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# **Characterization of the spatial frequency response of a scintillator for beam size measurements using Heterodyne Near Field Speckles**



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# The Heterodyne Near Field Speckle (HNFS) technique

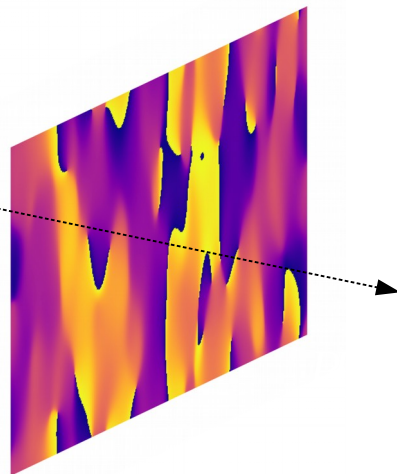


# General framework

## Interferometric beam size measurements

source  
( $e^-$  beam)

partially coherent  
X-ray SR



Complex Coherence  
Factor (**CCF**):

$$\mu(\Delta \vec{r}) = \frac{\langle E(\vec{r}) E^*(\vec{r} + \Delta \vec{r}) \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle I(\vec{r}) \rangle \langle I(\vec{r} + \Delta \vec{r}) \rangle}}$$

Free-space propagation,  
**Van Cittert - Zernike theorem:**

source intensity distribution  $\xrightarrow{\text{FT}}$  radiation CCF

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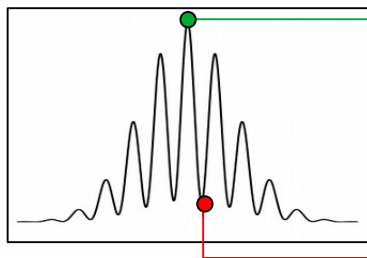
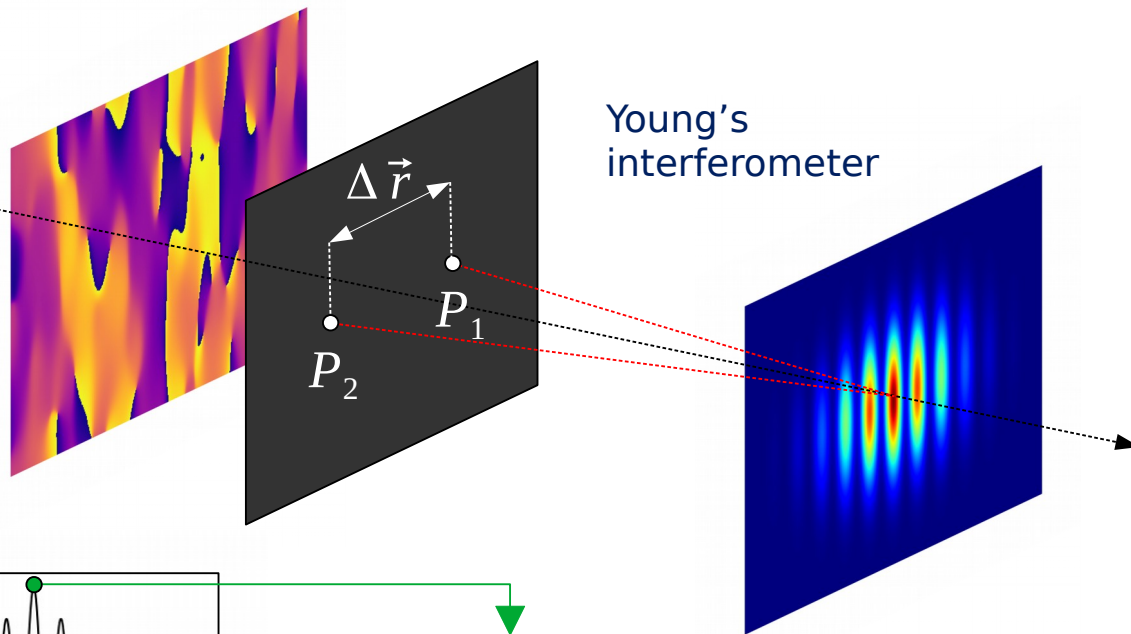
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$$V = \frac{I_{max} - I_{min}}{I_{max} + I_{min}} = |\mu(\Delta \vec{r})|$$



# Colloids

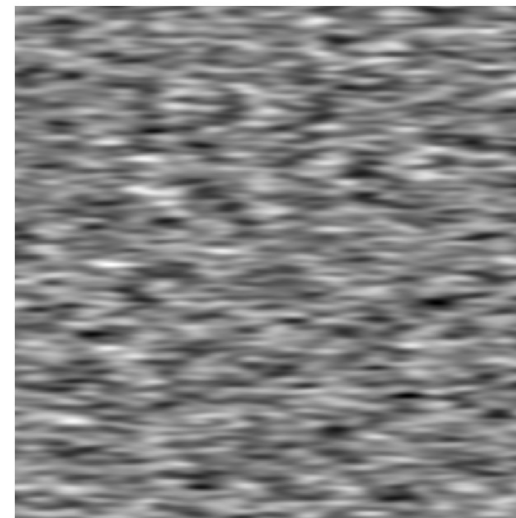
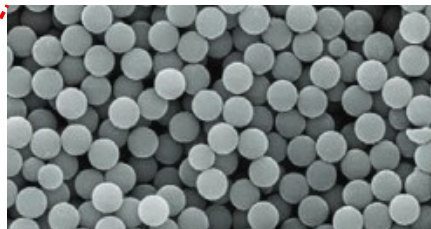
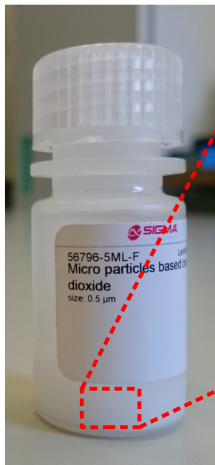
Colloids: a **cloud** of spherical particles suspended in water, **randomly moving and wiggling**, generating a **stochastic, noisy-like** intensity distribution known as speckles.

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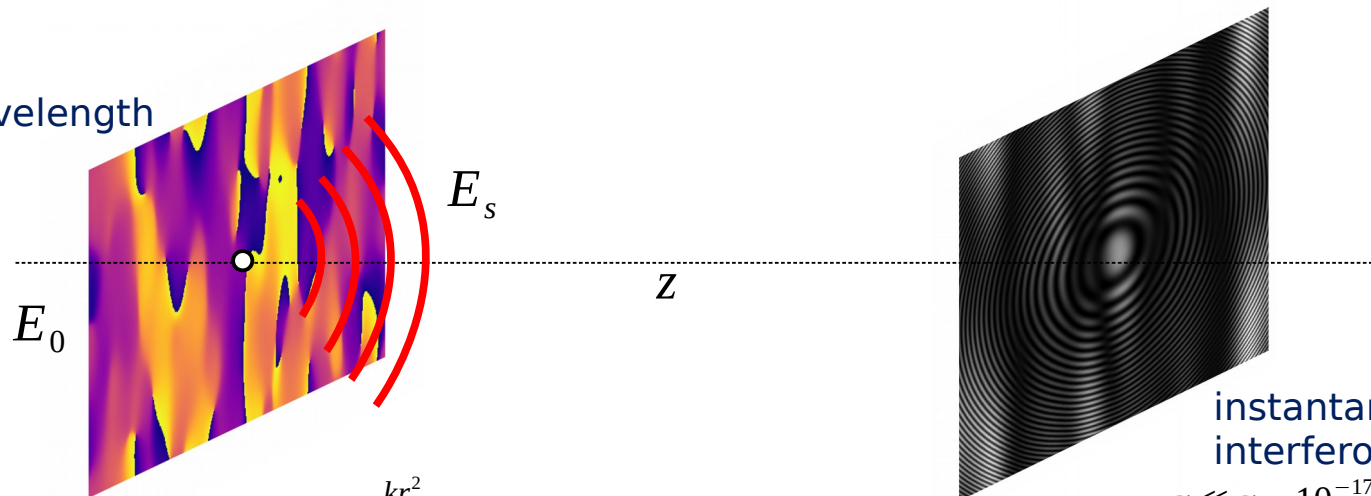




# Single-particle scattering

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

$\lambda \rightarrow$  wavelength



instantaneous  
interferogram  
 $\tau \ll \tau_c \sim 10^{-17} - 10^{-14}$  s

$$E_s(\vec{r}, z) \propto E_0(\vec{0}) \frac{e^{ikz} e^{i\frac{kr^2}{2z}}}{z}$$

$$|E_s| \ll |E_0|$$

heterodyne conditions



$$I = |E_0 + E_s|^2 = |E_0|^2 + 2\Re\{E_0 E_s^*\} + \cancel{|E_s|^2}$$

heterodyne term

homodyne term

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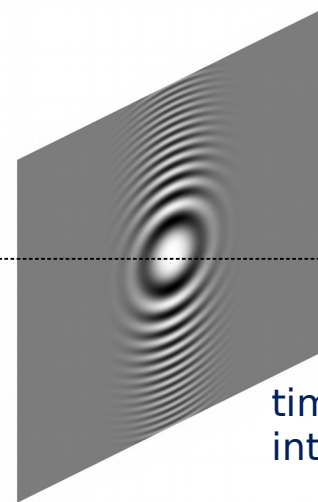
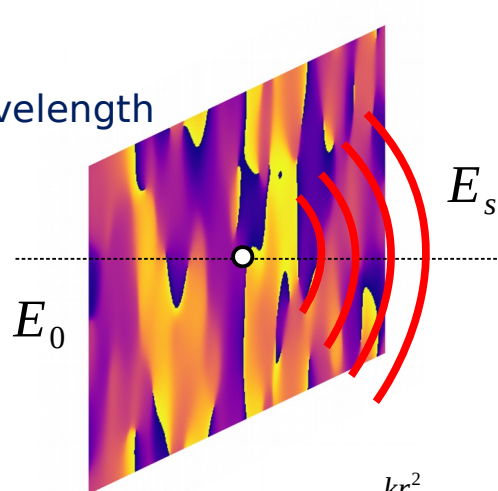
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time-integrated interferogram

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$$\Re \left\{ \langle E_0 E_s^* \rangle \right\} \propto |\mu(\Delta \vec{r})| \cos \left[ \frac{k \Delta r^2}{2z} \right]$$

