

# The structure hierarchy hypothesis

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## ABSTRACT

The structure hierarchy hypothesis states that structures may be ordered hierarchically according to the polymerization of coordination polyhedra of higher bond valence. A mathematical hierarchy is an ordered set of elements where the ordering reflects a natural hierarchical relation between (or arrangement of) the elements. Here, I review the structure hierarchies for the borate, uranyl oxide, phosphate, sulfate, beryllate and oxide-centred Cu, Pb and Hg minerals (plus synthetics where appropriate). Structure hierarchies have two functions: (1) they serve to organize our knowledge of minerals (crystal structures) in a coherent manner; (2) if the basis of the classification involves factors that are related to the mechanistic details of the stability and behaviour of minerals, then the physical, chemical and paragenetic characteristics of minerals should arise as natural consequences of their crystal structures and the interaction of those structures with the environment in which they occur. We may justify the structure hierarchy hypothesis by considering a hypothetical structure-building process whereby higher bond-valence polyhedra polymerize to form the structural unit. The clusters constituting the FBBs (fundamental building blocks) may polymerize to form the following types of structural unit: (1) isolated polyhedra; (2) clusters; (3) chains and ribbons; (4) sheets; and (5) frameworks. The major advantage of this approach to structure hierarchy is the fact that the hypothetical structure-building process outlined above resembles (our ideas of) crystallization from an aqueous solution, whereby complexes in aqueous and hydrothermal solutions condense to form crystal structures, or fragments of linked polyhedra in a magma condense to form a crystal. Although our knowledge of these processes is rather vague from a mechanistic perspective, the foundations of the structure hypothesis give us a framework within which to think about the processes of crystallization and dissolution.

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## Introduction

THE term ‘structure hierarchy’ has been in use for many years, but has tended to be used intuitively, without any explicit definition or relation to more formal mathematical definitions of hierarchy. This situation has been adequate in the initial stages of the development of hierarchical classifications of minerals as all the factors on which such a classification should be based are not necessarily obvious. However, as outlined below, there has

been extensive work on the hierarchical classification of many groups of minerals (here, I use the word ‘group’ in its colloquial sense) and we now have a good idea of the principal factors that should be involved in such classifications. Hence it now seems an appropriate time to begin consolidating our ideas on structural hierarchy. Here, I will: (1) formalize the idea of structural hierarchy; (2) review several groups of minerals that have been so organized; (3) show how such hierarchies provide a basis for understanding the factors affecting the chemical composition and bond topology of minerals, and provide insight into mechanisms of crystallization.

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## Hierarchies

A mathematical hierarchy is an ordered set of elements in which the ordering reflects a natural hierarchical relation between (or arrangement of) the elements of the set. A partially ordered set (a 'poset') is a set in which, for a pair of elements, one element precedes the other according to some criterion that compares the two elements. Each element is associated with some property; elements with the same property are grouped together (and are often called a class). It is common that such classes (of elements with equivalent properties) are organized in terms of increasing complexity, hence the term 'hierarchy'. Of particular importance in natural objects is the idea of an 'inclusion hierarchy' (or 'nested hierarchy'). Here, at any level in the hierarchy, each element has a parent set above it in the hierarchy. We may illustrate this idea using the polygon hierarchy of Fig. 1a. The triangle and the quadrilateral are both polygons and belong to the set of all polygons. We may identify three types of triangles: equilateral triangles, isosceles triangles and scalene triangles, each of which belongs to the set of all triangles. Similarly we may identify various forms of quadrilateral: parallelogram, kite, isosceles trapezoid, trapezoid and trapezium (other more specialized forms are omitted). The square, rectangle, rhombus and rhomboid are various forms of parallelogram. Figure 1b indicates how sulfate structures

involving octahedrally and tetrahedrally coordinated cations may fit into an inclusion hierarchy in which all sets at one level belong to various (parent) sets at a higher level in the hierarchy (for simplicity, not all observed linkages in sulfate structures are shown here). Inspection of Fig. 1 suggests that an inclusion hierarchy is appropriate for hierarchical classification of mineral structures.

## Structural hierarchies

We will define a structure hierarchy as 'a classification of atomic arrangements arranged (ranked) according to their principal constituent cation-polyhedra and the connectivity of those polyhedra'. Later on, we will consider what are suitable 'principal cation-polyhedra'. Ideally, all minerals should be included in a comprehensive structural hierarchy, as Earth processes may involve a wide variety of chemically and structurally different minerals, and it is our eventual intent to arrange mineral hierarchies such that they help in the interpretation of geological processes. Although this final aim is something to keep in mind, at the present state of development, we are focusing on chemically specific groups of minerals (e.g. sulfates, borates, uranyl oxides) and attempting to put in place effective structural hierarchies for these groups. These structure hierarchies have two functions: (1) they serve to organize our knowledge of

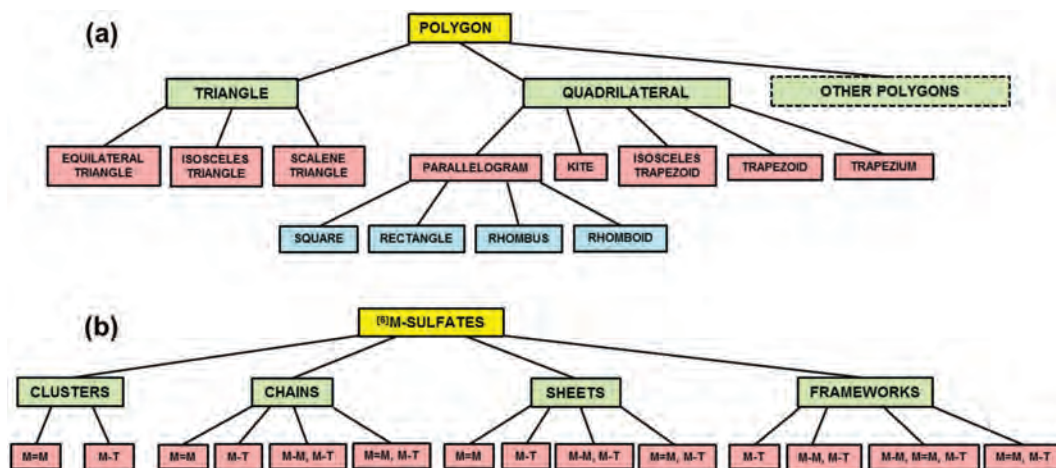


FIG. 1. (a) Partial inclusion hierarchy for polygons, focusing on triangles and quadrilaterals; (b) partial inclusion hierarchy for sulfate minerals containing octahedrally coordinated cations <sup>[6]</sup>M. Colours indicate equal levels in the hierarchy, lines indicate which sets are included in higher-level sets within the hierarchy.

minerals (crystal structures) in a coherent manner; (2) if the basis of the classification involves factors that are related to the mechanistic details of the stability and behaviour of minerals, then the physical, chemical and paragenetic characteristics of minerals should arise as natural consequences of their crystal structures and the interaction of those structures with the environment in which they occur. Thus adequate structure hierarchies should provide an epistemological basis for understanding the role of minerals in Earth processes (Hawthorne, 1985a).

### Historical background

Although the first crystal structure was solved in 1913 (Bragg, 1913), confirming the predictions of Barlow (1883, 1898), it wasn't until the late 1920s that the structures of most of the common rock-forming minerals were known. The silicate minerals were of particular interest, both because of their importance in large-scale Earth processes and because of the polymerization of their constituent silicate and aluminosilicate groups. In his seminal work, Bowen (1928) proposed his 'reaction series' which describes the sequence in which silicate minerals crystallize from a parent basaltic liquid: olivine → pyroxene → amphibole → mica → feldspar → quartz. Contemporaneously, Matchatski (1928) proposed classifying the major silicate minerals according to the types of linkage of their constituent silicate and aluminosilicate groups. Bragg (1930) extended this idea to produce the still-familiar neso (ortho-), soro- (pyro-), cyclo- (ring-), ino- (chain-), phyllo- (sheet-), tecto- (framework) silicate classification that we still teach today, and also reviewed the importance of Pauling's rules (Pauling, 1929) with regard to atomic arrangements in silicate minerals. As the number of known mineral structures (particularly silicates) increased, it became apparent that the character of the linkage between the silicate unit and the larger cations depends on the properties of the latter, and Belov (1961) introduced the 'Second Chapter' of silicate crystal chemistry that organizes silicates of large alkali and alkaline-earth cations (e.g. Ca, Ba, Sr). Zoltai (1960) included other tetrahedrally coordinated oxyanions into the Bragg classification, incorporating beryllosilicates and borosilicates and focusing attention on the factors that affect the relative linkage of silicate, beryllate and borate groups in extended polymerizations. Voronkov *et*

*al.* (1973, 1974, 1975) and Sandomirskii and Belov (1984) examined extensively the linkage between different coordination polyhedra in a wide variety of minerals in terms of 'mixed frameworks'. Several other classification criteria for silicate minerals, based on the topological and geometrical characteristics of the silicate and aluminosilicate linkages, were introduced by Liebau (1985).

In terms of hierarchical classification, silicate and aluminosilicate minerals tended to dominate the early and middle parts of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, presumably because dealing with the polymerization of a single type of polyhedron is simpler than dealing with polymerization of different types of polyhedra. The first non-silicate group of minerals to be classified extensively from a structural perspective was the borates. In borate minerals, B may occur as (B $\phi_3$ ) and (B $\phi_4$ ) groups ( $\phi = \text{O}^{2-}$ , OH), and polymerization of these two types of polyhedron is extensive. Edwards and Ross (1960), Ross and Edwards (1967), Christ (1960), Tennyson (1963) and Heller (1970) developed classifications based on the polymerization of these two different types of polyhedra to form a hierarchy of clusters, chains, sheets and frameworks of triangular and tetrahedral borate groups.

For one-dimensional linkages of polyhedra, the terms 'chain' and 'ribbon' are in common use. Generally, the term 'chain' is used for a one-dimensional unit that is narrow in all directions orthogonal to the length of the chain, and the term 'ribbon' is used where the dimensions of the unit orthogonal to the chain are significantly different in different directions. If we are to use specific terms, definitions are desirable. Here, I will define a 'chain' as a one-dimensional linkage of polyhedra that can be broken by deletion/removal of one polyhedron from the linkage (e.g. a pyroxene chain), and a 'ribbon' as a one-dimensional linkage of polyhedra that cannot be broken by deletion/removal of one polyhedron from the linkage (e.g. an amphibole ribbon).

### Constraints on the linkage of oxyanions in minerals

The valence-sum rule of bond-valence theory states that the sum of the bond valences at each atom is equal to the magnitude of the atomic valence (Brown, 2002, 2009; Hawthorne, 1994, 2012a). This rule exerts considerable constraints on the self-linkage of oxyanions in crystal structures. Consider first the linkage of the

principal oxyanions in silicate and aluminosilicate minerals. As indicated in Fig. 2*a*, where two  $(\text{SiO}_4)^{4-}$  groups link together, the sum of the incident bond-valences at the linking anion is 2.00 valence units (vu) and hence this linkage is allowed by the valence-sum rule. Where one  $(\text{SiO}_4)^{4-}$  group and one  $(\text{AlO}_4)^{5-}$  group link together (Fig. 2*b*), the sum of the incident bond valences at the linking anion is 1.75 vu and this linking anion can accept bonds from other low-valence cations to accord with the valence-sum rule. Consider one  $(\text{SiO}_4)^{4-}$  and one  $(\text{BeO}_4)^{6-}$  group (Fig. 2*c*); the sum of the incident bond valences at the linking anion is 1.50 vu, the linking anion can accept bonds from other cations and hence this linkage is allowed by the valence-sum rule.

Next, consider  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  groups,  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$  and  $(\text{SO}_4)^{2-}$  groups (Fig. 2*d,e,f*); if these groups were to self-polymerize, the incident bond-valence sums at the linking anions would be 2.67, 2.50 and 3.00 vu, respectively. These linkages are thus forbidden by the valence-sum rule and these oxyanions do not self-polymerize in minerals (with one or two exceptions that form in unusual environments). This is not the case in synthetic compounds, and polyphosphates for example (Corbridge, 1985) are common. In uranyl structures, the uranyl ion and its associated anions form square-, pentagonal- and hexagonal-bipyramids in which the *trans* uranyl bonds have

bond valences of  $\sim 1.7$  vu and the equatorial bonds are  $\sim (6 - 2 \times 1.7) / n$ , where  $n = 4, 5$  and  $6$ : 0.65, 0.52 and 0.43 vu, respectively. Thus, uranyl polyhedra cannot form strong bonds through their uranyl-O anions, but can form strong bonds with all oxyanions and other uranyl polyhedra through their equatorial anions.

In minerals where the principal oxyanion does not polymerize (or polymerization is rare) (e.g. sulfates, arsenates), classification based on polymerization of the principal oxyanion alone does not work and hierarchical classifications in these groups have been slower to arise. Moore (1973) proposed classifying phosphate minerals according to the polymerization of their constituent divalent-metal octahedra. Furthermore, he showed a relation between paragenesis and structural arrangement in pegmatite phosphate minerals that parallels the relation between Bragg's classification of the common rock-forming silicate minerals and Bowen's reaction series. This correlation between polymerization and paragenesis in two completely different mineral groups (silicates and phosphates) emphasizes the fundamental nature of dimensional polymerization and emphasizes its importance as an appropriate way to organize mineral structures. The problem with proceeding in this way for other groups of minerals based on isolated oxyanion groups [e.g.  $(\text{AsO}_4)^{3-}$ ,  $(\text{SO}_4)^{2-}$ ] is the fact that the approach of focusing on octahedrally coordinated cations ignores the presence of the principal oxyanion which will, in turn, affect the linkage of octahedra differently according to net charge and size, and this seems to have been a major factor in inhibiting the development of hierarchical classifications for other mineral groups until relatively recently.

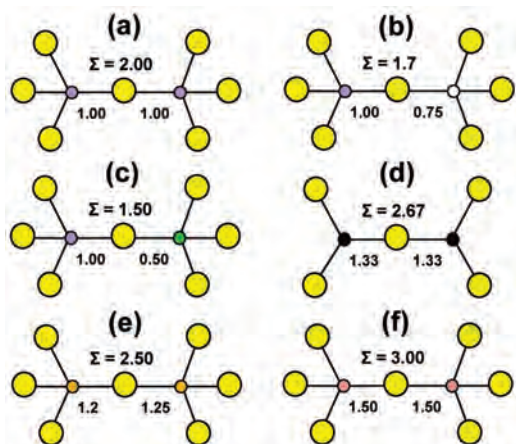


FIG. 2. Linkage of polyhedra and bond valences; (a) silicate; (b) aluminosilicate; (c) berylliosilicate; (d) carbonate; (e) phosphate; (f) sulfate; Si = mauve, Al = white, Be = green, C = black, P = orange, S = salmon pink.

## Binary structural representation

For many years, many crystal structures of minerals have been illustrated by representing the cation-coordination polyhedra involving strong chemical bonds as polyhedra and weak chemical bonds as lines, and visual recognition of these structures has focused on the part of the structure represented by cation-coordination polyhedra. Hawthorne (1983*a*) took advantage of this type of representation, proposing that the polymerization of these strongly bonded cation-coordination polyhedra be the basis for hierarchical classification. He introduced the idea of Binary Structural Representation: a crystal

structure is split into two components: (1) the 'structural unit', the strongly bonded component of the structure; and (2) the 'interstitial complex', an assemblage of (usually monovalent and divalent) cations, anions and neutral species that weakly bind the structural units together (Hawthorne, 1985a). Partitioning of a structure into the structural unit and the interstitial complex is done on the basis of the bond valences involved. Generally, bonds stronger than 0.30 vu belong to the structural unit and bonds weaker than 0.30 vu involve the constituents of the interstitial complex. The cut-off at 0.30 vu is somewhat flexible, depending on the details of a structure, but the value of 0.30 vu is generally applicable. As we consider the polyhedra on the basis of their bond valences, this approach can be applied to all minerals, irrespective of their chemical characteristics (e.g. Hawthorne 1985a, 1986, 1990, 1997). Of course, it may also be applied to minerals based on a single oxyanion, e.g. sulfates, phosphates. The division of a structure into its two basic components is illustrated in Fig. 3 for botryogen. We write the chemical formula of the mineral such as to (1) identify these two components and (2) carry as much information as convenient on aspects of the structure:  $\text{Mg}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{10}[\text{Fe}_2^{3+}(\text{SO}_4)_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_2$ ; the components of the structural unit are contained within the square brackets, the components of the interstitial complex are outside the square brackets, interstitial ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) bonded directly to interstitial cations occurs before the structural unit, interstitial ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) not bonded directly to interstitial cations (i.e. held in the structure by H

bonding only, or occluded) occurs after the structural unit (there is none of this type of interstitial ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) in botryogen).

### The structure hierarchy hypothesis

Hawthorne (1983a) formally stated the "Structure Hierarchy Hypothesis" as follows: "Structures may be ordered hierarchically according to the polymerization of coordination polyhedra of higher bond-valence." We may consider a hypothetical structure-building process whereby higher bond-valence polyhedra polymerize to form homo- or heteropolyhedral clusters. These clusters may be considered as the 'fundamental building block' (FBB) of the structure (I'm not sure who was the first to use the term "FBB", but it has been in use for a long time). The FBB is repeated, often polymerized, by symmetry to form the structural unit (Hawthorne, 1985a). The clusters constituting the FBBs may polymerize to form the following types of structural unit: (1) isolated polyhedra; (2) clusters; (3) chains and ribbons; (4) sheets; and (5) frameworks, as pointed out by Matchatski (1928) and Bragg (1930) for silicates. Hawthorne (1979, 1983a, 1985a, 1986, 1990) originally referred to assemblages of FBBs linked by strong bonds as (structure) modules. A joint IUCr-IMA Commission (Lima de Faria *et al.*, 1990) required changing "structure module" to "structural unit" and this nomenclature has been adhered to by the author in later publications. However, the term "module" and its various derivatives has since come into fashion and is now in use again.

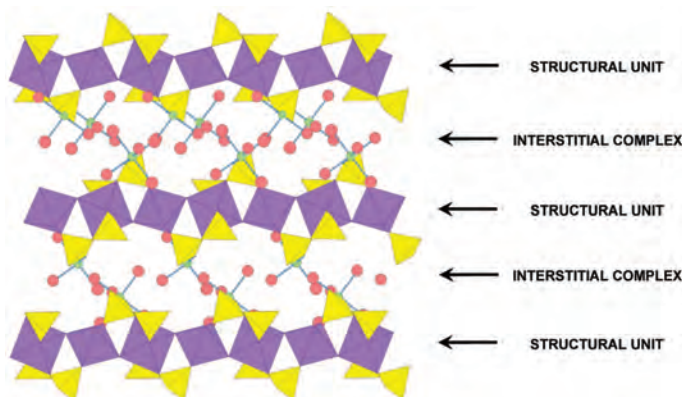


FIG. 3. The crystal structure of botryogen,  $\text{Mg}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{10}[\text{Fe}_2^{3+}(\text{SO}_4)_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_2$ , partitioned into two units, the strongly bonded structural unit (shown as coloured polyhedra) and the weakly bonded interstitial complex (shown as individual atoms and chemical bonds);  $(\text{SO}_4)$  = yellow,  $(\text{Fe}^{3+})_6$  = purple, Mg = green,  $(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  = orange.



The major advantage of this approach to structure hierarchy is the fact that the hypothetical structure-building process outlined above resembles (our ideas of) crystallization from aqueous solution, whereby complexes in aqueous and hydrothermal solutions condense to form crystal structures, or fragments of linked polyhedra in a magma condense to form a crystal. Although our knowledge of these processes is rather vague from a mechanistic perspective, the foundations of the structure hypothesis give us a mechanism to think about processes of crystallization and dissolution. Note that this approach does not exclude hierarchies based on anion-coordination polyhedra; for example, Filatov *et al.* (1992), Krivovichev (2008) and Krivovichev *et al.* (1998a) have developed structural hierarchies based on anion-centred polyhedra, particularly those coordinated by stereoactive lone-pair cations such as  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Bi}^{3+}$ .

### Justification of the structure hypothesis

The structure hypothesis combines the Machatski-Bragg idea of dimensional polymerization of the oxyanion of interest with the approach of Belov (1961) that emphasizes mixed-polyhedron structures. Hawthorne (1983a) rationalized the structure hypothesis in the following way. In a crystal structure (or a glass or fluid), the bond-valence requirements of the cations are met predominantly by the formation of coordination polyhedra of anions around those cations. We may thus think of the structure as an array of complex oxyanions that polymerize in order to satisfy the dominant part of their anion bond-valence requirements. In an array of coordination polyhedra, let the bond valences be  $s_o^i$  ( $i = 1, n$ ) where  $s_o^i > s_o^{i+1}$ . According to the valence-sum rule, polymerization can occur where  $s_o^1 + s_o^i < |V_{\text{anion}}|$  (where  $V_{\text{anion}}$  is the formal valence of the simple linking anion) and the valence-sum rule is most easily met where  $s_o^1 + s_o^i = |V_{\text{anion}}|$ . These bond-valence requirements can be met most expeditiously by those coordination polyhedra of higher bond valence, subject to the constraint  $s_o^1 + s_o^i < |V_{\text{anion}}|$ , as these linkages come closest to satisfying the valence-sum rule. This argument also suggests a mechanism for the crystallization of minerals, at least from aqueous and hydrothermal solutions, whereby crystallization proceeds by condensation of complex oxyanions in solution (Hawthorne, 1979, 1983a); see later section on the crystallization of borate minerals from aqueous solution.

