

Optical methods in chemistry
or
Photon tools for chemical sciences

Session 12

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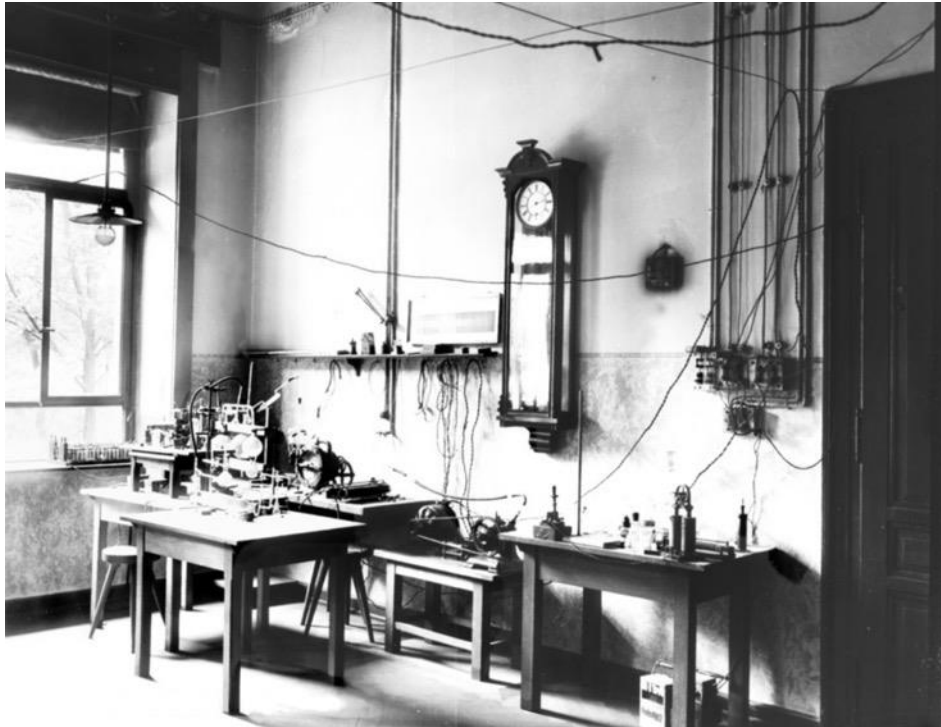
Today:

Lets get going with x-rays

Some new ideas and many applications of previous material

Introduction and historical perspective

The discovery of x-rays in 1895



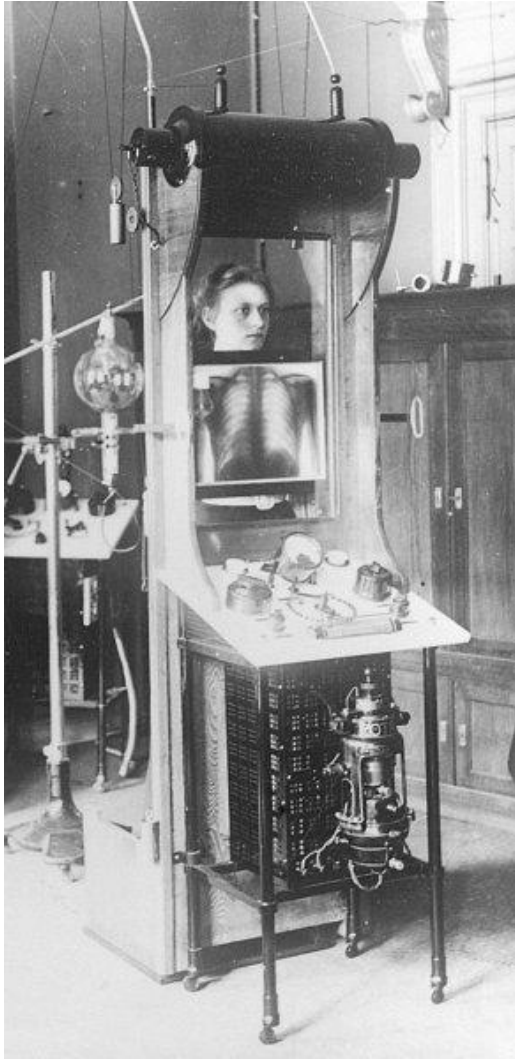
- Röntgens lab in Würzburg
- Experiments with vacuum tube
- Noticed fluorescence on a screen despite light-tight packaging of tube
- Postulated mysterious x-rays

- During experiments illuminated his hand and saw bone structure
- Took first “medical” x-ray on his wife's hand
- Denied patenting request to fully exploit potential of x-rays

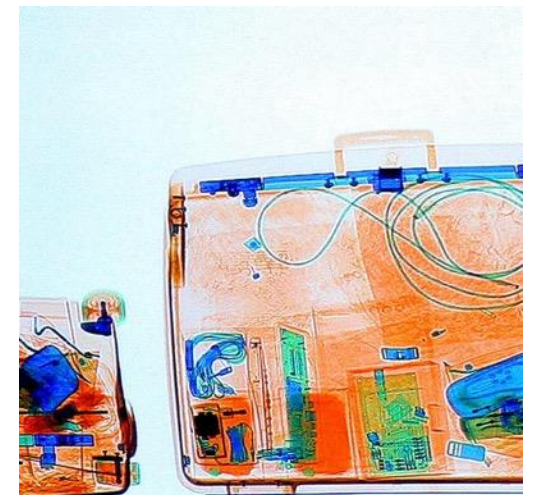
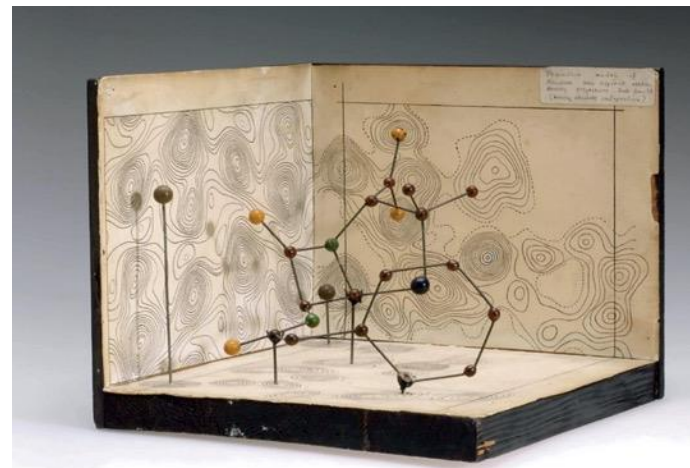
Discovery of X-rays triggered many technological and scientific developments



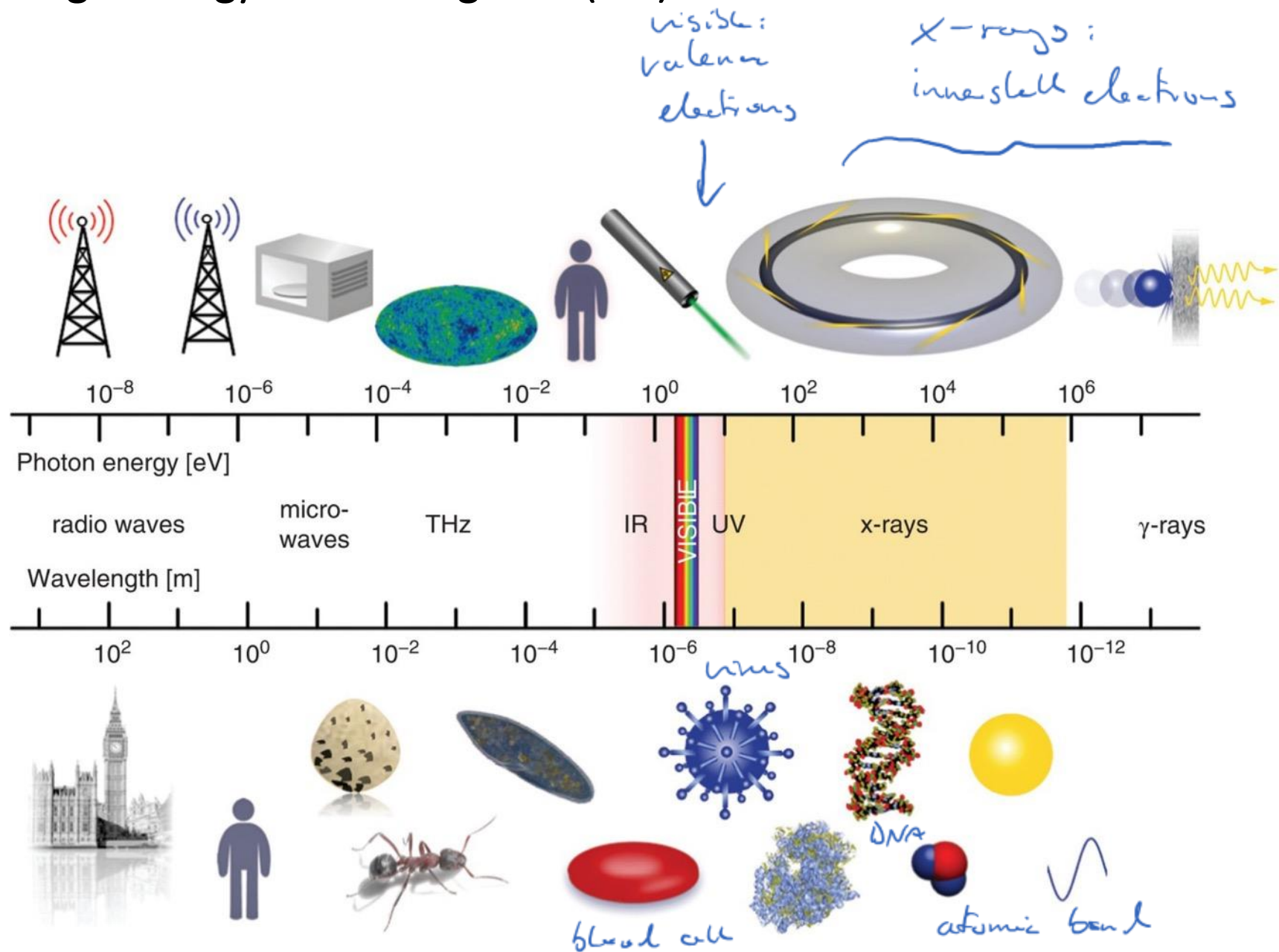
First Nobel Prize in 1901



Dorothy Crowfoot
Nobel prize:
Structure of penicillin
from x-ray diffraction



X-rays are high-energy electromagnetic (em) waves



X-rays: Physics? Chemistry? Biology? Medicine?



Table 1.1 Nobel Prizes awarded in the field of x-ray research.

Year	Recipient(s)	Research discipline
1901	W. C. Röntgen	Physics; discovery of x-rays
1914	M. von Laue	Physics; x-ray diffraction from crystals
1915	W. H. Bragg and W. L. Bragg	Physics; crystal structure derived from x-ray diffraction
1917	C. G. Barkla	Physics; characteristic radiation of elements
1924	K. M. G. Siegbahn	Physics; x-ray spectroscopy
1927	A. H. Compton	Physics; scattering of x-rays by electrons
1936	P. Debye	Chemistry; diffraction of x-rays and electrons in gases
1946	H. J. Muller	Medicine; discovery of x-ray-induced mutations
1962	M. Perutz and J. Kendrew	Chemistry; structures of myoglobin and haemoglobin
1962	J. Watson, M. Wilkins, and F. Crick	Medicine; structure of DNA
1964	D. Crowfoot-Hodgkin	Chemistry; structure of penicillin
1976	W. N. Lipscomb	Chemistry; x-ray studies on the structure of boranes
1979	A. McLeod Cormack and G. Newbold Hounsfield	Medicine; computed axial tomography
1981	K. M. Siegbahn	Physics; high-resolution electron spectroscopy
1985	H. Hauptman and J. Karle	Chemistry; direct methods to determine x-ray structures
1988	J. Deisenhofer, R. Huber, and H. Michel	Chemistry; determining the structure of proteins crucial to photosynthesis
1997	P. D. Boyer and J. E. Walker	Chemistry; mechanism of adenosine triphosphate synthesis [†]
2003	R. MacKinnon and P. Agre	Chemistry; structure and operation of ion channels [†]
2006	R. D. Kornberg	Chemistry; atomic description of DNA transcription [†]
2009	V. Ramakrishnan, T. A. Steitz, and A. E. Yonath	Chemistry; structure and function of the ribosome [†]
2012	R. J. Lefkowitz and B. K. Kobilka	Chemistry; studies of G-protein-coupled receptors [†]
2018	F. H. Arnold	Chemistry; the directed evolution of enzymes [†]

mostly physics

dominantly chemistry

[†]Work using synchrotron radiation as a primary tool.

Why care about x-ray diffraction of crystals?

From: <https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/chemistry/1964/perspectives/>

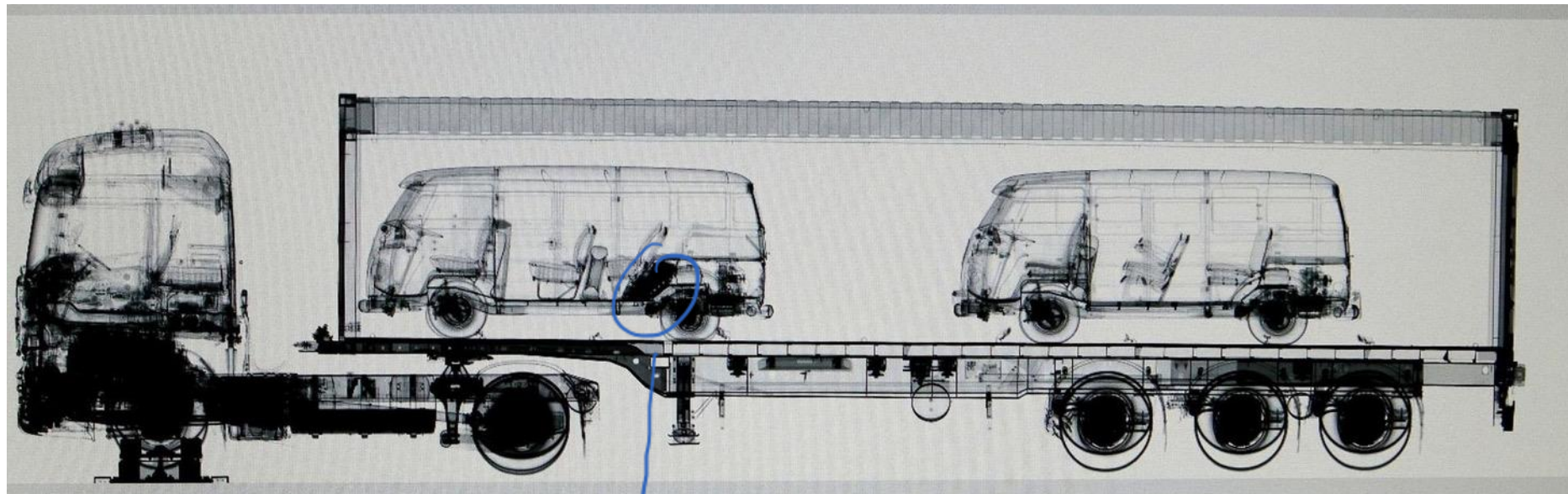
Chemists were still struggling to isolate penicillin in a pure and active form. It was not until July 1943 that they knew the composition of the active ingredient. After systematically breaking down penicillin into smaller pieces, chemists knew it consisted of 27 atoms: 11 hydrogen, 9 carbon, 4 oxygen, 2 nitrogen atoms and 1 sulphur atom. The trouble was that this combination of atoms could form two very different structures, and chemists couldn't decide which structure was more likely. Some chemists were convinced the structure contained two five-membered rings connected by a single bond, known as a thiazolidine-oxazolone. Others were equally sure it was a four-membered ring fused to a five-membered ring, known as a beta lactam.

