

# Overview from last week

- Optical systems act as linear shift-invariant (LSI) filters (we have not yet seen why)
- Analysis tool for LSI filters: Fourier transform
  - decompose arbitrary 2D functions into superpositions of 2D sinusoids (*Fourier transform*)
  - use the transfer function to determine what happens to each 2D sinusoid as it is transmitted through the system (*filtering*)
  - recombine the filtered 2D sinusoids to determine the output 2D function (*Fourier integral, aka inverse Fourier transform*)

# Today

- Wave description of optical systems
- Diffraction
  - *very* short distances: near field, we skip
  - intermediate distances: Fresnel diffraction  
*expressed as a convolution*
  - long distances ( $\infty$ ): Fraunhofer diffraction  
*expressed as a Fourier transform*

# Space and spatial frequency representations

**SPACE DOMAIN**

$$g(x, y)$$

$$G(u, v) = \int g(x, y) e^{-i2\pi(ux+vy)} dx dy$$

**2D** Fourier transform

**SPATIAL FREQUENCY  
DOMAIN**

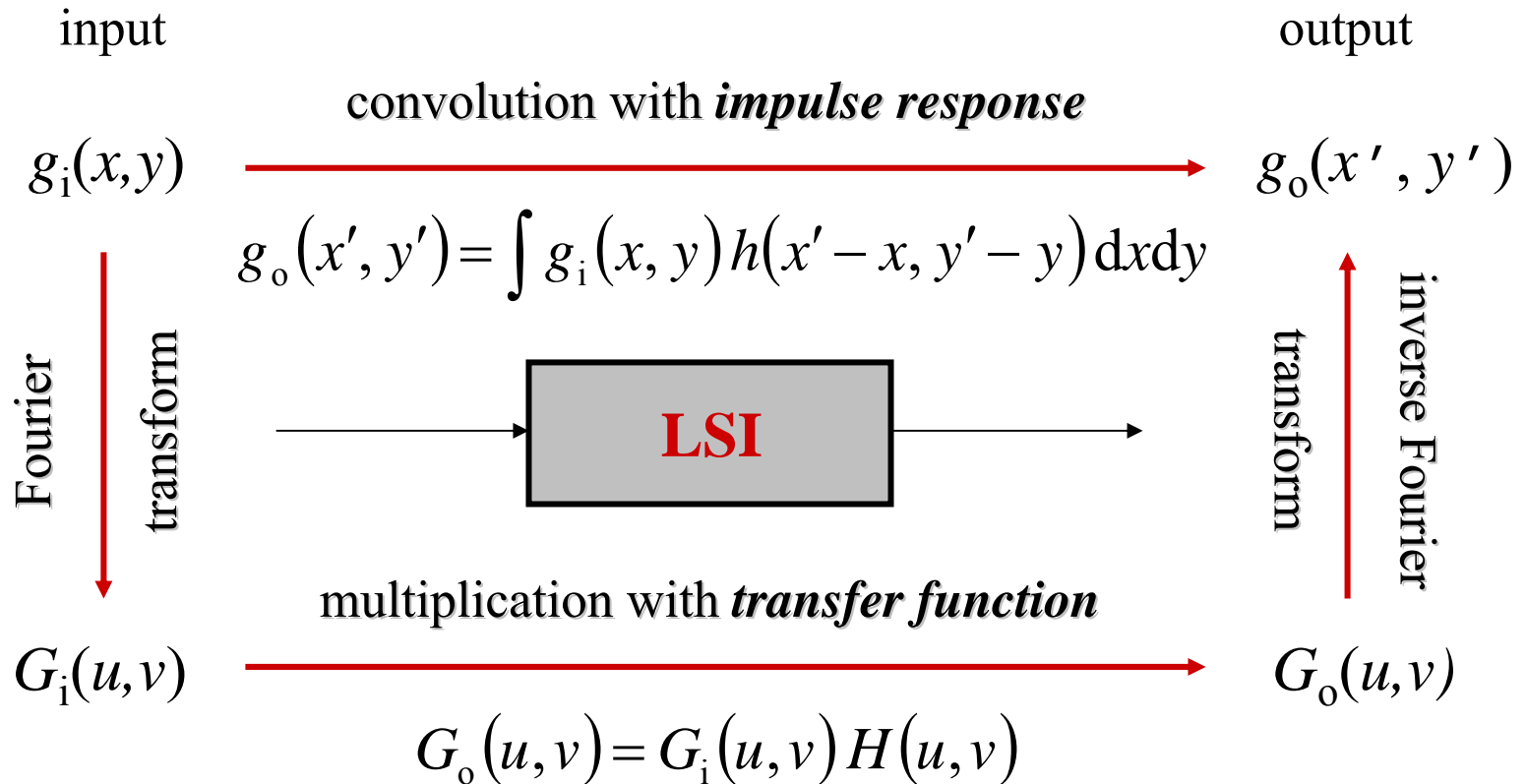
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**2D** Fourier integral  
aka

inverse **2D** Fourier transform

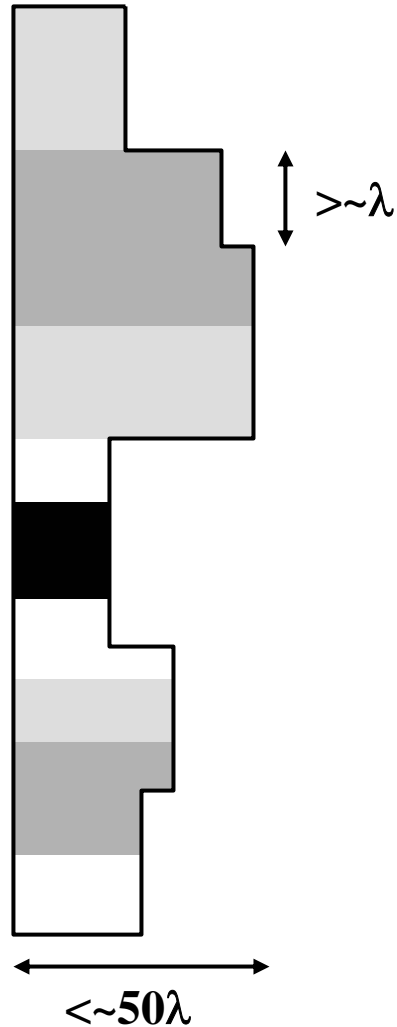
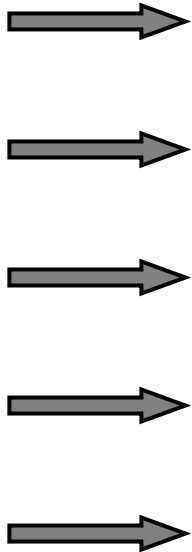
# 2D linear shift invariant systems



