## Basics of diffraction



## Diffraction

Diffraction refers to the phenomena exhibited by light when it interacts with barriers and obstacles (scattering).


## Interference of waves

Diffraction is constructive interference of light rays or other types of radiation

Constructive interference: mutual reinforcement of the scattered rays

- Difference in distances travelled by various parallel beams are a multiple of wavelength: $\Delta \mathrm{d}=\mathrm{n}^{*} \lambda$

Destructive interference: scattered beams are out of phase and cancel each other.

- Difference in distances travelled by various parallel beams are a multiple of wavelength: $\Delta d=n * \lambda / 2$



## Interference vs diffraction

Feynman "Lectures on Physics" Ch. 30. Diffraction

This chapter is a direct continuation of the previous one, although the name has been changed from Interference to Diffraction. No one has ever been able to define the difference between interference and diffraction satisfactorily. It is just a question of usage, and there is no specific, important physical difference between them. The best we can do, roughly speaking, is to say that when there are only a few sources, say two, interfering, then the result is usually called interference, but if there is a large number of them, it seems that the word diffraction is more often used. So, we shall not worry about whether it is interference or diffraction, but continue directly from where we left off in the middle of the subject in the last chapter.

## Huygen's principle

Every point on a propagating wavefront serves as the source of spherical secondary wavelets, such that the wavefront at a later time is the envelope of these wavefronts.

The wavelets advance with a speed and frequency equal to those of the primary wave at each point in space.

The image shows a wavefront, as well as a number of spherical secondary wavelets, which after a time t , have propagated out to a radius of vt . The envelop of all these wavelets is then asserted to correspond to the advanced primary wave.

Propagation of a wavefront according to Huygens's principle: consistent with diffraction


## Diffraction geometry



What can be said about the symmetry of this diffraction pattern?

## Geometry of diffraction patterns

A diffraction pattern results from diffraction (scattering) followed by interference between the diffracted (scattered) beams.

Interference is constructive only if the radiation is coherent (a way of defining coherence)


## Geometry of diffraction patterns

Side view of a diffraction grating. The slit separation is $d$ and the path difference between adjacent slits is $d \sin \theta$.

Incoming plane wave of light

Condition for maxima in the

interference plane:

$$
m \lambda=d \sin \theta \quad \text { with } m=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \ldots
$$



## Diffraction at a wide slit (aperture)

Slit width (a) several times the wavelength $(\lambda)$.



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Virtual point sources


Pairing two by two rays separated by a/2


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Slit width (a) several times the wavelength $(\lambda)$.


## Geometry of diffraction patterns

Circular aperture


## Geometry of diffraction patterns

Envelope functions


## Geometry of diffraction patterns

Observations of diffraction of light using a laser as a coherent light source. As the aperture size decreases the diameter of the diffracted disk and rings increases (reciprocal relation...)


Diffracting apertures (reproduced as black dots on a white background) (left) and their corresponding diffraction patterns (or optical transforms) (right) taken using a laser, (a), (b) and (c) show the diffraction patterns (Airy discs and surrounding haloes or rings) from circular apertures of increasing diameters, (d) shows the diffraction pattern from a $4 \times 5$ net of small apertures (as in (a)). Note the reciprocal relationship between the net and the diffraction pattern, the $2 \times 3$ number of subsidiary peaks in each direction and the overall variation in intensity of the diffraction pattern in accordance with that for a single aperture (a), (e) shows that for a net of many apertures the subsidiary maxima are not discernible. (From Atlas of Optical Transforms by G. Harburn, C. A. Taylor and T. R. Welberry, Bell and Hyman, 1983, an imprint of HarperCollins.)

## Reciprocal lattice

The reciprocal lattice is a set of imaginary points so that the direction of a vector from one point to another coincides with the normal to a family of real space planes. The absolute value of the vector is given by the reciprocal of the real interplanar distance.

Designations:

- Real space
- Direct space



Designations:

- Reciprocal space
- Fourier space
- K-space
- Frequency space (spatial not temporal)


A whole family of planes in real space is represented by a single point in reciprocal space

Any point on the reciprocal lattice can be specified by a vector: $\mathbf{d}_{\mathbf{h k l}}{ }^{*}=\mathbf{h a}{ }^{*}+\mathbf{k} \mathbf{b}^{*}+\mathbf{l} \mathbf{c}^{*}$ This vector is perpendicular to the plane in real space with Miller indices (hkl). The length of this vector $\left|d_{\mathrm{hkl}}{ }^{*}\right|=1 / d_{\mathrm{hkl}}$ where $d_{\mathrm{hkl}}$ is the interplanar spacing in real space.

