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Experiment title: Holographic study of the local atomic order in ThAsSe and LaSrMnO₃

Experiment number:
HS-2097

Beamline: ID 22	Date of experiment: from: 02.07.2003 to: 05.07.2003	Date of report: 10.02.2004.
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Report:

We intended to carry out two series of holographic experiments: (i) we planned to study the change of the local order in the CMR material LaSrMnO₃ caused by the temperature.

(ii) we intended to extend our previous data on the ThAsSe Kondo type sample, in order to get a more definite picture on structural characteristics governing the Kondo behaviour.

Although we collected useful data in the full beamtime period, we could carry out only the first series of experiments. The cause of this is the less than expected fluorescent signal. Since the holographic method is not a standard technique the estimation of intensities are not very precise. We got about half of the count rate we expected. Therefore we decided to measure longer on one sample and postpone the other series of measurement.

We collected holograms on the LaSr MnO₃ sample at three temperatures (room 150 °C and 250 °C), at three energies at room and 250 °C and at one energy at the intermediate temperature. The data are good quality, however it would have been useful to take holograms at more energies, as it turned out during the evaluation procedure. The effect (the Jahn-Teller distortion) is so small that more accurate data is necessary to give a definite picture of the changes caused by the temperature. On fig. 1. we show a typical hologram at a single energy for illustration. On fig 2. the reconstructed atomic environments in 3D are shown at low and high temperatures. As the figures show even

these data give useful information on the Jahn-Teller distortion. Beside planning more precise measurements, we are working on a more detailed evaluation, and a paper is under preparation.

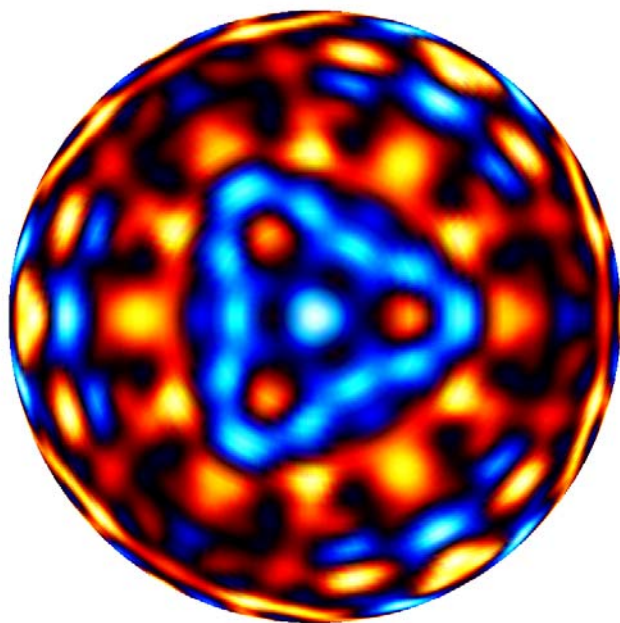


Fig.1. Hologram of the SrLaMnO3 sample taken at 9 keV and at room temperature.

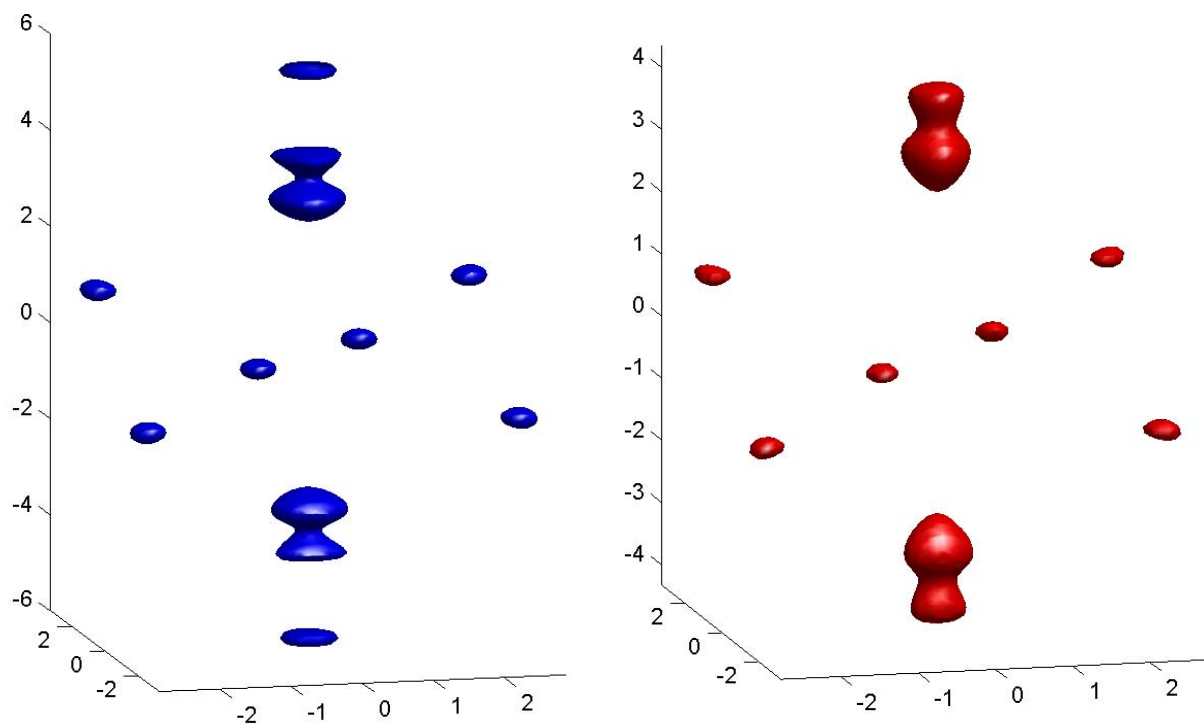


Fig.2. The reconstructed 3D image of the atoms (La and Sr) surrounding the Mn center atom (Left panel room temperature, right panel 250 °C).