



Open linked databases in the mining industry

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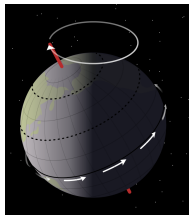




Data importance

Hipparchus (c. 190 – c. 120 BCE)

- ▶ measured the longitude of Spica and Regulus and other bright stars
- ▶ compared his measurements with data from his predecessors, Timocharis and Aristillus, who lived ≈ 100 years before him,
- ▶ discovered what is now called *the precession of the equinoxes*



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([Wikipedia](#), see also articles on [Timocharis](#) and [Aristyllus](#))



Data and AI systems for geology

[Hart and Duda, 1977]

October 20, 1977

PROSPECTOR -- A Computer-Based Consultation
System for Mineral Exploration

by

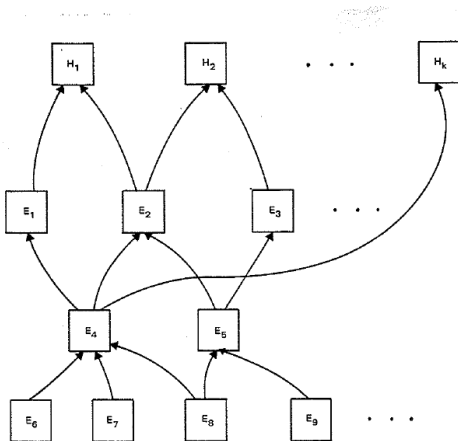
P. E. Hart and R. O. Duda

Artificial Intelligence Center
SRI International
Menlo Park, California 94025



The PROSPECTOR network of inference

[Hart and Duda, 1977]





Data kinds in the SOLSA project



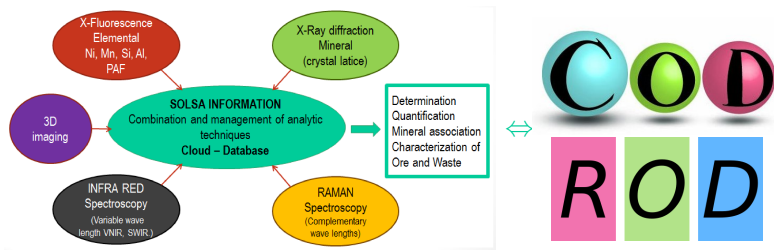
Discover SOLSA

<http://solsa-mining.eu/>

- ▶ Crystal structures (**COD**)
- ▶ Raman spectra (**ROD**)
- ▶ Hyperspectral images (**HOD**)



SOLSA project, COD and ROD



COD and other open databases will be used in SOLSA for:

- ▶ mineral identification;
- ▶ subsequent data dissemination.

SOLSA data flow diagram courtesy Monique Le Guen, ERAMET.



Requirements for long-term data archiving and reuse

- ▶ Platform independence
 - ▶ Text-based formats (ASCII, UTF-8)
- ▶ Software independence
- ▶ Network-transparency
 - ▶ Standard, open protocols (W3C http)
 - ▶ Standard, open data carrier formats (JSON, XML, CIF).
 - ▶ RESTful servers
- ▶ Machine-readable semantics
 - ▶ Dictionaries, schemas
- ▶ Durability
 - ▶ Persistent identifiers
 - ▶ Open data principles
 - ▶ FAIR principles



Data exchange in crystallography

The screenshot shows the IUCr website interface. At the top left is the IUCr logo and the text 'International Union of CRYSTALLOGRAPHY'. To the right is a search bar and a navigation menu with links for 'iucr', 'journals', 'books', 'news', 'education', 'people', 'resources', and 'outreach'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for 'world directory', 'other directories', 'data', 'cif', 'lists', 'blogs', 'forums', 'commissions', 'nexus', and 'symmetry font'. The main content area is titled 'Specifications' and features a large red 'CIF' logo. The text explains that these pages provide the formal specification of the CIF file format, mentioning 'version 1.1' and 'version 2.0'. It also notes that ancillary notes are published to describe conventions and guidelines for CIF data items. At the bottom of the page, a small text block states: 'The International Union of Crystallography is a non-profit scientific union serving the world-wide interests of crystallographers and other scientists employing crystallographic methods.'

