



# Module #8

**Defects in Crystalline Materials** 

#### READING LIST

DIETER: Ch. 4, Pages 103-114

Ch. 4, Pages 103-117 in Meyers & Chawla, 1<sup>st</sup> ed. Ch. 1, Pages 1-26 in Argon



### Structure, Processing, & Properties

• Properties depend on structure ex: hardness vs. structure of steel



• Processing can change structure ex: structure vs. cooling rate of steel

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# Crystals



Fig. 1.7 from Hull & Bacon, 4<sup>th</sup> ed.

Fig. 1.8 from Hull & Bacon, 4<sup>th</sup> ed.

Solids where atoms, ions, or molecules occupy specific lattice sites and exhibit specific symmetry relationships in their arrangement.

# Lattice Defects

Real crystals do not exhibit perfect periodicity.

• Lattice defects describe any variation from a periodic array of lattice points.

Structure-insensitive	Structure-sensitive
Elastic constants	Electrical conductivity
Melting point	Semiconductor properties
Density	Yield stress
Specific heat	Fracture strength
Coefficient of thermal expansion	Creep strength

• Lattice defects and their interactions determine structuresensitive properties.

- Point Defects
  (0-D)
- Line Defects (1-D)
- Planar Defects (2-D)
- Volume Defects (3-D)



http://www.msm.cam.ac.uk/doitpoms/tlplib/dislocations/images/raft3.jpg

# Point Defects (0-D) (metals or elemental semiconductors)

Vacancy and interstitial point defects

vacancy

Self interstitial

interstitial

Impurities: substitutional and interstitial point defects substitutional

### **Other Point Defects**

(compound structures – ceramics and ionic crystals)



Schottky Defect a pair of oppositely charged ion vacancies

> Frenkel Defect vacancy-interstitial combination

# Vacancies and Interstitials

- At low temperatures, diffusional processes are too slow to be of importance in deformation.
- Point defects can play a supporting role in dislocation based plasticity.
- Point defects distort the crystal lattice.
- At high temperatures, where diffusion is significant, point defects can play a significant role in plasticity.

# Point Defects (0-D)

- Production/Sources
  - Quenching
  - Irradiation
  - Ion implantation
- Influence on Mechanical Properties
  - Aid plastic deformation via diffusion
  - Increased yield strength when interact w/ line defects
  - Can also cause embrittlement



Screw dislocation

 $\mathcal{V}$ 

 $x^{\not \leftarrow}$ 

# Line Defects (1-D)

**Dislocations** 



[Weaver, 1995]

Linear defects around which atoms are "dislocated" from their equilibrium lattice positions.

# Line Defects (1-D)

- Production/Sources
  - Crystal growth
  - Deformation

- Influence on Mechanical Properties
  - Motion leads to plastic deformation via shear
  - Increased yield strength when line defects interact w/ other line defects

# Planar Defects (2-D)

- Grain boundaries
  - Low angle
  - High angle
  - Special (e.g., coincident site lattice, Σ5, etc...)
- Twin boundaries
  - Annealing
  - Deformation
- Stacking Faults
  - Intrinsic
  - Extrinsic

All of them disrupt the periodicity of the crystal lattice. All induce strain fields!

#### Examples of planar (2-D) defects

#### **GRAIN BOUNDARIES**



[Dowling, p.32]

#### **DEFORMATION TWINS**



[Meyers, p.424]

#### STACKING FAULTS



[Weaver, 1992]



FCC stacking sequence



# Planar Defects (2-D)

- Production/Sources
  - Crystal growth
  - Deformation
  - Annealing
- Influence on Mechanical Properties
  - Increased yield strength when interact w/ line defects

# Volume Defects (3-D)

Inclusions

- Ex., MnS in steel

- Dispersed Particles
   Ex., Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in Al
- Precipitates
  - Coherent
  - Partially coherent
  - Incoherent
- Voids



<u>Some</u> of them disrupt the periodicity of the crystal lattice. **Some induce strain fields!** 

# Volume Defects (3-D)

- Production/Sources
  - Solidification and heat treatment of certain alloys
  - Phase transition
  - Other processing methods
- Influence on Mechanical Properties
  - Increased yield strength when interact w/ line defects
  - Can improve or reduce resistance to diffusive flow
  - Etc...

