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Crystal Structure of Ferrous Phosphate, $Fe₃(PO₄)₂$

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The crystal structure of ferrous phosphate has been determined and refined by full-matrix least-squares procedures using automatic diffractometer data to a residual $R = 0.048$ ($R_w = 0.066$) with a data:parameter ratio of 15. The space group is *P2*₁/c with $a = 8.881$ (2) A, $b = 11.169$ (2) A, $c = 6.145$ (1) A, and $\beta = 99.36$ (3)^o. Fe₃(PO₄)₂ is a pure end member of the series represented by the mineral graftonite- $(Fe, Mn, Ca, Mg)_{1}(PO₄)_{2}$ -and is isotypic with it. Ferrous ions occupy three distinct coordination polyhedra; the variations in cation coordination among the compounds crystallizing in this structure type are discussed.

Introduction

 $(PO_4)_2$,¹ crystallizes in the space group $P_2/2$, Several compounds which are isotypic with graftonite have been reported in recent years differing slightly in the coordination polyhedra surrounding the three crystallographically unique cation sites. Table I lists each of these compounds along with their unit cell parameters and cation coordination numbers. We have prepared single crystals of an end member of the graftonite solid solution series-ferrous phosphate-and wish to present the results of our crystal structure refinement. The mineral graftonite, formulated as $(Fe_\cdot Mn,Ca_\cdot Mg)_3$ -

Experimental Section

Preparation and Crystal Growth. Ferric phosphate, FePO₄, was synthesized by the thermal decomposition and reaction of a stoichiometric mixture of reagent grade ferric oxide and ammonium dihydrogen phosphate at 1000° in air. Then, in a sealed evacuated quartz. tube, a stoichiometric mixture of ferric phosphate and iron metal was heated at 800" for 24 hr (the heat treatment repeated twice after regrinding) to produce ferrous phosphate.³

Attempts to heat ferrous phosphate to temperatures above *900"* in sealed evacuated quartz tubes resulted in the quartz being attacked. Therefore, crystals were grown by sintering in the following manner. $Fe₃(PO₄)₂$ was packed into a gold tube (5 mm in diameter, 40 mm long) which had been welded shut at one end. This open capsule was then sealed under vacuum in a quartz tube and heated for **3** days at 1025° . Crystals up to a few tenths of 1 mm in size could be picked out of the sintered mass.

X-Ray Diffraction Data. A powder diffraction pattern was taken of a sample of ground single crystals on a Norelco diffractometer equipped with a graphite monochromator at a scan speed of $\frac{1}{2}$ 2*0* / min using Cu Ka radiation. Table **I1** presents the results of a leastsquares refinement of these data indexed on the basis of a monoclinic unit cell.

A suitable crystal was ground to a sphere of radius 0.055 mm. Precession photographs revealed monoclinic symmetry with systematic absences confirming the space group *P2, /c.*

The lattice parameters were determined in a PICK I1 least-squares

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refinement program using 48 reflections within the angular range 35" $<$ 2 θ < 47°; the reflections were automatically centered on a Picker FACS-I four-circle diffractometer using Mo $K\alpha$, radiation. At 24° the lattice parameters are $a = 8.881$ (2) A, $b = 11.169$ (2) A, $c =$ 6.145 (1) A, and β = 99.36 (3)[°], where the figures in parentheses represent the standard deviations in the last reported figure. The calculated density, with $Z = 4$, is 3.948 g/cm³.

Diffraction intensities were measured using Zr-filtered Mo *I<a* radiation at a takeoff angle of 2.5° with the diffractometer operating in the θ -2 θ scan mode. Scans were made at $1^{\circ}/$ min over 1.5° with allowance for dispersion and with 40-sec background counts taken at both ends of the scan. Of the 2150 independent data investigated in the angular range $2\theta < 65^\circ$, 1766 were considered observable according to the criterion $|F_0| > 0.8\sigma_F$, where σ_F is defined as $0.02|F_0| +$ $[\tilde{C} + k^2B]^{1/2}/2|F_0|Lp$; the total scan count is *C*, *k* is the ratio of scanning time to the total background time, and *B* is the total background count. Three reflections were systematically monitored and no random variations in intensity greater than 3% were observed over the data collection period; the mean variation was very much smaller.

