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to get absolute intensity measurements, standard must have known scattering intensity

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includes errant x-rays - measure w/ strongly absorbing material in place of specimen

may vary with time

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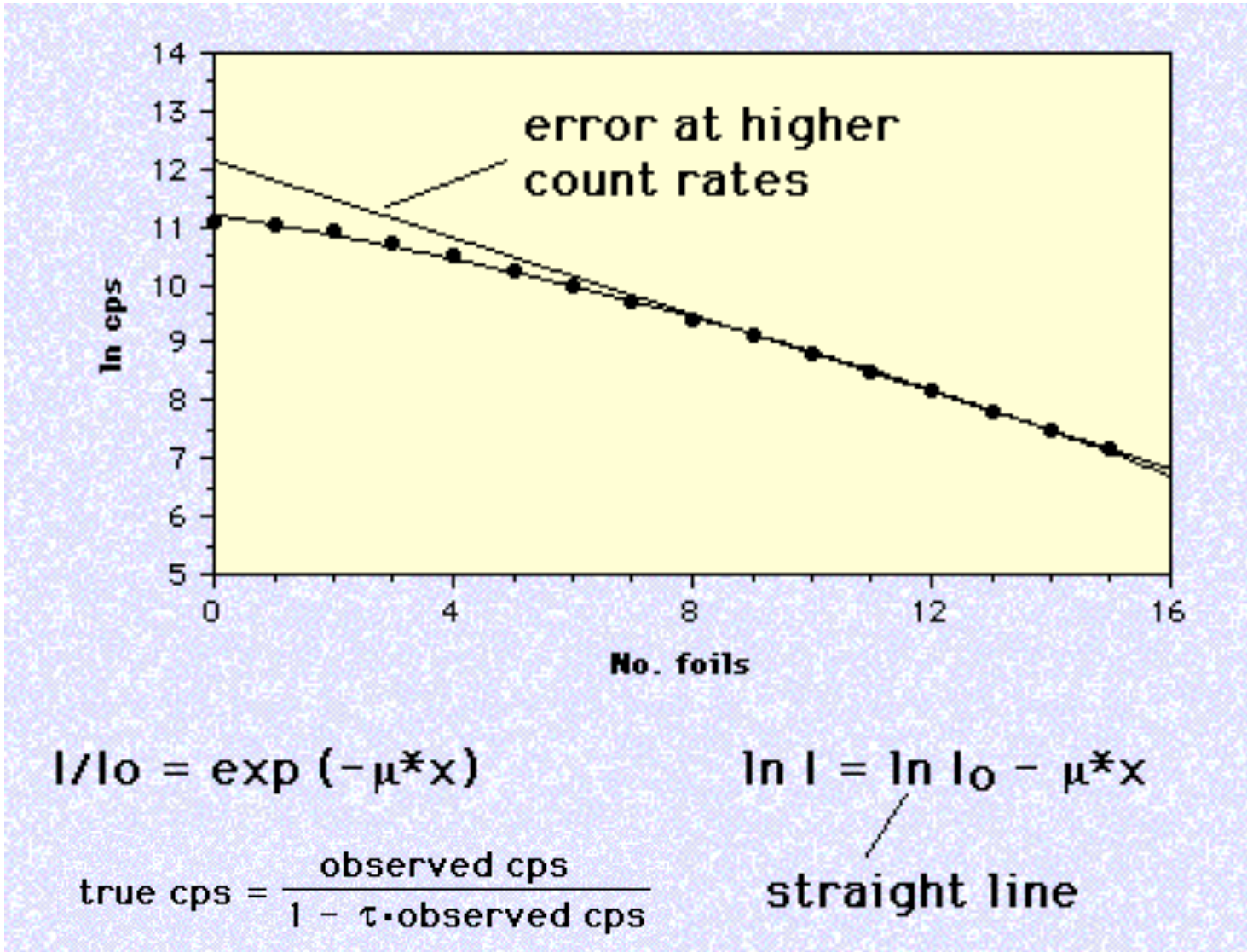
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e.g., pure solvent, or pure matrix material

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cut beam intensity, measure direct beam I w/ & w/o specimen

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3. Correct all data for empty cell and dark count

Now have:

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Standard specimen

reproducible

stable

known scattering data

scattering must be high

isotropic scattering

Instrument resolution

See *J. Appl. Cryst.* (1990). **23**, 321–333

Need to consider

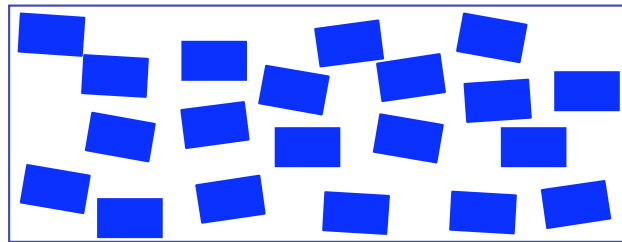
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collimation effects
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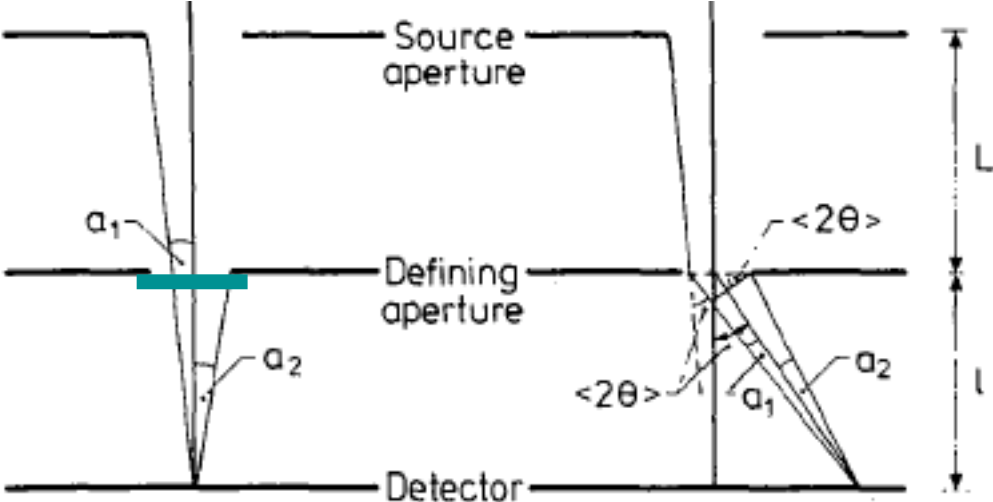
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Both conventional & synchrotron X-ray sources - wavelength spread $\sim \Delta\lambda / \langle \lambda \rangle$ typically $< 10^{-3}$ & neglected in most cases

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Collimation



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Detector

3 contributions to spatial resolution

division of detector into pixels

method of detection

method of position determination

latter 2 dominant

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$$R(\mathbf{q}, \langle \mathbf{q} \rangle) = (2\pi\sigma\sigma_{c2})^{-1} \times \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(q_1 - \langle q \rangle)^2}{\sigma^2} + \frac{q_2^2}{\sigma_{c2}^2} \right) \right]$$

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