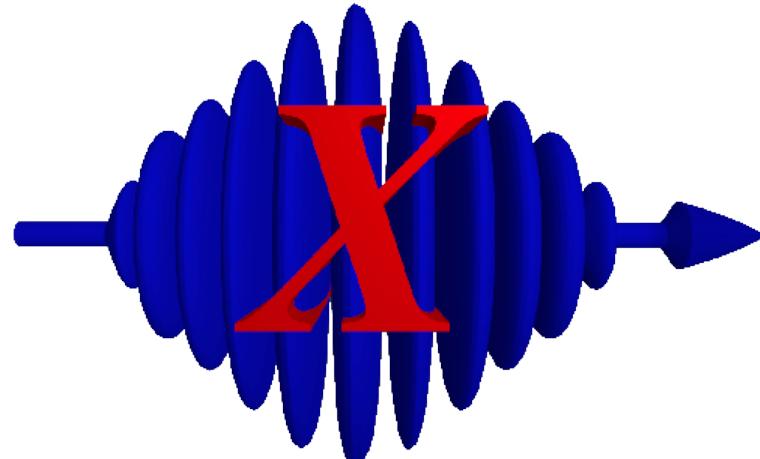




# McXtrace



Powered by McStas technology

"McXtrace: a Monte Carlo software package for simulating X-ray optics, beamlines and experiments",  
*Journal of Applied Crystallography*, vol. 46, part 3, June 2013

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(slides from Erik Bergbäck Knudsen)

# What is it?

- Built on proven base of McStas for neutron ray tracing  
K. Lefmann and K. Nielsen, Neutron News 10, 20, (1999).
- Releases 1.7.1 and 3.1 (GPU support). New releases after SOLEIL school.
- Portable code (Unix/Linux/Mac/Windows, 32 and 64 bit support)  
Has run on all from iPhone to FERMI (world no. 7)



**Project website at**  
<http://www.mcxtace.org>

**Project mailing list at**  
[mcxtace-users@mcxtace.org](mailto:mcxtace-users@mcxtace.org)

- GPL-license
- DSL / Compiler Technology.  
Using Lex & Yacc
- Modular Open Structure.  
Components/devices written in structured ISO-c automatically fits in the system
- Dependencies: c-compiler (python3/qt5 or perl/tk for gui).
- Permanent staff at DTU Physics maintaining the code

# Website at

## <https://www.mcxttrace.org>

McXtrace homepage - Mozilla Firefox

mcxtrace.org

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**McXtrace**

**McXtrace - An X-ray ray-trace simulation package**

**McXtrace - Monte Carlo Xray Tracing, is a joint venture by**

Funding from NABIIT, [DSF](#) and the above parties.

**McStas**

Our code is based on technology from 

Code repository (shared with 'McStas') is located at [github.com/McStasMcXtrace](https://github.com/McStasMcXtrace)

For information on our progress, please subscribe to our [user mailinglist](#).

- To download the latest release: [download area](#)
- For installation instructions : [installation](#)
- For a quick list of the available commands: [commands](#)

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**McXtrace News**

The latest McXtrace news.

**McXtrace 1.4: known bugs**

- Lens\_parab & Lens\_parab\_Cyl: A missing 'l' in the header (line 11) trips the intersection algorithm. Fixed in the development tree
- mxplot-pyqtgraph on windows: An error in a post-install script causes the file c:\mcxtrace-1.4\bin\mxplot-pyqtgraph to have a typo where it says mcplot.py instead of mxplot.py as it should. The mxplot-pyqtgraph script is generated install time - the install procedure has been altered to fix this. For existing systems the simple workaround is to either edit that file in place or to replace it with one from this link:[downloads.mcxttrace.org/mcxtrace-1.4/fixes](https://downloads.mcxttrace.org/mcxtrace-1.4/fixes).
- On windows, if you want to use the Undulator component, you must also install The GNU scientific Library (GSL). It is available from [gnuwin32.sourceforge.net/packages/gsl](http://gnuwin32.sourceforge.net/packages/gsl). This also implies that you probably need to edit the mcxtrace compiler flags. Go to File->Configure and add something along the lines "-Lc:\mcxtrace\Program Files (x86)\GnuWin32\lib -Ic:\mcxtrace\Program Files (x86)\GnuWin32\include" to the C flags box for mcxtrace to be find the libraries compile time.



# Github



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GitHub, Inc. (US) | https://github.com/McStasMcXtrace/McCode

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climbcat added a version using the native iFit python-matlab interface, now de... 0194107 2 days ago

cmake A couple of @MCCODE\_PREFIX@ needed 2 months ago

common descriptive files that are now in the comps-package 2 months ago

doc Update manual for 2.4.1 2 months ago

doctk/manuals Update manual for 2.4.1 2 months ago

mcstas-comps Remove 1.12c style parameter line a month ago

mcstas Increase symbol table length to accomodate MACS instrument from Mads ... 4 months ago

mxtrace this had apparently not been committed 2 months ago

meta-pkgs Make the Component Blah AT (x,y,z) location status in trace mode incl... 5 months ago

obsolete-files We only build 32 bit... 2 months ago

support Removing Yosemite scripts as the build server is being migrated to DM... 7 months ago

tools Adding binary for NeXus libs (distributed as "extras" for Windows) 3 months ago

BUILD\_DEPS.TXT added rpm dependence to RPMs build a year ago

CHANGES\_McStas Update release no in one spot. a month ago

CHANGES\_McXtrace this is not finished 2 months ago

COPYING Free software. McStas is GPL 2 only 10 years ago

# Where?



# Feature History - and plans for NG (not fully up-to-date)

Beta:

- a. First package build of McXtrace Linux and Windows XP
- b. 2 Example beamlines
- c. Few components
- d. Optimized packaging, Linux, Windows7, XP and Mac OSX

1.0:

- e. Time-propagation
- f. Phase-propagation, wavefront reconstruction experimental
- g. Sample models
- h. Monochromator crystal (Perfect\_crystal)

1.1:

- i. Linux, Windows 7, XP, Mac OSX, FreeBSD
- j. Optimized grammar
- k. Chopper model
- l. Faster data file searching
- m. Lots more components
- n. More Sample models
- o. OFF-support - anyshape options enabled
- p. Roughness in lenses
- q. Shadow interfaces

1.2:

- r. improved polarisation handling
- s. homogenized source physics
- t. SAXS-samples suite
- u. web interface
- v. Windows 8,8.1

1.4:

- v. polycrystal sample
- w. New GUI
- x. More examples instrument files
- y. DEPENDENCY keyword
- z. MCPL-interface
- aa. Automatic FreeBSD build
- ab. SPECTRA source interface
- ac. Undulator source

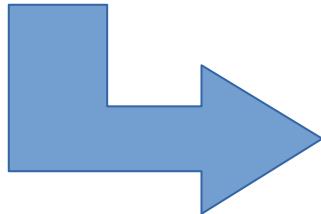
1.5:

- ad. Reflectivity library
- ae. MAX\_Bloch
- af. Laue crystal model
- ag. MAXIV\_DanMAX
- ah. MAXIV\_FemtoMAX
- ai. NIST reflectometer
- aj. Reflective grating
- ak. Johann Spectrometer
- al. Powder Incoherent scattering
- am. More accurate Source\_lab

Next-generation:

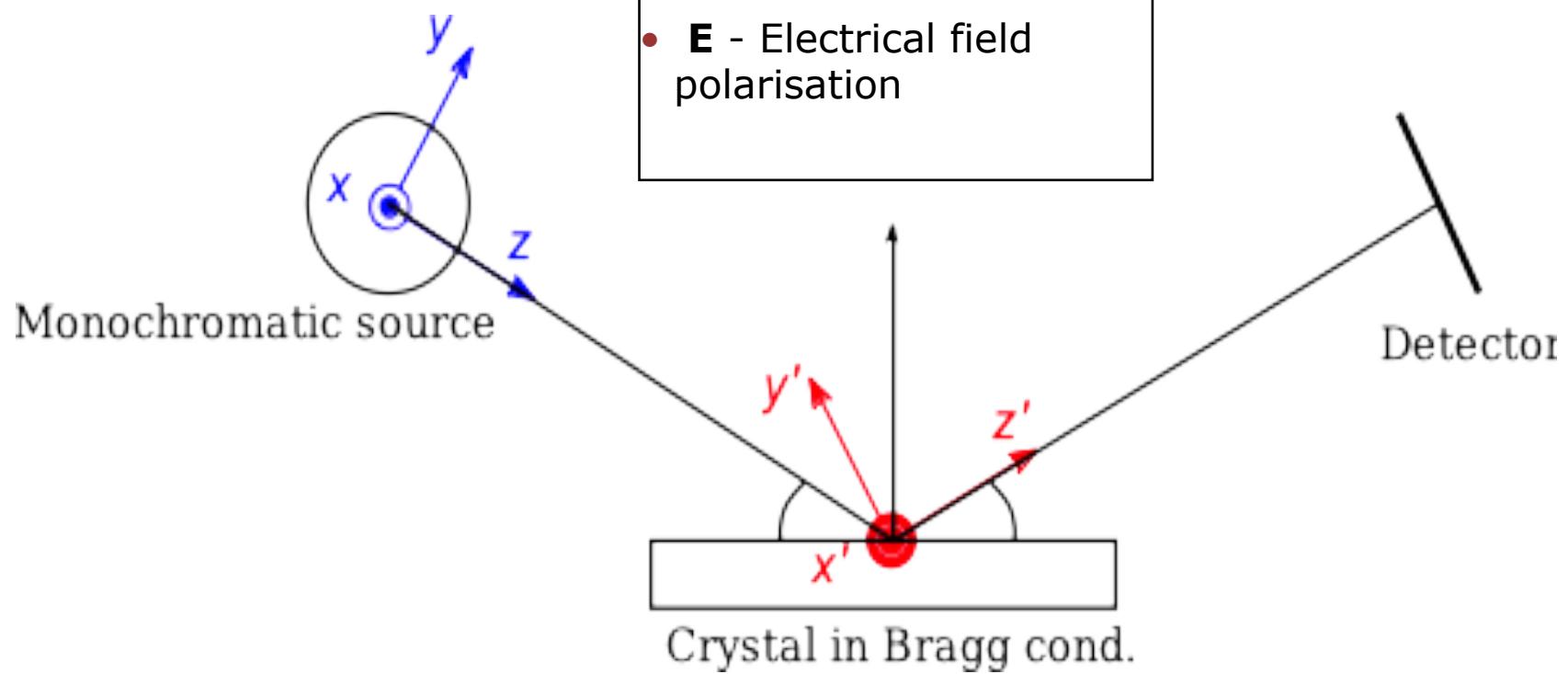
- an. GPU support (~ 40 x speedup)
- ao. Union
- ap. Reverse option

1. Describe your beamline in the McXtrace language  
(In a text file).
2. Automatically convert beamline into ANSI c
3. Compile
4. Run



1. Optimized for your platform
2. Only includes what you use

- Photon ray/package:
- $(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}, \varphi, t, p, \mathbf{E})$
- $\mathbf{r}$  - spatial coordinates
- $\mathbf{k}$  - wave vector
- $\varphi$  - phase
- $t$  - time
- $p$  - photon weight
- $\mathbf{E}$  - Electrical field polarisation

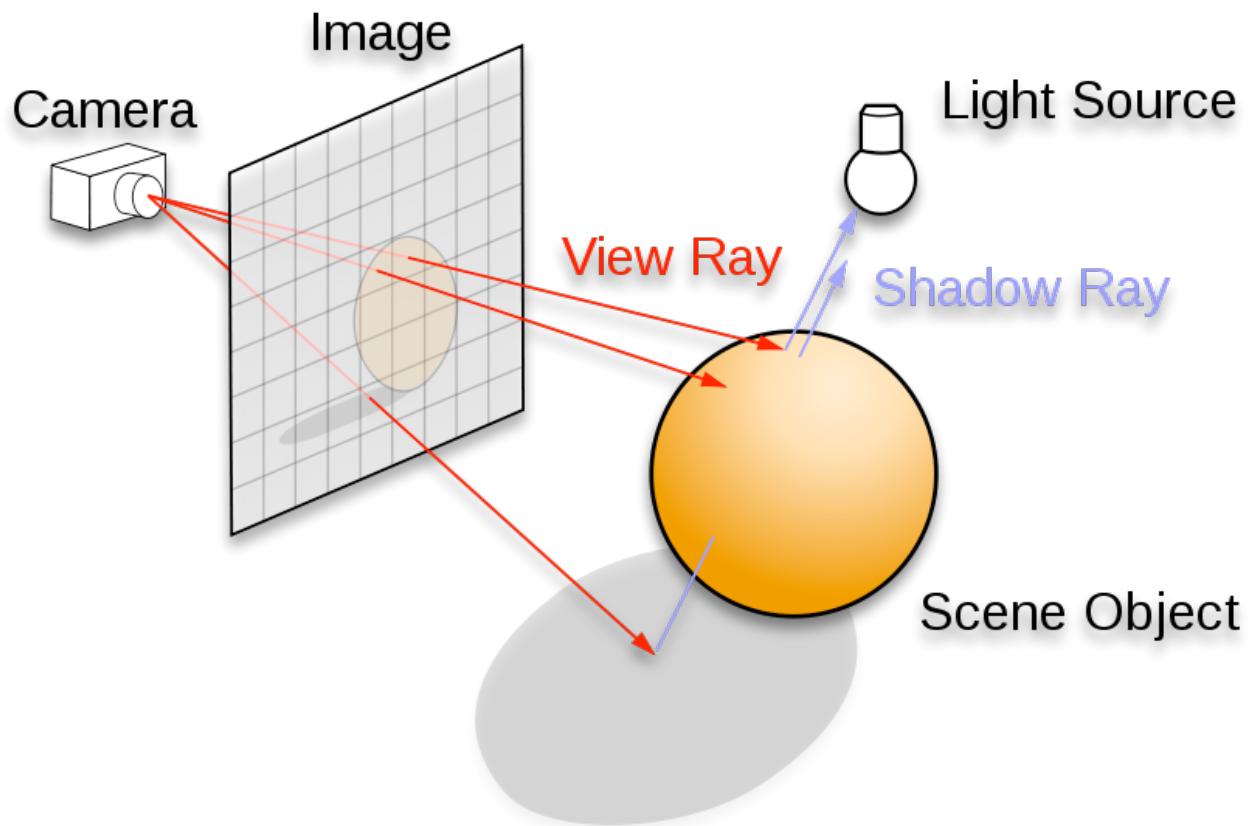




- During WW2, “numerical experiments” were applied at Los Alamos for solving mathematical complications of computing fission, criticality, neutronics, hydrodynamics, thermonuclear detonation etc.

