

ζ - $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$, a Second Form of Pentavalent Molybdenum Sodium Phosphate

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A second form of sodium molybdenum (V) phosphate ζ - $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ has been synthesized. It crystallizes in the system $P2_1/c$, $a = 6.3682(5)$ Å, $b = 22.2546(11)$ Å, $c = 8.6172(8)$ Å, $\beta = 126.139(7)^\circ$. The determination of the structure was performed from a single crystal. The ζ - $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ phase represents the sixth original structure of the $\text{AMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ series. $[\text{Mo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}]_\infty$ frameworks exhibit similar MoO_6 octahedra characterized by a short Mo–O distance, signature of Mo(V), and similar $[\text{MoP}_2\text{O}_{11}]$ units formed of one P_2O_7 group sharing two of its corners with the same MoO_6 octahedron. Like in the β , γ , and ε forms one can recognize in ζ - $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ $[\text{MoP}_2\text{O}_{10}]_\infty$ chains built up from corner-sharing $[\text{MoP}_2\text{O}_{11}]$ units. Another interesting feature concerns the existence of $[\text{MoPO}_8]_\infty$ chains in which one tetrahedron alternates with one octahedron, often observed in other molybdenum phosphates. A comparison is made with the α - MoPO_3 structure. © 1990 Academic Press, Inc.

Introduction

Among the great number of molybdenum phosphates which were synthesized these last years, those involving pentavalent molybdenum represent an interesting family. Until 1983, Mo(V) could be considered an unusual valency for molybdenum in oxides and especially in phosphates since only two molybdenum phosphates were known, MoPO_5 (1) and $\text{Mo}_2\text{P}_4\text{O}_{15}$ (2). Since that time five new Mo(V) phosphates have been synthesized and their structure has been determined from single crystals (3–9). Moreover they all exhibit the same formulation $\text{AMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$, but each of them is characterized by a fundamentally different

$[\text{Mo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}]_\infty$ framework depending on the nature of the A univalent cation. This great flexibility of the $[\text{Mo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}]_\infty$ framework may be related to the particular electronic configuration of Mo(V), which forms an abnormally short Mo–O bond and makes each Mo^{VO}_6 octahedron always exhibit one free apex, i.e., which is connected neither to a PO_4 tetrahedron nor to another MoO_6 octahedron. This suggests that various mixed frameworks involving Mo(V), built up from MoO_6 and PO_4 tetrahedra, might be synthesized and that polymorphism can be expected, according to the experimental conditions. During the synthesis of the oxide ε - $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ (10), single crystals of this compound were isolated but a pure phase could never be obtained, another phase being preferentially formed, which could be

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prepared as a single phase material by increasing temperature. We report here on this latter phase ζ - $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ which corresponds to a second form of the sodium phosphate.

Synthesis

The synthesis of single crystals of the molybdenum phosphate $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ was performed in two steps. First, $\text{H}(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{PO}_4$, Na_2CO_3 , and MoO_3 were mixed in an agate mortar in the appropriate molecular ratio to obtain the composition " $\text{NaMo}_{1.666}\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$." The mixture was heated at 600 K in air in order to decompose the carbonate and the ammonium phosphate. The resulting product was then added to the required amount of molybdenum and placed in an evacuated silica ampoule. This mixture was heated for 5 days at 1073 K.

As previously pointed out (10), under these experimental conditions a pure phase could not be obtained. However, two sorts of single crystals were isolated which were

shown to both have the same formula $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$. Their composition was determined both by chemical analysis and from structure determination.

Contrary to the ε - $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ form which could not be isolated as a pure phase in the form of bulk samples, the quantitative synthesis of the ζ - $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ form was performed in two steps. The first step was identical to that described above for the single crystal synthesis, whereas in the second step the silica ampoule was heated up to 1173 K for 3 days. The powder X-ray diffraction pattern of this phase was indexed in a monoclinic cell (Table I) in agreement with the parameters obtained from the single crystal study.

Structure Determination

A yellowish crystal with dimensions $0.120 \times 0.096 \times 0.060$ mm was selected for the structure determination. The cell parameters reported in Table II were determined and refined by diffractometric techniques at 294 K with a least-squares refinement based upon 25 reflections with $18 < \theta < 22^\circ$.

