

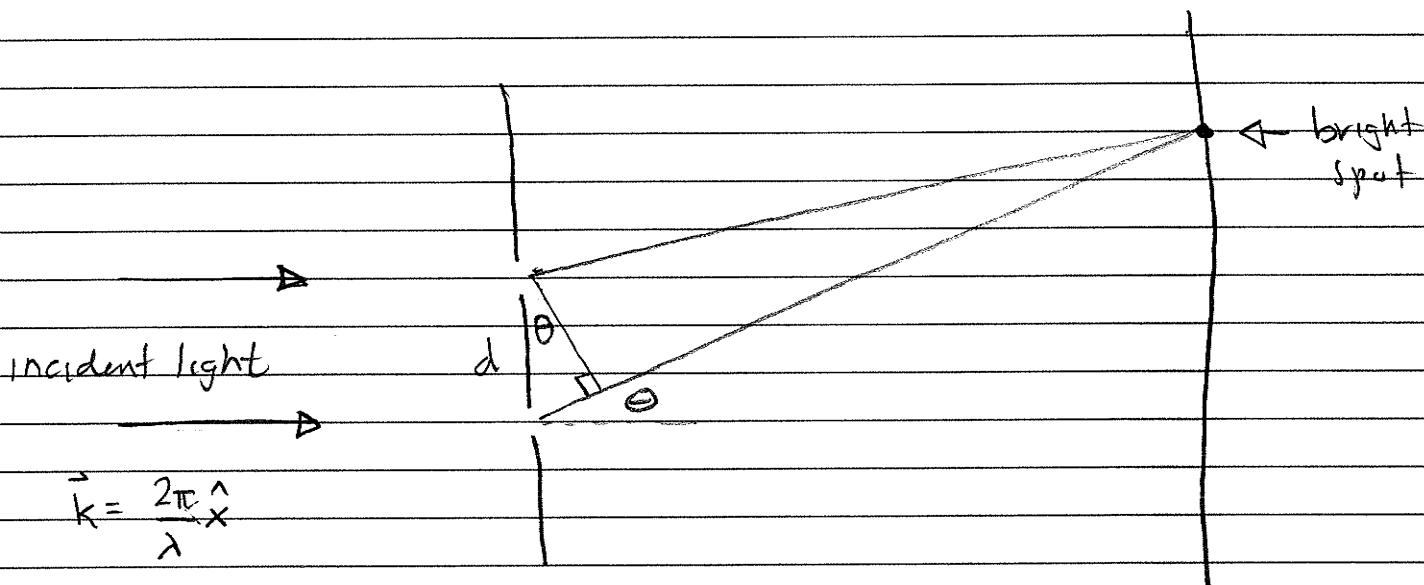
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# Diffraction

X rays on crystals yield intense peaks of scattered radiation for certain special  $\lambda$  and angles. (liquid no!)

Analogy with problem of 2 slit interference



bright spot if  $d \sin \theta = p \lambda$

$$\vec{k}' = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (\cos \theta \hat{x} + \sin \theta \hat{y})$$

only certain scattering vectors  $\vec{q} = \vec{k}' - \vec{k}$  give

bright spots  $\cos \theta - 1 = -2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$

$$\vec{q} \approx \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \frac{\lambda}{d} \hat{y} = \frac{2\pi}{d} \hat{y}$$

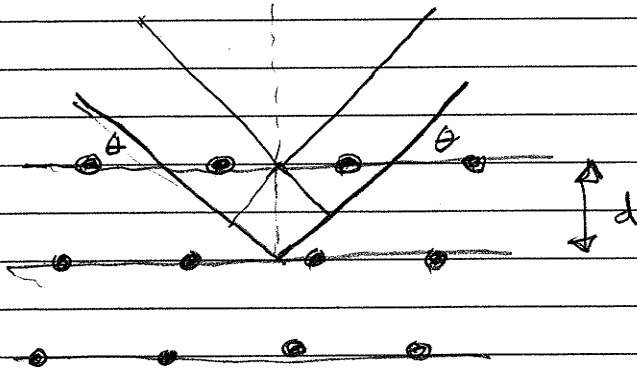
From positions of bright spots, can infer slit separation  $d$ .

This is basically the idea of x-ray diffraction except

3d lattice of atoms  $\leftrightarrow$  2 slits so more complicated.

