

Beamline design Optics and Instrumentation

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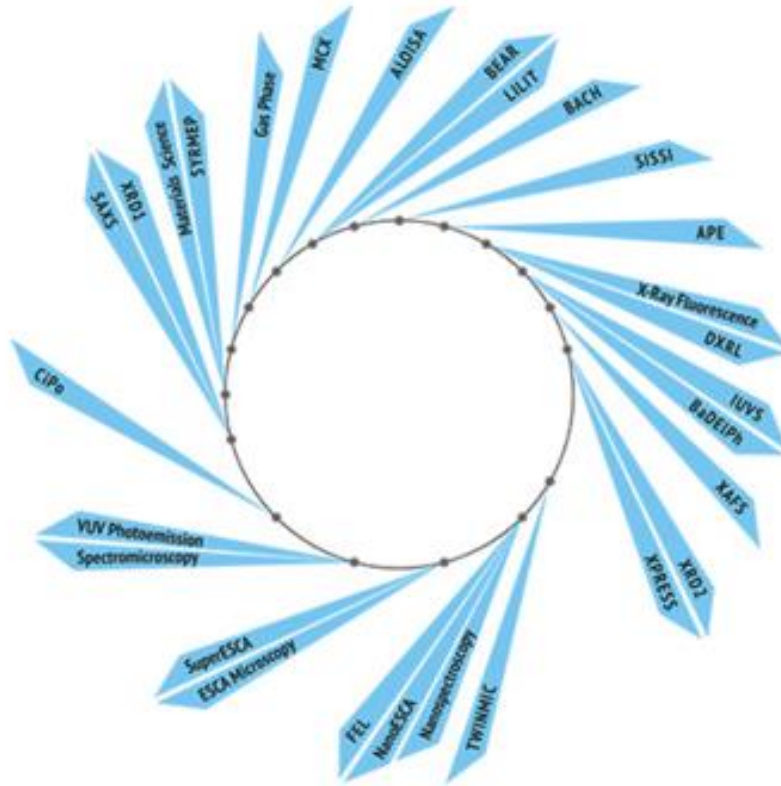
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Beamlines

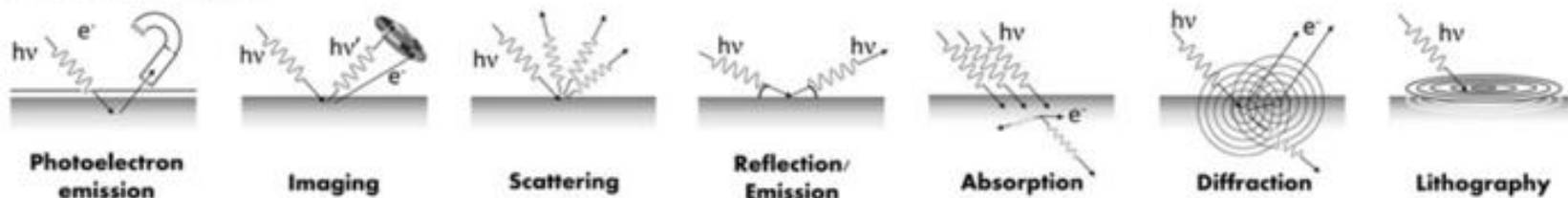
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IUVS	10.2L
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- X-ray diffraction - MCX
- X-ray absorption - XAFS
- X-ray Fluorescence - XRF

Beamlines by technique



A beamline is the "equipment" required to **transport** SR from the source (BM/ID) to the sample and to **condition** the radiation for the experiment.

Figure 1: A Schematic of 28 operational beamlines of Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste

Beamline Components

What does [SR Transport](#) ?

- Steer beam from the source to the experimental end station
- Steer beam in an efficient manner preserving flux
- Steer beam in a safe manner both for equipment and personnel

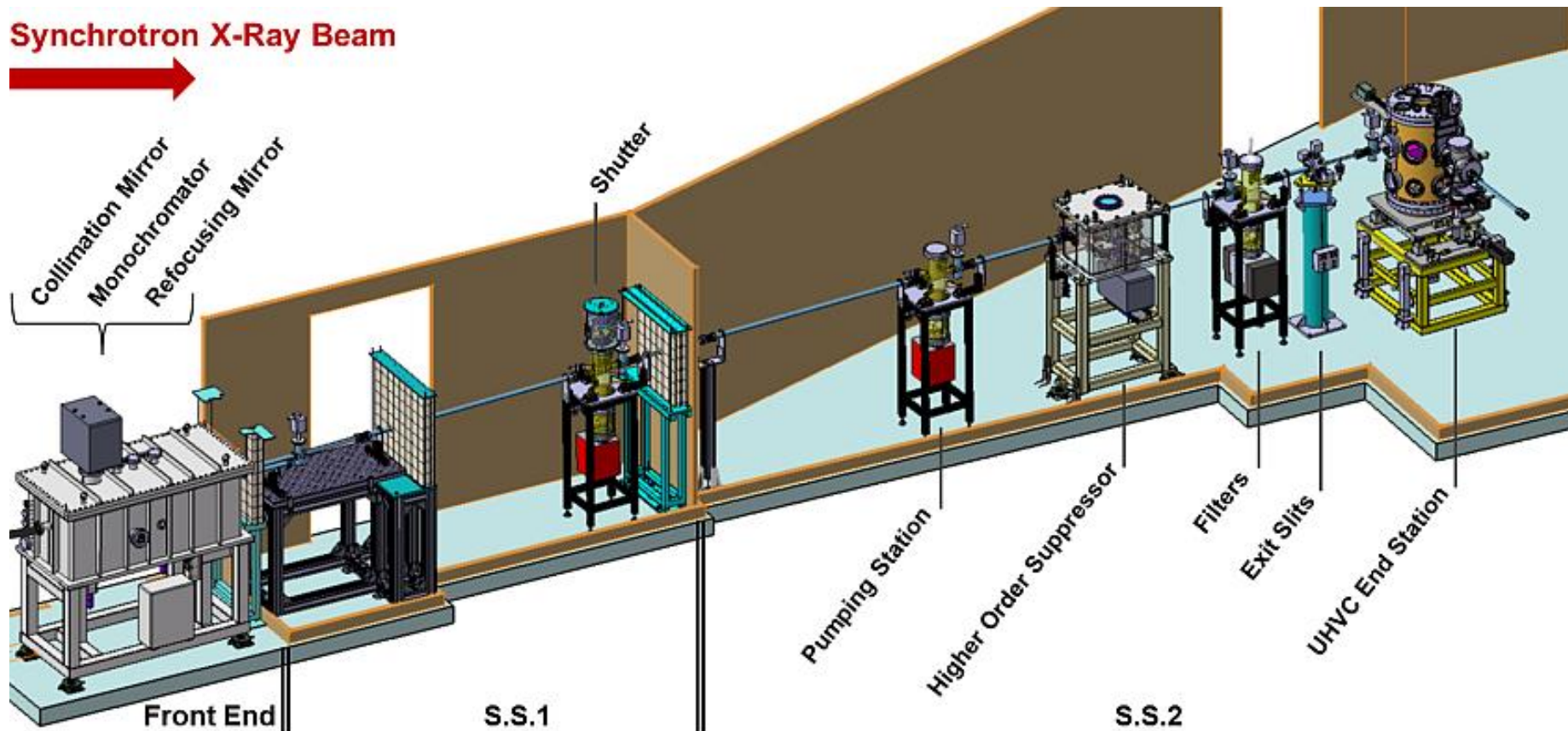


Figure 2: Layout of the XRF beamline of Elettra

Proper beam transport and beam conditioning are guaranteed by the proper choice of beamline components.

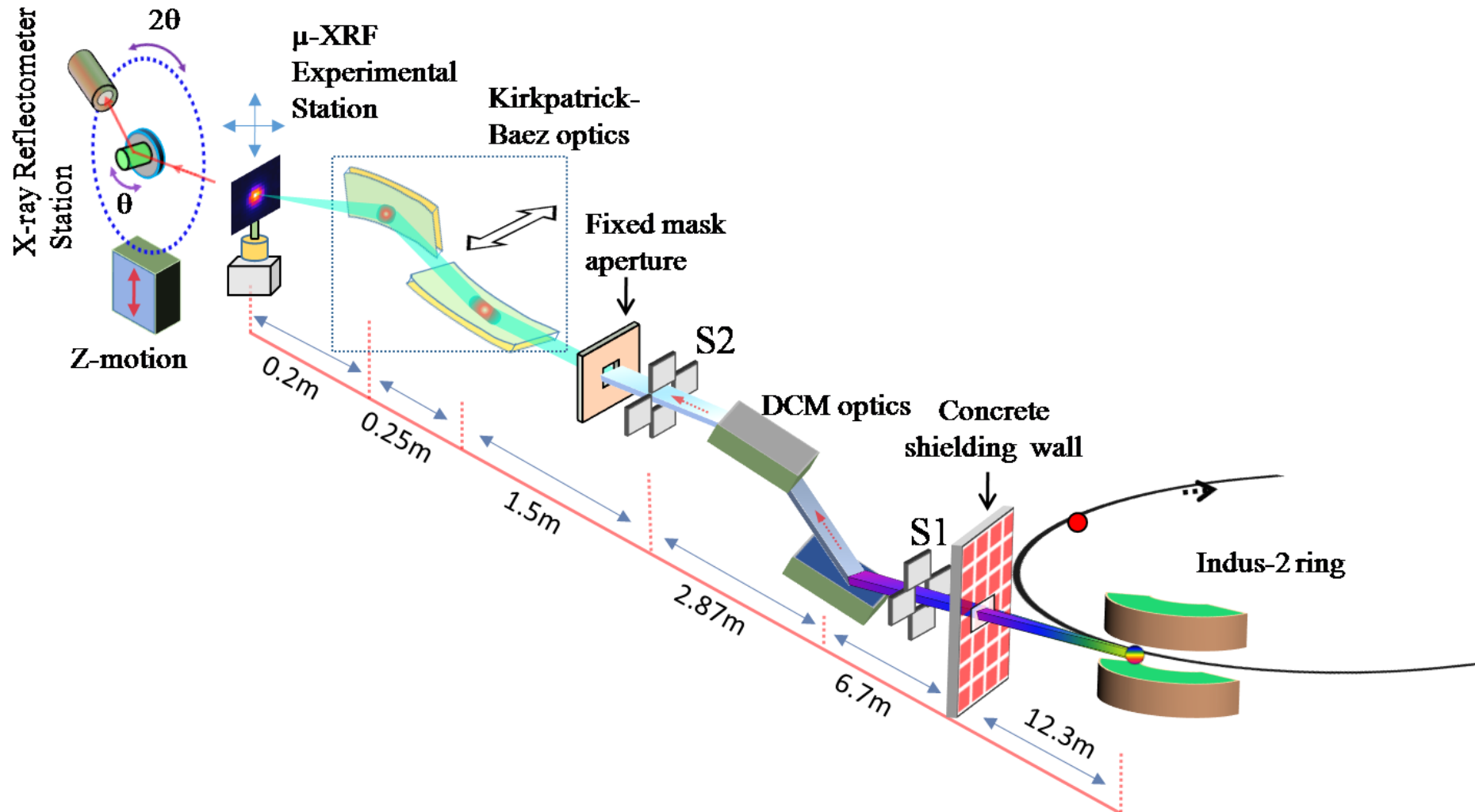


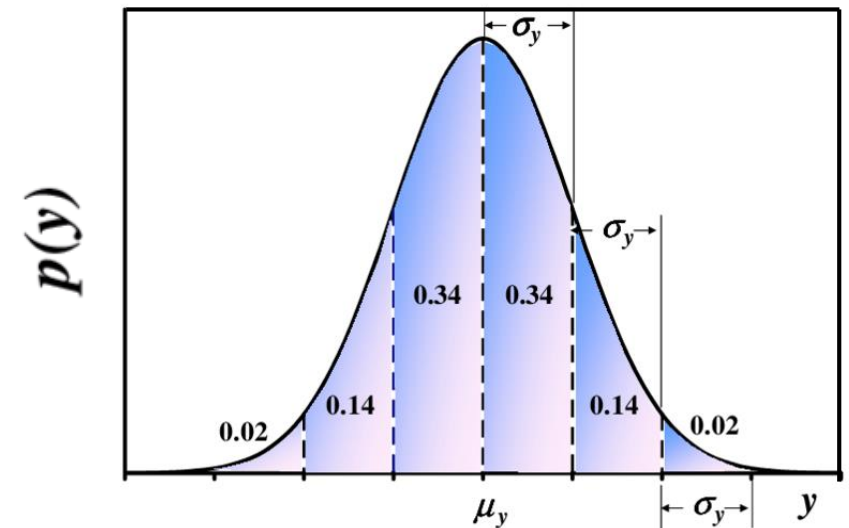
Figure 3: A schematic optical layout of the BL-16 beamline showing different components of the XRF beamline of INDUS-2.

SR Condition

What does condition mean?