The intensity data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects and absorption corrections⁴ were applied for a spherical crystal with μ R = 0.43; the maximum absorption correction applied was 5.0% of $|F_{\mathbf{0}}|.$

positional parameters reported for graftonite' were used as the initial trial structure. Four cycles of least-squares refinement' of these positions using a $1/\sigma^2$ weighting scheme, zerovalent scattering factors for Fe, P and O,⁶ isotropic temperature factors, and corrections for secondary extinction and anomalous dispersion yielded a residual. $R = 0.092$ ($R_w = 0.121$). The anisotropic refinement, based on a data to parameter ratio of 15:l with 119 independently varied parameters, converged to a final $R = 0.048$ ($R_w = 0.066$) for the observed data. In the final refinement, the maximum extinction correction' was 3% of $|F_c|$ for the 102 reflection. Determination **and** Refinement **of** the Structure. The atomic

Table 111 presents the final anisotropic coordinates and anisotropic thermal parameters.

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Table I. Compounds with the Graftonite Structure^a

	a. A	b. A	c. A	β , deg	V. A ³	Cation CN	Ref	
$Fe2(PO4)$,	8.881(2)	11.169(2)	6.145(1)	99.36(3)	601	6:5:5		
Graftonite	8.91(1)	11.58(1)	6.239(8)	98.9(1)	636	7:5:5		
$Mn_3(PO_4)$,	8.80(1)	11.45(2)	6.25(5)	98.3(2)	623		е	
$CdZn,(POa)$,	9.032(4)	11.417(5)	5.952(6)	98.8(2)	607	7:4:5		
Cd , $Zn(PO_4)$,	9.056(8)	11.86(1)	6.190(9)	100.1(2)	655	7:5:5		
$Cd3(AsOa)$,	9.285(1)	11.936(1)	6.599(1)	98.45(2)	723	6:5:5		

^{*a*} Figures in parentheses are esd's in the last reported figures. ^{*b*} This work. ^{*c*} No structure determination made. ^{*d*} Reference 2. ^{*e*} J. S. Stephens, Ph.D. Thesis, McMaster University, 1967. ^{*f*} C. Calvo Z. Kristallogr., Kristallgeometrie, Kristallphys., Kristallchem., 132, 332 (1970).

Table II. X-Ray Powder Diffraction Pattern of Fe₃(PO₄)₂^{*a*} $(a = 8.876(2)$ A, $b = 11.162(3)$ A, $c = 6.143(2)$ A, $\beta = 99^{\circ}$ 21(2))

