

# RECIPROCAL LATTICE (KISI RESIPROK)

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# Problem

*Interplanar separation. (Problem 2.1 in Kittel.)*  
*Consider a plane  $hkl$  in a crystal lattice.*

- (a). Prove that the reciprocal lattice vector  $\mathbf{G} = h\mathbf{b}_1 + k\mathbf{b}_2 + l\mathbf{b}_3$  is perpendicular to this plane.
- (b). Prove that the distance between two adjacent parallel planes of the lattice is  $d(hkl) = 2\pi/|\mathbf{G}|$ .
- (c). Show for a simple cubic lattice that  $d^2 = a^2/(h^2 + k^2 + l^2)$ .

## Problem #4

*Hexagonal space lattice.* (Problem 2.2 in Kittel.) The primitive translation vectors of the hexagonal space lattice may be taken as:

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}a}{2}\mathbf{x} + \frac{a}{2}\mathbf{y}, \quad \mathbf{a}_2 = -\frac{\sqrt{3}a}{2}\mathbf{x} + \frac{a}{2}\mathbf{y}, \quad \mathbf{a}_3 = c\mathbf{z} \quad (20)$$

- (a). Show that the volume of the primitive cell is  $\sqrt{3}a^2c/2$ .
- (b). Show that the primitive translations of the reciprocal lattice are:

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3}a}\mathbf{x} + \frac{2\pi}{a}\mathbf{y}, \quad \mathbf{b}_2 = -\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3}a}\mathbf{x} + \frac{2\pi}{a}\mathbf{y}, \quad \mathbf{b}_3 = \frac{2\pi}{c}\mathbf{z} \quad (21)$$

so that the lattice is its own reciprocal, but with a rotation of axes.

- (c). Describe and sketch the first Brillouin zone of the hexagonal space lattice.



**Reciprocal lattice:**

**Diffraction pattern of the  
crystal lattice**

**Diffraction data:**

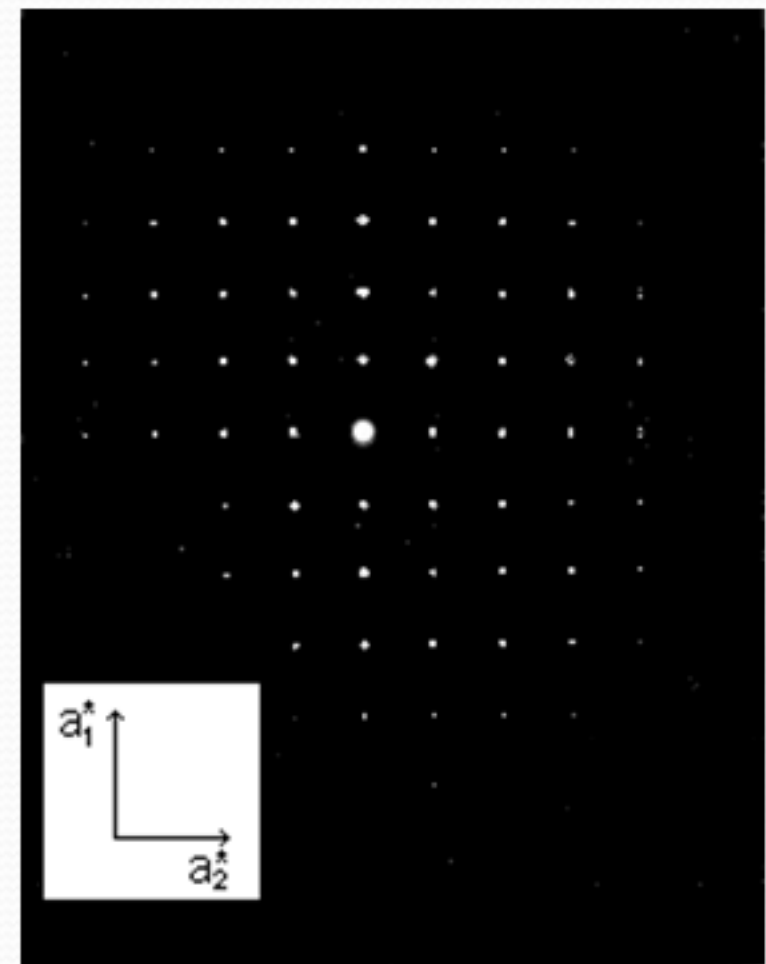
**Reciprocal lattice X diffraction  
pattern of the unit cell content**

