

Lecture 8 – 9:

Plastic deformation of pure metal: mechanisms (slip & twin), critical resolved shear stress, single crystal tensile test (fcc), theoretical strength of ideal crystal

1. S_{11} , S_{44} & S_{12} of tungsten are 0.257, 0.660 & -0.073 (unit: $10^{-11} \text{ m}^2/\text{N}$) respectively. Check is this isotropic?
2. C_{11} , C_{44} & C_{12} of a cubic crystal with respect to its crystal axes are 267, 82.5 & 161 GPa respectively. Estimate its elastic compliances and Young's modulus along [100]. Will this be the same along [110] or [111]?
3. In which mode of plastic deformation atomic displacement could be less than inter atomic spacing?
4. Estimate the magnitude of shear strain for (111) $[\bar{1}\bar{1}\bar{2}]$ twin in fcc lattice.
5. What is the effect of tensile stress on lattice spacing?
6. Show with schematic diagram resolved shear stress versus shear strain diagram of fcc crystal if the tensile axes were (a) [123] (b) [001]
7. What is the difference between simple shear & pure shear? Under which category will you place plastic deformation by slip?
8. What is the effect of plastic deformation on lattice parameter?
9. Draw a standard [001] projection showing all possible slip planes & directions for a bcc crystal. Assume slip can take place only on {110} planes.
10. When does a polycrystalline material have same yield strength along all possible direction?
11. Estimate the ideal cleavage strength and shear strength of pure iron. Given $E = 211 \text{ GPa}$ and $G = 83 \text{ GPa}$.

Answers:

1. If the material is isotropic then $\frac{2(S_{11}-S_{12})}{S_{44}} = 1$. On substituting the numerical values it is found that $\frac{2(0.257+0.073)}{0.66} = 1$ Therefore it is isotropic.
2. $S_{11} = \frac{(C_{11}+C_{12})}{(C_{11}-C_{12})(C_{11}+2C_{12})} = \frac{(267+161)}{(267-161)(267+322)} = 0.00866 \text{ GPa}^{-1}$, $S_{12} = \frac{-C_{12}}{(C_{11}-C_{12})(C_{11}+2C_{12})} = \frac{-161}{(267-161)(267+322)} = -0.00258 \text{ GPa}^{-1}$ & $S_{44} = \frac{1}{C_{44}} = \frac{1}{82.5} = 0.0117 \text{ GPa}^{-1}$ Young's modulus = $1/S_{11} = 1/0.00866 = 146 \text{ GPa}$. No it represents modulus along cube directions only. Modulus along [110] & [111] will be different.
3. Twin.
4. The distance between twin plane = $\frac{a}{\sqrt{h^2+k^2+l^2}} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}}$ and the magnitude of slip = $\frac{a}{6} [11\bar{2}] = \frac{a\sqrt{1^2+1^2+(-2)^2}}{6} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{6}}$ (this represents the distance between two atoms along $[11\bar{2}]$). Shear strain is the ratio of magnitude of slip to the distance between the two planes = $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.71$
5. Lattice spacing increases with tensile stress till it reaches its elastic limit. Elastic strain is equal to the ratio of change in lattice spacing along the tensile axis to its original value = $\left(\frac{\Delta d}{d}\right)$.

10. Strength of a crystal may vary with the direction of loading. Polycrystalline metals may have a large number of grains. Its properties will be a function of the entire group. If these are randomly oriented then one would expect its properties to be isotropic.

11. Ideal shear strength $\tau_{max} = \frac{G}{2\pi} = \frac{83}{2\pi} = 13.21 \text{ GPa}$. For estimating cleavage strength please see problem 15 of chapter 1. This gives $\sigma_{max} = \sqrt{\frac{E\gamma}{a_0}}$ & $\gamma = \frac{a^2}{\pi^2} \frac{E}{a_0} \approx \frac{Ea_0}{10}$ since a is nearly equal to a_0 . Thus $\sigma_{max} = \sqrt{\frac{E\gamma}{a_0}} \approx \frac{E}{\sqrt{10}} = \frac{211}{3.16} = 67 \text{ GPa}$. These are nearly two orders of magnitude higher than the real strength of iron.