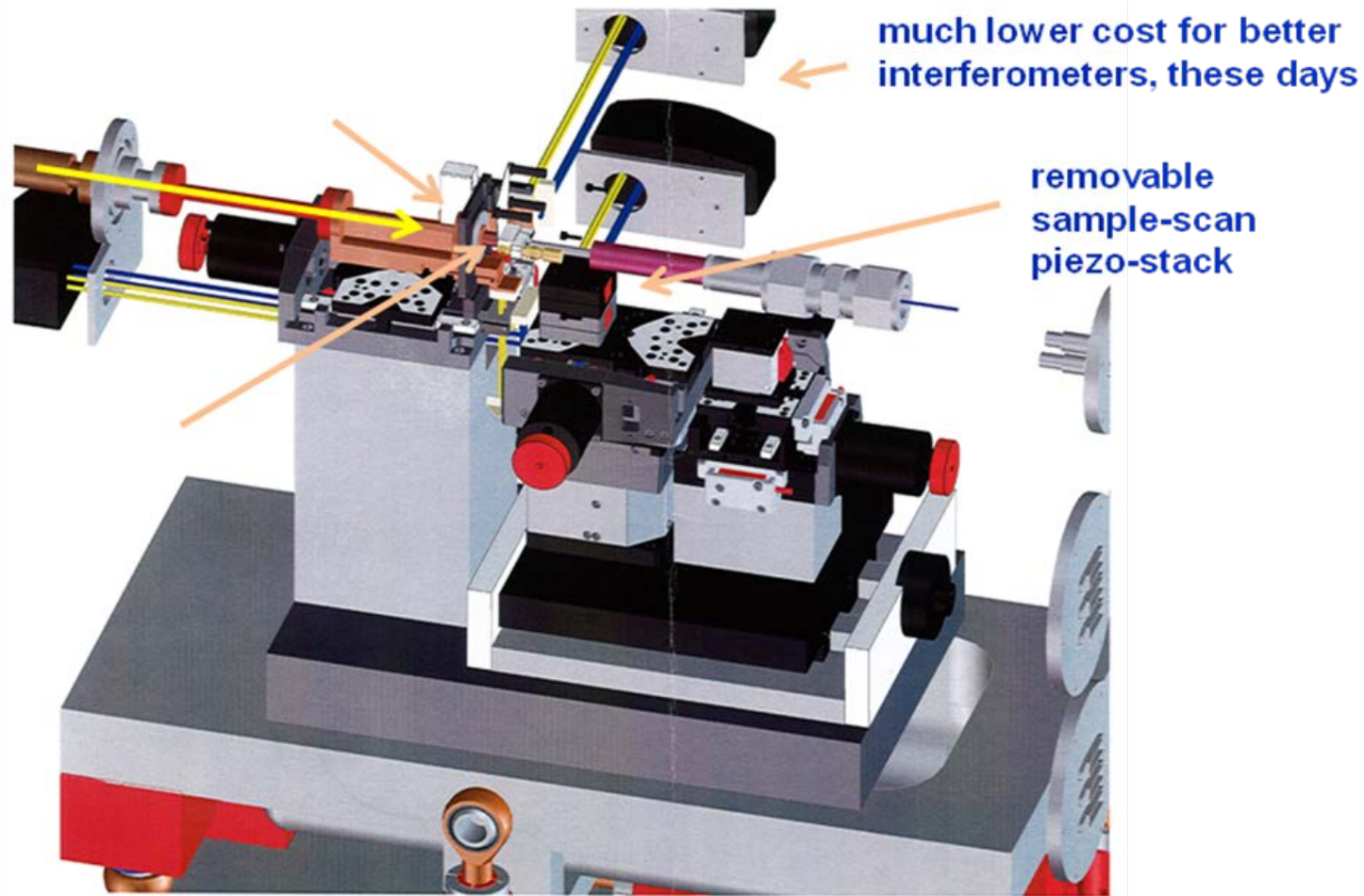


**Fig. 1.** (A) PSDs for  $\eta=0.33$  and  $\eta=0.52$ . (B) Close-up view of the pore network for a sample with porosity  $\phi=0.48$ , where  $\phi=1-\eta$ . The box size is  $L = 195.22 \text{ nm}$ . (C) 2D schematic view of C-S-H. Reprinted from ref. 23. (D) Local volume fraction distributions  $\eta_{local}$  for  $\eta = 0.33$  and  $\eta = 0.52$ . (E) Snapshot of a sample with  $\eta = 0.33$  and (F) snapshot of a sample with  $\eta = 0.52$  (the colors indicate  $\eta_{local}$  and  $L = 585.54 \text{ nm}$ ).

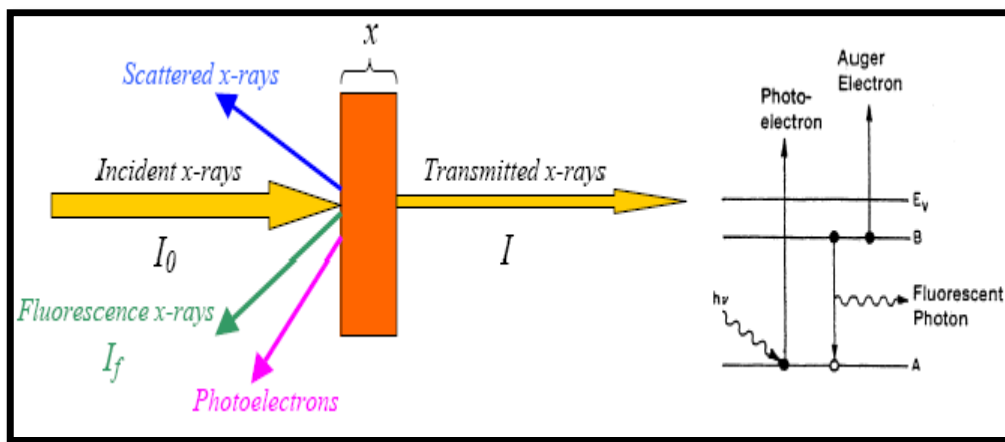
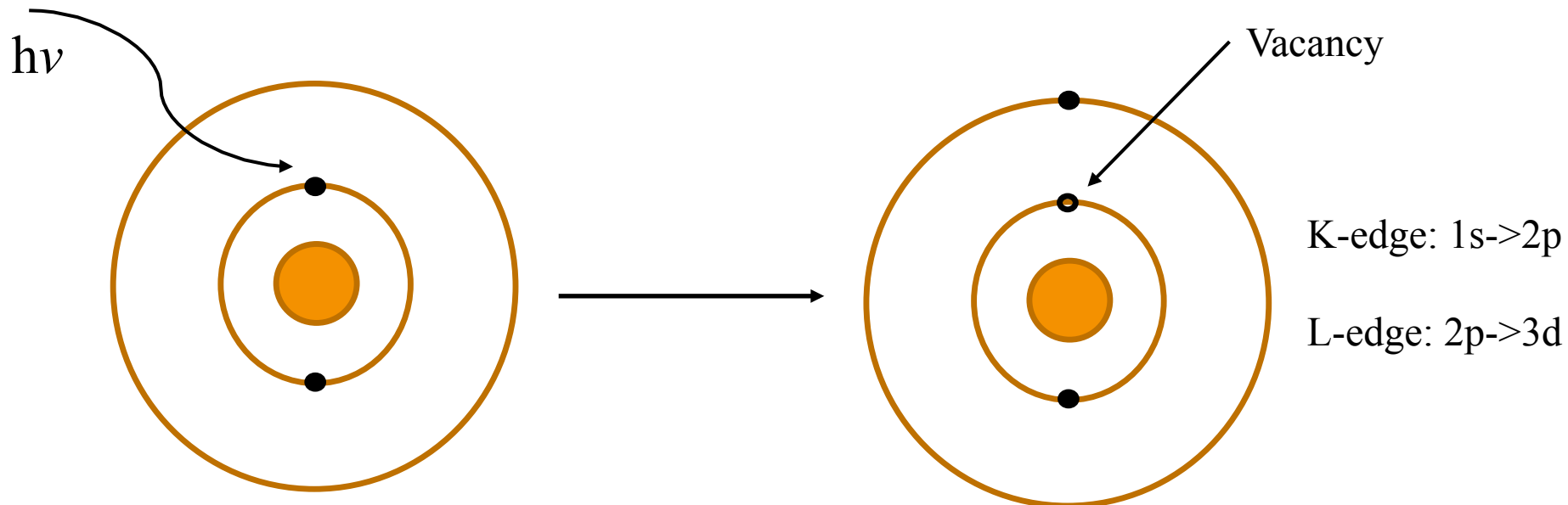
# Nanoscale Characterization

- Spectromicroscopy
- Very high spatial resolution  
nanoCT

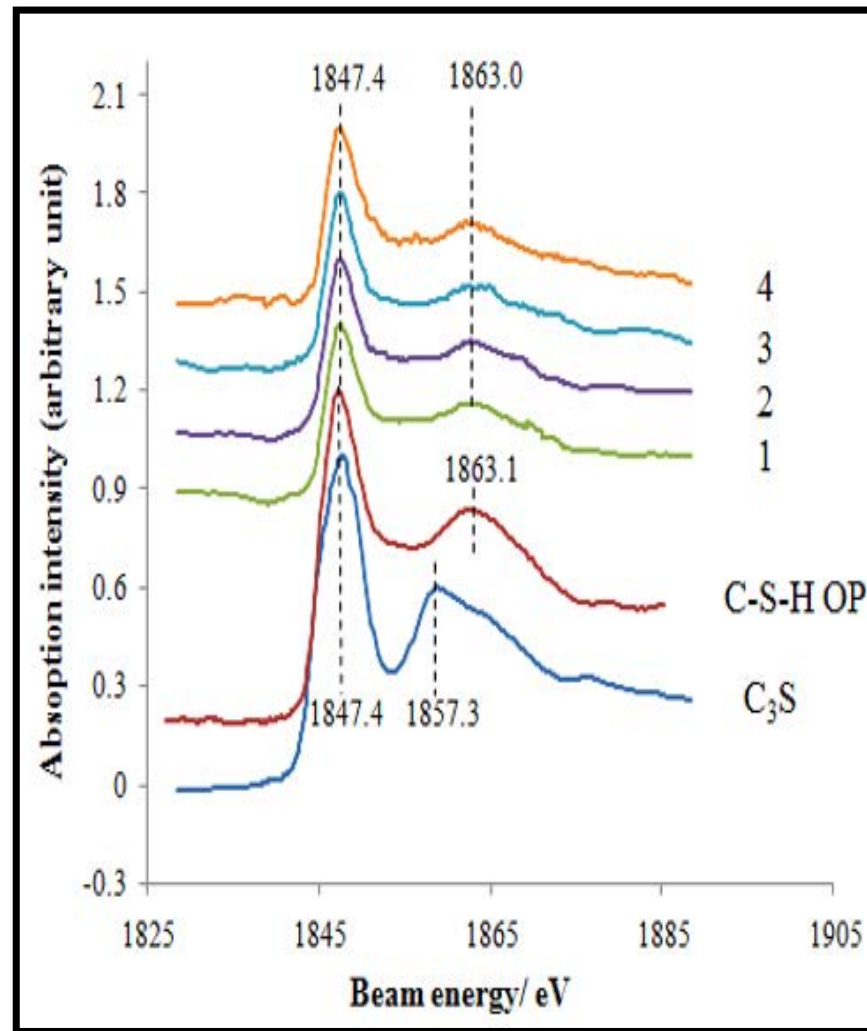
# Scanning Transmission X-ray microscopy (STXM)





