

## Diffraction

---



**Ernesto Estévez Rams**  
**IMRE-Facultad de Física**  
**Universidad de la Habana**

IUCr International School on Crystallography, Brazil, 2012.



## History of X-ray...



... starts in the German city of Würzburg, the 8 of November 1895, when Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen working with a cathodic tube, observed a new radiation in a fluorescent screen two meters from the tube and covered with black paper. Not knowing its nature, he called it X-rays.

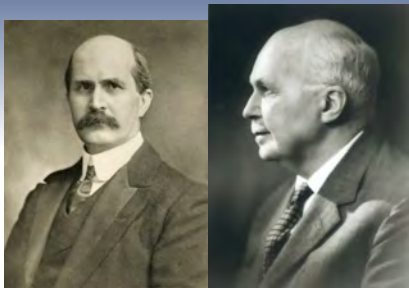
## History of X-ray...



In 1912

... the german physicist Max von Laue at the University of München was listening to the young student P. P Ewald regarding his theoretical work on diffraction by 3D gratings. Laue came to realize that if x-rays where electromagnetic waves, and crystalline solids were made of periodic arrangement of atoms then, they should diffract X-rays.

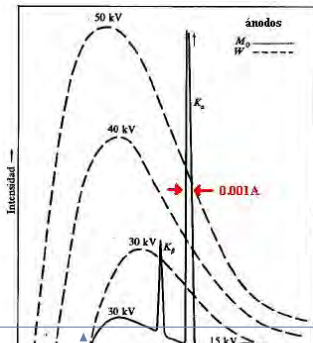
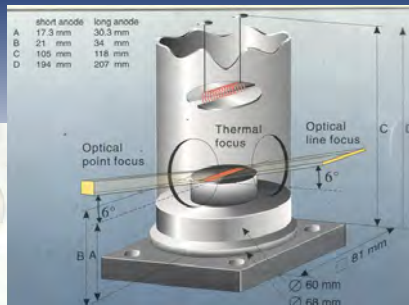
## History of X-ray...



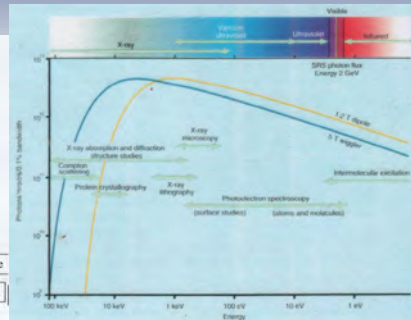
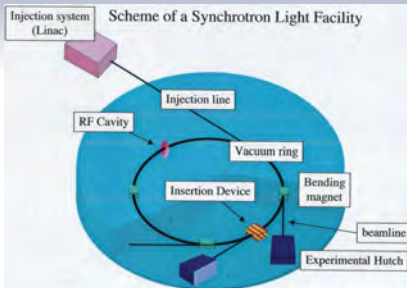
Bragg son and father realized that X-ray diffraction opened a new way of exploring the atomic arrangement of atoms in a solid. They started analyzing the alkaline compounds KCl, KBr y NaCl and reported their structure to the Royal Society in June 1913. The paper was entitled "The diffraction of Short Electromagnetic waves by a Crystal".



# X-ray sources



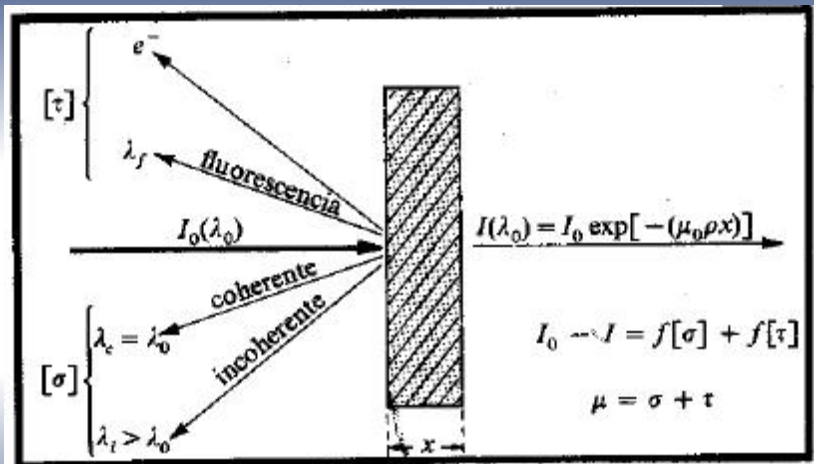
# X-ray sources



# X-ray sources

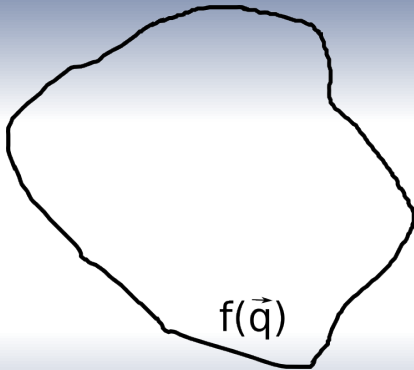


## X-ray sources





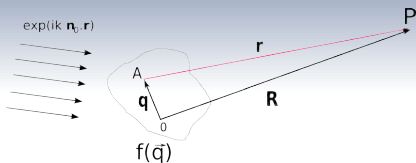
# Diffraction in the Fraunhofer approximation



Let a three-dimensional object be characterized by a function  $f(\vec{q})$  which represents the scattering power of the specimen.

