

**the focusing
Selene neutron guide
and related concepts**

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Selene

thanx!

focusing

- **focusing**

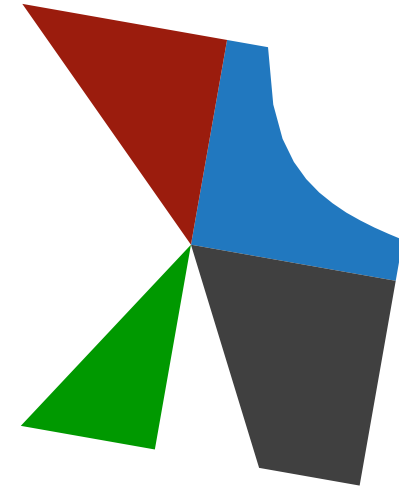
- Selene guide

- prototype

- Estia

- optics

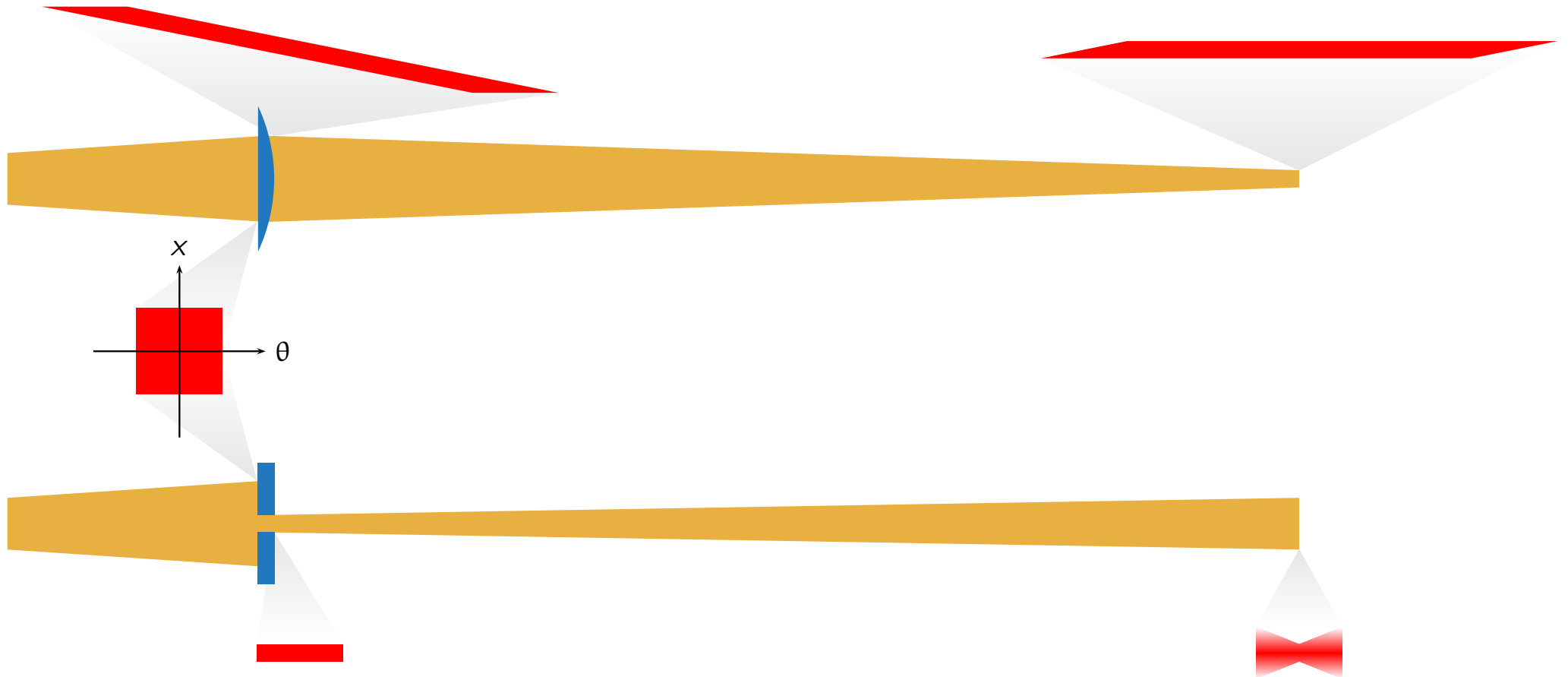
- discussion



focusing: principles

focusing optics

reshapes the phase space of a n-beam (an ensemble of neutrons)
to a **small spatial extent** at a given position



shading optics

reshapes the phase space by restricting it in space (slit)

focusing: principles

focusing optics vs. shading optics



high costs (needs high precision)
lower transmission
convenient beam manipulation
real focusing
aberration

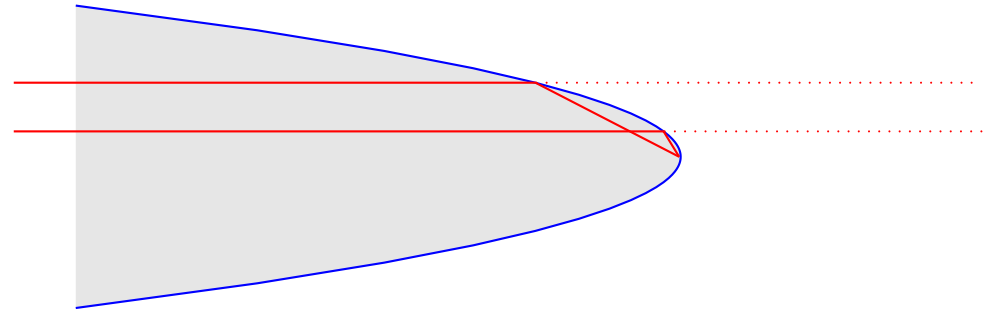


robust
flexible
high transmission
high background

focusing: basic reflector shapes

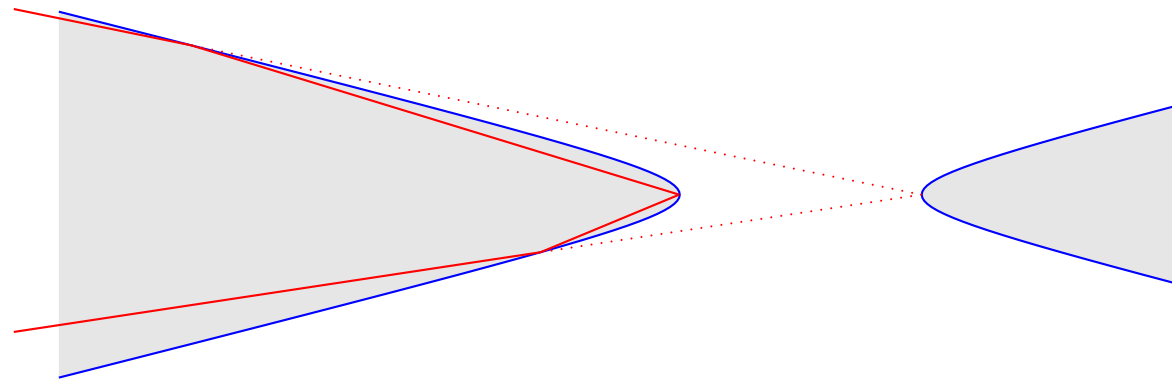
parabolic

parallel to convergent



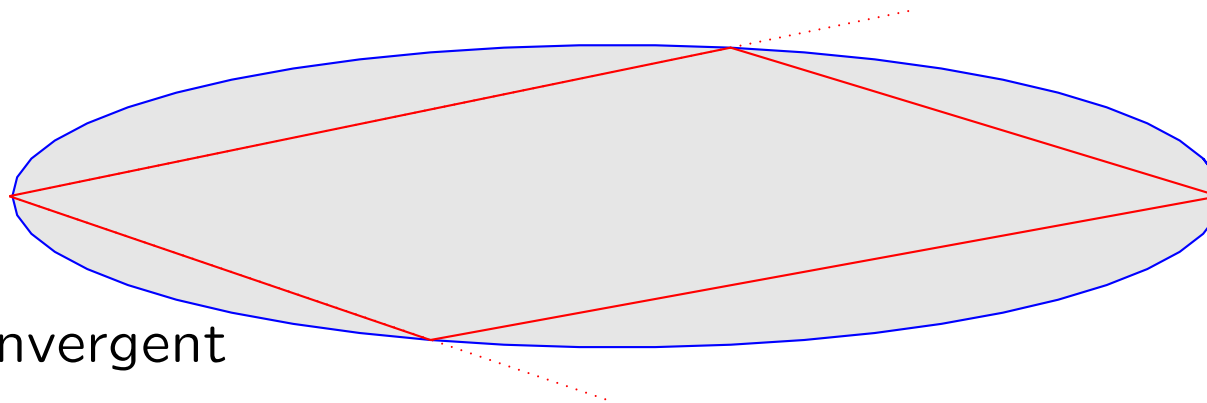
hyperbolic

convergent to convergent



elliptic

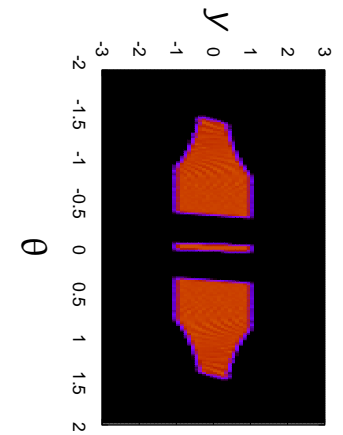
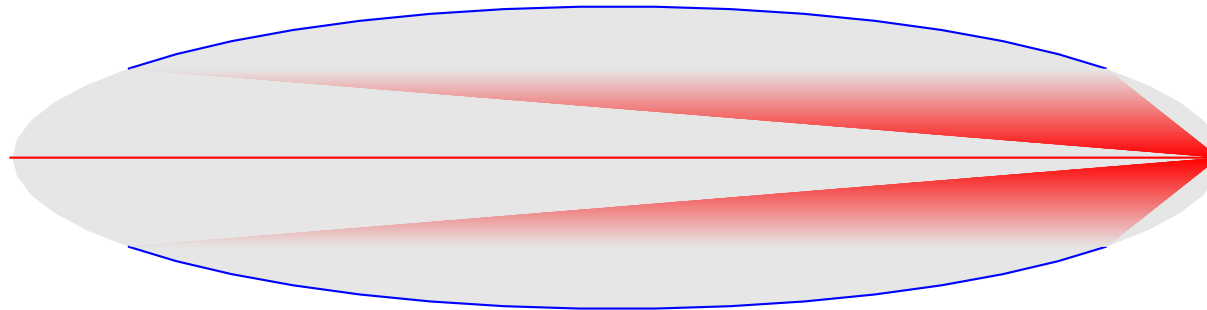
divergent to convergent



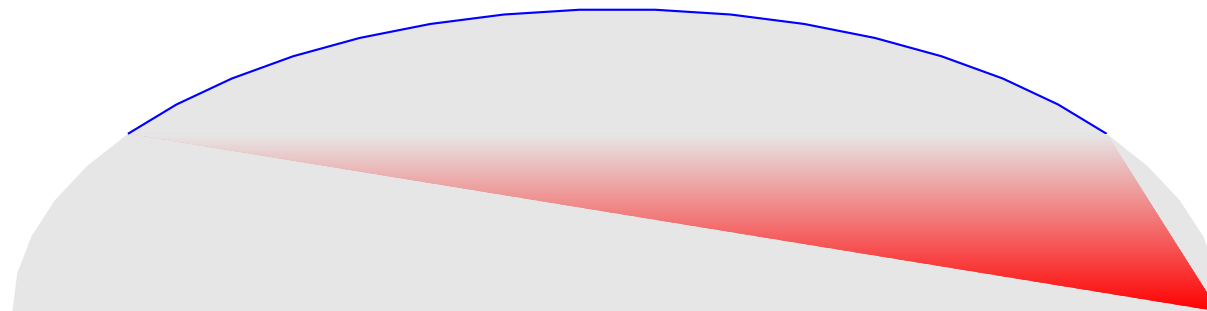
focusing: full vs. half device

phase space homogeneity
effective divergence

elliptic
2-sided
ideal case



elliptic
1-sided



focusing: ballistic ellipse vs. half device

early reflections suffer the most from coma aberration

⇒ multiple reflections

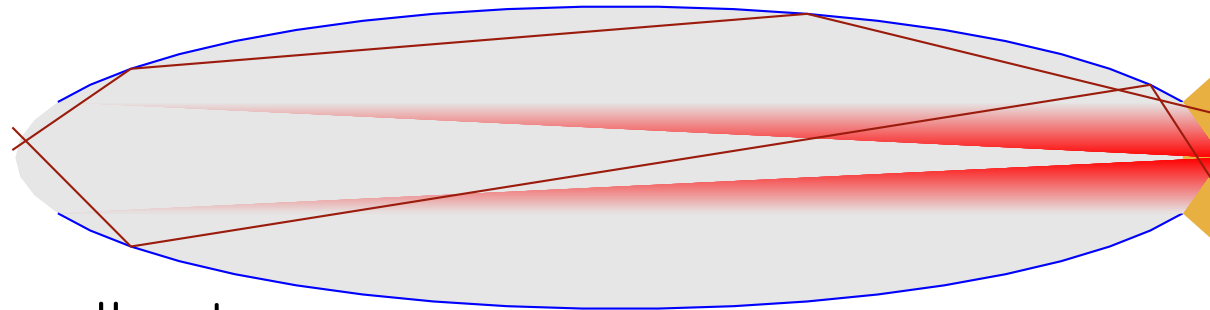
⇒ non-convergent beam behind guide exit

L. Cussen *et al.*: NIM A **705**, 121 (2013)

elliptic

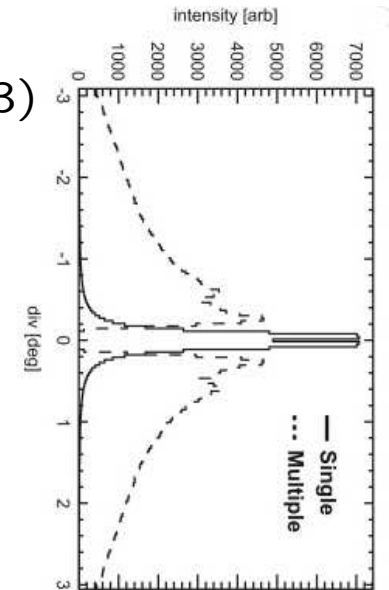
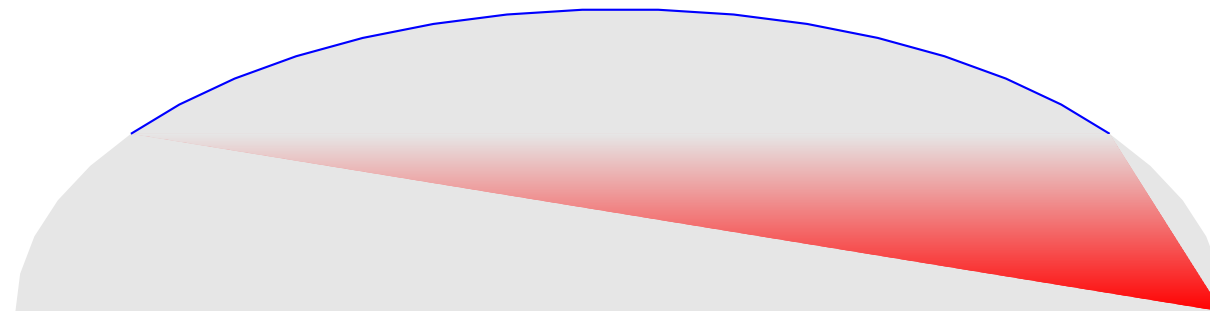
2-sided

