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6 **Abstract.** Heusler compounds are promising materials in many fields of contemporary
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12 superconductors. An important feature of the Heusler compounds is the possibility of
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16 other hand, the properties also depend on the degree of ordering of the the crystal
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18 structure. In general, Heusler compounds crystallize in the Cu_2MnAl -type structure but
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20 in many cases certain types of disorder are observed. In this paper a detailed description
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22 of the different types of disordered structures is given. Additionally, the synthesis of
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24 new Heusler compounds is reported. The prepared compounds contain ternary Cr-, Rh-,
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26 Ru-, Ni-, Pd-, and Pt-based Heusler systems as well as quaternary Co_2 -based
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28 compounds and compounds of the general formula $\text{XX}'\text{YZ}$. The crystal structure was
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30 determined by XRD measurements and the structural ordering of the compounds is
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43 **Introduction**

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50 Heusler compounds are ternary intermetallics with a 2:1:1 stoichiometry [1].
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10 Interest in Heusler compounds persists since it has been established that the properties
11 of these intermetallic compounds can be altered by changing the degree and kind of
12 chemical order as well as by substituting one element by another. Co-based compounds
13 were synthesized and investigated in the 1970s [5]. They attracted a great deal of
14 interest due to their high Curie temperatures [6, 7] and being predicted to be half
15 metallic ferromagnets [8, 9]. Many of the Co₂-based compounds are now used in
16 magnetic tunnel junctions [10, 11]. Today Heusler compounds have various
17 applications, for example they are investigated due to their properties as half-metallic
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34 **Experimental Section**

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45 The samples were melted three times. They were turned over after each melting process
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6 The crystallographic structure was investigated by X-ray powder diffraction using
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10 geometry or Cu K_{α} radiation ($\lambda = 1.540598$ nm; Bruker, D5000) in transmission
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12 geometry in a θ - θ scanning mode. The experimental diffraction patterns were refined
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14 using the FULLPROF program [16].
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17 18 19 20 **Results and Discussion**

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31 chemical order. In general, X_2YZ Heusler compounds crystallize in the cubic Cu_2MnAl
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33 structure (space group no. 225: $Fm\bar{3}m$, $L2_1$). The X and Y atoms are transition metals
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35 and Z is a main group element. In some cases Y is replaced by a rare earth element or an
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37 earth alkali metal. The cubic Cu_2MnAl structure consists of four interpenetrating fcc
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39 sub-lattices, two of which are equally occupied by X . These two X -site fcc sub-lattices
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43 centers of the simple cubic lattice. This results in a CsCl-like superstructure. The X
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45 atoms are placed on the Wyckoff position 8c ($1/4, 1/4, 1/4$). The Y and Z atoms are
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47 located on 4a (0, 0, 0) and 4b ($1/2, 1/2, 1/2$) positions, respectively. The 4a and 4b
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49 positions have O_h symmetry whereas the 8c position has T_d symmetry. The crystal
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51 structure is displayed in Fig. 1. The illustration is shifted by ($1/4, 1/4, 1/4$) with respect
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12 Fig. 1 shows the transition from the ordered to the most prominent disordered structures
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15 as B2-type disorder. The symmetry is reduced and the resulting space group is $Pm\bar{3}m$.
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17 The random distribution of the *X* and the *Y* or the *X* and the *Z* atoms results in the BiF_3 -
18 type disorder (Space group no. 216: $Fm\bar{3}m$, DO_3). The NaTl-type structure is
19 observed very rarely. In this structure type the *X*-atoms which occupy one *fcc* sub-lattice
20 are mixed with the *Y* atoms whereas the *X*-atoms on the other sub-lattice are mixed with
21 the *Z* atoms. This kind of disorder is also known as B32a disorder (Space group no. 227,
22 $Fd\bar{3}m$). The *X*-atoms are placed at the Wyckoff position 8a (0, 0, 0), the *Y* and *Z*
23 randomly distributed at position 8b (1/2, 1/2, 1/2). In contrast to these partial disorder
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46 uniquely given in *Pearson's Handbook* [17]). In the CuHg_2Ti -type structure (space
47 group no. 216: $F\bar{4}3m$, X) the *X* atoms do not build a simple cubic lattice but occupy
48 the 4a and 4c Wyckoff positions at (0, 0, 0) and (1/4, 1/4, 1/4). The *Y* and *Z* atoms are
49 located on 4b (1/2, 1/2, 1/2) and 4d (3/4, 3/4, 3/4) positions, respectively. All four
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6 of the Y element is larger than the one of the X element from the same period
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12 noncentrosymmetric $XX'YZ$ Heusler compounds. Every element occupies one of the fcc
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14 sublattices. The X atoms are located on the 4a sites whereas the X' atoms occupy the 4b
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16 positions. The Y and Z atoms are situated at the 4c and 4d positions, respectively. The
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18 prototype is LiMgPdSn (compare Fig. 2). The reviewing articles of Bacon and Plant [18]
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25 4. The Cu_2MnAl -type structure is identified by the occurrence of the *fcc*-typical (111)
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of the (111) and (200) reflexions is evident. The Cu_2MnAl and the CuHg_2Ti structure
are hardly distinguishable by X-ray diffraction. Much care has to be taken in the
structural analysis, as both have general *fcc*-like symmetry. In the CsCl-type structure
only the (111) reflexion vanishes whereas in the NaTl-type structure the (200) reflexion
disappears. Both, the (111) and (200) reflexions vanish not only in the tungsten-type
structure but also if all contained elements are from the same row of the periodic table
due the nearly equal scattering factors. A small amount of disorder in an ordered
compound or a low degree of order in a disordered structure may occur. This is not
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27 We report on the crystal structure of newly synthesized Heusler compounds. Tables 3, 4,
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34 Table 3 summarizes the prepared ternary Heusler compounds. Fig. 5 shows the XRD
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10 the CsCl-type structure, respectively. Ru₂TiSi exhibits the Cu₂MnAl structure with a
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12 CsCl-type disorder of approximately 18%. The tungsten structure type is observed for
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14 the compound Ni₂MoGa (all atoms are randomly distributed).
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17 The structural properties of quaternary Co₂-based Heusler compounds with different
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19 substitutions on the Y or Z side are given in Table 4. Fig. 6 displays the powder XRD
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21 pattern of Co₂Mn_{0.95}Sc_{0.05}Ga measured with Mo K_α radiation. The result of the
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23 refinement and the difference between refinement and measurement are included in the
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25 figure. The diffraction pattern exhibits only the (220) reflexion. This is caused by the
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27 low intensity of the (111) and (200) reflexions mentioned above. Typically all
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29 compounds containing solely elements from one row show only the cubic main
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31 reflexions by regular XRD measurements. The crystal structure of these compounds
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33 cannot be clearly determined by regular XRD measurements. For this reason the
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35 structure is denoted as "cubic" in the classification in Table 4. Co₂MnGa_{0.5}Si_{0.5} and
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37 Co₂MnAl_{0.5}Ge_{0.5} exhibit only the (200) reflexion. Thus the XRD data indicate a CsCl-
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39 type structure. Due to its weak intensity the (111) reflexion cannot be observed. The
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10 Fig. 7 shows the refined powder XRD pattern of NiCuScAl. The data indicate the
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12 to the general formula (Ni_{0.5}Cu_{0.5})₂ScAl with an equal distribution of Ni and Cu on the
13 X sides. Since the relation of intensities is correct a significant amount of disorder in the
14 compound can be excluded. However, it has to be mentioned that the data do not
15 provide the information if the compound crystallizes in the LiMgPdSn structure which
16 means that the Ni and Cu atoms are ordered on separate sublattices. This better ordered
17 structure corresponds to the general formula NiCuScAl. Similar structural properties are
18 observed for all other quaternary compounds listed in Table 5. These compounds are
19 classified as crystallizing in the Cu₂MnAl-type structure although the LiMgPdSn-type
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50 **Conclusion**

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12 investigated by many structure sensitive analysing methods.
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Figure Captions

Fig. 1

Crystal structures of the X_2YZ Heusler compounds.

