

beam

draw optics experiment setups with CeTZ

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ABSTRACT

In a landscape dominated by copy pasting inkscape templates, **beam** aims to simplify the creation of schematics for experiment setups in the field of optics.

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1 ABOUT

I built this package, because I was frustrated with the available tools to draw schematics for simple optical setups. The options available to me were full-fledged simulation software, blender, and a certain [Inkscape template](#). None of these suit my preferences – or skills.

Amazed by the simplicity of [zap](#) ⚡, I gathered inspiration from colleagues and friends and started drawing some symbols and extended the framework on the fly.

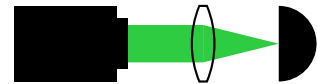
Please get in touch with me on [github](#) if you discover any bugs or have ideas for improvement!

2 GETTING STARTED

beam is heavily inspired by [zap](#) ⚡. The usage should feel very familiar to those accustomed to it. Just copy the example below and play around with the component parameters.

```
#import "@preview/beam:0.1.0"

#beam.setup({
  import beam: *
  // draw your setup, for example...
  laser("laser", (0, 0))
  lens("l1", (1, 0))
  detector("cam", (2, 0))
  beam("", "laser", "l1")
  focus("", "l1", "cam")
})
```



Be sure to check out the `examples` directory in the [repository](#) for more inspiration.

3 STYLING

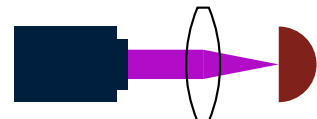
Styling works just like in [CeTZ](#). However, beam uses a dedicated functions for styling to not interfere with other [CeTZ](#)-based libraries:

- [set-beam-style\(\)](#) to change the current global style
- [get-beam-style\(\)](#) to get the current global style from [CeTZ](#)'s context

Style can also be configured locally on any given component.

```
#import "@preview/beam:0.1.0"

#beam.setup({
  import beam: *
  // change the global style
  set-beam-style(
    beam: (stroke: 11pt + purple),
    detector: (fill: red.darken(50%)),
  )
  laser("laser", (0, 0), fill: navy)
  lens("l1", (1, 0), scale: 1.5)
  detector("cam", (2, 0))
  beam("", "laser", "l1")
  focus("", "l1", "cam")
})
```



4 THE COMMON COMPONENT INTERFACE

All components (except `beam(.)`) accept the following parameters:

```
component(  
    name: str,  
    ..points-style: coordinate style,  
    position: int float relative length ratio,  
    rotate: angle,  
    axis: auto bool style,  
    debug: auto bool style,  
    label: auto none content style  
)
```

name str

Component identifier. Used by `cetz` to reference the component

..points-style coordinate or style

Points (positional) and style (named) just like when using `cetz`'s shapes

Components may support 1-3 points. These define how they are positioned and rotated

1 point places component at the given point. Rotate by passing `rotate: <angle>`

2 points place component between the given points and rotated to face in the direction of the latter point. Tune the position by passing `position: <...>` (for some components the position cannot be changed)

3 points place component at the 2nd given point and rotated to face the bisector of the angle spanned by the 3 points. This can emulate reflection/refraction, thus only refractive/reflective components support 3 point positioning.

Given style parameters are merged with the component's global style definition. You can check the default style of any given components with `#cetz.styles.resolve(beam.styles.default, root: "<component name>")`

The remaining arguments are referred to as `decoration`

position int or float or relative or length or ratio

default: 50%

Position between start and end point. Only works when 2 points are given

rotate angle

default: 0deg

Rotate the component. Only works when 1 point is given.

axis auto or bool or style

default: auto

optical axis decoration

- `auto` uses global style (equiv. to `(:)`)
- `bool` will turn axis on or off (equiv. to `(enabled: axis)`)
- `dictionary` will be merged with global style.

Valid dictionary keys are

```
enabled: bool
length: int float
stroke: stroke dictionary
```

Please refer to `sketch-axis` for the documentation of each field/parameter

debug `auto` or `bool` or `style`

default: `auto`

debug info decoration

- `auto` uses global style
- `bool` will turn axis on or off (e.g. `(enabled: <value>)`)
- `dictionary` will be merged with global style.