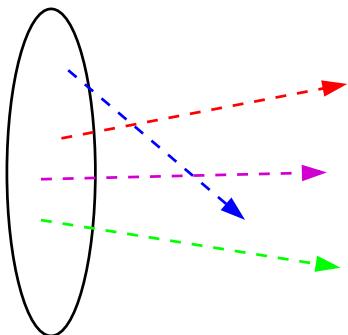


- Notable fathers: John v. Neumann Stanislav Ulam Nicholas Metropolis
- Named “Monte Carlo” after Ulam’s fathers frequent visits to the Monte Carlo casino in Las Vegas
- Initially “implemented” by letting large numbers of women use tabularized random numbers and hand calculators for individual particle calculations
- Later, analogue and digital computing devices were used



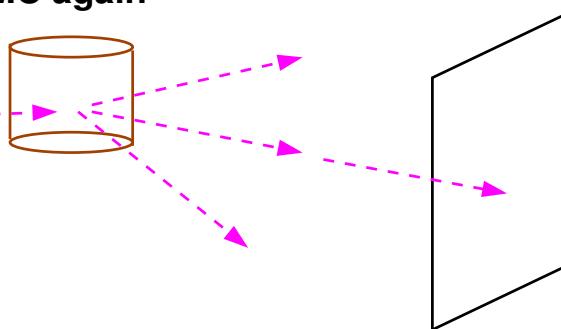
- When particles move in “free space”, we use ray-tracing
  - but in most cases in direction source -> detector

1. Particles emitted with random starting conditions via MC



2. Particles are "ray-traced" through space

3. Will eventually meet other objects e.g. a studied experimental sample and get scattered via MC again

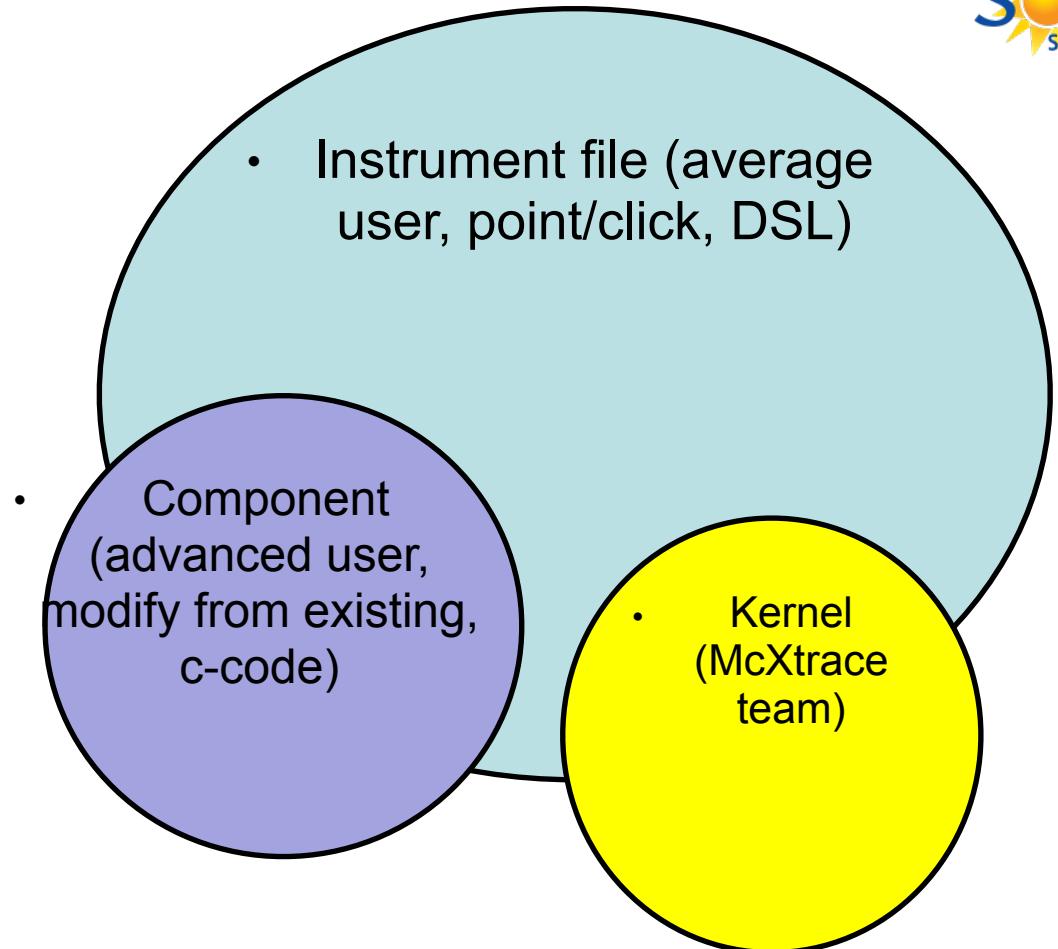


4. At various points in the instrument the particle states are measured in so-called monitors or detectors

- Important efficiency mechanisms:

- “Focusing” - e.g. lab source to first slit ( $4\pi$  vs. limited solid angle only)
- Rather vs. single particle description, absorption handled through statistics and downscaling the ray weight

- ◆ Instrument file – all users
  - ◆ existing examples
  - ◆ user written – GUI assisted
- ◆ Component files – some users
  - ◆ Short pieces of code
  - ◆ Easy to modify from existing
- ◆ Kernel code – McXtrace developers
  - ◆ Propagation routines
  - ◆ Intersections
- ◆ Generated ISO-C code – “no” users
  - ◆ Assembled by code generation
  - ◆ Very low overhead of unneeded code
  - ◆ Includes runtime libs that comps rely on (propagation etc.)



JJ\_SAXS.instr + (~/Repositories/McCode/mcxtrace-comps/examples) - GVIM

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*****+
*   McXtrace instrument definition URL=http://www.mcxtrace.org
*
* Instrument: SAXS_saxslab (rename also the example and DEFINE lines below)
*
* %Identification
* Written by: Erik Knudsen (erkn@risoe.dtu.dk)
* Date: September 24th, 2009
* Origin: Risø&slash; DTU, (Finnair flight AY67 to Hong Kong)
* Release: McXtrace
* Version: 0.1_alpha
* %INSTRUMENT_SITE: SAXSLAB
*
* Crude model of a laboratory SAXS-instrument mimicking the type sold by SAXSlab/JJ-Xray Systems.
*
* %Description
*
* %Parameters
* pin2_pos: [m] distance between 1st and 2nd pinhole in beam tube
* pin3_pos: [m] distance between 2nd and 3rd pinhole in beam tube
* optic_L: [m] length of the focusing optic
* sample_pos:[m] distance from 3rd pinhole to sample
* detector_pos: [m] distance from 3rd pinhole to detector
*
* %Example: pin2_pos=0.2 pin3_pos=0.4 optic_L=0.1 sample_pos=0.2 detector_pos=2 Detector: psd1_I=7.8629e-05
*
* %Link
* A reference/HTML link for more information
*
* %End
*****+

```

**DEFINE INSTRUMENT SAXS\_saxlab(pin2\_pos=0.2, pin3\_pos=0.4, optic\_L=0.1, sample\_pos=0.2, detector\_pos=2)**

**DECLARE**

```

%{
%}

```

**INITIALIZE**

```

%{
%}

```

**TRACE**

```

COMPONENT Origin = Progress_bar()
AT (0,0,0) ABSOLUTE

```

```

COMPONENT apparent_source=Source_flat(
    xwidth=8e-3,yheight=.04e-3,dist=0.1,focus_yh=0.001,focus_xw=0.01,lambda0=1.54,dlambda=0.1
)
AT (0,0,0) RELATIVE PREVIOUS

```

```

COMPONENT psd00=PSD_monitor(
    filename="psd00.dat",xwidth=0.2,yheight=0.2,restore_xray=1
)
AT(0,0,0.0999) RELATIVE PREVIOUS

```

```

COMPONENT optic_arm=Arm()
AT(0,0,0.1) RELATIVE apparent_source
ROTATED(0,0,-90) RELATIVE apparent_source

```

```

COMPONENT optic=Mirror_curved(
    radius=20,length=0.2)
AT(0,0,0) RELATIVE optic_arm
ROTATED(0,2.75,0) RELATIVE optic_arm
EXTEND
%{
    if (!SCATTERED) ABSORB;
%}

```

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# Component file

PSD\_monitor.comp (~/Repositories/McCode/mcxtrace-comps/monitors) - GVIM10

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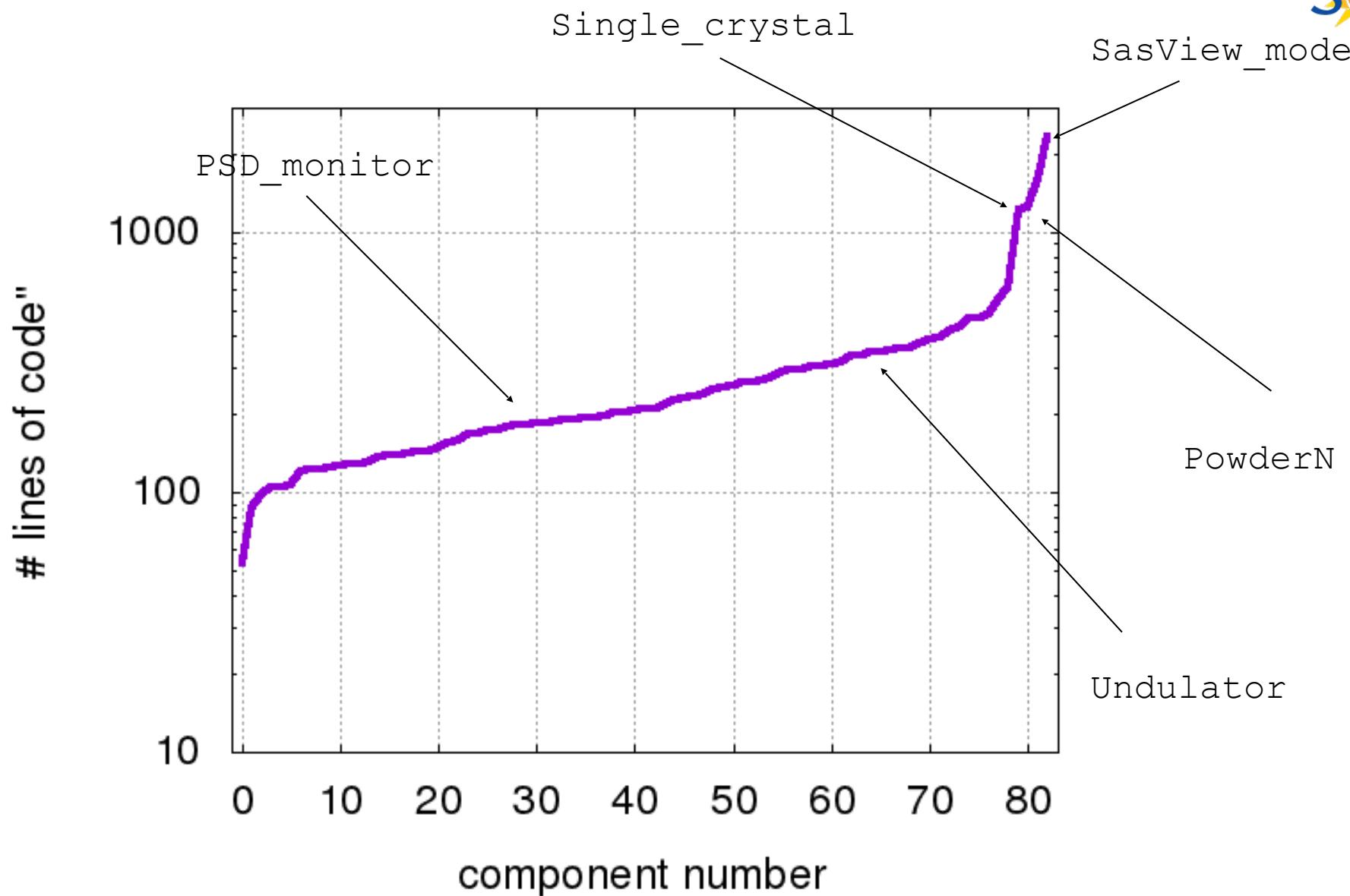
```
DEFINE COMPONENT PSD_monitor
DEFINITION PARAMETERS (nx=90, ny=90, nr=0, string filename=0, restore_xray=0)
  SETTING PARAMETERS (xmin=-0.05, xmax=0.05, ymin=-0.05, ymax=0.05, xwidth=0, yheight=0, radius=0)
OUTPUT PARAMETERS (PSD_N, PSD_p, PSD_p2)
/* X-ray parameters: (x,y,kx,ky,kz,phi,t,Ex,Ey,Ez,p) */

