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INTEGRAL STRUCTURE PERFECTION DIAGNOSTICS OF SINGLE CRYSTALS USING TWO WAVELENGTHS OF X-RAY SPECTRUM

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A new approach to determination of microdefect structure parameters by means of single crystal diffractometer is proposed. The approach is based on the measurements of the integral reflectivity of a sample for two selected X-ray wavelengths providing with the approximations of thin and thick crystal, respectively.

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1. Introduction

Integral structure parameters of microdefects i.e. a concentration n and characteristic radius r , entering the corresponding expressions for the Debye-Waller factor L [1-3] and the coefficient of μ_d , additional energy losses of X-rays due to diffuse scattering on defects, determine finally the value of the integral reflectivity R_i of a dislocation-free real crystal. There are several experimental methods basing on the R_i measurements which permit to obtain the integral characteristics of structure perfection of a crystal (L , μ_d) [3-7]. Also several combinations of these methods exist [8, 9]. However, each of them is either relatively difficult in performing or may be used only by providing special conditions.

Therefore, the purpose of this work is the developing and experimental testing of a new simple approach which makes it possible to determine the integral characteristics of microdefects in a nearly perfect crystal by means of the single crystal diffractometer using two wavelengths of the X-ray spectrum.

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2. Theoretical background of the method

After determination of the L and μ_d from the R_i measurements the integral characteristics of defects i.e. n and r can be calculated from the following expressions:

$$L = 8nr^{9/2}(\beta H)^{3/2}, \quad (1)$$

$$\mu_d = 8\pi^2 r L \Lambda^{-2} \cos^2 \theta_B, \quad (2)$$

where H , Λ , θ_B and β stand for the reciprocal lattice vector, extinction length, the Bragg angle and the constant close to 0.01 for dislocation loops or large clusters.

For the case of low level of the X-ray absorption (the approximation of thin crystal, $\mu_0 t < 1$, here μ_0 and t are the linear absorption coefficient and the thickness of a sample) the R_i of slightly distorted crystal consisting of the coherent R_B and the diffuse R_D components may be written in the following way [9]:

$$R_i = R_B + R_D = R_i^P e^{-L} + 2LQte^{-h}, \quad (3)$$

where R_i^P is reflectivity for a perfect crystal and Q is that for a ideal mosaic sample, $R_i^P = C\pi|\chi_{rH}|I_0(C\epsilon h)e^{-h}/2\sin 2\theta_B$, $Q = C^2\pi^2\chi_{rH}^2/\lambda\sin 2\theta_B$; c , χ_{rH} , λ , t stand for the polarization factor, real part of the Fourier coefficient of susceptibility χ ; X-ray wavelength and the crystal thickness respectively. $h = \mu_0 t/\gamma$, $\gamma = \cos \theta_B$, $I_0(C\epsilon h)$ is the Bessel function of an imaginary argument. $\epsilon = \chi_{rH}/\chi_{i0}$ is the ratio of the χ for the H -th and 0-th reflections.

When $L \ll 1$ and the hard radiation are used in the experiment (thin crystal) the integral reflectivity at the Laue diffraction has low sensitivity to the μ_d parameter [3, 9] similar to that one in the Bragg case of diffraction [10]. Therefore R_i depends in this case on the static Debye–Waller parameter only.

Actually, the fit of the curve calculated by the formula (3) to the experimental data, when the μ_d is omitted, describes properly the dependences of reflectivity on a thickness [3, 11]. Such approximation fulfils even more exactly in the case of the gamma-radiation [6]. In the case of a thick crystal the approximation of the R_i value depends on the both integral parameters of structure perfection. The simple expression for the R_i was obtained in [12] for the case of $\mu t > 6$

$$R_i = R_i^P e^{-(L+Z)}(1 + \alpha Z/\epsilon h \sin 2\theta_B), \quad (4)$$

where $Z = \mu_d t/\gamma$ and $\alpha = 1.5[1 - \exp Z \exp(\epsilon h)]/(1 - Z/\epsilon h)$.

Therefore, varying the absorption level of the sample by choosing the wavelength of X-ray spectrum one can provide the needed level of absorption. In one case the sample may be considered as a thin one and then, formula (3) can be applied. In another case the thick crystal approximation takes place and the R_i may be described by expression (4). Having determined parameter L in the first case which is known that not depends on the wavelength one can calculate the second characteristic μ_d by the last expression (4). Then, using formulas (1) and (2) one may estimate the r and n values.

3. Experiment results and discussion

Dislocation-free silicon crystals grown by Czochralski method (Cz-Si, oxygen concentration close to 10^{18} at/cm⁻³) in initial state (sample 1) and that after

annealing during 4 hours at 850°C were chosen for investigation by the proposed approach. All R_i measurements were carried out in the Laue geometry by means of the single crystal diffractometer for the 220 reflections using the characteristic Ag K_{α_1} line and the wavelength of continuous spectrum corresponding to the Cu K_{α_1} radiation. For determination of the intensity of primary beam the perfect ($e^{-L} > 0.999$) float-zone grown silicon reference sample was used.

All results of the R_i measurements and the determination of the integral characteristics of the crystal perfection L , μ_d , r and n which were calculated by means of formulae (1)–(4) are given in Table.

TABLE

The values of integral reflectivity, L , μ_d as well as the radius r and concentration n of microdefects.

$\lambda \times 10^8$ [cm]	$\mu_0 t$	$R_i \times 10^6$	$R_i^p \times 10^6$	$L \times 10^3$	μ_d [cm ⁻¹]	r [μ m]	n [cm ⁻³]
0.5594	0.96	5.69	2.88	4	–		
1.5405	18.7	3.38	4.79	–	1.6	0.1	2×10^7

Values of r and n obtained by independent method using X-ray diffraction in the Bragg geometry are 0.2 μ m and 8×10^7 cm⁻³, respectively (see our article in this issue).

It is important to note that the experimental value of R_i considerably exceeds the level of this parameter for a thin perfect crystal. On the contrary, in the case of a thick crystal the corresponding experimental R_i value was lower than that for the perfect crystal.

The value of the Debye–Waller factor ($L = 0.004$) in the initial state of the crystal was close to the meaning of these parameters known for Cz-Si crystals with a high oxygen concentration [4–6]. It testifies the reliability of the proposed procedure for determination of the L . The calculated data concerning the n and r parameters determined by utilizing the μ_d value are reasonable, too. They are close to these parameters for Cz-Si crystals which contained 9×10^{17} at/cm⁻³ of oxygen and were annealed at temperatures near the 800°C [13]. It means that proposed approach makes it possible to obtain reliable information about the integral structure characteristics of microdefects.

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