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Powder diffraction at Synchrotrons

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Light is used by the researchers to study the properties of matter on the scale of atoms and molecules.

The information that can be obtained are related to several different fields: electronics, earth sciences, biology, environmental research, material engineering, medicine, nanotechnology ...







- •Accelerating charged particles emit light
- radio, microwave, infrared, visible, UV X-rays
- •These are emitted in a dipole pattern
- Not collimated frequency is same as oscillation frequency



HORIZONTAL

PATTERN



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Note: Angle-dependent doppler shift

 $\lambda = \lambda' \gamma (1 - \frac{v}{c} \cos \theta)$

 $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$

$$\lambda = \lambda' \left(1 - \frac{\mathsf{v}}{\mathsf{c}} \cos\theta\right)$$

The Lorentz factor or Lorentz term is the factor by which time, length, and relativistic mass change for an object while that object is moving. The expression appears in several equations in special relativity, and it arises in derivations of the Lorentz transformations. The name originates from its earlier appearance in Lorentzian electrodynamics – named after the Dutch physicist Hendrik Lorentz.









































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Light Source:

- Bending magnet
- Critical energy : 3.2keV (2.0) , 5.5keV (2.4)

X-rays at sample:

- Energy range : 6-20 keV
- Photon flux : 10¹¹ photons/sec
- Beam size at sample : 10x1 .3x.3 mm²
- Energy resolution : $\Delta E/E 2x10^{-4}$













































Radiation is horizontally polarised in the plane of the electron orbit



Laboratory source Unpolarised radiation









- High X-ray flux : Millions count counting statistics in reflection (Bragg-Brentano) as well as in transmission (Debye-Scherrer) modes even with low quantities of powder available
- Highly collimated photon beam: angular resolution better due to narrow instrumental profile. FWHM better than 0.01° 2θ obtained with new generation solid state microstrip detectors and down to 0.002° 2θ using multicrystal analyser detectors
- Tunable photon energy up to high energies:
 - anomalous scattering experiments
 - collect fluorescence-free XRPD data
 - Extension of d-space that can be probed.
 - depth analysis by varying energy

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Phase Identification



Texture Analysis



Grazing Incidence Diffraction

Structure

Determination



Line Profile Analysis



X-ray Reflectivity









Operando batteries V₂O₅ - RGO





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Article

Extended Limits of Reversible Electrochemical Lithiation of Crystalline V₂O₅

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Operando batteries





- Vanadium (V) oxide was suggested as an attractive host for electrochemical lithium yet in 1970s due to ability of multielectron redox in layered V₂O₅
- Insertion of extremely high amounts of lithium (up to 3 moles per mole of oxide) is possible, however, it is believed that insertion/extraction of about 1.8 moles of Li⁺ can enable sustainable cycling.









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XRPD in non ambient conditions

Gas out







Goniometer head









In situ reaction furnace for real-time XRD studies Riello P., Lausi A., MacLeod J., Plaisier J.R., Zerauschek G



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- Phase transitions between 2D (layered) and 3D (cubic) phases in Cu_xTiS₂ (x = 0-0.5) intercalation compounds have been studied *in situ* by the X-ray diffraction technique in the temperature range 20–1000 °C.
- The discovery of CDW (charge density wave) quantum states and superconductivity in the Cu–TiSe₂ system arouses interest to isostructural materials, but known phase transformations to the spinel structure make comparison difficult.
- Samples were prepared by intercalation of Cu at room temperature. All samples had the layered hexagonal structure.

2D-3D transition in Cu–TiS₂ system Shkvarina EG, Titov AA, Doroschek AA, Shkvarin AS, Starichenko DV, Plaisier JR, Gigli L, Titov AN. *The Journal of Chemical Physics 147, 044712 (2017)*











