

Diffraction - Theory & Data Collection

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Macromolecular Crystallography  
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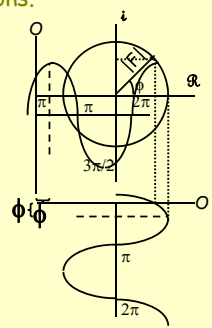
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Part 1:  
**X-RAYS**

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Definitions.

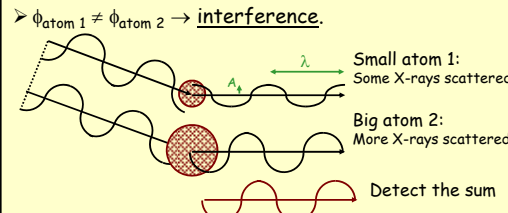
- Electromagnetic waves.
- Amplitude (A) varies as cosine of distance from origin (O). |F|
- Wavelength =  $\lambda$ , split into 360° or  $2\pi$  radians.
- Phase ( $\phi$  or  $\alpha$ )
  - Measured:
    - origin → +ve peak
    - angle from x-axis (anticlockwise)



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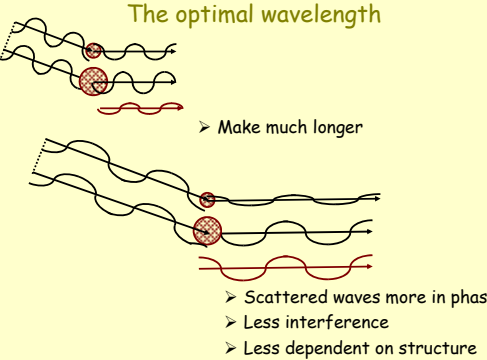
Why X-rays?

- Atoms scatter X-rays in all directions.
- Phase change is exactly  $\pi$  rad.
- Measure sum of scattering.
- Path length through 2nd atom differs.
- $\phi_{\text{atom 1}} \neq \phi_{\text{atom 2}} \rightarrow$  interference.



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The optimal wavelength



- Make much longer
- Scattered waves more in phase
- Less interference
- Less dependent on structure

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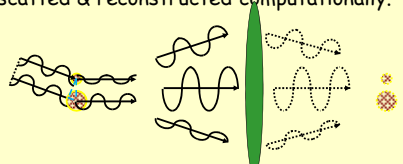
X-rays have wavelengths close to optimal

- Max. interference: path length difference  $\approx \lambda$ .
- $\lambda \sim$  interatomic distances.
- Choose  $0.7 \text{ \AA} \leq \lambda \leq 1.8 \text{ \AA}$
- Commonly  $\lambda \sim 1.5 \text{ \AA} \sim \text{C-C bond}$ .

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### Why Diffraction? - Crystallography in a nutshell

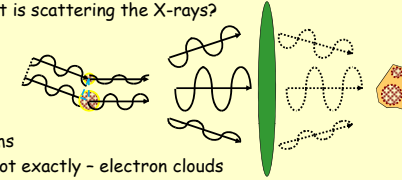
- > X-ray refractive indices close to 1.0.
- > ~No refraction or reflection → No lenses.
- > Uncharged → No electrostatic lenses like E.M..
- > Left with diffraction!
- > X-rays scattered & reconstructed computationally.



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### Atoms or Electron Density

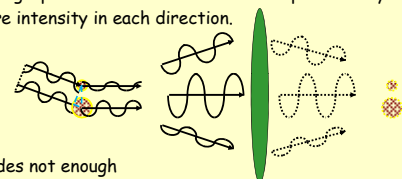
- > What is scattering the X-rays?
  - Atoms
    - Not exactly - electron clouds
  - Image is electron density
    - Atomic Structure is an interpretation...
      - Nuclear positions consistent with electron density.
    - Exptl error in density can → difficult interpretation.



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### Crystallography in a nutshell

- > Microscopy without the lens...
- > Lens would physically "sum" scattered waves.
- > Crystallographers have to "sum" waves computationally.
- > Measure intensity in each direction.