## Notes on reciprocal lattice

Construction of reciprocal lattice


1. Identify the basic planes in the direct space lattice, i.e. (001), (010), and (001).
2. Draw normals to these planes from the origin.
3. Mark distances from the origin along these normals proportional to the inverse of the distance from the origin to the direct space planes

## Notes on reciprocal lattice

- The points of the direct and reciprocal lattices have the same meaning as the points defined in geometry: mathematical entities.
- The direct-space lattice can be used to indicate the location of real objects (atoms) and has dimensions of $m$, whereas the reciprocal lattice can be used to indicate the position of diffracted light spots and has dimensions of $\mathrm{m}^{-1}$.
- Reciprocal space is also called Fourier space, k-space $(2 \pi / \lambda)$ or frequency space, in contrast to real space or direct space.
- The diffraction patterns are visual representations or images of the object (Crystal) Fourier transforms.
- The results of diffraction experiments can be easily interpreted using the reciprocal lattice. Useful information about the internal structure of crystalline matter can be obtained through the Ewald construction in reciprocal space (see below).
- The geometry of the diffraction pattern is determined by the crystal lattice, but the diffracted intensity at each reciprocal point is determined by the motive or base.


## Notes on reciprocal lattice

The reciprocal lattice is related to the real space lattice by:

$$
\mathbf{a}^{*}=\frac{\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}}{\mathbf{a} .(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})} \quad \mathbf{b}^{*}=\frac{\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}}{\mathbf{a} .(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})} \quad \mathbf{c}^{*}=\frac{\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{a} .(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})}
$$

- $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$ are the vectors of the real space lattice and $\mathbf{a}^{*}, \mathbf{b}^{*}, \mathbf{c}^{*}$ are the vectors of the reciprocal lattice.
- Note $V=\mathbf{a} \cdot\left(\mathbf{b}^{* *} \times \mathbf{c}^{*}\right)$ (unit cell volume)
- These relations are symmetrical and show that the reciprocal lattice of the reciprocal lattice is the direct lattice.


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## Optical Fourier transform

- Frequency $=1 /$ period $=1 / d_{\mathrm{hkl}}$ (in this context the period refers to interplanar distance, not time)
- K are the diffraction vectors

- One set of closely-spaced horizontal lines gives rise to a widely-spaced vertical row of points.
- A second set of more widely-space diagonal lines gives rise to a more closely-spaced row of points perpendicular to these lines.
- If one multiplies one set of lines by another, this will give an array of points at the intersections of the lines in the bottom part of the figure.
- The Fourier transform of this lattice of points, which was obtained by multiplying two sets of lines, is the convolution of the two individual transforms (i.e. rows of points), which generates a reciprocal lattice.


## Optical Fourier transform

Both spaces are periodic and with the same symmetry, so:

$$
F(u)=\int_{\infty}^{-\infty} f(x) e^{-i 2 \pi u x} d x
$$



$$
f(x)=\int_{\infty}^{-\infty} F(u) e^{i 2 \pi u r} d u
$$

Amplitude (position in the diffraction pattern)
(measure of intensity at each point in recirpocal space))

Euler 's formula
$e^{i \varphi}=\cos \varphi+i \sin \varphi$

## Bragg's Interpretation

W. H. Bragg examined Laue's photographs and noticed that the spots were elongated. He surmised that this elongation arose from specular reflection of the x-rays off of "planes" of regularly arranged atoms. Incident beams are 'reflected' in phase if the path difference between them equals an integer multiple of the wavelength:


## Vectorial form of Bragg's law (Ewald or reflecting sphere)

## Postulate:

$$
d_{\text {mu }}^{*}=\frac{S-S_{0}}{\lambda}
$$

- a sphere of radius $1 / \lambda$,
- intersecting the origin of the reciprocal lattice,
- with the starting point of the incident (or direct) beam vector at the sphere center,
- and unitary incident and diffracted vectors $S_{0}$ and $S$ : Then:
$\left|\mathbf{S}-\mathbf{S}_{0}\right|=2 R \sin \theta=2 \sin \theta / \lambda$

Only when S - $\mathbf{S}_{0}$ coincides with a reciprocal lattice point (i.e. when $\left|\mathbf{S}-\mathbf{S}_{0}\right|=\left|\mathbf{d}^{*}{ }_{\text {hkl }}\right|=1 / \mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{hkl}}$ ) is Bragg's law satisfied:

$$
2 \sin \theta / \lambda=1 / \mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{hkl}}
$$

Therefore constructive interference occurs when S-S ${ }_{0}$ coincides with the reciprocal vector of the reflecting planes!


For this incident angle there is no diffracted intensity !

## Vectorial form of Bragg's law Ewald or reflecting sphere



A change in the orientation of the incident beam relative to the crystal changes the orientation of the reflecting sphere.

Eventually a condition where diffraction occurs.
A change in $\lambda$ changes the sphere radius and may also be used to satisfy Bragg's law.

## Vectorial form of Bragg's law The limiting sphere



The limiting sphere is obtained by the rotation around the origin of the reflection (Ewald) sphere. Defines the possible 'reflections' in a diffractogram, which depend only on the wavelength (radius of Ewald shpere is $1 / \lambda$ since $S$ and $S_{0}$ are unitary): planes with $1 / d>2 / \lambda$ cannot scatter radiation with $\lambda$ wavelength due to too small interplanar distances...