The Cu_2MnAl ($L2_1$) structure and preferential types of disorder: The BiF_3 (DO_3), $CsCl$ ($B2$) and Tungsten ($A2$) structure. Note that all positions are shifted by $(1/4, 1/4, 1/4)$ with respect to the standard $Fm\bar{3}m$ cell to make the $CsCl$ superstructure visible.

Fig. 2

Crystal structure of the Heusler compounds in space group $F\bar{4}3m$.

The $CuHg_2Ti$ -structure and the noncentrosymmetric $LiMgPdSn$ -structure of $XX'YZ$ compounds.

Fig. 3

Bärninghaus tree of the group-subgroup relationship of the Heusler structure and its disorder variants. The indices of *klassengleiche* (k) and *translationsgleiche* (t) as well as the unit cell transformations and the origin shifts are given.

Fig. 4

Simulated X-ray diffraction patterns measured with $Mo K_\alpha$ radiation for Co_2MnSi in different crystal structures: a) Cu_2MnAl -type ($L2_1$), b) $CsCl$ -type ($B2$), c) BiF_3 -type (DO_3), d) tungsten-type ($A2$), e) $CuHg_2Ti$ -type (X) and f) $NaTl$ -type ($B32a$) structure.

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8 X-ray diffraction pattern of Cr_2CoGa measured with Cu K_α radiation.
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10 The compound exhibits the CuHg_2Ti -type structure. For comparison the theoretical
11 diffraction pattern of the Cu_2MnAl -type structure is displayed as an inset.
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20 XRD pattern of $\text{Co}_2\text{Mn}_{0.95}\text{Sc}_{0.05}\text{Ga}$ measured with Mo K_α radiation.
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22 Although the diffraction pattern shows the typical features of the tungsten-type structure,
23 the degree of order cannot be determined since the intensity of the *fcc*-typical (111) and
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34 XRD pattern of NiCuScIn measured with Mo K_α radiation. The diffraction pattern
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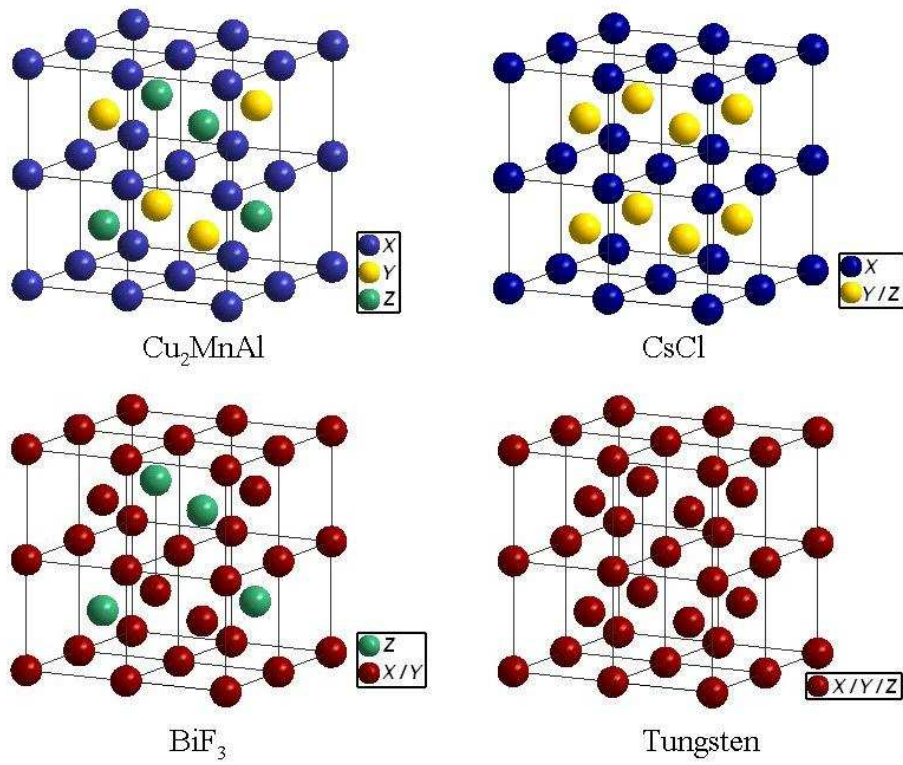


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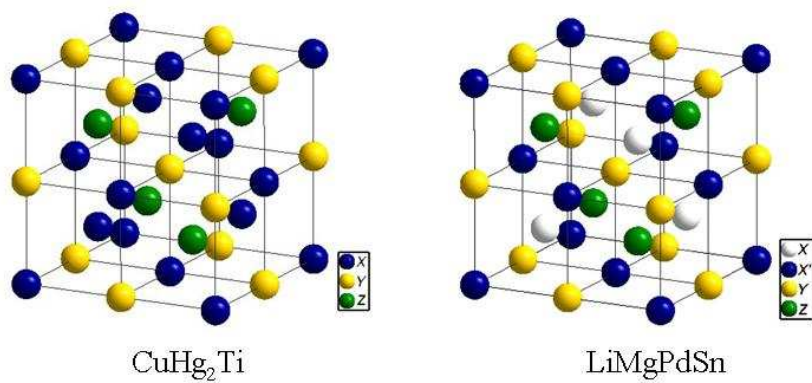