# Wave description of optical imaging systems

# Thin transparencies

coherent  
illumination:  
plane  
wave



**Transmission function:**

$$g_{\text{in}}(x, y) = t(x, y) \exp\{i\phi(x, y)\}$$

**Field before transparency:**

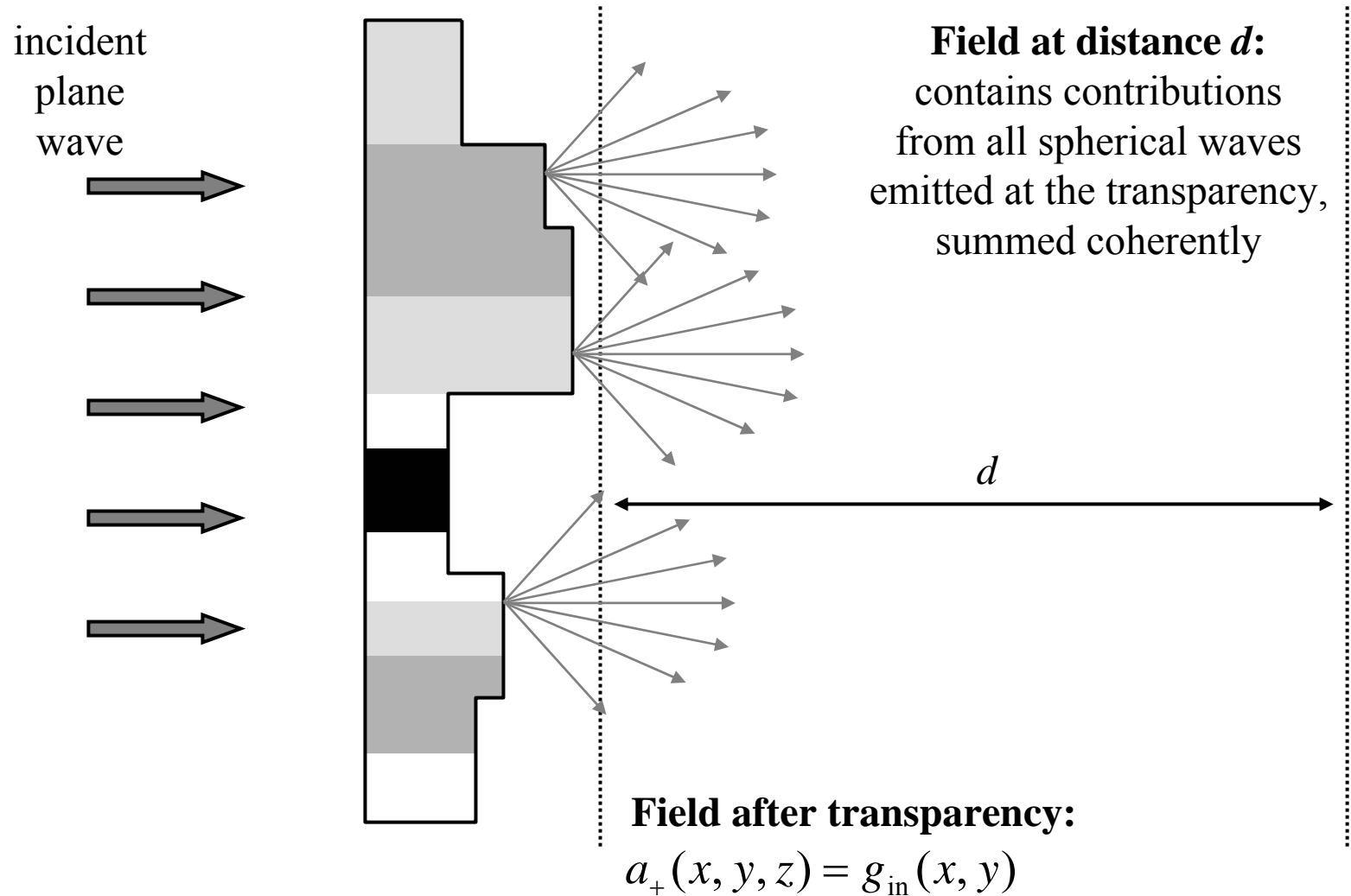
~~$$a_{-}(x, y, z) = \exp\left\{i2\pi \frac{z}{\lambda}\right\}$$~~

**Field after transparency:**

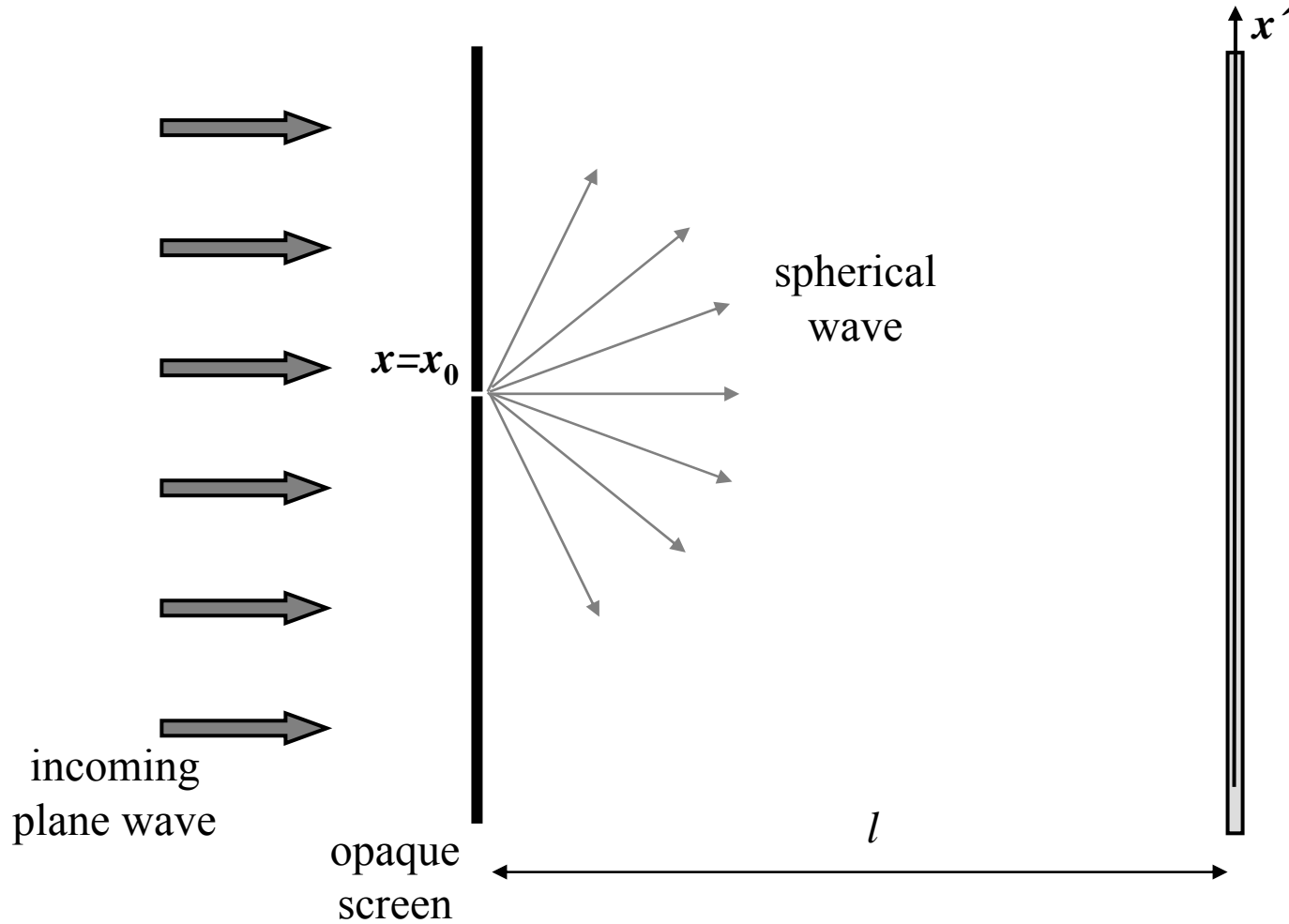
~~$$a_{+}(x, y, z) = g_{\text{in}}(x, y) \exp\left\{i2\pi \frac{z}{\lambda}\right\}$$~~