The above justification may be generalized to account for a wider array of mineral structures than that covered by Hawthorne (1983a). The argument focuses on the formation of coordination polyhedra of anions around higher-valence cations. However, the specific identification of anions and cations here is not necessary: one may rephrase the argument to cover both the formation of coordination polyhedra of anions around higher-valence cations and the formation of coordination polyhedra of cations around anions. The modification allows natural incorporation of structures that contain higher-valence anions (i.e.  $\text{O}^{2-}$ ,  $\text{N}^{3-}$ ) not associated with an oxyanion. This allows incorporation of that group of structures that Krivovichev and Filatov (1999a,b) described as containing anion-centred tetrahedra. Moreover, the same mechanism for the crystallization of minerals seems likely, whereby crystallization proceeds by condensation of anion-centred tetrahedra from volcanic gases (Filatov *et al.*, 1992).

The topology of a bond network is the major feature controlling the energy of the structure through expression of the electronic-energy-density of states *via* the method of moments (Burdett *et al.*, 1984; Hawthorne, 1994, 2012a). The topology of a bond network is just another way of expressing the polymerization of the coordination polyhedra in a structure. Hence we may recognize an energetic basis for the hierarchical organization of structures according to the details of the polymerization of their principal coordination polyhedra.

### Graphical representation of linkage between polyhedra

Many oxygen-based minerals have structures with complex anions involving polymerization of octahedra and tetrahedra. To analyse the connectivity of clusters of octahedra and tetrahedra, Hawthorne (1983a) considered clusters of polyhedra from a graph-theoretic perspective. A graph is a mathematical structure that is used to examine pairwise relations between discrete objects, and graph theory is a branch of mathematics that deals with the properties of graphs. Polyhedra are represented by coloured vertices of a labelled graph in which different colours represent different coordination. Linkage is denoted by the presence of an edge or edges between vertices representing linked polyhedra, and the number of edges between two vertices denotes the number of atoms common to both polyhedra. Thus for two

vertices, no edge denotes disconnected polyhedra (Fig. 4a), one edge denotes corner sharing between two polyhedra (Fig. 4b), two edges denote edge sharing between two polyhedra (Fig. 4c) and three edges denotes triangular-face sharing (Fig. 4d). In Fig. 4, different polyhedra are denoted by different coloured vertices, respectively. The cluster  $[M_2(T\phi_4)_2\phi_8]$  and its graphical representation (Fig. 4e) shows ( $M$  = octahedrally coordinated cation;  $T$  = tetrahedrally coordinated cation;  $\phi$  = unspecified ligand); round brackets and curly brackets denote a polyhedron or a group, e.g.  $(SO_4)$ ,  $(H_2O)$ ; square brackets denote linked polyhedra, e.g.  $[M(TO_4)_2\phi_4]$ . Note that in a graphical representation, geometrical information is lost. This is illustrated in Fig. 4f which shows two different possible arrangements of the corner-linked cluster  $[M(T\phi_4)_2\phi_4]$ . Both these clusters are described by the same graph; such clusters are called geometrical isomers (Hawthorne, 1983a). Information on geometrical isomerism is lost in the graphical representation. It is very useful to represent the FBB (Fundamental Building Block) of a mineral in this graphical fashion as the hierarchical aspects of the classification are immediately grasped from

the arrangement of the constituent graphs. This type of graphical representation is used quite commonly to consider the bond topology of complex structures (e.g. Hawthorne, 1983a, 1994; Hawthorne *et al.*, 2000; Krivovichev, 2008, 2009; Burns, 1995, 1999, 2005; Burns *et al.*, 1995a).

This approach suggests a simple way of both representing linkage of polyhedra in structures and of expressing structure hierarchies in a compact fashion. Let us represent an oxyanion as T and a higher-coordination polyhedra by M. Linkage between the polyhedra can be expressed by connecting the letters by dashes such that the number of dashes represents the numbers of vertices that the polyhedra have in common (Hawthorne, 1985a). Thus M M denotes isolated M polyhedra, M–M denotes corner-linked polyhedra, M=M denotes edge-linked polyhedra and  $M\equiv M$  denotes face-linked polyhedra; M T denotes isolated M polyhedra and T oxyanions, M–T denotes corner-linked M polyhedra and T oxyanions, M=T denotes edge-linked M polyhedra and T oxyanions and  $M\equiv T$  denotes face-linked M polyhedra and T oxyanions, etc. In this way, we may organize structural units within a

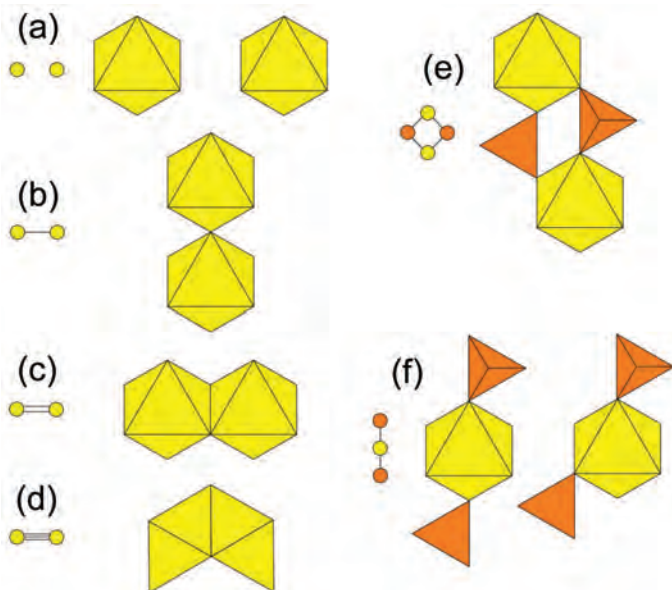


FIG. 4. Graphical representation of polyhedron clusters; octahedra are shown in yellow,  $M$  are octahedrally coordinated cations; tetrahedra are shown in orange,  $T$  are tetrahedrally coordinated cations. Each cluster of polyhedra is represented by a graph in which the yellow vertices represent octahedra, the orange vertices represent tetrahedra and the edges represent the number of vertices common to pairs of polyhedra: (a)  $(M\phi_6)_2$ ; (b)  $[M_2\phi_{11}]$ ; (c)  $[M_2\phi_{10}]$ ; (d)  $[M_2\phi_9]$ ; (e)  $[M_2(TO_4)_2\phi_8]$ ; (f) graphical isomers of  $[M(TO_4)_2\phi_4]$ .

specific dimension of polymerization, e.g. within chains or within sheets, as done by Hawthorne *et al.* (2000) for sulfate minerals.

### Application of the structure hierarchy hypothesis to specific groups of minerals

Hierarchical classifications have been developed for a range of oxysalt minerals: phosphates, arsenates and vanadates (Kostov and Breskovska, 1989), phosphates (Hawthorne, 1998; Huminicki and Hawthorne, 2002a), sulfates (Sabelli and Trosti-Ferroni, 1985; Hawthorne *et al.*, 2000), borates (Burns *et al.*, 1995a; Hawthorne *et al.*, 1996; Grice *et al.*, 1999). Hawthorne (1984) used the structure hierarchy hypothesis to classify the aluminofluoride minerals and examined the transition from aluminofluoride minerals to paragenetically related silicate minerals. Other classifications have spanned several traditional chemical groups of minerals. Lima-de-Faria (1978, 1983, 1994) and Hawthorne (1985a, 1986, 1990, 1997) have focused on linkage of different types of polyhedra without considering significantly the chemical identities of the principal cations involved. Burns (1999, 2005) and Burns *et al.* (1996) have developed a hierarchical classification for the uranyl oxysalts in which structural coherence is based on the unusual stereochemistry of the  $(U^{6+}O_2)^{2+}$  uranyl group. Filatov *et al.* (1992), Krivovichev (2008), Krivovichev and Filatov (1999a,b) and Krivovichev *et al.* (1998a, 2013b) have developed a structural hierarchy for anion-centred polyhedra, often involving stereo-active lone-pair cations as coordinating ions.

Next I will briefly review the structure hierarchy developed for the borate minerals (Hawthorne *et al.*, 1996, Grice *et al.*, 1999). It is obviously not feasible to illustrate and discuss all borate minerals here; instead, I will describe a representative cross-section of these structures in order to give a flavour of the information contained in a structural hierarchy. Then I will discuss briefly how we can use this information to interpret the occurrence of minerals, and how we can use the structure hierarchy hypothesis as a basis for developing mechanistic approaches to crystallization and dissolution, and possibly other geochemical processes.

### Borate minerals

$B^{3+}$  commonly occurs in triangular and tetrahedral coordination to O (oxygen) and both  $(B\phi_3)$

and  $(B\phi_4)$  groups ( $\phi = O^{2-}$ , OH) are common in borate minerals. The mean bond valences in these oxyanions are  $3/3 = 1.00$  vu for a  $(B\phi_3)$  group and  $3/4 = 0.75$  vu for a  $(B\phi_4)$  group. Consequently, linkage of borate polyhedra produces incident bond-valence sums at the linking anions of  $0.75 \times 2$  to  $1.0 \times 2$ : 1.5–2.0 vu, and polymerization of borate polyhedra is extensive in borate minerals. Christ and Clark (1977) developed a hierarchical classification that was widely used until the development of the classification of Burns *et al.* (1995a), Hawthorne *et al.* (1996) and Grice *et al.* (1999).

### B–B graphs and algebraic descriptors

The FBBs of borate structures may be represented as graphs. The vertices of the graphs correspond to B atoms (that are denoted as  $\Delta$  or  $\square$ , depending on their coordination number; where the coordination number is not specified, the letter B is used) and the edges of the graph corresponding to B– $\phi$ –B linkages (with  $\phi$ , the linking anion, omitted). The ‘algebraic descriptor’ of the cluster (Burns *et al.* 1995a) has the general form  $A:B$ , where  $A$  is the number of  $(B\phi_3)$  triangles and  $(B\phi_4)$  tetrahedra in the cluster, and  $B$  is a character string that contains the connectivity information for those polyhedra. Isolated polyhedra may be written as  $A:B = 1\Delta:\Delta$  ( $\Delta = B\phi_3$  triangle) or  $A:B = 1\square:\square$  ( $\square = B\phi_4$  tetrahedron) (Figs 5a,b). More than one polyhedron in the descriptor indicates that the polyhedra polymerize by sharing corners: thus  $1\Delta 1\square:\Delta\square$  contains one  $(B\phi_3)$  triangle and one  $(B\phi_4)$  tetrahedron, linked by sharing a corner (Fig. 5c). In the B string of the descriptor, adjacent polyhedra are linked, enabling graphical isomers (Hawthorne 1983a) to be distinguished, as shown for the clusters  $\Delta 2\square:\square\Delta\square$  (Fig. 5d) and  $\Delta 2\square:\Delta\square\square$  (Fig. 5e). Rings of polyhedra are denoted by enclosing the polyhedra of the ring by  $\langle \rangle$  in the B string: thus a ring of one  $(B\phi_3)$  triangle and two  $(B\phi_4)$  tetrahedra (Fig. 5f) is denoted as  $1\Delta 2\square:\langle\Delta 2\square\rangle$ . Where rings of polyhedra polymerize, the number of polyhedra common to each ring is denoted by the symbols –, = and  $\equiv$  for one, two and three polyhedra, respectively: thus  $2\Delta 2\square:\langle\Delta 2\square\rangle=\langle\Delta 2\square\rangle$  consists of two  $\langle\Delta 2\square\rangle$  rings with two polyhedra in common (Fig. 5g). Most FBBs in borate minerals do not link through more than two B atoms, but there are exceptions; in **tunellite** (Burns and Hawthorne, 1994b), one O atom is bonded to three B atoms. To denote such linkages, [ ] are used to indicate any three- or



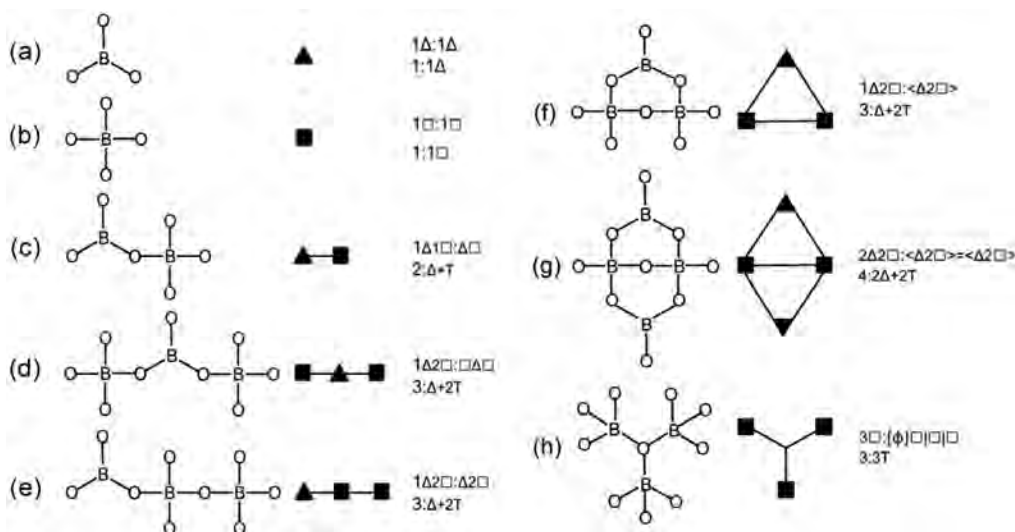


FIG. 5. Examples of borate clusters, their B-B graphs and algebraic descriptors;  $\blacktriangle$  =  $(B\phi_3)$ ,  $\blacksquare$  =  $(B\phi_4)$ . After Burns *et al.* (1995a).

higher-connected anion ( $\phi$ ), polyhedron ( $\Delta$  or  $\square$ ) or ring of polyhedra (e.g.  $\langle \Delta 2 \square \rangle$ ), and the polyhedra or rings connected to the central linking unit follow the [ ]. In addition, clusters that connect to the central linking unit are separated by the symbol |. Thus  $3\square:[\phi] \square|\square|\square|$  denotes three  $(B\phi_4)$  polyhedra linked by a common anion  $\phi$  (Fig. 5h) in which the anion  $\phi$  links to three separate  $(B\phi_4)$  tetrahedra. Selected borate minerals and their algebraic descriptors are listed in Table 1.

Such algebraic descriptors are very effective in symbolically representing bond topologies and are extremely useful in fundamental examinations of topologically possible atomic arrangements (e.g. Burns, 1995). However, as yet they have not been used for any other types of structures apart from borate minerals, and it remains to be seen if they will prove as effective in studies of the bond topology of silicates, phosphates, sulfates etc.

#### Borate structures based on isolated triangles and tetrahedra

The division of the isolated  $\Delta$  and  $\square$  groups into subgroups on the basis of the identity of  $\phi$  is quite significant from a paragenetic point of view. Most minerals in the  $\phi = O^{2-}$  subgroup are from metamorphic or igneous (pegmatite) parageneses, whereas most minerals in the  $\phi = (OH)^-$  subgroup are from sedimentary (usually evaporitic) environments.

FBB =  $\Delta$ ,  $\phi = O^{2-}$ . These structures contain infinite  $[M\phi_4]$  chains of edge-sharing octahedra that are cross-linked by  $(B\phi_3)$  triangles and  $(B\phi_4)$  tetrahedra, and by octahedra sharing edges and vertices with octahedra of adjacent chains. The  $[M\phi_4]$  chain has an intrinsic repeat distance of  $\sim 3$  Å along its length (ignoring any ordering along the length of the chain), and they are known as '3 Å wallpaper structures' (Moore and Araki, 1974a). These structures may be idealized as colourings of the plane net  $3^6$ ; the structures of selected minerals are shown in Fig. 6. Some quantitative structural relations have been derived (Cooper and Hawthorne, 1998), but no general quantitative description of these structures has yet been developed.

FBB =  $\square$ ,  $\phi = (OH)^-$ : Isolated tetrahedra are linked commonly by alkali and alkaline-earth cations (primarily Na and Ca), and the extended linkage of the structure is provided by the larger polyhedra and by H bonds (e.g. **hexahydroborite**:  $Ca[B(OH)_4]_2(H_2O)_2$ ).

#### Borate structures based on clusters of triangles and tetrahedra

These structures may be divided into seven sets in which ten of the 12 distinct clusters involve three-membered rings of polyhedra:

- (1) 2B; (2)  $\langle 3B \rangle$ ; (3)  $\langle 3B \rangle = \langle 3B \rangle$ ; (4)  $\langle 3B \rangle B$ ;
- (5)  $\langle 3B \rangle - \langle 3B \rangle$ ; (6)  $[\phi] \langle 3B \rangle | \langle 3B \rangle | \langle 3B \rangle |$ ;
- (7)  $\{ \langle 3B \rangle - \langle 3B \rangle \}$

Name	Polyhedra	Algebraic descriptor	Formula	Fig.	Ref.
<b>Isolated polyhedra</b>					
3 $\Delta$ wallpaper structures					
Fluoborite	1 $\Delta$	$\Delta$	$\text{Mg}_3(\text{BO}_3)(\text{F},\text{OH})_3$	6a	(1)
Warwickite	1 $\Delta$	$\Delta$	$(\text{Mg},\text{Ti},\text{Fe}^{3+},\text{Al})_2\text{O}(\text{BO}_3)$	6b	(2)
Ludwigite	1 $\Delta$	$\Delta$	$\text{Mg}_2\text{FeO}_2(\text{BO}_3)$	6c	(3)
Pinakolite	1 $\Delta$	$\Delta$	$(\text{Mg},\text{Mn}^{2+})_2(\text{Mn}^{3+},\text{Sb}^{3+})\text{O}_2(\text{BO}_3)$	6d	(4)
Karlite	1 $\Delta$	$\Delta$	$\text{Mg}_7(\text{OH})_4(\text{BO}_3)_4\text{Cl}$	6e	(5)
Wrightmanite	1 $\Delta$	$\Delta$	$\text{Mg}_5(\text{OH})_5(\text{BO}_3)\text{O}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$	6f	(6)
Other structures					
Hexahydroborite	1 $\square$	$\square$	$\text{Ca}[\text{B}(\text{OH})_4]_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$	—	(7)
<b>Clusters</b>					
3 $\Delta$ wallpaper structures					
Suanite	2 $\Delta$	2 $\Delta$	$\text{Mg}_2[\text{B}_2\text{O}_5]$	6g	(8)
Szaibélyite	2 $\Delta$	2 $\Delta$	$\text{Mg}_2(\text{OH})[\text{B}_2\text{O}_4(\text{OH})]$	6h	(9)
Other structures					
Ameghinite	2 $\Delta$ 1 $\square$	$<2\Delta\square>$	$\text{Na}[\text{B}_3\text{O}_3(\text{OH})_4]$	7a	(10)
Kurnakovite	2 $\Delta$	2 $\Delta$	$\text{Mg}[\text{B}_3\text{O}_3(\text{OH})_5](\text{H}_2\text{O})_5$	7b	(11)
Hydrochlorborite	2 $\Delta$ 2 $\square$	$<\Delta 2\square>\Delta$	$\text{Ca}_2[\text{B}_3\text{O}_3(\text{OH})_4][\text{BO}(\text{OH})_3]\text{Cl}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_7$	7c	(12)
Niifontovite	3 $\square$	$<3\square>$	$\text{Ca}_3[\text{B}_3\text{O}_3(\text{OH})_6]_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$	7d	(13)
Uralborite	4 $\square$	$<3\square>\square$	$\text{Ca}_2[\text{B}_4\text{O}_4(\text{OH})_8]$	7e	(14)
Ulexite	2 $\Delta$ 3 $\square$	$<\Delta 2\square>--<\Delta 2\square>$	$\text{NaCa}[\text{B}_5\text{O}_6(\text{OH})_6](\text{H}_2\text{O})_5$	7f	(15)
Hungchaoite	2 $\Delta$ 2 $\square$	$<\Delta 2\square>--<\Delta 2\square>$	$\text{Mg}[\text{B}_4\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4](\text{H}_2\text{O})_7$	7g	(16)
Ammonioiborite	12 $\Delta$ 3 $\square$	$3(<2\Delta\square>--<2\Delta\square>)$	$(\text{NH}_4)_3[\text{B}_{15}\text{O}_{20}(\text{OH})_8](\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$	7h	(17)
<b>Chains and ribbons</b>					
Vimsite	1 $\square$	$\square$	$\text{Ca}[\text{B}_2\text{O}_2(\text{OH})_4]$	8a	(18)
Calciborite	1 $\Delta$ 2 $\square$	$<\Delta 2\square>$	$\text{Ca}[\text{B}_2\text{O}_4]$	8b	(19)
Larderellite	4 $\Delta$ 1 $\square$	$<2\Delta\square>--<2\Delta\square>$	$(\text{NH}_4)[\text{B}_5\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})$	8c	(20)
Proberite	2 $\Delta$ 3 $\square$	$<\Delta 2\square>--<\Delta 2\square>$	$\text{NaCa}[\text{B}_5\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_4](\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$	8d	(21)
Ezcurrite	3 $\Delta$ 2 $\square$	$<\Delta 2\square>--<2\Delta\square>$	$\text{Na}_2[\text{B}_5\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_3](\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$	8e	(22)
Kaliborite	3 $\Delta$ 3 $\square$	$<\Delta 2\square>--<\Delta 2\square>\Delta$	$\text{KMg}_2\text{H}[\text{B}_7\text{O}_8(\text{OH})_5](\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$	8f	(23)
Kernite	3 $\Delta$ 4 $\square$	$<\Delta 2\square>--<\Delta 2\square>--<\Delta 2\square>$	$\text{Na}_2[\text{B}_4\text{O}_6(\text{OH})_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$	8g	(24)
Aristarainite	3 $\Delta$ 3 $\square$	$[\phi]<\Delta 2\square>--<\Delta 2\square>--<\Delta 2\square>$	$\text{NaMg}[\text{B}_6\text{O}_8(\text{OH})_4]_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$	8h	(25)



FBB =  $2\Delta$ . There are two 3 Å wallpaper structures in this group. **Suanite** (Table 1, Fig. 6g) has  $4 \times 1$  ribbons of octahedra that are cross-linked by  $[\text{B}_2\text{O}_5]$  groups. **Szaibélyite** (Fig. 6h) has  $2 \times 1$  ribbons of edge-sharing octahedra that link through vertices to form corrugated sheets of octahedra that are cross-linked by  $[\text{B}_2\text{O}_5]$  groups to form a framework.

