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C9940 3-Dimensional Transmission Electron Microscopy



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Sylabus

- **Lecture 1: Anatomy of the electron microscope**
- **Lecture 2: Electron microscopy in biological applications, sample preparation for electron microscopy**
- **Lecture 3: Principles of image formation, contrast transfer function, image alignment in 2D**
- **Lecture 4: 3D reconstruction methods in TEM**
- **Lecture 5: Interpretation and optimization of cryo-EM maps**

Resources

Literature:

- J. Frank, Three-dimensional electron microscopy of macromolecular assembliesvisualization of biological molecules in their native state.
- J. Frank, Electron Tomography: Methods for Three-Dimensional Visualization of Structures in the Cell
- Williams et al., Transmission electron microscopy

Video courses (youtube):

- Grant Jensen
- NRAMM SEMC
- Cryo-EM14 (LMB)
- Cryo-EM17 (LMB)



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Lecture 1: Electron Microscope



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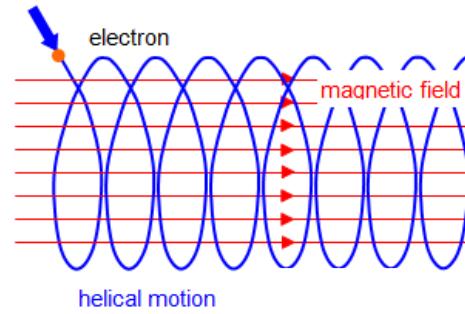
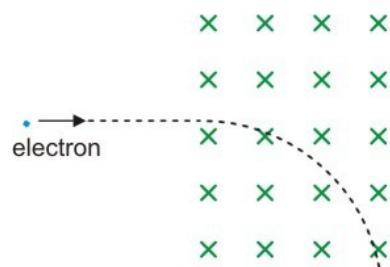
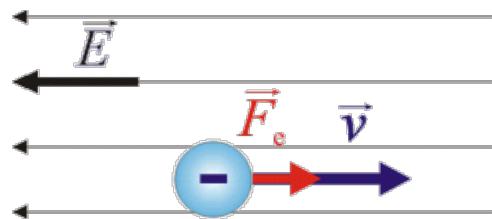
Electron



rest mass:	9.109 e-31 kg
charge:	-1.61 e-19 C
spin:	1/2

Electron in electric and magnetic field

$$\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \quad (\text{Lorentz force})$$



Electron

Dual character of electron

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{mv}$$

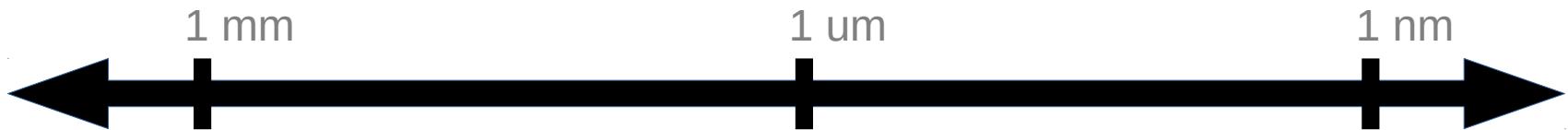
$$\lambda_{\text{de Broglie}} = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h \cdot c}{\sqrt{(e \cdot V_a)^2 + 2 \cdot e \cdot V_a \cdot m_e \cdot c^2}}$$

Acceleration Voltage [kV]	Non-relativistic wavelength [pm]	Relativistic wavelength [pm]
2	27.35	27.32
20	8.65	8.57
100	3.87	3.69
200	2.73	2.50
300	2.23	1.96

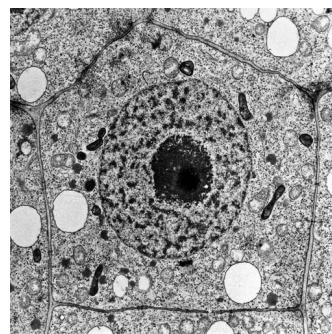
Abbe diffraction limit

$$\Delta x \cong \frac{\lambda}{2n \sin \alpha}$$

Scales in electron microscopy



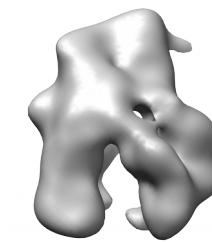
Tick (ESEM)



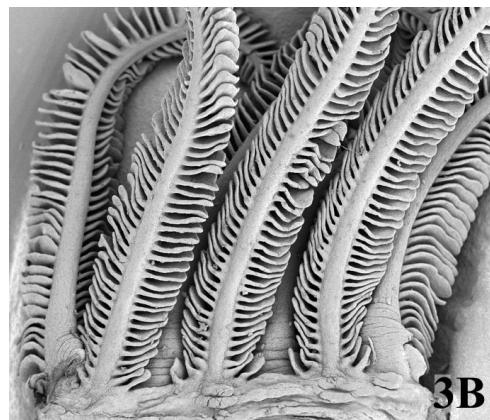
Plant cell (TEM)



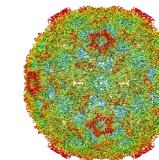
Bacteria (SEM)



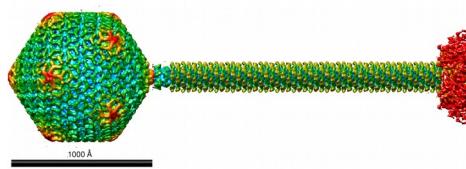
RNA polymerase (TEM)



Plant (SEM)



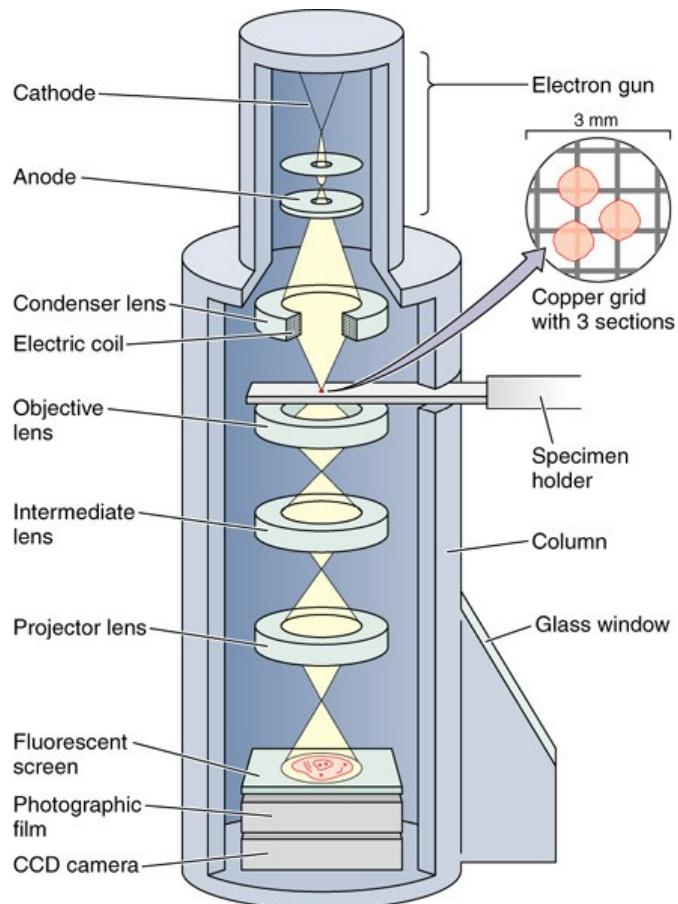
Virus (TEM)



Bacteriophage (TEM)

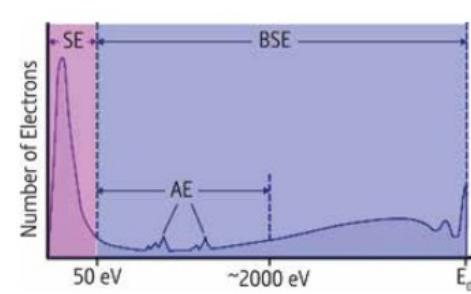
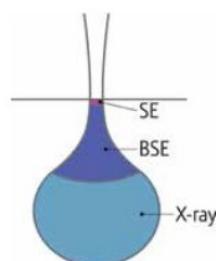
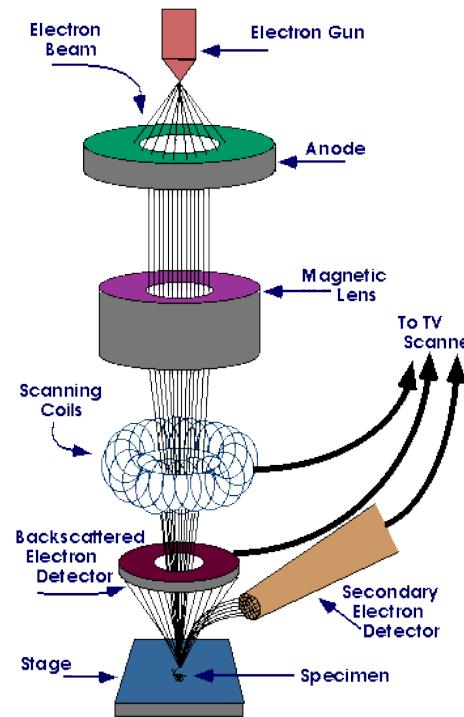
Electron microscopes

TEM



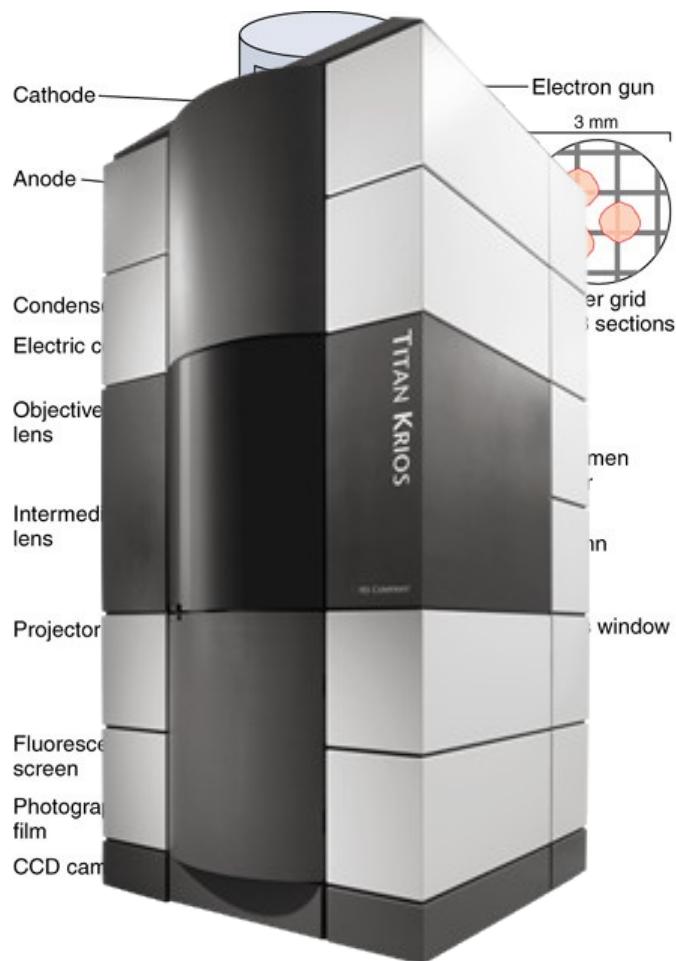
STEM

SEM



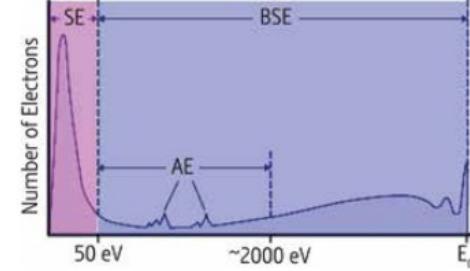
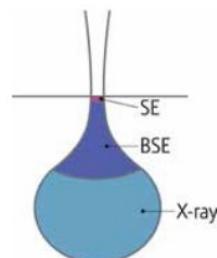
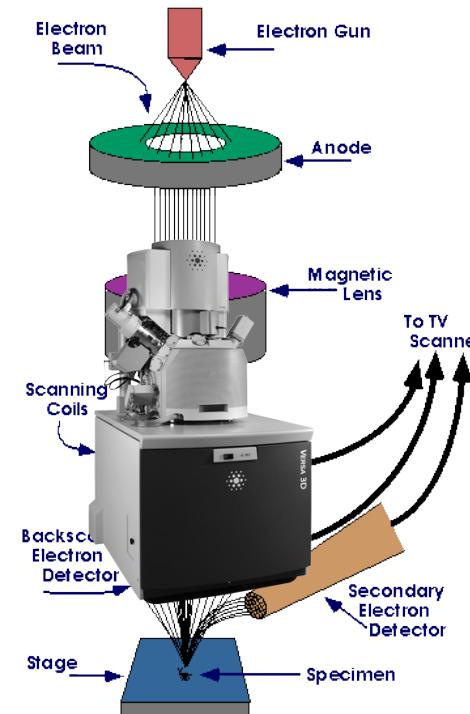
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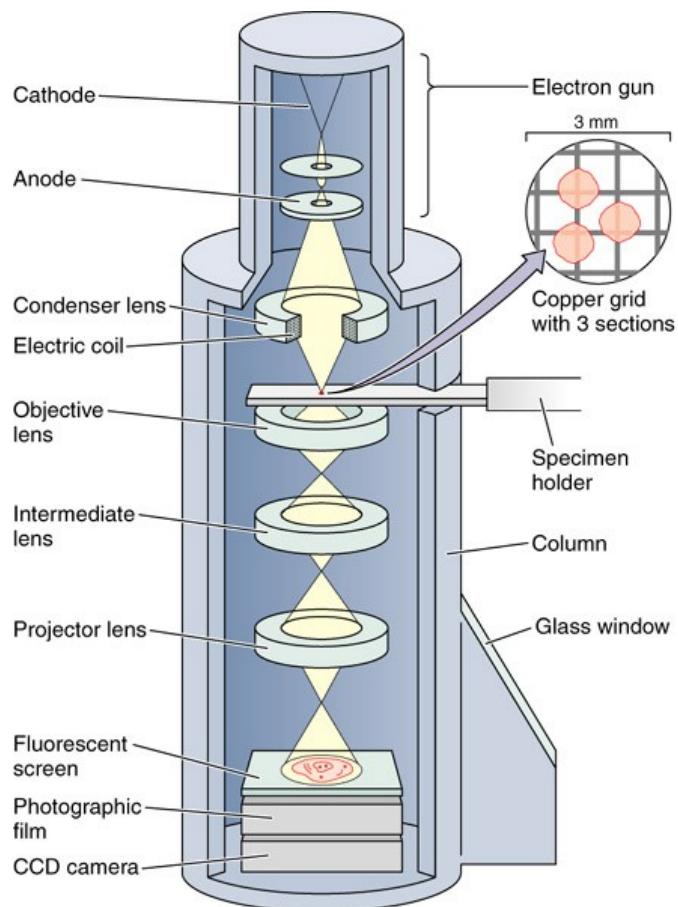
STEM