[Hall et al., 1991]

The Crystallographic Interchange File/Framework (CIF):

- ▶ Provides standard means for data publishing and exchange;
- ▶ Is suitable for data archiving and publishing;
- ▶ Is maintained by the IUCr;



CIF for scientific data

examples/data/2100858-head.cif:

```
data_2100858
loop_
  _publ_author_name
  'Buttner, R. H.'
  'Maslen, E. N.'
  _publ_section_title
  ;
  Structural parameters and electron difference density in BaTiO~3~
  ;
  _journal_issue          6
  _journal_name_full     'Acta Crystallographica Section B'
  _journal_page_first    764
  _journal_page_last     769
  _journal_volume        48
  _journal_year          1992
  _chemical_compound_source 'synthetic, from a mixture of KF:KMoO4:BaTiO3'
  _chemical_formula_sum   'Ba O3 Ti'
  _chemical_formula_weight 233.24
  _symmetry_cell_setting tetragonal
  _symmetry_space_group_name_Hall 'P 4 -2'
  _symmetry_space_group_name_H-M 'P 4 m m'
  _cell_angle_alpha      90.0
  _cell_angle_beta       90.0
  _cell_angle_gamma      90.0
  _cell_formula_units_Z  1
  _cell_length_a          3.9998 (8)
  _cell_length_b          3.9998 (8)
  _cell_length_c          4.0180 (8)
```



Controlled vocabularies

examples/dictionaries/cif-core-example.cif:

```
data_cell_length_
  loop_ _name
        '_cell_length_a'
        '_cell_length_b'
        '_cell_length_c'

  _category      cell
  _type          numb
  _type_conditions esd
  _enumeration_range 0.0:
  _units         Å
  _units_detail  'angstroms'
  _definition

;      Unit-cell lengths in angstroms corresponding to the structure
      reported. The values of _refln_index_h, *_k, *_l must
      correspond to the cell defined by these values and _cell_angle_
      values. The values of _diffrn_refln_index_h, *_k, *_l may not
      correspond to these values if a cell transformation took place
      following the measurement of the diffraction intensities. See
      also _diffrn_reflns_transf_matrix_.

;
```



Crystallographic data

The Crystallography Open Database

<http://www.crystallography.net/cod>

The screenshot shows the website interface with the following elements:

- Navigation Menu:** COD Home, Accessing COD Data (Browse, Search, Search by structural formula), Add Your Data (Deposit your data, Manage depositions, Manage/release prepublications), Documentation (COD Wiki, Obtaining COD, Querying COD, Citing COD, COD Mirrors, Advices to donors, Useful links).
- Header:** Crystallography Open Database
- Logo:** Three large, stylized letters 'C', 'O', and 'D' in cyan, green, and pink respectively.
- Main Text:** Open-access collection of crystal structures of organic, inorganic, metal-organic compounds and minerals, excluding biopolymers.
- Text:** Including data and software from *CrystalEye*, developed by Nick Day at the department of Chemistry, the University of Cambridge under supervision of Peter Murray-Rust.
- Text:** All data on this site have been placed in the public domain by the contributors.
- Text:** Currently there are **385190** entries in the COD.
- Text:** Latest deposited structure: [1547638](#) on **2017-10-07** at **23:51:11 UTC**
- Image:** A small 3D ball-and-stick model of a crystal structure.



A COD crystal structure page example Sphalerite

<http://www.crystallography.net/cod/1525302.html>



Crystallography Open Database

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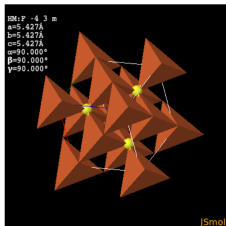
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Information card for entry 1525302

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Coordinates [1525302.cif](#)

Coordinates [1525302.cif](#)

