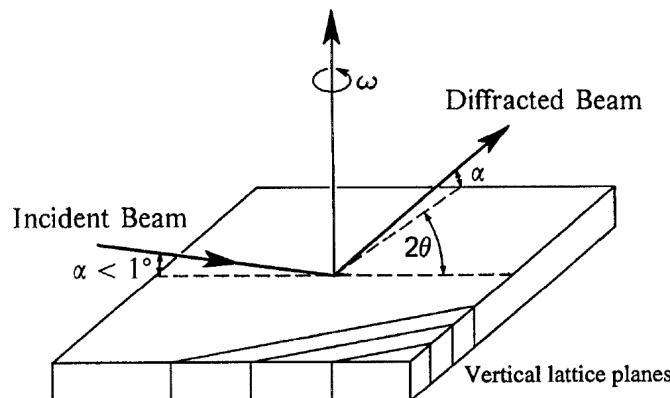


# Grazing Incidence X-Ray Diffraction

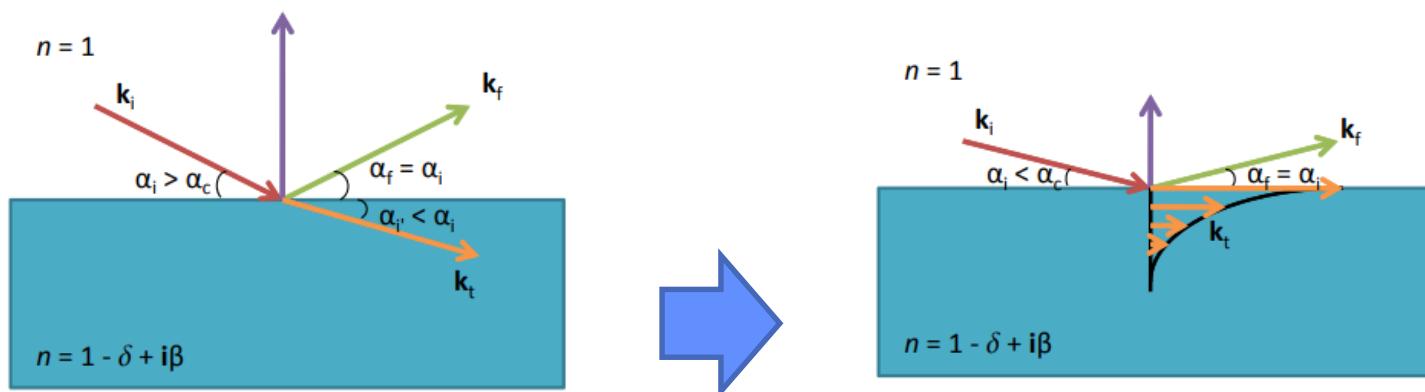
## A short introduction



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# Grazing Incidence : why ??



Grazing incidence condition

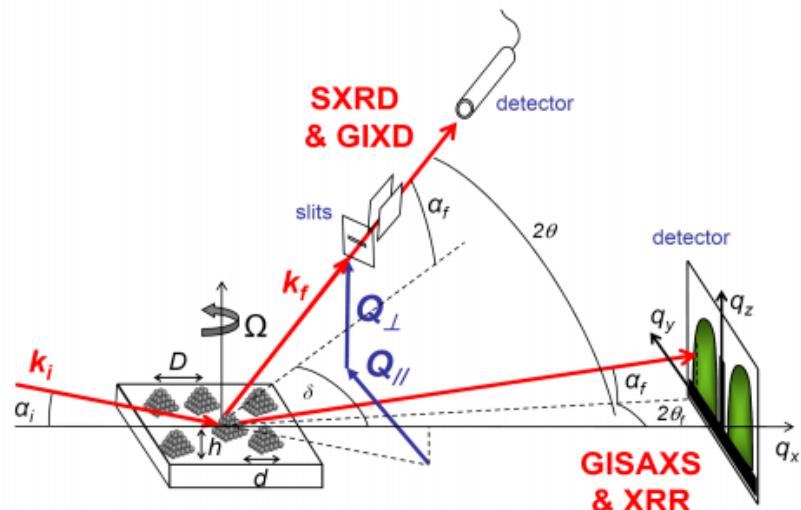
**Maximize the contribution from the (near-)surface**

# Grazing Incidence : why ??

GIXRD, GIXS, Surface scattering, etc... use **grazing incidences** to illuminate the surface region specifically (total reflection)

Several geometries can be used depending on what is searched for:

- GIXS: in-plane or out-of plane  
→ (atomic) structure of thin films
- GISAXS: small angles  
→ large objects morphology



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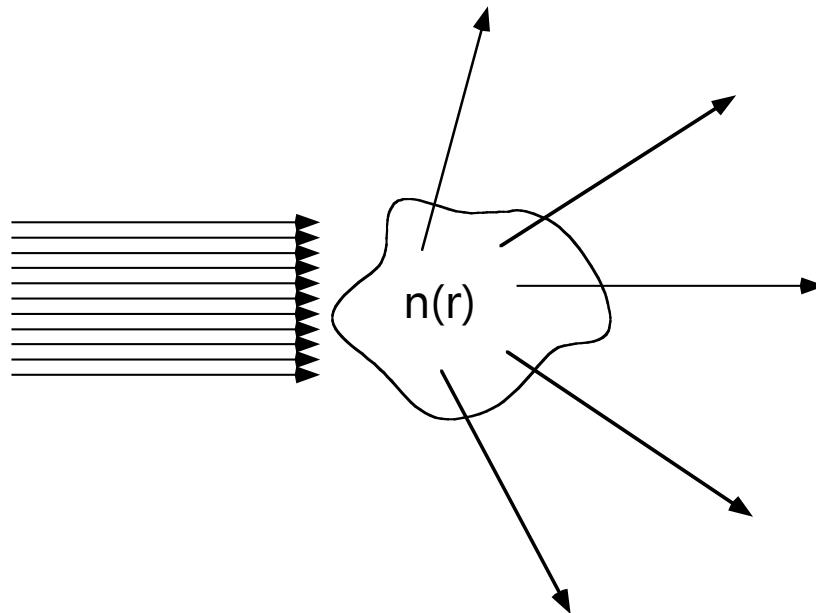
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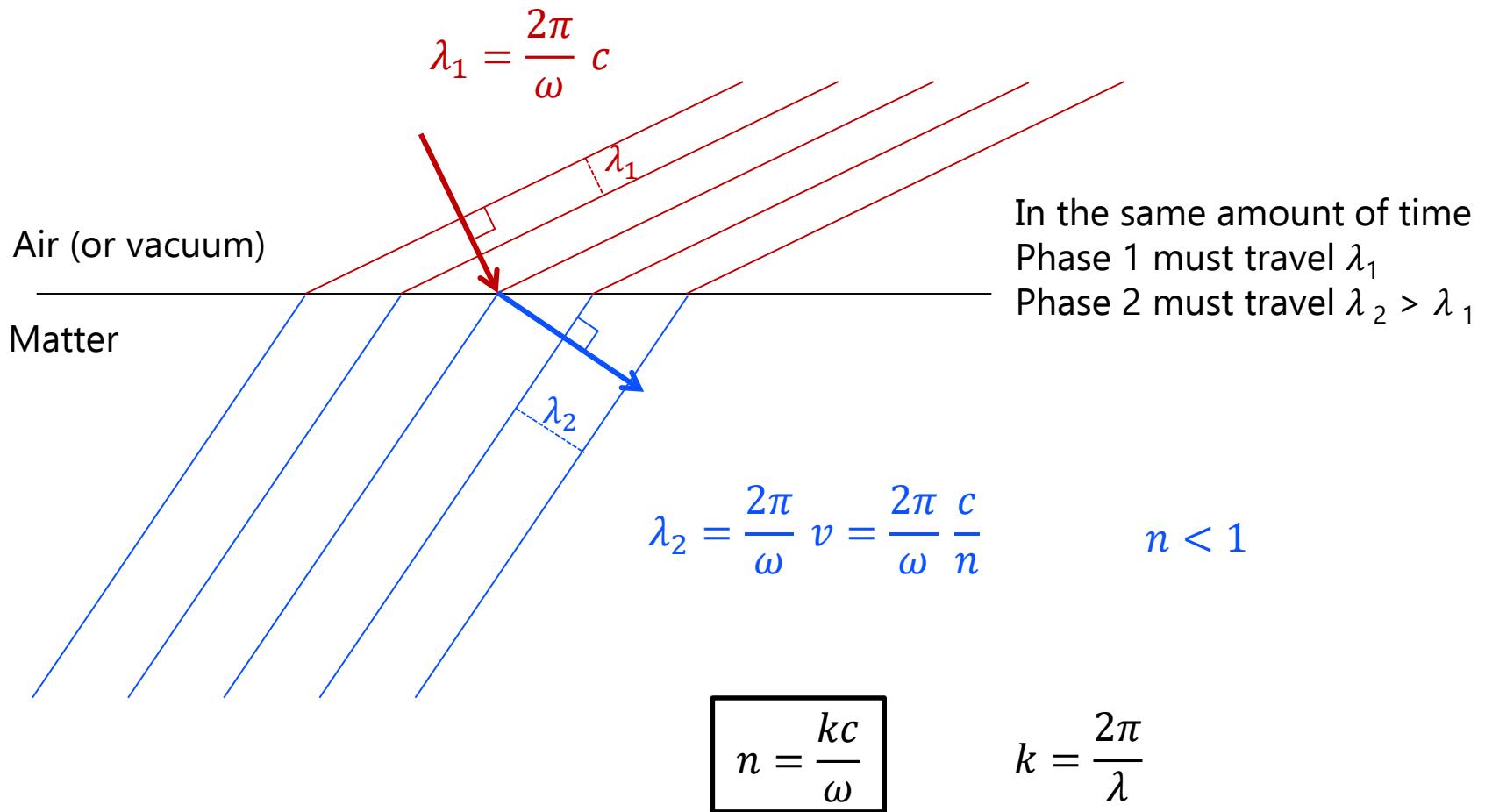
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# Light – matter interactions

- Atomic structure of materials
- Refractive index



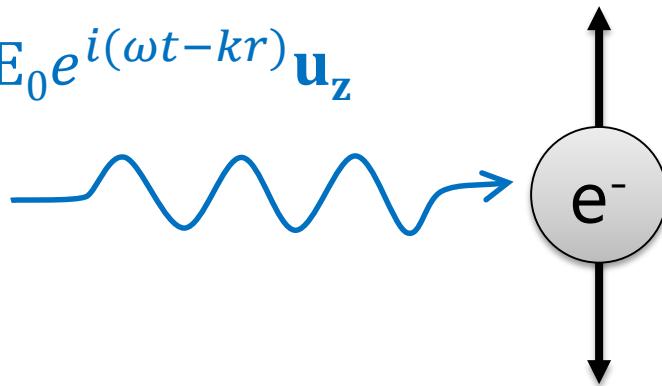
# Wave at an interface



# Refractive index expression (X-rays)

Incident radiation = plane wave (linearly polarized //  $\mathbf{u}_z$ ):

$$E_i = E_0 e^{i(\omega t - kr)} \mathbf{u}_z$$



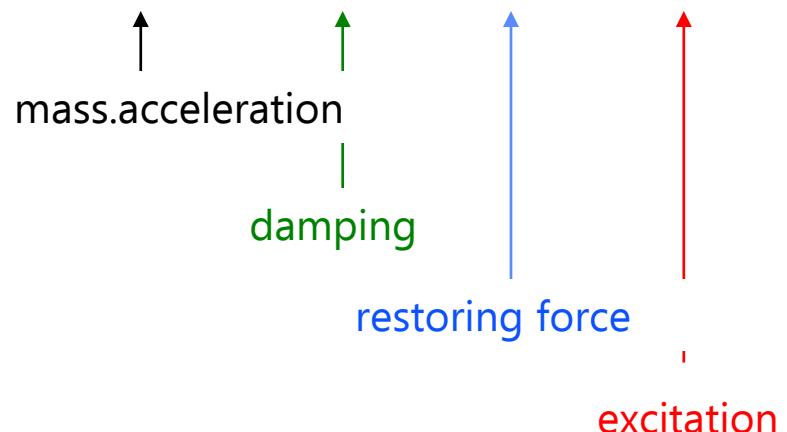
$$E = E_0 e^{i\omega t} \mathbf{u}_z$$

( $e^-$  at  $\mathbf{r} = 0$ )

Electron = (damped) harmonic oscillator

Newton's second law of motion:

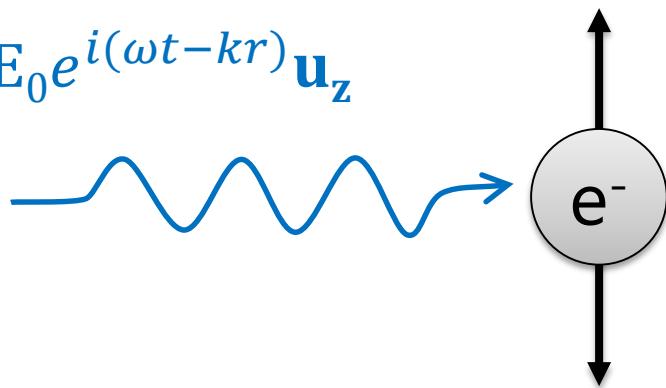
$$m\ddot{z} = -\gamma\dot{z} - \omega_0^2 z + qE$$



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$$m(\ddot{z} + \gamma \dot{z} + \omega_0^2 z) = qE$$

Solutions :

$$z = z_0 e^{i\omega t}$$

$$z = \frac{qE_0}{m(-\omega^2 + \omega_0^2 + i\gamma\omega)} e^{i\omega t}$$

# Refractive index expression (X-rays)

Field radiated by the oscillating charge:

Induced dipole:  $\mathbf{p} = q\mathbf{r}$

$$\mathbf{r} = z\mathbf{u}_z = \frac{q\mathbf{E}_0}{m(-\omega^2 + \omega_0^2 + i\gamma\omega)} e^{i\omega t} \mathbf{u}_z$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \frac{q^2\mathbf{E}_0}{m(-\omega^2 + \omega_0^2 + i\gamma\omega)} e^{i\omega t} \mathbf{u}_z$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \frac{q^2}{m(-\omega^2 + \omega_0^2 + i\gamma\omega)} \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \alpha(\omega)\epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}$$



Atomic polarisability

$$\alpha(\omega) = \frac{q^2/m\epsilon_0}{-\omega^2 + \omega_0^2 + i\gamma\omega}$$

# Refractive index expression (X-rays)

In fact, there are multiple modes (electrons) per atom

$$\alpha(\omega) = \frac{q^2}{m\epsilon_0} \sum_k \frac{f_k}{-\omega^2 + \omega_{0,k}^2 + i\gamma_k\omega}$$

Total polarization :

$N$  = total number of atoms

$$\mathbf{P} = N\mathbf{p} = N\alpha(\omega)\epsilon_0\mathbf{E}$$

... but what is the radiated field ??

# Refractive index expression (X-rays)

Solving Maxwell's equations

$$(a) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$(b) c^2 \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\mathbf{P}}{\epsilon_0} + \mathbf{E} \right) = \frac{\mathbf{j}}{\epsilon_0} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$(c) \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

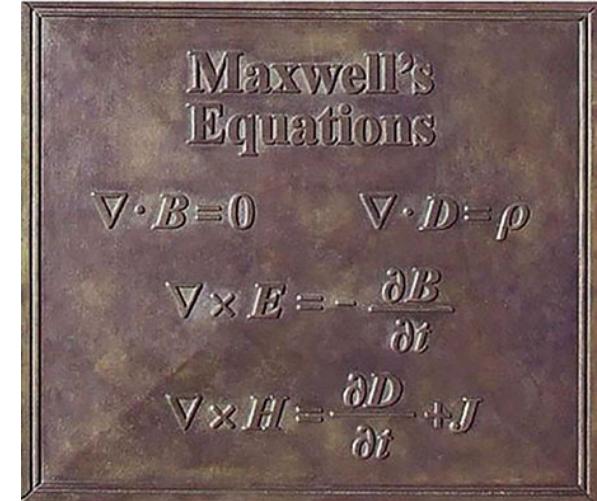
$$(d) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

With

$$\mathbf{E} = E_0 e^{i(\omega t - kx)} \mathbf{u}_z = E_z \mathbf{u}_z$$

Yields

$$-k^2 E_z + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} E_z = -\frac{\omega^2}{\epsilon_0 c^2} P_z = -\frac{\omega^2}{\epsilon_0 c^2} \epsilon_0 N \alpha E_z$$



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Hence

$$k^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} (1 + N \alpha) \quad \text{recall that} \quad n = \frac{k c}{\omega}$$

$$n^2 = (1 + N \alpha)$$

$$n^2 = 1 + N \alpha(\omega) = 1 + N \frac{q^2}{m \epsilon_0} \sum_k \frac{f_k}{-\omega_k^2 + \omega_{0,k}^2 + i \gamma_k \omega}$$

# Refractive index expression (X-rays)

This is quite complex, so for  $\omega$  far from any  $\omega_{0,k}$   
i.e. far from resonances :

$$n = 1 - \delta - i\beta$$

$$n = 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2\pi} r_e \rho_e - i \frac{\lambda}{4\pi} \mu$$

$$n^2 = \varepsilon_r$$

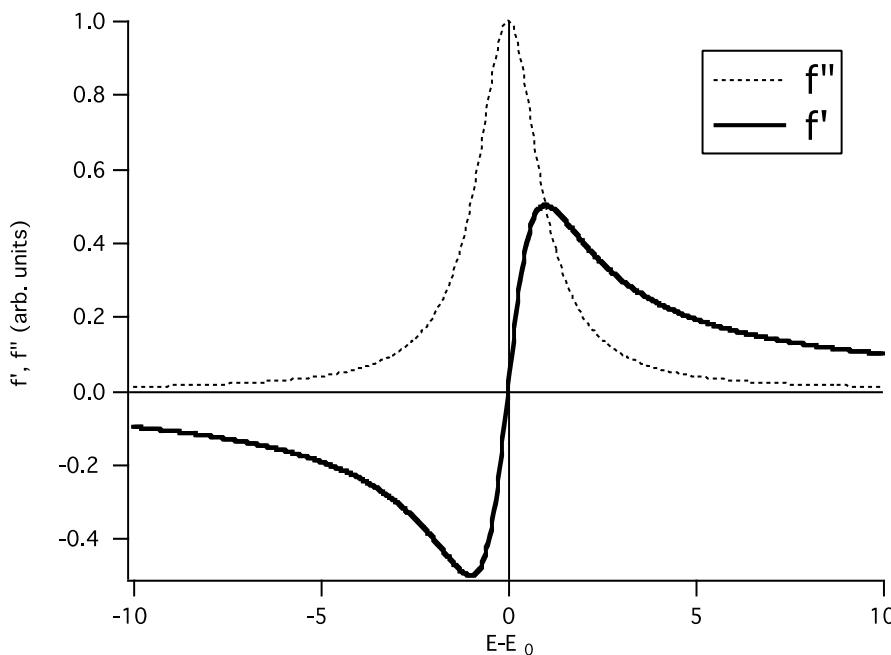
Classical radius of the electron

$$r_e = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 mc^2} \approx 2.818 \times 10^{-15} m$$

