
Laue diffraction and the reciprocal lattice

Lecture 4

Outline

Laue Equations

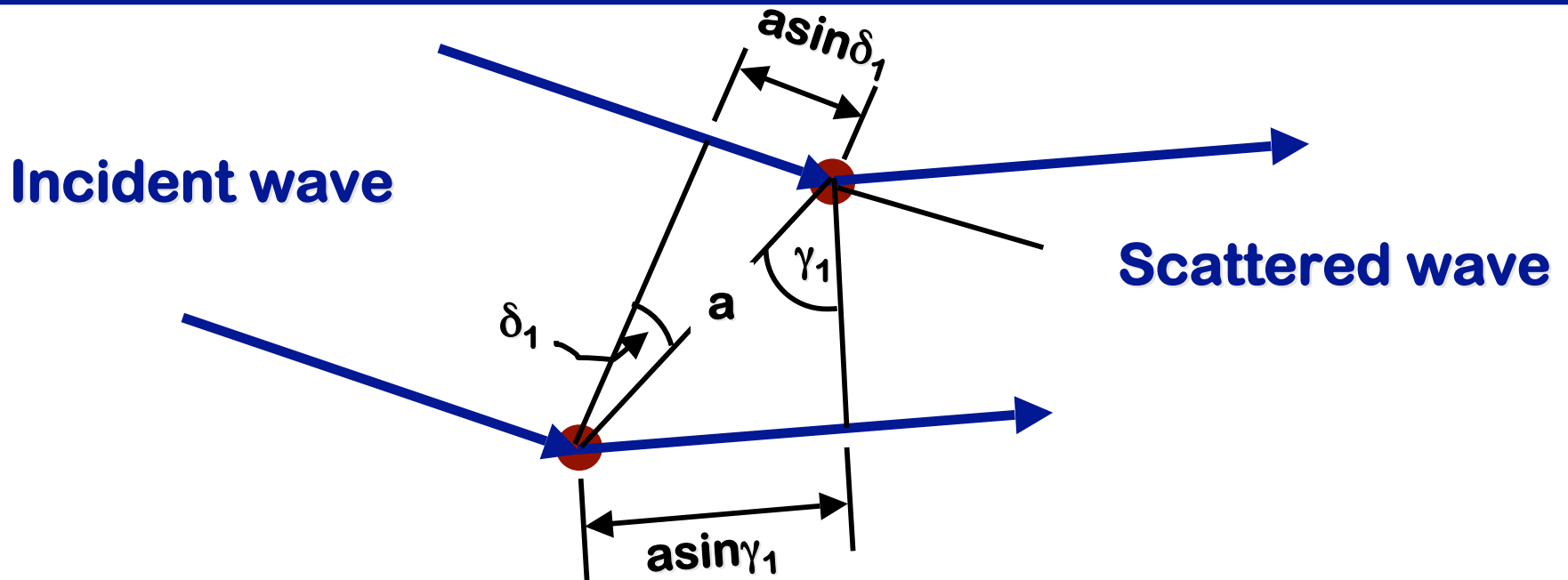
Reciprocal lattice

Equivalence with Bragg's Law

Ewald sphere construction

Deviation parameter

Laue Equations



Constructive interference when:

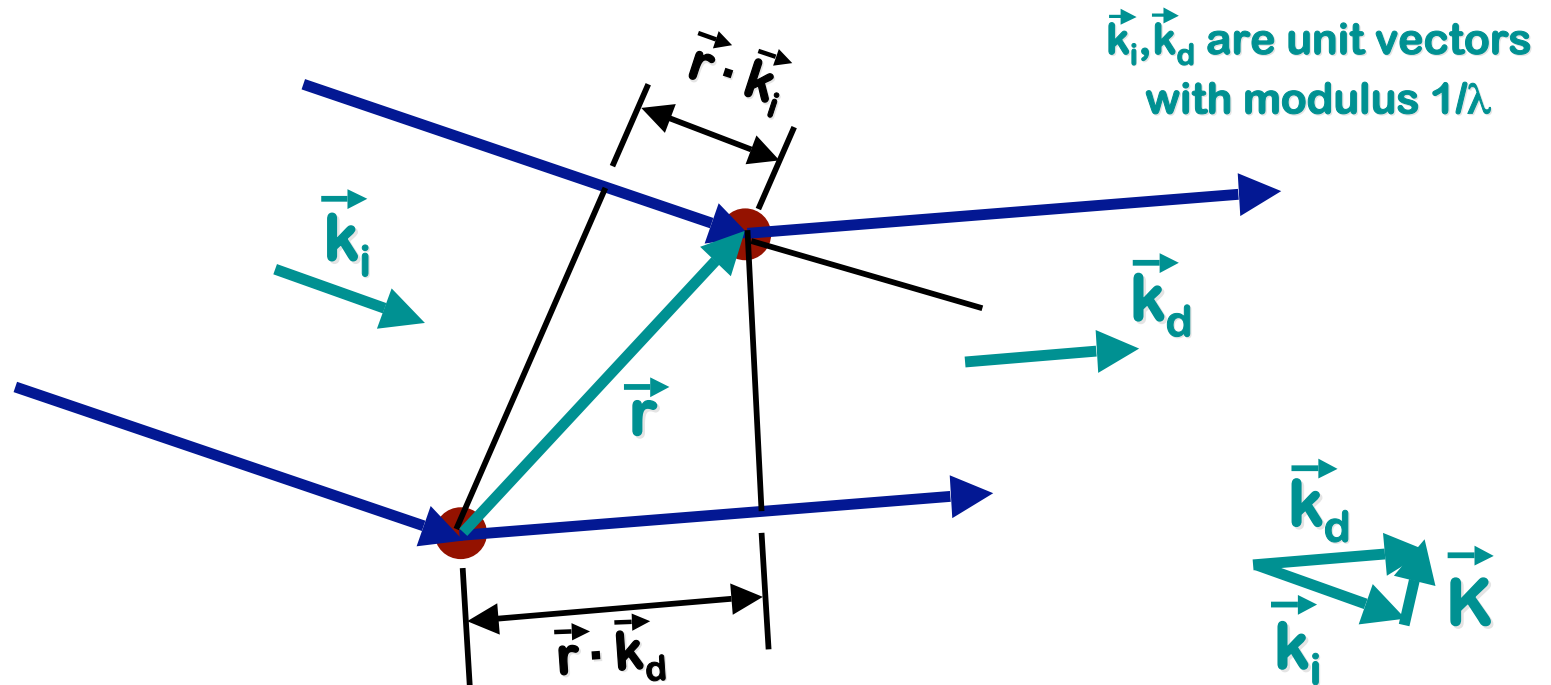
$$a(\sin\gamma_1 - \sin\delta_1) = h\lambda$$

$$b(\sin\gamma_2 - \sin\delta_2) = k\lambda$$

$$c(\sin\gamma_3 - \sin\delta_3) = l\lambda$$

$h, k, l = \text{integers}$

Laue Equations



$$\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{k}_d - \vec{k}_i) = \vec{r} \cdot \vec{K} = m \quad \text{with } m = \text{integer}$$

Resolve onto lattice
unit vectors

$$\vec{K} \cdot \vec{a} = h$$

$$\vec{K} \cdot \vec{b} = k$$

$$\vec{K} \cdot \vec{c} = l$$

with $h, k, l = \text{integers}$

Laue Equations

Diffraction occurs when:

$$\vec{K} \cdot \vec{a} = h$$

$$\vec{K} \cdot \vec{b} = k \quad \text{with } h, k, l = \text{integers}$$

$$\vec{K} \cdot \vec{c} = l$$

A general solution to these simultaneous equations is:

$$\vec{K} = h\vec{a}^* + k\vec{b}^* + l\vec{c}^* = \vec{g}$$

Where \vec{a}^* , \vec{b}^* and \vec{c}^* define a new set of lattice vectors, which are related to \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} according to:

$$\vec{a}^* \cdot \vec{a} = 1 \quad \vec{a}^* \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \quad \vec{a}^* \cdot \vec{c} = 0$$

$$\vec{b}^* \cdot \vec{a} = 0 \quad \vec{b}^* \cdot \vec{b} = 1 \quad \vec{b}^* \cdot \vec{c} = 0$$

$$\vec{c}^* \cdot \vec{a} = 0 \quad \vec{c}^* \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \quad \vec{c}^* \cdot \vec{c} = 1$$

Reciprocal lattice

This new lattice is referred to as the reciprocal lattice.