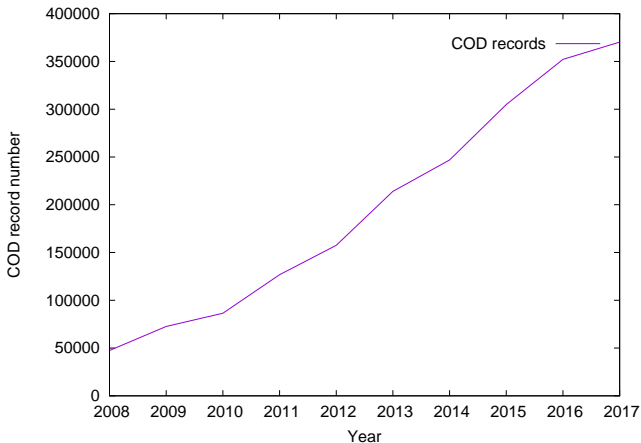
Structure parameters

Chemical name	(Fe0.2 Mn0.05 Zn0.75) S
Formula	Fe0.2 Mn0.05 S Zn0.75
Calculated formula	Fe0.2 Mn0.05 S Zn0.75
Title of publication	Unit-cell edges of natural and synthetic sphalerites
Authors of publication	Sämer, B.J.
Journal of publication	American Mineralogist
Year of publication	1961
Journal volume	46
Pages of publication	1399 - 1411
a	5.4272 Å
b	5.4272 Å
c	5.4272 Å
α	90°
β	90°
γ	90°
Cell volume	159.855 Å ³
Number of distinct elements	4
Hermann-Mauguin symmetry space group	F -4 3 m
Hall symmetry space group	F -4 2 3
Has coordinates	Yes
Has disorder	No
Has Fdata	No



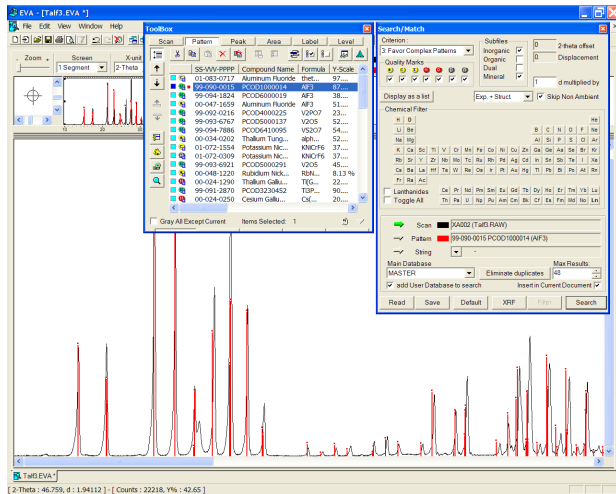
COD persistence

COD is on-line for 13 years, increased 7-fold over the last 8 years; currently contains over 385 000 records (October 2017):



Use of COD and PCOD databases

Search-match identification of the materials



A **predicted** phase from PCOD could be identified in experimental data.

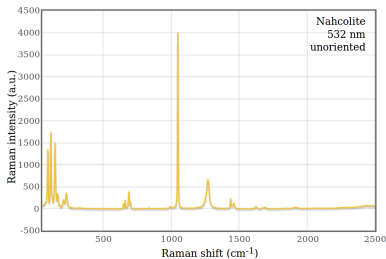
Courtesy Armel Le Bail
[Le Bail, 2008]



Ramano spectroscopy



us-tech.co.za



ROD 3500101

- ▶ the method is very fast
- ▶ requires comprehensive, high quality database



Raman spectroscopy data

The Raman Open Database

<http://solsa.crystallography.net/rod>



Raman Open Database

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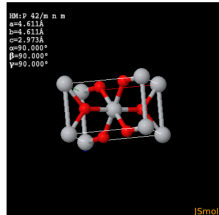
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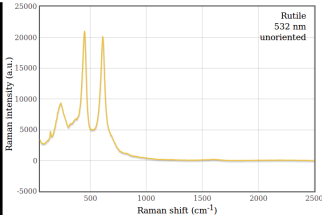
Information card for entry 3500024

[3500023](#) << [3500024](#) >> [3500025](#)

Preview



[Display in Jmol](#)



