

A close-up photograph of autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red, set against a soft-focus background.

# Qualitative Studies with Microwaves

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# **Qualitative Studies with Microwaves**

**The main goals of the Lab:**

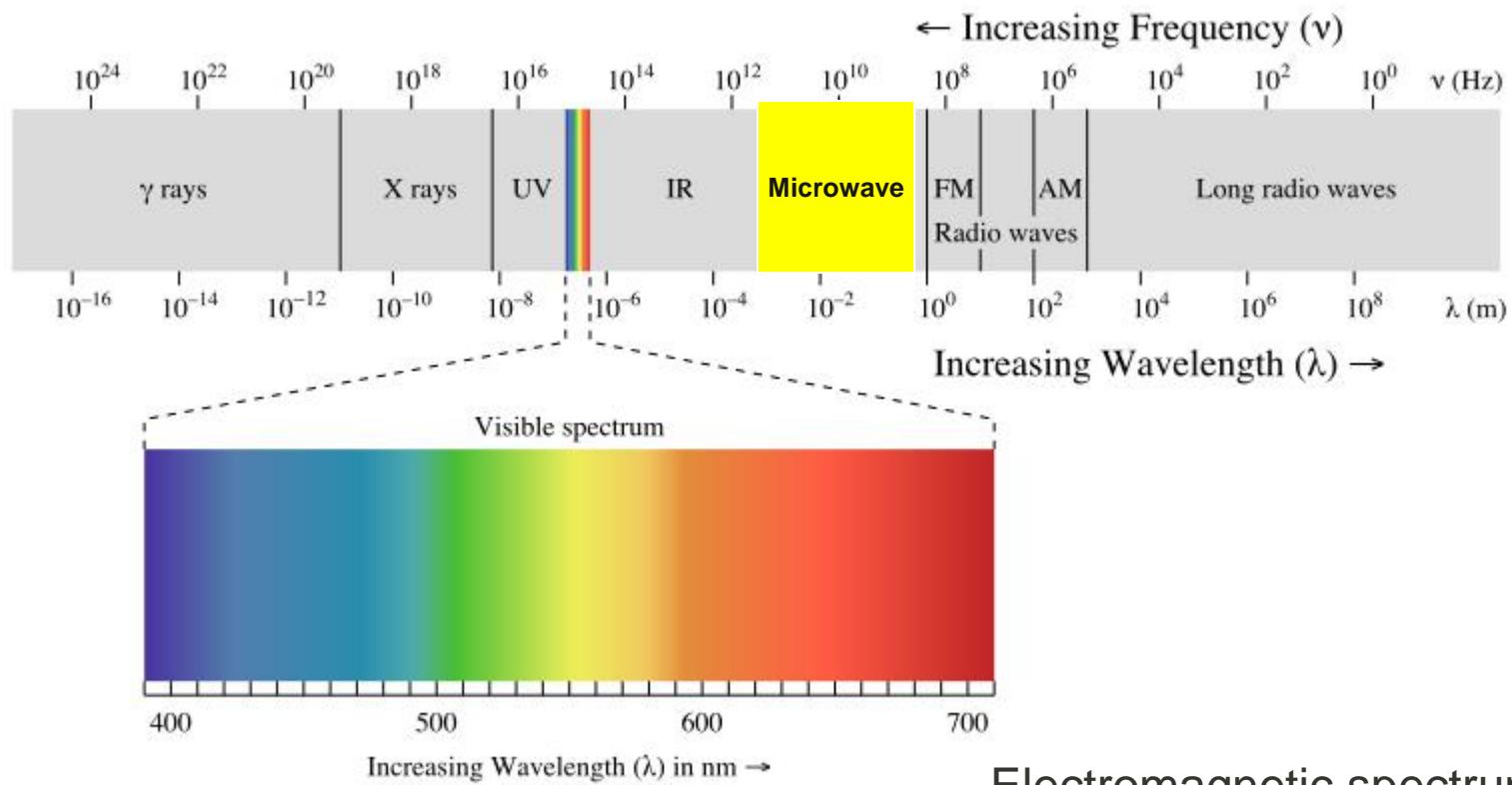
- ✓ Refreshing the memory about the electromagnetic waves propagation**
- ✓ Microwaves. Generating and detecting of the microwaves**
- ✓ Microwaves optic experiments**

**This is two weeks Lab**



# Microwaves place in the electromagnetic spectrum

The microwave range includes ultra-high frequency (**UHF**) (0.3–3 GHz), super high frequency (**SHF**) (3–30 GHz), and extremely high frequency (**EHF**) (30–300 GHz) signals.



# Application of the microwaves



Microwave oven (2.45GHz)



Communication (0.8-2.69GHz)



Satellite TV (4-18GHz)



Radar  
(up to 110GHz)



Motion detector (10.4GHz)



Weather radar (8-12Ghz)

# Maxwell equations

$$\nabla \vec{D} = \rho \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \vec{B} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad (3)$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = J + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \quad (4)$$



James Clerk Maxwell  
(1831–1879)

If  $\rho = 0$  and  $J = 0$  and taking in account that  $\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$   
 $\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}$  (1) and (4) can be rewritten as

$$\nabla \vec{D} = \epsilon \left[ \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} \right] = 0$$

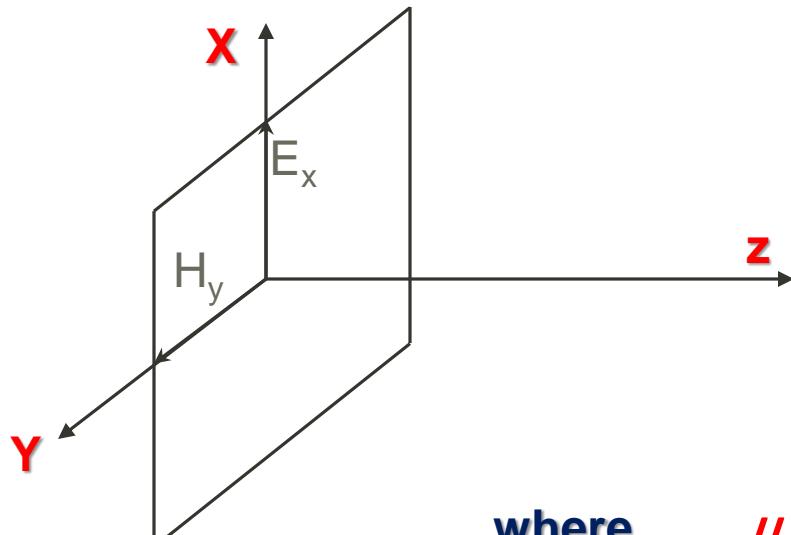
$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$$



# Plane wave

Now assuming that plane wave propagate in z direction and what leads to  $E_y = E_z = 0$  and  $H_x = H_z = 0$

Now (3) and (4) could be simplified as



$$\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} = -\mu \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial t} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial H_y}{\partial z} = -\epsilon \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t} \quad (6)$$

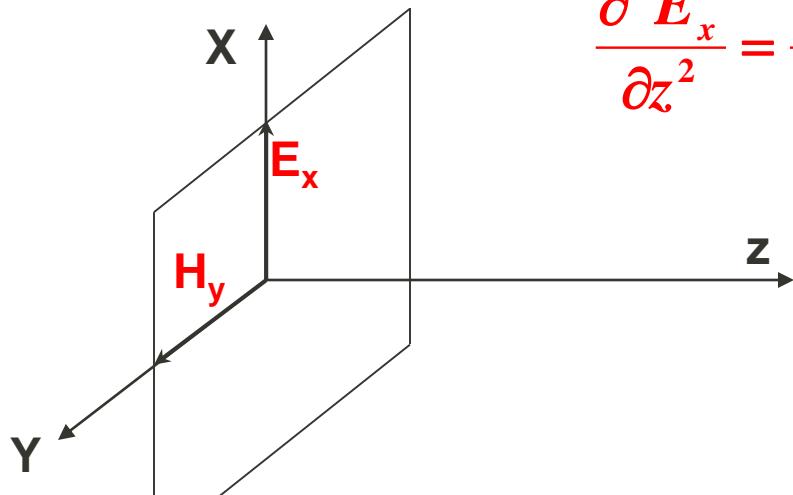
where  $\mu = \mu_0 \mu_r$        $\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$

$\mu_0$  is the free space permeability,  $\epsilon_0$  is the free space permittivity  
 $\mu_r$  is permeability of a specific medium ,  $\epsilon_r$  is permittivity of a specific medium



# Plane wave

Combining (5) and (6) (see Lab write-up for more details) we finally can get the equations of propagation of the plane wave:



$$\frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial t^2} \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 H_y}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 H_y}{\partial t^2} \quad (8)$$

where  $v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon\mu}}$

$$E_x = E_{x0} \cos(\omega t - kx)$$

$$H_y = H_{y0} \cos(\omega t - kx)$$

Solution for (7) and (8) can found as  $H_y = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} E_x$  or  $E_x = Z H_y$

where  $Z = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}$  known as characteristic impedance of medium

$k$  is wave vector and is defined as  $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$  or  $k = \frac{\omega}{v}$

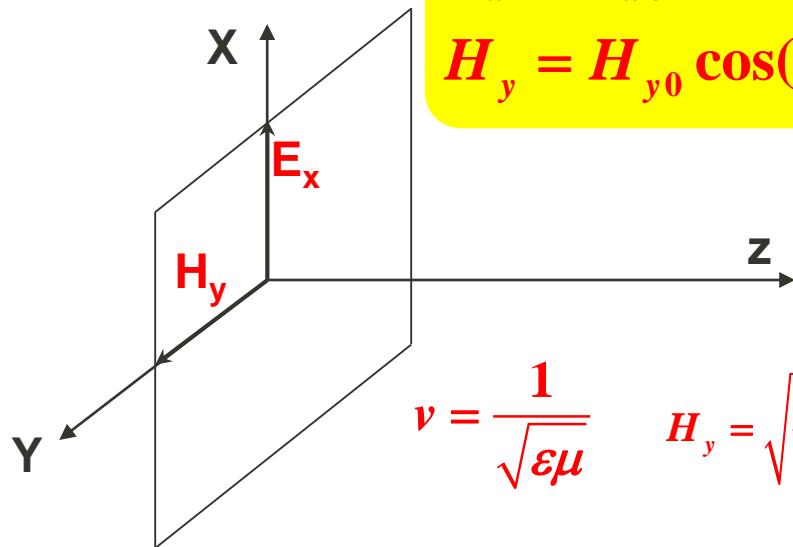
For free space ( $\epsilon_r=1$  and  $\mu_r=1$ )  $Z_{fs} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \approx 377 \text{ ohms}$



