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From Niche to Mainstream: Ptychography Comes of Age.

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In the space of a few short years, ptychography has moved from a niche method1,2 to emerging as a mainstream technique for user science3,4. Until recently, ptychography required significant expert user experience to collect and reconstruct useable data, with a field of view often limited to a small area (such as a single cell)5 by data collection and reconstruction limitations6. Now however, ptychography data can be collected at high speed7 complementary to modern X-ray fluorescence fly-scanning8, with data-pipelines providing results within a few hours using GPU enabled reconstruction algorithms9. These advances allow ptychography to be applied to larger areas and sample replicates10, allowing statistically significant user science to be done in a reasonable timeframe while simultaneously collecting X-ray fluorescence data11-13. In this presentation, I highlight key milestones on the ptychography journey as it makes its way into the mainstream, as well as looking towards the future.

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