In real space:

$$\vec{r}_n = n_1 \vec{a} + n_2 \vec{b} + n_3 \vec{c}$$

In reciprocal space:

$$\vec{r}^* = m_1 \vec{a}^* + m_2 \vec{b}^* + m_3 \vec{c}^*$$

Several properties of the reciprocal lattice include:

$$\vec{a}^* \perp \vec{b} \ \& \ \vec{c}$$

$$\vec{b}^* \perp \vec{a} \ \& \ \vec{c}$$

$$\vec{c}^* \perp \vec{a} \ \& \ \vec{b}$$

$$\vec{a}^* = \vec{b} \times \vec{c} / V$$

$$\vec{b}^* = \vec{a} \times \vec{c} / V$$

$$\vec{c}^* = \vec{a} \times \vec{b} / V$$

$$V = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \times \vec{c}$$

(volume of unit
cell of real
lattice)

(recall not all real lattices have orthogonal lattice vectors)

Reciprocal lattice

Consider a reciprocal lattice vector \mathbf{g} such that:

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

where h, k and l are both integers, and are the Miller Indices of a plane in real space $(h \ k \ l)$

This vector \mathbf{g} has two important properties (which we will prove):

$$\vec{\mathbf{g}} \perp (hkl) \quad \text{and} \quad |\vec{\mathbf{g}}| = \frac{1}{d_{hkl}}$$

Reciprocal lattice proofs

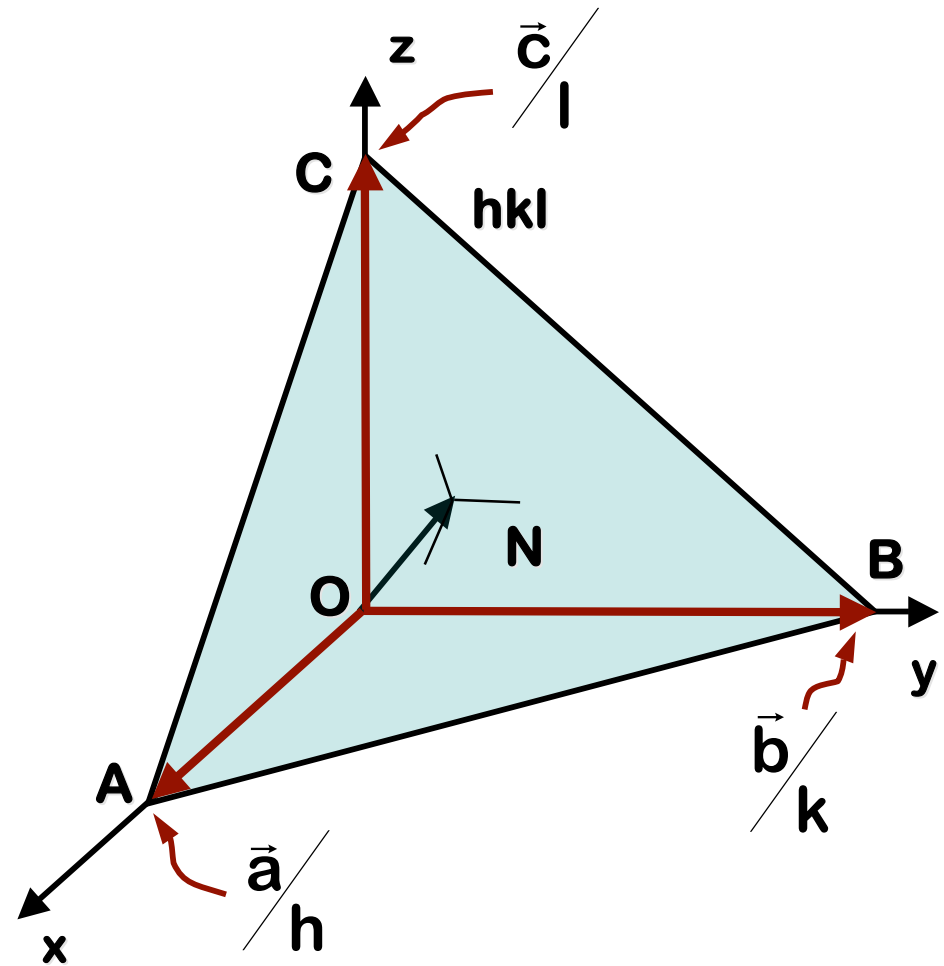
Prove: $|\vec{g}| = \frac{1}{d_{hkl}}$

Shortest distance must be projection of real lattice vector on to a unit vector in direction \vec{g} (define as \vec{n})

$$d_{hkl} = ON = \frac{\vec{a}}{h} \cdot \vec{n} = \frac{\vec{a}}{h} \cdot \frac{\vec{g}}{|\vec{g}|}$$

$$d_{hkl} = \frac{\vec{a}}{h} \cdot \frac{h\vec{a}^* + k\vec{b}^* + l\vec{c}^*}{|\vec{g}|} = \frac{1}{|\vec{g}|}$$

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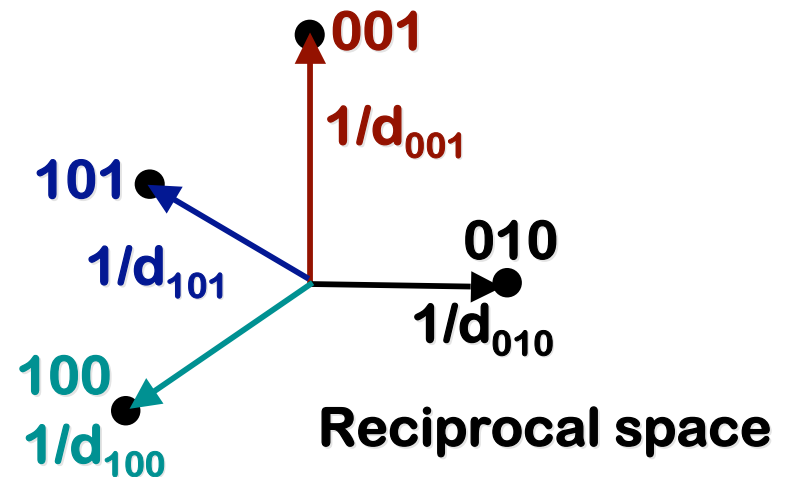
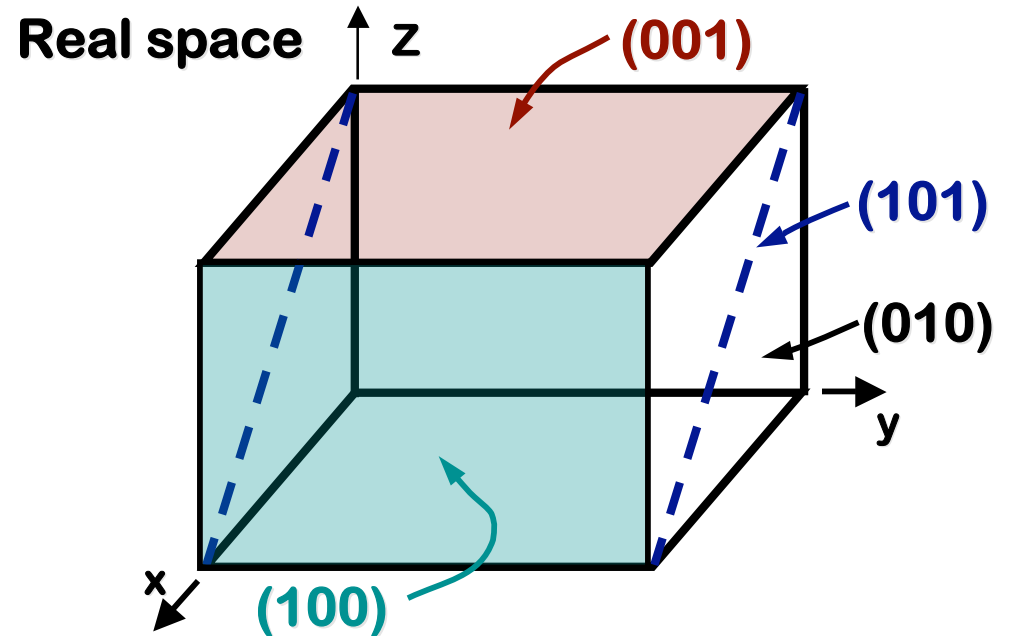


Reciprocal lattice

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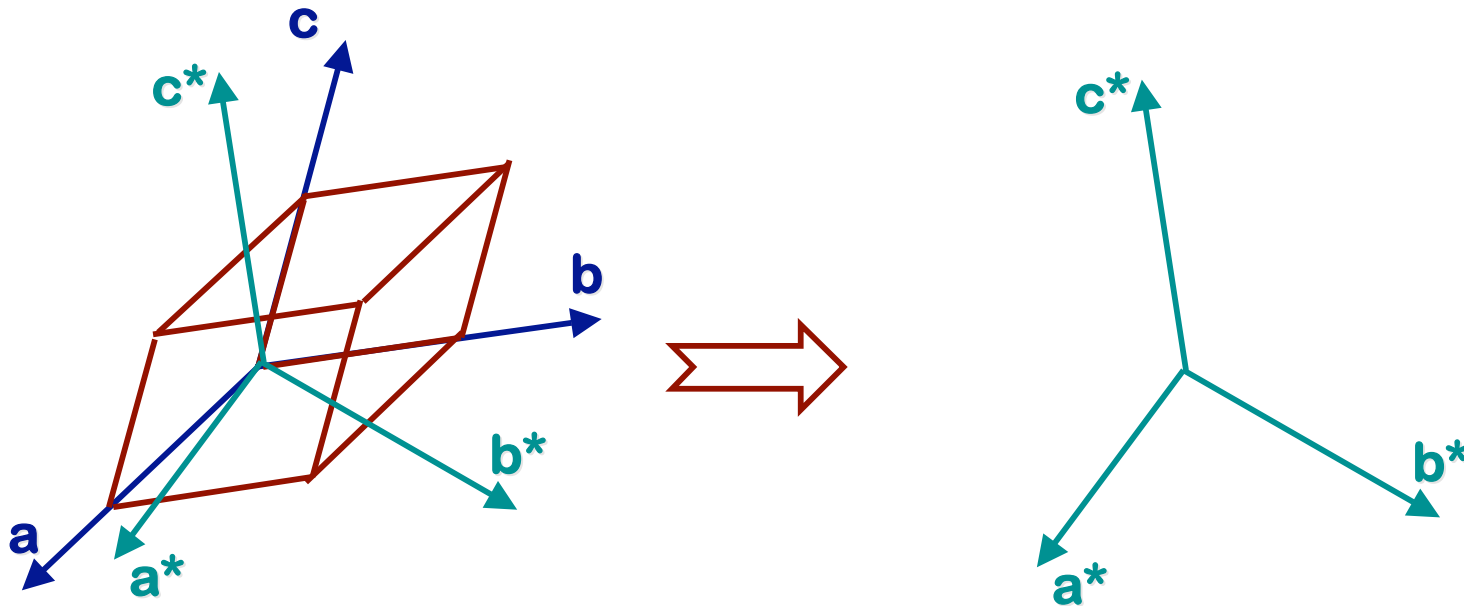
Real \Rightarrow Reciprocal

