

9. Diffraction

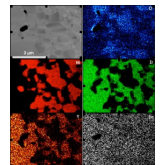
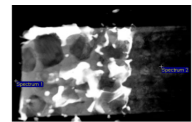
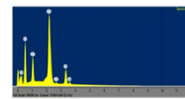
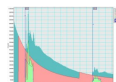
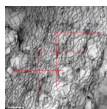
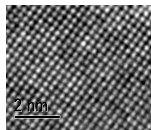
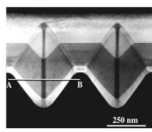
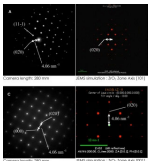
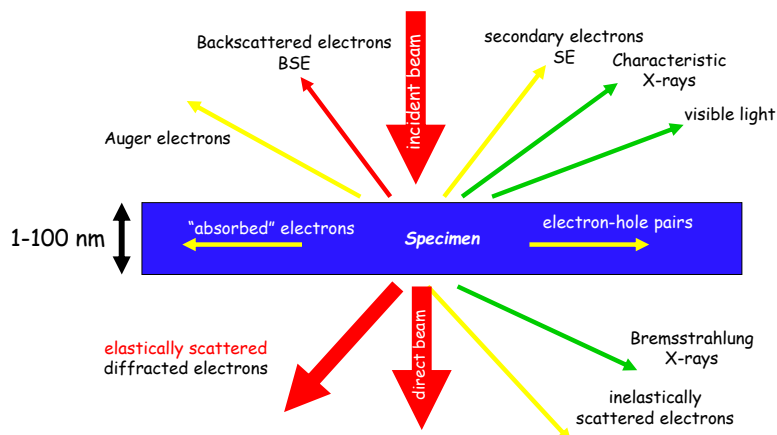
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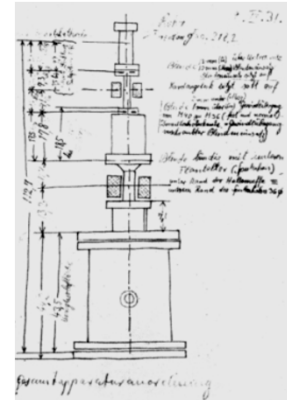
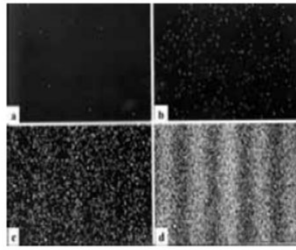
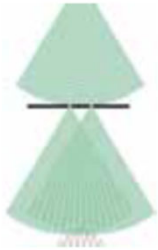
Signals from a thin sample



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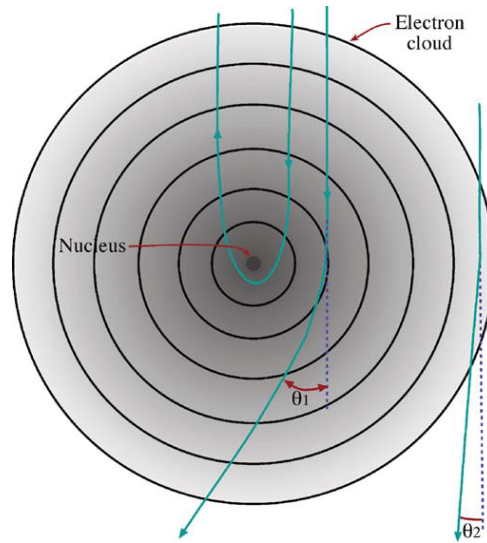
History

- 1897: J.J. Thomson: predicts the existence of electrons
- 1923: De Broglie: concept of **wavelength associated to particles**, confirmation by Young's experiment
- 1927: Busch: focalisation law for magnetic fields, Davisson, Gremer, Thomson: electron diffraction
- 1931: Ruska, Knoll: first images by electron microscope



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scattering of electrons by atom(s)



Coulombic interaction with electron cloud:
Low angle scattering (coherent)

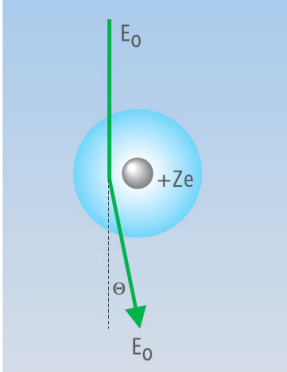
Coulombic interaction with nucleus:
high angle scattering (incoherent)

Williams and Carter:
Transmission electron microscopy
Chapter 3: elastic scattering

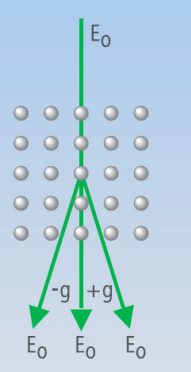


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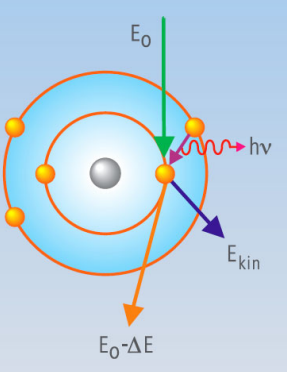
interaction of high energetic electrons with matter



Elastic scattering
in amorphous specimens



Elastic scattering
in crystalline specimens



Inelastic scattering
at specimen atoms

TEM of biological samples, polymers
STEM
HR-STEM of crystalline samples
incoherent (e⁻ "particle")
high angle, Rutherford type


crystalline structure,
defect analysis,
high-resolution TEM
coherent (e⁻ "wave")
low angle, Huygens
principle

chemical analysis,
Spectroscopy
incoherent, energy loss
(e⁻ particle)

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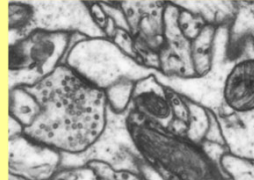
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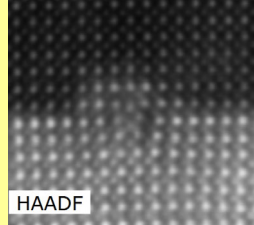
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interaction -> contrast

elastic, incoherent

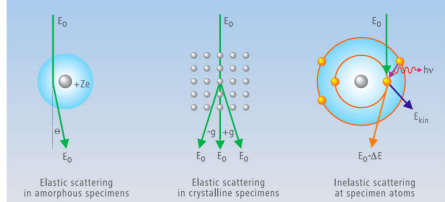


Thin section of mouse brain: mass contrast of stained membrane structures (G. Knott)

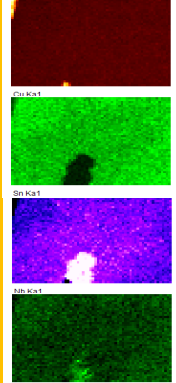


HAADF

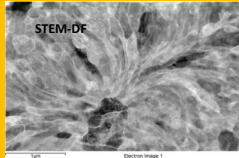
High-resolution STEM image «z»-contrast



inelastic



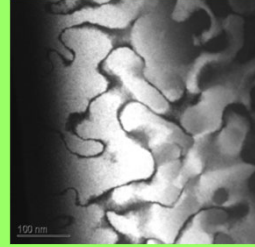
EDS element maps



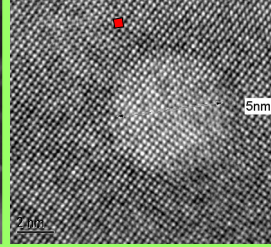
STEM-DF

Element distribution maps of Nb₃Sn superconductor

elastic, coherent



Dark field image of differently ordered domains: Diffraction contrast




High-resolution image: Image contrast due to interference between transmitted and diffracted beam

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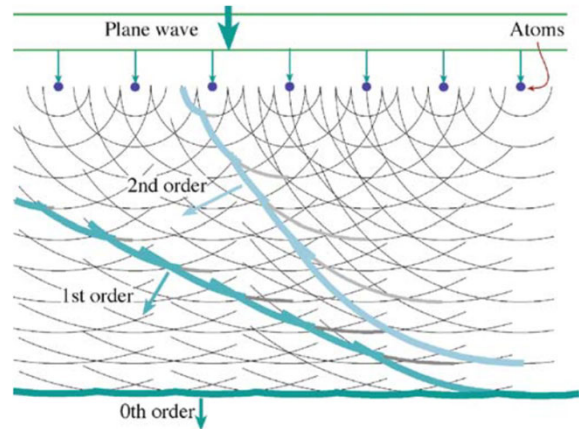
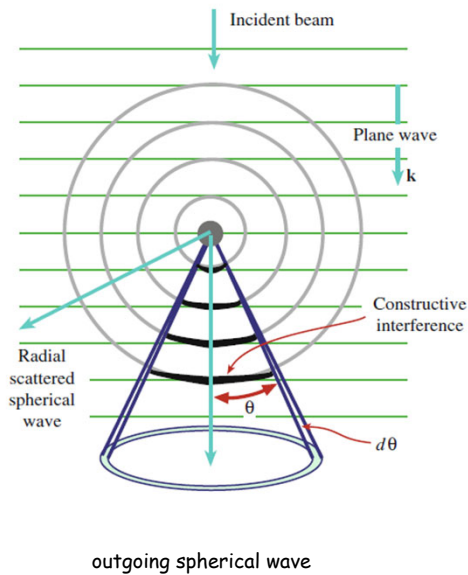
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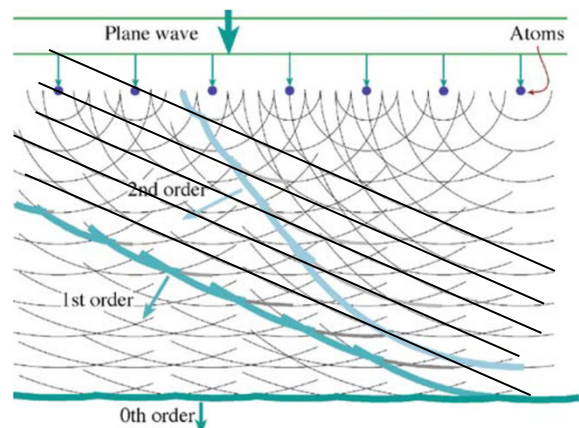
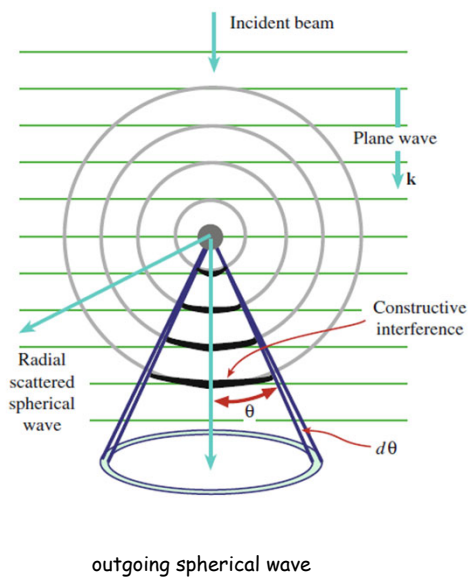
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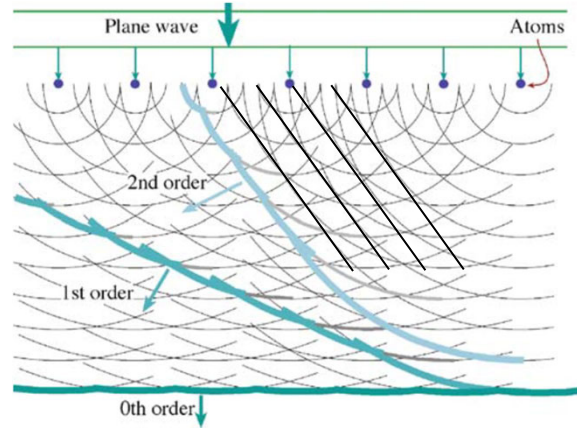
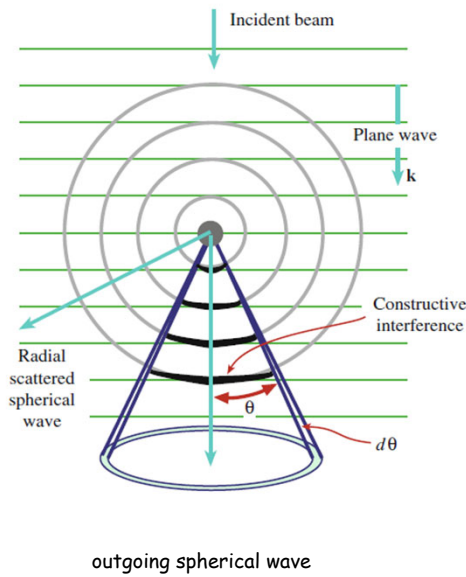
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Abbé's principle in light optics

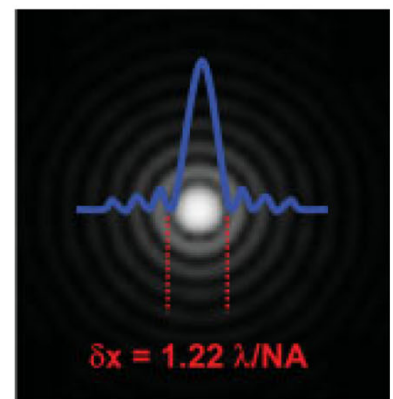
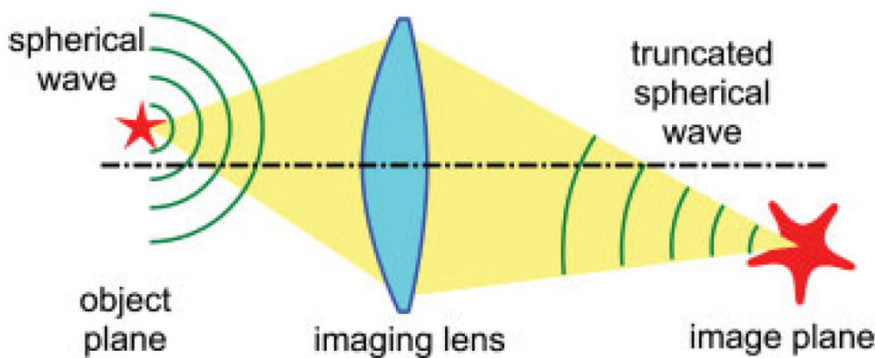


Figure 21-2: Image formation of self-luminous objects.

