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# THE MINERAL PHYSICS SECTION, MINERAL SCIENCES DIVISION, MINES BRANCH, 1963-1967.

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#### ABSTRACT

The work of the Mineral Physics Section of the Mineral Sciences Division, Mines Branch, between 1963 and 1967 is reviewed. The transition which took place in the Section's activities during this period -- from instrumentation and radiotracer studies to the Section's undertaking a significant role in the Divisional sulphide program -- is discussed. An account of current research investigations is given, together with a detailed bibliography.

## RÉSUMÉ

L'auteur passe en revue le travail accompli entre 1963 et 1967 par la Section de la physique minérale, de la Division des sciences minérales, Direction des mines. Il traite de la transition qui s'est produite dans les activités de la Section au cours de cette période: des études de traceurs radioactifs et d'instruments, au programme de travaux sur les sulfures de la Division, dans lequel elle joue un rôle important. Il traite de la recherche courante et donne une bibliographie détaillée.

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#### PREFACE

It has become traditional in the Mineral Physics Section to review periodically the activities of the Section and to record its achievements together with the changing character of its objectives. The history of the development of the Section from 1947 to 1963 has been given on two previous occasions. The first marked the dissolution of the Radioactivity Division and the birth of the Mineral Sciences Division; the second coincided with the resignation of G. G. Eichholz who had directed the work of the Section from 1951 to 1963. The departure of the present author provides an opportunity to continue the tradition.

The Mineral Physics Section came into being as the Physics and Electronics Section, Radioactivity Division, developed as the Physics and Radiotracer Subdivision of the Mineral Sciences Division, and has continued to expand as the Mineral Physics Section. The change in name, which functionally described the activities of the Section, was accompanied by a change of programs and objectives. Some of its previous activities have been retained and expanded; others have been curtailed, or abandoned, and new ones have been undertaken. The new name reflected the changed role of the Section and marked a complete integration of its projects with the programs of the Division. A similar break with the traditional "program per section" concept occurred within the other Sections. The result has been the formation of a number of Divisional programs which may involve members from all Sections.

The most satisfactory aspect of the achievements of the past four years is undoubtedly the flexibility shown by the members of the Section in leaving the familiar paths of the previous decade to embark on a program requiring a vastly different background. For many, this meant leaving fields of research to which they had contributed significantly and entering new areas where great effort was required in order to gain the necessary knowledge and where it was expected that their scientific contributions would decrease appreciably for some years. It is a credit to the individuals concerned that they applied themselves without hesitation to the new program and within a short time have been able to make significant contributions.

In this review, I shall trace the steps which led to the development of the new programs, and shall record the progress that has been made in pursuing them. The objectives are different, but they are as vital to the development of Canada's mineral industry as were the previous ones. The results of these programs, if properly exploited, will lay the foundation upon which future beneficiation processes will be based.

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#### INTRODUCTION

The Mineral Physics Section was formed as the Physics and Electronics Section, Radioactivity Division in 1947. It was established to provide the leadership in these fields which was necessary to develop Canada's uranium industry. The Division was eminently successful and the contributions of the Section played a major role in developing and disseminating the knowledge upon which the industry thrived. The history of this period has been set forth in Information Circular IC113 (1).

Upon the close of the "uranium era", perhaps better described as the "initial uranium era", in 1959, the Section was incorporated into the new Mineral Sciences Division as the Physics and Radiotracer Subdivision. With the new name came a new aim, which, although different in objective, employed similar techniques. Prior to 1959 the emphasis had been placed upon detection and semi-quantitative analysis of uranium- and thoriumbearing ores, whereas the new program was aimed at demonstrating the usefulness of radiotracers in mining and metallurgical processes. The extension of the older activities to new and fruitful fields was both logical and successful.

In addition to the application of radiotracers to process evaluation, the Section expanded its instrumentation interests. It embarked on a number of ambitious projects, aimed at developing an automatic control capability, which would co-operate with other Divisions of the Mines Branch in serving industry. The achievements of the period 1959-1963, during which the new programs came to maturity, have been recorded in Information Circular IC150 (2).

