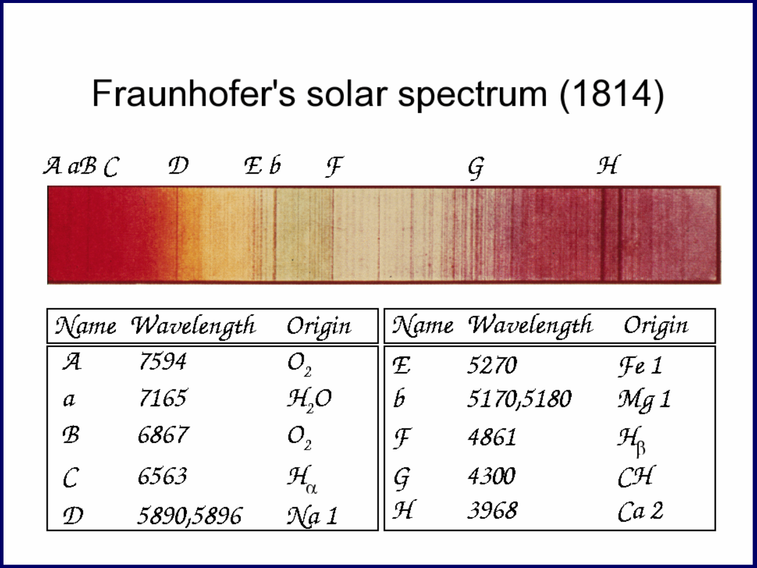
Physics 102: Lecture 21

Thin Films & Diffraction Gratings



Name	Wavelength	Origin	Name	Wavelength	Origin
A	7594	O_2	E	5270	Fe 1
a	7165	H_2O	b	5170,5180	Mg 1
B	6867	O_2	F	4861	H_β
C	6563	H_α	G	4300	CH
D	5890,5896	Na 1	H	3968	Ca 2

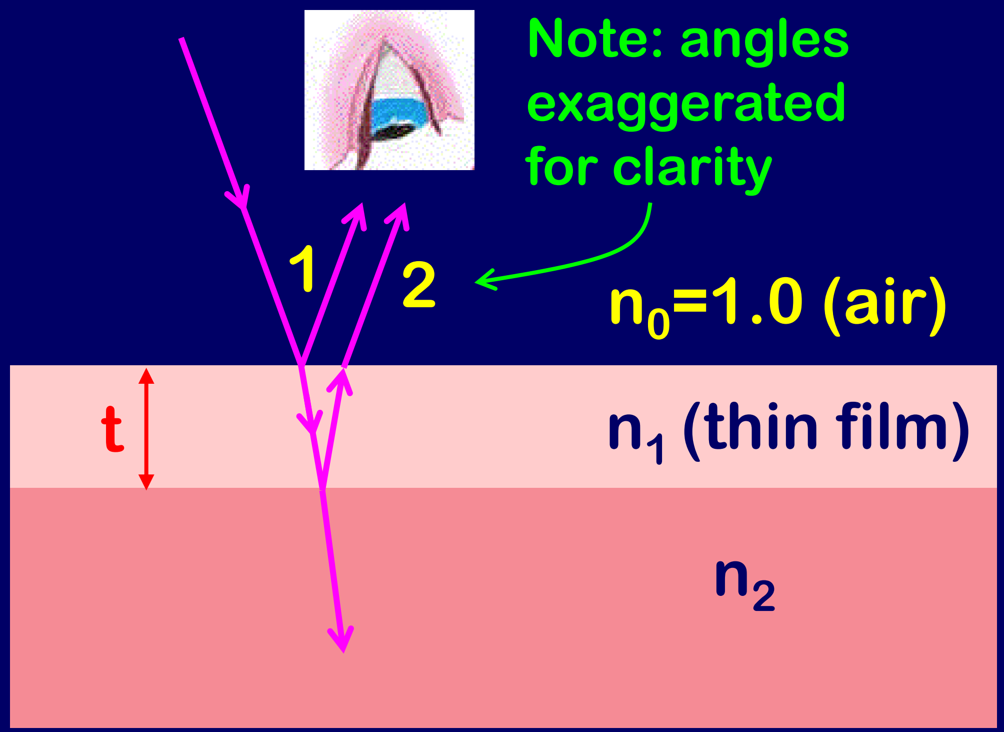
Recall

- Interference (at least 2 coherent waves)
  - Constructive (full wavelength difference)
  - Destructive (half wavelength difference)
- Light (1 source, but different paths)
  - Young's double slit — Last lecture
  - Thin films
  - Multiple slit
  - X-ray diffraction from crystal
  - Diffraction/single slit

(Thin films through Diffraction/single slit: Today's lecture)

Thin Film Interference

Light is incident normal to a thin film

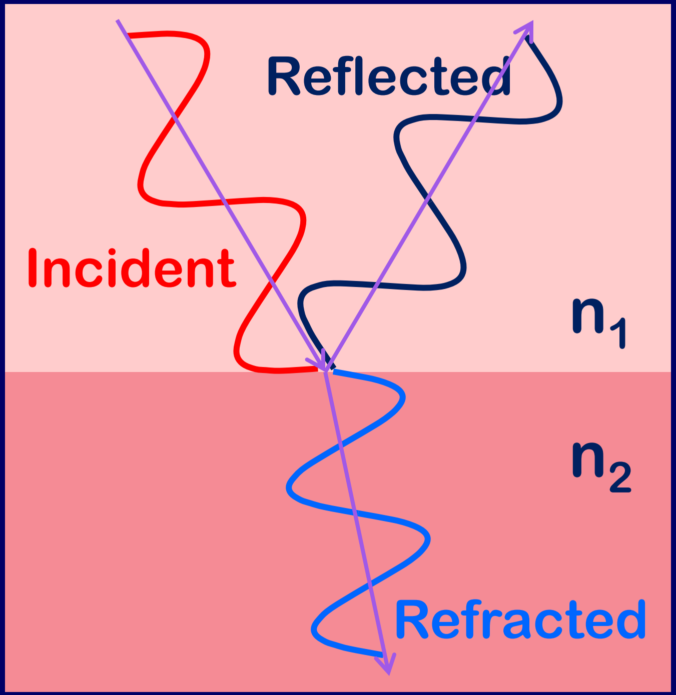


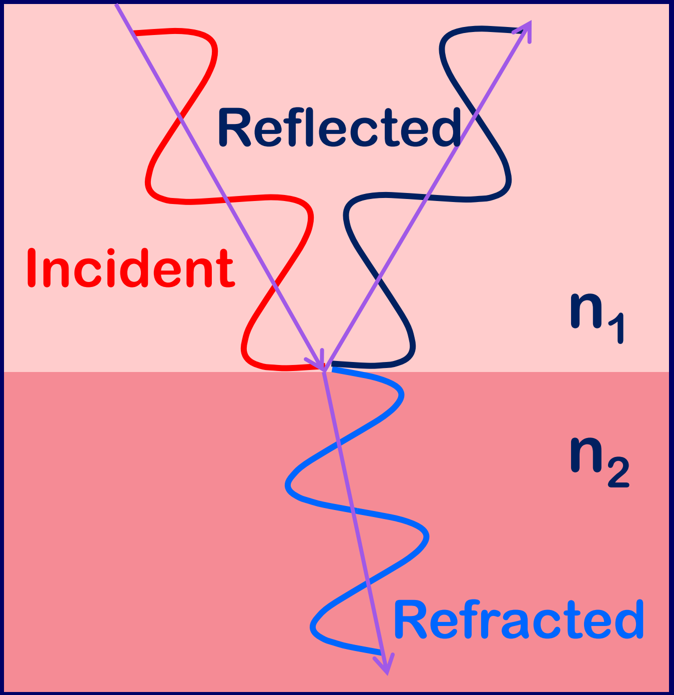
Get two waves by reflection off two different interfaces: interference!