SEM



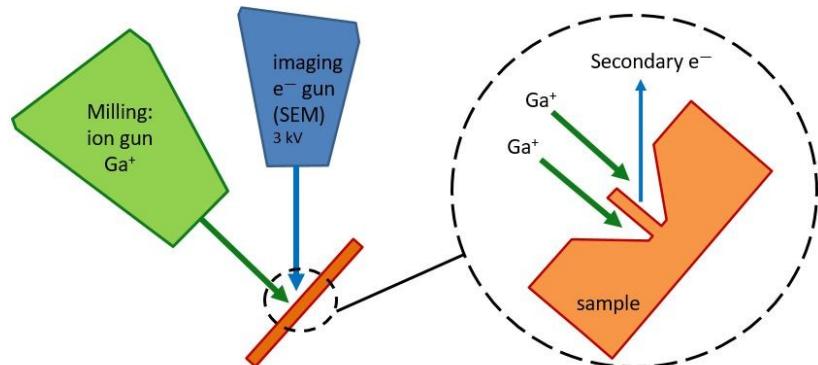
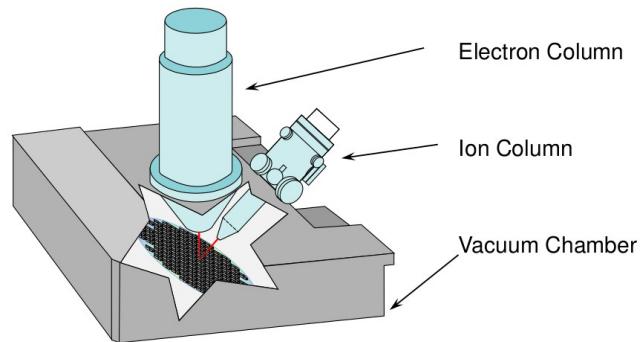
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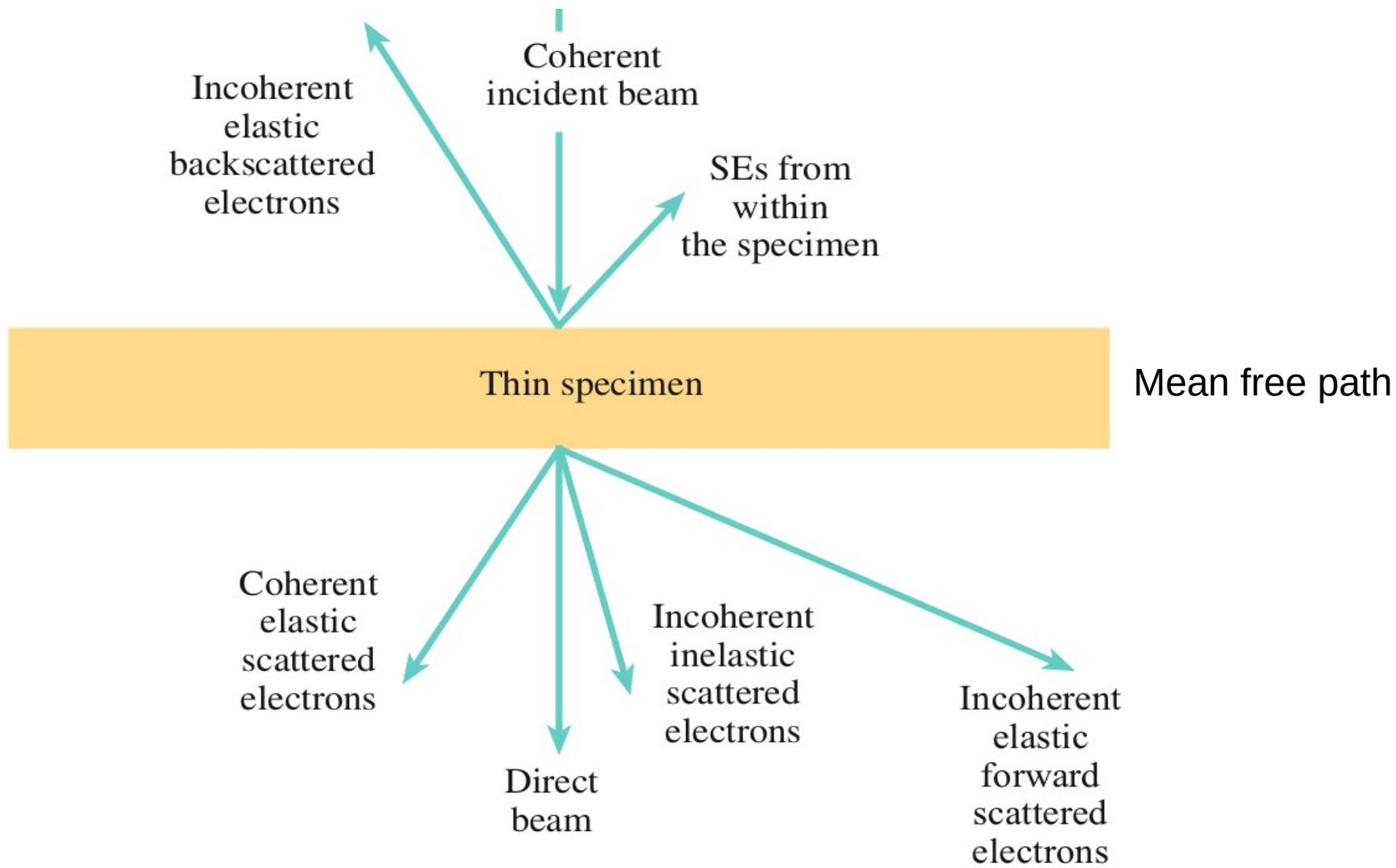


FIB/SEM

STEM

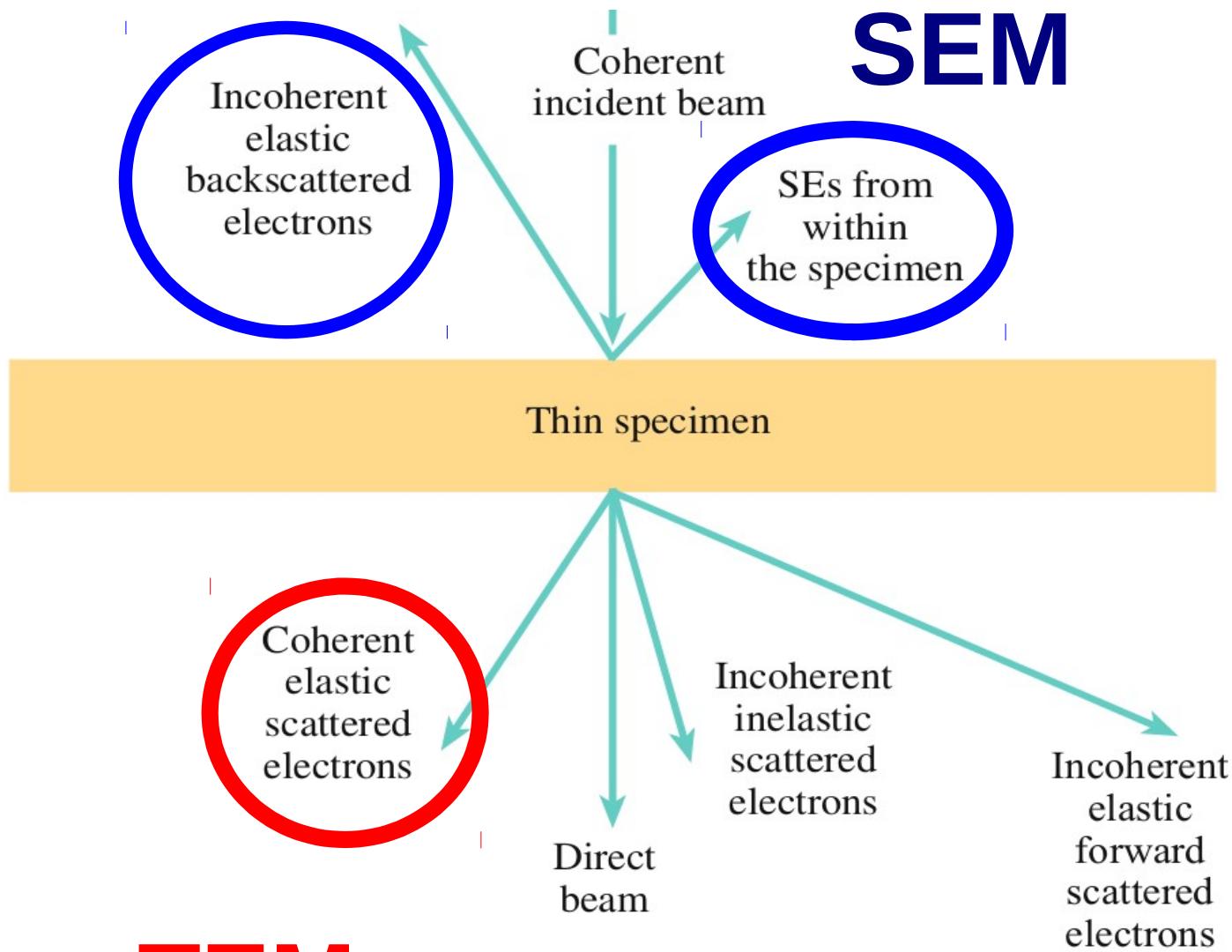


Interaction of electrons with matter



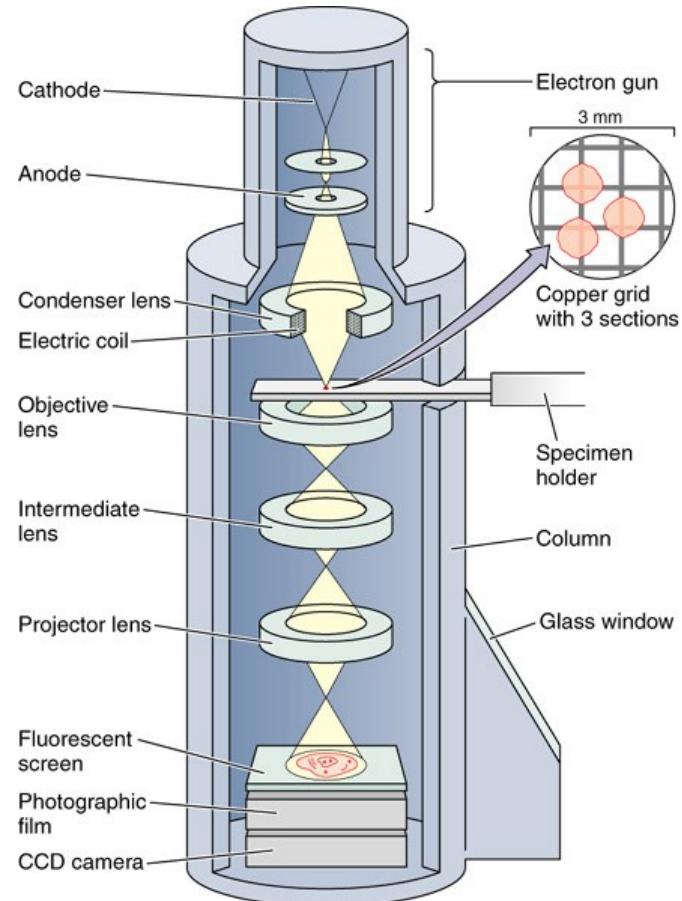
Williams et al. 2009

Interaction of electrons with matter



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Optical vs. TEM microscope



Optical vs. TEM microscope

source



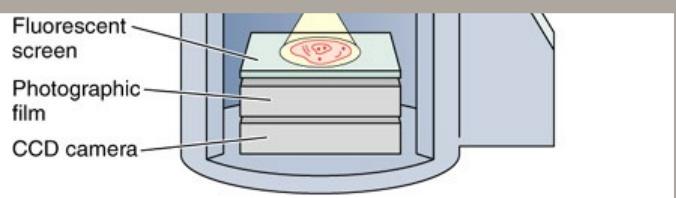
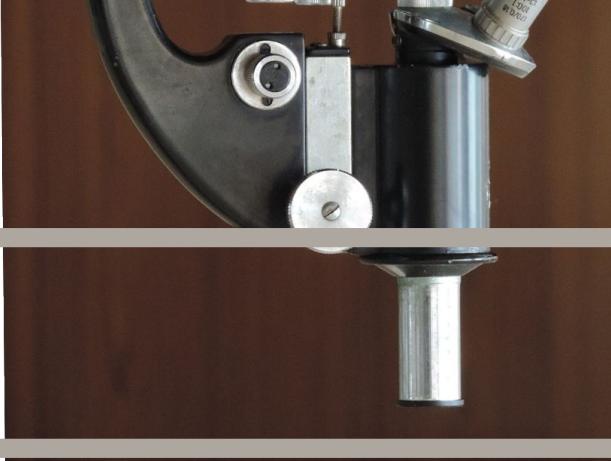
condensor



objective

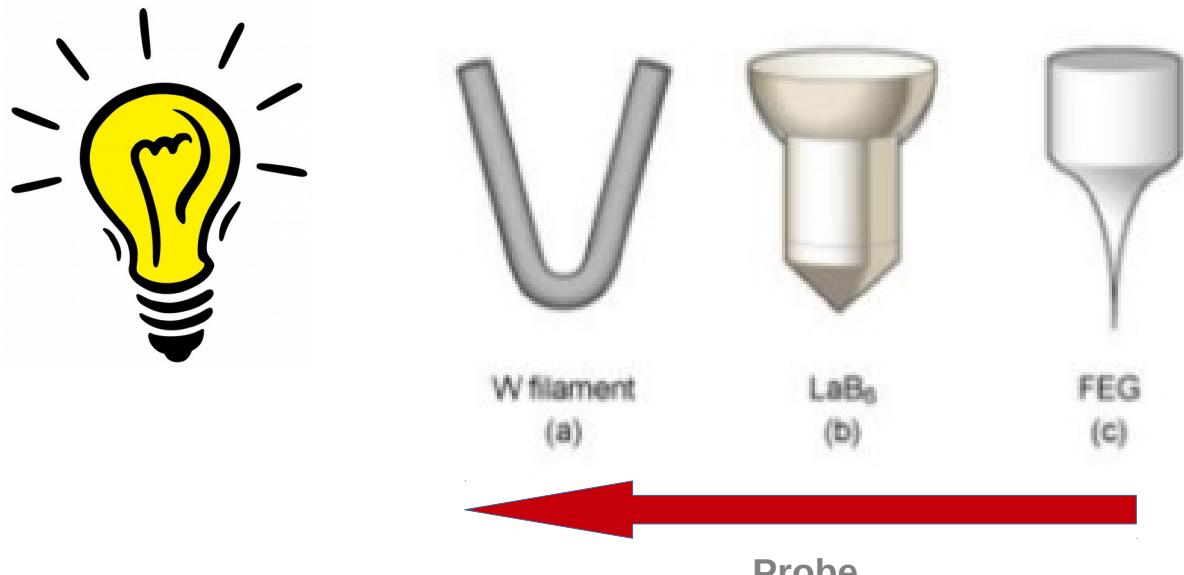


detector



Electron source

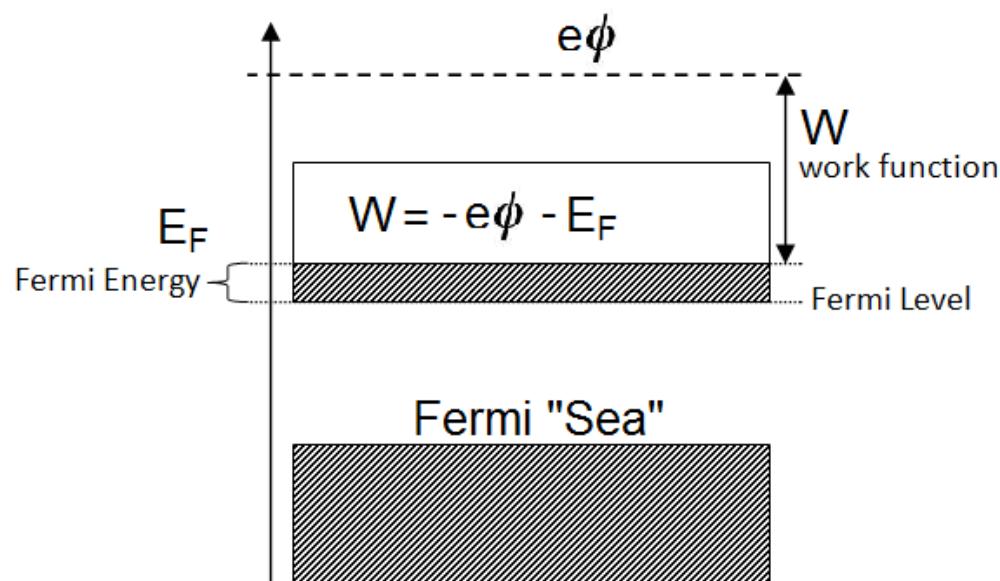
- tungsten filament
- LaB₆ crystal
- Field Emission Gun