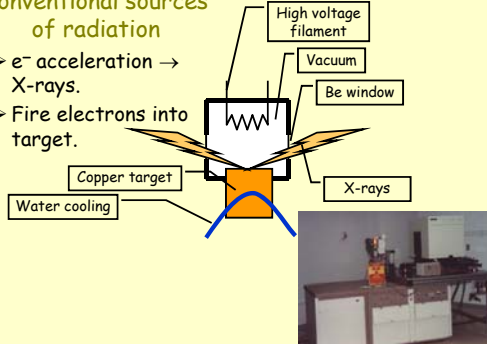


- > Amplitudes not enough
- > Phases - synchronization of waves
  - How they line up, how far peaks lag behind each other.
  - Can't be measured directly - "Phase Problem" Challenge.

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### Conventional sources of radiation

- >  $e^-$  acceleration → X-rays.
- > Fire electrons into target.



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### Synchrotrons

- >  $e^-$  accelerated in circular path
  - Relativistic speeds
- > Energy (X-rays) tangential
- > High intensity
  - More data before damage spreads
- > Tunable wavelength
  - Phasing
- > Shared multi-user facilities



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### Preparation of X-rays

- > Fine parallel beam
  - Collimator
  - Focusing mirrors
- > Monochromatic (single wavelength)
  - 1.51 Å or 0.91 Å or adjusted 0.7 - 2.0 Å
- Monochromator
- Focusing mirrors

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### Interaction of X-rays with samples

- > Absorption (fluorescence)
  - Mostly minor annoyances
- > Scattering
  - Important - because no lenses for imaging
  - Need understanding of how atomic structure affects the scattering of materials
- > Elastic (Coherent aka Thompson) scattering
  - No loss of energy ( $\lambda$  unchanged;  $\Delta\phi = \pi$ ).
  - Dominates diffraction.
- > Inelastic (Incoherent aka Compton) scattering
  - Collision w/  $e^-$  (energy transfer)...
- Background scattering

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### Electromagnetic waves.

$E_i = E_{0i}[\cos 2\pi\nu(t - x/c) + i \sin 2\pi\nu(t - x/c)]$

- >  $E_i$  is field @ time  $t$ , position,  $x$  from origin  $O$ .
- >  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ;  $E_i$  represented as complex vector.
  - Only amplitude observed, but
    - complex form allows addition of waves.
- > By de Moivre's theorem ( $e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$ ):
- >  $E_i = E_{0i} \exp 2\pi i \nu(t - x/c)$
- > Field accelerates a charged particle with frequency  $\nu$ .
  - Max. acceleration as particle passes node @ max  $E_i$ .
  - Thus (electron) particle displacement  $\pi/2$  from  $E_i$ .
- > The accelerating orbital electron initiates a second electromagnetic wave with a 2nd phase change of  $\pi/2$ .

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Part 2

## DIFFRACTION BY FOURIER TRANSFORM

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### Interference of Scattered X-rays

- > Scatter from  $O$  and  $O'$  related by vector  $r$ .
- > Path-difference:
  - $|OA| + |OB| = |r| \cos A\hat{O}O' + |r| \cos B\hat{O}O'$
  - $= r \cdot (s - s_0)$
  - $s_0$  unit vector along incident direction.
  - $s$  unit vector along scattered direction.
- >  $\Delta\phi = (2\pi/\lambda) r \cdot (s - s_0)$

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### Interference of Scattered X-rays (2)

- >  $\Delta\phi = 2\pi r \cdot r^*$
- > where  $r^* = (s - s_0)/\lambda$
- >  $r^*$ 
  - units: reciprocal distance;
  - vector in *reciprocal space*.
- > Consider plane/line  $OQ \perp r^*$ :
  - Direction of  $r^*$  comes from eqn 2 of this page
- >  $|r^*| = r^* = 2 \sin \theta / \lambda$
- > Angles of incident and scattered beams to  $OQ$  are both  $\theta$ .
  - Imagine beam reflected from plane  $OQ \perp r^*$ .

