

2. RECIPROCAL SPACE IN CRYSTAL-STRUCTURE DETERMINATION

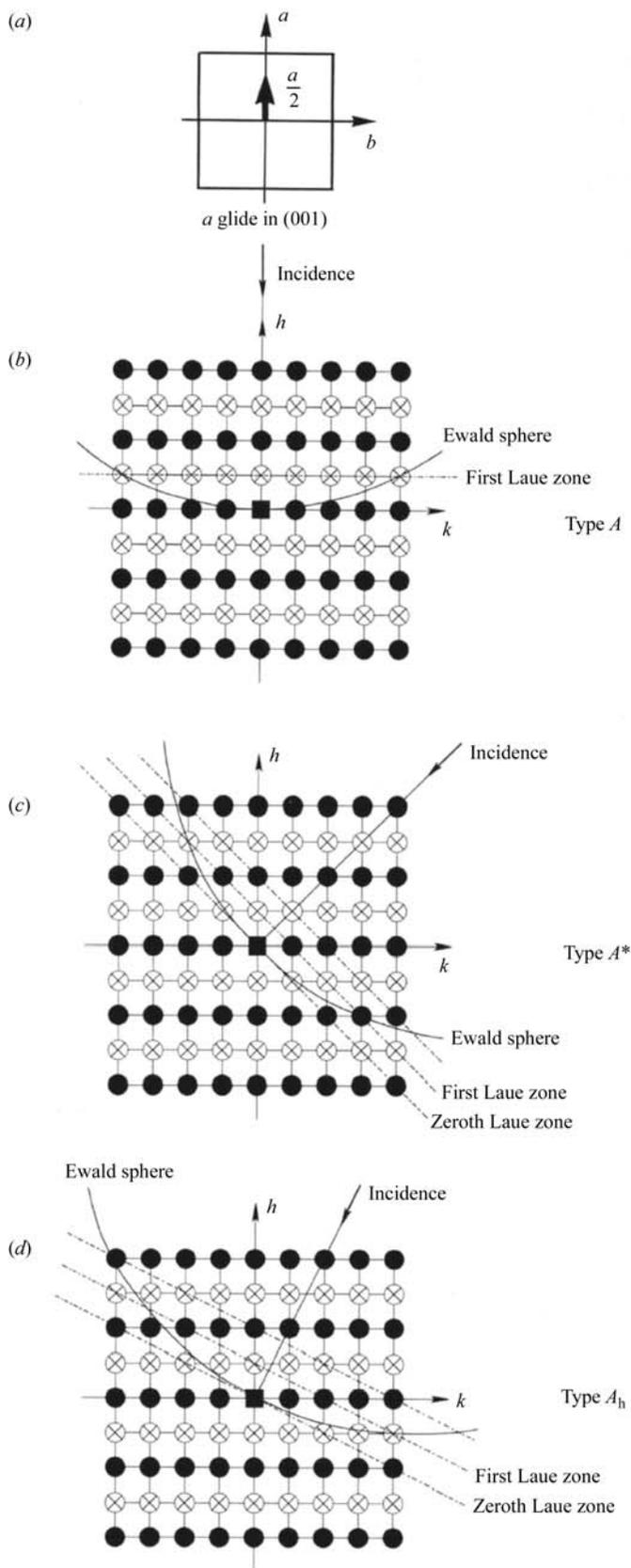


Fig. 2.5.3.13. Illustration of dynamical extinction lines appearing in HOLZ reflections due to glide planes. Black circles and circled crosses show kinematically allowed and kinematically forbidden reflections, respectively. (a) *a* glide in the (001) plane. (b) [100] incidence: dynamical extinction lines are formed in HOLZ reflections on both sides of the incident beam (type *A*). (c) [110] incidence: an extinction line is formed at a HOLZ reflection on one side of the incident beam because on the other side the Ewald sphere intersects an allowed HOLZ reflection (type *A**). (d) An incidence between [100] and [110]: an extinction line is formed at a HOLZ reflection on one side of the incident beam because on the other side the Ewald sphere does not intersect a HOLZ reflection (type *A_h*).