assumptions: transparency at  $z=0$   
transparency thickness can be ignored

# Diffraction: Huygens principle

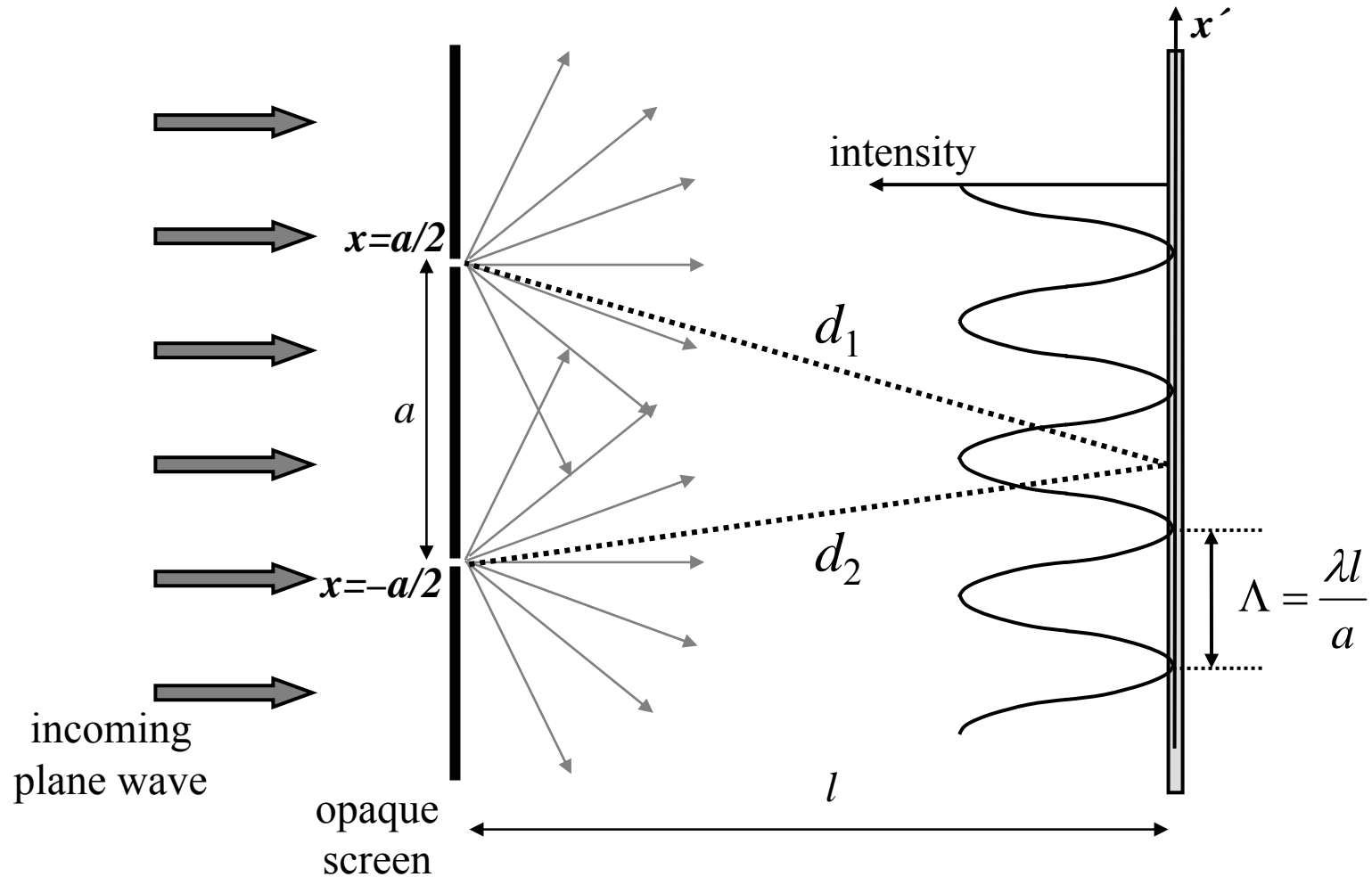


# Huygens principle: one point source





# Simple interference: two point sources



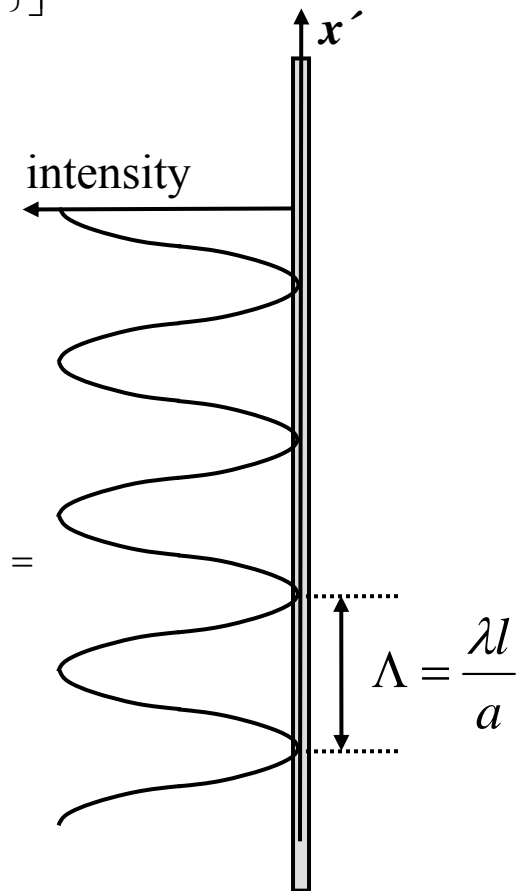
# Two point sources interfering: math...

(paraxial approximation)

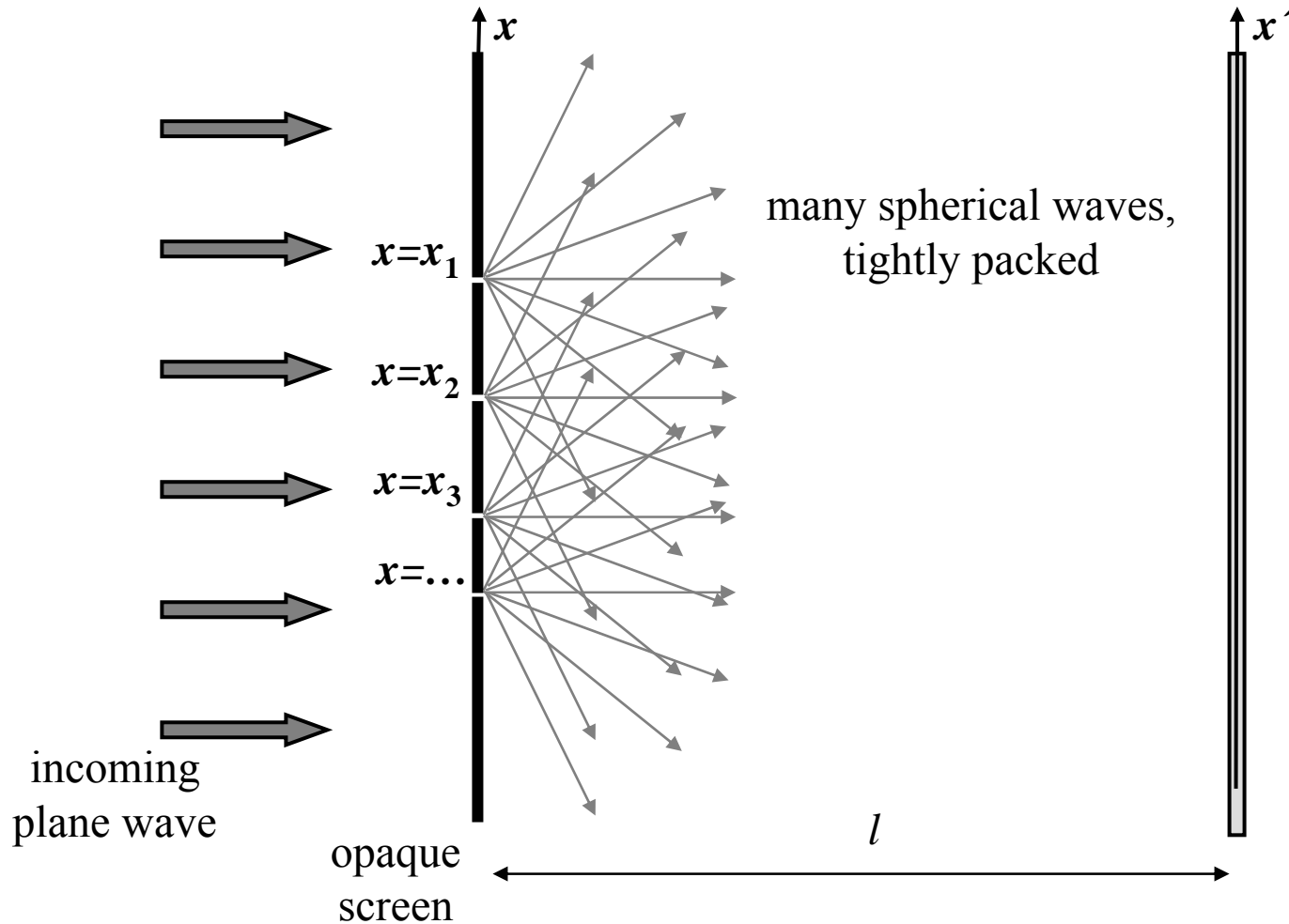
Amplitude:

$$\begin{aligned}
 e(x', y') &= -\frac{1}{i\lambda l} \exp\left\{i2\pi \frac{l}{\lambda}\right\} \left[ \exp\left\{i\pi \frac{(x' - a/2)^2 + y'^2}{\lambda l}\right\} + \exp\left\{i\pi \frac{(x' + a/2)^2 + y'^2}{\lambda l}\right\} \right] = \\
 &= \frac{1}{i\lambda l} \exp\left\{i2\pi \frac{l}{\lambda} + i\pi \frac{x'^2 + \frac{a^2}{4} + y'^2}{\lambda l}\right\} \left( \exp\left\{-i2\pi \frac{ax'}{2\lambda l}\right\} + \exp\left\{i2\pi \frac{ax'}{2\lambda l}\right\} \right) \\
 &= \frac{2}{i\lambda l} \exp\left\{i2\pi \frac{l}{\lambda} + i\pi \frac{x'^2 + \frac{a^2}{4} + y'^2}{\lambda l}\right\} \cos\left(\pi \frac{ax'}{\lambda l}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

