

# The $D_{2h}$ Distortion around the $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ Center in $\text{Cu}_{0.5}\text{Zr}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3$ Single Crystals

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A formula for the calculation of the three  $g$  factors of  $3d^9$  ions in an orthorhombic field  $D_{2h}$  has been derived. Using it to investigate the EPR  $g$  factors of the  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ions in single crystals of  $\text{Cu}_{0.5}\text{Zr}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3$ , the variation of the  $g$  factors on changing the angle  $\alpha$  between the  $x$ - and  $y$ -axis has been explained. According to that, it can be confirmed that the angle  $\alpha$  of the  $D_{2h}$  distortion is about  $62.6^\circ$ . PACS: 71.70C; 76.30F

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