Ray 2 travels approximately 2t further than ray 1.

Reflection & Phase Shifts

Upon reflection from a boundary between two transparent materials, the phase of the reflected light may change.



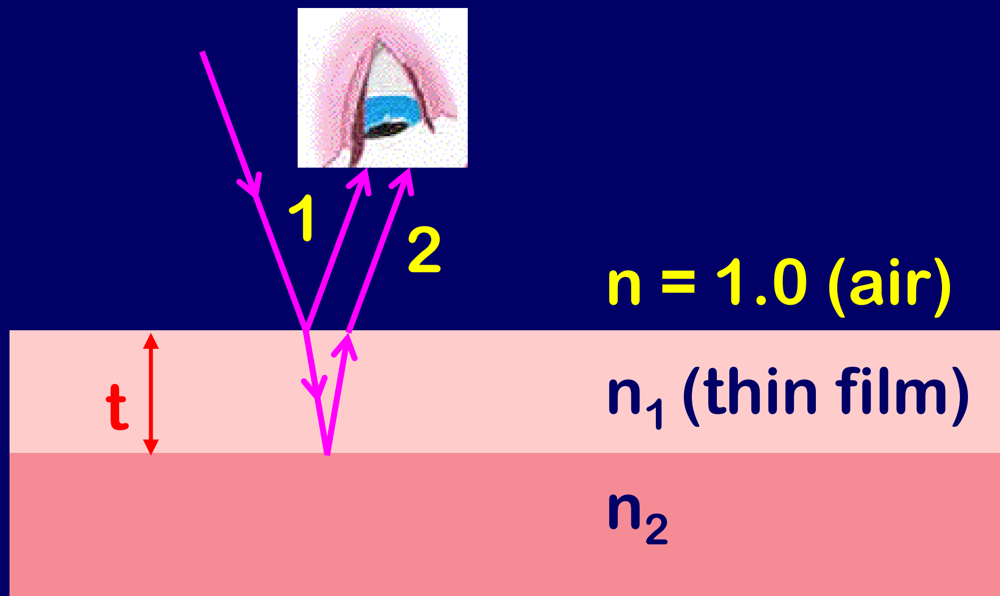


- If $n_1 > n_2$ – no phase change upon reflection

- If $n_1 < n_2$ – 180° phase change upon reflection
- This is like the wave went an extra $\lambda/2$; $\delta=1/2$

Thin Film Summary

Determine δ, number of extra wavelengths for each ray.



This is important!

Reflection | Distance

Ray 1: δ_1 = 0 or ½ + 0

Ray 2: δ_2 = 0 or ½ + 2 t/ λ_{film}

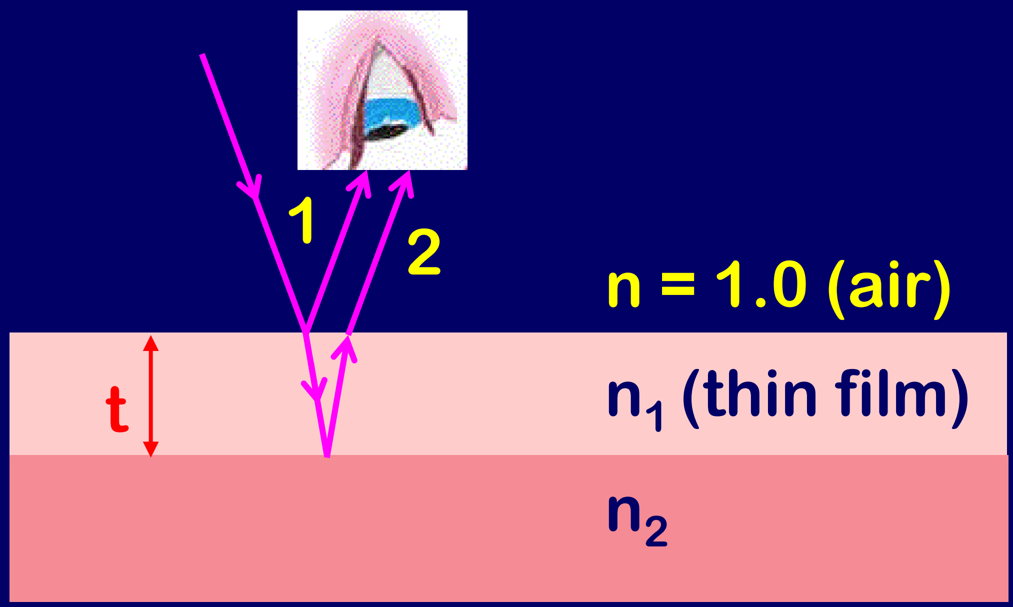
Note: this is wavelength in film! ($\lambda_{film} = \lambda_o / n_1$)

If $|\delta_2 - \delta_1|$ = 0, 1, 2, 3 …. (m) constructive

If $|\delta_2 - \delta_1|$ = ½ , 1 ½, 2 ½ …. (m + ½) destructive

ACT: Thin Film Practice

Blue light (λ_0 = 500 nm) incident on a glass (n_1 = 1.5) cover slip (t = 167 nm) floating on top of water (n_2 = 1.3).



What is δ_1, the total phase shift for ray 1

A) $\delta_1 = 0$ **B) $\delta_1 = ½$** **C) $\delta_1 = 1$**

Thin Film Practice

Example

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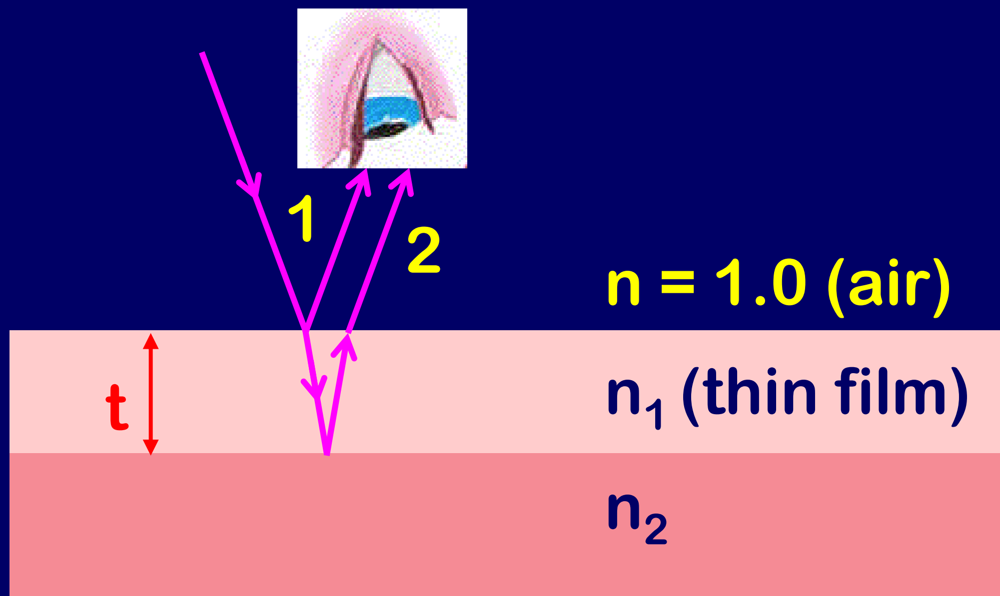


Is the interference constructive or destructive or neither?