Handbook of Optical Systems: Vol. 2. Physical Image Formation.

x : resolution (point spread function)
 λ : wave length
 NA: numerical aperture (lens diameter)



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Abbe: image formation by diffraction

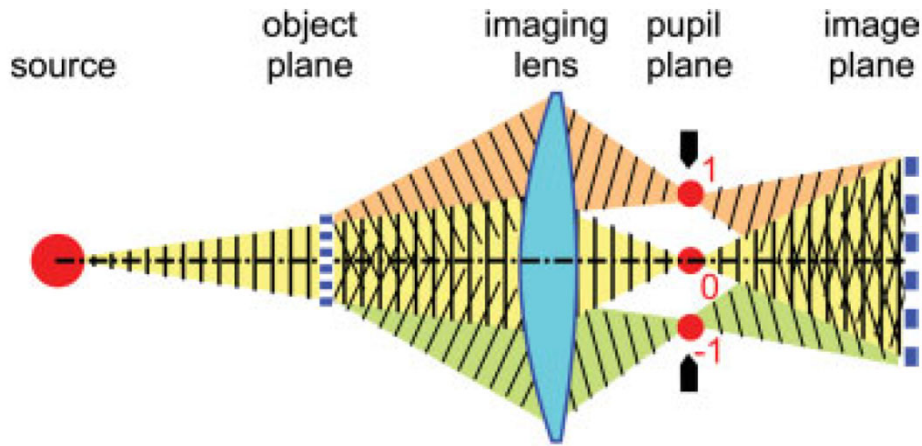
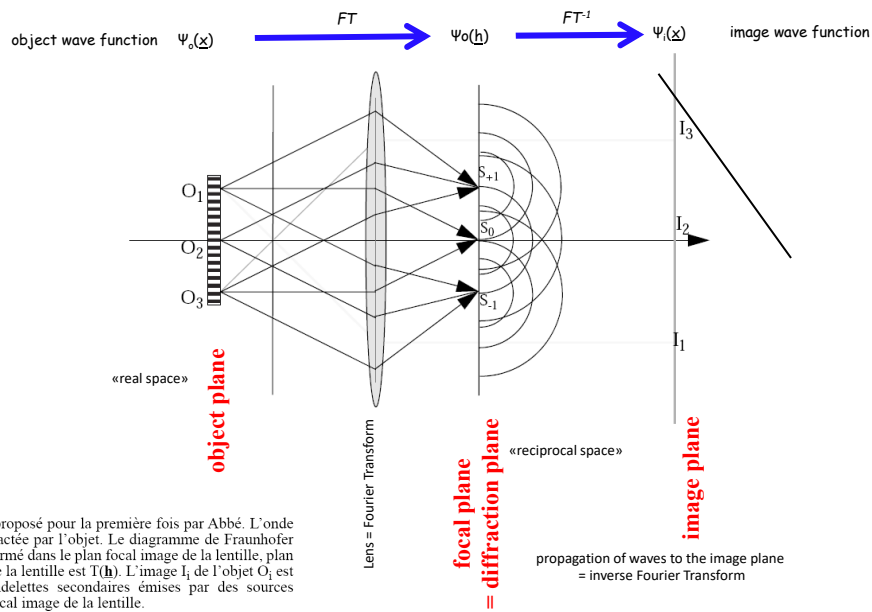
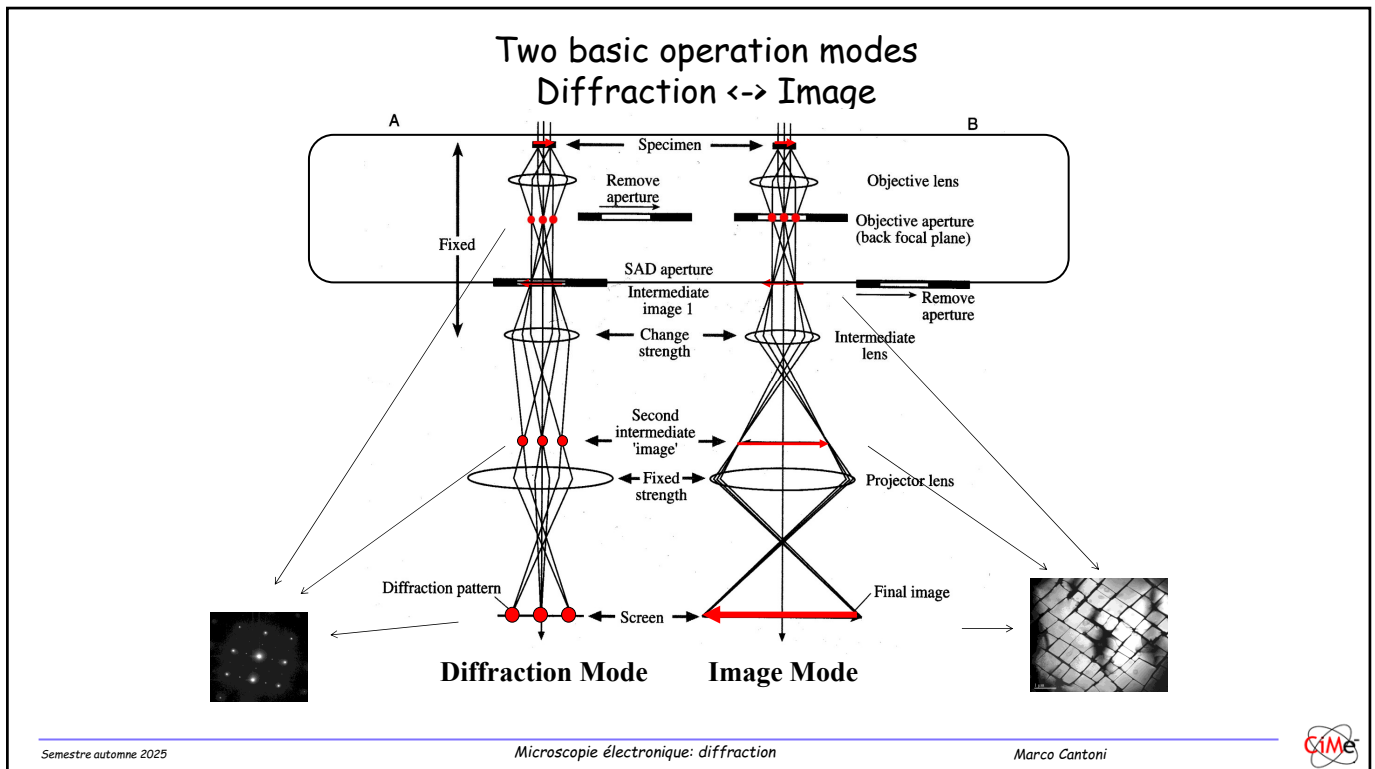


Figure 21-3: Abbe Theory of image formation by diffraction and interference.

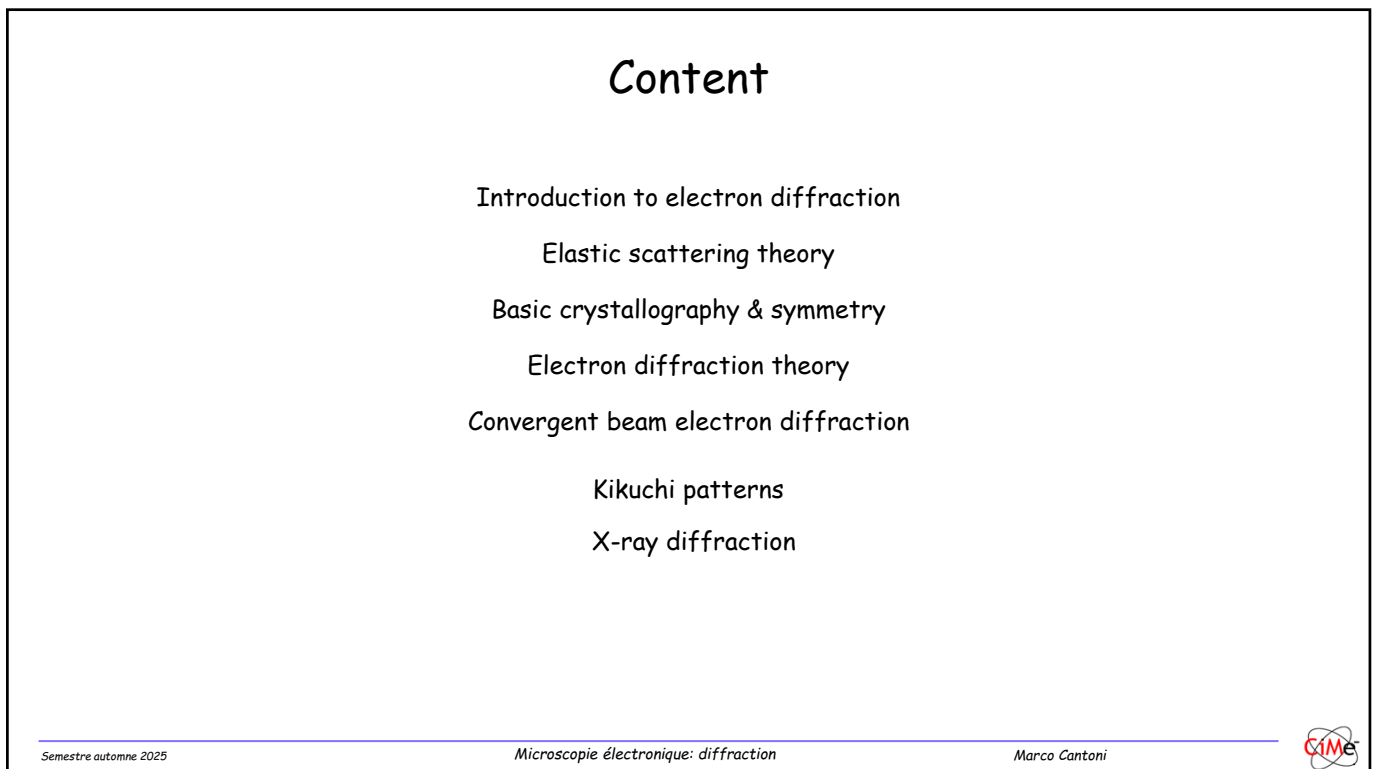
Abbe's principle



Principe de la formation de l'image proposé pour la première fois par Abbe. L'onde incidente monochromatique est diffractée par l'objet. Le diagramme de Fraunhofer de la fonction d'onde de l'objet est formé dans le plan focal image de la lentille, plan dans lequel la fonction de transfert de la lentille est $T(h)$. L'image I_i de l'objet O_i est le résultat de l'interférence des ondelettes secondaires émises par des sources ponctuelles S_j placées dans le plan focal image de la lentille.