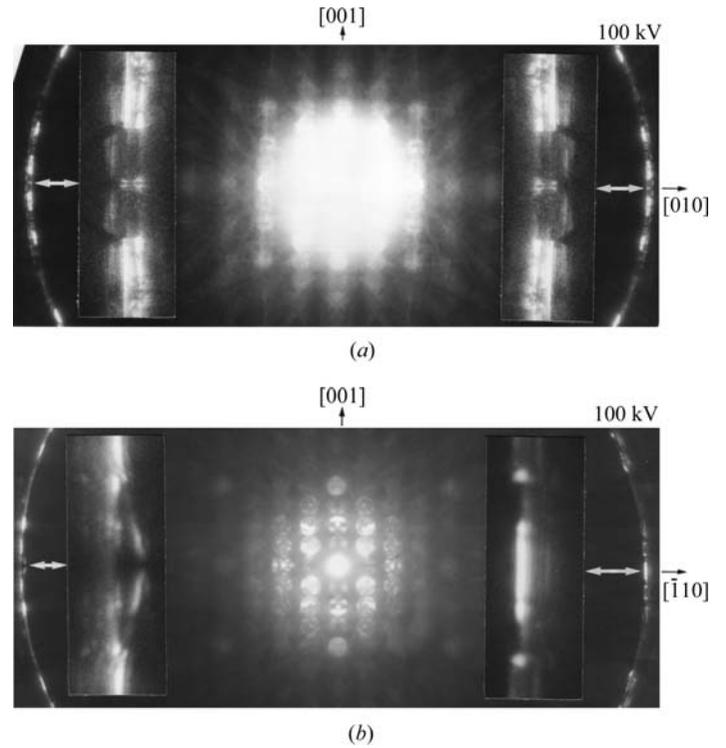


Fig. 2.5.3.14. HOLZ CBED pattern of FeS₂. (a) [100] incidence: type *A* dynamical extinction lines are seen clearly in the enlarged insets. (b) [110] incidence: a type *A** dynamical extinction line is seen clearly in the enlarged insets.

which satisfies the results obtained at the two crystal orientations is $\bar{4}3m$.

Fig. 2.5.3.16(e) shows an ordinary diffraction pattern taken with the [100] incidence at 80 kV. With the help of the lattice parameters and the camera length, the indices of the reflections are given as shown in the figure. The reflections $0kl$ ($k + l = 2n + 1$) are found to be kinematically forbidden. Thus, the lattice type is determined to be *I*.

The space groups having point group $\bar{4}3m$ and lattice type *I* are $I\bar{4}3m$ and $I\bar{4}3d$ from Table 2.5.3.9. Fig. 2.5.3.16(d) shows dynamical extinction lines *A*₂ in the 033 disc and equivalent discs (also broad lines *A*₂ in the 011 discs). Since the former space group does not give any dynamical extinction lines, the space group is determined to be $I\bar{4}3d$. For confirmation, a CBED pattern which contains the second-order-Laue-zone reflections was taken (Fig. 2.5.3.16f). Dynamical extinction lines *A* are seen in the 2,22,22 disc and the equivalent discs. This result also identifies the space group to be not $I\bar{4}3m$ but $I\bar{4}3d$ with the aid of Table 2.5.3.12.

2.5.3.4. Symmetry determination of incommensurate crystals

2.5.3.4.1. General remarks

Incommensurately modulated crystals do not have three-dimensional lattice periodicity. The crystals, however, recover lattice periodicity in a space higher than three dimensions. de Wolff (1974, 1977) showed that one-dimensional displacive and substitutionally modulated crystals can be described as a three-dimensional section of a (3 + 1)-dimensional periodic crystal. Janner & Janssen (1980a,b) developed a more general approach for describing a modulated crystal with *n* modulations as (3 + *n*)-dimensional periodic crystals ($n = 1, 2, \dots$). Yamamoto (1982) derived a general structure-factor formula for *n*-dimensionally modulated crystals ($n = 1, 2, \dots$), which holds for both displacive and substitutionally modulated crystals. Tables of the (3 + 1)-dimensional space groups for one-dimensional incommensurately modulated crystals were given by de Wolff *et al.* (1981), where the wavevector of the modulation was assumed to lie in the

