

# **Si Photonics**

## **Lecture 6: Diffraction and Diffraction Gratings**

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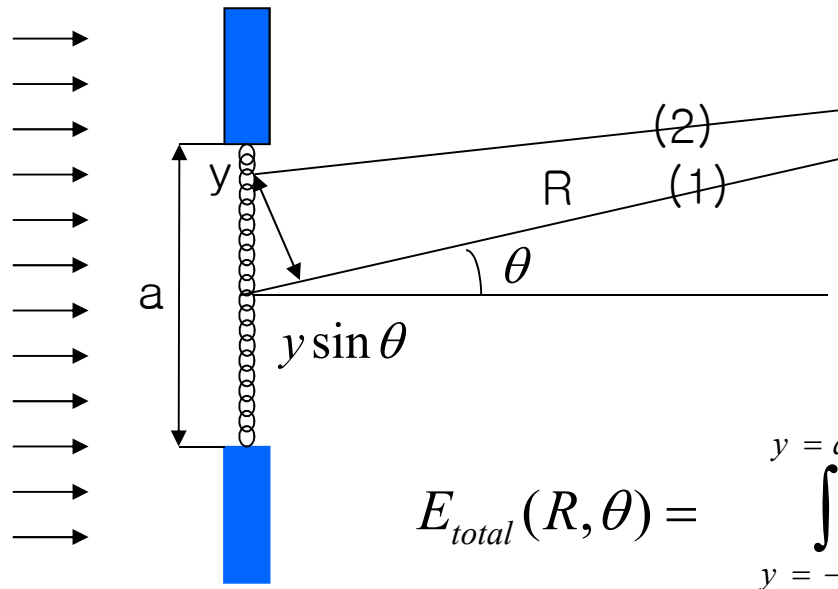


Diagram illustrating the geometry of a diffraction grating. Incident plane waves (represented by horizontal arrows) strike a grating of width  $a$ . A point on the grating is at height  $y$ . Two rays are shown: ray (1) at distance  $R$  and ray (2) at distance  $R - y \sin \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the diffraction angle. The path difference between the two rays is  $y \sin \theta$ .

The electric field contributions from the two rays are:

$$(1) \frac{A}{R} \exp(-jkR)$$

$$(2) \frac{A}{R} \exp[-jk(R - y \sin \theta)]$$

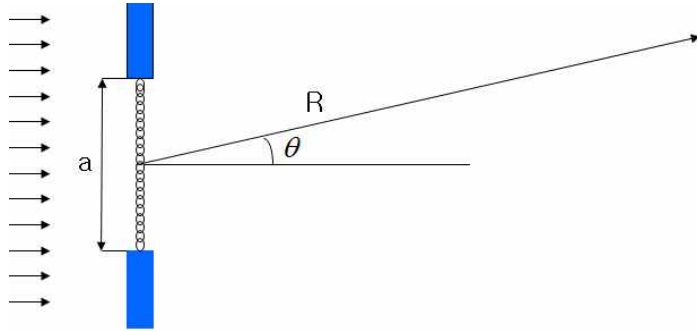
The total electric field is given by the integral:

$$E_{total}(R, \theta) = \int_{y=-a/2}^{y=a/2} \frac{A}{R} e^{-jk(R-y \sin \theta)} dy = \frac{A}{R} e^{-jkR} \int_{y=-a/2}^{y=a/2} e^{jky \sin \theta} dy$$

Since interference is due to *phase difference*, ignore the constant phase term

$$E_{total}(R, \theta) = \frac{A}{R} \int_{y=-a/2}^{y=a/2} e^{jky \sin \theta} dy$$

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$$\text{Evaluate } E_{total}(R, \theta) = \frac{A}{R} \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} e^{jky \sin \theta} dy$$

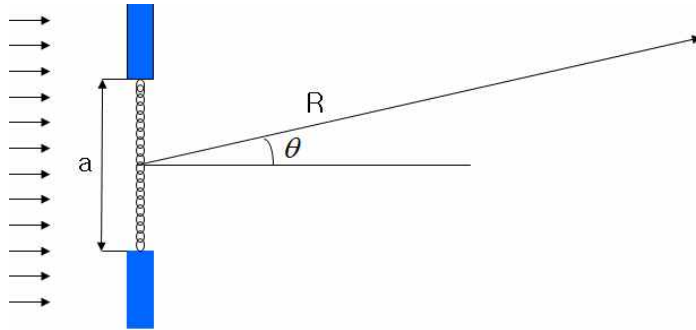
$$\text{Let } y' = jky \sin \theta \quad \Rightarrow \quad dy' = jk \sin \theta dy$$

$$e^{jky \sin \theta} dy = e^{y'} \frac{dy'}{jk \sin \theta}$$

$$E_{total}(R, \theta) = \frac{A}{R} \int_{y' = -jk \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta}^{y' = jk \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta} e^{y'} \frac{dy'}{jk \sin \theta} = \frac{A}{R} \frac{1}{jk \sin \theta} \left( e^{jk \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta} - e^{-jk \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta} \right)$$

$$= \frac{A}{R} \frac{2j}{jk \sin \theta} \sin\left(k \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta\right) = \frac{2A}{R} \frac{\sin\left(k \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta\right)}{k \sin \theta}$$

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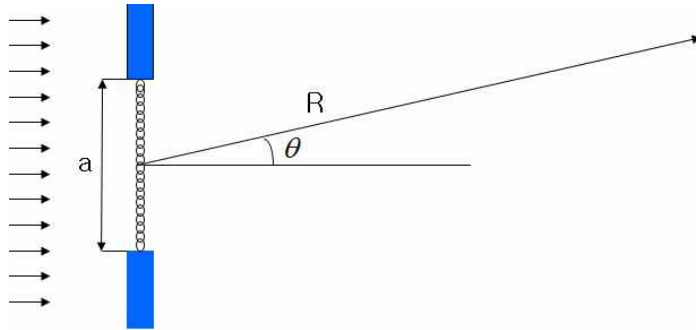
$$\frac{E_{total}(R, \theta)}{E_{total}(R, 0)} = ?$$

$$E_{total}(R, 0) = \frac{2A}{R} \frac{\cos(k \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta) k \frac{a}{2} \cos \theta}{k \cos \theta} \Big|_{\theta=0} = \frac{2A}{R} \frac{a}{2}$$

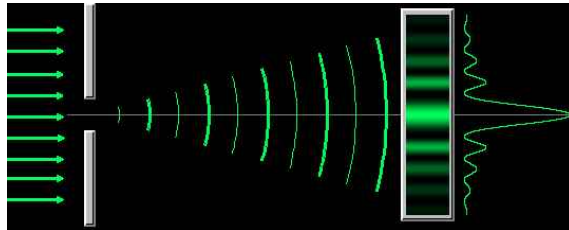
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→ sinc function

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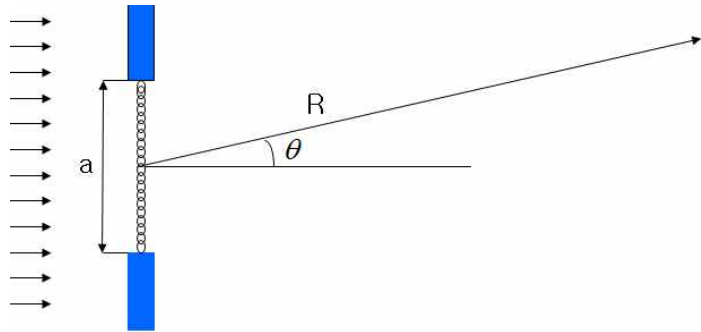


