

# Physical bases of dental material science

Methodes of structure analysis  
(Chapter 8.)

Why is it important?

The macroscopic and microscopic structure strongly determines the physical, chemical and the biological properties and behaviour of materials.



in order to proper application we should know the structure

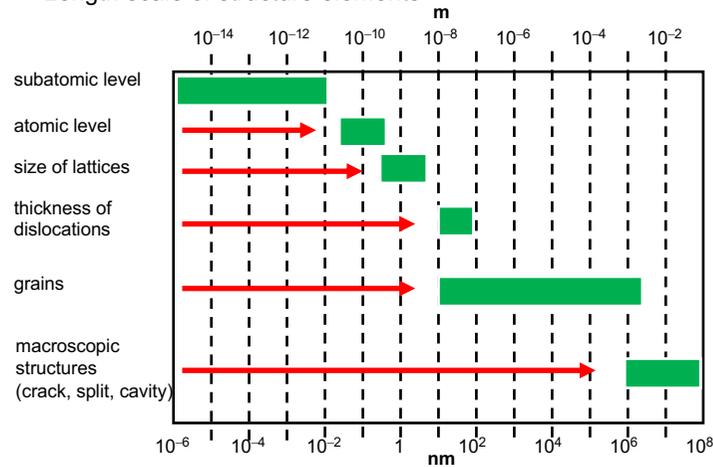
The materials can fail: fatigue, fracture, rupture, thermal shock, wearing, buckling → we have to recognize it

To improve our knowledge to develop the properties of materials

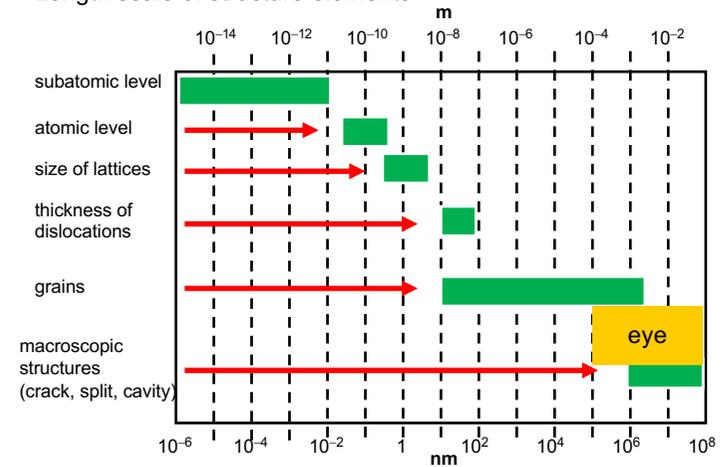


we have to analyse the structure

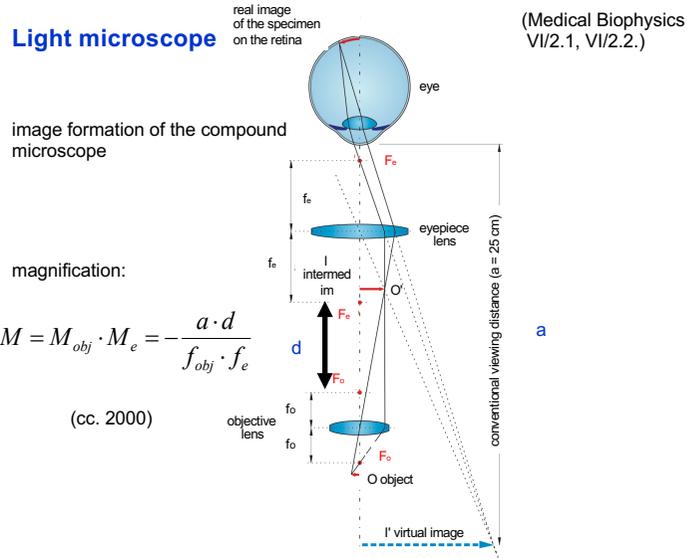
Length scale of structure elements



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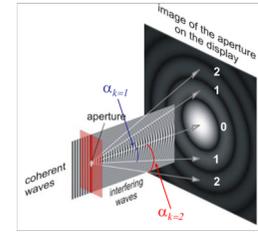
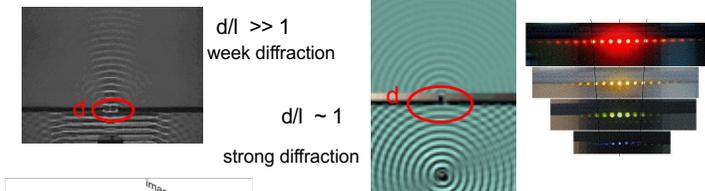


How can we see the smaller details?



