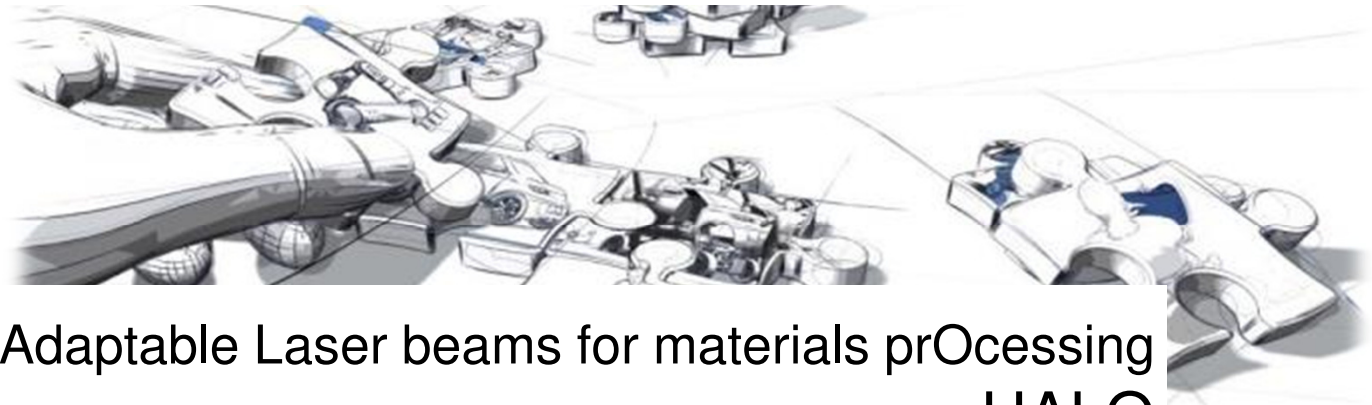


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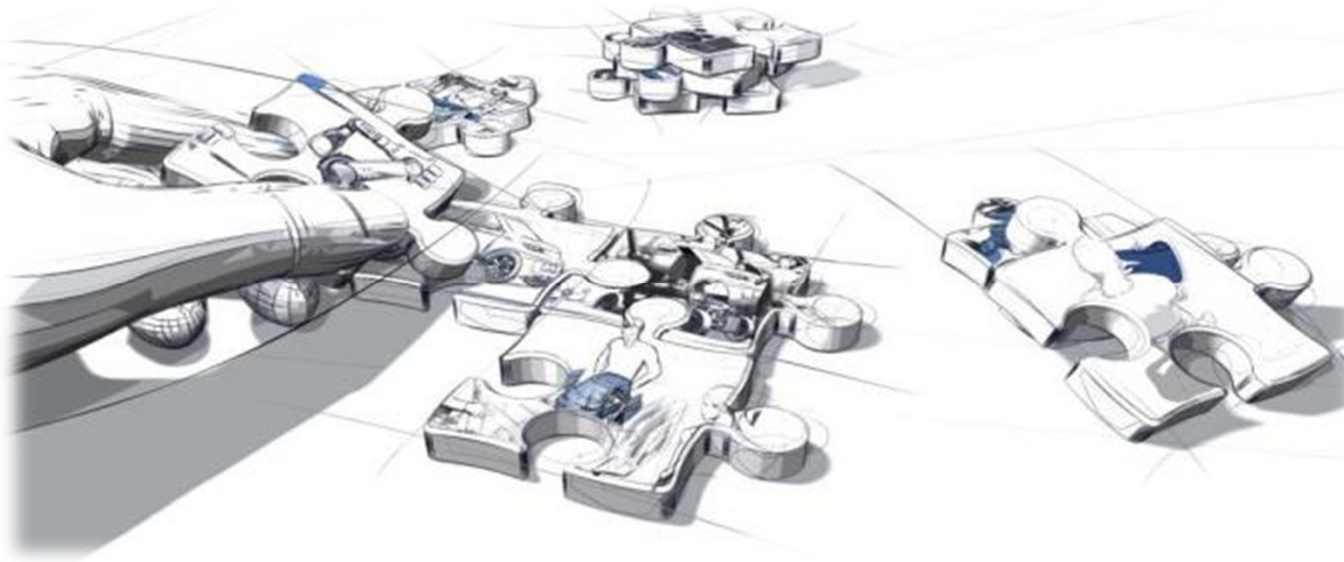
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# High power Adaptable Laser beams for materials prOcessing HALO

Beam Propagation and Cutting Processes

## Driving Innovation by Laser-based Manufacturing to the Regions of Europe

### ■ Project Dates

- 2012, september until 2016, april

### ■ 9 partners

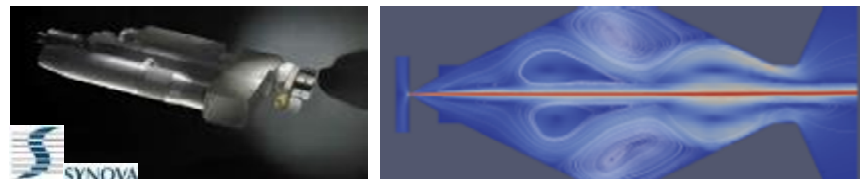
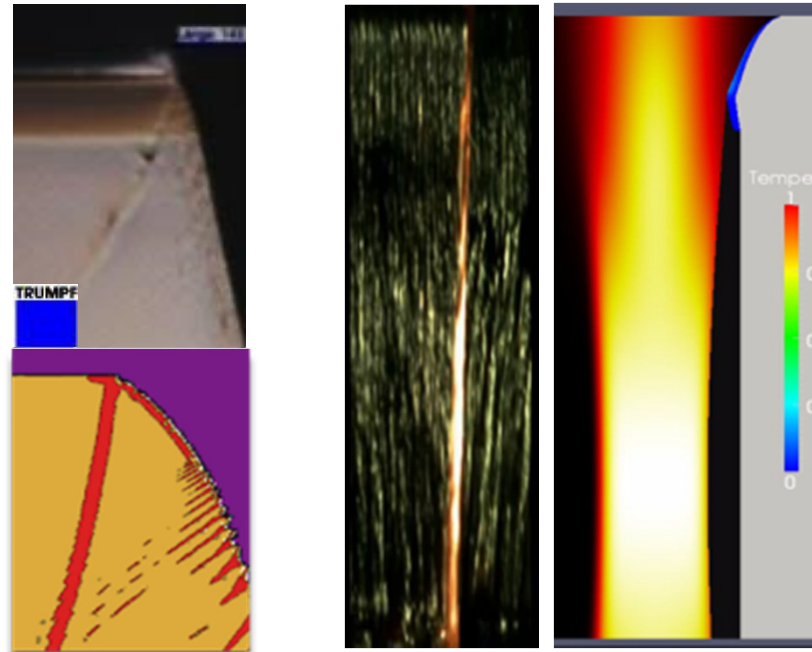
- 1 SME, 4 Industry
- 4 RTD and Science

### ■ Budget

- $5,7 \times 10^6 \text{ €}$

### ■ Demonstrators:

- beyond “ablation stop” diffractive optics – glass cutting
- beyond “shadow instability” beam modification – sheet metal cutting
- beyond “nozzle damage” beam shaping by water jet – precision cutting



## Driving Innovation by Laser-based Manufacturing to the Regions of Europe

### The European Perspective

- **Innovations transferred to real world applications**

beam shaping optics **breaking the relevant technical limits**  
of leading laser machine markets – now and in future:

- sheet metal cutting
- glass cutting
- water-jet cutting

- **Virtual Production added to Production**

Meta-Modeling enables to **cope with multi-dimensional data** :

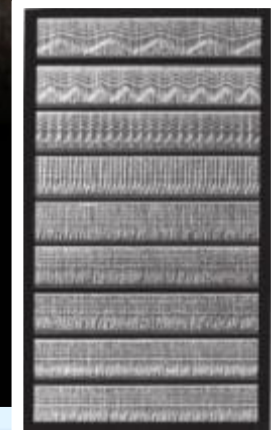
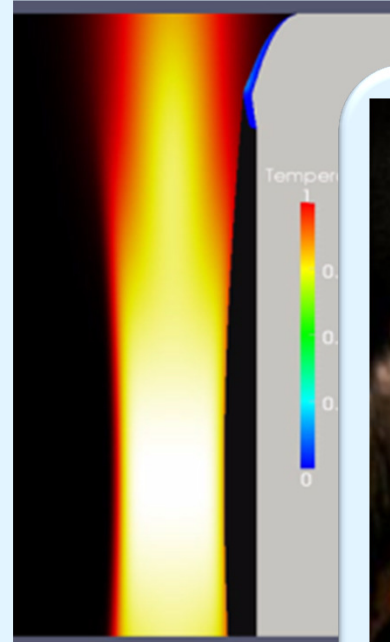
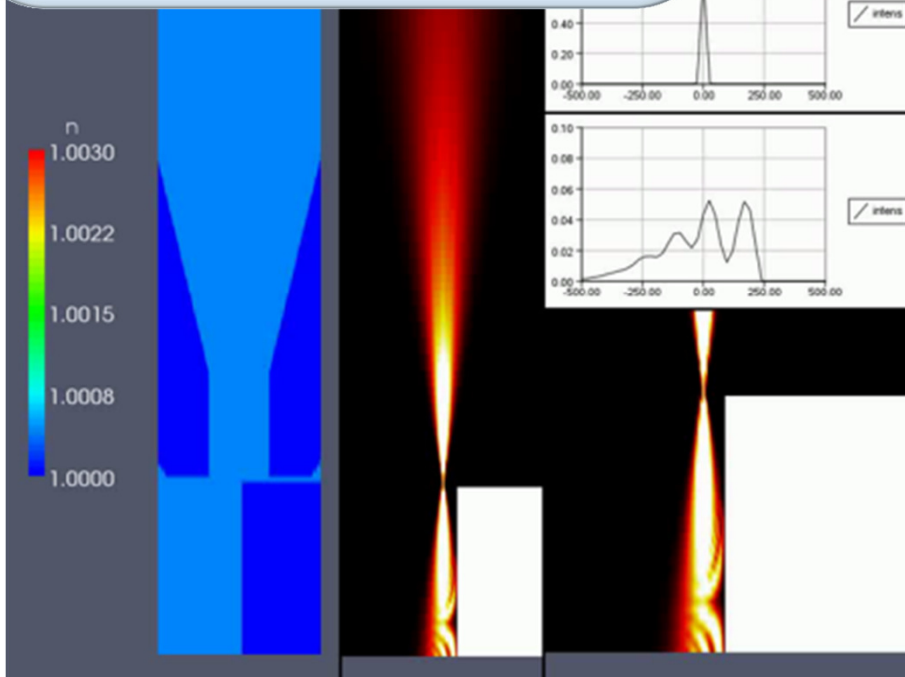
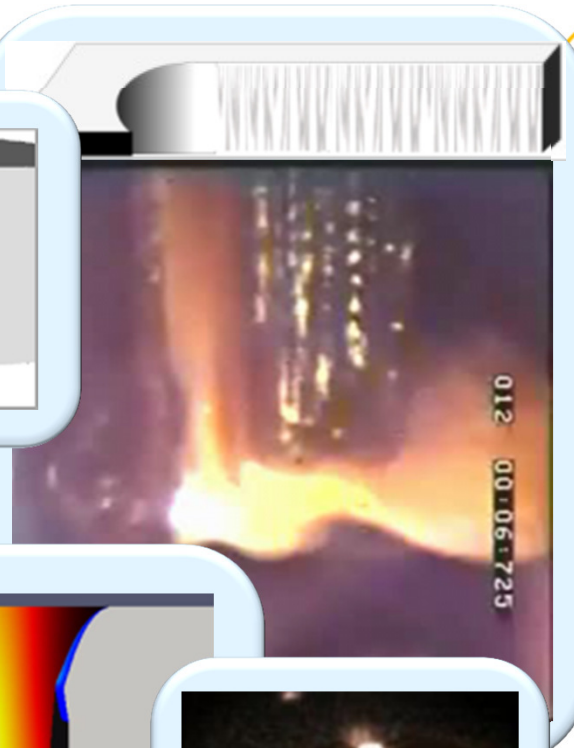
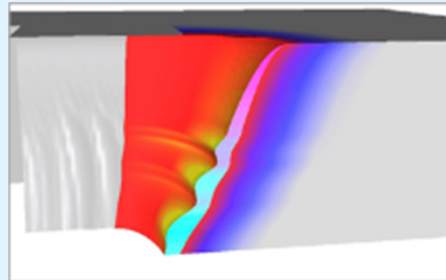
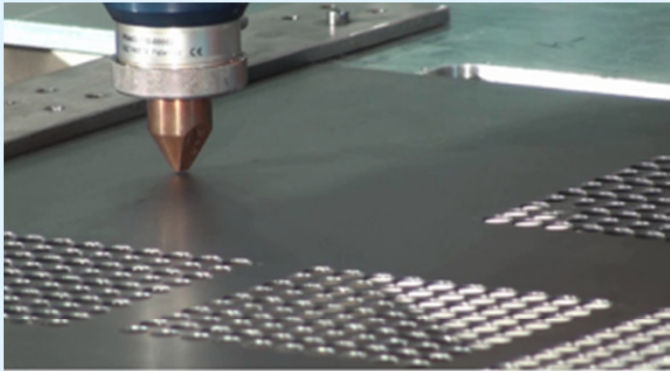
- **FAST** **FA**st & frugal **S**imulation **T**ools by web-application
- **GOT** **G**lobal **O**ptimization **T**ools using Morse-Smale Complex/Hyperslices
- **IT** **IT** solutions for development

