

Interaction between X-ray and Matter

Basics of diffraction

Hammond Chapter 8, 9, 10

Pecharsky - Chapter 2

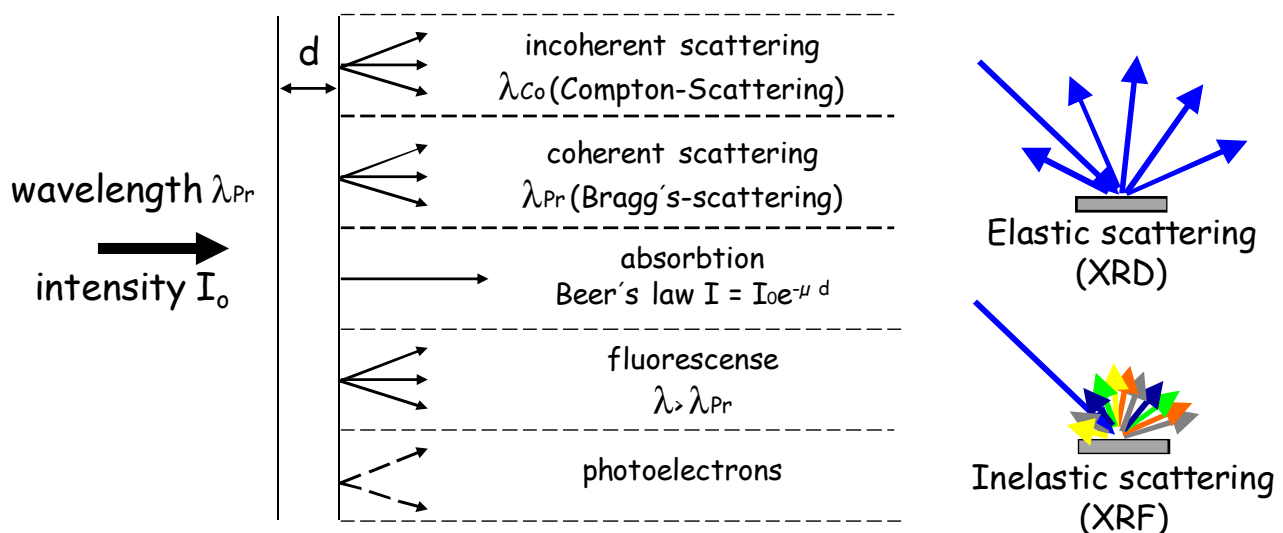
Sherwood Chapter 6

Krawitz - Chapter 5, 6

Birkholz - Chapter 1

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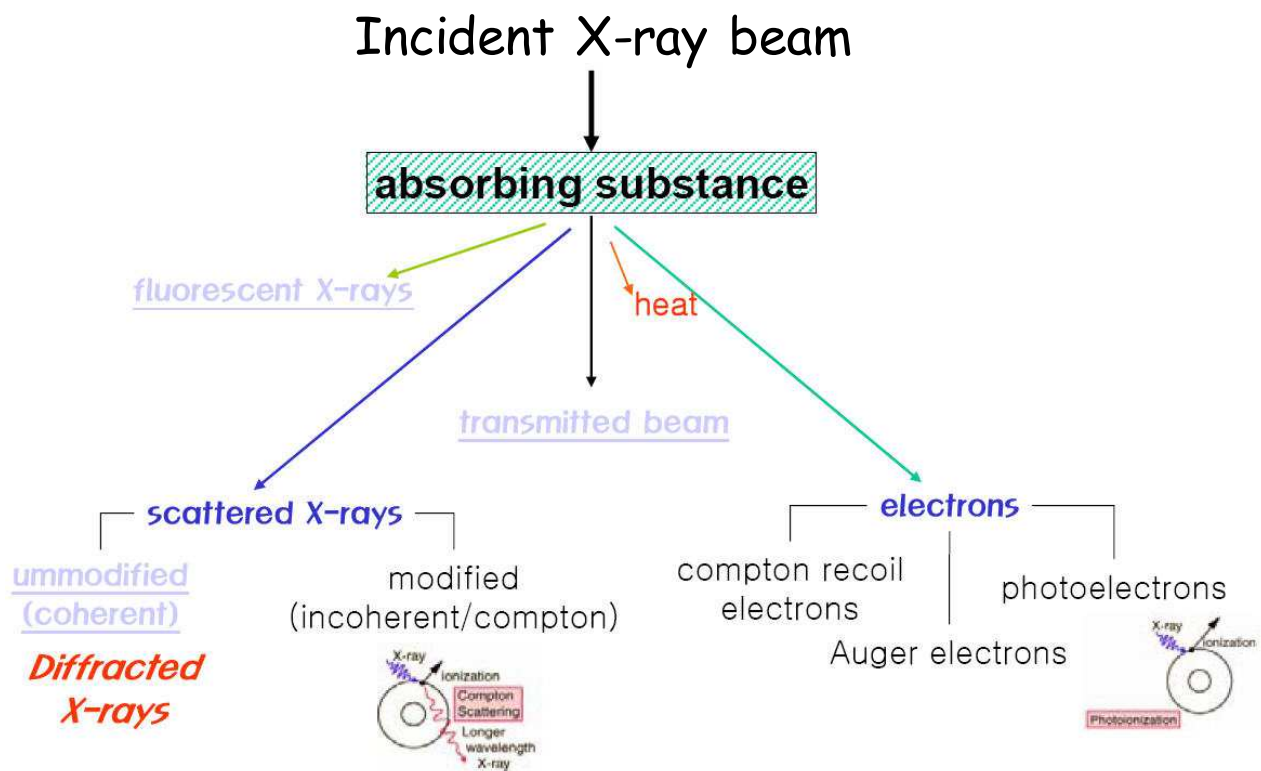
Interaction between X-ray and Matter



- Incoherent (Compton) scattering - λ of scattered beam increases due to partial loss of photon energy in collision with the core electrons (Compton effect)
- Coherent scattering - scattered beam has the same λ as the primary beam

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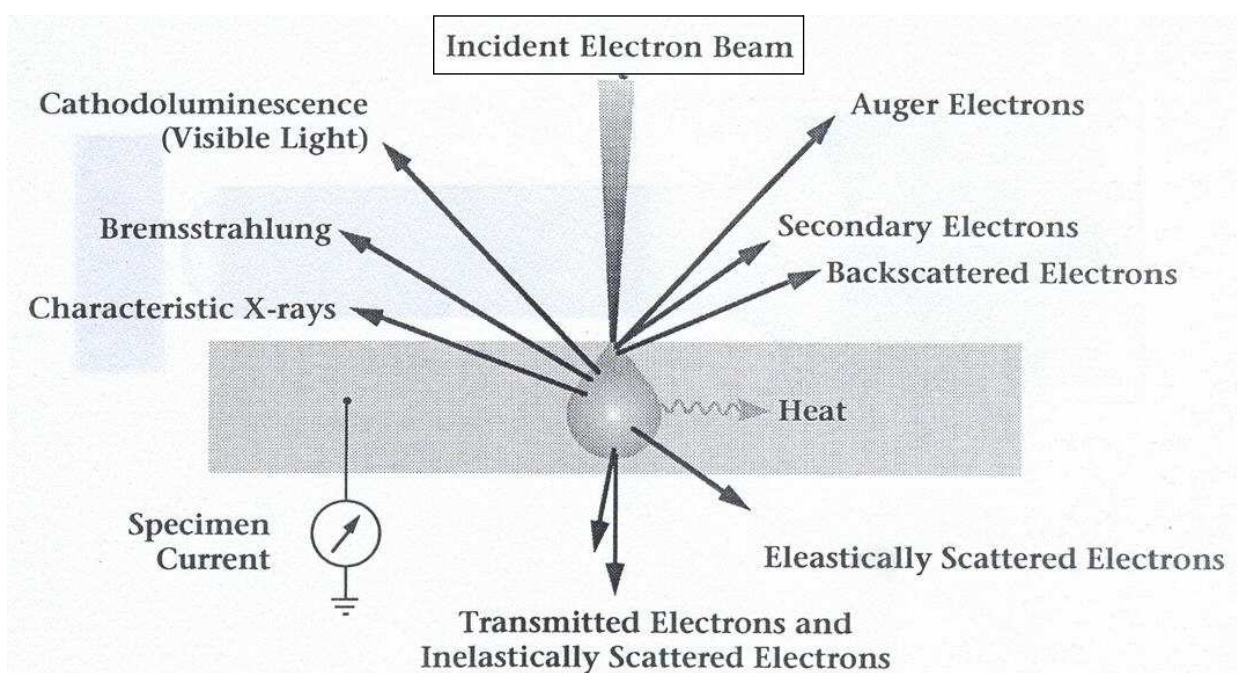
X-ray - matter interaction



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e⁻ beam - matter interaction

When an electron beam strikes a sample . . .

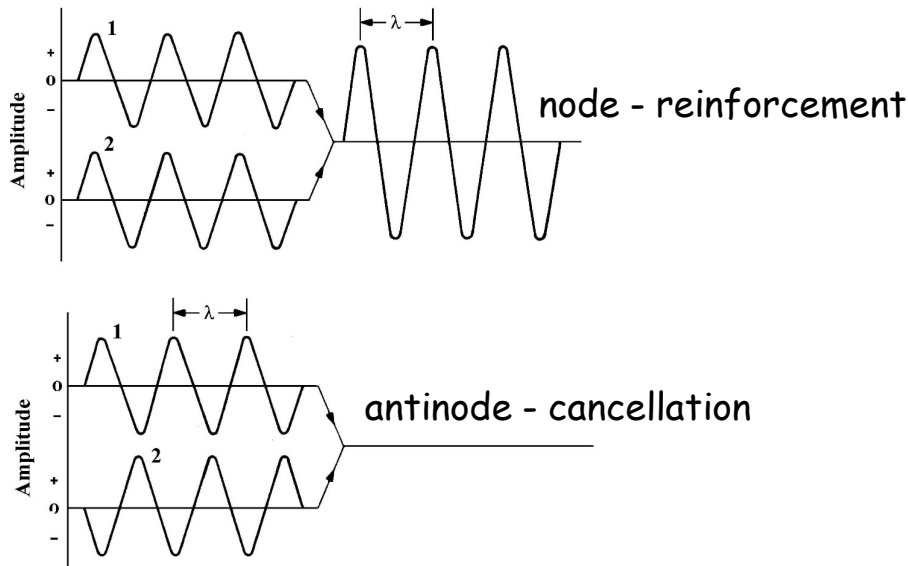


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Interference

Interaction between two or more trains of waves of the same frequency emitted from coherent sources.