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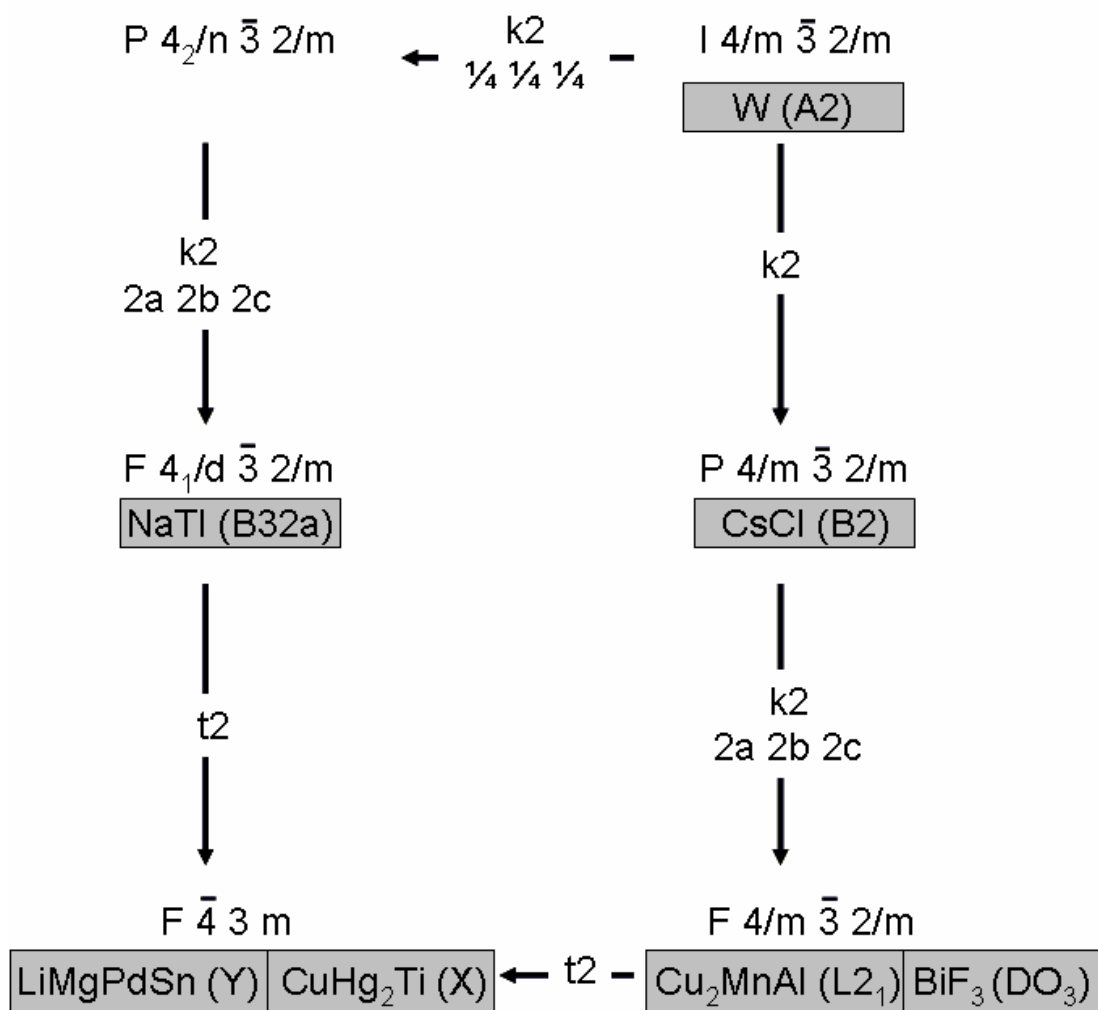


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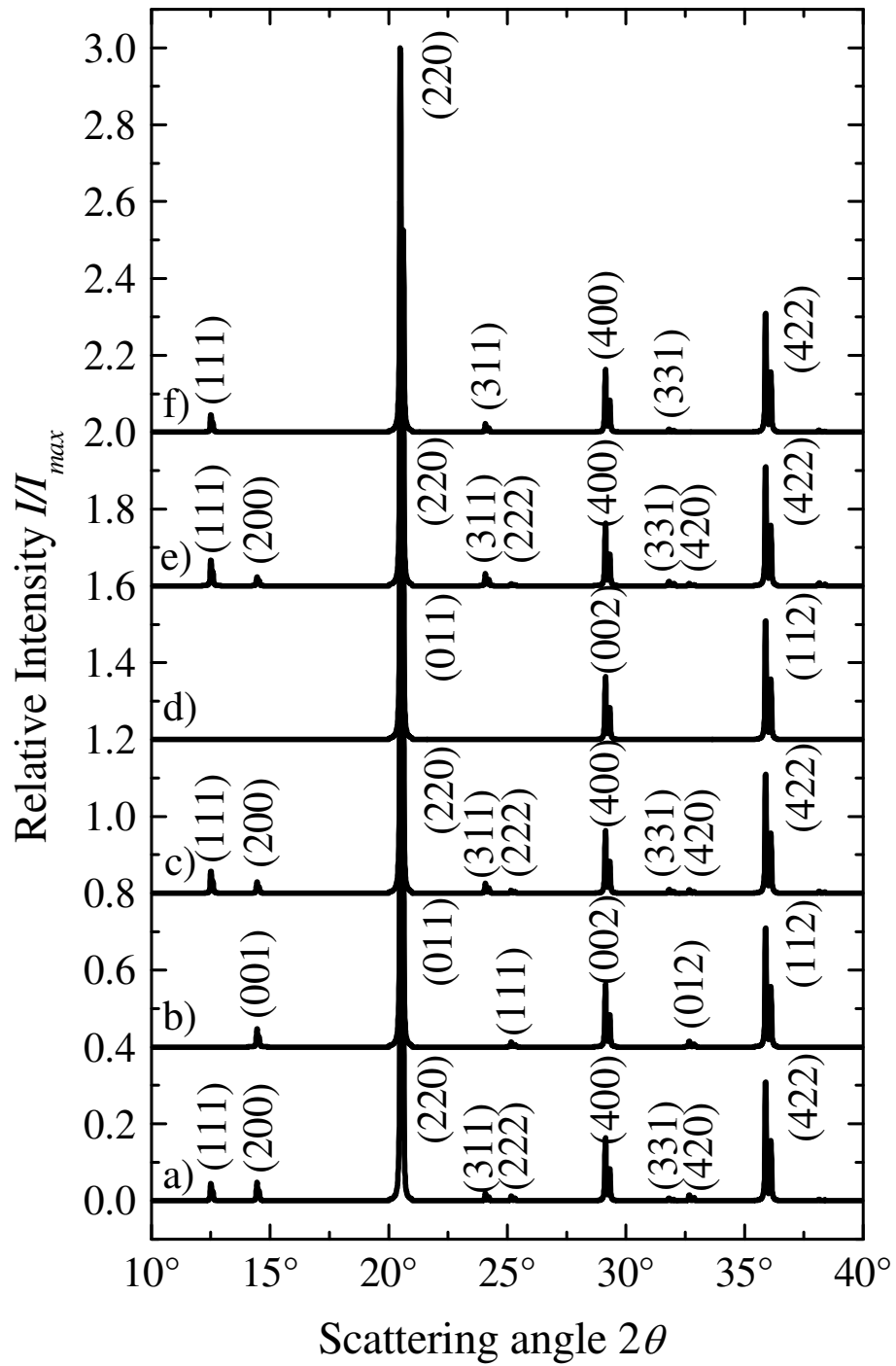


