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What is the difference between single crystal and polycrystalline?

Single crystals have infinite periodicity, polycrystals have local periodicity, and amorphous solids (and liquids) have no long-range order. ... A polycrystalline solid or polycrystal is comprised of many individual grains or crystallites.

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What is a polycrystalline material?

A polycrystalline material is comprised of many small crystallites with different crystal orientations that are separated by grain boundaries. This is the common structure of most technical materials.

What is a polycrystalline metal?

Polycrystalline materials, or polycrystals, are solids that are composed of many crystallites of varying size and orientation. Most inorganic solids are polycrystalline, including all common metals, many ceramics, rocks, and ice.

Why are polycrystalline materials stronger than single crystals?

The grain boundaries accord higher strength and hardness to polycrystals than that of single crystals. The finer the crystal grains in polycrystals, the larger the ratio of grain boundary regions and the strength and hardness of metals and alloys.

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