A series of stationary nodes and antinodes is established, known as interference.



Diffraction

➤ Read

- ✓ Pecharsky Chap 2, Hammond Chap 7, 8; Cullity Chap 2, Appendix 1; Krawitz Chap 3, 5

➤ Diffraction: coherent and elastic scattering of radiation by periodic arrays of objects resulting in concerted constructive interference at specific angles

- Diffraction occurs whenever wave motion encounters a set of regularly spaced scattering objects, provided the wavelength λ of the wave motion is the same order of magnitude as the repeat distance between the scattering centers

X-ray diffraction

- Diffraction occurs when each object in a periodic array scatters radiation coherently, producing concerted constructive interference at specific angles
- The **electrons** in an atom **coherently** scatter light
 - ✓ The electrons interact with oscillating electric field of light wave
- Atoms in a crystal form a **periodic array** of coherent scatterers
 - ✓ The wavelength of X rays are similar to the distance between atoms
 - ✓ **Diffraction from different planes of atoms produces a diffraction pattern, which contains information about the atomic arrangement within the crystal**
- X rays are also reflected, scattered incoherently, absorbed, refracted, and transmitted when they interact with matter

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X-ray Diffraction

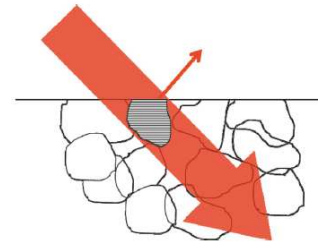
- X-rays are an ideal probe of electromagnetic radiation for the study of crystals as the **wavelength λ is of the same order as the distances between the atoms** in crystals
- Elastic scattering → no energy transfer & no wavelength change
- When the **periodic array** consists of crystalline matter of 3-D arrangement of atoms, monochromatic X-ray radiation diffracts in a number of different directions in 3-D space

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Kinematical vs. Dynamical theories of diffraction

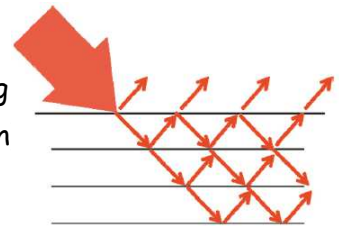
➤ Kinematical

- ✓ A beam scattered once is not scattered again
- ✓ Interaction of diffracted beam with crystal is negligibly small
 - Crystal consists of individual mosaic blocks
 - Size of the crystallites is small
 - Misalignment of crystallites is large enough, so that interaction of X-ray with matter at length scale larger than the size of the mosaics is negligible



➤ Dynamical

- ✓ Accounts for scattering of diffracted beam & other interactions of waves inside the crystal
- ✓ Needed when crystals are nearly perfect or when there is a strong interaction of the radiation with the material (electron diffraction)



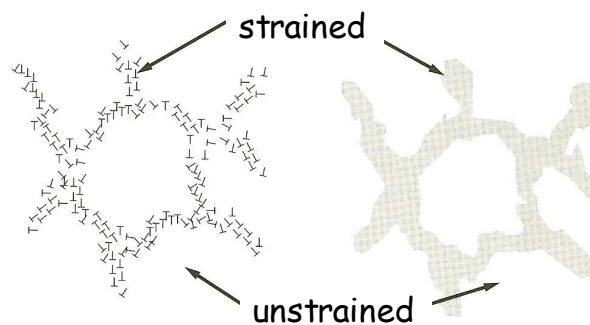
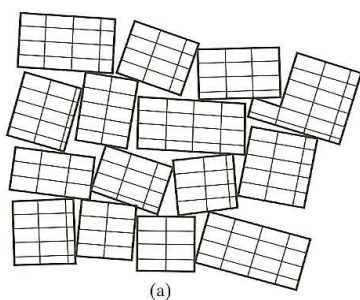
- Many dynamical effects (primary & 2ndary extinction, simultaneous diffraction, thermal diffuse scattering, etc.) are accounted for as corrections to the kinematical diffraction model

Rigaku Journal, 25(2), 2009, X-ray thin film measurement techniques

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Mosaic structure

- Not perfectly regular lattice → collection of tiny blocks each slightly disoriented one from the other
- Angle of disorientation between the blocks is ϵ (< 1 degree) → diffraction occurs at all angles between θ_B and $\theta_B + \epsilon$
- Increases the integrated intensity relative to that obtained (or calculated) for an ideally perfect crystal ← strains & strain gradients associated with the groups of dislocations



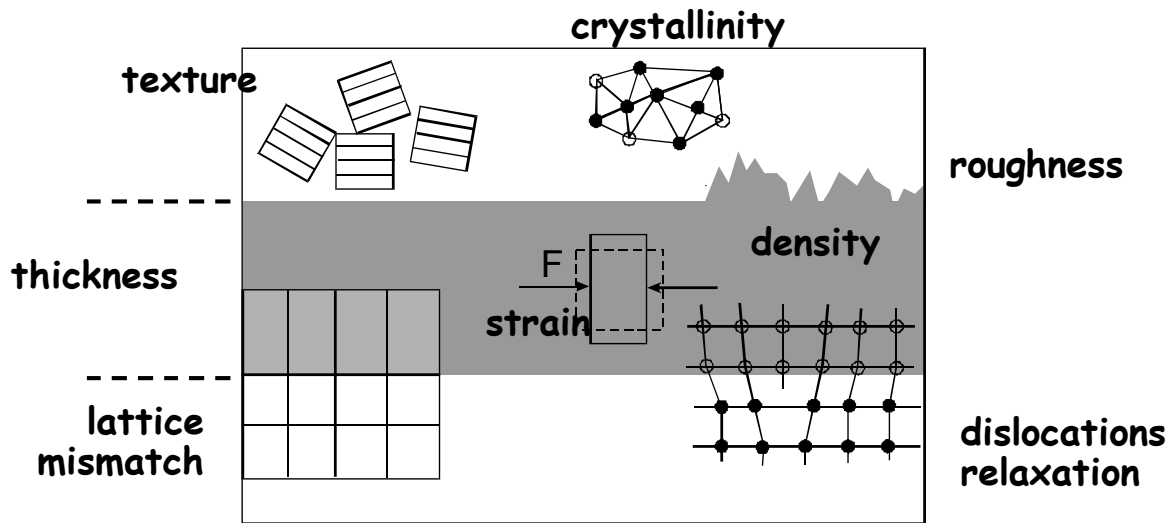
Range of Applications of X-Ray Analytical Methods

- Qualitative and quantitative element analysis (XRF)
- Qualitative and quantitative phase analysis (XRD)
- % crystallinity
- Micro-strain and crystallite size determination
- Residual stress and texture analysis
- Grazing incidence diffraction (GID) and reflectometry (XRR)
- High Resolution X-ray Diffraction (HRXRD)
- Structure solution and refinement
- Micro-diffraction (phase identification, texture, stress...)
- Nano-structure investigations by small angle X-ray scattering (SAXS)

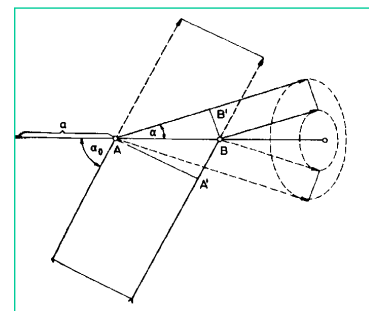
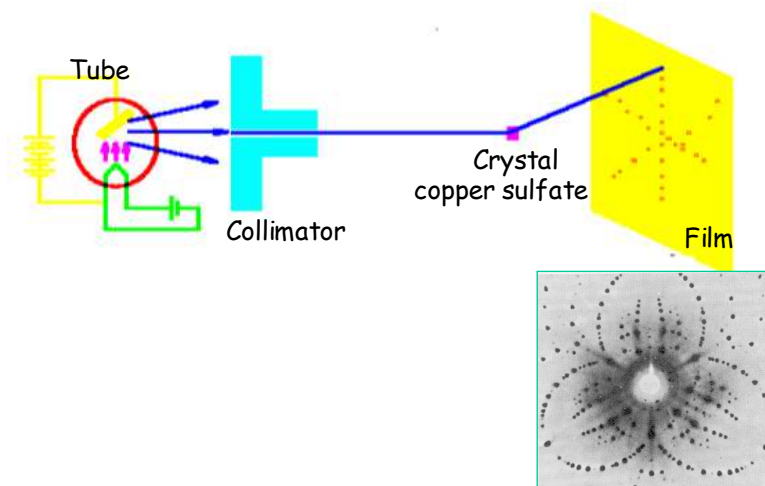
What can we do with XRPD?

- **Qualitative phase analysis (Identification of unknown phases)**
- **Quantitative phase analysis**
- Accurate lattice parameter measurement
- % crystallinity
- Measurement of crystal size
- Measurement of internal elastic strains
- Preferred orientation measurement
- Cation site disorder
- Micro-diffraction (phase identification, texture, stress...)
- Structure refinement (vs. single crystal)

What can be measured by X-ray analysis of Thin Film ???



