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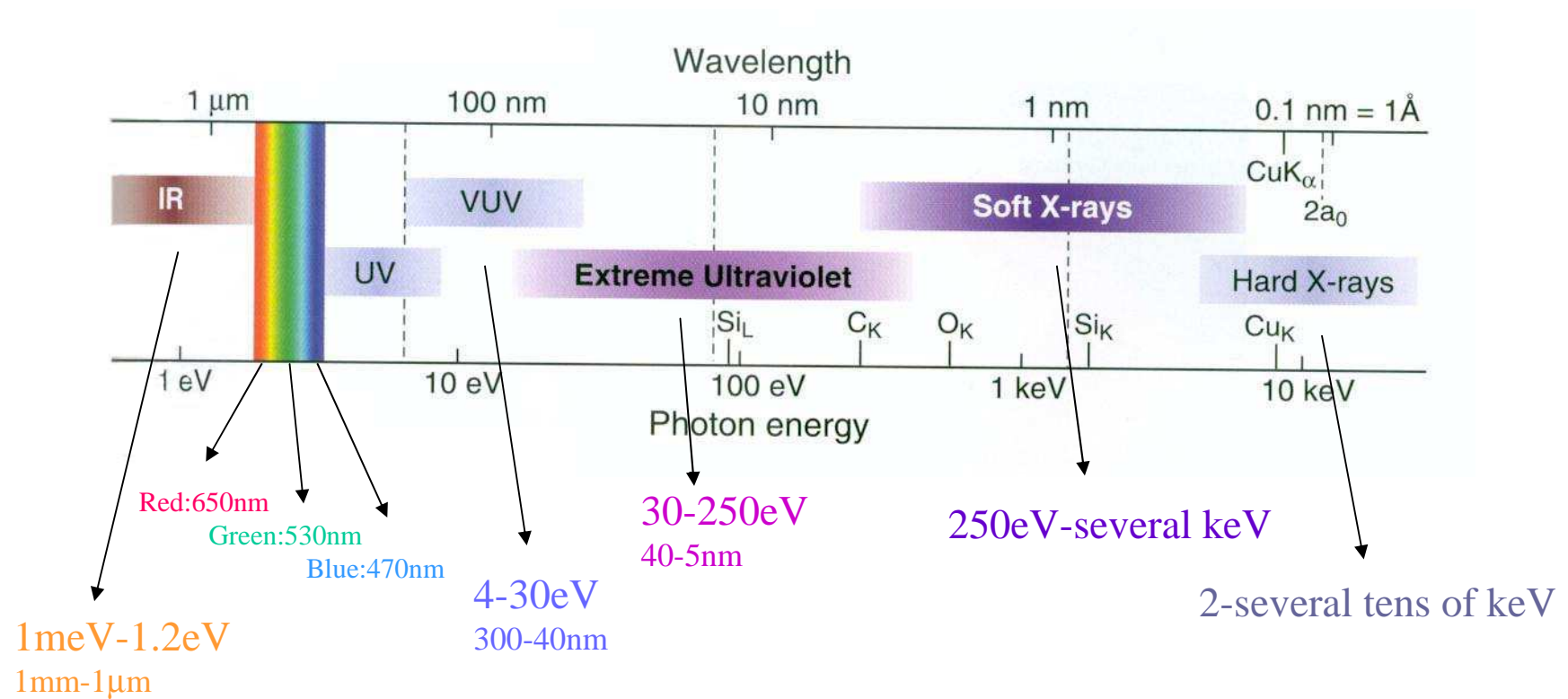
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# Main properties of Synchrotron Radiation

- Very broad and continuous spectral range, from infrared up to soft and hard x-rays
- High intensity
- Highly collimated and emanates from a very small source: the electron beam
- Pulse time structure
- High degree of polarization

# Spectral range

$$E(eV) = \frac{1240}{\lambda(nm)}$$



D.Attwood, "Soft x-rays and extreme ultraviolet radiation", Cambridge University Press, 1999

# Spectral brightness

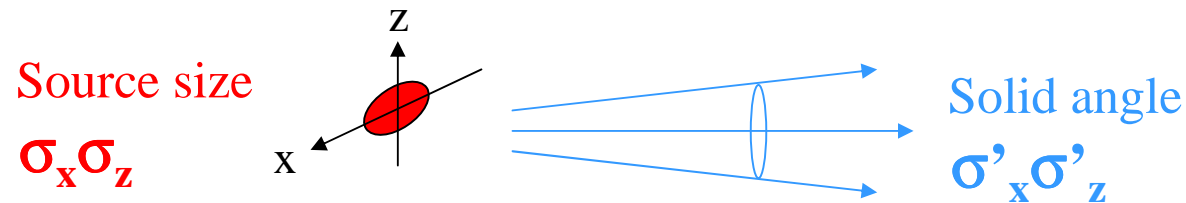
$$\text{Spectral Brightness} = \frac{\text{photon flux}}{I} \frac{1}{\sigma_x \sigma_z \sigma'_x \sigma'_z BW}$$

$I$  = electron current in the storage ring, usually 100mA

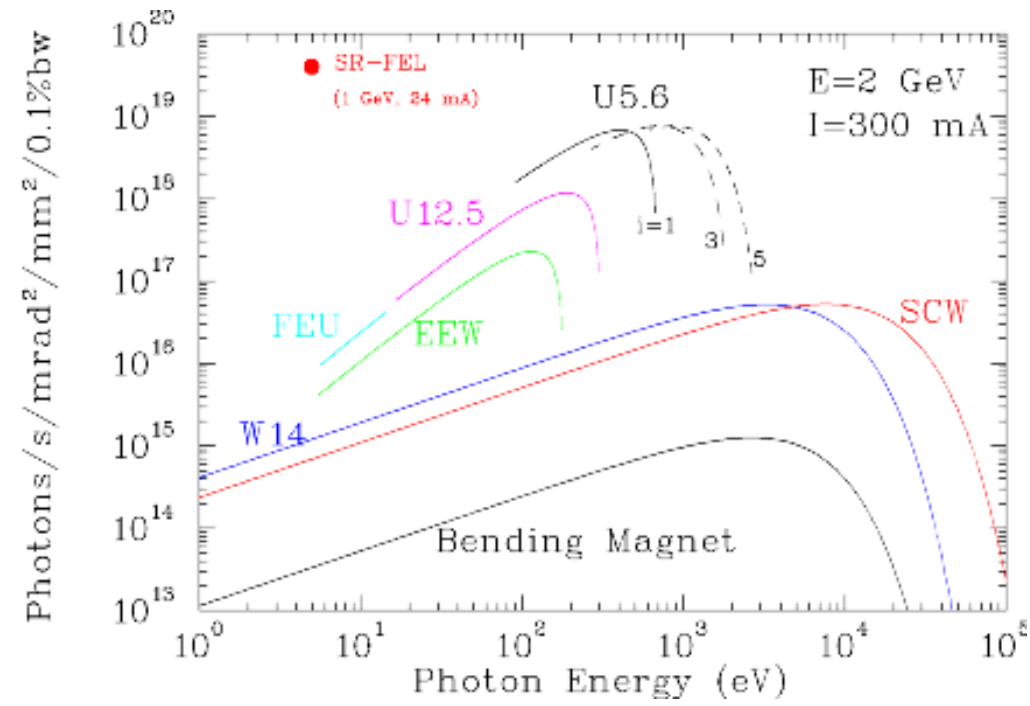
$\sigma_x \sigma_z$  = transverse area from which SR is emitted

$\sigma'_x \sigma'_z$  = solid angle into which SR is emitted

$BW$  = spectral bandwidth, usually:  $\frac{\Delta E}{E} = 0.1\%$



# SR spectral brightness at ELETTRA



## Why is brightness important? (1)

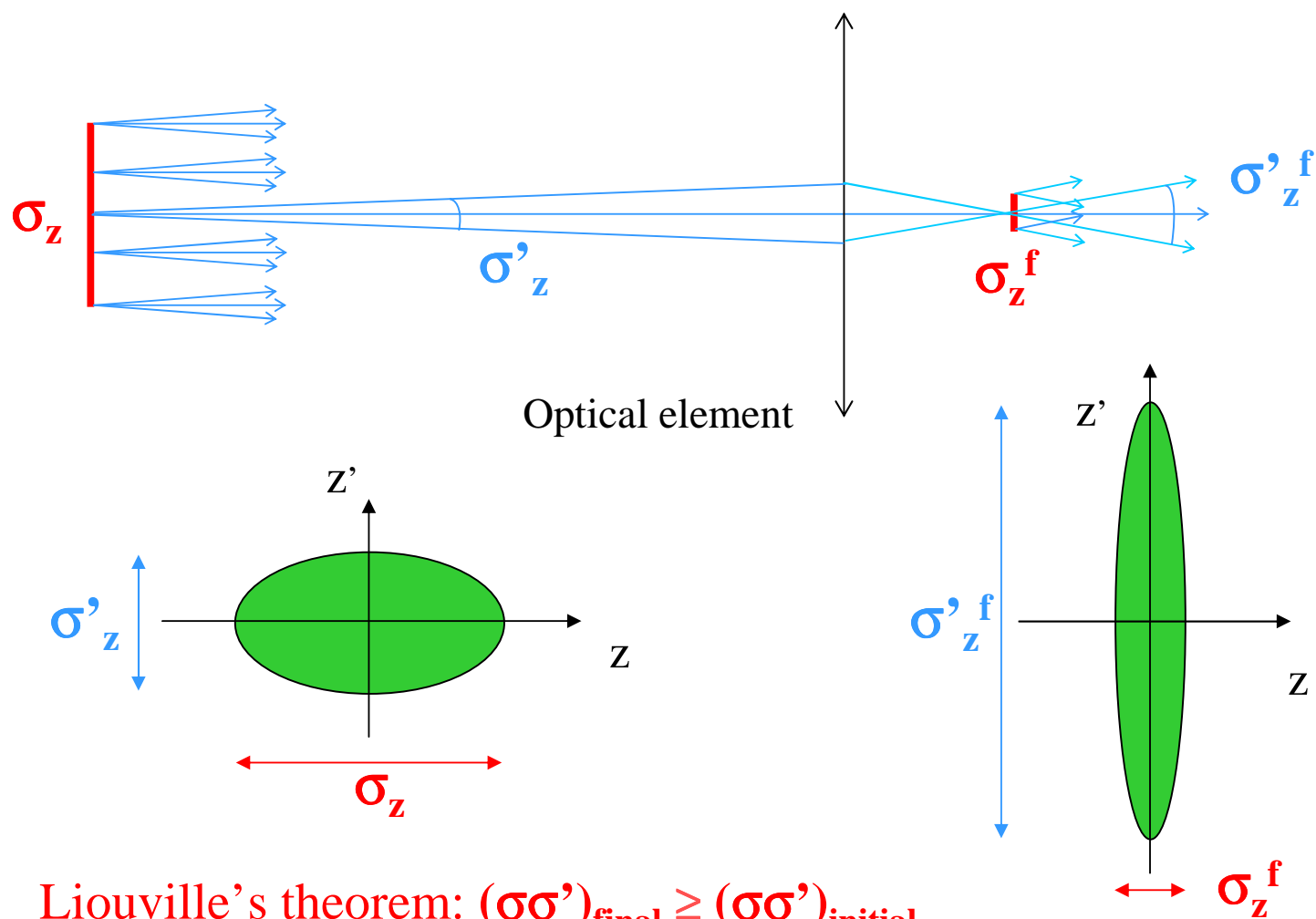
$$\text{Spectral Brightness} = \frac{\text{photon flux}}{I} \frac{1}{\sigma_x \sigma_z \sigma'_x \sigma'_z BW}$$

More flux  $\rightarrow$  more signal at the experiment

But why combining the flux with geometrical factors?

**Liouville's theorem:** for an optical system the occupied phase space volume cannot be decreased along the optical path (without losing photons)  $\rightarrow (\sigma\sigma')_{\text{final}} \geq (\sigma\sigma')_{\text{initial}}$

## Example : a focusing beam





## Why is brightness important? (2)

To focus the beam in a small spot (which is needed for achieving energy and/or spatial resolution) one must accept an increase in the beam divergence.

Not bright source:  
 $(\sigma\sigma')_{\text{initial}}$  large

+

Liouville's theorem:  
 $(\sigma\sigma')_{\text{final}} \geq (\sigma\sigma')_{\text{initial}}$

→ high beam divergence

High beam divergence along the beamline:

- high optical aberrations
- large optical devices
- high costs and low optical qualities

With a not bright source the spot size can be made small only reducing the photon flux.

The high spectral brightness of the radiation source allows the development of monochromators with high energy resolution and high throughput and gives also the possibility to image a beam down to a very small spot on the sample with high intensity.

## The beamline (1)

The researcher needs at his experiment a certain number of photons/second into a phase volume of some particular characteristics. Moreover, these photons have to be monochromatized.

The beamline:

- is the means of bringing radiation from the source to the experiment transforming the phase volume in a controlled way: it de-magnifies, monochromatizes and refocuses the source onto a sample
- must preserve the excellent qualities of the radiation source: it must transfer the high brightness from source up to the experiment

# Conserving brightness

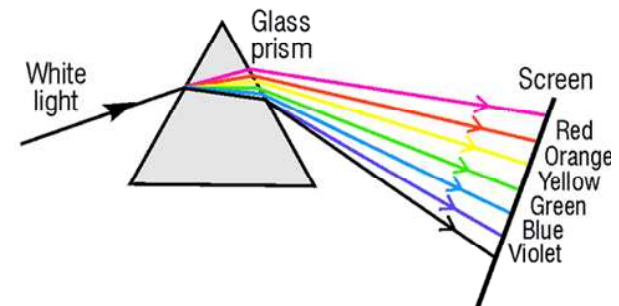
Brightness decreases because of:

- micro-roughness and slope errors on optical surfaces
- thermal deformations of optical elements due to heat load produced by the high power radiation
- aberrations of optical elements

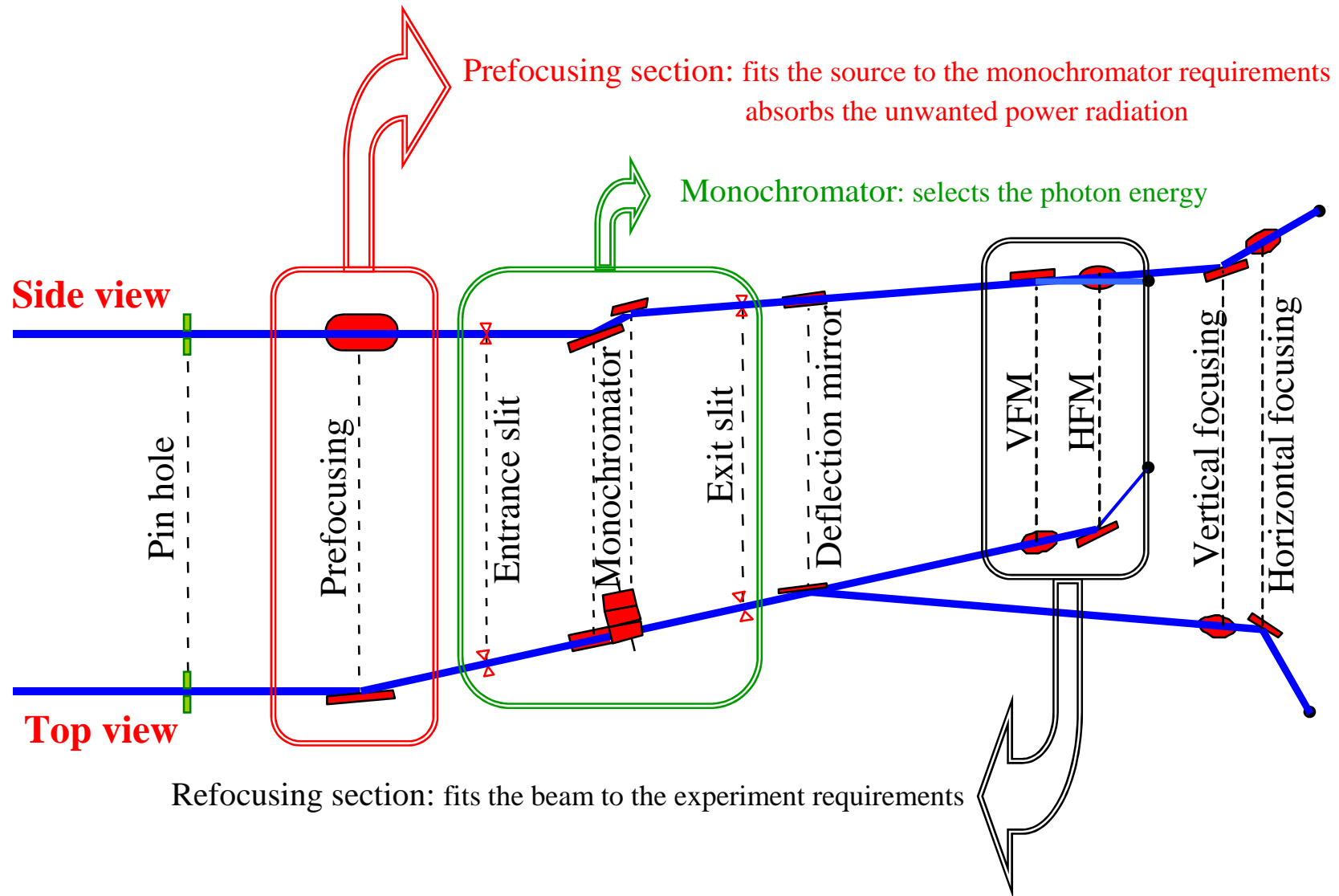
## The beamline (2)

Basic elements:

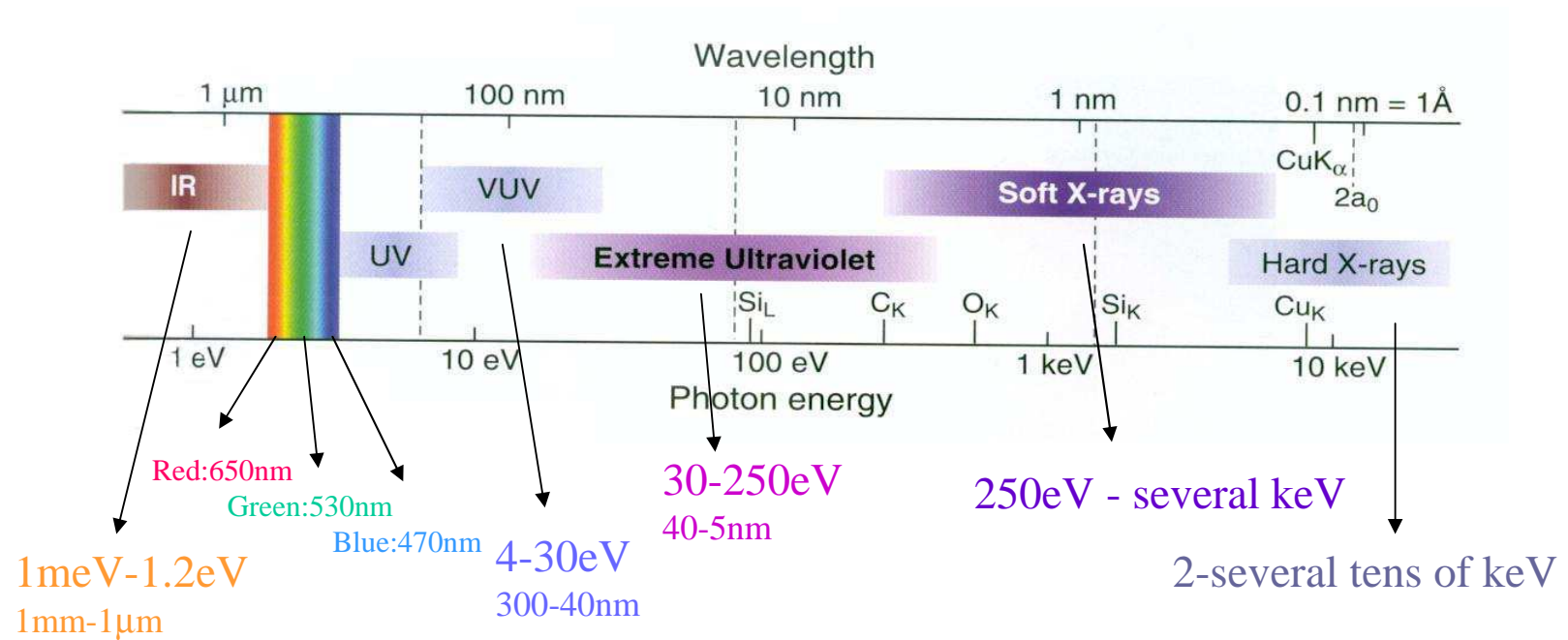
- mirrors, to deflect, focus and filter the radiation
- monochromators (gratings and crystals), to select photon energy
- detectors



# Beamline structure



# VUV, EUV and soft x-rays



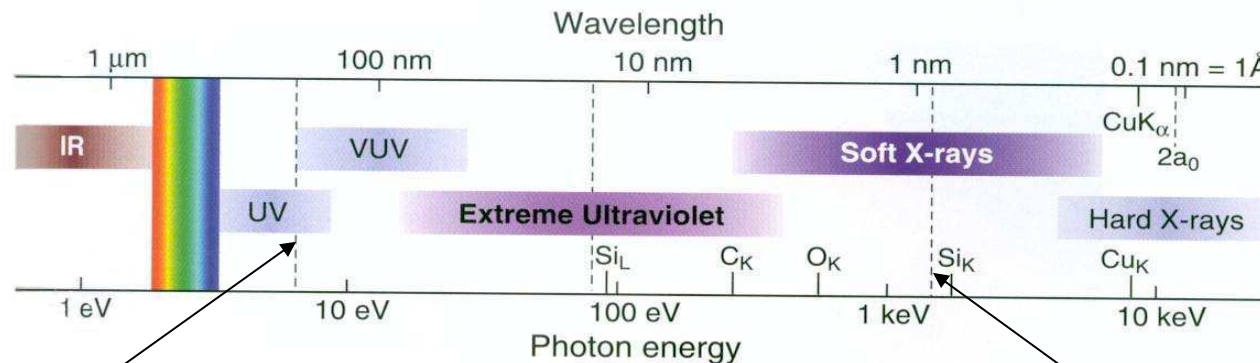
These regions are very interesting because they are characterized by the presence of the absorption edges of most low and intermediate Z elements

→ photons with these energies are **a very sensitive tool** for elemental and chemical identification

But... these regions are difficult to access.

