

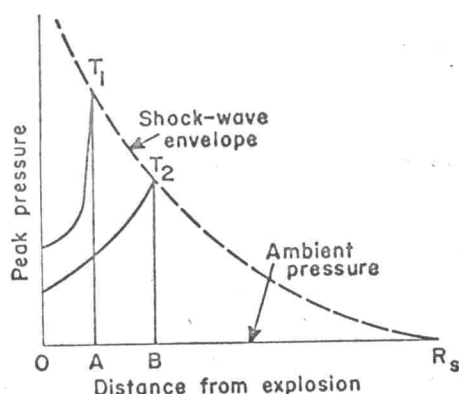


Fig. 5. Diagram of shock-wave propagation (8).

and magnitude to reorient the local stress field, thereby creating the second-order shears required to develop the 70° concentrations.

There does not seem to be a relation between the formation of kink-bands and the relation of the direction of the crystallographic axes of the biotite to the direction of shock-wave propagation. Whereas previous workers (2) suggested that kink-bands tended to develop preferentially in grains whose [001] axes [that is, normals to (001)] are steeply inclined to the compression axis, the present work indicates no such preference. Rather, in the shock zone of a nuclear explosion, kink-bands in biotite can be formed almost without regard to the crystallographic orientation. One difference in the conditions of the laboratory experiment (2) and the nuclear explosion which may account for the indiscriminate development of kink-bands with respect to the

crystallographic axes is that the stress produced by the nuclear explosion's shock wave is of such a large magnitude and rapid application that the crystallographic anisotropy of biotite has little influence on kink-band formation.

The mode of failure, under the extremely rapid dynamic loading of a shock wave from a nuclear explosion, may be quite different from the mode of failure under the essentially static loading applied in laboratory experiments. The mode of failure, therefore, may not follow the same preferred crystallographic orientation under shock loading as under static loading.

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Growth Layers on Ammonium Dihydrogen Phosphate

Abstract. Microscopic observations of growth layers and etch pits on ammonium dihydrogen phosphate crystals reveal screw dislocations on the {100} face generating elliptical spirals that change rapidly but reversibly to rectangular shape when chromium-ion impurity is added. The effects of the impurity on crystal habit are judged to be secondary to changes in the morphology of the growth layers. No sources of growth are observed on the {101} faces; the layers spread inward from the edges and at times are mutually annihilating so that, temporarily, no steps are observed. Similar behavior is recorded for the {101} faces of NaNO_3 .

Bunn and Emmett (1) stimulated interest in the formation of growth layers at the same time that Frank (2) suggested that crystal dislocations could provide the sources of steps required for continuous crystal growth. Albon

and Dunning (3) developed a particularly fine experimental technique for the observation of layer morphology and growth kinetics of sucrose. Their methods have been emulated and extended in our investigation of the mech-

anism of growth of ammonium dihydrogen phosphate crystals from aqueous solution. In particular, we studied the nature of the deposition process itself, whether by surface nucleation as initiated at dislocation sites, as influenced by impurities.

In experiments with crystals that nucleated more readily than sucrose, the chief difficulty arises from the occurrence of spontaneous growth tubes connecting the storage vessel to the growth cell. Undue heating of these leads necessarily interferes with precise temperature control in the experiment.

The crystals were grown in a (3-mm) cell consisting of top and bottom (black) glass plates of optical quality, secured in a gold-plated block. Inlet and outlet tubes allow the circulation of salt solution from an external, carefully lagged, storage thermostat (40°C) by means of a variable peristaltic pump. Housed in a (methyl methacrylate) container, the cell could be rotated about the axis of the microscope tube and given a degree of tilt so that a particular face of a crystal could be brought into position to be strongly illuminated by a focused beam of light. Photomicrographs were taken with a 35-mm single-lens reflex camera and with fine-grain film. For cine-film recording we used a 16-mm camera and reversal film.

Heat was supplied to or withdrawn from the growth cell by means of a Peltier junction attached to the bottom of the cell. Thus the temperature of the cell could be raised or lowered to increase super- or undersaturation as desired. While unintentional temperature fluctuations in the cell amounted to a few thousandths of a degree Celsius, as measured with a platinum resistance thermometer, it was suspected that fluctuations in the solutions tended to be somewhat greater.

We found that growth on the {100} face of ammonium dihydrogen phosphate crystals proceeds by a screw dislocation mechanism. The spirals are roughly elliptical in shape (eccentricity about 0.86) and oriented with the short axis of the ellipse parallel to the [001] axis of the crystal. Growth proceeds by the movement of steps across the crystal face. The steps are of varying height, visibility roughly proportional to the step height. Occasionally we found single spirals, as in Fig. 1. However, most frequently