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Crystal Surface Morphology Developed During the Sublimation of Oriented Zinc Single Crystals

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The surface structure of zinc single crystals subjected to a sublimation treatment has been studied by the techniques of optical metallography, optical goniometry and by Laue X-ray diffraction. Right cylinders with a $\langle 001 \rangle$ axis were enclosed, with titanium getter material, in Vycor tubes evacuated to 10^{-5} mm Hg and heated to temperatures in the vicinity of 370°C for periods of 100 to 200 hr. A thermal gradient existed in the evacuated chamber such that zinc was transported from one end of the tube to the other end. The sublimation process exposed macroscopically visible crystallographic planes in local regions of the crystals. The three-dimensional structure of the facet morphology has been determined. The exposed planes are of the type $\{10\bar{1}0\}$, $\{40\bar{4}1\}$, $\{30\bar{3}1\}$, $\{30\bar{3}2\}$, $\{10\bar{1}1\}$, $\{40\bar{4}5\}$, $\{20\bar{2}3\}$ and $\{10\bar{1}10\}$. The $\{0001\}$ surfaces were relatively unaffected by the sublimation process. The facet structures appear to be related to some extent to the dislocation substructure and also to the Gibbs-Wulff surface energy construction for zinc.

Introduction

In contrast to extensive studies on the sublimation properties of cubic metals (Moore, 1963) little research has been done to investigate this phenomenon for hexagonal close-packed crystals. Andrade & Randall (1950) observed surface pitting which was produced by the thermal etching of cadmium single crystals having surfaces cut near $\{0001\}$. They concluded that the $\{0001\}$ basal plane was thermally the most stable crystal plane, followed next in stability by the first order pyramidal planes of type $\{10\bar{1}1\}$. Miller, Carpenter & Chadwick (1969) have recently attributed the appearance of polygonal bubbles which were observed in thin films of zinc, following argon-ion bombardment, to the anisotropy of the crystal surface free energy, thus concluding that the internal bubbles were conforming to a proposed equilibrium (Gibbs-Wulff) shape composed of $\{0001\}$, $\{10\bar{1}1\}$ and $\{10\bar{1}0\}$ surfaces (*cf.* Gibbs, 1961; Wulff, 1901). The same crystallographic results have been observed for cadmium and magnesium by Kirchner & Chadwick (1969).

The principal result of these preceding investigations is to provide support for the notion that the anisotropy of the surface free energy is responsible for the specific crystallographic appearance of the surface structures which are produced. This result should reasonably be expected to apply for the small polygonal shapes observed in thin films because the contribution of the specific surface energy, γ_{ij} , to an experimental change in surface area, A_j , should give an energy change comparable to the volume dependent energy change (Herring, 1951). However, the same result might also be expected to apply for large scale crystallographically faceted structures such as those described by Andrade & Randall, if it were presumed that these large structures are simply geometrically similar to the multitudinous submicroscopic structures of which they are composed. On this basis, we chose to investigate the sublimation structures which might be produced in bulk single crystals subjected to heat treatment in a thermal gradient whereby appreciable sublimation of zinc atoms would occur. The possibility of observing significant crystallographic features in the partially sublimed crystals was expected to be enhanced because the maximum ratio of surface energies for zinc is $(\gamma\{1\bar{2}10\}/\gamma\{0001\}) \approx 2.2$ as compared, for example, with maximum ratio

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values < 1.1 for cubic metals (Moore, 1958; Drechsler & Nicholas, 1967).

Experimental details

The zinc crystals were produced as right cylindrical rods of 8 mm diameter and about 10 cm long with their axes parallel to $\langle 0001 \rangle$ (Schultz & Armstrong, 1964). The specified purity of the starting material was 99.9999%, whereas a complete analysis following the growth of the crystal proved them to be of 99.9% purity, the major contaminants being nonmetallic impurities such as hydrogen and nitrogen (Schultz & Armstrong, 1964).

Specimens for the sublimation treatment were produced from the initial crystal rods by cleaving them at liquid nitrogen temperature to produce samples of approximately 7 mm height. A number of Laue back reflection pictures were taken to check the initial orientation of the crystals and to obtain a qualitative indication of their perfection preceding the sublimation treatment.

Subsequently the single crystals were enclosed, as shown in Fig. 1, in Vycor tubes that were evacuated to 10^{-5} mm Hg and contained 99.999% pure titanium sheet cuttings which were used as a getter to reduce the partial pressure of oxygen in the capsule (Darken & Gurry, 1953). This sealed Vycor assembly was hung inside a quartz tube furnace chamber having the thermal environment which is also shown in Fig. 1. The samples were always placed at the rather level peak temperature of the profile of the furnace (axial gradient of $\sim 1^\circ\text{C}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$) to insure that the vapor produced

in the sublimation process condensed in the cooler zone of the capsule, far from the specimen. The samples were heated for time periods ranging from 100 to 200 hr.

Following the sublimation treatments, the crystals were removed for observation and structural analysis by optical metallography, X-ray diffraction and optical goniometry. Fig. 2 (a) and (b) shows two views of one such crystal. The $\{0001\}$ cleavage surface was unchanged in all cases by the sublimation treatment and this surface was employed, therefore, as the reference surface for each type of measurement. Several micrographs were taken of particular crystallographic features with an Ultrascan electron scanning microscope.

Results

It is evident in Fig. 2 (a) and (b) that the sublimation treatments were sufficiently extensive to produce polygonal holes which could be visually observed at various positions on the cylindrical surfaces of the crystals (where appreciable sublimation had occurred). The overall crystal dimensions were otherwise not significantly altered during the sublimation treatment.

An examination of these various local regions showed that essentially two types of polygonal holes were present, as shown schematically in Fig. 3 (a) and (b). The holes appeared to be randomly distributed around the cylindrical crystal surfaces. In one case, a crystal exhibited an exceptional amount of sublimation from the top circumferential edge of the cylinder and this led to a remnant $\{0001\}$ plateau of height equal to $\sim \frac{1}{2}$ the original crystal length surrounded by microscopically faceted walls of nearly cylindrical, macroscopic symmetry.

As a first step towards identifying the crystallographic nature of the polygonal holes, Laue back reflection pictures were taken at these sites with the X-ray beam always perpendicular to $\langle 0001 \rangle$. At least two pictures were taken in each case: one with the beam perpendicular to a prominent striated surface and one with the beam perpendicular to the boundary which was formed at the intersection of two striated surfaces. The results showed that the striated surfaces contained planes having $\langle 1\bar{2}10 \rangle$ zone axes and that the boundaries between the striated surfaces appeared to be in planes also containing $\langle 1\bar{2}10 \rangle$ axes. These measurements were found to be consistent with the measurements of surface reflections by optical goniometry. Table 1 shows that plane reflections were generally found showing sixfold rotational symmetry orthogonal to the $\langle 0001 \rangle$ axis, as expected for planes of type $\{10\bar{1}0\}$. However, it should be appreciated that the optical goniometric measurements were not in themselves sufficient to determine that the $\{10\bar{1}0\}$ were being exposed because the $\{1\bar{2}10\}$ also show sixfold rotational symmetry about $\langle 0001 \rangle$. Next, specific measurements were made of the angular positions around the various $\langle 1\bar{2}10 \rangle$ axes at which specular reflections could be observed with the