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### William & Lawrence Bragg

- > Max von Laue demonstrated wave character of x-rays
  - Diffraction by crystals
- > Braggs - father & son
  - 1913 - 1914
  - Realized that x-ray scattering could be imagined as reflection from planes
  - Solved NaCl.
  - Nobel prize 1915

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### Atomic Structure Factor eqn.

- >  $E_{d} = E_{od} \exp 2\pi i v(t-r/c) - i\pi$ 
  - From last lecture
- >  $E_{od} \exp 2\pi i v(r/c) = E_{od} \exp 2\pi i r/\lambda$
- > Substitute  $\Delta\phi = r/\lambda (= 2\pi r \cdot r^*)$ 
  - & sum over N scattering points:
- > Let  $r_j$  be center of  $j^{th}$  atom.
- >  $F(r^*) = \sum_{j=1}^N A_j \exp 2\pi i r^* \cdot r_j$
- > Consider scattering relative to a free electron.
  - By Convolution Theorem (later):
  - $F(r^*) = \sum_{j=1}^N f_{at,j}(Z, r^*, U) \exp 2\pi i r^* \cdot r_j$

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### Atomic Structure Factor eqn.(2)

- >  $F(r^*) = \sum_{j=1}^N f_{at,j}(Z, r^*, U) \exp 2\pi i r^* \cdot r_j$
- >  $f_{at} \equiv$  atomic scattering factor  $\equiv \mathcal{F}\mathcal{I}$  isolated atom (later):
- > Depends on # electrons, thermal vibration.
  - Tabulated theoretical or experimental values.
- > Can be approximated roughly by spherically symmetric Gaussian.
- > Scattering  $\equiv \mathcal{F}\mathcal{I}$ (molecule)

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### Scattering by elements of electron density

- >  $F(r^*) = \sum_{j=1}^N A_j \exp 2\pi i r^* \cdot r_j$
- > Let  $r_j$  be small element of electron density,  $\rho$ .
- > Consider total scattering:
  - $F(r^*) = \int_V \rho(r) \exp 2\pi i r^* \cdot r dr$
- > Right-hand side  $\equiv \mathcal{F}\mathcal{I}(\rho)$ .
- > Structure determination:
  - measure amplitude
  - determine phase throughout (continuous) function,  $F(r^*)$
  - compute inverse  $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{I} \rightarrow$  electron density:
- >  $\rho(r) = T^{-1}[F(r^*)] = V^* \int_V F(r^*) \exp -2\pi i r^* \cdot r dr^*$


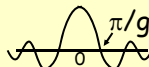
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### Fourier Transforms (1)

- > If  $f(x)$  is piecewise integratable, it can be approximated by a Fourier transform (T):
  - Do not confuse this f (general function) with f - the atomic scattering factor
- >  $f(x) = \int_{x^*} F(x^*) \exp -2\pi i x \cdot x^* dx^*$
- >  $F(x^*)$  is
  - a "Fourier coefficient"
  - given by an inverse Fourier transform ( $T^{-1}$ ):
- >  $F(x^*) = \int_x f(x) \exp 2\pi i x \cdot x^* dx$ 
  - Both F, f may be complex.
  - Crystallographically:  $\rho = \Re(f)$ .
- > Designation of forward, inverse is conventional for crystallography. As both are Fourier transforms, they have corresponding mathematical properties.

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### Fourier Transform of a Step Function

- >  $-g < x < g: f(x) = c; \text{ else } f(x) = 0$ 

- >  $F(x^*) = \int_{-g}^g (c) \cdot \exp 2\pi i x^* x dx$
- >  $F(x^*) = c \int_{-g}^g \cos 2\pi x^* x dx + i c \int_{-g}^g \sin 2\pi x^* x dx$
- >  $f(x)$  is even function, so 2nd integral = 0:
- >  $F(x^*) = c[(\sin 2\pi x^* x)/2\pi x^*]_{-g}^g$
- >  $= c((\sin 2\pi g x^*)/2\pi x^* - (\sin -2\pi g x^*)/2\pi x^*)$
- >  $= c(\sin 2\pi g x^*)/\pi x^*$
- > Note wider step (large g)
  - $\rightarrow$  short period of  $F(x^*)$ .
- > **Generally: large objects in real (direct) space are small in reciprocal (Fourier transform) space et vice versa.**

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### Infinite 1-D lattice -- Lessons

- >  $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{I}(\text{lattice}) = (\text{lattice})$ , in reciprocal space.
- > Spacing of reciprocal lattice inversely proportional to real lattice.
- > Diffraction of crystals  $\rightarrow$  relatively strong diffraction spots and insignificant intensity between spots.
- > Need only use lattice points  $\rightarrow$  discrete transform.