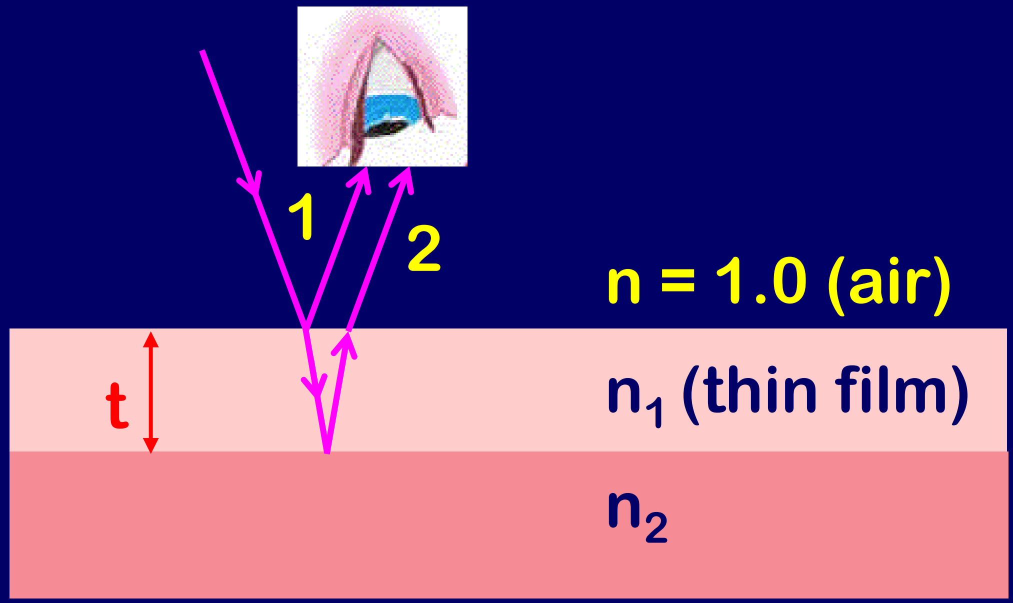
$\delta_1 = ½$

$\delta_2 = 0 + 2t / \lambda_{glass} = 2t\, n_{glass} / \lambda_0 = (2)(167)(1.5)/500 = 1$

Phase shift = $|\delta_2 - \delta_1|$ = ½ wavelength

ACT: Thin Film Practice II

Blue light (λ_0 = 500 nm) incident on a glass (n_1 = 1.5) cover slip (t = 167 nm) floating on top of **plastic** (n_2 = 1.8).



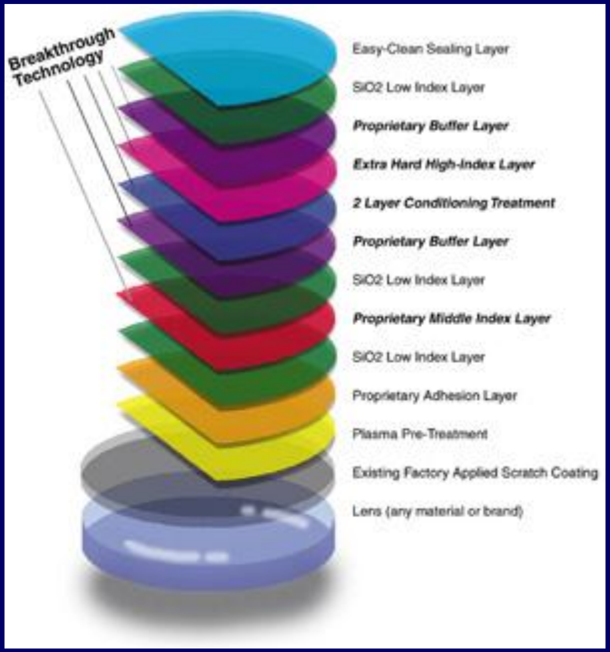
Is the interference : A) constructive B) destructive C) neither?

δ_1 =

δ_2 =

Phase shift = $|\delta_2 - \delta_1|$ =

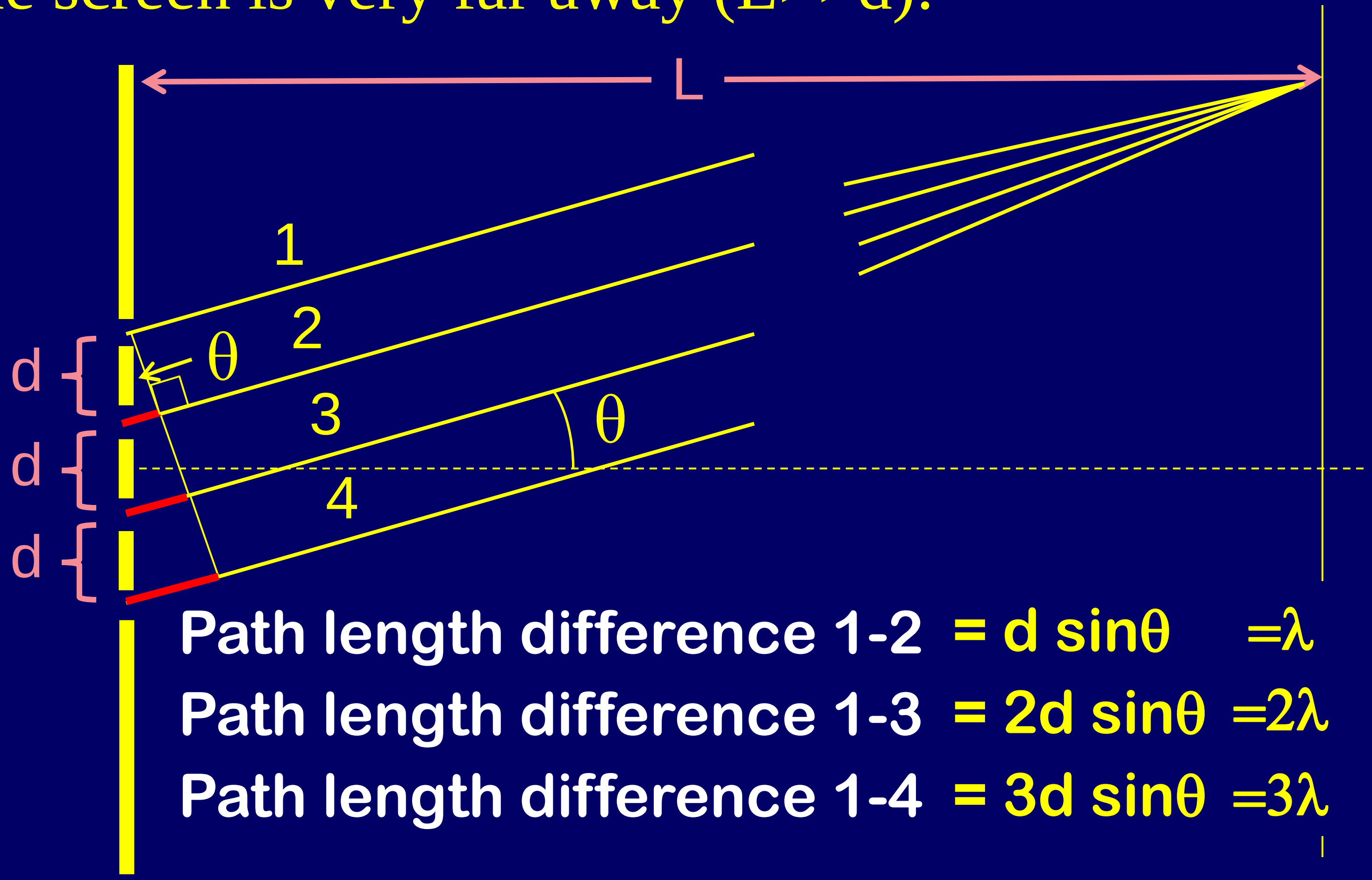
Thin film application: Anti-reflection coatings



Diffraction Gratings: multiple slits

(N slits with spacing d)

Assume screen is very far away (L>>d):



Path length difference 1-2 = d sinθ =λ

Path length difference 1-3 = 2d sinθ =2λ

Path length difference 1-4 = 3d sinθ =3λ

Constructive interference for all paths when

$d\sin(\theta) = m\lambda$ $m = 0, \pm1, \pm2$

Multiple Slits:

(Diffraction Grating – N slits with spacing d)

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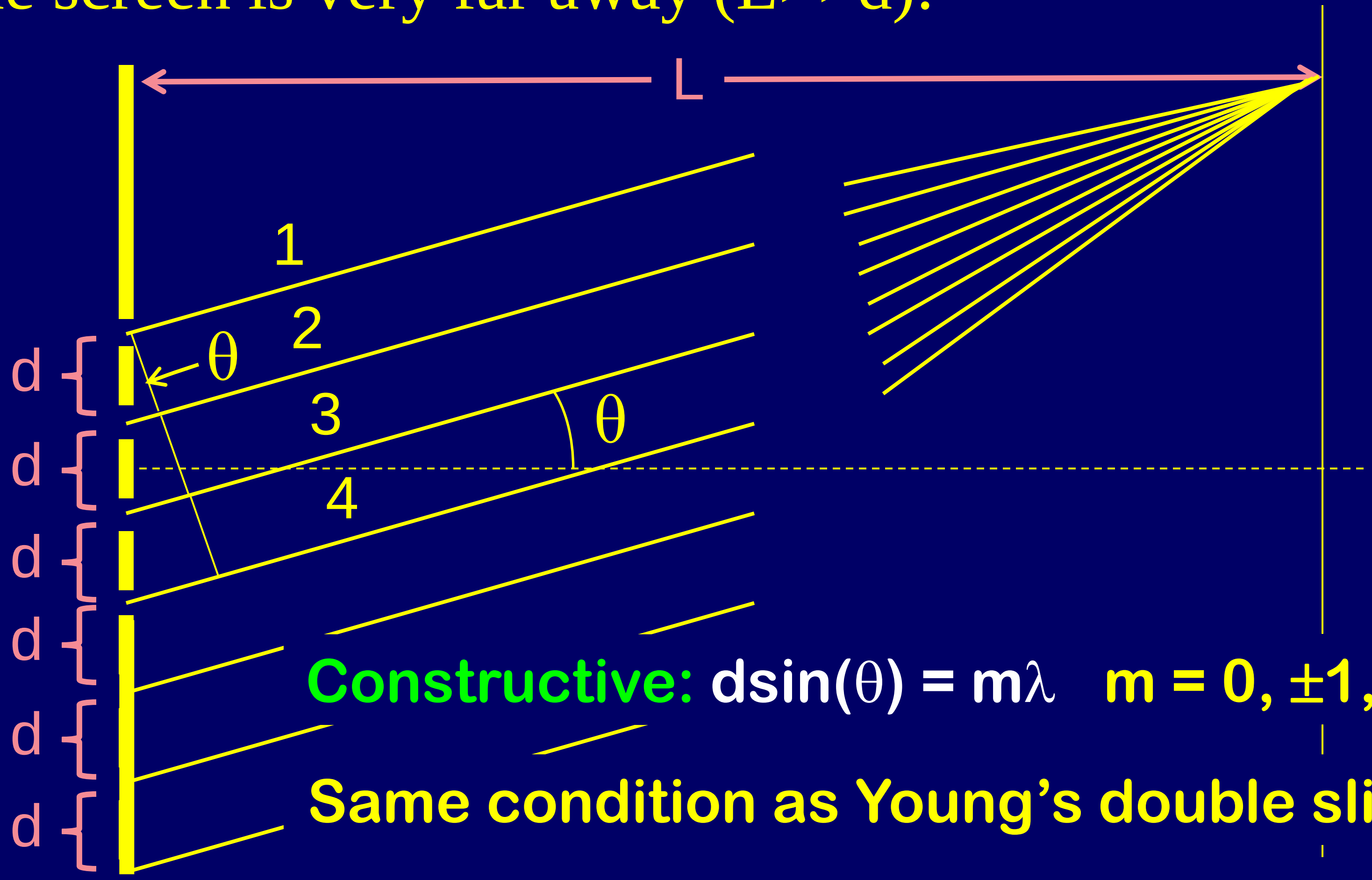
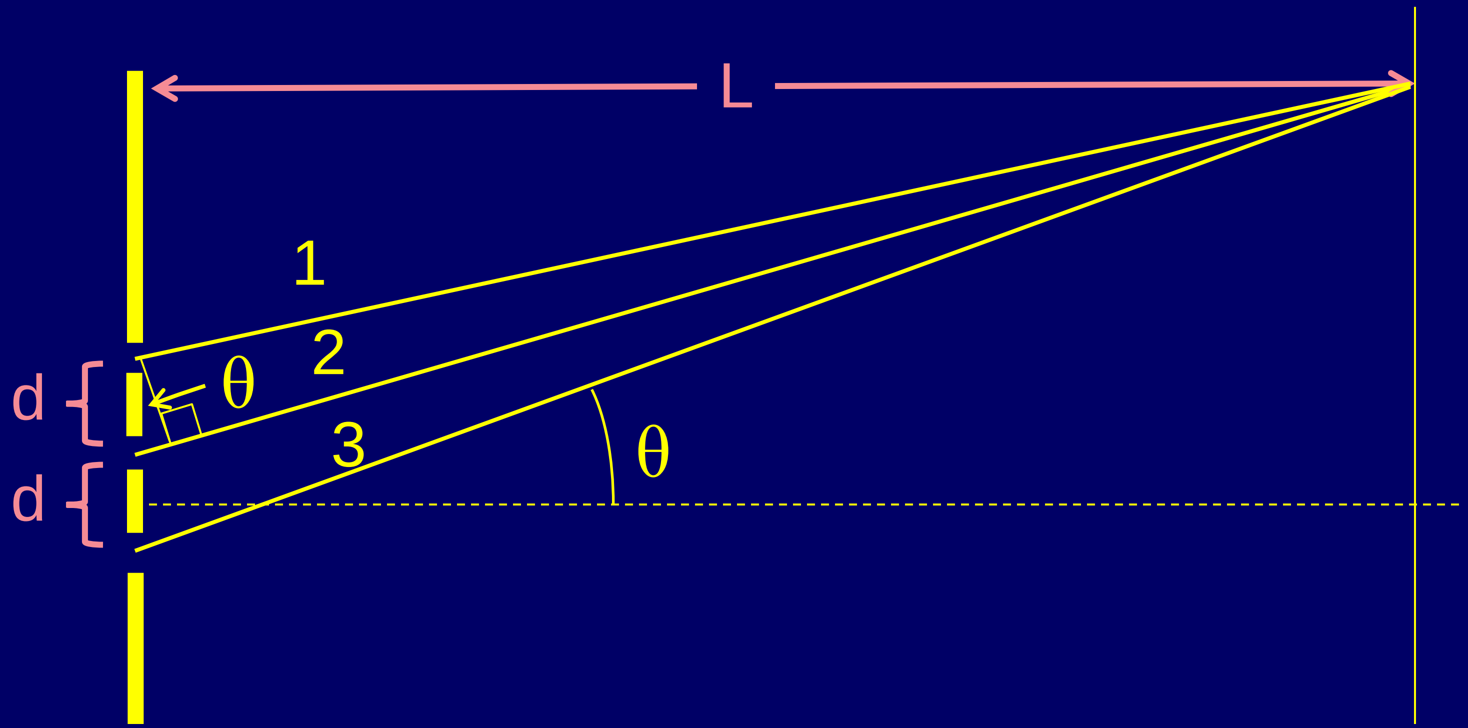


Constructive: $d\sin(\theta) = m\lambda$ $m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$

Same condition as Young's double slit!