**Diffraction (Huygens principle)** (Medical Biophysics II/1.4, - II/1.6.)

Every point of a wave front may be considered the source of secondary wavelets that spread out in all directions with a speed equal to the speed of propagation of the wave



$$d \cdot \sin \alpha = k \cdot \lambda$$

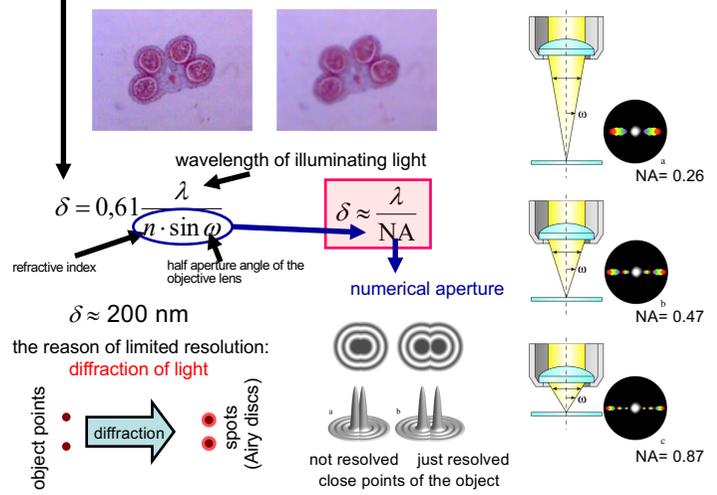
$k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$  (integer)

Conditions of constructive and destructive interference

constructive interference:  $\Delta s = k \cdot \lambda$

destructive interference:  $\Delta s = (1+k/2) \cdot \lambda$

the smallest distance resolved with a microscope



**Metal microscope (for samples that are not transparent)**

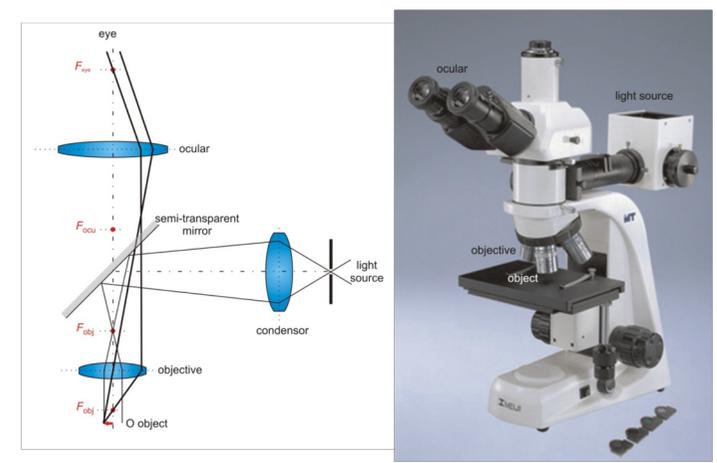
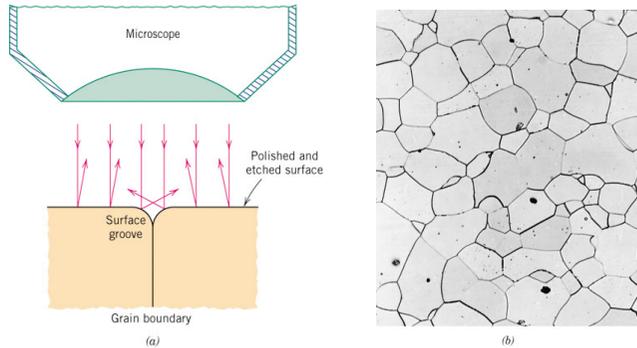
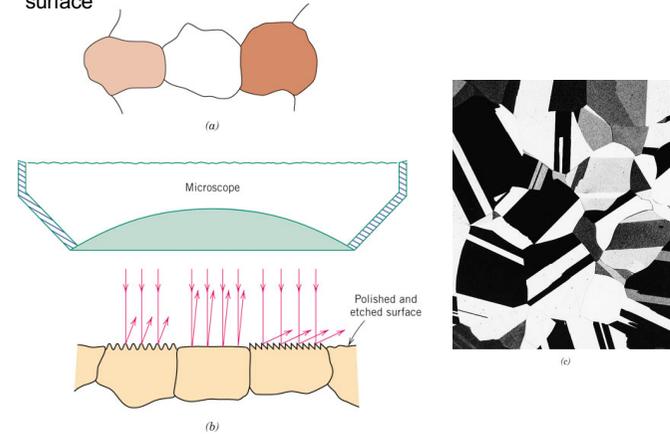


