
a truly focusing neutron guide



Selene

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inspiration

Selene

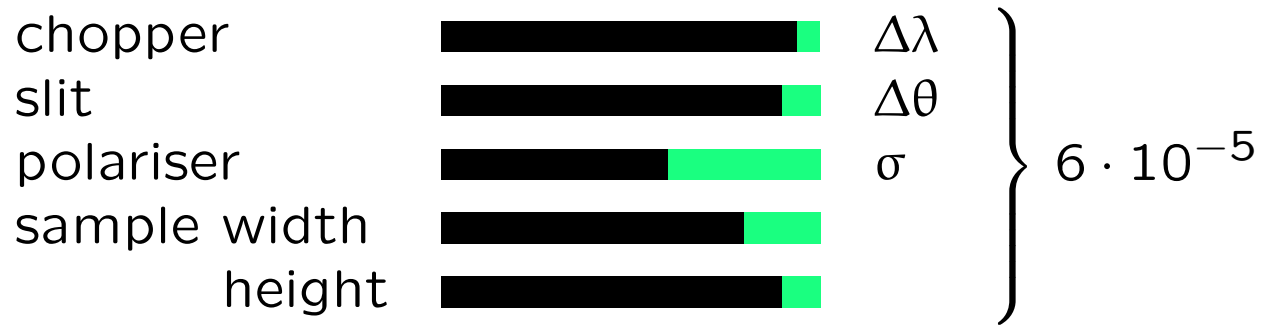
outline

- **Selene guide system**
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- **reflectometry**
- **discussion**

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motivation

losses along the beam path at Amor for a 1 cm² sample:

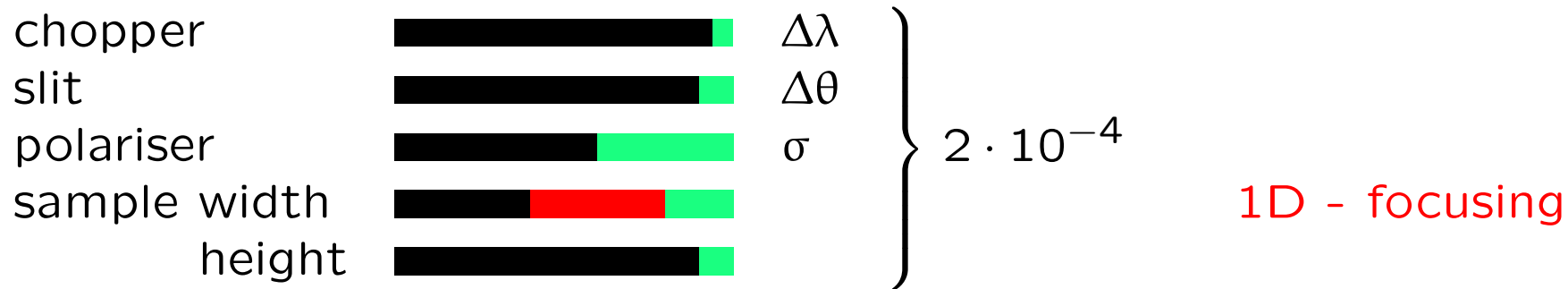


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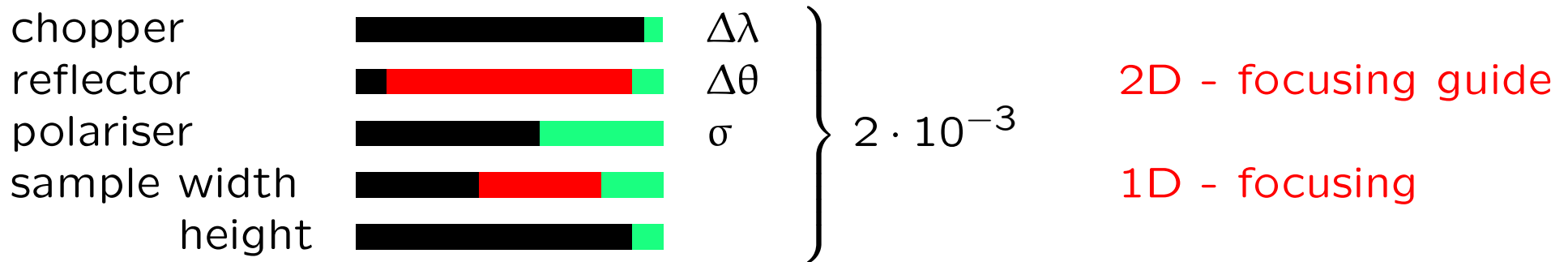
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- o new measurement schemes

e.g. high-intensity specular reflectometry

F. Ott, et al.: NIM A 586, 23 (2008)

⇒ 99.8% of the delivered beam is not wanted!

so: why deliver it?

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Selene guide system

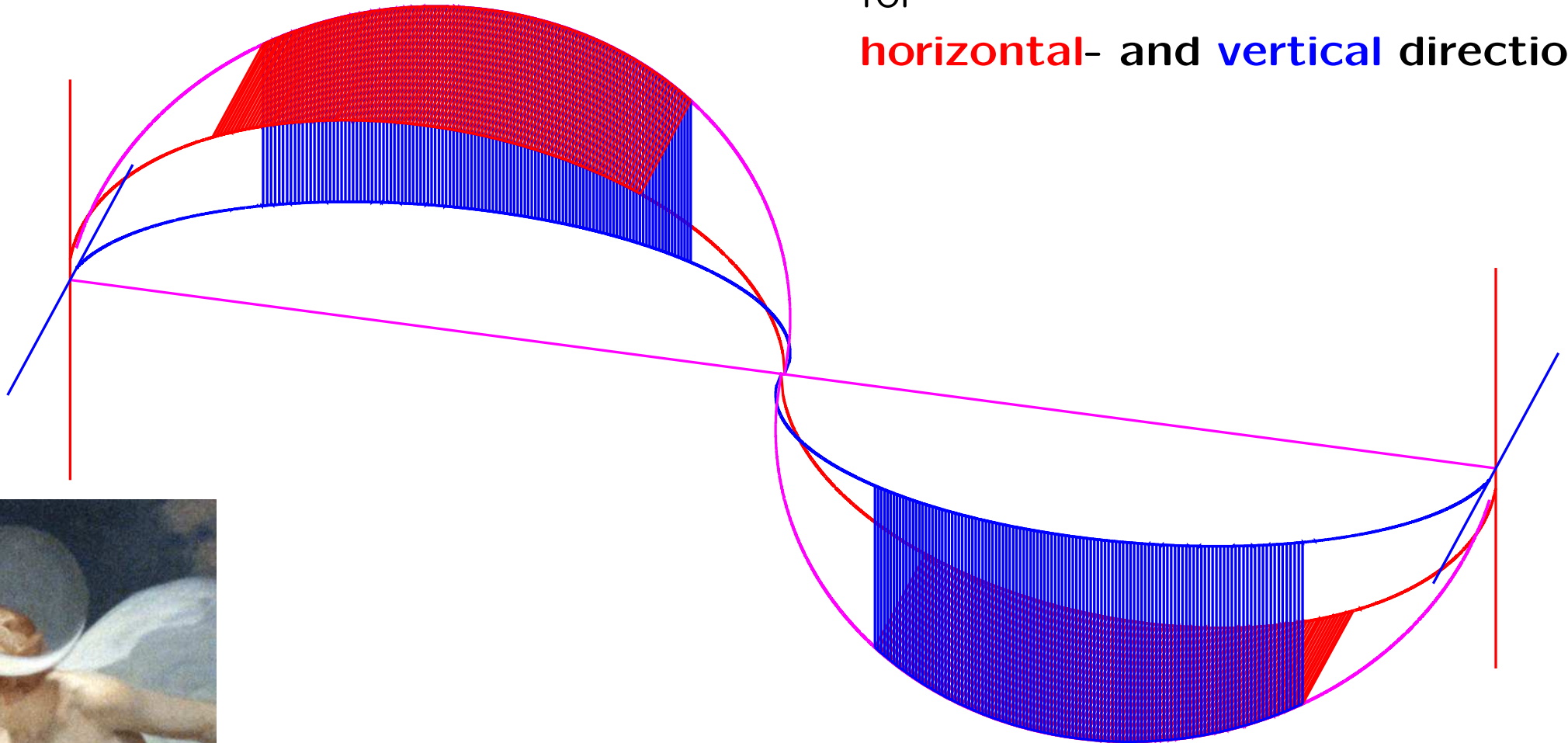
point-to-point focusing

with

2 subsequent elliptical reflectors

for

horizontal- and **vertical** direction

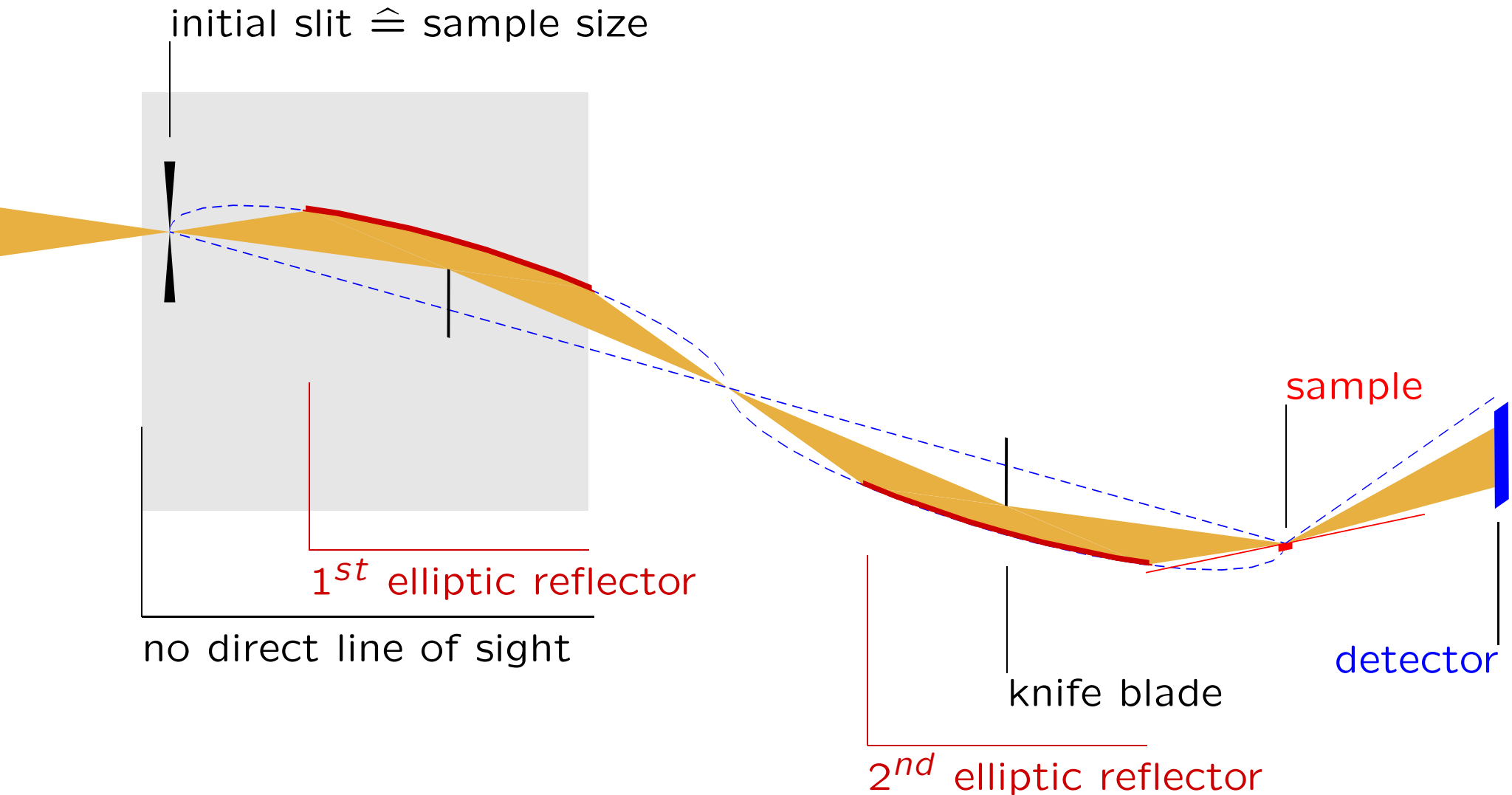


Selene guide system

generic lay-out

cut in the scattering plane

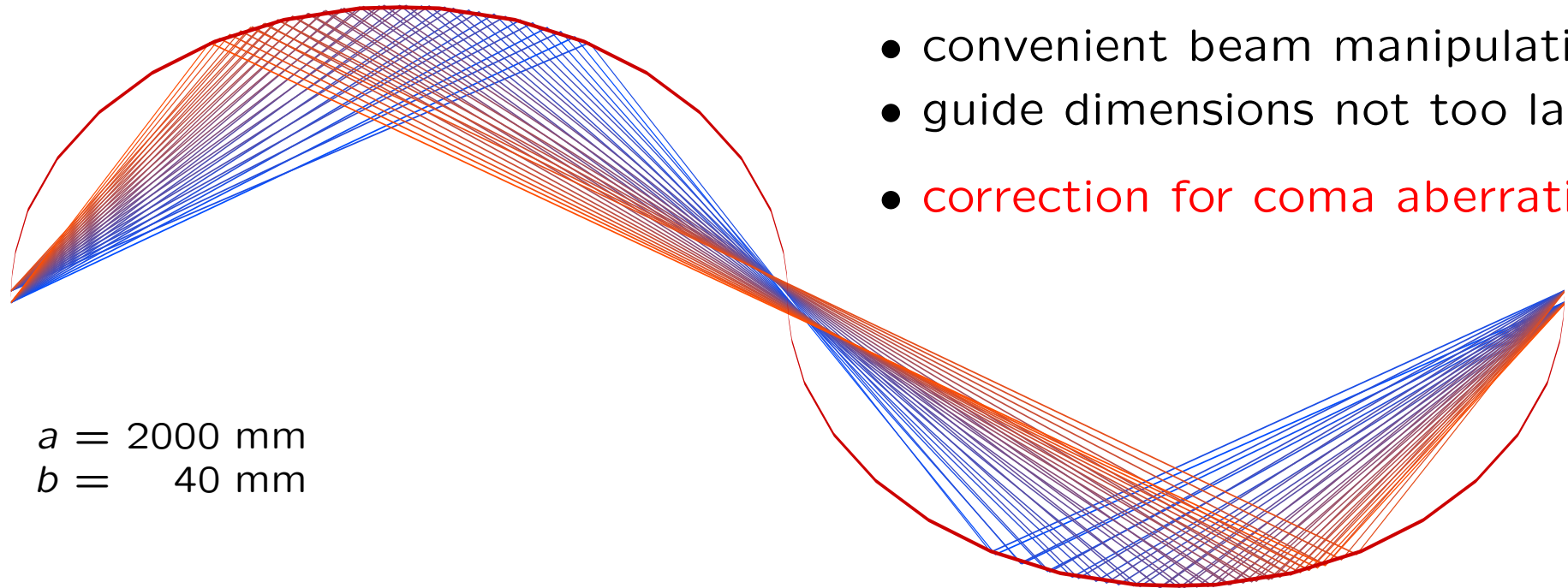
stretched by 10 normal to incident beam



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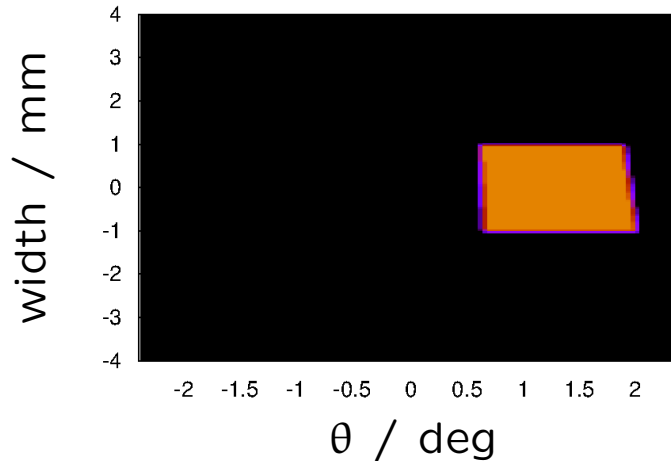
why two subsequent elliptic guides?

- convenient beam manipulation
- guide dimensions not too large
- **correction for coma aberration!**

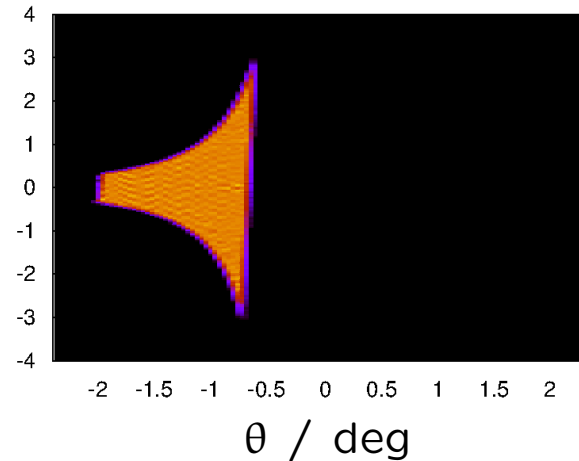


$a = 2000$ mm
 $b = 40$ mm

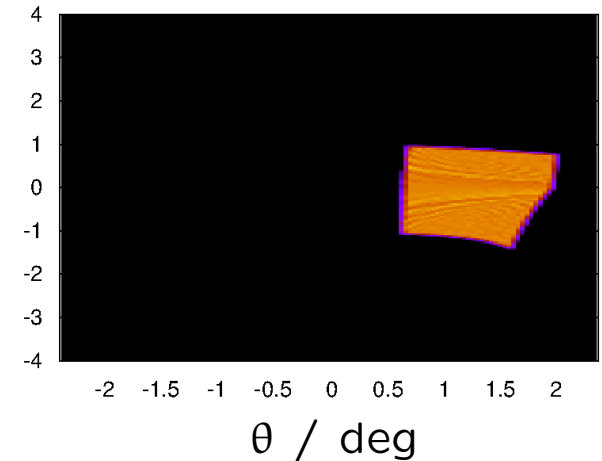
accepted by 1st guide



intermediate image



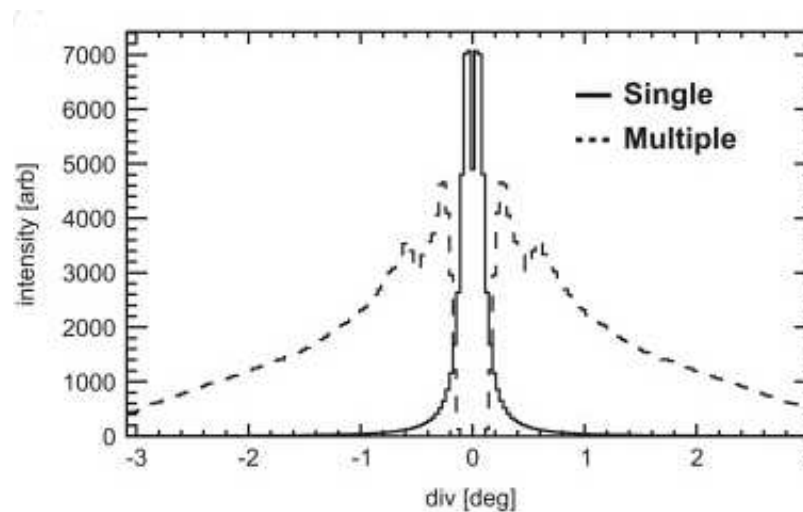
sample position



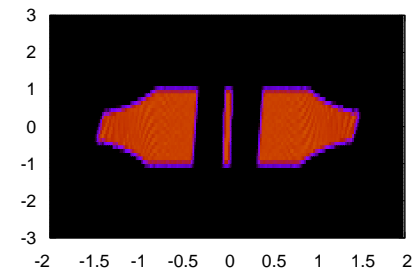
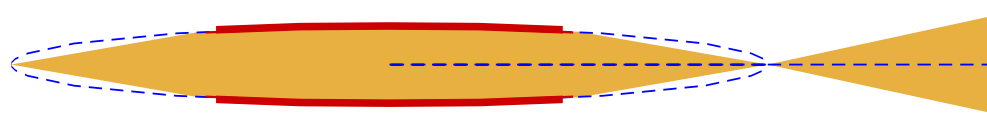
Selene guide system

comparison to conventional and full elliptic guides

guide	straight	elliptic	<i>Selene</i>
focusing	0%	5% – 50%	100%
divergence	smooth	multi-modal	almost rectangular