FBB =  $\langle 2\Delta\Box \rangle$ . In **ameghnite**,  $\langle 2\Delta\Box \rangle$  clusters (Table 1, Fig. 7a) combine with  $[\text{Na}_2\phi_{10}]$  dimers into a framework with extensive interstitial H bonding.

FBB =  $\langle \Delta 2\Box \rangle$ . The  $\langle \Delta 2\Box \rangle$  ring in **kurnakovite** (Table 1, Fig. 7b) links to  $(\text{Mg}\phi_6)$  octahedra to form chains that link *via* direct H bonding and also by H bonding involving a single interstitial ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) group.

FBB =  $\langle \Delta 2\Box \rangle\Box$ . The  $\langle \Delta 2\Box \rangle$  ring in **hydrochloroborite** is decorated by a  $(\text{B}\phi_4)$  tetrahedron (Table 1, Fig. 7c) and these groups

are linked by [8]-coordinated Ca and extensive H bonding.

FBB =  $\langle 3\Box \rangle$ . The  $\langle 3\Box \rangle$  ring in **nifontovite** (Table 1, Fig. 7d) cross-links chains of edge-sharing  $(\text{Ca}\phi_8)$  polyhedra to form a framework that is further linked by extensive H bonding.

FBB =  $\langle 3\Box \rangle\Box$ . The  $\langle 3\Box \rangle$  ring in **uralborite** is decorated by a  $(\text{B}\phi_4)$  tetrahedron (Table 1, Fig. 7e) and is cross-linked by dimers of edge-sharing  $(\text{Ca}\phi_8)$  polyhedra to form a framework that is further linked by extensive H bonding.

FBB =  $\langle \Delta 2\Box \rangle - \langle \Delta 2\Box \rangle$ . In **ulexite**,  $\langle \Delta 2\Box \rangle - \langle \Delta 2\Box \rangle$  clusters (Table 1, Fig. 7f) link by corner-sharing to [8]-coordinated Ca and [6]-coordinated Na into a framework with extensive interstitial H bonding.

FBB =  $\langle \Delta 2\Box \rangle = \langle \Delta 2\Box \rangle$ . In **hungchaoite**,  $\langle \Delta 2\Box \rangle = \langle \Delta 2\Box \rangle$  clusters (Table 1, Fig. 7g) link by corner-sharing to  $\{\text{Mg}(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\}$  octahedra, forming a (neutral)  $\text{Mg}[\text{B}_4\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4](\text{H}_2\text{O})_5$

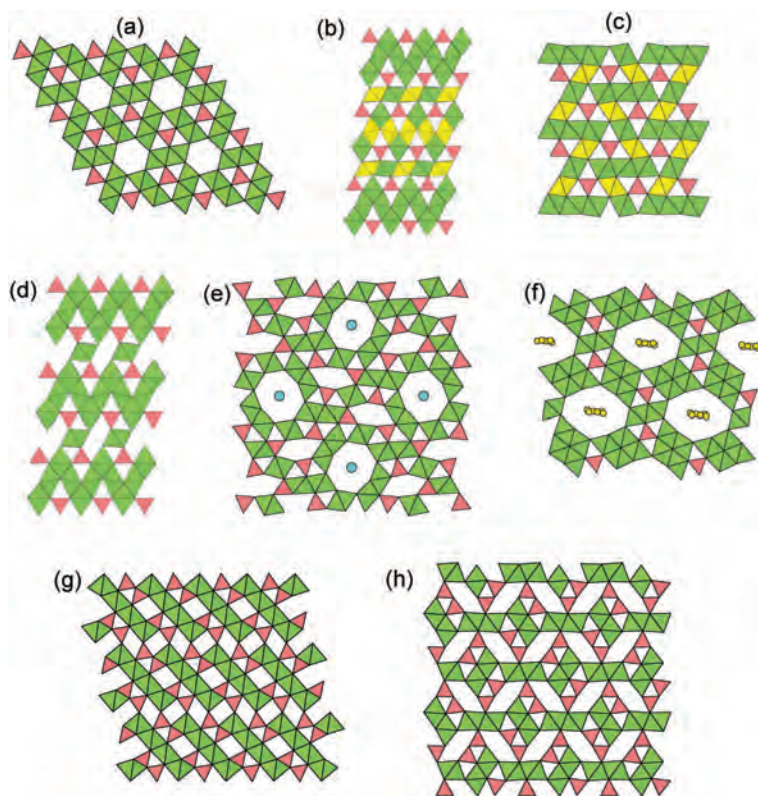


FIG. 6. Selected wallpaper borate structures; (a) fluoborite; (b) warwickite; (c) ludwigite; (d) pinakiolite; (e) karlrite; (f) wightmanite; (g) suanite; (h) szaibélyite. Orange:  $(\text{BO}_3)$ ; green:  $(\text{MgO}_6)$ ; yellow:  $(\text{FeO}_6)$ ; turquoise circles: Cl; yellow circles:  $(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ .

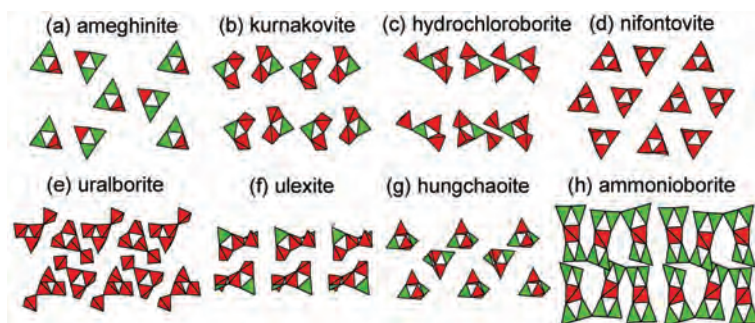


FIG. 7. Selected cluster borate structures; (a) ameghinite; (b) kurnakovite; (c) hydrochloroborite; (d) nifontovite; (e) uralborite; (f) ulexite; (g) hungchaoite; (h) ammonioborite. Green =  $(B\phi_3)$ ; red =  $(B\phi_4)$ .

cluster. This cluster links to other identical clusters by H bonding.

FBB =  $3\{<2\Delta\Box>-<2\Delta\Box>\}$ . In **ammonioborite**, two  $<2\Delta\Box>$  rings link through a common  $\Box$  [ $(B\phi_4)$  tetrahedron] and the resulting groups link into trimers through sharing triangle vertices (Table 1, Fig. 7h). These large clusters link *via* H bonding through interstitial  $(NH_4)$  groups.

#### Borate structures based on chains and ribbons of triangles and tetrahedra

These may be divided into six sets involving seven distinct clusters, all but one of which involve three-member rings of polyhedra:

- (1) B; (2)  $<3B>$ ; (3)  $<3B>-<3B>$ ;
- (4)  $<3B>-<3B>B$ ; (5)  $<3B>-<3B>-<3B>$ ;
- (6)  $[\phi]<3B>|<3B>|<3B>|$

FBB =  $\Box$ . In **vimsite** (Table 1, Fig. 8a),  $(B\phi_4)$  tetrahedra link by sharing corners to form  $[B\phi_3]$  chains that are linked by  $[8]$ -coordinated Ca.

FBB =  $<\Delta 2\Box>$ . In **calciborite** (Table 1, Fig. 8b),  $<\Delta 2\Box>$  rings polymerize to form a chain, each ring sharing two vertices between triangles and tetrahedra of adjacent rings, producing a central chain of  $(B\phi_4)$  tetrahedra decorated by  $(B\phi_3)$  triangles. These chains are cross-linked *via* chains of  $Ca\phi_8$  polyhedra by sharing corners to form a heteropolyhedral framework.

FBB =  $<2\Delta\Box>-<2\Delta\Box>$ . In **larderellite** (Table 1, Fig. 8c), two  $<2\Delta\Box>$  rings link *via* a  $(B\phi_4)$  tetrahedron that is common to each ring. These clusters then link through vertices of  $(B\phi_3)$  triangles to form ribbons (Fig. 8c) that are cross-linked *via* H bonds involving interstitial  $(NH_4)$

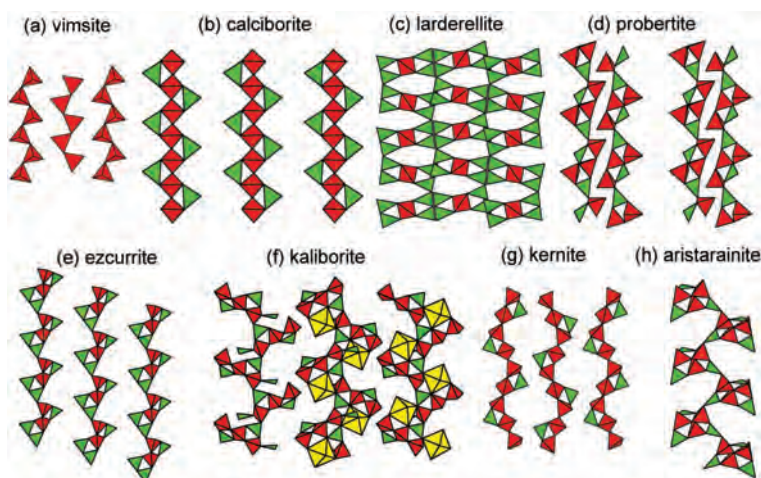


FIG. 8. Selected chain borate structures; (a) vimsite; (b) calciborite; (c) larderellite; (d) probertite; (e) ezcurrite; (f) kaliborite; (g) kernite; (h) aristarainite. Legend as in Fig. 6,  $(Mg\phi_6)$  = yellow.



groups. This ribbon is an extended linkage of the  $3\{<2\Delta\Box>-<2\Delta\Box>\}$  cluster in **ammonioborite** (Fig. 7h).

FBB =  $<\Delta 2\Box>-<\Delta 2\Box>$ . In **probertite** (Table 1, Fig. 8d), two  $<\Delta 2\Box>$  rings link *via* a  $(B\phi_4)$  tetrahedron that is common to each ring. The resulting clusters link through vertex sharing between  $(B\phi_3)$  triangles and  $(B\phi_4)$  tetrahedra to form chains (Fig. 8d) that are cross-linked through [9]-coordinated Ca and [6]-coordinated Na, and H bonds involving (OH) and  $(H_2O)$  groups.

FBB =  $<2\Delta\Box>-<\Delta 2\Box>$ . In **ezcurrite** (Table 1, Fig. 8e), two different types of three-membered rings link through vertex sharing between  $(B\phi_3)$  triangles and  $(B\phi_4)$  tetrahedra to form clusters that link *via* vertex sharing between  $(B\phi_3)$  triangles and  $(B\phi_4)$  tetrahedra to form chains (Fig. 8e) that are cross-linked through [6]- and [7]-coordinated Na, and H bonds involving (OH) and  $(H_2O)$  groups.

FBB =  $<\Delta 2\Box>-<\Delta 2\Box>\Delta$ . In **kaliborite** (Table 1, Fig. 8f), two  $<\Delta 2\Box>$  rings link *via* a  $(B\phi_4)$  tetrahedron that is common to each ring and these clusters link by sharing vertices between  $(B\phi_3)$  triangles and  $(B\phi_4)$  tetrahedra of different clusters to form very convoluted ribbons. The very open interrupted rings apparent in Fig. 8f (left) are closed by  $(Mg\phi_6)$  octahedra (Fig. 8f, right) and the ribbons are cross-linked by [8]-coordinated K and H bonds.

FBB =  $<\Delta 2\Box>-<\Delta 2\Box>-<\Delta 2\Box>$ . **Kernite** (Table 1, Fig. 8g) has  $<\Delta 2\Box>$  rings that share

vertices with tetrahedra of adjacent rings to form chains that are linked into a continuous structure by Na atoms and a network of H bonds.

FBB =  $[\phi]<\Delta 2\Box>|<\Delta 2\Box>|<\Delta 2\Box>$ . In **aris-tarinite** (Table 1, Fig. 8h), the FBB has a central anion, denoted as  $\phi$ , which is shared between three  $<\Delta 2\Box>$  rings. This FBB links to other FBBs *via*  $(B\phi_3)$  and  $(B\phi_4)$  groups to form very convoluted chains.  $(Na\phi_5)$  polyhedra and a network of H bonds knit these chains into a three-dimensional structure.

#### Borate structures based on sheets of triangles and tetrahedra

These may be divided into seven sets in which there are eight distinct clusters, all but one of which involve three-membered rings of polyhedra:

- (1)  $<3B>-<3B>$ ; (2)  $[\phi]<3B>|<3B>|<3B>$ ;
- (3)  $[\phi]<3B>|<3B>|<3B>|2B$
- (4)  $[\phi]<3B>|<3B>|<3B>|<3B>|<3B>|<3B>|2B$ ;
- (5)  $<3B>=<4B>=<3B>$ ; (6)  $<6B>=<4B>$ ;
- (7)  $B<3B>-<3B>-<3B>-<3B>B$

FBB =  $<2\Delta\Box>-<\Delta 2\Box>$ . **Biringuccite** (Table 1, Fig. 9a) has an FBB consisting of two linked three-membered rings,  $<\Delta\Box>-<\Delta\Box>$ , (with the plane of each ring orthogonal to that of the other ring), and this cluster polymerizes to form a  $[B_5O_8(OH)]$  sheet. In turn, this sheet is cross-linked into a framework by interstitial Na cations.

FBB =  $<\Delta 2\Box>-<\Delta 2\Box>$ . In **tuzlaite** (Table 1, Fig. 9b), two  $<\Delta 2\Box>$  rings link through a  $(B\phi_4)$  tetrahedron that is common to each ring, and these

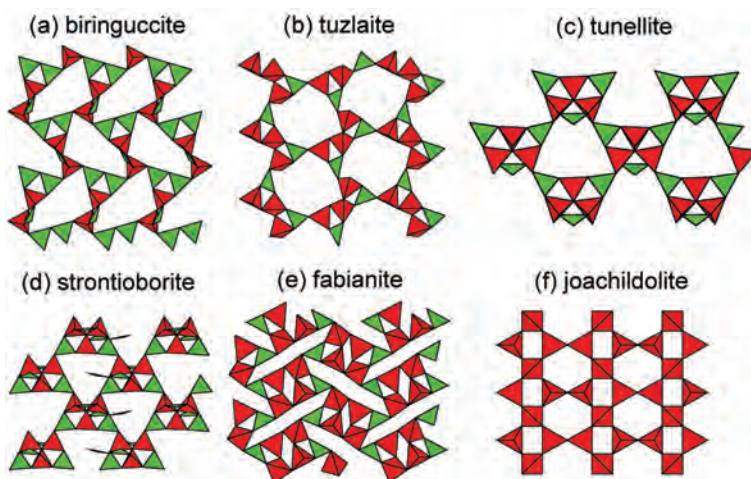


FIG. 9. Selected sheet borate structures: (a) biringuccite; (b) tuzlaite; (c) tunellite; (d) strontiborite; (e) fabianite; (f) joachildolite. Legend as in Fig. 6.

clusters link through sharing vertices between ( $B\phi_3$ ) triangles and ( $B\phi_4$ ) tetrahedra of different clusters to form open sheets (Fig. 9b) that are linked by [8]-coordinated Ca and [7]-coordinated Na.

FBB =  $[\phi]<\Delta 2\Box>|<2\Delta\Box>|<2\Delta\Box>|$ . In **tunellite** (Table 1, Fig. 9c), three  $<2\Delta\Box>$  rings link through a common vertex, denoted by  $[\phi]$  in the FBB descriptor (Table 1), to form a cluster involving three triangles and three tetrahedra. Adjacent clusters link to form sheets (Fig. 9c) by sharing apical vertices between tetrahedra, and these sheets are cross-linked by [10]-coordinated Sr and a network of H bonds.

FBB =  $[\phi]<\Delta 2\Box>|<2\Delta\Box>|<2\Delta\Box>|2\Delta$ . In **strontioborite** (Table 1, Fig. 9d), three  $<2\Delta\Box>$  rings link through a common vertex to form a cluster involving three triangles and three tetrahedra (as in **tunellite**), and this cluster is decorated by  $2\Delta$  (two corner-shared ( $B\phi_3$ ) triangles). Adjacent clusters link to form sheets (Fig. 9d) by sharing apical vertices between ( $B\phi_3$ ) triangles and ( $B\phi_4$ ) tetrahedra of different clusters, and these sheets are cross-linked by [10]-coordinated Sr and a network of H bonds.

FBB =  $<\Delta 2\Box>=<4\Box>=<\Delta 2\Box>$ . **Fabianite** is rather unusual in containing a four-membered ring of tetrahedra,  $<4\Box>$ . This ring shares two *trans* edges with two three-membered rings,  $<\Delta 2\Box>$ , and the resulting FBB consists of four tetrahedra and two triangles (Table 1). Adjacent clusters link by sharing vertices of both tetrahedra and triangles to form sheets (Fig. 9e) that are cross-linked by chains of ( $Ca\phi_8$ ) polyhedra.

FBB =  $<6\Box>=<4\Box>$ . **Joachildite** (Table 1, Fig. 9f) consists of a sheet of six-membered and four-membered rings of vertex-sharing ( $B\phi_4$ ) tetrahedra in which the B atoms occur at the vertices of a  $(46^2)_2(4646)$  net (which is the  $n = 1$  member of the  $(46^2)_2(4646)(6^3)_{2(n-1)}$  family of plane nets derived by Hawthorne (2012b). Adjacent sheets are linked by [6]-coordinated Al and [8]-coordinated Ca.

#### Borate structures based on frameworks of triangles and tetrahedra

These may be divided into six sets in which there are six distinct clusters, all but one of which involve a three-membered ring of polyhedra:

- (1)  $<3B>$ ; (2)  $<3B>=<3B>$ ; (3)  $<3B>-<3B>$ ;
- (4)  $[\phi]<3B>|<3B>|<3B>|B$ ; (5)  $[\phi]4B$ ; (6)  $<3B>B$

FBB =  $<\Delta 2\Box>=<\Delta 2\Box>$ . In **diomignite** (Table 1, Fig. 10a), two  $<\Delta 2\Box>$  rings share an edge through two common ( $B\phi_4$ ) tetrahedra and

these clusters link through sharing vertices between ( $B\phi_3$ ) triangles and ( $B\phi_4$ ) tetrahedra of four other clusters to form an open framework (Fig. 10a) containing [6]-coordinated Li in its interstices.

FBB =  $<\Delta 2\Box>-<\Delta 2\Box>$ . There are three polymorphs of **hilgardite** and each one has the FBB,  $<\Delta 2\Box>-<\Delta 2\Box>$  (Table 1) consisting of two linked three-membered rings. Each FBB shares polyhedron vertices with adjacent FBBs to form chains that are cross-linked into a framework by sharing corners between ( $B\phi_3$ ) and ( $B\phi_4$ ) groups (Fig. 10b), and interstitial Ca, Cl and ( $H_2O$ ) groups occupy the interstices of the framework. Polymorphism arises from different linkages of the two types of stereoisomer of the FBB.

FBB =  $[\phi]<3\Box>|<3\Box>|<3\Box>|\Delta$ . **Boracite** (orthorhombic) has  $<3\Box>$  rings that link by sharing vertices such that one anion,  $[\phi]$ , links to three B cations. An additional  $\Delta$  further binds the framework and produces  $<\Delta 4\Box>$  rings (Fig. 10c) within the framework, and there is [5]-coordinated Mg in the interstices.

FBB =  $<\Delta\Box>=<\Delta 2\Box>|\Delta$ . **Pringleite** (space group  $P1$ ) and **ruitenbergit** (space group  $P2_1$ ) both have the composition  $Ca_9[B_{20}O_{28}(OH)_{18}][B_6O_6(OH)_6]Cl_4(H_2O)_{13}$  and are dimorphs. The FBB of both structures is a 12-membered ring of alternating ( $B\phi_3$ ) triangles and ( $B\phi_4$ ) tetrahedra (Fig. 10d) that is linked to a decorated three-membered ring of one ( $B\phi_3$ ) triangle and two ( $B\phi_4$ ) tetrahedra. The FBBs link directly to form a framework of 12- and three-membered rings (Fig. 10d) and polymorphism arises from topological differences in the polymerization of the FBBs.

#### The relation between the structural unit and the interstitial complex

A structural hierarchy for a group of minerals provides a framework for considering other aspects of their chemical composition and behaviour in geological processes. I will first consider how the chemical composition and bond topology of structural units control aspects of the chemical composition and stereochemical details of the interstitial complex. Above, I described the use of the valence-matching principle to examine constraints on the linkage of oxyanion polyhedra. When examining the aggregate interaction between the structural unit and the interstitial complex for a complicated mineral (e.g. Fig. 3),

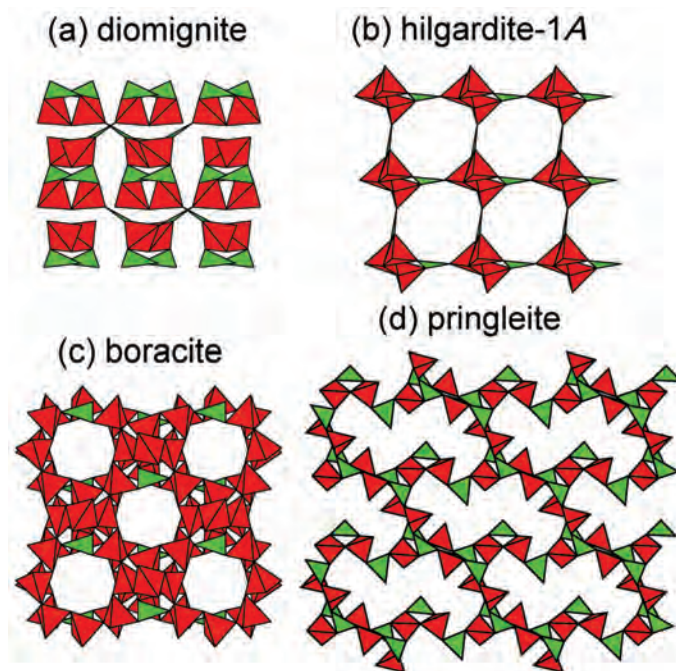


FIG. 10. Selected framework borate structures; (a) diomignite; (b) hilgardite-1A; (c) boracite; (d) pringleite. Legend as in Fig. 6.

we are no longer dealing with the interaction of (simple) atoms; we are dealing with the interaction of large groups of atoms. Hawthorne and Schindler (2008) introduced a mean-field equivalent of the valence-matching principle, the ‘Principle of Correspondence of Lewis Acidity-Basicity’, by which one may quantitatively examine the interaction between the structural unit and the interstitial complex. Calculation of the Lewis basicities and Lewis acidities is described in detail by Hawthorne and Schindler (2008).

