

Diffraction patterns and polarization

- Introduction to diffraction patterns
- Diffraction patterns from narrow slits
- Resolution of single-slit and circular apertures
- The diffraction grating
- Diffraction of x-rays by crystals
- Polarization of light waves

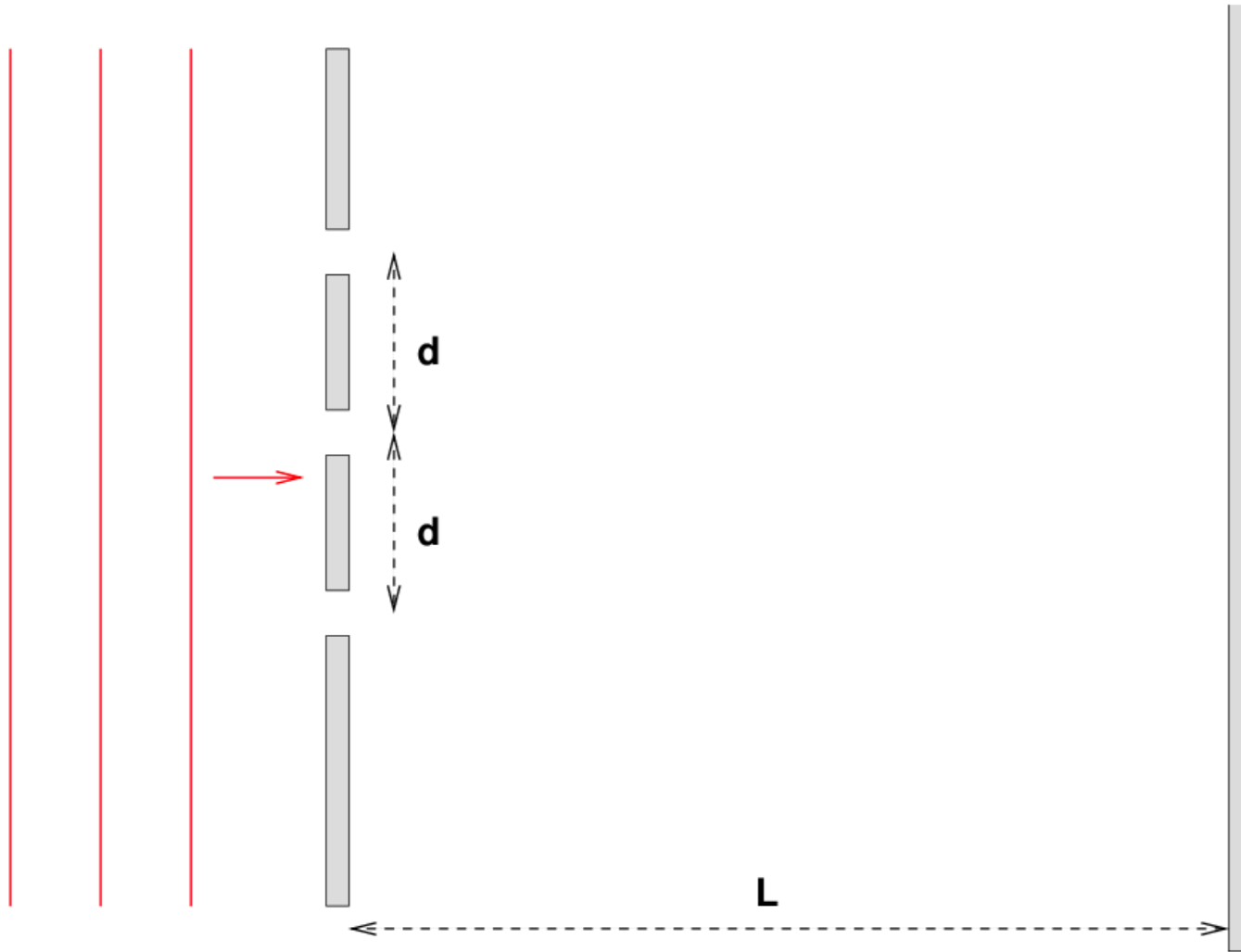


Phat Srimanobhas (phat.s@cern.ch)