DECLARE
%{
  double **PSD_N;
  double **PSD_p;
  double **PSD_p2;
%}
INITIALIZE
%{
  int i,j;
  double *p1,*p2,*p3;

  if (xwidth > 0) { xmax = xwidth/2; xmin = -xmax; }
  if (yheight > 0) { ymax = yheight/2; ymin = -ymax; }

  if ( ((xmin >= xmax) || (ymin >= ymax)) && !radius ) {
    printf("PSD_monitor: %s: Null detection area !\n"
          "        (xwidth,yheight,xmin,xmax,ymin,ymax,radius). Exiting",
          NAME_CURRENT_COMP);
    exit(0);
  }
  if(!radius){
    p1=calloc(nx*ny,sizeof(double));
    p2=calloc(nx*ny,sizeof(double));
    p3=calloc(nx*ny,sizeof(double));

    PSD_N=calloc(nx,sizeof(double *));
    PSD_p=calloc(nx,sizeof(double *));
    PSD_p2=calloc(nx,sizeof(double *));
  }
  else{
    PSD_N=calloc(1,sizeof(double *));
    PSD_p=calloc(1,sizeof(double *));
    PSD_p2=calloc(1,sizeof(double *));
    *PSD_N=calloc(nr,sizeof(double));
    *PSD_p=calloc(nr,sizeof(double));
    *PSD_p2=calloc(nr,sizeof(double));
  }
%}
TRACE
%{
  int i,j;
  PROP_Z0;
  if (!radius){
    if (x>xmin && x<xmax && y>ymin && y<ymax)
    {