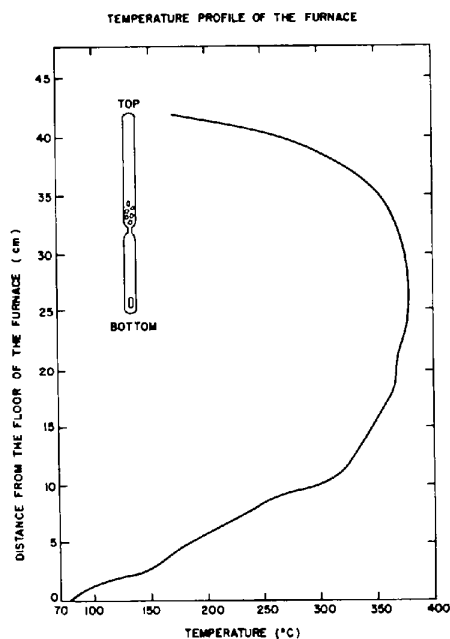


Fig. 1. Temperature profile of the furnace and location of the specimen.

optical goniometer. Table 2 presents the results of a number of the measurements in comparison with calculated angles between particular planes. From data of the type given in these tables and other particular observations which were made during the measurements, the following conclusions are reported:

1. The planes exposed during the sublimation are definitely of type $\{10\bar{1}0\}$, $\{10\bar{1}1\}$, $\{20\bar{2}3\}$ and $\{40\bar{4}1\}$; and, possibly additional plane surfaces of type $\{20\bar{2}1\}$, $\{30\bar{3}1\}$, $\{30\bar{3}2\}$, $\{40\bar{4}5\}$ and $\{10\bar{1}10\}$ are exposed.
2. The $\{10\bar{1}1\}$, $\{20\bar{2}3\}$ and $\{40\bar{4}1\}$ planes appear most frequently in the polygonal holes.
3. The $\{10\bar{1}0\}$ surfaces appear relatively few times but they encompass a large area of several of the holes.
4. The uncertainty in specifying some of the planes in Table 2 is principally due to the substructure misorientations within the crystals, which is of the order of 2° as determined by X-ray diffraction.
5. The $\{10\bar{1}10\}$ reflection was observed to show the greatest specularity.

Table 1. Reflections around the $\langle 0001 \rangle$ axis of zinc single crystals after partial sublimation

Number of reflection	1	2	3	4	5	6
Measured angle	$58^\circ 38'$	$58^\circ 24'$	58°	62°	$60^\circ 18'$	$62^\circ 40'$

Table 2. Angles between the normal to the basal surface and the normals to the planes developed in striated surfaces of the polygonal holes

Identified plane	Measured angle (with respect to $\{0001\}$)	Number of measurements
$\{10\bar{1}10\}$	$11^\circ 30'$	1
$\{20\bar{2}3\}$	$55 \pm 2^\circ$	12
$\{20\bar{2}3\}$	$55 \pm 3^\circ$	5
$\{40\bar{4}5\}$	$60 \pm 1^\circ$	9
$\{10\bar{1}1\}$	$65 \pm 1^\circ$	10
$\{10\bar{1}1\}$	$65 \pm 3^\circ$	7
$\{30\bar{3}2\}$ or $\{40\bar{4}3\}$	$70^\circ 58'$	1
$\{30\bar{3}1\}$	$79^\circ 24'$	1
$\{40\bar{4}1\}$	$83 \pm 2^\circ$	18
$\{10\bar{1}0\}$	$90 \pm 2^\circ$	5

The preceding results are based on a large number of measurements which included various checks on the self-consistency of the observations (Arnstein, 1970). It was found, for example, that the angular distance between equivalent reflections in a $\langle 1\bar{2}10 \rangle$ type hole was 120° , as expected.

The optical goniometric measurements could not be made with sufficient precision to determine the manner in which particular faceted planes intersected each

other along the directions forming the internal boundaries of the polygonal holes. In order to obtain information on this aspect of the sublimation structures, optical micrographs were taken with the optical axis approximately perpendicular to the inner boundary of the holes, *i.e.* nearly parallel to $\langle 1\bar{2}10 \rangle$. Fig. 4 (a), (b), and (c) shows at increasing magnifications various sections of a boundary which defined the depths of a prominent hole that was examined in detail. The large density of parallel striae intersecting the segmented boundary mark the traces of the basal planes. The overall topographical features of this hole may be seen more clearly in the micrograph of Fig. 4 (d), which was obtained with the scanning electron microscope. The basal traces were used as reference directions to measure, say in the $\{1\bar{2}10\}$, projected angles that were made by the apparent boundary directions. Fig. 5 is a map of the projected traces of the various boundary directions relative to the horizontal $\{0001\}$ traces. In each case the boundary direction has itself been matched with a hypothetical direction corresponding to the intersection of two particular $\{h0\bar{h}l\}$ facet planes which are eligible to explain the intersected direction by virtue of the optical goniometric measurements. Table 3 presents all the information contained in Fig. 5, on the basis that the plane in which the measurements were made is $\{1\bar{1}20\}$ and giving for comparison the calculated angles between these planes and directions.

Table 3. Crystallographic analysis of a $\{1\bar{1}20\}$ polygonal hole

Planes in striated surface I	Planes in striated surface II	Directions of the sections of the boundary
$(0\bar{1}10)$	$(\bar{1}010)$	$[0001]$
$(0\bar{1}1\bar{1})$	$(\bar{1}011)$	$[1\bar{1}01]$
$(0\bar{1}11)$	$(\bar{1}01\bar{1})$	$[\bar{1}101]$
$(0\bar{2}23)$	$(\bar{2}023)$	$[3\bar{3}02]$
$(0\bar{2}23)$	$(\bar{2}02\bar{3})$	$[3302]$
(0551)	$(505\bar{1})$	$[\bar{1}105]$
(0441)	$(404\bar{1})$	$[\bar{1}104]$

The directions of intersection were calculated in two ways. First, under the assumption that only intersections of planes of the same family are to be expected – reasonable agreement with the observed directions was

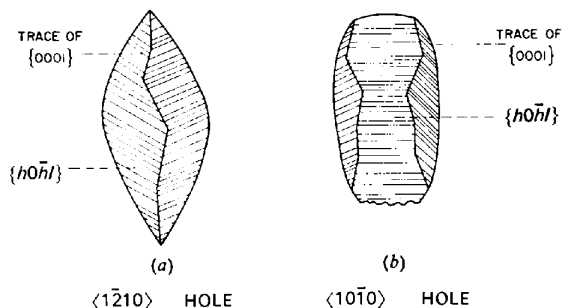


Fig. 3. Schematic diagram of the polygonal holes.



(a)



(b)

Fig. 2. Macroscopic views of a zinc single crystal partially sublimed at 370°C.