**Scattering from a single particle:** paradigmatic layout to probe coherence between a selected point (the position of the particle) and **all** the others

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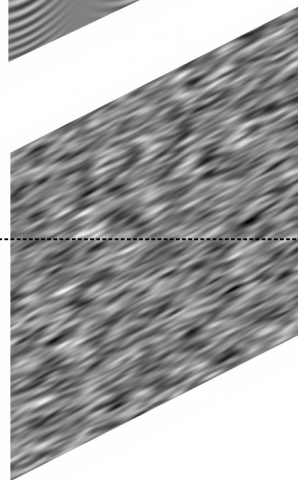
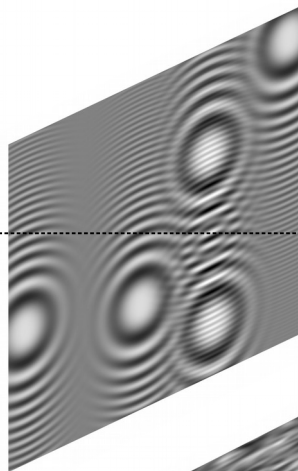
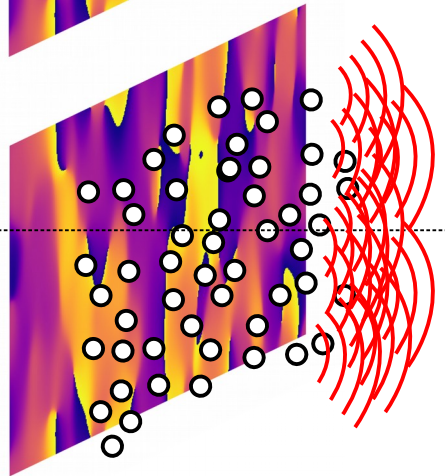
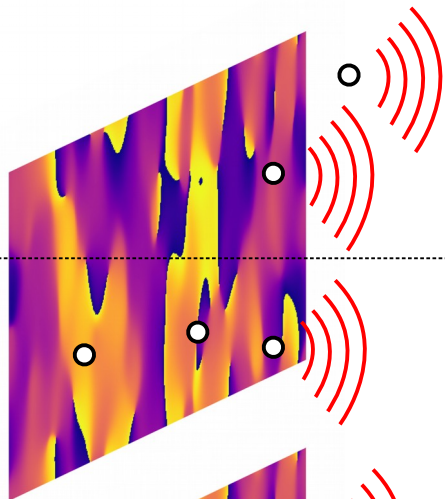
# Many-particles scattering

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$$E_s(\vec{r}, z) \propto \sum_{i=1}^N E_{s,i}(\vec{r}, z)$$

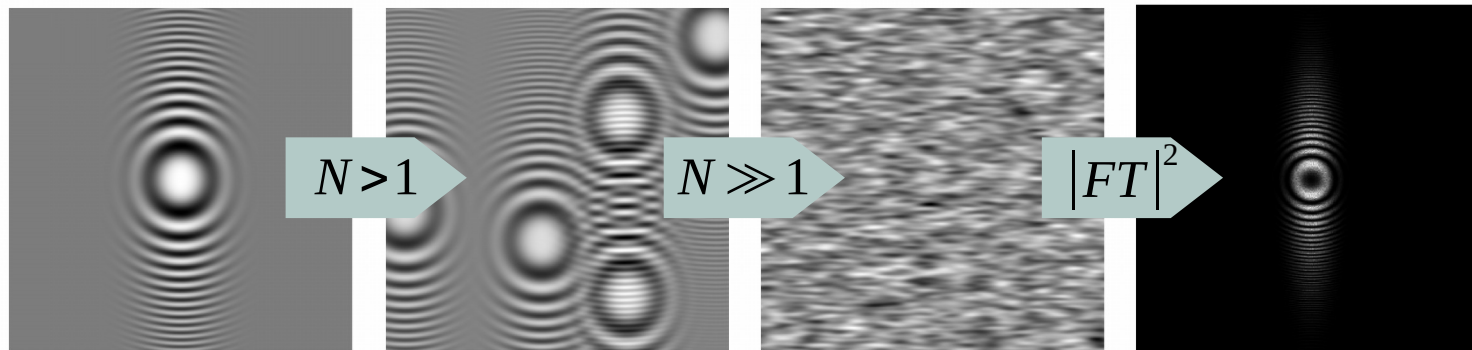
$$\Re \left\{ \langle E_0 E_s^* \rangle \right\} = \sum_{i=1}^N \Re \left\{ \langle E_0 E_{s,i}^* \rangle \right\}$$



**Heterodyne speckles:**  
**intensity sum** of many  
**equal** single-particle  
**interference images**



# The power spectrum



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$$I(\vec{q}) = T(q)C(\vec{q})$$

Power spectrum

$$C(\vec{q}) = |\mu(\vec{q})|^2$$

Radiation CCF

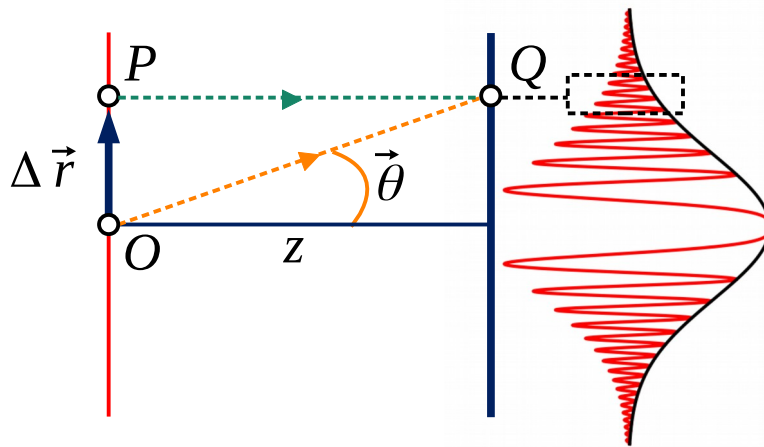
$$T(q) = 2 \sin^2 \left[ \frac{zq^2}{2k} \right]$$

Talbot Transfer Function (TTF)

**Spatial power spectrum** of heterodyne speckles **directly** provides the interferometric information on **2D transverse coherence**



# The spatial master curve



$$\vec{q} = k \vec{\theta}$$

$$\Delta \vec{r} = z \vec{\theta} = z \frac{\vec{q}}{k}$$

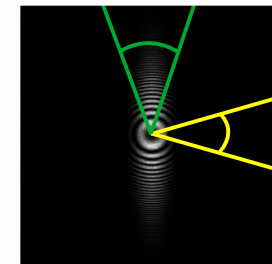
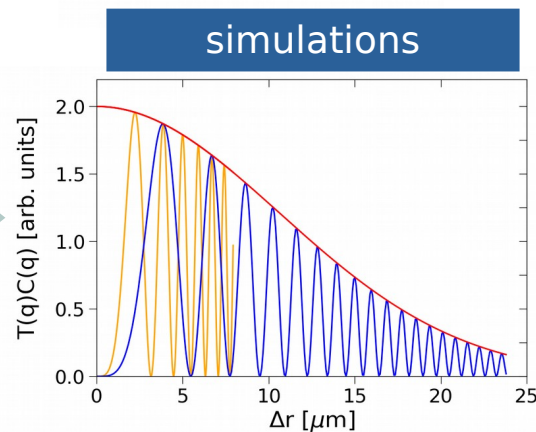
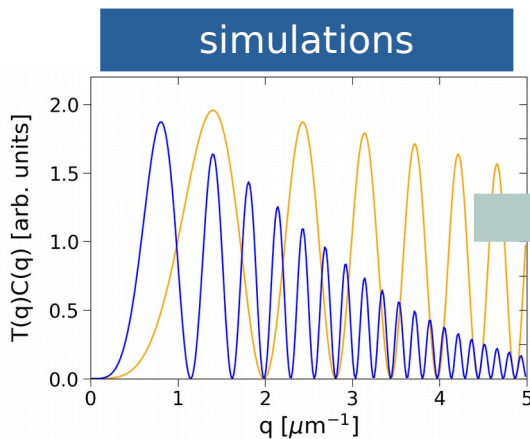
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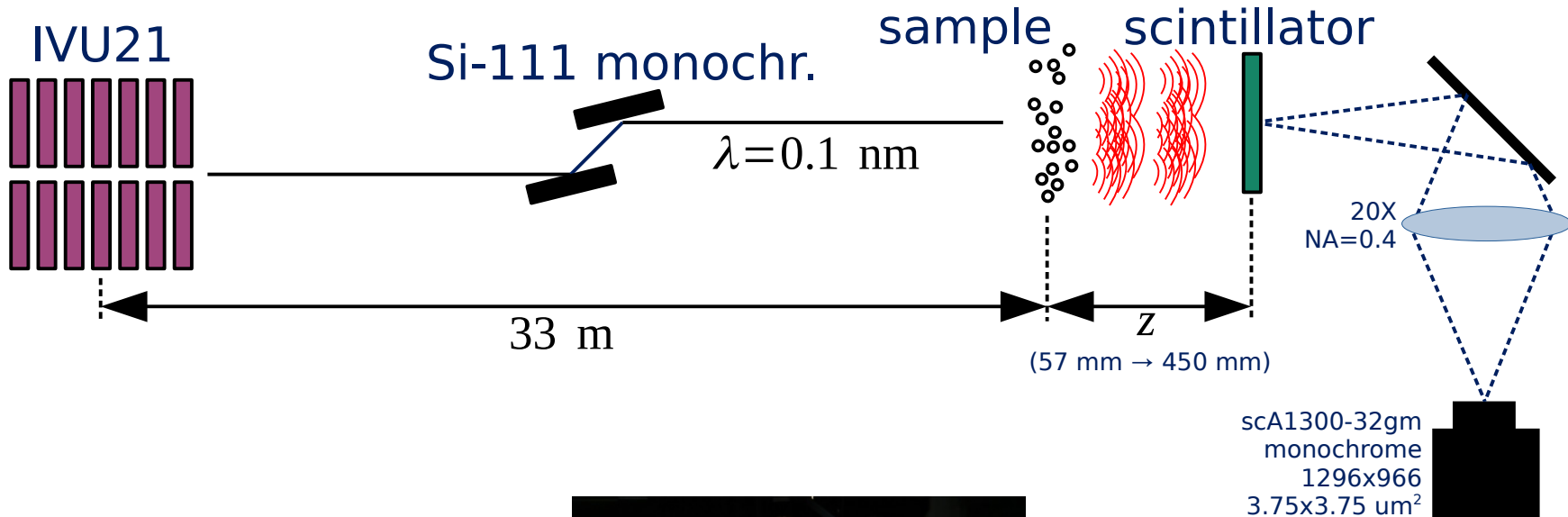
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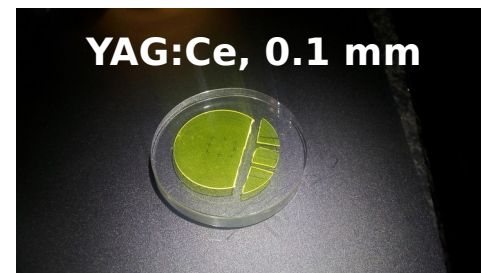
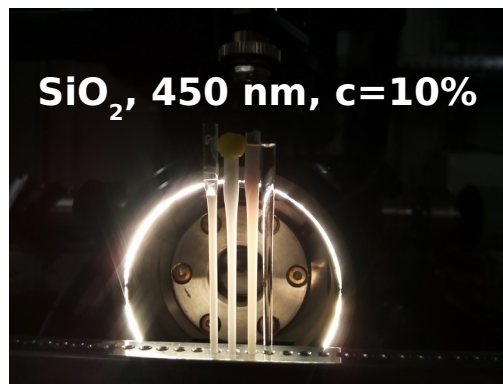
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Period	21.3 mm
Number of periods	92
Gap	5.86 mm
Beam current	150 mA
Photon energy	12.4 KeV
Relative bandwidth	$10^{-4}$
SR source size	131x8 $\mu\text{m}^2$ (HxV)





