

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

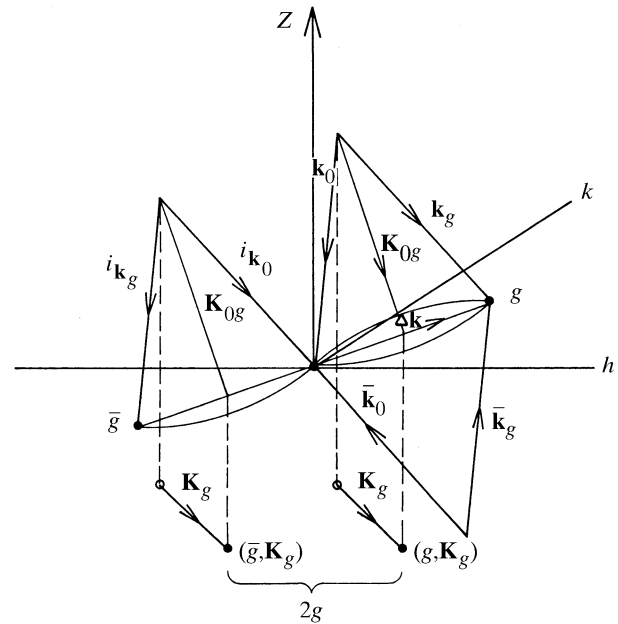


Fig. 2.5.3.1. Vector diagram in semi-reciprocal space, using Ewald-sphere constructions to show the ‘incident’, ‘reciprocity’ and ‘reciprocity \times centrosymmetry’ sets of vectors. Dashed lines connect the full vectors \mathbf{K}_{0g} to their projections \mathbf{K}_g in the plane of observation.

between the related distributions, separated by $2g$ (the distance between g and \bar{g} reflections). This invites an obvious analogy with *Friedel’s law*, $F_g = F_{\bar{g}}^*$, 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.

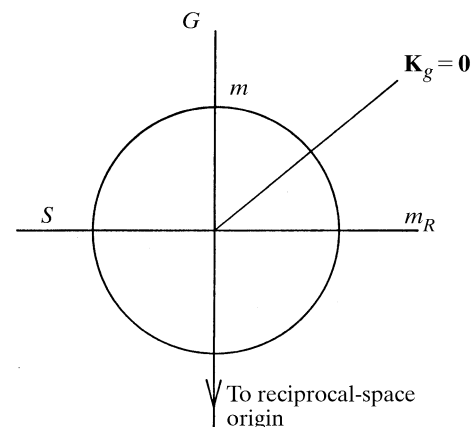


Fig. 2.5.3.2. Diagrammatic representation of a CBED disc with symmetry lines m, m_R (alternate labels G, S) and the central point $\mathbf{K}_g = \mathbf{0}$.

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2.5.3.2 shows a disc crossed by reference lines m and m_R . These will be mirror lines of intensity if: (a) \mathbf{g} is parallel to a vertical mirror plane; and (b) \mathbf{g} is parallel to a horizontal diad axis, respectively. The third possible point symmetry, that of disc centrosymmetry (1_R in BESR notation) will arise from the presence of a horizontal mirror plane. Lines m and m_R become the GS extinction lines G and S when glide planes and screw axes are present instead of mirror planes and diad axes.

(b) *Bright-field (central-beam) disc*. The central beam is a special case since the point $\mathbf{K}_0 = \mathbf{0}$ is the centre of the whole pattern as well as of that particular disc. Therefore, both sets of rotational symmetry (types I and II) discussed above apply (see Table 2.5.3.3).

In addition, the central-beam disc is a source of three-dimensional lattice information from defect-line scattering. Given a sufficiently perfect crystal this fine-line structure overlays the more general intensity modulation, giving this disc a lower and more precisely recorded symmetry.

2.5.3.2.4. Zero-layer absences

Horizontal glides, a' , n' (diperiodic, primed notation), generate zero-layer absent rows, or centring, rather than GS bands (see Fig. 2.5.3.3). This is an example of the projection approximation in its most universally held form, *i.e.* in application to absences. Other examples of this are: (a) appearance of both G and S extinction bands near their intersection irrespective of whether glide or screw axes are involved; and (b) suppression of the influence of vertical, non-primitive translations with respect to observations in the zero

layer. It is generally assumed as a working rule that the zero-layer or ZOLZ pattern will have the rotational symmetry of the point-group component of the vertical screw axis (so that $2_1 \simeq 2$). Elements included in Table 2.5.3.1 on this pretext are given in parentheses. However, the presence of 2_1 rather than 2 (3_1 rather than 3 *etc.*) should be detectable as a departure from accurate twofold symmetry in the first-order-Laue-zone (FOLZ) reflection circle (depicted in Fig. 2.5.3.3). This has been observed in the cubic structure of $\text{Ba}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5\text{Cl}_2$, permitting the space groups $I23$ and $I2_13$ to be distinguished (Schwartzman *et al.*, 1996). A summary of all the symmetry components described in this section is given diagrammatically in Table 2.5.3.2.

2.5.3.3. Pattern observation of individual symmetry elements

The following guidelines, the result of accumulated experience from several laboratories, are given in an experimentally based sequence, and approximately in order of value and reliability.

(i) The value of X in an X -fold rotation axis is made immediately obvious in a zone-axis pattern, although a screw component is not detected in the pattern symmetry.

Roto-inversionary axes require special attention: $\bar{6}$ and $\bar{3}$ may be factorized, as in Tables 2.5.3.1, 2.5.3.3 and 2.5.3.4, to show better the additional CBED symmetries ($3/m'$ and $3 \times \bar{1}'$, respectively). $\bar{4}$ cannot be decomposed further (Table 2.5.3.1) and generates its own diffraction characteristics in non-projective patterns (see Section 2.5.3.5). This specific problem of observing the fourfold roto-

Table 2.5.3.2. Diagrammatic illustrations of the actions of five types of symmetry elements (given in the last column in Volume A diagrammatic symbols) on an asymmetric pattern component, in relation to the centre of the pattern at $\mathbf{K}_{00} = \mathbf{0}$, shown as ' \oplus ', or in relation to the centre of a diffraction order at $\mathbf{K}_{0g} = \mathbf{0}$, shown as '+'

Type	Symmetry element	Observation and action	In combination	Interpretation
Vertical	4			
	$m; a$			
Horizontal	$2'; 2'_i$			
	$i(\bar{1}')$			
	$m'; a'$			