large source / small entrance



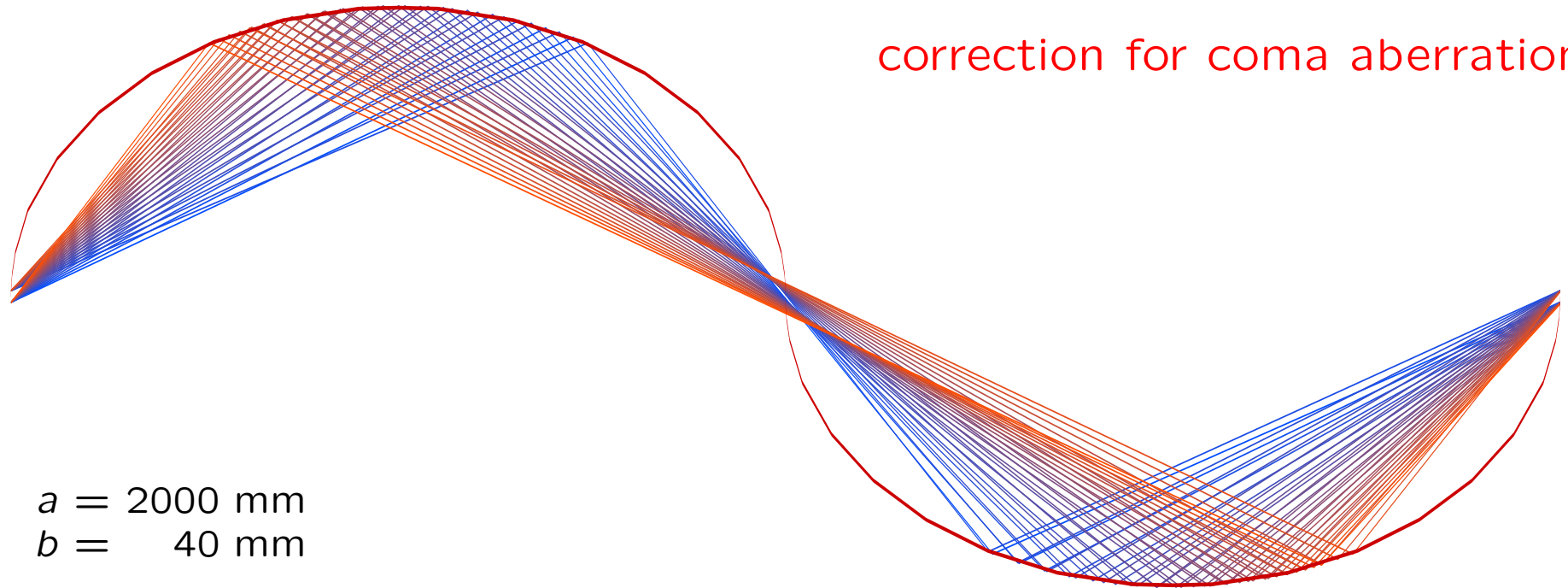
elliptic

1-sided



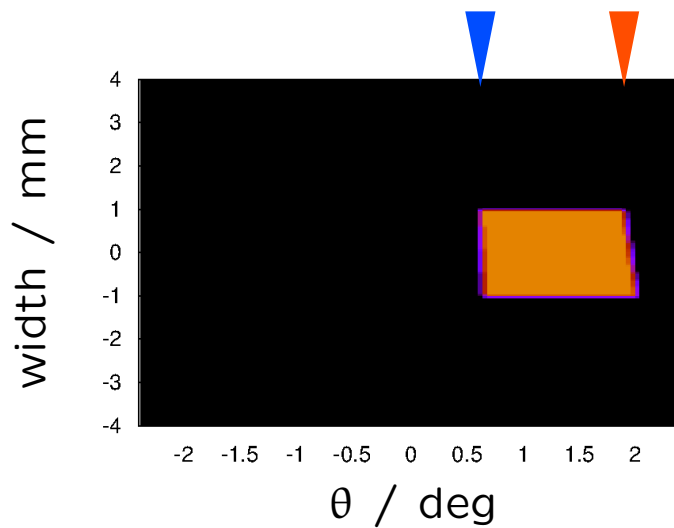
focusing: geometrical aberration

correction for coma aberration!

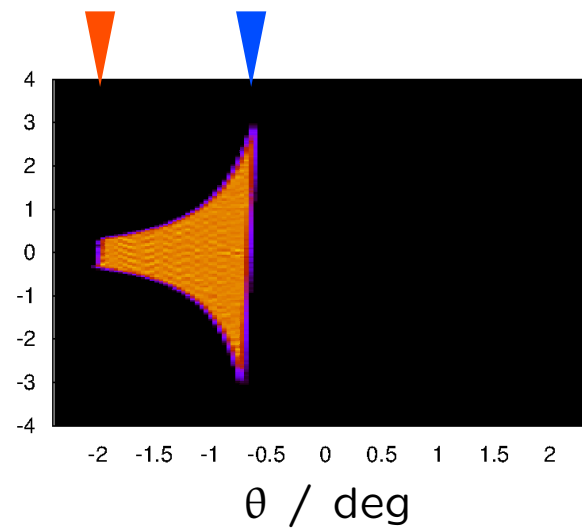


$a = 2000 \text{ mm}$
 $b = 40 \text{ mm}$

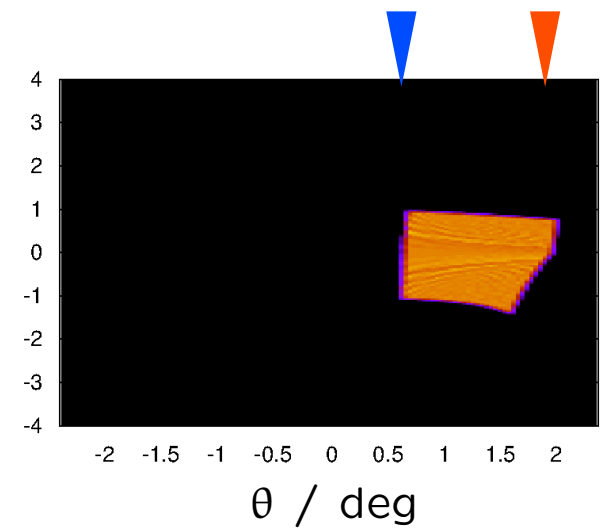
accepted by 1st guide



intermediate image



sample position

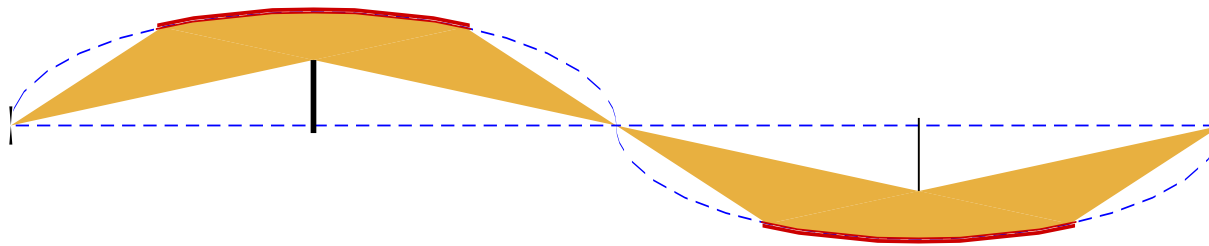


focusing: chromatic aberration

... due to gravity

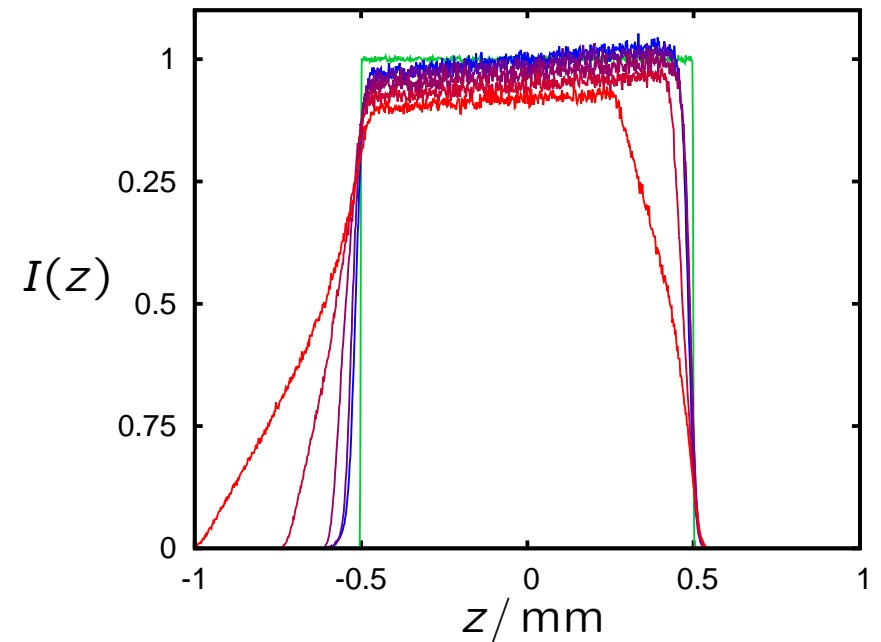
simulations (McStas) with (1 mm) tapered guides (40 m long, $b/a = 0.022$)

in agreement with analytic calculations



$I(z, \lambda)$ area normalised to 1

$\lambda =$ 0 Å
3 Å
5 Å
7 Å
9 Å



Selene guide

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Selene guide

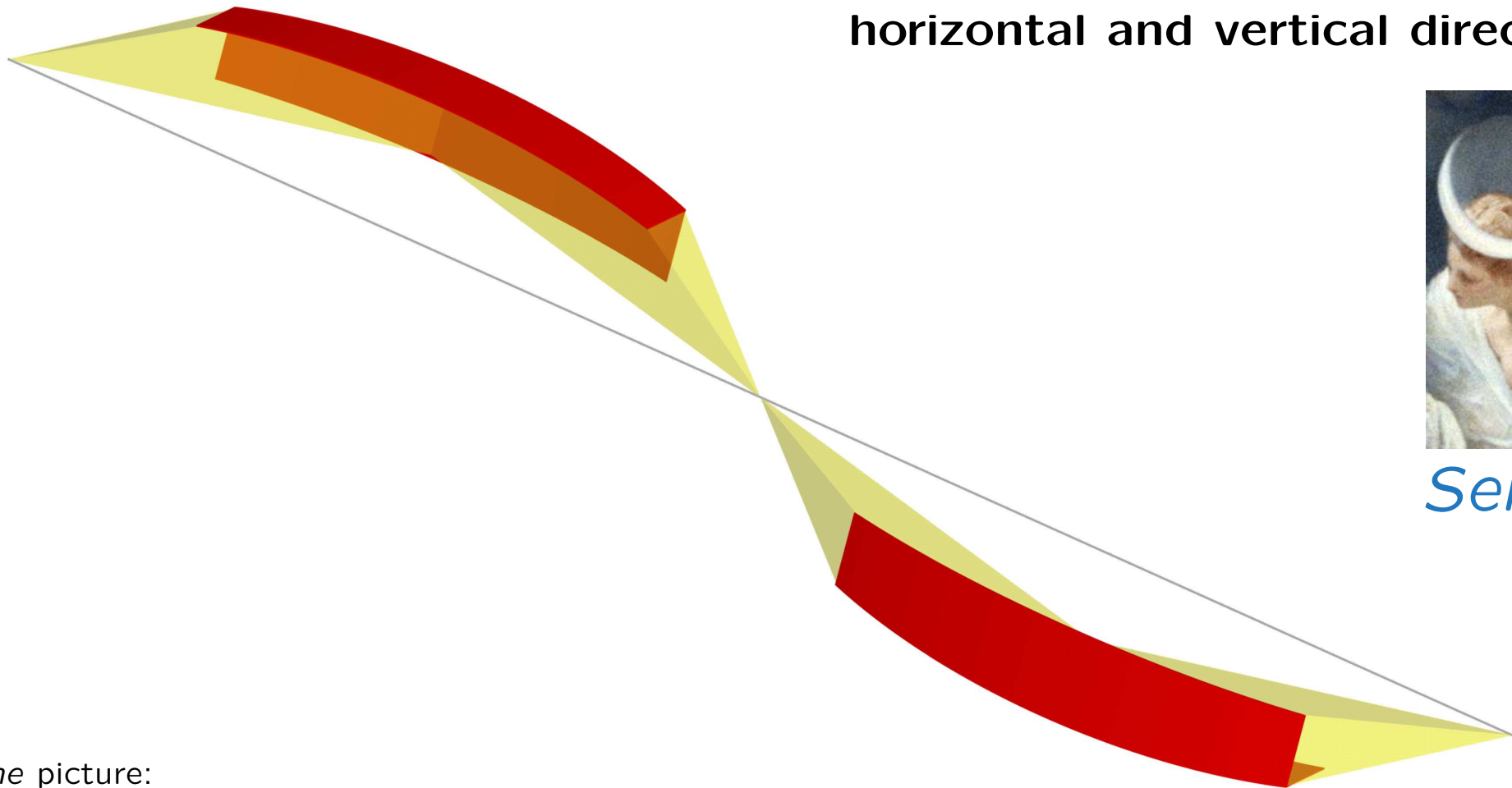
point-to-point focusing

with

2 subsequent elliptical reflectors

for

horizontal and vertical direction



Selene

Selene picture:
ceiling painting in the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, København

