

Structural Analysis

Part III - X-ray tools

Session 3

X-ray scattering and diffraction

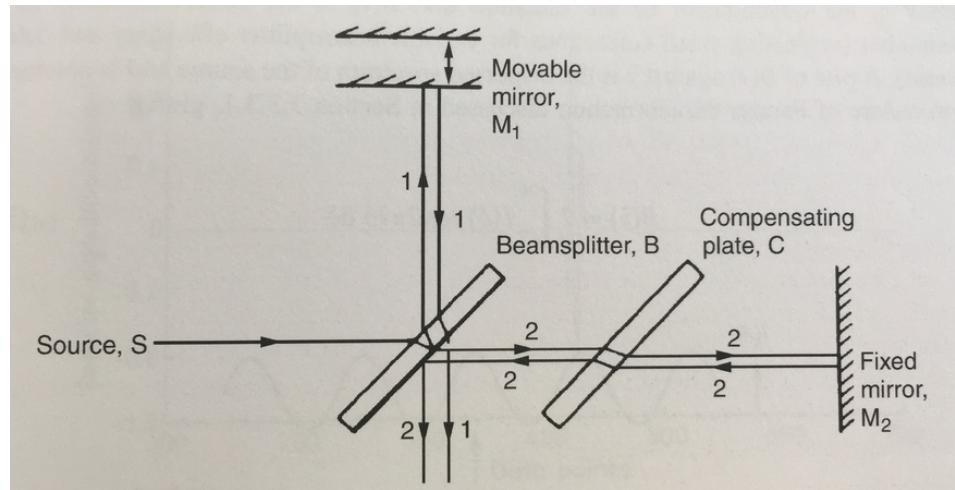
Intermezzo: Fourier Transform

Alternative approach: Fourier Transform (Infrared) Spectrometer

- Not a dispersive measurement but based on interferometry
- Use all wavelength at the same time
- Manipulation in x - cm (real space) to get information in wave numbers x^{-1} – cm^{-1} (frequencies)
- Measure interferogram, Fourier transform into spectrum

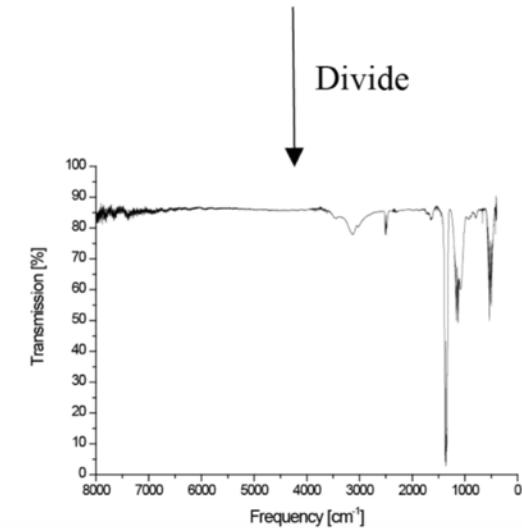
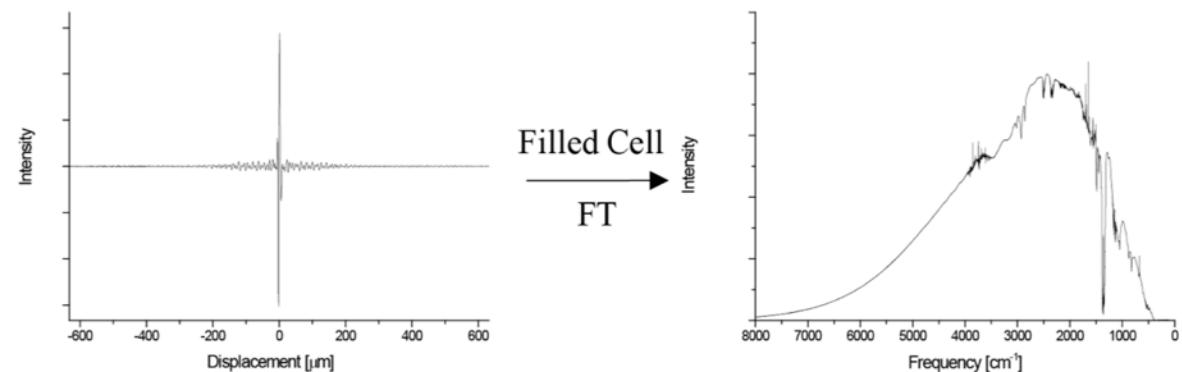
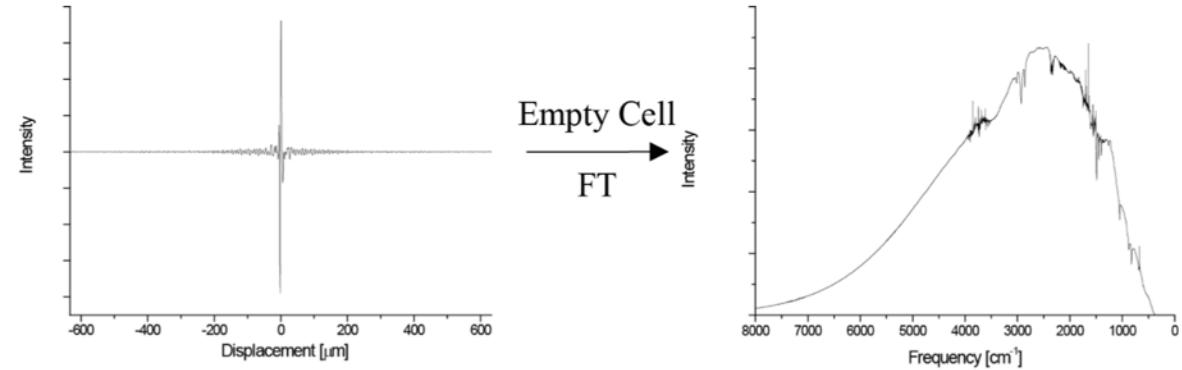


Measuring an interferogram



Sample

Detector



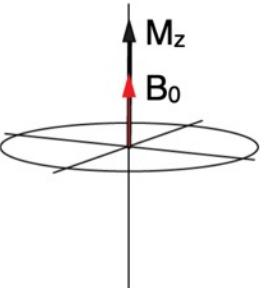
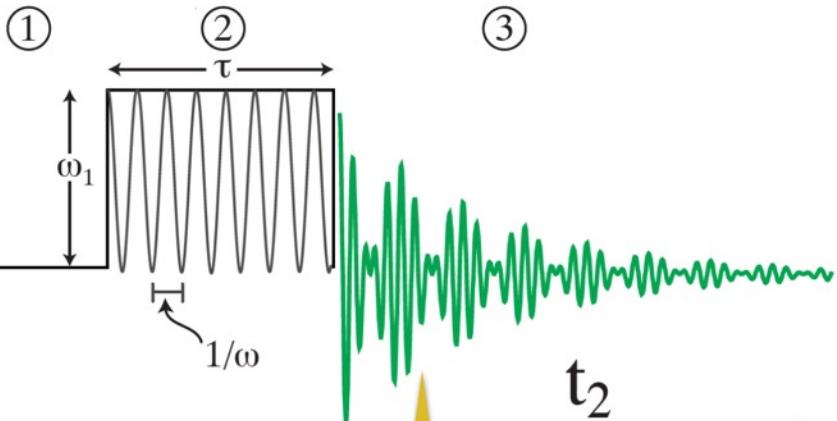
Prof. Emsley part of this class, 5 weeks ago!

Pulsed FTNMR Spectroscopy

$$\omega_1 = -\gamma B_1$$
$$\omega_1 \tau = \pi/2$$

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ω = carrier frequency,
chosen by the operator to be
near to the resonance frequencies



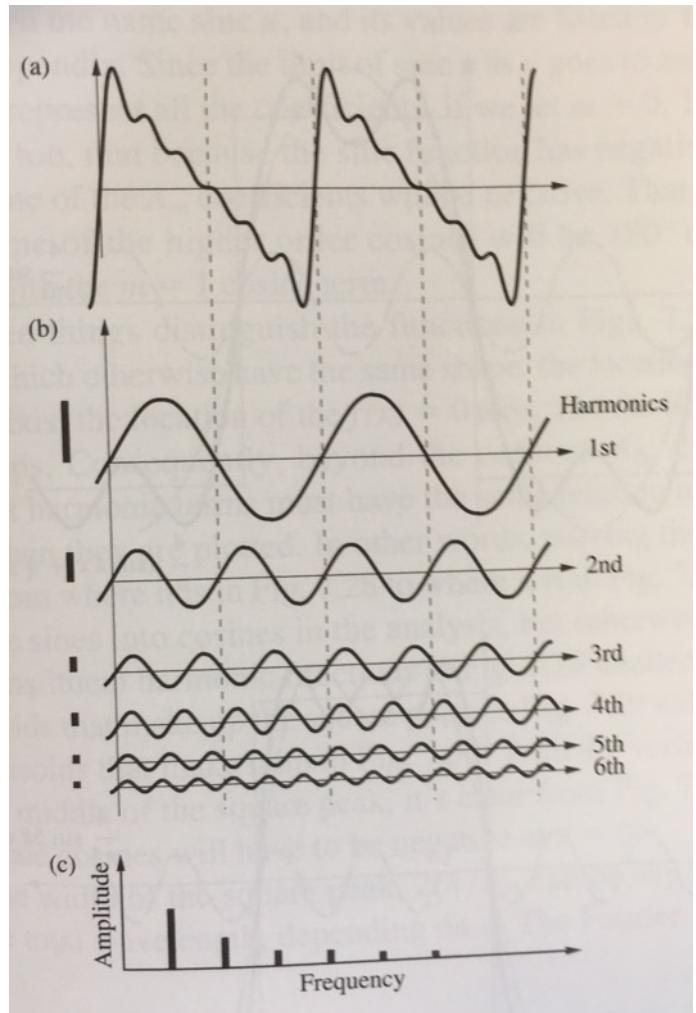
what does the signal actually look like?

1. Equilibrium. The net magnetization is aligned along the direction of the main field (z-axis).

2. A field is applied in the transverse plane. The magnetization of the ensemble precesses around the field.

3. The field is removed leaving a net transverse component of the ensemble magnetization. This **coherence** then starts to precess around the main field.

Principle idea



Mathematical description

- The principle idea of the Fourier analysis / transformation is that any function can be represented by an (infinite) series of harmonic functions.
- The Fourier transform decomposes a function into its constituent frequencies.

Thus we can write

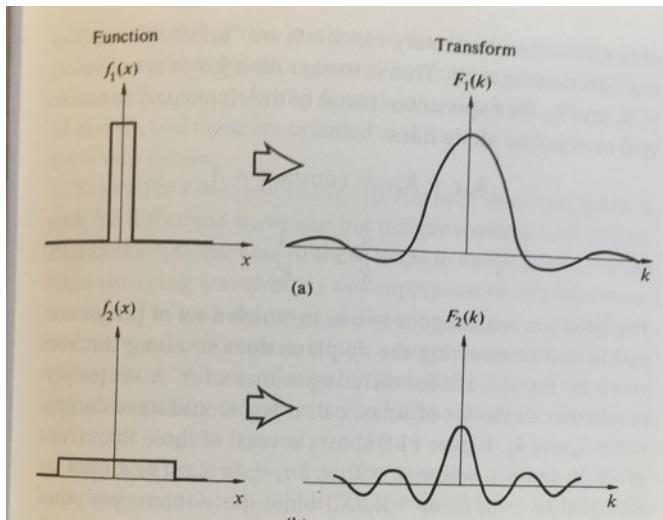
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(k) e^{-ikx} dk$$

provided that

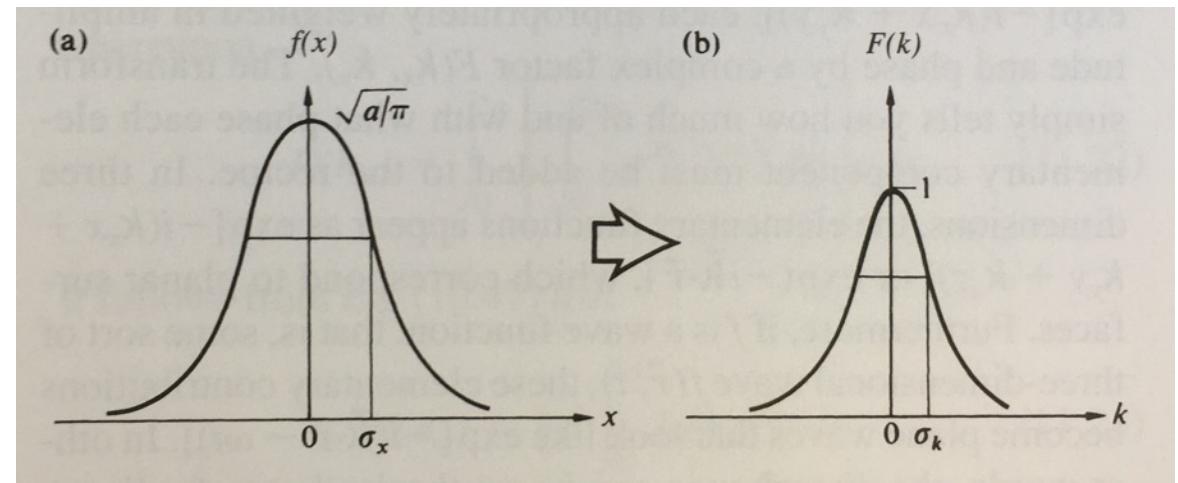
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Examples

Square functions

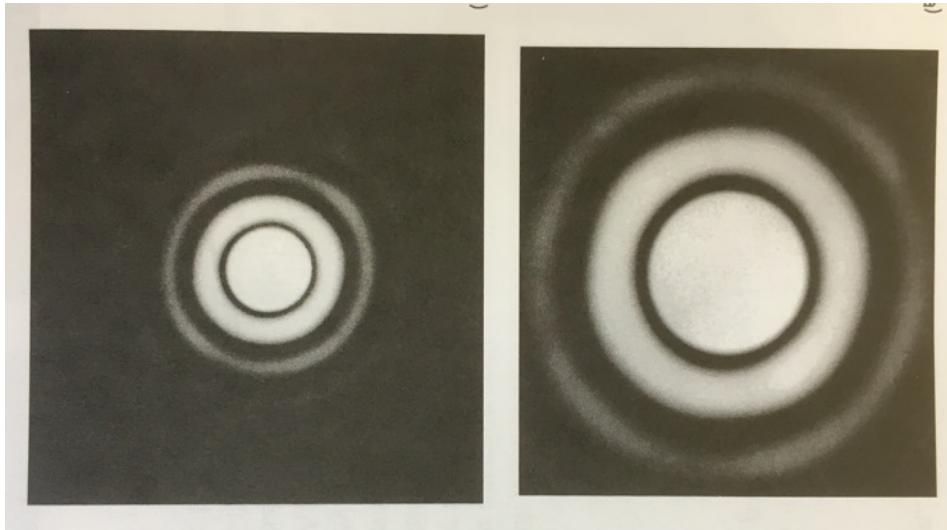


Gauss function

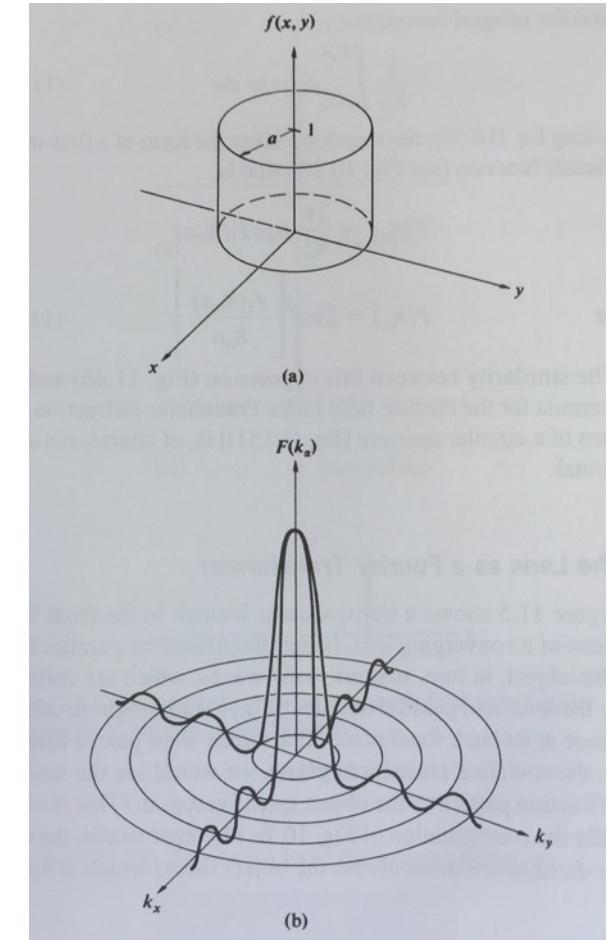


Fourier transform of round aperture and airy pattern

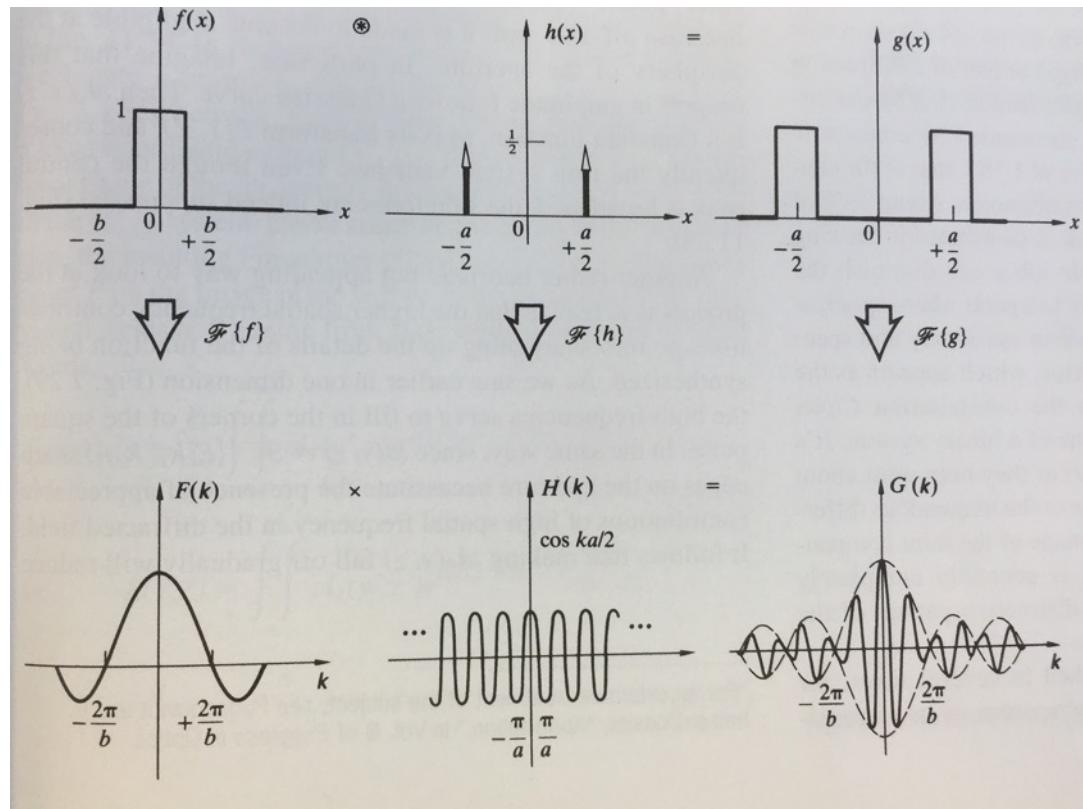
Experiment: Diffraction pattern of circular aperture, Airy pattern



