LECTURE SUMMARY

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Crystal Structures in Relation to Slip Systems

Resolved Shear Stress

Using a Stereographic Projection to Determine the Active Slip System

Slip Planes and Slip Directions

- Slip Planes
 - Highest Planar Density
 - Corresponds to most widely spaced planes
- Slip Directions
 - Highest Linear Density
- Slip System
 - Slip Plane + Slip Direction

The FCC unit cell has a slip system consisting of the {111} plane and the <110> directions.



Slip Plane: {111} Figures by MIT OpenCourseWare.



Face Centered Cubic Slip Systems

FCC (eg. Cu, Ag, Au, Al, and Ni) Slip Planes {111} Slip Directions [110]

- The shortest lattice vectors are ¹/₂[110] and [001]
- According to Frank's rule, the energy of a dislocation is proportional to the square of the burgers vector, b²
- Compare energy
 - 1/2[110] dislocations have energy 2a²/4
 - [001] dislocations have energy a²
 - \rightarrow Slip Direction is [110]



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More Slip Systems

Metals	Slip Plane	Slip Direction	Number of Slip Systems
Cu, Al, Ni, Ag, Au	FCC {111}	<110>	12
α-Fe, W, Mo	BCC {110}	<111>	12
α-Fe, W	{211}	<111>	12
α-Fe, K	{321}	<111>	24
Cd, Zn, Mg, Ti, Be	HCP {0001}	<1120>	3
Ti, Mg, Zr	{1010}	<1120>	3
Ti, Mg	{1011}	<1120>	6

Resolved Shear Stress

□ What do we need to move dislocations?

- A Shear Stress!
 - $\sigma = F / A$

 $F\cos\lambda$ Component of force in the slip direction

- $A/\cos\phi$ Area of slip surface
- Thus the shear stress τ, resolved on the slip plane in the slip direction

$$\tau = F / A \cos \phi \cos \lambda = \sigma \cos \phi \cos \lambda$$

Schmid Factor

Note that Φ + λ ≠ 90 degrees because the tensile axis, slip plane normal, and slip direction do not always lie in the same plane



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Critical Resolved Shear Stress

 Critical Resolved Shear Stress, T_{CRSS}
the minimum shear stress required to begin plastic deformation or slip.

- Temperature, strain rate, and material dependent
- The system on which slip occurs has the largest Schmid factor

 $\tau = F / A\cos\phi\cos\lambda = \sigma\cos\phi\cos\lambda$

The minimum stress to begin yielding occurs when λ=Φ=45°
σ=2T_{CRSS}

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Determining Active Slip System

- There are two methods to determine which slip system is active
 - Brute Force Method- Calculate angles for each slip system for a given load and determine the maximum Schmid Factor
 - Elegant Method- Use stereographic projection to determine the active slip system graphically

Stereographic Projection Method

- 1 Identify the triangle containing the tensile axis
- 2 Determine the slip plane by taking the pole of the triangle that is in the family of the slip planes (i.e. for FCC this would be {111}) and reflecting it off the opposite side of the specified triangle
- 3 Determine the slip direction by taking the pole of the triangle that is in the family of directions (i.e. for FCC this would be <1-10>) and reflecting it off the opposite side of the specified triangle

Rotation of Crystal Lattice Under an Applied Load

- With increasing load, the slip plane and slip direction align parallel to the tensile stress axis
- This movement may be traced on the stereographic projection
- The tensile axis rotates toward the slip direction eventually reaching the edge of the triangle
 - Note that during compression the slip direction rotates away from the compressive axis
- At the edge of the triangle a second slip system is activated because it has an equivalent Schmid factor

More Physical Examples

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- Initial Elastic Strain- results from bond stretching (obeys Hooke's Law)
- Stage I (easy glide) results from slip on one slip system
- Stage II- Multiple slip systems are active. A second slip system becomes active when it's Schmid factor increases to the value of the primary slip system
- In some extreme orientations of HCP crystals, the material fractures rather than deforms plastically

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