Selene guide

footprint definition

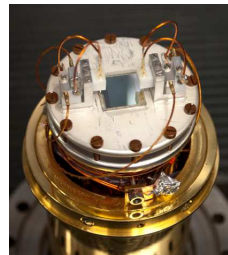
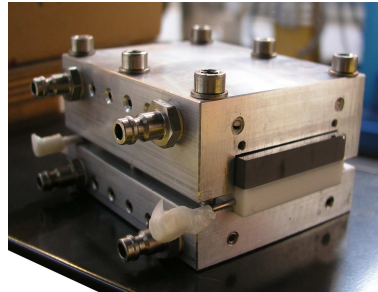
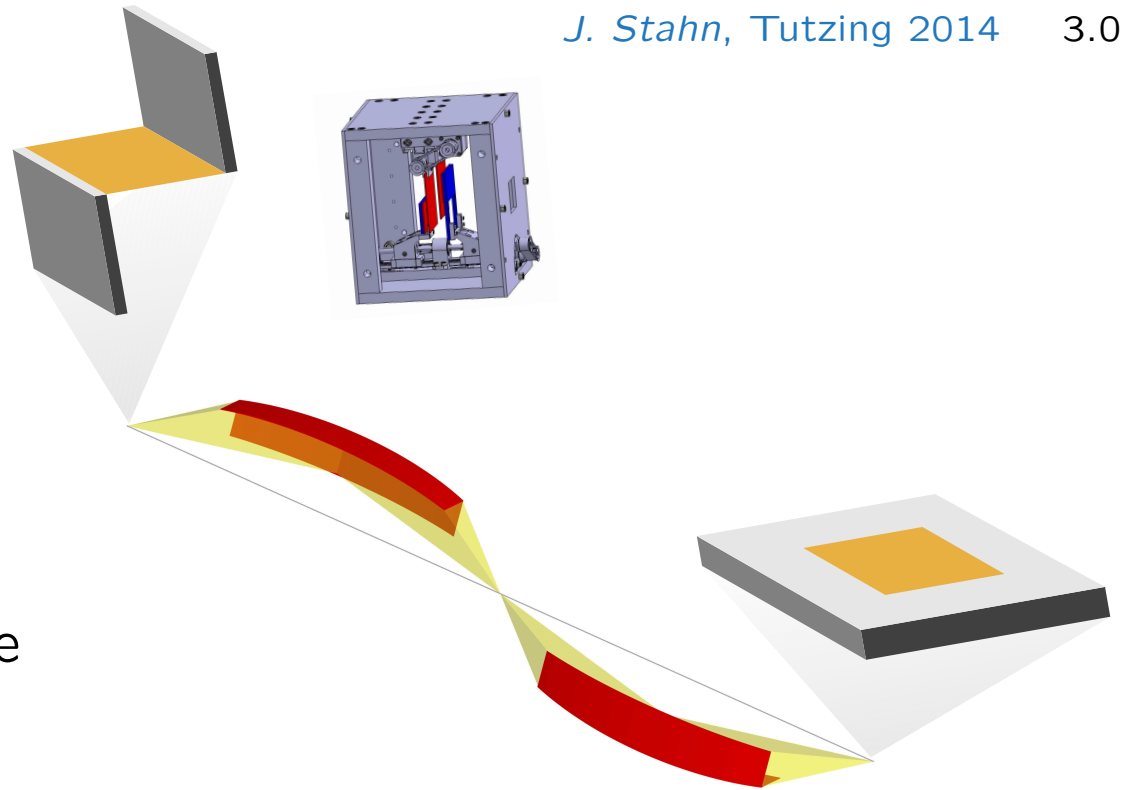
a luminous field diaphragm
defines

- shape
- size
- orientation

of the beam footprint on the sample

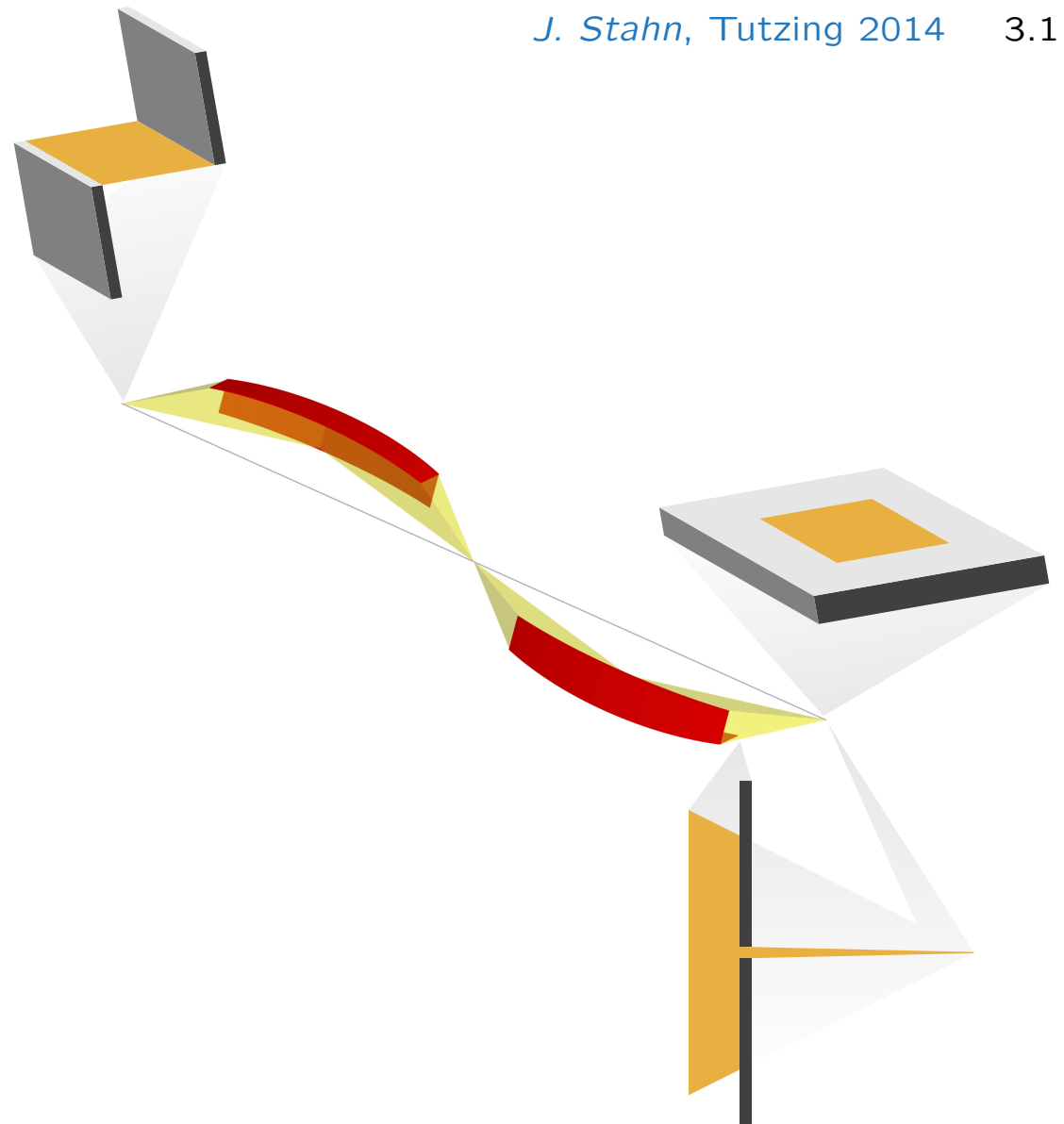
to

- avoid over-illumination
- avoid inhomogeneous field areas
- raster the sample



Selene guide

decoupling of spot-size
and divergence



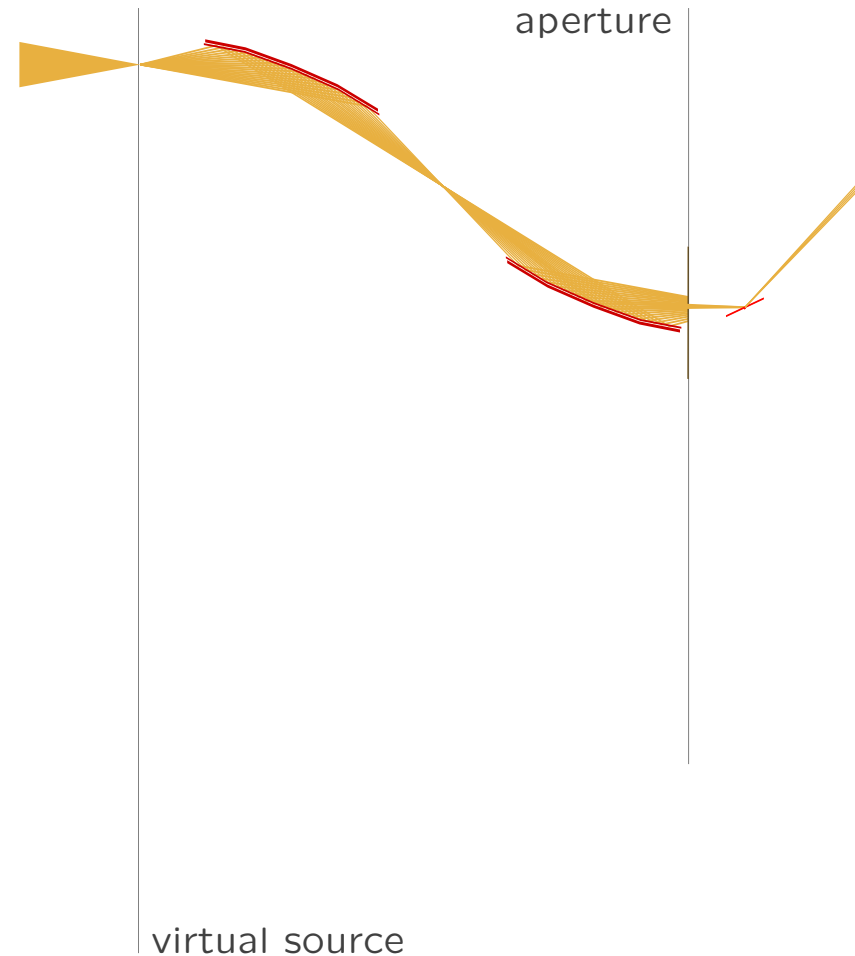
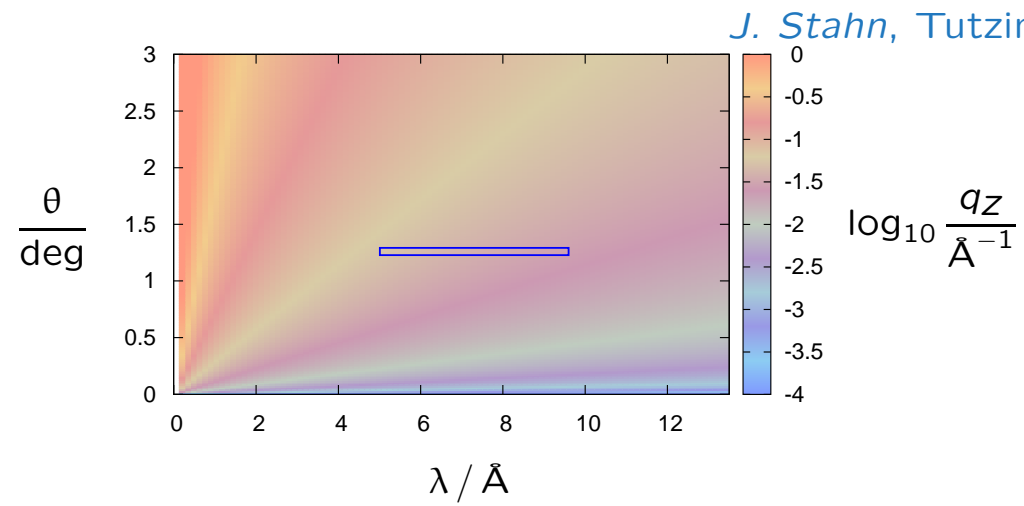
Selene guide

reflectometry: operation modes

almost conventional reflectivity

= TOF

- defined foot-print
- off-specular reflectivity



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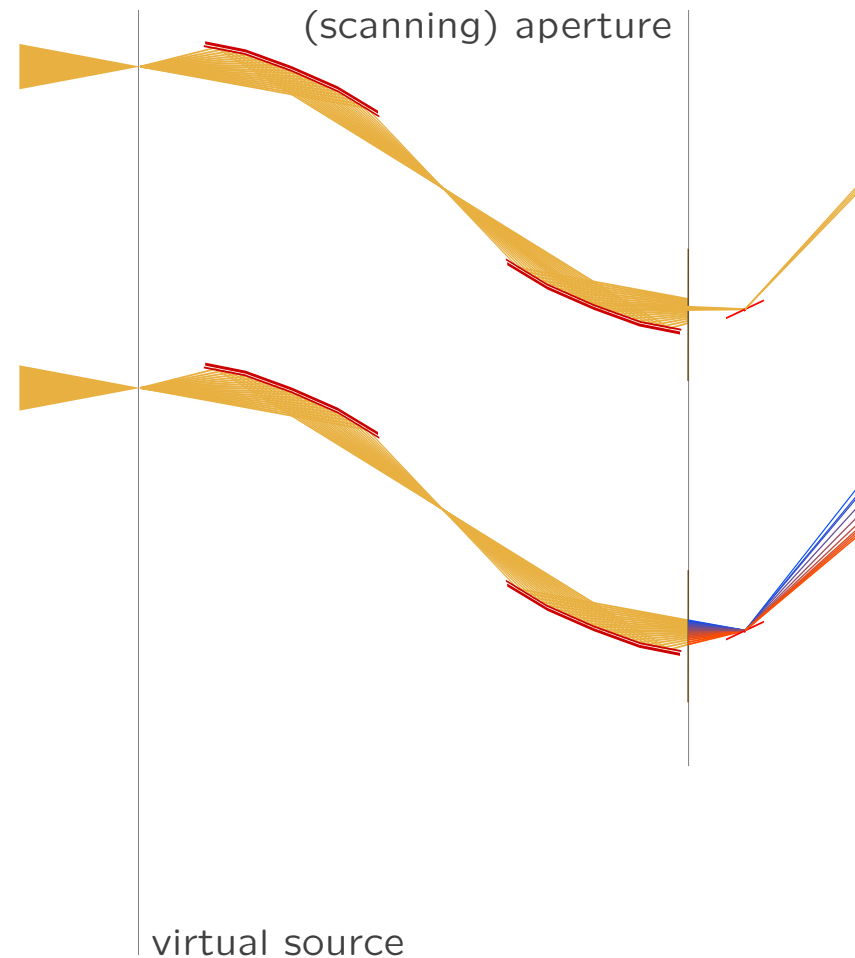
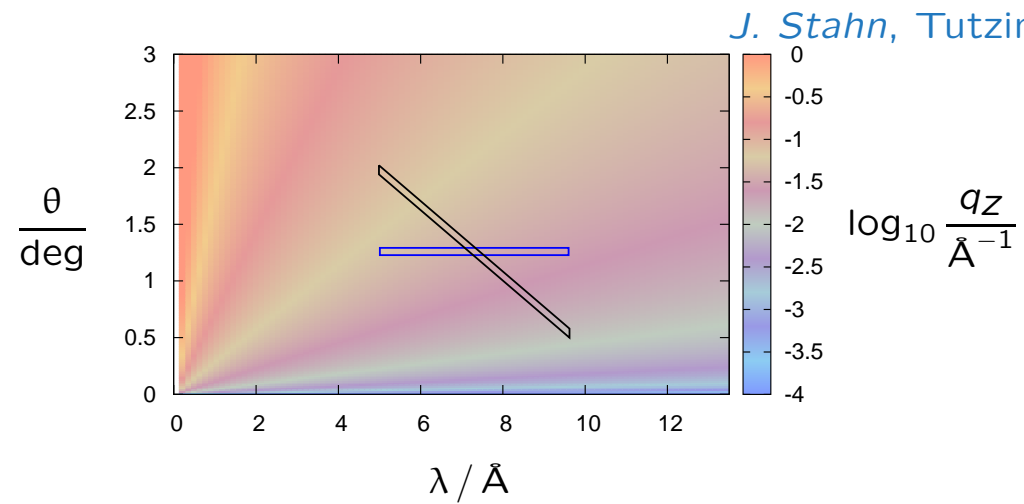
= TOF