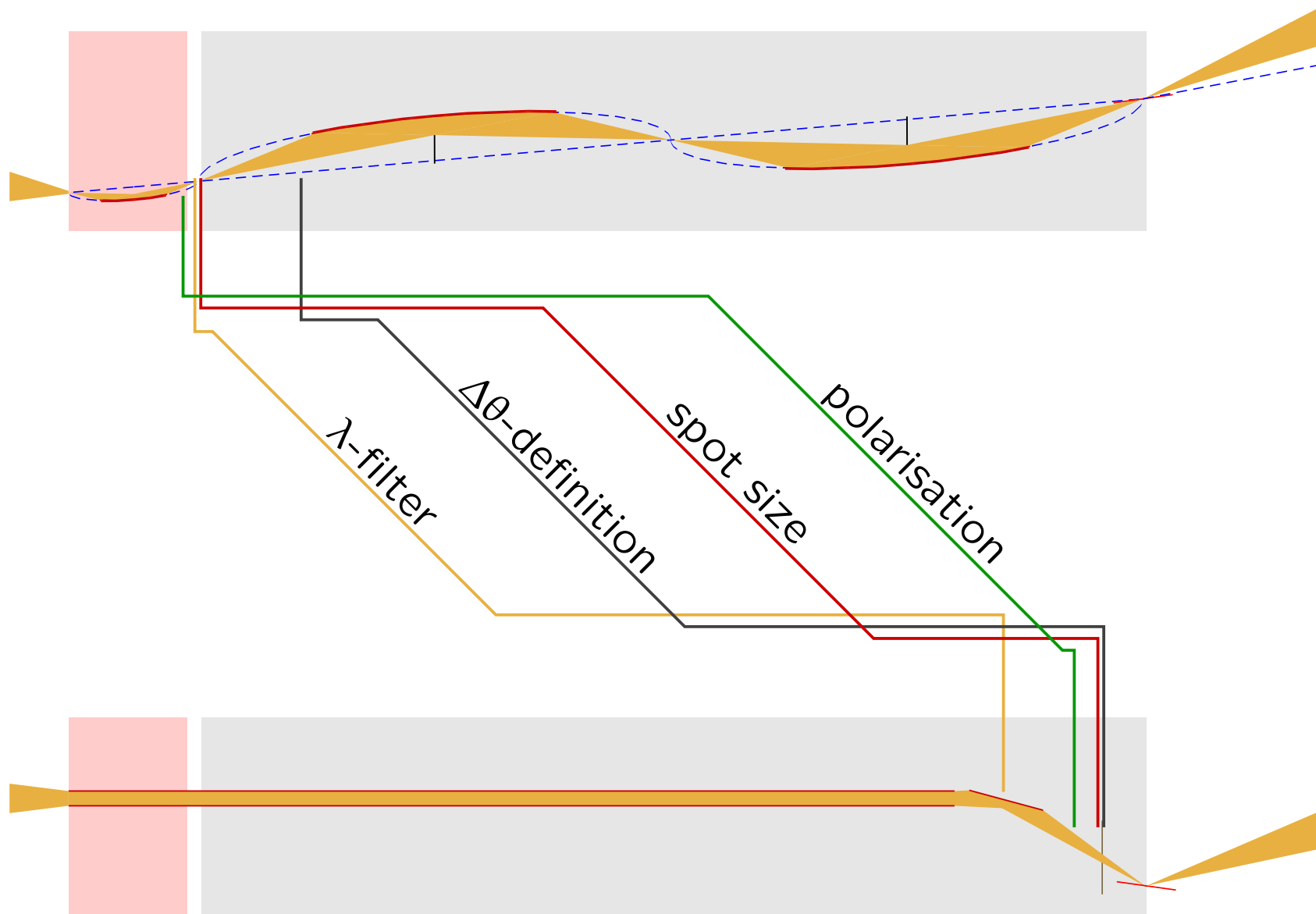


L. Cussen *et al.*: NIM A **705**, 121 (2013)



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comparison to a straight guide

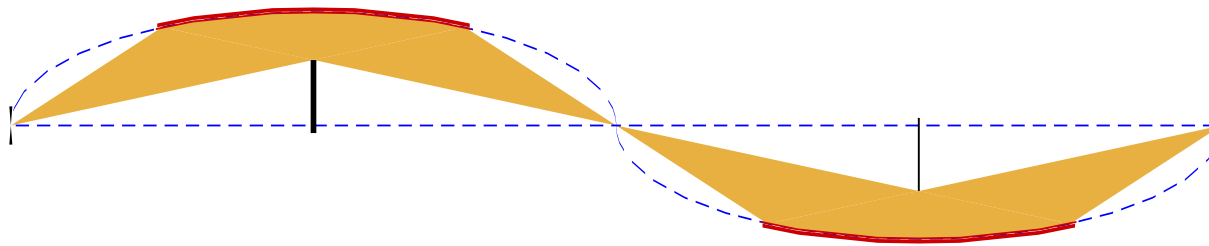


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chromatic aberration due to gravity

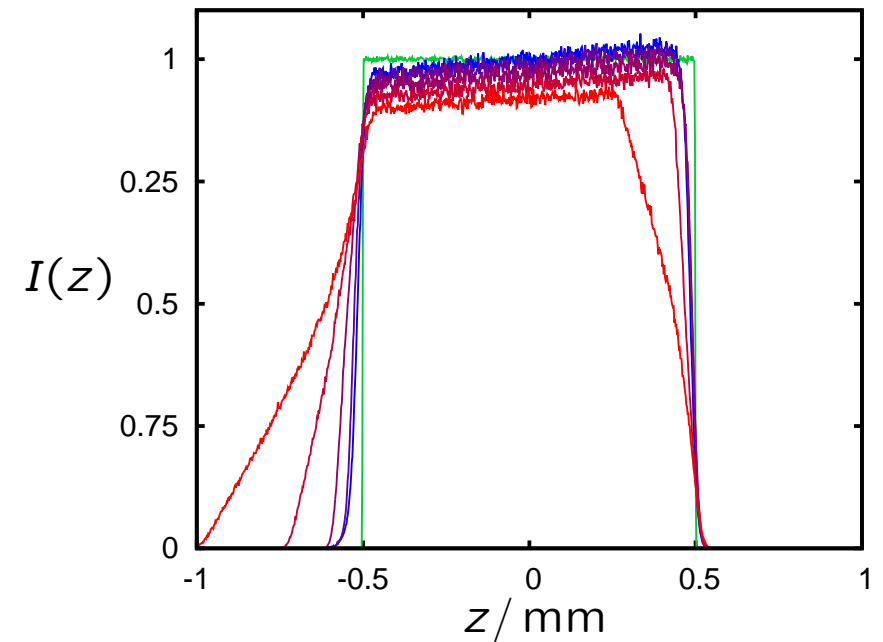
simulations (McStas) with (1 mm) tapered guides (40 m long, $b/a = 0.022$)

in agreement with analytical calculations



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

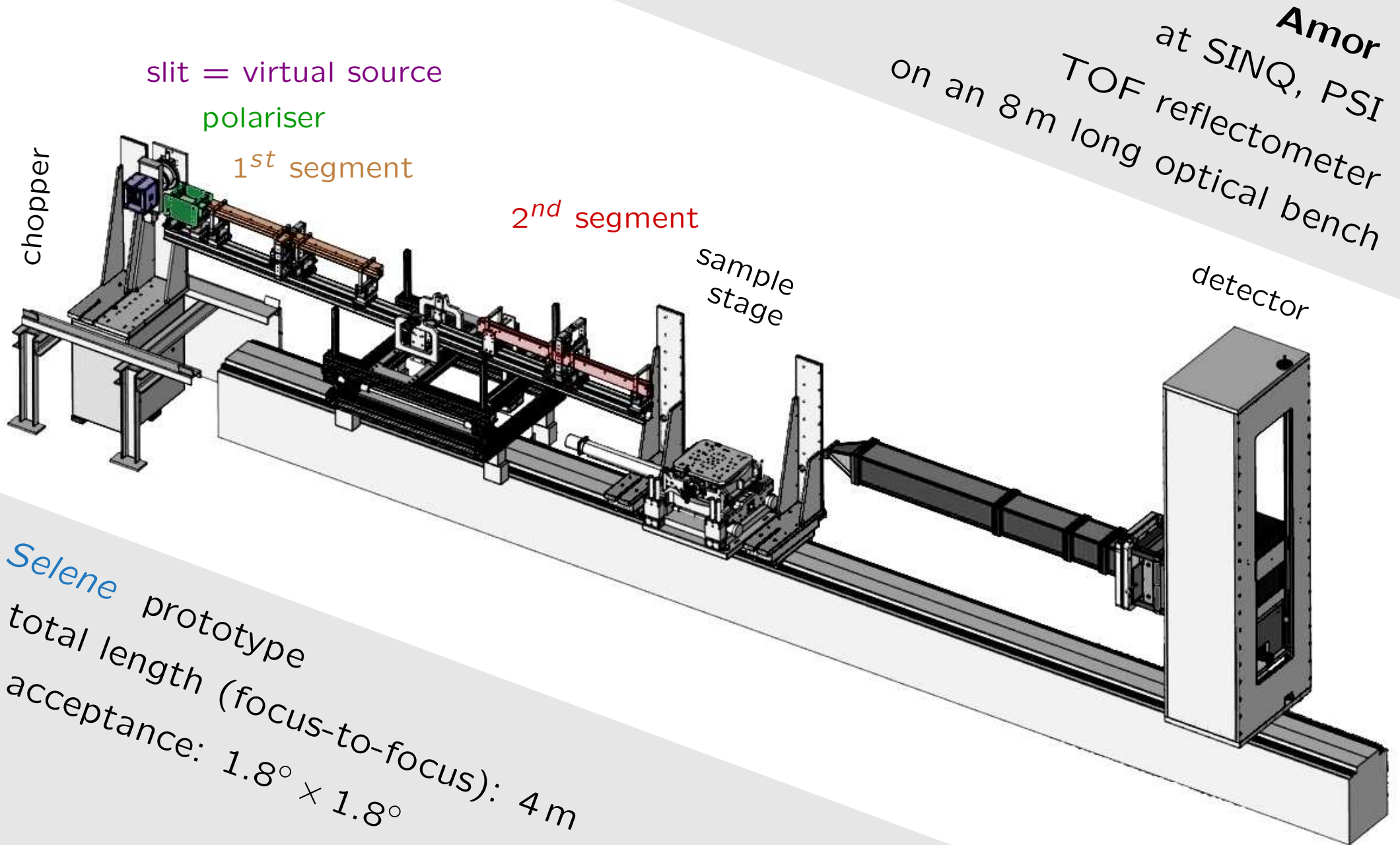
$\lambda =$ 0 Å
3 Å
5 Å
7 Å
9 Å



prototype

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prototype



Selene prototype
total length (focus-to-focus): 4 m
acceptance: $1.8^\circ \times 1.8^\circ$

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guides

by *SwissNeutronics*

2 guides

1200 mm each,

made of

2 elements,

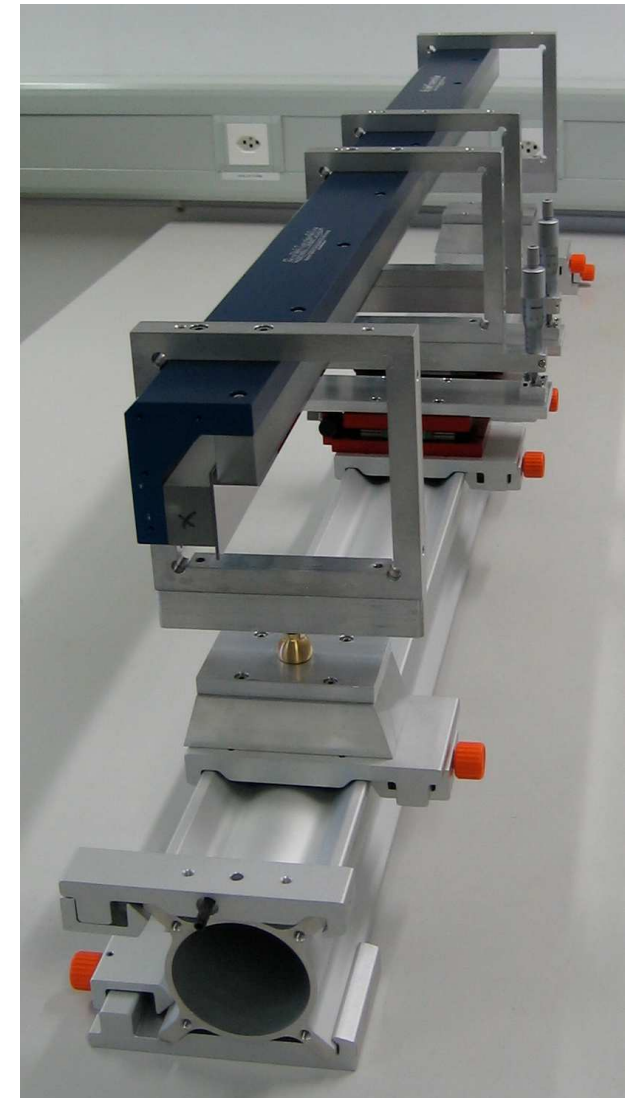
made of

2 elliptically bent reflectors.

coating: Ni/Ti SM, $m = 4$

$a = 1000$ mm

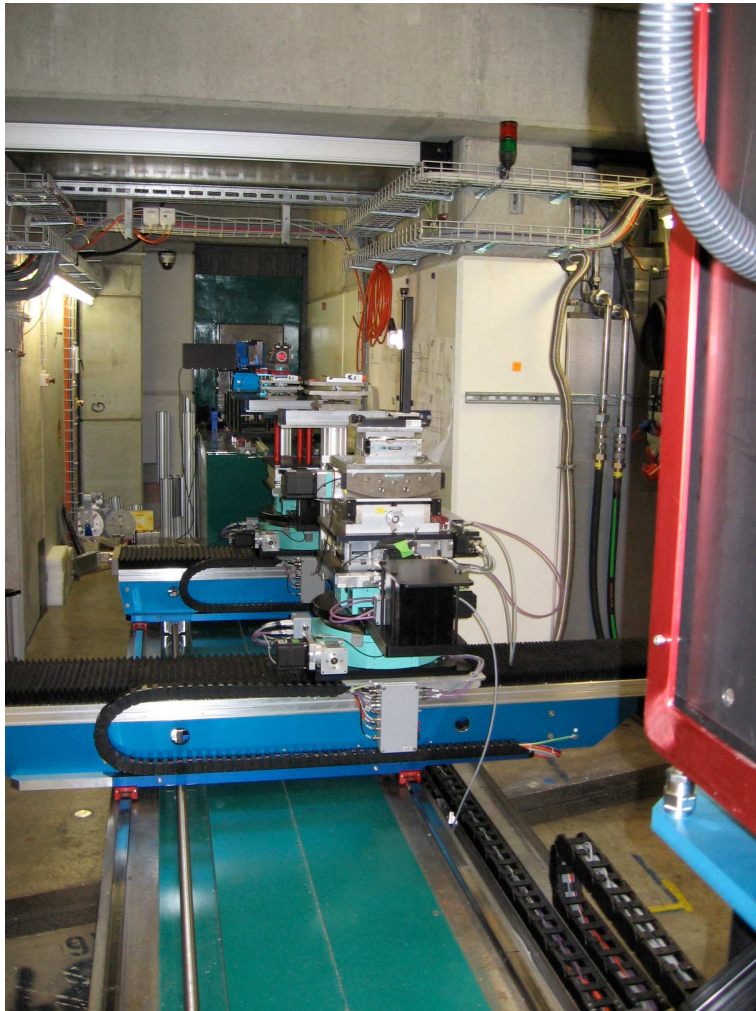
$b/a = 0.0206$



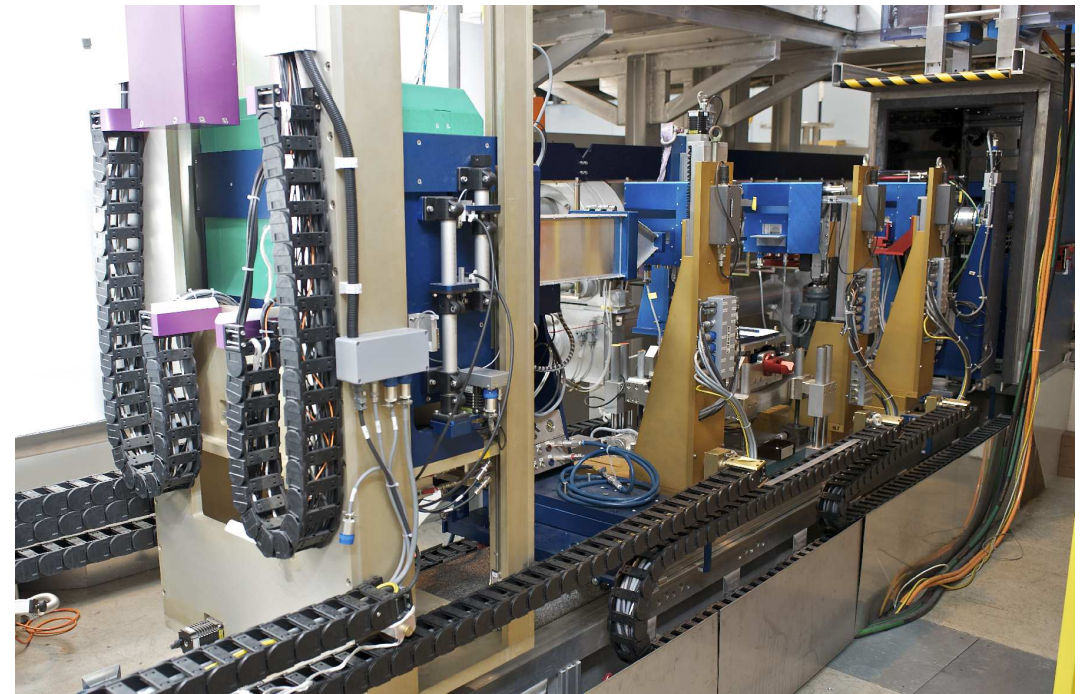
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set-up realised several times

on the optical bench BOA@PSI



on the TOF reflectometer Amor@PSI

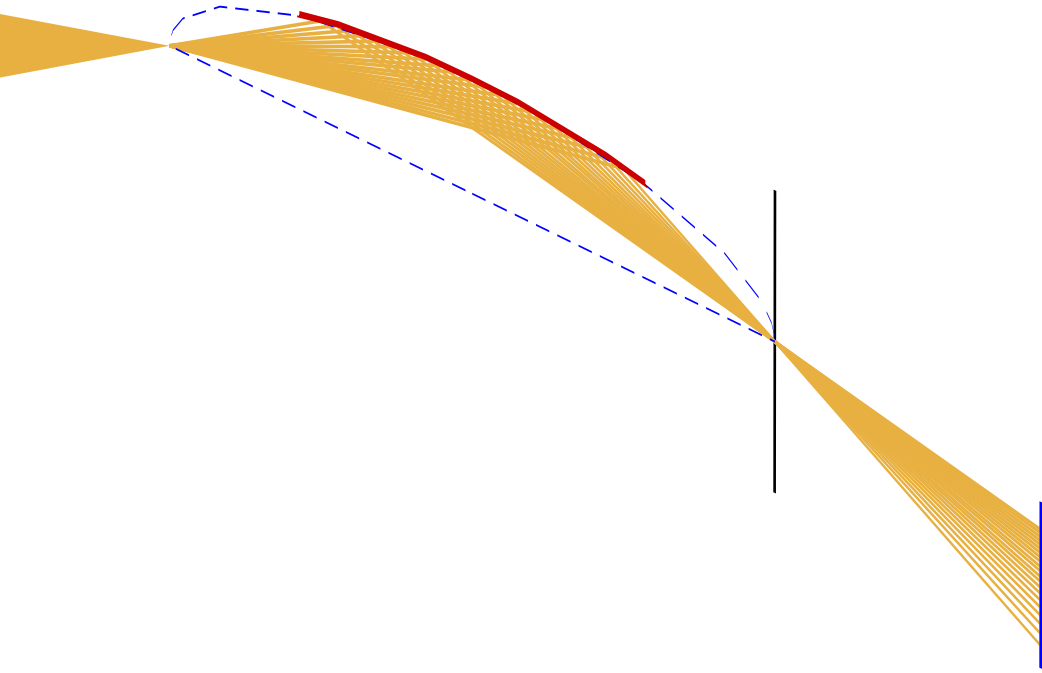


→ details, optics and measurements on the following slides

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quality characterisation with pin-hole

