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Garnet-Like Structures of High-Pressure Cadmium Germanate and Calcium Germanate

Abstract. Crystals of CdGeO₃ grown at a pressure of 65 kilobars are tetragonal and have an ordered, garnet-like crystal structure with cadmium occupying the dodecahedral and octahedral sites, and germanium the octahedral and tetrahedral sites. The crystal structure (a = 12.406 ± 1 angstroms, c = 12.256 ± 1 angstroms, and space group $I4_1/a$) has been refined by least-squares analysis to an R (discrepancy index) of 0.073. Two high-pressure phases of $CaGeO_3$ were synthesized, one isotypic with tetragonal $CdGeO_3$ (a = 12.514 \pm 3 angstroms, c = 12.358 \pm 3 angstroms), and the other isotypic with perovskite.

In 1963 Ringwood and Seabrook (1) reported the synthesis of a high-pressure phase of CaGeO₃ which apparently had the garnet structure. They also synthesized CdGeO₃, which had an x-ray powder pattern similar to that of garnet except that the reflections were split; this indicated that the symmetry was lower than cubic. Ringwood and Seabrook proposed the formula Cd₃^{VIII}-(CdGe)^{VI}Ge₃^{IVO}O₁₂. However, CaGeO₃ also has the lower symmetry, and its x-ray powder patterns can be indexed on a tetragonal cell with a = 12.51 Å,

c = 12.36 Å (2). Because there has been considerable comment about anisotropic optical properties of garnet (3) and because, to our knowledge, no other modifications of garnet with symmetry lower than cubic have been reported, we have investigated the highpressure CdGeO₃ and CaGeO₃ phases to determine the actual symmetry and have refined the crystal structure of CdGeO₃ because we could prepare better crystals of this phase.

High-purity CdO and GeO₂ in a 1:1 molar ratio were thoroughly mixed. The mixture was subjected to a pressure of 65 kb at 1200° to 1400°C for about 4 hours and then quenched. Two CaGeO₃ phases were prepared by analogous high-pressure methods, except that the starting material was CaGeO₃ with the wollastonite structure. One of these phases has the garnet-like structure (1, 2), and the other is isotypic with perovskite. The tetrahedral anvil used for these high-pressure experiments has been described by Bither *et al.* (4).

A Hägg-Guinier photograph was initially taken of the CdGeO₃ sample. We assumed that the cell was tetragonal with $a \sim c \sim 12.40$ Å; using a computer program for the assignment of indices and refining by least-squares analysis, we were able to index the pattern and to refine the cell. These results were confirmed with precession photographs of a single crystal, and the space group was identified as $I4_1/a-C_{4h}^6$ [absences: for hkl, $h + k + l \neq 2n$ and for hk0, $h(k) \neq 2n$]. Other cell data are $a = 12.406 \pm 1$ Å, $c = 12.256 \pm 1$ Å, cell volume (V) = 1.886.3 Å³, number of formula units per cell (Z) = 32, calculated density $(D_x) = 6.56$ g cm⁻³, and absorption coefficient $\mu = 115.0$ cm⁻¹ (AgK α radiation). The cell for tetragonal CaGeO₃ has $a = 12.514 \pm 3$ Å, $c = 12.358 \pm 3$ Å; we have assumed that CaGeO₃ has the same space group as CdGeO₃, although no crystals large enough for single-crystal examination have been synthesized. The observed and calculated powder patterns for CdGeO₃ and CaGeO₃ have been submitted to the powder data file of the American Society for Testing and Materials.

Ringwood and Major (5) reported the synthesis of a perovskite form of CaGeO₃ at 120 kb and 900°C. This compound appeared to be cubic with a = 3.723 Å. Although one of the phases in our samples of CaGeO₃ is also the perovskite type, it would be necessary to double the cell parameter (7.448 \pm 2 Å) to account for weak reflections on both the Guinier and precession photographs.

Using a Picker diffractometer with Pd-filtered AgK α radiation, a takeoff angle of 3°, pulse-height analysis, and a scan range for each reflection of 1.5° plus the ($\alpha_1 - \alpha_2$) dispersion, we measured three-dimensional diffraction data (740 nonequivalent reflections). These data were corrected for absorption, and provision was later made for secondary extinction correction during least-squares refinement.