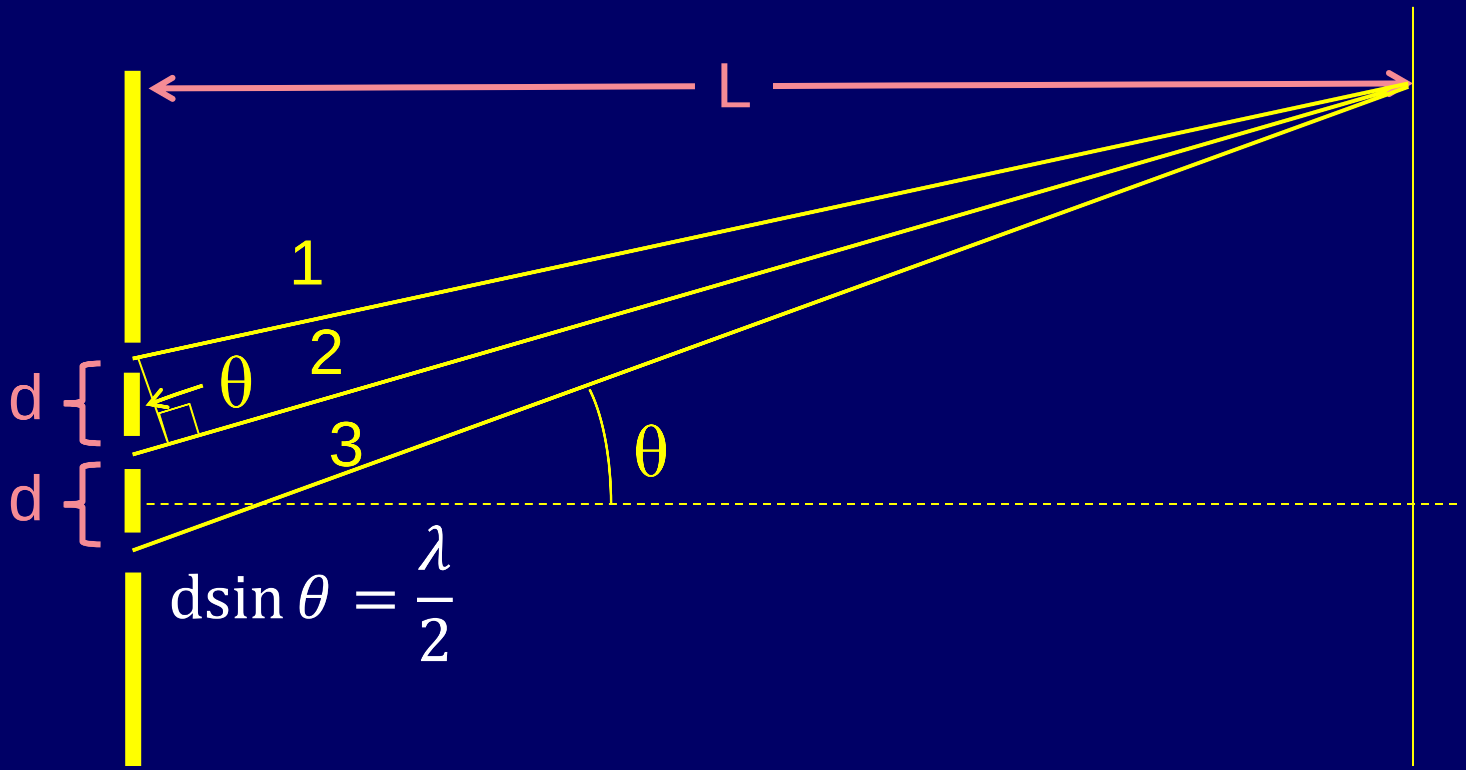
Holds for arbitrary N

Checkpoint 2



All 3 rays are interfering constructively at the point shown. If the intensity from ray 1 is I_0 , what is the combined intensity of all 3 rays? 1) I_0 2) 3 I_0 3) 9 I_0

ACT/Checkpoint 3



$$d\sin\theta = \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

When rays 1 and 2 are interfering destructively, is the intensity from the three rays a minimum? A) Yes B) No

Multiple Slit Interference

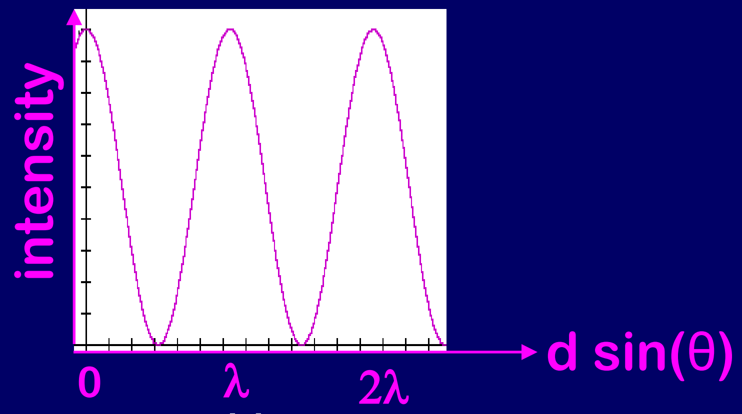
(Diffraction Grating)

For many slits, maxima are still at $\sin\theta = m\frac{\lambda}{d}$

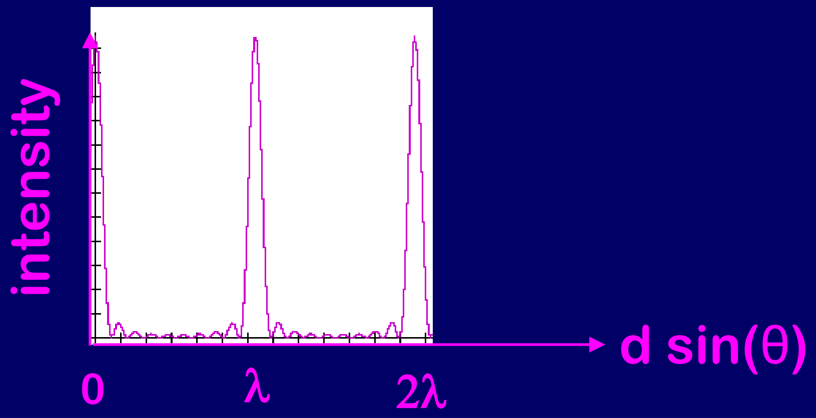
Peak location depends on wavelength!

Region between maxima gets suppressed more and more as no. of slits increases – bright fringes become narrower and brighter.

2 slits (N=2)