# General formulation of HNFS

The **two-dimensional power spectrum** of speckled intensity distribution measured at a distance  $z$  from the sample can be expressed as:

$$I(\vec{q}, z) = T(q, z) C(\vec{q}, z) \underbrace{H_0(\vec{q})}_{H(\vec{q})} S(q) + P(q)$$

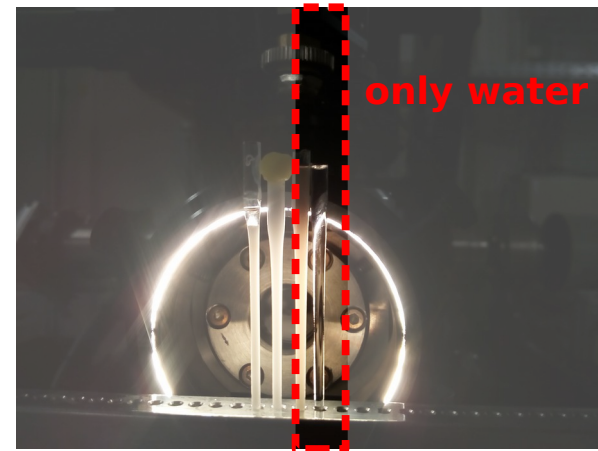
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- T** = Talbot Transfer Function (TTF)
- C** = squared modulus of CCF
- H<sub>0</sub>** = frequency response (scintillator, optics, CCD, ...)
- S** = particle form factor
- P** = noise contribution
  
- H** = Instrumental Transfer Function (ITF)





# Measuring the ITF

$z$  small ( $|\Delta\vec{r}| < \sigma_{coh}$ )

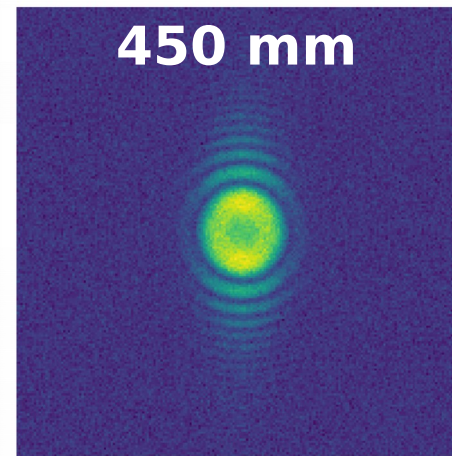
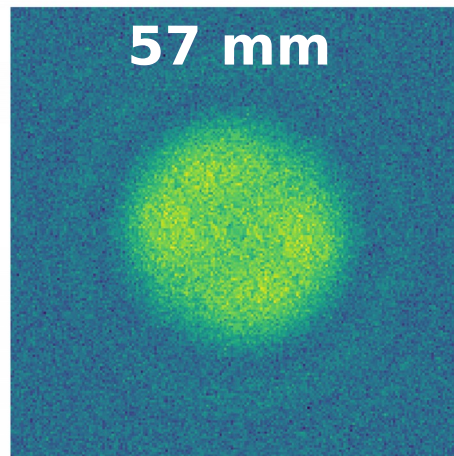
$$\Delta\vec{r} = z\vec{\theta} = z\frac{\vec{q}}{k} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Delta\vec{r} \sim \vec{0} \quad \longrightarrow \quad C \sim 1$$

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**Short distances** → isotropy → **ITF**

**Large distances** → anisotropy → **2D CCF**



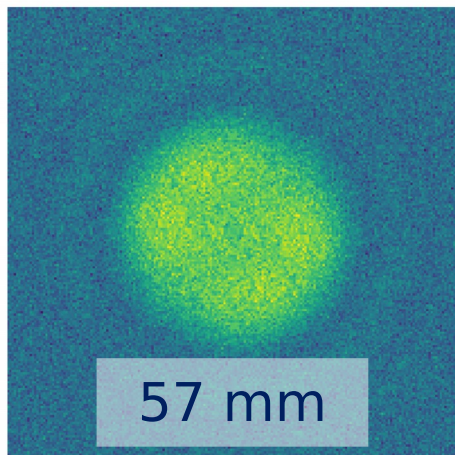
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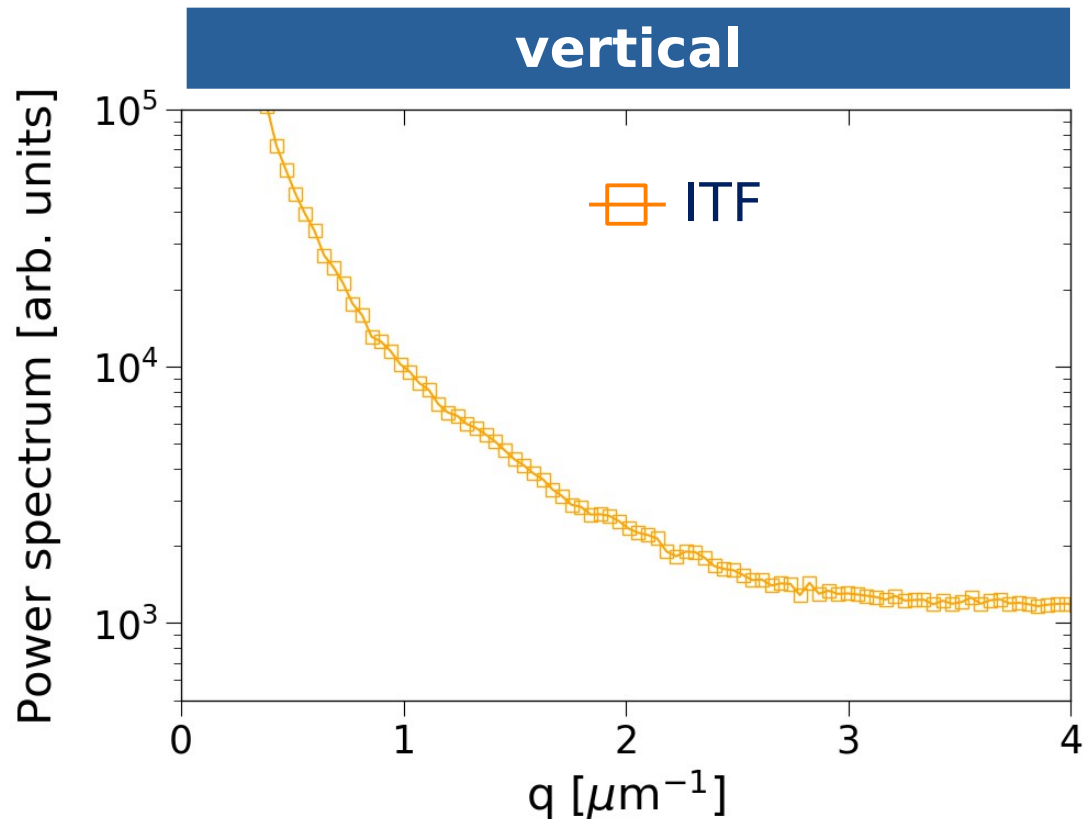
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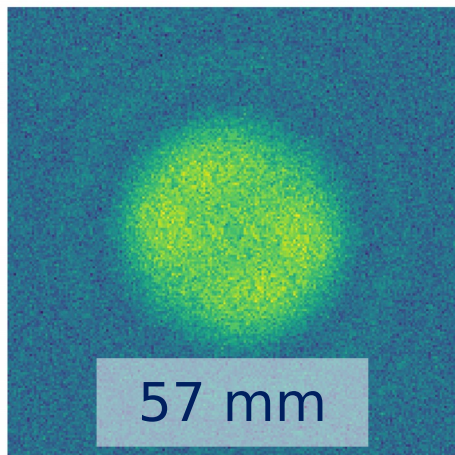
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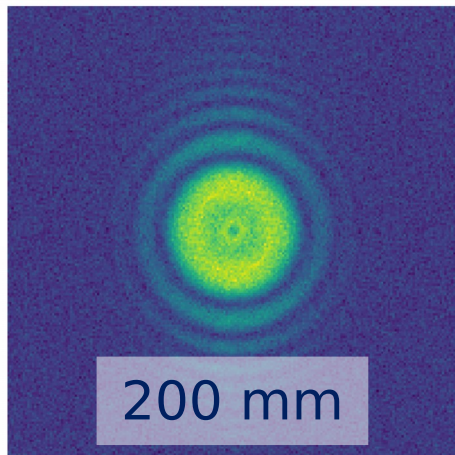
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57 mm