The relationship between real and reciprocal determined by:

$$\vec{a}^* \cdot \vec{a} = 1 \quad \vec{a}^* \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \quad \vec{a}^* \cdot \vec{c} = 0$$

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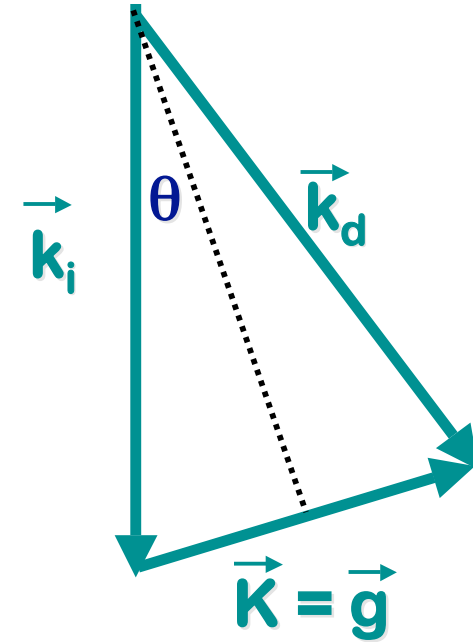
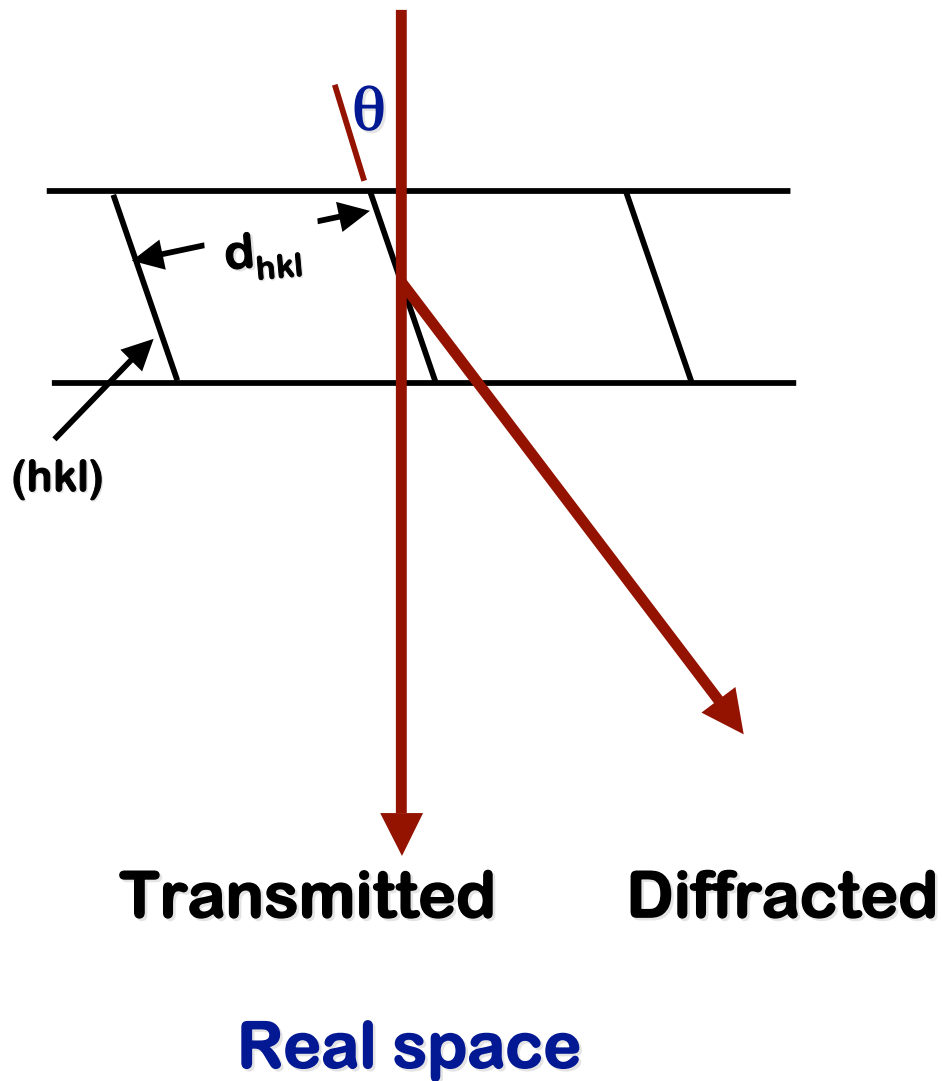
$$\vec{c}^* \cdot \vec{a} = 0 \quad \vec{c}^* \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \quad \vec{c}^* \cdot \vec{c} = 1$$



\vec{a}^* only parallel to \vec{a} if \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} are mutually orthogonal

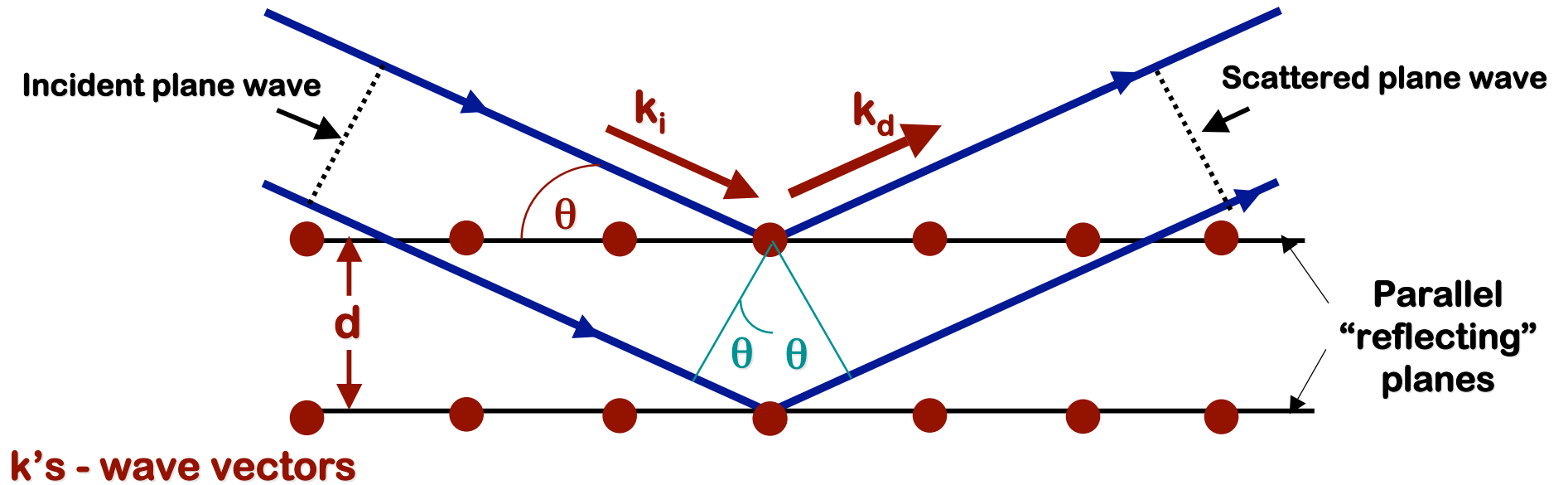
Diffraction

real space vs. reciprocal space



Reciprocal space

Bragg's Law

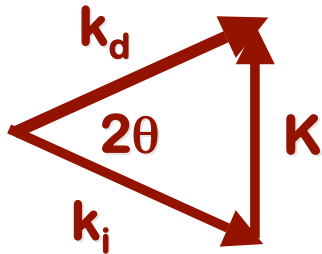


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$$\vec{k}_d - \vec{k}_i = \vec{K}$$

$$|\vec{K}| = \frac{2 \sin\theta}{\lambda} = \frac{n}{d}$$

$$\vec{K} = \vec{g}$$



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Laue Equations & Bragg's Law