- **Advances for European Manufacturing**

beam **shaping and modulation** is seen to be the key for

- **innovations** in laser manufacturing for the **next century**

# Sheet metal cutting





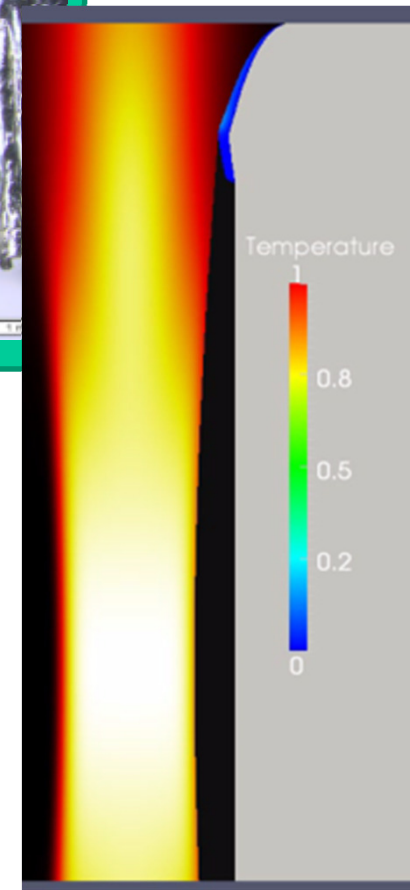
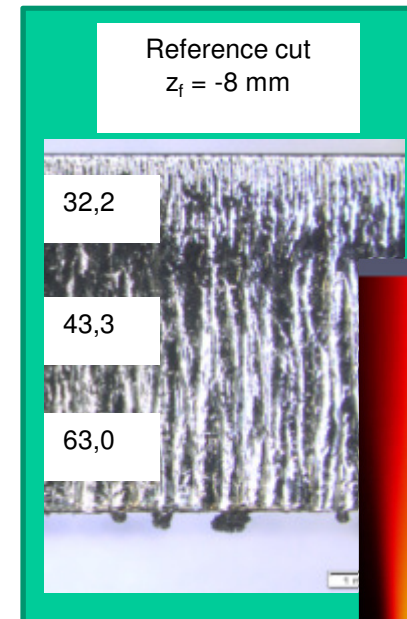
# Research Question

1. How to achieve **small roughness**  
with **fiber-guided radiation**  $R_z > 40 \mu\text{m}$  @  $d=6\text{mm}$  ?

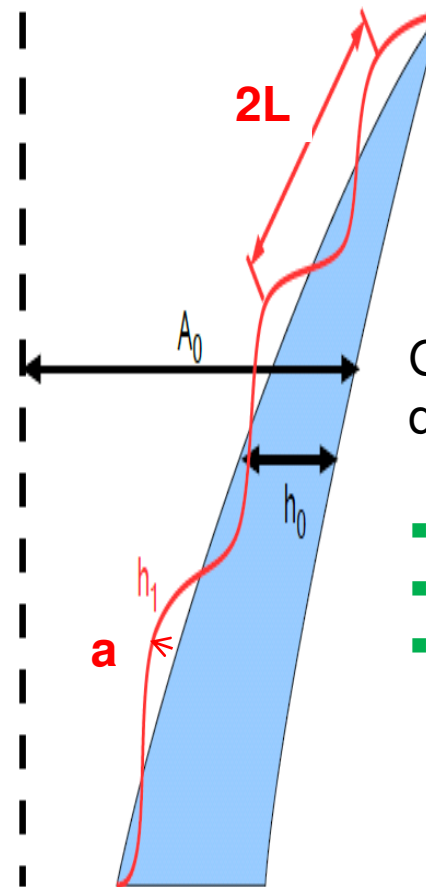
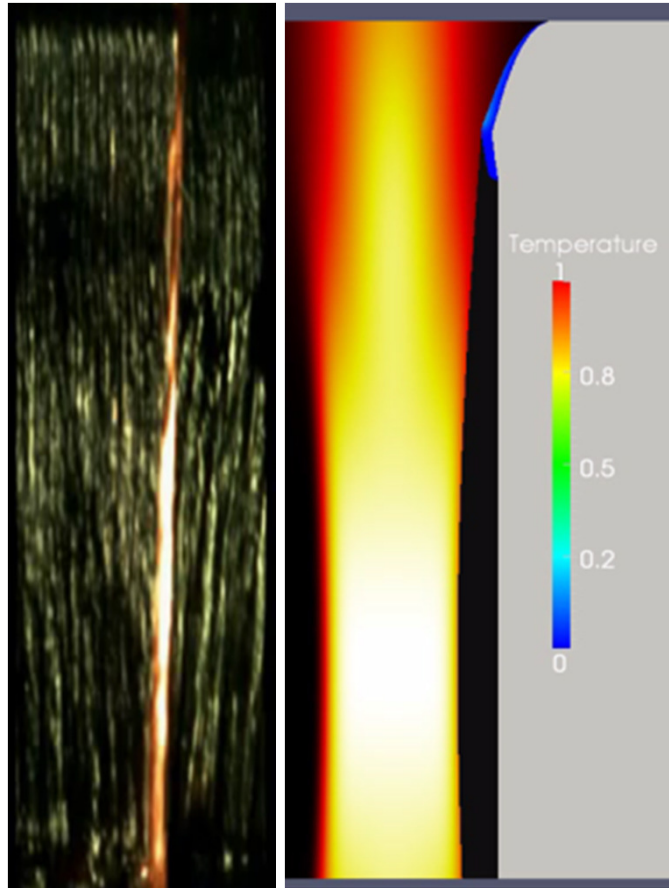
For sheet metal cutting with mirror guided radiation  
 $R_z < 10 \mu\text{m}$  @  $d=12\text{mm}$  is well established!

## Research Hypothesis

1. Avoid **shadowing** of laser radiation at the cutting front  
→ **divergent beam shaping!** (DE102007024700 FhG ILT)  
→ **decrease the angle of incidence!** (DE10200702470 FhG ILT)