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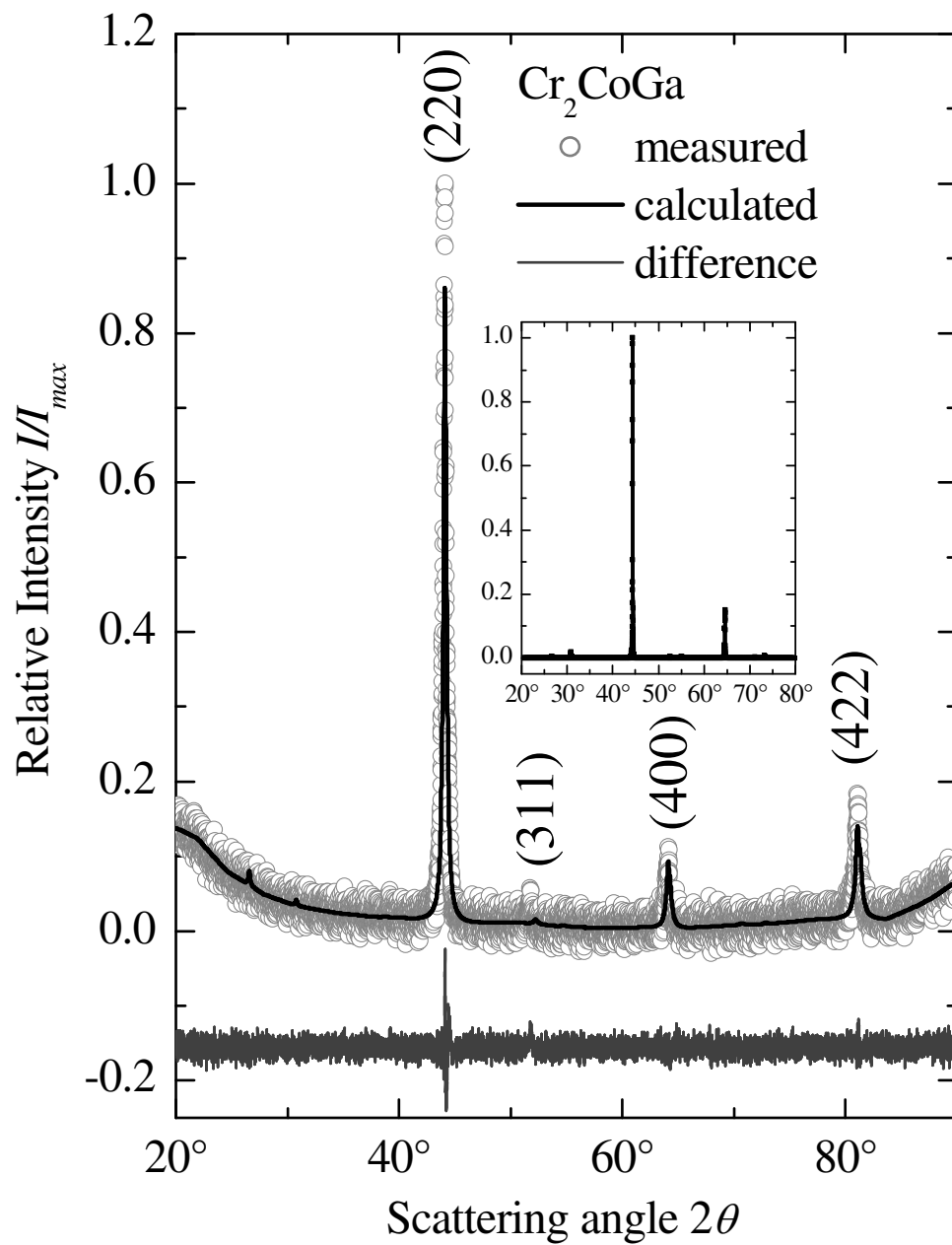


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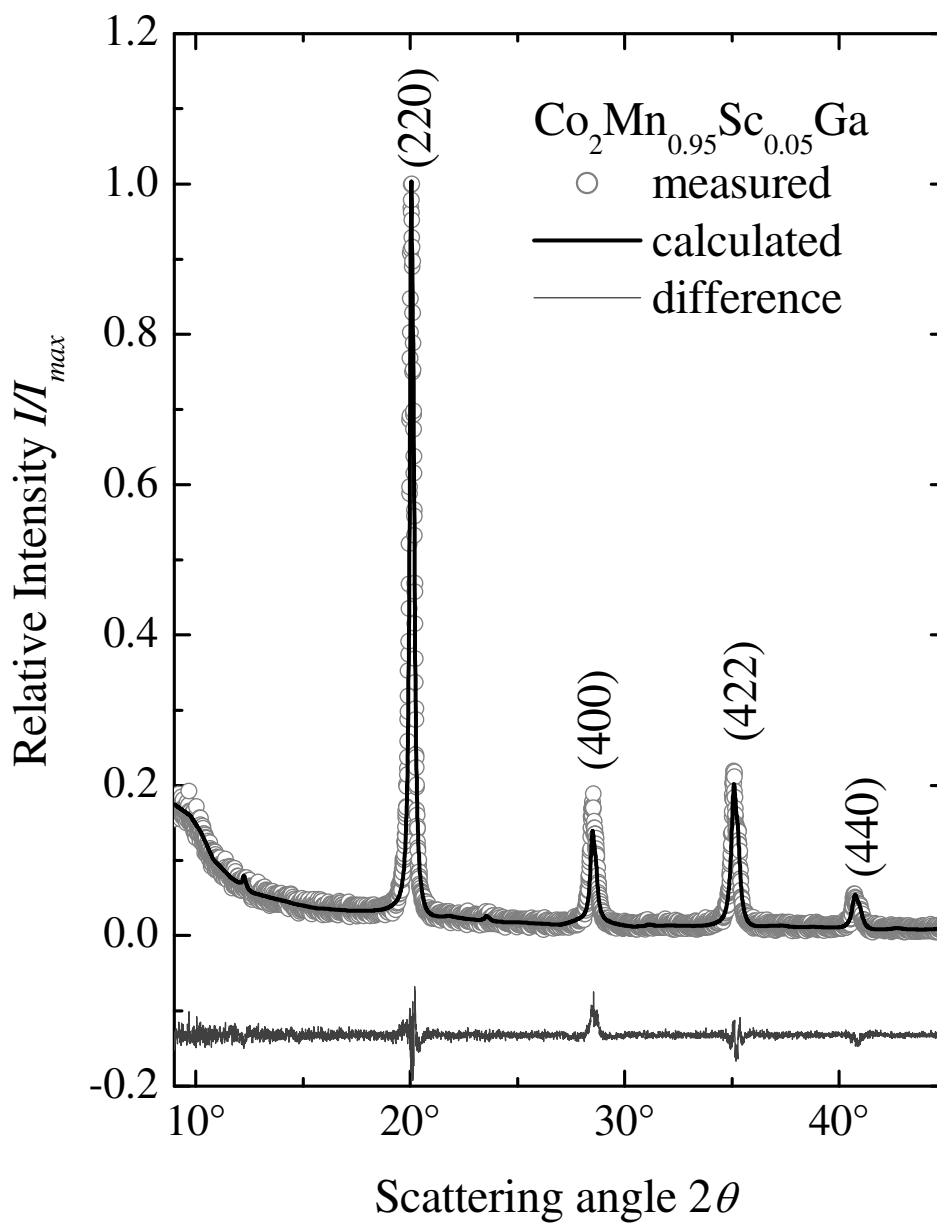


