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WHAT IS ETENDUE, AND WHY IS IT  
IMPORTANT?

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# Today's Webinar



***What is etendue, and why is it important?***

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## **Speaker's Short Bio:**

Julius Muschaweck, a German physicist, has been working on optical design for illumination for over twenty years. After a stay as Visiting Scholar at the University of Chicago with Prof. Roland Winston (well known as the originator of Nonimaging Optics), he was co-founder and CEO of OEC, an optical engineering service which pioneered freeform optics. Later, at OSRAM, where he held the position of Senior Principal Key Expert (the highest rank in the OSRAM/Siemens expert career), he coordinated the over 100 optical designers within OSRAM world-wide. He then joined ARRI, the leading movie camera and lamp head maker, as Principal Optical Scientist. Julius Muschaweck now works as an independent consultant, providing illumination optics solutions to industry clients, teaching courses on illumination optics, and writing about the subject.

# Étendue

What is it? And why is it so useful?

Julius Muschaweck

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# What is étendue?

A French word:

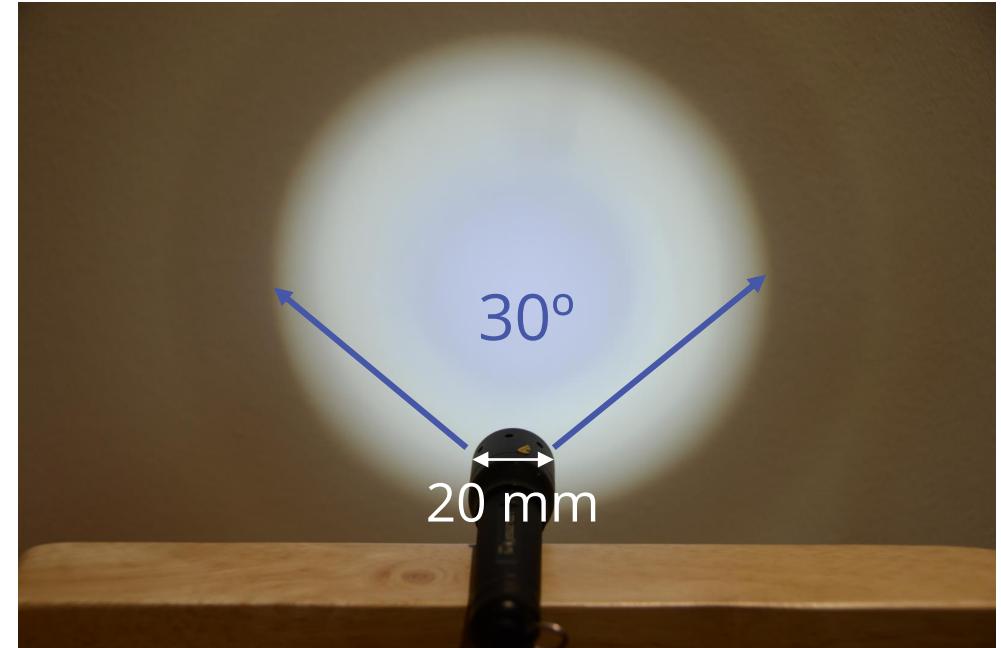
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FEMININE NOUN

1. *[d'eau, sable]* stretch ♦ expanse
2. *[de problème]* extent

# What is étendue?

- A purely geometric quantity
- The expanse, extent of a beam of light
- „Large“ beam  $\Leftrightarrow$  large cross section area  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  large angular spread
- Étendue = something like  $(\text{area} \times \text{solid angle})$

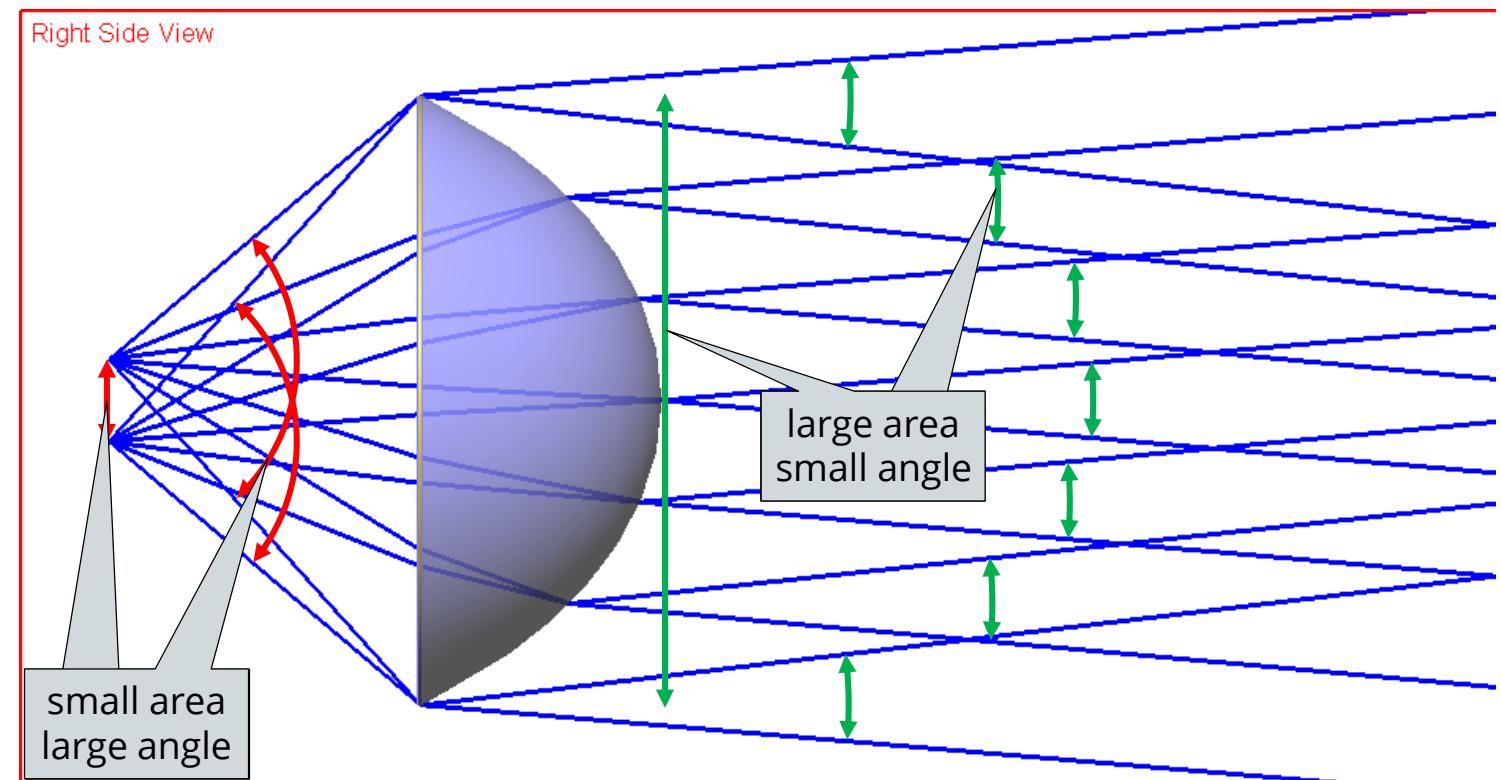


# What is special about étendue?

„Étendue is conserved“

That's what some people say.

And it's true, in a sense...

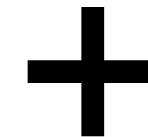


# A riddle

Xenon flash tube



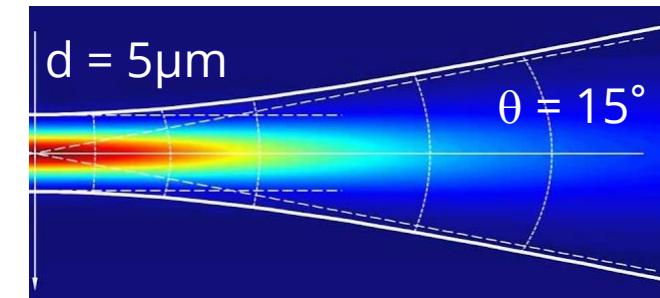
cylinder surface area =  $1320 \text{ mm}^2$   
beam angle  $\pm 90^\circ$



Lenses, mirrors,  
prisms, beam splitters



Narrow (Gaussian) beam  
Optical efficiency > 20%



area =  $0.00002 \text{ mm}^2$   
beam angle  $\pm 7.5^\circ$



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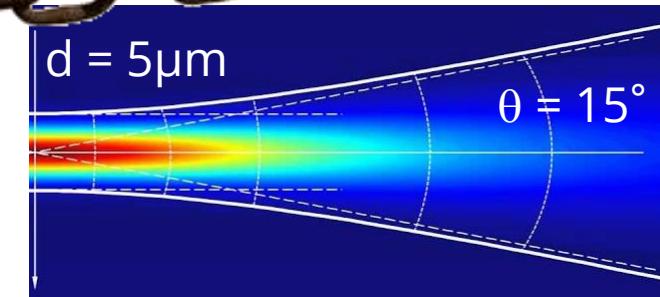


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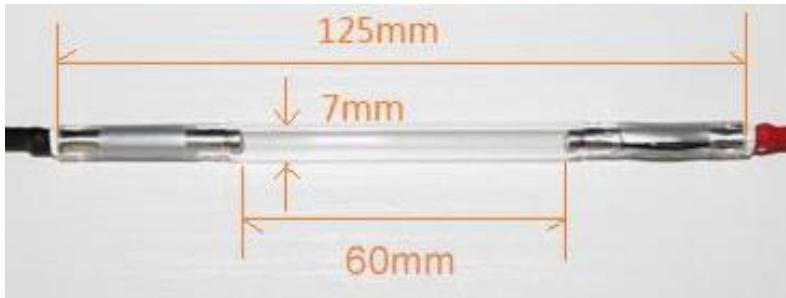
Narrow (Gaussian beam)  
Optical energy > 20%



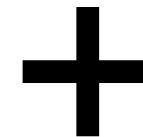
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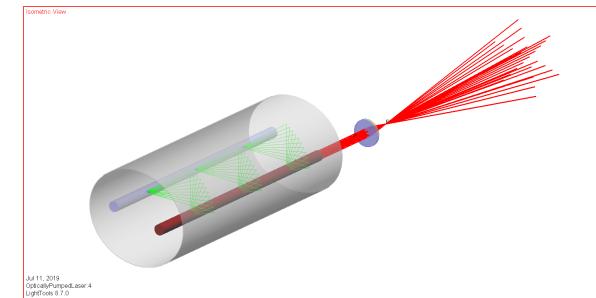
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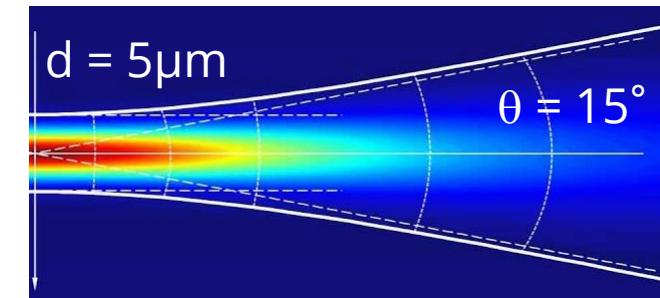
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Elliptical mirror,  
Nd-YAG rod, lens



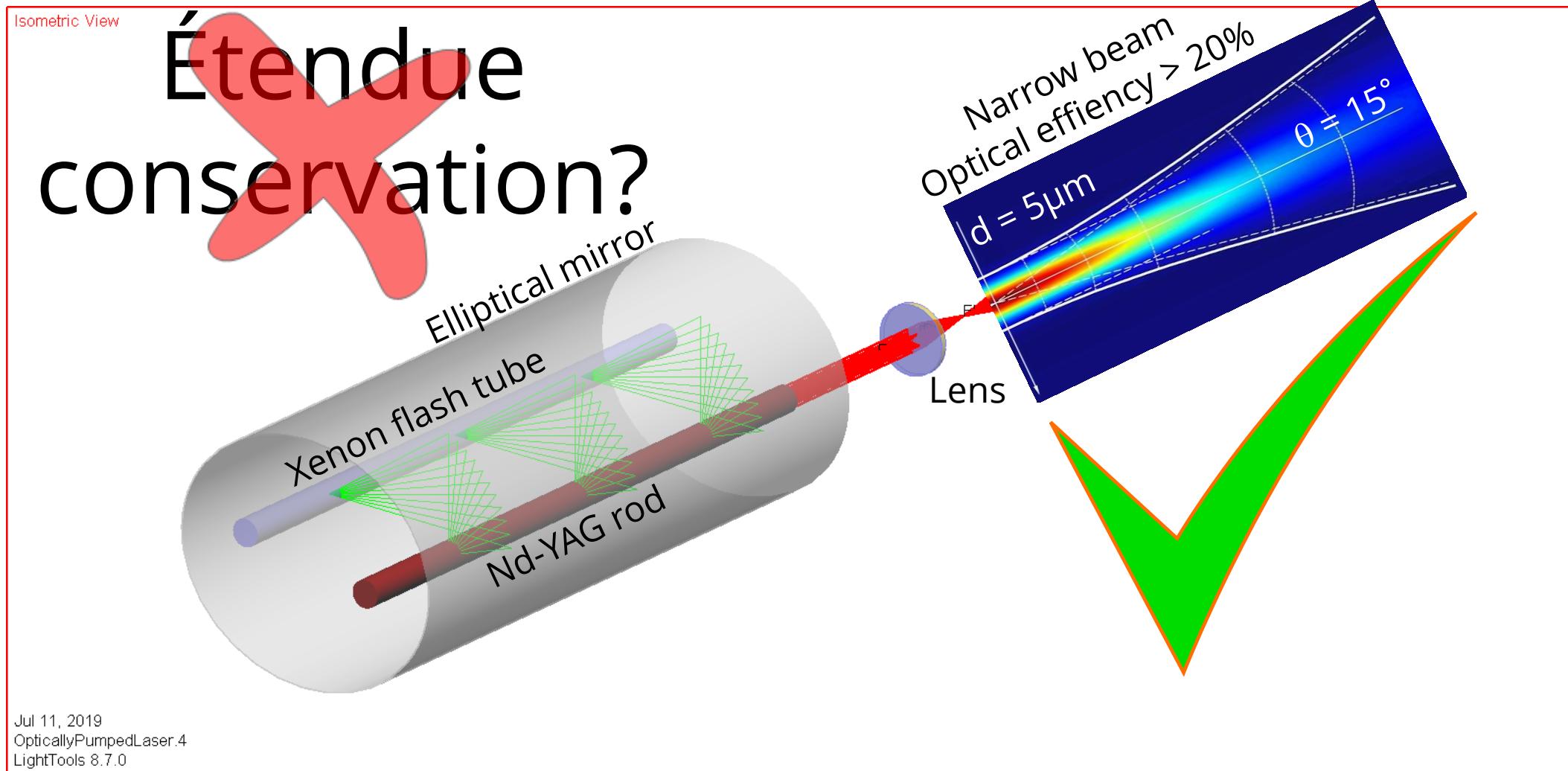
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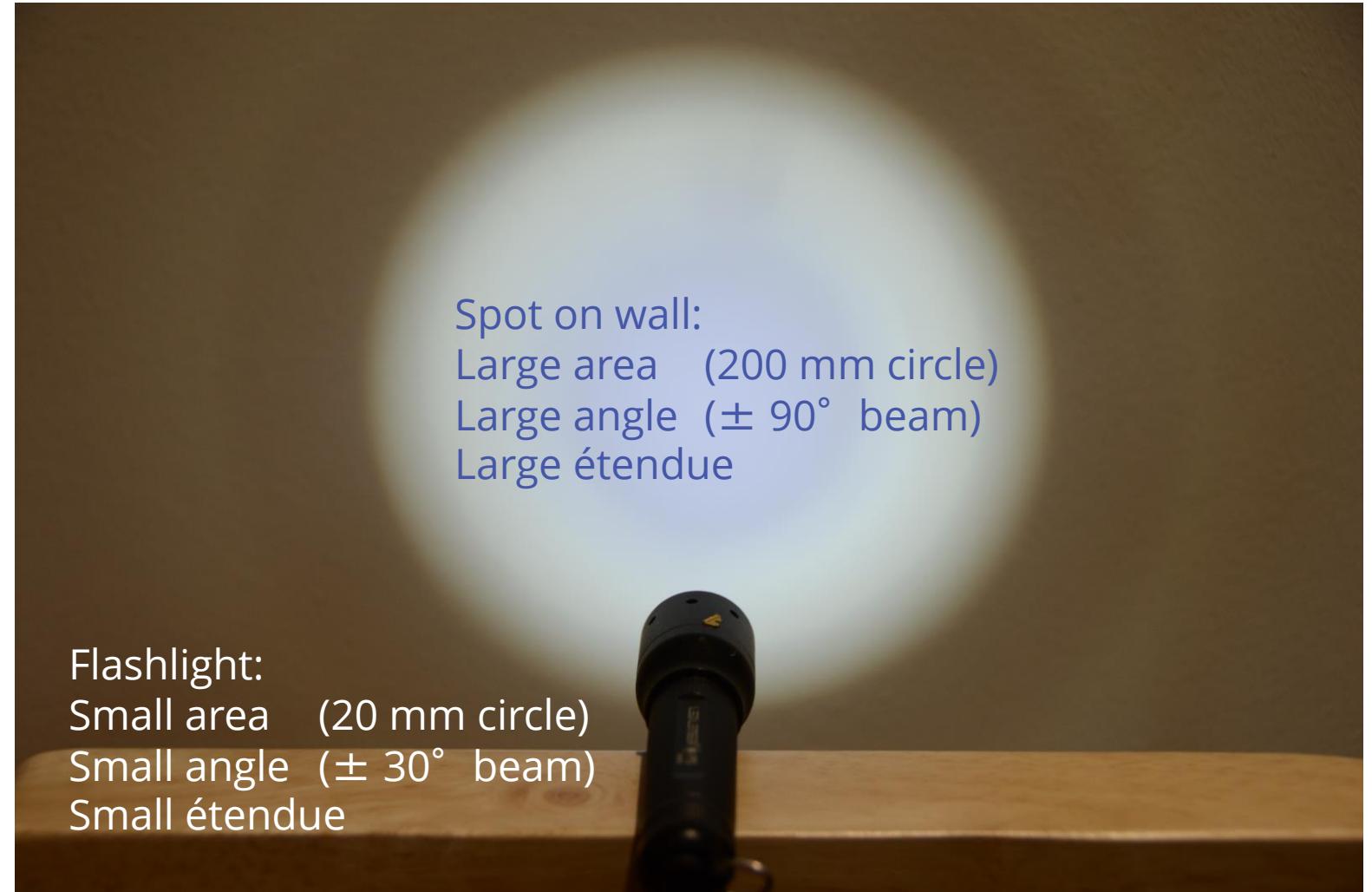
# A riddle