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- wavelength of fast moving electrons much smaller than spacing of atomic planes
=> diffraction from atomic planes (e.g. 200 kV e^- , $\lambda = 0.0025$ nm)
- electrons interact very strongly with matter => strong diffraction intensity
(can take patterns in seconds, unlike X-ray diffraction)
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scatter range of electrons, neutrons and X-rays

(99% of intensity lost)

Élément (masse spécifique)	4-Be 1.84 g/cm ³	13-Al 2.7 g/cm ³	29-Cu 8.93 g/cm ³	82-Pb 11.3 g/cm ³
Rayons X Cu-K α $\lambda = 1.54 \text{ \AA}$ Mo-K α $\lambda = 0.71 \text{ \AA}$	16 mm 83 mm	0.35 mm 3.3 mm	0.10 mm 0.10 mm	0.017 mm 0.034 mm
Neutrons thermiques $\lambda \approx 1.08 \text{ \AA}$	89 m	6 m	0.26 m	14 m
Électrons $\lambda = 0.037 \text{ \AA}$ à 100 kV $\lambda = 0.020 \text{ \AA}$ à 300 kV	39 μm	42 μm ~330 μm	11 μm	0.6 μm



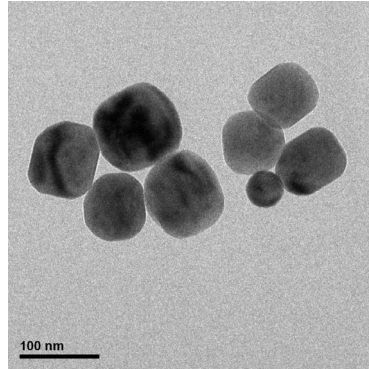
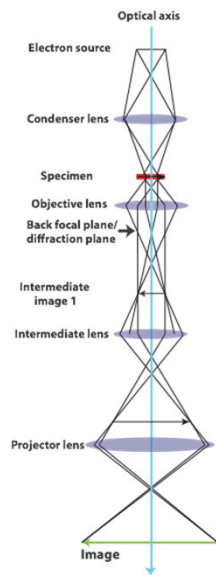
electron, neutron X-ray scattering

wave	Wavelength λ	Source	Scattering at	Differentiation of	Sample size
X-rays	0.07nm 0.15nm	X-ray tubes synchrotrons	Electron cloud	Lattice parameters Unit cell	0.1mm
Electrons	2pm @300keV	e guns (SEM/TEM)	Potential distribution (electrons & nucleus)	Lattice parameters, Orientations	0.1um
Neutrons (1)	~0.1nm	Nuclear reactors	Nuclear scattering (nucleus)	LP, isotopes	m
Neutrons (2)	"	"	Magnetic spin (outer electrons)	Oxidation states	m

Scattering power: $n : \text{X-ray} : e = 1 : 10 : 10^4$



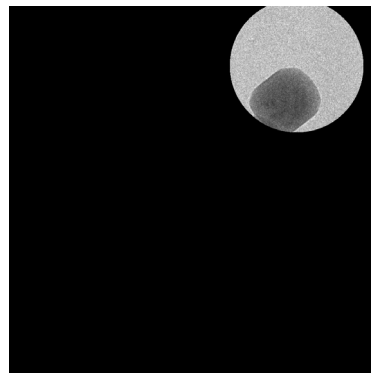
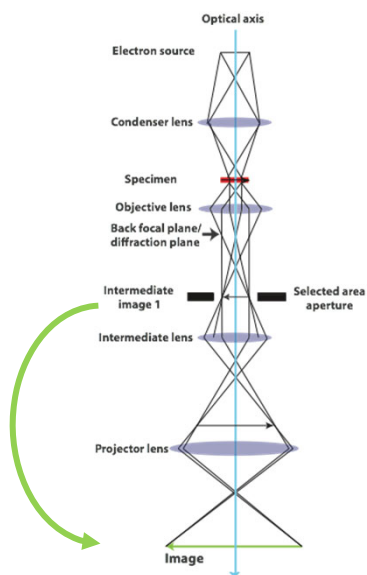
Image formation



BaTiO₃ nanocrystals (Psaltis lab)

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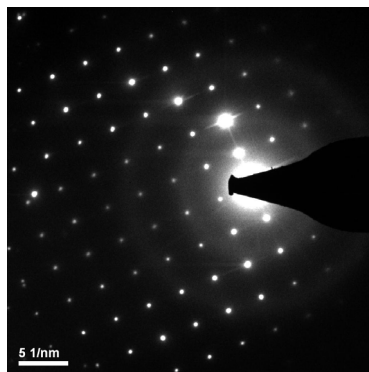
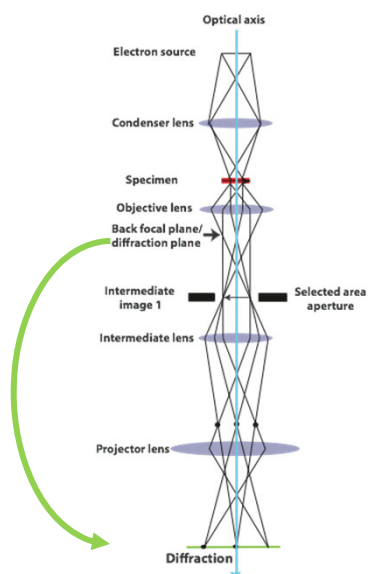
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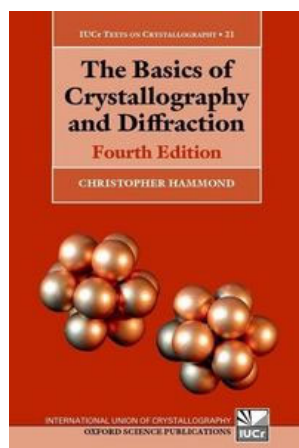
Take selected-area diffraction pattern



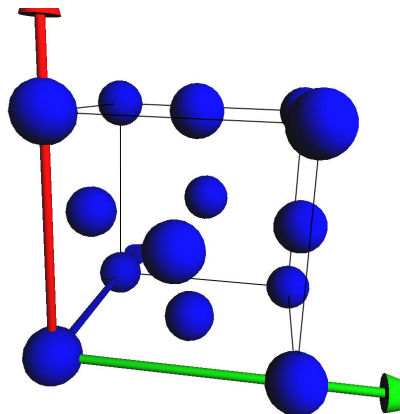
Press "D" for diffraction on microscope console -
alter strength of intermediate lens and focus
diffraction pattern on to screen

Find cubic BaTiO_3 aligned on $[001]$ zone axis

Basic crystallography & symmetry

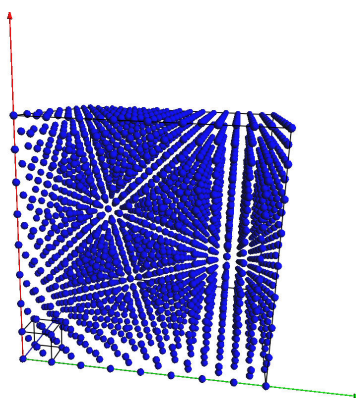


Crystals: translational periodicity & symmetry



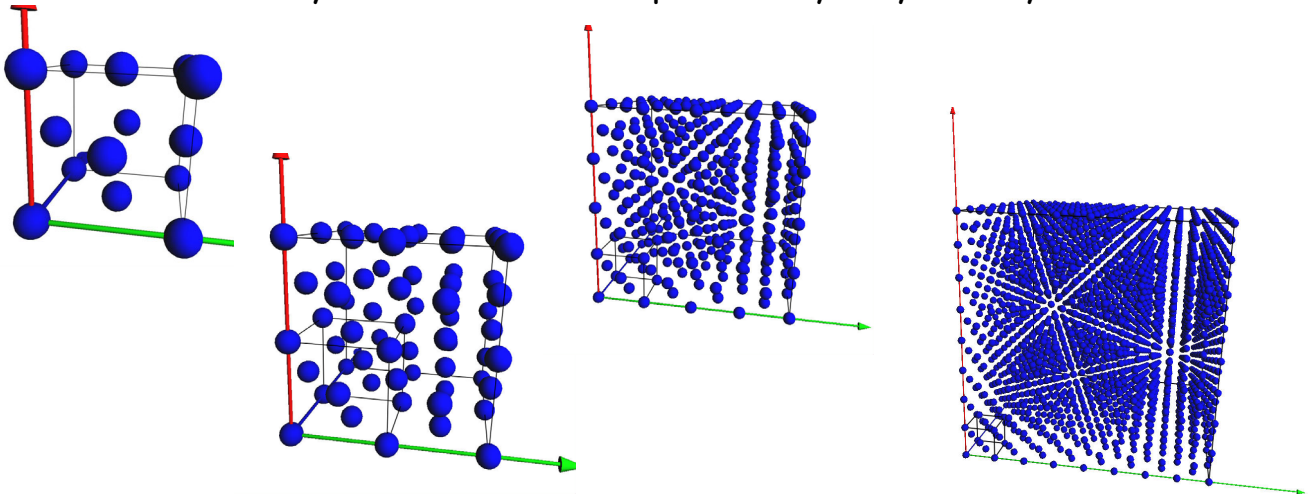
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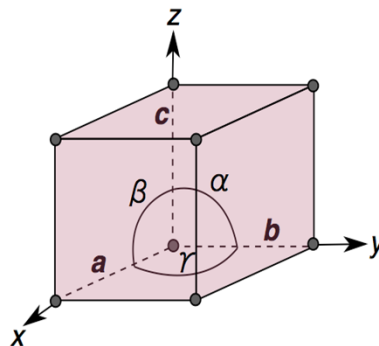
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Crystallography: the unit cell

Unit cell is the smallest repeating unit of the crystal lattice
Has a **lattice point** on each corner (and perhaps more elsewhere)

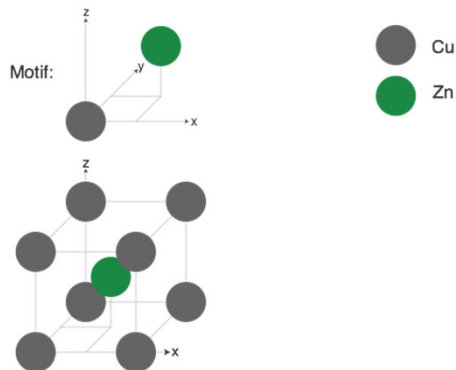
Defined by lattice parameters a, b, c along axes x, y, z
and angles between crystallographic axes: $\alpha = \angle b^{\wedge}c$; $\beta = \angle a^{\wedge}c$; $\gamma = \angle a^{\wedge}b$



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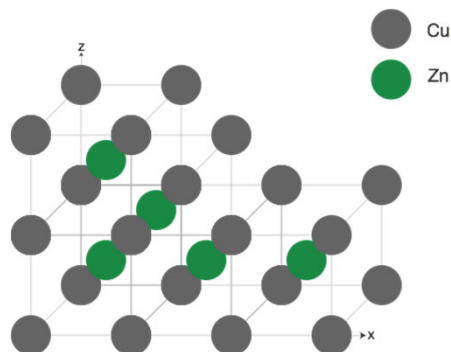
Building a crystal structure adding atoms

Use example of CuZn brass
 Choose the unit cell - for CuZn: primitive cubic (lattice point on each corner)
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Structure = lattice + motif => Start applying motif to each lattice point



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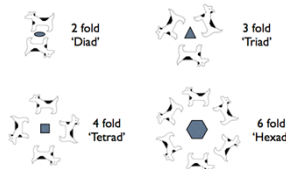
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 Extend lattice further into space



Introduction to symmetry

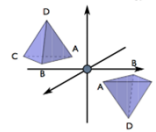
As well as having translational symmetry, nearly all crystals obey other symmetries
 - i.e. can reflect or rotate crystal and obtain exactly the same structure

Symmetry elements:



Rotation axes:

Centre of symmetry or inversion centre:



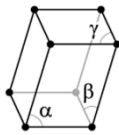
Inversion axes: combination of rotation axis with centre of symmetry



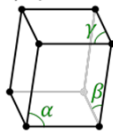
the seven crystal systems

7 possible unit cell shapes with different symmetries that can be repeated by translation in 3 dimensions
 => 7 crystal systems each defined by symmetry

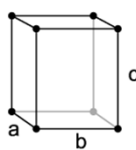
Triclinic
 $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \neq 90^\circ$



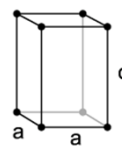
Monoclinic
 $\alpha \neq 90^\circ$
 $\beta, \gamma = 90^\circ$



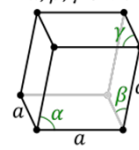
Orthorhombic
 $a \neq b \neq c$



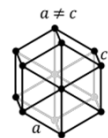
Tetragonal
 $a \neq c$



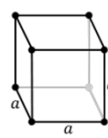
Rhombohedral
 $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \neq 90^\circ$



Hexagonal



Cubic



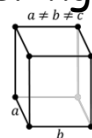
"primitive unit cells"

Diagrams from www.Wikipedia.org

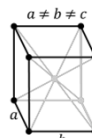


four possible lattice centerings

P: Primitive - lattice points on cell corners



I: Body-centred - additional lattice point at cell centre



F: Face-centred - one additional lattice point at centre of each face



A/B/C: Centred on a single face - one additional lattice point centred on A, B or C face



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14 Bravais lattices

Combinations of crystal systems and lattice point centring that describe all possible crystals
 - Equivalent system/centring combinations eliminated => 14 (not $7 \times 4 = 28$) possibilities

The 7 Crystal systems	The 14 Bravais lattices			
triclinic	P $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \neq 90^\circ$			
monoclinic	P $\alpha \neq 90^\circ$ $\beta, \gamma = 90^\circ$	C $\alpha \neq 90^\circ$ $\beta, \gamma = 90^\circ$		
orthorhombic	P $a \neq b \neq c$	C $a \neq b \neq c$	I $a \neq b \neq c$	F $a \neq b \neq c$

