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Characterization of Dislocations in Protein Crystals using Synchrotron White-beam Topography

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To determine three-dimensional structure of protein molecules using X-ray diffraction method and neutron diffraction method, various protein crystals are grown. In particular, large protein crystals (~2 mm) are required for neutron diffraction method since the brilliance of neutron radiation is weak. Moreover, the characterization of crystal defects, especially dislocations, in protein crystals is important for an understanding of their crystallization. Therefore, it is important to establish synchrotron white-beam topography of protein crystals, which is one of the most powerful methods for characterization of dislocations in the large protein crystals. The application of X-ray topography to protein crystals has been carried out by some groups. However, the topographic contrasts observed in protein crystals were poor compared with those in organic crystals of small molecules reported previously. We found that the thickness of protein crystals should be more than 0.4ξ (ξ : the extinction distance) to observe the clear images. Thus, we have succeeded in observing clear topographic contrasts not only in tetragonal hen egg-white (HEW) lysozyme crystals [1] but also orthorhombic HEW lysozyme crystals using large protein crystals (~2 mm). These dislocations structures will be discussed at the conference.

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Quantitative X-ray Diffraction Study of Welded Joints in Heatresistant Steels

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Welding of cast heat-resistant steels have attracted much attention because of their interesting high-temperature applications in the metallurgical and mining industry. However, welded joints in service at elevated temperatures can yield precipitation of intermediate complex phases such as sigma, chi and carbides. In order to compare the behavior of the material with its microstructural features, a quantitative characterization of the weldments was carried out by means of X-ray diffraction. For this purpose Rietveld analysis were performed on a series of arc-welded joints of heat-resistant steels of the HC (25Cr-3Ni) and HD (30Cr-6Ni) type.

The Rietveld refinements were performed based upon typical measurement and global parameters. The powder diffraction patterns of the weldments resulted in strong preferred orientation effects due to the uniaxial solidification of the weld metal-pool, which was corrected in the Rietveld refinement by using the March-Dollase function. The pseudo-Voigt function was used for the simulation of the peak shapes, while the background was modeled by a 3rd order polynomial in 2θ with refinable coefficients.

A total of five phases were identified and considered in the refinemet process, namely ferrite (Cr,Ni), austenite (Ni,Cr), sigma phase, $Cr_{23}C_6$ and Cr_7C_3 .

The main advantage of this processing was the use of the March-Dollase model for correction of the strong texture effects on the diffraction pattern of the weldments, which yield the lower R-values. **Keywords: Rietveld refinemet, welding , heat-resistant steels**

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Detection of weak X-ray Waves Scattered by the Crystal Subsurface Inclusions

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In presented theoretical paper a method is proposed appropriate for the non-destructive high-resolution investigations of the various kinds of non-diffracting subsurface nanosize inclusions based on the Grazing-Angle Incidence X-ray Backdiffraction (GIXB) technique [1, 2], which takes place in the conditions of specular vacuum wave suppression phenomenon [3]. Note that in the conditions of the reflected wave suppression mode [3] the specular wave (contrary to other existing X-ray diffraction methods) practically carries the information only about the non-diffracting subsurface inclusions.

Proposed method can be used to register relatively weak X-ray waves scattered by the non-diffracting subsurface inclusions or reflected by the surface regions, which aren't involved in backscatter diffraction process inside the thin crystalline film or the nanostructure.

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Dislocations and Crystallite Size in Forsterite Produced at 11 GPa and 1400 $^{\rm o}{\rm C}$

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Synthetic forsterite is deformed at 11 GPa, 1400 °C in a multianvil high pressure apparatus at the Bayerisches Geoinstitut (Universität Bayreuth, Germany). X-ray diffraction patterns are measured by a special high resolution double crystal diffractometer with negligible instrumental effects. The monochromatised K α_1 beam has a footprint on the specimen of 0.1x1 mm², enableing microbeam analysis. This condition provides diffraction patterns of the small specimens of the size of 0.2x2 mm². High resolution enables to carry out line profile analysis on the reflections well separated from those of platinum and corrundum unavoidable due to the small compact specimen structure. The dislocation densities are found to decrease with holding time at 1400 °C from about between $16x10^{14}$ m⁻² to $0.04x10^{14}$ m⁻². Good correspondence of the dislocation structure determined by X-ray line