

## The structure of a strained intermediate microcline in cryptoperthitic association with twinned plagioclase

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### Abstract

The crystal structure of a strained intermediate microcline ( $a = 8.643$ ,  $b = 12.929$ ,  $c = 7.190$  Å;  $\alpha = 90.1^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 116.2^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 89.6^\circ$ ;  $V = 720.6$  Å<sup>3</sup>;  $C\bar{1}$ ), intergrown as untwinned lamellae in a cryptoperthitic ternary feldspar of bulk composition  $Or_{33}Ab_{58}An_8Cn_1$ , has been refined to  $R = 0.049$  using 893 reflections. The cryptoperthite is specimen K-235 from the Kūngnāt syenites of SW Greenland. Unit-cell volume gives the best estimate of the composition of the microcline phase,  $Or_{61}Ab_6Cn_3$ , which constitutes ~36 percent of the bulk feldspar. The plagioclase composition, determined by mass balance, is approximately  $Ab_{37}An_{13}$ .

The plagioclase is twinned at a scale of 100-500 Å on both albite- and pericline-twin laws, and special caution was required to exclude from the refinement diffracted peaks from the microcline lattice which overlapped with diffracted peaks from these four plagioclase lattices. In spite of the non-continuous, lamellar nature of the microcline phase in the cryptoperthite, the mosaic texture resulted in only  $0.4^\circ 2\theta$  diffraction peak widths.

Due to its intergrowth with twinned plagioclase, the microcline is strained ( $\Delta a = 0.30$  Å) in the manner described by Stewart and Wright (1974). This apparently does not prohibit the use of  $b$ - $c$  and  $\alpha^*$ - $\gamma^*$  plots to estimate Al/Si distribution in the tetrahedral sites ( $t_{1o} \sim 0.51$ ,  $t_{1m} \sim 0.35$ ,  $t_{2o} = t_{2m} \sim 0.07$  Al); mean T-O distances ( $T_{1o} = 1.671$ ,  $T_{1m} = 1.651$ ,  $T_{2o} = 1.622$ ,  $T_{2m} = 1.627$  Å) give similar values (0.47, 0.32, and 0.10 Al, respectively). Without a meaningful basis of comparison, the effects of strain on individual bond lengths and angles could not be evaluated quantitatively.

### Introduction

In the past decade it has been shown that alkali feldspars,  $(K,Na)AlSi_3O_8$ , can be characterized most satisfactorily by their lattice parameters. Wright and Stewart (1968) proposed a plot of the  $b$  and  $c$  cell edges (see Fig. 1) "because on such a graph points for samples of different composition but equivalent Al-Si order fall into more or less linear arrays regardless of the symmetry of the starting material" (Stewart, 1975). Samples of the same composition but different Al-Si order (e.g., the maximum microcline-high sanidine series) are arrayed on subparallel lines running between the limiting arrays for the completely ordered maximum microcline-low albite series and the disordered high sanidine-analbite (or high albite) series. Using data from crystal structure analyses, Stewart and Ribbe (1969) determined that relative position on the  $b$ - $c$  plot very closely approximates the

total aluminum content of the  $T_1$  tetrahedral sites, which are designated  $T_{1o}$  and  $T_{1m}$  in triclinic alkali feldspars. Adopting the convention introduced by Kroll (1971), in which  $t_{1o}$  represents the probability of finding aluminum in  $T_{1o}$ , they contoured the  $b$ - $c$  quadrilateral with lines of equal Al content in the  $T_1$  sites: thus  $t_{1o} + t_{1m} = 1.00$  for the ordered series in which all the Al in the formula unit is concentrated in the  $T_{1o}$  site and Si occupies the other three sites (i.e.,  $t_{1o} = 1.00$ ;  $t_{1m} = t_{2o} = t_{2m} = 0.00$ ), and  $t_{1o} + t_{1m} = 0.50$  for the disordered series in which Al is randomly distributed over the four tetrahedral sites (i.e.,  $t_{1o} = t_{1m} = t_{2o} = t_{2m} = 0.25$ ).