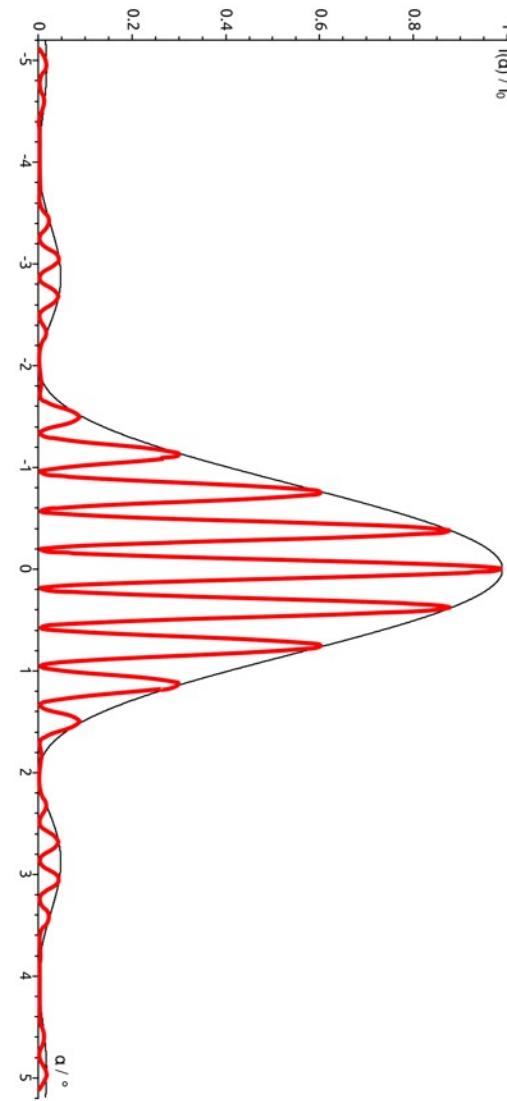
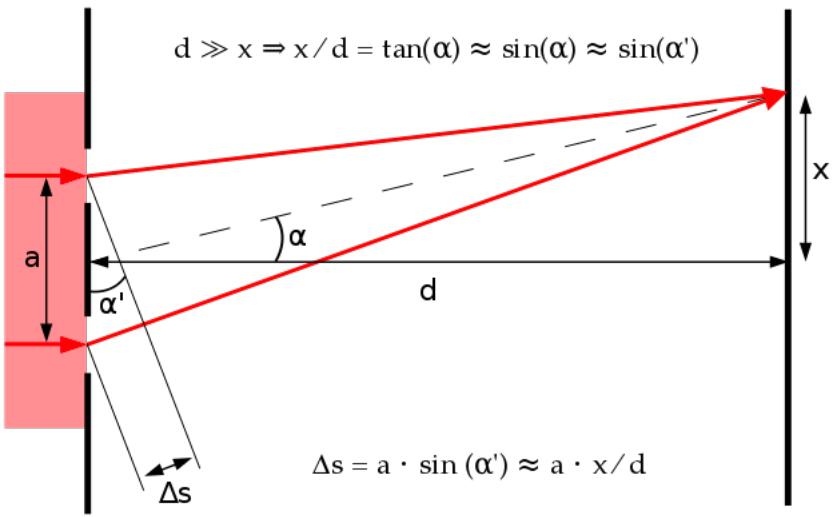
Theory: Fourier transform of cylinder or “top-hat” function



Diffraction as Fourier transform:



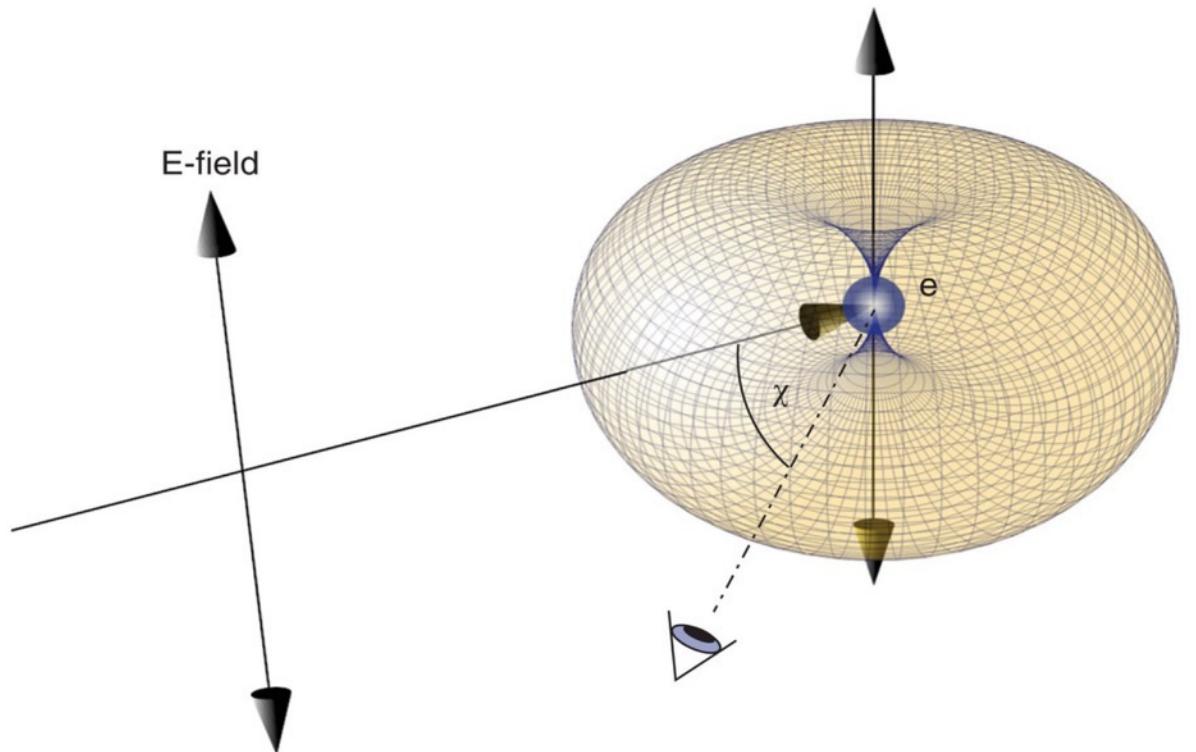
The double slit



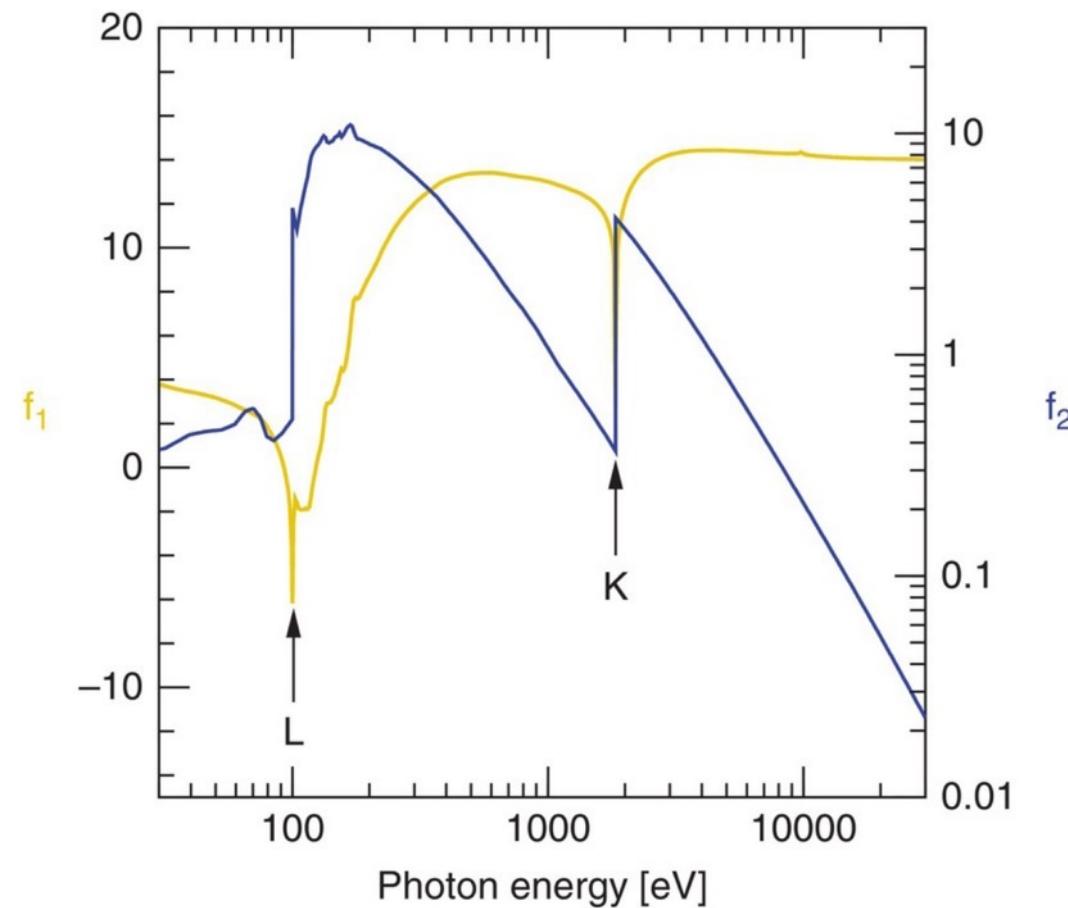
Fourier relationships – some examples

From Session 1

Thomson scattering from a single electron

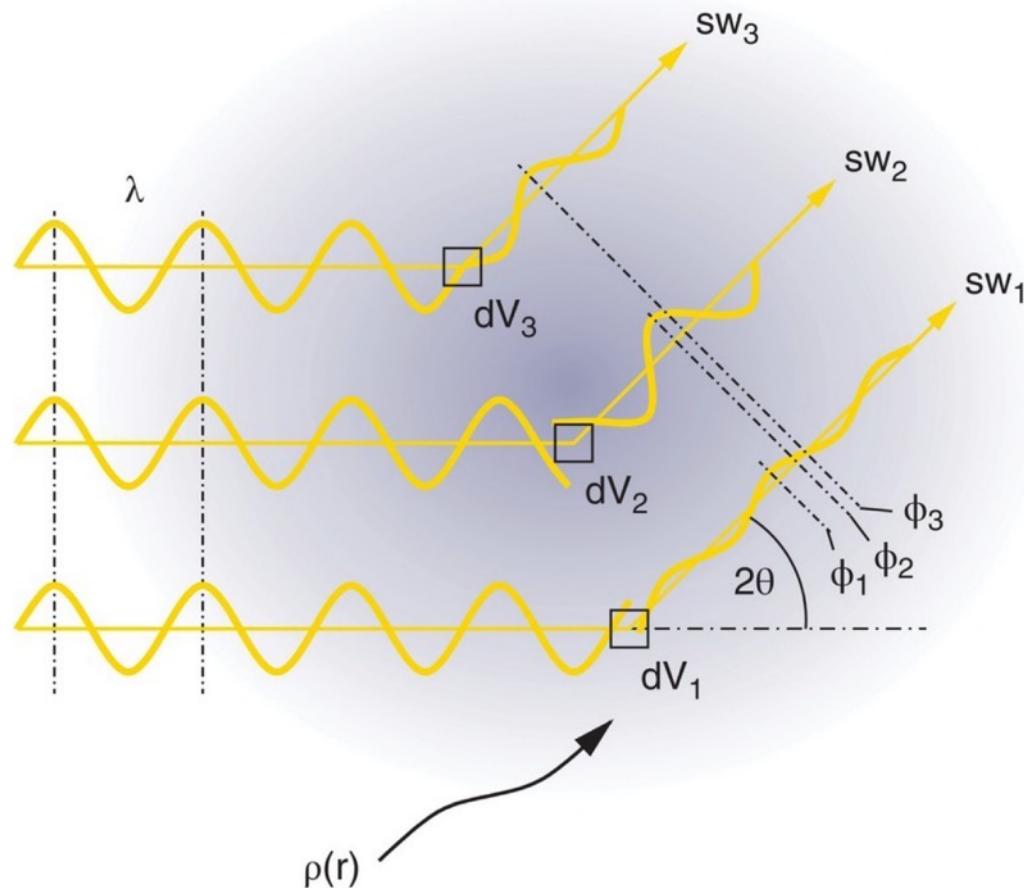


Atomic scattering factors and refractive index

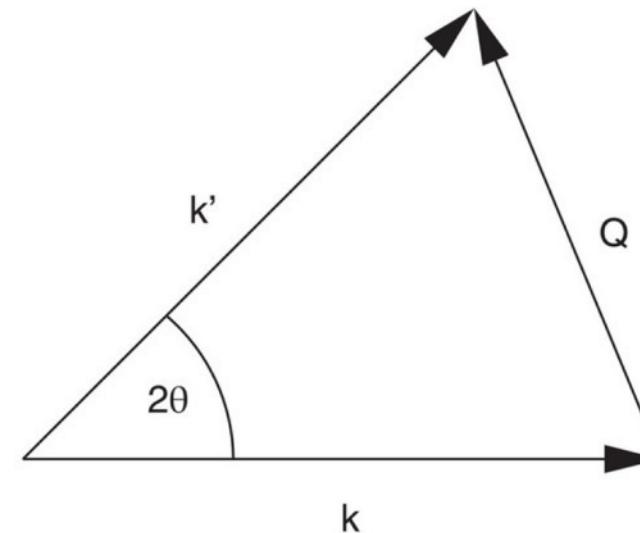


Definition of the scattering vector Q

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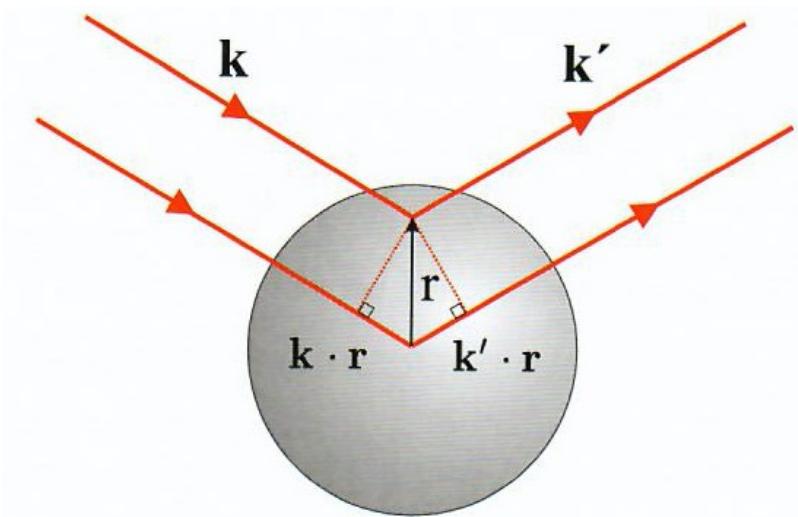