- Control energy (E) and bandwidth (ΔE) of the beam
 - Monochromatic beam ($\Delta E = 1-2 \text{ eV @ } 10\text{KeV}$; $\Delta E / E = 10^{-4}$)
 - Polychromatic beam ($\Delta E = 1-2 \text{ KeV @ } 10\text{KeV}$; $\Delta E / E = 10^{-1}$)
 - High resolution beams (ΔE a few meV @ 10KeV; $\Delta E / E = 10^{-7}$)
- Control size/divergence of the beam
 - Micro or nano beams
 - Highly collimated beams
- Control polarization of the beam
 - Linear
 - Circular

Remove unwanted power



Distribution function



Beamline control System

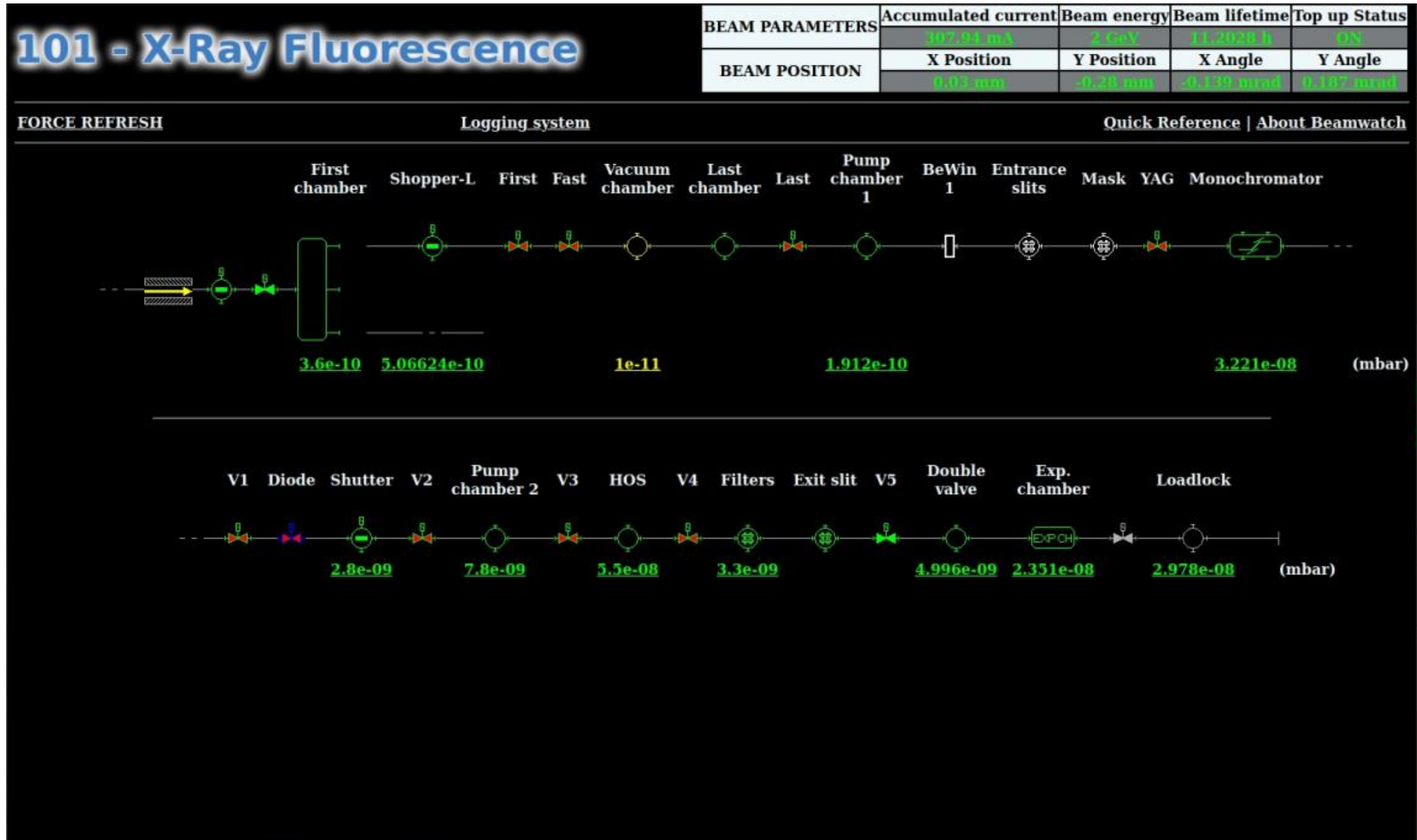


Figure 4: Layout of the beamline control software of XRF, Elettra

Vacuum system

Ring pipe is maintained in **ULTRA HIGH VACUUM** ($\mu\text{Pa}/10^{-9}$ mbar)

LOW VACUUM

Roughing pumps - 1×10^{-3} mbar

Mechanically noisy, contain lubricants

HIGH VACUUM (HV)

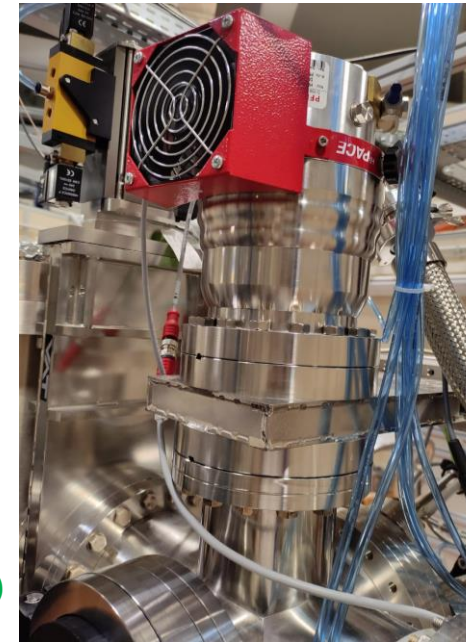
Turbo pumps - 1×10^{-8} mbar

Mechanically quiet, contain lubricants

ULTRA HIGH VACUUM (UHV)

Ion pumps - 1×10^{-11} mbar

No moving parts, no lubricants



High and Ultra High vacuum
CONFLAT flange with copper gasket



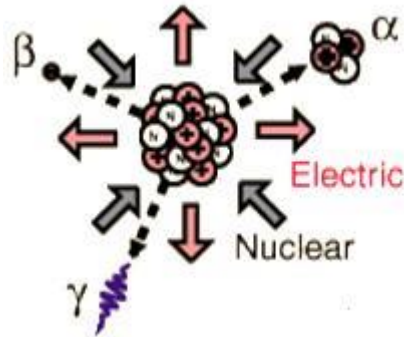
Safety systems

Radiation protection at Synchrotron Facilities

A radiation is defined as **ionizing** if it carries enough energy for **ionizing atoms and/or molecules**

DIRECT IONIZATION

- Massive charged particles traveling at relativistic speed: α -particles (He nucleus at relativistic speed), β -particles (electrons or positrons at relativistic speed)



- Electrons

INDIRECT IONIZATION

- High energy photons that exert ionization through photoelectron, Compton effect or pair production (γ -rays, X-rays and High Energy UV)
- Uncharged fast neutrons can dislodge a proton upon collision the “recoil proton” may induce secondary ionization effects

alpha emitters

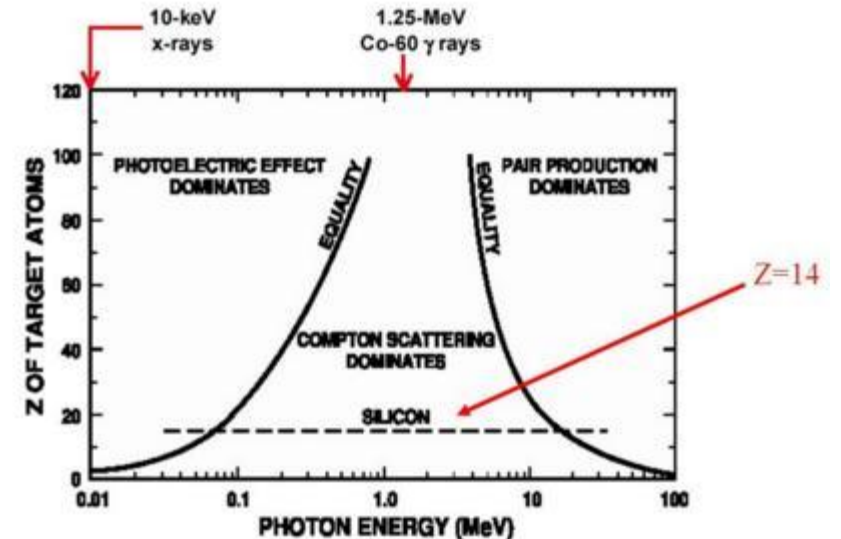
radium, radon, uranium, thorium

beta emitters

strontium-90, carbon-14, tritium, and sulfur-35

gamma emitters

iodine-131, cesium-137, cobalt-60,
radium-226, and technetium-99

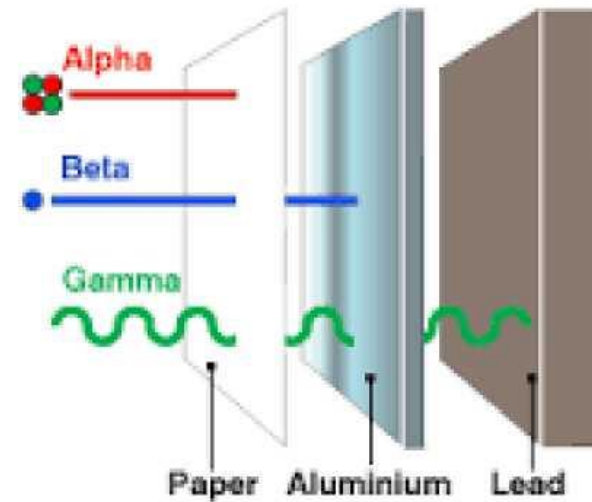


Penetration of the Different Radiations

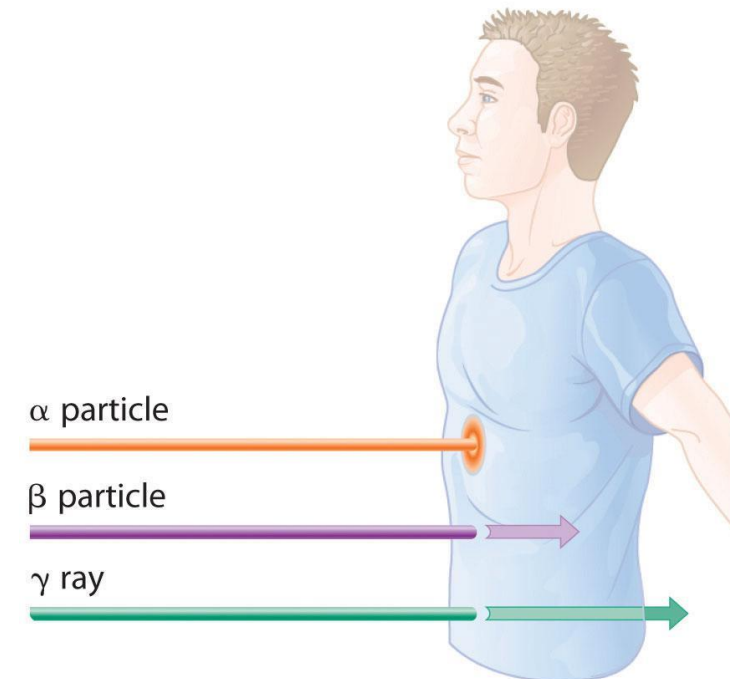
High mass, high charge → short range

Medium penetration depth

Very high penetration depth



Type	Energy Range (MEV)	Penetration Distance in Water	Penetration Distance in Air
*Distance at which half of the radiation has been absorbed			
α particles	3-9	< 0.05 mm	< 10 cm
β particles	< 3	< 4 mm	1 m
X-rays	< 10^{-2}	< 1 cm	< 3 m
γ rays	10^{-2} - 10^1	< 20 cm	> 3 m



Radiation sources at Synchrotron Facility

- ❖ **X-ray** and **UV** synchrotron radiation produced by Bending Magnets and Insertion Devices
- ❖ **Bremsstrahlung** produced by electromagnetic cascade or shower due to e-beam loss

Prompt radiation sources at electron accelerators are generated by e-beam loss

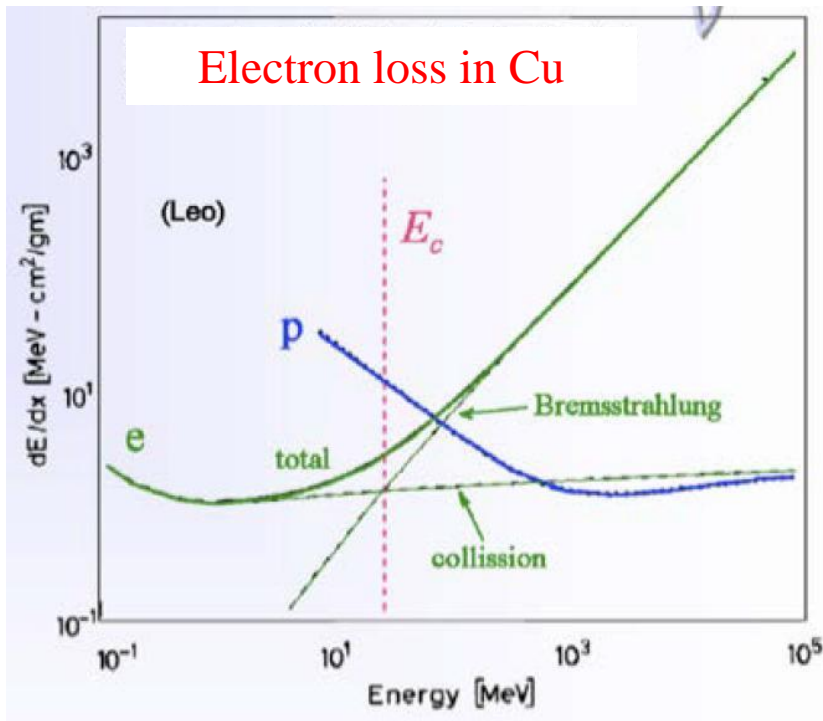
- ❖ All the electron injected into the ring pipe are lost naturally:

during injection → due to the electron collision with injector components

in the storage ring → due to scattering with residual gas particles

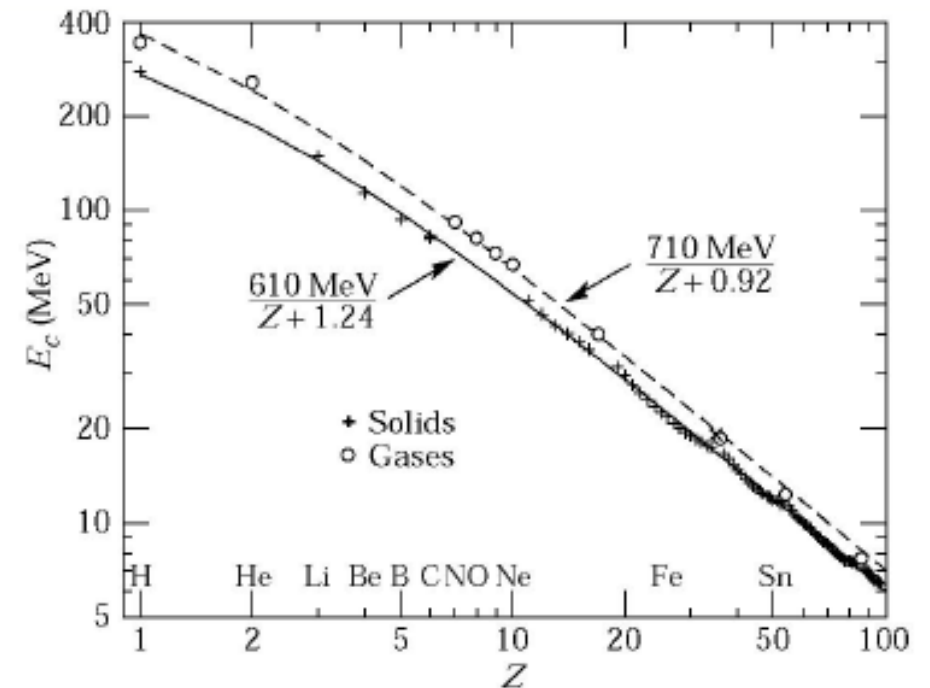
Abnormal beam losses are most likely due to beam miss-steering (mismatch between the beam trajectory and the ring lattice for inaccurate orbit adjustment) and interlock-safety system failure