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### Fourier Series

- >  $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{T}$  can approx. any piecewise integratable function.
- > Coefficients each have amplitude and phase
- > Effect of truncation

n	$\frac{\Delta x}{\lambda}$	$\frac{\Delta \phi}{2\pi}$	$\frac{1}{n}$	$\frac{\Delta \phi}{2\pi}$
1	1.21	0.8r		
2	1.46	0.6r		
3	1.32	0.6r		
4	1.76	0.6r		
5	0.29	1.2r		

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### Electron Density Equation

- >  $\rho(\mathbf{x}) = 1/V \sum_{\mathbf{h}} F_{\mathbf{h}} \exp -2\pi i \cdot \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{x}$
- >  $\rho(x,y,z) = 1/V \sum_{\mathbf{h}=-\infty,+\infty} \sum_{\mathbf{k}=-\infty,+\infty} \sum_{\mathbf{l}=-\infty,+\infty} [A_{\mathbf{hkl}} \cos\{-2\pi(\mathbf{h}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{k}\mathbf{y}+\mathbf{l}\mathbf{z})\} + i B_{\mathbf{hkl}} \sin\{-2\pi(\mathbf{h}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{k}\mathbf{y}+\mathbf{l}\mathbf{z})\}]$ 
  - Where  $\mathbf{F} = A + iB$ ;
  - $\mathbf{h} = (h,k,l)$ , "Miller indices";
  - $\mathbf{x} = (x,y,z)$  r.h. unit cell vectors
  - $V$  is unit cell volume
- $A = |\mathbf{F}| \cos \phi$ ;  $B = |\mathbf{F}| \sin \phi$ 
  - $|\mathbf{F}|$  is structure factor amplitude (measured experimentally).
  - $\phi$  difficult to determine  $\rightarrow$  "The phase problem"

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### Structure Factor Equation

- >  $F_{\mathbf{h}} = 1/V^* \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \rho(\mathbf{x}) \exp 2\pi i \cdot \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{x}^*$
- >  $F_{\mathbf{hkl}} = V \sum_{x=0,1} \sum_{y=0,1} \sum_{z=0,1} \rho(x,y,z) [\cos 2\pi (hx+ky+lz) + i \sin 2\pi (hx+ky+lz)]$
- > Where  $\mathbf{x} = (x,y,z)$  are
  - right-handed coordinates
  - measured in fractional units
  - fraction of unit cell (a,b,c)
$$V = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \wedge \mathbf{c}.$$
- > Note symmetry w/ electron density equation

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### Atomic Structure Factor Equation

- >  $F_{\mathbf{hkl}} = \sum_{j=1}^N f_{\text{at},j} \exp 2\pi i \cdot \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{x}_j$
- >  $F_{\mathbf{hkl}} = \sum_{j=1}^N f_{\text{at},j} [\cos 2\pi(\mathbf{h}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{k}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{l}\mathbf{z}) + i \sin 2\pi(\mathbf{h}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{k}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{l}\mathbf{z})]$
- > Summing over atoms instead of grid points
  - Computationally less efficient if many atoms
  - Structure factor equation can use FFT

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## LATTICES

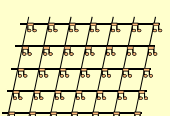
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### Crystalline Lattices

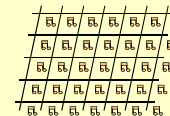
- > Previously learned...
  - Diffraction pattern = Molecular transform sampled at reciprocal lattice points.
  - Reciprocal lattice = FT or diffraction pattern from crystalline lattice
- > Why understand real-space lattices?
  - $\rightarrow$  prediction of location of diffraction spots.
  - $\rightarrow$  interaction of neighboring molecules in crystal lattice
  - (molecular symmetry)

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### Lattices



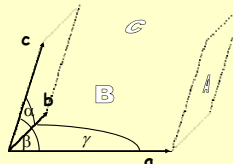
- Grid: equally spaced || lines (planes).
- Choice of origin is arbitrary.



