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What is the Problem?

- Fundamental signal/imaging equation is

$$s = \mathcal{L}f + n$$

s - signal/image
f - information
n - noise
 \mathcal{L} - linear operator

- ***Operator, information*** and ***noise*** relate to ***physical effects:***
 - what are they?
 - how can we generate a physical model for them?



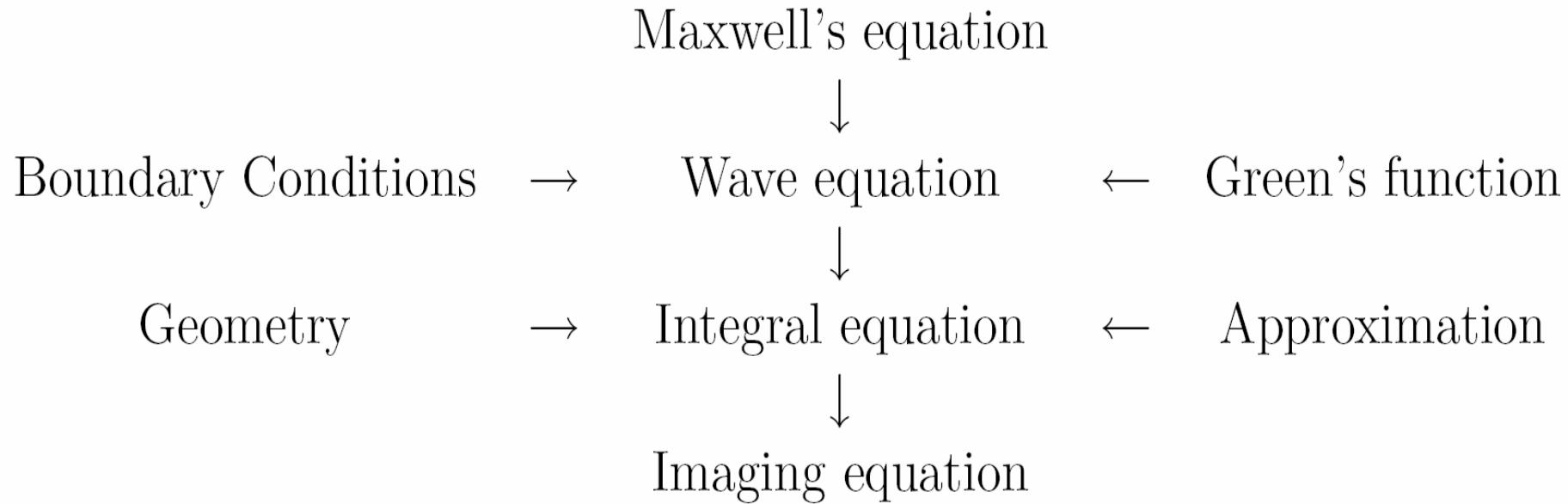
Applications



- **Processing** and **analysis** of all signal and images generated by the scattering of radiation from ***material inhomogeneities***
- Required to develop mathematical and computational models that map ***material inhomogeneities*** to the ***detected radiation***
- Area of study called **Image Understanding**



Lecture will Focus on Electromagnetic Imaging Systems



Wavelength \gg Scatterer (***weak scattering***)

Wavelength \sim Scatterer (***strong scattering***)

Wavelength \ll Scatterer (***geometric scattering***)



Principal Publication

<http://eleceng.dit.ie/arg/downloads/PhDJMB2010.zip>

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Electromagnetic Scattering Solutions for Digital Signal Processing





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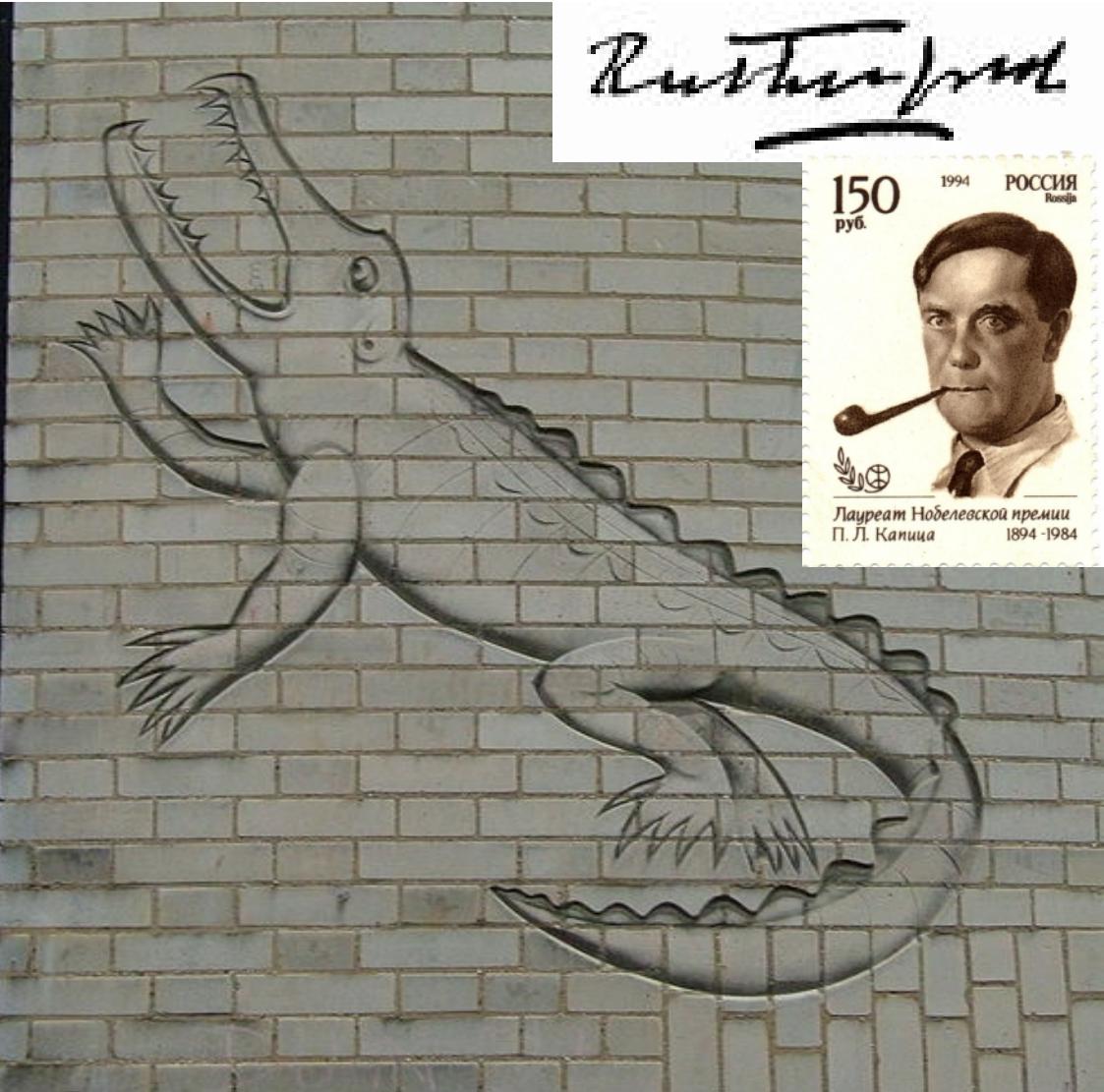
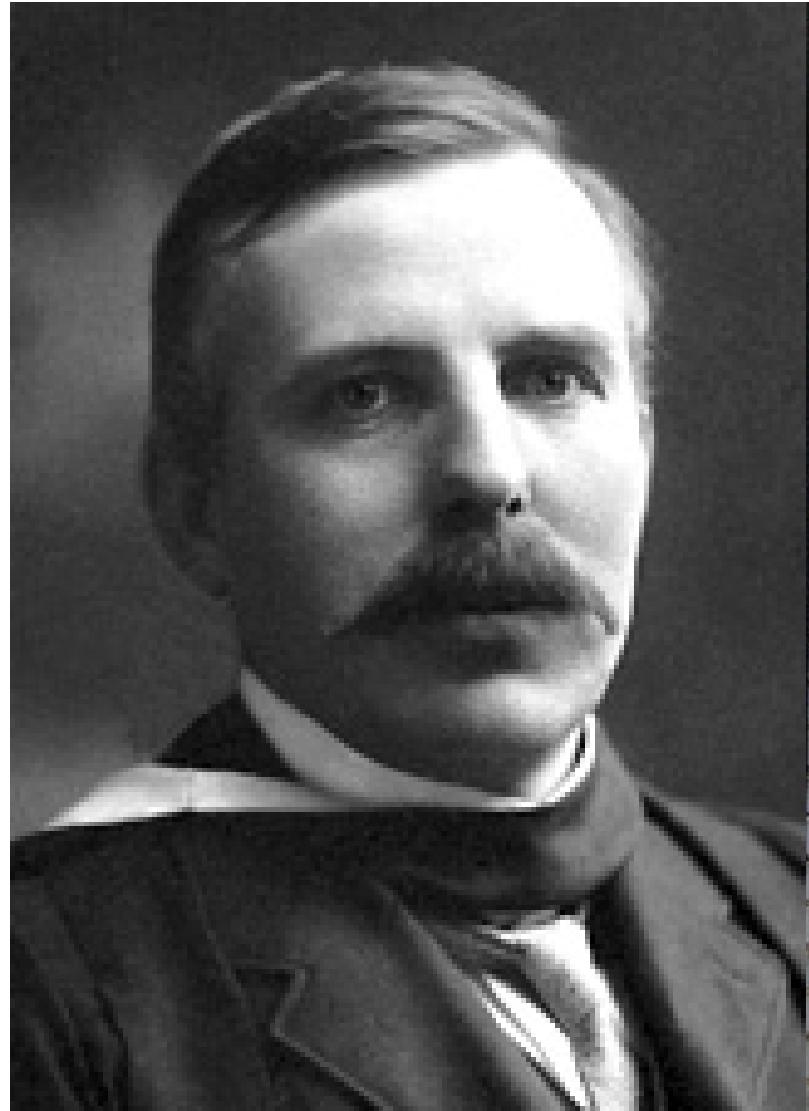
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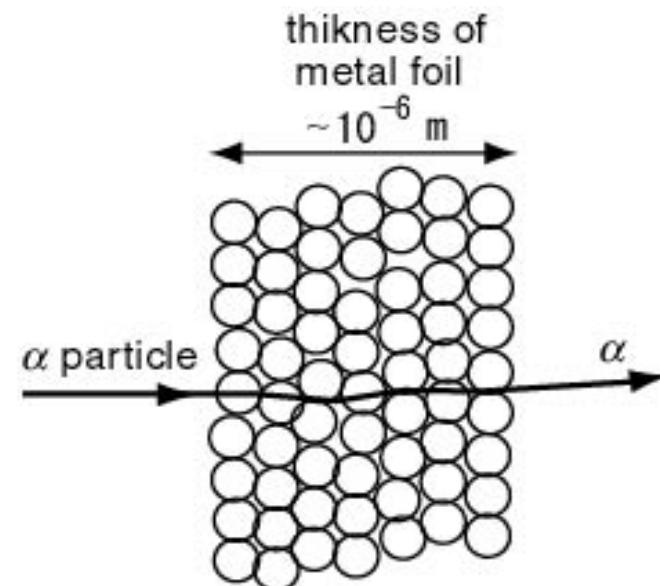
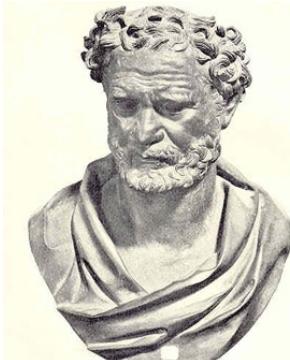
Rutherford Scattering





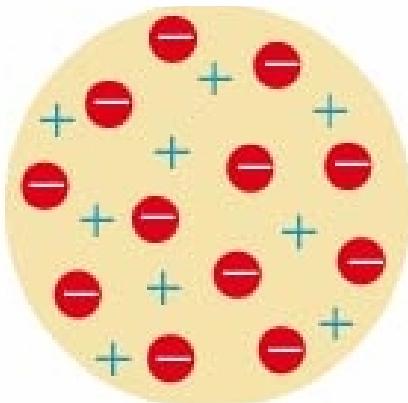
What did Rutherford do?

Initiated the study of particle physics:
Rutherford 1909 - LHC (CERN) 2009

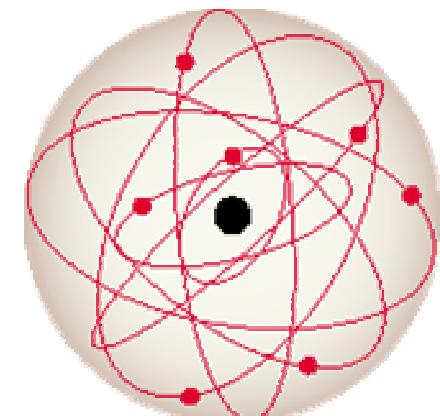


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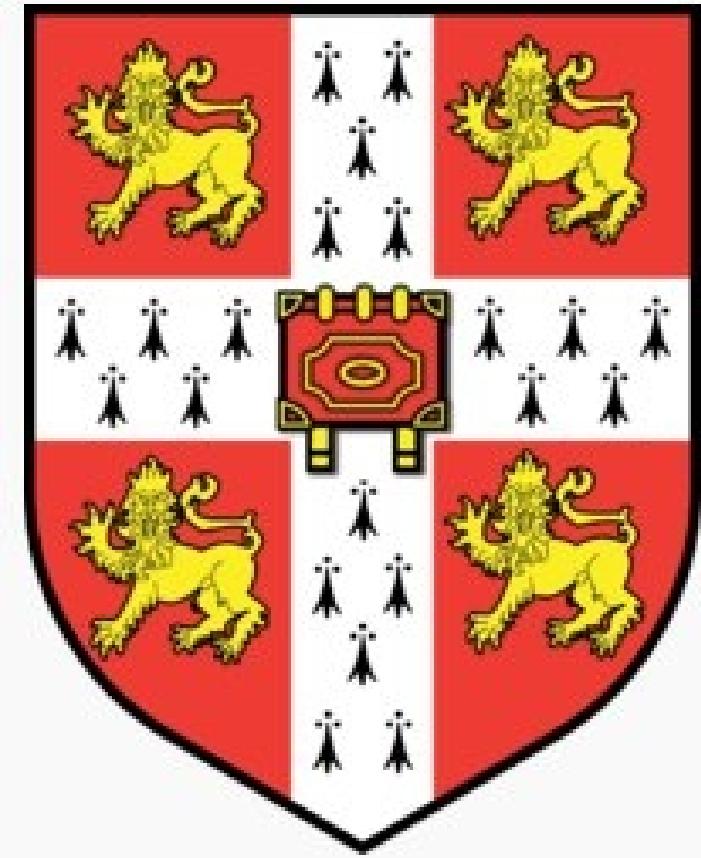


ANIMATION





From England to Germany, Cambridge to Gottingen & From Particles to Waves





Why Gottingen and not Cambridge?



