Reconstruction of ferroelastic domain patterns using single crystal diffraction: potential for DFXM







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The content of the talk

1. Ferroelastic domains. What and why?





2. Single crystal X-ray diffraction: how and if it can help in characterizing domain patterns

3. Mechanical compatibility of ferroelastic domains and prediction of diffraction patterns from them





4. Diffraction-based recognition of ferroelastic domains in $BaTiO_{3.}$

Ferroelastic domains: how and why?

 <u>Ferroelastic domains</u> result from a symmetry-lowering phase transitions (e.g. from *cubic* to *tetragonal* / *rhombohedral* / *monoclinic*). Their formation pursues the purpose of minimizing electrostatic / mechanical energy during the phase transition.



- <u>Ferroelastic domains</u> play major role in the enhancement of physical properties through domain wall motion.
- Observation of <u>ferroelastic domains</u> and their dynamics is still a challenging task for which a handful of techniques exist only.

X-ray diffraction from multi-domain crystal



Reconstruction of reciprocal space







New method to measure domain-wall motion contribution to piezoelectricity: the case of $PbZr_{0.65}Ti_{0.35}O_3$ ferroelectric

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The aim of this work: formalism / program for recognition of domains in high-resolution reciprocal space maps

Key hypothesis: mismatch-free connection of domains

The Orientation of Domain Walls in Twinned Fo	erroelectric Crystals*		
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Domains meet at the domain walls: such walls should be parallel to twodimensional lattice planes, which allow <u>mismatch-free</u> connection.



On the theory of mismatch-free connection



The matrix of dot product for each domain

$$G_{ij} = a_i a_j$$

$$\left[G^{(2)}\right] = [S]\left[G^{(1)}\right][S]^T$$

[S] is symmetry operation lost during the phase transition



$$(G_{ij}^{(2)} - G_{ij}^{(1)})x_i x_j = 0$$

The equation for the mismatch-free boundary

For the 2D example above $(a^2-c^2)(x_1^2-x_2^2) = 0$ and two possible strain free boundaries

(11) plane
$$x_1 - x_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 0$$
 (11) plane

Mismatch-free connection: more general aproach

Aims to reduce the equation $\Delta G_{ij}x_ix_j = 0$ to the equation of plane with the Miller indices (hkl): $hx_1 + kx_2 + lx_3 = 0$.



<u>Conclusion</u>: any pairs of domains for which (*) is fulfilled can connect mismatch-free with each other via two possible interfaces

Examples: tetragonal domains

$$\begin{bmatrix} G^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} G^{(3)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

DW	1	2	(hkl)	$\angle(P_1P_2)$
1	1	2	(110)	~ 90
2	1	2	(110)	~ 90
3	1	3	(101)	~ 90
4	1	3	(101)	~ 90
5	2	3	(011)	~ 90
6	2	3	(011)	~ 90

 $\begin{bmatrix} G^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 \end{pmatrix}$



6 orientations of domain walls (90° DW)

a31

 \boldsymbol{a}_1

3

 a_2

More general case / domains of arbitrary symmetry

MATLAB-based script

- Input: free lattice parameters, symmetry operations of the parent phase
- **Output:** list of mismatch-free domain walls, twinning matrices, angles between polarization directions

Example: (monoclinic domains, MA / MB)



- 12 domain variants
- 84 orientations of domain walls
- 48 Prominent domain walls (with fixed Miller-indices)
- 36 rotatable domain walls (The orientation depends on the lattice parameters)



- Illustration of rotatable domain wall
- The orientation changes with a lattice parameters

But what about reciprocal lattices? Examples first...



Reciprocal lattice points of matched domains are separated along the normal to the domain wall





Twinning relationship between reciprocal lattice vectors

- Assume that domains match along (*hkl*) plane
- The lattice basis vectors $\boldsymbol{a}_i^{(m)}$ $(i = 1 \dots 3, m = 1,2)$
- Transform them to $A_i^{(m)}$ (so that $A_{1,2}^{(m)} \parallel (hkl)$)

(101) lattice planes



Using relationship $A_i B_j = \delta_{ij}$ we get

$$= \boldsymbol{B}_{1}^{(1)} - \frac{y_{1}}{y_{3}} \boldsymbol{B}_{3}^{(1)} \qquad \boldsymbol{B}_{2}^{(2)} = \boldsymbol{B}_{2}^{(1)} - \frac{y_{2}}{y_{3}} \boldsymbol{B}_{3}^{(1)} \qquad \boldsymbol{B}_{3}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{y_{3}} \boldsymbol{B}_{3}^{(1)}$$

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 $B_1^{(2)}$

Algorithms for target transformations of lattice basis vectors

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Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Tel Aviv University, Wolfson Building for Mechanical Engineering, Tel Aviv 6997801, Israel. *Correspondence e-mail: gorfman@tauex.tau.ac.il The splitting of reflection with the indices H, K, L(relative B_i^*)

$$\Delta \boldsymbol{H} = H \Delta \boldsymbol{B}_1 + K \Delta \boldsymbol{B}_1 + L \Delta \boldsymbol{B}_3 = \left(-H \frac{y_1}{y_3} - K \frac{y_2}{y_3} + L \frac{1 - y_3}{y_3}\right) \boldsymbol{B}_3^{(1)}$$

<u>Conclusion</u>: Peaks are separated along the line, that is perpendicular to the domain wall.

Twinning matrix

High-resolution reciprocal space mapping of BaTiO₃







1 (*a* domain): **P** || [100]

2 (*b* domain): **P** || [010]

3 (*c* domain): **P** ∥ [001]

High-resolution reciprocal space mapping of BaTiO₃



Illustration of the recognition procedure





<u>Results: recognition of domains in</u> <u>BaTiO</u>₃



Potential for DFXM





The combination of reciprocal and real space imaging is mutually beneficial because

- Is condition of mechanical compatibility really fulfilled?
- What is the real 3D topology of domain structures?
- What is the shape and size of domain walls?





- **Conclusions**
- Single-crystal X-ray diffraction offers several advantages for observation of ferroelastic domains (penetration depth, sensitivity to the lattice parameters and domains orientation).
- We applied the theory of permissible domain walls to calculate possible separation of Bragg peaks.





- We tested the algorithm for the identification of peak pairs in single crystal BaTiO₃.
- The method will be applied to follow the response of different domains under external perturbation (e.g. electric field and temperature)... To be continued...



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