# Refractive index expression (X-rays)

For bound electrons

$$n = 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2\pi} r_e \rho_a (f^0 + f'(\omega) + i f''(\omega))$$

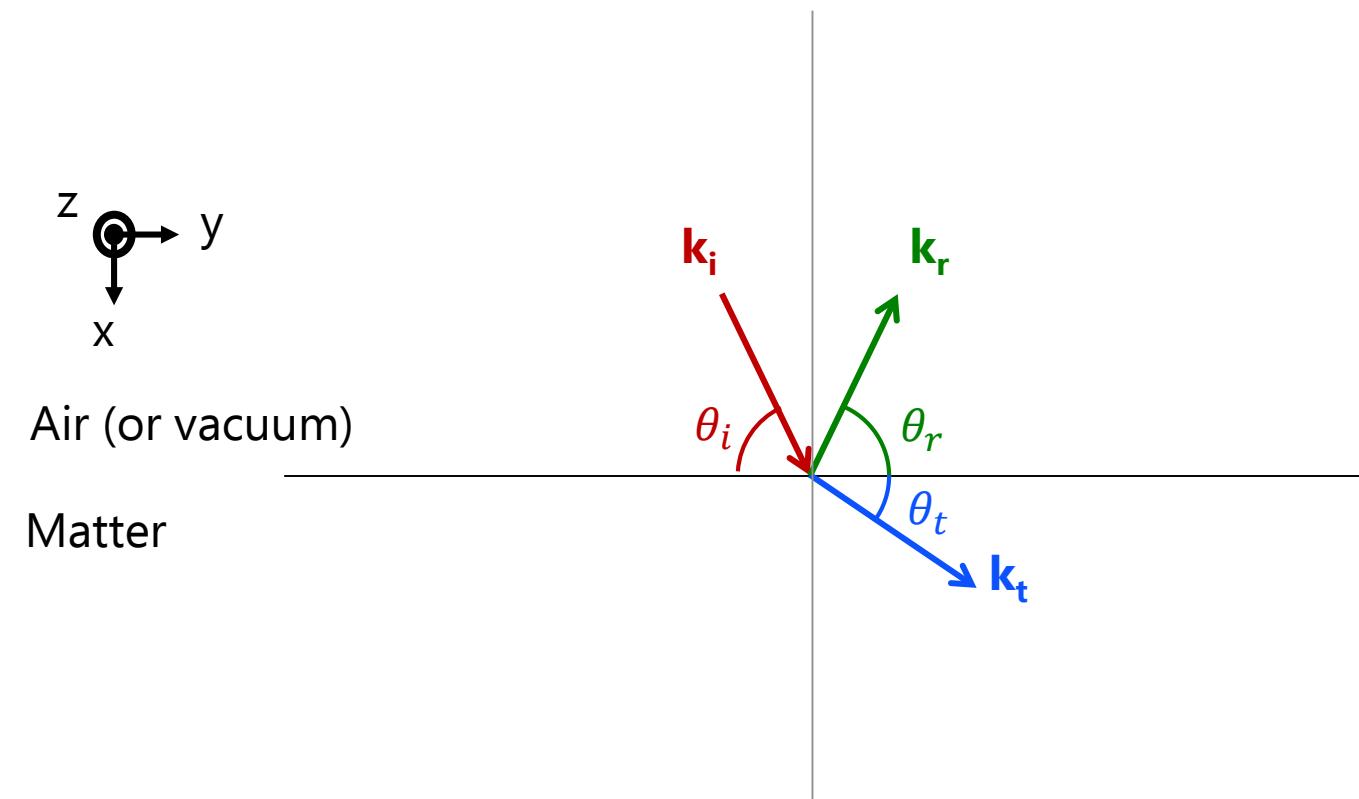


$f'$  and  $f''$  vary rapidly around absorption edges, it can be used to enhance the contrast (*anomalous effects*)

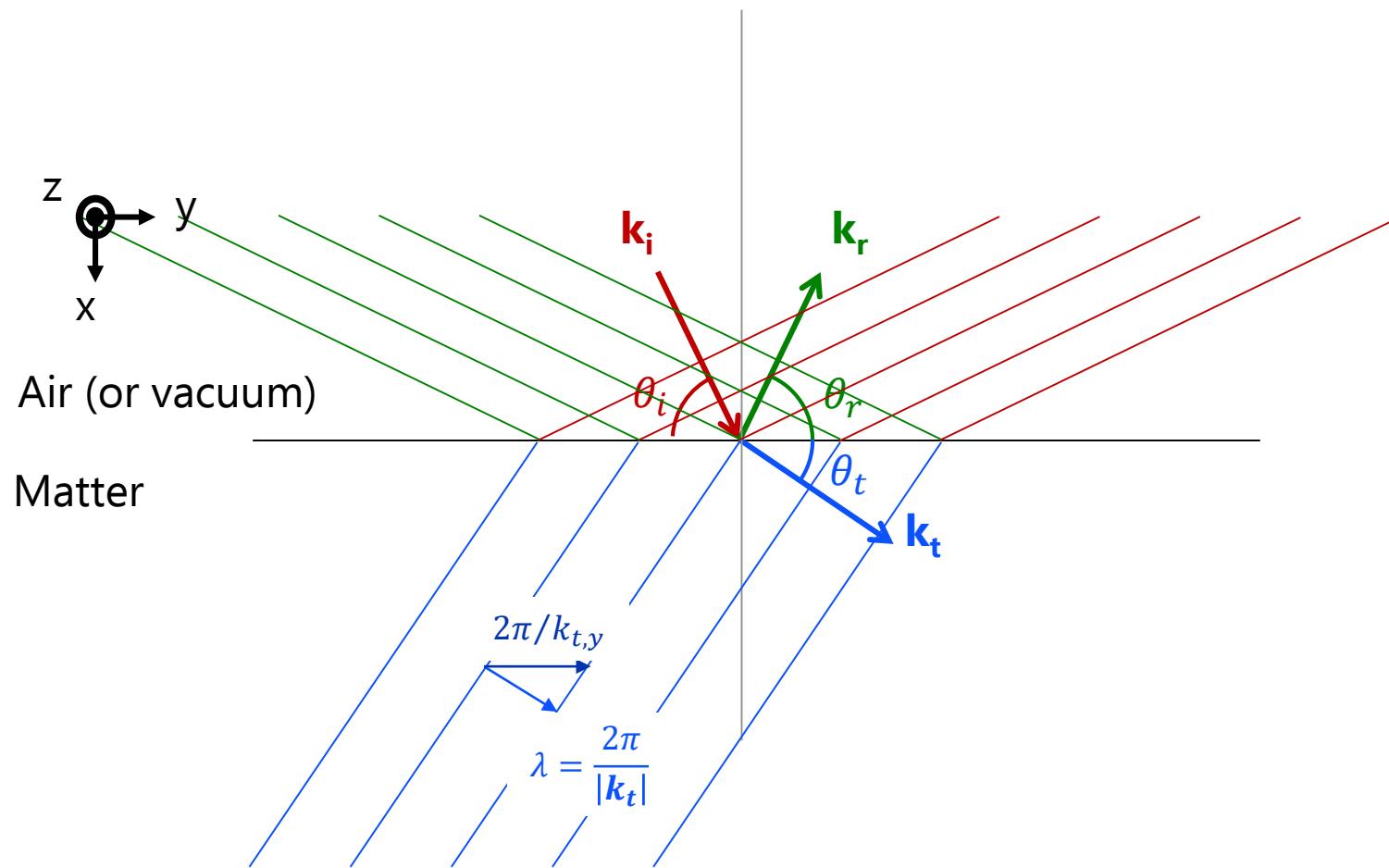
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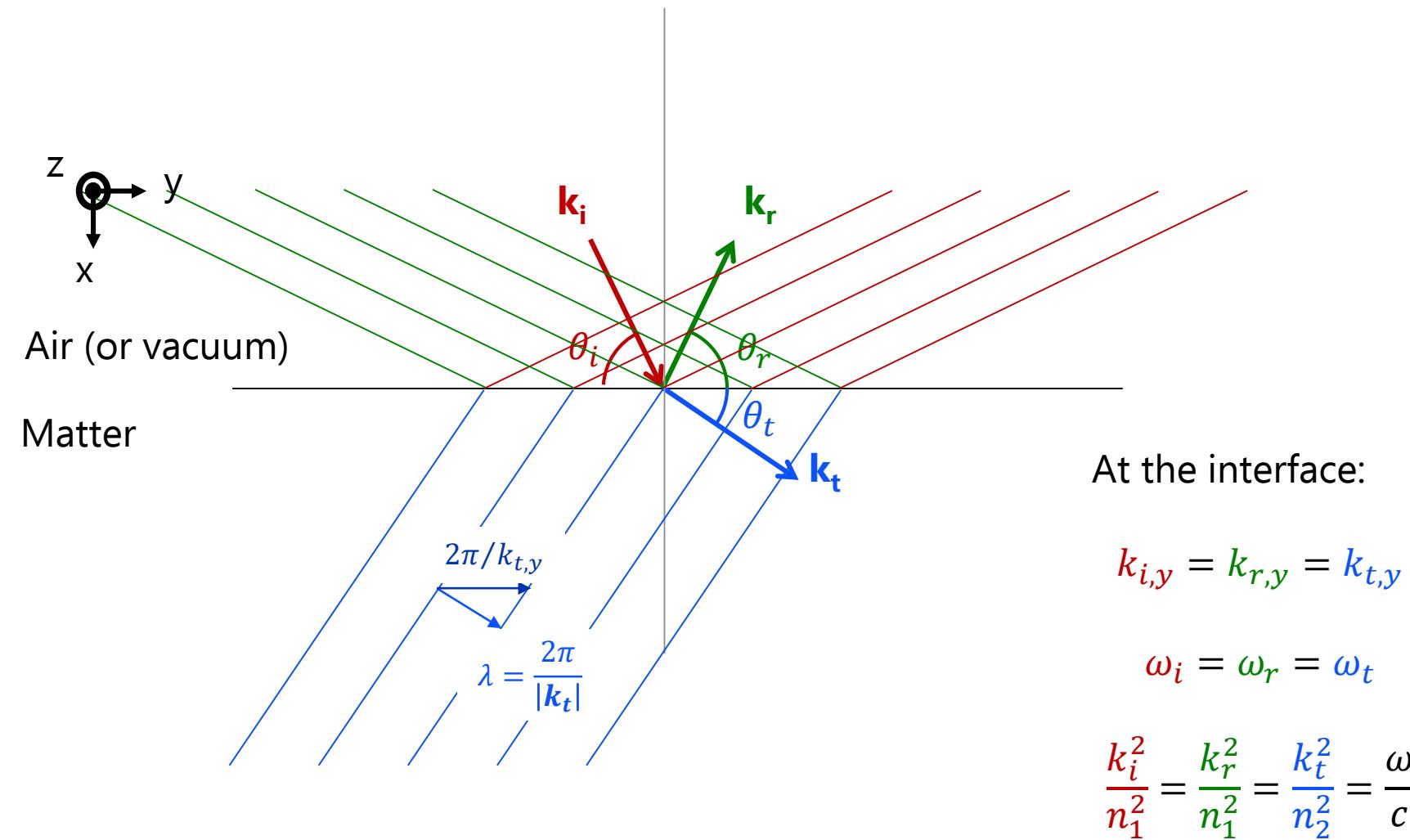
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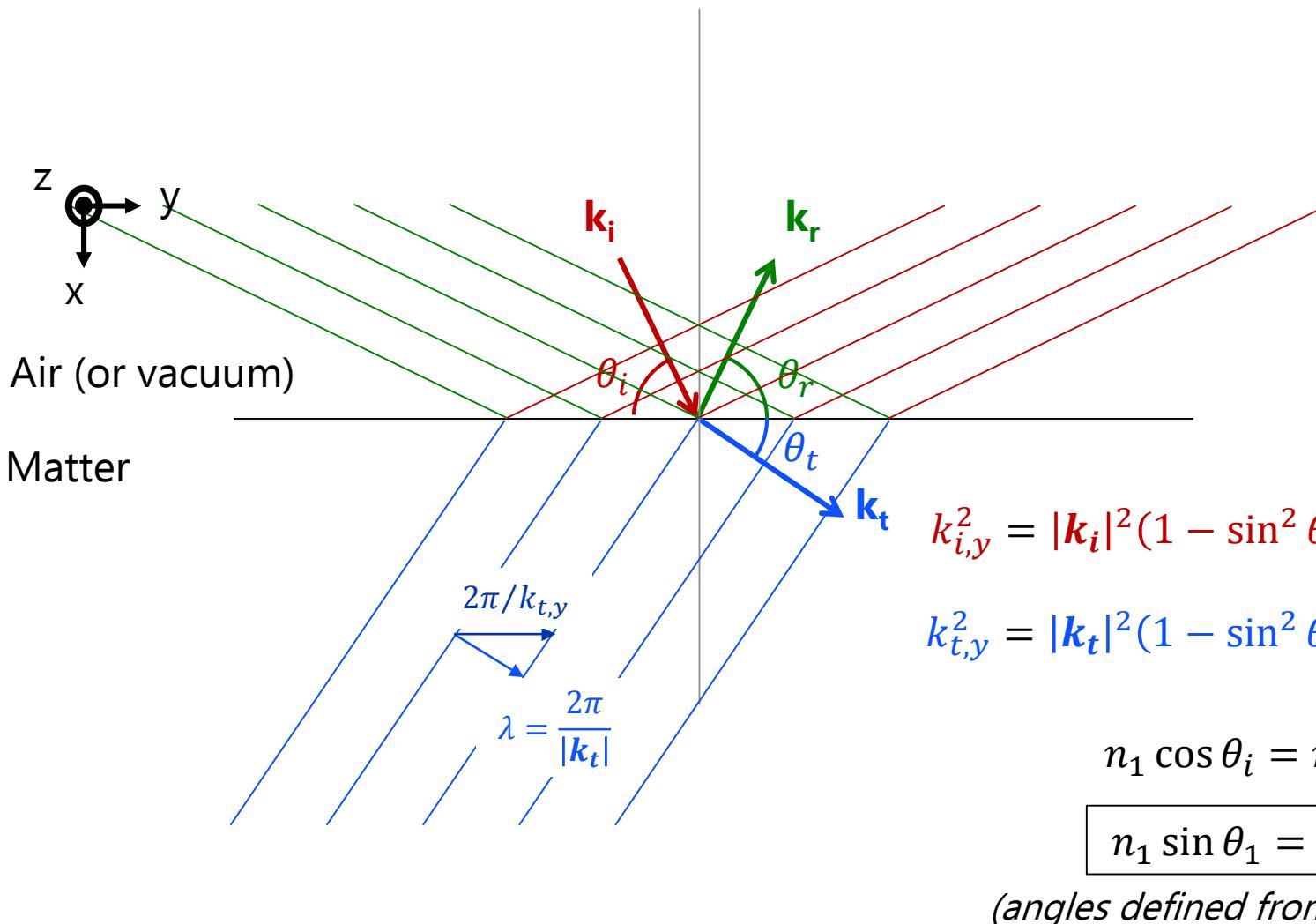
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# Reflection on a surface : Boundary conditions



# Reflection and transmission coefficients

## *Fresnel coefficients*

$$r = \frac{E_r}{E_i} = \frac{\sin(\alpha_i - \alpha_t)}{\sin(\alpha_i + \alpha_t)} \approx \frac{\alpha_i - \alpha_t}{\alpha_i + \alpha_t}$$

$$t = \frac{E_t}{E_i} = \frac{2 \sin(\alpha_i) \cos(\alpha_t)}{\sin(\alpha_i + \alpha_t)} \approx \frac{2\alpha_i}{\alpha_i + \alpha_t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n_1 \cos(\alpha_i) &= n_2 \cos(\alpha_t) \\ n_1 &\approx 1 \\ n_2 &\approx 1 - \delta \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \frac{\alpha_i^2}{2} &= (1 - \delta) \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha_t^2}{2} \right) \\ \alpha_t^2 &= \alpha_i^2 - 2\delta \end{aligned}$$

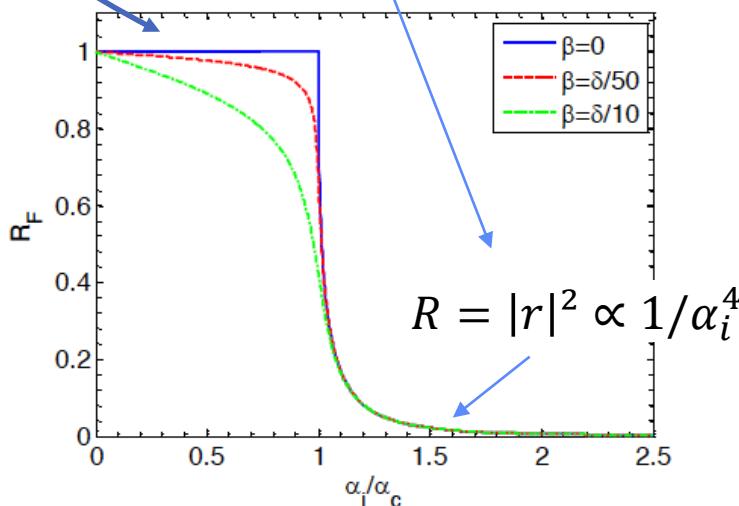
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$$r \approx \frac{-\delta}{2\alpha_i^2 + \delta}$$

$$t \approx \frac{2\alpha_i^2}{2\alpha_i^2 + \delta}$$

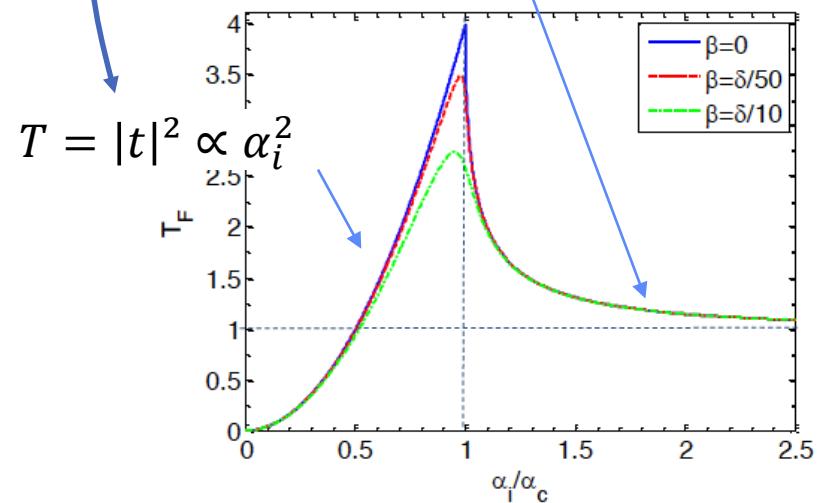
$r = 1$  for  $\alpha_i \ll \sqrt{2\delta}$

