



## Outline:

- Atomic Densities
  - Linear Density
  - Planar Density
- Single- vs poly- crystalline materials
- X-ray Diffraction
- Example
- Polymorphism and Allotropy



## Atomic Densities

### • Linear Density

- Number of atoms per length whose centers lie on the direction vector for a specific crystallographic direction.

$$\text{Linear Density} = \frac{\text{Number of atoms centered on direction vector}}{\text{length of direction vector}}$$

### • Planar Density

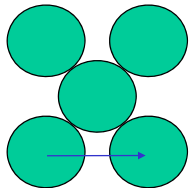
- Number of atoms per unit area that are centered on a particular crystallographic plane.

$$\text{Planar Density} = \frac{\text{Number of atoms centered on a plane}}{\text{area of the plane}}$$



## Linear Density

- Calculate the linear density of the [100] direction for the FCC crystal



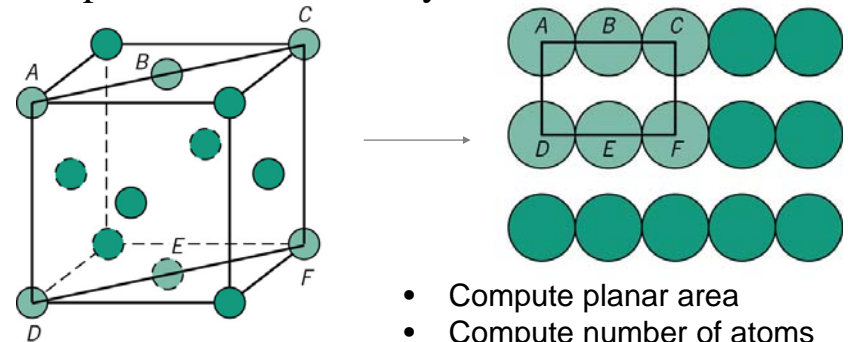
$$L_D = n/L_L$$

$n = 1$       linear density  
 $L_L = a$       atoms  
                  line length



## Planar Density

- Calculate the planar density of the (110) plane for the FCC crystal

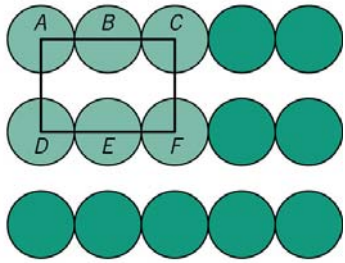


- Compute planar area
- Compute number of atoms

*For an atom to be counted, it has to be centered on that plane.*



## Planar Density



Plane area  $A_p = (AC) \times (AD)$

AC = ....

AD = .....

$A_p =$

Number of atoms = .....

$$PD = \frac{n}{A_p} = \dots\dots\dots$$



## Linear and Planar Density

- Why do we care?
  - Properties, in general, depend on linear and planar density.
  - Examples:
    - Speed of sound along directions
    - Slip (deformation in metals) depends on linear and planar density
    - Slip occurs on planes that have the greatest density of atoms in direction with highest density
- we would say along closest packed directions on the closest packed planes*



## Crystals As Building Blocks

- Some engineering applications require **single** crystals:



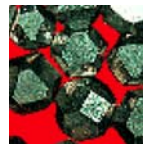
Single crystal

(Courtesy P.M. Anderson)



Fig. 8.30(c), Callister 6e. (courtesy of Pratt and Whitney)

- Turbine blades
- Nickel alloy – single crystal
- to improve high temp. mechanical properties



(Courtesy GE Superabrasives)

- diamond single crystals for abrasives

- Most engineering materials are **polycrystals**.

- Each "grain" is a **single** crystal.
- If crystals are **randomly** oriented, overall component properties are **not** directional.
- Crystal sizes typ. range from 1 nm to 2 cm (i.e., from a few to millions of atomic layers).

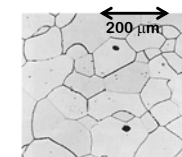
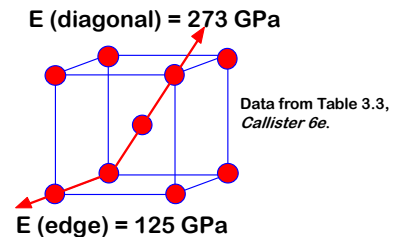


Nb-Hf-W plate with an electron beam weld

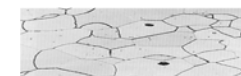


## Single Vs Polycrystals

- **Single** Crystals
  - Properties vary with direction: **anisotropic**.
  - Example: the modulus of elasticity (E) in BCC iron:
- **Polycrystals**
  - Properties may/may not vary with direction.
  - If grains are randomly oriented: **isotropic**. ( $E_{poly\ iron} = 210\ GPa$ )
  - If grains are **textured**, anisotropic.