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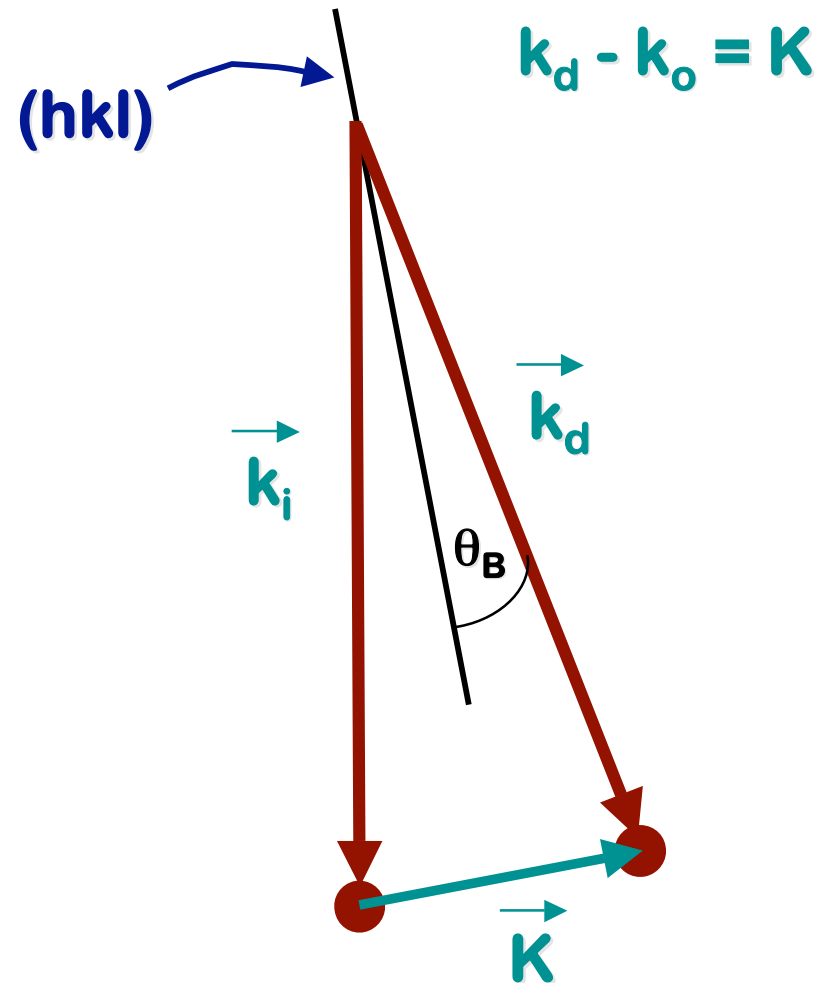
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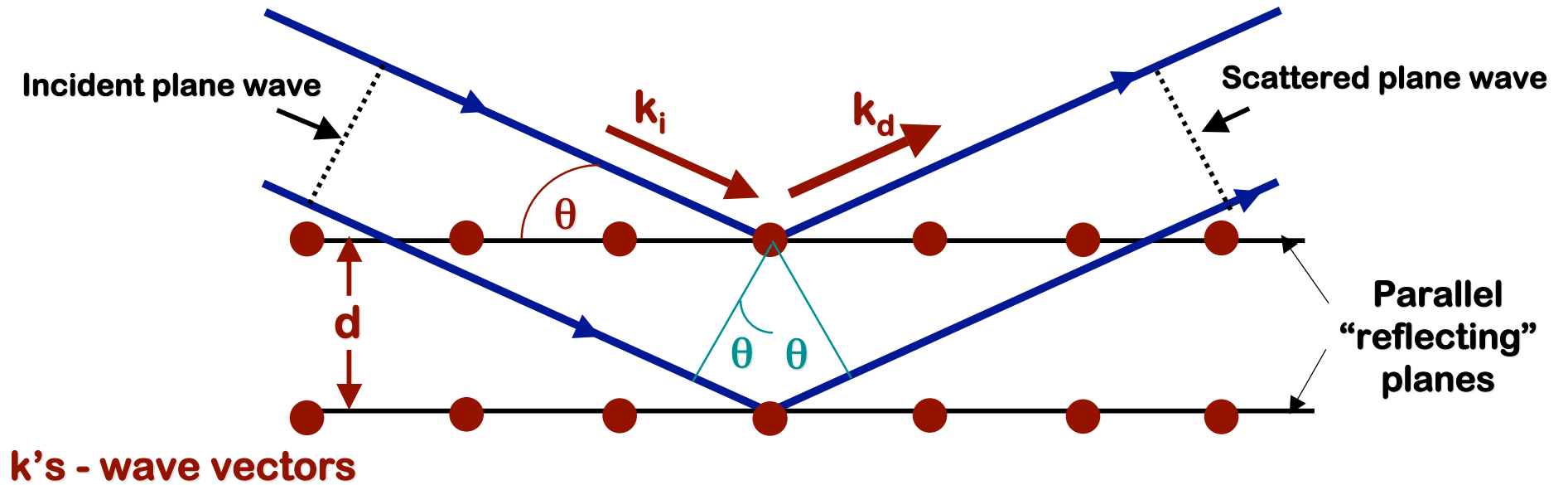
$$|\vec{K}| = \frac{2 \sin \theta_B}{\lambda} \quad \& \quad |\vec{g}| = \frac{1}{d_{hkl}}$$

We recover Bragg's Law:

$$\frac{2 \sin \theta_B}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{d_{hkl}}$$
$$2d_{hkl} \sin \theta_B = \lambda$$