The chemical formula of a generalized interstitial complex may be written as

$$\{^{[m]}M_a^{+[n]}M_b^{2+[l]}M_c^{3+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_d(\text{H}_2\text{O})_e\}_{[q]}(\text{OH})_f(\text{H}_2\text{O})_g\}^{(a+2b+3c-f)-}$$

where  $M$  are interstitial cations of different coordination number ( $[m]$ ,  $[n]$  and  $[l]$ ) and charge,  $d$  = the amount of transformer ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) (see Hawthorne, 1985a, 1992),  $e$  = the amount of non-transformer ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) and  $g$  = the amount of ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) not bonded to any interstitial cation (Schindler and Hawthorne 2001a). The Lewis acidity of the interstitial complex may be calculated as a function of the variables  $a$  to  $g$ ,  $l$

to  $n$  and  $q$  in the above expression and represented graphically as in Fig. 11a: the curved lines show the variation in Lewis acidity (shown on the ordinate) as a function of the number of transformer ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) groups per cation (shown on the abscissa) for interstitial cations of different coordination number and formal charge, with the corresponding coordination numbers and cation charges shown to the left of the curves. Monovalent anions ( $\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{Cl}$ ) may be incorporated as described by Hawthorne and Schindler (2008). Where the range in Lewis basicity of the structural unit overlaps with the Lewis-acidity function, structures of those particular compositions are in accord with the principle of correspondence of Lewis acidity-basicity, and may be stable. Where the properties of the structural unit and interstitial complexes do not overlap, structures of those compositions do not accord with the principle of correspondence of Lewis acidity-basicity, and are not expected to be stable. Hence the principle of correspondence of Lewis acidity-basicity allows us to examine the interaction between the structural unit and interstitial complex as a function of varying chemical composition of each component.

This may be illustrated for the structural unit  $[\text{B}_4\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4]^{2-}$  that occurs in **borax**:  $\text{Na}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_8[\text{B}_4\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4]$ , **tincalconite**:  $\text{Na}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{2.67}[\text{B}_4\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4]$  and **hungchaoite**:  $\text{Mg}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5[\text{B}_4\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4](\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ . The range in Lewis basicity of the structural unit is 0.17–0.24 vu. (Hawthorne and Schindler, 2008). We may predict the range in chemical composition for possible interstitial complexes for this structural unit by plotting its range in Lewis acidity onto the graph of Lewis acidity (Fig. 11a) as shown in Fig. 11b. Structures are stable where the Lewis basicity and Lewis acidity functions overlap. Hence interstitial monovalent cations are possible only for coordination numbers [5] and [6] with 0–1 and 0 transformer ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) groups, respectively; **borax** has an interstitial complex  $\{^{[6]}\text{Na}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_0 \dots\}^+$  in accord with this. For

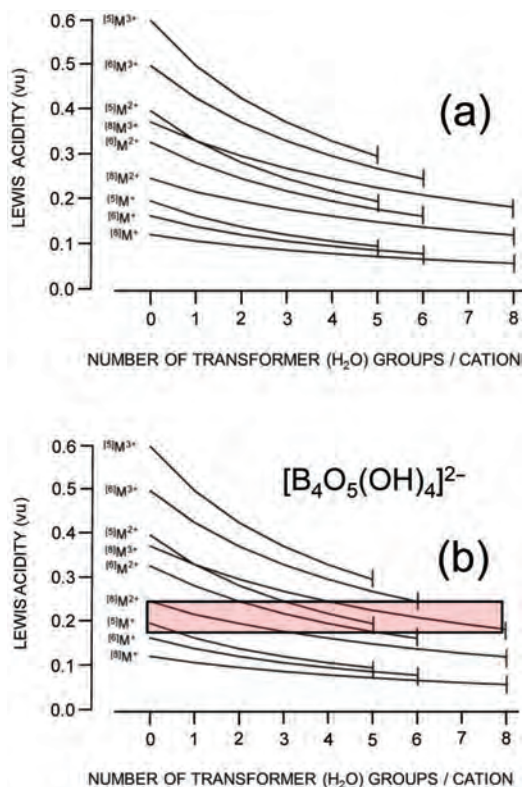


FIG. 11. (a) Variation in Lewis acidity of a general interstitial complex as a function of the number of transformer ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) groups for monovalent, divalent and trivalent cations in [5]-, [6]- and [8]-coordination; (b) as (a) with the range in Lewis basicity of the structural unit  $[\text{B}_4\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4]^{2-}$  shown in pink.

divalent interstitial cations,  $^{[6]}\text{M}^{2+}$  is possible with 2–5 transformer ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) groups; **hungchaoite** has an interstitial complex  $\{^{[6]}\text{Mg}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4 \dots\}^{2+}$ . **Tincalconite** has interstitial  $^{[5]}\text{Na}$  and  $^{[6]}\text{Na}$ ; combining the above predictions results in a possible variation of 0–1 plus 0 transformer ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) groups, for a total possible variation of 0–1; the observed value is 0. Many more examples for borates are given by Schindler and Hawthorne (2001a,b,c), and for other mineral groups by Schindler and Hawthorne (2004, 2008) and Schindler *et al.* (2006a). What controls the amount of transformer ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) within the ranges indicated is not clear, but it seems reasonable that it is related to the pH of the nascent aqueous solution.

It is apparent from Figs 11a and 11b that we now have some understanding of what influences the coordination numbers of interstitial cations, as these influence the Lewis acidity of the interstitial complex which is constrained by the Principle of Correspondence of Lewis Acidity-Basicity to be (approximately) equal to the Lewis basicity of the structural unit. Figure 12 compares the coordination numbers of interstitial cations predicted for borate minerals by Schindler and Hawthorne (2001c) with the observed values; the coordination numbers, from [4] to [11], are predicted quite accurately.

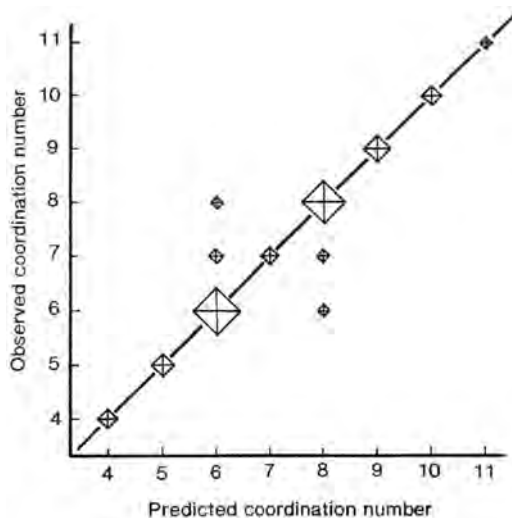


FIG. 12. Observed vs. predicted coordination numbers of interstitial cations in borate minerals. From Hawthorne and Schindler (2008).





FIG. 13. The six borate clusters present as FBBs in the structures of all borate minerals. Legend as in Fig. 6.

### Crystallization of borate minerals from aqueous solution

The hydroxy-hydrated borate minerals contain the six borate clusters (Fig. 13) embedded within their structures. This observation is remarkable when we realize that we may combine  $\text{B(OH)}_3$  and  $\text{B(OH)}_4$  to form many clusters that do not occur in borate minerals (Burns 1995). This observation is also of major significance as these six clusters are also the principal borate complexes occurring in aqueous solution (Fig. 14) (Hawthorne *et al.*, 1996). Thus the principal FBBs of the hydroxy-hydrated borate minerals correspond to the principal aquated-borate species in aqueous solution. In turn, this strongly suggests that clusters condense from solution during crystallization and retain their identity during dissolution.

This process is visually evident for borate minerals containing isolated clusters of borate polyhedra, as the cluster is apparent both visually in the structure itself and in the mineral formula.

This situation is illustrated for **inderite** in Fig. 15. The structure of **inderite** is based on the  $[\text{B}_3\text{O}_3(\text{OH})_5]$  cluster (circled in Fig. 15a,b), and the  $[\text{B}_3\text{O}_3(\text{OH})_5]$  cluster can be identified in the chemical formula of **inderite** (Fig. 15c). For chain, sheet and framework structures, crystallization involves polymerization of these FBBs. In **hilgardite**,  $\text{Ca}_2[\text{B}_5\text{O}_9]\text{Cl}(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ , a framework-structure borate (Fig. 16), the framework consists of three of the six clusters in Figs 13, 14:  $[\text{B}_3\text{O}_3(\text{OH})_5]$ ,  $\text{B(OH)}_4$  and  $\text{B(OH)}_3$ . These clusters polymerize *via* a crystallization reaction (Fig. 16) whereby the clusters polymerize to form the  $[\text{B}_5\text{O}_9]$  framework and release ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) to the solution.

### Structural hierarchies for other groups of minerals

When describing the structural hierarchy of the borate minerals above, I also briefly described the interstitial species and some aspects of the bonds that link the adjacent structural units together.

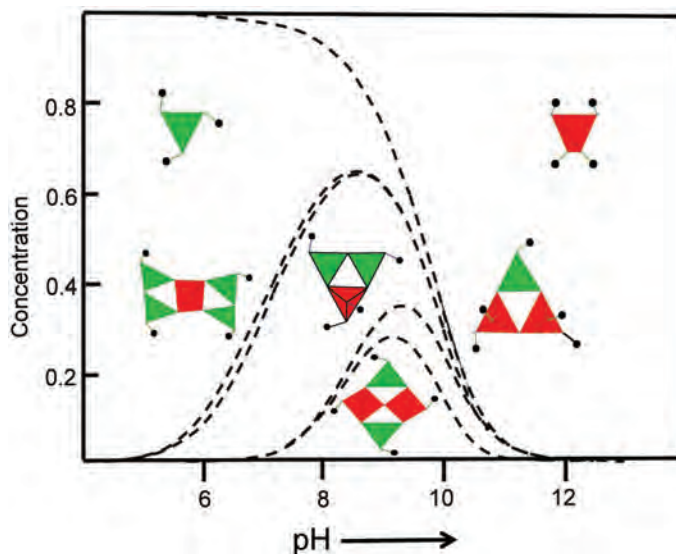


FIG. 14. The distribution of B species as a function of pH in an aqueous solution of 0.40 molar on total  $\text{B(OH)}_3$ ; after Christ *et al.* (1967) from the data of Ingri (1963). Legend as in Fig. 6.



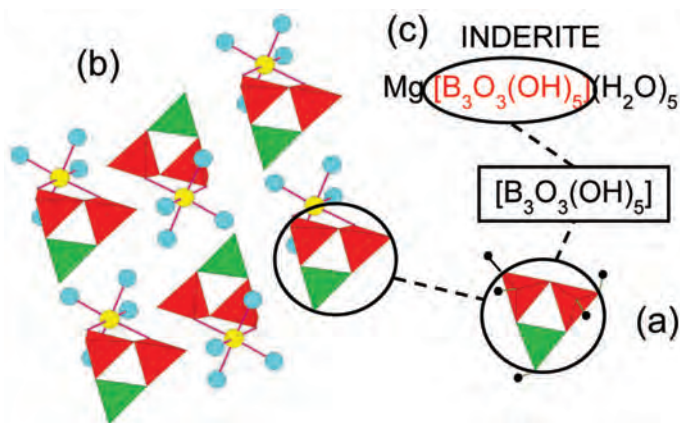


FIG. 15. A sketch of the crystal structure of indierite showing the  $[\text{B}_3\text{O}_3(\text{OH})_5]$  cluster from Fig. 13 and its presence in the crystal structure of indierite and in the chemical formula of indierite (in red); legend as in Fig. 6.

There has been considerable subsequent work on the borate minerals, examining factors that control aspects of the crystal chemistry and chemical composition and attempting to relate the bond topology of the structural units to the borate species present in nascent aqueous borate solutions (Schindler and Hawthorne, 2001*a,b,c*).

There has not been so much work of this type on other classes of minerals, and from this point on I will generally omit details of the interstitial complex and its bond topology. I will focus primarily on the bond topologies of the structural units in each class of structures, and then look for commonalities and differences between them.

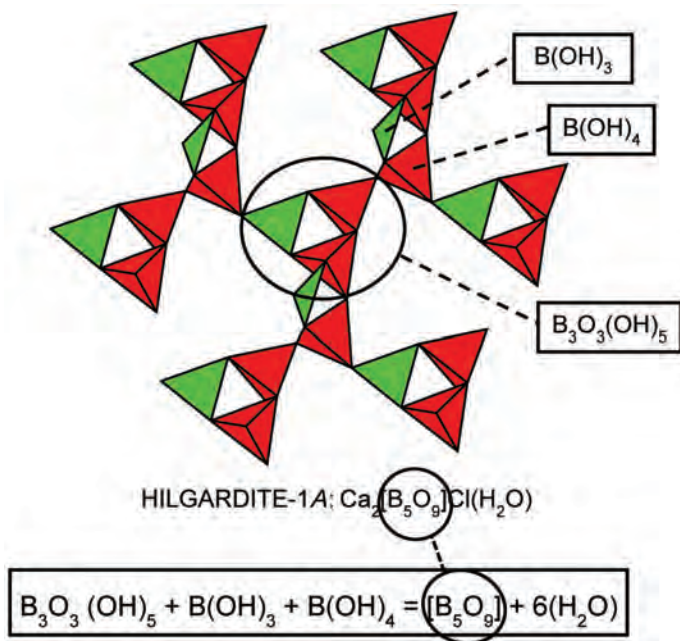


FIG. 16. An oblique view of a fragment of the structure of the framework borate mineral hilgardite, showing how the  $[\text{B}_5\text{O}_9]$  framework is constructed of  $[\text{B}(\text{OH})_3]$ ,  $[\text{B}(\text{OH})_4]$  and  $[\text{B}_3\text{O}_3(\text{OH})_5]$  clusters and how crystallization of the framework can be envisioned as a condensation of these three aqueous species.

## Uranyl minerals and compounds

Structural hierarchy for uranyl structures is somewhat different from structure hierarchies involving conventional oxysalt constituents as their principal constituent, the  $U^{6+}$  cation, generally occurs in crystal structures as the near-linear  $(U^{6+}O_2)^{2+}$  group, the uranyl group, which may be considered a complex cation. Burns *et al.* (1997a) discussed the crystal chemistry of  $U^{6+}$  in an oxide environment. They showed that  $U^{6+}$  commonly occurs in [6]-, [7]- and [8]-coordinations: tetragonal bipyramidal (octahedral), pentagonal bipyramidal and hexagonal bipyramidal with the apical O atoms, often labelled as  $O_{ur}$  ( $= O_{uranyl}$ ), at distances of  $\sim 1.79 \text{ \AA}$  ( $\pm 0.20 \text{ \AA}$ ) from the central  $U^{6+}$  cation, and the equatorial anions at much longer distances (2.1–2.8  $\text{\AA}$ ). Burns *et al.* (1997a) also derived accurate bond-valence parameters for  $U^{6+}$  in its various coordinations.

Burns *et al.* (1996) and Burns (1999, 2005) presented a structural hierarchy for the rapidly expanding family of uranyl oxides and oxysalts, both minerals and synthetic compounds. Structures are organized into five classes according to the dimensional character of the polymerization: (1) isolated polyhedra; (2) clusters; (3) chains and ribbons; (4) sheets; and (5) frameworks. The  $U^{6+}-\phi_{ur}$  bonds have bond valences generally in the range 1.6–2.0 vu and thus (1) the  $\phi_{ur}$  anion is constrained to be  $O^{2-}$  and I will henceforth write the  $U^{6+}-\phi_{ur}$  bond as  $U^{6+}-O_{ur}$ ; (2) the  $\phi_{ur}$  anion is only rarely involved in linkage between polyhedra of the structural unit; such linkage commonly involves only the equatorial anions. This is the case in minerals, but linkages involving one  $U^{6+}-O_{ur}$  bond and one  $U^{6+}-O_{eq}$  bonded to the same anion do occur in synthetic compounds; e.g. Mihalcea *et al.* (2011), Cantos *et al.* (2013), and such linkages are more common in  $Np^{5+}$  compounds; e.g. Cousson *et al.* (1984), Albrecht-Schmitt *et al.* (2003), Krot and Grigoriev (2004).

The  $(U^{6+}O_2\phi_n)$  polyhedra ( $n = 4-6$ ) thus tend to polymerize by sharing edges, and the majority of uranyl-oxide and uranyl-oxysalt minerals have two-dimensional structural units. The arrangements of equatorial anions within such sheets consist of patterns of squares, pentagons and hexagons that all have a central  $U^{6+}$  cation, together with interstitial polygonal spaces and polygons of anions involving complex anionic groups [e.g.  $(CO_3)^{2-}$ ]. Miller *et al.* (1996) introduced a classification of uranium-oxide-

hydrate structures based on the geometrical characteristics of their patterns of equatorial anions, and Burns (1999, 2005) expanded this approach and applied it to O-bearing uranyl structures with sheet-like structural units. Here, I will omit structures with isolated polyhedra only, as our interest here is in the general character of structural polymerization. I will show only a small selection of the known structures, but this will be enough to illustrate the general character of the bond topology of uranyl oxysalts.

### Uranyl structures based on clusters of polyhedra

These are illustrated in Fig. 17, together with their graphs, and a selection of the corresponding structures are listed in Table 2. Following on from the isolated polyhedra (monomers), there are two dimers of edge-sharing octahedra and edge-sharing pentagonal bipyramids (Fig. 17a), one trimer of edge-sharing pentagonal bipyramids (Fig. 17b) and one tetramer of edge-sharing pentagonal bipyramids (Fig. 17c). Perhaps other such polymers will be found under different conditions of growth or synthesis. Monomers link to various oxyanions:  $(BO_3)^{3-}$ ,  $(CO_3)^{2-}$ ,  $(NO_3)^{1-}$ ,  $(BO_4)^{5-}$ ,  $(SO_4)^{2-}$ ,  $(CrO_4)^{2-}$ ,  $(MoO_4)^{2-}$ ,  $(ClO_4)^{1-}$ , and the diversity and difference in Lewis basicity of what is observed suggests that a wider variety of oxyanions may be possible in this group, and that more types of polymerization should be possible with varying pH of conditions of growth or synthesis. The clusters  $[(U^{6+}O_2)(ClO_4)_2\phi_3]^{4-}$  (Fig. 17d) and  $[(U^{6+}O_2)(TO_4)_4]^{6-}$  ( $T = Mo^{6+}, Cr^{6+}$ ) (Fig. 17e) involve corner sharing between  $(U^{6+}O_2\phi_n)$  polyhedra ( $n = 5$  and 4, respectively) and hexavalent-metal tetrahedral oxyanions. The slightly more complicated  $[(U^{6+}O_2)_2(T^{6+}O_4)_8]^{12-}$  cluster (Fig. 17f) consists of two pentagonal bipyramids where all equatorial anions link to tetrahedral oxyanion groups, and where the two pentagonal bipyramids are linked by sharing corners with two common tetrahedra.

