High repetition rate single-particle imaging at the European XFEL

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The dream of imaging single molecules was instrumental to the construction of X-ray free-electron lasers (XFELs). The European XFEL marks the beginning of the high-intensity, high-repetition-rate and high data-rate era of XFELs, bringing the dream closer to reality.

In this talk, I will present the evolution of X-ray diffraction imaging and in particular highlight the latest results from the European XFEL. I will also demonstrate the importance of developing robust structure validation procedures for the long-term success and wider adoption of the method as well as how to best make use of this wealth of data to extract as much new knowledge as possible. I will also discuss what new techniques might be over the horizon and what is still required to achieve the dream of ultrafast X-ray diffractive imaging of single proteins.

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