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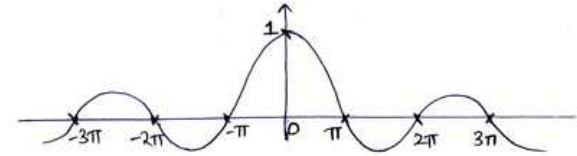
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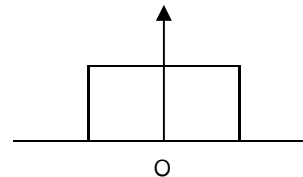
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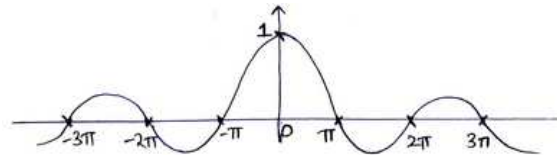
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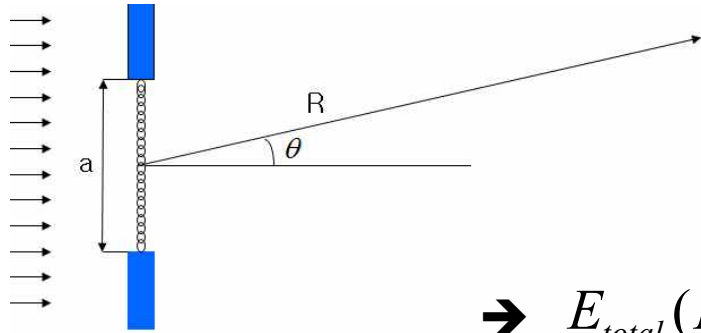
FT relationship



Diffraction



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$$E_{total}(R, \theta) = \frac{A}{R} \int_{y=-a/2}^{y=a/2} e^{jky \sin \theta} dy$$

$$\rightarrow E_{total}(R, k_y) = \frac{1}{R} \int_{y=-\infty}^{y=\infty} A(y) e^{jk_y y} dy \quad (k_y = k \sin \theta)$$

From Signals and Systems

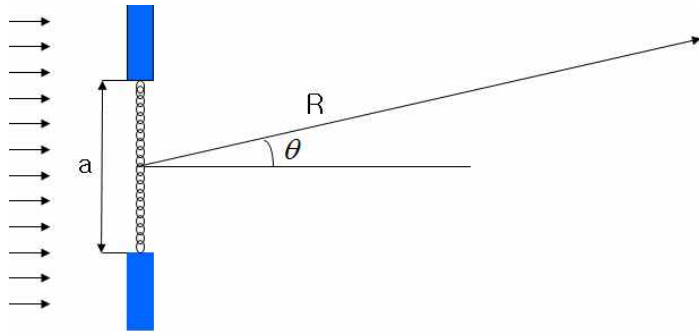
$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

$$f(t) \Leftrightarrow F(\omega)$$

$$E_{total}(k_y) \Leftrightarrow A(y)$$

Diffraction of  $A(y)$  is F.T. of  $A(y)$

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$$E_{total}(R, k_y) = \frac{1}{R} \int_{y=-\infty}^{y=\infty} A(y) e^{jk_y y} dy$$

Far-field diffraction

Fraunhofer Diffraction



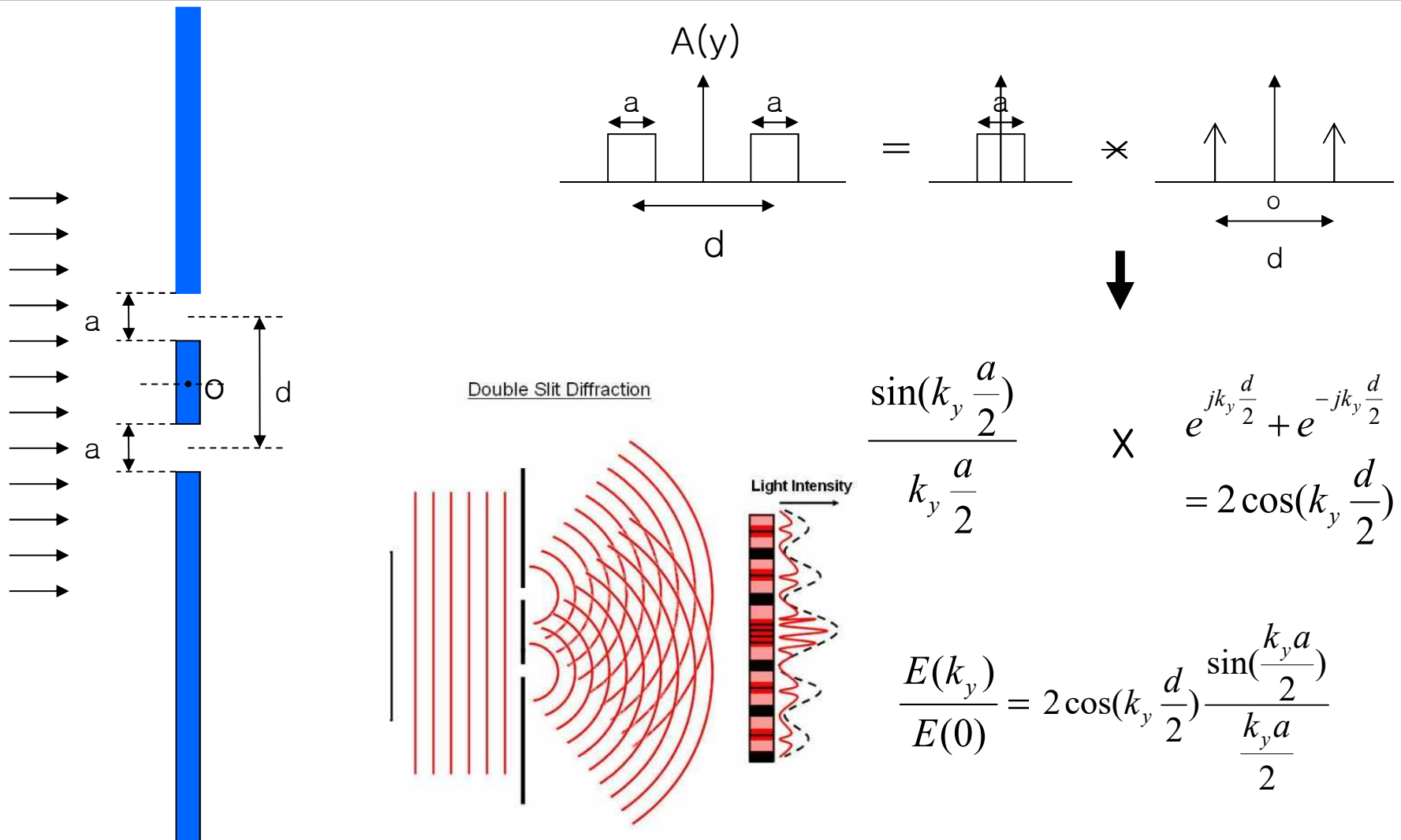
Joseph Ritter von Fraunhofer

(1787-1826)

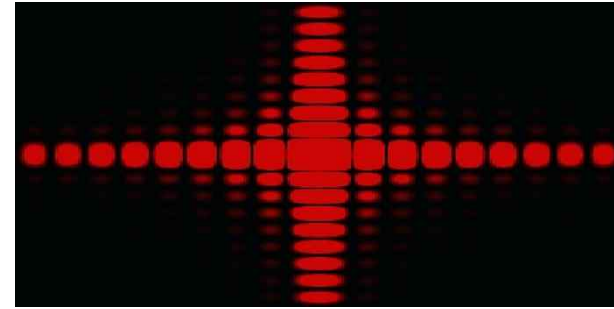
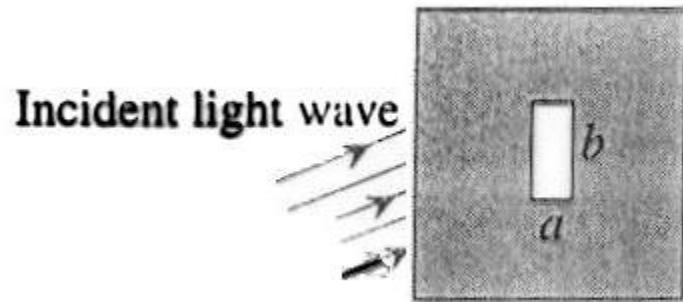
German physicist



