

PROJECT ON ADVANCED MICROSCOPY

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MICROSCOPY

Microbiology is concerned with the study of microorganism. As microorganism are invisible to naked eye, certain tools are required to study microorganisms. A microscope therefore is the most important tool for microbiologist which enables one to see microorganism.

Antony van Leeuwenhoek was the first person to see microorganism, he made 250 microscopes during his life time which can produce 300-300 times larger image.

After Leeuwenhoek many scientist contributed & suggested different modification in microscope.

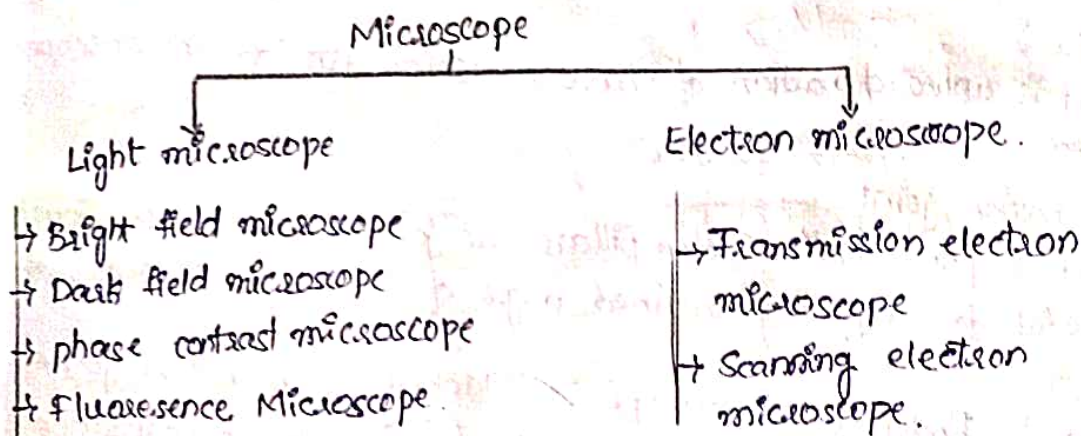
There are various types of microscopes. The

1) Simple microscope :-

The microscope having only one magnifying lense is called simple microscope. The microscope discovered by Leeuwenhoek is the example of simple microscope.

2) Compound microscope :-

The microscope having more than one magnifying lense is called compound microscope. The microscope which we use in lab is example of compound microscope.



Definition, principle, construction, working and use of compound

Bright field microscope :-

Definition :- Microscope is an optical device / instrument consisting of a series of lenses and used for magnification of the image of object.

The microscope having more than one magnifying lens called compound microscope and in this microscopy the micro field is brightly lighted hence also called as bright field microscope.

Principle :-

In compound microscope magnified image of object is first produced by objective lens and this image is further enlarged by second lens to give still more highly magnified image. The total magnification obtained by microscope is the magnification obtained by its objective lens multiplied by magnification obtained by eyepiece.

Total magnification of microscope = magnification obtained by objective lens \times magnification obtained by eyepiece.

Construction and working of microscope :-
Compound microscope is designed by using some mechanical and optical parts. Each part has its specific function.

1) Base or Foot :-

Foot or base supports to all parts of microscope. It is heavy so resist vibration. Foot has various shapes particularly horse shoe shaped is most common.

2) Pillar :-

It is upward portion of base at which arm of microscope is joined.

3) Inclination joint :-

It is point where two pillars are joined. Inclination joint is useful for adjusting inclined angle of microscope in favour of observer.

4) Arm :-

Body of microscope is attached to arm and joined through pillar. Arm is useful for lifting the microscope.

5) Coarse adjustment screw :-

It moves body tube up & down rapidly, so as to adjust the distance between the object and eye of observer.

6) Fine adjustment screw :-

It moves body-tube up & down very slowly & gives very accurate focusing of object.

Body tube :- The body tube supports objective lense at it's lower end and eyepiece at it's upper end.

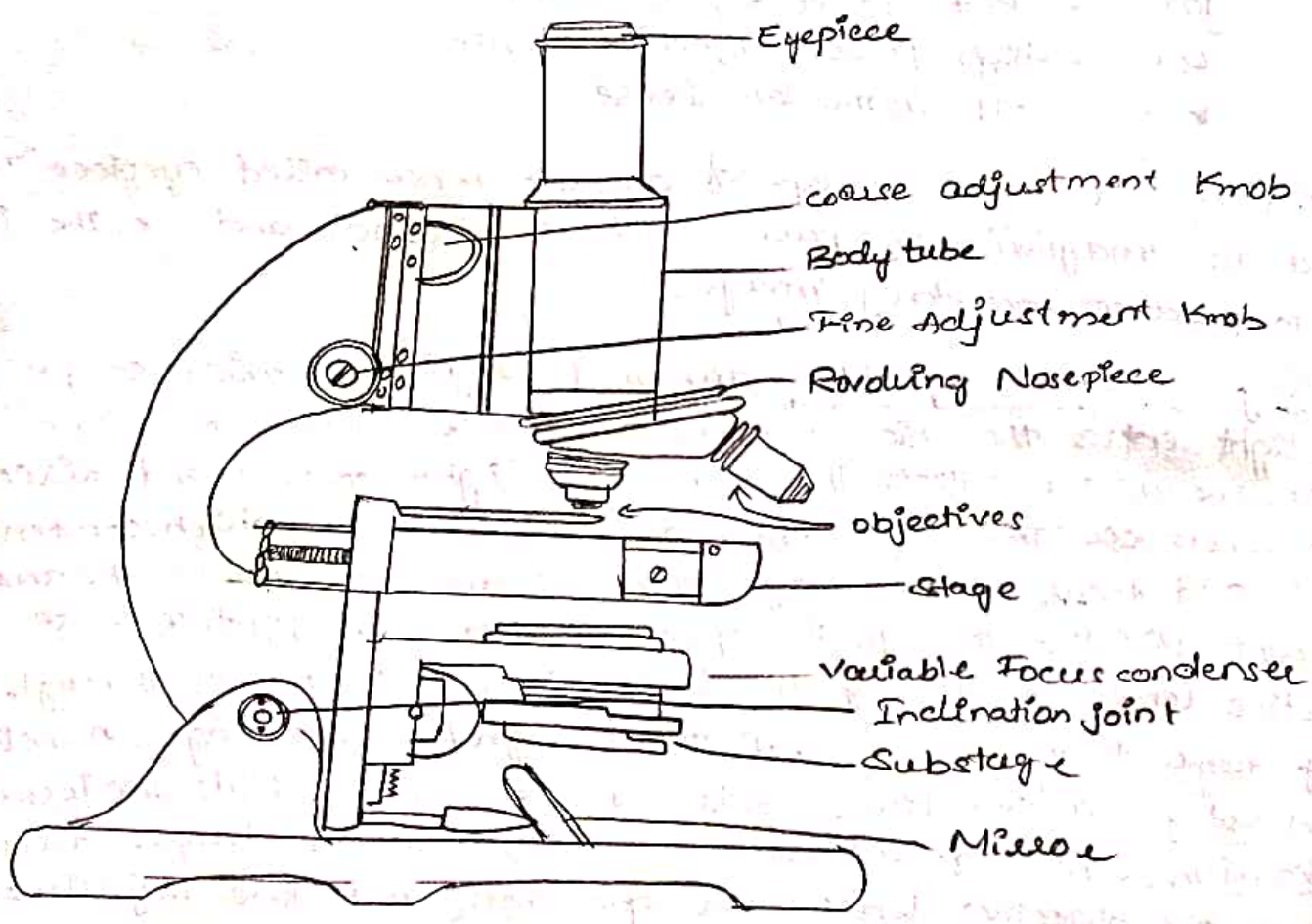
Draw tube :- Draw tube is attached to body tube. In draw tube eye piece at it's upper end. is placed loosely.