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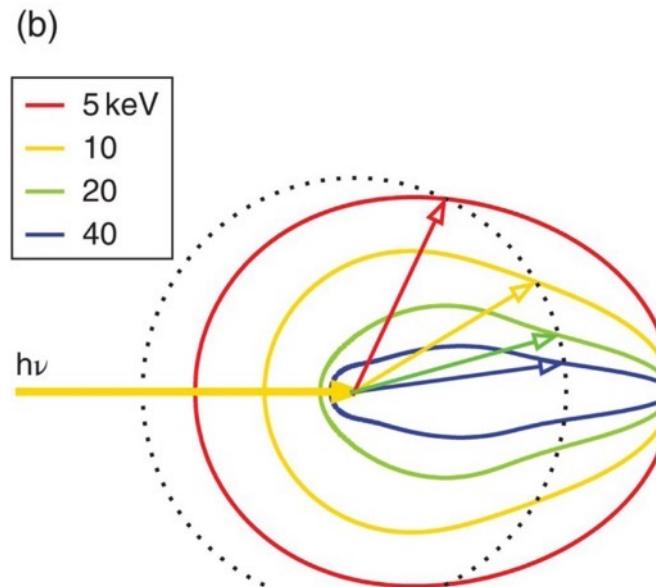
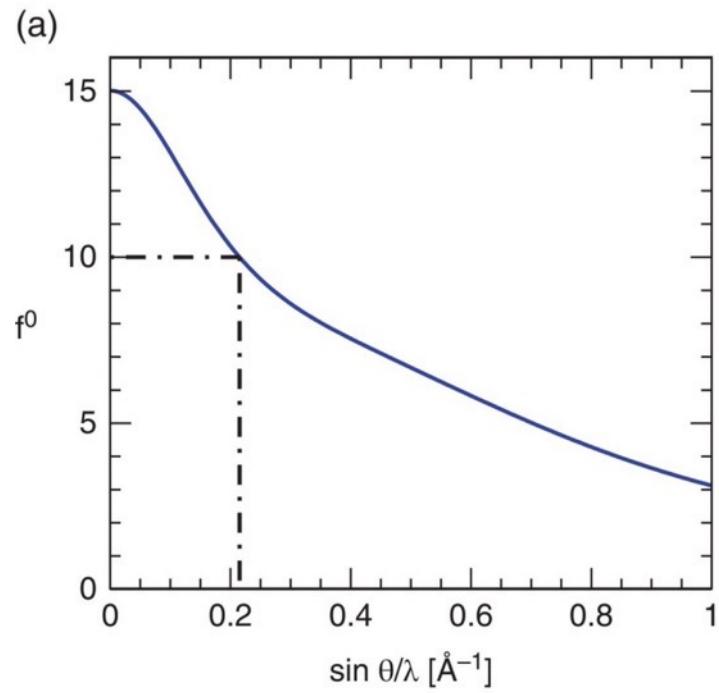


$$|\mathbf{k}| = |\mathbf{k}'| = 2\pi/\lambda$$

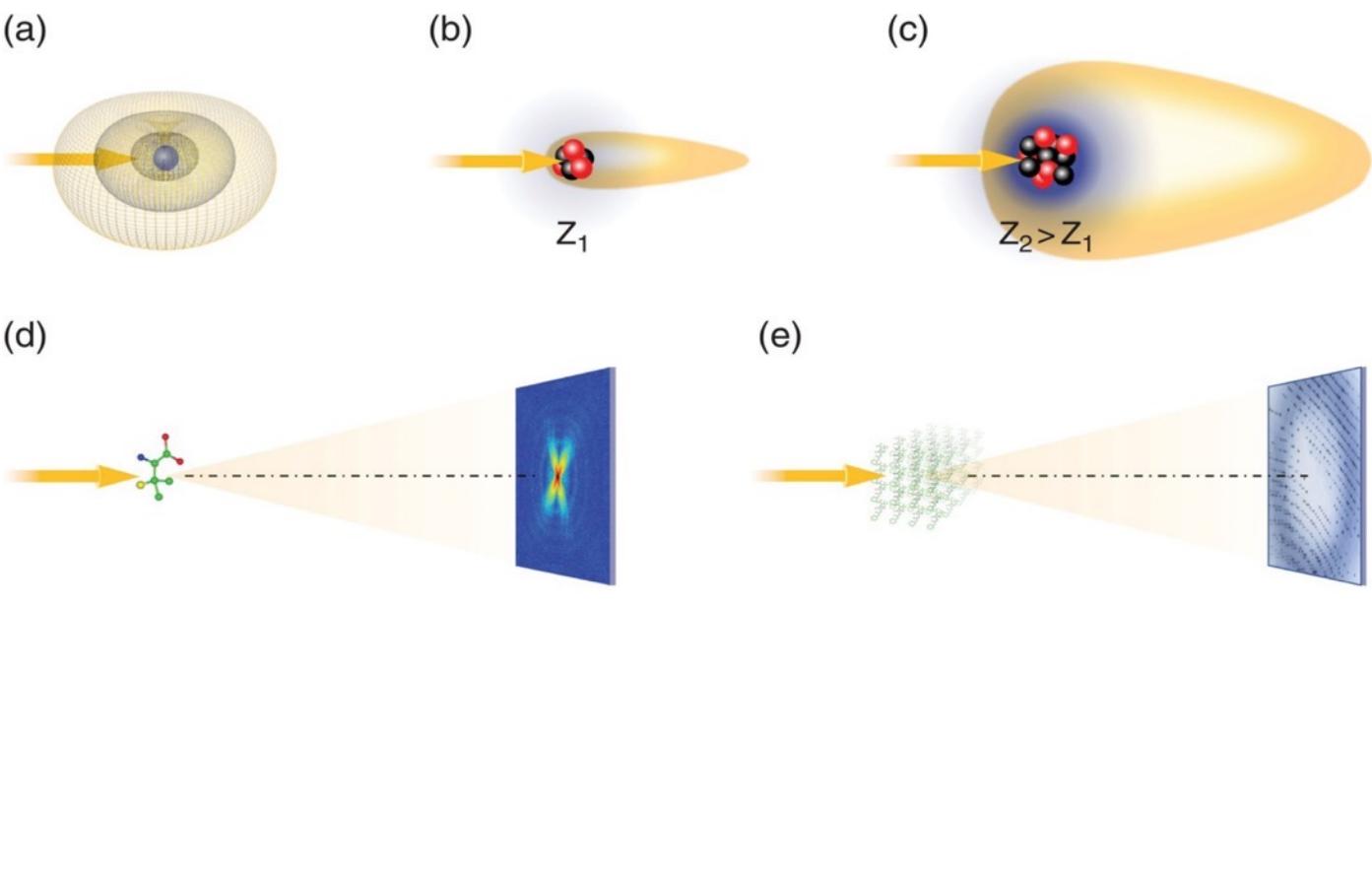
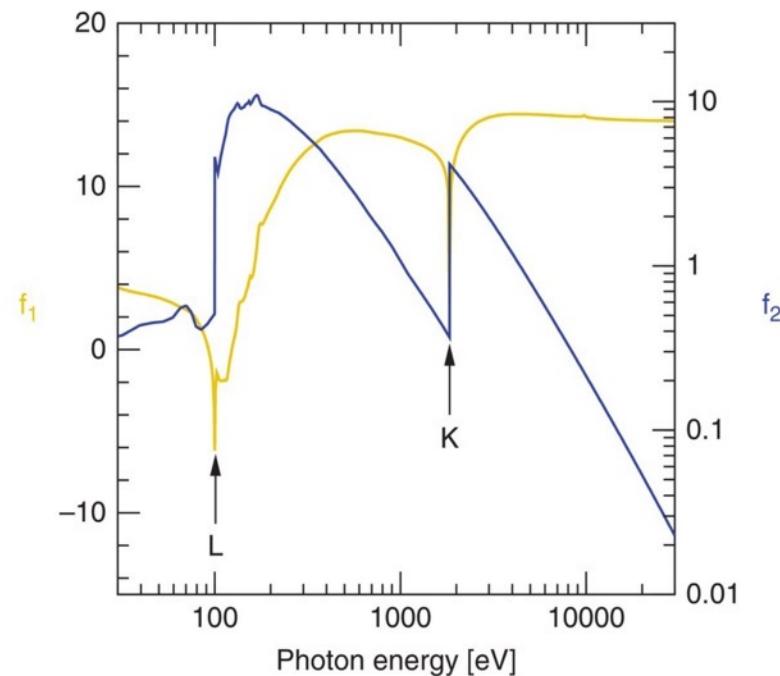
Scattering from an electron cloud



Now full cross section / atomic scattering factors



Atomic scattering factors again



From Session 2

Bragg scattering

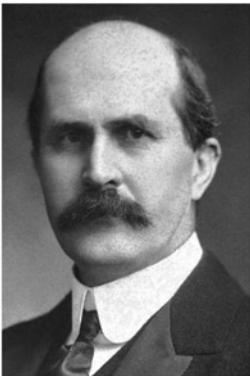
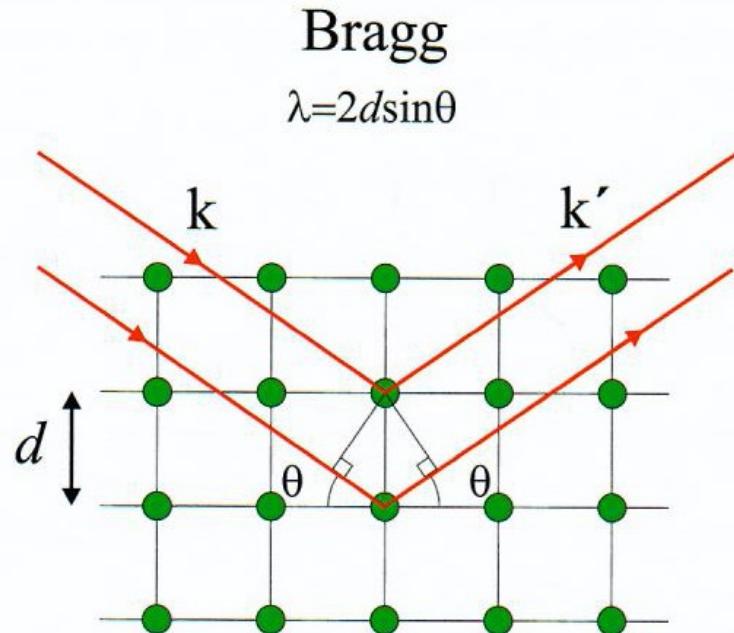


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Sir William Henry Bragg

Prize share: 1/2

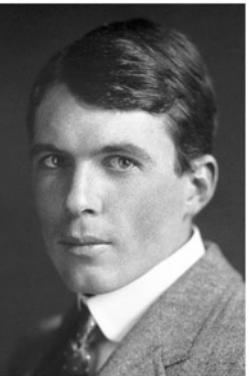
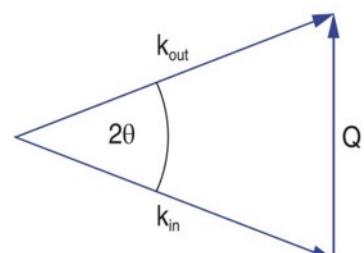


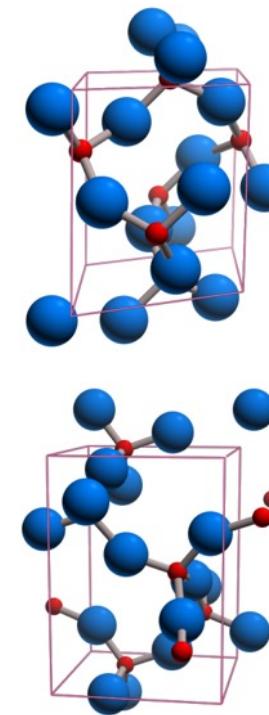
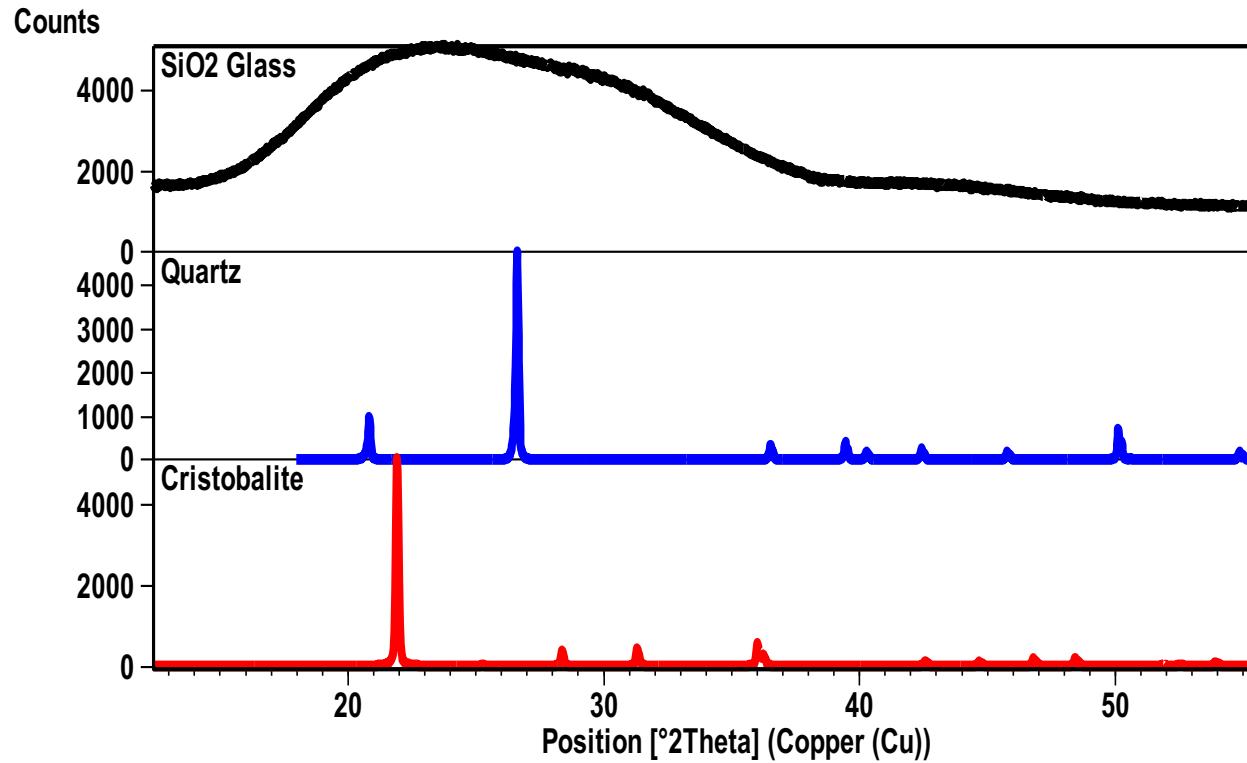
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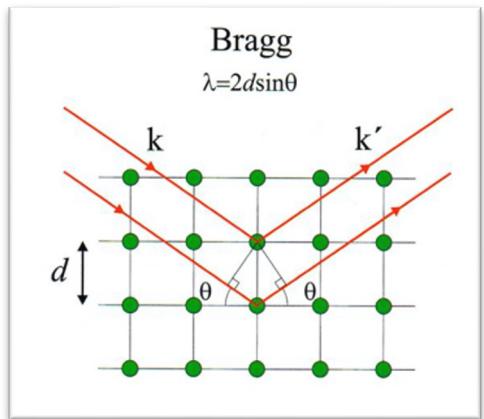
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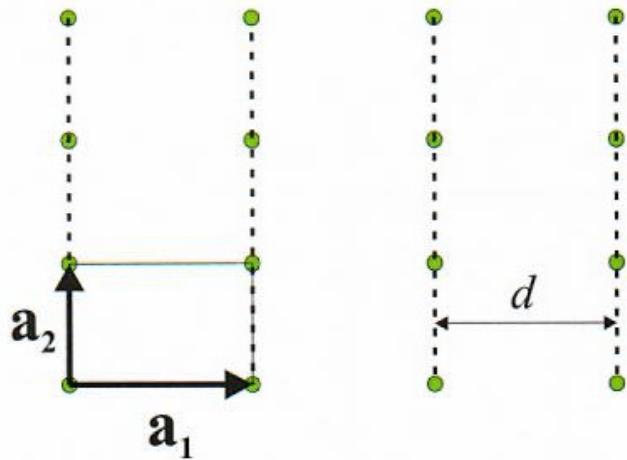
Characteristic signals from different – chemically identical – samples