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/Main/PhatSrimanobhasTeaching>

Interference from 3 slits

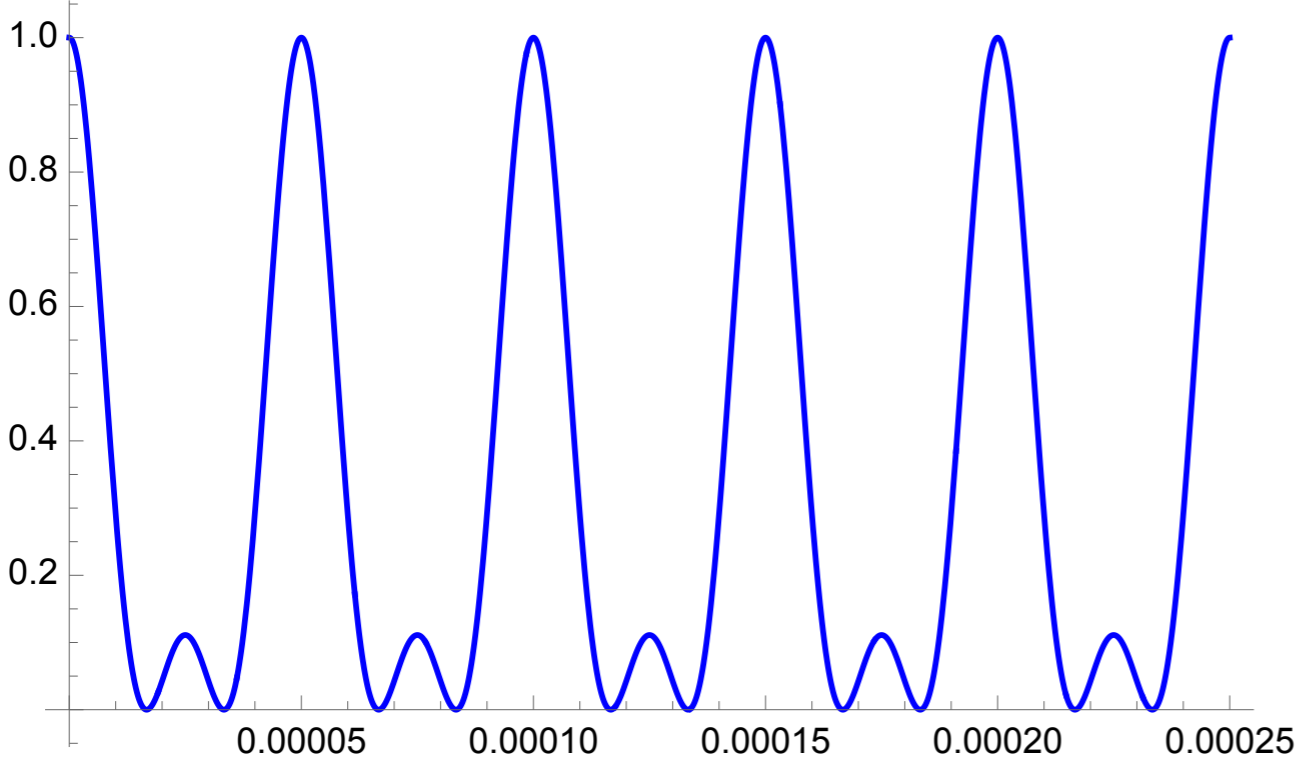
Suppose a monochromatic coherent source of light passes through three parallel slits. Calculate the intensity, visualize it, and find the condition for maxima in the interference pattern.