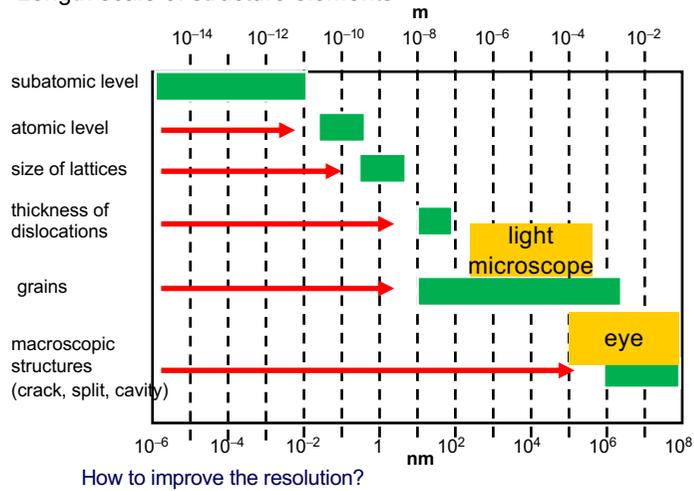
Image formation of a light microscope from a polished reflecting surface



The microscopic image of a partly polished reflecting surface



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**Electron microscope**

(textbook ch. X/5.)

Theoretical bases of electron microscope

memo: the resolution depends on the wavelength!

$$\delta \approx \frac{\lambda}{NA}$$

Does the electron have wave character?

de Broglie's idea:  $\lambda = \frac{h}{m \cdot v} = \frac{h}{p}$  (1923)

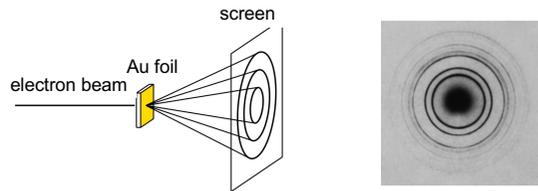
Planck constant ( $6.63 \times 10^{-34}$  Js)

momentum of the electron

The wave nature and a certain wavelength have to be associated to every material mass!

The electron beam should have diffraction!

Experimental verification: Davisson and Germer (1927)



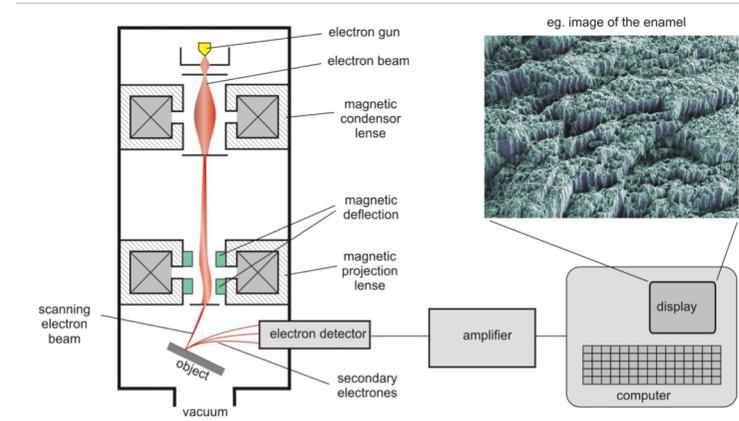
How small is the limit of resolution?

$$\lambda \approx 0,005 \text{ nm}$$

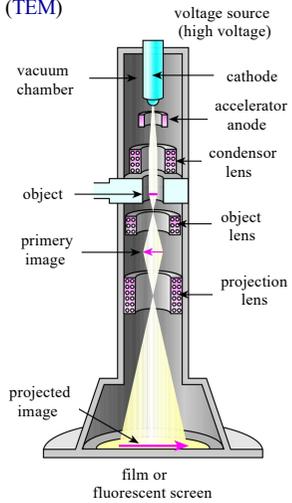
$$NA \approx 0,03 \quad \rightarrow \quad \delta \approx 0,2 \text{ nm}$$

opens up the possibility of imaging sub-cellular details

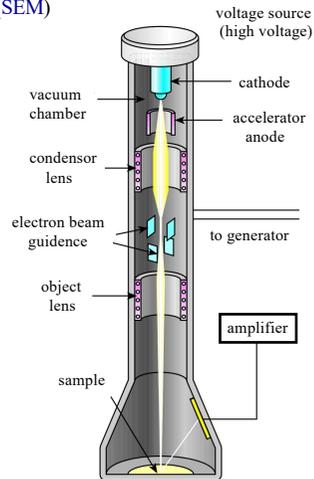
How is it operating?



