

## 2.5. ELECTRON DIFFRACTION AND ELECTRON MICROSCOPY IN STRUCTURE DETERMINATION

transmission. Hence, for high-symmetry crystals (zone axis parallel to  $z$  axis), and to a greater or lesser degree for crystals of a more general morphology, these zone-axis symmetries apply both to electron-microscope lattice images and to convergent-beam patterns under  $z$ -axis-symmetrical illumination, and so impact also on space-group determination by means of high-resolution electron microscopy (HREM). In CBED, these elements lead to *whole pattern* symmetries, to which every point in the pattern contributes, regardless of diffraction order and Laue zone (encompassing ZOLZ and HOLZ reflections).

II. Reciprocity-induced symmetries, on the other hand, depend upon ray paths and path reversal, and in the present context have relevance only to the diffraction pattern. Crystal-inverting or horizontal crystal symmetry elements combine with reciprocity to yield *indirect* pattern symmetries lacking a one-to-one real-space correspondence, within individual diffraction discs or between disc pairs. Type II elements are assumed to lie on the central plane of the crystal, midway between surfaces, as symmetry operators; this assumption amounts to a ‘central plane’ approximation, which has a very general validity in space-group-determination work (Goodman, 1984a).

A minimal summary of basic theoretical points, otherwise found in Chapter 5.2 and numerous referenced articles, is given here.

For a specific zero-layer diffraction order  $g$  ( $= h, k$ ) the incident and diffracted vectors are  $\mathbf{k}_0$  and  $\mathbf{k}_g$ . Then the three-dimensional vector  $\mathbf{K}_{0g} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{k}_0 + \mathbf{k}_g)$  has the pattern-space projection,  $\mathbf{K}_g = P[\mathbf{K}_{0g}]$ . The point  $\mathbf{K}_g = \mathbf{0}$  gives the *symmetrical Bragg condition* for the associated diffraction disc, and  $\mathbf{K}_g \neq \mathbf{0}$  is identifiable with the angular deviation of  $\mathbf{K}_{0g}$  from the vertical  $z$  axis in three-dimensional space (see Fig. 2.5.3.1).  $\mathbf{K}_g = \mathbf{0}$  also defines the symmetry centre within the two-dimensional disc diagram (Fig. 2.5.3.2); namely, the intersection of the lines  $S$  and  $G$ , given by the trace of excitation error,  $\mathbf{K}_g = \mathbf{0}$ , and the perpendicular line directed towards the reciprocal-space origin, respectively. To be definitive it is necessary to index diffracted amplitudes relating to a fixed crystal thickness and wavelength, with both crystallographic and momentum coordinates, as  $\mathbf{u}_{g,K}$ , to handle the continuous variation of  $\mathbf{u}_g$  (for a particular diffraction order), with angles of incidence as determined by  $\mathbf{k}_0$ , and registered in the diffraction plane as the projection of  $\mathbf{K}_{0g}$ .

## 2.5.3.2.2. Reciprocity and Friedel's law

Reciprocity was introduced into the subject of electron diffraction in stages, the essential theoretical basis, through Schrödinger's equation, being given by Bilhorn *et al.* (1964), and the  $N$ -beam diffraction applications being derived successively by von Laue (1935), Cowley (1969), Pogany & Turner (1968), Moodie (1972), Buxton *et al.* (1976), and Gunning & Goodman (1992).

Reciprocity represents a reverse-incidence configuration reached with the reversed wavevectors  $\bar{\mathbf{k}}_0 = -\mathbf{k}_g$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{k}}_g = -\mathbf{k}_0$ , so that the scattering vector  $\Delta\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k}_g - \mathbf{k}_0 = \bar{\mathbf{k}}_0 - \bar{\mathbf{k}}_g$  is unchanged, but  $\mathbf{K}_{0g} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{k}_0 + \mathbf{k}_g)$  is changed in sign and hence reversed (Moodie, 1972). The reciprocity equation,

$$\mathbf{u}_{g,K} = \mathbf{u}_{\bar{g},\bar{K}}^* \quad (2.5.3.1)$$

is valid independently of crystal symmetry, but cannot contribute symmetry to the pattern unless a crystal-inverting symmetry element is present (since  $\bar{\mathbf{K}}$  belongs to a reversed wavevector). The simplest case is centrosymmetry, which permits the right-hand side of (2.5.3.1) to be complex-conjugated giving the useful CBED pattern equation