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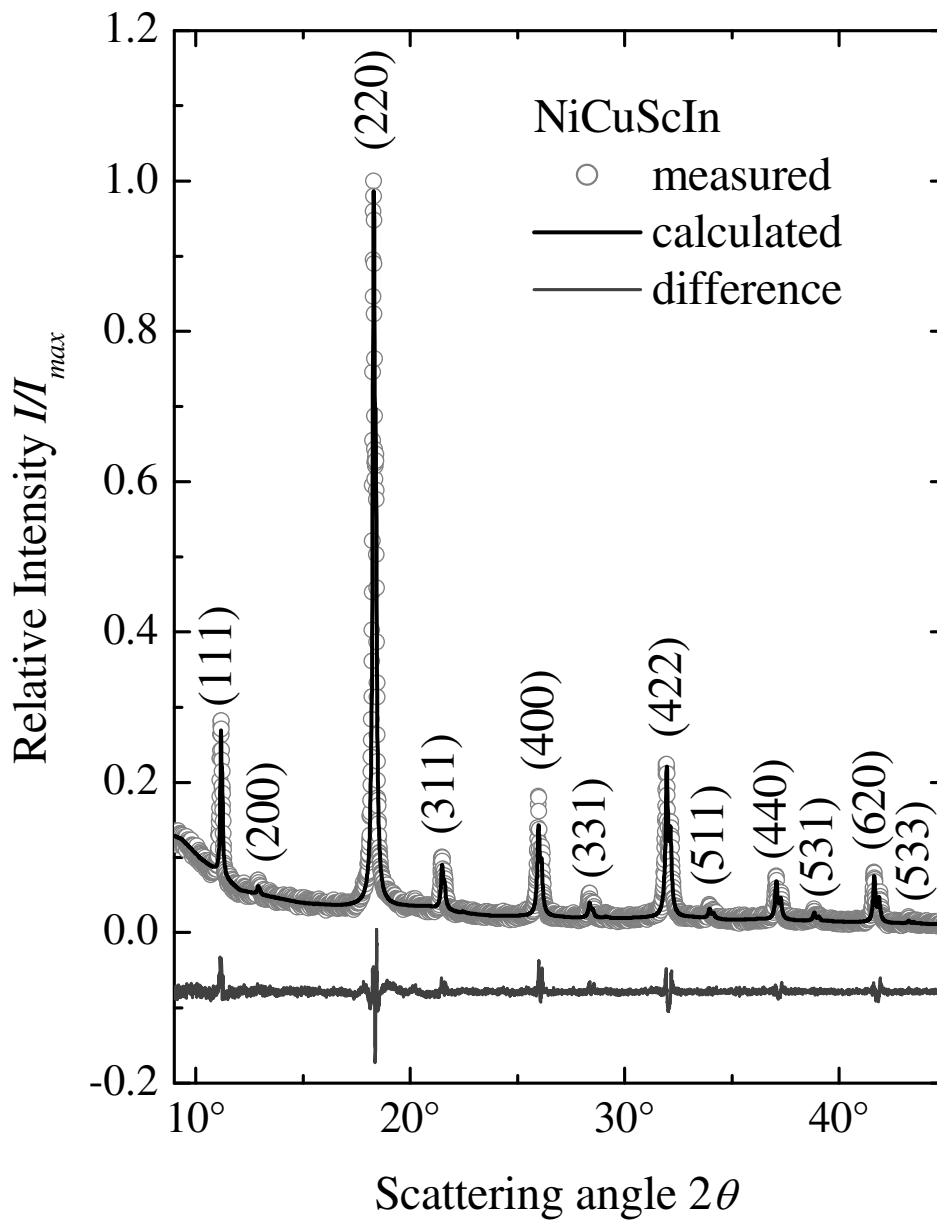


Fig. 7

site occupancy	general formula	structure type ICSD	SB	space group	Pearson
X, X', Y, Z	$XX'YZ$	LiMgPdSn	Y	$F \bar{4} 3m$ (no. 216)	cF16
$X=X, Y, Z'$	X_2YZ	Cu ₂ MnAl	L2 ₁	$F m \bar{3} m$ (no. 225)	cF16
$X, X'=Y, Z$	XX'_2Z	CuHg ₂ Ti	X	$F \bar{4} 3m$ (no. 216)	cF16
$X=X'=Y, Z$	X_3Z	BiF ₃	DO ₃	$F m \bar{3} m$ (no. 225)	cF16
$X=X', Y=Z$	X_2Y_2	CsCl	B2	$P m \bar{3} m$ (no. 221)	cP2
$X=Y, X'=Z$	$X_2X'_2$	NaTl	B32a	$F d \bar{3} m$ (no. 227)	cF16
$X=X'=Y=Z$	X_4	W	A2	$I m \bar{3} m$ (no. 229)	cI2

Table 1

Structure	(111)	(200)	(220)	(311)	(222)	(400)
Cu ₂ MnAl	4.30	4.67	100	2.01	1.30	16.46
CsCl	-	4.67	100	-	1.30	16.46
BiF ₃	0.79	0.41	100	0.33	0.09	16.58
Tungsten	-	-	100	-	-	16.58
CuHg ₂ Ti	6.53	2.27	100	3.26	0.57	16.46
NaI	4.38	-	100	2.26	-	16.46

Table 2

Compound	Structure	a / Å
Cr ₂ CoGa	CuHg ₂ Ti	5.81
Ni ₂ MgSb	Cu ₂ MnAl	6.06
Ni ₂ MoGa	W	6.25
Pd ₂ HfGa	Cu ₂ MnAl	6.34
Pd ₂ NbAl	CsCl	6.47
Pd ₂ MgSb	Cu ₂ MnAl	6.46
Pd ₂ MoAl	Cu ₂ MnAl	6.27
Pd ₂ ZrSn	Cu ₂ MnAl	6.55
Pt ₂ ScSn	Cu ₂ MnAl	6.54
Pt ₂ ZrIn	CsCl ¹⁾	6.56
Ru ₂ TiSi	Cu ₂ MnAl	5.95

¹⁾ The Cu₂MnAl-type structure is possible but the (111) reflexion is not detectable due to the low scattering intensity.