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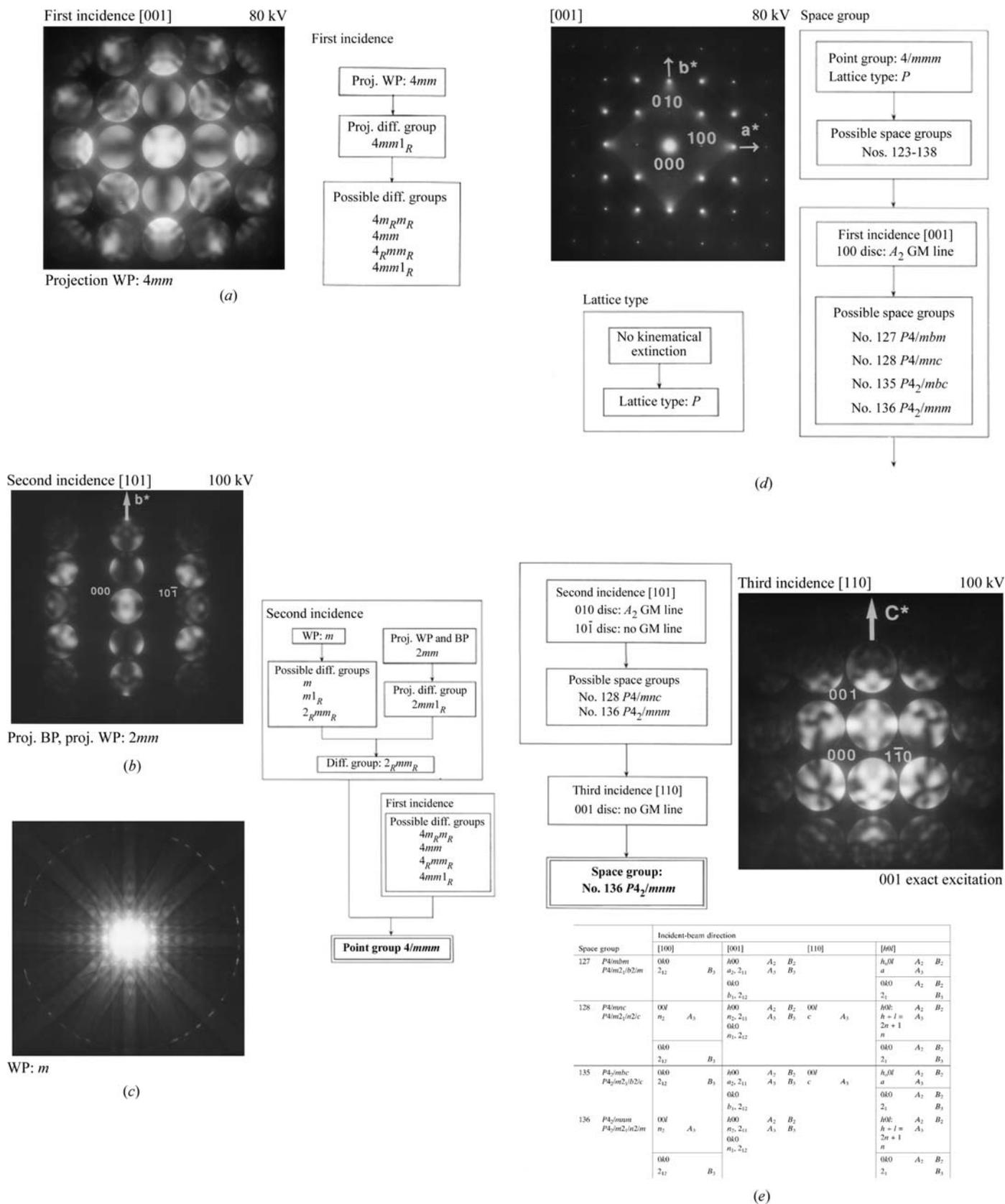


Fig. 2.5.3.15. CBED patterns of rutile. The procedures for identifying the symmetry are also shown. (a) [001] incidence at 80 kV: the projection (proj.) WP shows symmetry $4mm$. (b, c) [101] incidence at 100 kV: the projection BP and projection WP show symmetry $2mm$ and the WP shows symmetry m (the point group is $4/mmm$). (d) Spot diffraction pattern showing no extinction caused by the lattice type (lattice type P). (e) Near-[110] incidence at 100 kV to excite exactly the 001 reflection: no extinction lines in the 001 disc (space group $P4_2/mmm$).

c direction. Later, some corrections to the tables were made by Yamamoto *et al.* (1985). The analysis of incommensurately modulated crystals using $(3 + 1)$ -dimensional space groups has become familiar in the field of X-ray structure analysis.