Using data from homogeneous alkali feldspars, Stewart and Wright (1974) contoured the  $b$ - $c$  plot for the  $a$  cell dimension, estimating a standard error for the contours of  $\pm 0.02$  Å. They discussed in considerable detail a phenomenon which is especially common in cryptoperthitic intergrowths of two feldspar





Table 5. Ribbe (1978). Structure factors for K-235 microcline

| Obs      | Calc    | Sig(O) | Obs      | Calc    | Sig(O) | Obs | Calc | Sig(O) |
|----------|---------|--------|----------|---------|--------|-----|------|--------|
| 15.4248  | 14.46   | 2.52   | 120.2482 | 119.77  | 5.86   |     |      |        |
| 53.4723  | 50.54   | 2.96   | 74.3709  | 72.55   | 3.82   |     |      |        |
| 57.1299  | 51.60   | 3.10   | 55.9954  | 55.80   | 3.12   |     |      |        |
| 85.9285  | 85.97   | 4.38   | 102.1176 | 107.49  | 5.13   |     |      |        |
| 32.6455  | 32.86   | 2.51   | Y(OBS)   | Y(CALC) | SIG(O) |     |      |        |
| 54.2781  | 56.51   | 3.20   | 18.0602  | 18.55   | 2.83   |     |      |        |
| 37.3709  | 40.23   | 3.29   | 28.5098  | 29.79   | 2.70   |     |      |        |
| 6.8266   | 1.02    | 6.70   | 12.4618  | 11.61   | 4.16   |     |      |        |
| 23.2959  | 24.33   | 3.24   | 16.8817  | 17.48   | 4.38   |     |      |        |
| 47.1304  | 45.85   | 3.10   | 13.2064  | 8.80    | 4.05   |     |      |        |
| 25.2983  | 26.90   | 2.85   | 20.9312  | 22.05   | 2.15   |     |      |        |
| 13.2951  | 14.04   | 3.49   | 44.3540  | 46.20   | 2.63   |     |      |        |
| 22.9211  | 23.43   | 2.40   | 42.3704  | 40.87   | 2.38   |     |      |        |
| 20.5678  | 20.54   | 2.40   | 32.1099  | 31.17   | 2.23   |     |      |        |
| 21.9064  | 21.24   | 2.36   | 85.8577  | 87.02   | 4.38   |     |      |        |
| 21.3389  | 20.17   | 2.50   | 40.7243  | 41.60   | 2.62   |     |      |        |
| 35.3540  | 32.96   | 2.65   | 19.1557  | 18.47   | 3.04   |     |      |        |
| 30.3773  | 30.23   | 2.70   | 12.0995  | 12.22   | 4.24   |     |      |        |
| 29.8820  | 29.17   | 2.78   | 56.5807  | 55.68   | 3.31   |     |      |        |
| 20.9539  | 22.01   | 3.51   | 37.2671  | 37.68   | 2.61   |     |      |        |
| 48.5711  | 50.19   | 3.87   | 176.4303 | 182.11  | 8.50   |     |      |        |
| 52.5903  | 54.44   | 3.27   | 6.9311   | 11.54   | 4.13   |     |      |        |
| 10.6752  | 5.36    | 4.21   | 40.6890  | 42.27   | 2.28   |     |      |        |
| 28.2401  | 28.52   | 4.14   | 13.6684  | 12.78   | 2.27   |     |      |        |