# Diffraction in the Fraunhofer approximation

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$



At point  $A$  a spherical wave is elastically scattered and at point  $P$  we have

$$f(\vec{q}) \exp(ik\vec{n}_0 \cdot \vec{q}) \frac{\exp(ikr)}{kr}$$

where

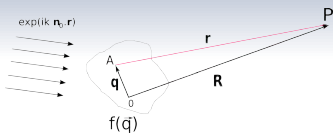
$$r = |\vec{R} - \vec{q}|$$

then

$$\psi = \iiint_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\vec{q}) \exp(ik\vec{n}_0 \cdot \vec{q}) \frac{\exp(ik|\vec{R} - \vec{q}|)}{k|\vec{R} - \vec{q}|} d^3\vec{q}$$



# The Fraunhofer approximation

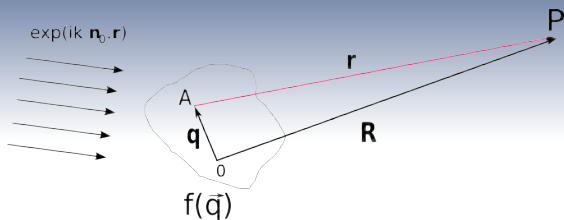


**Definition (Fraunhofer approximation)**

$$|\vec{q}| \ll |\vec{R}|$$

$$\frac{\exp(ik|\vec{R} - \vec{q}|)}{k|\vec{R} - \vec{q}|} \approx \frac{\exp(ik|\vec{R}|)}{k|\vec{R}|} \exp(-ik\vec{n} \cdot \vec{q}) \quad \vec{n} = \frac{\vec{R}}{|\vec{R}|}$$

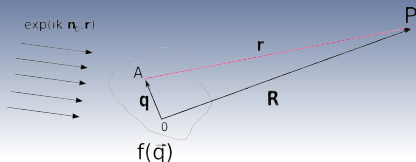
# The Fraunhofer approximation



$$|\vec{R} - \vec{q}| = \sqrt{R^2 - 2\vec{R} \cdot \vec{q} + q^2} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{2\vec{R} \cdot \vec{q} - q^2}{R^2}} = R - \vec{n} \cdot \vec{q} + \varepsilon$$

$$\varepsilon \ll R$$

# Diffraction in the Fraunhofer approximation

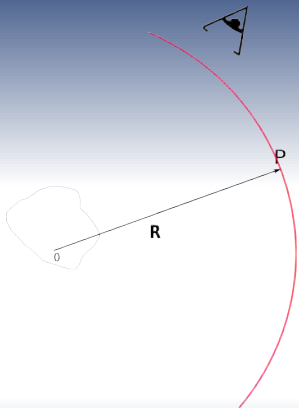


$$\psi(\vec{R}, \vec{r}^*) = \frac{\exp(ikR)}{kR} \iiint_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\vec{q}) \exp(2i\pi(\vec{n} - \vec{n}_0)/\lambda \cdot \vec{q}) d^3\vec{q} =$$

$$\frac{\exp(ikR)}{kR} \iiint_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\vec{q}) \exp(2i\pi\vec{r}^* \cdot \vec{q}) d^3\vec{q}$$

$$\vec{r}^* = \frac{(\vec{n} - \vec{n}_0)}{\lambda}$$

# Diffraction in the Fraunhofer approximation

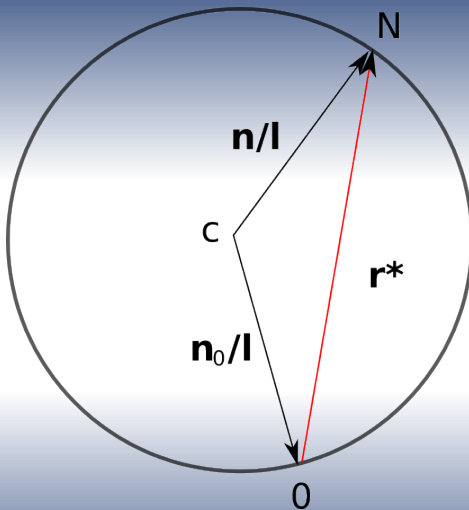


$$\psi(\vec{r}^*) = \left[ \frac{\exp(ikR)}{kR} \right] \iiint_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\vec{q}) \exp(2i\pi\vec{r}^* \cdot \vec{q}) d^3\vec{q}$$

$$C \iiint_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\vec{q}) \exp(2i\pi\vec{r}^* \cdot \vec{q}) d^3\vec{q}$$