# Ultra-high vacuum

VUV, EUV and soft x-rays have a high degree of absorption in all materials:



Transmission limit of common fused silica window: ~8eV

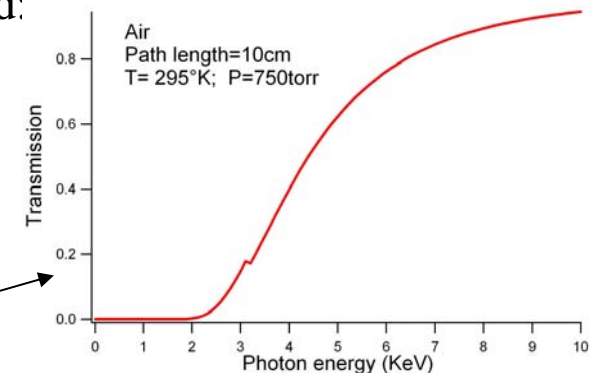
Absorption limit of 8 μm Be foil: ~1.5keV

- No windows
- The entire optical system must be kept under UH Vacuum

Ultrahigh vacuum conditions ( $P=1-2 \times 10^{-9}$  mbar) are required:

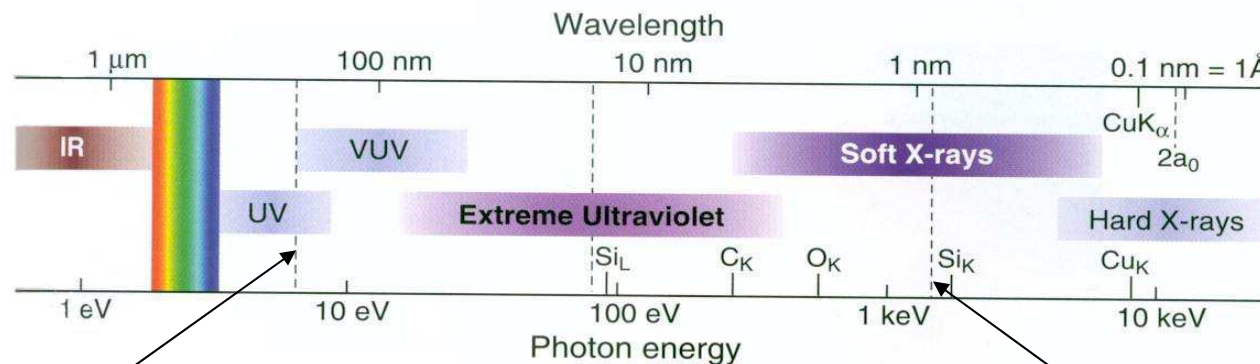
- Not to disturb the storage ring and the experiment
- To avoid photon absorption in air
- To protect optical surfaces from contamination (especially from carbon)

In the hard x-ray region, it is not necessary to use UHV:



# No refractive optics

VUV, EUV and soft x-rays have a high degree of absorption in all materials:



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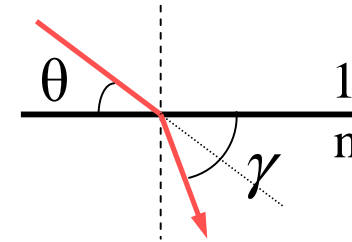
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- The only optical elements which can work in the VUV, EUV and soft x-rays regions are mirrors and diffraction gratings, used in total external reflection

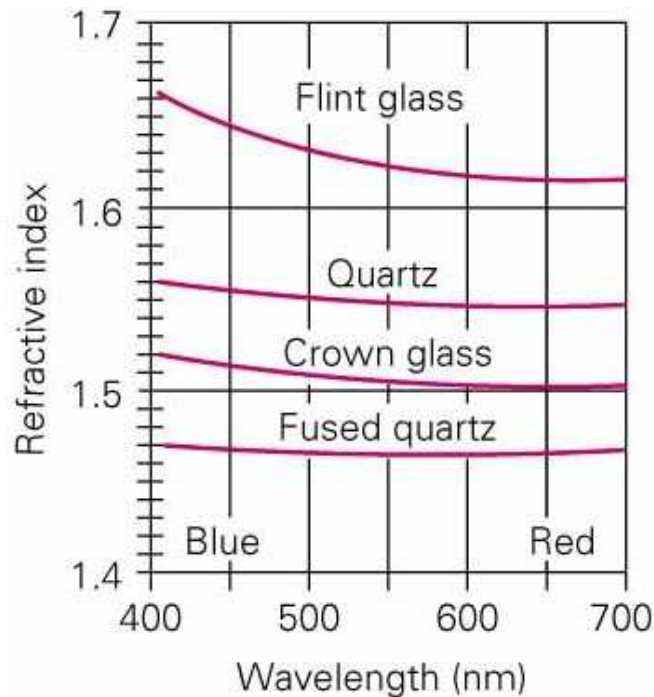


## Snell's law, visible light

$$n_1 \cos \theta = n_2 \cos \gamma$$
$$\rightarrow \cos \theta = n \cos \gamma \quad \text{with } n = n_2/n_1$$



$$n > 1 \rightarrow \gamma < \theta$$



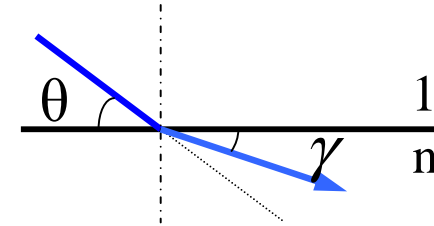
Visible light, when entering a medium of greater refractive index, is bent towards the surface normal.

This is the case for visible light impinging from air on a glass

## Snell's law, X-rays

$$n_1 \cos \theta = n_2 \cos \gamma$$

$$\rightarrow \cos \theta = n \cos \gamma \quad \text{with } n = n_2/n_1$$



$$n < 1 \rightarrow \gamma < \theta$$

X-rays have the real part,  $n$ , of the **refractive index** slightly less than unity:

$$n = 1 - \delta \quad \text{where } 0 < \delta \ll 1$$

Typical values are:

$$\delta \approx 10^{-2} \text{ for } 250 \text{ eV (5 nm)}$$

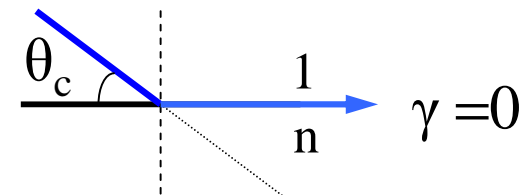
$$\delta \approx 10^{-4} \text{ for } 2.5 \text{ keV (0.5 nm)}$$

→ X-ray radiation is refracted in a direction slightly further from the surface normal

→ the refraction angle  $\gamma$  can equal 0, indicating that the refracted wave doesn't penetrate into the material but rather propagates along the interface.

The limiting condition occurs at the **critical angle of incidence**  $\theta_c$ :  $\cos \theta_c = n$

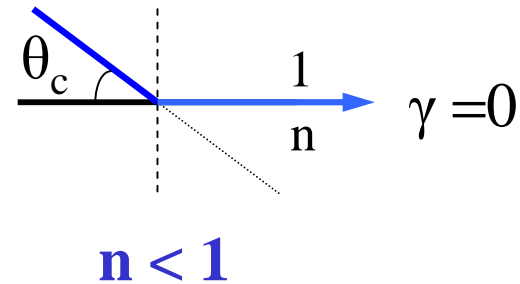
$$\rightarrow \boxed{\theta_c = \sqrt{2\delta}}$$



$$n < 1$$

## Critical angle

$$\theta_c = \sqrt{2\delta}$$



Substituting  $\delta$ , it can be shown that the major functional dependencies of  $\theta_c$  are:

$$\theta_c \propto \lambda \sqrt{Z}$$

$\theta_c$  increases working at lower photon energy and using a material of higher atomic number  $Z$ .

Gold:

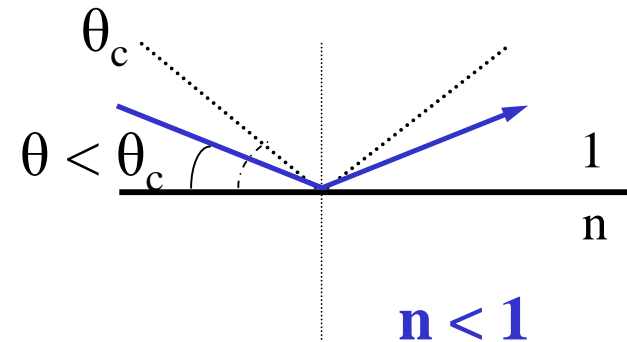
$$600 \text{ eV} \rightarrow \theta_c \approx 7.4^\circ$$

$$1200 \text{ eV} \rightarrow \theta_c \approx 3.7^\circ$$

$$5 \text{ keV} \rightarrow \theta_c \approx 0.9^\circ$$

## Total external reflection

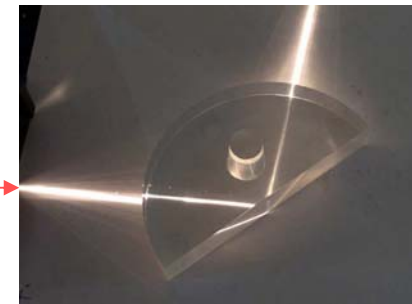
If radiation impinges at a grazing angle  $\theta < \theta_c$ , it is **totally external reflected**.



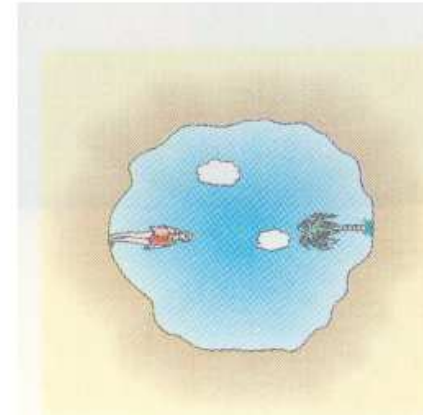
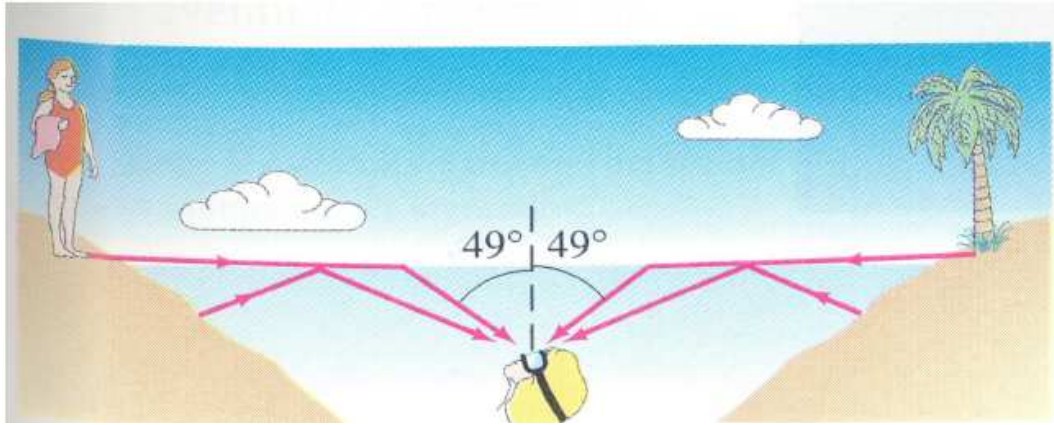
It is the counterpart of total internal reflection of visible light. Visible light is totally reflected at the glass/air boundary if  $\theta < \theta_c$ .

$$n \cdot \cos \theta_c = 1 \rightarrow \theta_c = \arccos(1/n) = 48.2^\circ$$

$n = 1.5$  refraction index of glass



## Total internal reflection (visible light)

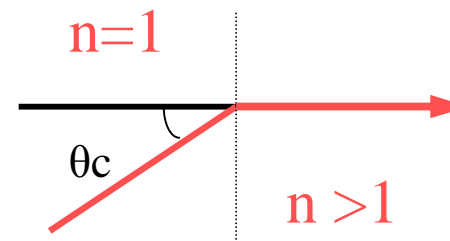


If you are in a swimming pool and look up directly above you within a cone of  $49^\circ$ , will see a compressed view of the outside world. If you look along the water surface beyond the  $49^\circ$  angle, you will not be able to see the world outside but only the reflected sides of the swimming pool.

$$n \cdot \cos \theta_c = 1 \rightarrow \theta_c = \arccos(1/n) = 41.4^\circ$$

$n = 1.333$  refraction index of water

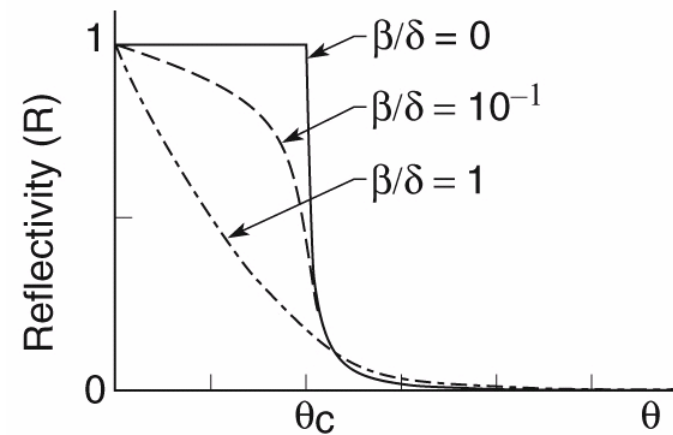
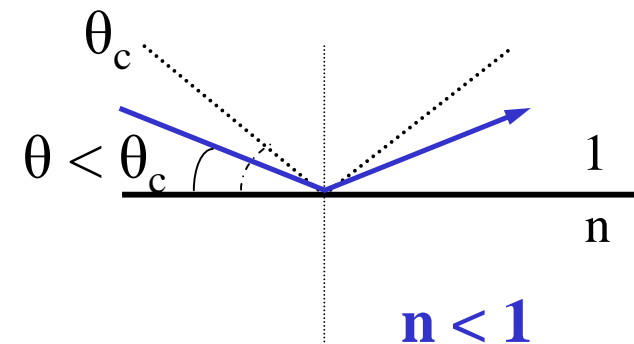
$$(90^\circ - 41.4^\circ = 48.6^\circ)$$



## Nearly total external reflection

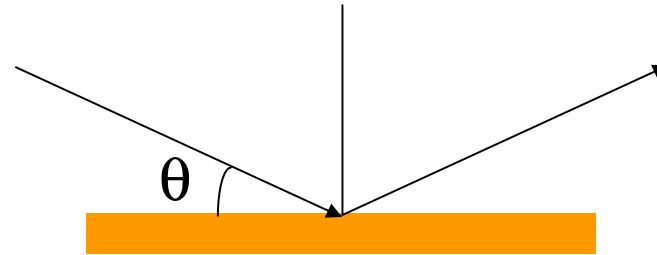
This model of total reflection is incomplete because it doesn't include the effect of the imaginary part of the refractive index. The radiation penetrates into the second medium during the reflection process, so that the absorption in this medium decreases the intensity of the reflected beam.

→ The sharpness of the cut-off is reduced

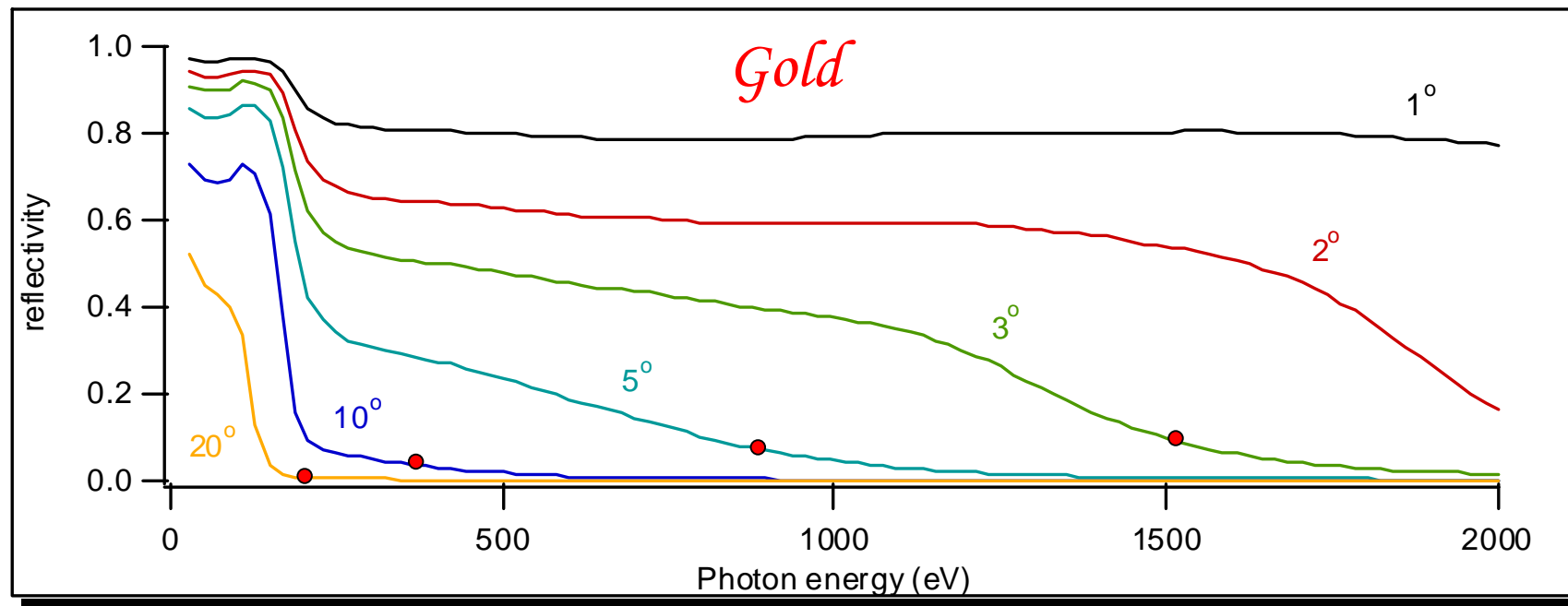


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## Mirror reflectivity (1)

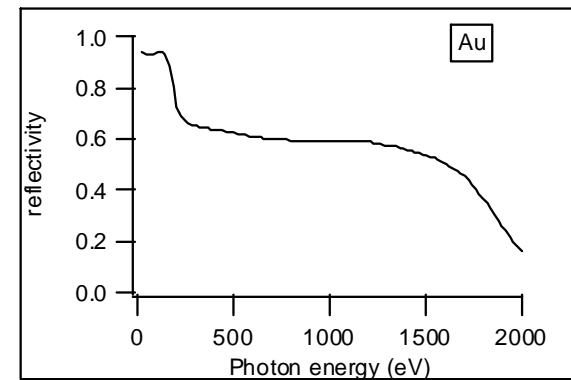
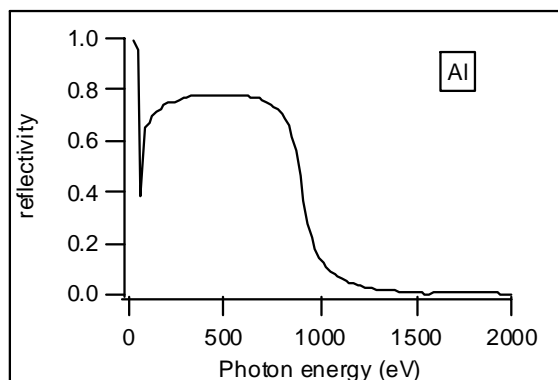
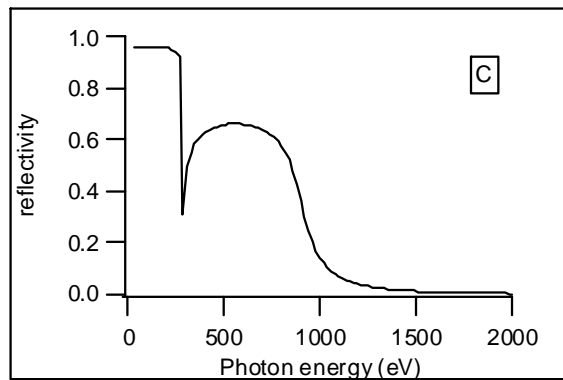
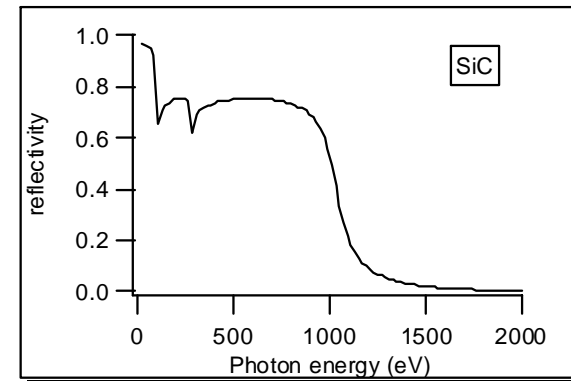
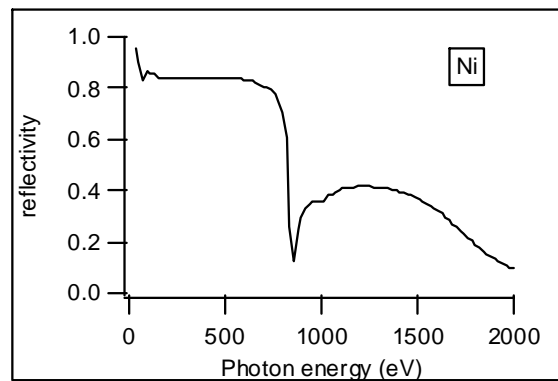
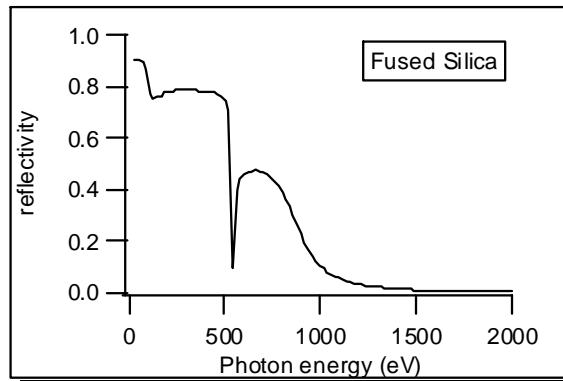
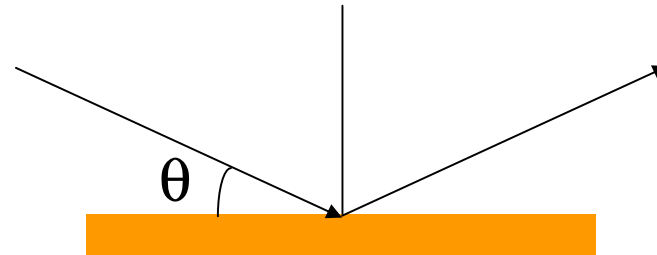


Reflectivity drops down fast with the increasing of the grazing incidence angle  
→ only reflective optics at grazing incidence angles  
(typically  $1^\circ$ - $2^\circ$  for soft x-rays, few mrad for hard x-rays,  $1 \text{ mrad} = 0.057^\circ$ )



## Mirror reflectivity (2)

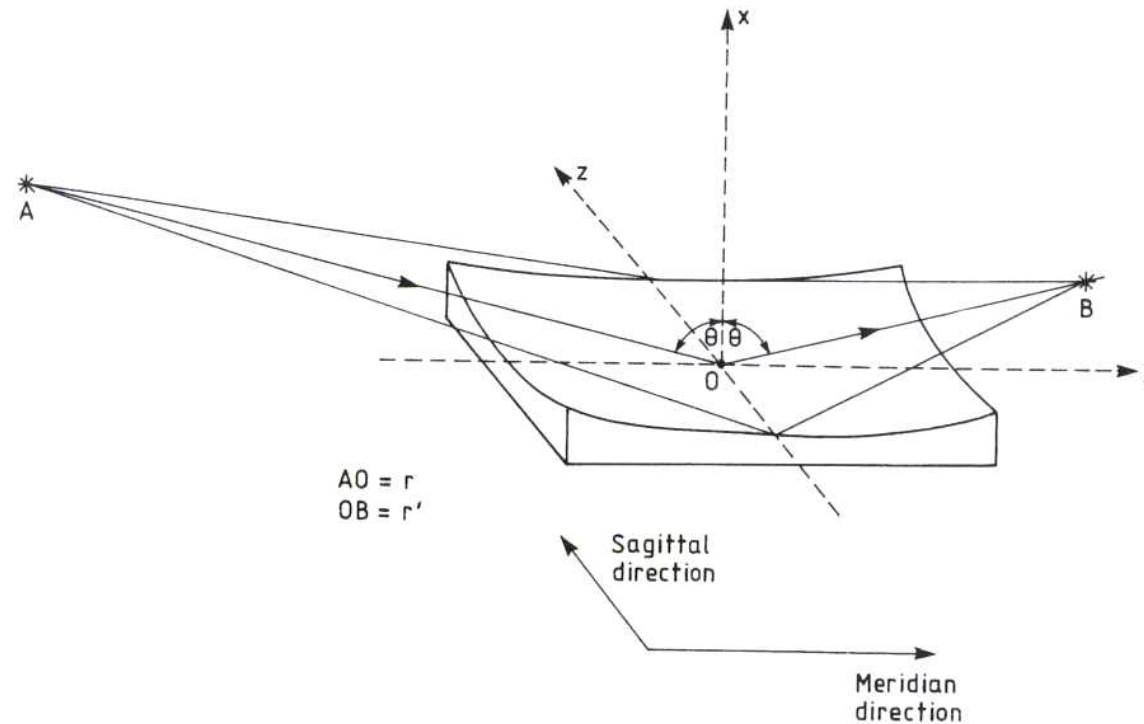
$$\theta = 2^\circ$$





# Focusing properties of mirrors

X-rays mirrors can have different geometrical shapes, their optical surface can be a plane, a sphere, a paraboloid, an ellipsoid and a toroid.