Table 3

Compound	Structure	a / Å
Co ₂ Fe _{0.76} Sc _{0.24} Ga	cubic	5.73(6)
Co ₂ Fe _{0.7} Ti _{0.3} Ga	cubic	5.77(5)
Co ₂ Fe _{0.45} Ti _{0.55} Ge	Cu ₂ MnAl	5.79(1)
Co ₂ Fe _{0.6} V _{0.4} Ga	cubic	5.75(9)
Co ₂ MnAl _{0.5} Ge _{0.5}	CsCl ²⁾	5.75(1)
Co ₂ MnAl _{0.5} Si _{0.5}	Cu ₂ MnAl	5.70(1)
Co ₂ Mn _{0.5} Fe _{0.5} Sn	Cu ₂ MnAl	5.96(3)
Co ₂ Mn _{0.5} V _{0.5} Si	Cu ₂ MnAl	5.65(3)
Co ₂ MnGa _{0.5} Ge _{0.5}	Cu ₂ MnAl	5.76(1)
Co ₂ MnGa _{0.5} Si _{0.5}	CsCl ²⁾	5.70(9)
Co ₂ Mn _{0.95} Sc _{0.05} Ga	cubic	5.76(5)
Co ₂ Mn _{0.7} Sc _{0.3} Sn	Cu ₂ MnAl	6.00(7)
Co ₂ Mn _{0.935} Ti _{0.065} Ga	cubic	5.80(8)
Co ₂ Mn _{0.6} Ti _{0.4} Ge	Cu ₂ MnAl	5.77(1)
Co ₂ Mn _{0.9} V _{0.1} Ga	cubic	5.80(3)
Co ₂ Ti _{0.5} Fe _{0.5} Si	Cu ₂ MnAl	5.67(8)
Co ₂ Ti _{0.5} Fe _{0.5} Sn	Cu ₂ MnAl	6.05(3)
Co ₂ Ti _{0.5} Mn _{0.5} Si	Cu ₂ MnAl	5.70(6)
Co ₂ Ti _{0.5} Mn _{0.5} Sn	Cu ₂ MnAl	6.03(3)

$\text{Co}_2\text{Ti}_{0.5}\text{V}_{0.5}\text{Sn}$	Cu_2MnAl	5.98(5)
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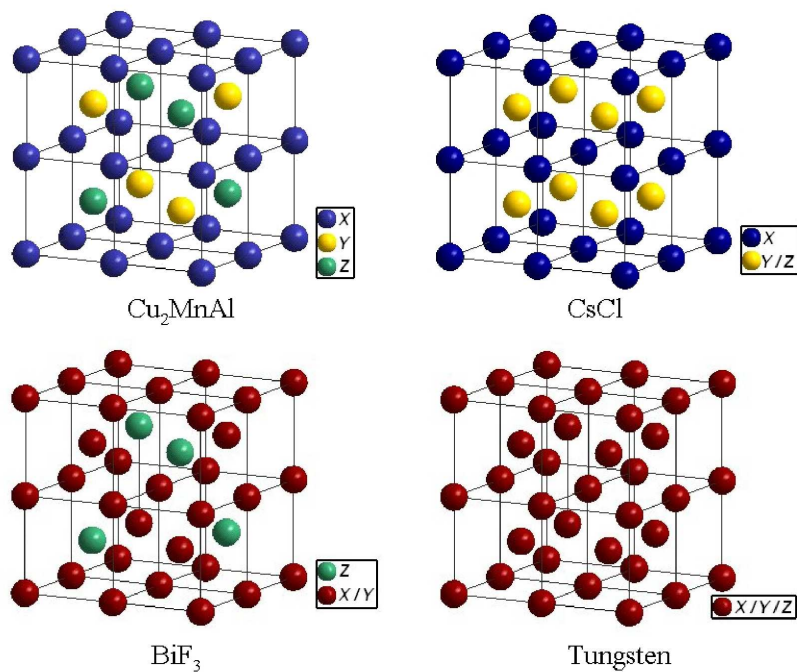
²⁾ The Cu_2MnAl -type structure is possible but the (111) reflexion is not detectable due to the low scattering intensity.

Table 4

Compound	Structure ³⁾	a / Å
(Ni _{0.5} Ag _{0.5}) ₂ ScAl	Cu ₂ MnAl	6.52
(Ni _{0.5} Cu _{0.5}) ₂ ScAl	Cu ₂ MnAl	6.16
(Ni _{0.5} Cu _{0.5}) ₂ ScGa	Cu ₂ MnAl	6.05
(Ni _{0.5} Cu _{0.5}) ₂ ScIn	Cu ₂ MnAl	6.30
(Pd _{0.5} Ag _{0.5}) ₂ ScAl	Cu ₂ MnAl	6.48
(Pd _{0.5} Ag _{0.5}) ₂ ScIn	Cu ₂ MnAl	6.58
(Pd _{0.5} Ag _{0.5}) ₂ YIn	Cu ₂ MnAl	6.79
(Pd _{0.5} Au _{0.5}) ₂ ScIn	Cu ₂ MnAl	6.57

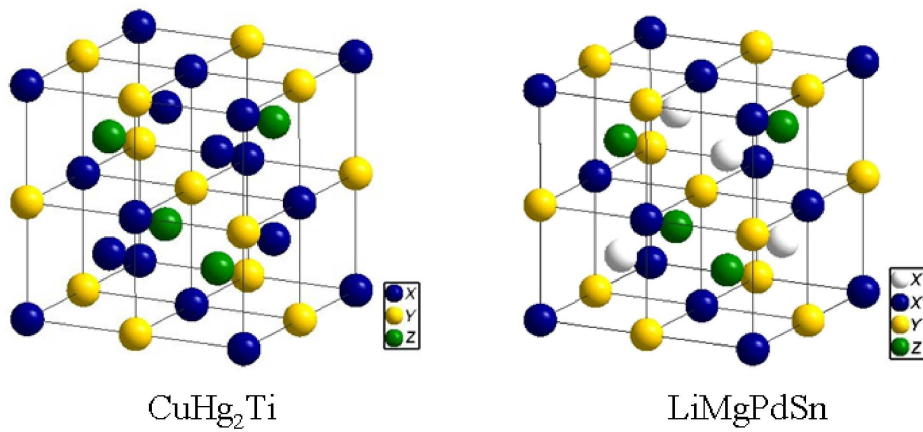
³⁾ The XRD pattern of the structure LiMgPdSn does not differ significantly from one of the Cu₂MnAl structure. Therefore it is not possible to determine whether the compounds are ordered at X and X' positions.