      i = floor((x - xmin)*nx/(xmax - xmin));
      j = floor((y - ymin)*ny/(ymax - ymin));
      PSD_N[i][j]++;
      PSD_p[i][j] += p;
      PSD_p2[i][j] += p*p;
      SCATTER;
    }
    else{
      double r=sqrt(x*x+y*y);
      if (<radius){
        i = floor(r*nr/radius);
        PSD_N[0][i]++;
        PSD_p[0][i] += p;
      }
    }
  }
%}
END
%
```



- 1) Why simulate when you can just do the experiment?
- 2) Why McXtrace and not sim. package X?

- Users don't have the luxury you have!
  - Prospective users may try out experiments.
  - Teach users how to do experiments.

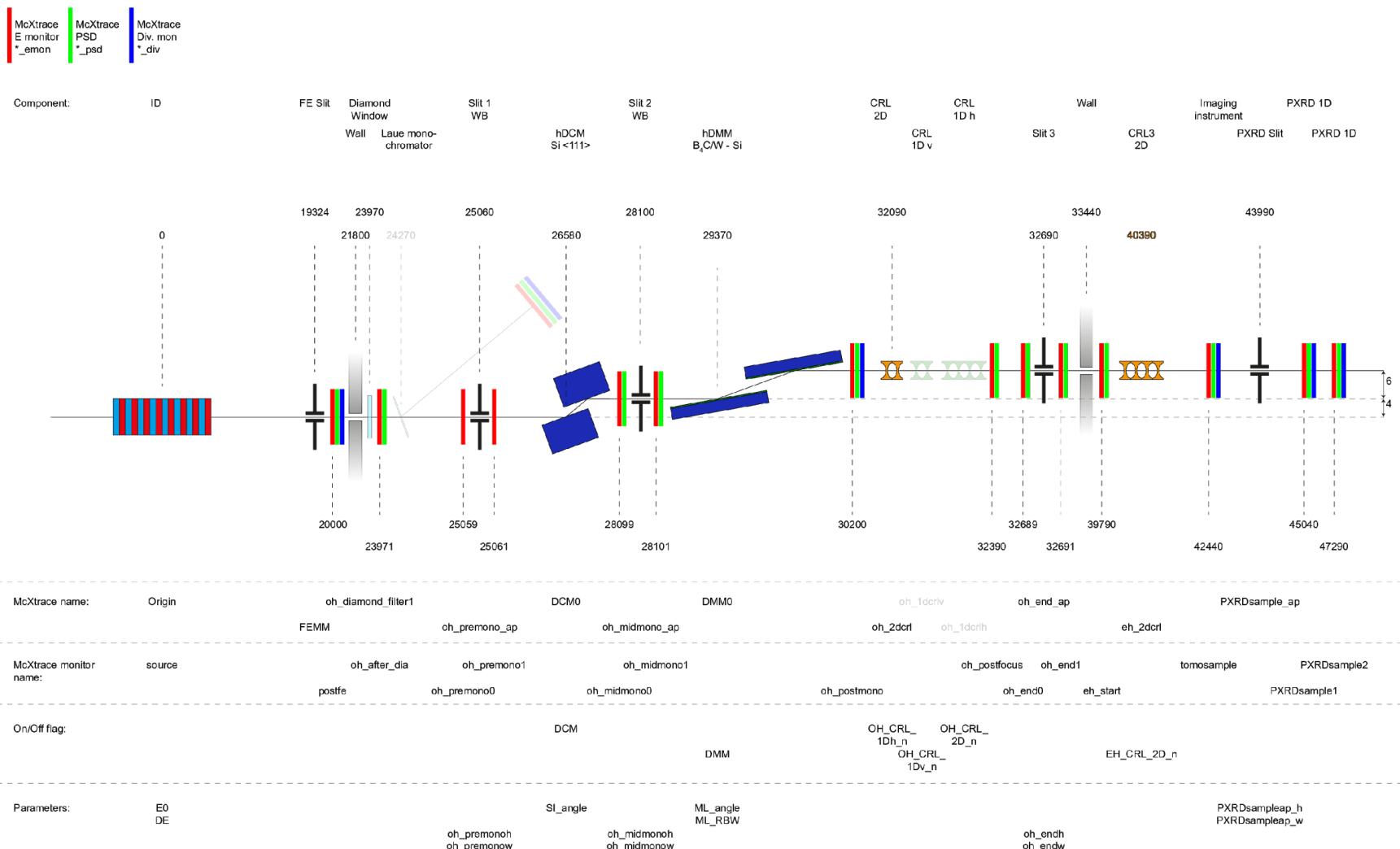
# Why McXtrace

- Community driven code
- Fairly easy to extend - write a new component and it automatically fits into the framework.
- Portable (need a c-compiler).
- Several included standard sample models.
- Once written, a simulation/beamline is a real program in itself.
- ...but...
- Use whatever you prefer! XRT, SHADOW, SRW, Ray,...<insert package here>...

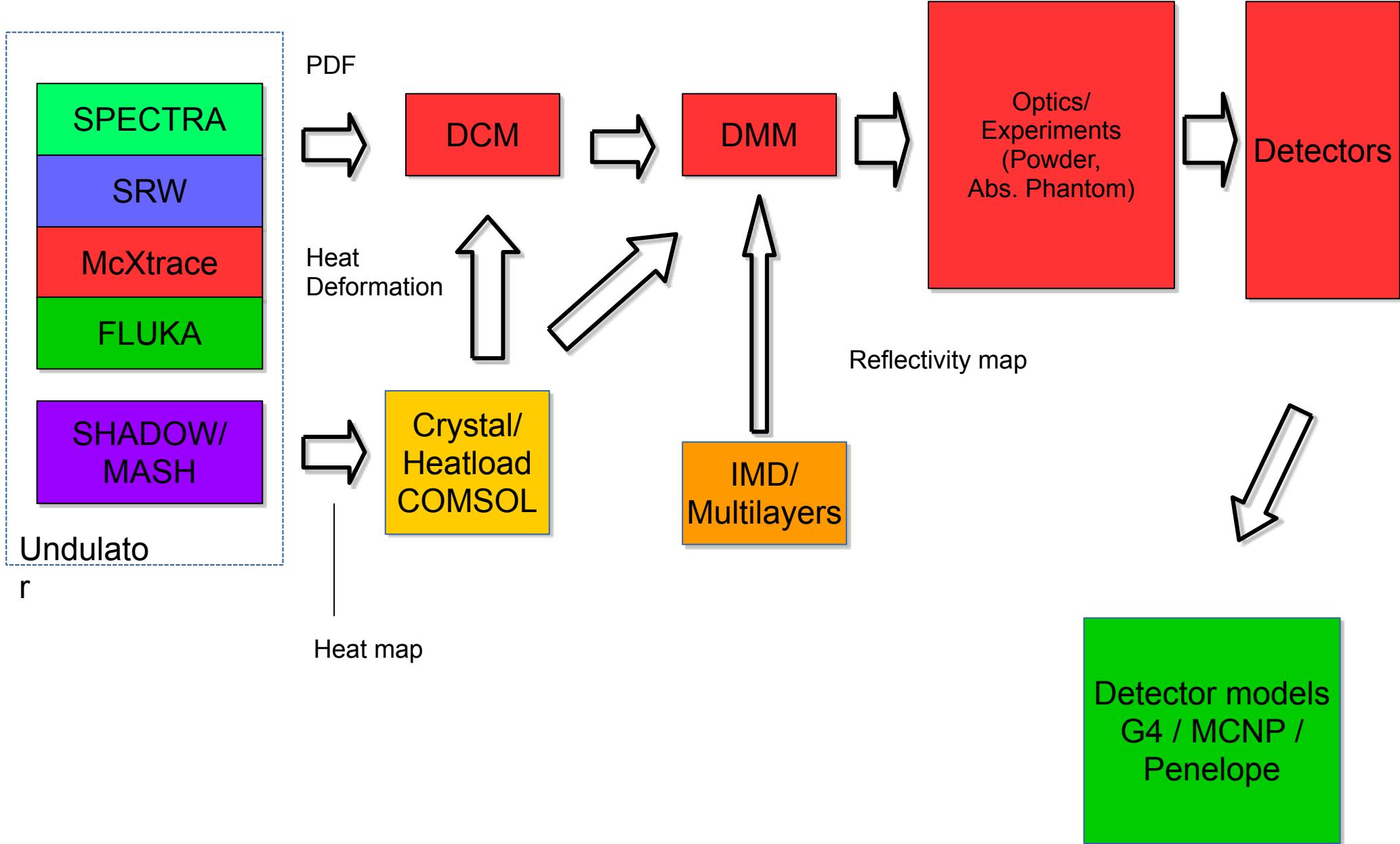