Work function

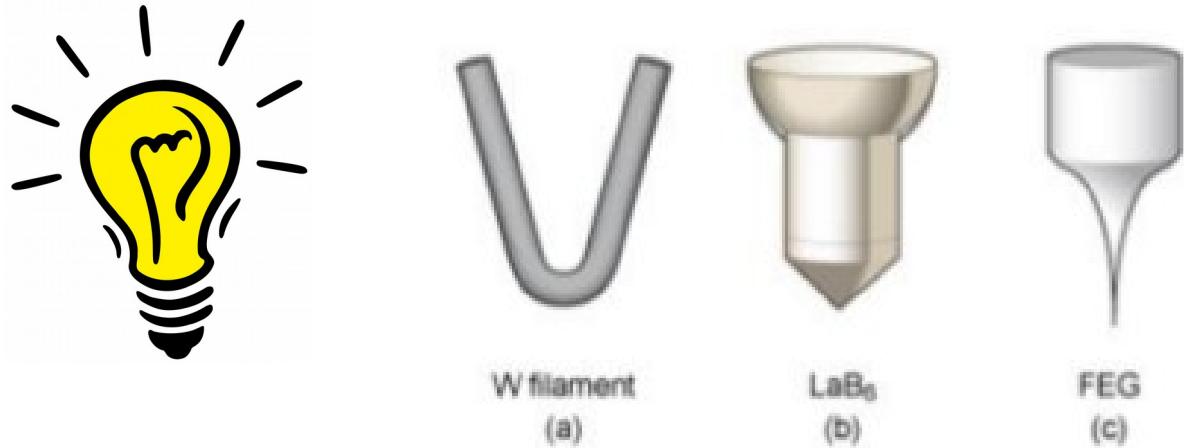
$$W = -e\phi - E_F$$

$$\phi = V - \frac{W}{e}$$



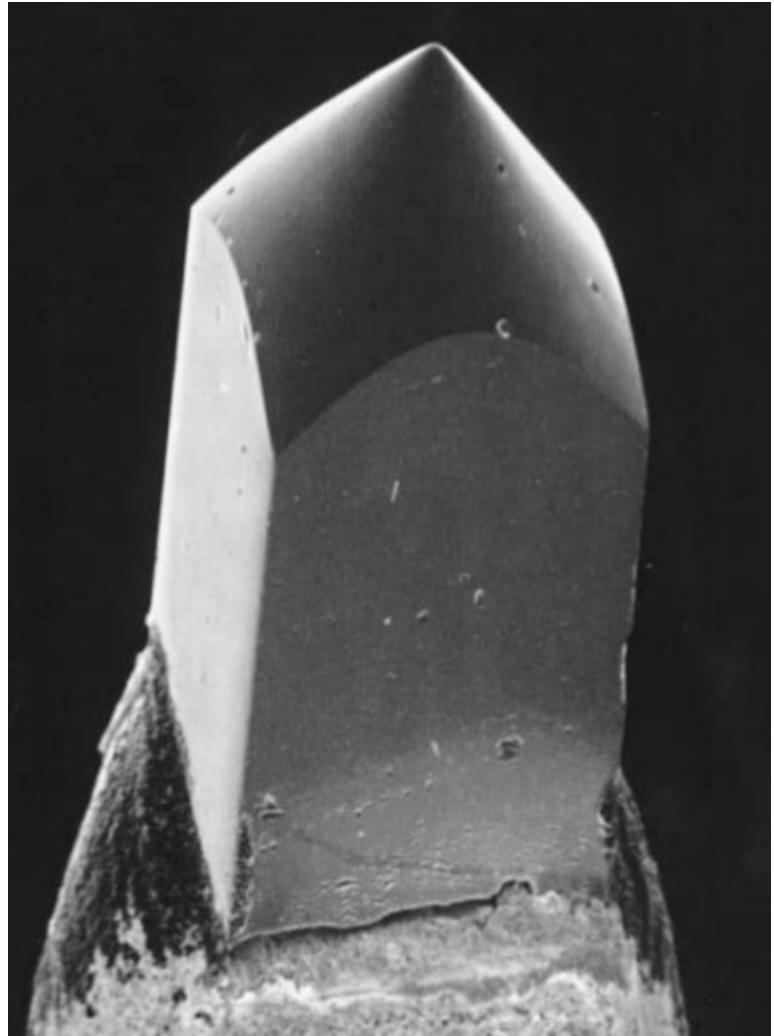
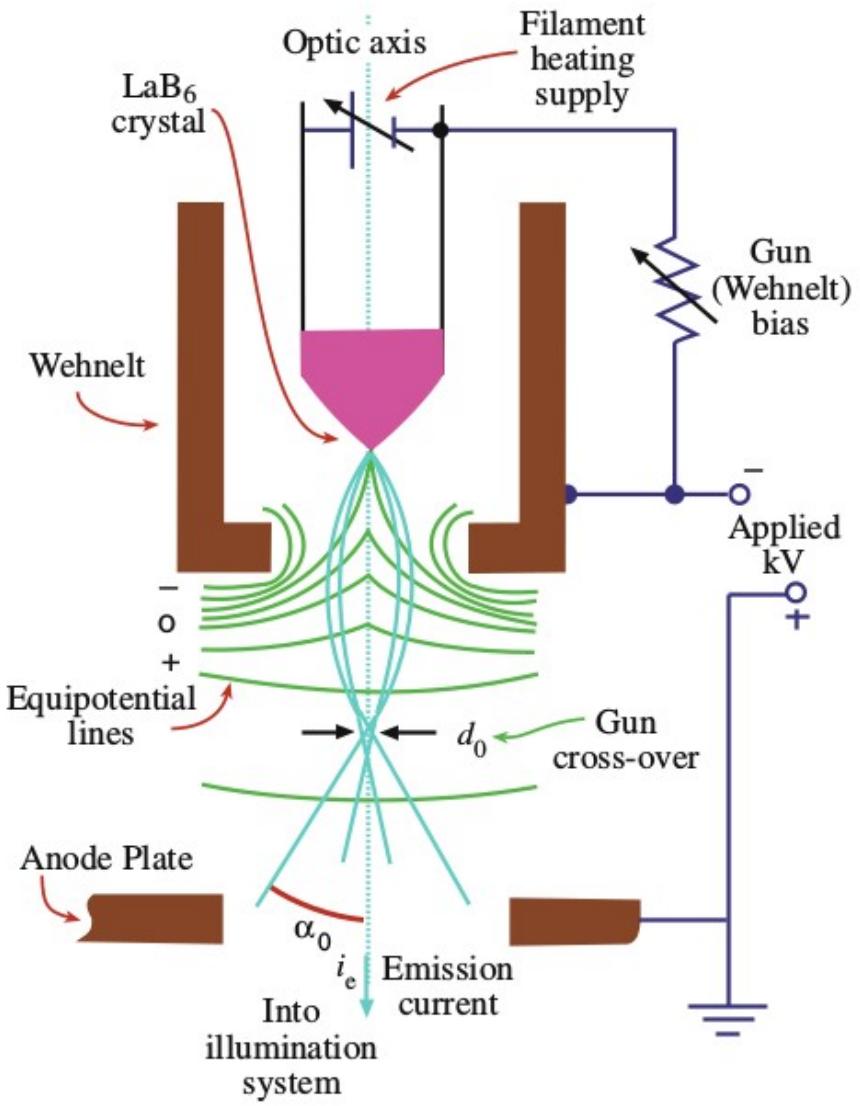
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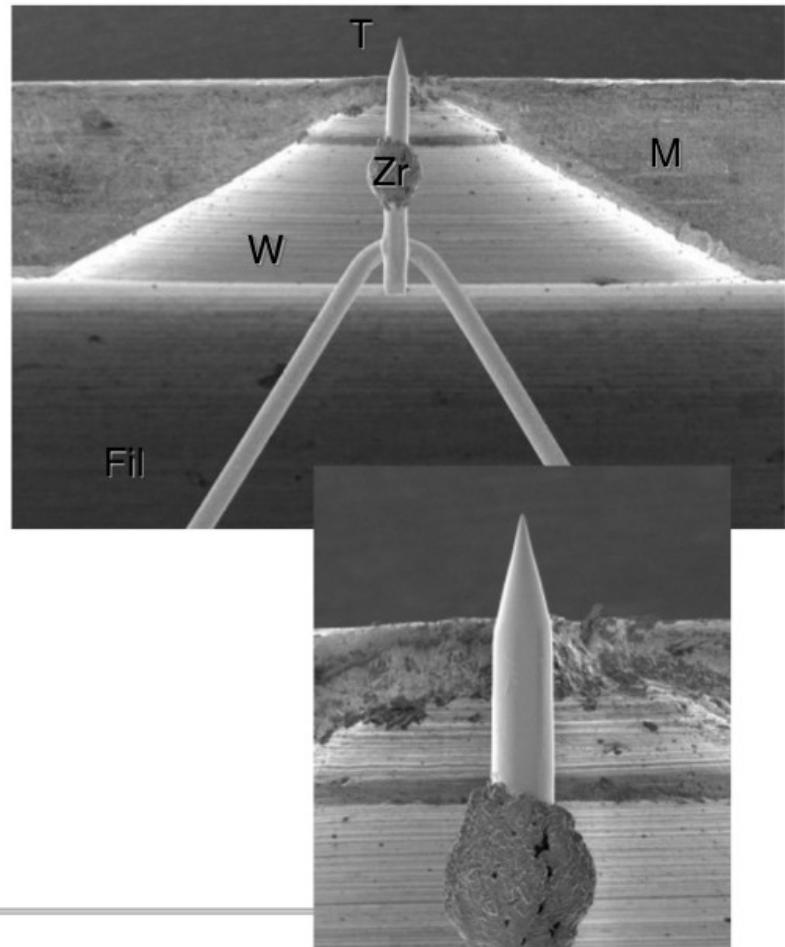
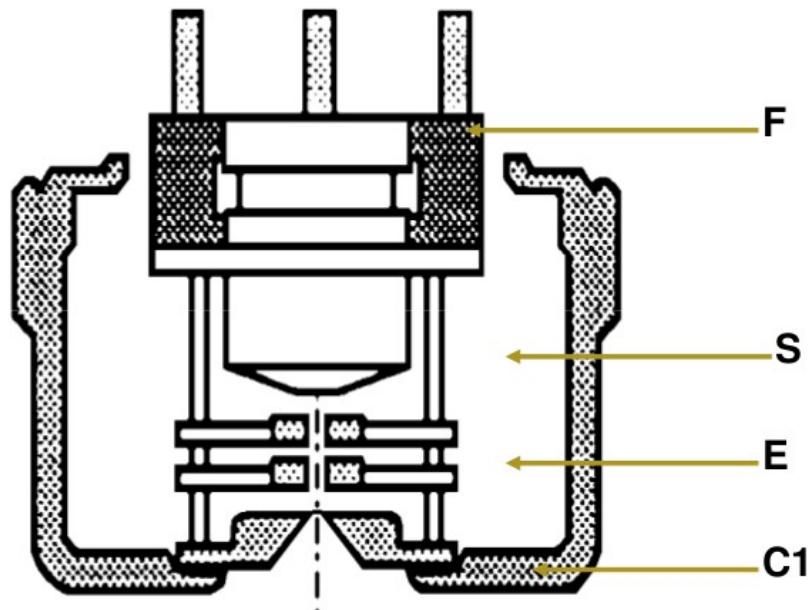
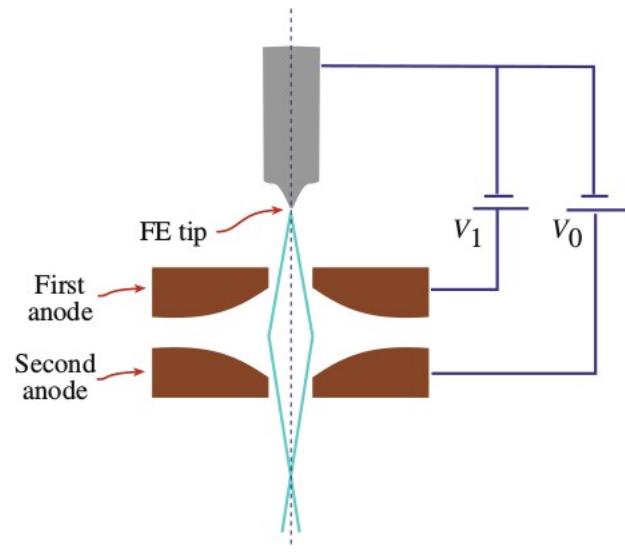


	Units	Tungsten	LaB ₆	Schottky FEG	Cold FEG
Work function, Φ	eV	4.5	2.4	3.0	4.5
Richardson's constant	A/m ² K ²	6×10^9	4×10^9		
Operating temperature	K	2700	1700	1700	300
Current density (at 100 kV)	A/m ²	5	10^2	10^5	10^6
Crossover size	nm	$> 10^5$	10^4	15	3
Brightness (at 100 kV)	A/m ² sr	10^{10}	5×10^{11}	5×10^{12}	10^{13}
Energy spread (at 100 kV)	eV	3	1.5	0.7	0.3
Emission current stability	%/hr	<1	<1	<1	5
Vacuum	Pa	10^{-2}	10^{-4}	10^{-6}	10^{-9}
Lifetime	hr	100	1000	>5000	>5000

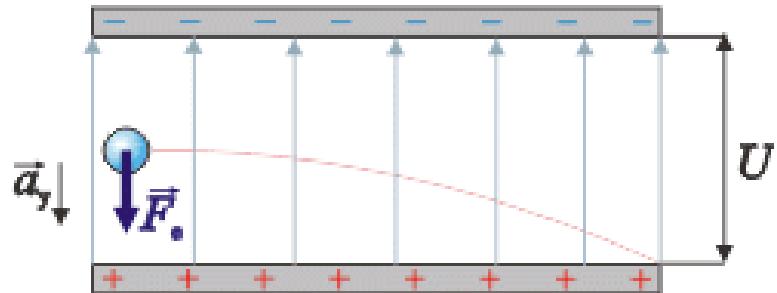
Electron source - LaB₆



Electron source - FEG



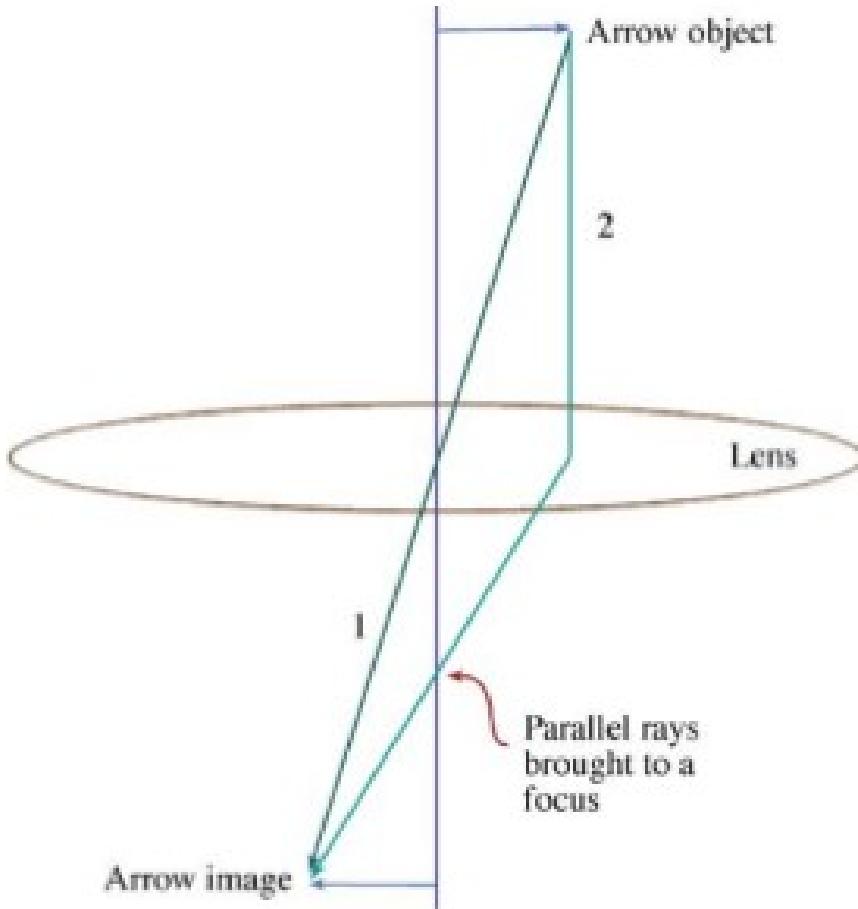
Electron source - accelerator



$$E = U \cdot e \quad E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \quad E_k = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