Valid dictionary keys are

```
enabled: bool
stroke: stroke dictionary
radius: length
angle: angle
shift: length
inset: length dictionary
fsize: length
fill: color
```

Please refer to `sketch-debug` for the documentation of each field/parameter

label `auto` or `none` or `content` or `style`

default: `auto`

label decoration

- `auto` uses global style
- `none` and `content` will overwrite the displayed content, e.g. `(content: <value>)`
- `dictionary` will be merged with global style.

Valid dictionary keys are

```
scope: str
pos: str angle
content: none content
anchor: auto str
angle: auto angle
padding: int float length dictionary
..style: style
```

Please refer to `sketch-label` for the documentation of each field/parameter

4.2 Anchors

Components come with a rotating bounding box and many anchors. Anchors "east", "north-east", "north", "north-west", "west", "south-west", "south", "south-east" and "center" are placed at the corresponding bounding box positions and "o" at the component's position. "in" and "out" are placed at the first and last given point, in case 2 or 3 point positioning is used.

5 COMPONENTS

This section offers a comprehensive list of all the available components

- [beam\(\)](#)
- [beam-splitter\(\)](#)
- [beam-splitter-plate\(\)](#)
- [detector\(\)](#)
- [fade\(\)](#)
- [filter\(\)](#)
- [filter-rot\(\)](#)
- [focus\(\)](#)
- [grating\(\)](#)
- [laser\(\)](#)
- [lens\(\)](#)
- [mirror\(\)](#)
- [objective\(\)](#)
- [pinhole\(\)](#)
- [prism\(\)](#)
- [sample\(\)](#)

5.1 beam

draw a laser beam

```
#beam.setup({
  import beam: *
  mirror("m1", (0, 1), (1, 0), (2, 1))
  beam("", "m1.in", "m1", "m1.out")
})
```



5.1.1 Points

Supports ≥ 2 points

5.1.2 Style

style id: "beam"

default values:

```
stroke: (
  thickness: 14pt,
  cap: "butt",
  join: "bevel",
  paint: rgb("#2ecc40"),
),
global-rotation: 0deg,
```

5.1.3 Notes

Does not follow the component interface:

- no support for decorations (axis, label, debug, position, rotation)
- no bounding box
- an anchor is placed at each given point ("in", "a", "b", ..., "out")

5.1.4 Parameters

```
beam(
  name: str,
  ..points-style: coordinate style
)
```

5.2 beam-splitter

beam splitter cube

```
#beam.setup({  
    import beam: *  
    beam-splitter("", (0, 0))  
})
```



5.2.1 Points

Supports 1-3 points

5.2.2 Style

style id: "beam-splitter"

default values:

```
scale: auto,  
fill: none,  
stroke: auto,  
axis: auto,  
label: auto,  
debug: auto,  
width: 1,  
height: 1,
```

5.2.3 Parameters

```
beam-splitter(  
    name: name ,  
    ..points-style-decoration: points style decoration ,  
    flip: bool  
)
```

flip bool

default: false

flip along local y-axis

5.3 beam-splitter-plate

beam splitter plate

```
#beam.setup({  
    import beam: *  
    beam-splitter-plate("", (0, 0))  
})
```



5.3.1 Points

Supports 1-3 points

5.3.2 Style

style id: "beam-splitter-plate"

default values:

```
scale: auto,  
fill: none,  
stroke: auto,  
axis: auto,  
label: (pos: 0deg),  
debug: auto,  
width: 0.2,  
height: 1,
```

5.3.3 Parameters

```
beam-splitter-plate(  
    name: str,  
    ..points-style-decoration: coordinate style decoration  
)
```


5.4 detector

detector / camera

```
#beam.setup({  
    import beam: *  
    detector("", (0, 0))  
})
```



5.4.1 Points

Supports 1-2 points

5.4.2 Style

style id: "detector"

default values:

```
scale: auto,  
fill: auto,  
stroke: none,  
axis: auto,  
label: auto,  
debug: auto,  
radius: 0.5,
```

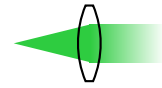
5.4.3 Parameters

```
detector(  
    name: str,  
    ..points-style-decoration: coordinate style decoration  
)
```

5.5 fade

fading laser beam

```
#beam.setup({
  import beam: *
  lens("l1", (0, 0), (2, 0))
  focus("", "l1", "l1.in")
  fade("", "l1", "l1.out")
})
```



