

Selene-type reflectometer for small samples



aim:

use flux-gain and time-structure of the ESS to open access to reflectometry on surfaces in the sub-mm² range (in addition to reflectometry on cm² samples)

approach:

use a *Selene* type guide in horizontal and vertical direction to focus the beam on a defined footprint (→ poster 1/4)

favoured applications:

- small samples (1 × 1 mm²)
- curved or bent surfaces
- spatially inhomogeneous samples
- restricted area on contacted or functional multilayers

also possible:

- moderately sized samples as on current instruments
- solid/liquid cells
- focusing GISANS (with larger sample surfaces)
- diffraction

key parameters & features:

- sample area 0.3 × 0.3 mm² to 20 × 20 mm²
- λ range 3 Å to 9 Å
- q_z range 0 Å⁻¹ to 1 Å⁻¹ reflectometry
0 Å⁻¹ to 4 Å⁻¹ diffraction
- q_z resolution Δq_z/q_z = 2.5%, 5%, 10%, 20%
- q_x resolution Δq_x = Δq_x(λ) = 10% ... 3%
- options polarisation & analysis
diffraction (2θ < 140°, shorter detector arm)
focusing GISANS

- adjustable footprint: sub-mm to cm
- horizontal and vertical scattering geometry possible
- encoding via multilayer monochromator (or prism, fast moving slits) ⇒ operation without choppers possible (but not mandatory)
- wide divergence for high-intensity specular reflectometry
- combination of high/low θ with low/high λ enables for a wide q_z range to be measured simultaneously
- free space around the sample (also free of diaphragms!) and between the guides (≈ 4 m) allows for all kinds of sample environment, add-on options like MIEZE or SERGIS can be installed

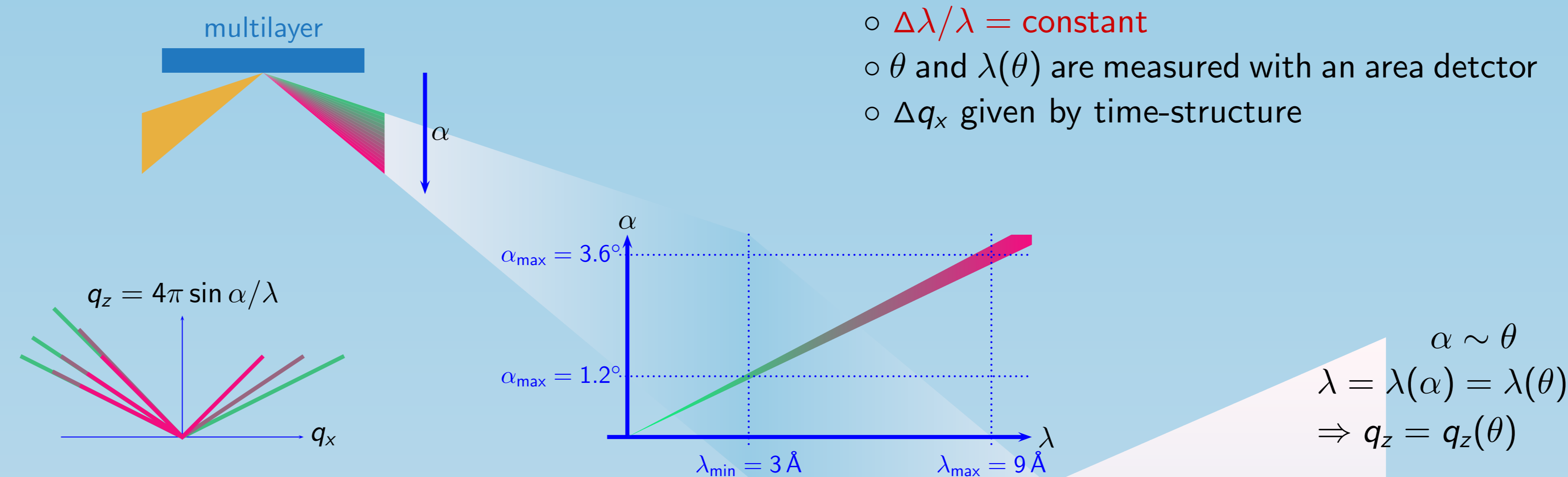
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λ/θ encoding:

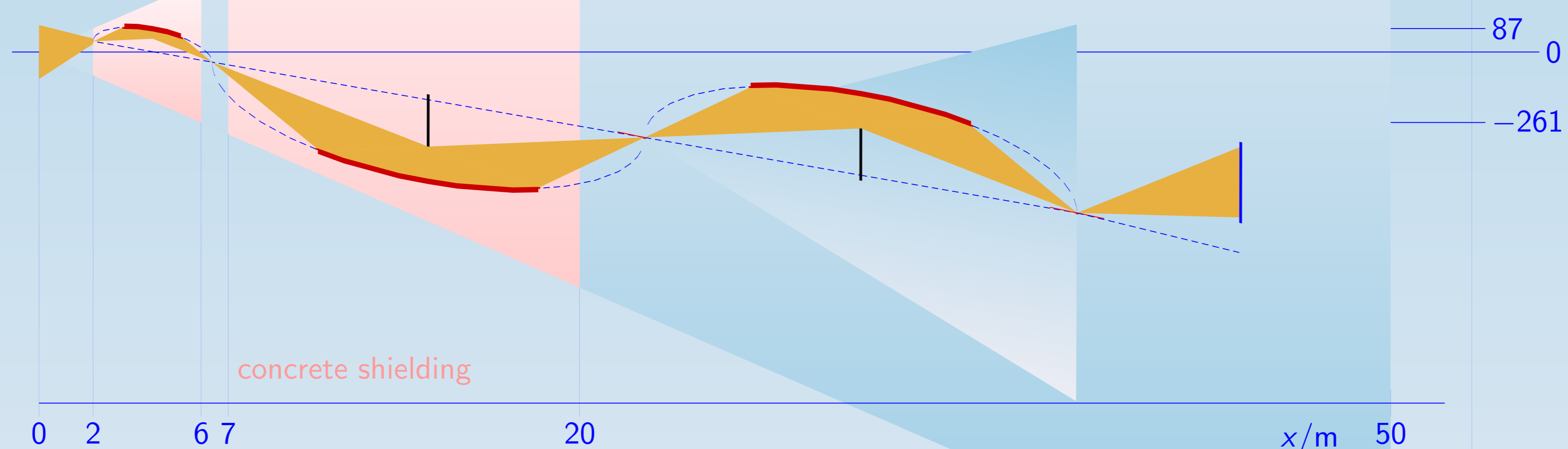
λ is encoded in θ via spectral analysis by am multilayer

- no chopper needed
- Δλ/λ = constant
- θ and λ(θ) are measured with an area detector
- Δq_x given by time-structure



instrument lay-out:

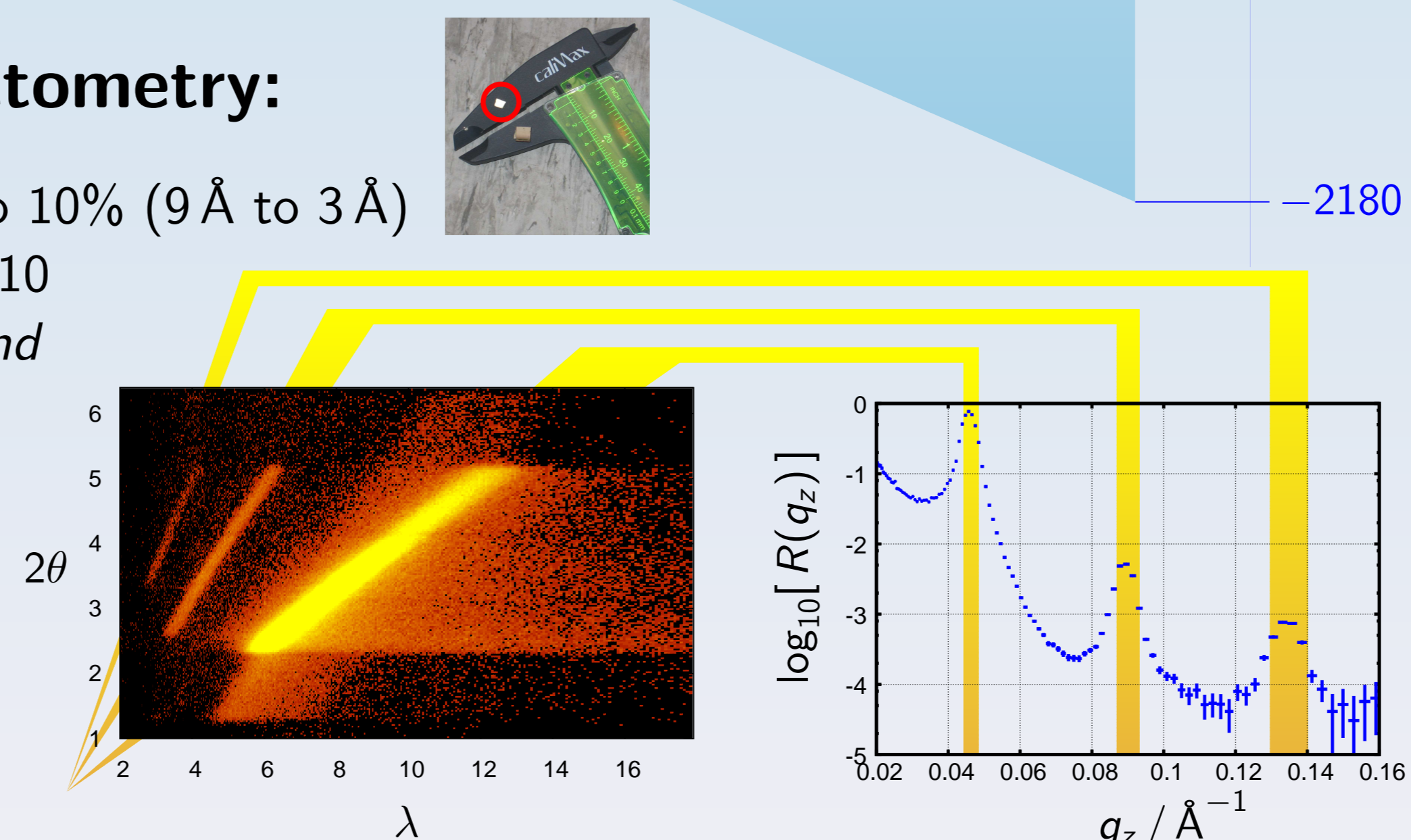
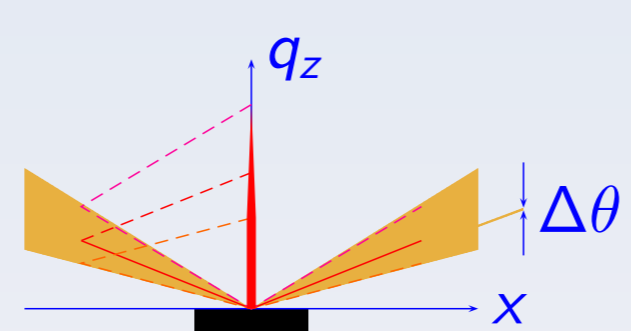
first short guide:
to get outside the
shielding



high-intensity specular reflectometry:

full divergent beam, λ-resolution = 3% to 10% (9 Å to 3 Å)