$U=300\text{kV} \Rightarrow$
 $\lambda=1.97\text{pm}$
 $U=200\text{kV} ??$

Lenses – ray diagram

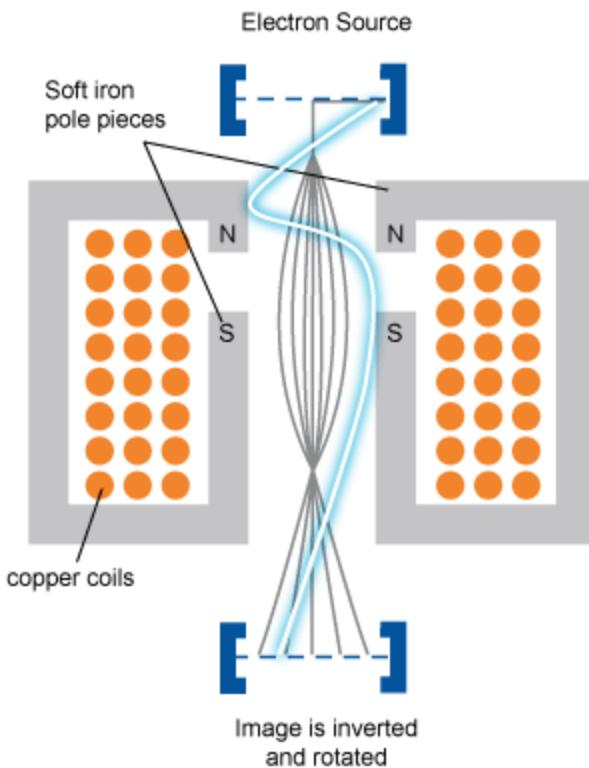


Electromagnetic lenses

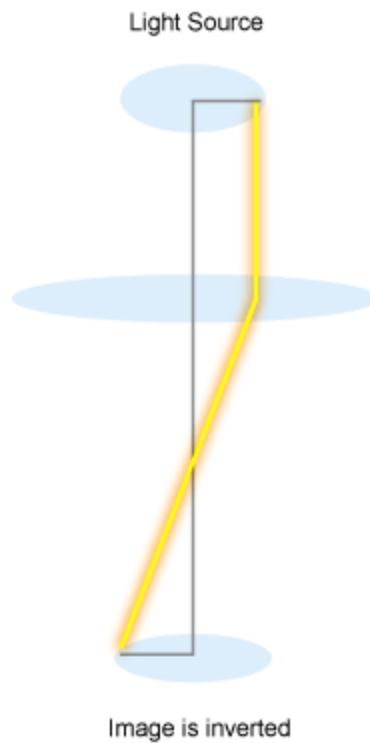
Lorentz
force:

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Magnetic lens

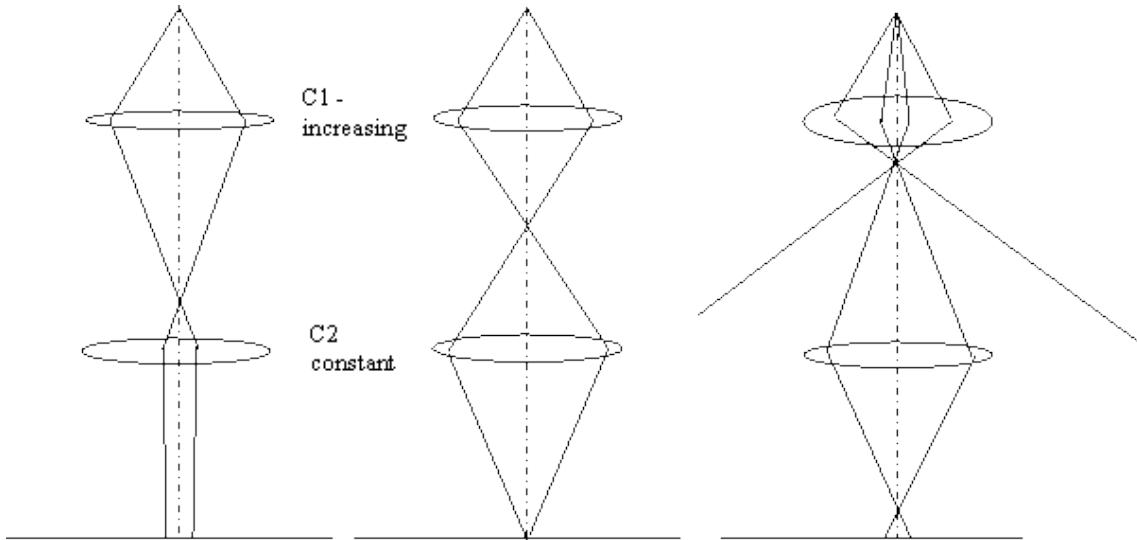
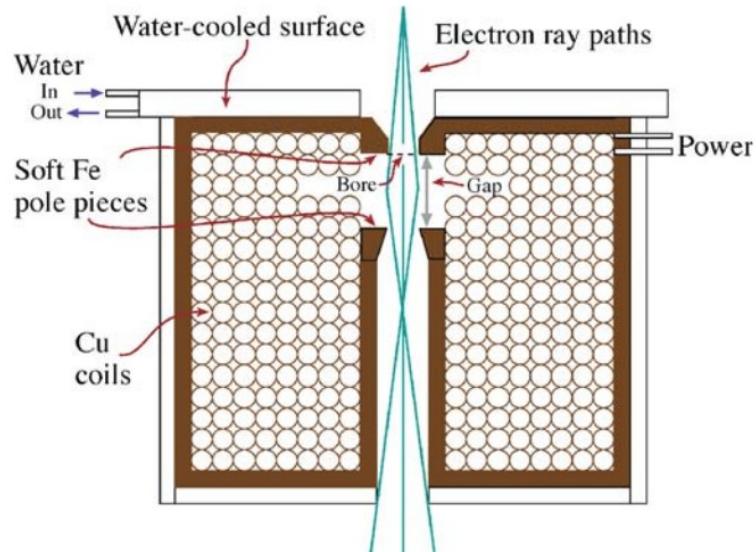


Optical lens



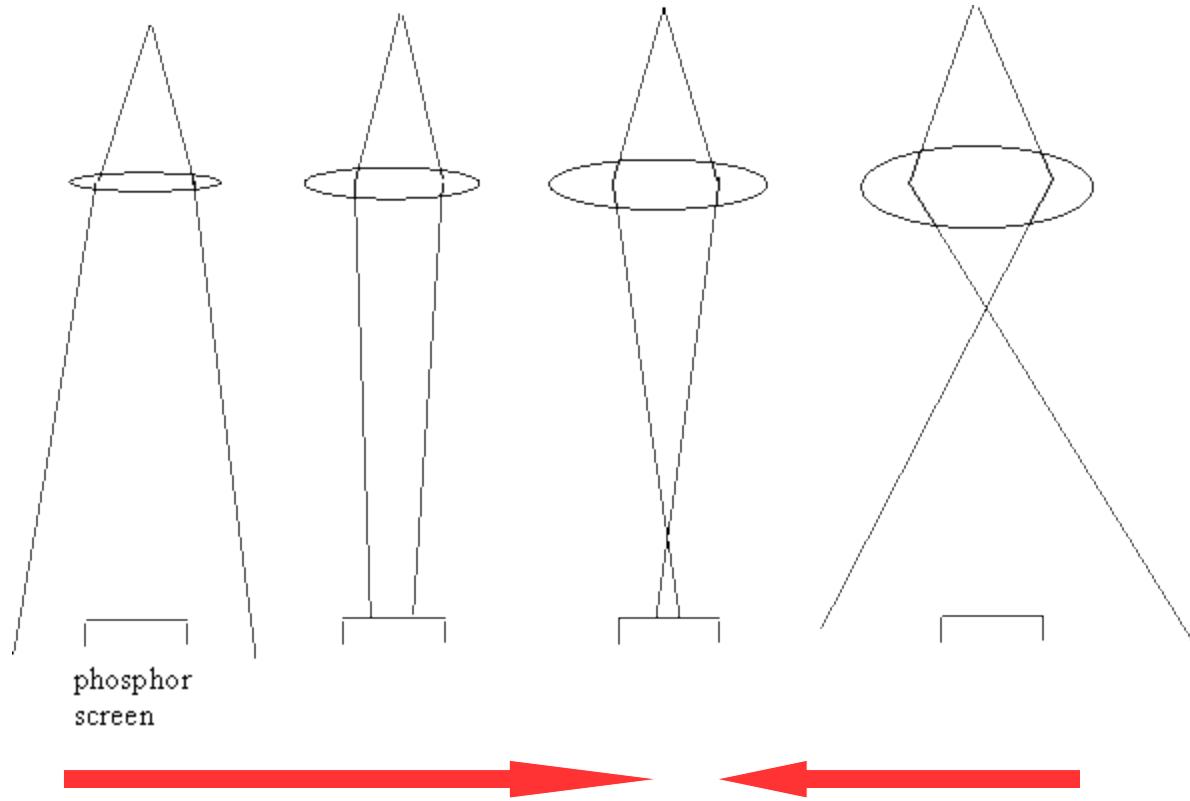
Magnetic lenses rotate
image

Electromagnetic lenses



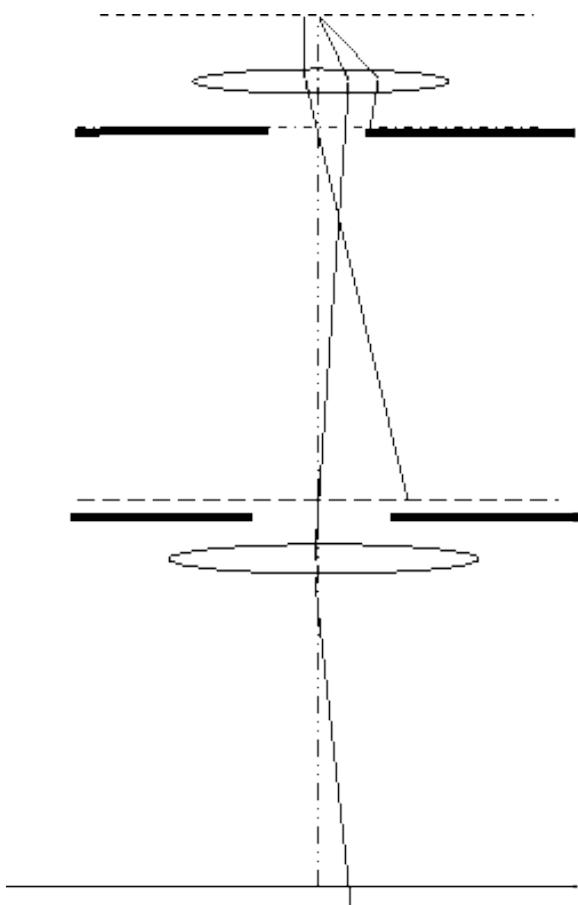
Power of the magnetic lens can be changed

