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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The first comprehensive study of the phase behaviour of the orthophosphates of ${\rm Zn}^{++}$, ${\rm Cd}^{++}$ or ${\rm Mn}^{++}$ was that of Hummel and his coworkers. In a study of the phase behaviour in the ${\rm Zn0-P_2O_5}$ system (1), they found that pure ${\rm Zn_3(PO_4)_2}$ exists in two modifications. The low temperature modification, or α phase, is stable at temperatures below 942°C. Above this temperature the β phase is stable. The transition between these two phases is reversible, but is sluggish, and the β phase can thus be obtained as a metastable crystalline solid at room temperature by quenching from above the transition temperature.

Further studies in the $ZnO-MnO-P_2O_5$ system⁽²⁾ showed that a solid solution extending up to 30 mole per cent of $Mn_3(PO_4)_2$ in $Zn_3(PO_4)_2$ above 940°C. gave an X-ray powder diffraction pattern which corresponded to that of $\beta-Zn_3(PO_4)_2$. At temperatures below this, only a small amount of $Mn_3(PO_4)_2$ could be disolved in $\alpha-Zn_3(PO_4)_2$. With $Mn_3(PO_4)_2$ concentrations between about 5 and 25 mole per cent, a third distinct structure was noted, and this solid solution was called $\gamma-Zn_3(PO_4)_2$. The existence of this phase had been previously reported by Smith⁽³⁾ together with the α and β phases, but their phase relationship was not well characterized.

The $(Zn, Cd)_3(PO_4)_2$ system was also studied in some detail and a phase diagram derived . As in the $(Zn, Mn)_3(PO_4)_2$ studies, $Zn_3(PO_4)_2$ and $Cd_3(PO_4)_2$ were found to form a limited solid solution with the $\beta-Zn_3(PO_4)_2$ structure at temperatures above about 900°C. At lower

temperatures, three distinct solid solution regions were reported between the two end members. This phase diagram is reproduced in Fig. (I-1). The "A" solid solution was recognized to have the γ -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ structure, showing that this structure is stabilized by Cd₃(PO₄)₂ as well as Mn₃(PO₄)₂. "B" and "C" solid solutions were noted to have similar X-ray powder patterns, but a discontinuous change in the d-spacings of some of the lines, as the Zn-Cd ratio was changed, indicated that these were two distinct phases. The sixth phase in this system is a solid solution region with less than 6 mole per cent Zn₃(PO₄)₂, which evidently has the same structure as pure Cd₃(PO₄)₂.

Investigation of the $\mathrm{Zn_3(PO_4)_2}\text{-Mg_3(PO_4)_2}$ system⁽⁵⁾ showed that the $\gamma\text{-Zn_3(PO_4)_2}$ solid solution series is also stabilized by the addition of more than 3 mole per cent $\mathrm{Mg_3(PO_4)_2}$, and that this solid solution extends all the way to the Mg end member.

These phase studies were combined with studies of the luminescence of Mn⁺⁺ when the different phases were doped with this ion. This luminescence is either red, in the case of β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂, γ -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ (including Mg₃(PO₄)₂) and in all the (Zn,Cd)₃(PO₄)₂ phases, or a yellowish green in the case of α -Zn₃(PO₄)₂.

In an attempt to explain the different luminescent behaviour of Mn⁺⁺ in silicate glasses, Linwood & Weyl⁽⁶⁾ and Schulman⁽⁷⁾ had suggested that the emission wavelength increased as the coordination number of the luminescing ion increased. Specifically, the green luminescence was thought to be due to tetrahedrally coordinated Mn⁺⁺, and the red luminescence to the ion in a site of octahedral coordination. This generalization has been supported by the determination of the crystal structures of

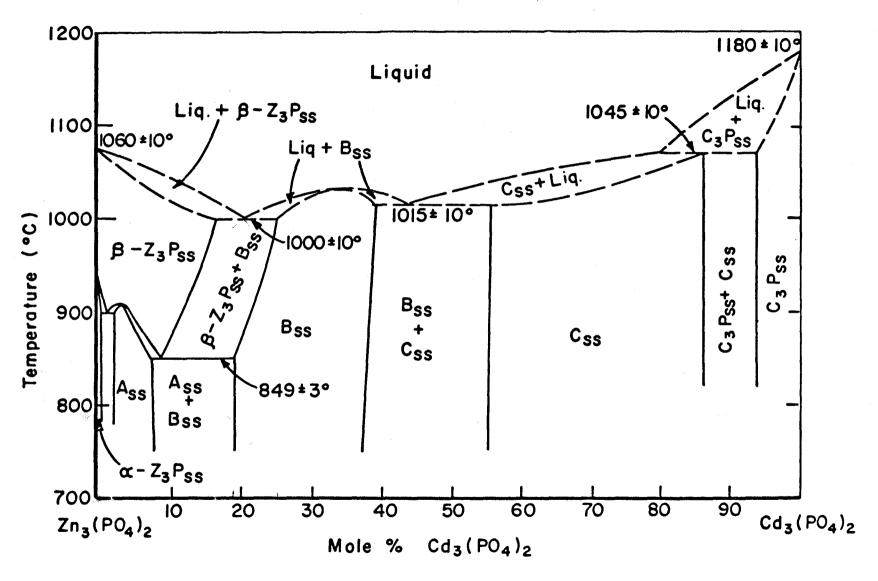


FIG. (1-1) Phase relationships on the $Zn_3(PO_4)_2$ -Cd₃(PO₄)₂ join

 $\alpha-\mathrm{Zn_3(PO_4)_2}^{(8)}$ and $\gamma-\mathrm{Zn_3(PO_4)_2}^{(9)}$. It was found that in the α phase, all of the cations are tetrahedrally coordinated, but that in the γ phase, one-third of the cations are situated in octahedral sites.

One can explain, in a qualitative manner, this observed relationship between coordination number and emission wavelength. In the Mn⁺⁺ ion, the energy of the lowest excited state, arising from the ⁴G state of the free ion, is depressed by a cubic crystal field, such as that found in an octahedral or tetrahedral environment⁽¹⁰⁾. The field is stronger in the octahedral case, resulting in a lower energy for the transition to the ⁶S ground state. Thus, the emission wavelength might be expected to increase as the strength of the crystal field increases with increasing coordination number.

If the Mn⁺⁺ substitutes directly for a cation in the host lattice, as is likely in these divalent orthophosphate systems when Mn₃(PO₄)₂ forms solid solutions with the host structure, then the coordination number of a Mn⁺⁺ ion in the host lattice should be the same as that of the host cation in the same site. If the relationship between coordination number and luminescent wavelength is a general one, this "coordination number hypothesis" might prove useful in providing information on the cation environment in a host lattice from a knowledge of the luminescent behaviour of Mn⁺⁺ when this ion is added to the host crystal as an impurity.

The study of the structure of β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ was initially undertaken to complete the structural knowledge of the phases of pure Zn₃(PO₄)₂, and also to test the applicability of the coordination number hypothesis in predicting the existence of an octahedral cation site from the red luminescence of Mn⁺⁺.

In the course of this study, the structural similarity of

 β^1 -Cd₃(PO₄)₂ and β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ was noted, and a determination of these structures undertaken concurrently. β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ was found to be one of two stable phases of pure Mn₃(PO₄)₂, the second phase having the same structure as the mineral graftonite⁽¹¹⁾ a mixed orthophosphate of Fe⁺⁺, Mn⁺⁺ and Ca⁺⁺. Also, having this "graftonite" structure are the two solid solutions, B and C, in the (Zn,Cd)₃(PO₄)₂ system. The graftonite-like structure was also determined, using a crystal of the B solid solution.

The structure determinations of the four structures, β - $Zn_3(PO_4)_2$, β^1 - $Mn_3(PO_4)_2$, β^1 - $Cd_3(PO_4)_2$, and graftonite, are presented in Chapters IV, V and VI. In Ch. VII, the different structures are discussed with respect to their stability as a function of temperature and cation constitutents, and some conclusions are drawn concerning the preferred environments for the different cations, Zn^{++} , Cd^{++} and Mn^{++} . The applicability of the coordination number hypothesis in predicting cation environments is also discussed. In Ch. II the general methods of a crystal structure analysis are briefly outlined, and the experimental procedure used to measure the diffracted X-ray intensities is described in Ch. III.

CHAPTER II

CRYSTAL STRUCTURE ANALYSIS

A. The Structure Factor and Electron Density

X-rays are scattered by the electrons in a crystal. The amplitude of this scattering is given by the Fourier transform of the electron density $\rho(\underline{r})$. This amplitude, usually called the structure factor, or structure amplitude, can be written as (12)

$$F(\underline{H}) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} f_{j}(\underline{H}) \exp 2\pi i (\underline{H} \cdot \underline{r}_{j}) \exp(-\underline{H} \cdot \underline{\beta}_{j} \cdot \underline{H})$$
(II-1)

where $\underline{r}_j = x_{ja} + y_{jb} + z_{jc}$ defines the position of the jth atom which has a scattering factor $f_j(H)$. \underline{H} is a vector which is proportional to the change in momentum of a scattered photon, and thereby defines the direction of scattering. The scattering factor $f_j(H)$ is the Fourier transform of the electron density, at absolute zero, of the jth atom, which is assumed to be spherically symmetric, and which has been tabulated for different ionic species over the useful range of $|\underline{H}|$. The factor $\exp(-\underline{H}\cdot\underline{g}_jH)$ corrects $f_j(H)$ for the reduction in scattering amplitude due to the anisotropic thermal motion of the jth atom. \underline{g}_j or its isotropic counterpart, \underline{g}_j , are referred to as the "temperature factors" of the jth atom.

The translational periodicity of the electron density in the crystal, where \underline{a} , \underline{b} , and \underline{c} are chosen to be a set of fundamental translation vectors, restricts the vector \underline{H} (for coherent, elastic scattering) to

$$\underline{H} = h\underline{a}^* + k\underline{b}^* + k\underline{c}^* \tag{II-2}$$

where h, k and L are integers. The relationship between the vectors \underline{a} , \underline{b} and \underline{c} which define the unit cell of volume V, and the corresponding reciprocal cell of volume V* = 1/V, defined by the vectors \underline{a}^* , \underline{b}^* and \underline{c}^* ; are (12)

$$\underline{\mathbf{a}}^* = \frac{\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}}{\mathbf{V}} \quad \text{and } \underline{\mathbf{a}} = \frac{\mathbf{b}^* \times \mathbf{c}^*}{\mathbf{V}^*}$$
 (II-3)

plus all cyclic permutations of a, b and c.

As the electron density is periodic, it can be represented by means of a Fourier series. The coefficients of this series are the structure factors, (12)

$$\rho(\underline{\mathbf{r}}) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\underline{\mathbf{H}}} F(\underline{\mathbf{H}}) \exp -2\pi \mathbf{i} (\underline{\mathbf{H}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{r}})$$
 (II-4a)

or alternatively,

$$\rho(x,y,z) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{h,k,\ell} F_{hk\ell} \exp{-2\pi i(hx+ky+\ell z)}$$
 (II-4b)

B. The Structure Factor and the Measured Intensity

The structure amplitude defined in Eqn. (II-1) is in general a complex quantity. Only the magnitude of this quantity can be determined experimentally, as the integrated intensity of a reflection is given by (12)

$$I(\underline{H}) = k | F(\underline{H})|^2 \cdot A \cdot L \cdot p$$
 (II-5)

The constant k depends on the volume of the unit cell, and the intensity and wavelength of the incident X-ray beam, all of which are independent of H. L is the Lorentz factor, and this takes into account the different speeds with which the reflections pass through the reflecting condition. The Lorentz factor is purely geometric in origin, and the analytic expressions for its calculation have been derived for the geometries normally used for

recording the X-ray intensity data. (12) The polarization factor, p, arises from the partial polarization of the X-ray beam upon "reflection" from the crystal. (12)

The term A in Eqn. (II-5) results from the attenuation of the incident and diffracted X-ray beams as they pass through the crystal. This reduction in intensity is of the form (12)

$$A = \frac{1}{V} \int_{V} \exp(-\mu x) dV \qquad (II-6)$$

where x is the total path length of the X-rays within a volume element dV in the crystal, and μ is the linear absorption coefficient of the crystal for the particular X-ray wavelength. Absorption corrections are usually only calculated for crystals of high external symmetry, such as spherical or cylindrical, for which the necessary corrections have been tabulated as a function of scattering angle. (12) If the crystal used in the intensity measurements is sufficiently small, and μ not too large, these corrections can often be ignored.

The electron density cannot be calculated in terms of experimentally determined quantities, as the phases of the structure factors are not initially known, and the solution of a crystal structure becomes the problem of determining these phases. If the structure contains a centre of symmetry, the structure factors must be real, and the problem is reduced to determining whether the structure factors are positive or negative.

C. The Patterson Function

If the electron density function is convoluted with itself, displaced by a vector s = ua + vb + wc, we have,

$$P(uvw) = V \iiint_{000}^{111} \rho(xyz) \rho(x+u, y+v, z+w) dx dy dz$$
 (II-7)

which with the aid of Eqn. (II-4b), reduces to

$$P(uvw) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{hkl} |F_{hkl}|^2 \cos 2\pi (hu + kv + lw)$$
 (II-8)

This function, called the Patterson function after A. L. Patterson who derived it in 1934, (14) can be calculated with the information obtained directly from the measured intensities. The projection of this function down one of the unit cell axes, say \underline{c} , is given by

$$P(uv) = c \int_{0}^{1} P(uvw) dw$$
 (II-9)

which, from Eqn. (II-8) becomes,

$$P(uv) = \frac{1}{A} \sum_{hk} |F_{hk0}|^2 \cos 2\pi (hu + kv)$$
 (II-10)

where A is the area of the projection.

Analogous expressions exist for the projected electron density, p(xy).

As the electron density contains maxima at the positions of the atoms, and has relatively low values elsewhere, the Patterson function will contain a peak corresponding to each interatomic vector, at the point \underline{s} , where $\underline{s} = \underline{r}_j - \underline{r}_i$. If there are N atoms in the unit cell, each with \underline{z}_j electrons, $\underline{j} = 1, 2, ...N$, the Patterson function will contain \underline{N}^2 peaks of weight $\underline{z}_i^2 \underline{j}$; N peaks of weight \underline{z}_i^2 at the origin, and $\underline{N}(N-1)$ peaks elsewhere in the function.

It has been shown (15) that a complete knowledge of the locations of all the Patterson peaks is sufficient to determine the positions of the

atoms themselves. In practice, however, the N(N-1) non-origin peaks are seldom all resolved in three dimensions, let alone in projection. Usually only the peaks corresponding to vectors between the heaviest atoms (a heavy atom refers to one with a large number of electrons, Z) are sufficiently well resolved to permit a solution for their positions to be obtained.

There are many techniques for solving Patterson functions to obtain trial coordinates for the heavier atoms, (15) and these will not be described here. The use of the Patterson function has been the most fruitful method for obtaining trial structures, and is the method most often used. There are, however, other methods of determining the phases of the structure factors directly from their magnitudes. These "direct methods" employ relationships which arise from the existence of symmetry operations which relate the atomic positions, and also from criteria such as the fact that the electron density is a real and positive function at all points in the unit cell.

D. Unitary Structure Factor Relationships

Although most of the trial solutions for the structures determined in these studies were obtained by finding solutions to their respective Patterson projections, the structure of β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ was elucidated partly through the use of inequality relationships between the unitary structure factors.

A unitary structure factor is defined as (16)

$$U_{\underline{H}} = \frac{F(\underline{H})}{\sum_{j=1}^{N} f_{j}(\underline{H}) \exp(-\underline{H} \cdot \underline{\beta}_{j} \cdot \underline{H})}$$
(II-11)

This is approximately the value that the structure factor would have if the ith atom were replaced by a stationary point scattering mass of $Z_i / \sum_{j=1}^{N} Z_j$ electrons. The term $\exp(-\underline{H} \cdot \underline{R}_j \cdot \underline{H})$ in Eqn. (II-11) corrects for the thermal motion which is inherent in the value of $F(\underline{H})$. The maximum value of $U_{\underline{H}}$ is now unity, and corresponds to all of the atoms scattering in phase.

The existence of symmetry elements relating the positions of the atoms can be used to generate inequality relationships among the unitary structure factors. The particular inequalities used in the $\beta^1\text{-Mn}_3(PO_4)_2$ structure determination were (16)

$$(|U_{\underline{H}}| + |U_{\underline{H}}|)^{2} \le (1 + U_{\underline{H}}U_{\underline{H}}, U_{\underline{H} + \underline{H}}) (1 + U_{\underline{H}}U_{\underline{H}}, U_{\underline{H} - \underline{H}})$$
 (II-12)

which are valid for any structure which contains a centre of symmetry.

If the unitary structure factors are large enough, this relationship

can be used to show that either

$$U_{\underline{H}}U_{\underline{H}}, U_{\underline{H+H}}, >0$$
, or $U_{\underline{H}}U_{\underline{H}}, U_{\underline{H-H}}, >0$, or both.

Relationships between the phases (signs) of the structure factors can thus be generated and these phases used with the $|F(\underline{H})|$ to calculate the electron density, from which the atomic coordinates are inferred.

E. The Difference Synthesis

When a trial structure has been found, it can be improved by two particularly useful procedures, (i) the difference electron density synthesis (difference synthesis), and (ii) the least squares refinement of the atomic parameters. The latter method is discussed in the next section.

The difference synthesis (17) is analogous to the electron density calculation (Eqn. (II-4)). Here, one must distinguish between $F_o(\underline{H})$, the observed structure factor, and $F_c(\underline{H})$, the structure factor calculated from Eqn. (II-1) using the atomic coordinates of the trial structure. Ideally, the difference synthesis is expressed as

$$\Delta \rho(\underline{\mathbf{r}}) = \rho_{\mathbf{c}}(\underline{\mathbf{r}}) - \rho_{\mathbf{c}}(\underline{\mathbf{r}}) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{L}} \left[F_{\mathbf{c}}(\underline{\mathbf{H}}) - F_{\mathbf{c}}(\underline{\mathbf{H}}) \right] \exp{-2\pi i (\underline{\mathbf{H}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{r}})} \quad \text{(II-13a)}$$

The phase of $F_{0}(\underline{H})$ is taken to be the same as that of $F_{0}(\underline{H})$, on the assumption that the trial structure is close enough to the correct structure to affect only the magnitude of the structure factors. It is necessary to weight the terms in a difference synthesis according to the reliability of the phase calculated for $F_{0}(\underline{H})$, and the actual calculation is of the form

$$\Delta \rho(\underline{\mathbf{r}}) = \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}} w_{\underline{\mathbf{H}}} \left[F_{\mathbf{0}}(\underline{\mathbf{H}}) - F_{\mathbf{c}}(\underline{\mathbf{H}}) \right] = \exp(-2\pi \mathbf{i}(\underline{\mathbf{H}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{r}}))$$
 (II-13b)

In practice, $\mathbf{w}_{\underline{H}}$ is usually 0 or 1, depending on the assessed reliability of the phase.

If the jth atom is incorrectly located, there will be a negative peak in $\Delta \rho$ at the point $x_j y_j z_j$, and a positive peak at the correct location. If the displacement from the correct location is small, there will be a steep gradient in $\Delta \rho$ at the trial location. The atom should be shifted "up the slope" by a small amount. The amount of this shift can be calculated from the electron density gradient and

the atomic number, Z; of the atom involved. (17)

Difference syntheses were used extensively in the refinements described in the following chapters, both with three dimensional data and in projection. The difference synthesis is especially useful in locating the lighter atoms in a structure when the positions of the heavier ones have been determined, using only those reflections (usually the stronger ones) whose phases have been determined with a fair degree of certainty. Difference syntheses have an advantage over an electron density synthesis in such a situation as they are less affected by "ripples" caused by series termination effects, due to the omission of reflections with large values of H from the calculation. These reflections are weaker on the average, and their phases will not be as well determined as those of the stronger, lower-angle reflections.

The main limitation of the difference synthesis, or any Fourier method, is that only the positional coordinates can be determined with any certainty. This limitation is not inherent in the least squares method of refining the parameters, and these two methods can be used together to complement each other, especially in the early stages of a refinement, when all the atoms may not have been located. In the later stages, the two methods are equivalent, but only the least squares method provides a convenient estimation of the reliability of the parameters.

F. Least Squares Refinement

The advantages of the least squares procedure lie in its directness, and in its quantitative determination of the estimated standard deviations (esd's) of the atomic parameters. It allows the determination of anisotropic temperature factors, which was virtually impossible with Fourier methods.

The least squares process (12) varies the atomic parameters, $x_1, x_2, ... x_M$, to minimize the residual R_2 , where

$$R_{2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_{i} (|F_{o}| - |F_{c}|)_{i}^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_{i} |F_{o}|_{i}^{2}}$$
(II-14)

where $|F_0|$ and $|F_C|$ are the observed and calculated values of $|F(\underline{H})|$, and the summation is over N reflections. If there are M parameters to be varied simultaneously, the least squares process requires the solution of the M simultaneous equations (the "normal equations"),

$$\frac{\delta_{R_2}}{\delta x_k} = 0 \qquad k = 1, 2 \cdots M \tag{II-15}$$

If $F_c(x_1, x_2, \cdots x_M)$ is the structure factor calculated using a set of trial parameters $x_1, x_2, \cdots x_M$, then an improved value for the structure factor can be written

$$F_{c}(x_{1}+\Delta x_{1}...x_{M}+\Delta x_{M}) = F_{c}(x_{1}...x_{M}) + \sum_{k=1}^{M} \frac{\mathbf{b}_{F_{c}}(x_{1}...x_{M})}{\mathbf{b}_{X_{k}}}.\Delta x_{k} + ...$$
(II-16)

If the Taylor expansion in Eqn. (II-16) is truncated, the normal equations (Eqn.(II-15)) are linear in the parameter corrections Δx_k and can be readily solved. The trial parameters must be close enough to the parameters which describe the structure to justify the neglect

of the higher order terms in the expansion.