The data were collected on a CAD-4 Enraf-Nonius diffractometer with the data collection parameters reported in Table II. The reflections were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects; no absorption corrections were performed.

Atomic coordinates of the molybdenum atom were deduced from the Patterson function and the other atoms were located by subsequent Fourier series. Refinement of the atomic coordinates and their anisotropic thermal parameters led to $R = 0.062$ and $R_w = 0.077$ and to atomic parameters of Table III.²

² Lists of structure factors and anisotropic thermal motion parameters are available on request to the authors.

TABLE I
 ζ - $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$: INTERETICULAR DISTANCES

<i>h</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>d</i> _{obsd}	<i>d</i> _{calcd}	<i>I</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>d</i> _{obsd}	<i>d</i> _{calcd}	<i>I</i>
0 2 1	5.909	5.900	54	1 7 0	2.706	2.704	6				
1 0 0	5.133	5.143	37	-2 4 1	2.690	2.689	6				
0 3 1	5.075	5.075	49	-1 8 1	2.542	2.542	4.5				
0 4 1	4.354	4.356	74	2 2 0	2.505	2.505	7				
1 3 0	4.231	4.226	18	1 8 0	2.449	2.447	12				
-1 4 1	4.164	4.159	29	0 2 3	2.270	2.271	12				
0 5 1	3.754	3.750	65	2 5 0	2.226	2.227	9				
-1 3 2	3.711	3.710	83	0 10 1	2.119	2.220	22.5				
0 6 0		3.709									
0 2 2	3.321	3.321	100	-3 2 3	2.053	2.052	9				
				1 5 2		2.055					
0 6 1	3.273	3.273	12	-1 2 4	2.024	2.023	13				
-2 0 2	3.131	3.131	22	-2 4 4	1.998	1.999	13.5				
-2 1 1	3.039	3.043	7	-3 1 4	1.900	1.899	7				
1 6 0	3.011	3.008	33	0 7 3	1.874	1.874	13				
0 4 2	2.951	2.950	13	2 6 1	1.794	1.795	13.5				
0 7 1	2.891	2.892	13	-1 12 1	1.779	1.778	7				
				1 8 2		1.780					
-1 7 1	2.834	2.835	4.5	-3 7 3	1.746	1.745	6				
-1 6 2	2.805	2.804	6	1 2 3	1.740	1.739	5				
0 8 0	2.779	2.782	65	0 1 4	1.736	1.734	4.5				

TABLE II
SUMMARY OF CRYSTAL DATA, INTENSITY
MEASUREMENTS, AND STRUCTURE REFINEMENT
PARAMETERS FOR ζ - $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$

1. Crystal data	
Space group	$P2_1/c$
Cell dimensions	$a = 6.3682(5) \text{ \AA}$ $b = 22.2546(11) \text{ \AA}$ $\beta = 126.139(7)^\circ$ $c = 8.6172(8) \text{ \AA}$
Volume	$V = 986(6) \text{ \AA}^3$
Z	4
2. Intensity measurement	
λ (MoK α)	0.71073 \AA
Scan mode	$\omega - 4/3\theta$
Scan width ($^\circ$)	$0.85 + 0.35 \tan \theta$
Slit aperture (mm)	$1. + \tan \theta$
Max θ ($^\circ$)	43°
Standard reflections	3 measured every 4000 sec (no decay)
Reflections with $I > 2.5\sigma$	2693
μ (mm^{-1})	3.078
3. Structure solution and refinement	
Parameters refined	172
Agreement factors	$R = 0.062$, $R_w = 0.077$
Weighting scheme	$W = f(\sin \theta/\lambda)$
$\Delta/\sigma_{\text{max}}$	0.01

Description of the Structure and Discussion

The projection of the structure of this new molybdenum phosphate onto the (100) plane shows that the host lattice of ζ - $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ is built up from corner-sharing MoO_6 octahedra, single PO_4 tetrahedra, and diphosphate P_2O_7 groups, like the $[\text{Mo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}]_\infty$ frameworks of the five other $\text{AMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ phosphates.

The geometry of the PO_4 tetrahedra is similar to that commonly observed in other phosphates. The P–O distances in the monophosphate groups are almost equal, whereas the diphosphate groups which exhibit an almost eclipsed configuration are characterized by one long P–O bond corresponding to the bridging oxygen and three shorter P–O distances (Table IV).