# The reciprocal lattice

- A diffraction pattern is not a direct representation of the crystal lattice
- The diffraction pattern is a representation of the *reciprocal lattice*

We have already considered some reciprocal features -

Miller indices were derived as the reciprocal (or inverse) of unit cell intercepts.

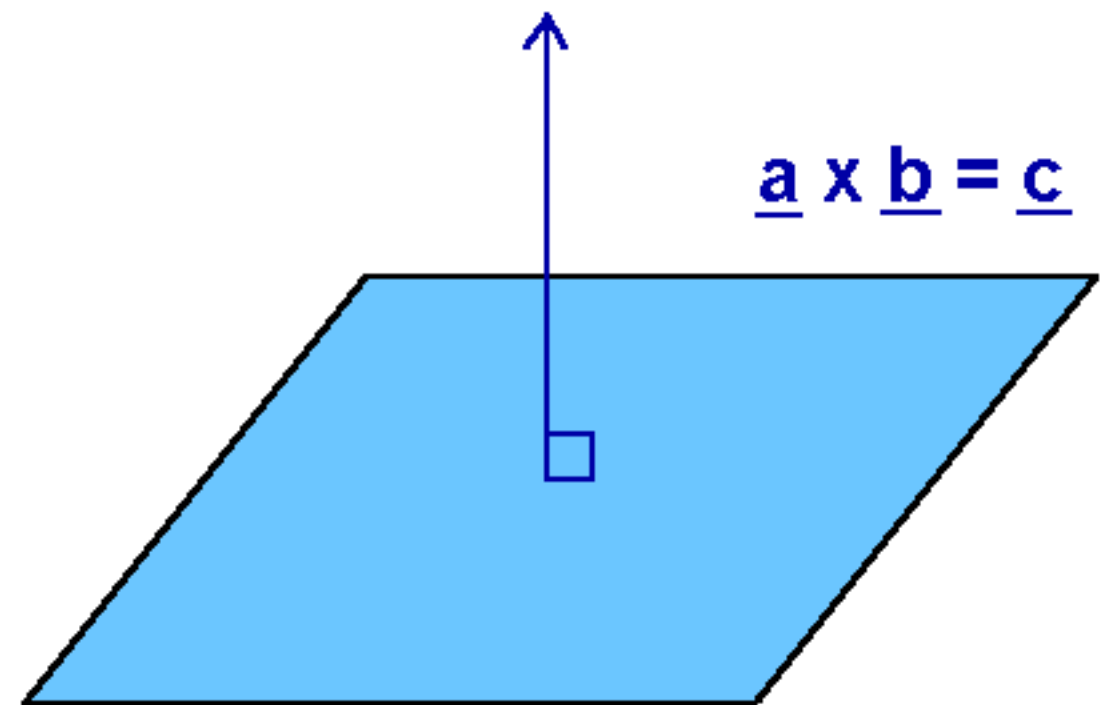


# Reciprocal Lattice vectors

Any set of planes can be defined by:

- (1) their orientation in the crystal (hkl)
- (2) their d-spacing

The orientation of a plane is defined by the direction of a normal (vector product)





# Defining the reciprocal

Take two sets of planes:

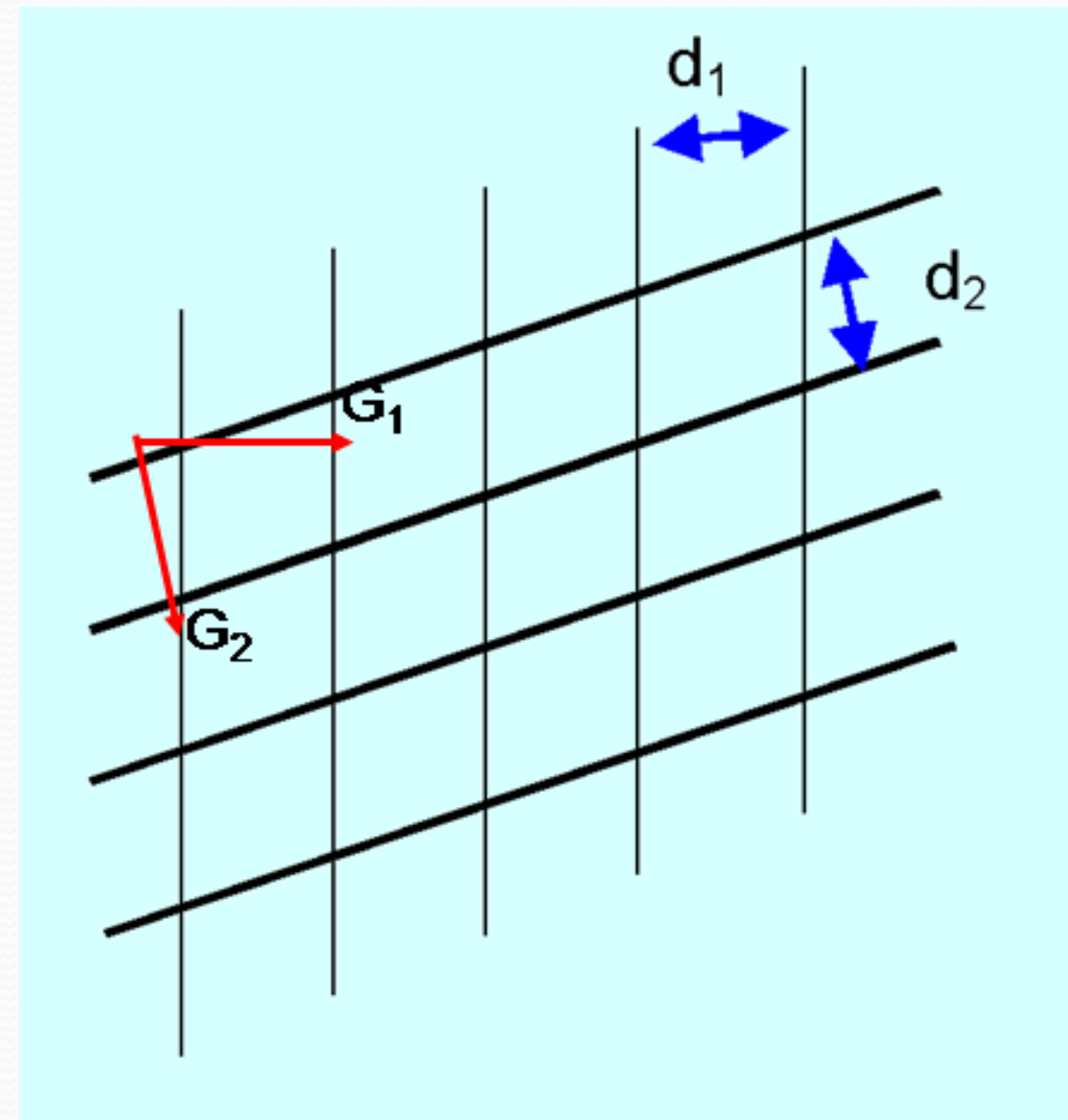
Draw directions normal:

These lines define the orientation but not the length

We use  $\frac{1}{d}$  to define the lengths

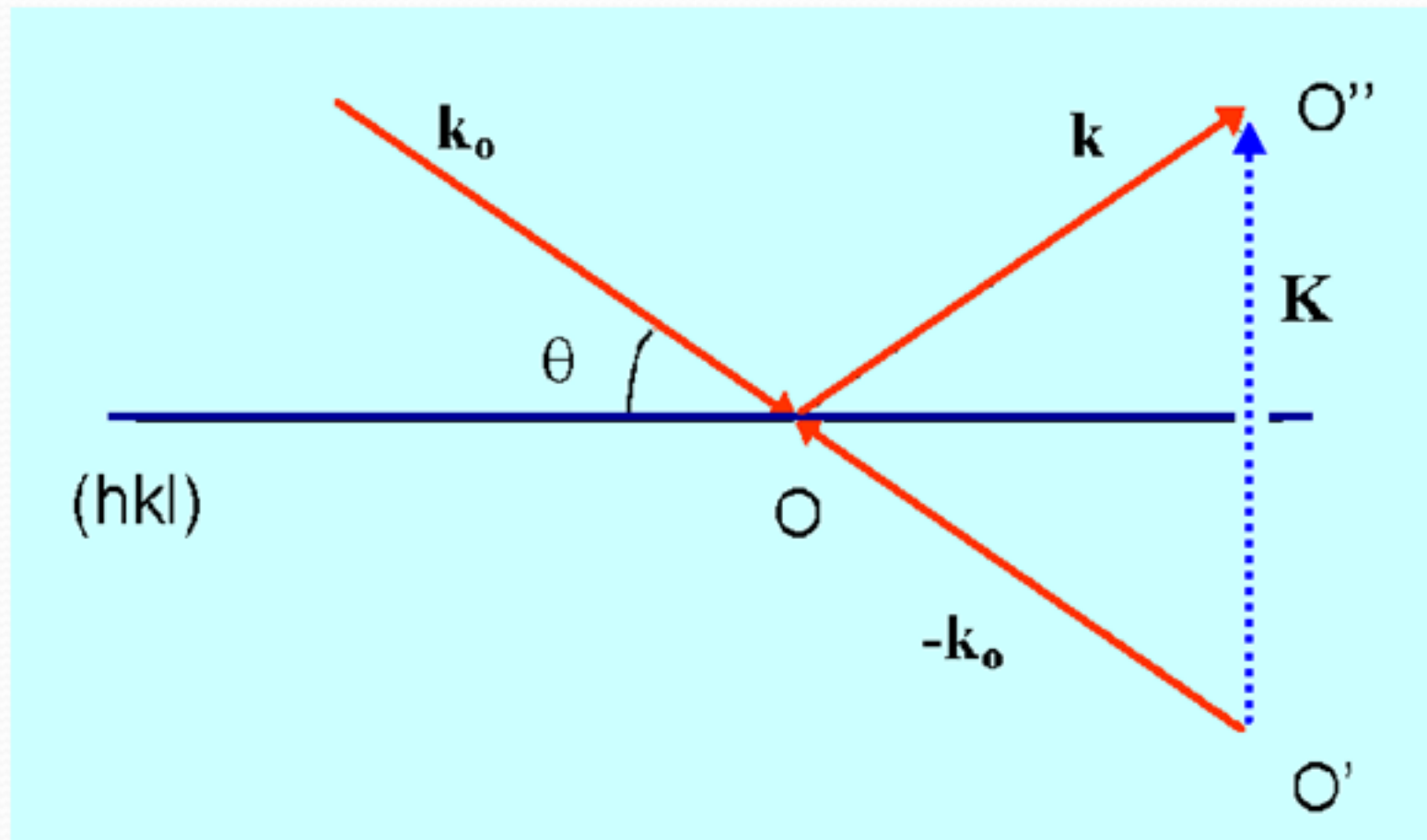
These are called reciprocal lattice vectors  $\mathbf{G}_1$  and  $\mathbf{G}_2$

Dimensions = 1/length



# The K vector

We define incident and reflected X-rays as  $k_0$  and  $k$  respectively, with moduli  $1/\lambda$