5.5.1 Points

Supports 2 points

5.5.2 Style

style id: "beam"

default values:

```
stroke: (
  thickness: 14pt,
  cap: "butt",
  join: "bevel",
  paint: rgb("#2ecc40"),
),
global-rotation: 0deg,
```

5.5.3 Parameters

```
fade(
  name: str,
  ..points-style-decoration: coordinate style decoration,
  flip: bool
)
```

flip bool

flip the fade direction

default: false

5.6 filter

filter

```
#beam.setup({  
    import beam: *  
    filter("", (0, 0))  
    flip-filter("", (2, 0))  
})
```



5.6.1 Points

Supports 1-2 points

5.6.2 Style

style id: "filter"

default values:

```
scale: auto,  
fill: luma(66.67%),  
stroke: auto,  
axis: auto,  
label: auto,  
debug: auto,  
width: 0.2,  
height: 1,
```

5.6.3 Parameters

```
filter(  
    name: str,  
    ..points-style-decoration: coordinate style decoration  
)
```

5.7 filter-rot

rotational filter / filter wheel

```
#beam.setup({  
    import beam: *  
    filter-rot("", (0, 0))  
})
```



5.7.1 Points

Supports 1-2 points

5.7.2 Style

style id: "filter-rot"

default values:

```
scale: auto,  
fill: auto,  
stroke: (thickness: 0.05),  
axis: auto,  
label: auto,  
debug: auto,  
diameter: 1.6,
```

5.7.3 Parameters

```
filter-rot(  
    name: str,  
    ..points-style-decoration: coordinate style decoration,  
    flip: bool  
)
```

flip bool

flip the filter

default: false

5.8 focus

focusing laser beam

```
#beam.setup({
  import beam: *
  lens("l1", (1, 0))
  lens("l2", (3, 0))
  beam("", "l1", "l2")
  focus("", (0, 0), "l1", flip: true)
  focus("", "l2", (4, 0))
})
```



5.8.1 Points

Supports 2 points

5.8.2 Style

style id: "beam"

default values:

```
stroke: (
  thickness: 14pt,
  cap: "butt",
  join: "bevel",
  paint: rgb("#2ecc40"),
),
global-rotation: 0deg,
```

5.8.3 Parameters

```
focus(
  name: str,
  ..points-style-decoration: coordinate style decoration,
  flip: bool
)
```

flip bool

default: false

flip the focus direction

5.9 grating

refraction grating

```
#beam.setup({  
    import beam: *  
    grating("", (0, 0))  
})
```



5.9.1 Points

Supports 1 or 3 points

5.9.2 Style

style id: "grating"

default values:

```
scale: auto,  
fill: luma(75%),  
stroke: auto,  
axis: auto,  
label: (pos: 0deg),  
debug: auto,  
width: 0.3,  
height: 1,
```

5.9.3 Parameters

```
grating(  
    name: str,  
    ..points-style-decoration: points style decoration  
)
```

5.10 laser

laser source

```
#beam.setup({  
    import beam: *  
    laser("", (0, 0))  
})
```



5.10.1 Points

Supports 1-2 points

5.10.2 Style

style id: "laser"

default values:

```
scale: auto,  
fill: auto,  
stroke: none,  
axis: auto,  
label: auto,  
debug: auto,  
length: 1.5,  
height: 1,
```

5.10.3 Parameters

```
laser(  
    name: str,  
    ..points-style-decoration: coordinate style decoration,  
    position: int float relative length ratio = 0%  
)
```

5.11 lens

lens

```
#beam.setup({
  import beam: *
  lens("", (0, 0))
  lens("", (1.5, 0), kind: ")(")
  lens("", (3, 0), kind: "|")
})
```



5.11.1 Points

Supports 1-2 points

5.11.2 Style

style id: "lens"

default values:

```
scale: auto,
fill: none,
stroke: auto,
axis: auto,
label: auto,
debug: auto,
width: 0.1,
height: 1,
extent: 0.1,
```

5.11.3 Parameters

```
lens(
  name: str,
  kind: str,
  ..points-style-decoration: coordinate style decoration
)
```

kind `str` default: "()"

what kind of lens to draw. Supported lenses are "()", "((", ")))", ")(", "(|", ")|", "|)", "|(" and "||"