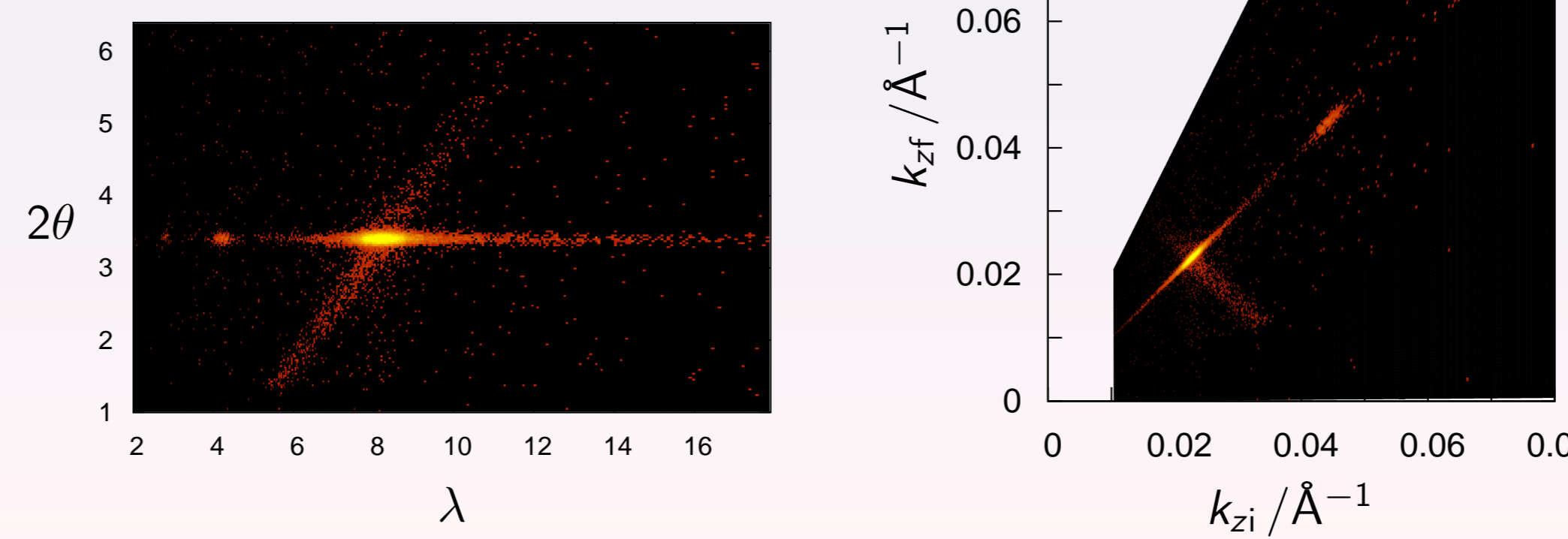
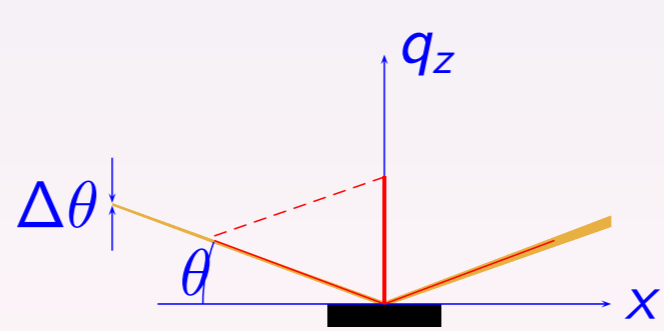
- energy- and angle-dispersive ⇒ gain > 10
- off-specular scattering causes background
- for fast scanning of T, H, E ...
- complex data analysis



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fall-back to an *almost* conventional mode

- by reducing the divergence
- allows for off-specular reflectometry



science case

small sample area

1 × 1 mm² ... 5 × 5 mm²

- restricted by preparation technique
e.g. PLD produces homogeneous films for ∅ < 6 mm, only

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C. Schneider, PSI, Switzerland

- expensive materials (e.g. certain isotopes)
H. Schmidt, Claustal, Germany

- compatibility with other techniques (e.g. SQUID)