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### Unit Cells

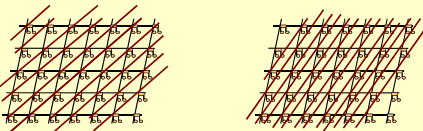
- Axes labeled (a, b, c)
  - by convention.
- Right-handed system
- Specify 3 vectors
  - a, b, c.
- or 6 parameters
  - 3 lengths + 3 angles
  - a, b, c +  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$
  - $\alpha$  = angle between b and c axes *etc.*
- Faces labeled A, B, C
  - with A intersected by a-axis *etc.*



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### Lattice Planes in 2-D

- Line can be drawn between any 2 grid points.
- Parallel lines pass through every grid point.



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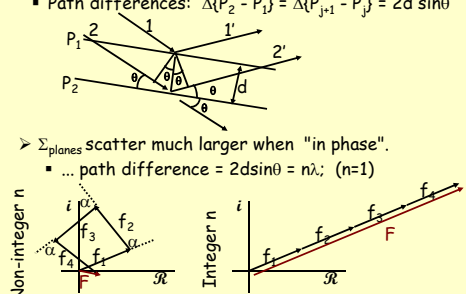
### Bragg's Law (Real space) 1

- Previously showed scattering like reflection from plane through scatterer.
- Path length same for all points on plane:
- All points scatter in phase.
- Planes containing many identical scatterers have strong scattering (Lattice planes).

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### Bragg's Law -- Real space 2

- Consider || planes  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_j, P_{j+1}, \dots, P_N$ .
  - Path differences:  $\Delta\{P_2 - P_1\} = \Delta\{P_{j+1} - P_j\} = 2d \sin\theta$
- $\Sigma_{\text{planes}}$  scatter much larger when "in phase".
  - ... path difference =  $2d \sin\theta = n\lambda$ ; ( $n=1$ )



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### Bragg's Law -- Reciprocal lattice

- Diffraction only at integral path difference =  $2d \sin\theta = n\lambda$ .
  - Spots spaced regularly
  - Lattice in 3-D
- This *reciprocal* lattice has spacing inversely proportional to crystal lattice spacing
  - Directions of axes depend on crystal
  - Let  $\tilde{d}_{100}$  be unit vector ||  $d_{100}^*$
  - $\tilde{d}_{100} = \mathbf{b}\mathbf{a}\mathbf{c} / (|\mathbf{b}||\mathbf{c}|\sin\theta)$
  - $d_{100}^* = |d_{100}^*| \tilde{d}_{100}$
  - $|d_{100}^*| = V / (|\mathbf{b}||\mathbf{c}|\sin\theta) = 1 / |d_{100}|$
  - $d_{100}^* = 1 \cdot \mathbf{b}\mathbf{a}\mathbf{c} / (d_{100} |\mathbf{b}||\mathbf{c}|\sin\theta) = \mathbf{b}\mathbf{a}\mathbf{c} / V \equiv \mathbf{a}^*$
  - (Remember that we are using bold for vectors)

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### Bragg's Law - Graphically -- Implications

> For any point, P, on the the surface of the sphere,  $OP = 2\sin\theta/\lambda$ .  
 >  $OP = d^*$  is a solution to Bragg's law  
 > Diffraction only at reciprocal lattice points
 

- ... when sphere and lattice point superimpose
- Scattering || CP

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### Bragg's Law Graphically - Ewald construction

> For given wavelength and crystal orientation...
 

- only those *reps* on surface of the "sphere of reflection"
- → observable reflections.