| 60.9324  | 61.19   | 3.48   | 54.2919  | 56.53   | 3.00   |     |      |        |
| 4.9299   | 7.34    | 8.55   | 37.1032  | 35.87   | 2.48   |     |      |        |
| 22.0160  | 23.23   | 2.99   | 82.5485  | 84.59   | 4.32   |     |      |        |
| 18.9766  | 20.49   | 3.64   | 33.7272  | 33.62   | 2.78   |     |      |        |
| 44.9811  | 47.32   | 3.13   | 51.3922  | 49.40   | 3.26   |     |      |        |
| 37.5732  | 38.42   | 7.04   | 32.6831  | 31.84   | 2.91   |     |      |        |
| 6.8594   | 5.01    | 7.31   | 38.7385  | 39.53   | 2.80   |     |      |        |
| 41.2370  | 42.34   | 3.00   | 47.6783  | 45.06   | 2.92   |     |      |        |
| 48.2406  | 47.77   | 3.09   | 28.6246  | 28.07   | 2.27   |     |      |        |
| 16.4995  | 17.43   | 3.51   | 57.2100  | 53.13   | 3.08   |     |      |        |
| Y(OBS)   | Y(CALC) | SIG(O) | 99.1184  | 96.98   | 4.85   |     |      |        |
| 49.8457  | 52.78   | 4.07   | 26.7288  | 27.02   | 1.72   |     |      |        |
| 27.1599  | 28.55   | 3.00   | 13.6498  | 15.43   | 2.14   |     |      |        |
| 31.7802  | 34.67   | 2.88   | 54.1332  | 52.13   | 2.81   |     |      |        |
| 34.3690  | 35.98   | 3.11   | 68.0401  | 69.06   | 3.58   |     |      |        |
| 20.0571  | 21.69   | 3.67   | 67.3727  | 69.43   | 3.63   |     |      |        |
| 19.6843  | 19.18   | 3.47   | 29.6604  | 29.80   | 2.61   |     |      |        |
| 42.7023  | 47.07   | 3.16   | 4.9573   | 5.53    | 9.22   |     |      |        |
| 14.1667  | 15.72   | 4.32   | 7.4336   | 4.16    | 6.61   |     |      |        |
| 24.5088  | 23.66   | 3.18   | 30.6264  | 29.77   | 2.90   |     |      |        |
| 36.8110  | 36.47   | 2.96   | 14.8739  | 15.87   | 3.68   |     |      |        |
| 21.8045  | 20.10   | 3.10   | 92.5119  | 92.90   | 4.74   |     |      |        |
| 43.5822  | 44.16   | 3.48   | 34.0312  | 31.16   | 2.37   |     |      |        |
| 37.6867  | 39.10   | 3.14   | 20.4988  | 21.50   | 2.32   |     |      |        |
| 40.4655  | 38.06   | 3.49   | 87.0103  | 78.95   | 4.34   |     |      |        |
| 26.4368  | 28.58   | 3.49   | 55.7197  | 52.12   | 2.91   |     |      |        |
| 9.0240   | 12.95   | 7.02   | 132.1071 | 127.86  | 6.39   |     |      |        |
| 2.3481   | 0.58    | 21.60  | 14.7237  | 12.28   | 2.32   |     |      |        |
| 38.9185  | 36.18   | 2.88   | 42.7955  | 42.79   | 2.64   |     |      |        |
| 11.3077  | 11.41   | 4.72   | 43.0305  | 44.00   | 2.81   |     |      |        |
| 27.6589  | 28.99   | 3.15   | 3.1142   | 1.61    | 12.90  |     |      |        |
