

We were analyzing the X-Ray Diffraction Pattern, and side tracked with the Reciprocal lattice.

Now Let's go back to the X-Ray Diffractions.

The quantity we have looked at to find the scattering amplitude:

$$A = \int_{\text{cell}} dV n(r) \exp^{-iG \cdot r} = S_q \rightarrow \frac{\text{structure factor.}}{\text{factor.}}$$

$n(r) \rightarrow$  is the electron density

If we write  $n_j \rightarrow$  the electron density associated with the  $j^{\text{th}}$  atom.

$$n(r) = \sum_{j=1}^S n_j(r-r_j) \quad S = \text{the number of atoms in the basis}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_q &= \int_{\text{cell}} dV n(r) \exp^{-iG \cdot r} \\ &= \sum_j \int dV n_j(r-r_j) \exp^{-iG \cdot r} \\ &= \sum_j \exp^{-iG \cdot r_j} \underbrace{\int dV n_j(r) e^{-iG \cdot p}}_{f_j} \quad p = r - r_j \\ S_q &= \sum_j \exp^{-iG \cdot r_j} f_j \quad f_j \text{ is an atomic factor} \end{aligned}$$

$$r_j = x_j \bar{a} + y_j \bar{b} + z_j \bar{c}$$

$$G = h \bar{a} + k \bar{b} + l \bar{c}$$

$$S_{hkl} = \sum_j f_j \exp^{-i[2\pi(x_j h + y_j k + z_j l)]}$$

Structure Factor

$x_j, y_j, z_j \rightarrow$  Atomic Positions

BCC We consider BCC lattice as a cubic Lattice with a basis.

$$(x_j, y_j, z_j) \rightarrow (0, 0, 0) \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$S_{hkl} = f \left[ 1 + \exp^{-i\pi[h+k+l]} \right]$$

$$S_{hkl} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{If } h+k+l = \text{odd integer} \}$$

$$\rightarrow 2f \quad \text{If } h+k+l = \text{even integer} \}$$

For example, Metallic Sodium has a BCC structure. The Diffraction spectrum does not contain lines such as (100), (300), (111), (221). But lines such as (200) //

In the similar way, we can find that for a

FCC crystal

$$S_{hkl} = f [1 + e^{-i\pi(k+l)} + e^{-i\pi(h+l)} + e^{-i\pi(h+k)}]$$

= 4f  $\leftarrow$  If  $h, k, l$  all odd or all even

= 0  $\leftarrow$  if  $h, k, l$  mixed parity.

Let's say we get the Bragg Reflection for a cubic crystal. In order to identify if the peaks are SC/FCC/BCC we need to analyze the peaks and find out all the possible  $h^2 + k^2 + l^2$  values.

$h^2 + k^2 + l^2$	$\longrightarrow$	1	(100)
		2	(110)
		3	(111)
		4	(200)
		5	(201)
		6	(211)
	X		
		8	(220)
		9	(300) (221)
		10	(310)

$h k l$	$h^2 + k^2 + l^2$	SC	BCC	FCC
(100)	1	✓	X	X
(110)	2	✓	✓	X
(111)	3	✓	X	✓
(200)	4	✓	X	X
(210)	5	✓	✓	X
(211)	6	✓	✓	X
?	7	No	No	No
(220)	8	✓	✓	✓
(300) (221)	9	✓	X	X
(310)	10	✓	✓	X
(311)	11	✓	X	✓

Let's Look at some examples :

We use a monochromatic X-Ray with  $\lambda = 1.541 \text{ \AA}$  for X-Ray diffraction to identify a crystal (which is known to be monoatomic and belong to the cubic system). Diffraction peaks are reported at  $2\theta = 44.48^\circ, 51.83^\circ, 76.35^\circ, 92.90^\circ, 98.40^\circ, 101.87^\circ, \dots$ . Find the Bravais lattice type and the crystal cell size  $a$ .