Table 5

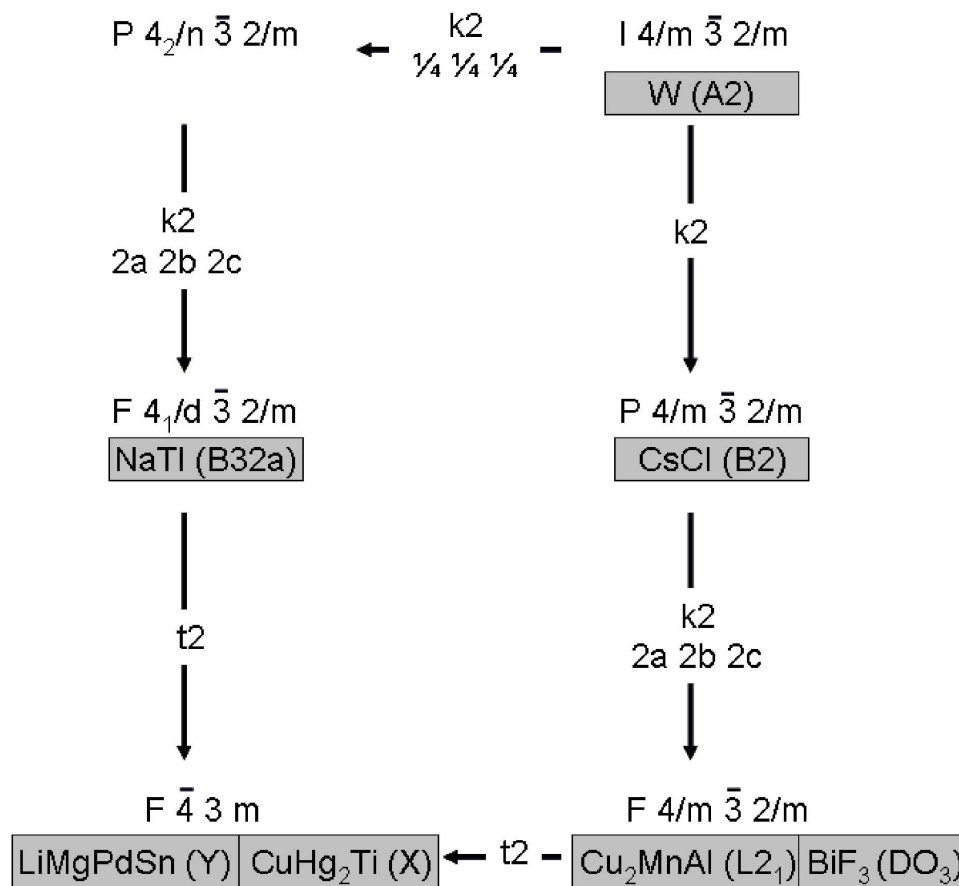


Crystal structures of the X₂YZ Heusler compounds. The Cu₂MnAl (L2₁) structure and preferential types of disorder: The BiF₃ (DO₃), CsCl (B2) and Tungsten (A₂) structure. Note that all positions are shifted by (1/4, 1/4, 1/4) with respect to the standard F m m cell to make the CsCl superstructure visible.

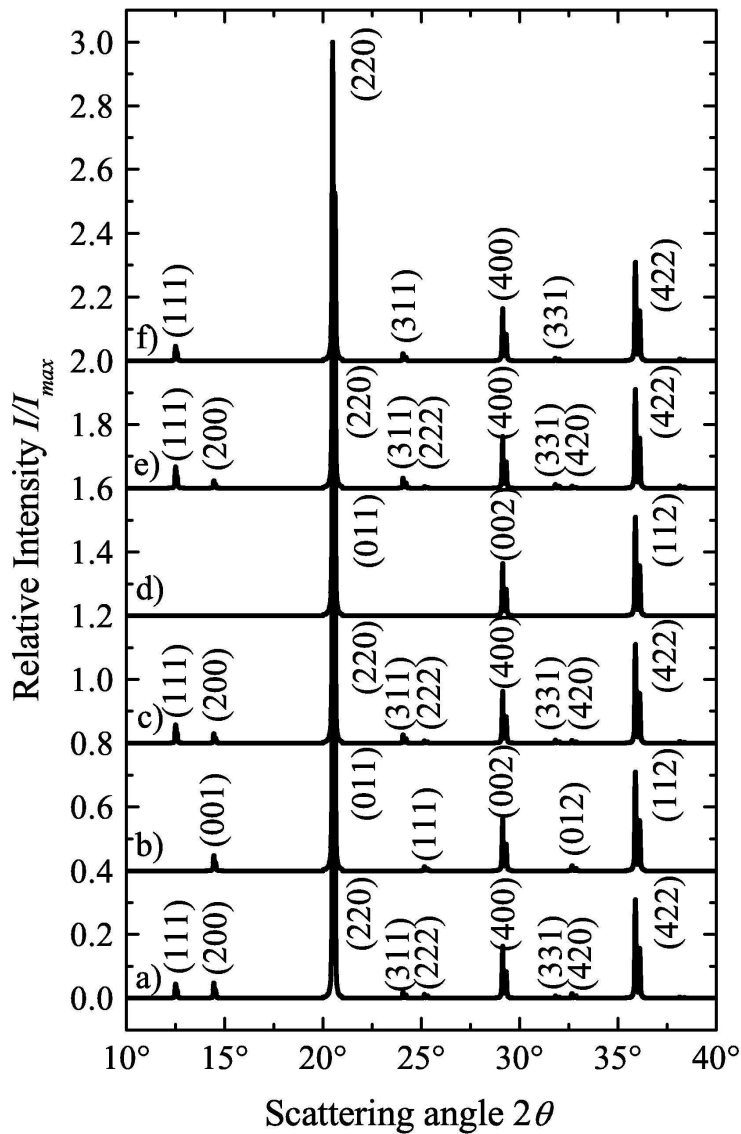
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Crystal structure of the Heusler compounds in space group $F\bar{3}m$. The CuHg_2Ti -structure and the noncentrosymmetric LiMgPdSn -structure of $\text{XX}'\text{YZ}$ compounds.
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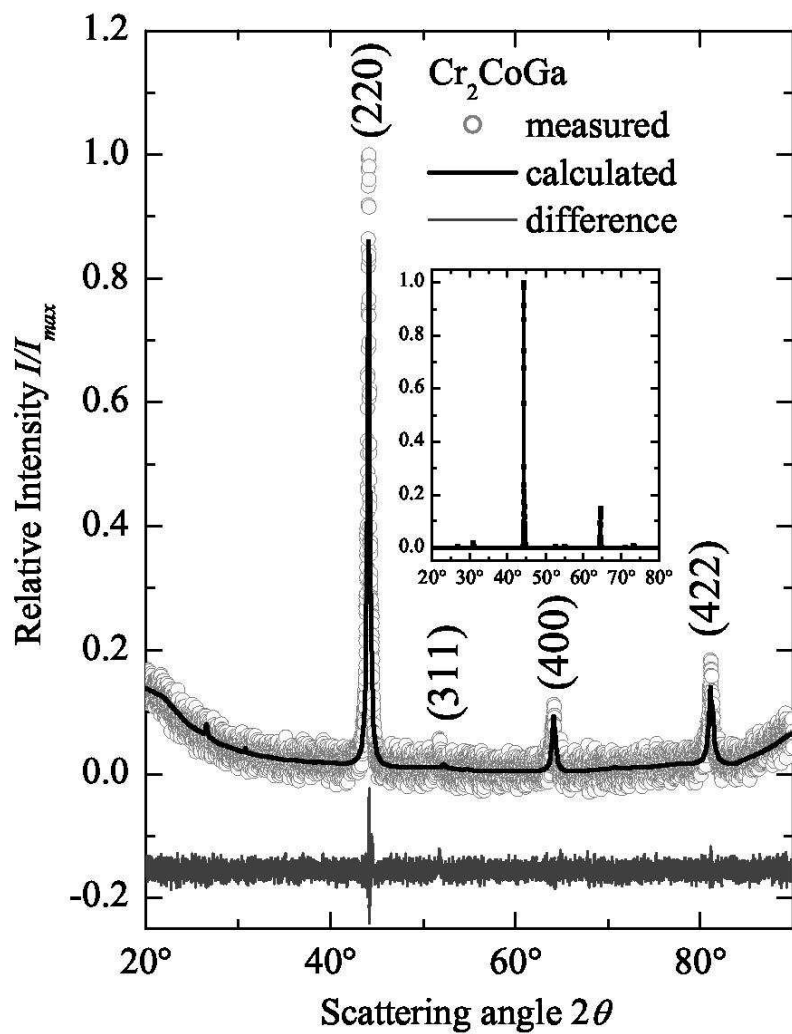