$r = -\delta/2\alpha_i^2$  for  $\alpha_i \gg \sqrt{2\delta}$



$t = \alpha_i/\delta$  for  $\alpha_i \ll \sqrt{2\delta}$

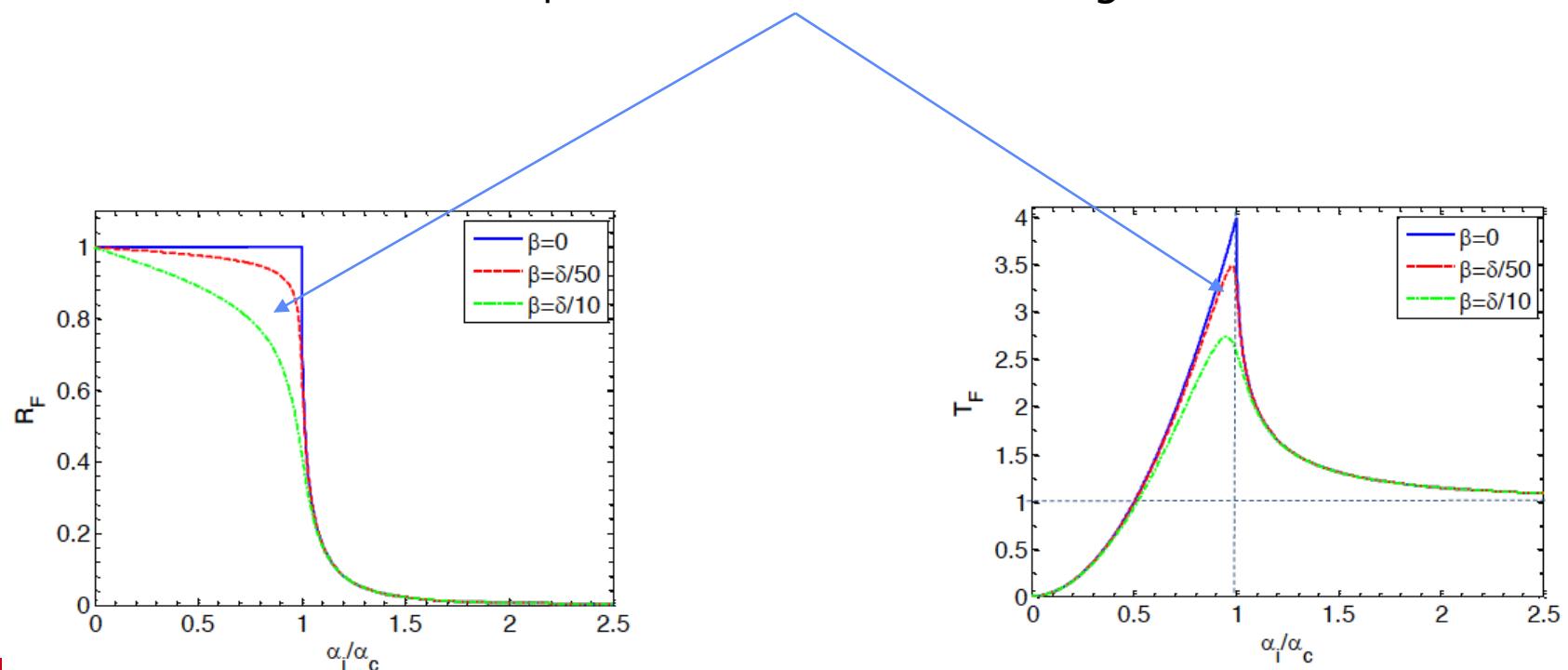
$t = 1$  for  $\alpha_i \gg \sqrt{2\delta}$



# Reflection and transmission coefficients

Effect of absorption ( $i\beta$ )

→ Important below the critical angle



# Total external reflection

For an interface air(vacuum)/material  $\Delta n < 0$ :

$$n_1 \cos \theta_i = n_2 \cos \theta_t$$

$$\cos \theta_t = n_1/n_2 \cos \theta_i$$

$$\cos \theta_t = \cos \theta_i / (1 - \delta)$$

NB: or  $\theta_i < \theta_c$  (such that  $\cos \theta_c = 1 - \delta$ ),  $\theta_t$  is not defined !

$$\cos \theta_c = 1 - \theta_c^2/2 = 1 - \delta$$

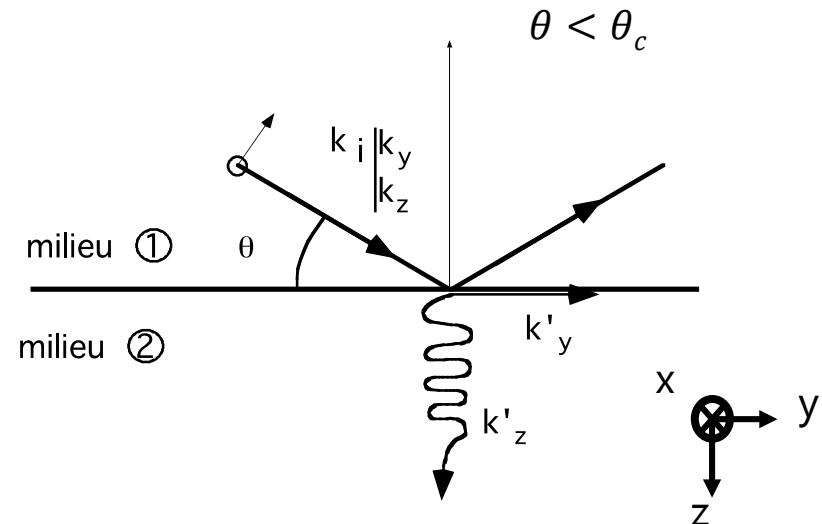
$$\boxed{\theta_c = \sqrt{2\delta}}$$

# Boundary conditions

At the interface:

Conservation of the tangential component of E

$$E_i \exp(i\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}) + E_r \exp(i\mathbf{k}_r \cdot \mathbf{r}) = E_t \exp(i\mathbf{k}_t \cdot \mathbf{r})$$



In each medium (Helmholtz equation):

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial z^2} + k_0^2 E_x = 0 \quad \text{medium(1)} \quad k_{t_z} = i k_0 \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta_c}$$

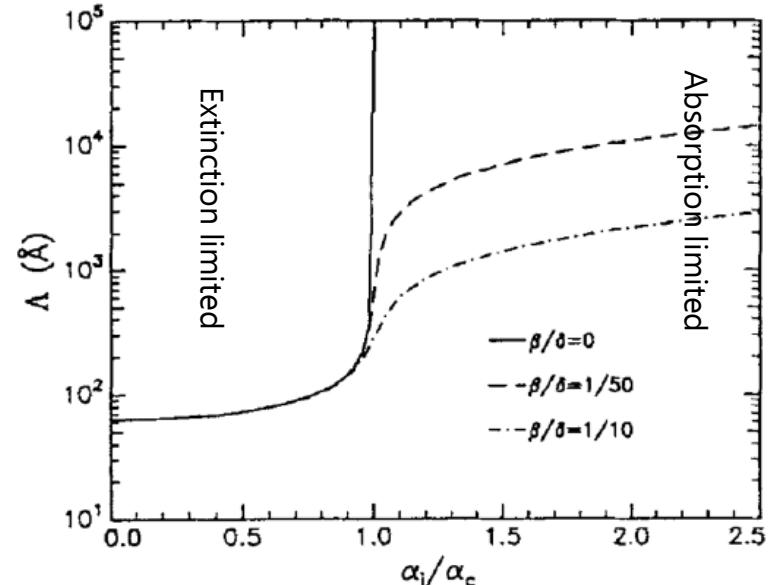
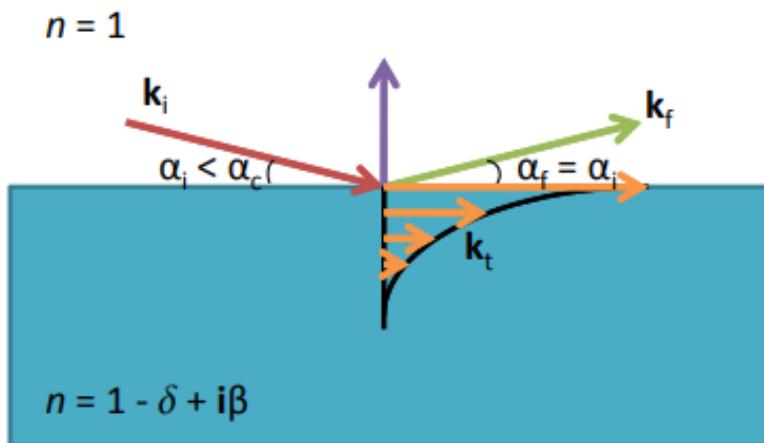
$$\frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial z^2} + n^2 k_0^2 E_x = 0 \quad \text{medium(2)}$$

# Penetration depth

$$I = I_0 \exp(-2k_z z) \Rightarrow \Lambda = \frac{1}{2k_z} = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\sqrt{\theta_c^2 - \theta^2}}$$

For  $\theta \ll \theta_c$        $\Lambda = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\theta_c} \approx 5\text{nm} = \text{extinction length}$

Penetration depth on Si surface with  $\lambda=1.54\text{\AA}$



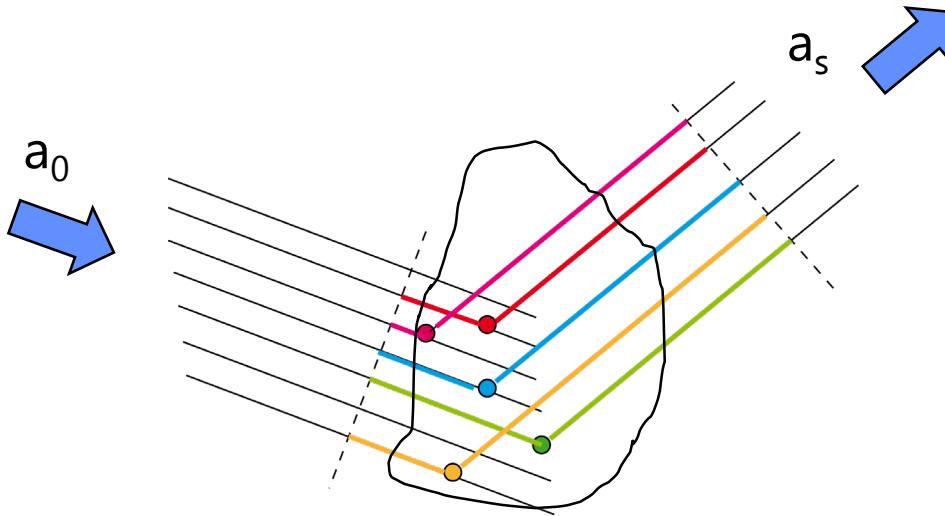
In total reflection conditions:

- The “refracted” X-ray wave travels **parallel to the surface**
- It is **damped exponentially** with the distance to the surface (extinction length).
- > it can be used to probe specifically **the structure of the surface layer**

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# Born Approximation



The **scattered amplitude** in a given direction is obtained through **sum** of individual scattered amplitudes  $a_i$  with **phase** coefficients depending on position of scatterer  $i$

$$a = a_1 \exp(i j(r_1)) + a_2 \exp(i j(r_2)) + a_3 \exp(i j(r_3)) + a_4 \exp(i j(r_4)) + \dots$$

# Kinematical/Born approximation

$$a = a_1 \exp(i j(r_1)) + a_2 \exp(i j(r_2)) + a_3 \exp(i j(r_3)) + a_4 \exp(i j(r_4)) + \dots$$

When in far field, the phases read:

$$\varphi(r) = \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r} \quad q = k_f - k_i$$

so that scattered amplitude reads

$$a(q) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (a_i \exp i \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_i) = \text{Fourier series}$$

# Kinematical vs Dynamical scattering

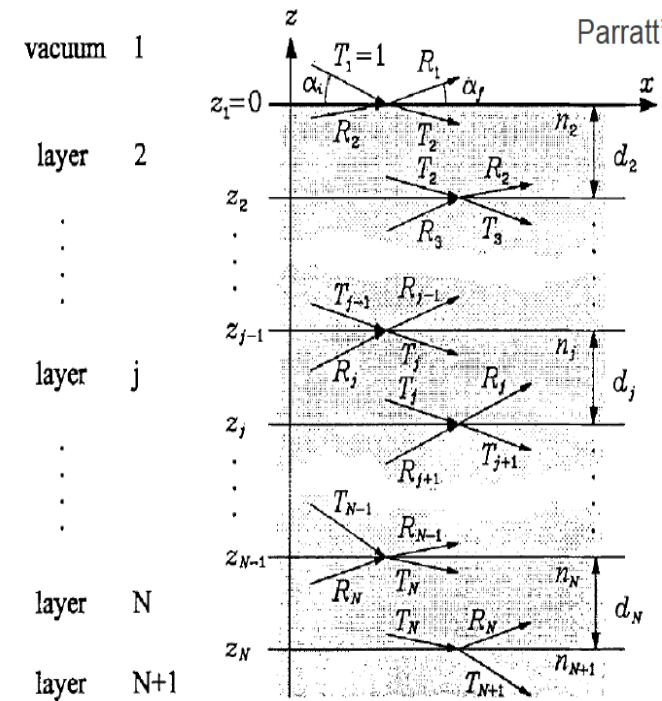
- Kinematical theory (Born Approximation):
  - Assume all parts of the sample “see” the same incident wave
  - They scatter the beam depending only on their position(phase) and scattering cross section ( $\rightarrow$  Fourier Transform)
  - Multiple scattering is neglected
- Dynamical theory
  - Take into account the “screening” effect of the different parts of the sample

# Grazing incidence conditions favor **dynamical** effects

- Total external reflection /refraction are in essence **dynamical** effects
  - The top layers prevent the bottom layers to see the incident beam
  - Strong variations of beam electric field with depth

# How to handle that?

- Do a full calculation: only possible in simple cases, for example multilayers:  $r$  is a function only  $r(z)$ , e.g. the Fresnel matrix "optical" formalism for calculating reflectivity (see previous courses)
- Use perturbation theory, starting from approximate exact solutions: DWBA= Distorted Wave Born Approximation



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# Back to the Born Approximation: the reciprocal space etc...

In the kinematic approximation, the scattered amplitude is the Fourier transform of the electron density distribution  $r(r)$ :

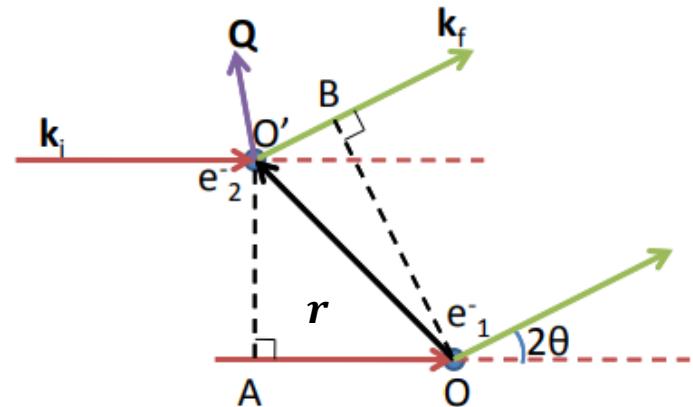
$$I(\mathbf{q}) = \left| F\{\rho(\mathbf{r})\} \right|^2 = \left| \int \rho(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}} d^3 \mathbf{r} \right|^2$$

The angular distribution of scattered intensity has maxima for certain orientations of the scattering vector (certain “locations” in the reciprocal space)

# Diffraction by a crystal

The phase difference of the scattered amplitude between 2 scatterers is:

$$\Delta\varphi = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (O'B - OA) = \mathbf{k}_f \cdot \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}$$



Consider a simple unit cell, the amplitude of the wave scattered is

$$F(\mathbf{Q}) = \sum_{atoms i} f_i(\theta, \lambda) e^{i2\pi \mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_i}$$

Scattering "effectiveness"