The success with which a structure refinement is progressing is gauged, in part, by the value of R₂. A crude gauge of the correctness of a trial structure is afforded by the quantity

$$R_{1} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} ||F_{0}| - |F_{c}||_{i} / \sum_{i=1}^{N} |F_{0}|_{i}$$
 (II-17)

but R₂ is to be preferred as a reliability index.

In the least squares refinement, each reflection is given a weight w_i , and the full power of the least squares method is attained only when the proper weights are used. The weight should be (12)

$$w_i = 1/\sigma_i^2 \tag{II-18}$$

where σ_i is the standard deviation of $|F_0|_i$. It is often not feasible to determine the esd of each measured intensity, and it is then necessary to substitute some appropriate weighting scheme.

The simplest scheme is to apply equal weight (unit weights) to each reflection. This scheme is generally recognized to be disadvantageous, especially in the later stages of a refinement, as it makes the strongest reflections the dominant terms in the refinement. This is not desirable in the final stages as these strong reflections are primarily of low angle (θ) , where they do not provide the resolution necessary to correct small errors in the atomic positions. These reflections are also the most likely to suffer from extinction effects, thereby adversely affecting the temperature factors. Unit weights are suitable however in the "initial" and "middle" stages of a

refinement; at least until all the atoms are unequivocably located.

Several other weighting schemes have been proposed to circumvent the actual determination of $\sigma_{\bf i}$, and which are more realistic than unit weights. When the intensities are estimated visually from films, the relative accuracy of the estimation is approximately constant for all but the very strong and very weak reflections, where the relative errors are usually higher. This would imply that $\sigma_{\bf i} \ll |F_{\bf o}|$ would be applicable for most of the data. The greater relative errors in the weaker reflections could be taken into account by a constant esd, $\sigma_{\bf i} = C$, and the very strong reflections assigned esd's of the form $\sigma_{\bf i} \ll |F_{\bf o}|$. While an assignment of weights based on this scheme may be slightly artificial, it is at least more realistic than unit weights.

A better weighting scheme is the method advocated by Cruick-shank (20), which requires that the average weighted discrepancy,

$$\langle w_i \Delta_i^2 \rangle = \langle w_i | | F_0 | - | F_0 | |_i^2 \rangle$$
 (II-19)

be a constant function of some systematic parameter, such as $|F_0|$ or $\frac{\sin\,\theta}{\lambda}$. The functional form for the weight is usually taken to be

$$w_i^{-1} = a_0 + |F_0|_i + a_1 |F_0|_i^2$$
 (II-20)

where a_0 and a_1 are constants determined to satisfy the criterion with respect to $|F_0|$. This method of weighting ascribes the entire discrepancy, Δ^2 , to random errors in the observed structure factors. This scheme is only justified in the final few cycles of a least squares refinement.

In all structures refined in these studies, the average Δ^2 was calculated as a function of $|F_0|$, and was fitted by a polynomial of the form

$$w_{i}^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{m} a_{n} |F_{o}|^{n}$$
 (II-21)

The order of the polynomial, m, was usually taken to be 2, but higher order terms are not to be precluded 'a priori'.

In any crystal structure investigation, a certain fraction of the total possible number of reflections will remain unobserved. The intensity of such a reflection must lie within the range $0<I<I_{min}$ where I_{min} is the minimum detectable intensity in this region of reciprocal space. The corresponding structure factor, $|F_{min}|$, is the only quantity whereby the agreement of the calculated structure factor, $|F_{c}|$, can be assessed.

If $|F_c| < |F_{min}|$, the two are in agreement, and it is preferable to assign zero weight to such a reflection. If the weight is non-zero, then some assumption regarding the most probable value of $|F_o|$ must be made, and the sign of the discrepancy, $\Delta = |F_o| - |F_c|$, used in the least squares refinement, would only be randomly correct. If $|F_c| > |F_{min}|$ however, an estimation of the most probable vaue of $|F_o|$ is desirable, and a value $|F_{min}|$ is usually chosen. The most usual choices for $|F_o|$.

As the refinement progresses, the value of k should be increased towards unity. The reason for this increase is that when a trial structure is refined towards the correct structure, the number of unobserved reflections which are calculated to be in disagreement decreases.

Those that are still not in agreement have an increasingly greater probability of lying just below $|F_{\min}|$ in magnitude. In the structures investigated here, the value of k was initially set at 1/2, and, when the weighting schemes were changed from unit weights, k was gradually increased to a final value of 0.85 or 0.9.

CHAPTER III

MEASUREMENT OF INTENSITIES

A. Photographic Methods

The intensities of the X-rays diffracted from a crystalline substance are generally recorded on photographic films or by electronic means with a scintillation counter, for example, and pulse counting circuitry.

When the diffracted intensities are recorded on film, the densities of the spots are proportional (for optical densities less than about unity) to the incident X-ray intensity. (21) The relative densities of these images can be estimated by inter-comparison, using a series of photographs exposed for different lengths of time. The main drawback in this method is the difficulty in judging the equality in integrated density of two spots of different size and/or shape. In accurate X-ray structure analysis, it is necessary to measure the integrated intensity of a reflection, not just the peak intensity. This can only be done with any degree of confidence when the spots being compared are of similar size and shape.

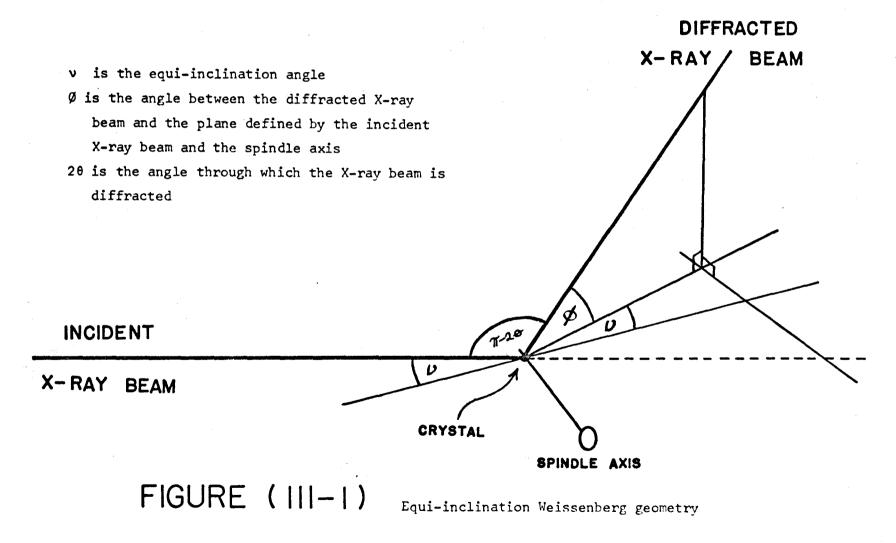
The integrated intensity can be recorded photographically by means of an "integrating camera". Such a camera records the diffraction pattern a large number of times, shifting the film between each exposure by a small amount. The resulting overlap of the photographic images provides an integration over the density profile of the spot, and the density of the centre of the spot is now proportional

to the integrated intensity of the reflection. This peak density is usually measured by means of a microdensitometer, which provides greater consistency than does a visual estimation of the density. This "integrated photograph/microdensitometer" method was used to measure many of the intensity data collected in the course of the investigations reported in the following chapters.

B. <u>Diffractometer Method</u>

The second method, which was used in these studies to record most of the final intensity data, utilized a scintillation counter and a manual single crystal diffractometer. The diffractometer was basically a Weissenberg camera, manufactured by the Charles A. Supper Co., to which a scintillation counter had been mounted with freedom to move on the surface of a cone. The axis of the cone was the spindle axis of the camera. The usual equi-inclination Weissenberg geometry (37) was employed, (see Fig. III-1), with the crystal being rocked across the reflecting condition for the reflection being measured. During this rocking motion, or scan, the counter was stationary, having been preset to the required angle Ø. This corresponds to the ω-scan, or "moving crystal, stationary counter" mode of operation described more fully elsewhere. (22)

The scintillation counter consisted of a scintillator, photomultiplier and preamplifier, which produced a pulse for each X-ray photon
detected. The amplitude of the pulse was proportional to the energy of
the photon. These pulses were amplified by a linear amplifier, and
passed to a discriminator circuit. This circuit could be set to reject
all pulses whose amplitude was below a certain "threshold" value (threshold mode), or to reject all pulses that did not lie within a specified



range of amplitudes, called the "window" (channel mode). Those pulses which were accepted were counted on a decimal scalar which could record up to 10⁵ pulses, and were fed to a rate-meter and chart recorder. The chart drive and the scalar were cued into the scanning operation in such a manner that they were operative only while the scan was in progress.

When operating in the threshold mode, the threshold level was set midway between the amplitudes of the desired Kα X-ray pulses, and the low energy noise pulses which originate in the photomultiplier. For channel mode operation, the Kα count-rate profile was determined as a function of amplitude. The discriminator amplitude to be used for the intensity measurements was set at the maximum of this profile, and the amplitude "window" set to include about 80-90 per cent of the Kα pulses. The channel mode of operation is preferable to the threshold mode as the background counts are markedly depressed in the former. Extraneous high-amplitude noise pulses produced by nearby electrical equipment were also eliminated using the channel mode, whereas they could have caused difficulties when operating in the threshold mode.

Before each layer line was to be measured, an ordinary Weissenberg photograph was taken for about 24 hours. This length of exposure required about the same minimum intensity for a spot to be visible, as the scintillation counter required in order to detect a reflection above the background. Approximate values for the angular coordinates \emptyset and ω were measured for each reflection from these photographs. The counter was set to the approximate \emptyset angle for each reflection, and the spindle turned slowly in the neighbourhood of the

measured ω angle until the maximum count rate was obtained. The counter was then repositioned so that the diffracted beam passed through the centre of the counter aperture. The spindle was displaced by one-half of the scanning angle, and the scan started. After the completion of the two minute scan, the number of counts was recorded and the scalar reset. The spindle was then displaced so that the background could be counted in an angular range immediately adjacent to the reflection.

C. Errors in Measurement

(i) Ø or ω set improperly

If ω is misset, the full integrated intensity is not obtained. This condition can be seen readily from the chart recorder, which will show that the count rate did not fall off to background level at both extremes of the scan. If this condition was noted, the scan was repeated after resetting ω .

The counter aperture, $\Delta\emptyset$ was fairly large (2°). A deviation of more than $\pm 0.5^{\circ}$ in \emptyset was thus quite permissable as the divergence of the X-ray beam was less than 1°, and the \emptyset arc could easily be set more accurately than this. Only on measuring very weak reflection, for large values of \emptyset , could this have posed any problem.

(ii) Incorrect determination of background

The main sources of background radiation are, (i) external sources, such as cosmic rays and adjacent diffraction equipment, (ii) incoherent scattering of X-rays by the crystal, and (iii) coherent scattering of unwanted wavelengths from any reciprocal lattice point in the crystal. By counting the background adjacent to each reflection, the

first two sources of background were effectively eliminated. The third type of unwanted radiation posed a greater problem. The two most important sources of this type were contributions from the white radiation streak from other reflections and the white streak from the reflection being measured. This white streak consists mainly of longer wavelengths than the K α , as these wavelengths are passed by the normal β filter. The scintillation pulses produced by these wavelengths, although of lower amplitude than the desired K α pulses, were not sufficiently low to be rejected by the discriminator circuit.

The white streak from the reflection being measured caused difficulty because the wavelength dispersion is a function of the scattering angle \bullet :

$$\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} = \frac{\tan\theta}{\lambda} \tag{III-1}$$

The ω -scan method provides a constant aperture in the 20 direction for each layer line, and hence the range of wavelengths which can be diffracted through this aperture is a function of 20, and therefore a function of 0. Thus, if the counter aperture was to be sufficient to allow the $K\alpha_1$ and $K\alpha_2$ wavelengths to be detected for a high angle reflection, this same aperture would result in the recording of a considerable portion of the white streak in the case of low angle reflections.

Any irregularities caused by the inclusion of these white streaks, or the white streaks from a nearby reflection, were apparent from an examination of the chart tracings of the intensity and background scans.

If the error seemed to be excessive, an approximate correction was made by a visual estimation of the "correct" background for the reflection

from the areas under the chart tracings, and the assumption that the reflection profile was approximately Gaussian.

(iii) "Dead-time" effects

Any apparatus which detects the passage of a photon has a finite resolution time within which it is incapable of detecting the passage of another photon. In scintillation counters these times are quite short, usually less than a microsecond. The electronic apparatus into which the pulses are fed by a photomultiplier also has a certain resolving time within which it is unable to process two separate input pulses and record both. The apparent count rate is thus always less than the true count rate due to coincidence losses.

There are two methods of correcting for these coincidence losses; (i) insert attenuating filters into the X-ray beam (either incident or diffracted) which reduce the count rate to a point where the coincidence losses do not constitute a significant error, or (ii) correct the observed count rate for the coincidence losses by means of some analytic relationship between observed and true count rates. The former method is cumbersome, and has the disadvantage that the attenuation of an absorbing filter is usually a function of the wavelength. The attenuation factor must therefore be determined as a function of scattering angle for each filter, due to the wavelength dispersion discussed earlier. (23) The latter method was used in correcting all intensity data for coincidence losses.

For a statistically constant count rate, the relationship

$$i = \frac{i!}{1-i! \tau}$$
 (III-2)

is applicable $^{(24)}$ provided that the correction does not exceed approximately 20 per cent. Here, i is the true count rate which, due to the resolution time τ , gives rise to the observed rate i'. This relationship depends on the assumption that τ is independent of the count rate i, and it is this assumption that limits the validity of Eqn. (III-2) to corrections of less than approximately 20 per cent.

This expression relates the true and observed count rates and does not strictly apply to the total number of counts obtained when measuring the integrated intensity of a reflection, as the count rate is not constant. An approximate dead-time correction can still be made to the observed integrated intensity using the analogous relation

$$I = \frac{I'}{1 - I'\psi}$$
 (III-3)

where I and I' refer to the integrated intensities and ψ is an effective resolution time, which is related to the actual resolving time τ of the apparatus and to the intensity profile as a function of time.

 ψ was determined separately for each layer line by repeatedly scanning the strongest reflection in the layer with a succession of attenuating filters of known relative thickness inserted in the X-ray beam. If there had been no coincidence losses, the plot of $\ln(I')$ vs. the relative filter thickness would have been linear, as the intensity passed by an attenuator of thickness x and attenuation coefficient ψ is

$$I = I_0 \exp(-\mu x)$$
 (III-4)

where I is the incident intensity. Coincidence losses caused the

curve to be depressed for high count rates, and an extrapolation of the straight portion of the curve, for which these losses were negligible, determined the true unattenuated intensity. The effective resolution time ψ was calculated from Eqn. (III-3).

The corrected integrated intensities of all weaker reflections in the layer were then calculated using Eqn. (III-3) and the value of ψ just determined. As all other corrections were smaller than that for the strongest reflection, errors arising from the use of this relation are necessarily of second order, and in fact, negligible. An analysis of the applicability of this method is given in Appendix A, where a theoretical correction based on a Gaussian intensity profile is used for comparison. The discrepancy between the theoretical corrections and those obtained using Eqn. (III-3) is less than 0.5% when the coincidence losses for the strongest reflection are 27.5%. In all layer lines measured, the strongest reflection suffered losses of less than 15%, for which the error in the approximation is negligible.

CHAPTER IV

THE STRUCTURE OF β - $Zn_3(PO_4)_2$

A. Preliminary Investigations

 ${\rm Zn_3(PO_4)_2}$ was prepared by reacting stoichiometric amounts of zinc oxide and phosphoric acid, according to the equation,

$$3Z_{n0} + 2H_{3}P_{0} \longrightarrow Z_{n_{3}}(P_{0})_{2} + 3H_{2}O$$
 (IV-1)

Crystals of the β phase were grown from the melt, which was cooled slowly through the freezing point (1060°C.), (1) and then quenched to room temperature. This quenching was necessary to prevent the conversion of the sample to the α form, which is the stable phase below 942°C.

The crystals of β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ occurred in the form of white, almost colourless, flat plates, with definite striations of the faces of these plates. Preliminary X-ray photographs showed that these crystals had monoclinic symmetry, and that they could be indexed on the basis of a unit cell with P-2₁/c symmetry, as this space group was unambiguously defined by the systematically absent reflections: h0l for l odd, and 0k0 for k odd. The density of the crystals was measured with a pycnometer, (25) and found to be 4.17(1) gm/cm³.

A small single-crystal fragment was selected and mounted on a goniometer head to rotate around the <u>b</u> axis. This crystal was approximately spherical, with a mean radius of 0.09 mm, and was used

in the measurement of the lattice parameters, and for the recording of all the intensity data.

B. Lattice Parameters

The length of the <u>b</u> axis of β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ was determined from a rotation photograph which was calibrated by means of a superimposed rotation photograph of a single-crystal of TiO₂ (rutile). The lattice constants for the TiO₂ crystal were taken to be (26) a = 4.5929(5)Å and c = 2.9591(3)Å.

The relationship between the rotation axis length and the distance between the layer lines on a rotation photograph is (27)

$$\sin\left[\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{D}\right)\right] = \frac{n\lambda}{A}$$
 (IV-2)

where D is the diameter of the cylindrical film, d is the distance between the n and \bar{n} layer lines, λ is the wavelength, and A is the length of the rotation axis. The value of D determined from the TiO_2 interlayer spacing was 56.96(1) mm. This value of D was then used to calculate the length of the rotation axis (\underline{b}) of β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂. The value obtained was 9.17(1) \hat{A} .

The remaining cell constants were determined from the values of a*, c*, and $\cos\beta$ *, which were determined from an hOl Weissenberg photograph, using Cu-Ka radiation. This photograph was calibrated by means of the Debye-Scherrer (powder) lines of α -Al₂O₃ (corundum) which were superimposed near both edges of the single-crystal photograph. The hexagonal lattice constants of α -Al₂O₃ were taken to be (28) a = 4.75903(3)Å and c = 12.9908(2)Å, and the values for the wavelengths of the Cu-Ka doublet were (13) α_1 = 1.54081Å and α_2 = 1.54433Å.

Only the θ values of the high-angle reflections were measured, where the α_1 and α_2 components were completely resolved. The powder lines were indexed, and the θ values calculated for these lines were used to correct the θ values for the β -Zn₃(PO₁)₂ reflections.

The values of a*, c* and cos6* were determined by means of a least squares fit to these corrected values of 0. 98 independent measurements of 0 were used in this refinement, and the final values for the parameters are, a* = 0.13115(1) $^{\circ}A_{\bullet}^{-1}$ c* = 0.14182(1) $^{\circ}A_{\bullet}^{-1}$ and cos6* = -0.58395(8). The corresponding real cell parameters for $^{\circ}B_{\bullet}Zn_{3}(PO_{4})_{2}$ are a = 9.393(1) $^{\circ}A_{\bullet}$ b = 9.17(1) $^{\circ}A_{\bullet}$ c = 8.686(1) $^{\circ}A_{\bullet}$ and $^{\circ}B_{\bullet}^{-1}$

The volume of the unit cell is 607.3 $^{\circ}$ 3. The measured density of 4.17 gm/cm³ implies that there are four formula weights of $\operatorname{Zn_3(PO_4)_2}$ per unit cell, (F. W. = 386.1 gm), which corresponds to a calculated density of 4.21 gm/cm³. As the multiplicity of a general position in the space group P-2₁/c is also four, none of the atoms in the structure are constrained to lie in special positions.

C. Intensity Data and Absorption Corrections

All intensity data were recorded using Zr-filtered Mo-K α radiation from a Phillips PW1010 X-ray generator, set at 50 kV and 12 ma. Mo-K α radiation was selected as its shorter wavelength allowed more of the reciprocal lattice to be explored than would have been possible with Cu-K α for example, and because errors due to absorption would be smaller.

The reciprocal lattice planes, hNL, where N=0,1,..6, were measured on the Weissenberg diffractometer, operating in the threshold

mode, and the intensities corrected for "dead-time" effects, as described in Ch. III. The Okl, hkO and hkh planes were recorded on film with an integrating precession camera. The peak densities of these integrated spots were measured on a Leeds & Northrup microdensitometer.

The linear absorption co-efficient for β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ is 118 cm⁻¹. As the average radius of the crystal was 0.09 mm, the absorption parameter μ R was 1.06, and absorption corrections corresponding to this value of μ R for a spherical crystal were applied to all intensity data⁽¹²⁾. Lorentz and polarization corrections were calculated and the values of $|F_0|$ obtained.

D. The Trial Solution

Patterson projections were prepared from the data contained in the three principal zones. A satisfactory solution for the positions of the three cations was obtained only for the \underline{b} axis projection.

The y coordinates of the cations and the two phosphorus atoms were taken from those determined for the similar structure of β^1 -Cd₃(PO₄)₂. The details of this determination are given in Ch. V. The cation coordinates could be determined easily from Patterson projections in the case of β^1 -Cd₃(PO₄)₂ due to the considerably greater scattering power of Cd⁺⁺ which has 46 electrons, compared to Zn⁺⁺ with only 28.

Using the y coordinates obtained from the β^1 structure and the x and z coordinates from the β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ \underline{b} axis projection, three dimensional electron density and difference syntheses were calculated. These density maps showed peaks which corresponded to the positions of

all the oxygen atoms. A subsequent least squares refinement and a second difference synthesis confirmed the locations of all 13 atoms in the asymmetric zone, and reduced the reliability index $\rm R_2$ to 0.20 .

E. The Refinement

The initial cycles of least squares refinement were carried out with unit weights and isotropic temperature factors. During these cycles, the shifts in the positions of the oxygen atoms were large, sometimes in excess of 0.1 Å, and the temperature factors on some of these atoms became overly large (>10.). These temperature factors were reset to a value of 1.0 and held constant until the positional parameters of the oxygen atoms were well established.

The criterion used to determine whether the oxygen atom coordinates were well established was the nearly regular tetrahedral geometry exhibited by PO_{ij} groups in other orthophosphate structures (29). In these structures, the average P-O bond distance is 1.54 Å, with individual P-O bond lengths deviating by no more than 0.05 Å from this average value. Consequently, only when all the P-O distances in β -Zn₃(PO_{ij})₂ remained between 1.49 Å and 1.59 Å were the temperature factors on the oxygen atoms allowed to vary in the least squares cycle. The best value of R_2 obtained with unit weights and isotropic temperature factors was 0.091.

