ASTAR (EBSD-TEM like)

Automatic Crystal Orientation/Phase mapping for TEM





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NEW precession application

"EBSD" – TEM





EBSD-TEM : beam is scanned over the sample (eg. 10 μ x 10 μ)



spot electron diffraction patterns are collected (<u>NOT</u> sensitive to stress/ strain or surface sample preparation like in EBSD-SEM)



Beam scanning performed by "spinning star" unit / no STEM need



Thousands of experimental spot ED patterns are acquired by a very fast optical CCD camera attached to TEM screen (180 patterns/sec)



Slow scan CCD can also be used (but slow : 20-30 patterns/sec)



Thousands of theoretical ED patterns are generated (templates) from .cif files or commercial databases for all known phases in a sample



Template matching is used (by cross-correlation of all experimental ED patterns with all templates) to generate most probable orientation of every scanned position in the sample.





Comparison SEM-(EBSD) vs TEM spatial resolution



Electron Backscattering Diffraction (EBSD) orientation maps in SEM have usually poor resolution in comparison with TEM maps showing detailed nanostructure

ASTAR : diffraction pattern adquisition



Any TEM – FEG/LaB6 may work with ASTAR

EBSD-TEM : Automated Crystal Orientation Mapping



Severely deformed 7075 Al. Alloy Ċ.

Kikuchi pattern



Orientation Ω



Orientation $\Omega + \Omega' (= \Omega + 0.1^{\circ})$





Bragg Spot pattern





ASTAR (EBSD-TEM Procedure)



Beam scanning Dedicated precession unit « Spinning Star » -DigiSTAR

ASTAR : Automatic Crystal Orientation and phase mapping hardware /software package for TEM



Dedicated fast CCD camera (> 100 patterns/sec) attached to the TEM screen



DiffGen : Template generator



Features: Any crystallographic structure Laue class adapted to the space group Structure generator (space group, structure factor equ.)

Advanced Tools for electron diffraction



ASTAR : crystallographic orientation identification



Degree of matching between experimental patterns and simulated templates is given by a correlation index ; highest value corresponds to the adequate orientation/phase

(example ,cubic)2000~ simulated patterns

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ASTAR : pattern matching by image cross- correlation





Image treatment

Cross-correlation comparison of all acquired ED patterns with all simulated templates to deduce correct pattern index; degree of matching between experimental patterns and simulated templates is given by a correlation index where highest value corresponds to the adequate orientation/phase.

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ASTAR identification example : nanocrystalline Cu



Correlation index map

For a given ED pattern, the correlation index map is calculated for all possible template orientations and plotted on a map that represents a portion of the stereographic projection (reduced to a double standard triangle). That resulting map reveals the most probable orientation for every experimental spot ED pattern (in this case ED pattern is found to be close to 110 ZA orientation)

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ASTAR: ultra-fast TEM orientation map

Sample : severely deformed copper



250 x 200 pixel data adquisition

5 min !!

Typical software data analysis time (for cubic)

5-15 min

(hexagonal, tetragonal)

x 3-4 more time

Orientation map











- Comparison of TEM image, and ASTAR results 15 nm resolution
- CM20 UTwin LaB6 courtresy Prof . S.Godet ULB Brussels

Pt nanoparticles, Cu lines in semiconductors (FEG -TEM)

Orientation (EBSD-like maps) at <u>1 nm resolution</u> !



Pt nanoparticles



Courtesy Jeol Japan- Jeol 2100F



ASTAR phase/orientation TEM device with Jeol 2010 FEG , Jeol 2200 FS ,**1 nm spot size NBD mode**, 150x150 pixel, **step size 1 nm**, 15 min adquis. time



Courtesy Prof. P.Ferreira , Ganesh Univ Texas at Austin Dr. Holm Kirmse Humboldt Univ Berlin



(Mn ,Ga) As clusters in GaAs matrix



Courtesy Dr. Ines Haeusler Berlin Humboldt University, Germany

Si (matrix) and SiC β 3C (a= 0.436 nm)

Which orientation relation between matrix – precipitates?









Orientation map



Reliability

Index



Phase map: Si red, SiC blue

Si cubic a= 0.5428 nm

Grain size 100-500 nm

Jeol 3010, 25 nm spot size



Courtesy T Epicier Univ LYON



Orientation (a)and phase map of TiNb alloy revealing **cubic phase** (in red a= 0.332 nm Im-3m) and **orthorhombic phase** (in blue a=0.3215 nm, b=0.485 nm, c=0.462 nm Cmcm)



Orientation(c) and phase map d) of AlCu alloy (in green AlCu monoclinic phase C2/m a=1.206 nm, b=0.410 nm, c=0.691 nm, b = 54,04°, in red Al3Cu4 orthorhombic phase Fmm2 a= 0.812 nm, b= 1.419, c= 0.999 nm) courtesy Prof.V.Demange V.Dorcet, Univ Rennes France

INDEX : pattern identification software

Diffraction Pattern Block viewer



Virtual dark field image



TEMdpa : Virtual Bright Field on-line construction



Orientation map

Bright field







VBF



index









VBF



index



reliability

ASTAR (EBSD -TEM) orientation maps : Nanotwins in Cu

CBD mode Jeol 3010 microscope



ASTAR : Reliability

Stereographic projection Templates for copper Q_2

Superimposed diffraction patterns at a grain bounday



$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{100} \ (\mathbf{1-Q_2/Q_1})$$