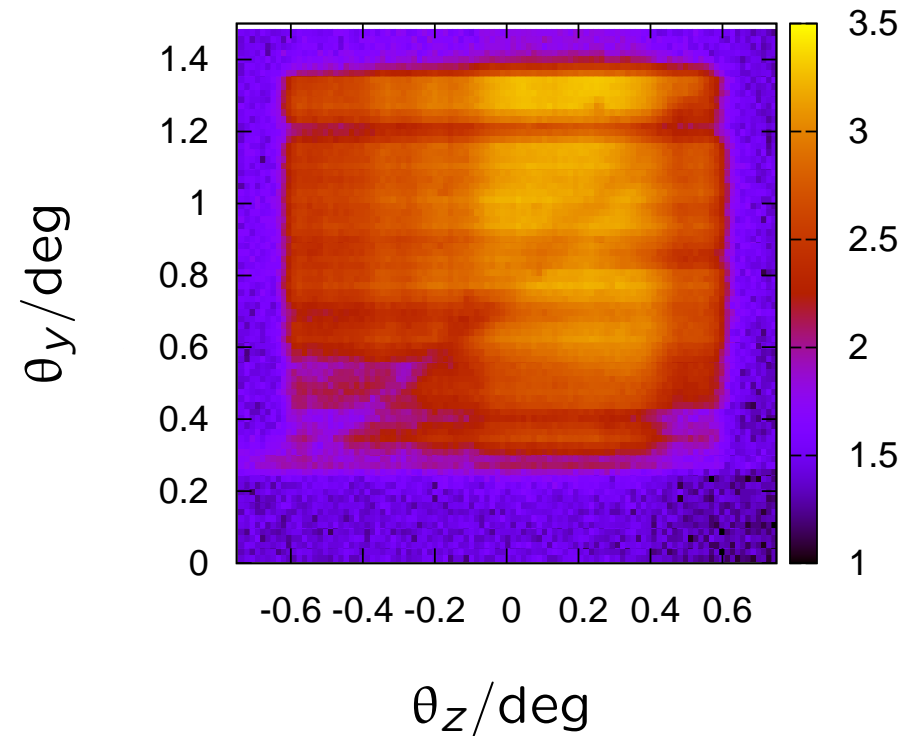
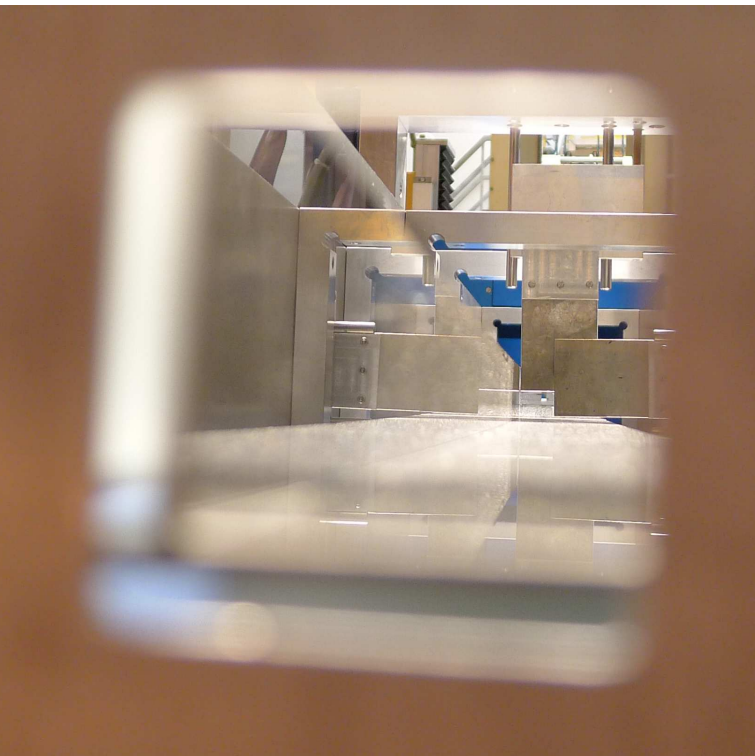
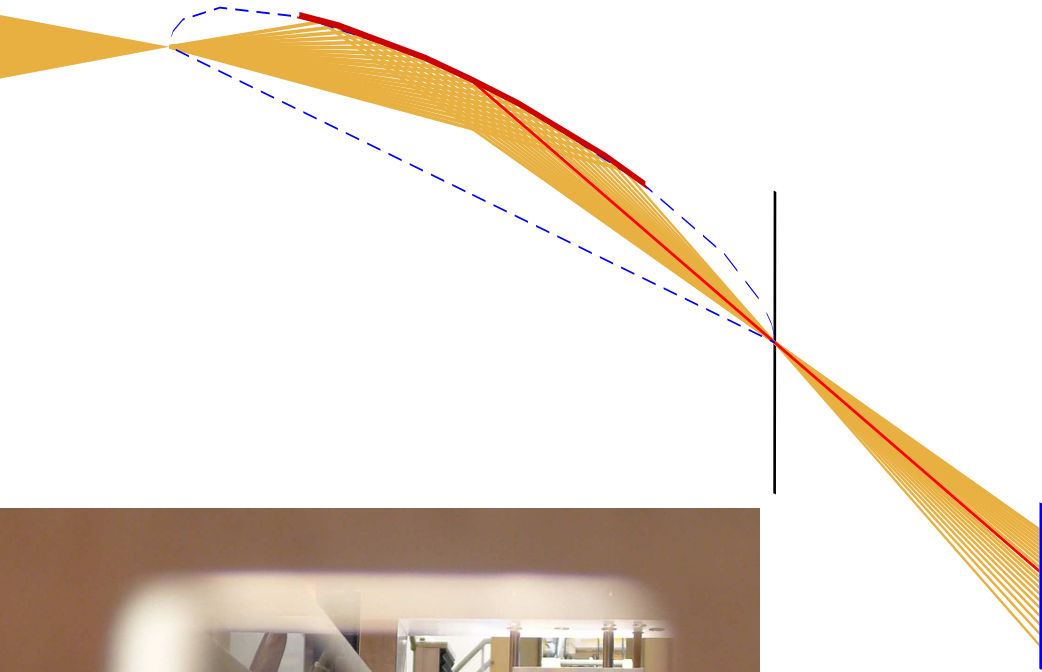
using light & CCD camera, or neutrons



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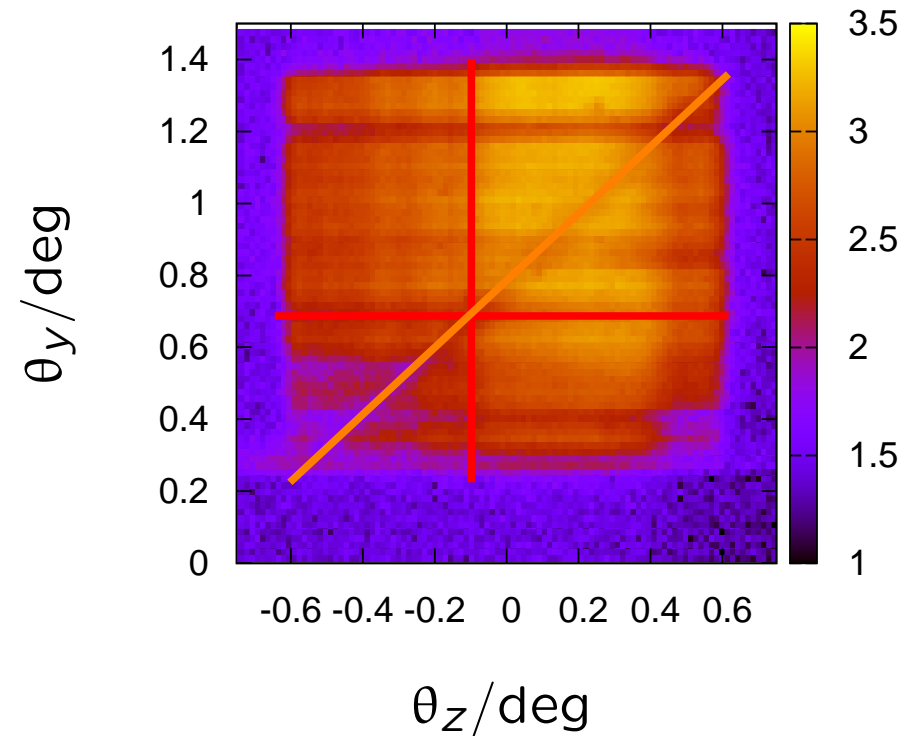
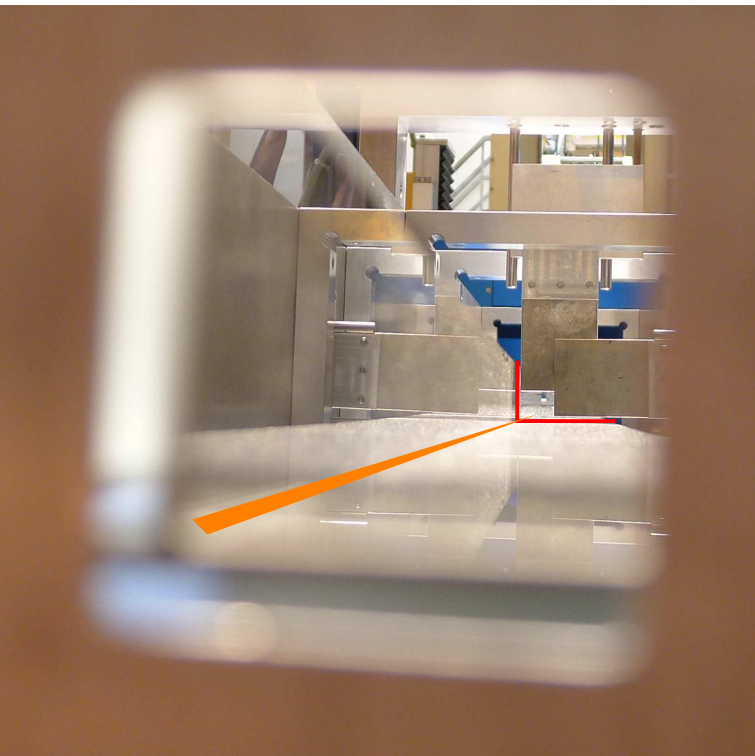
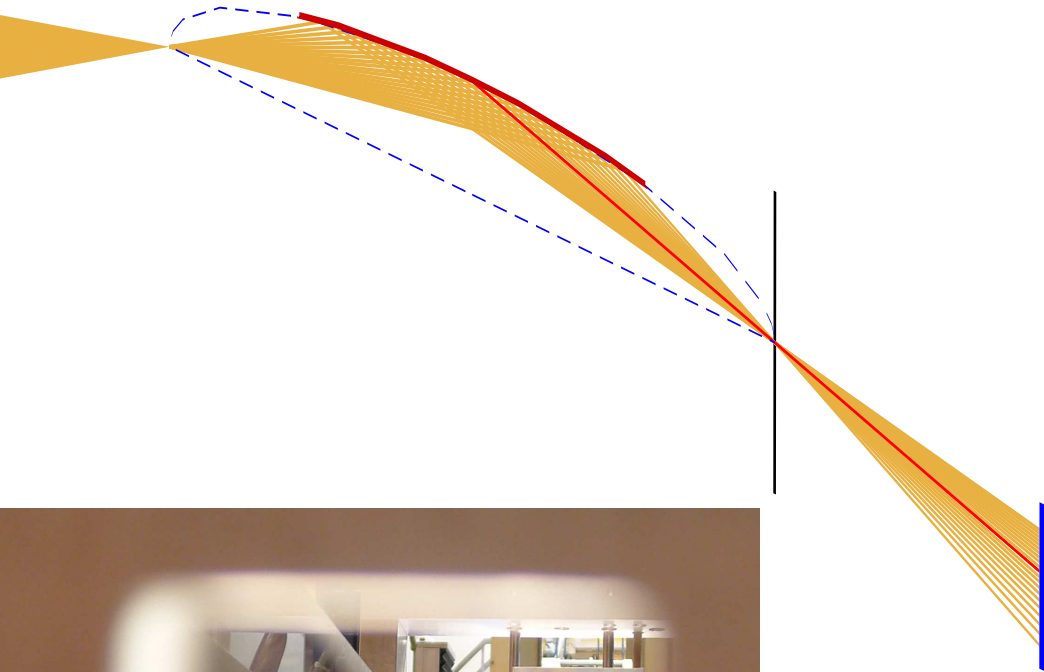
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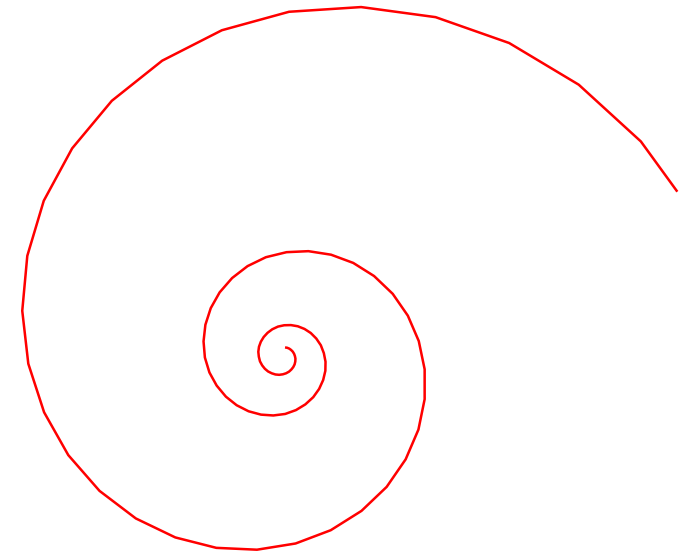
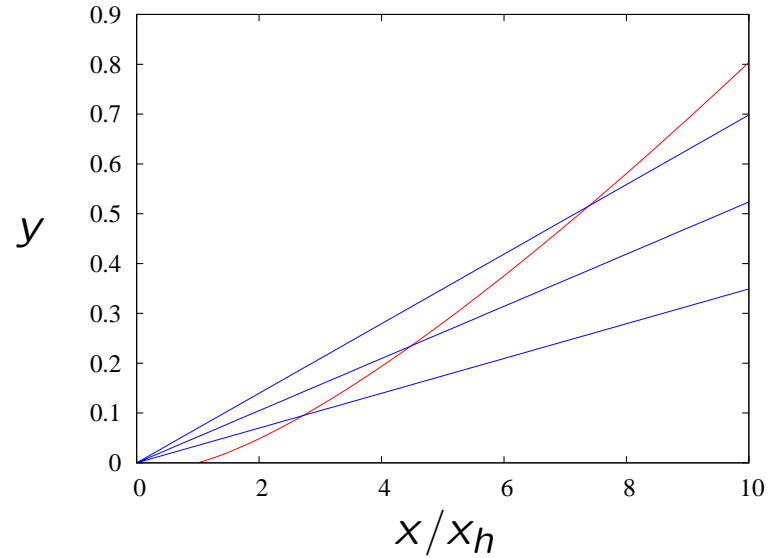


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polariser

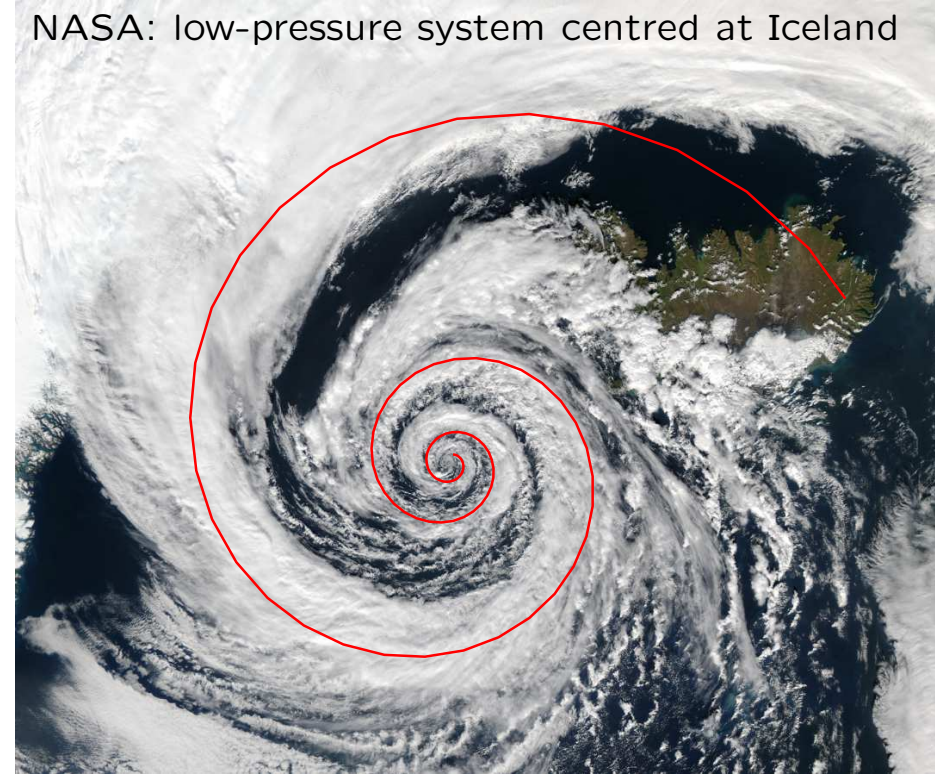
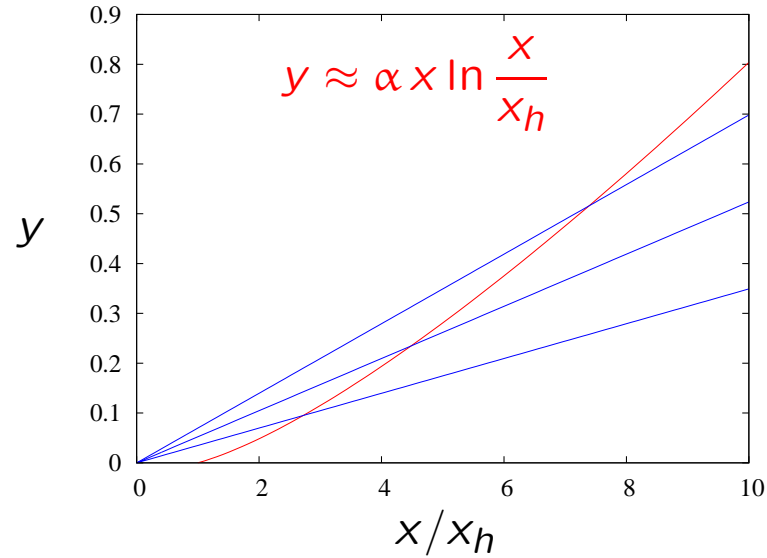


requested:

a **surface** hit by **all trajectories** from a point source at the same angle α

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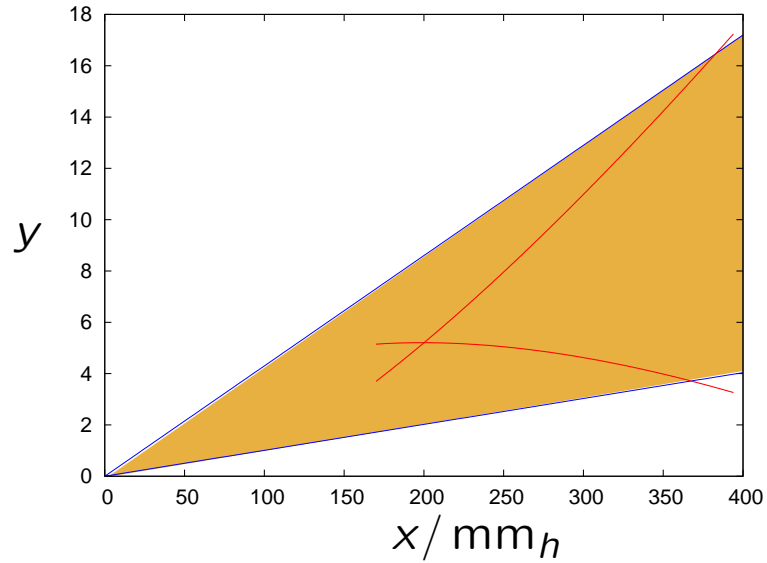
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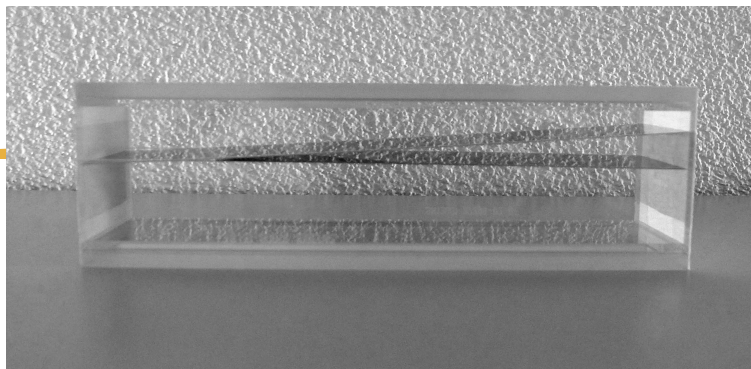
\Rightarrow the **logarithmic spiral**

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polariser: logarithmic spiral