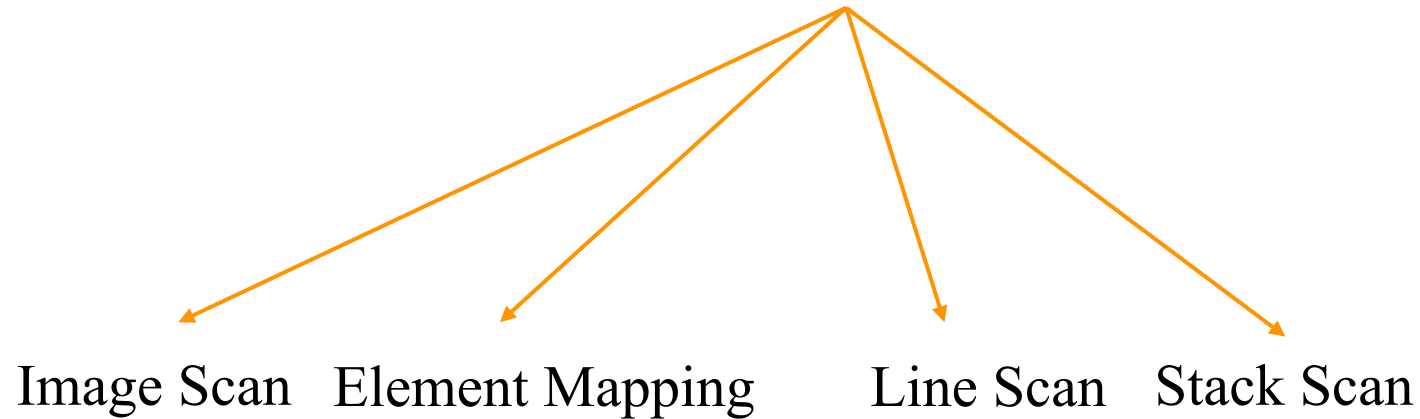


# Absorption Edges



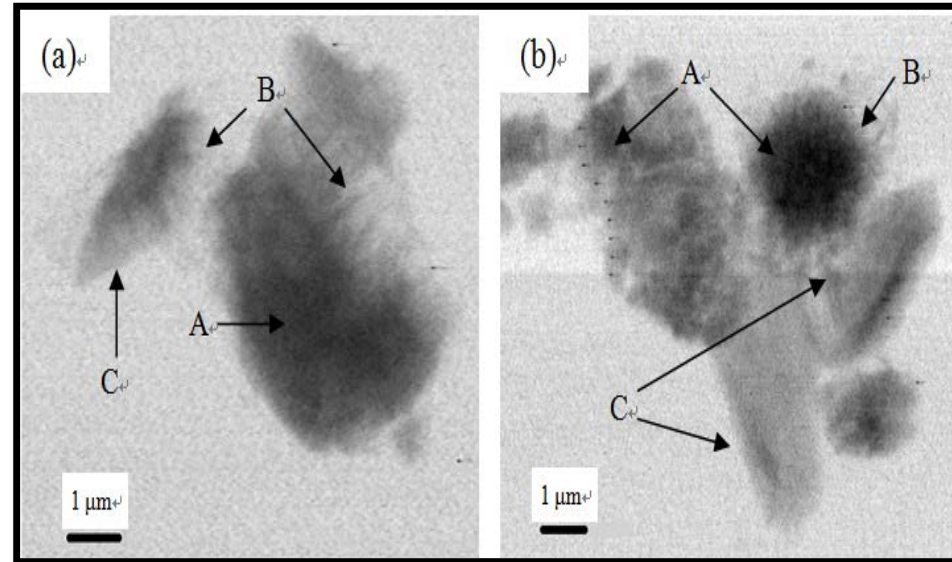
# Cement Chemistry at Nanoscale

## SCANNING MODE

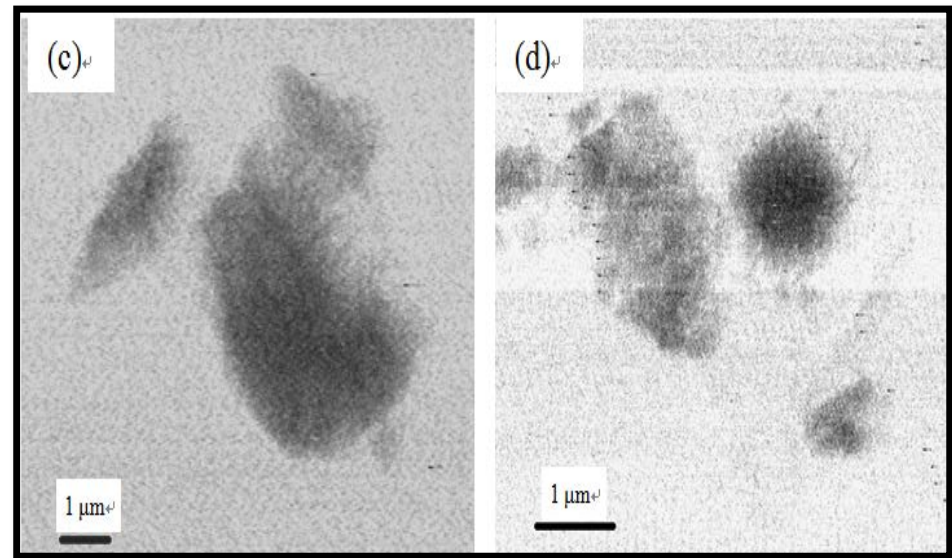




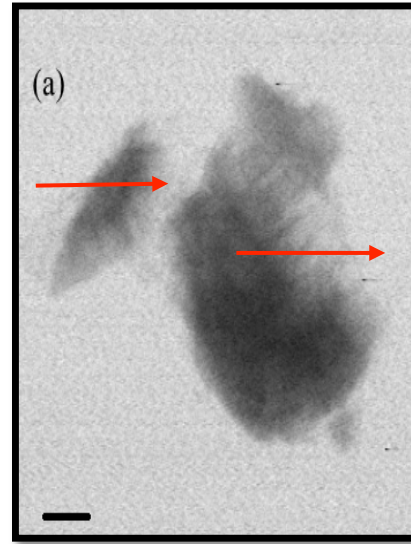
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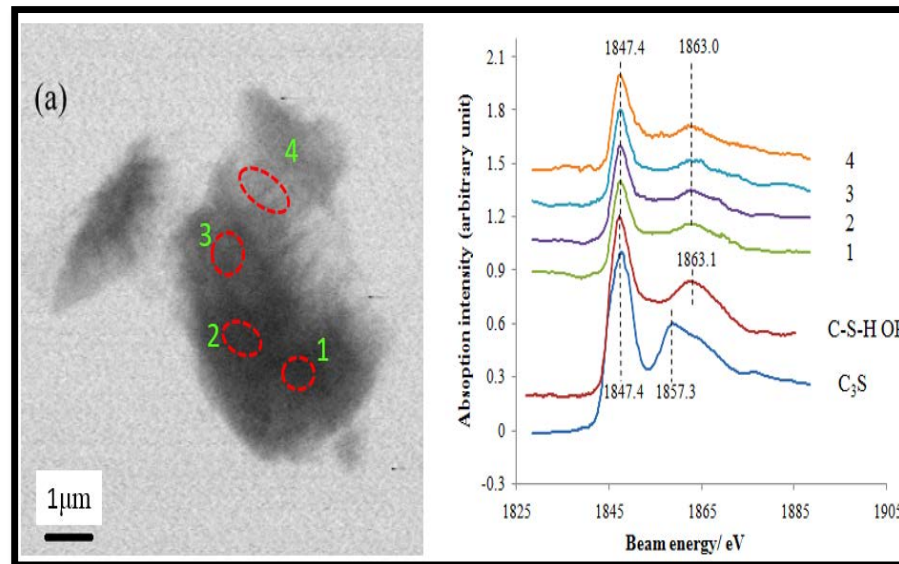
# Element Mapping



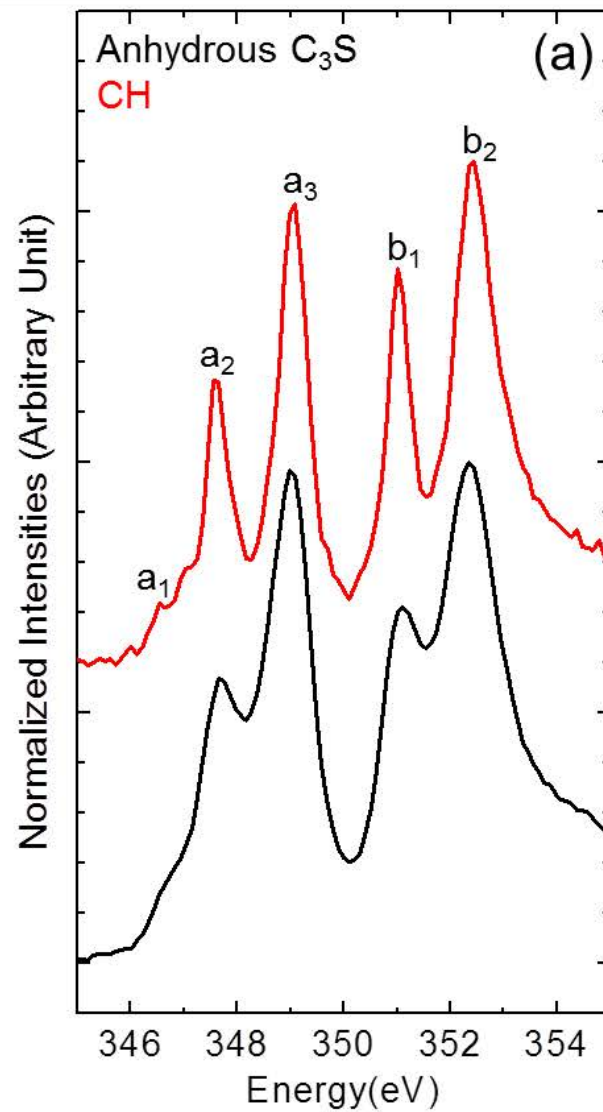
# Line Scan



# Stack Scan

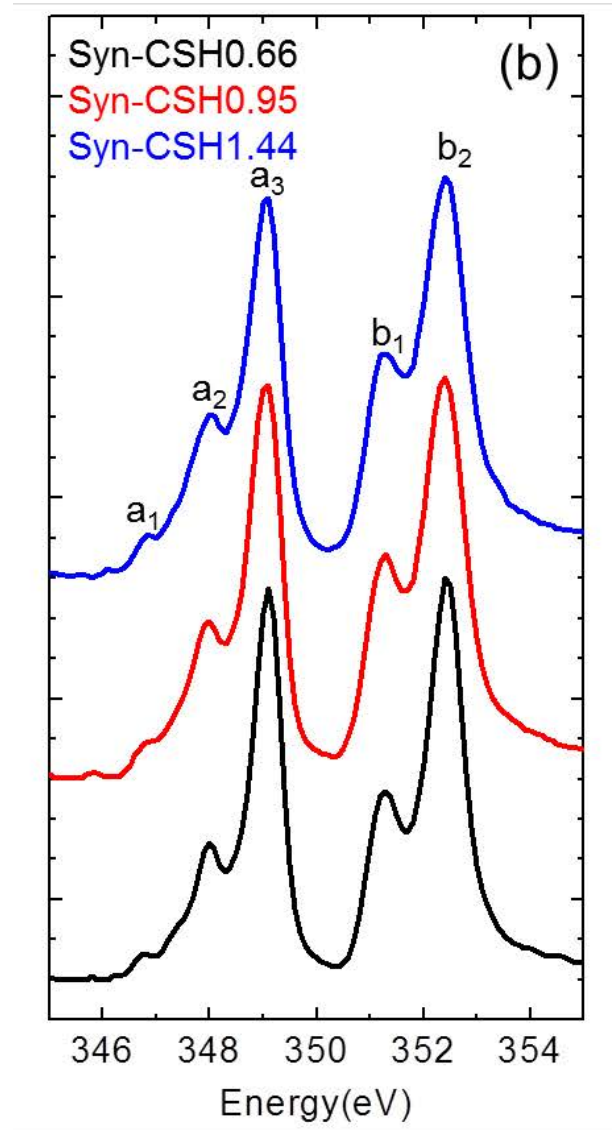


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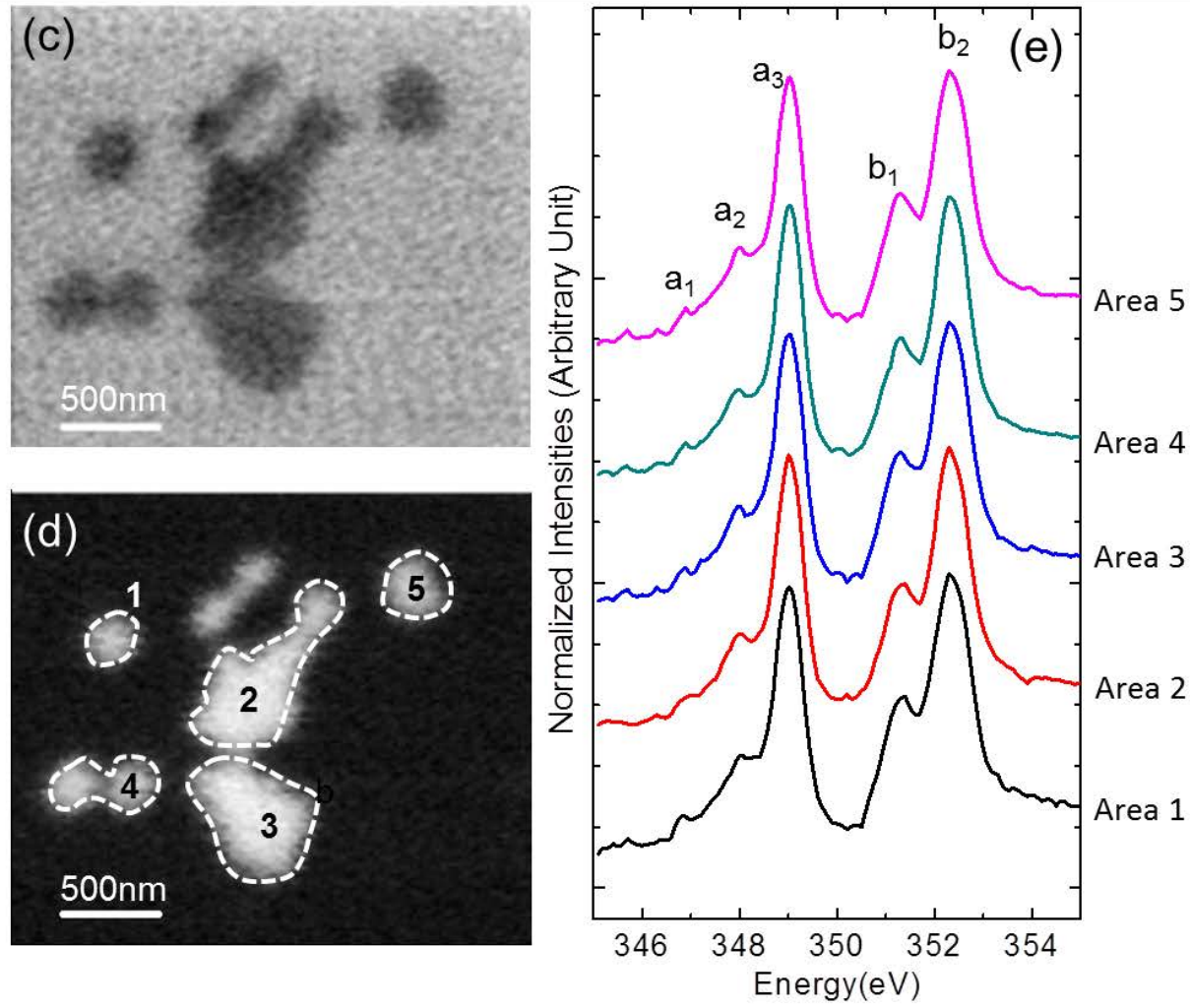