 > To see more spots, rotate crystal:
 

- Rotates reciprocal lattice through sphere
- → reflections pass through sphere

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### Resolution

> Let  $D_{max}$  be the distance of furthest spot from the direct beam.  
 > Let  $d_{min}$  be its interplanar spacing.  
 >  $d_{min} = \lambda / (2\sin\theta_{max}) = \lambda / 2\sin(\frac{1}{2}\tan^{-1}(D_{max}/l))$   
 >  $d_{min}$  is *de facto* resolution limit.  
 > Note  $d_{min}$  reflection at max, i.e. farthest from beam.

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Topic to be skipped...

## SYMMETRY

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Part 4

## DATA COLLECTION & PROCESSING

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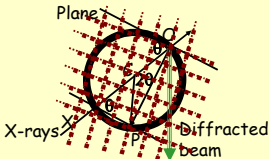
### Diffraction Conditions

> Reminder: Bragg's Law shows that diffraction only occurs when a reciprocal lattice point lies on the sphere of reflection.

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### No reflections?

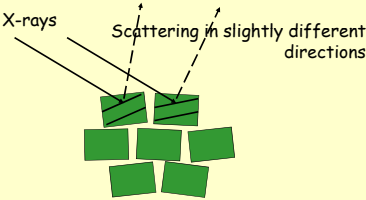
- No reflections on sphere of reflections if
  - Truly monochromatic radiation
  - and infinitely thin reciprocal lattice points
- Why do we see any reflections for still crystal?
  - Filters & Monochromators:  $\Delta\lambda \neq 0$ .
  - "Mosaic spread" → finitely large reciprocal lattice points.



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### Mosaic Spread

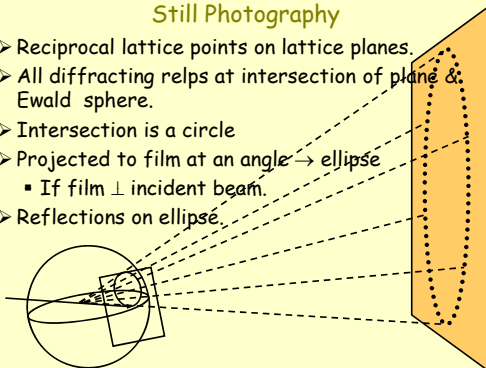
- Crystal = a mosaic of sub-micron crystalline blocks
  - separated by fault lines or other defects.
  - The variation of orientation  $0.15^\circ$ .



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### Still Photography

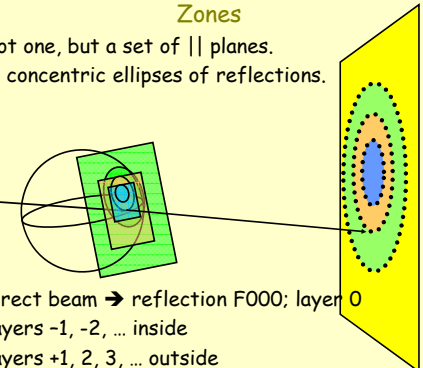
- Reciprocal lattice points on lattice planes.
- All diffracting helps at intersection of plane & Ewald sphere.
- Intersection is a circle
- Projected to film at an angle → ellipse
  - If film  $\perp$  incident beam.
- Reflections on ellipse



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### Zones

- Not one, but a set of || planes.
- → concentric ellipses of reflections.

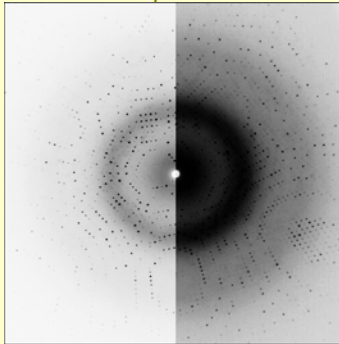


- Direct beam → reflection F000; layer 0
- Layers -1, -2, ... inside
- Layers +1, 2, 3, ... outside

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### Zones - example

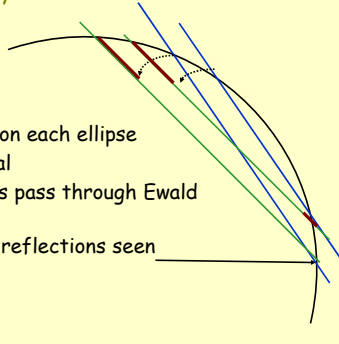
- Crystal rotated
  - (a little)