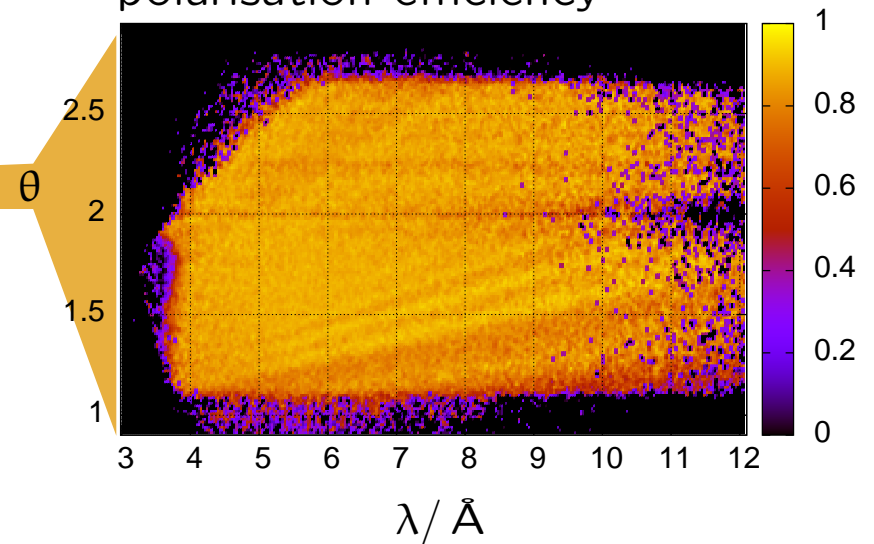


polariser
215 mm long, 1.8° acceptance



(by SwissNeutronics)

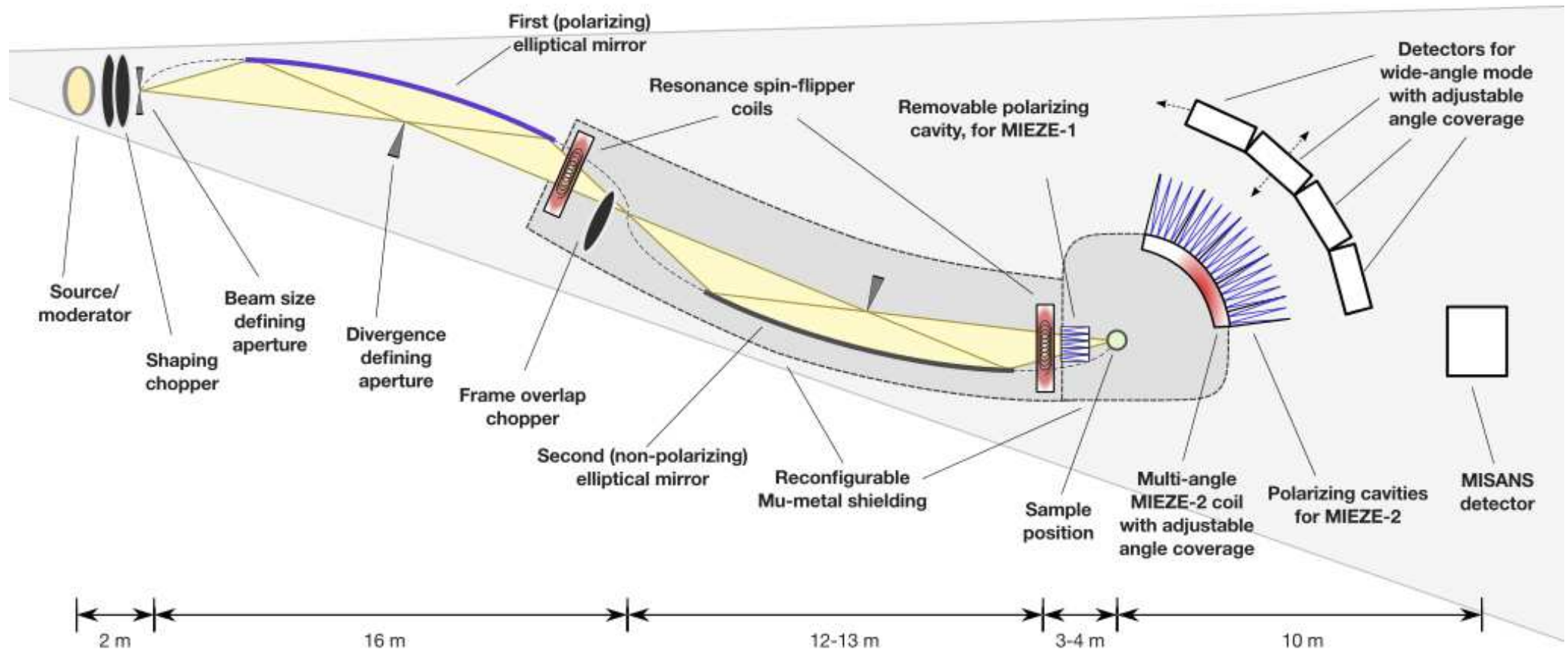
polarisation efficiency



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MIEZE (NRSE) compatibility with *Selene* guide under investigation

all trajectories have the same length

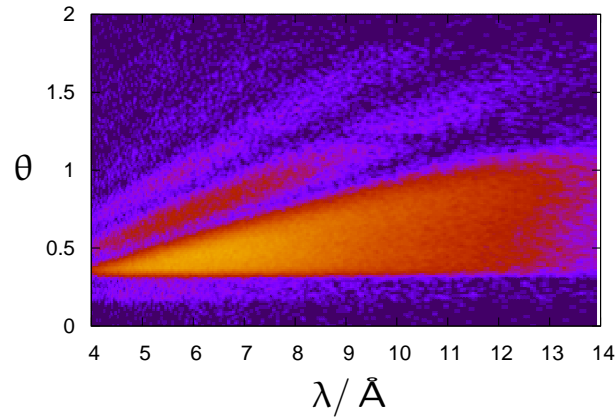


reflectometry

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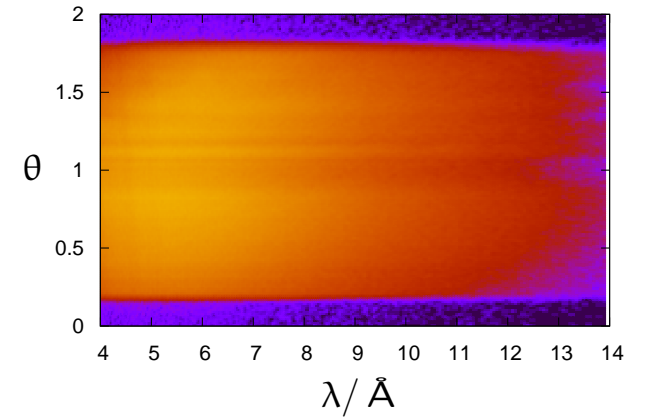
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high-intensity specular reflectivity



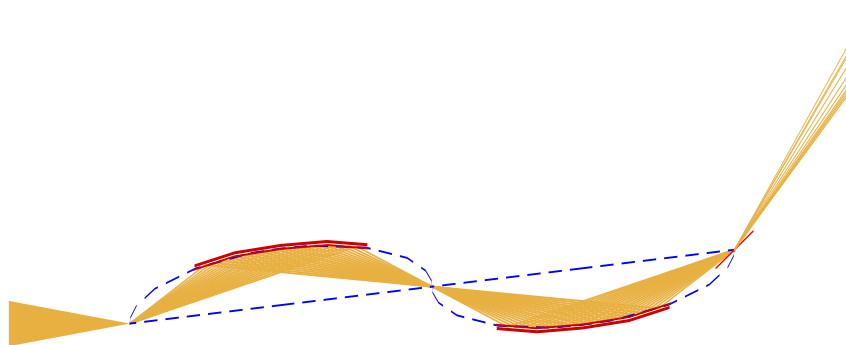
Si/Fe/Cu film on Si

sample by
Birgit Wiedemann
TU Munich



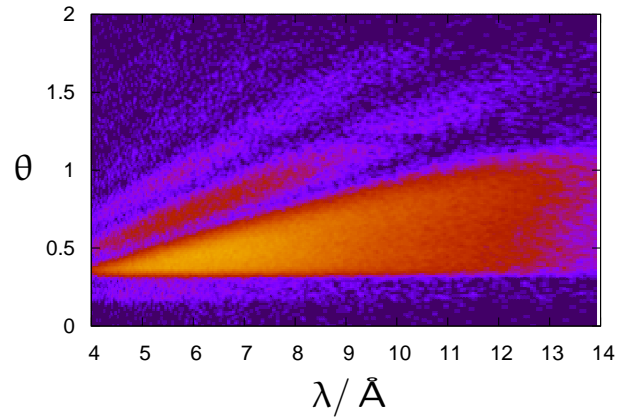
supermirror $m = 5$

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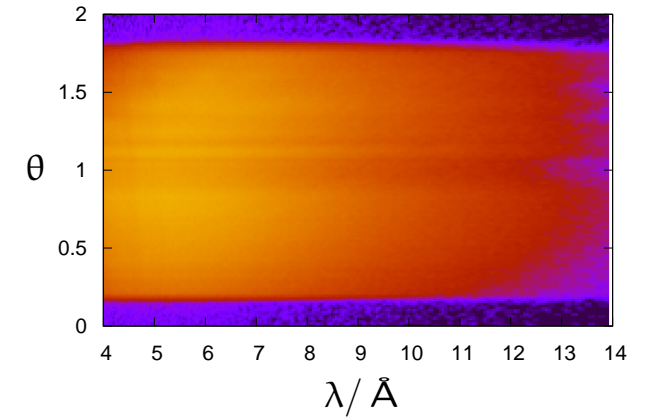
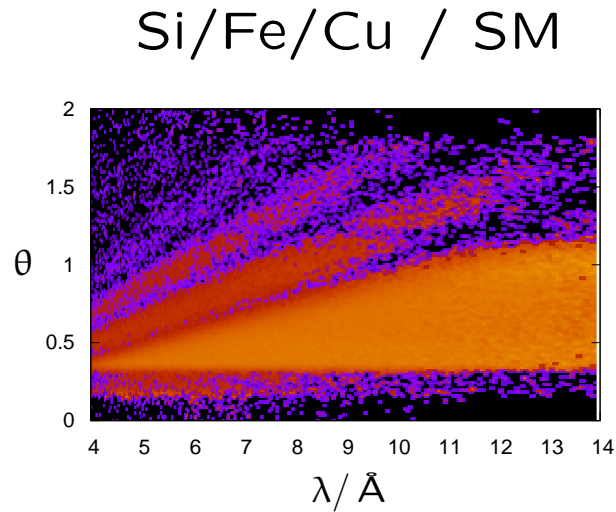


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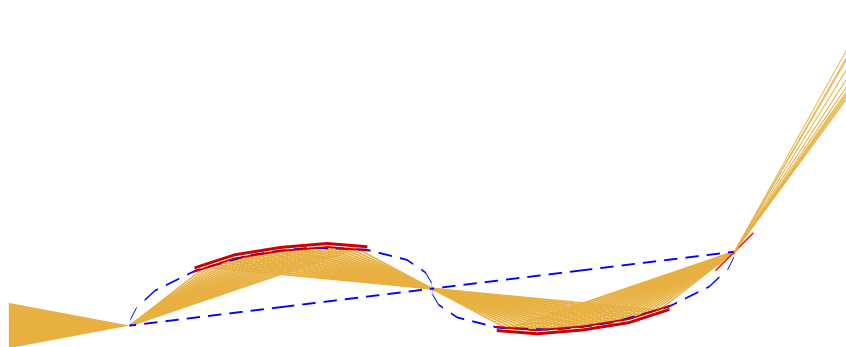
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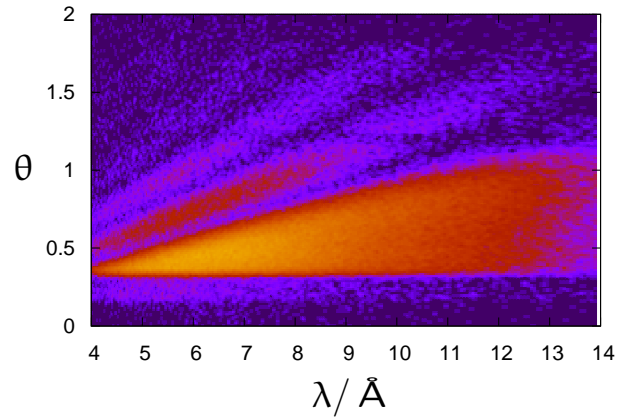


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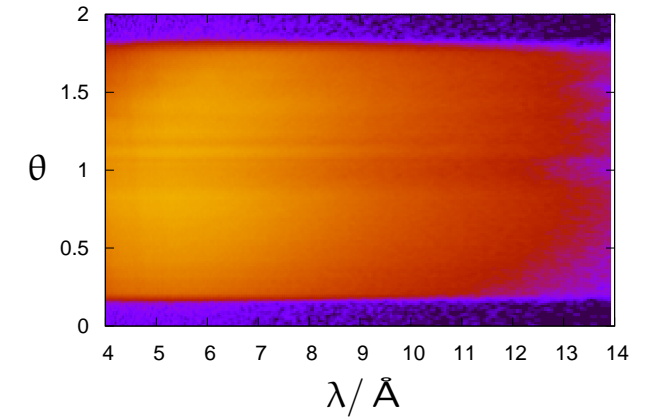
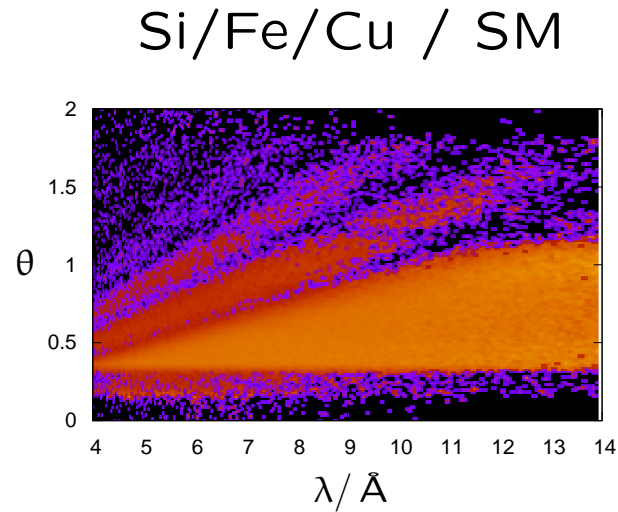


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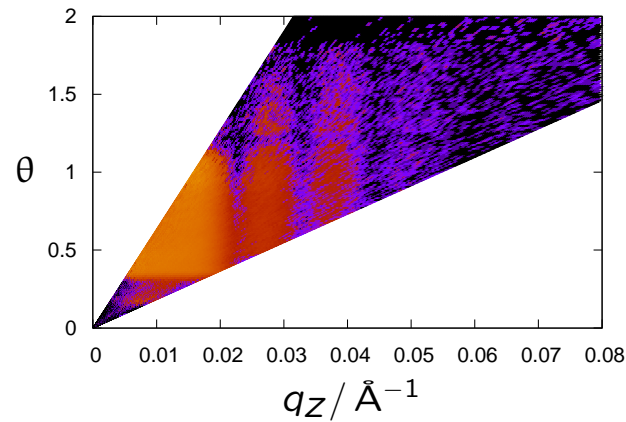
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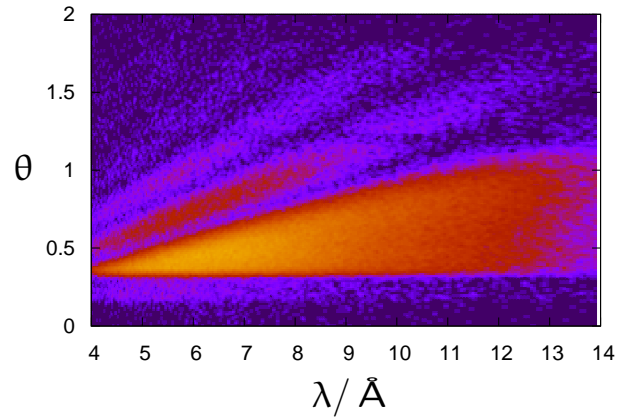


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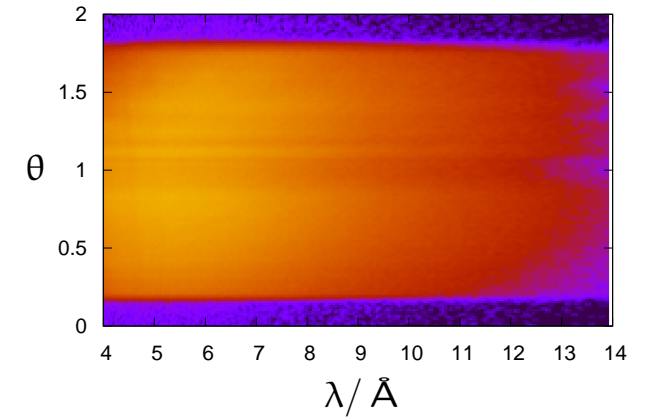
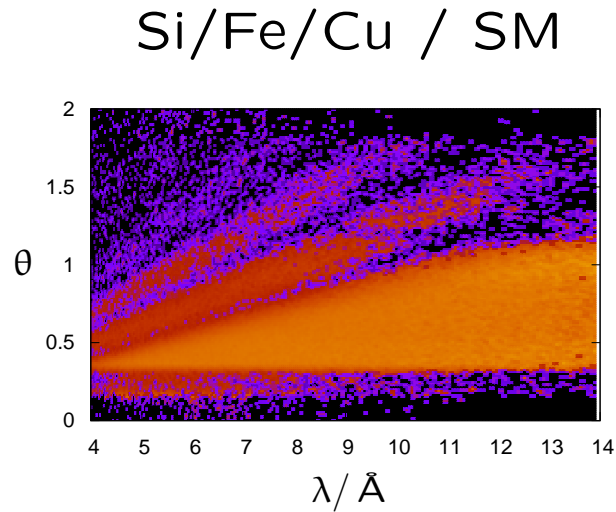


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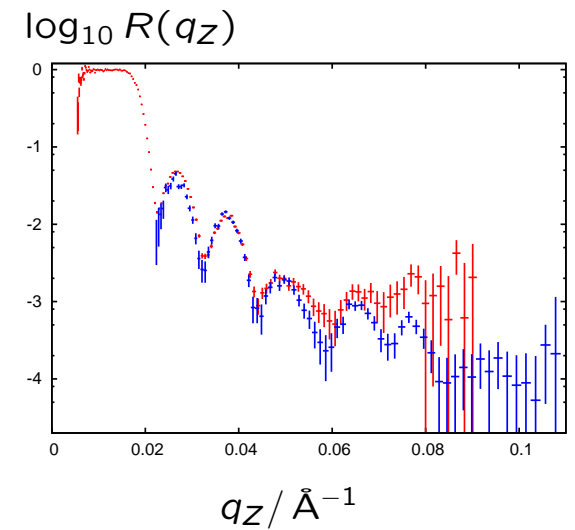
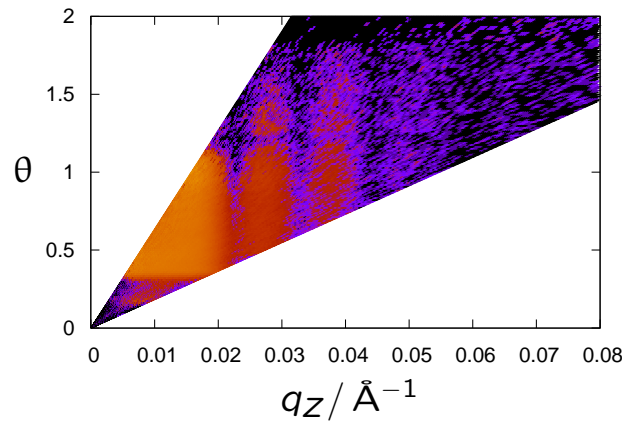
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reflectometry