5.12 mirror

mirror

```
#beam.setup({
  import beam: *
  mirror("", (0, 0))
  flip-mirror("", (2, 0))
})
```



5.12.1 Points

Supports 1 or 3 points

5.12.2 Style

style id: "mirror"

default values:

```
scale: auto,
fill: luma(100%),
stroke: auto,
axis: auto,
label: (pos: 0deg),
debug: auto,
width: 0.3,
height: 1,
extent: 0.1,
```

5.12.3 Parameters

```
mirror(
  name: str,
  kind: str,
  ..points-style-decoration: points style decoration
)
```

kind `str`

default: "|"

what kind of mirror to draw. Supported mirrors are "(" , ")" and "|"

5.13 objective

microscopy objective

```
#beam.setup({  
    import beam: *  
    objective("", (0, 0), rotate: 90deg)  
})
```



5.13.1 Points

Supports 1-2 points

5.13.2 Style

style id: "objective"

default values:

```
scale: auto,  
fill: auto,  
stroke: none,  
axis: (length: 2),  
label: auto,  
debug: auto,  
width: 1,  
height: 1,
```

5.13.3 Parameters

```
objective(  
    name: str,  
    ..points-style-decoration: coordinate style decoration  
)
```

5.14 pinhole

pinhole / aperture

```
#beam.setup({  
    import beam: *  
    pinhole("", (0, 0))  
})
```



5.14.1 Points

Supports 1-2 points

5.14.2 Style

style id: "pinhole"

default values:

```
scale: auto,  
fill: auto,  
stroke: none,  
axis: auto,  
label: auto,  
debug: auto,  
width: 0.2,  
height: 1,  
gap: 0.1,
```

5.14.3 Parameters

```
pinhole(  
    name: str,  
    ..points-style-decoration: coordinate style decoration  
)
```

5.15 prism

dispersive prism

```
#beam.setup({  
    import beam: *  
    prism("", (0, 0))  
})
```



5.15.1 Points

Supports 1 or 3 points

5.15.2 Style

style id: "prism"

default values:

```
scale: auto,  
fill: none,  
stroke: auto,  
axis: auto,  
label: (pos: 0deg),  
debug: auto,  
radius: 0.65,
```

5.15.3 Parameters

```
prism(  
    name: str,  
    ..points-style-decoration: coordinate style decoration  
)
```

5.16 sample

sample

```
#beam.setup({  
  import beam: *  
  sample("", (0, 0))  
})
```



5.16.1 Points

Supports 1-2 points

5.16.2 Style

style id: "sample"

default values:

```
scale: auto,  
fill: rgb("#7fdbff"),  
stroke: auto,  
axis: auto,  
label: (pos: 0deg),  
debug: auto,  
width: 0.1,  
height: 1,
```

5.16.3 Parameters

```
sample(  
  name: str,  
  ..points-style-decoration: points style decoration  
)
```

6 CUSTOM COMPONENTS

Custom components can be easily created with the help of [component\(\)](#) and [interface\(\)](#). The example below creates a simple rectangle as a component. You can use it as a starting point to draw all the components you need.

```

#import "@preview/beam:0.1.0"
#import beam: cetz, component, interface

// draw a simple rectangle
#let custom(name, ..params) = {
  let sketch(ctx, points, style) = {
    let w = style.at("width", default: 2)
    let h = style.at("height", default: 1)

    // create bounding box
    interface(
      (-w / 2, -h / 2),
      (w / 2, h / 2),
      io: points.len() < 2,
    )

    // draw the component
    cetz.draw.rect(
      "bounds.north-east",
      "bounds.south-west",
      ..style,
    )
  }
  component("my-custom-component", sketch: sketch,
name, ..params)
}

#beam.setup({
  import beam: *
  // Styling works out of the box!
  set-beam-style(my-custom-component: (radius: 5pt))
  custom("c", (0, 0), (3, 0))
  beam("", "c.in", "c.out")
})

```



7 INTERNALS

- [anchor-to-angle\(\)](#)
- [angle-to-anchor\(\)](#)
- [component\(\)](#)
- [get-beam-style\(\)](#)
- [init-beam\(\)](#)
- [interface\(\)](#)
- [normalize-angle\(\)](#)
- [opposite-anchor\(\)](#)
- [set-beam-style\(\)](#)
- [setup\(\)](#)
- [sketch-axis\(\)](#)
- [sketch-debug\(\)](#)
- [sketch-label\(\)](#)

7.1 anchor-to-angle

Get the angle corresponding to an anchor or the anchor itself if it cannot be associated with an angle.