Then we define vector  $K = k - k_0$



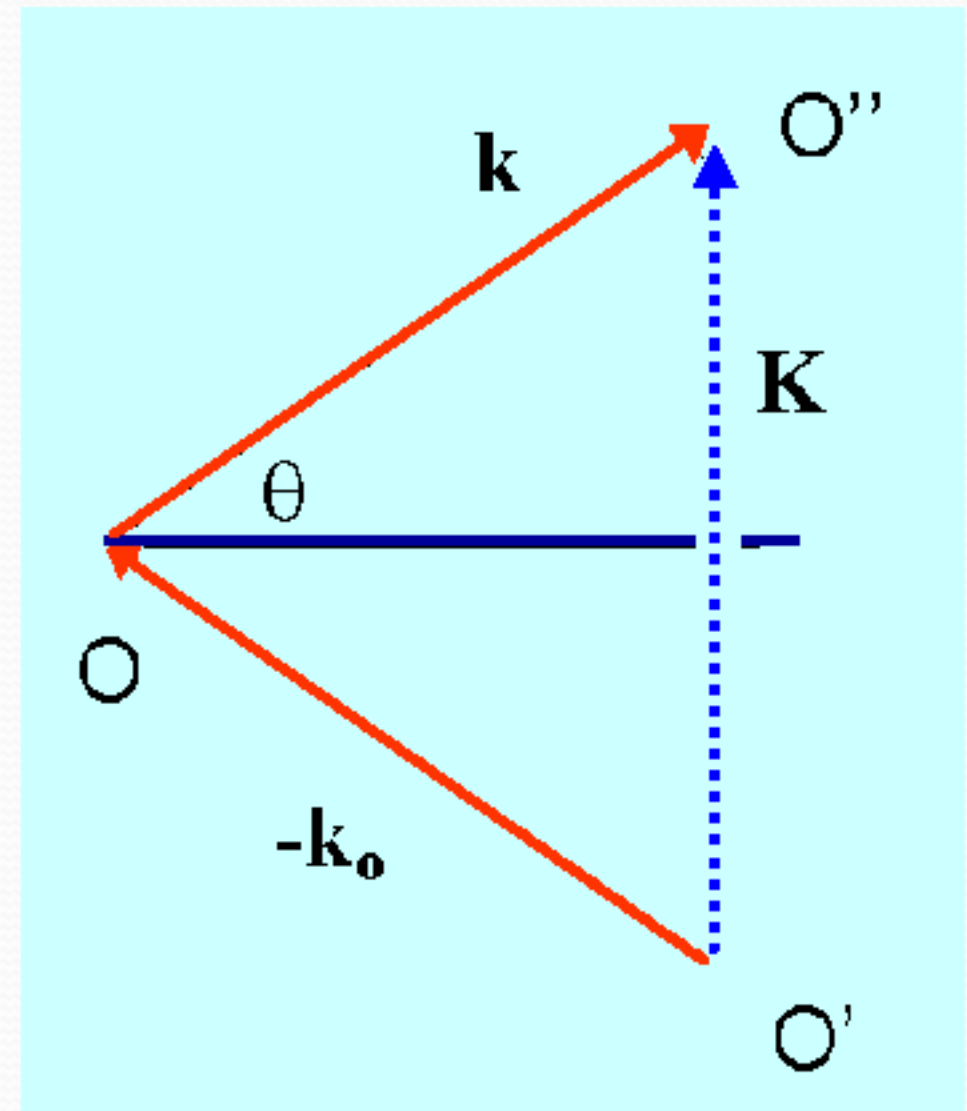
# K vector

As  $\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{k}_o$  are of equal length,  $1/\lambda$ , the triangle  $O, O', O''$  is isosceles.

The angle between  $\mathbf{k}$  and  $-\mathbf{k}_o$  is  $2\theta_{hkl}$  and the  $hkl$  plane bisects it.

The length of  $\mathbf{K}$  is given by:

$$|\mathbf{K}| = 2|\mathbf{k}|\sin\theta_{hkl} = \frac{2\sin\theta_{hkl}}{\lambda}$$



# The Laue condition

$\mathbf{K}$  is perpendicular to the (hkl) plane, so can be defined as:

$$\mathbf{K} = \left[ \frac{2 \sin \theta_{hkl}}{\lambda} \right] \hat{\mathbf{n}} \quad \text{where } \hat{\mathbf{n}} \text{ is a vector of unit length}$$

$\mathbf{G}$  is also perpendicular to (hkl) so

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{\mathbf{G}_{hkl}}{|\mathbf{G}_{hkl}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{K} = \frac{2}{\lambda |\mathbf{G}_{hkl}|} \sin \theta_{hkl} \mathbf{G}_{hkl} \quad \text{and} \quad |\mathbf{G}_{hkl}| = \frac{1}{d_{hkl}} \quad \text{from previous}$$