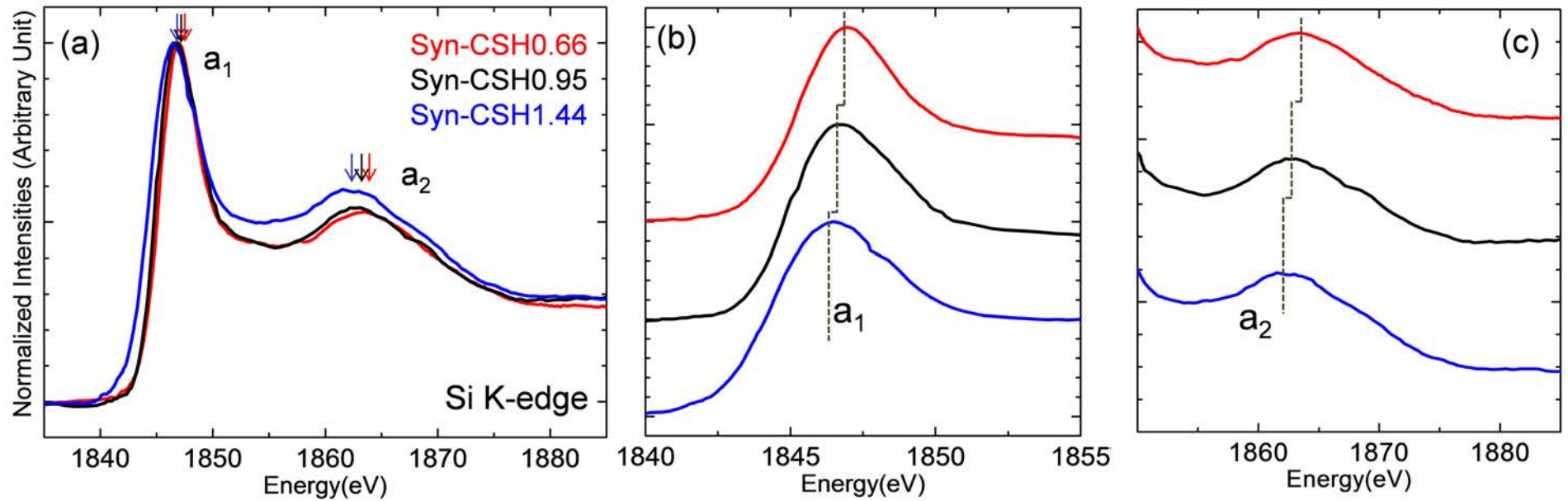
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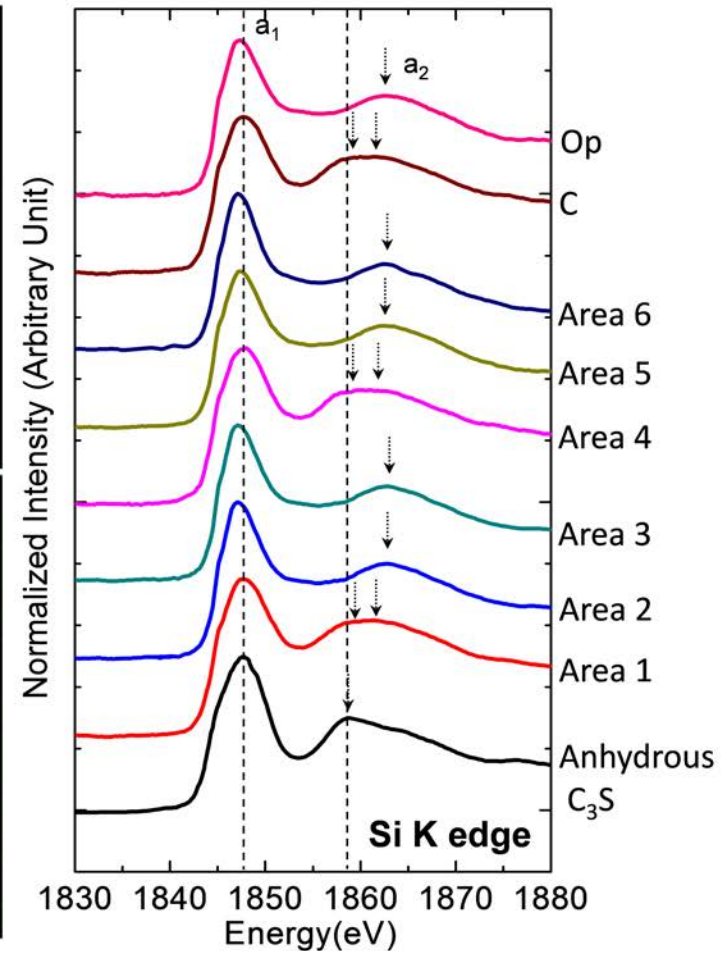
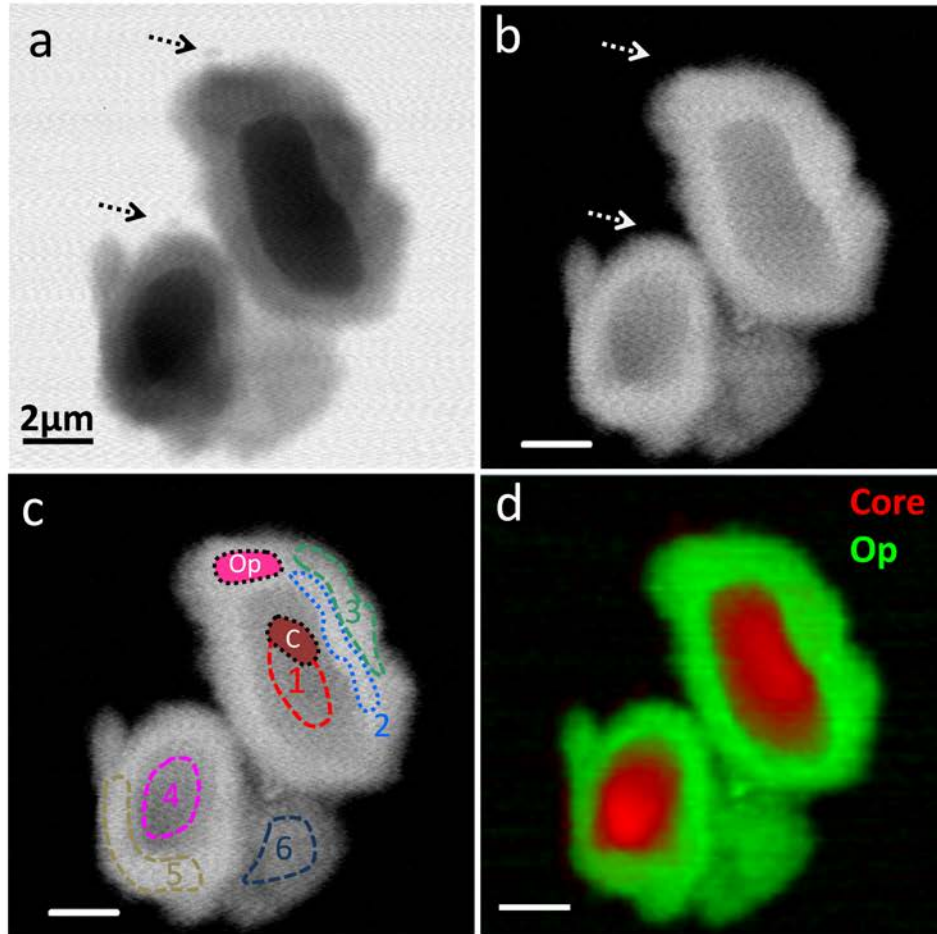


# Study of the Si-edge for reference materials



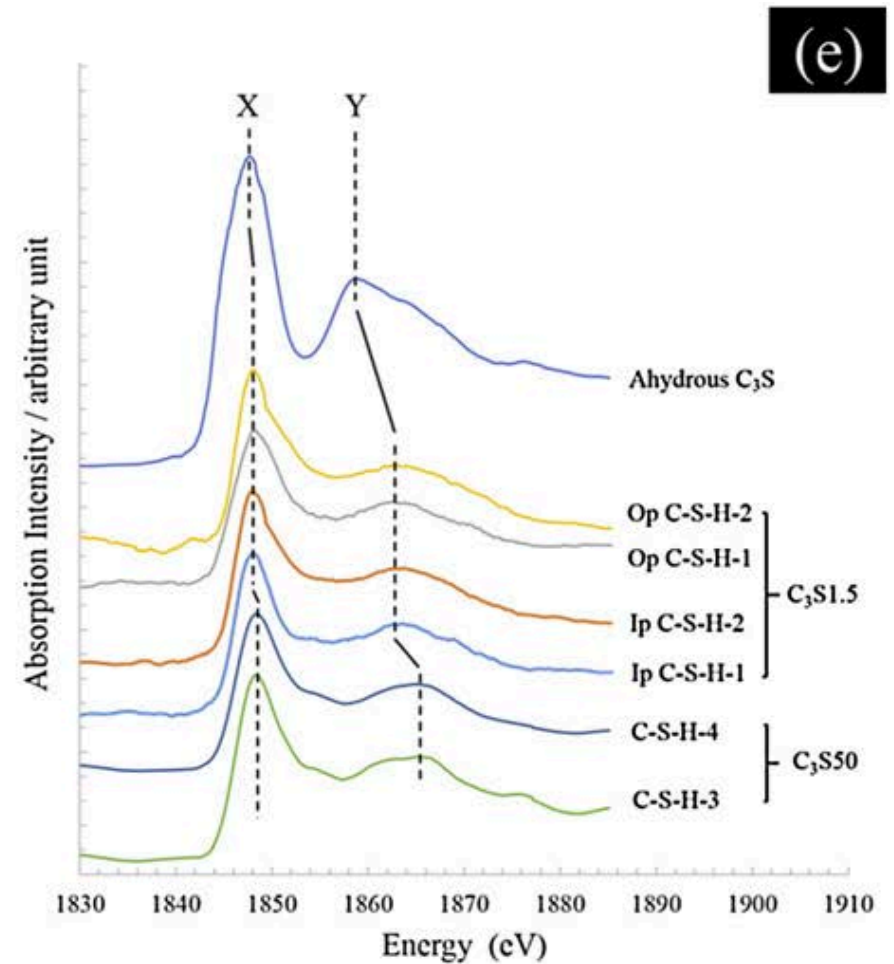
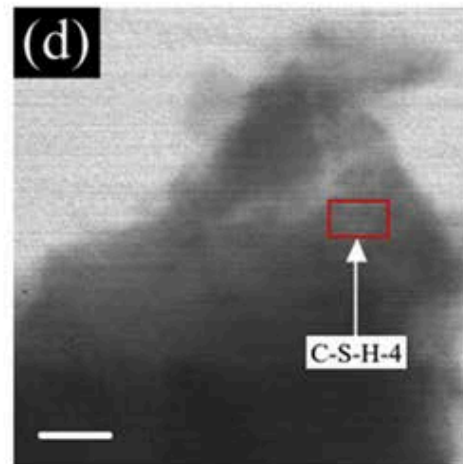
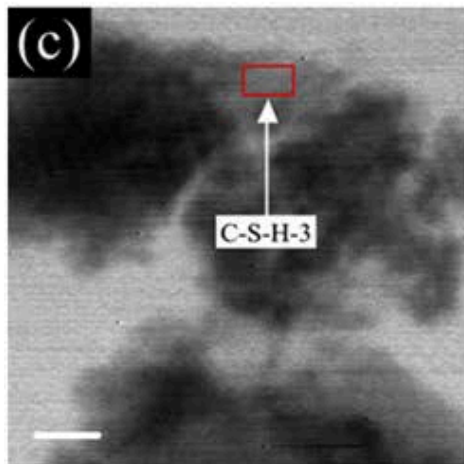
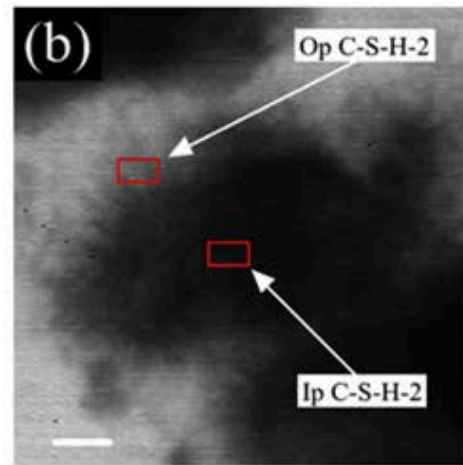
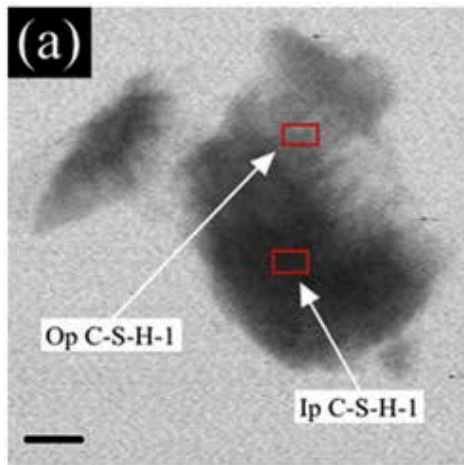


# Hydrated $C_3S$ (17day old sample)



# Older $C_3S$ samples

1.5 years



50 years

Energy difference,  $\Delta E$ , between minor and major peak at Si K-edge.