## Bragg 'reflection'

physically wrong but geometrically right


Very useful but not a correct description!

## Derivation of Laue equations

Assume a row of scatterers separated by constant repeat, a. Radiation of wavelength $\lambda$ is incident on this row at an angle $\alpha_{0}$. Examine the the scatter from this row at an angle $\alpha_{n}$.


The path difference of rays scattering from points $A$ and $D$ is just $A B-C D$. If the incoming rays are in phase, the path difference must be some integer multiple of the wavelength for constructive interference to occur.
This leads to the first Laue equation:

$$
A B-C D=a\left(\cos \alpha_{n}-\cos \alpha_{0}\right)=n_{x} \lambda
$$

## Derivation of Laue equations

In reality the angle $\alpha_{n}$ does not need to be measured only as $\theta$ in Bragg's law illustrations. In fact, the diffracted beams of the same order form a conical surface ( $\alpha_{\mathrm{n}}$ in constant on the conical surface).


Three Laue cones representing the directions of the diffracted beams from a lattice row along the $x$-axis with $0 \lambda\left(n_{x}=0\right), 1 \lambda\left(n_{x}=1\right)$ and $2 \lambda\left(n_{x}=2\right)$ path differences. The corresponding Laue cones for $n_{x}=-1, n_{x}=-2$ etc. lie to the left of the zero order Laue cone.

## Derivation of Laue equations

Next consider another row of scatterers at some angle $\gamma$, to the first with repeat distance, b. A second Laue equation can be written for this direction. The incident rays will make angle $\beta_{0}$ to this row and the scattered rays $\beta_{n}$. This equation must also result in some integer multiple of the wavelength, $\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{y}}$, for constructive interference to occur.

$$
A B-C D=b\left(\cos \beta_{n}-\cos \beta_{0}\right)=n_{y} \lambda
$$



Laue's remarkable idea was that this equation must have a simultaneous solution with the equation written for the $x$ direction (and the $z$ direction as well). The solution to this second equation also forms a cone except this time about $\mathbf{b}$. The simultaneous solution to these two equations can be viewed as the intersection of the two cones originating at a common apex and which intersect along two lines.

## Derivation of Laue equations

Adding scatterers in a third direction to form a 3D lattice gives the third Laue equation. This results in a set of equations with one simultaneous solution. By analogy with the previous results this solution will be a single vector lying at the intersection of three cones sharing a common apex.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A B-C D=a\left(\cos \alpha_{n}-\cos \alpha_{0}\right)=n_{x} \lambda \\
& A B-C D=b\left(\cos \beta_{n}-\cos \beta_{0}\right)=n_{y} \lambda \\
& A B-C D=c\left(\cos \gamma_{n}-\cos \gamma_{0}\right)=n_{z} \lambda
\end{aligned}
$$



## Vectorial form of Laue equations

The first Laue equation is valid for any scattered ray that makes an angle $\alpha_{n}$ with the unit cell axis. Thus the Laue condition is consistent with a cone of scattered rays centered about the a axis.

This equation can be restated in vector terms. The repeat distance a, becomes a unit cell vector a. Define a unit vector parallel to the incoming ray, $\mathbf{S}_{0}$, and a unit vector parallel to the scattered ray, S. Then:


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{a}^{\bullet} \mathbf{S}=a\left(\cos \alpha_{n}\right) \\
& \mathbf{a} \bullet \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{0}}=a\left(\cos \alpha_{0}\right) \\
& \mathbf{a} \bullet\left(\mathbf{S}-\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{0}}\right)=n_{x} \lambda
\end{aligned}
$$

## Ewald sphere: vectorial form of Laue equations

Look at first Laue condition in vector form

$$
\mathbf{a} \cdot \frac{\left(\mathbf{S}-\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{0}}\right)}{\lambda}=n_{x}
$$

Postulate that $\mathbf{S}-\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{0}} \mid \lambda$ represents any vector $\mathbf{g}$ in reciprocal space.

$$
\mathbf{g}=\left(\frac{\mathbf{S}-\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{0}}}{\lambda}\right)=p \mathbf{a}^{*}+q \mathbf{b}^{*}+r \mathbf{c}^{*}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{lrl}
1^{\text {st }} \text { Laue eq.: } & \mathbf{a} \bullet \mathbf{g}=p \mathbf{a}^{\bullet} \mathbf{a}^{*}+q \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}^{*}+r \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}^{*}=p=n_{x} \\
2^{\text {nd }} \text { Laue eq.: } & \mathbf{b} \bullet \mathbf{g}=p \mathbf{b}^{\bullet} \mathbf{a}^{*}+q \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{b}^{*}+r \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c}^{*}=q=n_{y} \\
3^{\text {rd }} \text { Laue eq.: } & \mathbf{c} \bullet \mathbf{g}=p \mathbf{c}^{\bullet} \mathbf{a}^{*}+q \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{b}^{*}+r \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{c}^{*}=r=n_{z}
\end{array}
$$

The Laue conditions require that $\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{q}, \mathrm{r}$ be integers $\left(\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{x}}, \mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{y}}, \mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{z}}\right)$. So they are the just Miller indices, $h$, $k$, and I! Hence the Laue equations are consistent with the concept of reciprocal lattice vector.