The **meridional** or **tangential plane** contains the central incident ray and the normal to the surface. The **sagittal plane** is the plane perpendicular to the tangential plane and containing the normal to the surface.

# Paraboloid

Rays traveling parallel to the symmetry axis OX are all focused to a point A.  
Conversely, the parabola collimates rays emanating from the focus A.

Line equation:  $Y^2 = 4aX$

Paraboloid equation:  $Y^2 + Z^2 = 4aX$

where:  $a = f \cos^2 \vartheta$

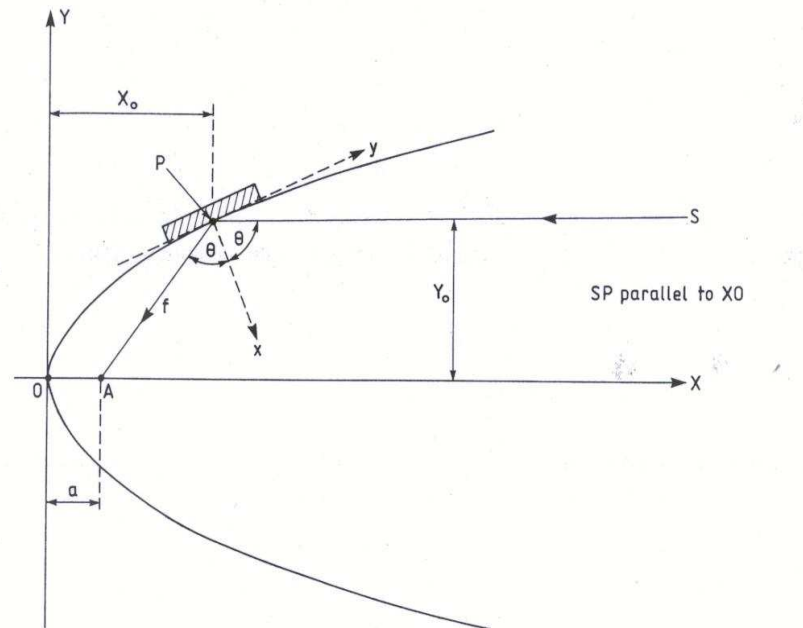
Position of the pole P:

$$X_o = a \tan^2 \vartheta$$

$$Y_o = 2a \tan \vartheta$$

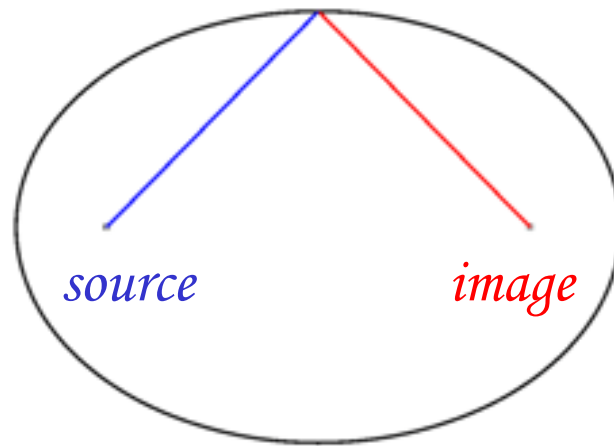
Paraboloid equation:

$$x^2 \sin^2 \vartheta + y^2 \cos^2 \vartheta + z^2 - 2xy \sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta - 4ax \sec \vartheta = 0$$



# Ellipse

The ellipse has the property that rays from one point focus  $F_1$  will always be perfectly focused to the second point focus  $F_2$



# Ellipsoid

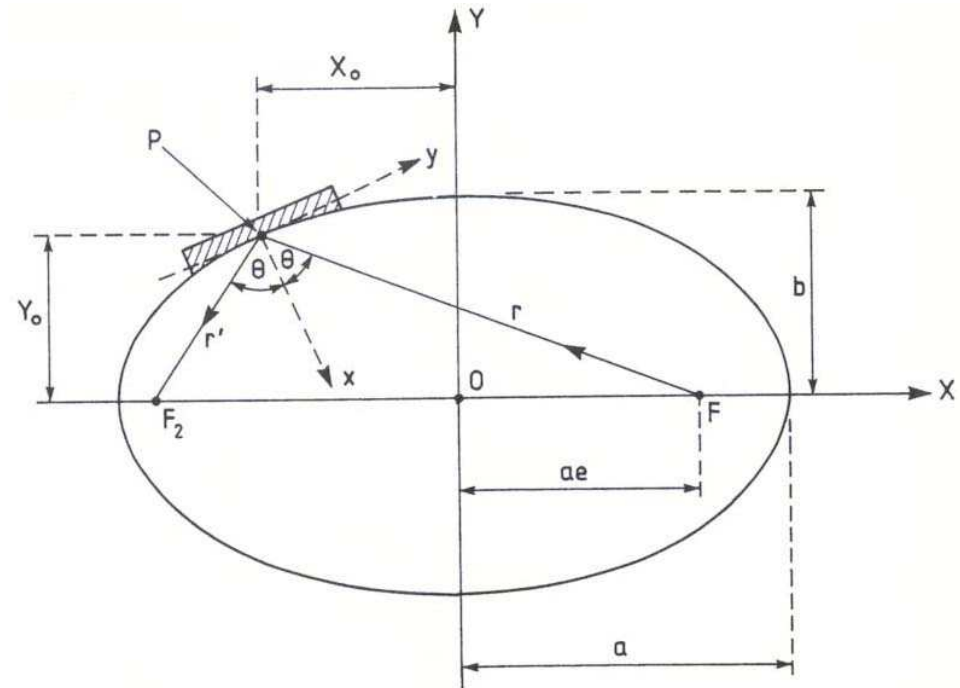
Line equation:  $\frac{X^2}{a^2} + \frac{Y^2}{b^2} = 1$

Ellipsoid equation:

$$\frac{X^2}{a^2} + \frac{Y^2}{b^2} + \frac{Z^2}{b^2} = 1$$

where:  $a = \frac{r + r'}{2}$ ;  $b = a\sqrt{1 - e^2}$

$$e = \frac{1}{2a} \sqrt{r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr' \cos(2\vartheta)}$$



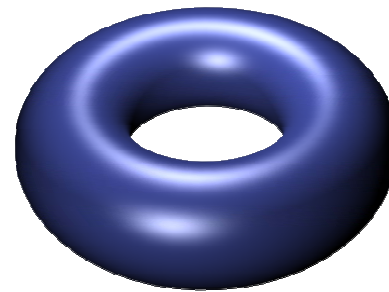
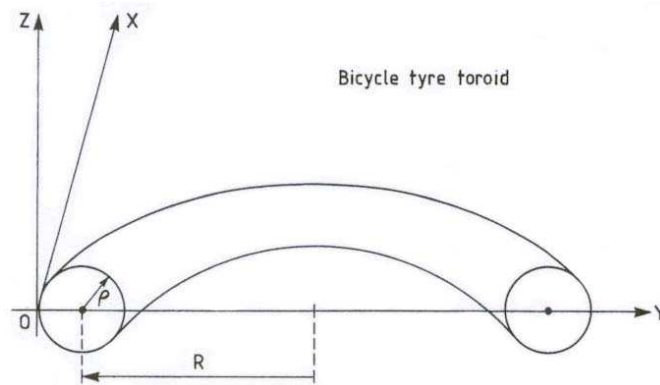
Rays from one focus  $F_1$  will always be perfectly focused to the second focus  $F_2$ .

$$x^2 \left( \frac{\sin^2 \vartheta}{b^2} + \frac{1}{a^2} \right) + y^2 \left( \frac{\cos^2 \vartheta}{b^2} \right) + \frac{z^2}{b^2} - x \left( \frac{4f \cos \vartheta}{b^2} \right) - xy \left[ \frac{2 \sin \vartheta \sqrt{e^2 - \sin^2 \vartheta}}{b^2} \right] = 0$$

where:  $f = \left( \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r'} \right)^{-1}$

J.B. West and H.A. Padmore, Optical Engineering, 1987

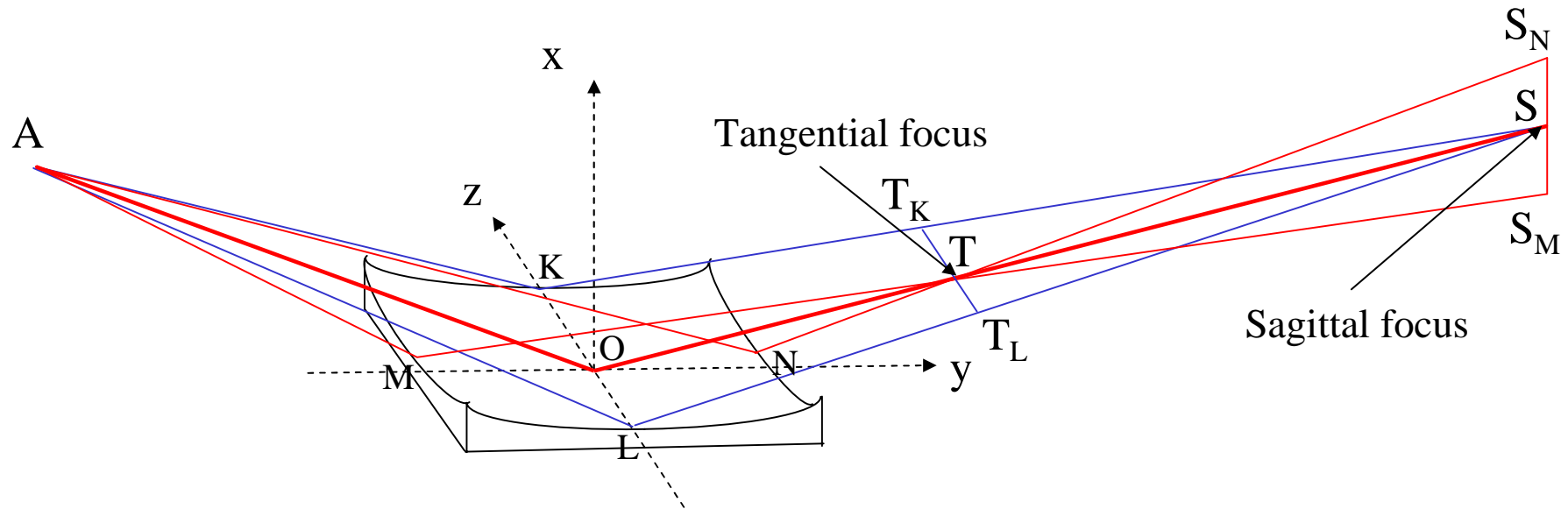
## Toroid (1)



$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2Rx - 2R(R - \rho) + 2(R - \rho)\sqrt{(R - x)^2 + y^2}$$

The bicycle tyre toroid is generated rotating a circle of radius  $\rho$  in an arc of radius  $R$ .

## Toroid (2)



In general, a toroid produces two non-coincident foci: one in the tangential focal plane and one in the sagittal focal plane

Tangential focus T:

$$\left( \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r'_t} \right) \frac{\cos \vartheta}{2} = \frac{1}{R}$$

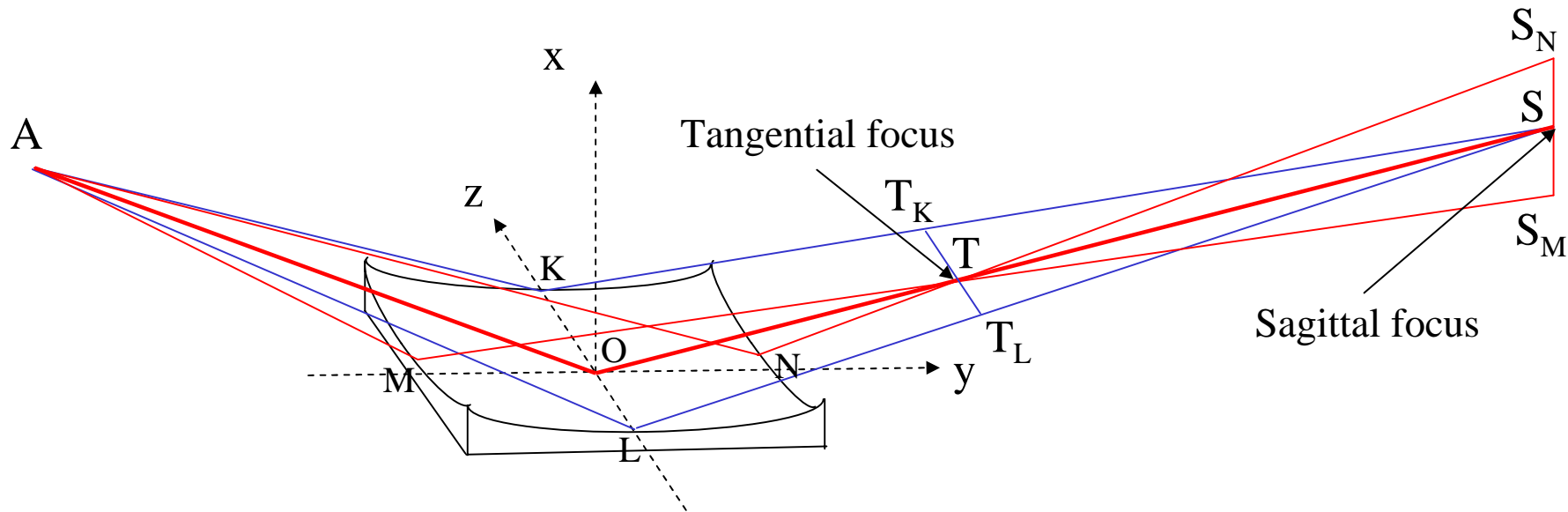
Sagittal focus S:

$$\left( \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r'_s} \right) \frac{1}{2 \cos \vartheta} = \frac{1}{\rho}$$

Stigmatic image:

$$\frac{\rho}{R} = \cos^2 \vartheta$$

# Spherical mirror

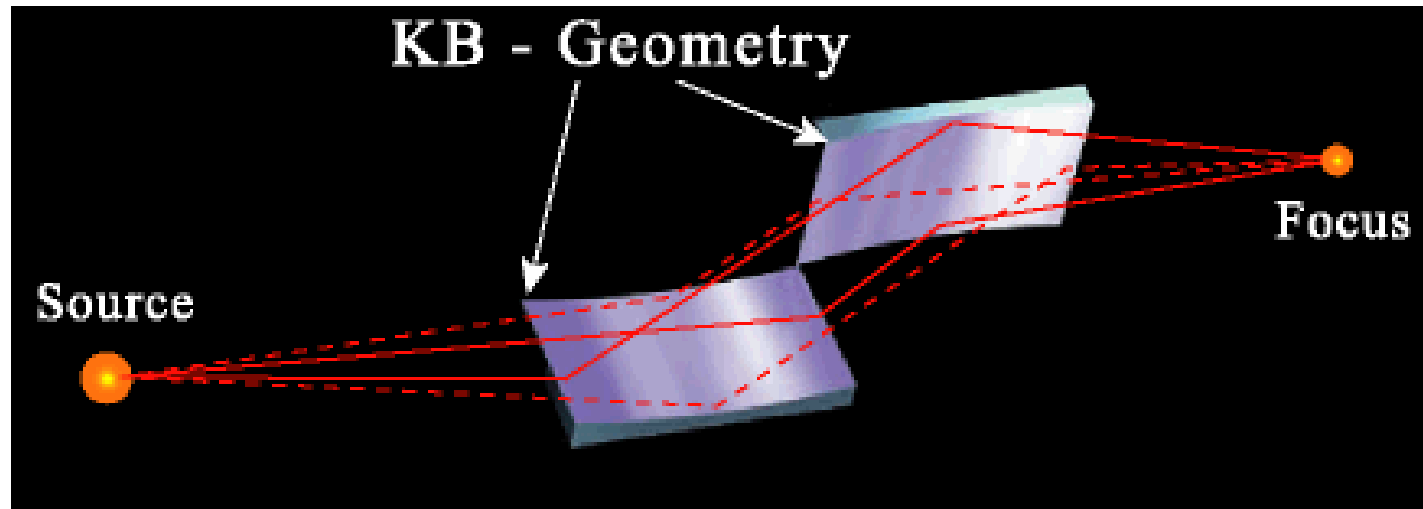


For  $\rho=R \rightarrow$  spherical mirror :

A stigmatic image can only be obtained at normal incidence.

For a vertical deflecting spherical mirror at grazing incidence the horizontal sagittal focus is always further away from the mirror than the vertical tangential focus. The mirror only weakly focalizes in the sagittal direction.

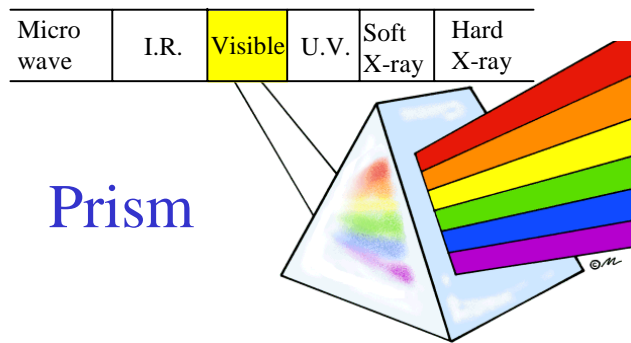
# Kirkpatrick-Baez focusing system



This configuration, originally suggested by Kirkpatrick and Baez in 1948, is based on two mutually perpendicular concave spherical mirrors.

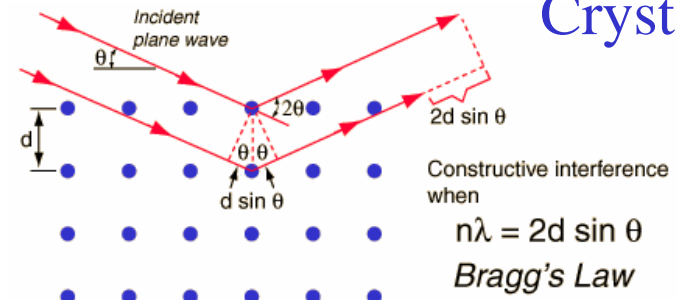


# Monochromators

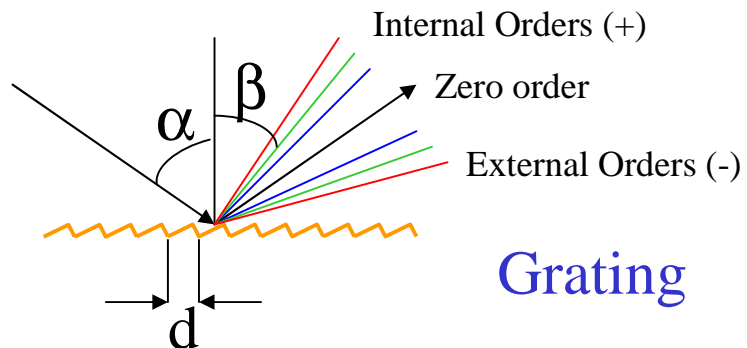


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|------------|------|---------|------|------------|------------|
| Micro wave | I.R. | Visible | U.V. | Soft X-ray | Hard X-ray |
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## Crystal



|            |      |         |      |            |            |
|------------|------|---------|------|------------|------------|
| Micro wave | I.R. | Visible | U.V. | Soft X-ray | Hard X-ray |
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## Grating

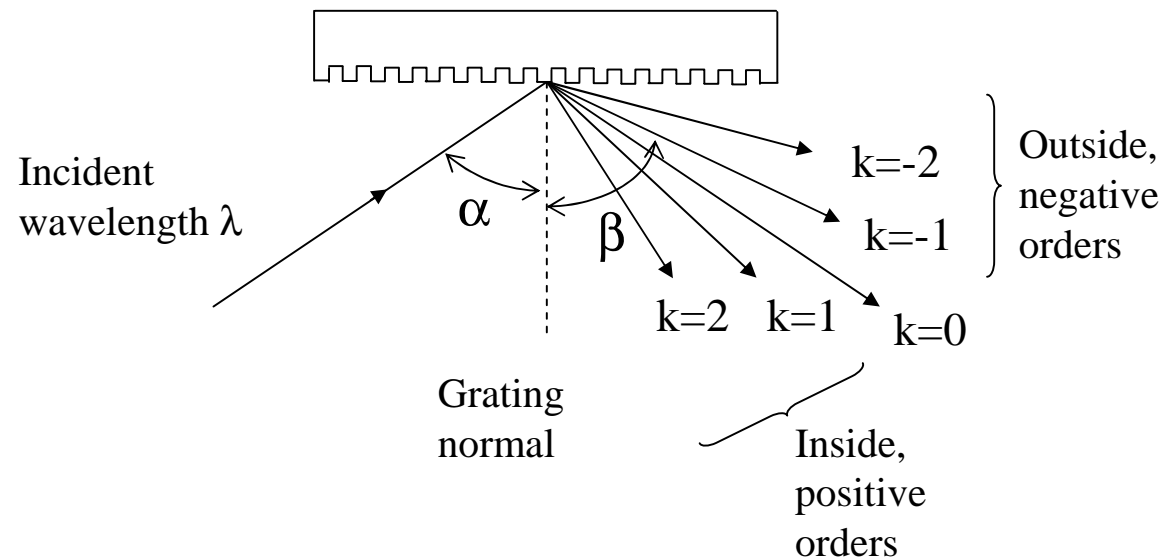
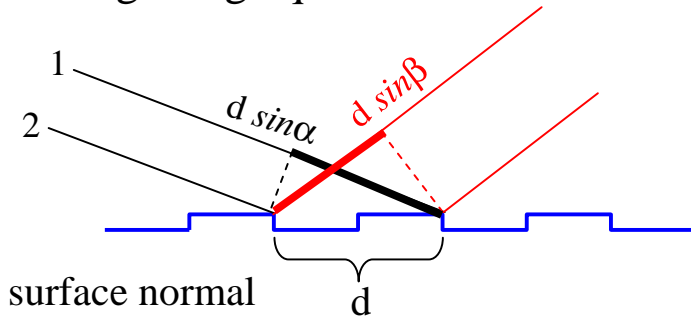