“No absolutely unequivocal conclusion could be derived from it,” Ernst Chain explained in his Nobel Lecture. “The final solution of the problem of the structure of penicillin came from crystallographic X-ray studies.”

The power of x-rays

X-rays – Penetration depth

(chemistry: in situ / in operando)



illegal substances

Lambert - Beer absorption law \leftrightarrow Intensity decreases equally over unit distance

$$dI = -I \epsilon c dl$$

$\hat{=}$ extinction factor

Extinction $\log \frac{I_0}{I} = \epsilon c d \Rightarrow I = I_0 e^{-\mu_s d}$

μ_s absorption coefficient

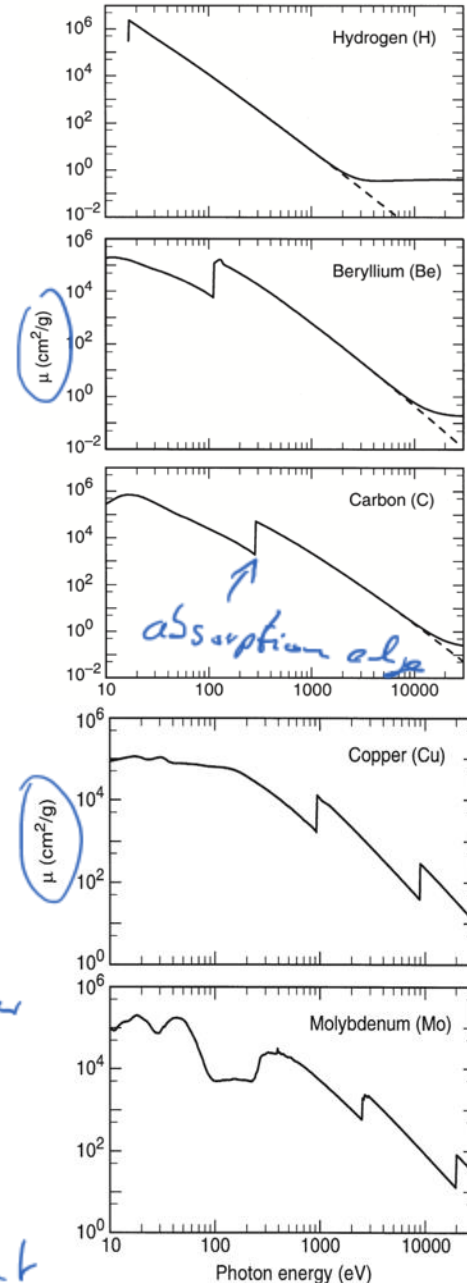


Fig. 1-5. Mass absorption coefficients (continued).

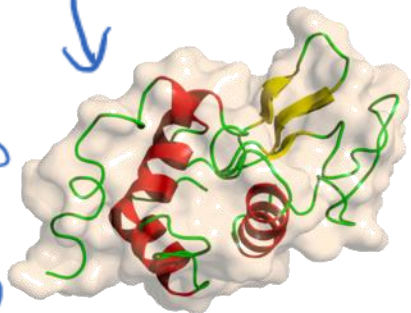
Scattering with atomic resolution

Lysozym (Protein, Immunsystem)

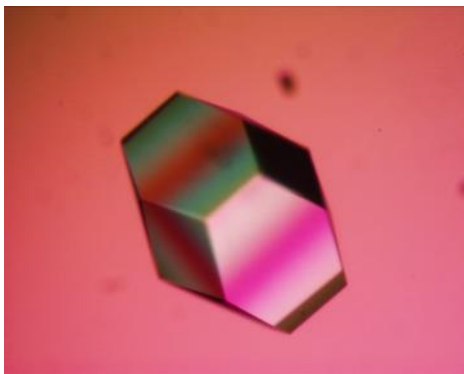
Stoichiometric formula



Structure



Crystal



MS

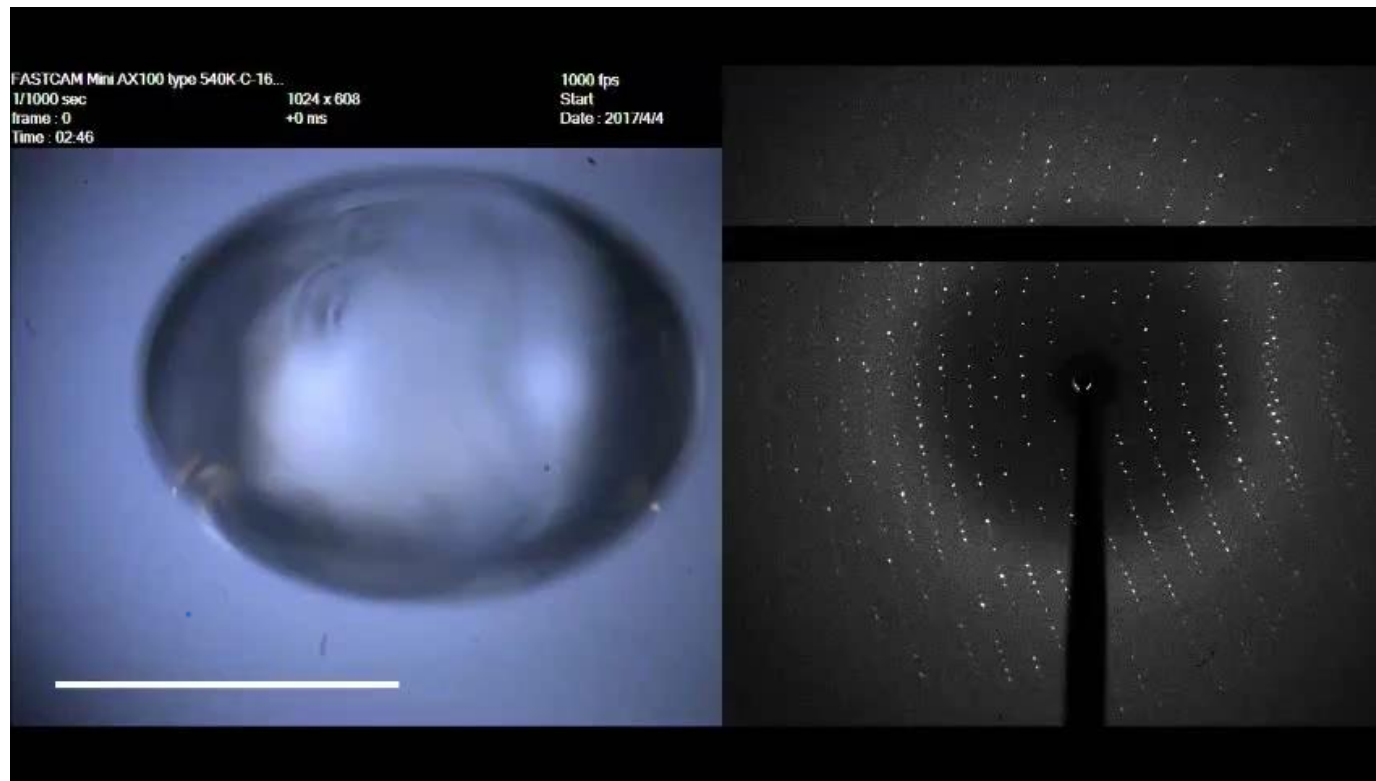
NMR

X-rays

$\lambda \leq \text{atomic distances}$

Note: $E = h\nu = \frac{hc}{\lambda} \iff \lambda = \frac{12.4}{E[\text{eV}]} \text{ \AA}$

Experiment at the Swiss Light Source



↑
Lysozym
crystal

↑
Bragg reflections

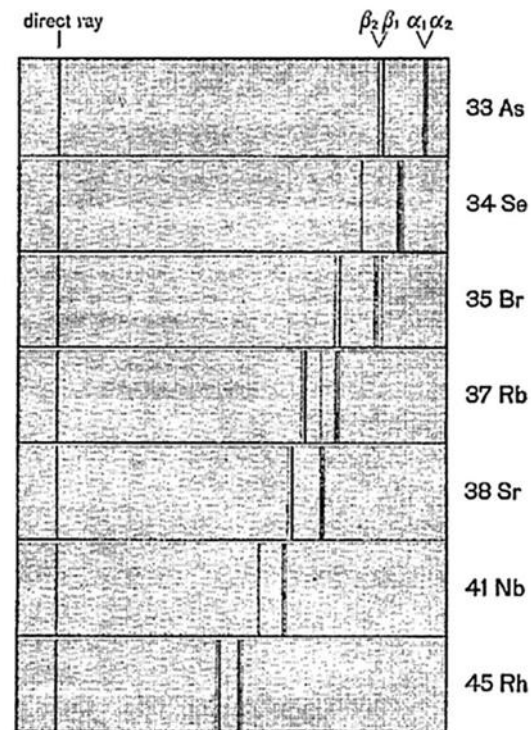
Elements possess specific colors – also in X-ray spectral regime

Rose of Lausanne:
Characteristic visible colors



valence transitions
→ visible to eye

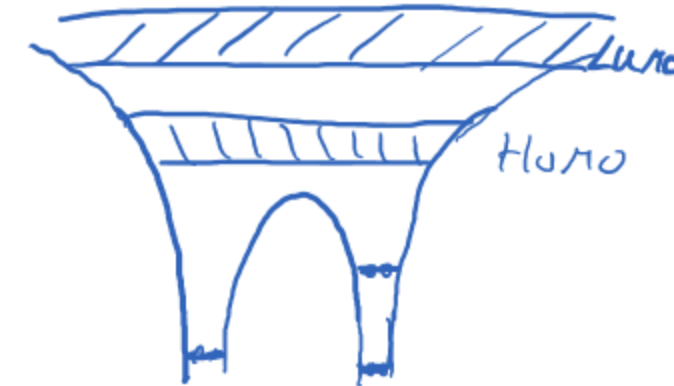
Barkla:
Characteristic emission lines of
elements in x-ray regime



inner shell transitions
→ visible to x-ray detectors

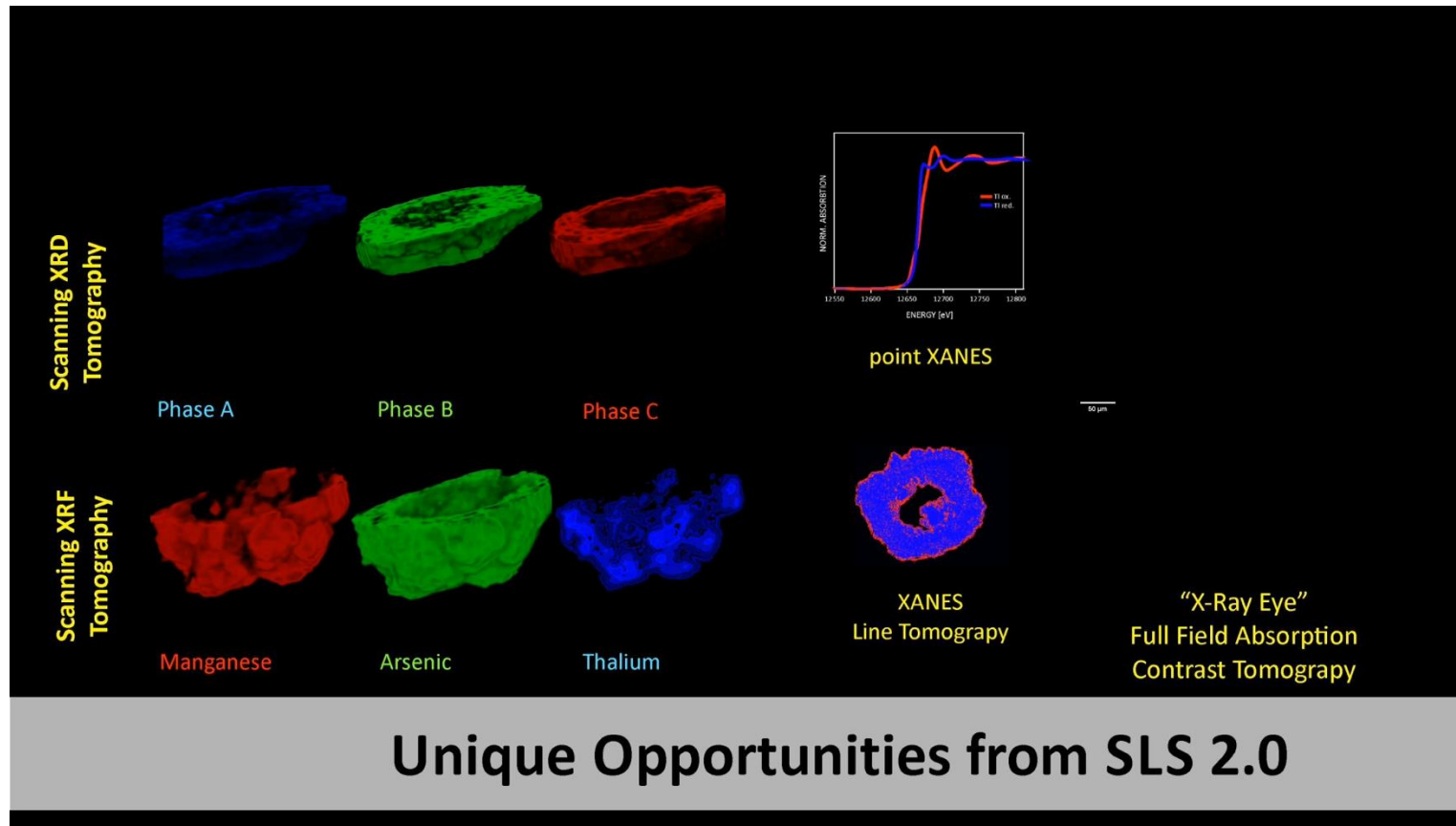


Barkla, Nobel Prize in 1917



Combination of large penetration depth, elemental information, and high resolution

Example: Geological Thallium sample (Geochemistry)



