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Report:

Aim of the proposed experiment was to understand the influence of stacking fault energy on the fatigue damage accumulation (irreversible dislocation storage) in micron sized samples.

To improve the reproducibility of our experiment the SSD [1] was modified considerable: A generator providing a sinusoidal load was implemented allowing for multiple cycles being made within one segment.

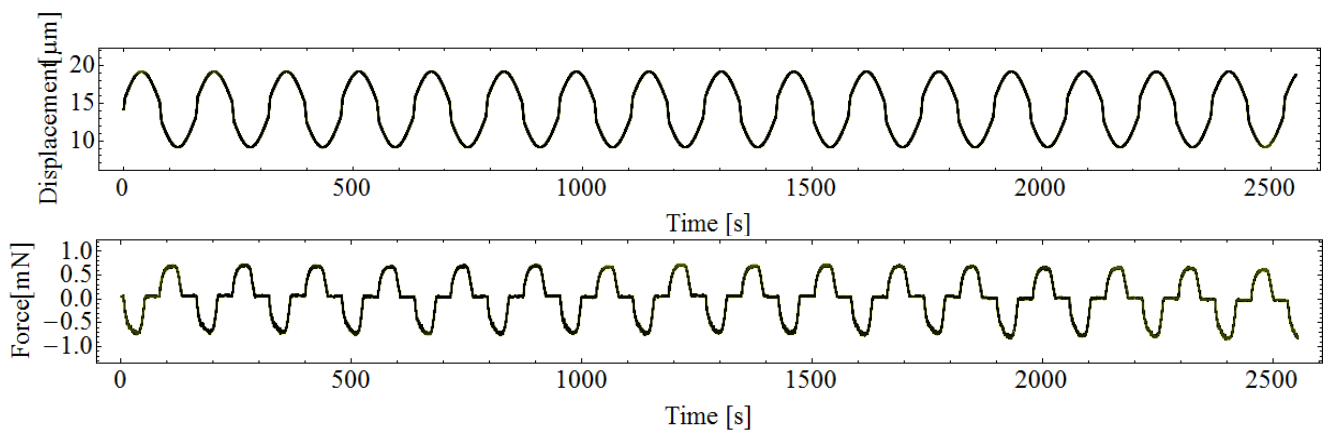


Fig. 1 Displacement vs Time and Force vs. Time Curves recorded during MA-1726.

Tab. 1 Summary of tested Samples during MA-1726

| | Cycles | Meshscans | Patterns |
|----------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| ESRF_Ag1 | 127 | 15 | 8171 |
| ESRF_Ag2 | 29 | 3 | 3880 |
| ESRF_Ag3 | 100 | 3 | 6768 |
| ESRF_Ag4 | 43 | 4 | 7500 |

Four different samples were tested during the beamtime. Main problem during the beamtime was the fact, that we were not able to monitor the Ag fluorescence in a nice way which complicated the sample positioning with respect to the x-ray beam. The experiment and the μ Laue endstation of BM32 worked very well.

The data are currently processed. Time, force, displacement and Laue images have been correlated. Peak fitting and indexing is currently underway.

The experiments are well able to tackle the asked questions and we are looking forward to a publication in a material science journal like Acta Materialia in the next two years.

[1] C. Kirchlechner, J. Keckes, J.S. Micha, G. Dehm. In situ μ Laue: Instrumental setup for the deformation of micron sized sample, Advanced Engineering Materials 13 (2011) 837-844.