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Basic Aspects of x-ray crystallography and powder diffraction

Diffraction from nanocrystalline materials

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

PARTI May 10, 9:00 - 10:30

- Powder diffraction: basic elements
- Nanocrystalline & severely deformed materials



PART II May 10, 17:00 - 18:30

 Computer lab: hands-on session with TOPAS





1912 - THE DISCOVERY OF X-RAY DIFFRACTION

INSTITUT FÜR THEORET. PHYSIK MÜNCHEN, UNIVERSITÄT, LUDWIGSTRASSE 17.

MONCHEN, DEN 4 Mai

1912.

di Unterseichneten beschäftigen sich seil 21 Gynie 1912. mit Suterferens vereinskun um X. Strahlen beim Brich gang Dürch Kristalle. Lestgedanke war daß Unter. ferenzen als folge der Ramngstiersträckför der Kristalle auftrehen, wiel die Gitter Konstander. Ca 10 x größer sind, als die mittenaßliche wellen Länge der X. Strahlen. Els Beweis wird Cafnahme et 2 53 54 niedergeligi. Visceletrakter Korper: Kingersittal Esperiert 30', Strom in Det mittelweichen Röhre 2 ettittangen. Abstand der Ratun vom Kristall: (1° 53= 30 m/m; et 2 54.60 %. Abstand der Ratun vom Kristall: (1° 53= 30 m/m; et 2 54.60 %.)

Schuna Der Versichsanorduning





Fig. 1. Sealed note deposited by A. SOMMERFELD with the Bavarian Academy of Sciences on 4 May 1912 in order to protect FRIEDRICH, KNIPPING, and LAUE'S priority in the discovery of the diffraction of X-rays by crystals. (Photo Deutsches Museum München, Lichtbildnummer: 30497)





copper sulfate (triclinic) random orientation





zinc blende (cubic)



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1916 - FROM SINGLE-CRYSTAL TO POWDER DIFFRACTION



FIGURE 10.11 Diffraction of monochromatic x-rays from (a) a single crystal and (b) an aggregate of small mineral fragments. (c) Diffraction cones produced by the powder method.



(From top to bottom). Fig. 197: Single-crystal rotation photograph of fluorite [100] vertical: Fig. 198: Single-crystal rotation photograph of fluorite [100] 2° to vertical: Fig. 199: X-ray photograph of five randomly oriented crystals of fluorite: Fig. 200: Powder photograph of fluorite.





1916 DEBYE-SCHERRER CAMERA

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Laue diffraction conditions $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}_0) = h\lambda$ $\mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}_0) = k\lambda$ $\mathbf{c} \cdot (\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}_0) = l\lambda$

Bragg's law $2d(hkl)\sin\theta = \lambda$



BRAGG LAW Interference of X-rays scattered by atomic planes

$$MP + PN = 2d_{hkl}\sin\theta_B = n\lambda$$



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BRAGG LAW

Interference of X-rays scattered by atomic planes



in Bragg condition: all waves <u>in phase</u> irrespective of depth from the surface.



<u>not</u> in Bragg condition:

phase relations change with depth

at a certain depth, a reflected wave is in <u>antiphase</u> with the surface: the two waves cancel each- other



BRAGG LAW

Interference of X-rays scattered by atomic planes



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SCHERRER EQUATION

Peak width is inversely proportional to the crystalline domain thickness



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X-RAY DIFFRACTION (XRD) FROM SMALL CRYSTALS



FIG. 31.—The effect of crystal size on line width for magnesium oxide. The uppermost photograph A has typically sharp lines. In the lower photographs B and C the lines have broadened considerably owing to reduction in size of the crystalline particles of oxide. The particles are here sufficiently small to prevent the resolution of the Cu-Kz doublet which can be clearly seen in photograph A. The specimens A, B, C were formed by the decomposition of MgCO₃ at successively lower temperatures.



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XRD FROM SMALL CRYSTALS: SCHERRER EQUATION

Determination of the size and internal structure of colloid particles by means of x-rays

by

P. Scherrer.

Presented by P. Debye in the meeting of 26. Juli 1918.

