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Scattering theory provides a framework for understanding the scattering of waves and particles. This book presents a simple physical picture of diffractive nuclear scattering in terms of semi-classical trajectories, illustrated throughout with examples and case studies. Trajectories in a complex impact parameter plane are discussed, and it stresses the importance of the analytical properties of the phase shift function in this complex impact plane in the asymptotic limit. Several new rainbow phenomena are also discussed and illustrated. Written by Nobel Prize winner Roy Glauber, and Per Osland an expert in the field of particle physics, it illustrates the transition from quantum to classical scattering, and provides a valuable resource for researchers using scattering theory in nuclear, particle, atomic and molecular physics.

**Roy J. Glauber** was Mallinckrodt Professor of Physics (Emeritus) at Harvard University and Adjunct Professor of Optical Sciences at the University of Arizona. In 2005 he received half the Nobel Prize in Physics for his contribution to “the quantum theory of optical coherence”. He received many awards, including the Albert A. Michelson Medal from the Franklin Institute (1985), the Max Born Award from the Optical Society of America, (1985) and the Dannie Heinemann Prize for Mathematical Physics from the American Physical Society (1966). He was elected a Foreign Member of the Royal Society (1997), an Honorary Member of the Optical Society of America (2008) and served on the Advisory Board of the Max Plank Institute of Light.

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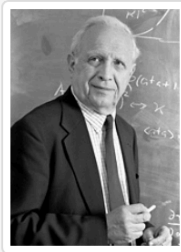
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The Nobel Prize in Physics 2005 was divided, one half awarded to Roy J. Glauber "for his contribution to the quantum theory of optical coherence", the other half jointly to John L. Hall and Theodor W. Hänsch "for their contributions to the development of laser-based precision spectroscopy, including the optical frequency comb technique".

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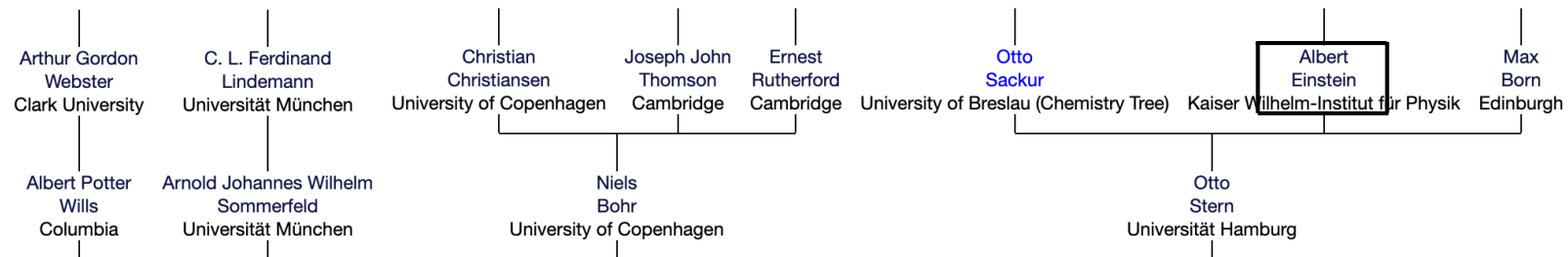
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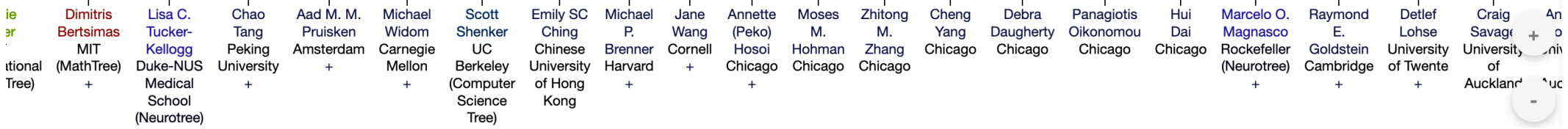
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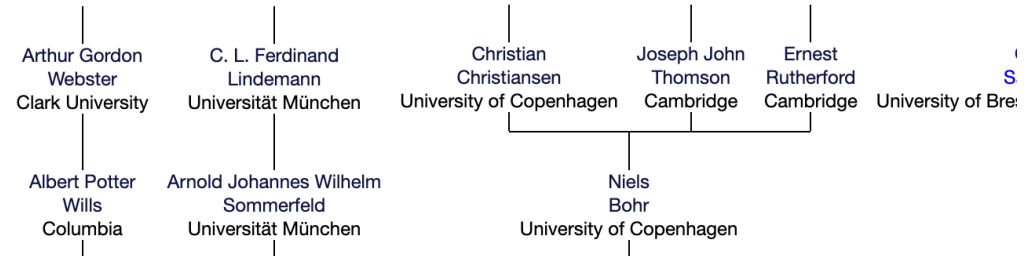


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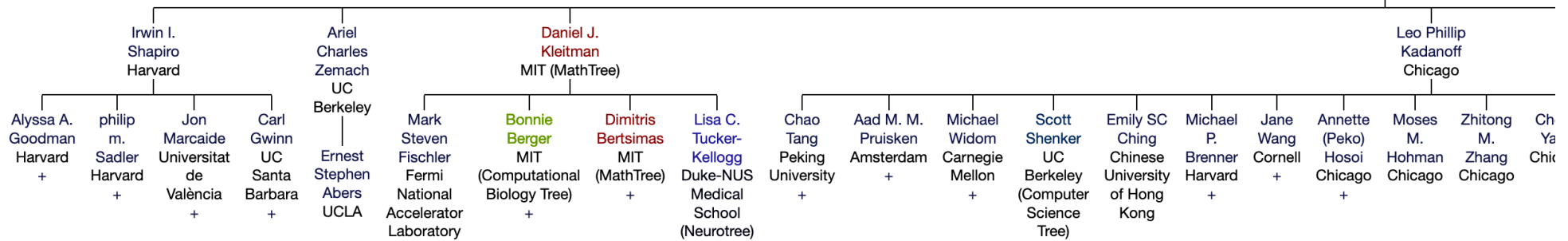
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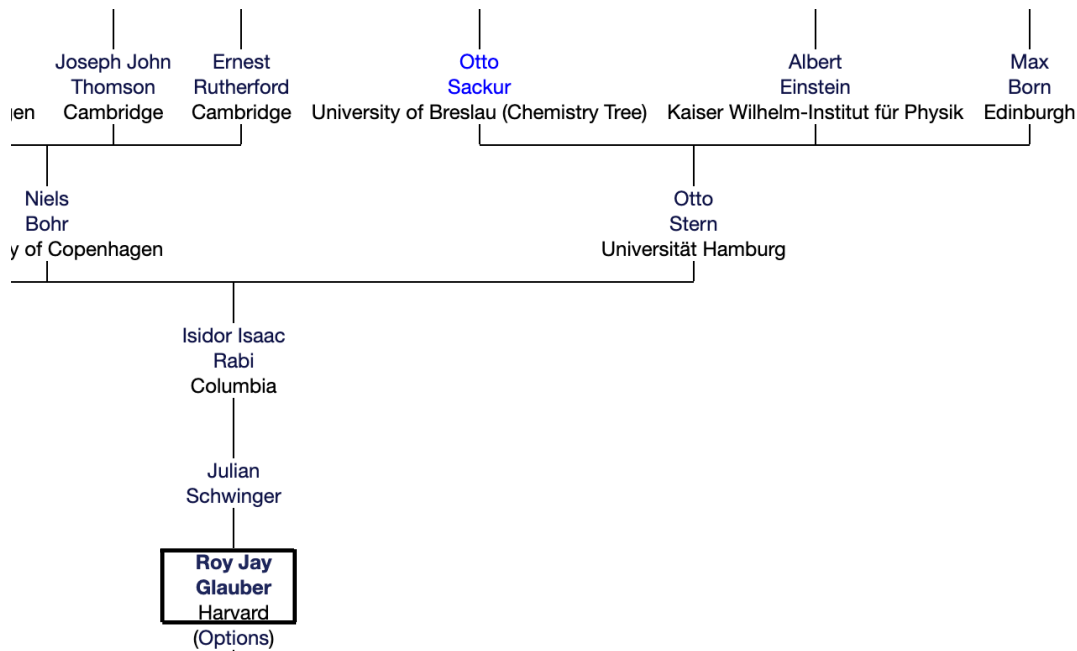