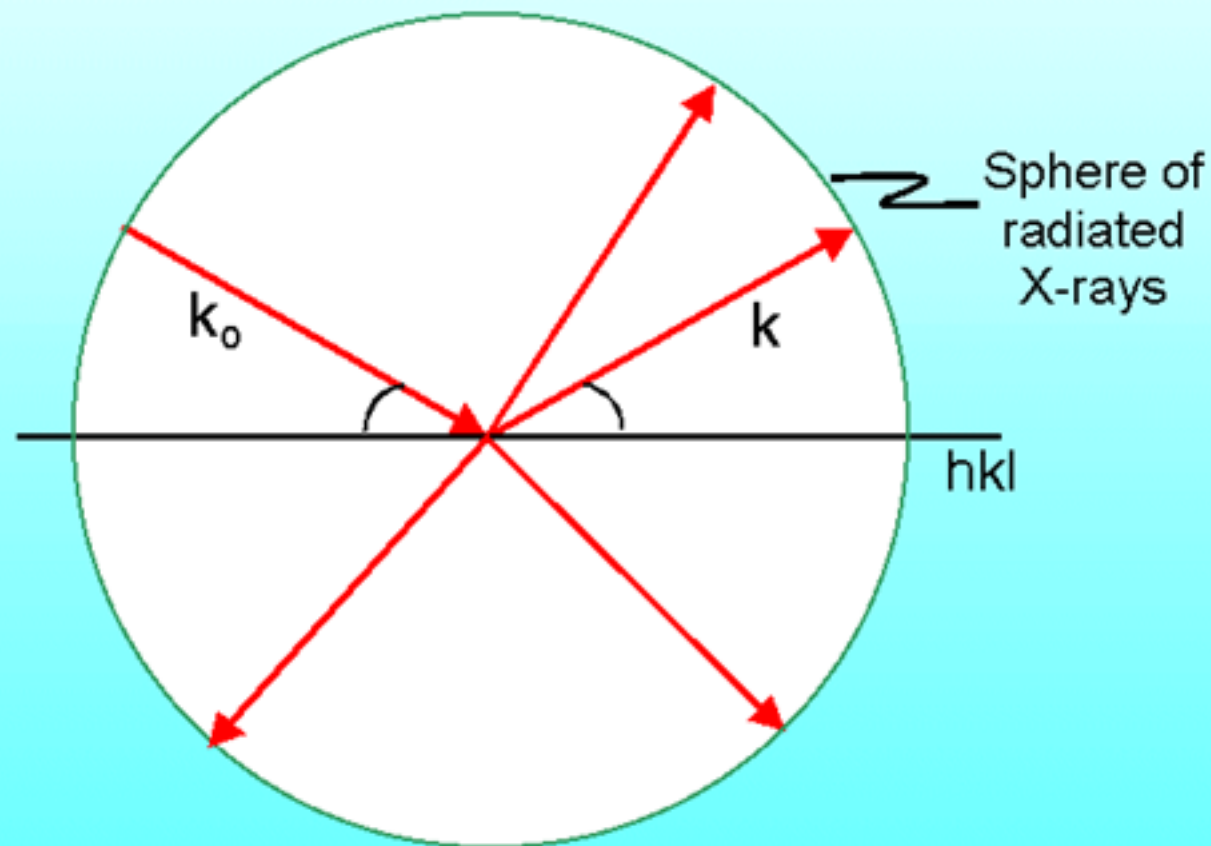
$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{K} = \frac{2d_{hkl} \sin \theta_{hkl}}{\lambda} \mathbf{G}_{hkl}$$

$$\text{But Bragg: } 2d \sin \theta = \lambda$$

So  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{G}_{hkl}$  the Laue condition

# What does this mean?!

Laue assumed that each set of atoms could radiate the incident radiation in all directions



Constructive interference only occurs when the scattering vector,  $\mathbf{K}$ , coincides with a reciprocal lattice vector,  $\mathbf{G}$

This naturally leads to the Ewald Sphere construction