With the departure of Dr. G. G. Eichholz in 1963, the objectives of the Section were examined in the light of the functions of the Mineral Sciences Division as a whole. Consideration was given to the capability in the private sector for performing industrial radiotracer tests and for developing control instrumentation. Account was also taken of the future requirements of the mineral industry. During the period 1959-1963, Commercial Products Division, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited established itself as a member of the industrial community, capable of undertaking industrial radiotracer tests. In keeping with the policy of not competing with a commercial organization, the Section withdrew from activities which might duplicate this aspect of AECL's operation. It was further noted that the projects arising from this form of investigation were independent of programs pursued within the other Sections of the Division. The result of this appraisal of the Section's activities was a decision to develop new programs that would integrate with other mineral investigations, current or planned, in the Division. Furthermore, the requirement within the Division for electronic development appeared to be such that a concurrent external program would be impossible to maintain. The question of withdrawing from certain areas of endeavour and re-establishing the people in new and challenging programs was examined carefully before it was decided to assist in developing a Divisional program based on the investigation of the properties of sulphide minerals (3). It was anticipated that initially this Section and the Mineralogy Section would be the main contributors. In order to establish the new character of the Section, the name "Physics and Radiotracer Subdivision" was replaced by "Mineral Physics Section".

The new program was born from a desire to fulfill one clause of the mandate of the Department, namely, "aiding the mineral industries -- by the application of long-term research to improve the economics and utilization of the mineral resources of Canada." Within these terms of reference, it seemed natural to start with the sulphide minerals, with which a large fraction of Canada's mineral wealth is associated. The objectives of the program may be summarized by stating that the intention was to provide fundamental information on the bonding and structural properties of these minerals. It was hoped that the results of these investigations would provide knowledge useful in developing further the processes of comminution, beneficiation and extraction.

During the past three years, the program has been successfully launched, contributions have been made, and many unanswered questions have been asked. The most striking achievement so far has been the ability of the members of the Section to show once again their flexibility by undertaking research projects in completely new and almost foreign fields. In this age of specialization it is remarkable that mature scientists can transfer their energies and thoughts to an area where entirely new concepts are required. It has been stated previously, and should be recorded again, that without a well-trained, enthusiastic and co-operative staff the transition would not have been possible.

#### FACILITIES

The new programs have placed (and are still placing) a severe strain on the Section's budget. The purchase of scalers and counting equipment was discontinued and replaced with the acquisition of laboratory instruments required for investigating solid-state phenomena in minerals. The major items have now been, or are being, acquired and the Section's laboratories are quite well equipped to carry out the projects in progress.

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#### SULPHIDE PROGRAM

One-half of the Section's effort is at present devoted to co-operative projects involving the sulphide minerals. Although the projects may appear to be of a basic nature, the results will be applicable to mineral processing and extraction metallurgy.

A study of the surface properties should be an important aspect of the program. Cleavage, as encountered in comminution, creates new and increased surfaces; extraction, through dissolution, removes atoms or molecules from the surface; and flotation is made possible through the attachment to the surface of flotation agents or depressants.

Before investigating the properties of surfaces, it is well to remember that minerals are semiconductors (or insulators). As such, the properties of the bulk, upon which the surface properties depend, can be influenced enormously by foreign atoms that reside within the lattice. Thus, it appears that prior to a characterization of a mineral surface it is necessary to characterize the data. As a consequence of this conclusion, most of the projects undertaken have been aimed at increasing the knowledge of the bulk properties of the minerals.

The choice of projects resulted from a compromise between staff background and information desired. One such project involves the application of the Mossbauer effect (All) to the study of iron in sulphide minerals. This effect occurs in solids when  $Co^{57}$  decays to  $Fe^{57}$ , gamma radiation being emitted in the process. In normal circumstances, emission of the gamma ray would cause the nucleus to recoil - a consequence of the law of conservation of momentum. This results in a small but significant decrease in the energy of the emitted gamma ray. However, there is a finite probability that the lattice vibrations are in such a mode that when the gamma ray is emitted the recoil is taken up by the lattice as a whole. A moment's thought will show that when this takes place, the gamma ray is emitted with virtually the full energy available from the transition. Where can this phenomenon help us in a study of minerals?