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Bragg Formulation: Scattering of planes of atoms  
must result in constructive interference

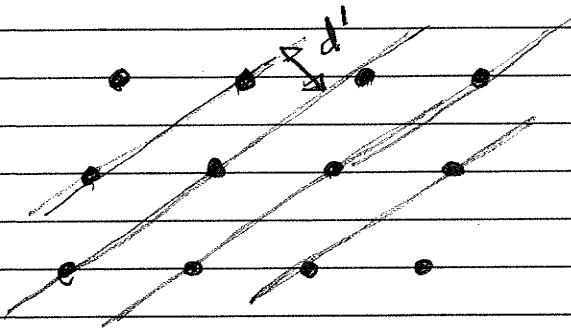


$$2d \sin \theta = n\lambda$$

for constructive  
interference

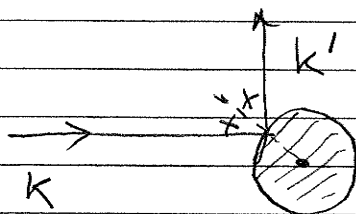
interference

Note there are many ways to define the planes  
of atoms!  $\Rightarrow$  many Bragg peaks



Some General Remarks on Scattering

Arises in classical physics



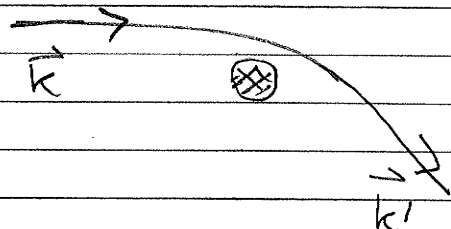
Hard sphere

Maybe you are doing

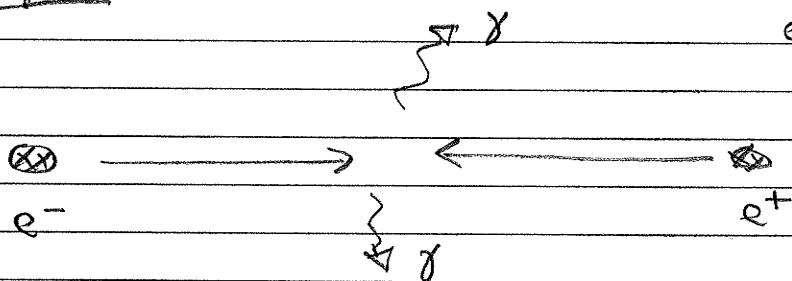
this problem in classical mechanics

Kepler problem  $V(r) = -\frac{1}{r}$  Comet around sun

Need to solve orbit eqn (hyperbolas)



Particle physics



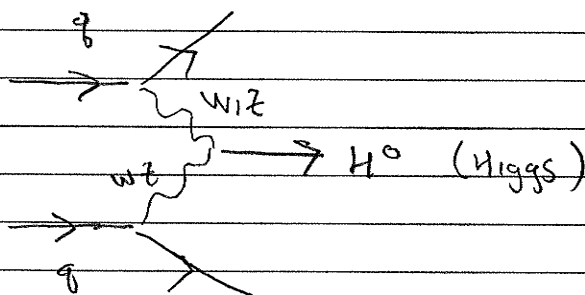
$$e^- + e^+ \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$$

LEP 45 GeV  $10^9$   
large  $e^-$

LHC p+p

7 TeV

$10^{12}$



$$e^- + e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ + \mu^-$$

$$e^+ + e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q} \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$$

$$J/\psi \quad c\bar{c}$$

In our case

$$e^- + \text{nucleus} \rightarrow e^- + \text{nucleus} + \gamma$$

Bremsstrahlung

characteristic

100 keV

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$e^-$  not energetic enough to produce new particles, just light

project:

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How to compute these things:

Kepler: you have done it! Now to put E, B fields in QM

We did this in 115B

$$\vec{p} \rightarrow \vec{p} - e/c \vec{A}$$

$\vec{p} \cdot \vec{A}$  when squared

$\vec{A} \Rightarrow a^\dagger + a$  creation/annihilation operators for photons

Basic point: Different from QM you have done so far

Fixed, known # of particles  $\psi(\vec{r})$  or  $\psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_N)$

^ this is all we really did in 115

Now need to make provision for # particles changing!!

$$\psi(\vec{r}_1) \rightarrow \psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)$$

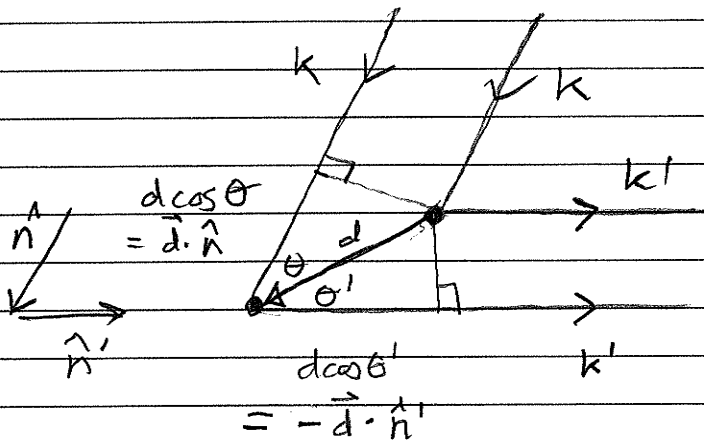
Quantum Field Theory

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Van Laue Formulation

Instead of thinking of planes of atoms, consider crystal as identical set of atoms at  $\vec{R} = n_1 \vec{a}_1 + n_2 \vec{a}_2 + n_3 \vec{a}_3$