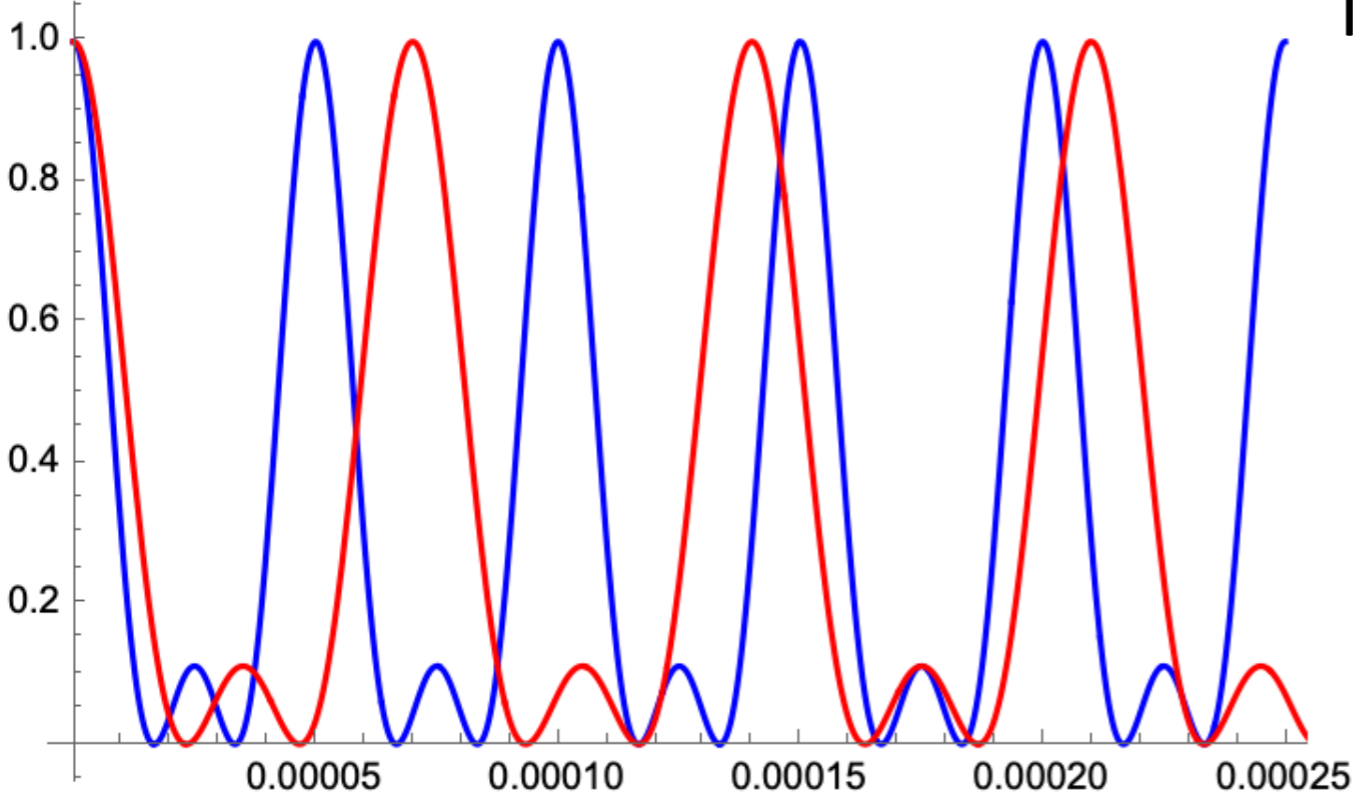
Condition for maxima in the interference pattern:

Interference from 3 slits

Consider minima:

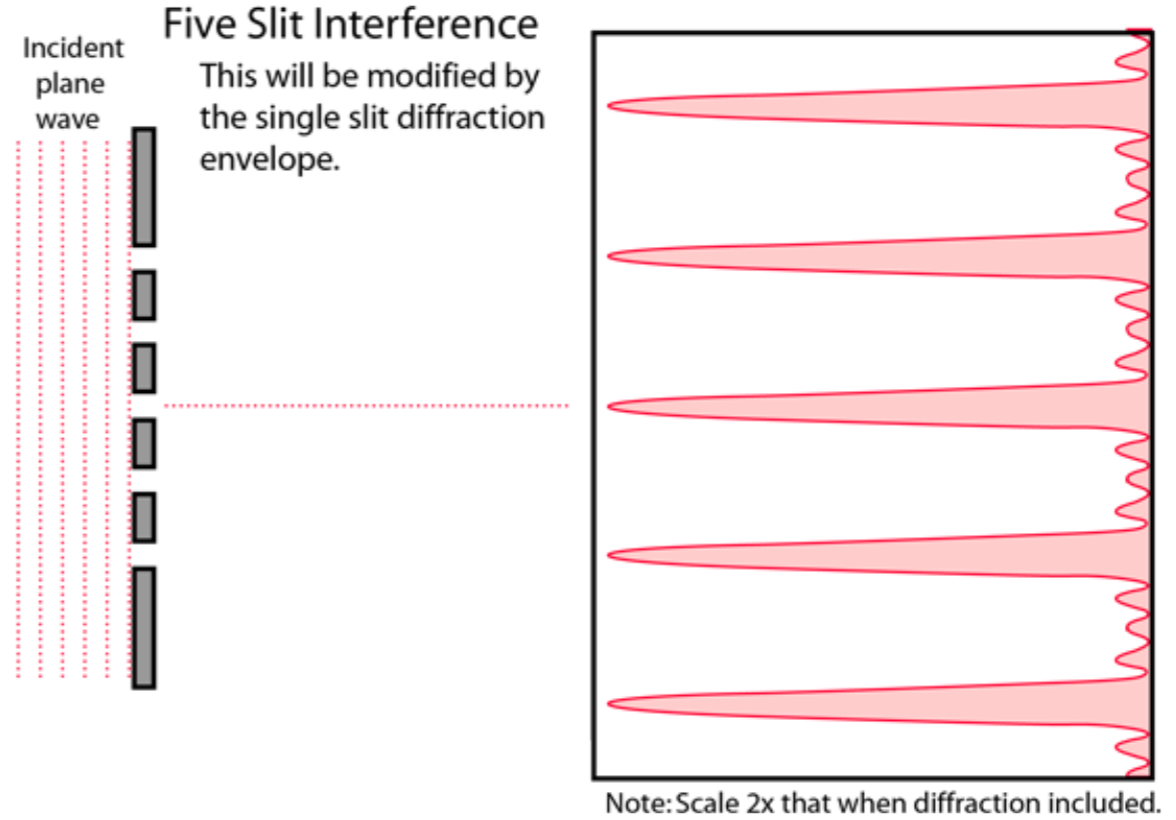