	Sample	X (eV)	Y (eV)	$\Delta E$ (eV)	Hydration time (years)
	C <sub>3</sub> S	1847.7	1858.9	11.2	0
C <sub>1</sub> S1.5	Ip C-S-H-1	1848.1	1860.9	12.8	1.5
	Ip C-S-H-2	1848.1	1860.9	12.8	1.5
	Op C-S-H-1	1848.1	1861.1	13.0	1.5
	Op C-S-H-2	1848.1	1861.1	13.0	1.5
	C <sub>3</sub> S50	C-S-H-3	1848.3	1864.8	16.5
	C-S-H-4	1848.3	1864.8	16.5	50

Quantity of Si anions in each environment as a percentage obtained from integration of the peak areas.

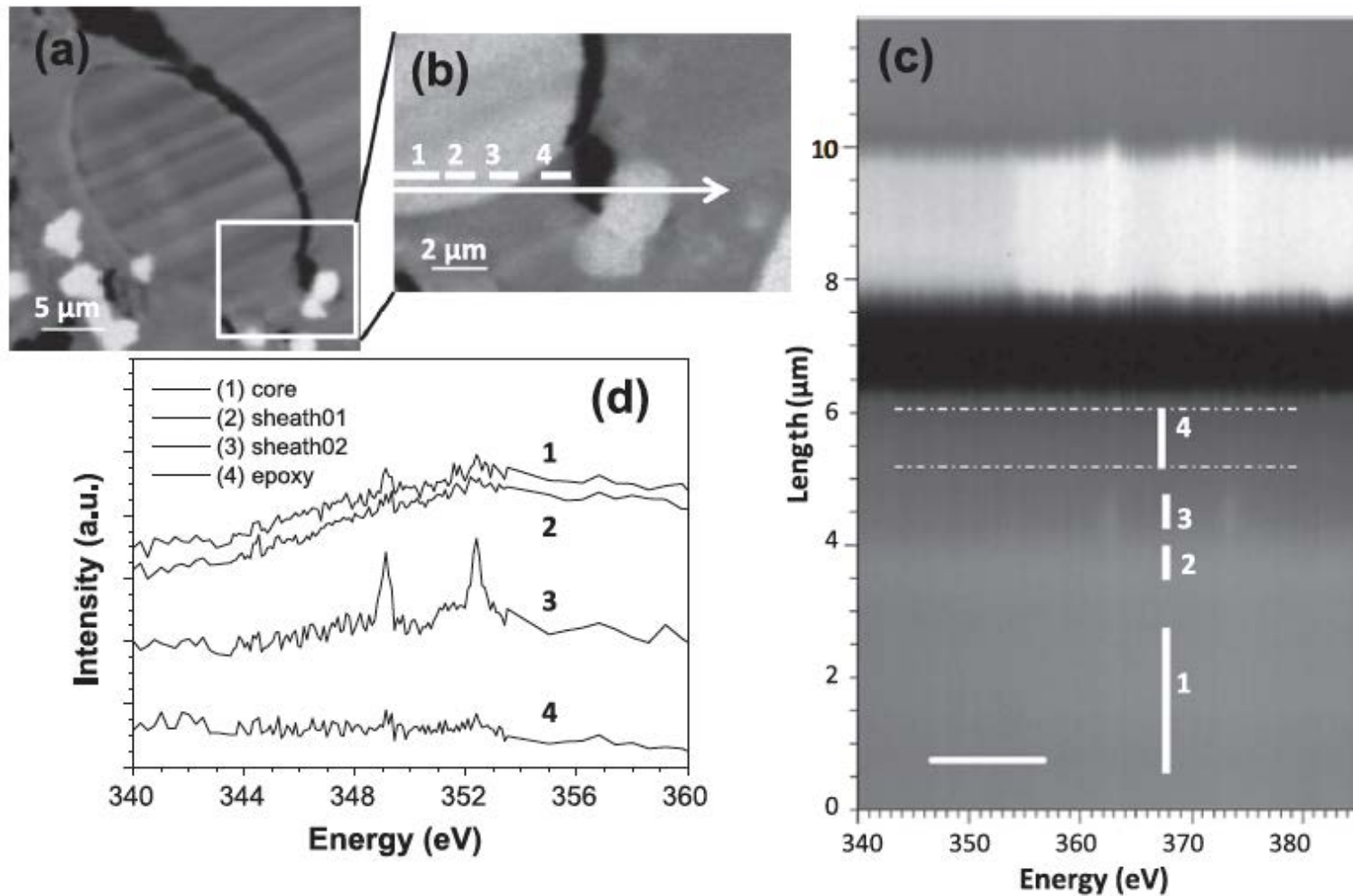
Data from 12 h to 26 years are from Rodger [9].

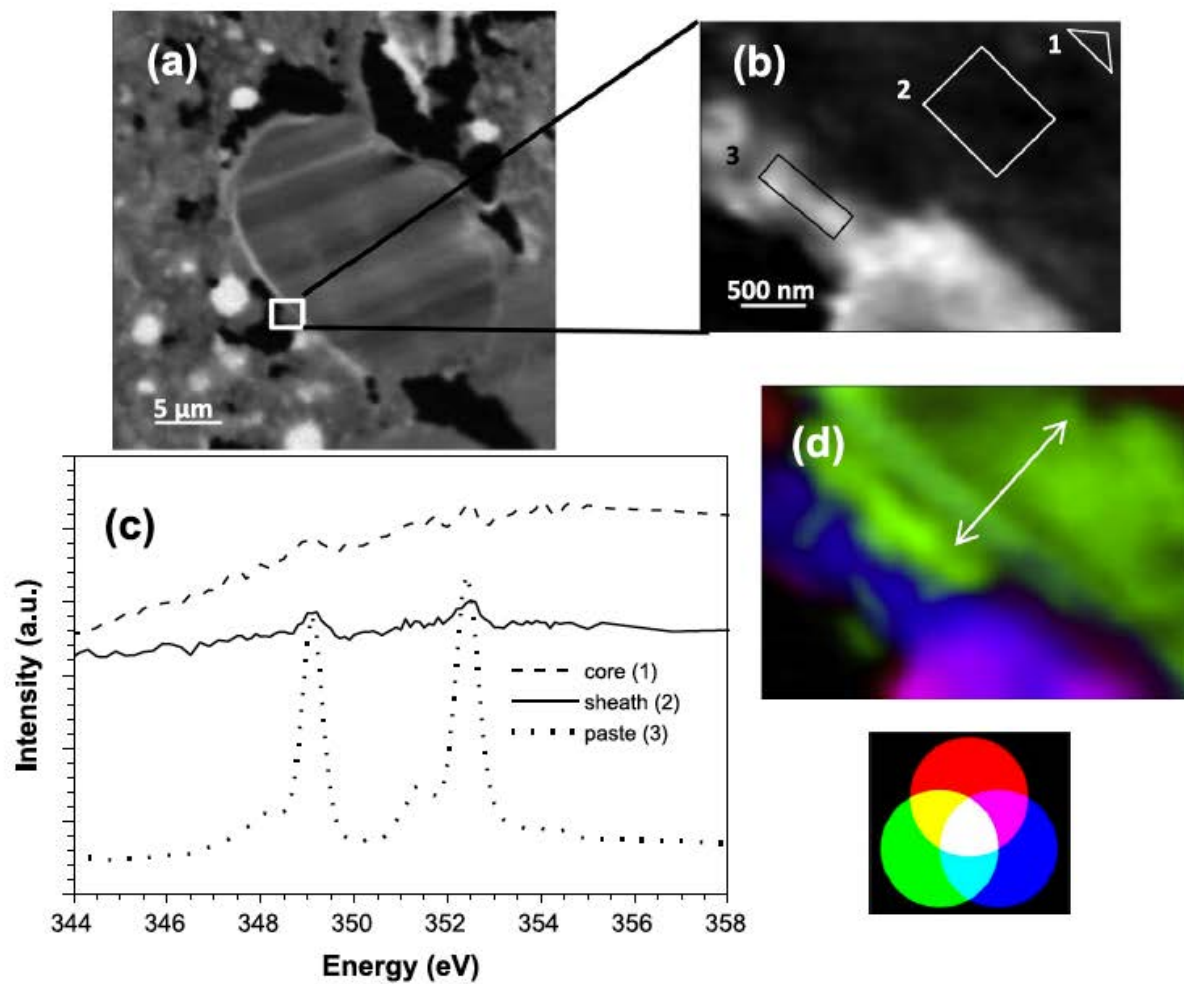
Age	Q <sup>0</sup>	Q <sup>1</sup>	Q <sup>2</sup>	MCL
12 h	89	11.0	0.0	2.00
1 day	68	30.0	2.0	2.13
7 days	48	43.0	9.0	2.42
14 days	33	52.0	15.0	2.58
1 month	30	53.0	17.0	2.64
3 months	18	62.0	20.0	2.65
6 months	14	65.0	21.0	2.65
1 year	10	55.0	35.0	3.27
2 years	6	52.0	42.0	3.62
26 years	0	42.0	58.0	4.76
50 years	0	47.9	52.1	4.18



# Interactions between bi-polymer fiber/matrix

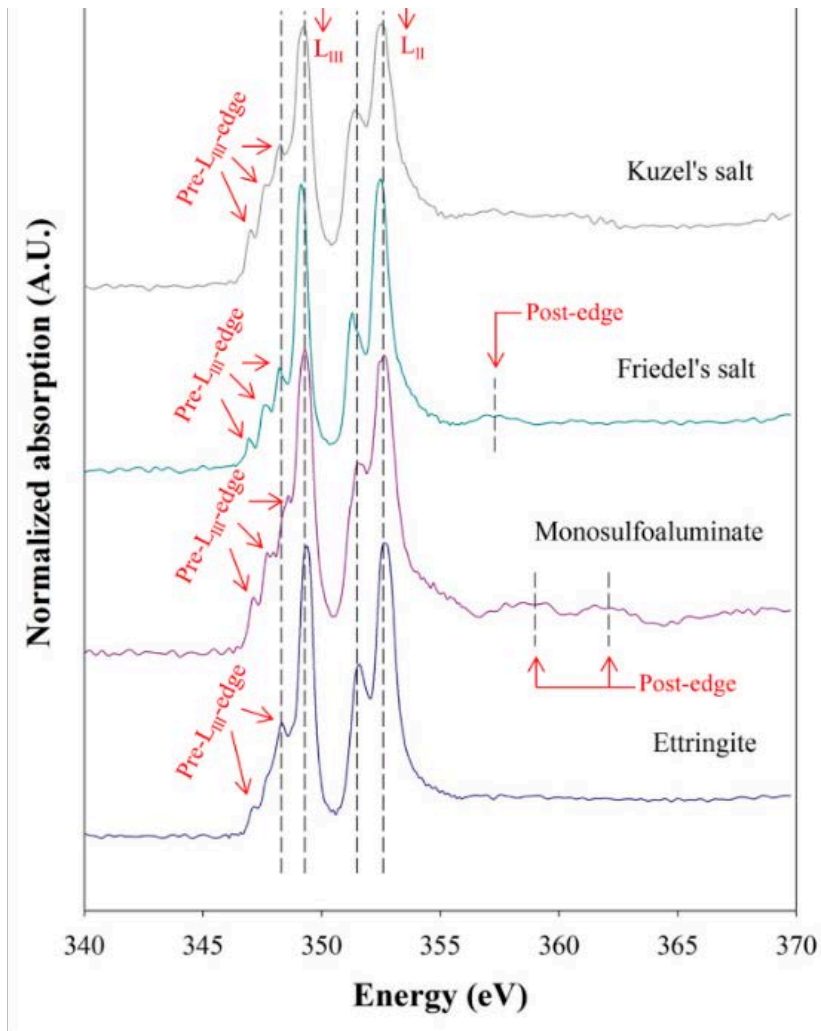
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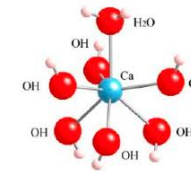
**Fig. 7.** (a) An OD image showing the area where a Ca image stack was obtained; (b) the OD image extracted from the image stack showing the three areas where the NEXAFS spectra were extracted (c) the NEXAFS spectra extracted for the three areas representing the PP core (1), the EAA sheath (2), and the clear and strong spectra of the HCP area (3); and (d) the RGB composite map showing the PP core in red, the EAA sheath in green, and the HCP in blue. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

# What about Afm and Aft?



Mineral Name	AFm Phase			Aft Phase	
	Friedel's Salt	Kuzel's Salt	Monosulfoaluminate	Ettringite	
Intensity ratio	$a_2/a_1$	2.77	1.36	1.87	2.56
	$b_2/b_1$	1.86	1.23	1.93	1.70
Peak position (eV)	Pre-L <sub>III</sub> -edge	346.9	347.0	347.1	347.2
	L <sub>III</sub> -edge	347.6	347.6	347.8	348.3
	Pre-L <sub>II</sub> -edge	348.2	348.3	348.6	349.4
	L <sub>II</sub> -edges	349.2	349.2	349.3	351.6
	Post-edge	351.3	351.37	351.6	351.6
		352.5	352.57	352.6	352.6
		357.3	N.D.	359.0362.1	N.D.