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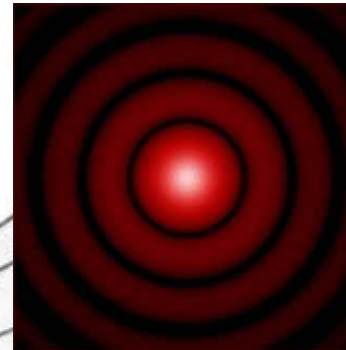
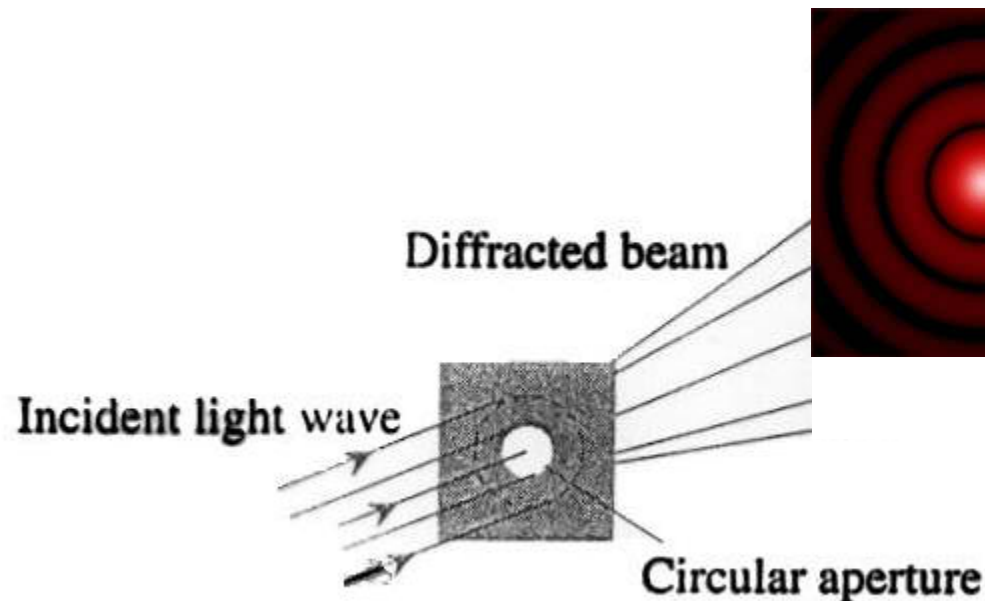


$$E_{total}(k_x, k_y) \sim \int_{y=-\infty}^{y=\infty} \int_{x=-\infty}^{x=\infty} A(x, y) e^{jk_x x} e^{jk_y y} dx dy = \int_{y=-\frac{b}{2}}^{y=\frac{b}{2}} \int_{x=-\frac{a}{2}}^{x=\frac{a}{2}} e^{jk_x x} e^{jk_y y} dx dy$$

$$= \int_{y=-\frac{b}{2}}^{y=\frac{b}{2}} e^{jk_y y} dy \int_{x=-\frac{a}{2}}^{x=\frac{a}{2}} e^{jk_x x} dx$$

$$\frac{E_{total}(k_x, k_y)}{E_{total}(0, 0)} = \frac{\sin(k_y \frac{b}{2})}{k_y \frac{b}{2}} \frac{\sin(k_x \frac{a}{2})}{k_x \frac{a}{2}}$$

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Airy Disk

$$\frac{I(k_r)}{I_0} = \left( \frac{2J_1(k_r \frac{d}{2})}{k_r \frac{d}{2}} \right)^2$$

d: diameter

$J_1$ : Bessel function of first order

For the first dark ring,

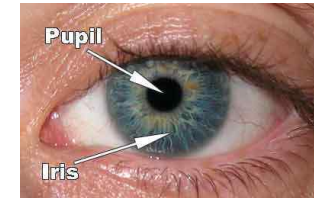
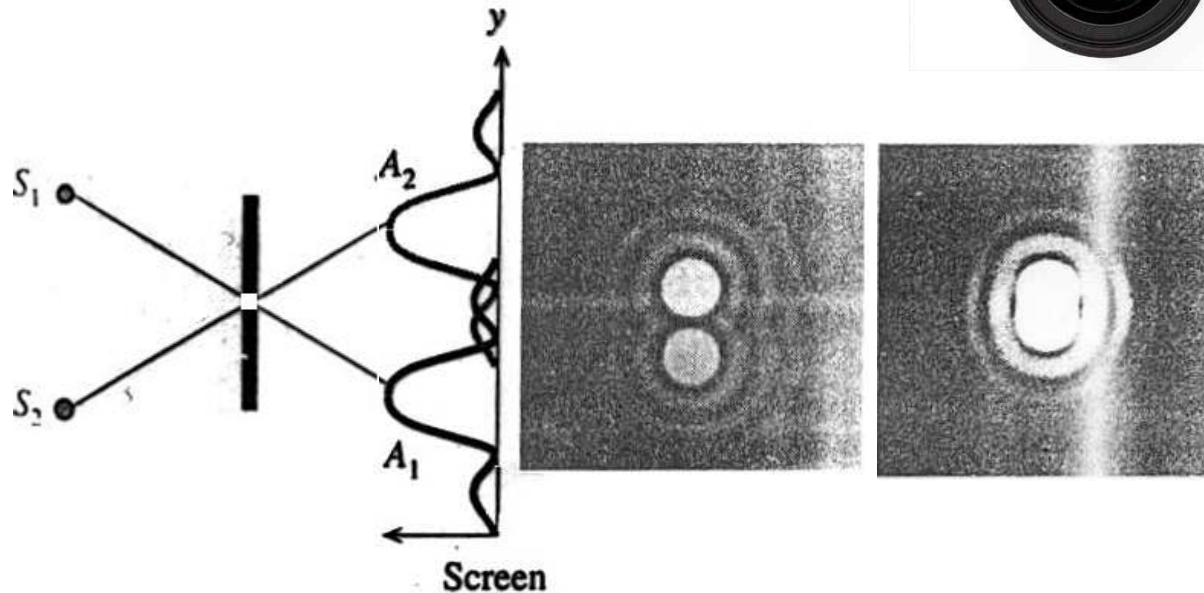
$$k_r \frac{d}{2} \sim 3.83 \quad \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \sin(\theta) \frac{d}{2} \sim 3.83 \quad \sin \theta \sim \frac{3.83}{d} \frac{\lambda}{\pi} \sim 1.22 \frac{\lambda}{d}$$

$\theta$  determines imaging resolution

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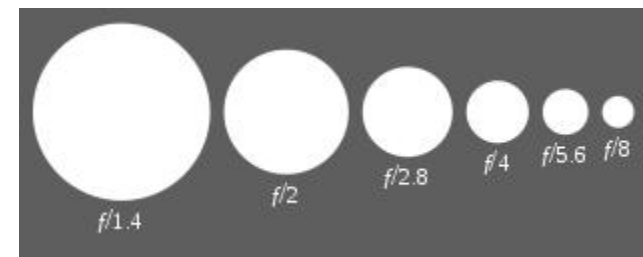
$$\sin \theta \sim 1.22 \frac{\lambda}{d}$$

Many imaging systems have circular aperture



Larger  $d \rightarrow$  smaller  $\theta \rightarrow$  Better resolution

(But smaller depth of field)