## Ewald sphere: vectorial form of Laue equations

So there is diffraction when the scattering vector $\mathbf{g}$ equals a reciprocal lattice vector $\mathbf{d}^{*}$ :

$$
\mathbf{g}=\left(\frac{\mathbf{S}-\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{0}}}{\lambda}\right)=h \mathbf{a}^{*}+k \mathbf{b}^{*}+l \mathbf{c}^{*}=\mathbf{d}_{h k l}^{*}
$$

Ewald was responsible for first interpreting Laue's results in terms of reciprocal lattices. He devised a simple geometric construction that demonstrates the relationship in quite elegant but simple way.

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathbf{g}=\left(\frac{\mathbf{S}-\mathbf{S}_{0}}{\lambda}\right)=\mathbf{d}_{h k l}^{*}=\frac{1}{d_{h k l}}=\frac{2}{\lambda} \sin \theta \\
\lambda=2 d_{h k l} \sin \theta
\end{gathered}
$$

## X-ray diffraction methods

In XRD the Ewald sphere radius is short so the coincidence between reciprocal lattice points and the sphere is rare.

In order to record a diffraction pattern some reciprocal lattice points must lie on or pass through the Ewald sphere. This can be achieved in several different ways:

- Use "white" radiation and a single crystal: Laue method
- Use monochromatic radiation and rotate a single crystal: Rotation method and similar techniques
- Use monochromatic radiation and a sample containing crystals with many different orientations (a powder): Powder diffraction


## The Laue method (single crystal diffraction)

As in Laue's original experiment:

- Using "white" Bremsstrahlung radiation from an X-ray tube so that many different wavelengths are scattered by the sample
- Many reflections will simultaneously satisfy Bragg's law without rotating the crystal



## Appearance of Laue diffractograms


(a)

(b)
(a) Obtaining a Laue photograph with a stationary crystal. (b) Laue photograph of vesuvianite with point group symmetry $4 / \mathrm{m} 2 / \mathrm{m} 2 / \mathrm{m}$. The photograph was taken along the fourfold rotation axis ( $c$ axis) of vesuvianite, thus revealing fourfold symmetry and mirrors in the arrangement of diffraction spots. The axial directions, $a_{1}$ and $a_{2}$, were inked onto the photograph after it had been developed.

## Ewald construction for Laue method



## Rotating crystal method (single crystal method)

Aligned crystal is rotated around one axis so relps pass through the Ewald sphere:

- Produces spots lying on lines



Rotation photograph of quart showing spots on layer lines
relps $=$ reciprocal lattice points

## Ewald construction for rotating crystal method



## Powder diffraction method



Bragg-Brentano-geometry

Diffractometer


## Reciprocal lattice of a powder

In a powder we have a large number of crystals all at different orientations

The reciprocal space no longer has one set of points, but many sets of points at different orientations. All of these points lie on the surface of spheres or shells.

- Reciprocal lattice shells - rel shells



## Ewald construction for powder

- In powder diffraction you generate an infinite number of randomly oriented, but identical, reciprocal lattice vectors.
- They form circles with their ends placed on the surface of Ewald's sphere.
- They produce powder diffraction cones at different Bragg angles

$$
\left|R^{*}\right|=|g|=d_{b k k}^{*}=\frac{1}{d_{b k k}}
$$



## Ewald construction for powder



A diffracted cone is formed every time Bragg's law is satisfied. We may use a photographic film (Debye-Sherrer camera in the old days) or a revolving detector (BraggBrentano diffractometer) to record the diffracted intensity.

The powder rotates $(\theta)$ to increase the probably of diffraction and the detector rotates $(2 \theta)$ to intersect the diffracting cones.

## Electron diffraction (TEM) of single crystal

## Fourier transforms again:



Reciprocal lattice scales: small parallel to the plane of the disc (almost infinite in atomic scale) and larger perpendicular to the disc due to finite and small thickness

## Diffraction from a single crystal (TEM)



## Geometry of diffraction patterns



Fraunhofer diffraction pattern: the rays leave the diffracting object in parallel directions:

- Screen very far from the object
- Converging lenses may be used to make the rays converge in smaller distances


## Geometry of diffraction patterns



A plane wavefront (parallel light) incident upon a grating may be achieved by inserting a lens (left) with the point source at its focus. Conversely, the parallel 'pencils' of the direct and diffracted light may be sharply focused onto a screen or photographic plate by inserting another lens

## Diffraction intensity



What can be said about the intensity of the "reflections" in this diffraction pattern?

## Scattering by electrons

- Electrons and other charged particles scatter X-rays.


Interaction of a X-ray front with an isolated electron, which becomes a new X-ray source, producing the Xrays waves in a spherical mode.