Data records contributed to the ROD by Yassine El Mendili



ROD data files

ROD uses CIF syntax

examples/data/3500024-head.rod:

```
-----  
#  
#$Date: 2017-10-05 18:15:36 +0300 (Thu, 05 Oct 2017) $  
#$Revision: 219 $  
#$URL: svn://172.16.1.102/rod/cif/3/50/00/3500024.rod $  
-----  
#  
# This file is available in the Raman Open Database (ROD),  
# http://solsa.crystallography.net/rod/  
#  
# All data on this site have been placed in the public domain by the  
# contributors.  
#  
data_3500024  
loop_  
_publ_author_name  
'El Mendili, Y'  
_publ_section_title  
;  
SOLSA communication to ROD  
;  
_journal_name_full          'Personal communication to ROD'  
_journal_year                2017  
_chemical_compound_source    'commercial powder Prolabo pur'  
_chemical_formula_structural 'O2 Ti'
```



The ROD dictionary

ROD uses controlled CIF vocabulary

http://solsa.crystallography.net/rod/cif/dictionaries/cif_raman_0.1.1.dic

http://solsa.crystallography.net/rod/cif/dictionaries/cif_rod_0.1.0.dic

examples/dictionaries/raman-example.dic:

```
save__raman_measurement_device.direction_polarization
  _definition.id          '_raman_measurement_device.direction_polarization'
# ... some text omitted for brevity ...
  _definition.update      2017-04-10
  _description.text
;
  The direction polarization of the measurement device.
;
# ...
  loop_
  _enumeration_set.state
  _enumeration_set.detail
  unoriented
;
  Unoriented.
;
  Z (XX) Z
;
  Laser polarized parallel to the x axis; analyzer set to pass the x axis
  polarized light.
;
```

ROD dictionaries coded by Antanas Vaitkus



Semantic versioning of the ROD dictionaries

- ▶ ROD dictionaries undergo semantic versioning:
 - ▶ Bug-fix releases (1.2.x) are compatible backwards and forward;
 - ▶ Minor releases (1.x) are backwards compatible;
 - ▶ Incompatible changes will be marked by major releases (1.x → 2.x);



COD query examples

Web, REST, SQL

- ▶ Via the WWW interface – go for “search” in:
 - ▶ <http://www.crystallography.net/cod>
 - ▶ <http://solsa.crystallography.net/rod>
 - ▶ <http://solsa.crystallography.net/hod>
- ▶ Via the **stable** URLs (REST):
 - ▶ <http://www.crystallography.net/cod/2000000.cif>
 - ▶ <http://solsa.crystallography.net/rod/3500021.rod>
 - ▶ <http://solsa.crystallography.net/rod/3500021.html>
 - ▶ <http://www.crystallography.net/cod/result?text=perovskite>
- ▶ Via the **views** of the SQL database:
 - ▶

```
mysql -u cod_reader cod -h www.crystallography.net \  
-e 'select file, a, b, c, vol, formula  
from data where  
year between 2013 and  
2014 and  
formula regexp " C[0-9]* "  
order by vol desc limit 10'
```



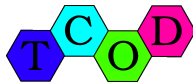
Open Crystallographic Databases

COD, TCOD, PCOD, MPOD, ROD, HOD ...



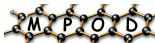
<http://www.crystallography.net/cod>

> 385 000 entries (ready to grow > 10^6 ?)



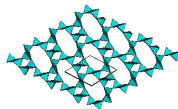
<http://www.crystallography.net/tcod>

> 2500 entries (ready to grow to > 10^7 ?)



<http://mpod.cimav.edu.mx/>

> 300 entries



PCOD

<http://www.crystallography.net/pcod>

> 10^6 entries (ready to grow to > 10^8 ?)

ROD

<http://solsa.crystallography.net/rod/>

> 120 entries

HOD

<http://solsa.crystallography.net/hod/>

TBA...



COD accessibility

COD is a **fully open-access database**. All records are available under public domain designation.

Provided access methods are:

- ▶ Web search
- ▶ URLs constructed from stable identifiers
- ▶ RESTful interfaces
- ▶ Full data download



Hyperspectral image database (HOD)

<http://solsa.crystallography.net/hod>

A “hybrid” approach necessary due to large size of raster data:

- ▶ Metadata and image headers stored in CIF;
- ▶ Raster data stored as “raw” binaries;