Revolving nose piece :- It holds various objective lenses to allow any of objective lense to being quickly into position.

Stage :- The object which is to be observe is placed on flat platform is called stage. The object is placed exactly below the objective lense. At the centre of stage, there is a hole for light to pass upward from mirror through condenser.

Mechanical stage :- It holds, slide & moves it along stage slowly & smoothly by rotation by two knobs for each direction.

Iris diaphragm :- It can be opened & closed by using a small projection as per the requirement of light. It controls rays of light passing through condenser & coming from mirror.



Compound microscope.

14) Condenser adjustment screw: It is used to adjust light of condenser along with iris diaphragm by moving up & down light is adjusted at point where image finds more clear.

B. Optical parts.

1) Mirror: Below the condenser & iris diaphragm mirror is adjust. It is circular & loosely mounted so that it can be turned at any direction.

It reflects light from light source to object through diaphragm and condenser. There is plane mirror & concave mirror placed on its back.

2) Condenser: - As name indicates, it condenses light into pencil shape cone & prevent escape of light rays. It also controls light in.

3) Objective lens: - As these lenses are present near the object it is called objective lens. It is of various magnification power such.

10x = low power objective lens

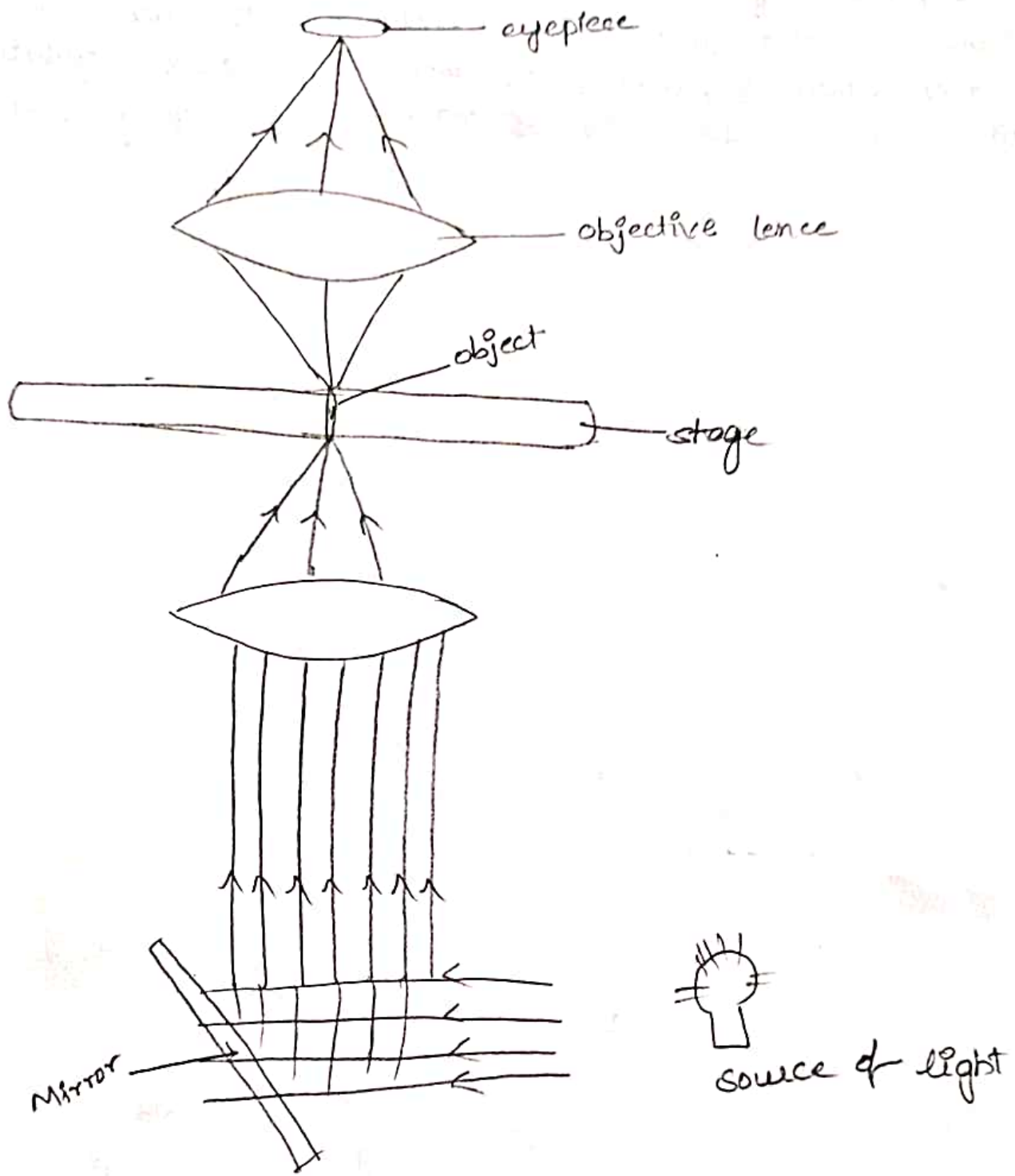
40x = High power objective lens

100x = oil immersion lens.