Phase difference

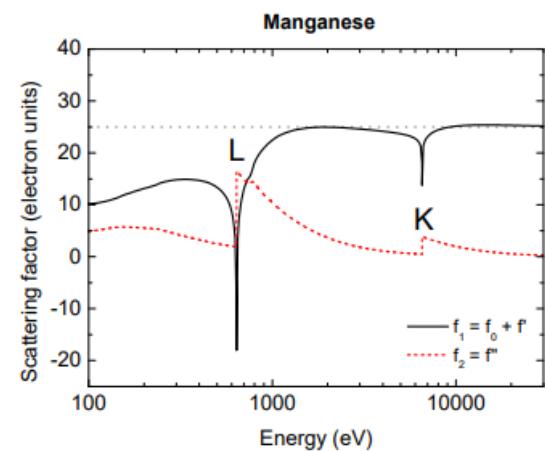
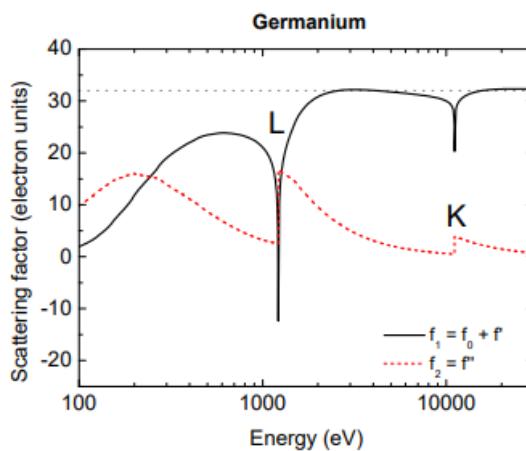
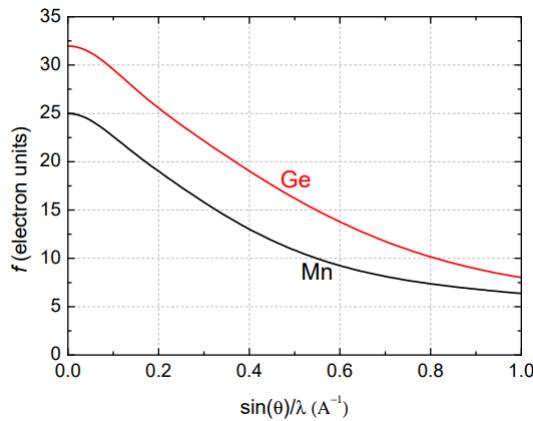
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$$F(\mathbf{Q}) = \sum_{atoms\ i} f_i(\theta, \lambda) e^{i2\pi\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}_i}$$

$$f_i(\theta, \lambda) = f_i^0\left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\lambda}\right) + f'_i(\lambda) + i f''_i(\lambda)$$

At the atomic scale, *i.e.* sum over all electrons :

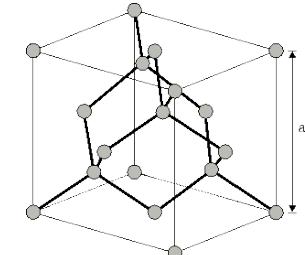
$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} f_e = \frac{\omega^2}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 + ig\omega)} = 1 + f'(\omega) + if''(\omega) \\ f'(\omega) = \frac{\omega_0^2(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2) - g^2\omega^2}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + g^2\omega^2} \\ f''(\omega) = \frac{g\omega^3}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + g^2\omega^2} \end{array} \right]$$



# Diffraction by a crystal

For example in Ge (8 atoms/unit cell):

$$\left\{ (0, 0, 0); (0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}); (\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}); (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0); (\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}); (\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}); (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}); (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}) \right\} \times a$$



$$F(\mathbf{Q}) = f_{Ge}(\theta, \lambda)(1 + e^{i\pi(k+l)} + e^{i\pi(h+l)} + e^{i\pi(h+k)} + \\ e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}(3h+k+3l)} + e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}(3h+3k+l)} + e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}(h+k+l)} + e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}(h+3k+3l)})$$

With  $\mathbf{Q}$  projected in the convenient reciprocal basis:

$$\mathbf{Q} = h\mathbf{a}^* + k\mathbf{b}^* + l\mathbf{c}^*$$

$$\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{a} = h$$

$$\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{b} = k$$

$$\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{c} = l$$

$$\mathbf{a}^* = \frac{\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}}{V}$$
$$\mathbf{b}^* = \frac{\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}}{V}$$
$$\mathbf{c}^* = \frac{\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}}{V}$$
$$V = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}$$

# Diffraction by a crystal

Extend to a full crystal: many, many cells

$$\begin{aligned} A(\mathbf{Q}) &= \sum_{cell} \sum_{j atoms} f_i(\theta, \lambda) e^{i2\pi \mathbf{Q} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_i + \mathbf{R}_j)} \\ &= \left( \sum_{cell} j e^{i2\pi \mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{R}_j} \right) \left( \sum_{atoms} i f_i(\theta, \lambda) e^{i2\pi \mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_i} \right) \\ &= D(\mathbf{Q}) F(\mathbf{Q}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_j = n_x \mathbf{a} + n_y \mathbf{b} + n_z \mathbf{c}$$

$$\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{R}_j = n_x h + n_y k + n_z l$$

Form factor (encodes the shape of the crystal)

$$D(\mathbf{Q}) = \sum_{-N_x/2}^{N_x/2} e^{i2\pi n_x h} \sum_{-N_y/2}^{N_y/2} e^{i2\pi n_y k} \sum_{-N_z/2}^{N_z/2} e^{i2\pi n_z l}$$

$(N_x, N_y, N_z)$  : total number of cells

# Diffraction by a crystal

Extend to a full crystal: many, many cells

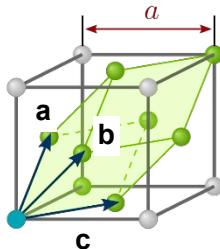
$$D(\mathbf{Q}) = \sum_{-N_x/2}^{N_x/2} e^{i2\pi n_x h} \sum_{-N_y/2}^{N_y/2} e^{i2\pi n_y k} \sum_{-N_z/2}^{N_z/2} e^{i2\pi n_z l}$$

$$D(\mathbf{Q}) = \frac{\sin \pi N_x h}{\sin \pi h} \frac{\sin \pi N_y k}{\sin \pi k} \frac{\sin \pi N_z l}{\sin \pi l}$$

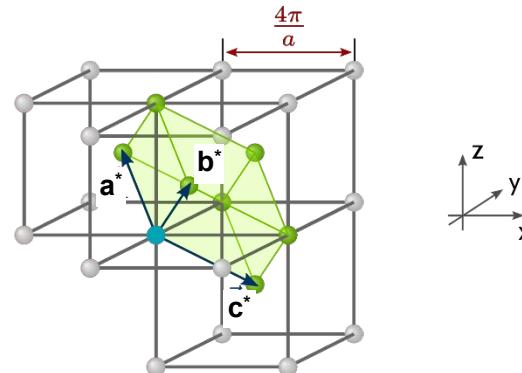
If infinite:  $D(\mathbf{Q})$  is 3D Dirac comb with nodes at integer values of  $h, k, l$

# Diffraction by a crystal

direct lattice:  
fcc with edge length  $a$



reciprocal lattice:  
bcc with edge length  $\frac{4\pi}{a}$



The scattered intensity is also distributed along a 3D periodic structure  
 $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{G} = h\mathbf{a}^* + k\mathbf{b}^* + l\mathbf{c}^*$  with  $\mathbf{G}$  normal to net planes = "reciprocal space"

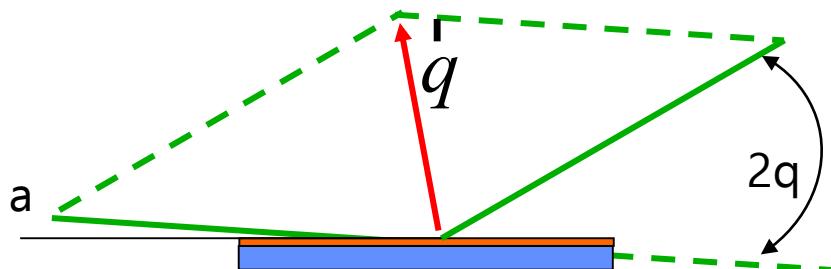
Reciprocal space is the analog of "dual" space in tensor mathematics or  $k$ -space in quantum mechanics.

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# Grazing-incidence diffraction geometries

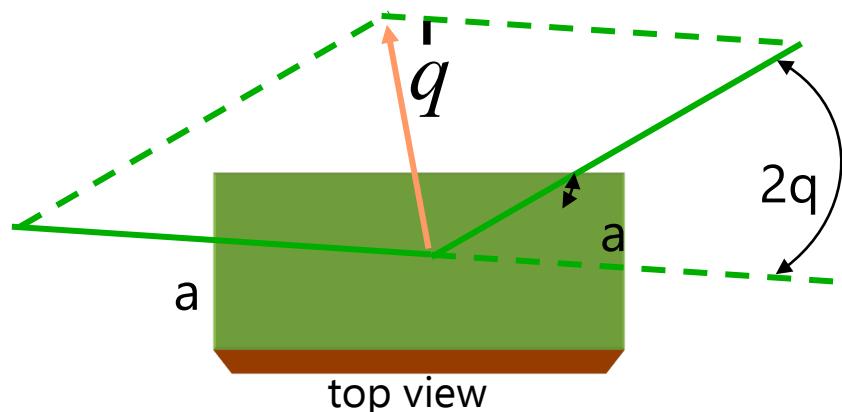
Grazing-incidence  
**out-of-plane** diffraction



side view

Get information from the surface only,  
Useful if disordered (powder-like) surface

Grazing-incidence  
**in-plane** diffraction



top view

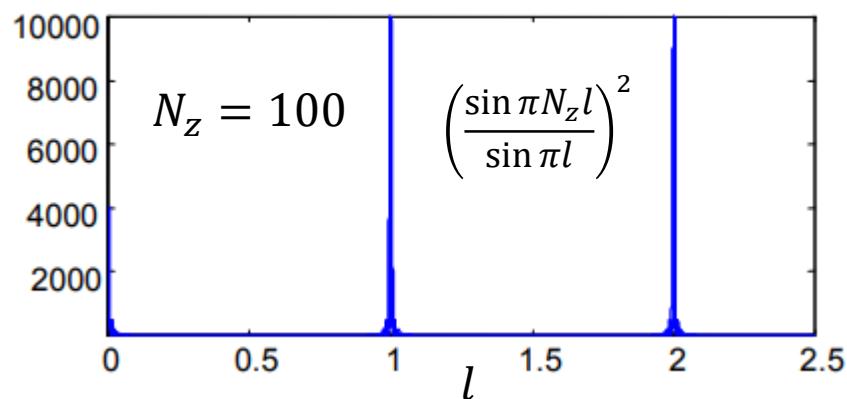
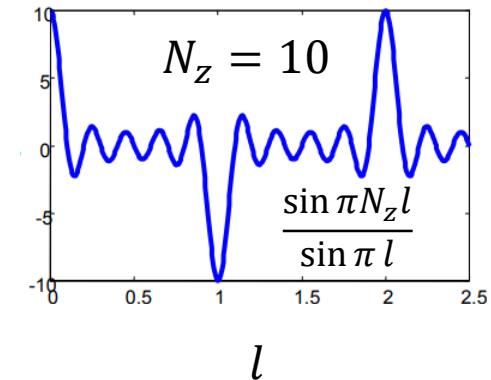
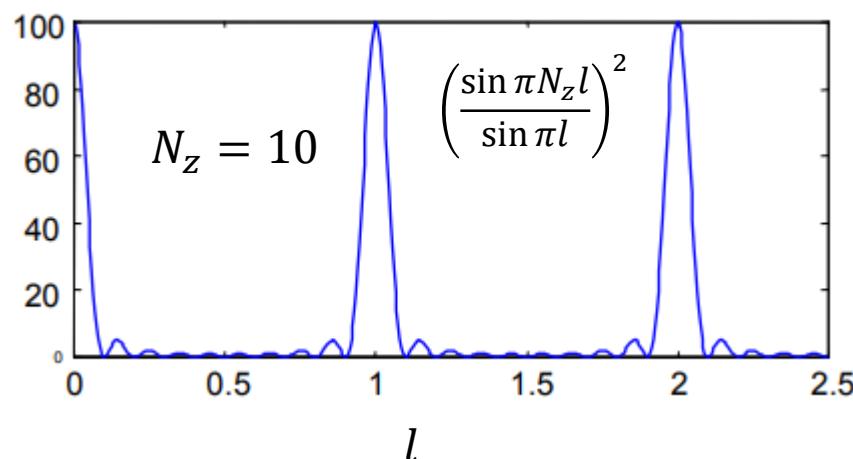
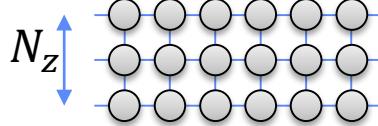
Get information from the surface only about the  
in-plane organization (texture, etc..)

- Crystallinity of the deposited layer
- Mosaicity : distribution in-plane or out-of-plane
- Depth profiling of a given layer

Slides adapted from D. Djurado

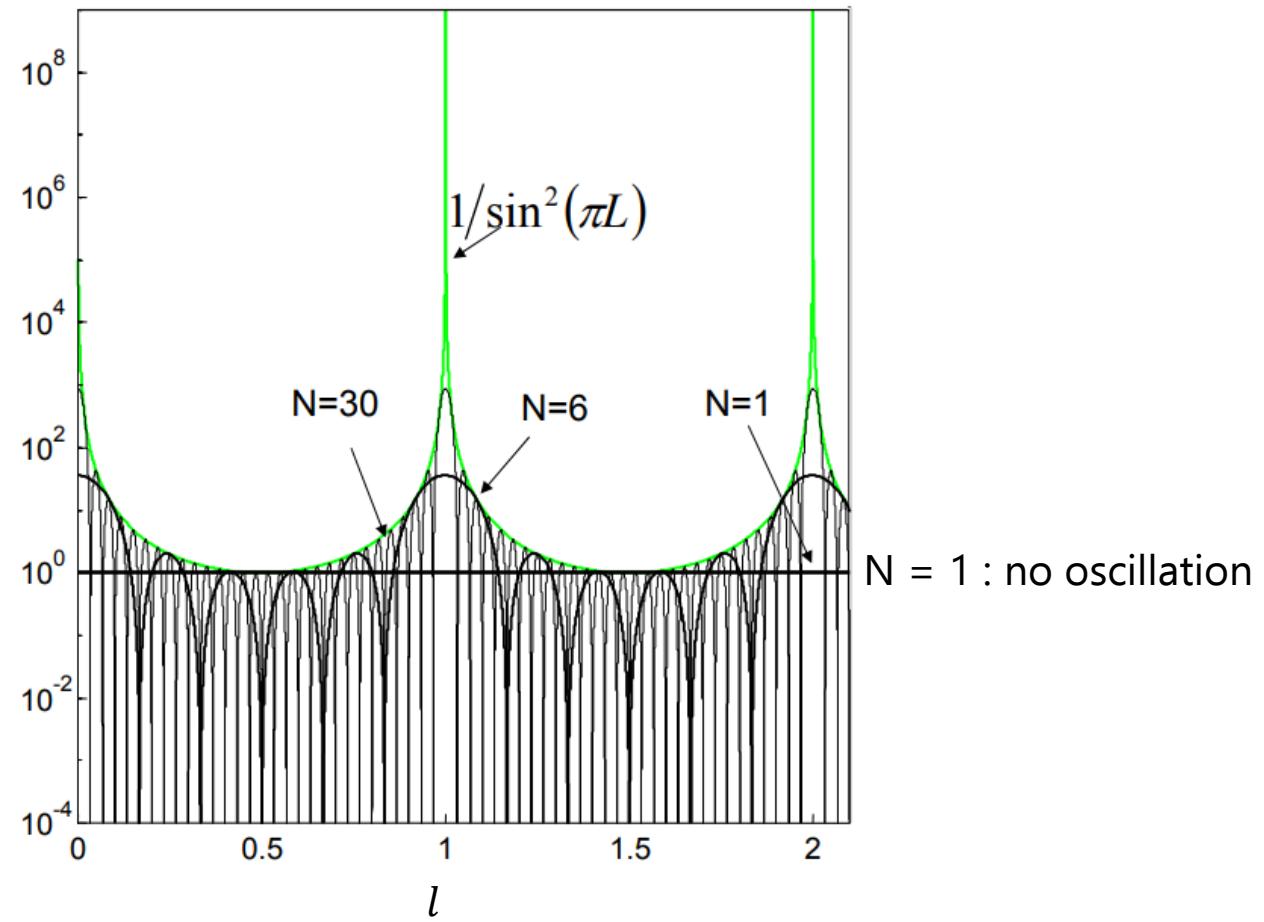
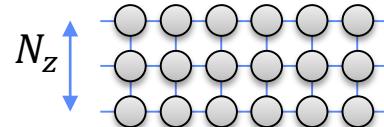
# Finite crystal

$$D(\mathbf{Q}) = \frac{\sin \pi N_x h}{\sin \pi h} \frac{\sin \pi N_y k}{\sin \pi k} \frac{\sin \pi N_z l}{\sin \pi l}$$



Slides adapted from T. Trainor

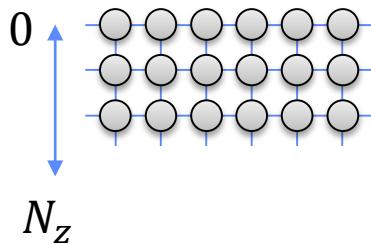
# Semi-infinite crystal: the Crystal Truncation Rods (CTRs)



Finite size means intensity **between** the Bragg peaks

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# Semi-infinite crystal: the Crystal Truncation Rods (CTRs)



$$D(\mathbf{Q}) = \sum_{-N_x/2}^{N_x/2} e^{i2\pi n_x h} \sum_{-N_y/2}^{N_y/2} e^{i2\pi n_y k} \sum_{-\infty}^0 e^{i2\pi n_z l}$$

