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Continuous scans for X-Ray Ptychography

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X-Ray Ptychography is a lensless imaging technique that produces high-resolution two- and three-dimensional quantitative maps through the combination of multiple coherent diffraction measurements from the illumination of several overlapping regions on the specimen [1,2].

Recently, this technique has been shown to be able to produce high-quality reconstructions even when sources of decoherence are introduced into the measurement system. These sources of decoherence can be of very different origin [3]:

- 1) mixed states in the probing radiation can include all sorts of mixing that manifest themselves as transverse partial coherence or finite longitudinal coherence
- 2) mixed states in the sample may result from quantum mixtures or stationary stochastic processes
- 3) detector point spread can be viewed as a mixed state in the detector plane

This project aims to drastically reduce scanning time by introducing scans with continuous movement and interpreting the movement of the object as a partial coherence effect.

Several parameters are explored, such as exposure time per area, overlap of the scanned regions and different scan patterns.

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