- o defined foot-print
- o off-specular reflectivity

λ - θ -encoding

= TOF(θ)

- o wider q_z -range
- o constant $\Delta q/q$



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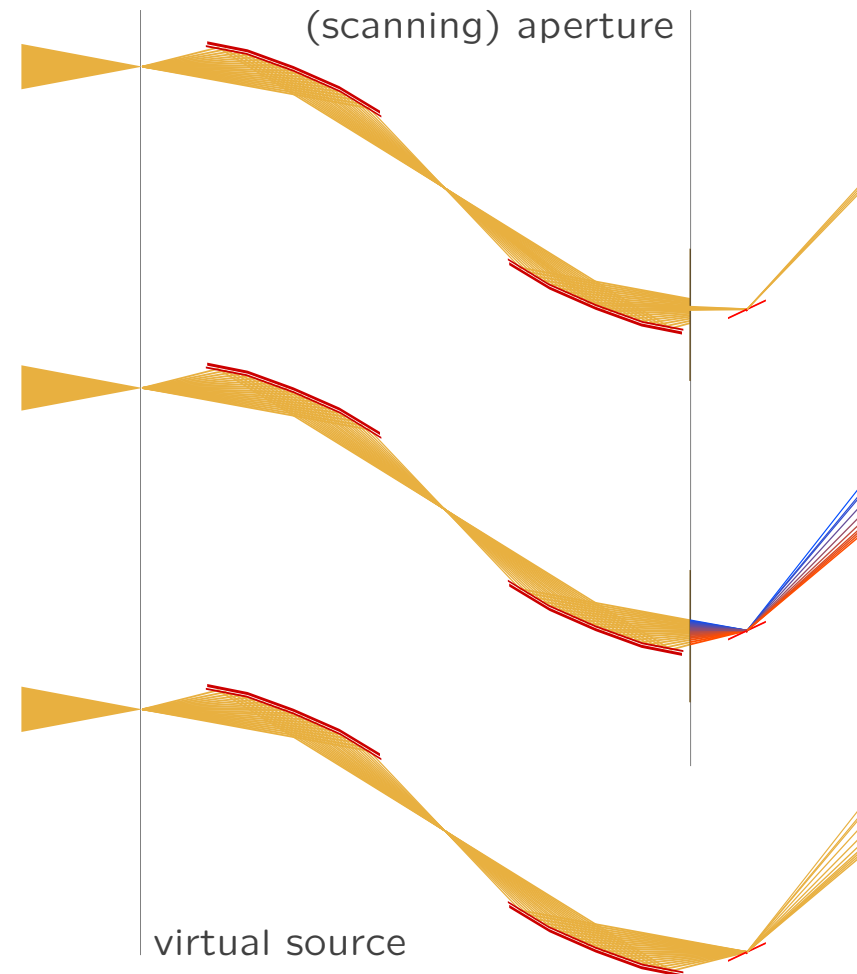
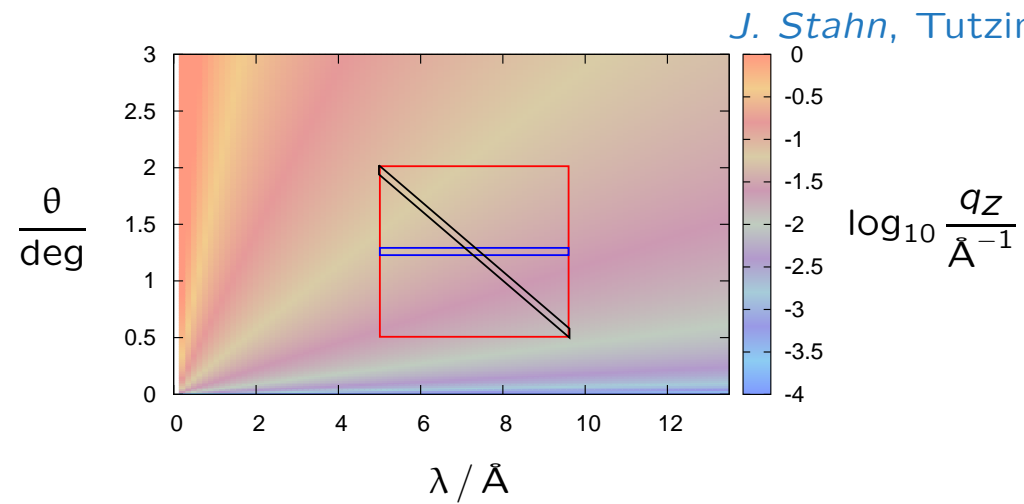
= TOF(θ)

- wider q_z -range
- constant $\Delta q/q$

high-intensity specular reflectivity

= TOF \times θ -dispersive

- split-second t -resolution
- screening of parameter space



Selene guide

simple dependence's of parameters

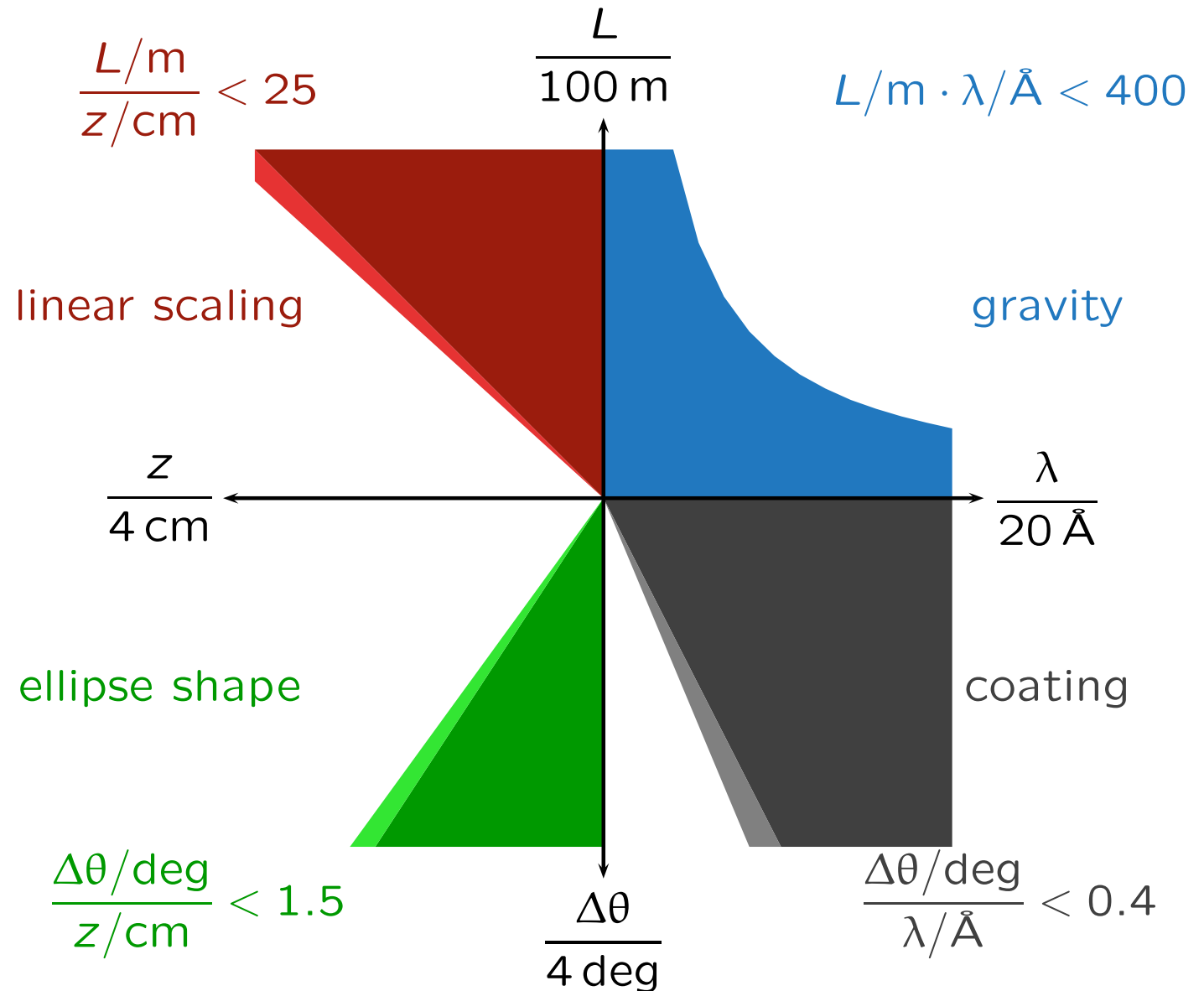
- $\Delta\theta$
- λ -range

constraints

- length L
- coating

and performance

- spot size
- transmission

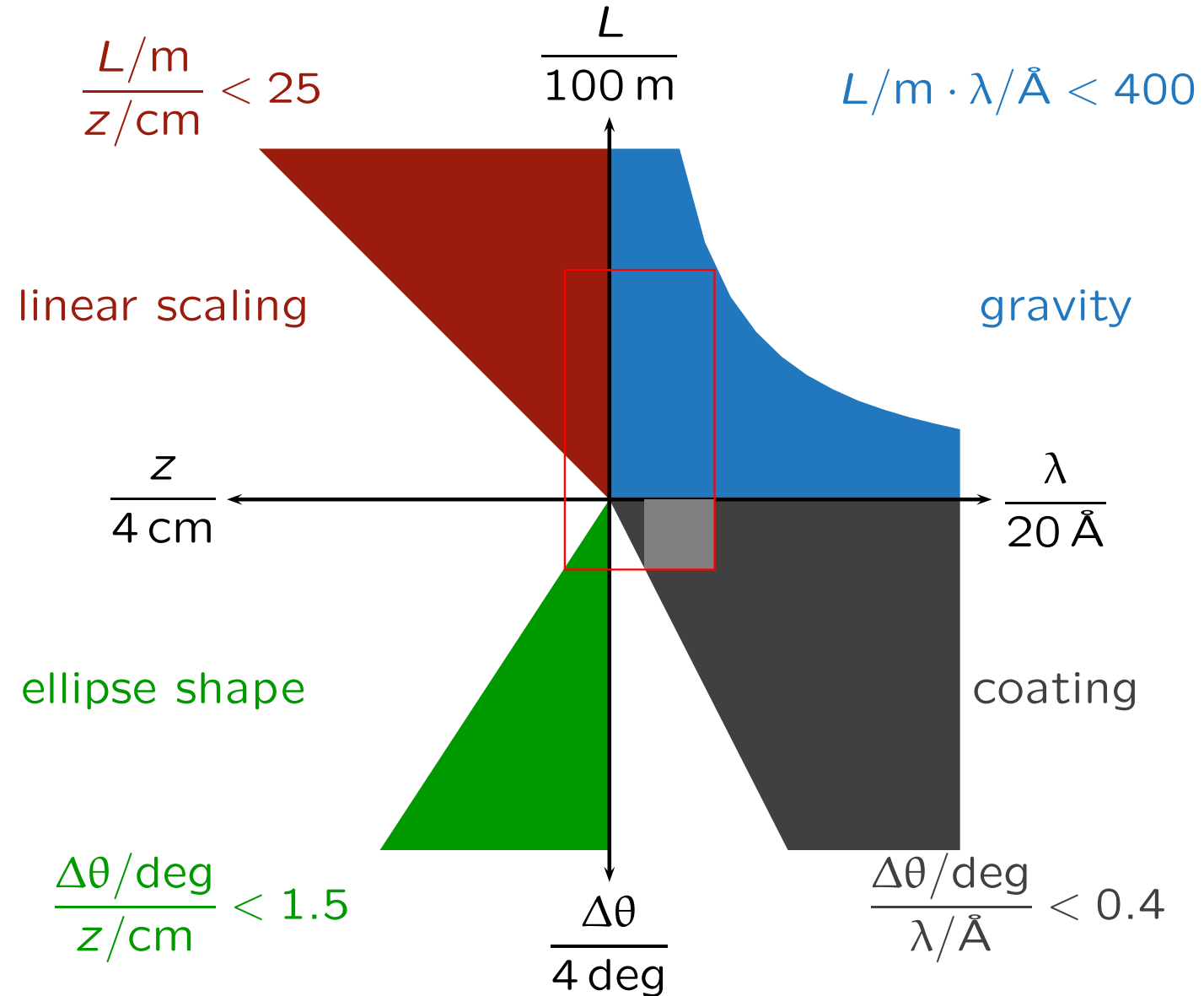


Selene guide

example: spectrometer (FOCUS for small samples)