The temperature factors were then converted to the corresponding anisotropic form, and the refinements continued. At this stage the scale constants were sufficiently well determined so that multiply-measured reflections could be averaged. This averaging was performed,

and the average values of $|F_0|$ were assigned at random to one of the two (or three) scale constants involved. If a reflection had been classed as observed in one measurement, and unobserved in another, the observed value of $|F_0|$ was always retained. When this averaging was complete, there were 1633 independent reflections, of which 648 were classed as unobserved.

The weighting scheme was then changed from unit weights to the scheme suggested by Cruickshank $^{(20)}$, which was outlined in Ch. II. The expression used to calculate the weights was,

$$w_i^{-1} = 8.54 - 0.187 |F_0|_i + 0.0022 |F_0|_i^2$$
 (IV-3)

A final few cycles of refinement using this weighting scheme and varying all 127 parameters (10 scales, 39 positional, and 78 thermal) were performed. During the last cycle the parameter shifts were approximately 1/10 of the esd's calculated for the parameters. The refinement was considered to be complete, and the final value for the residual R_2 was 0.048.

A total of 22 reflections had been classed as "unreliable", and given zero weight in the refinement. Of these 22 reflections, 13 were suspected to have suffered from extinction effects $^{(30)}$, as they were all large in magnitude, of low angle, and in each case $|F_c|$ exceeded $|F_c|$ by at least 10%.

The final values of the atomic parameters, together with their esd's, are listed in Table (IV-2), and the reliability indices, R_1 and R_2 , are summarized in Table(IV-3). The agreement between the

TABLE (IV-I) OBSERVED AND CALCULATED STRUCTURE FACTORS (XIO)

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	TABLE (IV-I)	CONCLUDED	
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TABLE (IV-2) $\beta\text{-Zn}_3\text{(PO}_4\text{)}_2 \text{ atomic parameters; positional and thermal}$

Atom	x=X/a	y=Y/b	z=Z/c	U ₁₁ (Å ²)	U ₂₂ (Å ²)	U ₃₃ (Å ²)	U ₁₂ (Å ²)	U ₁₃ (Å ²)	U ₂₃ (Å ²)
Zn(1)	0.9843(1)	0.3898(1)	0.3550(1)	0.0175(4)	0.0108(8)	0.0103(4)	0019(5)	0.0058(3)	0.0005(5)
Zn(2)	0.7065(1)	0.1115(1)	0.2636(1)	0.0111(4)	0.0085(7)	0.0099(4)	0.0016(5)	0.0044(3)	0.0020(5)
Zn(3)	0.4187(1)	0.2325(1)	0.3868(1)	0.0147(4)	0.0106(8)	0.0149(4)	0040(5)	0.0108(3)	0037(5)
P(1)	0.6439(2)	0.4412(3)	0.3365(3)	0.0066(7)	0.0079(13)	0.0071(7)	0006(8)	0.0040(6)	0002(8)
0(1)	0.8385(8)	0.4813(8)	0.4446(8)	0.0128(24)	0.0177(42)	0.0141(25)	0017(28)	0.0076(21)	0027(28)
0(3)	0.4699(7)	0.0729(8)	0.2686(8)	0.0113(22)	0.0096(37)	0.0119(23)	0.0030(27)	0.0066(19)	0.0002(27)
0(5)	0.6064(7)	0.3845(8)	0.4766(7)	0.0119(21)	0.0091(38)	0.0097(21)	0020(28)	0.0071(18)	0.0008(26)
0(7)	0.6086(7)	0.3163(7)	0.2000(8)	0.0107(21)	0.0023(32)	0.0099(21)	0.0019(24)	0.0043(18)	0.0014(25)
P(2)	0.1416(2)	0.1143(3)	0.4624(3)	0.0081(7)	0.0078(12)	0.0068(7)	0.0004(10)	0.0042(6)	0,0008(9)
0(2)	0.2509(7)	0.3987(9)	0.1801(7)	0.0138(22)	0.0184(42)	0.0024(17)	0009(28)	0.0016(17)	0.0002(27)
0(4)	0.2239(8)	0.2219(9)	0.4041(9)	0.0194(28)	0.0253(50)	0.0210(29)	0035(31)	0.0145(25)	0.0048(32)
0(6)	0.8720(8)	0.4610(8)	0.1058(9)	0.0202(28)	0.0097(36)	0.0157(26)	0.0041(30)	0.0102(24)	0.0040(28)
0(8)	0.9573(7)	0.1808(8)	0.3790(8)	0.0118(23)	0.0105(39)	0.0130(24)	0.0026(26)	0.0068(21)	0.0038(27)

TABLE (IV-3)

Summary of residuals for β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂

Residual	# of refl.	Conditions	Value of residual
R ₂	1633	all reflections	0.049
R ₁	1633	all reflections	0.045
R ₂	988	obs. refl. only	0.047
R ₁	988	obs. refl. only	0.038

observed and calculated structure factors is shown in Table (IV-1). In this table, the unobserved reflections are marked with an asterisk (*), and the 22 unreliable reflections with the symbol \emptyset . The value of $|F_0|$ quoted for the unobserved reflections is $|F_{\min}|$.

For the calculation of structure factors for β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ and also for all of the other structures studied, the scattering factors, (f_j(H) in Eqn. (II-1)), were those for the ionic species M⁺⁺, P^O and O⁻, obtained by linear interpolation from the values given in the International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (13).

F. Description of the Structure

The most informative way of describing the structure of an orthophosphate is to consider the near-neighbour cation environment, which can be classified as a MO polyhedron, and the way in which these individual polyhedra link together to form the basic structural framework. There are two ways in which two of these polyhedra can be directly linked; by sharing one, or two, oxygen atoms. The former linkage is termed corner-sharing, and the latter edge-sharing. It is geometrically possible for two neighbouring cation polyhedra to share a face, three oxygen atoms, but this would place the cations so close together that metal-metal bonding would result. Such face-sharing is not found among the divalent metal ion orthophosphates.

Zn(1) is strongly bonded to four oxygen atoms which are located at the corners of an irregular tetrahedron. A pair of these tetrahedra are linked by a shared edge, across a centre of symmetry. The average bond distance in these tetrahedra is 1.98±0.08+Å. Zn(2) is bonded to five oxygen atoms with an average bond distance of 2.09±0.10 Å. This group shares a corner, 0(8), with Zn(1) and an edge, 0(5) and 0(7), with the remaining cation, Zn(3). Additional corners, 0(2) and 0(3), are shared with two other neighbouring Zn(3) sites, Zn(3) is also bonded to five oxygen atoms, with the average Zn-0 distance in this group being 2.08±0.12 Å. The near-neighbour bond distances and angles for the cations, and also for the two phosphate groups, are listed in Table (IV-4).

The two five-coordinate cations, Zn(2) and Zn(3), also have markedly irregular environments. The Zn(3)0₅ polyhedron can be described as an irregular trigonal bipyramid, where O(2) and O(7) are the axial ligands, while O(3), O(4), and O(5) lie rigourously in the equatorial plane. It can be seen from Table (IV-4) that the three equatorial bonds are significantly shorter than the two axial ones. The polyhedron of oxygen atoms surrounding Zn(2) cannot be described as a trigonal bipyramid, and is perhaps closer to a highly distorted tetragonal pyramid.

There are two additional Zn-O bonds in this structure, which because of their length must be very weak. These two distances,

[†] The ± 0.08 Å refers to the root mean square (rms) deviation from the mean of the four bonds to Zn(1). Similar rms deviations are quoted in the same manner for other averaged quantities.

TABLE (IV-4)
Bond distances and angles in β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂

Bonded atoms	Distance (A)	Bonded atoms	Angle (°)	Bonded atoms	Angle (°)
Zn(1)-0(6)	1.886(7)	0(6)-Zn(1)-0(1)	115.	0(1)-Zn(1)-0(1)	80.
Zn(1)-0(1)	1.953(6)	0(6)-Zn(1)-0(8)	116.	$0(1)^2 Zn(1) - 0(4)$	90.
Zn(1)-0(8)	1,960(8)	0(6)-Zn(1)-O(1)	104.	0(8)-Zn(1)-0(1)	101.
Zn(1)-0(1)	2.105(9)	0(6)-Zn(1)-0(4)	104.	0(8)-Zn(1)-0(4)	63.
Zn(1)-0(4)	2.549(8)	$0(1)^{2} - Zn(1) - 0(8)$	126.	0(1)-Zn(1)-0(4)	152.
Zn(2)-0(2)	1.994(8)	0(2)-Zn(2)-0(7)	166.	0(7)-Zn(2)-0(3)	82.
Zn(2)-0(7)	2.021(7)	0(2)-Zn(2)-0(8)	100.	0(7)-Zn(2)-0(6)	116.
Zn(2)-0(8)	2.049(7)	0(2)-Zn(2)-0(5)	101.	0(8)-Zn(2)-0(5)	100.
Zn(2)-0(5)	2.089(6)	$0(2)-Z_{n}(2)-0(3)$	84.	0(8)-Zn(2)-0(3)	154.
Zn(2)-0(3)	2.276(8)	0(2)-Zn(2)-0(6)	63.	0(8)-Zn(2)-0(6)	76.
Zn(2)-0(6)	2.509(7)	0(7)-Zn(2)-0(8)	93.	0(5)-Zn(2)-0(3)	105.
		$0(7)-Z_n(2)-0(5)$	81.	0(5)-Zn(2)-0(6)	163.
				0(3)-Zn(2)-0(6)	83.
Zn(3)-0(4)	1.924(9)	0(4)-Zn(3)-0(3)	122.	0(3)-Zn(3)-0(2)	111.
Zn(3)=0(3)	2.001(8)	0(4)-Zn(3)-0(5)	132.	0(3)-Zn(3)-0(7)	102.
Zn(3)-0(5)	2.013(7)	0(4)-Zn(3)-0(2)	81.	0(5)-Zn(3)-0(2)	83.
Zn(3)-0(2)	2.174(7)	0(4)-Zn(3)-0(7)	91.	0(5)-Zn(3)-0(7)	77.
Zn(3)-0(7)	2.262(6)	0(3)-Zn(3)-0(5)	107.	0(2)-Zn(3)-0(7)	145.
P(1)-0(3)	1.515(7)	0(3)-P(1)-0(1)	110.	0(1)-P(1)-0(7)	107.
P(1)-0(1)	1.534(7)	0(3)-P(1)-0(7)	112.	0(1)-P(1)-0(5)	110.
P(1)-0(7)	1.539(7)	0(3)-P(1)-0(5)	110.	0(7)-P(1)-0(5)	108.
P(1)-0(5)	1.541(8)				
P(2)-0(6)	1.502(8)	0(6)-P(2)-0(4)	115.	0(4)-P(2)-0(2)	111.
P(2)-0(4)	1.512(9)	0(6)-P(2)-0(2)	105.	0(4)-P(2)-0(8)	104.
P(2)-0(2)	1.542(6)	0(6)-P(2)-0(8)	112.	0(2)-P(2)-0(8)	111.
P(2)-0(8)	1.558(7)				
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 $Z_n(1)$ -0(4)=2.55 Å and $Z_n(2)$ -0(6)=2.51 Å, are underlined in Table (IV-4) and are shown with dashed bonds in Fig. (IV-1). Both of these bonds are significantly longer than the typical Z_n -0 bond distances of about 2.05 Å found elsewhere in the structure. These two bonds will therefore not be considered as contributing to the linkages between the MO_n polyhedra.

As shown in Fig. (IV-1), the corner-sharing of O(2) and the edge-sharing of O(5) and O(7), together with the centre of symmetry at $(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2})$, result in a closed ring of two $\text{Zn}(2)\text{O}_5$ and two $\text{Zn}(3)\text{O}_5$ polyhedra. This ring lies approximately in the (101) plane, and is connected by O(8) to the $\text{Zn}(1)\text{O}_4$ tetrahedra to form an infinite chain which runs along the body diagonal [111] of the unit cell. An identical chain, derived from this one by the <u>c</u> glide operation, and not shown in Fig. (IV-1), runs in the [111] direction. These two chains are linked together by sharing O(3).

Fig. (IV-2) shows part of the structure projected down the \underline{b} axis of the unit cell. Here, the corner-sharing of O(3) is seen to result in chains of polyhedra which spiral around the 2_1 axes in the crystal. The result of the two types of infinite chains, as shown in Fig. (IV-1) and Fig. (IV-2) respectively, is a complete three dimensional framework of ZnO_n polyhedra. This is in immediate contrast to the structures of α and γ - $\mathrm{Zn_3(PO_4)_2}$ which exhibit isolated chains and sheets of polyhedra respectively. (8), (9)

The two PO₄ groups occur as slightly irregular, independent tetrahedra, with average P-O bond distances of 1.533±0.011 A and 1.528±0.023 Å. All of the O-P-O angles lie between 103° and 115°

Fig. (IV-1) Cation polyhedra linkages in β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂. The ring formed by two Zn(2)O₅ and two Zn(3)O₅ polyhedra is shown sharing opposite corners with pairs of edge-sharing Zn(1)O₄ tetrahedra. The dashed bonds denote the two "long" Zn-O bond distances of 2.5 Å. The two PO₄ groups are shown as solid tetrahedra.

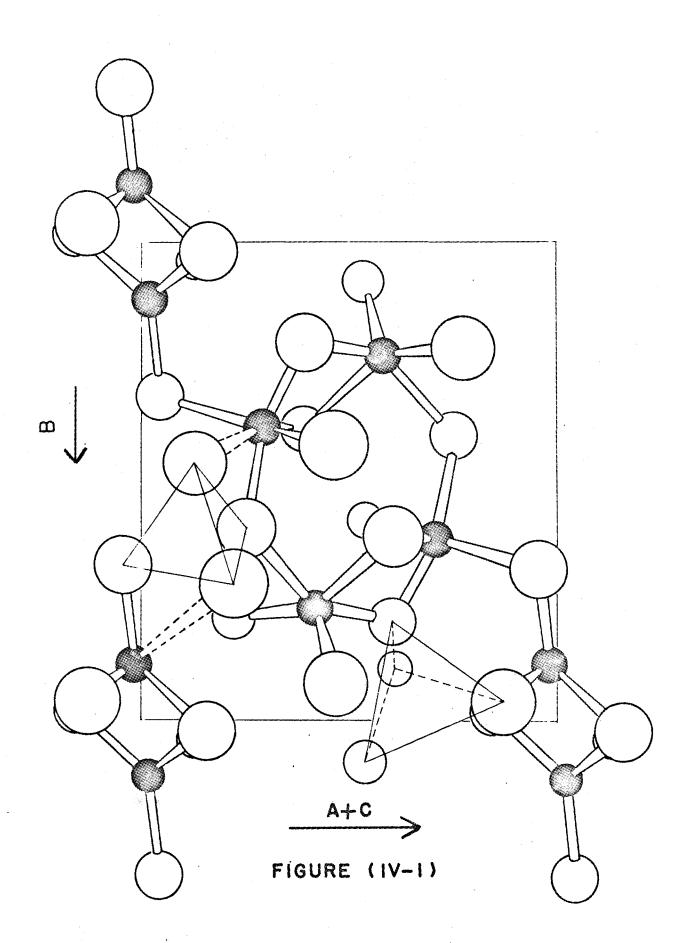
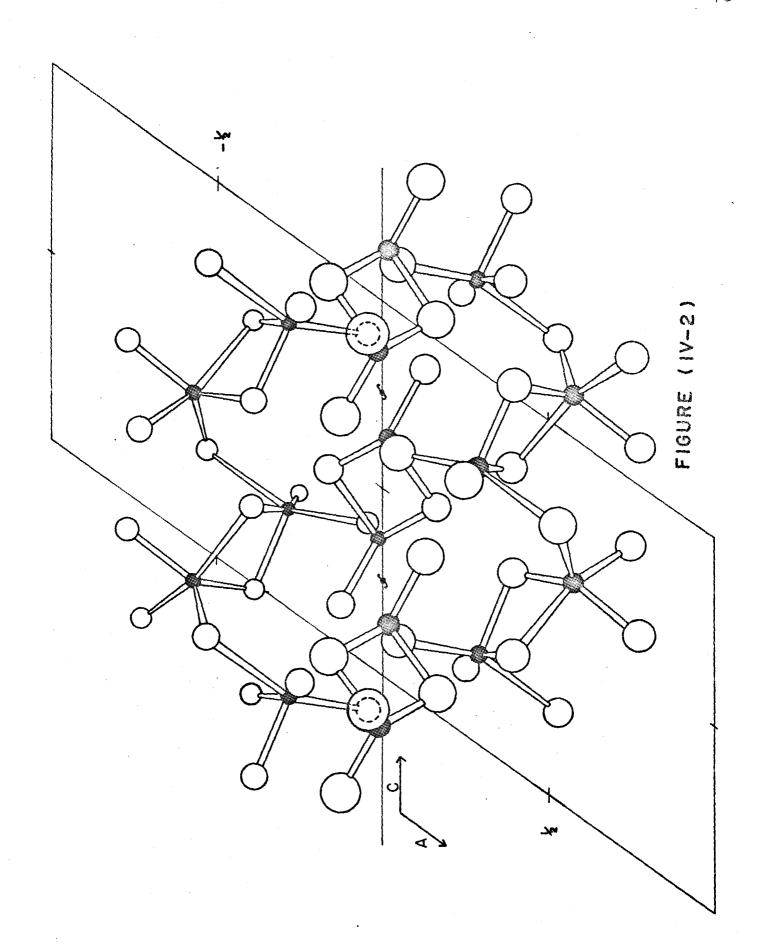


Fig. (IV-2) Spiral cation polyhedra chains in β-Zn₃(PO₄)₂.

The interconnected spiral chains are shown in projection down the <u>b</u> axis. The concentric oxygen atoms, where the lower one is shown in broken outline, are related by <u>b</u>, showing the spiral nature of the chains. The two weak Zn-O bonds of 2.5 Å in length are not shown in this figure.



with a mean value of 109.5° . The variations in the P-O bond distances are significant, however, and can be correlated with the further bonding of the oxygen atoms to cations in the structure. This variation is most apparent for 0(4) and 0(6), which are strongly bonded to only one cation. In the case of these two atoms, the P-O distances have decreased to 1.50 Å and 1.51 Å respectively. Despite these two short bonds, the average bond distance in this PO_{4} group is only slightly reduced. This tendency of tetrahedral anions, such as $(PO_{4})^{3-}$, to maintain a constant average bond length despite the differences in individual bond lengths, is well known. Table (IV-5) lists the individual and average P-O bond distances in several accurately determined orthophosphate structures.

Each of the oxygen atoms lies accurately in the plane formed by the three atoms to which it is bonded; a phosphorus atom and two cations. Even with O(4) and O(6), to which the second cation is only weakly bonded, this planarity still exists. The accuracy with which an oxygen atom lies in its coordination plane can be gauged by comparing the sum of the three bond angles subtended at the atom to 360° . Any deviation of the oxygen atom from the plane will result in a decrease in this sum from 360° . These angles and their sums are listed in Table (IV-6) for the eight oxygen atoms in the β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ structure.

TABLE (IV-5)
P-0 bond distances in 4 accurately refined orthophosphate structures

	β-Zr	3 ^{(PO} 4)2		Cu ₃ PO ₄	(OH) (2 9a)	Fe ₃ (PC	4)2.4H20	(29b)	CuA1 ₆	(PO ₄) ₄ (OH) ₈	.4H ₂ 0 (29c)
Bond	Dist. (A)	Bond	Dist. (A)	Bond	Dist. (A)	Bond	Dist. (A)	Bond	Dist.	Bond	Dist. (A)
P(1)-0(1)	1.534	P(2)-0(2)	1.542	P-0(1)	1.539	P-0(1)	1.542	P(1)-0(3)	1.541	P(2)-0(1)	1.534
P(1)-0(3)	1.515	P(2)-0(4)	1.512	P-0(2)	1.532	P-0(2)	1.549	P(1)-0(8)	1.521	P(2)-0(2)	1.533
P(1)-0(5)	1.542	P(2)-0(6)	1.501	P-0(3)	1.504	P-0(3)	1.542	P(1)-0(11)	1.539	P(2)-0(7)	1.543
P(1)-0(7)	1.539	P(2)-0(8)	1.558	P-0(4)	1.536	P-0(4)	1.536	P(1)-0(14)	1.556	P(2)-0(13)	1.550
<p(1)=0></p(1)=0>	1.533	<p(2)-0></p(2)-0>	1.528	<p=0></p=0>	1.528	<p=0></p=0>	1.542	<p(1)-0></p(1)-0>	1.539	<p(2)-0></p(2)-0>	1.540

Average P-O distance in all tetrahedra, 1.535 A.