| 28.4497  | 27.42   | 2.94   | 11.4810  | 13.41   | 4.94   |     |      |        |
| 59.6083  | 59.02   | 3.49   | 5.0055   | 4.69    | 10.33  |     |      |        |
| 44.6718  | 45.87   | 3.00   | 19.9476  | 20.91   | 3.48   |     |      |        |
| 23.8960  | 23.53   | 2.81   | 37.5895  | 34.98   | 2.71   |     |      |        |
| 29.8627  | 32.40   | 2.73   | 32.3882  | 32.39   | 2.55   |     |      |        |
| 24.7538  | 30.07   | 3.97   | Y(OBS)   | Y(CALC) | SIG(O) |     |      |        |
| 38.2019  | 38.98   | 3.16   | 7.4925   | 0.79    | 4.53   |     |      |        |
| 12.3763  | 10.92   | 4.34   | 56.0314  | 56.35   | 3.06   |     |      |        |
| 32.9532  | 33.42   | 2.80   | 43.3103  | 45.41   | 2.58   |     |      |        |
| 22.3144  | 22.52   | 2.87   | 36.0044  | 34.64   | 2.71   |     |      |        |
| 26.9374  | 26.95   | 2.61   | 31.3764  | 30.24   | 2.40   |     |      |        |
| 38.2435  | 38.31   | 2.65   | 9.2634   | 8.17    | 4.27   |     |      |        |
| 32.9205  | 34.06   | 2.51   | 82.8529  | 84.26   | 4.38   |     |      |        |
| 172.6884 | 165.89  | 8.35   | 20.4516  | 23.74   | 3.54   |     |      |        |
| 11.4391  | 8.95    | 3.29   | 8.4987   | 4.60    | 5.64   |     |      |        |
| 137.5939 | 142.78  | 6.76   | 8.8602   | 8.86    | 4.99   |     |      |        |
| 16.6319  | 16.10   | 2.98   | 56.2005  | 56.33   | 3.23   |     |      |        |
| 15.2058  | 15.02   | 3.43   | 55.0017  | 53.39   | 3.12   |     |      |        |
| 39.8018  | 38.33   | 3.14   | 16.0488  | 10.18   | 2.77   |     |      |        |
| 14.7844  | 19.43   | 4.42   | 22.0910  | 22.59   | 2.55   |     |      |        |
| 49.0281  | 48.81   | 3.06   | 14.0842  | 13.65   | 3.00   |     |      |        |
| 12.6587  | 13.17   | 3.27   | 26.6655  | 26.46   | 2.57   |     |      |        |
| 24.9058  | 25.70   | 2.23   | 37.7156  | 39.33   | 2.79   |     |      |        |
| 35.7545  | 38.38   | 2.67   | 15.0044  | 11.85   | 3.50   |     |      |        |
| 34.4097  | 35.63   | 2.80   |          |         |        |     |      |        |
| 41.6832  | 41.27   | 3.03   |          |         |        |     |      |        |
| 6.1153   | 6.49    | 7.31   |          |         |        |     |      |        |
| 45.8723  | 45.79   | 2.86   |          |         |        |     |      |        |
| 29.7953  | 25.40   | 5.32   |          |         |        |     |      |        |
| 5.2665   | 3.05    | 5.84   |          |         |        |     |      |        |
| 7.0567   | 3.39    | 4.21   |          |         |        |     |      |        |