- An electron traveling within a material can lose energy primarily by two phenomena:
- COLLISION LOSS (through excitation or ionization of atoms)
- RADIATION LOSS: **BREMSSTRAHLUNG**



$$E_c \approx \frac{610}{Z+1.24} \text{ MeV for solids}$$

$$E_c \approx \frac{710}{Z+0.92} \text{ MeV for gases}$$



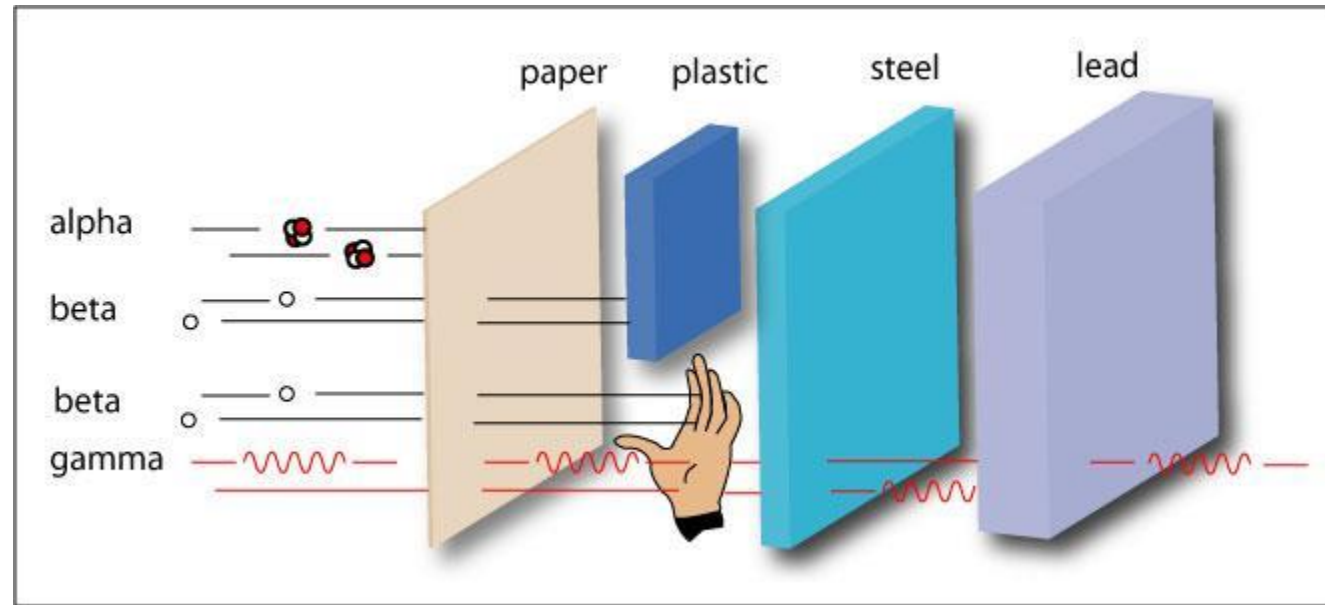
Radiation protection at high energy electron accelerators:

- ✓ The critical energy E_c for one material defines the boundary where electron collision losses equal radiation losses
- ✓ Beam energies at high-energy electron accelerators are well above E_c for common materials used for the electron ring manufacture (stainless steel)

High-energy electrons hitting a target material will lose energy almost exclusively by generating bremsstrahlung photons

It should be mentioned that, even when the electron beam is perfectly steered, it still interacts with atoms of the residual gas in the evacuated beam pipe, generating the so called **gas bremsstrahlung**. The yield of gas bremsstrahlung is more forward-peaked than bremsstrahlung in solid targets. The yield is then proportional to the length of the straight section (more problematic for long-insertion devices) and to the vacuum level

Bremsstrahlung and gas Bremsstrahlung are the main reasons for stored beam decay



In general, the average power losses at most places around the booster-ring pipe is low (meV), and thin concrete walls and roofs are sufficient to guarantee radiation protection.

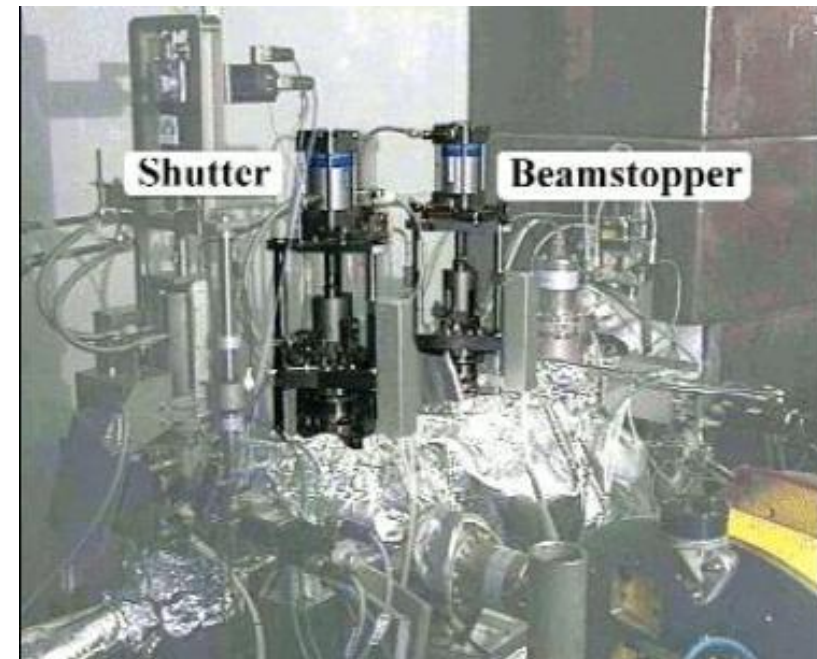
At specific locations, where the power losses can be higher, thicker concrete walls and/or additional local shielding are present

- During electron injection into the storage ring, thick heavy metal injection **stoppers** are inserted into the beamline (**front-end**) to block bremsstrahlung radiation in case of beam accidentally directed into the beamline Injection stoppers are usually located inside the ring wall. Stoppers are cooled in order to efficiently dissipate the SR power.
- Photon stoppers and gamma stoppers (**shutters**) are positioned also in the frontend of each beamline
- The beamline front also contains a **fast valve** (time of response, ms) and an acoustic delay line for slowing the pressure wave coming accidentally from the beamline

➤ **Shutter screen SR radiation :**

Glidcop (copper that is dispersed-strengthened with ultra-fine particles of alumium oxide)

➤ **Stopper screens bremsstrahlung radiation:**
Havier metals (alloy of tungsten)



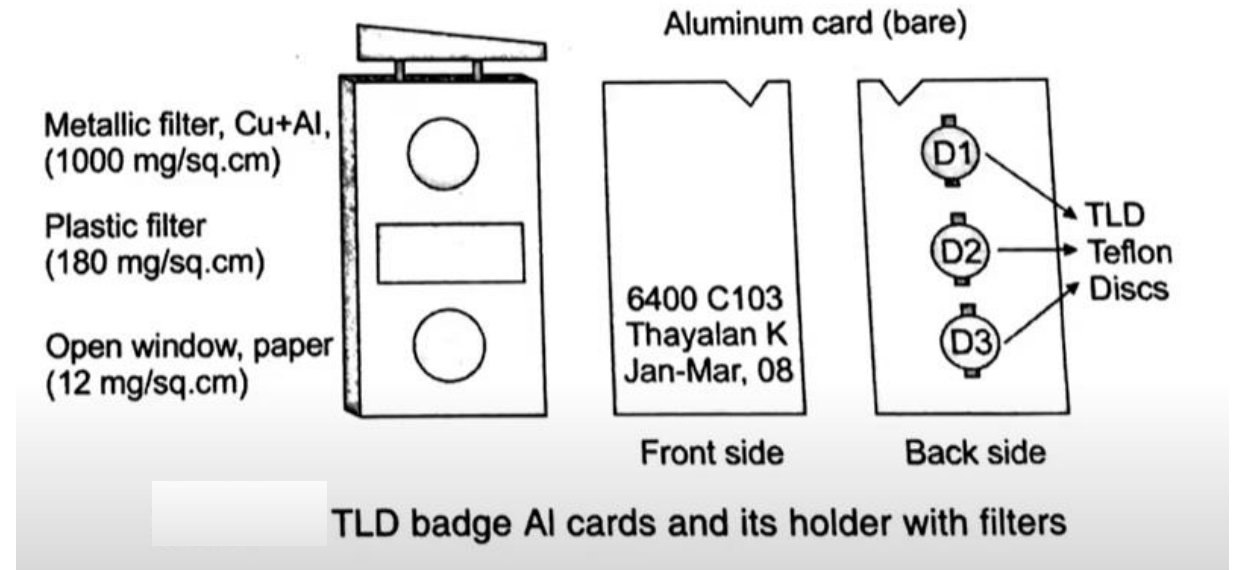
Ionizing radiations, as a result of the electron beam loss, are present only when the beam is injected or stored

SR is substantially less penetrating than gas bremsstrahlung, but its higher energy components can be a source of indirect ionizing particles. Depending on the beamline type (energy employed, monochromaticity, sample positioning) the beamline design will be done accordingly for protect workers and people.

If all the aforementioned safety rules are properly accomplished, the dose rate in the experimental area of a Synchrotron Facility will be acceptable for all credible beam loss scenarios



Radiation monitoring at SR facilities is done by using gamma-monitors placed at specific-sensitive locations in the beamlines and by using personal gamma-monitors when required



Thermoluminescent dosimeter (TLD)

Radiation dose express the amount of energy deposited in the material by an exposure to ionizing radiation (J/Kg). The weighted dose in given in sievert (Sv)

Radiation dose exposure allowed depends on Country law. It should not exceed some tens of mSv per year (total body)

Beamline Optics

X-ray Optics

Beamline Optics acts in order to transform the SR photon beam characteristics for obtaining the best match to experimental requirements

They act:

- Shaping the beam upon BM or ID emission
- Selecting the photon energy/bandwidth
- Modulating beam divergence
- Selecting polarization

- Slits, pinholes
- Filters, Windows
- Mirrors
- Beam splitters
- Monochromators
- Lenses
- Phase plates

X-ray optics

X-ray region:

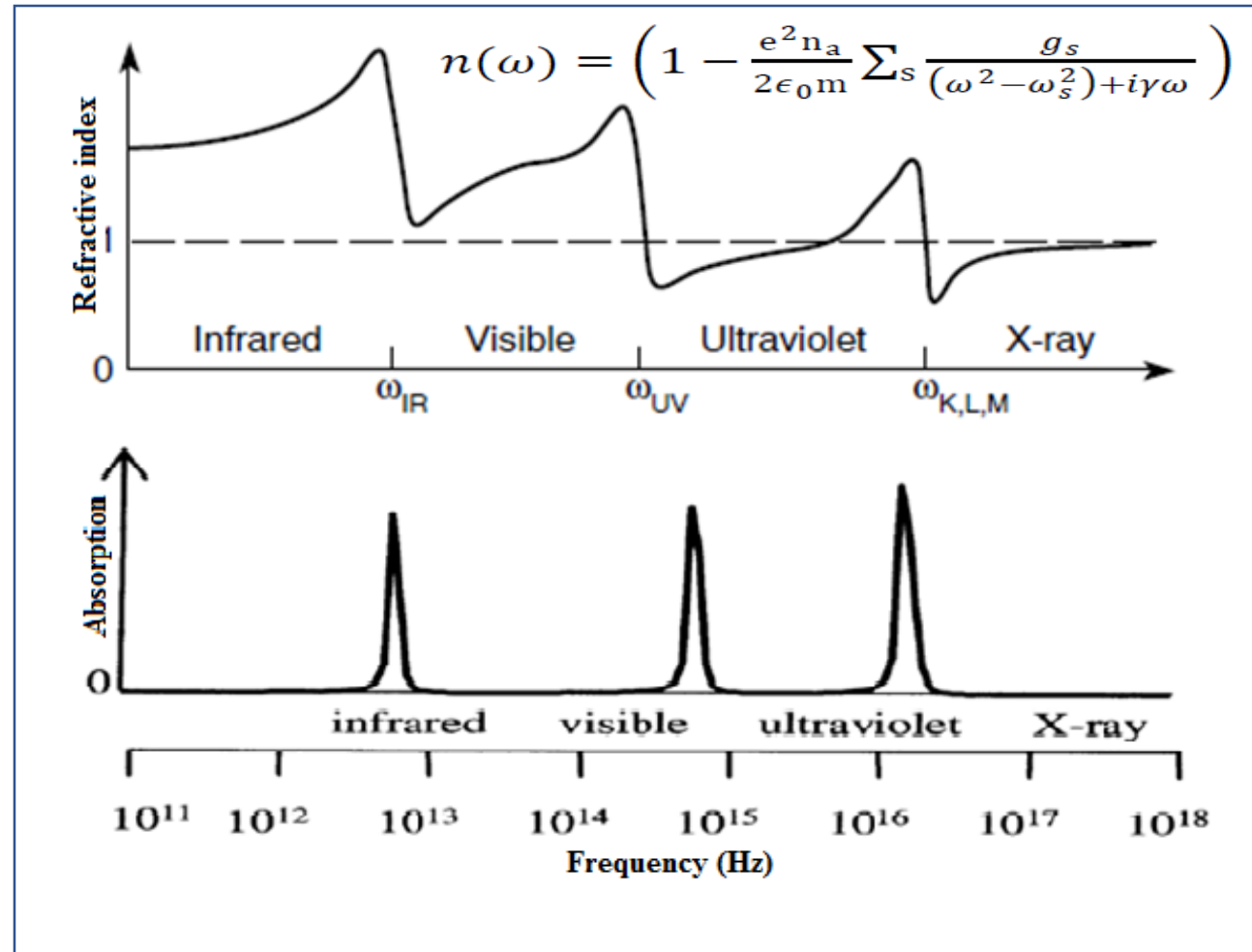
$$f^0(\omega) = \sum_s \frac{g_s \omega^2}{(\omega^2 - \omega_s^2) + i\gamma\omega}$$

$$f^0(\omega) = f^0_1(\omega) - f^0_2(\omega)$$

$$n(\omega) = 1 - \delta + i\beta$$

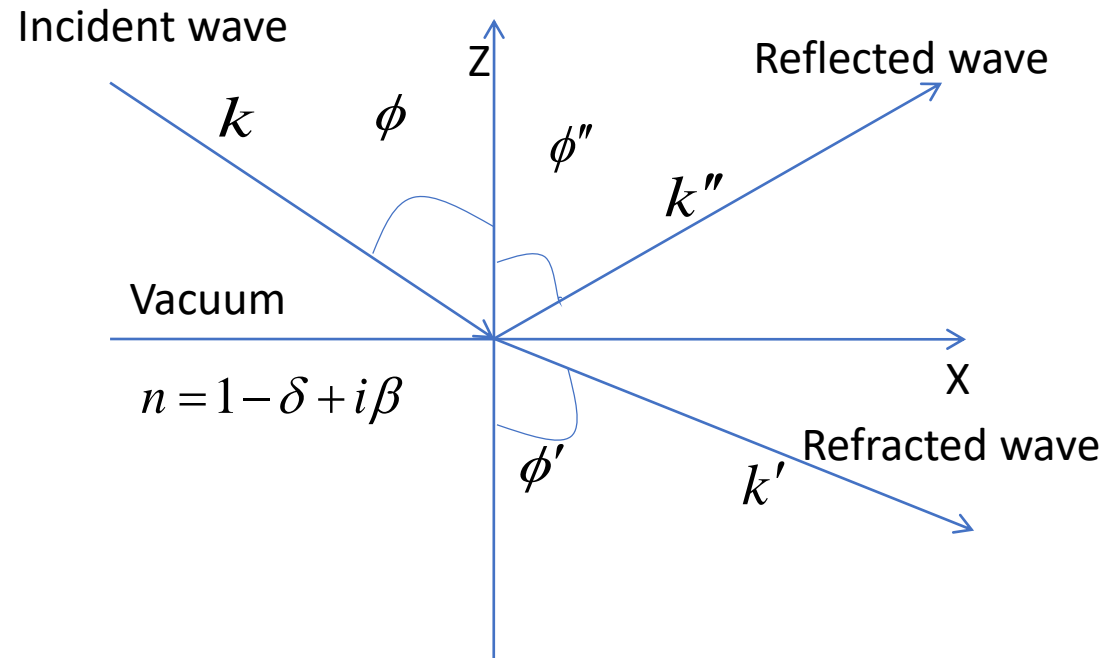
$$\delta = \frac{n_a r_e \lambda^2}{2\pi} f^0_1(\omega)$$

$$\beta = \frac{n_a r_e \lambda^2}{2\pi} f^0_2(\omega)$$



Schematic diagram of the frequency dependence of refractive index and absorption of hypothetical solid near IR, UV, and x-ray resonances, and the general tendency towards unity for very short wavelengths where the frequencies are higher than all atomic resonances. Only the real part of the refractive index is shown here.