The theory provides for the half-value width h of the maximum defined in the known manner, which occurs at the angle ϑ to the incident X-ray beam, the value:

$$h = 2\sqrt{\frac{\ln 2}{\pi}} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{\varDelta} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \vartheta/2}.$$

 λ/Λ is the ratio of the wavelength of the monochromatic Xrays used to the edge of the crystal presumed to be cubeshaped



peak width



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PRACTICE: SCHERRER EQUATION



(220) peak of nanocrystalline CeO_2

$$\Lambda = ?$$

 $h = 2\sqrt{\frac{\ln 2}{\pi}} \frac{\lambda}{\Lambda \cos(\theta_B/2)}$

 Λ : *effective* crystalline domain size (in nm)

- h: full width at half maximum (FWHM in radians)
- λ = 0.15406 nm (X-ray wavelength)

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LABORATORY vs SYNCHROTRON RADIATION XRD



(the return !)

Powder diffraction data from a ball milled Fe1.5%Mo powder collected (b) on ID31 (now ID22) at ESRF, Grenoble (F) (λ =0.0632 nm). On the right: schematic of reciprocal space with extension of the limiting sphere (radius 2/ λ).



Powder diffraction data from a ball milled Fe1.5%Mo powder collected on a traditional laboratory instrument (Rigaku PMG-VH, Bragg-Brentano geometry) with CuK α radiation (λ =0.1540598 nm). On the right: schematic of reciprocal space with extension of the limiting sphere (radius 2/ λ).



Diffractometer

circle



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- High intensity (brilliancy): better counting statistics / shorter data collection time (→ fast kinetics, in situ/in operando studies)
- Highly collimated beam: narrow instrumental profile for high resolution / accuracy (in the measurement of peak position, intensity, width, and shape)
- High energy X-rays: to extend the accessible region of reciprocal space (collect more peaks, more information, proper evaluation of asymptotic trend of intensity in PDF analysis, etc.)
- Tuning X-ray energy: e.g., for haldling absoprtion problems, or to exploit absorption thresholds (anomalous scattering)





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DIFFRACTION FROM NANOCRYSTALLINE *POWDER* Traditional "reciprocal space" approach: factorize unit cell intensity

F, the structure factor Intensity from one unit cell, $I_{uc} \propto |F|^2$



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DIFFRACTION FROM NANOCRYSTALLINE **POWDER** Fourier Transform of peak profile: the Common Volume Function



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DIFFRACTION FROM NANOCRYSTALLINE **POWDER** Fourier Transform of peak profile: the Common Volume Function



 $I_{PD}(s) \propto |F|^2 \Phi_{sphere}(s,D) = |F|^2 \int_0^D A(L) \cos(2\pi sL) dL$

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DIFFRACTION FROM NANOCRYSTALLINE *POWDER* Fourier Transform of peak profile: the Common Volume Function



 $I_{PD}(s) \propto |F|^2 \Phi_{cube}(s,D) = |F|^2 \int_0^{L_{max}} A(L) \cos(2\pi sL) dL$

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DIFFRACTION FROM NANOCRYSTALLINE *POWDER* Fourier Transform of peak profile: the Common Volume Function



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DIFFRACTION FROM NANOCRYSTALLINE *POWDER* Any shape → A.Leonardi et al., J.Appl.Cryst. 45 (2012) 1162 Wulff polyhedra



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Pd nanocrystals







DIFFRACTION FROM NANOCRYSTALLINE *POWDER* ... what I did not consider (so far...): *microstructure* !







Surface relaxation Perez-Demydenko & Scardi, Phil. Mag. 97 (2017) 2317





DIFFRACTION FROM NANOCRYSTALLINE *POWDER* ... what I did not consider (so far...): *microstructure* !

Severe Plastic Deformation





FIG. 1. Grain structures



FIG. 8. Large grain containing several subgrains, which in turn contain dislocation cells.



FIG. 10. (a) HRTEM image of a low-angle grain boundary with a misorientation of 6.5°, (b) Fourier-filtered image from the white frame in (a), showing the dislocation arrangement on the grain boundary (Zhu et al. J. Mater. Res. 18 (2003) 1908)

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DIFFRACTION FROM NANOCRYSTALLINE *POWDER microstructure* → perturbation of "perfect crystal structure"





Pd nanocrystals



Inhomogeneous displacement (strain, $\varepsilon = \Delta L/L$): $A^{D}(L) = e^{-2\pi^{2}s^{2} < \Delta L_{hkl}^{2}}$ $I(s) \propto |F|^{2} \int_{0}^{L_{max}} A^{S} A^{D} T^{IP} e^{2\pi i s L} dL$ domain inhomog. instrum. size strain profile



