

Qualitative phase analysis (phase ID)

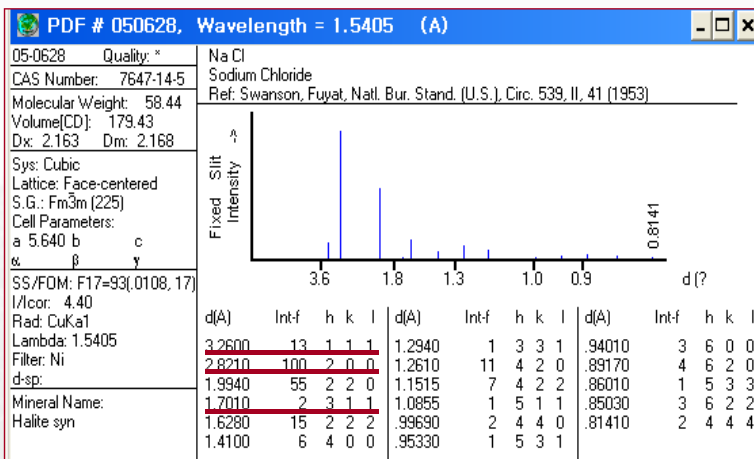
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PDF card & Quality mark

CAS; chemical abstracts service registry number



- * Highest quality
 - ✓ average $\Delta 2\theta < 0.03$ degree, all lines were indexed, I measured quantitatively
- i reasonable quality
 - ✓ average $\Delta 2\theta < 0.06$ degree, indexed with no more than two lines being unaccounted for, I measured quantitatively
- o low quality
 - ✓ low precision, poorly characterized, no unit cell data
- blank quality lower than o
- c calculated data
- r d's from Rietveld refinement

- Modern computer programs can help you determine what phases are present in your sample by quickly comparing your diffraction data to all of the patterns in the database.
- The PDF card for an entry contains a lot of useful information, including literature references.

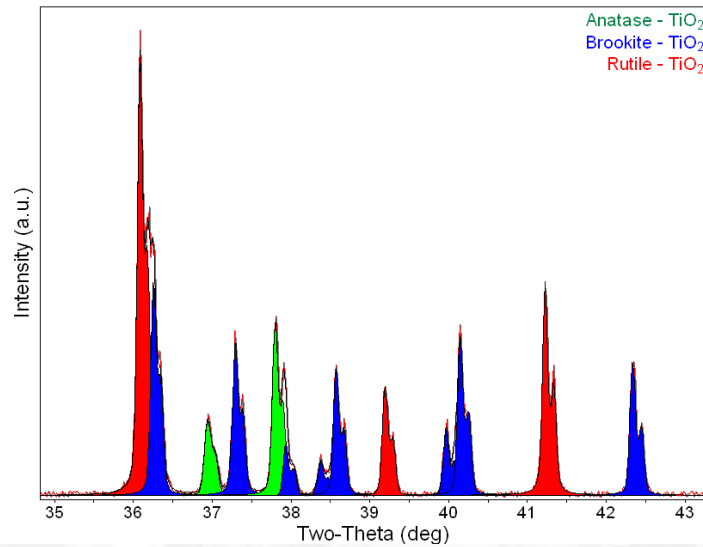
#	2-Theta	d(Å)	I(I)	(h k l)	Theta	1/(2d)	2pi/d	n^2
1	27.447	3.2470	100.0	{1 1 0}	13.723	0.1540	1.9351	
2	36.086	2.4870	50.0	{1 0 1}	18.043	0.2010	2.5264	
3	39.187	2.2970	8.0	{2 0 0}	19.594	0.2177	2.7354	
4	41.226	2.1880	25.0	{1 1 1}	20.613	0.2285	2.8717	
5	44.051	2.0540	10.0	{2 1 0}	22.026	0.2434	3.0590	
6	54.323	1.6874	60.0	{2 1 1}	27.161	0.2963	3.7236	
7	56.642	1.6237	20.0	{2 2 0}	28.321	0.3079	3.8697	
8	62.742	1.4797	10.0	{0 0 2}	31.371	0.3379	4.2463	
9	64.040	1.4528	10.0	{3 1 0}	32.020	0.3442	4.3249	
10	65.479	1.4243	2.0	{2 2 1}	32.740	0.3510	4.4114	
11	69.010	1.3598	20.0	{3 0 1}	34.505	0.3677	4.6207	
12	69.790	1.3465	12.0	{1 1 2}	34.895	0.3713	4.6663	
13	72.409	1.3041	2.0	{3 1 1}	36.205	0.3834	4.8180	
14	74.411	1.2739	1.0	{3 2 0}	37.205	0.3925	4.9322	
15	76.509	1.2441	4.0	{2 0 2}	38.255	0.4019	5.0504	
16	79.821	1.2006	2.0	{2 1 2}	39.911	0.4165	5.2334	
17	82.334	1.1702	6.0	{3 2 1}	41.167	0.4273	5.3693	
18	84.260	1.1483	4.0	{4 0 0}	42.130	0.4354	5.4717	
19	87.463	1.1143	2.0	{4 1 0}	43.732	0.4487	5.6387	