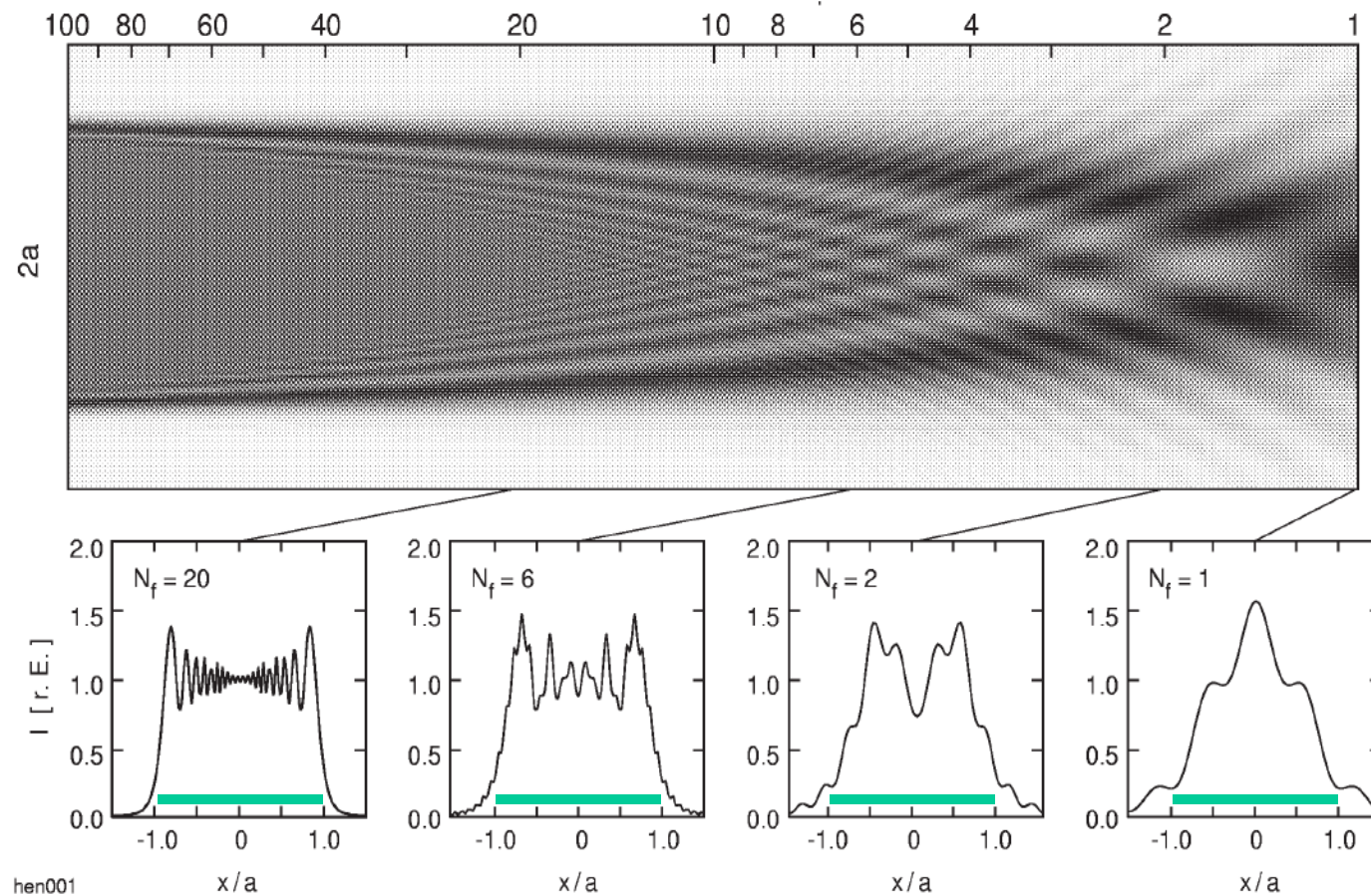
## Geometric-optical shadow



Geometric-optical shadow depending on

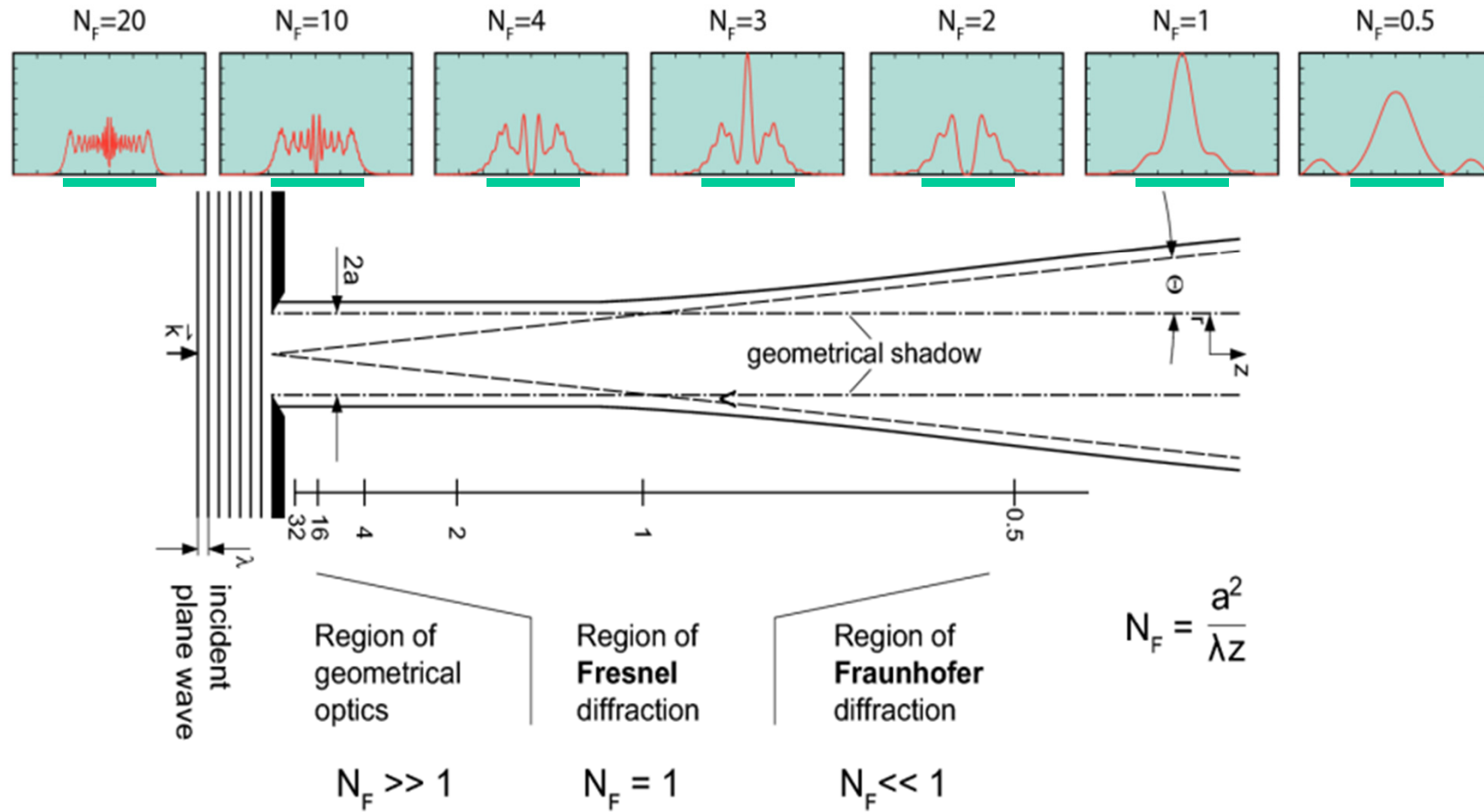
- wave amplitude  $a$
- wave length  $2L$
- angle of inclination

# Diffraction at a slit Fresnel-number $N_f = a^2/(\lambda L)$





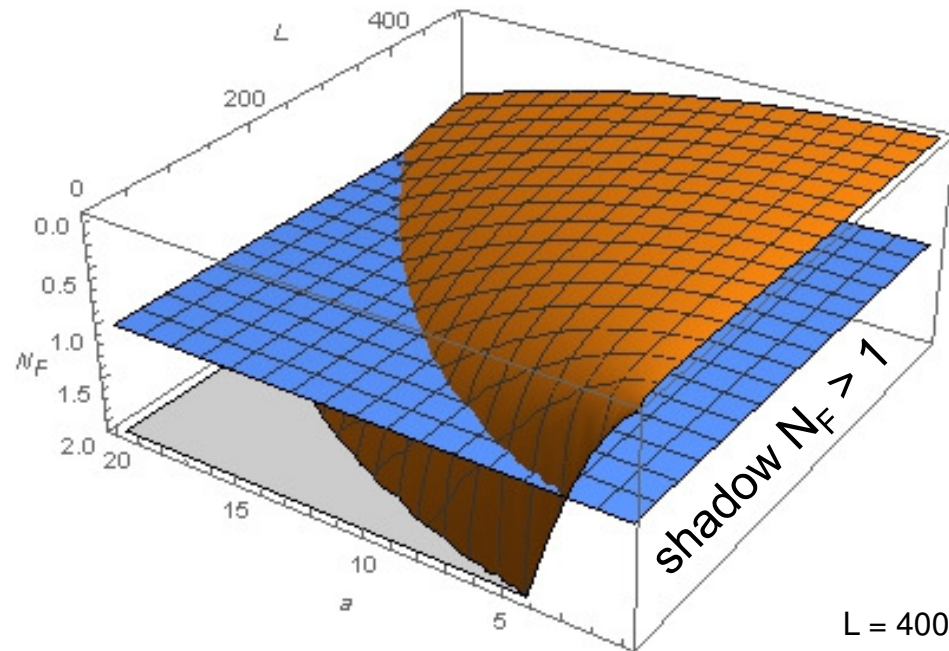
## Diffraction pattern – Fresnel-number $N_F$



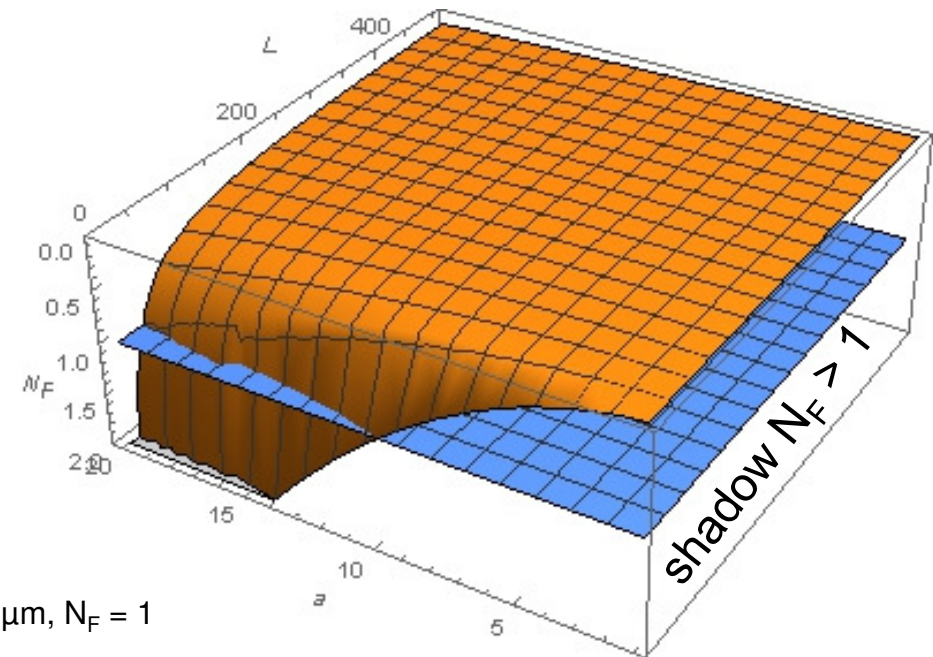
# Geometric-optical shadow dominates for Fresnel-number $N_F < 1$