# Another riddle

Just a flashlight and a wall

Étendue  
conservation?



# A third riddle

At X-Prism:

Three sides input (R,G,B)

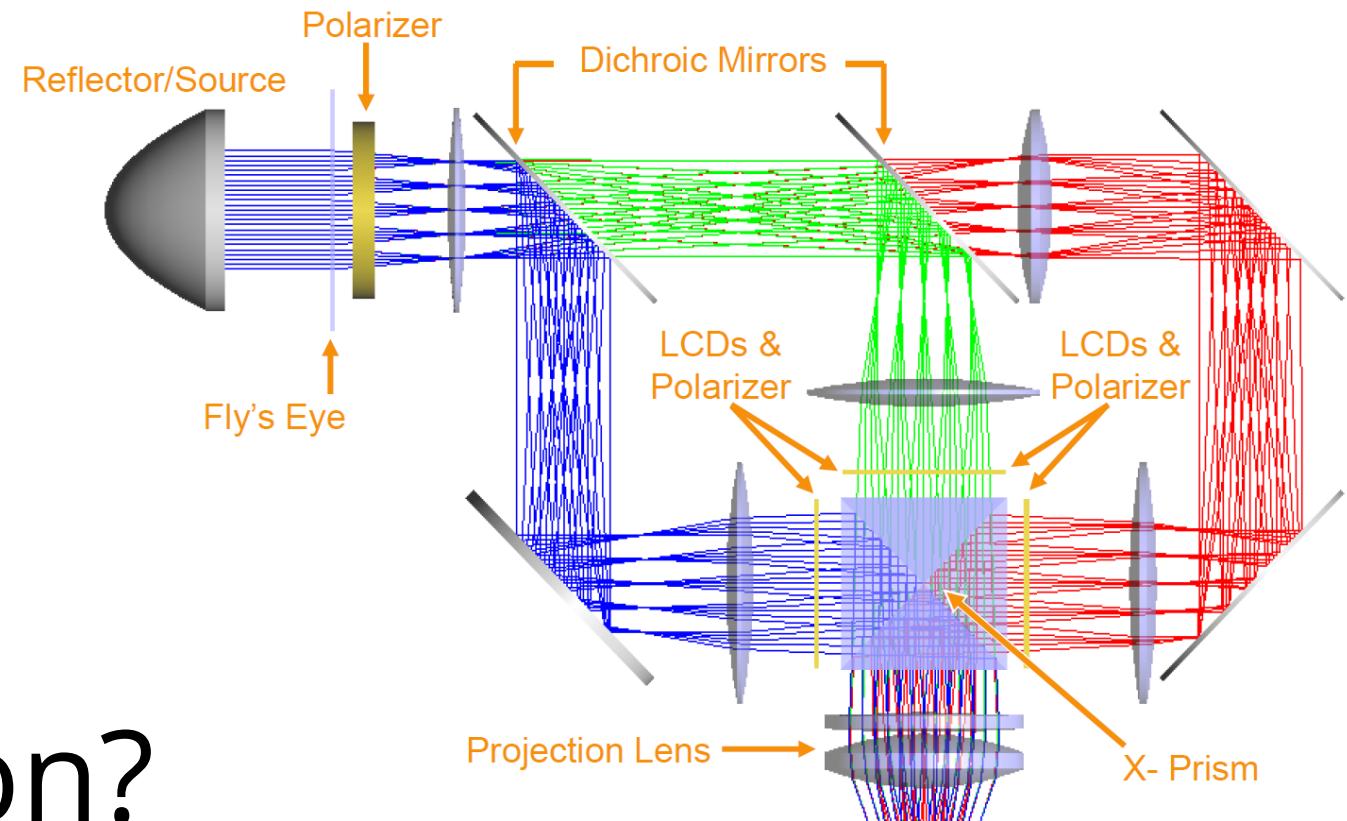
One side output (white)

All four areas equal

All beam

Étendue(

Étendue  
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# So what's the story about étendue?



# Ray coordinates: Starting point

Starting point in space:

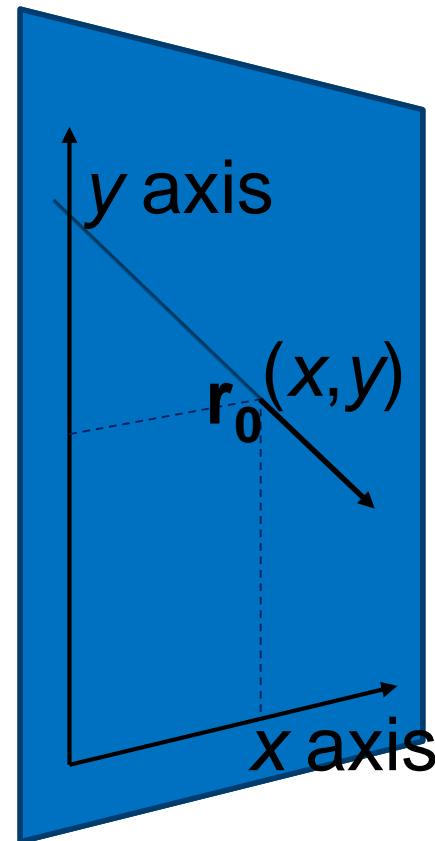
Global coordinates

Three numbers:  $\mathbf{r}_0 = (x_g, y_g, z_g)$

Starting point on screen:

Local surface coordinates

Two numbers  $(x, y)$



# Ray coordinates: Starting point

Starting point in space:

Global coordinates:

Three numbers:  $r_o = (x, y, z)$

Starting point on surface:

Local surface coordinates

Two numbers  $(x, y)$

# For location: Two numbers,

**$x, y$**



# Ray coordinates: Direction vector

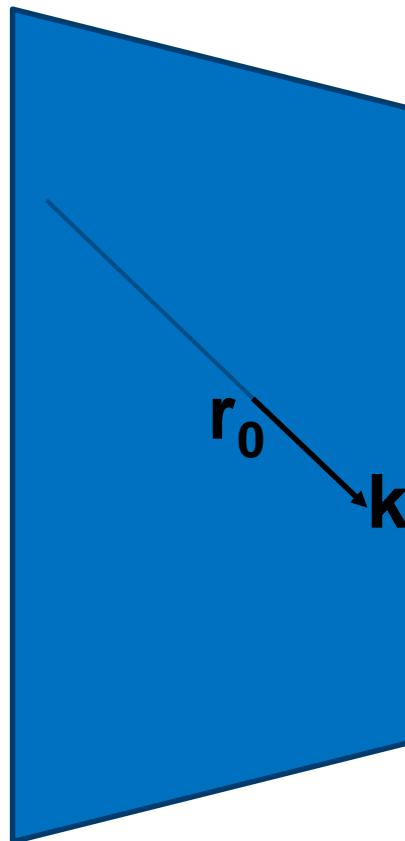
Direction vector in space:

Global coordinates

Three numbers:  $\mathbf{k} = (k_x, k_y, k_z)$

Two should suffice!

But which two?



# Normalized direction vector, local surface coordinates

Normalization by refractive index:

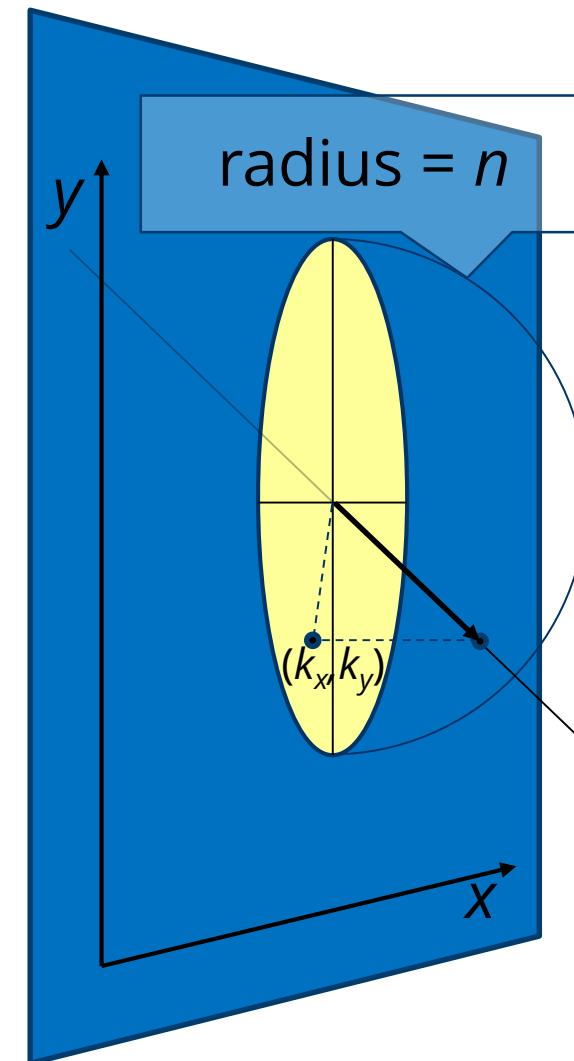
$$|\mathbf{k}| = n \text{ in material} \Rightarrow |\mathbf{k}| = 1 \text{ in vacuum}$$

Local surface coordinates:

$$k_x \parallel x \quad k_x \parallel y \quad k_z \parallel z$$

No need for  $k_z = \pm \sqrt{n^2 - k_x^2 - k_y^2}$   
with **oriented** surface ( $k_z > 0$ )

$k_x, k_y$  sufficient!



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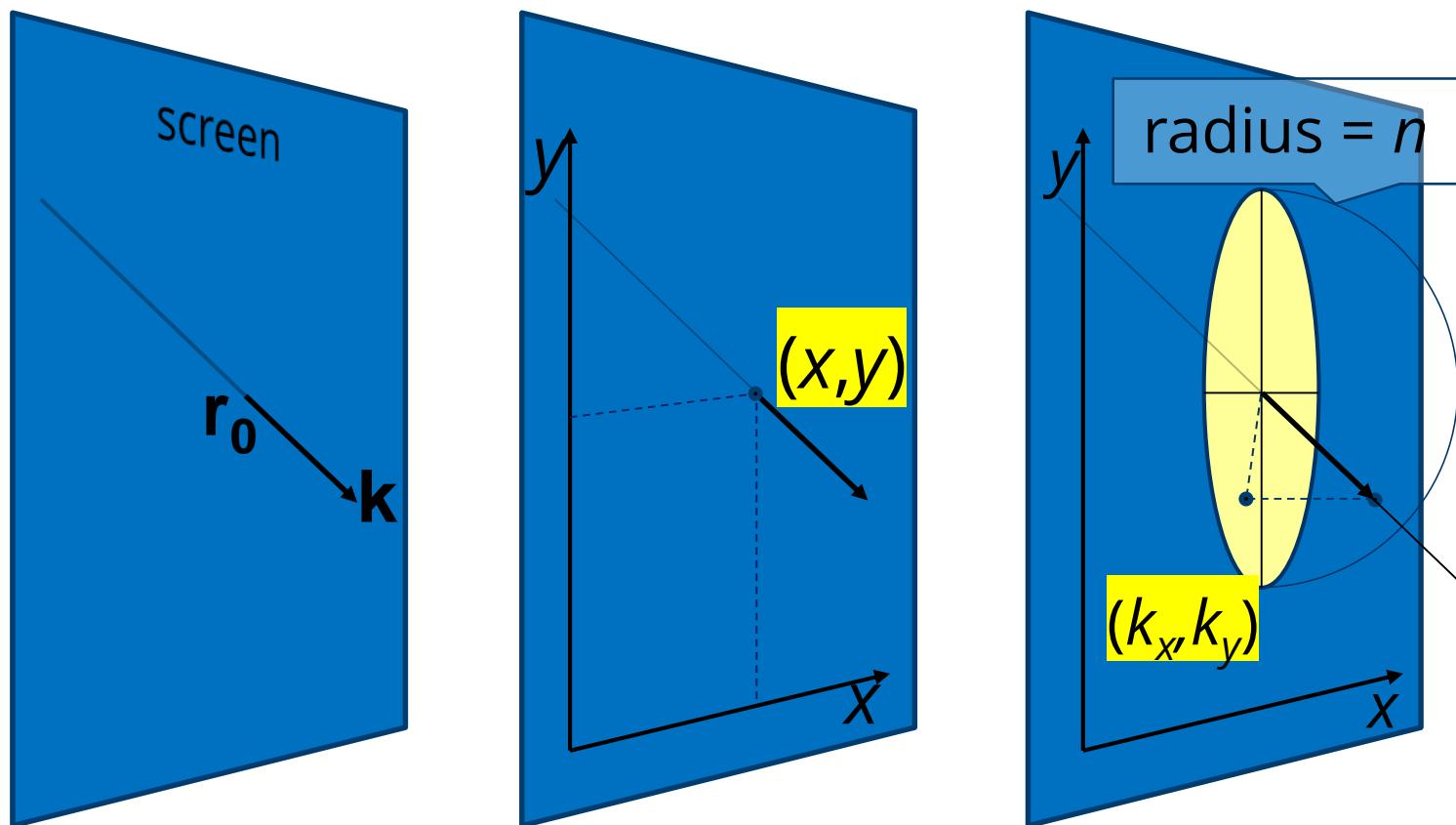
with oriented surface

