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A refraction correction for buried interfaces applied to *in situ* grazing incidence X-ray diffraction studies on Pd electrodes

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Full derivation of refraction correction***General expression for refraction***

n refers to the refractive index. δ and β refer to the real and imaginary components of the refractive index. Subscripts of 1 and 2 refer to the liquid and solid portions of the interface respectively.

In this portion of the derivation, the angle θ could represent either the angle α or the angle γ

Snell's Law

$$n_1 \cos(\theta_1) = n_2 \cos(\theta_2)$$

$$\cos(\theta_2) = \frac{n_1}{n_2} \cos(\theta_1)$$

Double angle identity and small angle approximation

$$1 - \frac{\theta_2^2}{2} = \frac{n_1}{n_2} \left(1 - \frac{\theta_1^2}{2}\right)$$

$$2 - \theta_2^2 = \frac{2 * n_1}{n_2} \left(1 - \frac{\theta_1^2}{2}\right)$$

$$\theta_2^2 = 2 - \frac{2 * n_1}{n_2} \left(1 - \frac{\theta_1^2}{2}\right)$$

$$\theta_2 = \sqrt{2 - \frac{2 * n_1}{n_2} \left(1 - \frac{\theta_1^2}{2}\right)}$$

$$\theta_2 = \sqrt{2 - \frac{2 * n_1}{n_2} + \frac{n_1 * \theta_1^2}{n_2}}$$

Define n_{eff}

$$n_{eff} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

$$n_{eff} = \frac{1 - \delta_2 - i\beta_2}{1 - \delta_1 - i\beta_1}$$

$$n_{eff} = \frac{1 - \delta_2 - i\beta_2}{1 - \delta_1 - i\beta_1} * \frac{1 + \delta_1 + i\beta_1}{1 + \delta_1 + i\beta_1}$$

$$n_{eff} = \frac{1 - \delta_2 - i\beta_2 + \delta_1 - \delta_1\delta_2 - i\delta_1\beta_2 + i\beta_1 - i\delta_2\beta_1 - i^2\beta_1\beta_2}{1 - \delta_1 - i\beta_1 + \delta_1 - \delta_1^2 - i\beta_1\delta_1 + i\beta_1 - i\delta_1\beta_1 - i^2\beta_1^2}$$

$$n_{eff} = \frac{1 - \delta_2 - i\beta_2 + \delta_1 - \delta_1\delta_2 - i\delta_1\beta_2 + i\beta_1 - i\delta_2\beta_1 + \beta_1\beta_2}{1 - \delta_1^2 - i\beta_1\delta_1 - i\delta_1\beta_1 + \beta_1^2}$$

$$n_{eff} = \frac{1 - \delta_2 + \delta_1 - i\beta_2 + i\beta_1 - \delta_1\delta_2 - i\delta_1\beta_2 - i\delta_2\beta_1 + \beta_1\beta_2}{1 - \delta_1^2 + \beta_1^2 - 2i\delta_1\beta_1}$$

Because $\delta_1, \beta_1 \ll 1$ in the X-ray energy range, the denominator can be simplified to 1

$$n_{eff} = 1 - \delta_2 + \delta_1 - i\beta_2 + i\beta_1 - \delta_1\delta_2 - i\delta_1\beta_2 - i\delta_2\beta_1 + \beta_1\beta_2$$

$$n_{eff} = 1 - (\delta_2 - \delta_1) - i(\beta_2 - \beta_1) - \delta_1\delta_2 + \beta_1\beta_2 - i\delta_1\beta_2 - i\delta_2\beta_1$$

Because $\delta_1, \beta_1 \ll 1$ in the X-ray energy range, $\delta_1\delta_2, \beta_1\beta_2, \delta_1\beta_2, \delta_2\beta_1 \ll (\delta_2 - \delta_1) - i(\beta_2 - \beta_1)$. We also assume that the materials have sufficiently different optical constants to result in observable refraction

$$n_{eff} = 1 - (\delta_2 - \delta_1) - i(\beta_2 - \beta_1)$$

Define $\delta_{eff} = \delta_2 - \delta_1$ and $\beta_{eff} = \beta_2 - \beta_1$

$$n_{eff} = \frac{n_2}{n_1} = 1 - \delta_{eff} - i\beta_{eff}$$

Substitute expression for n_{eff} into expression for refraction derived above

$$\theta_2 = \sqrt{2 - \frac{2}{n_{eff}} + \frac{\theta_1^2}{n_{eff}}}$$

$$\theta_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2n_{eff} - 2 + \theta_1^2}{n_{eff}}}$$

$$\theta_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2(1 - \delta_{eff} - i\beta_{eff}) - 2 + \theta_1^2}{1 - \delta_{eff} - i\beta_{eff}}}$$

