ured with a Joyce-Loebl microdensitometer. The results are listed in Table 1.

### Comparison with other results

In comparison with the ionic conductor  $N(CH_3)_4GeCl_3$ (Möller & Felsche, 1979), in  $NH(CH_3)_3GeCl_3$  the deviations from an ideal cubic perovskite-like structure are more obvious. There is a larger difference between the short axes a and b [1·302 Å for  $NH(CH_3)_3GeCl_3$ ; 0·217 Å for  $N(CH_3)_4GeCl_3$ ], indicating a stronger distortion along  $[110]_{cubic}$ . Furthermore, in NH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>GeCl<sub>3</sub> a transition to a cubic high-temperature form has not been observed. The compound decomposes above 393 K.

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Crystal powder data of MoGa<sub>5</sub>(CuS<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0.0556</sub>. By R. HORYŇ and R. ANDRUSZKIEWICZ, Institute for Low Temperature and Structure Research, Polish Academy of Sciences, Wroclaw, Poland

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### Abstract

The X-ray powder data have been obtained for a new phase  $MoGa_5(CuS_2)_{0.0556}$ . The powder patterns were indexed on the basis of a tetragonal body-centred unit cell with the lattice constants a = 12.872, c = 5.284 Å,  $c_1 a = 0.410$ ,  $d_m = 6.825(8)$ ,  $d_x = 6.869$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>, Z = 8.

The new phase was obtained in the shape of single crystals as a result of a reaction of the Chevrel-type phase  $Cu_{1\cdot 2}Mo_6S_8$  with metallic gallium. The reaction was performed at 1073 K both under vacuum and in an argon atmosphere.

The X-ray microprobe analysis has revealed the chemical composition of the phase corresponding to  $MoGa_5(CuS_2)_{0.0556}$ .

The powder diffraction data of the phase were obtained with a Guinier-type camera with Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation. The single crystal and X-ray powder diffraction patterns show tetragonal symmetry and the lattice constants a = 12.872, c = 5.284 Å, c/a = 0.410. The first 14 lines are listed in Table 1. The standard deviation for  $2\theta$  is 0.019.

The density of the phase MoGa<sub>5</sub>(CuS<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0.0556</sub>,  $d_m = 6.825(8)$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>, was measured pycnometrically in CCl<sub>4</sub>; Z = 8. The calculated density corresponds to  $d_x = 6.869$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>.

Table 1. Powder diffraction data of MoGa<sub>5</sub>(CuS<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0.0556</sub>

hkl	$d_{exp}$	$d_{calc}$	1
110	9.092	9.094	UW
200	6.421	6-431	<i>t</i> w
101	4.879	4.884	m
220	4.542	4.547	<i>vw</i>
310	4.063	4.067	m
211	3.886	3.889	m
321	2.955	2.956	vw
420	2.875	2.876	m
411	2.686	2.686	w.
002	2.640	2.640	UUW
112	2.535	2.535	m
510	2.524	2.522	w
202	2.443	2.442	rrw
431	2.312	2.312	s

The compounds  $MoGa_5S_{0.1667}$ ,  $MoGa_5Se_{0.1667}$  and  $MoGa_5Te_{0.1667}$ , synthetized at 973 K, are isostructural with the  $MoGa_5(CuS_2)_{0.0556}$  phase. Their unit-cell constants are a = 12.874, c = 5.286 Å, a = 12.904, c = 5.286 Å and a = 12.938, c = 5.309 Å, respectively.

The new phases show superconducting properties.

## Crystallographers

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This section is intended to be a series of short paragraphs dealing with the activities of crystallographers. such as their changes of position, promotions, assumption of significant new duties, honours, etc. Items for inclusion, subject to the approval of the Editorial Board, should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the International Union of Christallography (J. N. King, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England).

John Walter Gruner died in 1981, at the age of 91. Immigrating from his native Silesia (now Poland) to America in 1912, John Gruner received his BA degree from the University of New Mexico (1917), and MS (1919) and PhD (1922) degrees from the University of Minnesota. He became a member of the geology faculty at Minnesota in 1920 and held that position until retiring in 1959. He was an exceptionally successful teacher at both undergraduate and graduate levels. He was among the first in an American geology department to introduce X-ray diffraction (1927). He served as an advisor to 12 MS and 28 PhD students. He discovered several new minerals, pioneered in mineral synthesis, and solved the crystal structures of some difficult clay minerals. He published nearly 100 papers. He was the second President (1947) of the Crystallographic Society of America, the predecessor of the American Crystallographic Association. He served as President of the Mineralogical Society of America (1948) and as Vice-President of the Geological Society of America (1949). His contributions to the advancement of science were recognized by such honors as the Distinguished Service Award of Sigma Xi (1960), the Roebling Medal of MSA (1962), and the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from the University of New Mexico (1963).

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In February 1982 Professor **E. F. Bertaut** retired as Director of the Laboratoire de Cristallographie, CNRS, Grenoble. Professor Bertaut was a member of the IUCr Executive Committee between 1975 and 1981. He was also involved in the establishment of the Commission on Charge, Spin and Momentum Densities, being its first Chairman between 1975 and 1978, and has worked for many years with other members of the Commission on *International Tables* in the preparation of a new volume of this publication on direct space.

Sir **Charles Frank**, formerly Henry Overton Wills Professor of Physics at the University of Bristol, has been awarded the Guthrie Medal and Prize of the British Institute of Physics for his extensive contributions to the physics of solids.

The Charles Vernon Boys Prize of the British Institute of Physics for 1982 has been awarded to Dr **B. J. Isherwood** of GEC's Hirst Research Centre for his development and use of X-ray topography and multiple diffraction in the diagnosis of surface behaviour and crystalline quality.

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## Commission on Journals Decisions taken at meeting in Ottawa, August 1981

The attention of authors planning to submit papers to Acta Crystallographica or Journal of Applied Crystallography is drawn to the following decisions taken by the Commission on Journals at meetings held in Warsaw, 14-16 August 1981. These and other revisions in editorial policy since 1978 will be published in a new version of Notes for Authors, which is presently in preparation.

### **International Symbols for Units**

The Commission has recognized that, although multiples of  $10^3$  are the preferred prefixes in the SI System of Units, the centimetre is not prohibited by the SI system and therefore density and absorption coefficients may be given in units of g cm<sup>-3</sup> and cm<sup>-1</sup> respectively, if authors so wish. In all other cases, however, authors are asked to use the recommended prefixes of decimal multiples and submultiples of the SI units rather than using " $\times 10^{n}$ ".

#### Structural papers

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