$\Rightarrow k_x, k_y$  sufficient

For direction:  
Two numbers,  
 $k_x, k_y$

# From 3D ray to 4D ray coordinates

1. Select screen
2. Define x-y coordinate system
3. Use  $(x,y)$  of ray intersection as location coordinates
4. Attach tangent hemisphere, radius  $n$
5. Define  $k$  vector,  
 $k = (k_x, k_y, k_z)$ ,  $|k| = n$   
by intersecting hemisphere
6. Obtain  $(k_x, k_y)$  by projection,  
use as direction coordinates
7. Voilà: Ray coordinates:  $(x, y, k_x, k_y)$



# From 3D ray to 4D ray coordinates

Ray coordinates

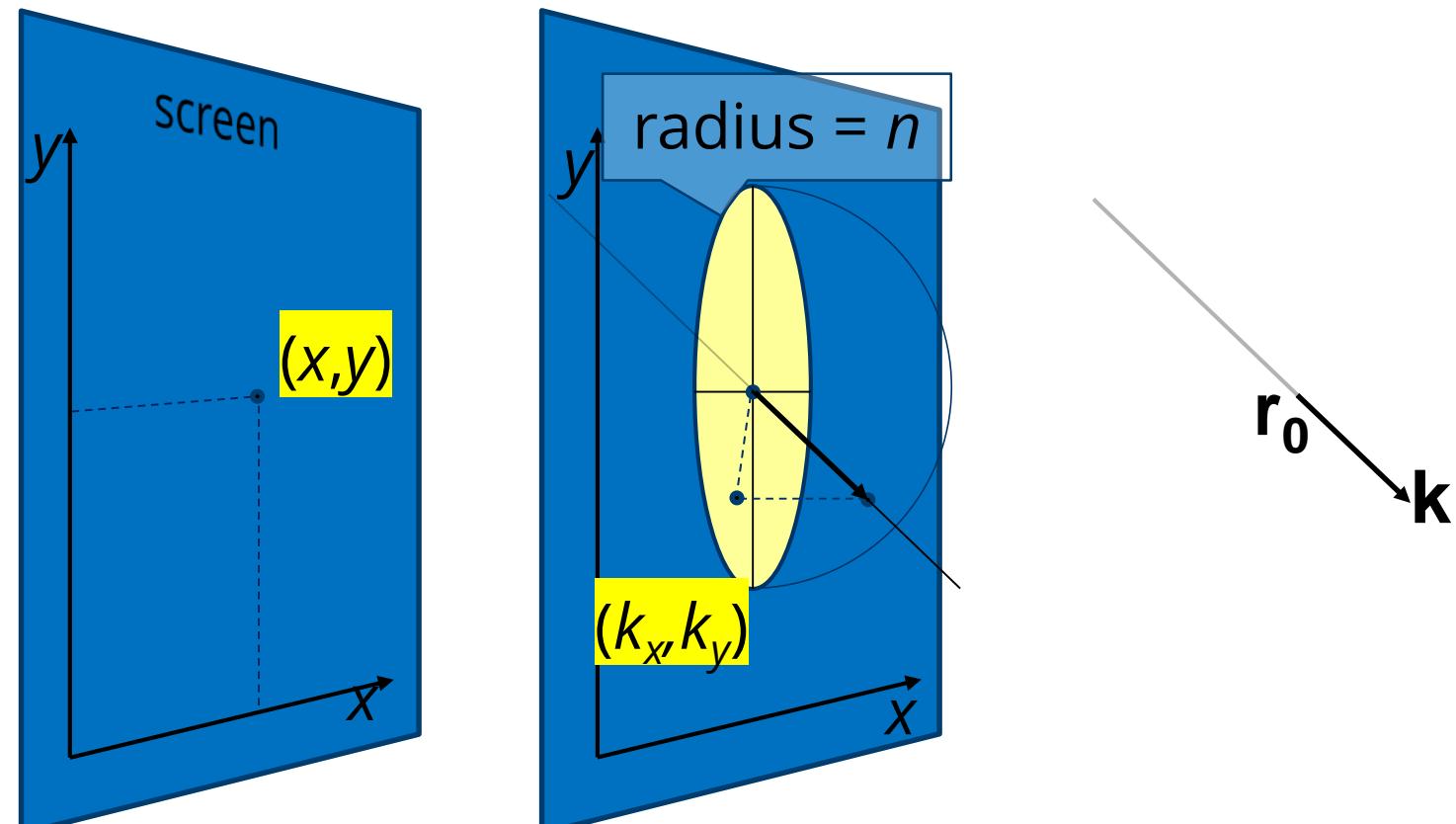
on a certain screen:

$(x, y, k_x, k_y)$

- 1 Select screen
- 2 Define x-y coordinate system
- 3 Use  $(x, y)$  of ray intersection as location coordinates
- 4 Attach tangent disk, radius  $n$
- 5 Define  $k$  vector,  
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- 6 Use  $(k_x, k_y)$ , by projection  
as direction coordinates
- 7 Voilà: Ray coordinates:  $(x, y, k_x, k_y)$

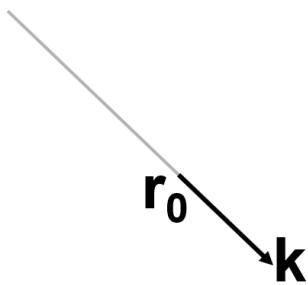
# From 4D ray coordinates to 3D ray

1. A ray is given by a screen and ray coordinates  $(x, y, k_x, k_y)$
2. Determine starting point  $\mathbf{r}_0$  from surface geometry, coordinate system and  $(x,y)$
3. Attach tangent disk at  $\mathbf{r}_0$ , radius= $n$
4. Find point on disk with  $(k_x, k_y)$
5. Raise this point up to hemisphere to find  $\mathbf{k}$
6. 3D Ray:  
$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mu \mathbf{k} \quad (\mu \in \mathbb{R}, \mu \geq 0)$$

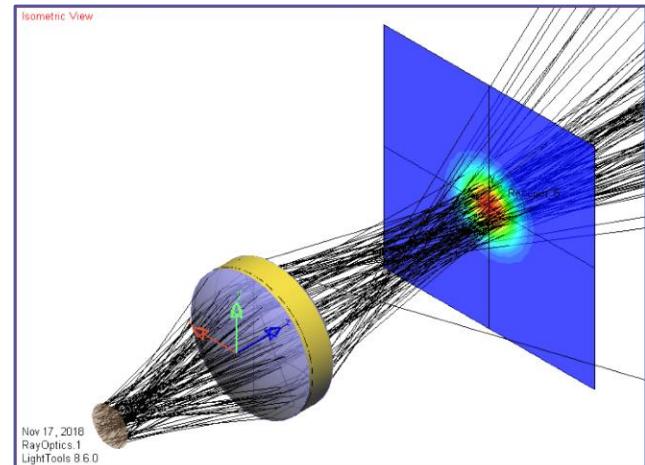
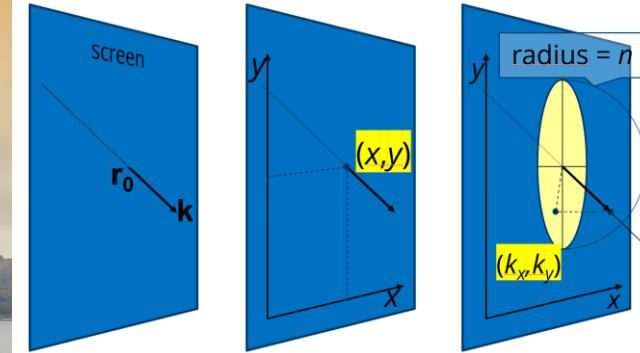


# The bridge

3D real world



4D phase space



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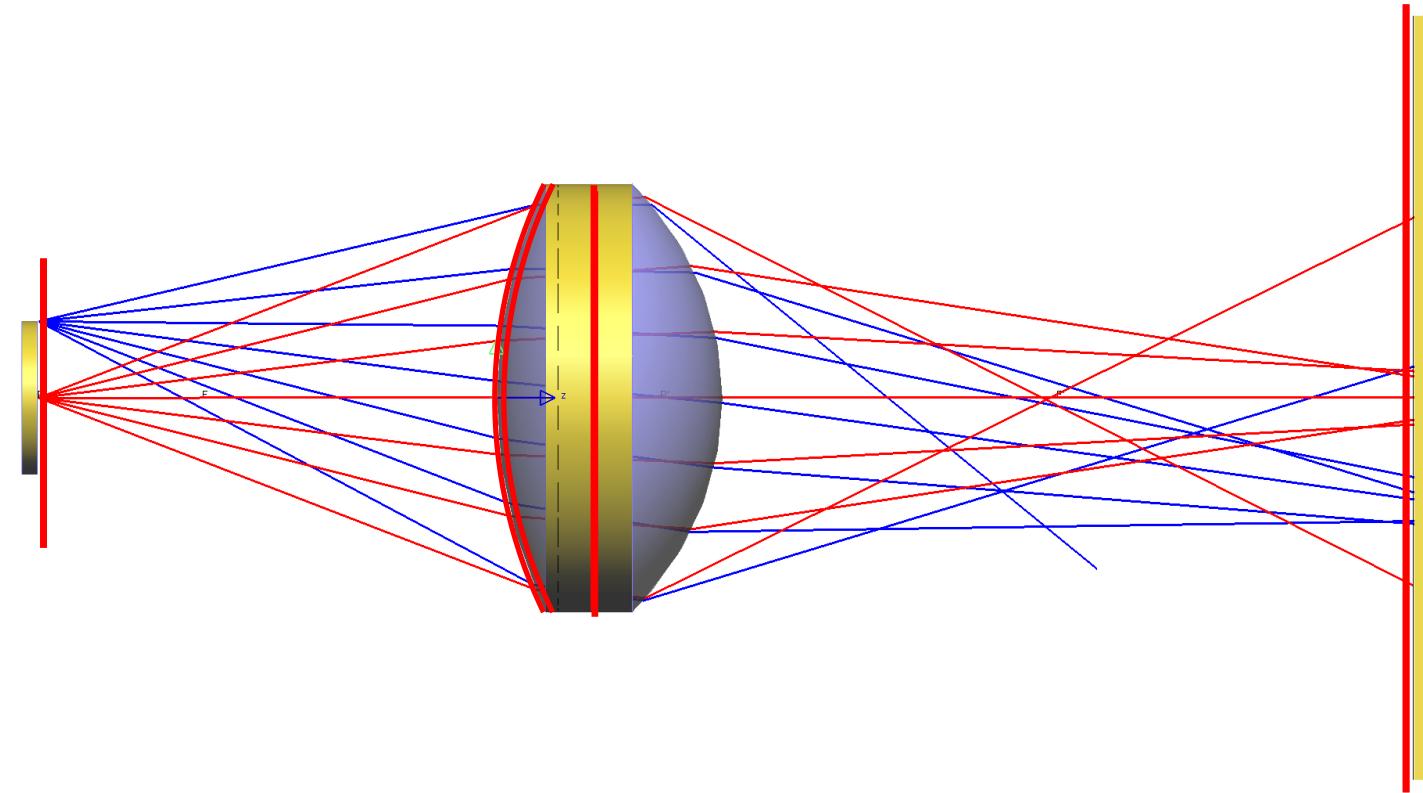
# A closer look at screens

Screen ≠ optical surface (!!)

Choose freely, choose wisely

As many as you like

Not necessarily planar



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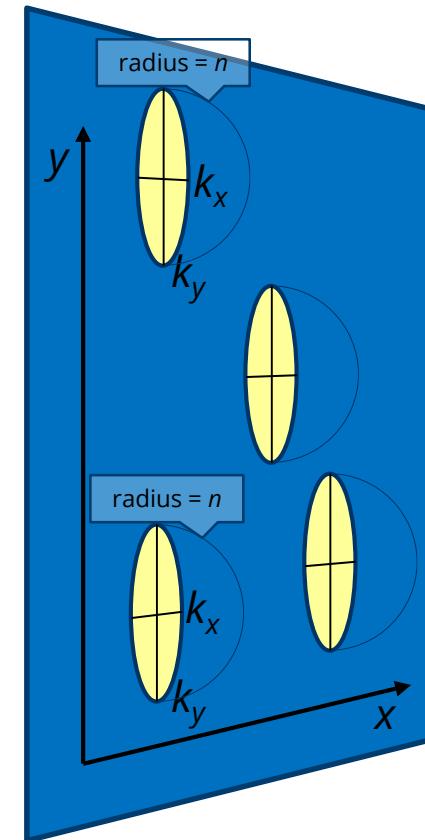
# What is phase space?

- Choose screen
- Define coordinate system for  $x, y, k_x, k_y$
- „Allowed“ values:
  - $x, y$  such that  $(x,y)$  within surface boundary
  - $k_x, k_y$  such that  $\sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2} < n$  i.e. within disk

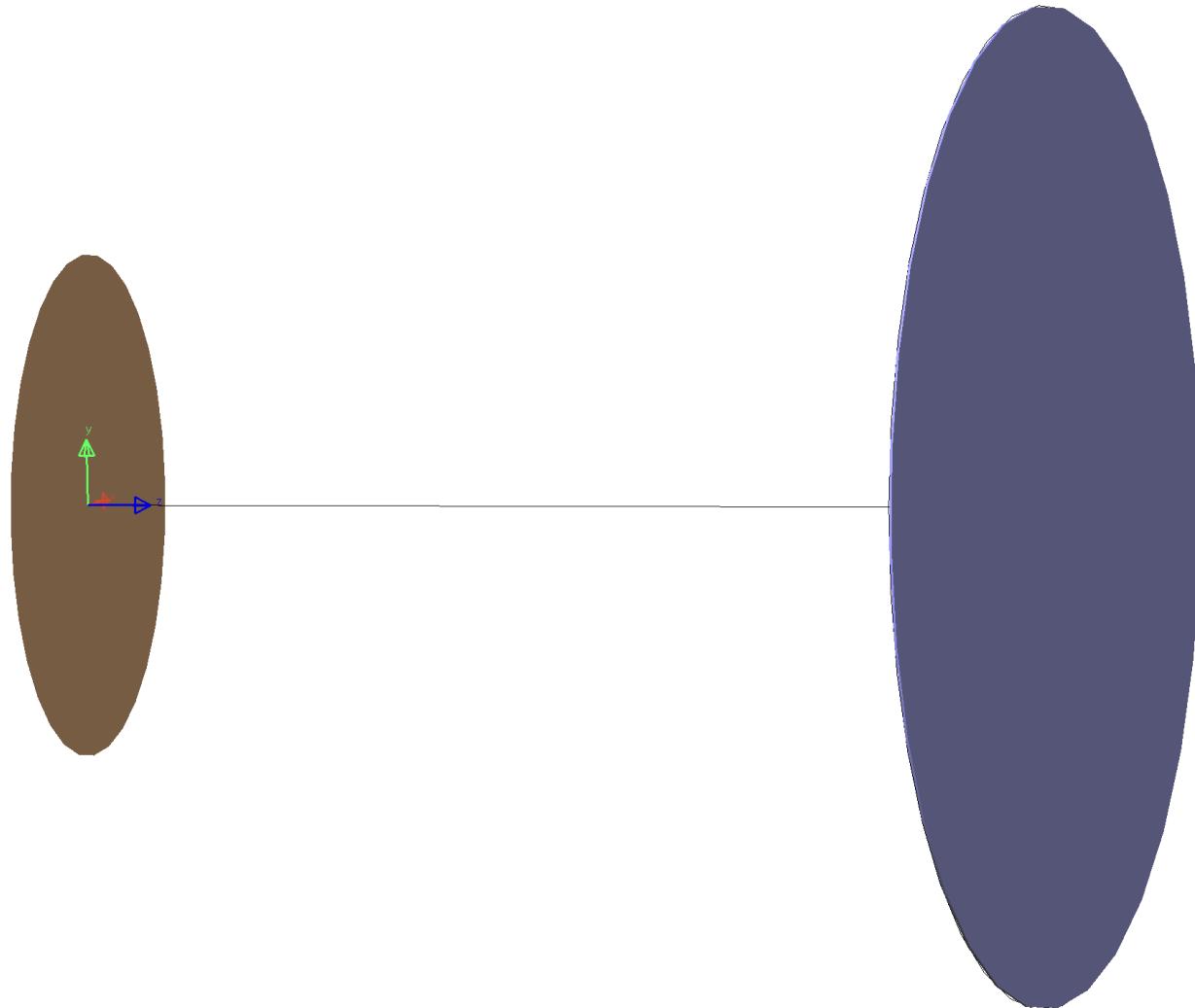
All allowed  $(x, y, k_x, k_y)$  naturally form a 4D space