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- SPECTRA / SRW for source (undulator) calculation benchmarking
- COMSOL + SHADOW + MASH - heatload calculations
- IMD - multilayer reflectivity calculations

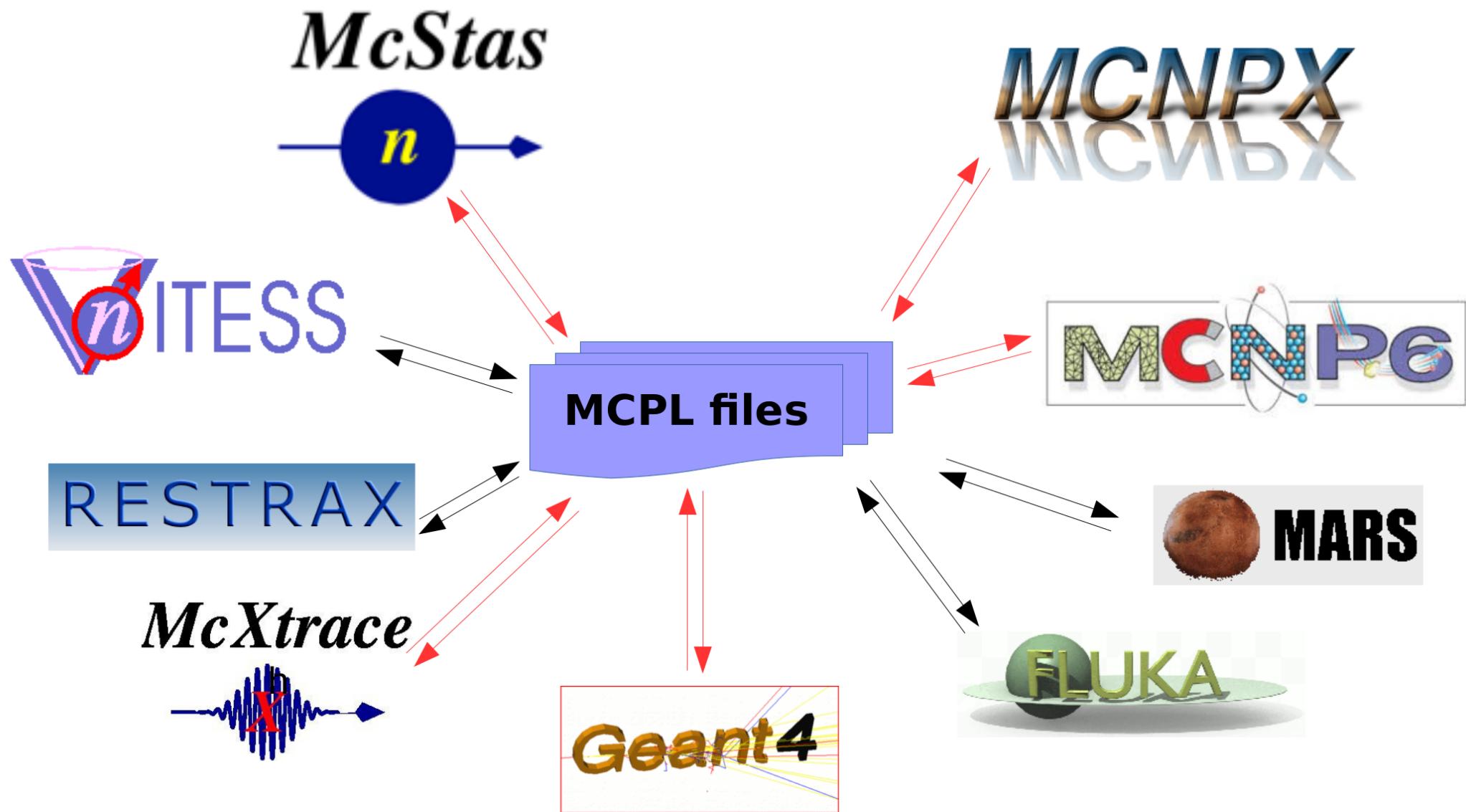
DanMAX - McXtrace model - cheat sheet

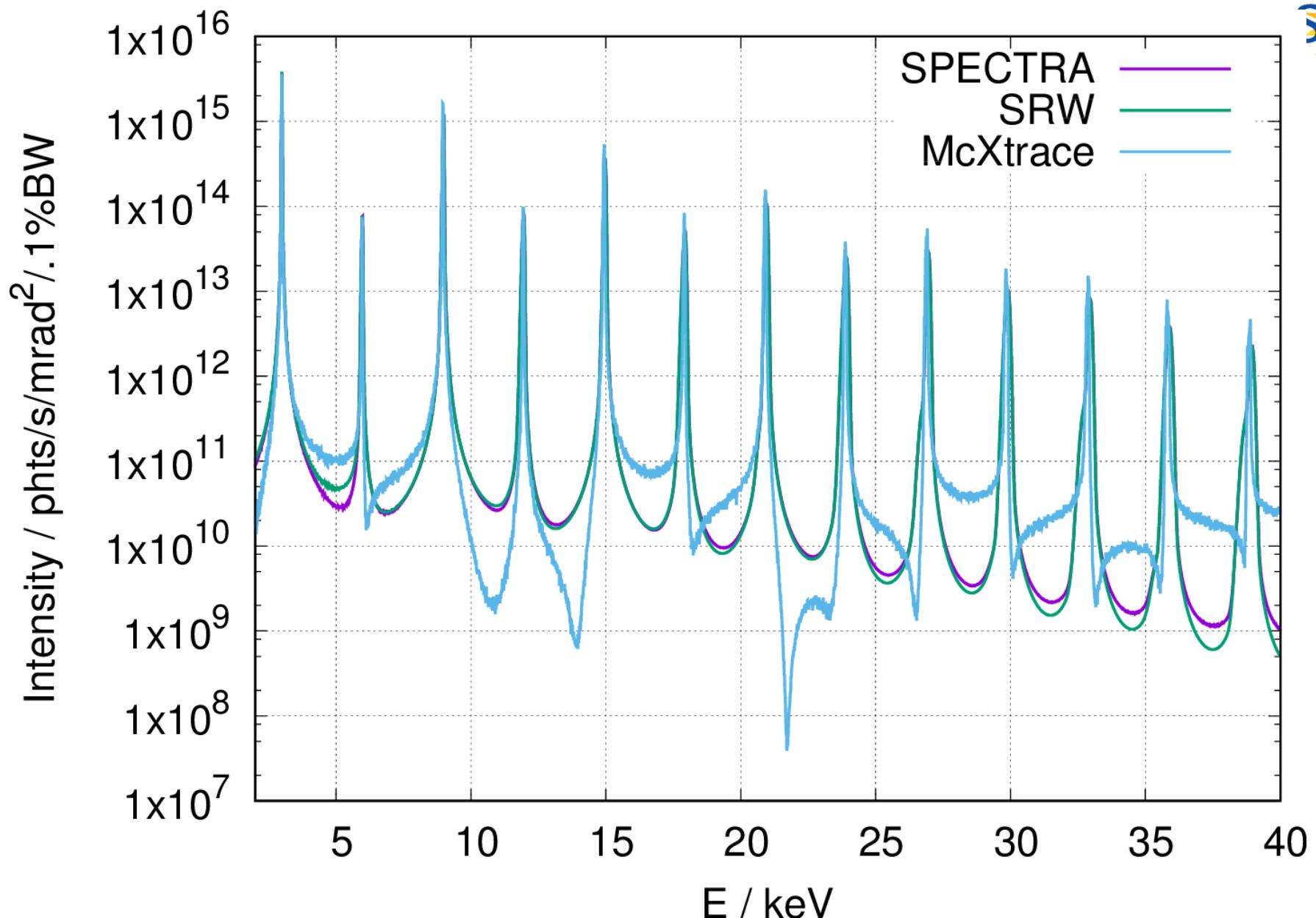


# DanMAX simulation workflow



Monte Carlo Particle List-format





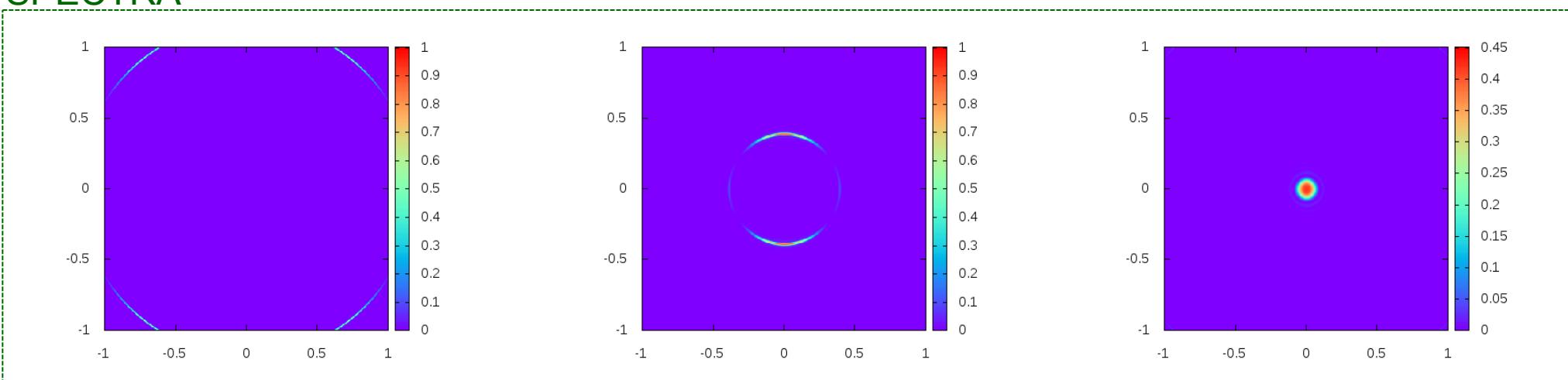
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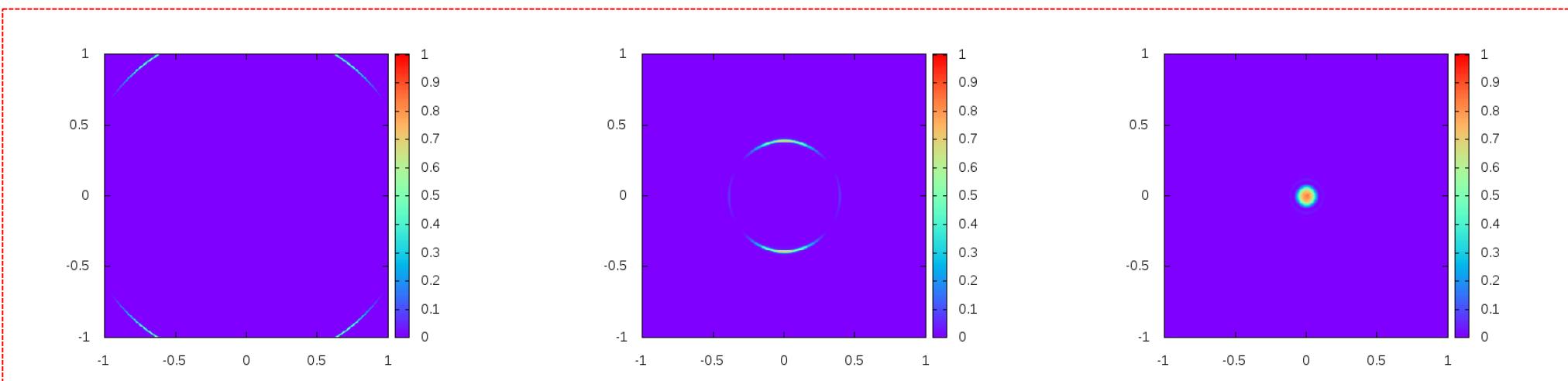
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26.8 keV

33 keV



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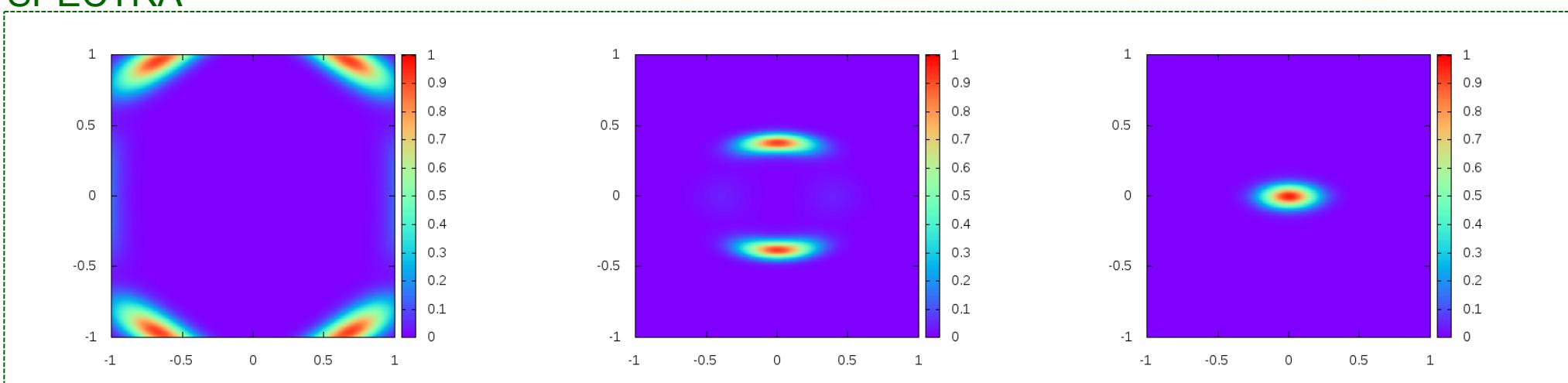
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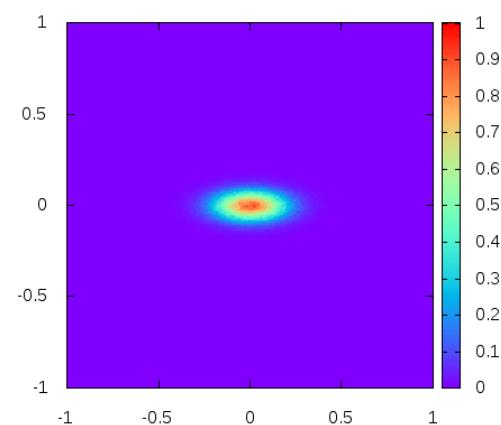
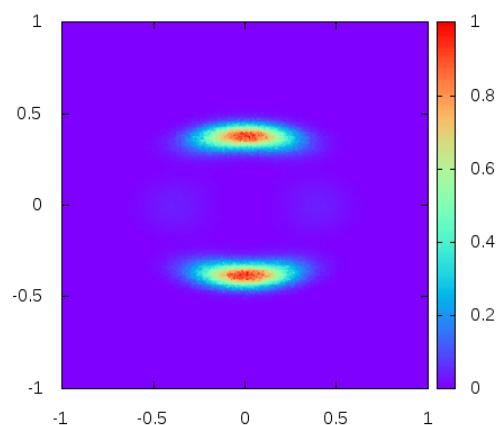
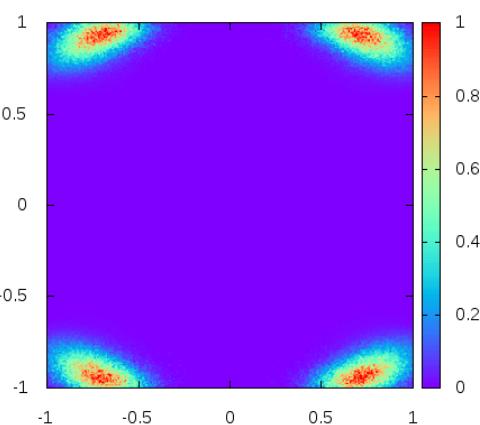
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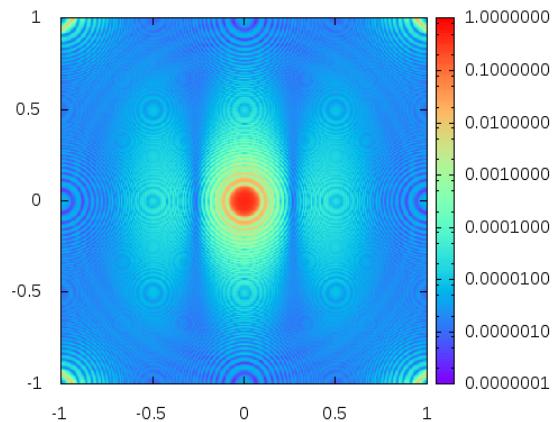
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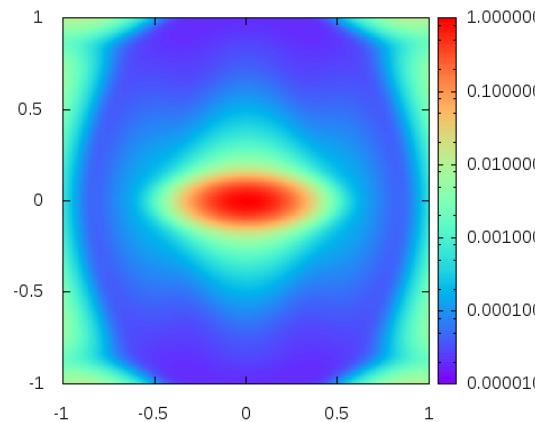
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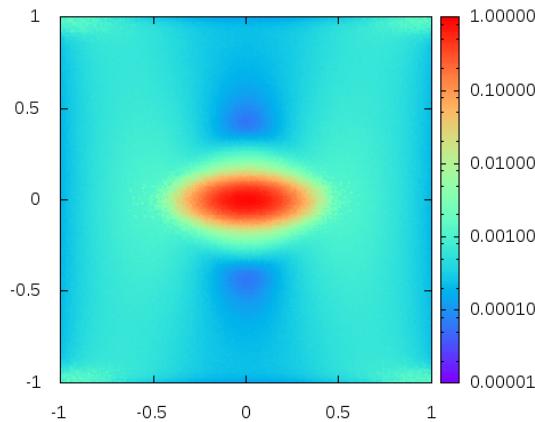