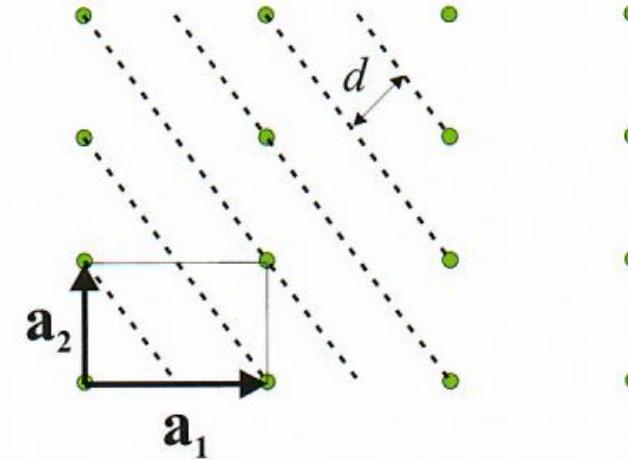
Lattice planes



(10) planes

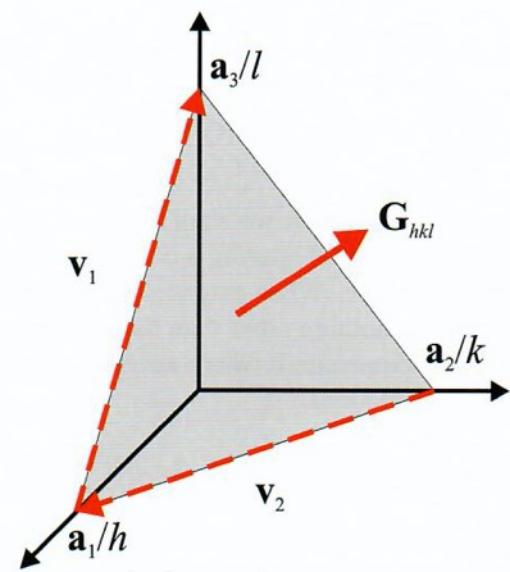
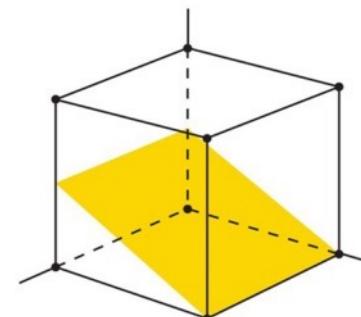
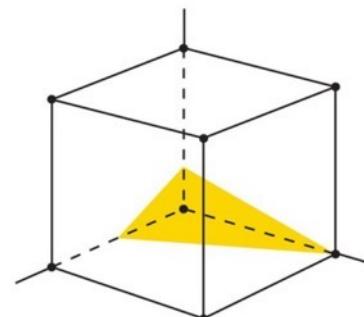
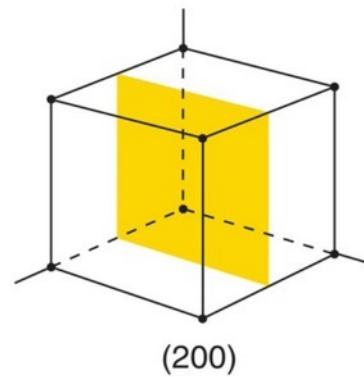
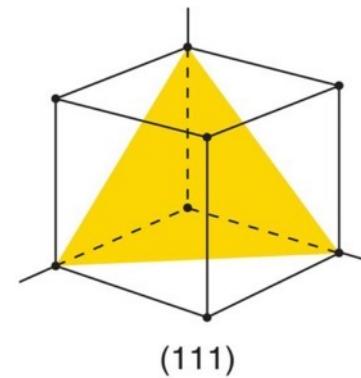
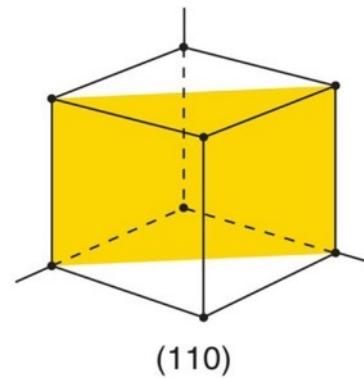
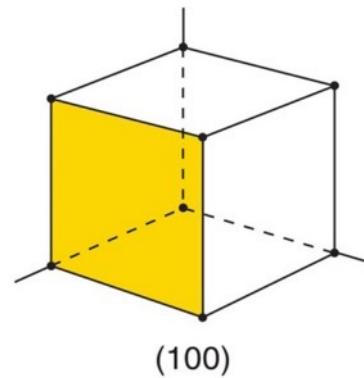


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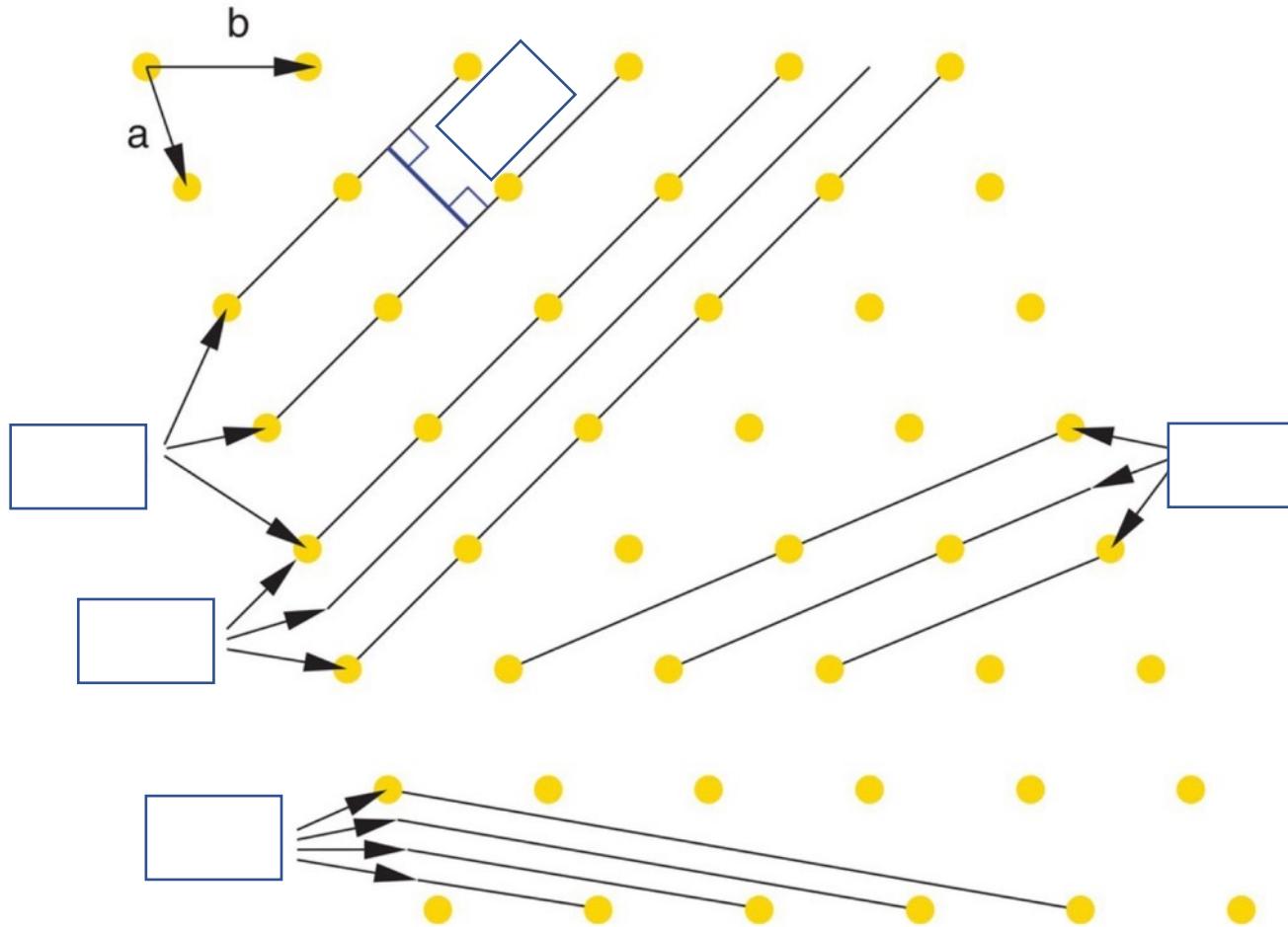
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- Take the reciprocal of these numbers, reduce to smallest integer

Miller indices



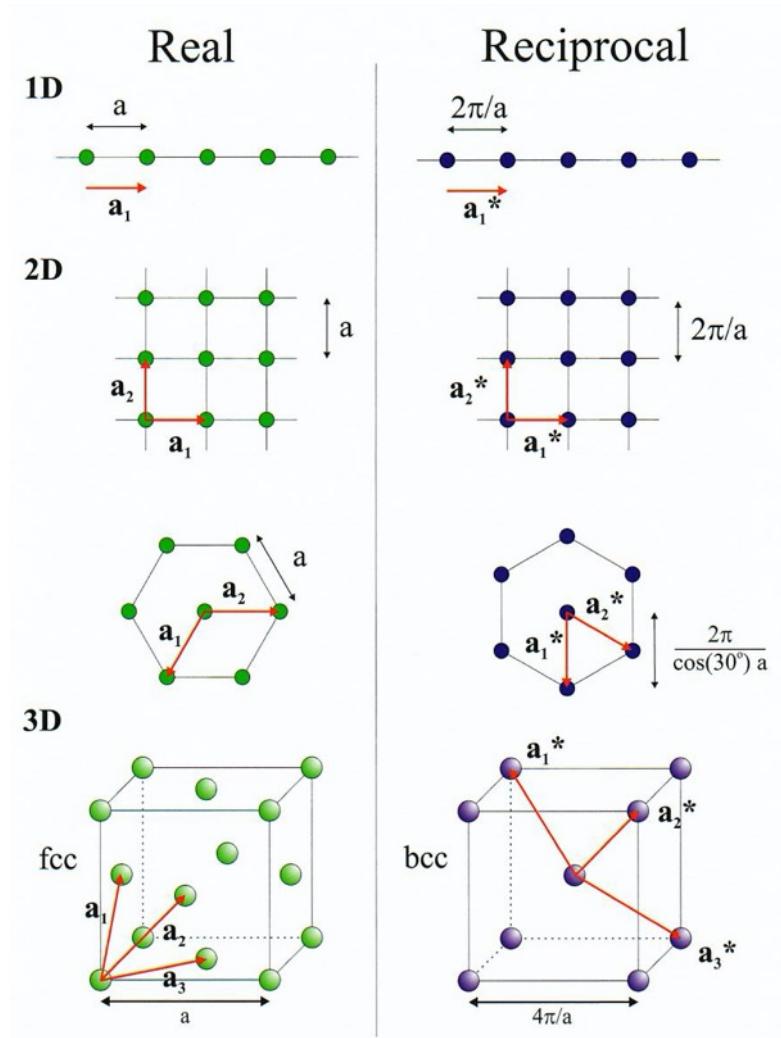
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Exercise: Identify lattice planes



More on diffraction of single crystals

For each lattice a reciprocal lattice can be defined



Bragg and Laue conditions

(a) Equivalence of Bragg and Laue

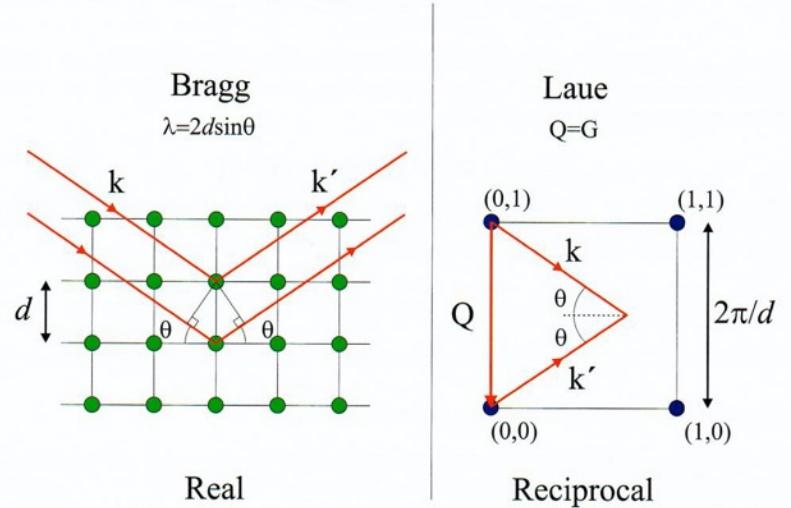
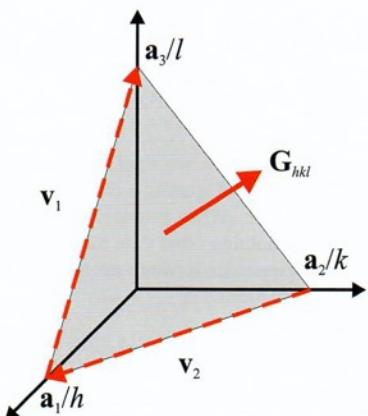


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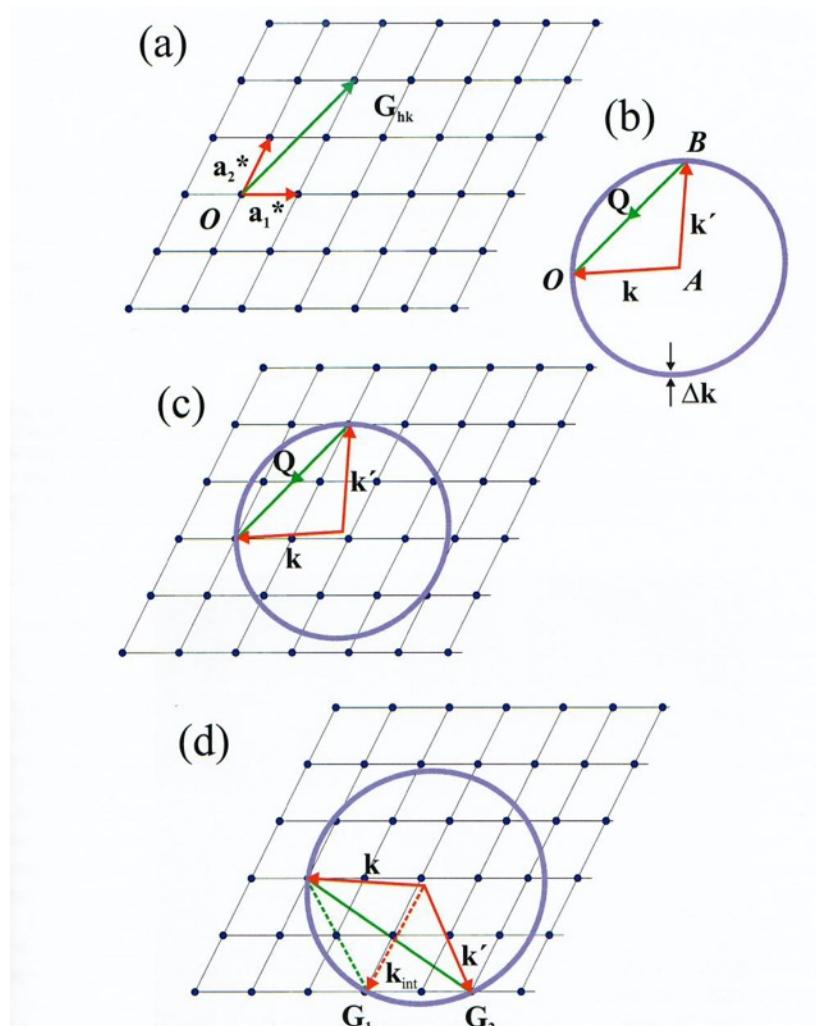
Max von Laue

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(b) Miller indices and reciprocal lattice vectors