Each allowed  $(x, y, k_x, k_y)$  corresponds to a 3D ray

**3D rays are points in 4D phase space**

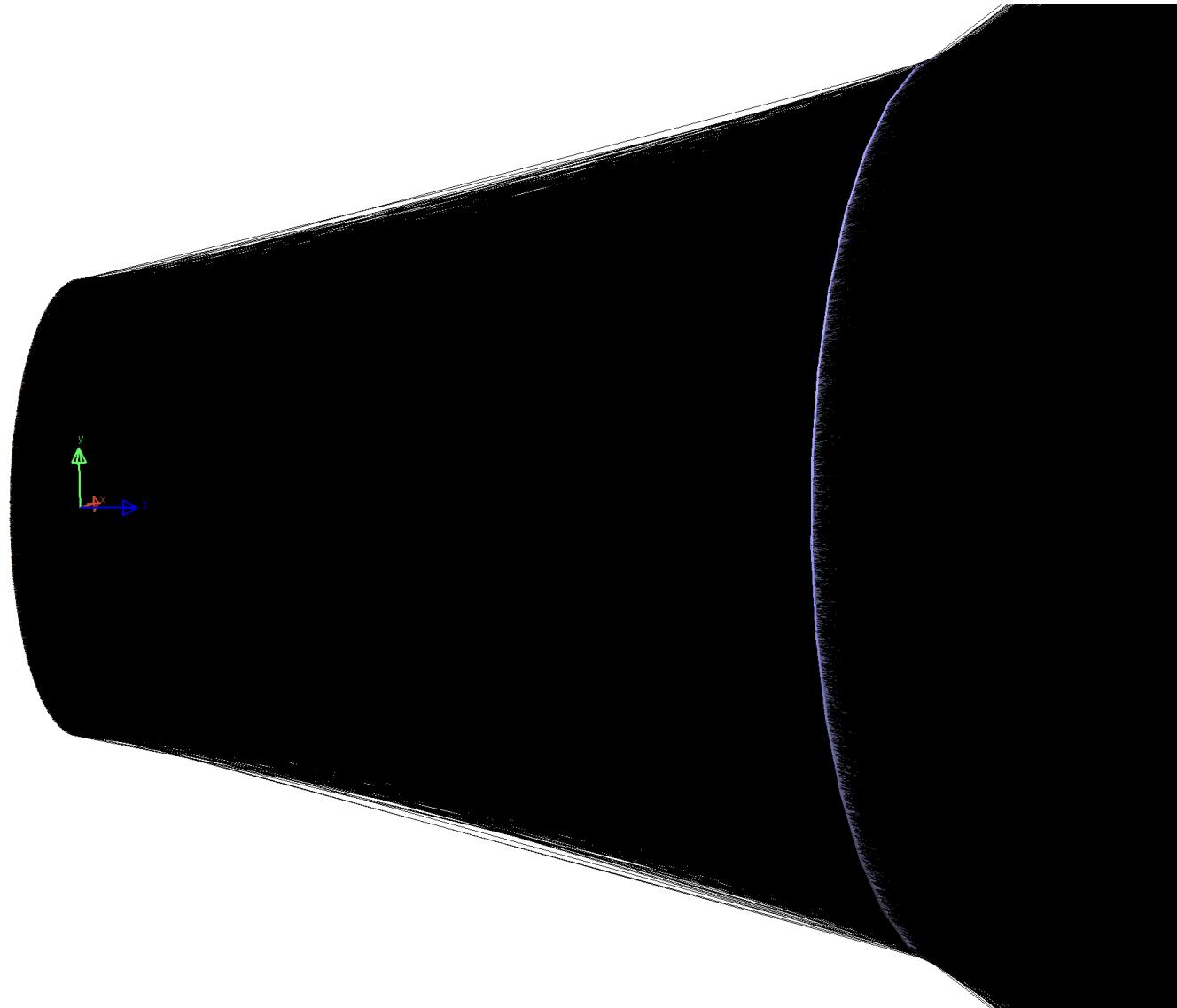


# 3D space: pretty crowded



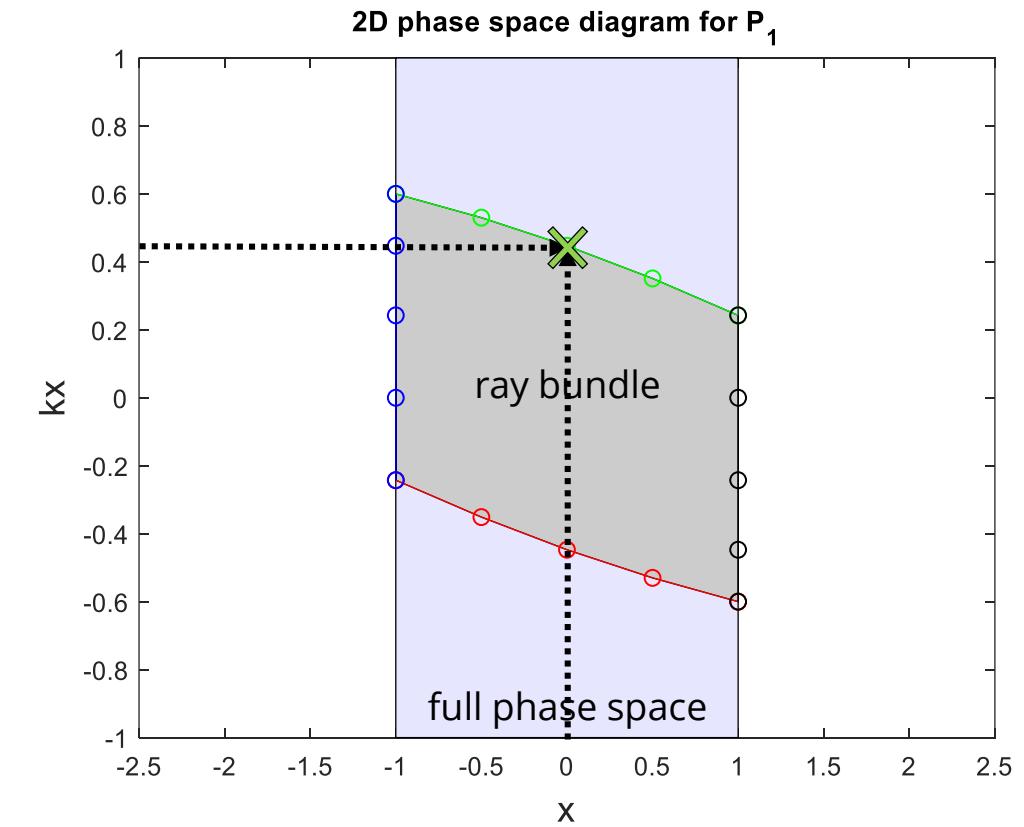
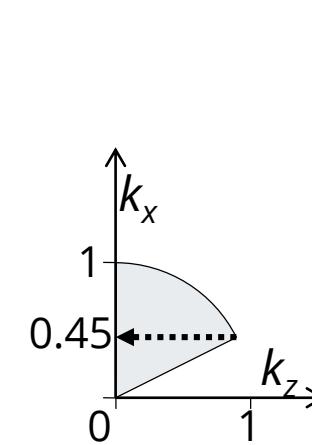
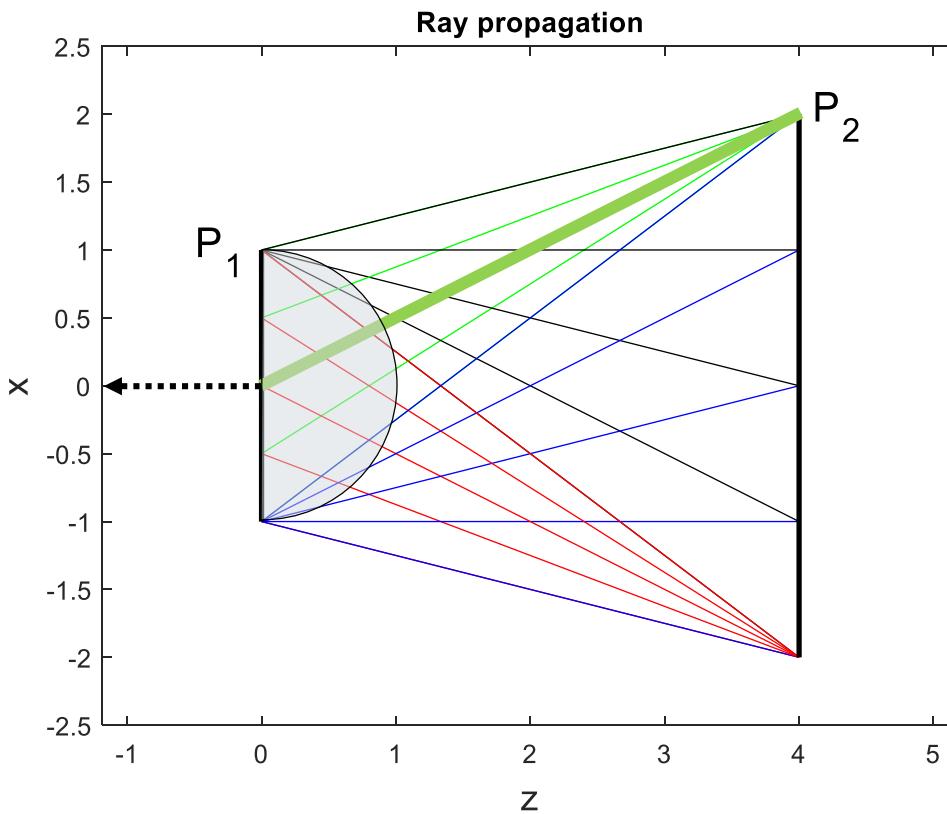
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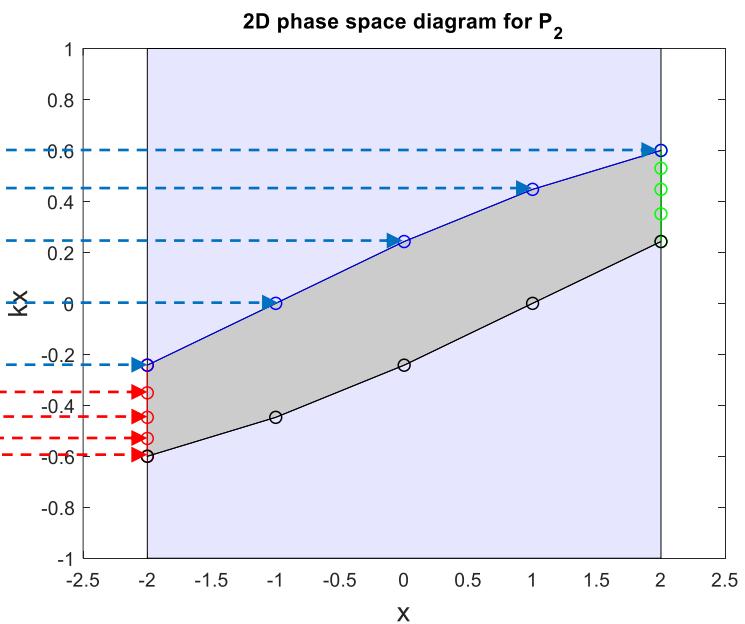
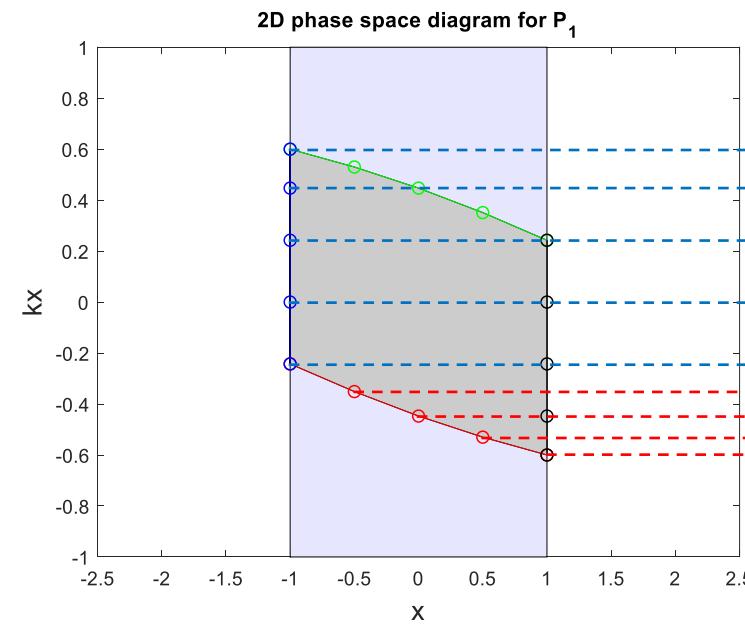
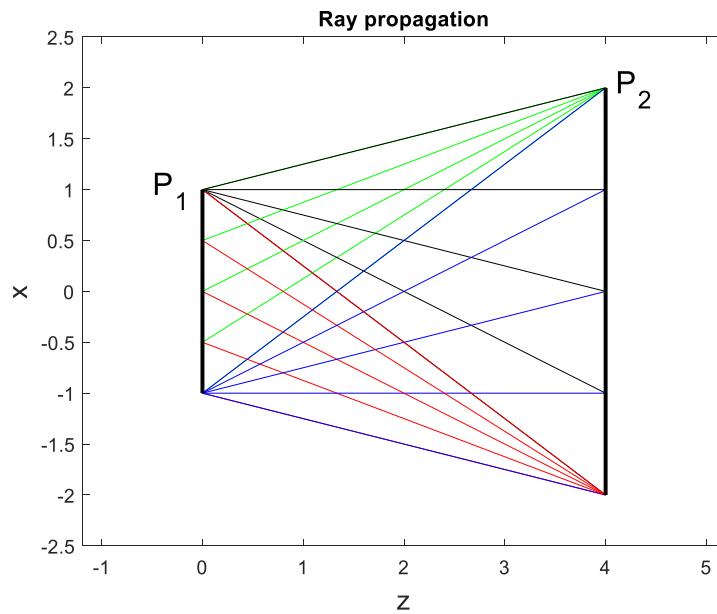
# Visualizing 4D: 2D phase space diagrams