Consider two such scatterers



$$d \cos \theta + d \cos \theta'$$

$$= \vec{d} \cdot (\hat{n} - \hat{n}') = m \lambda$$

$$\vec{d} \cdot (\vec{k} - \vec{k}') = 2\pi m$$

$$\left( \vec{k} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \hat{n} \quad \vec{k}' = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \hat{n}' \right)$$

But  $\{\vec{d}\}$  are nothing more than  $\{\vec{R}\}$

Hence 
$$\vec{R} \cdot (\vec{k} - \vec{k}') = 2\pi m$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{i(\vec{k} - \vec{k}') \cdot \vec{R}} = 1$$

$$\Delta \vec{k} = \text{Reciprocal lattice vector.}$$

$$|\vec{k}'| = |\vec{k}| \quad \vec{k}' = \vec{k} - \vec{G} \quad (\text{or } \vec{k} + \vec{G}, \text{ sign irrelevant})$$

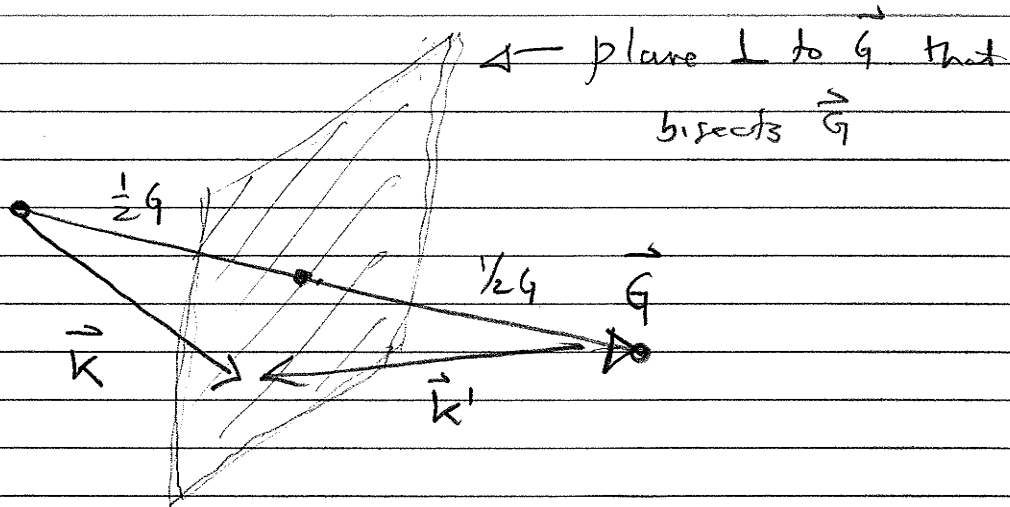
$$|\vec{k} - \vec{G}| = k$$

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

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{G} = \frac{1}{2} G^2$$

$\nearrow$   
 Component of  $\vec{k}$   
 along  $\vec{G}$

$\uparrow$   
 is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of length of  $\vec{G}$



Laue condition:  $\vec{k}$  lies on plane  $\perp$  to  $\vec{G}$   
 and bisecting  $\vec{G}$   
 "Bragg Plane"

## Ewald Construction

Consider an incident x-ray of wave vector  $\vec{k}$ .

It can give a Bragg peak if its <sup>tip</sup> lies on a Bragg plane.

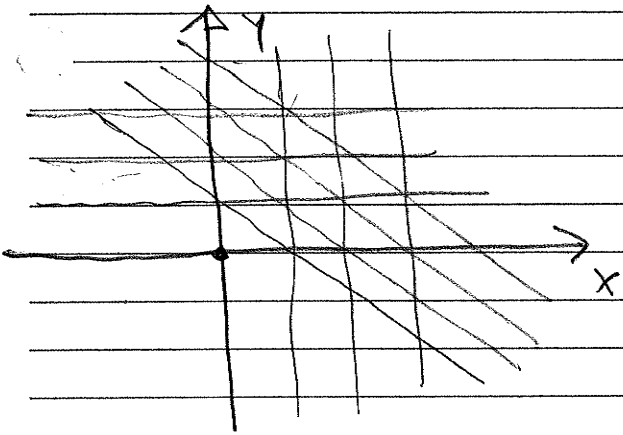
Most likely this will not happen: Suppose you

have a collection of 2D planes and pick some

vector  $\vec{k}$ . What chance does its tip have of lying in

a plane? Very small!