Fung *et al.* (1980) applied the CBED method to the study of incommensurately modulated transition-metal dichalcogenides.

Steeds *et al.* (1985) applied the LACBED method (Tanaka *et al.*, 1980) to the study of incommensurately modulated crystals of $NiGe_{1-x}P_x$. Tanaka *et al.* (1988, pp. 74–81) examined the symmetries of the incommensurate and fundamental reflections appearing in the CBED patterns obtained from the incommensurately modulated crystals of $Sr_2Nb_2O_7$ and Mo_8O_{23} . Terauchi &

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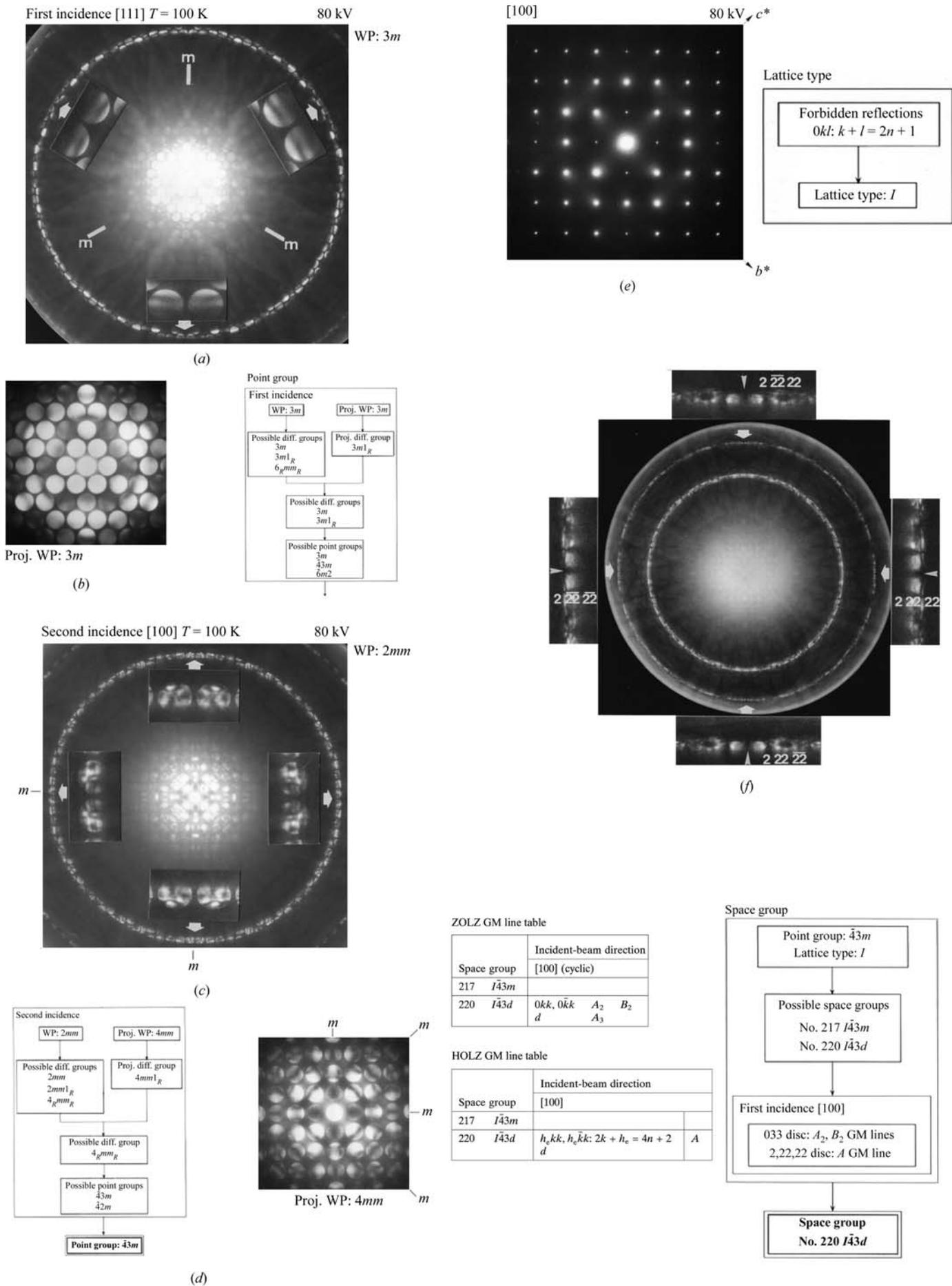