Adapted from Fig. 4.12(b), Callister 6e.

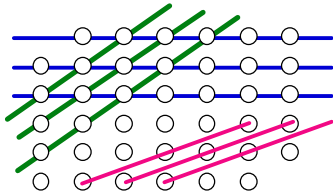


Textured grains



## Inter-Planar Spacing & X-Ray Diffraction

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- Inter-planar spacing
  - The inter-planar spacing in a **particular direction** is the distance between equivalent planes of atoms
- The existence of, and distances between sets of of planes in a material is characteristic for each material
- Inter-planar spacings are measured by x-ray diffraction to identify unknown materials!

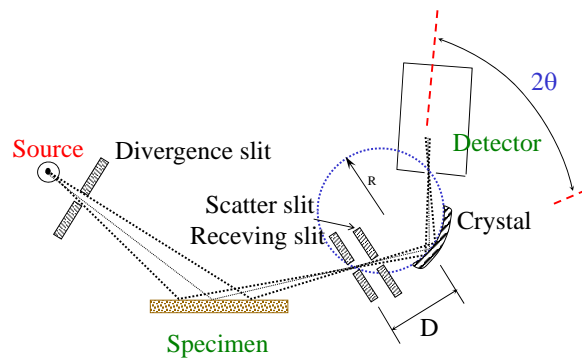


## X-Ray Diffraction

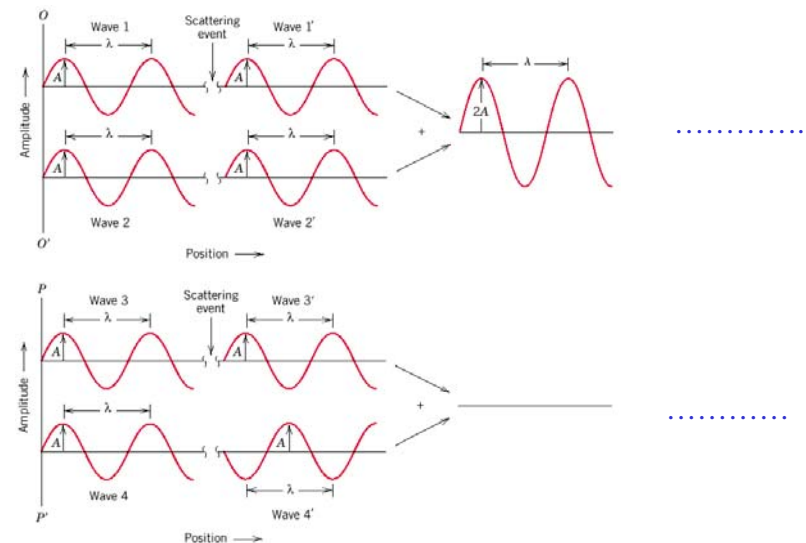
- Can be used to determine **crystal structure**
  - identify **unknown** materials
  - measure lattice parameters
- X-rays are a form of electromagnetic radiation that have high energies and short wavelengths.
- Diffraction occurs whenever a wave encounters a series of regularly spaced obstacles that;
  - Can scatter the wave
  - Have a spacing comparable to the **wavelength**
- **X-ray wavelength** ( $\lambda$ ) ~ inter-atomic spacing.
- Other techniques such as **neutron** or **electron** diffraction, also, can be used.



## X-ray Diffractometer

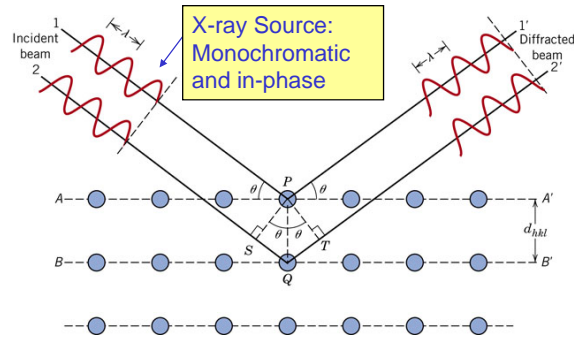


## Constructive & Destructive Interference





## Bragg's Law



**The law:** For constructive interference, the additional path length SQ+QT **must be** an integer number of wavelengths ( $\lambda$ ).

$$n\lambda = SQ + QT = d_{hkl}\sin\theta + d_{hkl}\sin\theta = 2 d_{hkl}\sin\theta$$