instrument concept for ESS

focusing reflectometer

two Selene guide sections

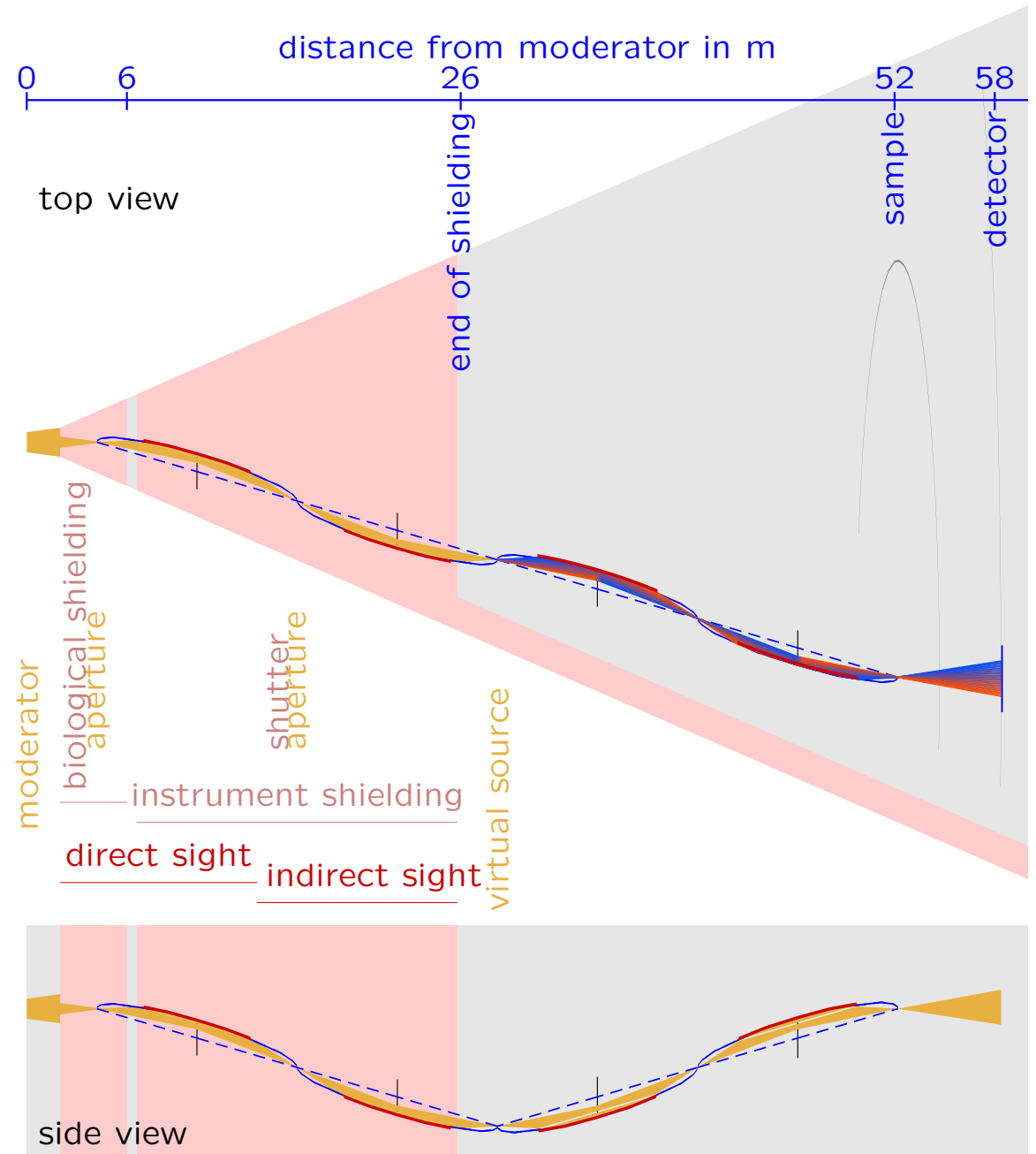
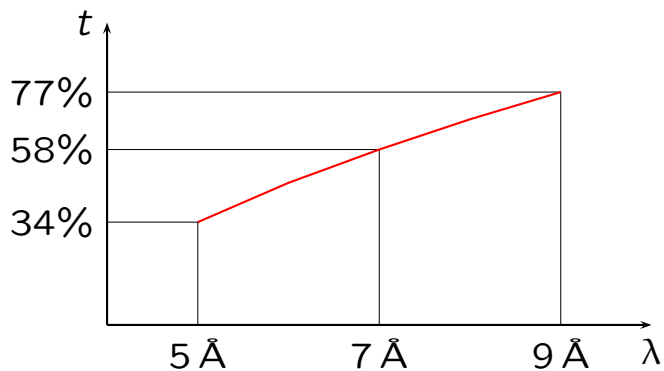
- background reduction
- convenient beam manipulation

$$\lambda \in [5, 9.4] \text{ \AA}$$

$$\Delta\theta_{xy} = 1.5^\circ$$

$$\Delta\theta_{xz} = 1.5^\circ$$

transmission



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general limits of *Selene* guides

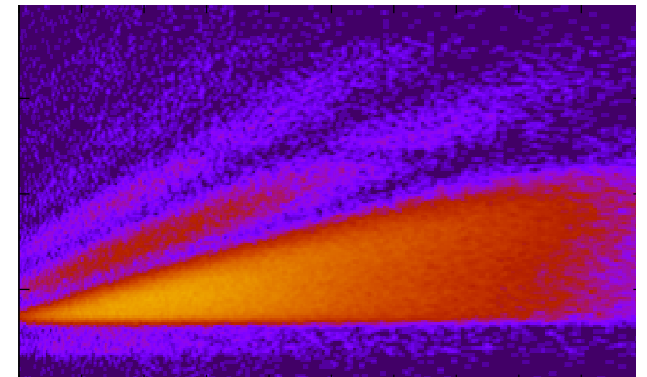
- max. spot-size / guide-length $\approx 5 \cdot 10^{-4}$ i.e. 1 cm / 20 m
- gravity gets important for large guide \times wavelengths e.g. 40 m \times 10 Å
- finite reflectivity / m $\Delta\theta/\lambda < 0.6 \text{ deg}/\text{Å}$

technical limits (to be pushed)

- guide assembly and alignment
- ground settling

successes

- + guide quality sufficient for high-intensity and conventional reflectometry
- + successfully applied to real samples



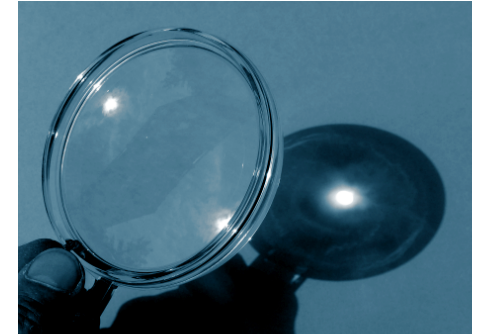
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focusing results in:



no gain in brilliance

defined footprint
clean beam
homogeneous
uni-modal angular or spatial distribution



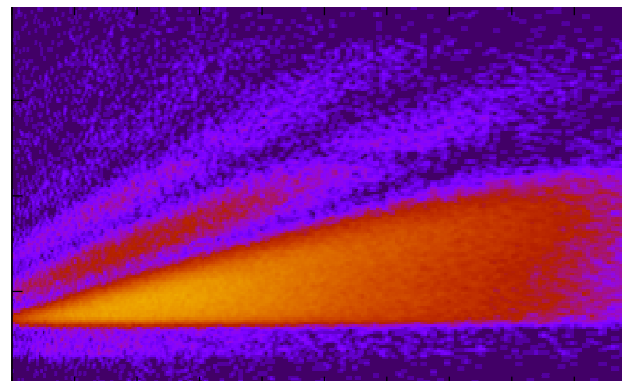
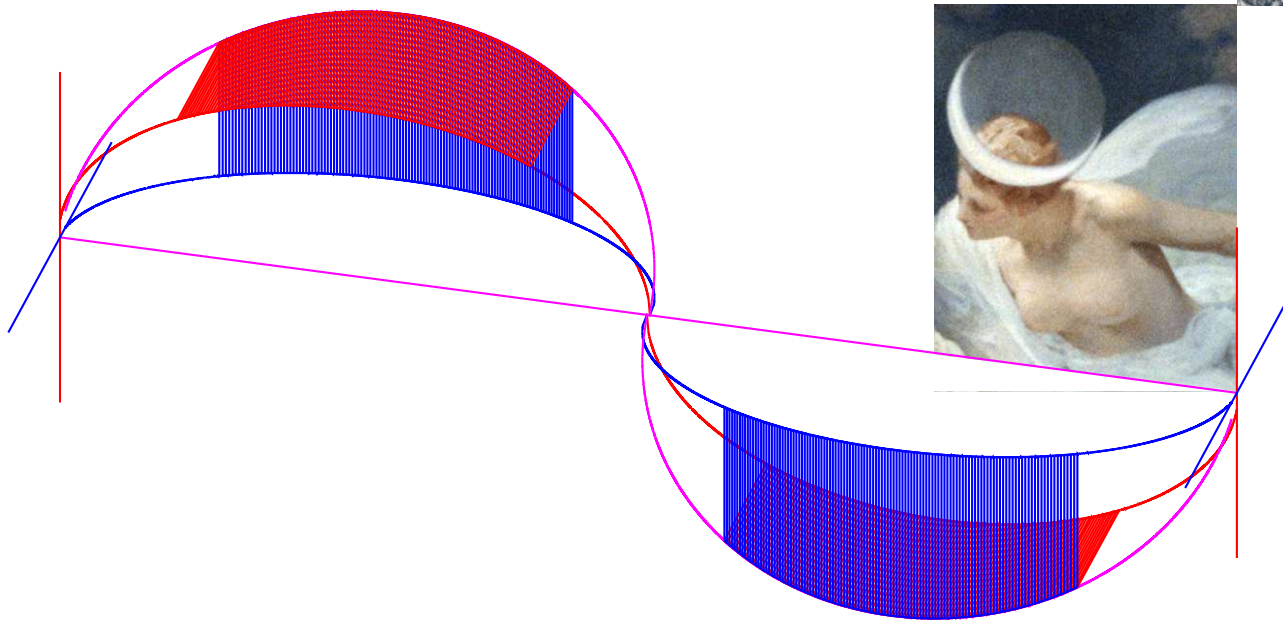
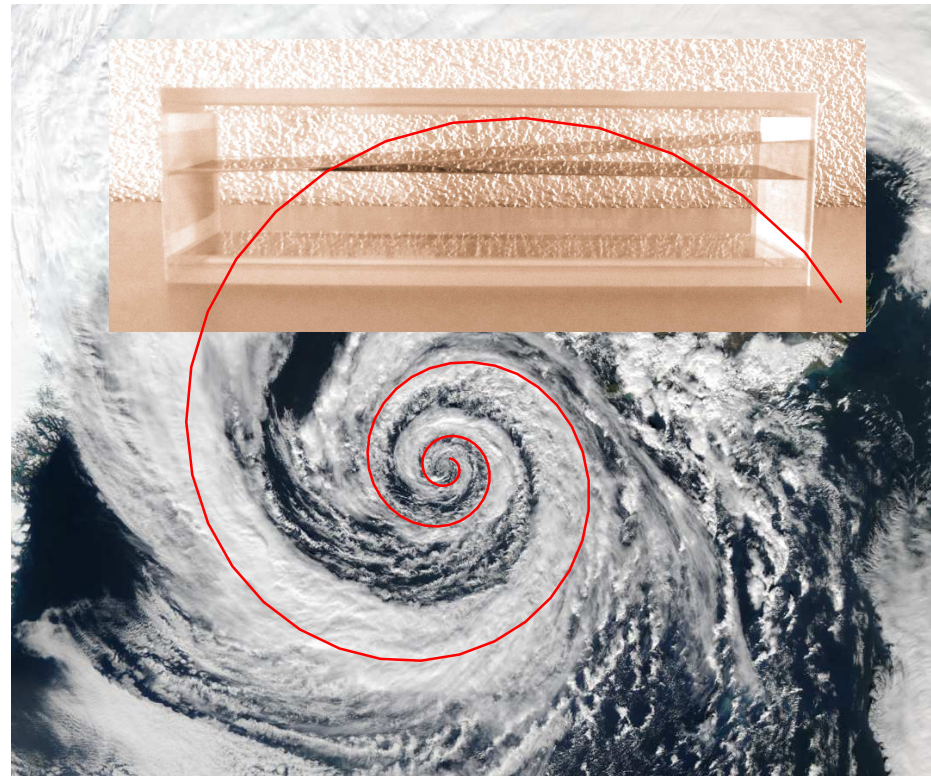
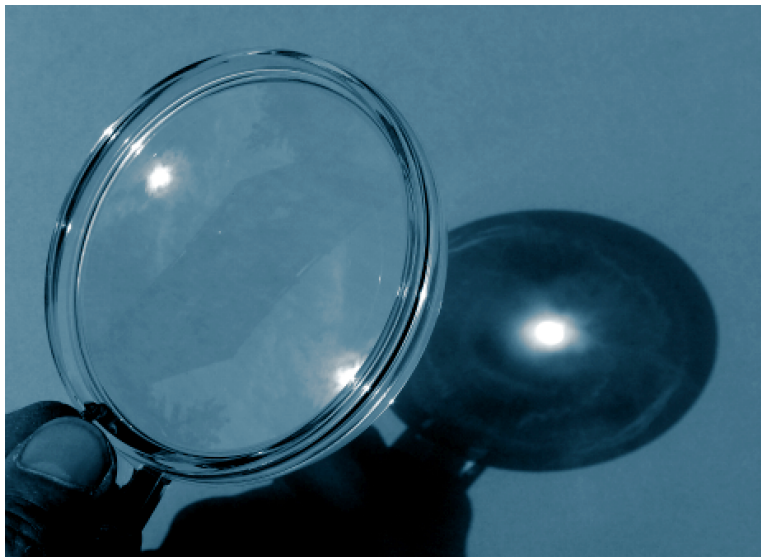
non-perfect optics

⇒ reduction of resolution / transmission

works best for small samples
weak aberration



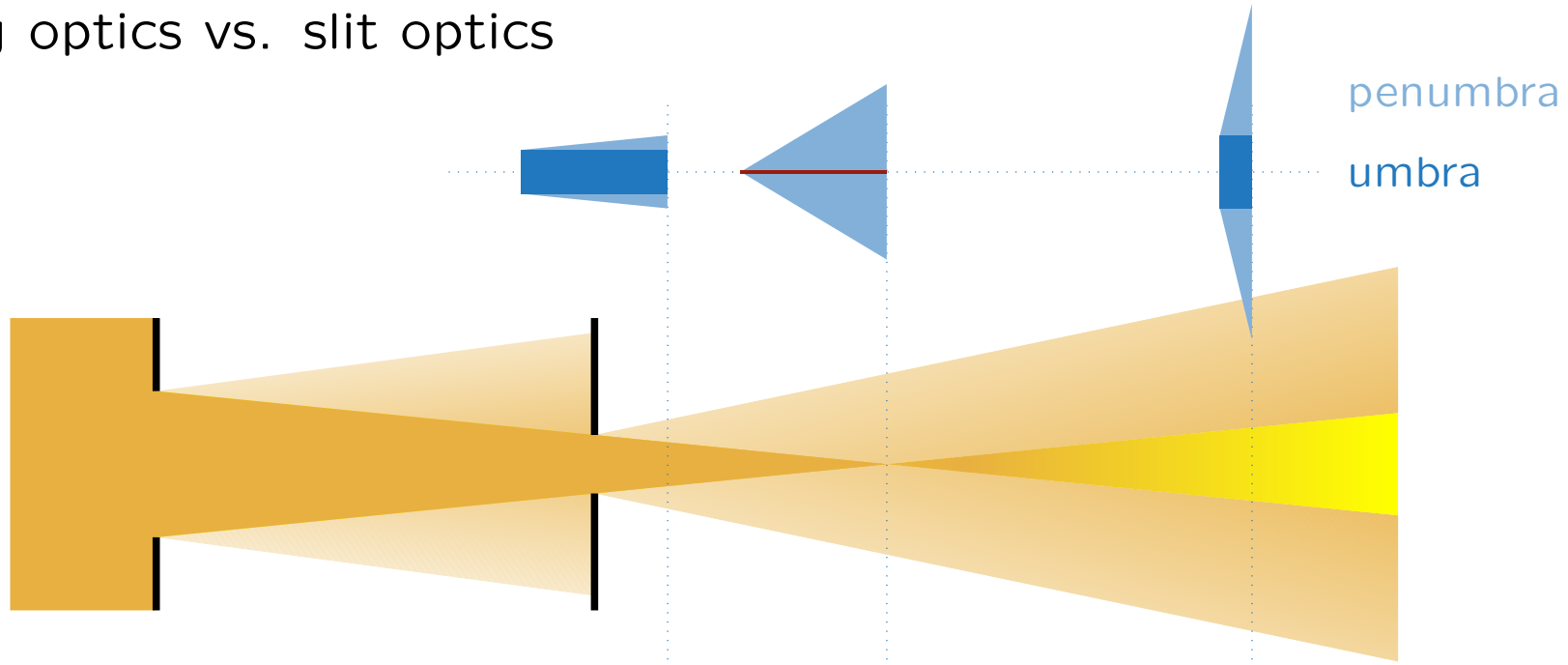
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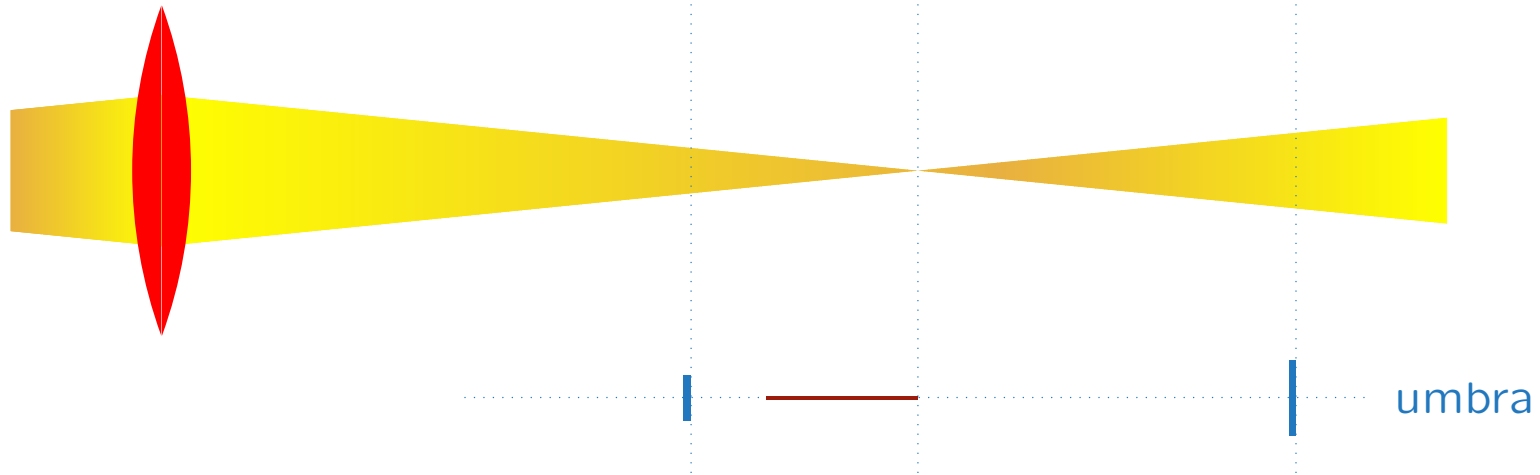
focusing optics vs. slit optics