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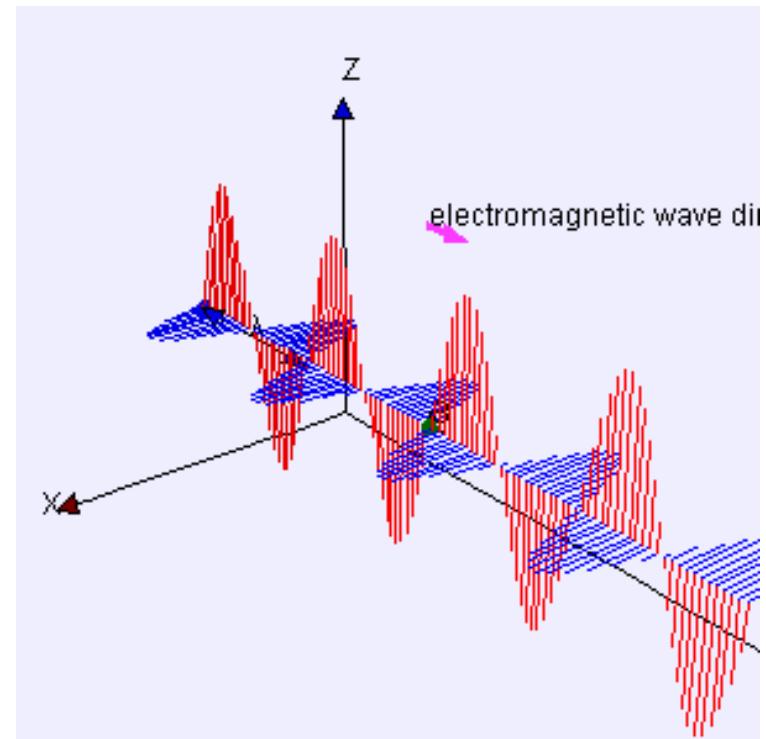


$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon\mu}} \quad H_y = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} E_x$$

$$Z = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \quad E_x = Z H_y \quad k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \quad \text{or} \quad k = \frac{\omega}{v}$$

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\*by courtesy Wikipedia



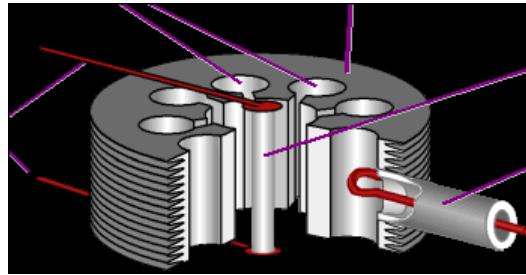
# Generating of the microwaves

Vacuum tubes: klystron, magnetron, traveling wave tube

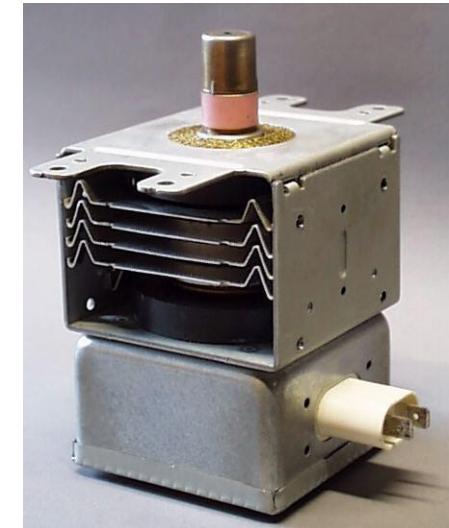
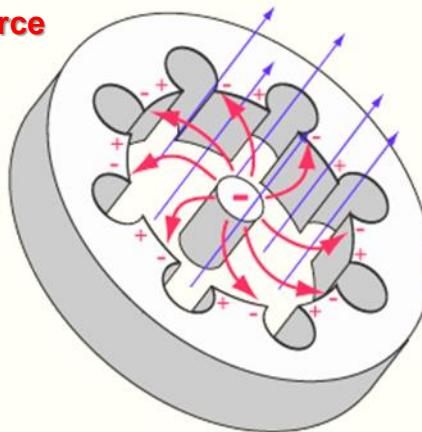
Solid state devices: FET, tunneling diodes, Gunn diodes



Tunable frequency  
from 9 to 10GHz;  
maximum output  
power 20mW

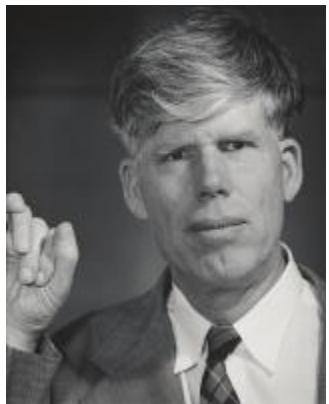


Heated cathode as  
electron source

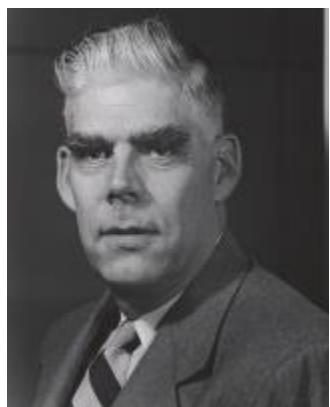


Microwave oven magnetron;  
typical power 0.7-1.5kW

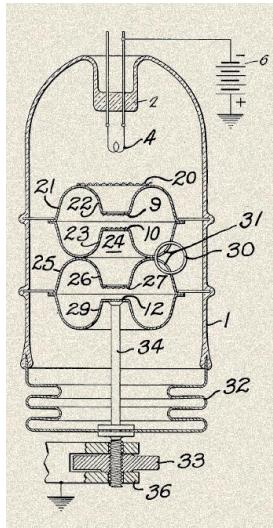
# Klystron. A piece of history.



Russell Harrison  
Varian (April 24, 1898  
– July 28, 1959)



Sigurd Fergus  
Varian (May 4, 1901  
– October 18, 1961)



2,242,275

Patented May 20, 1941

## UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

2,242,275

### ELECTRICAL TRANSLATING SYSTEM AND METHOD

Russell H. Varian, Stanford University, Calif., assignor to The Board of Trustees of The Leland Stanford Junior University, Stanford University, Calif., a corporation of California

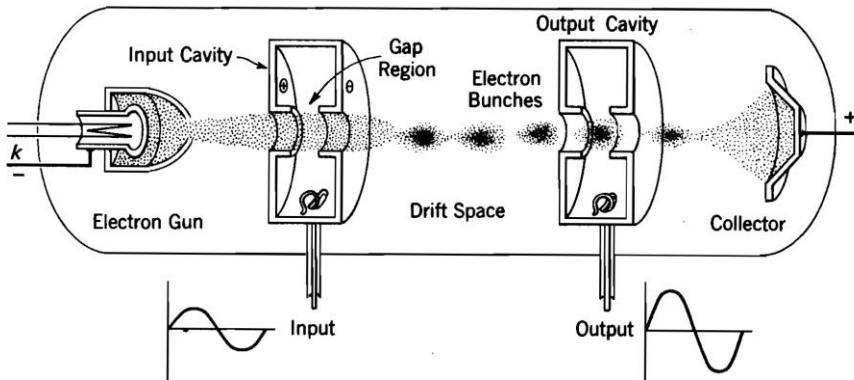
Application October 11, 1937 Serial No. 162,925



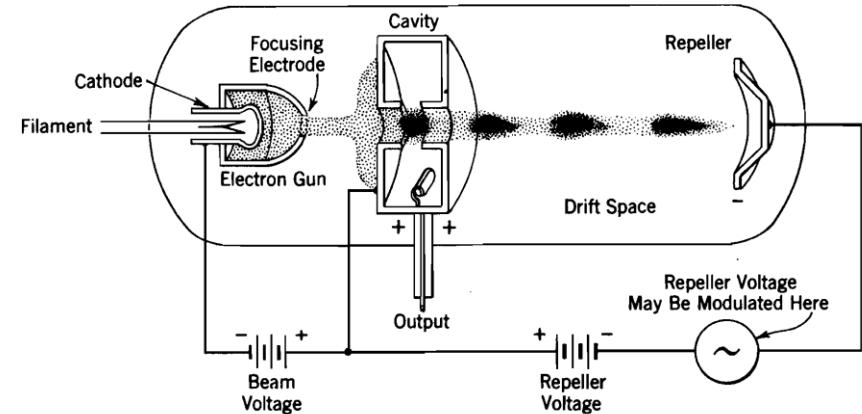
Varian Brothers...Klystron Tube (1940)



# Generating of the microwaves. Klystron.



**Single transit klystron**



**Reflection klystron**

**Advantages:** well defined frequencies, high power output

High power klystron used in Canberra Deep Space Communications Complex (courtesy of Wikipedia)



# 2K25 Klystron



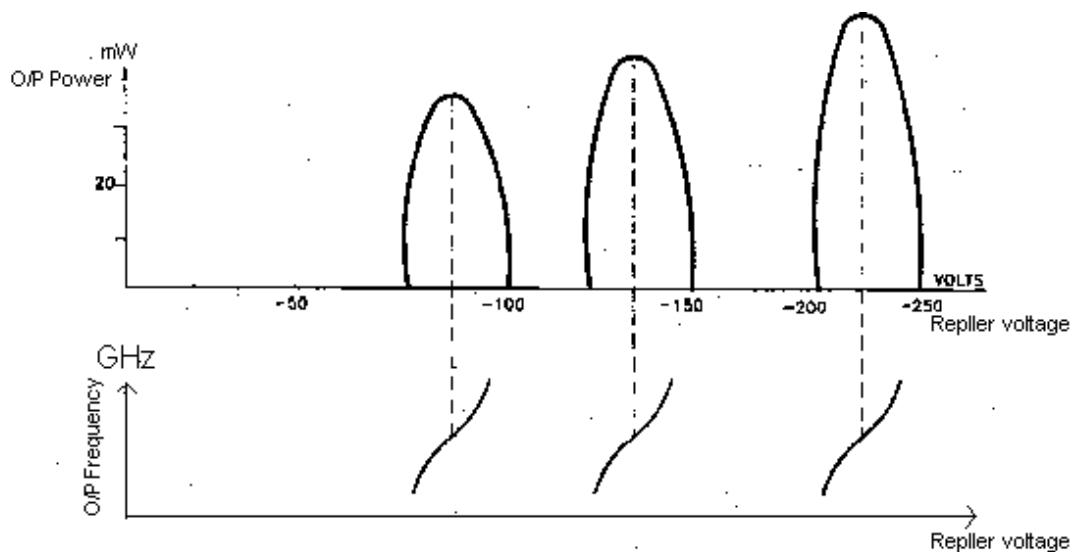
## GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Frequency Range ..... 8,500 to 9,660 Mc