Powder diffraction data

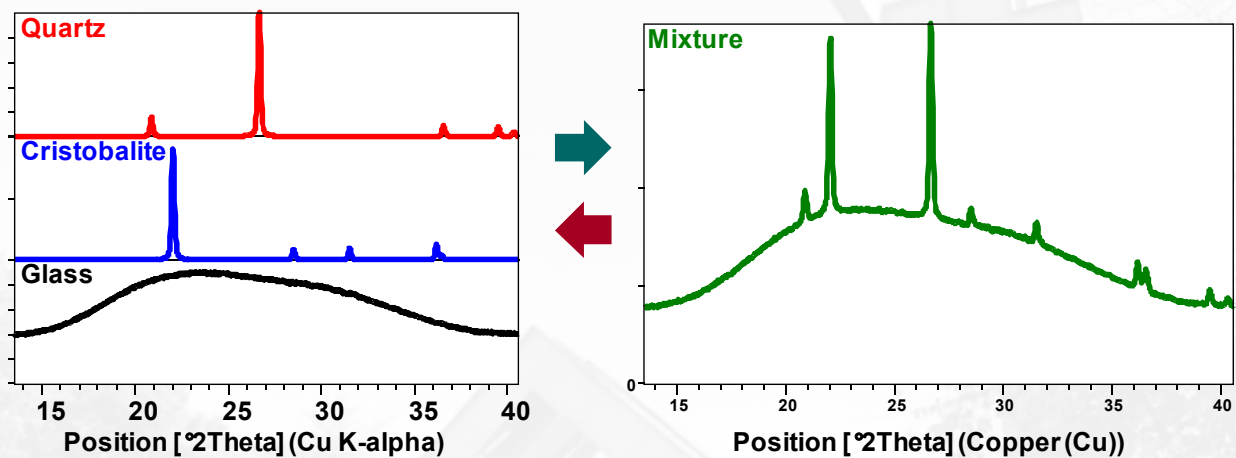
Position [°2θ]	Intensity [cts]
25.2000	372
25.2400	460
25.2800	576
25.3200	752
25.3600	1088
25.4000	1488
25.4400	1892
25.4800	2104
25.5200	1720
25.5600	1216
25.6000	732
25.6400	456
25.6800	380
25.7200	328

hkl	d _{hkl} (Å)	Relative Intensity (%)
{012}	3.4935	49.8
{104}	2.5583	85.8
{110}	2.3852	36.1
{006}	2.1701	1.9
{113}	2.0903	100.0
{202}	1.9680	1.4

- Phases with the same chemical composition can have drastically different diffraction patterns.
- While every diffraction pattern is different, some can be very similar.

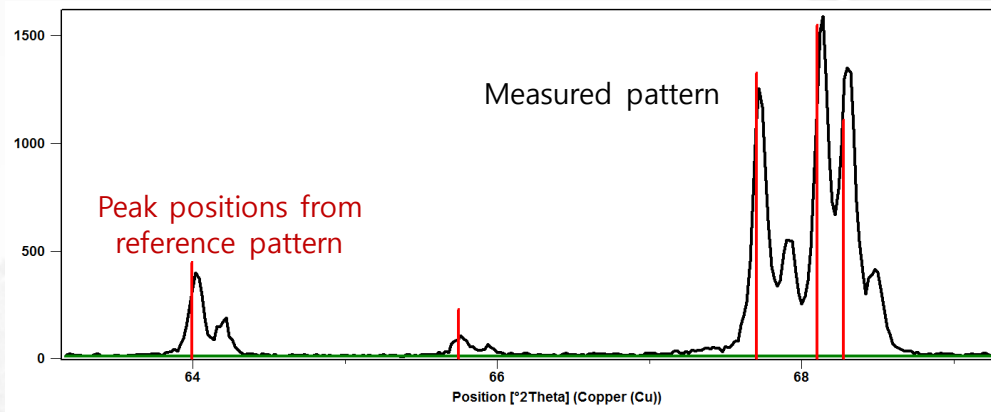


Diffraction pattern of a mixture



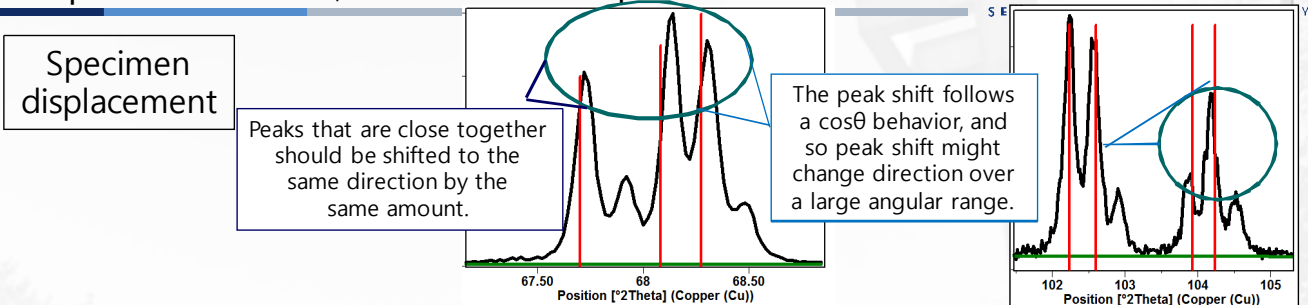
- From the XRD pattern you can determine:
 - ✓ Which crystalline phases are in a mixture (phase ID).
 - ✓ The amount of each crystalline phase in the mixture (quantitative phase analysis, QPA).
 - ✓ If any amorphous material is present in the mixture (the amount of amorphous phase).