Electromagnetic lenses

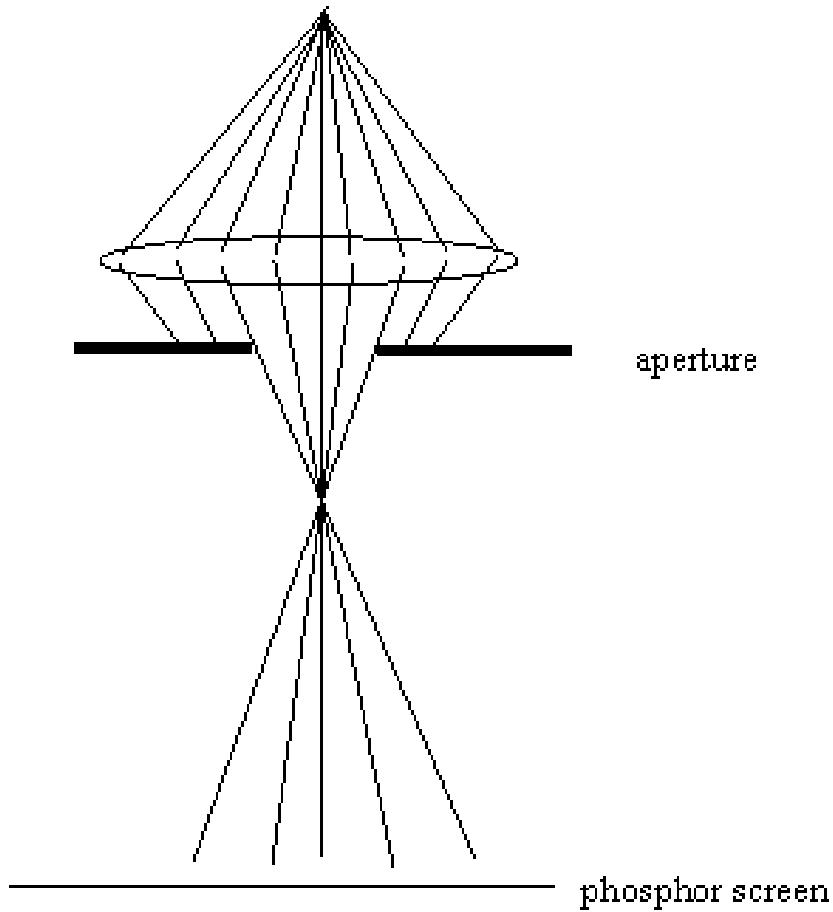


Illumination on the detector changes with change of lens power

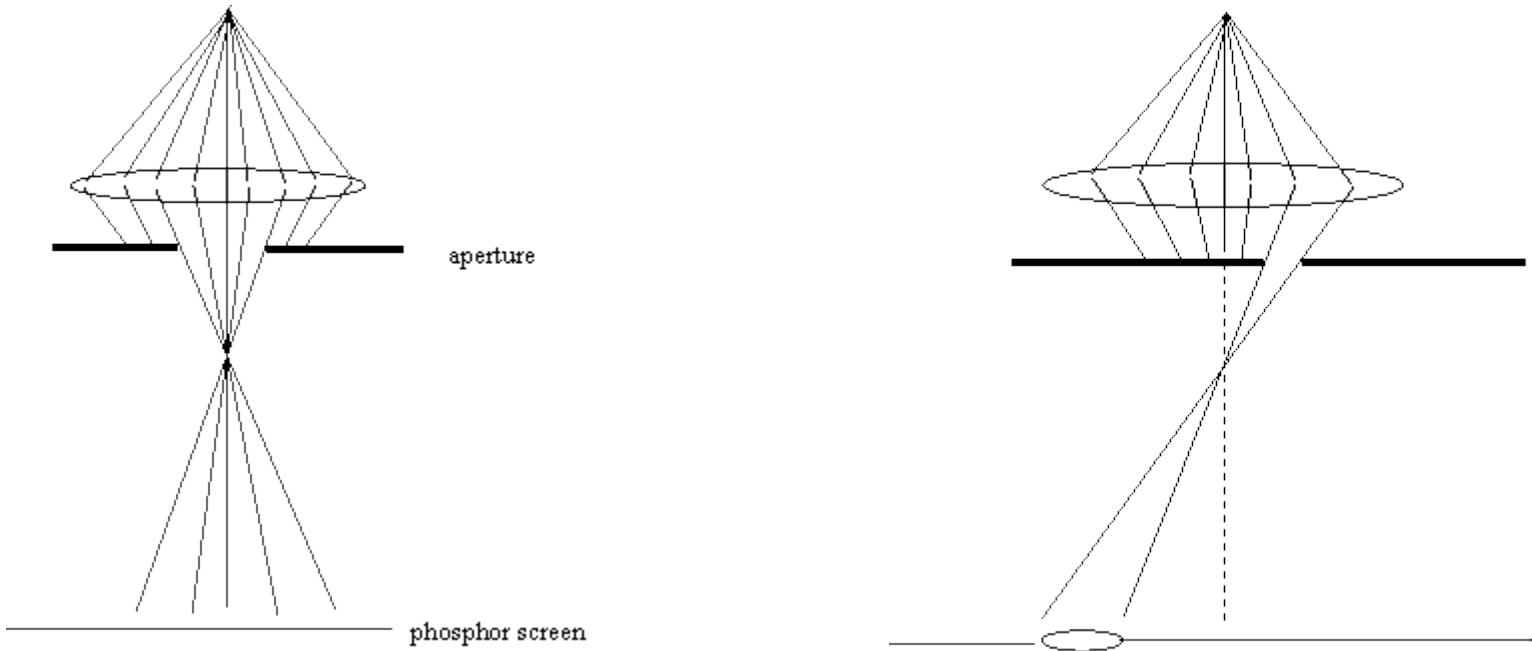
Lens assembly - appertures



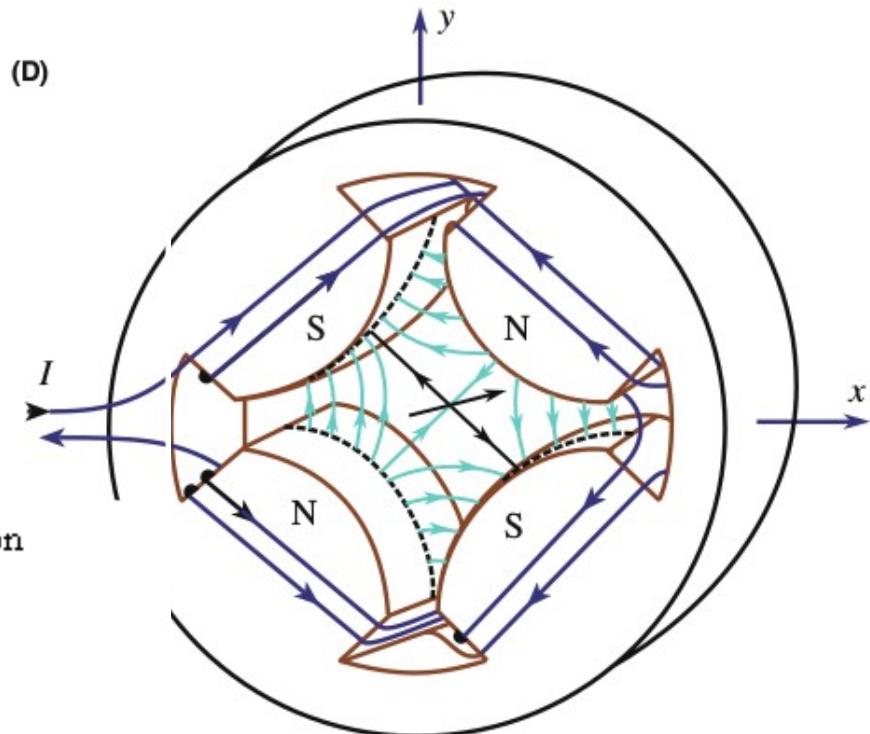
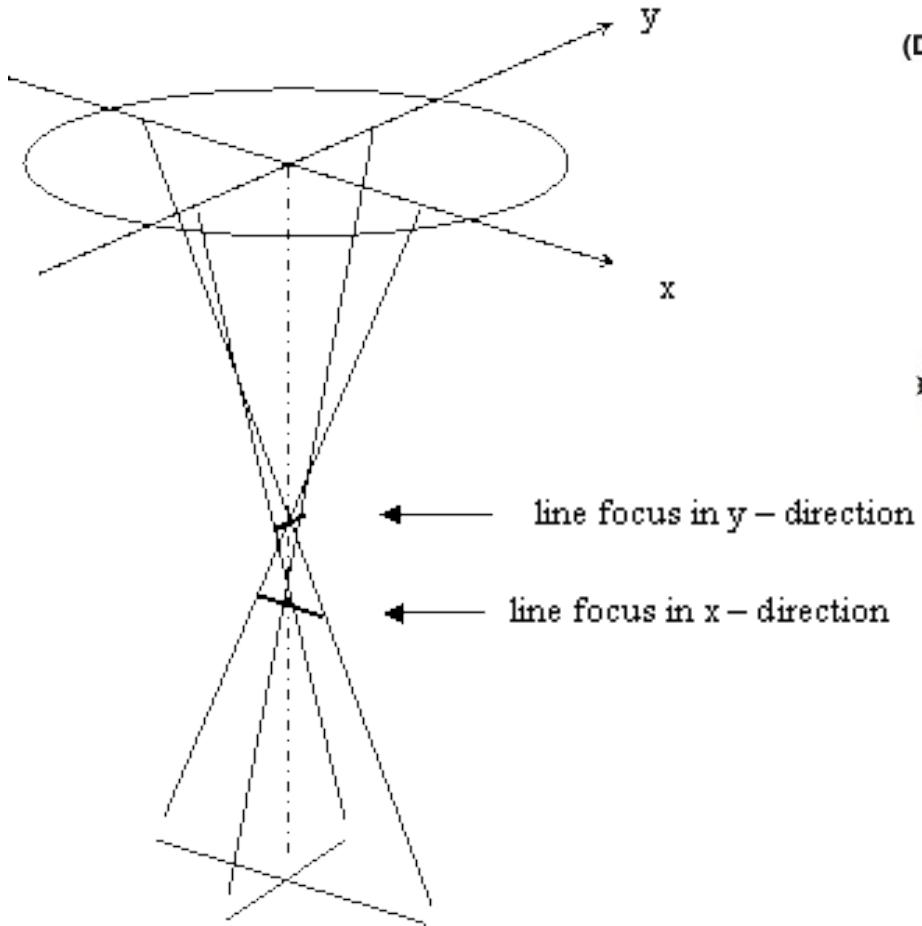
Aperture size: ~100um



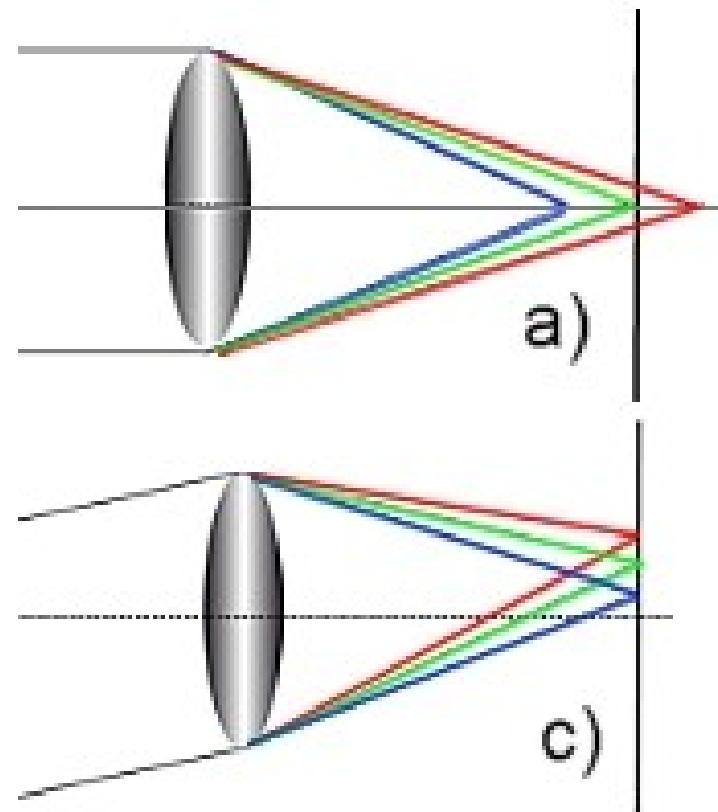
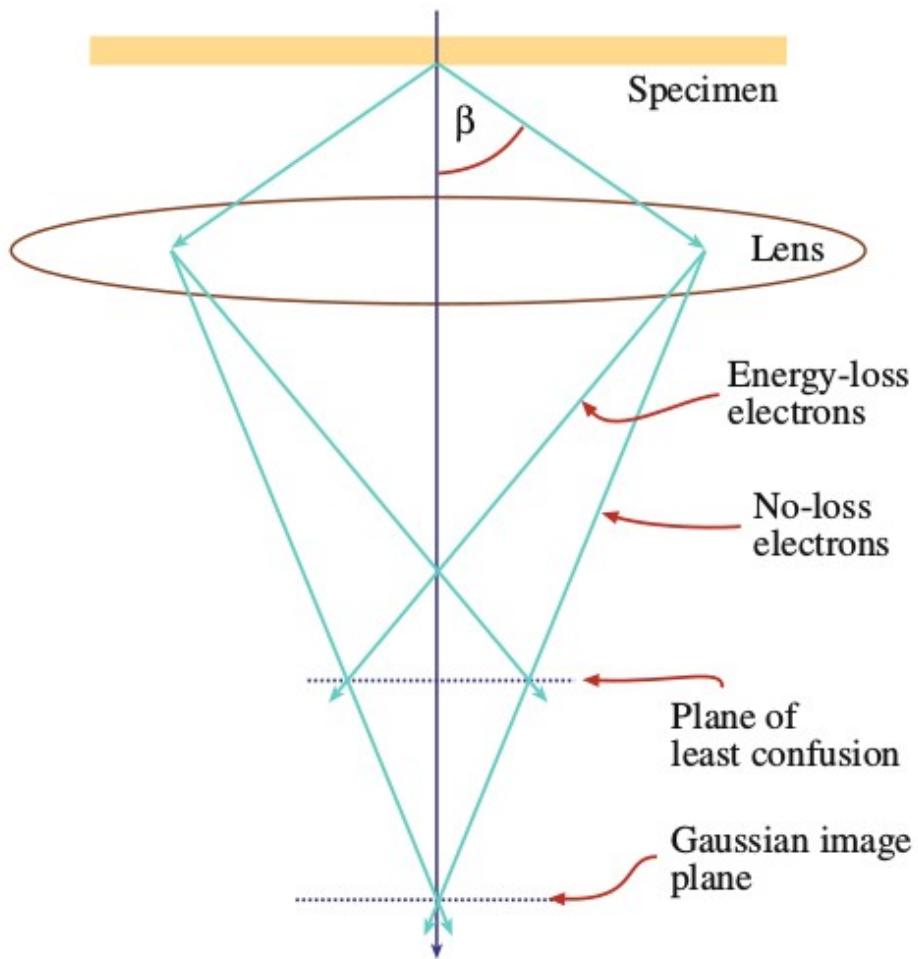
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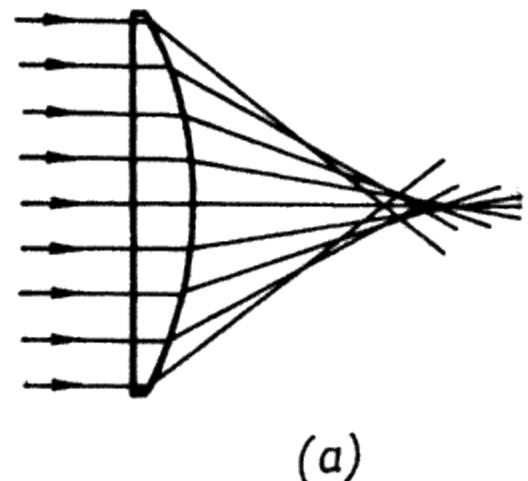
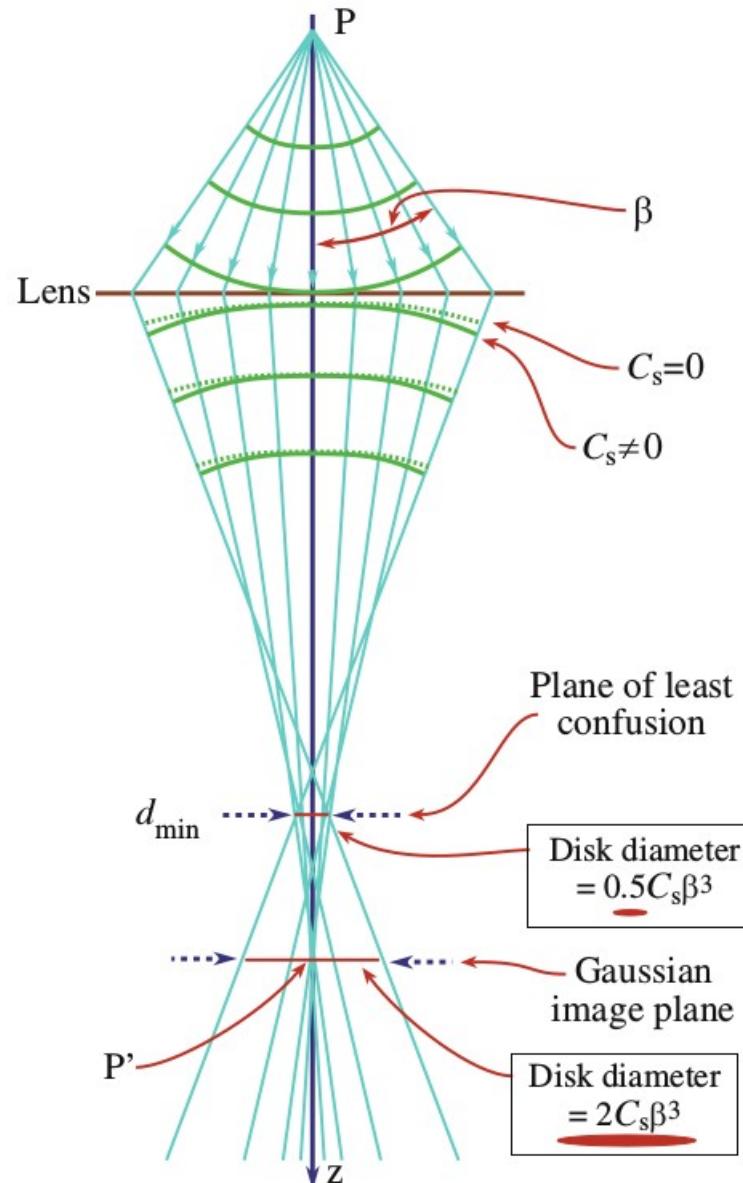
Lens assembly - stigmators



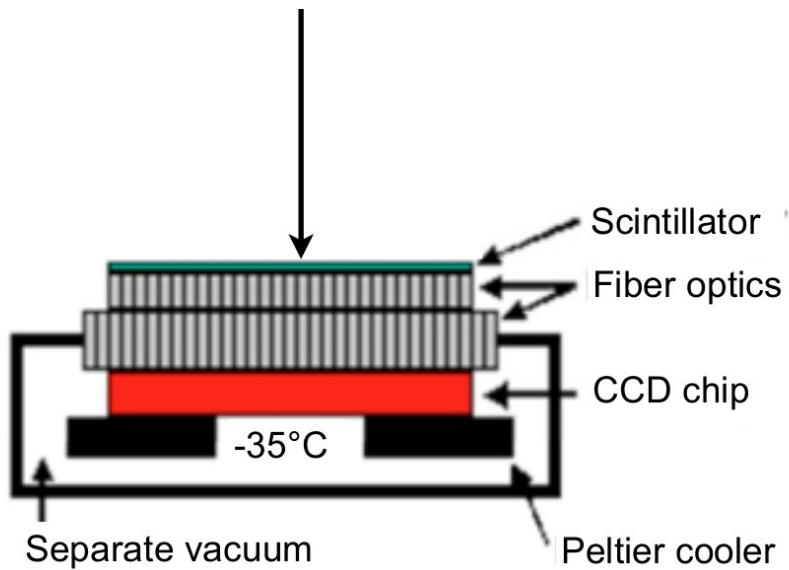
Lens aberrations - chromatic



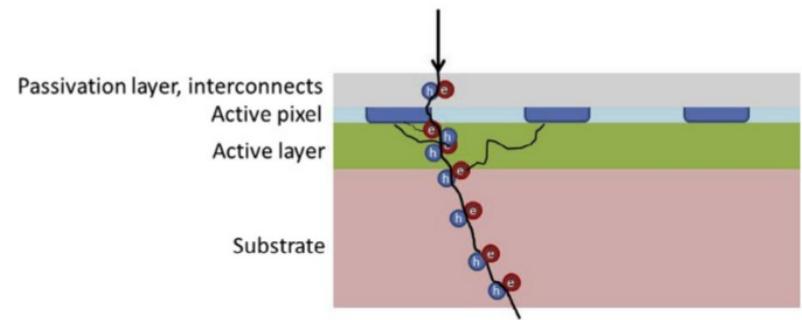
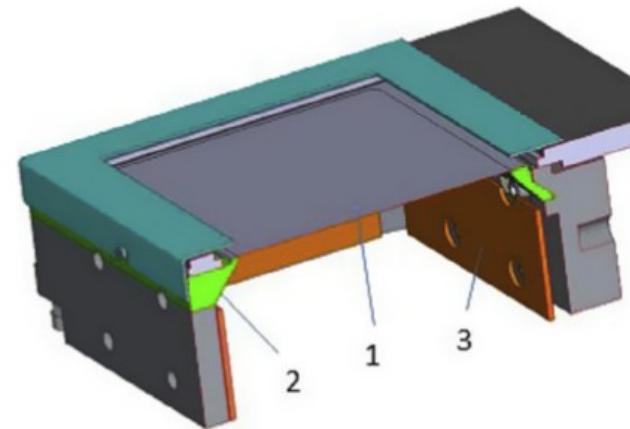
Lens aberrations - spherical