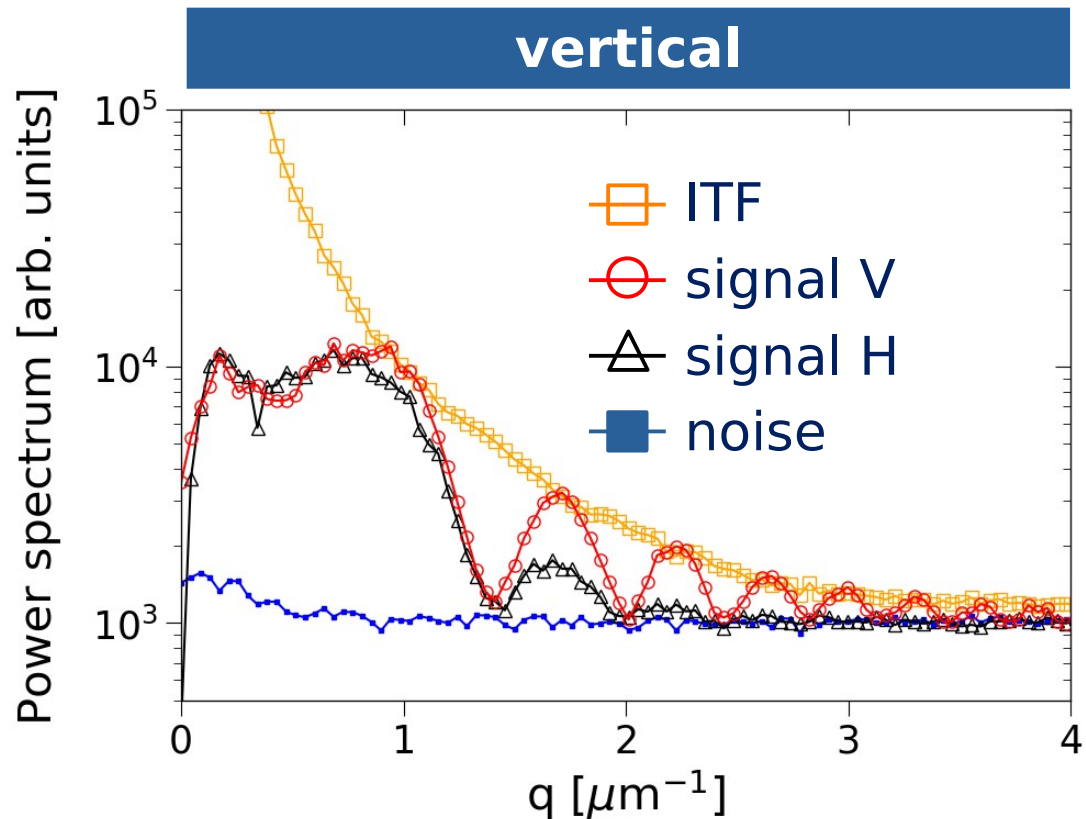
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200 mm

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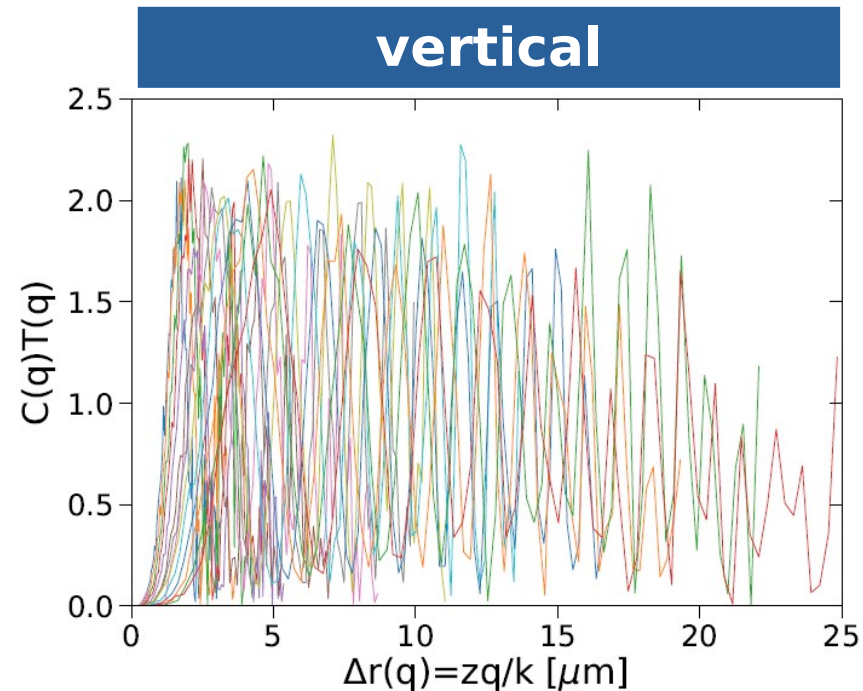
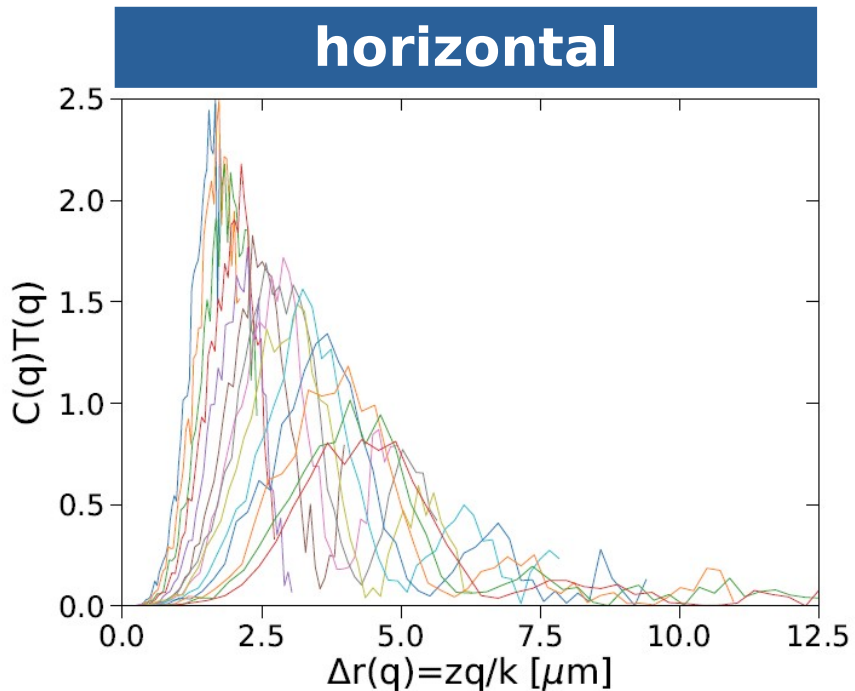
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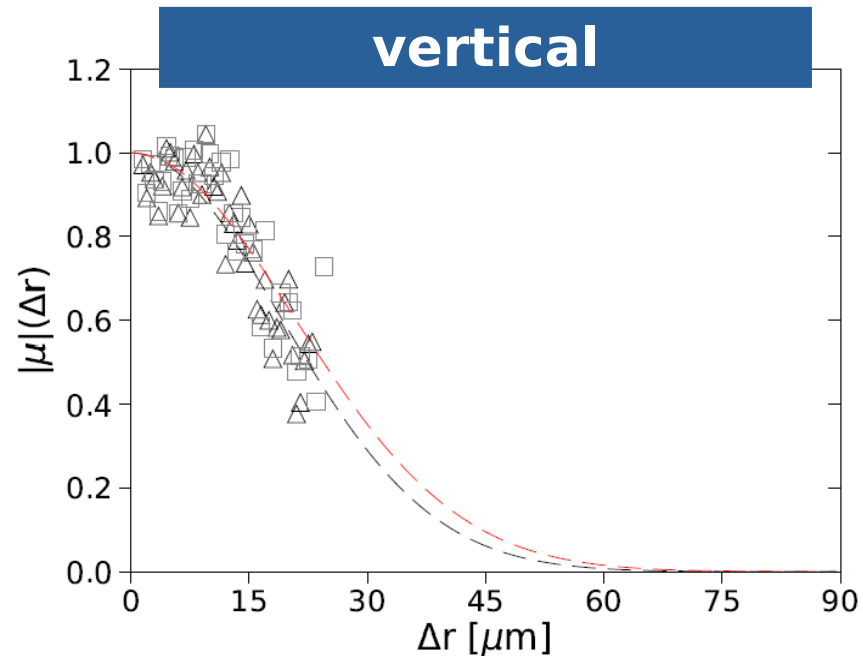
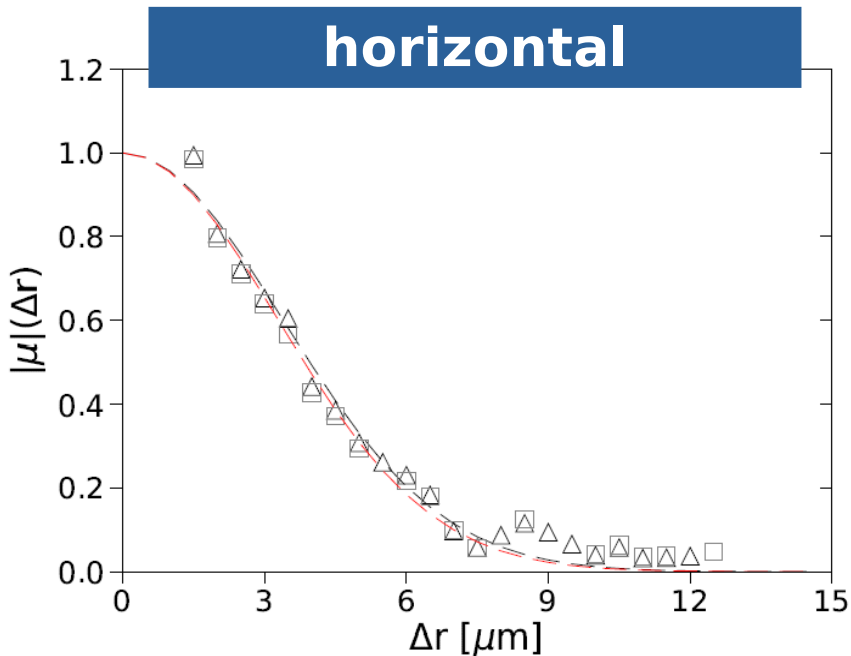
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$$\sigma_{coh} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\mu(\Delta r)|^2 d\Delta r$$

$$\sigma_{coh,x} = (8.1 \pm 0.2) \mu m$$

$$\sigma_x = (115 \pm 6) \mu m$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{+\infty} C(\Delta r) d\Delta r$$