The spherical waves produced by two electrons interact with each other, producing positive and negative interferences.

## Scattering by an electron



- The electric field $(\mathbf{E})$ is the main cause for the acceleration of the electron
- The moving particle radiates most strongly in a direction perpendicular to its motion
- The radiation will be polarized along the direction of its motion


## Scattering by an electron



Intensity of the scattered beam due to an electron at a point $P$ such that $r \gg \lambda$

The reason we are able to neglect scattering from the

$$
I=I_{0} \frac{e^{4}}{m^{2} c^{4}}\left(\frac{\sin ^{2} \theta}{r^{2}}\right)
$$

## Scattering by atoms

- The atom can be considered to be a collection of electrons. This electron density scatters radiation.
- For radiation to remain coherent the interference between x-rays scattered from different points within the atom has to be considered.
- This leads to a strong angle dependence of the scattering.



## Scattering by atoms



## Scattering by atoms

The scattering power of an atom is given by the atomic form factor (f): ratio of scattering from the atom to what would be observed from a single electron


- Form factor is expressed as a function of $(\sin \theta) / \lambda$ as the interference depends on both $\lambda$ and the scattering angle
- Form factor is equivalent to the atomic number at low angles, but it drops rapidly at high $(\sin \theta) / \lambda$

Atomic scattering factors calculated for atoms and ions with different numbers of electrons. Note that the single electron of the hydrogen atom (H) scatters very little as compared with other elements, especially with increasing $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. Hydrogen will therefore be "difficult to see" ..

## Coherent scattering from crystals

## Extinctions from centered cells or different atoms in the unit cell

- Due to crystal periodicity scattering from atoms in one unit cell can be used to determine the intensities of the diffracted beams
- The positions of the atoms in a unit cell determine the intensities of the reflections.
- Consider diffraction from (001) planes in body centered cells:

(a) If the path length between rays 1 and 2 differs by $\lambda$, the diffraction angle is satisfied and the diffracted intensity corresponds to that of 1 atom (in primitive cells we have 1 atom/cell).
(b) For the centred cell, in the same configuration, the path length between rays 1 and 3 will differ by $\lambda / 2$ and destructive interference in (b) will lead to NO diffracted intensity for (001) in any body-centered (BC) lattice (I-cubic, I- tetragonal, or I-orthorhombic).


## Coherent scattering from crystals

## Extinctions from centered cells and/or

- Unit Cell (UC) is representative of the crystal structure
- Scattered waves from various atoms in the UC interfere to create the diffraction pattern


The wave scattered from the middle plane is out of phase with the ones scattered from top and bottom planes

Change in phase due to atoms in fractional coordinates (revisiting the structure factor concept)


## Change in phase due to atoms in fractional coordinates



$$
\begin{gathered}
A C=d_{h 00}=\frac{a}{h} \\
M C N:: A C=d_{h 00} \\
R B S:: A B=x
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\frac{A B}{A C}=\frac{x}{d_{h 00}}=\frac{x}{a / h}
$$

$$
\delta_{R_{1} R_{2}}=M C N=2 d_{h 00} \sin (\theta)=\lambda
$$

$\delta_{R_{1} R_{3}}=R B S=\frac{A B}{A C} M C N=\frac{A B}{A C} \lambda=\frac{x}{a / h} \lambda \quad \varphi=\frac{2 \pi}{\lambda} \delta$
Note: $R_{I}$ corresponds to corner atoms and $R_{3}$ to from atoms in additional positions in the Unit Cell (UC)
$\varphi_{R_{1} R_{3}}=\frac{2 \pi}{\lambda} \frac{x}{a / h} \lambda=2 \pi h \frac{x}{a} \quad \frac{x}{a} \rightarrow$ fractional coordinate $\rightarrow x^{\prime} \quad \varphi_{R_{1} R_{3}}=2 \pi h x^{\prime}$
Extending to 3D $\varphi=2 \pi\left(h x^{\prime}+k y^{\prime}+l z^{\prime}\right) \longrightarrow$ Independent of the shape of $U C$

## Revisiting the complex notation

The phase difference between rays scattered from the origin and rays scattered from an atom at fraction coordinates ( $x^{\prime} v^{\prime} w^{\prime}$ ) is:

$$
\varphi=2 \pi\left(h x^{\prime}+k y^{\prime}+l z^{\prime}\right)
$$

- Each atom within the unit cell may produce a scattered wave of different amplitude.
- The amplitude is given by the form factor $f$ for the atom.
- All of the scattered waves from individual atoms sum together to produce a wave whose amplitude can be measured (the phase is more difficult to retrieve).

Tool to handle the summation of waves scattered from different atoms:


The most convenient way to represent the amplitude and phase of a scattered wave is by a vector in the complex plane.