Reflection and refraction at an interface

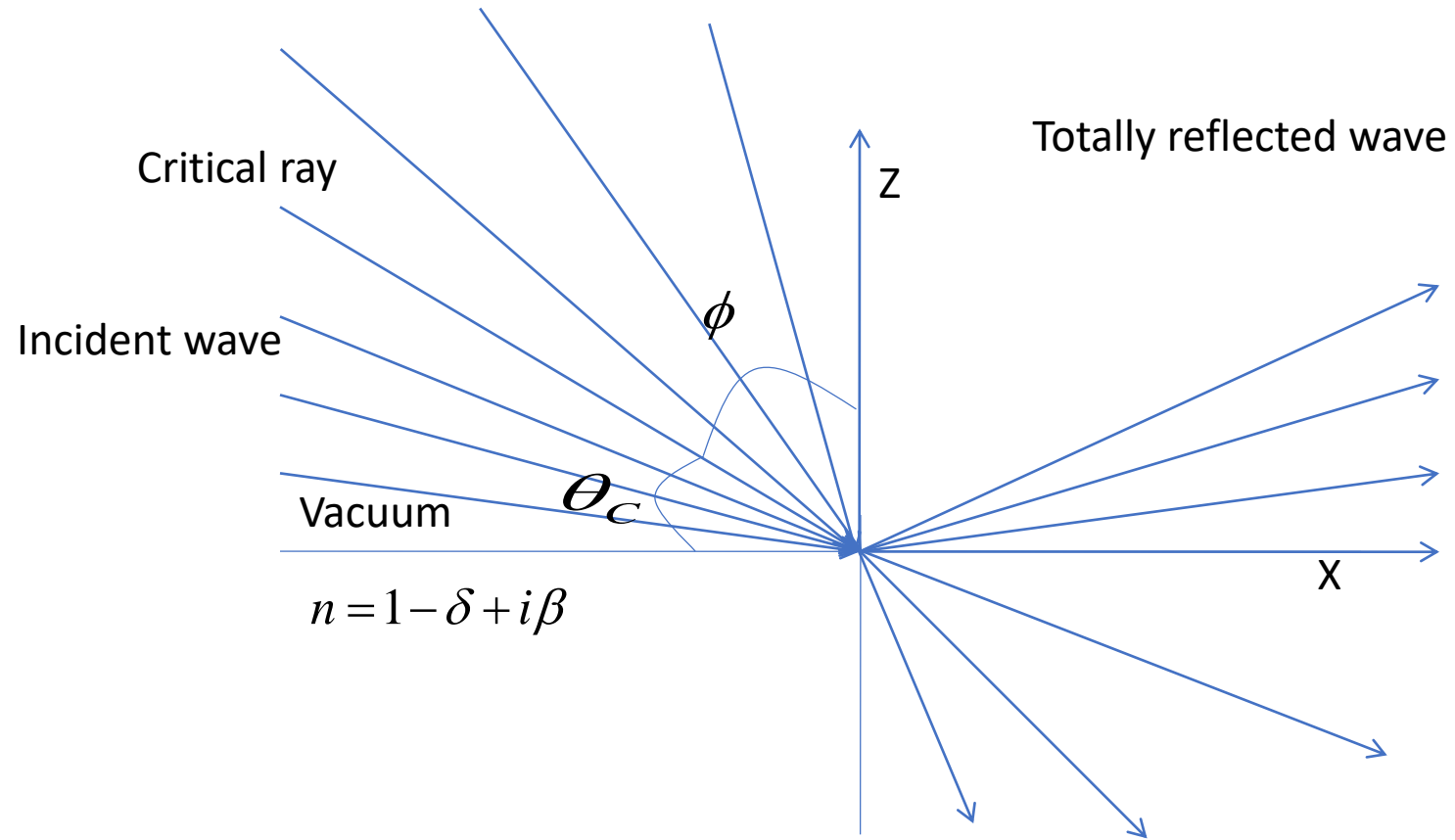


$$\phi = \phi''$$

$$\sin\phi = \frac{\sin\phi'}{n}$$

Interface geometry for incident, reflected, and refracted waves

Total external reflection



$$\theta_c = \sqrt{2\delta} = \sqrt{\frac{n_a r_e \lambda^2}{2\pi} f_1^0(\omega)}$$

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

Glancing incidence radiation and total external reflection

Gold ($Z=79$):

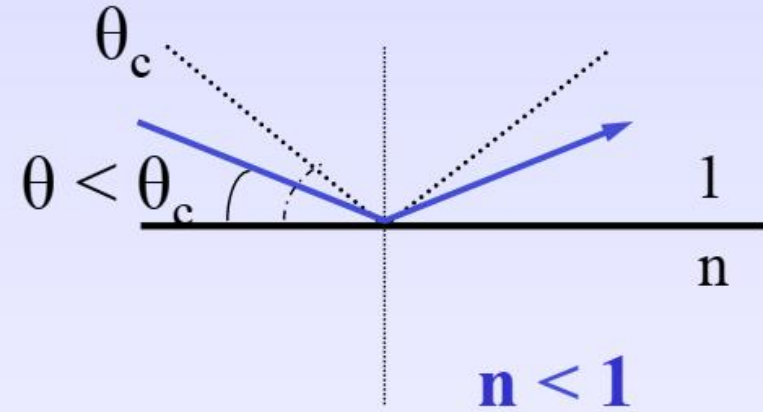
600 eV $\rightarrow \theta_c \approx 7.4^\circ$

1200 eV $\rightarrow \theta_c \approx 3.7^\circ$

5 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**.



Nickel ($Z=28$):

6 keV $\rightarrow \theta_c \approx 10 \text{ mrad} (0.57^\circ)$

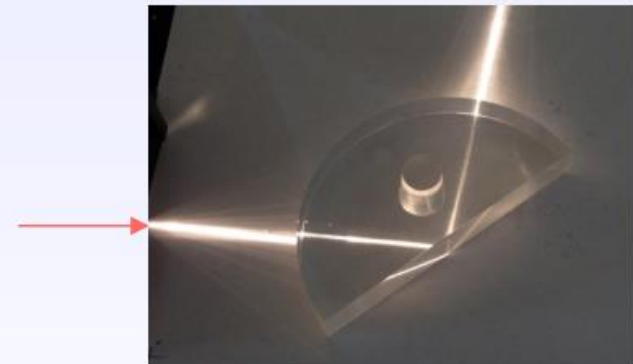
Carbon ($Z=6$):

100 eV $\rightarrow \theta_c \approx 250 \text{ mrad} (14^\circ)$

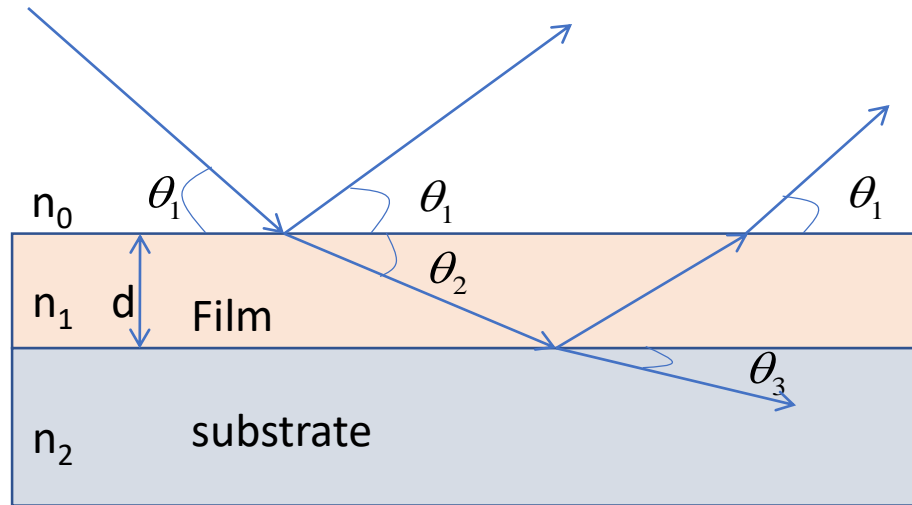
It is the counterpart of total internal reflection of visible light. Visible light is totally reflected at the glass/air boundary if $\theta < \theta_c = 48.2^\circ$

