



Plasticity

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Topics



Dislocations in Intermetallic Compounds

- Comparison of A1, A2, and A3 metals alloys with ordered phases
- Applying the stacking fault scheme to ordered alloys: antiphase boundaries and complex faults
- Examples
 - B2
 - L1₂
- Consequences



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Note that the IUCr version of A3, the unit cell is rotated of 180° in comparison to this presentation!





- We will use this analogy to deduce dislocation properties in these intermetallic compounds.
- It is important that any dislocation process should preserve the order in the compound. Otherwise, diffusion processes are necessary to recover order.





Burgers vectors, shortest full lattice vector:



 $\frac{1}{2}\langle 111 \rangle$ is the shortest lattice vector in the primitive, trigonal unit cell of A2.

By the introduction of order in B2, the symmetry is broken and the primitive unit cell is now indeed simple cubic with a two atomic crystallographic basis (one of the atoms on the corner, one in the center of the unit cell). Hence, the shortest Burgers vector preserving the structure is $\langle 100 \rangle$.





Burgers vectors, dissociation:





Similar to what was seen in A1 metals, shorter Burgers vectors can be achieved by dissociation. A metastable planar fault of low energy is then necessary: in this case an antiphase boundary.





Perfect B2 lattice, all NN bonds are of A-B type!



 $[00\overline{1}]$ top view





Introduction of an antiphase boundary by ¹/₂[111] displacement within (110). The energy of the defect is determined by the excess energy of B-B and A-A bonds.

Note there is no stacking fault, e.g. fault in the stacking sequence!









- In general, slip systems with either (111) or (001) slip directions are found in most B2 compounds.
- It significantly depends on the tendency for ordering (binding energy of A-B vs. A-A and B-B):
 - (001) (mostly with (100)) when strong tendency for order
 - (111) (mostly with $(1\overline{1}0)$) when low tendency for order
- In some systems, a transition from (111) to (001) is observed for increasing temperature.
- Additional influences are arising from:
 - exact antiphase boundary energy
 - deviations from 1:1 stoichiometry by constitutional point defects
 - orientation of mechanical load





Burgers vectors, other possibilities and dissociation:

Note that there are two possibilities of dislocation dissociation which might lead to $\frac{1}{2}$ [111] dislocations:



2 · 1/2 [111] with anti-phase boundary B2

Co-linear dissociation of a the long space diagonal. There is no distinct plane for the planar fault! Planar dissociation of a $\langle 001 \rangle$ dislocation. The planar fault can only be of $\{\overline{1}10\}\frac{1}{2}\langle 111 \rangle$ type (see slides before).





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Different planes of the planar fault change the ratio of A-B to A-A and B-B bonds!





Burgers vectors, shortest full lattice vector:



Again, the unit cell is simple cubic. The crystallographic basis consists of four atoms. The shortest lattice vector is $\langle 001 \rangle$.





- In most cases, slip is found for $\{111\}\langle 1\overline{1}0\rangle$ system. Sometimes $\{001\}\langle 1\overline{1}0\rangle$ are identified.
- There are additional influences by:
 - Temperature
 - Antiphase boundary energy
 - Deviations from exact stoichiometry
 - Orientation of mechanical loading





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Co-linear and co-planar $\frac{1}{2}$ (110) Burgers vectors.





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Anti-phase boundary by

displacement of the upper layer about $\frac{1}{2}[\overline{1}01]$. The center B atoms now have B-B instead of A-B bonds.





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Intrinsic stacking fault displacment of the upper plane about $\frac{1}{3}[\overline{2}11]$. There is no change in NN bonds. There is a missing plane in the stacking sequence!





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Complex Fault by displacement along $\frac{1}{6}[\overline{11}2]$. Both, number of bonds and stacking sequence is changed!





There are mainy possible dissociation scenarios in $L1_2$:



etc.

In reality, non-planar dissociations appear!





For A1, we have seen that:

- Cross-slip is controlled by dissociation. Cross-slip determines the workhardening behavior due to the contribution to dynamic recovery.
- Work-hardening is additionally altered by the formation of sessile dislocation reaction products.

Both consideration can directly be transferred to L1₂ structures. Due to the higher number of possible dissociations and faults, scenarios for cross-slip and lock formation are manifold.





In some technically relevant materials like super alloys, the ordered phases form coherent precipitates in the disordered matrix. The penetration process of dislocations form the disordered matrix into the particles is important for the assessment of the strengthening contributions by the particles. Here, the direct comparison of Burgers vectors, dissociations and faults in the disordered and ordered alloys is a key task: short Burgers vectors in the disordered structures often lead to faults in the ordered structure.





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 Cu_5Zn_8 - is a 3x3x3 super structure of A2 with additional displacements of the atoms.





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FeAI (B2) and Fe_5AI_8 (D8₂) and triclinic $FeAI_2$





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Even in very complex phases, it is a matter of view point!





- Constitutional and structural vacancies can have significant influence on the deformation behavior of intermetallic compounds.
- Only few examples exist, where plastic deformation is completely different from disordered alloys, e.g. by deformation on Kagome layers or synchro-shear mechanism.



Summary



- The analyses of dislocation structures in intermetallic compounds is in many cases based on the direct comparison to the disordered alloys and by utilizing the order relationship of both.
- The dissociation of dislocations results in stacking faults, antiphase boundaries of complex faults.
- The various possibilities of dissociation and lock formation significantly contribute to work-hardening behavior of the phases.
- In most cases details depend on: temperature, loading direction, stoichiometry, etc.

