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3D ED on defect structures

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Diffuse scattering – a general path



High pressure oxynitride SnGe₄N₄O₄



Ge rich crystals selected by EDXS



Sample HH228



Space group: P6₃cm Structure type: Nolanite Sequence: ABAC Philipp Gollé Leidreiter in Cooperation with Prof. Riedel Darmstadt

Sample HH266





Rhombohedral phase

Sample HH266



3*c, a and b sligthly smaller

Space group R -3m

6R polytype of Nolanite structure



2 Layers of Nolanite 1 Layer of Spinel

Stacking sequence: AB-ABC-AC-ABC-BC



Solving the average crystal structure of $Al_4B_2O_9$



Structure solution from both data sets (ignoring diffuse scattering)



H. Zhao et al.; Journal of Solid State Chemistry 249 (2017) 114-123

Superstructure – Using additional maxima





Diffuse scattering



eADT: data reconstruction and processing

Model set-up: MatStudio/Vesta

DISCUS: simulation of electron diffraction



Shift ½ a* + ½ c*

H. Zhao et al.; Journal of Solid State Chemistry 249 (2017) 114-123

For comparison: X-Ray diffuse scattering in Mullite: Shift 1/3 a* + ½ c*



B. D. Butler, T. R. Welberry, & R. L. Withers, Phys Chem Minerals 20, 323 (1993)

Model sample – Zeolite Beta

Stacking faults in Zeolite Beta due to intergrowth of A and B polymorph



Polymorph A (BEA): $P4_122 \text{ or } P4_322$ a = 12.66 Å c = 26.41 Å



Polymorph B (BEB): *C*2/*c* a = 17.90 Å, b = 17.92 Å c = 26.41 Å, β = 114.8°



Quantitative approach – model system Zeolite Beta



Average crystal structure solution of Zeolite Beta



$$\begin{pmatrix} a' \\ b' \\ c' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & 2/3 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$



Zeolite Beta A: potential map along [100] Tetragonal



Zeolite Beta B: potential map along [110] orthorhombisch



Model sample – DISCUS simulation



Twinning – **ordered** \rightarrow **discrete** reflections







Yasar Krysiak, Acta Cryst. (2018). A74, 93–101

Building up a model – Zeolite Beta



- Take two layers (A, B) aus BEA-Structure
- Inhomogenous layers separated by vector [0, 0, 1/2]
- Homogenous layers separated by vector [-1/3, 1/3, 1/2]
- Vary layer size and stacking lengths
- Probability for stacking event (1-p homogen, p inhomogen)



Simulation and Experiment – Zeolite Beta

■ Simulation of electron diffraction with DISCUS based on random stacks → Comparison with exp. Data (eADT)



Li-Ion battery cathode material



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Sapce group: C2/m

A question for you:





Thermoelectrics $Cu_{2+x}Mn_{1-x}GeS_4$ (x=0-0.5)

P Thermoelectrics Very Important Paper

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Engineering Transport Properties in Interconnected Enargite-Stannite Type Cu_{2+x}Mn_{1-x}GeS₄ Nanocomposites

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Structure solution 3DED Diffuse lines h-2k=4n

HRTEM reveals \rightarrow Nanotwins, planar defects, Dislocations, Lattice distortions



Thermoelectrics Cu_{2+x}Mn_{1-x}GeS₄ (x=0.3)



ordered or densely stacked regions

Tetragonal twins and coherent interface T-O

Diffraction pattern



Thermoelectrics $Cu_{2+x}Mn_{1-x}GeS_4$ (x=0.3)







a) Stacking faults in the orthorhombic phase



b) Twin boundaries in the tetragonal phase



c) Coherent interfaces between the orthorhombic and tetragonal phases





Piezoelectrics

 $85\%Na_{0.5}Bi_{0.5}TiO_{3}-10\%Bi_{0.5}K_{0.5}TiO_{3}-5\%BaTiO_{3}$

Space group: R3c or Cc or both R3c @296°C \rightarrow P4bm @ 566°C \rightarrow Pm-3m