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

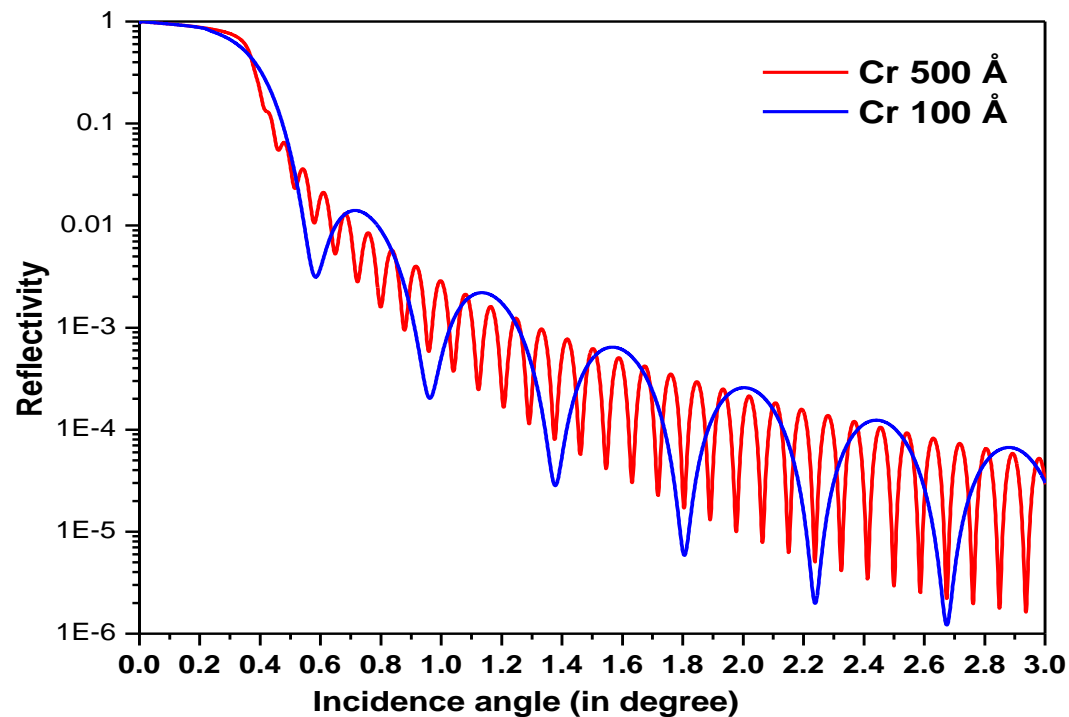
$n = 1.5$ refraction index of glass



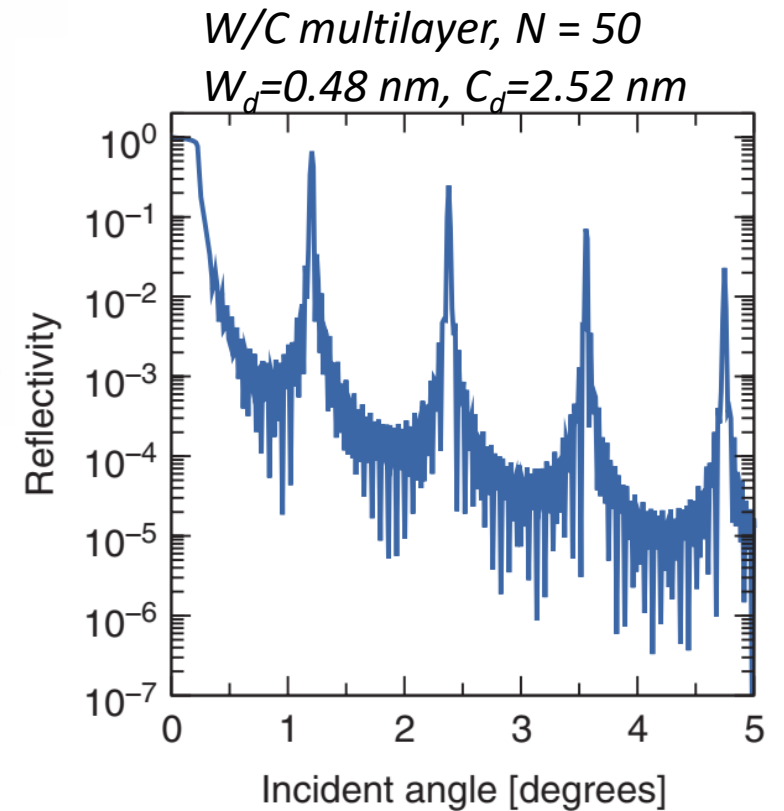
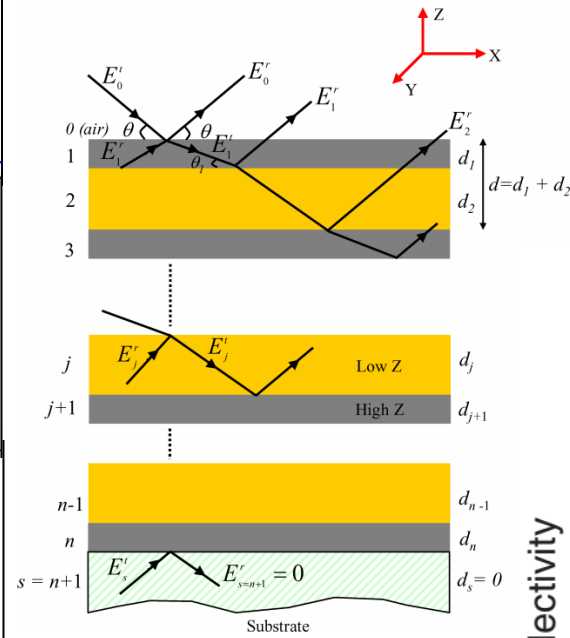
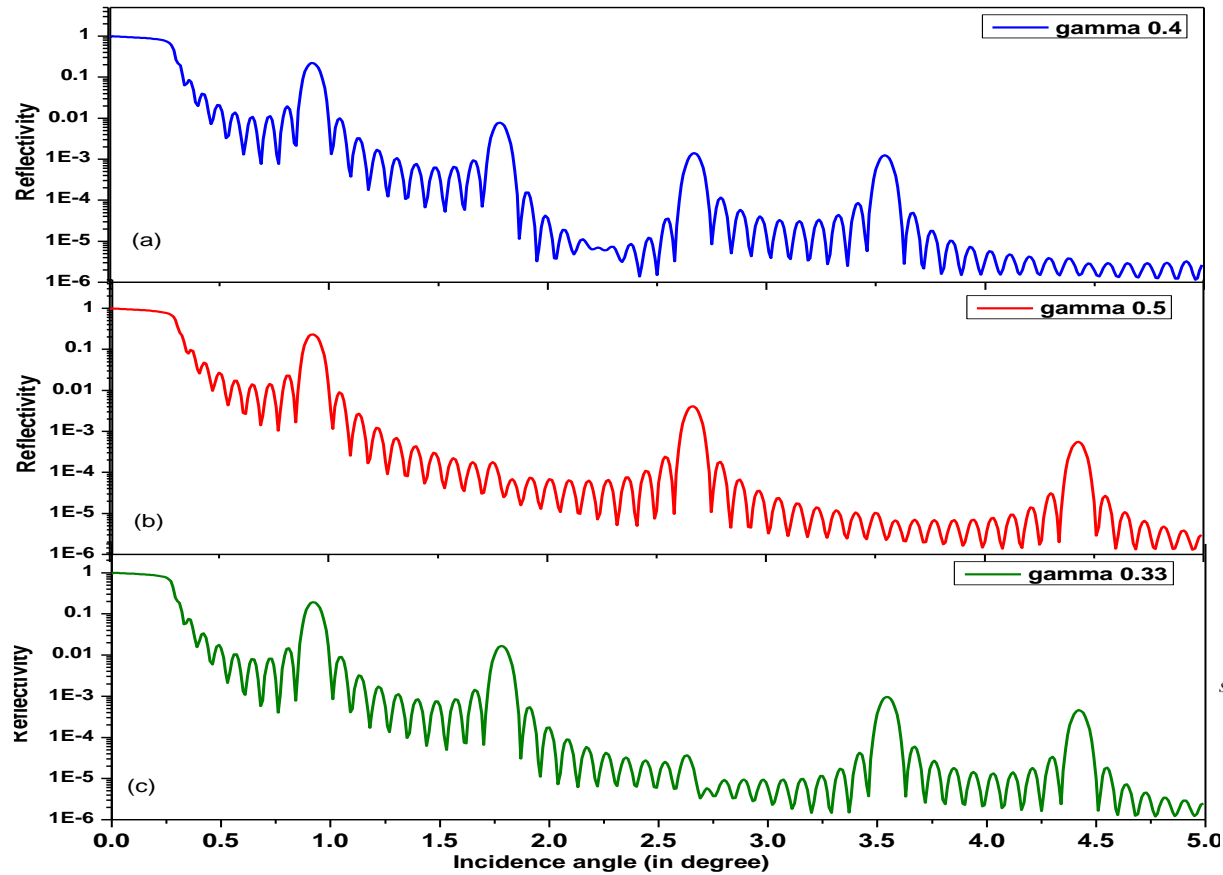
Reflectivity of single layer



Reflectivity from a thin surface film on top of an arbitrary substrate, where multiple reflections can take place in the top layer.

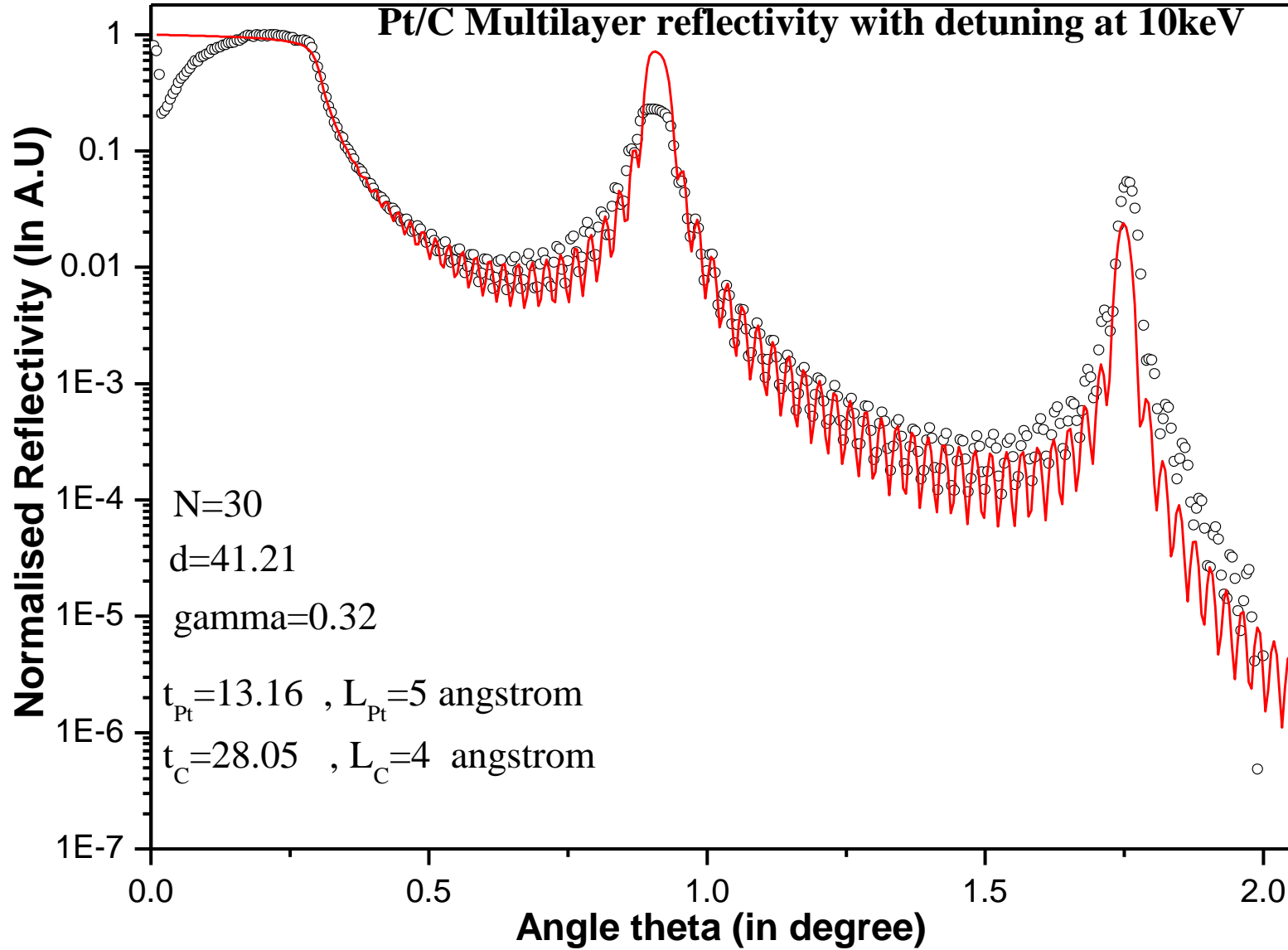


X-ray reflectivity spectra of Cr film of thickness 500 Å and 100 Å on silicon substrate ($\lambda=1.54$ Å). Figure shows the dependence of the oscillation frequency on the film thickness.



Simulated reflectivity spectra of Cr/C multilayer with a period of 50 Å at using different Γ values (a) $\Gamma = 0.40$, (b) $\Gamma = 0.50$, and (c) $\Gamma = 0.33$

Reflectivity of multilayer structure



Reflectivity pattern of Pt/C multilayer at 10 keV

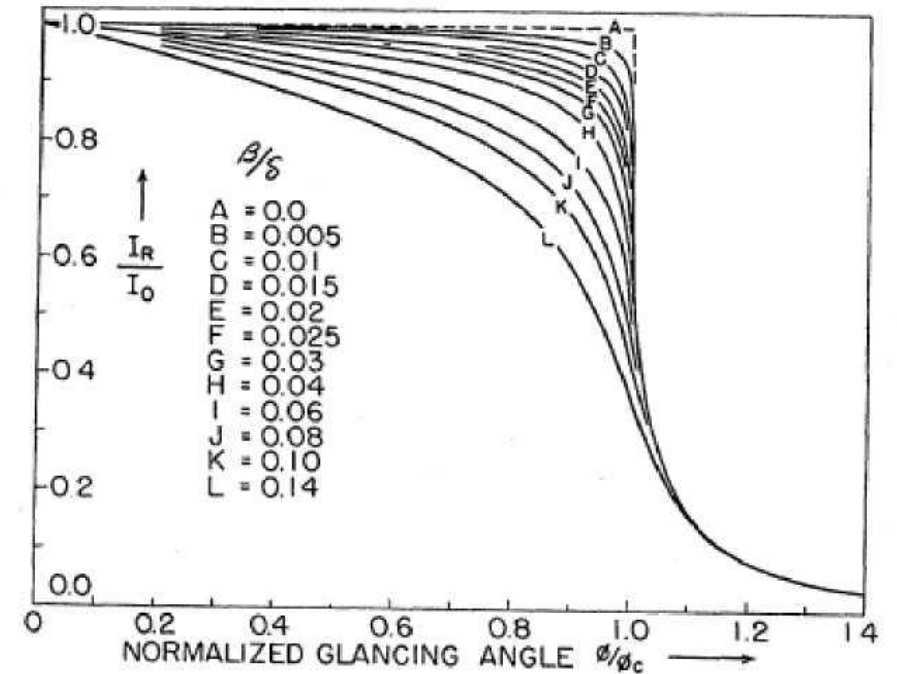
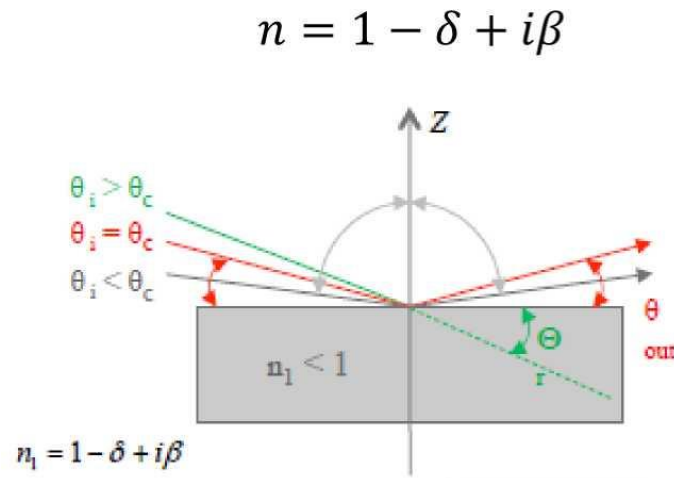
- Reflectivity (reflectance) is the fraction of the incident electromagnetic power that it is reflected at an interface I^R/I

$$I^R / I = |E^R/E|^2 \quad \text{from Fresnel equations}$$

- From Fresnel equations it is possible to show that below 0.5 there is unit reflectivity when the absorption coefficient, β , equals 0

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 at grazing incidence angles

Exceptions: multilayer coated mirrors, zone plates



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Surface Studies of Solids by Total Reflection of X-Rays
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Practical implications for mirror design in the X-ray regime

1- Beam deflection

The first action of a FLAT mirror is to steer photon beam

2- Energy cut-off for a Fixed Angle of incidence

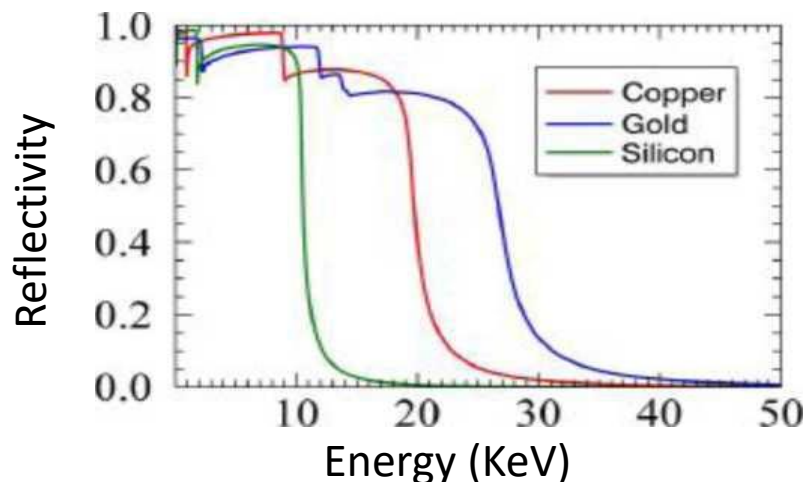
- All the above considerations have been developed assuming a monochromatic incident beam and a variable angle of incidence
- Often mirrors are used as first elements of a beamline, that is that they are stroked by a polychromatic beam at a fixed angle
- Reconsidering the relation of critical angle, we can define the cut-off energy E_c of a mirror for a fixed angle θ

$$\theta_c = (2\delta)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \lambda(n_e r_e / \pi)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad E_c = hc / \lambda_c = (hc / \theta_c)(n_e r_e / \pi)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

- E_c is the maximum energy (or minimum wavelength) that will be totally reflected by the mirror; energies above E_c will be reduced because of the fall off of reflectivity

2- Energy cut-off for a Fixed Angle of incidence

- Since there is an energy cut-off above which radiation is reflected with low-efficiency, mirrors can be used to effectively suppress high energy component of the synchrotron emission. Therefore, they act also as low-pass filters
- Depending on the critical energy of the source, mirrors can effectively remove a considerable amount of heat and reduce the thermal loading on downstream optics
- Since in many cases the angle of incidence of the SR beam on the mirror is fixed due to the various beamline components downstream, the energy cut-off can be varied changing the coating deposited on the mirror substrate