Wave of amplitude A and phase $\varphi$ :

$$
A e^{i \varphi}=A(\cos \varphi+i \sin \varphi)
$$

- Real when $\varphi$ is multiple of $2 \pi$
- 1 for even multiples
-     - 1 for odd multiples


## Change in phase due to atoms in fractional coordinates

$$
\varphi=2 \pi\left(h x^{\prime}+k y^{\prime}+l z^{\prime}\right) \xrightarrow{\text { complex notation }} \text { wave equation } E=A e^{i \varphi}=f e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(h x^{\prime}+k y^{\prime}+l z^{\prime}\right)\right]}
$$

- If atom $B$ is different from atom $A \rightarrow$ the amplitudes must be weighed by the respective atomic scattering factors (f)
- The resultant amplitude of all the waves scattered by all the atoms in the UC is the scattering factor for the unit cell
- The unit cell scattering factor is called the Structure Factor (F)

Scattering by an unit cell = function (position of the atoms, atomic scattering factors)
$\mathrm{F}=$ Structure Factor $=\frac{\text { Amplitude of wave scattered by all atoms in } U C}{\text { Amplitude of wave scattered by an electron }}$
for $n$ atoms in the $U C: \quad F_{h k l}=\sum_{j=1}^{n} f_{j} e^{i \varphi j}=\sum_{j=1}^{n} f_{j} e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(h x_{j}^{\prime}+k y_{j}^{\prime}+l z_{j}^{\prime}\right)\right]}$
Intensity of the diffracted wave:

$$
I \propto F_{h k l}^{2}
$$

The structure factor is independent of the shape and size of the unit cell !!!

## Structure factor calculations

Simple cubic
Atom at ( $0,0,0$ ) and equivalent positions


$$
e^{(o d d n) i \pi}=-1
$$

$$
e^{(\text {even } n) i \pi}=+1
$$

$$
e^{n i \pi}=e^{-n i \pi}
$$

$$
e^{i \theta}+e^{-i \theta}=2 \cos (\theta)
$$

$$
F=f_{j} \quad e^{i \varphi_{j}}=f_{j} e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(h x_{j}^{\prime}+k y_{j}^{\prime}+l z_{j}^{\prime}\right)\right]}
$$

$$
F=f \quad e^{i[2 \pi(h \cdot 0+k \cdot 0+l \cdot 0)]}=f e^{0}=f
$$

$F^{2}=f^{2} \quad \Rightarrow F$ is independent of the scattering plane (hkl)

## Structure factor calculations

## C centered orthorhombic

Atom at $(0,0,0) \&(1 / 2,1 / 2,0)$ and equivalent positions

$$
F=f_{j} \quad e^{i \varphi_{j}}=f_{j} e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(h x_{j}^{\prime}+k y_{j}^{\prime}+l z_{j}^{\prime}\right)\right]}
$$

$$
F=f \quad e^{i[2 \pi(h \cdot 0+k \cdot 0+l \cdot 0)]}+f e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(h \cdot \frac{1}{2}+k \cdot \frac{1}{2}+l \cdot 0\right)\right]}
$$

$$
=f e^{0}+f e^{i\left[z \pi\left(\frac{h+k}{z}\right)\right]}=f\left[1+e^{i \pi(h+k)}\right]
$$



$$
F=f\left[1+e^{i \pi(h+k)} \begin{array}{c}
\begin{array}{l}
(h+k) \text { even } \\
\frac{\text { Both even or both odd }}{\text { Mixture of odd and even }} \\
(h+k) \text { odd }
\end{array} F=2 f \longrightarrow F^{2}=4 f^{2} \\
\text { e.g. (001), (110), (112); (021), (022), (023) } \\
F=0 \longrightarrow F^{2}=0
\end{array}\right.
$$

## Structure factor calculations

## C centered orthorhombic



These (210) planes form a translationally equivalent set: pass through all lattice points

C-Centred Orthorhombic lattice [001] projection


To form a translationally equivalent set of planes (passing through all lattice points) the red set of planes have to be drawn

- If the blue planes are scattering in phase then on C- centering the red planes will scatter out of phase (with the blue planes - as they bisect their normal) and hence the (210) reflection will become extinct
- This analysis is consistent with the extinction rules: $(\mathrm{h}+\mathrm{k})$ odd is absent


## Structure factor calculations

## C centered orthorhombic



These (310) planes form a translationally equivalent set: pass through all lattice points

C-Centred Orthorhombic lattice [001] projection


No new planes are to be added to form a translationally equivalent set of planes on $C$-centering

- In case of the (310) planes no new translationally equivalent planes are added on lattice centering $\Rightarrow$ this reflection cannot go missing.
- This analysis is consistent with the extinction rules: $(h+k)$ even is present