It turns out, when one examines the situation in the Fe<sup>57</sup>, that the levels involved in the gamma-ray transition are slightly influenced by electric (and magnetic) field gradients. These are caused by the electrons surrounding the nucleus. In particular, the s electrons, which are often the valence electrons, have by far the greatest effect. We can now conceive of an experiment involving a source containing Co<sup>57</sup> and an absorber (target) containing iron, of which a small fraction is Fe<sup>57</sup>. If the energy levels in the Fe<sup>57</sup> in both source and absorber are the same, and if the conditions of lattice vibration are appropriate, the gamma ray emitted from the source will be resonantly absorbed in the absorber. On the other hand, if the electric field gradients surrounding the iron nucleus in the absorber are different from those in the source, resonant absorption cannot occur. This latter is usually the case, but fortunately, by using the Doppler effect and moving the source relative to the absorber, resonance can be achieved. An observation of the magnitude and character of the Mössbauer effect can be related immediately to the electrons surrounding the nucleus, which in many cases are the bonding electrons. We then apparently have a tool for investigating rather sophisticated phenomena associated with the structure of solids and, in this case, minerals.

This effect has been used to study the fields in the neighbourhood of iron nuclei in pyrite, chalcopyrite (Figure 1), arsenopyrite, and ironcontaining zinc sulphide (F-71). Final conclusions regarding the properties of interest will have to wait until low-temperature experiments have been performed, but significant information has been obtained. Pyrite, as predicted, shows no sign of ferromagnetic coupling between iron atoms. Furthermore, the directions of the electric field gradients at the iron nuclei conform to bonding directions in the crystal. The existence of  $Fe^{2+}$  and  $Fe^{3+}$  in zinc sulphide has been confirmed, with the added information that substitutional  $Fe^{2+}$  is very ionic - significantly more so than that attributed to the zinc atoms. Based on this observation, an explanation has been advanced for the expansion of the ZnS lattice as a result of iron additions. The project is about to enter the low-temperature experimental phase, at which time some anomalies and ambiguities should be resolved.

Complementary information can be obtained by measurement of the magnetic susceptibility of minerals (Figure 2). This property is of particular (but not exclusive) interest in minerals where elements of the transition series are involved. For elements of the first transition series, Mössbauer studies are limited to minerals containing iron, whereas magnetic susceptibilities can be used to investigate the behaviour of all members.

Not unlike the Mössbauer effect in its origins, the magnetic susceptibility of a mineral depends upon the behaviour and interaction of the electrons - with themselves in this case rather than with the nucleus. For elements of the first transition series,  $FeS_2$ ,  $CuFeS_2$ ,  $Fe_5S_6$ , the magnetic properties of their sulphide mineral compounds vary from almost diamagnetic through antiferromagnetic to ferrimagnetic. In addition to the above minerals, many compounds and chemical complexes exhibit forms of magnetism whose characterization assists in determining valence states or bonding properties.

Iron-containing zinc sulphide provides an interesting example of the information to be gained from magnetic susceptibility measurements. For small additions (approximately 1%) of iron, the behaviour is paramagnetic, indicating little or no interaction between iron atoms. As the iron content is increased, antiferromagnetic coupling between iron atoms takes place



Figure 1. Mossbauer spectra of two chalcopyrites which were indistinguishable by X-ray methods. Although the structures appeared to be identical, the Mossbauer effect shows that there is a difference in the hyperfine interactions between electrons and iron nuclei in the two specimens.

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Figure 2. Adjustment of the tare weight on the electrobalance used in measuring the magnetic susceptibility of minerals.

which results in an apparent net decrease in the effective magnetic moment. This information, combined with the results of optical absorption studies and electrical measurements, allows one to form a coherent picture of the behaviour of iron in this mineral.