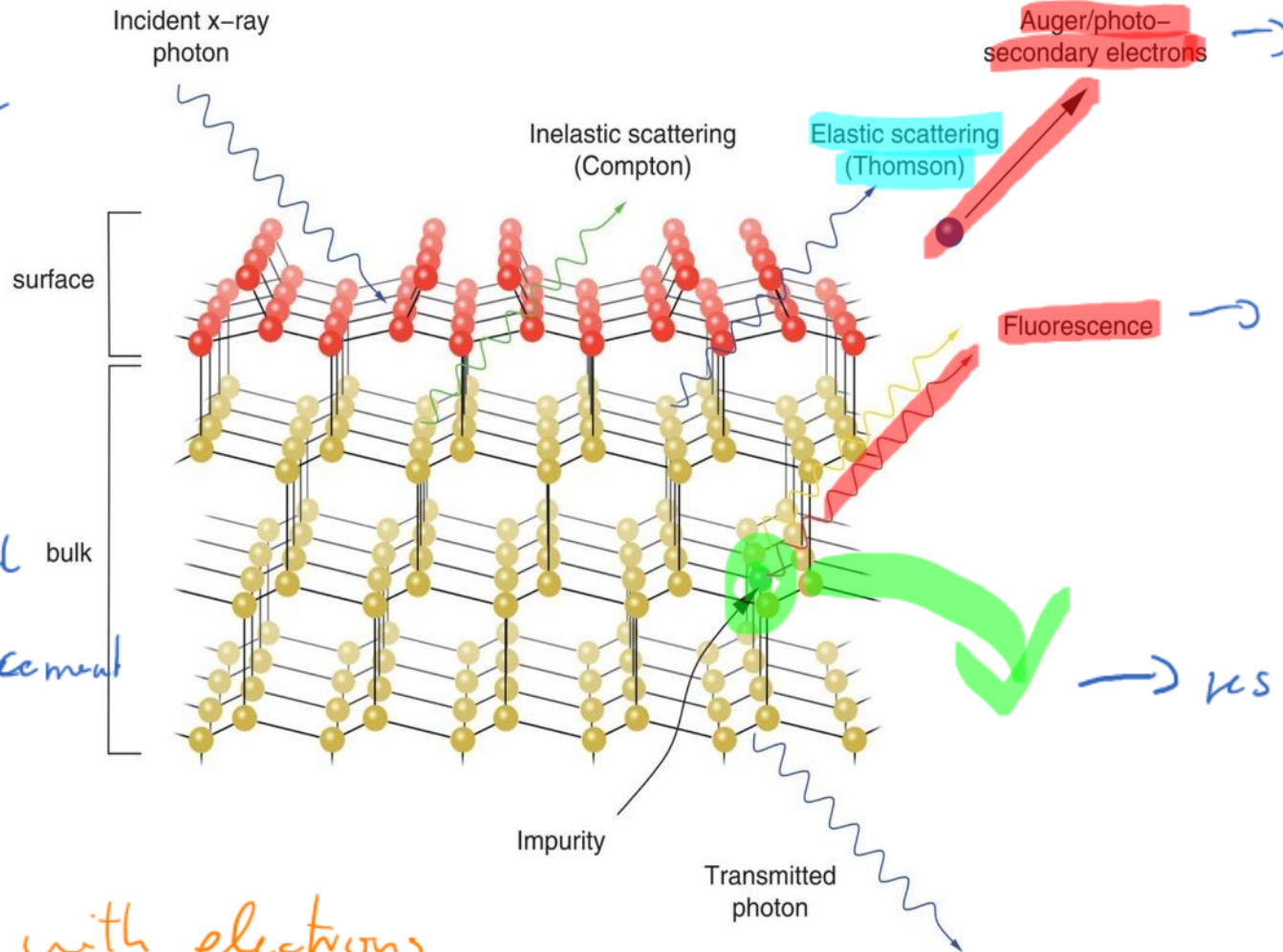
X-ray interactions with matter

X-ray interactions with matter

non-resonant
general case
cross section σ

resonant
interaction with
specific core level
↳ large σ enhancement

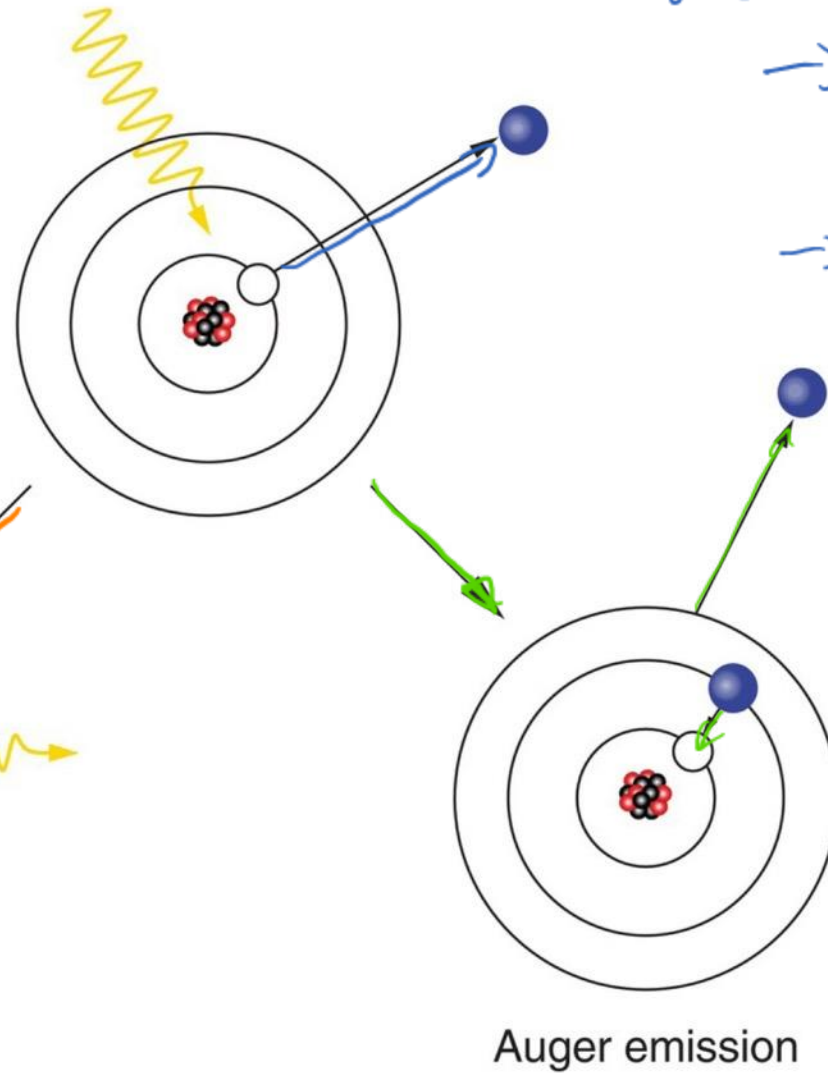
Remember:
x-rays interact with electrons
(not nuclei) → dominantly inner-shell electrons



electronic structure
↓
binding energy
into
↓
local chem
environment
→ resonant conditions
↑
largest contrast

Photoionization / absorption

Note decay of highly-excited atoms \rightarrow femtoseconds



Photoelectron

\rightarrow core-electron spectroscopy

$$E_{kin} = h\nu - E_B$$

\rightarrow electronic structure info

Fluorescence decay

\rightarrow photon emitted

dominant in hard x-ray regime

Fluorescence

Auger decay

\rightarrow Auger electron

\Rightarrow Auger spectroscopy

powerful tool

for elemental

analysis

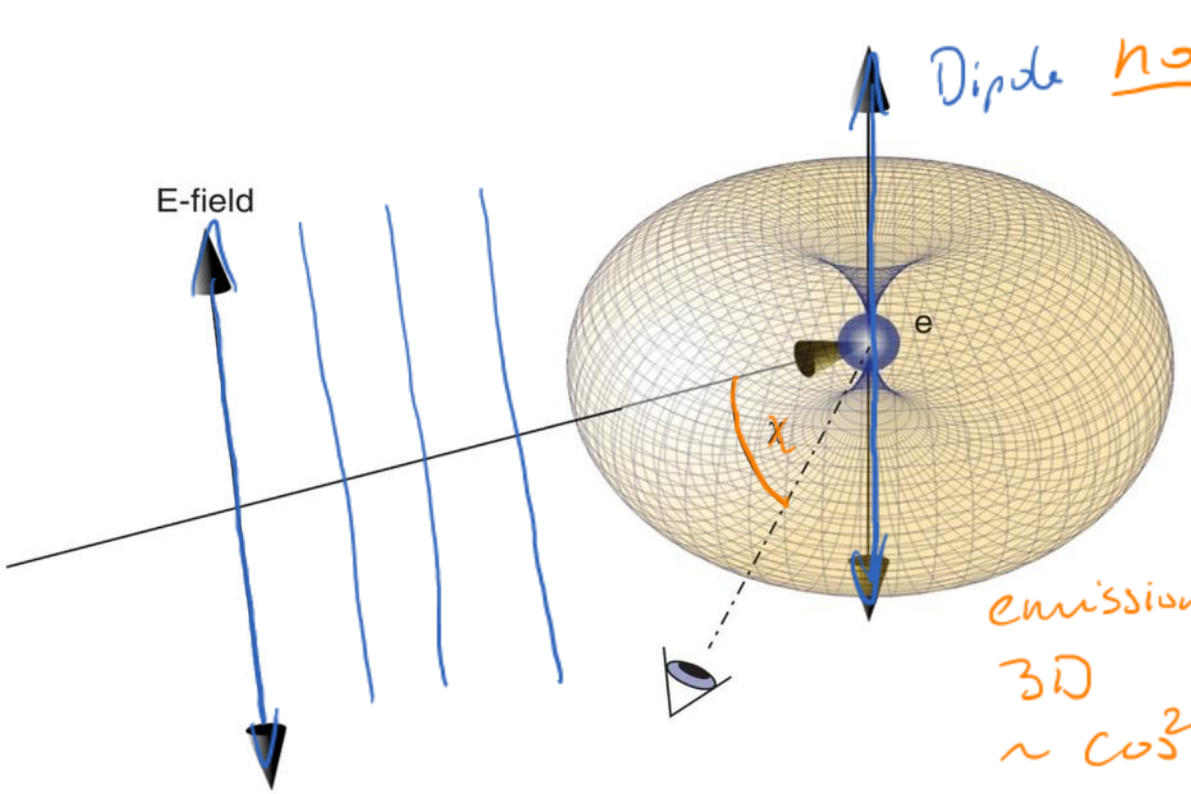
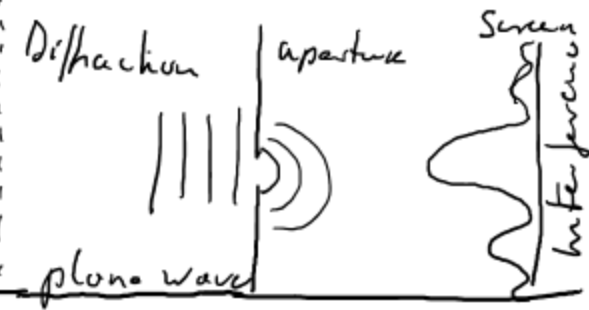
(element specific)

Auger emission

Thomson scattering

Remember
from
Physics

Dipole
radiation



Dipole no intensity
along axis

→ semi-classical description

→ x-rays well approximated by
plane wave

→ x-ray scattering process described
by dipole radiation

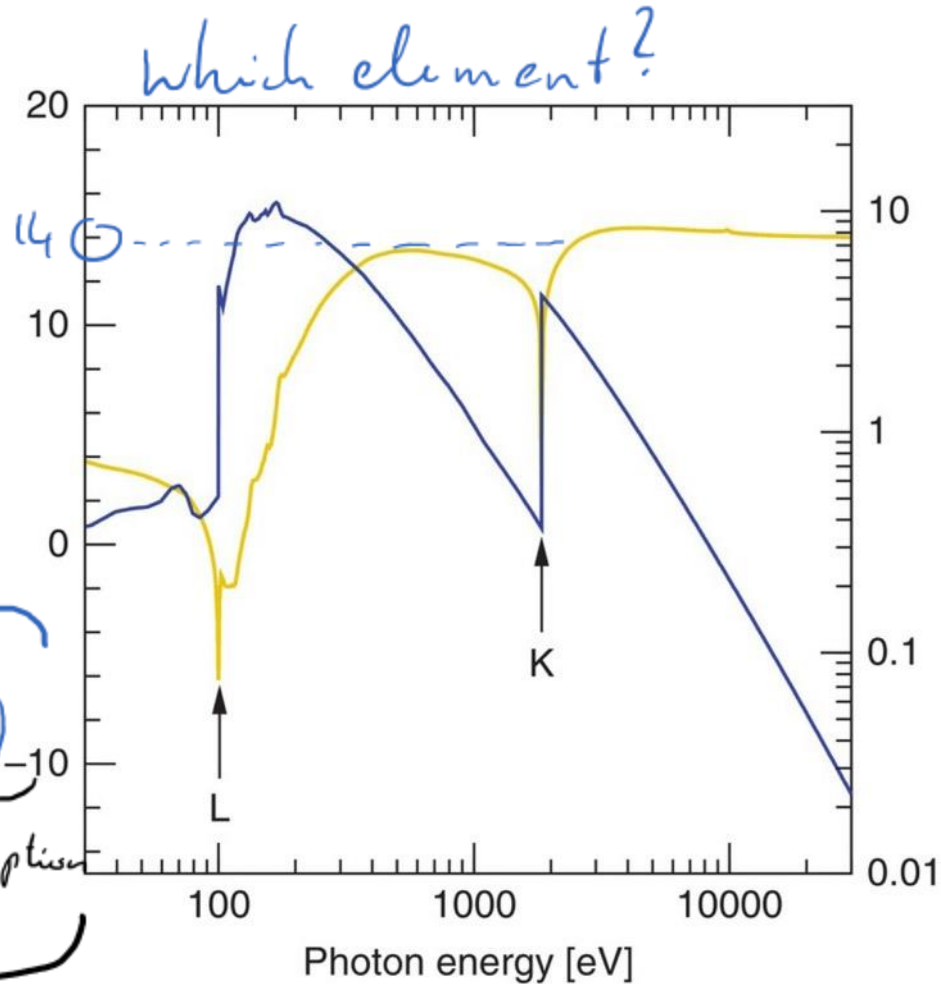
Scattering process

- transfer incoming plane wave to dipole wave
- no frequency shift → elastic
- phase shift

Atomic scattering factors and refractive index

$$f(\text{h}\nu) = \underbrace{f_0 + f'(\text{h}\nu)}_{\text{\# electrons } f_1} + i \underbrace{f''(\text{h}\nu)}_{\text{absorption } f_2}$$

X-ray analogue to "refractive index"



$$\Rightarrow f_1 \sim \text{\# electrons}$$

$$\Rightarrow 14$$

$$\Rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Si}$$

\Rightarrow double check with
absorption edge / f_2

Relevance

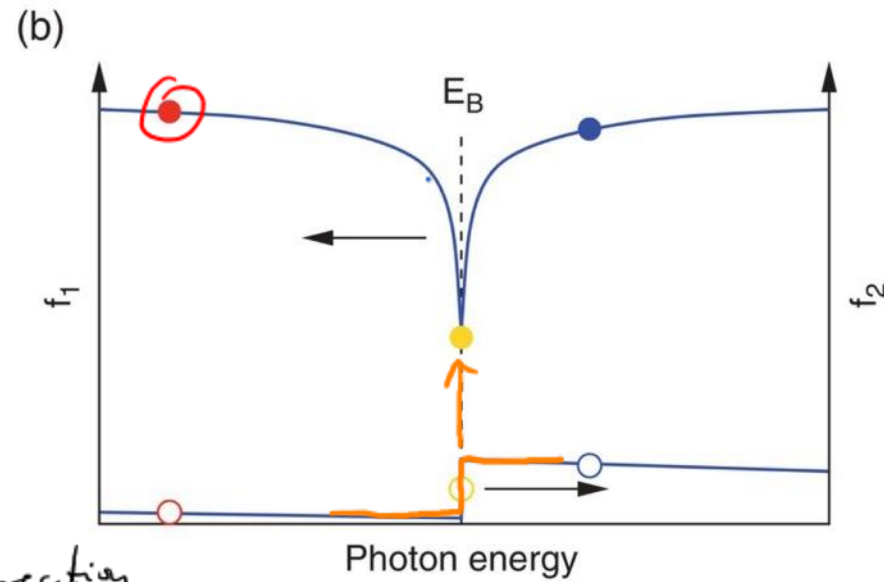
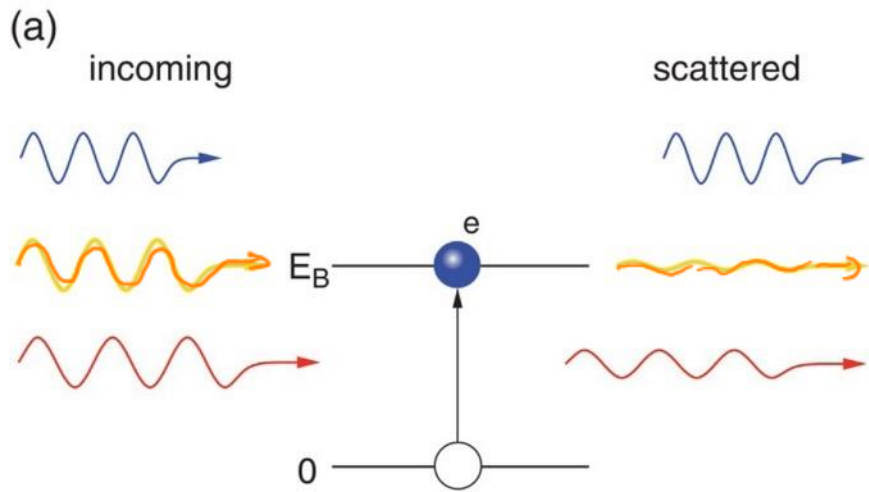
absorption \rightarrow electronic levels

scattering \rightarrow electronic information

Atomic scattering factors

→ Absorption & scattering of x-rays by atoms

- Consider forced oscillator model → resonance frequency E_B
- At resonance → transfer energy into system
- Below resonance → system follows with damping