Reliability





Deconvolution of superimposed Diffraction patterns



Position (nm)





Imaging Grain Boundaries



Deformed Zr alloy(Zirkaloy 4 rolled down 78%) bright field TEM image (left) showing poor grain boundary contrast, area 5x5 μ m (center)same area ASTAR orientation map (right) highlighted grain boundaries with angle > 15°







Courtesy Nippon Steel

Additional information obtained during this experiment :

Study of Twins

Study of Precipitates





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Identification of the various precipitates :

- Cementite (blue)
- TiN (red)



100x100 scanned at a rate of 44 fps (23 min). Step size 12 nm

Twin analysis in deformed steel samples



matrix reflections

twin reflections









Virtual dark field









Courtesy Prof. S.Godet Univ Brussels (ULB) Belgium



2°

<mark>3</mark>°

diffraction spots are seen).

ASTAR : combine scanning with precession



Orientation map

In this example (right) a metal particle gives wrong correlation index without precession due to presence of Kikuchi lines; after applying precession (right lower image), index gets correct value as ED quality improves and Kikuchi lines dissapear



Using precession diffraction the number of ED spots observed increases (almost double) ; correlation index map becomes much more reliable when compared with templates







0.5° precession (Index 745)

CORRECT orientation







Mayenite mineral

Same crystal tilted 0-20°

400 patterns collected



Precession angle 0.25°



EBSD-TEM : orientation maps with and without beam precession

orientation map, NO precession



beam scanning step 28 nm



orientation map precession angle 0.25° In this example three different cubic mayenite crystals *Ca12Al14O33* are analyzed with ASTAR ;

orientation map generated without precession results in inconsistent index over areas that must have uniform orientation. On the contrary, orientation maps generated with small precession angle present true uniform orientation over individual grains

CONCLUSION



Orientation maps are more precise with precession

ASTAR : Phase maps with and without precession

3 existing phases: only possible to distinguish by precession



NO precession









When stacking faults cross themselves, they produce locally α ´ martensite structure (a= 2.87 A)

Austenitic matrix with γ fcc structure (a=3.58 A)

Stacking faults with ε hexagonal structure (a=2.57 c= 4.08 A)



Orientation map

EBSD like-TEM : copper lines (FEG -TEM)



Bright field



No precession





precession 0.6 deg



Courtesy Prof. P.Ferreira, Ganesh Univ Texas at Austin



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Pt nanoparticles (FEG – TEM)



Jeol 2010 FEG Univ Texas -Austin ,**1 nm spot size NBD mode**, 150x150 pixel, **step size 1 nm** recent unpublished results

Nanoparticle (50 nm) phase identification



cubic 8.32 A $Fd\overline{3}m$ **Magnetite or maghemite ??** $P4_132 \gamma$ -Fe₂O₃ Fe₃O₄ **cubic 8.32 A**



Orientation map precession 0.3°

0.2 μm

ALL Nanoparticles

REVEALED AS

magnetite (RED)



PHASE map precession 0.3°



Grain and phase boundaries: solving 180° ambiguity with precession

The ambiguity in the indexing of ED spot patterns arises from the fact that a particular reflection may be indexed either as (hkl) or (-h-k-l). While this ambiguity is irrelevant for some applications, it becomes important for determination of grain and phase boundary parameters.





ASTAR + precession



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TRIP steel (bcc ferrite + fcc austenite) ; Philips CM120 (6 min scanning),

Indexing high resolution image of anatase - TiO2



it is possible to detect automatically the nanoparticle orientation: close to [100]



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ASTAR : Phase / orientation mapping HREM images



TITAN-Cubed : PbSe nanocrystals

Credits: Marie CHEYNET, SIMaP - Grenoble INP - Odile ROBBE, LASIR – UTS Lille Fast Fourier Transforms are performed on successive subsets of the high resolution image as if the sample was scanned.

The resulting patterns are compared to templates

Orientations and/or phases may be recognized

 a small subset leads to higher spatial resolution
larger subimages improve the indexing quality



Orientation map (color) combined to INDEX (gray scale)

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Titan Cs corrected HREM : PbSe nanoparticles



Precession adds a value to EBSD-TEM technique :

ED patterns acquired with precession contain less dynamical effects, more spots and when compared with templates give much better correlation-reability than ED patterns without precession



Correlation index for many reflections highly increases even at small precession angles (eg $0.2^{\circ}-0.5^{\circ}$)

Orientation maps for several materials are of much better quality with precession



Phase maps for several materials are of much better quality with precession (much less artifacts or ambiguities)



In orientation-phase maps "180° ambiguity " for cubic crystals can be solved using precession

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1st precession electron diffraction user meeting





Martina Franca 8-9 May, 2008 Workshop Electron Precession Ebsd-tem

M&M Portland USA 1-5 August 2010

ICM17 Rio de Janeiro Brazil 22-23 September 2010

Electron Crystallography in Physical and Biological Science (AsCA2010 Satellite Meeting, KBSI, Daejeon) 29-30 October 2010

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PRECESSION UNIT « DigiStar » Basic platform