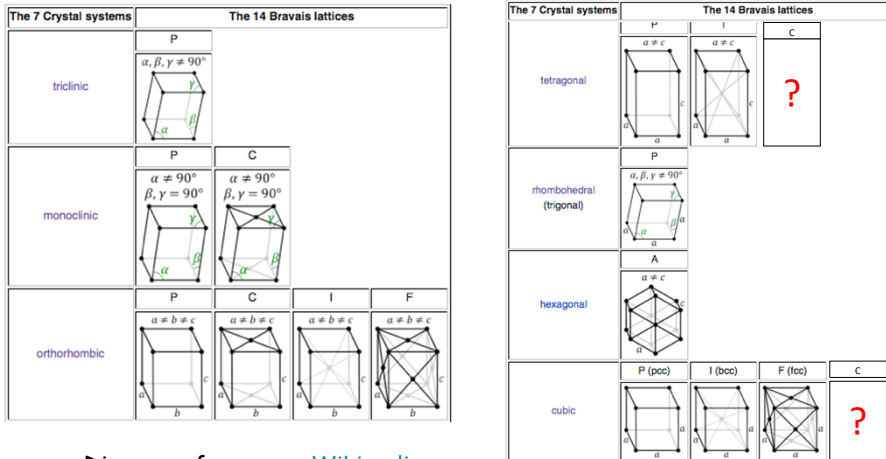
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tetragonal	P $a \neq c$	I $a \neq c$	
rhombohedral (trigonal)	P $a, b, \gamma \neq 90^\circ$		
hexagonal	A $a \neq c$		
cubic	P (bcc) $a = b = c$	I (bcc) $a = b = c$	F (fcc) $a = b = c$

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14 Bravais lattices

Combinations of crystal systems and lattice point centring that describe all possible crystals
 - Equivalent system/centring combinations eliminated => 14 (not $7 \times 4 = 28$) possibilities



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14 Bravais lattices

Crystal System	Defining Symmetry (rotation or inversion)	Conventional Unit Cell	Conventional Lattice Types
Cubic	4 triads	$a = b = c$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$	P, I, F
Hexagonal	1 hexad	$a = b \neq c$ $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ, \gamma = 120^\circ$	P
Trigonal	1 triad	$a = b \neq c$ $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ, \gamma = 120^\circ$	P, R
Tetragonal	1 tetrad	$a = b \neq c$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$	P, I
Orthorhombic	3 diads	$a \neq b \neq c$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$	P, C, I, F
Monoclinic	1 diad	$a \neq b \neq c$ $\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ, \beta \neq 90^\circ$	P, C
Triclinic	-	$a \neq b \neq c$ $\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma$	P



Crystallography - lattice vectors

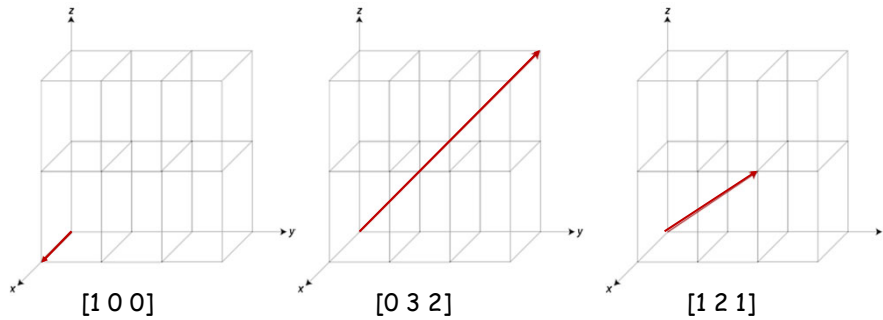
A lattice vector \mathbf{t} is a vector joining any two lattice points

Written as linear combination of unit cell vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , \mathbf{c} :

$$\mathbf{t} = U\mathbf{a} + V\mathbf{b} + W\mathbf{c}$$

Also written as: $\mathbf{t} = [U \ V \ W]$

Examples:



Important in diffraction because we "look" down the lattice vectors ("zone axes")

Crystallography - lattice planes

Lattice plane is a plane which passes through any 3 lattice points which are not in a straight line

Miller indices $(h \ k \ l)$ reciprocal (invers) of 1st intersection with x, y, c axes:

Lattice planes are described using Miller indices $(h \ k \ l)$ where the first plane away from the origin intersects the x, y, z axes at distances:

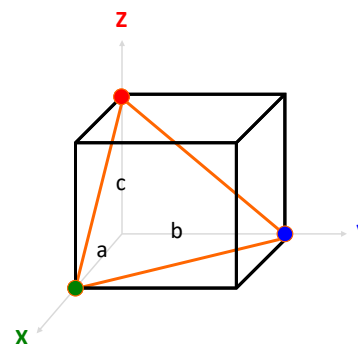
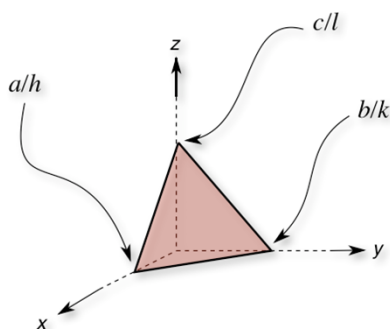
a/h on the x axis

b/k on the y axis

c/l on the z axis

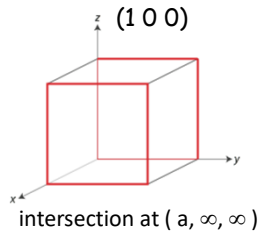
Example: Draw $(hkl) = (111)$ plane

$$a/h = 1, b/k = 1, c/l = 1$$

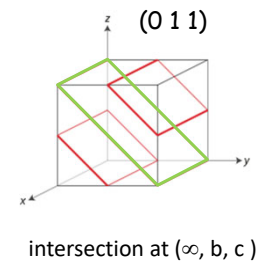
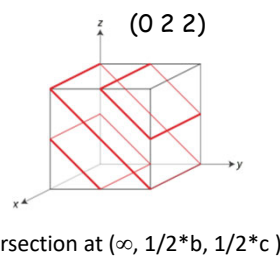
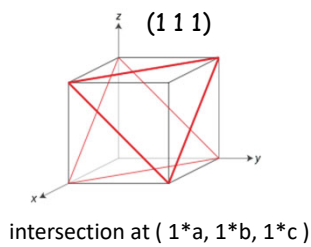


Crystallography - lattice planes

Sets of planes intersecting the unit cell - examples:



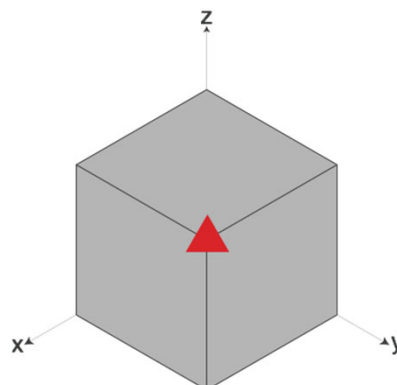
intersection with coordinate axes (x,y,z) on
 a/h on the x axis
 b/k on the y axis
 c/l on the z axis



Lattice planes and symmetry

Lattice planes in a crystal related by the crystal symmetry

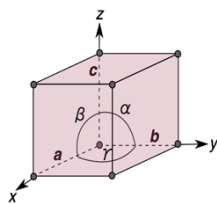
For example, in cubic lattices the 3-fold rotation axis on the [1 1 1] body diagonal relates the planes (1 0 0), (0 1 0), (0 0 1):



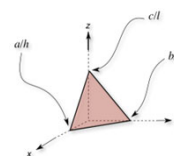
Set of planes $\{1 0 0\} = (1 0 0), (0 1 0), (0 0 1), (-1 0 0), (0 -1 0), (0 0 -1)$

Introduction to Crystallography

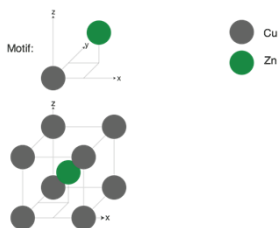
UNIT CELL



[UVW]: lattice vectors, direction, "zone axes"
 (hkl): lattice planes (Miller indices)
 {hkl}: equivalent lattice planes



unit cell decoration
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The 7 Crystal systems	The 14 Bravais lattices			
triclinic	P $a \neq b, c \neq 90^\circ$			
monoclinic	P $a \neq b, c \neq 90^\circ$ $\beta \neq 90^\circ$	C $a \neq b, c \neq 90^\circ$ $\beta \neq 90^\circ$		
	I $a \neq b, c \neq 90^\circ$			
orthorhombic	P $a \neq b, c \neq 90^\circ$	C $a \neq b, c \neq 90^\circ$	I $a \neq b, c \neq 90^\circ$	F $a \neq b, c \neq 90^\circ$

Bravais LATTICE

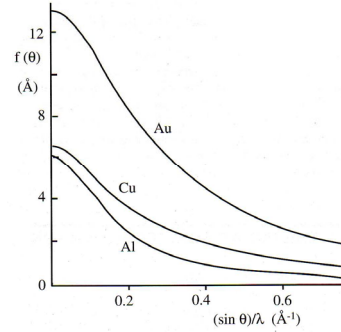
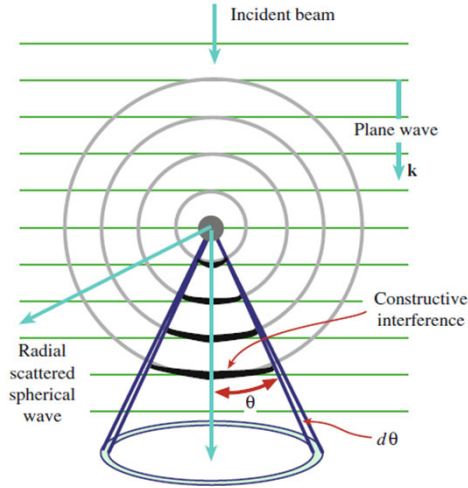


Elastic scattering theory



Scattering theory - atomic scattering factor $f(\theta)$ single atom

Consider coherent elastic scattering of electrons from atom



Atomic scattering factor for electrons

$$f(\theta) = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{E_0}{m_0 c^2}\right)}{8\pi} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}\right) (Z - f_x)$$

The **Mott-Bethe formula** is used to calculate electron form factors from X-ray form factors (f_x)

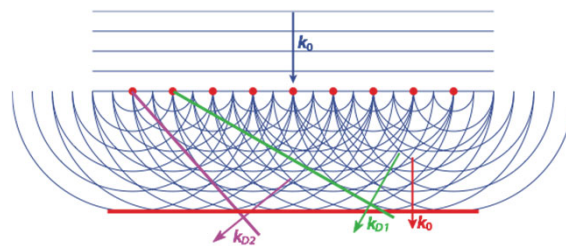
$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{z}} + f(\theta) \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k}'\cdot\mathbf{r}}}{r}$$



Scattering theory - Huygen's principle

Periodic array of scattering centres (atoms)

Plane electron wave generates secondary wavelets



Secondary wavelets interfere =>
strong direct beam and multiple orders of diffracted beams from constructive interference

Atoms closer together => scattering angles greater

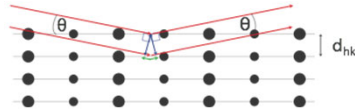
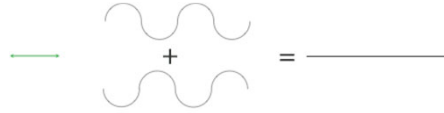
=> Reciprocity!



Diffraction theory - Bragg law

Path difference between reflection from planes distance d_{hkl} apart = $2d_{hkl}\sin\theta$

$$2d_{hkl}\sin\theta = \lambda/2 - \text{destructive interference}$$

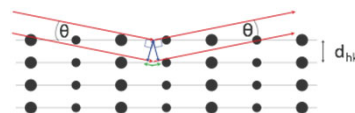
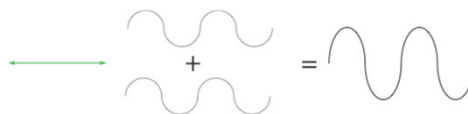


Diffraction theory - Bragg law

Path difference between reflection from planes distance d_{hkl} apart = $2d_{hkl}\sin\theta$

=> Bragg law:

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



Electron diffraction: $\lambda \sim 0.001 \text{ nm}$

therefore: $\lambda \ll d_{hkl}$

=> small angle approximation: $n\lambda \approx 2d_{hkl}\theta$

Reciprocity: scattering angle $\theta \sim d_{hkl}^{-1}$

Bragg's law

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

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

Elastic diffraction

$|k| = |k'|$

Periodic arrangement of lattice planes:
 g : « diffraction vector », reciprocal lattice vector

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Diffraction theory - 2-beam condition

Diffraction vector, g_{hkl}

Focal plane $\bullet \rightarrow h_1 k_1 l_1$

Observed diffraction pattern

$2\theta_B = \frac{\lambda}{d_{hkl}}$

$|g_{hkl}| = \frac{1}{d_{hkl}}$

2-beam condition: strong scattering from single set of planes

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Multi-beam scattering condition

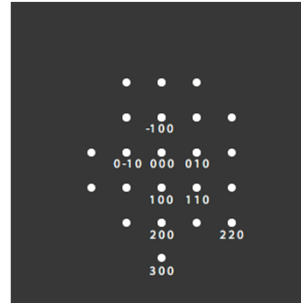
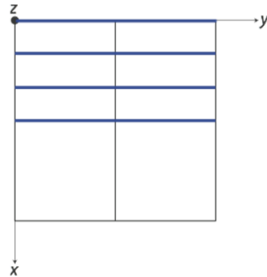
Electron beam parallel to low-index crystal orientation $[U\ V\ W] =$ zone axis

Crystal "viewed down" zone axis is like diffraction grating with planes parallel to e-beam

In diffraction pattern obtain spots perpendicular to plane orientation

Example: primitive cubic with e-beam parallel to $[0\ 0\ 1]$ zone axis

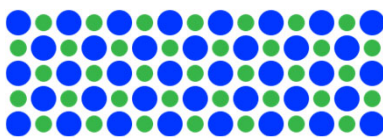
2 x 2 unit cells



Note reciprocal relationship: smaller plane spacing \Rightarrow larger indices $(h\ k\ l)$
& greater scattering angle on diffraction pattern from $(0\ 0\ 0)$ direct beam

