

CHEM-E4205: Crystallography Basics & Structural **Characterization** (5 cr)

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- “Lectures”** Friday 10.15 – 12.00 & Friday 14.15 – 16.00
”Lectures” are mostly studied **independently** by reading the lecture slides and (if needed) additional reference material (given or found).
- Exercises** Assignment given on each Friday, answer returned by next Friday.
- ”Tutorials”** Preferably on Tuesdays between 10–17 (other days can be agreed too); Students have a possibility to reserve (individually or in small groups) a time slot (30 min) for a weekly tutorial to clarify questions which remained nonunderstood from the written lecture slides/reference literature; Tutorials are not mandatory; Tutorials are held in Maarit’s office or in **Teams**.
- ”Seminars”** **Seminar** given individually or in small groups (1-3) on an assigned topic. Alternatively, a short **written report** on the same topic.
- Teachers:** Maarit Karppinen
Eeva Rautama (Rietveld)
Ramin Ghiyasi (XRR)

SCHEDULE

| | Date | Topic |
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| 1. | Fri 11.09. | Course Introduction |
| 2. | Fri 11.09. | Crystal Chemistry & BVS EXERCISE 1 |
| | Tue 15.09. | TUTORIAL |
| 3. | Fri 18.09. | Symmetry & Point Groups |
| 4. | Fri 18.09. | Crystallography & Space Groups EXERCISE 2 |
| | Tue 22.09. | TUTORIAL |
| 5. | Fri 25.09. | XRD |
| 6. | Fri 25.09. | ND EXERCISE 3 |
| | Tue 29.09. | TUTORIAL |
| 7. | Fri 02.10. | Rietveld EXERCISE 4: Rietveld |
| 8. | Fri 09.10. | EXAFS & XANES |
| 9. | Fri 09.10. | Mössbauer EXERCISE 5 |
| | Tue 13.10. | TUTORIAL |
| 10. | Fri 16.10. | GI-XRD & XRR (thin film techniques) EXERCISE 6: XRR |
| | Tue 20.10. | Seminars: XPS, FTIR, Raman, ED, HRTEM, SEM, AFM |

**COURSE START:
Fri 11.09. at 10.15
in Zoom**

**EXAM:
Thu Oct. 22, 9:00-13:00**

GRADING (max 100 points)

- Exam: 44 points
- Exercises: $6 \times 6 = 36$ points
- Seminar or written report: 20 points

INSTRUCTIONS for SEMINAR PRESENTATION/REPORT

- Topics: **IR, Raman, XPS, SEM, AFM, HRTEM, ED, EELS**
- Presentation is given individually or preferably in a group of two or three persons; in case it is a group effort, it is recommendable to cover two related techniques, e.g. IR + Raman
- Alternatively, it is also possible to write a report on the topic
- Seminar/report will be evaluated in the scale: 0 ~ 20 points
- The presentation is given (report written) in English, and the slides will be put up in MyCourses afterwards
- Presentation: 25+5 minutes; Report: 5-7 pages
- Rough content of the presentation/report:
 - principle of the technique
 - type of information gained
 - interpretation of the measured data
 - pros & cons
 - two to three research examples
(you will be given some relevant research papers for an example)