Fig. 2.5.3.16. CBED patterns of Sm_3Se_4 . The procedures for identifying the symmetry are also shown. (a, b) [111] incidence at 80 kV: the WP symmetry is $3m$ (a) and the projection (proj.) WP symmetry is $3m$ (b). (c, d) [100] incidence at 80 kV: the WP symmetry is $2mm$ (c) and the projection WP symmetry is $4mm$ (d). Dynamical extinction lines A_2 and A_3 are seen (d). The point group is determined to be $\bar{4}3m$. (e) Spot diffraction pattern taken with the [100] incidence at 80 kV shows the absence of $0kl$ reflections. The lattice type is determined to be I . (f) [100] incidence at 100 kV: dynamical extinction lines A in HOLZ reflections confirm the existence of a glide plane. The space group is determined to be $I43d$.

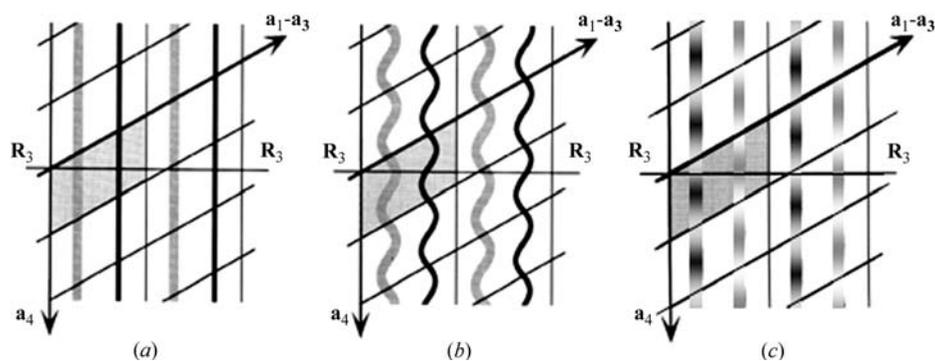
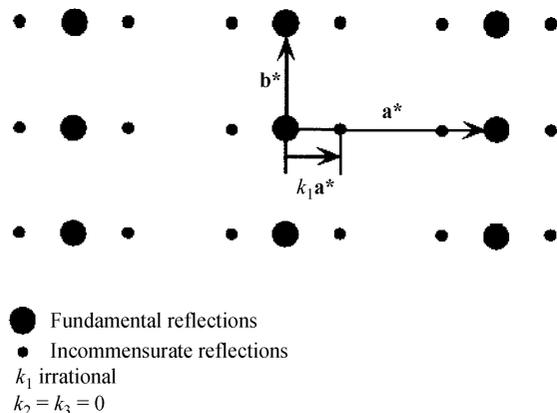
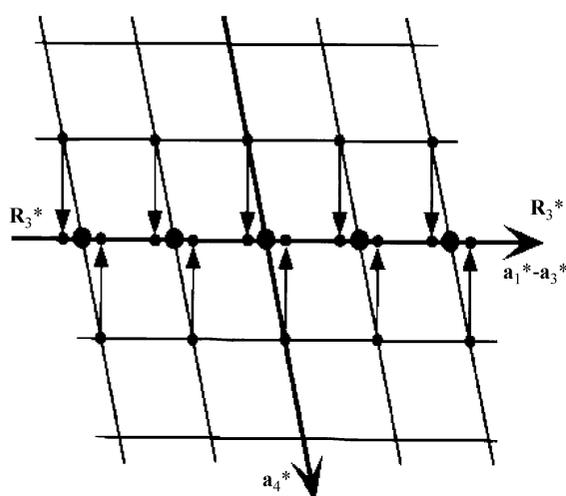


