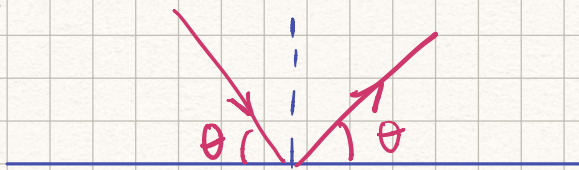
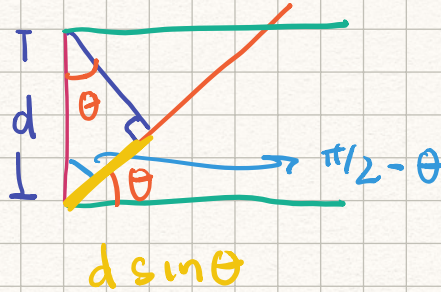
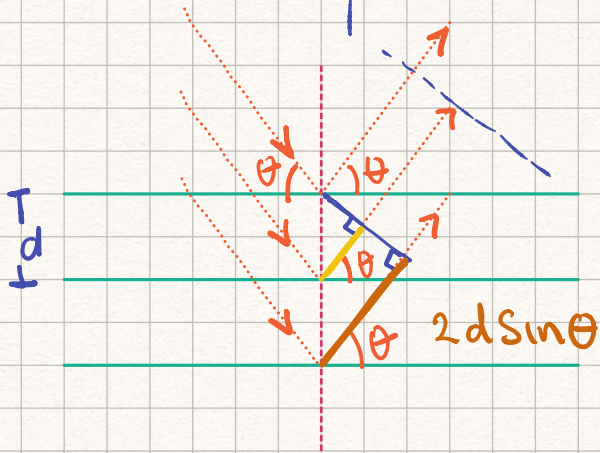


# Bragg law and Diffraction conditions



Lawrence Bragg

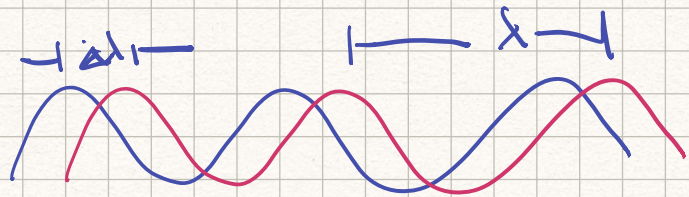


$$\Delta \lambda_1 = 2d \sin \theta$$

$$\Delta \lambda_2 = 4d \sin \theta$$

...

$$\Delta \lambda_m = 2md \sin \theta$$



Interference

Const. interf.  $\Delta \lambda = n \lambda$

$$\boxed{n \lambda = 2d \sin \theta} \quad \text{Bragg law}$$

$n$ : order of diffraction

$d$ : lattice constant

$$\sin \theta \leq 1$$

$$n \lambda \leq 2d$$

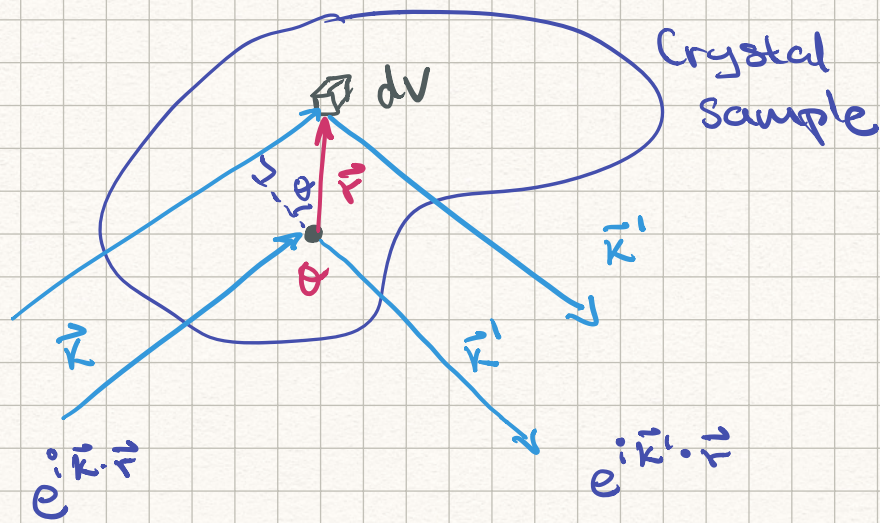
$$\Rightarrow \lambda \leq 2d$$

Typically  $d = 1 \text{ \AA} = 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

$\lambda$ : x-rays

Micro waves

$\rightarrow$  what's  $d$ ?



Change in phase of the wave is  
 $e^{i(\vec{k}' - \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{r}}$

$F$ : Scattering amplitude

$$F = \int_V n(\vec{r}) e^{i(\vec{k}' - \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{r}} dV = \int_V n(\vec{r}) e^{-i\Delta\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} dV$$

$$\Delta\vec{k} = \vec{k} - \vec{k}' \quad \vec{k}' = \vec{k} + \Delta\vec{k}$$

$$n(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\vec{G}} n_{\vec{G}} e^{i\vec{G} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$F = \int_V \sum_{\vec{G}} n_{\vec{G}} e^{i\vec{G} \cdot \vec{r}} e^{-i\Delta\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} dV$$

$$= \sum_{\vec{G}} n_{\vec{G}} \int_V e^{i(\vec{G} - \Delta\vec{k}) \cdot \vec{r}} dV$$

Particular case  $\vec{G} = \Delta\vec{k} \quad F = n_{\vec{G}} V$

→ If the maximum of Scat.  $\Delta\vec{k} = \vec{G}$

$$\Delta\vec{k} = \vec{k} - \vec{k}' = \vec{G}$$

$$\vec{k}' = \vec{k} - \vec{G}$$

$\hbar\omega$ : energy of incoming photon

$$\omega = c k$$

$$k = |\vec{k}|$$

$\hbar\omega'$ : energy of outgoing photon

$$\omega' = c k'$$

$$k' = |\vec{k}'|$$

Scattering is elastic:  $\omega = \omega'$

$$ck = ck' \Rightarrow k = k'$$

$$\vec{k}' = \vec{k} - \vec{G}$$

$$\vec{k}' \cdot \vec{k}' = k'^2$$

$$(\vec{k} - \vec{G}) \cdot (\vec{k} - \vec{G}) = k'^2$$

$$(\vec{k} - \vec{G}) \cdot (\vec{k} - \vec{G}) = k^2 - 2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{G} + G^2 = k'^2$$

$$k^2 - k'^2 + G^2 - 2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{G} = 0$$

$$G^2 - 2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{G} = 0$$

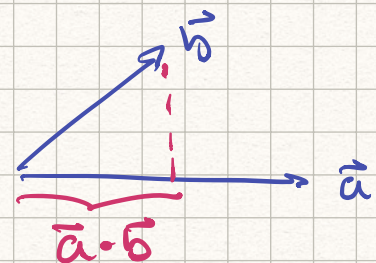
$$G^2 = 2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{G}$$

Analogous version  
of Bragg law

$$\frac{G^2}{4} = \frac{2\vec{k}}{2} \cdot \frac{\vec{G}}{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{G}{2}\right)^2 = \vec{k} \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{G}}{2}\right)$$

Dot product:



Find the Wigner-Sertze cell  
of the reciprocal space

**Brillouin zone**: Wigner-Sertze cell of  
reciprocal space  
contains all  $\vec{k}$  that yield diffraction