Based on these arguments

Note:
Real story
more complicated
but ok for now

$$f(\hbar\omega) = \underbrace{f^0 + f'(\hbar\omega)}_{\text{Scattering}} + \underbrace{i f''(\hbar\omega)}_{\text{absorption}}$$

electrons correction

X-ray cross sections

→ measures probability that a specific process will take place

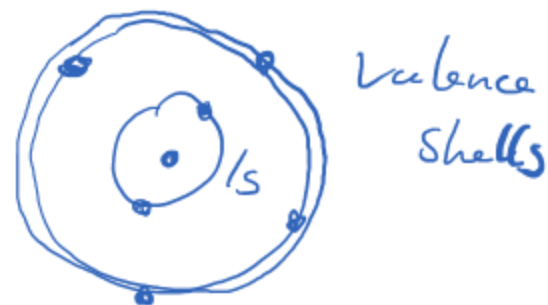
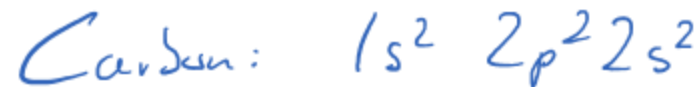
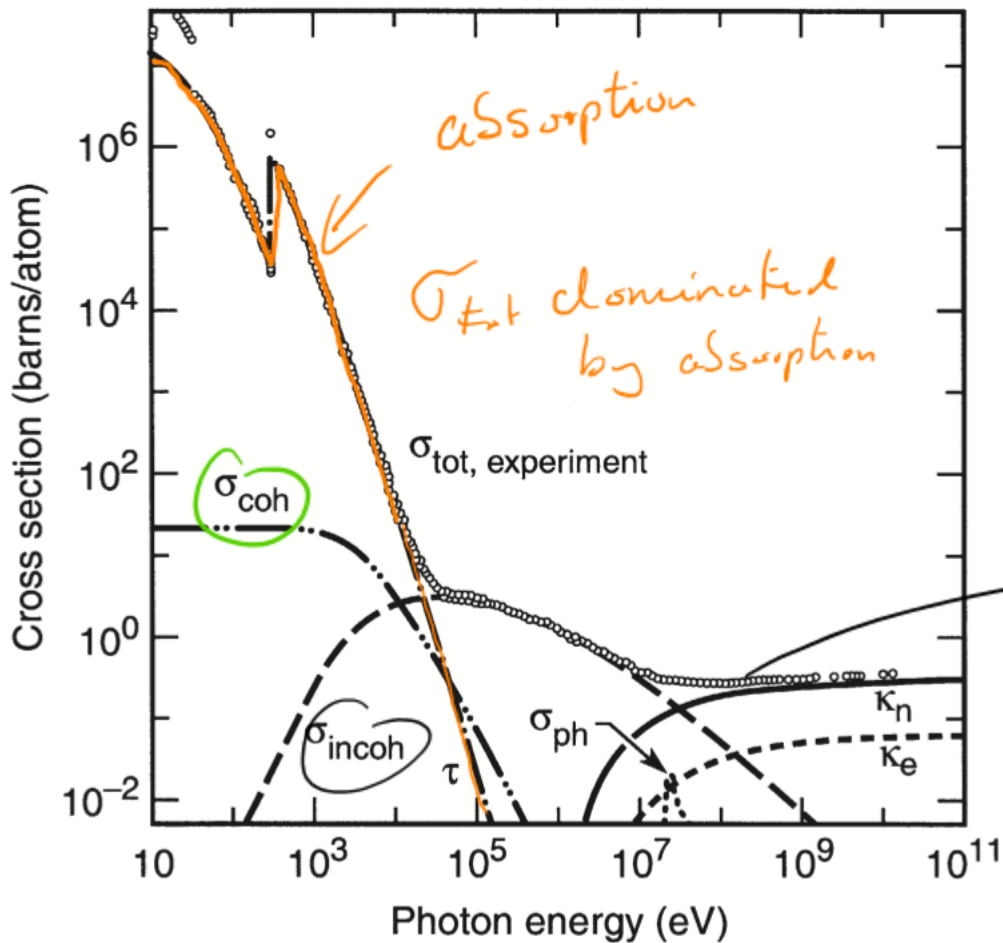
Barn = 10^{-24} cm^2
 Mbarn = 10^{-18} cm^2

Coherent scattering
 (elastic scattering)

much smaller σ

↓
 starts dropping
 around 39eV

$\lambda \leq \text{atom}$



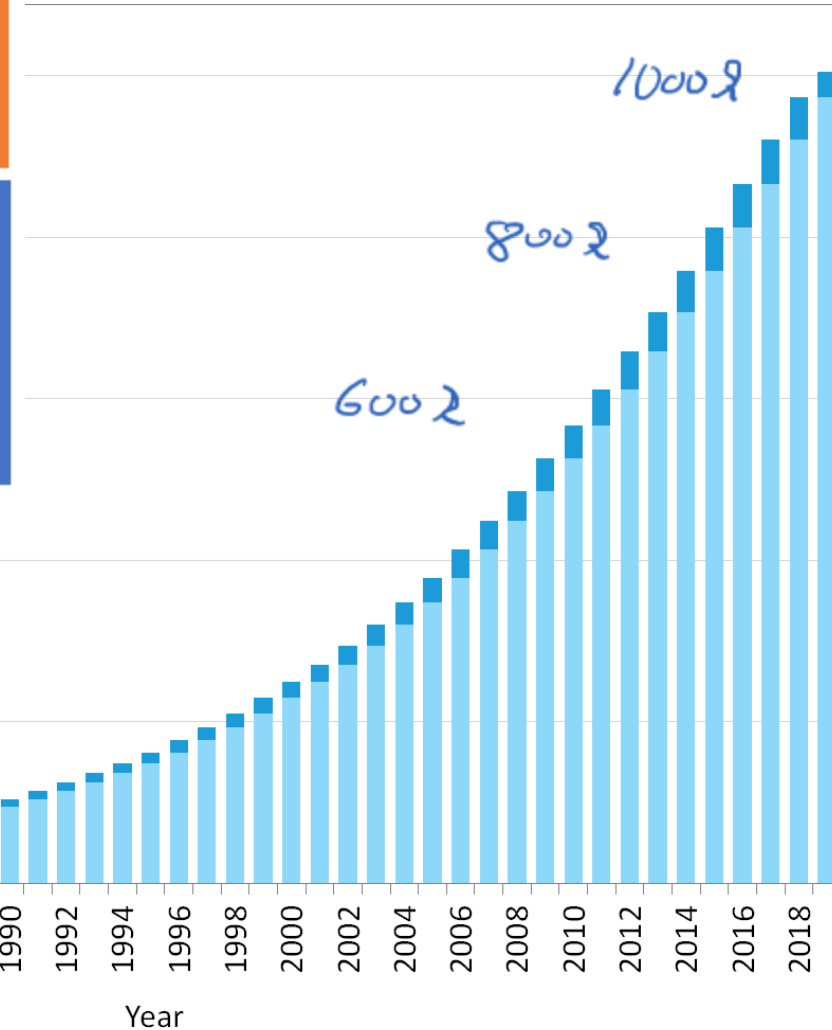
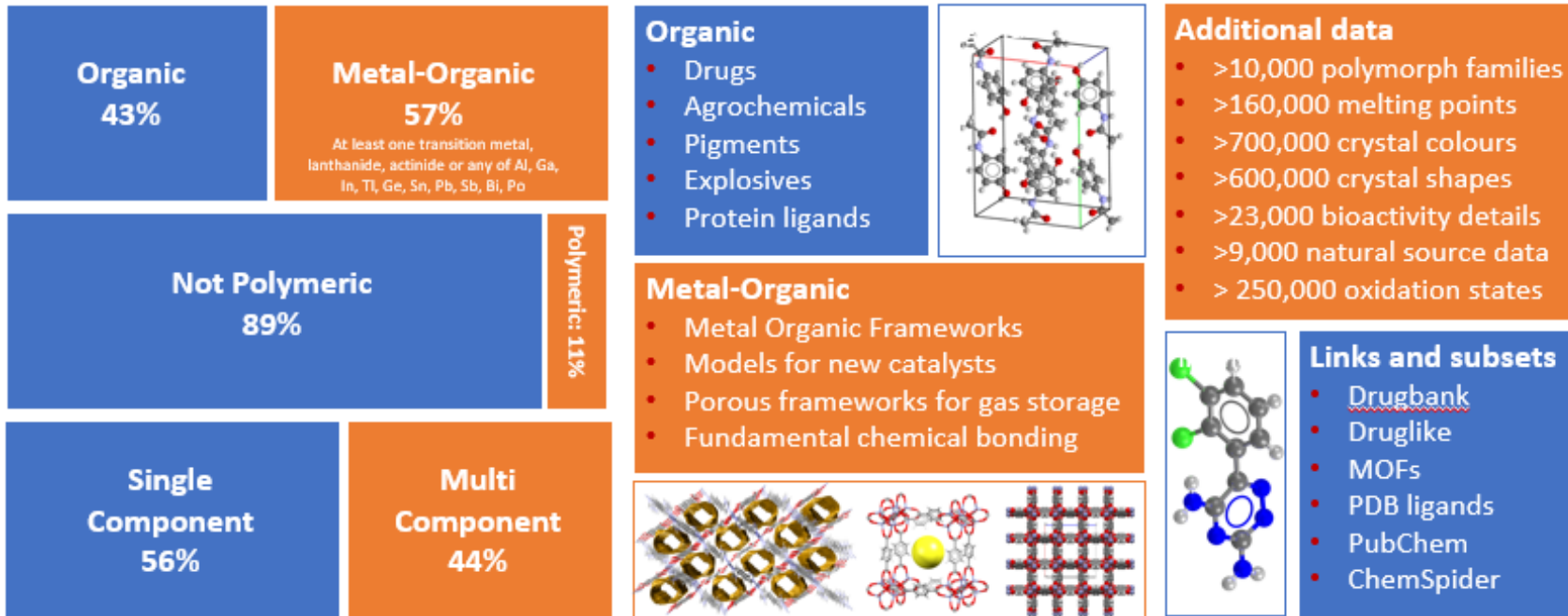
Compton scattering
 Pair production
 (Physics)

Fig. 3-1. Total photon cross section σ_{tot} in carbon, as a

Diffraction by crystals

Why should we care about x-rays, crystals, lattices, etc?

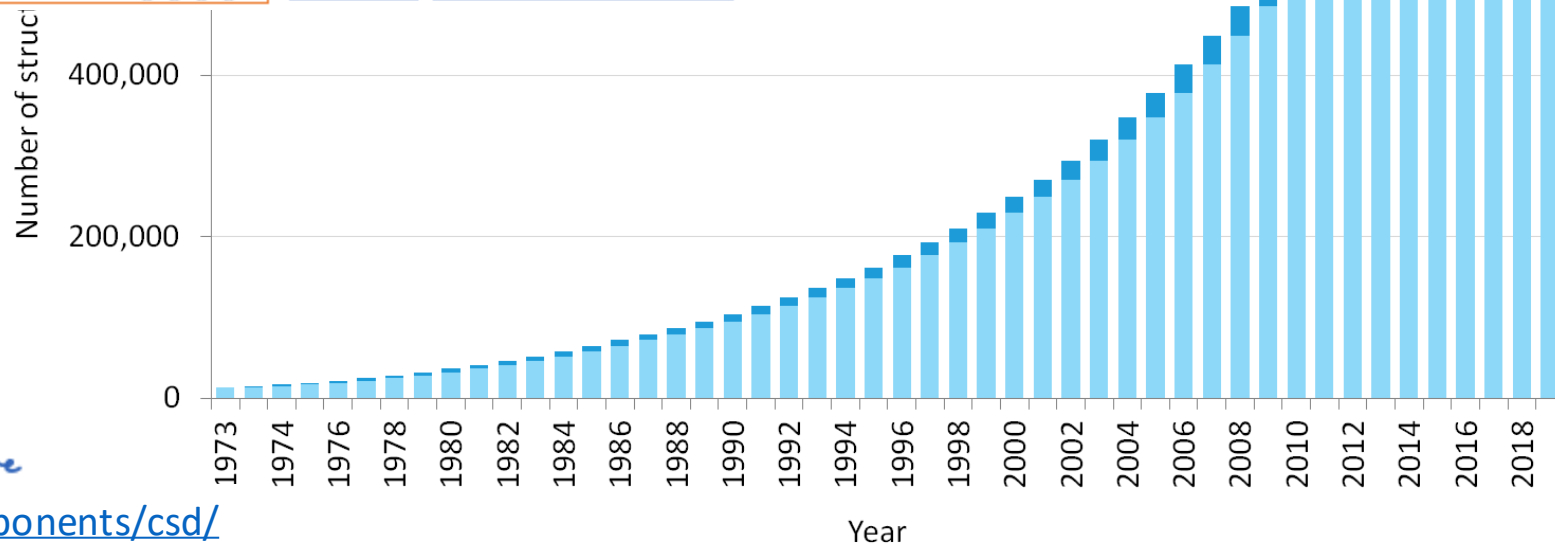
Source:
The Cambridge Structural Database (CSD)