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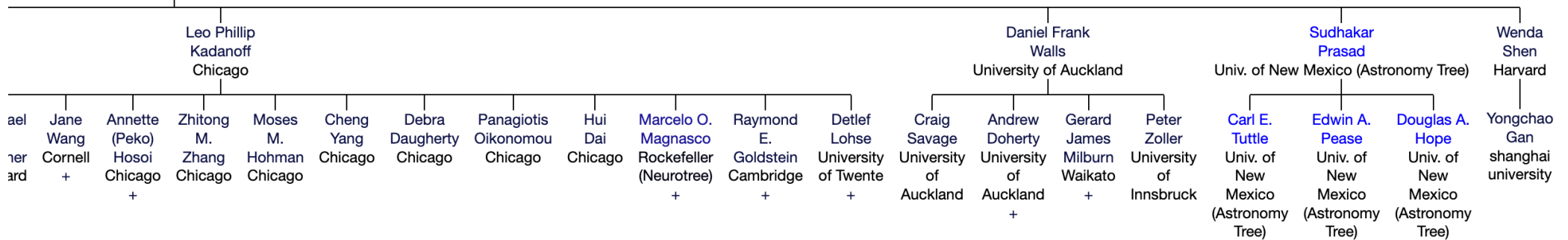
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THE QUANTUM MECHANICAL THEORY OF COLLISIONS

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I.- In the present course we shall consider the quantum mechanical treatment of problems of particle interactions in which at least one of the particles is unbound and therefore able to travel large distances freely. In effect such particles are able to communicate the results of their interaction directly to macroscopic detection apparatus. The interpretation of the resulting data is in general the most direct way of forming conclusions about the interactions.

A considerable variety of physical phenomena involves unbound particles. Among the simplest are scattering processes ; in particular the deflection of particles from a collimated beam. More general collision processes which induce reactions of various sorts also lie within the class we shall examine. Our chief concern will be with the means of solving problems in which well-defined models have been postulated to describe the basic interactions. We shall restrict ourselves, in fact, to the treatment of fairly simple models, and

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# HIGH-ENERGY COLLISION THEORY

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Few trends are more striking nowadays than the increase of attention being devoted to the collisions of particles accelerated to high energies. The reasons for such studies lie basically in the information they furnish about the interactions of the colliding particles, and about the reaction products they generate. Both types of information may usually be obtained more readily at high than at low energies. The study of low-energy collisions ordinarily tells us only a certain measure of the strength of an interaction. At high energies, on the other hand, the shorter wavelength of the incident particles makes them sensitive probes of the region of interaction. When the wavelengths are sufficiently short, for example, the angular distribution of elastically scattered particles becomes, in a sense, a detailed map of the region of interaction. Inelastic collisions are capable of furnishing much the same information too, and as particle energies rise, the importance of such collisions grows and their variety multiplies.

The type of problem we should like to treat, say the collision of an incident particle with a nucleus consisting of many particles, is not an easy one to formulate at any energy. But at high energies the complication of the problem as evidenced, for example, by the huge number of final states available to the system, makes the prospect of reaching exact solutions quite dim indeed. Fortunately, however, the physical conditions which hold at high energies are in a number of ways well suited to the introduction of approximation methods. The major part of these lectures will be devoted to the development of such techniques.

The approximation methods we shall describe are quite elementary in structure. They all bear a certain family resemblance to the approximations used in the diffraction theory of physical optics. That is not to say that they are too familiar, however, since the situations encountered in collision theory are usually quite different from those of optics. For example, the target particles in a nucleus are free to move about in a bound state while the obstacles of diffraction theory are always fixed. It will be necessary, therefore, to develop mathematical methods for treating the quantum mechanical problem which are of much greater generality than those of physical optics. But the mathematics required is very sim-

... collision of an incident particle with a nucleus...  
... at high energies...

... approximation methods ...

From the integral equation

$$\psi(\vec{r}) = e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} - \frac{2m}{4\pi\hbar^2} \int \frac{e^{ik|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} V(\vec{r}')\psi(\vec{r}') d\vec{r}'$$

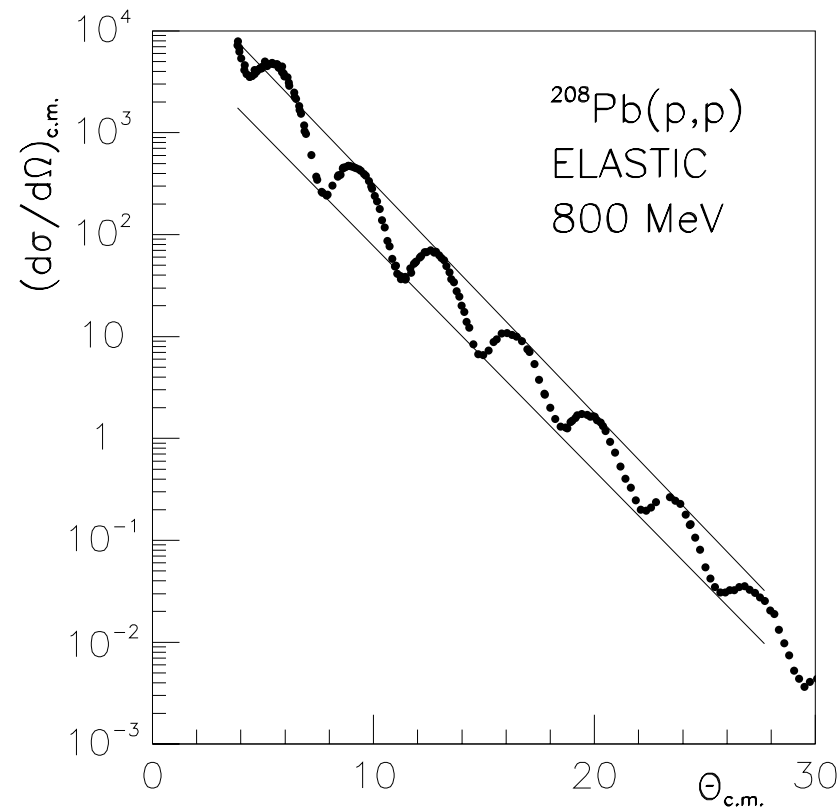
we obtain as  $r \rightarrow \infty$

$$\psi(\vec{r}) \rightarrow e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} - \frac{2m}{4\pi\hbar^2} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \int e^{-i\vec{k}_r\cdot\vec{r}'} V(\vec{r}')\psi(\vec{r}') d\vec{r}'$$

