

Phys 5B:

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- $E_{\parallel} = E_0 \cos \Theta \Rightarrow I \sim E_{\parallel}^2 \Rightarrow I = I_0 \cos^2 \Theta$

- Polarized by reflection Brewster's angle

- Resolution is limited because of diffraction

the minimum occurs occurs for $\Theta = \frac{1.22\lambda}{D}$

Rayleigh's criterion for resolving images central maxima must be at least as far apart as the distance to minima

- Example:

Spy satellite 36,000km high has lens diameter .5m. What resolution does satellite have??

$$l\Theta = \frac{1.22\lambda l}{d} = \frac{1.22(550\text{nm}) 36\text{Mm}}{.5\text{m}} = 44\text{m}$$

- Telescopes: requires D apertures from small Θ D=1m (refractor) to 30m TMT

star is 16 ly away are barely resolved by our telescope that is 66cm reflector! How far apart are the stars??

$$l\Theta = \frac{1.22\lambda l}{D} = \frac{1.22(550\text{nm})}{.66\text{m}} 16\text{ly} \approx 1.6 \times 10^{11}\text{m}$$