Atomic distribution in the first shell of Ca

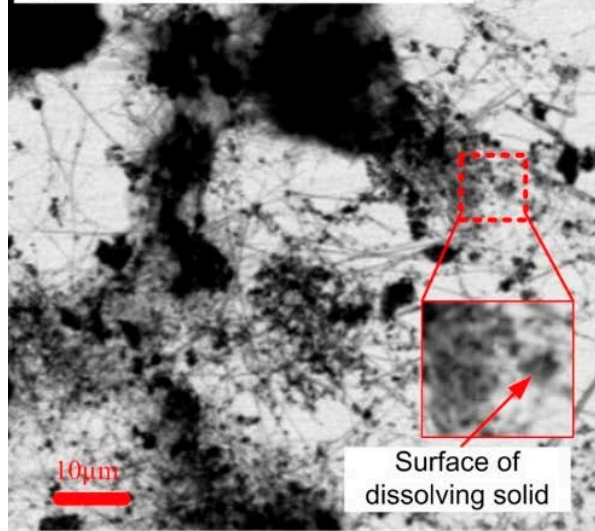


N.D.: Not Detected.

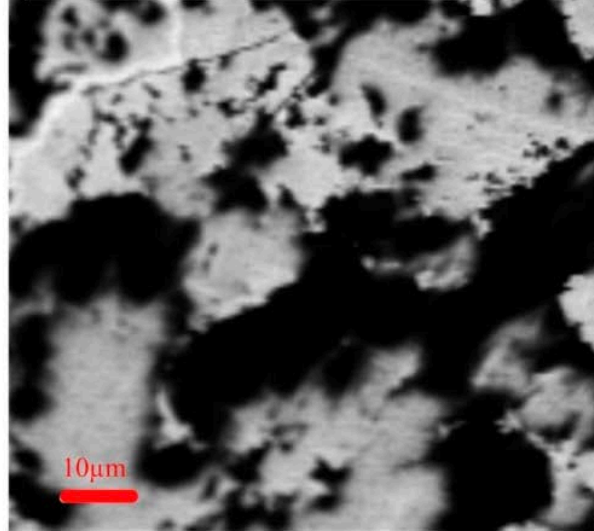


# STXM images of NaCl-reacted monosulfoaluminate samples

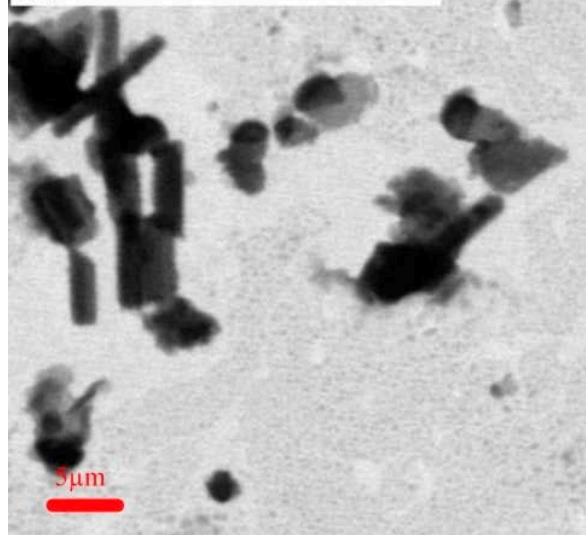
(a) 0.1M NaCl-Monosulfoaluminate



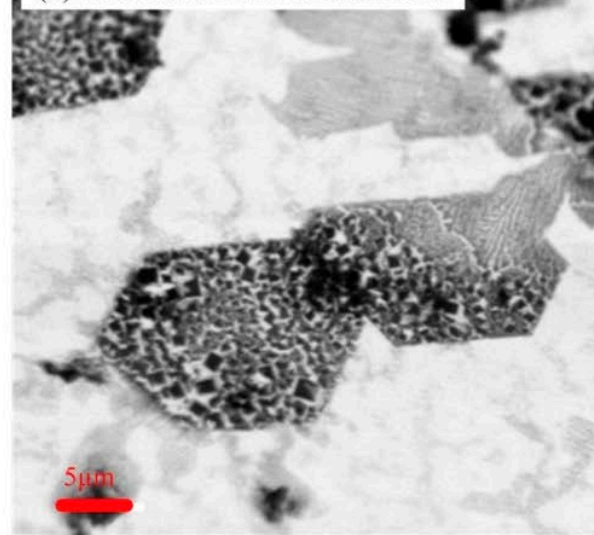
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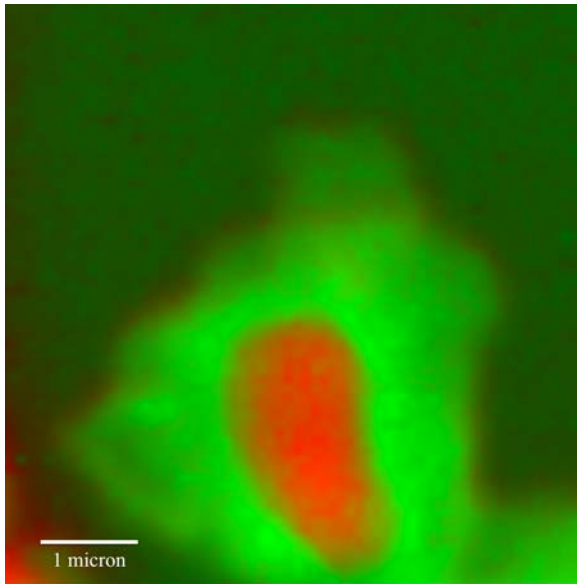
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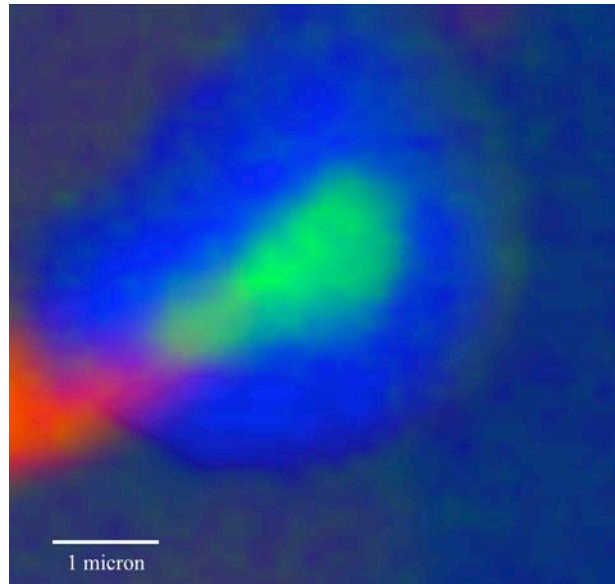
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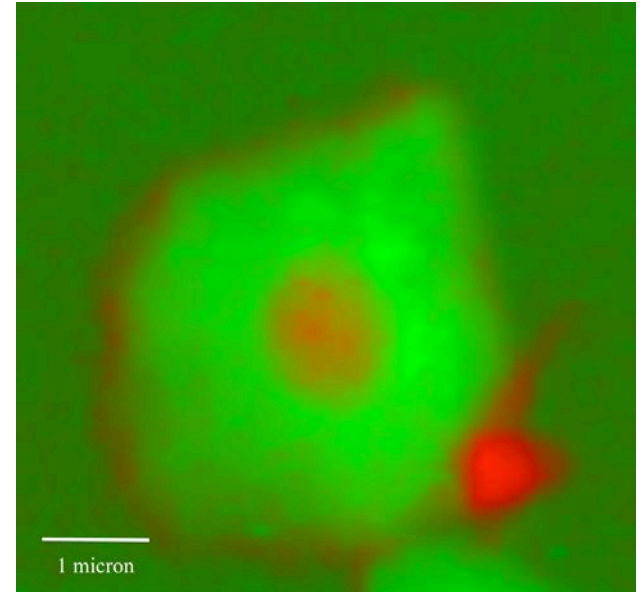
# Effect of chemical admixtures



C<sub>3</sub>S (reference)



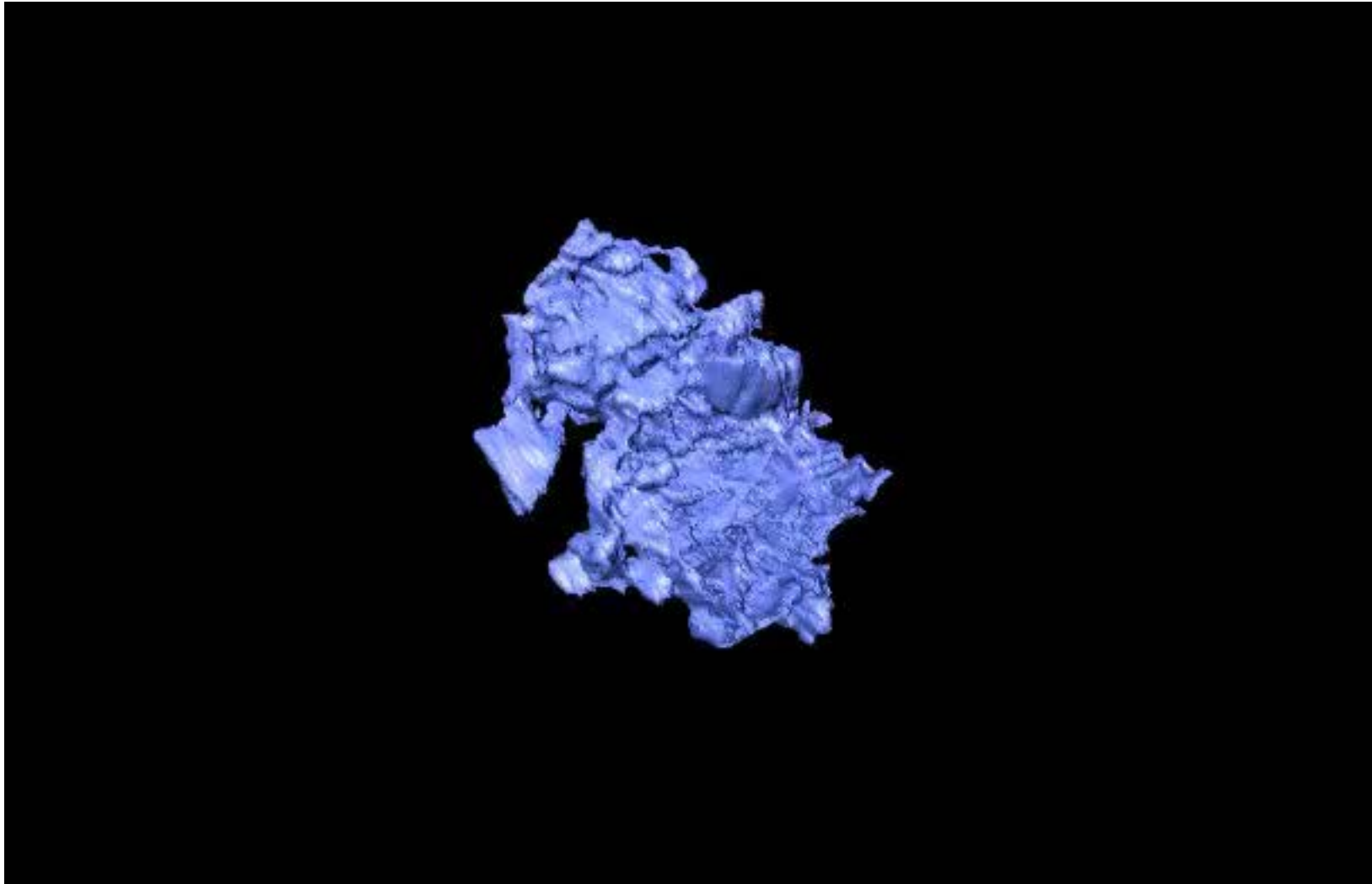
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C<sub>3</sub>S + PCE

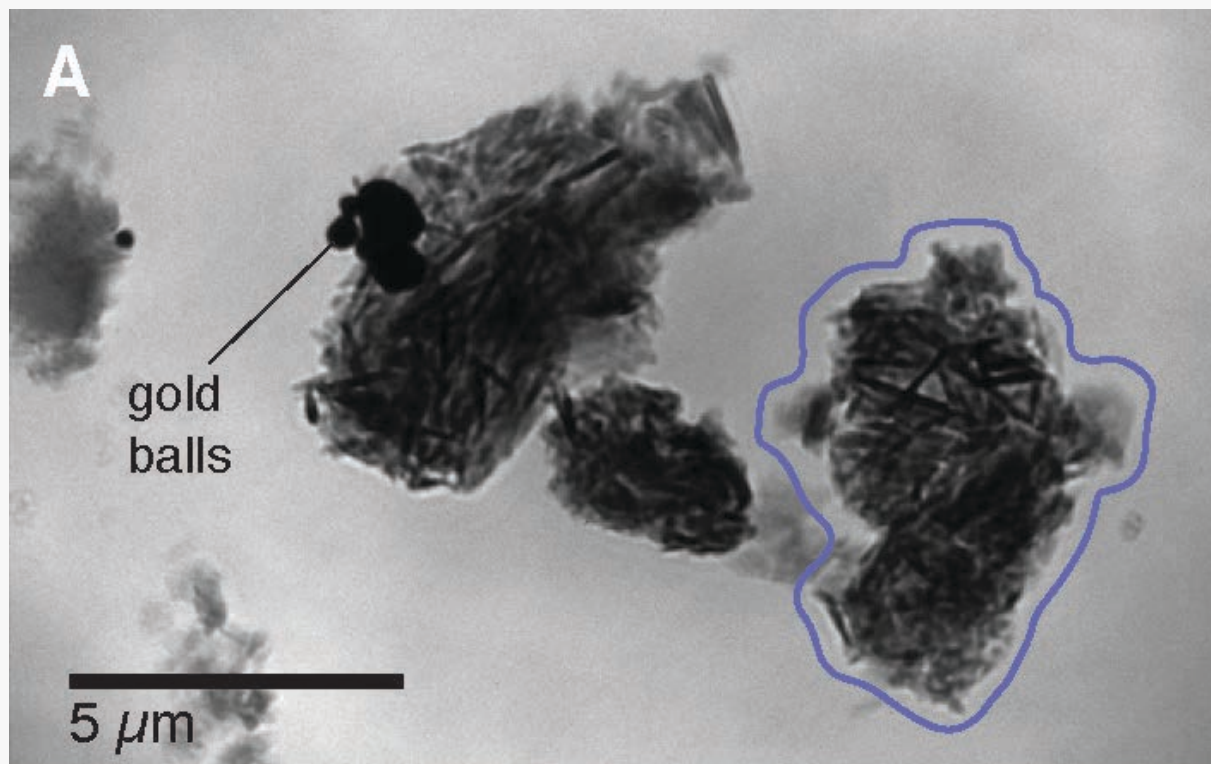
# **Towards very high spatial resolution nanotomography**

# Soft X-ray nanotomography work done at BESSY, Berlin



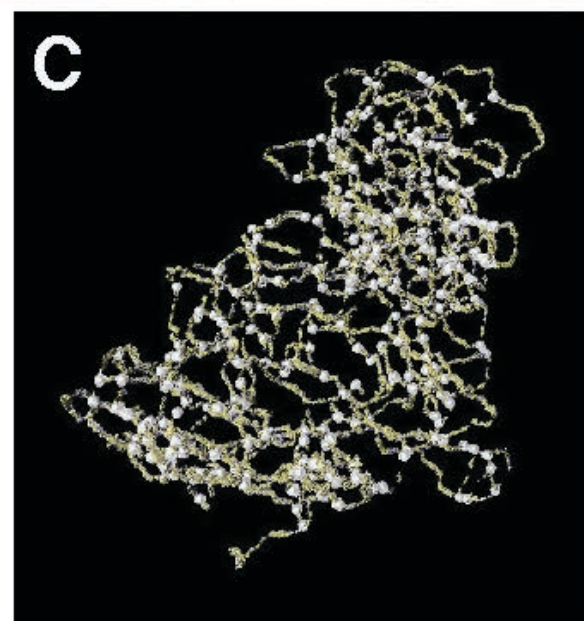
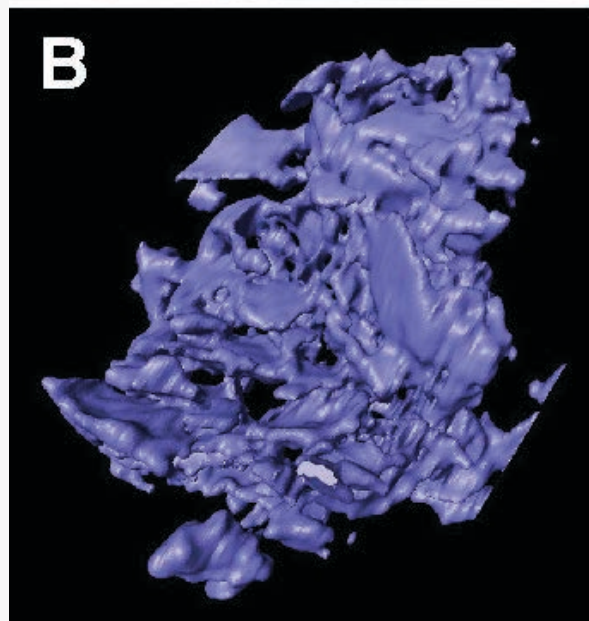
Jackson et al. JACers, 2013.





## Soft X-Ray Nanotomography

Work done at  
BESSY, Berlin



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Ceramics Society, AUG 2013.

# Bridging the gap from nano to micro length scales

## Application of the 2D Fourier slice theorem:

Consider one projection  $A(x,y)$ ;

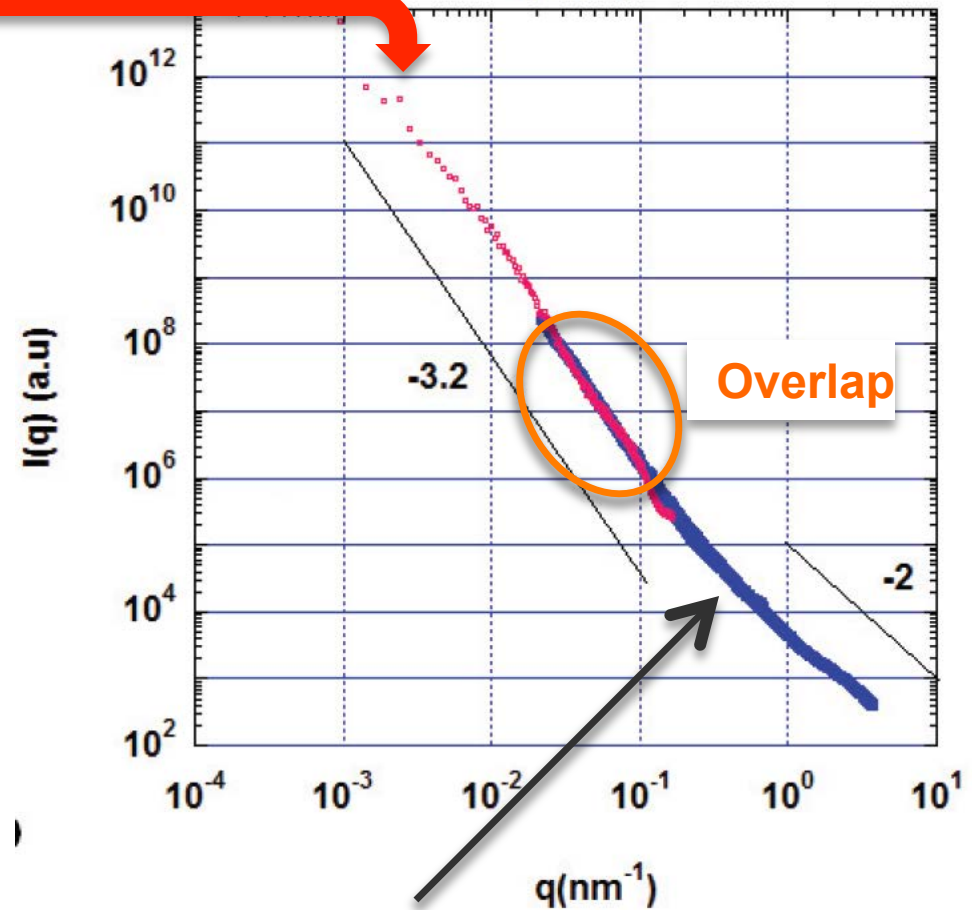
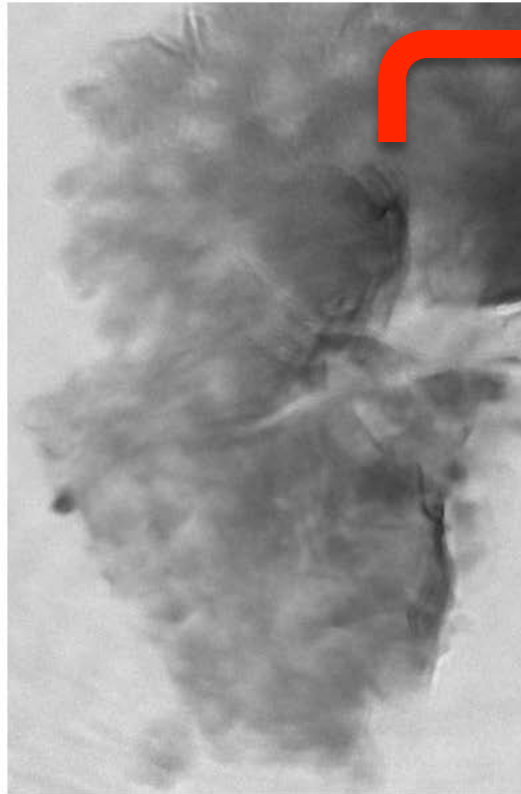
1. Take the 2D Fourier transform of  $-\ln(A(x,y))$  to obtain the complex function  $A_c(q_x, q_y)$ ;
2. The spectral density  $P(q_x, q_y)$ , of  $-\ln(A(x,y))$  is

$$P(q_x, q_y) = A_c(q_x, q_y) \cdot A_c^*(q_x, q_y)$$

The spectral density is a good approximation of the small angle scattering pattern,  $I(q_x, q_y, q_z=0)$

# Portland cement paste

Log Fourier transform

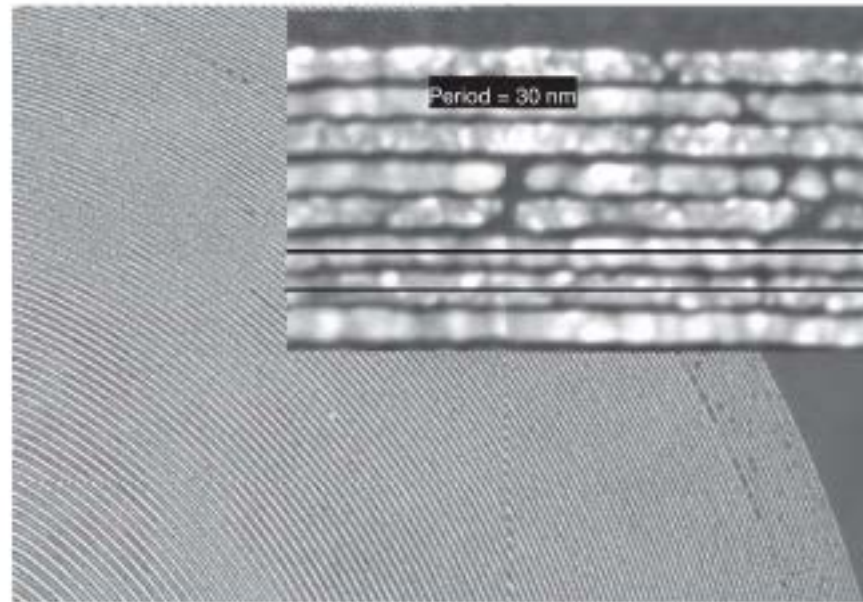


SAXS experiment

## LETTERS

## Soft X-ray microscopy at a spatial resolution better than 15 nm

Weilun Chao<sup>1,2</sup>, Bruce D. Harteneck<sup>1</sup>, J. Alexander Liddle<sup>1</sup>, Erik H. Anderson<sup>1</sup> & David T. Attwood<sup>1,2</sup>