= 1 for  $h, k$  integer  
= 0 otherwise

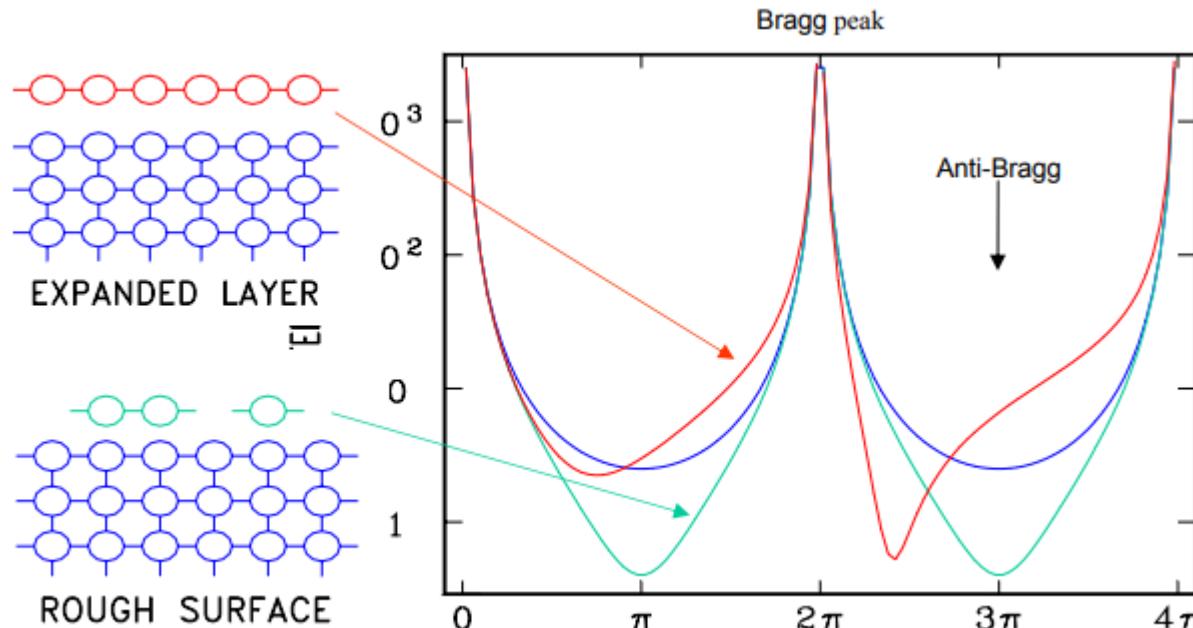
$$\sum_{-\infty}^0 e^{i2\pi n_z l} = \frac{1}{(1 - e^{-i2\pi l})}$$

$$\left| \sum_{-\infty}^0 e^{i2\pi n_z l} \right|^2 = \frac{1}{4 \sin^2 \pi l}$$

Finite size means intensity **between** the Bragg peaks along  $l$

Reciprocal space is not 3D Dirac anymore but includes 1D truncation rods

# Semi-infinite crystal: the Crystal Truncation Rods (CTRs)

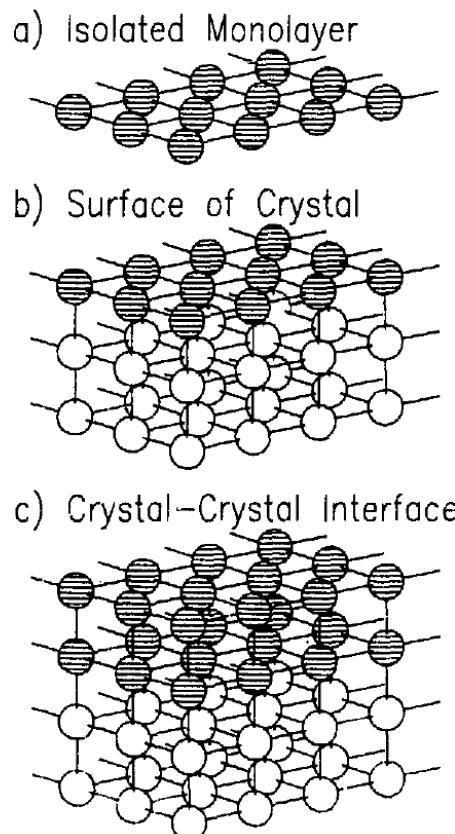


*sensitive to the last unit cell in between Bragg peaks!*

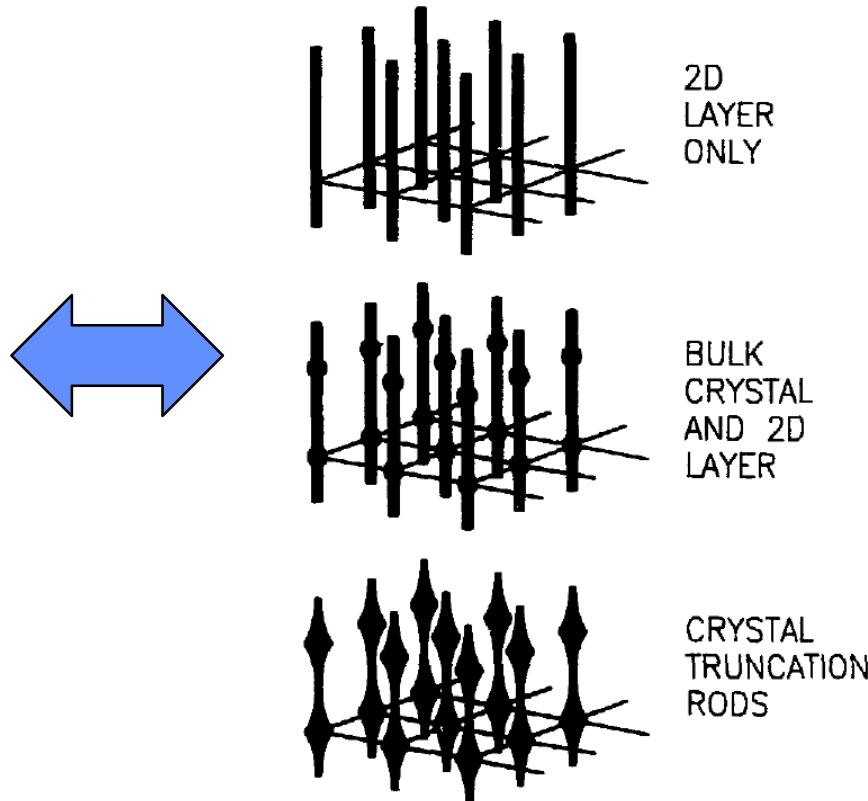
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The structure of a crystal may be different close to the surface than in the bulk: relaxation, reconstruction

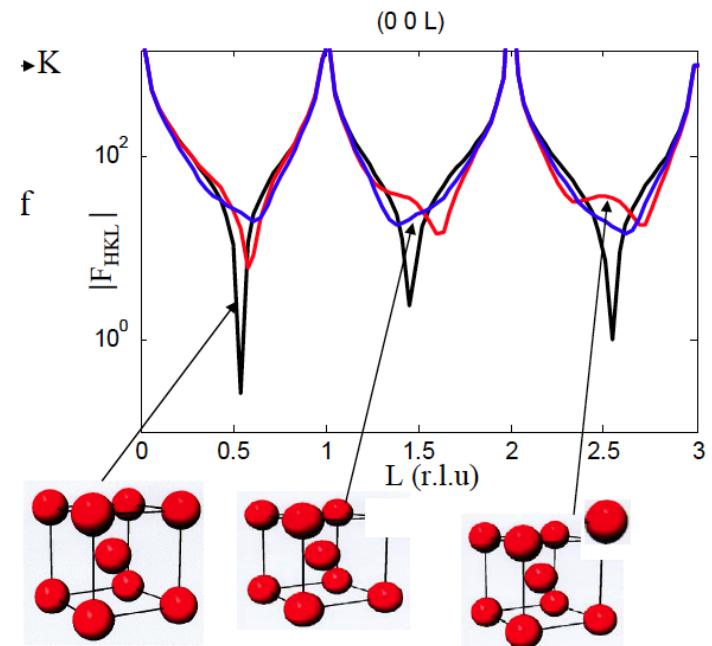
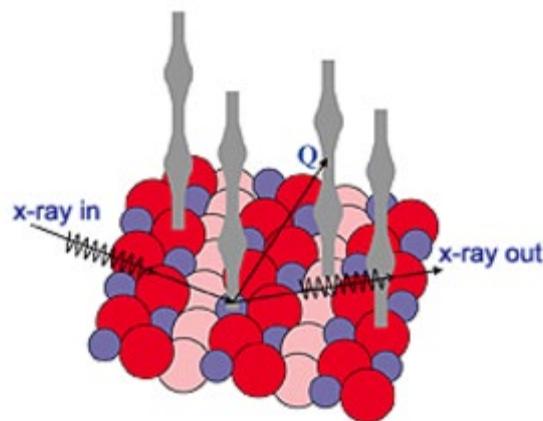
### Real space



### Reciprocal space



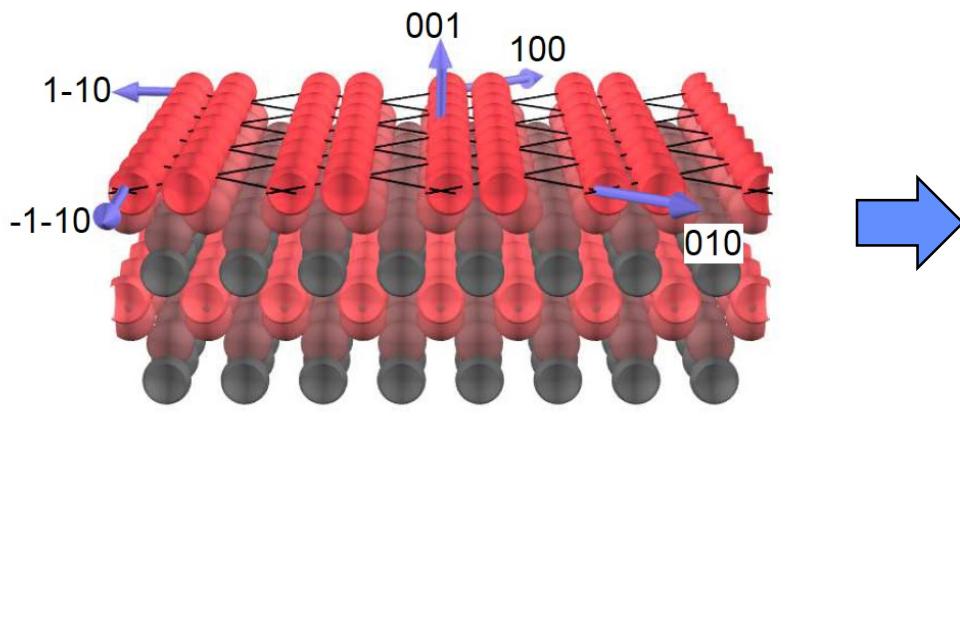
# Surface relaxations through CTR analysis



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# Surface reconstruction

Ex: 2x1 of silicon 001



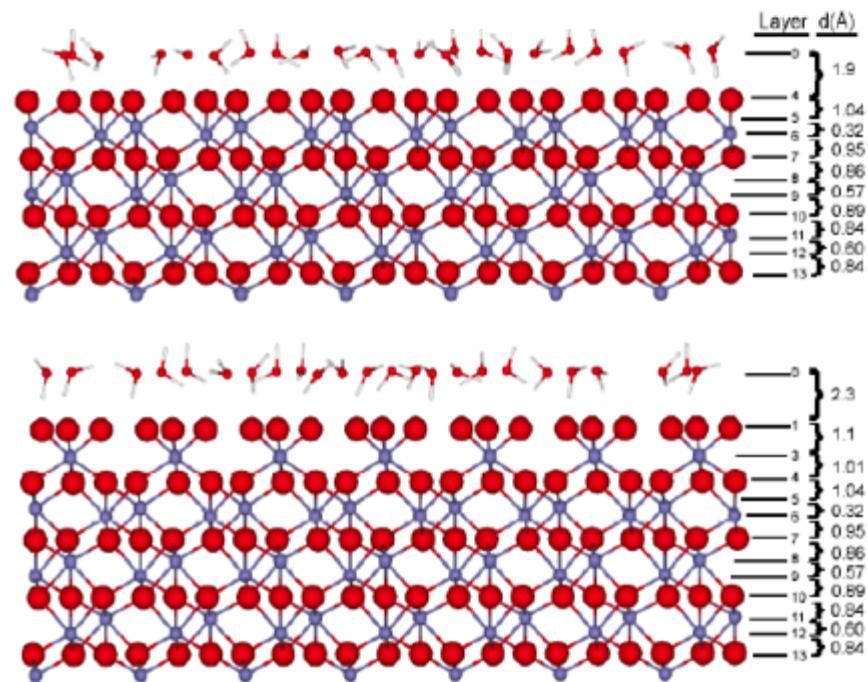
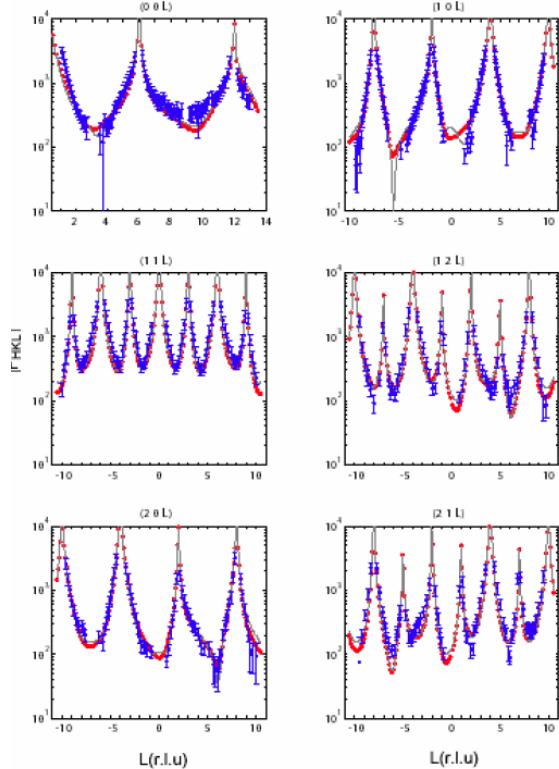
“Superlattice” rods  
“Fractional order” rods

New peaks appears along 110

# Example: Hematite/Water a-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (0001)

## Models

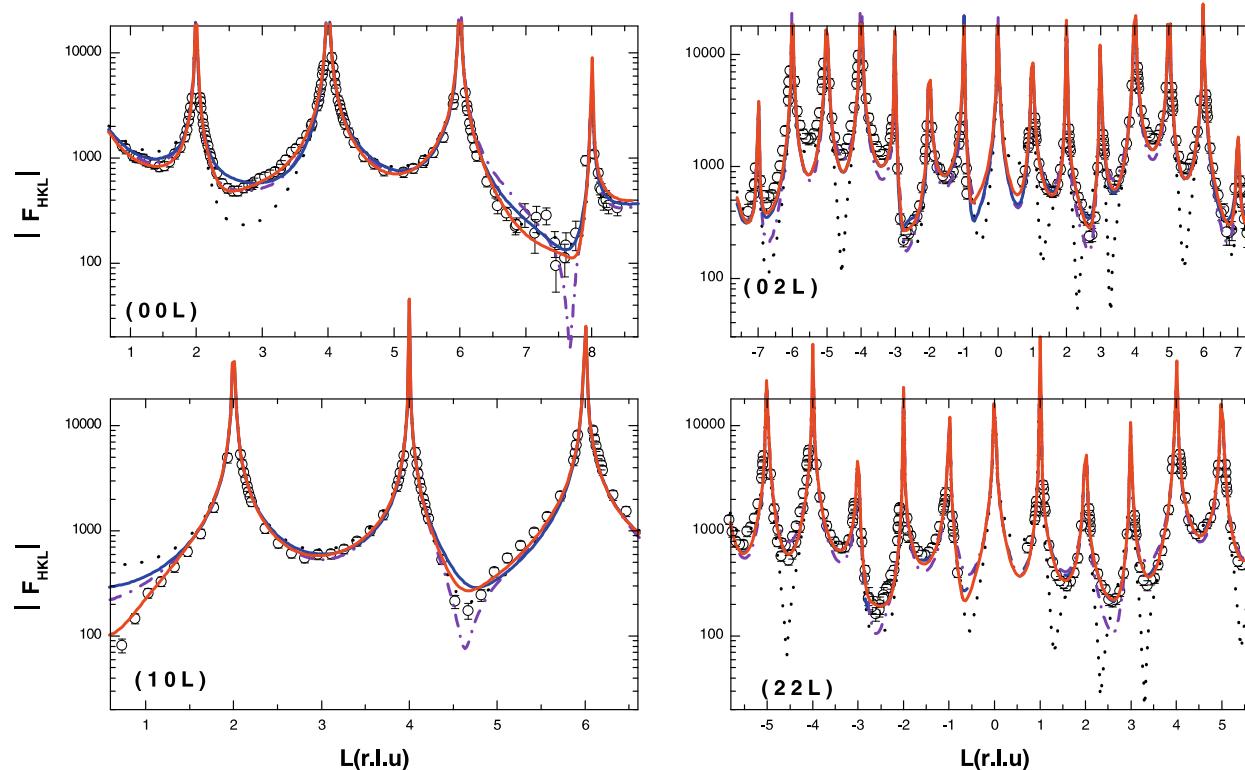
CTRs



Trainor et al., Surface Science, 573, 204 (2004)

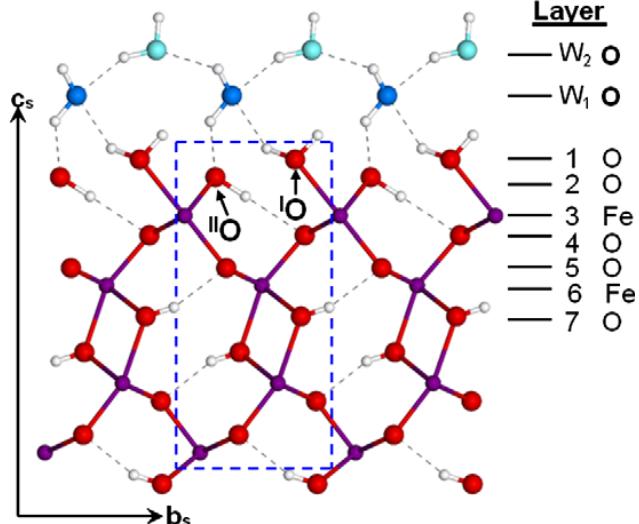
Experimental observation is consistent with hydroxylated surfaces  
Association with DFT to use the most stable configurations

# Example: Goethite (a-FeOOH) (1 0 0) // water interface

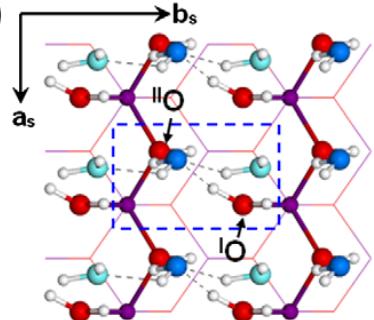


# Structure

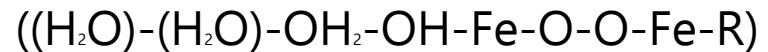
(a)



(b)