¹/₂(*ooe*) superstructure reflections and broad diffuse scattering intensity Continuous diffuse scattering rods



85%NBT-10%BKT-5%BT solid solution

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Stacking of platelets like stacking faults explains diffuse rods with increased intensity at $\frac{1}{2}$ ooe



Diffuse scattering further reading

Disorder electron diffraction: Mugnaioli, Gorelik, Acta Cryst B 2019



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Conclusion

3DED is suitable for quantification of diffuse scattering Use preferably fine slicing Try to get more data sets to be sure the trend stays the same Analysis needs careful investigation

...try to break the problem down \odot





Example: Cement production process

- ✓ **Cement** → Largest Manufactured Product
- ✓ Concrete → Second Most Used Substance in the World
- × ~ 5% of Global Anthropogenic **CO**₂ **Emissions***







- Cement = Calcium Sulfates + Clinker
- Clinker: *Alite* (Ca₃SiO₅; 50-70%), *Belite* (Ca₂SiO₄; 15-30%), *Aluminate* (Ca₃Al₂O₅; 5-10%) & *Ferrite* (Ca₂AlFeO₅; 5-15%)



*Mahasenan et al., Greenhouse Gas Control Technologies, vol. II, pp. 995-1000, 2003.



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The Belite phase – FAST-ADT structure solution

F30, μSTEM mode, NED, PED-ADT



ODS Sections from the *clinker_0* 3D ED Reconstructed Dataset



✤ Systematic Extinctions according to the Extinction Symbol Pn-a : □

Possible Space Groups: *Pn2*₁*a* or *Pnma*



Satellite reflections

Taking satellites into account



Diffraction Pattern along $[01\overline{2}]$





$C_2S-\alpha'_H$: Average Structure

- * $Pn2_1a \rightarrow$ Kinematical Refined Structures: **Unreasonable** Si-O distances & **Poor** Tetrahedra Geometry
- *Pnma* → Kinematical Refined Structures: Reasonable Si-O Distances & Good Tetrahedra Geometry



	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	α (°)	β (°)	γ (°)
Found Unit Cell	6.776	5.496	9.252	89.9	89.9	89.5
Mumme et al. Cell*	6.767	5.519	9.303	90.0	90.0	90.0

*Mumme et al., Neues Jahrbuch für Mineralogie - Abhandlungen, vol. 169, n. 1, pp 35-68, 1995.

- Retrieved Structures comparable to the XRPD-reported Model (Mumme et al.*)
- High Anisotropy of DP along the *b*-axis

 \Box

Need to take into account the Satellites

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Taking staellites into account

Additional index: m

hklm: m=2n hk0m: h+m=2n





 $C_2S-\alpha'_H$: Modulated Structure

- Solution & Refinement in *Pnma*(α00)0ss
 - All Displacement Parameters (B) around 1-2 Å²



 $\begin{array}{l} R^{main} (\text{obs}) = 7.1 \% \mid R^{satel.} (\text{obs}) = 19.9 \% \mid R^{all} (\text{obs}) = 12.3 \% \\ R^{main}_{w} (\text{obs}) = 7.3 \% \mid R^{satel.}_{w} (\text{obs}) = 19.5 \% \mid R^{all}_{w} (\text{obs}) = 11.2 \% \end{array}$

clinker_2.5

 $\begin{aligned} R^{main} (\text{obs}) &= 7.6 \% \mid R^{satel.} (\text{obs}) = 15.9 \% \mid R^{all} (\text{obs}) = 9.6 \% \\ R^{main}_{w} (\text{obs}) &= 8.3 \% \mid R^{satel.}_{w} (\text{obs}) = 17.8 \% \mid R^{all}_{w} (\text{obs}) = 9.9 \% \end{aligned}$

Approximated Superstructure from the Modulated Structure Model (*clinker_2.5*)



