

Start with  
ALS BL8.0.1  
Optical Layout

Study grating lengths &  
aberrations. Determine length  
that is optimum for image  
quality (4 cm)

Confirm that  
 $r = 35$  cm fully illuminates  
4 cm long gratings with typical  
entrance slit widths

Determine number of gratings  
& target energy to optimize  
grating each to

Establish line density ( $N$ )  
and incidence angle ( $\alpha$ )  
for each grating  
from experience / best guess

Calculate grating radii ( $R$ )  
to satisfy Rowland circle  
condition:  $r = R \cos(\alpha)$

Calculate focal length range  
( $r'(E)$ ) and total length  
( $r + r'$ ) for designated energy  
range of grating

Total  
length in  
spec?

no

yes

Select coating material &  
optimize blaze angle ( $\psi$ )  
for best diffraction efficiency

Calculate & analyze  
resolving power &  
diffraction efficiency

Design  
goals  
met?

no

yes

Finalize optimized values and  
adjust blaze angle ( $\psi$ ) for best  
overall diffraction efficiency  
coverage for range of each  
grating