XRD peak positions are compared with those of reference patterns.

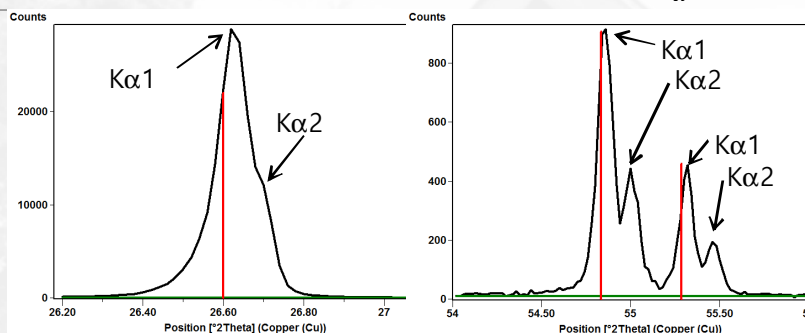


- A small amount of mismatch in peak position and intensity is acceptable experimental error.

Displacement error, K-α1 and K-α2 peak doublets



- Specimen displacement is a systematic peak position error due to misalignment of the sample.
- The direction and amount of peak shift will vary as $\frac{-2s \cos \theta}{R}$.



Kα1 and Kα2 peak doublets

- The Kα1 and Kα2 peak doublets are further apart at high angle 2θ.
- The Kα1 peaks always have twice the intensity of the Kα2 peaks.