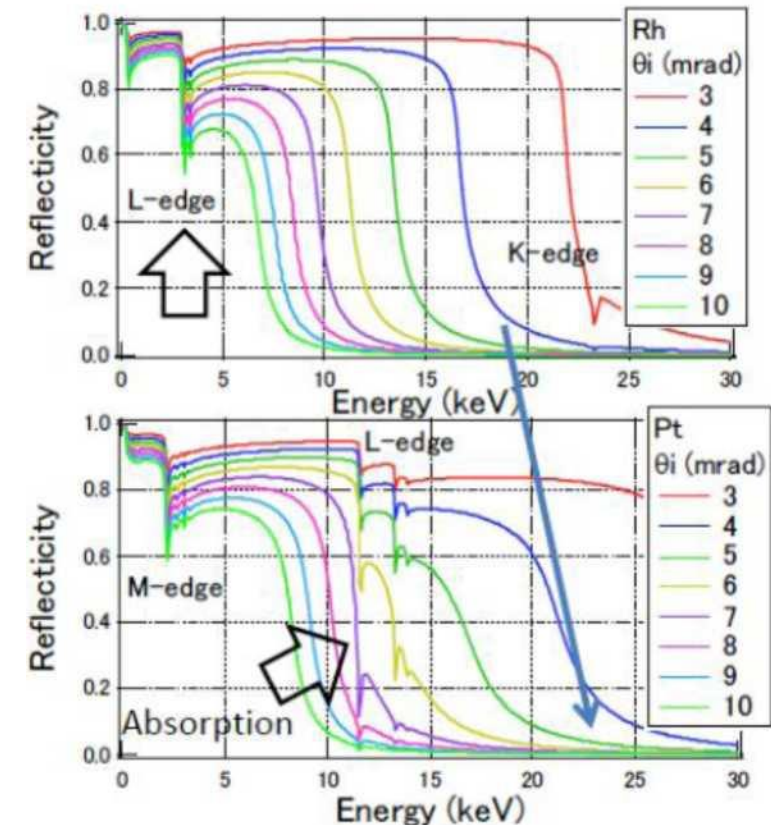
Reflectivity curves as a function of the X-ray energy for a fixed incidence angle (3 milliradians) for Gold, Copper and Silicon

Practical implications for mirror design in the X-ray regime

2- Energy cut-off for a Fixed Angle of incidence

- This means that higher is the electron density, higher is the reflectivity of the

- In the cases when significant power is carried by X-rays with energies above the intended range of operation, it is usual to absorb such X-rays in the first mirror at grazing incidence.
- The fraction of synchrotron emission power absorbed by the mirrors can be very huge (power densities on mirror up to hundreds of W/cm^2), so efficient cooling systems are needed for preserving both material properties and mirror shape

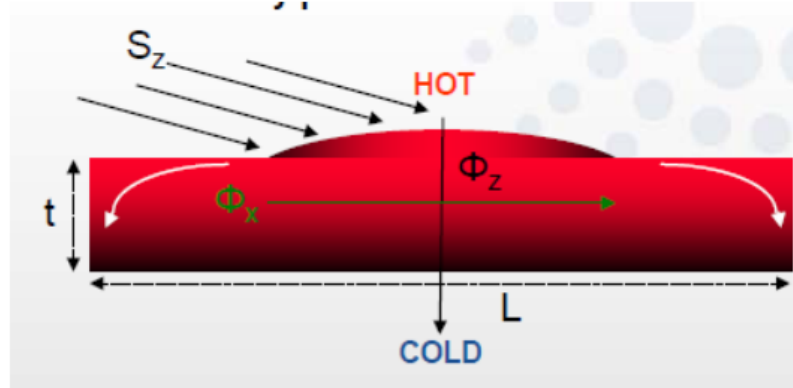


Rh: $12.4 g/cm^3$

Pt: $21.4 g/cm^3$

Practical implications for mirror design in the X-ray regime

Thermal deformation of mirrors



Total power emitted from sources is in the order of 2-4 KW (but it can reach up to 10-14 KW with new superconducting or in-vacuum undulator).
The power density on the first beamline mirror (optics) illuminated on-axis can be higher than 400W/mm²

Φ_x : Local variation in thickness (thermal bump)

$$\Delta_{bump} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \propto \frac{\alpha}{\kappa} G P_s$$

Usually a mirror is over illuminated for minimizing Φ_x

Φ_z : Differential expansion hot-cold slides (thermal bending)

$$\Delta_{bending} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} \propto \frac{\alpha}{\kappa} G P_t$$

α : thermal expansion

κ : thermal conductivity

G : cooling geometry factor ($\sim 0.02 - 1$)

P_s : Power density

P_t : Total power

	Density gm/cc	Young's modulus GPa	Thermal expansion (α) ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C	Thermal conductivity (k) W/m/ $^{\circ}$ C	Figure of merit k/ α
Fused silica	2.19	73	0.50	1.4	2.8
Zerodur	2.53	92	0.05	1.60	32
Silicon	2.33	131	2.60	156	60
SiC CVD	3.21	461	2.40	198	82
Aluminum	2.70	68	22.5	167	7.42
Copper	8.94	117	16.5	391	23.7
Glidcop	8.84	130	16.6	365	22
Molybdenum	10.22	324.8	4.80	142	29.6

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Thermal load simulation on the first collecting mirror of IR beamline SISSI

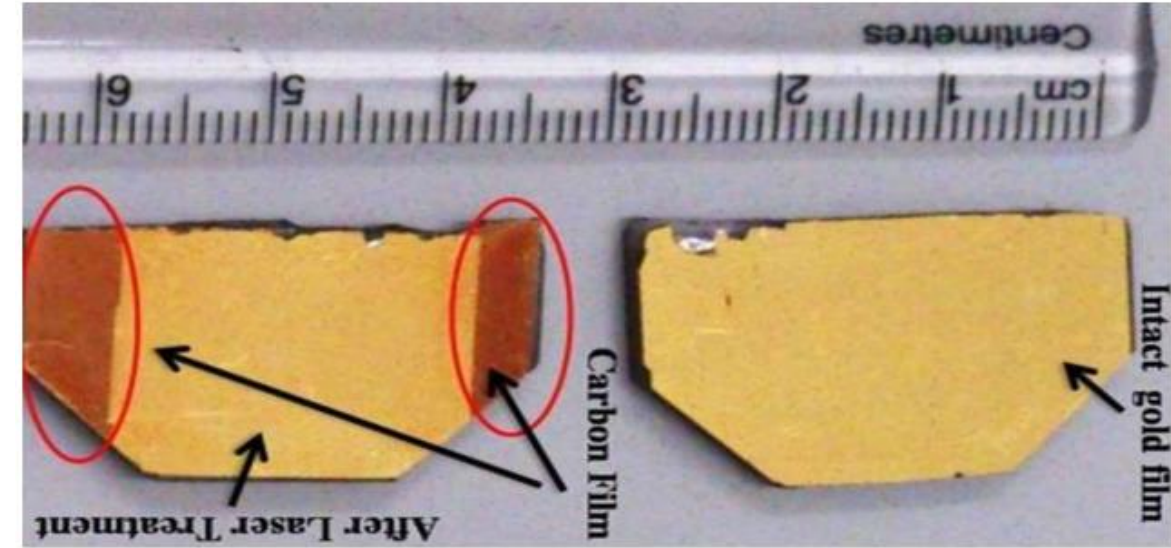
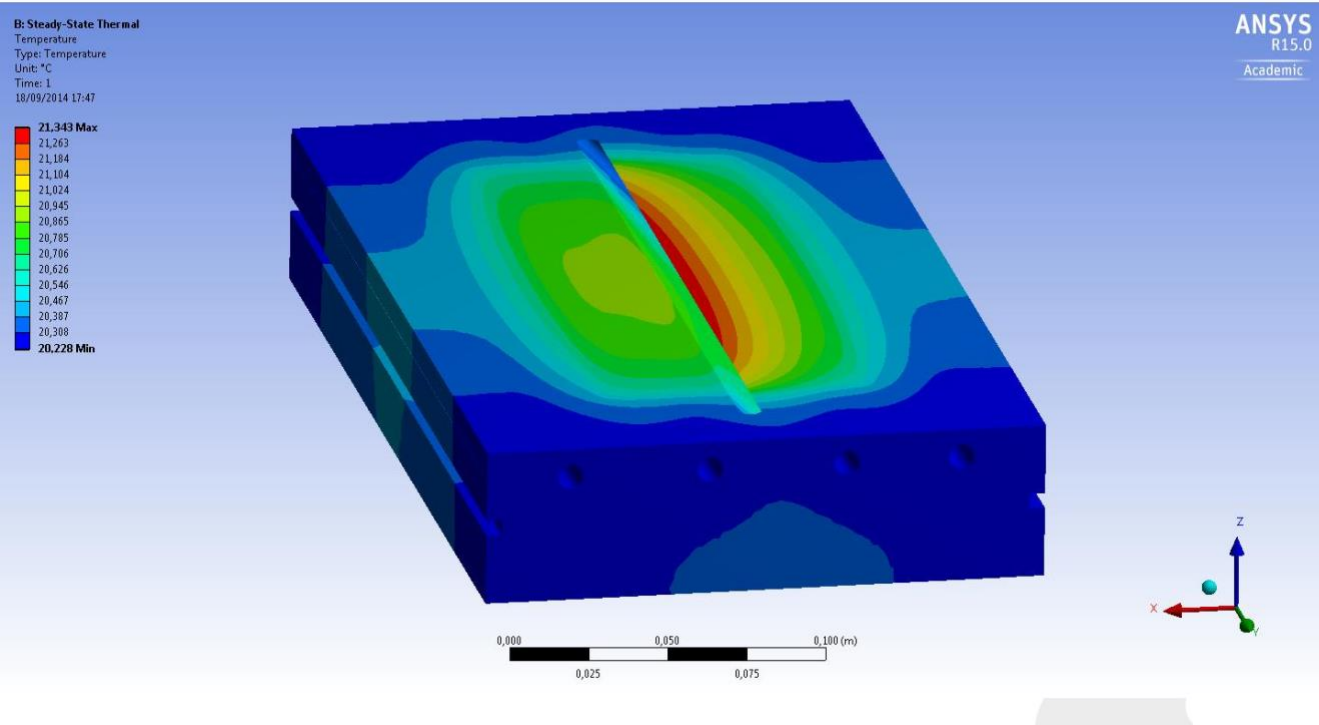


Fig. 2. Photograph of the intact gold film, carbon coated gold film, and the area on the sample where the carbon film is removed and underneath gold film is visible.

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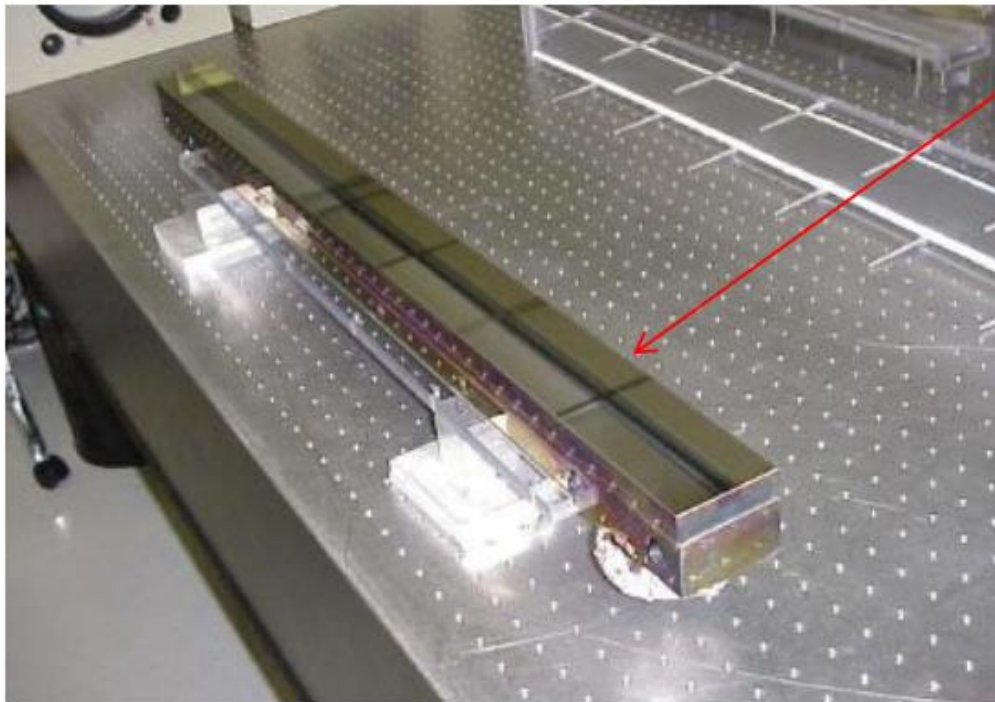
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Practical implications for mirror design in the X-ray regime

3- Long Mirrors to capture full beam

- As a consequence of beam divergency and of the small critical angles in the X-ray, mirrors have to be manufactured very long in order to capture the full SR beam



Carbon-like deposits on mirror surface



Typical length for X-ray mirrors is 1 m, with radius of curvature of the order of kilometers

2- Other energy filtration beamline components

- Windows and filters

Low absorbing windows are placed along a beamline to separate different vacuum sections. In hard X-ray regime they are typically made of beryllium, polymeric materials or pyrolytic graphite, while diamond is often chosen for visible-IR SR emission.

Very often a window is installed just after the front-end, in order to separate the beamline vacuum for the ring vacuum. The ultimate function of these windows is to save ring vacuum in case of vacuum break at the beamline.

These windows act also absorbing most of the low-energy part of SR emission, therefore reducing the overall power delivered to downstream optics.



