



EMS-162L: Structure and Characterization of Materials Laboratory

Winter Quarter, 2004

Residual Stress Analysis

1. What is residual stress?
2. Calculate and plot the d and 2θ versus $\sin^2\psi$ data for a steel specimen for which a residual stress of -500 MPa had been measured using a diffractometer. The details of the analysis and essential material constants are: $a_0 = 0.229092$ nm, $2\theta = 45^\circ$ in a total of 11 steps spaced evenly in terms of $\sin^2\psi$, Young's modulus = 209 GPa, $\nu = 0.28$ and the analysis was based on a scan of the (211) peak. (Hints – use the PDF file for iron for the reference diffraction data for steel and use a spreadsheet to do the calculations.)
3. When calibrating and aligning a powder diffractometer most people strive to keep the peak position error to less than 0.01° . Compare this to the typical peak position shift measured when using the $\sin^2\psi$ method of residual stress measurement.
4. Would you expect to measure tensile or compressive residual biaxial stresses in the inside surface of a bend radius? Outside surface of the bend radius?