The geometry of the MoO_6 octahedra is characteristic of Mo(V) as observed in all

TABLE III
POSITIONAL PARAMETERS AND THEIR ESTIMATED
STANDARD DEVIATIONS

Atom	x	y	z	$B(\text{ \AA}^2)$
Mo(1)	0.2559(1)	0.20833(4)	0.04173(9)	0.329(9)
Mo(2)	0.5520(1)	0.43650(4)	0.2793(1)	0.368(9)
P(1)	0.6439(4)	0.2964(1)	0.4170(3)	0.40(3)
P(2)	0.5319(4)	0.5827(1)	0.1516(3)	0.40(3)
P(3)	0.0208(4)	0.5995(1)	-0.2024(3)	0.44(3)
Na	0.9661(9)	0.1306(3)	0.3016(7)	1.5(1)
O(1)	0.189(2)	0.2764(4)	-0.057(1)	1.0(1)
O(2)	0.578(1)	0.1876(4)	0.0600(9)	0.7(1)
O(3)	-0.060(1)	0.2076(5)	0.046(1)	1.0(1)
O(4)	0.059(1)	0.1608(4)	-0.2047(9)	0.8(1)
O(5)	0.510(1)	0.2376(3)	0.314(1)	0.8(1)
O(6)	0.309(1)	0.1243(4)	0.180(1)	1.0(1)
O(7)	0.716(2)	0.4408(5)	0.519(1)	1.4(2)
O(8)	0.482(1)	0.5225(4)	0.209(1)	1.1(1)
O(9)	0.553(1)	0.3475(3)	0.2691(9)	0.8(1)
O(10)	0.186(1)	0.4327(4)	0.200(1)	1.0(1)
O(11)	0.868(1)	0.4418(4)	0.2770(9)	0.7(1)
O(12)	0.366(1)	0.4229(4)	-0.0332(8)	0.7(1)
O(13)	0.247(1)	0.6130(4)	0.0188(9)	0.7(1)

TABLE IV
DISTANCES (\AA) AND ANGLES ($^\circ$) IN THE PO_4
TETRAHEDRA P(1) CORRESPONDS TO THE
MONOPHOSPHATE GROUP AND P(2) AND P(3) TO THE
DIPHOSPHATE GROUP

P(1)	O(2 ⁱ)	O(3 ⁱⁱ)	O(5)	O(9)
O(2 ⁱ)	1.56(1)	2.42(1)	2.53(1)	2.54(1)
O(3 ⁱⁱ)	103.4(4)	1.526(6)	2.557(9)	2.517(9)
O(5)	109.7(5)	113.7(5)	1.528(7)	2.51(1)
O(9)	109.8(5)	110.2(5)	109.9(4)	1.544(8)
P(2)	O(6 ⁱⁱⁱ)	O(8)	O(12 ^{iv})	O(13)
O(6 ⁱⁱⁱ)	1.500(8)	2.51(1)	2.50(1)	2.477(8)
O(8)	112.4(5)	1.525(9)	2.54(1)	2.47(1)
O(12 ^{iv})	112.9(5)	113.9(5)	1.506(9)	2.53(1)
O(13)	105.3(4)	103.5(4)	108.0(4)	1.616(7)
P(3)	O(4 ^v)	O(10 ^{vi})	O(11 ^{iv})	O(13)
O(4 ^v)	1.510(8)	2.54(1)	2.55(1)	2.457(9)
O(10 ^{vi})	114.3(5)	1.51(1)	2.48(1)	2.460(9)
O(11 ^{iv})	114.8(5)	110.2(5)	1.52(1)	2.51(1)
O(13)	104.3(4)	104.7(5)	107.6(4)	1.599(6)

Note. Symmetry codes. (i): $x, 1/2 - y, 1/2 + z$. (ii): $1 + x, 1/2 - y, 1/2 + z$. (iii): $1 - x, 1/2 + y, 1/2 - z$. (iv): $1 - x, 1 - y, -z$. (v): $-x, 1/2 + y, -1/2 - z$. (vi): $-x, 1 - y - z$. (vii): $1 + x, y, z$. (viii): $x, 1/2 - y, z - 1/2$. (ix): $1 - x, y - 1/2, 1/2 - z$.