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**Gran Telescopio Canarias (GTC)**

Aperture diameter: 10.4 m  
(World's largest optical telescope)

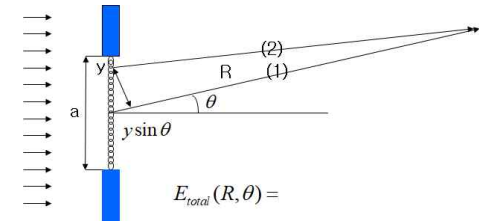
In Spain

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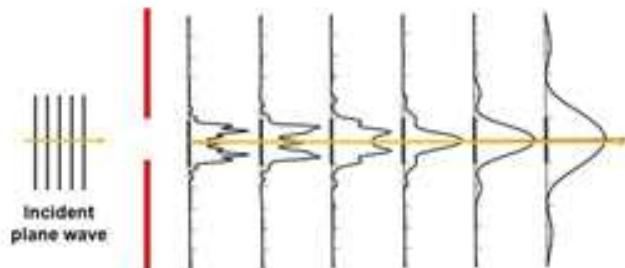
In our analysis,

- Diffraction is observed at locations having same  $R$
- ➔ In reality, observation is made at a flat surface. Consequently, there is additional phase shifts, requiring more complicated analysis
- It is assumed  $R \gg \lambda$  (far field)

If not, FT relation cannot be used ➔ Near-field or Fresnel diffraction.



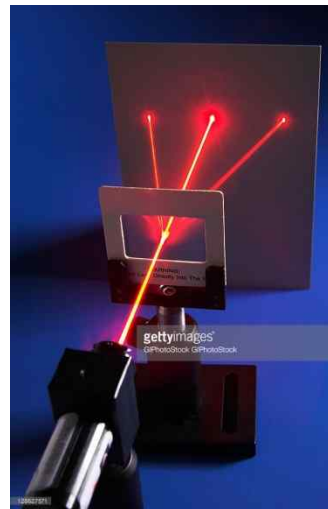
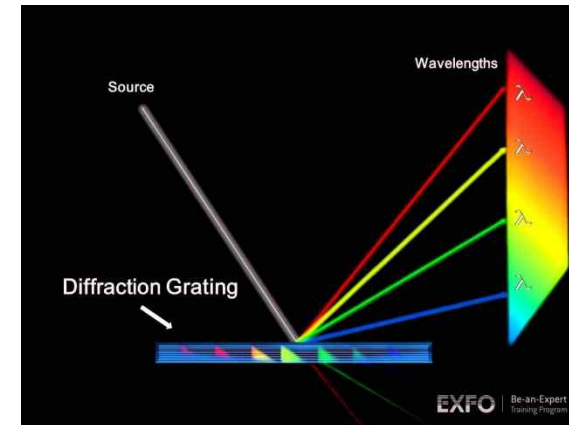
From Fresnel to Fraunhofer diffraction



Augustin-Jean Fresnel  
(1788~1827)  
French Physicist

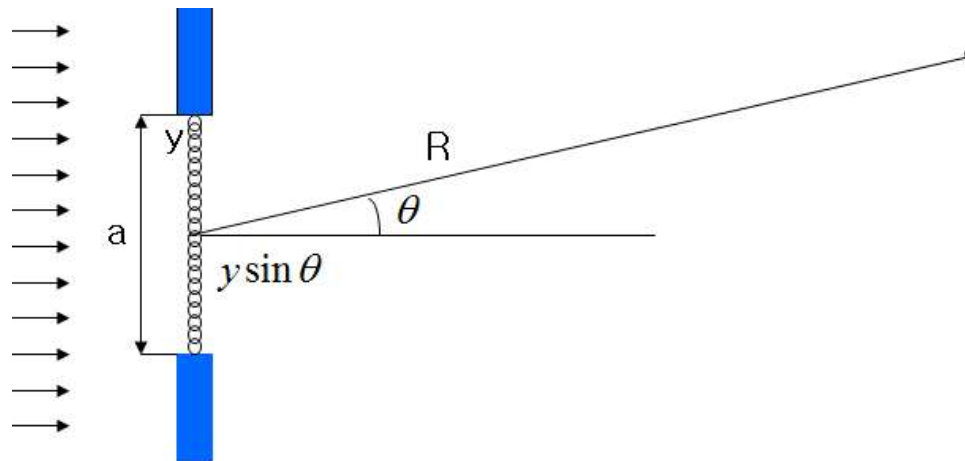
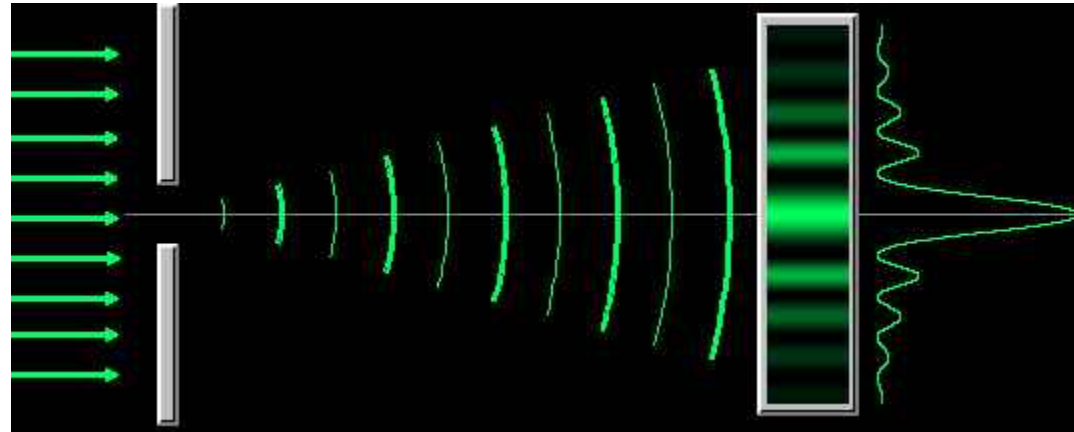
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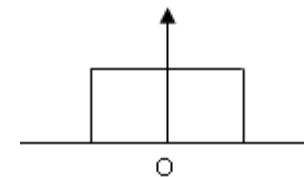