All clusters described thus far involve corner sharing between the constituent polyhedra. The following two clusters involve both corner sharing and edge sharing. The  $[(U^{6+}O_2)(SO_4)_4]^{6-}$  cluster (Fig. 17g) consists of a pentagonal bipyramid corner-linked to three sulfate groups and edge-linked to a fourth sulfate group. The  $[(U^{6+}O_2)(BO_3)_8(BO_4)_8]^{12-}$  cluster (Fig. 17l) consists of a hexagonal bipyramid enveloped by

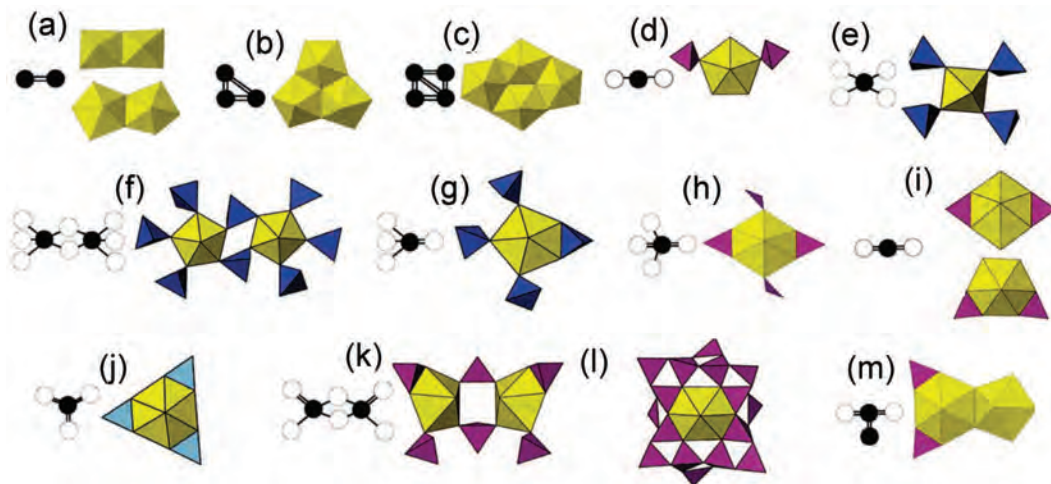


FIG. 17. Selected clusters from uranyl structures; (a) dimers of edge-sharing octahedra and pentagonal bipyramids in  $K_8[(UO_2)_2O_6]$  and  $[(UO_2)(OH)Cl(H_2O)_2]$ ; (b) trimer of edge-sharing pentagonal bipyramids in  $[(UO_2)_3O(OH)_3(H_2O)_6](NO_3)(H_2O)_4$ ; (c) tetramer of edge-sharing pentagonal bipyramids in  $[(UO_2)_4Cl_2O_2(OH)_2(H_2O)_6](H_2O)_4$ ; (d) cluster of a pentagonal bipyramid and two  $(ClO_4)$  tetrahedra in  $[(UO_2)(ClO_4)_2(H_2O)_3]$ ; (e) cluster of an octahedron and four  $(MoO_4)$  tetrahedra in  $Cs_6[(UO_2)(MoO_4)_4]$ ; (f) cluster of two pentagonal bipyramids and eight  $(MoO_4)$  tetrahedra in  $Na_6[(UO_2)(MoO_4)_4]$ ; (g) cluster of a pentagonal bipyramid and four  $(SO_4)$  tetrahedra in  $Na_6[(UO_2)(SO_4)_4](H_2O)_2$ ; (h) cluster of a hexagonal bipyramid and four  $(NO_3)$  triangles in  $Rb_2[(UO_2)(NO_3)_4]$ ; (i) geometrical isomers of a hexagonal bipyramid and two  $(NO_3)$  triangles in  $[(UO_2)(NO_3)_2](H_2O)_2$  and  $[(UO_2)(NO_3)_2(H_2O)_2](H_2O)$ ; (j) cluster of a hexagonal bipyramid and three  $(CO_3)$  triangles in liebigite; (k) cluster of two pentagonal bipyramids and six  $(MoO_4)$  tetrahedra in  $K_4[(UO_2)(SO_4)_3]$ ; (l) cluster of a hexagonal bipyramid, eight  $(BO_4)$  tetrahedra and eight  $(BO_3)$  triangles in  $K_6[(UO_2)B_{16}O_{24}(OH)_8](H_2O)_{12}$ ; (m) cluster of a hexagonal bipyramid, a pentagonal bipyramid and two  $(NO_3)$  triangles in  $[(UO_2)_2(OH)_2(NO_3)_2](H_2O)_4$ .

a cluster of eight  $<\Delta 2 \square>$  borate trimers. Only  $(BO_4)$  groups link to the central  $((U^{6+}O_2)O_6)$  group, both by edge sharing and corner sharing, and the  $(B\phi_3)$  groups link to the  $(BO_4)$  groups by sharing corners. The  $[U^{6+}O_2)_2(BO_4)_6]^{12-}$  cluster (Fig. 17k) consists of two pentagonal bipyramids linked by sharing corners with two common  $(BO_4)$  groups, with each pentagonal bipyramid also sharing an edge and a corner with two other  $(BO_4)$  groups. The most condensed cluster is  $[U^{6+}O_2)(CO_3)_3]^{4-}$  (Fig. 17j); this cluster is a constituent of several minerals (Table 2) and is a constituent of  $U^{6+}$ - and  $CO_3$ -bearing aqueous solutions. There are several  $(NO_3)$ -bearing clusters (Fig. 17h,i) with the  $(NO_3)$  groups sharing edges with uranyl hexagonal bipyramids.

#### Uranyl structures based on chains and ribbons of polyhedra

These are illustrated in Fig. 18, together with their graphs, and a selection of the corresponding structures are listed in Table 2. The simplest chain is the corner-sharing chain of  $(U^{6+}O_2\phi_4)$

square bipyramids (Fig. 18a) with no additional oxyanions. For chains with uranyl polyhedra linked to oxyanions, there are three broad categories: (1) no linkage between uranyl polyhedra; (2) corner linkage between uranyl polyhedra; and (3) edge linkage between uranyl polyhedra. Within each of these categories, we have additional complexity through different uranyl polyhedra and different oxyanions. There are two types of simple chains involving corner sharing between  $(U^{6+}O_2\phi_n)$  polyhedra and tetrahedra in which all meridional vertices of the  $(U^{6+}O_2\phi_n)$  polyhedra link to tetrahedral oxyanions (Figs 18b,c); in these chains, most oxyanion are linked to two  $(U^{6+}O_2\phi_n)$  polyhedra. In Fig. 18d, we see a ribbon in which all the tetrahedral oxyanions link to three  $(U^{6+}O_2\phi_5)$  polyhedra. The remaining two ribbons in this group (where there is no direct linkage between  $(U^{6+}O_2\phi_n)$  polyhedra) contain pairs of  $(U^{6+}O_2\phi_5)$  polyhedra that are linked through tetrahedral oxyanions and the resulting cluster is linked along the ribbon by triangular-pyramidal oxyanions (Fig. 18e,f). The chain in Fig. 18g consists

TABLE 2. Uranyl structures, structural units and types of polymerization.

Name	Formula unit	Fig.	Ref.
<b>Clusters</b>			
K <sub>8</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> ]	[(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> ]	17a	(1)
[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(OH)Cl(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(OH)Cl(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	17a	(2)
[(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> O(OH) <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ](NO <sub>3</sub> )(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub>	[(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> O(OH) <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ]	17b	(3)
[(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ](H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub>	[(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ]	17c	(4)
[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> ]	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> ]	17d	(5)
Cs <sub>6</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> )(MoO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(MoO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]	17e	(6)
Na <sub>6</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> )(MoO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(MoO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]	17f	(7)
Na <sub>6</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> )(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ](H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]	17g	(8)
Rb <sub>2</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> )(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]	17h	(9)
[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ](H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	17i	(10)
[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ](H <sub>2</sub> O)	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	17i	(11)
Liebegite	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]	17j	(12)
K <sub>4</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> )(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]	17k	(13)
K <sub>6</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> )B <sub>16</sub> O <sub>24</sub> (OH) <sub>8</sub> ](H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>12</sub>	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )B <sub>16</sub> O <sub>24</sub> (OH) <sub>8</sub> ]	17l	(14)
[(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ](H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub>	[(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	17m	(15)
<b>Chains and ribbons</b>			
Na <sub>4</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> )O <sub>3</sub> ]	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )O <sub>3</sub> ]	18a	(1)
Walpurgite	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(AsO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	18b	(16)
Na <sub>4</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> )(CrO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(CrO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]	18c	(17)
[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(CrO <sub>4</sub> )(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ](H <sub>2</sub> O)	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(CrO <sub>4</sub> )(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	18d	(18)
K <sub>2</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> )(CrO <sub>4</sub> )(IO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(CrO <sub>4</sub> )(IO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	18e	(19)
Rb[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(CrO <sub>4</sub> )(IO <sub>3</sub> )(H <sub>2</sub> O)]	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(CrO <sub>4</sub> )(IO <sub>3</sub> )(H <sub>2</sub> O)]	18f	(19)
Rb <sub>6</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> O(MoO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]	[(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> O(MoO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]	18g	(20)
Sr[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(SeO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ](H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(SeO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	18h	(21)
Parsonsite	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	18i	(22)
Moctezumite	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )O <sub>3</sub> ]	18j	(23)
[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(IO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(IO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	18k	(24)
<b>Sheets</b>			
Cs <sub>2</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> )(SeO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)](H <sub>2</sub> O)	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(SeO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)]	19b	(25)
(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> )(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)](H <sub>2</sub> O)	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)]	19c	(26)
Cs <sub>2</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> )(MoO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(MoO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	19d	(27)
Na <sub>2</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> )(MoO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(MoO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	19e	(28)
Mg[(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (MoO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ](H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>8</sub>	[(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (MoO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]	19f	(29)
K <sub>2</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (CrO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ](H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub>	[(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (CrO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	19g	(30)
K <sub>4</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (CrO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> ](H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>8</sub>	[(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (CrO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> ]	19h	(30)
Francevillite	[(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> )]	21b	(31)
Ianthanite	[U <sup>4+</sup> (UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> (OH) <sub>4</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ]	21d	(32)
Irginite	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )M <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	21f	(33)
Sayrite	[(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> O <sub>6</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> ]	21h	(34)
Pb <sub>3</sub> (UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>11</sub> O <sub>14</sub>	[(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>11</sub> O <sub>14</sub> ]	21j	(35)
Curite	[(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (OH) <sub>6</sub> ]	21l	(36)
α-UO <sub>3</sub>	[UO <sub>3</sub> ]	22b	(37)
Rutherfordine	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(CO <sub>3</sub> )]	22d	(38)
K <sub>2</sub> [(UO <sub>2</sub> )(W <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> )]	(UO <sub>2</sub> )(W <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> )	22f	(39)
[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )O]	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )O]	22h	(40)
Cs[UV <sub>3</sub> O <sub>11</sub> ]	Cs[UV <sub>3</sub> O <sub>11</sub> ]	22j	(41)
[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> )]	[(UO <sub>2</sub> )(Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> )]	22l	(42)



Table 2 (*contd.*)

Name	Formula unit	Fig.	Ref.
<b>Frameworks</b>			
$(\text{NH}_4)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2[(\text{UO}_2)_{10}\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})]\{(\text{UO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}$	$[(\text{UO}_2)_{10}\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})]$	23a	(43)
$\text{Pb}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})[(\text{UO}_2)_{10}\text{UO}_{12}(\text{OH})_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]$	$[(\text{UO}_2)_{10}\text{UO}_{12}(\text{OH})_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]$	23b	(44)
$\text{KNa}_3[(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10})_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$	$[(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10})_2]$	23c	(45)
Soddyite	$[(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{SiO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$	23d	(46)
Weeksite	$[(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{Si}_5\text{O}_{13})]$	23e	(47)
$\text{Na}_2[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{SiO}_4)]$	$[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{SiO}_4)]$	23f	(48)
$\text{RbNa}[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6)](\text{H}_2\text{O})$	$[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6)]$	23g	(49)
$[(\text{UO}_2)_3(\text{PO}_4)_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$	$[(\text{UO}_2)_3(\text{PO}_4)_2]$	23h	(50)
$(\text{UO}_2)[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{AsO}_4)]_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$	$[(\text{UO}_2)_3(\text{AsO}_4)_2]$	23i	(51)
$(\text{UO}_2)[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{VO}_4)]_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5$	$[(\text{UO}_2)_3(\text{AsO}_4)_2]$	23j	(52)

References: (1) Wolf and Hoppe (1986); (2) Åberg (1969); (3) Åberg (1978); (4) Åberg (1976); (5) Fischer (2003); (6) Krivovichev and Burns (2002a); (7) Krivovichev and Burns (2001a); (8) Hayden and Burns (2002); (9) Kapshukov *et al.* (1971); (10) Mueller *et al.* (1971); (11) Shuvalov and Burns (2003); (12) Mereiter (1982a); (13) Mikhailov *et al.* (1977); (14) Behm (1985); (15) Perrin (1976); (16) Mereiter (1982b); (17) Krivovichev and Burns (2003a); (18) Krivovichev and Burns (2003b); (19) Sykora *et al.* (2002); (20) Krivovichev and Burns (2002b); (21) Almond *et al.* (2002); (22) Locock *et al.* (2005); (23) Swihart *et al.* (1993); (24) Bean *et al.* (2001); (25) Mikhailov *et al.* (2001); (26) Niinistö *et al.* (1978); (27) Krivovichev and Burns (2005); (28) Krivovichev *et al.* (2001); (29) Tabachenko *et al.* (1983); (30) Krivovichev and Burns (2003c); (31) Mereiter (1986); (32) Burns *et al.* (1997b); (33) Krivovichev and Burns (2000a); (34) Piret *et al.* (1983); (35) Ijdo (1993); (36) Li and Burns (2000a); (37) Loopstra and Cordfunke (1966); (38) Finch *et al.* (1999); (39) Obbade *et al.* (2003); (40) Gasperin (1987); (41) Duribreux *et al.* (1999); (42) Sykora *et al.* (2004); (43) Li *et al.* (2001a); (44) Li and Burns (2000b); (45) Burns *et al.* (2000); (46) Demartin *et al.* (1992); (47) Jackson and Burns (2001); (48) Shashkin *et al.* (1974); (49) Wang *et al.* (2002); (50) Locock and Burns (2002a); (51) Locock and Burns (2002b); (52) Saadi *et al.* (2000).

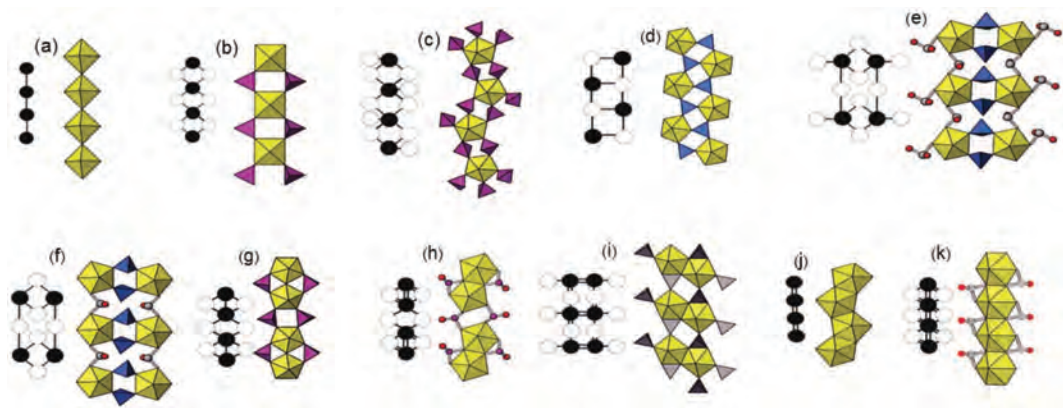


FIG. 18. Selected chains from uranyl structures; (a) chain of corner-sharing octahedra in  $\text{Na}_4[(\text{UO}_2)\text{O}_3]$ ; (b) chain of corner-sharing octahedra and  $(\text{AsO}_4)$  tetrahedra in walpurgite; (c) chain of corner-sharing pentagonal bipyramids and  $(\text{CrO}_4)$  tetrahedra in  $\text{Na}_4[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{CrO}_4)_3]$ ; (d) ribbon of corner-sharing pentagonal bipyramids and  $(\text{CrO}_4)$  tetrahedra in  $[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{CrO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})$ ; (e) ribbon of corner-sharing pentagonal bipyramids,  $(\text{CrO}_4)$  tetrahedra and  $(\text{IO}_3)$  triangles in  $\text{K}_2[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{CrO}_4)(\text{IO}_3)_2]$ ; (f) ribbon of corner-sharing pentagonal bipyramids,  $(\text{CrO}_4)$  tetrahedra and  $(\text{IO}_3)$  triangles in  $\text{Rb}[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{CrO}_4)(\text{IO}_3)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ ; (g) chain of dimers of corner-sharing pentagonal bipyramids and  $(\text{MoO}_4)$  tetrahedra in  $\text{Rb}_6[(\text{UO}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{MoO}_4)_4]$ ; (h) chain of dimers of edge-sharing pentagonal bipyramids and  $(\text{SeO}_3)$  trigonal pyramids in  $\text{Sr}[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{SeO}_3)_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ ; (i) ribbon of dimers of edge-sharing pentagonal bipyramids and  $(\text{PO}_4)$  tetrahedra in synthetic parsonsite; (j) chain of pentagonal bipyramids in moctezumite; (k) chain of edge-sharing hexagonal bipyramids and  $(\text{IO}_3)$  triangles in  $[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{IO}_3)_2]$ .



of dimers of corner-sharing ( $\text{U}^{6+}\text{O}_2\phi_5$ ) polyhedra decorated by tetrahedral oxyanions that are linked into a chain by sharing corners with other tetrahedral oxyanions, and is intermediate between chains involving isolated ( $\text{U}^{6+}\text{O}_2\phi_n$ ) polyhedra and chains involving continuous corner-sharing ( $\text{U}^{6+}\text{O}_2\phi_n$ ) polyhedra (which have not been observed as yet). There is one chain and one ribbon involving dimers of edge-sharing ( $\text{U}^{6+}\text{O}_2\phi_5$ ) polyhedra linked into chains-ribbons by oxyanion groups. These chains-ribbons involve linkage of dimers through sharing vertices with ( $\text{TO}_3$ ) oxyanions (Fig. 18*h*) and through sharing of both edges and vertices with ( $\text{TO}_3$ ) oxyanions (Fig. 18*i*). There are two chains involving continuous edge sharing between ( $\text{U}^{6+}\text{O}_2\phi_n$ ) polyhedra: a simple chain involving ( $\text{U}^{6+}\text{O}_2\phi_5$ ) polyhedra (Fig. 18*j*) and the analogous chain decorated by ( $\text{TO}_3$ ) oxyanions sharing edges and corners with the ( $\text{U}^{6+}\text{O}_2\phi_5$ ) polyhedra (Fig. 18*k*).

#### Uranyl structures based on sheets of polyhedra

There are 204 uranyl sheet-structures at last count (Burns, 2005), and their number and complexity preclude comprehensive consideration here. These are considered in two distinct ways by Burns (2005): (1) as connectivities between ( $\text{U}^{6+}\text{O}_2\phi_n$ ) polyhedra and other oxyanions (Krivovichev, 2004; Krivovichev and Burns, 2003*b*); and (2) as sheet anion-topologies (Miller *et al.*, 1996).

First, consider corner-sharing connectivities between ( $\text{U}^{6+}\text{O}_2\phi_n$ ) polyhedra and other oxyanions. Let us represent the polyhedra of a sheet by a chromatic graph where the coloured vertices represent different polyhedra, and the edges represent corner sharing between those polyhedra. The number of polyhedra which share corners with a polyhedron is defined as the connectedness, *s*, of that polyhedron, and Krivovichev (2004) wrote the resulting graph in terms of the vertices and their connectivity. The example {3.6.3.6} is shown in Fig. 19*a* where the symbol {3.6.3.6} represents the sequence of vertices around each four-membered circuit (closed path) in the graph. Krivovichev (2004) designated {3.6.3.6} as a 'parent graph', and derived 29 subgraphs of {3.6.3.6} that correspond to known uranyl structures (Burns, 2005). A subset of these are illustrated in Fig. 19, together with their graphs and some of the corresponding structures (most of them synthetic compounds) are listed in Table 2.

In  $\text{Cs}_2[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{SeO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})](\text{H}_2\text{O})$  (Fig. 19*b*, Table 2), the ratio of ( $\text{U}^{6+}\text{O}_2\phi_5$ ) polyhedra to ( $\text{SeO}_4$ ) tetrahedra is 1:2 and each tetrahedron shares two vertices with pentagonal bipyramids. The result is one unshared meridional vertex per pentagonal bipyramid and this must be an ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) group (as required by the valence-sum rule). Several structures in Fig. 19 show an ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) group as a ligand in a pentagonal bipyramid:  $(\text{NH}_4)_2[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})](\text{H}_2\text{O})$ , Fig. 19*c*; and  $\text{K}_2[(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{CrO}_4)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$ , Fig. 19*g*, as indicated by the ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) group within the square brackets of the structural unit in the formulae (Table 2). Other structures have all the vertices of the pentagonal bipyramid linked to tetrahedra:  $\text{Cs}_2[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{MoO}_4)_2]$ , Fig. 19*d*;  $\text{Na}_2[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{MoO}_4)_2]$ , Fig. 19*e*;  $\text{Mg}[(\text{UO}_2)_3(\text{MoO}_4)_4](\text{H}_2\text{O})_8$ , Fig. 19*f*;  $\text{K}_4[(\text{UO}_2)_3(\text{CrO}_4)_5](\text{H}_2\text{O})_8$ , Fig. 19*h*, as indicated by the absence of ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) groups within the square brackets of the structural unit in the formulae (Table 2). There is an interesting interplay between the stoichiometry of the major polyhedra in the structural unit and the number of vertices shared between the tetrahedra and the pentagonal bipyramids. In the latter four structures (Fig. 19*d,e,f,h*), all vertices of the pentagonal bipyramids link to tetrahedra. If the ratio of the pentagonal bipyramids to the tetrahedra is *n*:*m*, then the number of shared vertices in the sheet is 5*n*, the number of tetrahedron vertices is 4*m* and  $4m \geq 5n$ . As *n* and *m* are integers, we may derive the connectedness of the tetrahedra with variation in stoichiometry. If *n*:*m* = 1:2, the connectedness of the tetrahedra are  $^{[2]}\text{T}$  and  $^{[3]}\text{T}$  (Fig. 19*d,e,f*). If *n*:*m* = 3:5, the connectedness of the tetrahedra are  $^{[3]}\text{T}$  (Fig. 19*h*).