TABLE (IV-6) Bond angles subtended at the oxygen atoms in $\beta\text{-}{\rm Zn}_3\text{(PO}_4\text{)}_2$

Bonded atoms	Bond (°) Angles	Sum of bond angles (°)	Bonded atoms	Bond Angles (°)	Sum of bond angles (°)
P(1)-0(1)-Zn(1)	118.6		P(2)-0(2)-Zn(2)	105.7	
P(1)-0(1)-Zn(1)!	141.4	359.8	P(2)=0(2)=Zn(3)	126.9	355.2
Zn(1)=0(1)-Zn(1)	99.8		$Z_n(2)-O(2)-Z_n(3)$	122.6	
P(1)-0(3)-Zn(2)	117.8		P(2)-0(4)-Zn(1)	82.9	
P(1)=0(3)=Zn(3)	126.5	359.5	P(2)=0(4)=Zn(3)	139.0	360.0
Zn(2)-O(3)-Zn(3)	115.2		Zn(1)-0(4)-Zn(3)	138.1	
P(1)-0(5)-Zn(2)	141.7	•	P(2)-0(6)-Zn(1)	129.7	
P(1)-0(5)-Zn(3)	118.7	359.4	P(2)=0(6)=Zn(2)	86.0	360.0
Zn(2)-0(5)-Zn(3)	99.0		Zn(1)-0(6)-Zn(2)	144.3	
P(1)-0(7)-Zn(2)	128.5		P(2)-0(8)-Zn(1)	104.7	
P(1)-0(7)-Zn(3)	137.5	359.4	P(2)=0(8)=Zn(2)	138.9	359.3
Zn(2)=0(7)=Zn(3)	93.4		Zn(1)=0(8)-Zn(2)	115.7	

CHAPTER V

THE STRUCTURES OF β^1 -Mn $_3$ (PO $_4$) $_2$ AND β^1 -Cd $_3$ (PO $_4$) $_2$

A. Crystal Chemistry of $Mn_3(PO_4)_2$

A sample of $\mathrm{Mn_3(PO_4)_2}$ had been prepared (32) whose powder pattern was very similar to that of β - $\mathrm{Zn_3(PO_4)_2}$. Initial attempts to prepare single crystals of $\mathrm{Mn_3(PO_4)_2}$ with this structure were unsuccessful. A form of $\mathrm{Mn_3(PO_4)_2}$ which gave a powder pattern similar to that of the mineral "graftonite" (an anhydrous orthophosphate of $\mathrm{Fe^{++}}$, $\mathrm{Mn^{++}}$ and $\mathrm{Ca^{++}}$), (11) resulted from all such attempts.

This form of Mn₃(PO₄)₂, which will be referred to as Mn-graftonite, was prepared by reacting stoichiometric amounts of manganous carbonate and phosphoric acid, according to the equation,

$$3MnCO_3 + 2H_3PO_4 \longrightarrow Mn_3(PO_4)_2 + 3CO_2 + 3H_2O$$
 (V-1)

The reaction was performed by adding the acid to a water slurry of the carbonate, and heating gently until CO₂ evolution was complete. The water was then removed by evaporating the sample to dryness. Single crystals were grown from the melt in a vycor tube, by cooling slowly through the freezing point and then quenching to room temperature. The dark colour of the resulting sample indicated that there had been considerable oxidation of Mn⁺⁺. The same procedure was repeated with the final fusing and crystallization being carried out in a graphite crucible with a fitted cover. The amount of oxidation in this case was minimal, and the crystals of Mn-graftonite were a

light greenish-brown in colour. These crystals were needle-shaped and preliminary X-ray photographs showed that the space group was P-2₁/c, and that the long axis of the crystals coincided with the c axis of the unit cell. The approximate lattice parameters of Mn-graftonite are listed in Table (V-1), together with those of the mineral for comparison (33).

Crystals of $\operatorname{Mn_3(PO_4)_2}$ with a structure similar to $\operatorname{\beta-Zn_3(PO_4)_2}$ were grown in a later attempt. The material used was " $\operatorname{Mn_3(PO_4)_2}$.7 $\operatorname{H_2O}$ ", supplied by Fisher Scientific Co., which was heated to remove the water, and fused in a vycor tube by heating with an oxy-gas flame. Flat plate-like crystals, which varied in colour from a dirty brown to almost colourless, were produced. Preliminary X-ray photographs taken using a fairly large single crystal showed that the structure was similar to $\operatorname{\beta-Zn_3(PO_4)_2}$. Consequently, this phase of $\operatorname{Mn_3(PO_4)_2}$ was denoted as $\operatorname{\beta^1-Mn_3(PO_4)_2}$.

An attempt was then made to determine the conditions which resulted in the formation of the β^1 phase rather than the graftonite-like phase. It was felt that the sample of "Mn₃(PO₄)₂.7H₂O" was probably contaminated with the acid or the basic phosphate, and that the resultant depression of the melting point might have crossed a phase boundary between the two forms. If this were true, then the Mn-graftonite was obtained as a metastable phase by quenching, in the same manner as β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂.

To test this possibility, a series of samples were prepared according to the following equation, with the parameter x taking the values, 1.1, 1.0, 0.9, 0.8, 0.7 and 0.6.

TABLE (V-1)

Approximate lattice parameters for Mn-graftonite and the mineral

Parameter	Mineral ⁽³³⁾	Mn-graftonite
a (A)	8.87	8.81
ь (Å)	11.57	11.45
c (Å)	6.17	6.27
β (°)	99.2	99.
space group	P-2 ₁ /c	P-2 ₁ /c

TABLE (V-2) Lattice parameters of β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂, β -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ and β -Cd₃(PO₄)₂

Parameter	β-Zn ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	β ¹ Mn ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	β ¹ cd ₃ (PO ₄) ₂
a (Å)	9.393(1)	8.94(3)	9.221(1)
ь (Å)	9.17(1)	10.04(2)	10.335(1)
c (Å)	8.686(1)	24.14(12)	24.90(5)
β (°)	125.7(1)	120.8(1)	120.7(2)
ν (⁸³)	607.3(7)	1861.(12)	2030.(6)
Z	4	12	12
space group	P-2 ₁ /c	P-2 ₁ /c	P-2 ₁ /c

$$\times \text{MnCO}_{3} + \text{Mn}_{2} \text{P}_{2} \text{O}_{7} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} \times \text{Mn}_{3} (\text{PO}_{4})_{2} + (1-x) \text{Mn}_{2} \text{P}_{2} \text{O}_{7} + x \text{CO}_{2} & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ \text{Mn}_{3} (\text{PO}_{4})_{2} + (x-1) \text{MnO} + x \text{CO}_{2} & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Each sample was mixed intimately with mortar and pestle, and fused in a covered graphite crucible to minimize oxidation of Mn^{++} . After cooling, the samples with x equal to 1.1, 1.0 and 0.9 all contained the distinctive needle-like crystals of Mn-graftonite, and the bulk of the polycrystalline mass was also this phase. This was confirmed by powder X-ray diffractometer tracings taken with Mn-filtered FeKa radiation, and single crystal rotation photographs with MoKa radiation. The samples with x equal to 0.8, 0.7 and 0.6 were polycrystalline, and did not give diffractometer tracings which could be completely identified. There was certainly $\mathrm{Mn_2P_2O_7}$ in these samples, but the presence of Mn-graftonite could not be confirmed. No evidence of $\mathrm{\beta^1\text{-Mn_3(PO_4)_2}}$ could be found in any of the samples, however.

The conclusive test of the hypothesis that $\beta^1-\text{Mn}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ is stable at temperatures below the stability region of Mn-graftonite would be to obtain a quantity of pure $\beta^1-\text{Mn}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ and fuse it, followed by the same cooling and quenching process used previously to obtain Mn-graftonite. If the hypothesis is true, Mn-graftonite crystals should be formed. Unfortunately it was not possible to perform this experiment as pure $\beta^1-\text{Mn}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ could not be prepared in sufficient quantity.

B. Preparation of β^1 -Cd₃(PO₄)₂

 ${\rm Cd}_3({\rm PO}_4)_2$ was prepared by reacting stoichiometric amounts of ammonium acid phosphate and cadmium carbonate, according to the equation,

$$3CdCO_3 + 2(NH_4)H_2PO_4 \longrightarrow Cd_3(PO_4)_2 + 3CO_2 + 3H_2O + 2NH_3$$
 (V-3)

Single crystals were grown from the melt by cooling the sample through the freezing point (1180°C). (4)

Preliminary X-ray photographs indicated that these crystals were of monoclinic symmetry, and the systematically absent reflections, hold for l odd and 0k0 for k odd, defined the space group to be $P-2_1/c$. These photographs showed that the lattice parameters were very close to those of $\beta^1-Mn_3(PO_4)_2$ and the similarity between the intensity data indicated that these compounds were isostructural. This form of $Cd_3(PO_4)_2$ was therefore denoted as $\beta^1-Cd_3(PO_4)_2$.

C. Lattice Parameters

(i)
$$\beta^{1}-Mn_{3}(PO_{4})_{2}$$

A small flake, broken from a larger flat single crystal of β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ was mounted on a glass fibre and aligned to rotate around the <u>b</u> axis. The length of the <u>b</u> axis was determined from a TiO₂-calibrated rotation photograph, as described earlier. Precession photographs were taken of the Okl and hkO zones, and, as the crystal was aligned with the <u>b</u> axis parallel to the camera spindle axis, the β angle could be determined directly from the spindle settings for these two photographs. The reciprocal axis lengths, a*, b* and c*

were measured from these precession photographs, which were calibrated for film shrinkage (assumed to be isotropic) by scaling the b* measurements to the value of b determined from the rotation photograph. The corresponding real lattice parameters for β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ are listed in Table (V-2), together with those of β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ and β^1 -Cd₃(PO₄)₂ for comparison.

(ii)
$$\beta^1$$
-Cd₃(PO₄)₂

A small crystal of β^1 -Cd₃(PO₄)₂ was mounted on a glass fibre and aligned on the Weissenberg camera with the <u>c</u> axis parallel to the rotation axis of the goniometer. The values of a* and b* were determined from a Weissenberg photograph, which was calibrated by superimposed rotation photographs of a TiO_2 crystal, by the same least squares procedure used for the β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ parameters. Precession photographs of the Okl and hOl zones were taken, and these were measured to provide values for β , b* and c*. The c* values were corrected for film shrinkage by scaling to the value of b* obtained from the calibrated Weissenberg photograph, again assuming that any shrinkage was isotropic. The corresponding real lattice parameters are listed in Table (V-2) together with those of β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ and β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂.

D. Intensity Data

(i)
$$\beta = Mn_3(PO_4)_2$$

The same crystal for which the lattice parameters were determined was used in all intensity measurements. The hol plane was photographed on the Weissenberg camera using MoKa radiation and the

hkO and Okl planes were recorded on film with the precession camera, also using MoKα radiation. Each plane was photographed for periods of 4, 12, and 36 hours, and, in the case of the Okl photograph, 108 hours. The intensities of the reflections were estimated by visual intercomparison, using the logarithmic method. (34) The usual Lorentz and polarization corrections (12) were made to the data, but no corrections for absorption were applied.

(ii) β^1 -Cd₃(PO₄)₂

As with β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂, the same crystal used in the lattice parameter measurements was used to collect all the intensity data. Precession photographs of the hOl and Okl zones were taken with MoKa radiation and the intensities estimated visually. The hkO and hk3 planes were photographed on the Weissenberg camera. These photographs were used to determine the values of ω and \emptyset for the reflections, whose intensities were measured on the diffractometer, using the technique described in Ch. III. For the hkO measurements, the discriminator was operated in the threshold mode. As a result, the background level was quite high, and there were many weak reflections that, although clearly visible on the hkO photograph, were obscured by the background. The intensities of these weak hkO reflections were estimated visually, and assigned a separate scale constant. The usual Lorentz and polarization corrections were made to the data, but no corrections for absorption.

E. Superstructure in β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ and β^1 -Cd₃(PO₄)₂

In both β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ and β^1 -Cd₃(PO₄)₂ the reflections with

l=0 modulo 3 (0mod3) are, on the average, much weaker than those with $l\neq 0$ mod3. This implies the existence of a translational sub-periodicity of c/3. The gross structural features should therefore be very similar in the three adjacent "sub-cells" which together make up the true unit cell. The similarity between these β^1 structures and the structure of β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ is apparent from the similarity between the intensities of the l=0mod3 reflections of the β^1 structures, and the β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ reflections.

The position vectors of three identical atoms which are almost related by the translation vector c/3 can be written as

$$\frac{R_{jn}}{r_{jn}} = \frac{r_{jn}}{r_{jn}} + \frac{r_$$

where n identifies the particular sub-cell. The vector $\underline{\mathbf{r}}$ is chosen so that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{2} \underline{\varepsilon}_{jn} = 0 \tag{V-5}$$

For a centrosymmetric structure with this form of "tripling", the expression for the structure factor becomes, from Eqn. (II-5), assuming that the thermal motions are independent of n and have been incorporated into $f_i(H)$,

$$F(\underline{H}) = \sum_{j=1}^{N/3} f_j(\underline{H}) \sum_{n=0}^{2} \cos 2\pi (\underline{H} \cdot (\underline{r}_j + \underline{\epsilon}_{jn} + \underline{nc}/3))$$
 (V-6)

If the displacements $\underline{\varepsilon}_{jn}$ are sufficiently small, Eqn. (V-6) reduces to

$$F(\underline{H}) = \sum_{j=1}^{N/3} f_{j}(\underline{H}) \left\{ \cos 2\pi (\underline{H} \cdot \underline{r}_{j}) [1 + 2\cos(\frac{2\pi \ell}{3}) - 2\pi \underline{H} \cdot (\underline{\epsilon}_{j1} - \underline{\epsilon}_{j2}) \sin(\frac{2\pi \ell}{3})] - \sin 2\pi (\underline{H} \cdot \underline{r}_{j}) [2\pi (\underline{H} \cdot \underline{\epsilon}_{j0}) (1 - \cos(\frac{2\pi \ell}{3}))] \right\}$$

$$(V-7)$$

For those reflections where \$\mathbb{l}=0\text{mod3.}

$$F(\underline{H}) = 3 \sum_{j=1}^{N/3} f_j(\underline{H}) \cos 2\pi (\underline{H} \cdot \underline{r}_j)$$
 (V-8)

Thus, if the displacements $\underline{\varepsilon}_{jn}$ are small enough, the average positions \underline{r}_i can be obtained using only the \$\ell=0\text{mod3}\$ data.

The practical restrictions on the magnitudes of $\underline{\varepsilon}_{jn}$ are not as severe as the analysis would indicate. As $|\underline{H}|$ becomes large, and the approximations leading to Eqn. (V-7) become more difficult to justify, the scattering factor, $f_j(H)$, decreases, and reflections with large values of $|\underline{H}|$ do not contribute heavily to the Patterson function. Thus the errors in the approximation will not as seriously affect the interpretation of the Patterson function.

The average intensity of the ℓ^{\pm} 0 mod3 reflections, compared to the ℓ =0 mod3 reflections, was higher for β^{1} Mn₃(PO₄)₂ than for β^{1} -Cd₃(PO₄)₂. This suggests that the displacements were smaller for the cations than for the other atoms in the structure, as the Cd⁺⁺ ions make up a considerably greater fraction of the total scattering in Cd₃(PO₄)₂ than do the Mn⁺⁺ ions in Mn₃(PO₄)₂. The ℓ =0 mod3 reflections were also much stronger in the h0 ℓ layer, than in the 0 k ℓ , which suggests that the displacements ℓ =in are predominantly in the a direction.

The solution of the β^1 structures was undertaken in two stages. First the "average" structure was determined using only the $\ell=0$ mod3 reflections, which were re-indexed with $\ell=\ell/3$, and all calculations were performed in the sub-cell, referred to as the "small cell", with $\underline{c'}=\underline{c}/3$. The second stage was the determination of the displacements $\underline{\epsilon}_{jn}$, and the refinement of the structure in the true unit cell (large

cell), with all the data. These two stages are described in the following sections.

F. Solution of the Small Cell Structures

Patterson projections calculated in the small cell using the hk0 and h0l' data of β^1 -Cd₃(PO₄)₂ were successfully interpreted to yield a consistent set of coordinates for the three cations. The positions of the two phosphorus atoms and the eight oxygen atoms were determined by means of repeated electron density and difference syntheses, and least squares refinements of the atomic coordinates, in these two projections. The Okt' and hkl (hk3 in the large cell) data were then added to the refinement. The temperature factors (isotropic) of the oxygen atoms were unreasonably large, and, if physically meaningful, would imply thermal vibrations whose rms amplitudes were greater than 0.25 $\overset{\circ}{A}$ (B_i>5.0). The effect of temperature factors of this magnitude is to sharply decrease the atoms' contributions to the scattering of all but the lowest angle reflections, essentially eliminating these atoms from the trial structure. The value of the least squares residual R, under these conditions, and with unit weights, was 0.20 .

The Okl' Patterson of β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ was also interpreted, yielding y and z coordinates for the cations which essentially agreed with those found for the Cd⁺⁺ ions. All the atoms were than successfully located in this projection. Taking the x coordinates from β^1 -Cd₃(PO₄)₂, the β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ refinement was continued in the small cell. As before, the temperature factors on the oxygen atoms did not correspond to

physically meaningful thermal vibrations.

The inability to obtain reasonable thermal parameters for the oxygen atoms in both structures by means of the least squares procedure was attributed to the approximations inherent in using the ℓ =0mod3 data only. This was further emphasized by the gross irregularity of the PO_{μ} tetrahedra, especially in β^1 -Mn₃(PO_{μ})₂. It was now necessary to determine the displacements $\underline{\epsilon}_{jn}$ for the atoms, and continue the refinement of the structure in the large cell.

G. Solution and Refinement of the Large Cell Structures

As the \$\pmod3 reflections were stronger for \$1-Mn_3(PO_4)_2 than for β^1 -Cd₃(PO₄)₂, the solution of the large cell structure was undertaken with the β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ data. There were a few hOl reflections with &#Omod3 that were fairly strong, and for the larger values of |H|, their average intensity approached that of the L=0mod3 reflections. Using the absolute scaling provided by the small cell refinement, unitary structure factors were calculated for all the hOl reflections, using Eqn. (II-11). The thermal correction term, $\exp(-\underline{H} \cdot \underline{\beta}_{j} \cdot \underline{H})$, in that equation was calculated using the isotropic temperature factors from the small cell refinement, although these temperature factors were too large, as they were trying to correct for the actual atom displacements. The effects of thermal vibrations and positional disorder are similar, especially when the displacements are small and in random directions. The effect of using too large a thermal correction was to erroneously increase the values of the unitary structure factors calculated for the high angle reflections.

As a result, some of the conclusions regarding the phases were not absolutely correct, but only had a fairly high probability of being so (16).

The reflections were listed in order of decreasing values of $|U_{\underline{H}}|$, in two groups, $l=0 \mod 3$ and $l\neq 0 \mod 3$. The signs for the reflections in the first group had already been determined by the solution of the small cell structure. The inequality relationships of Eqn. (II-12) were used with $U_{\underline{H}}$ taken from the first group of reflections, and $U_{\underline{H}}$, from the second group, starting with the largest values of $|U_{\underline{H}}|$ and $|U_{\underline{H}}|$. The signs of 13 of the larger $U_{\underline{H}}$, were related by this procedure, in terms of a parameter "p", which could be $^{\pm}1$. Two additional signs were determined, irrespective of the choice for p.

In order to determine p, the electron density was calculated around the average cation positions, using these 15 reflections, first with p=+1 and then with p=-1. This electron density was treated as though it were a difference synthesis, where a slightly incorrect atomic position is indicated by an electron density gradient. It was thereby possible to shift the nine cations away from their corresponding small cell positions. The new positions determined in this manner for both choices of p were then used to calculate structure factors for all the hold data. The calculation for p=+1 yielded an R₂ value of 0.55, while p=-1 gave a value of 0.59. The number of the 15 original reflections whose structure factors were calculated to have a sign opposite to the sign predicted from the inequality relationships were 1 and 3, for p=+1 and p=-1 respectively. On these

bases, it was assumed that p=+1 was more likely correct, and the large cell refinement continued with this assumption.

The phosphorus and oxygen atoms were introduced into the structure by being placed near their small cell positions, and their coordinates were refined by least squares. During these refinements, the temperature factors of the oxygen atoms were not varied, and only a fraction, usually 1/2 or 1/4, of the calculated shifts of the coordinates were actually applied. After each cycle of refinement, the geometries of the PO, tetrahedra were inspected, and the oxygen atom positions readjusted if the irregularities were excessive. At several stages, the temperature factors of the oxygen atoms were allowed to vary, in order to determine if the orientations of the PO_{μ} tetrahedra were correct. If a tetrahedron was incorrectly oriented, the temperature factors of all its oxygen atoms would increase sharply, effectively eliminating these atoms from the trial structure in an attempt to provide better agreement with the measured data. When this happened, the offending atoms were removed, and a difference synthesis calculated. The atoms were replaced as indicated by this synthesis, and further cycles of least squares refinements undertaken.

Eventually, all the atoms were more or less correctly located by this procedure, but the geometries of the PO $_{ij}$ groups were still highly irregular. It was noted that, on the average, the $|F_c|$ values for the \$\pm\$0mod3 reflections were too small, which indicated that the displacements $\underline{\epsilon}_{in}$ were too small in magnitude. The weighting scheme

was then changed from unit weights on all reflections to a scheme whereby the \$\psi\text{0}\text{mod3}\$ reflections received unit weights and the \$\psi\text{0}\text{mod3}\$ reflections received a lower weight. This weight was lowered progressively to 0.75 over several least squares cycles. The desired effect, that of emphasizing the displacements from the average positions, was realized, and the atoms (particularly the oxygen atoms) underwent significant shifts in position. The geometry of the \$PO_4\$ groups was now more regular, and the reliability indices which had formerly been 0.10 and 0.23 for the \$\psi\text{0}\text{mod3}\$ and \$\psi\text{0}\text{mod3}\$ reflections respectively, became 0.09 and 0.13.

At this stage it seemed desirable to further test the original choice of signs for the $\ell \neq 0 \mod 3$ reflections (p=+1). The displacements $\underline{\varepsilon}_{jn}$ were reversed, which, by Eqn. (V-7), reverses the signs of these reflections while leaving the $|F_c|$ values of the $\ell = 0 \mod 3$ reflections unchanged. Also, the intensities of the hl ℓ reflections were measured from a Weissenberg photograph, using the diffractometermeasured $\beta = 2n_3(PO_{ij})_2$ hl ℓ intensities as an intensity standard, and Lorentz and polarization corrections applied. It was felt that the $\ell \neq 0 \mod 3$ reflections in the hl ℓ data should provide a reliable check on the validity of the $\underline{\varepsilon}_{jn}$ found for the p=+1 solution.

Structure factors were calculated for all of the data, for both the determined displacements and for the reversed displacements. The R-factors for these two calculations are summarized in Table(V-3). From the agreements shown in this table, the conclusion can be drawn that the initial choice of signs (p=+1) and the resulting displacements e_{jn} are indeed correct.

