

Oral Contributions

[MS15-04] $\text{Sr}_{25}\text{Fe}_{30}\text{O}_{77}$: A modulated structure solved by electron diffraction.

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These past few years, many new structures have been solved using electron diffraction methods: zone axis precession electron diffraction (PED) and tomography in reciprocal space [1-5]. Both methods enable to reduce importantly the multiple scattering of the electron beam, so that the reflection intensities can be used for structure determination by direct methods.

The ferrite $\text{Sr}_{25}\text{Fe}_{30}\text{O}_{77}$ belongs to a family of phases whose structures consist of an intergrowth of m perovskite layers with complex rocksalt type layers [6-8]. The compound of interest is the member $m = 4$ of this family and its structure has been solved by combining both electron diffraction methods cited above. This oxide crystallizes in an orthorhombic system with the sub-cell parameters $a \approx b \approx 5.4 \text{ \AA}$ and $c \approx 42 \text{ \AA}$. The structure exhibits modulation along $a \rightarrow$ axis with a modulation vector $q \rightarrow = 2/5 a \rightarrow$. Due to the commensurate nature of the modulation, the structure can be described in a supercell with the parameters $a \approx 27 \text{ \AA}$, $b \approx 5.4 \text{ \AA}$ and $c \approx 42 \text{ \AA}$. PED patterns were recorded in zone axis with a Spinning Star unit using a precession angle of 2° . The intensities were extracted with CRISP software [9] in “shape fitting” or “integer” modes. The data were then implemented in SIR2008 [10] with or without application of geometrical Lorentz correction. The tomography data collection, recorded by tilting manually every 0.5 degree from -30 to $+30$ degrees, was inserted in an automated “3D Electron Diffraction Tomography” software [11], which reconstructs the 3D reciprocal space and integrates automatically the reflection intensities.

The resulting intensity file was then used on SIR2008 software for structure resolution.

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