HOD record example

examples/hod/1000000-head.cif:

```
data_1000000
loop_
  _[local]_description
  'ENVI File'
  'Created [Wed Jun 08 12:34:07 2016]'
  _[local]_wavelength_units      Nanometers
  loop_
  _hyper_bands.default
  220
  227
  253
  _hyper_bands.lines            937
  _hyper_bands.number          288
  _hyper_bands.samples         384
  _hyper_file.byte_order       0
  _hyper_file.data_type        4
  _hyper_file.type             ENVI_Standard
  _hyper_header.offset        0
  _hyper_header_file.contents
;ENVI
description = {
  ENVI File, Created [Wed Jun 08 12:34:07 2016]}
samples = 384
lines   = 937
```



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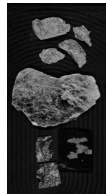
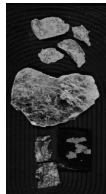
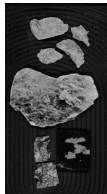
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Test Hyperspectral Open Database

Information card for entry 1000000

4000001 << 1000000 >> 4000000

Preview



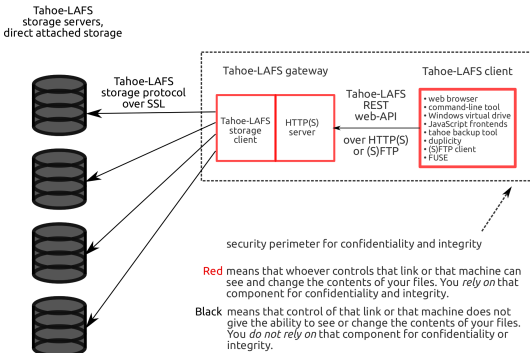


SOLSA Large File Store

Suitable, e.g., for images

Uses Tahoe-LAFS (<https://tahoe-lafs.org>) as a back-end [Selimi and Freitag, 2014]:

Tahoe-LAFS architecture



Quoted from <https://tahoe-lafs.org/trac/tahoe-lafs>



Tahoe LAFS Grid for SOLSA

Tahoe-LAFS Nickname: public_client
Node ID: v0-fyepv3shuodkq3x6utvgjydk15lan77kdory6l7sm6lqz

Grid Status

✓ 2 introducers connected
○ Helper
None

Services

- Not running storage server
- Not running helper

Connected to 6 of 6 known storage servers

Nickname	Connection	Last RX	Version	Available
✓ balandis v0-45qps0bv3wep3k3wdbent44oalt722uotkvo9f742z	Connected to tcp:172.17.170.119:53026 via tcp	15h 33m 28s	1m 5s	tahoe-lafs/1.12.1 1867.64GB
✓ definas3 v0-5wz32m3r2q2f6a7arf5acapek2nwmqgk2lyc4awq9r744z	Connected to tcp:172.17.170.129:51898 via tcp	15h 33m 28s	1m 4s	tahoe-lafs/1.12.1 469.92GB
✓ orka v0-ekvpaakq55eqpwv0v240uayh0eb4q3berret2bw72hw6a	Connected to tcp:172.17.170.122:47977 via tcp	15h 33m 29s	1m 5s	tahoe-lafs/1.12.1 2965.21GB
✓ stumbras v0-mos97y6l5vna32stn54s32ng3umnggkq77czp9k24f6k4q	Connected to tcp:172.17.170.121:47082 via tcp	15h 33m 28s	1m 4s	tahoe-lafs/1.12.1 2965.21GB
✓ definas v0-aj7yhrvzqprp42s2varkgludxarlsben2zcxwefkotrns3q	Connected to tcp:172.17.170.129:52200 via tcp	15h 33m 28s	1m 4s	tahoe-lafs/1.12.1 466.02GB
✓ definas2 v0-9rtpw4p0z0v70em6vurp2byyq0a4k05pp37y67seem4p	Connected to tcp:172.17.170.129:34498 via tcp	15h 33m 28s	1m 4s	tahoe-lafs/1.12.1 469.92GB

Connected to 2 of 2 introducers

Connection	Last RX
✓ Connected to tcp:172.17.170.121:54295 via tcp	15h 34m 10s 1m 29s
✓ Connected to tcp:172.17.170.122:57127 via tcp	15h 34m 12s 1m 47s

OPEN TAHOE-URI:

View File or Directory »

DOWNLOAD TAHOE-URI:
URI

Filename

Download File »

UPLOAD FILE
Browse... No file selected.