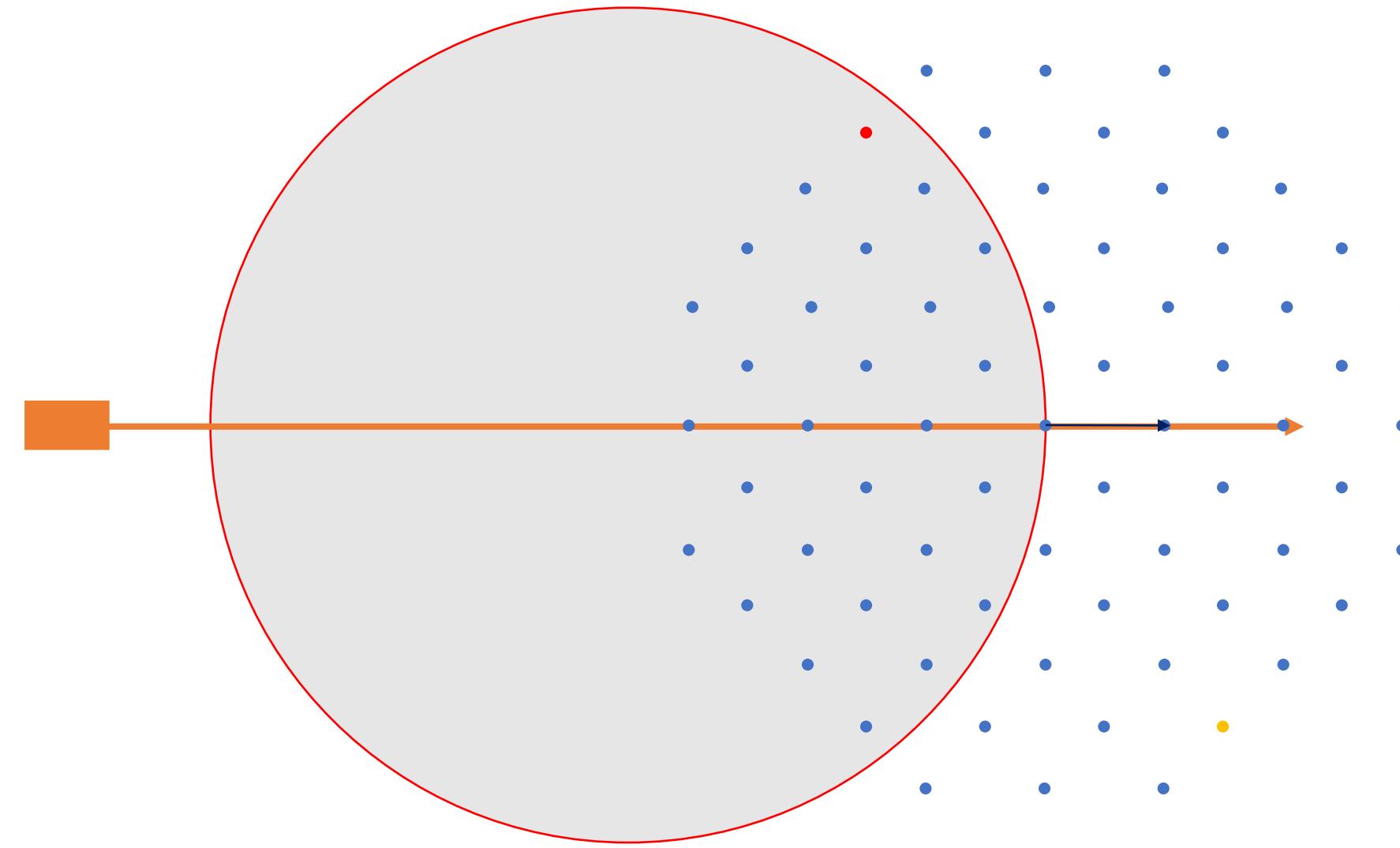


The Ewald Sphere

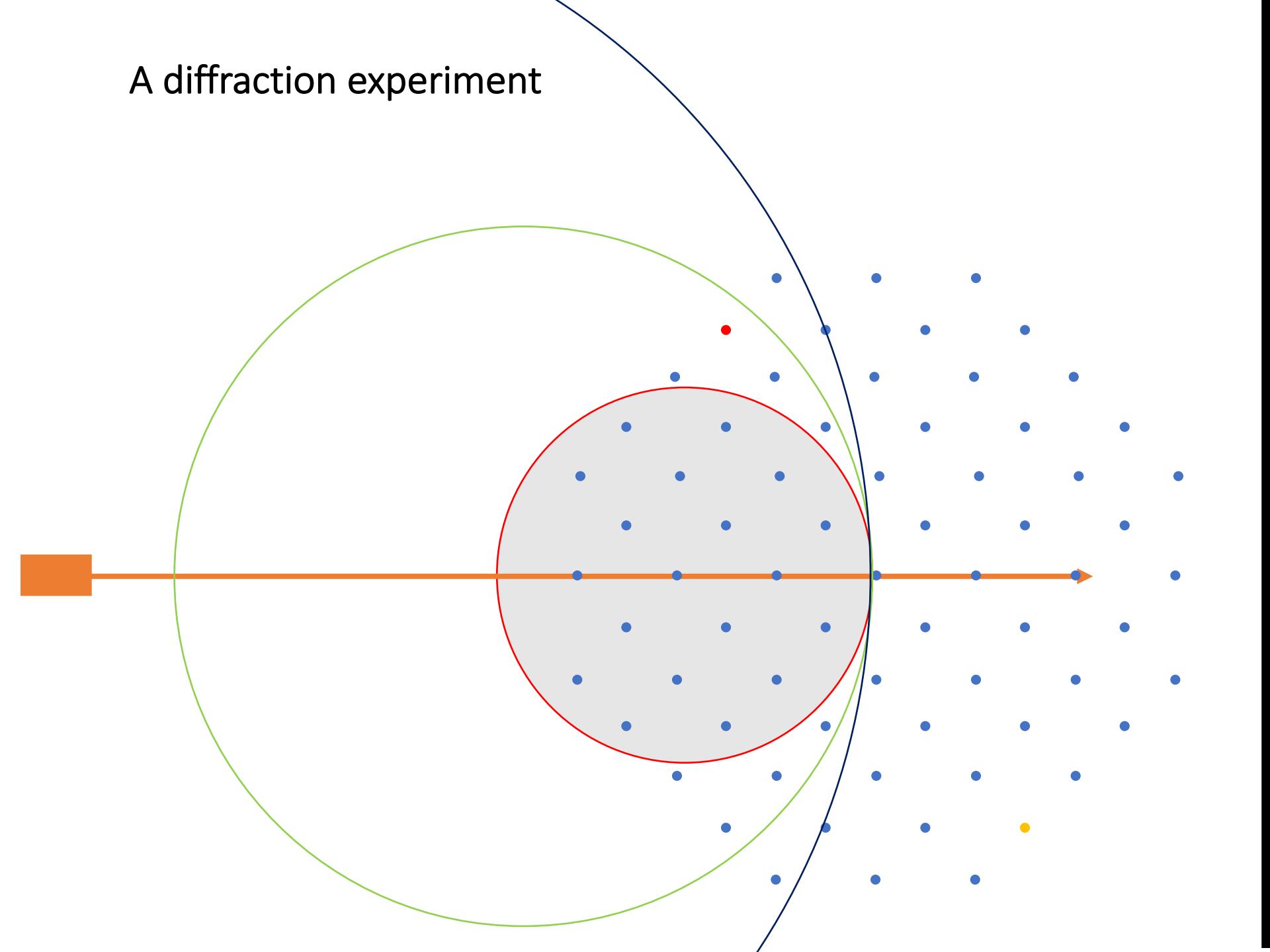


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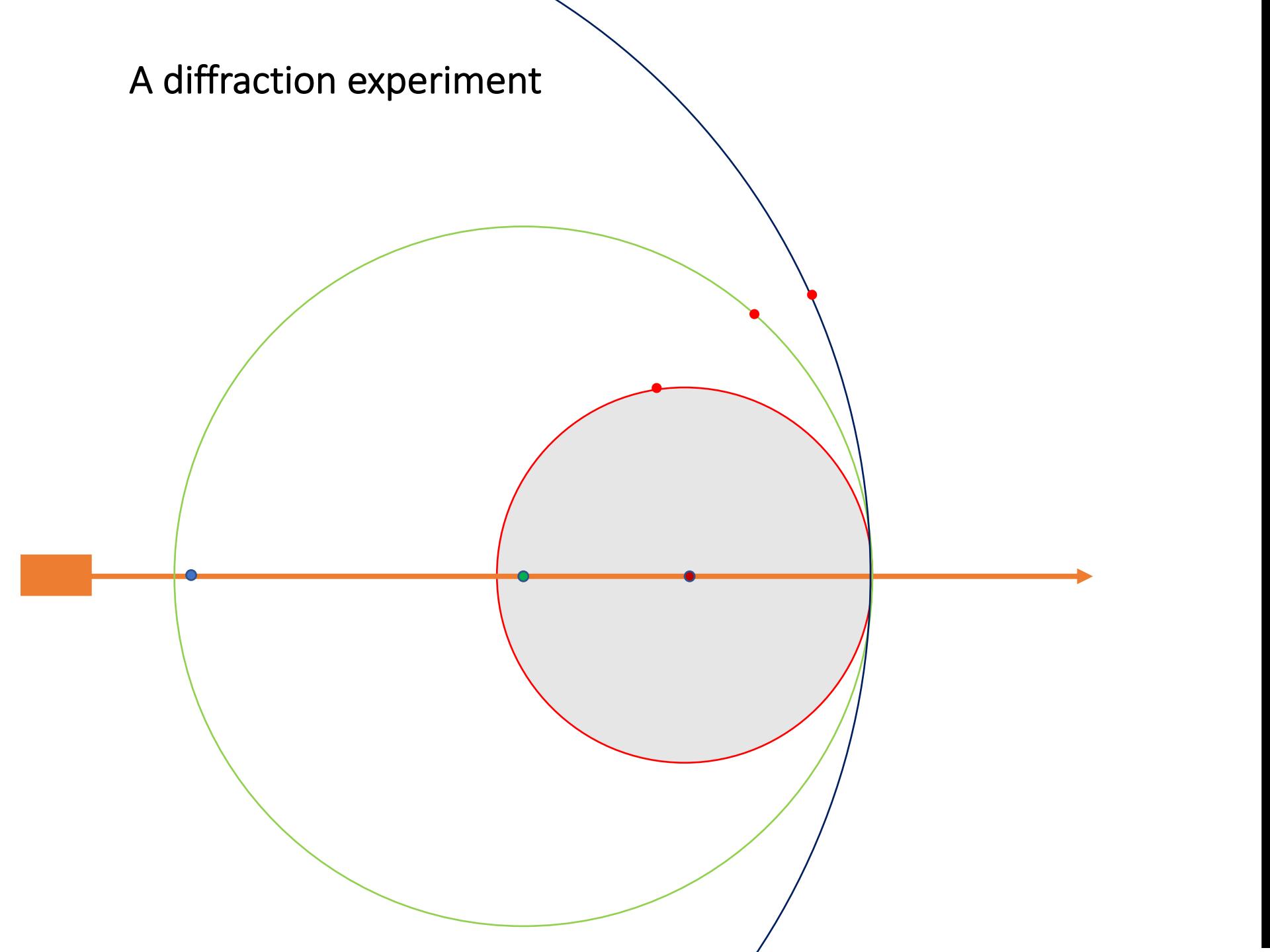
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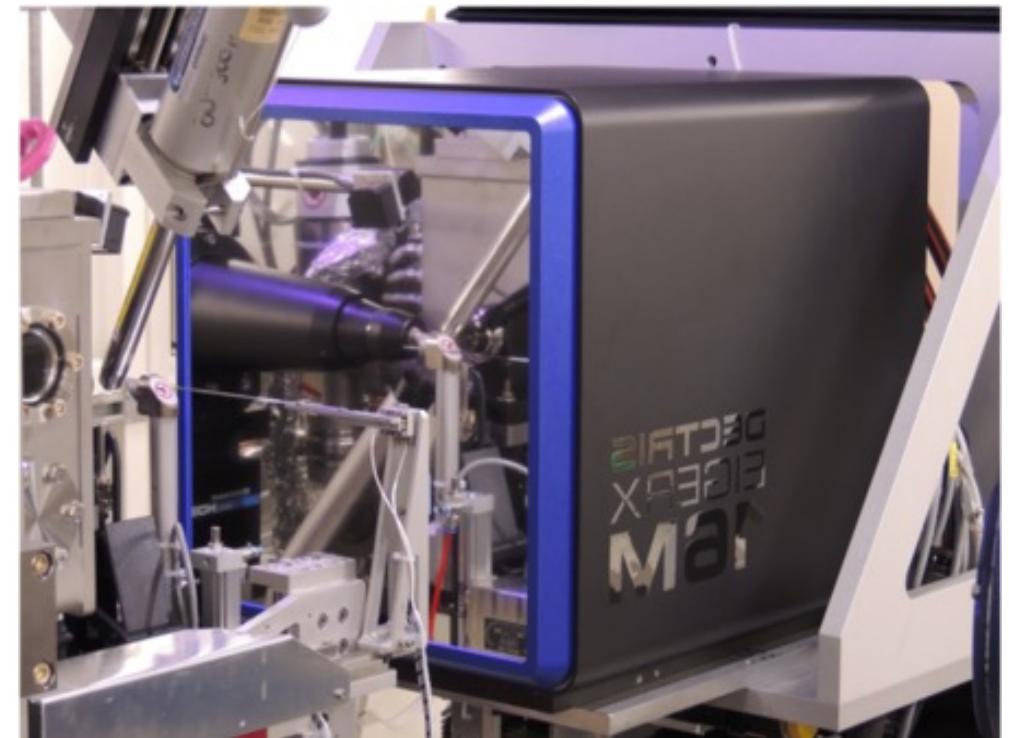
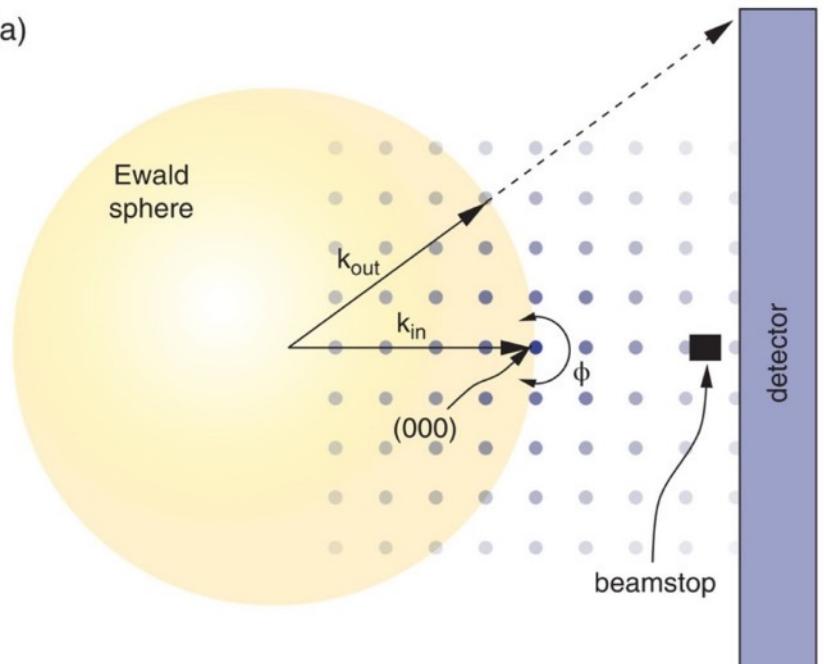


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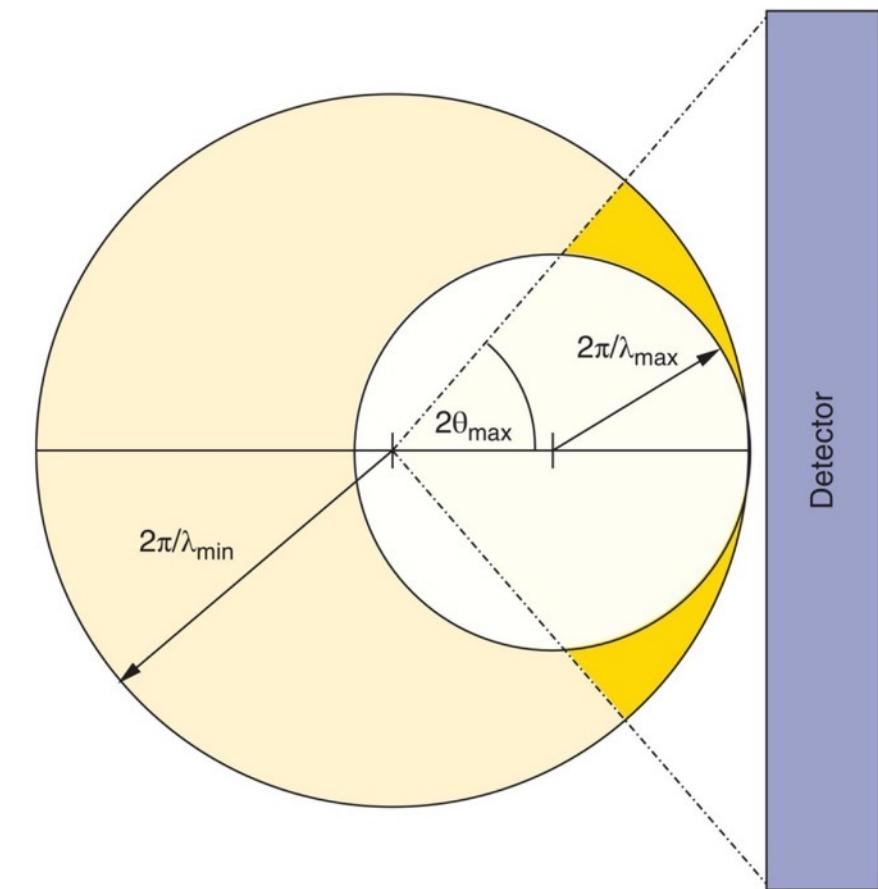
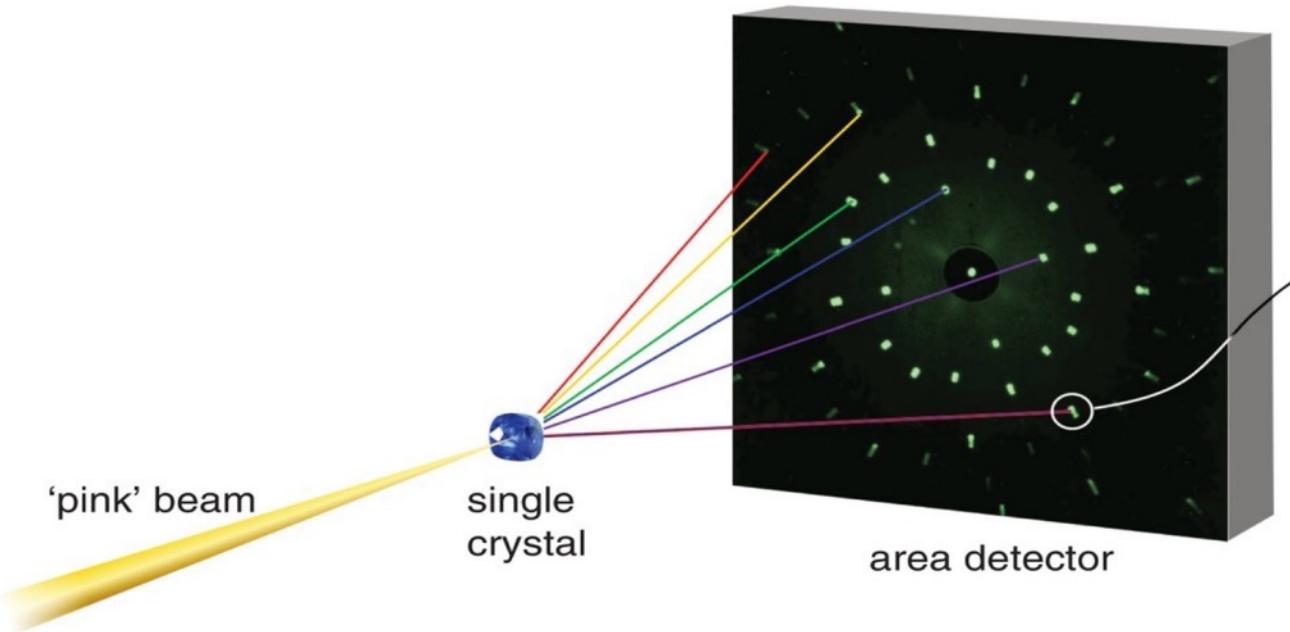