TABLE (V-3) Residuals for the cases where p=+1 and p=-1 in $\beta_{-}^{1}Mn_{3}(PO_{4})_{2}$

Class of reflections	$R_2 (p=+1)$	$R_{2} (p=-1)$
j ,		
£ = Omod3	0.09	0.13
ℓ ≠ 0mod3	0.15	0.43
all reflections	0.11	0.21

TABLE (V-4) Residuals for $\beta_{-Mn_3}^{1}(PO_4)_2$ and $\beta_{-Cd_3}^{1}(PO_4)_2$

		βl	Mn ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	β ¹ Cd ₃ (PO ₄) ₂		
Residual	Conditions #	refl.	Residual value	# refl.	Residual value	
R ₂	all reflections	1289	0.125	1065	0.109	
R ₁	all reflections	1289	0.089	1065	0.104	
R ₂	obs. refl. only	878	0.119	728	0.107	
R ₁	obs. refl. only	878	0.085	728	0.079	

The weighting scheme was again changed to the "Cruickshank" method, and the weights were calculated according to the equation

$$w_i^{-1} = 30.0 - 0.25 |F_0|_i + 0.0075 |F_0|_i^2$$
 (V-9)

A final three cycles with this weighting brought the value of R_2 for all the data to 0.125.

The final values for the atomic parameters of β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ are listed with their esd's in Table (V-5), and the reliability indices are summarized in Table (V-4). The observed and calculated structure factors are listed in Table (V-6), where the unobserved reflections are marked with an asterisk (*), and the unreliable reflections with the symbol \emptyset .

The atomic positions of β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ were used with the β^1 -Cd₃(PO₄)₂ data. Least squares refinement of the parameters was carried out in the same general manner as for β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)[†]₂. The final weighting scheme was

$$w_i^{-1} = 25.0 + |F_0|_i + 0.005 |F_0|_i^2$$
 (V-10)

and the final value of R_{2} for all the data was 0.109 .

The final values for the atomic parameters of β^1 -Cd₃(PO₄)₂ are also listed in Table (V-5), and the reliability indices in Table (V-4), together with those of β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂. Table (V-7) contains the list of observed and calculated structure factors, where the unobserved and unreliable reflections are marked as indicated above.

Individual temperature factors were not determined for the atoms by least squares refinement, but were set to the isotropic values determined for the corresponding atoms in β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂.

TABLE (V-5) Atomic parameters for $\beta^{\frac{1}{2}}Mn_3(PO_4)_2$ and $\beta^{\frac{1}{2}}Cd_3(PO_4)_2$

β [±] Mn ₃ (PO ₄) ₂					β ¹ cd ₃ (PO ₄) ₂			
Atom	, x	y	·Z	B(Å ²)	×	y -	Z	
M(1A)	0041(6)	0.0944(7)	0.0599(2)	0.73(8)	0001(6)	0.0931(5)	0.0610(2)	
M(1B)	0.0085(6)	0.0853(8)	0.7164(2)	0.75(8)	0.0098(6)	0.0894(5)	0.6194(2)	
M(1C)	0064(6)	0.1058(7)	0.3932(2)	0.78(8)	0032(7)	0.1029(4)	0.3918(2)	
M(2A)	0.2981(6)	0.3858(6)	0.0758(2)	0.77(7)	0.2956(7)	0.3949(5)	0.0771(2)	
M(2B)	0.2875(6)	0.3891(7)	0.7435(2)	0.80(7)	0.3008(7)	0.3961(5)	0.7477(2)	
M(2C)	0.3109(6)	0.3881(7)	0.4167(2)	0.81(8)	0.3136(6)	0.3952(5)	0.4159(2)	
M(3A)	0.4033(6)	2194(7)	0.1407(2)	0.70(8)	0.3890(6)	2120(5)	0.1368(2)	
M(3B)	0.3975(6)	2032(9)	0.7966(2)	0.72(7)	0.3910(6)	 2023(6)	0.7956(2)	
M(3C)	0.4121(6)	2172(8)	0.4573(2)	0.82(8)	0.4061(6)	 2122(6)	0.4569(2)	
P(1A)	0.3608(10)	0.0561(12)	0.0609(3)	0.78(13)	0.3615(26)	0.0648(20)	0.0584(8)	
P(1B)	0.3704(9)	0.0661(12)	0.7188(3)	0.40(12)	0.3676(24)	0.0724(20)	0.7214(8)	
P(1C)	0.3614(10)	0.0767(12)	0.3944(3)	0.90(13)	0.3635(27)	0.0803(20)	0.3941(9)	
P(2A)	0.1264(10)	3539(10)	0009(3)	0.74(11)	0.1261(27)	 3523(17)	0.0022(9)	
P(2B)	0.1205(10)	3689(10)	0.6718(3)	0.73(11)	0.1272(28)	 3635(19)	0.6737(8)	
P(2C)	0.1392(10)	3551(10)	0.3310(3)	0.86(12)	0.1309(27)	 3591(20)	0.3330(8)	
0(1A)	0.1662(28)	0.0203(29)	0.0209(9)	1.03(33)	0.1664(72)	0.0313(50)	0.0234(23)	
0(1B)	0.1713(24)	0.0347(28)	0.6751(8)	0.83(29)	0.1825(64)	0.0425(52)	0.6800(21)	
0(1C)	0.1711(28)	0.0304(31)	0.3615(9)	1.30(36)	0.1765(72)	0.0355(54)	0.3619(23)	
0(2A)	0.1881(33)	3492(34)	0.0714(11)	1.83(46)	0.1776(68)	3461(60)	0.0725(25)	
0(2B)	0.1344(28)	4222(32)	0.7339(9)	1.38(38)	0.1477(73)	 4096(52)	0.7525(23)	
0(2C)	0.1628(28)	4329(32)	0.3891(9)	0.79(37)	0.1525(66)	 4267(40)	0.3915(22)	
0(3A)	0.4734(26)	0688(28)	0.0968(8)	0.81(30)	0.4563(57)	0564(41)	0.0958(21)	
0(3 B)	0.4773(24)	0523(28)	0.7561(7)	0.63(29)	0.4870(54)	0429(48)	0.7608(19)	
0(3C)	0.4847(27)	0424(29)	0.4288(9)	0.89(34)	0.4781(61)	0364(50)	0.4276(21)	

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TABLE (V-5) concluded

β ¹ Mn ₃ (PO ₄) ₂					β ¹ cd ₃ (PO ₄) ₂			
Atom	×	У	2	B(A ²)	x	у	z	
0(4A)	0.2373(33)	2635(36)	0149(10)	1.38(42)	0.2493(67)	2550(48)	0045(23)	
0(4B)	0.2621(28)	2581(31)	0.6902(9)	1.09(35)	0.2649(66)	2526(45)	0.6887(23)	
0(4C)	0.2755(29)	2451(34)	0.3542(9)	1.33(35)	0.2520(71)	2450(47)	0.3478(23)	
O(5A)	0.4290(31)	0.1072(32)	0.0169(9)	1.32(40)	0.4245(66)	0.1109(54)	0.0196(24)	
0(5B)	0.4443(27)	0.1161(28)	0.6771(8)	1.03(31)	0.4511(60)	0.1103(50)	0.6824(22)	
0(5C)	0.3982(28)	0.1366(30)	0.3446(9)	1.33(36)	0.4075(65)	0.1330(52)	0.3491(24)	
0(6A)	0.1359(23)	5028(26)	0192(8)	0.84(28)	0.1449(54)	4912(47)	0172(19)	
0(6B)	0.1660(29)	4840(34)	0.6423(10)	1.44(41)	0.1740(67)	4669(53)	0.6368(24)	
(6C)	0.1735(31)	4392(33)	0.2862(10)	1.51(42)	0.1705(66)	4448(52)	0.2944(24)	
O(7A)	0.3880(27)	0.1761(28)	0.1083(8)	0.91(32)	0.3946(68)	0.1780(43)	0.1042(23)	
0(7B)	0.3841(31)	0.1857(31)	0.7634(9)	1.34(38)	0.3903(71)	0.1816(56)	0.7606(23)	
0(7C)	0.3873(31)	0.1886(31)	0.4418(10)	0.75(38)	0.3739(60)	0.1864(45)	0.4443(22)	
(AB)	0.0619(28)	0.2982(38)	0.0433(9)	0.95(36)	0.0471(70)	0.3037(64)	0.0403(23)	
0(8B)	0.0505(27)	0.3023(30)	0.6249(9)	1.30(33)	0.0631(65)	0.3108(51)	0.6248(24)	
0(8C)	0.0465(33)	0.2917(46)	0.2947(10)	1.07(43)	0.0448(70)	0.2983(66)	0.2973(24)	

TABLE V-6 β' -M_N(PO) OBSERVED AND CALCULATED STRUCTURE FACTORS (x10)

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TABLE (V-7) β^{1} -Co₈(PO₄)₂ OBSERVED AND CALCULATED STRUCTURE FACTORS (x 10) UNOBSERVED REFLECTIONS ARE MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK (*), AND UNRELIABLE REFLECTIONS WITH THE SYMBOL (8).

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6 11 + 540 -	-582 4 -216 5 421 6 -98 7	20 856 951 20 832 -830 20 • 724 270	6 -4 881 -729 7 -4 •1024 34 8 -4 •1097 -145	12 -14 *1236 -264 0 16 * 845 603 1 16 * 868 -314	7 -28 1782 1961 8 -28 1201 925 9 -28 1456 1160
10 11 766 - 11 11 • 733 12 11 920 -	-819 8 85 9 -781 10	20 697 -723 20 868 1046 20 646 499	10 -4 1336 -1128 0 6 94813 -5709 1 6 91160 986	3 16 • 919 -493 4 16 •1142 790 5 16 1189 -980	10 -20 •1028 1183 11 -28 1388 1337 1 -30 • 815 226 2 -30 1715 1739 3 -30 2754 -2661
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4 13 • 535 6 13 • 560 6 13 • 560	128 2	23 • 725 -666 23 • 723 182	11 -6 1692 -1896 0 8 1292 -1152 1 8 • 657 27	1 -18 #6253 7563 2 -18 2004 2158 3 -18 1644 1437	
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H. Description of the Structures

The large cell comprises three sub-cells, which are labelled A, B and C respectively. The nomenclature used to identify the atoms is the same as that used for $\beta-Zn_3(PO_4)_2$ except that the sub-cell designation has been appended.

The phosphorus atom environments are shown in Table (V-8) for both the β^1 structures. The esd's of the P-O bond distances are much higher than those in β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂. This is due to the higher values of the residuals, R₂, and to the considerably lower degree of overdeterminacy in the β^1 structures. In β^1 -Cd₃(PO₄)₂ the PO₄ groups appear highly irregular, and this is due to the incomplete refinement of this structure. The average P-O bond distances in β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ and β^1 -Cd₃(PO₄)₂ are 1.542±0.024 Å and 1.544±0.056 Å respectively. The average O-P-O angles are 109.5° and 109.2°.

The major differences between the β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ structure and the two β ¹ structures becomes apparent upon considering the cation environments. In Table (V-9), the cation-oxygen bond distances are listed for all three structures. As can be seen from this table, there

The overdeterminacy is usually defined as the ratio of the number of independent observations to the number of independent parameters. If projection data only is used, the effective overdeterminacy is reduced, as each parameter does not contribute to each observation, (hk0 data cannot be used to determine z coordinates, for example). It is necessary to have a large overdeterminacy in a crystal structure analysis because there exists no mathematically unique solution for the electron density, and because each measured intensity is inexact.

TABLE (V-8) (a) Bond distances in PO $_4$ tetrahedra in $\beta^{\frac{1}{2}}Mn_3(PO_4)_2$ and $\beta^{\frac{1}{2}}Cd_3(PO_4)_2$

Bonded atoms	β ¹ Cd ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	β-Mn ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	Bonded atoms
	Distance (A)	Distance (A)	
P(2A)-0(2A)	1.59(6)	1.54(2)	P(1A)-0(1A)
P(2A)-0(4A)	1.54(5)	1.56(3)	P(1A)-0(3A)
P(2A) - 0(6A)	1.44(8)	1.56(3)	P(1A) - 0(5A)
P(2A)-0(8A)	1.55(6)	1.59(3)	P(1A)-0(7A)
P(2B)-0(2B)	1.51(5)	1.57(2)	P(1B)-0(1B)
P(2B) = 0(4B)	1.58(5)	1.50(3)	P(1B)-0(3B)
P(2B) - 0(6B)	1.57(7)	1.54(3)	P(1B)-0(5B)
P(2B)-0(8B)	1.44(6)	1.57(3)	P(1B)-0(7B)
P(2C)-0(2C)	1.56(6)	1.54(3)	P(1C)-0(1C)
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P(2C)-0(8C)	1.63(6)	1.54(3)	P(1C)-0(7C)
P(2C)-0(2C) P(2C)-0(4C) P(2C)-0(6C) P(2C)-0(8C)	1.56(6) 1.54(5) 1.48(8) 1.63(6)	1.54(3) 1.55(3) 1.52(3) 1.54(3)	P(1C)-0(1C) P(1C)-0(3C) P(1C)-0(5C) P(1C)-0(7C)

(b)	Bond angles in	PO ₄ tetrahedra in	$\beta = Mn_3(PO_4)_2$ and	$\beta^{\frac{1}{2}} Cd_3 (PO_4)_2$
Bonded atoms	$\beta = Mn_{\circ}(PO_{\circ})$	β ¹ cd _o (PO _v) _o	Bonded atoms	$\beta = Mn_{\alpha}(PO_{\mu})_{\alpha}$

Bonded atoms	β-Mn ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	β ¹ Cd ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	Bonded atoms	β ¹ Mn ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	β ¹ Cd ₃ (PO ₄) ₂
	Angle (°)	Angle (°)		Angle (°)	Angle (°)
0(1A)-P(1A)-0(3A)	111.	107.	0(2A)-P(2A)-0(4A) 0(2A)-P(2A)-0(6A)	110. 108.	106. 112.
0(1A)-P(1A)-0(5A) 0(1A)-P(1A)-0(7A) 0(3A)-P(1A)-0(5A)	111. 110. 106.	116. 108. 112.	0(2A)-P(2A)-0(6A) 0(2A)-P(2A)-0(8A) 0(4A)-P(2A)-0(6A)	112.	113. 111.
0(3A)-P(1A)-0(7A) 0(5A)-P(1A)-0(7A)	113. 106.	109. 104.	0(4A)-P(2A)-0(8A) 0(6A)-P(2A)-0(8A)	104. 111.	106. 110.
O(1B)-P(1B)-O(3B)	114.	117.	0(2B)-P(2B)-0(4B)	109.	109.
0(1B)-P(1B)-0(5B) 0(1B)-P(1B)-0(7B)	110.	112.	0(2B)-P(2B)-0(6B) 0(2B)-P(2B)-0(8B)	107. 115.	115. 113.
0(3B)-P(1B)-0(5B) 0(3B)-P(1B)-0(7B) 0(5B)-P(1B)-0(7B)	107. 113.	100. 111.	0(4B)-P(2B)-0(6B) 0(4B)-P(2B)-0(8B) 0(6B)-P(2B)-0(8B)	108. 105. 113.	101. 111. 107.
0(1C)-P(1C)-0(3C)	107.	106.	0(2C)-P(2C)-0(4C)	109.	107.
0(1C)-P(1C)-0(5C) 0(1C)-P(1C)-0(7C)	110.	112.	0(2C)-P(2C)-0(6C) 0(2C)-P(2C)-0(8C)	113. 109.	113.
0(3C)-P(1C)-0(5C) 0(3C)-P(1C)-0(7C)	110. 112.	109. 111.	0(4C)-P(2C)-0(6C) 0(4C)-P(2C)-0(8C)	104. 109.	103. 104.
0(5C)-P(1C)-0(7C)	107.	114.	0(6C)-P(2C)-0(8C)	112.	114.

TABLE (V-9) Cation-oxygen bond lengths in β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂, β -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ and β -Cd₃(PO₄)₂

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Bonded atoms	Distance	Bonded atoms	Distance •	Bonded atoms	Distance •	Bonded atoms	Distance
	(Ă)	·	(Å)	•	(Ă)		(Å)
Mn(1A)-0(1A)	2.08(2)	Mn(1B)-0(1C)	2.09(2)	Mn(1C)-0(1B)	2.10(2)	Zn(1)-0(1)	1.95
Mn(1A) - 0(1A)'	2.29(3)	Mn(1B)-0(1B)	2.20(3)	Mn(1C)-0(1C)	2.22(3)	Zn(1)-0(1)	2.11
Mn(1A) = 0(6B)	2.10(3)	Mn(1B)-0(6C)	2.15(3)	Mn(1C)-0(6A)	2.10(2)	Zn(1)-0(6)	1.89
Mn(1A) - 0(8A)	2.22(4)	Mn(1B)-0(8C)	2.14(5)	Mn(1C)-0(8B)	2.14(3)	Zn(1)-0(8)	1.96
Mn(1A) - 0(4A)	2.47(3)	Mn(1B)-0(4C)	2.74(3)	Mn(1C)-0(4B)	2.63(2)	Zn(1)-0(4)	2.55
Mn(1A) - 0(2C)	2.32(3)	Mn(1B)-0(2B)	2.16(3)	Mn(1C)-0(2A)	2.24(4)	Zn(1)-0(2)	
< Mn(1A)-0 >	2.20	< Mn(1B)-0 >	2.15	< Mn(1C)-0 >	2.16	$< Z_n(1)-0 >$	1.98
Mn(2A)-0(2A)	2.82(4)	Mn(2B)-0(2B)	2.28(3)	Mn(2C)-0(2C)	2,13(3)	Zn(2)-0(2)	1.99
Mn(2A) - O(7A)	2.25(3)	Mn(2B)-0(7B)	2.17(3)	Mn(2C)-0(7C)	2.10(3)	Zn(2)-0(7)	2.02
Mn(2A) - 0(8A)	2.04(3)	Mn(2B)-0(8C)	2.10(3)	Mn(2C)-0(8B)	2.19(3)	Zn(2)-0(8)	2.05
Mn(2A)-0(5B)	2.10(2)	Mn(2B)-0(5C)	2.13(2)	Mn(2C) - 0(5A)	2.09(2)	Zn(2)-0(5)	2.09
Mn(2A) - 0(3C)	2.13(3)	Mn(2B)-0(3B)	2.18(3)	Mn(2C)-0(3A)	2.16(3)	Zn(2)-0(3)	2.28
Mn(2A) - 0(6A)	2.28(2)	Mn(2B)-0(2)	2.46(3)	Mn(2C)-0(6C)		Zn(2)-0(6)	2.51
< Mn(2A)-0 >	2.16	< Mn(2B)-0 >	2.17	< Mn(2C)-0 >	2.13	< Zn(2)-0 >	2.09
Mn(3A)-0(4B)	2.15(3)	Mn(3B)-0(4C)	2.23(3)	Mn(3C)-0(4A)	2.00(3)	Zn(3)-0(4)	1.92
Mn(3A) - O(3A)	2.12(3)	Mn(3B)-0(3B)	2.12(3)	Mn(3C) - 0(3C)	2.11(3)	Zn(3)-0(3)	2.00
Mn(3A) - 0(5C)	2.17(3)	Mn(3B) - 0(5B)	2.19(3)	Mn(3C)-0(5A)	2.15(2)	Zn(3)-0(5)	2.01
Mn(3A)-0(2A)	2.21(3)	Mn(3B)-0(2B)		Mn(3C)-0(2C)		Zn(3)-0(2)	2.17
Mn(3A) - 0(7B)	2.14(2)	Mn(3B)-0(7A)	2.12(2)	Mn(3C)-0(7C)	2.18(2)	Zn(3)-0(7)	2.26
Mn(3A) - 0(6B)		Mn(3B)-0(6C)	2.37(3)	Mn(3C)-0(6A)		Zn(3)-0(6)	
Mn(3A)-0(4A)		Mn(3B)-0(4B)	2.28(2)	Mn(3C)-0(4C)	2.16(2)	Zn(3)-0(4)	
< Mn(3A)-0 >	2.16	< Mn(3B)-0 >	2.22	< Mn(3C)-0 >	2.12	$< Z_n(3)-0 >$	2.08

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Table (V-9) continued

Bonded atoms	Distance	Bonded atoms	Distance	Bonded atoms	Distance
	(Å)		(Å)		(A)
Cd(1A)-0(1A)	2.26(5)	Cd(1B)-0(1C)	2.27(5)	Cd(1C)-0(1B)	2.27(5)
Cd(1A)-0(1A)	2.26(8)	Cd(1B)-0(1B)	2.31(7)	Cd(1C)-0(1C)	2.25(7)
Cd(1A)-0(6B)	2.18(5)	Cd(1B)-0(6C)	2.26(5)	Cd(1C)-0(6A)	2.27(4)
Cd(1A)-0(8A)	2.33(7)	Cd(1B)-0(8C)	2.25(7)	Cd(1C)-0(8B)	2.33(6)
Cd(1A)-0(4A)	2.60(5)	Cd(1B)-0(4C)	2.66(6)	Cd(1C)-0(4B)	2.70(5)
Cd(1A) - 0(2C)	2.26(7)	Cd(1B)-0(2B)	2.31(7)	Cd(1C)-0(2A)	2.26(8)
< Cd(1A)-0 >	2.26	< Cd(1B)-0 >	2.28	< Cd(1C)-0 >	2.28
Cd(2A)-0(2A)	2.87(6)	Cd(2B)-0(2B)	2.37(6)	Cd(2C)-0(2C)	2.25(5)
Cd(2A)-0(7A)	2.38(5)	Cd(2B)-0(7B)	2.33(6)	Cd(2C)-0(7C)	2.25(5)
Cd(2A)-0(8A)	2.20(6)	Cd(2B)-0(8C)	2.27(6)	Cd(2C)-0(9B)	2.18(5)
Cd(2A)-0(5B)	2.26(5)	Cd(2B)-0(5C)	2.21(6)	Cd(2C)-0(5A)	2.24(6)
Cd(2A)-0(3C)	2.26(6)	Cd(2B)-0(3B)	2.17(6)	Cd(2C)-0(3A)	2.34(6)
Cd(2A)-0(6A)	2.35(5)	Cd(2B)-0(6B)	2.77(6)	Cd(2C)-0(6C)	
< Cd(2A)-0 >	2.29	< Cd(2B)-0 >	2.27	< Cd(2C)-0 >	2.25
Cd(3A)-0(4B)	2.15(7)	Cd(3B)-0(4C)	2.31(8)	Cd(3C)-0(4A)	2.13(7)
Cd(3A)-0(3A)	2.16(5)	Cd(3B)-0(3B)	2.24(6)	Cd(3C)-0(3C)	2.19(6)
Cd(3A)-0(5C)	2.35(6)	Cd(3B)-0(5B)	2.31(5)	Cd(3C)-0(5A)	2.28(6)
Cd(3A)-0(2A)	2.26(5)	Cd(3B)-0(2B)		Cd(3C)-0(2C)	
Cd(3A)-0(7B)	2.34(5)	Cd(3B)-0(7A)	2.27(4)	Cd(3C) - 0(7C)	2.27(4)
Cd(3A)-0(6B)	2.71(6)	Cd(3B)-0(6C)	2.53(6)	Cd(3C)-0(6A)	
Cd(3A)-0(4A)		Cd(3B) - O(4B)	2.35(5)	Cd(3C)-0(4C)	2.36(5)
< Cd(3A)-0 >	2.25	< Cd(3B)-0 >	2.30	< Cd(3C)-0 >	2.25

are considerable differences in bonding. Mn(1A), Mn(1B) and Mn(1C) have all gained a ligand, 0(2), and retain the "long" bond found to exist between Zn(1) and O(4) in β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ thereby having 5-fold coordination with a sixth oxygen atom more weakly bonded. has lost its analogue of the weak Zn(2)-0(6) bond, and remains 5coordinate. Mn(2B) remains weakly bonded to its sixth ligand, 0(6B). The analogous bond to Mn(2A) has decreased in length, giving a Mn(2A)-0(6A) distance of 2.28 Å. This cation remains strongly bonded to only five oxygen atoms however, as its analogue of the short Zn(2)-0(2) bond has lengthened greatly to 2.82 Å. Mn(3A) retains the 5-fold coordination of Zn(2). Mn(3B) and Mn(3C) lose 0(2B) and O(2C) respectively, but gain the new ligands O(4B) and O(4C). In addition, Mn(3B) acquires a sixth ligand, 0(6C), at a distance of 2.37 A. The average bond distances in each of these cation polyhedra are also given in Table (V-9). These averages include only M-O bonds below 2.45 Å in length, thereby neglecting the weakly bonded oxygen atoms.