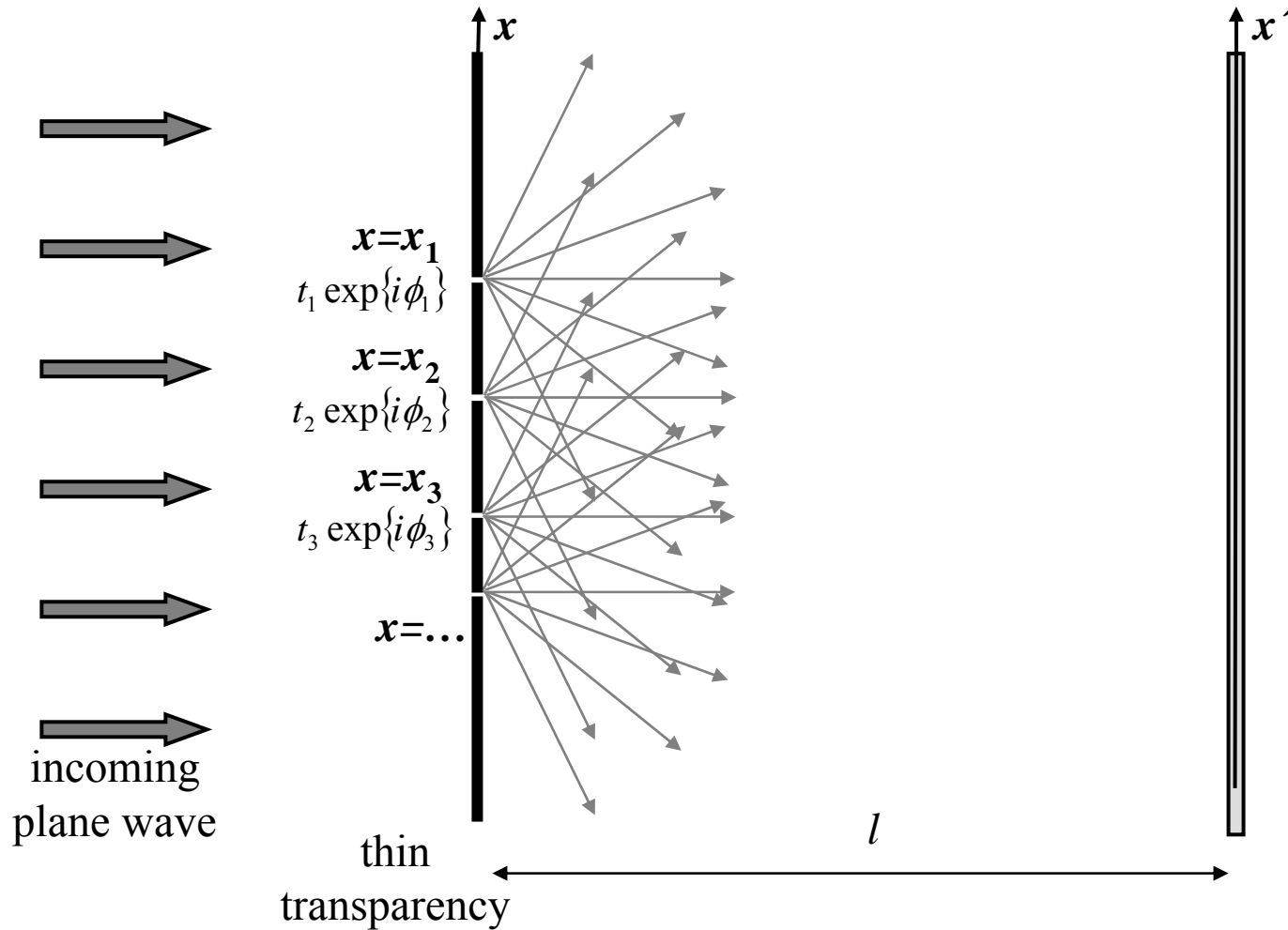
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Intensity: } I(x', y') &= |e(x', y')|^2 = \left| \frac{2}{i\lambda l} \exp\left\{i2\pi \frac{l}{\lambda} + i\pi \frac{x'^2 + \frac{a^2}{4} + y'^2}{\lambda l}\right\} \cos\left(\pi \frac{ax'}{\lambda l}\right) \right|^2 = \\
 &= \frac{4}{(\lambda l)^2} \cos^2\left(\pi \frac{ax'}{\lambda l}\right) = \frac{2}{(\lambda l)^2} \left( 1 + \cos\left\{2\pi \left(\frac{a}{\lambda l}\right) x'\right\} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$