$a < 20 \mu\text{m}$  @  $1\mu\text{m}$

$a < 60 \mu\text{m}$  @  $1\mu\text{m}$

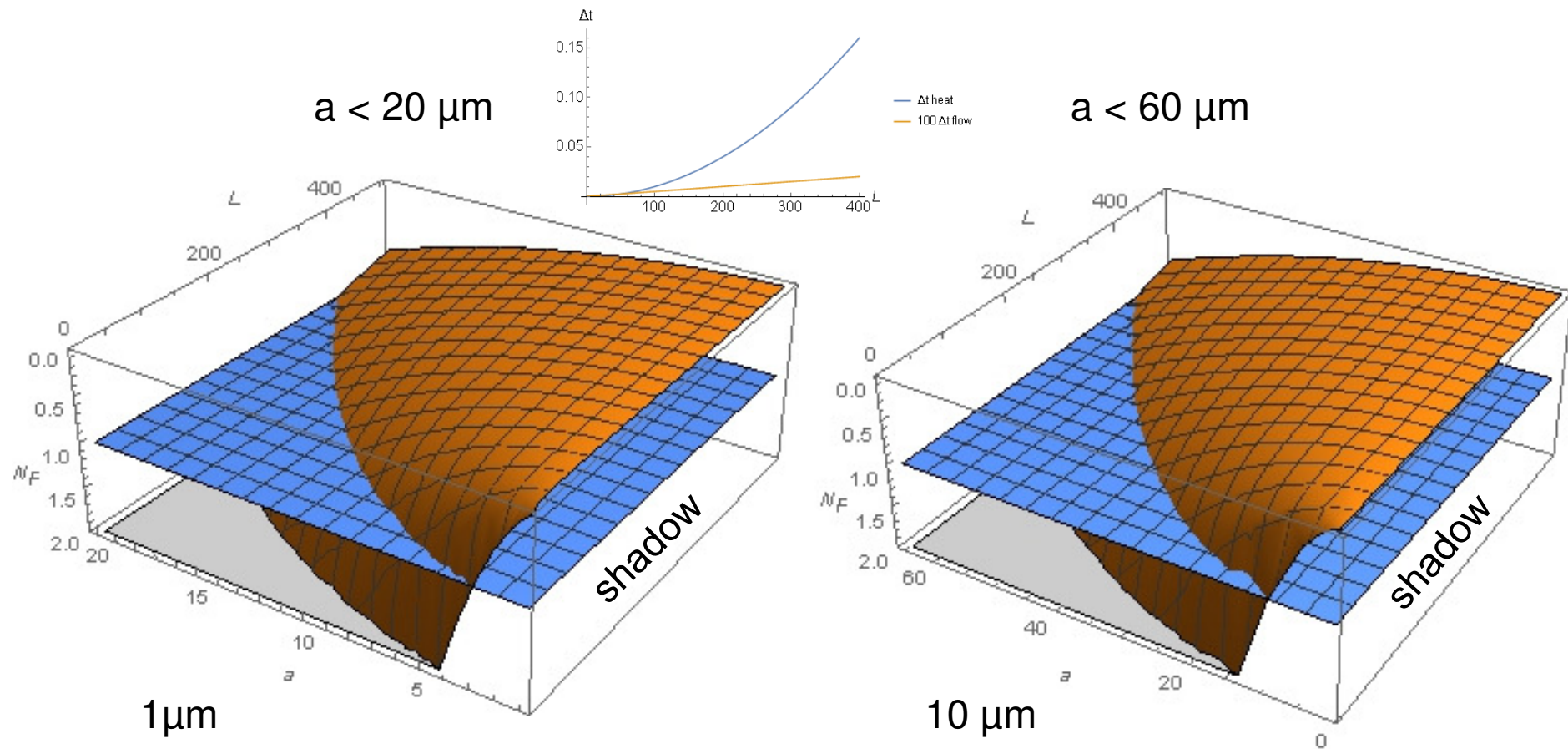


$L = 400 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $N_F = 1$



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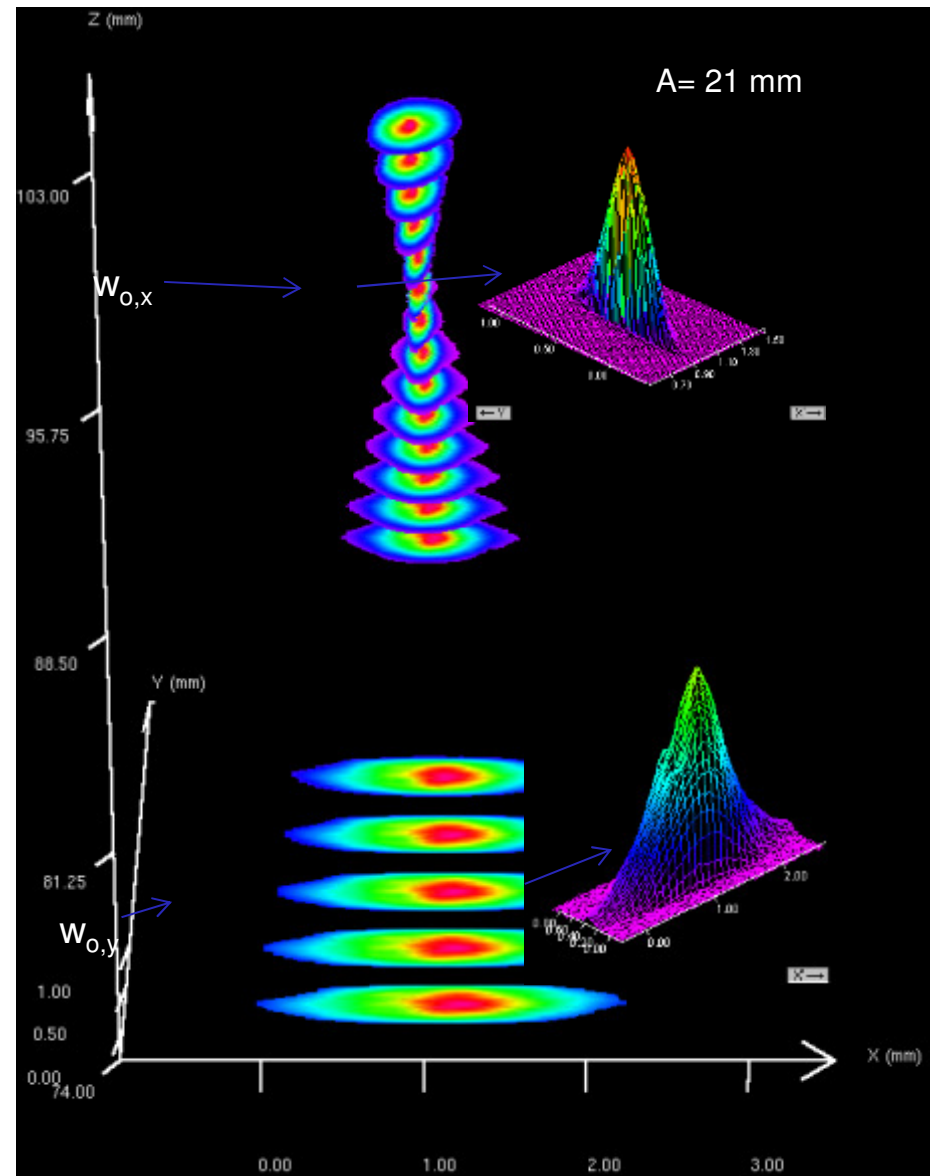
# Elliptical beam shape

## Research Question

1. How to achieve small roughness with fiber-guided radiation?
2. Use of **elliptical beam shape**  
→ decreases angle of inclination?  
→ stabilizes melt flow?

## Research Hypothesis

1. Avoid shadowing of laser radiation  
→ divergent beam shaping!  
(DE102007024700 FhG ILT)  
→ decrease the angle of incidence!  
(DE10200702470 FhG ILT)
2. **Stabilized melt flow**  
at the apex of the melt front!  
Apex is observable  
by high-speed videography!