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

$$\frac{2a}{\sqrt{h^2+k^2+l^2}} \sin \theta = \lambda \quad n=1$$

$$\frac{4a^2}{(h^2+k^2+l^2)} \sin^2 \theta = \lambda^2$$

$$\frac{4a^2}{\lambda^2} = \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{h^2+k^2+l^2}$$

We first calculate  $\sin^2 \theta$

$2\theta$	$\theta$	$\sin^2 \theta$	$\sin^2 \theta / \sin^2 \theta_1$ (normalizing)
44.48	22.24	0.143252	1.00 $\rightarrow 1.00 \rightarrow 3$
51.83	25.915	0.191002	1.3333 $\rightarrow \frac{4}{3} \rightarrow 4$
76.35	38.175	0.382005 0.282005	2.6666 $\rightarrow \frac{8}{3} \rightarrow 8$
92.90	46.45	0.525296	3.66694 $\rightarrow \frac{11}{3} \rightarrow 11$
98.40	49.2	0.573042	4.000 $\rightarrow \frac{12}{3} \rightarrow 12$
101.87	50.935	0.763997	5.3334 $\rightarrow \underline{16} \rightarrow 16$

We identify that  $\sin^2 \theta$  has a pattern

$$3, 4, 8, 11, 12$$

In other words :

$$\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{h^2 + k^2 + l^2} = \text{constant if we choose } h^2 + k^2 + l^2 \rightarrow 3, 4, 8, 11,$$

$\Rightarrow$  By looking at the previous table

This is a FCC system.

$$\text{Now } \frac{4a^2}{\lambda^2} = \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{h^2 + k^2 + l^2}$$

Let's consider the first peak  $\theta = 22.24$

$$\sin^2 \theta = 0.143252$$

$$h^2 + k^2 + l^2 = 3$$

$$\frac{4a^2}{\lambda^2} = \frac{0.143252}{3}$$

$$a^2 = \frac{0.143252}{3 \times 4} \times (1.5418)^2 \cdot \text{Å}^2 = 0.0263$$

$$a = 0.1684 \text{ Å}$$

$$a = 1.684 \text{ nm}$$

## Surfaces and Interfaces

### Introduction :

What happens when a surface of a crystal is open.

### Geometry of Interfaces :

It can be a place where crystal comes to an end.

or one crystal meets another crystal.

What happens when a crystal is sliced in a plane.

~~The way in which it fails has to do with~~

Crystals deform as it approaches boundary.

⇒ It may involve the formation of an entirely new crystal structure right at the interface.

⇒ Surface Reconstruction

### Surface Reconstruction

## Coherent & Commensurate

When two crystals meet, the main question is if they will mesh well.

If two crystals meet, if all the atoms are in perfect register with one another

$\Rightarrow$  It is a Coherent Surface  
Coherent Interface.

$\Rightarrow$  That process of growth is called  
**EPITAXY**

### Commensurate Interface.

Two surfaces are commensurate if there is some larger two dimensional lattice on which they coincide

$\bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2 \rightarrow$  primitive vectors of the surface 1

$\bar{b}_1, \bar{b}_2 \rightarrow$  primitive vector of the surface 2

Then the two surfaces are commensurate if there is an infinite set of integers

$$n_1 \bar{a}_1 + n_2 \bar{a}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} (m_1 \bar{b}_1 + m_2 \bar{b}_2)$$

Now this larger cell is called a **SUPERCELL**

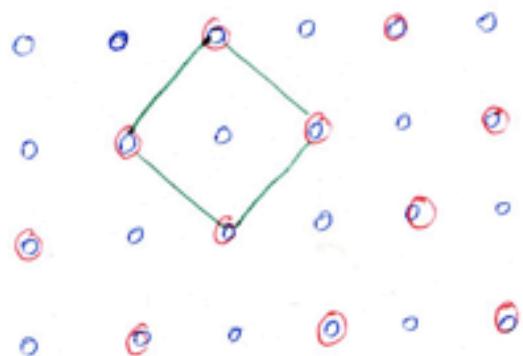
Surface I

o o o o o  
o o o o o  
o o o o o  
o o o o o

Surface II

c o o o o  
o c o o o  
o o c o o  
o o o c o

We can find a commensurate configuration for the surface I & surface II as follows.



Near the Green color cell is a commensurate cell for both the surface I & surface II.