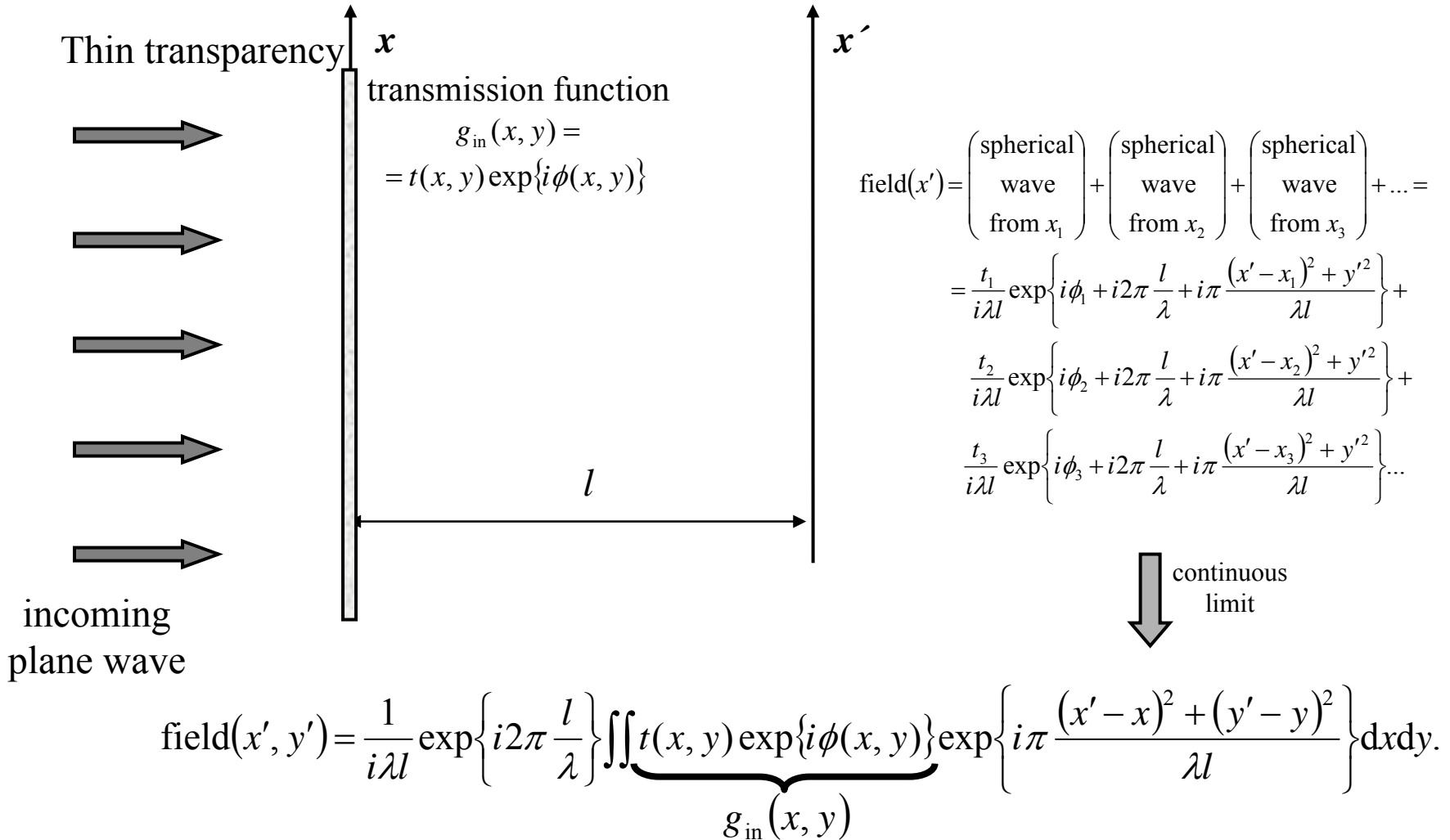
# Diffraction: many point sources



# Diffraction: many point sources, attenuated & phase-delayed



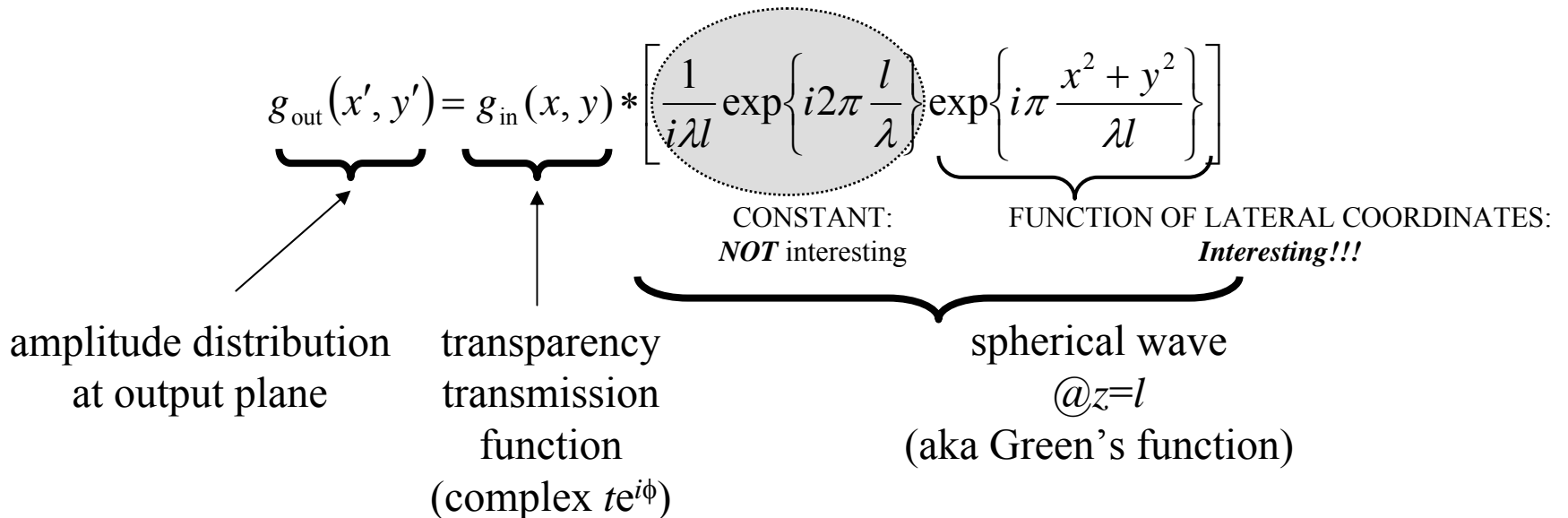
# Diffraction: many point sources attenuated & phase-delayed, math



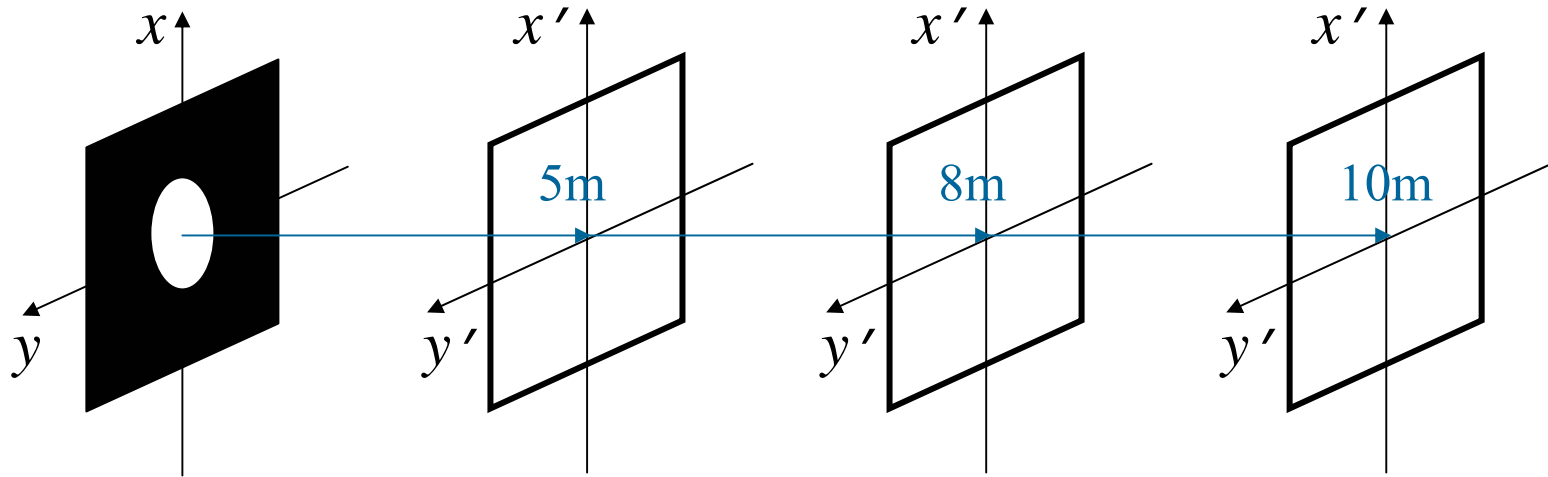
# Fresnel diffraction

$$g_{\text{out}}(x', y') = \frac{1}{i\lambda l} \exp\left\{i2\pi \frac{l}{\lambda}\right\} \iint g_{\text{in}}(x, y) \exp\left\{i\pi \frac{(x' - x)^2 + (y' - y)^2}{\lambda l}\right\} dx dy.$$

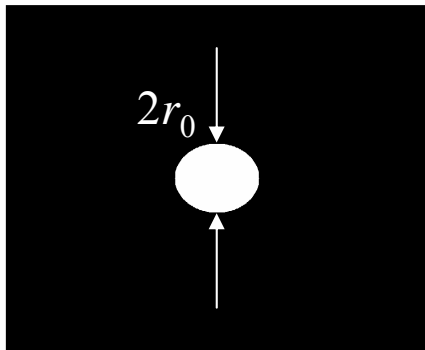
The diffracted field is the *convolution* of the transparency with a spherical wave