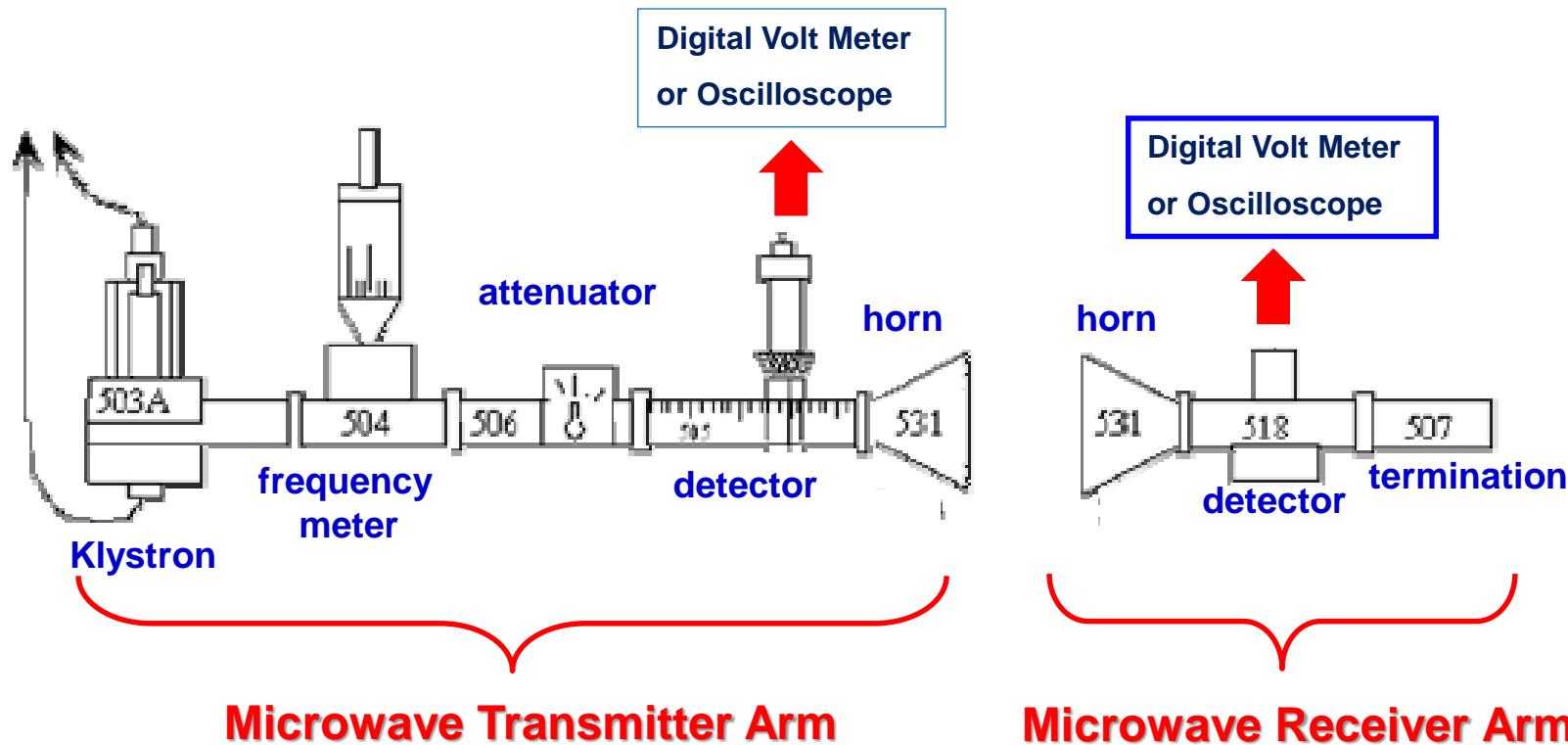
Cathode Oxide-coated, indirectly heated

Heater Voltage..... 6.3Volts

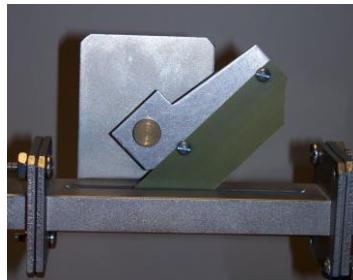
Heater Current..... 0.44 Amperes



# Experimental setup. Main components.



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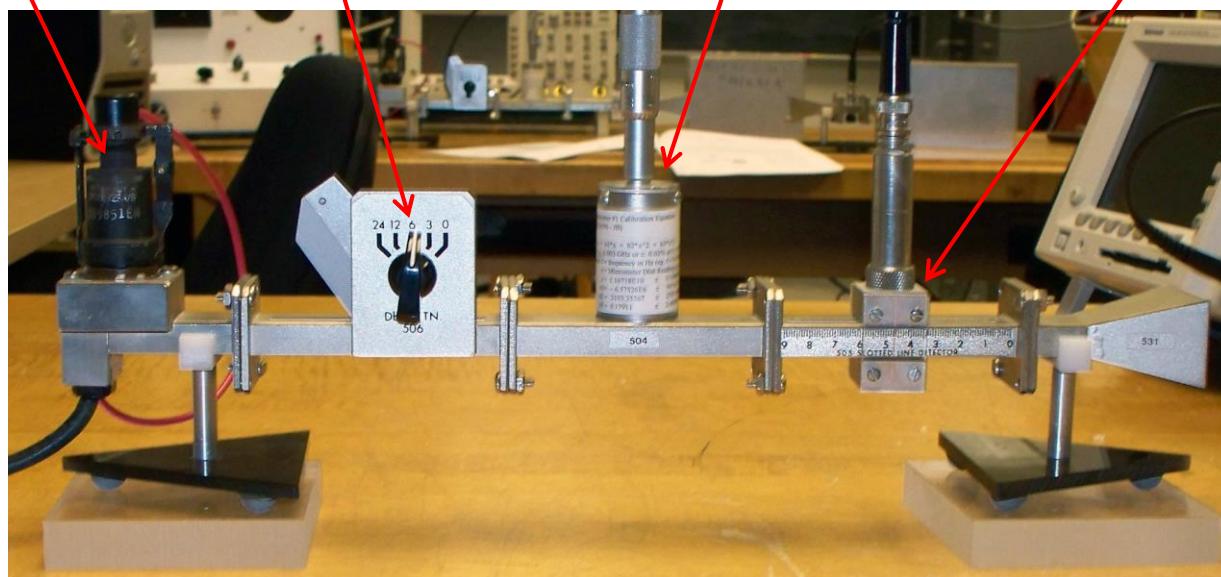


Klystron

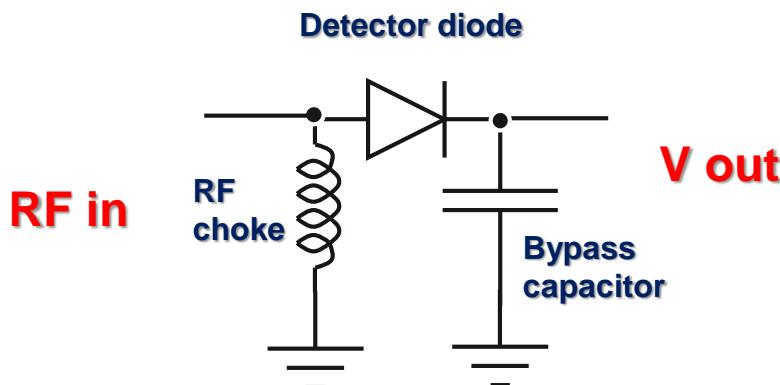
Attenuator

Frequency meter

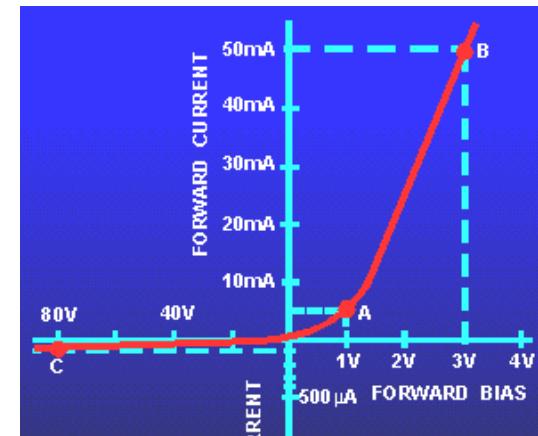
detector



# Detecting of the microwaves



$$I = I_0 \left[ \exp\left(\frac{eV}{kT}\right) - 1 \right]$$



Typical I-V dependence  
for p-n diode

Taylor expansion for exp function will give

$$\exp(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$I \propto aV + bV^2 + \dots$$

↑  
0(DC)