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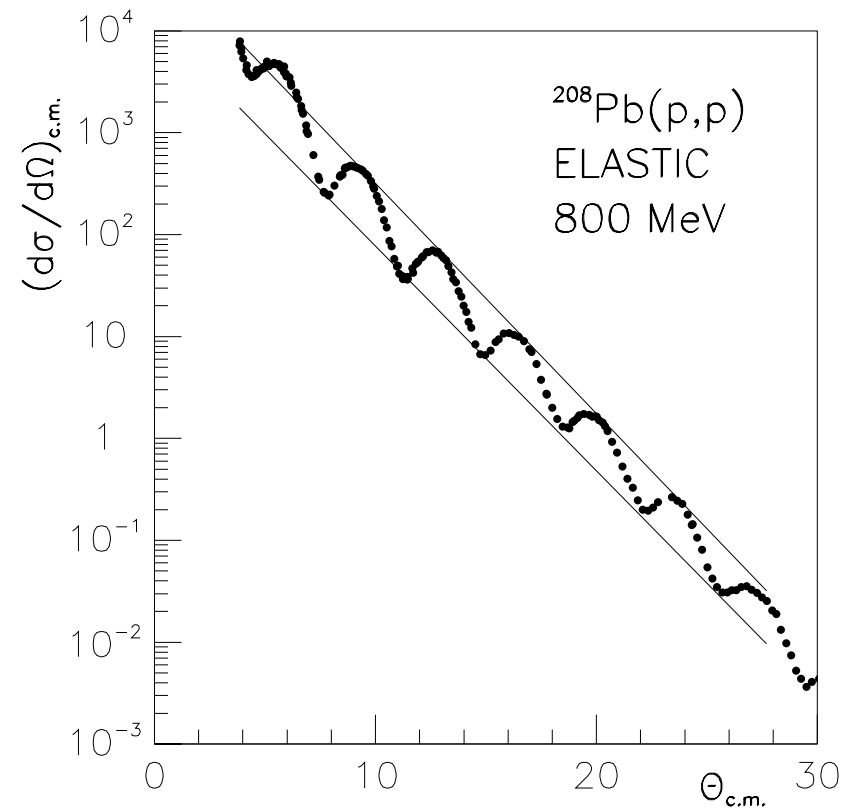
$$f(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}) = \frac{ik}{2\pi} \int e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{b}} \{1 - e^{i\chi(\mathbf{b})}\} d^2b$$

Gross Features:

1. exponentially falling envelope
2. periodic oscillations

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seven orders  
of magnitude

Description:

$$f(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}) = \frac{ik}{2\pi} \int e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{b}} \{1 - e^{i\chi(\mathbf{b})}\} d^2b$$

Roy: “But what does it mean?”

# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

Conventional two-slit diffraction:  $I \propto \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \right)^2$  slit has sharp edges!

Oscillations with a **power-law fall-off**

**Roy: consider a slit with diffuse edges:**

General diffraction amplitude:  $f(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}) \sim \int e^{i(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}') \cdot \mathbf{b}} A(\mathbf{b}) d^2b$

A straight slit with a **diffuse edge:**

$$A(x) = \frac{\beta}{\pi} \frac{1}{x^2 + \beta^2} \quad x \text{ in scattering plane}$$

$$f(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}) \sim \frac{\beta}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-iqx}}{x^2 + \beta^2} dx$$

poles at  $x = \pm i\beta$

$$\sim \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-iqx} \left\{ \frac{1}{x - i\beta} - \frac{1}{x + i\beta} \right\} dx$$



# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

Let  $q$  be positive. Close contour in lower half-plane.

$$f(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}) \sim e^{-\beta|\mathbf{q}|}$$

Reminiscent of envelope of experimental data plot shown.

Consider two such (diffuse) slits:

$$A(x) = \frac{\beta}{2\pi} \left\{ \frac{1}{(x-c)^2 + \beta^2} + \frac{1}{(x+c)^2 + \beta^2} \right\}$$

Resulting Fraunhofer diffraction amplitude:

$$f(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}) \sim e^{-\beta|\mathbf{q}|} \cos(cq) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{periodic oscillations,} \\ \text{exponential damping} \end{array}$$

Scattering from the whole impact plane is summarized by the contributions from two **pole singularities** located in the **complex** plane:

$$x = \pm c - i\beta$$

# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

“Kirchhoff integral” for “Fraunhofer diffraction” (Roy’s terminology):

$$f(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}) = \frac{ik}{2\pi} \int e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{b}} \{1 - e^{i\chi(\mathbf{b})}\} d^2b$$

The “1” only contributes a delta-function in the forward direction

The rest can be evaluated approximately,  
stationary phase at “large” values of  $q$

$$\nabla_b \{-\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \chi(\mathbf{b})\} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{q} = \nabla_b \chi(\mathbf{b})$$

# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

## Classical considerations

Let particle at the position  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{b} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}z$  be subject to a potential  $V(\mathbf{b} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}z)$ . It experiences a transverse force  $-\nabla_{\mathbf{b}}V(\mathbf{b} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}z)$ .

The integral of this force over time is given by  $\hbar\nabla_{\mathbf{b}}\chi(\mathbf{b})$  since

$$\chi(\mathbf{b}) = -\frac{1}{\hbar v} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} V(\mathbf{b} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}z) dz$$

That transverse impulse then must represent the transfer of momentum to the scattered particle,

$$\hbar(\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{k}) = \hbar\mathbf{q} = \hbar\nabla_{\mathbf{b}}\chi(\mathbf{b}).$$

**which is precisely the condition of stationary phase!**

# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

## Stationary phase approximation

Transverse coordinates:

$$\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_0 = \hat{\mathbf{q}}x + \hat{\mathbf{n}}y$$

Stationary phase conditions:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b_x} \chi(b_x, b_y) = q$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b_y} \chi(b_x, b_y) = 0$$

Rotational invariance:  $\chi(\mathbf{b}) = \chi(b) = \chi\left(\sqrt{b_x^2 + b_y^2}\right)$

Stationary phase conditions then become:

$$\frac{b_x}{b} \chi'(b) = q$$

$$\frac{b_y}{b} \chi'(b) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad b_y = 0,$$

# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

## Stationary phase approximation

Phase of integrand:

$$\chi(\mathbf{b}) - \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \chi(\mathbf{b}_0) - \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{b}_0 + \alpha_x x^2 + \alpha_y y^2$$

with

$$\alpha_x \equiv \frac{1}{2} \chi''(|b_{0x}|)$$

$$\alpha_y = \chi'(|b_{0x}|)/2|b_{0x}| = q/2b_{0x}$$

Amplitude:

$$f_0(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}) = \frac{k}{2\pi i} e^{-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{b}_0 + i\chi(\mathbf{b}_0)} \mathcal{I}_0(\mathbf{q})$$

$$\mathcal{I}_0(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{\pi}{(-\alpha_x \alpha_y)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

may introduce a convergence factor

with

$$= 2\pi \left( \frac{-b_{0x}}{\chi'(b_{0x})\chi''(b_{0x})} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$f_0(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}) = \frac{k}{i} \left( \frac{-b_{0x}}{q\chi''(b_{0x})} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-iqb_{0x} + i\chi(b_{0x})}$$

# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

## Stationary phase approximation

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Azimuthal symmetry:

$$f_0(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}) = \frac{k}{i} \left( \frac{-b_{0x}}{q\chi''(b_{0x})} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-iqb_{0x} + i\chi(b_{0x})}$$

General result (no symmetry):

$$f_0(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}) = \frac{k}{\{\det \nabla_b \nabla_b \chi(\mathbf{b})|_{\mathbf{b}_0}\}^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\{i[-\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{b}_0 + \chi(\mathbf{b}_0)]\}$$

# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

## Classical cross section

Consider particles impinging on the area

$$d\sigma = d^2\mathbf{b}$$

Scattered into a cone given by transverse momenta  $d^2\mathbf{q}$

$$d^2\mathbf{b} = \frac{\partial(\mathbf{b})}{\partial(\mathbf{q})} d^2\mathbf{q}$$

↙  $2 \times 2$  Jacobian determinant

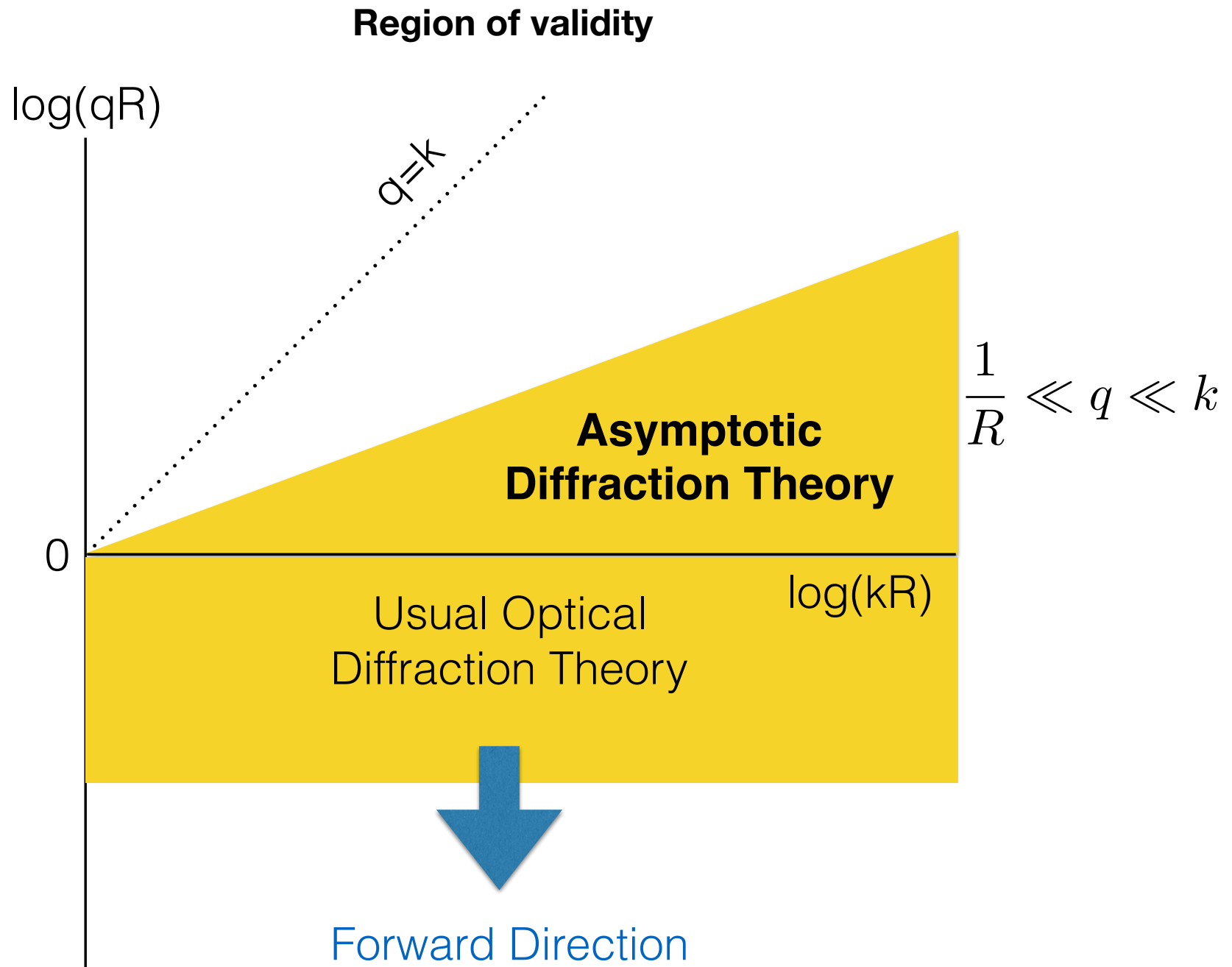
$$d^2\mathbf{q} = k^2 d\Omega$$

**Classical  
cross section**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma_0}{d\Omega} &= k^2 \frac{\partial(\mathbf{b})}{\partial(\mathbf{q})} \Big|_{\mathbf{b}_0} \\ &= \frac{k^2}{|\det \nabla_{\mathbf{b}} \nabla_{\mathbf{b}} \chi(\mathbf{b})|_{\mathbf{b}_0}} \end{aligned}$$

**|Stationary-  
phase  
amplitude|<sup>2</sup>**

# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory





# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

## Simple example #1: Coulomb scattering

Point-charge potential:

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi r}$$

Phase-shift function:

$$\chi(b) = 2\eta \log\left(\frac{b}{2R}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{b^2}{R^2}\right) \quad \eta = \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\hbar v}$$

↑  
screening radius

Stationary-phase point:

$$\frac{2\eta}{b_x} = q$$

Amplitude:

$$f(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}) = \frac{2\eta k}{q^2} \exp\left\{-2i\eta \log \frac{qR}{\eta} - 2i\eta + \frac{i\pi}{2}\right\}$$

Rutherford cross section:

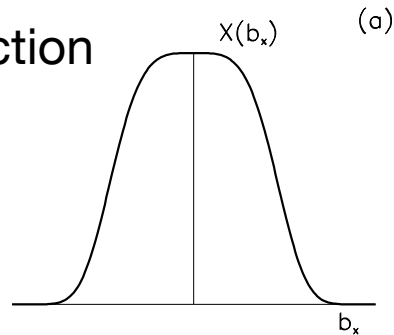
$$|f(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k})|^2 = \left(\frac{2\eta k}{q^2}\right)^2 = \frac{(2\eta k)^2}{|\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}'|^4}$$

identical up to phase

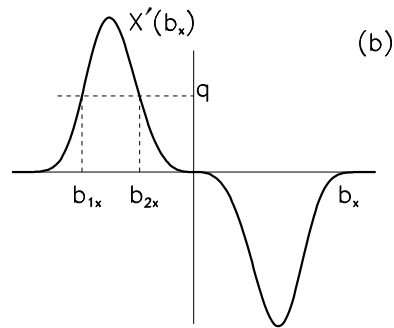
# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

## Simple example #2: Paired trajectories

Real, symmetric phase-shift function



Two solutions to stationary-phase condition:



$$F(b_{ix}) = \frac{k}{i} \sqrt{\frac{-b_{ix}}{qX''(b_{ix})}} e^{-iqb_{ix} + iX(b_{ix})}$$

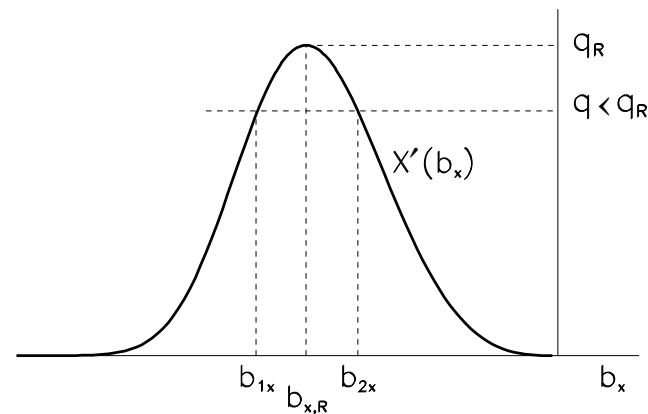
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |f(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k})|^2 = |F(b_{1x}) + F(b_{2x})|^2$$

Compare:

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\text{class.}} = |F(b_{1x})|^2 + |F(b_{2x})|^2$$

# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

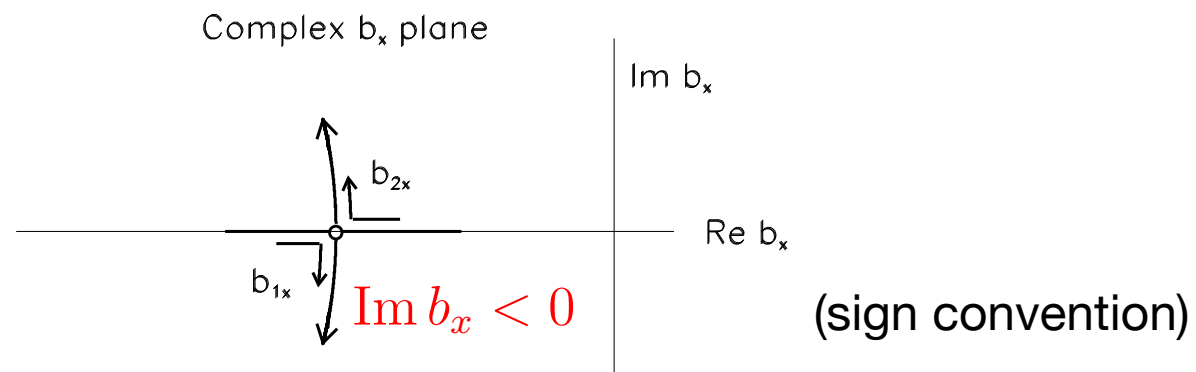
## Rainbow:



At rainbow point, two real solutions (real phase shift function) run together

Cross section diverges as  $(q_R - q)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

Beyond rainbow point, two complex solutions,  
only one of which is encountered along path of integration.



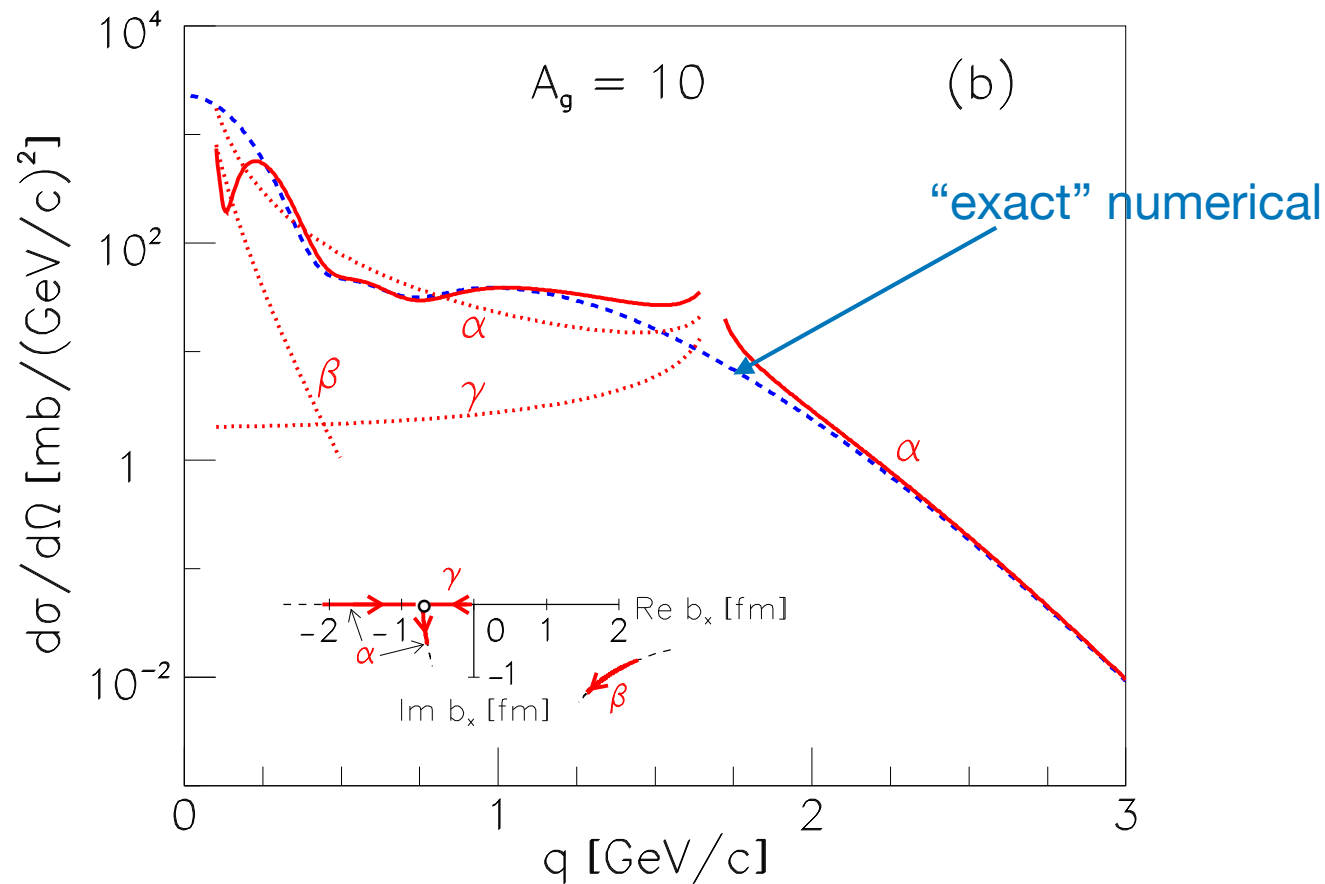
Cross section falls off exponentially! Classically forbidden region.

# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

## A less trivial example

Real gaussian

$X(b_x) = A_g \exp(-b_x^2/\beta^2)$  inside rainbow: 3 stat. points  
outside rainbow: 2 stat. points

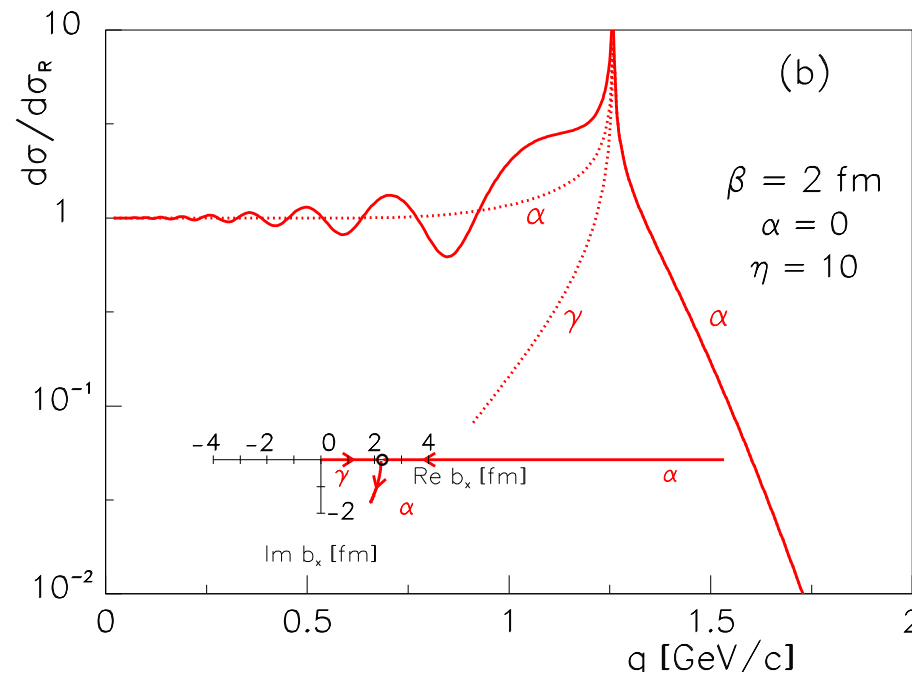


# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

## Coulomb scattering, extended charge distribution

$$\rho_2(r) = \frac{1}{\pi^{3/2}\beta^3} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{3}{2}\alpha} \left(1 + \alpha \frac{r^2}{\beta^2}\right) e^{-r^2/\beta^2}$$

Display ratio to Rutherford cross section:

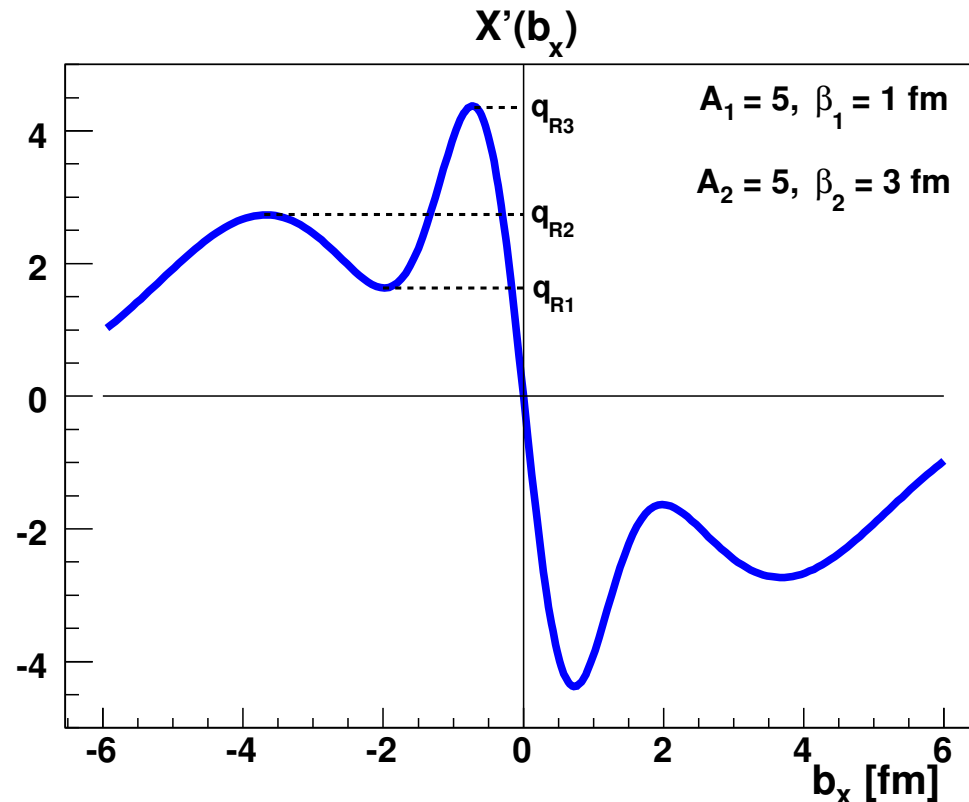


Interference of two amplitudes: oscillations

# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

**A case with three rainbows:**

$$X'(b_x) = -(b_x/\beta_1^2)A_1 \exp(-b_x^2/\beta_1^2) - (b_x^3/\beta_2^4)A_2 \exp(-b_x^2/\beta_2^2)$$