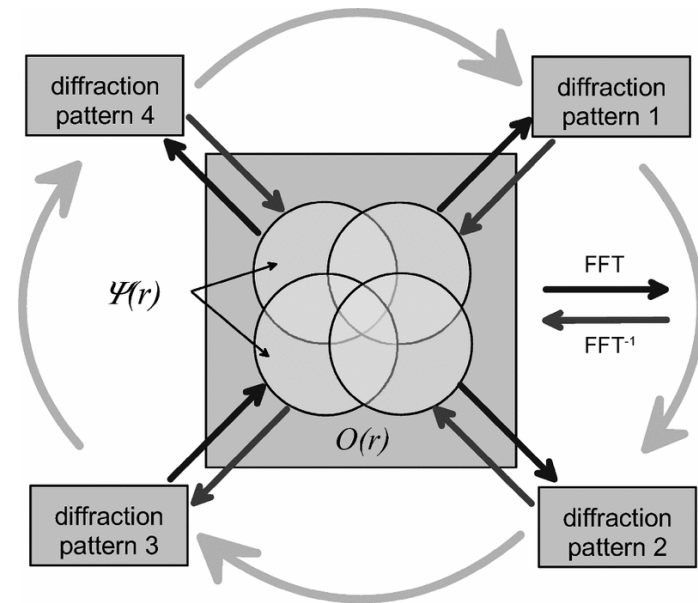
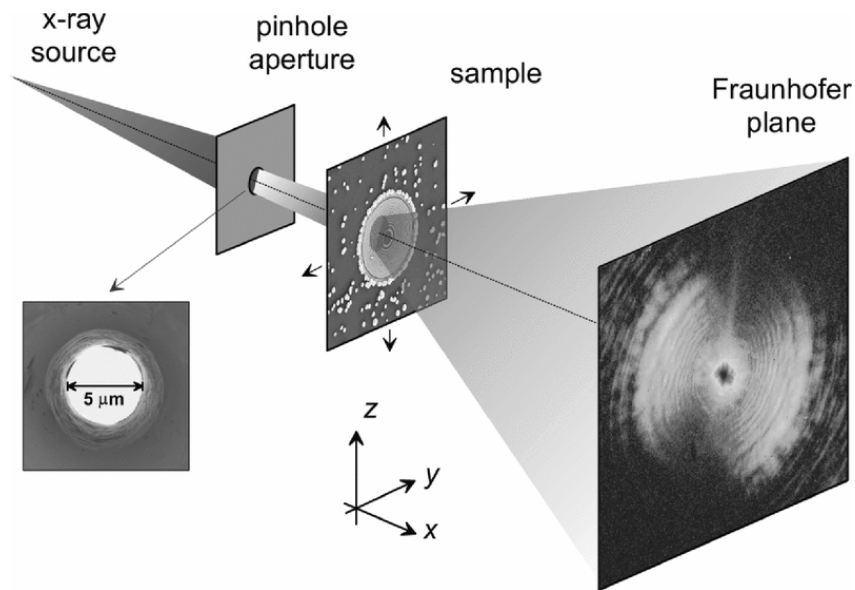


**Figure 3 | Scanning electron micrograph of a zone plate with 15 nm outermost zone.** Shown in the inset is a more detailed view of the outermost zones. The zonal period, as indicated by the two black lines, is measured to be 30 nm. The zone placement accuracy is measured to be 1.7 nm.



# Ptychography

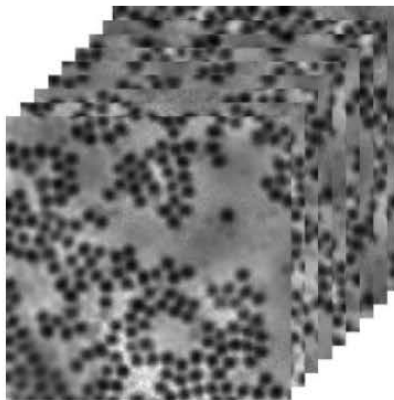
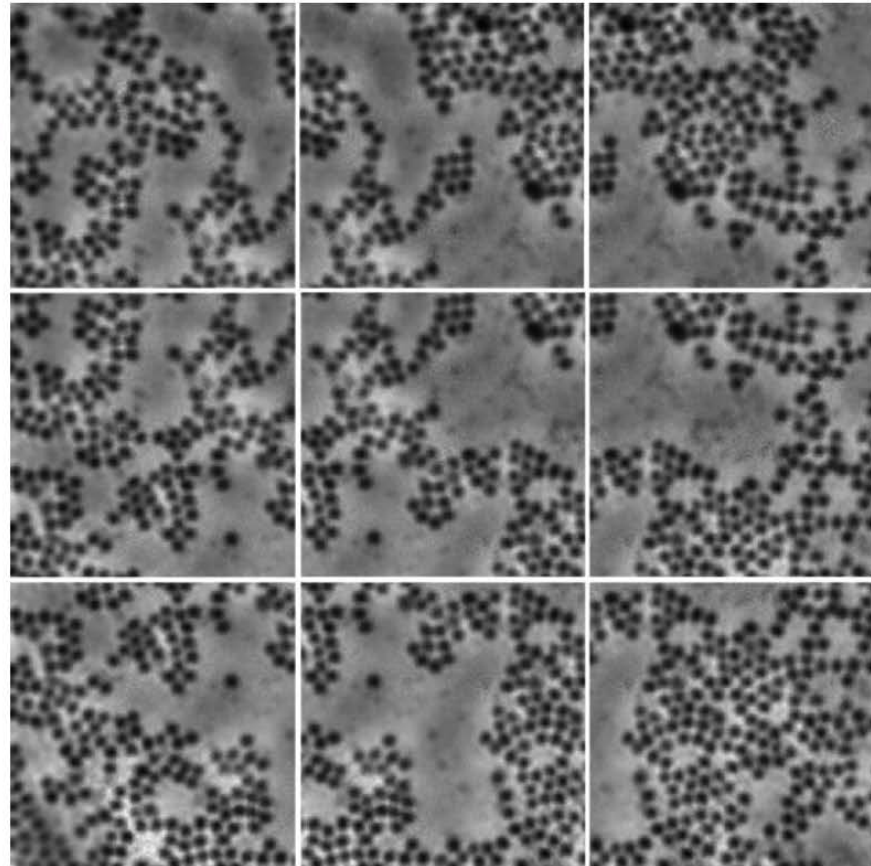
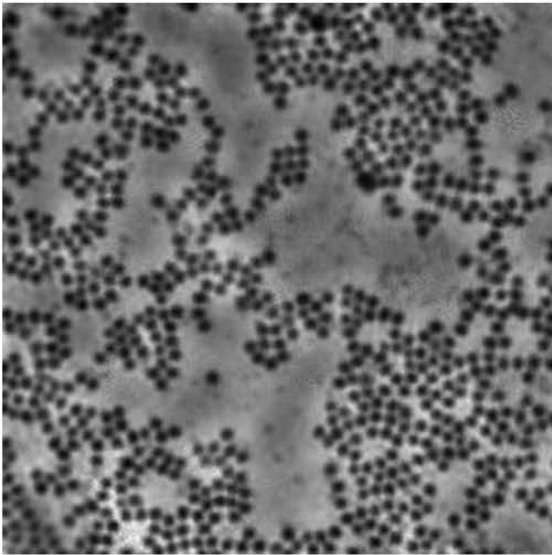
A major breakthrough in high resolution  
x-ray imaging



J. M. Rodenburg et al., PRL, 2007

# Advantage of redundant data

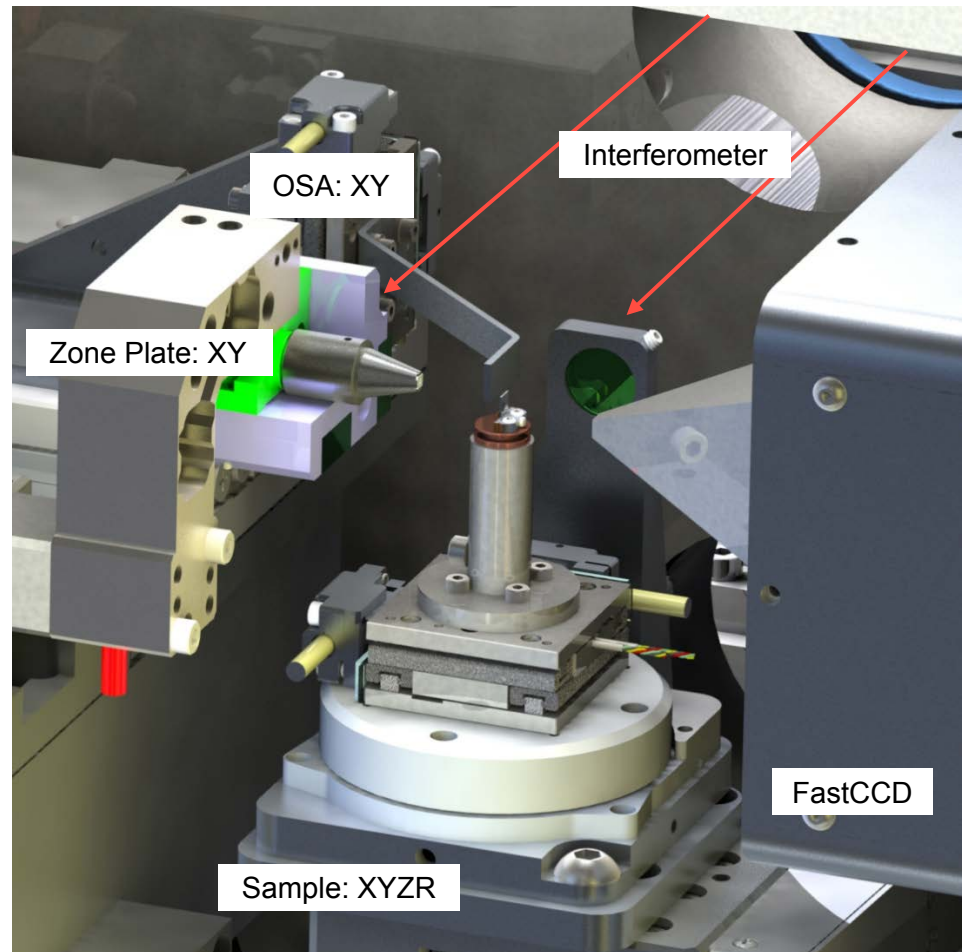
Object is split into frames with known centers  
Each frame is illuminated separately  
Neighbors overlap



From David Shapiro

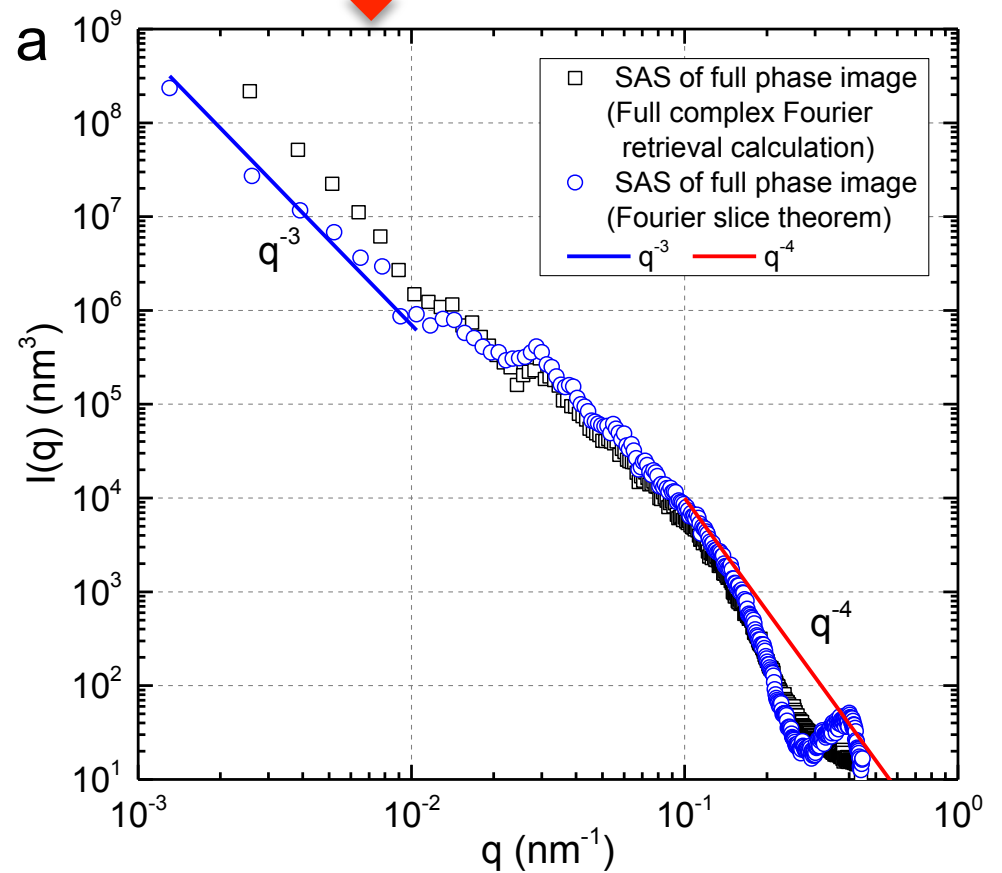
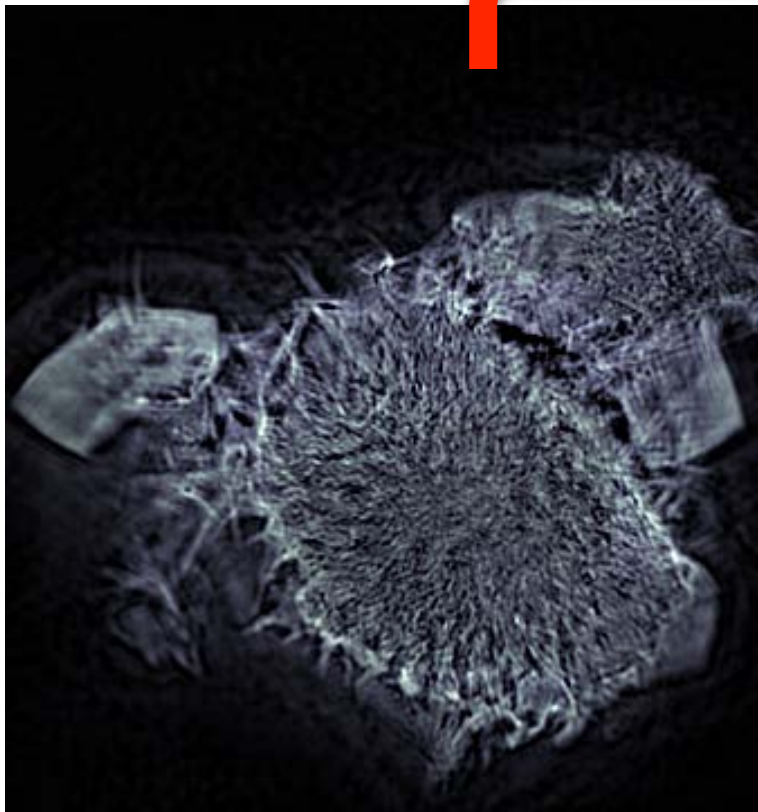
# Nanosurveyor 1.0 – ALS Beamline 5.3.2.1