Table 5. Ribbe (1978). Structure factors for K-235 microcline.

| Y(OBS)  | Y(CALC) | SIG(O) | Y(OBS)   | Y(CALC) | SIG(O) | Y(OBS) | Y(CALC) | SIG(O) |
|---------|---------|--------|----------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| 14.0380 | 12.61   | 4.04   | 13.4948  | 17.44   | 2.17   |        |         |        |
| 14.4758 | 16.10   | 4.40   | 27.9564  | 26.76   | 1.76   |        |         |        |
| 12.4062 | 12.73   | 4.51   | 58.0162  | 52.70   | 3.10   |        |         |        |
| 59.7272 | 60.80   | 3.48   | 34.8686  | 34.40   | 2.44   |        |         |        |
| 20.3709 | 20.62   | 2.93   | 43.1889  | 38.17   | 2.75   |        |         |        |
| 12.1536 | 13.26   | 3.85   | 33.2600  | 33.68   | 2.76   |        |         |        |
| 32.5205 | 34.16   | 2.82   | 30.4049  | 28.81   | 2.84   |        |         |        |
| 24.4672 | 24.55   | 2.99   | 18.5809  | 16.58   | 3.19   |        |         |        |
| 6.7841  | 12.52   | 8.86   | Y(OBS)   | Y(CALC) | SIG(O) |        |         |        |
| 24.5991 | 20.83   | 3.08   | 41.6255  | 43.27   | 2.77   |        |         |        |
| 21.0498 | 19.95   | 3.08   | 39.8054  | 39.08   | 2.54   |        |         |        |
| 22.7739 | 22.52   | 2.89   | 10.3589  | 12.06   | 3.29   |        |         |        |
| 43.0291 | 45.96   | 2.98   | 124.4005 | 123.40  | 6.04   |        |         |        |
| 20.6593 | 19.98   | 2.99   | 60.8845  | 56.55   | 3.13   |        |         |        |
| 12.2523 | 11.19   | 4.47   | 82.0183  | 76.43   | 4.12   |        |         |        |
| 14.0176 | 17.18   | 5.09   | 19.8588  | 18.30   | 2.15   |        |         |        |
| 39.6270 | 38.63   | 3.20   | 31.6014  | 30.97   | 2.42   |        |         |        |
| 28.6621 | 24.81   | 3.03   | 97.9524  | 99.13   | 4.97   |        |         |        |
| 18.4491 | 11.69   | 3.63   | 18.7055  | 18.42   | 2.96   |        |         |        |
| 37.4290 | 36.67   | 2.94   | 31.9314  | 30.36   | 2.86   |        |         |        |
| 26.2485 | 29.20   | 3.15   | 76.3071  | 78.78   | 4.13   |        |         |        |
| 12.0936 | 18.82   | 4.97   | 7.3259   | 9.67    | 5.84   |        |         |        |
| 5.9785  | 1.74    | 11.21  | 31.1320  | 31.44   | 2.44   |        |         |        |
| 15.6343 | 12.61   | 4.29   | 35.3113  | 35.19   | 2.41   |        |         |        |
| 39.8891 | 36.00   | 3.08   | 41.8206  | 44.65   | 2.52   |        |         |        |
| 26.6570 | 26.63   | 3.52   | 59.6608  | 60.50   | 3.19   |        |         |        |
| 41.2552 | 35.89   | 3.16   | 3.5171   | 2.53    | 9.15   |        |         |        |
| 9.5111  | 11.78   | 6.43   | 36.9998  | 34.58   | 2.54   |        |         |        |
| 49.5657 | 50.21   | 3.57   | 34.7477  | 33.22   | 2.70   |        |         |        |
| 47.6459 | 47.36   | 3.17   | 20.6058  | 20.75   | 3.35   |        |         |        |
| 47.6024 | 45.53   | 3.10   | 10.9617  | 10.67   | 5.32   |        |         |        |
| 54.1658 | 54.52   | 3.60   | 13.4830  | 15.66   | 4.34   |        |         |        |
| 13.5308 | 13.27   | 12.08  | 35.6967  | 36.42   | 2.76   |        |         |        |
| 11.5136 | 12.18   | 5.37   | 29.5379  | 29.18   | 2.52   |        |         |        |
| 16.9373 | 10.09   | 3.35   | 18.3328  | 19.77   | 2.59   |        |         |        |
| 60.0860 | 58.11   | 3.46   | 26.3770  | 24.73   | 2.30   |        |         |        |
| 10.7474 | 10.26   | 15.06  | 35.7027  | 18.37   | 2.46   |        |         |        |
| Y(OBS)  | Y(CALC) | SIG(O) | 10.9617  | 10.67   | 5.32   |        |         |        |
| 18.5316 | 20.92   | 3.56   | 13.4830  | 15.66   | 4.34   |        |         |        |
| 91.2738 | 91.80   | 4.76   | 35.6967  | 36.42   | 2.76   |        |         |        |
| 52.0176 | 53.90   | 3.18   | 29.5379  | 29.18   | 2.52   |        |         |        |