Max Born



Robert Oppenheimer



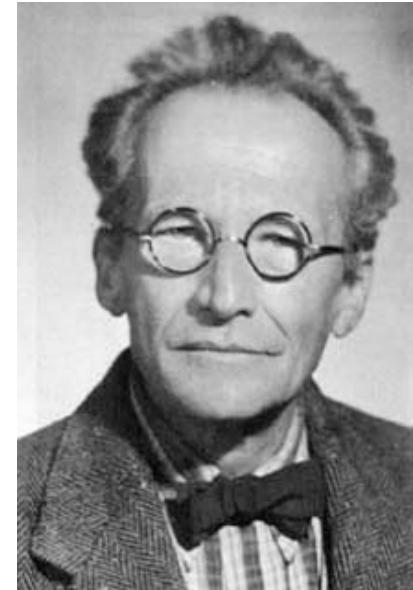
The Power of *Abstract Ideas*



Quantum Scattering Theory

- *Schrodinger's equation*
for a 3D scattering potential V is

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)\psi(\mathbf{r}, k) = -V(\mathbf{r})\psi(\mathbf{r}, k)$$



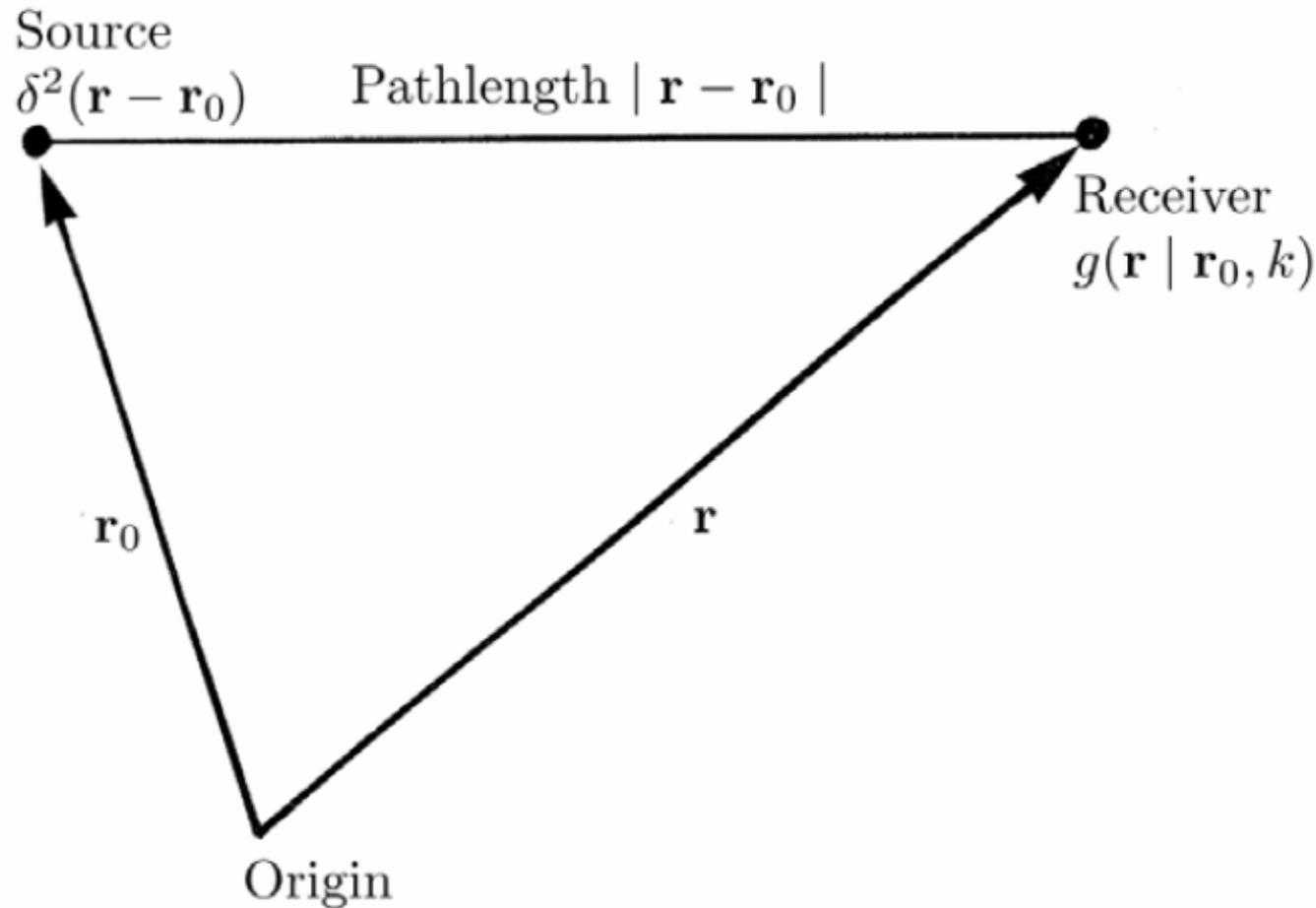
- Solved using the Green's function

$$g(r, k) = \frac{\exp(ikr)}{4\pi r}$$



What is a Green's Function? (Impulse Response Function)

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)g(\mathbf{r} \mid \mathbf{r}_0, k) = -\delta^2(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0)$$





2D Example of a Green's Function



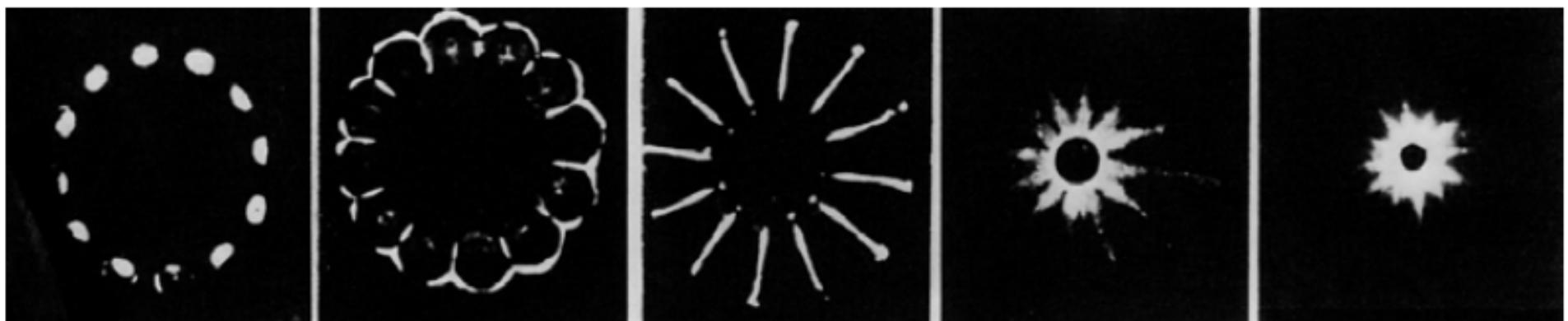
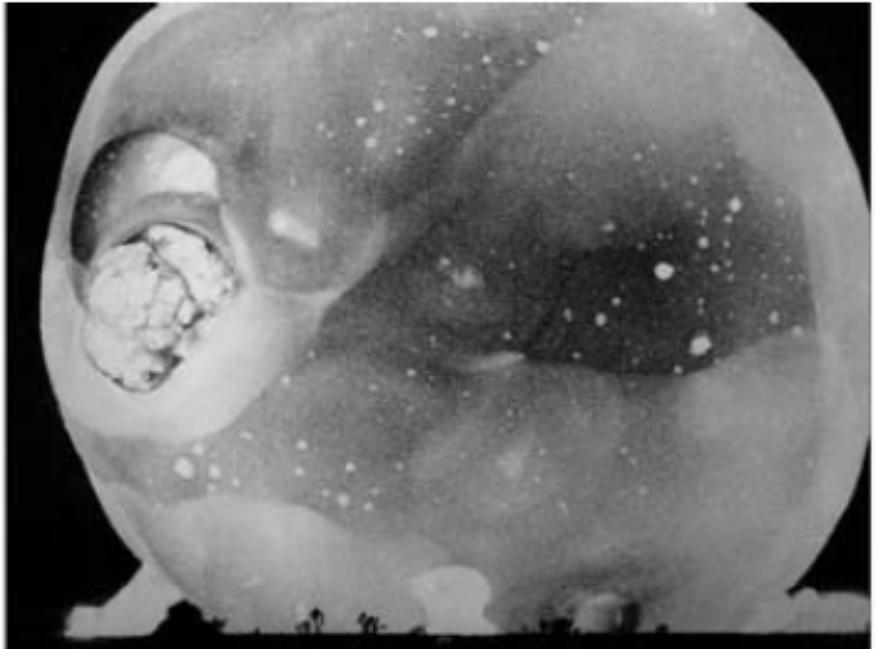
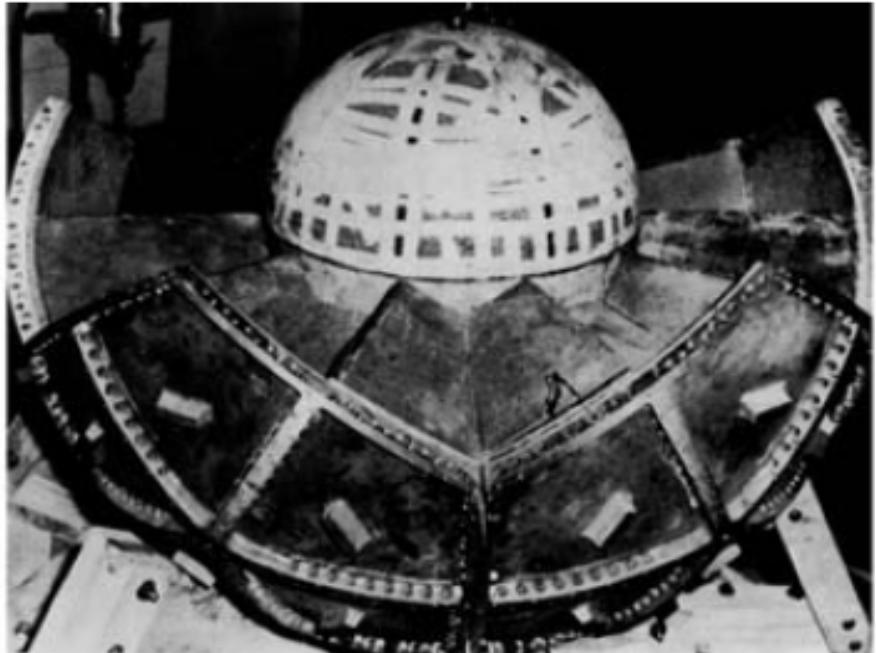


The 3D Green's Function

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)g(\mathbf{r} \mid \mathbf{r}_0, k) = -\delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0)$$

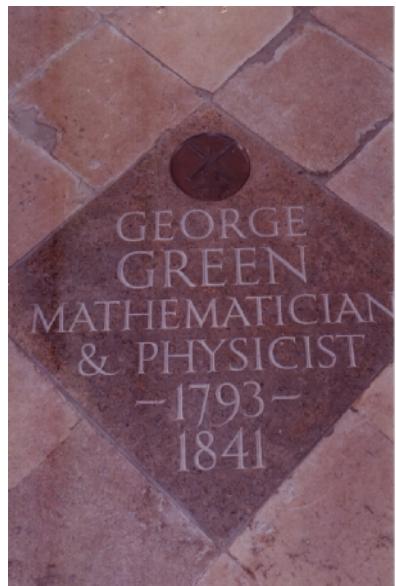
$$g(\mathbf{r} \mid \mathbf{r}_0, k) = \frac{1}{4\pi \mid \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0 \mid} \exp(ik \mid \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0 \mid)$$

'Outgoing' and 'Ingoing' Green's Functions





Who was George Green?



