

study is the almost pseudohexagonal dimensionality of a and $c - a = 1.71c$ (ideally the ratio is 1.732). Were one to relate monoclinic GeS_2 and CdI_2 knowing only the cell dimensions of each (say based on powder data) one would likely choose (010) of our cell as the basal plane, (001), of the hexagonal CdI_2 subcell. This would position the pronounced layers of the two structures almost at right angles. Clearly one must be careful in relating these structures solely on the basis of cell dimensions. Knowing the orientation of the monoclinic cell relative to the pronounced layering, we can relate monoclinic GeS_2 to CdI_2 by $a = 2c_{\text{cat}_2}$, $b = 4a_{\text{cat}_2}$, and $c = \sqrt{3}a_{\text{cat}_2}$. This gives approximate values for the CdI_2 subcell dimensions of $a = 3.94$, $c = 5.73$, $c/a = 1.45$. In known CdI_2 -like structures c/a lies between 1.40 and 1.50 (Wyckoff, 1963). A number of disulfides do have CdI_2 -like structures, e.g. PtS_2 , SnS_2 , but in

GeS_2 the CdI_2 -type substructure would have to be considerably distorted to account for the many structural absences in the precession photographs, and we hesitate to conclude a relation between the two until complete structural data become available.

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