the diffraction pattern (Fig. 1a), Bragg's law is best rewritten in terms of photon energy E:

$$E = hc/\lambda = 12.398/\lambda \quad (3)$$

if E is expressed in kiloelectron volts and λ is in angstroms, which leads to

$$d(hkl) = (6.199/\sin\theta) \cdot (1/E) \quad (4a)$$

or

$$|\mathbf{k}| = 1/d = (\sin\theta/6.199)\,E \quad (4b)$$

This form demonstrates clearly the proportionality of the magnitude $|\mathbf{k}|$ of the reciprocal lattice vector to the energy E of the diffraction peak.

In this experiment the uncertainty of determination of the lattice parameter a_0 is about 0.18 percent. The fractional error, $\Delta d/d$, equals $\Delta E/E$ after errors in θ are minimized by proper alignment of the diffractometer. Although the FWHM of the photopeaks is about 0.7 kev, centroids of the peaks can be determined within 0.1 kev over the entire energy range. Thus the most accurate determinations of a_0 are those based on d-values from the diffraction peaks observed at the highest energies: for example, $\Delta d/d$ for the (422) and (333/511) reflections is about $0.1/40 = 0.25$ percent.

Combination of information from both these peaks drops the uncertainty to 0.18 percent, which corresponds to $\Delta a_0 = 0.007$ Å for Pt. While this error value is about ten times that obtainable with a conventional lattice-parameter determination of fair quality, it can be significantly improved by use of more reflections and by shifting of the diffraction pattern to higher energies by suitable choice of sin θ. The shift can be achieved with a higher tube voltage and by use of a Ge(Li) detector rather than the Si(Li) detector, with resultant decrease in $\Delta E/E$ by a factor of at least 2; this decrease is possible because $P_a(E)$ does not decrease as fast, with increase in E, for Ge as for Si (*3*). Appropriate choice of sin θ also is needed to avoid superimposition of the fluorescent radiation excited in the sample or target, or both, over important parts of the diffraction pattern.

Although the pattern in Fig. 1a was obtained by counting for 1.5 hours to give good statistics, fair patterns of all materials named above were obtained with 5- to 10-minute exposures. These materials include Re, which is hcp (A3 type) and thus yields a diffraction pattern with more-closely spaced lines than those of the fcc (A1-type) metals. The first 13 lines up to (203) (which occurred at 33.4 kev for the chosen sin θ setting) were resolved or clearly detectable. By taking all available values into account we obtained an axial ratio $c{:}a = 1.617 \pm 0.003$, in excellent agreement with the literature value, $c{:}a = 1.615_4$ (*5*).

Compared to the conventional x-ray powder diffraction technique, the new method, which may be suitably termed powder-diffraction spectrography, gathers information about the reciprocal lattice at a rate greater by two to three orders of magnitude; thus very short observation times are possible, especially with certain experimental modifications. The present arrangement yielded recognizable diffraction patterns in 15 seconds; by use of a W-target tube, with higher emission and a correspondingly higher tube voltage and current, the intensity $I_{\text{cont}}(E)$ may be easily increased by a factor of 10. Use of a rotating anode tube with about 6 kw may further shorten the time by a factor of 5. As we have noted $P_a(E)$ can be increased at higher energies by use of Ge(Li) instead of Si(Li) for the detector. With these improvements, recognizable diffraction patterns are probably possible within 0.3 second; such brief exposure is valuable during transient or extreme conditions such as the rapid transformation of metastable phases or very high pressures. In order to follow rapid transitions one must take successive spectra; this we did by storing the spectra in the various quadrants of the analyzer memory or by recording them on magnetic tape.

The new method may be especially applicable for x-ray determinations of crystal structures under high pressure for another reason: only one beam-exit port is required, which can be chosen at a convenient angle θ, rather than a port permitting the range of θ values that is necessary in the conventional powder method. The new x-ray method represents the formal analogy to powder patterns taken by neutron spectroscopy, such as by use of the time-of-flight method (*6*). Powder diffraction spectrography should be applicable in instances in which some resolution can be sacrificed for great reduction in exposure time.

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Cavitation in Liquids Demonstrated by Ultrashort-Exposure Radiography

Abstract. *Using a field-emission x-ray tube, giving a much shorter pulse of rays than does conventional apparatus, we have demonstrated around a water jet the presence of a toroidal cavity that could not be detected visually. One advantage of this method of demonstrating cavitation is that it may be used with fluids and vessels that are opaque to light.*

For experimental purposes the presence of cavitation in a liquid is usually detected visually in specially prepared models. Occasionally, ultrasound-reflection and sound-detection devices are employed, but these merely indicate the occurrence of cavitation and do not demonstrate the extent and distribution of the phenomenon. For visual detection, abundant light is required (*1*), which enables direct observation or cinephotography in clear fluids. In