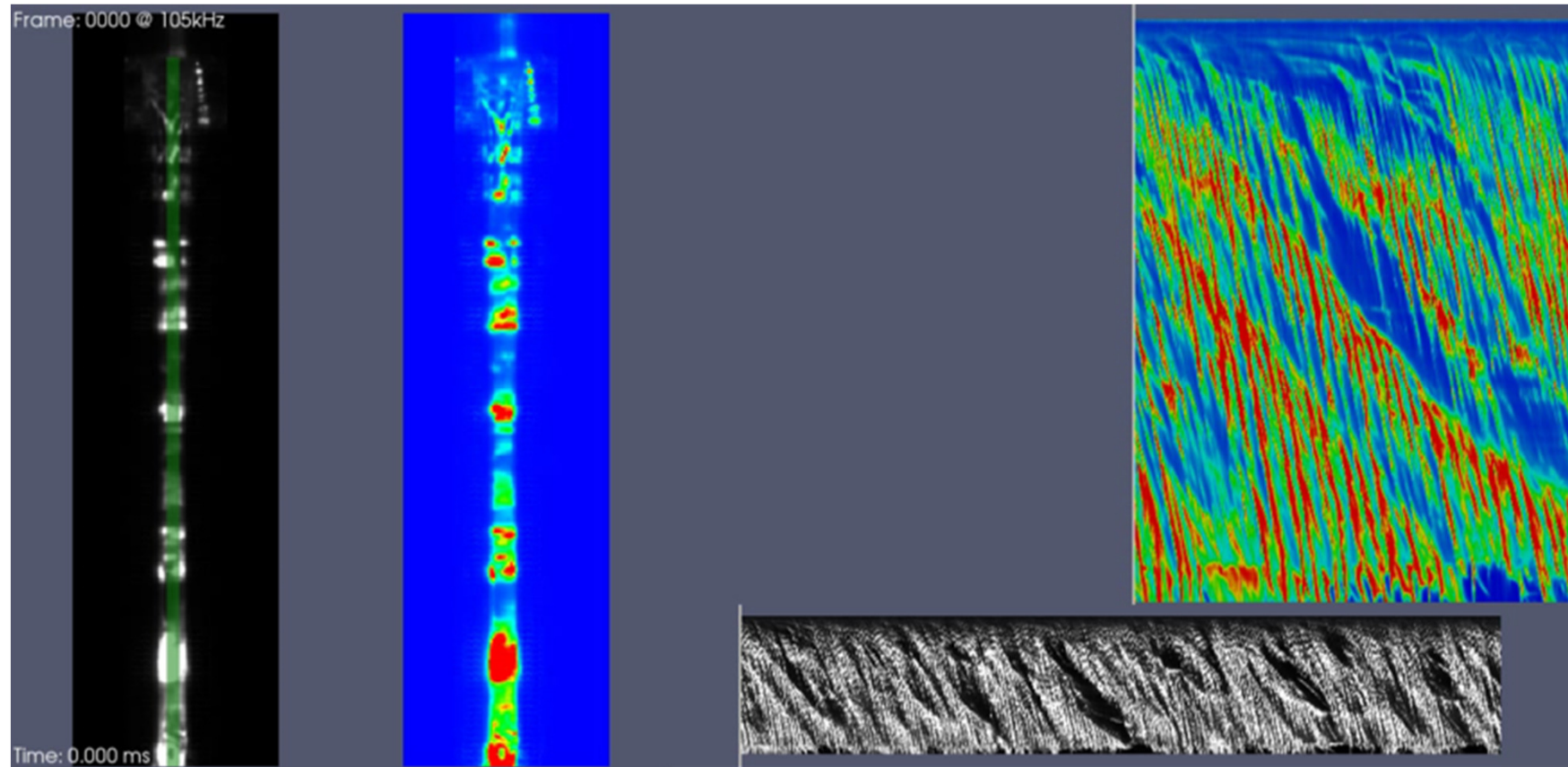




# Streak analysis – Method I

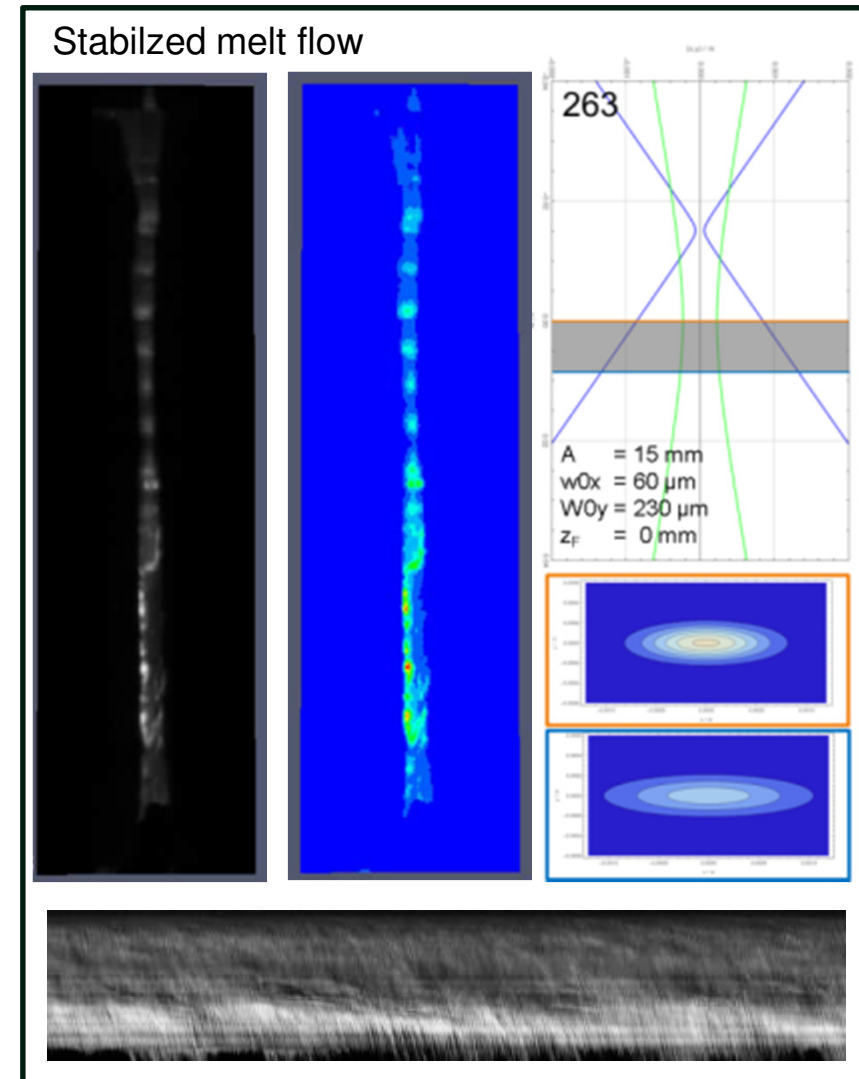
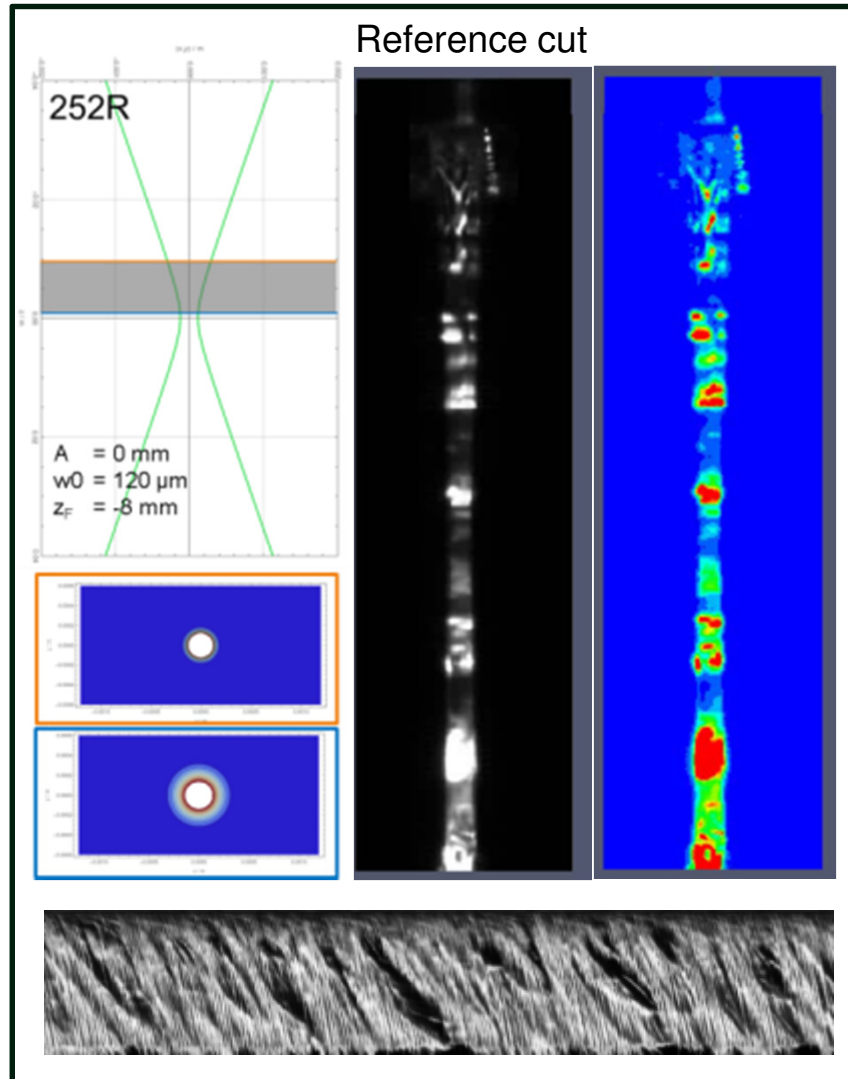
Extraction of one-dimensional time series from high speed videos

$A = 0 \text{ mm}$   
 $w_0 = 120 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$   
 $z_F = -8 \text{ mm}$   
 $d = 8 \text{ mm}$   
 $v_0 = 1.5 \text{ m/min}$



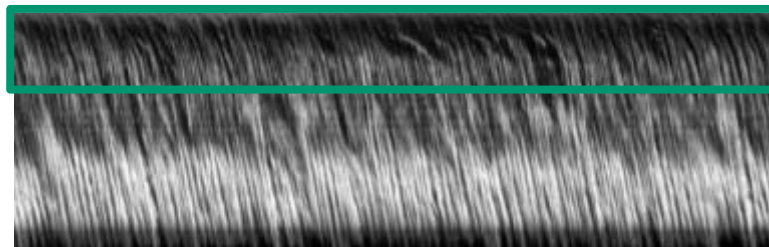
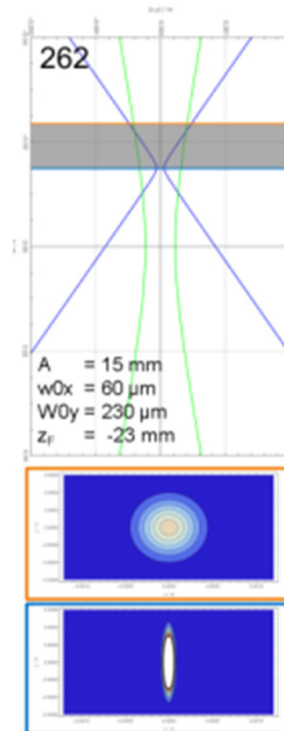
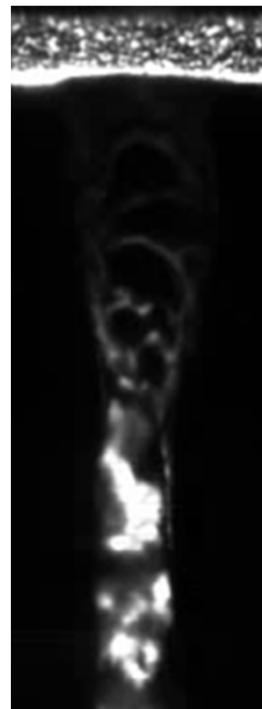


# High speed videography → streak imaging

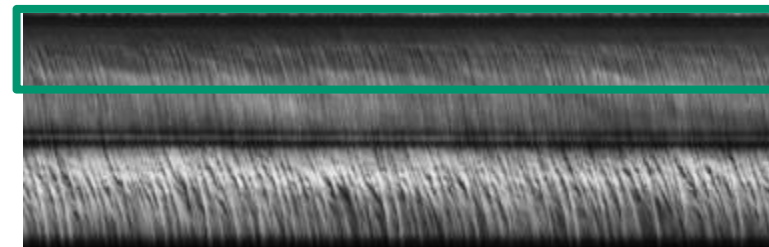
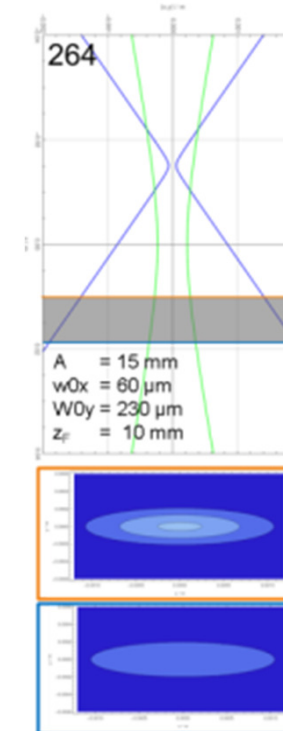


# High speed videography of entrance edge

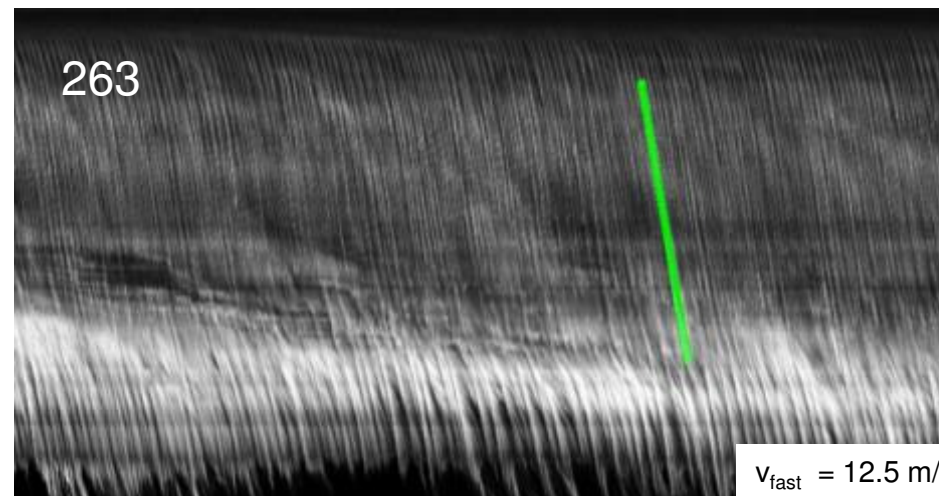
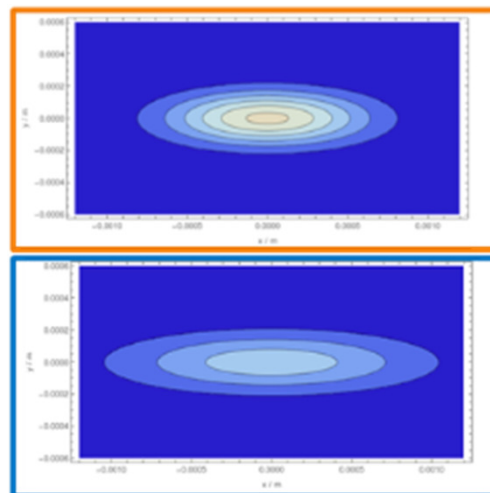
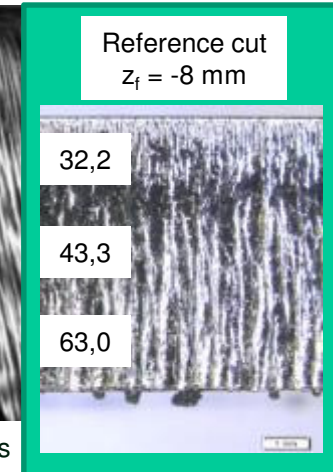
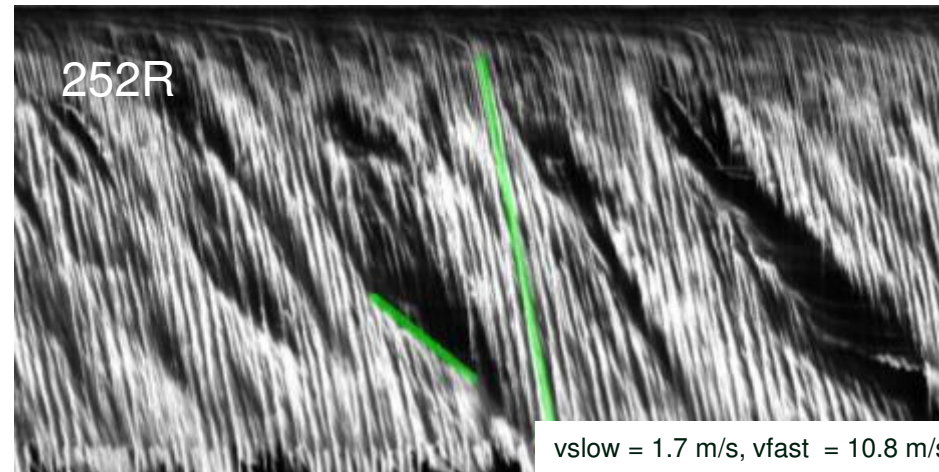
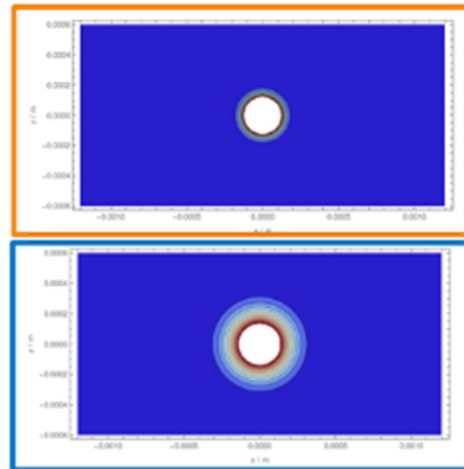
High standard deviation 262