A diffraction experiment

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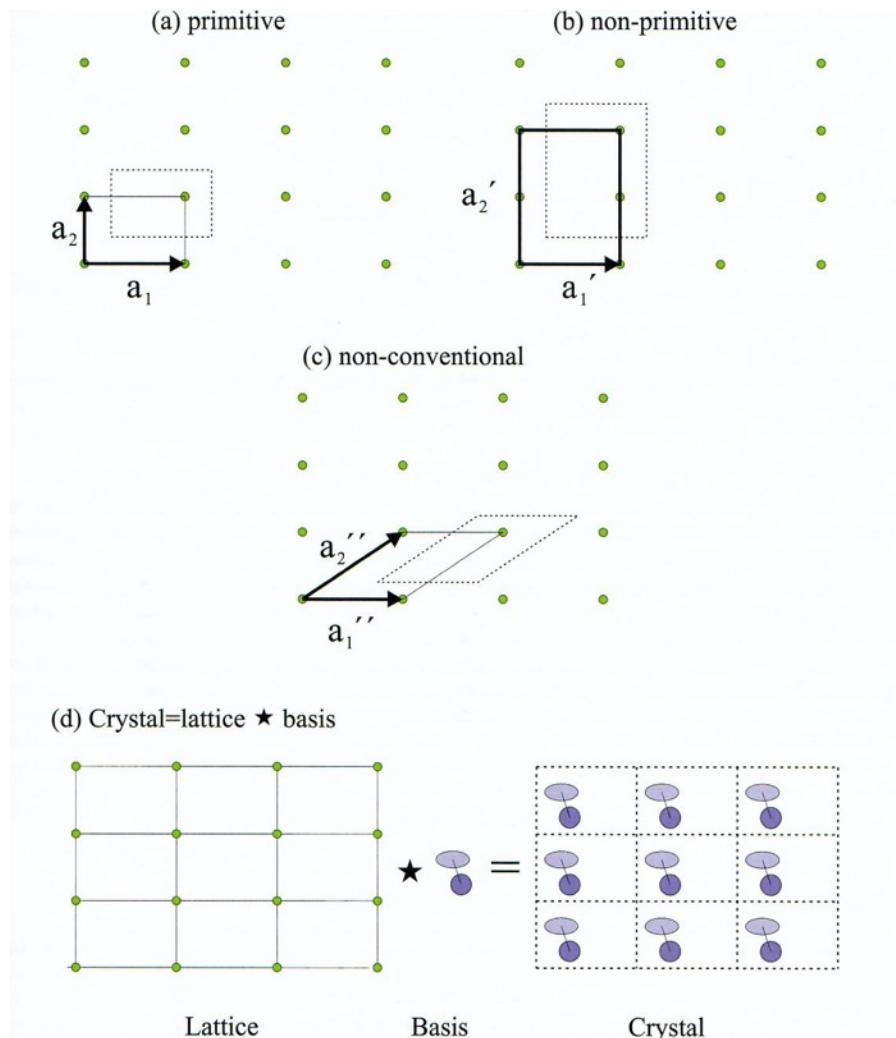


Laue method



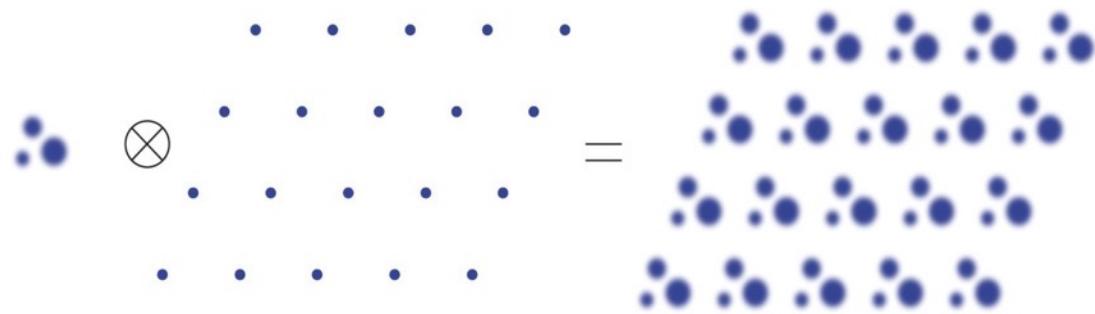
More on Bragg peaks

A crystal is defined by 1st lattice and basis

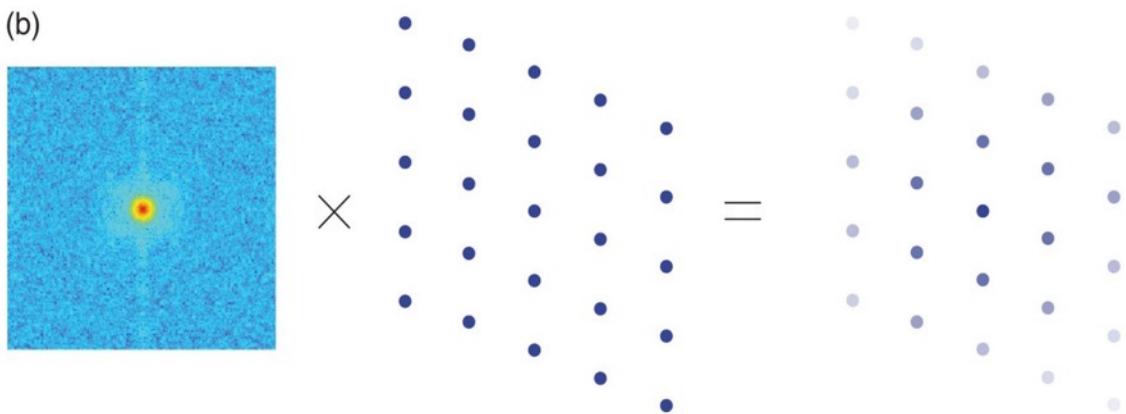


The structure factor

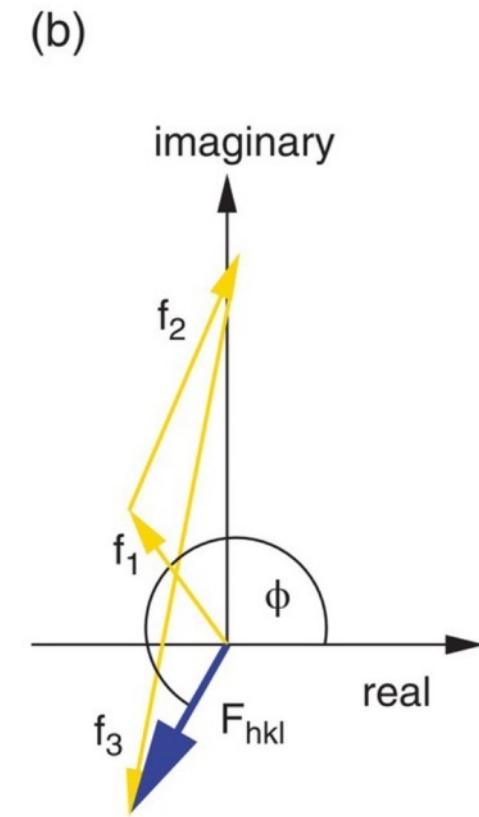
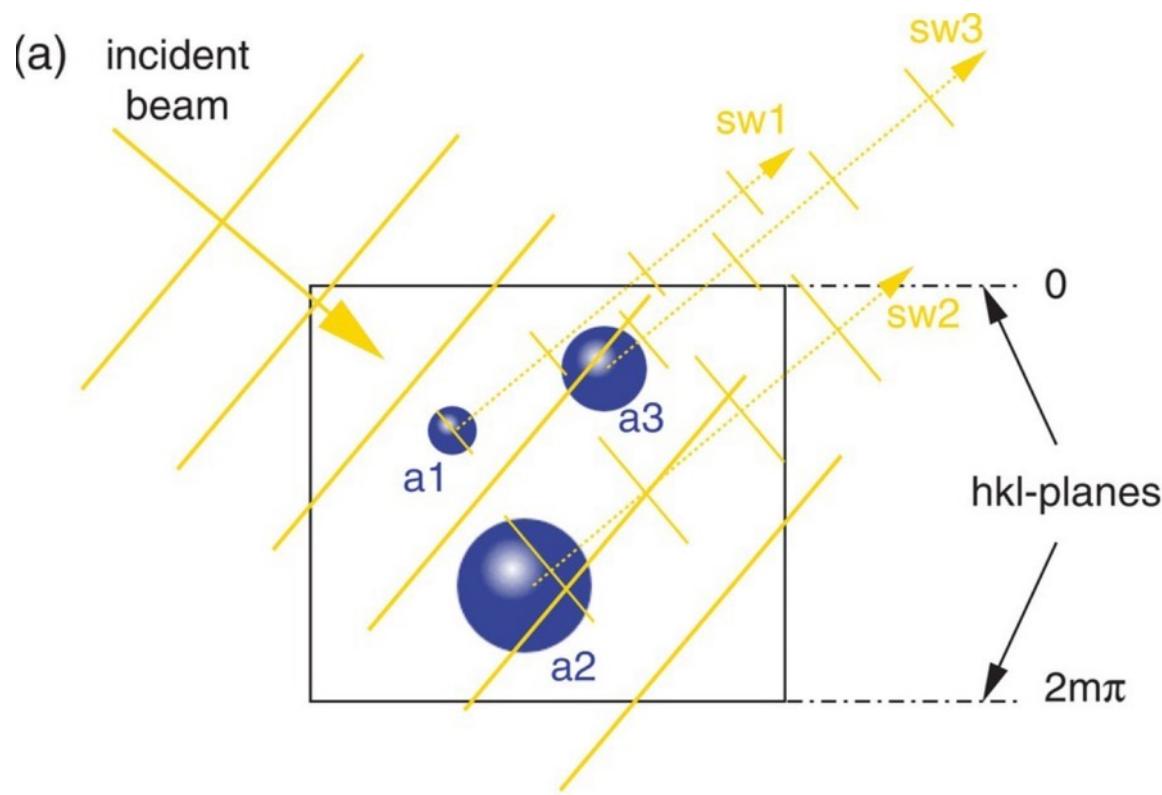
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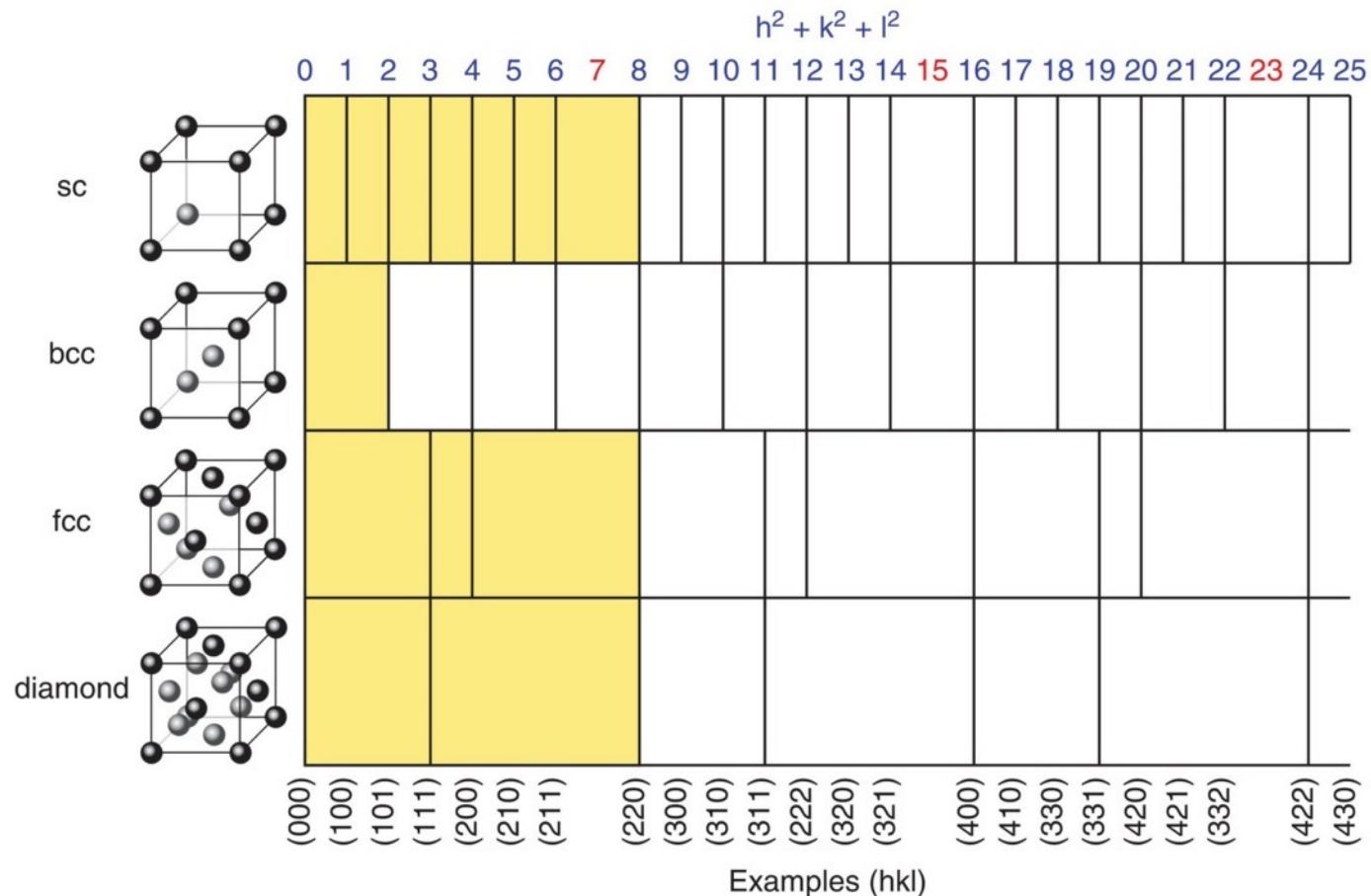
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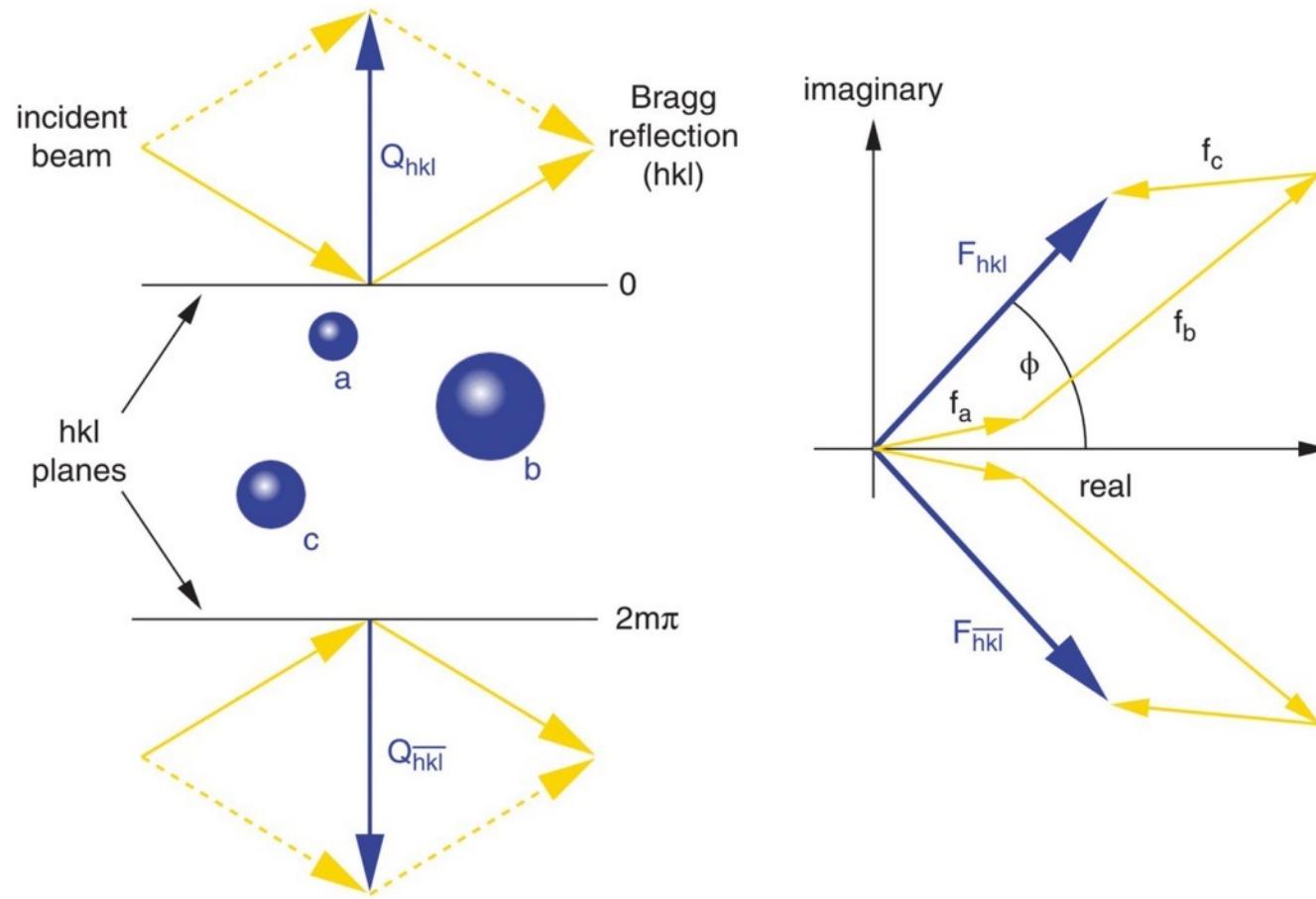
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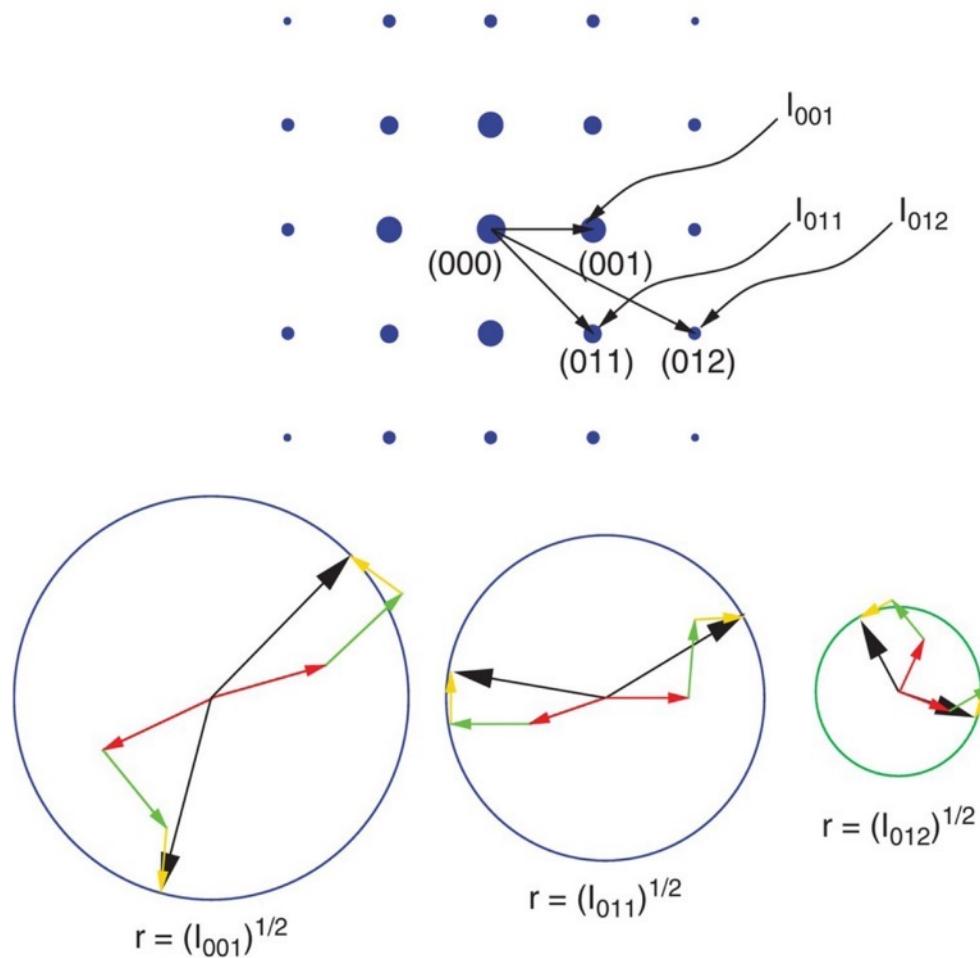
Allowed and forbidden reflections