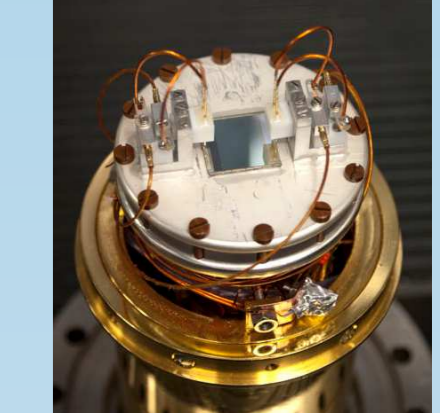


samples with perturbing surroundings

1 × 1 mm² ... 5 × 5 mm²

- contacted devices
e.g. organic spin valve

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unconventional surfaces

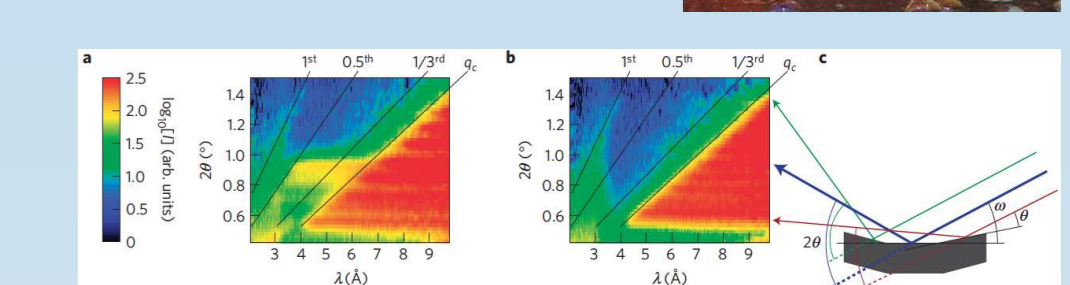
0.3 × 0.3 mm² ... 2 × 2 mm²

- unsupported films



- curved or fractured surfaces

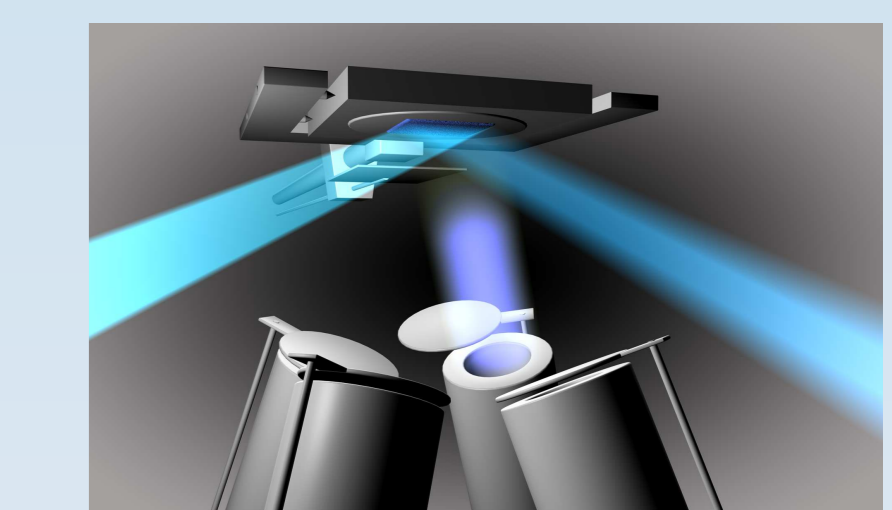
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in-situ combination

5 × 5 mm² ... 20 × 20 mm²

- MBE
moderate t resolution
no illumination of environment
→ poster W. Kreuzpaintner et al.:
In-situ polarised neutron reflectometry
on MBE-grown samples at ESS

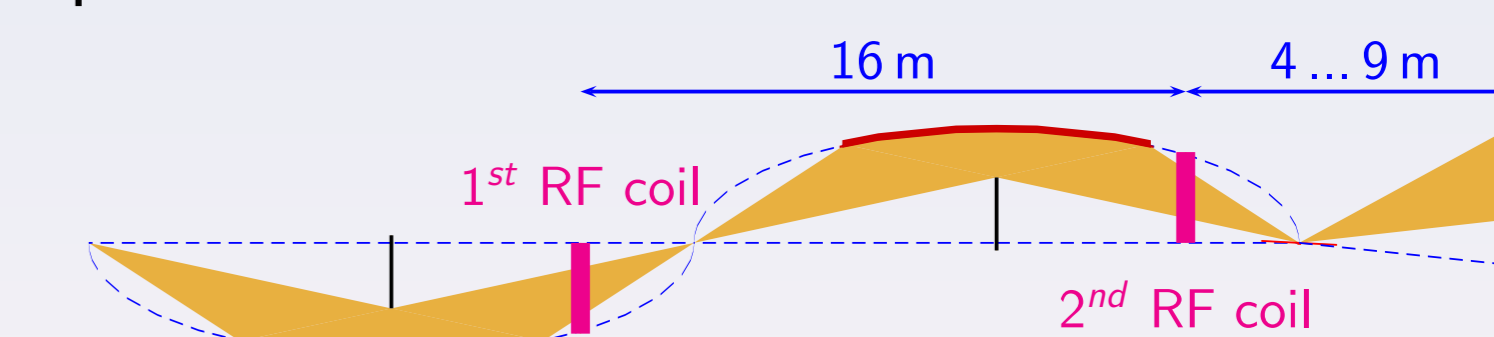


- X-ray reflectometry

combination with spin-echo techniques

1 × 1 mm² ... 5 × 5 mm²

- MIEZE
magnetic dynamics in the range 100 ps < t < 500 ns
sample size determines resolution



→ poster W. Häußler et al.: Multi angle MIEZE beam Line at ESS
→ poster R. Georgii et al.: The scientific case for a
MIEZE-NRSE-spectrometer at the ESS