AN ESSAY

ON THE

APPLICATION

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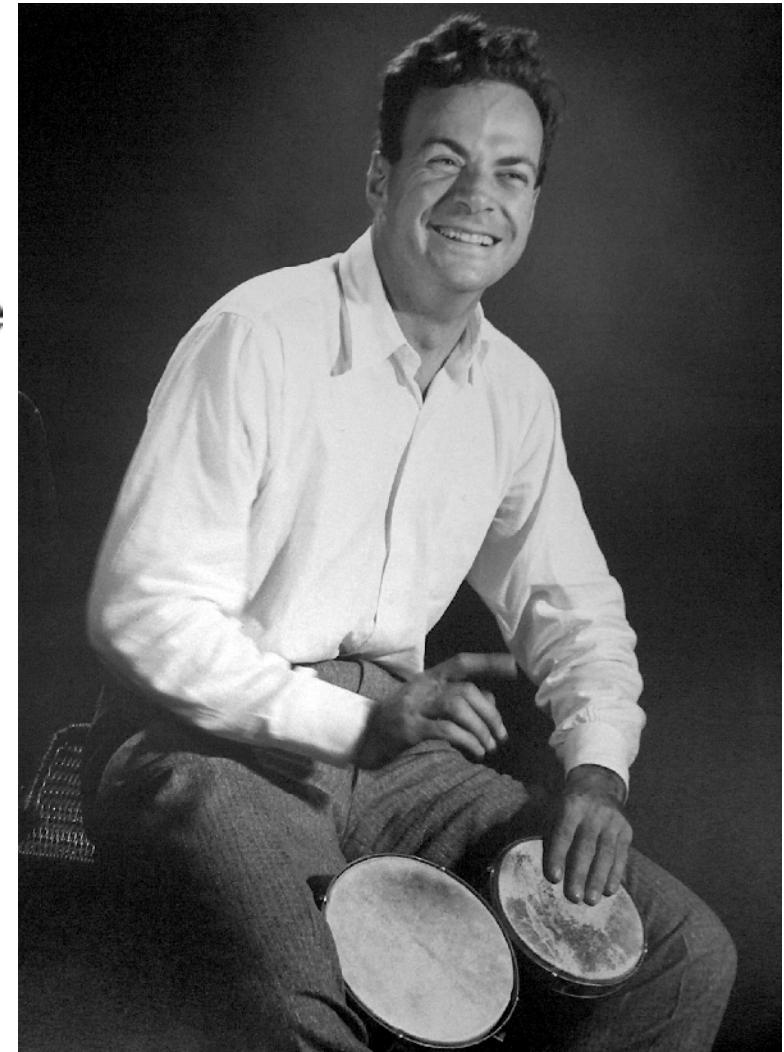
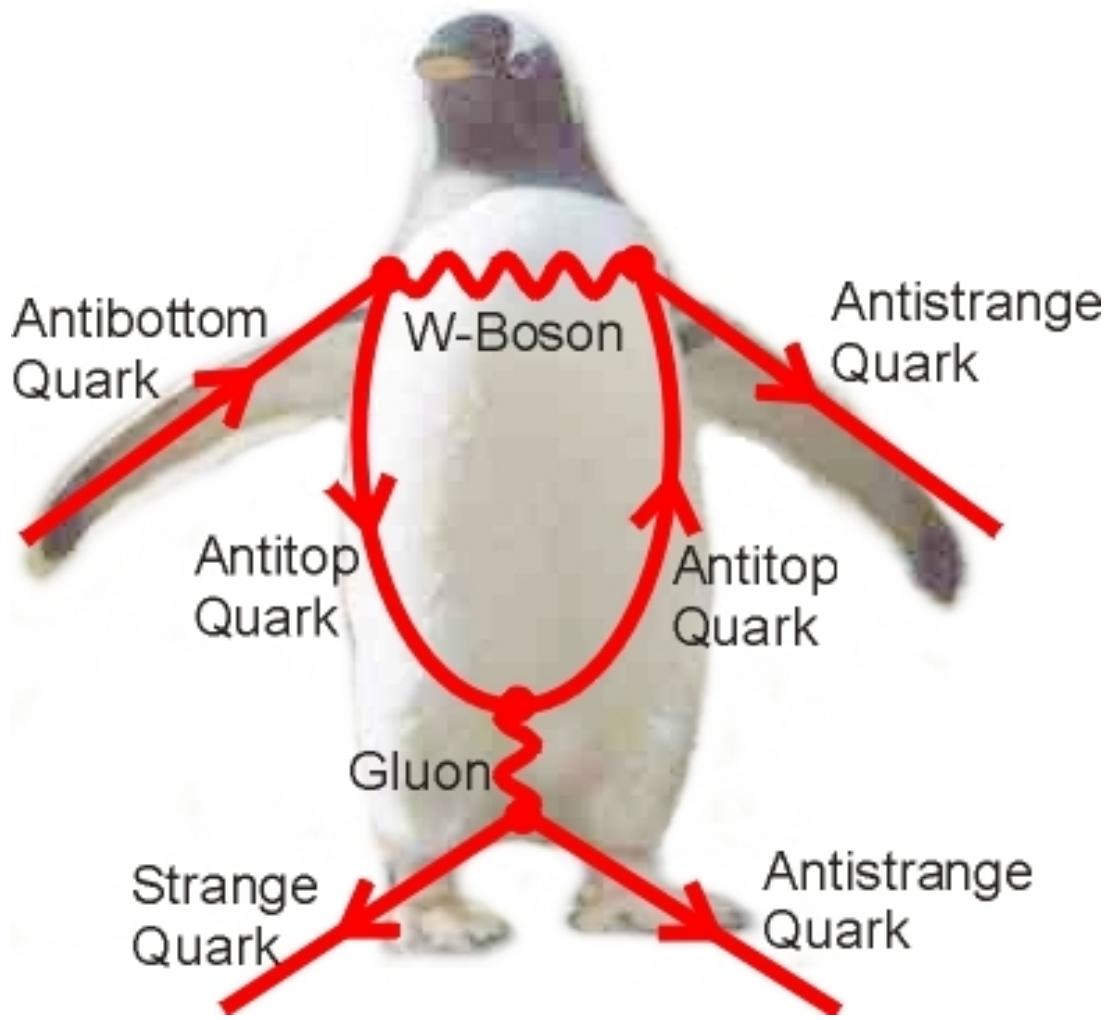




What Did George Green Look Like?



The Green's Function and Feynman Diagrams – *Propagators*



The Lippmann-Schwinger Equation

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}, k) = \psi_i(\mathbf{r}, k) + g(r, k) \otimes_3 V(\mathbf{r}) \psi(\mathbf{r}, k)$$

Incident + Scattered fields

- Forward scattering problem

Given V compute ψ

- Inverse scattering problem

Given ψ compute V



The Born Approximation



$$\psi(\mathbf{r}, k) = \psi_i(\mathbf{r}, k) + g(r, k) \otimes_3 V(\mathbf{r}) \psi(\mathbf{r}, k)$$

$$\psi_s \sim g(r, k) \otimes_3 V(\mathbf{r}) \psi_i(\mathbf{r}, k)$$

$$\|V(\mathbf{r})\| \ll 1$$

“I am now convinced that theoretical physics is actual philosophy”

Max Born



Far field Approximation

$$| \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0 | = \sqrt{r_0^2 + r^2 - 2\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}_0} = r_0 \left(1 - \frac{2\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}_0}{r_0^2} + \frac{r^2}{r_0^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= r_0 \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}_0}{r_0^2} + \frac{r^2}{2r_0^2} + \dots \right) \simeq r_0 - \hat{\mathbf{n}}_0 \cdot \mathbf{r}$$

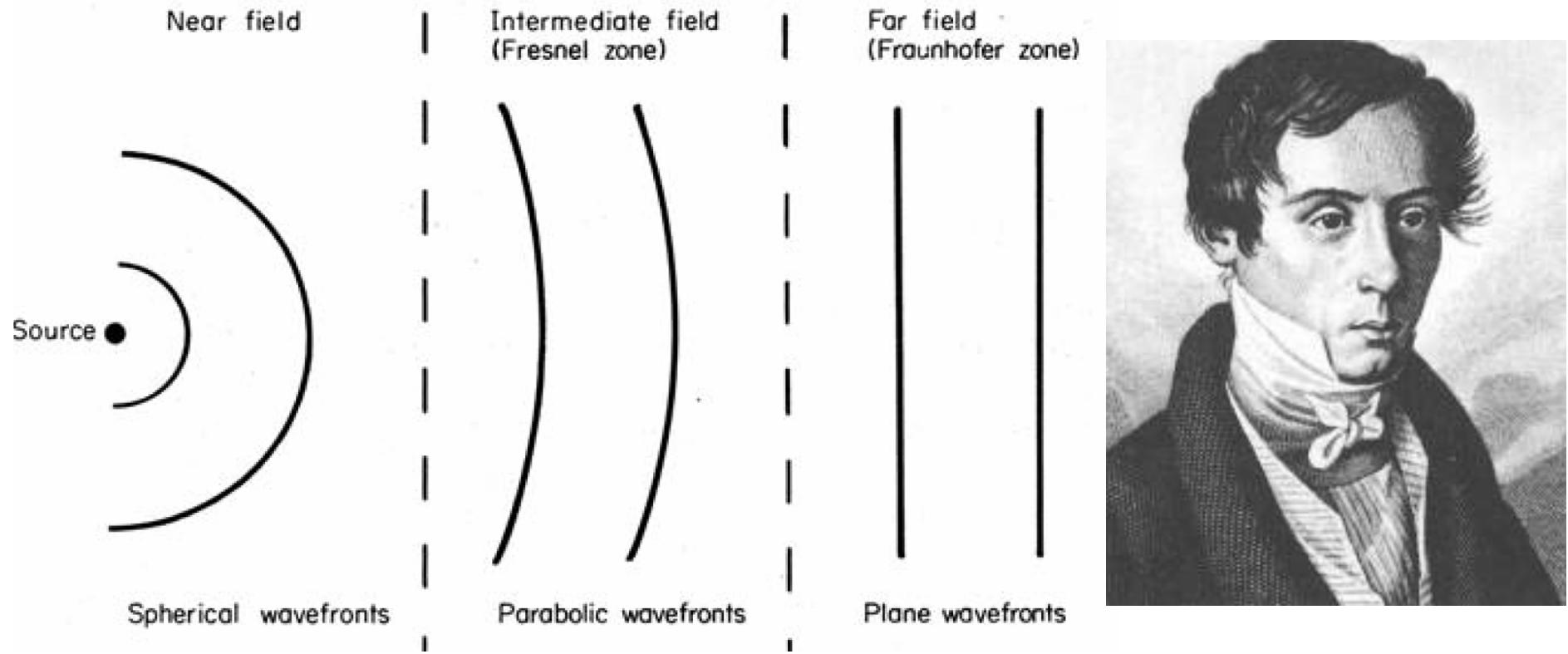
$$\hat{\mathbf{n}}_0 = \frac{\mathbf{r}_0}{r_0} \quad \frac{r}{r_0} \ll 1 \quad \textcolor{red}{\textbf{Farfield approximation}}$$

$$g(\mathbf{r} \mid \mathbf{r}_0, k) = \frac{1}{4\pi r_0} \exp(ikr_0) \exp(-ik\hat{\mathbf{n}}_0 \cdot \mathbf{r})$$

Fresnel Approximation

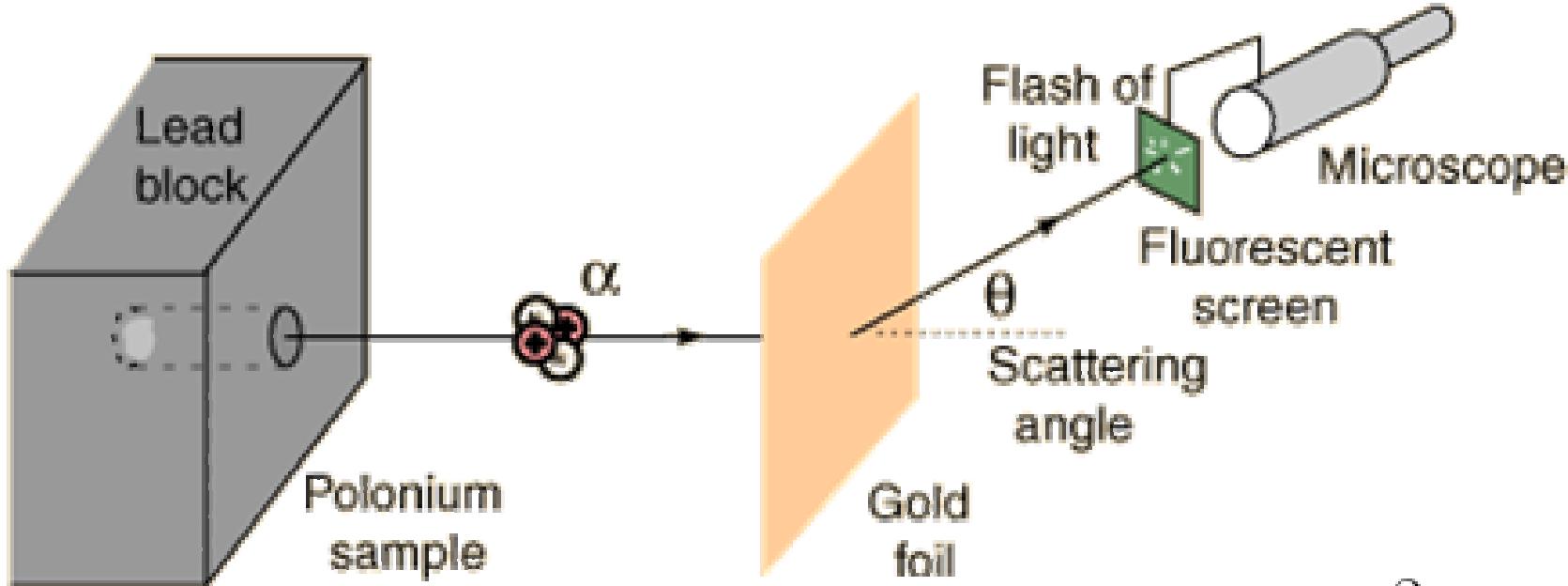
Based on including the ***quadratic phase factor***

$$g(\mathbf{r} \mid \mathbf{r}_0, k) = \frac{\exp(ikr_0)}{4\pi r_0} \exp(-ik\hat{\mathbf{n}}_0 \cdot \mathbf{r}) \exp(ir^2/2r_0)$$



Far Field Solution and Rutherford Scattering

$$\psi_s(\hat{\mathbf{n}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{n}}_s, k) \sim \int \exp[-ik(\hat{\mathbf{n}}_s - \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i) \cdot \mathbf{r}] V(\mathbf{r}) d^3\mathbf{r}$$



$$\|V(\mathbf{r})\| \ll 1$$

$$|\psi_s|^2 \propto \frac{1}{\sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}}$$



What does the Born Approximation do for us?