$$\theta_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2 - 2\delta_{eff} - 2i\beta_{eff} - 2 + \theta_1^2}{1 - \delta_{eff} - i\beta_{eff}}}$$

$$\theta_2 = \sqrt{\frac{-2\delta_{eff} - 2i\beta_{eff} + \theta_1^2}{1 - \delta_{eff} - i\beta_{eff}}}$$

$$\theta_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\theta_1^2 - 2\delta_{eff} - 2i\beta_{eff}}{1 - \delta_{eff} - i\beta_{eff}} * \frac{1 + \delta_{eff} + i\beta_{eff}}{1 + \delta_{eff} + i\beta_{eff}}}$$

$$\theta_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\theta_1^2 - 2\delta_{eff} - 2i\beta_{eff} + \delta_{eff}(\theta_1^2 - 2\delta_{eff} - 2i\beta_{eff}) + i\beta_{eff}(\theta_1^2 - 2\delta_{eff} - 2i\beta_{eff})}{1 - \delta_{eff} - i\beta_{eff} + \delta_{eff}(1 - \delta_{eff} - i\beta_{eff}) + i\beta_{eff}(1 - \delta_{eff} - i\beta_{eff})}}$$

$$\theta_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\theta_1^2 - 2\delta_{eff} - 2i\beta_{eff} + \delta_{eff}\theta_1^2 - 2\delta_{eff}^2 - 2i\beta_{eff}\delta_{eff} + i\beta_{eff}\theta_1^2 - 2i\delta_{eff}\beta_{eff} - 2i^2\beta_{eff}^2}{1 - \delta_{eff} - i\beta_{eff} + \delta_{eff} - \delta_{eff}^2 - i\delta_{eff}\beta_{eff} + i\beta_{eff} - i\delta_{eff}\beta_{eff} - i^2\beta_{eff}^2}}$$

$$\theta_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\theta_1^2 - 2\delta_{eff} + \delta_{eff}\theta_1^2 - 2i\beta_{eff} + i\beta_{eff}\theta_1^2 + 2\beta_{eff}^2 - 2\delta_{eff}^2 - 4i\delta_{eff}\beta_{eff}}{1 - \delta_{eff}^2 + \beta_{eff}^2 - 2i\delta_{eff}\beta_{eff}}}$$

Since δ_{eff} and β_{eff} are small,

$$1 \gg -\delta_{eff}^2 + \beta_{eff}^2 - 2i\delta_{eff}\beta_{eff}$$

$$\theta_1^2 - 2\delta_{eff} + \delta_{eff}\theta_1^2 - 2i\beta_{eff} + i\beta_{eff}\theta_1^2 \gg 2\beta_{eff}^2 - 2\delta_{eff}^2 - 4i\delta_{eff}\beta_{eff}$$

$$\theta_2 = \sqrt{\theta_1^2 - 2\delta_{eff} + \delta_{eff}\theta_1^2 - 2i\beta_{eff} + i\beta_{eff}\theta_1^2}$$

$$\theta_2 = \sqrt{(\theta_1^2 - 2\delta_{eff} + \delta_{eff}\theta_1^2) + i(\beta_{eff}\theta_1^2 - 2\beta_{eff})}$$

Electric Field Vector Inside Solid, (x,z) are x and z components of field

$$\mathbf{k}' = \mathbf{k} * \mathbf{n}_2 * (x, z)$$

$$\mathbf{k}' = \mathbf{k} * \mathbf{n}_2 * (\cos(\theta_2), \sin(\theta_2))$$

Direction of Refracted X-rays

$$\frac{(\mathbf{k}_r')_z}{(\mathbf{k}_r')_x} = \text{Re}\left[\frac{\mathbf{k} * \mathbf{n}_2 * \sin(\theta_2)}{\mathbf{k} * \mathbf{n}_2 * \cos(\theta_2)}\right]$$

$$\frac{(\mathbf{k}_r')_z}{(\mathbf{k}_r')_x} = \text{Re}[\tan(\theta_2)]$$

Small angle approximation

$$\frac{(\mathbf{k}_r')_z}{(\mathbf{k}_r')_x} = \text{Re}[\theta_2]$$

Substituting from above

$$\frac{(\mathbf{k}_r')_z}{(\mathbf{k}_r')_x} = \text{Re}\left[\sqrt{(\theta_1^2 - 2\delta_{eff} + \delta_{eff}\theta_1^2) + i(\beta_{eff}\theta_1^2 - 2\beta_{eff})}\right]$$