The reciprocal lattice

In diffraction we are working in "reciprocal space"; useful to transform the crystal lattice into a "reciprocal lattice" that represents the crystal in reciprocal space:



Real lattice vector: $\mathbf{r}_n = n_1\mathbf{a} + n_2\mathbf{b} + n_3\mathbf{c}$



Reciprocal lattice vector: $\mathbf{r}^* = m_1\mathbf{a}^* + m_2\mathbf{b}^* + m_3\mathbf{c}^*$

where:

$$\mathbf{a}^* \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a}^* \cdot \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{b}^* \cdot \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{b}^* \cdot \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{c}^* \cdot \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{c}^* \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{a}^* \cdot \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b}^* \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c}^* \cdot \mathbf{c} = 1$$

$$[\mathbf{a}]: \text{nm}, [\mathbf{a}^*]: \text{nm}^{-1}$$

In orthogonal crystal structure:

\mathbf{a}^* perpendicular to \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c}
= normal of bc plane

$$|\mathbf{a}^*| = 1/d_{100}$$

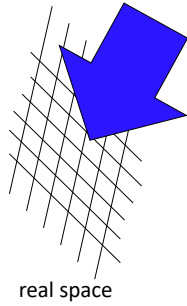
i.e. $\mathbf{a}^* = (\mathbf{b} \wedge \mathbf{c})/V_c$ V_c : volume of unit cell

For scattering from plane $(h\ k\ l)$ the diffraction vector:

$$\mathbf{g}_{hkl} = h\mathbf{a}^* + k\mathbf{b}^* + l\mathbf{c}^*$$

Plane spacing: $d_{hkl} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{g}_{hkl}|}$

Ewald sphere



Bragg: $d_{hkl} = \lambda/2 \sin\theta = 1/|g|$

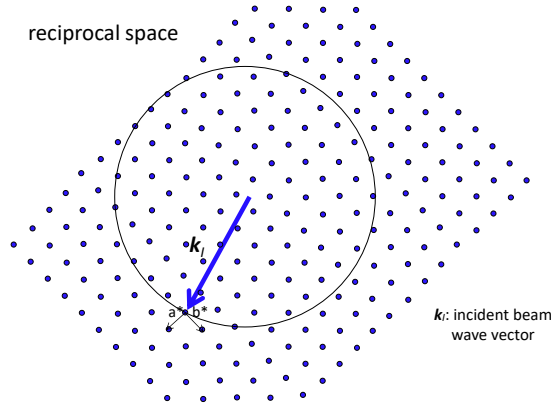
A vector in reciprocal space:

$$g_{hkl} = h a^* + k b^* + l c^*$$

diffraction if :

$$k_i - k_D = g \quad \text{and} \quad |k_i| = |k_D|$$

Bragg and elastic scattering

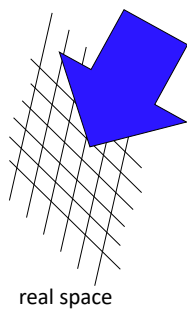


Reciprocal space: sphere radius $1/\lambda$ represents possible scattering wave vectors intersecting reciprocal space
Ewald sphere

Electron diffraction: radius of sphere very large compared to reciprocal lattice
=> sphere circumference almost flat



Ewald sphere



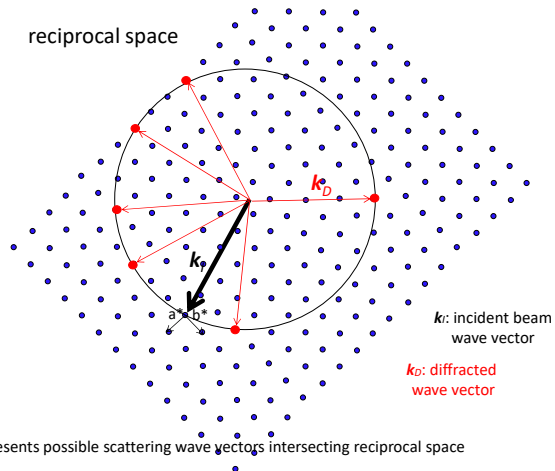
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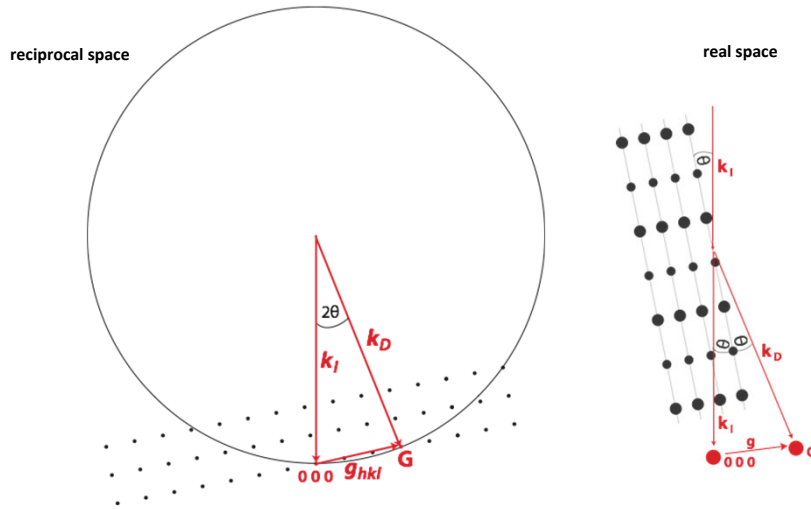


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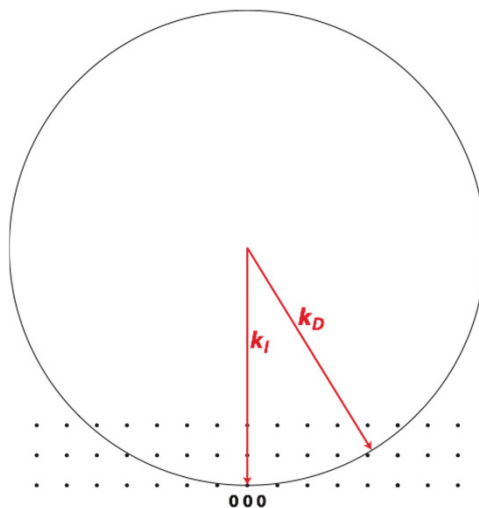


Ewald sphere in 2-beam condition



2-beam condition with one strong Bragg reflection corresponds to Ewald sphere intersecting one reciprocal lattice point

Ewald sphere and multi-beam scattering



Assume reciprocal lattice points are infinitely small

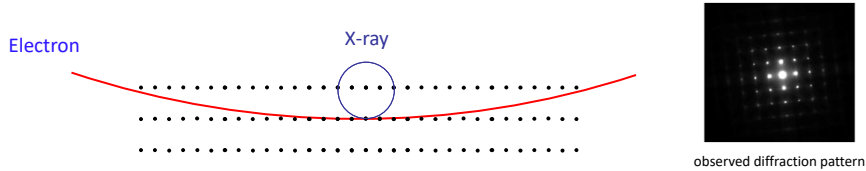
With crystal oriented on zone axis, Ewald sphere may not intersect reciprocal lattice points

However, we see strong diffraction from many planes in this condition

Because reciprocal lattice points have size and shape!

the reciprocal space Almost flat Ewald sphere in electron diffraction

there are two main differences between x-ray and electron diffraction

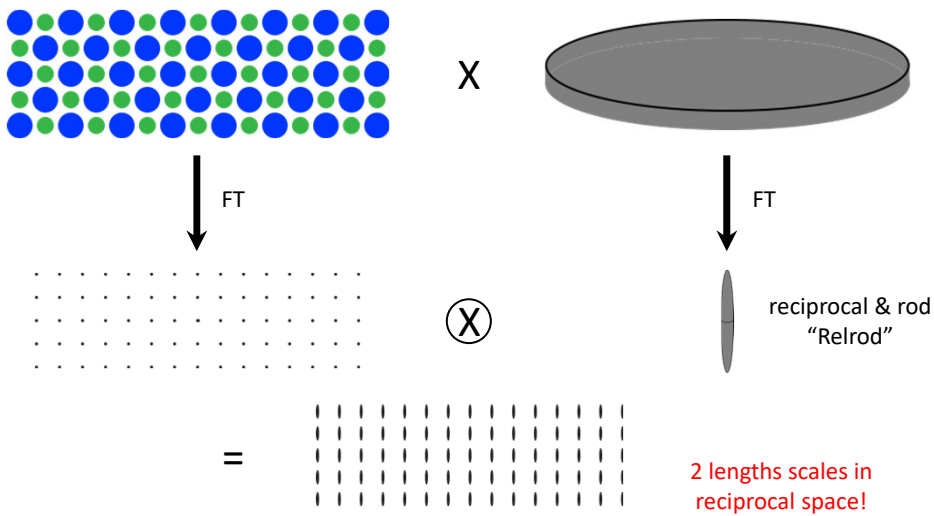


The energy of the electron beam (typically 80-300 keV) is far higher than that of a typical x-ray beam and so the wavelength of radiation is much smaller.
This means that the Ewald sphere radius ($= 1/\lambda$) is much larger for electron diffraction:
almost flat Ewald sphere



Fourier transforms and reciprocal lattice

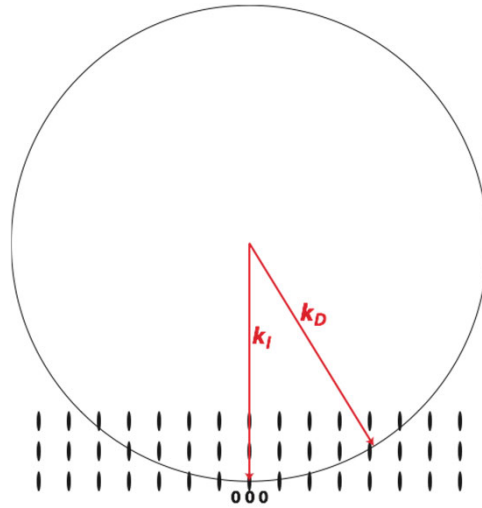
Real lattice is not infinite, but is bound disc of material with diameter of selected area aperture and thickness of specimen - i.e. thin disc of material



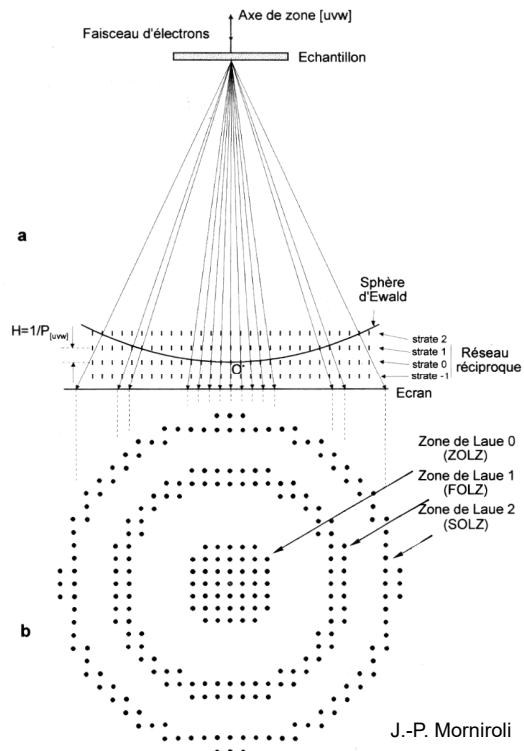
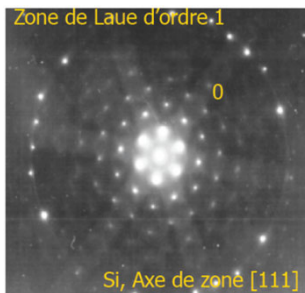
2 lengths scales in reciprocal space!