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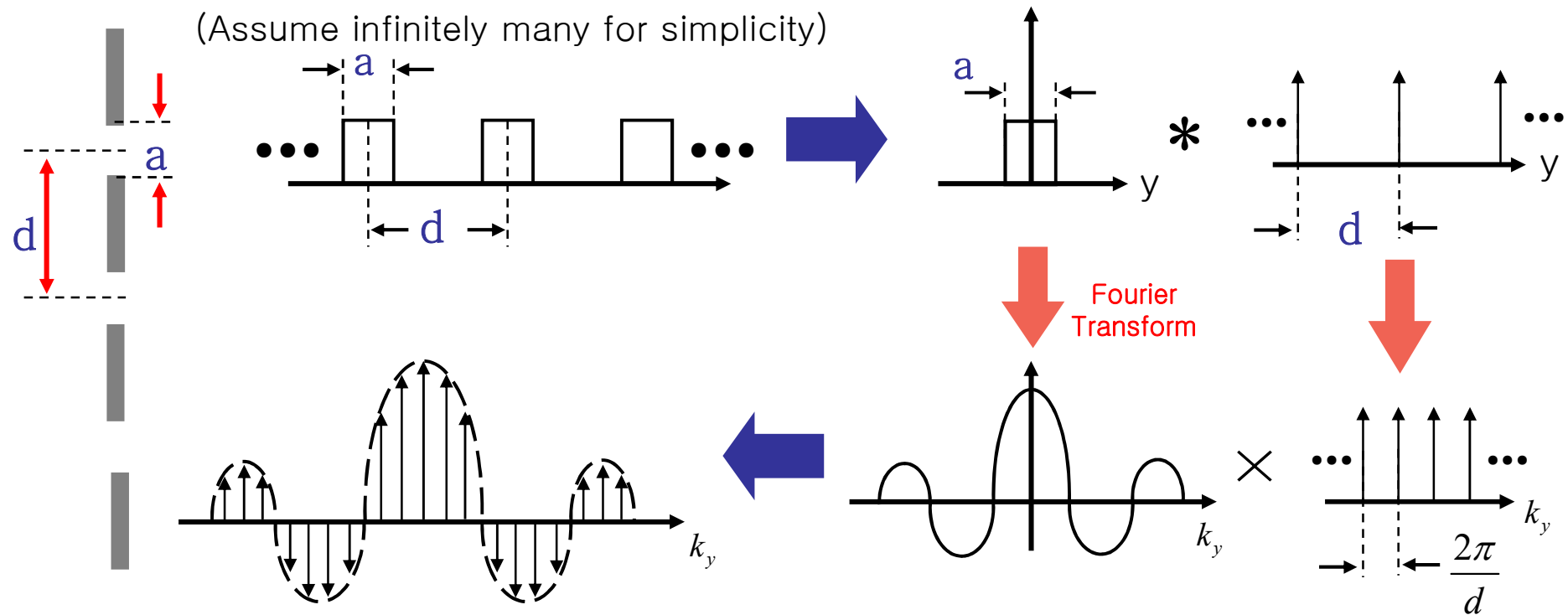
slit shape ( $y$ )  $\longleftrightarrow$  far-field ( $k_y$ )  
Fourier Transform



$$\frac{\sin\left(k_y \frac{a}{2}\right)}{k_y \frac{a}{2}}$$

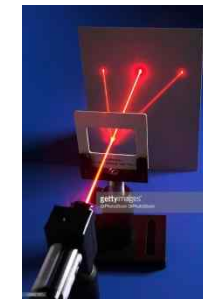


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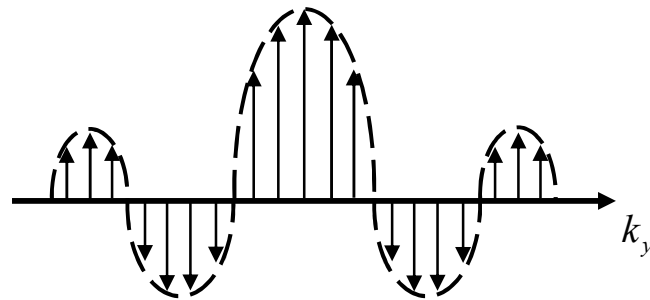
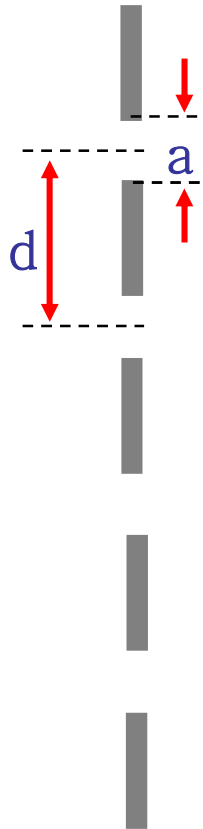


Diffracted light from periodic opening (Diffraction Grating)

==> Far-field only for discrete  $k_y$ 's  $k_y = k \sin \theta = m \frac{2\pi}{d}$



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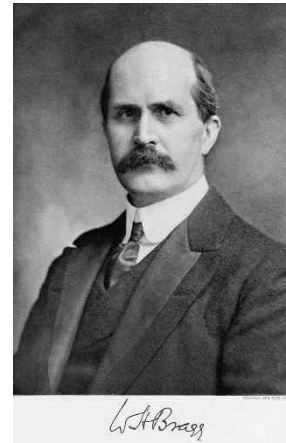


$$k_y = m \frac{2\pi}{d}$$

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

$$d \sin \theta = m\lambda$$

Grating equation (Bragg Condition)



William Henry Bragg  
(1862-1942)



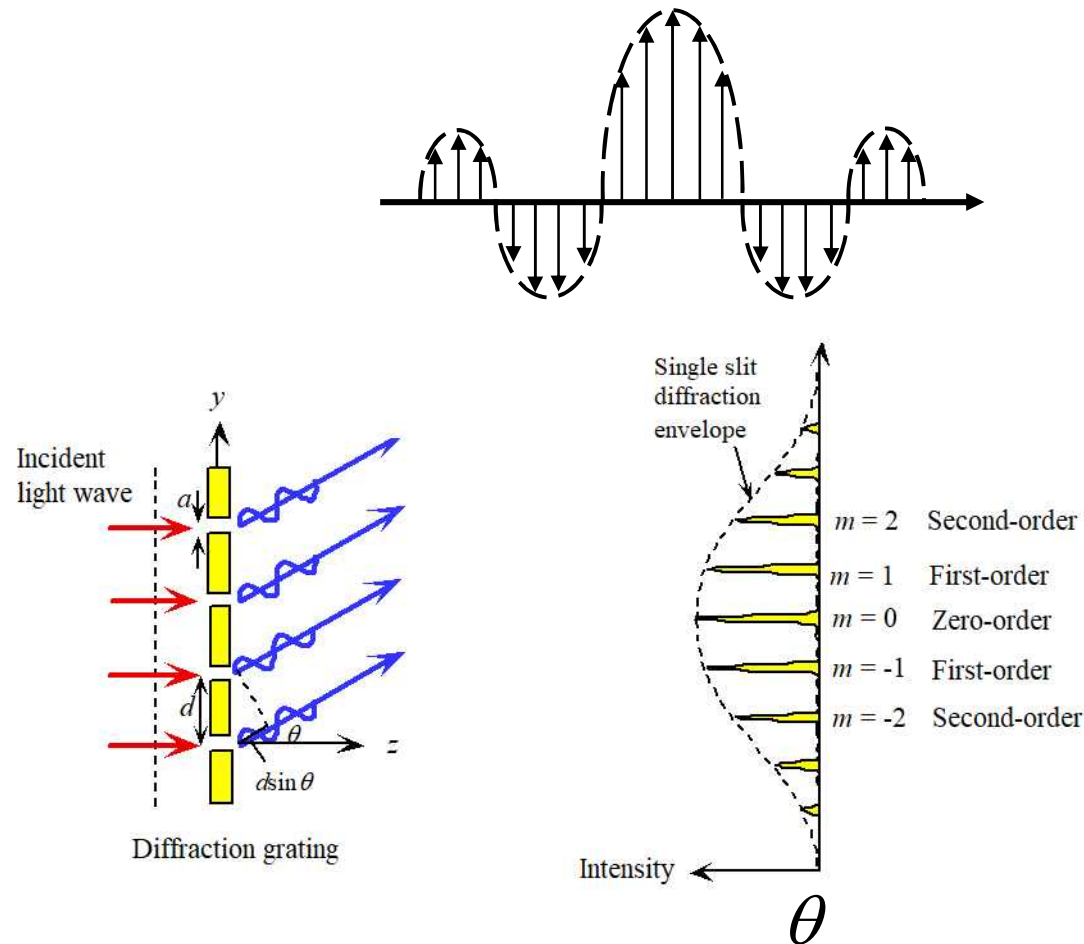
William Lawrence Bragg  
(1890-1971)

Nobel Prize in Physics (1915)