The differences in the linkages between the cation polyhedra can be seen from Fig. (V-1) and Fig. (V-2). These figures are the β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ analogues of Fig. (IV-1) and Fig. (IV-2) respectively. The closed ring of two Zn(2)0₅ and two Zn(3)0₅ polyhedra shown in Fig. (IV-1) is not complete in β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂. The spiral chains of polyhedra still exist around the 2₁ axes, as in β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂, but their connectivity is now higher. The new linkages occur between adjacent Mn(3) sites, creating three-membered rings with neighbouring Mn(2) sites.

Fig. (V-1) Cation polyhedra linkages in $\beta^1\text{-Mm}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$. This figure is the analogue of Fig. (IV-1) for $\beta\text{-Zn}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$. The solid bonds denote M-O distances that are significantly shorter here than in $\beta\text{-Zn}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$, and the bonds represented by broken lines are significantly longer than the analogous $\beta\text{-Zn}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ bonds. The rings of MO₅ polyhedra are not closed here and the infinite chains do not exist as they do in $\beta\text{-Zn}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$.

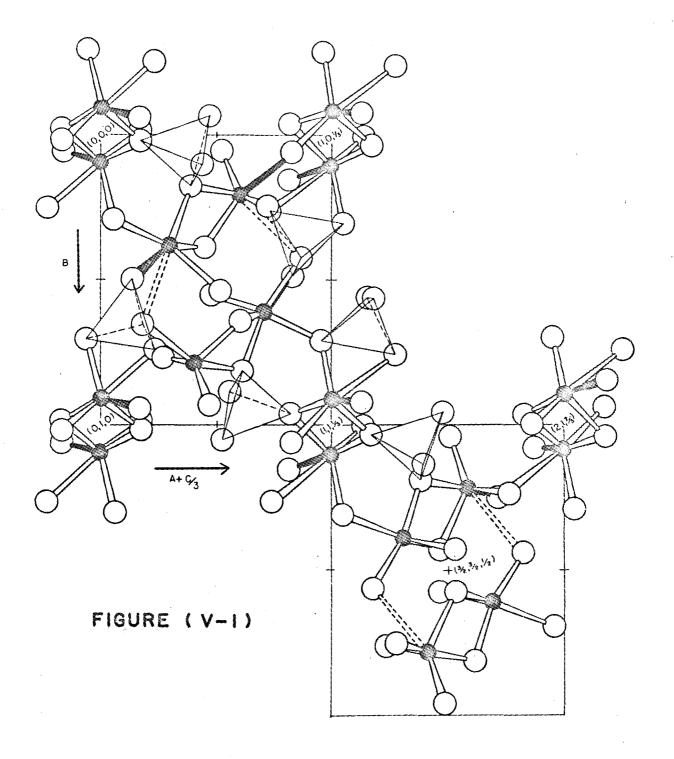
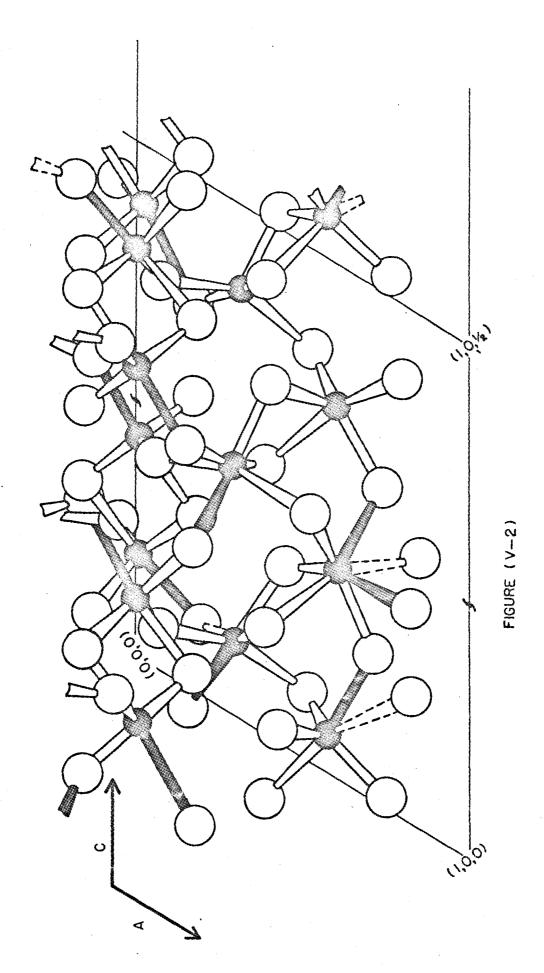


Fig. (V-2) Spiral cation polyhedra chains in β^1 -Mn $_3$ (PO $_4$) $_2$. This figure is the analogue of Fig. (IV-2) for β -Zn $_3$ (PO $_4$) $_2$ except that only 1/2 of each spiral is shown here. The solid bonds denote M-O distances that are significantly shorter than the corresponding ones in Fig. (IV-2), and the dashed bonds denote those that are significantly longer in the β^1 structure.



There are also more linkages between Mn(1) and Mn(2) sites. In Fig. (V-1) and Fig. (V-2) these new linkages, which do not correspond to strong Zn-0 bonds in β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂, are shown in black, while the weak Mn-0 bonds which are analogues of stronger Zn-0 bonds are shown with broken lines. As with the averages in Table (V-9) the dividing point between a "weak" and a "strong" bond has been arbitrarily set at 2.45 Å.

 β^1 -Cd₃(PO₄)₂ can be considered, within the limits of its incomplete refinement, to be isostructural with β^1 -Mn₃(PO₄)₂. The cation coordination is the same, with the average Cd-O bond distance being approximately 5% larger.

TABLE (V-10) Bond angles subtended at oxygen atoms in $\beta = Mn_3(PO_4)_2$

Bonded atoms 3	Angle (°)	Sum of	Bonded atoms	Angle (°)	Sum of
		angles (°)			angles (°)
Mn(1A)=O(1A)=Mn(1A)'	106.0		Mn(2B)-0(5C)-Mn(3A)	97.4	
Mn(1A) - O(1A) - P(1A)	116.4	359.9	Mn(2B) - 0(5C) - P(1C)	127.5	353,5
Mn(1A)-O(1A)-P(1A)	137.5		Mn(3A)-0(5C)-P(1C)	128.6	
Mn(1B)-0(1B)-Mn(1C)	98.6		Mn(2A) - O(7A) - Mn(3B)	102.7	
Mn(1B)-0(1B)-P(1B)	115.8	354.2	Mn(2A) - O(7A) - P(1A)	124.2	353.4
Mn(1C)-0(1B)-P(1B)	139.8		Mn(3B) - O(7A) - P(1A)	126.5	
Mn(1B)-0(1C)-Mn(1C)	98.3		Mn(2B)-0(7B)-Mn(3A)	97.0	
Mn(1B)-O(1C)-P(1C)	140.4	359.9	Mn(2B) - O(7B) - P(1B)	.133.1	355.2
Mn(1C)-O(1C)-P(1C)	121.2		Mn(3A) - O(7B) - P(1B)	125.1	÷ .
Mn(3A)-0(3A)-Mn(2C)	116.7		Mn(2C)-0(7C)-Mn(3C)	99.0	
Mn(3A) - O(3A) - P(1A)	125.4	358.8	Mn(2C) - 0(7C) - P(1C)	125.5	355.3
Mn(2C)-O(3A)-P(1A)	116.7		Mn(3C)-0(7C)-P(1C)	130.8	
Mn(3B)-0(3B)-Mn(2B)	111.0		Mn(1C)-0(2A)-Mn(3A)	110.5	
Mn(3B)-0(3B)-P(1B)	125.6	358.8	Mn(1C)-O(2A)-P(2A)	121.3	354.7
Mn(2B)-O(3B)-P(1B)	122.2		Mn(3A)-O(2A)-P(2A)	122.9	•
Mn(3C)-0(3C)-Mn(2A)	100.2		Mn(1B)-0(2B)-Mn(2B)	118.0	
Mn(3C)-O(3C)-P(1C)	124.4	355.3	Mn(1B)-O(2B)-P(2B)	139.1	354.8
Mn(2A) - O(3C) - P(1C)	130.7		Mn(2B)-O(2B)-P(2B)	97.7	• •
Mn(2C)-0(5A)-Mn(3C)	100.6		Mn(1A)-0(2C)-Mn(2C)	112.6	
Mn(2C)-O(5A)-P(1A)	131.0	352.0	Mn(1A) - O(2C) - P(2C)	126.5	358.6
Mn(3C)-O(5A)-P(1A)	120.4		Mn(2C)-O(2C)-P(2C)	119.5	
Mn(2A)-0(5B)-Mn(3B)	105.6		Mn(3C)-0(4A)-Mn(1A)	123.3	
Mn(2A) - O(5B) - P(1B)	122.5	348.8	Mn(3C) - O(4A) - P(2A)	137.3	351.1
Mn(3B)-0(5B)-P(1B)	120.7	-	Mn(1A) - O(4A) - P(2A)	90.5	
Mn(3A)-0(4B)-Mn(3B)	121.9		Mn(1B)-0(6C)-Mn(3B)	134.4	
Mn(3A)-0(4B)-P(2B)	112.8	346.8	Mn(1B)-0(6C)-P(2C)	128.9	356.6
Mn(3B)-0(4B)-P(2B)	112.1		Mn(3B)-0(6C)-P(2C)	93.3	
Mn(3B)-0(4C)-Mn(3C)	125.6	4	Mn(1A)=0(8A)=Mn(2A)	130.3	
Mn(3B)-0(4C)-P(2C)	99.0	337.7	Mn(1A) - 0(8A) - P(2A)	98.7	360.0
Mn(3C)-0(4C)-P(2C)	113.1		Mn(2A)-0(8A)-P(2A)	131.0	
Mn(1C)-0(6A)-Mn(2A)	121.1		Mn(1C)-0(8B)-Mn(2C)	125.4	
Mn(1C) - O(6A) - P(2A)	131.3	358.7	Mn(1C) - 0(8B) - P(2B)	107.8	360.0
Mn(2A)-0(6A)-P(2A)	106.3		Mn(2C)-0(8B)-P(2B)	126.8	
Mn(1A)-0(6B)-Mn(2B)	113.9		Mn(1B)-0(8C)-Mn(2B)	126.1	
Mn(1A)-0(6B)-P(2B)	127.5	332.4	Mn(1B) - 0(8C) - P(2C)	105.9	359.8
Mn(2B)-0(6B)-P(2B)	91.0		Mn(2B)-0(8C)-P(2C)	127.8	

CHAPTER VI

THE GRAFTONITE STRUCTURE

A. Occurrence of the Graftonite Structure

The mineral "graftonite" is an anhydrous orthophosphate of Fe⁺⁺, Mn⁺⁺ and Ca⁺⁺. (11) It occurs in nature in close association with the mineral "sarcopside", (11) whose structure is said to be similar to that of lithiophilite, (35) although the details of this investigation have not been made available. The unit cell parameters and space group have been determined for the mineral (33) and these are listed in Table (VI-1), together with the lattice parameters of other compounds which have the graftonite structure.

It was noted in Ch. V that Mn₃(PO₄)₂ could be prepared with the graftonite structure, and the lattice parameters of this compound, which will be referred to as Mn-graftonite, are included in Table (VI-1). Single-crystal X-ray photographs of Mn-graftonite and a sample of the mineral confirmed the similarity of the two structures.

The phase diagram of the $(Zn, Cd)_3(PO_4)_2$ system which is reproduced in Fig. (I-1), shows the existence of the two solid solution regions, "B" and "C", the former having compositions near $Zn_2Cd(PO_4)_2$ and the latter near $ZnCd_2(PO_4)_2$. The powder patterns quoted for the B and C solid solution structures (4) bear a striking similarity to the pattern of the mineral graftonite.

TABLE (VI-1)

Lattice parameters of graftonite-like compounds

Parameter	Mineral (33)	Mn-graftonite	B-graftonite	C-graftonite
a (Å)	8.87	8.81	9.032(4)	9.056
b (Å)	11.57	11.45	11.417(5)	11.75
c (Å)	6.17	6.27	5.952(6)	6.190
β (°)	99,2	99.	98.8(2)	100.25
v (ų)	625.	625.	606.(1)	648.
Z	4	. #	. 4	4
space group	P-2 ₁ /c	P-2 ₁ /c	P-2 ₁ /c	P-2 ₁ /c

Single crystals with compositions which lay within the B and C regions of the phase diagram were prepared, and preliminary photographs showed that both these solid solutions had the graftonite structure. There were small differences in lattice parameters between the B and C region crystals, and also some changes in the intensities of the reflections. The differences between these solid solution structures will be discussed later.

The determination of the graftonite structure was undertaken with a single crystal of approximate composition $(Zn_{0.75}Cd_{0.25})_3(PO_4)_2 \text{ which lies in the B region of the phase diagram.}$ It was felt that the presence of the heavy Cd^{++} ions in the sample would simplify the solution of the Patterson functions, and, at that time, single crystals in the C region had not been prepared. This structure determination is reported in the following sections.

B. Preparation

A sample of composition $(Zn_{1-x}Cd_x)_3(PO_4)_2$ was prepared by reacting stoichiometric proportions of $Zn_3(PO_4)_2$, $CdCO_3$ and H_3PO_4 , according to the equation

$$(1-x)\text{Zn}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2 + 3x\text{CdCO}_3 + 2x\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 \longrightarrow (\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Cd}_x)_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$$

+3xH₂0 + 3xCO₂ (VI-1)

where x=0.20. The initial reaction was carried out in an aqueous slurry, and the mixture was then evaporated to dryness, ground finely with mortar and pestle, and heated to about 600°C. in a covered silical crucible to carry the reaction to completion. The sample was then

transferred to a vycor tube, and fused at a temperature slightly above 1000°C.

From the phase diagram in Fig. (I-1), it is seen that the sample corresponded to a eutectic composition, and therefore the crystallization of a β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ solid solution and B solid solution should take place simultaneously. According to the phase diagram, the B-type crystals should correspond to a composition of $(Zn_{0.75}Cd_{0.25})_3(PO_4)_2$.

After cooling the sample slowly through the freezing point (4) and then quenching more rapidly from about 950°C. down to room temperature, the vycor tube and sample were broken apart. The sample contained the characteristic cylindrical crystals found to occur in Mn-graftonite. These crystals were intergrown with a second phase which consisted of flat crystalline plates. The cylindrical crystals were found to have lattice parameters comparable to those of the other graftonite-like compounds, with the \underline{c} axis being the axis of the cylinder. The flat crystalline plates were examined and found to have the β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ structure.

A small single-crystal of the graftonite-like phase, which will be referred to as B-graftonite, was selected and mounted so that it could be rotated around its long axis. The dimensions of this crystal were found to be approximately 0.05 mm in diameter, and 0.5 mm in length. This crystal was used in the determination of accurate lattice parameters and in the collection of all the intensity data reported here.

C. Lattice Parameters

An hkO Weissenberg photograph was taken with Cu-Kα radiation, and powder lines from Al₂O₃ (corundum) were superimposed near each edge of the film. The values of a* and b* were determined by least squares refinement of the corrected θ values of the high angle reflections, following the procedure outlined in Ch. IV. Precession photographs of the hOl and Okl planes were taken with Mo-Kα radiation. The β angle was measured directly from the hOl photograph, with the assumption that any film shrinkage was isotropic and that the angle would not be distorted. The spacings between the rows of reflections were measured in the b* and c* directions on the Okl photograph, and the average inter-row spacings determined. Again assuming isotropic film shrinkage, the value of c* was determined using the value for b*, obtained from the hkO Weissenberg photograph, as a calibration standard. The corresponding real lattice parameters are listed in Table (VI-1) with their esd's in parentheses.

D. Intensity Data

Mo-Kα radiation was employed in all intensity measurements in order to minimize absorption by the crystal. Integrated precession photographs were taken of the h0l and 0kl planes, and the intensities measured with a Leeds & Northrup microdensitometer. The intensities of the reflections in the planes hkL, with L=0,1,..5, were measured on the diffractometer and dead-time corrections calculated, according to the methods outlined in Ch. III.

The linear absorption coefficient for the crystals of B-graftonite with this composition, for Mo-Ka radiation, is 121 cm⁻¹. For a cylindrical crystal of 0.05 mm diameter, the maximum correction factor between any two reflections within a layer-line is approximately 1.7%. The errors due to absorption were therefore negligible. Lorentz and polarization corrections were applied to all measured intensity data.

E. The Trial Solution

The positions of the three cations were deduced with the aid of generalized Patterson projections, down the short <u>c</u> axis of the unit cell, which were prepared using the hk0, hkl,..hk5 data.

Generalized Patterson projections can be defined as (36)

$$P_{L}(uv) = P_{L}'(uv) + iP_{L}''(uv) = c \int_{0}^{1} P(uvw) \exp(2\pi iLw) dw$$
 (VI-2)

which reduces to

$$P_{L}^{*}(uv) = \frac{1}{2A} \sum_{hk} \left[\left| F_{hkL} \right|^{2} + \left| F_{\overline{h}\overline{k}L} \right|^{2} \right] \cos 2\pi (hu + kv)$$

and (VI-3)

$$P_{L}^{"}(uv) = \frac{1}{2A} \sum_{hk} \left[\left| F_{\overline{h}\overline{k}L} \right|^{2} - \left| F_{hkL} \right|^{2} \right] \sin 2\pi (hu + kv)$$

in the cases where Friedel's Law (37) holds, as it does for all centro-symmetric structures. In these cases a generalized projection can be calculated from the data contained within one layer-line.

When L=0, $P_L(uv)$ is the usual Patterson projection down the <u>c</u> axis defined in Eqn. (II-10).

The usefulness of generalized projections is that they yield information concerning the third coordinate, w, of the Patterson peaks, without the necessity of calculating the full three dimensional synthesis. For a projection where all the peaks are resolved,

$$P_L^*(uv) = P_0(uv) \cos 2\pi Lw$$

and (VI-4)

$$P_L^{"}(uv) = P_0(uv) \sin 2\pi Lw$$

Even if the Patterson peaks are not all resolved in $P_0(uv)$, the use of several of these generalized projections will usually enable them to be resolved, and their individual w coordinates determined.

A trial solution for the coordinates of the three cations in the structure was obtained through a systematic inspection of the $P_L^*(uv)$ diagrams. As $|F_{hk}| \neq |F_{hk}|$ in the space group $P-2_1/c$, it would have been possible to use the $P_L^*(uv)$ as well, but the extra resolution that they would have afforded was not necessary to obtain the correct trial solution. A single cycle of least squares refinement using these trial cation coordinates resulted in a value of 0.42 for R_2 , supporting the validity of these positions. Difference syntheses for each of the axial projections were calculated at this point, but were inconsistent in their indications of possible phosphorus and oxygen atom positions.

The rather short \underline{c} axis length of 5.95 $\overset{\circ}{A}$, together with the \underline{c}

glide operation, places severe steric restrictions on the possible locations of the phosphorus atoms. These atoms cannot approach the cations too closely due to the tetrahedral arrangement of oxygen atoms around each phosphorus atom. In addition, their high nominal positive charges would tend to keep them apart. In the structures of β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ and β ¹-Mn₃(PO₄)₂ the closest approach of a cation and a phosphorus atom is 2.80 Å. In the majority of cases, this distance is greater than 3.0 Å. The possible positions for the two phosphorus atoms were determined geometrically, using the proposed cation positions, and the criterion that no cation or other phosphorus atom could lie within 3.0 Å. Only two locations in the asymmetric unit were consistent with this criterion; (0.14,0.13,0.45) and (0.62,0.31,0.27). Phosphorus atoms were then placed at these positions.