Bragg's Law

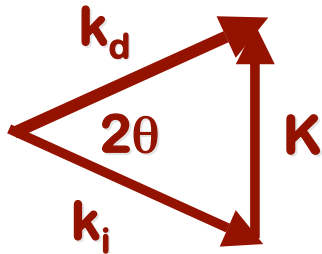


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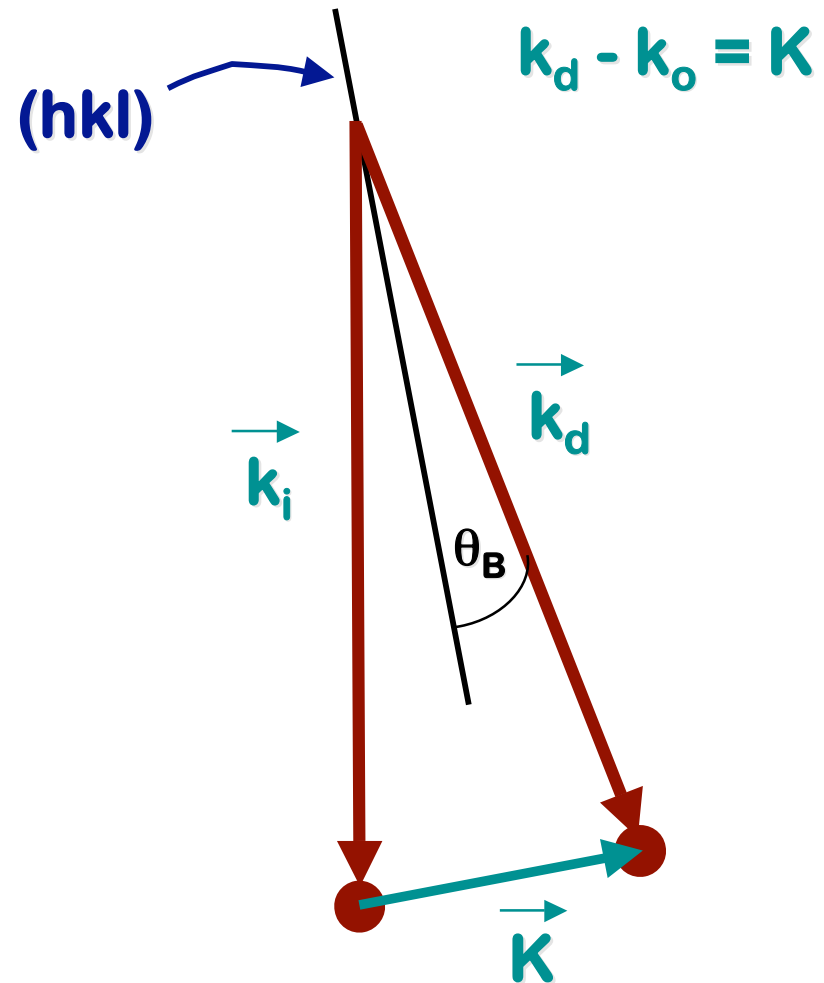
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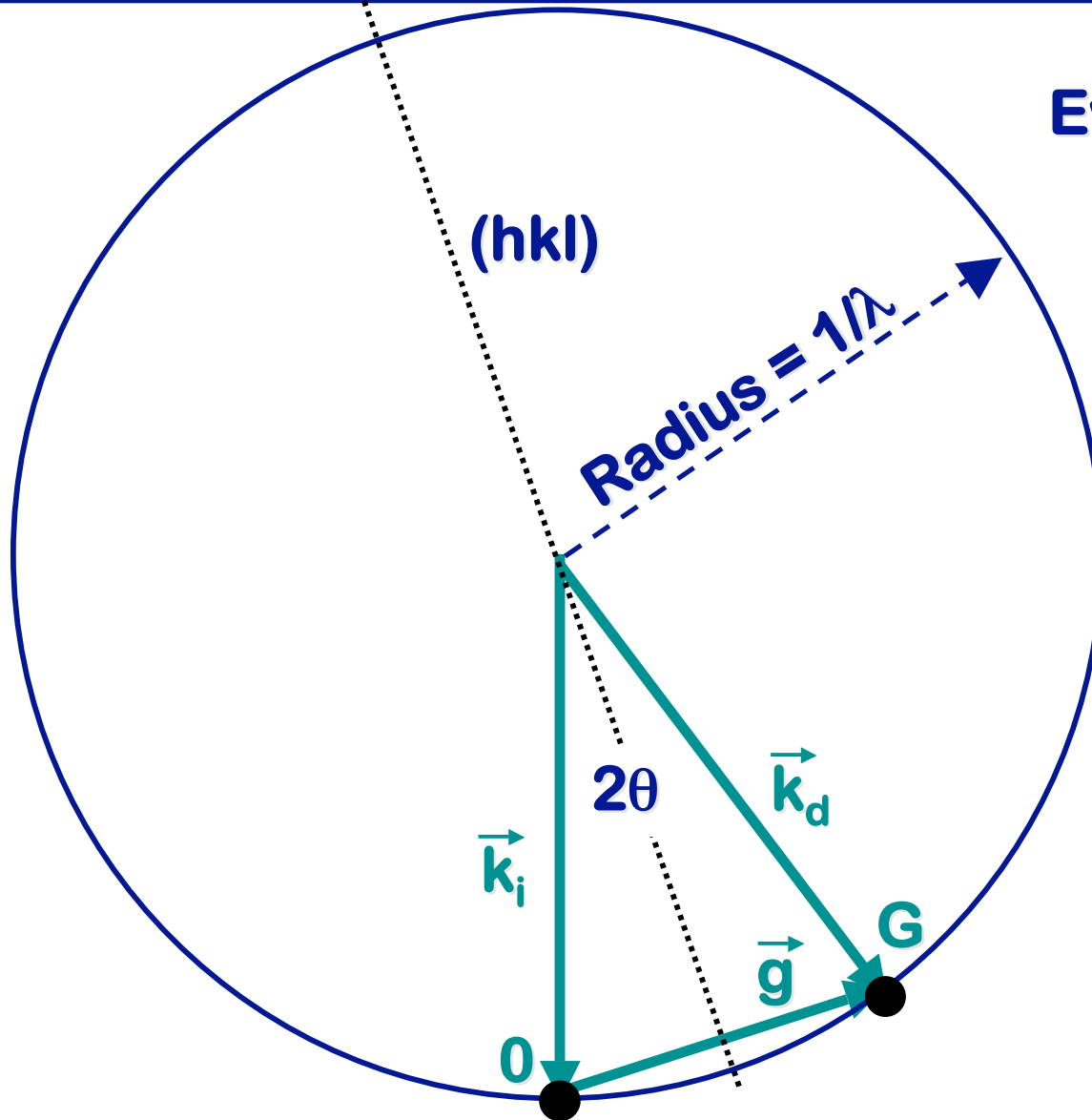
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Diffraction reciprocal space



Ewald Sphere

$$|\vec{k}_i| = |\vec{k}_d| = 1/\lambda$$

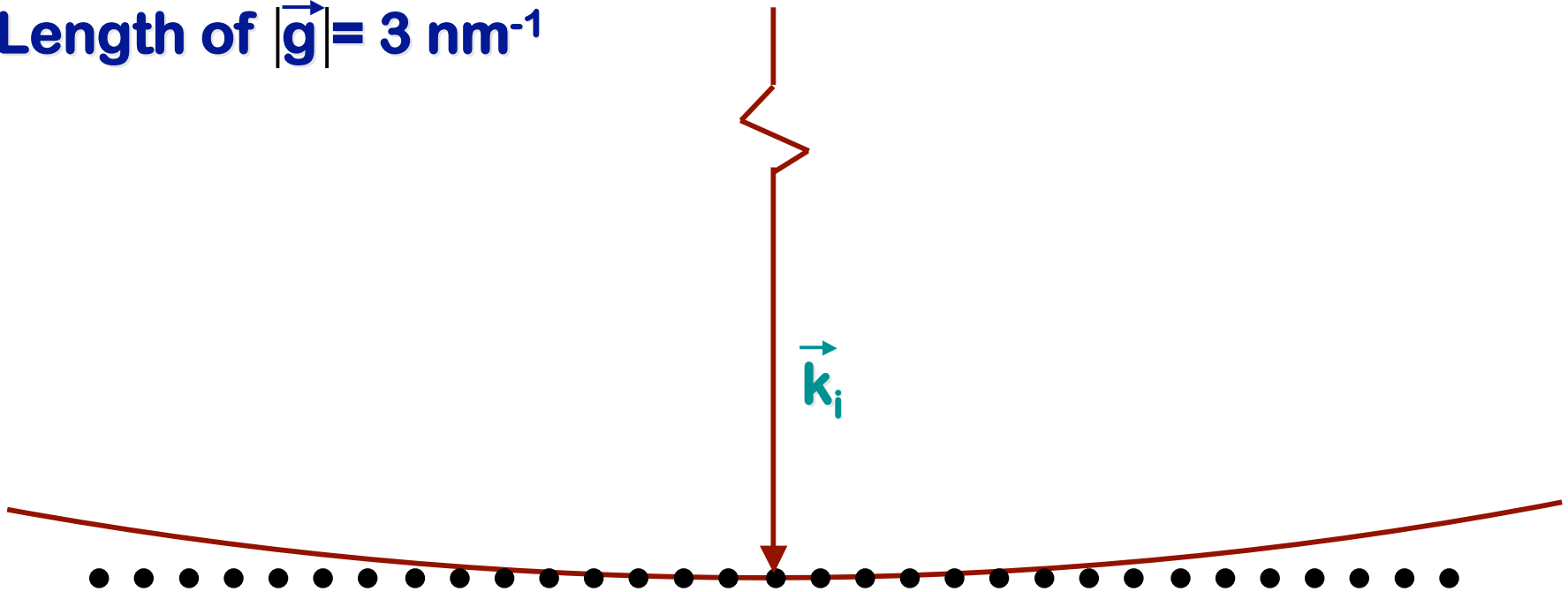
“A Valt” not “E Walled”

Diffraction

Diffraction occurs when the Ewald sphere intersects a reciprocal lattice vector

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Length of $|\vec{g}| = 3 \text{ nm}^{-1}$

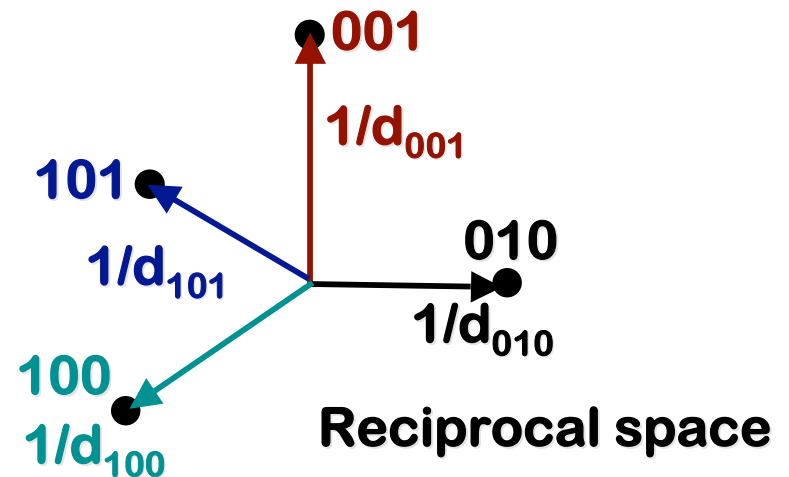
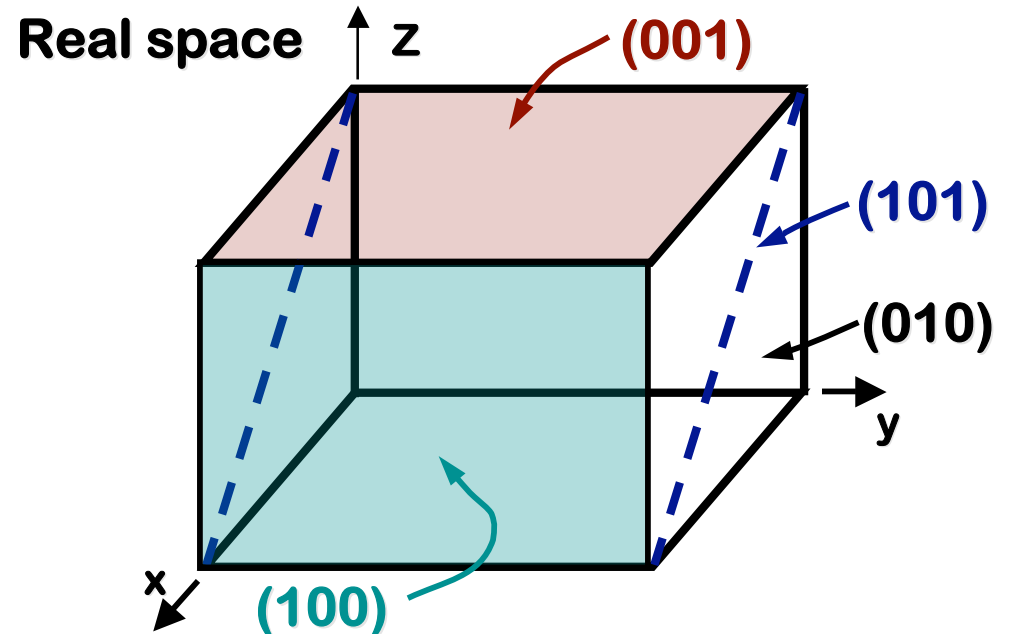