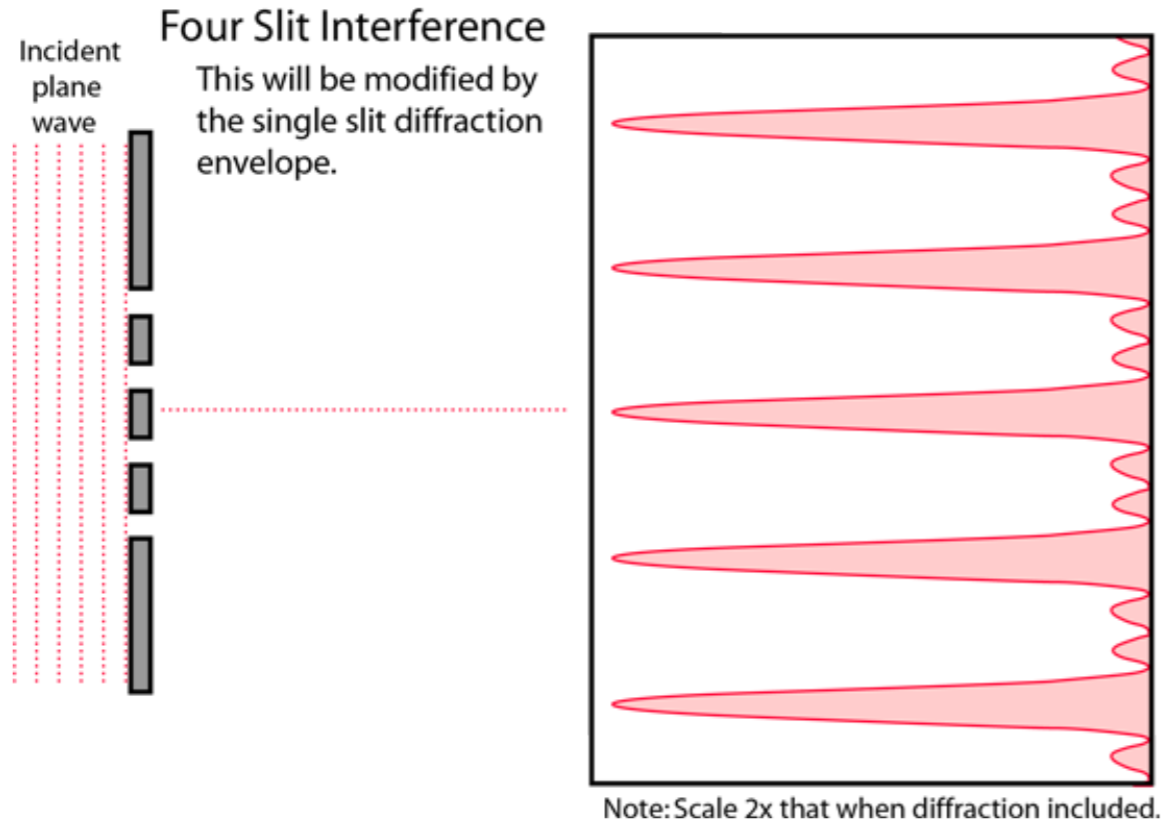
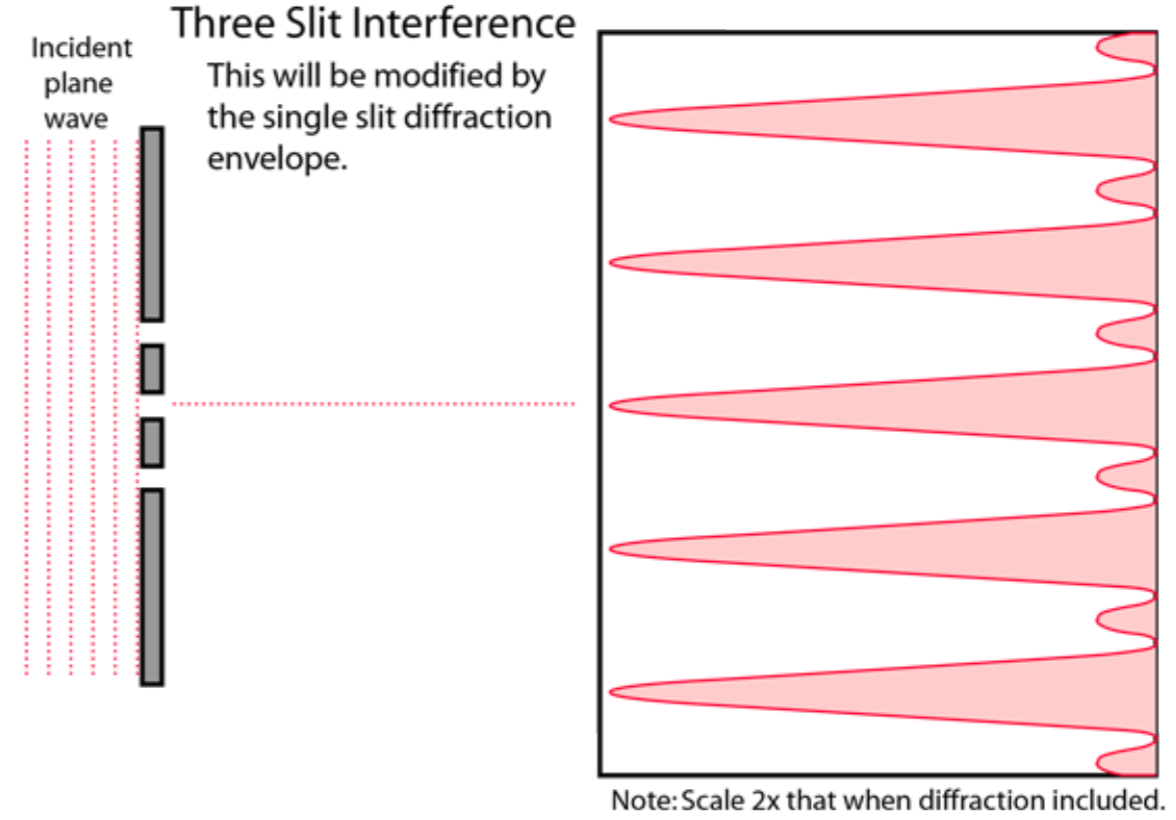