Fig. 2.5.3.17. The (3 + 1)-dimensional description of one-dimensionally modulated crystals. Atoms are shown as strings along the fourth direction \mathbf{a}_4 . (a) No modulation, shown as straight strings. (b) Displacive modulation, shown as wavy strings. (c) Amplitude modulation with varying-density strings.

Tanaka (1993) clarified theoretically the interrelation between the symmetries of CBED patterns and the (3 + 1)-dimensional point-group symbols for incommensurately modulated crystals and verified experimentally the theoretical results for $\text{Sr}_2\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_7$ and Mo_8O_{23} . Terauchi *et al.* (1994) investigated dynamical extinction for the (3 + 1)-dimensional space groups. They clarified that approximate dynamical extinction lines appear in CBED



(a)



(b)

Fig. 2.5.3.18. (a) Schematic diffraction pattern from a modulated crystal. As an example, the wave number vector of modulation is assumed to be $k_1\mathbf{a}^*$, k_1 being an irrational number. Large and small spots denote fundamental and incommensurate reflections, respectively. (b) Incommensurate reflections are obtained by a projection of the Fourier transform of a (3 + 1)-dimensional periodic structure.

discs of the reflections caused by incommensurate modulations when the amplitudes of the incommensurate modulation waves are small. They tabulated the dynamical extinction lines appearing in the CBED discs for all the (3 + 1)-dimensional space groups of the incommensurately modulated crystals. The tables were stored in the British Library Document Supply Centre as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 71810 (65 pp.). They showed an example of the dynamical extinction lines obtained from $\text{Sr}_2\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_7$. The point- and space-group determinations of the (3 + 1)-dimensional crystals are described compactly in the book by Tanaka *et al.* (1994, pp. 156–205).

Fig. 2.5.3.17 illustrates (3 + 1)-dimensional descriptions of a crystal structure without modulation (a), a one-dimensional displacive modulated structure (b) and a one-dimensional substitutionally modulated structure (c). The arrows labelled \mathbf{a}_1 – \mathbf{a}_3 (\mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c}) and \mathbf{a}_4 indicate the (3 + 1)-dimensional crystal axes. The horizontal line labelled \mathbf{R}_3 represents the three-dimensional space (external space). In the (3 + 1)-dimensional description, an atom is not located at a point as in the three-dimensional space, but extends as a string along the fourth direction \mathbf{a}_4 perpendicular to the three-dimensional space \mathbf{R}_3 . The shaded parallelogram is a unit cell in the (3 + 1)-dimensional space. The unit cell contains two atom strings in this case. In the case of no modulations, the atoms are shown as straight strings, as shown in Fig. 2.5.3.17(a). For a displacive modulation, atoms are expressed by wavy strings periodic along the fourth direction \mathbf{a}_4 as shown in Fig. 2.5.3.17(b). The width of the atom strings indicates the spread of the atoms in \mathbf{R}_3 . The atom positions of the modulated structure in \mathbf{R}_3 are given as a three-dimensional (\mathbf{R}_3) section of the atom strings in the (3 + 1)-dimensional space. A substitutional modulation, which is described by a modulation of the atom form factor, is expressed by atom strings with a density modulation along the direction \mathbf{a}_4 as shown in Fig. 2.5.3.17(c).

