

3.4 Weak Beam Contrast of Stacking Faults in TEM

3.4.1 Background

- ✦ I can't say more than what I already did in the [overview of content](#):
- This is a „on the side“ topic that led to a highly [technical paper](#) (No. 16 on the list) for which Barry Carter did most of the work. I wouldn't have included it here except for a special reason: It contains the first HRTEM picture that was actually taken to solve a problem! The problem was that stacking faults showed unexpected contrast behavior under certain conditions but that it was usually not quite clear if what you saw really was a stacking fault or, e.g. a micro-twin. Read the paper if you want to know more. By some fancy preparations and TEM work, I was able to show by HRTEM that the defect we investigated was indeed an intrinsic / extrinsic stacking fault combination. My former Ph. D advisor M Wilkens supplied the theory.
The picture shows it all: Two intrinsic and one extrinsic stacking fault meet at the dark area.
The paper actually caused some discussion and "comments" in the literature; see, e.g., No 39 in my publication list.
- ✦ To the uninitiated this may look like some minor details but bear in mind that what you see in a TEM is a highly abstract thing that can cause in many quite different pictures. What, in your opinion, should a stacking fault actually look like? It is important that the TEM users are able to interpret their pictures unambiguously. And that is not always easy.

3.4.2 Publications

- ✦ There is one major publication:
- 18** [FÖLL, H., CARTER, C.B., WILKENS, M.](#): Weak beam contrast of stacking faults in TEM. Phys. Stat. Sol. (a) 74 (1982) 353 (**42 citations**)
A respectable number of citations for a rather specialized topic
- There are also some conference proceedings and other minor stuff plus some "comments" I lost track of except for No. 39; see the [publication list](#) for all of this.

3.4.3 Pictures

- ✦ I give you the pictures in the paper. I don't have real originals any more but the prints left are of good quality.

[Stacking Fault Contrast Pictures](#)