$$\sigma_{coh,y} = (60 \pm 6) \mu m$$

$$\sigma_y = (16 \pm 2) \mu m$$



# ITF: measurements

$$z \text{ small, } C=1 \\ \downarrow \\ H(q) = \frac{I(q) - P(q)}{T(q)}$$

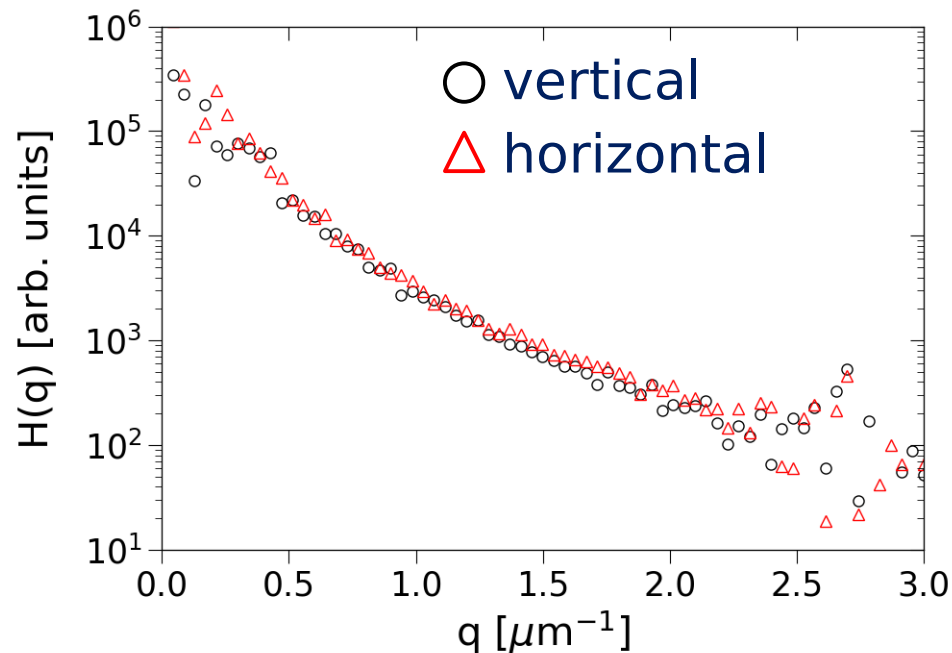
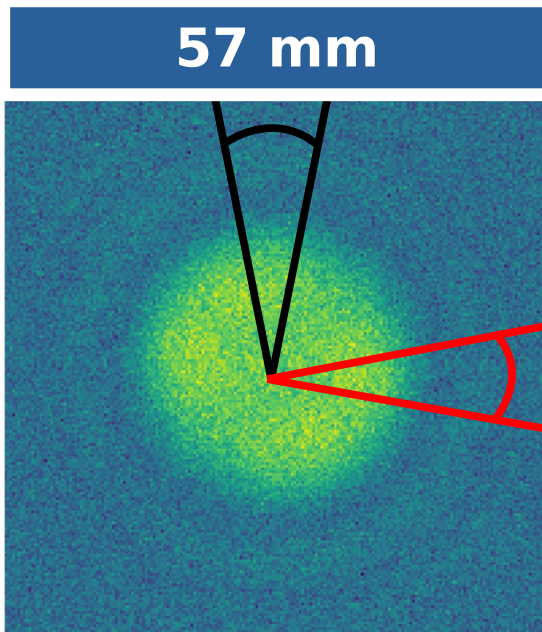
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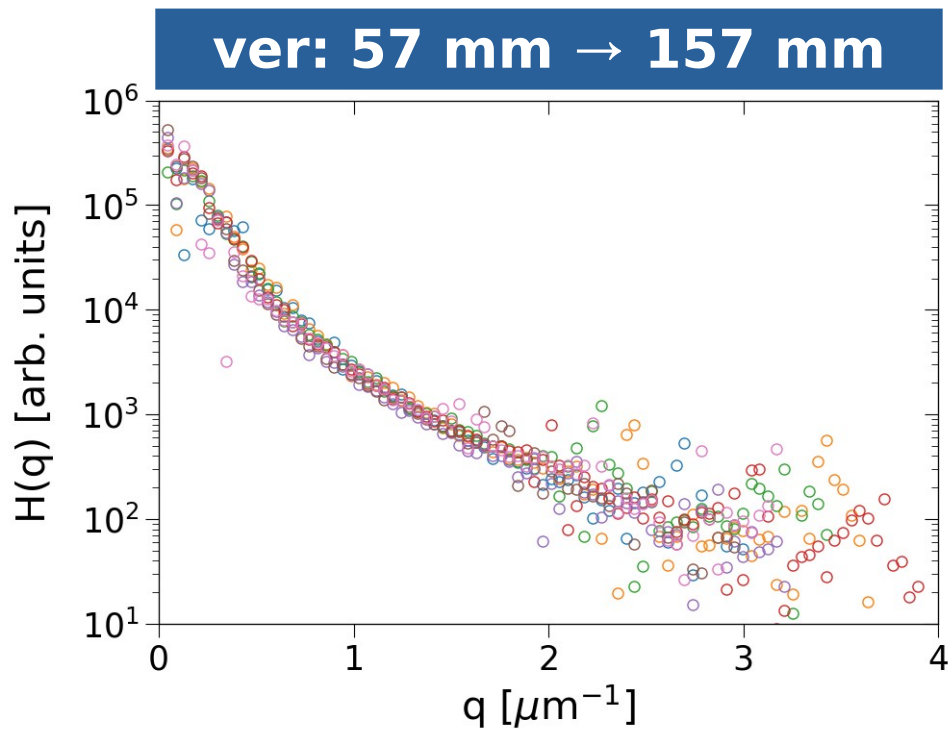
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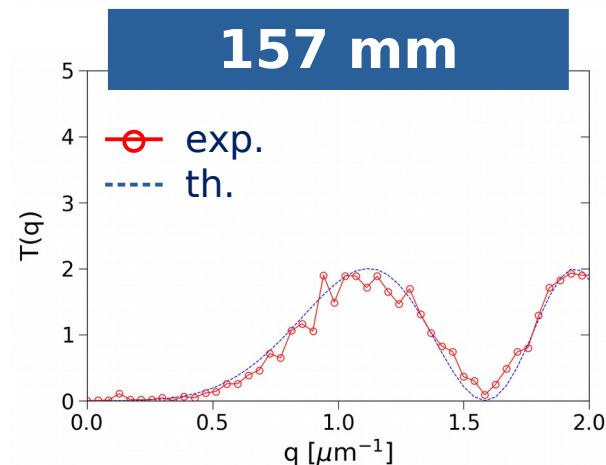
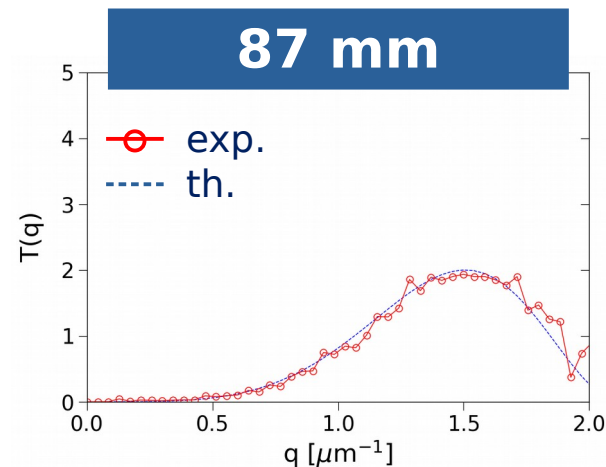
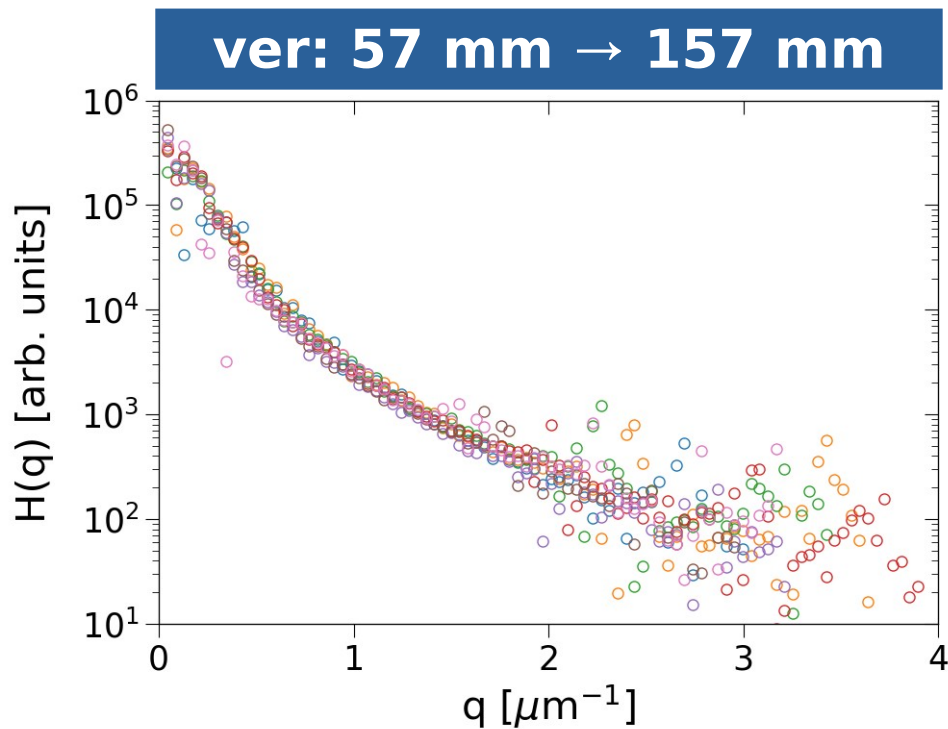
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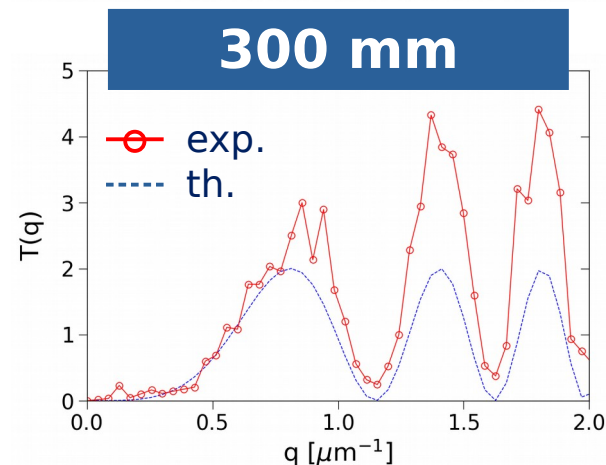
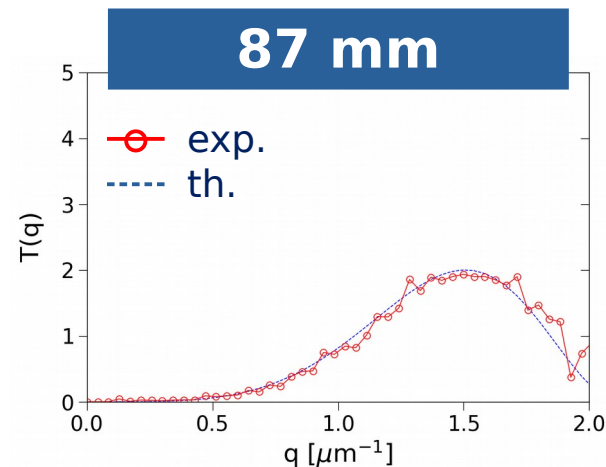