Friedels law

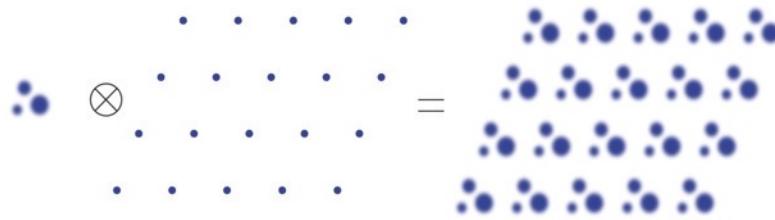


The phase problem

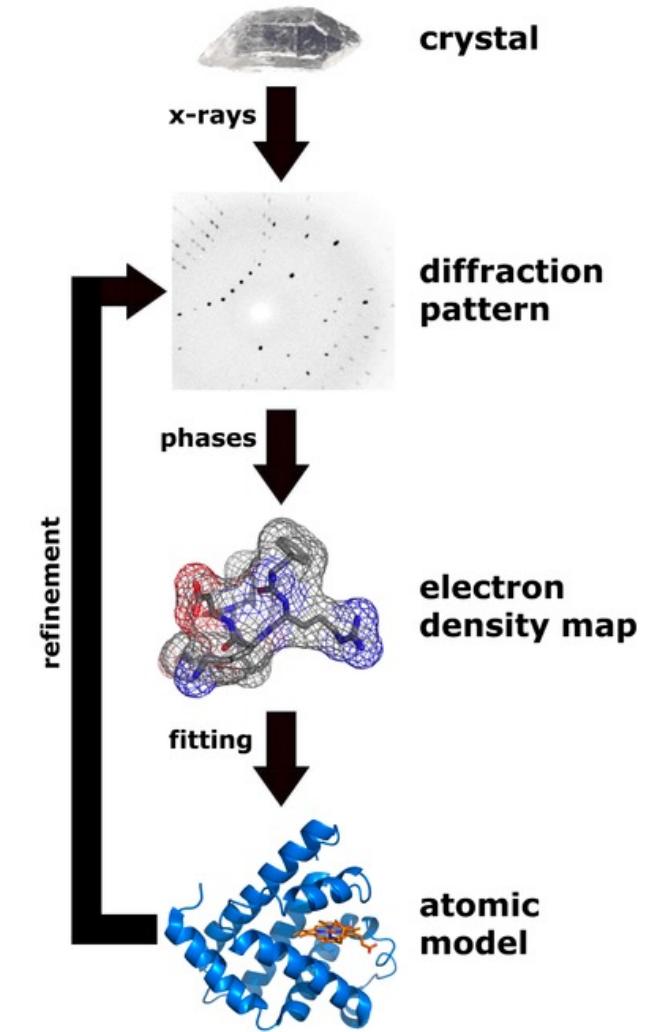
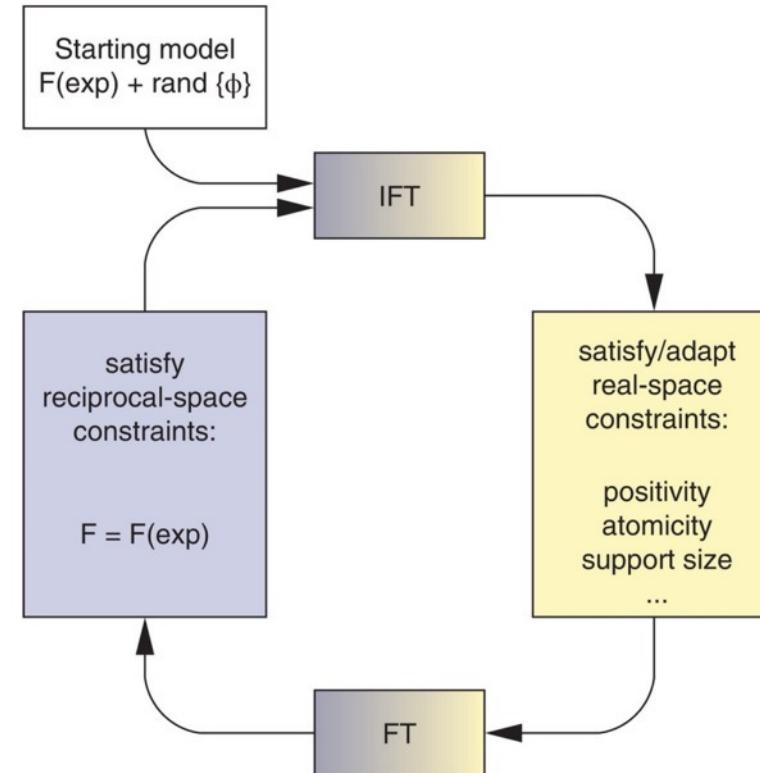
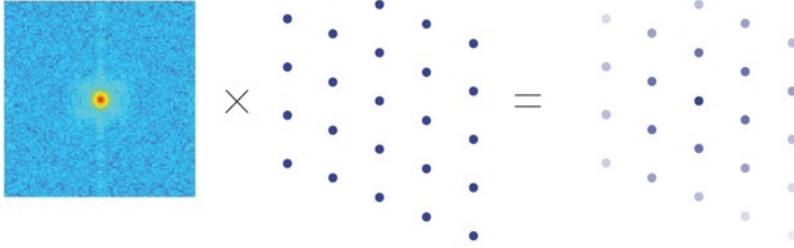


Solving a crystal structure

(a)



(b)



A few examples and case studies

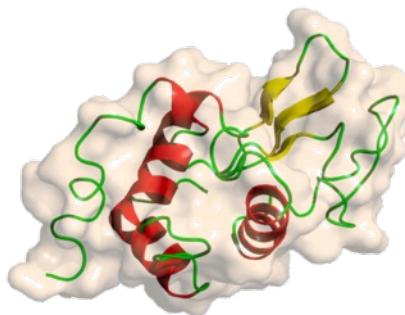
Remember last week example for diffraction of lysozyme crystal

Lysozym (Protein, Immunsystem)

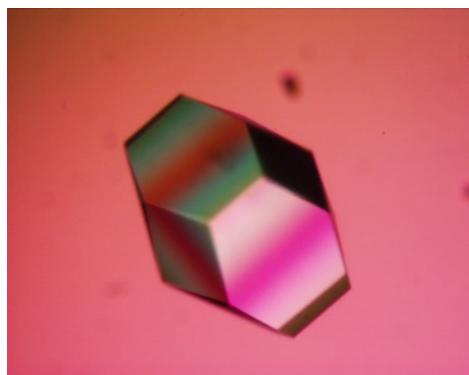
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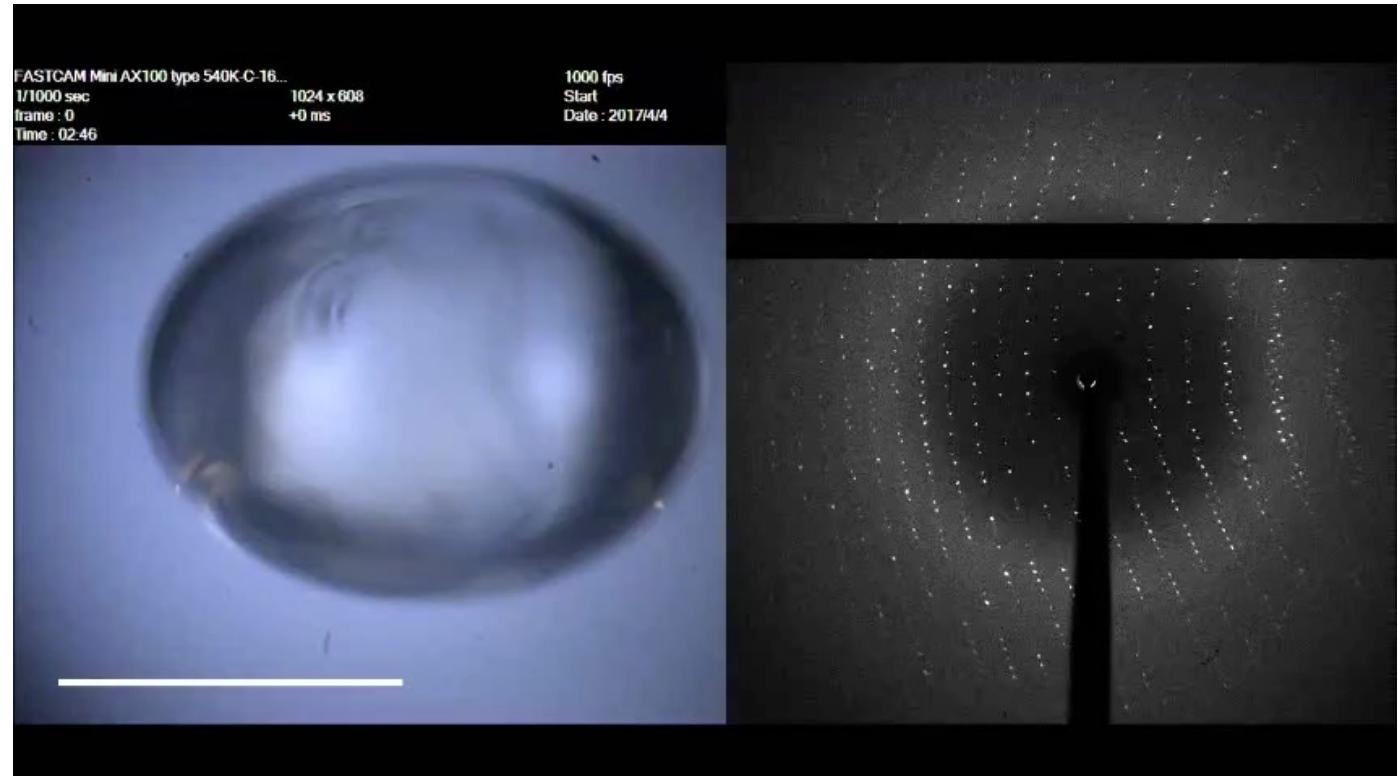
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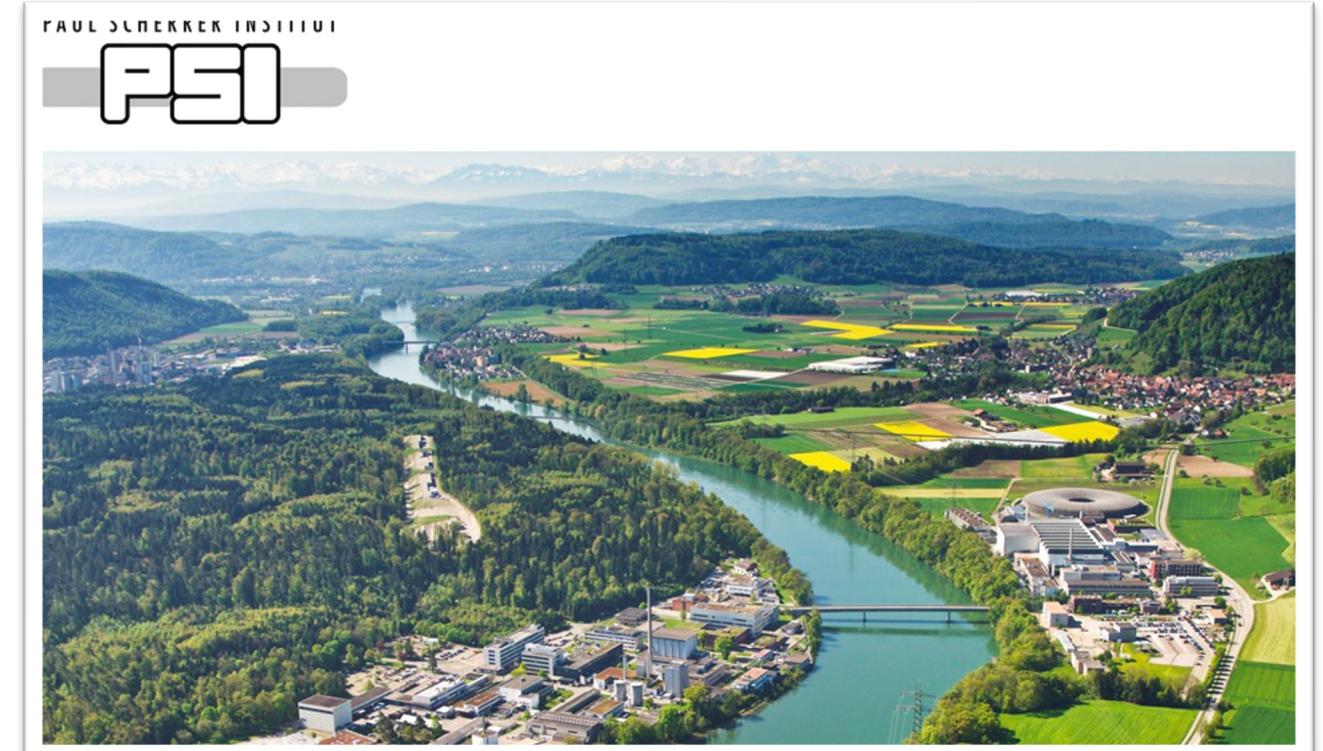
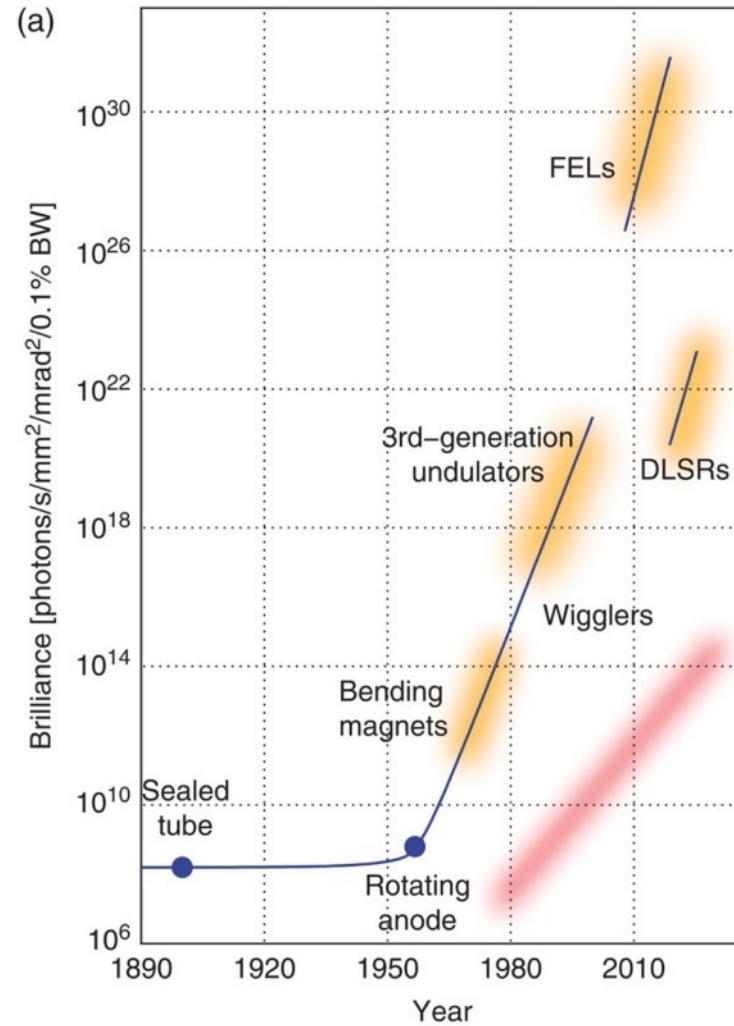
Crystal