The first results to be obtained from studies of the properties of minerals in the sulphide program came from an investigation of the optical absorption spectra of iron-containing zinc sulphide (F72). Application of ligand field theory to the spectra yielded the information that iron was present as  $Fe^{2+}$  in substitutional (zinc) sites and as  $Fe^{3+}$  in interstitial octahedral sites. Although it was not possible to assign a definite value to the ratio, a figure of 10 for  $Fe^{2+}/Fe^{3+}$  did not seem unreasonable. In view of the large numbers of  $Fe^{3+}$  involved (perhaps  $10^{20}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>), and the consequent availability of large numbers of electrons, this work sparked a study of the electrical transport properties of iron-containing ZnS in order to confirm the existence of the supposedly free electrons. The results of this study are described later.

The success of the optical absorption studies in ZnS has led to a series of investigations ranging over a wide variety of silicates, garnets (Figure 3) and micas (F84, F95). The siting - octahedral or tetrahedral, distorted or otherwise - of a number of elements of the first transition series has been established. The contribution that this technique can make to the study of minerals has been clearly demonstrated and the ground work has been firmly laid for future advances in this field.

The measurement of the electrical properties of iron-containing ZnS provided some surprises. In spite of an iron content of approximately 14 atom %, of which perhaps 10% occurred as  $Fe^{3+}$ , the material was found to have a very high resistivity, approximately  $10^8$  ohm-cm; there was no measurable Hall effect, indicating a very low mobility, and the thermoelectric power was positive as a result of conduction via holes rather than via the expected electrons. Further studies, combined with a knowledge of some of the properties of ZnS (4), indicated that the electrons were strongly trapped in the crystal and that the conduction took place by the hopping of holes between d-levels of the iron atoms. This explanation appears to be consistent with the observation that iron occurs both substitutionally as  $Fe^{2+}$  and interstitially as  $Fe^{3+}$ , provided there is some electron interaction, i.e.

Electrical measurements have also been made on many of the more common sulphide minerals. In the majority of cases, the results will only be related to the characteristic properties of the compound when relatively pure synthetic specimens are prepared. For pyrite, however, it has been possible to derive a value for the effective mass of the charge carriers. This is one of the significant parameters to be used in characterizing the mineral.



Figure 3. Optical absorption spectrum of octahedral Fe<sup>3+</sup> in the garnet andradite. Arrows mark the absorptions characteristic of the electronic transitions between crystal field states of the iron atom. Although it has been found impossible to completely characterize a mineral compound by measuring the properties of a natural specimen, nevertheless it is the natural mineral that is of ultimate concern. It is therefore important to make these measurements on natural minerals, in order that the properties of the pure synthetic laboratory specimens can be related to what occurs in nature. It follows, from the results obtained to date, that synthetic mineral compounds of known composition must be studied before a characterization of a mineral is possible. This phase of the sulphide program, together with the studies of the surface properties, has just begun.

#### SURFACE PROPERTIES OF MINERALS

Work has continued on the nature of the adsorption of oleic acid on hematite and magnetite, following along lines similar to those described previously. The study has also included an investigation of the flotation characteristics of cassiterite. The technique employed has made use of radioactive tracers and has enabled the effects of oleic acid concentration and pH to be determined. This study has added to the basic knowledge of the flotation of the above-mentioned minerals and is essentially completed.

The behaviour of the liquid double layer, and the extent to which specific ion adsorption occurs on oxide mineral surfaces, have been investigated extensively (A5). Measurements of the differential capacitance of the double layer, and of the charge density at the surface of the minerals, have been made. The results generally follow the same pattern, namely that at low pH, below the zero point of charge, there is little specific ion adsorption; but at higher pH, such adsorption does occur. This project is directly related to flotation characteristics of the various minerals studied and has provided valuable information on the nature of the interactions at the liquid-solid interface. A similar study of the liquid-solid interaction at sulphide mineral surfaces has just begun.