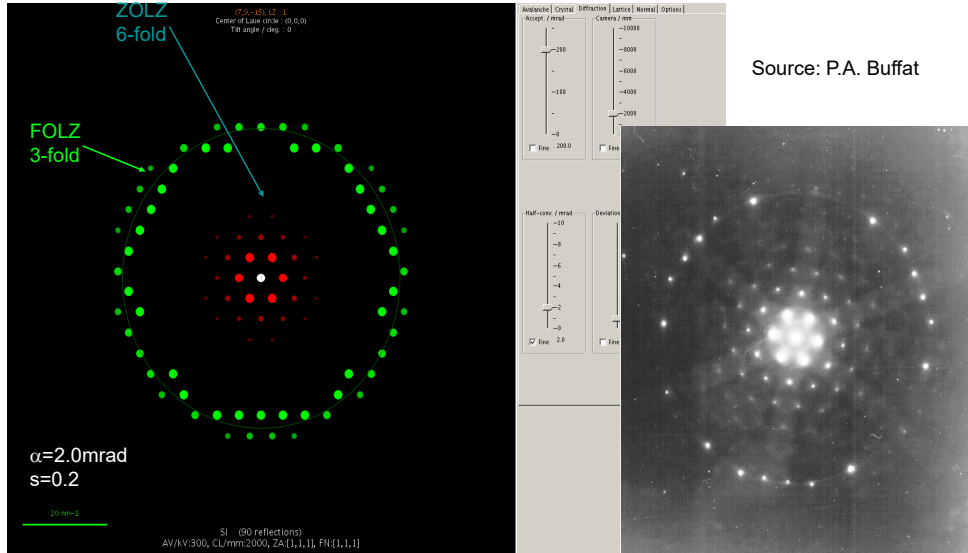
Ewald sphere intersects Relrods



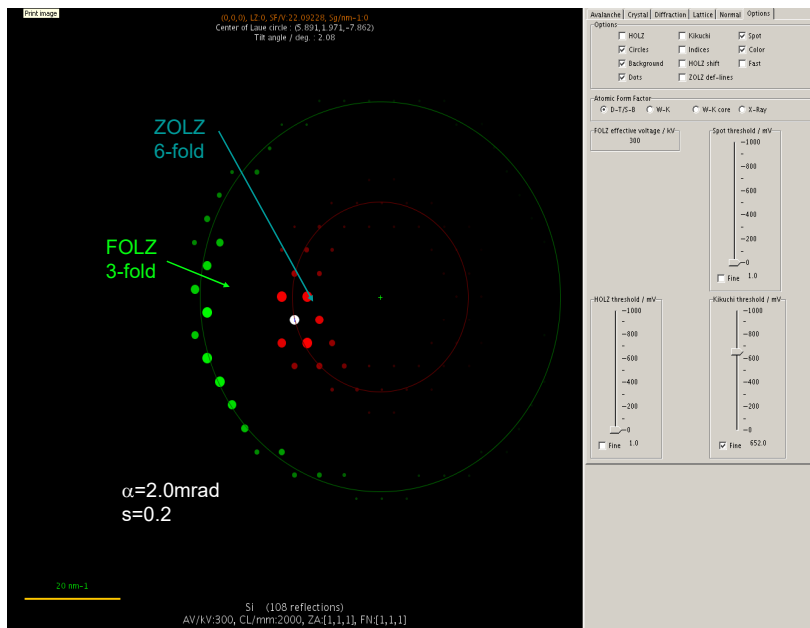
Laue zone "higher order" Laue zones



Sphère d'Ewald : Laue Zones in Si [111], (ZOLZ+FOLZ)



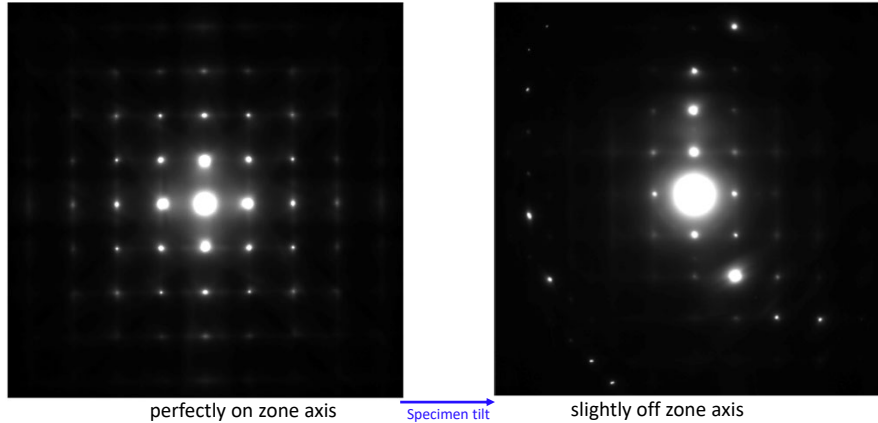
Sphère d'Ewald : Laue Zones (ZOLZ+FOLZ) échantillon incliné



the reciprocal space tilting away from zone axis

Relaxation of Bragg condition due to the "rod" shape of reflections:

When we tilt the specimen away from a zone axis we still see reflections for planes that are not in exact Bragg condition. The diffractions spots will not "move" with tilt. They will "fade away" as the Ewald sphere intersections change



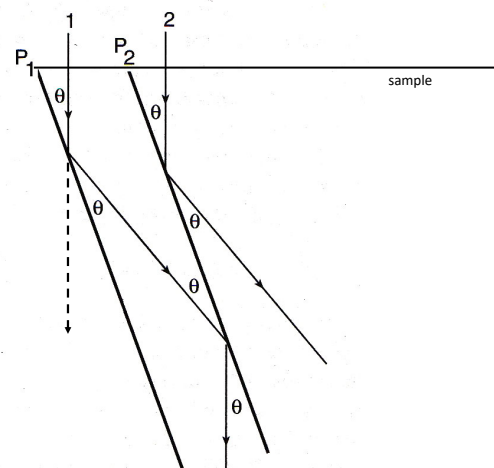
Dynamical scattering

For interpretation of intensities in diffraction pattern, single scattering would be ideal - i.e. "kinematical" scattering

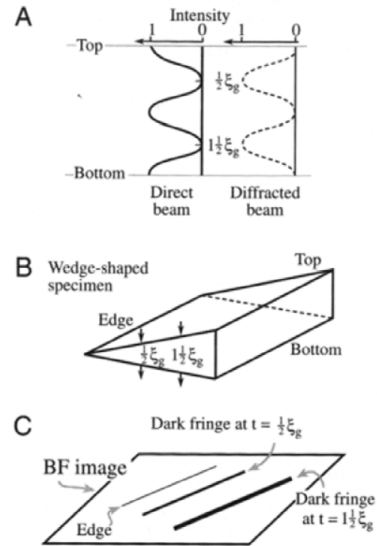
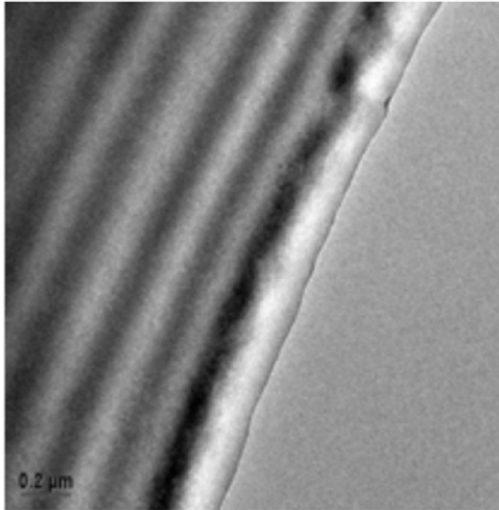
However, in electron diffraction there is often multiple elastic scattering: i.e. "dynamical" behaviour

This dynamical scattering has a high probability because a Bragg-scattered beam is at the perfect angle to be Bragg-scattered again (and again...)

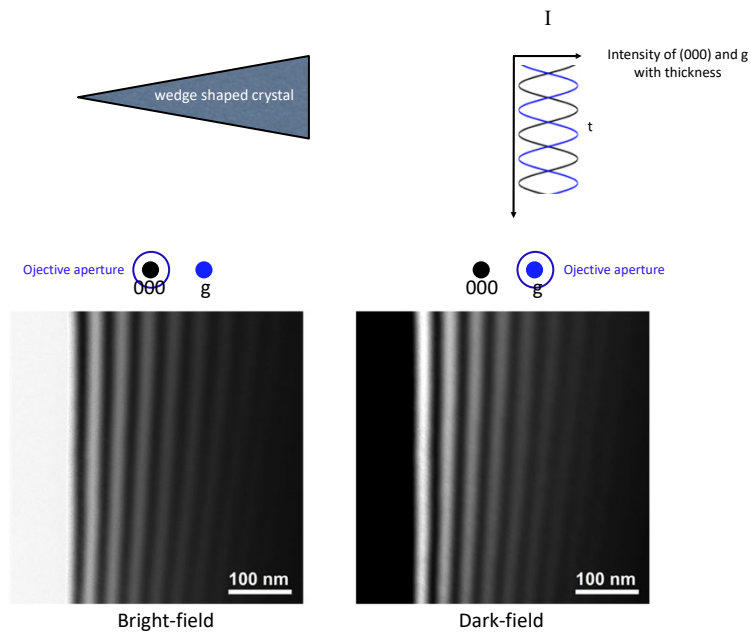
As a result, scattering of different beams is not independent from each other



Dynamical scattering thickness fringes

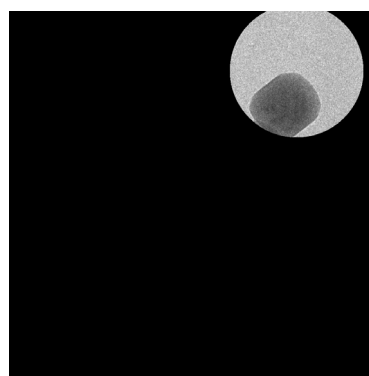
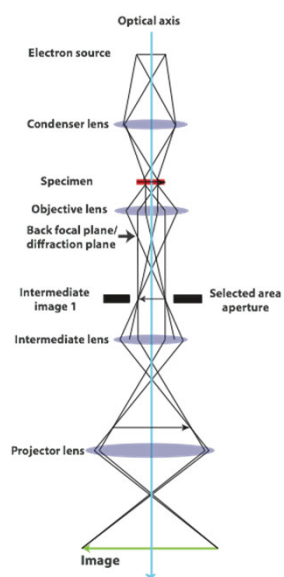


Dynamical scattering | Thickness fringes



Selected-area diffraction phenomena

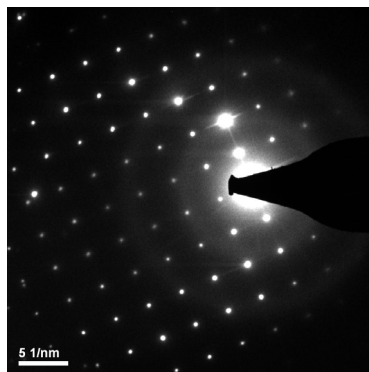
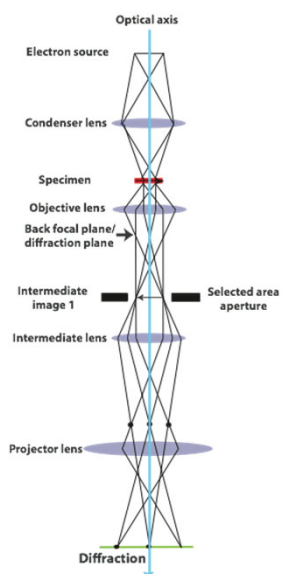
Image formation



BaTiO₃ nanocrystals (Psaltis lab)

Insert selected area aperture to choose region of interest

Take selected-area diffraction pattern



Press "D" for diffraction on microscope console -
alter strength of intermediate lens and focus
diffraction pattern on to screen

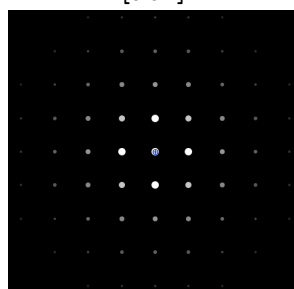
Find cubic BaTiO_3 aligned on $[0\ 0\ 1]$ zone axis

Symmetry information

Zone axis SADPs have symmetry closely related to symmetry of crystal lattice

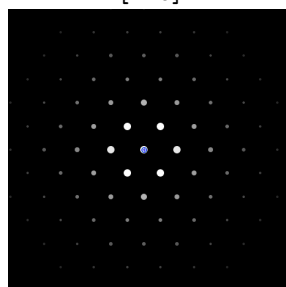
Example: FCC aluminium

$[0\ 0\ 1]$



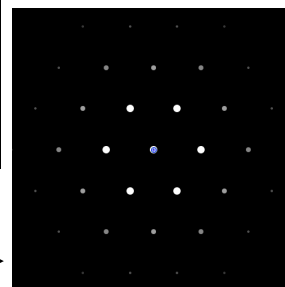
4-fold rotation axis

$[1\ 1\ 0]$



2-fold rotation axis

$[1\ 1\ 1]$



6-fold rotation axis - but $[1\ 1\ 1]$ actually 3-fold axis
Need third dimension for true symmetry!