TABLE V
DISTANCES (Å) AND ANGLES (°) IN THE MoO₆ OCTAHEDRA

Mo(1)	O(1)	O(2)	O(3)	O(4)	O(5)	O(6)
O(1)	1.666(8)	2.85(1)	2.70(1)	2.77(1)	2.726(9)	3.79(1)
O(2)	100.9(4)	2.013(9)	4.01(1)	2.752(9)	2.71(1)	2.84(1)
O(3)	93.5(5)	165.6(4)	2.032(9)	2.87(1)	3.009(9)	2.66(1)
O(4)	97.2(3)	86.2(3)	90.5(4)	2.015(7)	4.00(1)	2.82(1)
O(5)	95.1(3)	84.4(3)	96.1(4)	165.7(3)	2.015(6)	2.75(1)
O(6)	172.3(5)	86.4(4)	79.4(4)	85.7(3)	83.1(3)	2.136(9)
Mo(2)	O(7)	O(8)	O(9)	O(10)	O(11)	O(12)
O(7)	1.678(8)	2.82(1)	2.72(1)	2.834(9)	2.77(2)	3.90(1)
O(8)	100.8(4)	1.977(8)	3.92(1)	2.72(1)	2.81(1)	2.83(1)
O(9)	95.5(4)	163.5(3)	1.983(8)	2.79(1)	2.88(1)	2.71(1)
O(10)	100.0(4)	85.9(4)	88.6(4)	2.010(8)	4.00(1)	2.85(1)
O(11)	96.2(4)	89.3(4)	91.7(4)	163.7(3)	2.027(9)	2.734(7)
O(12)	173.6(4)	84.1(3)	79.9(3)	84.3(3)	79.7(3)	2.232(7)

Note. The M–O distance are on the diagonal; above it are the O . . . O distances and below it are the O–M–O angles.

the other Mo(V) phosphates (1–10). One observes (Table V) one very short Mo–O bond (1.666–1.678 Å) and one abnormally long Mo–O distance (2.136–2.232 Å) whereas the four other Mo–O distances are normal (1.977–2.032 Å). It is worth pointing out that in all these Mo(V) phosphates, the

Mo^VO₆ octahedron shares only five corners with other polyhedra of the host lattice, whereas the free one corresponds to the abnormally short Mo–O distance. This particular feature of Mo(V) which imposes one oxygen atom to be “free” with respect to the PO₄ tetrahedra allows a great flexibility

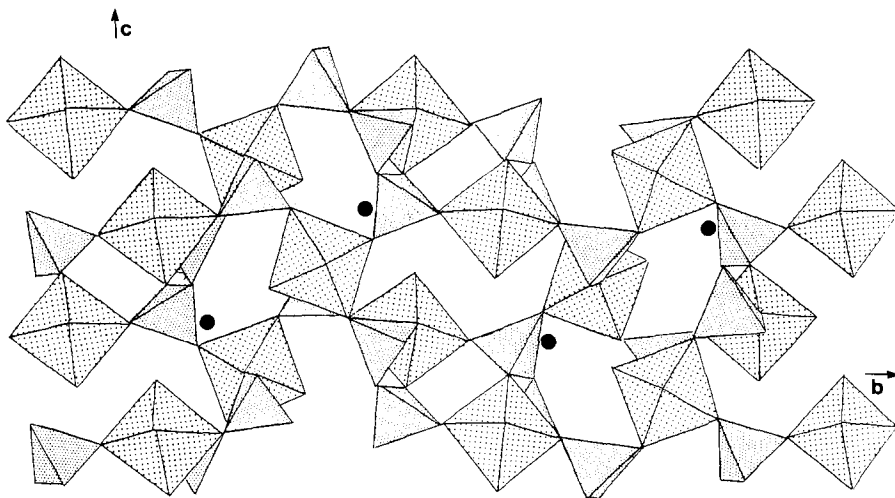


FIG. 1. Projection of ζ -NaMo₂P₃O₁₃ onto *bc* plane.