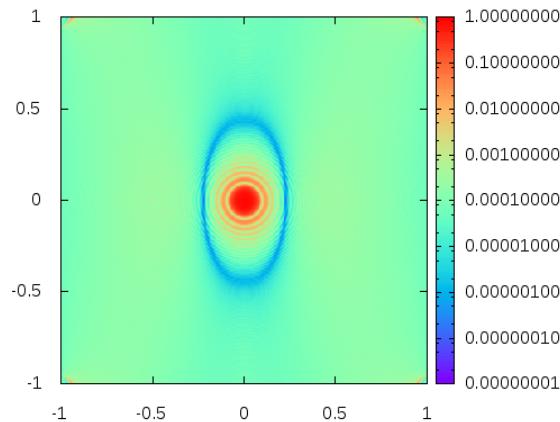
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With emittance

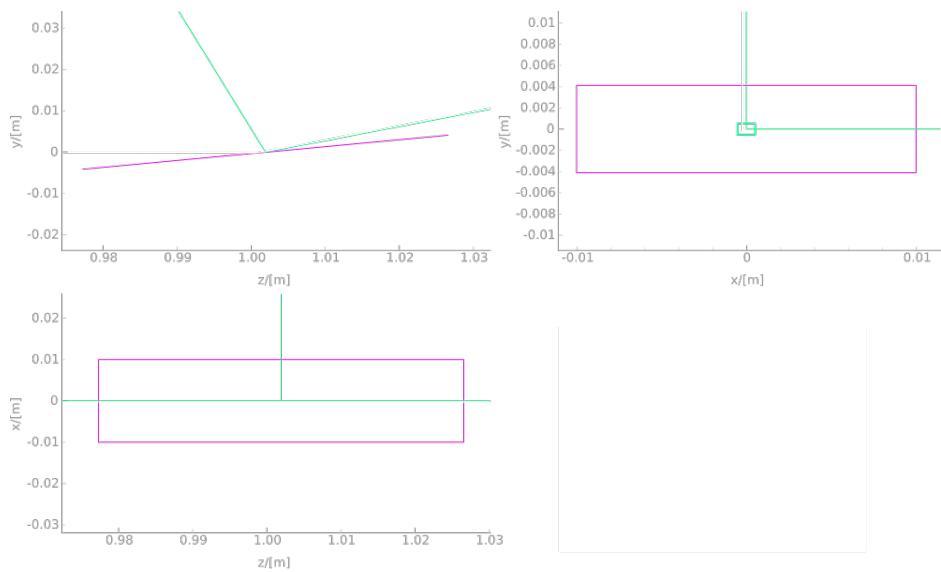


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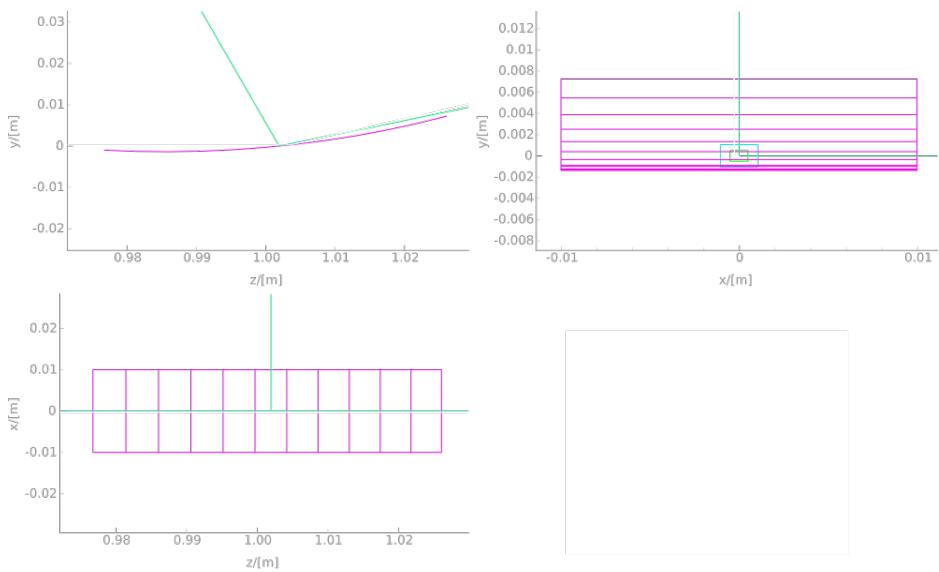


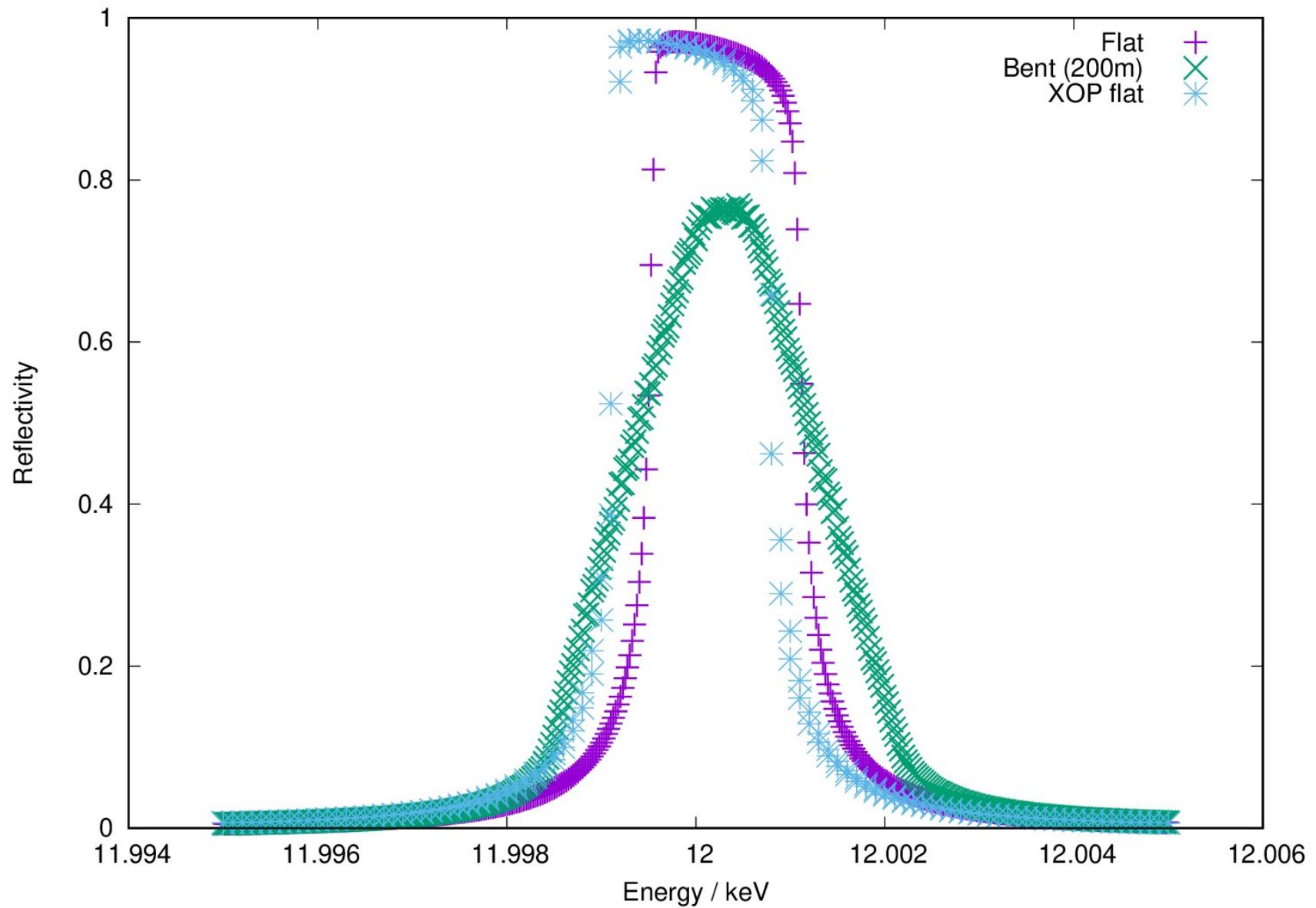


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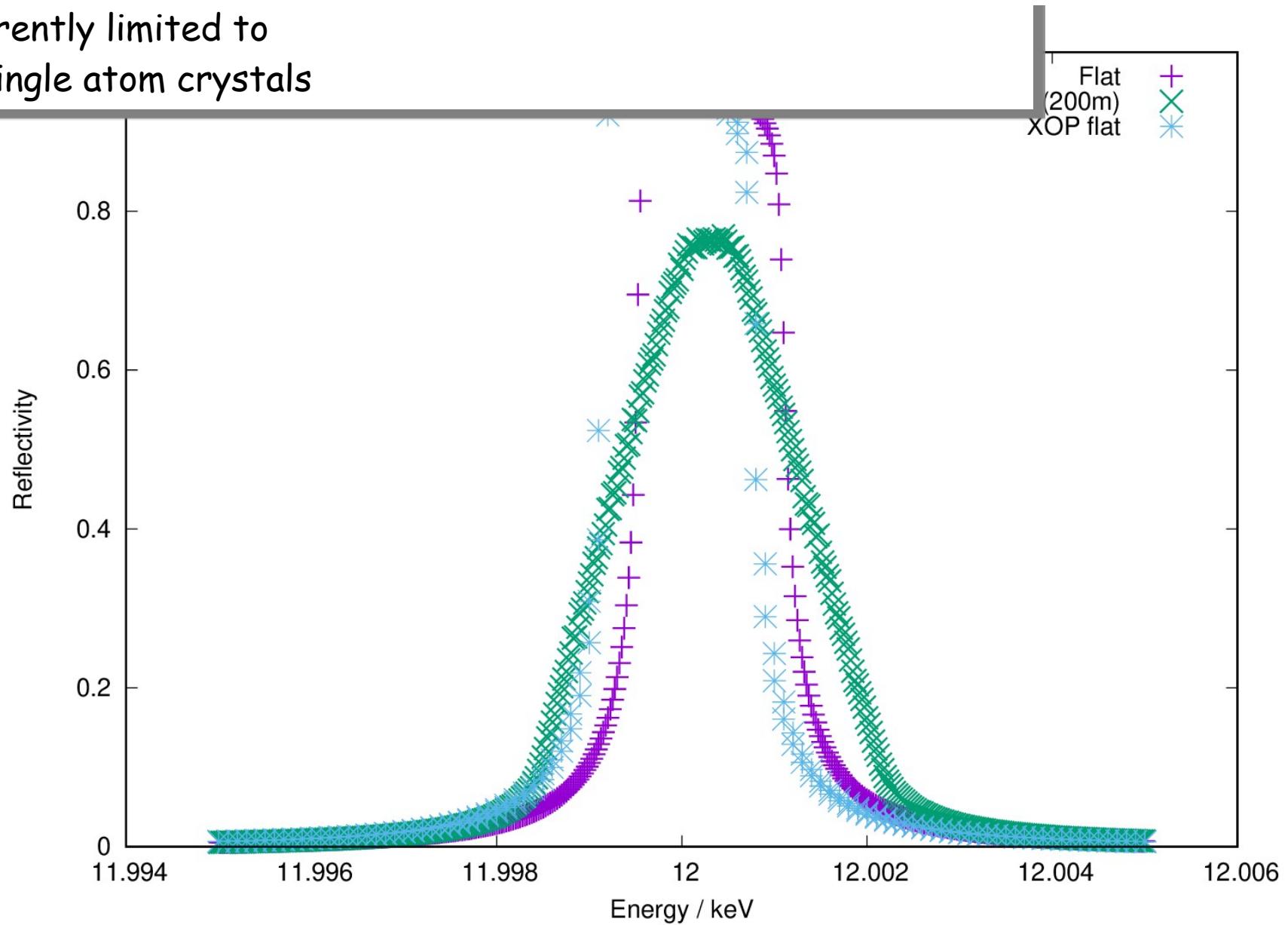
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Currently limited to

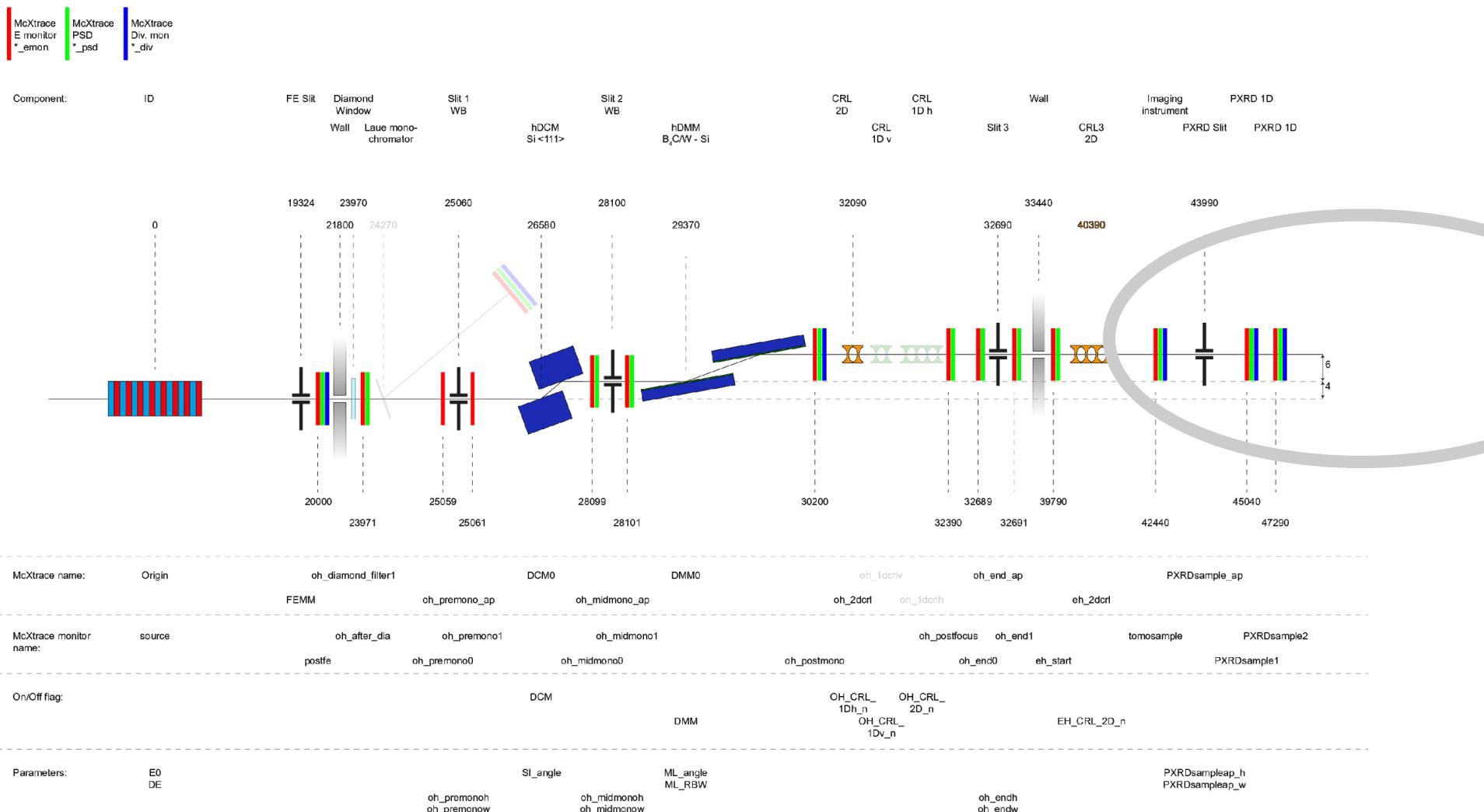
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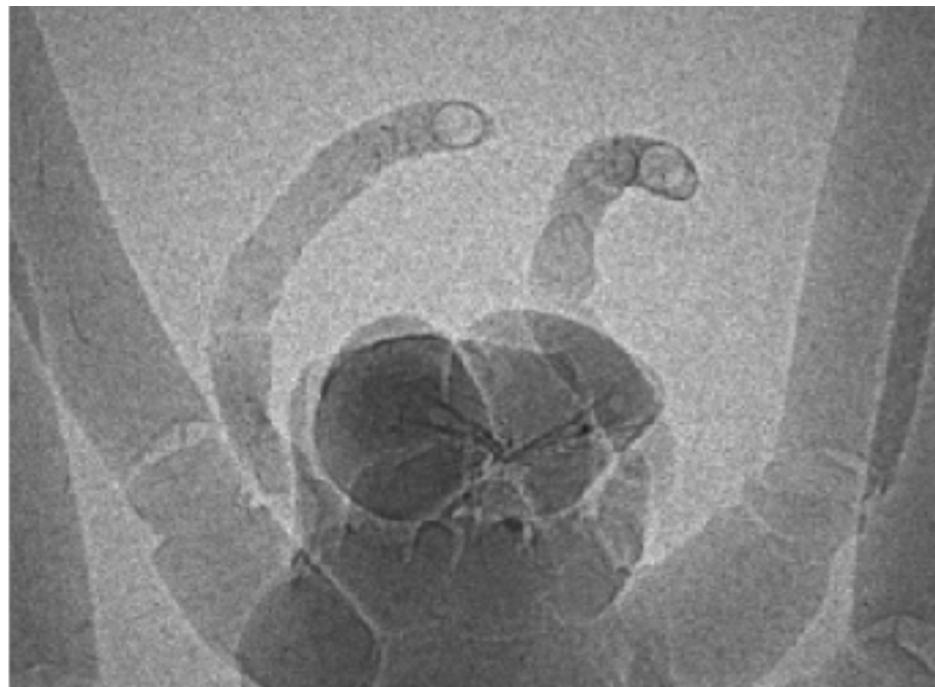
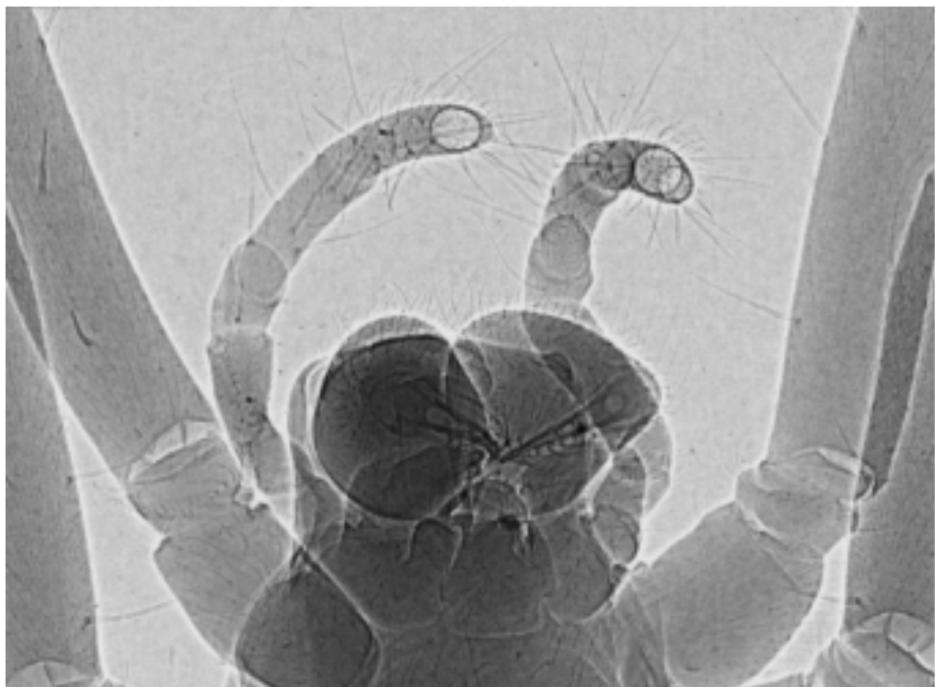


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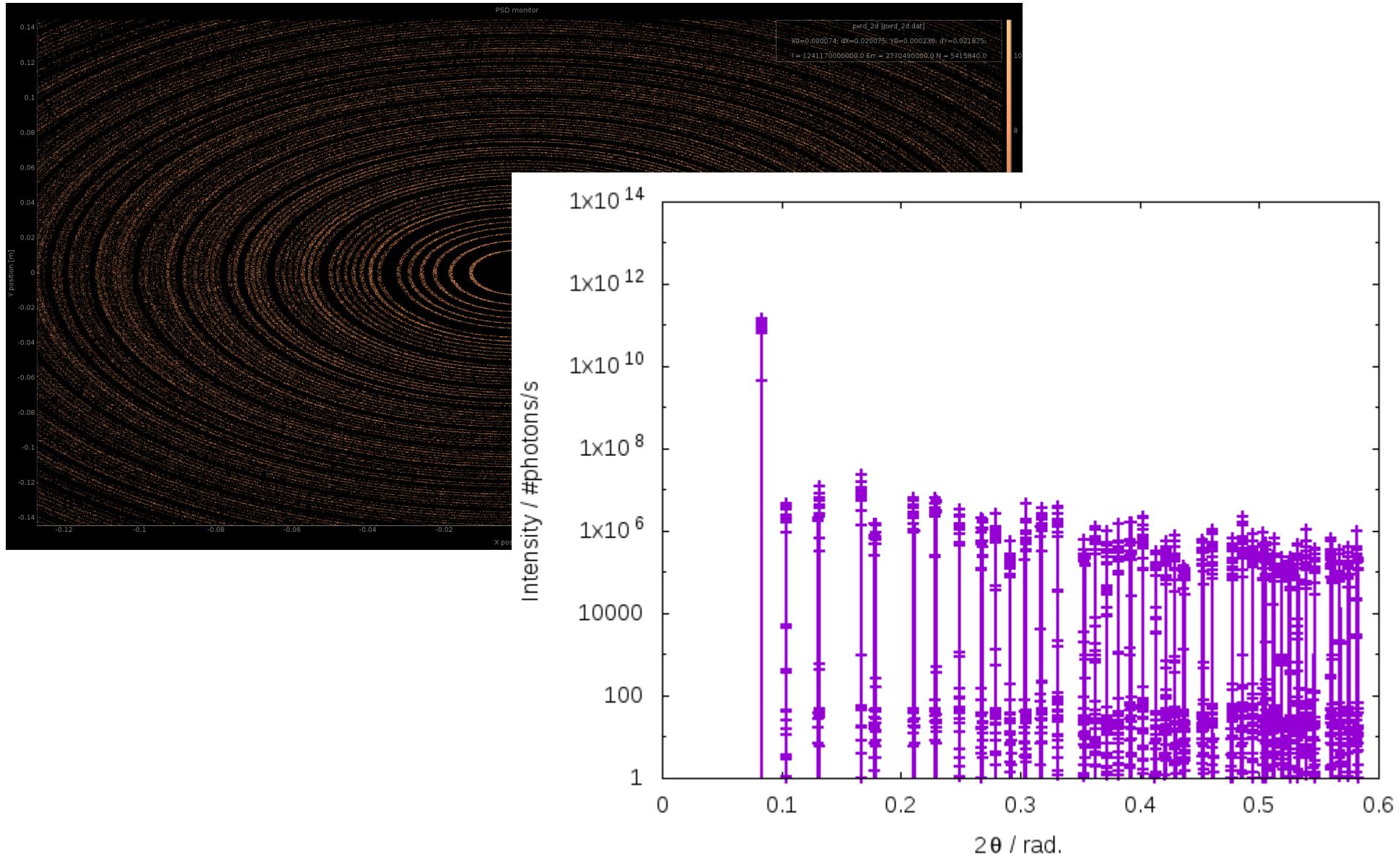
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## Python based

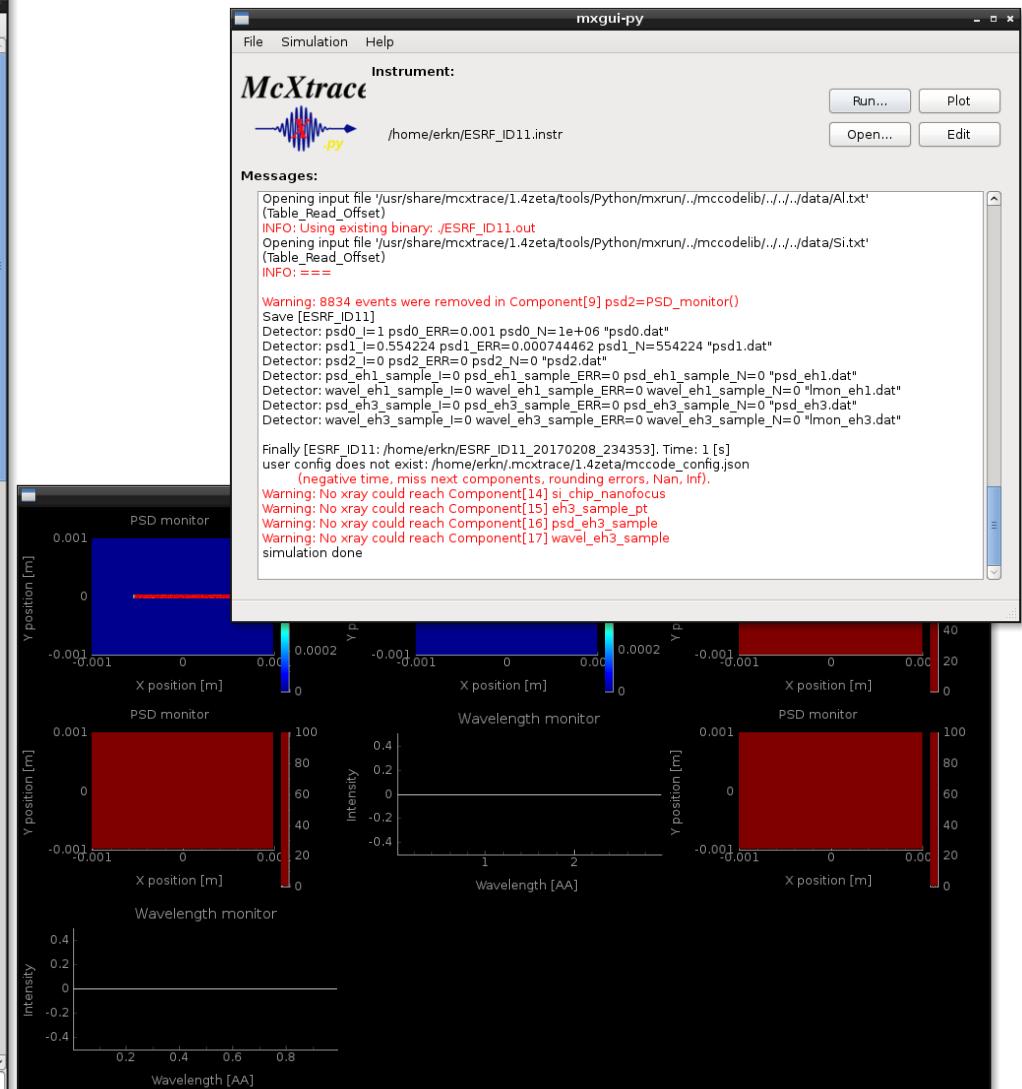
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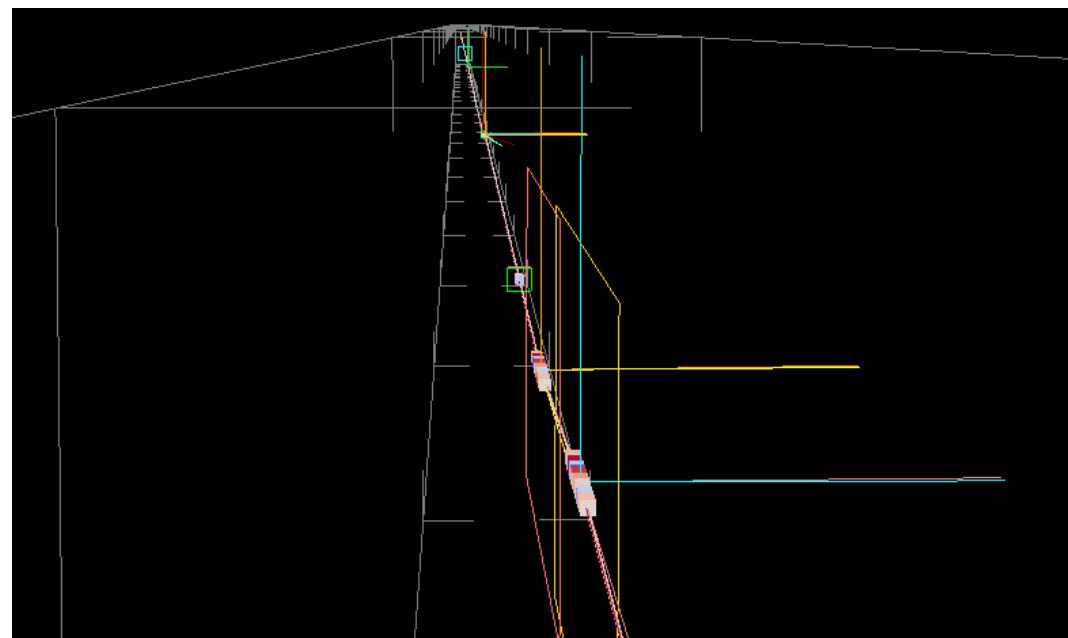
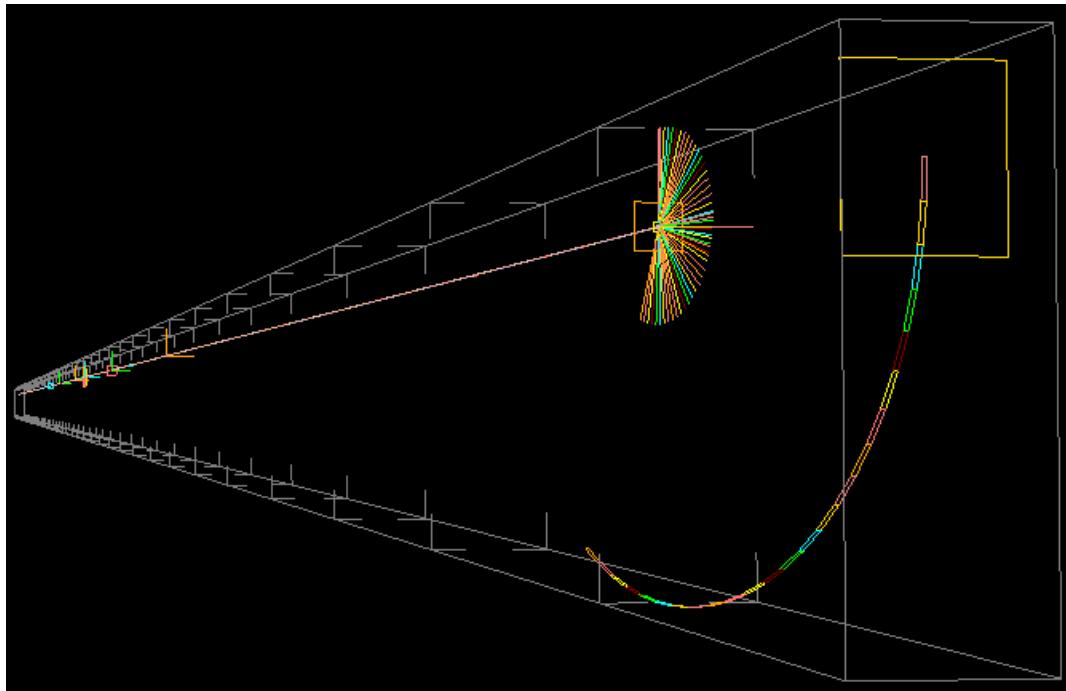
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1 ****