Beryllium windows

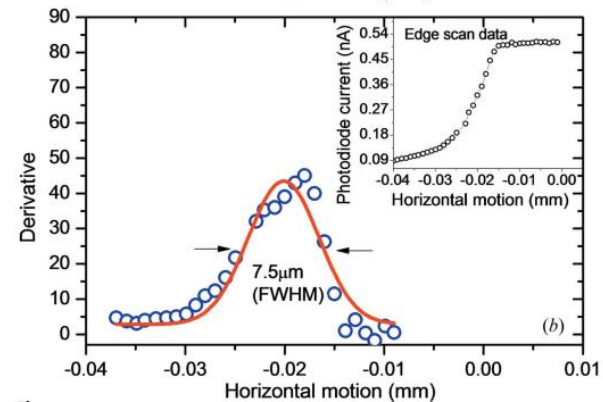
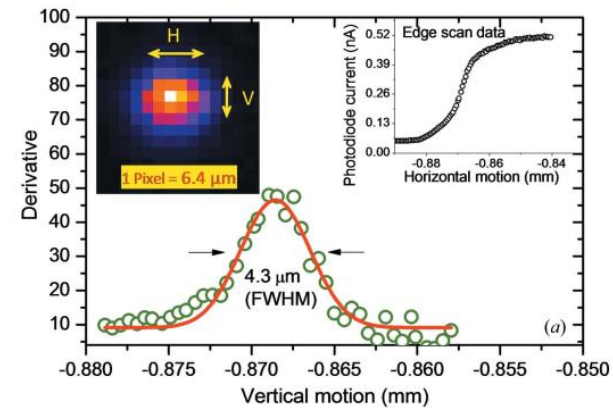
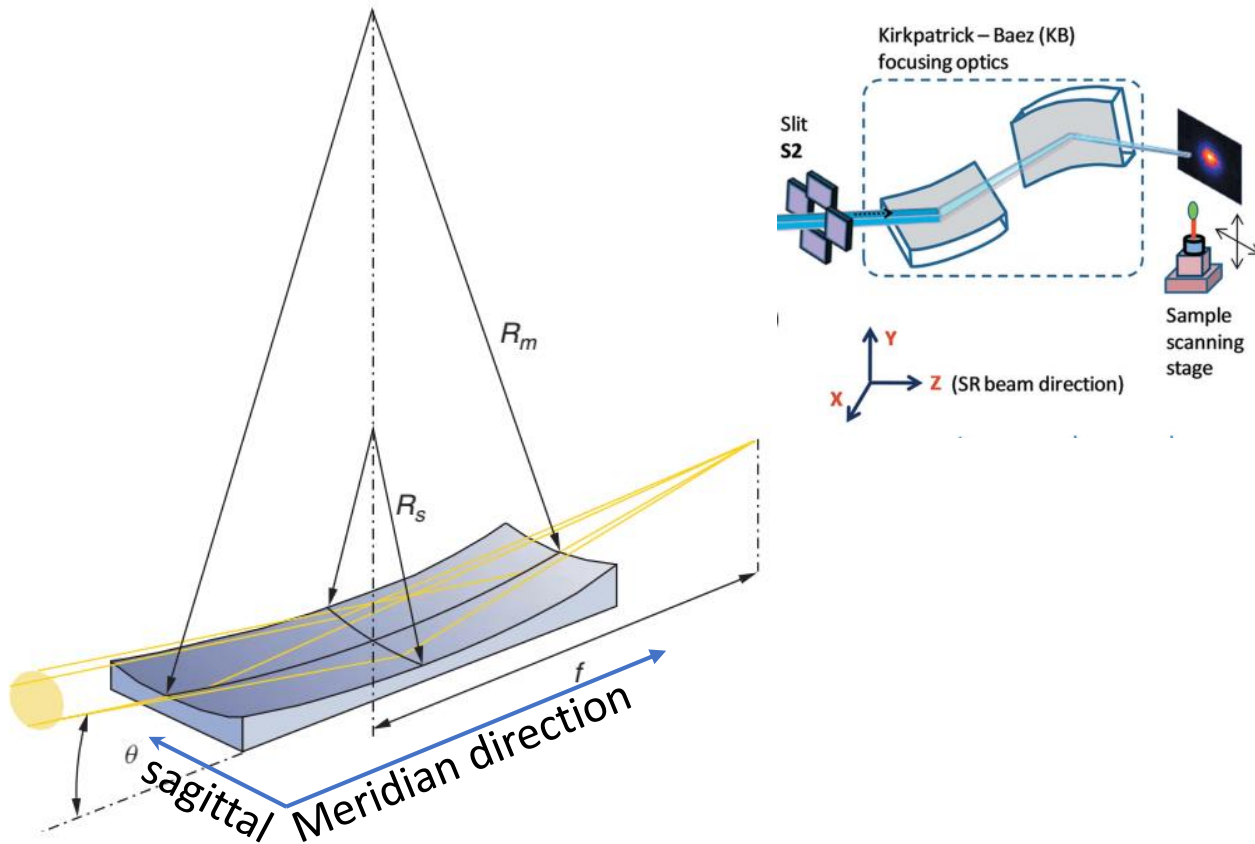
Both windows types are mounted
on flanges



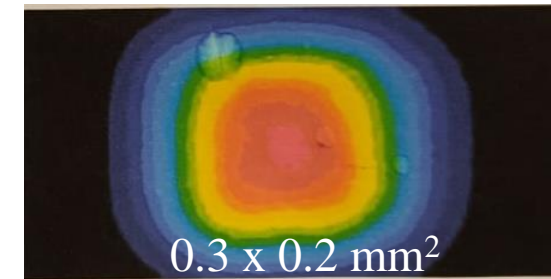
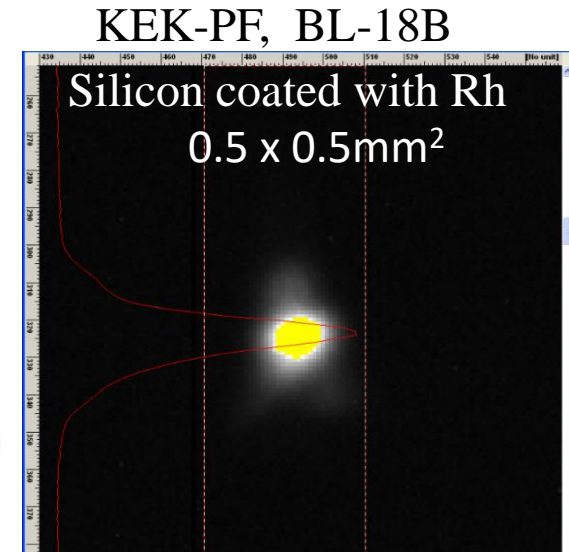
CVD diamond window

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.



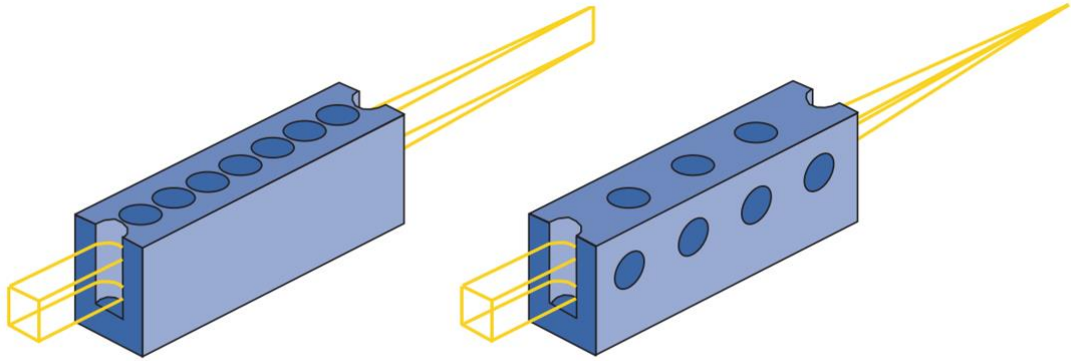
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The **meridional** or **tangential plane** contains the central incident ray and the normal to the surface. The **sagittal plane** is the plane perpendicular to the tangential plane and containing the normal to the surface.

Focusing properties of x-ray lenses



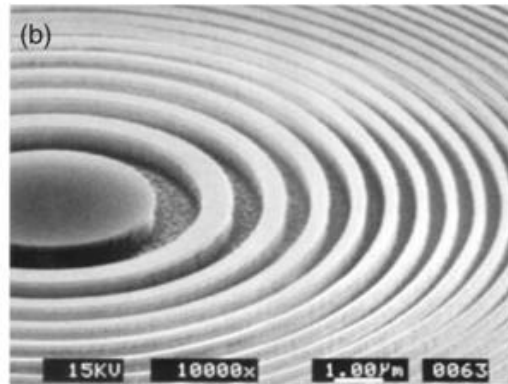
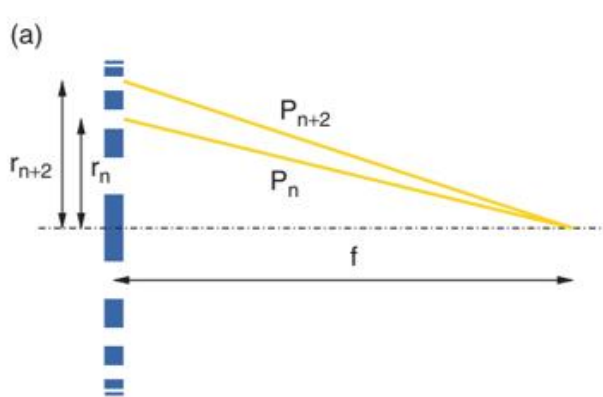
compound refractive lenses (CRLs)



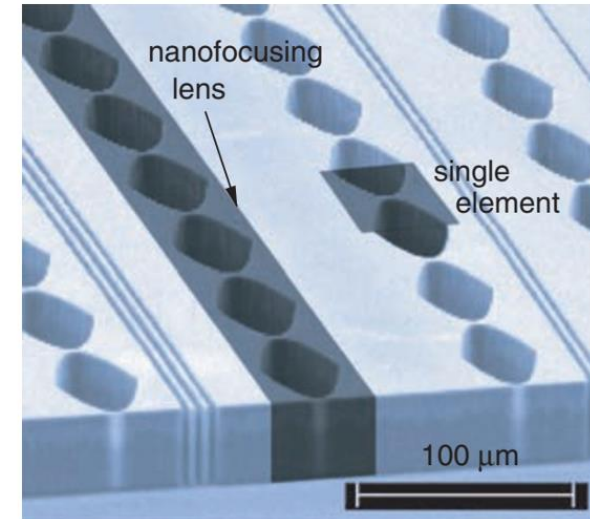
Be lenses



Refractive x-ray lenses on a holder



Fresnel zone plates. (a) The path difference between adjacent transparent rings, $P_{n+2} - P_n$, in a zone plate should be equal to the wavelength of the x-rays being focused. (b) An electron microscopy image of a zone plate manufactured using electron-beam microlithography.



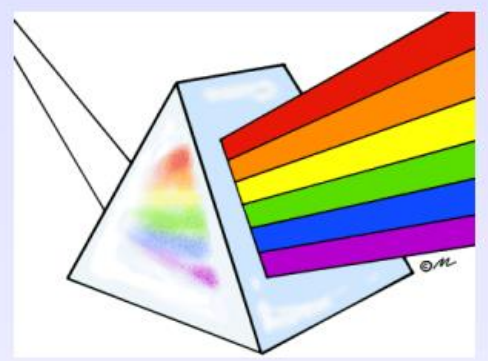
nanofocusing lens array fabricated by lithographic and ion-etching techniques

Dispersive optical elements

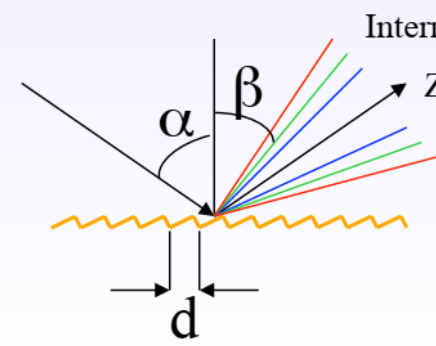
Monochromators

Microw ave	I.R.	Visible	U.V.	Soft X-ray	Hard X-ray
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Prism



Microw ave	I.R.	Visible	U.V.	Soft X-ray	Hard X-ray
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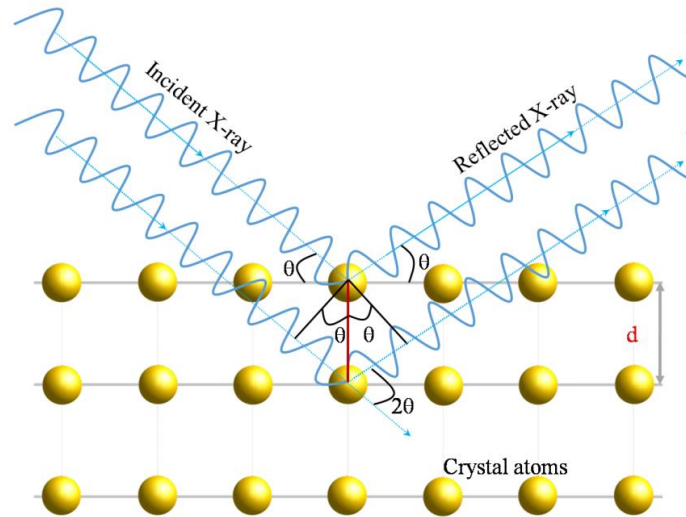


Grating

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

Microw ave	I.R.	Visible	U.V.	Soft X-ray	Hard X-ray
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Crystal

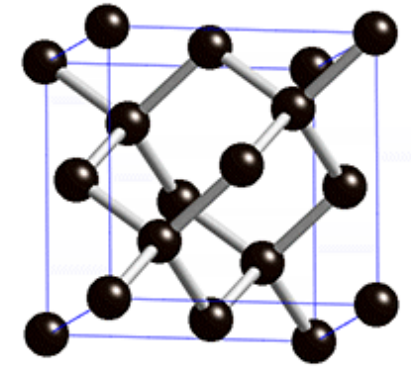


$$2d \sin \theta = n\lambda \quad d_{hkl} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{h}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{k}{b}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{l}{c}\right)^2}}$$

$$\lambda_{\max} = 2d \text{ at } \theta = 90^\circ$$

Structural factor $F(hkl)$: it defines how atomic arrangement influence the intensity of the scattered beam as well as which reflection-peaks to be expected in a diffraction pattern

Diamond Structure



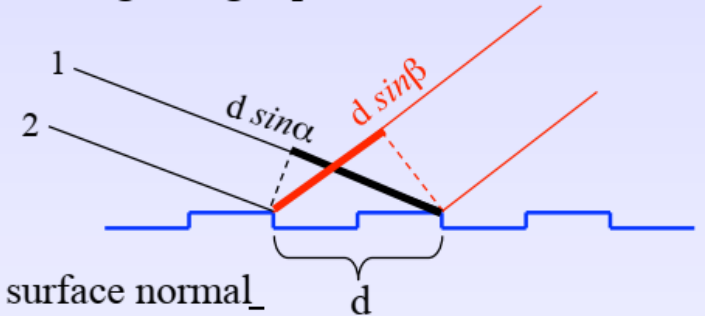
- Si(111), $d=3.13 \text{ \AA}$, $E_{\min} \sim 2 \text{ KeV}$
- Si(220), $d=1.92 \text{ \AA}$, $E_{\min} \sim 3.2 \text{ KeV}$
- Si(311), $d=1.64 \text{ \AA}$, $E_{\min} \sim 3.8 \text{ KeV}$
- InSb(111), $d=3.74 \text{ \AA}$, $E_{\min} \sim 1.7 \text{ KeV}$
- Ge(111), $d=3.27 \text{ \AA}$, $E_{\min} \sim 1.9 \text{ KeV}$
- W/Si Multilayer
- Mo/Si Multilayer
- W/B₄C Multilayer
- Ru/B₄C Multilayer
- Rh/C Multilayer
- Ni/C Multilayer

h, k, l all odd
 $h+k+l = 4n$
 (n is an integer)

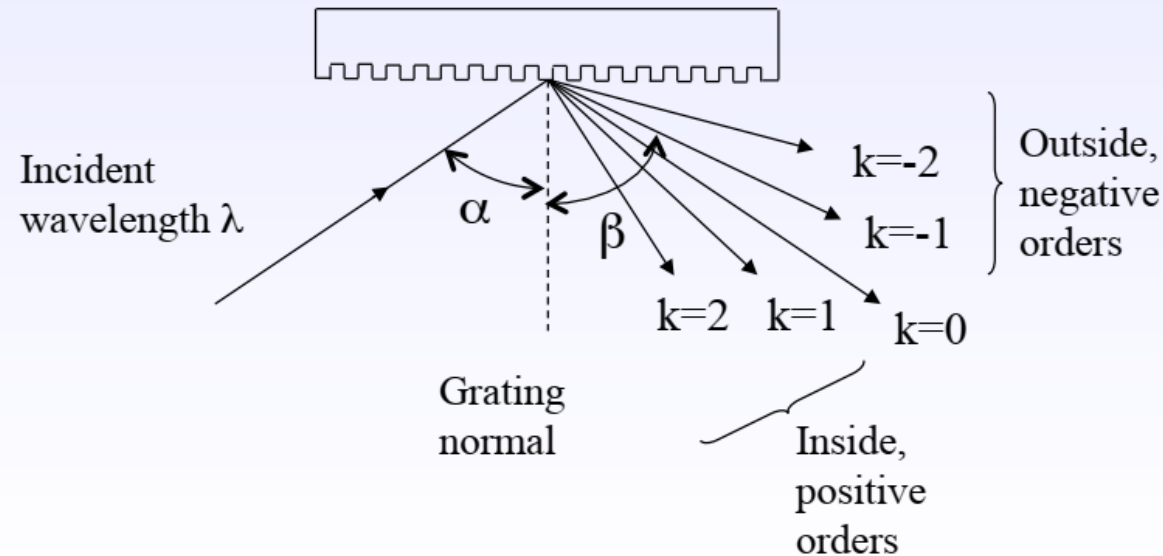
Grating Monochromators

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:

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



α and β 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 ($\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$)



Diffraction gratings:

- Ruled gratings
- Holographic gratings
- Transmission gratings
- Reflection gratings

Grating profile:

- Lamellar grating
- Sinusoidal grating
- Blaze grating

Grating surface profile:

- Spherical grating
- Elliptical grating
- Toroidal grating

Bendable diffraction grating can be used for both monochromatize and focus a beam of light. The arrangement of a monochromator followed by a focusing mirror is however the most common.

