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Speech Title: Fatigue in Nano-Metals-- Fatigue of Copper Thin-layer in Nanoscale Components

Abstract: In order to investigate fatigue behaviour of a nano-scale metals under fully-reversed and high-cycle loading, resonant fatigue experiments are performed for nano-cantilever specimen. This abstract describes fatigue damage behaviour of only a nano-polycrystalline Cu thin layer sandwiched by Si and SiN though we present the results obtained in fatigue of single crystal metals as well in the talk. The high-cycle fatigue loading brings about crystallographic slip bands associated with extrusion/intrusion of about 30 nm width on the Cu surface. The slip bands form only in a particular grain though other grains possess slip systems with a higher Schmid factor (Figure). Stress analysis, taking into account the Cu grains and dissimilar surrounding materials, indicates that the grain where the slip bands form possesses a slip system with the highest resolved shear stress in all grains.

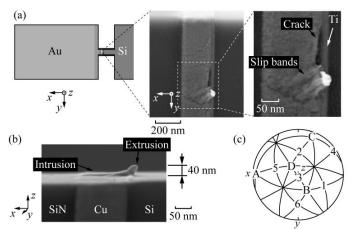


Figure (a) Magnified view of Grain 3, (b) SEM image of the upper surface tilted at 80 degrees, and (c) stereographic projection of Grain 3.

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