2 *      McXtrace instrument definition URL=http://www.mcxttrace.org
3 *
4 * Instrument: ESRF-ID11-nanofocus beamline
5 *
6 * %Identification
7 * Written by: E. Knudsen (erkn@risoe.dtu.dk)
8 * Date: Nov. 26th, 2009
9 * Origin: Risø/DTU
10 * Release: McXtrace 0.1_alpha
11 * Version: $Revision$
12 * %INSTRUMENT_SITE: ESRF
13 *
14 * %Description
15 * Model of the ESRF ID11 Transfocator based beamline.
16 *
17 * %Parameters
18 * ANGLE [deg] Rotation (misalignment) of first transfocator
19 * SOURCE [ ] 1) Choose rectangular source with defined divergence. 2) Choose Gaussian cross-s
20 * T1_N [ ] Number of Be lenses in 1st IVT transfocator @31.5m
21 * T2_N [ ] Number of Al lenses in 1st IVT transfocator @31.5m _currently deactivated by defau
22 * T3_N [ ] Number of Al lenses in 2nd IVT transfocator @92.25 m
23 * SI_N [ ] Number of Si lenses in Si microfocus chip transfocator @94 m
24 * IVT1BE [ ] If nonzero the set of Be-lenses is chosen for the IVT @31.5m. If 0 the Al set is
25 *
26 * %Example: ESRF_ID11.instr ANGLE=0 Detector: psd_eh3_sample_I=0.285899