slits



beam profile

reflective /
refractive optics

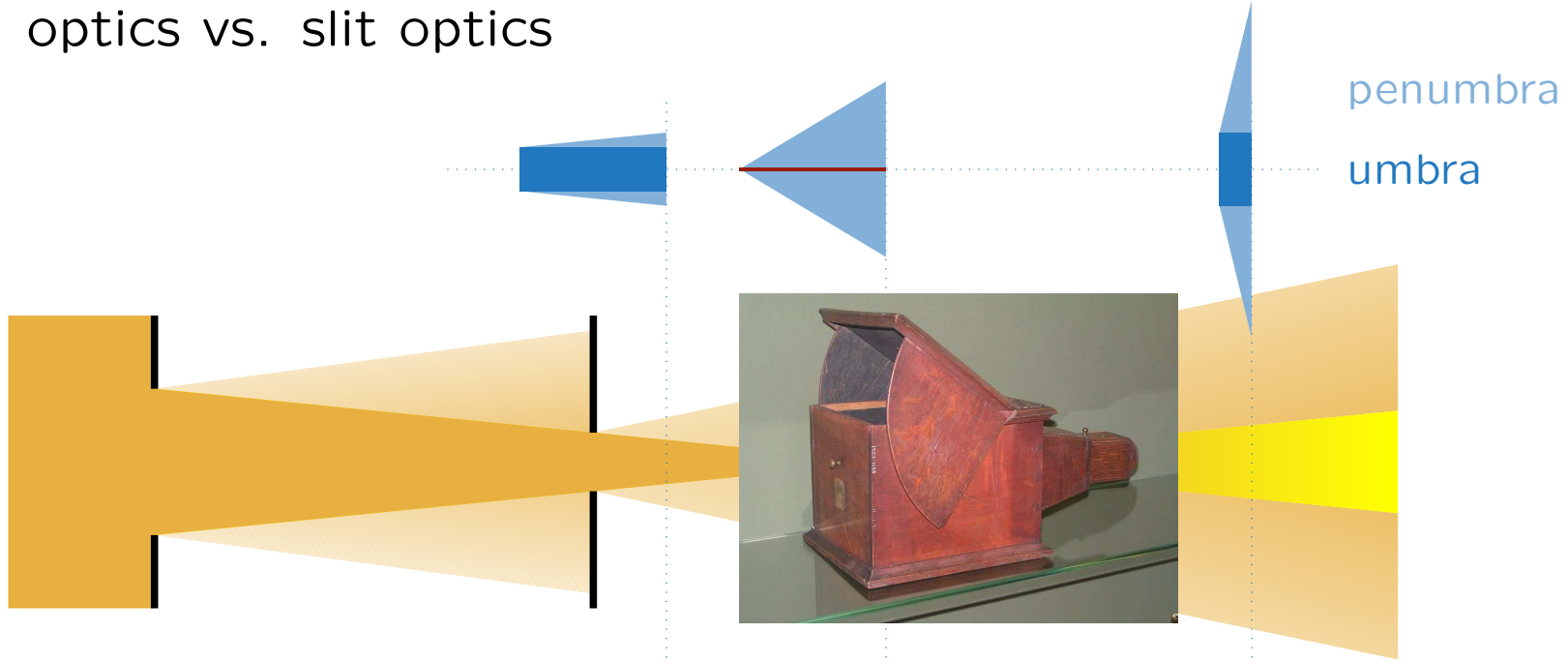


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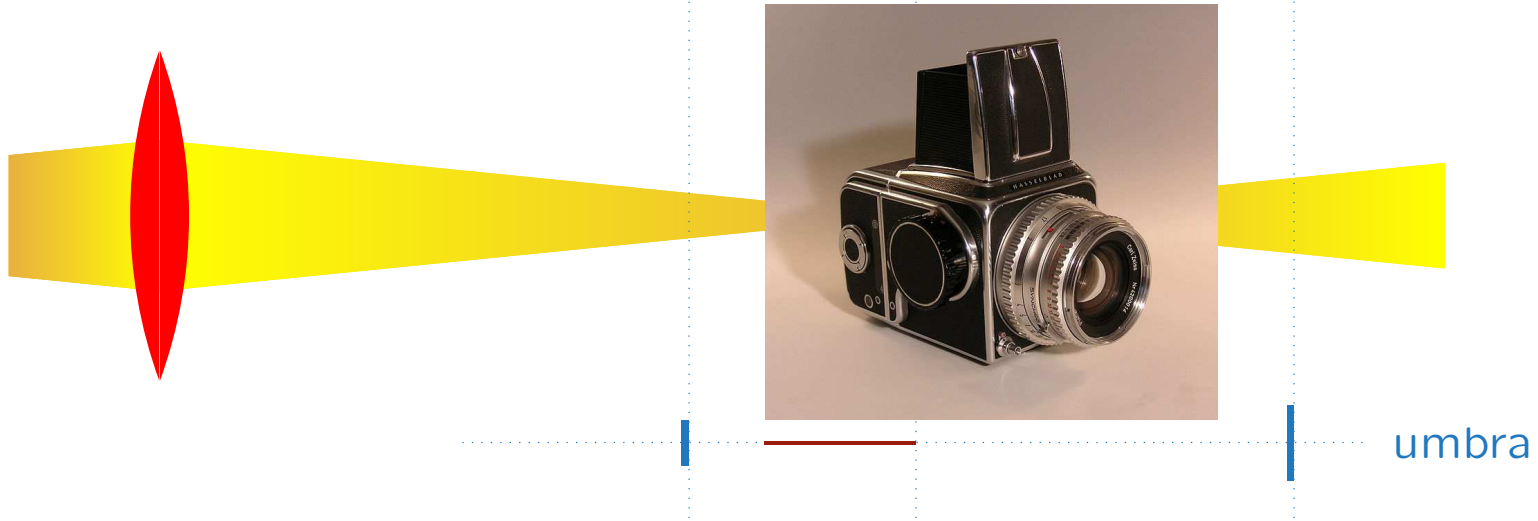
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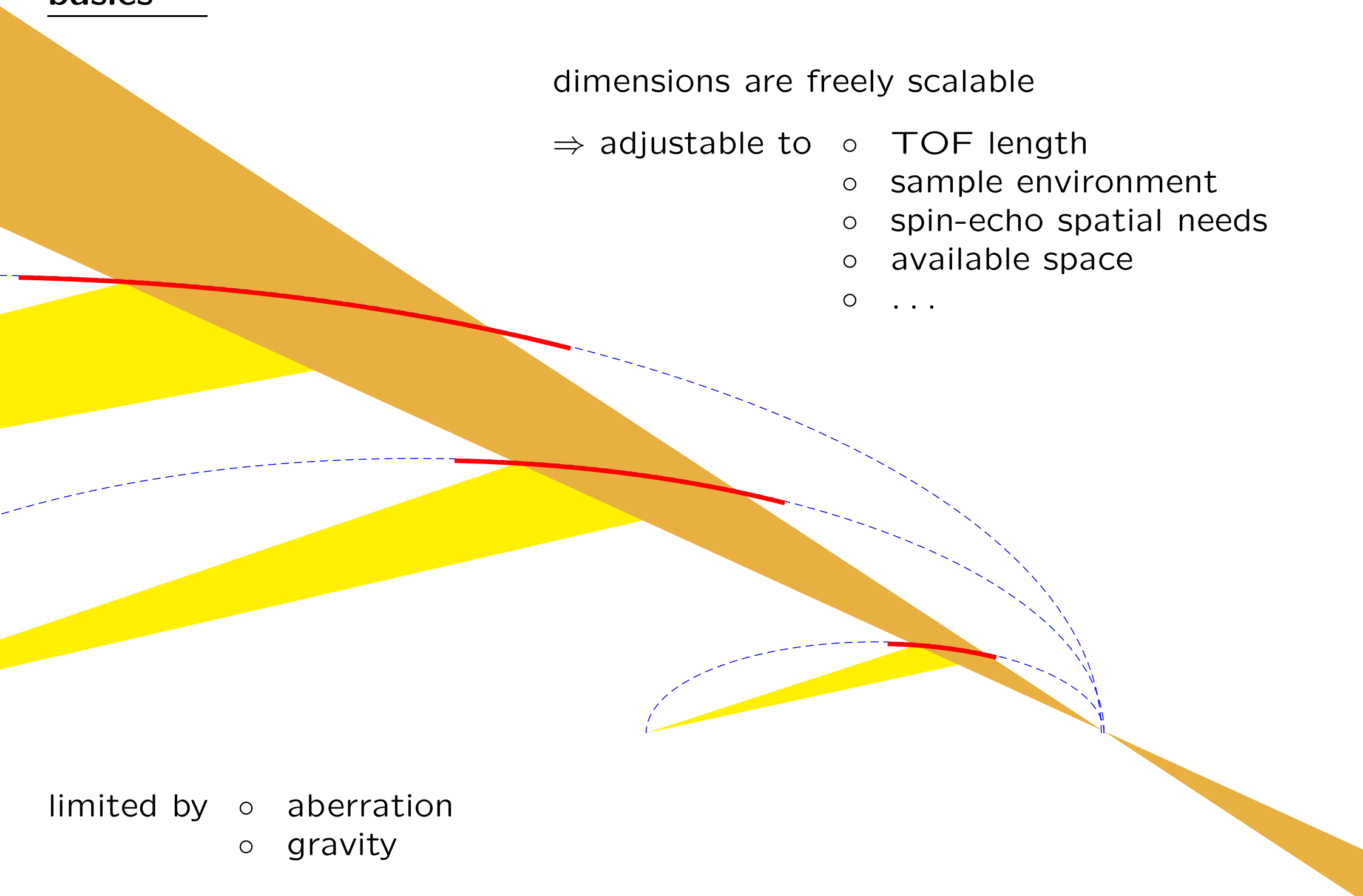


basics

dimensions are freely scalable

- ⇒ adjustable to
- TOF length
 - sample environment
 - spin-echo spatial needs
 - available space
 - ...

- limited by
- aberration
 - gravity

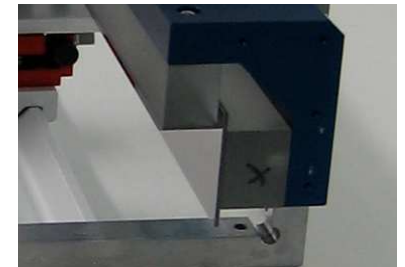
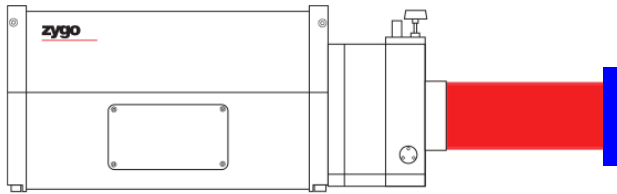


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quality characterisation by interferometry:

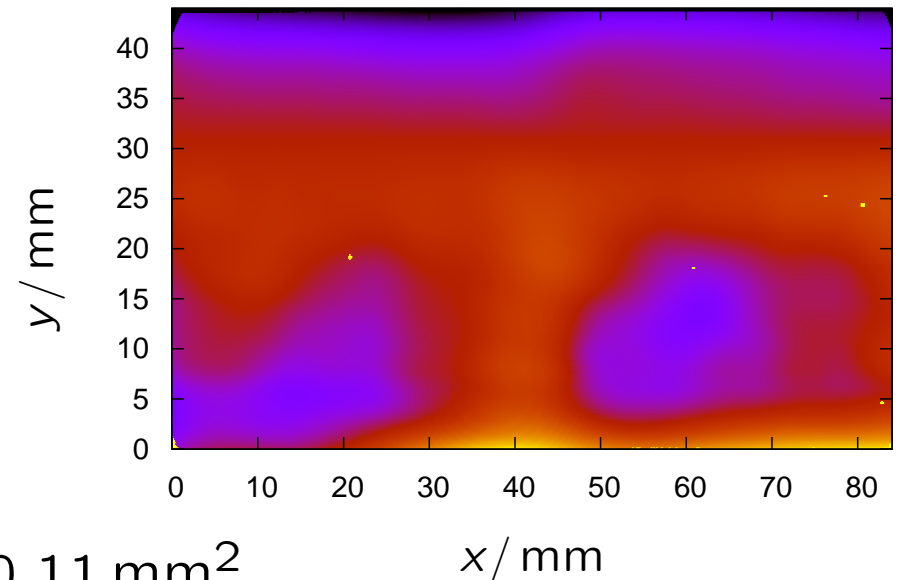
ZYGO Verifire ATZ
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parallel beam *normal* to the surface



dynamic range: $1.5 \mu\text{m}$

resolution: $0.11 \times 0.11 \text{ mm}^2$

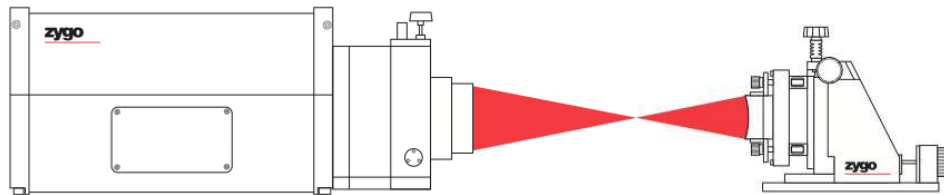


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focused beam

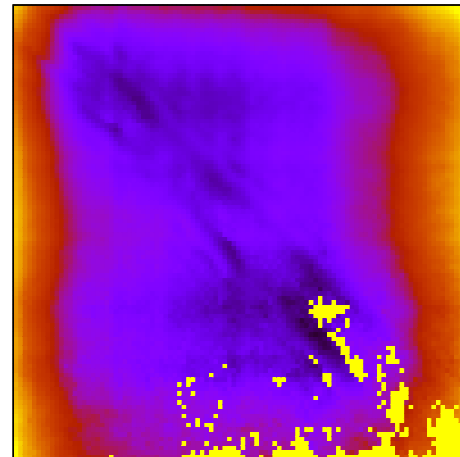
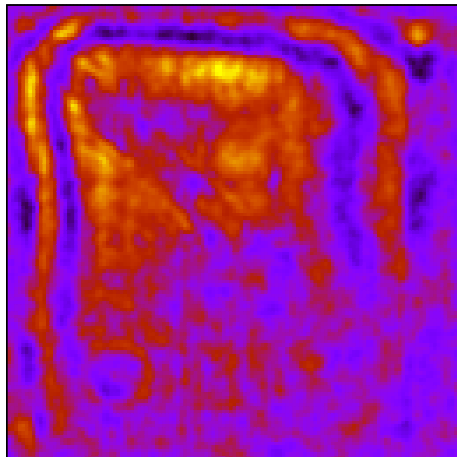
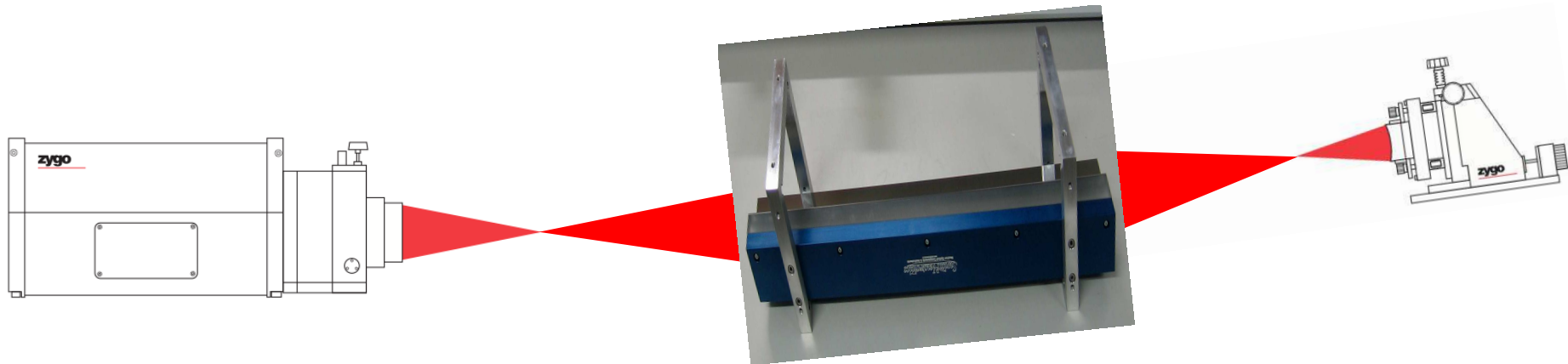


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focused beam fed into guide

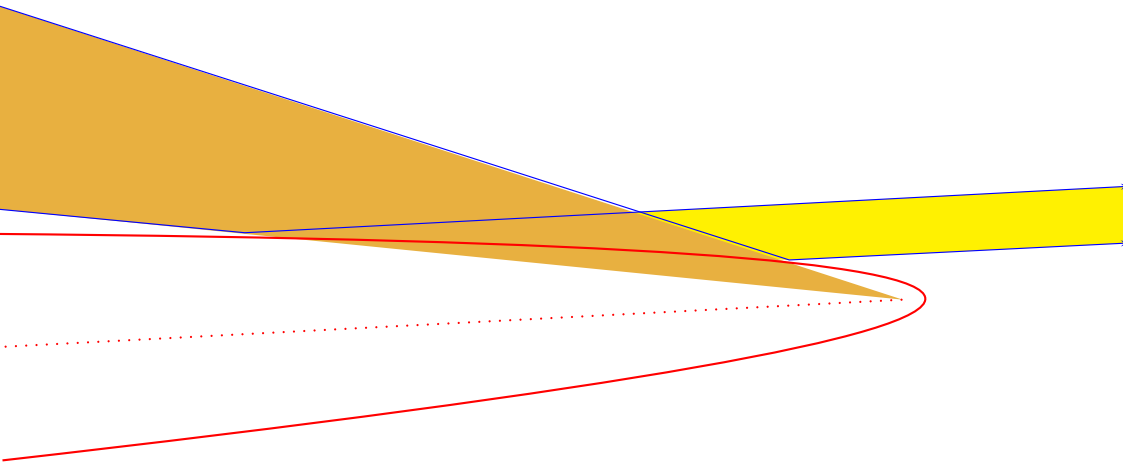


not yet analysed

light optics not adapted
⇒ low intensity

optics & options

condenser: parabolic deflector to generate a parallel beam



parabola axis \Rightarrow beam direction

focal length \Rightarrow beam width

beam width & spot size \Rightarrow divergence

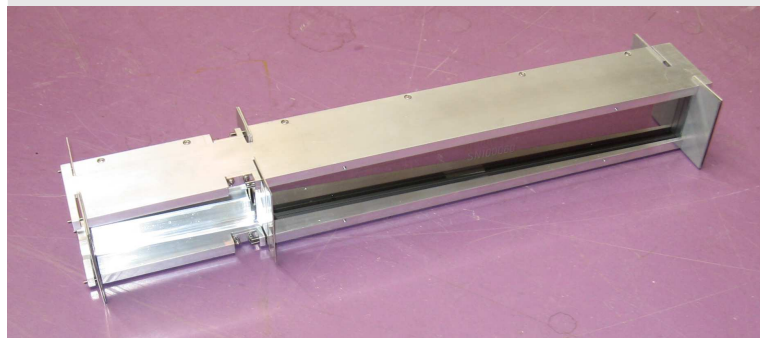
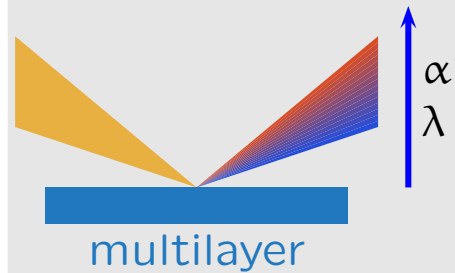
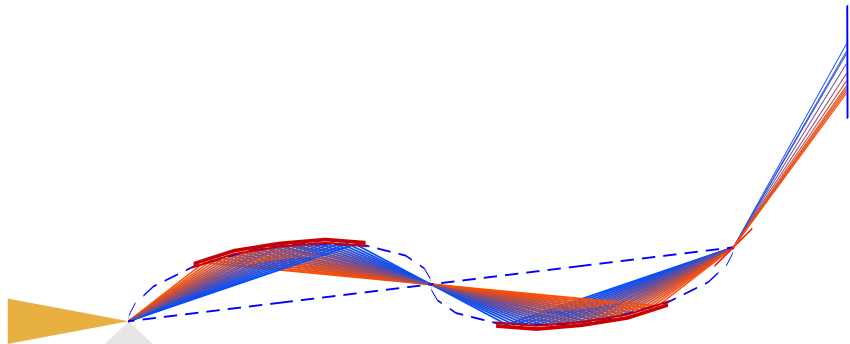
no collimator needed
tunable

(not yet realised)