General formula for the square root of a complex number

$$\sqrt{a + bi} = \pm(c + di)$$

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{a + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{2}}$$

$$d = \text{sgn}(b) \sqrt{\frac{-a + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{2}}$$

$$\text{Re}[\sqrt{a + bi}] = \text{Re}[\pm(c + di)] = \pm c = \pm \sqrt{\frac{a + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{2}}$$

Taking only the positive root

$$\text{Re}[\sqrt{a + bi}] = \sqrt{\frac{a + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{2}}$$

Applying the above formula

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(\mathbf{k}_r')_z}{(\mathbf{k}_r')_x} &= \text{Re}\left[\sqrt{(\theta_1^2 - 2\delta_{eff} + \theta_1^2\delta_{eff}) + i(-2\beta_{eff} + \theta_1^2\beta_{eff})}\right] \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\theta_1^2 - 2\delta_{eff} + \theta_1^2\delta_{eff} + \sqrt{(\theta_1^2 - 2\delta_{eff} + \theta_1^2\delta_{eff})^2 + (-2\beta_{eff} + \theta_1^2\beta_{eff})^2}}{2}} \\ \frac{(\mathbf{k}_r')_z}{(\mathbf{k}_r')_x} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{\theta_1^2 - 2\delta_{eff} + \theta_1^2\delta_{eff} + \sqrt{(\theta_1^2 - 2\delta_{eff} + \theta_1^2\delta_{eff})^2 + (-2\beta_{eff} + \theta_1^2\beta_{eff})^2}} \\ \frac{(\mathbf{k}_r')_z}{(\mathbf{k}_r')_x} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{\sqrt{(\theta_1^2 - 2\delta_{eff} + \theta_1^2\delta_{eff})^2 + (-2\beta_{eff} + \theta_1^2\beta_{eff})^2} - 2\delta_{eff} + \theta_1^2\delta_{eff} + \theta_1^2} \end{aligned}$$

Derive critical angle

Snell's law

$$n_1 \cos(\theta_1) = n_2 \cos(\theta_2)$$

At the critical angle $\theta_2=0$

$$n_1 \cos(\theta_{c,eff}) = n_2 \cos(0)$$

$$\cos(\theta_{c,eff}) = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

Double angle identity ($\cos(2x)=1-2\sin^2(x)$)

$$1 - 2 \left(\sin\left(\frac{\theta_{c,eff}}{2}\right) \right)^2 = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

Small angle approximation ($\sin(x)\approx x$)

$$1 - \frac{\theta_{c,eff}^2}{2} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

$$\theta_{c,eff}^2 = 2 - \frac{2n_2}{n_1}$$

Expressing critical angle in terms of n_{eff} , δ_{eff} , and β_{eff}

$$\theta_{c,eff}^2 = 2 - 2n_{eff} = 2 - 2(1 - \delta_{eff} - i\beta_{eff})$$

$$\theta_{c,eff}^2 = 2\delta_{eff} + 2i\beta_{eff}$$

Neglecting the imaginary portion because $\beta_{eff} < \delta_{eff}$

$$\theta_{c,eff}^2 = 2\delta_{eff}$$

Substituting the critical angle into the equation above

$$\frac{(k_r')_z}{(k_r')_x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sqrt{\left(\theta_1^2 - \theta_{c,eff}^2 + \frac{\theta_1^2 \theta_{c,eff}^2}{2}\right)^2 + (-2\beta_{eff} + \theta_1^2 \beta_{eff})^2} - \theta_{c,eff}^2 + \frac{\theta_1^2 \theta_{c,eff}^2}{2} + \theta_1^2}$$

Value of correction

$$\Delta 2\theta = 2\theta_{apparent} - 2\theta_B$$

$$\Delta 2\theta = (\alpha_{app} + \gamma_{app}) - (\alpha_B + \gamma_B)$$

$$\Delta 2\theta = (\alpha_{app} - \alpha_B) + (\gamma_{app} - \gamma_B)$$

$\Delta 2\theta$

$$= \alpha_{app}$$

$$- \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sqrt{\left(\alpha_{app}^2 - \theta_{c,eff}^2 + \frac{\alpha_{app}^2 \theta_{c,eff}^2}{2}\right)^2 + (-2\beta_{eff} + \alpha_{app}^2 \beta_{eff})^2} - \theta_{c,eff}^2 + \frac{\alpha_{app}^2 \theta_{c,eff}^2}{2} + \alpha_{app}^2}$$

$$+ \gamma_{app}$$

$$- \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sqrt{\left(\gamma_{app}^2 - \theta_{c,eff}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{app}^2 \theta_{c,eff}^2}{2}\right)^2 + (-2\beta_{eff} + \gamma_{app}^2 \beta_{eff})^2} - \theta_{c,eff}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{app}^2 \theta_{c,eff}^2}{2} + \gamma_{app}^2}$$