Ray bundles: Nonzero volume regions of phase space

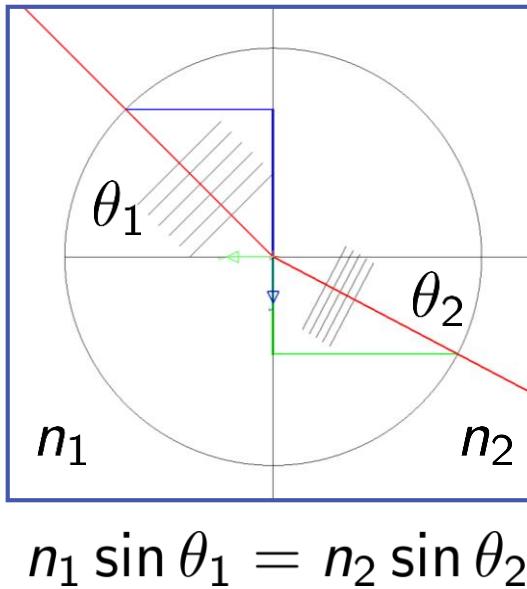
# 2D phase space diagrams: propagation

Free propagation in 3D = **shear** in 2D / 4D

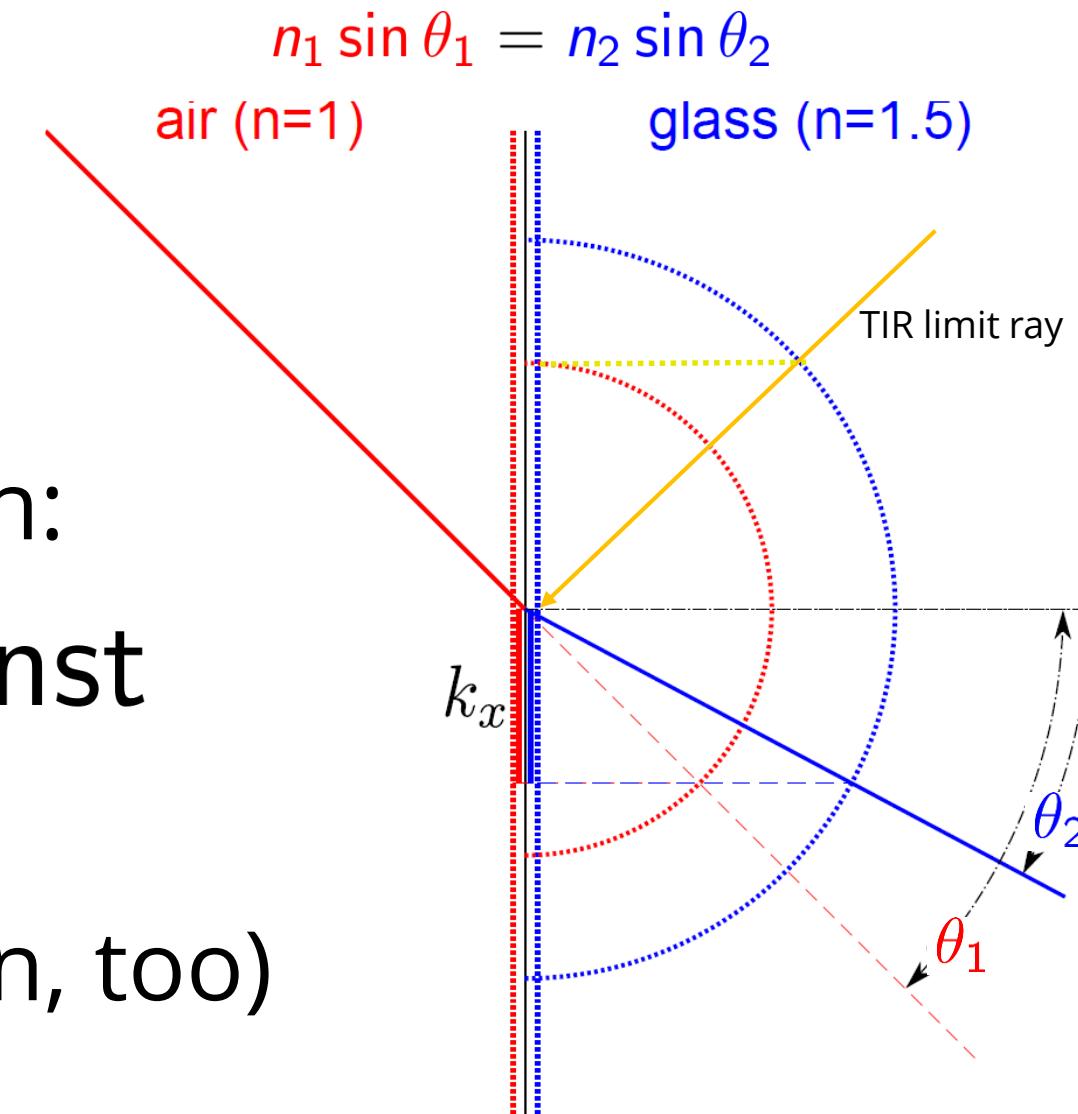


2D area: conserved under free propagation

# Refraction in phase space



Under refraction:  
 $(k_x, k_y) = \text{const}$   
(under reflection, too)

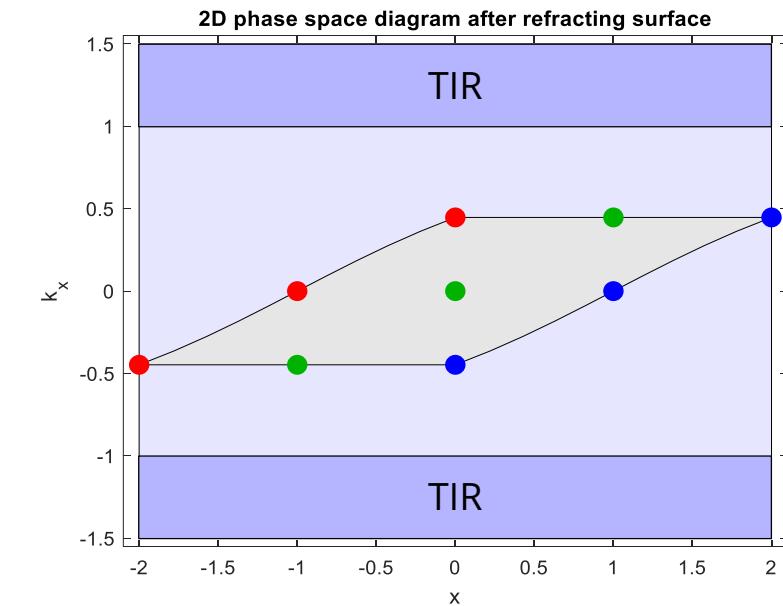
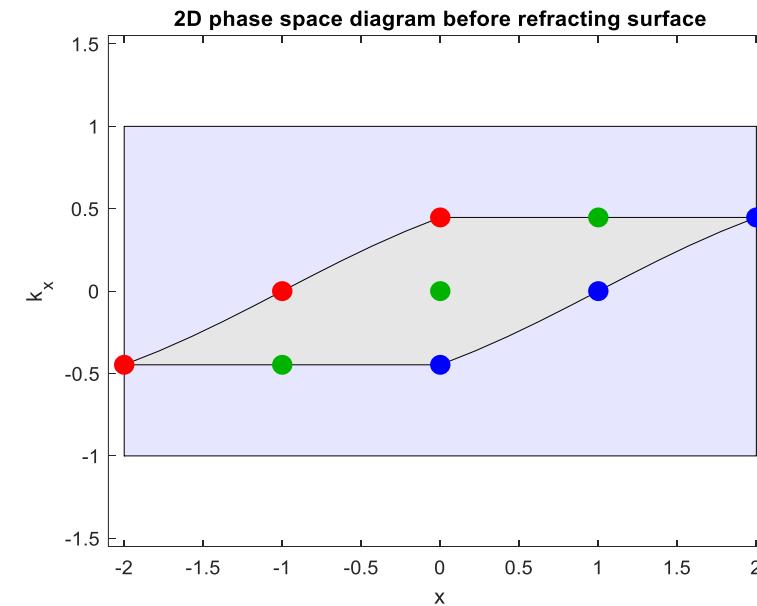
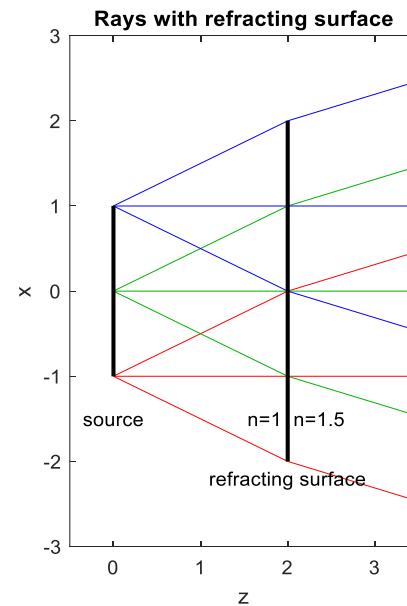


# Refraction: 2D phase space diagram

No change of ray coordinates in phase space  $\Rightarrow$  identical ray bundles

Ray directions change,  $k_x$  values change not!

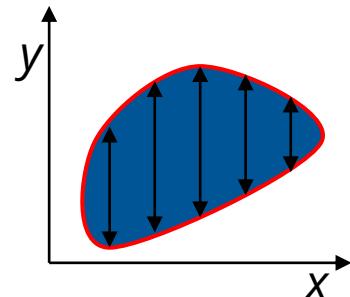
Total phase space volume changes, ray bundle volume changes not!



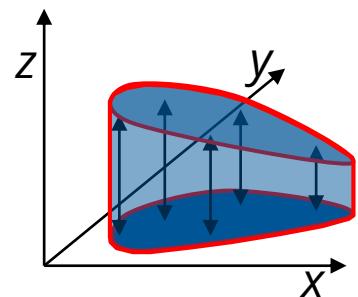
# Volumes in 1D, 2D, 3D, ...



$$V_{1\text{D}} = \text{path length} = \int dl$$

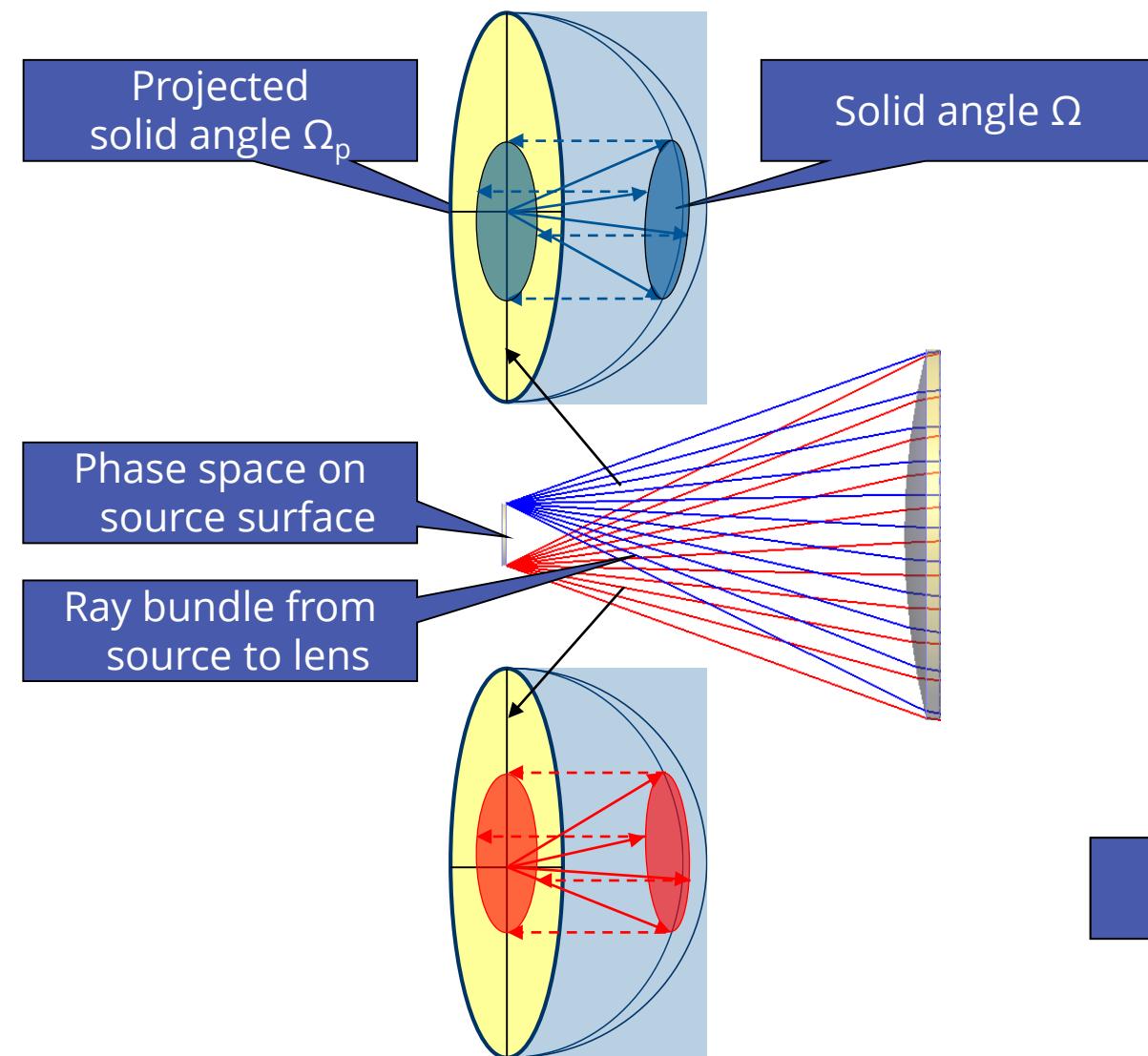


$$V_{2\text{D}} = \text{area} = \iint dA = \iint dx dy = \int h(x)dx$$

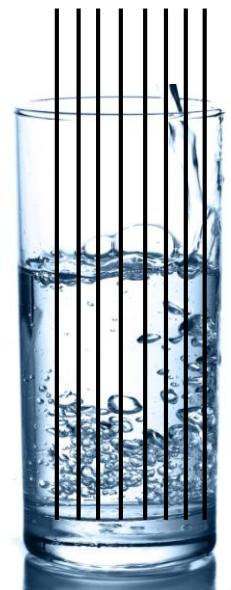
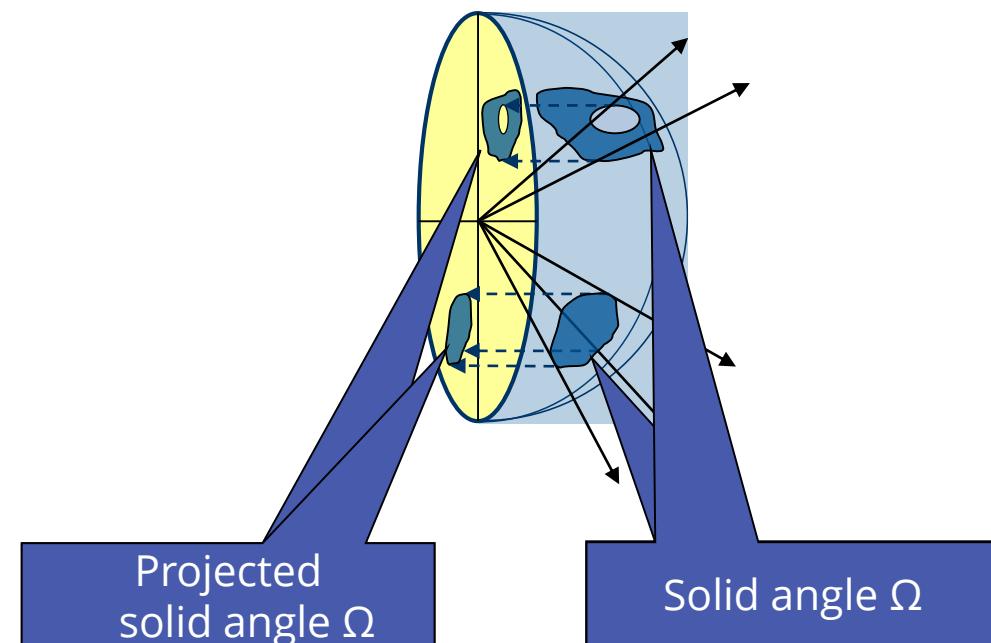


$$V_{3\text{D}} = \text{volume} = \iiint dV = \iint h(x, y)dA$$

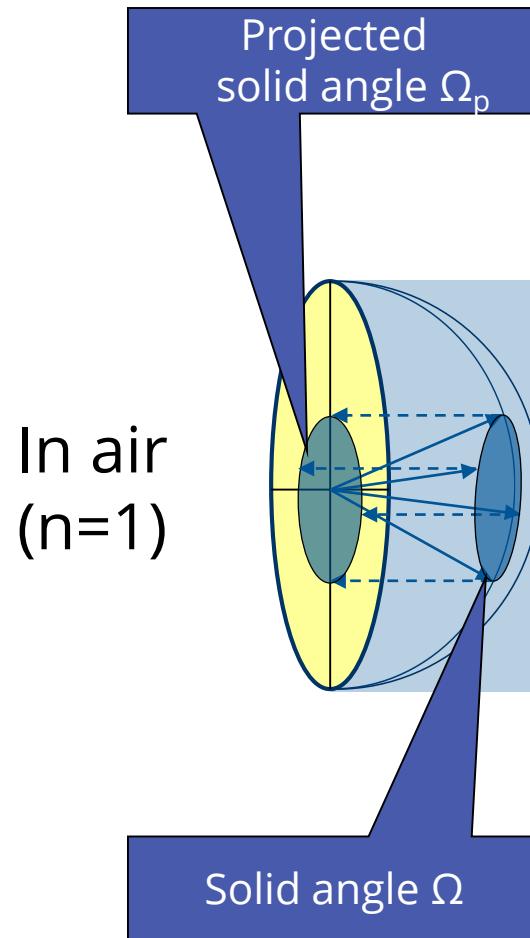
# From 2D to 4D: Projected solid angle $\Omega_p$



