
Extinction Bend Contours in Electron Microscopy of Clay-Size Mica-Vermiculites*

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Abstract: Extinction bend contours, observed in Cs-treated mica-vermiculites by transmission electron microscopy, give information on the morphology and crystal orientation and continuity in individual particles of clay size. Interlayer Cs apparently stretches that part of the silicate sheet in closest proximity and when exchange by Cs is incomplete, warping of the particle occurs. Warping favors the appearance of bend contours in transmission electron microscopic images of the particles. These contours terminate at crystal boundaries within a particle. A specimen tilting stage is useful in bringing the contours into view and in "exploring" individual particles.

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