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### Moving the crystal

- Still crystal → few spots on each ellipse
- Rotate crystal
  - Red regions pass through Ewald sphere
  - Additional reflections seen



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### Diffraction of moving crystal

- All spots between ellipses between
  - Start of rotation
  - End
- Regions of reflections = "lunes"

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### Lunar or spatial overlap

- Wide rotation
  - Fat ellipses
  - Many reflections from each plane
- Planes project to same part of detector
  - Lunes overlap
  - Spots may overlap

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### Avoiding Overlap

Oscillation method

- Small rotations
- Overlap more w/ finely spaced planes
  - Large unit cells
  - Rotations < 0.5°
- Typical unit cells
  - Rotations: 2.5 to 5°
- Also depends on
  - Resolution
  - Mosaic spread

Precession method

- Metal screen
  - Allows through xrays of one plane only
  - Circular aperture
- Large rotations in all directions
  - ~ All reflections in one plane
- Film rotated to be || to crystal plane
  - Undistorted image of lattice
  - "Precession"

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### Rotation or Oscillation Photography

- Crystal rotated - small angle,  $\Delta\phi \perp$  beam; ...
- 10 fast oscillations better than 1 slow rotation:
  - Averages crystal decay & beam fluctuations
  - during angular sweep.

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### Rotate the Crystal or the Generator?

- Most prefer to rotate the crystal
- Diagrams easier if rotate the laboratory
  - Equivalent

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### Full and Partial Reflections

- Reciprocal lattice points have finite size
  - Mosaic spread
- Whole reflections
  - Crossed completely by Ewald sphere w/in  $\Delta\phi$ .
- Partial reflections
  - On sphere at start or end of rotation
  - Only part of reflection recorded
  - Fraction recorded = "partiality"

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### Structure amplitudes from partials

- Measured intensity =  $F^2$  / partiality
- Partiality depends on experiment, not structure
- Need to correct
  - Make equivalent to full reflection
    - Partiality = 1
- Two approaches
  1. Series of contiguous oscillations
    - Add intensities from successive images
    - Errors - changing beam intensity etc..
  2. Estimate partiality → mathematical correction
    - Errors - Requires accurate understanding of crystal orientation
- Partial reflections less accurate

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### Crystal Alignment

- Some orientations → more efficient collection
  - Approximate alignment OK (not like precession)
- Determine orientation then re-orient
  - Center zones from still images
  - Computer-auto-indexing (details later)
    - From 1 to 3 still images
- No longer necessary to *precisely* orient before data collection
- Some use the American Method
  - Shoot first - ask questions later
  - When crystal lifetime in beam is short



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### Prolonging Lifetime w/ Cryocrystallography

**Radiation damage**

- Reduced at 100 K
- Caused by:
  - Crystal heating
  - Ionizing radiation → roaming free radicals
    - Changing covalent structure
    - Abated by reducing diffusion in ice

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### Freezing Crystals

- Vitreous ice (glass) OK
- Ice crystals:
  - Destroy protein crystal
  - Add ice diffraction
  - Must be avoided
    - Cryo-protection
      - Antifreeze
      - Glycerol, PEG, MPD...
      - Oil coating
      - Search for one that does no damage
      - Serial transfer
        - Reduce osmotic shock

**Flash freezing - 2 ways:**

- Plunge into liq N<sub>2</sub>, propane
  - Then put on x-ray camera
    - Keeping at 100K
- Place on camera at 20°
  - Quickly start N<sub>2</sub> stream
- Maintain in cold N<sub>2</sub> gas stream

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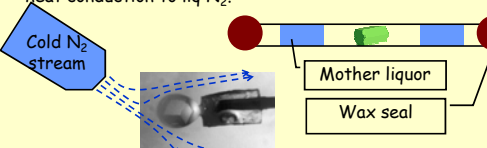
### Crystal Mounting

**Cryo-data collection**

- Drop of frozen mother liquor
- Held in loop of fiber
- Scooped up using surface tension
- Open crystal → better heat conduction to liq N<sub>2</sub>.