Diffraction pattern > peak match

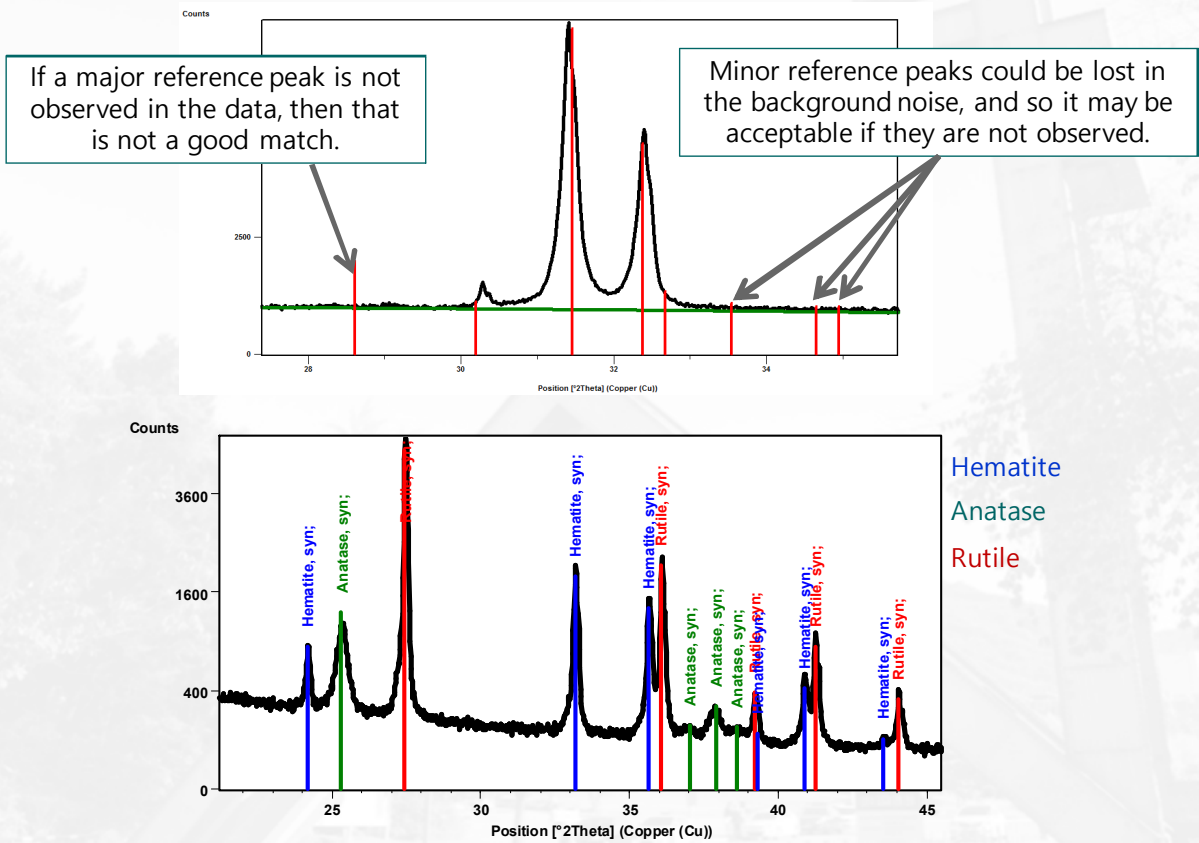


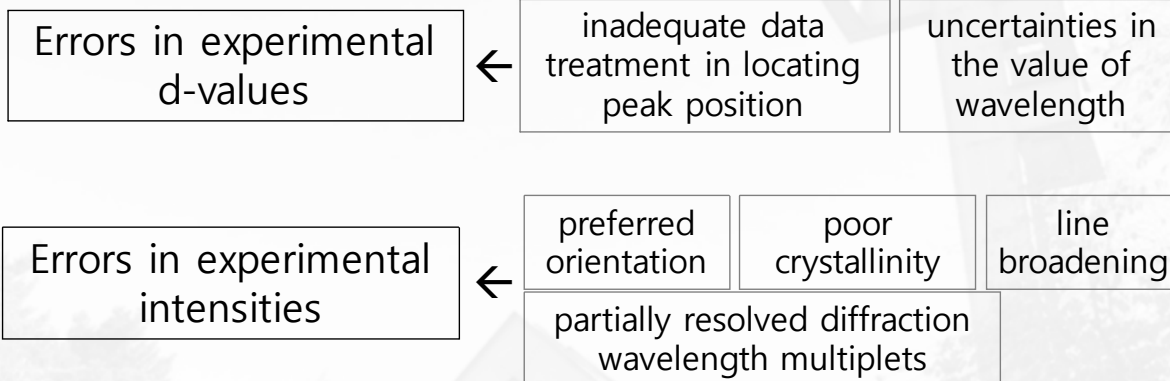
Table 12.3. Databases of Crystallographic and Structural Information

Name	Content	Center
Cambridge Structural Database (CSD)	Organic, organometallic	Cambridge, England
Inorganic Crystal Structure Database (ICSD)	Inorganic materials	Karlsruhe, Germany
NRCC Metals Data File (CRYSTMET)	Metals and alloys	Ottawa, Canada
Protein Data Bank (PDB)	Structure of macromolecules	Brookhaven, New York
NIST Crystal Data [NBS(CDF)]	Inorganic and organic unit cells	Gaithersburg, Maryland

Table 12.4. Databases for X-ray Powder Diffraction

Name	Content
Master DB	Master ICDD Database—all known powder data on a single phase, plus editorial marks and comments
PDF-2	User version of the Master DB (does not contain special editorial comments)
PDF-1	Subset of PDF-2, contains <i>d</i> 's, <i>I</i> 's and names (designed for automated search systems)
PDF-3	Contains raw data as a digitized pattern
CDF	The Crystal Data File (contains cell data, names, and references)
EISI	The Elemental and Interplanar Spacing Index (designed for electron diffraction)

PDF-4



- Successful qualitative phase analysis depends both on the accuracy of the measurement of unknown pattern and the accuracy of the PDF.
- Figure of Merit F_N – quantitative criteria for evaluating powder patterns

$\Delta 2\theta$ & Δd

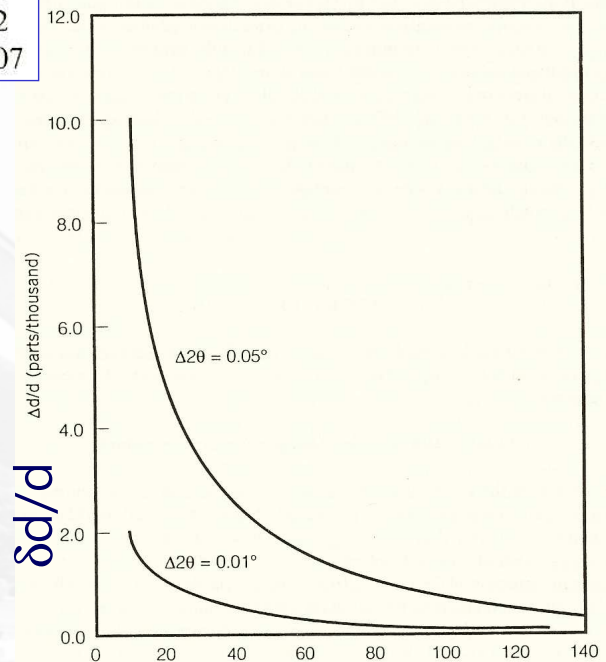
- Typical error windows
 - ✓ Debye Scherrer camera $\pm \Delta 2\theta = 0.1^\circ$
 - ✓ diffractometer $\pm \Delta 2\theta = 0.05^\circ$
 - ✓ diffractometer (internal standard corrected) $\pm \Delta 2\theta = 0.01^\circ$
 - ✓ diffractometer (internal standard corrected & peaks profile fitted) $\pm \Delta 2\theta = 0.005^\circ$
- $\Delta 2\theta - d$ relationship is non-linear
 - ✓ Low angle (low 2θ , large d -value) lines have large error.

Table 12.2. Errors in d -Values Resulting from Fixed 2θ Errors

d (Å)	2θ (degrees)	$\pm \Delta 2\theta$ (degrees)	$\pm \Delta d$ (Å)	$\pm \Delta 2\theta$ (degrees)	$\pm \Delta d$ (Å)
5	17.73	0.1	0.04	0.05	0.014
4	22.20	0.1	0.02	0.05	0.008
3	29.76	0.1	0.01	0.05	0.005
2	45.30	0.1	0.004	0.05	0.002
1.5	61.80	0.1	0.002	0.05	0.0011
1.0	100.76	0.1	0.0007	0.05	0.0004

d (Å)	2θ (degrees)	$\pm \Delta 2\theta$ (degrees)	$\pm \Delta d$ (Å)
5	17.73	0.1	0.04
4	22.20	0.1	0.02
3	29.76	0.1	0.01
2	45.30	0.1	0.004
1.5	61.80	0.1	0.002
1.0	100.76	0.1	0.0007

$$\delta d/d = - \Delta \theta \cot \theta$$



Phase ID & Search indexes

➤ Process of qualitative phase ID = **search/match/identify**

- ✓ Search – index
- ✓ Match – file (PDF)

- **Alphabetical index**; chemistry-based index, use only elemental information.
- **Hanawalt index**; intensity-driven index, use only the strongest lines.
- **Fink index**; D-spacing-driven index, mainly use the largest d-values.