Further difference syntheses failed to indicate the positions of the oxygen atoms with any degree of certainty. Again, a geometric criterion was used to locate these atoms. The structures of $\beta - 2n_3(PO_4)_2$ and $\beta^1 - Mn_3(PO_4)_2$ had shown that the environment around each oxygen atom was very nearly planar, and that this planarity seemed to be a general feature of the anhydrous orthophosphates of divalent cations such as $2n^{++}$, Mn^{++} and $2n^{++}$. The probable oxygen atom locations were determined by requiring them to have this planar environment, and to make bonds of 1.5 Å and 2.0 Å in length to a phosphorus atom and two cations respectively. The number of possible positions was reduced by requiring the oxygen atoms to be approximately tetrahedrally arrayed about each phosphorus atom.

Subsequent cycles of least squares refinement showed that all the oxygen atom positions around P(1) were essentially correct, but two of the atoms surrounding P(2) developed abnormally high temperature factors. The positions of these two atoms were redetermined, assuming the PO₄ group to be an ideal tetrahedron whose orientation was fixed by the phosphorus atom and the two well-behaved oxygen atoms. Further least squares refinement indicated that these new positions were correct.

F. The Refinement

As there were the two different cations, Zn⁺⁺ and Cd⁺⁺ in the crystal, the cation scattering factors had to be adjusted to correspond to their relative abundances. This was accomplished by calculating the cation contribution to the structure factors using the equation,

$$F_{\text{cation}} = \sum_{j=1}^{3} \left[k_j f_{\text{Zn}}(H) + (1-k_j) f_{\text{Cd}}(H) \right] \exp 2\pi i \left(\underline{H} \cdot \underline{r}_j \right)$$

$$\cdot \exp(-\underline{H} \cdot \underline{\beta}_j \cdot \underline{H}) \qquad (VI-5)$$

where an overall Zn^{++} concentration of 75 mole per cent would require $k_1+k_2+k_3=2.25$.

The refinement of the trial structure was undertaken with unit weights, isotropic temperature factors on all the atoms, and with the cations randomly distributed; k, equal to 0.75 for all three sites. The molecular geometry was calculated after each least squares cycle and deviations from regularity of the PO₄ tetrahedra were noted. If a P-O bond length deviated from the accepted average

value (31) of 1.54 Å by more than 0.05 Å, the oxygen atom was shifted radially to a position exactly 1.54 Å from the phosphorus atom.

After a number of cycles of refinement, the magnitude of the shifts in the coordinates had diminished to a point where this readjustment was no longer necessary. The reliability index had remained at a relatively high value, approximately 0.2, until this stage. This unusually high dependence of the reliability index on the exact oxygen atom coordinates was probably responsible for the difficulties encountered in the interpretation of the earlier difference syntheses which had been calculated without contributions from these atoms.

The isotropic temperature factors for the three cations were 0.46, 3.00 and 1.14 $^{\circ}$ A² for M(1), M(2) and M(3) respectively. This indicated that the Zn⁺⁺ and Cd⁺⁺ were not randomly distributed among the three sites, but that Cd⁺⁺ was selectively entering the M(1) site in preference to the other two cation sites. All of the Cd⁺⁺ ions were assigned to the M(1) site, with M(2) and M(3) restricted to Zn⁺⁺. The values of k_j in Eqn. (VI-5) which correspond to this cation distribution are, k₁=0.25, and k₂=k₃=1.0 . The temperature factors on all the atoms were converted to anisotropic form and the refinement continued with unit weights. The best value of R₂ that could be obtained under these conditions was 0.101 .

The discrepancies between the observed and calculated structure factors were, on the average, considerably larger than the differences between the $|F_0|$ values for the reflections which had been measured more than once. This suggested that further refinement was necessary.

In addition, the anisotropic temperature factors of about half of the atoms were non-positive-definite^{\dagger}, possibly indicating some disorder in the structure. The values of k_j in Eqn. (VI-5) were allowed to vary in succeeding cycles of refinement. The weighting scheme was also changed; the weights were calculated by the equation

$$w_i^{-1} = 5.0 + 0.35 |F_0|_i$$
 (VI-6)

where these co-efficients were determined in accordance with Cruick-shank's criterion. (20) The reliability index was lowered to 0.079 in three cycles of refinement. Before the third cycle, the multiply-measured reflections were averaged in the manner stated in Ch. IV.

The values for the parameters k_j were 0.35(4), 1.07(3) and 0.94(3) for j=1, 2 and 3 respectively. Unless some of the cation sites are unoccupied, $0 \le k_j \le 1$, and the values of k_2 and k_3 probably are not meaningfully different from unity. k_2 and k_3 were reset to 1.0 and a final cycle of least squares refinement carried out in which k_1 was still allowed to vary. The value of k_1 became 0.38(4), and the least squares residual k_2 assumed the value 0.089. During this final cycle, all parameter changes were smaller than the esd's of the

An anisotropic temperature factor is non-positive-definite when any of the diagonal elements of the temperature factor matrix $\underline{\beta}$, the co-factors of any diagonal element, or the determinant of the matrix, are negative or zero. This corresponds to a concavity in the surface of the vibrational ellipsoid, so that it no longer corresponds to a physically meaningful thermal motion about a single fixed point.

parameters.

The final atomic parameters and their esd's are listed in Table (VI-2). The reliability indices, R_1 and R_2 , are summarized in Table (VI-3). Table (VI-4) shows the agreement between the observed and calculated structure factors for the 1999 independent reflections. 688 of these reflections were too weak to be observed (marked by an asterisk (*) in the table), and only 30 of these reflections have $|F_c| > |F_{\min}|$. For these 30 reflections, the fraction of $|F_{\min}|$ used to calculate the discrepancy was 0.85. The $|F_o|$ values of 20 reflections were classed as unreliable, and these reflections are marked with the symbol \emptyset in Table (VI-4).

G. Description of the Structure

The refinement indicates that Cd⁺⁺ exhibits a strong preference for the first cation site, M(1). The final value of k₁=0.38 corresponds to a total Cd⁺⁺ content in the crystal of 21 mole per cent, which is slightly lower than the 25 mole per cent predicted from the phase diagram. The site which contains the Cd⁺⁺ is seven-fold coordinate, with an average M-O distance of 2.33±0.18 Å. The shortest distance is 2.09 Å and the longest is 2.60 Å. The cation M(2), which is entirely Zn⁺⁺, is bonded to four oxygen atoms at the corners of a irregular tetrahedron, at an average distance of 1.98±0.09 Å. M(3) also consists primarily of Zn⁺⁺ and is bonded to five oxygen atoms. These atoms are arranged at the corners of an irregular trigonal bipyramid, where the two axial bonds average 2.15±0.04 Å in length. The

TABLE (VI-2)

Atomic parameters in B-graftonite

Atom	x=X/a	y=Y/b	z=Z/c	U ₁₁ (Å ²)	U ₂₂ (Å ²)	U ₃₃ (Å ²)	U ₁₂ (Å ²)	U ₁₃ (Å ²)	U ₂₃ (Å ²)
M(1)	0.9445(2)	0.3787(1)	0.3321(3)	0.0139(7)	0.0100(6)	0.0267(16)	0008(5)	0028(5)	0059(5)
M(2)	0.6960(3)	0.0560(2)	0.3243(4)	0.0445(14)	0.0383(13)	0.0052(16)	0.0221(11)	0.0053(9)	0.0026(8)
M(3)	0.3694(2)	0.1942(1)	0.1234(3)	0.0095(8)	0.0086(7)	0.0009(15)	0.0016(6)	0.0004(6)	0008(6)
P(1)	0.1049(4)	0.1363(3)	0.3970(7)	0.0046(14)	0.0098(14)	0.0044(22)	0013(10)	0.0028(12)	0017(11)
0(1)	0.0844(10)	0.0658(9)	0.1760(21)	0.0034(39)	0.0092(42)	0.0168(66)	0.0026(29)	0.0012(35)	0046(35)
0(3)	0.9617(14)	0.2033(11)	0.4301(24)	0.0156(60)	0.0269(62)	0.0211(80)	0.0075(44)	0.0147(49)	0009(46)
0(5)	0.2354(11)	0.2231(10)	0.3777(21)	0.0056(42)	0.0202(50)	0.0134(73)	0081(35)	0.0055(38)	0014(42)
0(7)	0.1441(13)	0.0598(10)	0.6063(21)	0.0175(51)	0.0185(51)	0.0146(72)	0051(41)	0.0027(42)	0.0068(42)
P(2)	0.6074(4)	0.3089(3)	0.3059(7)	0.0033(14)	0.0066(13)	0.0046(24)	0.0009(10)	0.0025(11)	0.0002(11)
0(2)	0.4776(12)	0.3244(10)	0.3199(19)	0.0093(46)	0.0207(52)	0.0035(60)	0.0044(35)	0.0016(38)	0.0057(39)
0(4)	0.6957(11)	0.3722(10)	0.1128(20)	0.0055(40)	0.0167(45)	0.0123(64)	0026(35)	0.0074(34)	0.0018(39)
0(6)	0.7230(11)	0.0969(9)	0.0206(18)	0.0061(37)	0.0170(47)	0.0009(61)	0005(32)	0.0016(34)	0.0007(36)
(8)0	0.4590(11)	0.0353(8)	0.2353(21)	0.0082(41)	0.0074(42)	0.0164(69)	0.0014(31)	0.0017(37)	0063(35)

TABLE (VI-3)
Residuals for B-graftonite

Residual	Conditions	# of refl.	Value of residual
R ₂	all reflections	1999	0.089
R ₁	all reflections	1999	0.074
R ₂	obs. refl. only	1111	0.087
R ₁	obs. refl. only	1111	0.068

TABLE VI-4 B-GRAFTONITE OBSERVED AND CALCULATED STRUCTURE FACTORS (XIO)

UNOBSERVED REFLECTIONS ARE MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK (+). AND UNRELIABLE REFLECTIONS WITH THE SYMBOL (#). FORS FCALC FORS FCALC FOBSI FCALC FORS FCALC FOBS FCALC FOBS FCALC -232 -259 -458 -151 -296 -4868 48 : :: : 23456789012345127345678901217345678901234173456789012341273456789011123412734567890111231111111111111111111111 4567890173456123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901123467890112345678900112345678900000000000000000000000000 4567121231 L=2 K 1234567890123452345678901234512345678901234512345678901234 L=-1 H K -813 -857 -729 -722 -222 -337 -419 -339 -339 -339 -1733 -1273 -1273 -1114 -1701 -2147 -12147 -12147 345678901234523456789012345123 K L=-2 1663 -4589 -5892 -2384 -1493 -2657 -6736 -1962 03456789012345 1910 505 4947 2843 1450 312 861 255 545

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2.03±0.03 Å, and the cation lies in the equatorial plane (the sum of the bond angles subtended to M(3) by the three equatorial oxygen atoms is 359.4°). The bond distances and angles for these cation polyhedra, and also for the two anion tetrahedra, are listed in Table (VI-5).

Two M(1) polyhedra share an edge across a centre of symmetry. Each M(1) is further linked to the two other M(1) ions related to it by the <u>c</u> glide plane by sharing two corners. This results in a planar network of M(1) ions near the x=0 plane. In Fig. (VI-1), the bonding within this planar network is shown in black. Each M(1) corner-shares its remaining three oxygen atoms with neighbouring M(2) ions as shown in the figure.

The third cation, M(3), shares two edges with the cations related to it by the <u>c</u> glide plane. The bonds forming these linkages are shown in black in Fig. (VI-2), where the resulting infinite chains of M(3) polyhedra can be seen. The fifth oxygen atom in each polyhedron, O(8), which is not involved in the formation of the chain, is bonded to a M(2) ion as shown in Fig. (VI-2). The same M(2)O₄ tetrahedra are also shown in Fig. (VI-1) where they complete the linkages between the M(1)O₇ and M(3)O₅ polyhedra.

These linkages produce corrugated sheets of cation polyhedra which lie perpendicular to the <u>a</u> axis. Adjacent sheets are held together by the PO₄ groups, as shown in Fig. (VI-3), where these groups are shown as solid tetrahedra. In all three figures, the oxygen atoms have been labelled according to their designation in Table (VI-2).

TABLE (VI-5)

Bond distances and angles in B-graftonite

Bonded atoms	Distance (A)	Bonded atoms	Angle (°)	Bonded atoms	Angle (°)
M(1)-0(3)	2,60(2)	0(3)-M(1)-0(3)	84.	0(1)-M(1)-0(1)	78.
M(1) = O(3)	2.09(1)	0(3)-M(1)-0(1)	144.	0(1)-M(1)-0(7)	93.
M(1)-O(1)	2.32(1)	0(3)-M(1)-0(1)	111.	0(1)-M(1)-0(4)	145.
$M(1) = 0(1)^{n}$	2.16(1)	0(3)-M(1)-0(7)	57 .	0(1)-M(1)-0(6)	86.
M(1)-0(7)	2.51(1)	0(3)-M(1)-0(4)	71.	0(1)-M(1)-0(7)	79.
M(1)=0(4)	2.42(1)	0(3)-M(1)-0(6)	129.	0(1)-M(1)-0(4)	85.
M(1)-0(6)	2.55(1)	0(3)-M(1)-0(1)	91.	0(1)-M(1)-0(6)	78.
		0(3)-M(1)-0(1)	164.	0(7)-M(1)-0(4)	114.
		0(3)-M(1)-0(7)	113.	0(7)-M(1)-0(6)	156.
		0(3)-M(1)-0(4)	98.	0(4)-M(1)-O(6)	60.
		0(3)-M(1)-0(6)	91.		
M(2)-0(8)	2.14(1)	0(8)-M(2)-0(7)	131.	0(7)-M(2)-0(6)	100.
M(2)=0(7)	1.96(1)	0(8)-M(2)-0(6)	93.	0(7)-M(2)-0(4)	102.
M(2)-0(6)	1.92(1)	0(8)-M(2)-0(4)	98.	0(6)-M(2)-0(4)	140.
M(2) = 0(4)	1.96(1)	/			
M(3)=0(5)	2.10(1)	0(5)-M(3)-0(2)	171.	0(2)-M(3)-0(8)	89.
M(3)-0(2)	2.19(1)	0(5)-M(3)-0(5)	96.	0(2)-M(3)-0(2)	108.
$M(3) = 0(5)^{r}$	1.99(1)	0(5)-M(3)-0(8)	98.	$0(5)^{2}-M(3)-0(8)$	145.
M(3)=0(8)	2.06(1)	0(5)-M(3)-0(2)	76.	0(5)-M(3)-0(2)	105.
M(3)-0(2)	2.05(1)	0(2)-M(3)-0(5)	75.	0(8)-M(3)-0(2)	109.
P(1)-0(1)	1.530(13)	0(1)-P(1)-0(3)	112.	0(3)-P(1)-0(5)	111.
P(1)=0(1)	1.530(15)	0(1)-P(1)-0(5)	105.	0(3)-P(1)-0(3) 0(3)-P(1)-0(7)	
P(1)=0(5)	1.541(14)	0(1)-P(1)-0(3) 0(1)-P(1)-0(7)	113.	0(5)-P(1)-0(7)	-
P(1)=0(3)	1.520(11)	0(1)-1(1)-0(7)	113.	U(3)=F(1)=U(7)	110.
F(1)-0(7)	1.520(13)				
P(2)-0(2)	1.532(12)	0(2)-P(2)-0(4)	111.	0(4)-P(2)-0(6)	104.
P(2)-0(4)	1.554(13)	0(2)-P(2)-0(6)	111.	0(4)-P(2)-0(8)	
P(2)-0(6)	1.572(11)	0(2)-P(2)-0(8)	108.	0(6)-P(2)-0(8)	
P(2)-0(8)	1.523(10)		-		

Fig. (VI-1) Infinite sheets of M(1)07 polyhedra in B-graftonite.

The edge and corner-sharing of the M(1)07

polyhedra are shown with solid bonds. The three

remaining bonds are to oxygen atoms which are

corner-shared with M(2)04 tetrahedra. The fourth

oxygen atom in each tetrahedron is bonded to a

M(3) cation as shown in Fig. (VI-2). The oxygen

atoms are labelled according to the positions

given in Table (VI-2).



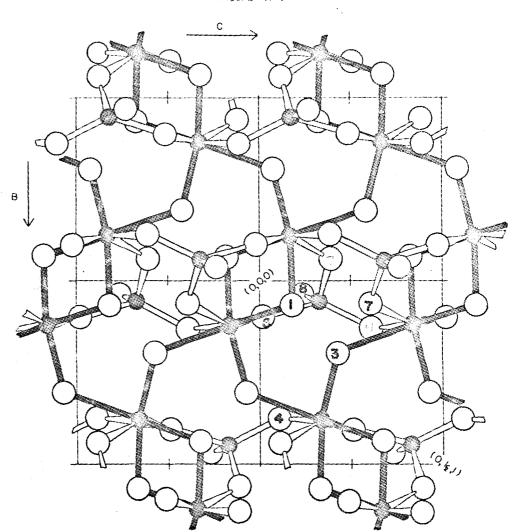


Fig. (VI-2) Infinite chains of M(3)0₅ polyhedra in B-graftonite.

Each M(3)0₅ polyhedron shares two edges with glide-plane-related groups. These linkages are shown with solid bonds. The fifth oxygen atom in each group is corner-shared with a M(2)0₄ tetrahedron. The remaining three tetrahedral oxygen atoms are corner-shared with M(1)0₇ polyhedra as shown in Fig. (VI-1). The oxygen atoms are again labelled according to the positions given in Table (VI-2).

FIGURE VI-2

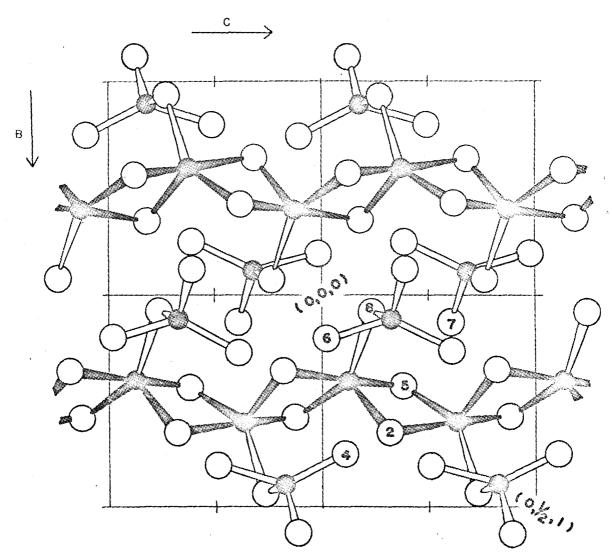
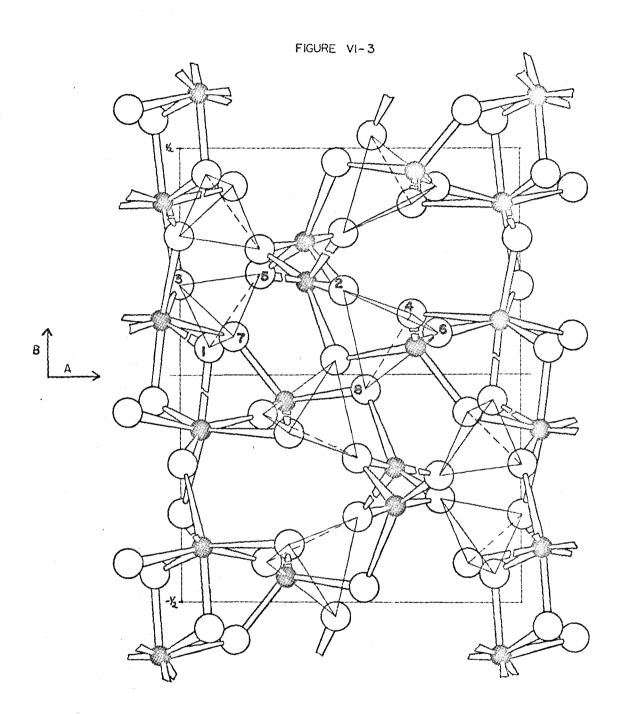


Fig. (VI-3) Interlocking sheets of cation polyhedra in B-graftonite. The corrugated sheets of cation polyhedra lie perpendicular to the <u>a</u> axis and are joined only through the phosphate tetrahedra which are shown here in outline. The cation-oxygen bonds which are broken in the figure denote bonding to an atom one unit cell away in the <u>*c</u> direction. As in Fig. (VI-1) and Fig. (VI-2), the oxygen atoms are labelled as in Table (VI-2).



The two PO₄ tetrahedra are slightly irregular, with average P-O bond distances of 1.538±0.015 Å and 1.545±0.019 Å respectively. The average O-P-O angle is 109.5° in each tetrahedron. The largest of these angles is 112° and the smallest 104°. Not all of the oxygen atoms in these two groups attain a planar environment to the degree found in β-Zn₃(PO₄)₂. The angles subtended at each oxygen atom and their sums are listed in Table (VI-6), where it can be seen that only 0(2), 0(6), 0(7) and 0(8) lie very close to the ligand plane. The widespread occurrence of this planarity had suggested that it might be useful in determining the probable positions of the oxygen atoms. The success of the procedure used in this determination supports this supposition, despite the fact that B-graftonite contains the largest deviations from planarity found in any of the divalent metal ion ortho- and pyrophosphate (38) structures studied to date.