We devised a model for the structure by comparing possible locations in space group $I4_1/a$ with those of the garnet structure in *Ia3d*. In doing this, it was necessary to shift the origin of $I4_1/a$ by $\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{4},\frac{1}{8}$ from that given in *International Tables for X-Ray Crystallography* (origin at $\overline{4}$) (6). This orients the symmetry elements of $I4_1/a$ in a manner similar to those for *Ia3d* (6). Table 1

Table 1. Relations between equivalent positions in the garnet and $CdGeO_3$ structures and the refined $CdGeO_3$ atom coordinates and isotropic temperature factors.

Garnet space group Ia3d				$CdGeO_3$ space group $I4_1/a$						
Site	Equi- point	Sym- metry	Coor- dinates	Atom	Equi- point	Sym- metry	I	В		
							x	у	z	$(Å^2)$
Dodecahedral	24c	222	1/8,0,1/4	Cd(1)	16 <i>f</i>	1	0.1256±1	0.0052 ± 1	0.2564 ± 1	0.64 ± 5
				Cd(2)	8e	2	0	1⁄4	$.6236 \pm 2$	$.61\pm 6$
Octahedral	16 <i>a</i>	3	0,0,0	Cd(3)	8d	1	0	0	1/2	$.63 \pm 6$
				Ge(1)	8c	1	0	0	0	$.43 \pm 7$
Tetrahedral	24d	4	1/8,0,3/4	Ge(2)	4b	4	0	1⁄4	3/8	$.50 \pm 9$
				Ge(3)	4a	4	0	1⁄4	7/8	$.36 \pm 9$
				Ge(4)	16 <i>f</i>	1	$.1267 \pm 2$	$.0166 \pm 2$	$.7599 \pm 2$	$.30 \pm 9$ $.37 \pm 6$
Oxygen	96h	1	<i>x,y,z</i>	O(1)	16 <i>f</i>	1	$.0251 \pm 11$	$.0672 \pm 11$	$.6718 \pm 12$	$.41 \pm 2^{2}$
	÷ .			O(2)	16 <i>f</i>	1	$.0478\pm11$	$.0500 \pm 11$	$.8621 \pm 11$	$.36 \pm 28$
				O(3)	16 <i>f</i>	1	$.2260 \pm 11$	$.1117 \pm 12$	$.8101 \pm 11$	$.41 \pm 27$
				O(4)	16/	1	$.2148 \pm 11$	0823 ± 11	$.7023 \pm 12$	$.28 \pm 20$
				O(5)	16f	1	0653 ± 11	$.1636 \pm 12$	$.4696 \pm 12$	$.63 \pm 28$
				O(6)	16 <i>f</i>	1	1051 ± 11	$.2128 \pm 12$	$.7840 \pm 12$	$.59 \pm 28$

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Table 2. Interatomi	ic dista	nces	; in	the	CdG	eO_3
structure. Standard	errors	for	all	dist	ances	are
\pm 0.01 Å.						

Atom	Neighboring atom	Distance (Å)
Cd(1)	O(1)	2.25
	O(2)	2.65
	O(3)	2.44
	O(3)	2.44
	O(4)	2.49
	O(4)	2.30
	O(5)	2.30
	O(6)	2.76
	O(av.)	2.45
Cd(2)	20(1)	2.36
	20(2)	2.56
	20(5)	2.32
	20(6)	2.40
	O(av.)	2.41
Cd(3)	20(1)	2.29
	20(4)	2.21
	20(5)	2.22
	O(av.)	2.24
Ge(1)	20(2)	1.90
(-)	2O(3)	1.89
	20(6)	1.90
	O(av.)	1.90
Ge(2)	4O(5)	1.78
Ge(3)	4O(6)	1.78
Ge(4)	O(1)	1.77
	O(2)	1.79
	O(3)	1.82
	O(4)	1.79
	O(av.)	1.79

gives the equipoints (equivalent positions), based on this new orientation, of Ia3d occupied in the garnet structure and the related equipoints of $I4_1/a$ occupied in the CdGeO₃ structure. In CdGeO₃, Cd(1) and Cd(2) occupy dodecahedral sites, Cd(3) and Ge(1) octahedral sites, and Ge(2), Ge(3), and Ge(4) tetrahedral sites; there are six oxygen sites. The oxygen sites in CdGeO₃ are related to the oxygen site in garnet by the following transformations: $x, y, z; x, y, \frac{3}{2} - z;$ $\frac{1}{4} - x, \frac{3}{4} - z, \frac{3}{4} + y; \frac{1}{4} - x, -\frac{3}{4} + z, \frac{3}{4} - y;$ $\overline{y}, -\frac{1}{2}+z, \frac{1}{2}-x; -\frac{3}{4}+z, \frac{1}{4}-y, \frac{3}{4}+x.$