# Line Defects (1-D) Dislocations

- In the rest of this course, dislocations will be directly or indirectly involved with all of the topics that we discuss.
- A dislocation is a line that forms a boundary between a region of a crystal that has slipped and one that has not.

# Volterra 1907

- Considered rotational and translational dislocations.
  - Rotational dislocations are called "disclinations."
  - Translational dislocations are called "dislocations."
- Strength of "dislocation" is determined by its Burgers vector *b*.
- Strength of "disclination" is determined by its Frank vector Ω.

#### **Volterra Dislocations and Disclinations**



Adapted from S.M. Allen and E.L. Thomas, The Structure of Materials, John Wiley & Sons (1999).

# Line Defects (1-D) in Crystals

#### **Dislocations**

- Primary line defects in solid crystals.
- Involve translation of one portion of a crystal with respect to another part.

#### **Disclinations**

- Primary line defect in liquid crystals.
- Involve rotation of one part of a crystal relative to another part

From this point forward we shall refer to translational dislocations simply as "dislocations"

### **Basic Types of Dislocations**







Perfect crystal



Split to center & insert extra ½ plane of atoms

#### **EDGE DISLOCATION**





# Atomic Scale Visualization of an EDGE DISLOCATION



**NOTE :**  $\ell, \xi$ , and  $\hat{t}$  are often used to indicate the dislocation line direction (i.e., the "sense" vector).



Geometries of an edge dislocations in an elastic cylinder.

[Figure adapted from A.S. Argon, Strengthening Mechanisms in Crystal Plasticity, (Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2008) p. 17]



Perfect crystal



Split to center and slide cut faces across each other (*i.e. shear them*)



#### **SCREW DISLOCATION**



[Adapted from McClintock, p.198]

Some Common Symbols : \$ 💽

Atomic Scale Visualization of a SCREW DISLOCATION





**Figure 7.1** A screw dislocation in a primitive cubic lattice

**Figure 7.6** Screw dislocation in a simple cubic crystal (a) looking along the dislocation and (b) looking normal to the dislocation which lies along  $S_1S'_1$ .

Adapted from Kelly, Groves and Kidd, <u>Crystallography and Crystal</u> <u>Defects, Revised Edition</u>, John Wiley & Sons, 2000

#### **Screw Dislocation**



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The dislocation type (i.e., character) depends upon the relationship between the <u>Burgers</u> <u>vector (b)</u> and the <u>dislocation line (ξ)</u>

### How to establish the character?

"Draw a Burgers circuit"

Look at angle between the Burgers vector and the dislocation line.



The Burgers vectors for given dislocations never change!



**Fig. 6.3**. Right-hand rule for determining the direction of a Burgers circuit. [Figure adapted from Roesler et al., p. 168]



**Figure 5.18** Determination of the Burgers vector of an **edge dislocation** in a simple cubic crystal. A right-handed circuit that would be closed in a perfect crystal is made surrounding the dislocation core, from starting point **S** to finishing point **F**. Burgers vector **b** and  $\boldsymbol{\xi}$  are perpendicular.



**Figure 5.19** Determination of the Burgers vector of a **screw dislocation** using the **SF**/*RH* convention. For a screw dislocation, **b** and  $\xi$  are either parallel or antiparallel. This particular dislocation is a left-handed screw dislocation.

[Figures adapted from Allen & Thomas]

In ceramics or ionic crystals the character of a dislocation is decided the same way.

Must consider balance of charge.

Examples of edge dislocations are shown on the next two viewgraphs.





Edge dislocation in MgO showing slip direction, Burgers circuit and Burgers vector. [Adapted from Kingery et al. <u>Introduction to Ceramics</u>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, (Wiley, New York, 1976), p. 715]

### Dislocations move on planes that contain both vector (*b*) and the dislocation line ( $\xi$ ).

That plane is called the slip plane.