## Structure factor calculations

## Body centered orthorhombic

Atom at $(0,0,0) \&(1 / 2,1 / 2,1 / 2)$ and equivalent positions

$$
\begin{aligned}
F & =f_{j} e^{i \varphi_{j}}=f_{j} e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(h x_{j}^{\prime}+k y_{j}^{\prime}+l z_{j}^{\prime}\right)\right]} \\
F & =f e^{i[2 \pi(h \cdot 0+k \cdot 0+l \cdot 0)]}+f e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(h \cdot \frac{1}{2}+k \cdot \frac{1}{2}+l \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right)\right]} \\
& =f e^{0}+f e^{i\left[z \pi\left(\frac{h+k+l}{z}\right)\right]}=f\left[1+e^{i \pi(h+k+l)}\right]
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
& F=2 f \longrightarrow F^{2}=4 f^{2} \\
& \text { e.g. (110), (200), (211); (220), (022), (310) } \\
& F=0 \longrightarrow F^{2}=0 \\
& \text { e.g. (100), (001), (111); (210), (032), (133) }
\end{aligned}
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## Structure factor calculations

## Face centred cubic

Atom at $(0,0,0) \&(1 / 2,1 / 2,0)$ and equivalent positions

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\begin{aligned}
& F=f_{j} e^{i \varphi_{j}}=f_{j} e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(h x_{j}^{\prime}+k y_{j}^{\prime}+l z_{j}^{\prime}\right)\right]} \\
& F=f\left[e^{i[2 \pi(0)]}+e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(\frac{h+k}{2}\right)\right]}+e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(\frac{k+l}{2}\right)\right]}+e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(\frac{l+h}{2}\right)\right]}\right] \\
& =f\left[1+e^{i \pi(h+k)}+e^{i \pi(k+l)}+e^{i \pi(l+h)}\right] \quad \text { Real } \\
& (1 / 2,1 / 2,0),(1 / 2,0,1 / 2),(0,1 / 2,1 / 2) \\
& {\left[F=f\left[1+e^{i \pi(h+k)}+e^{i \pi(k+l)}+e^{i \pi(l+h)}\right]\right.} \\
& \rightarrow(\mathrm{h}, \mathrm{k}, \mathrm{l}) \text { unmixed }, F=4 f \longrightarrow F^{2}=16 f^{2} \\
& \text { e.g. (111), (200), (220), (333), (420) } \\
& \text { (h, k, l) mixed } \\
& F=0 \longrightarrow F^{2}=0 \\
& \text { e.g. (100), (211); (210), (032), (033) }
\end{aligned}
$$

Two odd and one even (e.g. 112); two even and one odd (e.g. 122)

Mixed indices Two odd and one even (e.g. 112); two even and one odd (e.g. 122)

| Mixed indices | CASE | h | k | l |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | o | o | e |
|  | B | o | e | e |

CASE A: $\left[1+e^{i \pi(e)}+e^{i \pi(o)}+e^{i \pi(o)}\right]=[1+1-1-1]=0$
CASE B: $\left[1+e^{i \pi(o)}+e^{i \pi(e)}+e^{i \pi(o)}\right]=[1-1+1-1]=0$
(h, k, l) mixed

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F=0 \longrightarrow F^{2}=0
$$

e.g. (100), (211); (210), (032), (033)

Unmixed indices All odd (e.g. 111); all even (e.g. 222)

| Unmixed indices | CASE | h | k | l |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | o | o | o |
|  | B | e | e | e |

CASE A : $\left[1+e^{i \pi(e)}+e^{i \pi(e)}+e^{i \pi(e)}\right]=[1+1+1+1]=4$
CASE B: $\left[1+e^{i \pi(e)}+e^{i \pi(e)}+e^{i \pi(e)}\right]=[1+1+1+1]=4$
(h, k, l) unmixed $F=4 f \longrightarrow F^{2}=16 f^{2}$
e.g. (111), (200), (220), (333), (420)

## Structure factor calculations

NaCl
Face Centered Cubic $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$at $(1 / 2,0,0)+\mathrm{FCT} \rightarrow(0,1 / 20),(0,0,1 / 2),(1 / 2,1 / 21 / 2)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
F= & f_{N a^{+}}\left[e^{i[2 \pi(0)]}+e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(\frac{h+k}{2}\right)\right]}+e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(\frac{k+l}{2}\right)\right]}+e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(\frac{l+h}{2}\right)\right]}\right]+ \\
& f_{C^{-}}\left[e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)\right]}+e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(\frac{k}{2}\right)\right]}+e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(\frac{l}{2}\right)\right]}+e^{i\left[2 \pi\left(\frac{h+k+l}{2}\right)\right]}\right] \\
F= & f_{N a^{+}}\left[1+e^{i \pi(h+k)}+e^{i \pi(k+l)}+e^{i \pi(l+h)}\right]+ \\
& f_{C^{-}}\left[e^{i \pi(h)}+e^{i \pi(k)}+e^{i \pi(l)}+e^{i \pi(h+k+l)}\right] \\
F= & f_{N a^{+}}\left[1+e^{i \pi(h+k)}+e^{i \pi(k+l)}+e^{i \pi(l+h)}\right]+ \\
& f_{C^{-}} e^{i \pi(h+k+l)}\left[e^{i \pi(-k-l)}+e^{i \pi(-l-h)}+e^{i \pi(-h-k)}+1\right] \\
F= & {\left[f_{\mathrm{Na}^{+}}+f_{C l^{-}} e^{i \pi(h+k+l)}\right]\left[1+e^{i \pi(h+k)}+e^{i \pi(k+l)}+e^{i \pi(l+h)}\right] }
\end{aligned}
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$$
F=\left[f_{\mathrm{Na}^{+}}+f_{\mathrm{Cl}^{-}} e^{i \pi(h+k+l)}\right]\left[1+e^{i \pi(h+k)}+e^{i \pi(k+l)}+e^{i \pi(l+k)}\right]
$$

$$
F=\text { factor } 1 . \text { factor } 2
$$

| Mixed indices | CASE | h | k | l |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | o | o | e |
|  | B | o | e | e |