Two ordered layers of water  
Two layers of hydroxyl groups



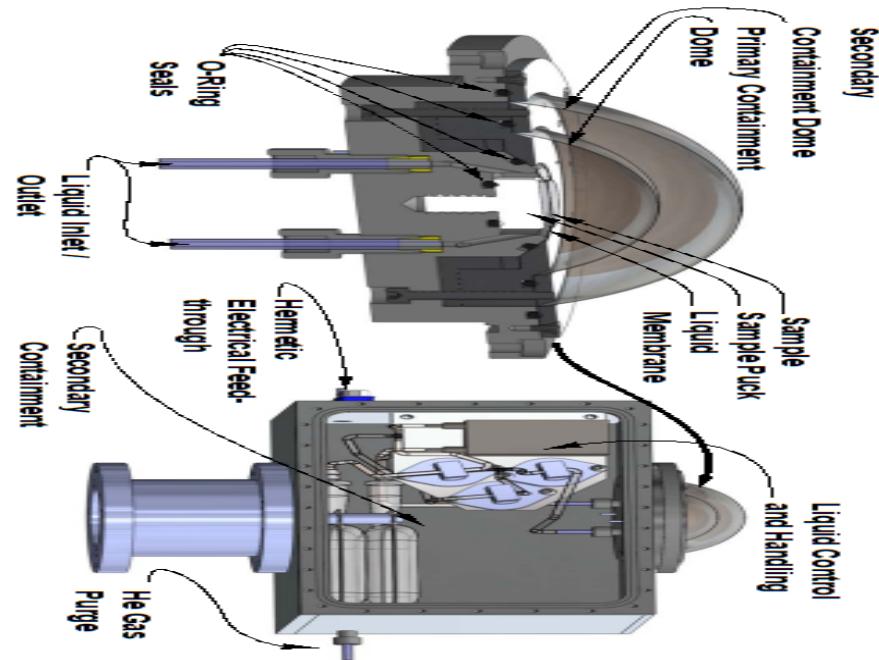
The two types of hydroxyls may explain interface reactivity

Association with DFT calculations to predict pKa

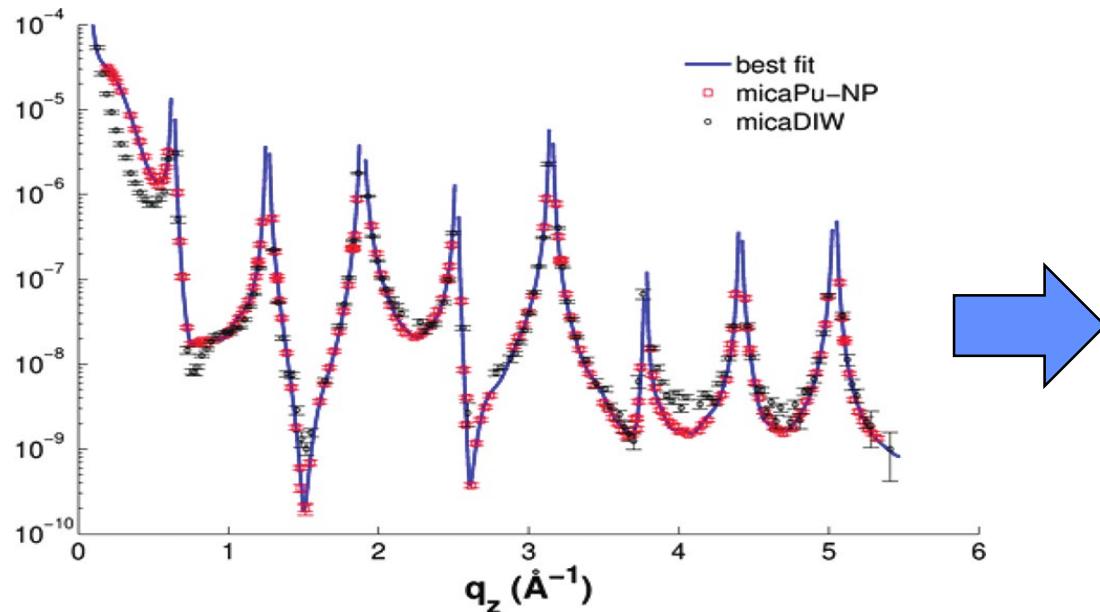
# An example from nuclear science

- Interaction of  $\text{Pu}^{3+}$  solution / Mica surface:
- In-situ study

Schmidt, Eng, Stubbs, Fenster, and Soderholm (2011) Rev Sci Inst 82 075105

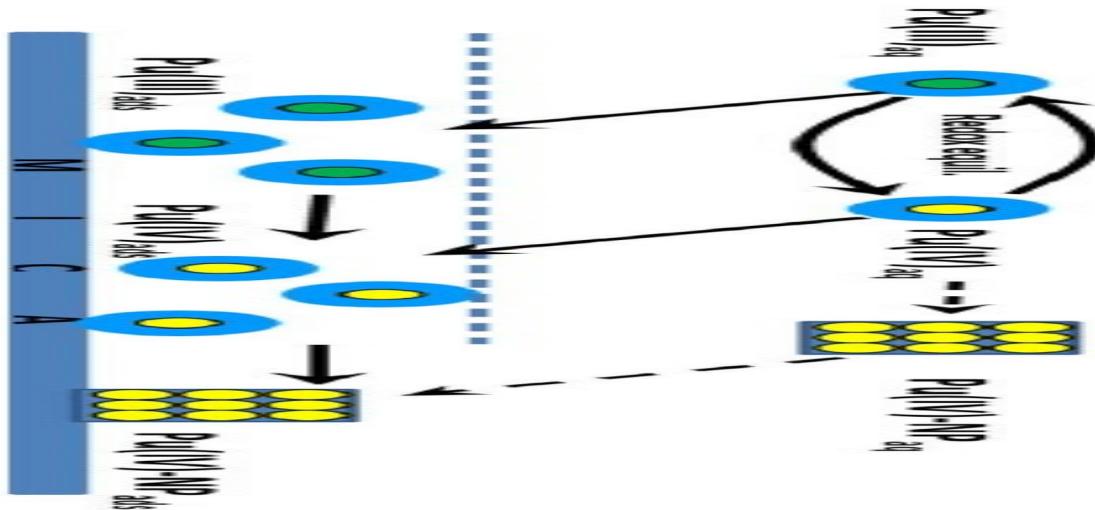


# CTR analysis



- M. Schmidt, S. Lee, R.E. Wilson, K.E. Knope, F. Bellucci, P.J. Eng, J.E. Stubbs, L. Soderholm, P. Fenter,  
"Surface-Mediated Formation of Pu(IV) Nanoparticles at the  
Muscovite-Electrolyte Interface", ES&T 47(24) 14178-14184 (2013)
- M. Schmidt, R.E. Wilson, S. Lee, L. Soderholm, and P. Fenter,  
« Adsorption of Plutonium Oxide Nanoparticles », Langmuir 28  
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# Formation of Pu(IV)O nanoparticles



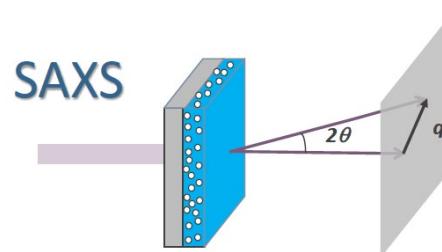
- Surface catalyzed formation of Pu NP
- Agreement with anomalous reflectivity at the Pu L<sub>III</sub> edge and AFM measurements
- Surface concentration of NP is in agreement with charge compensation

# Outline

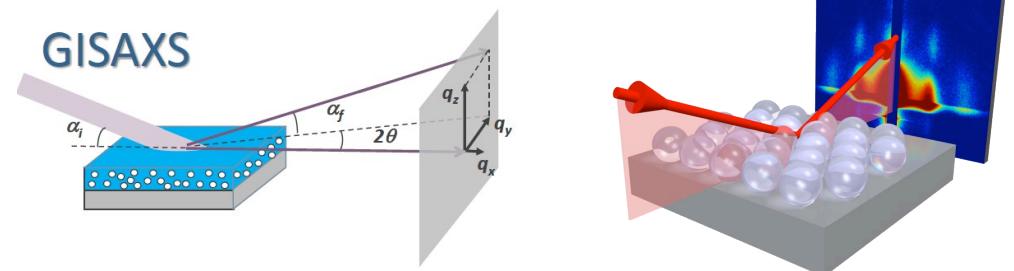
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# GISAXS

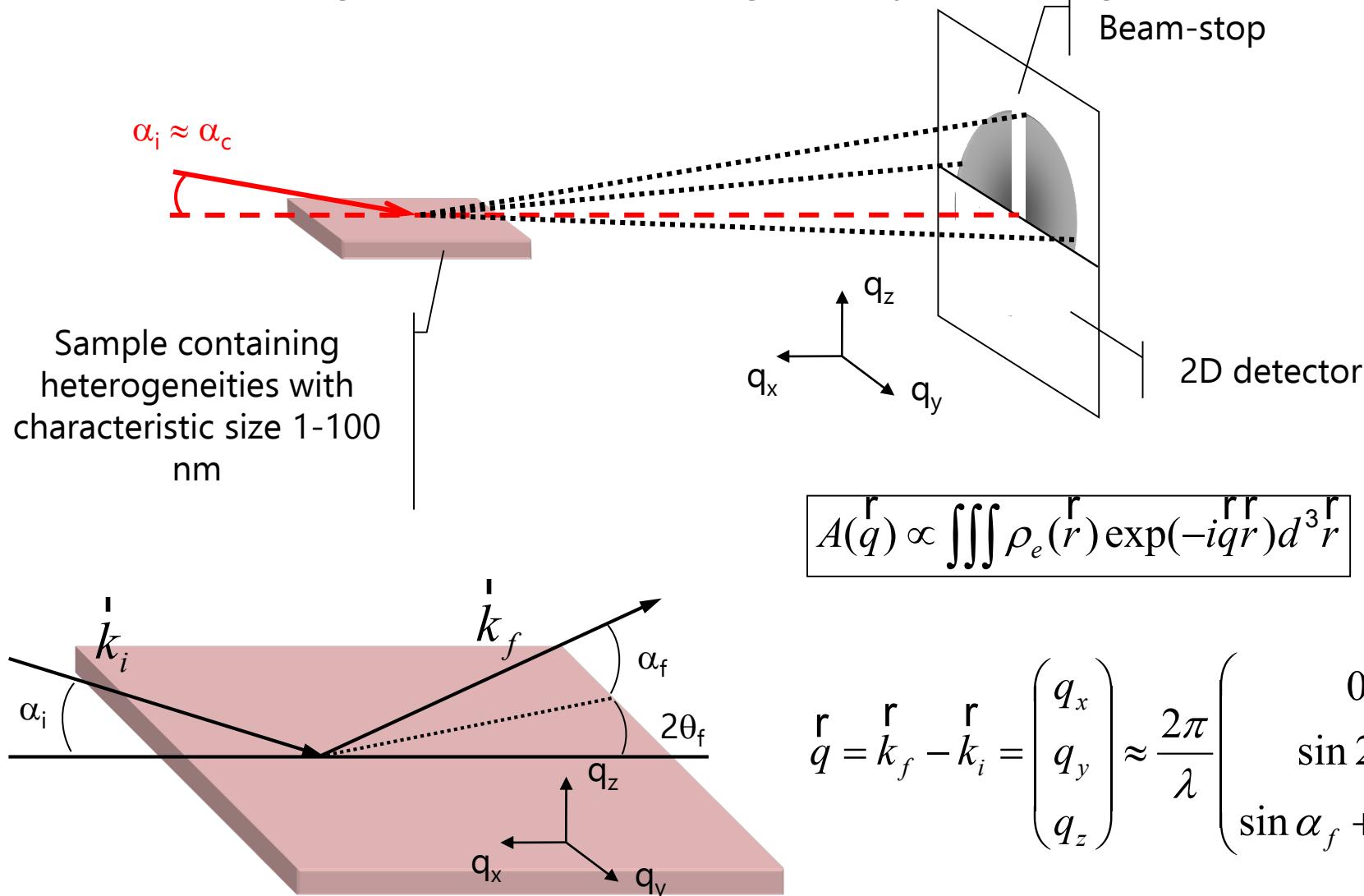
- SAXS
  - Usually transmission geometry



- GISAXS
  - Reflection geometry → take into account refraction



# Grazing Incidence Small-Angle X-ray Scattering (GISAXS)

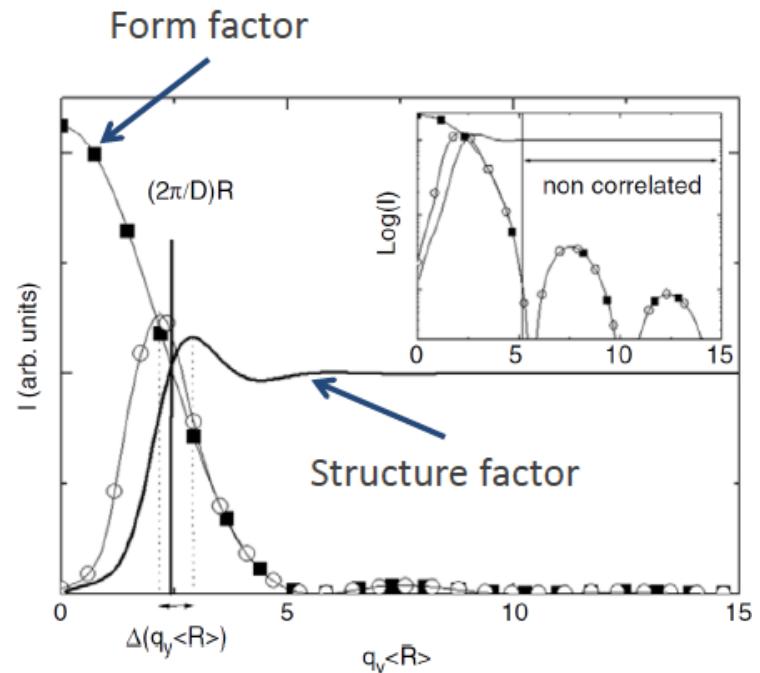


$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{k}_f - \mathbf{k}_i = \begin{pmatrix} q_x \\ q_y \\ q_z \end{pmatrix} \approx \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sin 2\theta_f \\ \sin \alpha_f + \sin \alpha_i \end{pmatrix}$$

Slides adapted from D. Babonneau

# GISAXS: Form factor ( $F(q)$ ) & Structure factor ( $S(q)$ )

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) \approx \langle |F(\mathbf{q})|^2 \rangle S(\mathbf{q})$$



## Nanostructure morphology

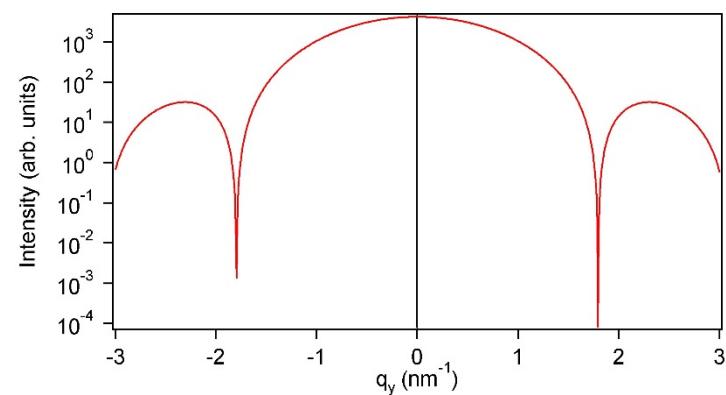
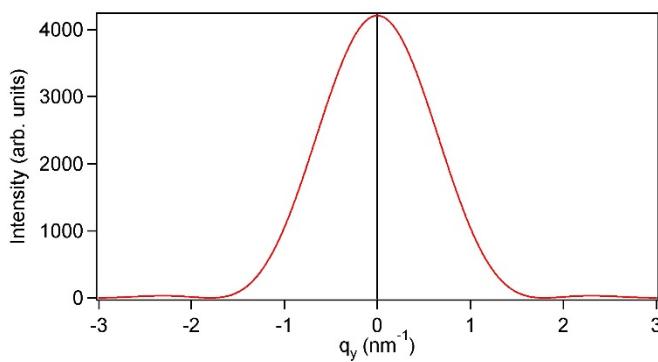
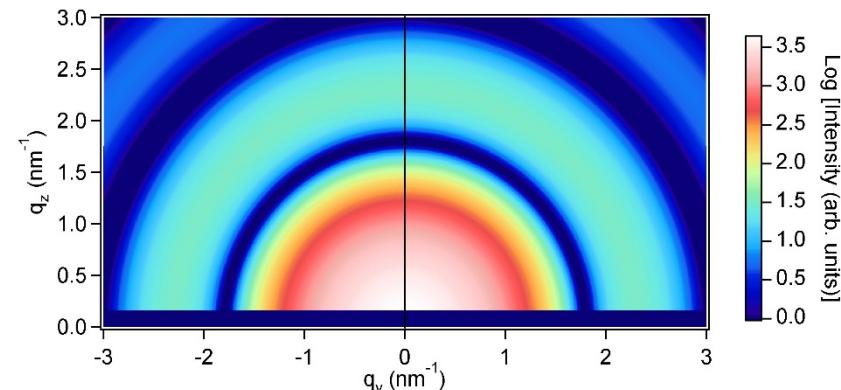
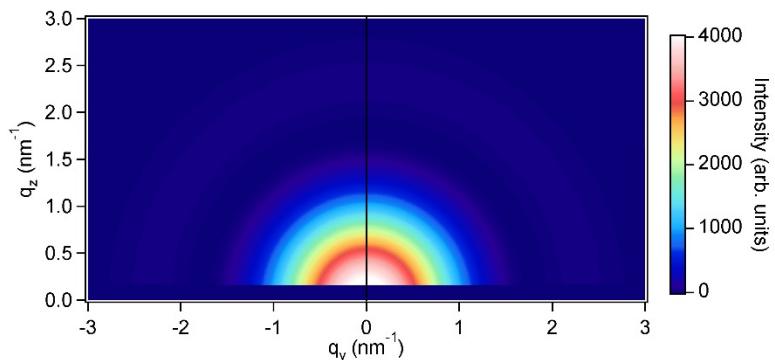
- Form factor  $F$ : P. size, shape, facets etc.
- Structure factor  $S$ : inter-particle correlations, distances

