

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

2D/3D Microanalysis by Energy Dispersive X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy Tomography

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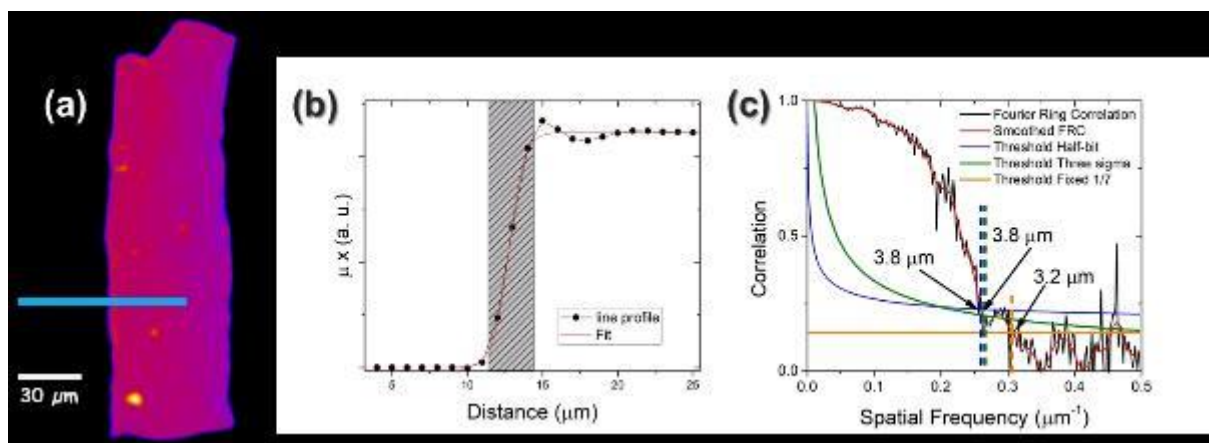
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Resolution

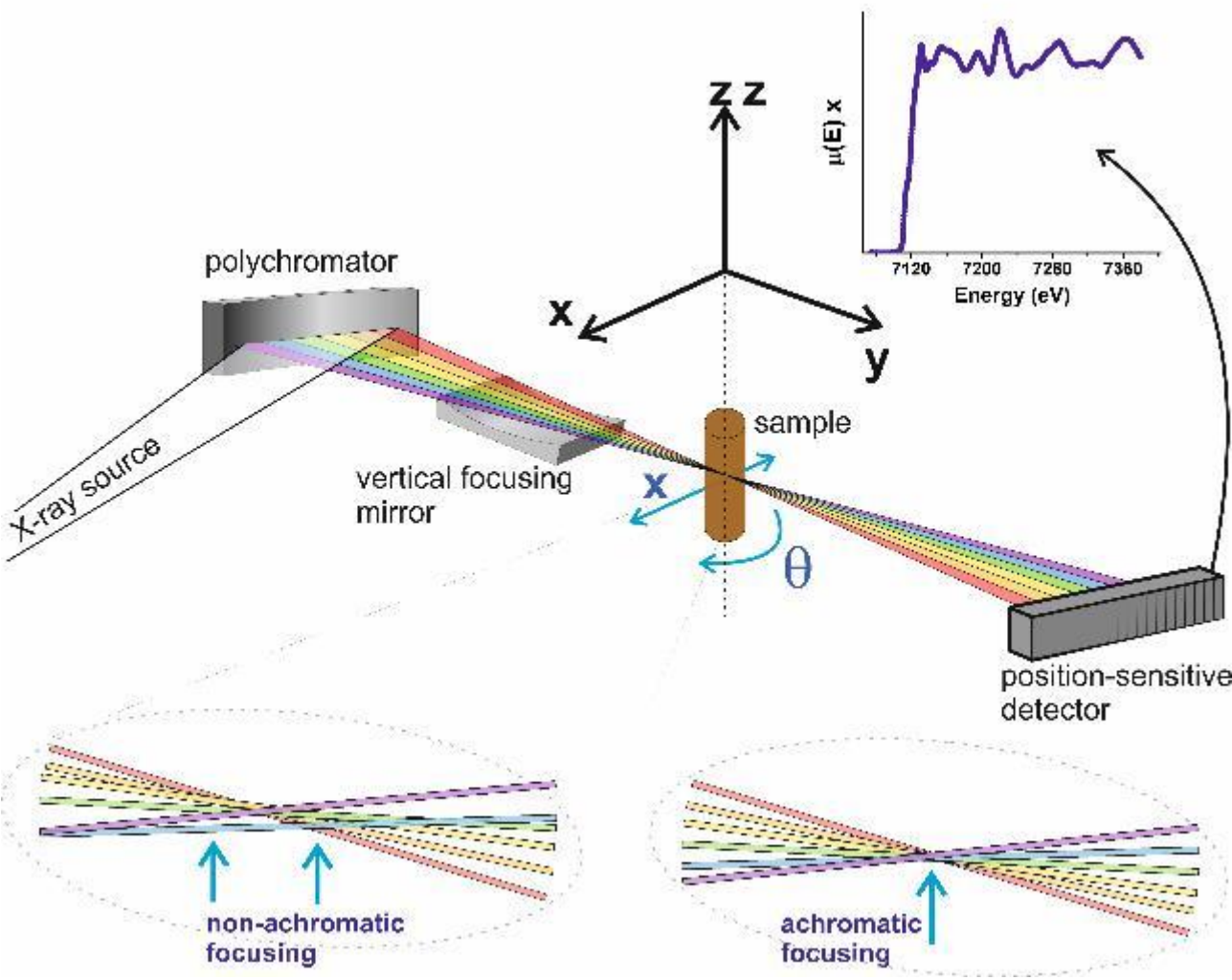
The resolution of 3 μm was measured by analysing the absorbance intensity along sharp edges of the analysed samples, as illustrated in Supplementary Figure 1a-b and, also, through Fourier Ring Correlation⁴⁶, by analyzing several reconstructed images at different contiguous energies of the same sample slice, resulting in a resolution of 3.8 μm , 3.8 μm and 3.2 μm for three different thresholds methods as follows: fixed 1/7, Half-bit and three sigmas, respectively.