4) Eye piece: It is near the eye of observer hence called eyepiece. It is of various magnification power such as 5x, 10x and 15x. The function is to produce secondary image.

Working of microscope (Ray diagram of Bright field microscope)

Light enters the microscope from a source. Concave or plane mirror. The mirror collects the light from light sources and direct it to condenser. The light then goes to condenser which condense light and focus on the image. The iris diaphragm control the amount of light passing through the specimen and into objective lens. The objective lens magnifying the image before it passes through body tube to the eyepiece. Further magnifies the image. A mechanical stage allows pieces control of moving the slide. The focusing mechanism consist of a coarse adjustment which changes distance between the objective lens and specimen and fine adjustment changes the distance slowly. The coarse adjustment is used to locate the specimen, the fine adjustment is used to bring it in sharp focus of specimen.



Working of microscope Ray Diagram of microscope.

PHASE CONTRAST MICROSCOPE

Phase contrast microscopy is a method for controlling contrast in the image so that unstained living cells and cytological organelles within them become visible. In unstained preparation it is difficult to see organisms and its internal structure. This is because there is very little contrast in between object and surrounding field. This situation is almost like trying to see a fragment of ice in a glass of water.

Principle:

The objects having little difference in their refractive index could be made visible or more clear if this difference is enhanced by optical means. Enhancement of this difference to create a contrast is made by using phase shifting elements to change the phase of incident light rays.

Construction and working:

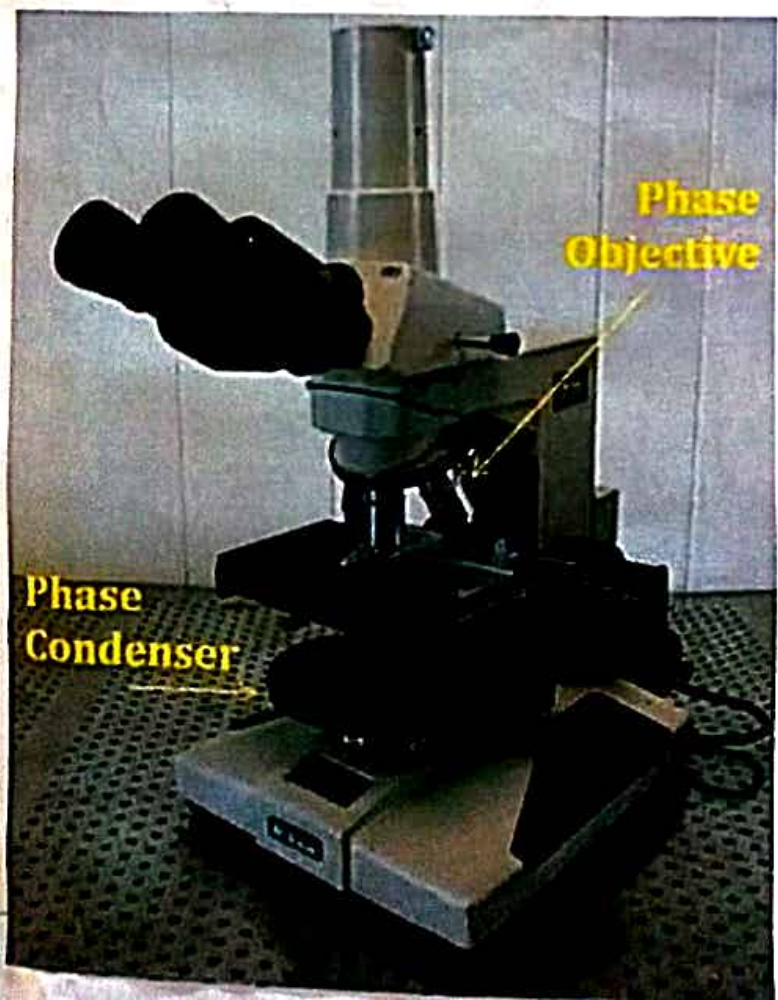
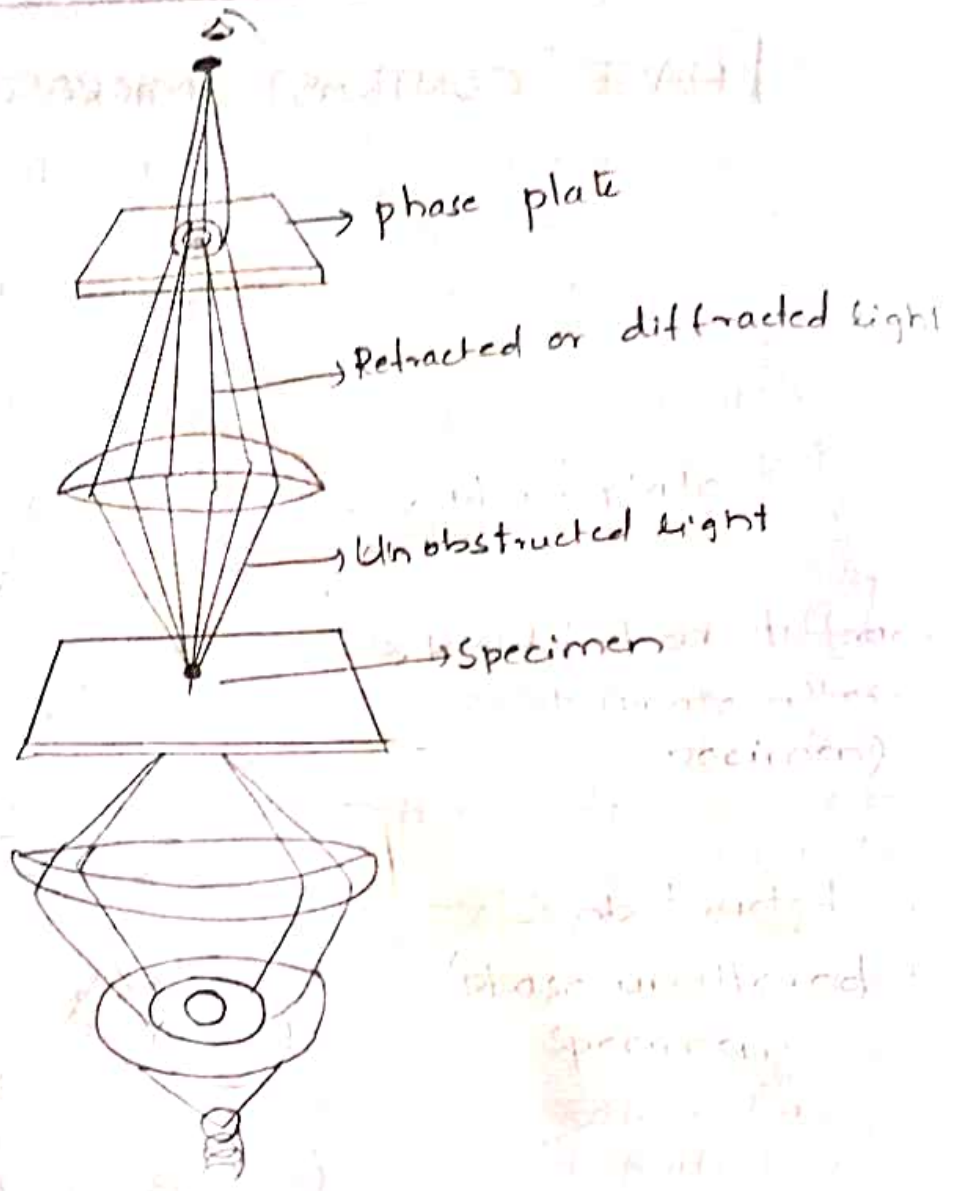
Ordinary light microscope can be equipped for phase contrast microscope with two modifications.