Consider next the representation and classification of sheet uranyl structures as sheet anion-topologies (Miller *et al.*, 1996; Burns *et al.*, 1996). Here, the focus is on the anions of the sheet that form a plane through the centre of the sheet; these anions do not include uranyl O-anions or apical anions of constituent oxyanion groups. Anions belonging to the same coordination polyhedra are connected by lines, the anions are then removed from the representation, and the resulting net represents the sheet-anion topology, a two-dimensional tiling of space by triangles, squares, pentagons and hexagons (Burns, 2005). Note that these nets can be quite corrugated, but the linkage between vertices is approximately planar and there is no linkage between adjacent nets. Sheets can be constructed as assemblies of parallel chains; Miller *et al.* (1996) showed that

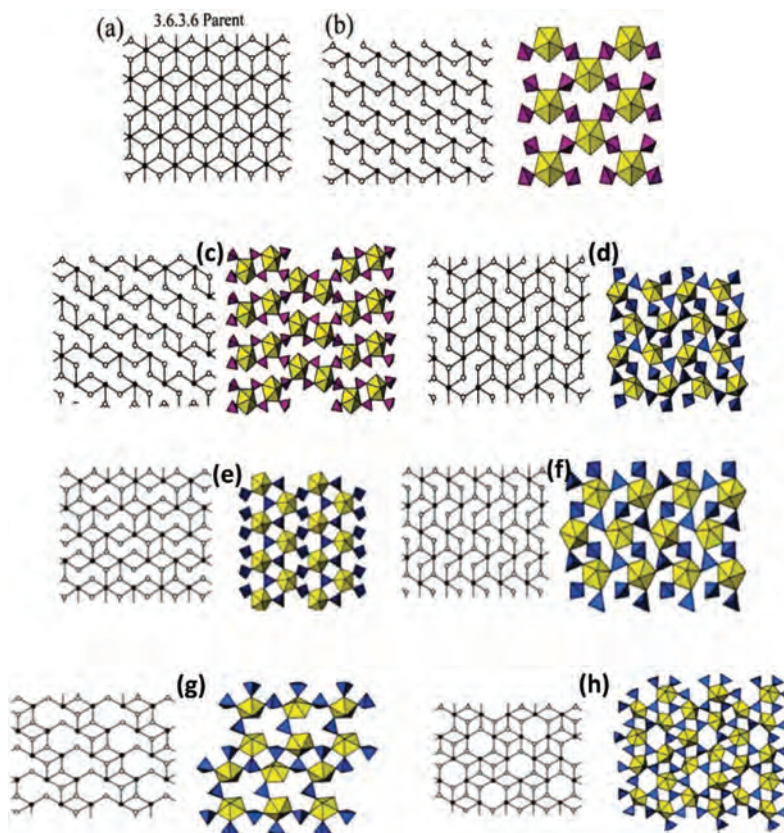


FIG. 19. Selected uranyl-oxysalt sheets based on removing edges from the parent graph  $\{3.6.3.6\}$ : (a) the parent graph  $\{3.6.3.6\}$ ; (b) the sheet in  $\text{Cs}_2[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{SeO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})](\text{H}_2\text{O})$ , with one unshared meridional vertex per pentagonal bipyramid; (c) the sheet in  $(\text{NH}_4)_2[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})](\text{H}_2\text{O})$ ; (d) the sheet in  $\text{Cs}_2[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{MoO}_4)_2]$ ; (e) the sheet in  $\text{Na}_2[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{MoO}_4)_2]$ ; (f) the sheet in  $\text{Mg}[(\text{UO}_2)_3(\text{MoO}_4)_4](\text{H}_2\text{O})_8$ ; (g) the sheet in  $\text{K}_2[(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{CrO}_4)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$ ; (h) the sheet in  $\text{K}_4[(\text{UO}_2)_3(\text{CrO}_4)_5](\text{H}_2\text{O})_8$ .

sheet-anion topologies can be derived from a small number of chains (Fig. 20a), forming chain-stacking sequences. These chains can be assembled orthogonal to their length to form a sheet-anion topology; an example involving triangles, squares and pentagons is shown in Fig. 20b. Figure 21 shows selected sheets based on anion topologies containing triangles, squares and pentagons; the corresponding compounds are listed in Table 2. The anion topology of **francevillite** (Fig. 21a) forms the basis of 12 structures (Burns, 2005), including **francevillite** (Fig. 21b). The pentagons correspond to uranyl pentagonal bipyramids and the squares correspond to square pyramids (e.g.  $\text{VO}_5$ ,  $\text{NbO}_5$ ,  $\text{CrO}_5$ ), the latter forming dimers in which the apical vertices point in different directions relative to the plane of the sheet. The anion

topology of Figs 21c,d corresponds to the structure of  $\beta\text{-U}_3\text{O}_8$  and **wyartite** (which contains  $\text{U}^{5+}$ ; Burns and Finch, 1999) and **ianthinite** (which may contain  $\text{U}^{5+}$ ; Burns *et al.*, 1997b; Burns, 2005). In the **iriginite** anion topology (Fig. 21e), pentagonal bipyramids share edges with dimers of edge-sharing ( $\text{M}\phi_6$ ) octahedra in **iriginite** (Fig. 21f). In the **sayrite** anion topology (Fig. 21g), uranyl pentagonal bipyramids share edges with uranyl square bipyramids, forming a dense sheet of edge-sharing polyhedra (Fig. 21h). The anion topology of Fig. 21i is found in synthetic  $\text{Pb}_3(\text{UO}_2)_{11}\text{O}_{14}$  (Fig. 21j) and its Sr analogue, and is unusual in that some of the pentagonal bipyramids are occupied by  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  or Sr. The anion topology of Fig. 21k describes a sheet which contains edge-sharing uranyl pentagonal bipyramids and square uranyl bipyramids,

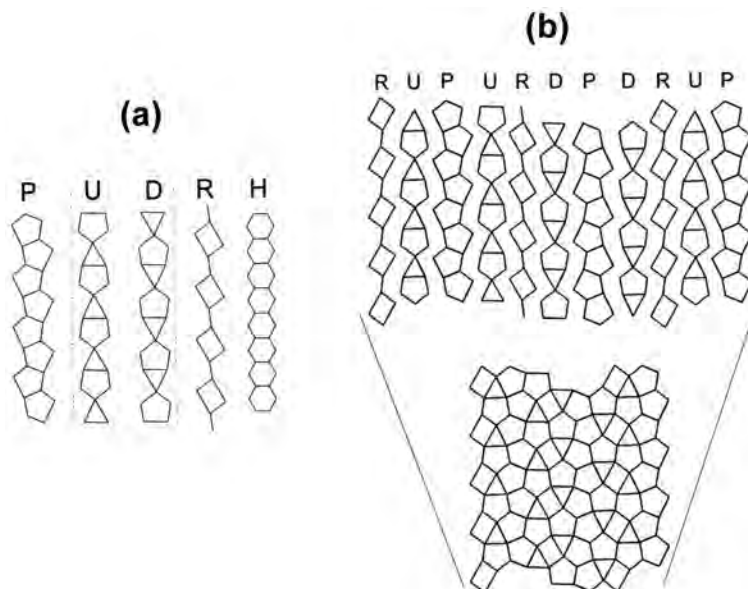


FIG. 20. Construction of sheet anion topologies from simple chains of polygons; (a) chain types required; (b) construction of a sheet anion topology using a chain-stacking sequence. After Burns (1999).

and the corresponding sheet in **curite** (Fig. 21l) shows extensive edge sharing of these polyhedra.

Selected sheets based on anion topologies containing hexagons are shown in Fig. 22; the corresponding compounds are listed in Table 2. The anion topology of Fig. 22a forms the basis of 10 structures (Burns, 2005), including  $\alpha$ - $\text{UO}_3$  (Fig. 22b), a simple sheet in which all meridional

edges of the hexagonal bipyramids are shared with each other. The anion topology of Fig. 22c corresponds to the structure of **rutherfordine** (Fig. 22d) in which each uranyl hexagonal bipyramid shares two edges with  $(\text{CO}_3)$  groups. The anion topology of Fig. 22e corresponds to the structure of four tungstates including  $\text{K}_2[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{W}_2\text{O}_8)]$  (Fig. 22f) in which chains of

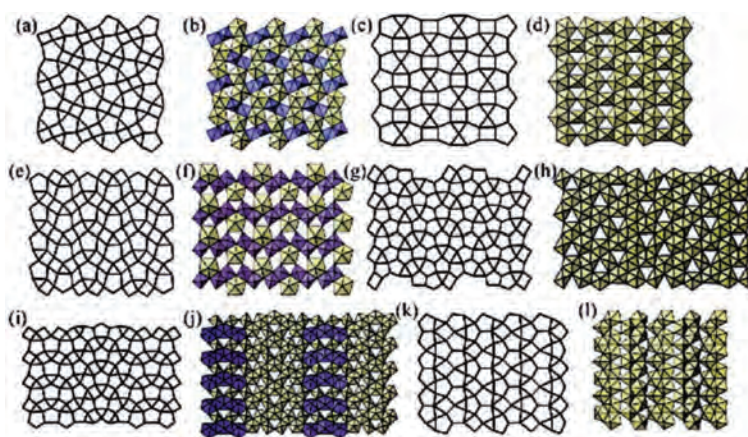


FIG. 21. Selected sheets (of uranyl polyhedra and polyhedra containing other high-valence cations) based on anion topologies that contain triangles, squares and pentagons; (a,b) topology and sheet in francevillite; (c,d) topology and sheet in ianthanite; (e,f) topology and sheet in iriginite; (g,h) topology and sheet in sayrite; (i,j) topology and sheet in  $\text{Pb}_3(\text{UO}_2)_{11}\text{O}_{14}$ ; (k,l) topology and sheet in curite. After Burns (2005).



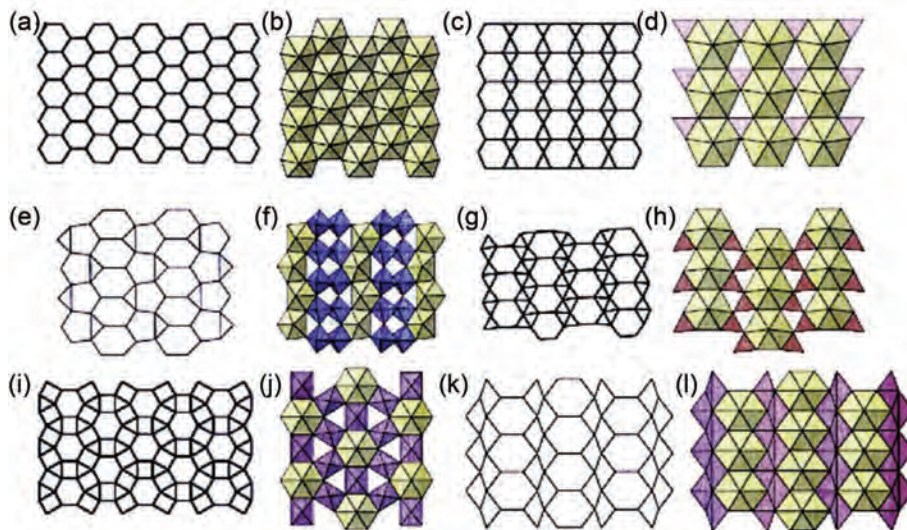


FIG. 22. Selected sheets (of uranyl polyhedra and polyhedra containing other high-valence cations) based on anion topologies that contain hexagons; (a,b) topology and sheet in  $\alpha$ - $\text{UO}_3$ ; (c,d) topology and sheet in rutherfordine; (e,f) topology and sheet in  $\text{K}_2[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{W}_2\text{O}_8)]$ ; (g,h) topology and sheet in  $[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{B}_2\text{O}_3)\text{O}]$ ; (i,j) topology and sheet in  $\text{Cs}[\text{UV}_3\text{O}_{11}]$ ; (k,l) topology and sheet in  $[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_4)]$ . From Burns (2005).

edge-sharing pentagonal bipyramids are linked into a sheet by ribbons of vanadate groups. In Fig. 22g, the anion topology corresponds to the sheet in  $[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{B}_2\text{O}_3)\text{O}]$  (Fig. 22h) where chains of edge-sharing hexagonal bipyramids are linked into a sheet by chains of corner-sharing ( $\text{BO}_3$ ) groups. The anion topology of Fig. 22i forms the basis of three structures (Burns, 2005), including  $\text{Cs}[\text{UV}_3\text{O}_{11}]$  (Fig. 22j), in which each hexagonal bipyramid shares all meridional edges with vanadate groups and each vanadate group shares edges with two uranyl hexagonal bipyramids. The anion topology of Fig. 22k forms the basis of the structure of  $[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_4)]$  (Fig. 22l), in which chains of edge-sharing hexagonal bipyramids are linked into a sheet by  $\text{Sb}^{3+}$  cations.

Uranyl sheets are classified in two different ways, depending on the types of polyhedron connectivity that they display. This is not entirely satisfactory from an ideal viewpoint, but the extensive edge-sharing character of several different polyhedra make a single approach rather difficult.

#### Uranyl structures based on frameworks of polyhedra

These are illustrated in Fig. 23 and a selection of the corresponding structures is listed in Table 2.

$(\text{NH}_4)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2[(\text{UO}_2)_{10}\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})]\{(\text{UO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}$  is a framework of uranyl pentagonal bipyramids, square bipyramids and distorted octahedra (Fig. 23a); within the framework, there are sheets topologically identical to those in **ianthinite** (Fig. 21d), linked by dimers of bipyramids between the sheets. The synthetic compound  $\text{Pb}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})[(\text{UO}_2)_{10}\text{UO}_{12}(\text{OH})_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]$  consists of dense regions of edge- and vertex-sharing uranyl pentagonal and square bipyramids and a distorted octahedron (Fig. 23b) with  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  in channels through the framework.  $\text{KNa}_3[(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10})_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$  comprises sheets of four-membered rings of tetrahedra linked by sharing tetrahedron vertices (Fig. 23c, right), and these sheets are linked by uranyl square bipyramids (Fig. 23c, left). **Soddyite**,  $[(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{SiO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ , contains staggered chains of edge-sharing pentagonal bipyramids (Fig. 23d); these chains are cross-linked by silicate tetrahedra and the vertex *trans* to the shared edge is an ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) group. In **weeks site**,  $\text{K}_2[(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{13})](\text{H}_2\text{O})$  chains of edge-sharing uranyl bipyramids are cross-linked into sheets by chains of silicate tetrahedra (Fig. 23e) that also link orthogonally to adjacent sheets to form a framework. In  $\text{Na}_2[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{SiO}_4)]$ , each ( $\text{U}^{6+}\text{O}_6$ ) octahedron shares four vertices with silicate tetrahedra to form a framework (Fig. 23f), with Na in the interstices. In  $\text{RbNa}[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6)](\text{H}_2\text{O})$ ,

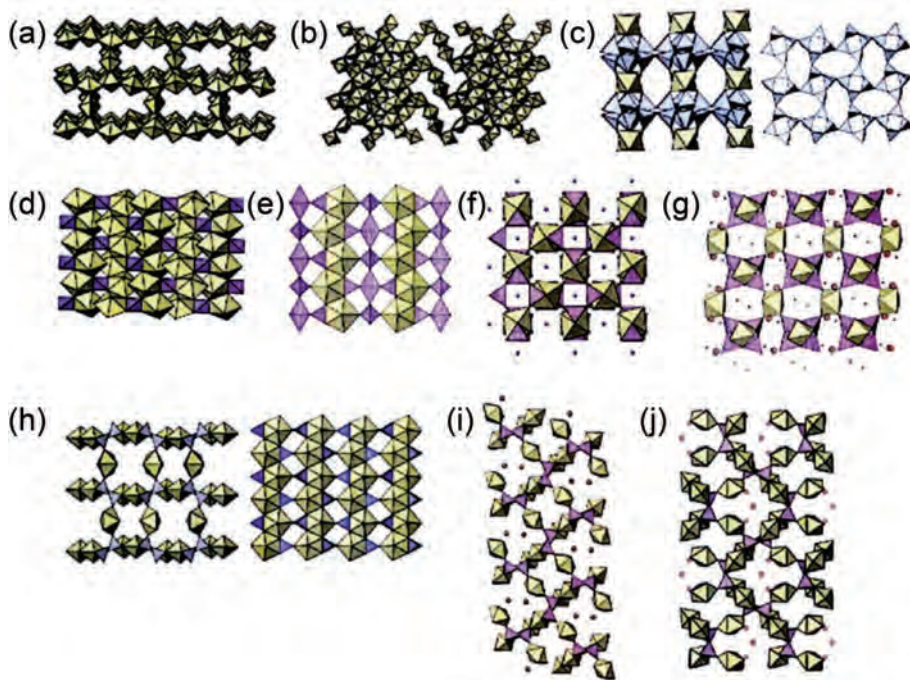


FIG. 23. Selected frameworks from uranyl structures; (a)  $(\text{NH}_4)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2[(\text{UO}_2)_{10}\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})]$   $\{(\text{UO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ , a framework of uranyl pentagonal bipyramids, square bipyramids and distorted octahedra; (b)  $\text{Pb}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})[(\text{UO}_2)_{10}\text{UO}_{12}(\text{OH})_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]$ , a framework of edge- and vertex-sharing uranyl pentagonal and square bipyramids and a distorted octahedron; (c)  $\text{KNa}_3[(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10})_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$  with sheets of four-membered rings of tetrahedra linked by sharing tetrahedron vertices (right), linked by uranyl square bipyramids (left); (d) soddyite; (e) weeksite; (f)  $\text{Na}_2[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{SiO}_4)]$  in which each  $(\text{U}^{6+}\text{O}_6)$  octahedron shares four vertices with silicate tetrahedra to form a framework; (g)  $\text{RbNa}[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6)](\text{H}_2\text{O})$  in which four-membered rings of silicate tetrahedra form sheets by sharing corners with uranyl square bipyramids; (h)  $[(\text{UO}_2)_3(\text{PO}_4)_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$  with chains of edge-sharing uranyl pentagonal bipyramids cross-linked into sheets (right) by phosphate tetrahedra; these sheets are linked into a framework by additional uranyl pentagonal bipyramids (left). (i)  $[(\text{UO}_2)_3(\text{AsO}_4)_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$ ; (j)  $[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{UO}_2)_3(\text{AsO}_4)_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_5$ , similar to Fig. 23i but with a prominent corrugation in the uranyl-arsenate sheets. After Burns (2005).

four-membered rings of silicate tetrahedra (*cf.*  $\text{KNa}_3[(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10})_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$ , Fig. 23c, right) are linked into sheets by sharing corners with uranyl square bipyramids (Fig. 23g), with alkalis in the interstices.  $[(\text{UO}_2)_3(\text{PO}_4)_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$  (Fig. 23h) contains chains of edge-sharing uranyl pentagonal bipyramids that are cross-linked into sheets (Fig. 23h, right) by phosphate tetrahedra; the resulting sheets are linked into a framework by additional uranyl pentagonal bipyramids between the sheets (Fig. 23h, left). The structure of  $[(\text{UO}_2)_3(\text{AsO}_4)_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$  is very similar, but a change in the unit cell leads to the constituent sheets being inclined (Fig. 23i, *cf.*  $[(\text{UO}_2)_3(\text{PO}_4)_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$ ).  $[(\text{UO}_2)_3(\text{AsO}_4)_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_5$  has a very similar structure, but the additional

$(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  group leads to a prominent corrugation in the uranyl-arsenate sheets (Fig. 23j).

### Phosphate minerals

The cation  $\text{P}^{5+}$  occurs in tetrahedral coordination to O and the mean bond valence in the  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$  oxyanion is  $5/4 = 1.25$  vu. Linkage of phosphate groups results in an incident bond valence of 2.50 vu at the linking anion, violating the valence-sum rule, and this linkage is known only in three minerals. However, phosphate may polymerize with tetrahedrally coordinated oxyanions that have mean bond valences  $\leq 0.75$  vu:  $(\text{AlO}_4)$ ,  $(\text{BO}_4)$ ,  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  and  $(\text{LiO}_4)$  groups. In addition, P–O bonds in specific structural



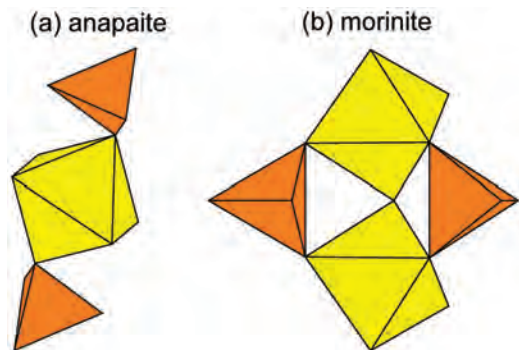


FIG. 24. Selected clusters from phosphate structures; (a) anapaite; (b) morinite. Orange =  $(\text{PO}_4)$ ; yellow =  $(\text{M}\phi_6)$  ( $M$  = tetra-, tri- or di-valent cation).

arrangements may have bond valences somewhat less than 1.25 vu, and  $(\text{PO}_4)$  groups may polymerize with  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  groups. Phosphate minerals show all of these polymerizations, in accord with the valence-sum rule. Hawthorne (1998) gave a brief hierarchical scheme for the phosphate minerals, and Huminicki and Hawthorne (2002a) gave a much more comprehensive scheme that subdivides the phosphate minerals into the following groups: (1) phosphate groups with other tetrahedra; (2) phosphate with divalent- and trivalent-metal octahedra; and (3) phosphate with non-octahedral cation polyhedra. Here I will focus on group (2) as this contains the most numerous and diverse structure types; selected minerals of group (2) are listed in Table 3.

#### Phosphate structures based on isolated tetrahedra and octahedra

**M–T linkage.** In these minerals, the  $(\text{PO}_4)$  groups and  $(\text{M}\phi_6)$  octahedra are linked by H bonding, and hence must involve  $\text{M}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6$  groups and  $(\text{PO}_4)$  tetrahedra: **strüvite** and **phosphor-rösslerite** (Table 3).

#### Phosphate structures based on clusters of tetrahedra and octahedra

**M–T linkage.** Linkages of this type are shown in Fig. 24. In the  $[\text{M}(\text{TO}_4)_2\phi_4]$  cluster in **anapaite**, two  $(\text{PO}_4)$  groups link to *trans* vertices of an  $(\text{Fe}^{2+}\phi_6)$  octahedron, where  $M = \text{Fe}^{2+}$ ,  $T = \text{P}$  and  $\phi = (\text{H}_2\text{O})$  (Fig. 24a). The atomic arrangement in **schertelite** is similar to that in **anapaite** (and also

the sulfate minerals **bloedite**,  $\text{Na}_2[\text{Mg}(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$  and **leonite**,  $\text{K}_2[\text{Mn}^{2+}(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$ , Hawthorne, 1985b).