$h \, k \, l$	I	d_{obsd}	$d_{\rm{calcd}}$	$h \; k \; l$	1	$d_{\textbf{obsd}}$	$d_{\rm{calcd}}$
111	8	4.286	4.287	-421	4	2.0281	2.0268
021	4	4.095	4.106	151	24	2.0107	2.0120
210	6	4.070	4.076	250	4	1.9901	1.9889
-211	16	3.664	3.648	-332	9	1.9548	1.9548
130	100	3.419	3.424	302	8	1.9445	1.9501
-221	13	3.166	3.175	-251	24	1.9328	1.9328
-131	4	3.062	3.066	-213	21	1.9293	1.9304
002	11	3.039	3.031	-40 $\overline{2}$			1.9299
-102	47	3.018	3.020	-41 $\mathbf{2}$	3	1.9012	1.9018
012	12	2.942	2.925	341	8	1.8520	1.8526
300	11	2.936	2.919	-223	11	1.8492	1.8492
-112	49	2.915	2.915	123	4	1.8004	1.8005
3 ₁ $\mathbf{1}$	40	2.906	2.904	-152	9	1.7951	1.7952
221	74	2.839	2.843	-133	11	1.7901	1.7908
230	71	2.834	2.835	061	17	1.7784	1.7785
040	28	2.788	2.790	-161	2	1.7596	1.7594
-31 -1	54	2.726	2.730	500	6	1.7502	1.7515
-202	7	2.704	2.706	-51 1	4	1.7390	1.7393
-122	17	2.656	2.656	4 3 1	9	1.7335	1.7340
140			2.659	510	10	1.7305	1.7304
112	19	2.652	2.652	3 32	10	1.7278	1.7272
-321	7	2.5149	2.5135	-252	10	1.7229	1.7222
-141	5	2.4816	2.4803	-441	13	1.7166	1.7156
-222	8	2.4376	2.4353	$\overline{2}$ 13	19	1.7101	1.7103
3 1 1	19	2.4168	2.4185	20 5	\overline{c}	1.6720	1.6712
141	4	2.3901	2.3919	351	8	1.6587	1.6584
0 3 2	9	2.3480	2.3498	43 0	6	1.6385	1.6366
-302	14	2.2956	2.2975	12 4	7	1.6369	1.6341
330 -241		2.2596	2.2967 2.2615	252 -413	7 19	1.6089	1.6092
-331	12 6	2.2450	2.2450	62 $\overline{0}$		1.6050	1.6052 1.5855
132	3	2.1999	2.2012	530	4	1.5858	1.5847
400	4	2.1882	2.1894	70 1	13	1.5692	1.5688
4 1 0	6	2.1479	2.1485	21 5	2	1.5502	1.5506
222	5	2.1415	2.1436	-104	3	1.5349	1.5358
-322	3	2.1238	2.1245	0 04	12	1.5154	1.5154
-142	\overline{c}	2.0522	2.0495	361	12	1.4879	1.4876
420	$\overline{2}$	2.0382	2.0382				

 a Powder diffractometer data; Cu K α radiation.

Results and Discussion

Ferrous phosphate is isotypic with graftonite. The two isolated phosphate tetrahedra are fairly regular with average bond lengths of 1.534 Å (+0.007, -0.016 Å) for $P(1)$ and 1.535 Å $(+0.009, -0.016$ Å) for P(2) and an average bond angle of 109.3° $[+5.4, -4.8^{\circ}$ for $P(1)$; +3.1, -6.9° for $P(2)$]. Table IV lists the tetrahedral bond angles and distances. The standard deviations for all bond lengths and angles were computed by the function and error program ORFFE.⁸

Table V lists the bond distances and angles for the three distinct iron polyhedra. Fe(2) and Fe(3) are irregularly coordinated by five oxygen atoms while $Fe(1)$ has six nearest oxygen atoms in the shape of a highly distorted octahedron.

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Figure 1. Average Fe-O bond lengths and bond strength sums around Fe vs. the number of coordinating ligands.

Although there is no problem in defining the primary coordination spheres of $Fe(2)$ and $Fe(3)$, there is an ambiguity in whether to assign $O(7)$ at the fairly long distance of 2.682 Å to the primary coordination sphere of $Fe(1)$. The M(1) site in graftonite is seven-coordinated in the form of a pentagonal bipyramid.² The Fe(1) site in Fe₃(PO₄)₂ is generated by removing the seventh oxygen [an $O(3)$ at 2.69 Å in graftonite] from the pentagonal basal plane to a distance of 3.12 Å in $Fe_3(PO_4)_2$. The second longest M(1)-O bond in graftonite is to $O(7)$ at 2.58 Å which is the oxygen in question in $Fe_3(PO_4)$.

As a help in justifying our choice to include $O(7)$ in the coordination sphere of $Fe(1)$, we have calculated the individual bond strengths (in valence units) using the formula given by Brown and Shannon:⁹ $s = s_0 (R/R_0)^{-N}$, where s is the strength (in valence units) of a bond of length R , s_0 is the ideal strength of the bond of length R_0 , and N is a characteristic constant. Values for s_0 , R_0 , and N for divalent iron are taken from the empirically fit values of ref 9 as 0.333, 2.155, and 5.5, respectively. Figure 1 illustrates plots of average bond lengths and bond strength sums vs. the number of coordinating ligands for each of the three iron sites. The bond strengths sum plot should level off at $\Sigma s = z$ (the valence of the ion).⁹ A coordination number of 5 for $Fe(1)$ gives a bond strength sum of 1.84; going to coordination number 6 raises it to 1.95. Note that a coordination number of 5 for $Fe(2)$ and $Fe(3)$ gives bond strength sums of 1.98 and 1.97, respectively. Using six -coordination for $Fe(1)$ gives