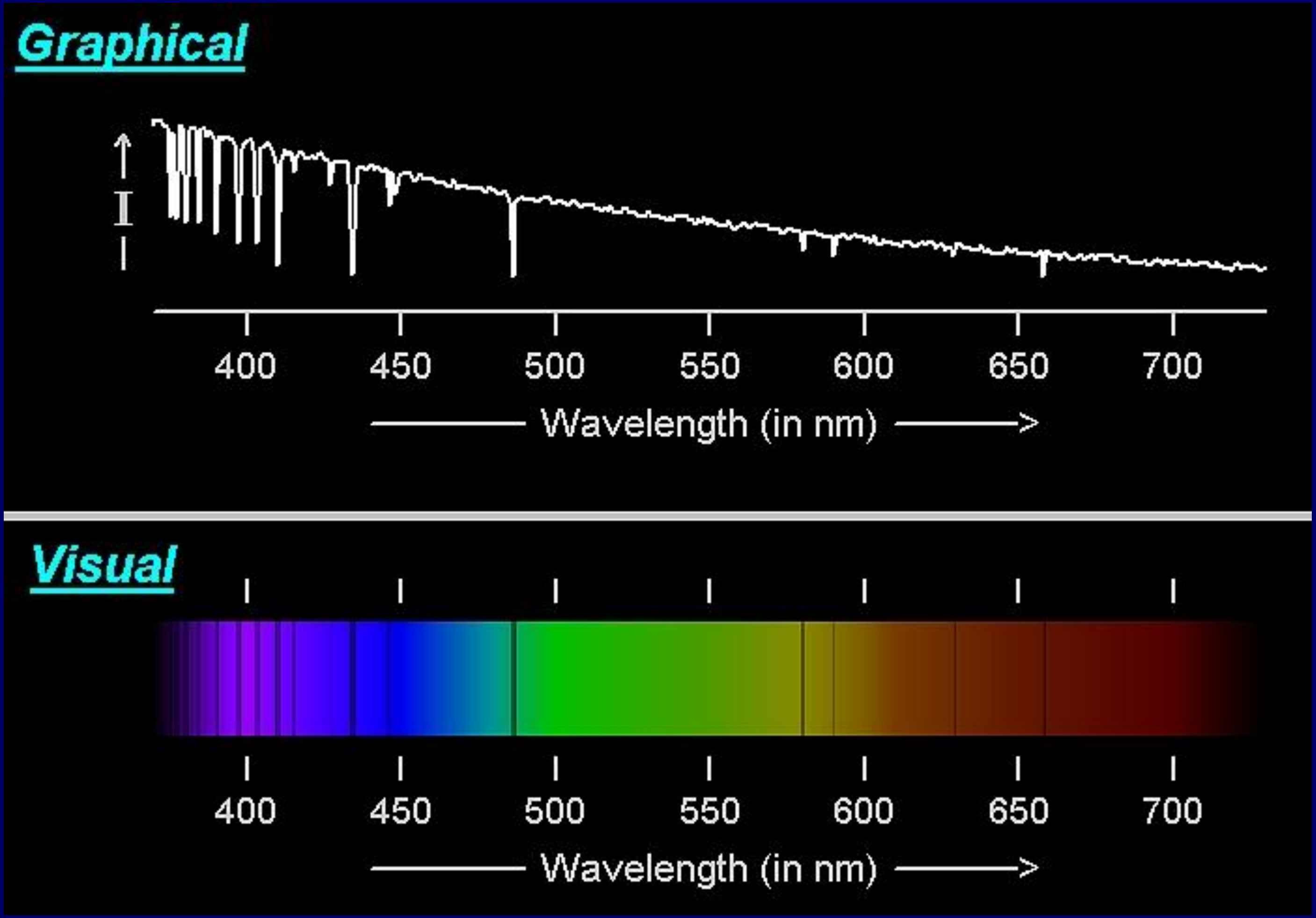


10 slits (N=10)

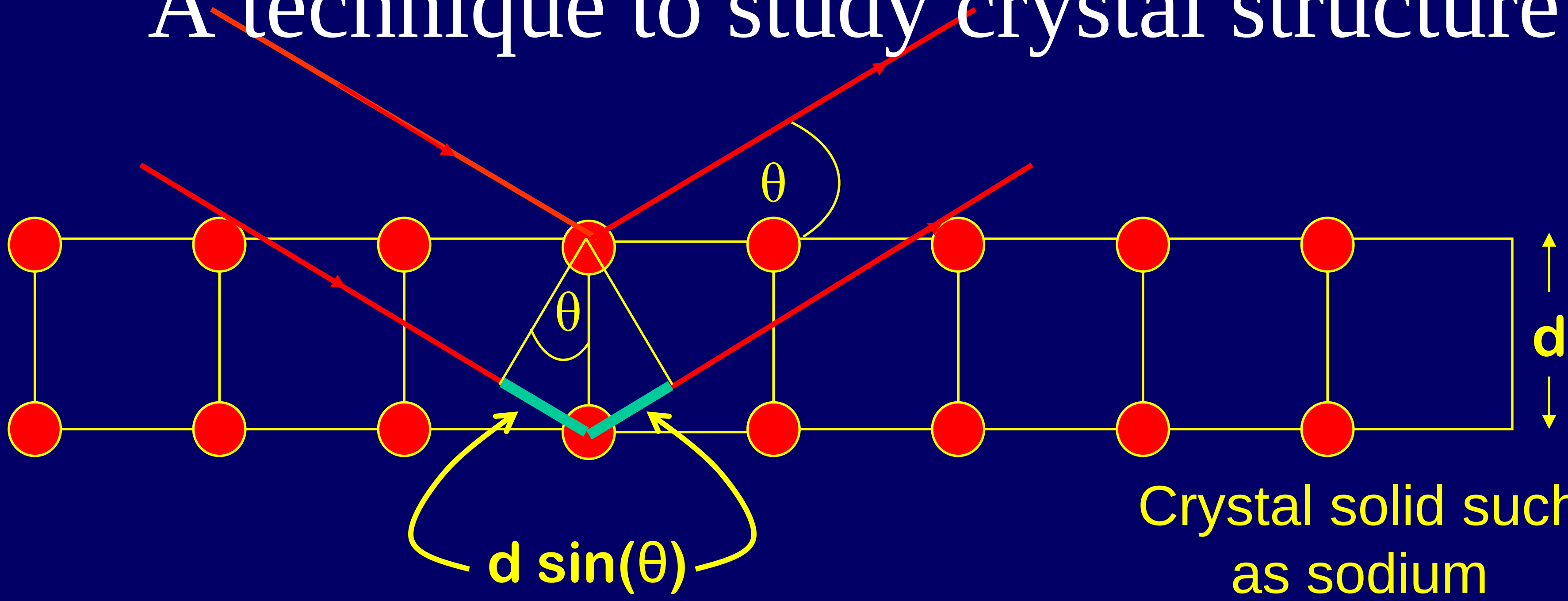


Diffraction grating:
spreads out different wavelengths, determine spectrum

Solar spectrum!



X-Ray Diffraction:
A technique to study crystal structure



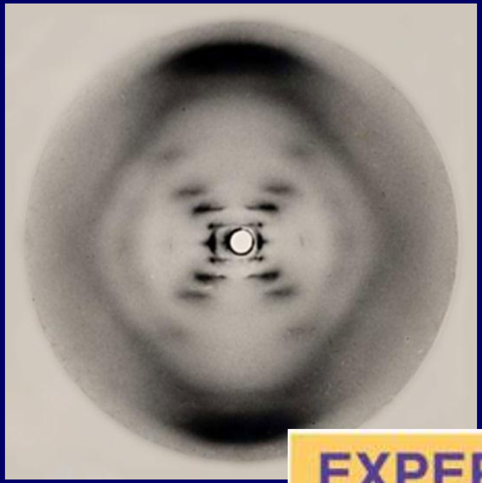
Constructive interference: $2d \sin(\theta) = m\lambda$