Far field detection of waves
is equivalent to
Fourier space
analysis of scatterer

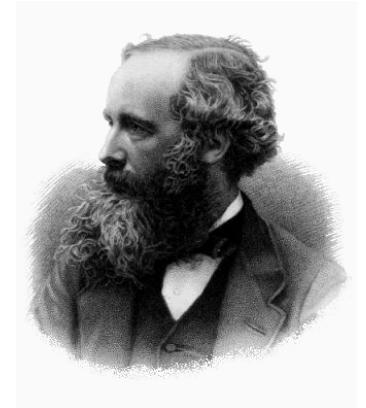


Electromagnetic Scattering

- Consider Maxwell's equations for linear, isotropic but ***inhomogenous medium***

$$\nabla \cdot \epsilon \mathbf{E} = \rho,$$

$$\mathbf{j} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$$



$$\nabla \cdot \mu \mathbf{H} = 0,$$

$$\rho(t) = \rho_0 \exp(-\sigma t/\epsilon)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t},$$

$$\nabla \cdot \epsilon \mathbf{E} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{j}.$$

High conductivity condition

Wave Equation for the *Electric Field*

- Decoupling Maxwell's equations for the Electric field (under the high conductivity condition) we have

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} - \epsilon\mu \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} - \sigma\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} = -\nabla(\mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla \ln \epsilon) - (\nabla \ln \mu) \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E}$$

- In order to use a Green's function solution, we require this equation to be written in the form of the **Langevin** equation with a homogenous operator on the LHS



Langevin Form of the Wave Equation

$$\gamma_\epsilon = \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_\mu = \frac{\mu - \mu_0}{\mu}$$

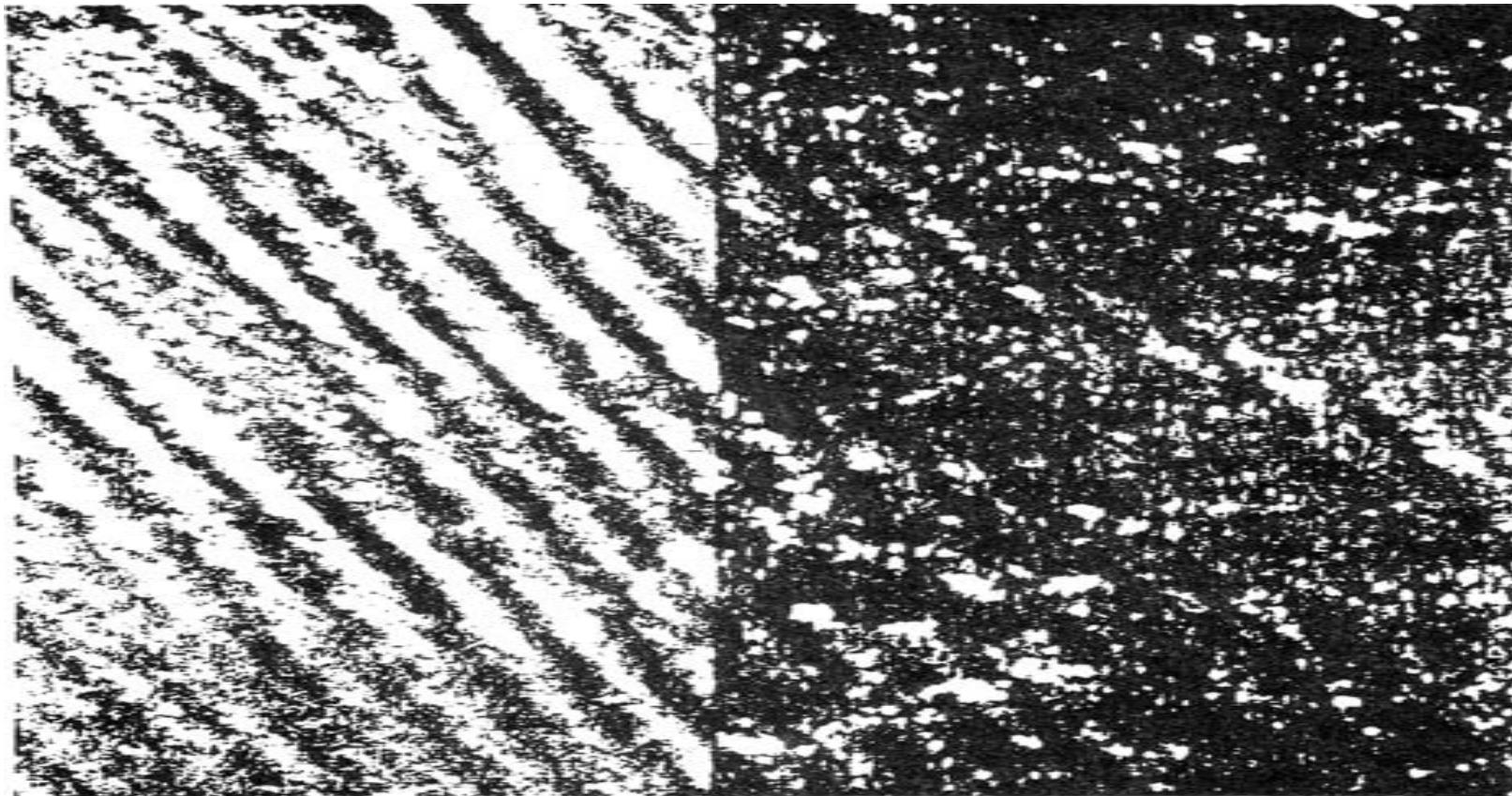
$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \exp(i\omega t) d\omega$$

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)\tilde{\mathbf{E}} = -k^2\gamma_\epsilon\tilde{\mathbf{E}} + ikz_0\sigma\tilde{\mathbf{E}} - \nabla(\tilde{\mathbf{E}} \cdot \nabla \ln \epsilon) - \nabla \times (\gamma_\mu \nabla \times \tilde{\mathbf{E}})$$

$$k = \frac{\omega}{c_0}, \quad c_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0\mu_0}} \quad \text{and} \quad z_0 = \mu_0 c_0$$

Polarization Effects: *Real Aperture Radar*

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_s = -k^2\gamma\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_i + ikz_0\sigma\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_i - \nabla(\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_i \cdot \nabla \ln \epsilon_r)$$



VV Polarization HH Polarization

Scalar EM Scattering Theory

- Based on the scalar **Helmholtz equation**

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)u(\mathbf{r}, k) = -k^2\gamma(\mathbf{r})u(\mathbf{r}, k)$$

$$\gamma(\mathbf{r}) \quad \exists \quad \forall \quad \mathbf{r} \in V$$

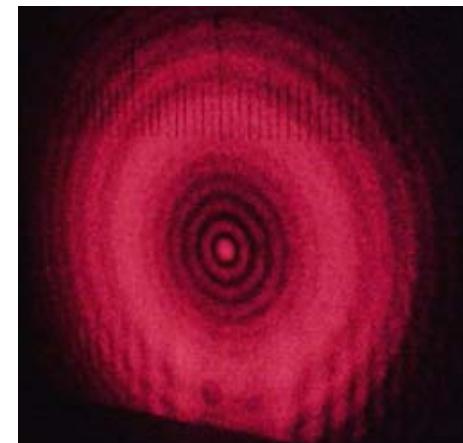
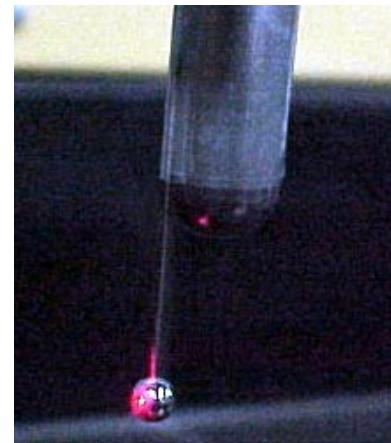
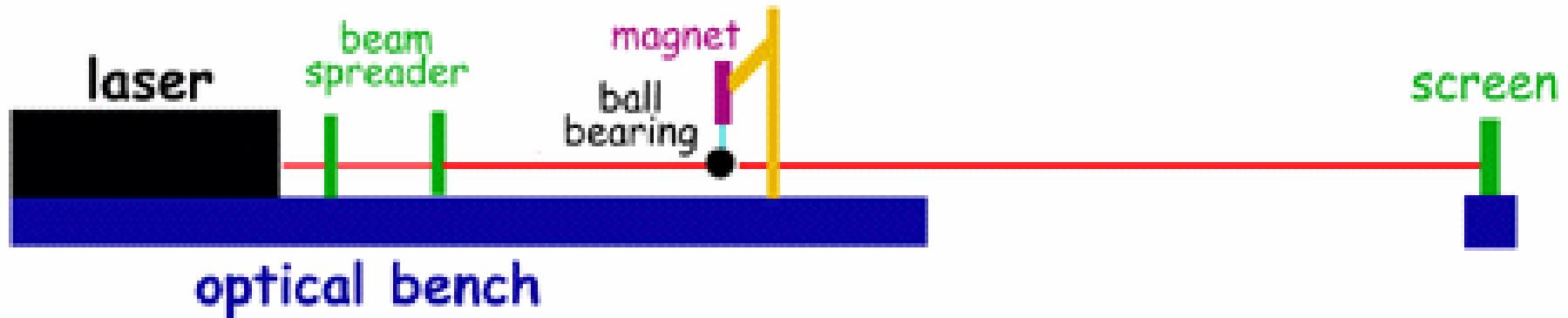
where V denotes volume

- Under the **Born approximation** $k^2\|\gamma(\mathbf{r})\| \ll 1$

$$u_s(\mathbf{r}, k) = k^2 g(r, k) \otimes_3 \gamma(\mathbf{r}) u(\mathbf{r}, k)$$

$$\sim k^2 g(r, k) \otimes_3 \gamma(\mathbf{r}) u_i(\mathbf{r}, k)$$

Born Scattering and the Poisson Spot





Mathematical Model for the Poisson Spot (Diffraction)



$$u_s(x, y, z, k)$$

$$= k^2 \frac{\exp(ik\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2})}{4\pi\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \otimes_3 \gamma(x, y)\delta(z) \exp(ikz)$$

$$= k^2 \frac{\exp(ik\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2})}{4\pi\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \otimes_2 \gamma(x, y), \quad \gamma \in \exists \forall (x, y) \in S$$

Analysis

$$u_s(x_0, y_0, z_0, k)$$

$$= k^2 \int \int \frac{\exp[ik\sqrt{(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2 + z_0^2}]}{4\pi\sqrt{(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2 + z_0^2}} \gamma(x, y) dx dy$$

$$z_0 \left(1 + \frac{(x-x_0)^2}{z_0^2} + \frac{(y-y_0)^2}{z_0^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\simeq z_0 - \frac{xx_0}{z_0} - \frac{yy_0}{z_0} + \frac{x_0^2}{2z_0} + \frac{y_0^2}{2z_0}$$

Analysis (Continued)

$$u_s(x_0, y_0, z_0, k) = \frac{\exp(ikz_0)}{4\pi z_0} \exp\left(ik\frac{x_0^2 + y_0^2}{2z_0}\right) A(u, v)$$

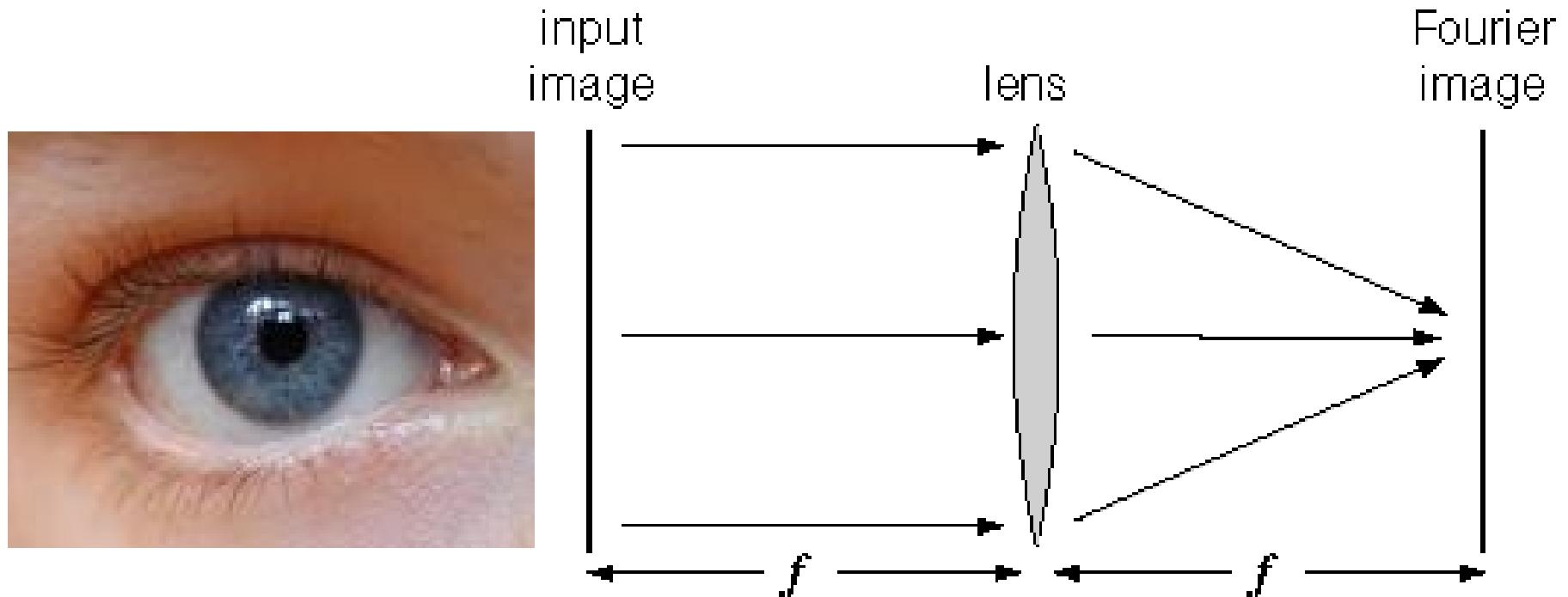
where

$$A(u, v) = k^2 \tilde{\gamma}(u, v) = k^2 \mathcal{F}_2[\gamma(x, y)]$$

$$= k^2 \int \int \exp(-iux) \exp(-ivy) \gamma(x, y) dx dy$$

$$u = \frac{kx_0}{z_0} = \frac{2\pi x_0}{\lambda z_0} \qquad \qquad v = \frac{ky_0}{z_0} = \frac{2\pi y_0}{\lambda z_0}$$

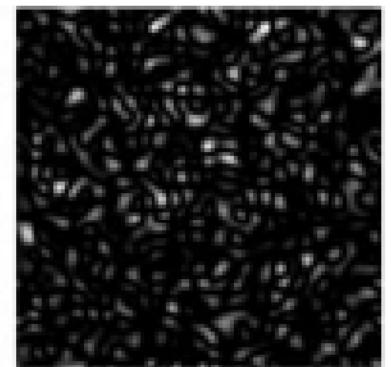
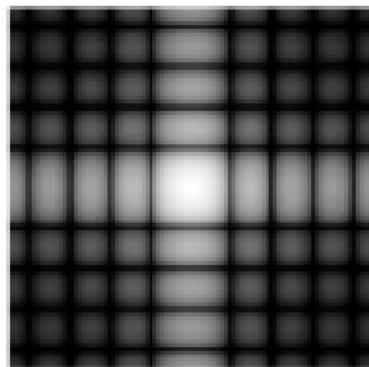
An Inverse (Born) Scattering Process we are doing now