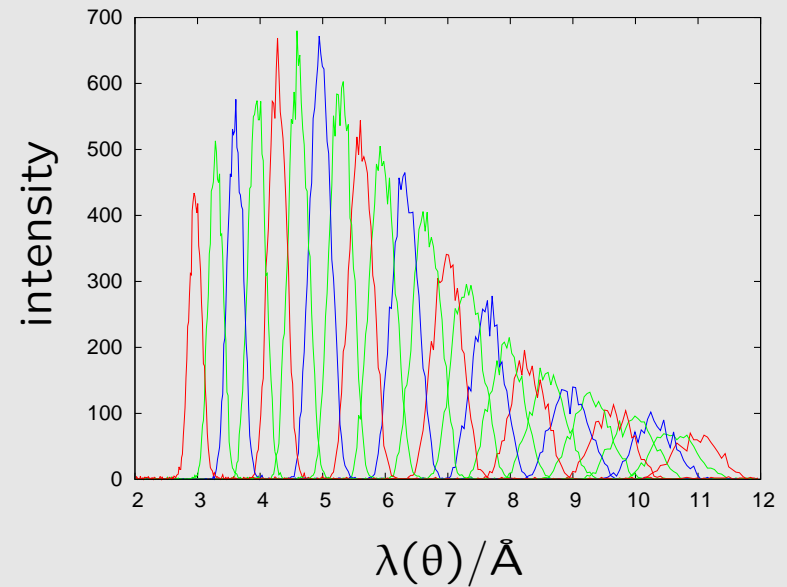
optics & options

spectral analysis

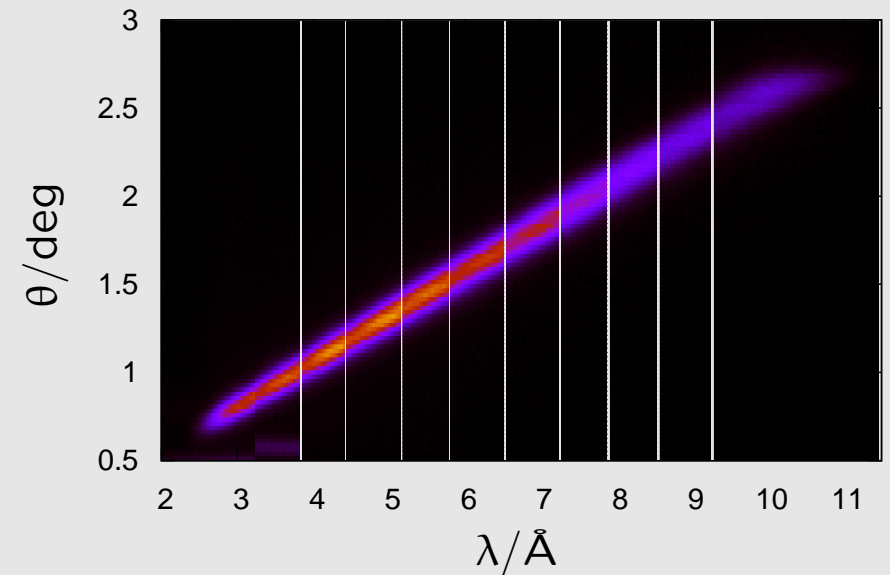
using a multilayer monochromator



double ML monochromator



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



optics & options

3D footprint definition

using the imaging property of the *Selene* guide

point source \Rightarrow illuminates sample centre

source

sample



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3D footprint definition

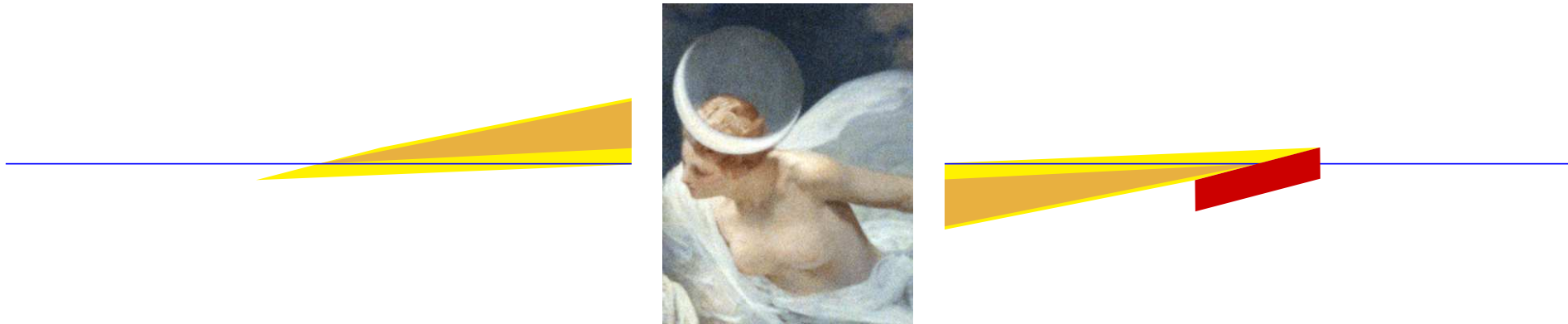
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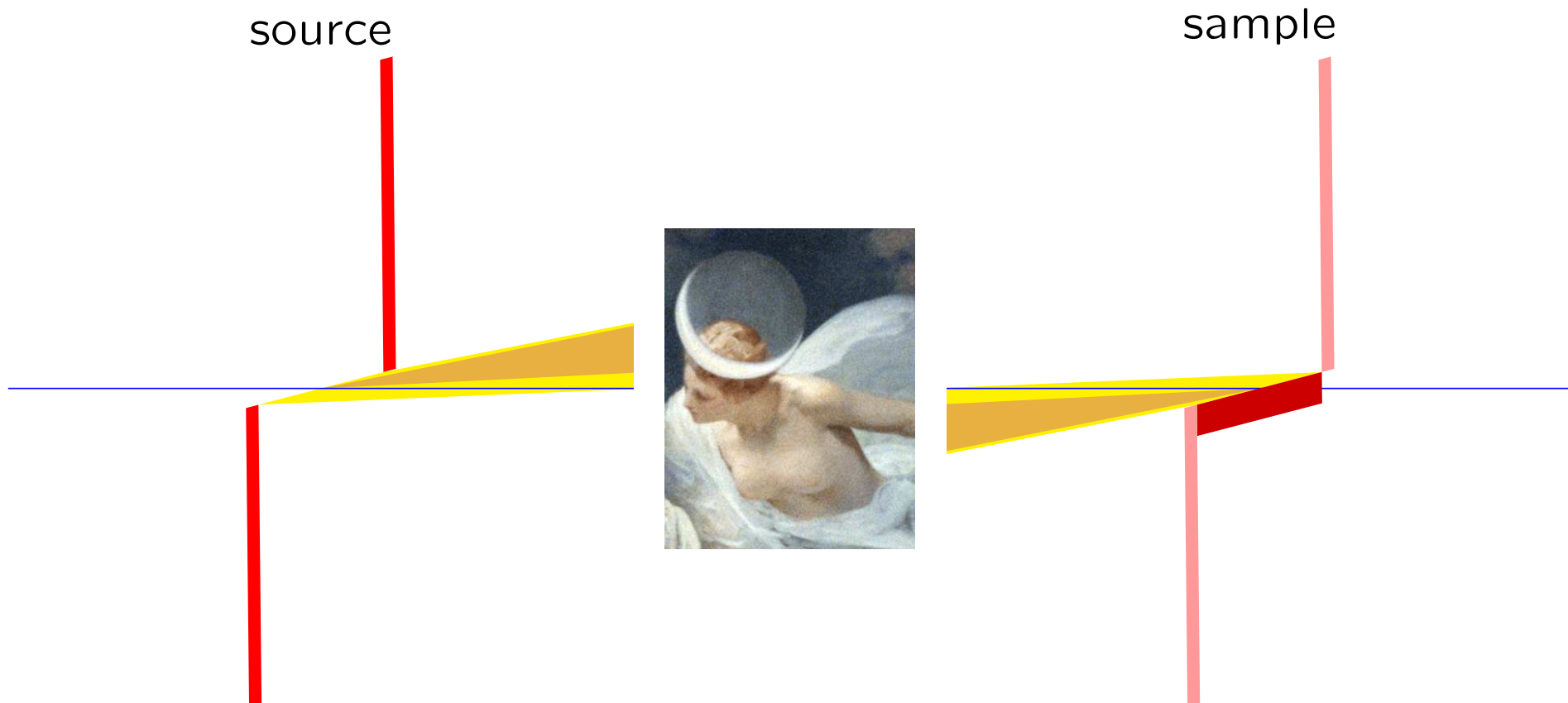
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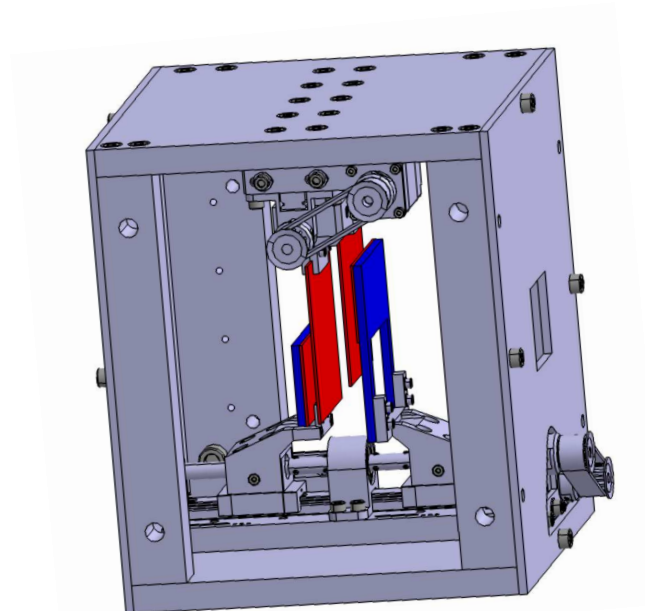
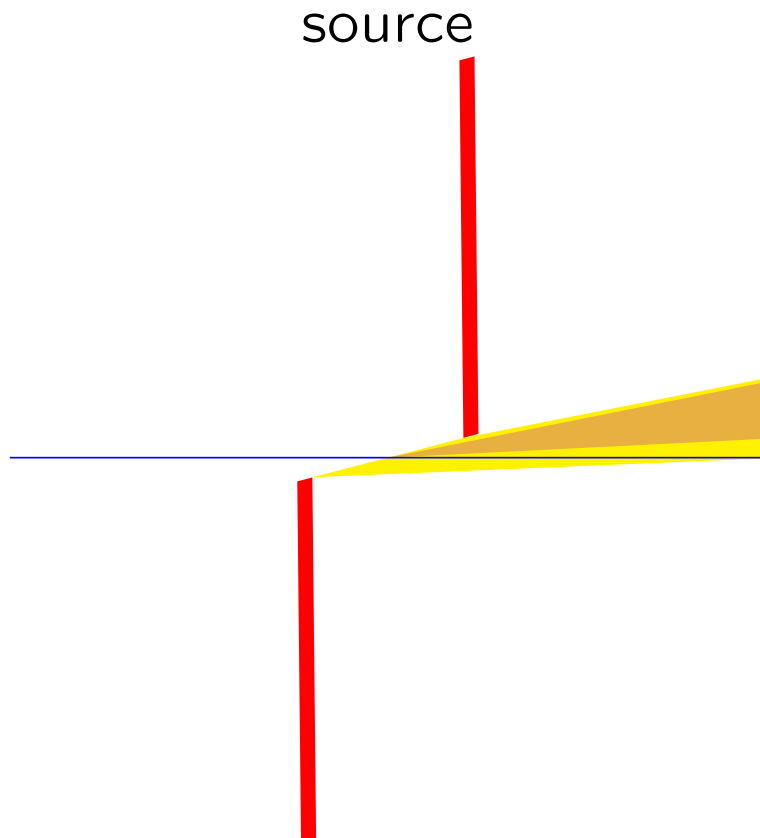
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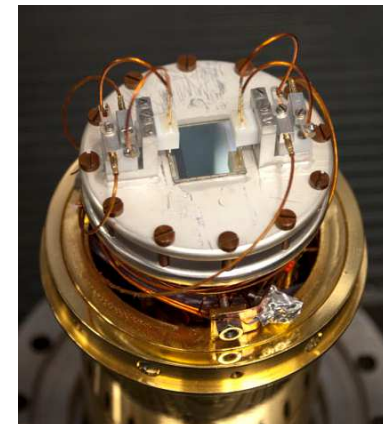
3D footprint definition using the imaging property of the *Selene* guide

applications:

- exclude sample holder, etc.
- concentrate on one crystallite

reflectometry

- inner region within a trough
- inner region of a **solid-liquid cell**:
- samples with electrical contacts:
- partially coated substrates
- bent substrates



optics & options

choppers

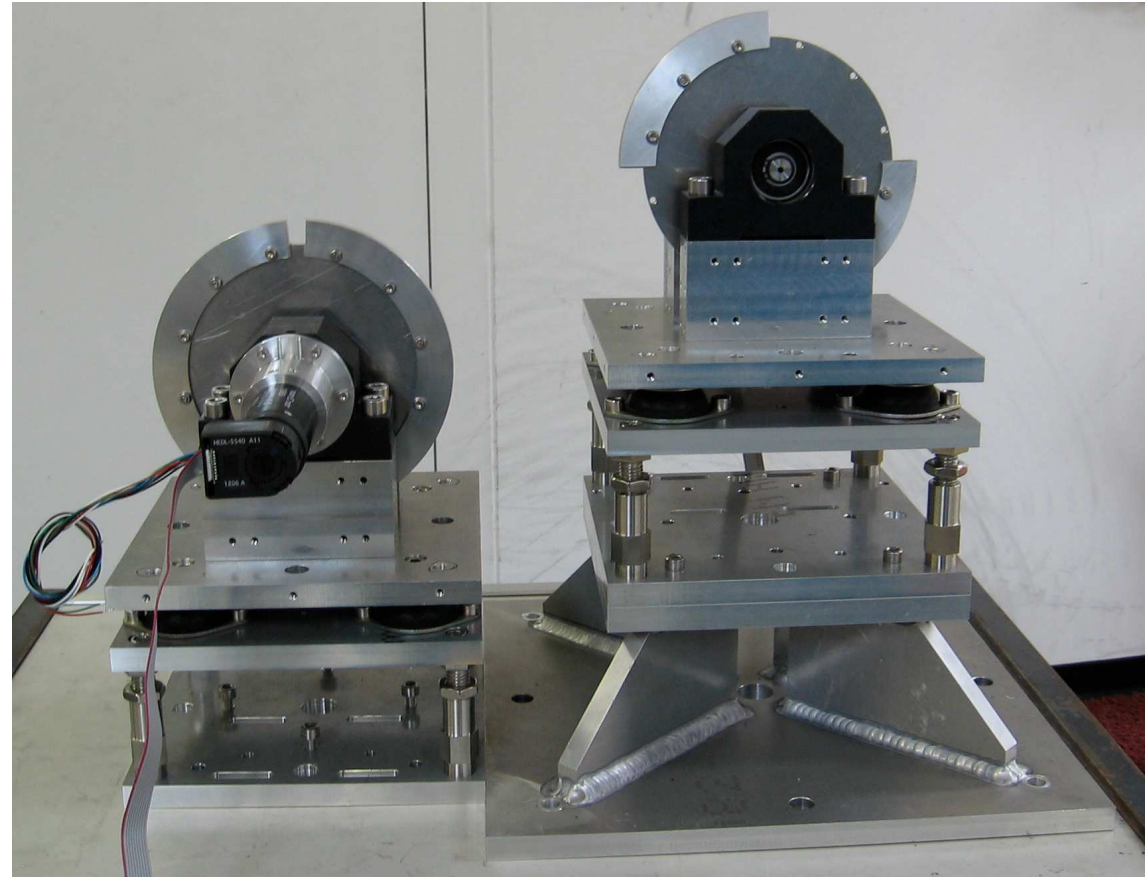
$$\nu = 60 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

gives $\lambda = 0 \dots 10 \text{ \AA}$

$$\varnothing = 150 \text{ mm}$$

Al:B and Cd absorber

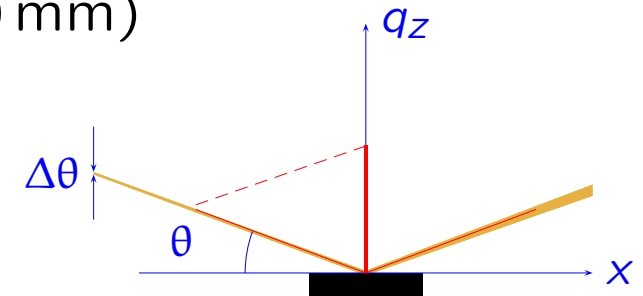
- frame-overlap suppression
- pulse generation



reflectometry

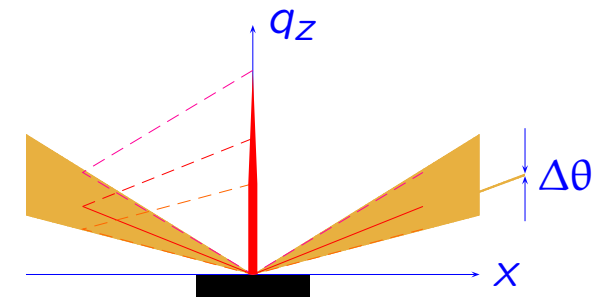
why?

- samples are *small* in at least one direction ($\ll 10$ mm)



- typically $\lambda > 3 \text{ \AA}$

- large dynamic range requires a low background
no illumination of sample environment

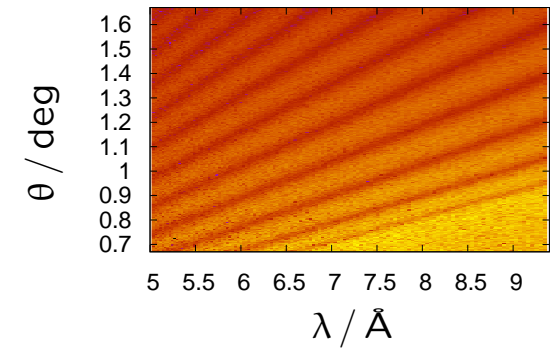
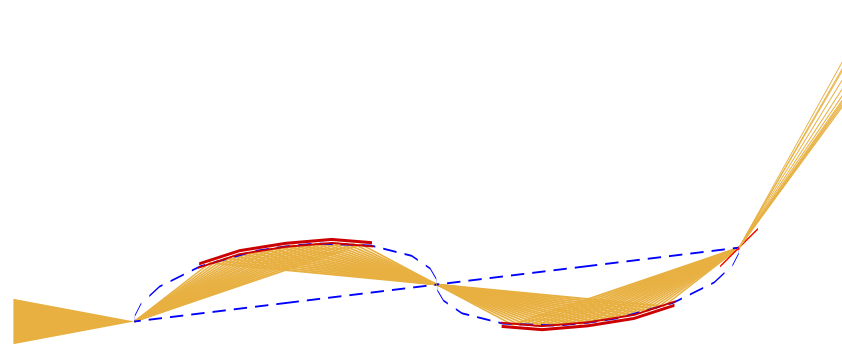


- reflectometry can profit from
 - large $\Delta\theta$
 - λ - θ encoding
 - changing θ without rotating the sample
- it's my area of interest

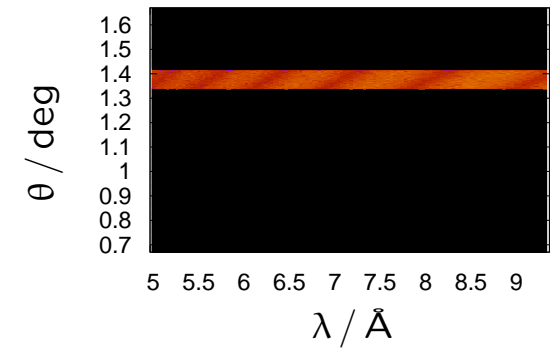
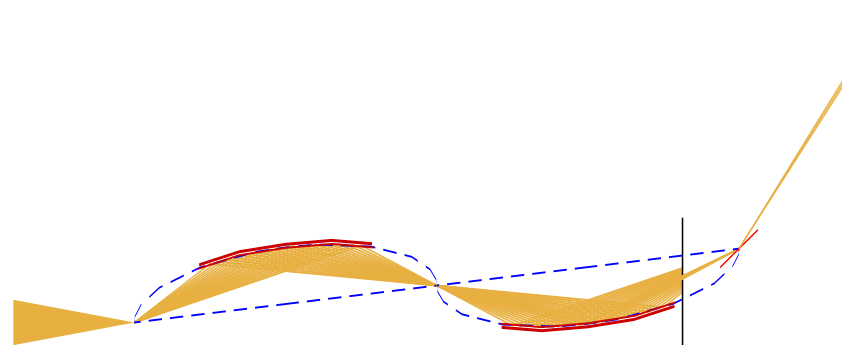
reflectometry

operation modes

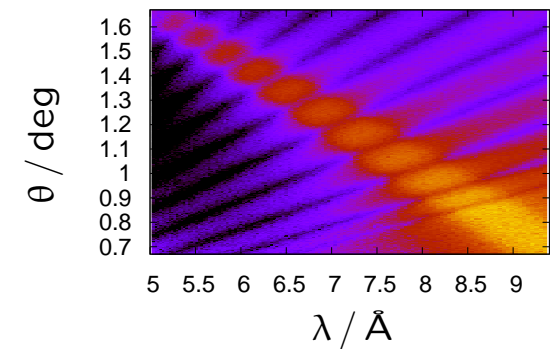
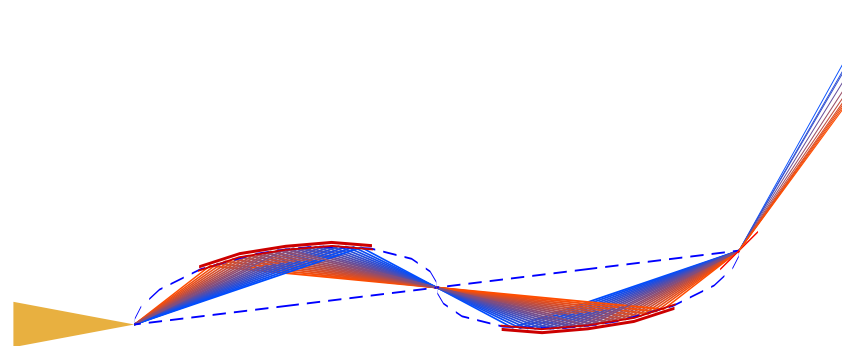
high-intensity
specular reflectivity