$L < 65 \text{ m}$

$\lambda \in [2, 6] \text{ \AA}$

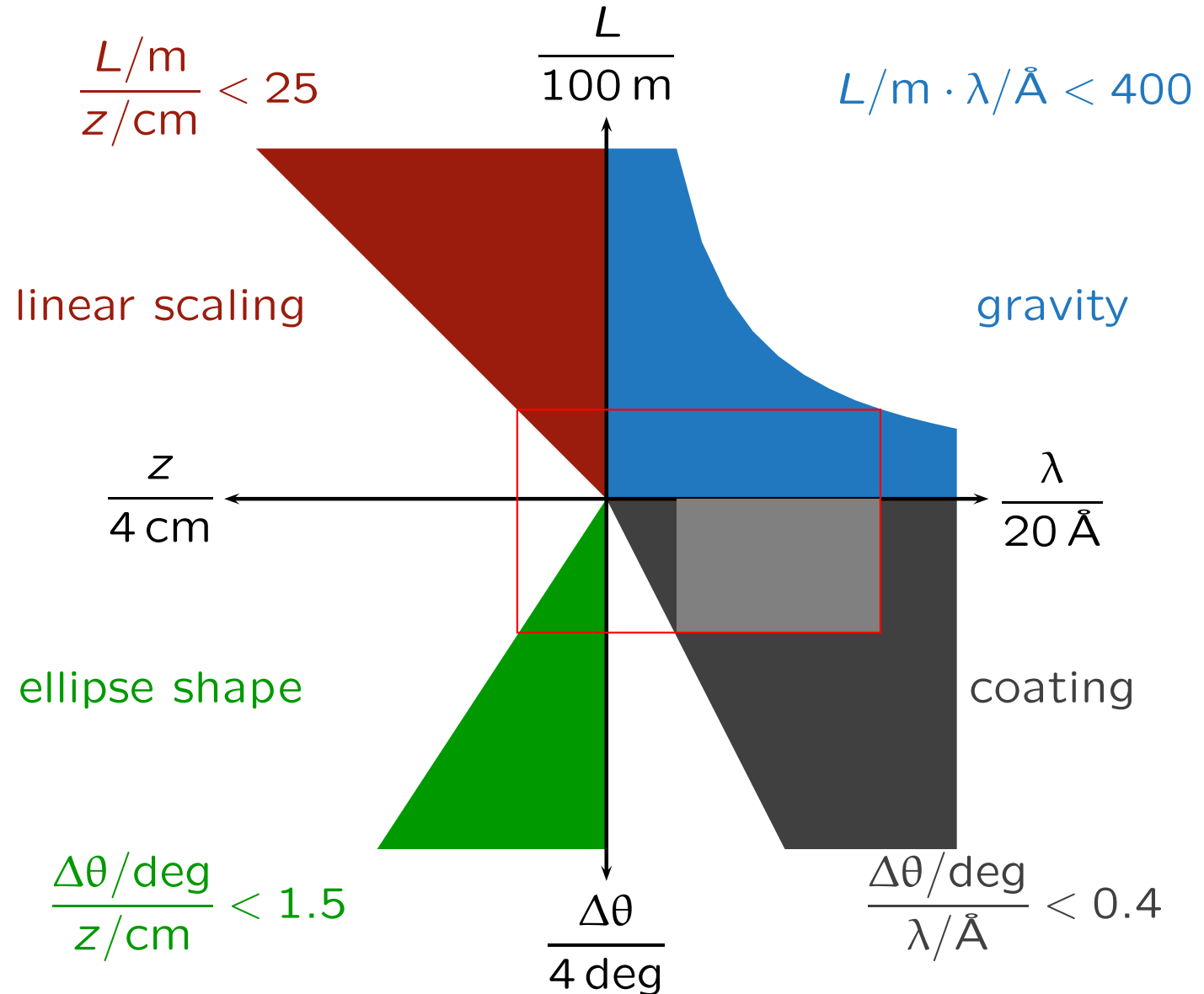


Selene guide

example: *Estia* (TOF reflectometer project)

$L = 24 \text{ m}$

$\lambda \in [4, 10] \text{ \AA}$

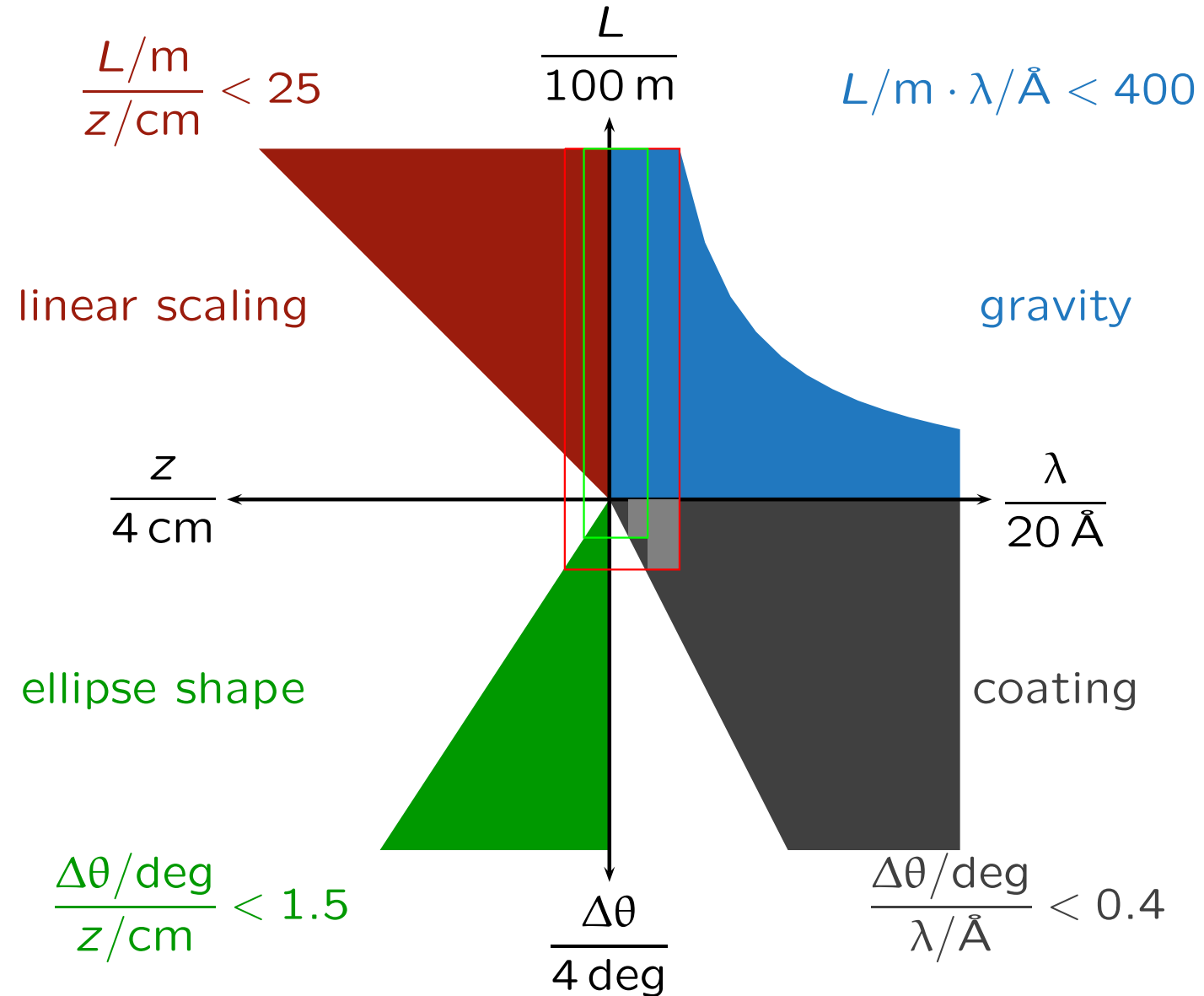


Selene guide

example: Werner's thermal/cold guide

$L = 100 \text{ m}$

$\lambda \in [1, 4] \text{ \AA}$



Selene prototype

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Selene prototype

prototype guide on Amor@PSI

slit = virtual source

polariser

1st segment

spin flipper

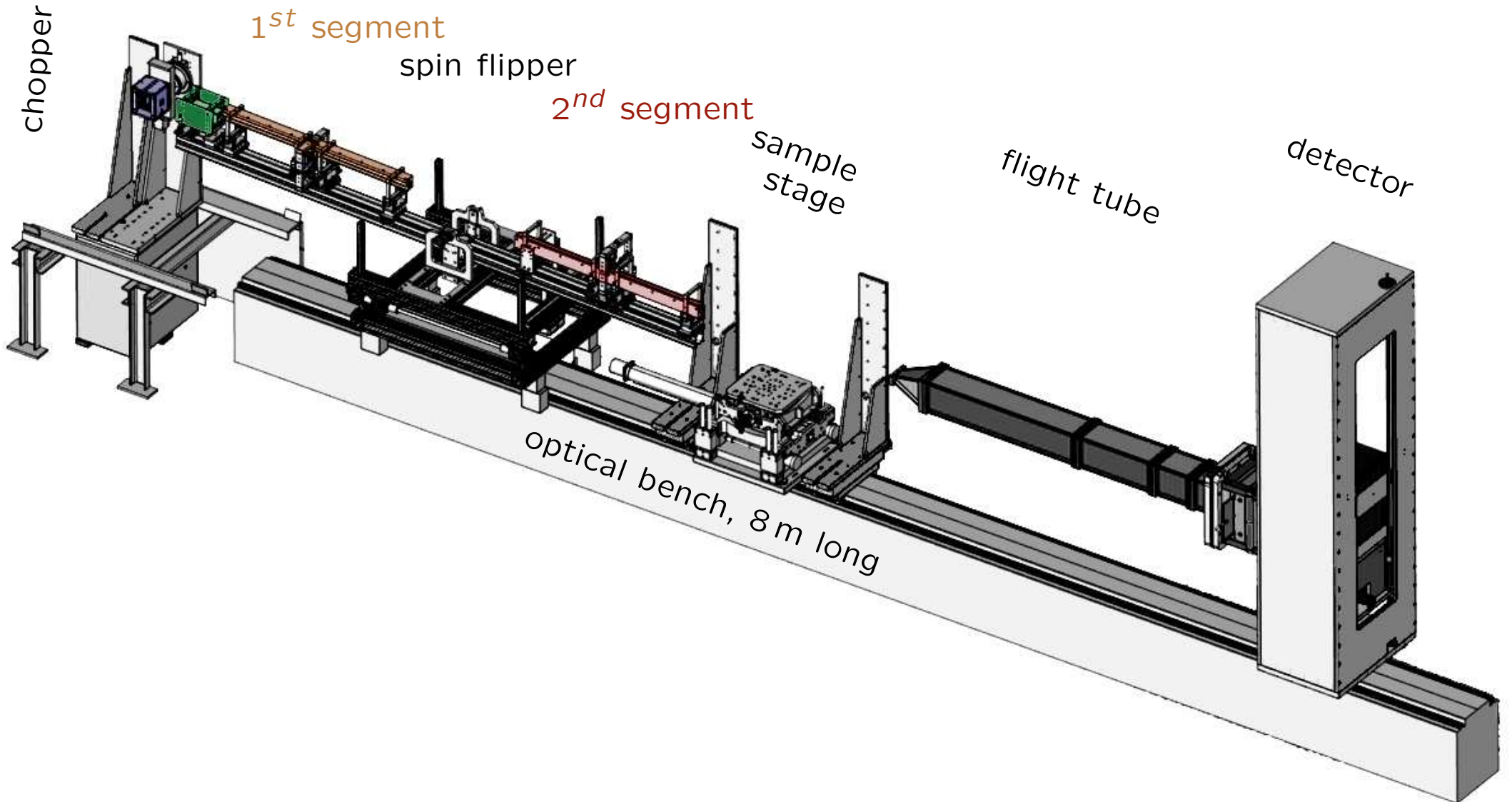
2nd segment

sample stage

flight tube

detector

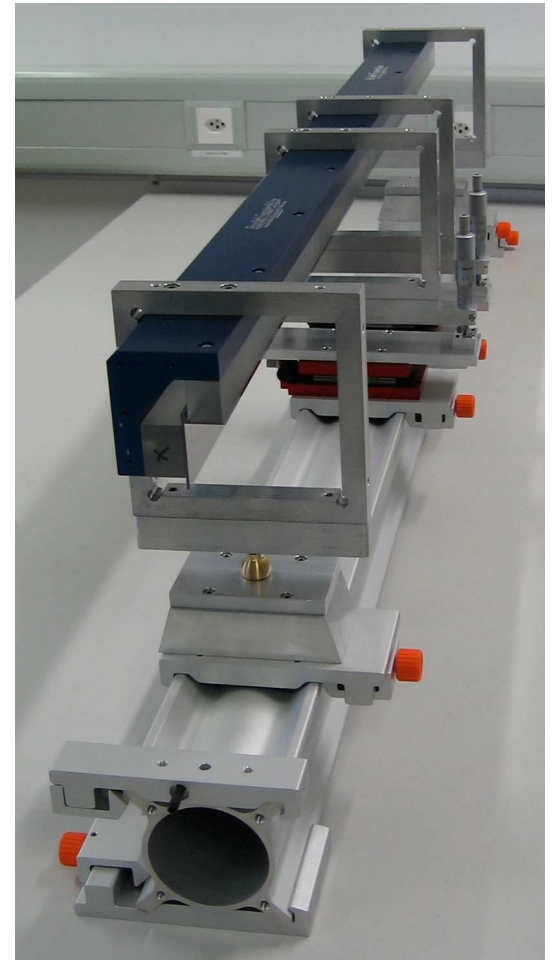
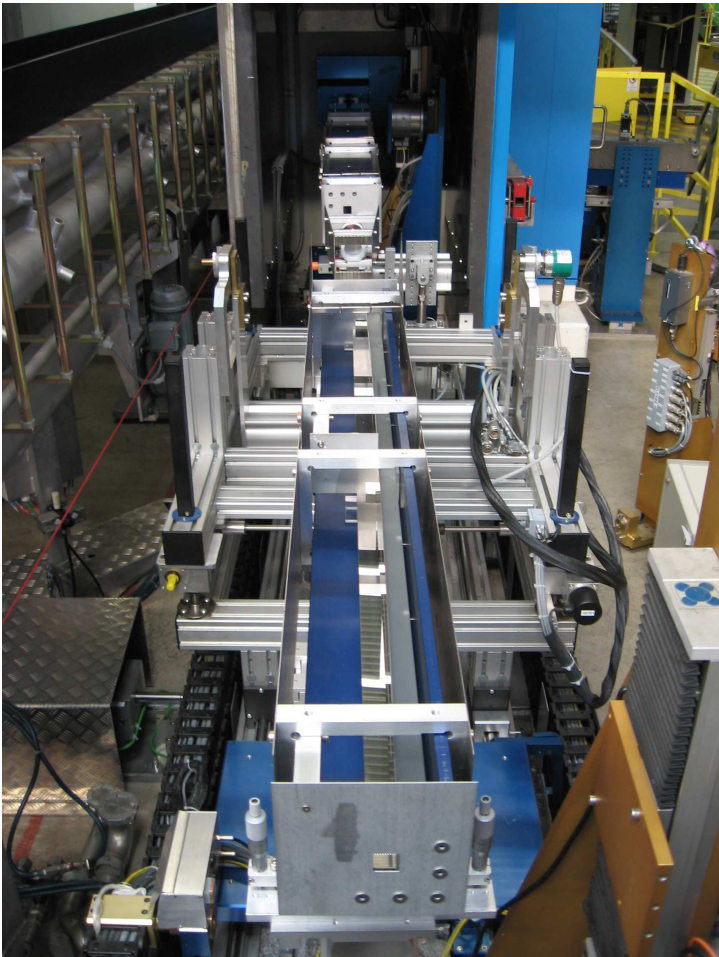
optical bench, 8 m long



Selene prototype

prototype guide on Amor@PSI

- total length = 4 m
- max spot size $\approx 2 \times 2 \text{ mm}^2$
- divergence $1.8^\circ \times 1.8^\circ$