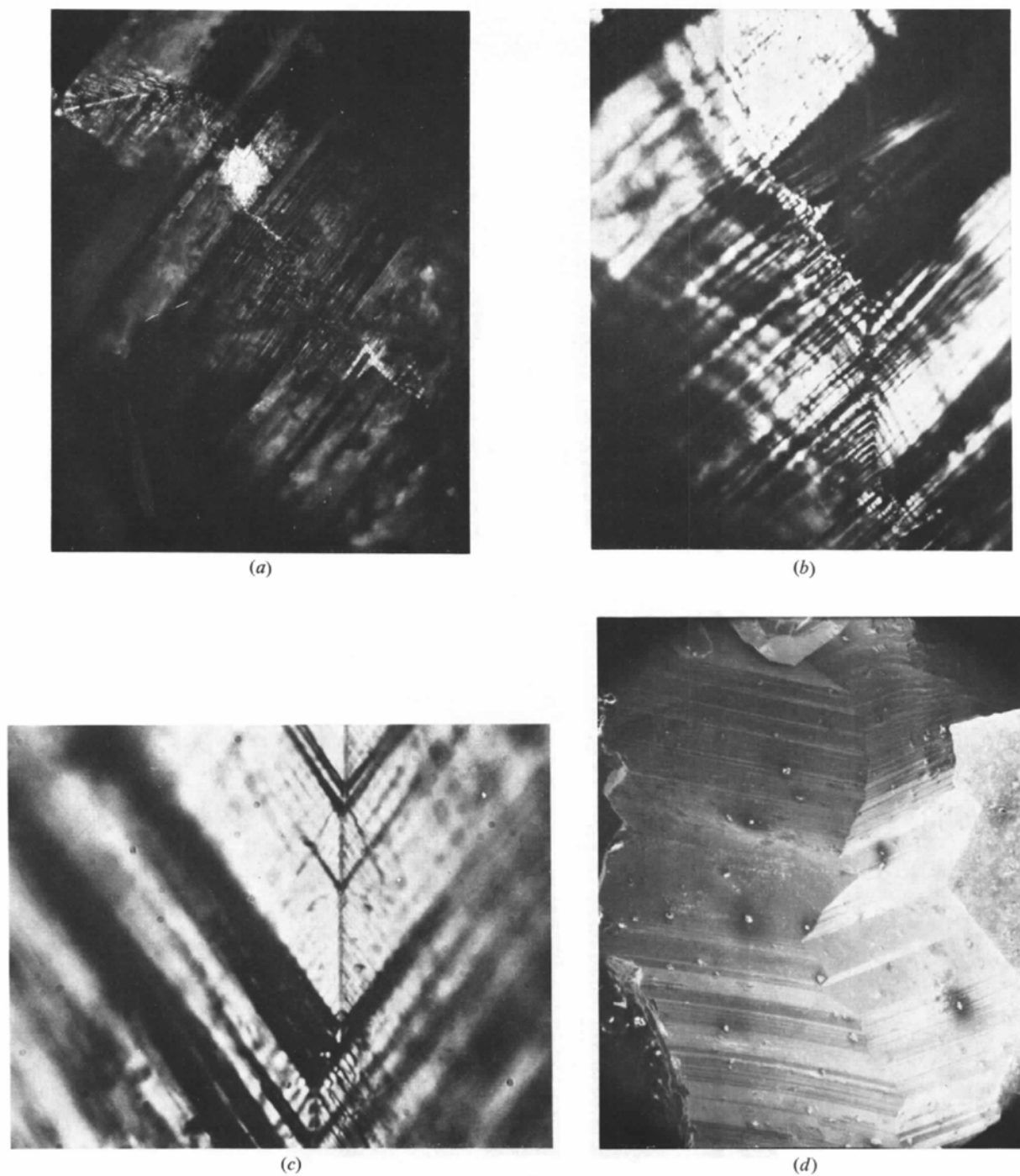


Fig. 4. Optical and electron scanning micrographs of a $\langle 1\bar{2}10 \rangle$ polygonal hole: (a) $\times 50$, (b) $\times 200$, (c) $\times 560$, (d) $\times 42$ (electron scanning).

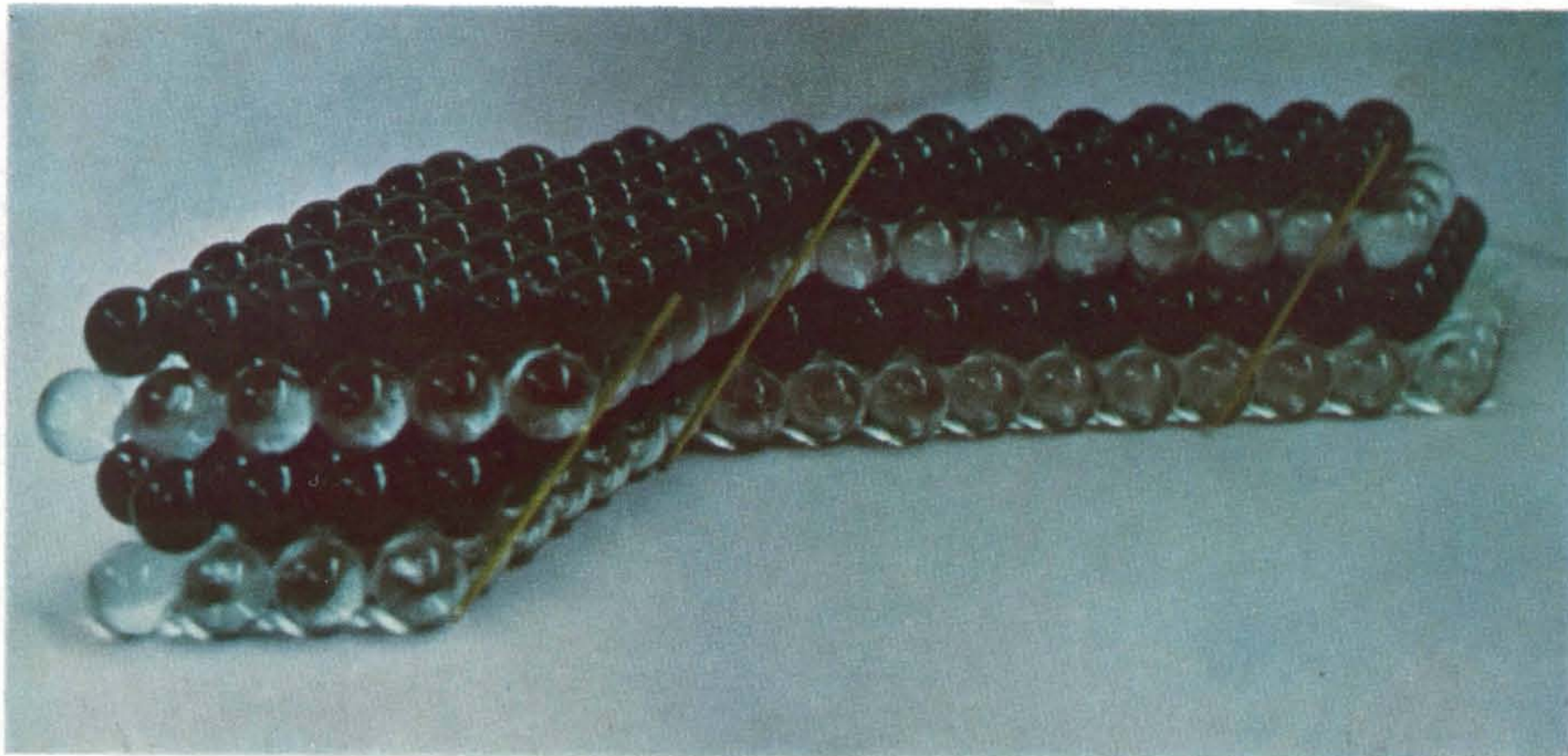


Fig. 7. Hard-sphere model of crystal surfaces intersection of a $(0\bar{1}11)$ and $(\bar{1}011)$ along $[1\bar{1}01]$.