**3 extrema > 0**

# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

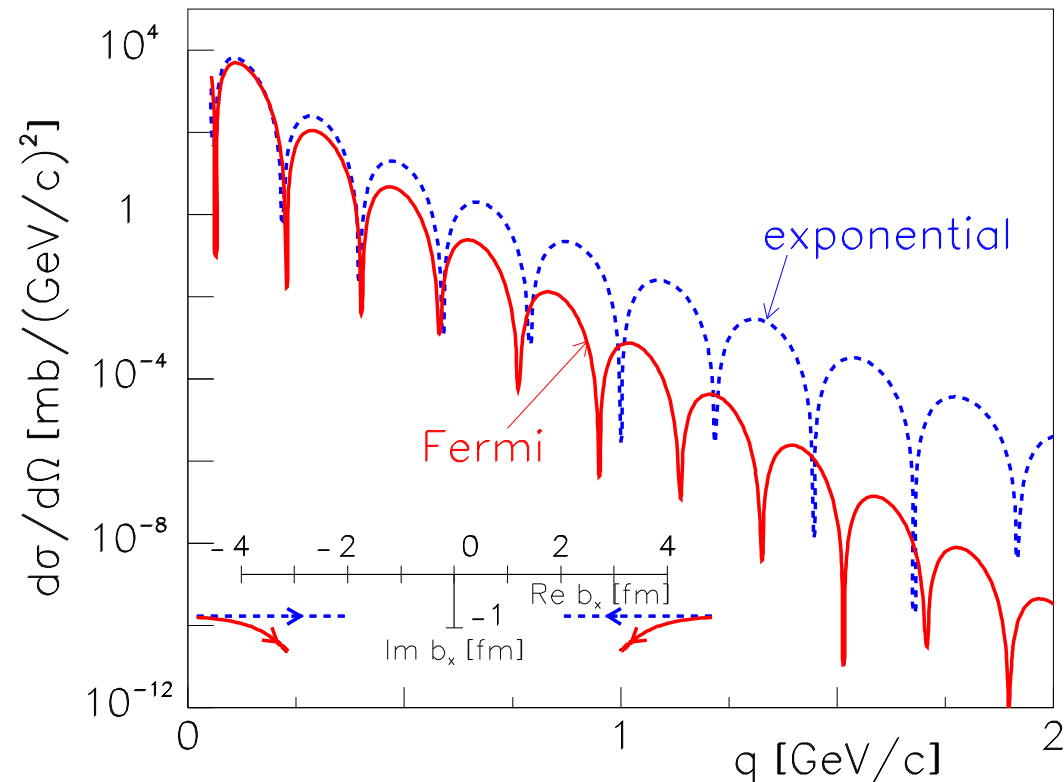
## Absorption (simple case: pure imaginary)

$$X_{\text{exp}}(b_x) = A_{\text{exp}} e^{-b_x/\beta}, \quad \text{Re } b_x > 0,$$

$$X_{\text{exp}}(-b_x) = X_{\text{exp}}(b_x),$$

$$X_{\text{F}}(b_x) = \frac{A_{\text{F}}}{1 + \exp[(b_x - c)/\beta]}, \quad \text{Re } b_x > 0$$

$$X_{\text{F}}(-b_x) = X_{\text{F}}(b_x).$$

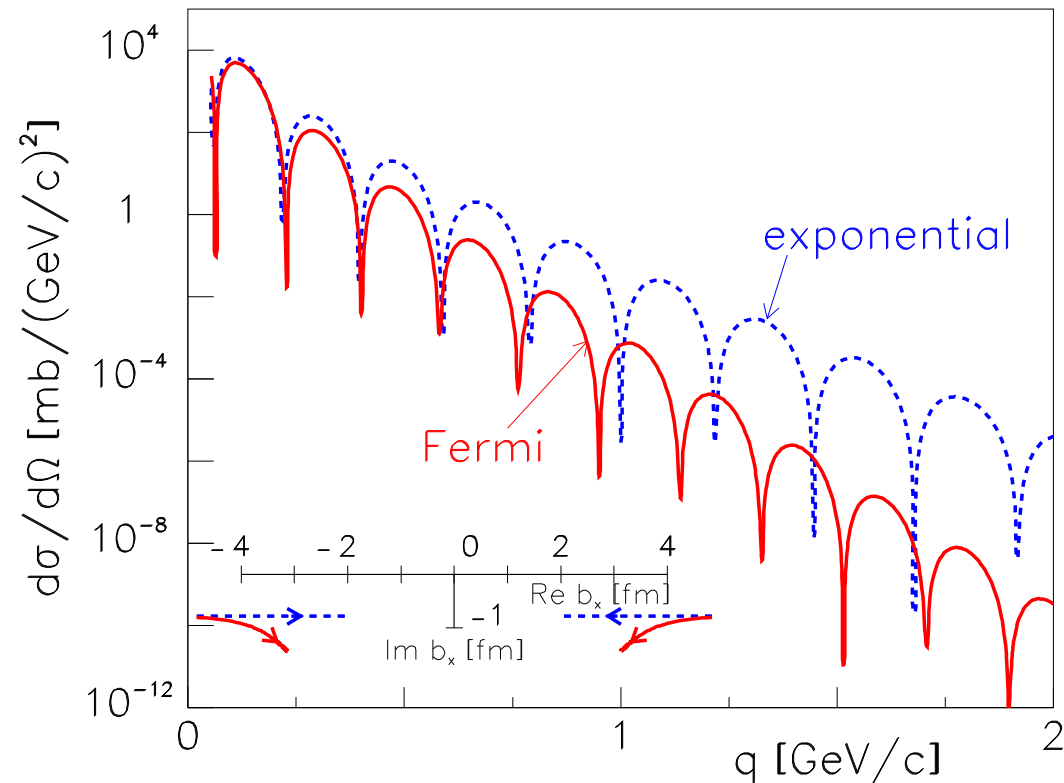


# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

**Absorption (simple case:  $\chi$  pure imaginary)**

**Typically two points of stationary phase**

**Symmetrically located with respect to imaginary axis**





# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

## Technical note:

For simple functions  $X'(b_x)$ , may find explicit solutions for stationary points.

For “complicated” functions  $X'(b_x)$ , may draw a map in complex  $b_x$  plane:

1. Distinguish regions where  $\text{Re } X'(b_x)$  is positive vs negative

Possible solutions where  $\text{Re } X'(b_x) > 0$

2. Draw contours where  $\text{Im } X'(b_x) = 0$

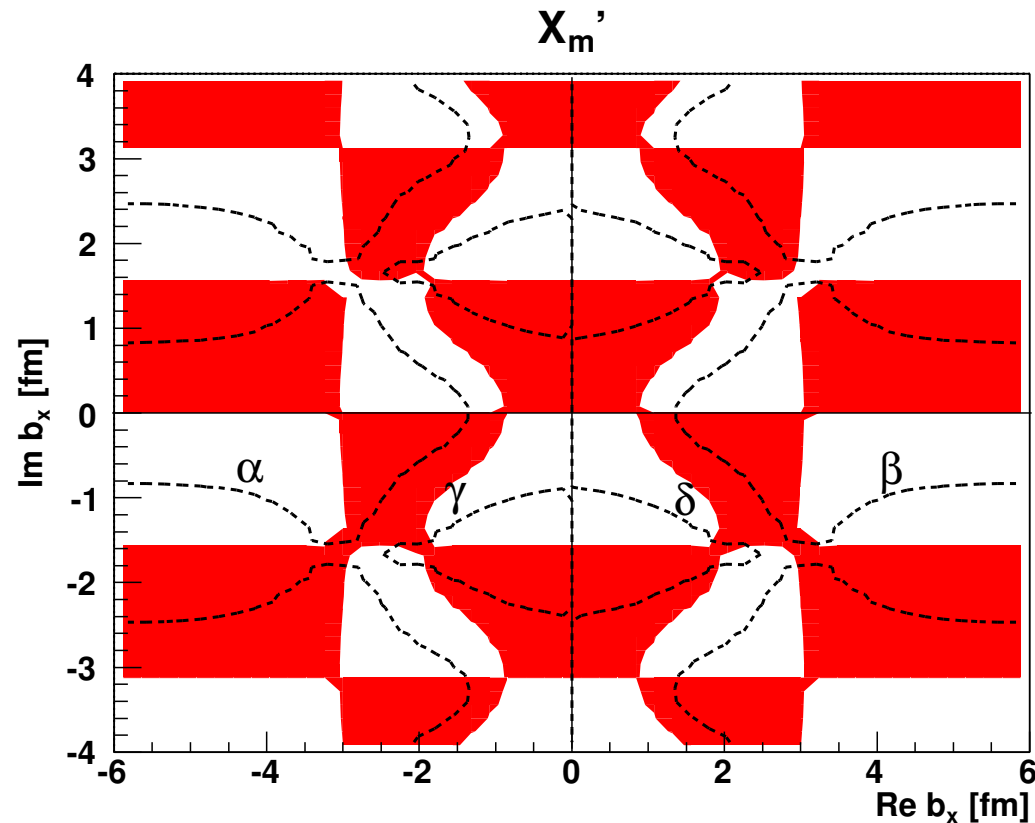
Stationary points have to lie where  $\text{Re } X'(b_x) > 0$ ,  $\text{Im } X'(b_x) = 0$   
and  $\text{Im } b_x$  non-positive

# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

## Technical note:

Difference of two “Fermi” functions:

$$X_m(b_x) = \frac{A_F}{1 + \exp[(b_x - c)/\beta]} - \frac{A'_F}{1 + \exp[(b_x - c')/\beta]}, \quad \text{Re } b_x > 0,$$



# Asymptotic Diffraction Theory

## The lessons:

**Scattering from the whole impact plane represented by contributions from a few stationary points (often just two)**

**Slope and period will be determined by the location of the stationary points**

**Asymptotically, the stationary points will move towards singularities**

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# Personal reminiscences

Hercegnovi 1969



# Personal reminiscences

**My overlaps with Roy:**

**1969: Hercegnovi lectures**

**1972: CERN**

**1976-1978: postdoc at Harvard**

**1981,1982: postdoc at Harvard**

**1991,1993: visits to Bergen**

**2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014: met at CERN, NORDITA, Bergen, ICTP**

**2015, 2016: met in Cambridge**

# Personal reminiscences

**Stockholm 2005**



# Personal reminiscences

Garching 2009



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CERN 2009





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**CERN 2009  
talk on Los Alamos**



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Stockholm 2010



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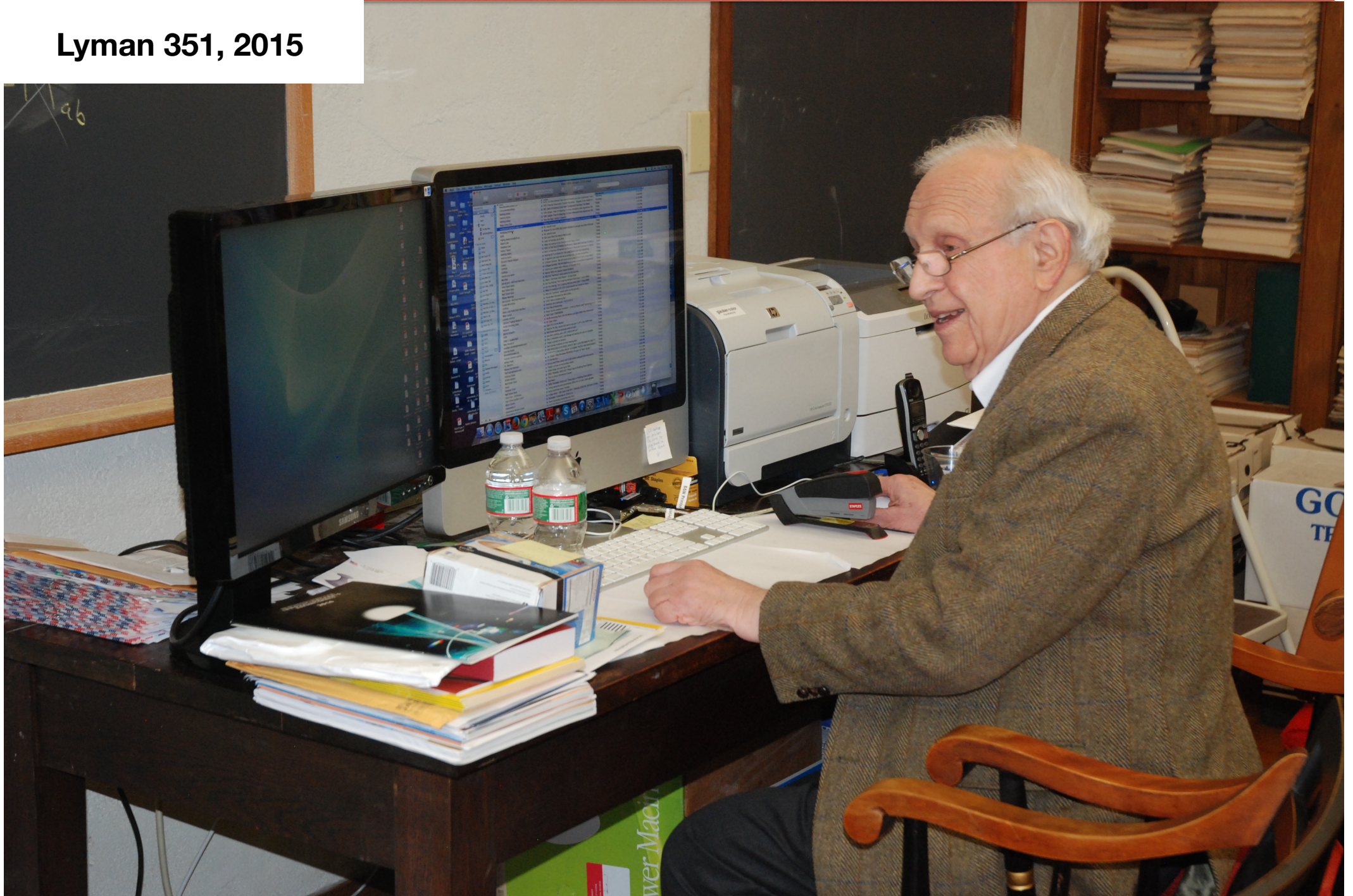
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ICTP 2014



# Personal reminiscences

Lyman 351, 2015



# Personal reminiscences

**Cambridge 2016**



**Irvin M Arias, NIH**



# Personal reminiscences

## **Final comments**

**Roy had met all the famous people of his era**

**He had a fantastic memory!**

**and could tell detailed stories about most of them**

**There exist recordings of him telling about the Manhattan Project**

# Personal reminiscences

**Thank you!**