# Gratings

The diffraction grating is an artificial periodic structure with a well defined period  $d$ .  
The diffraction conditions are given by the well-known grating equation:

$$\sin \alpha + \sin \beta = Nk\lambda$$

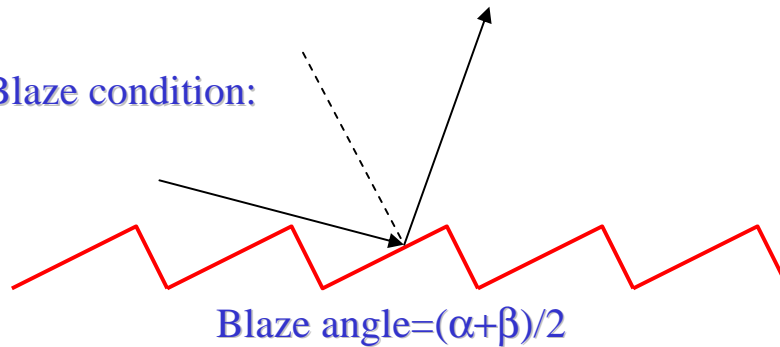
$\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are of opposite sign if on opposite sides of the surface normal  
 $N=1/d$  is the groove density,  $k$  is the order of diffraction ( $\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ )



# Gratings profiles (1)

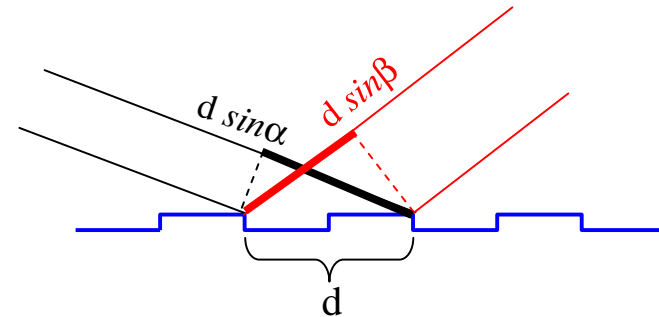
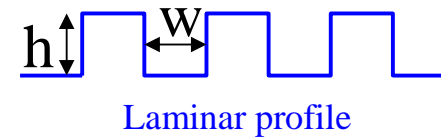


Blaze condition:



The angle  $\theta$  is chosen such that for a given wavelength the diffraction direction coincides with the direction of specular reflection from the individual facets

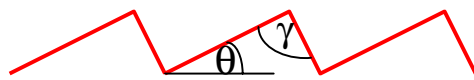
Blaze gratings: higher efficiency



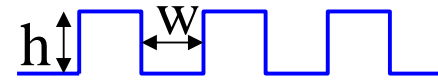
$$k\lambda = d(\sin \alpha + \sin \beta)$$

Lamellar gratings: higher spectral purity

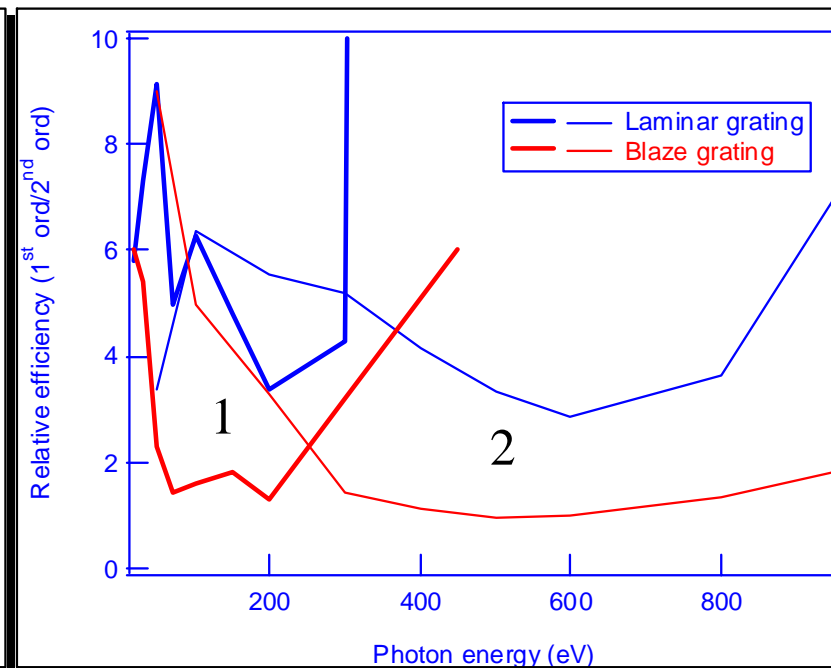
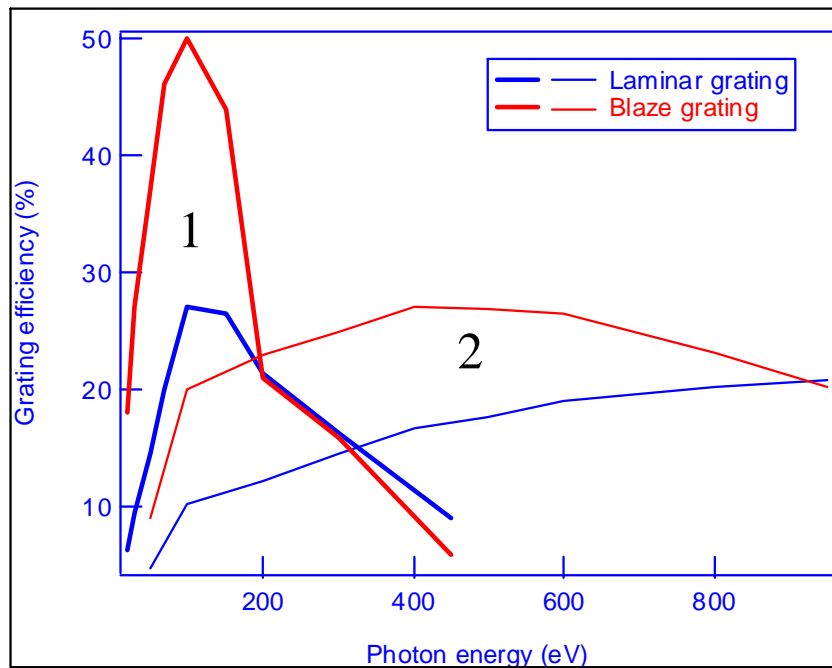
# Gratings profiles (2)



Blaze profile



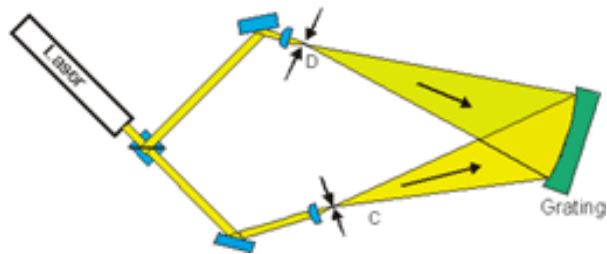
Laminar profile



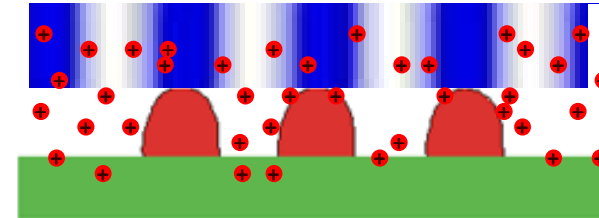
Grating 1: N=200 g/mm ( $d=5\mu\text{m}$ )  
 Grating 2: N=400 g/mm ( $d=2.5\mu\text{m}$ )

$$d(\sin \alpha + \sin \beta) = k\lambda$$

# Holographically recorded grating



*Exposure*



*Development*



*Ion-beam etching*



*Photoresist  
removal*



*Coating*

# Grating resolving power (1)

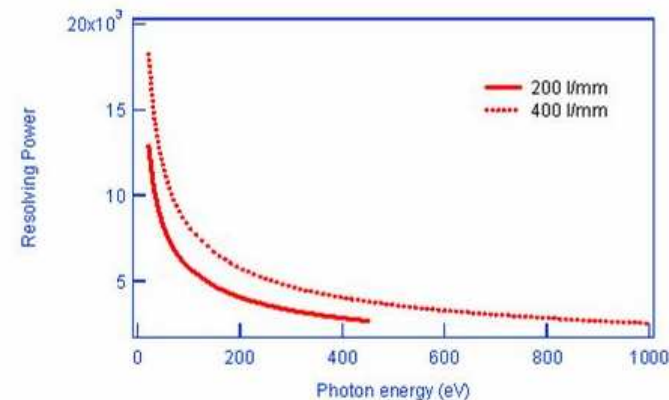
Differentiating the grating equation:  $\sin \alpha + \sin \beta = Nk\lambda$   
the **angular dispersion** of the grating is obtained:

(higher groove density  $\rightarrow$  higher angular dispersion)

$$\Delta\lambda = \frac{\cos \beta}{Nk} \Delta\beta$$

The **resolving power** is defined as:

$$R = \frac{E}{\Delta E} = \frac{\lambda}{\Delta\lambda}$$



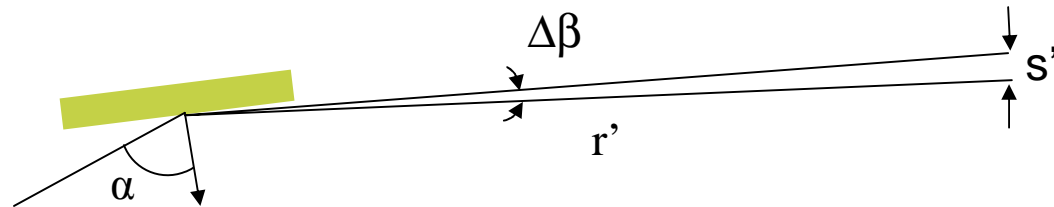
$$R=10000 \text{ @ } 100\text{eV} \rightarrow \Delta E=100\text{eV}/10000=10\text{meV}$$

## Grating resolving power (2)

Angular dispersion :  $\Delta\lambda = \frac{\cos \beta}{Nk} \Delta\beta$       Resolving power:  $R = \frac{E}{\Delta E} = \frac{\lambda}{\Delta\lambda}$

The main contribution is from the width  $s'$  of the exit slit:

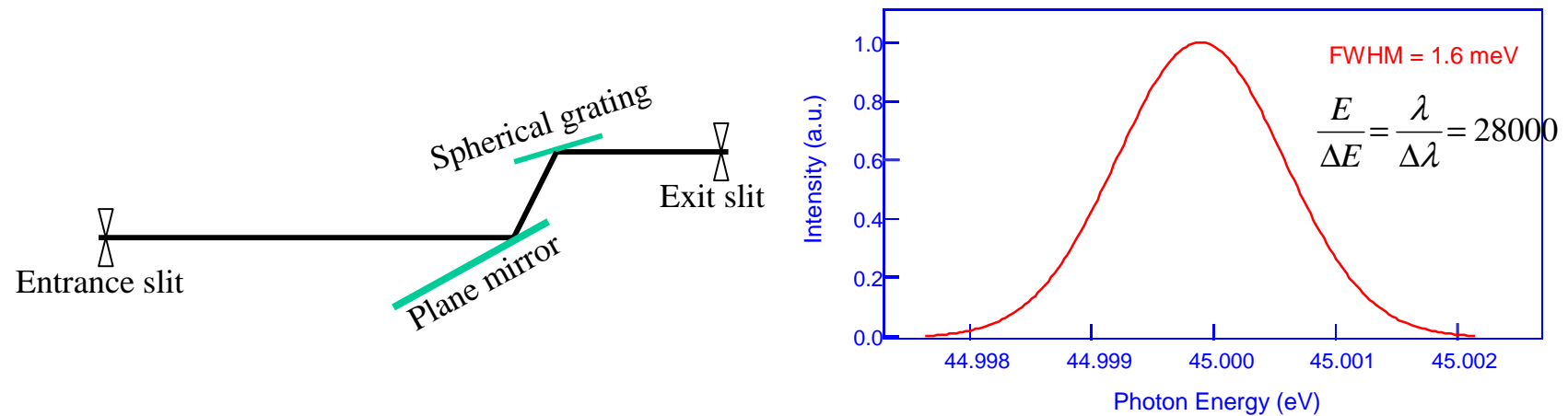
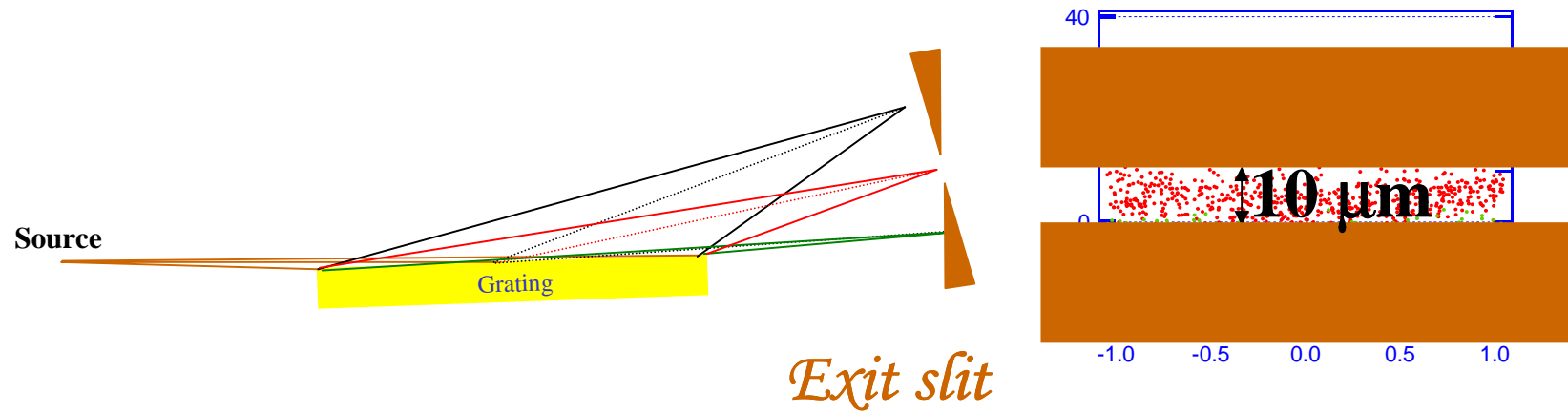
$$\frac{E}{\Delta E} = \frac{\lambda}{\Delta\lambda} = \frac{\lambda N k r'}{(\cos \beta) s'}$$



The entrance slit contribution is similar:

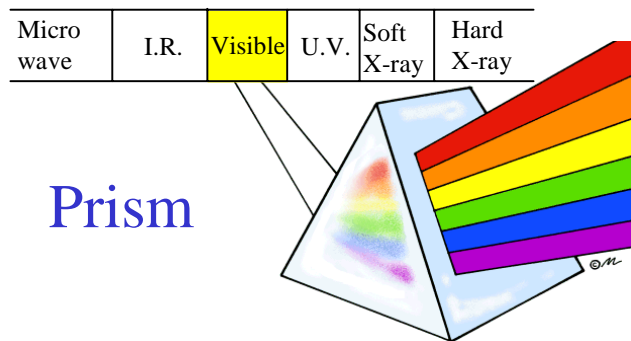
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# Grating resolving power (3)

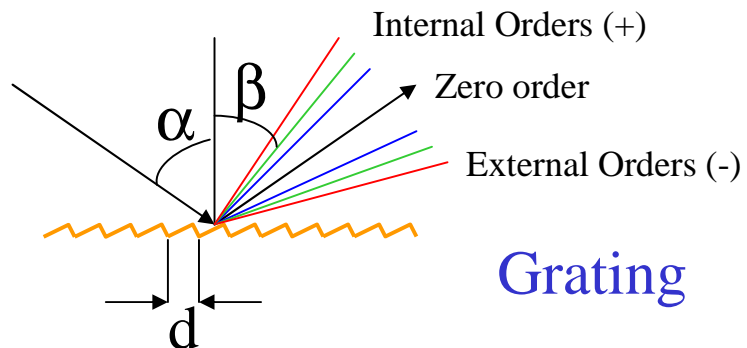




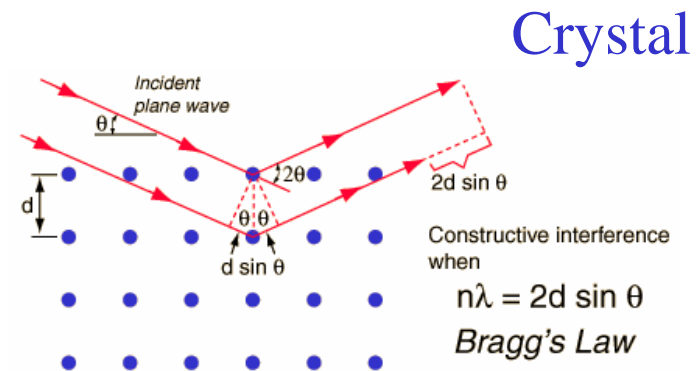
# Monochromators



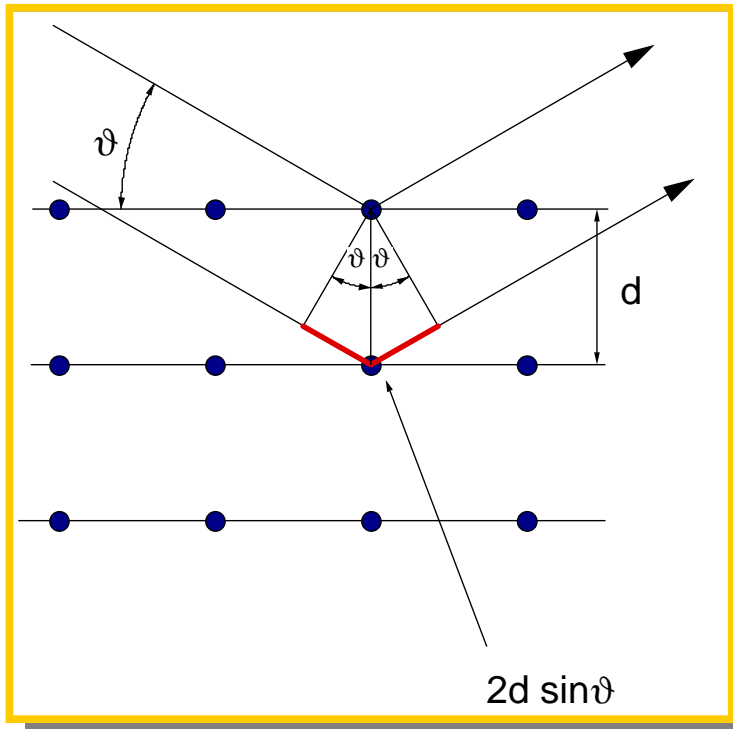
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| Micro wave | I.R. | Visible | U.V. | Soft X-ray | Hard X-ray |
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|            |      |         |      |            |            |
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| Micro wave | I.R. | Visible | U.V. | Soft X-ray | Hard X-ray |
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# Bragg's law



Radiation of wavelength  $\lambda$  is reflected by the lattice planes. The outgoing waves interfere. The interference is constructive when the optical path difference is a multiple of  $\lambda$ :

$$2d \sin \vartheta = n \lambda$$

$d$  is the distance between crystal planes.

$$\sin \vartheta \leq 1 \Rightarrow \lambda \leq \lambda_{\max} = 2d$$

The maximum reflected wavelength corresponds to the case of normal incidence:  $\theta = 90^\circ$

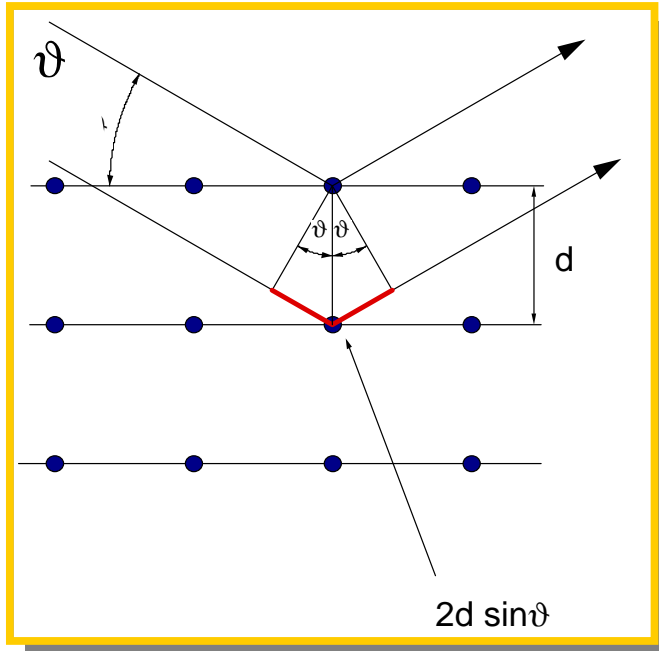
**EXAMPLES:**  $Si (111): d = 3.13 \text{ \AA} \rightarrow E_{\min} \approx 2 \text{ keV}$

$Si (311): d = 1.64 \text{ \AA} \rightarrow E_{\min} \approx 3.8 \text{ keV}$

$InSb (111): d = 3.74 \text{ \AA} \rightarrow E_{\min} \approx 1.7 \text{ keV}$

$Be (10\bar{1}0): d = 7.98 \text{ \AA} \rightarrow E_{\min} \approx 0.8 \text{ keV}$

# Energy resolution



$$\frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{\Delta E}{E} = \Delta \vartheta \frac{\cos \vartheta}{\sin \vartheta}$$