of the structure and is certainly at the origin of the various $[\text{Mo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}]_\infty$ frameworks observed. Although they are different from each other, the $[\text{Mo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}]_\infty$ frameworks have a common feature which is reflected in the existence of $\text{MoP}_2\text{O}_{11}$ units built up from one P_2O_7 group sharing two of its corners with the same MoO_6 octahedron (Fig. 2; see also Fig. 1). In ζ - $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ these $\text{MoP}_2\text{O}_{11}$ units share their corners along a exactly in the same way as in β (4, 5)-, γ (6)-, and ε - $[\text{Mo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}]_\infty$ frameworks forming infinite $[\text{MoP}_2\text{O}_{10}]_\infty$ chains (Fig. 3A). Two single $[\text{MoP}_2\text{O}_{10}]_\infty$ chains share the corners of their polyhedra in such a way that one tetrahedron of one chain is linked to one MoO_6 octahedron of the other chain. It results in double infinite ribbons $[\text{Mo}_2\text{P}_4\text{O}_{18}]_\infty$ running along a (Fig. 3B) which are similar to those observed for γ - $\text{CsMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ (6) and ε - $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ (10).

Another interesting feature concerns the existence of infinite $[\text{MoPO}_8]_\infty$ chains running along a (Fig. 4A) in which one single PO_4 tetrahedron alternates with one MoO_6 octahedron. Such infinite chains are often encountered in molybdenum phosphates and especially in the β -, γ -, and ε - $[\text{Mo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}]_\infty$ frameworks. But contrary to the latter $A\text{Mo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ oxides, one does not observe double ribbons $[\text{Mo}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_{14}]_\infty$ formed of two single $[\text{MoPO}_8]_\infty$ chains sharing the corners of their polyhedra (Fig. 4B). In the (010) plane those $[\text{MoPO}_8]_\infty$ chains share only some of the corners of their polyhedra-forming $[\text{MoPO}_7]_\infty$ layers (Fig.

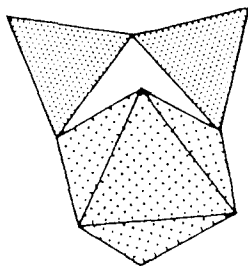


FIG. 2. $\text{MoP}_2\text{O}_{11}$ units.

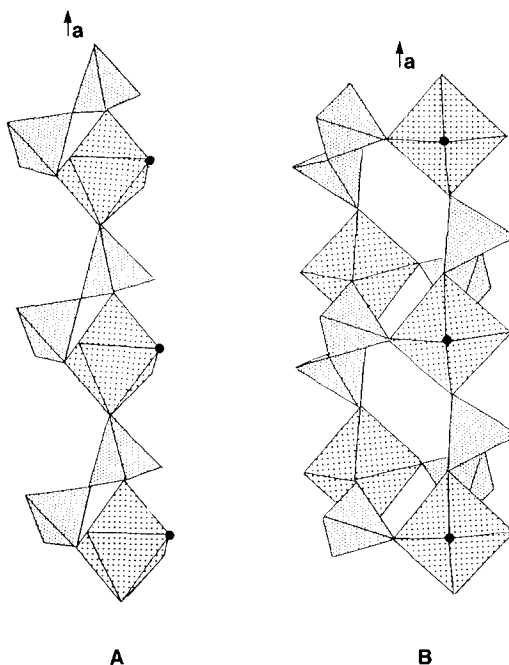


FIG. 3. (a) $[\text{MoP}_2\text{O}_{10}]_\infty$ chains running along a . (b) $[\text{Mo}_2\text{P}_4\text{O}_{18}]_\infty$ ribbons running along a .

4C) which exhibit some similarity with the layers observed for MoPO_5 (Fig. 4D). In both layers only one type of polyhedra in each chain is connected to the next chain. However, the nature of those polyhedra differs in the two structures; the MoO_6 octahedra of one chain share their corners with the PO_4 tetrahedra of the next $[\text{MoPO}_8]_\infty$ chain in ζ - $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ (Fig. 4C), whereas two successive $[\text{MoPO}_8]_\infty$ chains share always the corners of their MoO_6 octahedra in α - MoPO_5 (Fig. 4D)-forming octahedral $[\text{MoO}_3]_\infty$ perovskite-type chains. Thus the $[\text{MoPO}_7]_\infty$ layer of α - MoPO_5 can be deduced from that of ζ - $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ by a translation of one $[\text{MoPO}_8]_\infty$ chain out of two along a , i.e., along the chain of about $a/2$. MoPO_5 also differs from ζ - $\text{NaMo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}$ in that its $[\text{MoPO}_5]_\infty$ framework is only built up from $[\text{MoPO}_7]_\infty$ layers sharing the corners of their polyhedra, whereas the ζ - $[\text{Mo}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{13}]_\infty$ framework results from the as-