Transmission electron microscope (TEM)



Scanning electron microscope (SEM)



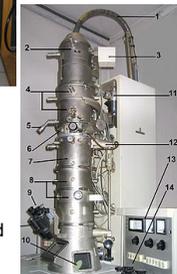
SEM in a Geological Survey



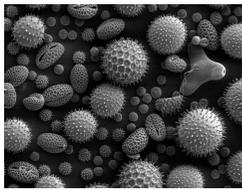
SEM opened sample chamber



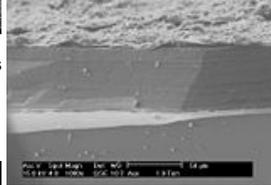
The first TEM (now on display at Deutsches Museum in Munich, Germany)



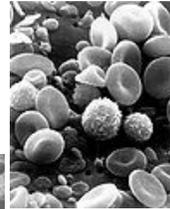
TEM applied nowadays



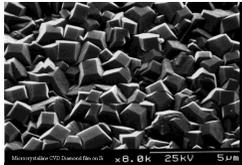
SEM image of pollen grains



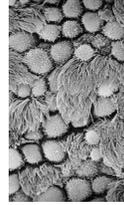
SEM image of corrosion layer on the surface of an ancient glass fragment



SEM image of normal circulating human blood



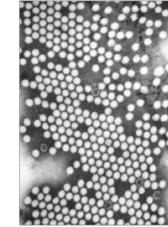
SEM image of microcrystalline diamond film on Si



SEM image of trachea epithelium



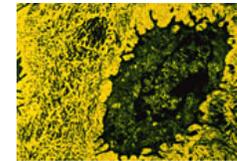
TEM image of heart muscle



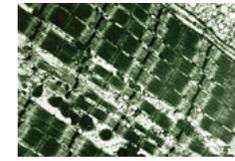
TEM image of polio virus



TEM image of collagen fiber

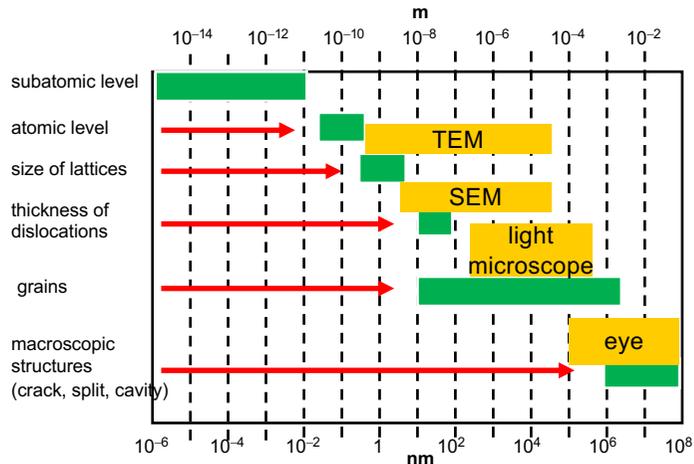


TEM image of bone cells



TEM image of skeletal muscle

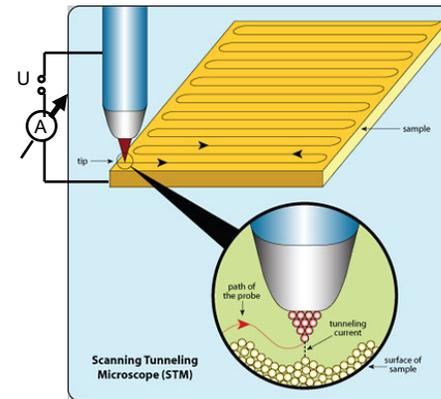
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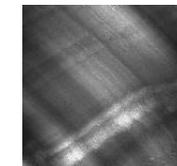
How to analyse the atomic and subatomic level?