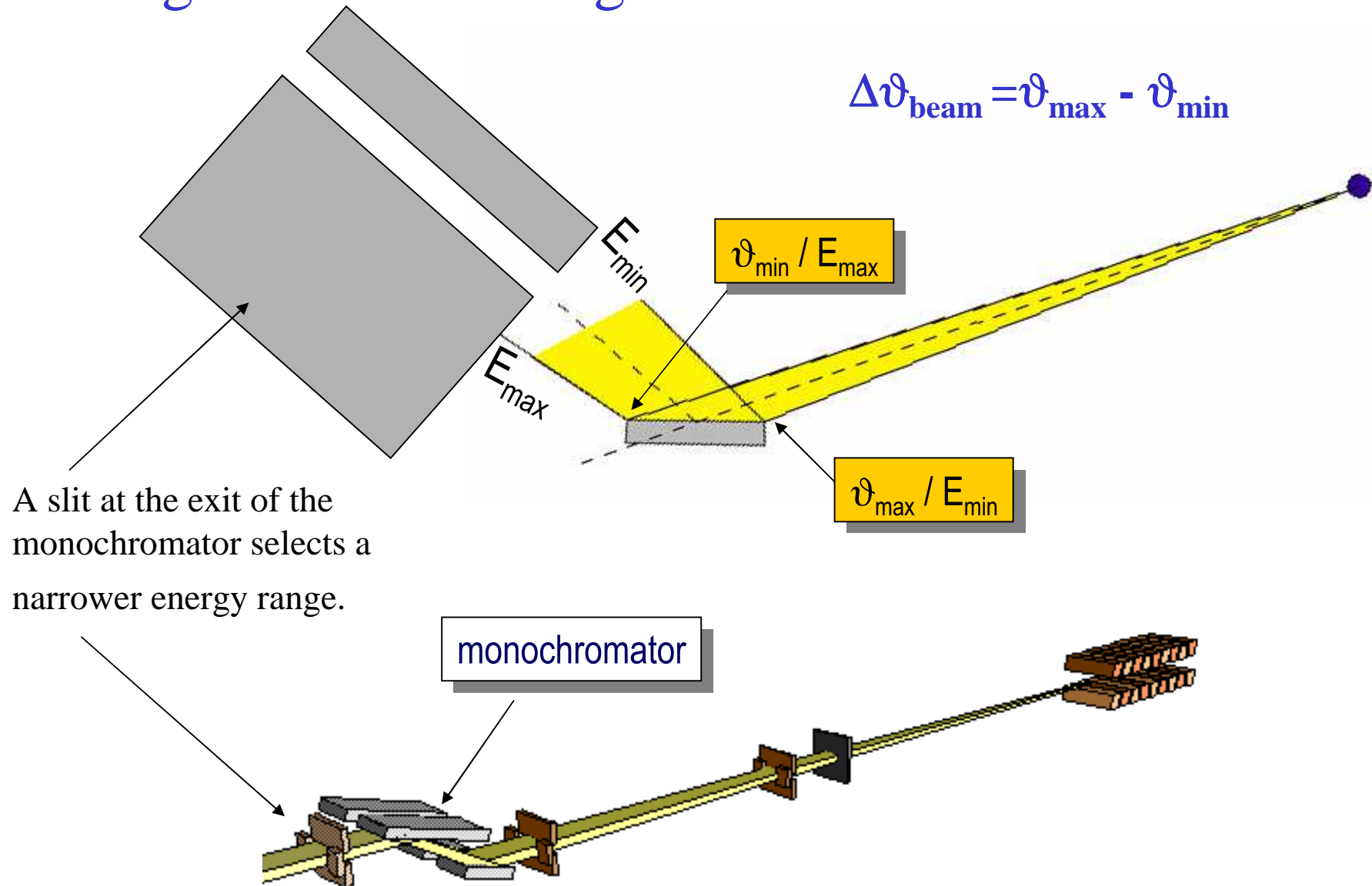
The energy resolution of a crystal monochromator is determined by the angular spread  $\Delta \vartheta$  of the diffracted beam and by the Bragg angle  $\vartheta$

$\Delta \vartheta$  has two contributions :

$\Delta \vartheta_{\text{beam}}$  : angular divergence of the incident beam

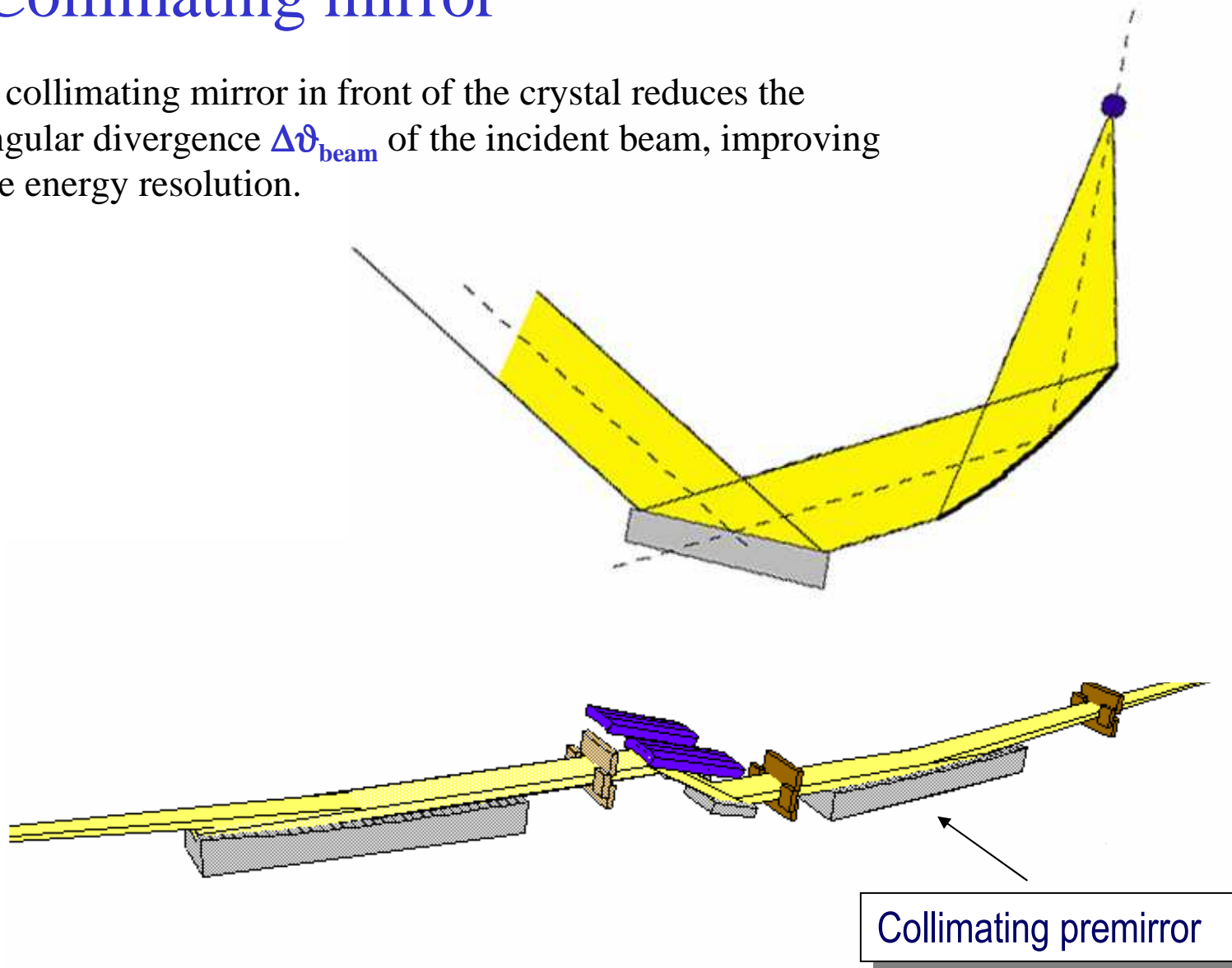
$\omega_{\text{crystal}}$  : intrinsic width of the Bragg reflection

# Angular beam divergence



# Collimating mirror

A collimating mirror in front of the crystal reduces the angular divergence  $\Delta\vartheta_{\text{beam}}$  of the incident beam, improving the energy resolution.

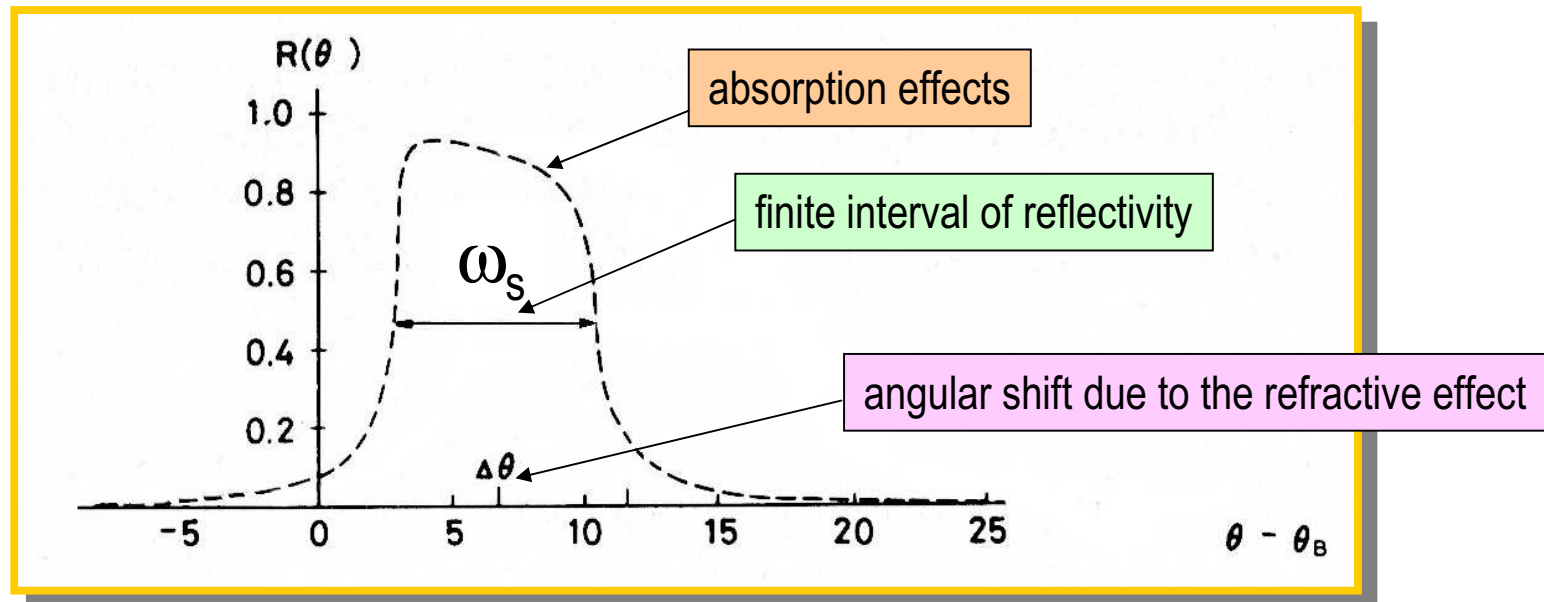


# Darwin Curve

The intrinsic reflection width of the crystal,  $\omega_s$ , can be obtained measuring the crystal reflectivity for a perfectly collimated monochromatic beam, as a function of the difference between the actual value of the incidence  $\theta$  angle and the ideal Bragg value:  $\Delta\theta = \theta - \theta_B$ .

This reflectivity is derived by the dynamic diffraction theory, which includes multiple scattering → **Darwin curve**:

1. there is a finite interval of incident angles for which the beam is reflected
2. the center of this interval does not coincide with the Bragg angle
3.  $R < 1$  and has a typical asymmetric shape



# Intrinsic width of the Bragg reflection

$$\omega_s = \frac{2}{\sin(2\vartheta_B)} \frac{r_e \lambda^2}{\pi V} C |F_{hr}| e^{-M}$$

Dynamic diffraction theory

$\theta_B$

**Bragg angle**

$\lambda$

**wavelength of radiation**

$r_e$

radius of the electron  $e^2/mc^2$

$V$

volume of the unit cell

$C$

polarization factor

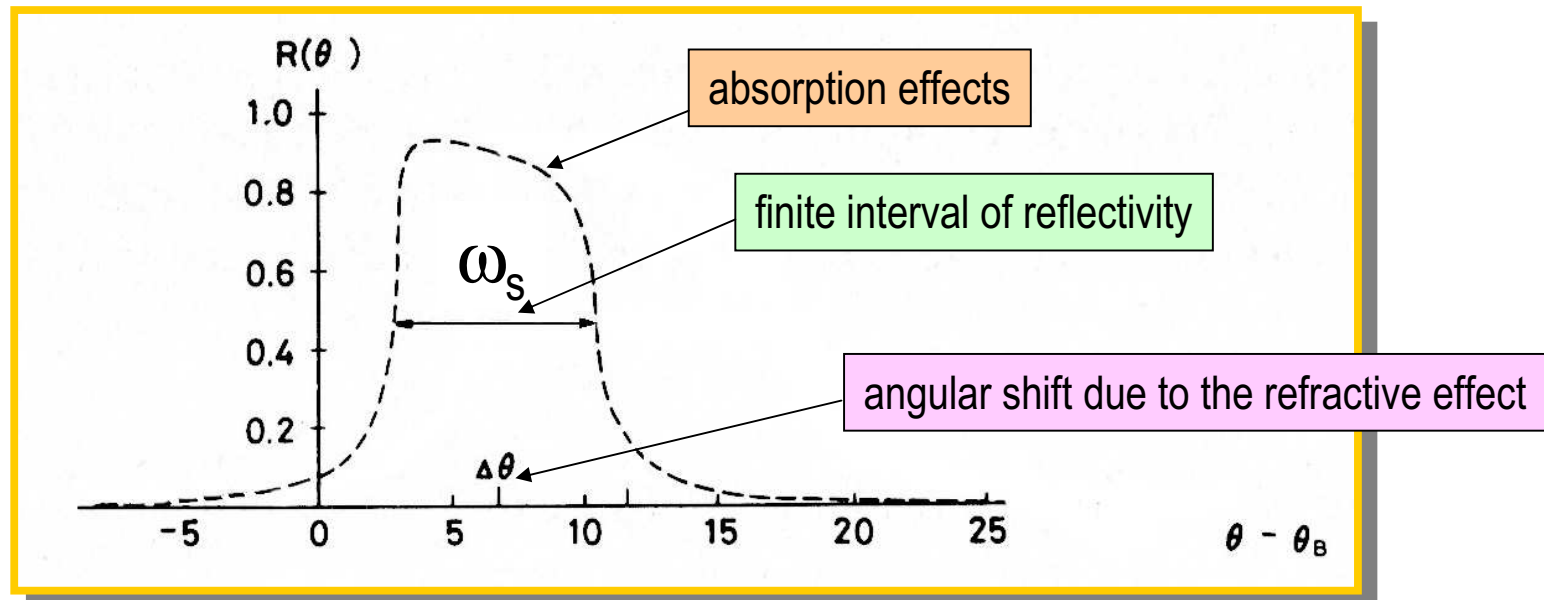
$|F_{hr}|$

amplitude of the **crystal structure**

**factor  $F_r$  related to the (hkl) diffraction**

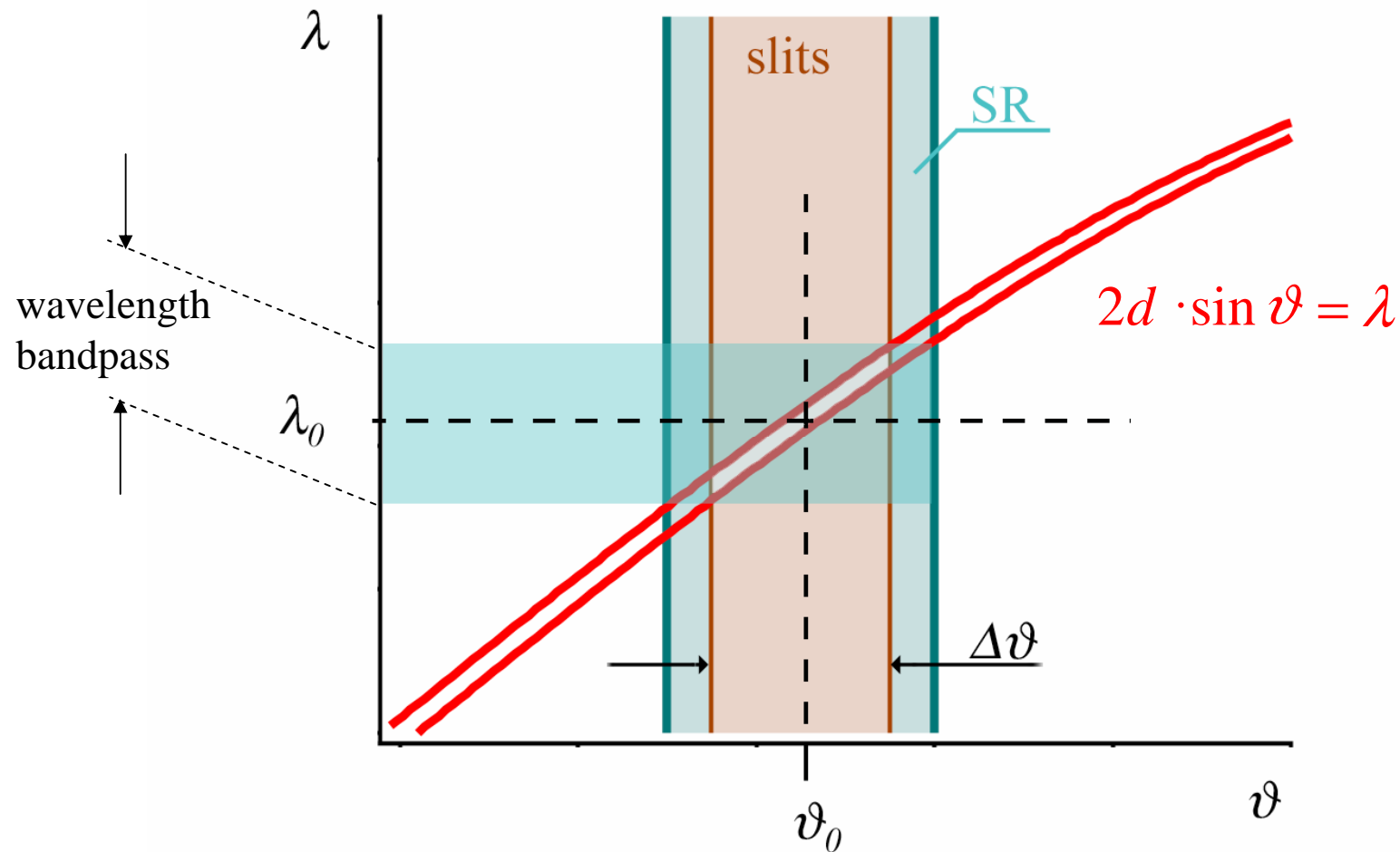
$e^{-M}$

temperature factor



# Du Mond diagram

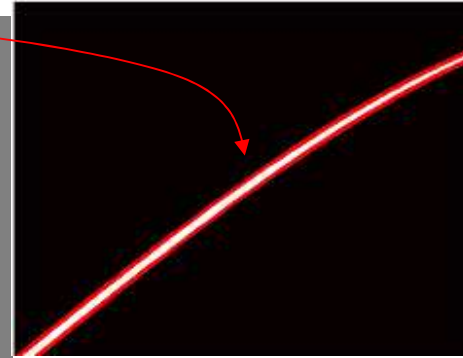
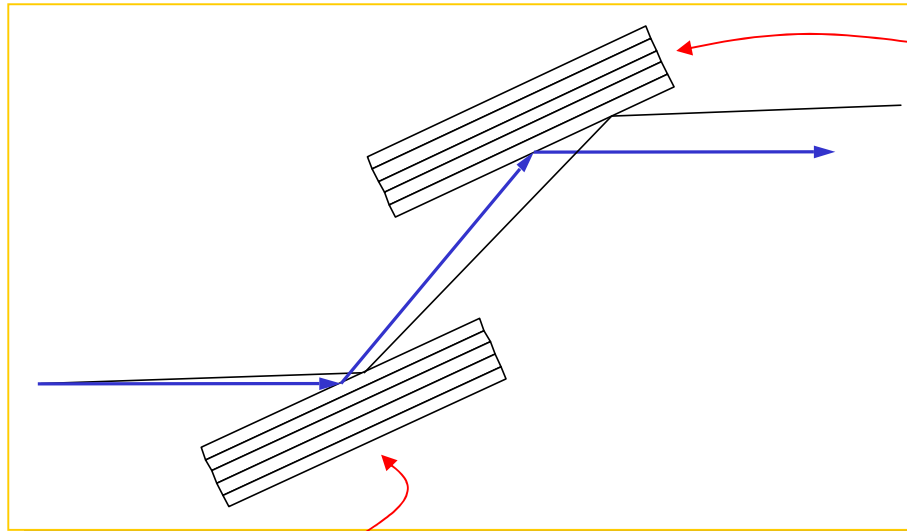
$\Delta\vartheta$  = angular acceptance of the slit



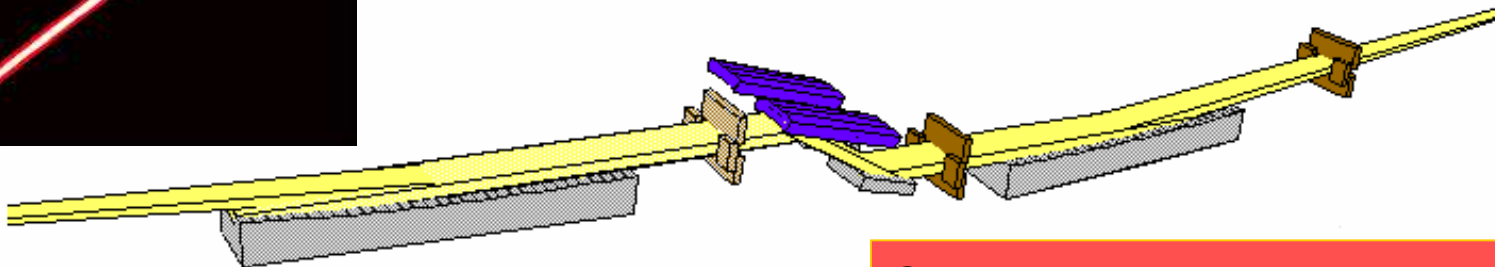
The Du Mond diagram describes the reflection of radiation by the crystal in the  $\vartheta - \lambda$  space.