#### SEMICONDUCTOR RESEARCH

Studies of the phenomena encountered in the thermoelectric device material,  $Bi_2Te_3$ , have continued. The ion drift experiment referred to in a previous information circular has been completed and a remarkable result has been obtained (F91). For drift parallel to the cleavage planes, in the temperature range 300-400 °C and at a current density of 250 amps/ cm<sup>2</sup>, copper, silver and gold migrate in a bipolar fashion, i.e. to both the anode and cathode simultaneously. It is believed that this type of drift has not been observed previously, and it is probably characteristic of a class of compounds with structural and bonding properties similar to those of  $Bi_2Te_3$ .

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In the course of this investigation, data on diffusion of iodine have been obtained. The effects of a temperature gradient alone on diffusion of silver are being determined, and it is anticipated that on completion of this work the study of  $Bi_2Te_3$  will come to an end.

This project was carried on largely as a result of the existence of a thermoelectric device industry in Canada. With the demise of that industry, further studies of the properties of the materials concerned do not seem appropriate.

#### PROPERTIES OF FERRITES

For some years, the Mines Branch has been under contract to the Electronic Components Research and Development Committee, Defence Research Board, to study the fabrication techniques associated with ceramic materials that have defence applications. In 1965 the terms of reference were extended to include a similar study of ferrites. The Mineral Physics Section had not been directly involved with the ceramic studies, but with the increased commitment in a field related to the interest of the Section, some members have actively joined the program.

The contributions from the Section have been largely in the field of evaluation, with some assistance in special phases of fabrication. Apparatus has been acquired through the contract, and methods and procedures for evaluating the products have been established. This work is carried out, not only in conjunction with the Branch commitment, but also has been used to assist industry in evaluating its own materials. The type of liaison associated with this project indicates a method whereby a government laboratory can give assistance to a Canadian industry and thereby benefit the economy.

#### NEUTRON ACTIVATION ANALYSIS

The development of a neutron activation analysis facility which was initiated previously has progressed to the point where there now exists a semi-quantitative analytical instrument (D1). It is possible to determine the presence of a number of elements on a routine basis, and the operation is gradually integrating with the Analytical Chemistry group within the Division. Although it is extensively used in determinations made in conjunction with Branch programs, some members of the private sector have found it a convenient, useful and rapid method for determining oxygen in a variety of matrices. As there is no similar facility operating in Canada, no conflict exists with private industry in performing these services.

#### INSTRUMENT DEVELOPMENT

For many years the Section has been involved in the development of instrumentation for use in Branch programs or of potential use in industry. The history of contributions to the beneficiation process dates from the Lapointe Picker Belt in the early days of the Radioactivity Division. The most recent project of this nature to be undertaken was the construction of a laboratory model of an ore-sorting system (Figure 4) based on the detection of characteristic X-rays emanating from ore bombarded with electrons from a radioactive strontium-90 source (A9).

A second project resulted in the development of a prototype instrument for automatically scanning konimeter slides used for dust-sampling in mines. Existing methods relied on manual counting by trained operators and it was anticipated that a useful contribution could be made by the introduction of an automatic system. Such a system was constructed under the auspices of the Mines Accident Prevention Association of Ontario and combined closed-circuit television techniques with pulse-height analysis. One version has been in field use for two years.

A considerable effort was expended on the design and construction of an X-ray and electron backscatter display system, for use in conjunction with an electron microprobe analyser. This was successfully completed and has made it possible to obtain visual and photographic displays of the surface of objects subjected to this type of investigation.

Perhaps the most ambitious undertaking has involved the installation of a PDP-8 computer, on line, operating in a time-shared mode with the Mössbauer effect experiment (Al0) and an automated four-circle X-ray diffractometer. Although the instrumentation has been the responsibility of one member of this Section, the integration with the diffractometer has been a joint effort with the Mineralogy Section.

#### CONCLUSIONS

In this circular I have attempted to summarize the goals and progress of the Mineral Physics Section during the past four years. A comparison with similar summaries made previously will indicate the extent of changes in programs and direction that have taken place. No doubt the aims were ambitious, and perhaps not all that was hoped for has been accomplished. Nevertheless, a firm foundation in the study of the physics and chemistry of minerals has been established and members of the Section have attained a competence in their respective pursuits. The long-term prospects are bright, and the spirit of co-operation that cuts across Section lines augurs well for the future.



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