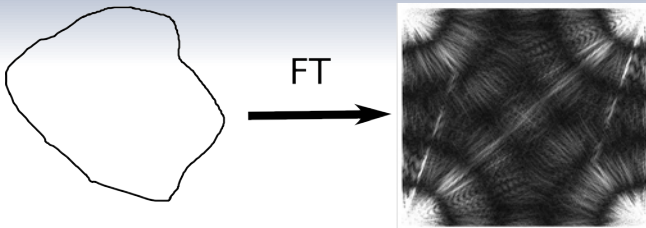
$$f(\vec{q}) = \frac{1}{C} \iiint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(\vec{r}^*) \exp(-2i\pi\vec{r}^* \cdot \vec{q}) d^3\vec{r}^*$$

## Ewald Sphere



$$|\psi(\vec{R})|^2$$

# Ewald Sphere





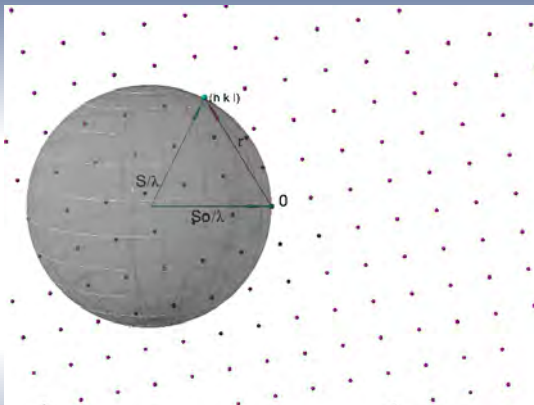
# Diffraction



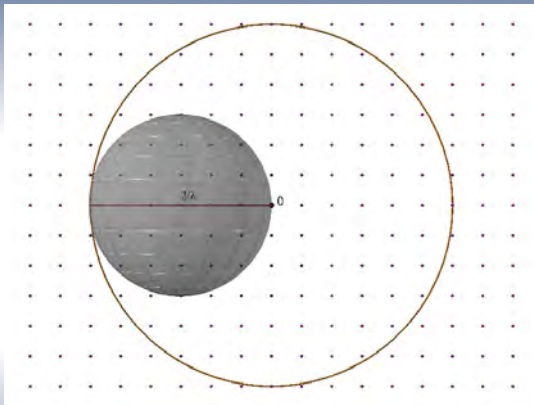
Fourier



# Reciprocal lattice



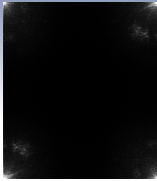
# Reciprocal lattice



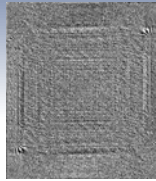
# Diffraction in the Fraunhofer approximation



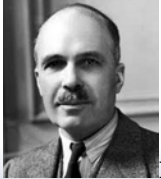
Fourier



Fourier



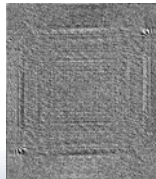
$\Gamma^{-1}$



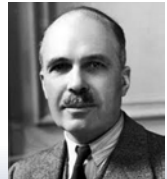
Bragg



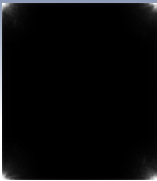
Bragg



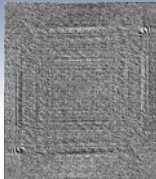
$\Gamma^{-1}$



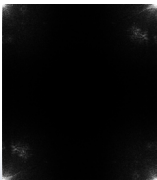
# The phase problem



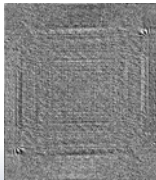
Bragg



Fourier



Fourier



Bragg



# Fourier transform of real functions

## *Theorem ( $\Gamma$ of real functions)*

*The  $f(\vec{r})$  is real only and only if  $F(\vec{r}^*)$  is hermitian*

$$f(\vec{r}) = f^*(\vec{r}) \iff F(\vec{r}^*) = F^*(-\vec{r}^*)$$

## **Friedel law**

$$f(\vec{r}) = f^*(\vec{r}) \Rightarrow F(\vec{r}^*)F^*(\vec{r}^*) = F^*(-\vec{r}^*)F(-\vec{r}^*)$$

# Diffraction in the Fraunhofer approximation

## Friedel law

$$f(\vec{r}) = f^*(\vec{r}) \Rightarrow F(\vec{r}^*)F^*(\vec{r}^*) = F^*(-\vec{r}^*)F(-\vec{r}^*)$$