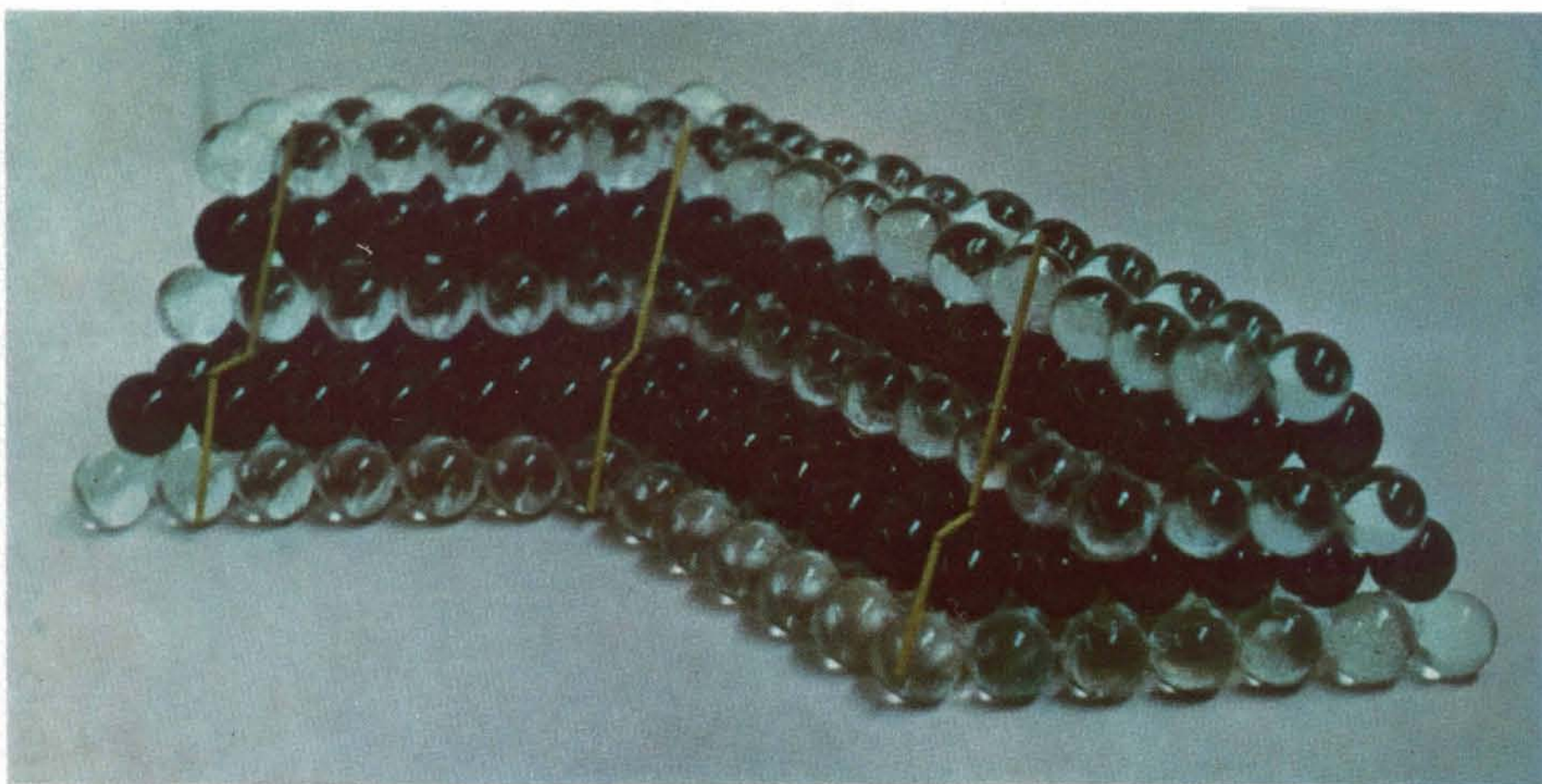


Fig. 8. Hard-sphere model of crystal surface intersection of a $(0\bar{2}2\bar{3})$ and a $(\bar{2}023)$ along $[\bar{1}\bar{1}22]$.

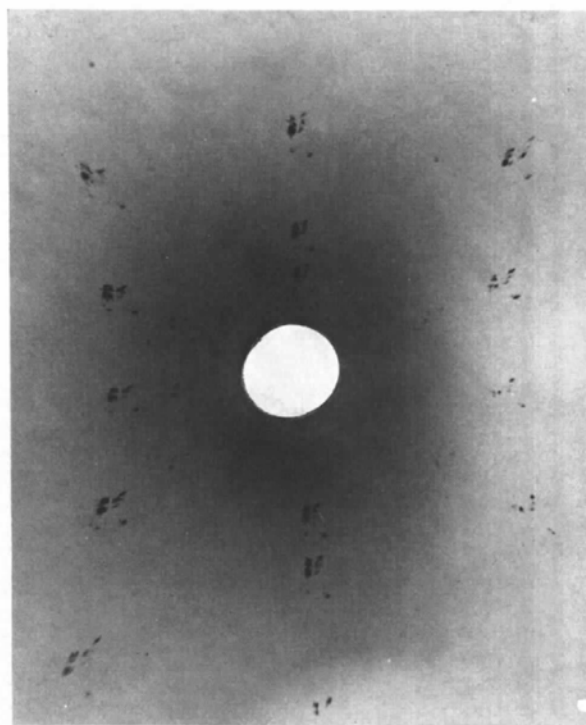


Fig. 12. Laue back-reflection pattern taken with the X-ray beam parallel to a $\langle 10\bar{1}0 \rangle$ polygonal hole.

obtained as is shown in Table 3. A second more general analysis involved placing all measured angles on a $(\bar{1}\bar{1}20)$ stereographic projection and comparing them with the angles between various combinations of the experimentally identified planes (Table 2) as computed

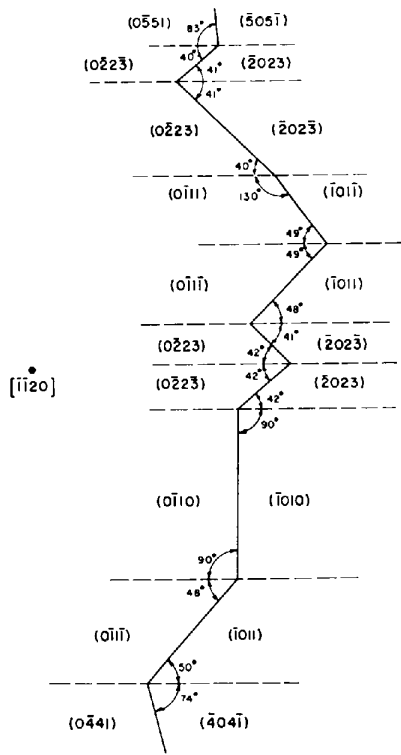


Fig. 5. Schematic diagram of angular relationship of the crystallographic surfaces of a section of hole shown in Fig. 4.

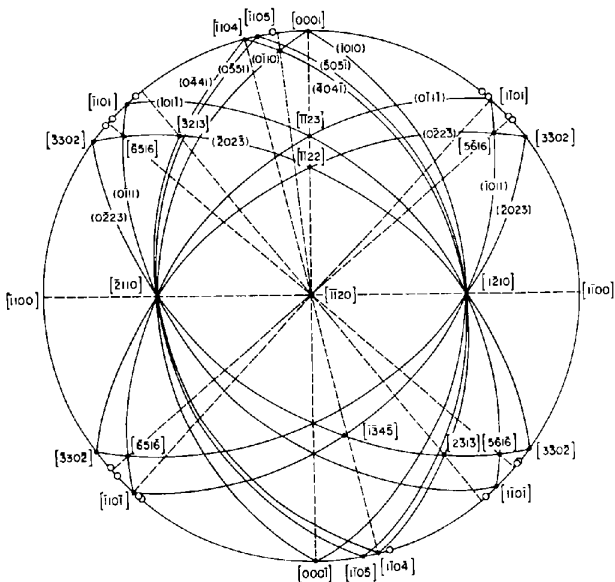
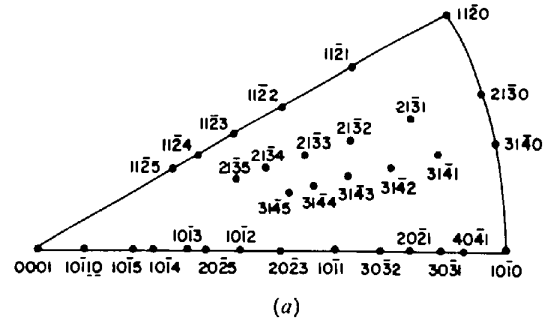
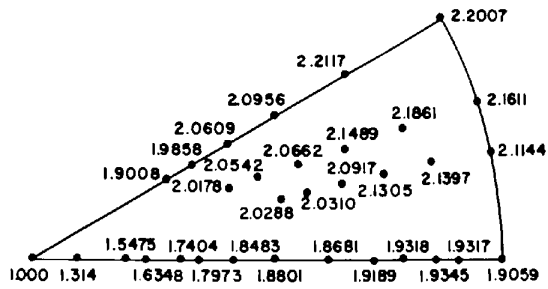


Fig. 6. Stereographic projection of planes and directions for analysis of plane intersections of $[\bar{1}\bar{1}20]$ sublimation in zinc.