The only father-son joint Nobel winner

W. L. Bragg is the youngest Nobel Physics winner

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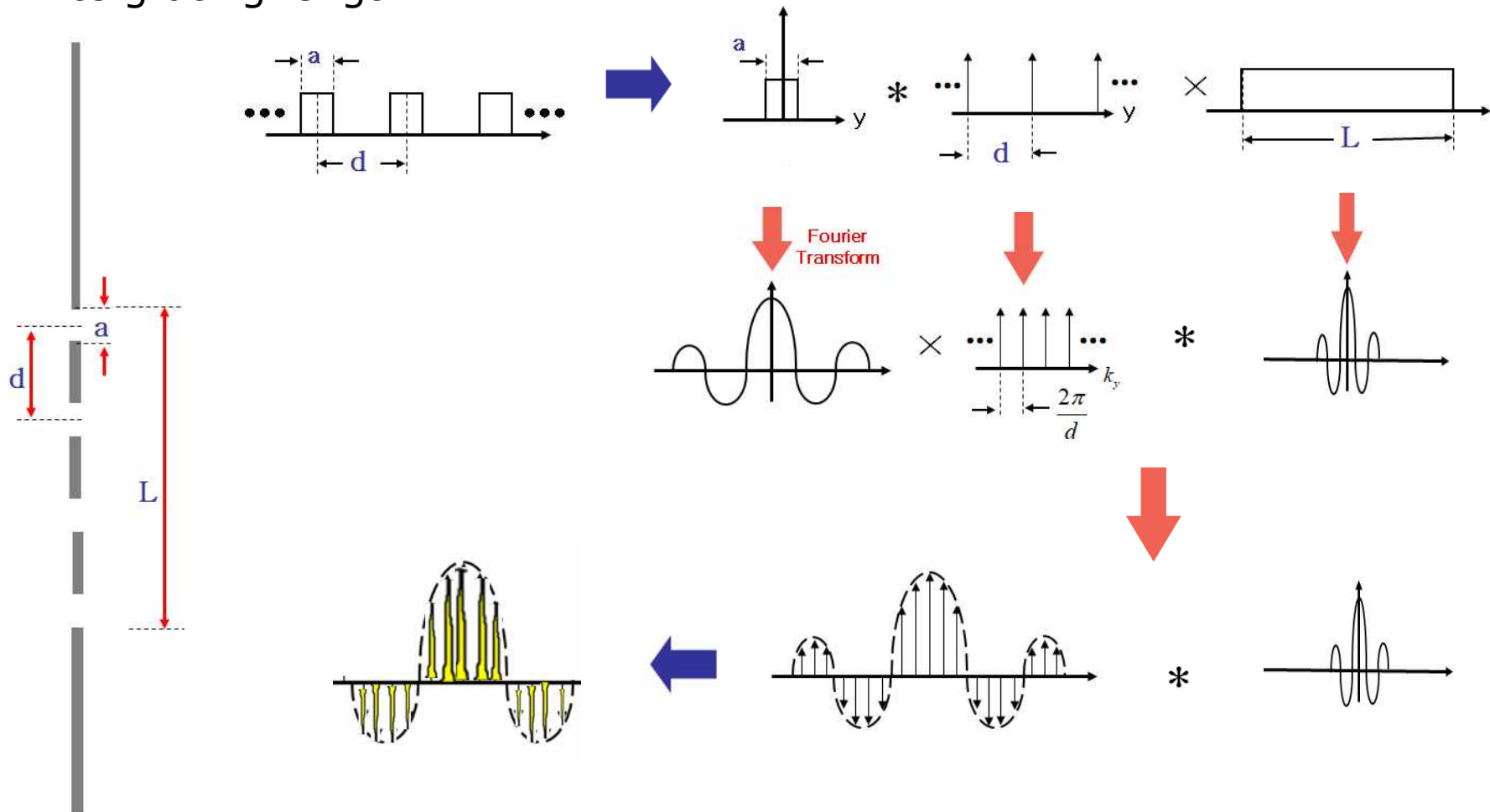


$$d \sin \theta = m \lambda$$

Width for each diffracted beam?

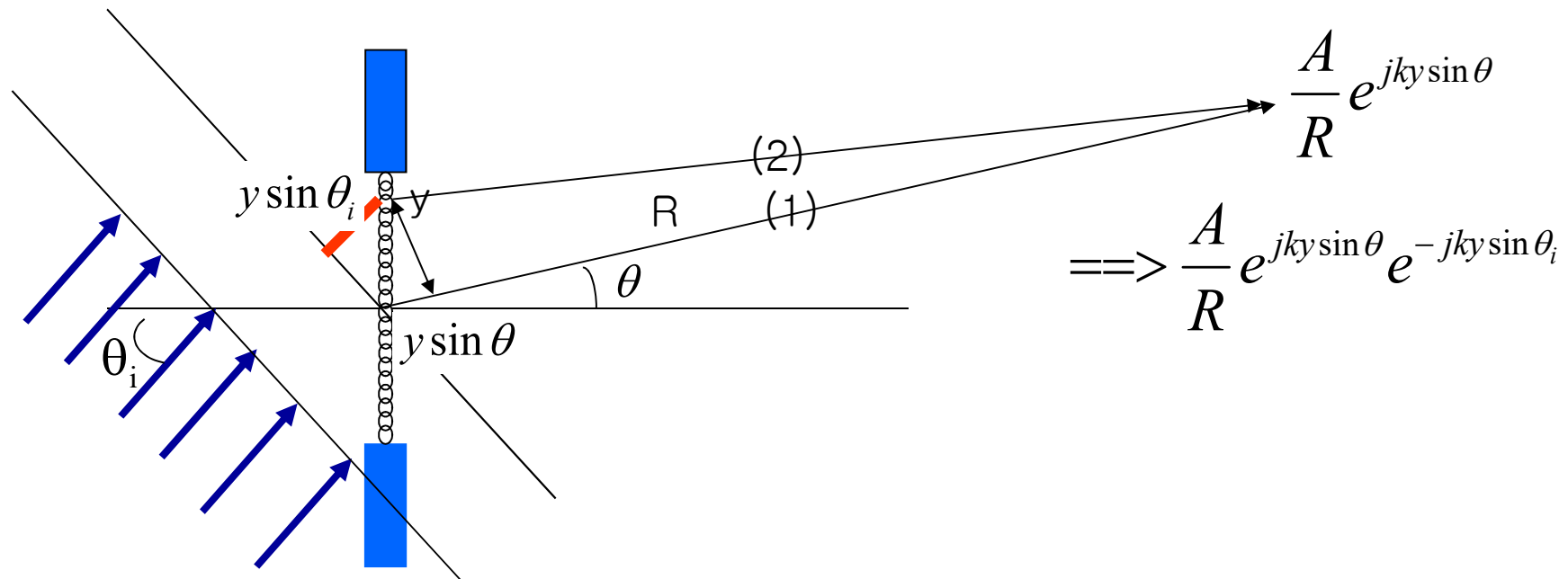
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Finite grating length



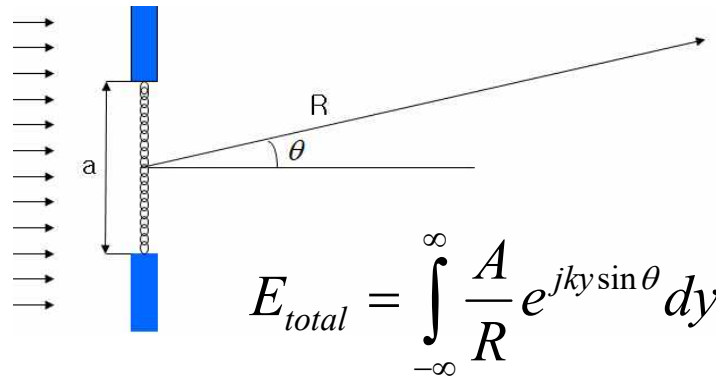
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Input with tilted angle