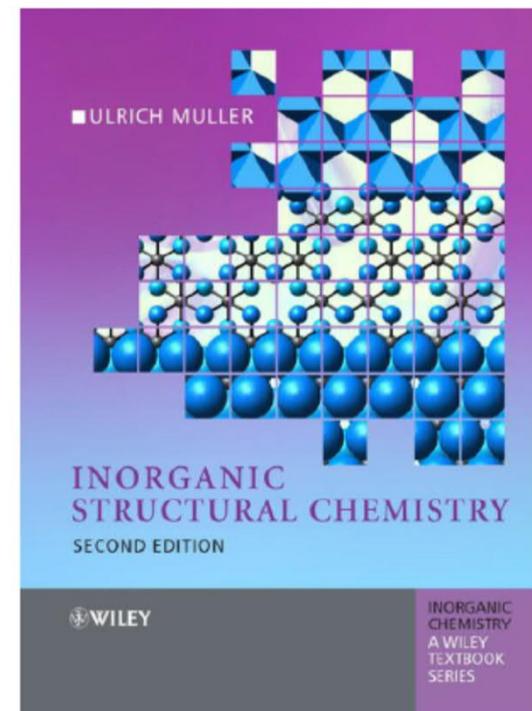
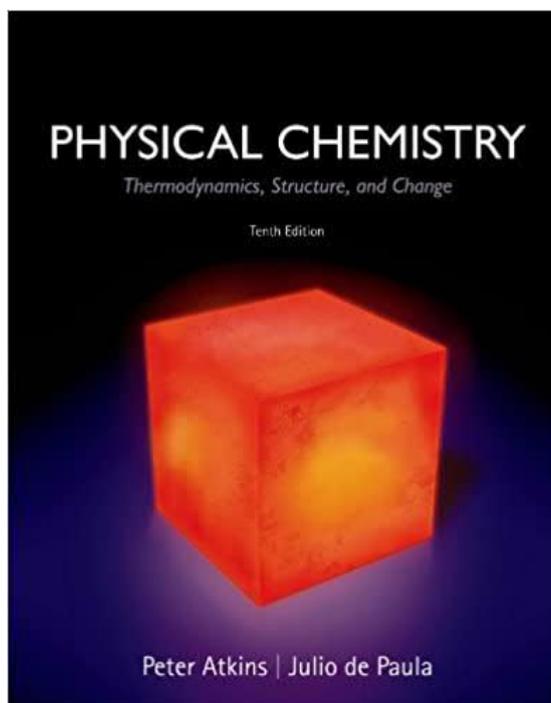
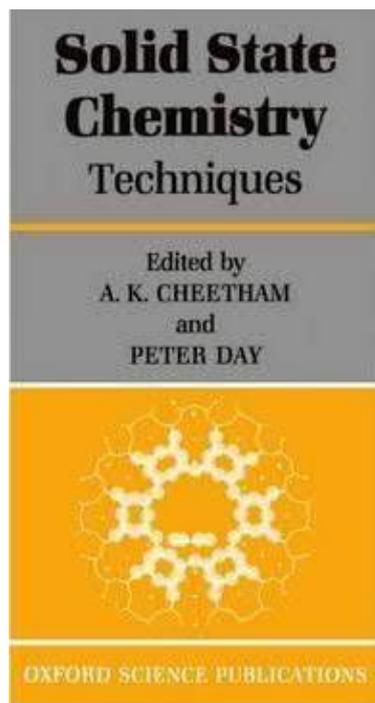
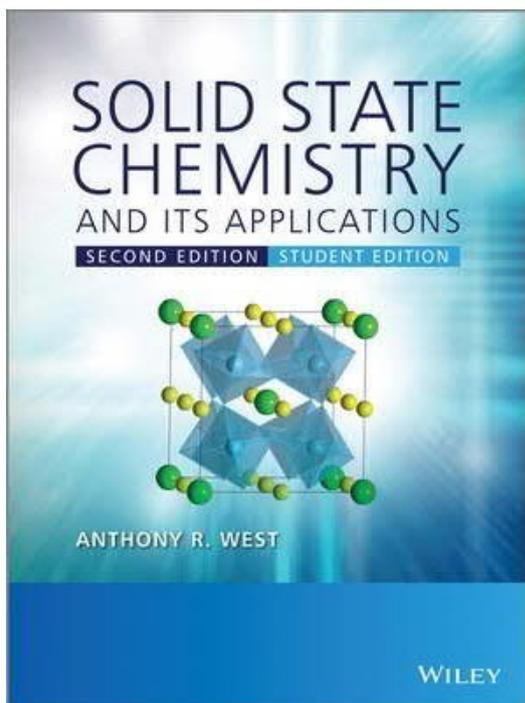
TEXT BOOKS & Background Knowledge

This course does not follow any specific text book; no text book fully covers the topics included; below are examples of text books which could be useful reference/background books for many of the course topics.

Although the following two courses are not mandatory prerequisites, it may be difficult to follow this course without a similar basic background knowledge on inorganic (materials) chemistry and solid state chemistry:

CHEM-E4130: Chemistry of Elements (Maarit Karppinen)

CHEM-E4155: Solid State Chemistry (Antti Karttunen)



LEARNING OUTCOMES

After the course the student will be able to

1. use symmetry elements for the description of the symmetries of molecules and crystals
2. determine the point group for a molecule
3. read the space group symbols so as to understand the information provided by the symbol
4. draw unit cells once the space group, lattice parameters, and atomic coordinates are known
5. explain the diffraction phenomenon
6. explain the steps in crystal structure determination and the principles of Rietveld refinement; evaluate the feasibility of a crystal structure model based on a bond valence sum (BVS) calculation
7. explain the principles of the most important structural characterization techniques and understand and critically evaluate the information revealed by the techniques for inorganic materials
8. select the most suitable technique(s) for each specific structure-related research problem

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