

## 2.5. TWO-DIMENSIONAL POWDER DIFFRACTION

$$d = k \left\{ \frac{p_{hkl} b^2 \arcsin[\cos \theta \sin(\Delta\gamma/2)]}{\mu N_s} \right\}^{1/3}, \quad (2.5.92)$$

where  $d$  is the diameter of the crystallite particles,  $p_{hkl}$  is the multiplicity of the diffracting planes,  $b$  is the size of the incident beam (*i.e.* its diameter),  $\Delta\gamma$  is the  $\gamma$  range of the diffraction ring,  $\mu$  is the linear absorption coefficient and  $N_s$  is the number of spots within  $\Delta\gamma$ . For transmission mode, we have

$$d = k \left\{ \frac{p_{hkl} b^2 t \arcsin[\cos \theta \sin(\Delta\gamma/2)]}{N_s} \right\}^{1/3}, \quad (2.5.93)$$

where  $t$  is the sample thickness. In transmission mode with the incident beam perpendicular to the sample surface, the linear absorption coefficient affects the relative scattering intensity, but not the actual sampling volume. In other words, all the sample volume irradiated by the incident beam contributes to the diffraction. Therefore, it is reasonable to ignore the absorption effect  $\exp(-\mu t)$  for crystallite-size analysis as long as the sample is thin enough for transmission-mode diffraction. The effective sampling volume reaches a maximum for transmission-mode diffraction when  $t = 1/\mu$ .

For both reflection and transmission,

$$k = \left( \frac{3\beta}{8\pi} \right)^{1/3}, \quad (2.5.94)$$

where  $\beta$  is the divergence of the incident beam. Without knowing the precise instrumental broadening,  $k$  can be treated as a calibration factor determined from the 2D diffraction pattern of a known standard. Since only a limited number of spots along the diffraction ring can be resolved, it can be seen from equation (2.5.94) that a smaller X-ray beam size and low-multiplicity peak should be used if a smaller crystallite size is to be determined.

Fig. 2.5.29(c) shows the measurement ranges of  $2\theta$ -profile and  $\gamma$ -profile analysis. The  $2\theta$ -profile analysis is suitable for crystallite sizes below 100 nm (1000 Å), while  $\gamma$ -profile analysis is suitable for crystallite sizes from as large as tens of  $\mu\text{m}$  down to 100 nm with a small X-ray beam size. By increasing the effective diffraction volume by translating the sample during data collection or multiple sample integration (or integrating data from multiple samples), the measurement range can be increased up to millimetres. Multiple sample integration can deal with large crystallite sizes without recalibration. The new calibration factor is given as

$$k_n = n^{1/3} k, \quad (2.5.95)$$

where  $n$  is the number of targets that are integrated. The number of crystallites can be counted by the number of intersections of the  $\gamma$  profile with a threshold line. Every two intersections of the  $\gamma$  profile with this horizontal line represents a crystallite. In order to cancel out the effects of preferred orientation and other material and instrumental factors on the overall intensity fluctuation along the  $\gamma$  profile, one can use a trend line fitted to the  $\gamma$  profile by a second-order polynomial. It is always necessary to calibrate the system with a known standard, preferably with a comparable sample geometry and crystallite size. For reflection mode, it is critical to have a standard with a comparable linear absorption coefficient so as to have similar penetration.

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