- 1) A special annular diaphragm.
 - 2) Phase shifting disc.
- 1) A special annular diaphragm: This diaphragm placed below the condenser. It permits only ring of light to pass upward through condenser and objective lens.
- 2) Phase shifting disc: Inside objective lens phase shifting disc is placed. This has ring of optical dielectric material on this dielectric material ring of light from annular diaphragm is focused. The dielectric material has property of retarding and advancing the wavelength of light passing through it and produce contrast between image and back ground.

Uses:

- i) Small unstained specimens such as a living cell can be seen.
- ii) It makes highly transparent objects more visible.
- iii) Examining Intracellular components of living cells at relatively high resolution.

Ex: The dynamic motility of Mitochondria.



DARK FIELD MICROSCOPE

Principle: Microorganisms are transparent or semi transparent hence they scatter light rays which are not directly entering in the objective lense and becomes visible i.e., in dark field.

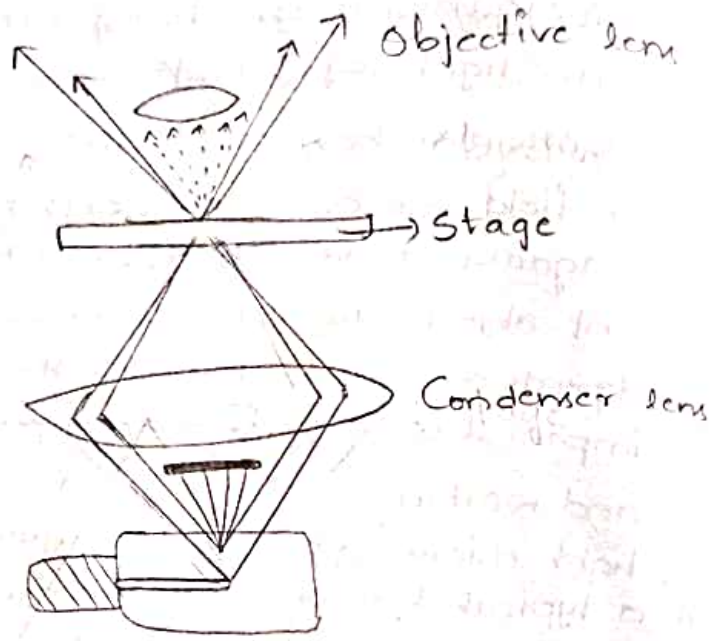
In the dark field microscope the object which is to be observed is illuminated against a dark background. Many transparent or semi transparent objects are not readily visible in bright field. Visibility is depends on contrast between the object and its background and can be improved using a dark background.

Construction and working:

Ordinary light microscope can be equipped for dark field microscope with a typical type of 'dark field stop' placed below the condenser. The dark field stop prevents the entry of rays of light the rays falling on the slide do not reach the eye. unless some object is present to reflect the light upward. The empty field appears dark. If transparent objects are placed on the slide there will be scattering of light by reflection and refraction. The scattered light will enter into objective lense and object will appear bright otherwise microscopic field is dark.

- Uses:**
- i) Dark field microscope is particularly used for examination of unstained microorganisms suspended in field.
 - ii) For observing motility of micro-organisms by hanging drop technique.
 - iii) Viewing blood cells
 - iv) Viewing bacteria and different types of algae
 - v) Viewing other invertebrates.

FIELD MICROSCOPE



** FLUORESCENT MICROSCOPE **

Principle:-

Fluorescent is the property of specific substance such substances emits rays having wavelength of different value from that of incident rays. Substances having this property is called fluorescent substance.

Advantage of this property of substance is taken in fluorescent microscope. Objects which are not seen by normal microscope with visible light rays are made visible by staining them with fluorescent stain. Fluorescent stain absorb U.V rays emit light rays of visible wavelength and thus object becomes visible, which otherwise could become non-visible.

Construction and Working:-

Fluorescent microscope can be made by following modification in simple light microscope.

1) U.V lamp:-

As a source of U.V light, U.V lamp is used

2) Reflector:-

It reflects the U.V rays upward in the diaphragm

condenser.

3) Collector:-

It collects U.V rays.