Detectors



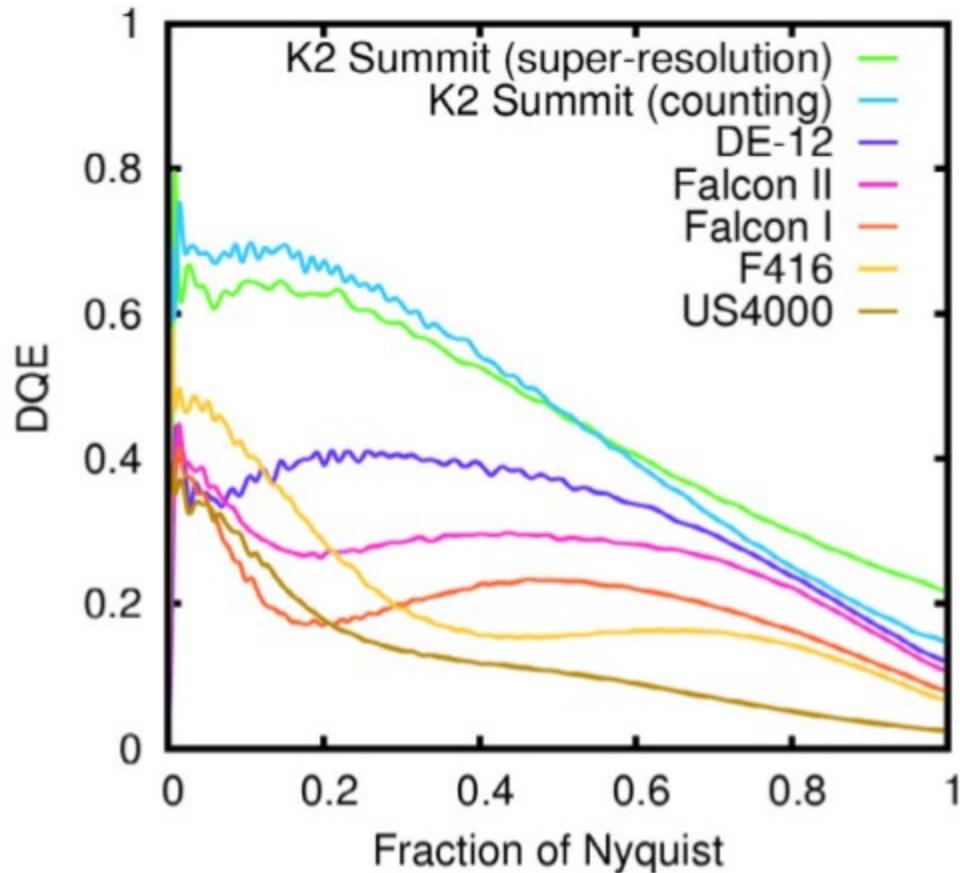
CCD – charge coupled device



CMOS – complementary metal oxide semiconductor

Detectors

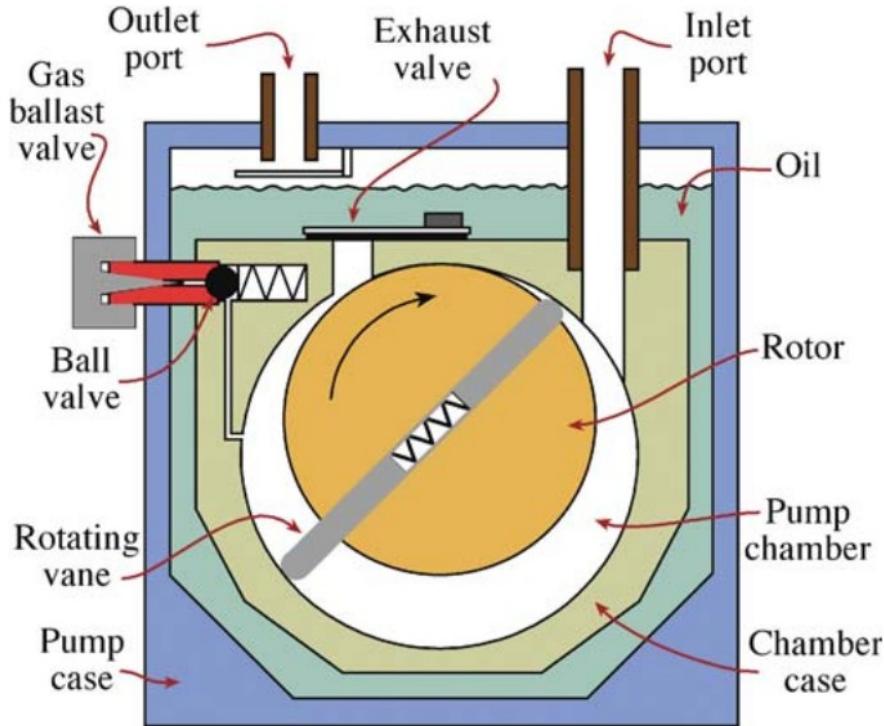
DQE – detective quantum efficiency



- probability to detect an electron
- $DQE \sim \sin(x)/x$

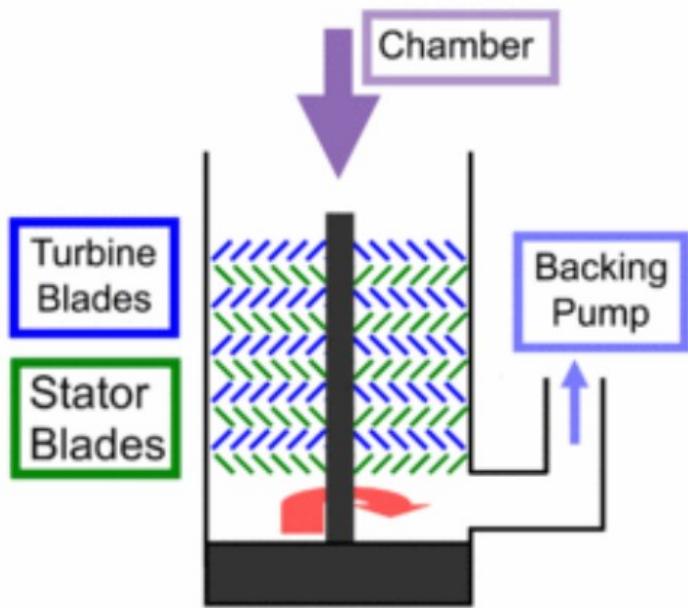
Vacuum system

- roughing pump ($10^5 - 10^{-4}$ Pa)
- turbo molecular pump ($10^{-2} - 10^{-8}$ Pa)
- ion getter pump (up to 10^{-9} Pa)



Vacuum system

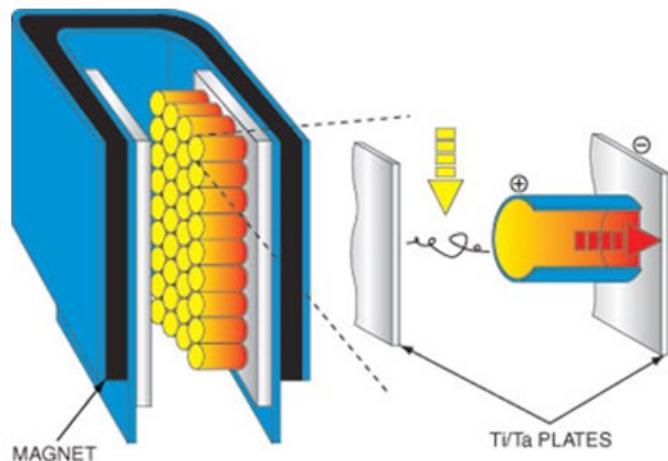
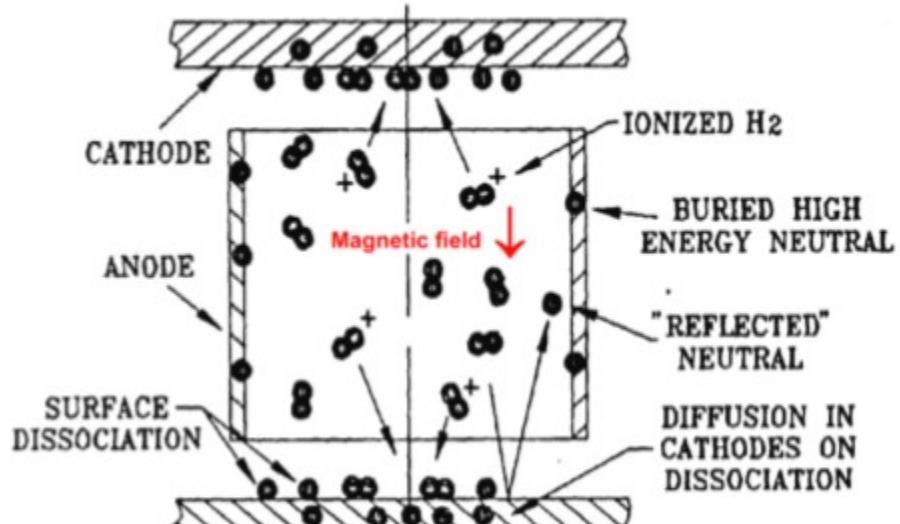
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90.000
rpm

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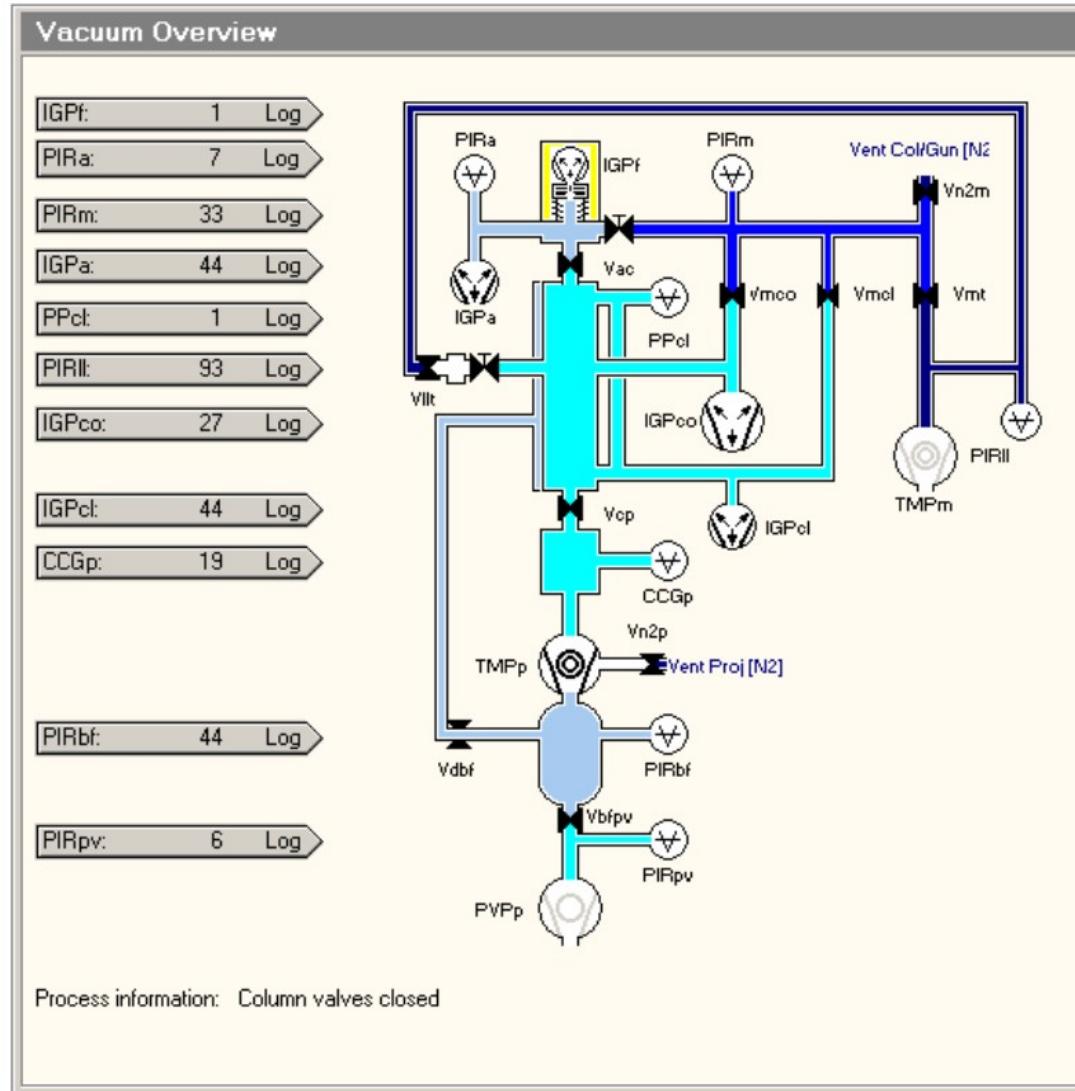