<code>#("east", "north", "center").map(anchor-to-angle)</code>	<code>(0deg, 90deg, "center")</code>
--	--------------------------------------

7.1.1 Parameters

`anchor-to-angle(anchor: any) -> any angle`

7.2 angle-to-anchor

Get the anchor closest to an angle.

<code>#(0deg, 35deg).map(angle-to-anchor)</code>	<code>("east", "north-east")</code>
--	-------------------------------------

7.2.1 Parameters

`angle-to-anchor(angle: angle) -> str`

7.3 component

Handle component creation

This function automates the positioning and rotation of components, resolves the style parameters, and adds in available decorations.

7.3.1 Parameters

```
component(  
  root: str,  
  sketch: function,  
  num-points: array,  
  name: str,  
  ..points-style: coordinate style,  
  position: int float relative length ratio,  
  rotate: angle,  
  axis: auto bool style,  
  debug: auto bool style,  
  label: auto none content style  
)
```

root str

Component type identifier. Used to find the correct style

sketch function default: (ctx, points, style) => {}

Function that draws the component. Takes context, array of vector and style

num-points array default: (1, 2)

Number of points supported by the component

name str

Component identifier. Used by cetz to reference the component

..points-style coordinate or style

Points (positional) and style (named) just like when using cetz's shapes

Components may support 1-3 points. These define how they are positioned and rotated

1 point places component at the given point. Rotate by passing rotate: <angle>

2 points place component between the given points and rotated to face in the direction of the latter point. Tune the position by passing position: <...> (for some components the position cannot be changed)

3 points place component at the 2nd given point and rotated to face the bisector of the angle spanned by the 3 points. This can emulate reflection/reflection, thus only refractive/reflective components support 3 point positioning.

Given style parameters are merged with the component's global style definition. You can check the default style of any given components with `#cetz.styles.resolve(beam.styles.default, root: "<component name>")`

The remaining arguments are referred to as decoration

position int or float or relative or length or ratio default: 50%

Position between start and end point. Only works when 2 points are given

rotate `angle` default: `0deg`

Rotate the component. Only works when 1 point is given.

axis `auto` or `bool` or `style` default: `auto`

optical axis decoration

- `auto` uses global style (equiv. to `(:)`)
- `bool` will turn axis on or off (equiv. to `(enabled: axis)`)
- `dictionary` will be merged with global style.

Valid dictionary keys are

```
enabled: bool
length: int float
stroke: stroke dictionary
```

Please refer to [sketch-axis\(\)](#) for the documentation of each field/parameter

debug `auto` or `bool` or `style` default: `auto`

debug info decoration

- `auto` uses global style
- `bool` will turn axis on or off (e.g. `(enabled: <value>)`)
- `dictionary` will be merged with global style.

Valid dictionary keys are

```
enabled: bool
stroke: stroke dictionary
radius: length
angle: angle
shift: length
inset: length dictionary
fsize: length
fill: color
```

Please refer to [sketch-debug\(\)](#) for the documentation of each field/parameter

label `auto` or `none` or `content` or `style` default: `auto`

label decoration

- `auto` uses global style
- `none` and `content` will overwrite the displayed content, e.g. `(content: <value>)`
- `dictionary` will be merged with global style.