Table 12.7. Types of PDF Data-Searching Indexes

Index	Entry Method	Search Parameters
Alphabetic	Chemistry	Permuted elemental symbols
Hanawalt	I/d	Three strongest lines
Fink	d/I	First eight lines
EISI ^a	Chemistry/ d	Low high Z elements; d -spacing
Boolean	Various	d -Spacings, chemistry, strong lines, CODEN, physical properties, functional groups, etc.

^aElemental and Interplanar Spacing Index.

QM Chemical Name	Chemical Formula	Reflections	PDF#
Chloride : Palladium	PdCl ₂	5.30 _x 2.39 ₈ 1.64 ₄	1- 228
★ Chloride : Potassium/Sylvite, syn	KCl	3.15 _x 2.23 ₄ 1.82 ₁	41-1476
i Chloride : Praseodymium	PrCl ₃	2.57 _x 2.11 ₈ 3.56 ₇	12- 787
★ Chloride : Rubidium	RbCl	3.29 _x 2.33 ₇ 3.80 ₃	6- 289†
★ Chloride : Samarium	SmCl ₃	2.54 _x 2.09 ₉ 3.49 ₈	12- 789
★ Chloride : Silver/Chlorargyrite, syn	AgCl	2.77 _x 3.20 ₅ 1.96 ₅	31-1238
→★ Chloride : Sodium/Halite, syn	NaCl	2.82 _x 1.99 ₆ 1.63 ₂	5- 628†
Chloride : Sodium Platinum	Na ₂ PtCl ₆	8.00 _x 5.60 _x 6.50 ₇	1- 83
★ Chloride : Strontium	SrCl ₂	2.47 _x 4.03 ₆ 2.10 ₅	6- 537
Chloride : Tin	SnCl ₂	4.62 _x 2.30 ₅ 2.21 ₄	32-1359
i Chloride : Uranyl	UO ₂ Cl ₂	4.78 _x 3.16 ₄ 6.05 ₄	20-1331
i Chloride : Uranyl	(UO ₂) ₂ Cl ₃	4.69 _x 5.08 ₆ 3.94 ₆	34- 215
Chloride : Zinc	ZnCl ₂	3.08 _x 4.79 ₇ 1.87 ₅	15- 452
★ Chromium /Chromium, syn	Cr	2.04 _x 1.18 ₃ 1.44 ₂	6- 694†
C Chromium : Aluminum	Al ₈ Cr ₅	2.15 _x 6.44 ₉ 2.12 ₈	29- 15

QM Chemical Name	Chemical Formula	Reflections	PDF#
→★ Sodium Chloride /Halite, syn	NaCl	2.82 _x 1.99 ₆ 1.63 ₂	5- 628†
★ Sodium Chromium Oxide :	β-Na ₂ Cr ₂ O ₇	4.67 _x 4.46 ₉ 3.24 ₉	30-1178
★ Sodium Chromium Oxide :	Na ₂ CrO ₄	2.90 _x 2.73 ₇ 4.07 ₇	22-1365†
Sodium Chromium Oxide :	Na ₃ CrO ₄	2.68 _x 4.37 ₉ 3.78 ₄	29-1199
★ Sodium Chromium Oxide :	NaCrO ₂	2.16 _x 5.32 ₇ 2.45 ₄	25- 819†
★ Sodium Cyanide :	NaCN	2.94 _x 2.08 ₃ 1.70 ₁	37-1490
★ Sodium Fluoride /Villiaumite, syn	NaF	2.32 _x 1.64 ₄ 1.34 ₁	36-1455
i Sodium Germanium Oxide :	Na ₄ GeO ₄	6.89 _x 3.88 _x 5.11 ₈	36- 62
★ Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate /Nahcolite, syn	NaHCO ₃	2.94 _x 2.60 _x 2.96 ₇	15- 700†
Sodium Hydrogen Phosphate :	Na ₂ H(PO ₃) ₃	5.03 _x 3.11 ₉ 3.21 ₈	9- 101
i Sodium Hydrogen Phosphate :	NaH ₂ PO ₄	3.20 _x 3.94 ₇ 3.30 ₆	11- 659
i Sodium Hydrogen Phosphate :	Na ₂ H ₂ P ₂ O ₇	2.93 _x 3.09 ₇ 3.43 ₆	10- 192
i Sodium Hydrogen Sulfate :	Na ₃ H(SO ₄) ₂	3.95 _x 2.89 _x 2.73 _x	32-1090
★ Sodium Hydrogen Sulfate :	β-NaHSO ₄	3.59 _x 3.74 ₉ 2.94 ₉	26- 960
★ Sodium Hydrogen Sulfate :	NaHSO ₄	3.39 _x 4.48 ₅ 3.43 ₅	25- 833

FIGURE 8.3. Alphabetical search index entries for NaCl. (From the ICDD Powder Diffraction File.)