$n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$  order of reflection



## Bragg's Law

$$n\lambda = d_{hkl}\sin\theta + d_{hkl}\sin\theta$$

$$= 2d_{hkl}\sin\theta$$

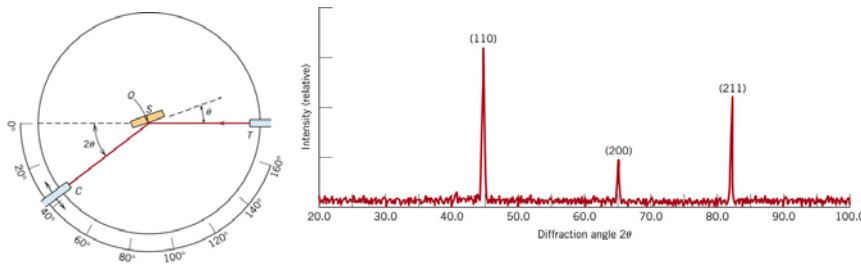
- we have a simple expression relating the **x-ray wavelength** and **interatomic spacing** to the **angle** of the diffracted beam.
- If **Bragg's law** is **not** satisfied, then the interference will be **nonconstructive** in nature so as to yield a very low-intensity diffracted beam.
- Magnitude of difference between two adjacent and parallel planes of atoms is function of **Miller Indices** and the **lattice parameter**. For cubic symmetry:

$$d_{hkl} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{h^2 + k^2 + l^2}}$$



## Diffractometer Technique

- Use **powder** (or polycrystalline) sample to guarantee some particles will be oriented properly such that every possible set of crystallographic planes will be available for diffraction.



*Each material has a unique set of planar distances and extinctions, making X-ray diffraction useful in analysis of an unknown material.*



## Example

For BCC Fe, compute

- the **interplanar spacing** and,
- the **diffraction angle** for (220) set of planes.
  - The lattice parameter for Fe is 0.2866 nm
  - the wavelength used is 0.1790 nm
  - First order reflection.

$$d_{hkl} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{h^2 + k^2 + l^2}}$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{n\lambda}{2d_{hkl}}$$

$$\theta = \dots\dots$$

$$2\theta = \dots\dots$$



## X-Ray Diffraction

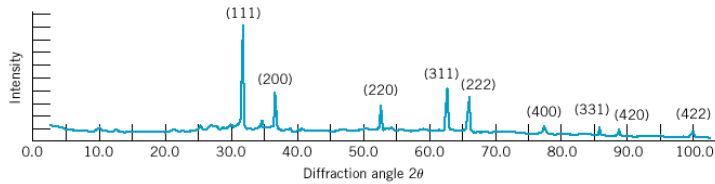


FIGURE 3.4W Diffraction pattern for powdered lead. (Courtesy of Wesley L. Holman.)

To identify the crystal structure of a material having cubic crystal system (SC, BCC or FCC). You need to look at the values of  $h^2+k^2+l^2$  for the different peaks.

- If these values form a pattern of 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,.. (note 7 is missing) → the structure is SC.
- In BCC, diffraction only occurs from planes having an even  $h^2+k^2+l^2$  sum of 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14,.....etc.
- For FCC metals, however, more destructive interference occurs, and planes having  $h^2+k^2+l^2$  sums of 3, 4, 8, 11, 12, 16, ...etc. will diffract.



## Examining X-ray Diffraction

The results of a x-ray diffraction experiment using x-rays with  $\lambda = 0.7107 \text{ \AA}$  (a radiation obtained from molybdenum (Mo) target) show that diffracted peaks occur at the following  $2\theta$  angles:

Peak	$2\theta$	Peak	$2\theta$
1	20.20	5	46.19
2	28.72	6	50.90
3	35.36	7	55.28
4	41.07	8	59.42

Determine 1) the crystal structure, 2) the indices of the plane producing each peak, and 3) the lattice parameter of the material.

### Solution:

Peak	$2\theta$	$\sin^2 \theta$	$\sin^2 \theta/0.0308$	$h^2 + k^2 + l^2$	(hkl)
1	20.20	0.0308	1	2	(110)
2	28.72	0.0615	2	4	(200)
3	35.36	0.0922	3	6	(211)
4	41.07	0.1230	4	8	(220)
5	46.19	0.1539	5	10	(310)
6	50.90	0.1847	6	12	(222)
7	55.28	0.2152	7	14	(321)
8	59.42	0.2456	8	16	(400)

$$d_{400} = \frac{\lambda}{2 \sin \theta} = \frac{0.7107}{2 \sin(29.71)} = 0.71699 \text{ \AA}$$

$$a_0 = d_{400} \sqrt{h^2 + k^2 + l^2} = (0.71699)(4) = 2.868 \text{ \AA}$$



## Polymorphism and Allotropy

- Some materials may have more than one crystal structure depending on temperature and pressure - called *POLYMORPHISM*
- Carbon
  - graphite
  - diamond
- Iron BCC and FCC

Next time:  
Imperfections in Solids