Max von Laue's Experiment in 1912, Univ. of Munich Single Crystal X-ray Diffraction

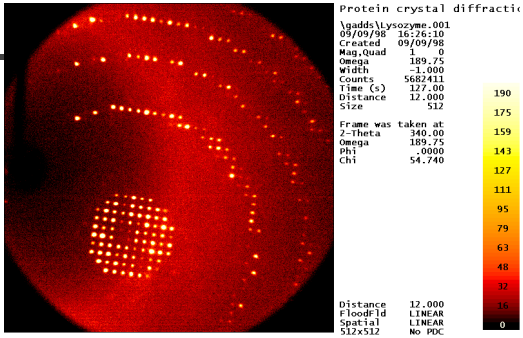


Max von Laue put forward the conditions for scattering maxima → the Laue equations:

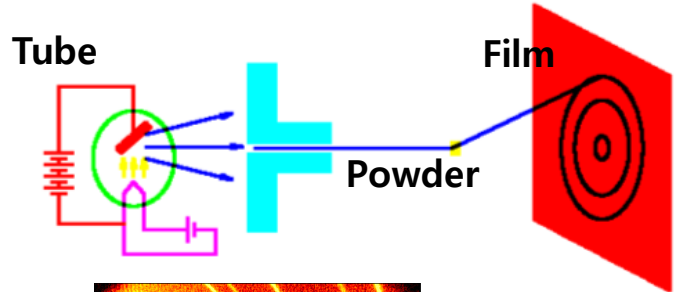
$$\begin{aligned} a(\cos\alpha - \cos\alpha_0) &= h\lambda \\ b(\cos\beta - \cos\beta_0) &= k\lambda \\ c(\cos\gamma - \cos\gamma_0) &= l\lambda \end{aligned}$$

Proved

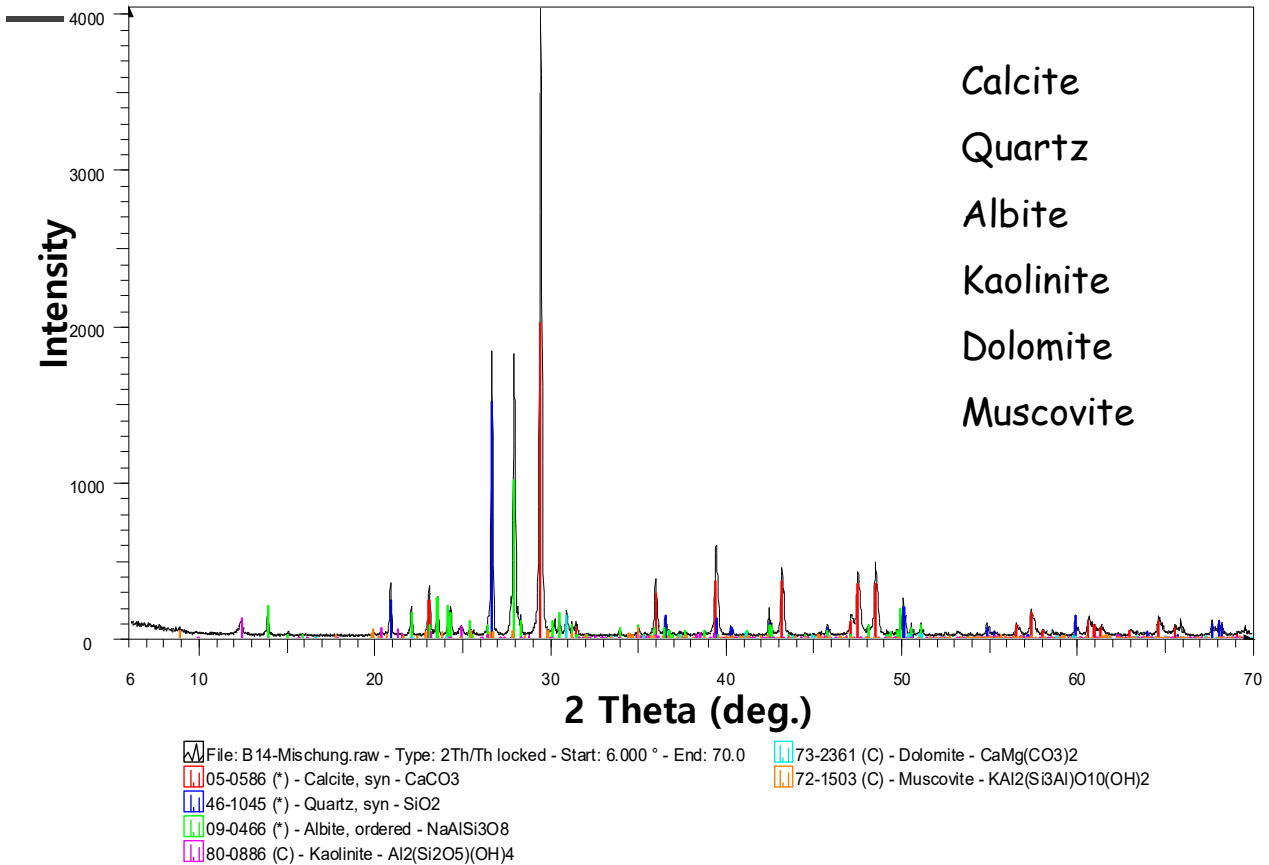
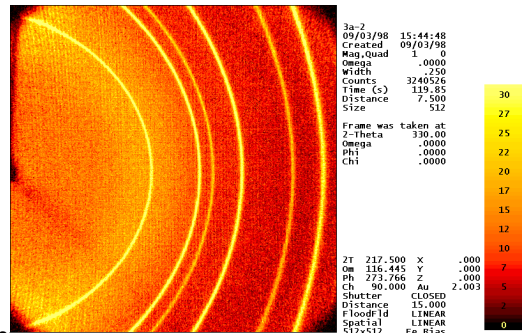
- (1) Wave nature of X-ray
- (2) Periodicity of the arrangement of atoms within a crystal



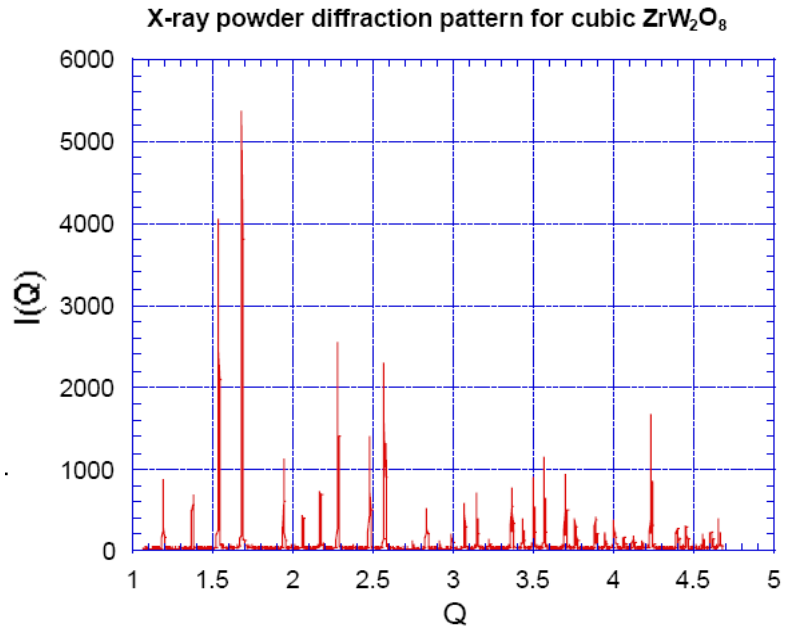
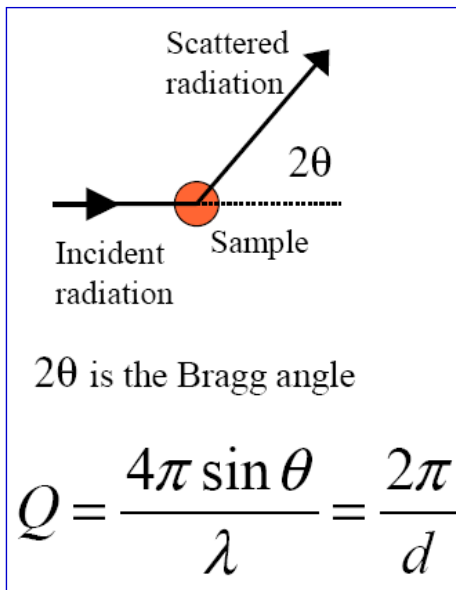
Single crystal Diffraction



Powder X-ray Diffraction



XRPD pattern



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Camera vs. Diffractometer

➤ Diffraction camera

- ✓ I is measured thru amount of blackening it produces on a film.
- ✓ All diffraction lines recorded simultaneously. Variation in I of incident beam during exposure has no effect on the relative I .
- ✓ Quantitative measurements of line position & intensity need at least two steps (recording pattern on the film + microphotometer record of the film).

➤ Diffractometer

- ✓ I is measured directly by an electronic X-ray detector.
- ✓ Diffraction lines recorded one after another → incident beam intensity must be kept constant → voltage & current needs to be stabilized.
- ✓ Quantitative measurement of line position & intensity is made in one operation.

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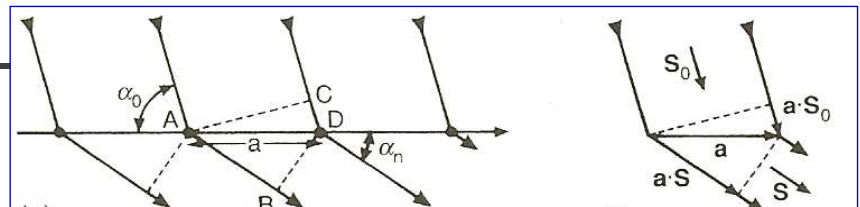
Laue vs. Bragg

➤ Laue

- ✓ Crystals consist of 3-D network of rows of atoms.
- ✓ Crystal behaves as a 3D diffraction grating.
- ✓ Laue equations

➤ Bragg

- ✓ Crystals consist of planes of atoms which behaves as reflecting planes.
- ✓ Strong reflected beam is produced when the path difference between reflections from successive planes in a family is equal to whole number of wavelengths.
- ✓ Bragg's law



$$(AB - CD) = a(\cos \alpha_n - \cos \alpha_0) = n_x \lambda$$

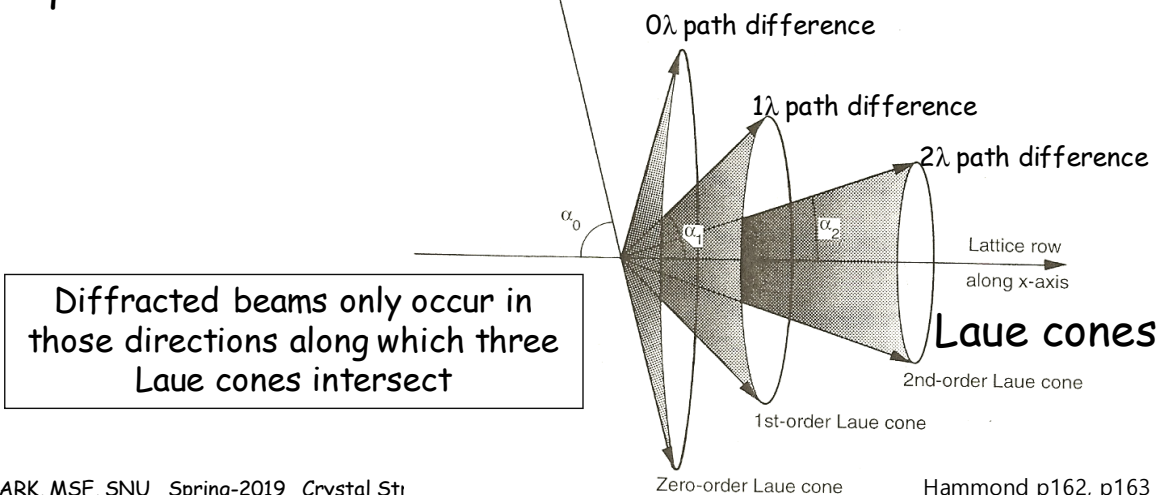
$$a(\cos \alpha_n - \cos \alpha_0) = \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}_0) = n_x \lambda$$

$$b(\cos \beta_n - \cos \beta_0) = \mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}_0) = n_y \lambda$$

