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High-resolution Fluorescence Imaging with X-ray Free-electron Pulses¹ PHAY HO, CHRISTOPHER KNIGHT, STEPHEN SOUTHWORTH, KAI LI, GILLES DOUMY, LINDA YOUNG, Argonne Natl Lab — Intensity correlation of x-ray fluorescence, based on the principle introduced by Hanbury Brown and Twiss, has been proposed for high-resolution imaging of a 3D arrangement of atoms. To explore the applicability of this imaging approach, we theoretically investigate fluorescence dynamics of non-periodic systems subject to femtosecond XFEL pulses over a range of pulse parameters from the linear to non-linear x-ray absorption regimes. In particular, we present the fluorescence intensity correlation computed from the angular distribution of the fluorescence patterns and discuss the impact of sample damage on retrieving high-resolution structural information and elemental contrast in heterogeneous systems.

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