# Crystal Monochromators

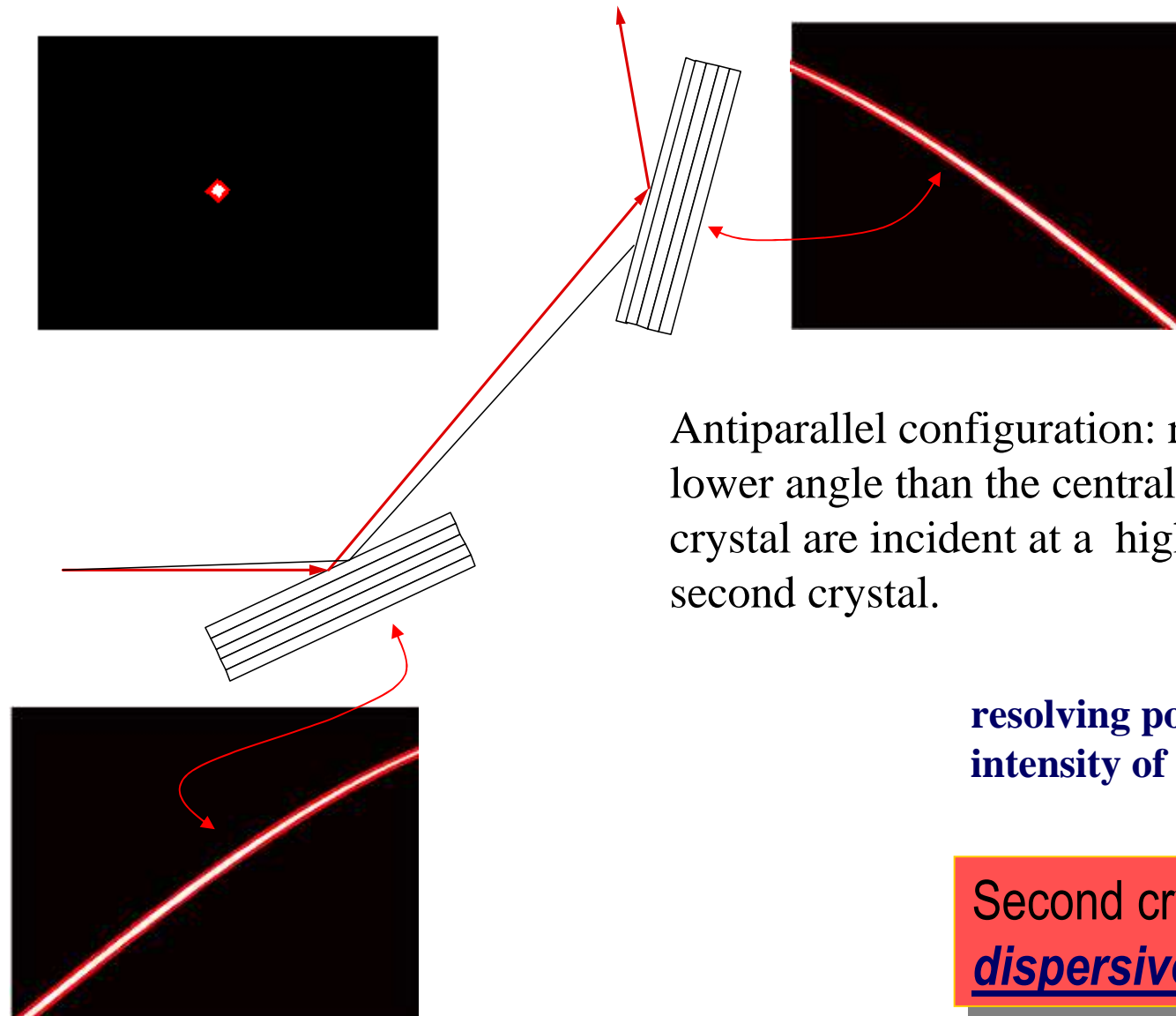


Parallel geometry:  
all rays accepted by the first  
crystal are accepted also at the  
second.



Second crystal in  
*non dispersive* configuration

# Crystal Monochromators

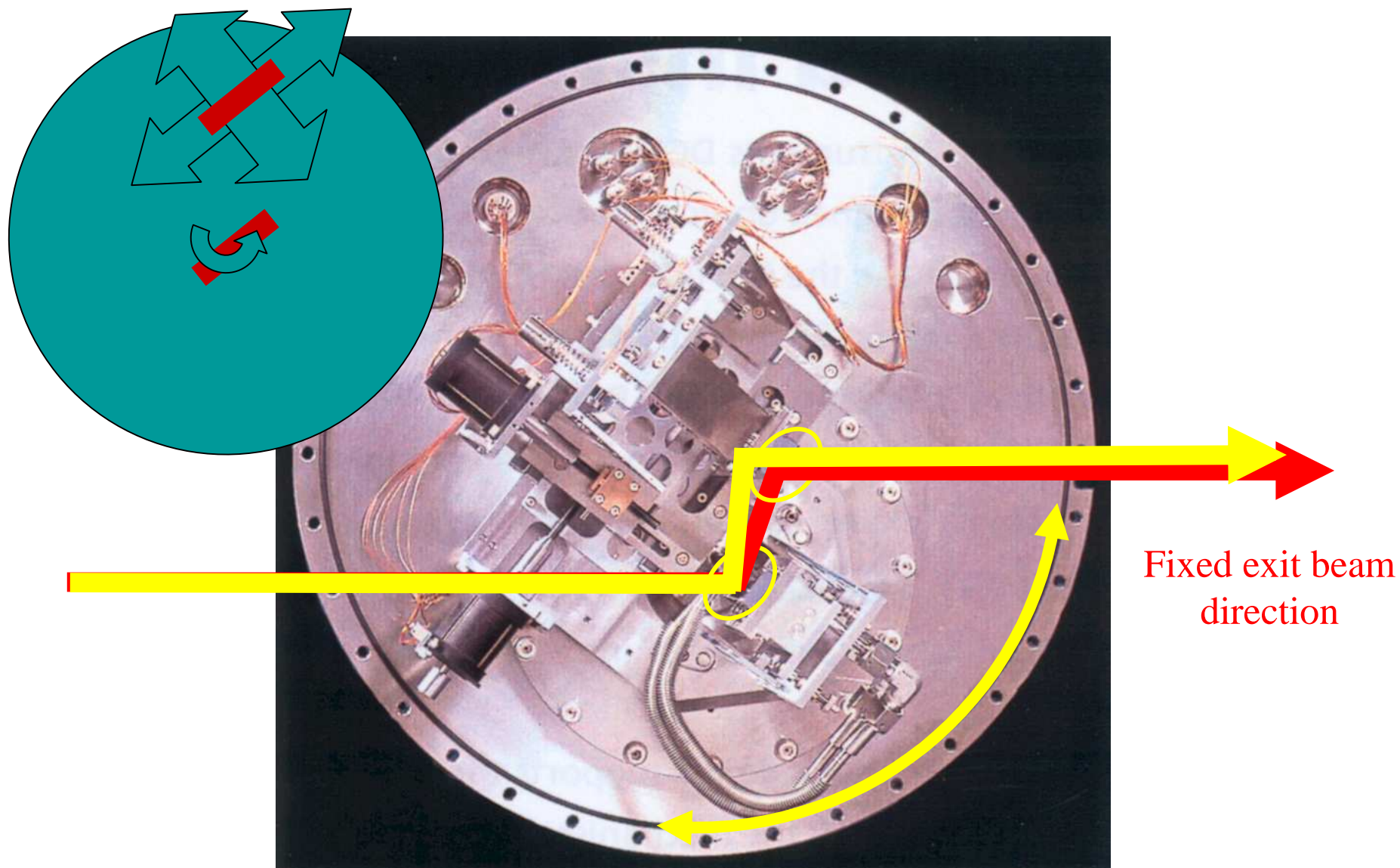


Antiparallel configuration: rays incident at a lower angle than the central ray on the first crystal are incident at a higher angle on the second crystal.

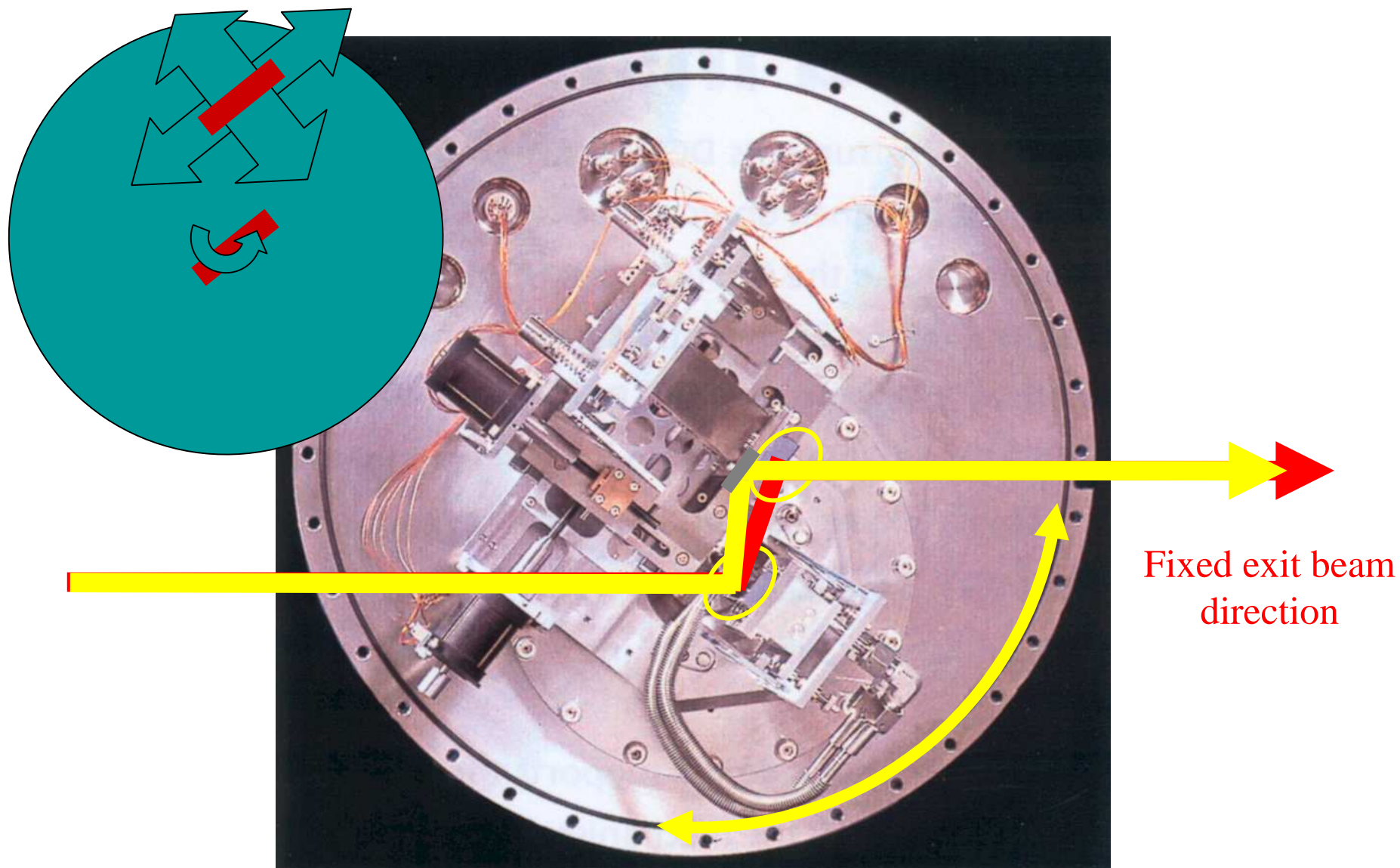
resolving power  $\uparrow$   
intensity of the reflection  $\downarrow$

Second crystal in  
**dispersive** configuration

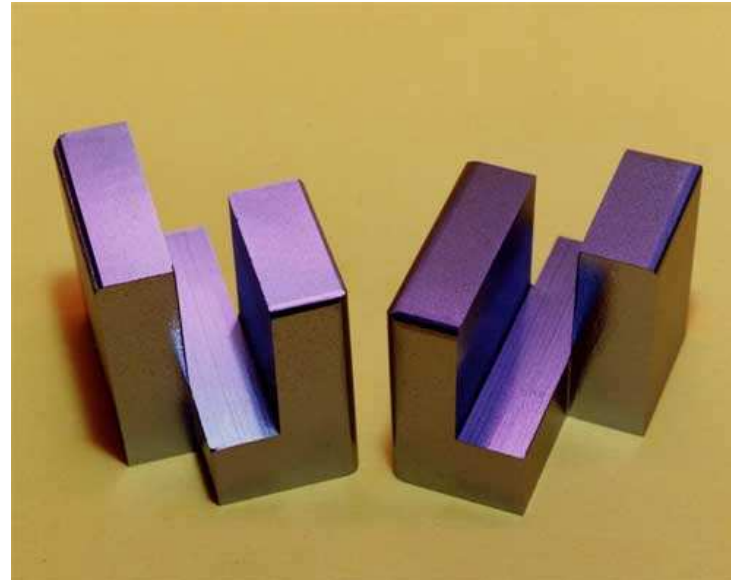
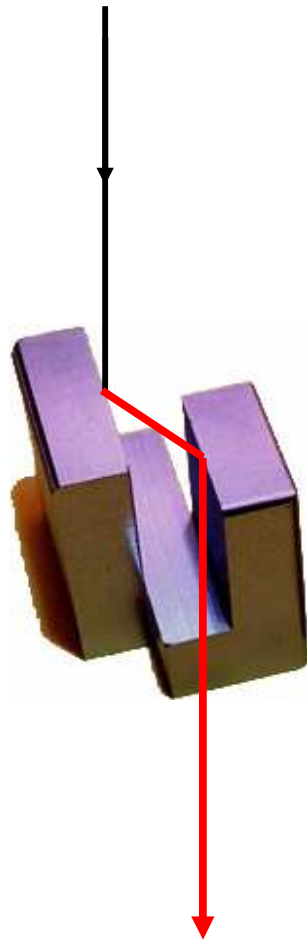
# Double Crystal Monochromator



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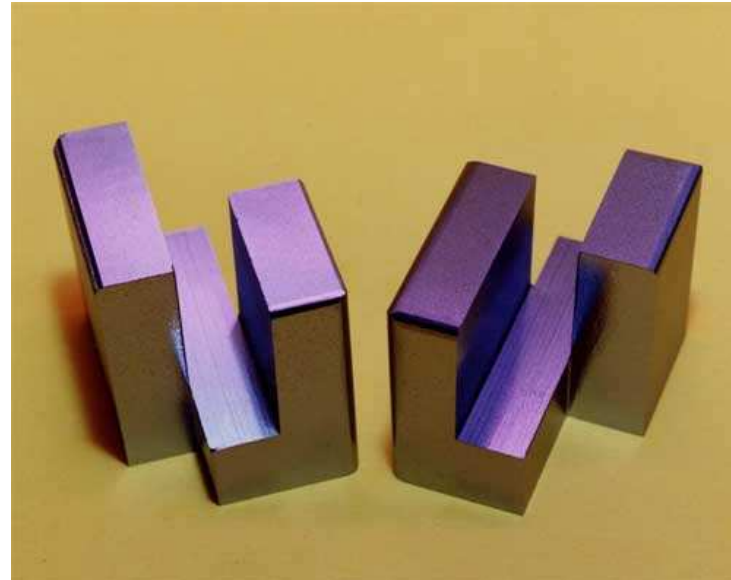
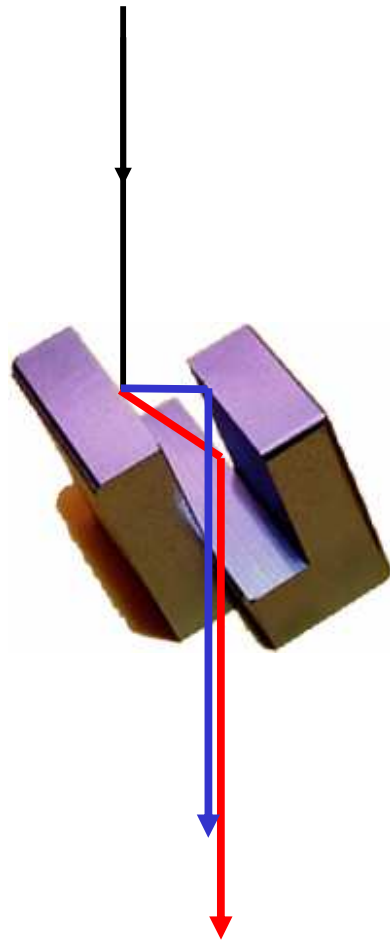


# Channel-cut

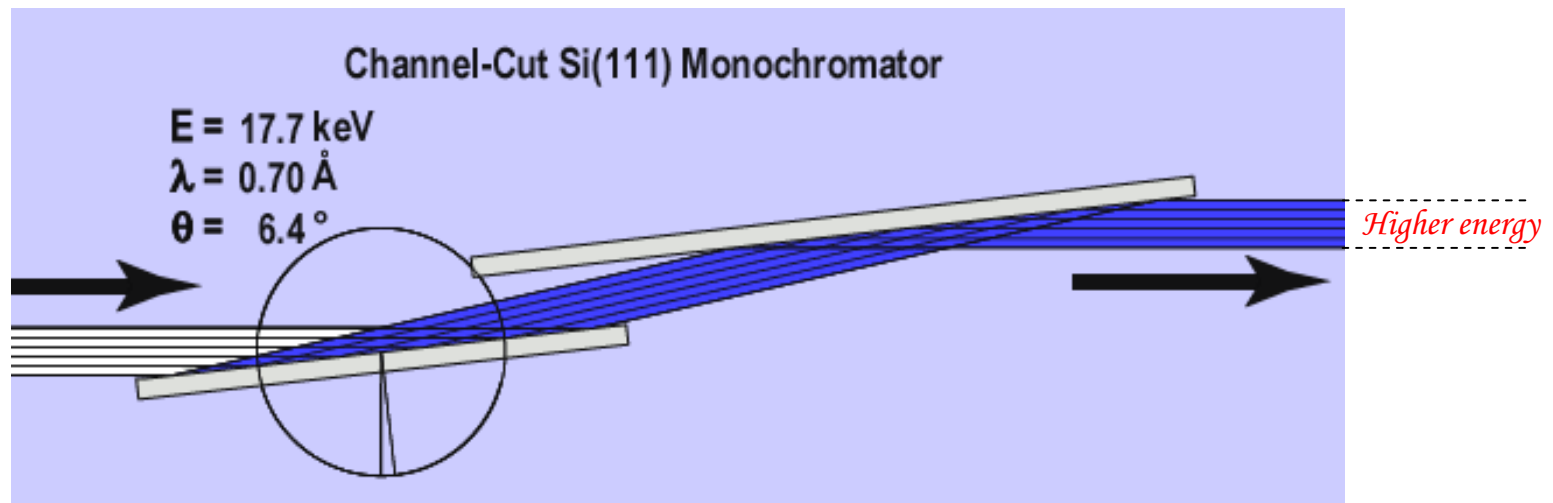




# Channel-cut



# Channel-cut



Much easy to align  
Exit beam displacement

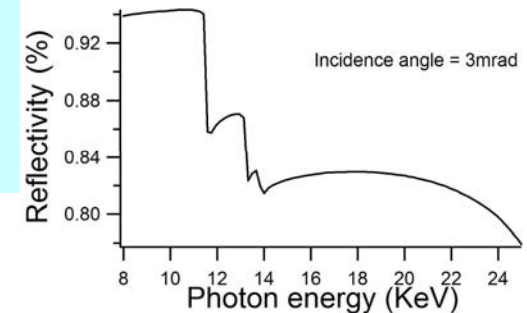
# Example: the ELETTRA X-ray Diffraction beamline

## Experiment

Source distance = 41.5m  
Energy range: 4-21KeV  
spot size: 0.4x0.2mm<sup>2</sup>  
Photon flux: 10<sup>12</sup>ph/s (at  $\lambda=1\text{\AA}$ )  
Energy resolution: 3-4000

## Cylindrical mirror for vertical collimation

Silicon with 50nm Platinum coating  
Mirror length=1.4m  
 $i=3\text{mrad}$ ; Vertical angular acceptance = 180 $\mu\text{rad}$   
Radius=14Km  
Source distance d=22m  
Collimated beam vertical divergence <10 $\mu\text{rad}$



## Toroidal focusing mirror

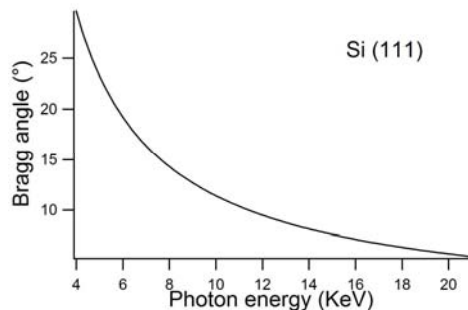
Sagittal cylindrical bendable mirror  
Tangential radius = 9Km  
(variable: 5Km -  $\infty$ )  
Sagittal radius = 5.5cm  
Source distance = 28m  
H demagnification = 2  
V demagnification = 1.6

## Double crystal monochromator

Si(111) flat crystals, in non-dispersing configuration  
 $\omega_s = 7.4^\circ = 35\mu\text{rad}$  @ 8KeV  
Source distance=24m  
250W absorbed by the 1° crystal

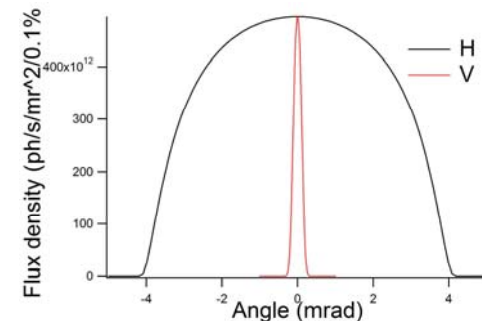
Slits, H angular acceptance: 1.5mrad

Pyrolytic graphite filters to absorb  $E < 4.2\text{KeV}$



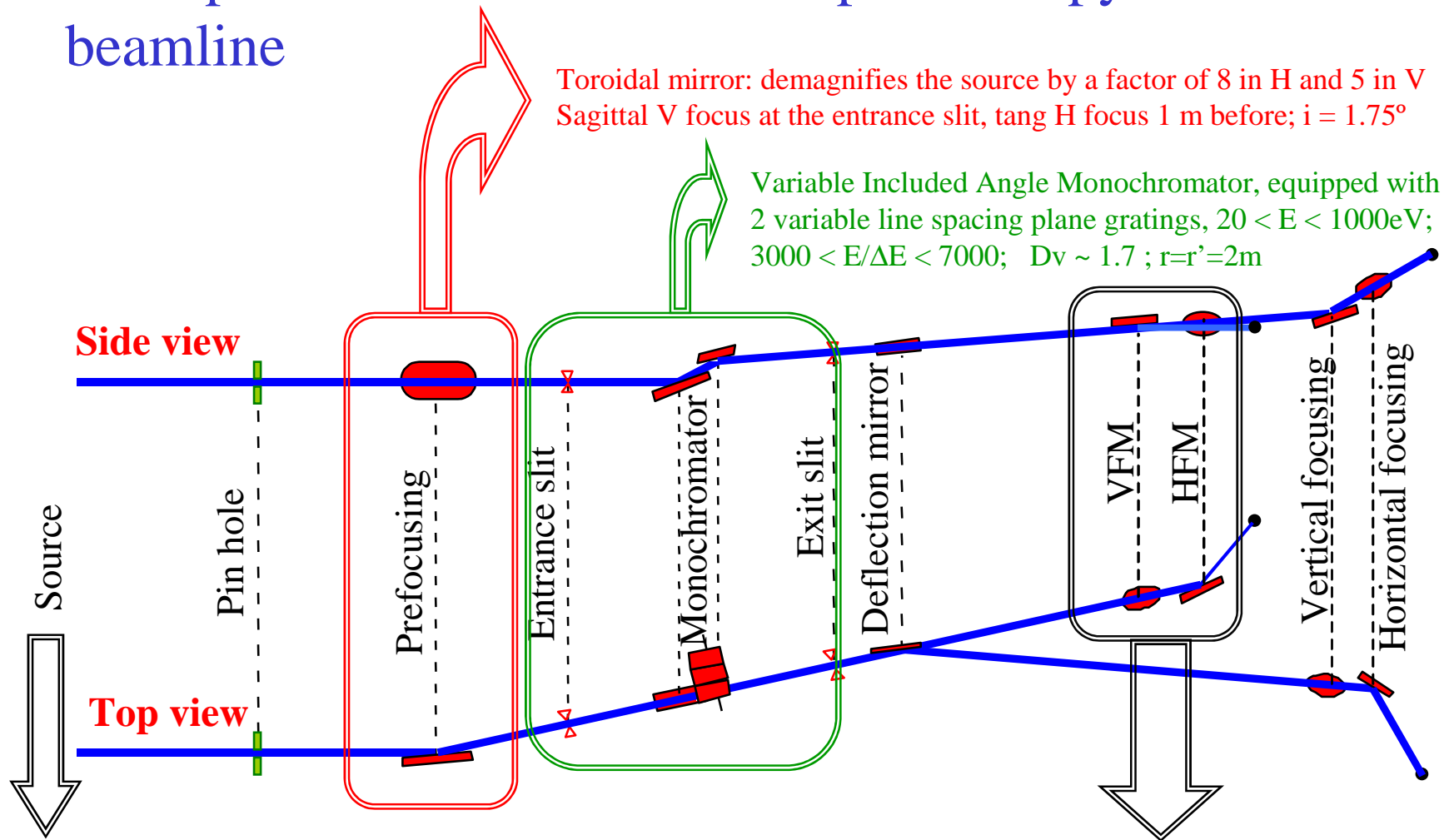
## Multi-pole wiggler

57 poles, 1.5T magnetic field,  
14cm period length,  
5.8KeV critical energy @ 2.4GeV  
5 kW total power @ 140mA





# Example: the ELETTRA Nanospectroscopy beamline



two APPLE-II helical undulators,  
Photon energy: 20 - 1000eV  
Size @400eV:  $560\mu\text{m} \times 50\mu\text{m}$ ;  
 $110\mu\text{rad} \times 85\mu\text{rad}$  (FWHM)

Two bendable elliptical cylinder mirrors, in KB geometry:  
demagnification factors are 10 in H and 5 in V,  $i = 2^\circ$   
About  $1 \times 10^{12}$  photons/s are focused in a  $7\mu\text{m} \times 2\mu\text{m}$  spot.