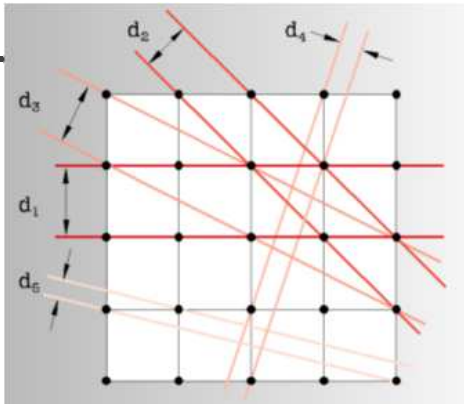
$$c(\cos \gamma_n - \cos \gamma_0) = \mathbf{c} \cdot (\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}_0) = n_z \lambda$$

Laue equation

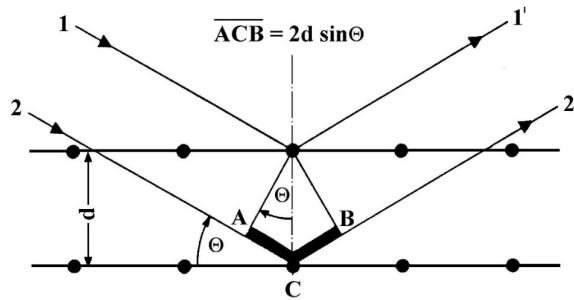
Incident beam



Bragg's Law



reflection \neq diffraction
(see page 94 of Cullity)



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

$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ (Reflection order)

$$\frac{AC}{d} = \sin \Theta$$

$$AC = d \sin \Theta$$

$$ACB = 2d \sin \Theta$$

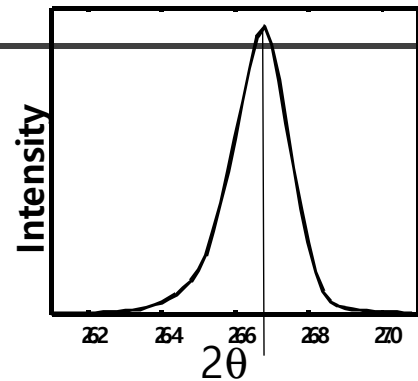
$$ACB = n\lambda$$

Constructive interference

d-value vs. lattice constants

Bragg's law $\lambda = 2d \sin \theta$

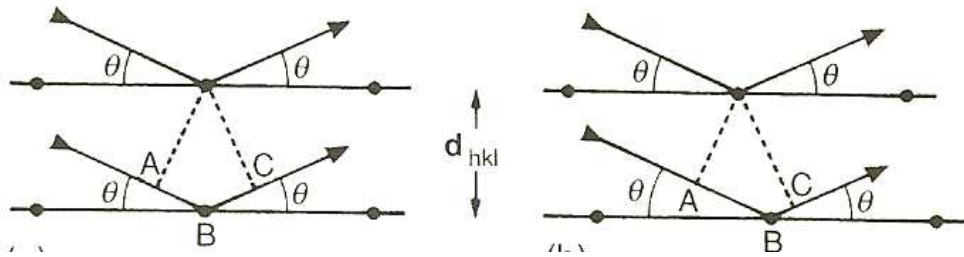
➤ λ, θ known $\rightarrow d$ can be calculated



$$\frac{1}{d^2} = \frac{h^2 + k^2}{a^2} + \frac{l^2}{c^2}$$

d-value of a tetragonal elementary cell

- h, k, l --- Miller indices of the peaks
- a, c --- lattice parameter
- a, c known \rightarrow can get θ , the peak position
- θ , peak position known \rightarrow can get lattice parameters



The path difference between the waves scattered by atoms from adjacent (hkl) lattice planes of spacings d_{hkl} is given by

$$(AB + BC) = (d_{hkl} \sin \theta + d_{hkl} \sin \theta) = 2d_{hkl} \sin \theta.$$

Hence for constructive interference:

$$n\lambda = 2d_{hkl} \sin \theta,$$

where n is an integer (the order of reflection or diffraction).

$$\lambda = 2 \left(\frac{d_{hkl}}{n} \right) \sin \theta = 2d_{nhnknl} \sin \theta \quad \text{Bragg's law}$$

Bragg's law

$$|\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}_0| = 2 \sin \theta$$

$$|\mathbf{d}_{hkl}^*| = 1/d_{hkl}$$

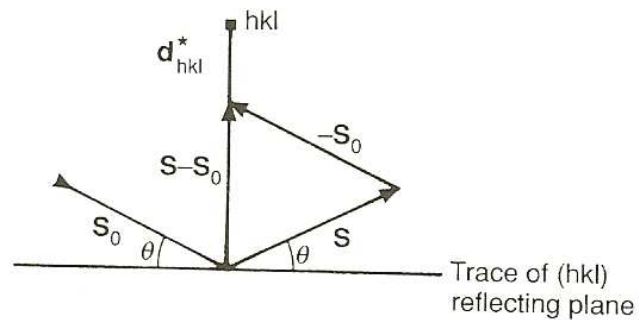
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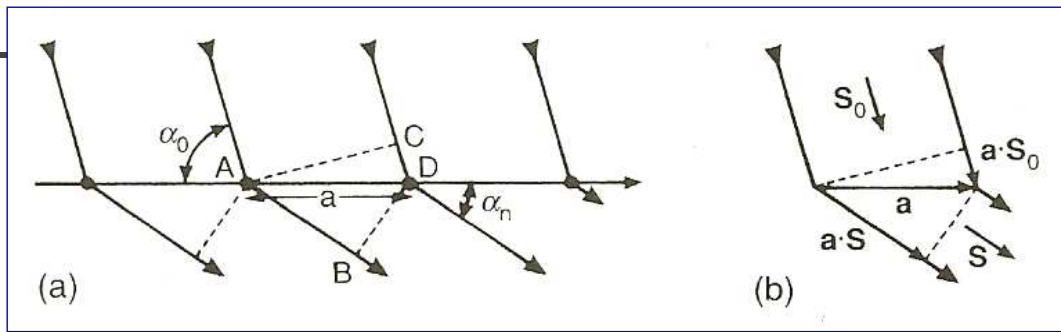
$$\frac{(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}_0)}{\lambda} = \mathbf{d}_{hkl}^* = h\mathbf{a}^* + k\mathbf{b}^* + l\mathbf{c}^*.$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}_0)}{\lambda} = n_x \lambda = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{d}_{hkl}^* \cdot \lambda = \mathbf{a} \cdot (h\mathbf{a}^* + k\mathbf{b}^* + l\mathbf{c}^*) \lambda = h\lambda$$

Laue equation

$$n_x = h, n_y = k, n_z = l$$





$$(AB - CD) = a(\cos \alpha_n - \cos \alpha_0) = n_x \lambda$$

Laue equation

Laue indices

$$a(\cos \alpha_n - \cos \alpha_0) = \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}_0) = n_x \lambda = \mathbf{h} \lambda$$

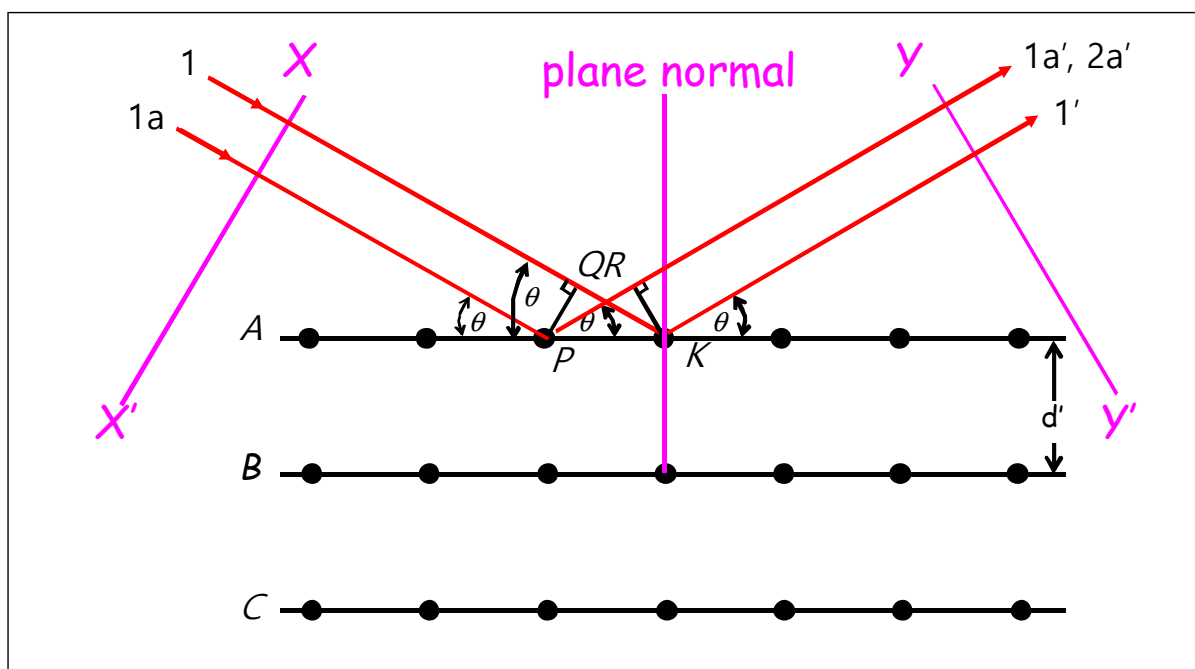
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$$c(\cos \gamma_n - \cos \gamma_0) = \mathbf{c} \cdot (\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}_0) = n_z \lambda = \mathbf{l} \lambda$$

3rd order diffraction from (111) = 1st order diffraction from 333 (Laue index).