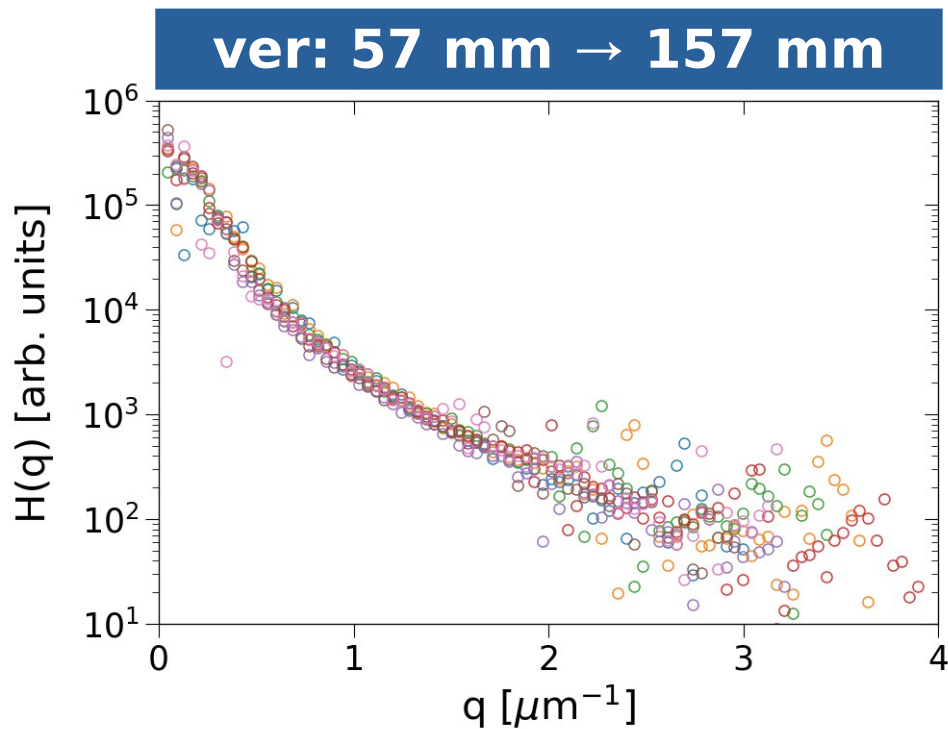
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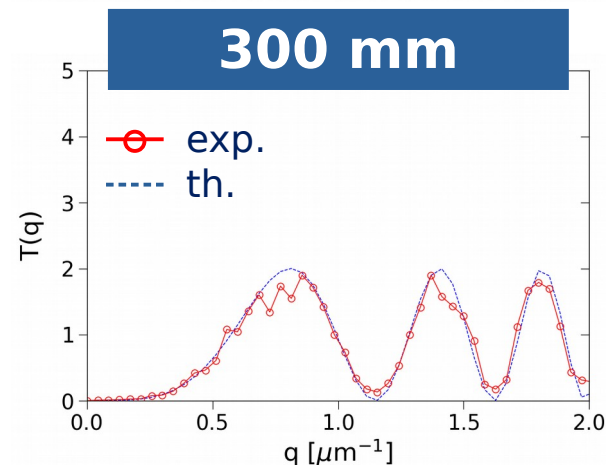
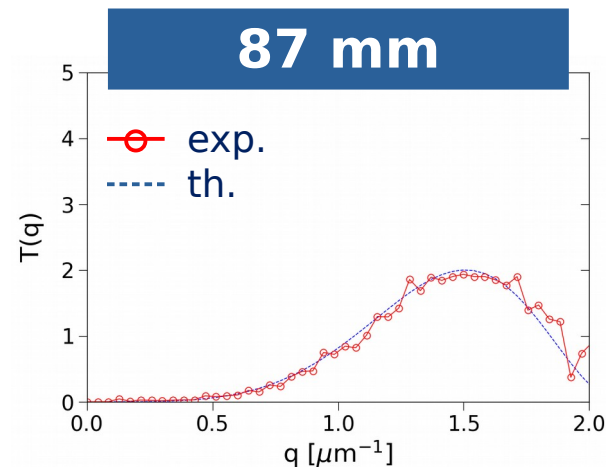
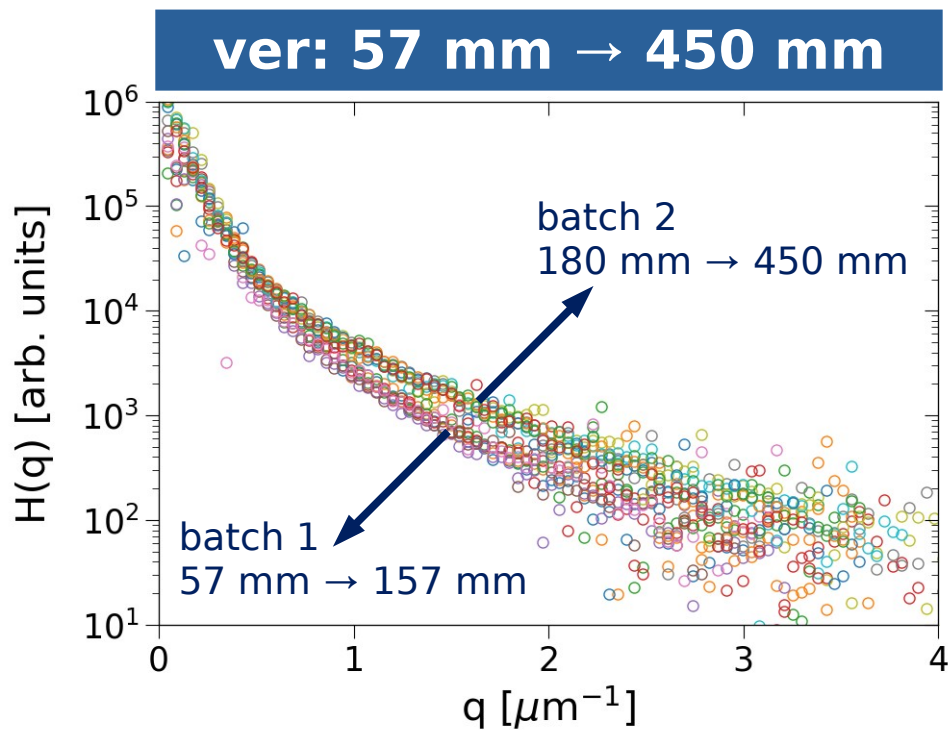
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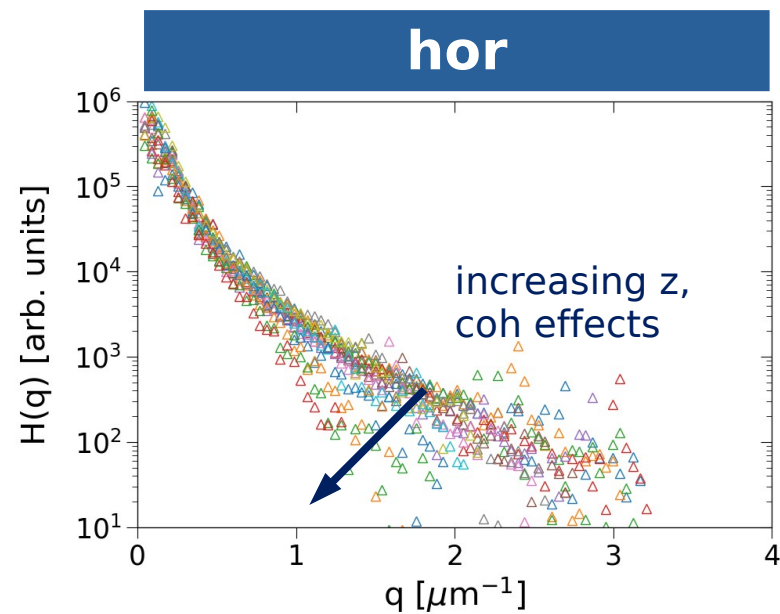
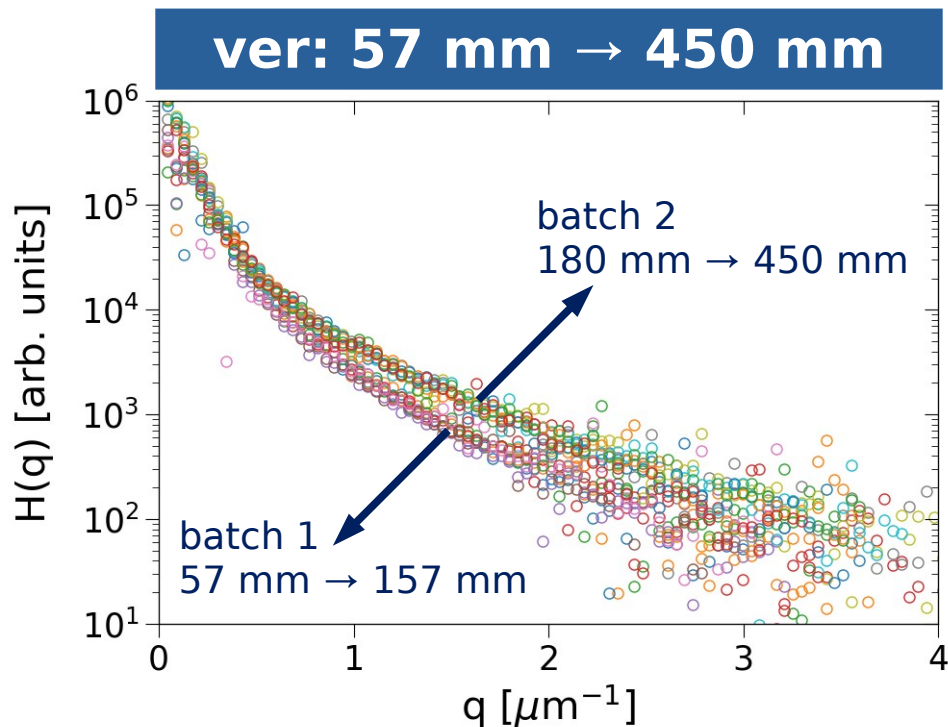
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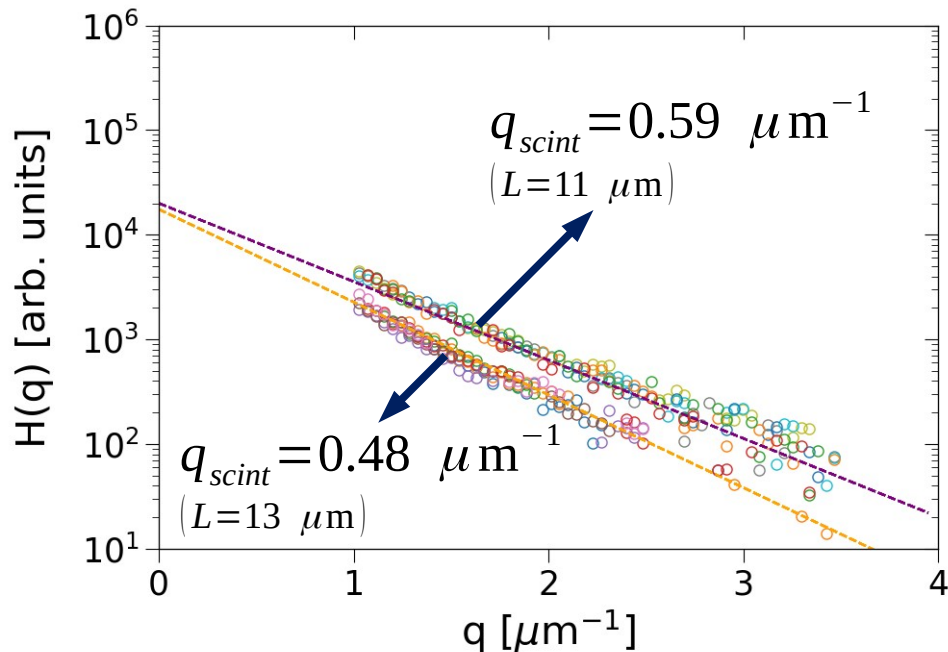
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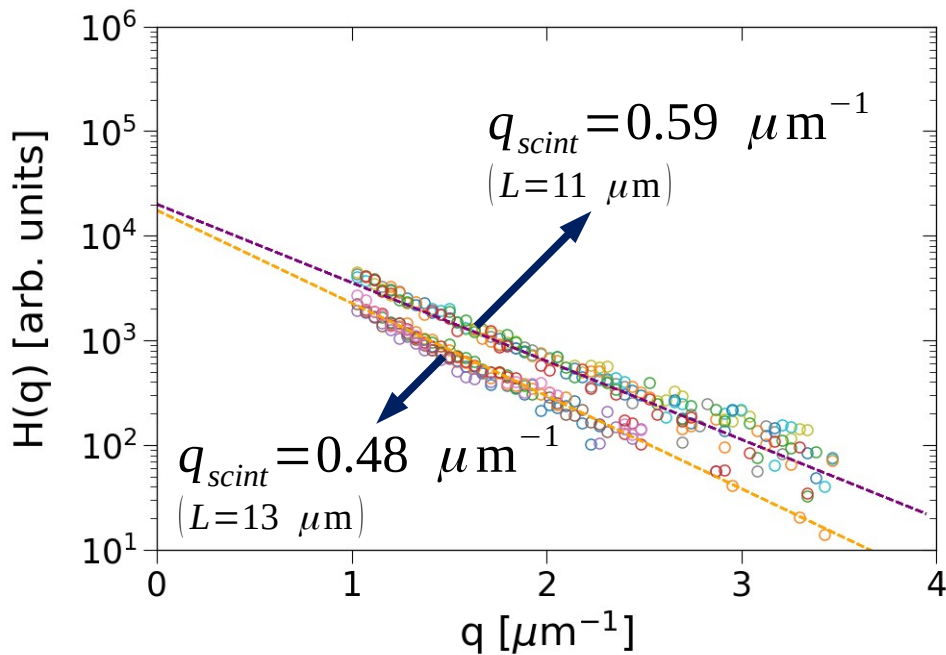
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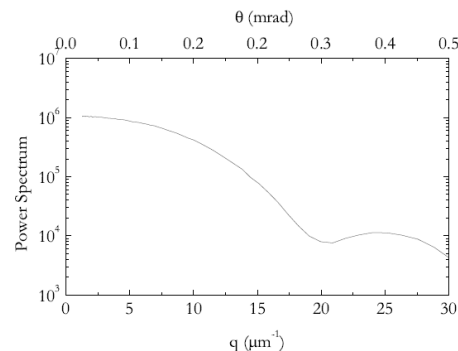