The diffraction vector \mathbf{G} is written as

$$\mathbf{G} = h_1\mathbf{a}^* + h_2\mathbf{b}^* + h_3\mathbf{c}^* + h_4\mathbf{k},$$

where a set of $h_1h_2h_3h_4$ is a (3 + 1)-dimensional reflection index, and \mathbf{a}^* , \mathbf{b}^* and \mathbf{c}^* are the reciprocal-lattice vectors of the real-lattice vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} of the average structure. The modulation vector \mathbf{k} is written as

$$\mathbf{k} = k_1\mathbf{a}^* + k_2\mathbf{b}^* + k_3\mathbf{c}^*,$$

where one coefficient k_i ($i = 1-3$) is an irrational number and the others are rational. Fig. 2.5.3.18(a) shows a diffraction pattern of a crystal with an incommensurate modulation wavevector $k_1\mathbf{a}^*$ (k_2 and $k_3 = 0$). Large and small black spots show the fundamental reflections and incommensurate reflections, respectively, only the first-order incommensurate reflections being shown. It

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should be noted that the diffraction pattern of a modulated crystal is obtained by a projection of the Fourier transform of the (3 + 1)-dimensional periodic structure. Fig. 2.5.3.18(b) is assumed to be the Fourier transform of Fig. 2.5.3.17(b). Incommensurate reflections are obtained by a projection of the reciprocal-lattice points onto \mathbf{R}_3^* .

The displacive modulation is expressed by the atom displacement u_i^μ with x_4 . The structure factor $F(h_1h_2h_3h_4)$ for the (3 + 1)-dimensional crystal with a displacive modulation is given by de Wolff (1974, 1977) as follows:

$$F(h_1h_2h_3h_4) = \sum_{\mu=1}^N f_\mu \exp[2\pi i(h_1\bar{x}_1^\mu + h_2\bar{x}_2^\mu + h_3\bar{x}_3^\mu)] \times \int_0^1 \exp\left\{2\pi i\left[\sum_{i=1}^3 (h_i + h_4k_i)u_i^\mu + h_4\bar{x}_4^\mu\right]\right\} d\bar{x}_4^\mu, \quad (2.5.3.6)$$

where

$$\bar{x}_4^\mu = (\bar{x}_1^\mu + n_1)k_1 + (\bar{x}_2^\mu + n_2)k_2 + (\bar{x}_3^\mu + n_3)k_3.$$

f_μ and \bar{x}_i^μ ($i = 1-3$) are, respectively, the atom form factor and the i th component of the position of the μ th atom in the unit cell of the average structure. The symbol u_i^μ is the i th component of the displacement of the μ th atom. Since the atom in the (3 + 1)-dimensional space is continuous along \mathbf{a}_4 and discrete along \mathbf{R}_3 , the structure factor is expressed by summation in \mathbf{R}_3 and integration along \mathbf{a}_4 as seen in equation (2.5.3.6). The integration implies that the sum for the atoms with displacements is taken over the infinite number of unit cells of the average structure. That is, equation (2.5.3.6) is the structure factor for a unit cell with the lattice parameter of an infinite length in \mathbf{R}_3 along the direction of the modulation wavevector \mathbf{k} .

CBED patterns are obtained from a finite area of a specimen crystal. For the symmetry analysis of CBED patterns obtained from modulated structures, the effect of the finite size was considered by Terauchi & Tanaka (1993). The integration over a unit-cell length along \mathbf{a}_4 in equation (2.5.3.6) is rewritten in the following way with the summation over a finite number of three-dimensional sections of the atom strings:

$$F(h_1h_2h_3h_4) = \sum_{\mu=1}^N f_\mu \exp[2\pi i(h_1\bar{x}_1^\mu + h_2\bar{x}_2^\mu + h_3\bar{x}_3^\mu)] \times \sum_{n_1} \sum_{n_2} \sum_{n_3} \exp\left\{2\pi i\left[\sum_{i=1}^3 (h_i + h_4k_i)u_i^\mu + h_4\bar{x}_4^\mu\right]\right\}, \quad (2.5.3.7)$$

where $N_1 < n_1 \leq N'_1$, $N_2 < n_2 \leq N'_2$ and $N_3 < n_3 \leq N'_3$, $N' = (N'_1 - N_1)(N'_2 - N_2)(N'_3 - N_3)$ being the number of unit cells of the average structure included in a specimen volume from which CBED patterns are taken.