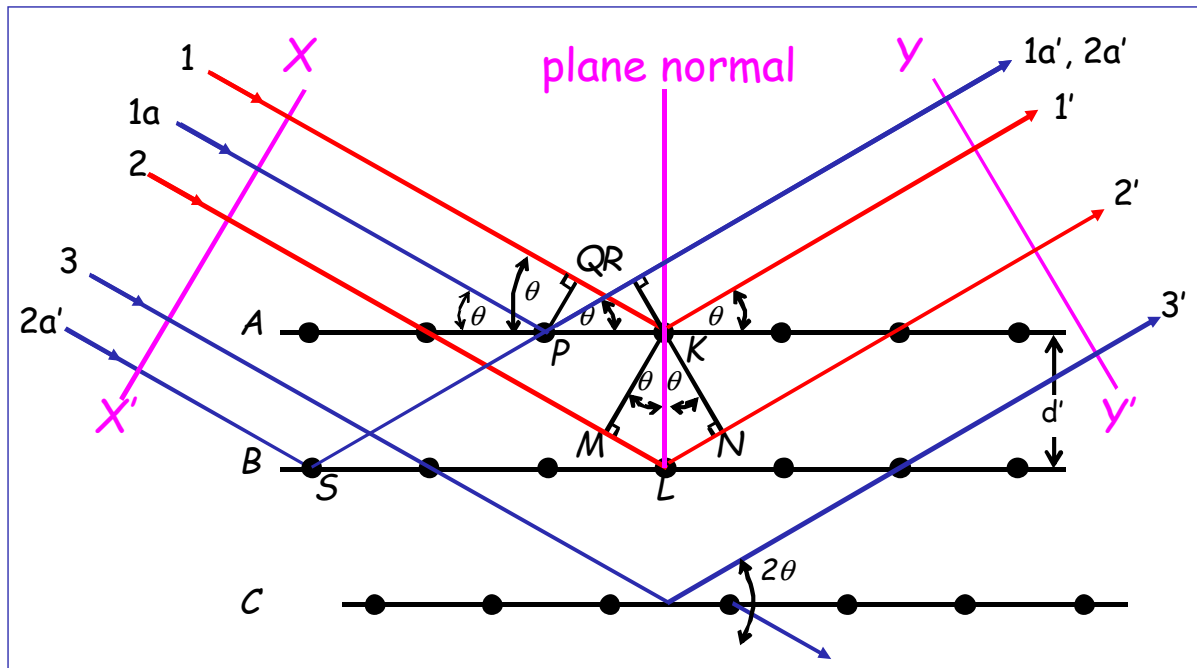
333 planes have 1/3 spacing of (111).

Bragg's law



Scattered by atoms P, K (1', 1a') : The beams are in phase

Bragg's law



Scattered by atoms P, K (1', 1a') : The beams are in phase

Scattered by atoms K and L : $ML + LN = 2d'\sin\theta = n\lambda$

For fixed value of λ there can be several angles of incidence; $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$

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

➤ Condition for diffraction

- ✓ Incident beam
 - ✓ Diffracted beam
 - ✓ Plane normal
- } co-planar

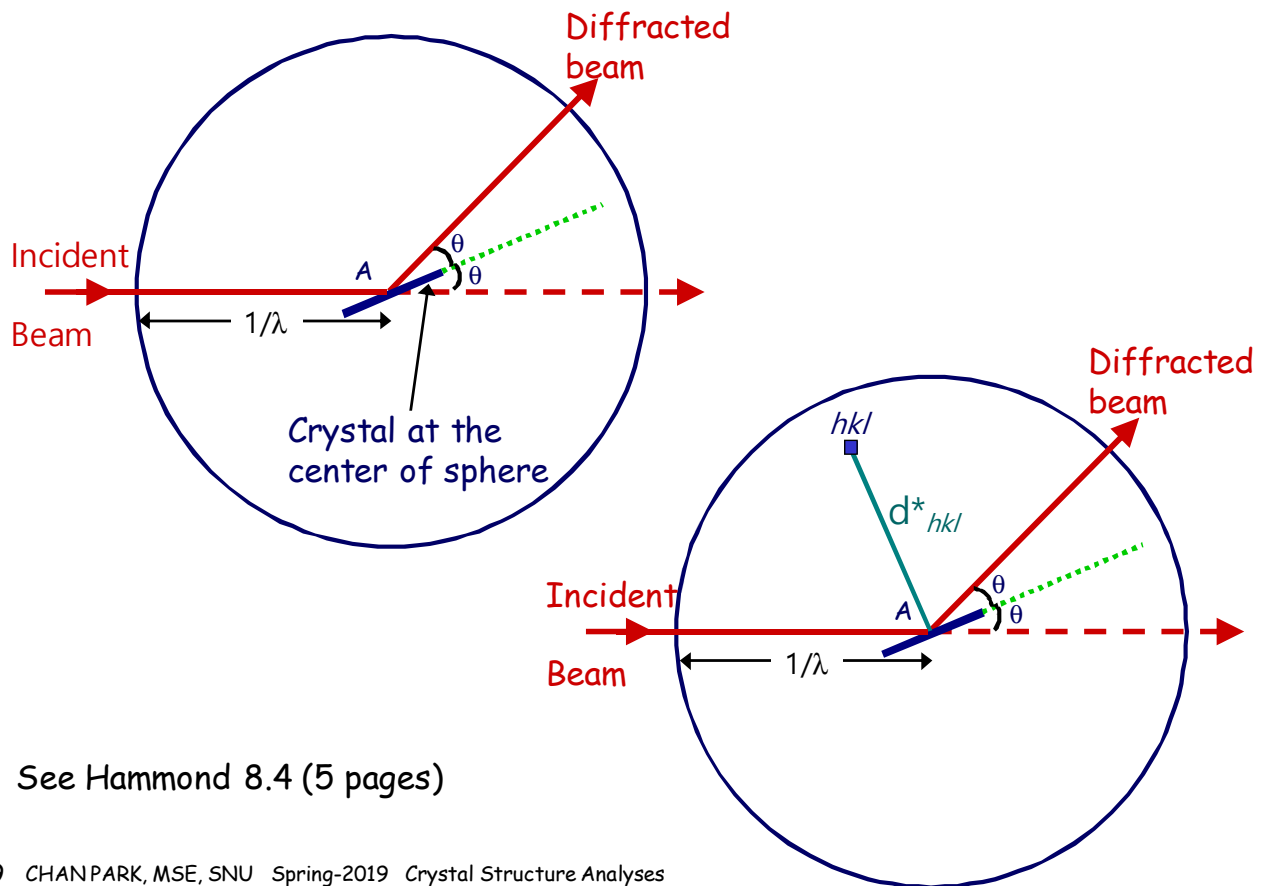
➤ $\sin\theta = n\lambda/2d \leq 1$

➤ If $\lambda = 500 \text{ \AA}$, the crystal could not possibly diffract

➤ If $\lambda = 0.1 \text{ \AA}$, diffraction angles too small to be measured

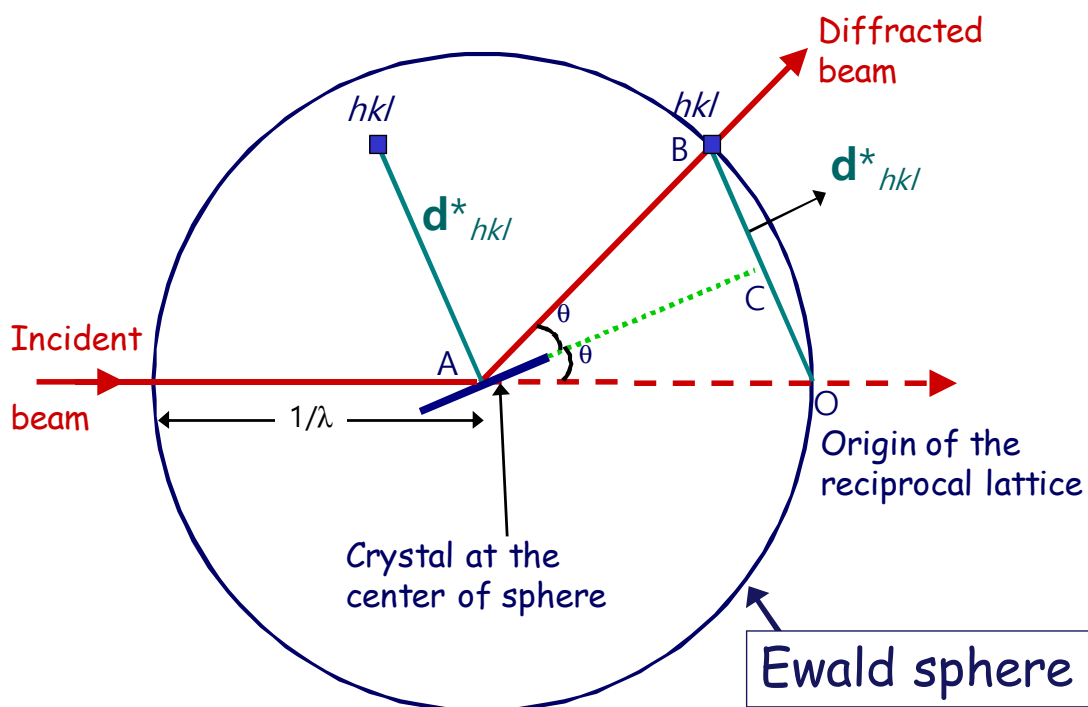
➤ $n=1, \lambda < 2d \rightarrow$ (i.e.) $d = 3\text{ \AA}, \lambda < 6\text{ \AA}$