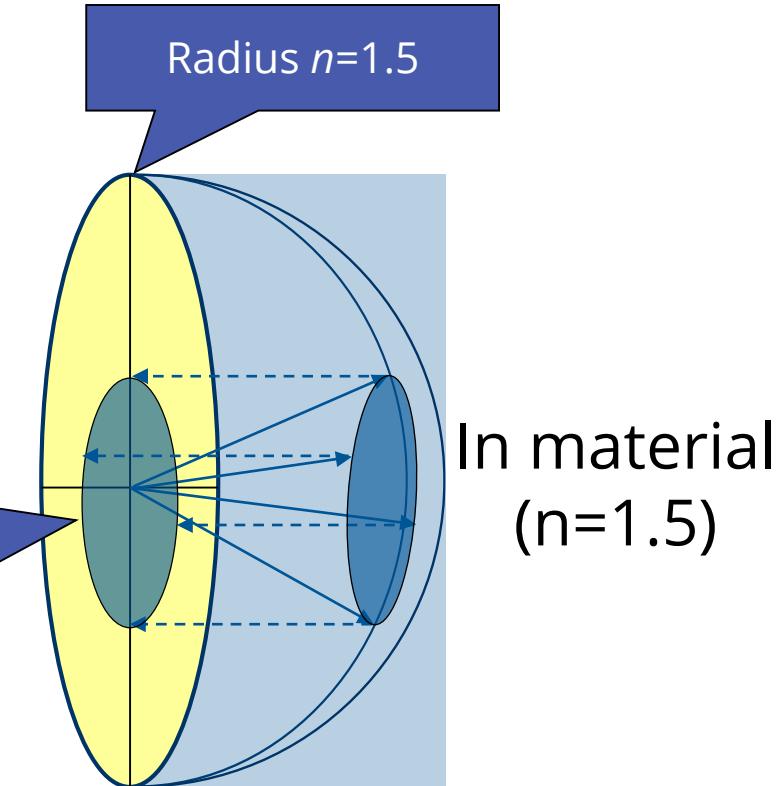
In general: anything



# From 2D to 4D: Refractive index

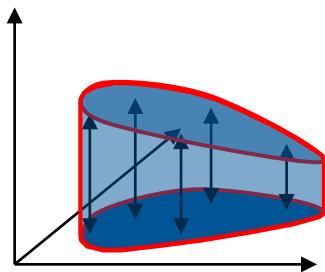


Angular size:  
 $n^2 \Omega_p$



# Volume in 4D

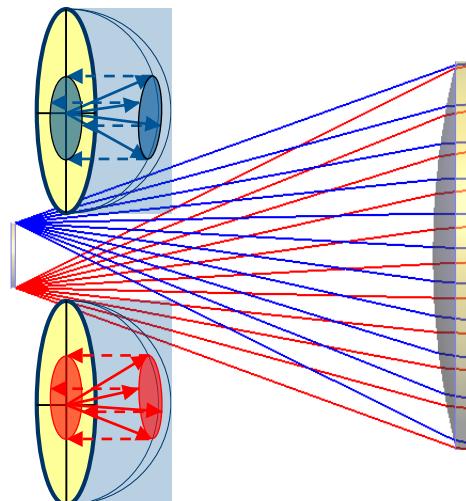
Classical volume in 3D:



Integrate **height  $h(x,y)$**  over area

$$V_{3D} = \text{volume} = \iiint dV = \iint h(x, y) dA = \iiint dx dy dz$$

Phase space volume in 4D:



Integrate **angular size  $n^2 \Omega_p(x,y)$**  over area

$$V_{4D} = \iiint dU = \iint n(x, y)^2 \Omega_p(x, y) dA = \iiint dx dy dk_x dk_y$$

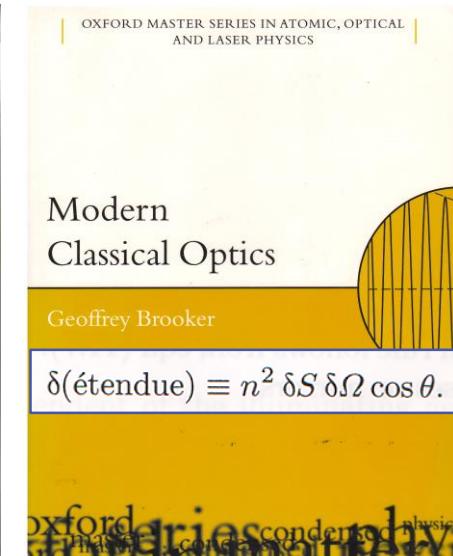
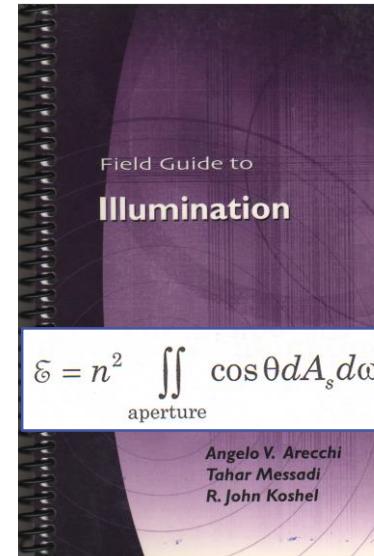
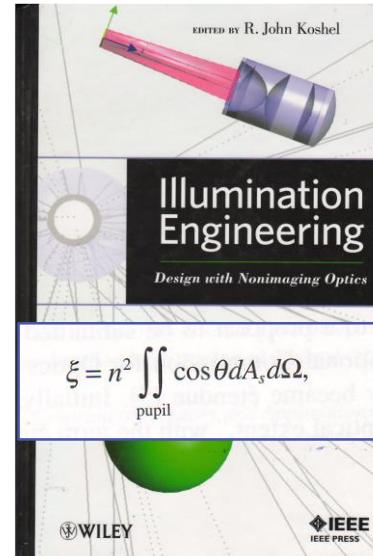
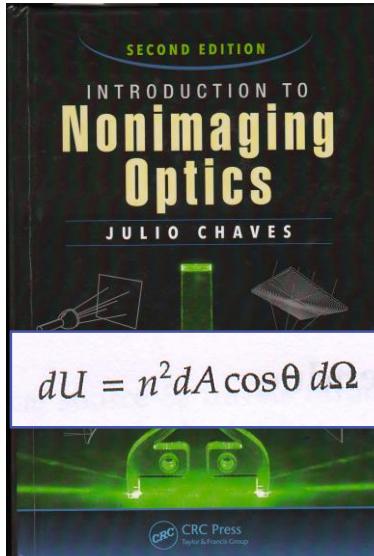
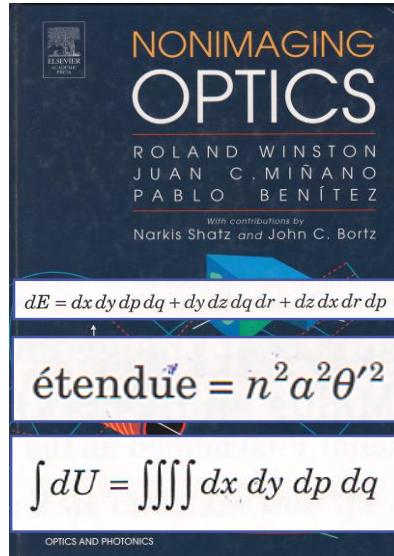
# Étendue

The name of this 4D volume: Étendue

Physical units:  $\text{m}^2 \text{ sr}$  or  $\text{mm}^2 \text{ sr}$

The symbol?

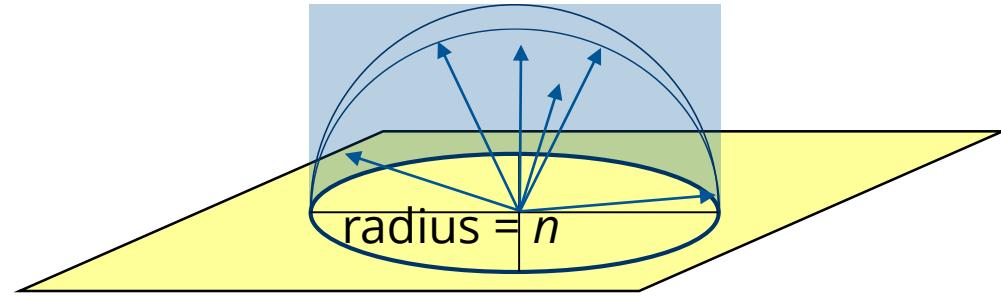
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# Étendue in simple cases: constant angular range

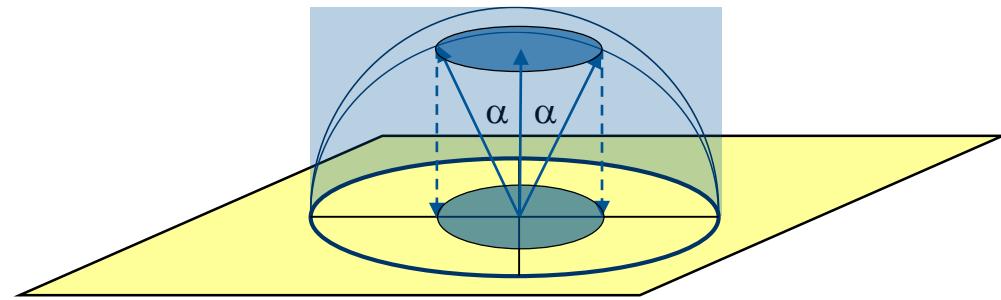
The full phase space volume  
(from screen into full hemisphere)

$$U = \pi n^2 A$$



Far field collimator: From screen  
into cone with half opening angle  $\alpha$

$$U = \pi(n \sin \alpha)^2 A$$



NB: „into cone with  $\pm \alpha$ “ applies to **each screen point individually**

# Example: A zoomable flashlight

Question: What LED size is ok?

Answer: 1. Compute beam étendue  
(large area, small angle)

2. Assume equal LED étendue
3. Assume  $\pm 90^\circ$  LED emission
4. Compute LED area



# Example: A zoomable flashlight: flood mode

## Étendue of beam

```
d_Beam = 20; % mm
alpha_Beam = 30 * pi/180 % radians
```

```
alpha_Beam = 0.5236
```

```
A_Beam = (d_Beam/2)^2 * pi % mm^2
```

```
A_Beam = 314.1593
```

```
n_Beam = 1; % refractive index
```

```
angularRange_Beam = (n_Beam * sin(alpha_Beam))^2 * pi;
```

```
U_Beam = A_Beam * angularRange_Beam % mm^2 sr
```

```
U_Beam = 246.7401
```

## Area of LED

Assume LED and beam have equal étendue

Assume LED has chip in air

```
n_LED = 1; % refractive index
```

```
angularRange_LED = n_LED^2*pi; % sr
```

```
U_LED = U_Beam;
```

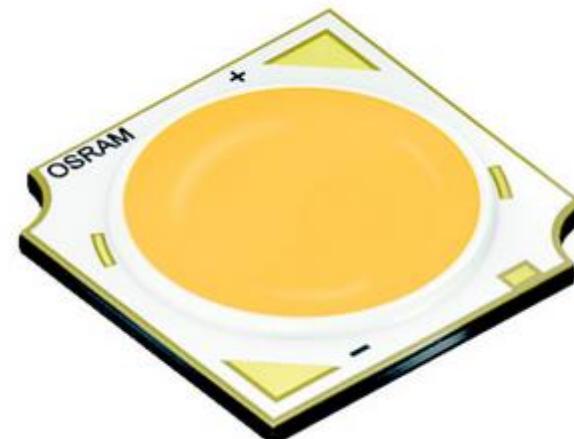
```
A_LED = U_LED / angularRange_LED % mm^2
```

```
A_LED = 78.5398
```

```
d_LED = 2 * sqrt(A_LED/pi) % mm diameter of circular LED
```

```
d_LED = 10
```

Max. LED size:  
10 mm circle



Flashlight:  
Aperture: 20 mm circle  
Beam angle:  $\pm 30^\circ$



# Example: A zoomable flashlight: spot mode

## Étendue of beam

```
d_Beam = 20; % mm
alpha_Beam = 5 * pi/180 % radians
```

```
alpha_Beam = 0.0873
```

```
A_Beam = (d_Beam/2)^2 * pi % mm^2
```

```
A_Beam = 314.1593
```

```
n_Beam = 1; % refractive index
angularRange_Beam = (n_Beam * sin(alpha_Beam))^2 * pi;
U_Beam = A_Beam * angularRange_Beam % mm^2 sr
```

```
U_Beam = 7.4971
```

Max. LED size:  
1.55 mm square

## Area of LED

Assume LED and beam have equal étendue

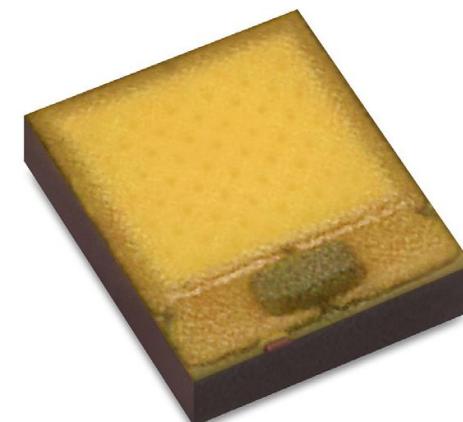
Assume LED has chip in air

```
n_LED = 1; % refractive index
angularRange_LED = n_LED^2*pi; % sr
U_LED = U_Beam;
A_LED = U_LED / angularRange_LED % mm^2
```

```
A_LED = 2.3864
```

```
d_LED = sqrt(A_LED) % mm edge length bf square LED
```

```
d_LED = 1.5448
```



Flashlight:  
Aperture: 20 mm circle  
Beam angle:  $\pm 5^\circ$



# Example: A zoomable flashlight: LED with dome

## Étendue of beam

```
d_Beam = 20; % mm
alpha_Beam = 5 * pi/180 % radians
```

```
alpha_Beam = 0.0873
```

```
A_Beam = (d_Beam/2)^2 * pi % mm^2
```

```
A_Beam = 314.1593
```

```
n_Beam = 1; % refractive index
angularRange_Beam = (n_Beam * sin(alpha_Beam))^2 * pi;
U_Beam = A_Beam * angularRange_Beam % mm^2 sr
```

```
U_Beam = 7.4971
```

Max. LED size:  
1.1 mm square

## Area of LED

Assume LED and beam have equal étendue

Assume LED has chip in silicone dome

```
n_LED = 1.41; % refractive index
angularRange_LED = n_LED^2*pi; % sr
U_LED = U_Beam;
A_LED = U_LED / angularRange_LED % mm^2
```

```
A_LED = 1.2003
```

```
d_LED = sqrt(A_LED) % mm edge length of square LED
```

```
d_LED = 1.0956
```