- 7 s /  $\mu\text{m}^2$  measurement time
- 5-10 nm resolution
- 2 nm RMS stability
- Open geometry, EASY TO USE
- 25-250 nm zone plate
- Up to 25 mm focal length, 100  $\mu\text{m}$  depth of field
- No cryo



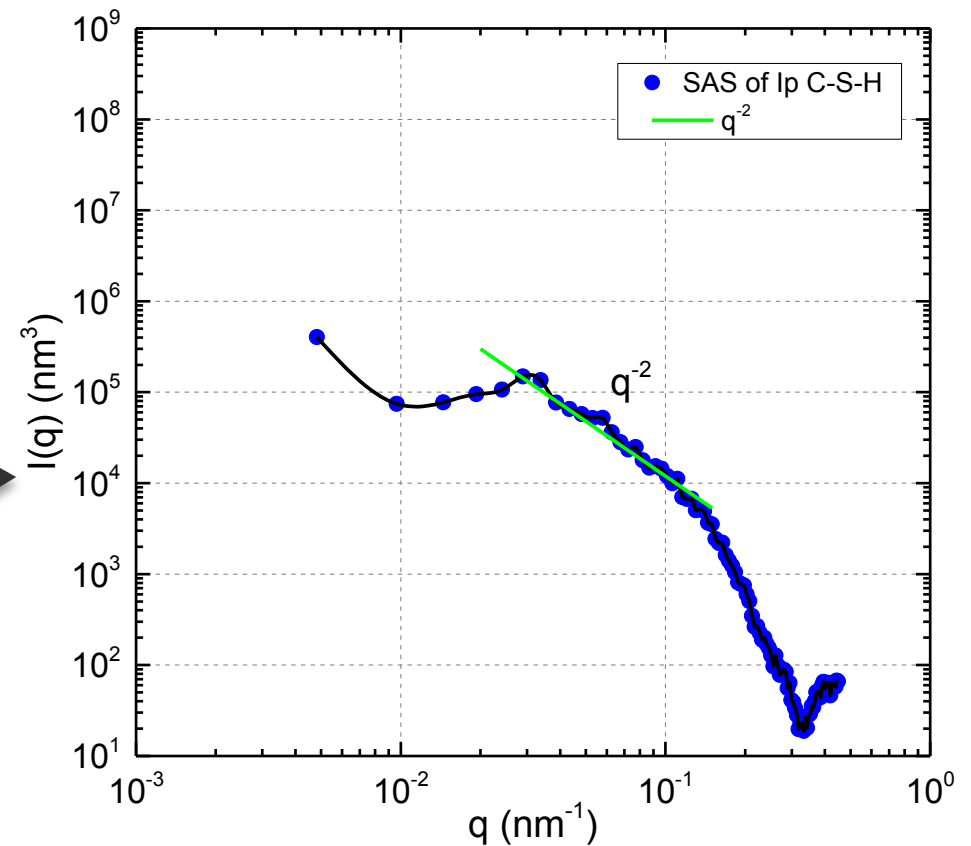
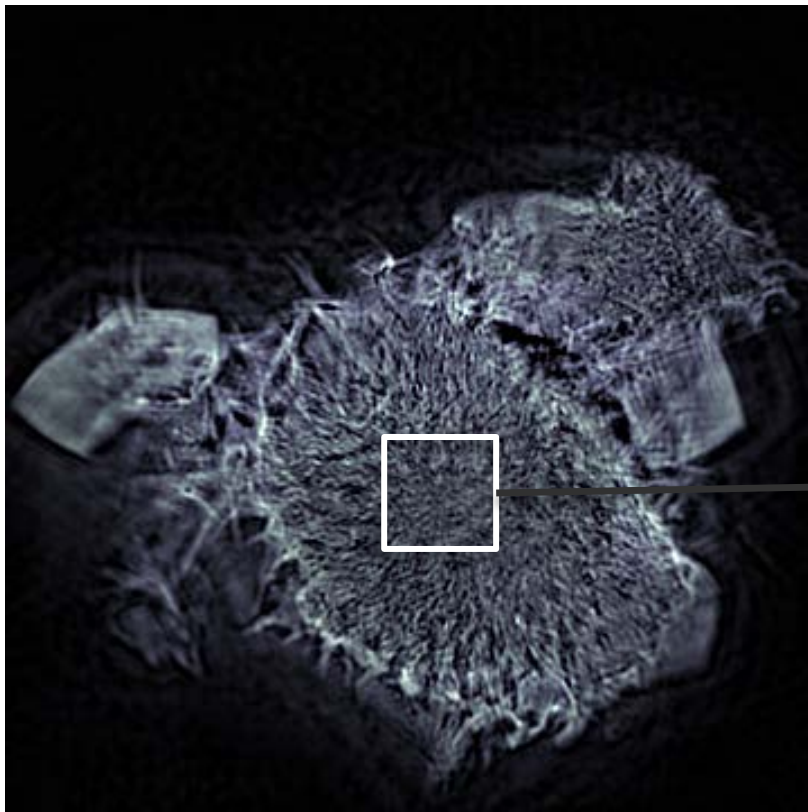
# Ptychography with soft x-rays (work done at the Advanced Light Source)

## Log Fourier transform

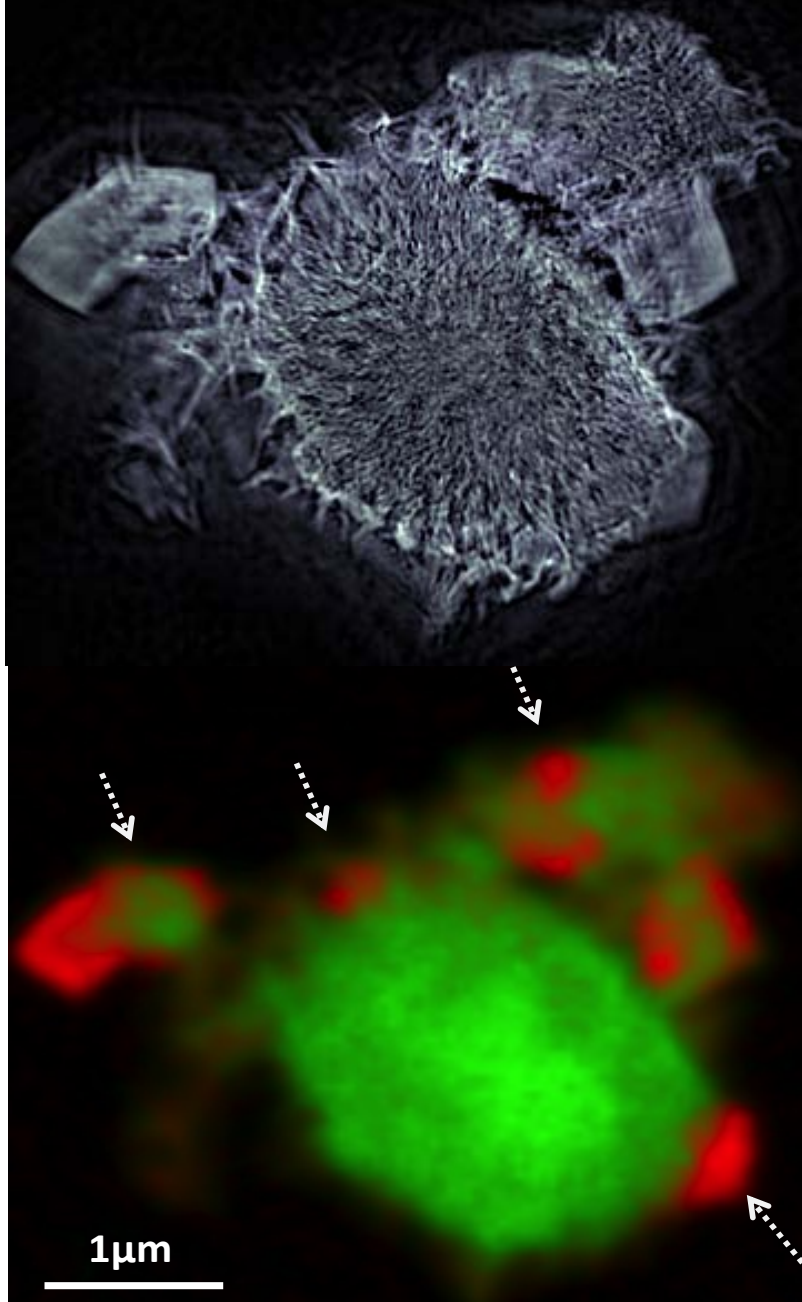




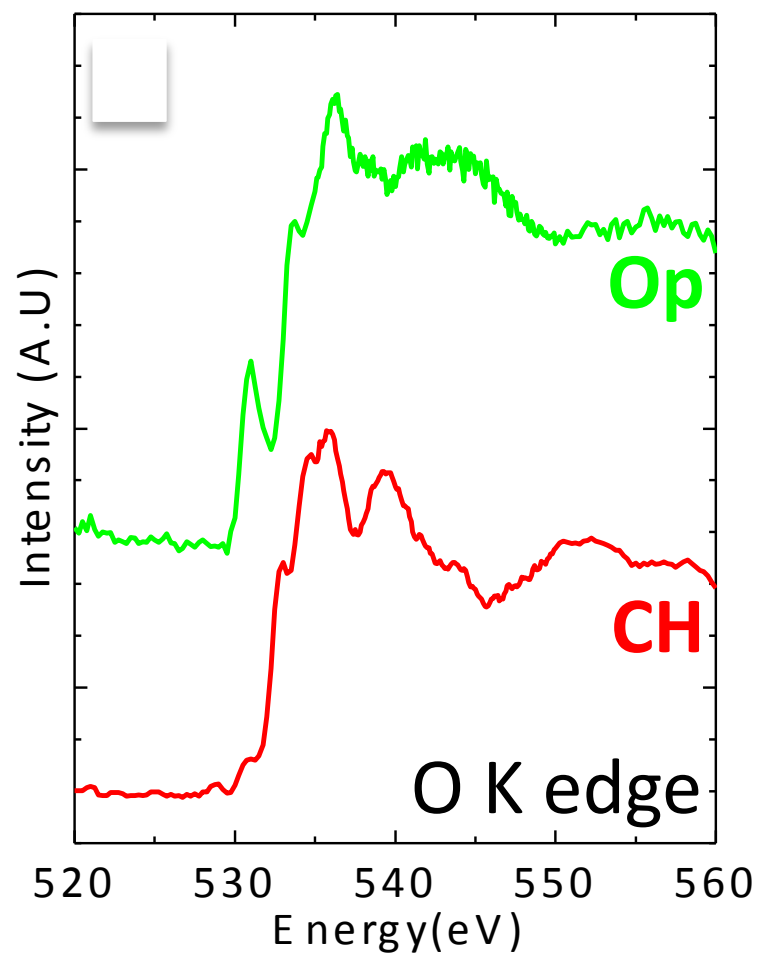
With such high spatial resolution it is possible to probe the **inner product**



# Chemistry?



## XANES with Soft X-Ray Transmission Microscopy





## Final Question:

Is it possible to obtain nanoCT with extremely high spatial resolution?



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