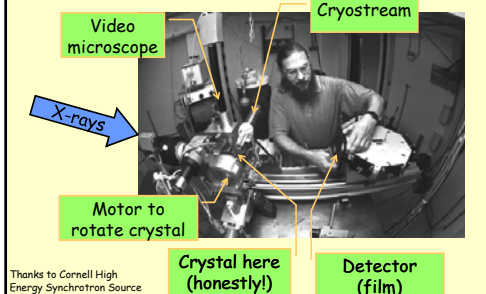
**Collection at 4 to 30°C**

- In sealed capillary
  - Maintain humidity
  - Stop crystal drying
- Capillary made of quartz
  - Minimize x-ray absorption



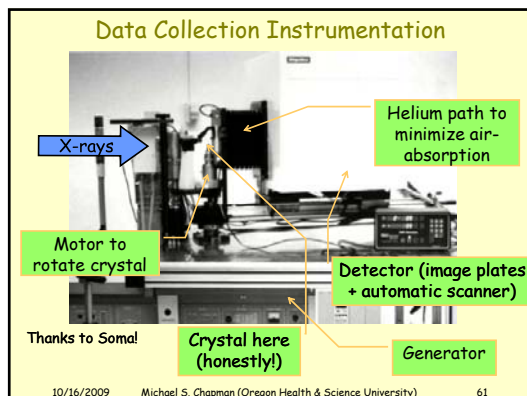
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### Data Collection Instrumentation - Synchrotron



Thanks to Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source

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### Detectors

Type	Advantages	Disadvantages
Scintillation counter	Most precise	One spot at a time (small unit cells)
Film	Spatial resolution < 50 $\mu\text{m}$	Background, dynamic range, turnaround time
Multiwire	Precise	Spatial resolution, expense
TV detector		Unstable, calibration, expense
Image plate	Size, Medium precision	Scan-time
CCD's	Precise, dynamic range	Large ones very expensive

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### Data Processing - Overview

- Determine which region contains each reflection
  - "Indexing"
  - **Orientalional refinement**
- **Integrate** intensity near reflection center
- Subtract background
- **Scaling**:
  - Correct for factors that don't depend on structure, but
    - Geometry of data collection
    - Shape and absorption of crystal
- **Merging** - symmetry equivalent measurements
  - Calculate quality statistics

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### Scaling - Introduction

- Calculate image scale constant
  - Intensities agree w/ symmetry equivalents
- Approx. correction for many factors:
  - Crystal Absorption:
    - Depends on path length
    - Depends on crystal orientation and individual reflection.
  - Other absorption: capillary, solvent -
    - varies slowly, can be minimized.
  - Volume of crystal in beam:
    - depends on  $\phi$ , therefore image #
  - Decay due to radiation damage:
    - depends on resolution and time ( $\rightarrow \phi$ , image #).

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### Quality of Scaling

- Quality of data is now assessable with a scaling R-factor.  $R_i = \frac{\sum_h \sum_i | \langle I_h \rangle - K_{hi} I_{hi} |}{\sum_h \langle I_h \rangle}$
- Compare this R-factor to the least-squares residual (or corresponding variance):
  - Both depend on magnitude of difference.
  - Residual is squared, so more sensitive to large differences.
  - R-factor is normalized, and expressed as decimal fraction or %.
- $R_i$  ( $R_{\text{sym}}$ ) is calculated from intensities.
  - Most other R-factors are calculated from  $|F| = \sqrt{I}$ .

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### Quality of Data

- $R_i$  is used as a measure of data quality:
  - $R_i \leq 3\%$ : excellent.
  - $R_i \leq 5\%$ : typical average protein.
  - $R_i \leq 9\%$ : typical large protein.
  - $R_i \leq 13\%$ : typical virus capsid.
- Partial reflections are usually excluded
  - $\rightarrow$  underestimate of error, especially for large molecules (small  $\Delta\phi$ , many partials).
  - Inclusion of partials for virus  $\rightarrow R_i = 18\%$ .

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