**M–M, M–T linkage.** The  $[\text{M}_2(\text{TO}_4)_2\phi_7]$  cluster in **morinite** consists of two  $(\text{Al}\phi_6)$  octahedra linked through one vertex to form a dimer and (two pairs of) vertices from each octahedron, *cis* to their common vertex, are linked by  $(\text{PO}_4)$  groups (Fig. 24b). This  $[\text{M}_2(\text{TO}_4)_2\phi_7]$  cluster is the basis of a short hierarchy of phosphate minerals of higher connectivity: **minyulite**, **olmsteadite**, **hureaulite**, **phosphofer-rite**, **kryzhanovskite**, **melonjosephite** and **whit-moreite** (Hawthorne, 1979).

#### Phosphate structures based on chains and ribbons of tetrahedra and octahedra

**M–T linkage.** The structural unit of **böggildite**, a rare phosphate-alumino-fluoride mineral, consists of a chain of alternating  $(\text{PO}_4)$  tetrahedra and  $(\text{AlO}_2\text{F}_4)$  octahedra, decorated by  $(\text{AlOF}_5)$  octahedra linked to the  $(\text{PO}_4)$  groups (Fig. 25a) that are three-connected and point up and down alternately along the length of the chain.

The minerals of the **collinsite** and **fairfieldite** groups are both based on a general  $[\text{M}(\text{TO}_4)_2\phi_2]$  chain that is formed of alternating  $(\text{M}^{2+}\text{O}_4\{\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_2)$  octahedra and pairs of  $(\text{PO}_4)$  tetrahedra (Fig. 25b), with the  $(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  groups in a *trans* arrangement about the divalent cation. The repeat distance along the length of the chain is  $\sim 5.45$  Å, and this is reflected in the *c*-dimensions of these minerals. The two structure types differ in the details of their H bonding.

**M–M, M–T linkage.** In **childrenite** (and **eosphorite**),  $(\text{Al}\phi_6)$  octahedra link through pairs of *trans* vertices to form  $[\text{Al}\phi_5]$  chains that are decorated by  $(\text{PO}_4)$  groups that link adjacent octahedra and are arranged in a staggered fashion along the length of the  $[\text{M}(\text{TO}_4)\phi_3]$  chain (Fig. 25c). In **tancoite**,  $(\text{Al}\phi_6)$  octahedra link through one set of *trans* vertices to form an  $[\text{Al}\phi_5]$  chain in which adjacent octahedra are linked by pairs of  $(\text{PO}_4)$  tetrahedra that point alternately up and down orthogonal to the chain direction, giving rise to an  $[\text{Al}(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{OH})]$  chain (Fig. 25d); topologically identical chains occur in **jahnsite**, **overite** and **sinkankasite**.

**M=M, M–T linkage.** In **bearthite**,  $(\text{Al}\phi_6)$  octahedra share one set of *trans* edges with adjacent octahedra to form an  $[\text{Al}\phi_4]$  chain. Adjacent octahedra are bridged by  $(\text{PO}_4)$  tetrahedra to form a decorated chain of the general

TABLE 3. Phosphate minerals, structural units and types of polymerization.

Mineral	Structural unit	Fig.	Ref.
<b>Isolated polyhedra</b>			
Strüvite	$[\text{Mg}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6][\text{PO}_4]$	—	(1)
Phosphorösslerite	$[\text{Mg}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6][\text{PO}_3(\text{OH})]$	—	(2)
<b>Clusters</b>			
Anapaite	$[\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$	24a	(3)
Schertelite	$[\text{Mg}(\text{PO}_3\{\text{OH}\}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4)]$	24a	(4)
Morinite	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{PO}_4)_2\text{F}_4(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$	24b	(5)
<b>Chains and ribbons</b>			
Bøggildite	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{PO}_4)\text{F}_9]$	25a	(6)
Collinsite	$[\text{Mg}(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$	25b	(7)
Fairfieldite	$[\text{Mn}^{2+}(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$	25b	(7)
Childrenite	$[\text{Al}(\text{PO}_4)(\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$	25c	(8)
Eosphorite	$[\text{Al}(\text{PO}_4)(\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$	25c	(9)
Tancoite	$[\text{Al}(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{OH})]$	25d	(10)
Jahnsite	$[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{OH})_2]$	25d	(11)
Overite	$[\text{Al}(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{OH})_2]$	25d	(12)
Sinkankasite	$[\text{Al}(\text{PO}_3\{\text{OH}\}_2(\text{OH}))]$	25d	(13)
Bearthite	$[\text{Al}(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{OH})]$	25e	(14)
Brackebuschite	$[\text{Mn}^{3+}(\text{VO}_4)_2(\text{OH})]$	25e	(15)
Vauquelinite	$[\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{PO}_4)(\text{CrO}_4)(\text{OH})]$	25e	(16)
<b>Sheets</b>			
Brianite	$[\text{Mg}(\text{PO}_4)_2]$	26a	(17)
Minyulite	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{PO}_4)_2\text{F}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$	26b	(18)
Laueite	$[\text{Fe}^+(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$	26c	(19)
Metavauxite	$[\text{Al}(\text{PO}_4)(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$	26d	(20)
Montgomeryite	$[\text{MgAl}_4(\text{PO}_4)_6(\text{OH})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$	26e	(21)
Mitryaevaite	$[\text{Al}_5(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{PO}_3\{\text{OH}\}_2\text{F}_2(\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_8)]$	26f	(22)
Bermanite	$[\text{Mn}^{3+}(\text{PO}_4)(\text{OH})_2]$	26g	(23)
Ercitite	$[\text{Mn}^{3+}(\text{PO}_4)(\text{OH})_2]$	26g	(24)
Mitridatite	$[\text{Fe}^+(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{O}_2]$	26h	(25)
<b>Frameworks</b>			
Variscite	$[\text{Al}(\text{PO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$	27a	(26)
Metavariscite	$[\text{Al}(\text{PO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$	27b	(27)
Phosphosiderite	$[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{PO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$	27b	(28)
Strengite	$[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{PO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$	27a	(28)
Libethenite	$[\text{Cu}_2(\text{PO}_4)(\text{OH})]$	27d	(30)
Palermoite	$[\text{Al}(\text{PO}_4)(\text{OH})_4]$	27e	(31)
Burangaite	$[\text{Fe}^{2+}\text{Al}_5(\text{PO}_4)_4(\text{OH})_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$	27f	(32)
Wicksite	$[\text{Fe}_4^{2+}\text{MgFe}^{3+}(\text{PO}_4)_6]$	27g	(33)
Seamanite	$[\text{Mn}_5^{2+}(\text{PO}_4)(\text{B}\{\text{OH}\}_4)(\text{OH})_2]$	27h	(34)
Sarcopside	$[\text{Fe}_3^{2+}(\text{PO}_4)_2]$	—	(35)

(1) Abbona *et al.* (1984); (2) Street and Whitaker (1973); (3) Catti *et al.* (1979); (4) Khan and Baur (1972); (5) Hawthorne (1979); (6) Hawthorne (1982); (7) Herwig and Hawthorne (2006); (8) Giuseppetti and Tadini (1984); (9) Hoyos *et al.* (1993); (10) Hawthorne (1983b); (11) Moore and Araki (1974b); (12) Moore and Araki (1977a); (13) Burns and Hawthorne (1995); (14) Chopin *et al.* (1993); (15) Foley *et al.* (1997); (16) Fanfani and Zanazzi (1968); (17) Moore (1975); (18) Kampf (1977); (19) Moore (1965); (20) Baur and Rama Rao (1967); (21) Fanfani *et al.* (1976); (22) Cahill *et al.* (2001); (23) Kampf and Moore (1976); (24) Cooper *et al.* (2009a); (25) Moore and Araki (1977b); (26) Kniep *et al.* (1977); (27) Kniep and Mootz (1973); (28) Moore (1966); (29) Guy and Jeffrey (1966); (30) Cordsen (1978); (31) Moore and Araki (1975); (32) Selway *et al.* (1997); (33) Cooper and Hawthorne (1997); (34) Huminicki and Hawthorne (2002b); (35) Warner *et al.* (1992).

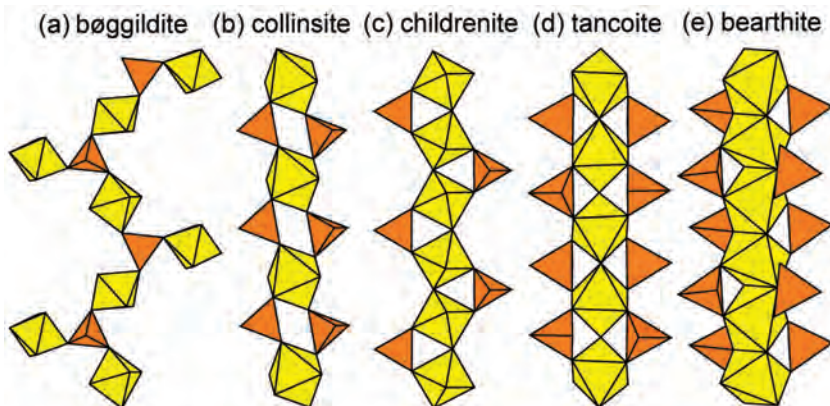


FIG. 25. Selected chains from phosphate structures; (a) böggsildite; (b) collinsite; (c) childrenite; (d) tancoite; (e) bearthite. Legend as in Fig. 24.

form  $[M(TO_4)_2\phi]$  (Fig. 25e) that is also found in the minerals of the **brackebuschite** group and **vauquelinite**.

*Phosphate structures based on sheets of tetrahedra and octahedra*

M–T linkage. In **brianite**,  $(PO_4)$  tetrahedra and  $(MgO_6)$  octahedra link to form pinwheel sheets (Fig. 26a) linked by interstitial Na and Ca.

M–M, M–T linkage. In **minyulite**,

$[Al_2(PO_4)_2F(H_2O)_4O_2]$  clusters (topologically identical to the  $[Al_2(PO_4)_2F_4(OH)(H_2O)_2]$  clusters in **morinite** (Fig. 24b)) link by sharing vertices between tetrahedra and octahedra (Fig. 26b). The minerals of the **laueite** group (Table 3) contain a 7 Å chain (Fig. 25c) that meld by sharing one quarter of the flanking  $(PO_4)$  vertices with octahedra of adjacent chains to form an  $[M_2(PO_4)_2\phi_4]$  sheet (Fig. 26c). A prominent feature of this sheet is the  $[M(TO_4)_2\phi_2]$  chain (Fig. 25b) that extends from SE to NW in

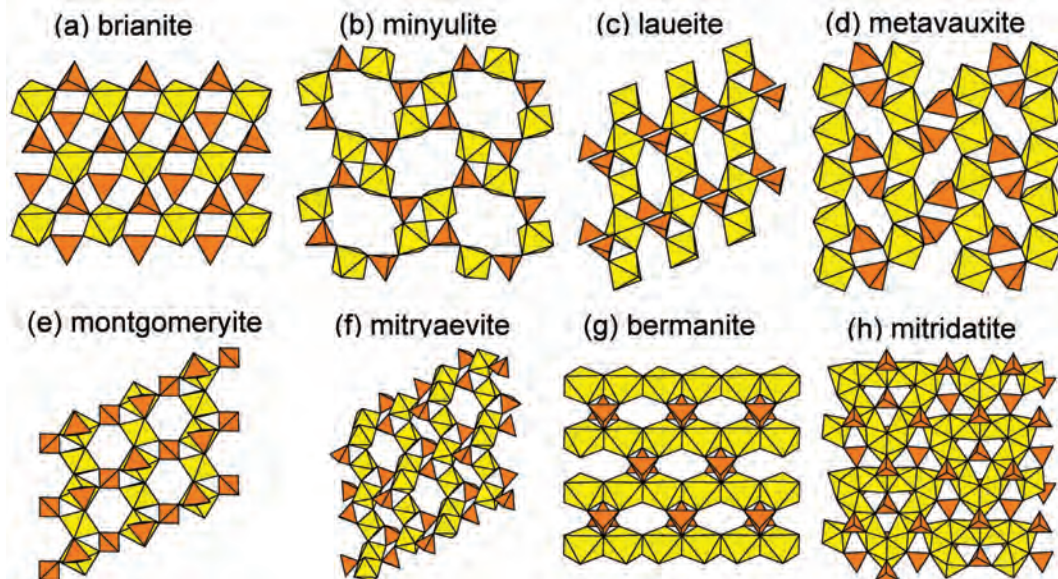


FIG. 26. Selected sheets from phosphate structures; (a) brianite; (b) minyulite; (c) laueite; (d) metavauxite; (e) montgomeryite; (f) mitryaevite; (g) bermanite; (h) mitridatite. Legend as in Fig. 24.

Fig. 26c). Thus we can also think of the **laueite** sheet as composed of  $[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{PO}_4)_2\text{O}_2]$  chains that are linked by  $(\text{Fe}^{3+}\text{O}_6)$  octahedra. This occurrence of two different types of chain in a sheet or framework structural unit is a common feature, and reflects Nature's parsimony in designing structural arrangements in crystals. In **meta-vauxite**, topologically identical  $[M(\text{TO}_4)\phi_3]$  chains cross-link to form an  $[\text{Al}(\text{PO}_4)(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$  sheet (Fig. 26d) that are linked by H bonds emanating from interstitial  $(\text{Fe}^{2+}\{\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_6)$  groups. **Montgomeryite** contains 7 Å chains of the form  $[M(\text{T}\phi_4)\phi_2]$  (Fig. 26e) in which alternate octahedra are decorated by two tetrahedra that attach to *trans* vertices to give a chain of the form  $[M_2(\text{TO}_4)_4\phi_4]$ . These chains share flanking  $(\text{PO}_4)$  groups to form an  $[\text{Al}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{OH})_2]$  sheet (Fig. 26e). **Mitryaevaite** has a very complex sheet that is related to other sheets in this group. The  $[M(\text{TO}_4)\phi]$  chain (Fig. 25c) is modified by intermittent edge sharing of octahedra, and these chains meld through tetrahedron–octahedron linkages to form a very corrugated sheet.

M=M, M–T linkage. **Bermanite** and **ercitite** contain an  $[M(\text{TO}_4)\phi]$  sheet formed from  $(M\phi_6)$  octahedra that share pairs of *trans* edges to form an  $[M\phi_4]$  chain decorated with flanking tetrahedra that link vertices of adjacent octahedra (Fig. 26g). These chains link by sharing octahedron vertices to form an  $[M(\text{TO}_4)\phi]$  sheet.

M=M, M–M, M–T linkage. The structure of **mitridatite** is of Byzantine complexity. Nonameric triangular rings of edge-sharing  $(\text{Fe}^{3+}\phi_6)$  octahedra are centred by a  $(\text{PO}_4)$  group that shares corners with six of the octahedra (Fig. 26h). The corners of each cluster link to the mid-points of the edges of adjacent clusters and the resulting interstices are occupied by  $(\text{PO}_4)$  tetrahedra.

#### Phosphate structures based on frameworks of tetrahedra and octahedra

M–T linkage. **Variscite** and **metavariscite** have equal numbers of tetrahedra and octahedra, both polyhedra are four-connected, and hence two vertices of the  $(\text{Al}\phi_6)$  octahedron must be one-connected with regard to Al and P. The local bond-valence requirements of the anions at these one-connected vertices require that the anions be  $(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  groups, as is also the case in the arsenate analogues **scorodite** (Hawthorne, 1976a) and **mansfieldite** (Harrison, 2000). In **variscite**

(Fig. 27a), octahedra and tetrahedra occupy the vertices of a  $6^3$  net. In **metavariscite**, the tetrahedra and octahedra occupy the vertices of a  $4.8^2$  plane net (Fig. 27b, upper) and the vertices of a very puckered  $8^3$  net (Fig. 27b, lower).

M–M, M–T linkage. **Fluellite** contains a 7 Å chain of the form  $[M(\text{TO}_4)\phi_3]$  (Fig. 25c) consisting of  $(\text{AlF}_2\{\text{OH}\}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3)$  octahedra linked through pairs of *trans* vertices (= F) and decorated by  $(\text{PO}_4)$  tetrahedra that link adjacent octahedra along the chain. These chains link into a framework by sharing  $(\text{PO}_4)$  groups between chains extending in orthogonal directions (Fig. 27c).

M=M, M–T linkage. In **libethenite**, a member of the **adamite** group (Hawthorne, 1976b), chains of *trans* edge-sharing  $(\text{Cu}^{2+}\phi_6)$  octahedra are decorated by  $(\text{PO}_4)$  tetrahedra to give a chain of the general form  $[M_2(\text{TO}_4)_2\phi_4]$  (Fig. 27d, upper). These chains link to adjacent chains by sharing octahedron–tetrahedron corners (Fig. 27d, lower) to form an open framework with channels containing dimers of edge-sharing  $(\text{Cu}\phi_5)$  triangular bipyramids.

M=M, M–M, M–T linkage. In **paleremoite**,  $[\text{Al}_2\phi_{10}]$  dimers share corners to form an  $[\text{Al}_2\phi_8]$  chain that is decorated by  $(\text{PO}_4)$  tetrahedra to form an  $[\text{Al}_2(\text{PO}_4)\phi_6]$  chain (Fig. 27e, upper). These chains link to form a framework by sharing octahedron–tetrahedron vertices (Fig. 27e, lower).

M=M, M–M, M–T linkage. **Burangaite** contains a trimer of face-sharing octahedra (Fig. 27f, upper) that is a feature of several basic Fe-phosphate minerals (Moore, 1970). This trimer shares vertices with two  $(\text{Al}\phi_6)$  octahedra and two  $(\text{PO}_4)$  tetrahedra to produce a cluster of the form  $[M_5(\text{TO}_4)_2\phi_{18}]$ . This cluster polymerizes to form a dense slab of tetrahedra and octahedra that are linked through additional  $(\text{Al}\phi_6)$  octahedra into a framework. In **wicksite**, dimers of edge-sharing octahedra are cross-linked into a sheet by sharing corners with  $(\text{PO}_4)$  tetrahedra (Fig. 27g, upper), and these sheets are linked into a framework by sharing corners with additional phosphate groups (Fig. 27g, lower). In **seamanite**, chains of  $[M_3\phi_{12}]$  trimers (of octahedra) are decorated by  $(\text{PO}_4)$  and  $(\text{B}\phi_4)$  tetrahedra to form a  $[M(\text{B}\phi_4)(\text{PO}_4)\phi_6]$  chain (Fig. 27h, upper). These chains condense pairwise by sharing both octahedron–octahedron and octahedron–tetrahedron vertices (Fig. 27h, lower) to form columns that link together by sharing vertices between tetrahedra and octahedra.



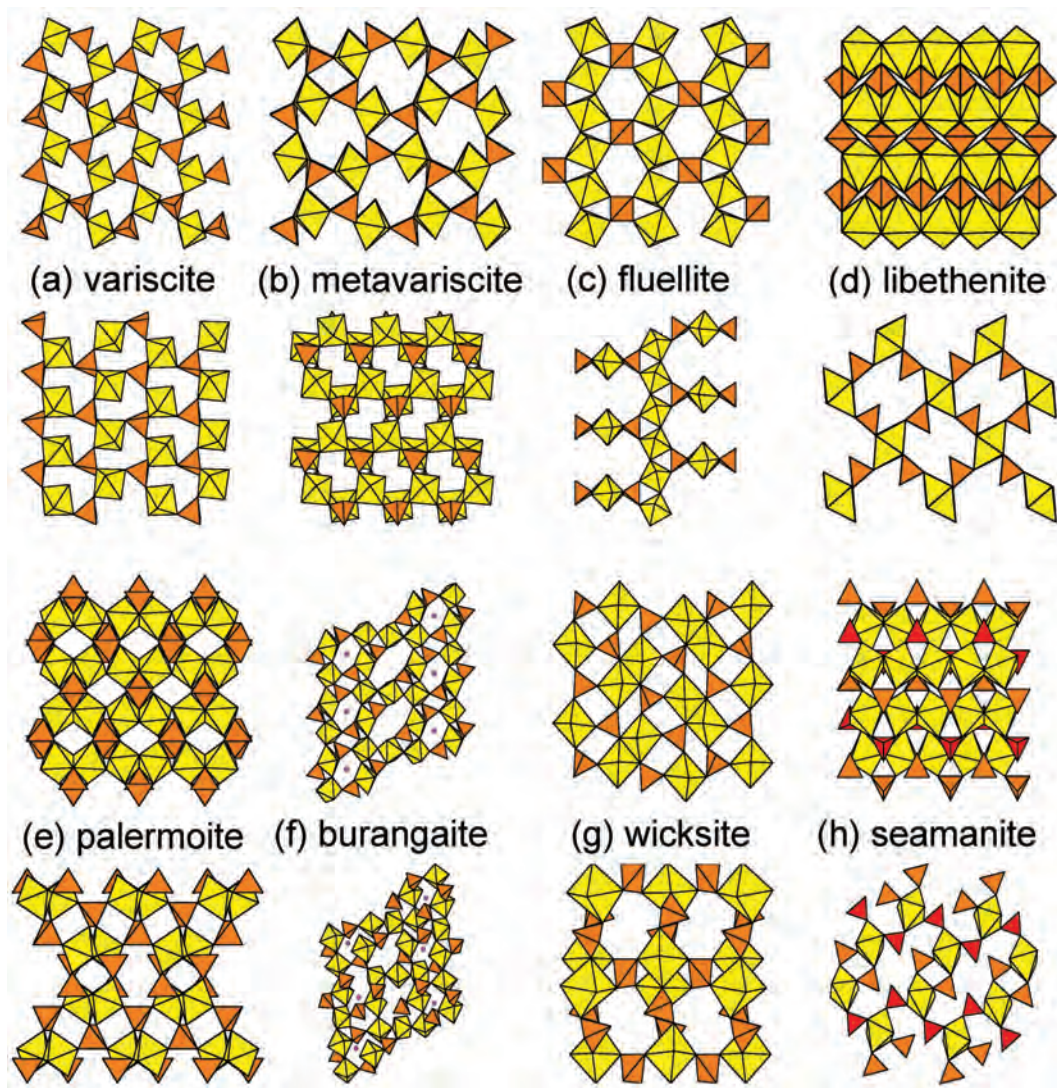


FIG. 27. Selected frameworks from phosphate structures; (a) variscite; (b) metavariscite; (c) fluellite; (d) libethenite; (e) palermoite; (f) burangaite; (g) wicksite; (h) seamanite. Legend as in Fig. 24.

