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## INTRODUCTION

The objective of the work was to demonstrate that curved and ground crystals of LiF (200) and ADP (101) can be prepared without degrading the integral reflection coefficient, R, (diffracting efficiency) compared to flat crystals.

## MATERIAL PREPARATION MEASUREMENTS, AND CALCULATIONS

### LiF

Blanks 1 × 5 cm by 0.15 cm thick were cleaved from Harshaw material. Fig. 1a illustrates a topograph of the as-cleaved material. The R values at Cu K $\alpha$  for the cleaved material were measured on the parallel-beam optics already described (1). R ranges from  $3.57 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $5.26 \times 10^{-5}$  which is typical of good LiF (2).

Next, one of the blanks ( $R = 3.57 \times 10^{-5}$ ) was curved plastically to 40 cm radius and then ground to 20 cm radius. Fig. 1b is a topograph of the curved and ground crystal. There are some variations in diffracted intensity in Fig. 1b but no apparent flaws or misoriented regions.

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Fig. 2a and b show the focusing of the crystal at crossover. Fig. 2a is with the crystal set at the maximum intensity for 1st order diffraction of Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation. It shows resolution of the  $K\alpha_1$ ,  $K\alpha_2$  doublet indicating accurate curving and grinding. In Fig. 2b the crystal was rocked over a range of 4 degrees  $2\theta$  during exposure. It still shows the  $K\alpha_1$ ,  $K\alpha_2$  separation and is a further indication that there are no misoriented regions in the crystal, i.e. that the curving and grinding are accurate.

Finally the curved-crystal R value was measured with a divergent-beam focusing geometry. This R value was  $8.42 \times 10^{-4}$  which cannot be compared with the flat cleaved-crystal value because the plastically curved crystal is mosaic. It does fall satisfactorily within the calculated range of curved-crystal R values, i.e.  $3.5 \times 10^{-4}$  for minimum imperfection and  $9.8 \times 10^{-4}$  for ideally mosaic.

#### ADP

A boule of ADP was sawed into blanks the same size as for LiF. Fig. 3a shows a topograph of one of the blanks and again, as for the LiF, it indicates uniform diffraction. R values for the flat ADP at Cr  $K\alpha$  were  $6.78 \times 10^{-5}$  for the as-sawed material and  $5.7 \times 10^{-5}$  for a blank after some waster polishing. (A calculated value for perfect ADP is  $3 \times 10^{-5}$ .)

ADP is a very fragile material mechanically and also is sensitive to thermal shock. Details of the preparation of a curved and ground ADP will not be discussed except to say that the curving is elastic. Fig. 3b is a topograph (3rd order of Cu K $\alpha$ ) of the curved and ground ADP. There is one darker line which corresponds to a visible crack in the crystal but the intensity is uniform except for that.

Fig. 4a and b show the crossover of the diffracted radiation (again 3rd order Cu K $\alpha$ ) and should be compared to Fig. 2a and b for LiF. The resolution of ADP is slightly better than for LiF as would be expected because the elastically curved ADP corresponds to an essentially perfect crystal whereas the LiF is mosaic due to plastic dislocations.

The R value for the curved ADP was measured in two ways. First, it was measured in a region about 1  $\times$  1 cm by rocking the crystal through the diffracting angle on the parallel-beam optics used for measuring flat crystals (1st order Cr K $\alpha$ ). This R value was  $7.01 \times 10^{-5}$  compared to  $6.38 \times 10^{-5}$  for the flat as-sawed blank and to  $9.6 \times 10^{-5}$  calculated for curved ADP. Second, the R value was measured with a divergent beam in focusing geometry but with 2nd order Cr K $\alpha$ . It was necessary to go to 2nd order diffraction for the divergent beam measurement because of the larger d-spacing compared to LiF and the geometry of the divergent-beam apparatus. The curved and ground R value for 2nd order Cr K $\alpha$  was  $1.18 \times 10^{-5}$ . To compare this with a flat crystal

it was necessary to remeasure a flat as-sawed blank in the 2nd order diffraction; this gave a value of  $1.28 \times 10^{-5}$  which compares satisfactorily with the curved crystal R value and with a calculated R value of  $1.6 \times 10^{-5}$  for the 2nd order diffraction.

#### CONCLUSIONS

All of the measurements and calculations for curved and ground LiF and ADP indicate that there is no degradation of flat-crystal R values if the crystal preparation is carried out properly. Table I summarizes comparative R values.

In addition the measurements indicate that there is no degradation of resolution for properly curved and ground crystals. This was demonstrated by the separation of the  $K\alpha_1$ ,  $K\alpha_2$  doublet with the curved and ground crystals (1st order Cu  $K\alpha$  for LiF and 3rd order Cu  $K\alpha$  for ADP).

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TABLE I. R-Values for LiF and ADP

		Measured	Calculated
LiF (200)	flat, cleaved	$3.6 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.4 \times 10^{-5}$
Cu K $\alpha$	curved, abraded	$8.0 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.5 \times 10^{-4}$
			minimum imperfection
			$9.8 \times 10^{-4}$
			ideally mosaic
ADP	(101) flat	$6.8 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.2 \times 10^{-5}$
Cr K $\alpha$	curved	$7.0 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.3 \times 10^{-5}$
	(202) flat	$1.3 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-5}$
	curved	$1.2 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-5}$

LiF

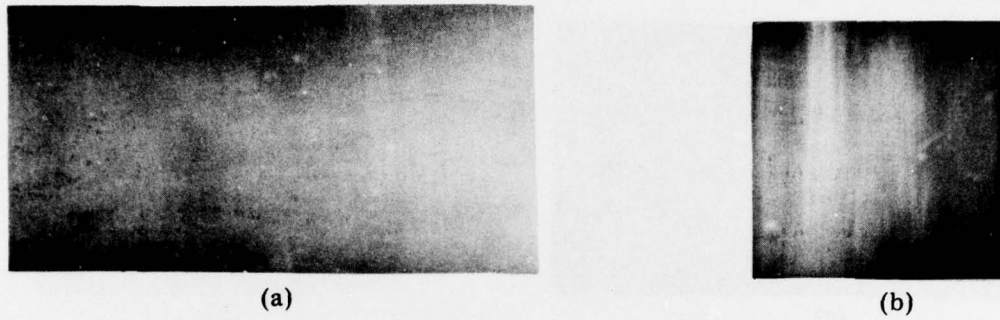


Fig. 1 — (a) Topograph of cleaved, flat LiF crystal; Cu  $K\alpha$ , 1st order,  
(b) topograph of curved and ground LiF crystal, Cu  $K\alpha$ , 1st order

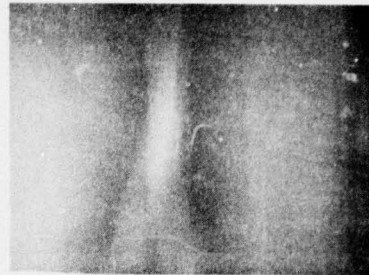
Fig. 2 — Resolution of  $K\alpha_1$   $K\alpha_2$  doublet  
(Cu  $K\alpha$ , 1st order) at crossover of curved  
LiF crystal. (a) Crystal set for maximum  
diffracted intensity, (b) crystal rocked  
through diffraction angle.



ADP



(a)



(b)

Fig. 3 — (a) Topograph of sawed, flat ADP crystal; Cu  $K\alpha$ , 3rd order, (b) topograph of curved and ground ADP crystal; Cu  $K\alpha$ , 3rd order

Fig. 4 — Resolution of  $K\alpha_1$   $K\alpha_2$  doublet (Cu  $K\alpha$ , 3rd order) at crossover of curved ADP crystal. (a) Crystal set for maximum diffracted intensity, (b) crystal rocked through diffraction angle.



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