Principle of Operation

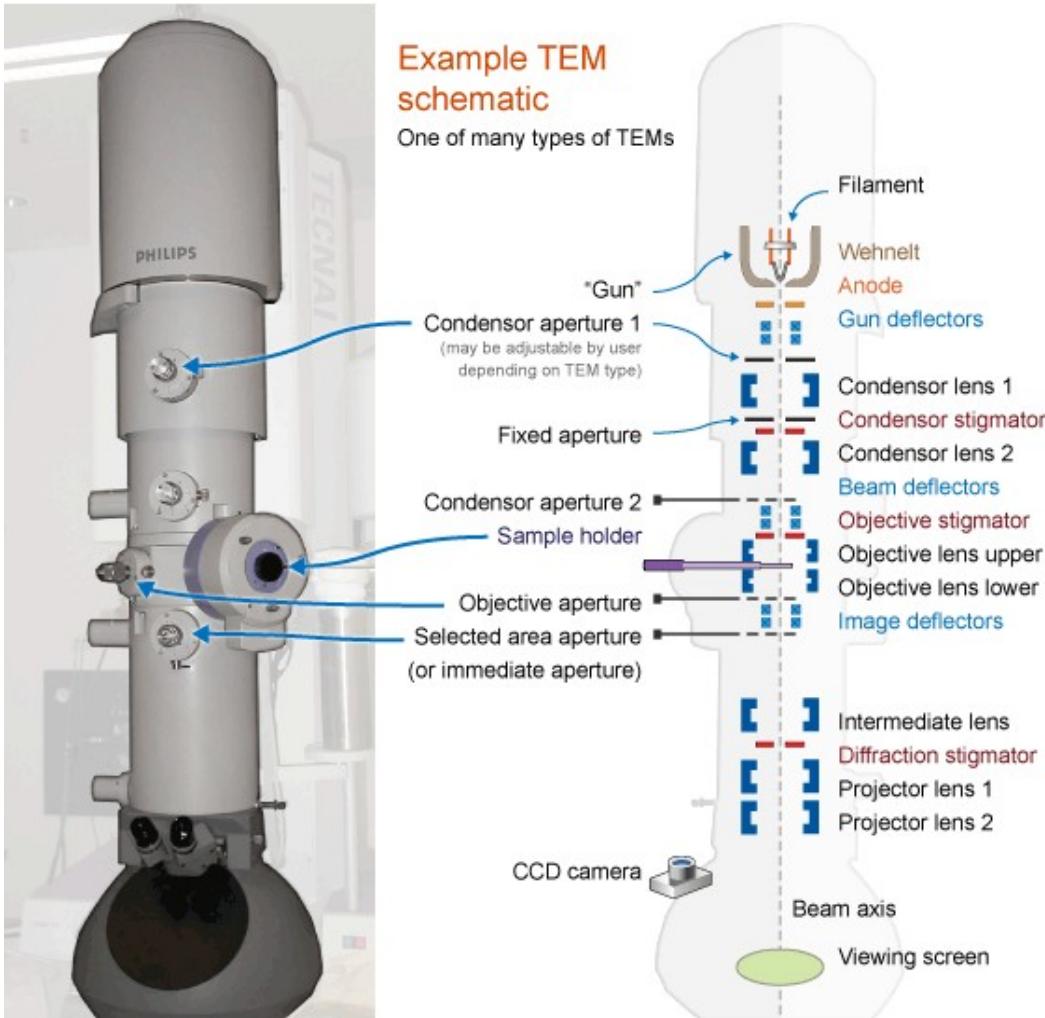


External View

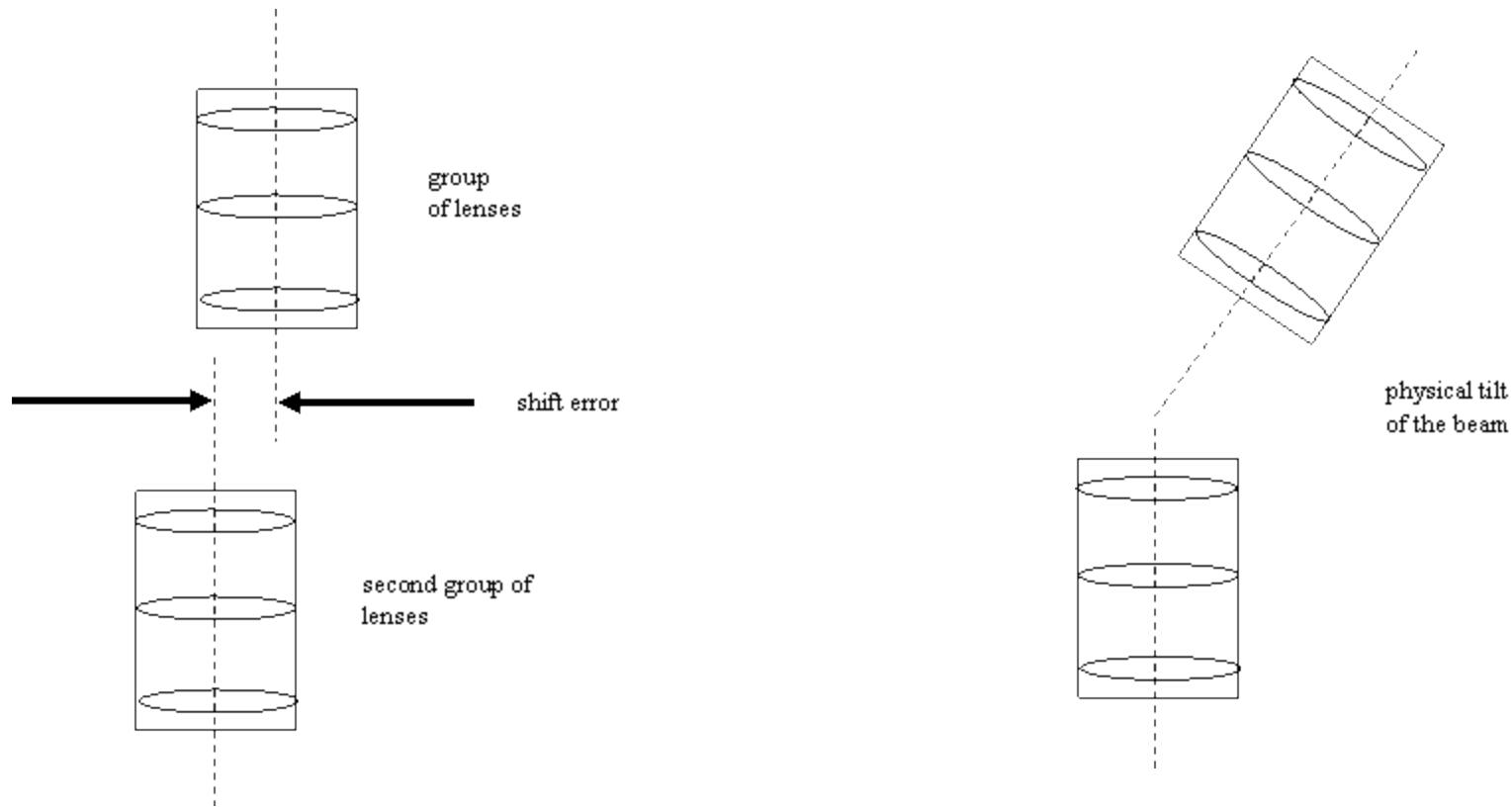
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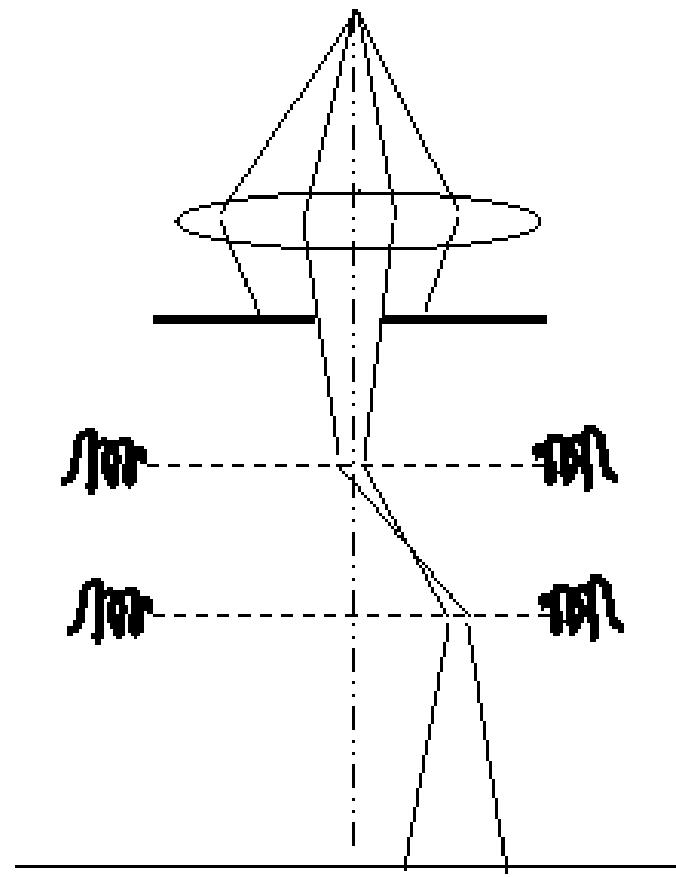
TEM



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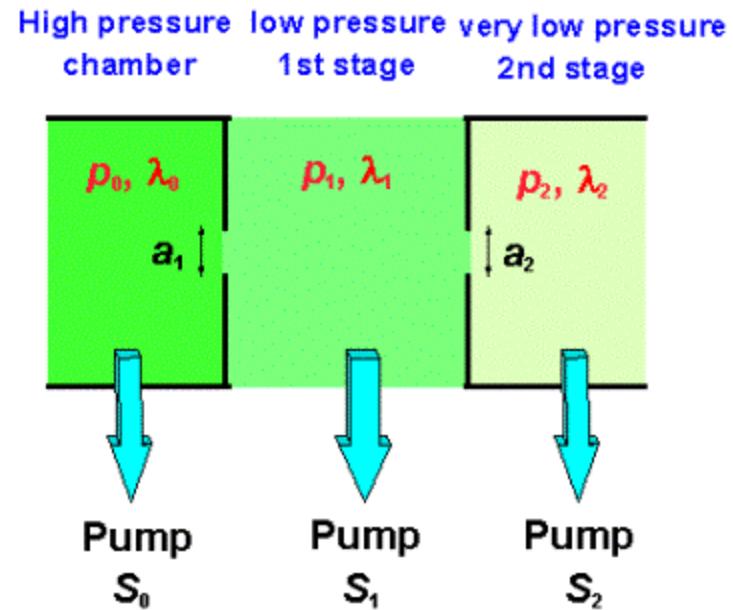
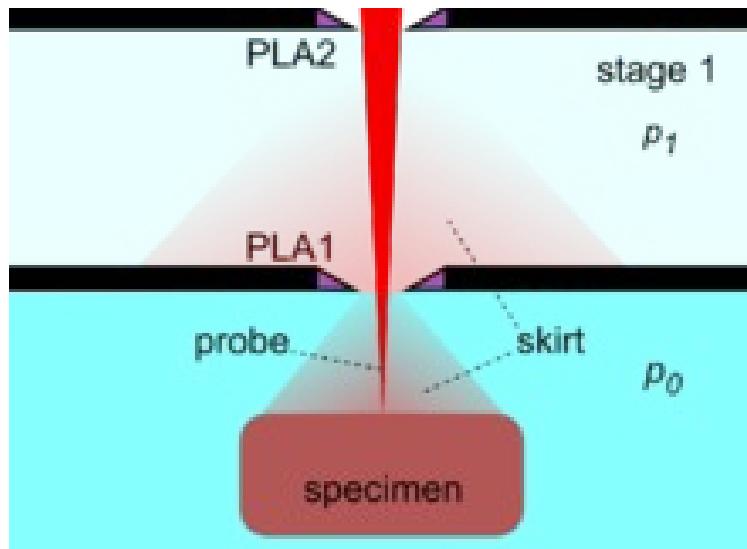


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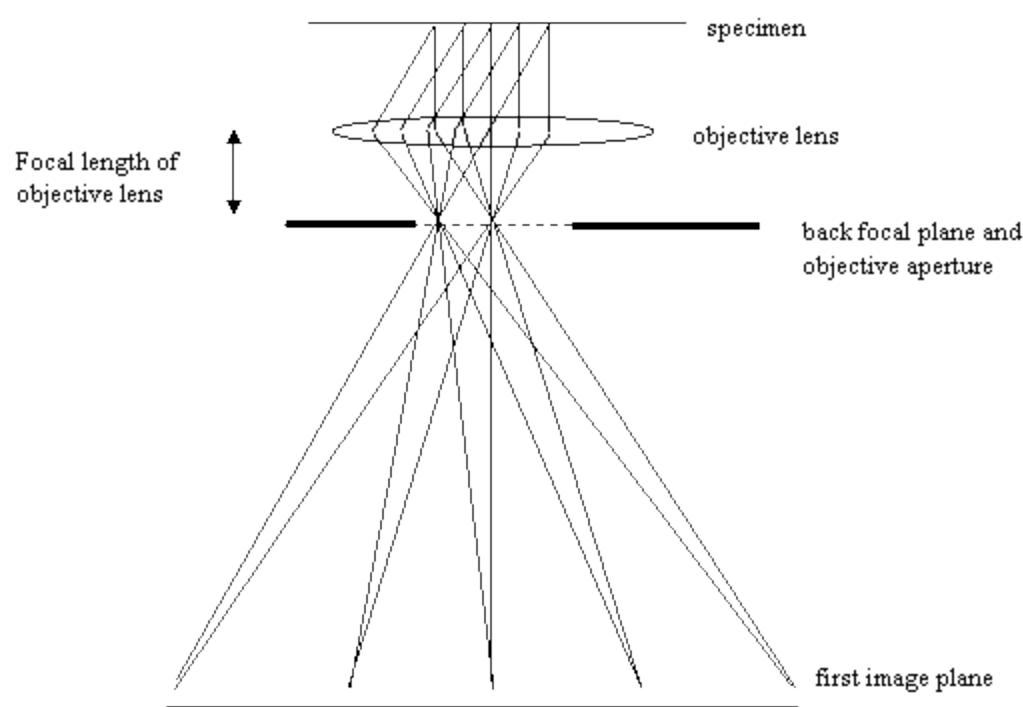
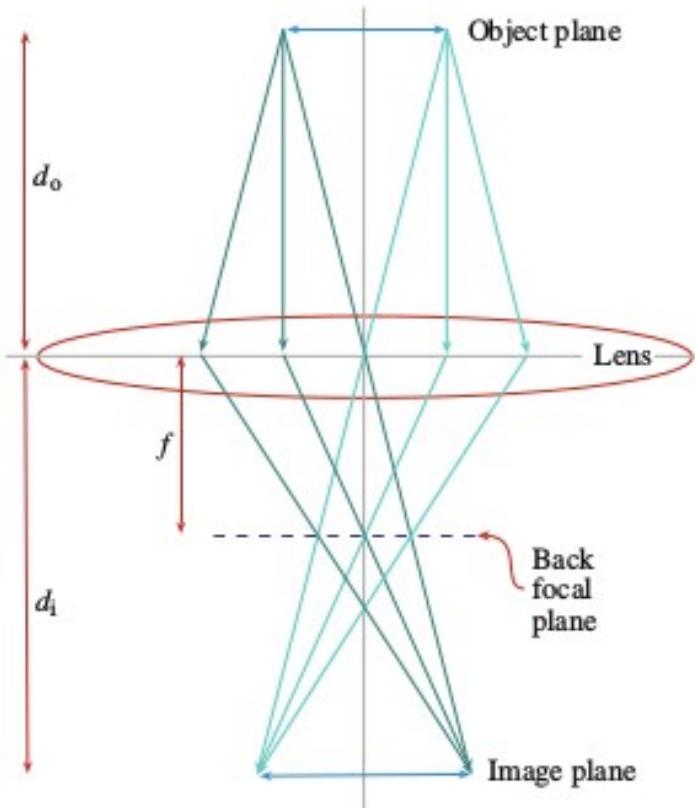


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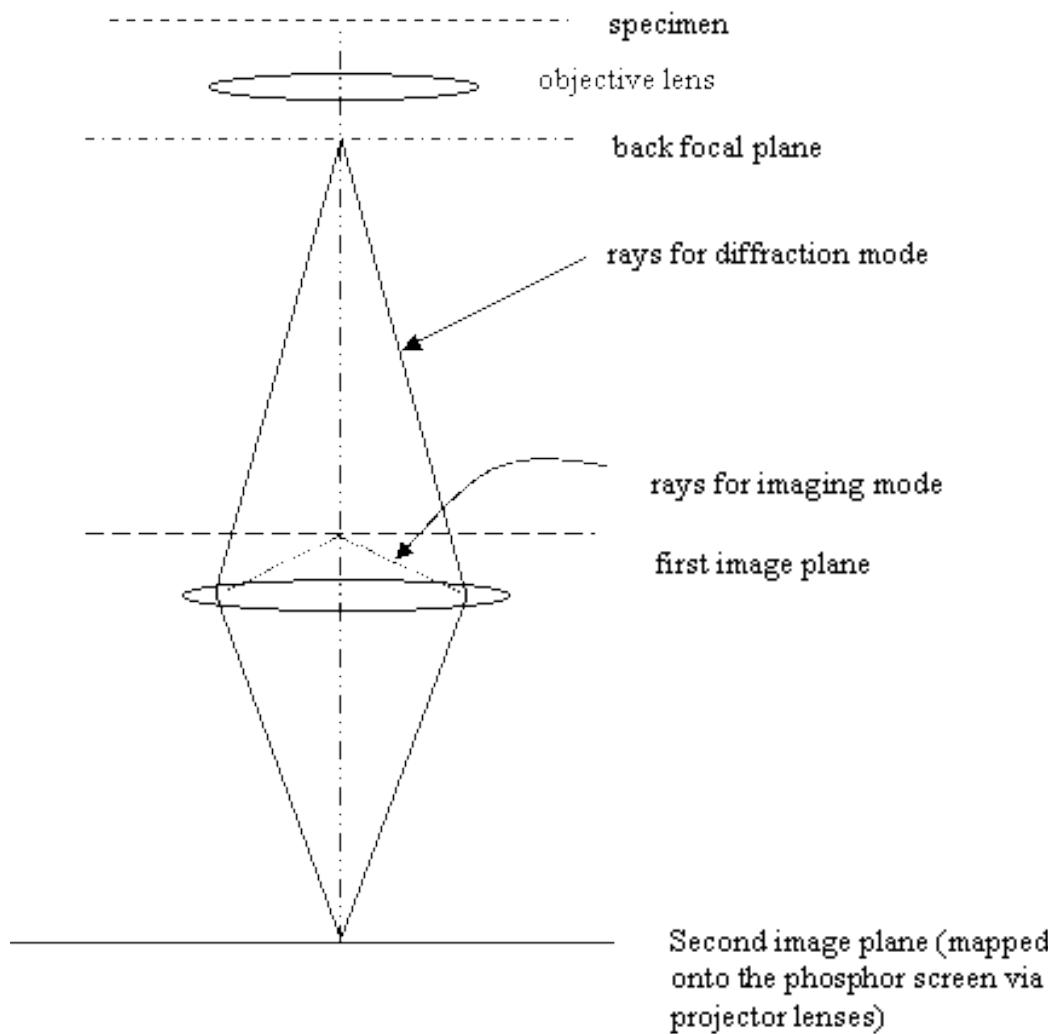
Differential pumping aperture



