

MS14-P06 | ORDER-DISORDER IN THE ARSENOPALLADINITE, $\text{Pd}_8\text{As}_{2.5}\text{Sb}_{0.5}$, CRYSTAL STRUCTURE

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The crystal structure of the mineral arsenopalladinite, $\text{Pd}_8\text{As}_{2.5}\text{Sb}_{0.5}$, from the Kaarreoja River, Inari commune, Finnish Lapland, Finland, was solved on the basis of X-ray diffraction data collected from the single crystal. The two polymorph modifications established.

The both polymorphs are triclinic, space groups are $P-1$. The unit cell parameters are: $a=7.3344(7)$ Å, $b=7.3870(8)$ Å, $c=7.5255(7)$ Å, $\alpha=98.869(8)^\circ$, $\beta=102.566(8)^\circ$, $\gamma=119.10(1)^\circ$, $V=331.19(1)$ Å³, $Z=4$, $R1=0.0481$ for (I) and $a=7.329(2)$ Å, $b=7.384(2)$ Å, $c=14.137(3)$ Å, $\alpha=95.983(4)^\circ$, $\beta=92.027(4)^\circ$, $\gamma=119.053(4)^\circ$, $V=661.80(2)$ Å³, $Z=8$, $R1=0.0533$ for (II).

A net of atoms parallel to the plane constitute the structure. As and Sb occupy separate sites in the structure and located in a triangular, 3^6 type, nets. Pd atoms separated in another nets: distorted triangular 3^6 and pentagon-triangular 3.5^3 . The atomic nets of different orientation stack along the c axis.

All Sb atoms are ordered in one of the inversions centre ($1a$ Wyckoff position) in the structure of the 7Å -arsenopalladinite. In the 14Å -arsenopalladinite Sb atoms disordered on to two positions. A half of Sb atoms occupy $1a$ position, and a half – the $1h$ position. In the result, one of the (As, Sb)-net is shifted in the ab plane caused stacking fault and doubling of the unit cell. The unit cell of the arsenopalladinite 7Å -polymorph contains 6 nets, the 14Å -polymorph contains 12 nets.

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