Supplementary Figure 1: (a) Reconstructed slice of the microfossil sample. (b) The intensity profile along the blue line shown in (a). Fourier Ring Correlation with images corresponding to different energies, which can essentially be considered as independent measurements; three different thresholds methods are considered: fixed 1/7, Half-bit and three sigma⁴⁶, which as resolution values 3.8 μm , 3.8 μm and 3.2 μm , respectively.

The various energies do not necessarily intersect the same region within the specimen due to the non-ideal focusing conditions (non-achromatic focusing), as illustrated in Supplementary Figure 2, which is mainly due to the small divergences from a perfect elliptical shape of the polychromator as

32 well as small fluctuations from the zero slope errors. These values may differ by up to 10 μm . This,
 33 with the fact that the various energies transit the specimen at different angles, is the reason why it is
 34 necessary to apply a rigid-body motion (rotation and translation), to obtain a matching of the all
 35 reconstructed images (for the different energies) with respect to the first one by using image
 36 correlation methods for a given slice (a given Z sample position).

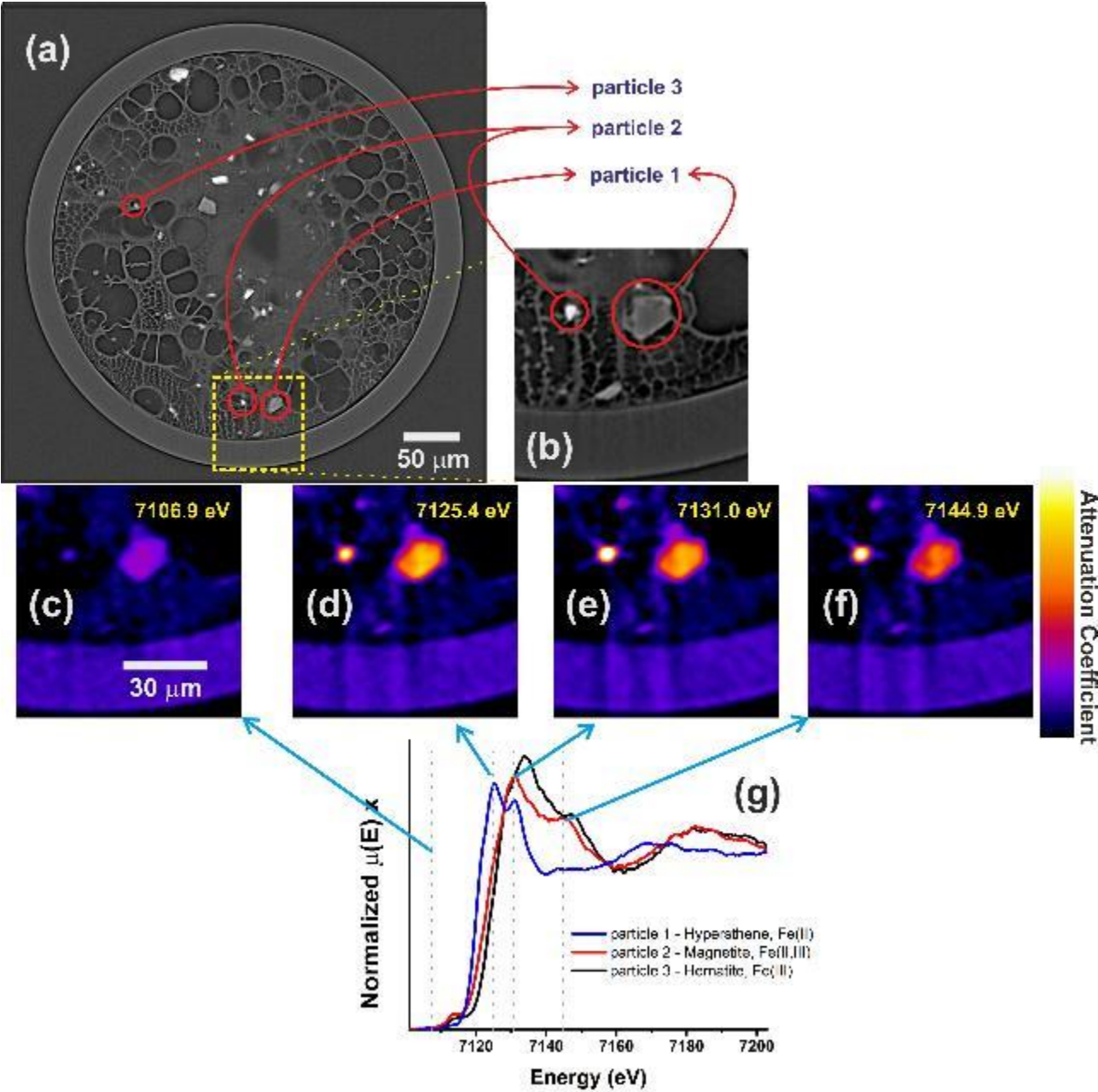


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 38 **Supplementary Figure 2: Illustration of the non-ideal focusing conditions effect, which leads to a non-achromatic**
 39 **focusing.**
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41 **Chemical Contrast**

42 In Supplementary Figure 3 is shown the same analysed slice in **Error! Reference source not**
 43 **found..** In addition to the comparison between the reconstructed images for the energies 7106.9 eV
 44 and 7125.4 eV, also the comparison between images corresponding to energies 7131.0 eV and
 45 7144.9 eV are shown. A first qualitative inspection in the images Supplementary Figure 3c-f
 46 indicate the different chemical states of these two particles. Comparing single voxel XANES

47 spectra corresponding to particles 1 and 2, the compounds are readily identified as hypersthene and
 48 magnetite, respectively.



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 50 **Supplementary Figure 3:** For the glass capillary sample containing several iron species, (a) a reconstructed slice
 51 from the full field microtomography experiments using an X-ray energy of 20 keV. (b) A detailed view
 52 corresponding to the dashed rectangle in (a), and, for this same region, reconstructed images through μ ED-XAS
 53 tomography different energies: (c) 7106.9 eV, (d) 7125.4 eV, (e) 7131.0 eV and (f) 7144.9 eV. In (g), single voxel
 54 XANES spectra corresponding to particles 1 to 3, indicated in (a).
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