Coherent and Incoherent Images

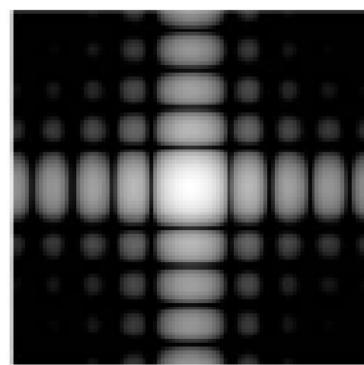
- Model for a coherent image

$$I = | p \otimes \otimes f + n |^2$$



- Model for an incoherent image

$$I = | p |^2 \otimes \otimes | f |^2 + | n |^2$$





What's Wrong with the Born Approximation ?



$$k^2 \|\gamma(\mathbf{r})\| \ll 1$$

- Translates to:

$$\lambda \gg \text{Scatterer}$$

- **Information** based on

$$\lambda \sim \text{Scatterer}$$



Strong Scattering Model



wavefield generated by single scattering events

+

wavefield generated by double scattering events

+

wavefield generated by triple scattering events

+

⋮



The Born Series and Noise

$$u = u_i + k^2 g \otimes_3 \gamma u$$

$$= u_i + k^2 g \otimes_3 \gamma u_i + k^4 g \otimes_3 \gamma(g \otimes_3 \gamma u_i) + \dots$$

$$u_s = k^2 g \otimes_3 \gamma u_i + n$$

Signal = IRF convolved Input + Noise

The ***noise term*** describes
multiple scattering processes

Accuracy of the Model

Does not take into account higher order effects
double, triple, ... scattering effects



Other Methods

- Based on an Eikonal transformation of the type

$$u = u_i \exp(s)$$

- Under the Rytov approximation we obtain

$$u(\mathbf{r}, k) = u_i(r k) \exp \left[\frac{k^2 g(r, k) \otimes_3 \gamma(\mathbf{r}) u_i(\mathbf{r}, k)}{u_i(\mathbf{r}, k)} \right]$$

$$\|k^2 \gamma\| \gg \|\nabla s \cdot \nabla s\|$$

Inverse Solution Method

Inverse Scattering Solutions with Applications to Electromagnetic Signal Processing, Blackledge et al;

ISAST Journal of Electronics and Signal Processing,
Vol. 4, No. 1, 43 - 60, 2009; <http://eleceng.dit.ie/papers/113.pdf>

Theorem: If $(\nabla^2 + k^2)u(\mathbf{r}, k) = -k^2\gamma(\mathbf{r})u(\mathbf{r}, k)$

and

$$u(\mathbf{r}, k) = u_i(\mathbf{r}, k) + u_s(\mathbf{r}, k) \quad (\nabla^2 + k^2)u_i = 0$$

then

$$\gamma(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{u^*(\mathbf{r}, k)}{|u(\mathbf{r}, k)|^2} \nabla^2 \left[\frac{1}{4\pi r} \otimes_3 u_s(\mathbf{r}, k) - \frac{1}{k^2} u_s(\mathbf{r}, k) \right]$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma &= \frac{1}{u} \nabla^2 \left[\frac{1}{4\pi r} \otimes_3 (u - u_i) - \frac{1}{k^2} (u - u_i) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{u} \left[-\delta^3 \otimes_3 (u - u_i) - \frac{1}{k^2} (\nabla^2 u - \nabla^2 u_i) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{u} \left[-(u - u_i) - \frac{1}{k^2} \nabla^2 u + \frac{1}{k^2} \nabla^2 u_i \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{k^2 u} [-(\nabla^2 u + k^2 u) + \nabla^2 u_i + k^2 u_i] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{k^2 u} (\nabla^2 + k^2) u.
 \end{aligned}$$

Analysis 1:

Asymptotic Result

$$-k^2 \gamma(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{u^*(\mathbf{r}, k)}{\|u(\mathbf{r}, k)\|^2} \nabla^2 \left(u_s(\mathbf{r}, k) - \frac{k^2}{4\pi r} \otimes_3 u_s(\mathbf{r}, k) \right)$$

$$\|u_s - (k^2/4\pi r) \otimes_3 u_s\|_2 \leq \|u_s\|_2 [1 + k^2 \sqrt{r/(4\pi)}]$$

$$-k^2 \gamma = \frac{-1}{u_i^\pm + u_s} k^2 u_s \otimes_3 \nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{4\pi r} \right)$$

$$= k^2 A^{-1} [(u_i^\pm)^* + u_s^*] u_s, \quad r \rightarrow \infty$$

$$A^{-1} = |u_i^\pm + u_s|^{-2}$$

Analysis 2:

Transformation to Fourier Space

$$\tilde{\gamma}(k\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = [\tilde{u}_s[k(\hat{\mathbf{n}}_i - \hat{\mathbf{n}})] + \tilde{u}_s^*[k\hat{\mathbf{n}}] \otimes_3 \tilde{u}_s(k\hat{\mathbf{n}})] \otimes_3 \tilde{A}^{-1}(k\hat{\mathbf{n}})$$

$$\tilde{A}^{-1} = \delta^3, \quad \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i - \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \hat{\mathbf{n}}_s$$

$$\tilde{u}_s(k\hat{\mathbf{n}}_s) = \tilde{\gamma}[k(\hat{\mathbf{n}}_i - \hat{\mathbf{n}}_s)] - \tilde{u}_s^*[k(\hat{\mathbf{n}}_i - \hat{\mathbf{n}}_s)] \otimes_3 \tilde{u}_s[k(\hat{\mathbf{n}}_i - \hat{\mathbf{n}}_s)]$$

Scattered Field = Single Scattering - Multiple Scattering

Fourier zone

Fourier transform

Convolution



Summary



- Imaging systems modelling is based on using a ***Green's function solution*** to the wave equation best ***models the system***
- Application of the ***Born approximation*** provides a ***linear system theory*** approach to modelling an image
- ***Multiple scattering*** effects are taken to contribute to the ***additive noise term***



In the Following Lecture...

We shall consider a case study based on
the following question:

Why are Einstein Rings Blue ?



Questions
+
Interval (10 Minutes)

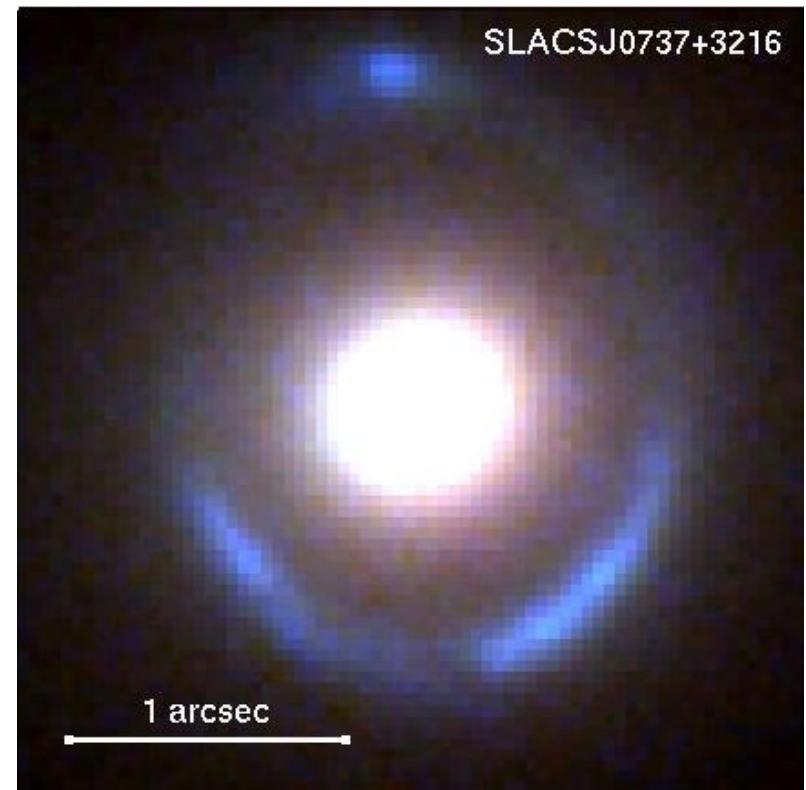
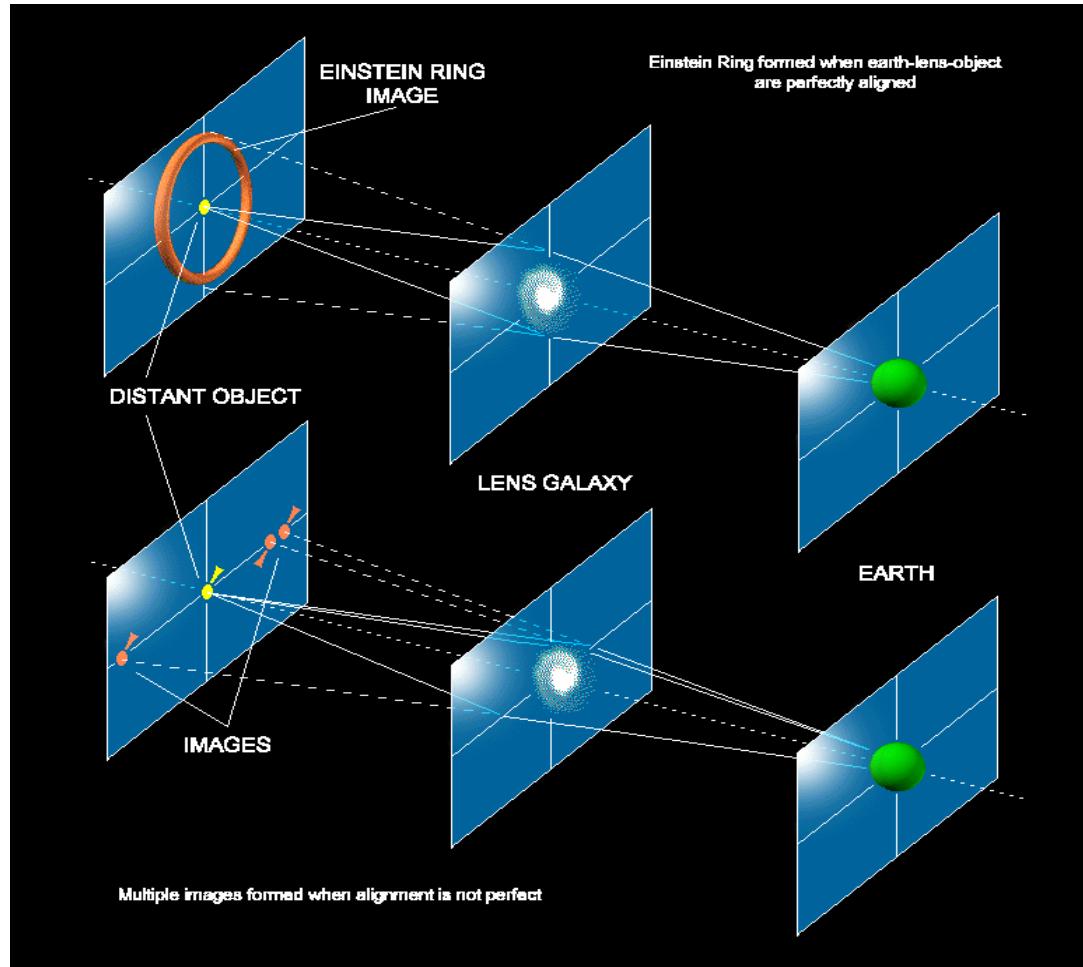


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The HST & Einstein Rings



Low Frequency Scattering

- Consider the wave equation

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)\psi(\mathbf{r}, k) = -k^2\gamma(\mathbf{r})\psi(\mathbf{r}, k)$$

$$\gamma(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{2mc^2}{E^2}[E - E_p(\mathbf{r})] - 1$$

- Exact scattering solution is

$$\psi_s^0 = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \psi_s = \frac{k_0^2}{4\pi r} \otimes_3 \gamma$$

