

HREM

Early microscope.

Image close to visual interpretation

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So what?

- Can obtain
 - Pretty picture for publication
 - Local structural information
 - Sometimes local chemical information
 - Precise structural information atomic column by atomic colum

2-slit experiment; single electrons form interference statistically (Tonamura)

















Ray Path







Aberrations

- Microscopes without correctors have lenses about as good as a milk bottle
 - Distortions
 - Some spacings show but should not
 - Some spacings should show but do not
 - Information is often not where it should be

Relation between defocus, contrast & spacing



Spherical Aberration C_s





Chromatic Aberration.



Focal length of lens is dependent upon wavelength

Aberrations

- Aberrations are a phase-shift in reciprocal space
- Multiply by $exp(-i\chi(u))$
- Can expand as a Taylor series

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\chi(u) = A + Bu + Cu^2 + D(u.a) + ...
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A,B don't matter

C is defocus, D is astigmatism, Cs has u⁴

 The χ function can be expanded (as with any function) as a polynomial radially and harmonic function azimuthally



Aberrations





Basics of HREM (very incomplete)



Phase contrast transfer function calculated at Δf =-61 nm with Cs=1.0 mm.

Astigmatism Correction

FFT pattern of amorphous area (Real-time processing



Well aligned

Misaligned

Coma-Free Alignment

Carbon foil images obtained at two different angles of the incident beam, before and after coma-free alignment.



Effect of Beam Tilt on Diffractograms



Diffractograms (FFT patterns of amorphous regions)

Similar to the effect of astigmatism

Astigmatism correction may be required after the alignment of beam tilt.





effect of slight beam tilt

Computer Interface.





Positional Errors



exp(-i χ (u)) χ (g+u) = χ (g)+u. $\nabla \chi$ (g)+... Last term leads to a shift of $\nabla \chi$ (g)/2 π





Ba_{0.5}Sr_{0.5}TiO₃ HRETM

The surface lattice of $Ba_{0.5}Sr_{0.5}TiO_3$ is 0.289nm, which is consistent with that of $BaTiO_3$ (110), suggesting that it is possible core-shell structure.

BaTiO3 d(110)=2.850A=0.285nm(PDF 31-0174)

High Resolution Electron Microscopy image simulation – influence of thickness of defocus



Shape Determination of Au Nanoparticles



a truncated icosahedron

an icosahedron structure

an fee single crystal

With/Without an imaging Cs-corrector

Gold nano-particles on carbon film

Not only the resolution is improved, but also the delocalization is minimized



Examples

High-Resolution Electron Microscopy: Interfaces



004 TiN AIN 002 TiN AIN 5nm 000












Nanoparticles



L. D. Marks,. Philos. Mag. A. 49, 81 (1984).



Surfaces depend upon environment



Fig. 20 a) Resulting decahedron after washing the solution. Area enclosed by the white circle is shown in b) and c). b) Dislocations observed on the (100) terraces. c) Surface reconstruction of the (100) surface.

"5x1" (001) reconstruction on Au Dh, Image courtesy of Gilberto Casillas-Garcia, UTSA



Structural Fluctuations (Iijima)



Figure 5 Shows the structural changes observed in a 3.5 nm gold crystal supported on amorphous silicon, as seen in single frame exposures from a real time video recording. The shapes change as follows: a) loosahedral. b) Single crystal; 1.8 sec. c) Icosahedral; 4.2 sec. d) Stacking fault; 6.0 sec. e) Twin plane; 6.2 sec. f) Single crystal; 9.6 sec. g) Stacking fault (arrowed) and a twin plane, T; 20 seconds.

P. M. Ajayan, L. D. Marks, 24-6, 229 (1990)

Morphological Transitions (Courtesy Angus Kirkland) Decahedral FCC 5.5nm size 300° C 400°C Room temp 7.2nm size **Decahedral Icosahedral** In-situ Heating 400° C RT RT 10.4nm size **Decahedral Decahedral** Ultramicroscopy, 110 (2010) 506 400° C RT RT ACS Nano, 3 (2009) 1431 Solid – Solid Transition below T_m

As Synthesised Particles not in Thermodynamic Ground State



Steps at twin boundaries are a probable stress relief mechanism



 $Pt/Ba_{0.5}Sr_{0.5}TiO_3$

Preliminary

<u>High-Resolution TEM: <1 nm</u>

Uniformity in size (<1nm) and spatial distribution</p>

High crystallinity evident from visible lattice fringes inside particles

> Lattice spacing = 2.39 ± 0.07 (Å)

Icosahedral shape based on trace analysis of particle edge

TEM -Identification of the Precipitates

• Ru1steam

SrTiO₃ (001) surface

Thin Foil Specimen

Make thin area with minimal ion-thinning

Finishing with low gun energy may be effective:■ PIPS: < 2.5keV

DuoMill: < 3keV (+ liquid Nitrogen cooling stage)</p>

Surface Structures of LTL, c-plane and side wall

Side wall

BEC (pure SiO₂)

Au [110] – Vacuum wave

Courtesy C. Kisielowski, J.R. Jinschek (NCEM, Berkeley)

High-Resolution Electron Microscopy: Interfaces

HREM image of coherent SrTiO₃/SrRuO₃ interface.

Resolution Limiting Factors.

Incoherent Aberrations (Source Size, Energy Spread HT stability, lens stability Chromatic Aberration). Coherent Aberrations (Objective lens **Spherical Aberration**) Detectors (Phosphor coupled CCD)

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Coherent Aberrations

(Objective lens Spherical Aberration **Spherical Aberration**)

Detectors

(Phosphor coupled CCD) (Direct Electron Detectors)

Multipole Lenses

Correction of Spherical Aberration.

Need to have non-spherical elements

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Basic concept

- One cannot correct with a spherical lens, i.e. one with only even u terms
- One can, however, generate –ve 4th order terms by breaking symmetry
 - Use hexapoles, which introduce terms with 3fold symmetry
 - Octapoles, 4-fold symmetry
 - Arrange to cancel out most of the 3-fold or 4fold aberrations

Corrector Optics.

Dr Peter Hartel, CEOS

Two early aberration correctors

Quadrupole-octupole corrector (~1975) (grandfather to Nion's corrector)

Sextupole - round lens - sextupole corr. (~1980) (grandfather to CEOS's corrector)

Neither corrector ever worked properly, most likely because parasitic aberrations were neither quantified nor accurately compensated.

Aberrations

Coherent Aberration Resolution Limits.

TEM HAADF-STEM

200kV Interpretable Limit

Uncorrected 0.19nm 0.13nm

Instrumentation – Mark 1 (JEOL 2200FS).

Instrumentation – Version 2 (JEOL 2200 MCO).

System Overview.









Sawada, H. et al. Experimental evaluation of a spherical aberration corrected TEM and STEM, Journal of Electron Microscopy, 2005, 52, 2, 120,

C_c correction



M.Haider, S.Uhlemann, E.Schwan, H.Rose, B.Kabius, K.Urban, Nature, 392 (1998) 768



EMAT Winter Workshop, 2007

TEM of Graphene at 80 kV



OxfordMaterials

EMAT Winter Workshop, 2007

Aberration Correction in JEM-2200FS



Si(112) 78 pm dumbbell image



Beware!

- All you get with advanced instruments is easier/quicker alignment and better signal/images
- Many people sell the advantages of their instrument/technique (42, Douglas Adams)
- It is easier for a novice to get a "good" image, but that does not make it correct or representative
- There is no "dynamical diffraction" corrector
- Nothing will correct for a bad sample
- Nothing will correct for a bad interpretation