If  $V = V_0 \sin \omega t$

$$b * \frac{V_0^2}{2} (1 - \cos 2\omega t)$$

$$I_{DC} \propto b \frac{V_0^2}{2} + \dots$$

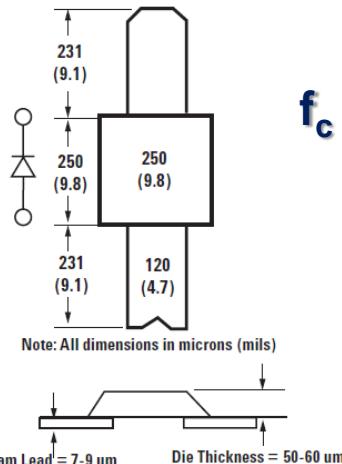
And finally



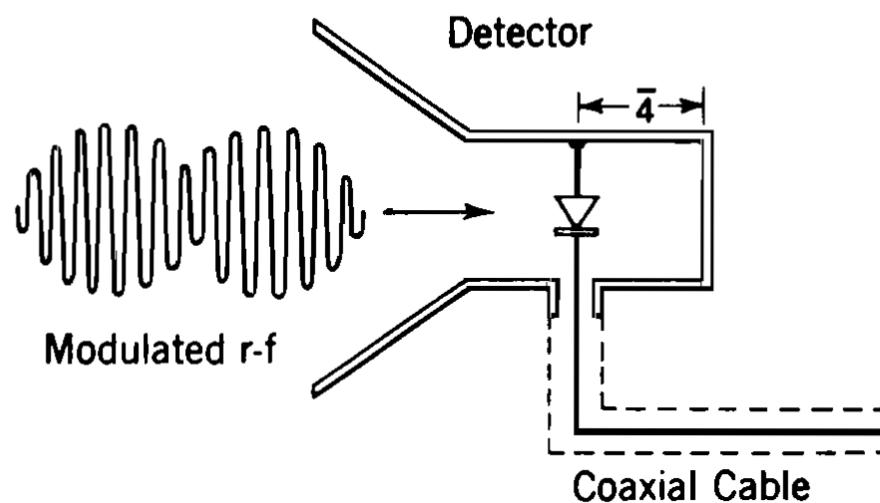
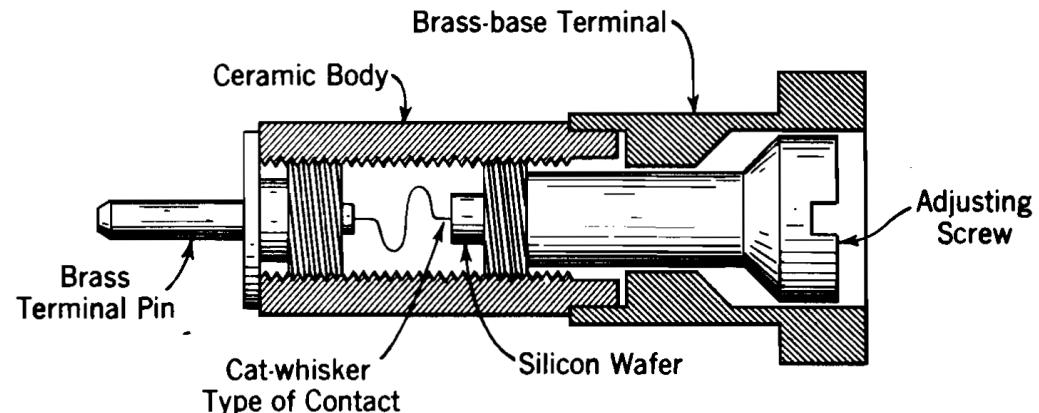
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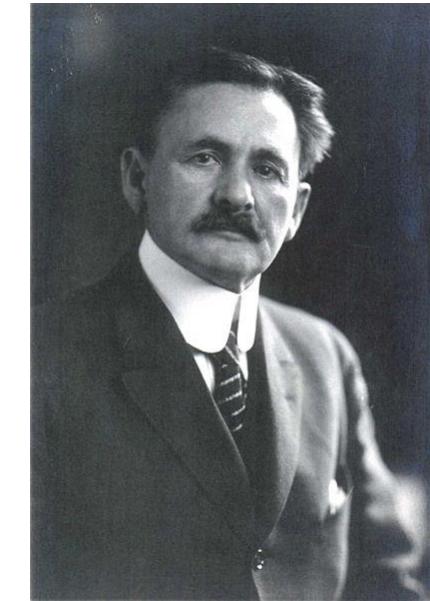
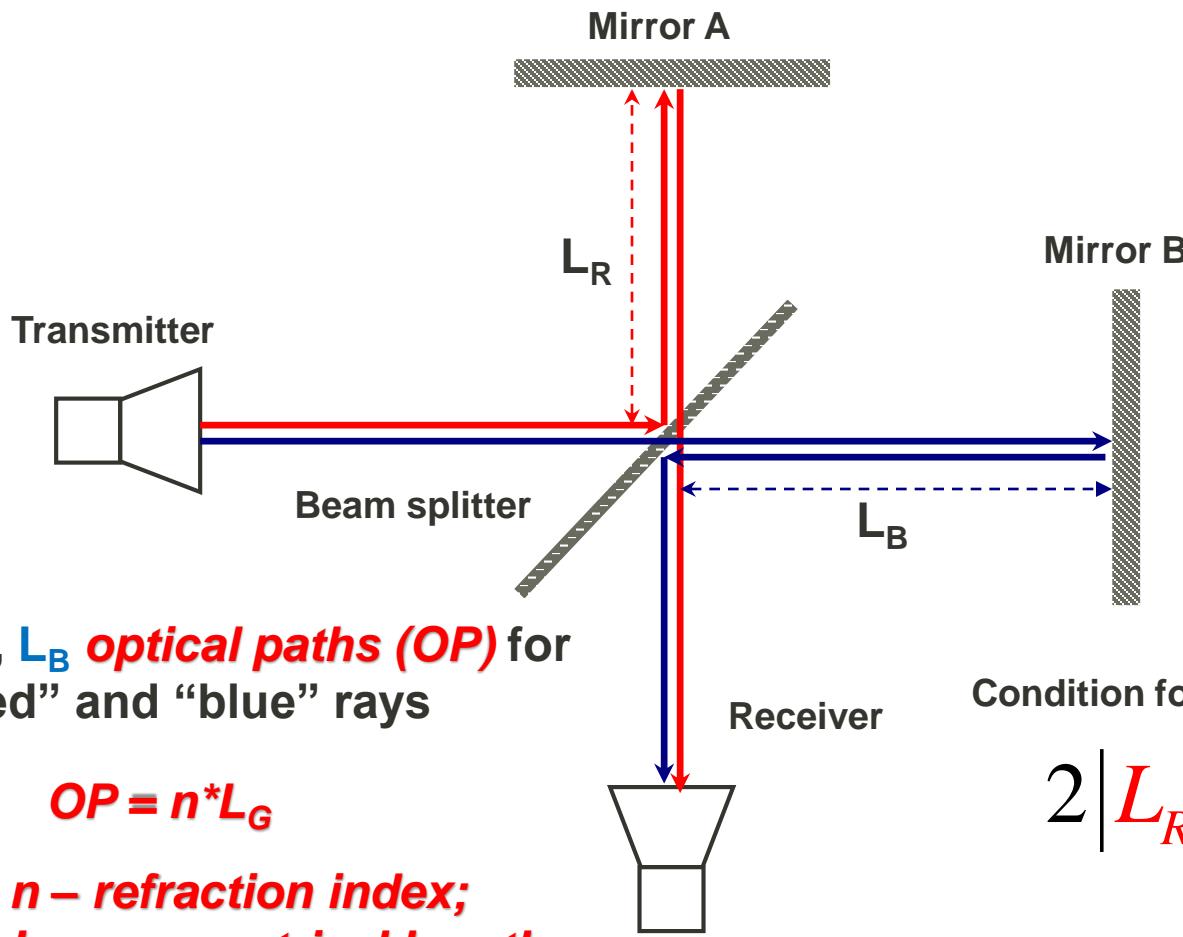
HSCH-9161  
HSCH-9162  
GaAs Detector Diode



$f_c \sim 200\text{GHz}$



# Experiments: Michelson interferometer



Albert Abraham Michelson  
(1852 - 1931)

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1907

Condition for constructive interference

$$2|L_R - L_B| = k\lambda$$

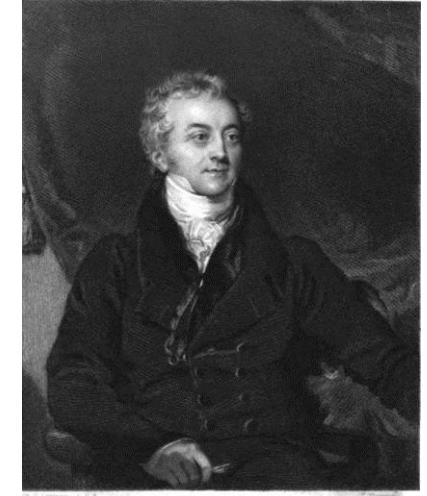
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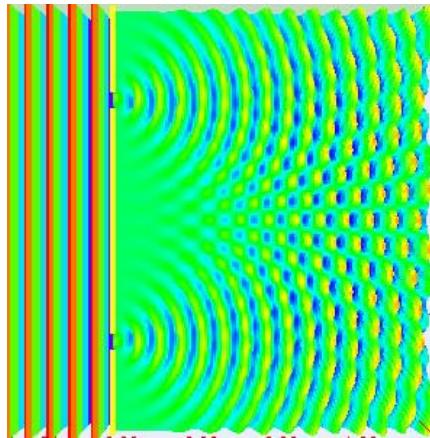
Physics 403 Lab Michelson interferometer setup



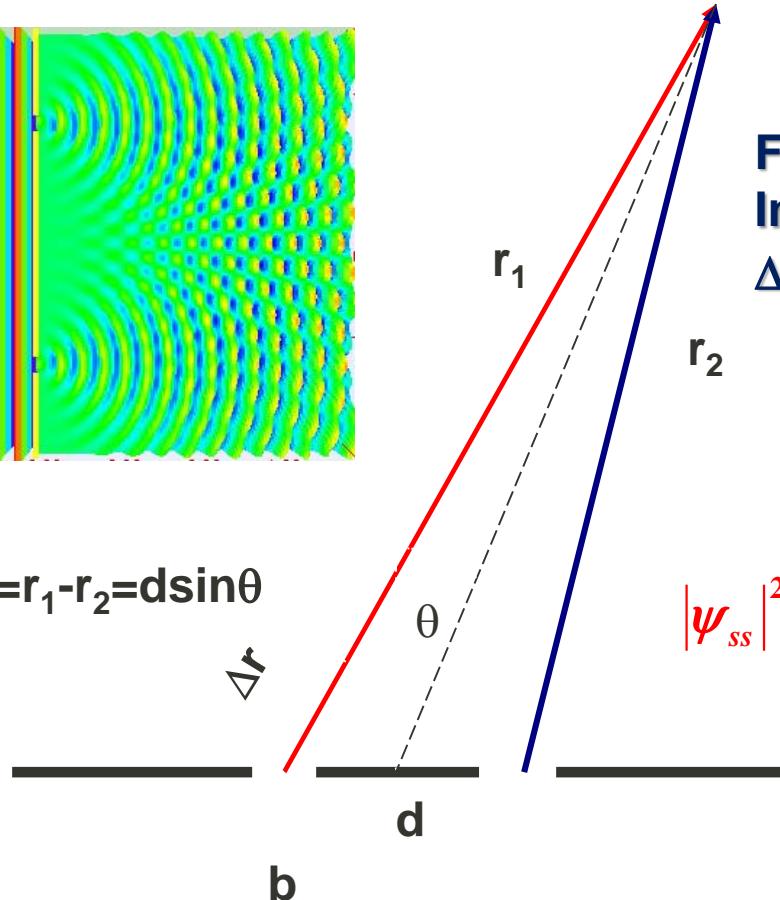
# Experiments: Double slit Interference. T. Young 1801



Thomas Young  
(1773 – 1829)



$$\Delta r = r_1 - r_2 = d \sin \theta$$



For constructive  
Interference  
 $\Delta r = n\lambda$  or  $d \sin \theta = n\lambda$

The measured envelope of the diffraction pattern can be defined as:

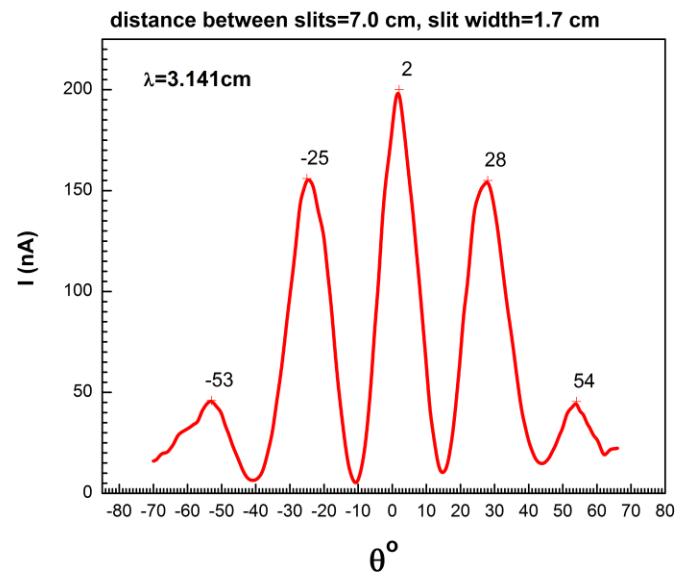
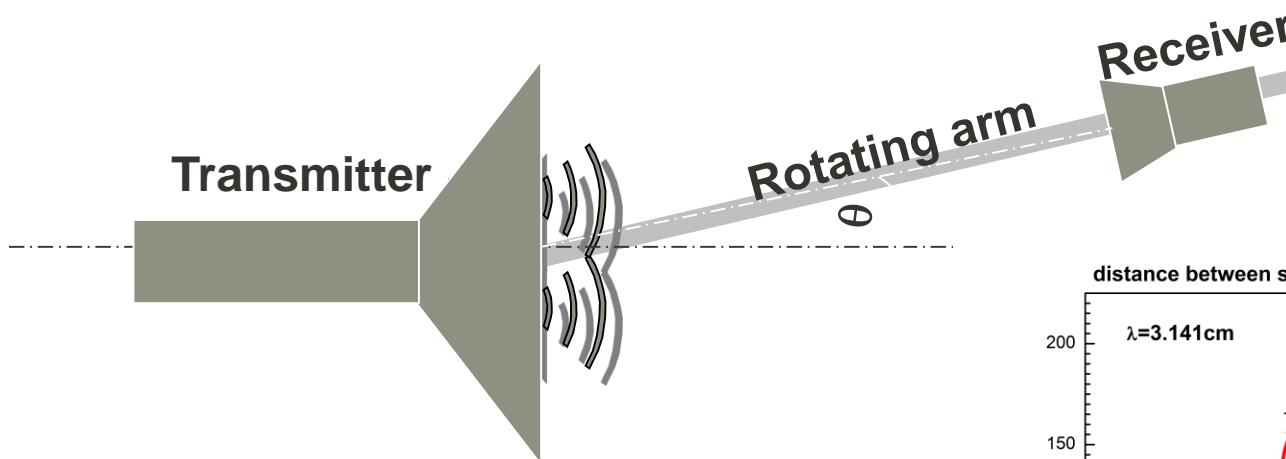
$$|\psi_{ss}|^2 = |\psi_0|^2 \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)^2 \times \cos^2 [(kd \sin(\theta/2))]$$

where  $x = kb \sin(\theta/2)$  and

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$
 is wave vector of the plane wave



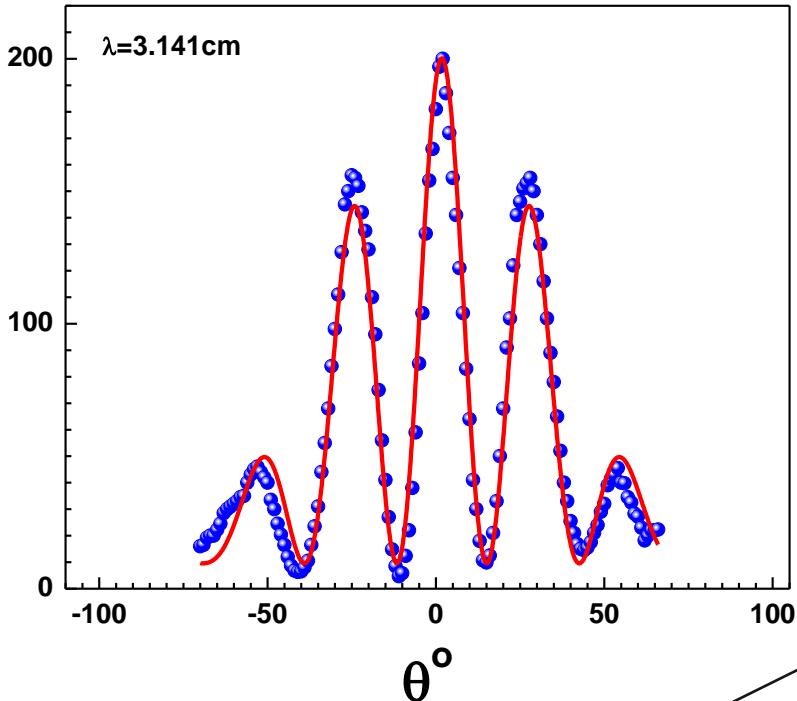
# Experiments: Double slit interference



**Physics 401 Lab setup and example of the data**

# Experiments: Double slit interference. Fitting

$$|\psi_{ss}|^2 = |\psi_0|^2 \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)^2 \times \cos^2 [(kd \sin(\theta/2))] \quad x = kb \sin(\theta/2)$$



Model Two_slit (User)	
Equation	$y = I0 * (\sin(K1 * \sin(\pi * x / 360 + f)) / (K1 * \sin(\pi * x / 360 + f)))^2 * (\cos(K2 * \sin(\pi * x / 360 + f)))^2 + I00$
Reduced Chi-Sqr	94.62111
Adj. R-Square	0.96659
	Value Standard Error
I0	190.6014 3.042882
K1	4.384042 0.074754
K2	13.51332 0.052244
f	-0.01525 7.19E-04
I00	9.572049 1.440409

Fitting equation

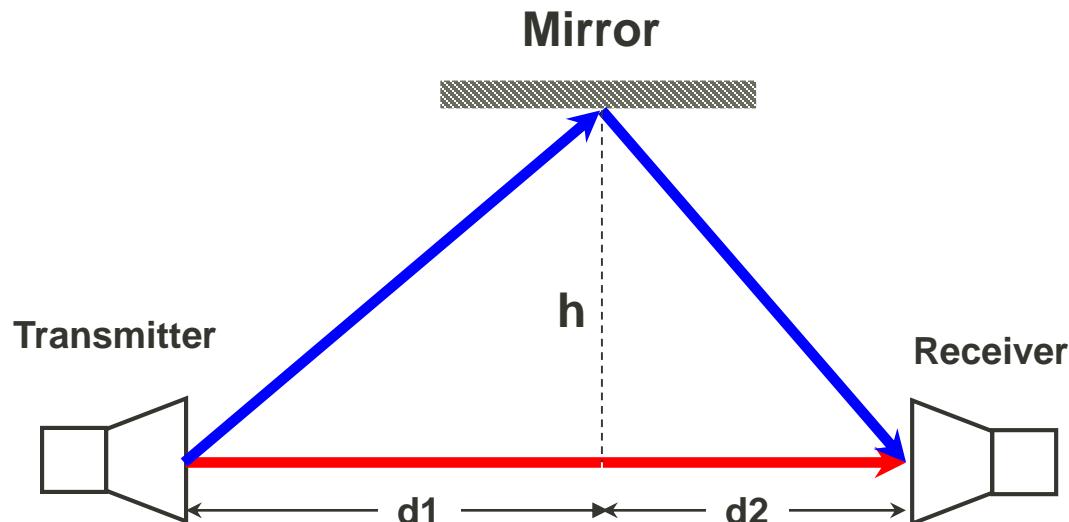
$$y = I0 \cdot \left( \frac{\sin(K1 \sin(\frac{\pi x}{360} + f))}{K1 \sin(\frac{\pi x}{360} + f)} \right)^2 \cos^2 \left( K2 \sin \left( \frac{\pi x}{360} + f \right) \right) + I00$$

Here in fitting expression:

$$\begin{aligned} I_0 &= |\psi_0|^2; \\ K1 &= kb; \\ K2 &= kd \end{aligned}$$



# Lloyd's Mirror experiment



Difference of the wave paths of  
“red” and “blue” rays is:

$$\Delta S = \sqrt{h^2 + d_1^2} + \sqrt{h^2 + d_2^2} - (d_1 + d_2)$$



Humphry Lloyd  
1802-1881



Lab setup picture

For constructive interference

$$\Delta S = n\lambda$$



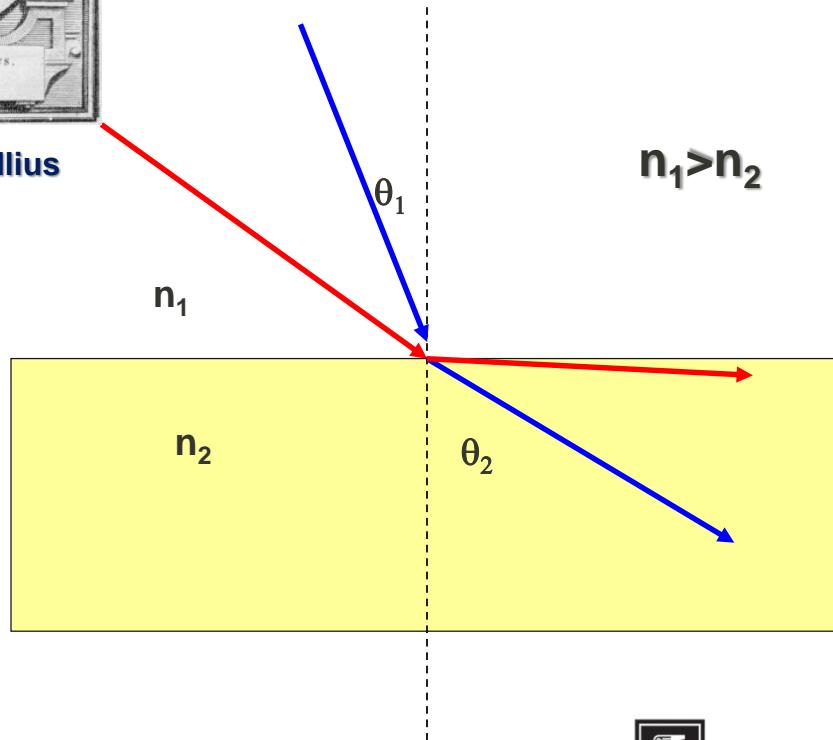
# Total internal reflection experiment. Snell's law



Willebrord Snellius  
1580-1626

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

Snell's law



Claudius Ptolemaeus  
after AD 83–c.168)