(a)



(b)

Fig. 9. (a) Stereographic projection of the planes in the (0001) $(10\bar{1}0)$ $(11\bar{2}0)$ triangle. (b) Stereographic representation of the relative surface free energy $(\gamma/\gamma(0001))$ of the planes in the (0001) $(10\bar{1}0)$ $(11\bar{2}0)$ triangle.

by the equations given in the Appendix. This projection is shown in Fig. 6 where the open circles denote the measured angles.

From this projection it is observed that some of the experimentally observed angles are better explained by the intersection of two planes from different families (e.g. the direction measurement attributed to the matching of an $(0\bar{1}1\bar{1})$ surface with a $(\bar{1}011)$ surface as shown in Fig. 5 appears closer to a $(02\bar{2}3)$ – $(\bar{1}011)$ matching in the stereographic projection). The fact that several of the observed angles correspond more closely to the matching of planes of different families of the $\{h0hl\}$ type suggests that this is a systematic occurrence in the holes. These results were also confirmed by the construction of hard-sphere crystal models which demonstrate the configuration of different atomic-plane intersections (Nicholas, 1965), as shown in Figs. 7 and 8, where the matching of a $(\bar{1}011)$ surface with a $(0\bar{1}1\bar{1})$ surface and the matching of a $(02\bar{2}3)$ surface with a (2023) surface are illustrated. Fig. 7 shows an example of the crystallographic nature of the diagonal section of the boundaries of the polygonal holes that give rise to the zigzag appearance of the total boundary which is seen in Figs. 4 and 5. Fig. 8 demonstrates that planes of type, say $\{2023\}$ may be viewed as being composed of segments of $\{0001\}$ and $\{10\bar{1}1\}$.

Discussion

The crystallographic indices which were determined for the planes exposed in the polygonal holes give, at

The aspect ratio of the polygonal holes may also be compared with the Gibbs-Wulff shape predicted by the Gibbs-Wulff theorem (15, 16). In the case of zinc, the computed Gibbs-Wulff shape is a squat figure when viewed with the [0001] axis vertical. Along the $\bar{1}\bar{1}20$ the height (h) to width (w) ratio is 0.51 whereas along $10\bar{1}0$ the height to width ratio is 0.44. Fig. 11 shows these three two-dimensional views as they combine to form the computed three-dimensional Gibbs-Wulff shape. However, Figs. 2 and 4 (d) as well as the representative measured height to width ratio of holes listed in Table 4 contradict the aforementioned Gibbs-Wulff shape. The explanation for this phenomenon

may lie in the enhanced nucleation of submicroscopic holes along a [0001] axis once an initial hole has formed, or by kinetic effects favoring the rapid growth of holes along the [0001] direction or, simply, by the inadequacy of the Gibbs-Wulff shape evaluated from the surface energies resulting from a pairwise interaction model.

A dislocation lineage structure has been observed (Schultz & Armstrong, 1964) in our crystals following the crystal-solidification process. The dislocation sub-boundaries are oriented so that they contain the [0001] growth axis. The boundary misorientations appear to correspond mainly to tilts around axes in the $\{0001\}$;

Table 5. Angles between $\langle u_1v_1t_1w_1 \rangle$ and $\langle u_2v_2t_2w_2 \rangle$ for zinc ($c/a = 1.8563$)

$[u_2v_2t_2w_2]$	$[u_1v_1t_1w_1]$			$[u_2v_2t_2w_2]$	$[u_1v_1t_1w_1]$			$[u_2v_2t_2w_2]$	$[u_1v_1t_1w_1]$		
	0001	1 $\bar{1}$ 00 01 $\bar{1}$ 0 10 $\bar{1}$ 0	2 $\bar{1}$ 10 1 $\bar{1}$ 20		0001	1 $\bar{1}$ 00 01 $\bar{1}$ 0 10 $\bar{1}$ 0	2 $\bar{1}$ 10 1 $\bar{1}$ 20		0001	1 $\bar{1}$ 00 01 $\bar{1}$ 0 10 $\bar{1}$ 0	2 $\bar{1}$ 10 1 $\bar{1}$ 20
0001	0.000	90.000 90.000 90.000	90.000 90.000	11 $\bar{2}$ 0	90.000	90.000 30.000 30.000	60.000 60.000 0.000	31 $\bar{4}$ 4	40.065	79.716 63.493 81.106	62.366 81.106
10 $\bar{1}$ 0	90.000	60.000 60.000 0.000	30.000 90.000	11 $\bar{2}$ 1	58.252	90.000 42.570 42.570	64.837 64.837 31.747	31 $\bar{4}$ 5	33.934	81.093 67.227 57.186	66.280 82.294 57.565
10 $\bar{1}$ 1	43.016	70.055 70.055 46.983	53.785 90.000	11 $\bar{2}$ 2	38.940	90.000 57.022 57.022	71.684 71.684 51.059	31 $\bar{4}$ 6	29.279	82.020 70.177 61.656	69.365 83.254 81.973
10 $\bar{1}$ 2	25.010	77.796 77.796 64.989	68.522 90.000	11 $\bar{2}$ 3	28.311	90.000 65.749 65.749	76.282 76.282 61.688	41 $\bar{5}$ 0	90.000	70.893 49.106 10.893	40.893 79.106 19.106
10 $\bar{1}$ 3	17.276	81.460 81.460 72.723	75.096 90.000	11 $\bar{2}$ 4	22.000	90.000 71.069 71.069	79.204 79.204 67.999	41 $\bar{5}$ 1	76.836	71.414 50.397 17.024	42.602 79.396 23.061
10 $\bar{1}$ 4	13.130	83.478 83.478 76.869	78.654 90.000	11 $\bar{2}$ 5	17.912	90.000 74.552 74.552	81.154 81.154 72.087	41 $\bar{5}$ 2	64.932	72.752 53.630 27.191	46.785 80.143 31.139
10 $\bar{1}$ 5	10.570	84.737 84.737 79.429	80.858 90.000	21 $\bar{3}$ 0	90.000	79.106 40.893 19.106	49.106 70.893 80.893	41 $\bar{5}$ 3	54.945	74.457 57.594 36.499	51.770 81.100 39.329
20 $\bar{2}$ 1	61.814	63.850 63.850 28.185	40.240 90.000	21 $\bar{3}$ 1	67.948	79.912 45.522 28.861	52.644 72.339 24.474	41 $\bar{5}$ 4	46.909	76.170 61.440 44.183	56.493 82.067 46.366
20 $\bar{2}$ 3	31.883	74.686 74.686 58.116	62.778 90.000	21 $\bar{3}$ 2	50.987	81.556 54.030 42.760	59.424 75.265 40.270	41 $\bar{5}$ 5	40.536	77.717 64.819 50.341	60.574 82.944 52.111
20 $\bar{2}$ 5	20.466	79.931 79.931 69.533	72.372 90.000	21 $\bar{3}$ 3	39.450	83.103 61.293 53.100	65.419 77.995 51.394	51 $\bar{6}$ 0	90.000	68.948 51.051 8.948	38.948 81.051 21.051
30 $\bar{3}$ 1	70.341	61.910 61.910 19.659	35.358 90.000	21 $\bar{3}$ 4	31.681	84.303 66.608 60.246	69.890 80.101 58.953	51 $\bar{6}$ 1	79.104	69.345 51.881 14.064	40.209 81.214 23.589
30 $\bar{3}$ 2	54.454	65.994 65.994 35.545	45.199 90.000	21 $\bar{3}$ 5	26.277	85.200 70.448 65.271	73.152 81.667 64.231	51 $\bar{6}$ 2	68.944	70.413 54.080 22.798	43.465 81.653 29.431
40 $\bar{4}$ 1	75.000	61.120 61.120 14.999	33.225 90.000	31 $\bar{4}$ 0	90.000	73.897 46.102 13.897	43.897 76.102 16.102	51 $\bar{6}$ 3	59.995	71.876 57.018 31.191	47.663 82.258 36.081
40 $\bar{4}$ 3	51.207	67.063 67.063 38.792	47.546 90.000	31 $\bar{4}$ 1	73.445	74.582 48.345 21.488	46.313 76.689 22.935	51 $\bar{6}$ 4	52.405	73.463 60.126 38.491	51.959 82.920 42.314
40 $\bar{4}$ 5	36.739	72.597 72.597 53.260	58.799 90.000	31 $\bar{4}$ 2	59.268	76.207 53.415 33.445	51.728 78.084 34.324	51 $\bar{6}$ 5	46.096	75.000 63.068 44.623	55.920 83.565 47.746
50 $\bar{5}$ 1	77.901	60.732 60.732 12.098	32.135 90.000	31 $\bar{4}$ 3	48.275	78.053 58.835 43.572	57.465 79.672 44.186	51 $\bar{6}$ 6	40.887	76.400 65.702 49.713	59.397 84.156 52.346