# Isolated object

$$I(q_y, q_z) \propto |F(q_y, q_z)|^2$$

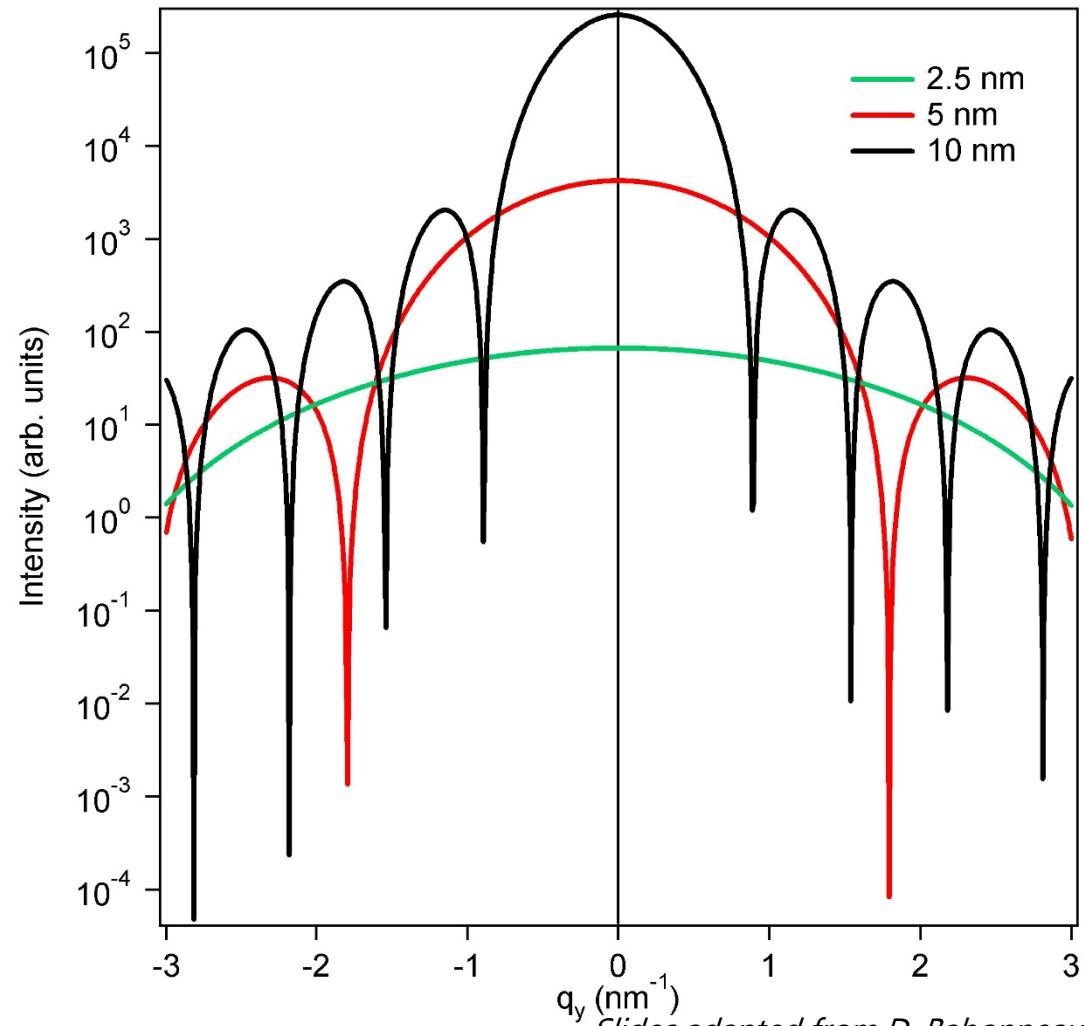
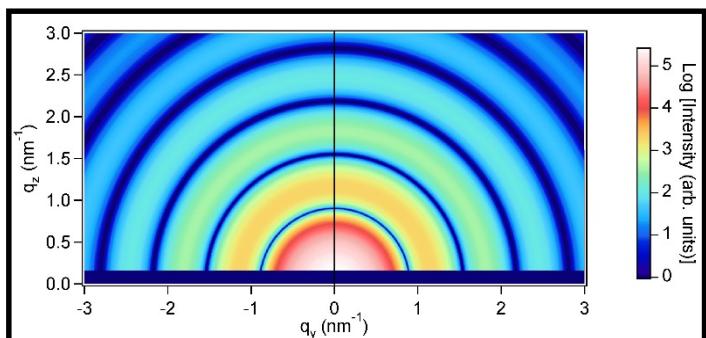
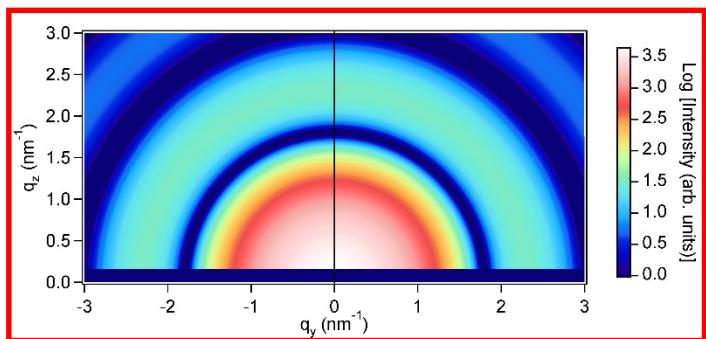
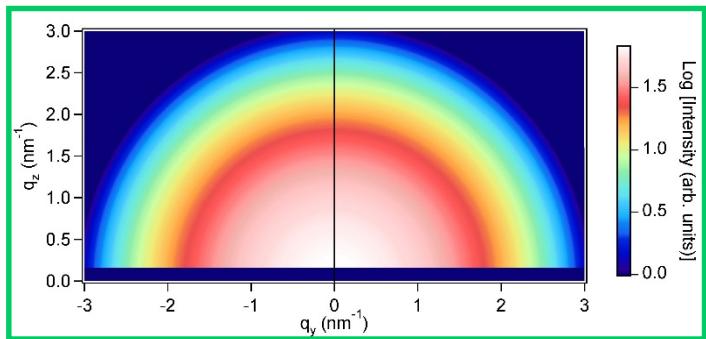
Form factor = FT(shape)

ex. : 5 nm sphere



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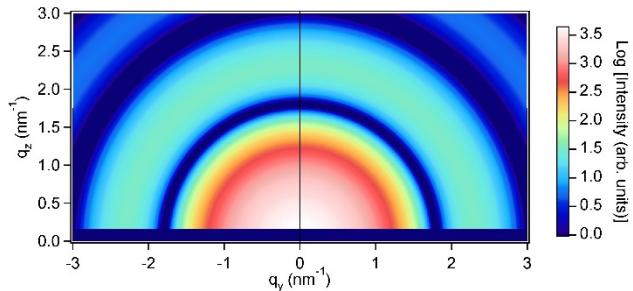
# Size effect



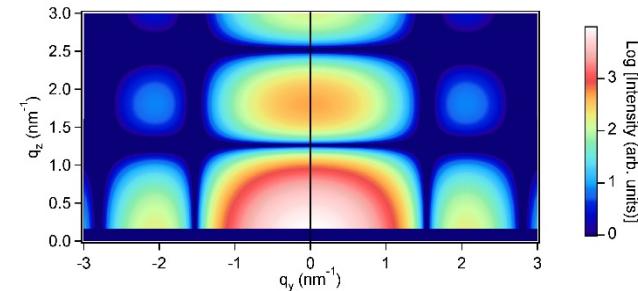
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# Shape effect

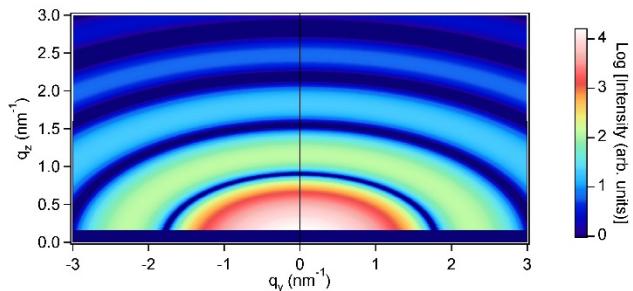
5 nm Sphere



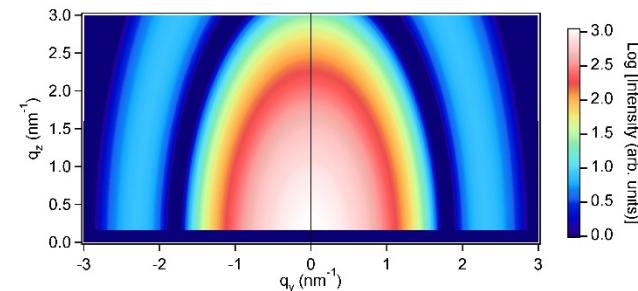
5 nm x 5 nm Cylinder



5 nm, H/D 2 Ellipsoid

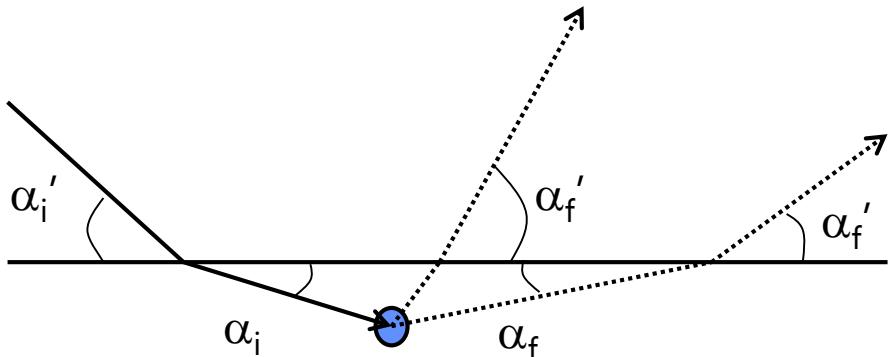


5 nm, H/D 0.5 Ellipsoid



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# Refraction effect

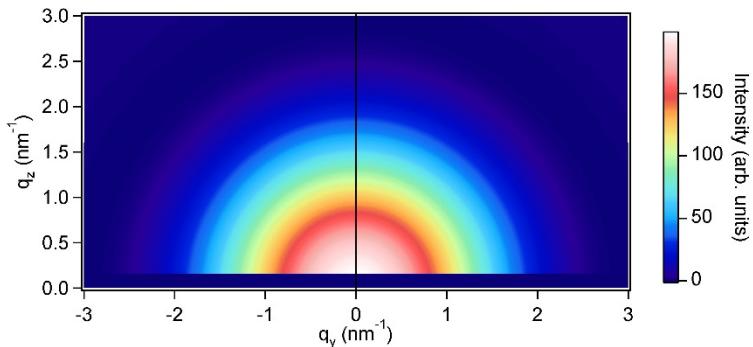


$$n = 1 - \delta - i\beta$$

Scattering vector *seen* by the sample

$$q_z = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (\sin \alpha_f + \sin \alpha_i)$$

$$q_z^{\min} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (\sin \alpha_i)$$



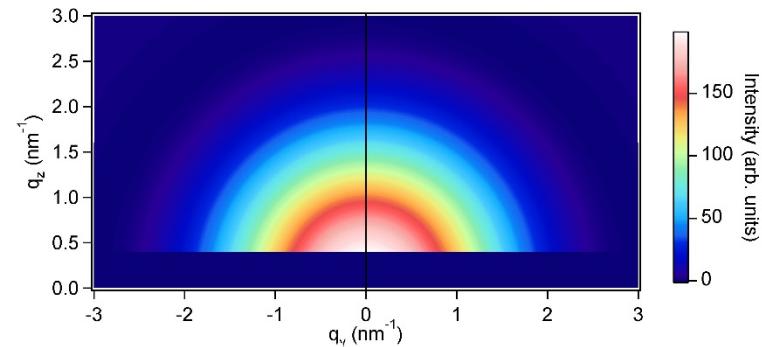
$$\cos \alpha_i' = n \cdot \cos \alpha_i$$

$$\cos \alpha_f' = n \cdot \cos \alpha_f$$

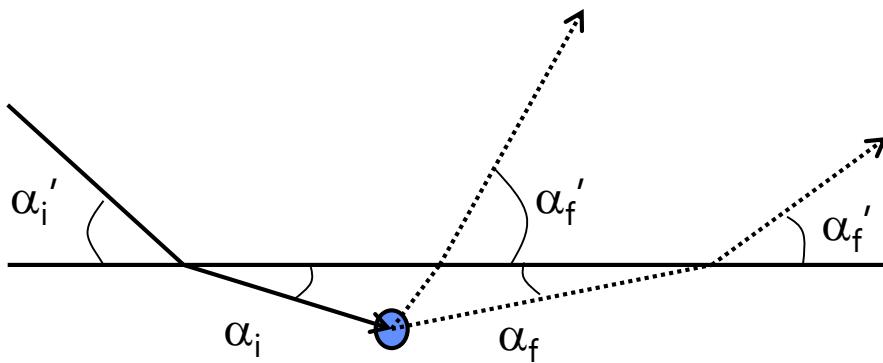
Scattering vector *seen* by the detector

$$q_z' = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (\sin \alpha_f' + \sin \alpha_i')$$

$$q_z^{\min'} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (\sin \alpha_c + \sin \alpha_i')$$

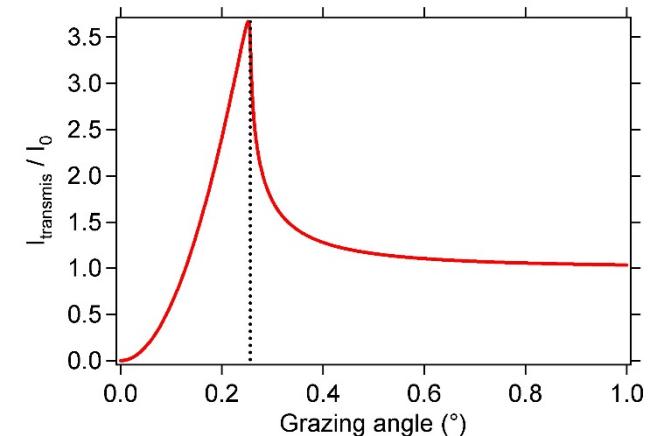
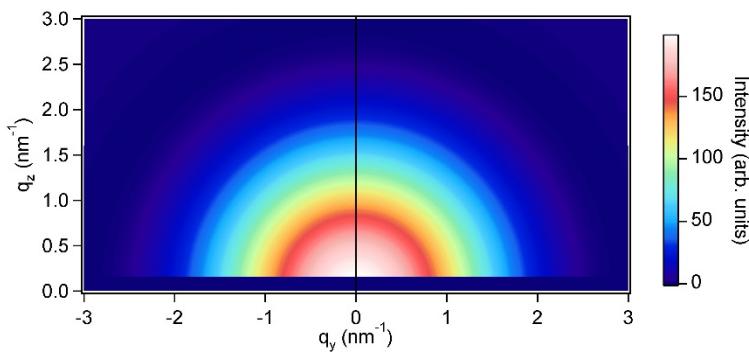


# Transmission effect

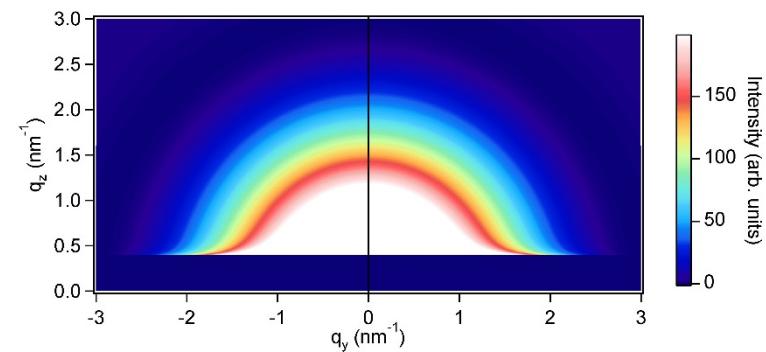


$$n = 1 - \delta - i\beta$$

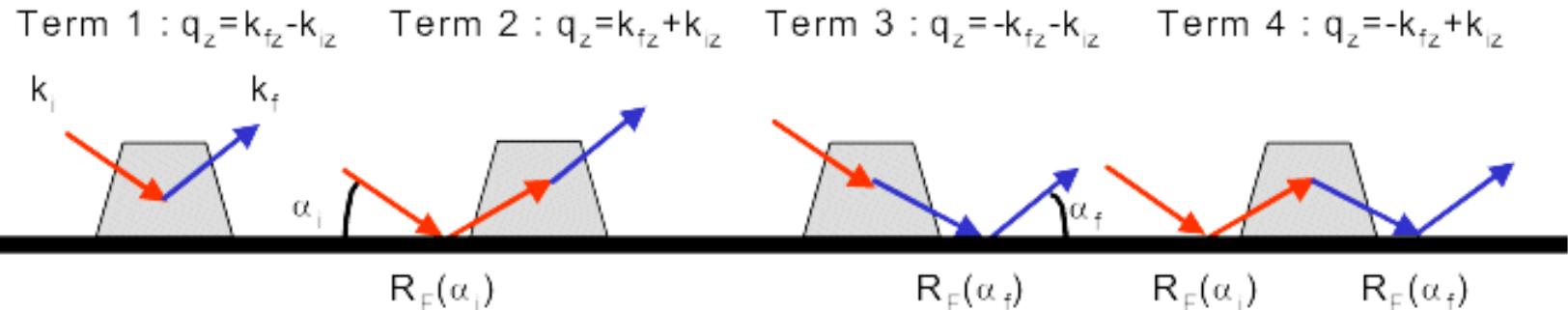
$$I_{\text{détecteur}} = |T(\alpha_i')|^2 |T(\alpha_f')|^2 \times I_{\text{échantillon}}$$



$$q_z' = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (\sin \alpha_f' + \sin \alpha_i')$$



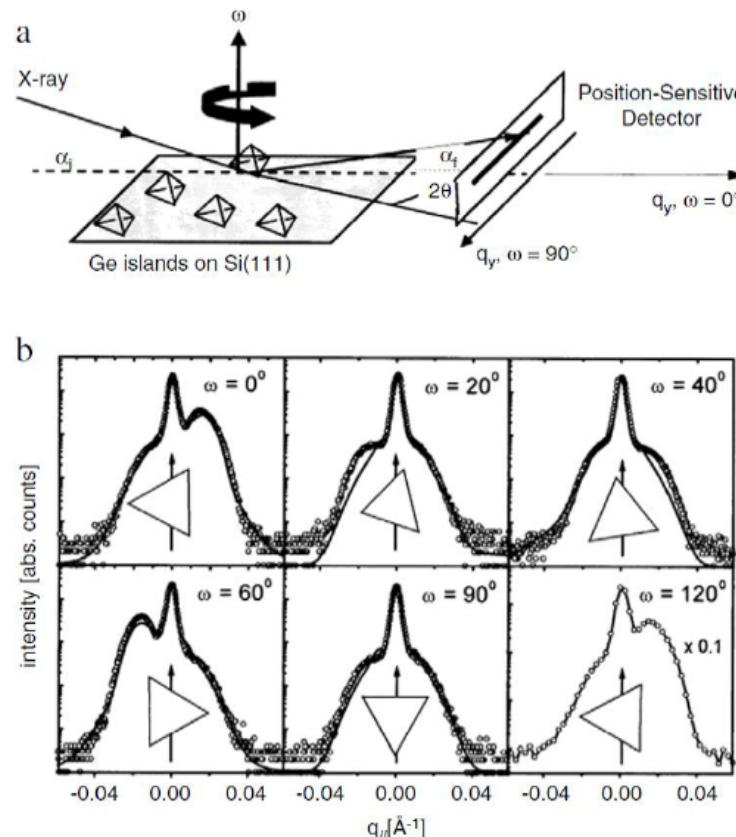
# DWBA



$$\begin{aligned} F(q_y, k_z^i, k_z^f) = & F(q_y, k_z^f - k_z^i) \\ & + R(\alpha_i)F(q_y, k_z^f + k_z^i) \\ & + R(\alpha_f)F(q_y, -k_z^f - k_z^i) \\ & + R(\alpha_i)R(\alpha_f)F(q_y, -k_z^f + k_z^i) \end{aligned}$$