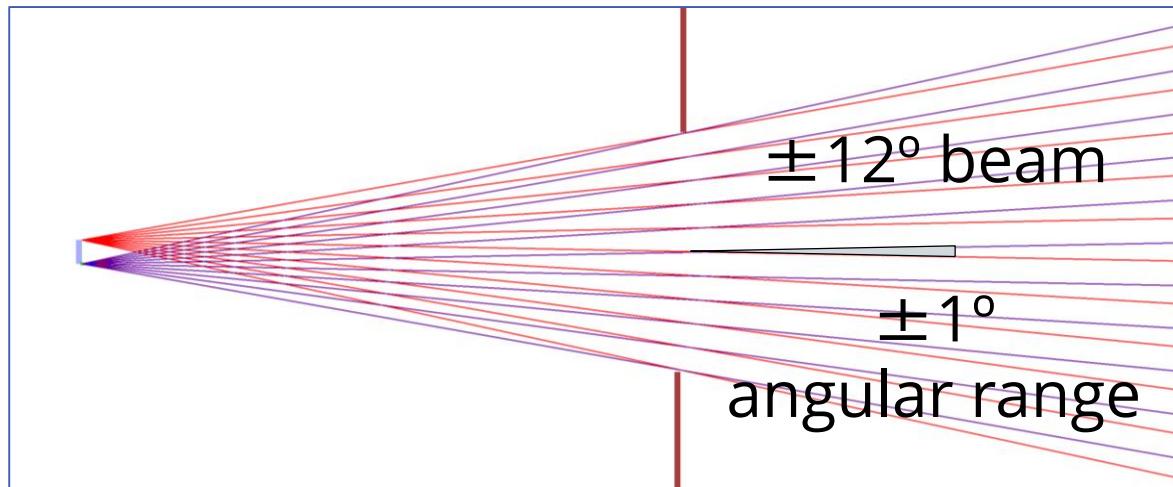
Flashlight:  
Aperture: 20 mm circle  
Beam angle:  $\pm 5^\circ$

# The actual LED choice

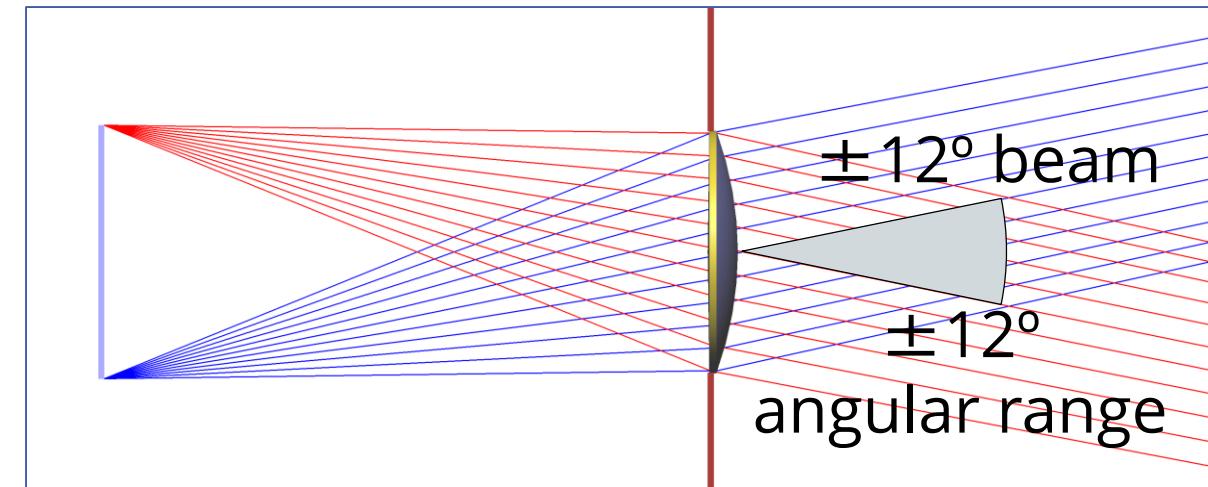


# Look at angular range at each point – not overall

Small étendue

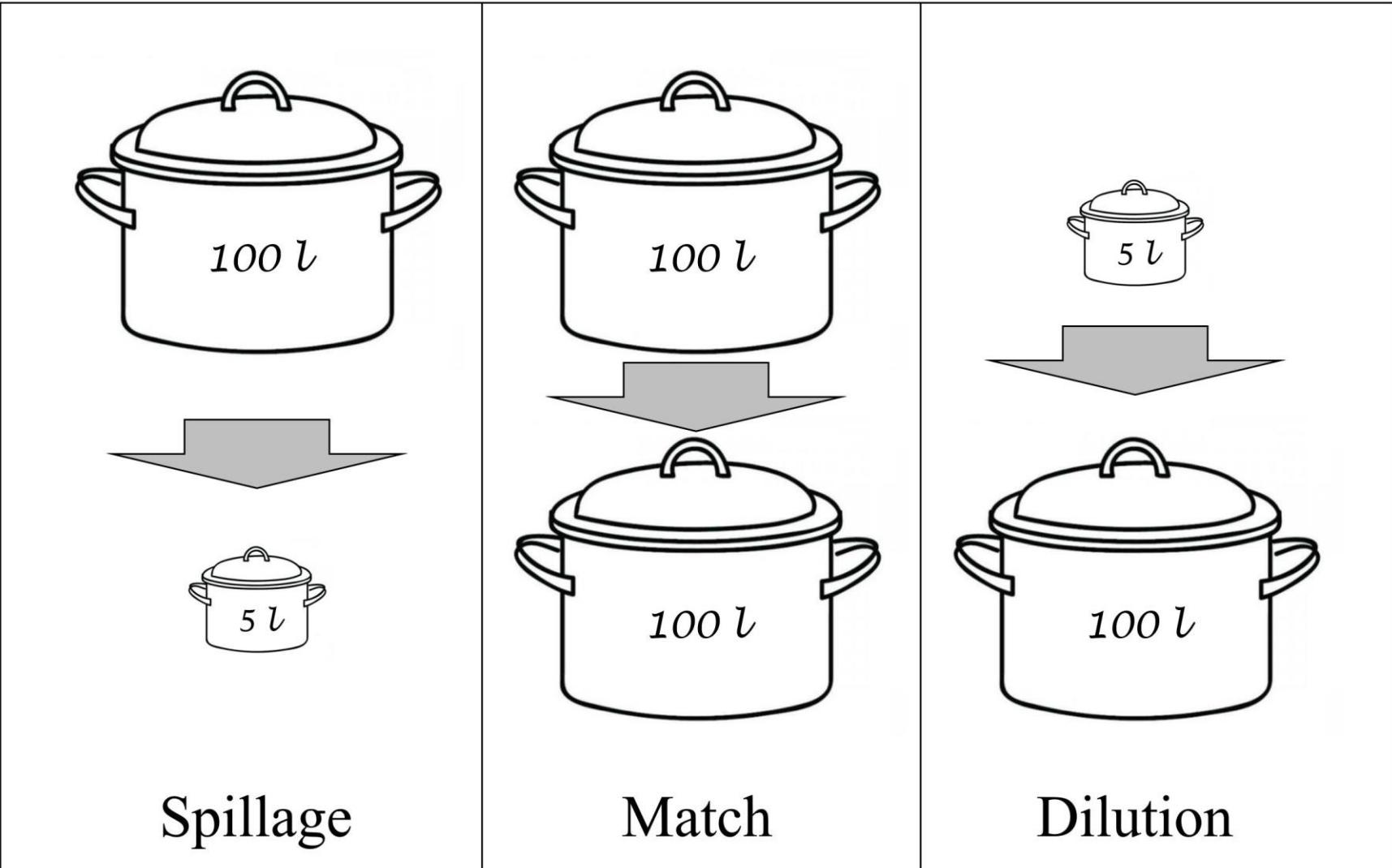


Large étendue



# Spillage, match and dilution

Source



Target

Spillage

Match

Dilution

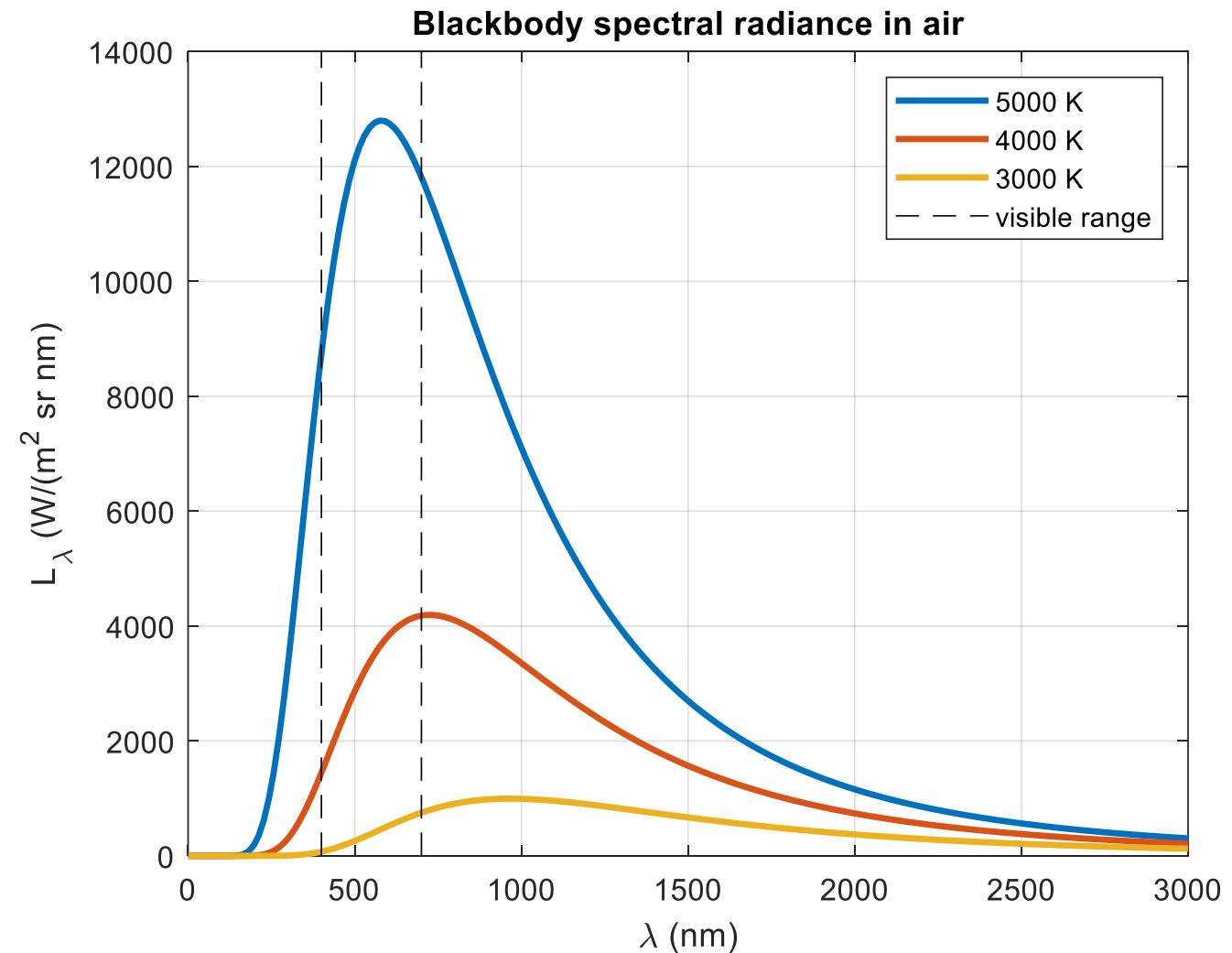
# Planck's blackbody spectrum

Planck: Spectral radiance

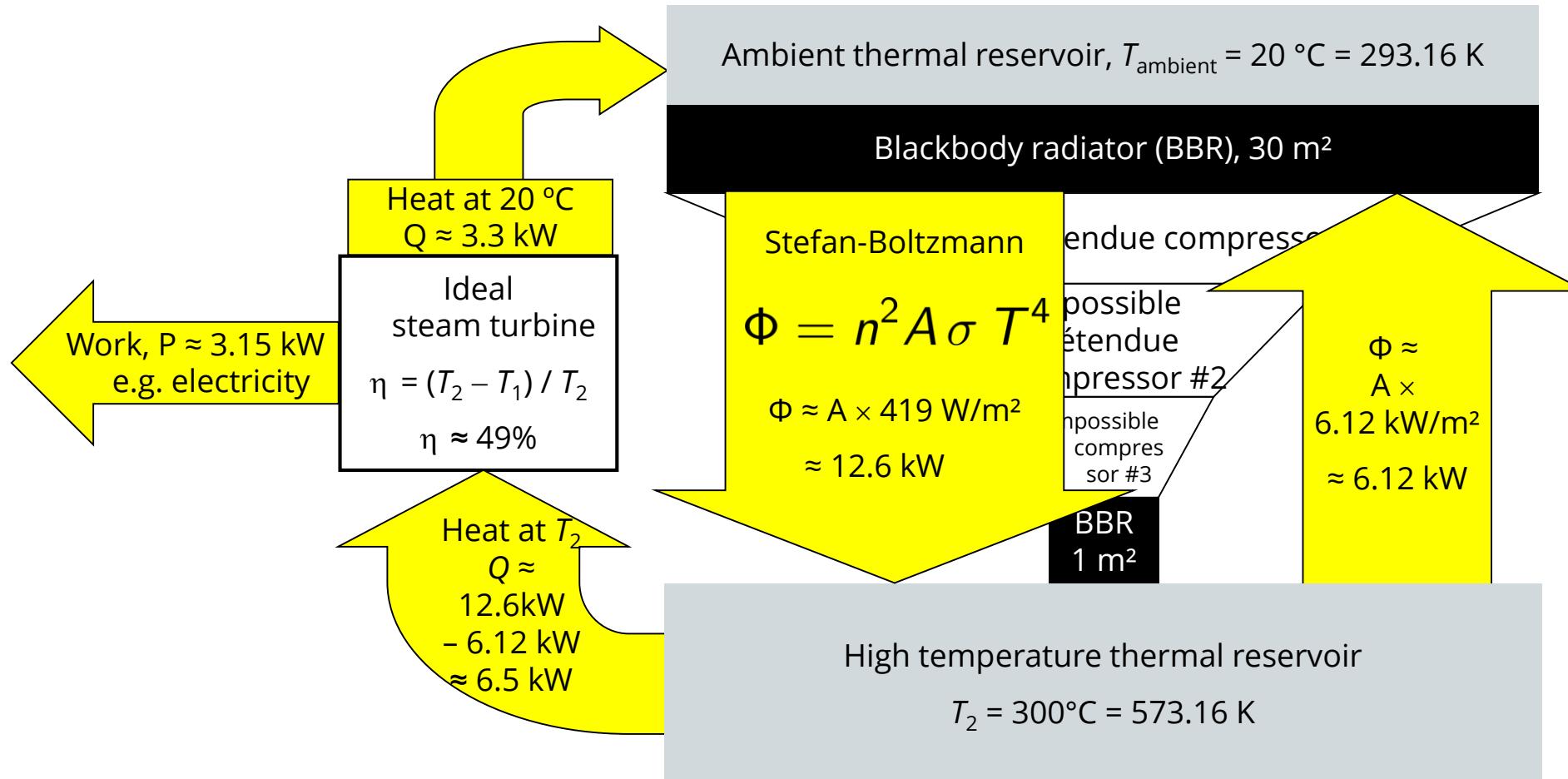
$$L_\lambda(\lambda, T)$$

Units: W / (m<sup>2</sup> sr nm)

