

X線回折法と計算機シミュレーションによるシリカ クラスレート鉱物の相転移の研究

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Research Abstract


1. The structure of low melanophlogite was firstly determined using specimens from Mt. Hamilton (Ca), and then refined with intensity data measured on a 4-circle diffractometer. The low form, which is a superstructure of the high temperature cubic one, results in the first order phase transition from the cubic form.
2. The structural changes in a wide range of temperature from -50 to 200°C were studied with X-ray single crystal techniques, showing the transition point at about 70°C. Si-O distances and Si-O-Si angles, both for the atomic mean positions, show a negative correlation : Si-O decreases significantly in the range of the low form, while Si-O-Si increases.
3. Some of oxygen atoms show remarkable anisotropy in atomic mean square displacements, suggesting a possible disorder.

4. The maximum entropy method was applied to analyze electron density distribution in the high form, indicating that all the cages of pentagon dodecahedron are occupied by CH₄, which are possibly in six orientations.
5. Melanophlogite releases its guest molecules at a temperature as high as 1000°C. The guest-free specimen obtained by heating up to 1000°C belongs to the cubic space group as the same as that of natural specimens, and show no structural transition with varying temperatures. This result denies a reported one based on a NMR study.
6. Some trials of MD simulations for a model structure with pentagon dodecahedral cages, fully occupied by CH₄ molecules, succeeded to reproduce the structure transition from the cubic form to the (2x2x1) tetragonal superstructure. This suggests that guest molecules play important roles in the structural transitions in melanophlogite.


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