⇒ X-ray diffraction one of most important tools for structural analysis

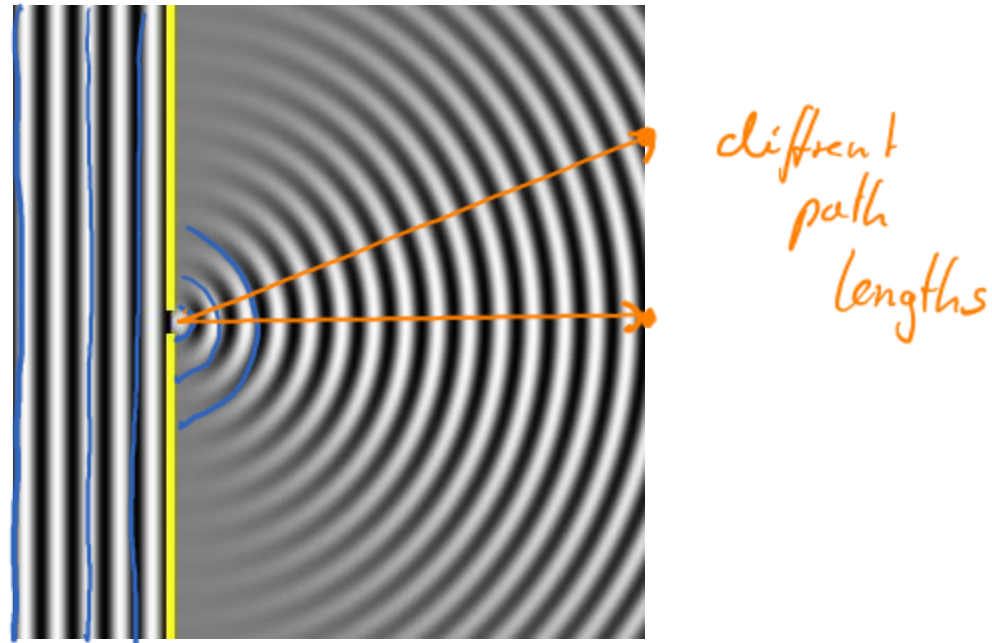
⇒ Combine with NMR, MS

⇒ X-rays provide electron densities → molecular backbone



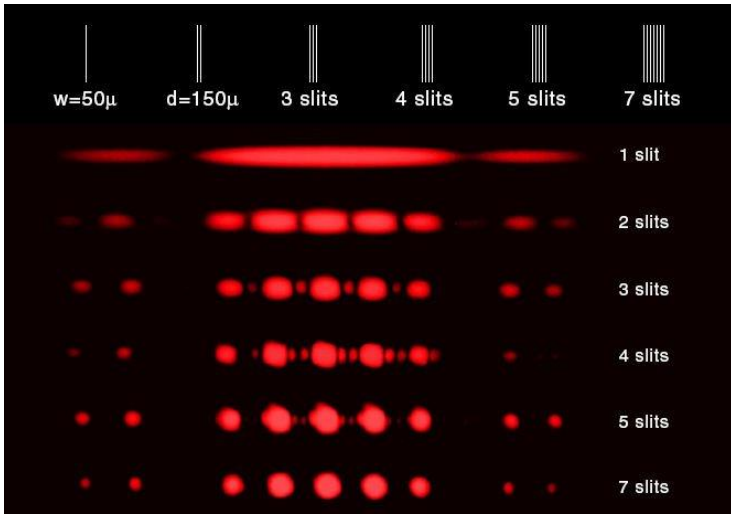
The Huygens-Fresnel Principle

- Hugen: every point a wave (a luminous disturbance) reaches becomes a source of a spherical wave; the sum of these secondary waves determines the form of the wave at any subsequent time.
- Huygens-Fresnel: every unobstructed point of a wavefront serves as a source of spherical secondary wavelets. The amplitude of the wave beyond is the superposition of all these wavelets. (includes amplitude and relative phase)



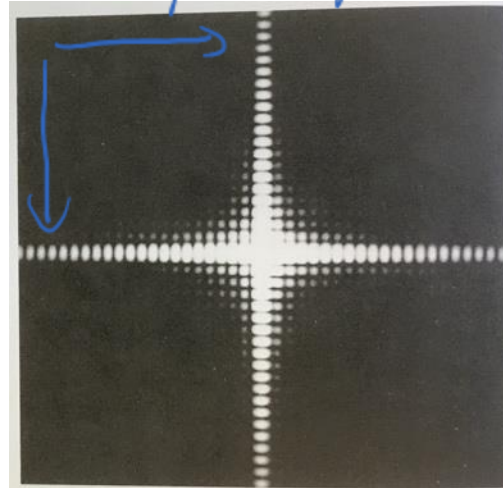
Diffraction examples

"slits"

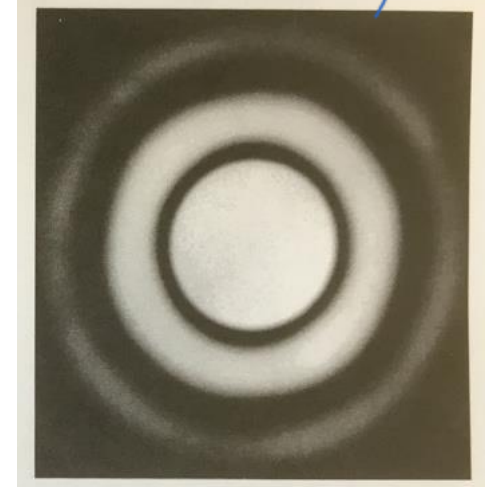


more slits
↓
finer structure

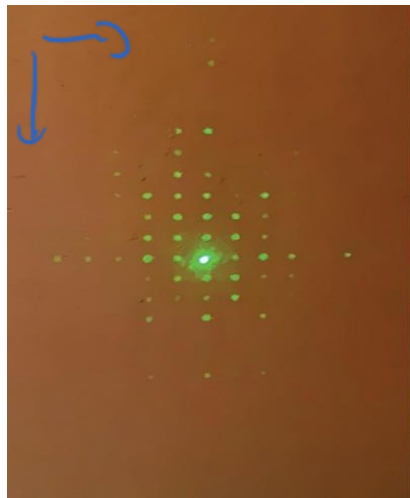
Square aperture



Circular aperture

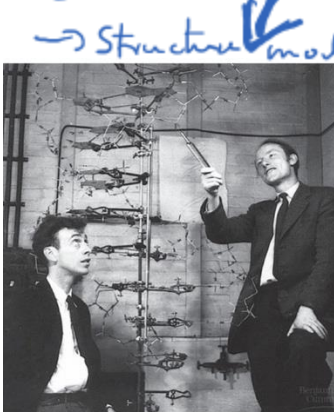


From structure of diffraction pattern, wavelength of light
↓
structure of sample



optical light diffraction
↓
~ microns
↓
pattern of iPhone pixel screen

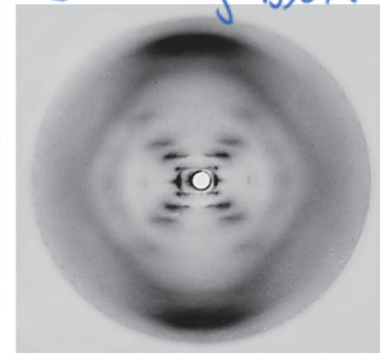
Watson, Crick



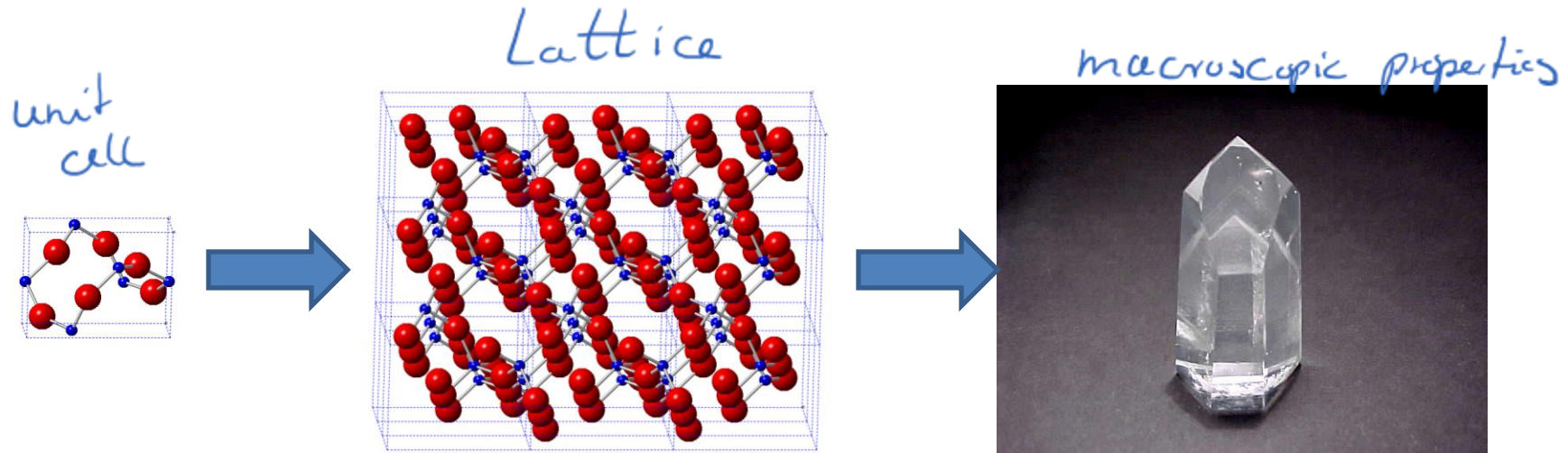
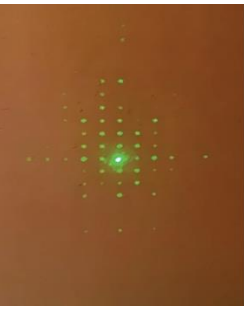
Rosalind Franklin



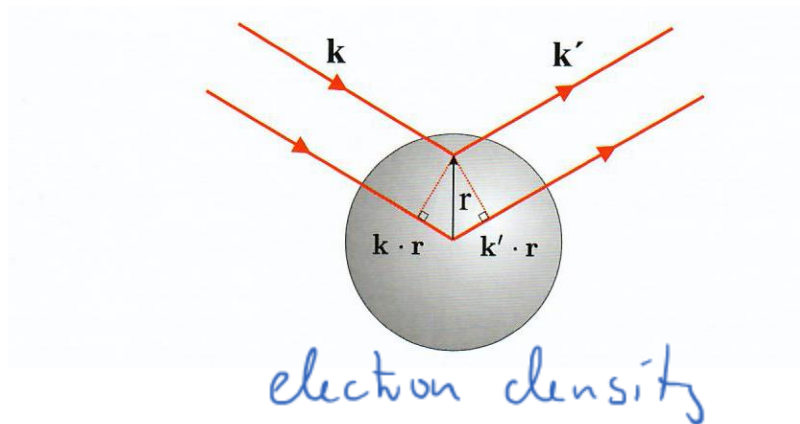
X-ray data of DNA



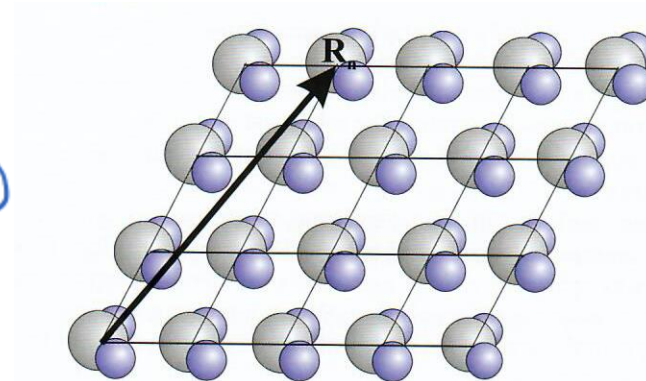
Crystalline materials are characterized by the long-range order



atom



Crystal



electrons localized at atoms in a periodic arrangement

Bragg scattering

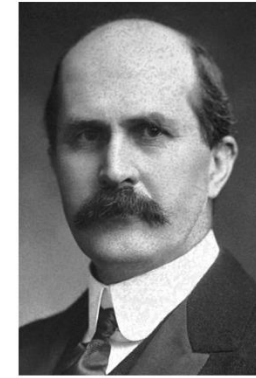


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 Sir William Henry Bragg
 Prize share: 1/2

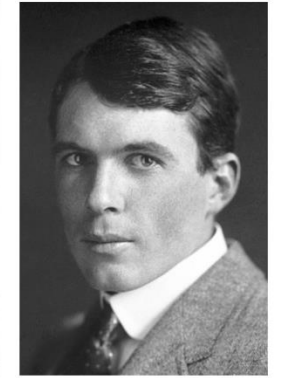
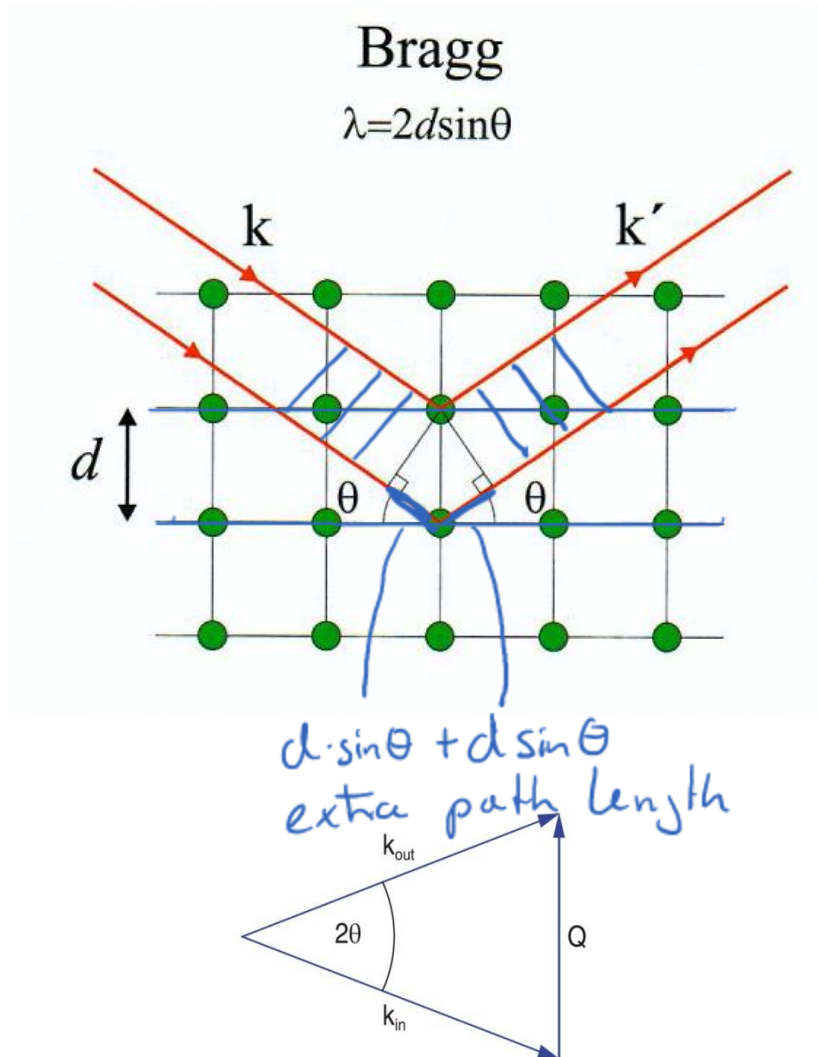


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→ atoms in defined positions
 → defined crystal planes
 → x-rays can "reflect" from these planes



Main idea again: exploit interference phenomena
 constitute positive interference

