# **X-Ray Diffraction**

$$
m^2(h^2 + k^2 + l^2)
$$

## **From XRD spectra to the crystalline (here: cubic only) structures** (i.e., from the angles to the Miller indices): how to?



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## 1) from  $2\theta$  to  $sin^2(0)$

The smallest  $\theta$  (smallest  $sin^2\theta$ ) is the peak with the smallest  $m^2(h^2 + k^2 + l^2)$ 

we fix it as our reference, since the others  $\,sin^2\theta\,$  should be its multiple by  $m^2(h^2 + k^2 + l^2)$ 



2) calculate the ratios of the others  $sin^2(0)$  w.r.t. the first peak

Do the numbers (~integers!) obtained correspond to  $m^2(h^2 + k^2 + l^2)$ ?

(with proper choice of the indices, but ALL must be obtained in that way)



3) can we obtain ALL the numbers 1, 2, 3, ... 7 from  $m^2(h^2+k^2+1^2)$  ?

We can try with the smaller Miller indices (permutation do not matter) and starting with m=1

=> NO!!! 7 CANNOT be obtained



4) may be the peak 1 does not correspond to (hkl)=(100); could be (110)?

consider its value as 2, and hence mutiply everything by 2



### 5) can we obtain ALL the even numbers 2, 4,…14 from m^2(h^2+k^2+l^2) ?

Let's continue filling our table…



K!!!! But which lattice does correspond to that list of Miller indices?

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\mathbf{K}_{SC} = \sum n_i \mathbf{b}_{i_{SC}} = \frac{2\pi}{a} (n_1, n_2, n_3) = \frac{2\pi}{a} (h, k, l) \Rightarrow \text{any } h, k, l \quad \text{Selection}
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$$
\mathbf{K}_{BCC} = \sum n_i \mathbf{b}_{i_{BCC}} = \frac{2\pi}{a} (n_1 + n_2, n_1 + n_3, n_2 + n_3) = \frac{2\pi}{a} (h, k, l)
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 $\Rightarrow$   $h + k + l = 2(n_1 + n_2 + n_3) \Rightarrow h + k + l =$  even number

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\mathbf{K}_{FCC} = \sum n_i \mathbf{b}_{i_{FCC}} = \frac{2\pi}{a} (n_1 + n_2 - n_3, n_1 - n_2 + n_3, -n_1 + n_2 + n_3) = \frac{2\pi}{a} (h, k, l)
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$$
\Rightarrow h - k = 2(n_2 - n_3); \quad h - l = 2(n_1 - n_3); \quad k - l = 2(n_1 - n_2)
$$

 $\Rightarrow$  *h*, *k*, *l* differ one from each other by an even number



### 6) check…



SC: no, since some combinations of Miller indices do not appear BCC: could be! h+k+l are all even

FCC: no, since for instance in (211), h and k do not differ by an even number



and this?



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Comparing eq. 2 and 3

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

\n- As *s* must be an integer and 
$$
\frac{\lambda^2}{4a^2}
$$
 is constant for a given pattern
\n- There is a set of integers for which  $\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{s}$  yields a constant quotient
\n- Fixed number of possible relations
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Based on the atomic scattering factors  $(f)$  and structure factors  $(F)$ , the sets of integers for s (allowed reflections), corresponding to different crystal lattice types are as follows;

**Simple cubic:** Any 
$$
h, k, l
$$

 $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, \ldots$ 

#### $\bullet$  Body-centered cubic:  $h+k+l$  even 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, ...

#### $\bullet$  Face-centered cubic:  $h+k+1$  all odd or all even 3, 4, 8, 11, 12, 16, ...

 $\bullet$  Diamond cubic: As FCC, if all even, then  $h+k+l=4n$ h+k+l is a multiple of 4. That is,  $3, 8, 11, 16, \ldots$