TABLE (VI-6)

Bond angles subtended at the oxygen atoms in B-graftonite

Angle (°)	Sum of angles (°)	Bonded atoms	Angle (°)	Sum of angles (°)
101.8		M(3)-0(2)-M(3)	99.6	
126.2	350.8	M(3)=0(2)=P(2)	136.9	359 .7
122.8		M(3)-0(2)-P(2)	123.2	
126.3		M(1)=O(4)=M(2)	111.1	
	340.5		=	336.2
96.2	· ,	M(2)-0(4)-P(2)	128.5	
104.6		M(1)_0(6)_M(2)	133 5	
	352.2	, , , , , , ,	-	358.2
129.1	002.2	M(2)=0(6)=P(2)	127.6	330.2
130.2		M(2)-0(8)-M(3)	108.1	
•	357.0		-	357.0
129.4	33.40	M(3)-O(8)-P(2)	129.9	
	126.2 122.8 126.3 118.0 96.2 104.6 118.5 129.1	101.8 126.2 122.8 126.3 118.0 96.2 104.6 118.5 129.1 130.2 100.4 357.0	101.8 126.2 122.8 126.3 118.0 96.2 104.6 118.5 129.1 130.2 100.4 357.0 M(3)-0(2)-M(3) M(3)-0(2)-P(2) M(3)-0(2)-P(2) M(3)-0(2)-P(2) M(1)-0(4)-M(2) M(1)-0(4)-P(2) M(1)-0(6)-M(2) M(1)-0(6)-P(2) M(2)-0(6)-P(2) M(2)-0(6)-P(2)	101.8 126.2 126.2 127.8 M(3)-0(2)-M(3) 128.8 M(3)-0(2)-P(2) 136.9 122.8 M(3)-0(2)-P(2) 123.2 126.3 118.0 340.5 M(1)-0(4)-M(2) 111.1 118.0 96.2 M(1)-0(4)-P(2) 97.6 M(2)-0(4)-P(2) 128.5 104.6 118.5

CHAPTER VII

DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY

A. Discussion

The structures of the divalent metal ion orthophosphates will be discussed in terms of two types of polyhedron; the anion polyhedron, consisting of the PO_{μ}^{3-} group, and the cation polyhedron, which comprises the cation and its near-neighbour oxygen atoms. The anion polyhedra are nearly regular tetrahedra in all the extensively refined structures presented here. The apparent irregularities in the P-O bond lengths in $\beta^{\frac{1}{2}}Cd_3(PO_n)_2$ and to a lesser extent in $\beta^{\frac{1}{2}}Mn_3(PO_n)_2$ are undoubtedly a consequence of the lower degree of refinement of these structures due to the limited amount of intensity data collected. Three dimensional data were not recorded for either of the β^{1} structures and the decreased resolution inherent in projection data is also reflected in the much larger esd's calculated for the parameters of these structures then for the atomic parameters in $\beta-Zn_3(PO_4)_2$. The esd's for the oxygen atom parameters are considerably higher for $\beta^{-1}_{-}Cd_{3}(PO_{4})_{2}$ than for $\beta^{-1}_{-}Mn_{3}(PO_{4})_{2}$, even though the least squares residuals and overdeterminacy factors are comparable for these two refinements. This is due to the fact that the oxygen atoms in $Cd_3(PO_n)_2$ make up a much smaller fraction of the total electron density than they do in Mn3(PO4)2 and their positions are therefore less well determined in the former structure.

The effective overdeterminacy in the β^{1} structure was too low to

permit meaningful anisotropic temperature factors to be determined. In the refinement of $\beta^{\frac{1}{2}}Cd_3(PO_4)_2$ the isotropic temperature factors were not varied in the refinement, but were set to the values determined for the corresponding $\beta^{\frac{1}{2}}Mn_3(PO_4)_2$ atoms. Thus the two $\beta^{\frac{1}{2}}$ structures have not been determined with sufficient accuracy to support a discussion of the deviations from regularity which are found in the PO_4 tetrahedra.

The B-graftonite structure is also not a suitable one on which to base such a discussion because two different cations, Cd⁺⁺ and Zn⁺⁺, enter the same site, M(1), in the crystal. The detailed environment of each M(1) site will be dependent upon whether it is occupied by a Cd⁺⁺ or a Zn⁺⁺ ion, and the oxygen atom positions thus determined correspond to an "average" over all the M(1) sites. This positional disorder will be found around any site that is occupied by more than one atomic species.

Only for β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ is the refinement accurate enough to warrant a discussion on the significance of the deviation from regularity of the PO₄ tetrahedra. Here, the shortening of the P-O bond to an oxygen atom which is strongly bonded to only one cation is quite significant. Despite the shortening of two bonds within the one tetrahedron, P(2)O₄, the average P-O bond length is only 0.006 Å shorter than that found for the P(1)O₄ group, and only 0.01 Å less than the average P-O bond distance found in other accurately determined orthophosphate structures (29). This constancy of the average P-O bond length, and the variation in length of the individual P-O

bonds due to further bonding of the oxygen atoms, has been considered by Cruickshank in his model of π -bonding within tetrahedral anions such as PO_4^{3-} .

This model proposes that, in an "isolated" PO_{4} tetrahedron, there is a π -bonding system set up which utilizes the 3d₂ and 3d₂ and 3d₂ orbitals of the phosphorus atom, and the $2p_{_{\mathbf{x}}}$ and $2p_{_{\mathbf{y}}}$ orbitals of each oxygen atom (the oxygen atom z axis is taken to be along the bond direction). This scheme provides a π -bond order of 1/2, in addition to the σ-bond of order unity, between the phosphorus atom and each oxygen atom. If an oxygen atom's $2p_x$ and/or $2p_y$ orbitals are required in making bonds to other atoms, the order of the m-bond to the phosphorus atom will be reduced, resulting in an increase in the P-O bond length. The phosphorus $3d_{z^2}$ and $3d_{x^2-v^2}$ orbitals can now be utilized more fully in the π-bonds to the remaining oxygen atoms of the tetrahedron, resulting in a decrease in these P-O bond distances. If the relationship between bond order and bond length is assumed to be linear, the average P-O bond distance should remain constant, as the total π -bond order is a constant (2). While this linearity has not been predictly theoretically, the approximate constancy of the average P-O bond length is well known.

In the divalent metal ion orthophosphates, the PO₄ tetrahedra are only approximately isolated. In a nuclear magnetic resonance (nmr) study of LiMnPO₄, Mays⁽³⁹⁾ found evidence for a superexchange effect which required the delocalization of electrons along the Mn-O-P-O-Mn paths in the crystal. The shortening of the P-O bonds in the cases of O(4) and

0(6) in β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ shows the effect of a change in the environment about this "isolated" PO₄ group. These changes in P-O bond lengths are of smaller order than those cited by Cruickshank for the cases where an oxygen atom is shared between two PO₄ groups (pyro- and metaphosphates), for example, but the predictions of his model apply equally well here. Although the oxygen atom positions in B-graftonite, especially those around M(1), may not be very accurately determined, the same shortening of the P-O bonds involving oxygen atoms less strongly bonded to the cations is apparent (Table (VI-5)), but not as significant as in β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂.

There is a significant tendency for the oxygen atoms to lie close to the planes defined by their three nearest neighbours in these structures. In Table (IV-6) the sums of the bond angles subtended at the oxygen atoms are used to indicate the planarity of these atoms which in β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ is very good. In β -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ and B-graftonite the planarity is not as good, as indicated by Table (V-10) and Table (VI-6) respectively. It is worth noting that although B-graftonite provides the worst example of this planarity (β -Cd₃(PO₄)₂ is not considered due to the incomplete state of refinement), the majority of the oxygen atoms were successfully located by assuming that they did lie in their ligand planes.

This planar arrangement of the two nearest cations and the phosphorus atom could be the result of their mutual electrostatic repulsions (phosphorus carries a nominal charge of +5 in a $P0_{4}^{3-}$ anion), but it could also imply the existence of directed orbital overlap between the oxygen atoms and their neighbouring cations. Evidence for this

further electron delocalization to the cations has been found in the nmr studies mentioned above. This planar oxygen atom environment has been found in other divalent metal orthophosphate structures, such as $\alpha\text{-}\mathrm{Zn_3(PO_4)_2}$ and $\gamma\text{-}\mathrm{Zn_3(PO_4)_2}$, and also occurs with the terminal oxygen atoms in such pyrophosphates as $\alpha\text{-}\mathrm{Mg_2P_2O_7}^{(40)}$ and $\alpha\text{-}\mathrm{Cu_2P_2O_7}^{(41)}$. Thus it appears that a planar environment is a general feature of phosphate oxygen atoms that are shared by only two cations, and although this planarity is not rigourously maintained in each case it does provide an important packing constraint.

The great stability of the tetrahedral PO_{4}^{3-} anion, as attested to by the widespread occurrence of phosphate minerals, provides an even more severe constraint to the manner in which these structures can be formed and still satisfy the coordination preferences of the cations. Apparently, the increase in energy as a PO_{4} tetrahedron is distorted is considerably greater than the energy differences associated with different cation environments. The regularity of the anion polyhedra is therefore maintained at the expense of the constancy of these cation environments.

All of the structures studied here display irregular cation coordination. It appears that the energy balance between the different orthophosphate phases is determined by the preference of the different cations for a particular environment, within the constraints in packing imposed by the PO, tetrahedra.

 ${\rm Zn}^{++}$ is found in four-fold coordination in all the cation sites in $\alpha-{\rm Zn}_3({\rm PO}_4)_2^{(8)}$, and in four and five-fold coordination in $\beta-{\rm Zn}_3({\rm PO}_4)_2$.

In the other orthophosphate phases, it exists in higher coordination only in a mixed compound such as B-graftonite or γ -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ where these sites are selectively occupied by a second cation such as Cd⁺⁺ or Mg⁺⁺. Calvo⁽⁹⁾ has shown that Mg⁺⁺ dissolves preferentially in the octahedral cation site in γ -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ and it is presumed that Mn⁺⁺ and Cd⁺⁺ do also. In B-graftonite the segregation of Cd⁺⁺ into the M(1) site is virtually complete. It is therefore apparent that, relative to Mn⁺⁺, Cd⁺⁺ and Mg⁺⁺, Zn⁺⁺ prefers sites of low coordination number, namely four or five.

From this observation one can begin to understand the relative stabilities of the different orthophosphate phases. These phases can be separated into four classes, which are listed in Table(VII-1). The α -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ structure occurs only with pure Zn₃(PO₄)₂ and is unstable, relative to γ -Zn₃(PO₄)₂, with the presence of more than a few mole per cent of Cd⁺⁺, Mn⁺⁺ or Mg⁺⁺. The stability of the α phase is presumably marginal, and depends strongly on the Zn⁺⁺ ions' preference for tetrahedral coordination. The stability of the γ phase cannot be attributed simply to a high expenditure of energy necessary to insert Mg⁺⁺, for example, into a tetrahedral site, as pure Mg₃(PO₄)₂ has this structure[†], and 2/3 of the cation sites are tetrahedrally coordinated⁽⁹⁾.

In β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂ the cations have a slightly higher average coordination than in the α structure, but this structure is stable only near its melting point. Although the transition to the α phase is

the $\text{Co}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ also has the $\gamma - \text{Zn}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ structure. This has been confirmed on the basis of single crystal photographs.

TABLE (VII-1)

The four structure classes among the small divalent metal ion orthophosphates

α-Zn ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	β-Zn ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	α - $Zn_3(PO_4)_2$	graftonite
α-Zn ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	β-Zn ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	(Zn,Mg) ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	(Fe,Mn,Ca) ₃ (PO ₄) ₂
	$\beta = Mn_3(PO_4)_2$	(Zn,Mn) ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	B-(Zn,Cd) ₃ (PO ₄) ₂
	$\beta = Cd_3(PO_4)_2$	(Zn,Cd) ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	C-(Zn,Cd)3(PO4)2
	[8-Cd ₃ (PO ₄) ₂]	Mg ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	Mn ₃ (PO ₄) ₂
		Co3(PO4)2	Fe ₃ (PO ₄) ₂

reversible, its sluggish nature suggests that a considerable rearrangement takes place in the bonding, and from an examination of these two structures, no clear mechanism for this transition has been deduced. The β^1 structures of $\text{Mn}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ and $\text{Cd}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ are similar to $\beta\text{-Zn}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$, but the average cation coordination is again increased. Table (VI-9) shows that not all of the analogous $\beta\text{-Zn}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ bonds are maintained.

Hummel⁽⁴⁾ reported a possible order-disorder phase transition in $\operatorname{Cd}_3(\operatorname{PO}_4)_2$ at approximately 900°C on the basis of some modest intensity changes in X-ray powder diagrams, and the presence of a peak in differential thermal analyses of the compound near this temperature. The phase occurring above this transition is probably the cadmium analogue of β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂, without the tripling of the \underline{c} axis which occurs in β -Cd₃(PO₄)₂. If this is the case, the proposed " β -Cd₃(PO₄)₂" probably corresponds more closely to the average (small cell) β ¹ structure, than to β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂, due to the preference of Cd⁺⁺ for higher coordination numbers than Zn⁺⁺. No single-crystal X-ray studies have been undertaken on this phase, and this structure should be determined in order to obtain more information regarding the environmental preferences between Zn⁺⁺ and Cd⁺⁺.

One might expect that a tripled " $\beta^1 Zn_3(PO_4)_2$ " structure would be more stable than $\beta - Zn_3(PO_4)_2$ at temperatures below the stability region of the α phase. A photograph was taken of a $\beta - Zn_3(PO_4)_2$ single-crystal at low temperatures (<-100°C). No new reflections or significant intensity changes were seen. This failure to observe a β^1 phase does

not rule out the possibility of its existence as there might have been insufficient thermal energy at these low temperatures to initiate a transition.

The graftonite-like structures are typified by the existence of the multi-coordinated cation site, M(1). In all examples of this structure which occur with mixed cation composition, there is a pronounced preferential solubility connected with this site. In B and C-graftonite $^{(43)}$, Cd $^{++}$ exhibits a decided preference for this site, and in the mineral, Ca $^{++}$ enters this site preferentially $^{(43)}$. In the mineral, site M(2), which in B-graftonite is tetrahedrally coordinated, has gained a fifth ligand. This is again consistent with the greater preference of Zn^{++} for tetrahedral coordination than that shown by Mn and Cd $^{++}$. The assignment of $\operatorname{Fe}_3(\operatorname{PO}_4)_2$ to the graftonite structure category is based on X-ray powder data $^{(44)}$ which exhibits a strong resemblence to the powder pattern of Mn-graftonite.

The stability of the graftonite structure in mixed orthophosphate systems where the M(1) site is preferentially filled by a large divalent cation suggest that other compounds such as $\mathrm{Zn_2Sr(PO_4)_2}$, might also have this structure. X-ray powder data have been reported for this compound but there is no pronounced similarity to the powder data of either B or C-graftonite A single-crystal study of the zinc-strontium phosphates is of some importance if the stability criteria for these cations is to be fully understood.

There is a fifth class of divalent orthophosphate structures not included in the studies undertaken here, which is characteristic of the orthophosphates of large cations such as Ba^{++} and Sr^{++} . In the

structures of $Ba_3(PO_4)_2$ and $Sr_3(PO_4)_2^{(46)}$, which are of high symmetry $(R\bar{3}m)$, there are two cation sites, one 12-fold and the other 10-fold coordinated, which arise from the cations occupying two types of interstices in close-packed layers of PO_4 tetrahedra. $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$ forms two stable phases $^{(47)}$. The low temperature (whitlockite) phase forms a structure related to that of $Ba_3(PO_4)_2$. The structure of the α phase of $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$ which is stable above 1180°C has not been completely determined $^{(47)}$.

In the orthophosphate structures studied here it is difficult to talk of coordination number in a meaningful way as the cation environments are irregular. One cannot state when an interatomic distance is too great for the atoms to be "bonded". The value of 2.45 Å, for example, which was used to distinguish between "weakly" and "strongly" bonded oxygen atoms in the description of $\beta = Mn_3(PO_4)_2$, clearly lacks a quantitative justification.

This difficulty in defining the coordination number of an irregularly bonded cation makes the "coordination number hypothesis", regarding the correlation of Mn^{++} luminescence with the coordination number of the Mn^{++} ion, difficult to substantiate. A second difficulty arises from the fact that only the environments of the cation sites in the host lattice are known from a structure determination, and assumptions must be made concerning the sites that the Mn^{++} ions enter and the distortions which arise in these sites as a result. In $\beta-Zn_3(PO_4)_2$, for example, in which Mn^{++} should attain an octahedral environment according to its red luminescence, only the site occupied

by Zn(2), where there is a sixth ligand weakly bonded to the cation, could be suitable, Preliminary electron paramagnetic resonance (epr) studies (48) of β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂:Mn, however, indicate that Mn⁺⁺ enters at least two sites in the crystal, yet the luminescent bandwidth does not suggest that more than one coordination number is involved. It is not possible for a Mn⁺⁺ ion to attain six-fold coordination in either the Zn(1) or Zn(3) site without major distortions in the environments of these sites. Similarly in B-graftonite there are no sites which could lead to an octahedrally coordinated Mn⁺⁺ ion, and it is extremely doubtful that Mn⁺⁺ would enter an interstitial site as pure Mn₃(PO₄)₂ exists with this structure, and the mineral itself contains approximately 28 mole per cent Mn₃(PO₄)₂. Thus it would appear that no reliable conclusions about the cation environments in a host crystal can be made from the luminescent behaviour of Mn⁺⁺.

Coordination number is, in itself, too naive a concept on which to base an understanding of Mn⁺⁺ luminescence. The effect of different environmental symmetries on the energy levels in the perturbed ion is not describable solely in terms of the number of ligands surrounding the ion. The re-emission process takes place after a length of time ($\approx 10^{-8}$ seconds) which is long compared with the time the Mn⁺⁺ environment requires to "relax" to a point near the minimum in the excited state potential function. This relaxation accounts for the large energy difference between the absorption and emission processes in the ion (the former corresponds to radiant

energy in the ultra-violet part of the spectrum, while the latter occurs at 6380 Å in the case of β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂.

The extent of this relaxation, which depends on the effect of the ligand field on the excited state energy levels, must be calculated for the specific environment of the luminescing ion. In the first of a series of such calculations ⁽⁴⁹⁾ made for a [MnO₆] ¹⁰⁻ complex with O_h and D_{4h} symmetries, the lowest excited states were found to be unstable with respect to a change in the ligand distance. Thus only through quantitative calculations of the ligand fields at the site of the luminescing ion, and through detailed analyses of the electronic energy levels under the influence of these fields, will a reliable correlation between crystal structure and luminescence be obtained.

B. Summary

The studies reported here have resulted in the determination of the crystal structure of β -Zn₃(PO₄)₂, the related β -Mn₃(PO₄)₂ and β -Cd₃(PO₄)₂ structures, and the structure of B-graftonite. The orthophosphates of small divalent metal ions have been grouped into four classes and some considerations regarding the stability criteria of each class have been discussed. Zn⁺⁺ was found to exist most frequently in sites of low coordination number, four or five, while Mn⁺⁺ and Cd⁺⁺ achieved coordination numbers approaching six. The inadequacy of the coordination number hypothesis has also been discussed.

There are several areas in which further studies are required. The uncertainty in the preparation of $\beta^{1}_{-}Mn_{3}(PO_{4})_{2}$ should be resolved, and the stability of this phase relative to Mn-graftonite should be

investigated. An extension of this phase study into the quaternary (Mn, Fe, Ca, Mg)₃(PO₄)₂ system is also necessary to determine the stability criteria for the graftonite structure; particularly the stability of this structure relative to that of the mineral sarcopside. Sarcopside and graftonite are found intergrown in nature, and chemical analyses (11) have indicated that Ca⁺⁺ is excluded from sarcopside and that Mg⁺⁺ is preferentially taken up instead. The information obtained in such a phase study, together with the determination of the detailed differences in the cation environments among all of the graftonite-like phases, is of paramount importance in understanding the stability criteria for these structures.

A single crystal study of $\mathrm{Zn_2Sr(PO_4)_2}$ should also be undertaken as an inspection of the powder pattern is inconclusive in determining if this compound does crystallize with the graftonite structure. The proposed $\beta\text{-Cd_3(PO_4)_2}$ structure should also be investigated, and additional intensity data recorded to permit more extensive refinement of the $\beta\text{-Cd_3(PO_4)_2}$ structure.

An extension of these studies to the investigation of the crystal structures of $M_3(XO_4)_2$ compounds in general would be of value. It would be of particular interest to determine whether the orthoarsenates and orthovanadates of divalent metal ions of small radius such as Zn^{++} , Cd^{++} , Mn^{++} etc., have the same structures as the orthophosphates discussed here. This might be expected on the basis of constraints imposed by the tetrahedral AsO_4^{3-} and VO_4^{3-} anions, similar to those imposed by the PO_4^{3-} anions. Accurate determinations of these structures would provide information on the regularity and resistance to distortion

of these anions relative to ${\rm PO}_4^{3-}$. This in turn would permit a more complete evaluation of the structural constraints imposed by such anions.

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APPENDIX A

Dead-time Correction Evaluation

Let the true integrated intensity, I, of a reflection have a Gaussian profile, so that the true count rate is given by

$$i(t) = \frac{I \exp(-t^2)}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$
 (A-1)

Let the observed integrated intensity be

$$I' = i'(t) dt = \frac{i(t) dt}{1 + i(t)\tau}$$
 (A-2)

Substituting Eqn. (A-1) into Eqn. (A-2), and expanding the denominator of the integral by means of a Binomial expansion and integrating term by term, yields

$$I' = I \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-I \tau}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right)^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}$$
 (A-3)

which is valid when $\frac{I\tau}{\sqrt{\pi}}$ <1, for which values the series is rapidly

convergent.

Table (A-1) shows the values of I' calculated for different values of I, with a value for τ of 1.0 x 10⁻⁶. The largest value of I and the corresponding value of I' have been used to calculate the effective resolution time ψ , which in turn has been used to calculate the corrected intensities I_c , where

$$I_{c} = \frac{I'}{I - I'\psi}$$
 (Eqn. III-3)

The coincidence losses $\frac{I-I!}{I}$, and the discrepancies between I and I_c , $\frac{I-I_c}{I}$, are listed for each set of tabulated values of I and I!.

TABLE A-1

Dead-time correction evaluation

I (x10 ⁴)	I' (x10 ⁴)	I _{C4} (x10)	100(I - I')	100(I - I _c)
100.0	72.5	100.0	27.5	0.00
80.0	61.3	79.79	23.4	0.26
60.0	48.7	59.75	18.8	0.41
40.0	34.6	39.83	13.5	0.43
20.0	18.5	19.94	7.3	0.30
10.0	9.62	9.984	3.8	0.16
5.0	4.90	4.995	1.9	0.09
1.0	0.996	0.999	0.4	0.02