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Does anybody here have any idea where a diffraction pattern comes from if one say shines a laser pointer on a pattern of holes of some sort in an aluminum foil? Could Uncle Al predict the resultant light patterns at some distance from the foil? Could Gisse even give a hint of what kind of mathematics would be used to get the answer? Can anyone explain why two round holes don't give the same pattern as two vertical slits? What about two parallel rectangular holes as slits? What is going on? Are there any of you brains here who can explain this beyond some 19th century hand-waving? Yeah, I thought not. Idiots. (Especially Uncle Al...but at least Al has an excuse. He's a Chemist!) But luckily just like Evolution, the Big Bang is fact . I heard it on PBS.

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Of course it can be explained. The pattern that was mentioned using pin holes in foil is the superposition of single-slit diffraction and multislit interference. If you use slits, you'll see (diffraction) bands that reflect the shape and orientation of the slits, superimposed on the bands from the side-by-side pattern of the slits. If you use holes, you'll see round (diffraction) circles that reflect the shape of the holes, superimposed on the bands from the side-by-side pattern of the holes. If you need pictures, this obviously isn't the place to do it, though most introductory books have pictures that illustrate both cases and explain where it comes from. Thank you for making my case for me. Sorry, but that is just some freshman approximate stuff to explain some 19th century theory. Perhaps we'd better ask a professional (loser) like Gisse what the relationship is between the intensity of light at the diffraction slits and the light observed some decent distance (far field) away? Oh wait. I believe he can't answer because his fat ass is stuck in his armchair!

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