

Our case is  $h_n \gg h_0$  (shallow laser incidence, strong diffraction).

Hence,  $n\lambda \approx \frac{d}{2L^2} \cdot (h_n)^2$  (see page 3 of lab manual)

Taking derivative with resp. to  $\lambda$ :

$$n = \frac{d}{2L^2} \cdot 2h_n \cdot \frac{\partial h_n}{\partial \lambda}$$

Multiply by  $\lambda$  and rearrange:

$$\rightarrow n\lambda = \frac{d}{L^2} \cdot h_n \cdot \delta h_n \cdot \frac{\lambda}{\delta \lambda}$$

$$\left( \frac{d}{2L^2} \right) \cdot (h_n)^2 = \left( \frac{d}{L^2} \right) \cdot h_n \cdot \delta h_n \cdot \left( \frac{\lambda}{\delta \lambda} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\delta \lambda}{\lambda} = 2 \cdot \frac{\delta h_n}{h_n}}$$

But angles  $\psi_n \equiv \frac{h_n}{L}$ , so  $\delta \psi_n = \frac{\delta h_n}{L}$ , and thus

$$\frac{\delta \psi_n}{\psi_n} = \frac{\delta h_n}{h_n}, \text{ and therefore } \frac{\delta \psi_n}{\psi_n} \approx \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\delta \lambda}{\lambda},$$

Thus, accuracy in angle should be 1%.