Scanning tunneling microscope (STM)

exploits the tunneling effect of electrons between two conducting surfaces (it can be used only for electrically conducting materials)



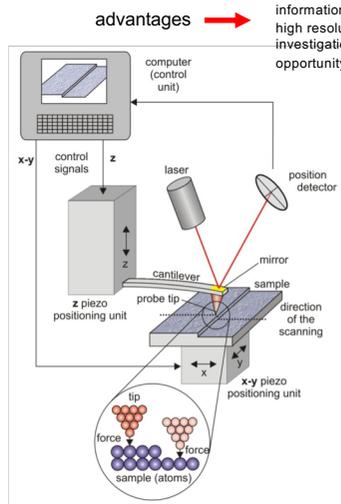
organic semiconductor monolayer on graphite



collagen

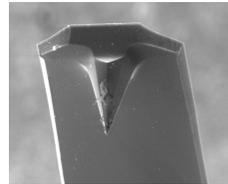
Atomic force microscope (AFM)

(Medical Biophysics X/2.)



advantages →

- information of surface topography of the sample
- high resolution examination of various surface structures
- investigation of structures under the plasma membrane of cell
- opportunity to measure close to physiological conditions



the tip of the cantilever

the measured parameter is the force between the tip and the sample

(Piezoelectricity)

(Medical Biophysics VIII/4.2.1)

1880 P. and J. Curie (piesmos = pressure, compression)



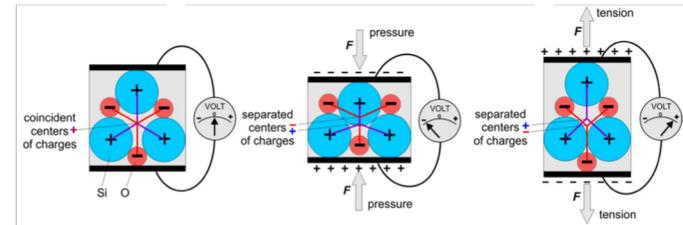
quartz crystal

Piezoelectric effect

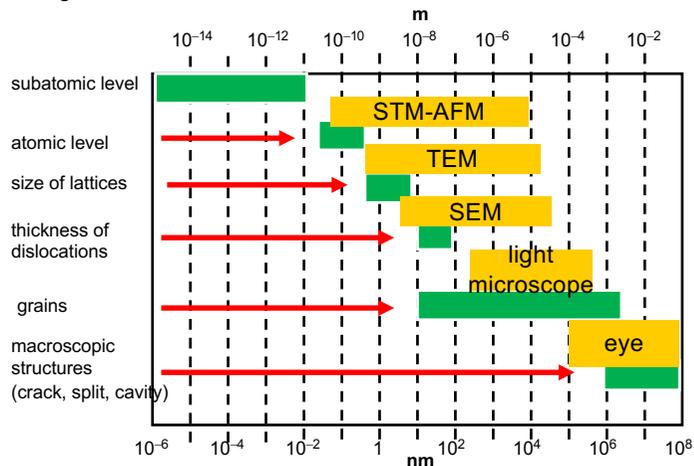
mechanical deformation (pressure) leads to charge separation

Inverse piezoelectric effect

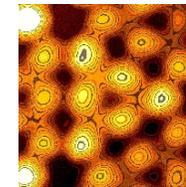
mechanical deformation of the crystal in the electric field



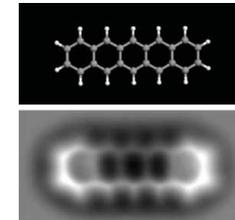
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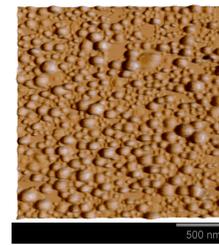
How to analyse the lower levels?



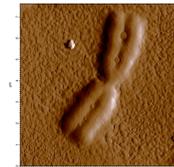
Si crystal (3\*3 nm)