Alphabetical index

- End of proper name :
 - ✓ Chloride: Sodium
 - ✓ Sodium Chloride:
- 2.82_x – X stands for 100 (intensity).
- 1.99₆ – 6 stands for 60 (intensity).

→★ Sodium Chloride /Halite, syn NaCl 2.82_x 1.99₆ 1.63₂ 5- 628†
 ★ Sodium Chromium Oxide : β-Na₂Cr₂O₇ 4.67_x 4.46₉ 3.24₉ 30-1178

★ Chloride : Silver/Chlorargyrite, sy AgCl 2.77_x 3.20₅ 1.96₅ 31-1238
 →★ Chloride : Sodium/Halite, syn NaCl 2.82_x 1.99₆ 1.63₂ 5- 628†

2.84 – 2.80 (± .01)

QM	Strongest Reflections								PSC	Chemical Formula	Mineral Name; Common Name or Chemical Name	PDF#	I/I_c
*	2.81 ₈	2.30 ₂	2.04 ₂	5.13 ₉	3.36 ₈	1.68 ₅	3.14 ₆	4.44 ₄	cI232	Ca ₃ Al ₂ (OH) ₁₂	Katoite, syn	24- 217	
*	2.81 ₈	2.23 ₈	4.56 ₈	2.30 ₇	6.20 ₇	2.85 ₆	3.36 ₆	2.47 ₅	oP16	Sr(OH) ₂ ·H ₂ O		28-1222	0.80
→ *	2.82 ₂	1.99 ₈	1.63 ₂	3.26 ₁	1.26 ₁	1.15 ₁	1.41 ₁	0.89 ₁	cF8	NaCl	Halite, syn	5- 628	4.40
i	2.83 ₂	1.97 ₄	2.89 ₂	1.77 ₂	1.76 ₂	2.60 ₁	2.43 ₁	1.99 ₁	hR20	Mg ₂ CaCO ₃	Halimite	44-0686	
*	2.81 ₇	1.90 ₈	3.06 ₇	2.72 ₆	1.74 ₄	1.56 ₄	3.22 ₃	1.57 ₂	hP12	CuS	Covellite, syn	6- 464	
*	2.81 ₈	1.82 ₈	4.16 ₇	3.05 ₆	3.09 ₅	1.53 ₅	6.04 ₄	2.48 ₄	h**	CrBr ₃		43- 937	
*	2.84 ₂	1.75 ₂	3.06 ₂	2.43 ₂	3.71 ₂	2.39 ₁	2.41 ₁	2.29 ₁	tP24	Ca ₂ Al ₂ SiO ₇	Gehlenite, syn	35- 755	
*	2.84 ₂	1.74 ₈	1.48 ₈	4.02 ₃	2.10 ₃	1.93 ₂	2.46 ₂	1.45 ₁	cI80	Se ₂ O ₃		5- 629	
*	2.80 ₄	1.73 ₄	1.74 ₅	3.59 ₃	2.35 ₂	2.13 ₂	1.97 ₂	1.51 ₁	hR10	FeCO ₃	Siderite	29- 696	
*	2.83 ₂	1.71 ₈	1.09 ₈	2.00 ₅	2.54 ₄	2.32 ₄	1.06 ₄	1.57 ₃	cP12	NiS ₂	Vaesite	11- 99	
i	2.85 ₂	1.67 ₈	2.37 ₈	1.82 ₇	3.35 ₆	0.97 ₅	1.23 ₃	1.18 ₃	cF56	Ni ₃ S ₄	Polydymite	43-1469	
*	2.85 ₂	1.67 ₈	2.36 ₈	1.82 ₇	3.34 ₆	0.96 ₅	0.91 ₄	1.23 ₃	cF56	Co ₃ S ₄	Linnaeite	42-1448	
*	2.82 ₂	1.67 ₈	2.25 ₈	2.87 ₅	2.50 ₅	2.08 ₅	1.30 ₃	1.89 ₂	hR7	Al ₄ C ₃		35- 799	
	2.85 ₈	1.58 ₈	2.55 ₈	1.10 ₄	1.08 ₄	1.03 ₄	1.47 ₈	1.25 ₈	cI40	U ₂ C ₃		6- 709	

FIGURE 8.4. Hanawalt search index entry for NaCl. Since the ratio $I_2/I_1 < 0.75$, this is the only entry. (From the ICDD Powder Diffraction File.)

- 8 most intense lines are listed.
- d 's of three strongest lines
- 2 listings if $I_2/I_1 > 0.75$, $I_3/I_1 < 0.75$; d_1, d_2 & d_2, d_1
- 3 listings if $I_3/I_1 > 0.75$, $I_4/I_1 < 0.75$; d_1, d_2 & d_2, d_1 & d_3, d_1
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- In case of NaCl, one listing ← $I_2/I_1 < 0.75$
- Multiple listing ← to minimize problems of preferred orientation.