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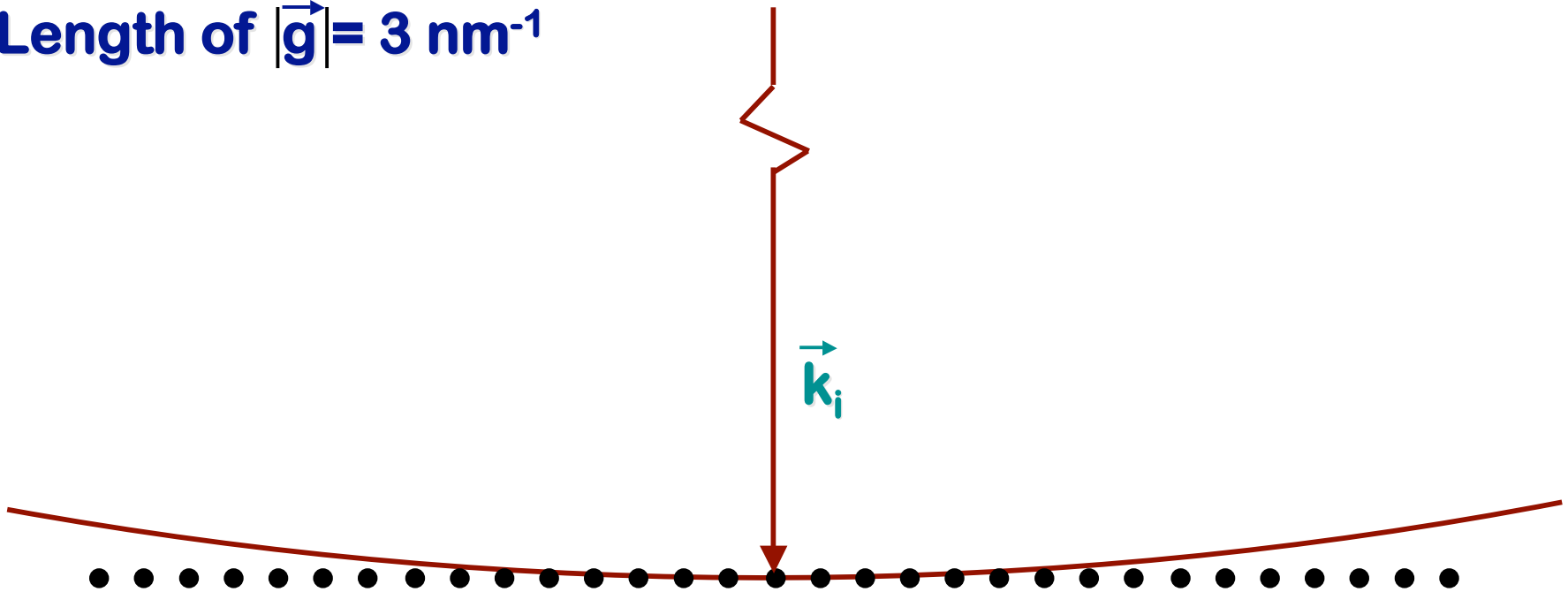


