## **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 $sin^2(\theta)$

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

А	В	С	D	Е	F
	2θ (degrees)	θ (radians)	sin θ	sin^2(θ)	sin^2(θ) /peak 1
1	38,46	0,335627	0,3294	0,1085	1
2	55,54				
3	69,58				
4	82,46				
5	94,94				
6	107,64				
7	121,36				

2) calculate the ratios of the others  $sin^{2}(\theta)$  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)

	А	В	С	D	Е	F
-		2θ (degrees)	θ (radians)	sin θ	sin^2(θ)	sin^2(θ) /peak 1
	1	38,46	0,335627	0,3294	0,1085	1,00
	2	55,54	0,484678	0,4659	0,2171	2,00
	3	69,58	0,6072	0,5706	0,3256	3,00
	4	82,46	0,719599	0,6591	0,4344	4,00
	5	94,94	0,828508	0,7369	0,5431	5,01
	6	107,64	0,939336	0,8072	0,6515	6,01
	7	121,36	1,059066	0,8719	0,7602	7,01

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

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

=> NO!!! 7 CANNOT be obtained

Α		В	С	D
h	k		I	h^2+k^2+l^2
	1	0	0	1
	1	1	0	2
	1	1	1	3
	2	0	0	4
	2	1	0	5
	2	1	1	6
	2	2	0	8

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

Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	
	2θ (degrees)	θ (radians)	sin θ	sin^2(θ)	sin^2(θ) /peak 1	x 2	
1	38,46	0,335627	0,3294	0,1085	1,00	2	
2	55,54	0,484678	0,4659	0,2171	2,00	4	
3	69,58	0,6072	0,5706	0,3256	3,00	6	
4	82,46	0,719599	0,6591	0,4344	4,00	8	
5	94,94	0,828508	0,7369	0,5431	5,01	10	
6	107,64	0,939336	0,8072	0,6515	6,01	12	
7	121,36	1,059066	0,8719	0,7602	7,01	14	

# 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...

h	k	1	h^2+k^2+l^2
1	0	0	1
1	1	0	2
1	1	1	3
2	0	0	4
2	1	0	5
2	1	1	6
2	2	0	8
2	2	1	9
3	0	0	9
3	1	0	10
3	1	1	11
2	2	2	12
3	2	0	13
3	2	1	14

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

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

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

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

Cubic crystal	Allowed planes (hkl)	Forbidden planes(hkl)
SC	any h, k, l	none
BCC	$\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{l} = even number$	$\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{l} = \text{odd number}$
FCC	h, k, 1 all even h, k, 1 all odd	h, k, 1 mixed even and odd

### 6) check...

А	В	С	D	E
h	k		h^2+k^2+l^2	h+k+l
1	0	0	1	1
1	1	0	2	2
1	1	1	3	3
2	0	0	4	2
2	1	0	5	3
2	1	1	6	4
2	2	0	8	4
2	2	1	9	5
3	0	0	9	3
3	1	0	10	4
3	1	1	11	5
2	2	2	12	6
3	2	0	13	5
3	2	1	14	6

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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А	В	С	D
h	k		h^2+k^2+l^2
1	0	0	1
1	1	0	2
1	1	1	3
2	0	0	4
2	1	0	5
2	1	1	6
2	2	0	8
2	2	1	9
3	0	0	9
3	1	0	10
3	1	1	11
2	2	2	12
3	2	0	13
3	2	1	14

Comparing eq. 2 and 3

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

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;

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, ...

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

Face-centered cubic: h+k+l all odd or all even 3, 4, 8, 11, 12, 16, ...

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