Bärninghaus tree of the group-subgroup relationship of the Heusler structure and its disorder variants. The indices of klassengleiche (k) and translationsgleiche (t) as well as the unit cell transformations and the origin shifts are given.
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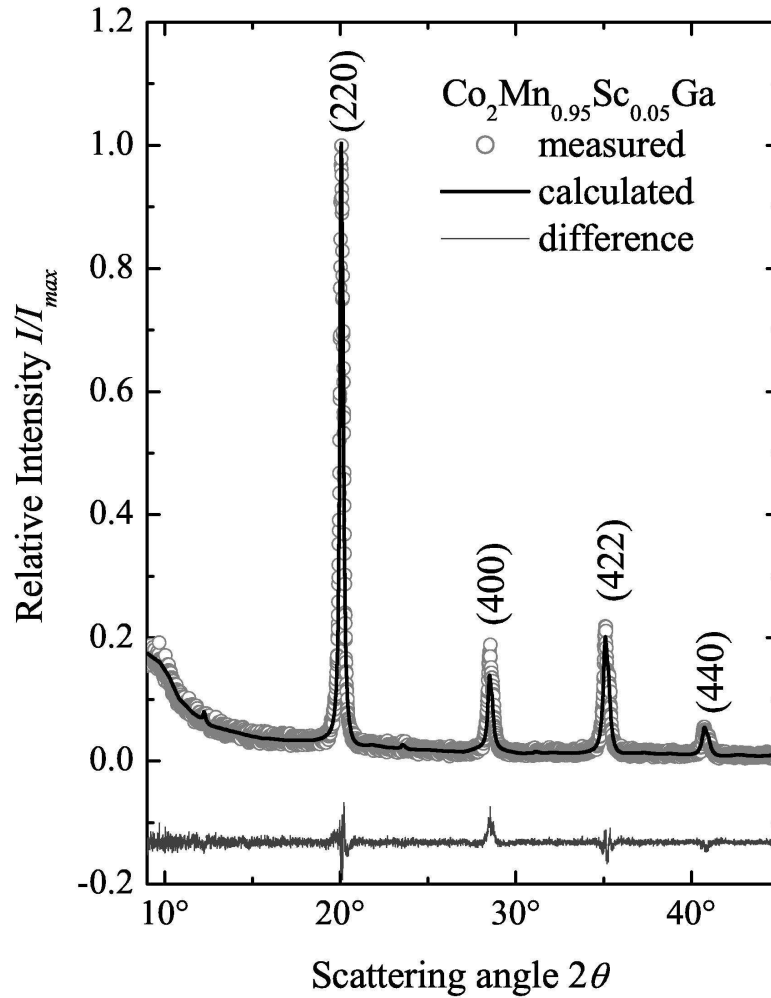
Simulated X-ray diffraction patterns measured with Mo $K\alpha$ radiation for Co₂MnSi in different crystal structures: a) Cu₂MnAl-type (L21), b) CsCl-type (B2), c) BiF₃-type (DO₃), d) tungsten-type (A₂), e) CuHg₂Ti-type (X) and f) NaTi-type (B_{32a}) structure.

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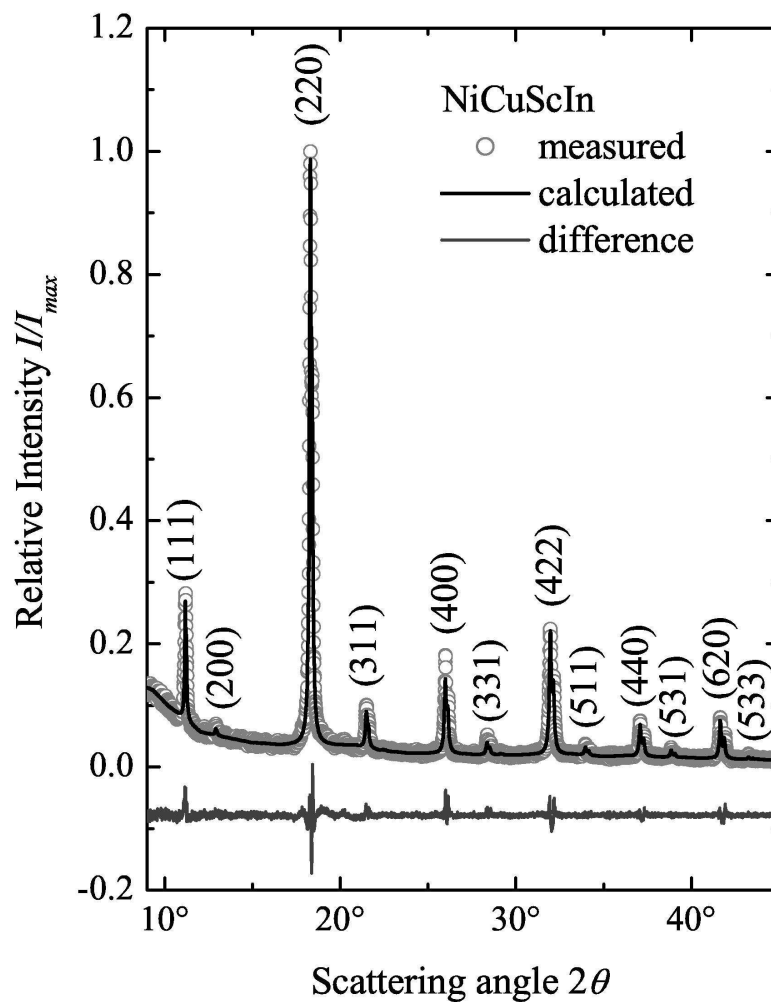
X-ray diffraction pattern of Cr₂CoGa measured with Cu K α radiation. The compound exhibits the CuHg₂Ti-type structure. For comparison the theoretical diffraction pattern of the Cu₂MnAl-type structure is displayed as an inset.

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XRD pattern of Co₂Mn_{0.95}Sc_{0.05}Ga measured with Mo $K\alpha$ radiation. Although the diffraction pattern shows the typical features of the tungsten-type structure, the degree of order cannot be determined since the intensity of the fcc-typical (111) and (220) reflexions is too weak.

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XRD pattern of NiCuScIn measured with Mo $K\alpha$ radiation. The diffraction pattern shows the typical features of the Cu_2MnAl structure, the superlattice reflexions (111) and (200) are present. A differentiation between the Cu_2MnAl and the LiMgPdSn structure is not possible since the calculated XRD patterns of these two structures are almost identical.

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