Repetition of material concepts

Unit cell

Lattice

Vacancies

Solute atom

Interstitial atom

Edge dislocation

Screw dislocation

Cross slip

High angle grain boundary

Low angle grain boundary

Twin boundary



Crystallography – unit cell

Different ways to illustrate how the atoms are positioned in a crystal







Crystallographic concepts

- Unit cell= smallest repeating unit in a crystal structure
- Lattice= Regular geometrical placement of points in the crystal, atom positions
- Lattice constants = lengths and angles describing the unit cell, se figures.



General Cristal (tetragonal)



Disturbance in the crystal lattice

- Point defects, line defects, volume defects
- The defects causes disturbance in the
- By controlling the defects in the lattice many properties of the material can be increased and makes it possible to manufacture stronger material increases.



Point defect-Vacancy

A vacancy- a missing atom

Vacancies are introduced in the crystal during solidification, at high temperature are due to radiation.

The number increases exponentially with temperature.





Point defect-Solute atoms

Solute atom–replace another atom

Can be larger or smaller than the lattice atoms

Distorts the perfect lattice





Point defects-Interstitial atom

An **interstitial** atom is introduced when an additional atom exists in the lattice.

Ex. Steel(<2wt% C) Carbon atoms is placed interstitially in the iron lattice





Line defects-dislocations

Edge dislocation



Line defects -dislocations





Line defects-dislocations

Two types of dislocations:



Edge dislocation:

Extra atomic plane pushed

into the lattice

Screw dislocation:



How does a dislocation move?



Shear stress



Burgers vector, **b**

Cross slip, screw dislocation





High angle grain boundary

The material structure of metals consists of grains.

The atomic arrangement in a lattice extends in one direction and several lattices extends in different directions relative each other.



Low angle grain boundary

An array of dislocations that produces a small misorientation between adjacent lattices.



Figure 4.17

The small angle grain boundary is produced by an array of dislocations, causing an angular mismatch θ between the lattices on either side of the boundary.



Twin boundary

A plane across which there is a special mirror image misorientation of the lattice structure





Figure 4.18

Application of a stress to the perfect crystal (*a*) may cause a displacement of the atoms (*b*), causing the formation of a twin. Note that the crystal has deformed a result of twinning. (c) A photomicrograph of twins within a grain of brass (× 250).



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Polycrystalline microstructure



Microstructure



Grain and grain boundaries in a stainless steel. (Picture taken using an optical microscope)





Most construction metals are polycrystalline, built up by many grains.



(Picture taken using an optical microscope)