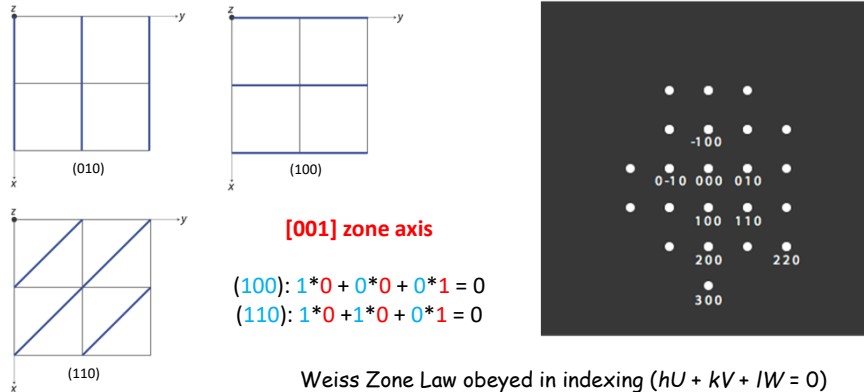
Weiss zone law

Electron beam parallel to low-index crystal orientation $[U\ V\ W]$ = zone axis

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In diffraction pattern of orthogonal lattices spots appear perpendicular to plane orientation

Example: primitive cubic with e-beam parallel to $[0\ 0\ 1]$ zone axis



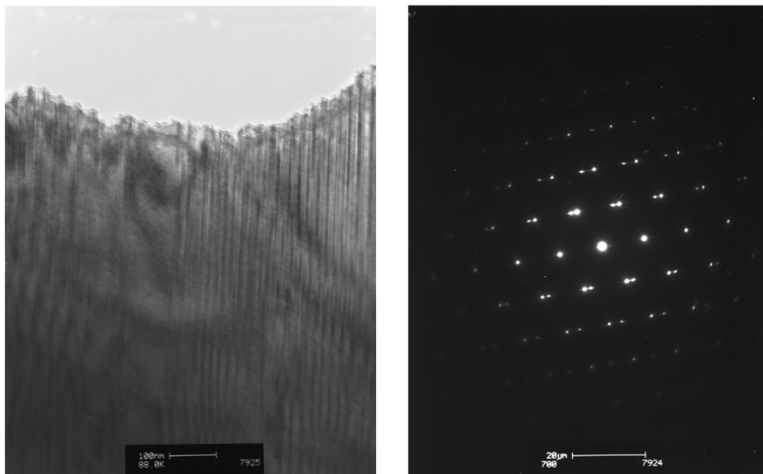
Weiss Zone Law obeyed in indexing ($hU + kV + lW = 0$)

The intersection of (010) and (100) lattice planes: $[001]$ direction = zone axis

Twinning in diffraction

Example: Co-Ni-Al shape memory FCC twins observed on $[1\ 1\ 0]$ zone axis

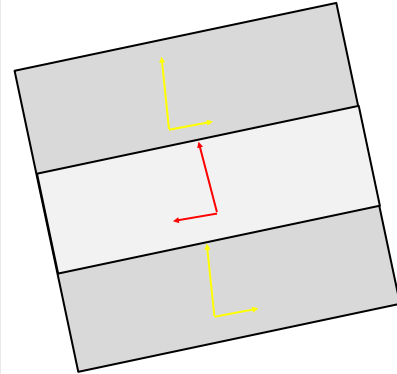
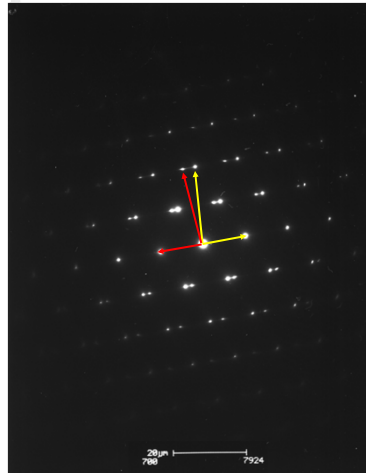
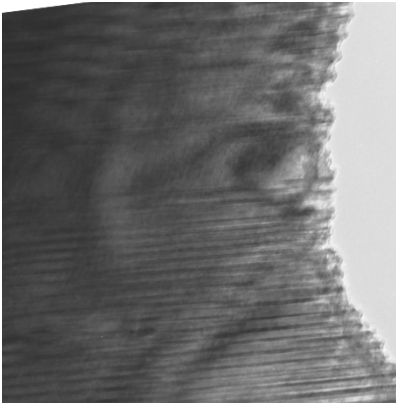
$(1\ 1\ 1)$ close-packed twin planes overlap in SADP



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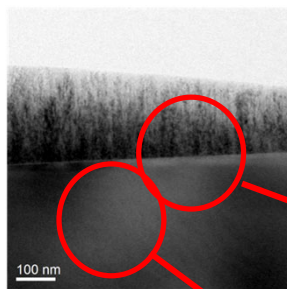
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Epitaxy and orientation relationships

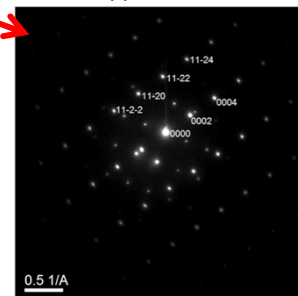
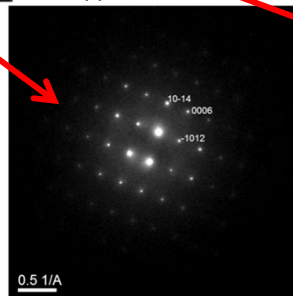
SADP excellent tool for studying
orientation relationships across
interfaces
Example: Mn-doped ZnO on sapphire



Zone axes:
 $[1\ -1\ 0]_{\text{ZnO}} // [0\ -1\ 0]_{\text{sapphire}}$
Planes:
 $c\text{-plane}_{\text{ZnO}} // c\text{-plane}_{\text{sapphire}}$

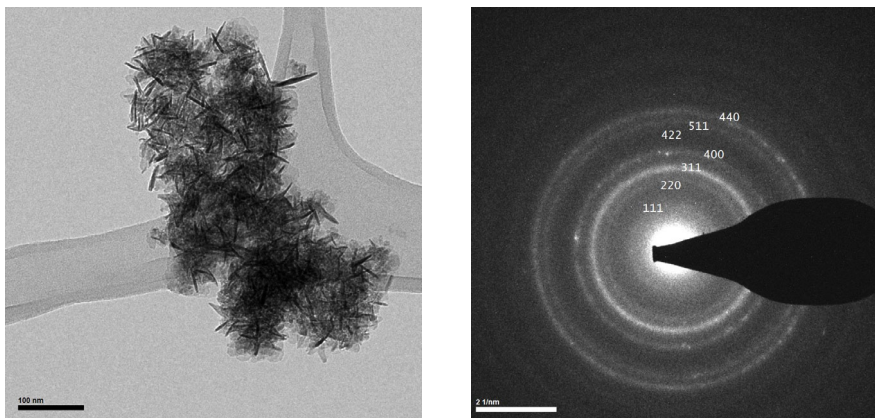
Sapphire substrate

Sapphire + film



Ring diffraction patterns

If selected area aperture selects numerous, randomly-oriented nanocrystals,
SADP consists of rings sampling all possible diffracting planes
- like powder X-ray diffraction

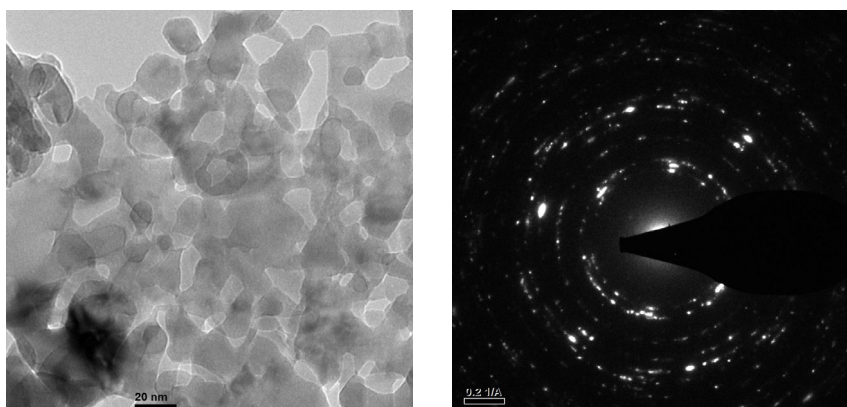


Example: "needles" of contaminant cubic MnZnO_3 - which XRD failed to observe!

Ring diffraction patterns

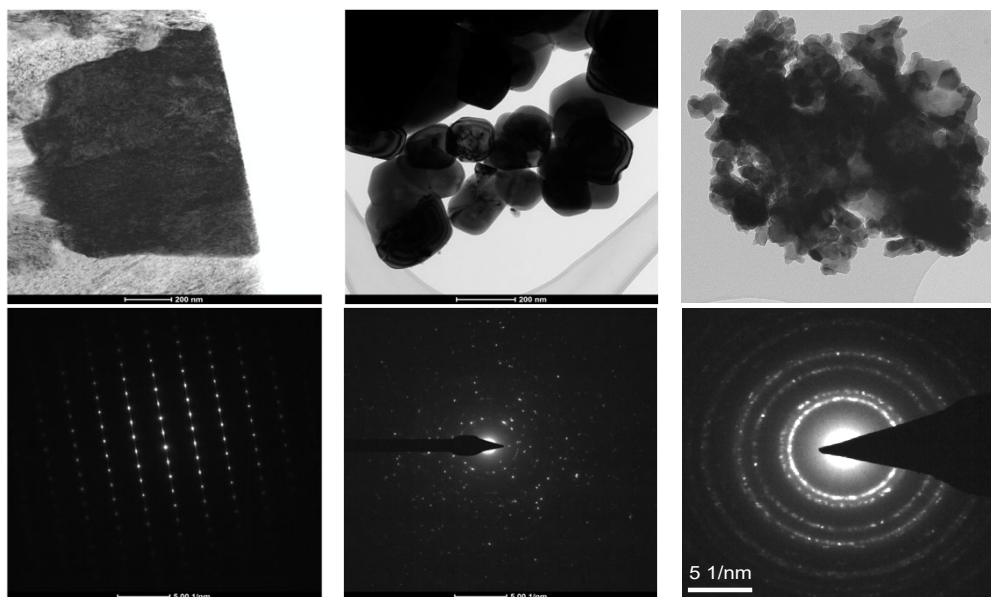
Larger crystals \Rightarrow more "spotty" patterns

Example: ZnO nanocrystals ~ 20 nm in diameter



Applications of electron diffraction

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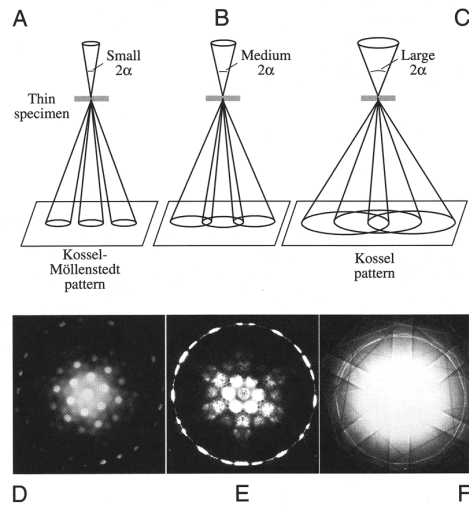
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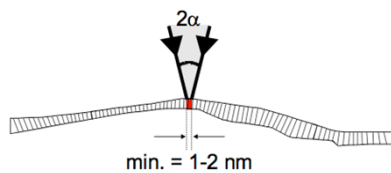
Convergent beam electron diffraction



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Convergent beam electron diffraction

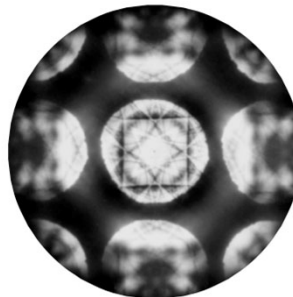
Instead of parallel illumination with selected-area aperture, CBED uses highly converged illumination to select a much smaller specimen region



Small illuminated area =>
no thickness and orientation variations

There is dynamical scattering, but it is useful!

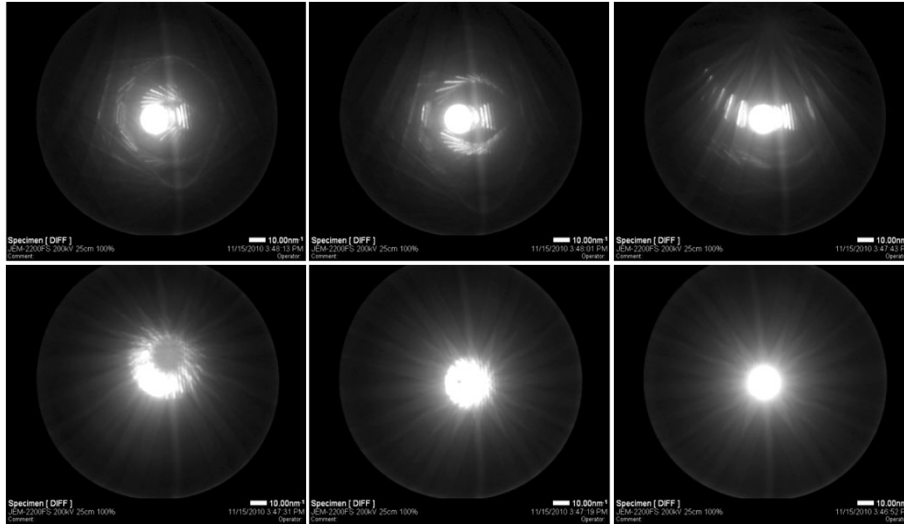
Can obtain disc and line patterns
"packed" with information:



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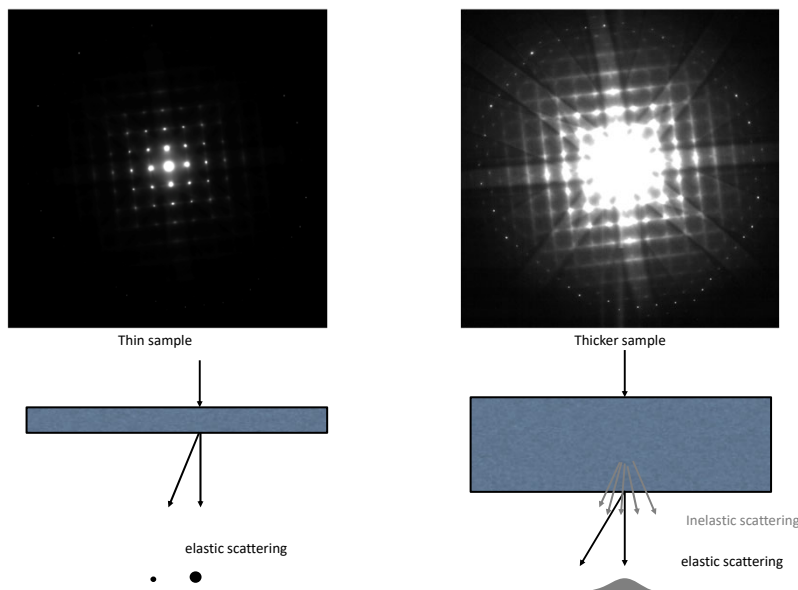
Convergent beam electron diffraction | To align specimen

ZnO thin-film sample; TEM beam focused to spot on sample



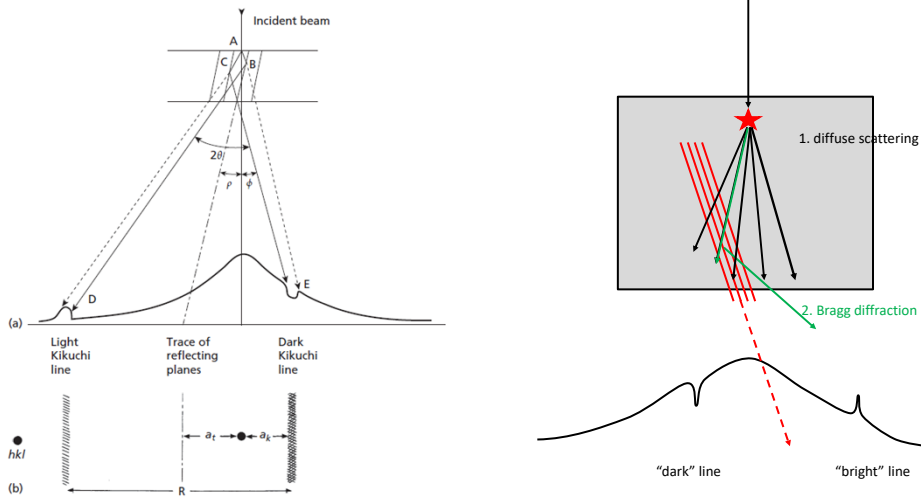
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Kikuchi lines/bands

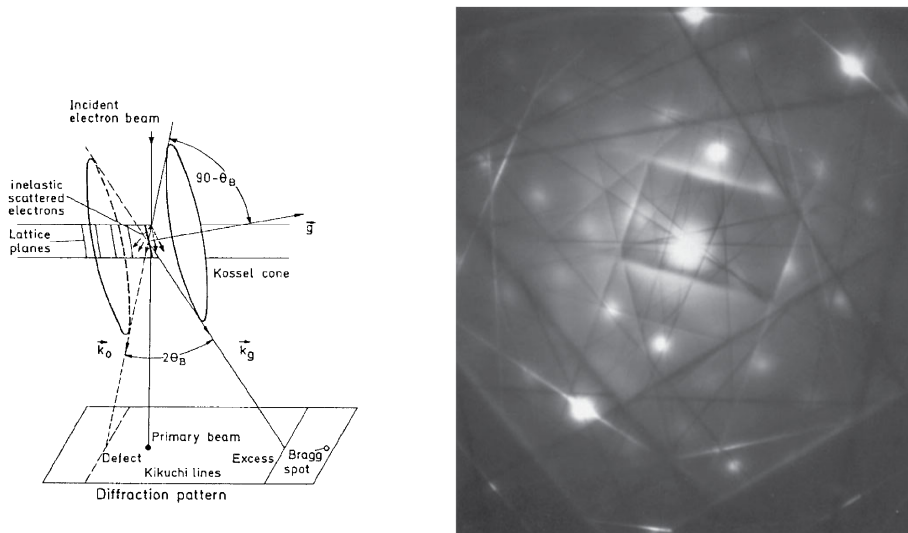


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Diffuse scattering followed by Bragg diffraction



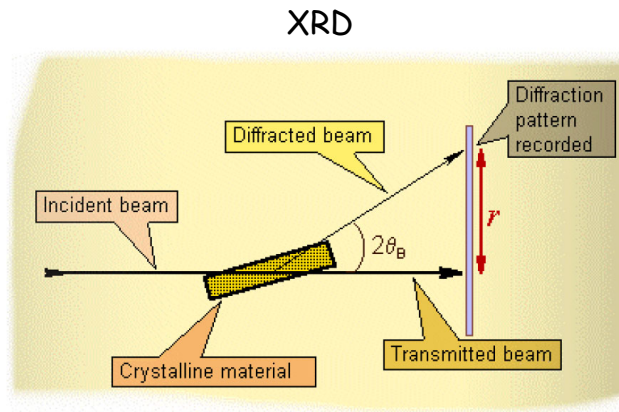
Kikuchi lines (bands)



Thick sample: inelastic scattering followed by elastic scattering (= diffraction)



(powder) X-Ray Diffraction

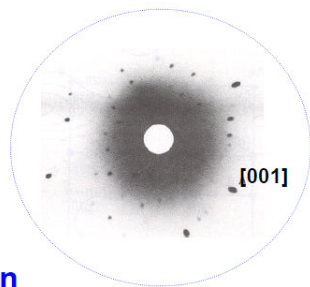


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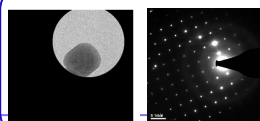
Laue Method

Back-reflection Laue

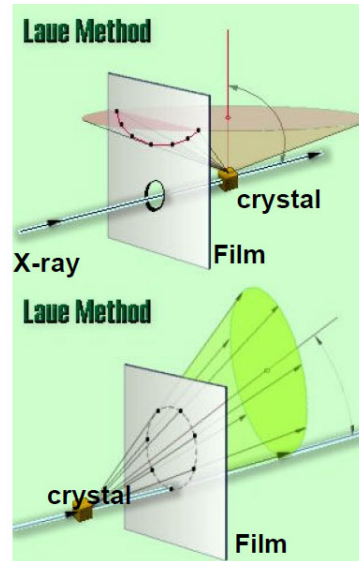


pattern

Transmission Laue

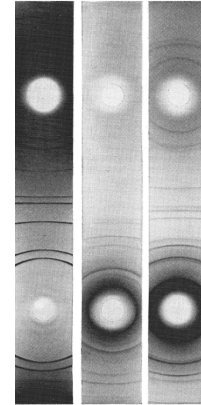
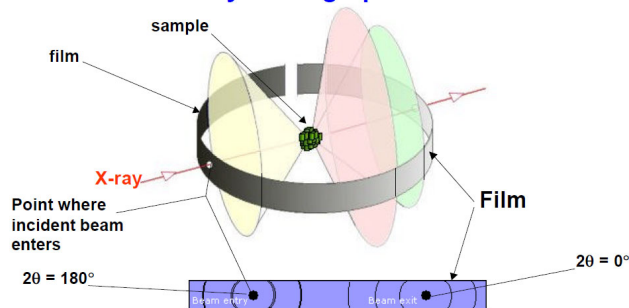


In TEM: ~ SAED



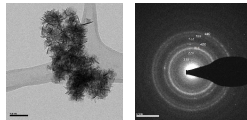
Debye-Scherrer

Detection of Diffracted X-rays by Photographic film



Debye - Scherrer Camera

A sample of some hundreds of crystals (i.e. a powdered sample) show that the diffracted beams form continuous cones. A circle of film is used to record the diffraction pattern as shown. Each cone intersects the film giving diffraction lines. The lines are seen as arcs on the film.

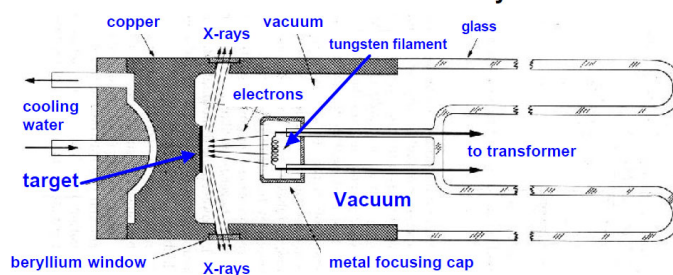


In TEM: ring pattern of fine powder

X-ray tube

3.0 Production of X-rays

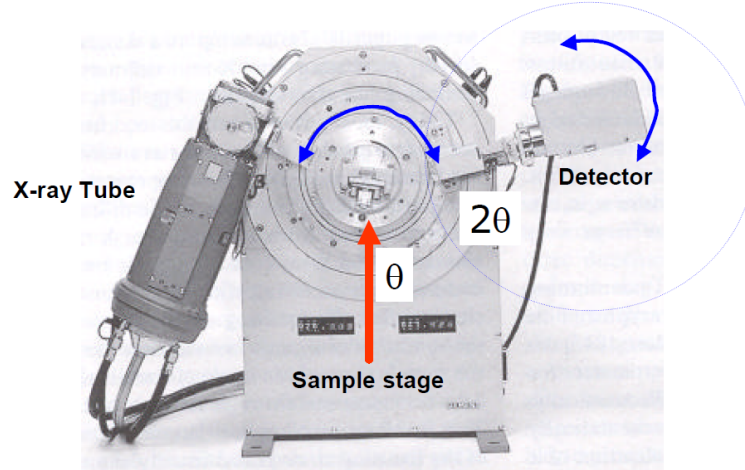
Cross section of sealed-off filament X-ray tube



X-rays are produced whenever high-speed electrons collide with a metal target. A source of electrons – hot W filament, a high accelerating voltage between the cathode (W) and the anode and a metal target, **Cu**, Al, Mo, Mg. The anode is a water-cooled block of Cu containing desired target metal.

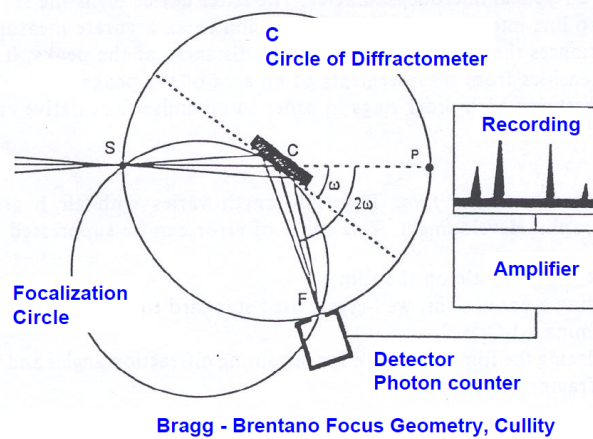
Diffractometer

A Modern Automated X-ray Diffractometer



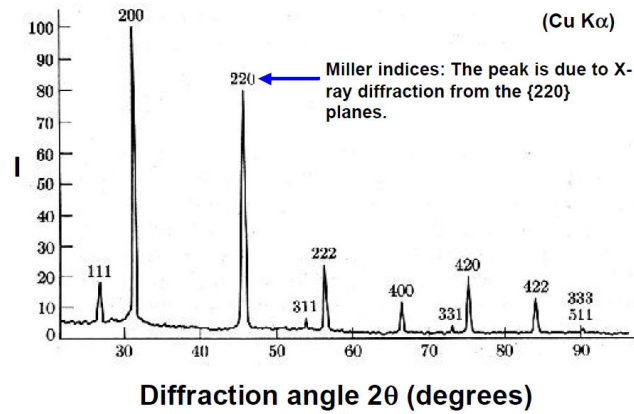
Cost: \$560K to 1.6M

Detection of *Diffracted X-rays* by a Diffractometer



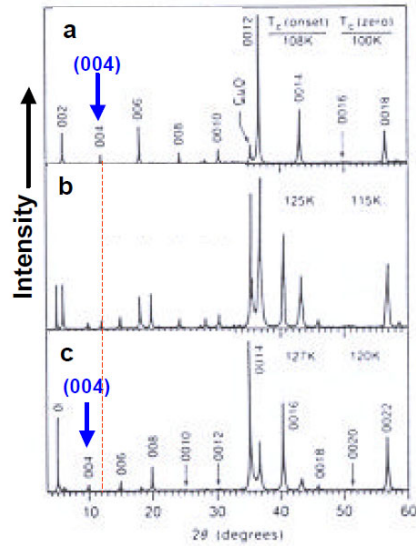
Bragg - Brentano Focus Geometry, Cullity

XRD Pattern of NaCl Powder



One of the most important uses of XRD!!!

- Obtain XRD pattern
- Measure d-spacings
- Obtain integrated intensities
- Compare data with known standards in the JCPDS file, which are for random orientations (there are more than 50,000 JCPDS cards of inorganic materials).



Diffraction patterns of three Superconducting thin films annealed for different times.

- a. $\text{Tl}_2\text{CaBa}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_x$ (2122)
- b. $\text{Tl}_2\text{CaBa}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_x$ (2122) + $\text{Tl}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Ba}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_y$ (2223)
- b = a + c
- c. $\text{Tl}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Ba}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_y$ (2223)

CuO was detected by comparison to standards