4) Excitation filter:-

U.V lamp when emits rays of different wavelength which is not necessary, in such condition excitation filter, filters out all unwanted rays & only U.V rays having specific wavelength are allowed to pass through filter

5) Barrier Filter:-

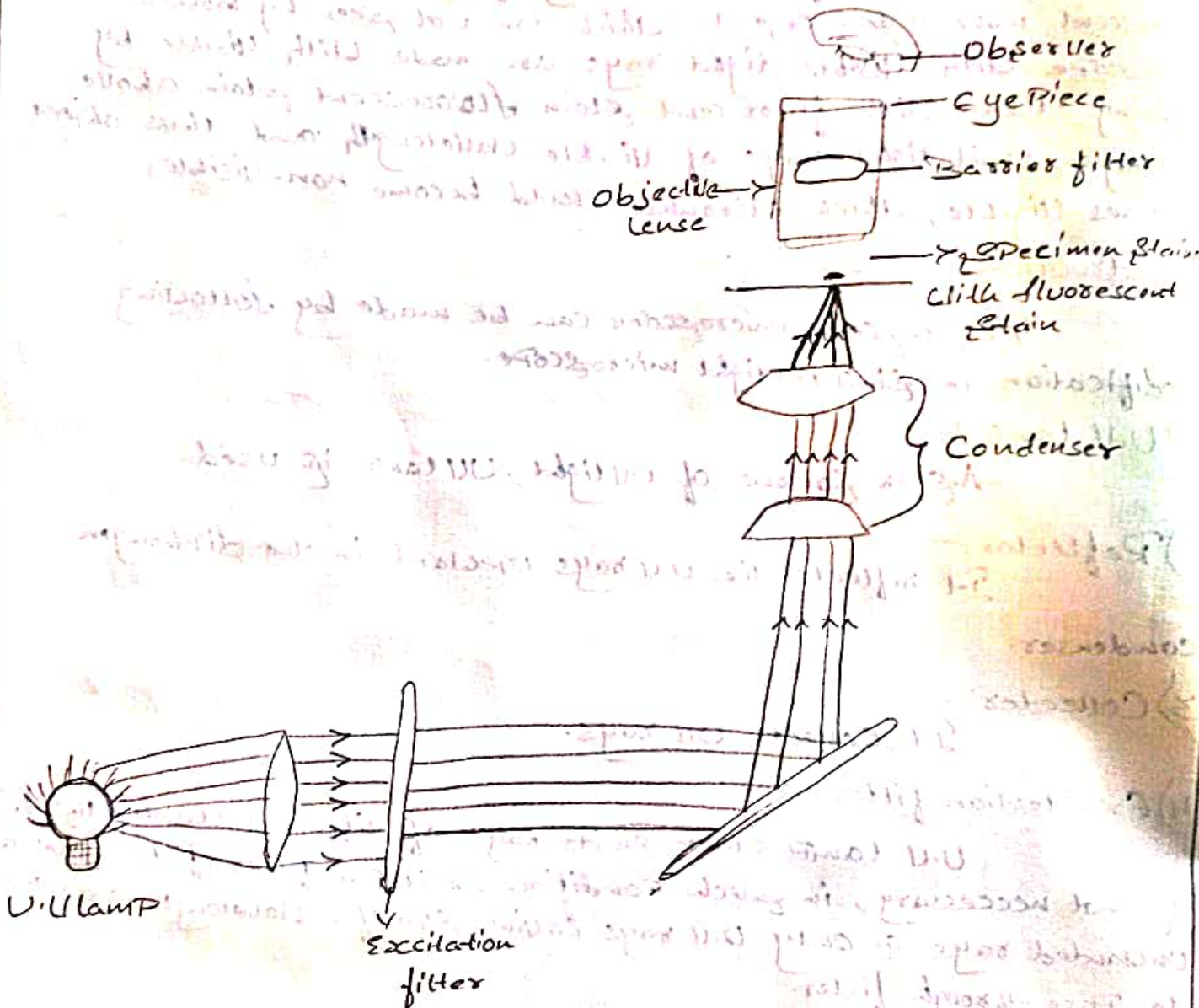
It is placed in body tube which prevents the U.V rays coming to the eye & protect the eye from U.V rays.

6) Fluorescent stain:-

Microorganisms that are stained with fluorescent dye/stain will appear luminous object when observed by light microscope with U.V illumination this is not possible by ordinary stain.

Uses:-

- Most important application of fluorescent microscope is for detection of tubercle bacilli, Fluorescent stain has a strong affinity towards tubercle bacilli
- This microscope is also useful for fluorescent antibody technique which is used for identification of either antigen/antibody.



ELECTRON MICROSCOPE :-

Electron microscope was first constructed by Ernst Ruska and Max Knoll in 1931, Resolving power of light microscope is 200nm (0.2μ), when it is required to observe viruses or parts of cell with diameter less than 200nm , it is necessary to use the electron microscope. As the resolving power of electron microscope is 0.2nm . Therefore, it makes possible to observe very fine details.

Principle :- In electron beam high speed of electrons are used instead of visible. For the passage of electrons, the tube of electron microscope is evacuated. The electron beam is focussed with electromagnetic lenses. Electron microscope has high resolving power because electron beam has a very small wavelength about 0.005nm or one lakh times shorter than the wavelength of visible light. Object forms image in electron microscope because its solid content scatters electron and so casts a shadow on electron beam. Electrons are diffracted from the way of propagation of magnetic field and that circular magnetic field focuses electron beam and forms image.