Easier to picture in lower  $d$



I give you a (finite) collection of lines. Put tail of arrow at origin, ~~and~~ what is chance head will sit on line?

Very unlikely: lines are 1d objects in 2d world.

PROBLEM:

⇒ Expect NO BRAGG PEAKS!

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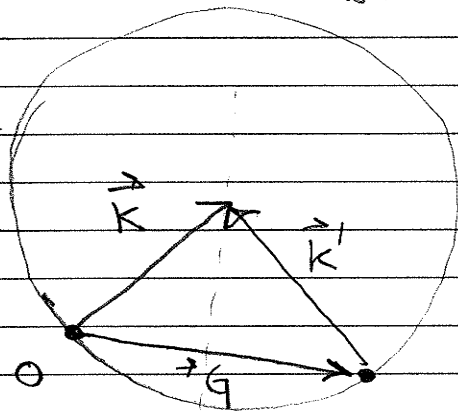
Sol'n: Allow many  $\vec{k}$  either by allowing  $|\vec{k}|$  or direction of  $\vec{k}$  to vary

### Laue Method / Ewald Construction

Given incident  $\vec{k}$ .

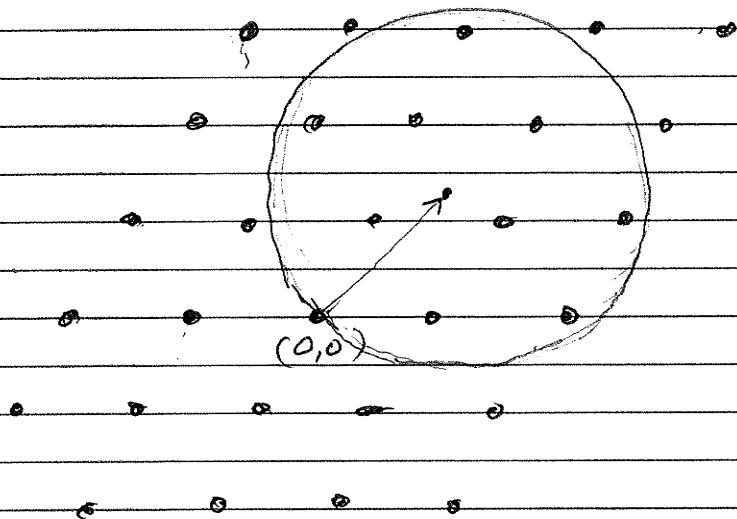
Draws sphere centered at tip of  $\vec{k}$  (so that it passes through origin)

Will get Bragg peak if a  $\vec{G}$  lies on sphere



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

Can again see that it is unlikely there will be such a  $\vec{G}$



← ~~typical~~ collection  
of  $\vec{G} = n_1 \vec{b}_1 + n_2 \vec{b}_2$

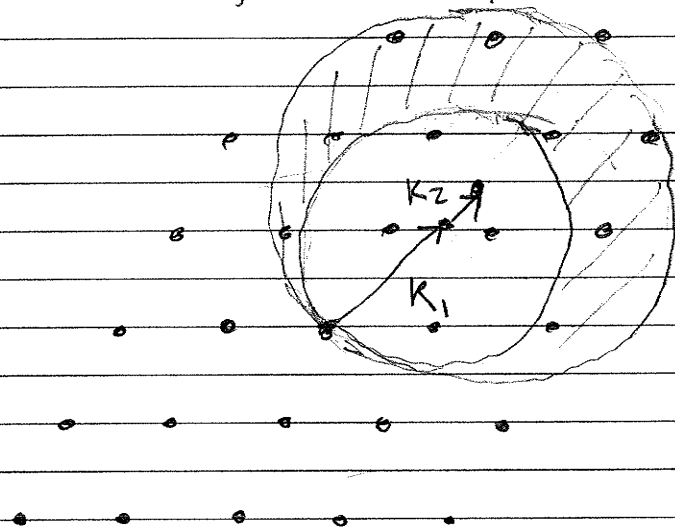
typical  $\vec{k}$  will not  
intersect any  $\vec{G}$ .



Use non monochromatic beam

$$k_1 < k < k_2$$

(such as produced by Bremsstrahlung)



Now have 3d

space in which to find  $\vec{G}$

and there will

be non zero probability

Rotating crystal method: fixed  $|k|$ , but crystal  
orientation is changed

As  $\{\vec{a}_i\}$  are rotated the  $\{b_i\}$  also trace paths

in reciprocal space. These paths will hit Bragg sphere

and give Bragg peaks

