

3.3. TWINNING OF CRYSTALS

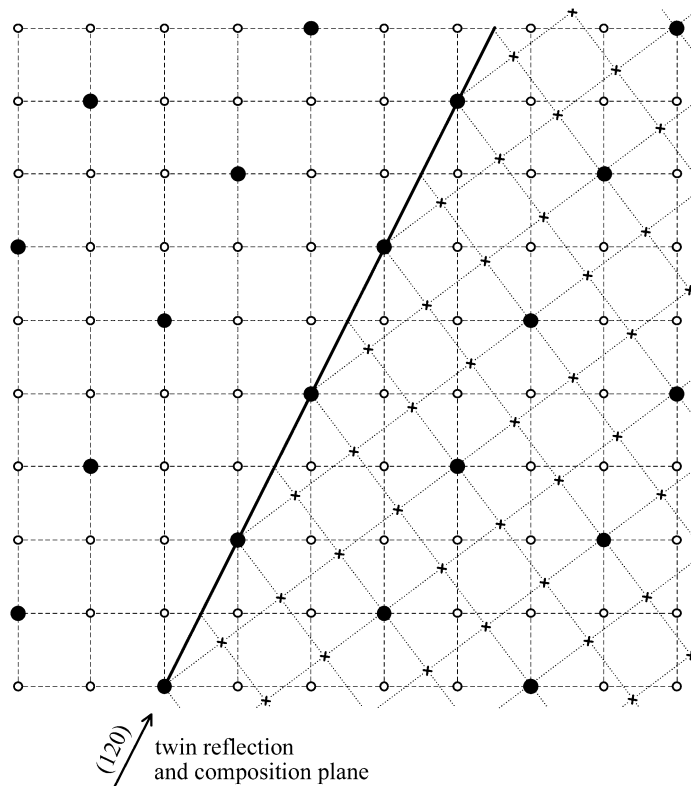


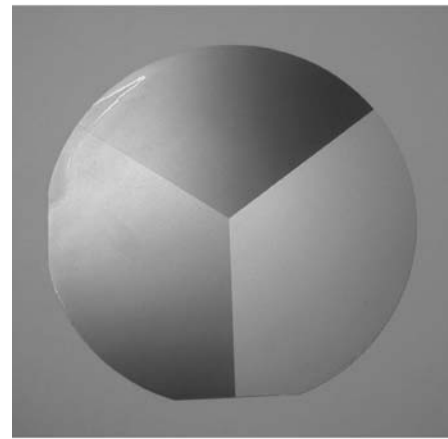
Fig. 3.3.8.1. Lattice relations of $\Sigma 5$ twins of tetragonal crystals with primitive lattice: twin mirror plane and composition plane (120) with twin displacement vector $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$. Small dots: lattice points of domain 1; small x: lattice points of domain 2; large black dots: $\Sigma 5$ coincidence lattice.

to $[j] = 13$. Later structural studies, however, suggest the possibility of disorder instead of twinning.

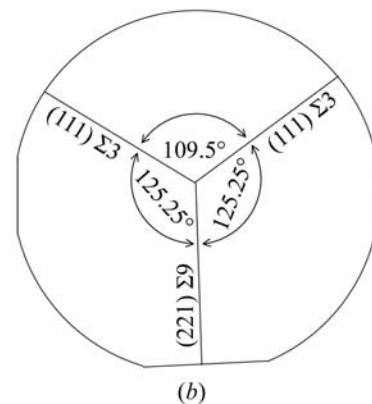
(4) *Galena, PbS* (NaCl structure). Galena crystals from various localities often exhibit lamellae parallel to the planes $\{441\}$ which are interpreted as $\{441\}$ reflection twins with $[j] = 33$ ($\Sigma 33$ twin) (cf. Niggli, 1926, Fig. 9k on p. 53). These natural twins are deformation and not growth twins. In laboratory deformation experiments, however, these twins could not be generated. A detailed analysis of twinning in PbS with respect to plastic deformation is given by Seifert (1928).