Table **III.** Fractional Atomic Coordinates and Anisotropic Thermal Parameters^a

Atom	10^4x	10 ⁴ v	10^4 z	β_{11}	β_{22}	β_{33}	β_{12}	β_{13}	β_{23}
Fe(1)	9298(1)	1159(1)	8685 (1)	0.91(3)	0.43(3)	1.11(3)	$-0.13(2)$	$-0.23(2)$	0.03(2)
Fe(2)	7230(1)	810(1)	3307(1)	1.56(4)	1.75(4)	0.40(3)	0.86(3)	0.19(2)	0.11(2)
Fe(3)	3630(1)	1935(1)	1188(1)	0.56(3)	0.60(3)	0.57(3)	0.09(2)	0.01(2)	$-0.02(2)$
P(1)	942(1)	1360(1)	3911(2)	0.43(4)	0.26(4)	0.46(4)	$-0.03(3)$	0.01(3)	0.03(3)
P(2)	6046(1)	876(1)	8053(2)	0.46(4)	0.48(4)	0.32(4)	0.05(3)	0.07(3)	0.08(3)
O(1)	759(4)	633(3)	1750(6)	0.64(13)	0.83(13)	0.61(13)	0.13(10)	$-0.17(10)$	$-0.30(10)$
O(2)	4810(5)	1789(4)	8262(6)	0.96(14)	1.10(14)	0.54(13)	0.55(11)	0.28(10)	0.13(10)
O(3)	9472(4)	2075(4)	3940 (7)	0.43(12)	0.93(14)	1.13(14)	0.44(10)	0.17(10)	$-0.04(11)$
O(4)	6984 (4)	1259(4)	6275(6)	0.61(13)	1.17(14)	0.44(12)	$-0.01(10)$	0.29(10)	0.10(10)
O(5)	2274(5)	2225(4)	3752(6)	0.91(14)	1.09(14)	0.69(13)	$-0.40(11)$	0.32(11)	$-0.18(11)$
O(6)	7250(4)	866(4)	153(6)	0.46(12)	1.09(14)	0.78(13)	0.14(10)	$-0.04(10)$	0.04(11)
O(7)	1296(4)	616(3)	5999 (6)	0.72(13)	0.60(13)	0.79(13)	0.12(10)	$-0.17(11)$	0.16(10)
O(8)	5338(5)	$-382(3)$	7617 (7)	1.14(15)	0.45(13)	0.88(14)	0.05(11)	0.01(11)	0.03(10)

 $\text{``Numbers in parentheses are estimated standard deviations in the last significant figure.}$

Table **IV.** Bond Distances, Polyhedral Edge Lengths, and Bond Angles for the Phosphate Tetrahedra a^a

a Numbers in parentheses are estimated standard deviations in the last significant figure.

 $O(3)-P(1)-O(7)$ 109.5 (2) $O(4)-P(2)-O(8)$ 112.4 (2)
 $O(5)-P(1)-O(7)$ 109.9 (2) $O(6)-P(2)-O(8)$ 110.3 (2)

 $O(6)-P(2)-O(8)$

Figure 2. Projection of the $Fe_3(PO_4)_2$ structure onto the *bc* plane. The chains of edge-sharing Fe(3) polyhedra are outlined.

an average Fe^{2+} -oxygen distance of 2.23 Å as compared to an average distance of 2.13 and 2.10 Å for five-coordinated Fe(2) and Fe(3), respectively, and a calculated value of 2.1 *5* A for six-coordinated Fe²⁺ using Shannon and Prewitt's ionic radii.¹⁰ [It should be noted, however, that five-coordination about $Fe(1)$ gives an average bond distance of 2.14 A.] This assignment of coordination (6:5:5) results in

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Figure 3. View (onto the *bc* plane) of a chain of Fe(3) polyhedra. Thermal ellipsoids of vibration (98%) are shown.

each oxygen atom being bonded to one phosphorus and two iron atoms.

