

o.m8.o1 Current Trends in Surface Crystallography.

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Over the last decade there has been a dramatic evolution in the understanding and description of surface structures. Today, the structure of most the simple reconstructions on the low index surfaces of metals and semiconductors are known. Much more complex surfaces, like surface of oxides, liquid-solid interfaces, organic layers and solid/solid interfaces are now being studied. One of the key techniques in this evolution has been surface x-ray diffraction, which is an tool important for detailing the atomic structure. In the talk I will give an overview over recent advances in surface x-ray scattering and crystallography illustrating the complexity of systems that now can be tackled.

o.m8.o2 The transition from a metal to an oxide surface on atomic scale.

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In this contribution we will discuss the transition from the Ru(0001) to the RuO₂ surface. Depending on the preparation RuO₂ exposes either the (110) surface (by O₂ exposure under UHV conditions) or the (100) face (by electrochemical oxidation). Both oxide films are incommensurate to the underlying substrate surface. While the UHV prepared RuO₂(110) surface is quite smooth with an averaged thickness of 2nm, the electro-oxidized Ru(0001) surface is rough, forming RuO₂ cluster of 2nm in size. The primary reason to study RuO₂ is related to its unique catalytic properties in the oxidation of CO and hydrocarbons, which were studied recently on atomic scale [1].

The oxidation of Ru(10-10) results in the growth of RuO₂(100), which is unidirectionally strained. The experimental results obtained by low energy electron diffraction (LEED), scanning tunneling microscopy (STM), and high resolution surface core level shifts will be compared with DFT calculations.

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