(5) For cubic metals and alloys *annealing twins (recrystallization twins)* with $[j] > 3$ are common. Among them *high-order twins (high-generation twins)* are particularly frequent. They are based on the $\Sigma 3$ (spinel) twins (first generation) which may coalesce and form 'new twins' with $\Sigma 9 = 3^2$ [second generation, with twin reflection plane (221)], $\Sigma 27 = 3^3$ [third generation, twin reflection plane (115)], $\Sigma 81 = 3^4$ [fourth generation, twin reflection plane (447)] etc. Every step to a higher generation increases Σ by a factor of three (Gottstein, 1984). An interesting and actual example is the artificial silicon *tricrystal* shown in Fig. 3.3.8.2, which contains three components related by two (111) reflection planes (first generation, two $\Sigma 3$ boundaries) and one (221) reflection plane (second generation, one $\Sigma 9$ boundary).

(6) The same type of tricrystal has been found in cubic magnetite (Fe_3O_4) nanocrystals grown from the biogenic action of magnetotactic bacteria in an aquatic environment (Devouard *et al.*, 1998). Here, HRTEM micrographs (Fig. 6 of the paper) show the same triple-twin arrangement as in the Si tricrystal above. The authors illustrate this triple twin by (111) spinel-type intergrowth of three octahedra exhibiting two $\Sigma 3$ and one $\Sigma 9$ domain pairs. The two $\Sigma 3$ interfaces are (111) twin reflection planes, whereas the $\Sigma 9$ boundary is very irregular and not a compatible planar (221) interface (*i.e.* not a twin reflection plane).



(a)



(b)

Fig. 3.3.8.2. (a) A (110) silicon slice (10 cm diameter, 0.3 mm thick), cut from a Czochralski-grown tricrystal for solar-cell applications. As seed crystal, a cylinder of three coalesced Si single-crystal sectors in (111) and (221) reflection-twin positions was used. Pulling direction $[110]$ (Courtesy of M. Krühler, Siemens AG, München). (b) Sketch of the tricrystal wafer showing the twin relations [twin laws $m(111)$ and $m(221)$] and the Σ characters of the three domain pairs. The atomic structures of these (111) and (221) twin boundaries are discussed by Kohn (1956, 1958), Hornstra (1959, 1960) and Queisser (1963).

(7) A third instructive example is provided by the fivefold cyclic 'cozonal' twins (zone axis $[\bar{1}10]$) of Ge nanocrystals (Neumann *et al.*, 1996; Hofmeister, 1998), which are treated in Section 3.3.10.6.5 and Fig. 3.3.10.11. All five boundaries between neighbouring domains (sector angles 70.5°) are of the $\Sigma 3(111)$ type. Second nearest ($2 \times 70.5^\circ$), third nearest ($3 \times 70.5^\circ$) and fourth nearest ($4 \times 70.5^\circ$) neighbours exhibit $\Sigma 9$, $\Sigma 27$ and $\Sigma 81$ coincidence relations (second, third and fourth Σ generation), respectively, as introduced above in (5). These relations can be described by the 'cozonal' twin reflection planes (111), (221), (115) and (447). Since $5 \times 70.5^\circ = 352.5^\circ$, an angular gap of 7.5° would result. In actual crystals this gap is compensated by stacking faults as shown in Fig. 3.3.10.11. A detailed treatment of all these cases, including structural models of the interfaces, is given by Neumann *et al.* (1996).

(8) Examples of (hypothetical) twins with $[j] > 1$ due to metrical specialization of the lattice are presented by Koch (1999).

3.3.8.4. Approximate (pseudo-)coincidences of two or more lattices

In part (iv) of Section 3.3.8.2, three-dimensional lattice coincidences and twin lattices (sublattices) were considered under two restrictions:

(a) the lattice coincidences (according to the twin lattice index $[j]$) are *exact* (not approximate);