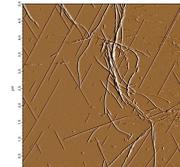
pentacene molecule



liposomes on mica surface

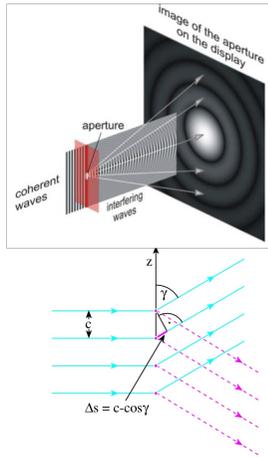


human chromosome



amyloid fibers

Diffraction methods

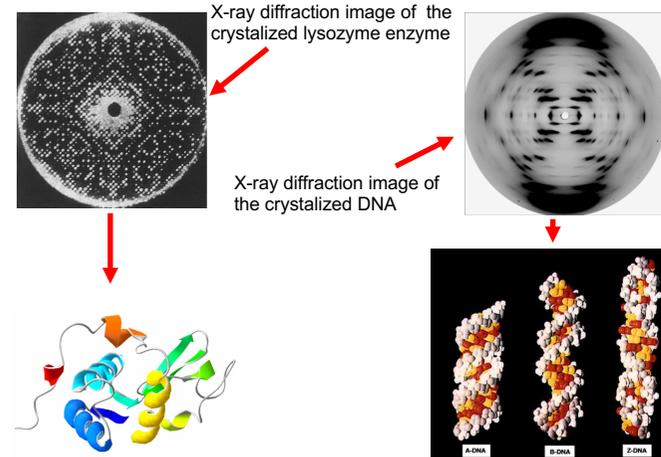


diffraction of X ray on a one dimensional crystal

(Medical Biophysics X/6.)

$$d \cdot \sin \alpha = k \cdot \lambda$$

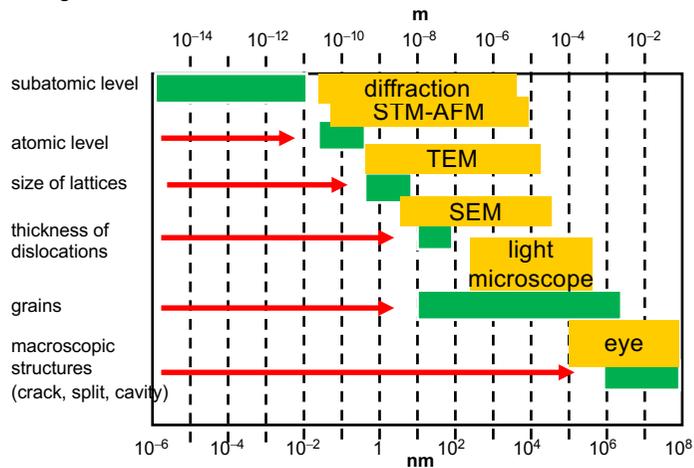
- neutron diffraction ( $\lambda \sim 0.1 \text{ nm}$ )
- X-ray diffraction ( $\lambda \sim 0.01\text{-}01 \text{ nm}$ )
- electron diffraction ( $\lambda \sim 0.01 \text{ nm}$ )



the molecular structure of lysozyme enzyme based on the X-ray diffraction

the molecular structures of DNA base on the X-ray diffraction

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How to go deeper???

Summary of structure analysis

- eye
- microscopy
  - light
  - electron (TEM, SEM)
  - surface scanning (STM, AFM)
- diffraction methods
  - neutron
  - X - ray
  - electron
- spectroscopic methods
  - absorption (UV, VIS, IR)
  - emission (fluorescence, phosphorescence, X-ray fluorescence)
  - Raman
  - magnetic resonance (NMR, ESR)
  - CD spectroscopy

Calculate the limit of resolution of a microscope, if the wavelength of the illumination light is 515 nm, the half angle of the microscope is  $72^\circ$ ?

$$\delta = 0,61 \frac{\lambda}{n \cdot \sin \omega}$$

$$\delta = 0,61 \frac{515}{1 \cdot \sin 72^\circ} = 330,4 \text{ nm}$$

How will this distance change, if we use a 1,54 refractive index immersion oil instead of the air?

$$\delta = 0,61 \frac{515}{1,54 \cdot \sin 72^\circ} = 214,5 \text{ nm}$$

Calculate the limit of resolution of an electron microscope, if the wavelength of the electron beam is 0,01 nm, and the numerical aperture of the microscope is 0,02?

$$\delta = \frac{\lambda}{NA} = \frac{0,01}{0,02} = 0,5 \text{ nm}$$

Calculate the speed of the electrons in this microscope!

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{m \cdot v} = \frac{6,6 \cdot 10^{-34}}{9,1 \cdot 10^{-31} \cdot v} = 0,01 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ (m)}$$

$$v = 7,25 \cdot 10^7 \text{ (m/s)}$$

We examine the gold crystal structure with electron diffraction. The wavelength of the electron beam is 60 pm. The diffraction angle of the first order interference maximum is  $8.5^\circ$ . Calculate the distance between the gold atoms!

$$d = \frac{\lambda}{\sin \theta} = \frac{60}{\sin 8,5} = 75.1 \text{ pm}$$