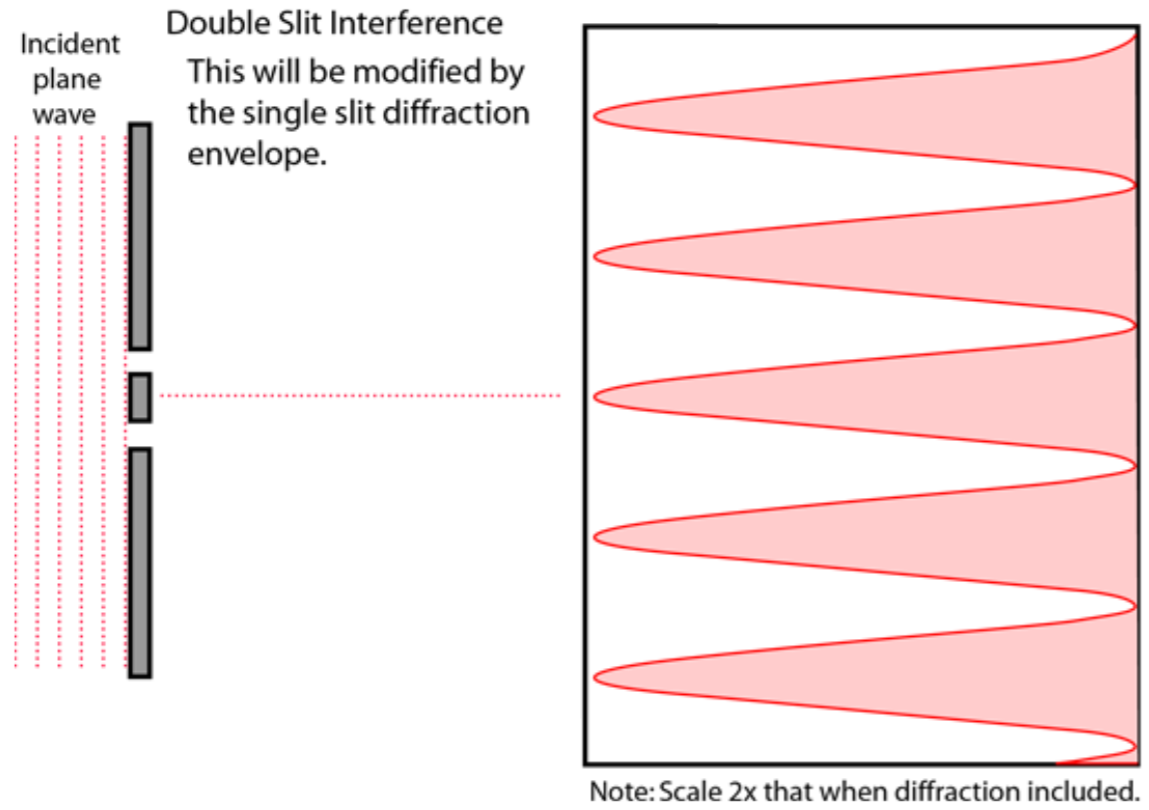