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

$$\sin \theta = \frac{n \lambda}{2d} \Rightarrow$$

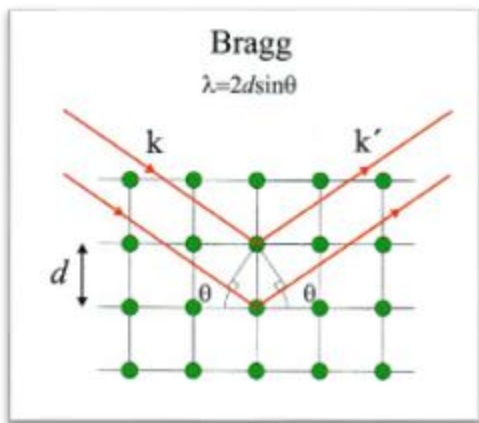
$$\boxed{2d \sin \theta = n \lambda}$$

Bragg law

Note: similar formalism applies to many other sample systems

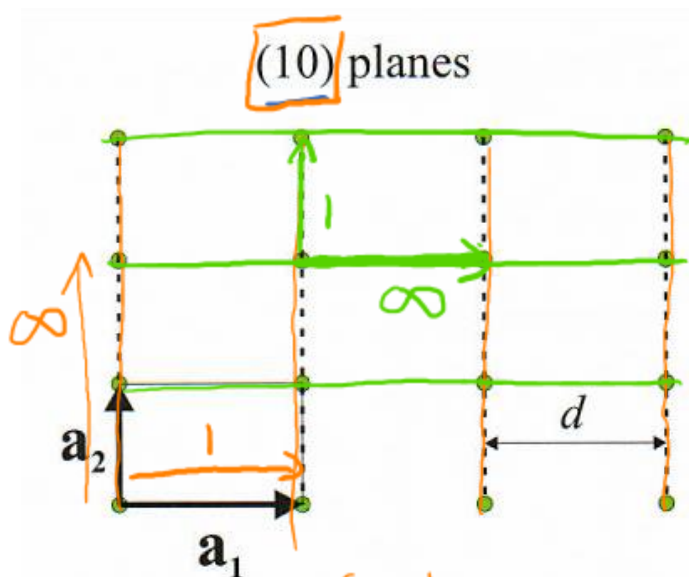
Lattice planes

→ We need formalism to describe Lattice planes



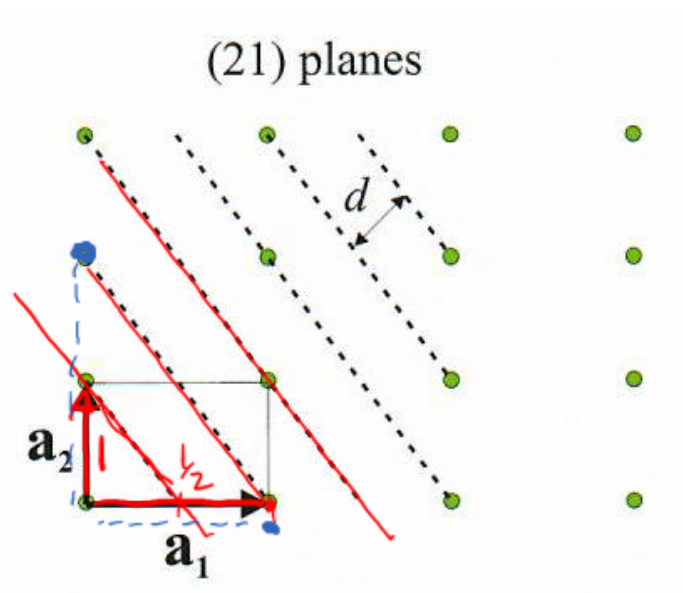
① Look where plane intersects axis

② Take inverse number & reduce to smallest ^{integer} number



$\frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{\infty} \rightarrow (10)$ plane

$\frac{1}{\infty}, \frac{1}{1} \rightarrow (01)$ plane



$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}, \frac{1}{1} \rightarrow (21)$ plane

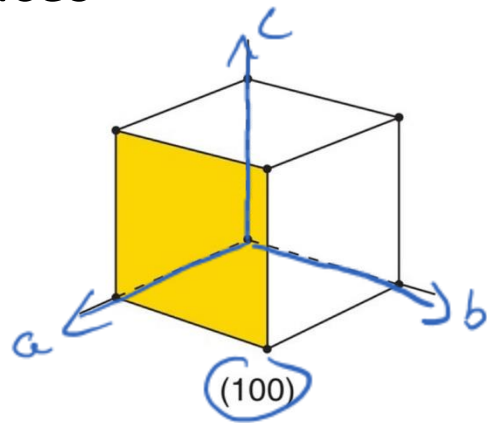
or
 $\frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow (1, 0, 5) \xrightarrow{\text{integer}} (21)$

Miller indices

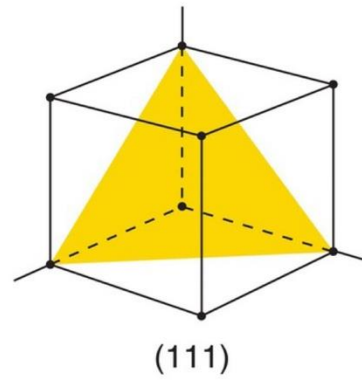
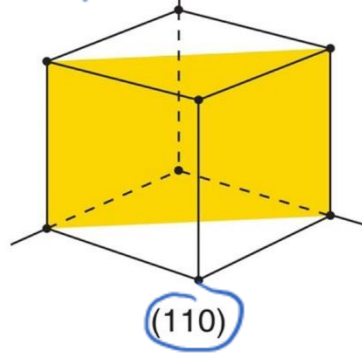
Common way to describe Lattice planes

$$\frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{\infty}, \frac{1}{\infty}$$

$$\rightarrow (100)$$

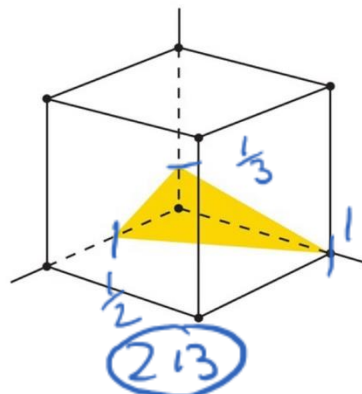
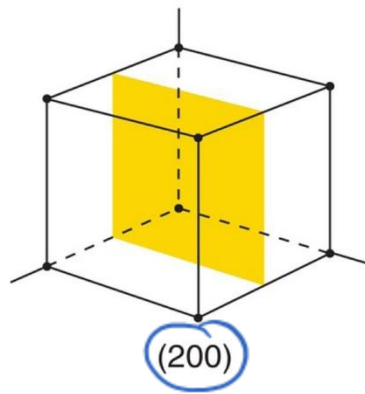


$$\frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{\infty} \rightarrow (110)$$

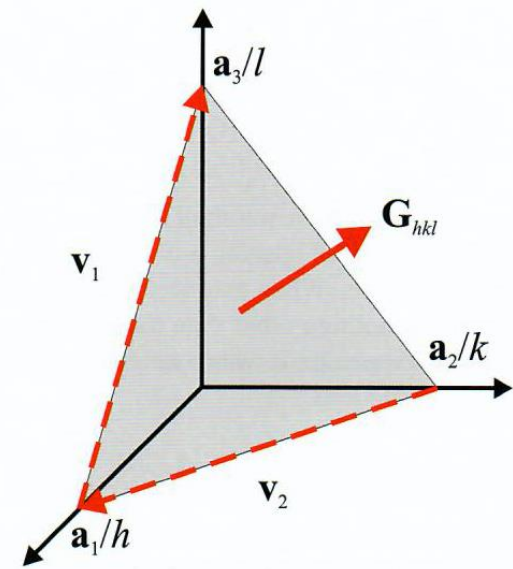
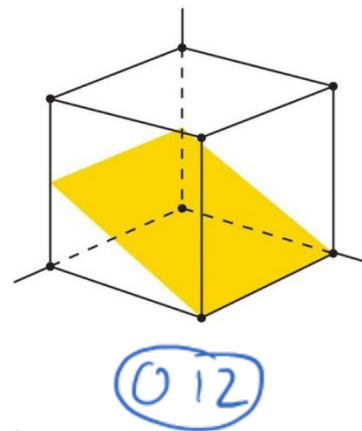


$$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}, \frac{1}{\infty}, \frac{1}{\infty}$$

$$\rightarrow (200)$$



$$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}, 1, 1, \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3}} \rightarrow (213)$$



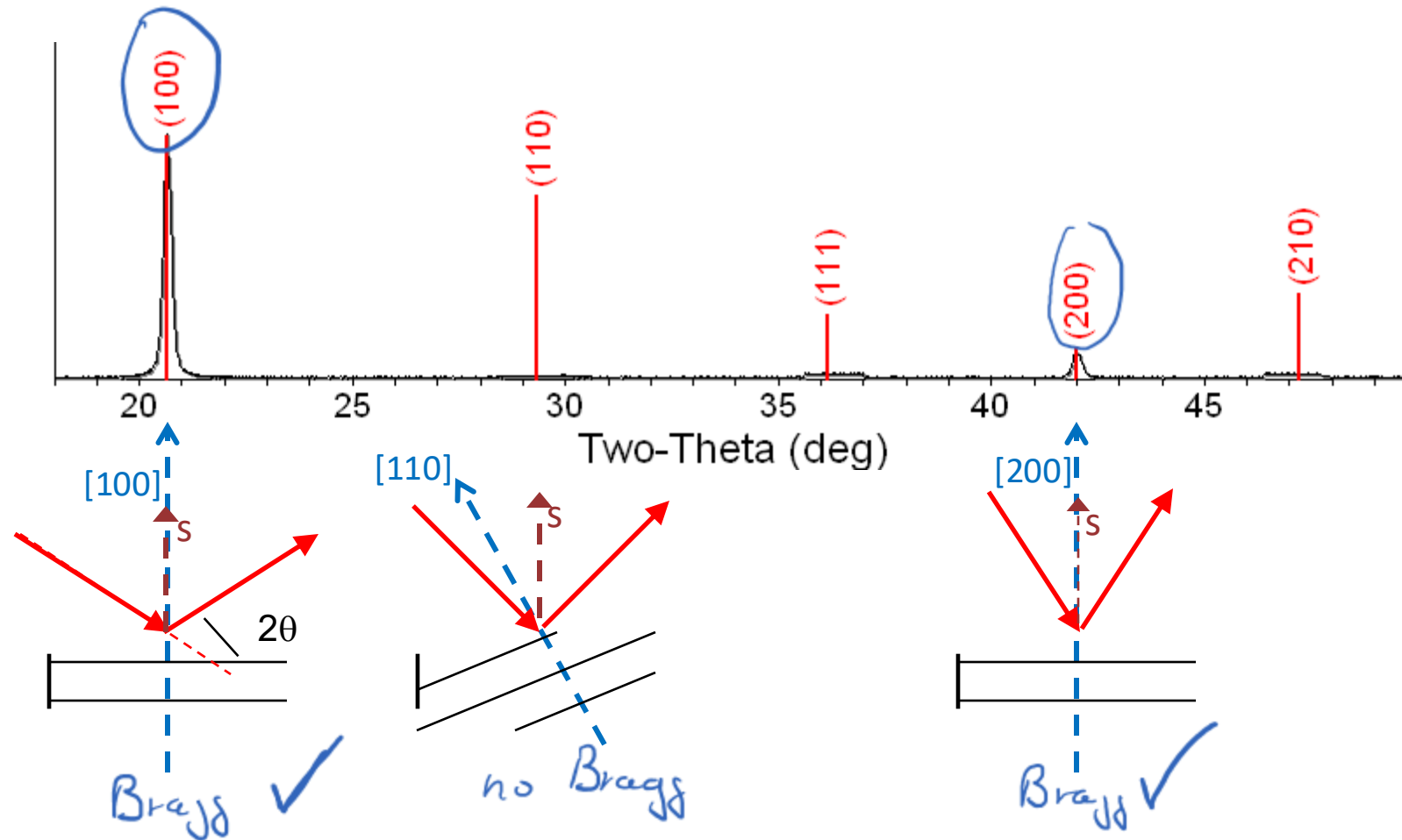
Note already now

Miller indices describe vector normal to plane

Recipe:

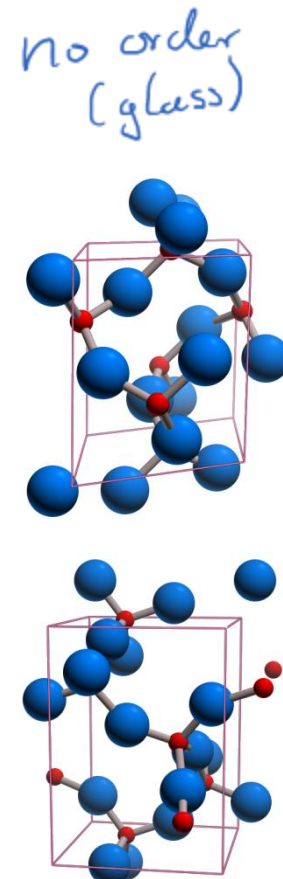
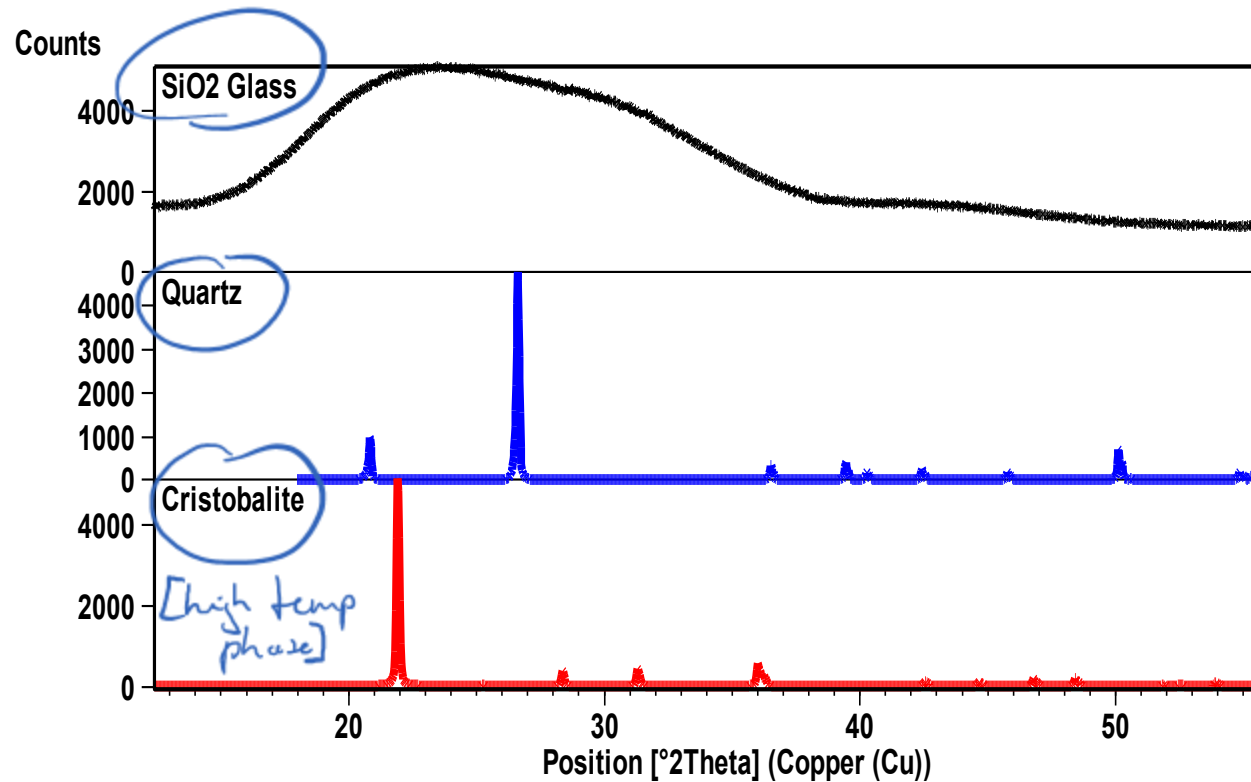
- find the intercepts of the plane on the respective crystal axis
- take the reciprocal of these numbers, reduce to smallest integers

A single crystal (typically) produces one family of Bragg peaks for fixed geometry and λ



100, 200 parallel \rightarrow both yield signals but at different angles
If Bragg condition is not met \rightarrow no constructive interference