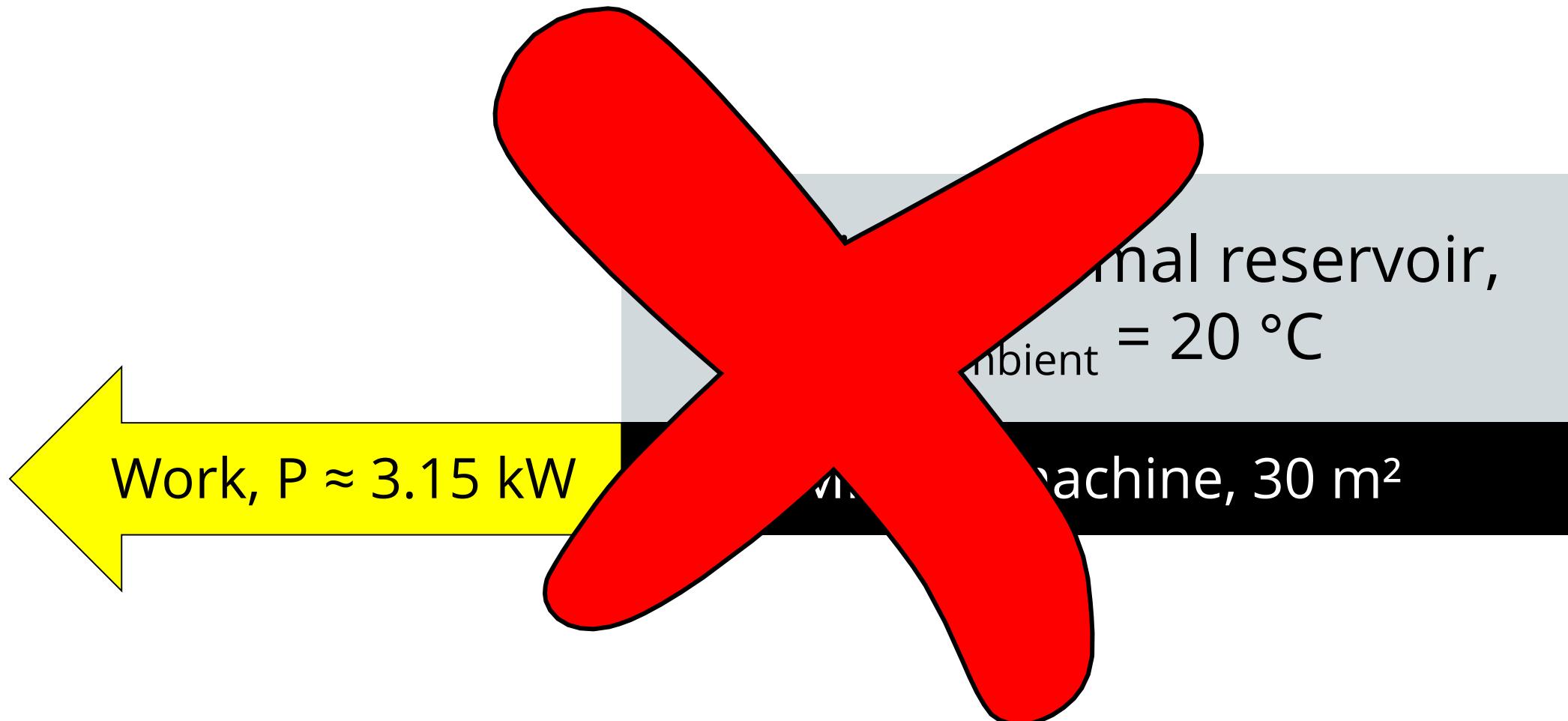
Flux per wavelength per étendue



# Étendue conservation and the Second Law



# Etendue conservation and the Second Law



This cannot happen!

For more details, see e.g.

[www.nature.com/articles/s41598-017-01622-6](http://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-017-01622-6)

[www.entropyofradiation.com](http://www.entropyofradiation.com)

# The Second Law of Thermodynamics

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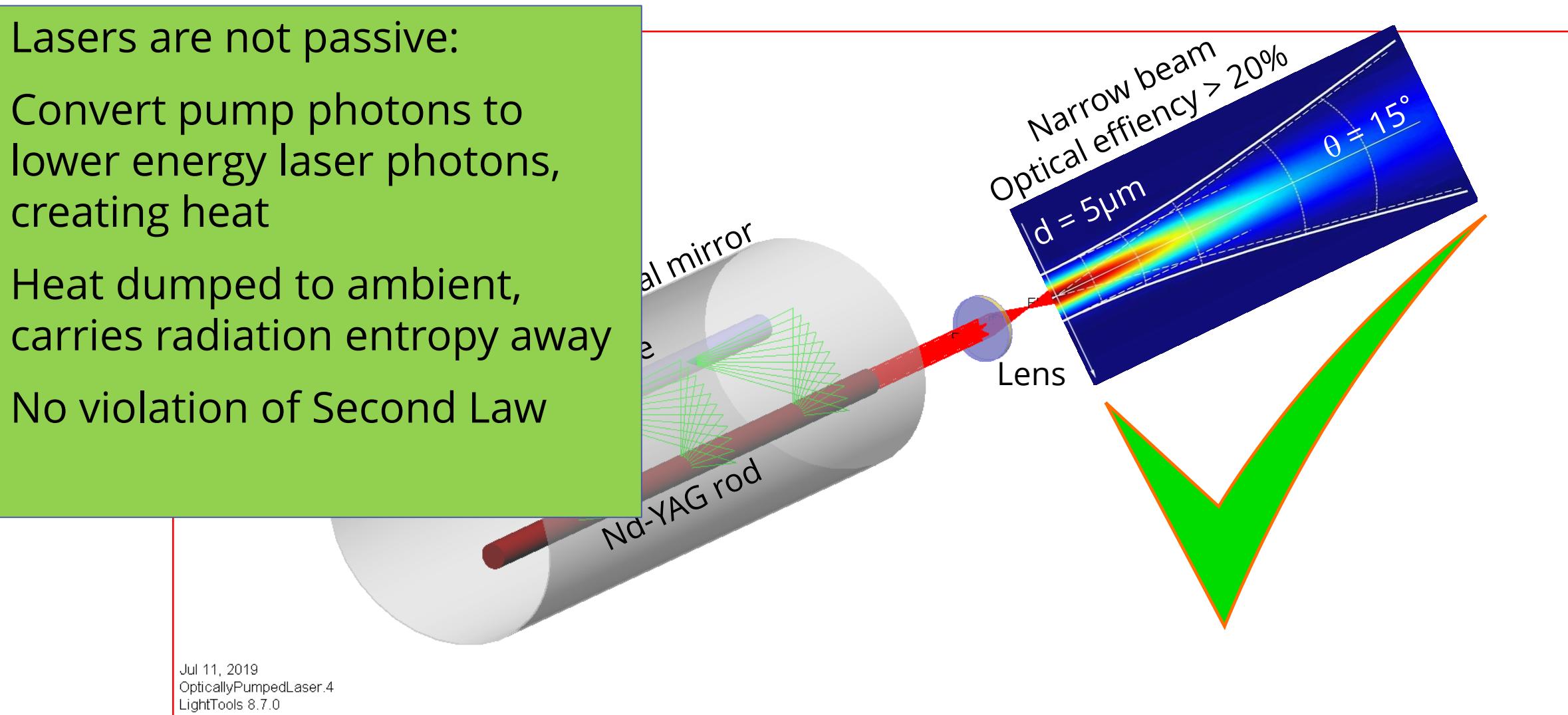
„Spectral radiance cannot increase in passive systems“

Definition of passive system:  
Anything that does not (re-)emit photons

# Solving riddle #1

Lasers are not passive:  
Convert pump photons to  
lower energy laser photons,  
creating heat

Heat dumped to ambient,  
carries radiation entropy away  
No violation of Second Law



Jul 11, 2019  
OpticallyPumpedLaser.4  
LightTools 8.7.0

# Solving riddle #2

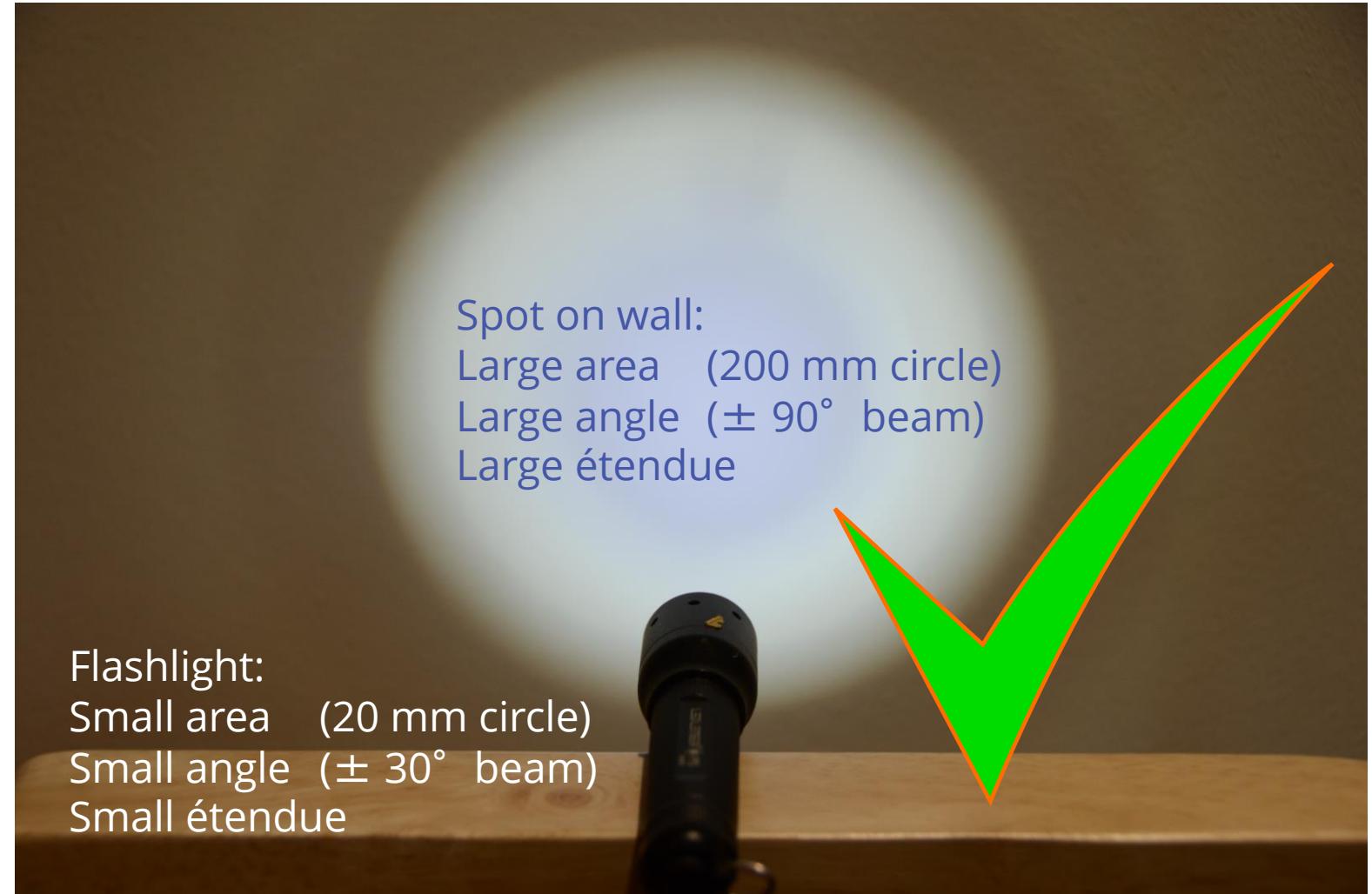
Just a flashlight and a wall

Radiation diluted at wall  
by scattering into  
previously (nearly) empty  
phase space

Spectral radiance  
decreases

Entropy is generated

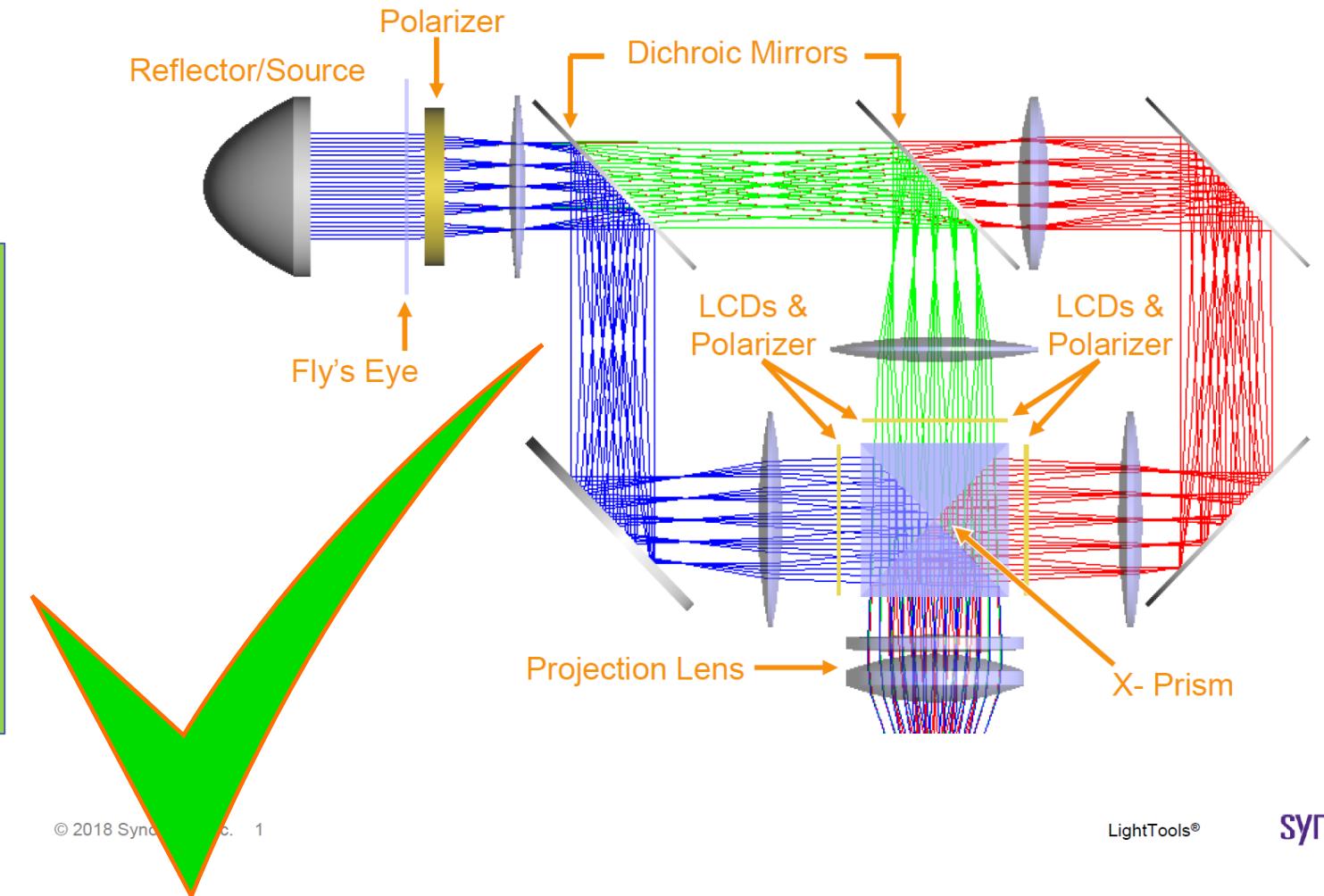
No violation of Second Law



# Solving riddle # 3

At X-Prism:  
Three sides input (R,G,B)  
One side output (white)

Light with **different**  
wavelength combined into  
same phase space  
No increase of  
**spectral** radiance  
No violation of Second Law



# Étendue conservation spelled out

Consider a ray bundle passing through an optical system with

- refraction/reflection at smooth surfaces and free propagation only
- no scattering, no splitting of rays (consider one of the two splitted rays lost)
- no active components
- partial absorption allowed.

Place screens anywhere into the ray path, with exactly one intersection per ray

Determine étendues of ray bundle at each screen.

**Étendue conservation: All these étendues are the same**

When in doubt, ask yourself: Could I increase spectral radiance?

# Using étendue

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- Étendue conservation applicable to many optical systems
- Now you know when, and when not
- If applicable, then étendue conservation is supremely useful
- Compute hard, fundamental laws of nature based limits on aperture sizes, beam angles, source sizes, efficiencies... in just a few lines of Matlab, Excel, or in your head
- If you'd like to learn more (like about luminance, illuminance, intensity, design patterns, color):
  - Read the books, read my papers,
  - attend one of my courses (dates, locations and more on my LinkedIn profile)
  - just ask me

# Thank you for your attention