Pd nanocrystals



domain inhomog. instrum. size strain profile



WHOLE POWDER PATTERN MODELLING - WPPM



Diffraction profile as a convolution of (independent) effects:

$$I(s) = I^{IP}(s) \otimes I^{S}(s) \otimes I^{D}(s) \otimes I^{F}(s) \otimes I^{APB}(s) \otimes \dots$$



High-energy grinding (ball-milling) of an iron alloy powder: AstaloyTM Fe1.5Mo

SEM

TEM



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Rebuffi et al., Sci. Reports 6 (2016) 20712



High-energy grinding (ball-milling) of an iron alloy powder: AstaloyTM Fe1.5Mo



 $I_{hkl}(s) \propto |F|^2 \int A^{S}(L) A^{D}_{hkl}(L) T^{IP}(L) e^{2\pi i s L} dL$



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XRD data : MCX beamline, Italian synchrotron ELETTRA Rebuffi et al., Sci. Reports 6 (2016) 20712



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100

105

16

95

18

20

110

22

115 120

Warren's plot

2 dislocations

per crystalline

domain !

8 10

L (nm)

6

10

s (nm⁻¹)

85

90

(200)

(110)

(222)

12 14 16



Understanding XRD line profile analysis result by Molecular Dynamics simulations



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Temperature Diffuse Scattering – TDS





Temperature Diffuse Scattering – TDS in small crystals



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TDS in ball-milled FeMo nanocrystals: static and dynamic contributions Argonne 11bm, 30keV – 100, 200, 300K



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DIFFRACTION FROM NANOCRYSTALLINE POWDER EXAFS & XRD : Mean Square Displacement (MSRD, MSD) and DCF



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DIFFRACTION FROM NANOCRYSTALLINE *POWDER* What is the main reason for the 20% increase in B_s (static disorder) ?

Molecular Dynamics simulation of a cluster of 50 Fe grains (size distribution from XRD/WPPM)





FROM SINGLE CRYSTAL TO POWDER DIFFRACTION

Traditional reciprocal space approach : sum & average

* $2\pi i(S,r)$



$$I_{sc}\left(\underline{s}\right) \propto \sum_{m} \sum_{n} f_{m} f_{n}^{T} e^{2\pi i \left(\underline{s} \cdot \underline{f}_{mn}\right)}$$

$$I_{PD}\left(\underline{s}\right) \propto \frac{\int I_{sc}\left(\underline{s}\right) d\Omega}{4\pi s^{2}} = |F|^{2} \left\{ I^{IP}\left(\underline{s}\right) \otimes I^{S}(\underline{s}) \otimes I^{D}(\underline{s}) \otimes I^{F}(\underline{s}) \otimes I^{APB}\left(\underline{s}\right) \otimes I^{C}\left(\underline{s}\right) \otimes I^{GSR}\left(\underline{s}\right) ... \right\}$$



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DIFFRACTION FROM NANOCRYSTALLINE MATERIALS

😕 real nanocrystals are complex objects

non-crystallographic (e.g. multiply twinned) nanoparticles, 2D and highly disordered layer systems:

- translational symmetry: not verified
- Iarge strain / misfit complex local atomic arrangement



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DIFFRACTION FROM NANOCRYSTALLINE MATERIALS

Direct (real) space approach : average & sum

$$I_{PD}(s) = \frac{\int \sum_{m} \sum_{n} f_{m} f_{n}^{*} e^{2\pi i \left(\underline{s} \cdot \underline{r}_{mn}\right)} d\Omega}{4\pi s^{2}}$$



DIFFRACTION FROM NANOCRYSTALLINE MATERIALS

Direct (real) space approach : average & sum





DSE APPLICATION TO NON-CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC NPs

Debye Scattering Equation (DSE)

 $I_{PD}(s) = \left|f\right|^2 \sum_{m} \sum_{n} \frac{\sin\left(2\pi sr_{mn}\right)}{2\pi sr_{mn}}$



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BOSE APPLICATION TO GRAPHENE AND RELATED MATERIALS

Debye Scattering Equation (DSE)



Figure 7

Powder patterns for graphene disks of diameter D = 500 Å. Regular, flat graphene (bottom), undulate graphene (middle) and graphene with a random roughness (top). See text for details.

L. Gelisio et al., J. Appl. Cryst. 43 (2014) 647

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DSE APPLICATION TO GRAPHENE AND RELATED MATERIALS

Debye Scattering Equation (DSE)





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