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T (°C)	1T layered phase							Cubic spinel phase			${R_F}^2 (\%)$	χ^2
	а	с	S (1/3 2/3 z)	Cu (0 0 ½)	Cu (¼3 ⅔ z)		Ti (0 0 ½)	а	Cu (1/81/81/8)	S (x x x)		
			z	Occupation	z	Occupation	Occupation		Occupation	x		
						Cu _{0.2} TiS ₂						
206	3.4269(1)	5.8106(2)	0.2438(5)	0.198(2)							5.96	1.880
320	3.4331(1)	5.8252(2)	0.2452(5)	0.195(2)							6.44	1.688
451	3.4401(1)	5.8037(2)	0.2593(8)	0.064(2)			0.005(3)	9.9816(4)	0.763(8)	0.2502(5)	3.90	1.123
483	3.4405(1)	5.7942(3)	0.249(1)	0.059(3)				9.9631(3)	0.611(5)	0.2526(3)	2.89	1.136
514	3.4421(1)	5.7937(3)	0.253(1)	0.045(3)			0.017(4)	9.9592(2)	0.564(4)	0.2530(2)	3.18	1.064
546	3.4441(1)	5.7982(4)	0.260(1)	0.030(4)			0.018(5)	9.9604(2)	0.521(3)	0.2529(3)	2.78	1.138
606	3.4482(1)	5.8083(4)	0.243(1)	0.005(3)			0.074(6)	9.9642(1)	0.512(3)	0.2536(2)	4.55	1.107
637	3.4498(1)	5.8133(4)	0.249(1)	0.038(3)			0.018(5)	9.9660(1)	0.503(3)	0.2532(1)	1.86	1.105
735	3.4543(1)	5.8365(4)	0.246(1)	0.057(3)	0.45(3)	0.013(2)	0.020(5)	9.9726(1)	0.467(3)	0.2538(2)	2.89	1.565
828	3.4603(1)	5.8677(3)	0.243(1)	0.032(3)	0.454(7)	0.037(2)	0.029(4)	9.9846(1)	0.474(3)	0.2536(2)	2.72	1.296
874	3.4626(1)	5.8881(2)	0.240(1)	0.040(2)	0.431(6)	0.041(2)	0.031(4)	9.9908(1)	0.498(4)	0.2535(2)	2.92	1.770
918	3.4654(1)	5.9051(3)	0.239(1)	0.060(2)	0.445(8)	0.032(2)	0.001(4)	9.9662(4)	0.533(6)	0.2540(3)	4.12	2.410
						Cu _{0.1} TiS ₂						
525	3.4422(1)	5.7990(2)	0.2460(6)	0.044(2)	0.35(2)	0.013(2)	0.024(3)	9.9701(8)	0.66(2)	0.2547(8)	8.16	5.921
647	3.4494(1)	5.8129(2)	0.2448(6)	0.038(2)	0.37(2)	0.015(2)	0.023(4)	9.9690(4)	0.50(2)	0.2544(6)	7.05	5.813
918	3.4650(1)	5.8691(2)	0.2428(7)	0.055(2)	0.42(2)	0.020(3)	0.002(4)				9.65	10.47
						Cu _{0.25} TiS ₂						
918	3.4664(2)	5.9140(8)	0.236(2)	0.009(6)	0.46(1)	0.052(4)		10.0075(1)	0.512(4)	0.2531(2)	6.42	10.81





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2D-3D transition In Cu–TiS₂ system





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- It has been found that the stability of the layered phase is determined by the distribution of copper atoms between the octahedral and tetrahedral crystallographic sites.
- The occupation of octahedral sites dominates at low temperatures.
- Upon heating, tetrahedral site occupation is limited and the layered phase becomes unstable and transforms to the spinel.
- Further heating allows the distribution of copper between octahedral and tetrahedral sites; the layered phase becomes stable again.





Phase identification - example





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Glass samples: Grisaille

- Low melting glass (SiO₂, PbO,)
- Pigment (metal oxides)
- Paint medium (water, vinegar, oil)
- Firing to fuse the grisaille on the glass





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Phase identification - example





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<u>GRISAGLIA</u>





CoAl₂O₄; PbSO₄; Pb(OH)Cl Amorphous



$$Pb_2Sb_2O_7; PbSO_4;$$

CaSO₄(H₂O)₂; CaAl₂Si₂O₈

FeO(OH); FeSO₄(OH)(H₂O)₂ PbSO₄; CaSO₄(H₂O)₂; Al₂Si₂O₅(OH)₄



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CoAl_2O_4; PbSO<sub>4</sub>;
CaPO<sub>3</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O
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SiO₂; PbS; PbSO₄; CaCO₃ (vat), CaPO₃(OH)₂H₂O







- Pb₂Sb₂O₇: original pigment
- SO₄²⁻, S²⁻, CO₃²⁻: alteration product seawater-aerosol, acid rain
- FeO(OH); FeSO₄(OH)(H₂O)₂ : alteration product of original pigments
- CO₃²⁻,PO₃³⁻: biological origin
- **CoAl₂O₄** : intervention at later date?





XRPD in non ambient conditions







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MCX: major upgrades



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- ✓ Early 2022 a new diffractometer equiped with a mythen detector covering 120° was ordered
- ✓ Estimated installation November 2023.







MCX: major upgrades



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MCX: The people









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