which is a general solution of

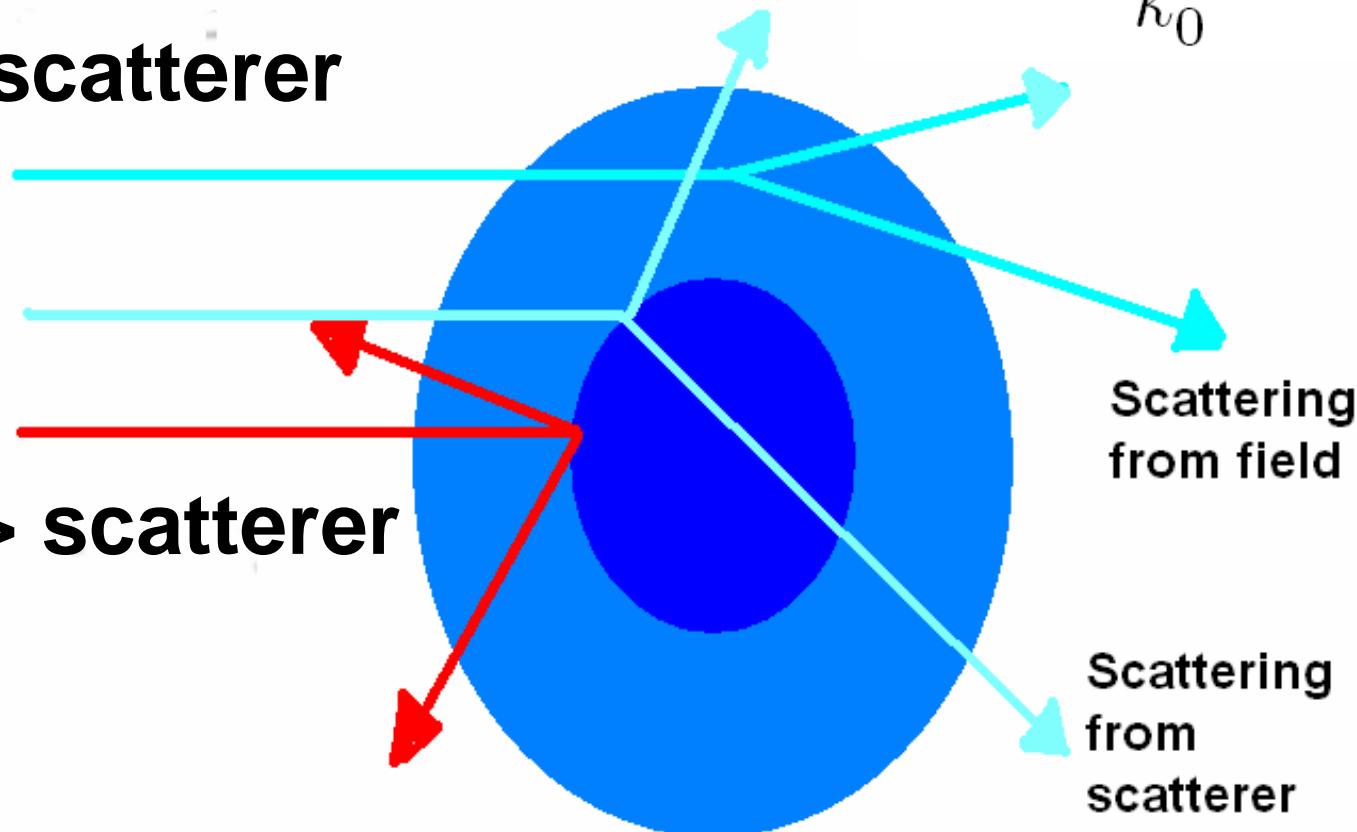
$$\nabla^2 \psi_s^0 = -k_0^2 \gamma$$

Scattering from a Low Frequency Scattered Field

$1 \sim \text{scatterer}$

$1 \gg \text{scatterer}$

$$\psi_s \sim -\frac{k^2}{k_0^2} g \otimes_3 \psi_i \nabla^2 \psi_s^0$$



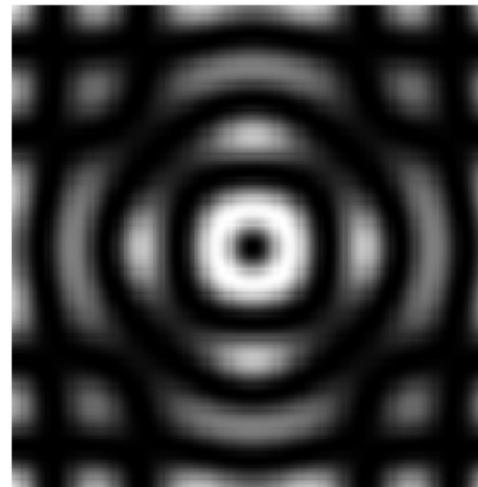
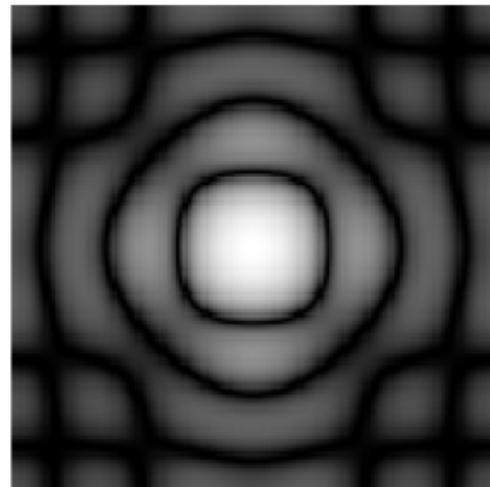
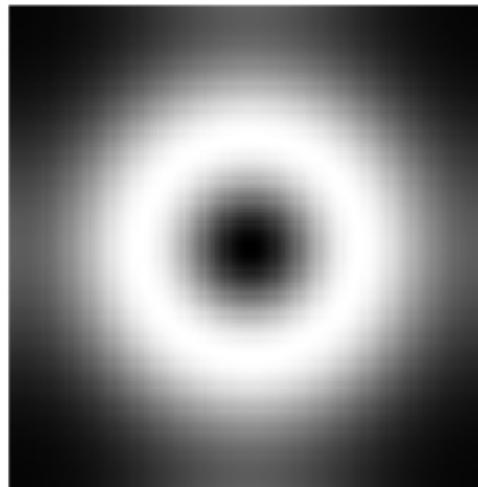
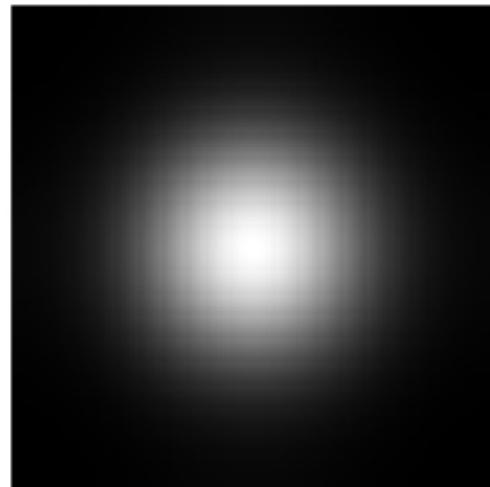
$$\nabla^2 \psi_s^0 = -k_0^2 \gamma$$

Field generated by
low frequency
scattering

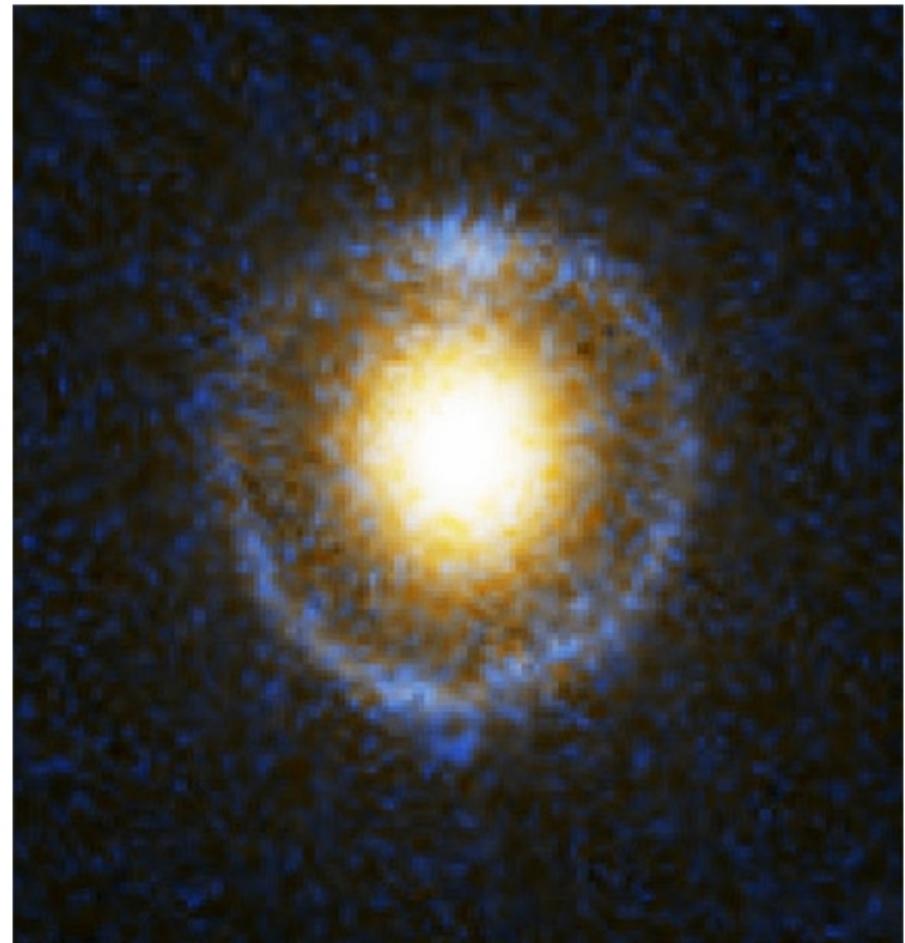
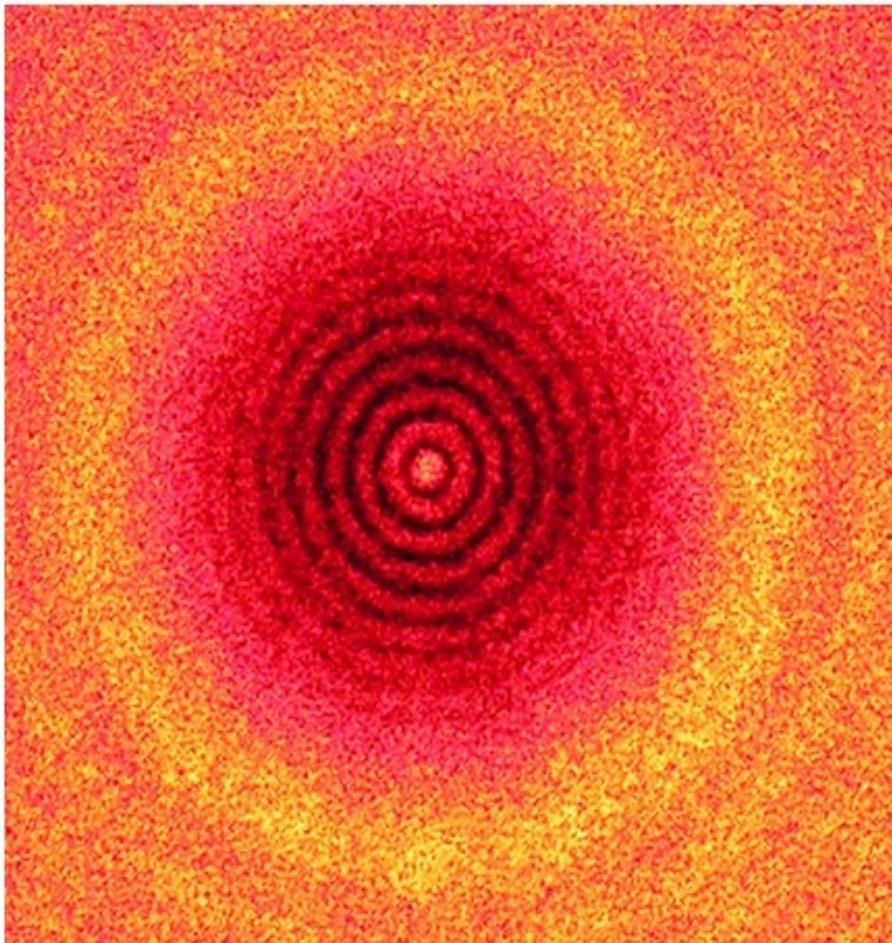
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Far Field Diffraction Patterns

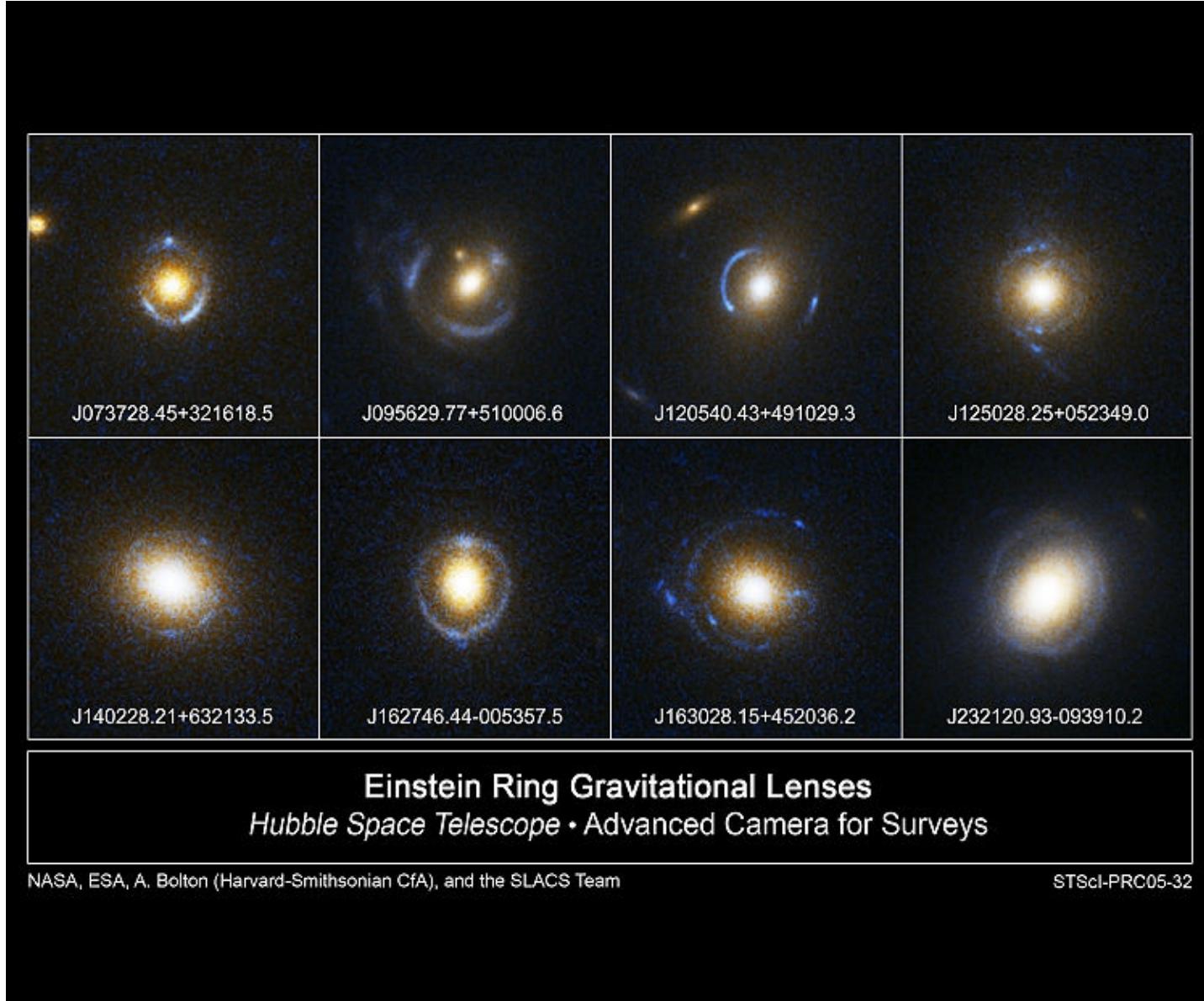
$$\psi_s \sim k^2 g \otimes_3 \gamma \psi_i \quad \psi_s \sim -\frac{k^2}{k_0^2} g \otimes_3 \psi_i \nabla^2 \psi_s^0$$