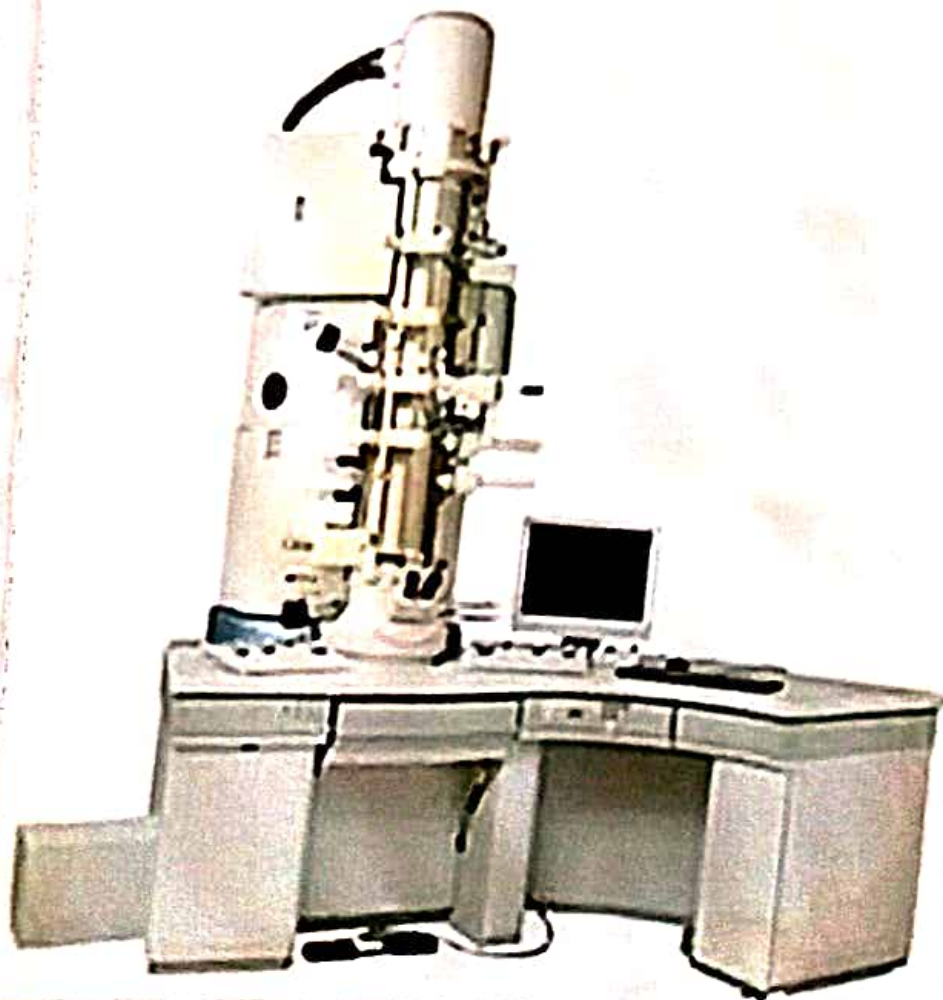
Construction :- Electron microscope consists of tubular column at the top of which source of electron called electron gun is mounted. Electron gun emits electron from a hot tungsten filament. Tungsten filament act as cathode. Below this filament cathode shield is placed in its centre anode is placed with a small hole. A high voltage is applied b/w cathode and anode to accelerate the emitted electron.

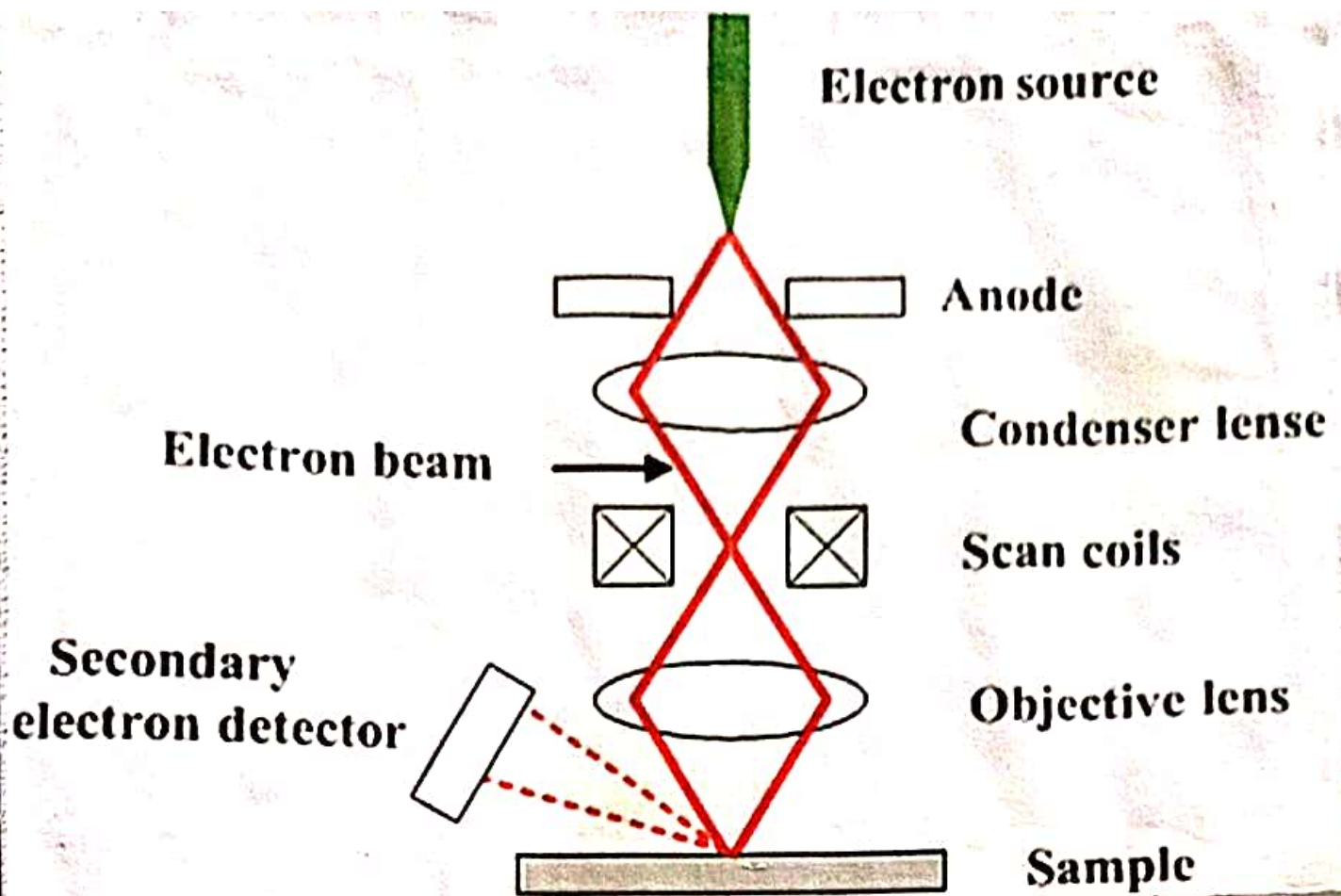
A narrow beam of electrons passes with high speed through the hole in the anode downwards in column in microscope.