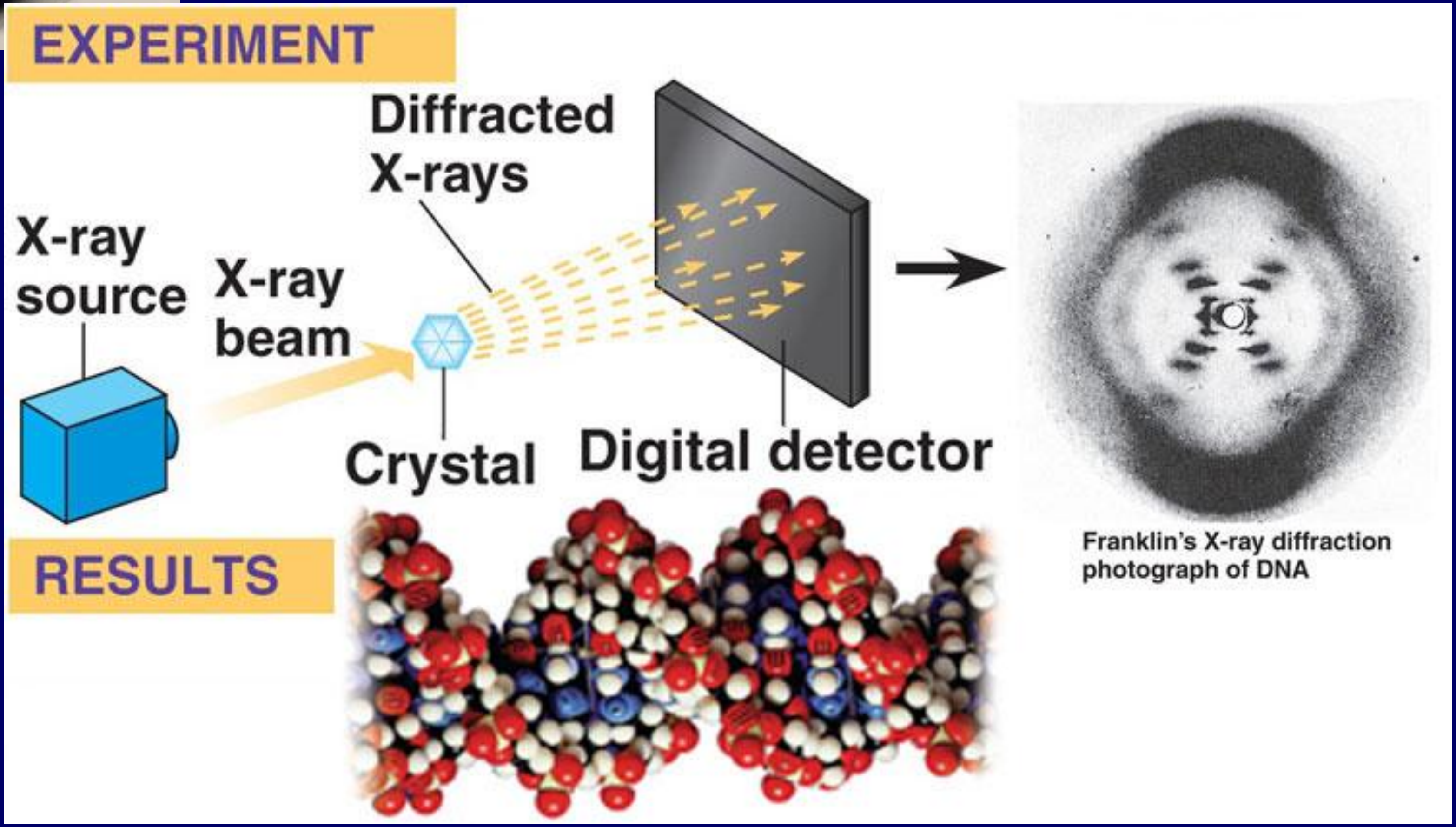
$d \approx 0.5$nm in NaCl

For λ=0.017nm
X-ray

1st maximum will be at 10^0

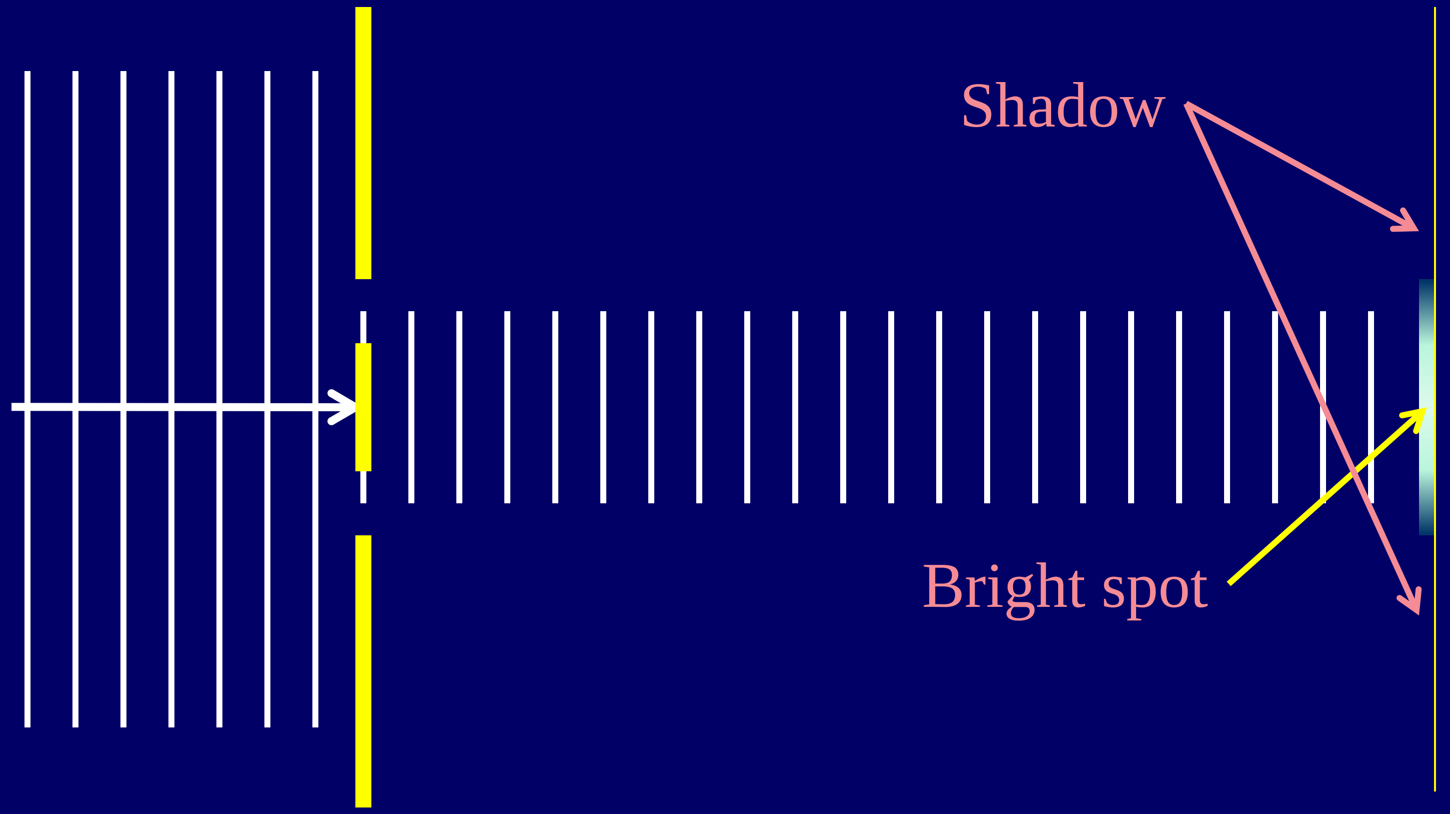
Measure θ, determine d




EXPERIMENT
Diffracted X-rays
X-ray source
X-ray beam
Crystal
Digital detector
RESULTS
Franklin's X-ray diffraction photograph of DNA

Single slit interference?

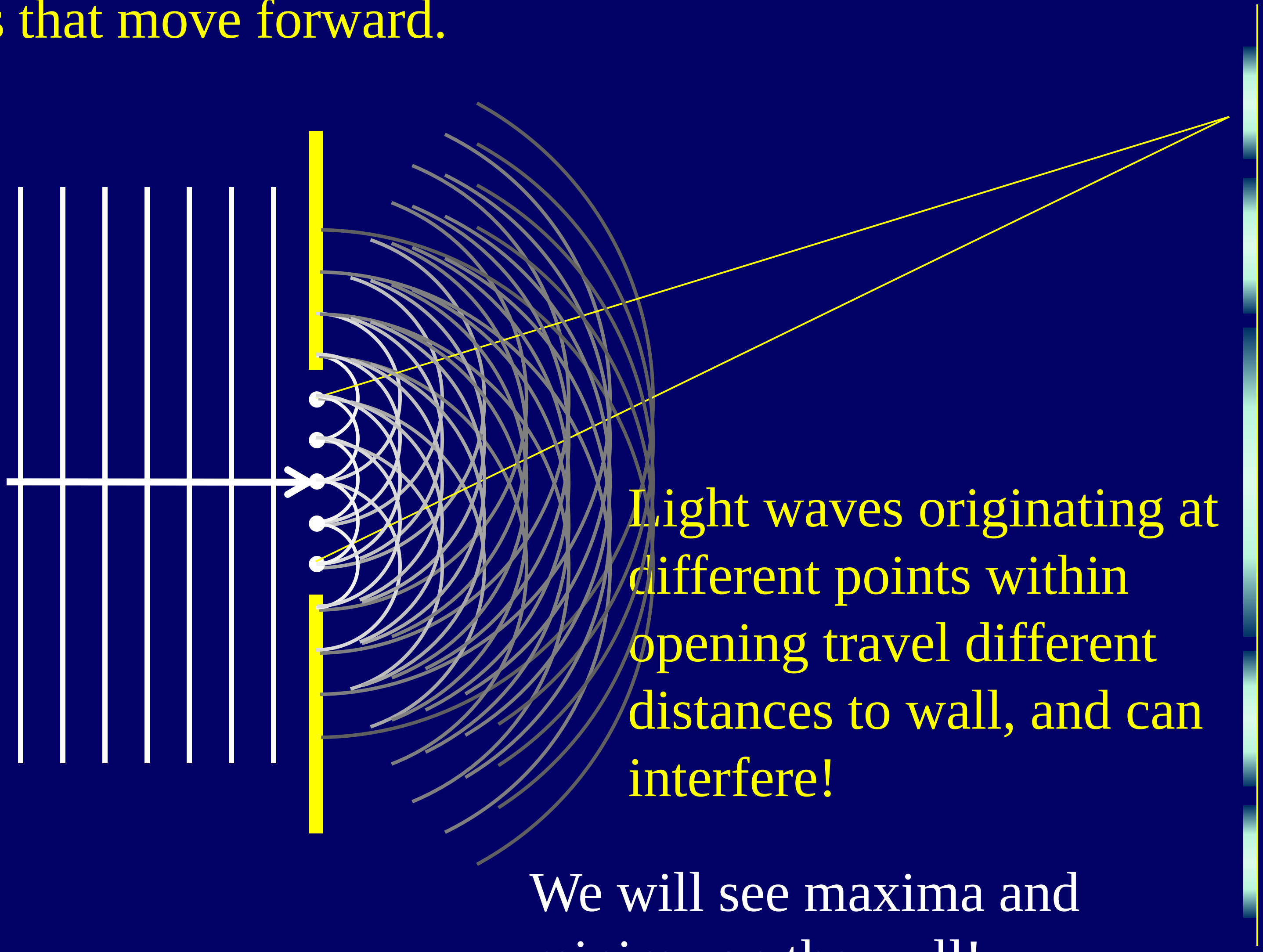
Monochromatic light travels through a screen with opening



This is not what is actually seen!

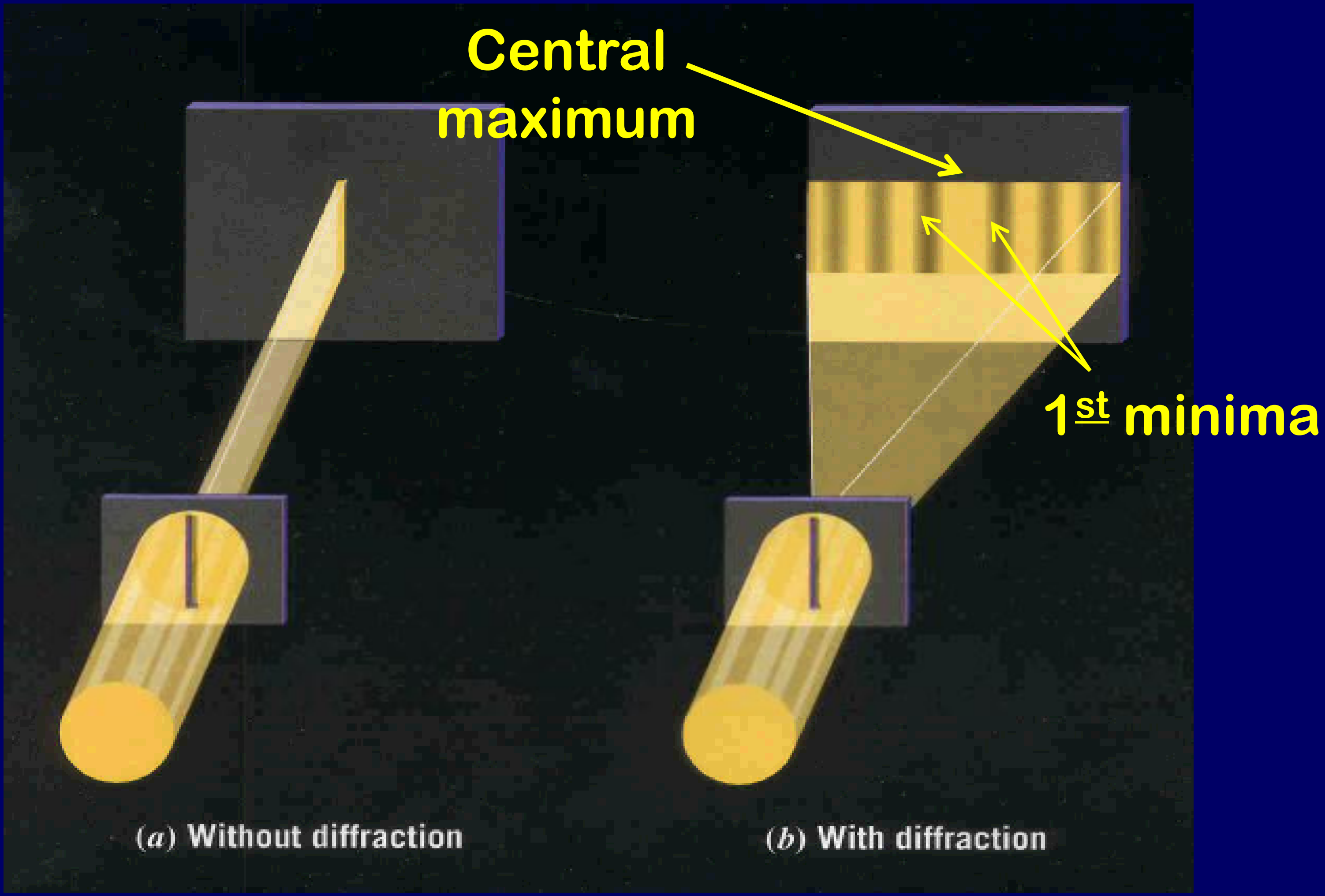
Diffraction/Huygens' principle

Huygens: Every point on a wave front acts as a source of tiny wavelets that move forward.



Light waves originating at different points within opening travel different distances to wall, and can interfere!

We will see maxima and minima on the wall!



Next lecture: quantitative single-slit diffraction

Recap

- Interference: Coherent waves
  - Full wavelength difference = Constructive
  - ½ wavelength difference = Destructive
- Multiple Slits
  - Constructive $d \sin(\theta) = m \lambda$ (m=1,2,3…)
  - Destructive $d \sin(\theta) = (m + 1/2) \lambda$ 2 slit only
  - More slits = brighter max, darker mins
- Single Slit Interference