Table 8.3. d -Spacing Groups for the Hanawalt and Fink Search Indexes

d -Spacing Group (Å)	d -Spacing Group (Å)
999.99–10.00 (Fink only)	3.04–3.00
999.99–8.00 (Hanawalt only)	2.99–2.95
9.99–8.00 (Fink only)	2.94–2.90
7.99–7.00	2.89–2.85
6.99–6.00	2.84–2.80
5.99–5.50	2.79–2.75
5.49–5.00	2.74–2.70
4.99–4.60	2.69–2.65
4.59–4.30	2.64–2.58
4.29–4.10	2.57–2.51
4.09–3.90	2.50–2.44
3.89–3.75	2.43–2.37
3.74–3.60	2.36–2.30
3.59–3.50	2.29–2.23
3.49–3.40	2.22–2.16
3.39–3.32	2.15–2.09
3.31–3.25	2.08–2.02
3.24–3.20	2.01–1.86
3.19–3.15	1.85–1.68
3.14–3.10	1.67–1.38
3.09–3.05	1.37–0.00

Groups of Hanawalt index & Fink index

											3.31 – 3.25	
QM	Strongest Reflections						PSC	Chemical Formula	Mineral Name; Common Name or Chemical Name		PDF#	I/I _c
*	3.30 _h	2.92 _z	2.75 _z	2.66 _z	5.48 _h	4.73 _z	3.99 _z	3.71 _z	aP42	Cu ₂ SO ₄ •5H ₂ O	Chalcantithite, syn	11- 648
*	3.29 _z	2.92 _z	2.77 _z	2.71 _z	2.42 _z	1.92 _z	1.81 _z	1.64 _z		Sn ₂ O ₄		16- 737
*	3.26 _z	2.92 _z	2.79 _z	2.71 _z	2.42 _z	1.92 _z	1.81 _z	1.64 _z	uP84	C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₆ •2H ₂ O	Phloroglucinal dihydrate	40-1632
*	3.26 _z	2.92 _z	2.79 _z	2.71 _z	2.42 _z	1.92 _z	1.81 _z	1.64 _z	cF8	RbF		22- 886
*	3.26 _z	2.92 _z	2.79 _z	2.71 _z	2.42 _z	1.92 _z	1.81 _z	1.64 _z	cF8	NaCl	Halite, syn	5- 628 4.40

2.84 – 2.80												
QM	Strongest Reflections						PSC	Chemical Formula	Mineral Name; Common Name or Chemical Name		PDF#	
i	2.82 _z	2.00 _z	1.84 _z	1.13 _z	5.48 _h	3.53 _z	3.08 _z	2.98 _z	oC172	Ca ₂ (OH) ₂ Si ₂ O ₇ •4H ₂ O	Tobermorite-11A, syn	19-1364
*	2.82 _z	2.00 _z	1.70 _z	1.63 _z	1.41 _z	1.30 _z	1.26 _z	3.26 _z	cF8	RbF		22- 886
†	2.81 _z	2.00 _z	1.84 _z	1.13 _z	5.45 _z	3.51 _z	3.08 _z	2.97 _z	oC176	Ca ₂ Si ₂ O ₇ •O ₂ •F ₁₈ •5H ₂ O	Tobermorite-O, 11A	45-1480
*	2.82 _z	1.99 _z	1.63 _z	1.41 _z	1.26 _z	1.15 _z	0.89 _z	3.26 _z	cF8	NaCl	Halite, syn	5- 628
*	2.80 _z	1.98 _z	1.69 _z	1.28 _z	1.14 _z	1.08 _z	0.95 _z	3.23 _z	cF12	ThO ₂	Thorianite, syn:thoria	4- 556

2.01 – 1.94												
QM	Strongest Reflections						PSC	Chemical Formula	Mineral Name; Common Name or Chemical Name		PDF#	I/I _c
i	1.99 _z	1.65 _z	1.15 _z	4.12 _z	3.80 _z	3.58 _z	2.51 _z	2.33 _z	mC88	Al ₂ Si ₂ O ₇ (OH) ₄	Dickite-2M,	10- 446
	1.94 _z	1.65 _z	1.59 _z	1.37 _z	1.26 _z	1.23 _z	5.70 _z	2.75 _z		Na ₄ Fe ₃ GN ₆		1-1026
	1.94 _z	1.65 _z	1.49 _z	1.39 _z	2.85 _z	2.83 _z	2.52 _z	1.99 _z	hP2	Se		17- 714
	1.94 _z	1.65 _z	1.26 _z	1.23 _z	1.12 _z	1.06 _z	3.16 _z	2.74 _z	cF4	Yb		2-1367
*	1.99 _z	1.63 _z	1.41 _z	1.26 _z	1.15 _z	0.89 _z	3.26 _z	2.82 _z	cF8	NaCl	Halite, syn	5- 628 4.40

1.67 – 1.58												
QM	Strongest Reflections						PSC	Chemical Formula	Mineral Name; Common Name or Chemical Name		PDF#	I/I _c
*	1.58 _z	1.42 _z	4.36 _z	3.45 _z	2.52 _z	2.56 _z	2.18 _z	1.88 _z	hP18	FePO ₄		29- 715
*	1.63 _z	1.41 _z	1.30 _z	1.26 _z	3.26 _z	2.82 _z	2.00 _z	1.70 _z	cF8	RbF		22- 886
*	1.63 _z	1.41 _z	1.26 _z	1.15 _z	0.89 _z	3.26 _z	2.82 _z	1.99 _z	cF8	NaCl	Halite, syn	5- 628 4.40
*	1.64 _z	1.40 _z	1.34 _z	1.19 _z	1.94 _z	0.95 _z	2.69 _z	2.32 _z	cF8	NaF	Yttriumite, syn	38-1455
i	1.60 _z	1.40 _z	1.37 _z	3.48 _z	2.55 _z	2.38 _z	2.09 _z	1.74 _z	hR10	Al ₂ O ₃	Corundum, syn; alumina	10- 173 1.00

FIGURE 8.5. Fink search index entries for NaCl. Short segments of eight entries containing NaCl (halite) are shown. (From the ICDD Powder Diffraction File.)