Full-matrix least-squares refinement reduced R ($R = \Sigma | |F_{obs}| - |F_{calc}| | \div$ $\Sigma |F_{obs}|$, where F is the structure factor) to 0.073 for all the observed reflections. The weighted R was 0.080. In the final cycle of refinement, the scale factor, secondary extinction parameter (C), appropriate atom coordinates, and isotropic temperature factors (B) were varied. The final isotropic temperature factors (Table 1) are all reasonable, although the calculated errors for the Bvalues for oxygen are rather large. This may reflect a somewhat poorer agreement for weak reflections where $l \neq 2n$.

The symmetry of the CdGeO₃ structure is lower than that of garnet because all the cadmium and germanium atoms are ordered into distinct crystallographic sites. Examination of the garnet structure shows that this is not the only possible ordering. For example, atoms in the octahedral sites (16a) in the space group Ia3d could order so as to occupy equipoints 8a and 8b Ia3. The dodecahedral and tetrahedral sites would be 24din Ia3, and there would be two oxygen atoms in 48e. This would require that additional reflections be present because of the loss of the d glide plane. To our knowledge, no such ordering has been observed, but possibly this or some other scheme might be as probable as the one observed for CdGeO₃.

Reports of noncubic garnets are not restricted to $CdGeO_3$ and $CaGeO_3$ (3). Apparently garnets such as uvarovite (Ca₃Cr₂Si₃O₁₂), grossularite (Ca₃Al₂Si₃- O_{12}), and and radite ($Ca_3Fe_2Si_3O_{12}$) are often optically anisotropic, whereas those such as pyrope $(Mg_3Al_2Si_3O_{12})$, almandite (Fe₃Al₂Si₃O₁₂), and spessartite (Mn₃Al₂Si₃O₁₂) are not. Furthermore, although the external form of anisotropic garnets is usually cubic, the crystals are actually twinned composites of either uniaxial or biaxial individuals. Birefringence disappears at about 800°C and may or may not reappear upon cooling. Although anisotropic character seems to be associated with a large cation in the dodecahedral site, structure refinements of pyrope also raise questions about small cations in the dodecahedral site. Zemann and Zemann (7) suggested that magnesium is not actually in the center of the dodecahedron but rather is statistically distributed on either side of the center. Gibbs and Smith (8), however, thought that this was due to thermal anisotropy and was not a static displacement.

Table 2 lists the interatomic distances for the $CdGeO_3$ structure. Cd(1) and Cd(2) are each surrounded by eight oxygen atoms in a distorted triangular dodecahedron at average distances of 2.45 Å and 2.41 Å, respectively; the distance between vIIICd and IVO, predicted on the basis of the Shannon and Prewitt (9) table of effective ionic radii, is 2.45 Å. Some difficulty exists with Cd(3), however, because it is octahedrally coordinated with an average distance of 2.24 Å, whereas the predicted value for the distance between ^{VI}Cd and ^{IV}O is 2.33 Å. It is difficult to explain this large difference because it seems unlikely that there could be a mixing of Ge and Cd in the octahedral sites. The average observed distance between Ge(1) and oxygen is 1.90 Å; the predicted value is 1.92 Å, thus effectively eliminating the possibility that Cd might be substituting for Ge here. The anomaly might be a real feature since unusual interatomic distances are often found in garnet structures. The tetrahedral Ge-O distances of 1.77 Å, 1.78 Å, and 1.79 Å are in good agreement with the predicted value of 1.78 Å (Table 2).

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Bird Energetics: Effects of Artificial Radiation

Abstract. Radiant energy reduces oxygen consumption in birds; this reduction is correlated with feather color, being greater in dark birds (26 percent reduction) than in white ones (6 percent reduction). With radiant energy (basking), the cowbird effectively increased its insulation, thus shifting the lower end of the zone of thermal neutrality down by as much as $10^{\circ}C$ (35° to 25°C).

Some birds sunbathe (1) and Lanyon (2) has suggested that the stimulus which initiates sunbathing behavior is heat. As early as 1925, Cartwright and Harrold (3) set forth the hypothesis that a governing principle of avian metabolism is radiant energy and that the absorption of this radiation is dependent upon the coloration of the plumage. Morton (4) showed that at low air temperatures, white-crowned sparrows (Zonotrichia leucophrys) that received radiant energy