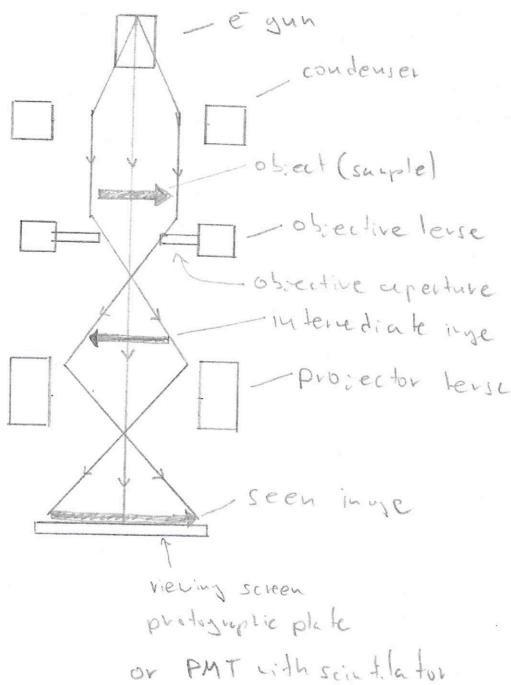


## Electron microscopes

- microscopy limited to resolution of  $\frac{1}{2}\lambda$  so light  $\rightarrow$  UV  $\rightarrow e^-$
- advantages - charged  $\therefore$  easy to accelerate + focus using EM fields
  - their  $\lambda$  is inversely proportional to their momentum  $\lambda \propto \frac{1}{p}$   
so the more they are accelerated the smaller the  $\lambda$
- Electron optics
  - non-relativistic wavelength:  $\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2mT}}$  where  $T = kE$
  - relativistic wavelength:  $p \approx \frac{E}{c}$   $\lambda = \frac{hc}{E}$   $E$  = total energy
- use relativistic equation if  $v > 10\%$  of  $c$  so accelerated by about 2500V so  $\lambda \approx 2.5 \times 10^{-11} m$
- Electrostatic focusing
  - $e^-$  beams focused as they pass through a pair of cylindrical anodes held at different potentials. the paths "refract" towards the field line,
- Magnetic focusing - can be used as well
- although  $e^-$  have shorter  $\lambda$  the magnetic lenses can't have a large aperture to eliminate spherical aberration (range of focal points for different  $\lambda$  of  $e^-$ ). Also bombarding object with  $e^-$  can damage it and it needs to be deposited with conductive material - magnetron sputtering



## - Types of e<sup>-</sup> microscopes

### ↳ Scanning e<sup>-</sup> microscope - SEM

↳ used for forming 3D images of surface, tightly focused e<sup>-</sup> beam scans the surface. scattered + secondary ejected e<sup>-</sup> are captured and produce I. Mag  $\approx 100,000$

### ↳ Transmission e<sup>-</sup> microscope - TEM

↳ unlike SEM a wide beam of e<sup>-</sup> passes (transmitted) through sample and e<sup>-</sup> hit screen on the other side producing an image only thin samples can be used but Mag  $\approx 1$  million

### ↳ Scanning tunneling e<sup>-</sup> microscope - STM

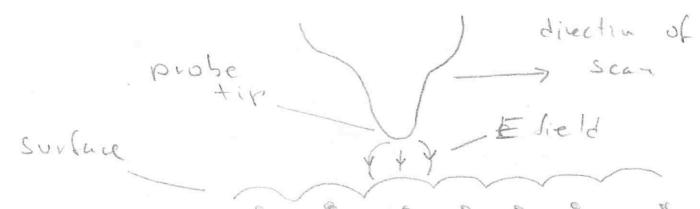
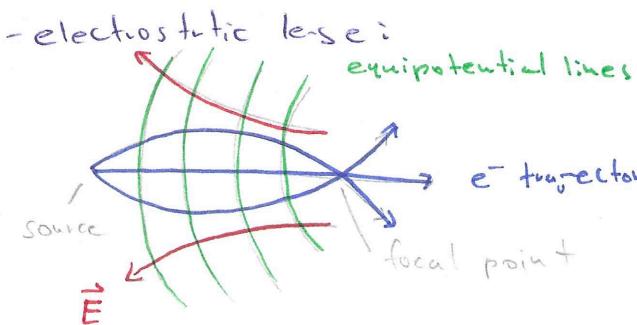
↳ uses quantum tunneling and can be used to resolve individual atoms on the surface.

↳ very fine needle with tip as small as 1 atom is held a fraction of a nanometre above surface and scanned across it. Small voltage is then able to tunnel across the gap. As tip moves closer the I ↑ so 3D image of surface is constructed

### ↳ Atomic force microscope (AFM)

↳ similar principle to STM but now repulsive force between surface + tip of probe is monitored. Again a 3D map of surface can be constructed

## - AFM and STM can be used to pick up + move individual atoms



## - magnetic lens:

