Polarization Factor in Monochromatic X-ray Method of X-ray Magnetic Diffraction

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1. Introduction

Most of the X-ray magnetic diffraction (XMD) experiments on PF-BL-3C had been carried out with elliptically polarized white X-rays for ferromagnetic single crystals. Recently we have started a XMD experiment with monochromatic X-rays by using a Si double crystal monochromator [1,2]. We report here the polarization factor $f_{\rm P} = P_{\rm C}/(1-P_{\rm L})$ ($P_{\rm L}$ and $P_{\rm C}$ are the degree of linear and circular polarization) for the monochromatic XMD method.

2. Experiment

We have utilized the XMD system installed on PF-BL3C and a Si(111) double-crystal monochromator as shown in Fig. 1 (b). Elliptically-polarized monochromic X-rays are irradiated on the sample of a pure iron single crystal. We have measured the flipping ratio R of the 220 diffraction intensity for various vertical positions of the slit around the electron orbital plane position. As the R is proportional to f_P , we can investigate f_P through R.

3. Results and Discussion

Observed R values for the monochromatic XMD method are shown in Fig. 2 (b) as solid circles, which are compared with those for white XMD method shown in Fig. 2 (a). These data were previously shown in Ref. 1. In Fig. 2 it is noted that the R profile for monochromatic method is slightly asymmetrical with respect to the origin, which is in contrast to the one of the white X-ray method that shows a symmetrical profile.

The solid line in Fig 2. (a) is the calculated *R* by using $P_{\rm L}$ and $P_{\rm C}$ of the X-rays emitted from the bending magnet of this beamline. The calculated curve in Fig. 2 (a) reproduces the observed symmetrical profile. The solid line in Fig. 2 (b) is calculated by using $P_{\rm L}$ and $P_{\rm C}$ of this beamline and an inclination angle $\Delta \chi$ of the axis of ellipse of the polarization from the horizontal line. The angle $\Delta \chi$ has been taken into account to introduce asymmetrical feature to the polarization factor [3]. By a least squires fitting analysis we have obtained $\Delta \chi = 2.9^{\circ}$. The calculated *R* curve is shown in Fig. 2 (b). The calculated curve produces the observed data and asymmetrical feature is represented by a new polarization factor with $\Delta \chi$. The new polarization factor will be applied to monochromatic XMD experiments of multilayers in the near future.







Fig. 2 : Flipping ratio of Fe220 diffraction intensity for (a) white and (b) monochromatic X-ray method

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