almost conventional
reflectivity



λ - θ encoding

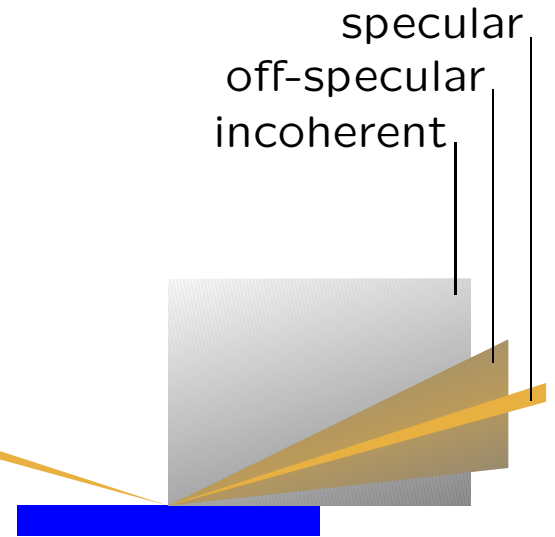
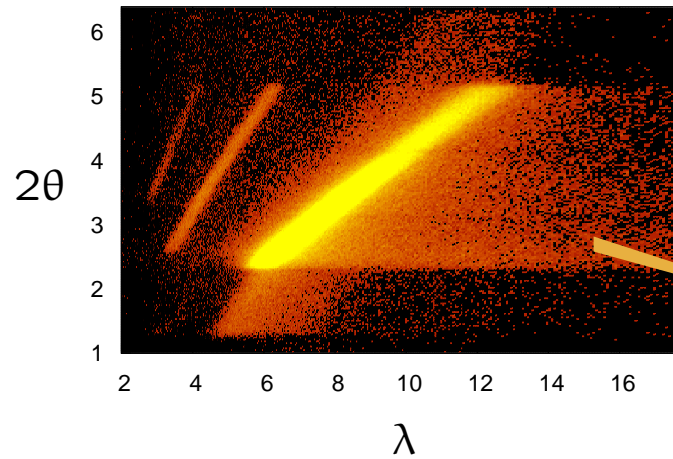
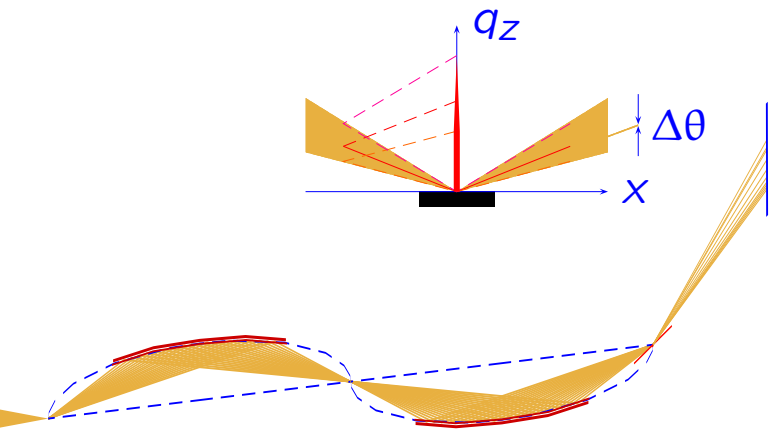
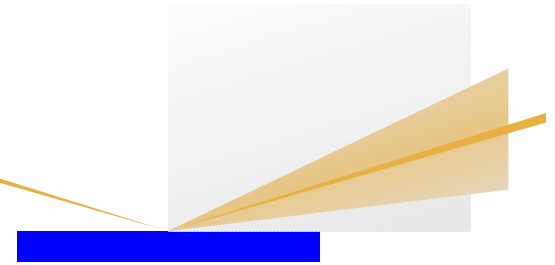
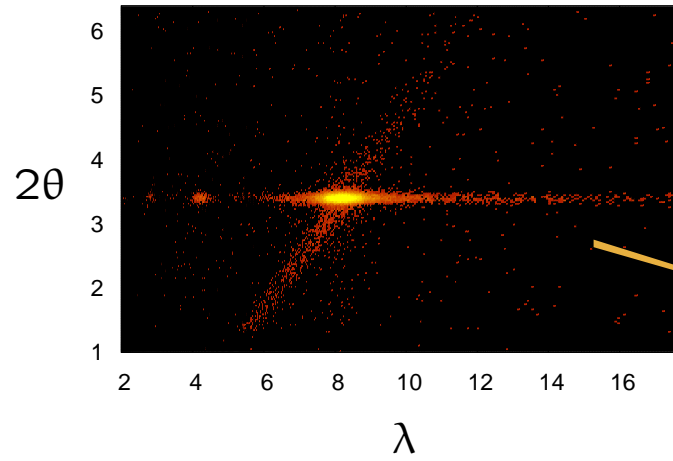
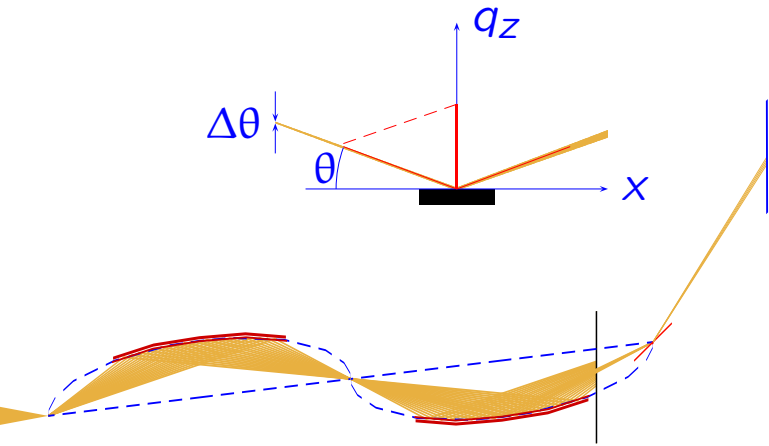


reflectometry

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vs.

almost conventional

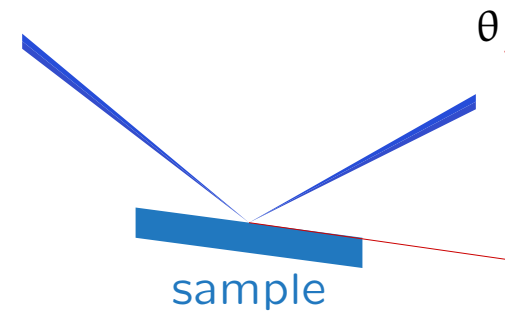
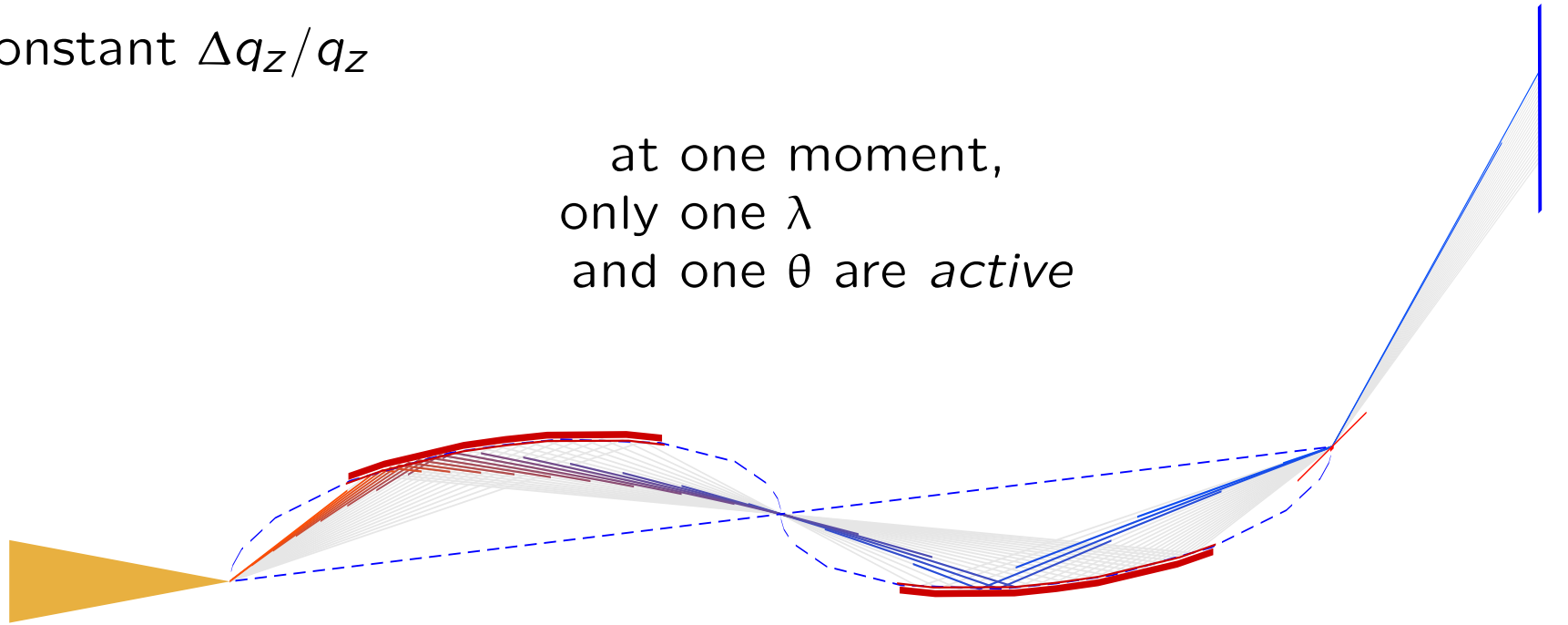


reflectometry

λ - θ -encoding & TOF

\Rightarrow constant $\Delta q_z/q_z$

at one moment,
only one λ
and one θ are *active*

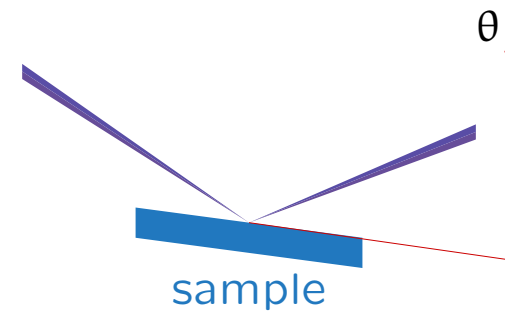
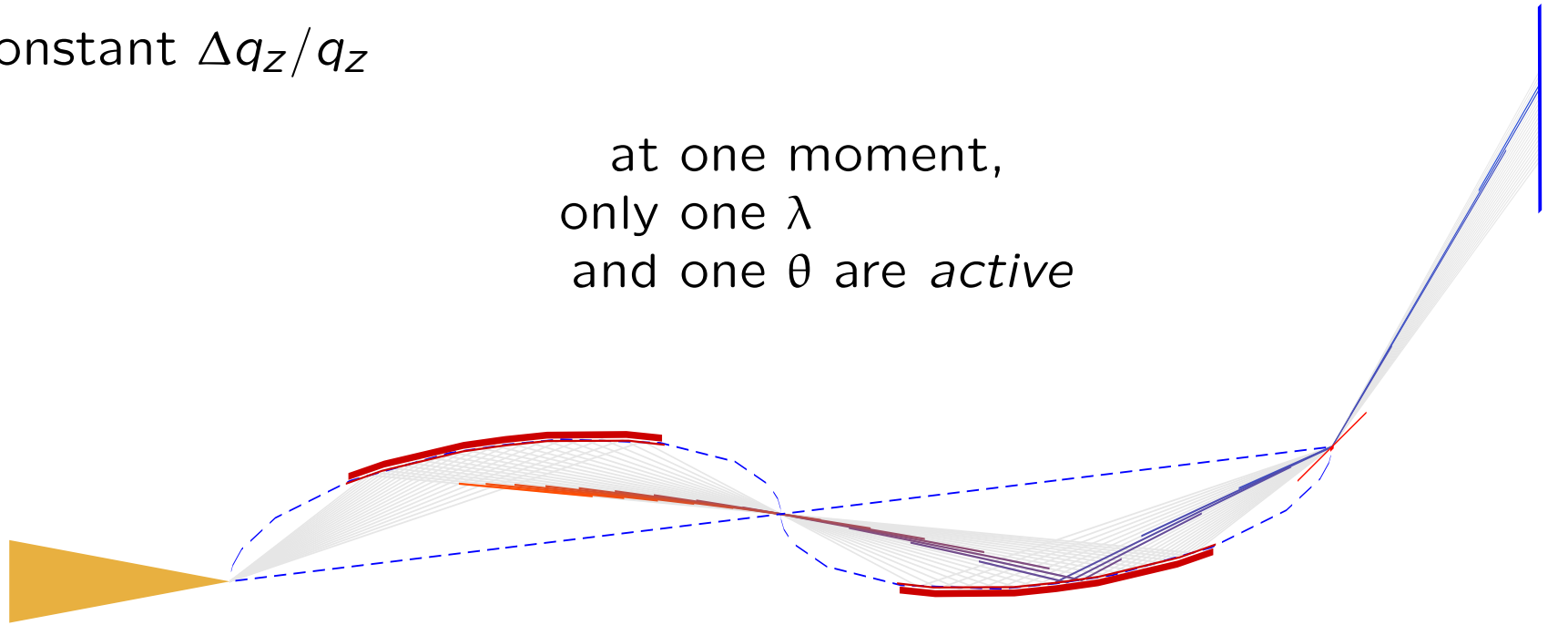


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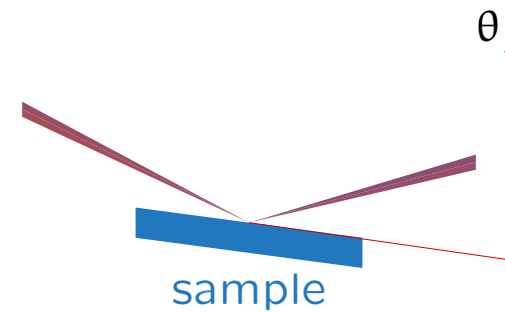
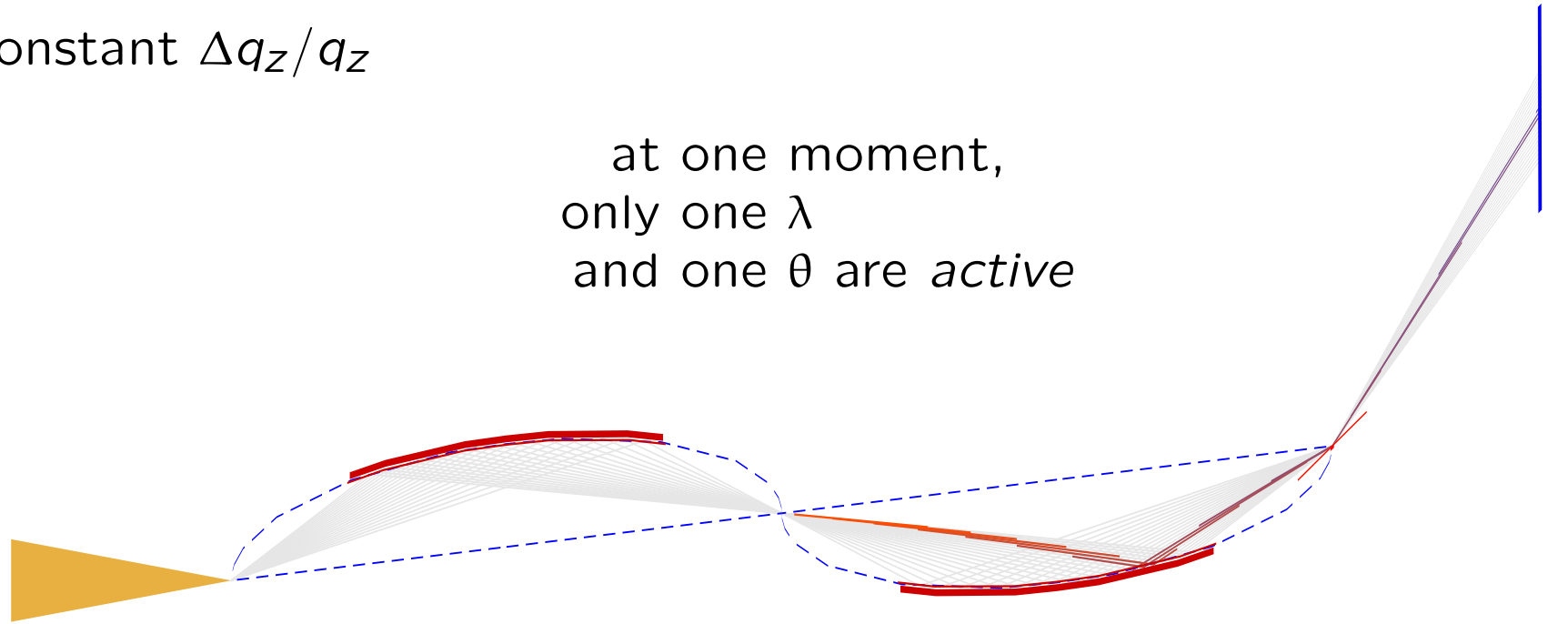


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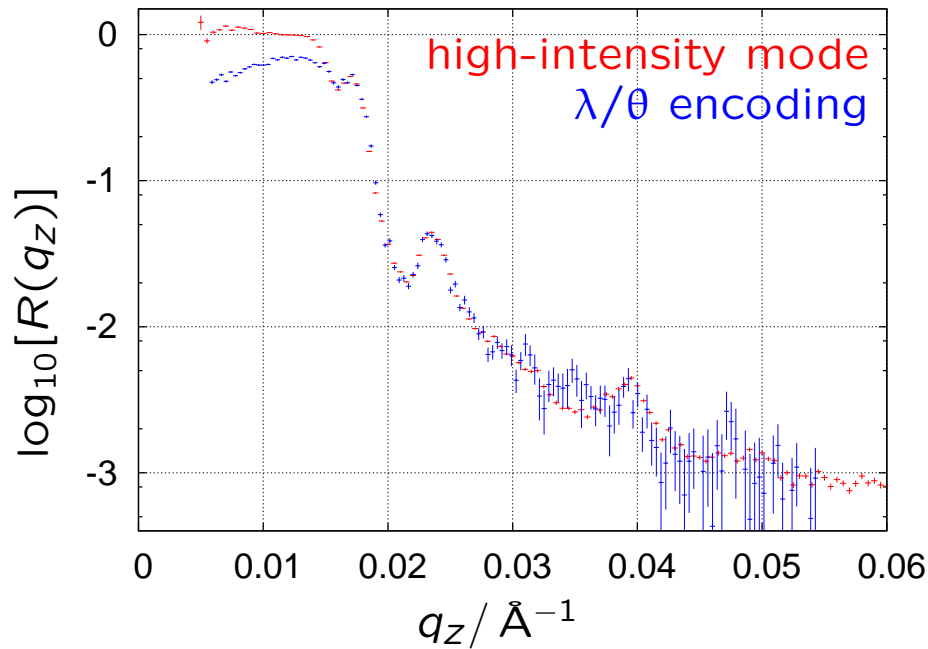


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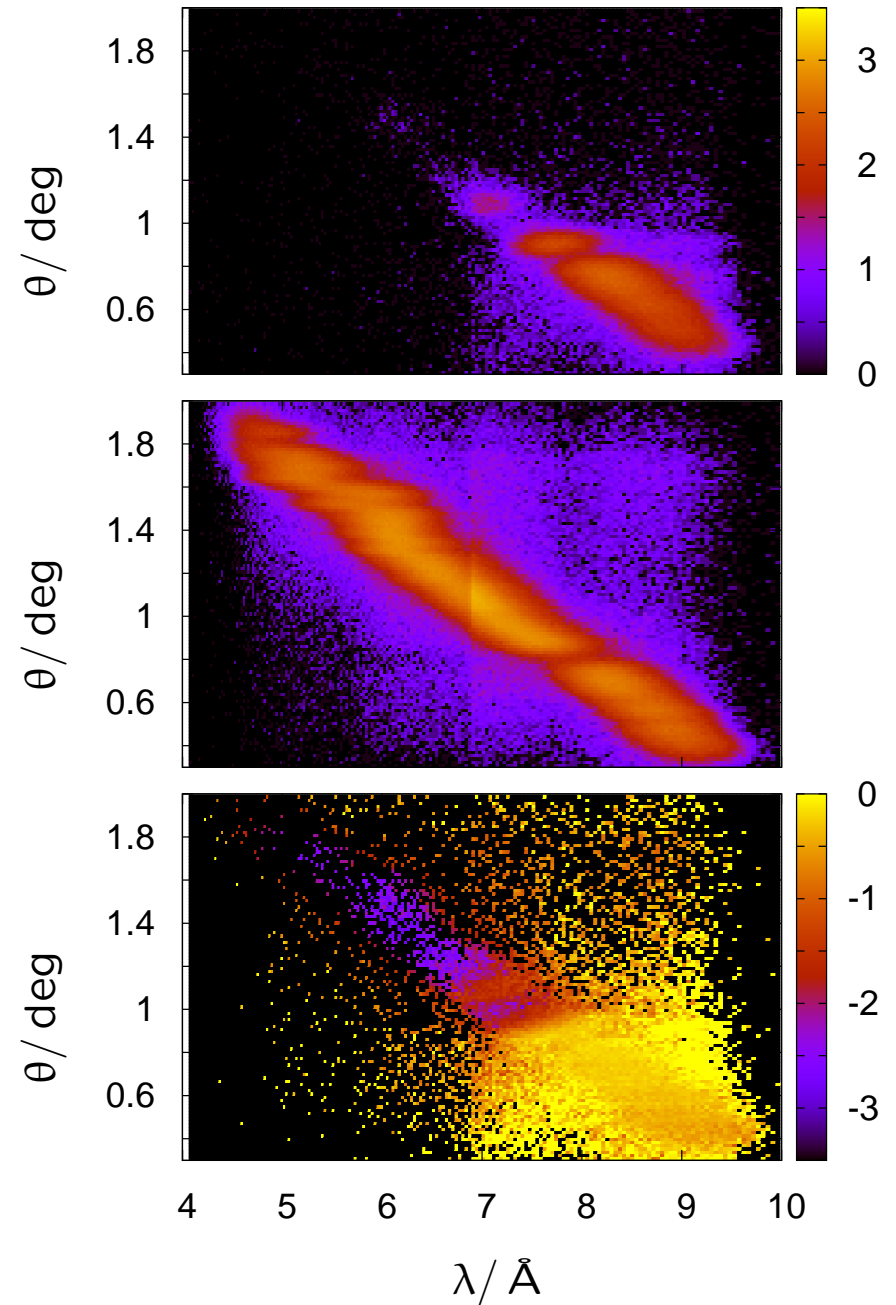
λ/θ encoding & TOF

[LCMO(200 Å)/YBCO(400 Å)]₅

10 × 10 mm²



SM
 $m = 5$



problems of data-analysis:

- absolute error of 0