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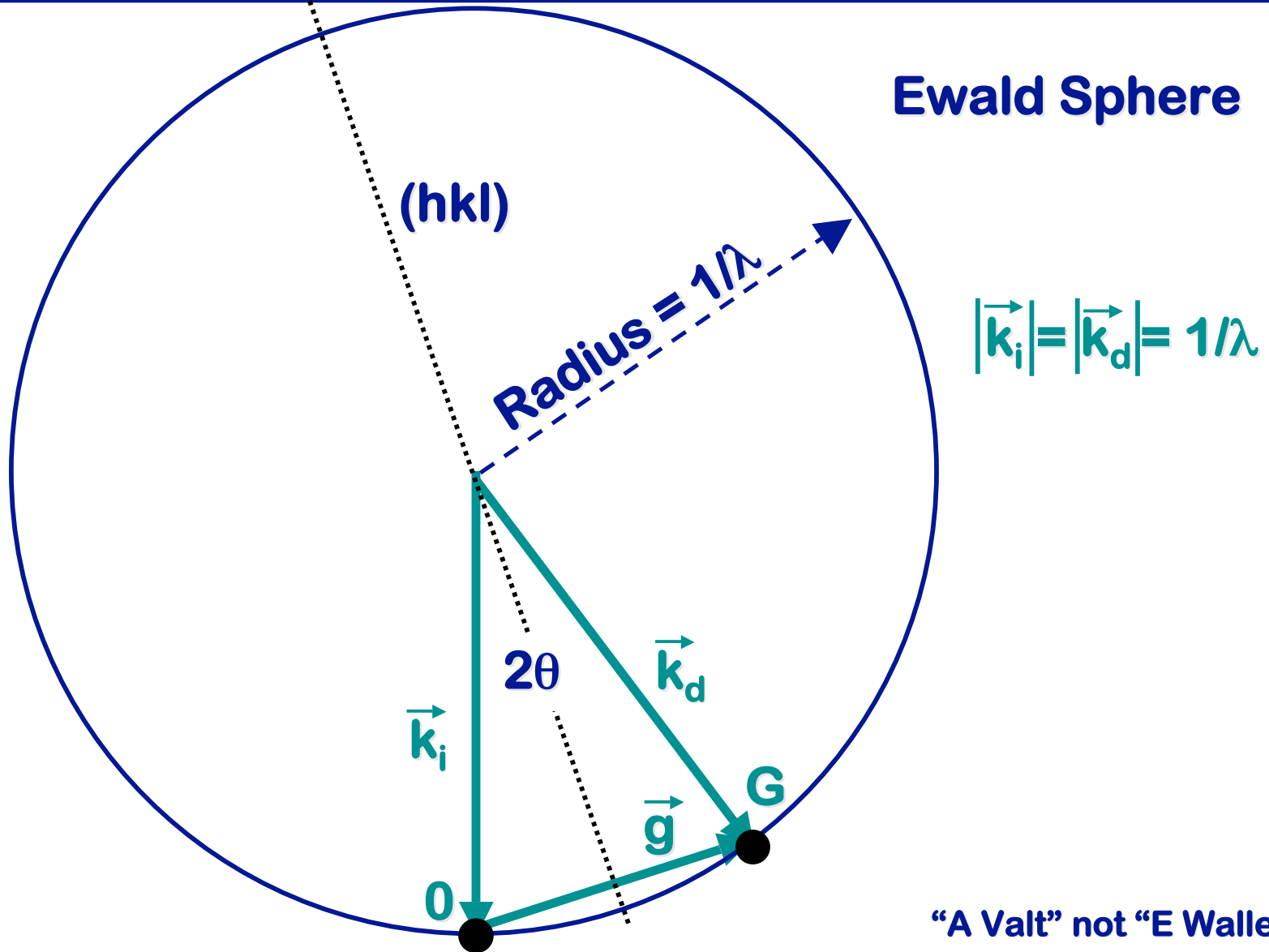
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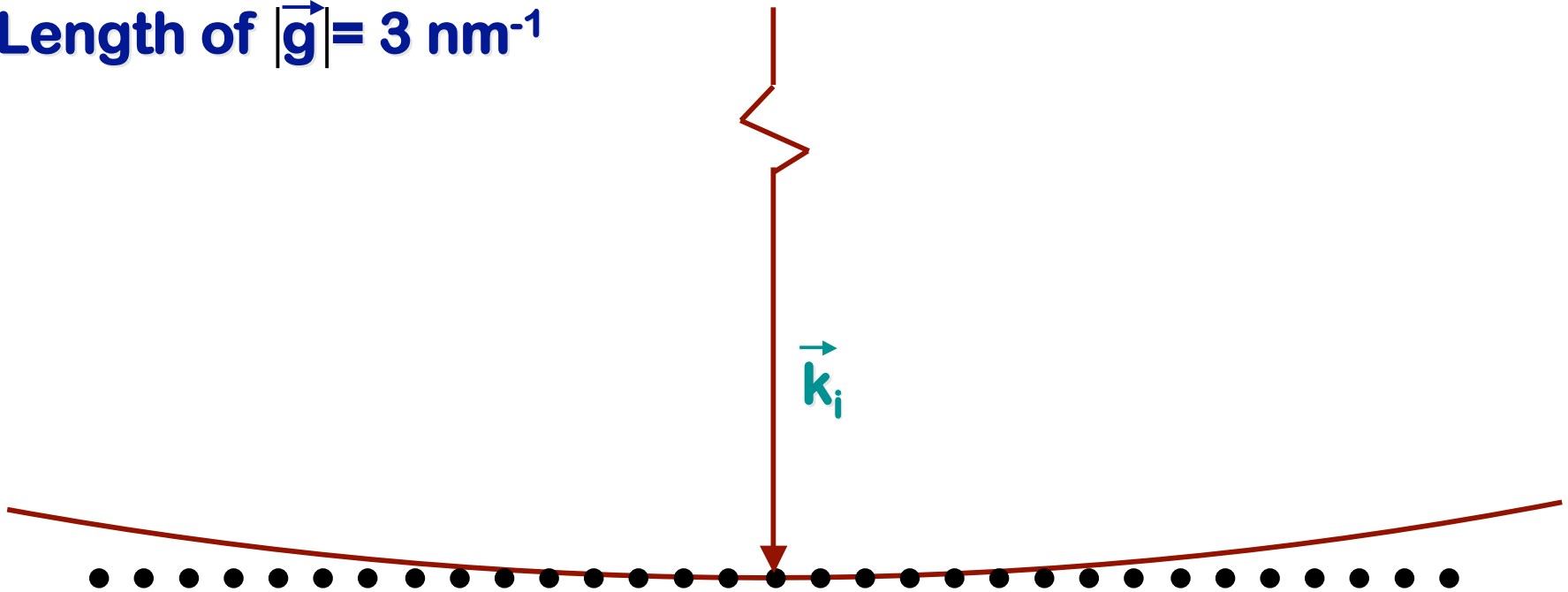
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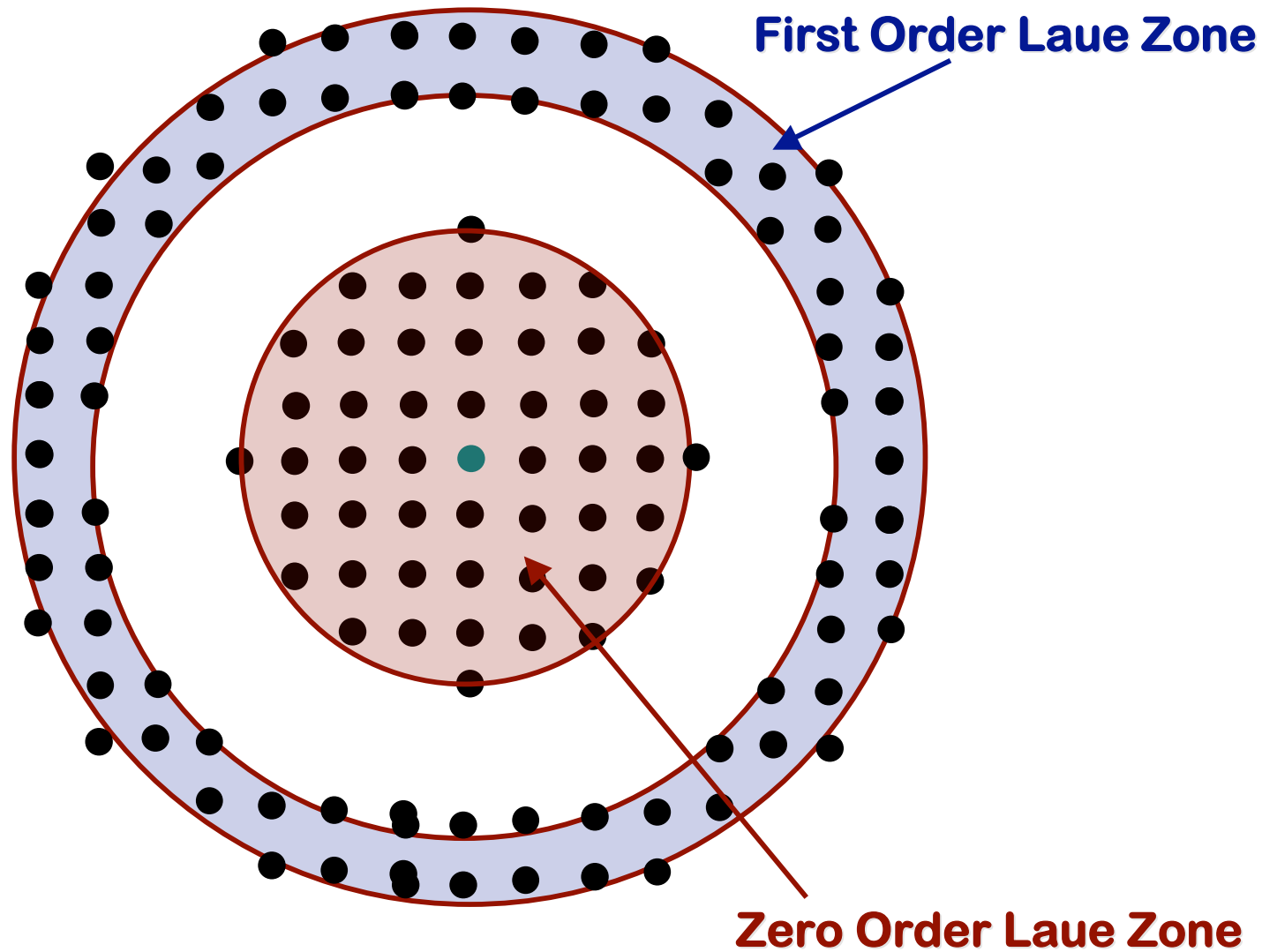
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Resulting diffraction pattern