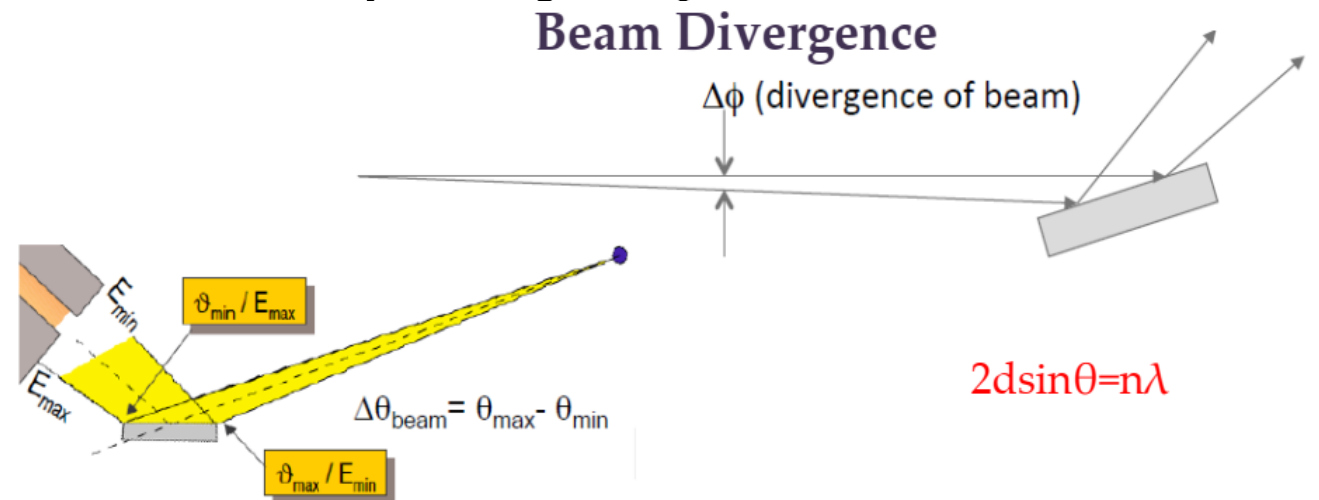
Hard X-rays dispersive optical elements

- The most used optical components for X-rays (especially hard X-rays) are crystal satisfying the Bragg's law
- Radiation of wavelength λ is reflected by the lattice planes. The outgoing waves interfere. The interference is constructive when the optical path difference is a multiple of λ
- The role of a monochromator is to deliver an X-ray beam with a high monochromaticity, with an energy resolution $\Delta E/E \sim 10^{-4}$ for the most common applications.
- In hard X-rays monochromators are usually constructed using perfect crystals (typically silicon, germanium or diamond)

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} = \cot(\theta_B) \Delta(\theta)$$

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

- $\Delta\theta$ contribute:
angular divergence of the incident beam ($\Delta\Phi$)
intrinsic width of Bragg reflection or Darwin width



A collimating mirror in front of the crystal reduces the $\Delta\Phi$ beam of incident beam, improving energy resolution

Darwin width

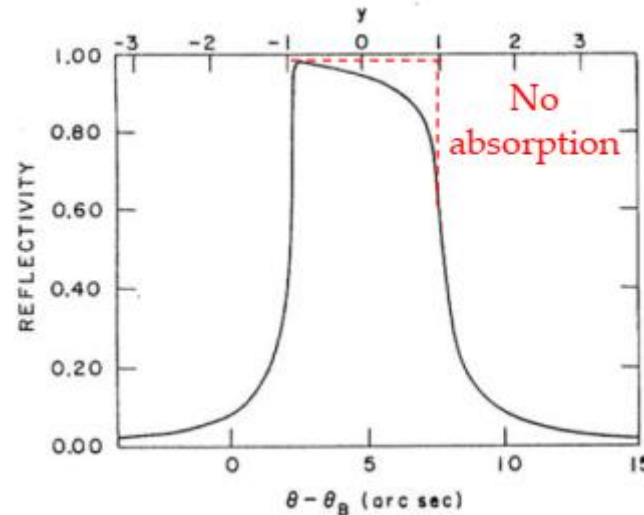
- ❖ There is an angular width over which the diffraction occurs (the incidence angle does not need to exactly meet the Bragg angle due to the small lattice vibrations). This is usually called the Darwin width (better known as rocking curve width), ω_D .
- ❖ The Darwin width is the full width at half-maximum (FWHM) of the total reflective profile of the monochromator crystal and is given by

$$\omega_D = 2.12r_e \left(\frac{\lambda}{n+1} \right)^2 \frac{NF(hkl)}{\pi 2 \sin(\theta_B)}$$

For single Bragg reflection, where r_e is the electron radius, λ is the incident photon wavelength, N is the atomic density, $F(hkl)$ is the structural, θ_B is the Bragg angle and n is the order of harmonic present in the beam.

The energy resolution is determined by the monochromator

Silicon and germanium are readily available and are grown in large “boules” that relatively inexpensive. They are often used as single crystal monochromators. The value of ω_D for Si(111) at 8KeV (1.5Å) is about 40 microradians. For an undulator, the typical opening angle is about 10-15 microradians



Si(111) at 10 keV

used in Sec. 3-7.) The condition for zero diffracted intensity is therefore

$$2Na\Delta\theta \sin \theta_B = (N + 1)\lambda,$$

or

$$\Delta\theta = \frac{(N + 1)\lambda}{2Na \sin \theta_B}.$$

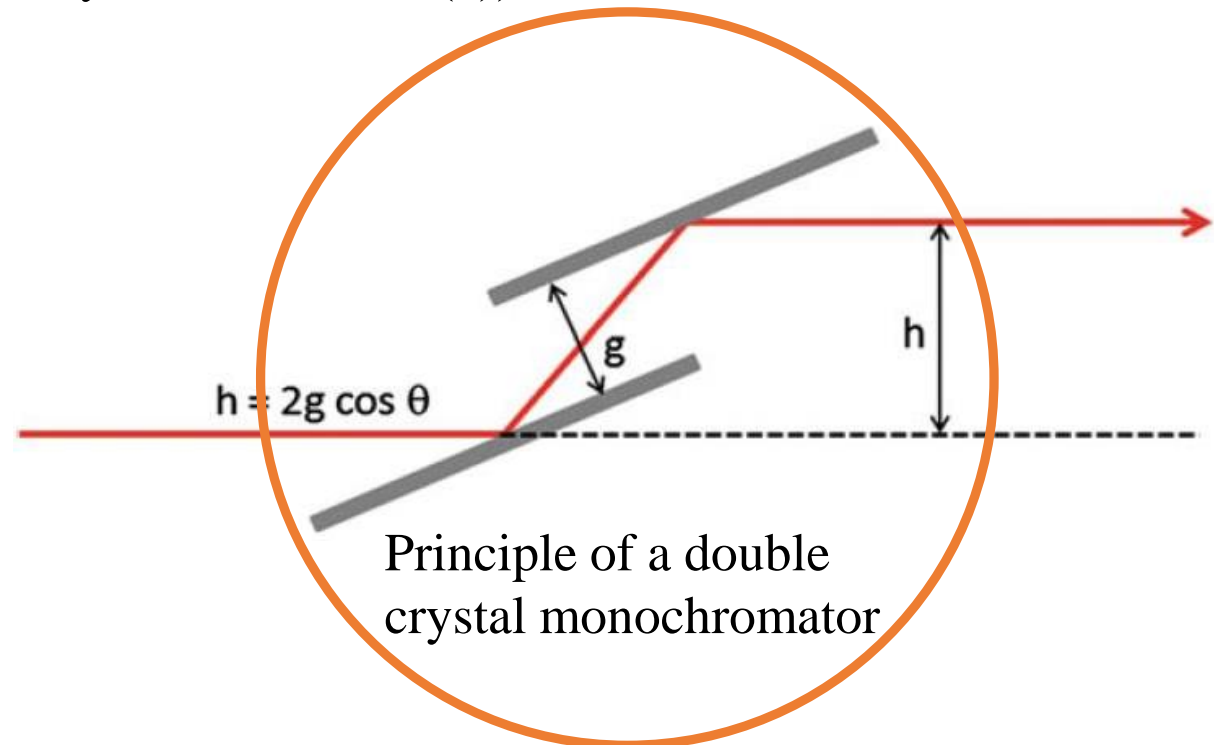
This equation gives the maximum angular range of crystal rotation over which appreciable energy will be diffracted in the direction $2\theta_B$. Since I_{\max} depends on this range, we can conclude that I_{\max} is proportional to $1/\sin \theta_B$. Other things being equal, I_{\max} is therefore large at low scattering angles and small in the back-reflection region.

Double crystal monochromator (DCM)

- ❖ The double crystal monochromator is made by two parallel crystals (usually with same hkl exposed face) and produces a monochromatic beam running parallel to the incident X-ray beam
 - ❖ The whole system is mechanically designed in order to rotate the pair of crystals to change the incident angle corresponding to a given energy
 - ❖ In order to make h fix (that is important for properly illuminating the downstream optics), g should be changed accordingly to the selected energy
 - ❖ Maintaining the perfect parallelism is crucial for maximizing the throughput of the system
- For minimizing the dependence of g by θ , g needs to be very small ($\rightarrow 1/\cos(\theta)$)

Deformation of the crystal due to the thermal load can severely affect the performances of the monochromator

Monochromators are usually cooled





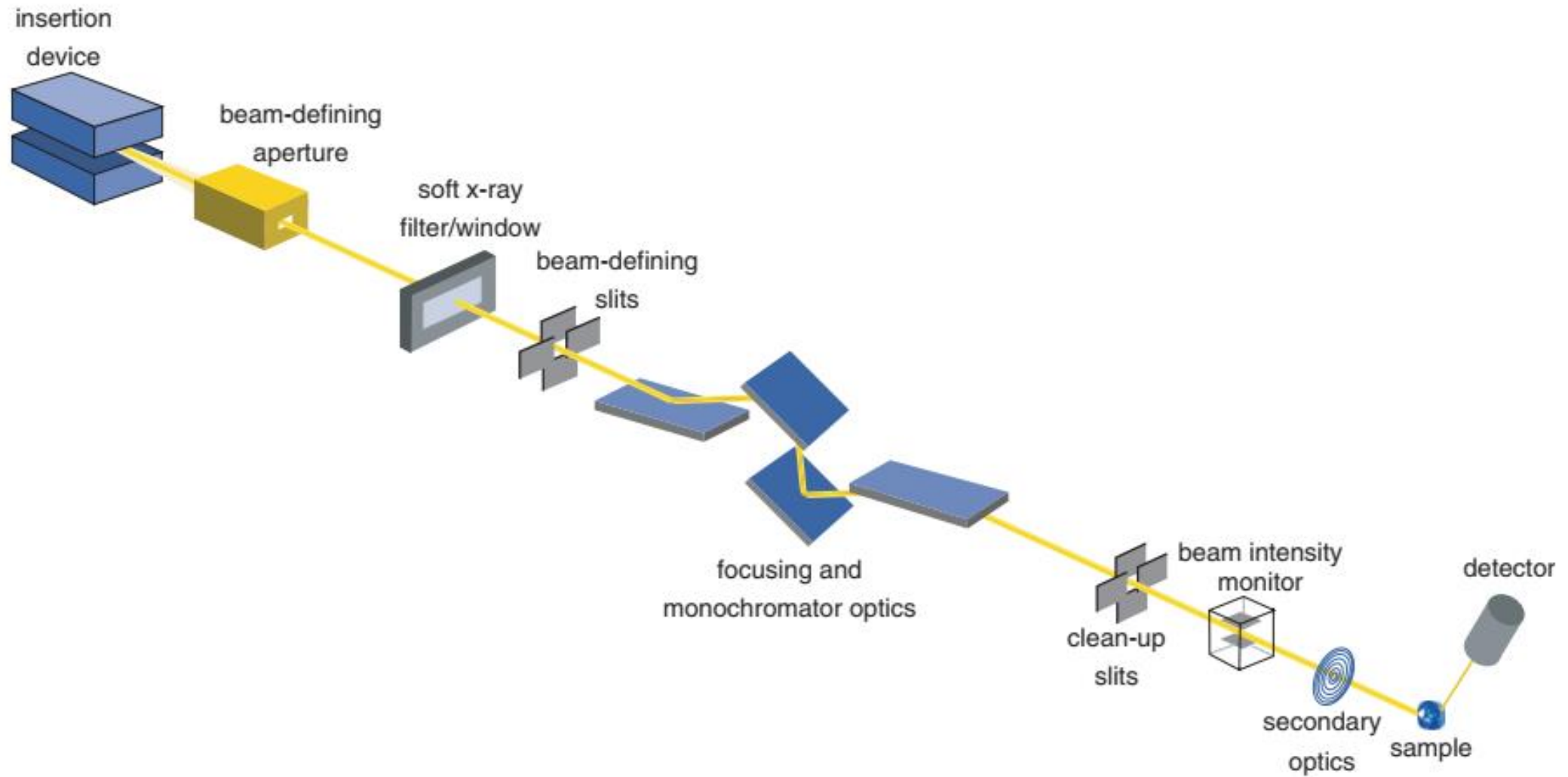
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