Mix wavelengths:



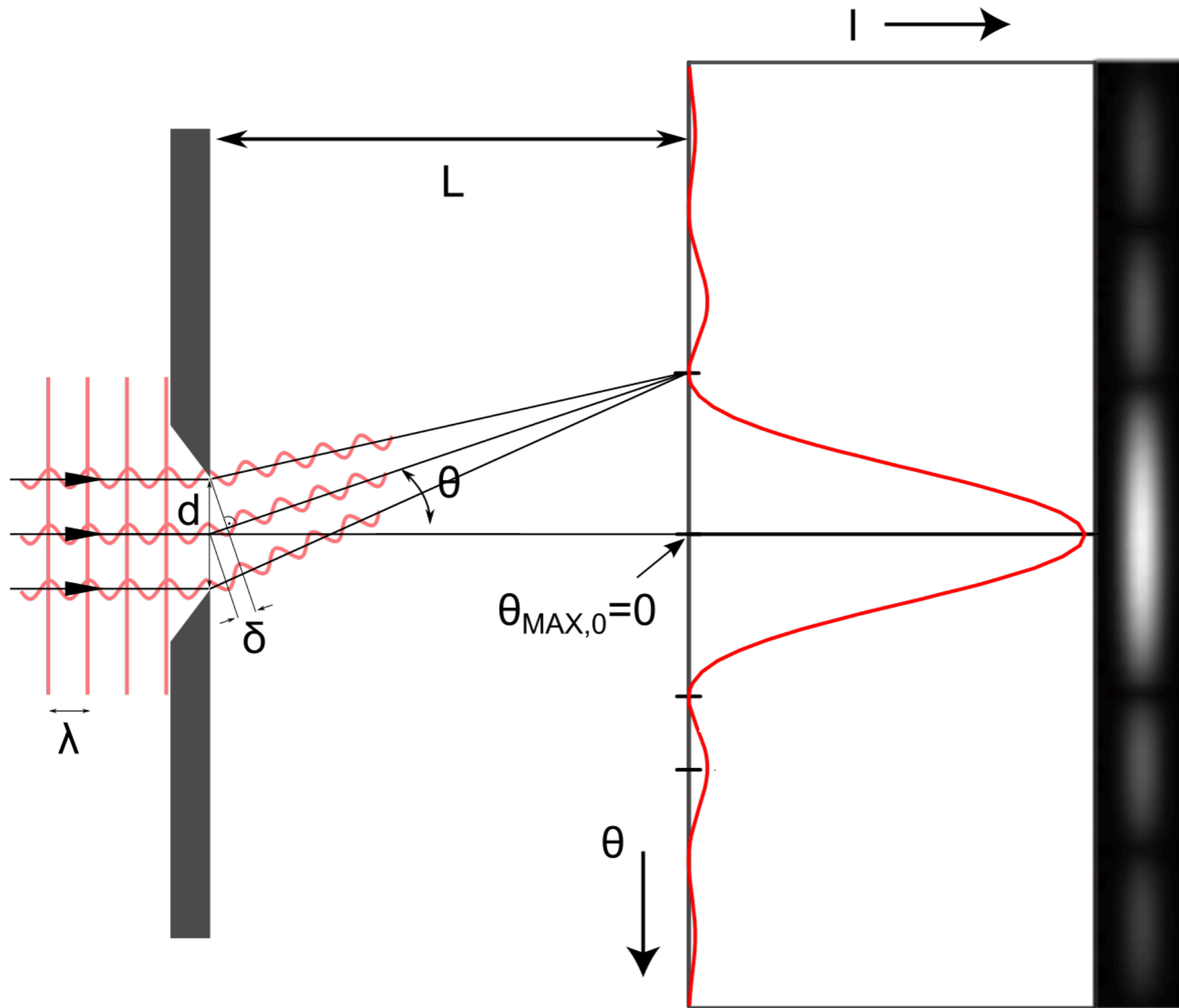
Interference from N slits

Interference from N slits



Grating and diffraction

A single-slit diffraction



General condition for destructive interference:

Intensity of single-slit diffraction

Intensity of two-slit diffraction patterns