Figure 2 is a projection of a part of the structure of Fe₃- $(PO₄)₂$ onto the *bc* plane (centered about $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 0) and illustrates the chains of edge-sharing Fe(3) polyhedra which are a building block of both the ferrous phosphate and graftonite structures. These chains, linked through $O(2)$ and $O(5)$, lie parallel to the c axis and are further joined to isolated Fe-(2) polyhedra through O(8). [All of the crystallographic drawings were made using a local modification of the program $ORTEP¹¹$ Figure 3 is a similar view of the chain of edgesharing Fe(3) polyhedra including thermal ellipsoids of vibration (98%).

Figure 4 is a projection of another part of the structure onto the *ab* plane centered about $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 0 illustrating the $Fe(1)$ "dimers" which are centered about the crystallographic center of symmetry. These dimers share an edge formed by $O(1)$ and $O(1')$ and corner-link through the four other oxygen atoms attached to each $Fe(1)$ to four $Fe(2)$ atoms (only one Fe(2), linked through *O(3),* is shown in the figure). The Fe(3) chains run into the plane of the figure at the monoclinic angle. In graftonite, these dimeric $Fe(1)$ units are directly connected through a corner formed by an additional *Q(3)* atom (which gives each M(1) site seven-coordination); this results in a *net-* of Fe(1) polyhedra parallel to the *bc* plane.

A closer view of the Fe(1) dimer is given in Figure 5 which includes thermal ellipsoiids (98%). As in Figure 4, the *h* axis is vertical, but the *a* axis has been rotated \sim 35° into the plane of the drawing for greater clarity. The $Fe(1)$ - $Fe(1)$ distance is 3.195 A which, although not unusually short, is substantially less than the 3.51 Å observed in graftonite (the next shortest iron-iron distance in $Fe_3(PO_4)_2$ is $Fe(3)-Fe(3)$ at 3.32 **a** which is comparable to 3.40 in graftonite).

As Calvo and Stephens have pointed out,¹² the graftonite

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Table V. Bond Distances, Polyhedral Edge Lengths, and Bond Angles for the Iron Polyhedra^a

^{*a*} Numbers in parentheses are estimated standard deviations in the last significant figure. ^{*b*} Octahedral edges only.

Figure 4. Projection of the Fe,(PO,), structure onto the *ab* plane.

structure is unusual in its ability, through small changes in atomic positions, to vary the cation coordination numbers while maintaining the basic structure type. Reference to (13) G. Engel and W. Klee, Z. Kristallogr., Kristallgeometrie,
Table I illustrates the variety of cation coordination num-
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Figure **5.** View of the Fe(1) dimer including thermal ellipsoids of vibration (98%). The *b* axis **is** vertical (as in Figure 4), but the *u* axis is rotated \sim 35° into the plane of the drawing for clarity.

bers found among these compounds. While the coordination number of the **M(3)** position remains at 5, the shift from five- to four-coordination for the **M(2)** site in going from $\text{Cd}_2\text{Zn}(\text{PO}_4)_2$ to $\text{CdZn}_2(\text{PO}_4)_2$ is certainly a size effect.¹² Seven-coordination about the $M(1)$ site in graftonite has been shown² to be associated with the preference of the large Ca²⁺ ion for this site. This seven-coordination persists for the similar Cd²⁺ ion in Cd₂Zn(PO₄)₂ and CdZn₂(PO₄)₂.¹² However, in $Cd_3(AsO_4)_2$ the M(1) site is six-coordinated.¹³

Perhaps this is due to the larger $\text{AsO}_4{}^{3-}$ ion relative to PC note the substantial increase in cell volume (Table I). Obviously, it is the smaller ferrous ion $(r = 0.75 \text{ Å})$ that allows the collapse of the seven-coordinated $M(1)$ site in graftonite to six-coordination in $Fe_3(PO_4)_2$. The additional stability gained by a possible $Fe(1)$ -Fe(1) interaction (indicated by the shorter bond distance) may also contribute to the iower coordination. [Our Mossbauer measurements of $Fe_3(PO_4)_2$ at 77°K do not show the presence of magnetic order.] It would be of interest to complete a detailed structural analysis of $Mn_3(PO_4)_2$ in order to elaborate upon this analysis.