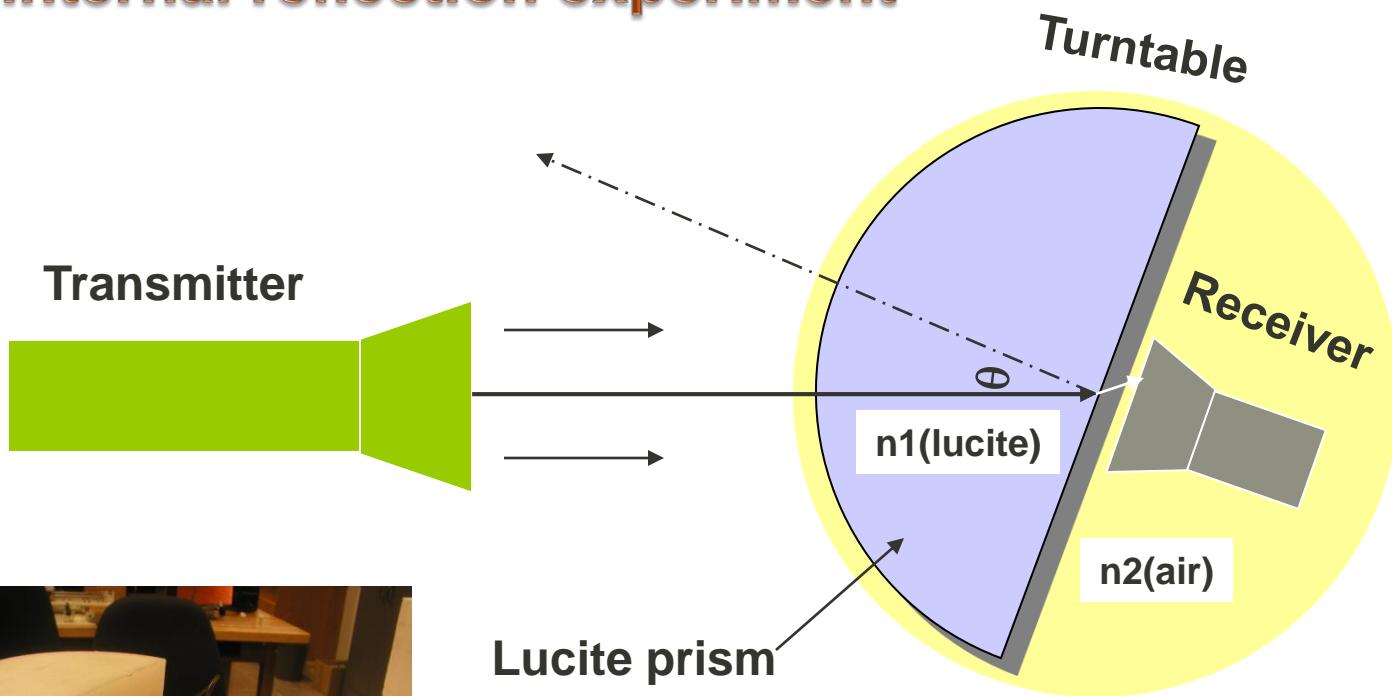
Equation for critical angle:

$$n_1 \sin \theta_c = n_2 \sin 90^\circ$$

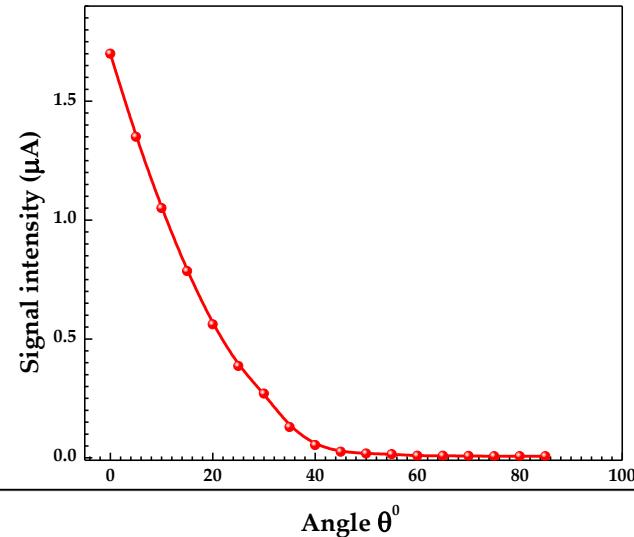
$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1}(n_2/n_1)$$



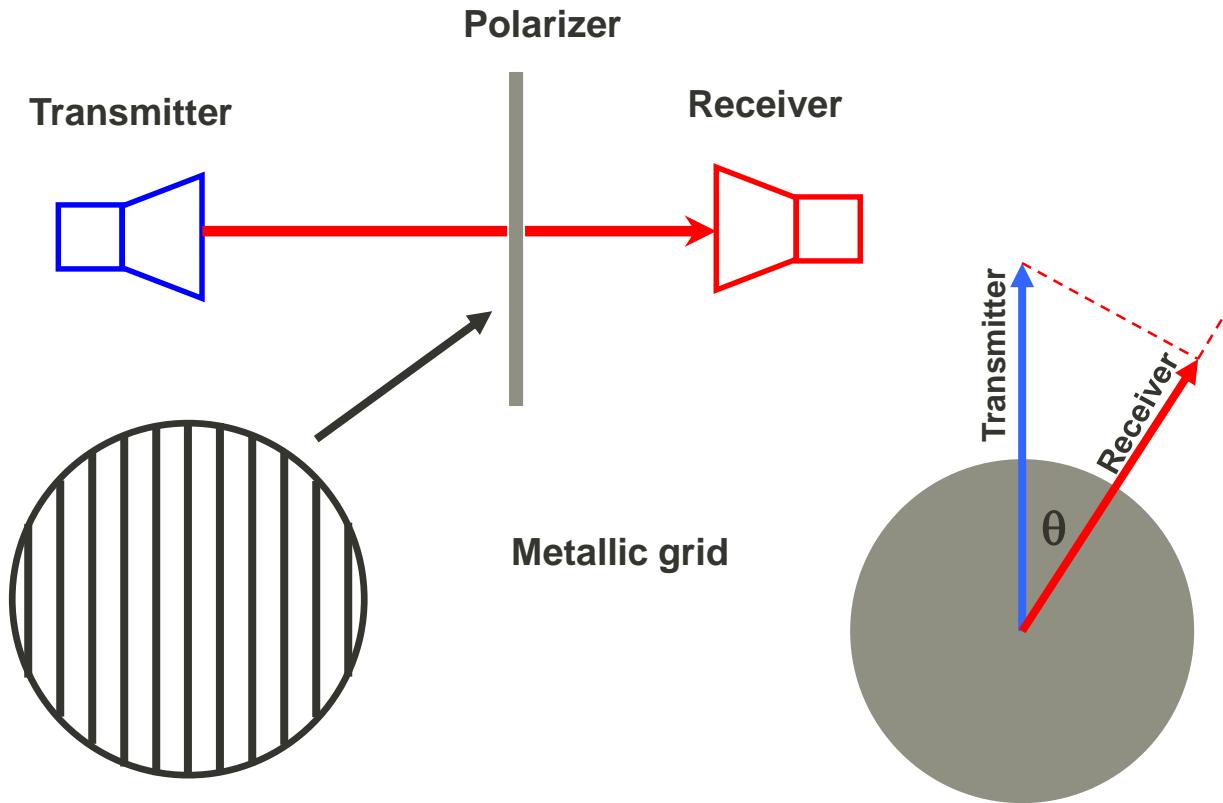
# Total internal reflection experiment



Experimental setup and the example of the data



# Microwave polarization



Etienne-Louis Malus

1775 – 1812

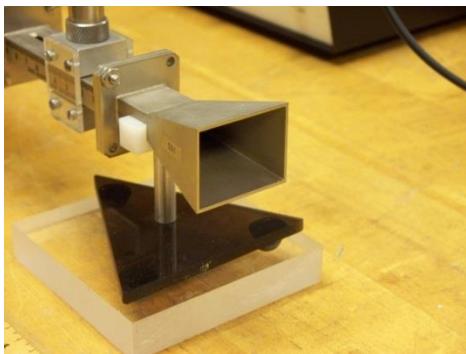
**Malus law**

$$E = E_0 \cos \theta$$

$$I \propto E^2$$

$$I = I_0 \cos^2 \theta$$

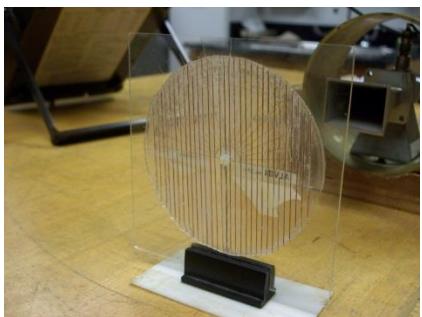
# Microwave polarization



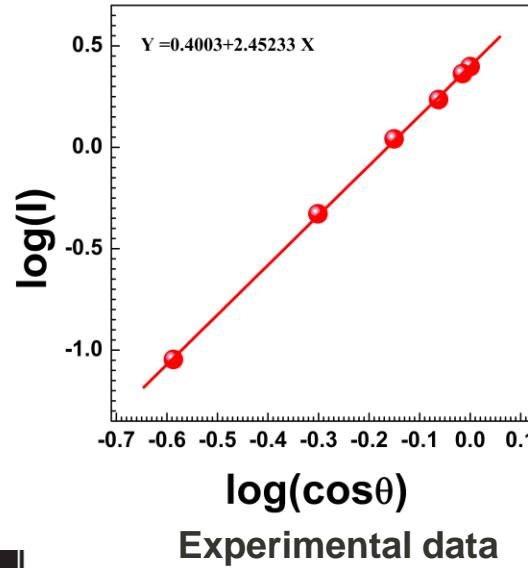
Transmitter



Rotatable receiver



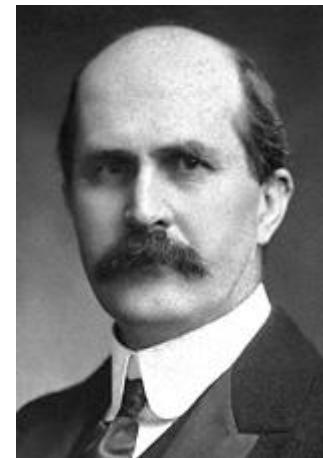
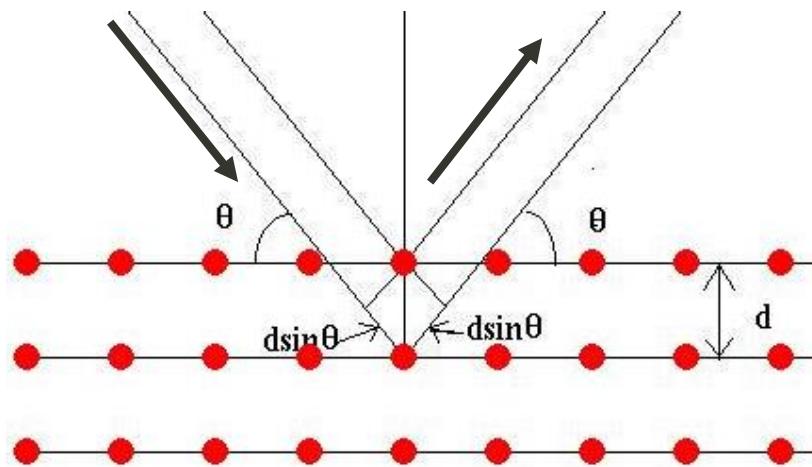
Polarizer