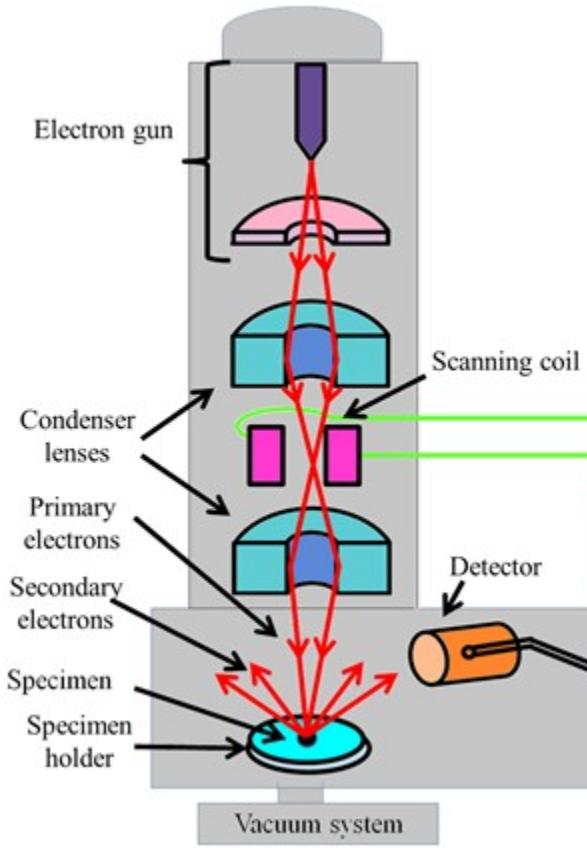
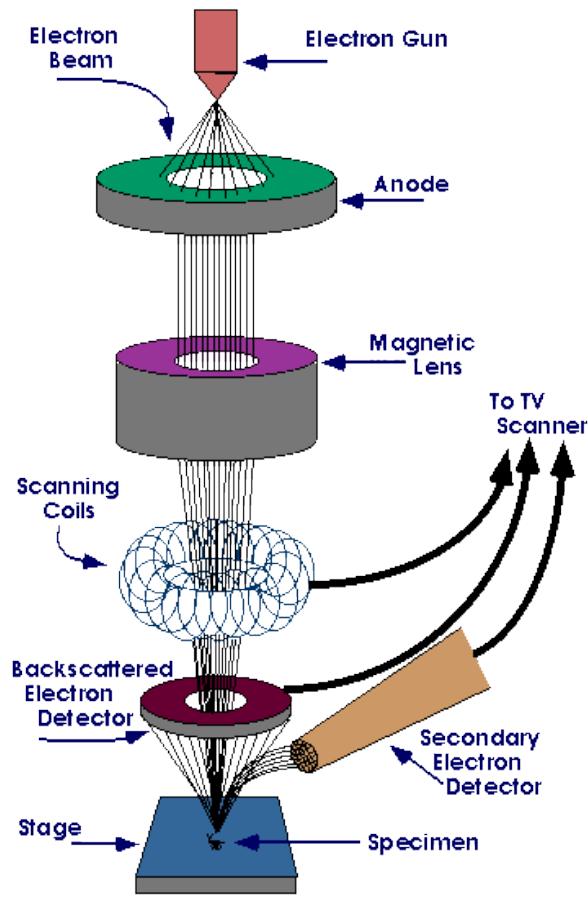
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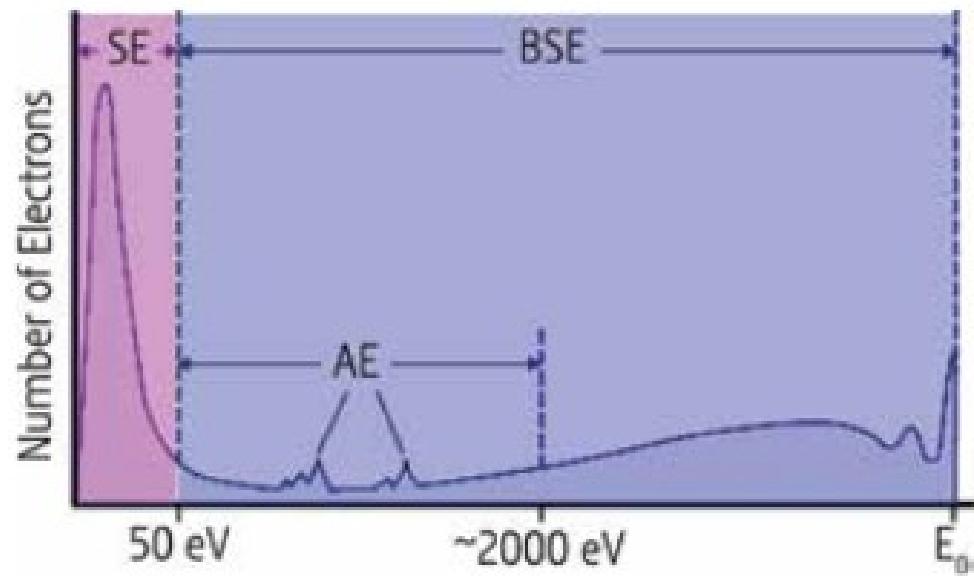
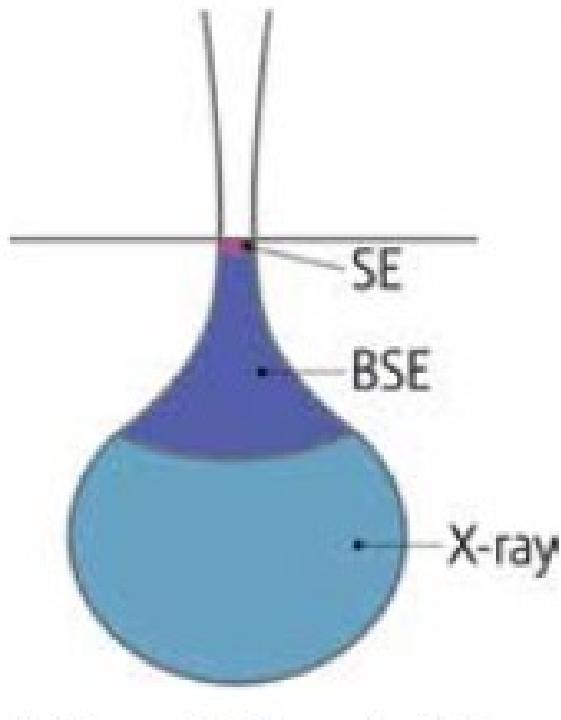
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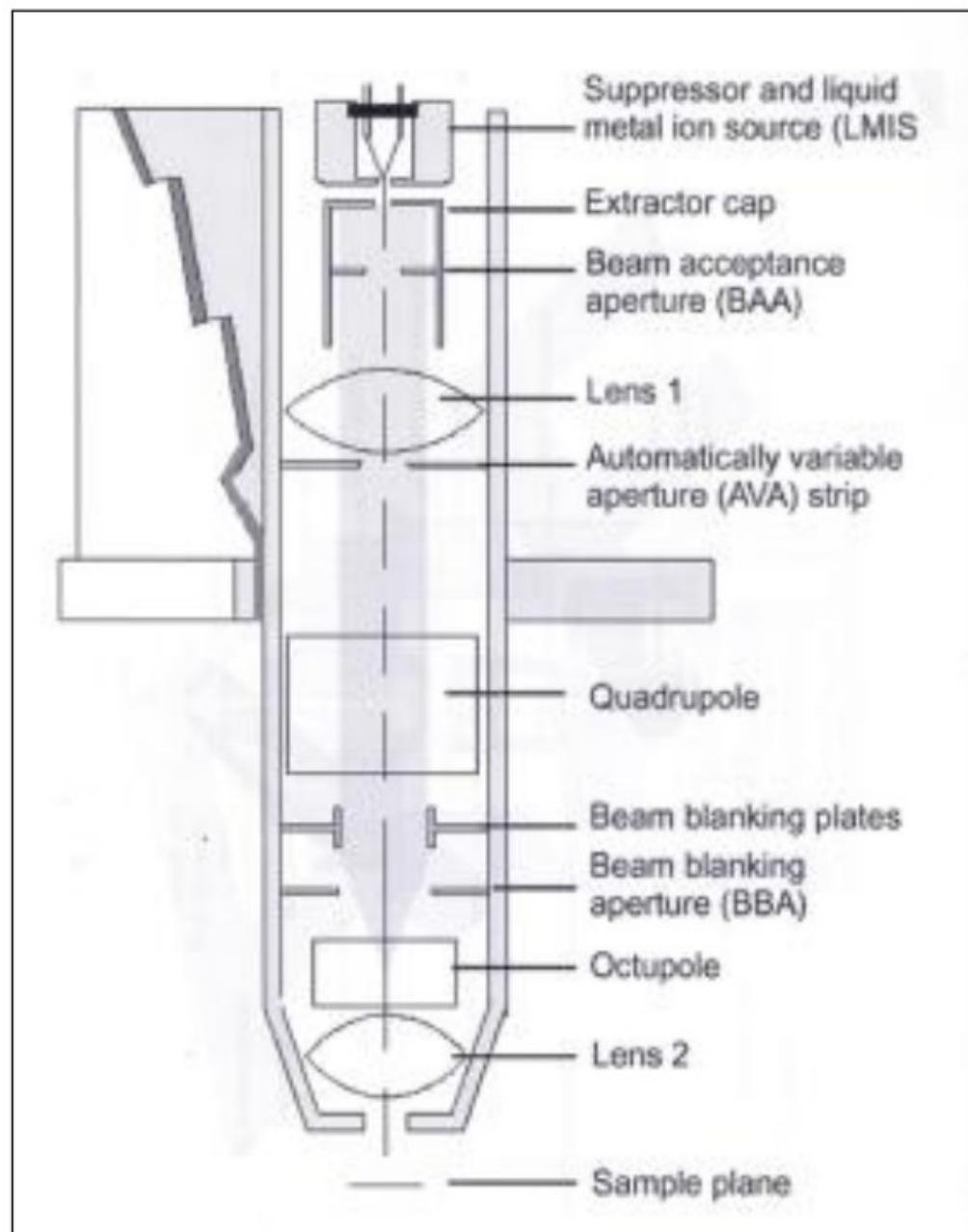
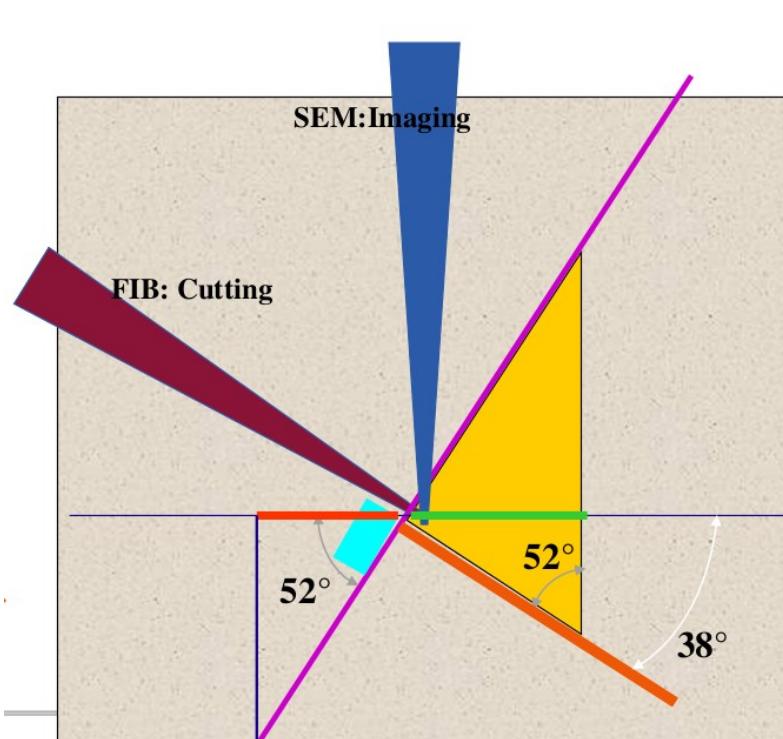
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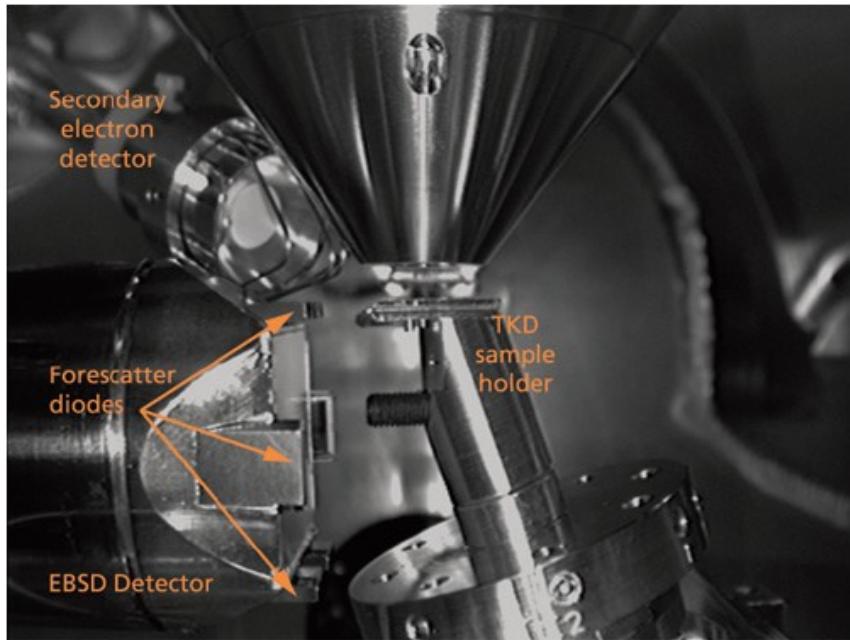
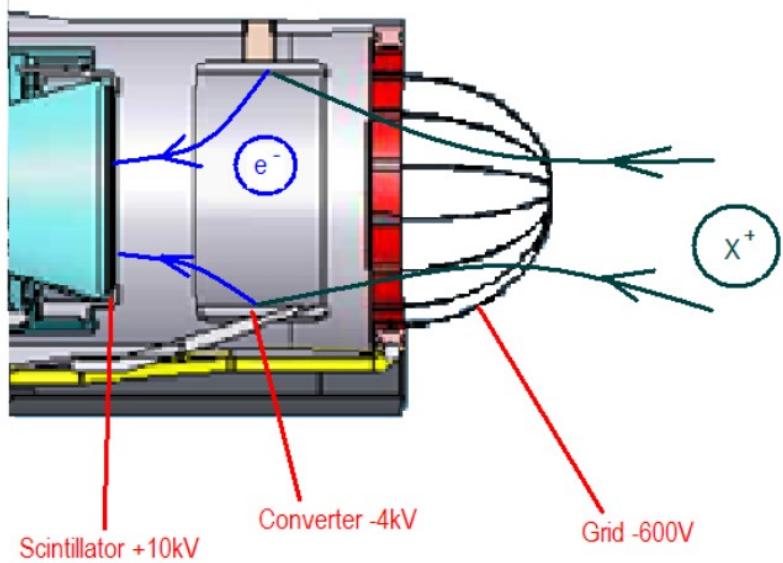


Dual beam FIB/SEM



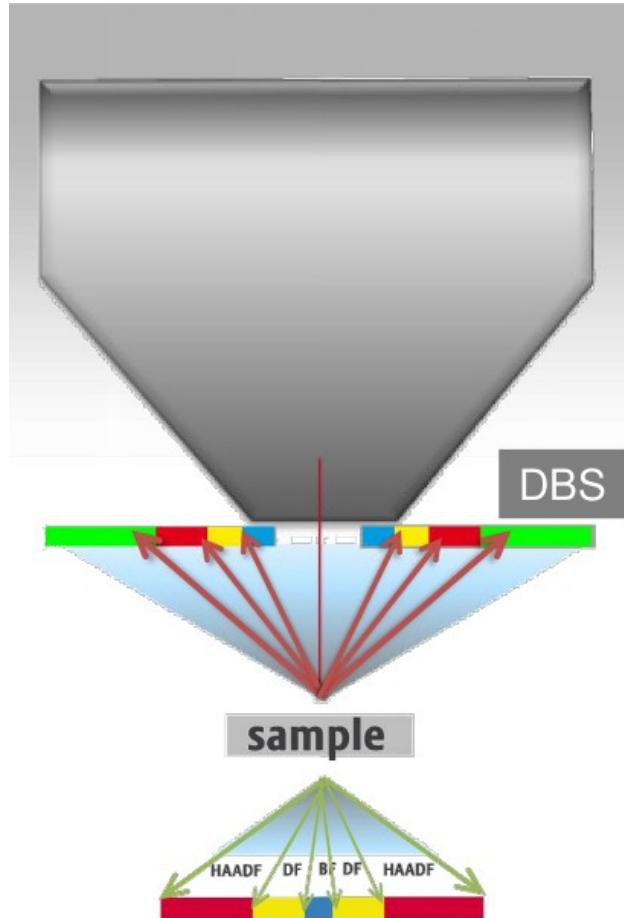
SEM - detection

- Everhart-Thornley Detector (ETD)
- Ion Conversion to Electron Detector (ICE)



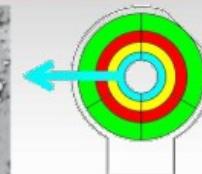
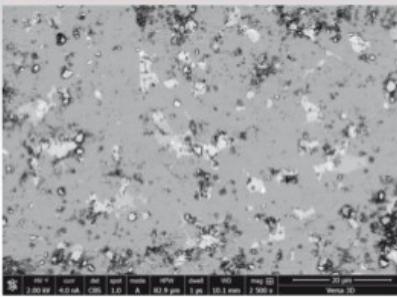
SEM - detection

- Concentric Backscatter detector



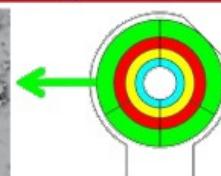
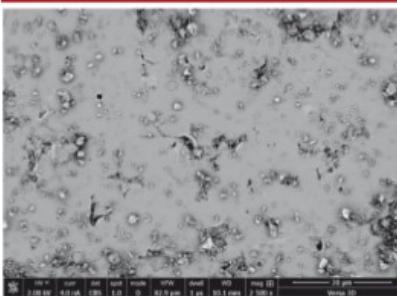
The Directional Backscatter Electron detector* (DBS) allows collection of surface or compositional information through a Concentric Backscatter mode (CBS) to filter signal from various angles (which can be selected by segment, working distance and/or Beam Deceleration*). A range of angles can be precisely selected based on imaging conditions to reveal unique information.

Composition and material contrast



Inner rings collect signal on-axis with the primary beam which contains most channeling or atomic contrast information.

Surface information and topographic contrast



Outer rings collect large angle BSE signal, containing mostly topographic information