# **Edge Dislocation**



- The extra half plane terminates at the dislocation core.
- The Burgers vector (<u>b</u>) is perpendicular to the dislocation line (ξ).
- $\underline{b}$  and  $\underline{\xi}$  define a <u>unique</u> <u>slip</u> <u>plane</u> where dislocations move.

# Screw Dislocation



- The Burgers vector  $(\underline{b})$  is parallel to the dislocation line  $(\xi)$ .
- <u>b</u> and ξ are parallel. <u>No unique slip plane</u>. A screw dislocation can glide on any crystallographically suitable slip plane.

### **Characteristics of dislocations**

	Type of Dislocation		
Dislocation Characteristic	Edge	Screw	
Slip direction	// to <i>b</i>	// to <i>b</i>	
Relation between dislocation line and b	$\perp$	//	
Direction of line movement relative to b	//	$\perp$	
Process by which dislocations can leave slip plane	Climb	Cross- slip	

### Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM)



FEI Technai F20 Super-twin



Used by materials scientists to characterize microstructures and deformation mechanisms.



(a) Transmission electron microscope image of dislocations (dark lines) in a deformed single-crystal of NiAl and (b) relationship between image and position of dislocations in thin-foil specimen. The schematic depicts three dislocations confined to a single crystallographic plane in the specimen. [Part (b) adapted from From Allen and Thomas, <u>The Structure of Materials</u>, (John Wiley & Sons, 1999).]

# **Dislocations in Crystals**





[Weaver, 1995]

Most dislocations are curved. Since Burgers vectors don't change, this means we need to define another type of dislocation.

### **Characteristics of dislocations**

	Type of Dislocation		
Dislocation Characteristic	Edge	Screw	Mixed
Slip direction	// to <i>b</i>	// to <i>b</i>	// to <i>b</i>
Relation between dislocation line and b	$\perp$	//	Not // or $\perp$
Direction of line movement relative to b	//	$\perp$	// and $\perp$
Process by which dislocations can leave slip plane	Climb	Cross- slip	Climb

The Burgers vectors for given dislocations <u>never</u> change!

# **Mixed Dislocations** α <u>b</u> **Dislocation line** b, **Mixed** \$

The Burgers vector is oriented at some angle with respect to the dislocation line  $0^{\circ} \le \alpha \le 90^{\circ}$ 

# **Dislocations in Crystals**

Dislocations can terminate at free surfaces, or at grain or phase boundaries; but <u>never</u> within the crystal.

#### Dislocations must form closed loops or networks with branches that terminate at a surface.

The junction point within a network is called a node.



**Dislocations will either:** 

- ► Form closed loops
- Form nodes/networks
- Emerge at the surface of a crystal.

#### Geometry of a closed dislocation loop



This figure was adapted from H.W. Hayden, W.G. Moffatt, and J.W. Wulff, <u>The</u> <u>Structure and Properties of Materials, Vol. III</u>, (Wiley, New York 1965) p. 65.



Three dislocations forming a node. From D. Hull and D.J. Bacon, <u>Introduction</u> to <u>Dislocations</u>, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed., (Butterworth-Heinemann, Oxford, 2001) p. 19.

#### **Nodes and Dislocation Networks**







Schematic of a Frank net in a well-annealed crystal

From D. Hull and D.J. Bacon, Introduction to Dislocations, <u>4<sup>th</sup> Ed.</u>, (Butterworth-Heinemann, Oxford, 2001) p. 20. Atomic simulation and TEM image of a symmetric 4-node in b.c.c. molybdenum

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#### **Intersection of Dislocation Loops**



**Fig. 2.8**. Joining of three dislocation loops to form a node. [Figure adapted from J.J. Gilman, "Nature of Dislocations," in <u>Mechanical Behavior of</u> <u>Materials At Elevated Temperatures</u>, edited by J.E. Dorn, McGraw-Hill, New York (1961), p. 25].