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Structural Studies of $(\pi$ -C₅H₅)₂MX₂ Complexes and Their Derivatives. Structure of $(1,1'$ -Trimethylene- π -dicyclopentadienyl)hafnium Dichloride

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(1 **,l'-Trimethylene-n-dicyc1opentadiene)hafnium** dichloride, (CH,), (C, HfCl,, is orthorhombic, space group *Pbca,* and isomorphous with the corresponding zirconium compound. The unit cell dimensions are $a = 8.177$ (3) \overline{A} , $b = 13.916$ (4) A, and $c = 22.425$ (9) A, with $Z = 8$. The structure was determined from three-dimensional X-ray data (1797 independent reflections), obtained by means of an automated four-circle diffractometer, and refined anisotropically to an *R* of 0.029. The coordination about the hafnium atom **is** that of a distorted tetrahedron comprised of the chlorine atoms and the centroids of the n-cyclopentadienyl rings. The GI-EIf-CI bond angle is 95.87 *(8)"* and the centroid-Hf-centroid angle 129.5". The Hf-C1 bond distances are 2.417 (3) and 2.429 (2) A. These are slightly smaller than the corresponding bond distances in the zirconium complex and are in agreement with the sum of the Pauling radii. Distances from the hafnium atom to the ring centroids are 2.170 and 2.181 A and the range of Hf-C distances is 2.459-2.501 **A.** The carbon-carbon bond distances within the cyclopentadiene rings average 1.404 A and range from 1.368 (17) to 1.438 (12) A. These parameters not only establish the pentahapto nature of the metal-ring bonding but indicate that when the thermal motion of the rings **is** reduced by the constraints of the exocyclic bridge. the C-€ bond lengths have a narrower range and calculate closer to the expected value of 1.41 A.

Introduction

This study is a continuation of our research into the chemistry and stereochemistry of dicyclopentadienyl compounds of the group IVb transition elements. The study of the title substance was prompted by the following considerations.

and Bernal⁴ have shown that the C-C bond lengths of the π cyclopentadiene rings vary according to the degree of librational motion about the metal-ring centroid vector. In order to document this observation with additional data, we have undertaken a study of the series of compounds with formulas $(\pi$ -C₅H₅)₂MCl₂ and $(\text{CH}_2)_{3}(\pi$ -C₅H₄)₂MCl₂, where $M = Ti$, Zr , Hf . The object of the comparison is to demonstrate that in the latter series of compounds, where thermal motion is severly hindered by the aliphatic chain linking the π -C₅H₄ moieties, the C-C distances are more uniform. Inas-(a) Previous studies by Davis and Bernal^{2,3} and by Epstein

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much as there are no further changes in the two series, the conclusion that thermal motion is responsible for the large variations in C-C distances in the unbridged series would be unassailable, ir experimentally substantiated by the structural results. The structure of $(CH_2)_3(\pi\text{-}C_5H_4)_2$ TiCl₂ has already been determined by $X-ray²$ and by neutron diffraction^{4b} methods. The structure of $(\pi-C_5H_5)_2$ TiCl₂ has been reported; 5 however, the refinement was apparently not carried to completion. We are currently redoing the X-ray structural analysis on an untwinned crystal of that substance.⁶

(b) Accurate studies of series of compounds like the group IVb cyclopentadienes and of homologous series of substances with larger and larger numbers of electrons in the d shells will be useful in deciding whether the so-called Ballhausen-Dahl⁷ theory, the Alcock theory, 8 or some compromise between the two is the correct interpretation of the bonding in organometallics of the type $(\pi$ -C₅H₅)₂MX₂.

(c) Finally, we were interested in establishing the effect of purity on the structural determination of hafnium com-

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