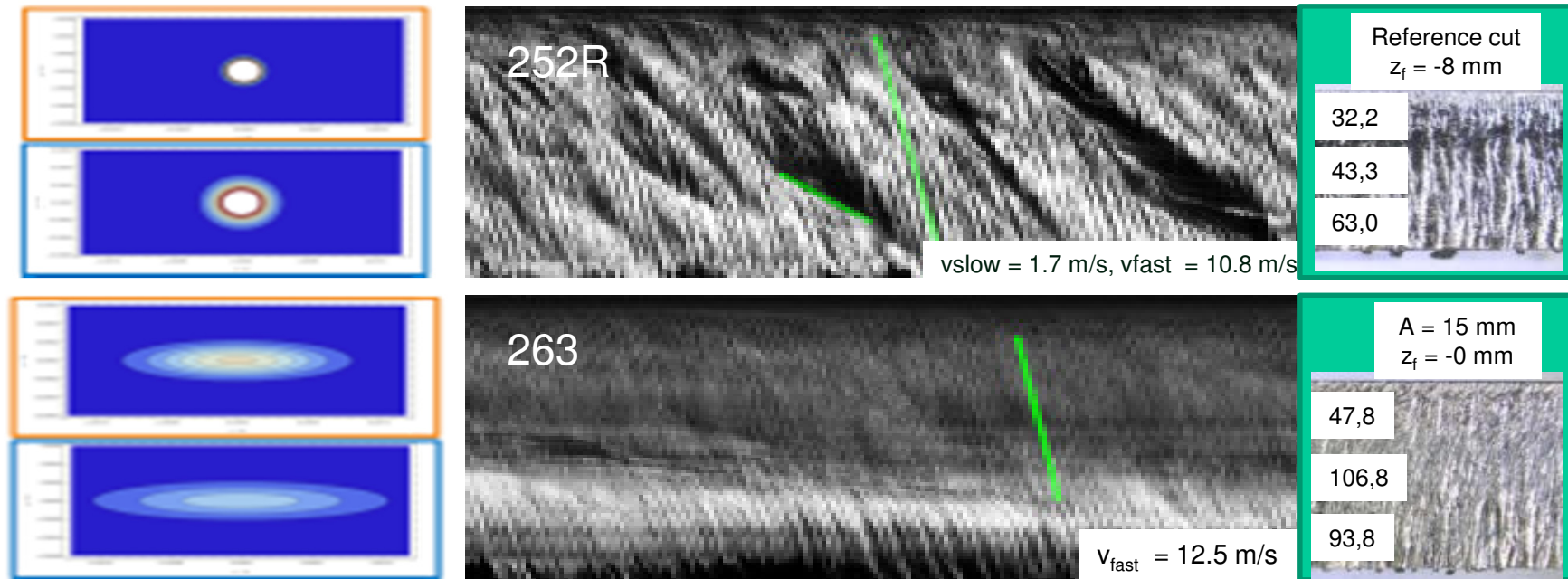
Stabilized melt flow 264



# Streak Front Imaging – melt flow stability / roughness



## Streak Front Imaging – apex melt flow stability / roughness



### apex melt flow stability and cut edge roughness:

- in general are not in a one-to-one (monoton) relation

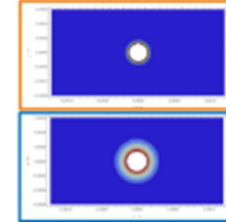
### Hypothesis: the dependency becomes one-to-one (monotone)

- for restricted parameter ranges
- in particular, for large circular beam radius @ large power



# Streak analysis – Method II

Analysis of one-dimensional time series from high speed videos



- Maximum

$$X_{\max_{i \in [1, n]}} = \max\{X_i\}$$

- Average

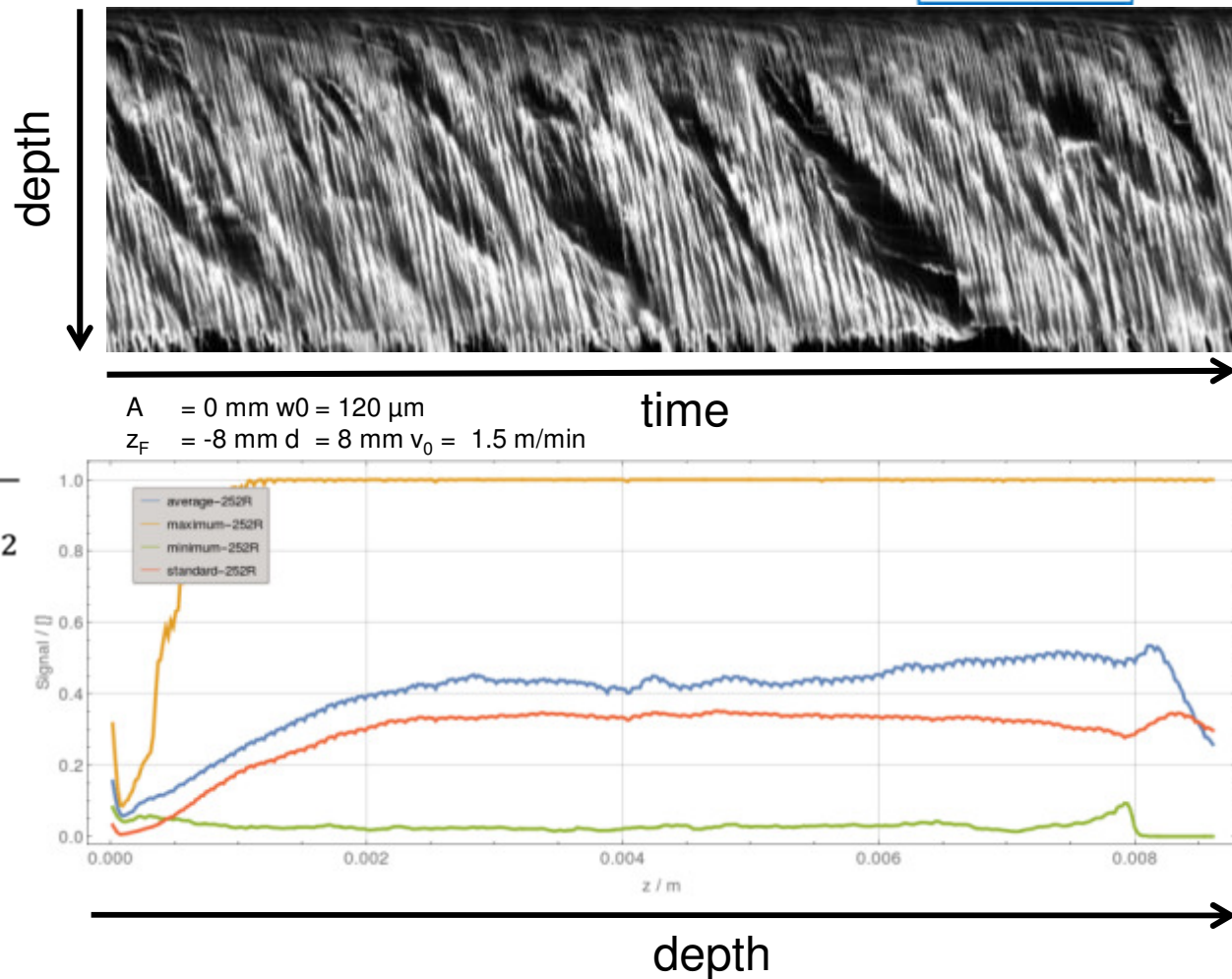
$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

- Standard deviation

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}$$

- Minimum

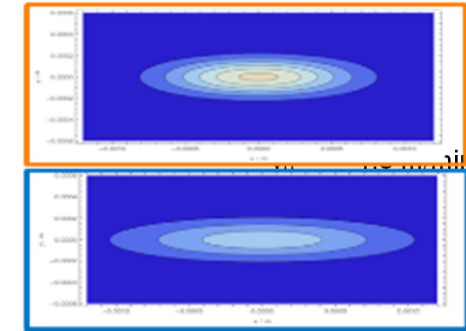
$$X_{\min_{i \in [1, n]}} = \min\{X_i\}$$





# Streak analysis – Method II

Low standard deviation  
→ stabilized melt flow



- Maximum

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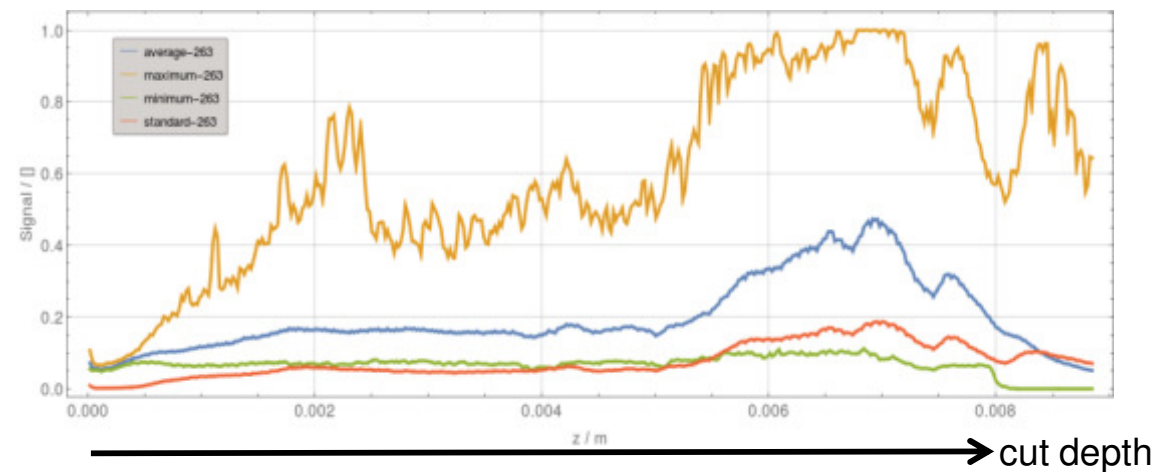
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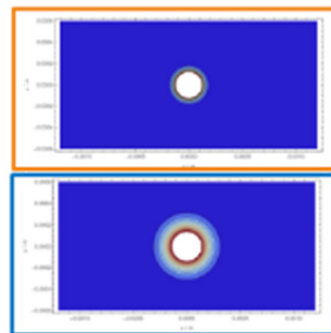
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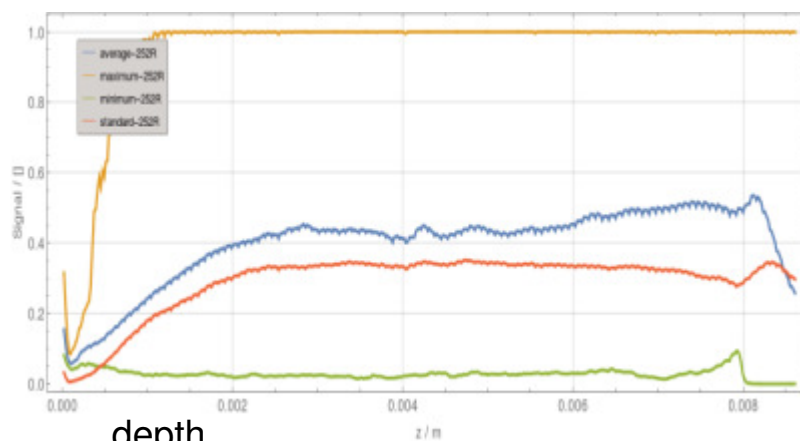
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High standard deviation  
→ instable melt flow