# Conserving brightness

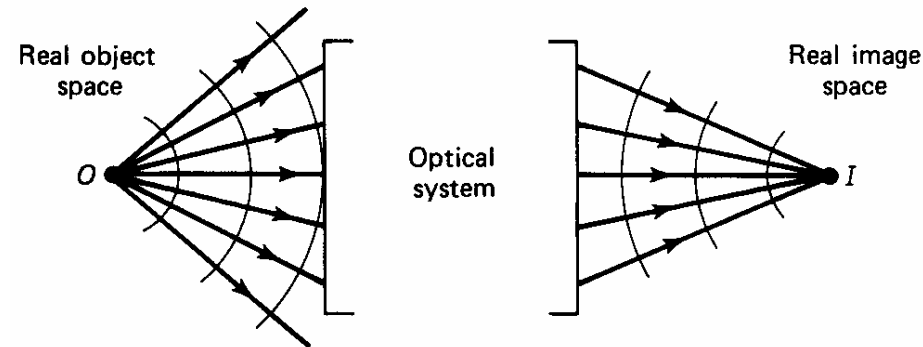
Brilliance decreases because of:

- roughness and slope errors on optical surfaces
- thermal deformations of optical elements due to heat load produced by the high power radiation
- aberrations of optical elements

In the following we will consider OEs with theoretical surface shapes.

# Perfect imaging and aberrations

An ideal optical element is able to perform perfect imaging if all the rays originating from a single object point cross at a single image point.



Deviations from perfect imaging are called **aberrations**.

# Aberrations theory

Aberration theory shows what the different aberration terms are and how they play a role in the image formation → it teaches how aberrations can be reduced

We will study the case of a concave grating.

The general theory of aberrations of diffraction gratings derives mathematical expressions for the aberration terms applying Fermat's principle.

# Fermat's principle

A light-ray going from A to B chooses the path with the minimum optical pathlength:

$$\int_A^B n(\vec{r}) dl$$

$n(\vec{r})$ : index of refraction of the medium;  $dl$ : line segment along the path

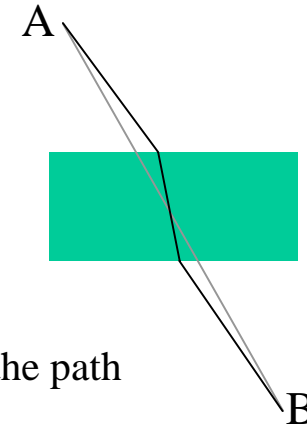
$$\int_A^B n(\vec{r}) dl = \int_A^B \frac{c}{v} dl = c \int_A^B dt$$

A more accurate statement:

a light-ray going from A to B chooses the path for which the optical pathlength between the two points is an extremum :

$$\delta \int_A^B n(\vec{r}) dl = 0$$

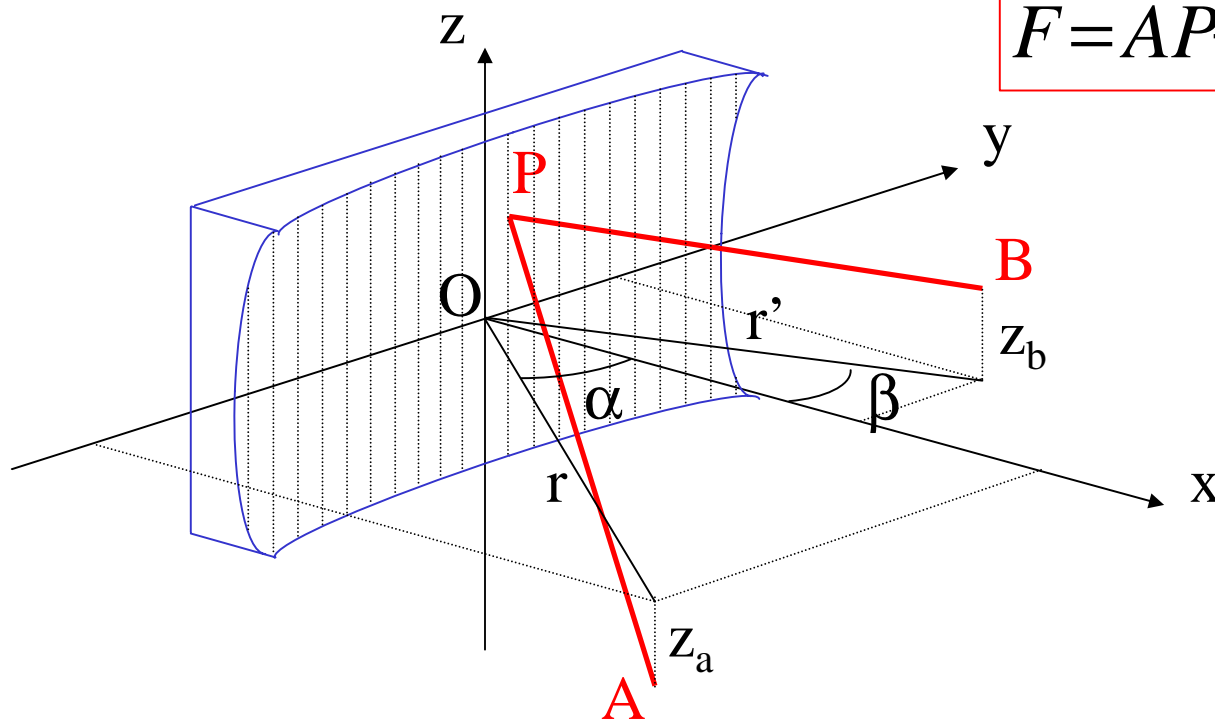
where the delta variation of the integral means that is a variation of the path of the integral such that the endpoints A and B are fixed.



# Theory of conventional diffraction gratings

For a classical grating with rectilinear grooves parallel to  $z$  with constant spacing  $d$ , the **optical path length** is:

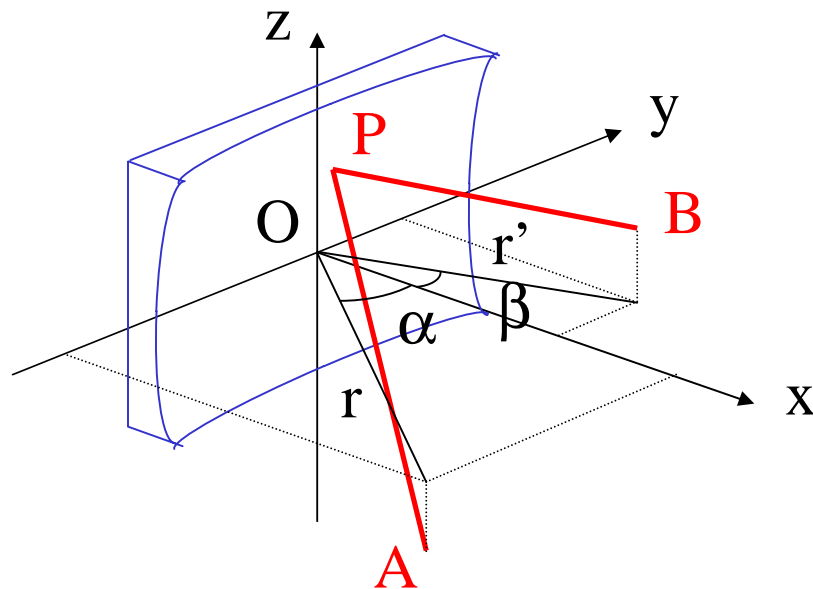
$$F = \overline{AP} + \overline{PB} + kN\lambda y$$



where  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of the diffracted light,  $k$  is the order of diffraction ( $\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ ),  $N = 1/d$  is the groove density

## Perfect focus condition (1)

Let us consider some number of light rays starting from A and impinging on the grating at different points P. Fermat's principle states that if the point A is to be imaged at the point B, then all the optical path lengths from A via the grating surface to B will be the same.



B is the point of a perfect focus  
if:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 0$$

for any pair of (y,z )

## Perfect focus condition (2)

Equations:

$$F = \overline{AP} + \overline{PB} + kN\lambda y \quad + \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \text{for any pair of } (y, z)$$

can be used to decide on the required characteristics of the diffraction grating:

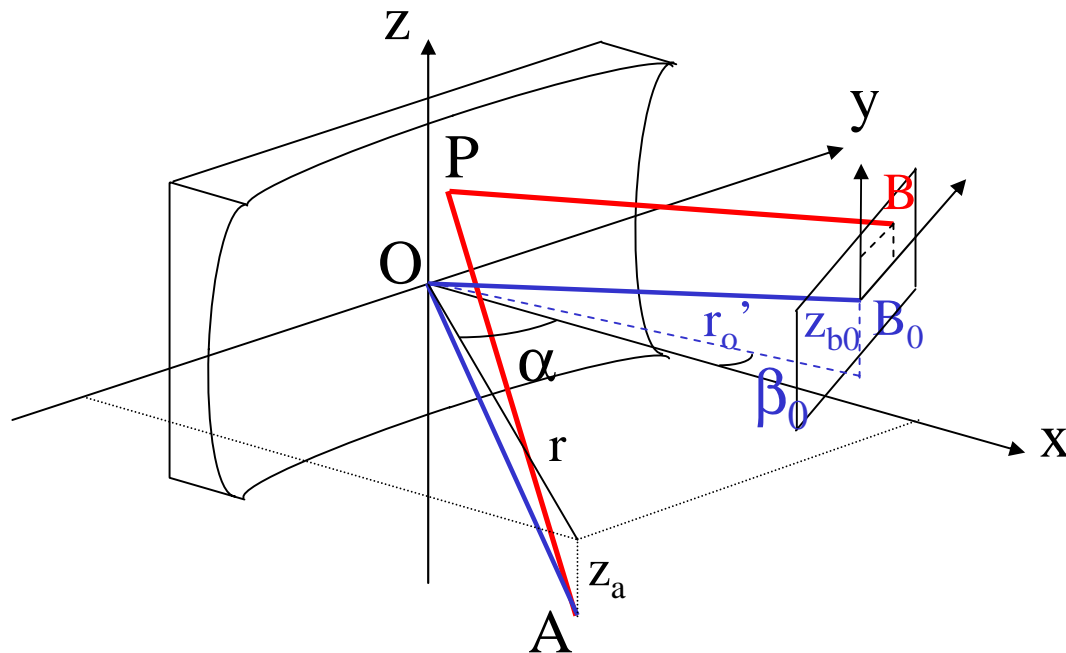
- the shape of the surface
- the grooves density
- the object and image distances



# Aberrated image

In general,  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}$  are functions of  $y$  and  $z$  and can not be made zero for any  $y, z$

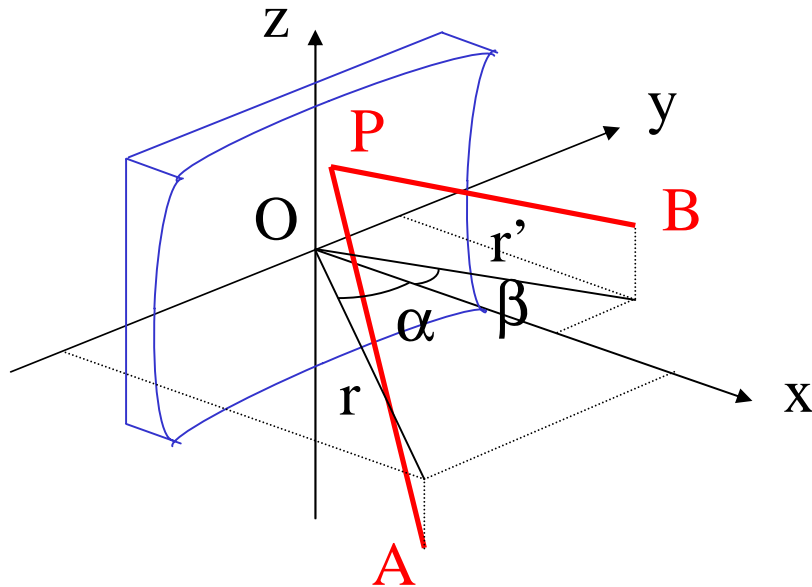
→ when the point  $P$  wanders over the grating surface, diffracted rays fall on slightly different points on the focal plane and an aberrated image is formed



- $B_0$ : gaussian image, produced by the central ray
- $B$ : ray diffracted by the generic point  $P$  on the grating surface
- Aberrations: displacements of  $B$  with respect to  $B_0$

# Grating surface

The grating surface can in general be described by a **series expansion**:



$$x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_{ij} y^i z^j$$

$a_{00} = a_{10} = a_{01} = 0$  because of the choice of origin  
 $j = \text{even}$  if the xy plane is a symmetry plane

Giving suitable values to the coefficients  $a_{ij}$ 's we obtain the expressions for the various geometrical surfaces.

## $a_{ij}$ coefficients (1)

### Toroid

$$a_{02} = \frac{1}{2\rho}; \quad a_{20} = \frac{1}{2R}; \quad a_{22} = \frac{1}{4R^2\rho}; \quad a_{40} = \frac{1}{8R^3};$$
$$a_{04} = \frac{1}{8\rho^3}; \quad a_{12} = 0; \quad a_{30} = 0$$

Sphere, cylinder and plane are special cases of toroid:

$R=\rho \rightarrow$  sphere

$R=\infty \rightarrow$  cylinder

$R=\rho=\infty \rightarrow$  plane

### Paraboloid

$$a_{02} = \frac{1}{4f \cos \vartheta}; \quad a_{20} = \frac{\cos \vartheta}{4f}; \quad a_{22} = \frac{3 \sin^2 \vartheta}{32 f^3 \cos \vartheta};$$
$$a_{12} = -\frac{\tan \vartheta}{8 f^2}; \quad a_{30} = -\frac{\sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta}{8 f^2}$$
$$a_{40} = \frac{5 \sin^2 \vartheta \cos \vartheta}{64 f^3}; \quad a_{04} = \frac{\sin^2 \vartheta}{64 f^3 \cos^3 \vartheta}$$

## $a_{ij}$ coefficients (2)

### Ellipsoid

$$a_{02} = \frac{1}{4f \cos \vartheta}; \quad a_{20} = \frac{\cos \vartheta}{4f}; \quad a_{04} = \frac{b^2}{64f^3 \cos^3 \vartheta} \left[ \frac{\sin^2 \vartheta}{b^2} + \frac{1}{a^2} \right];$$

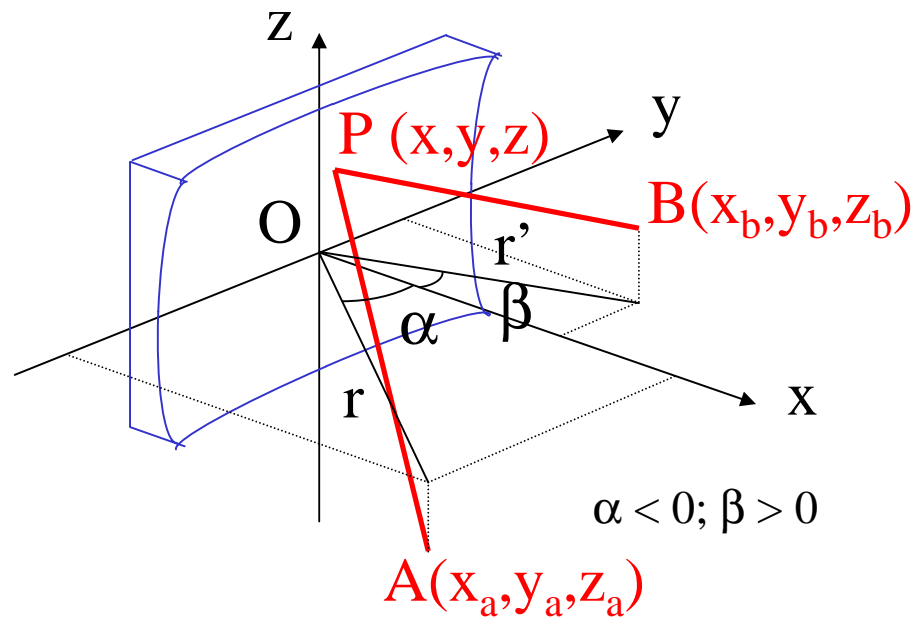
$$a_{12} = \frac{\tan \vartheta}{8f^2 \cos \vartheta} \sqrt{e^2 - \sin^2 \vartheta}; \quad a_{30} = \frac{\sin \vartheta}{8f^2} \sqrt{e^2 - \sin^2 \vartheta};$$

$$a_{40} = \frac{b^2}{64f^3 \cos^3 \vartheta} \left[ \frac{5 \sin^2 \vartheta \cos^2 \vartheta}{b^2} - \frac{5 \sin^2 \vartheta}{a^2} + \frac{1}{a^2} \right];$$

$$a_{22} = \frac{\sin^2 \vartheta}{16f^3 \cos^3 \vartheta} \left[ \frac{3}{2} \cos^2 \vartheta - \frac{b^2}{a^2} \left( 1 - \frac{\cos^2 \vartheta}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$\text{where } f = \left[ \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r'} \right]^{-1}$$

# Optical path function (1)



$$F = \overline{AP} + \overline{PB} + kN\lambda y$$

$$\overline{AP} = \sqrt{(x_a - x)^2 + (y_a - y)^2 + (z_a - z)^2}$$

$$\overline{PB} = \sqrt{(x_b - x)^2 + (y_b - y)^2 + (z_b - z)^2}$$

$$x_a = r \cos \alpha$$

$$y_a = r \sin \alpha$$

$$x_b = r' \cos \beta$$

$$y_b = r' \sin \beta$$

## Optical path function (2)

$$F = \sum_{ijk} F_{ijk} y^i z^j$$

power series in the aperture coordinates y and z

$$\begin{aligned} &= F_{000} + yF_{100} + zF_{011} + \frac{1}{2} y^2 F_{200} + \frac{1}{2} z^2 F_{020} + \frac{1}{2} y^3 F_{300} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} yz^2 F_{120} + \frac{1}{8} y^4 F_{400} + \frac{1}{4} y^2 z^2 F_{220} + \frac{1}{8} z^4 F_{040} \\ &+ yzF_{111} + \frac{1}{2} yF_{102} + \frac{1}{4} y^2 F_{202} + \frac{1}{2} y^2 zF_{211} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{ijk} = z_a^k C_{ijk}(\alpha, r) + z_b^k C_{ijk}(\beta, r') + Nk\lambda f_{ijk}$$

$$f_{ijk} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } ijk = 100 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Perfect focus condition (3)

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \text{for any pair of } (y, z)$$



$$F_{ijk} = 0 \quad \text{for all } ijk \neq (000)$$

Each term  $F_{ijk} y^i z^j$  in the series (except  $F_{000}$  and  $F_{100}$ ) represents a particular type of aberration

## $F_{ijk}$ coefficients (1)

$$F_{000} = r + r'$$

$$F_{100} = Nk\lambda - (\sin \alpha + \sin \beta)$$

$$F_{200} = \left( \frac{\cos^2 \alpha}{r} + \frac{\cos^2 \beta}{r'} \right) - 2a_{20}(\cos \alpha + \cos \beta)$$

$$F_{020} = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r'} - 2a_{02}(\cos \alpha + \cos \beta)$$

$$F_{300} = \left[ \frac{T(r, \alpha)}{r} \right] \sin \alpha + \left[ \frac{T(r', \beta)}{r'} \right] \sin \beta - 2a_{30}(\cos \alpha + \cos \beta)$$

$$F_{120} = \left[ \frac{S(r, \alpha)}{r} \right] \sin \alpha + \left[ \frac{S(r', \beta)}{r'} \right] \sin \beta - 2a_{12}(\cos \alpha + \cos \beta)$$

where  $T(r, \alpha) = \frac{\cos^2 \alpha}{r} - 2a_{20} \cos \alpha$  and  $S(r, \alpha) = \frac{1}{r} - 2a_{02} \cos \alpha$

and analogous expressions for  $T(r', \beta)$  and  $S(r', \beta)$

for  $r, r' \gg z_a, z_b$



## $F_{ijk}$ coefficients (2)

$$F_{400} = \left[ \frac{4T(r, \alpha)}{r^2} \right] \sin^2 \alpha - \left[ \frac{T^2(r, \alpha)}{r} \right] + \left[ \frac{4T(r', \beta)}{r'^2} \right] \sin^2 \beta - \left[ \frac{T^2(r', \beta)}{r'} \right] \\ - 8a_{30} \left[ \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{r} + \frac{\sin \beta \cos \beta}{r'} \right] - 8a_{40} (\cos \alpha + \cos \beta) + 4a_{20}^2 \left[ \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r'} \right]$$

$$F_{220} = \left[ \frac{2S(r, \alpha)}{r^2} \right] \sin^2 \alpha + \left[ \frac{2S(r', \beta)}{r'^2} \right] \sin^2 \beta - \left[ \frac{T(r, \alpha)S(r, \alpha)}{r} \right] - \left[ \frac{T(r', \beta)S(r', \beta)}{r'} \right] \\ + 4a_{20}a_{02} \left[ \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r'} \right] - 4a_{22} (\cos \alpha + \cos \beta) - 4a_{12} \left[ \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{r} + \frac{\sin \beta \cos \beta}{r'} \right]$$

$$F_{040} = 4a_{02}^2 \left[ \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r'} \right] - 8a_{04} (\cos \alpha + \cos \beta) - \left[ \frac{S^2(r, \alpha)}{r} \right] - \left[ \frac{S^2(r', \beta)}{r'} \right]$$