Ewald reflecting sphere



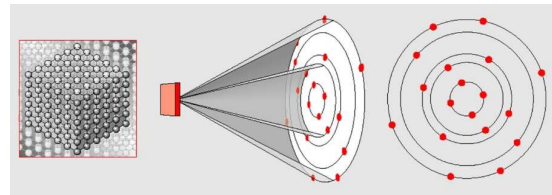
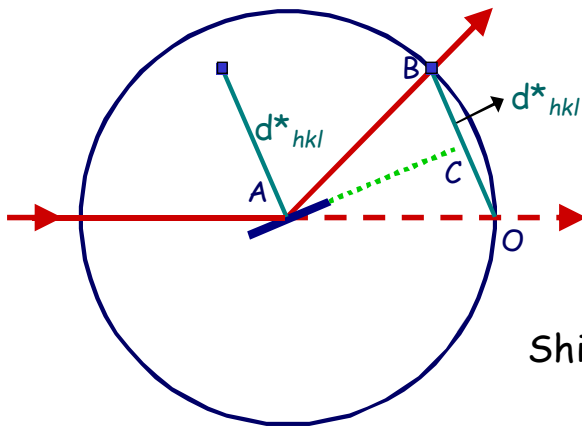
See Hammond 8.4 (5 pages)

Ewald reflecting sphere



$$|OC| = (1/\lambda)\sin\theta = \frac{1}{2} |d^*_{hkl}| = \frac{1}{2} (1/d_{hkl}) \rightarrow \lambda = 2d_{hkl}\sin\theta$$

Ewald reflecting sphere

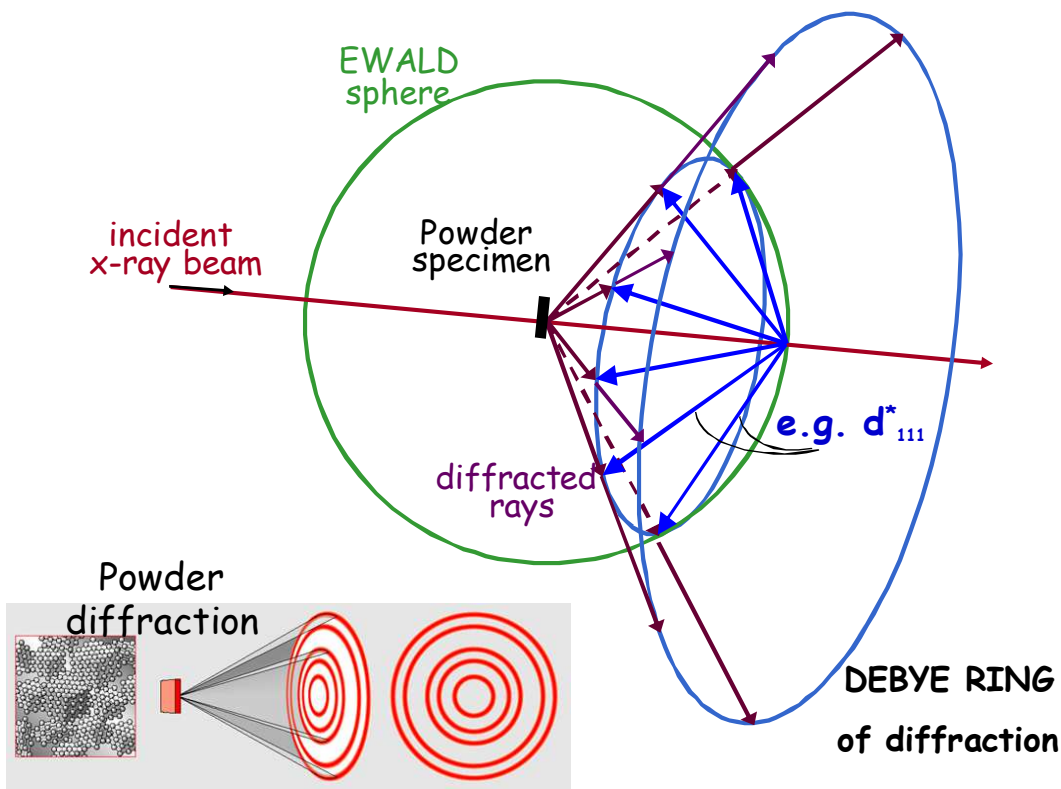


Single Crystal Diffraction

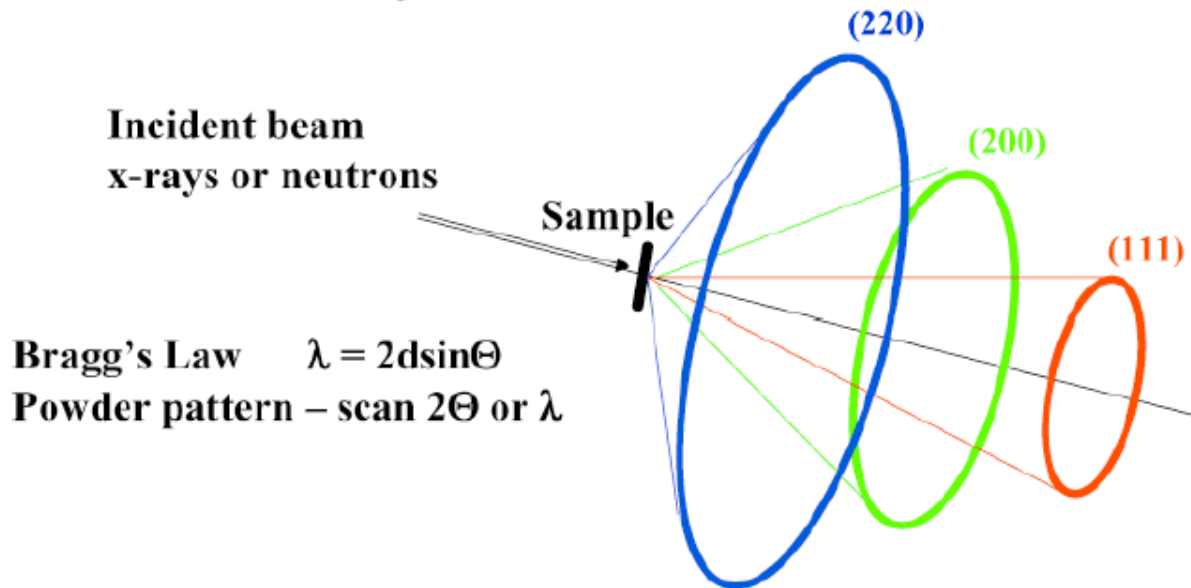
Shift origin from A to O \rightarrow $OB = d^*_{hkl}$

- Bragg's law \equiv reciprocal lattice point for reflecting plane (hkl) should intersect the sphere
- If the reciprocal lattice point does not intersect the sphere, then the Bragg's law is not satisfied \rightarrow no diffracted beam

Origin of powder diffraction pattern

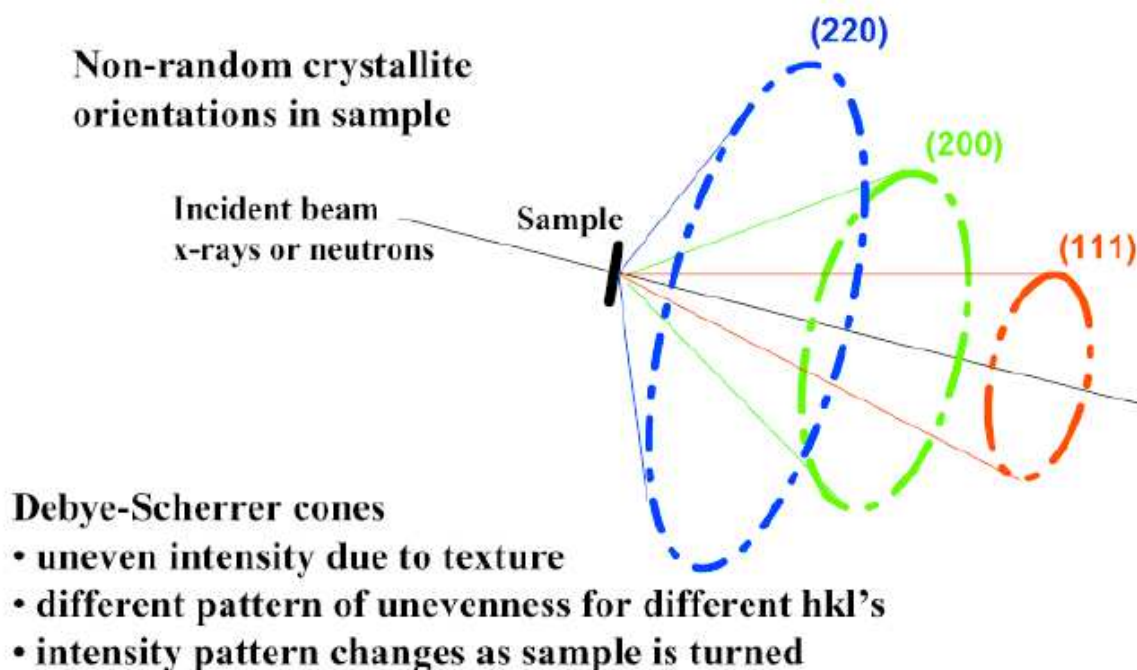


Powder Diffraction gives Scattering on Debye-Scherrer Cones



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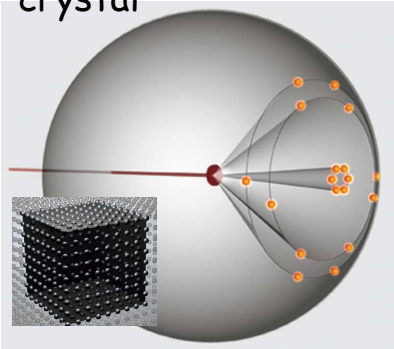
Texture Measurement by Diffraction