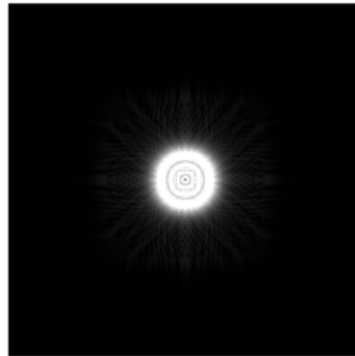
# Example: circular aperture



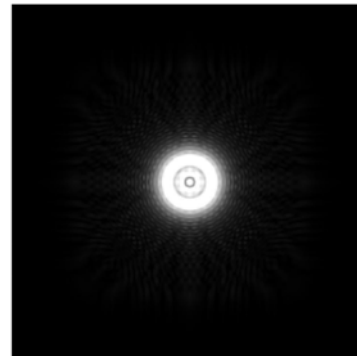
$r_0 = 10\text{mm}$



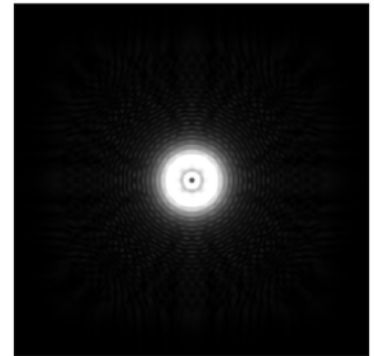
input field  $g_{\text{in}}(x,y)$



$g_{\text{out}}(x,y;5\text{m})$

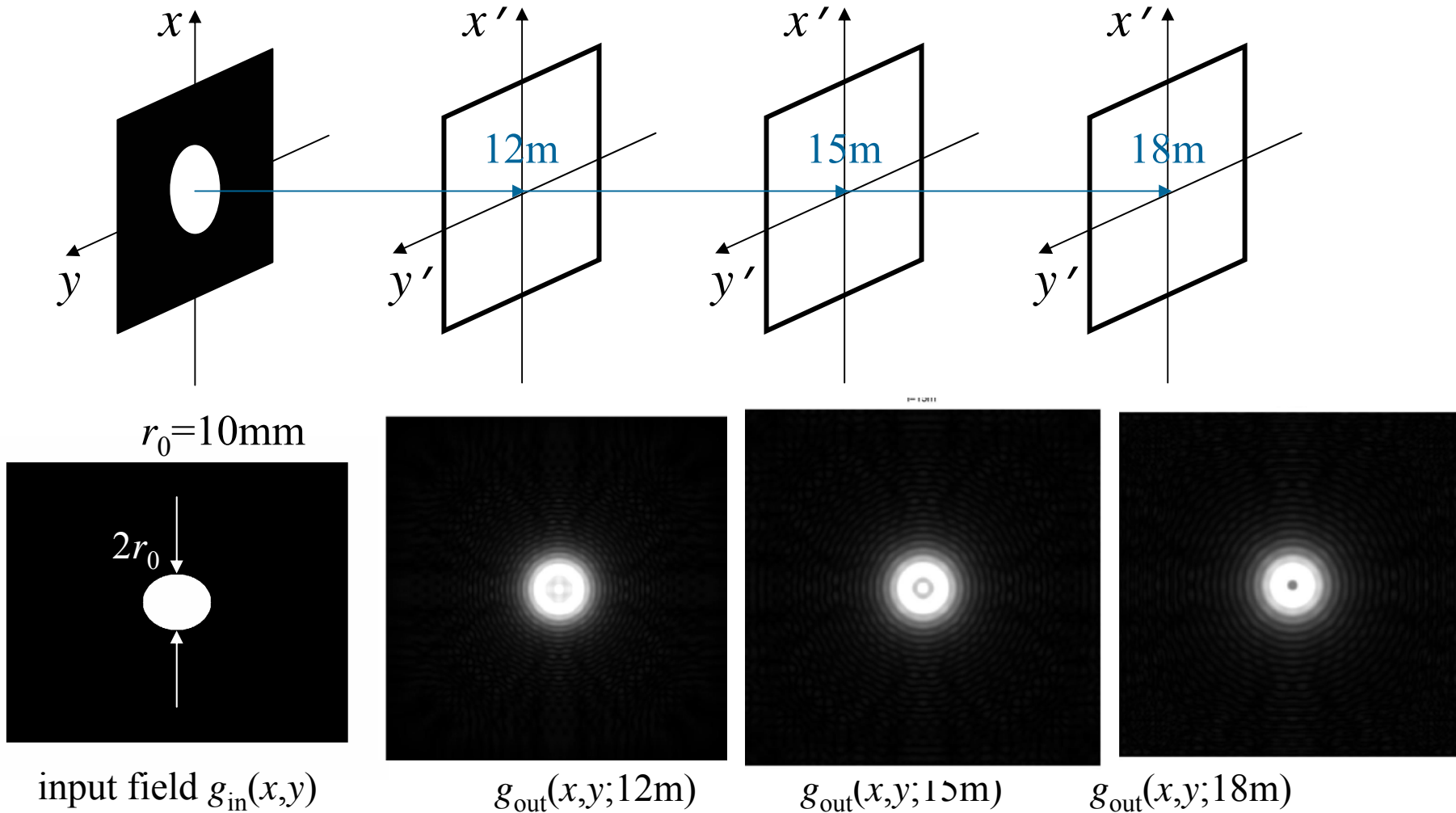


$g_{\text{out}}(x,y;8\text{m})$



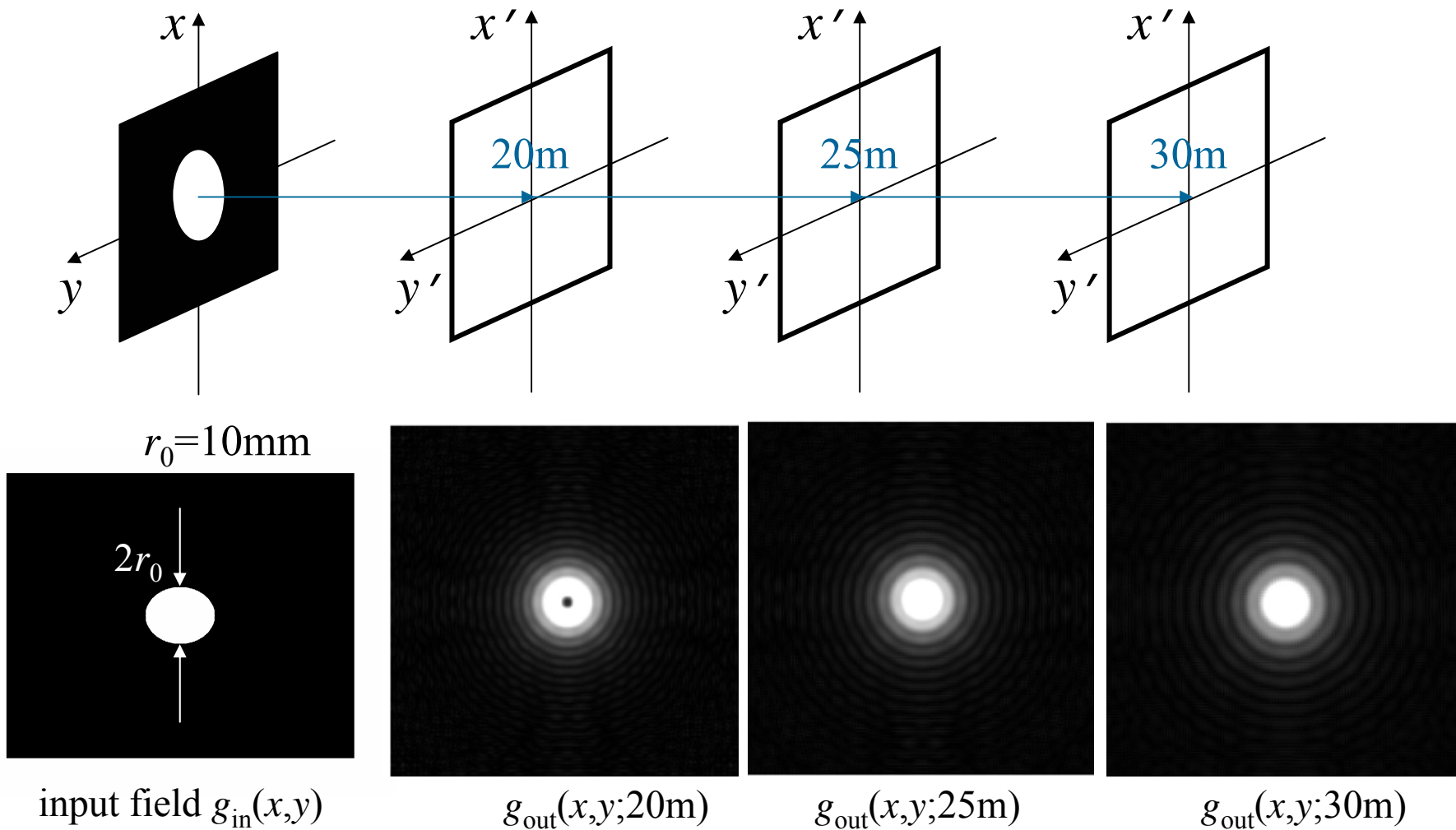
$g_{\text{out}}(x,y;10\text{m})$

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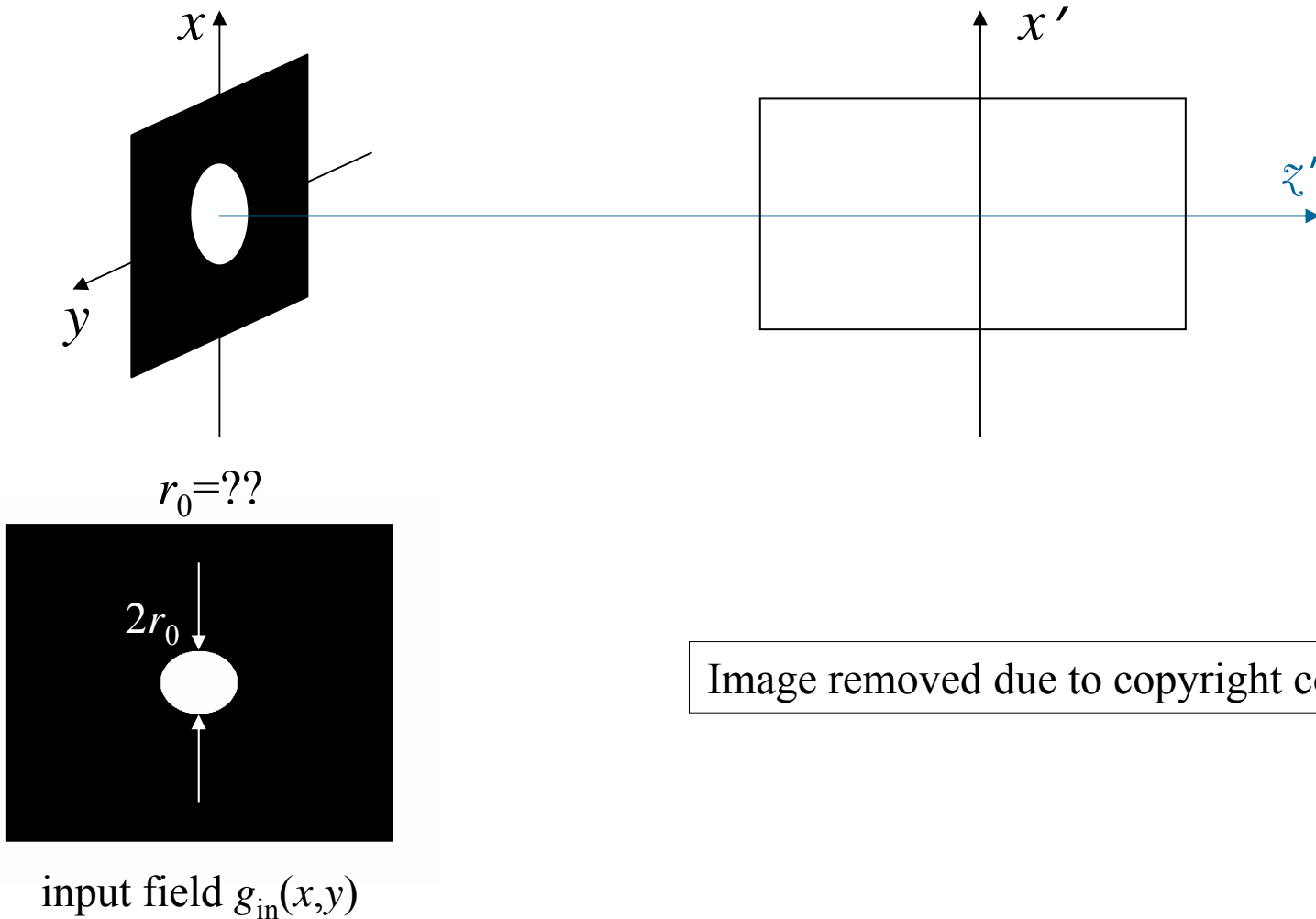


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# Fraunhofer diffraction

propagation distance  $l$  is “very large”

$$g_{\text{out}}(x', y') = \frac{1}{i\lambda l} \exp\left\{i2\pi \frac{l}{\lambda}\right\} \iint g_{\text{in}}(x, y) \exp\left\{i\pi \frac{(x' - x)^2 + (y' - y)^2}{\lambda l}\right\} dx dy,$$

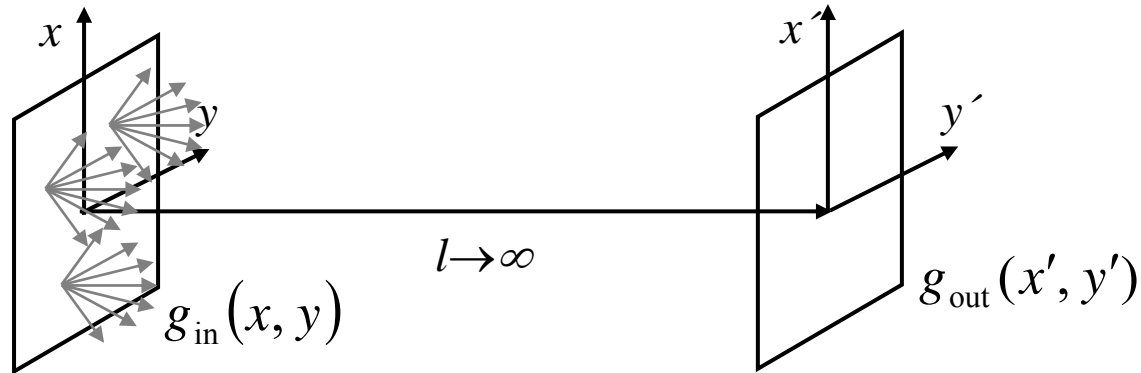
$$g_{\text{out}}(x', y') = \frac{1}{i\lambda l} \exp\left\{i2\pi \frac{l}{\lambda}\right\} \iint g_{\text{in}}(x, y) \exp\left\{i\pi \frac{(x')^2 + x^2 - 2xx' + (y')^2 + y^2 - 2yy'}{\lambda l}\right\} dx dy,$$

