

# pyXRD

- in this file I will present how it works -

This is a package made to calculate the XRD profile giving the structure, and also to plot it.

To calculate the XRD we must do 2 things

## 1. Calculate peak positions

possible giving { - unit cell params ( $a, b, c, \alpha, \beta, \gamma$ )  
- wavelength of XRay used (in Å)

## 2. Calculate Structure Factors

possible giving {  
- Atoms present  
- Atoms positions  
- Symmetry Group  
- peak position (angles and hkl's)  
-  $a_i, b_i, c_i$  coefficients (in literature)

Bellow I will explain how I do these 2 things

- Calculate peak positions -

As known by the Bragg's law

$$\sin \theta_{hkl} = \frac{\lambda}{2 \cdot d_{hkl}}$$

if we know the wavelength of the source ( $\lambda$ ) and the interplanar distance ( $d_{hkl}$ ) we can calculate the peak for each plane ( $\theta_{hkl}$ ).

And if we define a plane  $h, k, l$  we can calculate its  $d_{hkl}$  by calculating its norm in the reciprocal space ( $|G_{hkl}|^2$ ) using the relation

$$d_{hkl} = \frac{1}{|G_{hkl}|}$$

where

$$\vec{G}_{hkl} = h \vec{a}^* + k \vec{b}^* + l \vec{c}^*$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \vec{a}^* = \frac{\vec{b} \times \vec{c}}{V} \\ \vec{b}^* = \frac{\vec{c} \times \vec{a}}{V} \\ \vec{c}^* = \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{V} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{unit cell vectors} \\ V = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \end{array}$$

So if I can pass through all possible  $h, k, l$  I can calculate each peak position by just calculating

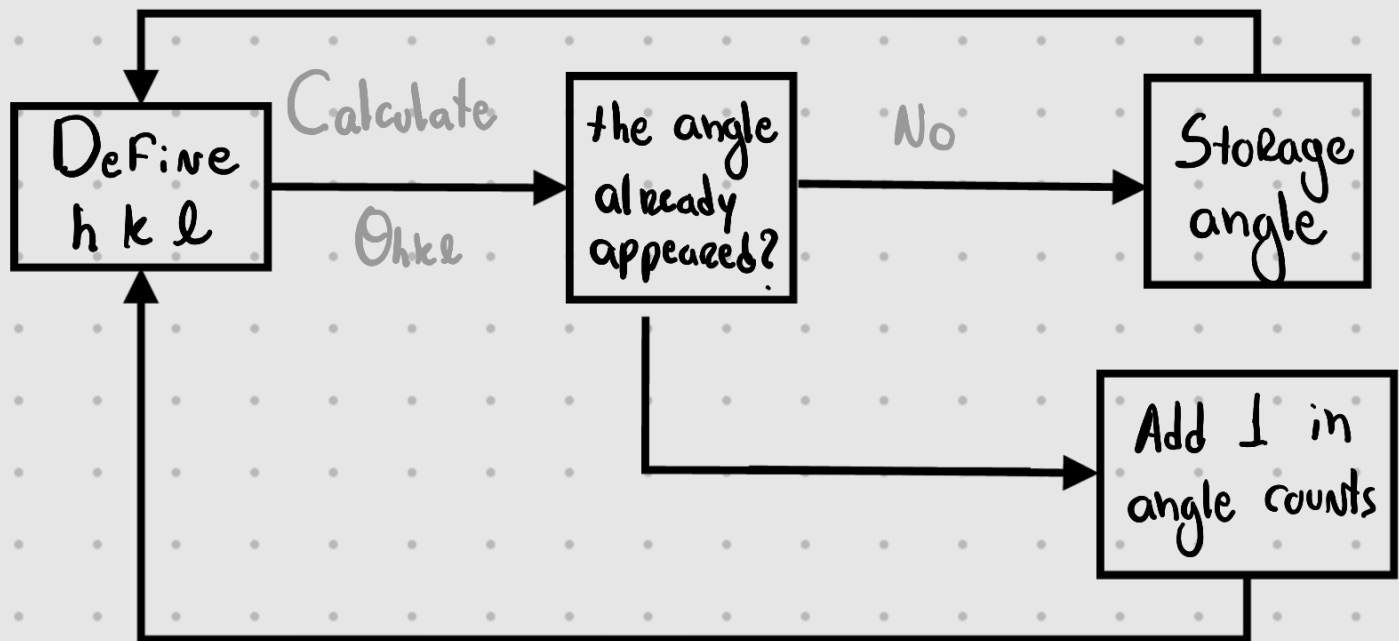
$$\theta_{hkl} = \arcsin \left( \frac{\lambda G}{2} \right)$$

But when doing it we must discount planes that give the same angle (But save how many times one appear to use. Futurality as a correction parameter.)

So I created a function

*"generate\_hkls"* (implemented in numba)

Where we follow the Flux.



Do this until we passed through all possible h k l s.

I tend to inform a max value like 10 and we walk from -10 to 10 in h, k and l, so we have 3 loops one for each index.

↑ (SLOWER PART OF CODE)

## - Calculate Structure Factors -

The structure Factors are defined for each plane

$$F_{hkl} = \sum_{j=1}^N f_j(hkl) \cdot e^{2\pi i \vec{r}_j \cdot \vec{G}_{hkl}}$$

where we sum over all the primitive unit cell atom positions ( $\vec{r}_j$ ). Each atom having a atomic form factor ( $f_j(hkl)$ ) depending on the atom element and calculated by

$$f_j(hkl) = \sum_{n=1}^4 a_n \cdot e^{-b_n \cdot \left(\frac{\sin \theta_{hkl}}{\lambda}\right)^2} + C,$$

where the  $a_n, b_n$  and  $C$  constants are well defined.

Calculated for each atom by the function

$$f_j(hkl)$$

As the norm of the structure factor is proportional to the intensity of each peak, so

$$I_{hkl} = |F_{hkl}|^2 \cdot L_p \cdot P$$

Correction term

↳ multiplicity of each  $hkl$

(Calculated in "generate\_hkl")

So we can create a function

" $F_{hkl} B T_{phkl}$ "

Where giving each  $hkl$  ( $\Theta_{hkl}$ ) we calculate the intensity by summing over all atom position (in cartesian coordinates).

To obtain the primitive unit cell (define all atom positions used) I defined the function

"find\_atoms\_unit\_cell"

Which giving the Wyckoff positions the symmetries are applied.