The substitutional modulation arises from a periodic variation of the site-occupation probability of the atoms. This modulation is expressed by a modulation of the atom form factor f_μ with x_4 . The structure factor $F'(h_1h_2h_3h_4)$ for a finite-size crystal is written as

$$F'(h_1h_2h_3h_4) = \sum_{\mu=1}^N \exp[2\pi i(h_1x_1^\mu + h_2x_2^\mu + h_3x_3^\mu)] \times \sum_{n_1} \sum_{n_2} \sum_{n_3} f_\mu \exp(2\pi ih_4x_4^\mu), \quad (2.5.3.8)$$

where $x_4^\mu = \sum_i (x_i^\mu + n_i)k_i$.

2.5.3.4.2. Point-group determination

The symmetries of the CBED patterns can be determined by examination of the symmetries of the structure factor $F'(h_1h_2h_3h_4)$ in equations (2.5.3.7) or (2.5.3.8). We consider a displacive modulated structure, which has a modulation wavevector $\mathbf{k} = k_3\mathbf{c}^*$ and belongs to (3 + 1)-dimensional space group $P_{11}^{P2/m}$. This space-group symbol implies the following.

(1) The modulation wavevector \mathbf{k} exists inside the first Brillouin zone of the average structure (P).

(2) The average structure belongs to space group $P2/m$, the twofold rotation axis being parallel to the c axis.

(3) The symmetry subsymbol 1, which is written beneath symmetry symbol 2, indicates that the modulation wavevector \mathbf{k} is transformed into itself by symmetry operation 2 of the average structure. The symmetry subsymbol beneath symmetry symbol m indicates that the wavevector \mathbf{k} is transformed into $-\mathbf{k}$ by symmetry operation m . The modulated structure has a twofold rotation axis, which is common to the average structure, but does not have mirror symmetry, which is possessed by the average structure.

For the twofold rotation axis (symbol 2) of this space group, the structure factor $F'(h_1h_2h_3h_4)$ is written as

$$F'(h_1h_2h_3h_4) = \sum_{\mu=1}^N f_\mu \exp[2\pi i(h_1\bar{x}_1^\mu + h_2\bar{x}_2^\mu + h_3\bar{x}_3^\mu)] \times \sum_{n_3} \exp\{2\pi i[h_1u_1^\mu + h_2u_2^\mu + (h_3 + h_4k_3)u_3^\mu + h_4\bar{x}_4^\mu]\} + \sum_{\mu=1}^N f_\mu \exp[2\pi i(-h_1\bar{x}_1^\mu - h_2\bar{x}_2^\mu + h_3\bar{x}_3^\mu)] \times \sum_{n_3} \exp\{2\pi i[-h_1u_1^\mu - h_2u_2^\mu + (h_3 + h_4k_3)u_3^\mu + h_4\bar{x}_4^\mu]\}, \quad (2.5.3.9)$$

where $x_4^\mu = (x_3^\mu + n_3)k_3$. It is found from equation (2.5.3.9) that two structure factors $F'(h_1h_2h_3h_4)$ and $F'(h_1h_2\bar{h}_3\bar{h}_4)$ are the same when reflections $h_1h_2h_3h_4$ and $h_1h_2\bar{h}_3\bar{h}_4$ are equivalent with respect to the twofold rotation axis of the average structure. Thus, not only fundamental reflections ($h_4 = 0$) from the average structure but also the satellite reflections ($h_4 \neq 0$) from the incommensurate structure show twofold rotation symmetry about the c^* axis.

For the mirror plane (symbol m), the structure factor is written in a similar manner to the case of the twofold rotation axis. It is found that $F'(h_1h_2h_3h_4)$ is not equal to $F'(h_1h_2\bar{h}_3\bar{h}_4)$ for the incommensurate reflections $h_4 \neq 0$. Hence, the incommensurate reflections do not show mirror symmetry with respect to the mirror plane of the average structure. For the fundamental reflections ($h_4 = 0$), $F'(h_1h_2h_3h_4)$ is equal to $F'(h_1h_2\bar{h}_3\bar{h}_4)$, indicating the existence of mirror symmetry. It should be noted that the mirror symmetry can be destroyed by the dynamical diffraction effect between the fundamental and incommensurate reflections. In most modulated structures, however, the amplitude of the modulation wave u_i^μ is not so large as to destroy the symmetry of the fundamental reflections. Thus, the fundamental