# Ray-tracing critical-angle transmission gratings for the X-ray Surveyor and Explorer-size missions

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## Alignment tolerances

Translation of gratings



#### •Two scenarios:

X-ray Surveyor (f=9 m, half-arcsec mirror)
Arcus (f=12 m, silicon pore optics)
30 deg azimuthal subaperture
Critical angle transmission (CAT) gratings
Blaze angle ~2 deg
Tilted Rowland torus
Period 200 nm

Parallel to optical axis (solid lines)	0.5 mm
Perpendicular to optical axis (dashed lines)	several mm

## Rotation of gratings



### Change of grating period



relative error on grating constant relative error on grating constant

#### Stability of grating period 1:10<sup>5</sup>

around third axis (dotted lines) 5 degrees

CAT gratings offer a promising path to high resolution X-ray spectrographs (R =  $\lambda/\Delta\lambda$  = 10,000 – 20,000) in the 1-10 nm range with relaxed alignment tolerances and large efficiency (Heilman et al., paper 9905-65).