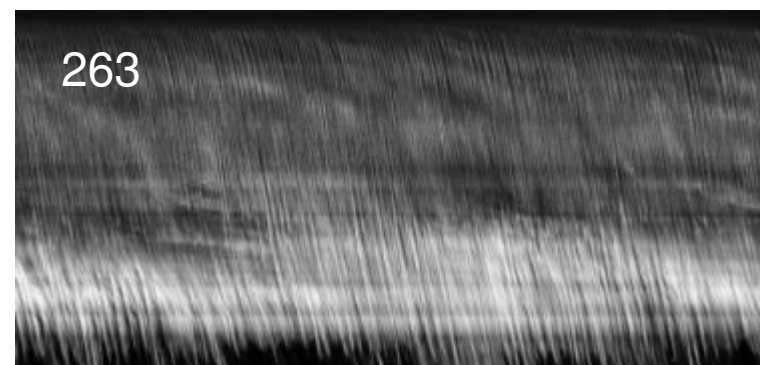
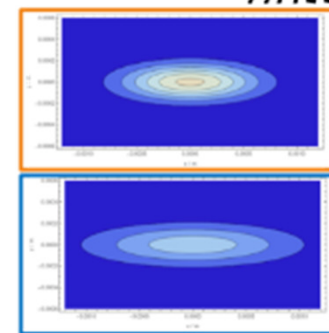


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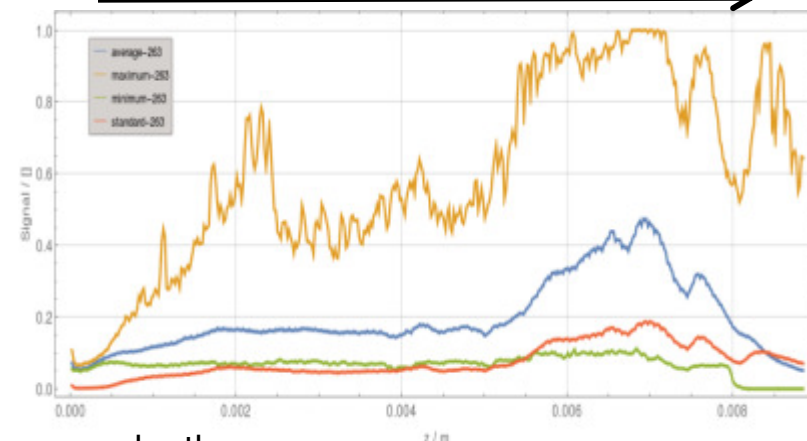


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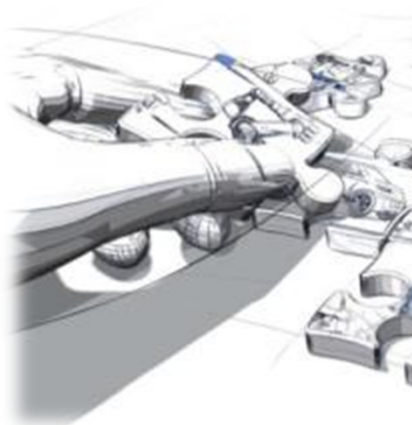
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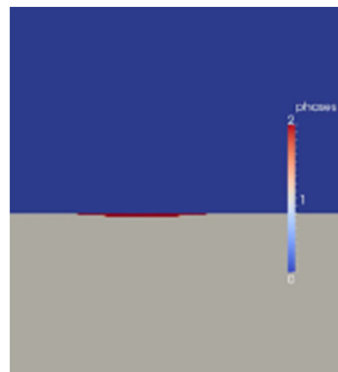


depth



## Modelling and Simulation Virtual Production

numerical  
simulation



process maps  
visual design



model reduction

### enabling value

- Developer Know-How
- Quality of Product
- maximum Productivity

### economic value

- Skilled machine operator

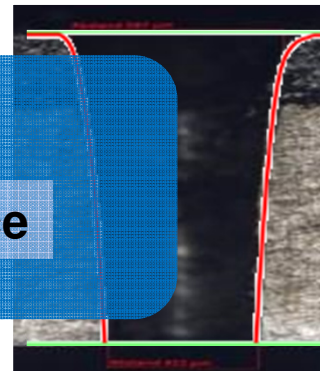
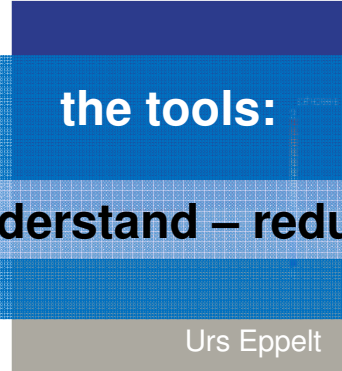
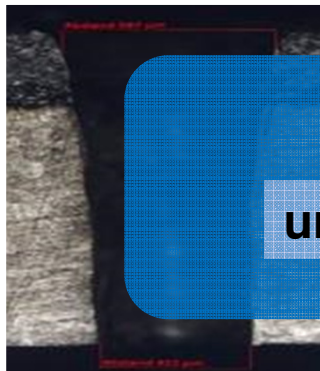


# Modelling and Simulation Virtual Production

experimental  
evidence

numerical  
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reduced  
model



the tools:

understand – reduce

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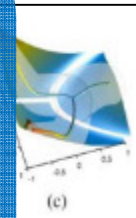
enabling value

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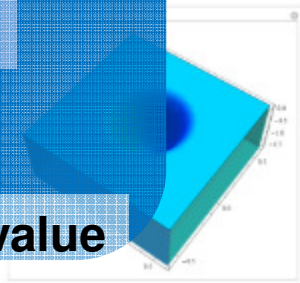
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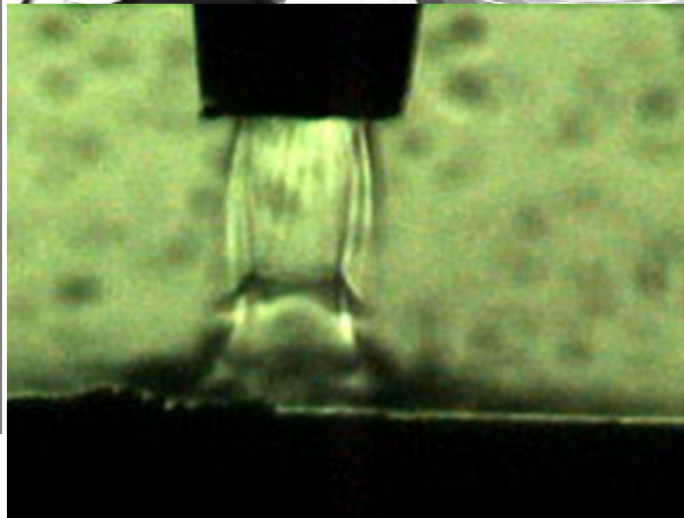
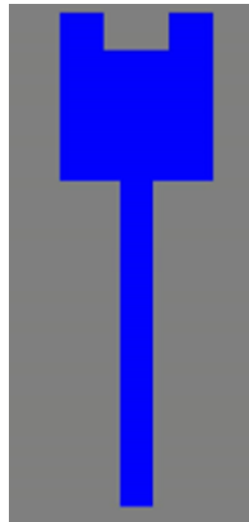
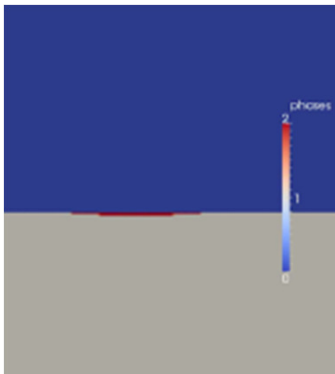


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# Turbine blade laser drilling





# Meta-Modelling

## web-application:

Fast & Frugal Simulation

Morse-Smale Complex

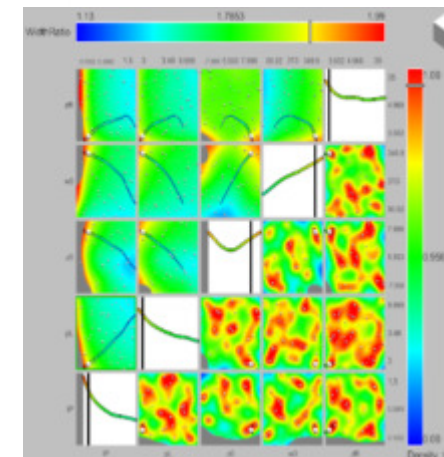
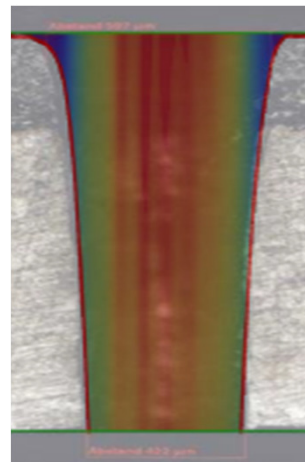
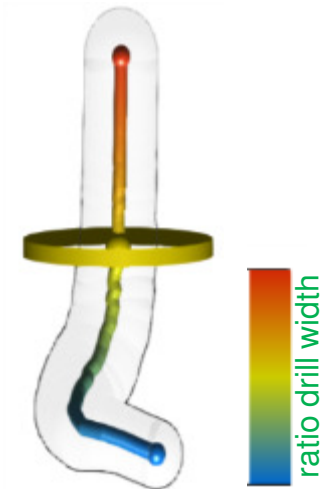
multi-dimensional data visualization

Application example:  
„turbine blade laser drilling“



## optimization tool:

Morse-Smale Complex  
Hyperslices



# Reduced Modelling: Asymptotic Drilling

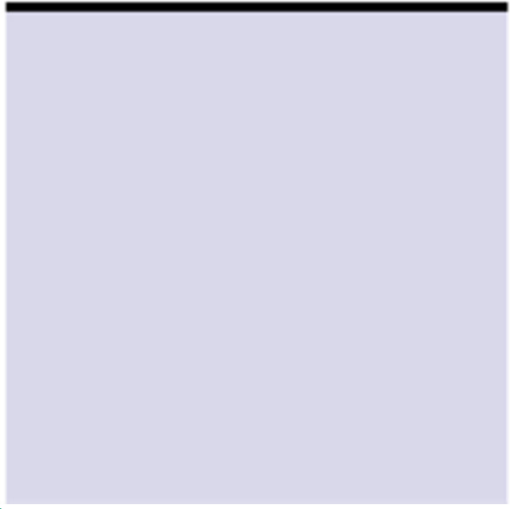
Ablation occurs when the incident fluence  $F \cos\theta$  reaches the threshold fluence  $F_{th}$  of the material:

## web-application:

Fast & Frugal Simulation

|       |                         |      |
|-------|-------------------------|------|
| $t_p$ | $t_p$ [ms]              | 0.38 |
| $P_L$ | $P_L$ [kW]              | 3.46 |
| $z_0$ | $z_0$ [mm]              | 5.5  |
| $w_0$ | $w_0$ [ $\mu\text{m}$ ] | 313  |
| $z_R$ | $z_R$ [mm]              | 4.5  |