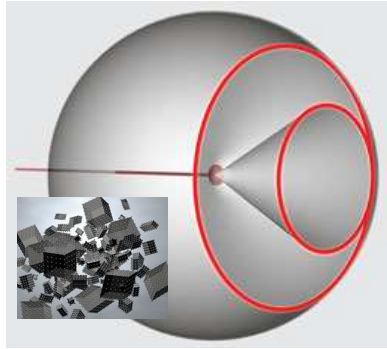
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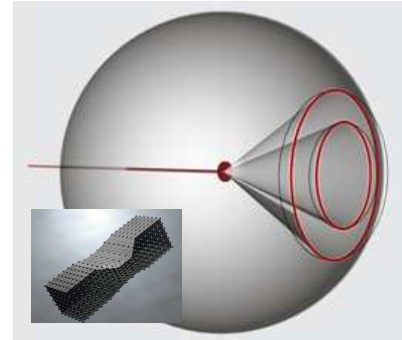
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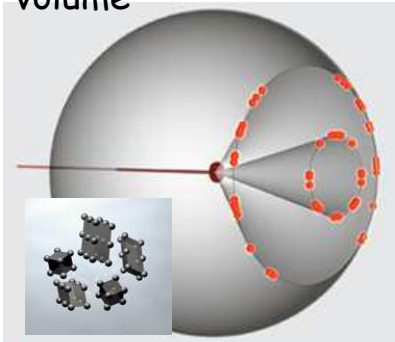
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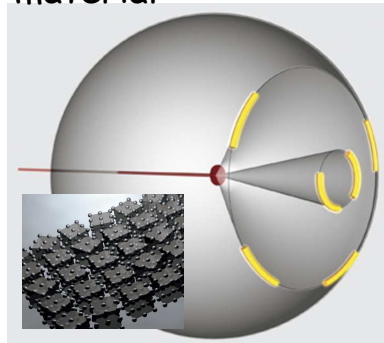
strained material



small volume

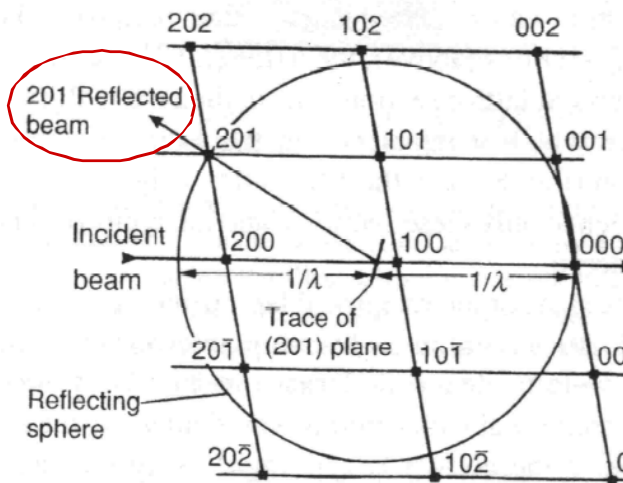


textured material

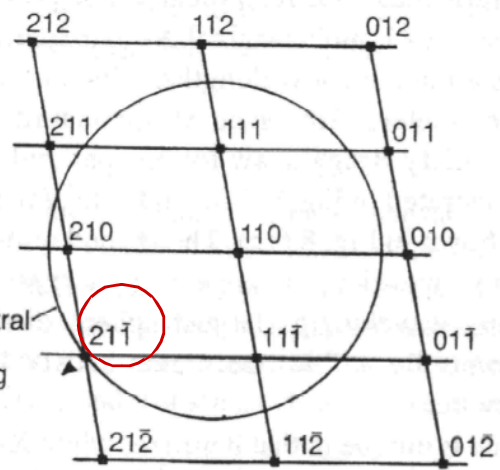


Ewald reflecting sphere

Section of reciprocal lattice of a monoclinic crystal $\perp b^*$



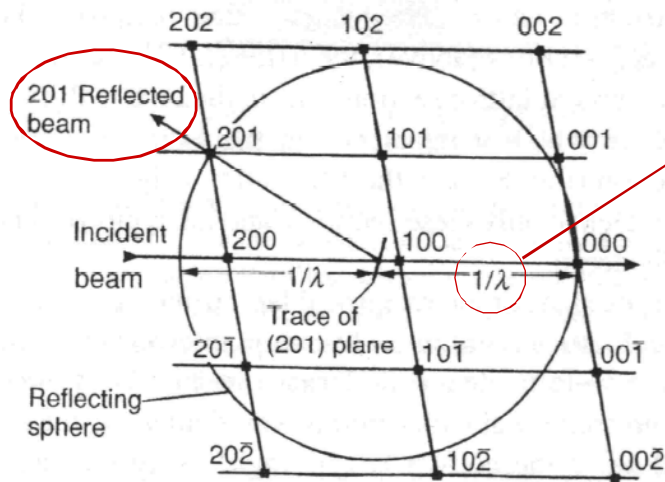
$h0l$ reciprocal lattice section



$h1l$ reciprocal lattice section

Origin of the reciprocal lattice is not at the center of the sphere, but is at the point where the direct beam exits the sphere

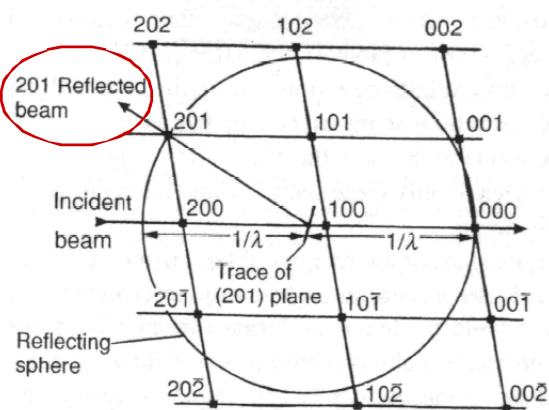
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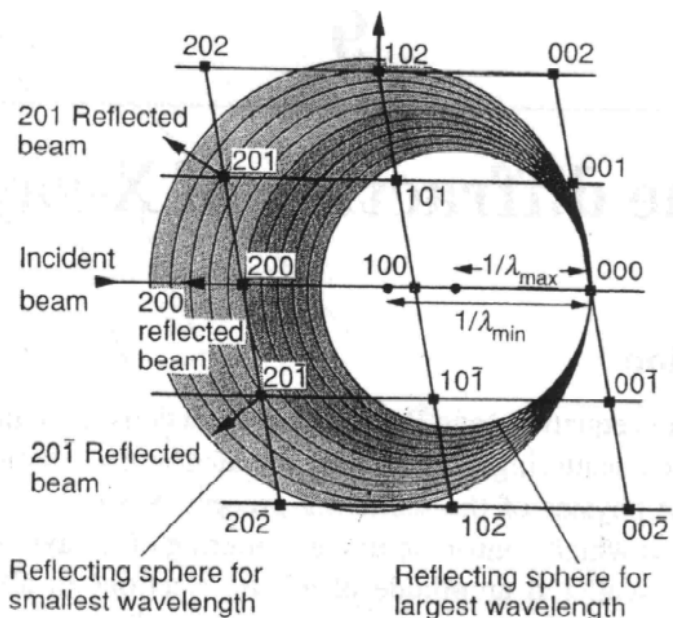
Change $\lambda \rightarrow$ radius of sphere changes \rightarrow other points can intersect sphere

If λ can change continuously \rightarrow other planes can reflect as their reciprocal lattice points successively intersect the sphere \rightarrow Laue's original X-ray experiment using white radiation

Ewald reflecting sphere



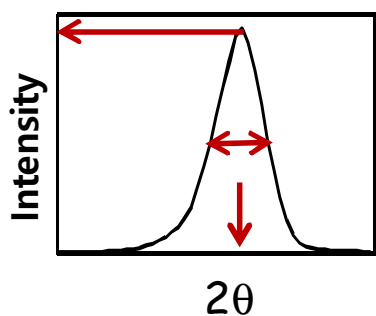
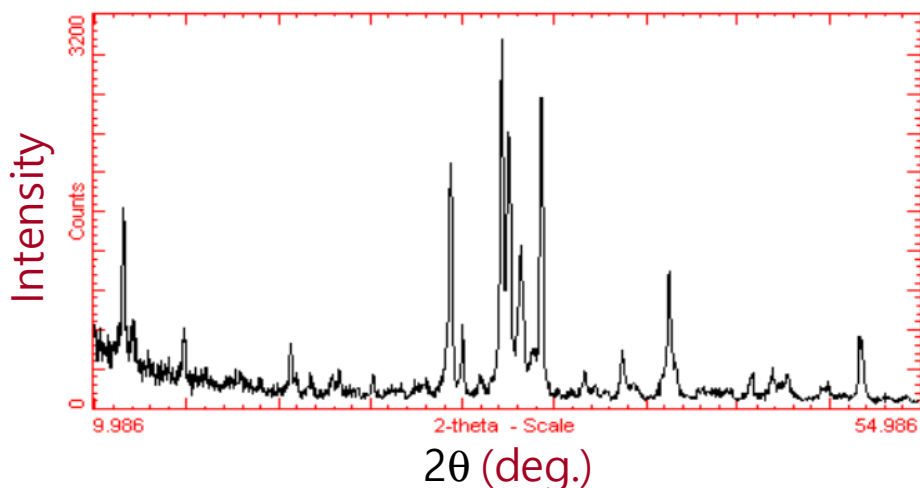
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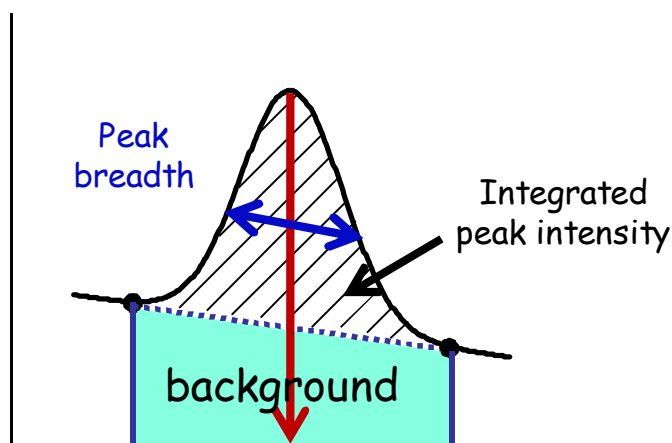
- All the planes in the shaded region satisfy Bragg's law for the particular sphere on which they lie (for that particular λ)
- Monochromatic radiation \rightarrow crystal and the sphere should move to have more intersection (to have diffracted beams from more planes)

$\theta - 2\theta$ X-ray diffraction pattern



► Positions, intensities, shapes → crystal structure, physical state, etc.