$$\mathbf{u}_{g,K} = \mathbf{u}_{\bar{g},K} \quad (2.5.3.2)$$

Since  $\mathbf{K}$  is common to both sides there is a point-by-point identity

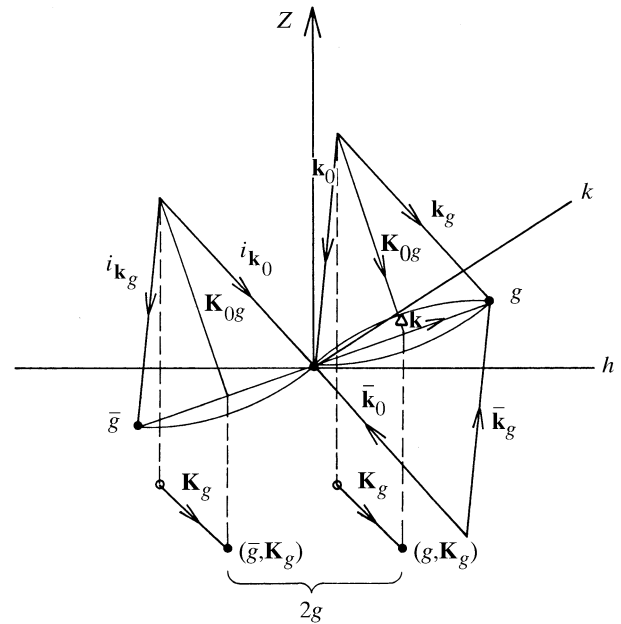


Fig. 2.5.3.1. Vector diagram in semi-reciprocal space, using Ewald-sphere constructions to show the ‘incident’, ‘reciprocity’ and ‘reciprocity  $\times$  centrosymmetry’ sets of vectors. Dashed lines connect the full vectors  $\mathbf{K}_{0g}$  to their projections  $\mathbf{K}_g$  in the plane of observation.

between the related distributions, separated by  $2g$  (the distance between  $g$  and  $\bar{g}$  reflections). This invites an obvious analogy with *Friedel's law*,  $F_g = F_g^*$ , with the reservation that (2.5.3.2) holds only for centrosymmetric crystals. This condition (2.5.3.2) constitutes what has become known as the  $\pm H$  symmetry and, incidentally, is the only reciprocity-induced symmetry so general as to not depend upon a disc symmetry-point or line, nor on a particular zone axis (*i.e.* it is not a point symmetry but a translational symmetry of the pattern intensity).

## 2.5.3.2.3. In-disc symmetries

(a) *Dark-field (diffracted-beam) discs.* Other reciprocity-generated symmetries which are available for experimental observation relate to a single (zero-layer) disc and its origin  $\mathbf{K}_g = \mathbf{0}$ , and are summarized here by reference to Fig. 2.5.3.2, and given in operational detail in Table 2.5.3.2. The notation subscript  $R$ , for reciprocity-induced symmetries, introduced by Buxton *et al.* (1976) is now adopted (and referred to as BESR notation). Fig.

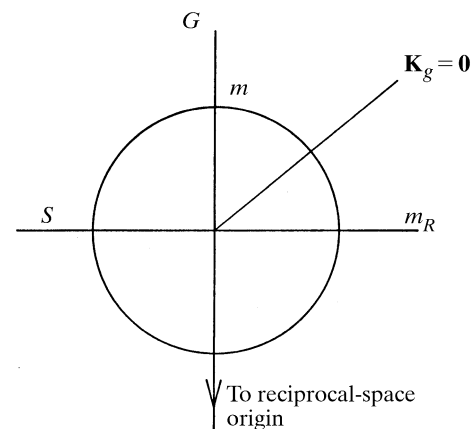


Fig. 2.5.3.2. Diagrammatic representation of a CBED disc with symmetry lines  $m, m_R$  (alternate labels  $G, S$ ) and the central point  $\mathbf{K}_g = \mathbf{0}$ .