$$I = I_0 \cos^2 \theta$$


# Bragg diffraction

Interference of the EM waves reflected from the crystalline layers



Sir William Henry Bragg  
1862-1942



William Lawrence Bragg  
1890-1971



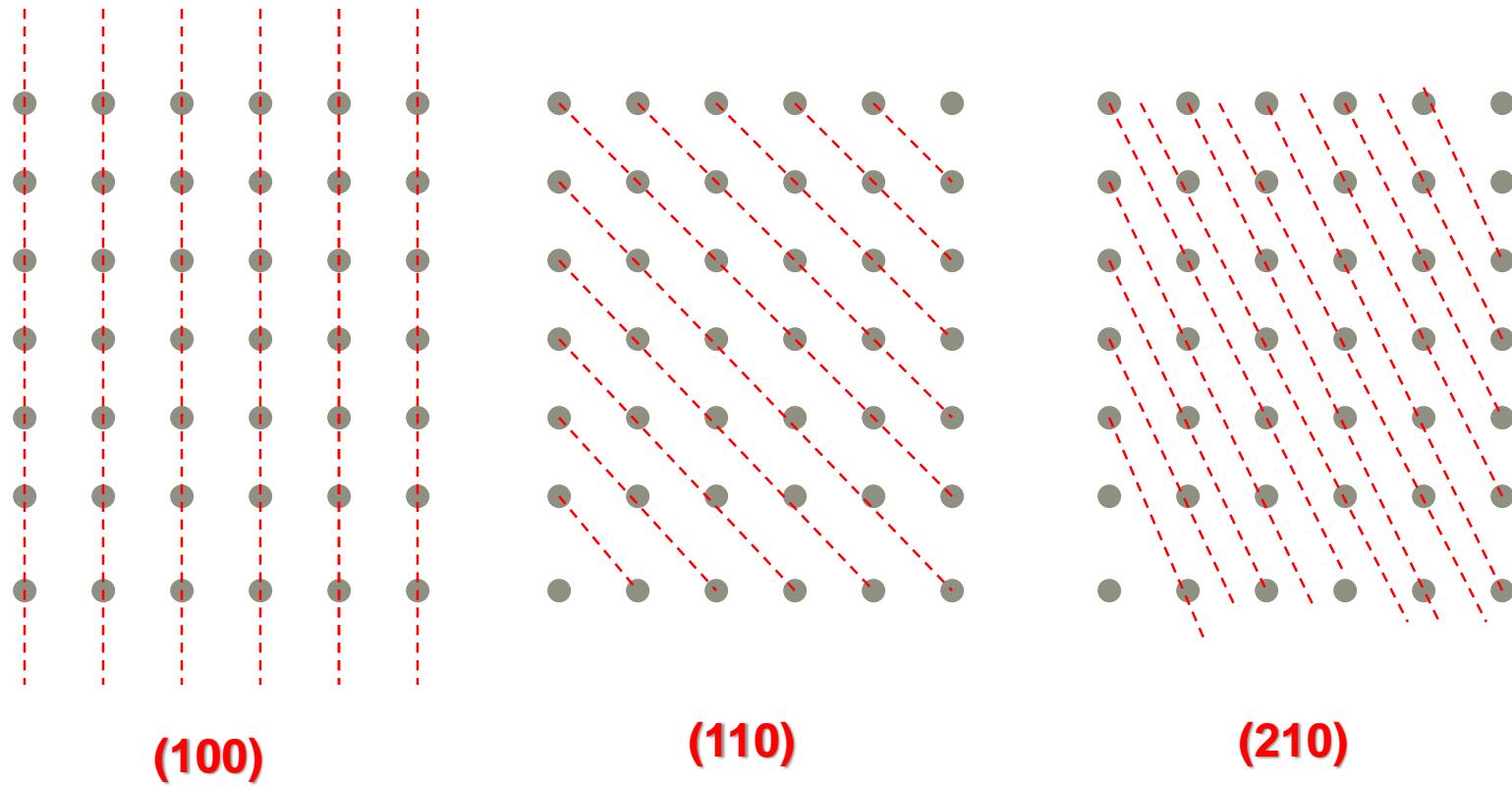
The Nobel Prize in Physics 1915  
"for their services in the analysis of  
crystal structure by means of X-rays"

$$n\lambda = 2d \sin \theta$$

*Bragg's  
Law*



# Bragg diffraction

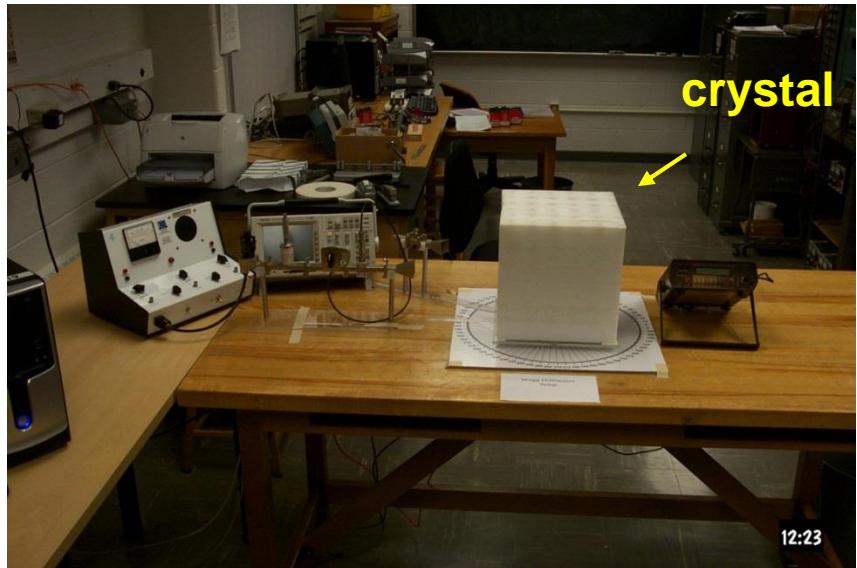


Different orientations of the crystal

# Bragg diffraction

$$n\lambda = 2d \sin \theta$$

$$\lambda < 2d$$



Experimental setup

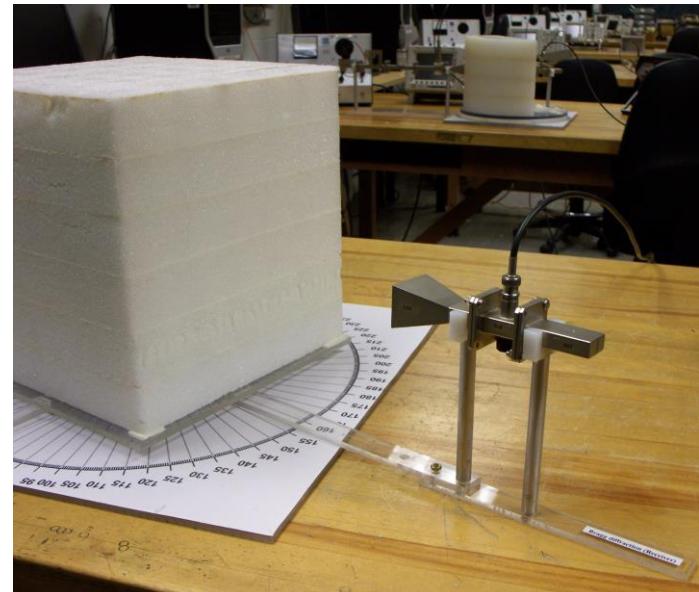
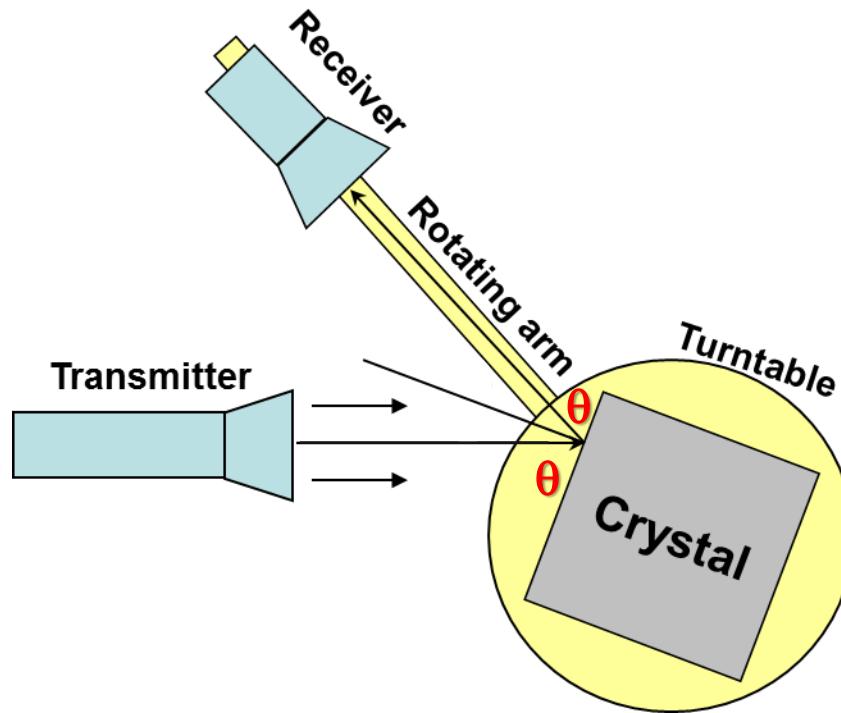
In our experiment  $\lambda \sim 3\text{cm}$ ;  
For cubic symmetry the  
angles of Bragg peaks  
can be calculated from:

$$\left(\frac{\lambda}{2d}\right)^2 = \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{h^2 + k^2 + l^2}$$

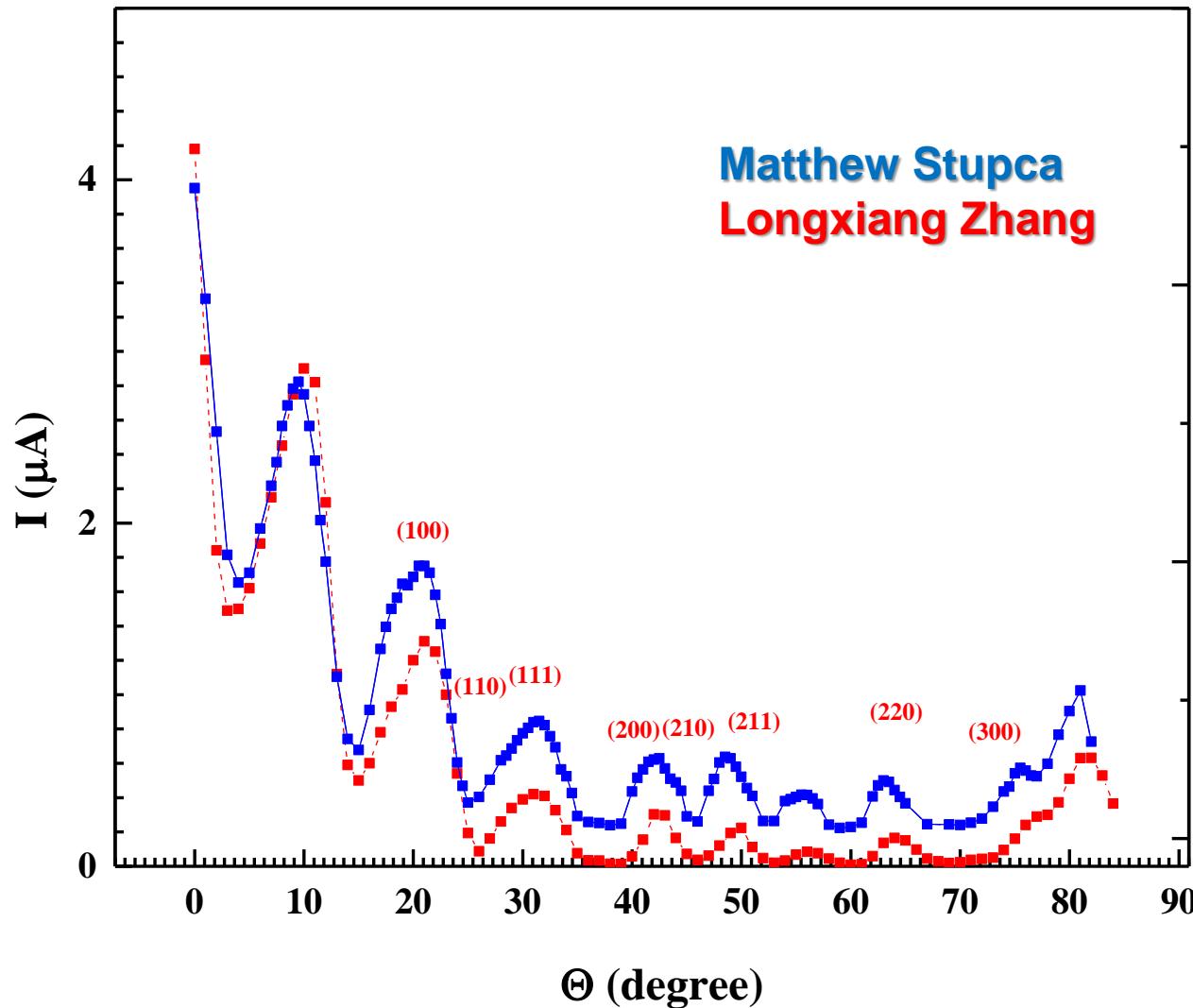
where  $h, k, l$  are the Miller Indices.