Peak position is determined by ---



Peak position

Size & Shape of unit cell

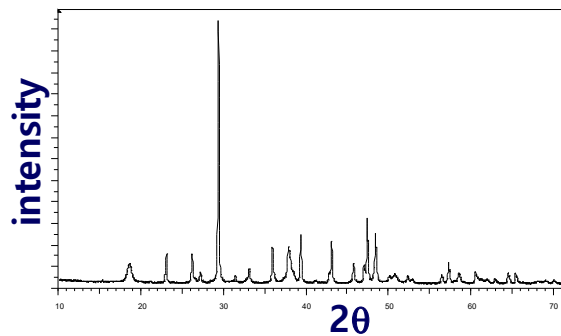
2θ & intensity of XRD pattern

➤ 2θ

- ✓ Size & shape of the unit cell ($\leftarrow \lambda = 2d \sin\theta$)

➤ Intensity

- ✓ Atomic scattering factor
- ✓ Structure factor (atomic position, occupancy, etc.)
- ✓ Polarization
- ✓ Multiplicity
- ✓ Temperature
- ✓ Microabsorption
- ✓ Crystallite size
- ✓ Residual stress
- ✓ Preferred orientation (texture)
- ✓ Degree of crystallinity
- ✓ Anomalous scattering
- ✓ Source intensity, voltage drift, take-off angle, slit width, axial divergence, detector dead time, etc.



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➤ 2θ

- ✓ Geometry (crystal system, lattice parameter) (shape & size)
- ✓ Contents of unit cell

➤ Intensity

- ✓ Atom type
- ✓ Arrangement
- ✓ Orientation

➤ Shape of diffraction lines

- ✓ Instrument broadening
- ✓ Particle dimension
- ✓ Strain

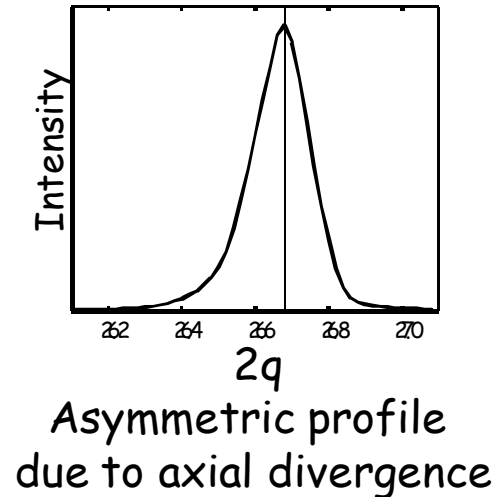
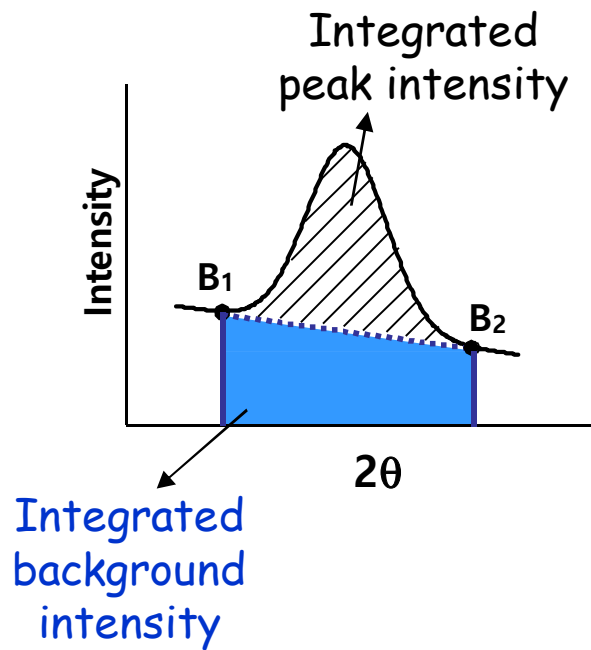
D-spacing accuracy

- Diffractometer misalignment
- Specimen displacement error
- Problems in establishing true peak position
- Background
- $K\alpha_2$
- ---

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Bish & Post Chap 3

Integrated intensity



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Intensity

- Structure sensitive
 - ✓ Atomic scattering factor
 - ✓ Structure factor
 - ✓ Polarization
 - ✓ Multiplicity
 - ✓ Temperature
- Sample sensitive
 - ✓ Absorption
 - ✓ Crystallite size
 - ✓ Degree of crystallinity
 - ✓ Particle orientation
- Instrument sensitive
 - ✓ Absolute intensities
 - Source intensity
 - Diffractometer efficiency
 - Take-off angle of tube
 - Receiving slit width
 - Axial divergence allowed
 - ✓ Relative intensities
 - Divergence slit aperture
 - Detector dead-time
- Measurement sensitive
 - ✓ Method of peak area measurement
 - ✓ Method of background subtraction
 - ✓ α^2 stripping or not
 - ✓ Degree of data smoothing employed

Crystal structure determination

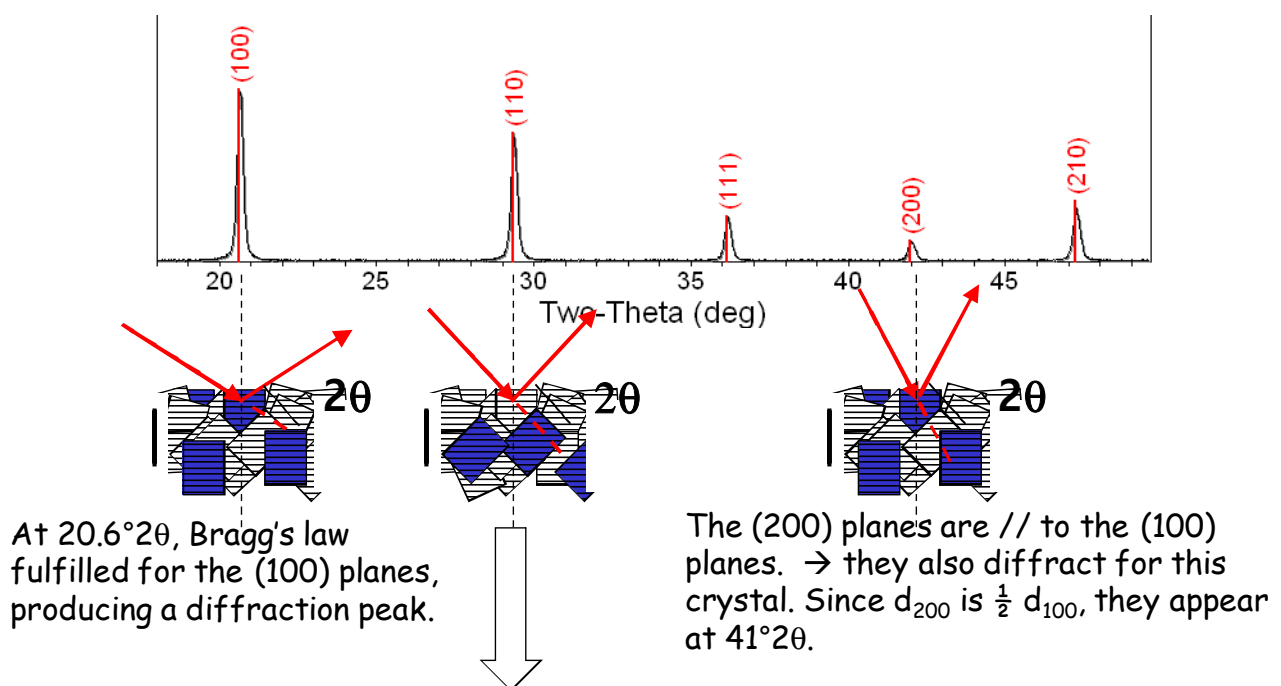
➤ Two step process

(1) Determination of **the size & shape of the unit cell** ← peak position

(2) Determination of **lattice type & distribution of the atoms in the structure** ← intensities of the diffraction spots

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A single crystal specimen in a Bragg-Brentano diffractometer would produce only one family of peaks in the diffraction pattern.



At $20.6^\circ 2\theta$, Bragg's law fulfilled for the (100) planes, producing a diffraction peak.

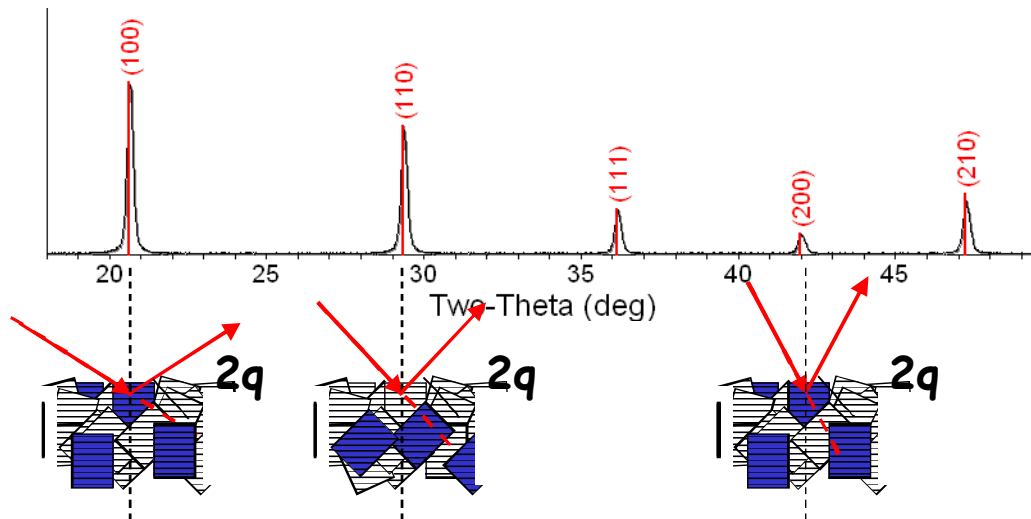
The (200) planes are // to the (100) planes. → they also diffract for this crystal. Since d_{200} is $\frac{1}{2} d_{100}$, they appear at $41^\circ 2\theta$.

The (110) planes would diffract at $29.3^\circ 2\theta$; however, they are not properly aligned to produce a diffraction peak (the line perpendicular to those planes does not bisect the incident and diffracted beams). Only background is observed.

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A polycrystalline sample can contain thousands of crystallites.
→ all possible diffraction peaks can be observed.



- For every set of planes, there will be a small percentage of crystallites that are properly oriented to diffract (the plane which perpendicularly bisects the incident and diffracted beams)
- Basic assumptions of powder diffraction are that for every set of planes there is an equal number of crystallites that will diffract and that there is a statistically relevant number of crystallites, not just one or two.