Experiment at the Swiss Light Source

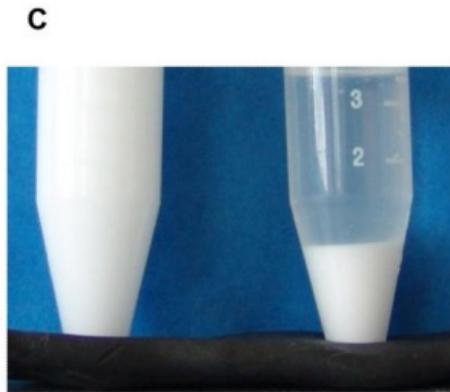
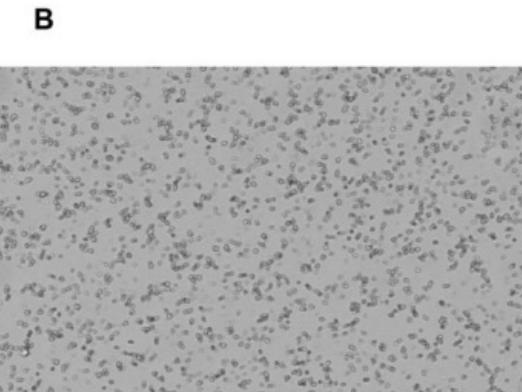
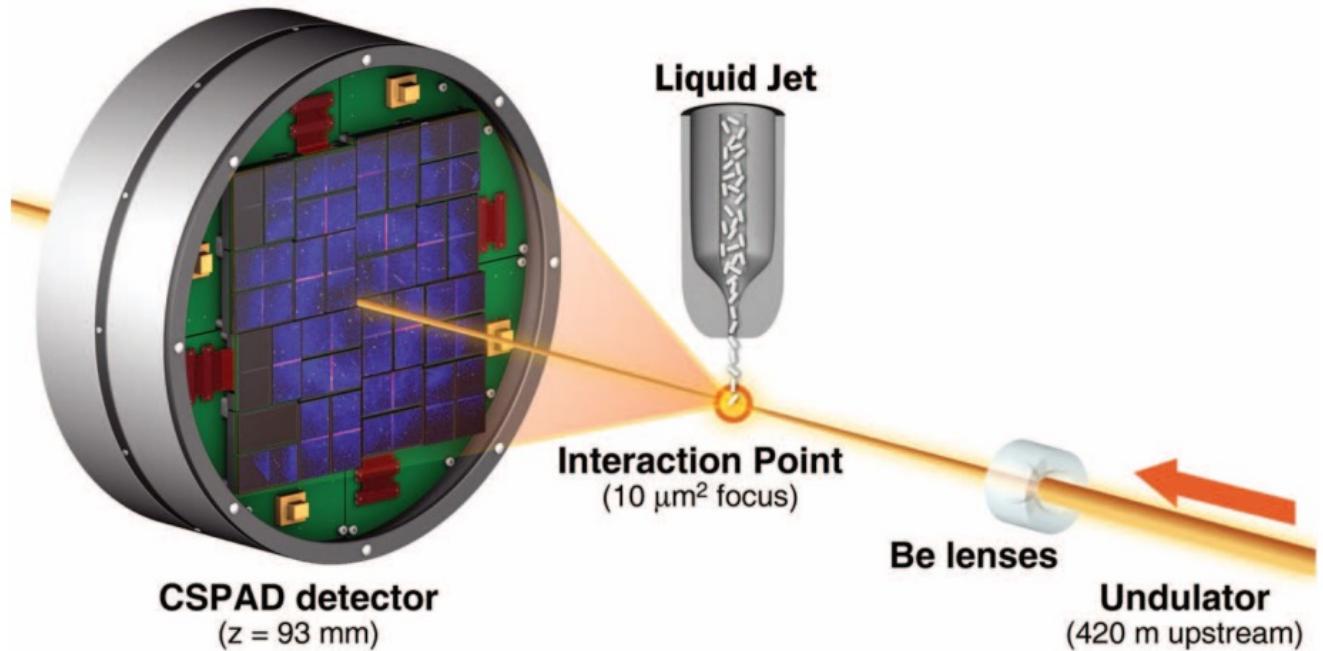


Each X-ray source allows characteristic experiments. „Output“ varies by >20 orders of magnitude



High-Resolution Protein Structure Determination by Serial Femtosecond Crystallography

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Time-resolved x-ray diffraction

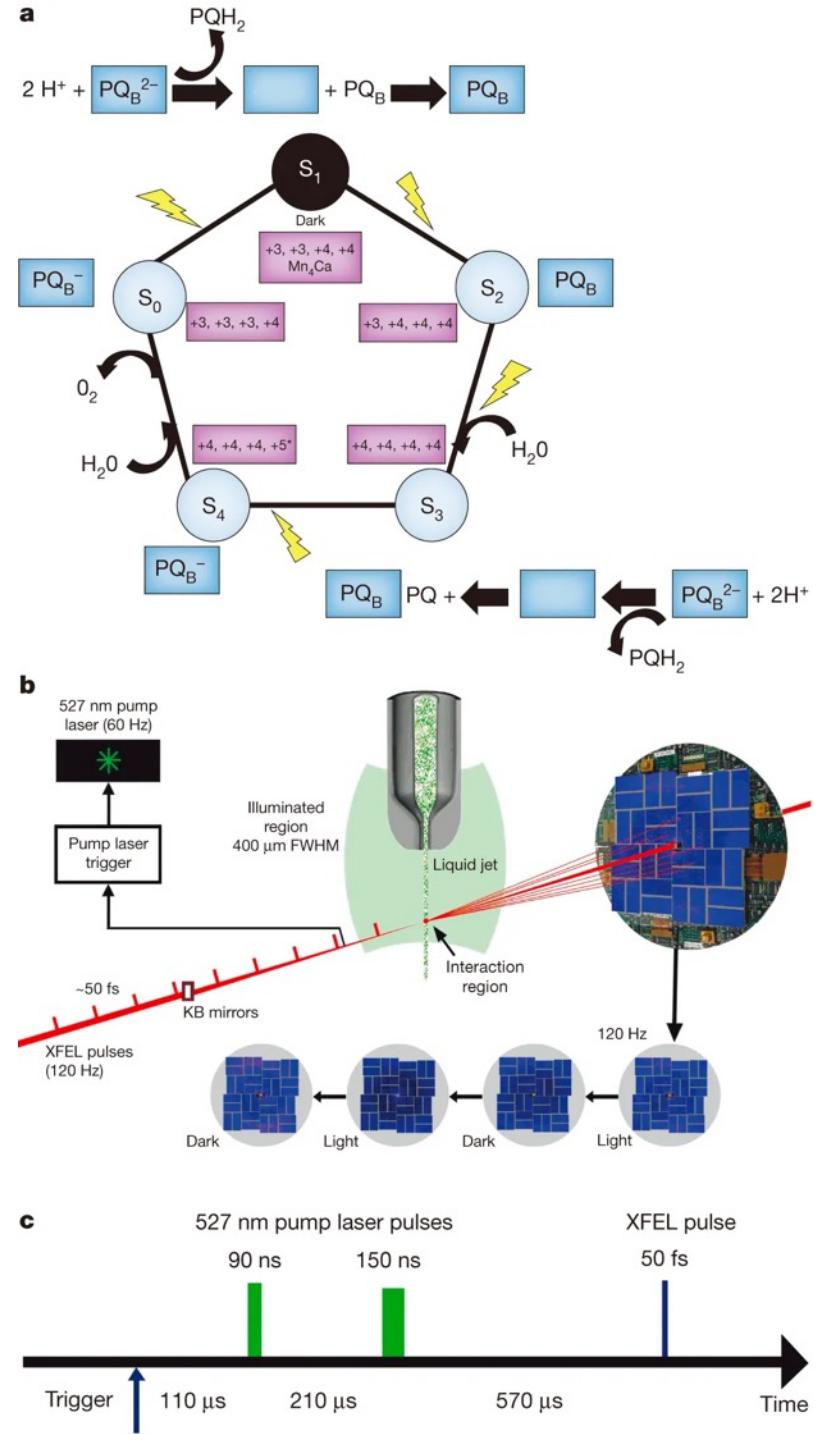
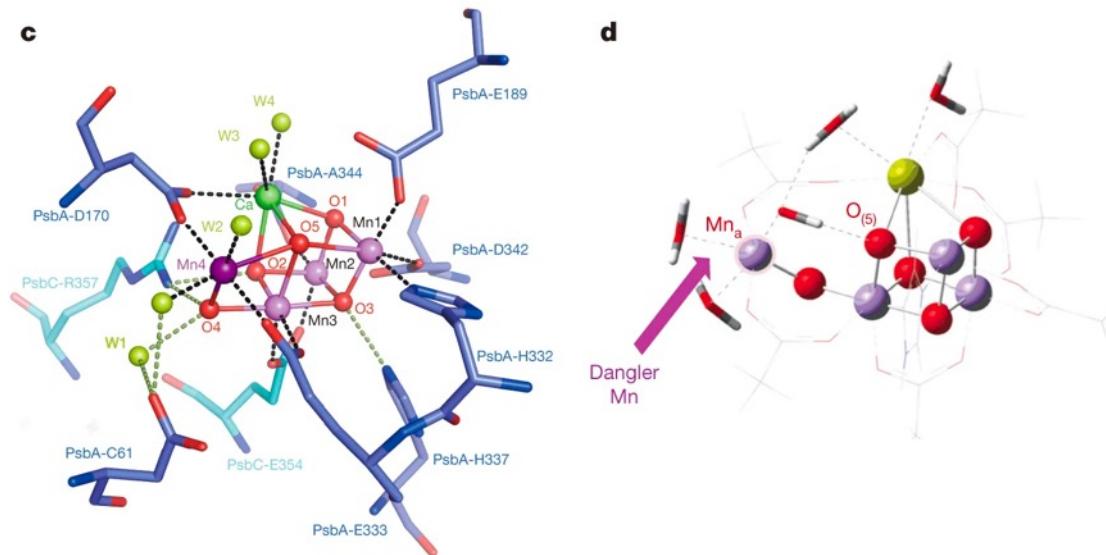
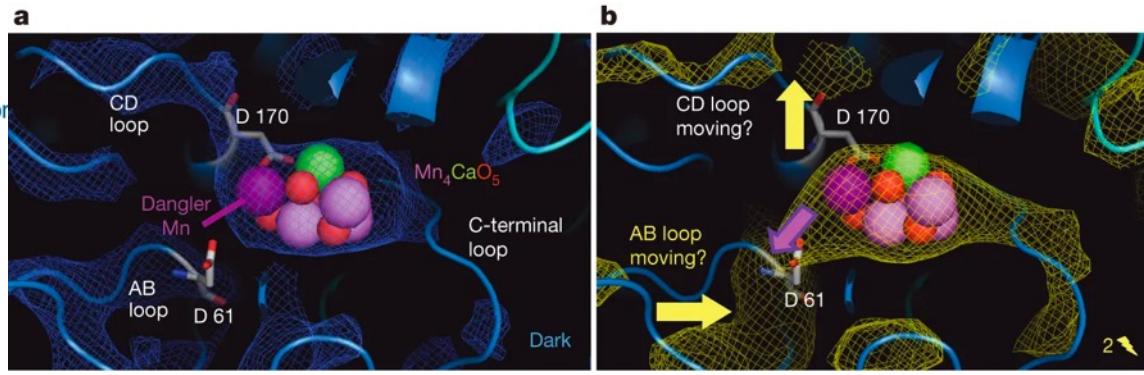
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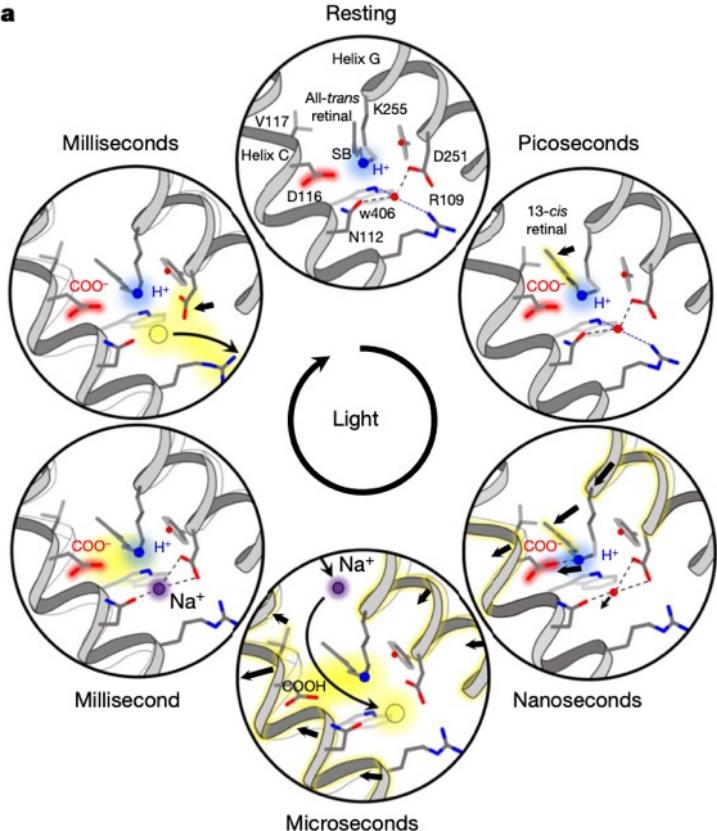
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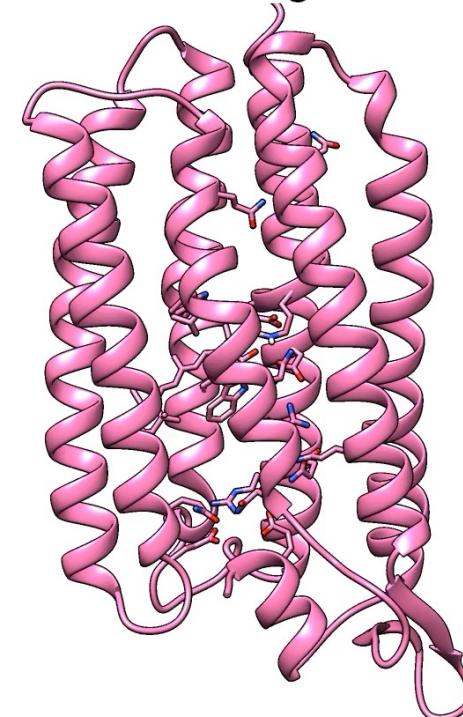
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Light-driven sodium pumps actively transport small cations across cellular membranes¹. These pumps are used by microorganisms to convert light into membrane potential and have become useful optogenetic tools with applications in neuroscience. Although the resting state structures of the prototypical sodium pump *Krokinobacter eikastus* rhodopsin 2 (KR2) have been solved^{2,3}, it is unclear how structural alterations over time allow sodium to be translocated against a concentration gradient. Here, using the Swiss X-ray Free Electron Laser⁴, we have collected serial crystallographic data at ten pump–probe delays from femtoseconds to milliseconds. High-resolution structural snapshots throughout the KR2 photocycle show how retinal isomerization is completed on the femtosecond timescale and changes the local structure of the binding pocket in the early nanoseconds. Subsequent rearrangements and deprotonation of the retinal Schiff base open an electrostatic gate in microseconds. Structural and spectroscopic data, in combination with quantum chemical calculations, indicate that a sodium ion binds transiently close to the retinal within one millisecond. In the last structural intermediate, at 20 milliseconds after activation, we identified a potential second sodium-binding site close to the extracellular exit. These results provide direct molecular insight into the dynamics of active cation transport across biological membranes.

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