For crystal with  $d=5\text{cm}$  and  $\lambda=3\text{cm}$   
the 3 first Bragg peaks for (100)  
orientation can be found at  
angles:  $\sim 17.5^\circ$ ;  $36.9^\circ$  and  $64.2^\circ$

# Bragg diffraction



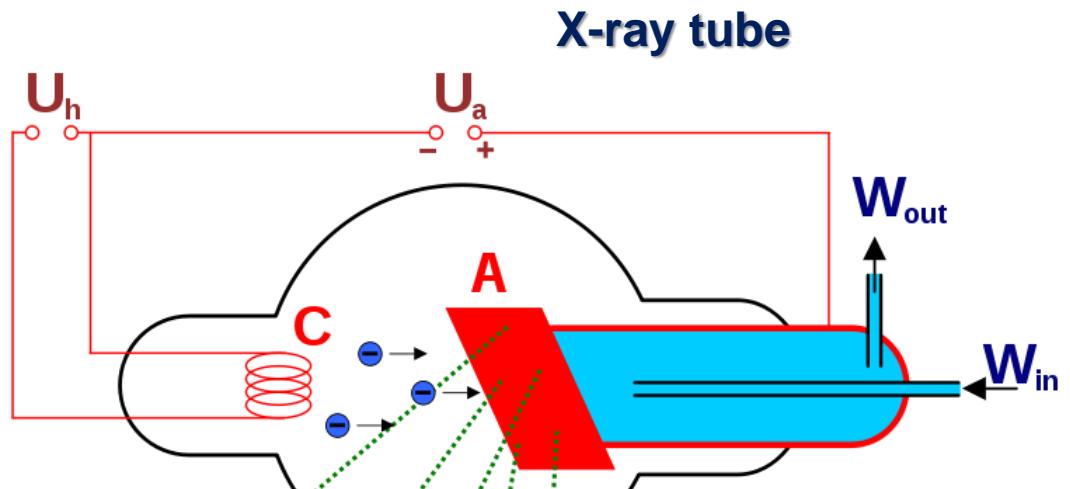
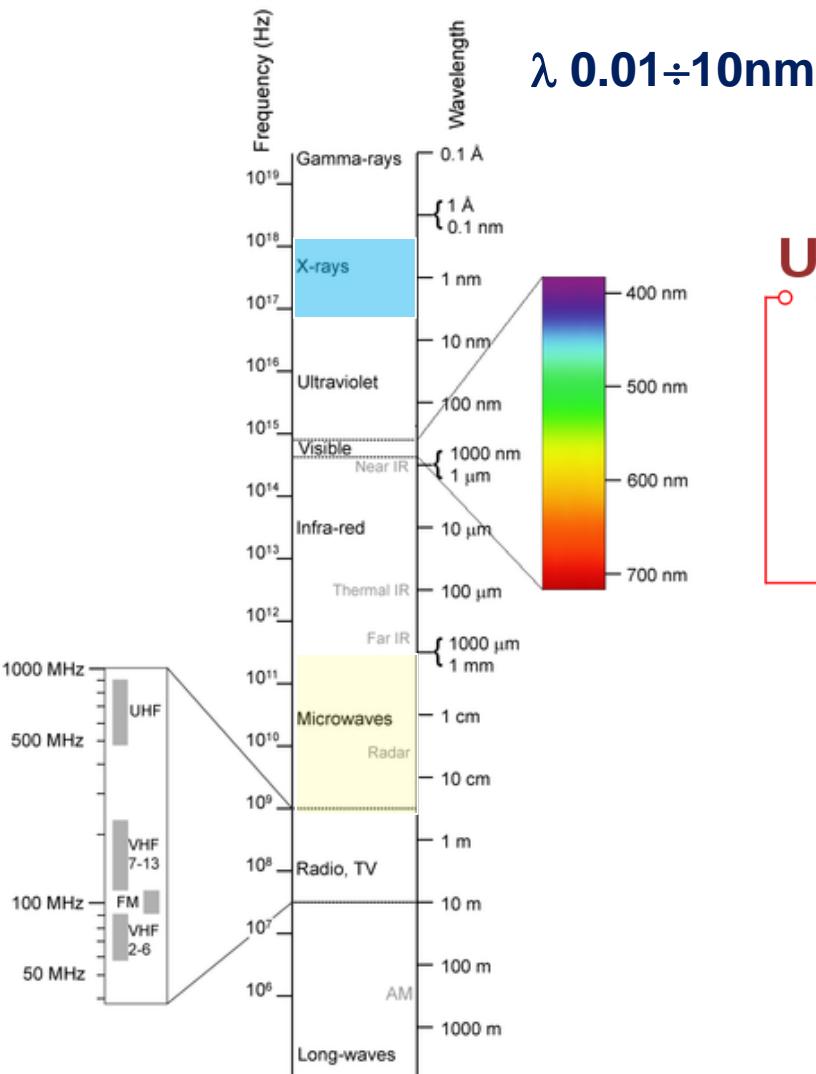
# Bragg diffraction. Results.\*



\*courtesy of Matthew Stupca



# Bragg diffraction. X-rays.



\*courtesy of Wikipedia



# Bragg diffraction. X-rays.

X-ray K-series spectral line wavelengths (nm) for some common target materials

Target	$K\beta_1$	$K\beta_2$	$K\alpha_1$	$K\alpha_2$
Fe	0.17566	0.17442	0.193604	0.193998
Co	0.162079	0.160891	0.178897	0.179285
Ni	0.15001	0.14886	0.165791	0.166175
Cu	0.139222	0.138109	0.154056	0.154439
Zr	0.70173	0.68993	0.78593	0.79015
Mo	0.63229	0.62099	0.70930	0.71359

David R. Lide, ed. (1994). *CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics 75th edition.*  
CRC Press. pp. 10–227



# Bragg diffraction. X-rays.

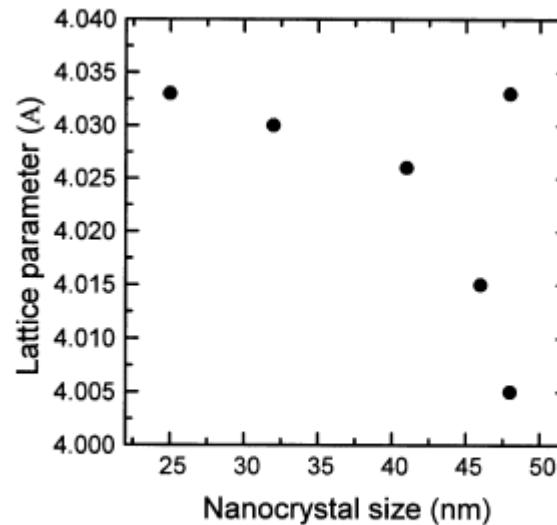
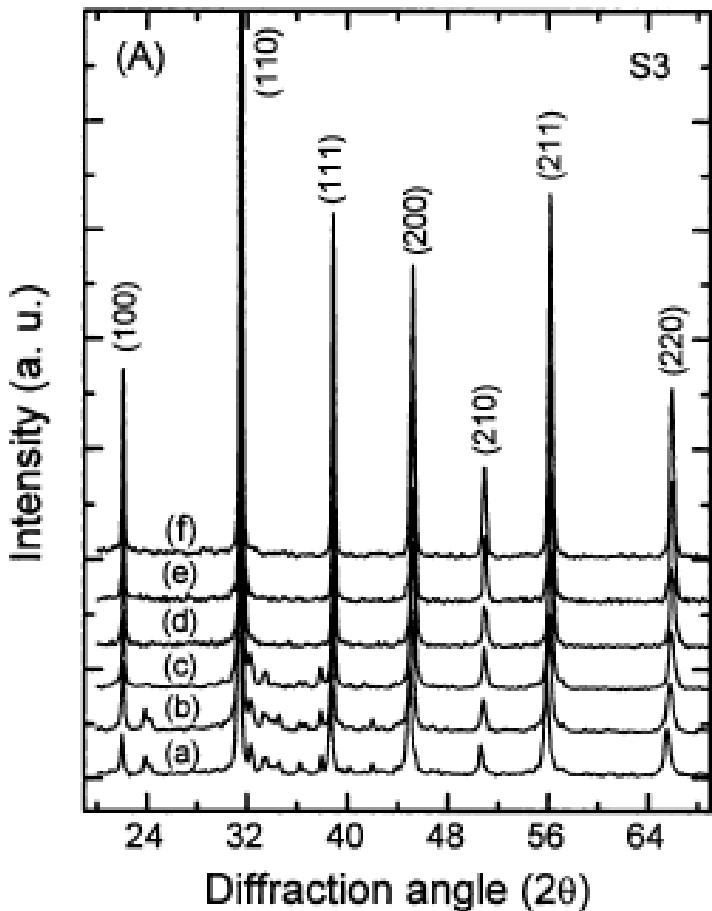


Fig. 4. Lattice parameter  $c$  versus the grain size in the  $\text{BaTiO}_3$  nanocrystal.

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Study of structural and photoluminescent properties in barium titanate nanocrystals synthesized by hydrothermal process

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# Comments and suggestions

1. Klystron is very hot and the high voltage (~300V) is applied to repeller.
2. You have to do 6 (!) experiment in one Lab session – take care about time management. The most time consuming experiment is the “Bragg diffraction”.
3. Do not put on the tables any extra stuff – this will cause extra reflections of microwaves and could result in smearing of the data.
4. This is two weeks experiment but the equipment for the week 2 will be different. Please finish all week 1 measurements until the end of this week

Good luck !