Characteristic signals from different – chemically identical – samples

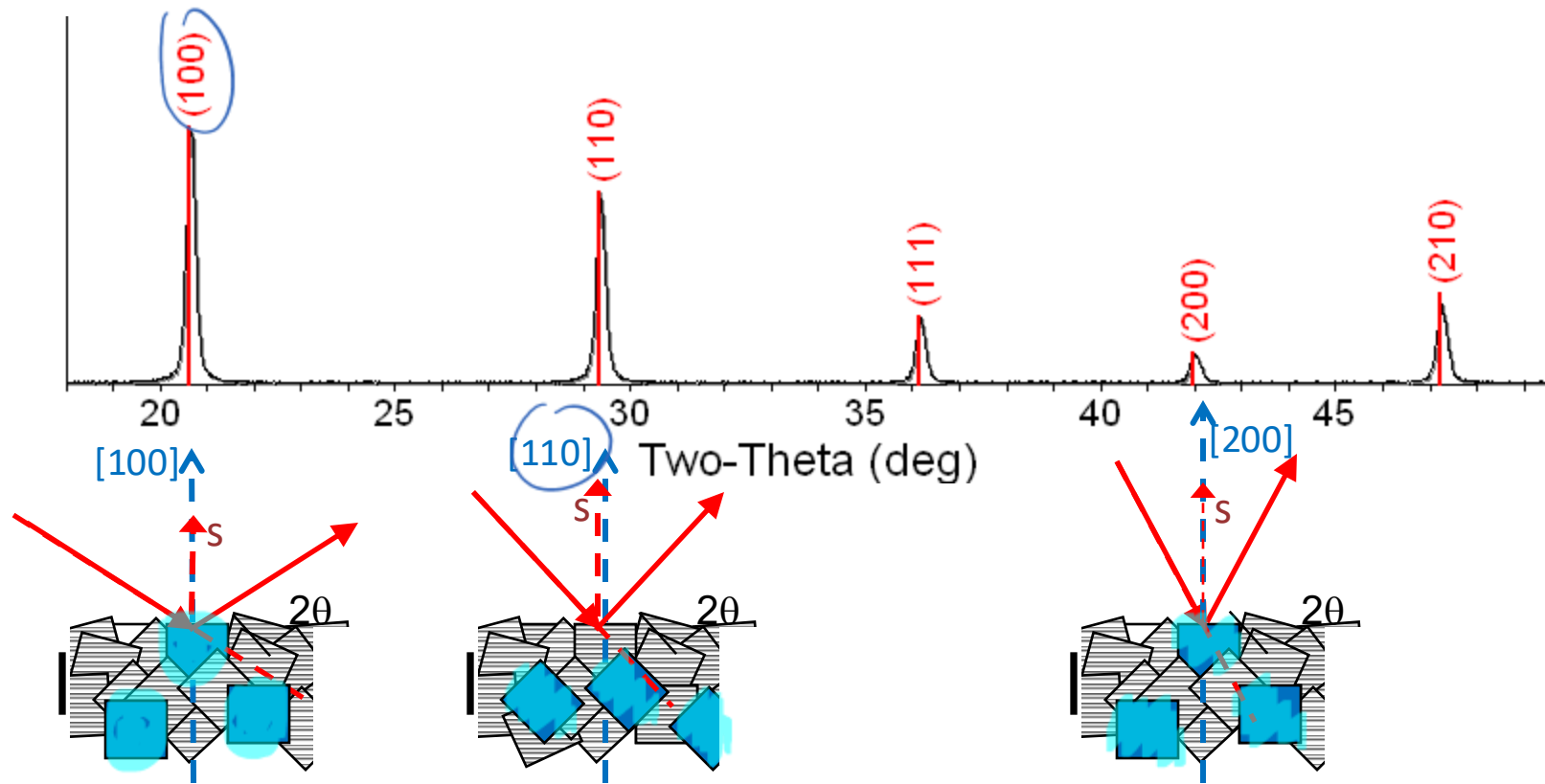


- all SiO_2 samples but different phases
- all structures are chemically identical but their structure order is different

⇓
XRD yields info about atomic arrangement

Powder diffraction

Diffraction of a polycrystalline sample



\Rightarrow measure all possible orientations in a statistical average

Diffraction signal of different sample types

single crystal

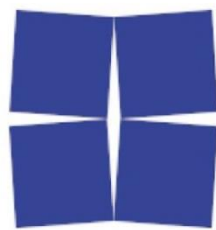


"ideal"
→ spots

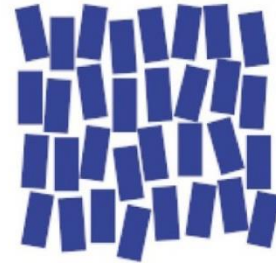
twinned crystal



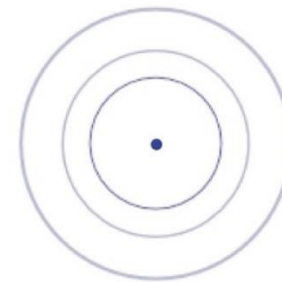
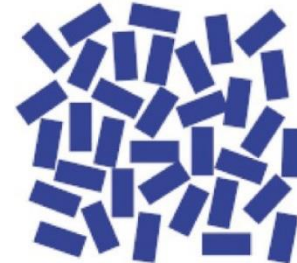
crystal with mosaic spread



textured sample

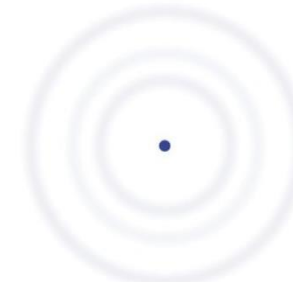
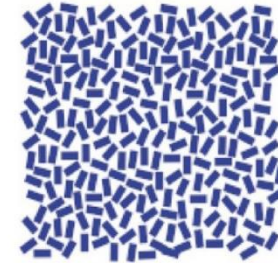


powder sample



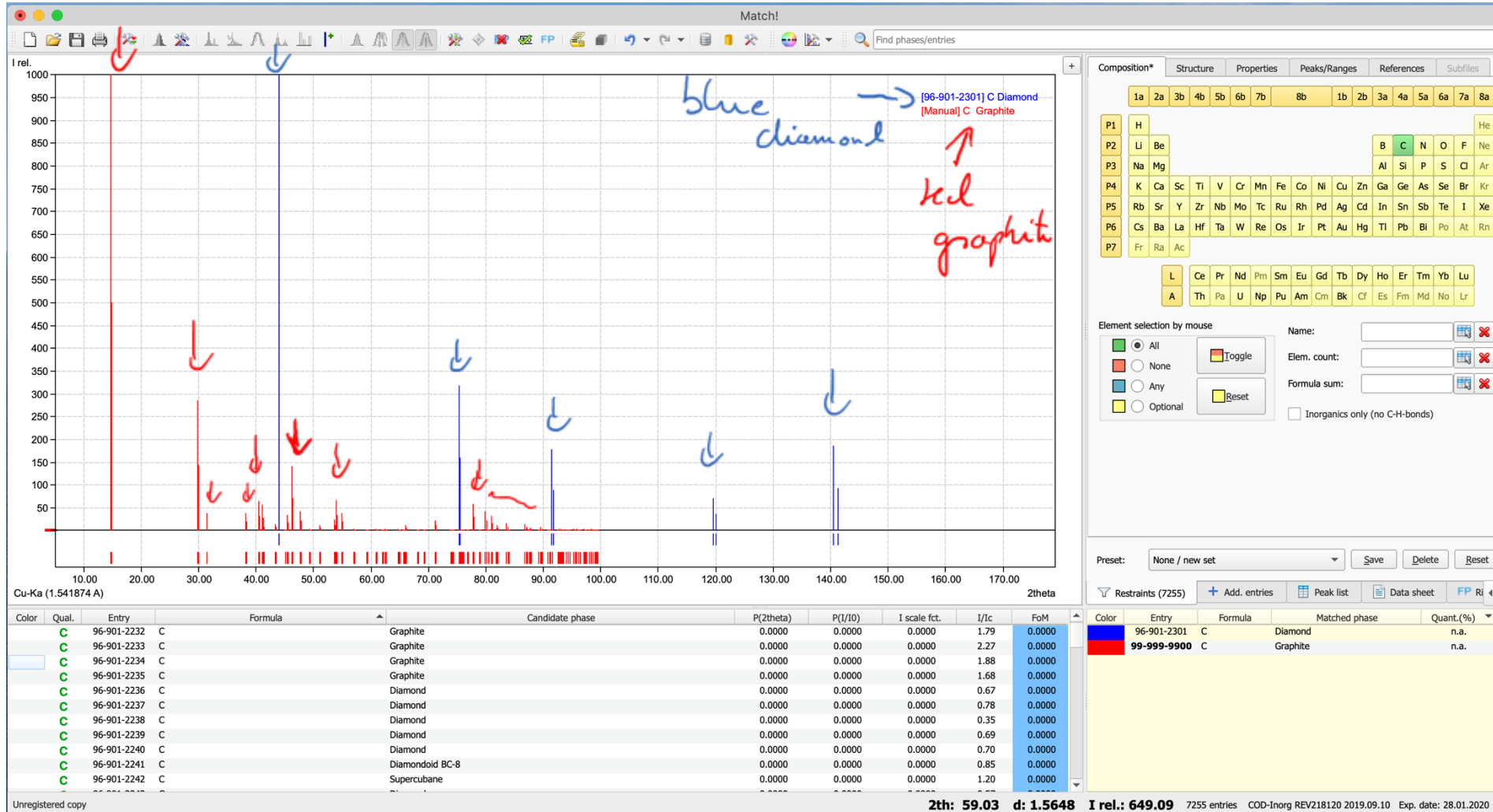
→ rings

nanocrystalline powder



→ broadened rings

Powder diffraction data bases for elemental analysis

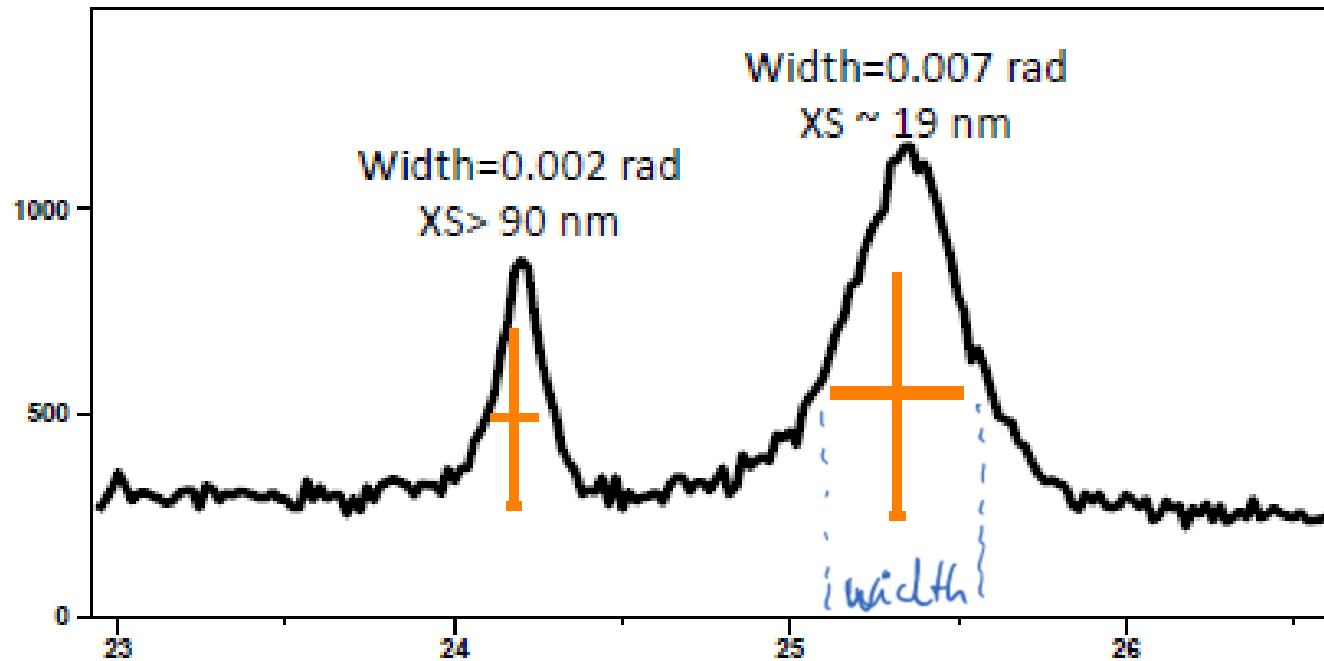


Common tool
for structural
and phase
analysis

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automated:
feed in your
pattern,
spits out a
structure
(proposal)

Debye-Scherrer Formula

The diffraction peak width may contain microstructural information



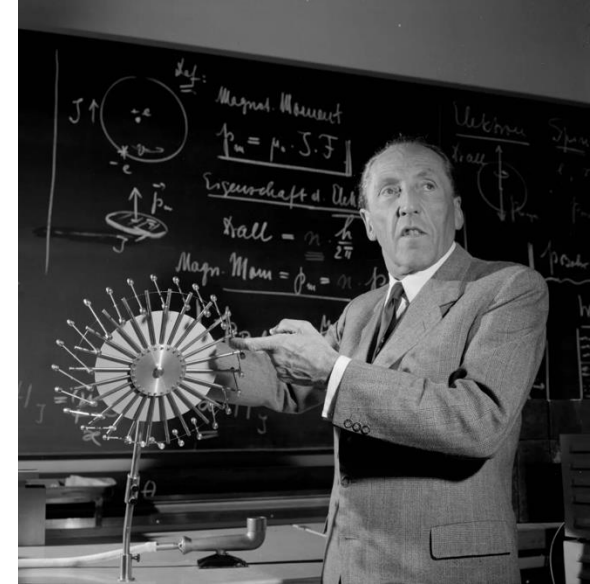
Note: the "natural" angle are radians
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 always use

$$\text{Size} = \frac{K\lambda}{\text{Width} \cdot \cos \theta}$$

$K \sim 0.9$
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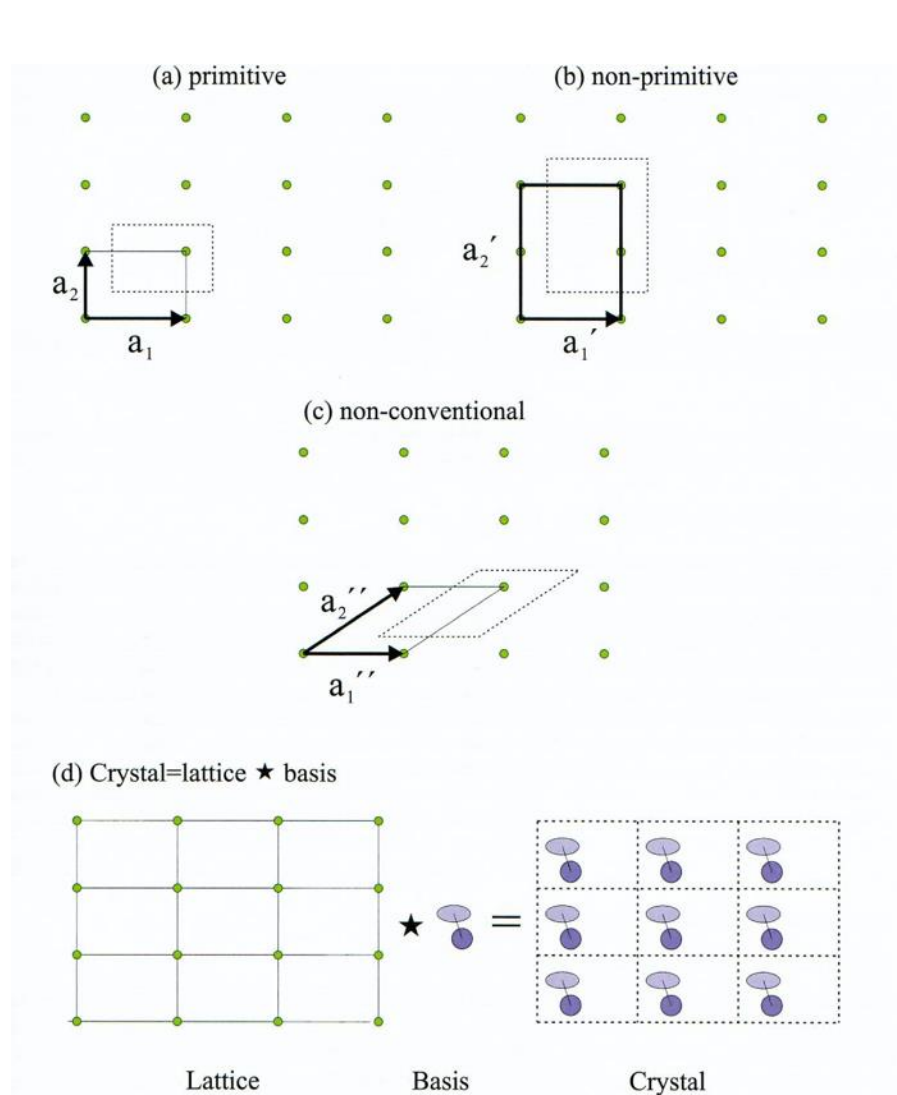
The Debye-Scherrer formula relates the peak width with the particle size

For smaller samples - without the infinite translational symmetry, the peaks are broadened.