| 59.1049 | 58.08   | 3.37   | 18.3328  | 19.77   | 2.59   |        |         |        |
| 88.6725 | 92.34   | 4.71   | 26.3770  | 24.73   | 2.30   |        |         |        |
| 25.6411 | 25.79   | 2.89   | 35.7027  | 18.37   | 2.46   |        |         |        |
| 7.1087  | 0.67    | 7.45   | 12.8508  | 12.56   | 3.08   |        |         |        |
| 27.3666 | 26.16   | 2.95   | 58.0707  | 56.83   | 3.22   |        |         |        |
| 22.5140 | 20.63   | 2.81   | 58.5029  | 58.60   | 3.28   |        |         |        |
| 49.2334 | 50.43   | 3.04   | 18.3920  | 17.68   | 2.77   |        |         |        |
| 48.7543 | 50.08   | 3.06   | 5.2843   | 4.67    | 8.06   |        |         |        |
| 89.8312 | 87.72   | 4.53   | 24.6090  | 23.83   | 2.79   |        |         |        |
| 59.4780 | 54.52   | 3.21   | 7.4256   | 0.73    | 6.70   |        |         |        |
| 98.0708 | 92.80   | 4.90   | 24.0519  | 25.02   | 3.06   |        |         |        |
| 52.6293 | 54.45   | 3.17   | 28.7840  | 28.11   | 2.77   |        |         |        |
| 26.4843 | 27.15   | 2.64   | 12.2303  | 12.28   | 4.03   |        |         |        |
| 25.7424 | 23.76   | 2.82   | 12.0237  | 6.25    | 3.59   |        |         |        |
| 42.3349 | 40.69   | 3.03   | 27.2539  | 25.05   | 2.60   |        |         |        |
| 14.0464 | 12.84   | 3.79   | 106.7579 | 95.91   | 5.36   |        |         |        |
| 39.7549 | 40.30   | 2.77   | 65.8376  | 68.36   | 3.68   |        |         |        |
| 82.4536 | 84.68   | 4.21   | 13.9209  | 12.66   | 3.77   |        |         |        |
| 85.8136 | 83.33   | 4.29   | 14.0684  | 14.87   | 4.46   |        |         |        |
| 88.2610 | 88.84   | 4.47   | 13.0972  | 13.45   | 4.48   |        |         |        |
| 33.98   | 35.05   | 2.67   | 23.0465  | 21.62   | 3.03   |        |         |        |
| 15.     | 4.09    | 3.24   | 47.5782  | 48.40   | 3.05   |        |         |        |
| 38.     | 8.53    | 2.97   | 21.0596  | 19.71   | 3.02   |        |         |        |
| 30.     | 0.29    | 3.03   | 15.2367  | 6.81    | 3.58   |        |         |        |
| 35.61   | 33.69   | 2.75   | 24.7633  | 24.96   | 2.83   |        |         |        |
| 36.64   | 38.41   | 2.69   | 28.1038  | 22.42   | 2.78   |        |         |        |
| 74.3922 | 76.37   | 3.89   | 12.1761  | 10.20   | 4.65   |        |         |        |
| 51.0313 | 51.83   | 2.80   | 12.0788  | 5.65    | 4.16   |        |         |        |
| 16.3187 | 15.04   | 1.81   | 4.8057   | 9.69    | 12.21  |        |         |        |
| 11.6306 | 10.96   | 2.13   | 26.6123  | 27.40   | 3.12   |        |         |        |
| 52.7192 | 51.88   | 2.86   | Y(OBS)   | Y(CALC) | SIG(O) |        |         |        |
| 8.1191  | 5.46    | 3.45   | 29.6356  | 30.64   | 3.07   |        |         |        |
| 78.3063 | 77.35   | 4.06   | 17.0725  | 10.22   | 3.73   |        |         |        |
| 41.9070 | 42.34   | 2.79   | 28.3778  | 27.39   | 3.03   |        |         |        |
| 31.4465 | 32.34   | 2.83   | 41.4181  | 38.88   | 3.30   |        |         |        |
| 37.4783 | 36.82   | 2.91   | 18.3730  | 19.34   | 3.58   |        |         |        |
| 26.1269 | 28.93   | 4.34   | 2.7826   | 1.72    | 22.25  |        |         |        |
| 29.9677 | 28.92   | 3.83   | 33.4501  | 34.40   | 3.24   |        |         |        |
| 5.5665  | 2.56    | 9.14   | 25.9715  | 27.42   | 3.57   |        |         |        |
| 5.4016  | 5.98    | 8.36   | 40.8791  | 39.83   | 3.09   |        |         |        |
| 31.9260 | 32.03   | 2.67   | 35.5395  | 38.08   | 3.13   |        |         |        |
| 72.1239 | 73.47   | 3.82   | 49.5557  | 53.70   | 3.30   |        |         |        |
| 69.7669 | 72.03   | 3.65   | 47.9033  | 49.04   | 3.29   |        |         |        |
| 55.6978 | 55.93   | 2.89   |          |         |        |        |         |        |