Focussing and Magnification is achieved with a series

of lens which are electromagnets producing magnetic field. This is magnetic field condenser lens system which focuses the beam of electron on specimen by concentrating the beam of the scattered electron pass through small objective aperture and are focused by objective lens to form a real primary image.

Two projector lenses which have the function of eyepiece further magnify the primary image to 1000 times. The final image is formed on fluorescent screen at lower end of column and can be observed through glass window. This image can be taken on photographic plate or camera below it.

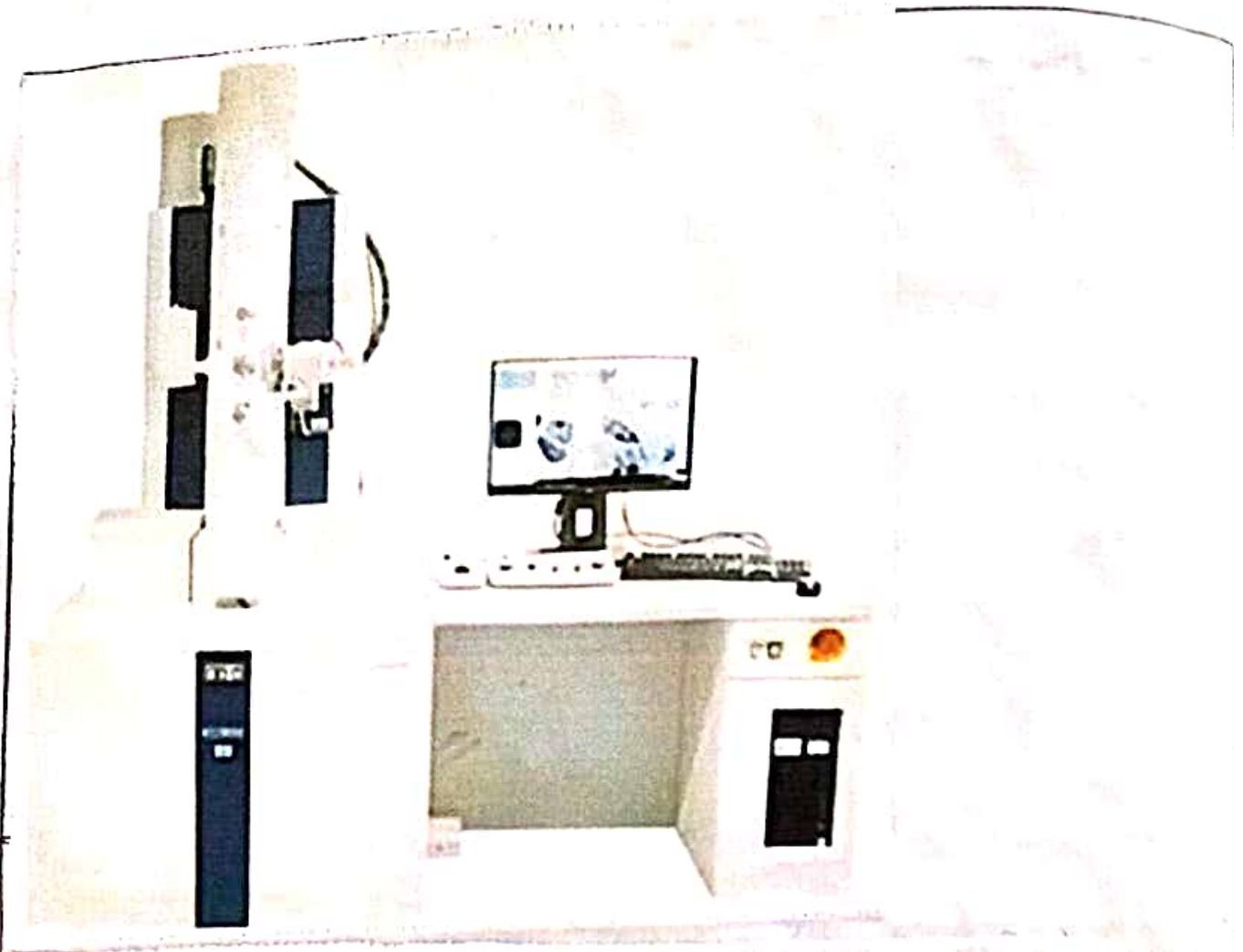




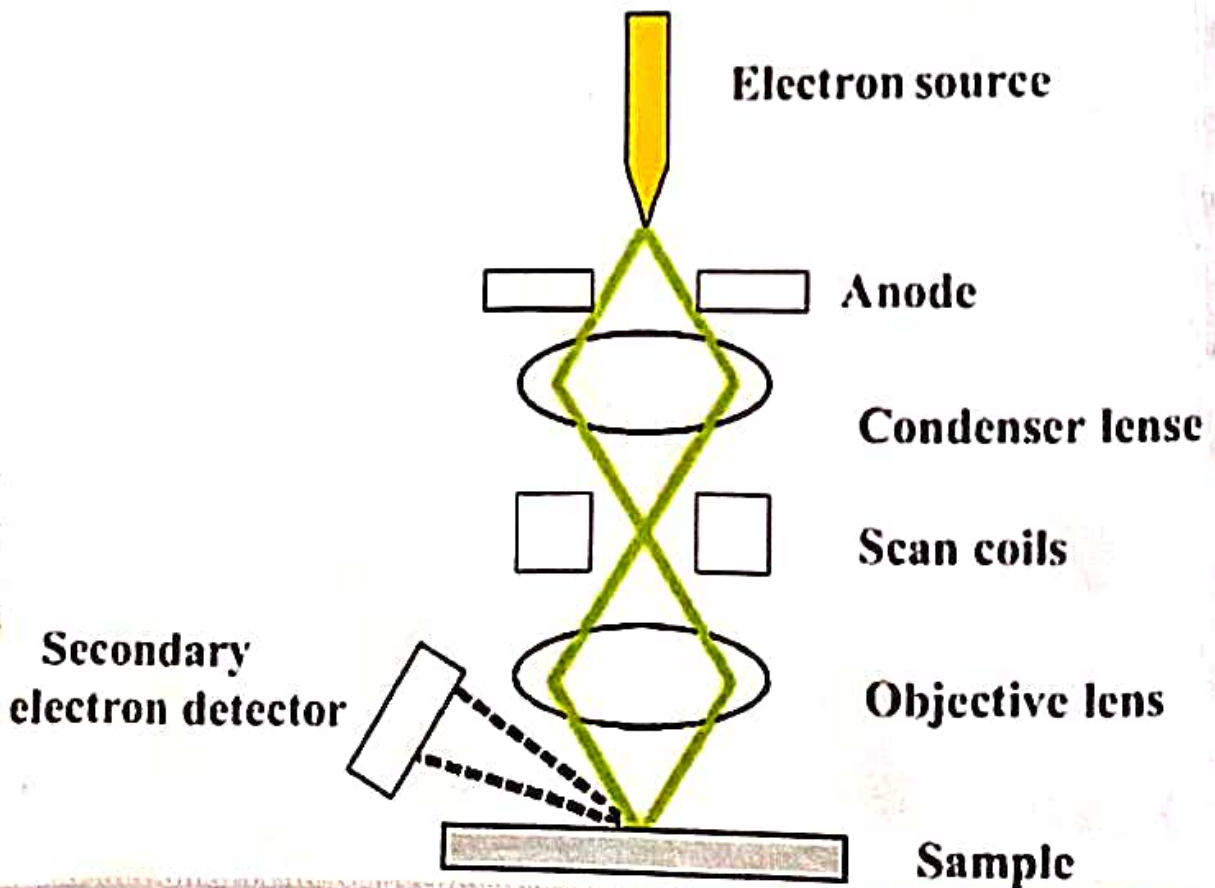
Types of Electron Microscopes:-

1) Scanning Electron Microscope:- In a scanning Electron microscope (or) SEM, a beam of electrons scans the surface of a sample.

The electrons interact with the material in a way that triggers the emission of secondary electrons. The secondary electrons are captured by a detector, which forms an image of the surface of the sample. The direction of the emission of the secondary electrons depends on the orientation of the features of the surface. There, the image formed will reflect the characteristic feature of the region of the surface that was exposed to the electron beam.