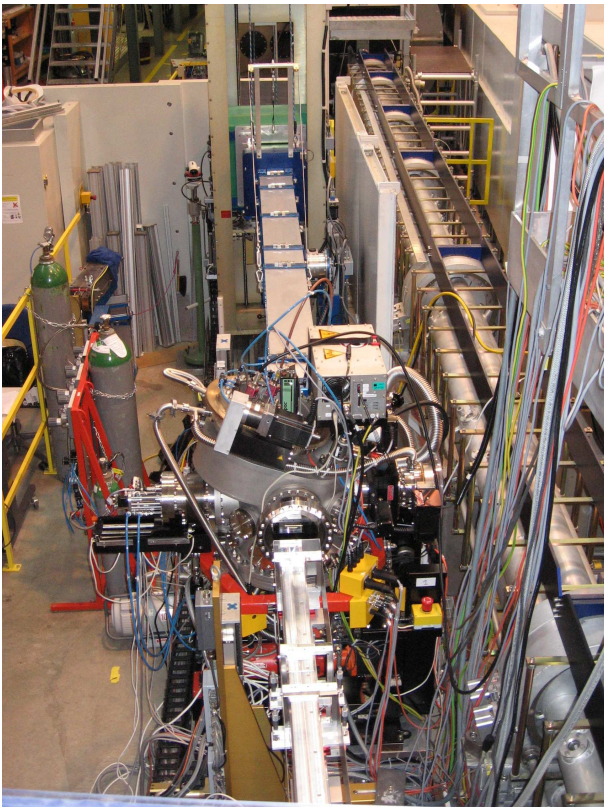
Selene prototype

example:

quasi in-situ reflectometry during sample growth

sample: Si/Cu(50 nm)/Fe(0...20 layers)

by B. Wiedemann, S. Mayr, W. Kreuzpaintner, TU Munich

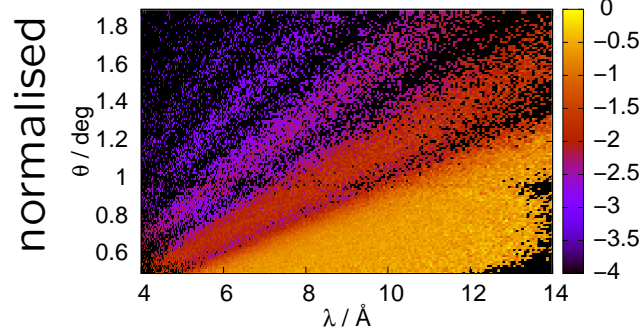
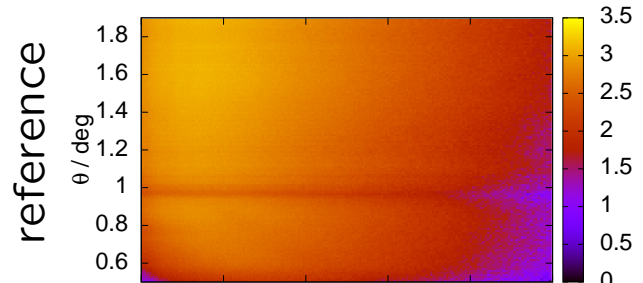
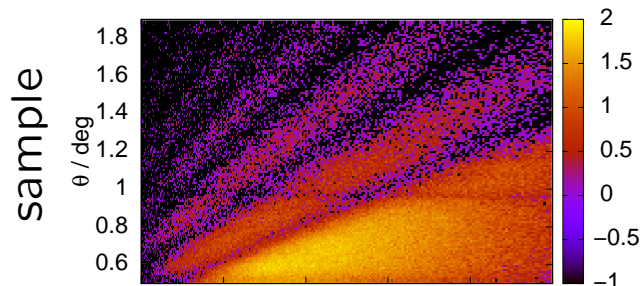
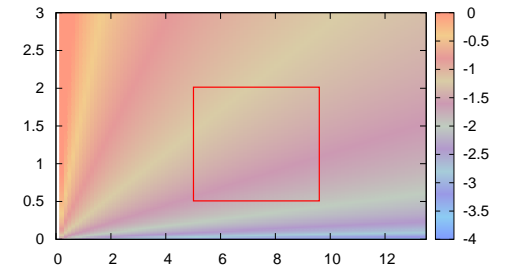
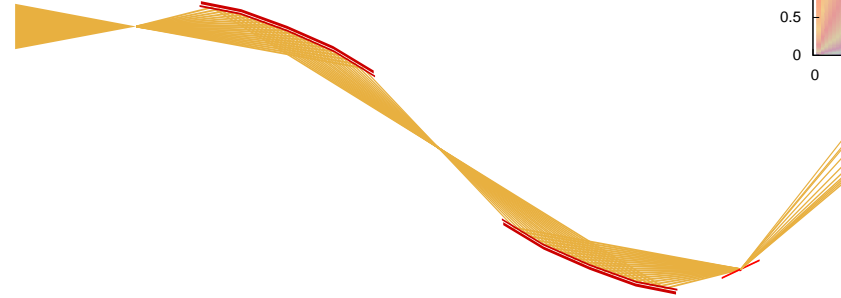


Selene prototype

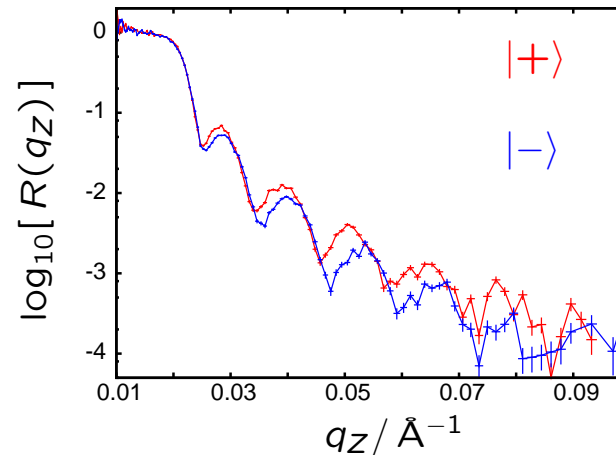
example:

quasi in-situ reflectometry during sample growth

high-intensity specular reflectometry



sample	Si /Cu /Fe (6 monolayers)
instrument	Amor
size	2 × 20 mm ²
time / spin	10 min

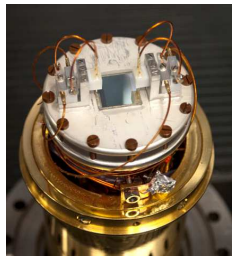


estia

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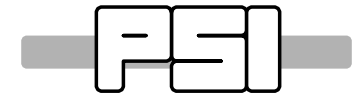
Estia a polarised focusing reflectometer for small samples

for the investigation of the chemical and magnetic depth-profile near surfaces and of lateral correlations and structures



- functional devices: *spin-valves, spintronics*
- diffusion processes: *Li batteries, corrosion protection*
- multifunctional materials: *interface-coupled electric and magnetic properties*
- towards real materials: *raster-scanning of bent, faceted or multi-domain surfaces*

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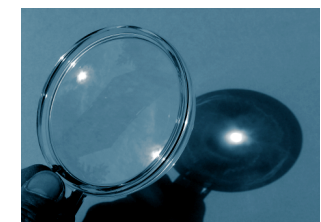
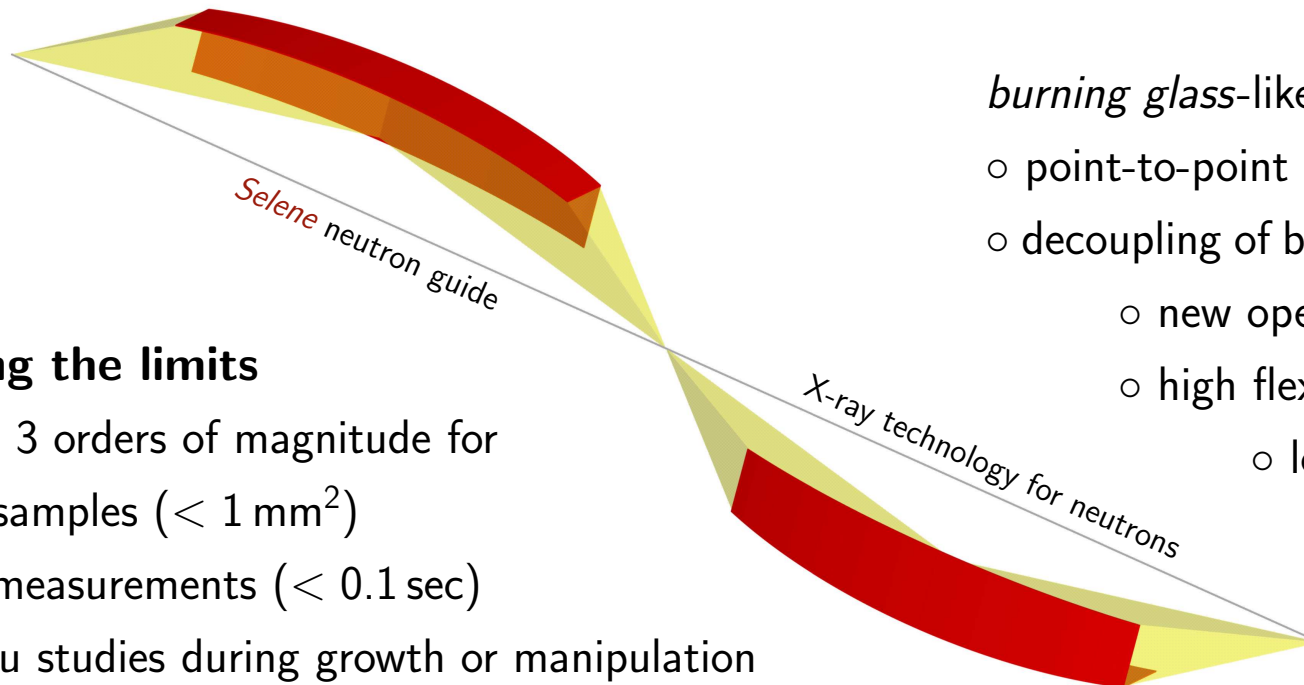


burning glass-like **neutron guide**

- point-to-point imaging
- decoupling of beam size and divergence
 - new operation modes
 - high flexibility
 - low background

pushing the limits

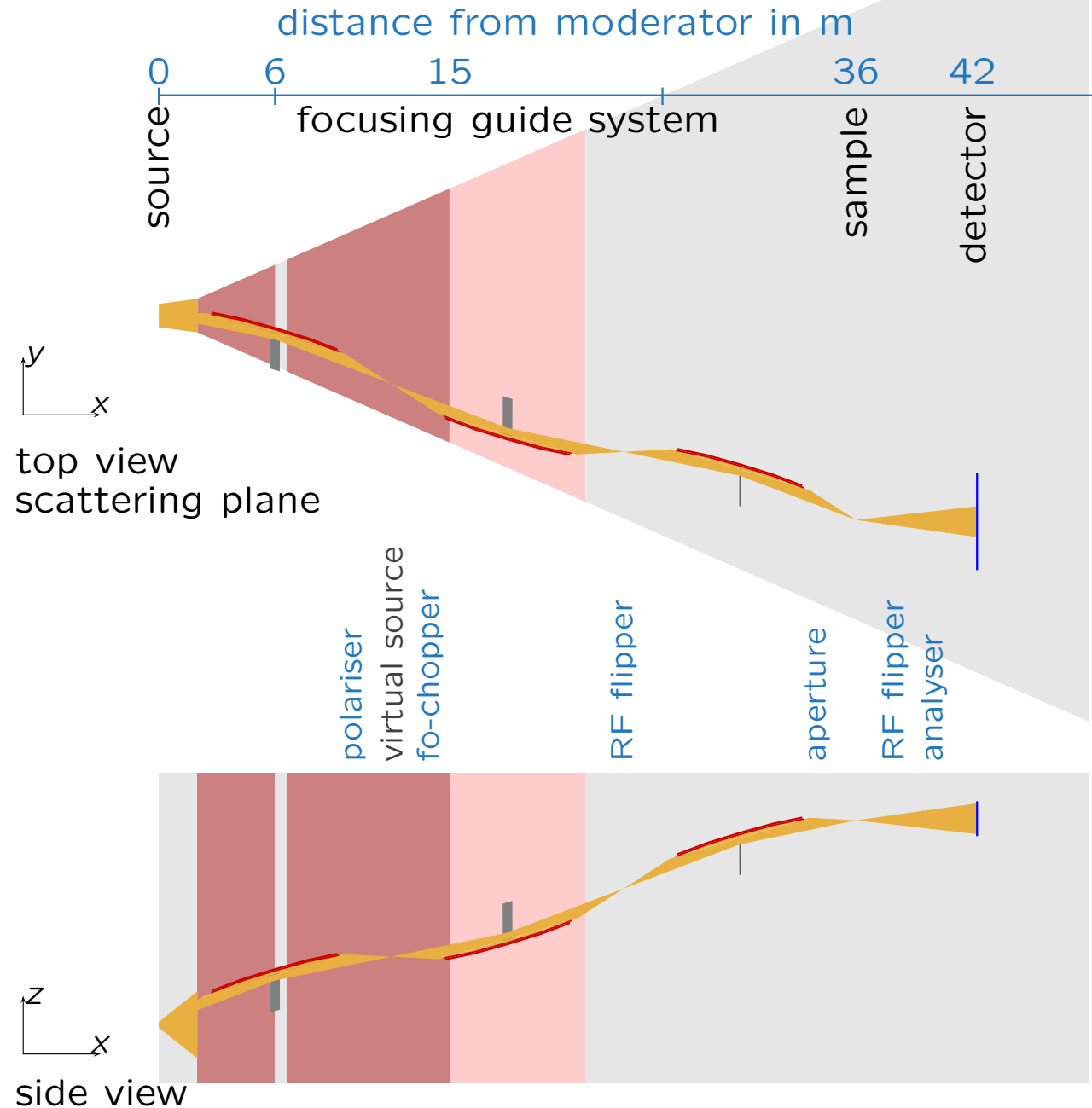
- by 2 to 3 orders of magnitude for
- tiny samples ($< 1 \text{ mm}^2$)
 - fast measurements ($< 0.1 \text{ sec}$)
 - in-situ studies during growth or manipulation