27 * %Link
28 * http://www.esrf.eu/UsersAndScience/Experiments/StructMaterials/ID11/ID11Source
29 * %End
30 ****
31
32 DEFINE INSTRUMENT ESRF_ID11(ANGLE=0,SOURCE=0,T1_N=16,T2_N=16,T3_N=16,SI_N=2, IVT1BE=1)
33
34
35 DECLARE
36 %{
37   const double source_h=57e-6*FWHM2RMS;
38   const double source_v=10e-6*FWHM2RMS;
39   const double source_div_h=88e-6*FWHM2RMS;
40   const double source_div_v=5e-6*FWHM2RMS;
41
42   double eh1_sample_offset,EH3TFOC_offset,chip2sample,eh3_sample_offset;
43 %}
44
45
46 INITIALIZE
47 %{
48   /*set some geometry parameters*/
49   eh1_sample_offset=0;
50   EH3TFOC_offset=0;
51   chip2sample=0.1;
52   eh3_sample_offset=0;
53 %}
54
55 TRACE

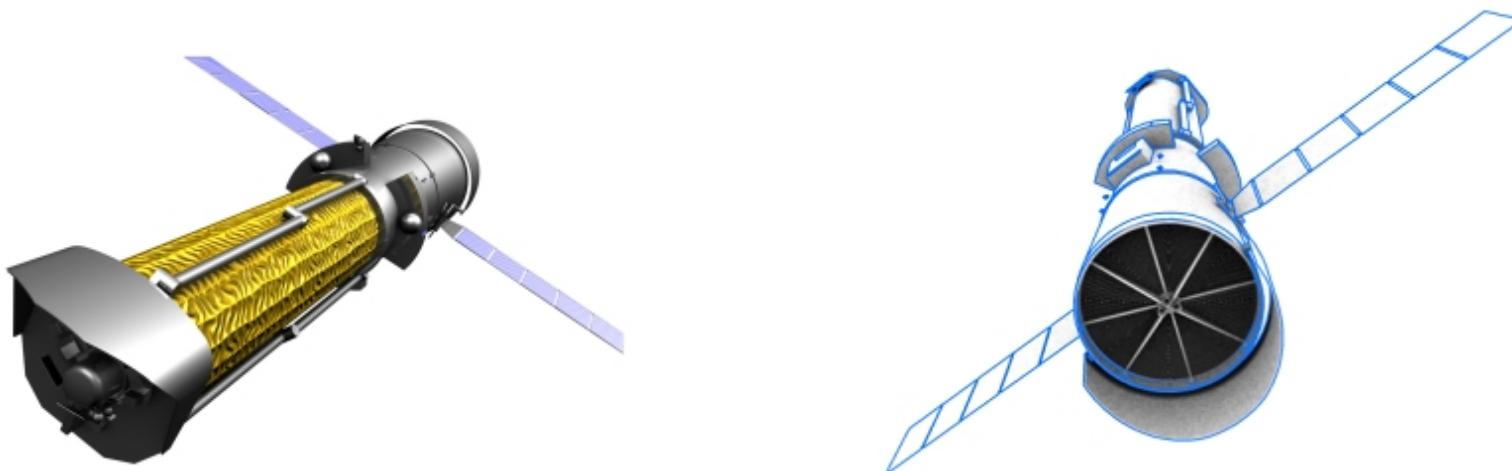
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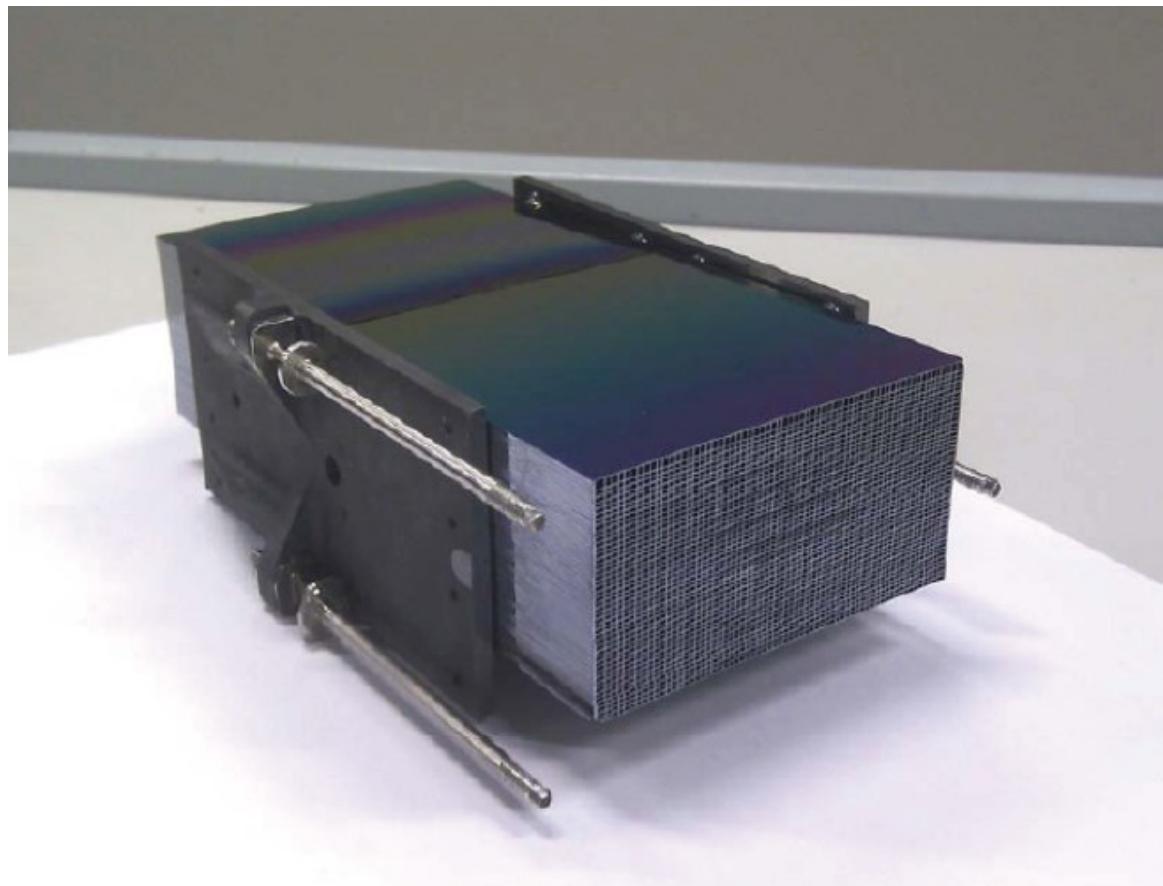
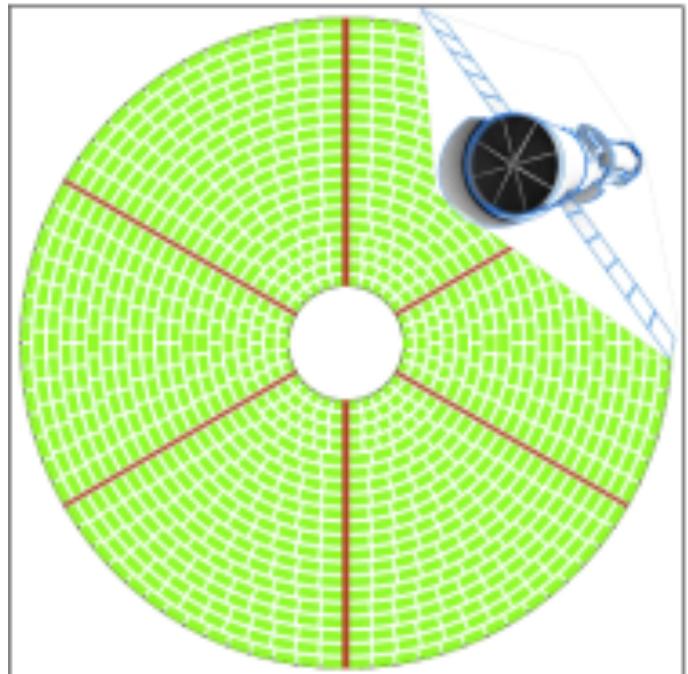


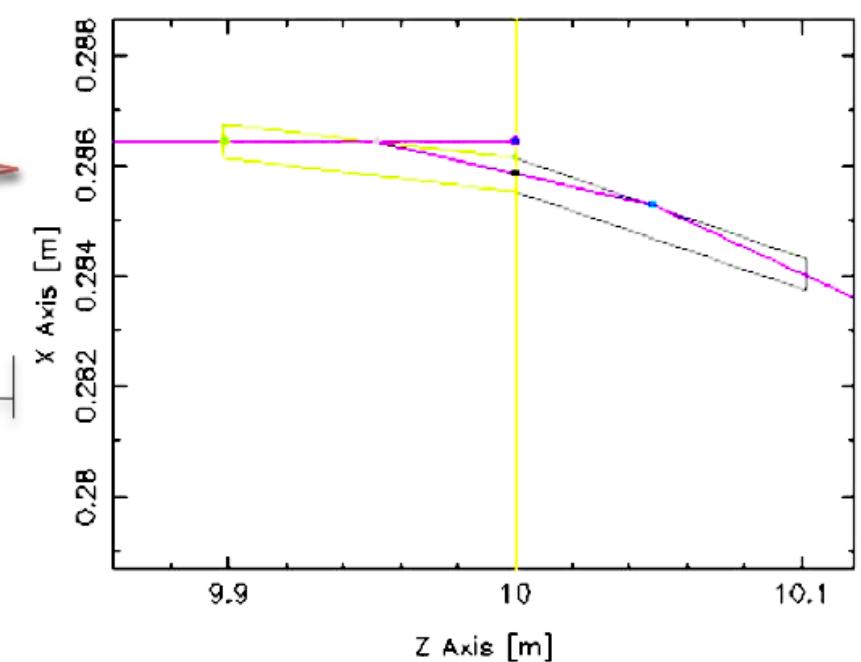
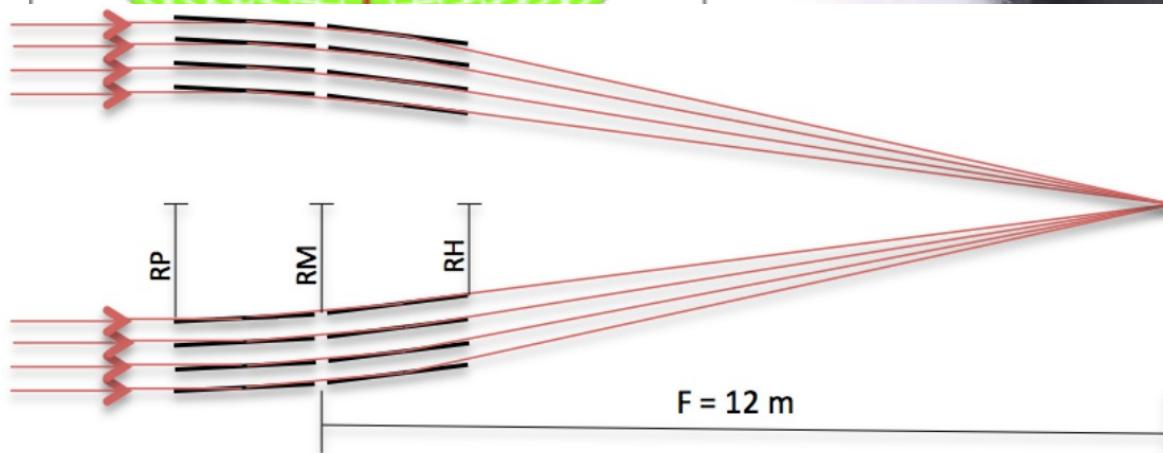
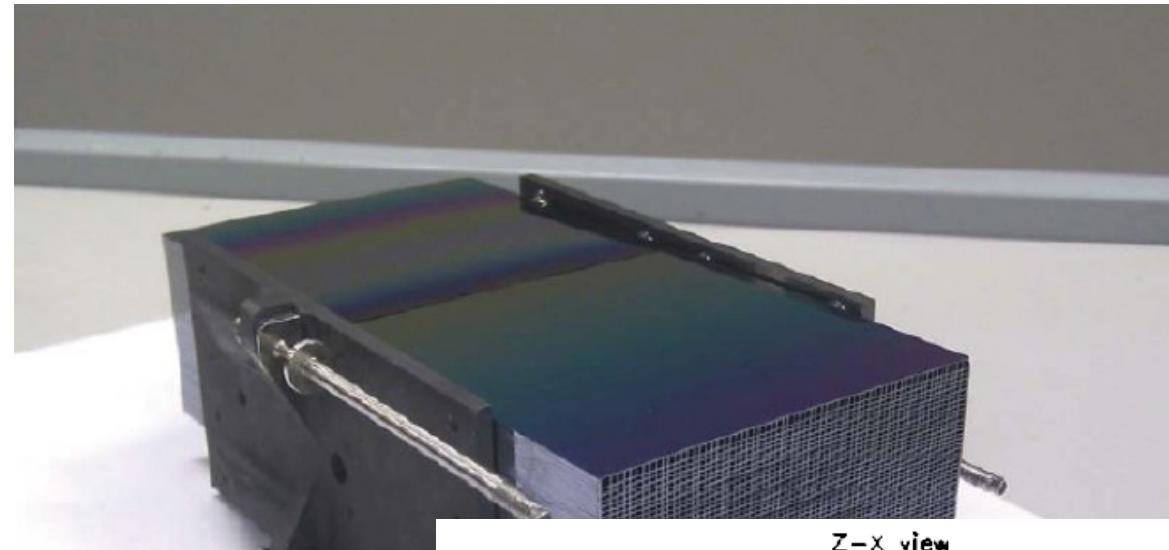
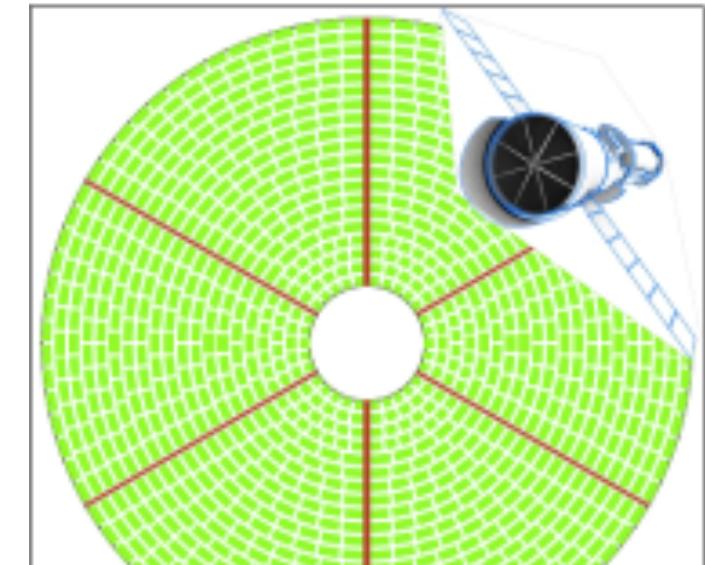


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