$$g_{\text{out}}(x', y') = \frac{1}{i\lambda l} \exp\left\{i2\pi \frac{l}{\lambda} + i\pi \frac{(x')^2 + (y')^2}{\lambda l}\right\} \iint g_{\text{in}}(x, y) \exp\left\{i\pi \frac{x^2 + y^2}{\lambda l}\right\} \exp\left\{-i2\pi \frac{xx' + yy'}{\lambda l}\right\} dx dy,$$

$$g_{\text{out}}(x', y') \approx \frac{1}{i\lambda l} \exp\left\{i2\pi \frac{l}{\lambda} + i\pi \frac{(x')^2 + (y')^2}{\lambda l}\right\} \iint g_{\text{in}}(x, y) \exp\left\{-i2\pi \frac{xx' + yy'}{\lambda l}\right\} dx dy$$

approximation valid if  $x^2 + y^2 \ll \lambda l \Leftrightarrow l \gg \frac{(x^2 + y^2)_{\text{max}}}{\lambda}$

# Fraunhofer diffraction

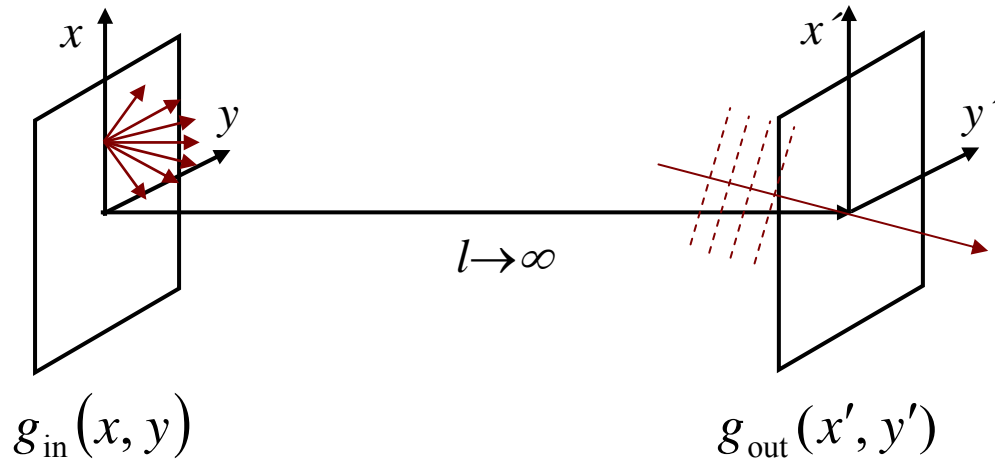


$$g_{\text{out}}(x', y'; l) \propto \int g_{\text{in}}(x, y) \exp \left\{ -i2\pi \left[ x \left( \frac{x'}{\lambda l} \right) + y \left( \frac{y'}{\lambda l} \right) \right] \right\} dx dy$$