Estia

TOF reflectometer
for the ESS

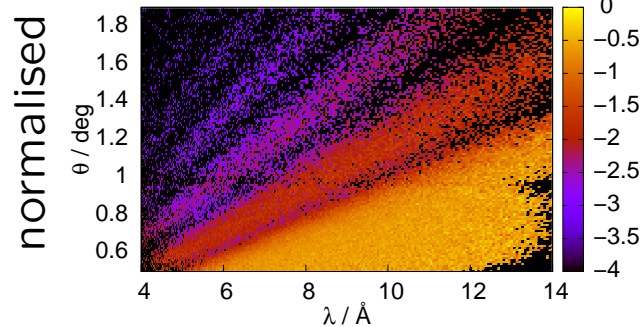
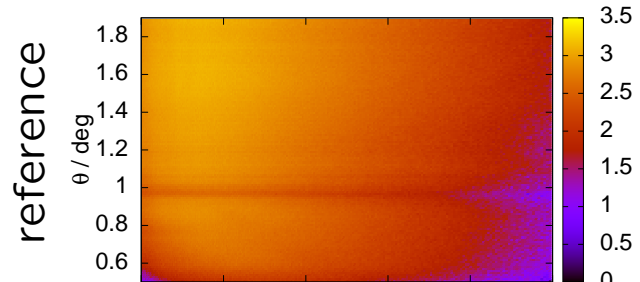
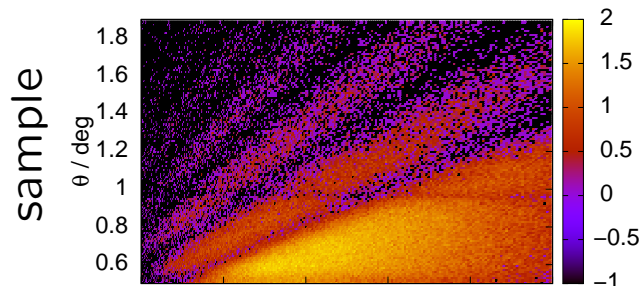
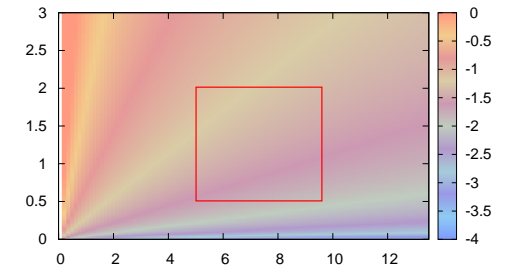
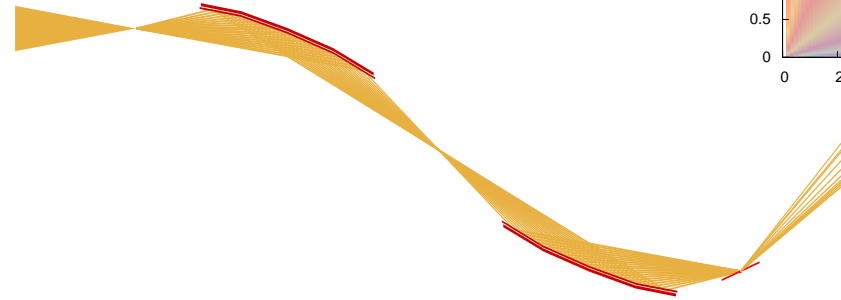
- horizontal scattering plane
- sample size $< 10 \times 50 \text{ mm}^2$
- divergence $1.5^\circ \times 1.5^\circ$
- $\lambda \in [4, 10] \text{ \AA}$
- *feeder* + *Selene* guide
- low background
- stopping fast neutrons / γ



Estia

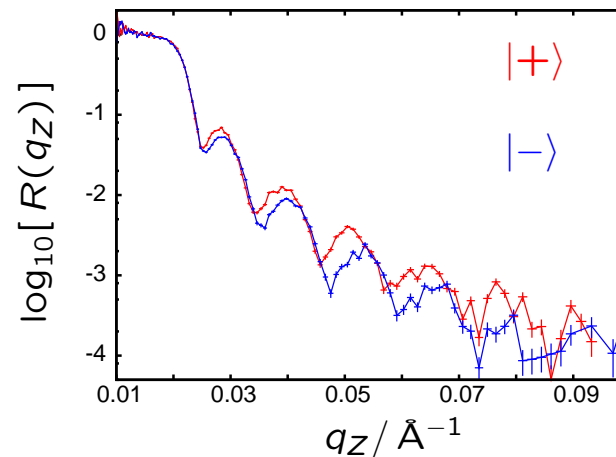
comparison to prototype

high-intensity specular reflectometry



sample	Si /Cu /Fe (6 monolayers)	
instrument	Amor	<i>Estia</i>
size	2 × 20 mm ²	10 × 20 mm ²
time / spin	10 min	0.1 s

gain-factor: 10000



due to:

- brilliance of sources
- Amor guide (20%)
- sample size

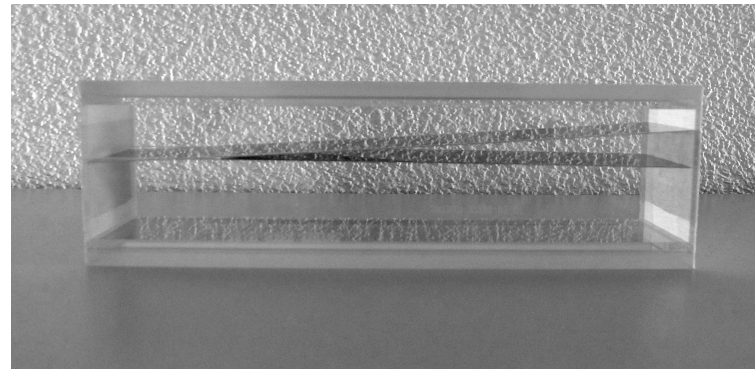
optics

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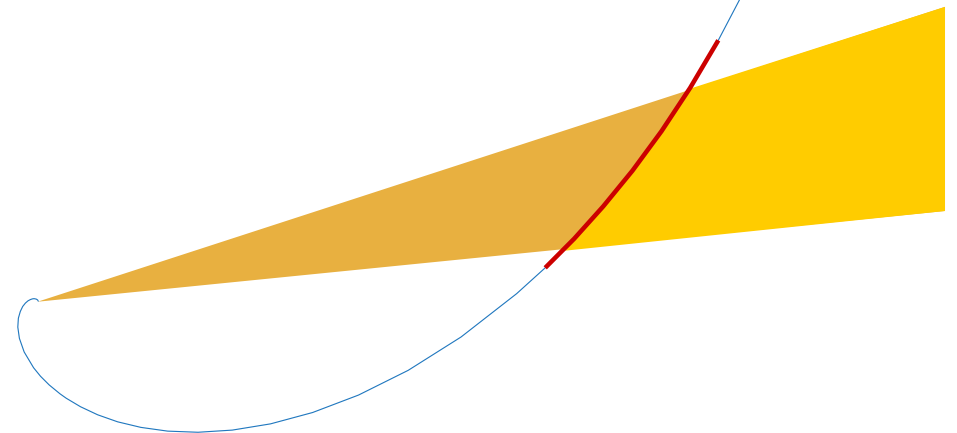
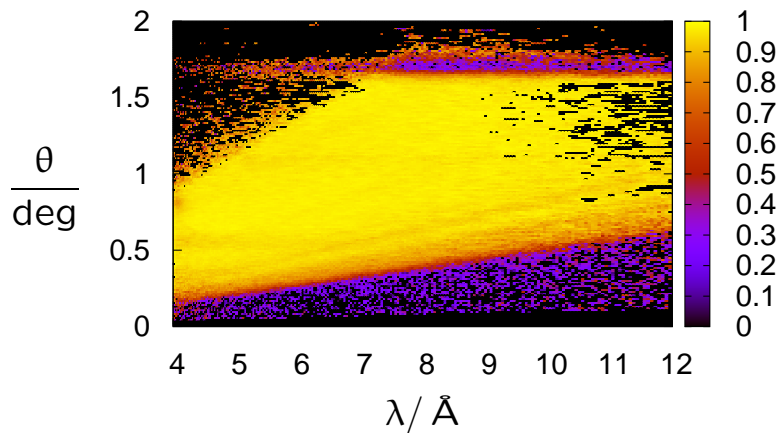
optics: logarithmic spiral

polariser, frame-overlap mirror

can be applied to all convergent / divergent beams with small focus spot
 e.g. as analyser for any beam reflected on small or moderate-sized samples!

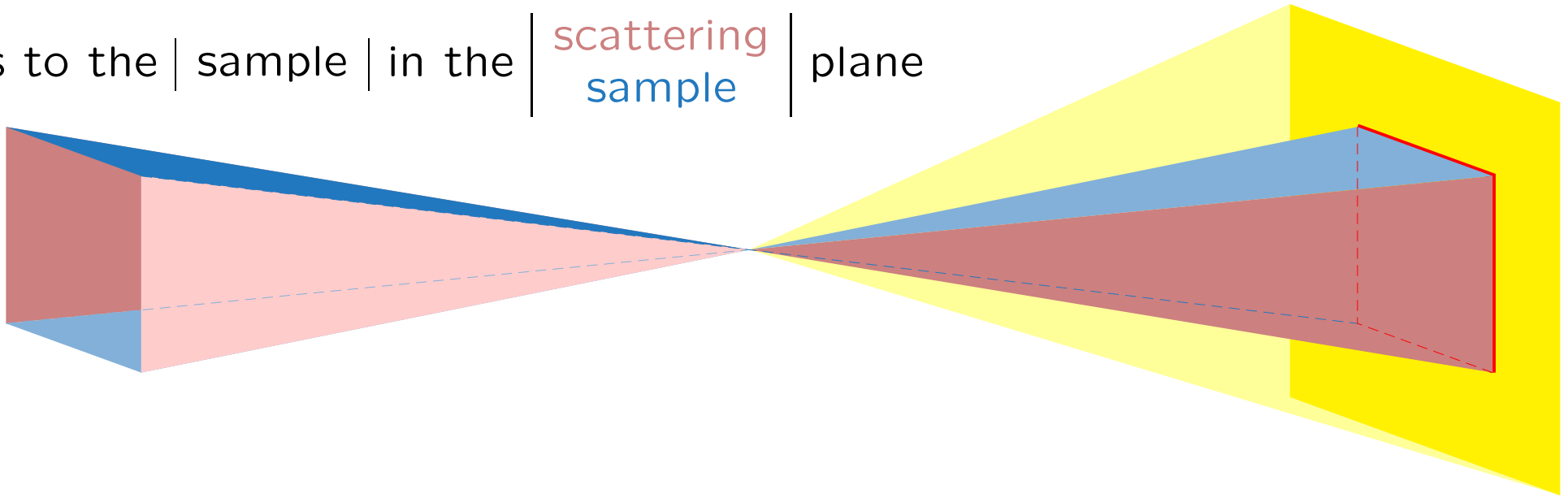


polarisation efficiency measured with a Fe/Si supermirror

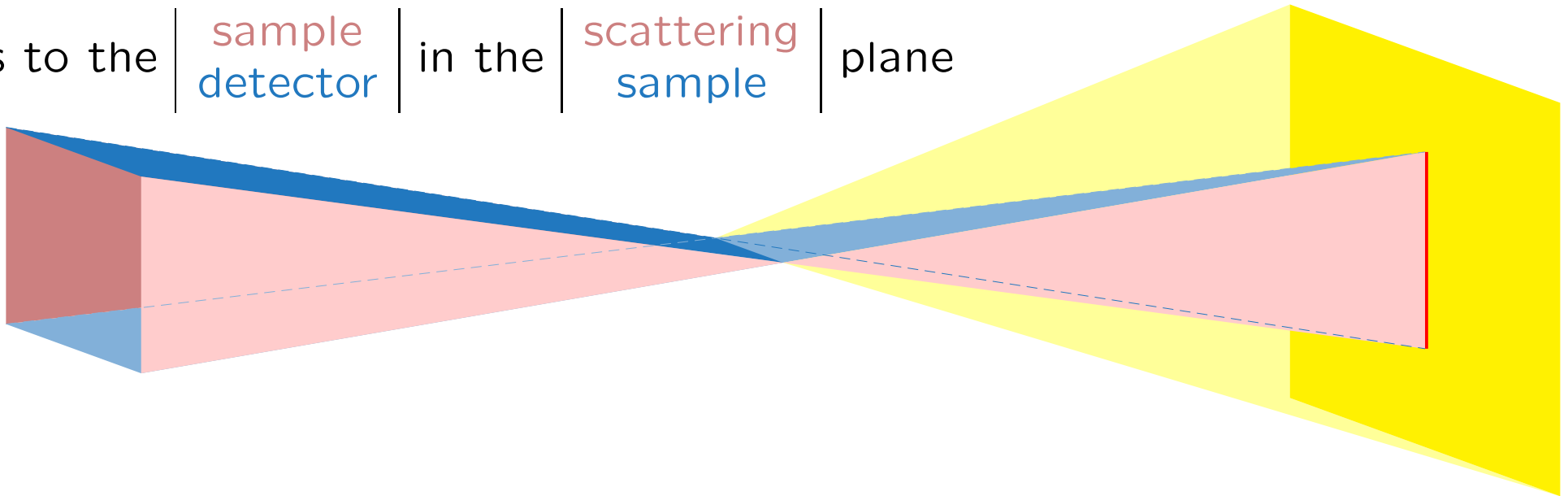


optics: astigmatic focusing

focus to the | sample | in the | scattering sample | plane



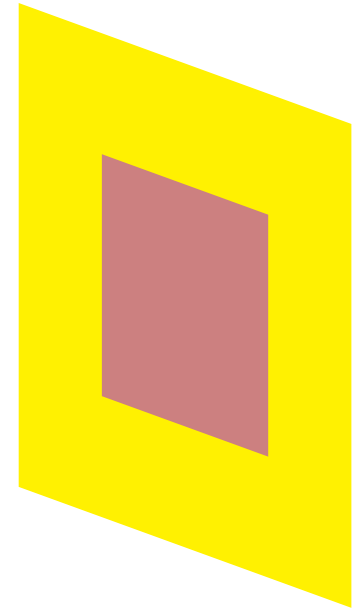
focus to the | sample detector | in the | scattering sample | plane



optics: astigmatic focusing

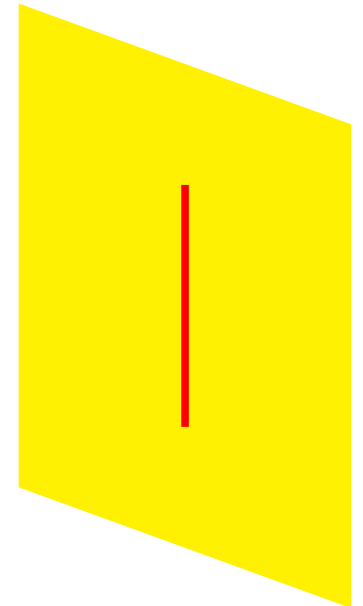
focus to the | sample | in the | scattering
sample | plane

| specular
off-specular | intensity distributed over the detector



focus to the | sample
detector | in the | scattering
sample | plane

| specular
off-specular | intensity | concentrated along a line
distributed over the detector |