- 8 listings
- Useful when I information is not reliable. ← oriented grains, overlapping multiphase patterns

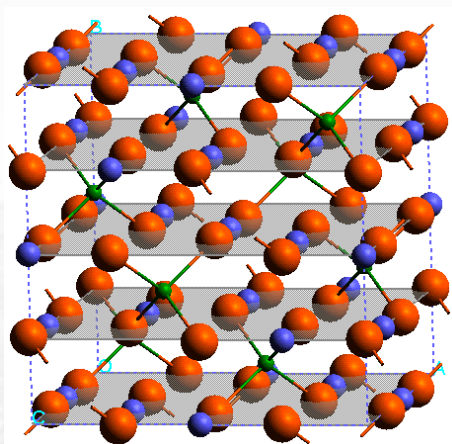
Factors affecting PDF search

- Preferred orientation - I
- solid solution – d (mostly)
- Impurities – d (mostly)
- Defect – d, I
- Site occupancy – d, I; e.g. spinel
- Order/disorder
- Knowledge of possible elements present → elemental analysis

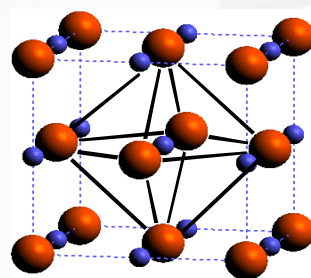
- Spinel AB_2O_4 ; $MgAl_2O_4$, $MgFe_2O_4$, Fe_3O_4
- Cubic close packed anion
- $2 \times 2 \times 2$ ccp cells = 1 unit cell
 - ✓ Z (# formula units per unit cell) = 8
- 1 unit cell; 32 anions, 16 cations in octahedral sites, 8 cations in tetrahedral sites
 - ✓ $\frac{1}{2}$ octahedral sites & $\frac{1}{8}$ tetrahedral sites occupied
- $MgFe_2O_4$; Mg – tetra, Fe – octa → normal spinel
- $MgFe_2O_4$; Fe – tetra, Mg/Fe – octa → inverse spinel

Octahedral & Tetrahedral interstices in CCP lattice

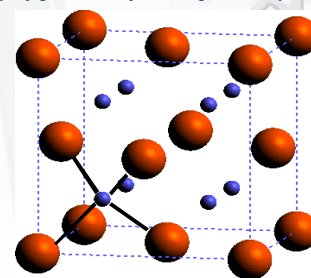
Spinel



($MgAl_2O_4$; $ZnFe_2O_4$; $MnFe_2O_4$)

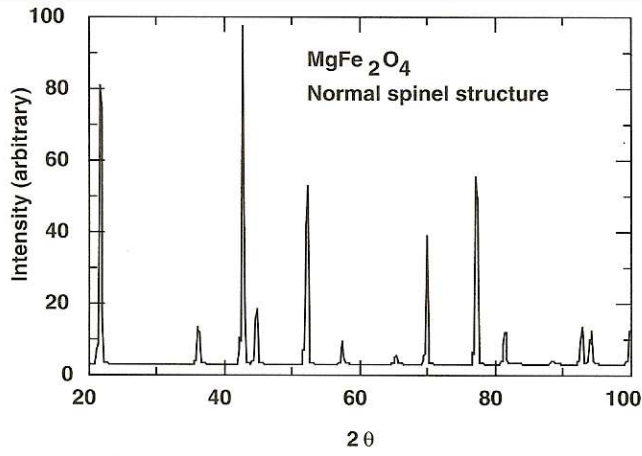


4 octahedral sites
 $4 \times 8 = 32$



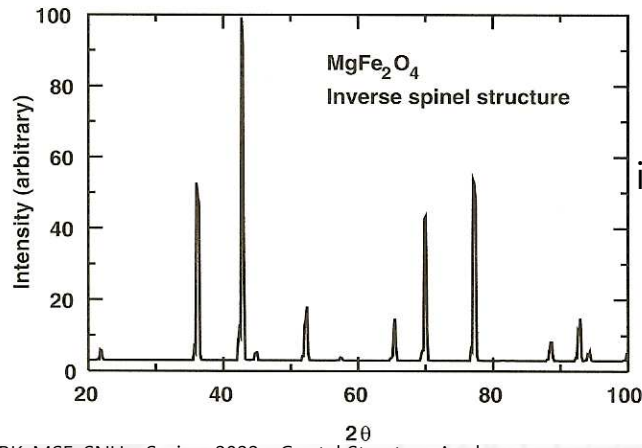
8 tetrahedral sites
 $8 \times 8 = 64$

- 1 unit cell of spinel
 - ✓ 32 anions
 - ✓ 16 cations in octahedral sites, 8 cations in tetrahedral sites
 - ✓ $\frac{1}{2}$ octahedral sites & $\frac{1}{8}$ tetrahedral sites occupied



MgFe₂O₄
normal spinel

Same peak positions
Different peak intensities



MgFe₂O₄
inverse spinel