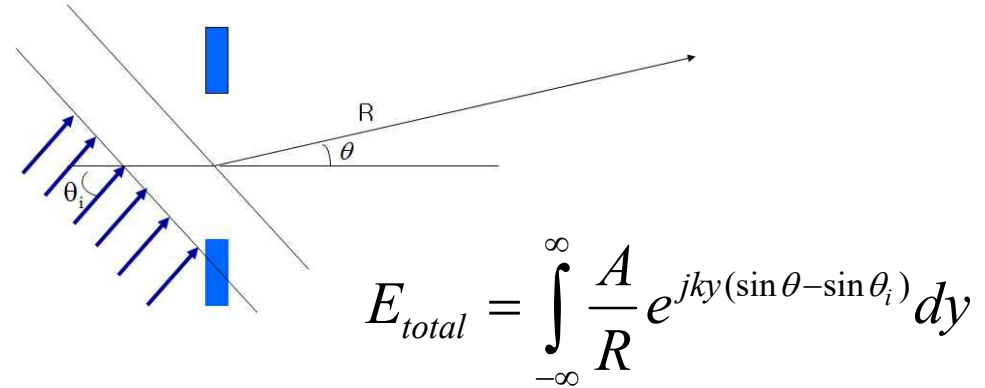
$$E_{total} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{A}{R} e^{jky \sin \theta} dy \quad \Rightarrow \quad E_{total} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{A}{R} e^{jky(\sin \theta - \sin \theta_i)} dy$$

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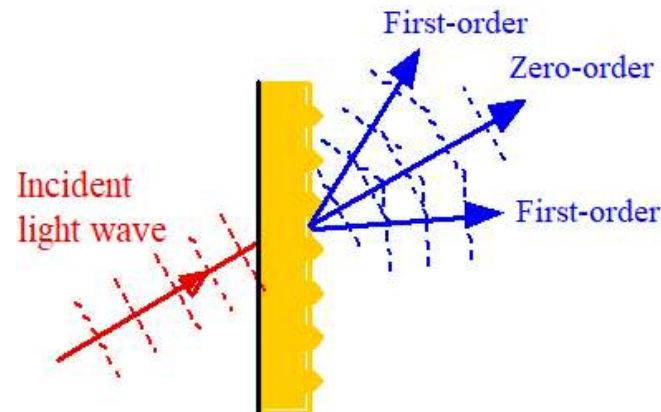
Normal Incidence on Grating

$$d \sin \theta = m \lambda$$



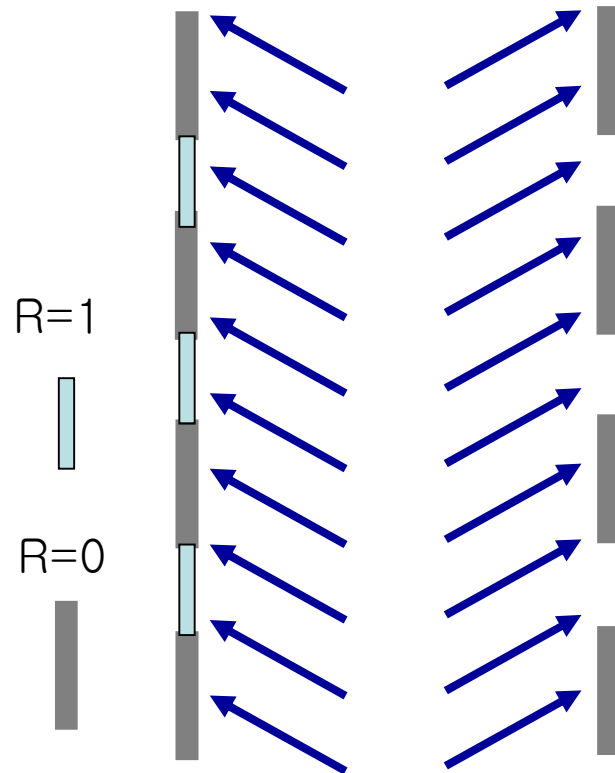
Tilted incidence on Grating

$$d(\sin \theta - \sin \theta_i) = m \cdot \lambda$$



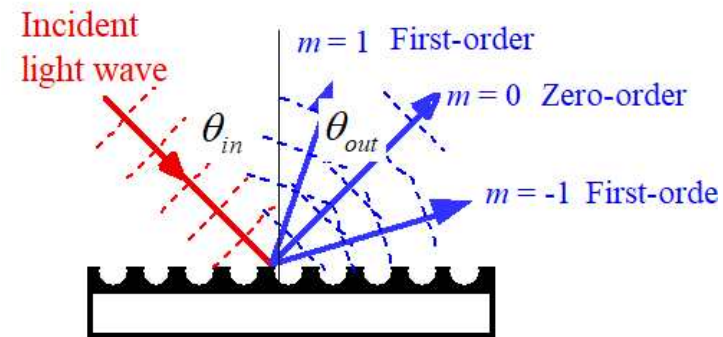
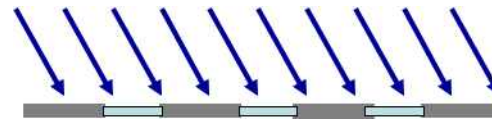
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Reflection-type grating



Same diffraction equation

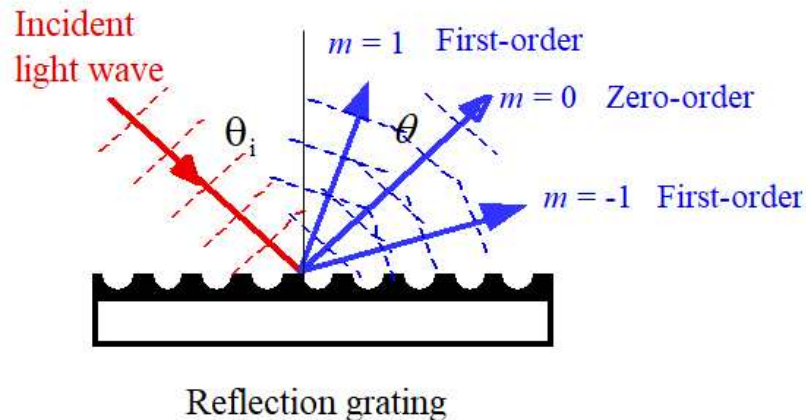
$$d (\sin \theta - \sin \theta_i) = m \cdot \lambda$$



Reflection grating

Grating realized with periodic shaping of reflection surface

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$$d (\sin \theta_{out} - \sin \theta_{in}) = m \cdot \lambda$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (\sin \theta_{out} - \sin \theta_{in}) = m \cdot \frac{2\pi}{d}$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \sin \theta_{out} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \sin \theta_{in} + m \cdot \frac{2\pi}{d}$$

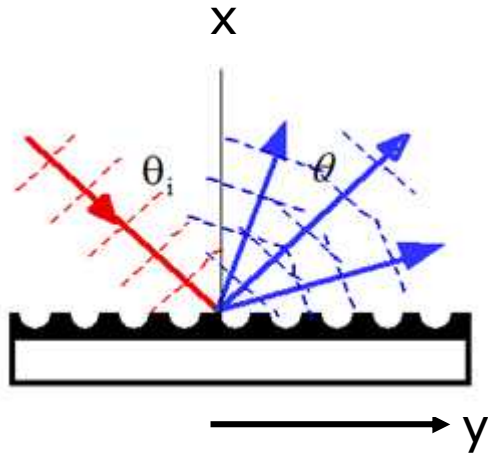
K-vector perspective?

$$k_{y,out} = k_{y,in} + m \cdot \frac{2\pi}{d}$$

Grating shifts  $k_{y,in}$  by integer multiples of  $2\pi/d$



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$$k_{y,out} = k_{y,in} + m \cdot \frac{2\pi}{d}$$