## $F_{ijk}$ coefficients (3)

$$F_{011} = -\frac{z_a}{r} - \frac{z_b}{r'}$$

$$F_{111} = -\frac{z_a \sin \alpha}{r^2} - \frac{z_b \sin \beta}{r'^2}$$

$$F_{102} = \frac{z_a^2 \sin \alpha}{r^2} + \frac{z_b^2 \sin \beta}{r'^2}$$

$$F_{202} = \left(\frac{z_a}{r}\right)^2 \left[ \frac{2 \sin^2 \alpha}{r} - T(r, \alpha) \right] + \left(\frac{z_b}{r'}\right)^2 \left[ \frac{2 \sin^2 \beta}{r'} - T(r', \beta) \right]$$

$$F_{211} = \frac{z_a}{r^2} \left[ T(r, \alpha) - \frac{2 \sin^2 \alpha}{r} \right] + \frac{z_b}{r'^2} \left[ T(r', \beta) - \frac{2 \sin^2 \beta}{r'} \right]$$

## Gaussian image point (1)

If we apply Fermat's principle to the central ray:  $\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}\right)_{y=0, z=0} = 0$   $\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}\right)_{y=0, z=0} = 0$

$$F_{100} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \sin \alpha + \sin \beta_0 = Nk\lambda \quad \text{grating equation}$$

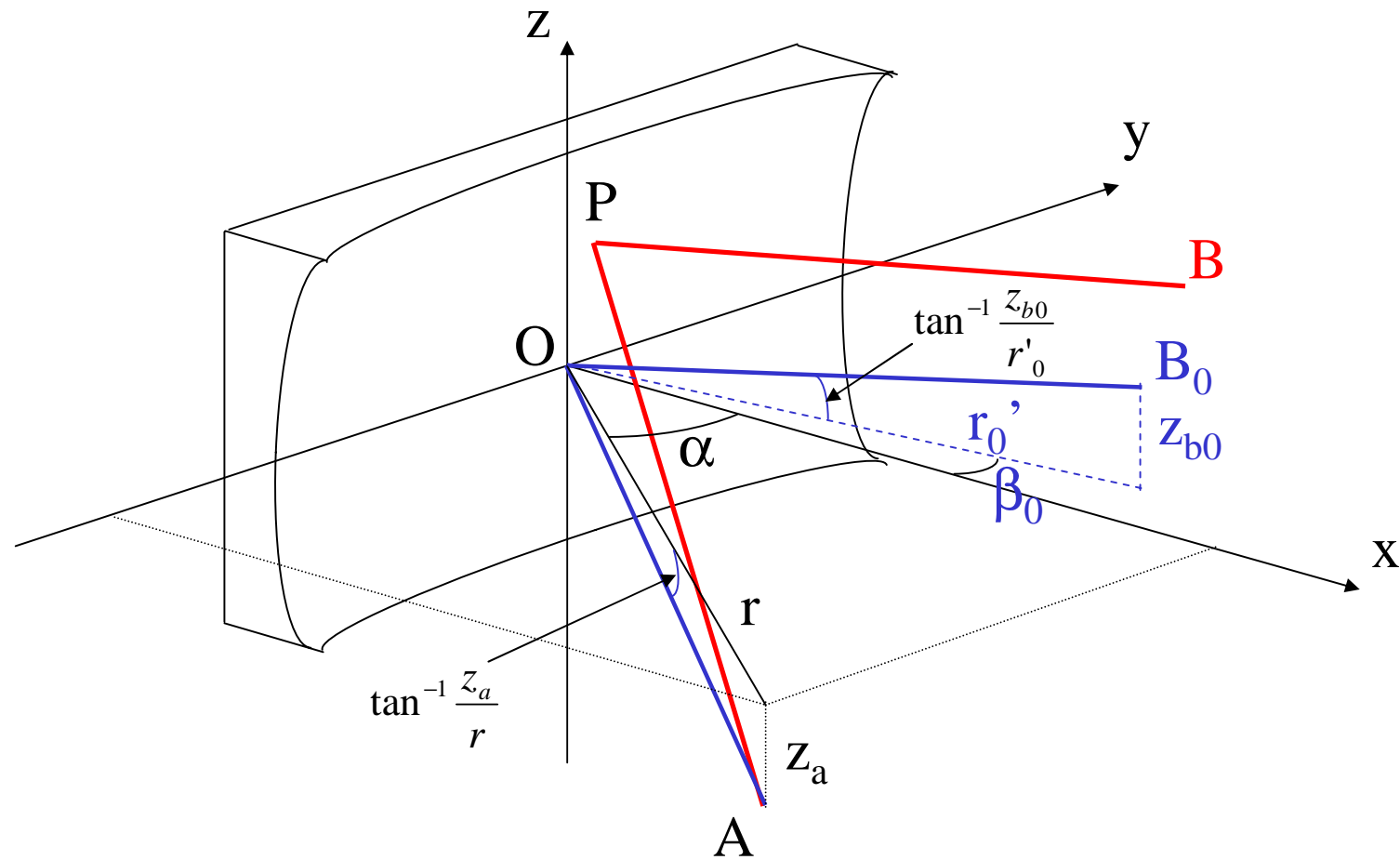
$$F_{011} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{z_a}{r} = -\frac{z_{b0}}{r'_0} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{law of magnification} \\ \text{in the sagittal direction} \end{array}$$

The tangential focal distance  $r'_0$  is obtained by setting:

$$F_{200} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left( \frac{\cos^2 \alpha}{r} + \frac{\cos^2 \beta_0}{r'_0} \right) - 2a_{20}(\cos \alpha + \cos \beta_0) = 0 \quad \text{tangential focusing}$$

The three above equations determine the Gaussian image point  $B_0(r'_0, \beta_0, z_{b0})$

## Gaussian image point (2)



## Sagittal focusing

While the second order aberration term  $F_{200}$  governs the tangential focusing, the second order term  $F_{020}$  governs the sagittal focusing:

$$F_{020} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r'} - 2a_{02}(\cos \alpha + \cos \beta) = 0 \quad \text{**sagittal focusing**}$$

Example: toroidal mirror

$$\text{Substituting } a_{02} = \frac{1}{2\rho}; \quad a_{20} = \frac{1}{2R} \quad \text{in} \quad F_{200} = 0; \quad F_{020} = 0$$

and imposing  $\alpha = -\beta = \theta$

$$\longrightarrow \quad \left( \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r_t'} \right) \frac{\cos \vartheta}{2} = \frac{1}{R} \quad \left( \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r_s'} \right) \frac{1}{2 \cos \vartheta} = \frac{1}{\rho}$$

# Aberrations terms

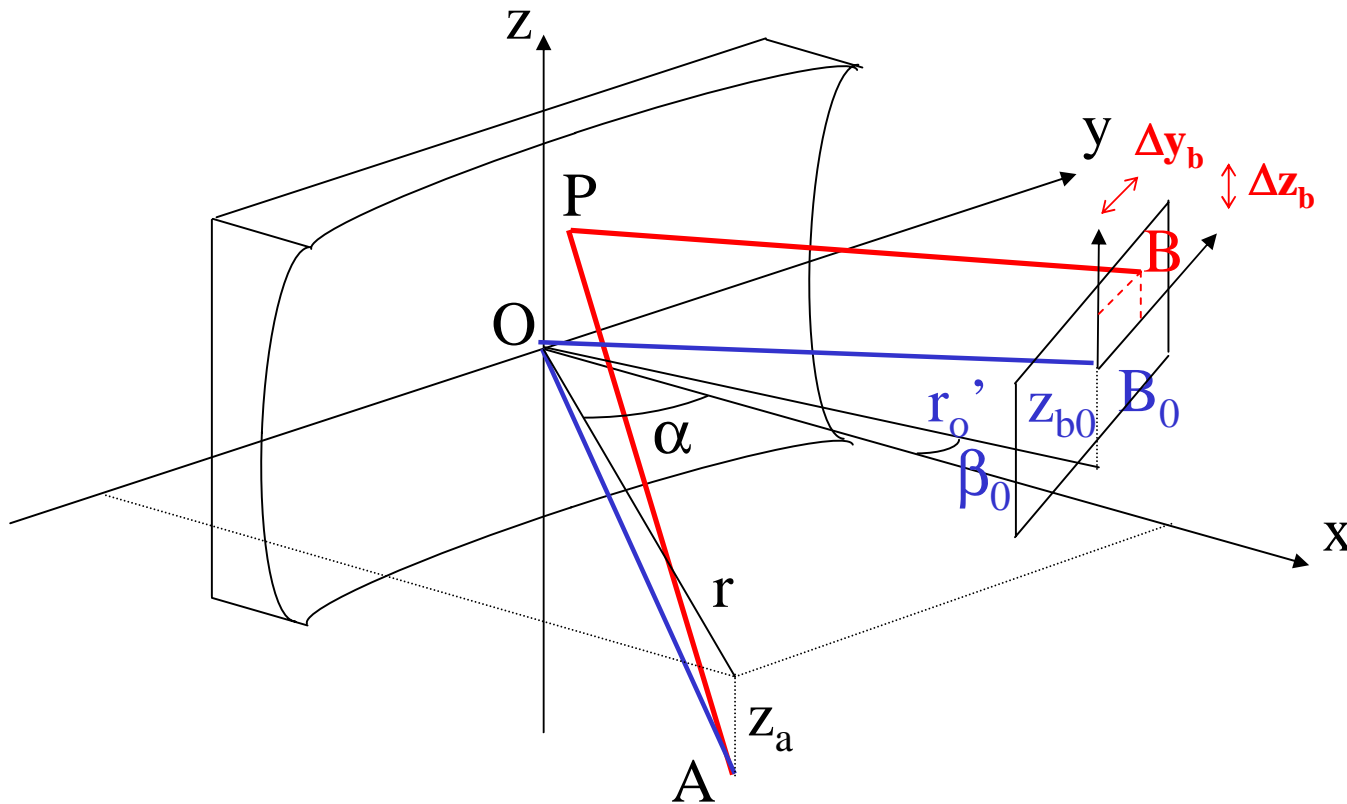
Most important imaging errors:

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $F_{200}$                 | defocus                        |
| $F_{020}$                 | astigmatism                    |
| $F_{300}$                 | primary coma (aperture defect) |
| $F_{120}$                 | astigmatic coma                |
| $F_{400} F_{220} F_{040}$ | spherical aberration           |

There is an ambiguity in the naming of the aberrations in the grazing incidence case!

# Ray aberrations (1)

The generic ray starting from A will arrive at the focal plane at a point B displaced from the Gaussian image point  $B_0$  by the ray aberrations  $\Delta y_b$  and  $\Delta z_b$ :



$$\Delta y_b = \frac{r'_0}{\cos \beta_0} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$$

$$\Delta z_b = r'_0 \frac{\partial F}{\partial z}$$

## Ray aberrations (2)

Substituting the expansion of  $F$ , the ray aberrations for each aberration type can be calculated separately:

$$\Delta y_b^{ijk} = \frac{r'_0}{\cos \beta_0} F_{ijk} i y^{i-1} z^j$$

each coefficient  $F_{ijk}$  represents a particular form of aberration and is related to the strength of that aberration

$$\Delta z_b^{ijk} = r'_0 F_{ijk} y^i j z^{j-1}$$

Provided the aberrations are not too large, they are additive: they may either reinforce or cancel.

$$\Delta y_b = \sum_{ijk} \Delta y_b^{ijk}$$

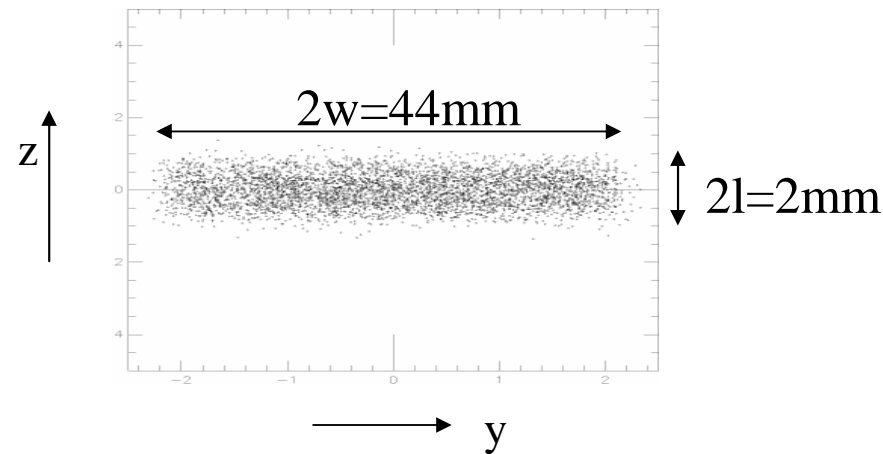
$$\Delta z_b = \sum_{ijk} \Delta z_b^{ijk}$$



# Aberrated image size

The most important contributions are from the rays which are more distant from the pole of the grating

Example of footprint on the grating:

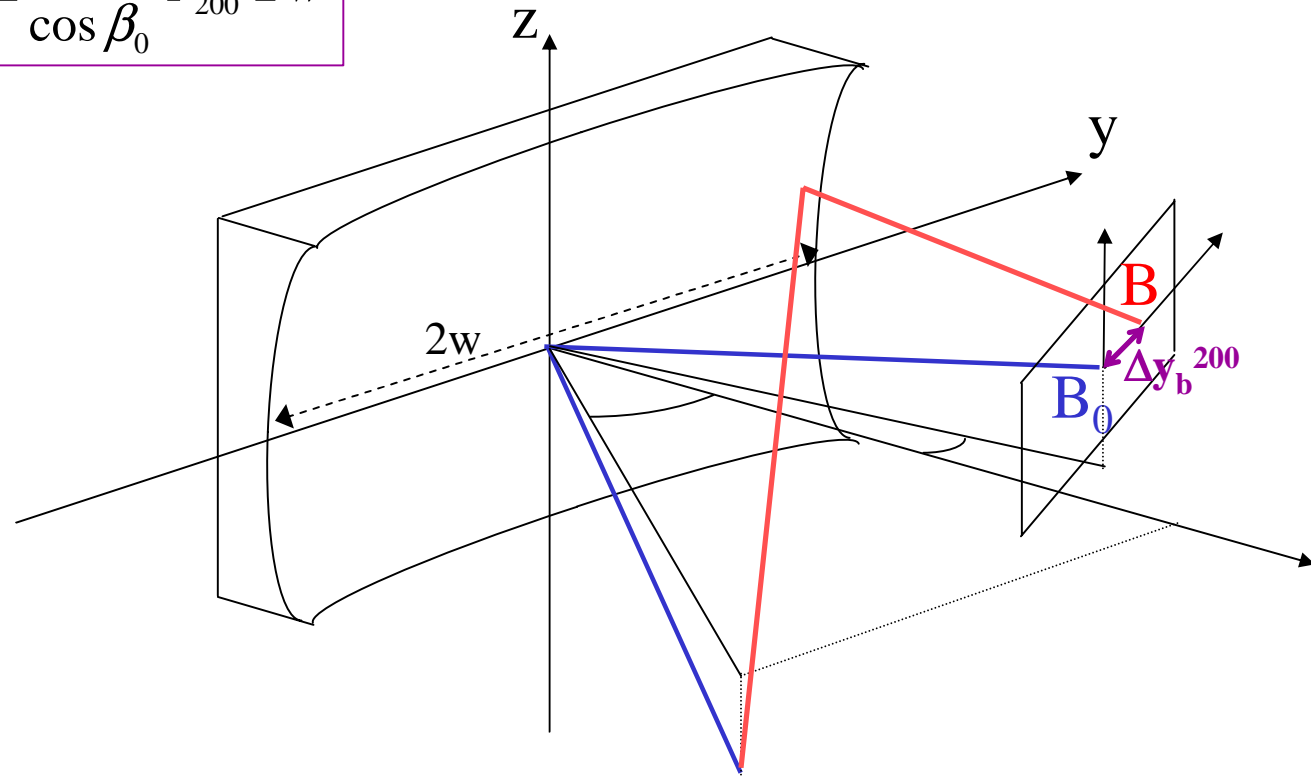


Substituting  $y=\pm w$  and  $z=\pm l$  in the ray aberrations  $\Delta y_b^{ijk}$  and  $\Delta z_b^{ijk}$  :  
→ size ( $\Delta y_b * \Delta z_b$ ) of the resulting aberrated image

# Defocus contribution

The **defocus** contribution is in the dispersive direction and is proportional to the length ( $\pm w$ ) of the grating footprint. The error is symmetric about the Gaussian image point:

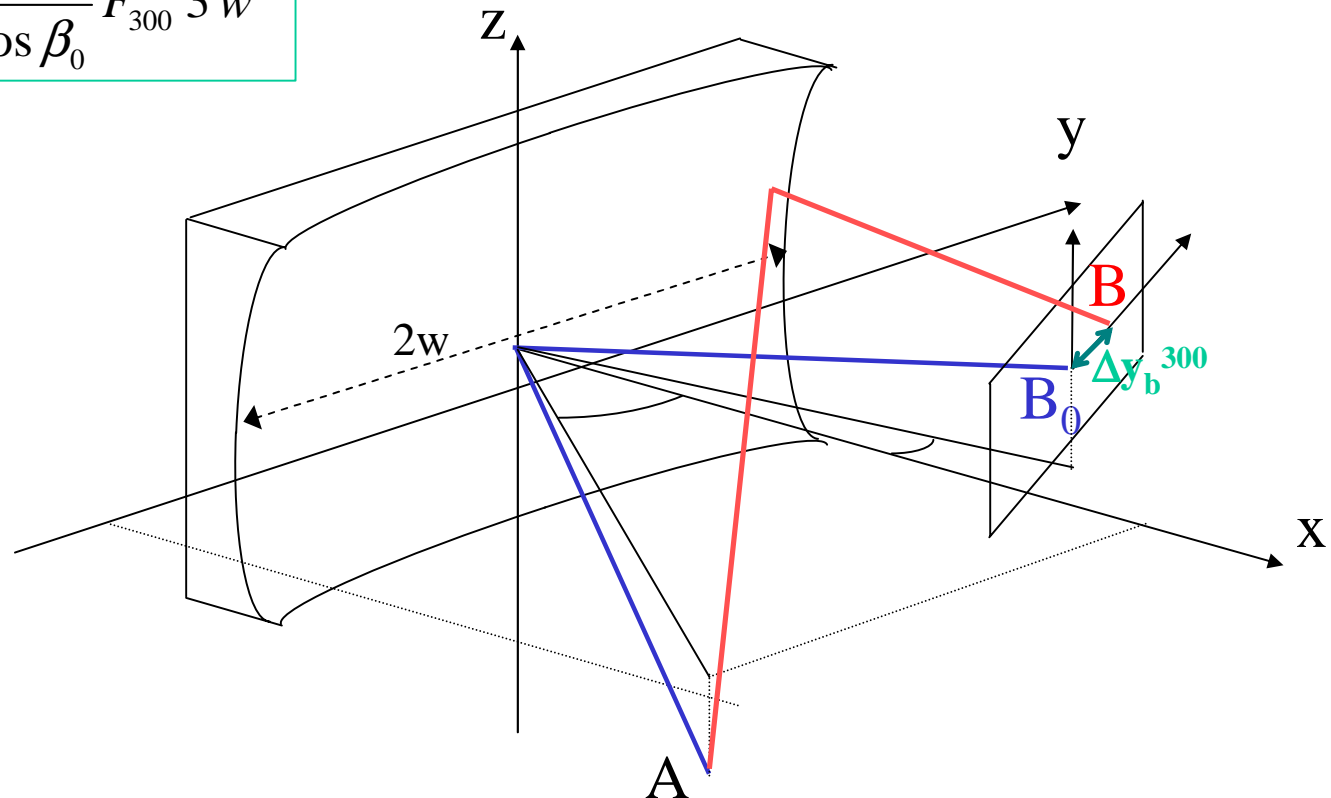
$$\Delta y_b^{200}(\pm w) = \pm \frac{r'_0}{\cos \beta_0} F_{200} 2w$$



# Coma contribution

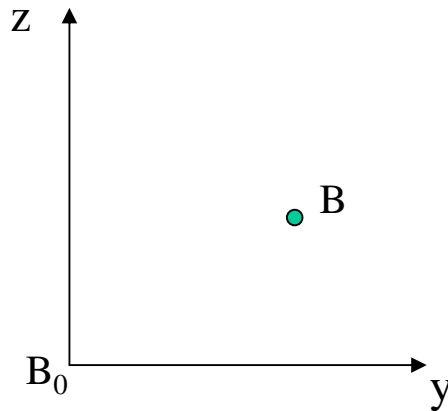
The **coma** contribution is proportional to  $w^2$ , giving a dispersive error which only occurs on one side of the Gaussian image point for rays from both the top and the bottom of the grating ( $y=\pm w$ ):

$$\Delta y_b^{300}(\pm w) = \frac{r'_0}{\cos \beta_0} F_{300} 3 w^2$$

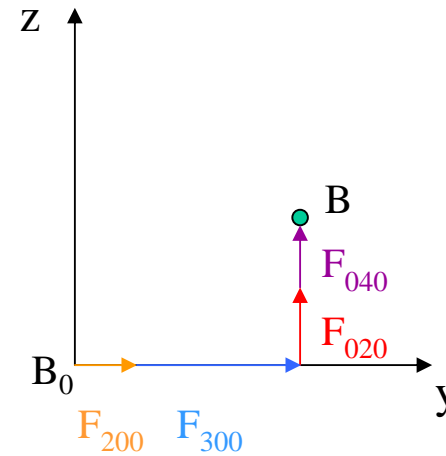


# Comparison ray trace - aberration calculations

Example:



Ray trace simple tells us that the ray arrives in a certain point



Aberration-based calculations specify the different contributions

Knowing the expression of the different contributions, we can try to minimize the resulting aberration

## Aberrations contribution to resolution

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\lambda &= \left( \frac{\partial\lambda}{\partial\beta} \right)_{\alpha=\text{const}} \Delta\beta \\ &= \frac{\cos\beta}{Nk} \Delta\beta\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Substituting: } \Delta\beta = \frac{\Delta y_b}{r'} \quad \rightarrow \quad \Delta\lambda = \frac{\cos\beta}{Nk} \frac{\Delta y_b}{r'}$$

$$\text{Substituting: } \Delta y_b = \frac{r'_0}{\cos\beta_0} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \quad \rightarrow \quad \Delta\lambda = \frac{1}{Nk} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$$

$$\Delta\lambda = \frac{1}{Nk} \sum_{ijk} F_{ijk} i y^{i-1} z^j$$

aberration-limited wavelength resolution

## Aberration theory: conclusions

- Perfect focus condition:  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 0$  for each pair (y,z)  
→ all the coefficients  $F_{ijk}$  must be zero
- Non-zero values for the coefficients  $F_{ijk}$  lead to displacements of the rays arriving in the image plane from the ideal Gaussian image point.
- We have found the expressions for these rays displacements and the corresponding contributions to wavelength resolution. In this way the impact on the imaging and energy resolution properties of a given grating can be evaluated.
- By a proper choice of the grating shape, groove density, object and image distances, the sum of the aberrations may be reduced to a minimum.

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# Programs

- **Shadow**  
(ray tracing) [http://www.nanotech.wisc.edu/CNT\\_LABS/shadow.html](http://www.nanotech.wisc.edu/CNT_LABS/shadow.html)
- **XOP**  
(general optical calculations) <http://www.esrf.eu/computing/scientific/xop2.1/intro.html>
- **SPECTRA**  
(optical properties of synchrotron radiation emitted from bending magnets, wigglers and undulators) [http://radiant.harima.riken.go.jp/spectra/index\\_e.html](http://radiant.harima.riken.go.jp/spectra/index_e.html)

**Useful link:** <http://www-cxro.lbl.gov/index.php?content=/tools.html>