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# focusing on small samples



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

#### outline

• Selene guide system

• prototype

 $\circ$  optics & options

• reflectometry

 $\circ$  discussion

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# focusing on small samples

# deal with

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## small samples



# beam shaping





What, if the samples **are** small?

*small* is relative to the guide / the optics

# basics



### basics



#### basics

#### dimensions are freely scalable

- $\Rightarrow$  adjustable to  $~\circ~$  TOF length
  - sample environment
  - spin-echo spatial needs
  - available space

o ...

limited by o aberration o gravity

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#### generic lay-out



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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

 $a = 1000 \,\mathrm{mm}$ b/a = 0.0206





#### quality characterisation with pin-hole



using light & CCD camera, or neutrons

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quality characterisation by interferometry:

ZYGO Verifire ATZ metrology-lab @ PSI

parallel beam normal to the surface







# quality characterisation by interferometry:

ZYGO Verifire ATZ metrology-lab @ PSI

focused beam



# quality characterisation by interferometry:

ZYGO Verifire ATZ metrology-lab @ PSI

focused beam fed into guide





# not yet analysed

light optics not adapted  $\Rightarrow$  low intensity

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## polariser





requested:

a surface hit by all trajectories from a point source at the same angle  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ 

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 $\Rightarrow$  the logarithmic spiral

# polariser: logarithmic spiral







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beam width & divergence  $\Rightarrow$  divergence

no collimator needed tunable

(not yet realised)

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adaptive convex parabola (PSI, early version) parabola axis  $\Rightarrow$  beam direction

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#### spectral analysis

using a multilayer monochromator







double ML monochromator

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point source  $\Rightarrow$  illuminates sample centre

source

sample



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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

- $\circ$   $\,$  inner region within a trough
- inner region of a solid-liquid cell:
- samples with electrical contacts:
- partially coated substrates
- bent substrates





#### choppers

 $v = 60 \,\text{s}^{-1}$ gives  $\lambda = 0 \dots 10 \,\text{\AA}$ 

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

AI:B and Cd absorber

- frame-overlap suppression
- pulse generation



MIEZE (NRSE)compatibility with Selene guide under investigationall trajectories have the same length



G. Brandl, A. Chacón, R. Georgii, W. Häußler, et al. FRM II & TU Munich

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why?

• samples are *small* in at least one direction ( $\ll 10 \text{ mm}$ )

- typically  $\lambda > 3 \text{ Å}$
- large dynamic range requires a low background no illumination of sample environment
- X

- reflectometry can profit from  $\circ$  large  $\Delta \theta$ 
  - $\circ \lambda$ - $\theta$  encoding
  - $\circ$  changing  $\theta$  without rotating the sample

• it's my area of interest





#### operation modes



 $\lambda / Å$ 

# high-intensity specular reflectivity



sample by Birgit Wiedemann TU Munich



sample by SwissNeutronics



# high-intensity specular reflectivity









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# high-intensity specular reflectometry

VS.

#### almost conventional











 $\Rightarrow$  constant  $\Delta q_Z/q_Z$ 

at one moment, only one  $\lambda$  and one  $\theta$  are active







θ

# reflectometry





absolute error of 0



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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

 $\Rightarrow$  reduction of resolution / transmission



works best for small samples

weak aberration

# discussion









appendix



#### comparison to conventional and full elliptic guides



#### comparison to a straight guide



#### chromatic aberration due to gravity

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

in agreement with analytical calculations

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![](_page_56_Picture_2.jpeg)

#### set-up realised several times

#### on the optical bench BOA@PSI

![](_page_57_Picture_4.jpeg)

# on the TOF reflectometer $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Amor}}\ensuremath{\mathsf{QPSI}}$

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