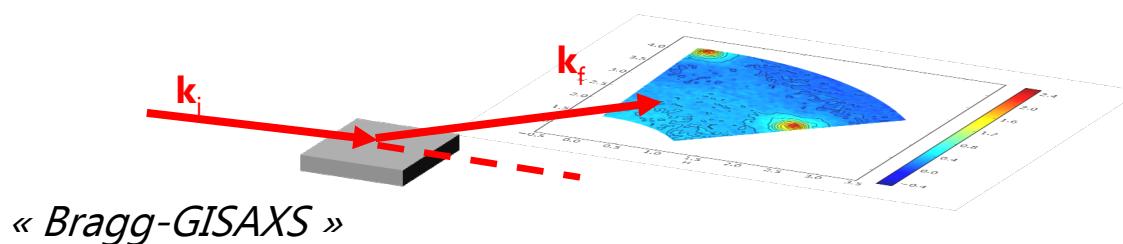
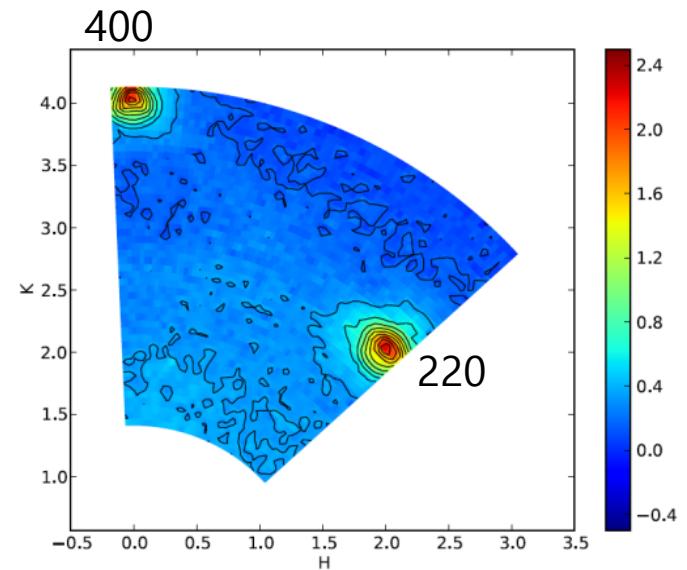
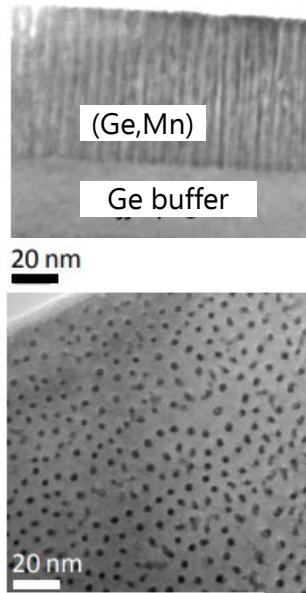
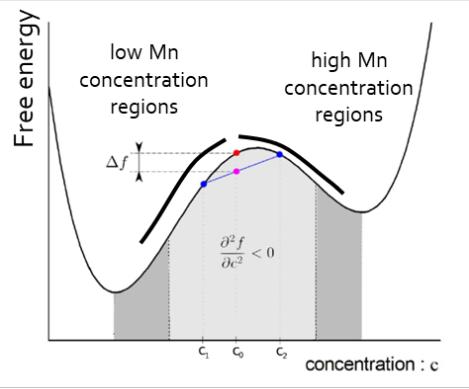
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# Example= Ge islands on a Si (111) substrate

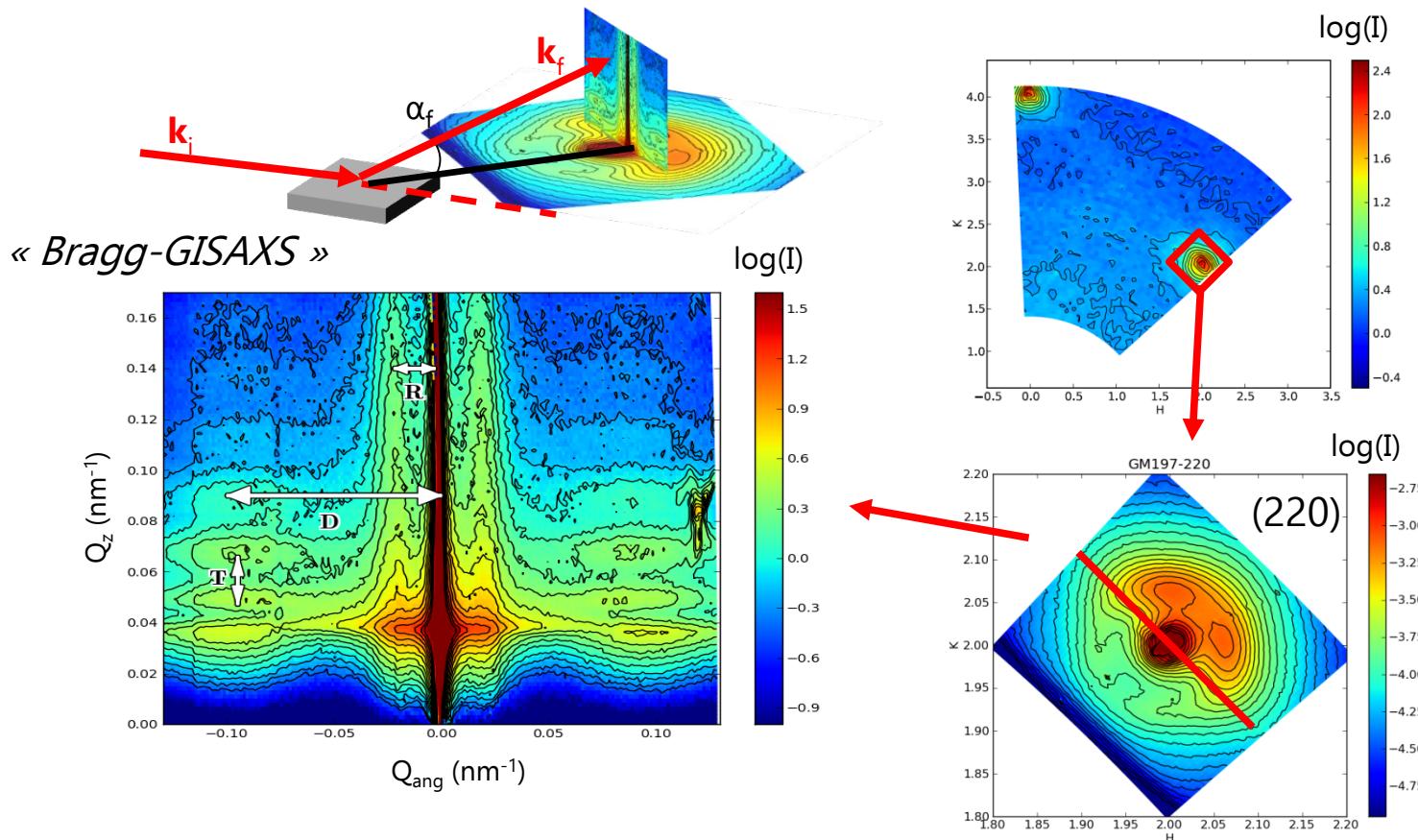


Pyramids are oriented: scattering depend on orientation  
see Metzger, *Thin solid films* (1998)

# Combining Diffraction and GISAXS (*Bragg-GISAXS*) in (Ge,Mn) nanocolumns



# Combining Diffraction and GISAXS (*Bragg-GISAXS*)



**R:** Surface roughness correlations at distance  $\sim 40$  nm

**D:** Inter-nanocolumns correlations at distances  $\sim 10$  nm

**T:** Layer thickness  $\sim 60$  nm

S. Tardif et al., PRB 82, 104101 (2010)

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# Instruments: 4-circle diffractometers

@ ESRF: French Collaborative Research Groups (CRGs)

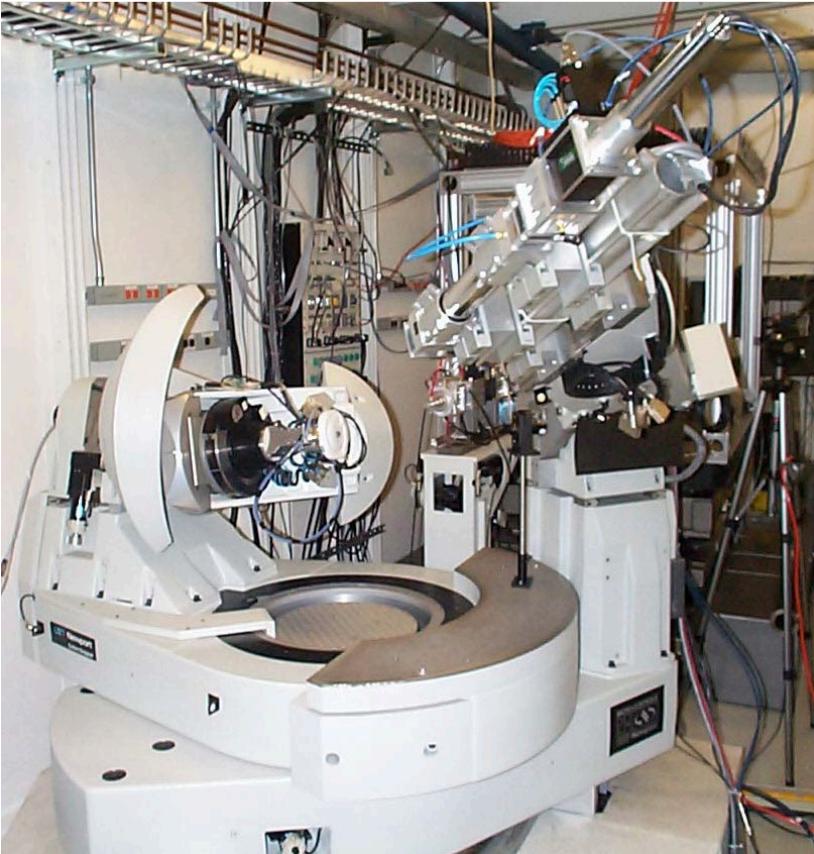
- BM32/IF : INS2
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- BM2/D2AM

@ Soleil

- SIXS

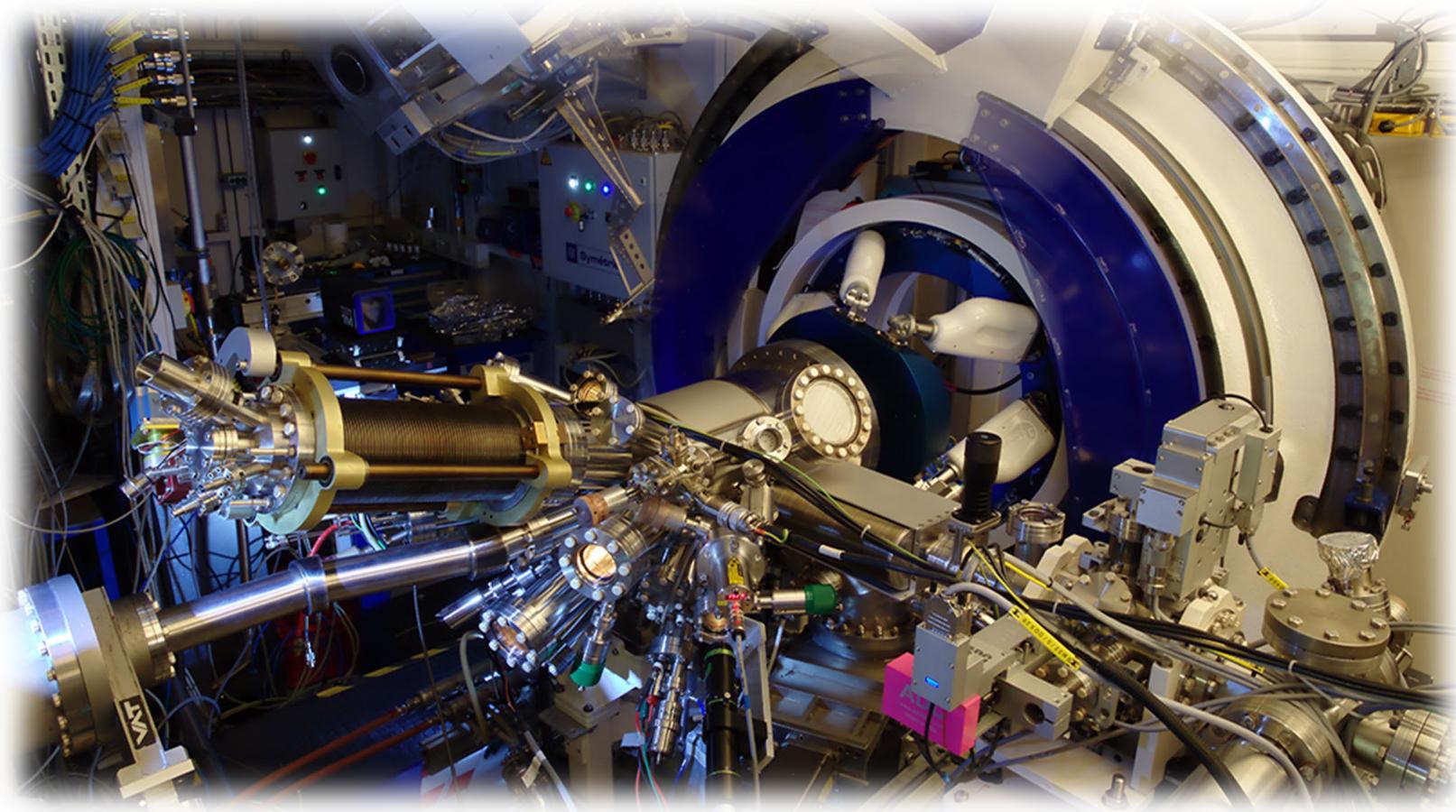
@ other synchrotron (APS, Hamburg)

# D2AM goniometer (BM2 beamline @ESRF)



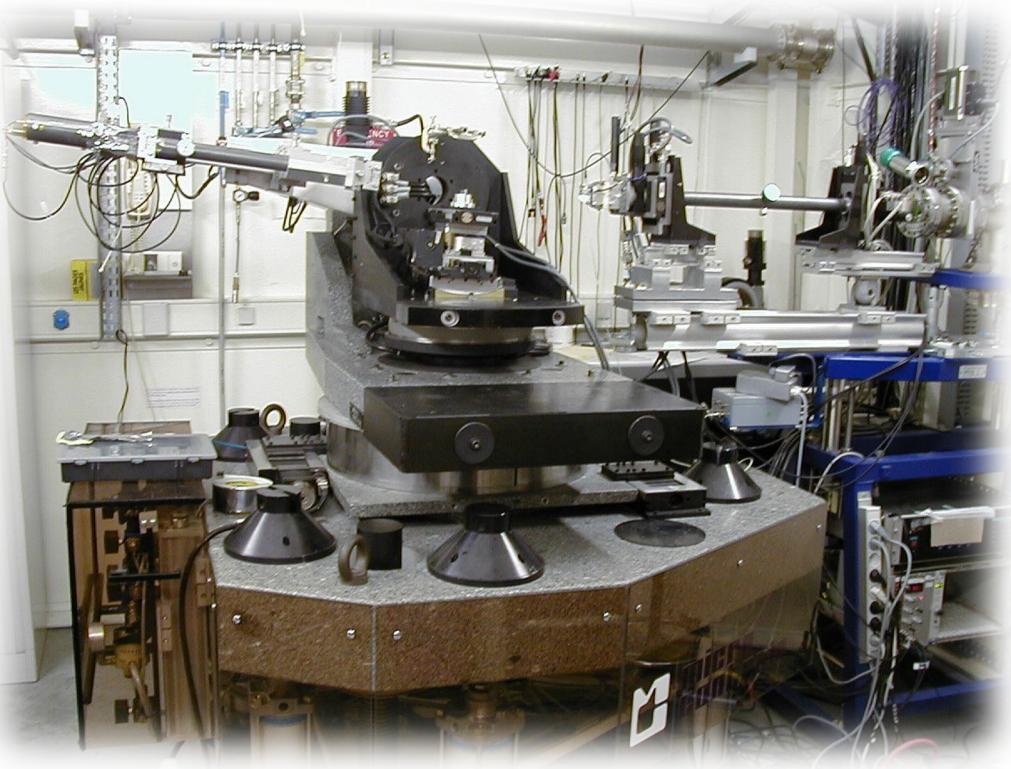
*Kappa* geometry

# Surface diffractometer for UHV in-situ surface studies



INS2 – IF beamline (BM32 @ ESRF)

# Surface diffractometer/reflectometer



GMT – IF beamline (BM32 @ ESRF)

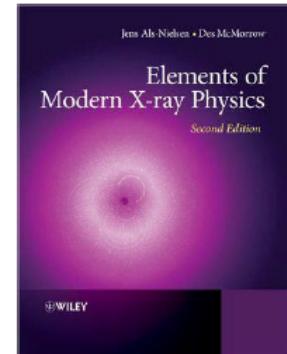
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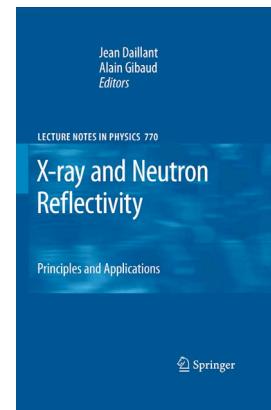
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