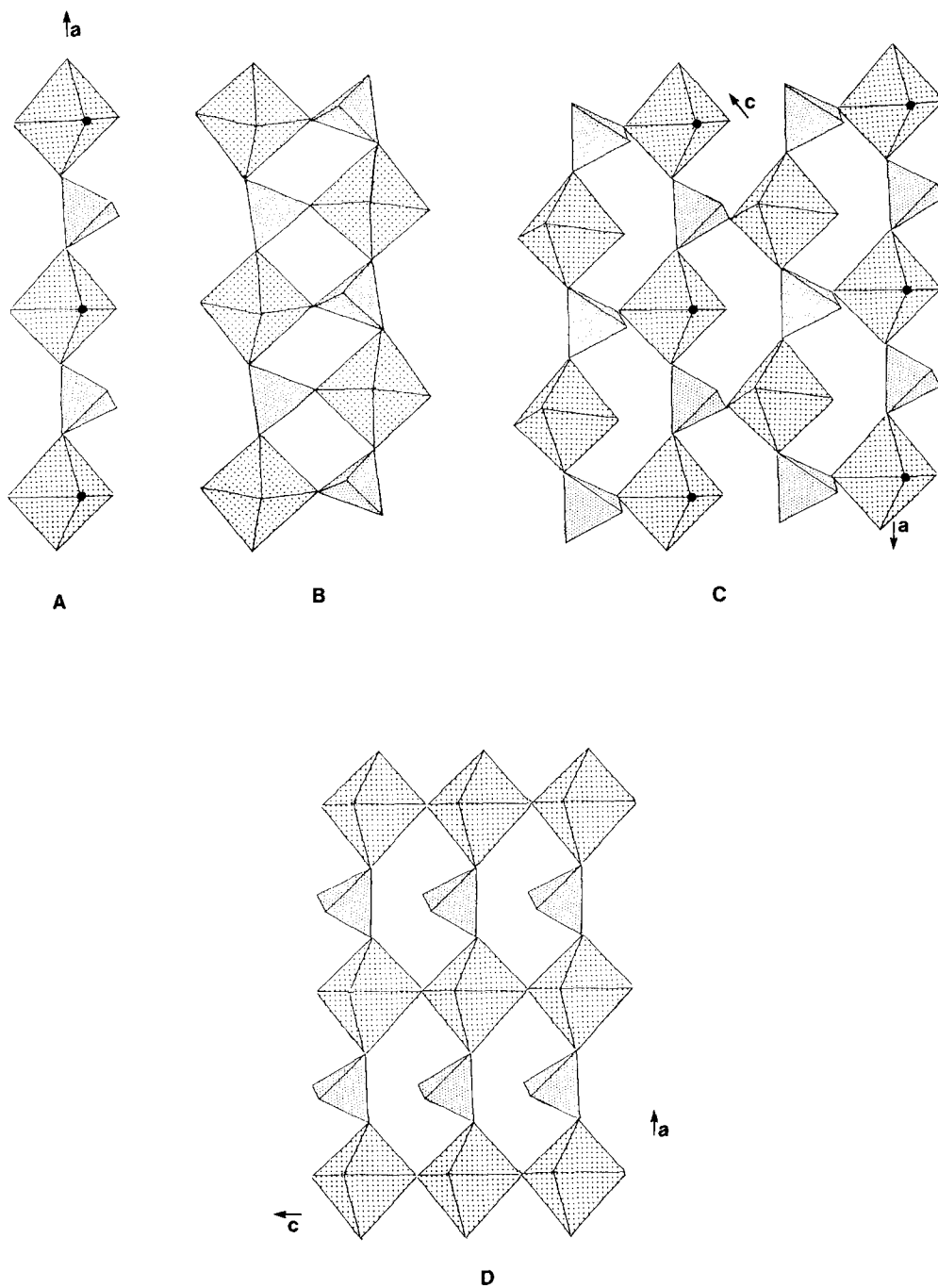


FIG. 4. (a) $[\text{MoPO}_8]_\infty$ chains running along *a*. (b) $[\text{Mo}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_{14}]_\infty$ ribbons. (c) $[\text{MoP}_2\text{O}_7]_\infty$ layers perpendicular to *b* axis. (d) $[\text{MoP}_4\text{O}_7]_\infty$ layers in $\alpha\text{-MoPO}_5$.

