SAIP2013



Contribution ID: 506

Type: Poster Presentation

Computational studies of the bulk cobalt pentlandite (Co₉S₈): Validation of the potential model.

Tuesday, 9 July 2013 17:40 (1 hour)

Abstract content
 (Max 300 words)

We investigate various forms of the cobalt pentlandite, Co₉S₈, at different temperatures, using classical atomistic simulation methods with the support of electronic structure calculations. The first interatomic potentials of Co₉S₈ based on the Born model, were derived with input data such as structure and elastic properties from experiments and electronic structure calculations respectively. The interatomic potentials were validated by running energy minimization and molecular dynamics calculations. The structure, elastic properties and phonon spectra corresponded well with those determined by electronic structure methods. The calculations further reproduced the complex high temperature transformation to high form pentlandite and the melting of Co₉S₈; as deduced from the crystal structure and radial distribution functions. The interatomic potentials can be used for studies of surfaces and nanostructures.

Apply to be
 considered for a student
 award (Yes / No)?

No

Main supervisor (name and email)
and his / her institution

Prof P.E.Ngoepe phuti.ngoepe@ul.ac.za, University of Limpopo (Turfloop Campus)

Would you like to
> submit a short paper
> for the Conference
> Proceedings (Yes / No)?

Yes

Primary author: Dr MEHLAPE, Mofuti (University Of Limpopo (Turfloop Campus))

Co-authors: Prof. NGOEPE, Phuti (University of Limpopo (Turfloop Campus)); Prof. PARKER, Steve (University of Bath (UK))

Presenter: Dr MEHLAPE, Mofuti (University Of Limpopo (Turfloop Campus))

Session Classification: Poster1

Track Classification: Track A - Division for Condensed Matter Physics and Materials