Grating imposes BC on the incident wave

$$E_r(x=0, y) = E_{in}(x=0, y) \times f(y)$$

$$f(y) = \sum_m a_m \exp(jm \frac{2\pi}{d} y)$$

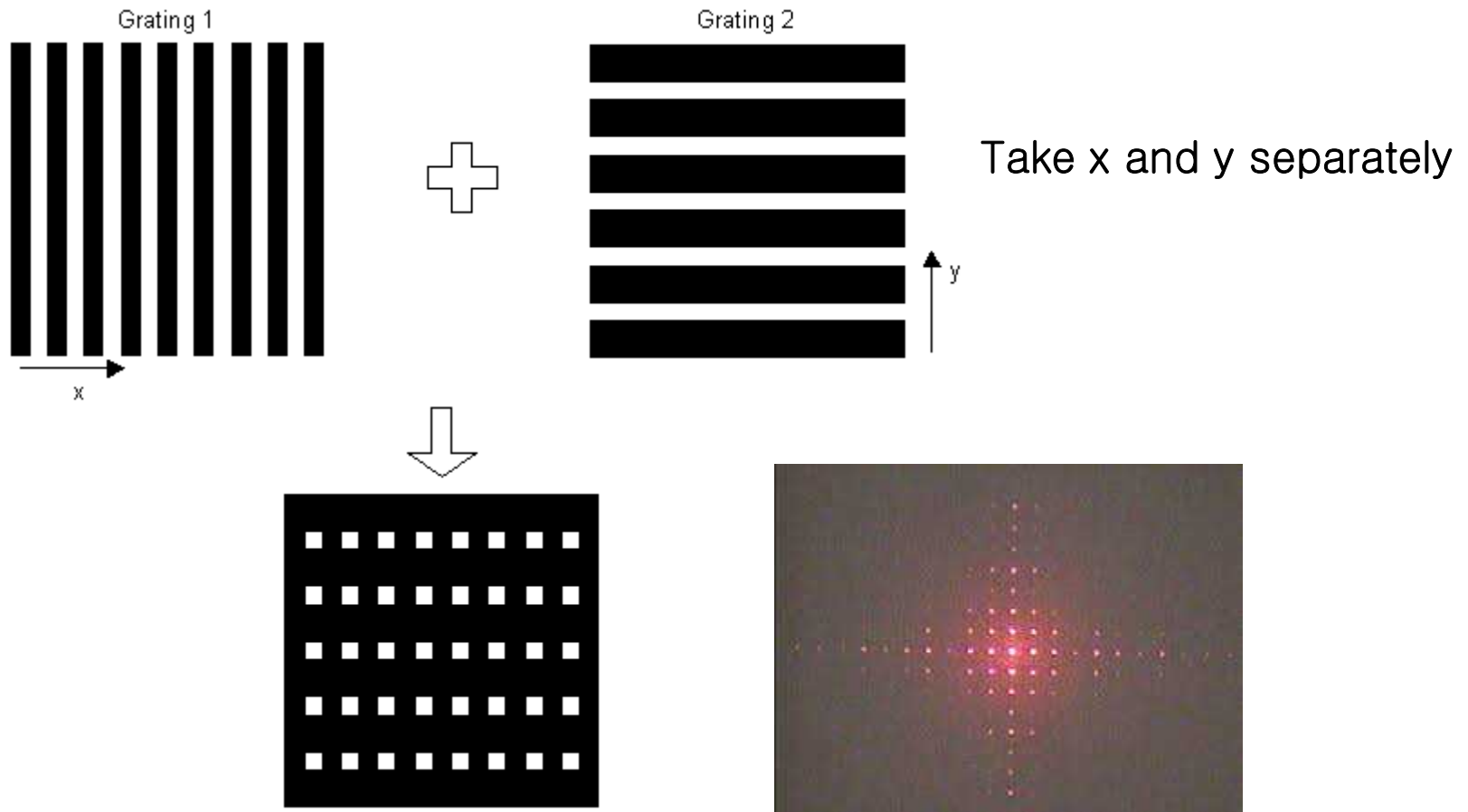
Far-Field Diffraction: F.T. of  $E_{in}(x=0, y) \times f(y)$

$$E(k_y)_{out} = E(k_y)_{in} * \dots \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ \hline \dots \\ \rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{d} \leftarrow \\ \hline \end{array} \dots k_y$$

Spatial modulation  $\longleftrightarrow$  Sidebands formation

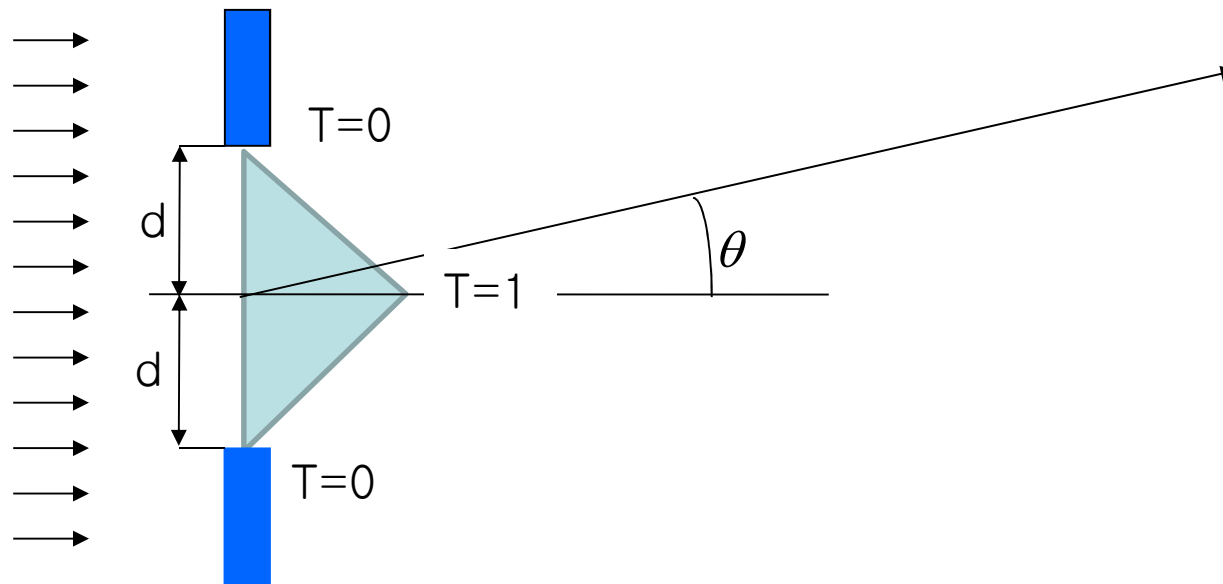
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## 2-D Diffraction Grating



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Homework(1): Determine the far-field diffraction intensity when light passes through an opening in which the amount of transmission linearly varies from  $T=1$  in the middle to 0 at top and bottom edges.

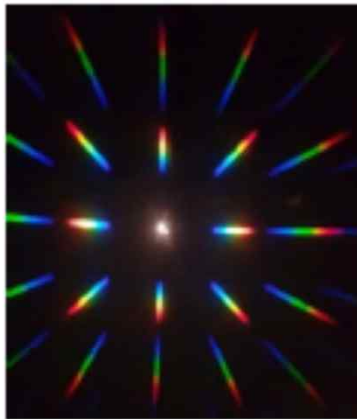


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## Homework (2)

The following figure shows the moon looked through a two-dimensional diffraction grating. The grating period in both x-direction and y-direction is  $d$ .



- (a) Why are there discrete bands of diffracted light?
- (b) Why is the red further away from the image of the moon in the center than the blue within the same band?
- (c) Explain how you can estimate the distance between the grating and the observation plane from above figure. Use  $d$ , the grating period, and  $x$ , the distance between the center and a point of a particular color whose wavelength is  $\lambda$ .