Figure 5.5: Silica particle form factor, Bonse-Hart measure

(i) M. Manfreda, PhD thesis



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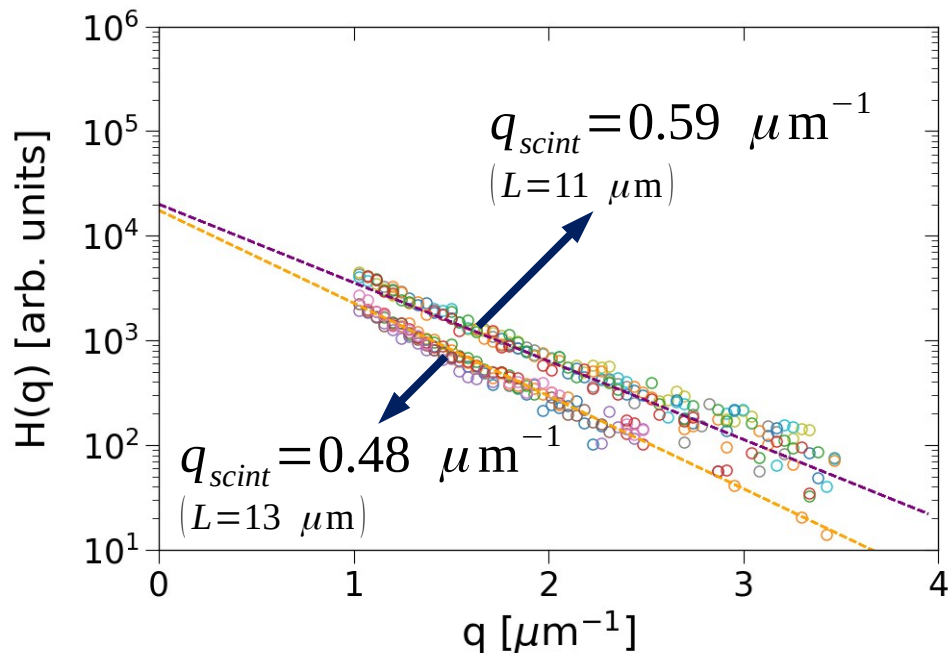
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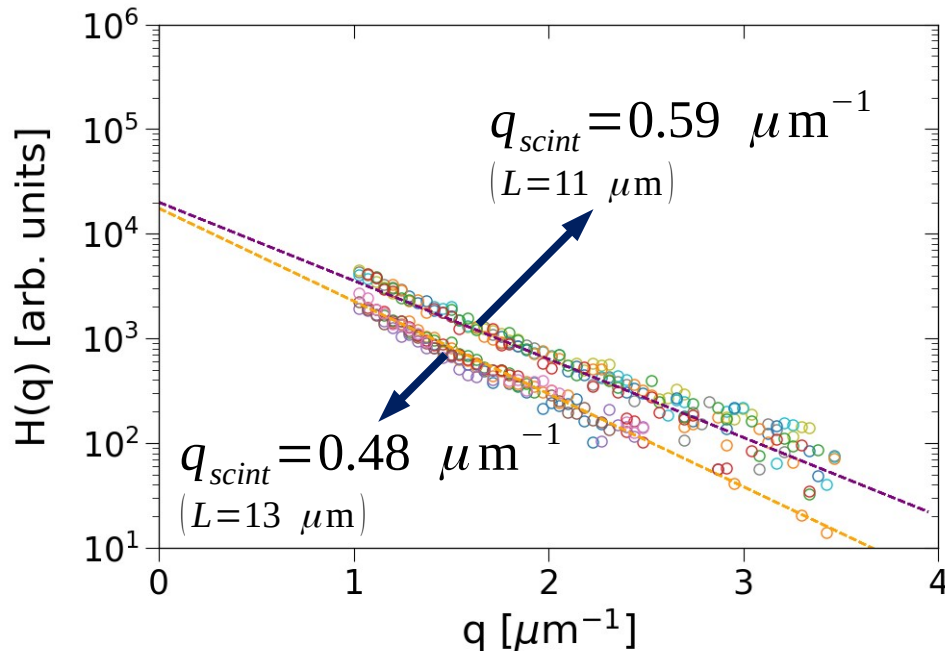
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- 3) microscope
- 4) **scintillator**<sup>(ii,iii,iv)</sup>