Valid dictionary keys are

```
scope: str
pos: str angle
content: none content
anchor: auto str
angle: auto angle
padding: int float length dictionary
..style: style
```

Please refer to [sketch-label\(\)](#) for the documentation of each field/parameter

7.4 get-beam-style

get currently active style

7.4.1 Parameters

```
get-beam-style(ctx: style)
```

7.5 init-beam

initialize beam

Useful when working with other cetz extensions (for example [zap](#)) that bring their own canvas

```
#cetz.canvas({
  import cetz.draw: *
  init-beam()
  // draw setup here
})
```

7.5.1 Parameters

```
init-beam()
```

7.6 interface

Create a bounding box for a component

cetz's `rect-around()` does not work properly on groups with rotation, so a manual bounding box is necessary

7.6.1 Parameters

```
interface(
  ll: coordinate,
  ur: coordinate,
  io: bool
)
```

ll coordinate

| lower left point of the bbox

ur coordinate

| upper right point of the bbox

io bool

default: false

| whether to automatically create input and output anchors

7.7 normalize-angle

force an angle to the range [0, 360°]

7.7.1 Parameters

```
normalize-angle(a: angle) -> angle
```

7.8 opposite-anchor

Get the opposite anchor

```
#("east", "north", "center").map(opposite-anchor)
```

```
("west", "south",  
"center")
```

7.8.1 Parameters

```
opposite-anchor(anchor: str) -> str
```

7.9 set-beam-style

change component style for the entire scope

7.9.1 Parameters

```
set-beam-style(..style: style)
```

7.10 setup

beam's canvas wrapper. Takes care of proper initialization

```
#beam.setup({  
  import beam: *  
  // draw setup here  
})
```

7.10.1 Parameters

```
setup(  
  body,  
  preamble = none,  
  ..params  
)
```

7.11 sketch-axis

draw the optical axis

```
#beam.setup({  
  import beam: *  
  mirror("m1", (), axis: true)  
})
```



7.11.1 Parameters

```
sketch-axis(  
  enabled: bool,  
  length: int float,  
  stroke: stroke dictionary  
)
```

enabled bool default: false

| Wether to draw the axis

length int or float default: 1

| axis length

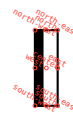
stroke stroke or dictionary default: (paint: black, thickness: .5pt, dash: "densely-dash-dotted")

| axis stroke

7.12 sketch-debug

draw debug information

```
#beam.setup(  
  import beam: *  
  mirror("m1", (), debug: true)  
)
```



7.12.1 Parameters

```
sketch-debug(  
  name: str,  
  enabled: bool,  
  stroke: stroke dictionary,  
  radius: length,  
  angle: angle,  
  shift: length,  
  inset: length dictionary,  
  fsize: length,  
  fill: color  
)
```

enabled bool default: false

| wether to draw debug info

stroke stroke or dictionary default: .2pt + red

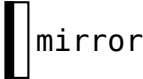
| anchor marker stroke

radius	length	default: .7pt
	anchor marker radius	
angle	angle	default: -30deg
	anchor name rotation	
shift	length	default: 3pt
	anchor name shift	
inset	length or dictionary	default: 1pt
	anchor name inset	
fsize	length	default: 3pt
	anchor name font size	
fill	color	default: red
	anchor name text color	

7.13 sketch-label

draw the component label

```
#beam.setup({
  import beam: *
  mirror("m1", (), label: [mirror])
})
```



7.13.1 Parameters

```
sketch-label(
  name: str,
  rotation: angle,
  scope: str,
  pos: str angle,
  content: none content,
  anchor: auto str,
  angle: auto angle,
  padding: int float length dictionary,
  ..style: style
)
```

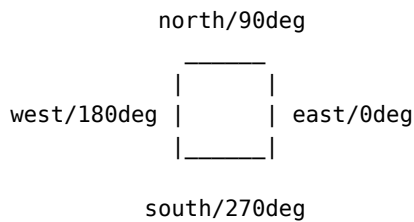
name str
| component's name (identifier)

rotation `angle`

component's rotation

scope `str`

default: `"local"`



Imagine a component with anchors like above. The scope argument defines how the given angle is interpreted in terms of the components rotation. This does not account for external rotations on the canvas.

- `"local"` the position is resolved relative to the component bbox after rotation
- `"parent"` the position is resolved relative to the component bbox before rotation

pos `str` or `angle`

default: `90deg`

where to position the label

content `none` or `content`

default: `none`

the label content

anchor `auto` or `str`

default: `auto`

label anchor. `auto` will try to pick anchor so that label and component do not overlap

angle `auto` or `angle`

default: `0deg`

rotate the label. `auto` will rotate the label with its position

padding `int` or `float` or `length` or `dictionary`

default: `.1`

label content padding

..style `style`

additional styling passed to `cetz's content()`