CASE A: factor $2=\left[1+e^{i \pi(e)}+e^{i \pi(o)}+e^{i \pi(o)}\right]=[1+1-1-1]=0$
CASEB : factor $2=\left[1+e^{i \pi(o)}+e^{i \pi(e)}+e^{i \pi(o)}\right]=[1-1+1-1]=0$
(h, k, l) mixed

$$
F=0 \longrightarrow F^{2}=0 \quad \text { e.g. (100), (211); (210), (032), (033) }
$$

Unmixed indices | Unmixed indices | CASE | h | k | l |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | o | o | o |
|  | B | e | e | e |

CASE A : factor $2=\left[1+e^{i \pi(e)}+e^{i \pi(e)}+e^{i \pi(e)}\right]=[1+1+1+1]=4$
CASE B : factor $2=\left[1+e^{i \pi(e)}+e^{i \pi(e)}+e^{i \pi(e)}\right]=[1+1+1+1]=4$
(h, k, l) unmixed

$$
F=4\left[f_{N a^{+}}+f_{C l^{-}} e^{i \pi(h+k+l)}\right]
$$

e.g. (111), (222); (133), (244)

$$
\begin{array}{r}
F=4\left[f_{\mathrm{Na}^{+}}+f_{\mathrm{Cl}^{-}}\right] \longrightarrow \text { If }(\mathrm{h}+\mathrm{k}+\mathrm{l}) \text { is even } \rightarrow F^{2}=16\left[f_{\mathrm{Na}^{+}}+f_{\mathrm{Cl}^{-}}\right]^{2} \\
\text { e.g. (222),(244) }
\end{array}
$$

$$
F=4\left[f_{\mathrm{Na}^{+}}-f_{\mathrm{Cl}^{-}}\right] \longrightarrow \text { If }(\mathrm{h}+\mathrm{k}+\mathrm{l}) \text { is odd } \longrightarrow F^{2}=16\left[f_{\mathrm{Na}^{+}}-f_{C l^{-}}\right]^{2}
$$

e.g. (111), (133)

## Extinctions due to centering and/or different atomic form factors

| Crystal Type | Bravais Lattice | Reflections Present | Reflections Absent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Simple | Primitive, P | Any $h, k, l$ | None |
| Body-centered | Body centered, I | $h+k+l=$ even | $h+k+l=$ odd |
| Face-centered | Face-centered, F | $h, k, l$ unmixed | $h, k, l$ mixed |
| NaCl | FCC | $h, k, l$ unmixed | $h, k, l$ mixed |
| Zincblende | FCC | Same as FCC, but if all even <br> and $h+k+l \neq 4 \mathrm{~N}$ then absent | $h, k, l$ mixed and if all even <br> and $h+k+l \neq 4 \mathrm{~N}$ then absent |
| Base-centered | Base-centered | Hexagonal | $h, k$ both even or both odd <br> $h+2 k=3 N$ with $l$ even <br> $h+2 k=3 N \pm \pm$ with $l$ odd <br> $h+2 k=3 N \pm 1$ with $l$ even |
| Hexagonal close-packed | $h, k$ mixed |  |  |

## Scattering by a unit cell <br> Generic case? Consult the Tables of Crystallography

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Generators selected (1); $t(1,0,0) ; t(0,1,0) ; t(0,0,1) ;(2) ;(3)$

## Positions

Multiplicity, Wyckoff letter Site symmetry

| 4 | $e$ | 1 | $(1) x, y, z$ | (2) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | $d$ | I | $\frac{1}{4}, 0, \frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0$ |
| 2 | $c$ | I | $0,0, \frac{1}{2}$ | $0, \frac{1}{2}, 0$ |
| 2 | $b$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}, 0,0$ | $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | $a$ | I | $0,0,0$ | $0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ |

Symmetry of special projections

Origin at $x, 0,0$

No. 14
$P 22_{1} / c$

## Reciprocal space and intensities

The scattered intensity distribution in reciprocal space is sometimes represented by weighting the points of a reciprocal lattice drawing:

- Larger points indicate higher intensity
- Crosses indicate absences or extinctions



## Reciprocal space of a powder with

 intensities- Rel shells for powders
- Representation of the scattered intensity for a powder in reciprocal space


A radial profile is similar to a XRD


Section of weighted reciprocal space for a NaCl powder showing the reciprocal lattice shells (rel shells)