The “**far-field**” (i.e. the diffraction pattern at a large longitudinal distance  $l$  equals the **Fourier transform** of the original transparency calculated at spatial frequencies

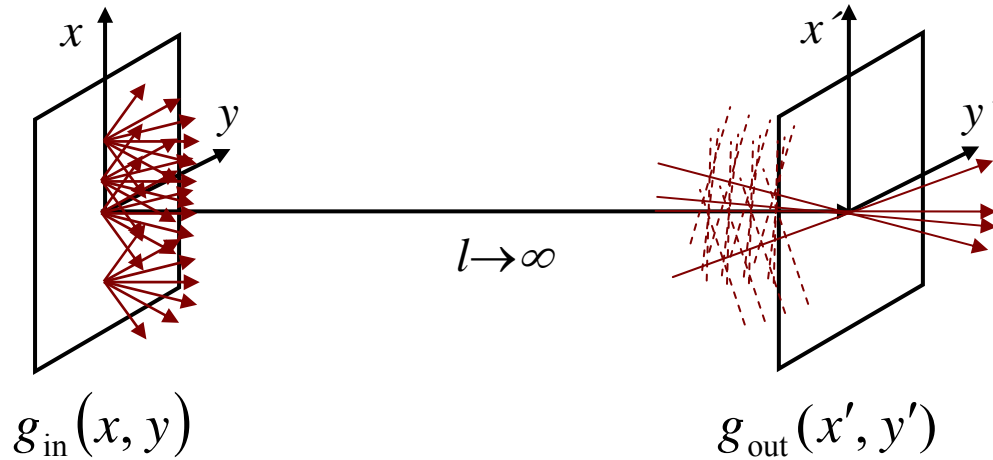
$$f_x = \frac{x'}{\lambda l} \quad f_y = \frac{y'}{\lambda l}$$

# Fraunhofer diffraction



spherical wave  
originating at  $x$   $\xrightarrow{l \rightarrow \infty}$  plane wave propagating  
at angle  $-x/l$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$  spatial frequency  $-x/(\lambda l)$

# Fraunhofer diffraction



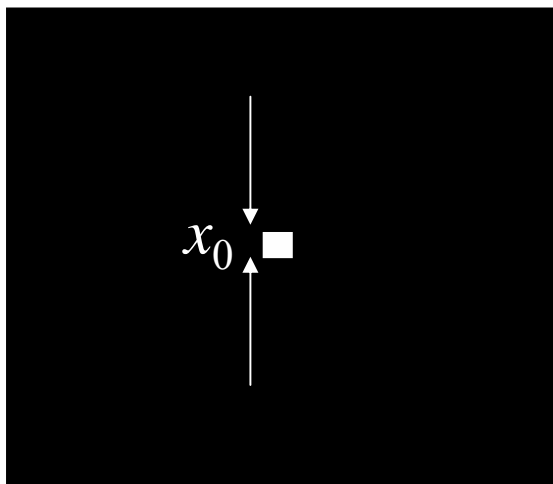
superposition of  
spherical waves  
originating at  
various points  
along  $x$

$l \rightarrow \infty$   
→

superposition of  
plane waves propagating  
at corresponding angles  $-x/l$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$  spatial frequencies  $-x/(\lambda l)$

$$g_{\text{out}}(x', y'; l) \propto \int g_{\text{in}}(x, y) \exp \left\{ -i2\pi \left[ x \left( \frac{x'}{\lambda l} \right) + y \left( \frac{y'}{\lambda l} \right) \right] \right\} dx dy$$

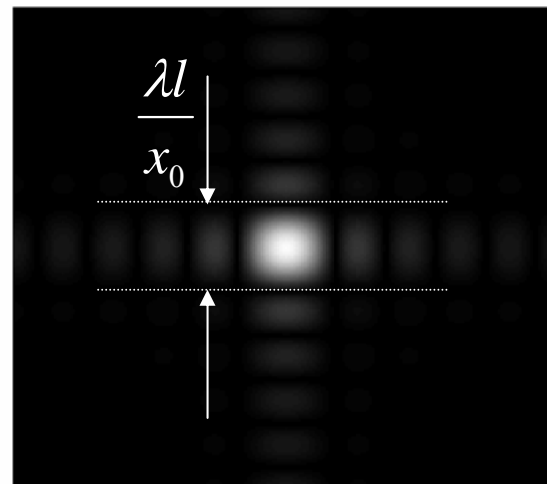
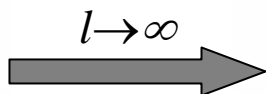
# Example: rectangular aperture



input field

$$g_{\text{in}}(x, y) = \text{rect}\left(\frac{x}{x_0}\right) \text{rect}\left(\frac{y}{y_0}\right)$$

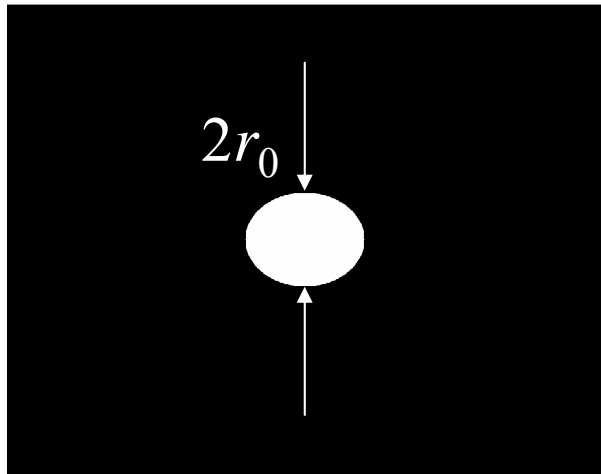
free space  
propagation by



far field

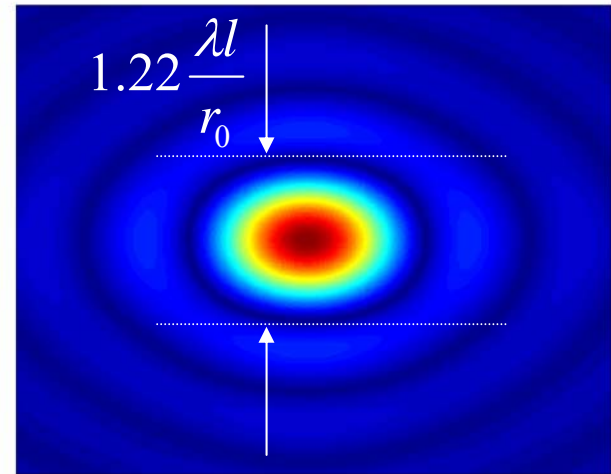
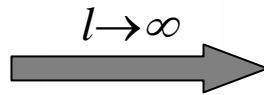
$$g_{\text{out}}(x, y) = \frac{e^{i2\pi l/\lambda}}{i\lambda l} \exp\left\{\frac{(x')^2 + (y')^2}{\lambda l}\right\} \\ \times x_0 y_0 \text{sinc}\left(\frac{x_0 x'}{\lambda l}\right) \text{sinc}\left(\frac{y_0 y'}{\lambda l}\right)$$

# Example: circular aperture



input field

free space  
propagation by



far field

$$g_{\text{in}}(x, y) = \text{circ}\left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{r_0}\right)$$

$$g_{\text{out}}(x, y) = \frac{e^{i2\pi l/\lambda}}{i\lambda l} \exp\left\{\frac{(x')^2 + (y')^2}{\lambda l}\right\}$$

also known as  
**Airy pattern**, or

$$\text{jinc}\left(\frac{2\pi r_0 \sqrt{(x')^2 + (y')^2}}{\lambda l}\right)$$

$$\times \pi r_0^2 \left[ 2 \frac{J_1\left(\frac{2\pi r_0 \sqrt{(x')^2 + (y')^2}}{\lambda l}\right)}{\frac{2\pi r_0 \sqrt{(x')^2 + (y')^2}}{\lambda l}} \right]$$