# Single crystals

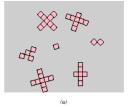
- Periodic and repeated arrangement of atoms is perfect or extends through the entirety of the specimen
- ☐ Unit cells interlock in the same way and have the same orientation
- ☐ Can be produced naturally and artificially



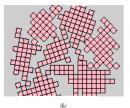
Single crystals of fluorite (CaF<sub>2</sub>)

#### Polycrystalline materials

- A collection of many small crystals or grains
- ☐ Grain boundary: some atomic mismatch within the region where two grains meet









## Anisotropy

- Anisotropy:
- ☐ Isotropic:

Table 3.3 Modulus of Elasticity Values for Several Metals at Various Crystallographic Orientations

Metal	Modulus of Elasticity (GPa)		
	[100]	[110]	[111]
Aluminum	63.7	72.6	76.1
Copper	66.7	130.3	191.1
Iron	125.0	210.5	272.7
Tungsten	384.6	384.6	384.6

## **Chapter 4: Imperfections in solids**

Outline

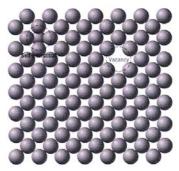
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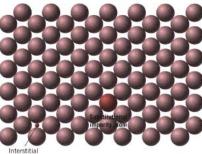
# **Types of imperfections**

- Point defects
  - Vacancy atoms
  - Interstitial atoms
  - Substitutional atoms
- ☐ Dislocations (linear defects)
- ☐ Grain boundaries (planar defects)
- Volume

#### **Point defects**

- Vacancy:
- Self-interstitial:
- Substitutional





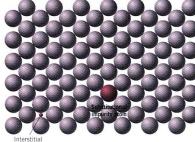
impurity atom

# Point defects: equilibrium concentration

☐ Equilibrium concentration varies with temperature

## Impurities in solids

- □ Fundamental concepts
  - alloy
  - solute
  - solvent
  - solid solution
- Solute solutions
  - substitution
    - → atomic size factor
    - → crystal structure
    - → electronegativity
    - → valences
  - interstitial



Interstitial

# Impurities in solids (continue)

- Specification of composition
  - composition of an alloy in weight percent

$$C_1 = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \times 100\%$$

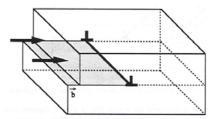
· composition of an alloy in atom percent

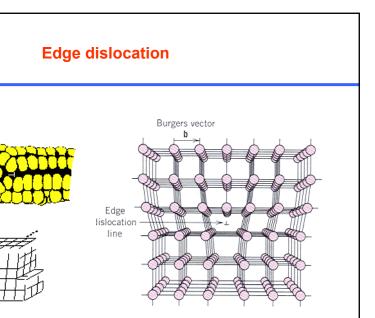
$$C_1' = \frac{n_{m1}}{n_{m1} + n_{m2}} \times 100\%$$

$$n_{m1} = \frac{m_1'}{A_1}$$

#### **Dislocations-linear defects**

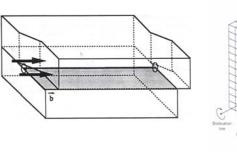
- □ Edge dislocation:
- Dislocation line:

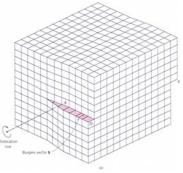




## **Dislocations-linear defects**

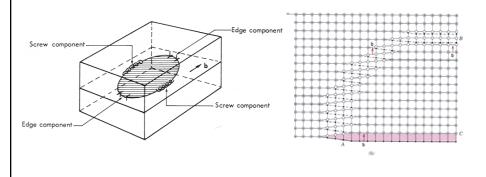
- Screw dislocation:
- Slip plane:
- □ Slip plane contains both Burgers Vectors and dislocation line





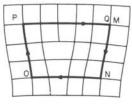
#### **Dislocations-linear defects**

Mixed dislocation



## **Burgers Circuit & Burgers Vector**

- Burgers circuit: any close loop contain dislocations by an atom to atom path
- Burgers vectors: the vector required to complete the circuit in a perfect crystal; the direction of atom displacement



(a)

(b)

P M Q Burgers vector

- (a) Burgers circuit round an edge dislocation
- (b) the same circuit in a perfect crystal

#### **Dislocations-linear defects**

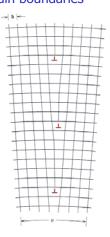
- What cause dislocations?
  - processing
  - plastic deformation
  - thermal stresses
- Observation of dislocations



A TEM micrograph of a titanium alloy

# **Interfacial defects (two dimension)**

- ☐ External surfaces
- Grain boundaries







Angle of misalignment

High-angle grain boundary

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# **Bulk Defects (three dimension)**

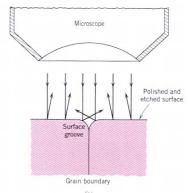
- Void
- Cracks
- Inclusions



**TEM** image of voids

# Microscopic examination

Optical microscopy



- ☐ Transmission electron microscopy
- Scanning electron microscopy
- Scanning probe microscopy