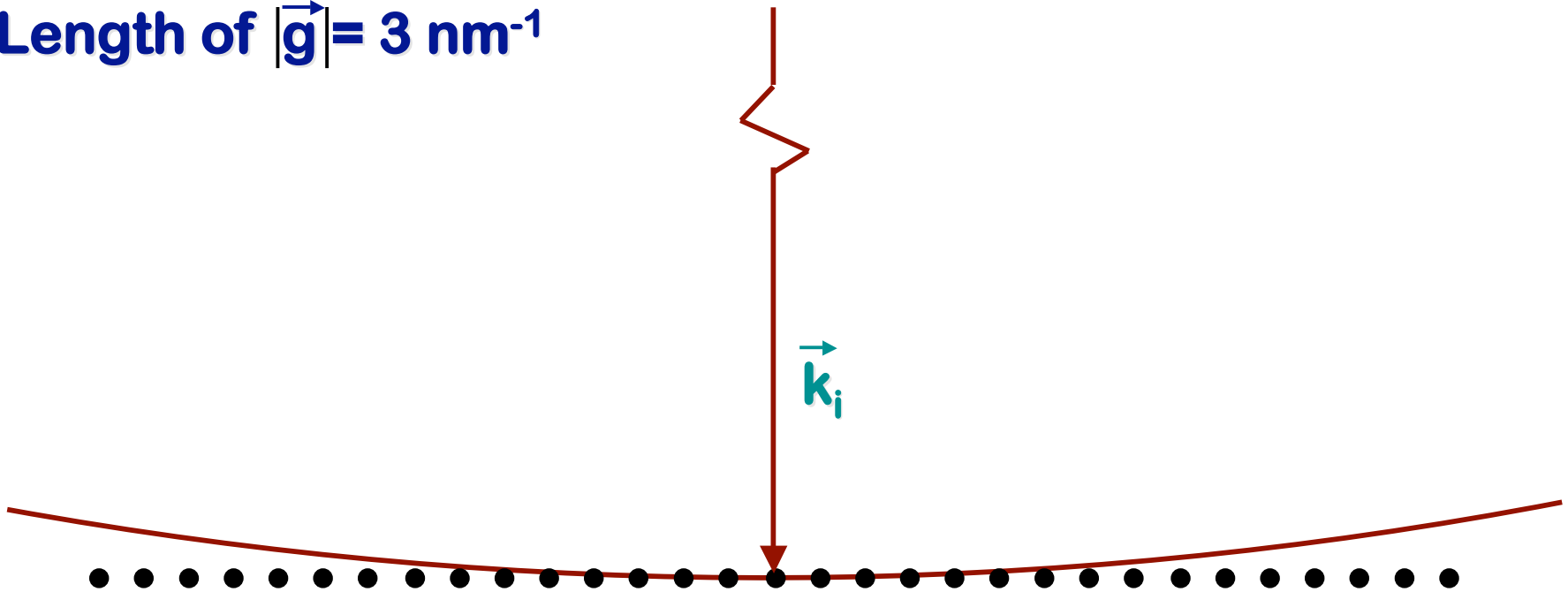


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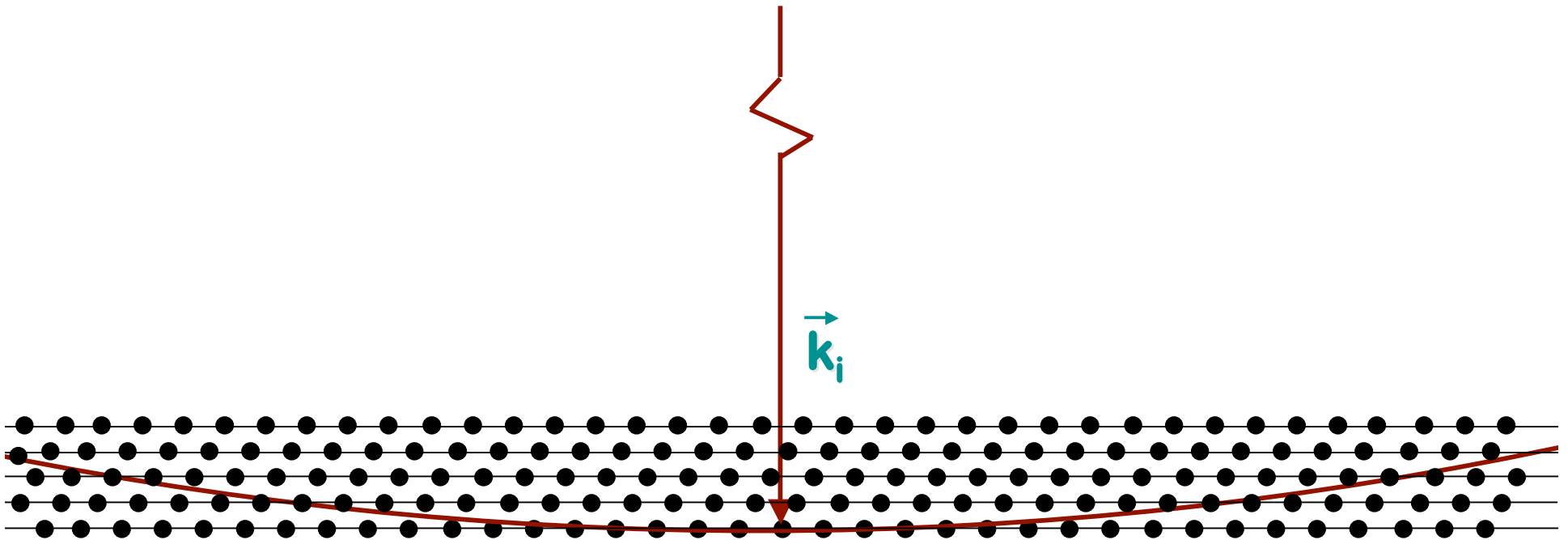
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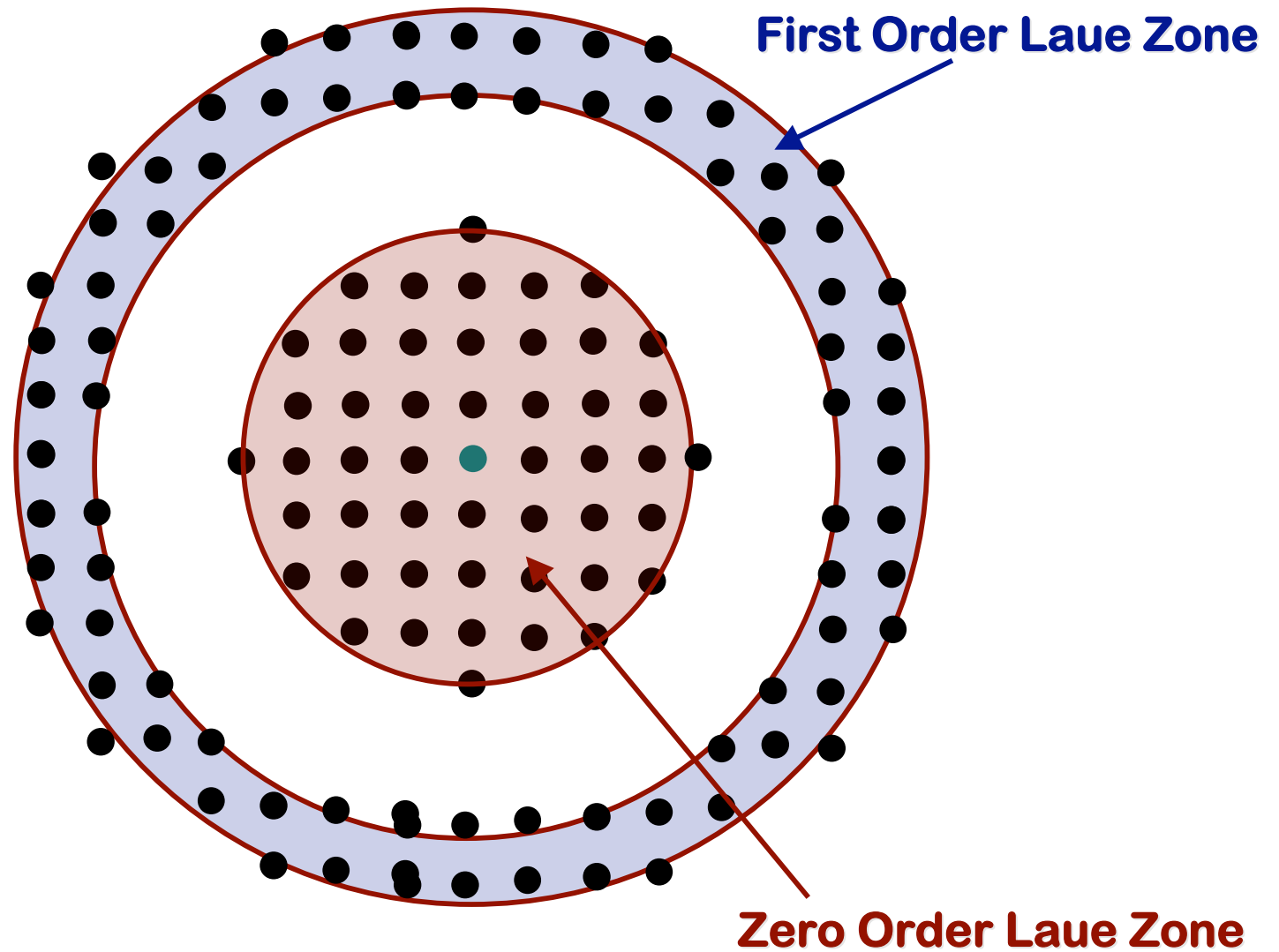
Higher order Laue Zones

Reciprocal lattice is not planar -- it is a true 3-D lattice

Zero order Laue Zone (ZOLZ), First Order Laue Zone (FOLZ), Higher order Laue Zone (HOLZ)



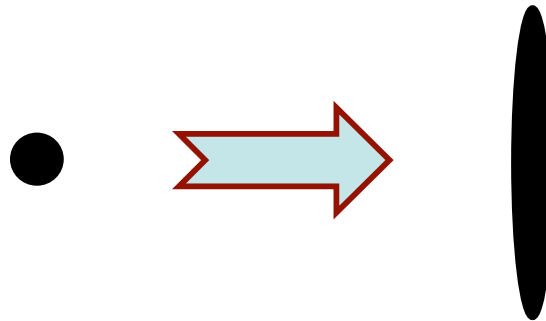
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Reciprocal Lattice Rods

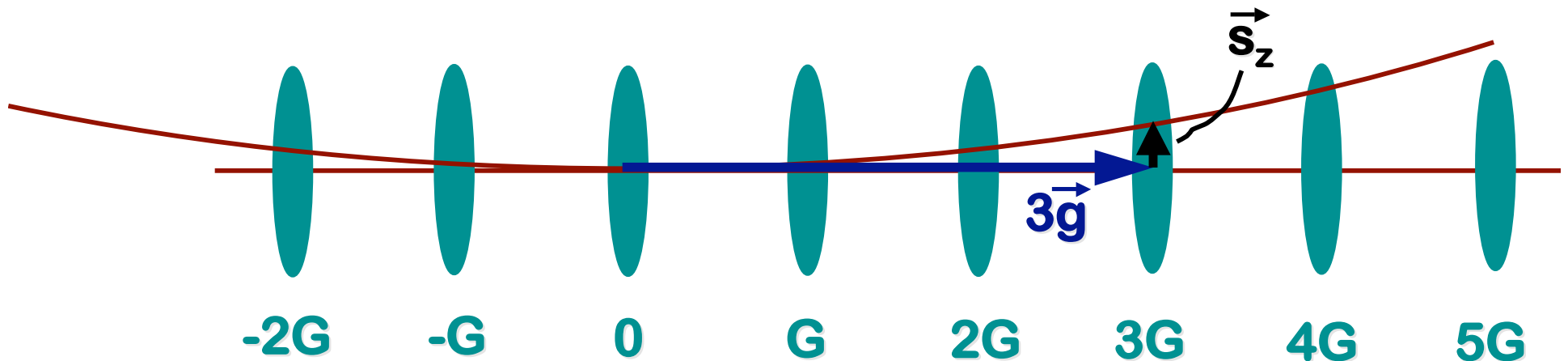
Each point in reciprocal space contains not a point, but rather a rod - “rel-rod”

- Result of the finite size of our diffracting crystals
- We’ll derive this in a couple of lectures: for now, just believe me!



Ewald Sphere and Rel-rods

Presence of rel-rods “relaxes” diffraction requirements
New vector - \vec{s} - called “deviation parameter”



Resulting diffraction pattern

