Elastic Strain and Stress by Rietveld Method

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Why Rietveld refinement ?

Al/Mullite-Alumina Composites





• Al-6061 matrix

STRONG TEXTURE

• α-alumina

STRESS ?

- Mullite
 - $Al_2(Al_{2+2x}Si_{2-2x})O_{10-x}$
 - *Pbam* (a≈b≈7.6 Å, c≈2.9 Å)
 - Incommensurate modulation

STRESS ?











Neutron TOF measurements LANSCE (Los Alamos)



• Texture and strain from the same data:

- ► 13-18 specimen orientations
- 4 patterns / orientation
- 52-72 patterns
- Rietveld refinement:
 - > 250,000 data points !
 - > 1,800 refinable parameters !





Strain by Rietveld refinement

• Strain determined from:

- Particular d_{hkl}
- Lattice parameters from Rietveld refinement:

$$\langle d \rangle = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi} d\Psi \sin \Psi \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\Phi \ d_{\psi\phi}$$
$$d_{\psi\phi} = \frac{\int_{0}^{2\pi} d\omega \ d_{33}^{L} f(g)}{\int_{0}^{2\pi} d\omega \ f(g)}; \ f(g) = \frac{dV/V}{dg}$$

• Quasi-isotropy:

$$<\!e>=<\!d>/d_0 - 1 = (e_{11} + e_{22} + e_{33})/3$$





Strain

• Hydrostatic and deviatoric components:

$$e_{ij} = e'_{ij} + \delta_{ij}e^{\mathrm{H}}$$

 $e_{\psi\phi} = \gamma_{3k}\gamma_{3l}e_{kl} = e^{H} + \gamma_{3k}\gamma_{3l}e'_{kl}$

• Two possibilities:

• Lattice parameters refined (d_0 known):

$$<\!e> = e^{\rm H} = (e_{11} + e_{22} + e_{33})/3$$

 $\epsilon_{h,i} \Rightarrow e'_{kl}$ no need for d_0 (!)

• Lattice parameters held constant at a_0 :

$$\langle e \rangle \equiv 0 = e_{11}' + e_{22}' + e_{33}'$$

$$\epsilon_{h,i} \Rightarrow e^{\mathrm{H}} + e'_{kl}$$





Complete Strain Tensor Al/SiC_w **Composite**

| Strain (10 ⁻³) | Al | SiC |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| <i>e</i> ₁₁ | 0.10(5) | -0.43(5) |
| <i>e</i> ₂₂ | 0.13(5) | -0.33(4) |
| <i>e</i> ₃₃ | 2.03(5) | 0.64(7) |
| <i>e</i> ₁₂ | -0.13(4) | -0.10(4) |
| <i>e</i> ₁₃ | 0.01(5) | 0.17(6) |
| <i>e</i> ₂₃ | 0.01(5) | 0.02(6) |









| Comparison of results | | | |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------------|--|
| | Al | | |
| Strain (10 ⁻³) | Linear Fit | Complete Tensor | |
| $e^{ m H}$ | 2.00(8) | 2.01(10) | |
| e_{11}' | -1.91(10) | -1.91(6) | |
| e_{22} ' | | -1.86(5) | |
| <i>e</i> ₃₃ ' | 0.03(4) | 0.02(4) | |
| | SiC | | |
| Strain (10 ⁻³) | Linear Fit | Complete Tensor | |
| $e^{ m H}$ | -0.19(14) | -0.14(11) | |
| e_{11}' | -0.19(8) | -0.31(5) | |
| <i>e</i> ₂₂ ' | | -0.22(4) | |
| e_{33}' | 0.84(7) | 0.83(7) | |