however, other rotation axes have also been observed (see *e.g.* Table 1). Because the orientation of the sub-boundary surfaces is predominantly parallel to $\langle 0001 \rangle$, we suggest that the elongated shape of the polygonal holes may in fact be determined by easy nucleation or growth of the holes along such boundaries. It was observed, as seen in Fig. 12, that the dislocation sub-boundary structure became sharply defined during the sublimation treatment but sufficiently precise measurements have not yet been made to assess the actual relation, if any, of the dislocation substructure to the sublimation structure. In this regard, it should be mentioned that the dislocation line orientations and

Burgers vectors have also been described for crystals of the type employed in the present investigation (Schultz & Armstrong, 1964). The outstanding majority of dislocations lie in the basal plane. They appear to have line and Burgers vectors along $\langle 10\bar{1}0 \rangle$ and $\langle \bar{1}2\bar{1}0 \rangle$. It also seems reasonable, therefore, that preferential sublimation should generally occur in directions orthogonal to $[0001]$ as compared with the $[0001]$ because the sublimation process occurs more easily at the emergence sites of the main quantity of dislocations.

Thermodynamically, the observation that sublimation takes place at distinct points on the crystal surface (*i.e.* to produce the polygonal holes) and that these

Table 6. Angles between $\{h_1k_1i_1l_1\}$ and $\{h_2k_2i_2l_2\}$ for zinc ($c/a=1.8563$)

$(n_2k_2i_2l_2)$	$(h_1k_1i_1l_1)$			$(h_2k_2i_2l_2)$	$(h_1k_1i_1l_1)$			$(h_2k_2i_2l_2)$	$(h_1k_1i_1l_1)$		
	0001	$1\bar{1}00$ 01 $\bar{1}0$ $\bar{1}010$	$2\bar{1}\bar{1}0$ $\bar{1}2\bar{1}0$ $\bar{1}\bar{1}20$		0001	$1\bar{1}00$ 01 $\bar{1}0$ $\bar{1}010$	$2\bar{1}\bar{1}0$ $\bar{1}2\bar{1}0$ $\bar{1}\bar{1}20$		0001	$1\bar{1}00$ 01 $\bar{1}0$ $\bar{1}010$	$2\bar{1}\bar{1}0$ $\bar{1}2\bar{1}0$ $\bar{1}\bar{1}20$
0001	0.000	90.000 90.000 90.000	90.000 90.000	$11\bar{2}0$	90.000	90.000 30.000 60.000	60.000 60.000	$31\bar{4}4$	62.635	75.740 51.990 30.446	50.212 77.683 31.432
$10\bar{1}0$	90.000	60.000 60.000 0.000	30.000 90.000	$11\bar{2}1$	74.952	90.000 33.256 33.256	61.132 61.132 15.074	$31\bar{4}5$	57.098	76.534 54.397 35.409	52.771 78.365 36.228
$10\bar{1}1$	64.989	63.056 63.056 25.010	38.296 90.000 38.296	$11\bar{2}2$	61.688	90.000 40.320 40.320	63.883 63.883 28.311	$31\bar{4}6$	52.176	77.345 56.790 39.934	55.306 79.063 40.631
$10\bar{1}2$	46.983	68.556 68.556 43.016	50.713 90.000 50.713	$11\bar{2}3$	51.060	90.000 47.654 47.654	67.113 67.113 38.939	$41\bar{5}0$	90.000	70.893 49.106 10.893	40.893 79.106 19.106
$10\bar{1}3$	35.545	73.101 73.101 54.454	59.770 90.000 59.770	$11\bar{2}4$	42.866	90.000 53.903 53.903	70.114 70.114 47.133	$41\bar{5}1$	84.187	70.995 49.361 12.330	41.232 79.163 19.939
$10\bar{1}4$	28.185	76.339 76.339 61.814	65.854 90.000 65.854	$11\bar{2}5$	36.594	90.000 58.916 58.916	72.657 72.657 53.405	$41\bar{5}2$	78.491	71.292 50.096 15.795	42.206 79.328 22.193
$10\bar{1}5$	23.204	78.637 78.637 66.795	70.048 90.000 70.048	$21\bar{3}0$	90.000	79.106 40.893 19.106	49.106 70.893 10.893	$41\bar{5}3$	73.016	71.756 51.236 20.089	43.700 79.587 25.350
$20\bar{2}1$	76.869	60.861 60.861 13.130	32.500 90.000 32.500	$21\bar{3}1$	79.999	79.274 41.888 21.478	49.856 71.194 14.746	$41\bar{5}4$	67.842	72.352 52.676 24.568	45.564 79.919 28.939
$20\bar{2}3$	55.016	65.816 65.816 34.984	44.802 90.000 44.802	$21\bar{3}2$	70.574	79.733 44.529 26.985	51.874 72.019 22.168	$41\bar{5}5$	63.022	73.039 54.308 28.939	47.648 80.304 32.638
$20\bar{2}5$	40.609	71.007 71.007 49.390	55.688 90.000 55.688	$21\bar{3}3$	62.121	80.383 48.072 33.358	54.642 73.181 29.771	$51\bar{6}0$	90.000	68.948 51.051 8.948	38.948 81.051 21.051
$30\bar{3}1$	81.160	60.392 60.392 8.839	31.158 90.000 31.158	$21\bar{3}4$	54.803	81.116 51.849 39.451	57.658 74.485 36.634	$51\bar{6}1$	85.210	69.025 51.213 10.140	39.195 81.083 21.565
$30\bar{3}2$	72.723	61.481 61.481 17.276	34.213 90.000 34.213	$21\bar{3}5$	48.598	81.850 55.457 44.864	60.590 75.787 42.559	$51\bar{6}2$	80.486	69.251 51.685 13.032	39.913 81.175 23.012
$40\bar{4}1$	83.347	60.222 60.222 6.652	30.661 90.000 30.661	$31\bar{4}0$	90.000	73.897 46.102 13.897	43.897 76.102 16.102	$51\bar{6}3$	75.889	69.612 52.435 16.659	41.040 81.323 25.163
$40\bar{4}3$	70.715	61.839 61.839 19.284	35.171 90.000 35.171	$31\bar{4}1$	82.627	74.034 46.556 15.698	44.388 76.219 17.669	$51\bar{6}4$	71.470	70.087 53.413 20.508	42.489 81.719 27.763
$40\bar{4}5$	59.751	64.410 64.410 30.249	41.573 90.000 41.573	$31\bar{4}2$	75.491	74.424 47.835 19.987	45.765 76.553 21.545	$51\bar{6}5$	67.268	70.651 54.564 24.342	44.167 81.651 30.597
$50\bar{5}1$	84.669	60.143 60.143 5.330	30.426 90.000 30.426	$31\bar{4}3$	68.785	75.015 49.730 25.185	47.798 77.061 26.407	$51\bar{6}6$	63.309	71.280 55.831 28.046	45.985 82.011 33.507