Immutible
 SDMF
 MDMF (experimental)
Upload File »

CREATE DIRECTORY
 SDMF
 MDMF (experimental)
Create a directory »

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What went wrong?

Tahoe-LAFS for SOLSA set up by Erikas Raginis



HOD files on the Tahoe LAFS grid

Tahoe LAFS - Directory SI=eckfk (modifiable) - Mozilla Firefox

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https://grid.crystallography.net/.../Tahoe-LAFS-DirectorySI=.../ 159% | Search

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Tahoe-LAFS

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Tahoe-LAFS Directory SI=eckfk

Type	Filename	Size	Times			
FILE	DARKREF_scan_bibu.raw	22118400	lcr: 2017-10-10 14:41:44 lmo: 2017-10-10 14:41:44	<input type="button" value="unlink"/>	<input type="button" value="rename/relink"/>	More Info
FILE	WHITEREF_scan_bibu.raw	47996928	lcr: 2017-10-10 14:39:52 lmo: 2017-10-10 14:39:52	<input type="button" value="unlink"/>	<input type="button" value="rename/relink"/>	More Info
FILE	refl avec roi.jpg	52864	lcr: 2017-10-10 14:59:06 lmo: 2017-10-10 14:59:06	<input type="button" value="unlink"/>	<input type="button" value="rename/relink"/>	More Info
FILE	refl.jpg	52678	lcr: 2017-10-10 14:59:49 lmo: 2017-10-10 14:59:49	<input type="button" value="unlink"/>	<input type="button" value="rename/relink"/>	More Info
FILE	scan_bibu.raw	207249408	lcr: 2017-10-10 14:21:52 lmo: 2017-10-10 14:21:52	<input type="button" value="unlink"/>	<input type="button" value="rename/relink"/>	More Info
FILE	subset refl	382835712	lcr: 2017-10-10 14:59:28 lmo: 2017-10-10 14:59:28	<input type="button" value="unlink"/>	<input type="button" value="rename/relink"/>	More Info

Create a new directory in this directory



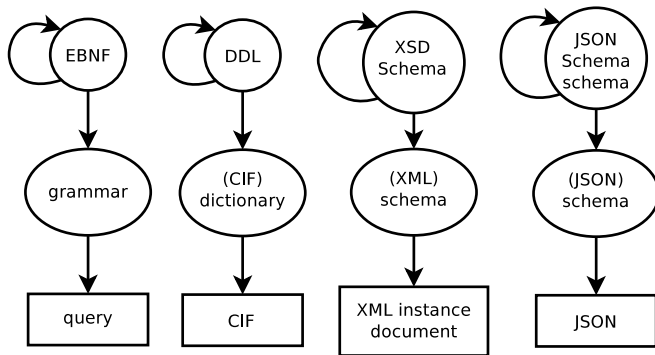
HOD (large) data retention policy

A managed data phase-out policy possible:

- ▶ Keep data that are:
 - ▶ The first of their kind;
 - ▶ The best of their kind;
 - ▶ The most often used/cited;
 - ▶ A small but representative test set (for software);
- ▶ Apply lossy compression to older records ($\times 20$ fold possible)
- ▶ Discard data for other records, leave just (aggregated) metadata;



Common pattern of self-describing data definitions





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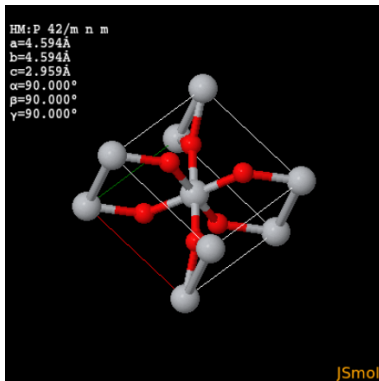


Thank you!






<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rutile>

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<http://www.crystallography.net/9015662.html>

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Tahoe-lafs distributed storage service in community
network clouds.
*2014 IEEE Fourth International Conference on Big
Data and Cloud Computing.*



The fun of REST

RESTful queries [Fielding, 2000]:

- ▶ Programming language, transfer protocol **independent**
- ▶ GET queries should be null-potent (do not change anything; always provide the same result for the same query);
- ▶ POST/PUT queries should be idempotent (the same query executed several times should have the same result as just one query).