TABLE VI
SURROUNDING OF Na⁺ WITH
Na–O < 3.20 Å

Na–O(12 ⁱⁱⁱ)	2.376(9) Å
Na–O(1 ⁱⁱ)	2.395(9) Å
Na–O(2)	2.447(8) Å
Na–O(7 ^{viii})	2.54(1) Å
Na–O(13 ^{ix})	2.62(1) Å
Na–O(3 ^{vii})	2.72(1) Å
Na–O(6 ^{vii})	2.93(1) Å
Na–O(10 ⁱⁱ)	3.18(1) Å

Note. Symmetry codes are given in the footnote to Table IV.

semblage along *b* of [MoPO₇]_∞ layers with [Mo₂P₄O₁₈]_∞ ribbons (Fig. 1).

The ζ -[Mo₂P₃O₁₃]_∞ lost lattice delimits large cavities which are completely occupied by the sodium cations. The Na–O distances, ranging from 2.376 to 3.18 Å (Table VI), are in agreement with the sum of ionic radii. The rather great size of the windows which border these cavities leads us to consider possible ionic conduction properties of this structure. Nevertheless the smaller *B* factor of Na⁺ (1.5 Å²) compared to that of the ϵ -form (4.5 Å²) suggests a much smaller mobility of Na⁺.

Appendix

Table of Refined Displacement Parameter Expressions—Betas

Name	β_{11}	β_{22}	β_{33}	β_{12}	β_{13}	β_{23}
Mo(1)	0.00242(9)	0.00022(1)	0.00132(5)	–0.00009(7)	0.0018(1)	–0.00008(5)
Mo(2)	0.0040(1)	0.00016(1)	0.00227(6)	–0.00006(7)	0.0042(1)	0.00011(5)
P(1)	0.0035(4)	0.00021(3)	0.0020(2)	–0.0002(2)	0.0029(4)	0.0000(2)
P(2)	0.0046(4)	0.00018(3)	0.0020(2)	0.0003(2)	0.0036(4)	0.0003(2)
P(3)	0.0028(4)	0.00032(3)	0.0023(2)	0.0003(2)	0.0036(4)	0.0001(2)
Na	0.009(1)	0.0010(1)	0.0059(6)	0.0010(6)	0.004(1)	0.0004(5)
O(1)	0.015(2)	0.0003(1)	0.0006(7)	0.0003(8)	0.001(2)	–0.0000(5)
O(2)	0.007(1)	0.0004(1)	0.0041(7)	0.0011(6)	0.009(1)	0.0012(5)
O(3)	0.002(1)	0.0009(1)	0.0042(7)	–0.0010(8)	0.003(1)	–0.0005(7)
O(4)	0.009(1)	0.0005(1)	0.0031(7)	–0.0014(7)	0.006(1)	–0.0013(5)
O(5)	0.010(2)	0.00016(9)	0.0015(7)	–0.0004(7)	0.000(2)	–0.0003(5)
O(6)	0.010(2)	0.0005(1)	0.0023(8)	–0.0005(8)	0.002(2)	0.0006(5)
O(7)	0.013(2)	0.0008(2)	0.0029(8)	0.0015(9)	0.005(2)	0.0002(7)
O(8)	0.012(1)	0.00014(9)	0.010(1)	0.0001(6)	0.015(2)	0.0003(5)
O(9)	0.015(1)	0.00027(9)	0.0028(6)	0.0012(7)	0.010(1)	0.0010(5)
O(10)	0.007(1)	0.0006(1)	0.0073(8)	–0.0002(7)	0.0011(1)	0.0003(6)
O(11)	0.004(1)	0.0005(1)	0.0045(7)	–0.0003(6)	0.005(1)	–0.0004(5)
O(12)	0.006(1)	0.0006(1)	0.0020(6)	–0.0003(6)	0.006(1)	–0.0004(5)
O(13)	0.006(1)	0.0005(1)	0.0020(7)	0.0021(7)	0.002(1)	0.0004(5)

Note. The form of the anisotropic displacement is $\exp[-(\beta_{11}h^2 + \beta_{22}k^2 + \beta_{33}l^2 + \beta_{12}hk + \beta_{13}hl + \beta_{23}kl)]$.

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