polygonal holes have a definite preferred orientation with respect to the crystal axes suggests that their formation may be primarily controlled by a nucleation type process. Furthermore, since the walls of the polygonal holes consist primarily of the planes figuring in the Gibbs–Wulff plot, we may assume that the polygonal holes are in fact composite sections of the three

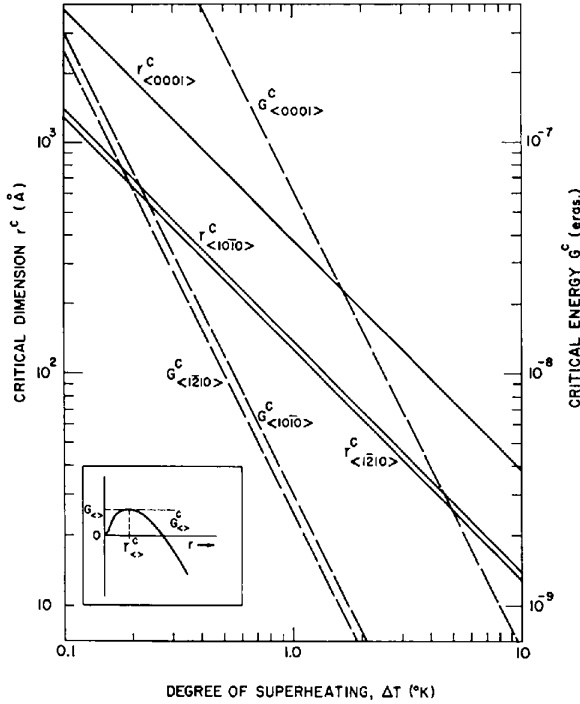


Fig. 13. Critical hole size as a function of superheating.

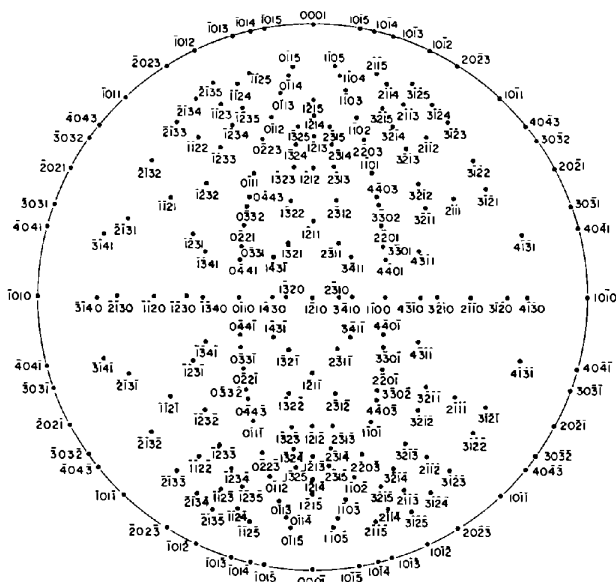


Fig. 14. $[1\bar{1}210]$ standard projection for zinc ($c/a=1.8563$).

dimensional plot shown in Fig. 11 with the basal plane surface decomposed into terrace-like steps. The fact that the macroscopic shape of the holes does not conform to that of the Gibbs–Wulff construction, as we said before, may be due to the inadequacy of the pairwise model used to calculate the surface free energies or to the hole growth kinetics. Assuming for the present that the latter is the cause of the shape discrepancy, but without loss of generality, one can describe the formation of polygonal holes by conventional nucleation theory.

Sections through the center of the Gibbs–Wulff shape (Fig. 11) and parallel, in turn, to $\{10\bar{1}0\}$, $\{1\bar{1}210\}$ and $\{0001\}$ would produce polygonal holes of the $\langle 10\bar{1}0 \rangle$, $\langle 1\bar{1}210 \rangle$ and $\langle 0001 \rangle$ types respectively. The $\langle 0001 \rangle$ type, although not observed experimentally, is included to give a measure of the relative stability of the various types of holes. The total energy required to form a polygonal hole of dimension, r , of each of the aforementioned types is:

$$G\langle 10\bar{1}0 \rangle = \frac{1}{2}r^3V\Delta G_V + \frac{1}{2}r^2[A\{10\bar{1}0\}\gamma\{10\bar{1}0\} + A\{1\bar{1}210\}\gamma\{1\bar{1}210\} + A\{0001\}\gamma\{0001\}] - r^2A^*\{10\bar{1}0\}\gamma\{10\bar{1}0\},$$

or,

$$G\langle 10\bar{1}0 \rangle = \frac{1}{2}r^3V\Delta G_V + \frac{1}{2}r^2\Delta G_A - r^2A^*\{10\bar{1}0\}\gamma\{10\bar{1}0\};$$

$$G\langle 1\bar{1}210 \rangle = \frac{1}{2}r^3V\Delta G_V + \frac{1}{2}r^2\Delta G_A - r^2A^{**}\{1\bar{1}210\}\gamma\{1\bar{1}210\};$$

and,

$$G\langle 0001 \rangle = \frac{1}{2}r^3V\Delta G_V + \frac{1}{2}r^2\Delta G_A - r^2A^{***}\{0001\}\gamma\{0001\},$$

where r is the distance from the center of the three-dimensional γ plot to the (0001) surface; r^3V is the volume of the three-dimensional γ plot; and ΔG_V is the volumetric free energy of sublimation; r^2A is the total area of each type of surface; $\gamma\{hkil\}$ is the surface free energy; and r^2A^* , r^2A^{**} and r^2A^{***} are the areas of the plane disappearing upon formation of a polygonal hole in each case considered. The numerical values of these quantities can be derived on the basis of the angular relations given in the Appendix and the estimated values of the relative surface energies of various planes (Miller *et al.*, 1969; Wolff & Gualtieri, 1962).

Now, if a crystal is held in an atmosphere having a partial pressure of zinc lower than the equilibrium vapor pressure at the temperature, T , in question, there is a net overheating of the crystal which amounts to an energy decrease on sublimation given by:

$$\Delta G_V = RT \ln [P_{Zn,T}^0/P_{Zn,T_s}^0]$$

where T_s is the temperature corresponding to equilibrium for the partial pressure of zinc in the atmosphere in question. On the basis of the above equations one can calculate the size of a critical polygonal hole by setting $(\partial G/\partial r)_{r_c} = 0$. The results of such calculations of critical size versus degree of superheating for $T=350^\circ\text{C}$ and $\gamma\{0001\}=600\text{ erg.cm}^{-2}$ (Miller *et al.*, 1969) are shown in Fig. 13.