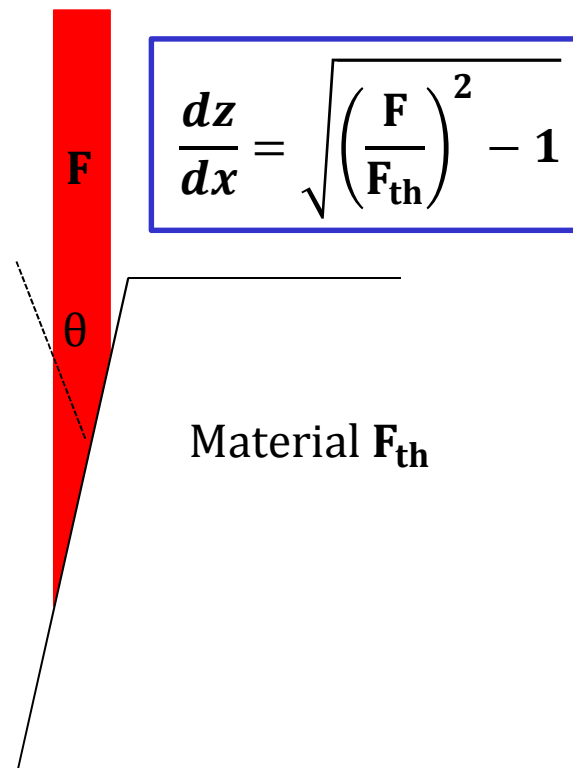
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## Simulation Know-How:

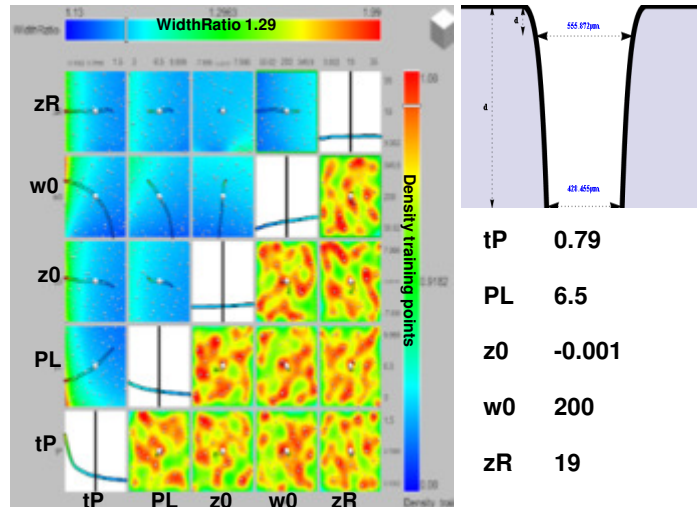
reduced model

Laser  $F \cos\theta = F_{th}$



# Metamodeling-I: Hyperslice Representation

Fast online Optimization through Process Map



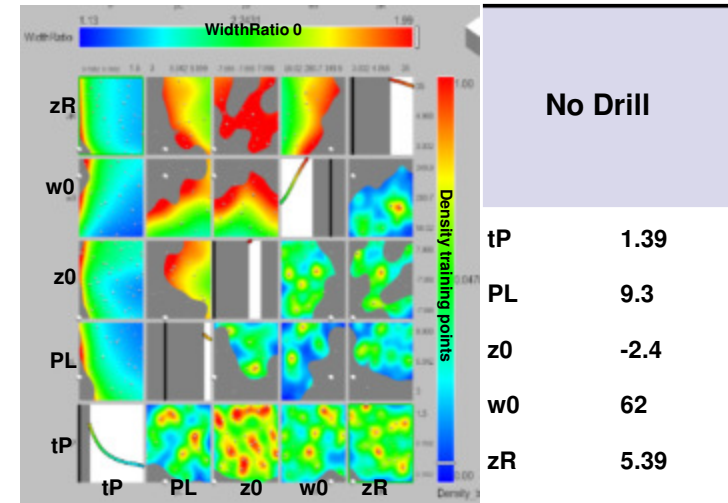
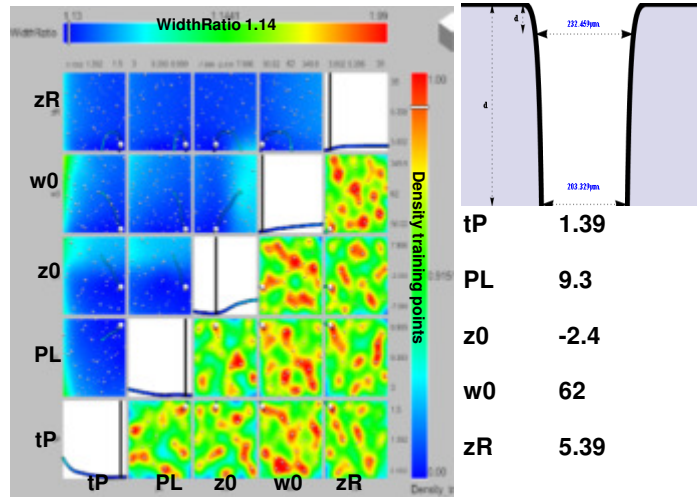
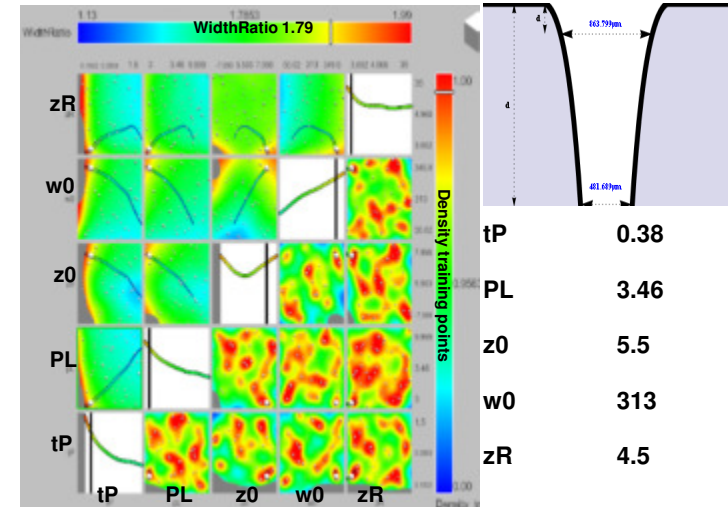
Approach

Sampling

Simulation

Interpolation

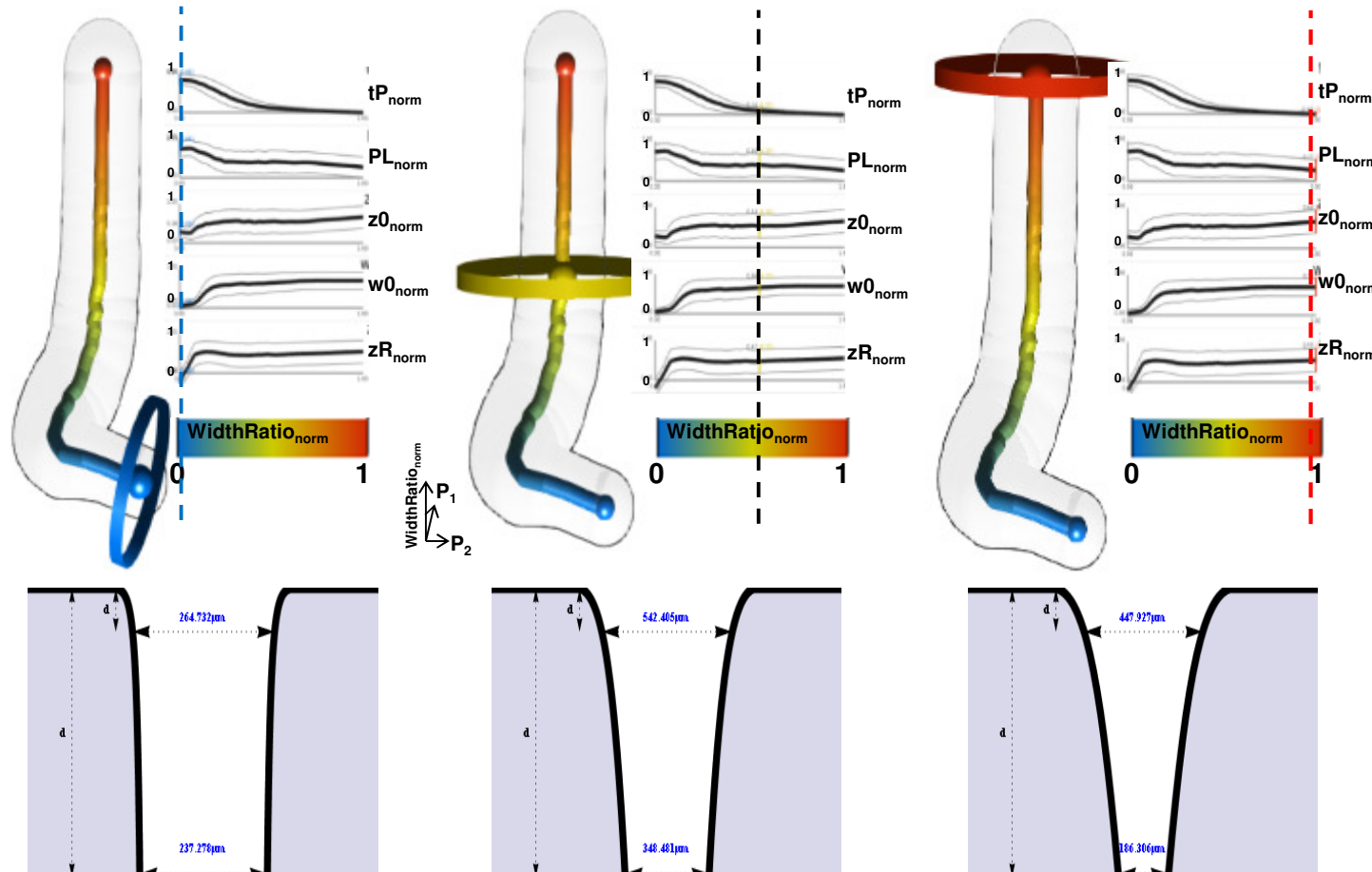
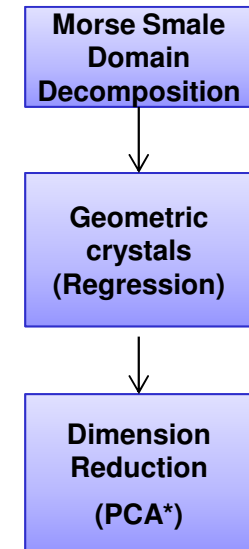
Visualization



# Metamodeling-II: Morse Smale Complex

Visualization and Exploration  
of multi-dimensional criteria-parameter representation

## Approach



Project the extremal points and the regression curves onto its first two principal components  $P_1$  &  $P_2$

# Summary

- **ADAPTABLE LASER BEAMS**
  - SHEET METAL CUTTING – ELLIPTICAL BEAMS
- **VIRTUAL PRODUCTION:**  
DESIGN THINKING FOR MACHINE DESIGN
  - META-MODELLING ENABLES DESIGN THINKING
  - MODEL REDUCTION ENABLES META-MODELLING
- **TAILORED CUSTOMER SOFTWARE**
  - **WEB-APPLICATION:**  
FAST FRUGAL SIMULATION
  - **OPTIMIZATION TOOL:**  
MORSE-SMALE COMPLEX  
HYPERSLICES
  - **SIMULATION KNOW-HOW:**  
REDUCED MODEL

