Examples Class 2

Calcium Chloride

The orthorhombic unit cell of CaCl₂ has a = 0.624 nm, b = 0.643 nm and c = 0.420 nm with ion positions at

Ca: 0,0,0 $\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}$.

Cl: x, y, 0 $\overline{x}, \overline{y}, 0$ $\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2}$

with x = 0.325 and y = 0.275. Fig. 1 is an accurate projection of this structure on (001).



Figure 1: The structure projection for calcium chloride

- 1. What is the Bravais lattice of this structure?
- 2. Locate all symmetry elements present in the structure and hence determine those along [100], [010] and [001]. What is the point group of the crystal structure?
- 3. Determine the point symmetries of the Ca and Cl ions and express them on sketch stereograms.

Martensite

Show diagramatically that it is impossible to obtain a fully coherent boundary between austenite and martensite.

Orientation relationships

A rotation matrix can be used to describe the orientation relationship between two grains with identical crystal structure. It can also be described by an axis of rotation and a right-handed angle of rotation (an axis-angle pair).

The general rotation matrix relating the two cubic lattices for a right-handed rotation θ about a unit axis $[u_1 \ u_2 \ u_3]$ is given by:

$$(Y J X) = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 u_1 (1-m) + m & u_1 u_2 (1-m) + u_3 n & u_1 u_3 (1-m) - u_2 n \\ u_1 u_2 (1-m) - u_3 n & u_2 u_2 (1-m) + m & u_2 u_3 (1-m) + u_1 n \\ u_1 u_3 (1-m) + u_2 n & u_2 u_3 (1-m) - u_1 n & u_3 u_3 (1-m) + m \end{pmatrix}$$
(1)

where $m = \cos \theta$ and $n = \sin \theta$

Show how you might deduce the axis–angle pair from this matrix. Hence derive the axis–angle pair for the rotation matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$(Y J X) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \overline{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(2)

What is the Σ value relating these two grains?