A quantitative evaluation of the obtained experimental results on this basis is, of course, not possible because of the unknown effective T_s , the exact configuration of active sites in terms of dislocations and subgrain boundaries, and the lack of information on the growth kinetics after the polygonal holes are nucleated. The results do confirm the strong anisotropy which is expected for the sublimation process. The fact that the basal plane remains essentially unmarked by polygonal holes and the $\langle 10\bar{1}0 \rangle$ and $\langle \bar{1}2\bar{1}0 \rangle$ holes appear with nearly the same frequency is borne out by this calculation. This effect should be further enhanced by the orientation of dislocations discussed previously.

The preceding calculation also gives an indication of the nature of the transition from a thermal etching to a thermal faceting process (Moore, 1963). Although thermal etching and thermal faceting may actually be different in principle, they share a common feature in that when a solid is heated in high vacuum or in an atmosphere under which appreciable sublimation occurs (thermal etching) or in some near equilibrium atmosphere (thermal faceting) for a period of time, the surface of the solid shows preferential sites of transformation containing definite crystallographic planes, usually ones of high atomic density. Thermal faceting may be regarded as thermal etching in the limit of $T - T_s = \Delta T \rightarrow 0$ and, since in this limit the critical size of the polygonal hole approaches that of the sample itself, faceting should be observable only when the crystal size is very small (Herring, 1951) or in small regions of a crystal where local temperature fluctuations are sufficiently large to nucleate some equilibrium facets. Such nucleation of small facets has been observed in copper (Mykura, 1969), suggesting that sublimation at very small superheatings and under closely controlled conditions may provide a useful method for the study of the anisotropy of surface energy in crystalline solids.

$$\cos \beta = \frac{u_1 u_2 + v_1 v_2 + \frac{1}{2}(u_1 v_2 + u_2 v_1) + \frac{1}{3} w_1 w_2 (c/a)^2}{[u_1^2 + v_1^2 + u_1 v_1 + \frac{1}{3} w_1^2 (c/a)^2]^{1/2} [u_2^2 + v_2^2 + u_2 v_2 + \frac{1}{3} w_2^2 (c/a)^2]^{1/2}}$$

and for planes

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{h_1 h_2 + k_1 k_2 + \frac{1}{2}(h_1 k_1 + h_2 k_2) + \frac{3}{4} l_1 l_2 (a/c)^2}{[h_1^2 + k_1^2 + h_1 k_1 + \frac{3}{4} l_1^2 (a/c)^2]^{1/2} [h_2^2 + k_2^2 + h_2 k_2 + \frac{3}{4} l_2^2 (a/c)^2]^{1/2}}$$

Conclusions

(1) The partial sublimation of [0001] zinc single crystals produces polygonal holes in directions orthogonal to [0001]. The holes are composed entirely of $\{h0hl\}$ planes of which some types are clearly identified and other types are only probably detected.

(2) The Gibbs-Wulff shape evaluated by a pairwise interaction model is not in agreement with all of the plane surfaces which were identified nor with the macroscopic shape of the polygonal holes, except for the general fact that the relatively low energy surfaces

$\{h0hl\}$ as compared with $\{hkil\}$ are found to bound the holes. The shape of the holes suggests that the relative energy of the $\{h0hl\}$ planes may be lower than calculated by the aforementioned model.

(3) The crystallographic orientation of the boundaries produced by intersecting facets and the striated surfaces of the polygonal holes seems to indicate that the shape and the position of the polygonal holes are related to the dislocation substructure of the material. The dislocation substructure was altered during the sublimation process as was observed in Laue back-reflection pictures taken of the crystals before and after the sublimation treatments.

(4) The frequency of appearance of different types of polygonal holes is in qualitative agreement with a conventional nucleation analysis. This orientation dependence is in agreement with the results expected on the basis of the character and the configuration of dislocations in the crystals.

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APPENDIX

The $[\bar{1}\bar{1}20]$ standard projection and the $(\bar{1}\bar{1}20)$ standard projection for zinc ($c/a = 1.8563$) were constructed after the angles between $\langle \bar{1}\bar{1}20 \rangle$ and $\langle u_2 v_2 t_2 w_2 \rangle$ and the angles between $\{\bar{1}\bar{1}20\}$ and $\{h_2 k_2 t_2 l_2\}$ were computed, using for directions

These formulas were derived by vector analysis (Arnstein, 1970). Tables 5 and 6 present the angles calculated for both cases. Figs. 14 and 15 show the standard projections which result. Additional computed angles between $\langle 0001 \rangle$ or $\langle 10\bar{1}0 \rangle$ and other directions and between $\{0001\}$ or $\{10\bar{1}0\}$ and other planes are also given in these Tables. The angles between directions can also be calculated by employing the third index t , in which case the crystal symmetry is more clearly recognized and the possibility of misapplying the formulae by taking u and v to be defined for incorrect axes is avoided; e.g.

$$\cos \beta = \frac{u_1 u_2 + v_1 v_2 + t_1 t_2 + \frac{1}{2}(u_1 v_2 + u_2 v_1 + u_1 t_2 + u_2 t_1 + v_1 t_2 + v_2 t_1) + \frac{1}{3} w_1 w_2 (c/a)^2}{[u_1^2 + v_1^2 + t_1^2 + u_1 v_1 + u_1 t_1 + v_1 t_1 + \frac{1}{3} w_1^2 (c/a)^2]^{1/2} [u_2^2 + v_2^2 + t_2^2 + u_2 v_2 + u_2 t_2 + v_2 t_2 + \frac{1}{3} w_2^2 (c/a)^2]^{1/2}}$$

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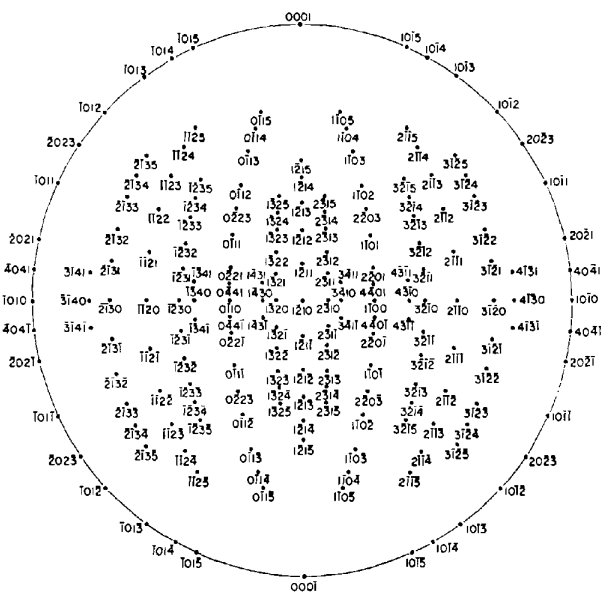


Fig. 15. (1210) standard projection for zinc (c/a)=1.8563.

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On a New Retigraph with Pure Precession Motion

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A new precession retigraph is described which allows precession angles of up to 45° . It does not contain a universal-joint suspension, and it has a pure precession motion.

Introduction

An instrument capable of giving an undistorted photograph of the reciprocal lattice is usually called a 'retigraph'. All retigraphs are characterized by the presence of a crystal support and a film support, both of which must have exactly the same movement. One can iden-

tify three classes of instruments depending on the kind of movement: rotation models, precession models and generalized-movement models. The retigraphs of the different classes give spots of different shapes, and different Lorentz factors must be used in correcting the intensities.

The first retigraph was built by de Jong & Bouman