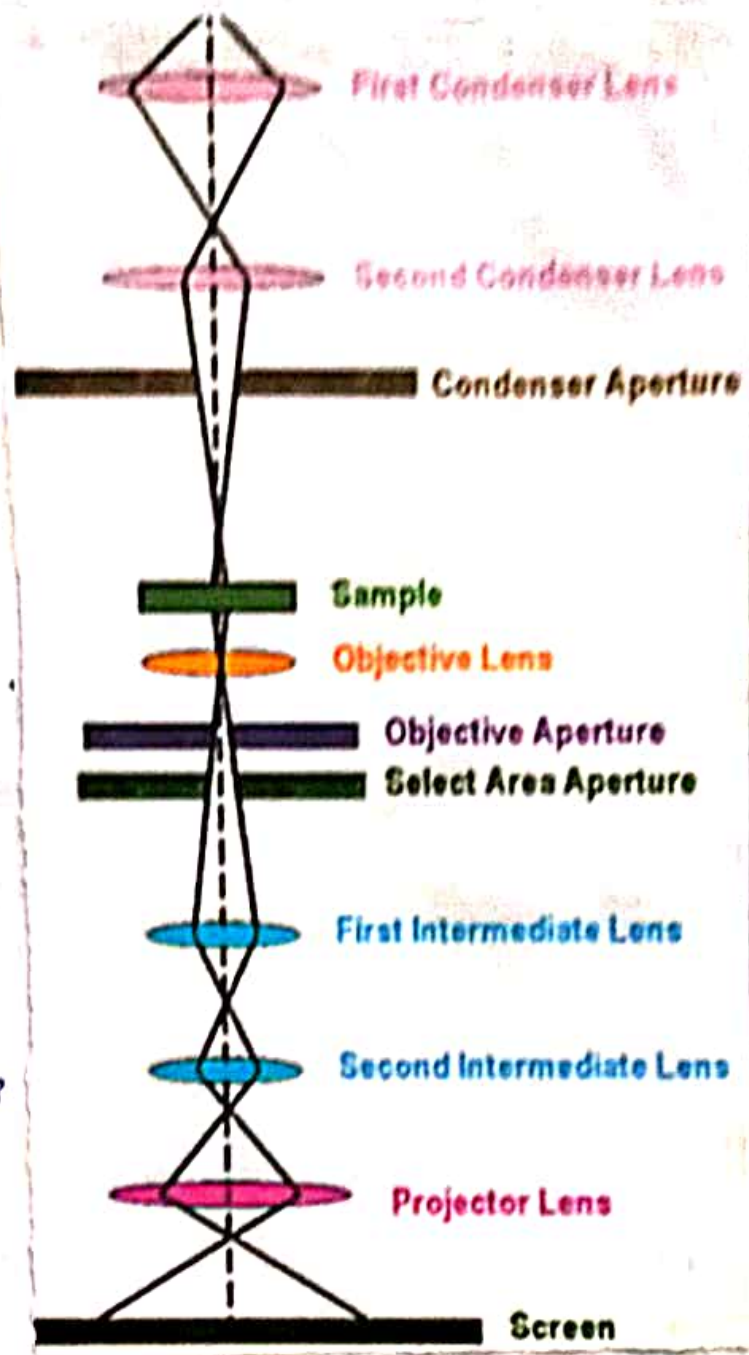
Scanning Electron Microscope



Transmission Electron Microscope

In TEM, a beam of electrons hits a very thin sample. The electrons are transmitted through the sample. After the sample, the electrons hit a fluorescence screen that forms an image with the electrons that were transmitted. You can better understand this process by imagining how a movie projector works.

In a projector, you have a film that has the negative image that will be projected. The projector shines white light on the negative and the light transmitted forms the image contained in the negative.



Limitations of electron Microscope:

→ Specimen being examined must be dry because it is in a chamber i.e., under complete vacuum. Therefore cells cannot be observed in metabolically active condition.

Uses:

- 1) To study in detail internal structure of Bacterial cells.
- 2) To observe morphological characters of viruses, thin section of Bacterial cells can be observed under electron microscope.