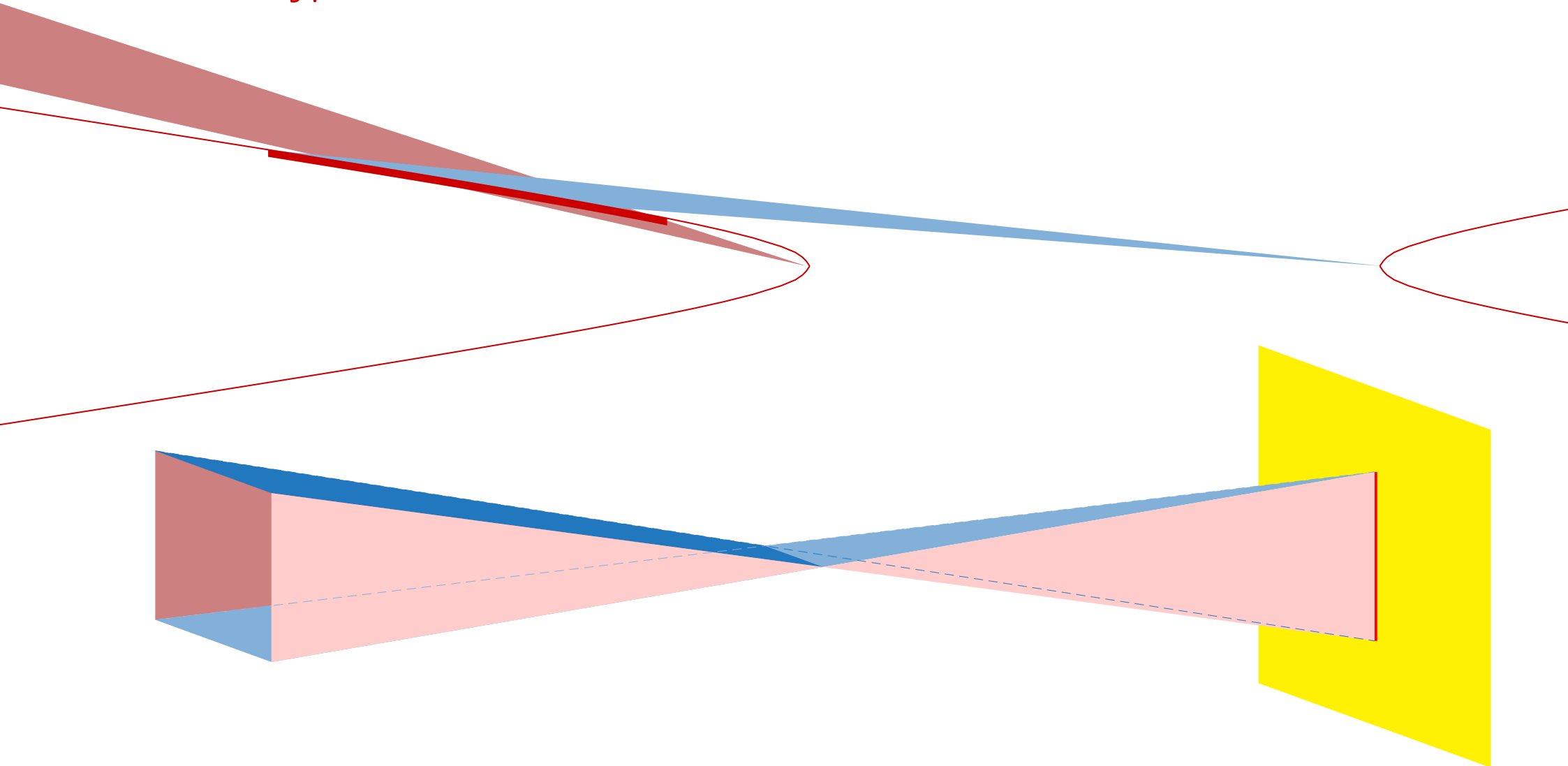


⇒ strongly reduced background under specular signal

optics: astigmatic focusing

focusing to the detector by shifting the focal point:

hyperbolic deflector

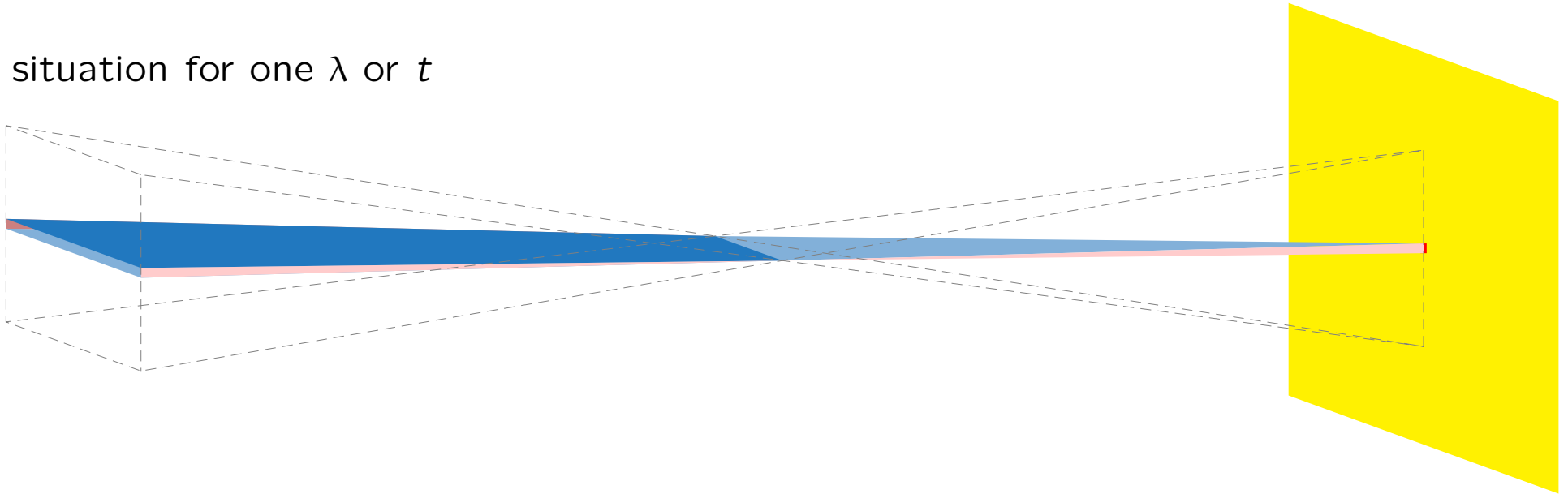


optics: astigmatic focusing

in combination with TOF and

a chopper / scanning aperture / dispersive monochromator

situation for one λ or t

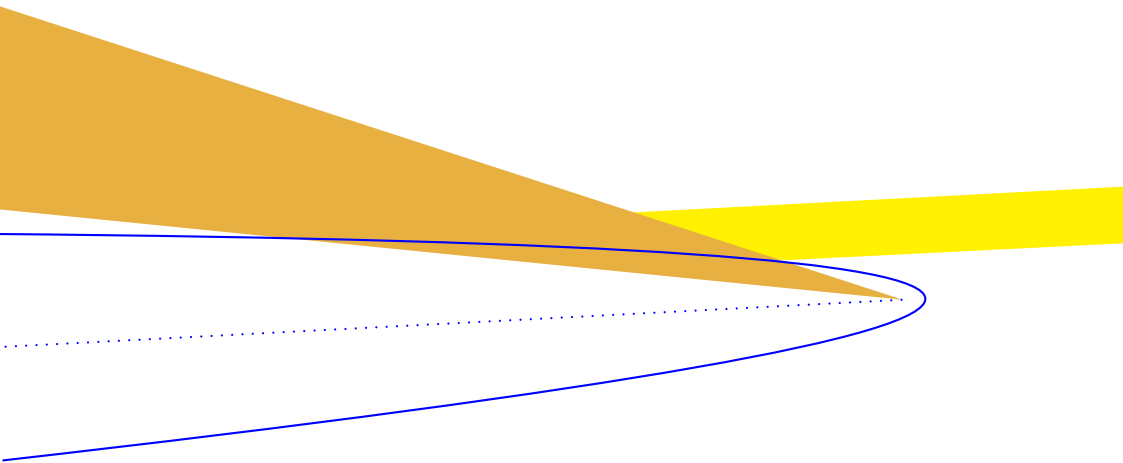


specular intensity concentrated on a small spot

⇒ focusing GISANS configuration

optics: adaptive optics

condenser: parabolic deflector to generate a parallel beam



parabola axis \Rightarrow beam direction

focal length \Rightarrow beam width

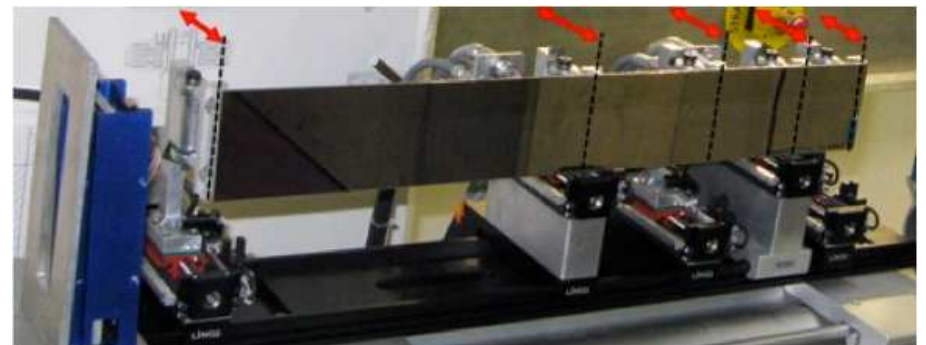
beam width
& spot size \Rightarrow divergence

no collimator needed

tunable

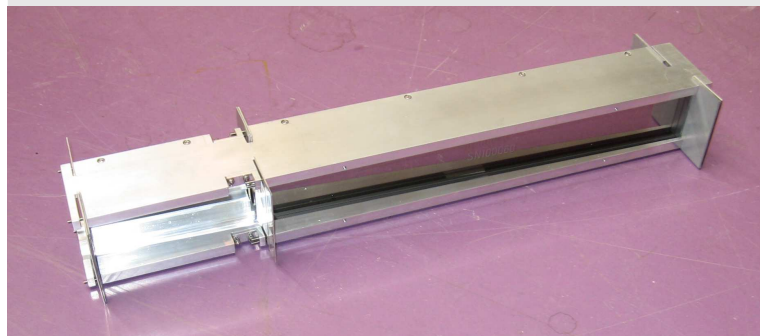
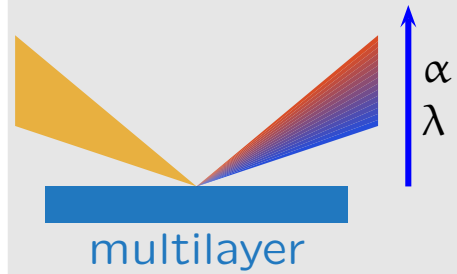
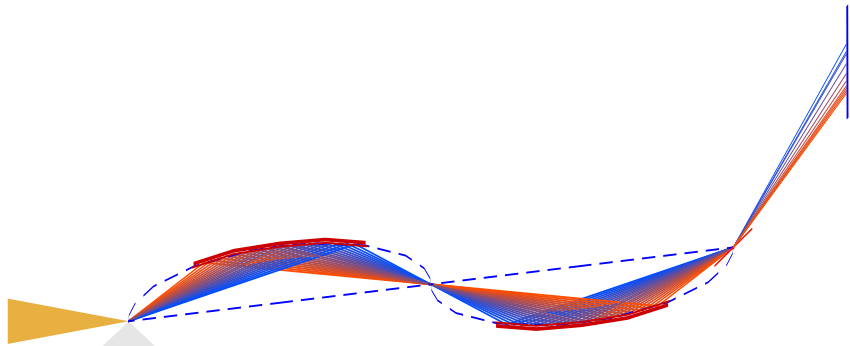
adaptive parabola (convex)
focal spot with $170\ \mu\text{m}$ reached

(PSI, early version)

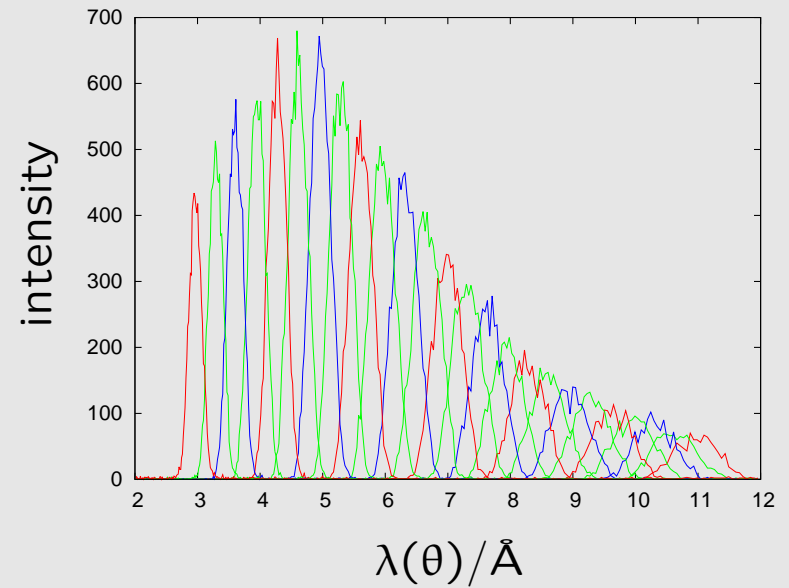


optics: spectral analysis

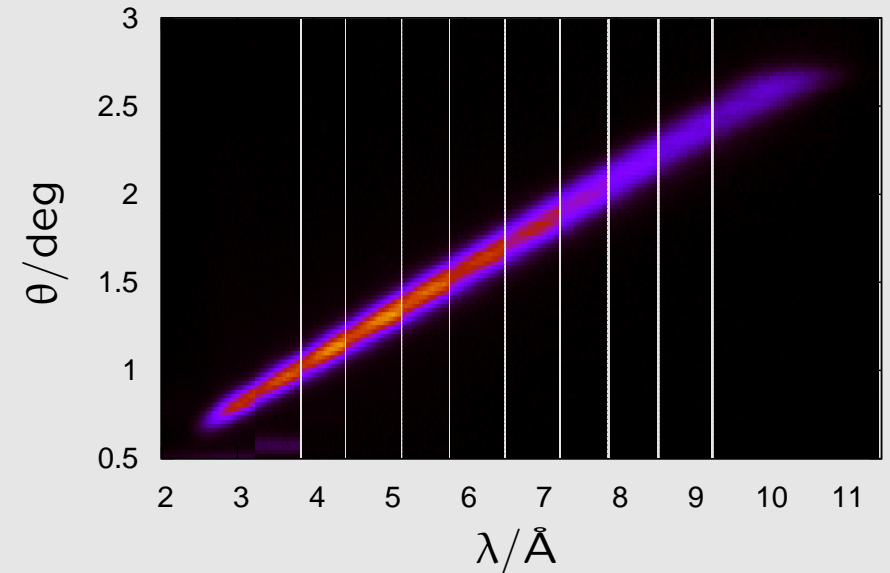
using a multilayer monochromator



double ML monochromator



$I(\lambda, \theta)$ measured on Amor



discussion

- focusing
 - Selene guide
 - prototype
 - Estia
 - optics
 - **discussion**

discussion

focusing results in ...



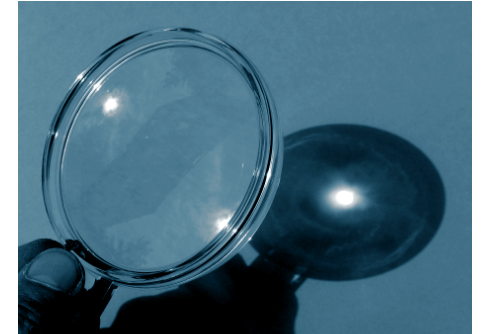
... no gain in brilliance

... a defined footprint

... a clean beam

homogeneous

uni-modal angular or spatial distribution



non-perfect optics

⇒ reduction of resolution / transmission

works best for small samples

weak aberration