Paul Scherrer
 Swiss Physicist (1890-1969)

A crystal is defined by its lattice and basis



Convolution Lattice \otimes Base

Remember: diffraction \leftrightarrow Fourier transform

Diffraction: \overline{FT}

$$\overline{FT}(f \otimes g) = \overline{FT}(f) \cdot \overline{FT}(g)$$

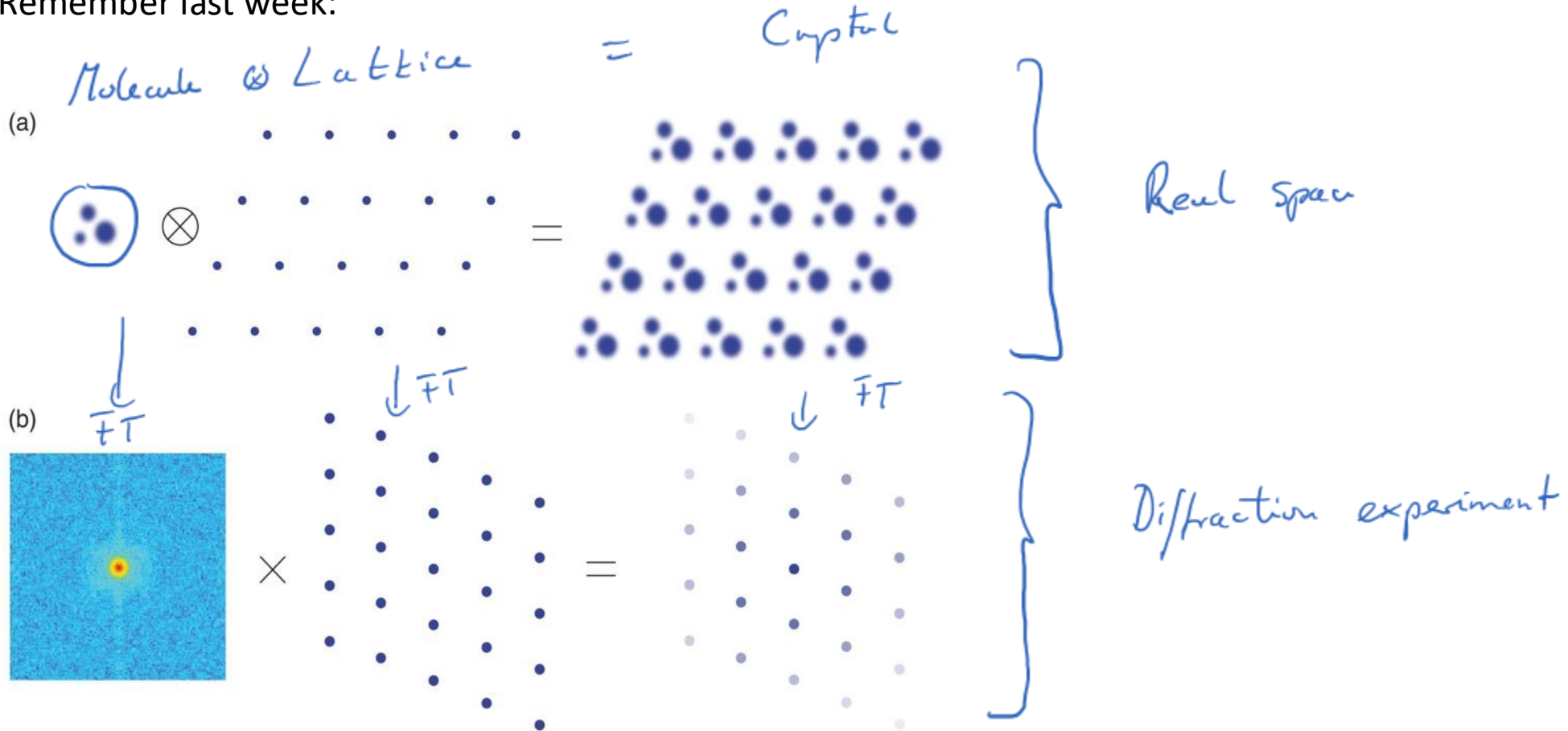
or

$$\overline{FT}(\text{crystal}) = \overline{FT}(L \otimes B) = \overline{FT}(L) \cdot \overline{FT}(B)$$

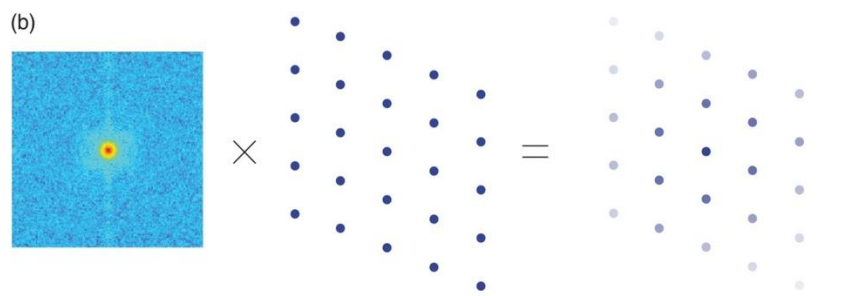
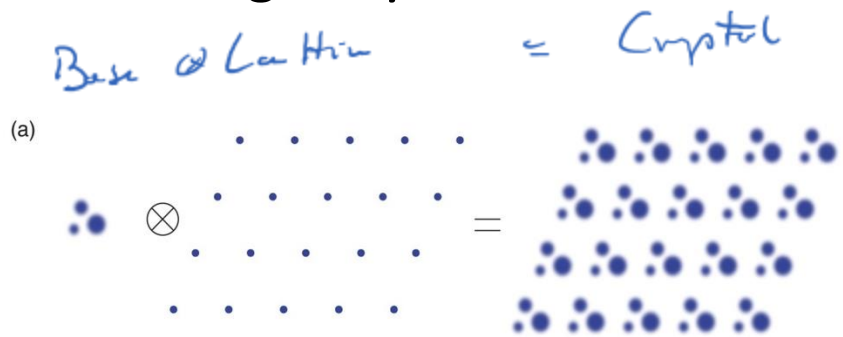
↓ physics solved 36
↓ sample

Why and how does it work?

Remember last week:



Solving a crystal structure



Molecular pattern \times Bragg pattern = diffraction pattern

$FT(\text{Base}) \times FT(\text{Lattice}) = FT(\text{Crystal})$

Envelope Peaks Data

But ... Phase is lost (remember?!)

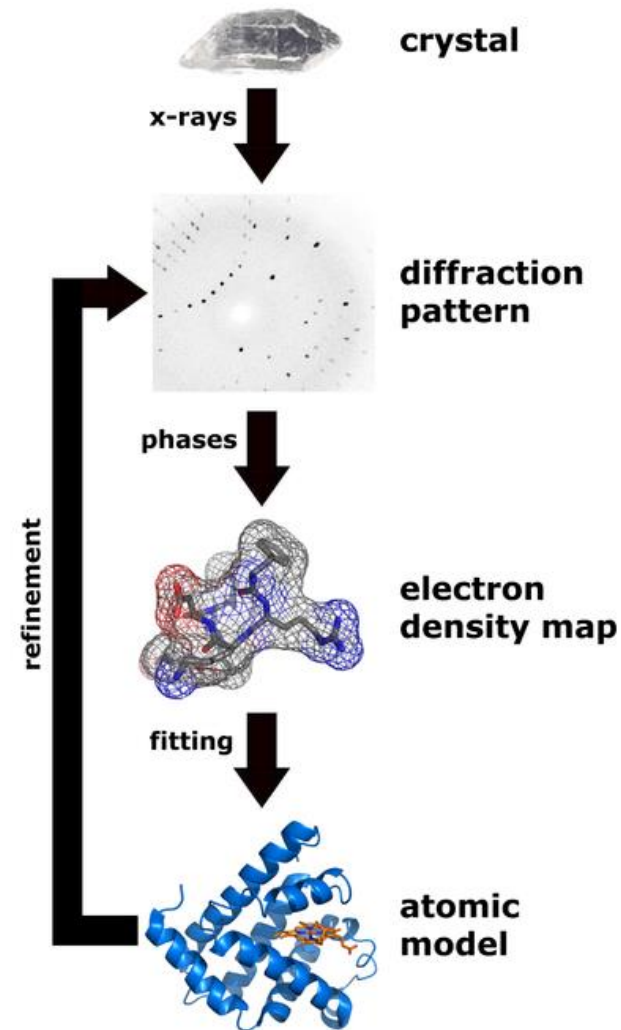
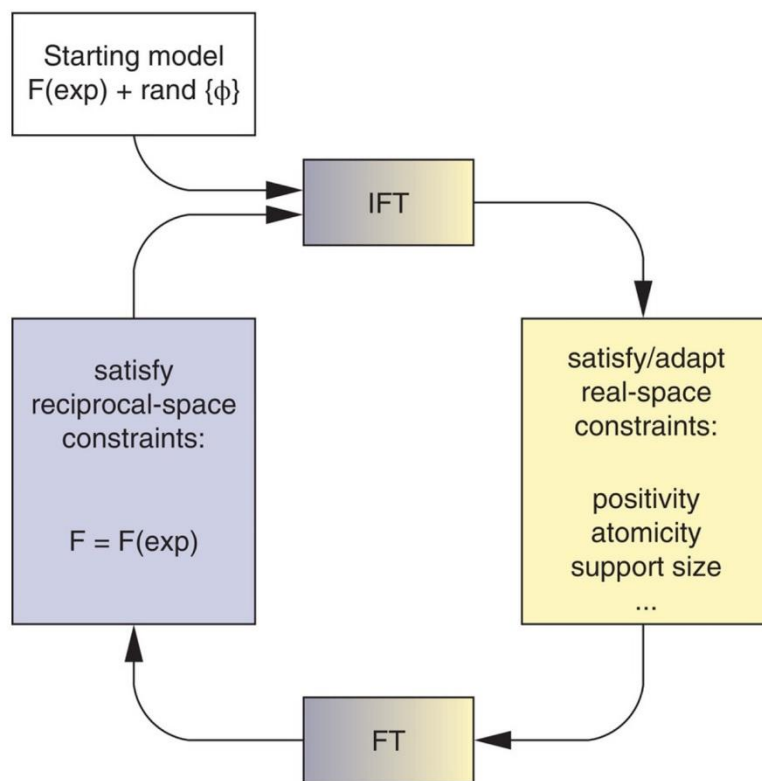
Problem

$$A = A_0 \exp[i \dots \phi]$$

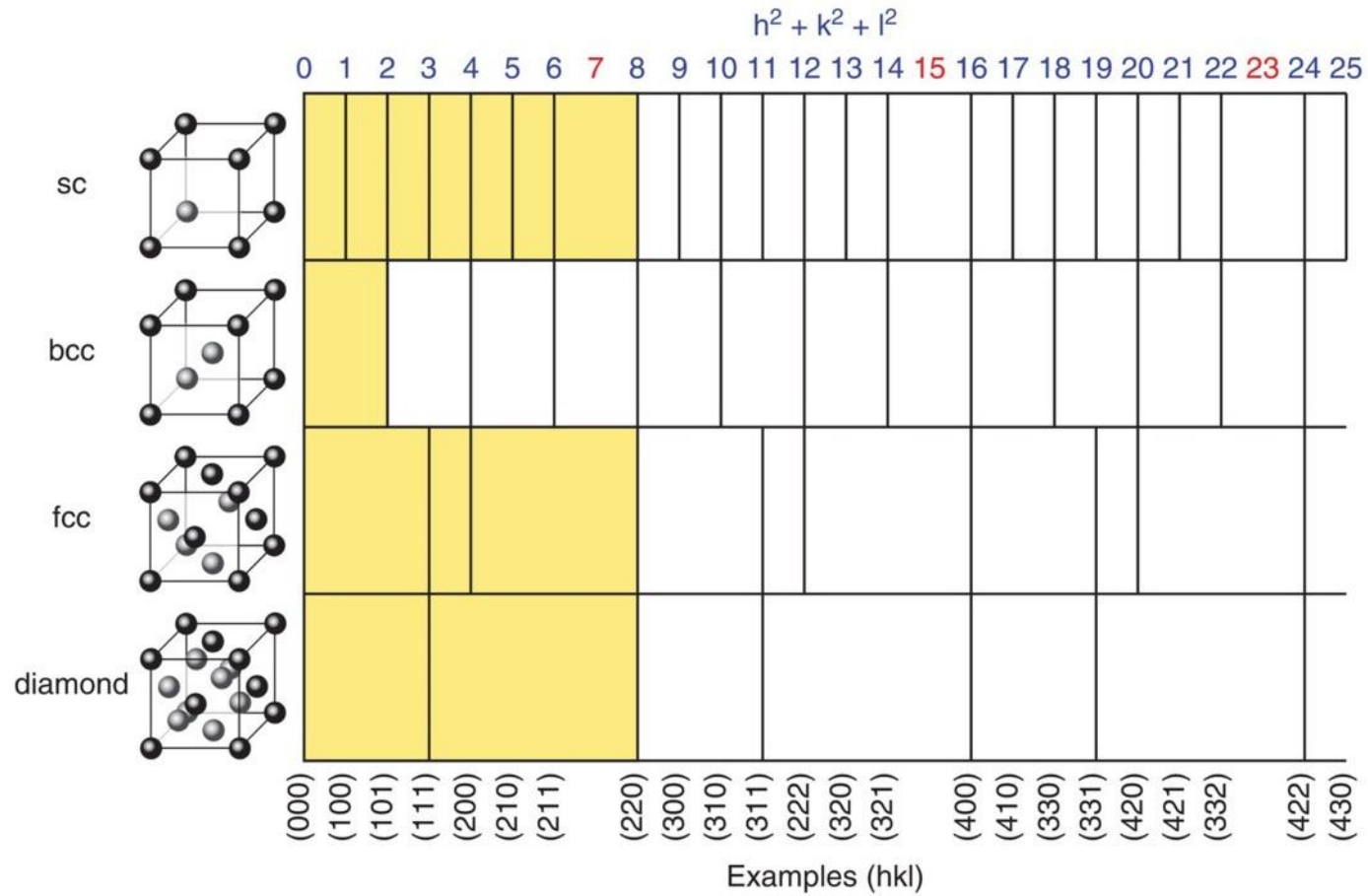
Measurement

$$I = |A|^2 \Rightarrow \text{Phase Lost!}$$

Reconstruct:



Allowed and forbidden reflections



The end