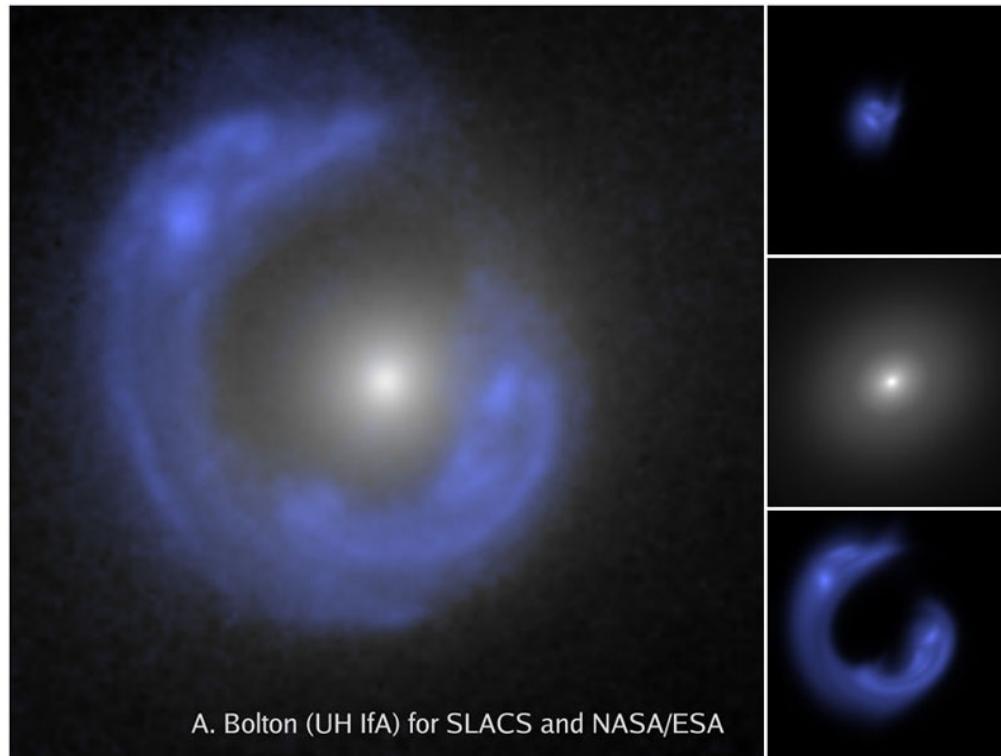
Poisson Spot .v. Einstein Ring



Why is an Einstein Ring Blue ?



A Dummkopf Explanation



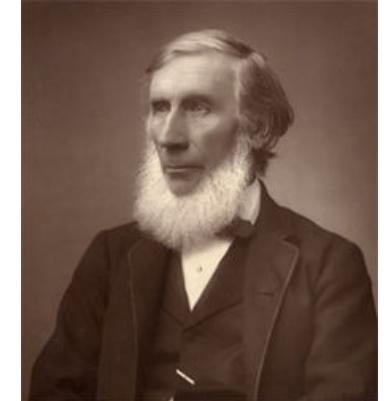
“What's large and blue and can wrap itself around an entire galaxy?
A gravitation lens image. Pictured above on the left, the gravity of
a normal white galaxy has gravitationally distorted the light from
a much more distant blue galaxy”.

Astronomy Picture of the Day, July 28, 2008

Scaling Laws

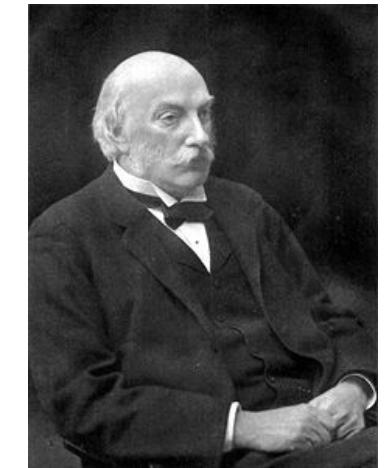
- Tyndall scattering of light

$$|\psi_s|^2 \propto \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$



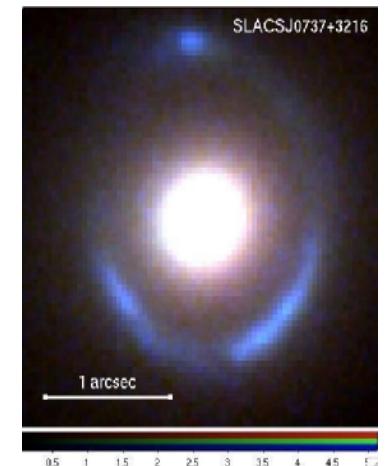
- Rayleigh scattering of light

$$|\psi_s|^2 \propto \frac{1}{\lambda^4}$$

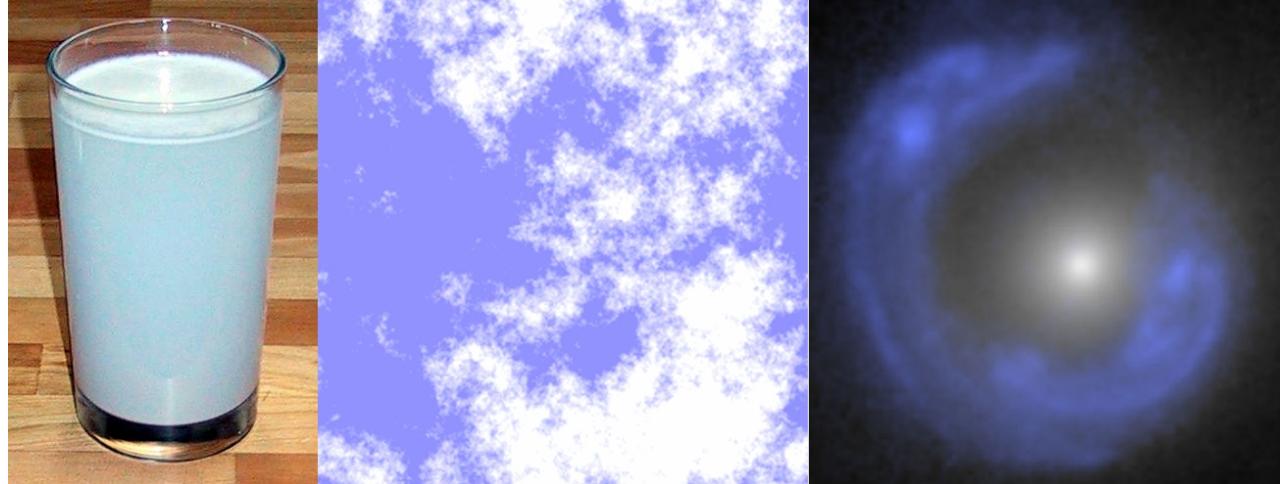


- ***Gravitational scattering of light?***

$$|\psi_s|^2 \propto \frac{1}{\lambda^6}$$



Experimental Evidence: The Colour of Scattering

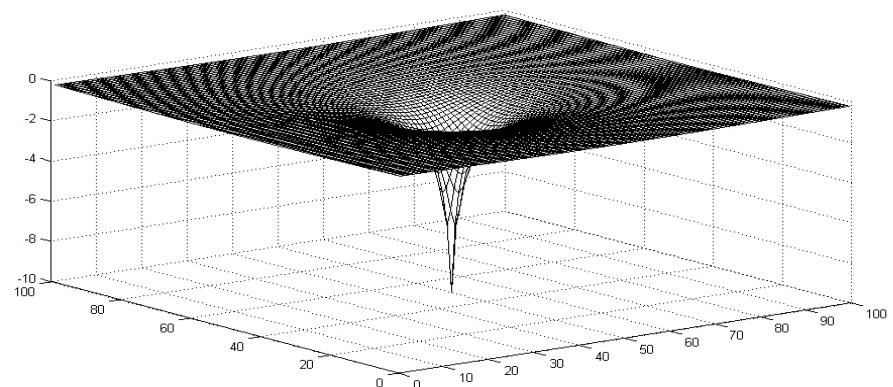
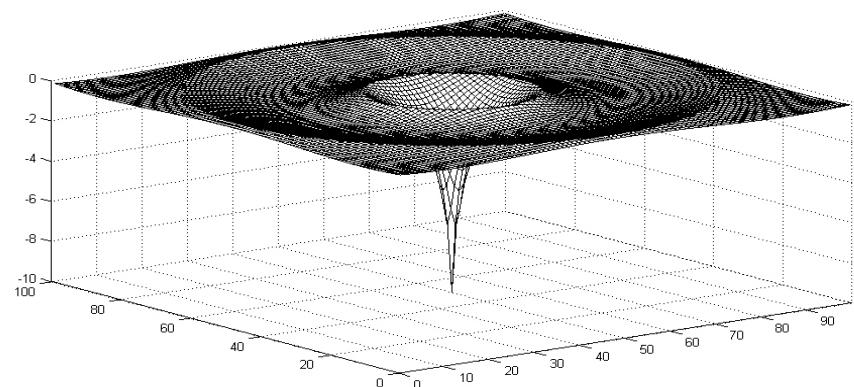
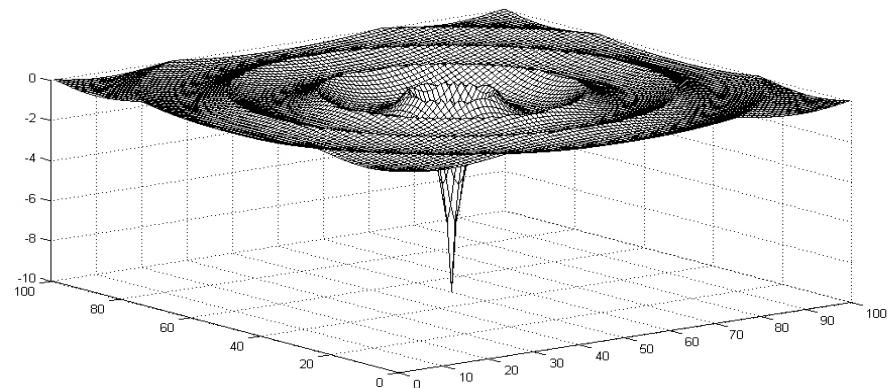
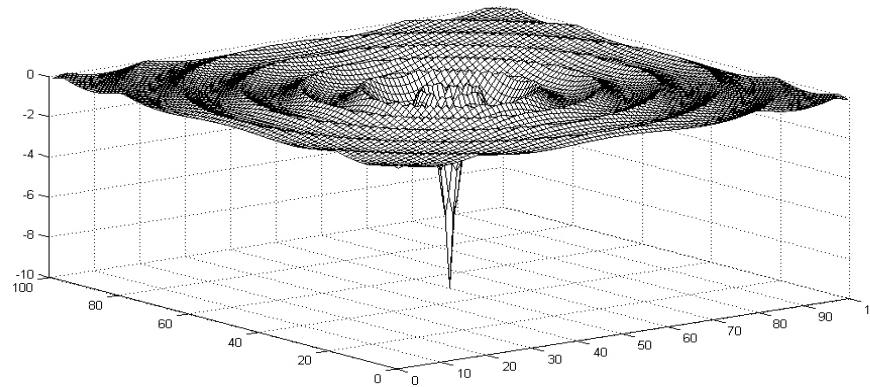


$-2\ln\lambda$

$-4\ln\lambda$

$-6\ln\lambda$

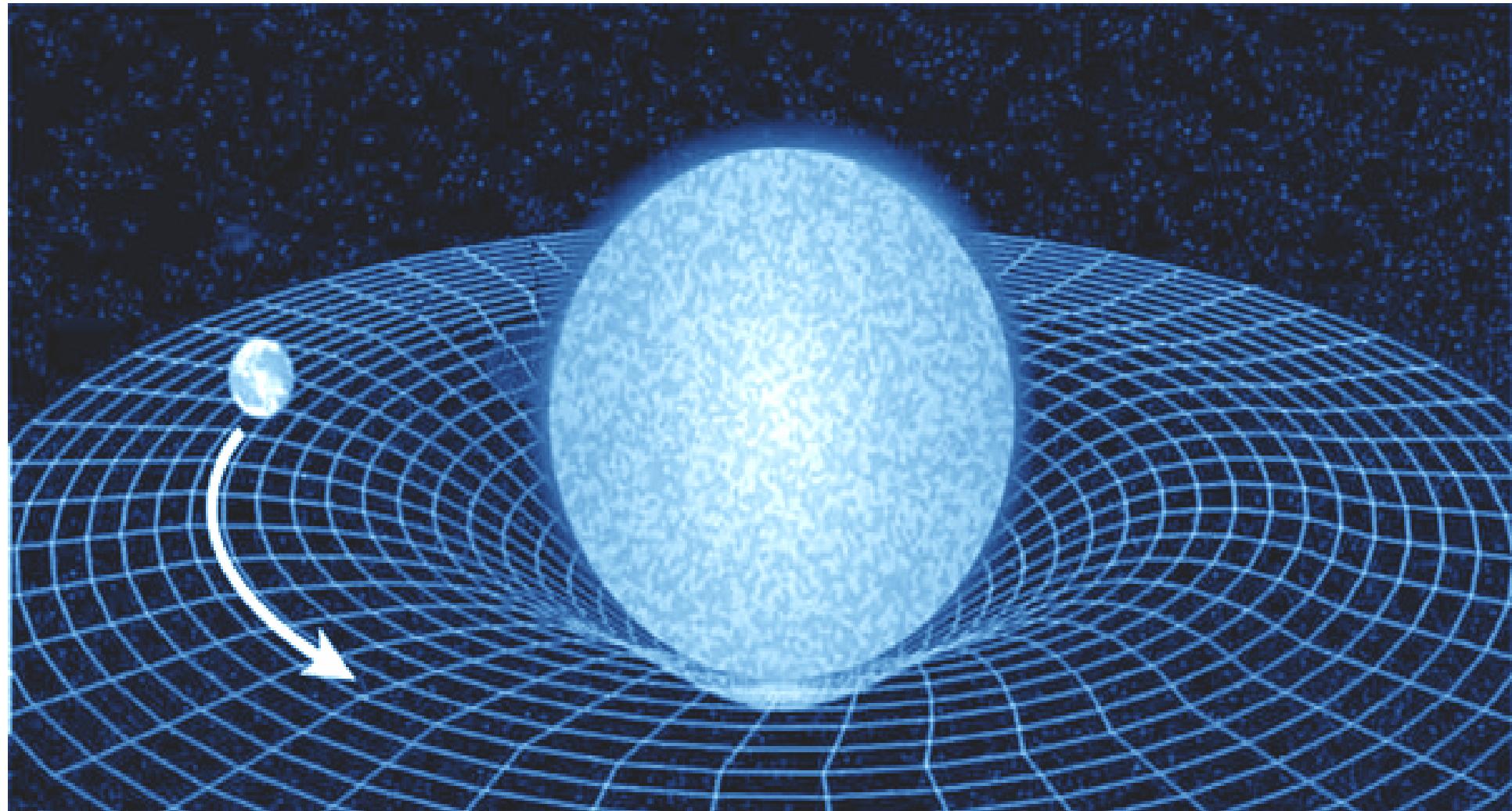
Compatibility with GR Two Dimensional ‘Space Waves’



Let the ‘medium’ of wave propagation be
Space-Time



Curved Space Explanation of Gravity



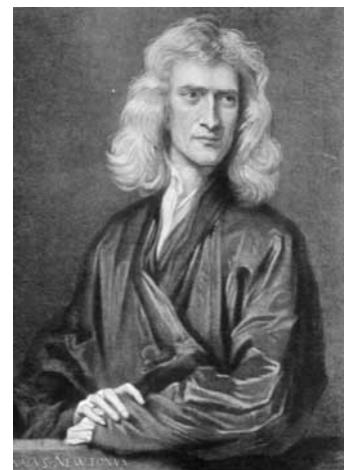


What is Gravity ?