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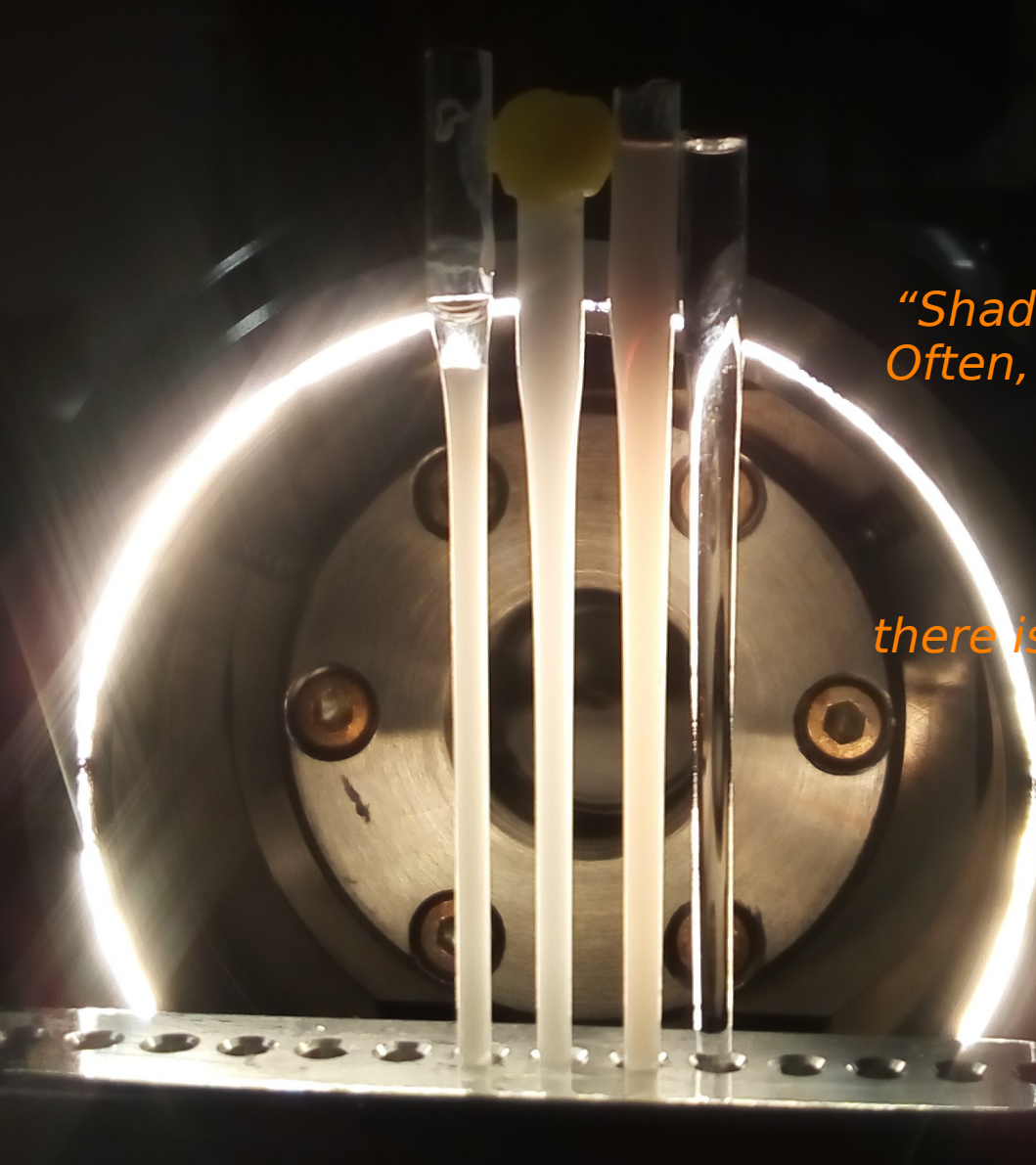
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- Possibility of beam size measurements with HNFS: simple, inexpensive, robust, 2D information
- S/N optimization (CCD, sample, **scintillator**, ... )
- **Essential** to precisely know the ITF
- Measurable with the same technique (no third-party instrumentation), mainly dictated by **scintillator** → higher resolution to probe finer fringes
- More accurate measurements, comparison with simulations (Fluka, Geant4, ... )





*“Wo viel Licht, ist starker Schatten”*

Goethe

*“Shades are deeper where the light is stronger.  
Often, yet, they’re part of the same knowledge.  
Shades and darkness are not the same,  
for the first is cast by something,  
but the latter is not.  
Any time that a strong shadow appears,  
there is a chance for the knowledge to advance.  
Not necessarily by killing the shadow,  
turning it into light, but simply by asking  
where the shadow arises from.*

*Which may even be from the  
superposition of two or many lights.”*

M. Manfreda



# Backup slides



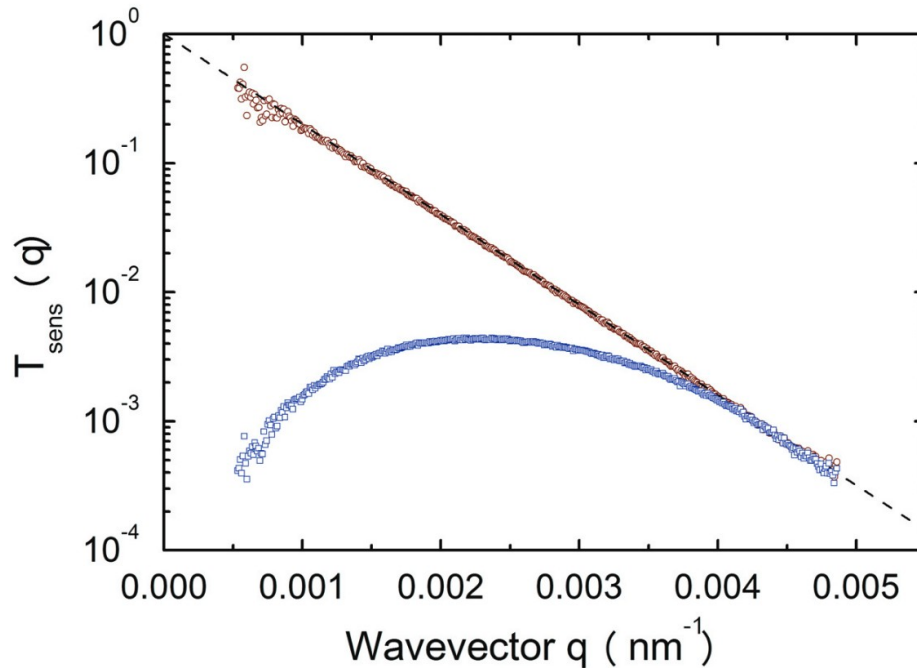
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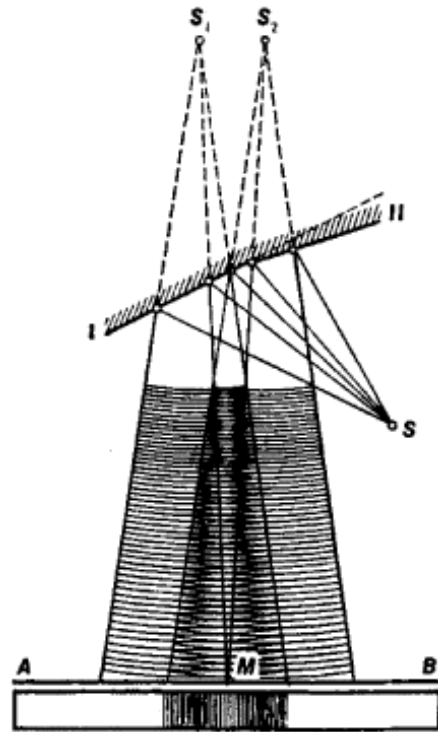
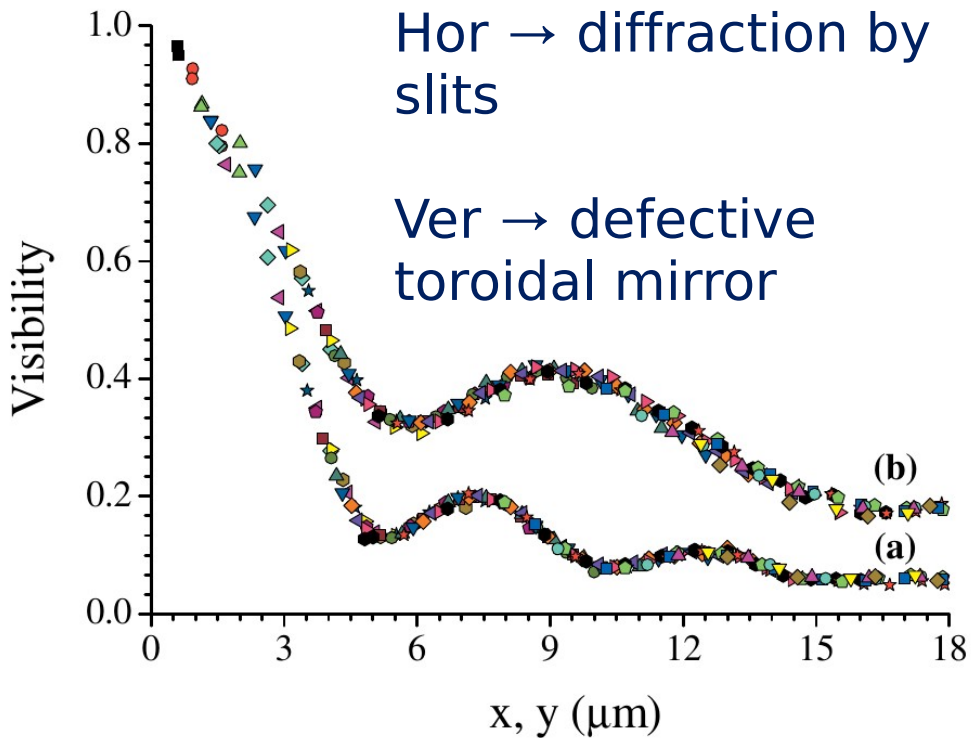
R. Cerbino et al, Nat. Phys. (2008)

Supplementary Figure 2 **Determination of the detector transfer function.** The open blue squares represent the power spectrum measured with the calibrating sample at  $z=0.01$  m. The red open circles are the data after correction with the Talbot transfer function. The black dashed line is an exponential fit to the corrected data with a characteristic wavevector  $q_{\text{det}} = 1/1610 \text{ nm}^{-1}$  which corresponds to a characteristic lengthscale  $L_{\text{det}} = 10 \mu\text{m}$  (i.e. about 15 pixels) associated to the detector.



# Coherence at ESRF

M. D. Alaimo et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2009)



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