Two masses experience a gravitational force because each mass ‘detects’ the
‘low frequency wavefields’ (gravity waves)

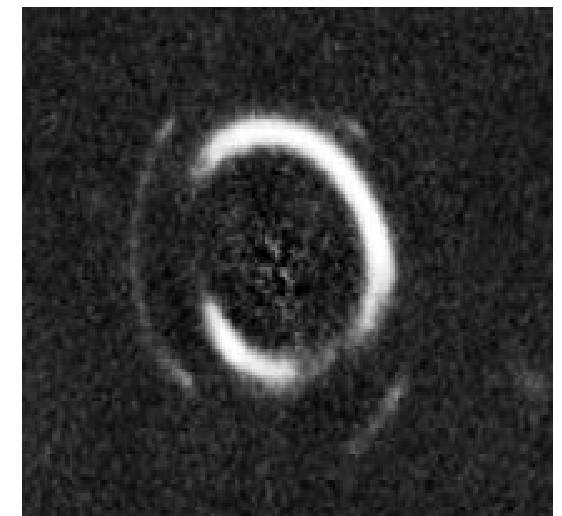
scattered by the



‘high frequency wavefields’ (matter waves)
of the other.

Example Consequences

- Gravity waves (as predicted by Einstein) will not be measured because the detectors are in effect **weighing machines designed to weigh themselves!**
- A black hole is a '**strong scatterer**' of gravity waves
- A black hole will generate multiple Einstein rings





The Field Equations of Physics



- Maxwell's equations (1865)
Electromagnetic waves
- Einstein's equations (1916)
Gravity waves
- Schrodinger (1925), Klein-Gordon (1927),
Dirac (1928) equations (& others)
Matter waves



Fields .v. Wavefields



- Unified field theory: **Fields determine wavefields**

e.g. Maxwell's equations decouple to give the classical (non-relativistic) wave equation

Fields describe **mass-less Vector Bosons**

- Unified wavefield theory: **Wavefields determine fields**

e.g. Proca equations are Maxwell's equations designed specifically so that upon decoupling, the Klein-Gordon (relativistic) wave equation is obtained.

Fields describe **massive Vector Bosons**

The Proca-Maxwell Equations



$$\left(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) U - \kappa^2 U = f, \quad \kappa = \frac{mc}{\hbar}$$



$$\left(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) U - \kappa^2 U = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}, \quad \left(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) \mathbf{A} - \kappa^2 \mathbf{A} = -\mu_0 \mathbf{J}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} - \kappa^2 U, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}, \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} - \kappa^2 \mathbf{A}$$



The Search for Unity in Physical Law: String Theory .v. Wave Theory

- **String theory ('find the fundamental building blocks')**

All physics is the result of waves or 'strings' with wavelengths \sim Planck length

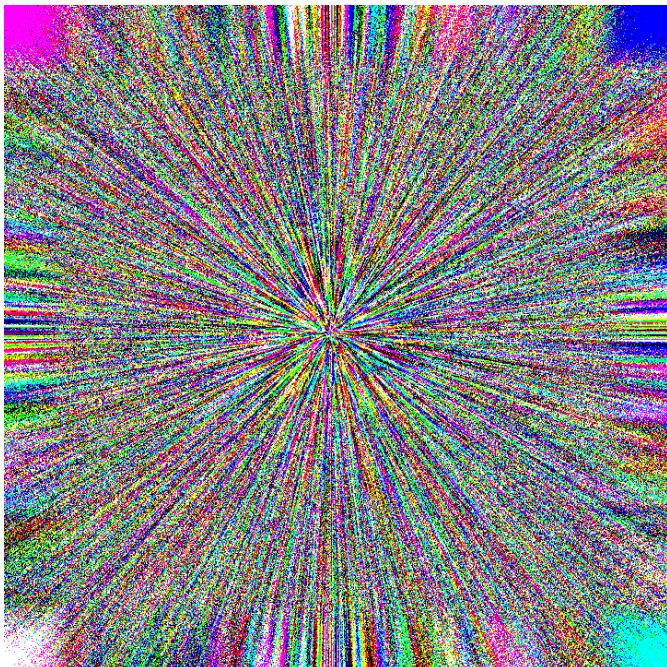
$$\ell = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar G}{c^3}} \simeq 1.16 \times 10^{-35} \text{m}$$

- **Fractal wave theory ('waves within waves approach')**

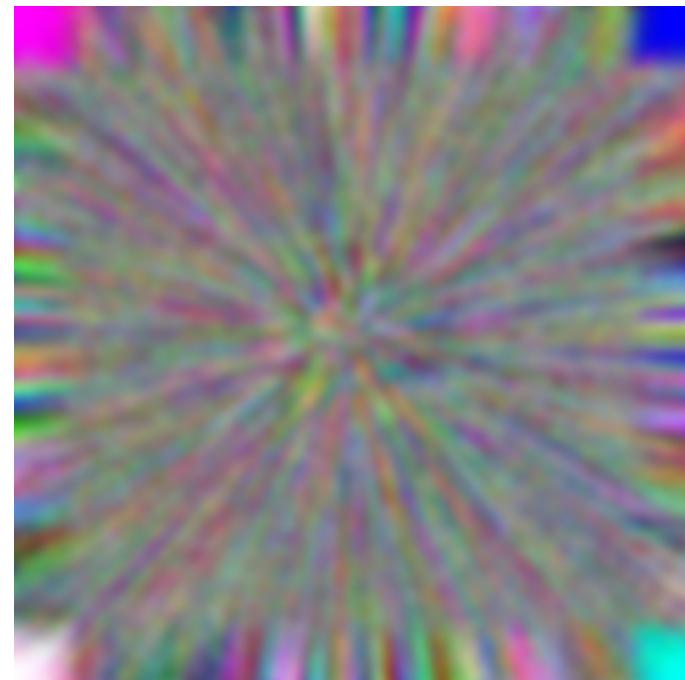
All physics is the result of waves interacting (scattering) with waves at all wavelengths greater than the Planck length subject to the principle of (scale variant) **eigenfield evolution**

What Determines the Bandwidth

Big Bang:
short impulse
broad spectrum



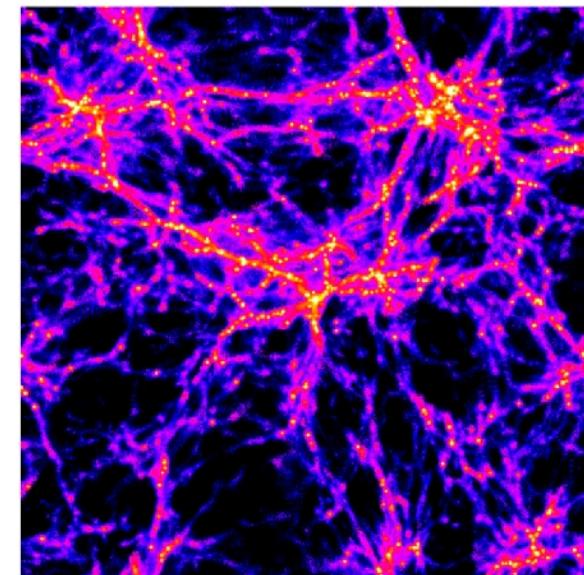
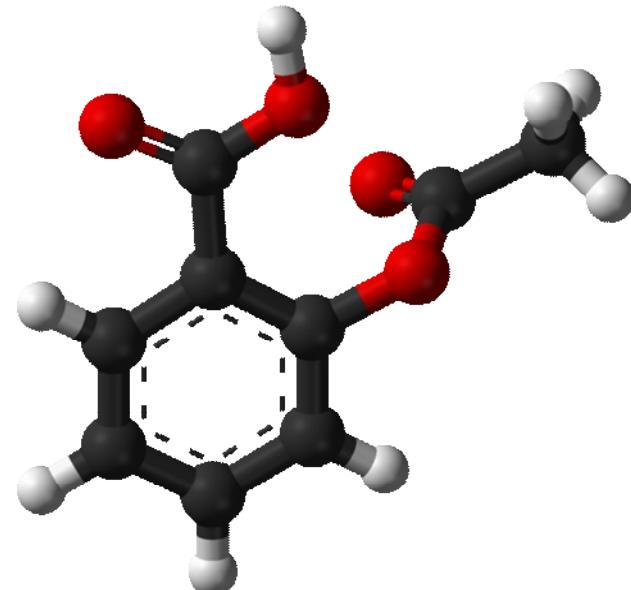
Big Puff:
long impulse
narrow spectrum



Eigenfield Evolution

Eigenfields evolve over a time period determined by scale and light speed

Free Wavefield → Eigen Wavefield
Electric Field \mathbf{E}
Magnetic field $\frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$



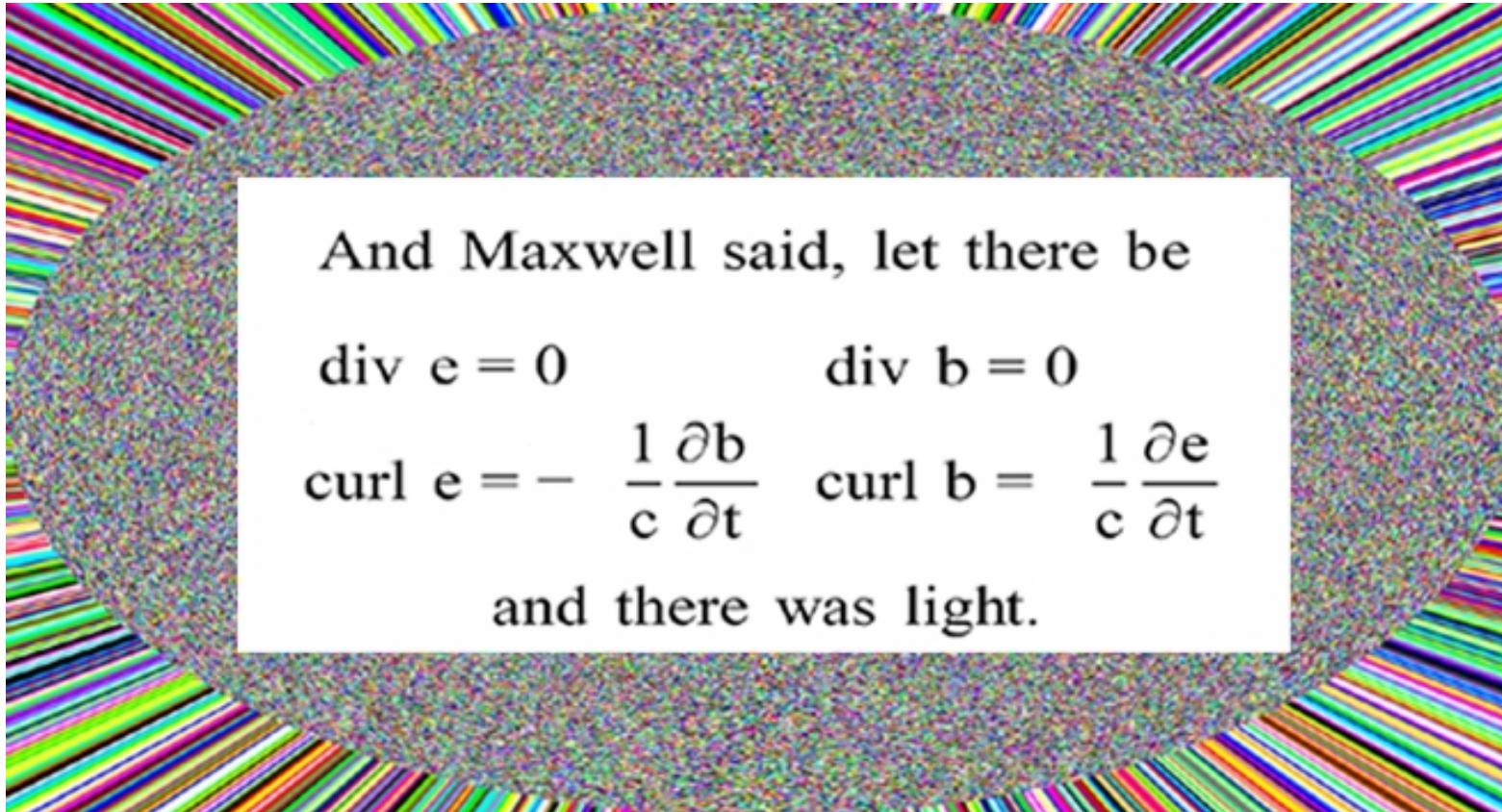
The Universe - Two Billion Years after the Big Bang
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An *Inverse Philosophy*



*Let there be light and there was
Maxwell's Equations*



Open (Inverse) Problem

GENERAL PHILOSOPHY

Physics is the interaction (scattering) of waves with waves (no fields or particles)

The inverse problem is to formally derive (at least) the following field equations:

Maxwell
Equations

Einstein
Equations

Dirac
Equations

A Mathematical Information Theoretic Approach



Summary



- Low frequency scattering theory may provide an answer to the question of

Why is an Einstein Ring Blue

- This observation leads to a new theory of gravity which is that gravity is a

Low Frequency Scattering Effect

- Compatibility with GR is realised if the medium of propagation is

Space-Time



Q & A