M=M, M=T, M=T linkage. The **triphylite–lithiophyllite**, **sicklerite–ferrisicklerite** and **heterosite–purpurite** series all have the same structural arrangement as olivine.  $[MO_4]$  chains of edge-sharing ( $LiO_6$ ) or ( $NaO_6$ ) octahedra are decorated by  $(Fe^{2+}, Mn^{2+}O_6)$  or  $(\square O_6)$  octahedra ( $\square$  = vacancy). These decorated chains are linked by sharing octahedron corners with  $(PO_4)$  groups to form a fairly dense framework.

#### Sulfate minerals

The cation  $S^{6+}$  occurs in tetrahedral coordination to O [except in thiosulfates, in which  $S^{6+}$  is coordinated by a tetrahedron of three O atoms and one  $S^{2-}$  anion; e.g. Roberts *et al.* (1999); Cooper and Hawthorne (1999); Cooper *et al.* (2009b)]. The mean bond valence in the  $(SO_4)^{2-}$  oxyanion is  $6/4 = 1.50$  vu, and linkage of  $(SO_4)^{2-}$  groups does not occur in minerals as the resulting incident bond valence at the linking anions

( $1.50 + 1.50 = 3.00$  vu) would violate the valence-sum rule. Likewise, the sulfate oxyanion does not polymerize with any of the common oxyanions in minerals [e.g.  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$ ,  $(\text{AsO}_4)^{3-}$ ,  $(\text{VO}_4)^{3-}$ ,  $(\text{SiO}_4)^{4-}$ ,  $(\text{AlO}_4)^{5-}$ ] because the ideal bond-valence sums incident at the bridging anion would exceed 2 vu significantly. Larger-cation polyhedra have lower mean bond valences and can link to sulfate groups without violating the valence-sum rule, and such linkages constitute the structures of the sulfate minerals. Bokii and Gorogotskaya (1969), Sabelli and Trosti-Ferroni (1985), Rastsvetaeva and Pushcharovskii (1989), Pushcharovsky *et al.* (1998) and Hawthorne *et al.* (2000) have presented classification schemes with various degrees of comprehensiveness. The most recent scheme (Hawthorne *et al.*, 2000) subdivides the sulfate minerals into the following groups: (1) sulfates with divalent- and trivalent-metal octahedra; (2) sulfates with non-octahedral cation polyhedra and Na sulfates; and (3) sulfates with anion-centred tetrahedra. Group (3) will be dealt with later when considering minerals based on anion-centred tetrahedra; here we will focus on group (1) as this contains the most numerous and diverse structure types.

#### Sulfate structures based on isolated tetrahedra and octahedra

M–T linkage. In these minerals, the  $(\text{SO}_4)$  groups and  $(\text{M}\phi_6)$  octahedra are linked by H bonding,

and hence must involve  $\text{M}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6$  groups and  $(\text{SO}_4)$  tetrahedra. There is a relatively large number of minerals of this type (unlike the phosphates) and there are commonly several mineral species for each structure type.

#### Sulfate structures based on clusters of tetrahedra and octahedra

M=M linkage. **Creedite** has a  $[\text{M}_2\phi_{10}(\text{TO}_4)_2]$  cluster (Fig. 28a) in which the octahedra form an edge-sharing dimer and the tetrahedra are isolated.

M–T linkage. **Minasragrite** has a simple corner-sharing cluster of a tetrahedron and an octahedron (Fig. 28b). The **blödite**-group minerals, the **leonite**-group minerals, **chenite** and related minerals (Table 4) are based on the simple *trans*  $[\text{M}(\text{T}\phi_4)_2\phi_4]$  cluster (Fig. 28c). The *cis*  $[\text{M}(\text{T}\phi_4)_2\phi_4]$  cluster (Fig. 28d) occurs in **roemerite**, and is much less common than the analogous *trans*  $[\text{M}(\text{T}\phi_4)_2\phi_4]$  cluster (Fig. 28c, Table 3). The structure of **ungemachite** is based on the  $[\text{M}(\text{T}\phi_4)_6]$  cluster shown in Fig. 28e. In his work on **glaserite**-related structures, Moore (1973) called such a cluster a ‘pinwheel’. These  $[\text{M}(\text{TO}_4)_6]$  pinwheels are common constituents of more-condensed structures where they link and combine to form sheets and frameworks. The  $[\text{M}_2(\text{T}\phi_4)_2\phi_8]$  cluster in **rozenite** (Fig. 28f) is the first in the series in Fig. 28 where tetrahedra link between two octahedra. In **coquimbite**, three

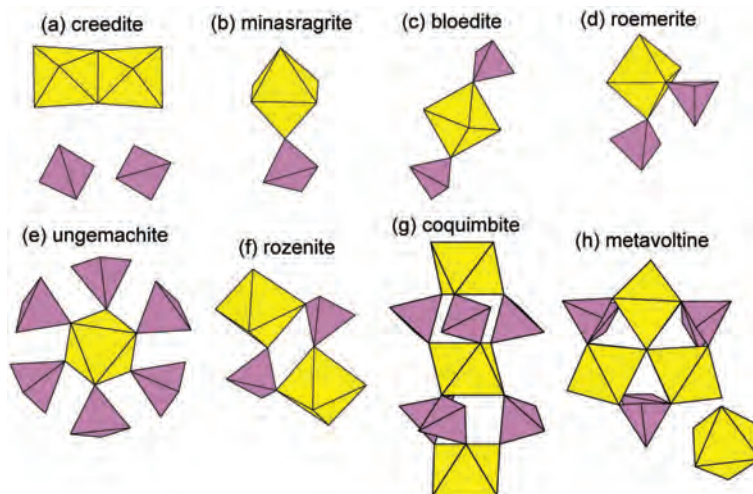


FIG. 28. Selected clusters from sulfate structures; (a) creedite; (b) minasragrite; (c) bloedite; (d) roemerite; (e) ungemachite; (f) rozenite; (g) coquimbite; (h) metavoltine. Salmon pink =  $(\text{SO}_4)$ ; yellow =  $(\text{M}\phi_6)$  ( $M$  = tetra-, tri- or di-valent cation).

# THE STRUCTURE HIERARCHY HYPOTHESIS

TABLE 4. Structural hierarchy for selected sulfate minerals.

Name	Structural unit	Fig.	Ref.
<b>Clusters</b>			
Creedite	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{OH})_2\text{F}_8](\text{SO}_4)$	28a	(1)
Minasragrite	$[\text{V}^{4+}\text{O}(\text{SO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$	28b	(2)
Blödite	$[\text{Mg}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{SO}_4)_2]$	28c	(3)
Leonite	$[\text{Mg}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{SO}_4)_2]$	28c	(4)
Chenite	$[\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{OH})_4(\text{SO}_4)_2]$	28c	(5)
Römerite	$[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]_2[\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]$	28d	(6)
Ungemachite	$[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{SO}_4)_6](\text{NO}_3)_2$	28e	(7)
Rozenite	$[\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{SO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$	28f	(8)
Coquimbite	$[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{SO}_4)_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]\{\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6\}$	28g	(9)
Metavoltine	$[\text{Fe}_3^{3+}\text{O}(\text{SO}_4)_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]\{\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6\}$	28h	(10)
<b>Chains and ribbons</b>			
Aluminite	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{OH})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3](\text{SO}_4)$	29a	(11)
Kroehnkite	$[\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{SO}_4)_2]$	29b	(12)
Krausite	$[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{SO}_4)_2]$	29c	(13)
Ferrinatrite	$[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{SO}_4)_3]$	29d	(14)
Pyracmonite	$[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{SO}_4)_3]$	29d	(15)
Aluminopyracmonite	$[\text{Al}(\text{SO}_4)_3]$	29d	(16)
Copiapite	$[\text{Fe}_2^{3+}(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{SO}_4)_3]_2$	29e	(17)
Butlerite	$[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{SO}_4)]$	29f	(18)
Parabutlerite	$[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{SO}_4)]$	29f	(19)
Botryogen	$[\text{MgFe}^{3+}(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6(\text{SO}_4)_2]$	29g	(20)
Sideronatrite	$[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{OH})(\text{SO}_4)_2]$	29h	(21)
Fibroferrite	$[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{SO}_4)]$	29i	(22)
Amarantite	$[\text{Fe}_3^{3+}\text{O}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{SO}_4)_2]$	29j	(23)
Tsumebite	$[\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{OH})(\text{PO}_4)(\text{SO}_4)]$	29k	(24)
Linarite	$[\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{OH})_2(\text{SO}_4)]$	29l	(25)
<b>Sheets</b>			
Rhombochase	$[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{SO}_4)_2]$	30a	(26)
Guildite	$[\text{Cu}^{2+}\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{SO}_4)_2]$	30b	(27)
Slavikite	$[\text{Fe}_3^{3+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6(\text{OH})_6(\text{SO}_4)_6][\text{Mg}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]_2(\text{SO}_4)$	30c	(28)
Alunite	$[\text{Al}_3(\text{OH})_6(\text{SO}_4)_2]$	30d	(29)
Goldichite	$[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{SO}_4)_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$	30e	(30)
Natrochalcite	$[\text{Cu}_5^{2+}(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{SO}_4)_2]$	30f	(31)
Wroewolfeite	$[\text{Cu}_4^{2+}(\text{OH})_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{SO}_4)]$	30g	(32)
Gordaite	$[\text{Zn}_4(\text{OH})_6\text{Cl}(\text{SO}_4)]$	30h	(33)
Bonattite	$[\text{Cu}_{2+}(\text{SO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]$	31a	(34)
Langbeinite	$\text{K}_2[\text{Mg}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3]$	31b	(35)
Millosevichite	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3]$	31c	(36)
Voltaite	$\text{K}_2[\text{Fe}_5^{2+}\text{Fe}_3^{3+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{12}(\text{SO}_4)_{12}][\text{Al}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]$	31d	(37)
Kieserite	$[\text{Mg}(\text{SO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$	31e	(38)
Sulfoborite	$[\text{Mg}_3(\text{OH})\text{F}(\text{SO}_4)(\text{B}(\text{OH})_4)_2]$	31f	(39)
Chalcocyanite	$[\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{SO}_4)]$	31g	(40)
Antlerite	$[\text{Cu}_3^{2+}(\text{OH})_4(\text{SO}_4)]$	31h	(41)

octahedra link through six tetrahedra such that all vertices of the central octahedron link to tetrahedra, and the peripheral tetrahedra each link to three tetrahedra, producing a  $[\text{M}_3(\text{T}\phi_4)_6\phi_6]$  cluster (Fig. 28g).

M–M, M–T linkage. **Metavoltine** is built from a complex but elegant  $[\text{M}_3(\text{T}\phi_4)_6\phi_4]$  cluster (Fig. 28h) that also occurs in the structures of Maus's salts (Scordari *et al.*, 1994 and references therein).



*Sulfate structures based on chains and ribbons of tetrahedra and octahedra*

M=M, M-T linkage. **Aluminite** contains a chain of edge-sharing octahedra and isolated tetrahedra (Fig. 29a). It is the only example of a chain with polymerized octahedra and isolated tetrahedra, but note that it is the chain analogy of the cluster in **creedite** (Fig. 28b).

M-T linkage. The  $[M(TO_4)_2\phi_2]$  chain (Fig. 29b) occurs in **kroenkite** and the (phosphate and arsenate) minerals of the **brandtite**, **talmesite** and **fairfieldite** groups (Table 4) (Herwig and Hawthorne, 2006). This chain can be described as being based on the *cis*  $[M(TO_4)_2\phi_4]$  cluster (Fig. 28d) polymerized by corner sharing between polyhedra. The  $[M(TO_4)_2\phi]$  ribbon (Fig. 29c) occurs in **krausite** and can be considered either as a condensation of two **kroenkite**  $[M(TO_4)_2\phi_2]$  chains (Fig. 29b) via M-T linkage or as a condensation of *cis*

$[M(TO_4)_2\phi_4]$  clusters. The  $[M(TO_4)_6]$  **ferrinatrite** chain (Fig. 29d), also found in **pyracmonite** and **aluminopyracmonite**, consists of octahedra linked to six tetrahedra and polymerized through linkage of each tetrahedron to two octahedra; note that a fragment of this chain occurs as the  $[M_3(T\phi_4)_6\phi_6]$  cluster (Fig. 28g) in **coquimbite**.

M-M, M-T linkage. The  $[M_2(TO_4)_3\phi_4]$  chain (Fig. 29e) occurs in **copiapite** and has M-M dimers flanked by  $(TO_4)$  groups forming  $[M_2(TO_4)_2\phi_6]$  clusters (that are present as phosphate clusters in **morinite**, Fig. 24b) linked by M-T linkages through  $(TO_4)$  groups along the length of the chain. More common are the decorated  $[M\phi_5]$  chains for both sulfate and phosphate structures; these chains have a repeat distance of  $\sim 7.1$  Å, and Moore (1970) designated them as 7 Å chains. In the  $[M_2(TO_4)_2\phi_6]$  chain in **butlerite** (Fig. 29f) and **parabutlerite**, the  $[M\phi_5]$  chain is decorated by staggered tetrahedra that link adjacent octahedra along the length of the

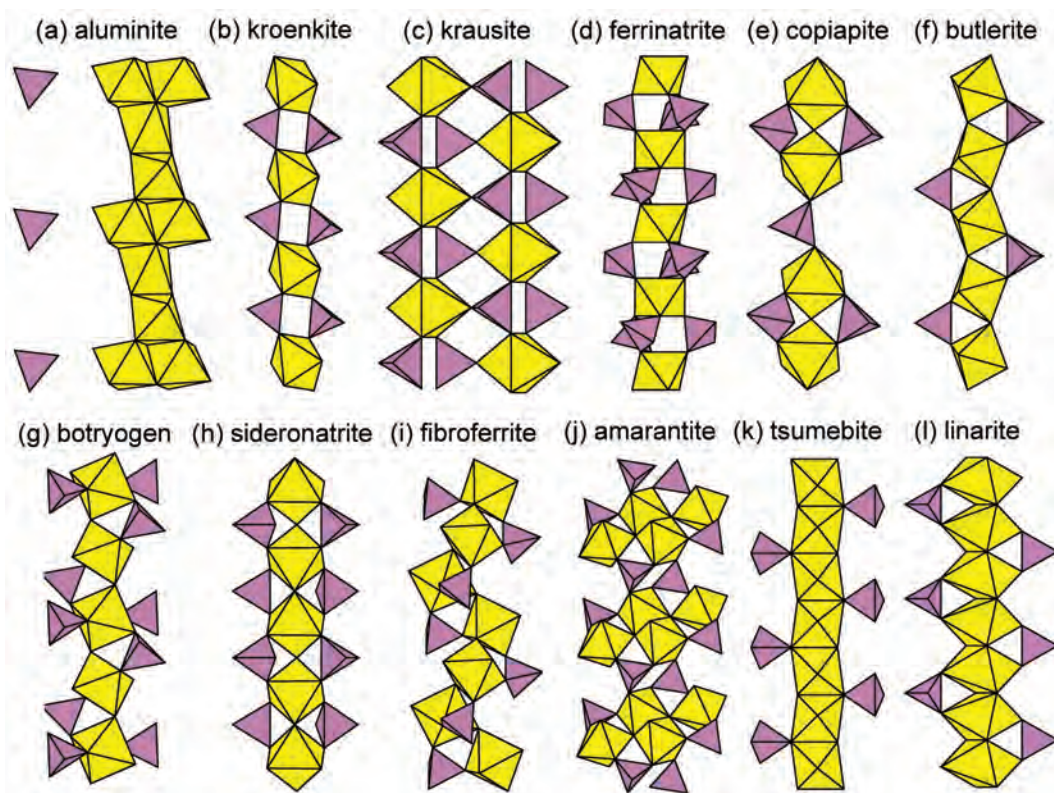


FIG. 29. Selected chains and ribbons from sulfate structures; (a) aluminite; (b) kroenkite; (c) kausite; (d) ferrinatrite; (e) copiapite; (f) butlerite; (g) botryogen; (h) sideronatrite; (i) fibroferrite; (j) amaranite; (k) tsumebite; (l) linarite. Legend as in Fig. 28.



chain. In **botryogen** (Fig. 29g), the staggered chain is further decorated by terminal tetrahedra on the octahedron vertices *cis* from those of the bridging tetrahedra:  $[M_2(TO_4)_4\phi_4]$ . In **sideronatriite** (Fig. 29h), all possible vertices of the octahedra are bridged along the length of the chain by tetrahedra (similar to the arrangement in **tancoite**, Fig. 25d):  $[M_2(TO_4)_4\phi_2]$ . The  $[M\phi_5]$  chain in **fibroferite** adds another subtlety to the topology of these chains. The stoichiometry of the **fibroferite** chain is the same as that of **butlerite**:  $[M_2(TO_4)_2\phi_6]$ . However, in **butlerite**, the decorating tetrahedra attach to each octahedron *via trans* vertices (Fig. 29f) whereas in **fibroferite**, the decorating tetrahedra attach to each octahedron *via cis* vertices, imparting a helical character to the chain (Fig. 29i).

M–M, M=M, M–T linkage. In **amarantite** (Table 4, Fig. 29j), an edge-sharing dimer of octahedra is decorated by sharing each vertex of the shared edge with another octahedron to form a tetramer that is strengthened by tetrahedra sharing M–T linkages with all four octahedra (Fig. 29j). These clusters are linked into ribbons by M–T linkages.

M=M, M–T linkage.  $[M\phi_4]$  chains are common in both sulfate and phosphate minerals; these chains have a repeat distance of ~6 Å (Lussier and Hawthorne, 2013), and it seems logical to designate them as 6 Å chains. In **tsumebite** (Fig. 29k), the  $[M_2(TO_4)_2\phi_6]$  chain is decorated by a staggered arrangement of tetrahedra in which each tetrahedron has a vertex in

common with two octahedra (i.e. each tetrahedron links to an anion that is part of a polyhedron edge shared between two octahedra). In **linarite** (Fig. 29l), the  $[M_2(TO_4)_2\phi_4]$  chain is decorated by a staggered arrangement of tetrahedra in which each tetrahedron bridges between vertices of adjacent octahedra.

#### Sulfate structures based on sheets of tetrahedra and octahedra

M–T linkage. In the  $[M(TO_4)_2\phi_2]$  sheet in **rhomboclase** (Fig. 30a), each octahedron links to four tetrahedra in the plane of the sheet, and the remaining octahedron vertices are ‘tied off’ by being (H<sub>2</sub>O) groups. In accord with the stoichiometry and the handshaking principle, each tetrahedron links to two octahedra.

M–M, M–T linkage. The  $[M_4(TO_4)_4\phi_{10}]$  sheet (Fig. 30b) occurs in **guildite**. The sheet consists of  $[M_2(TO_4)_4\phi_2]$  chains cross-linked into a sheet by M–T linkage through  $(Cu\phi_6)$  octahedra:  $[Cu_2 M_2(TO_4)_4\phi_{10}] = [M_4(TO_4)_4\phi_{10}]$ . In **slavikite** (Fig. 30c), **butlerite**-like  $[M_2(TO_4)_2\phi_6]$  chains (Fig. 29f) are flexed to form rings involving 12 octahedra, and these rings link in the plane of the sheet through M–M and M–T linkage of polyhedra in different rings to form a  $[M_5(TO_4)_6\phi_{12}]$  sheet. In the structures of the minerals of the **alunite** supergroup,  $(M^+, M^{2+})$

$[M_3^{3+}(OH)_6(TO_4)_2]$ ;  $[M^+ = K, Na, Ag^+, Tl^+, (NH_4), (H_3O); M^{2+} = Ca, Pb^{2+}, Sr, Ba; M^{3+} = Al, Fe^{3+}, Ga; T = S, As, P]$ , octahedra occur at the

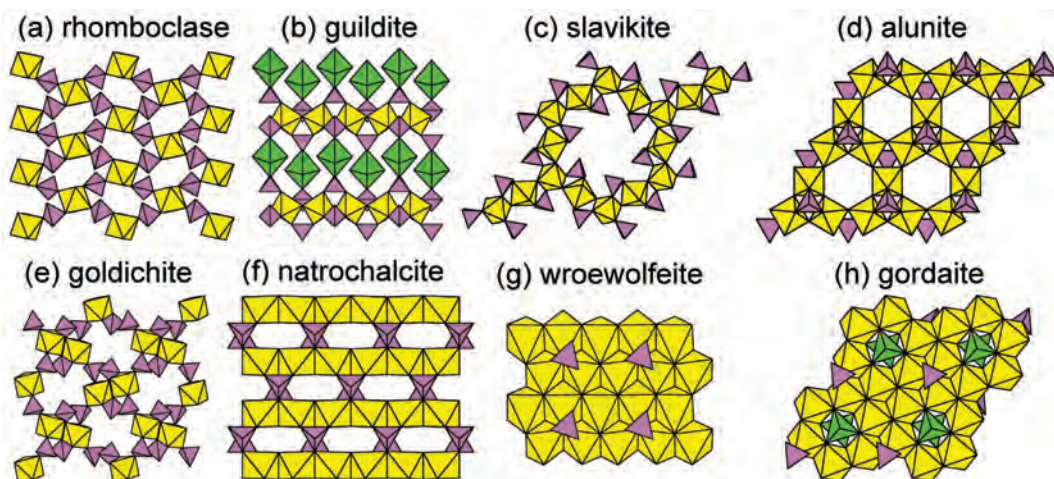


FIG. 30. Selected sheets from sulfate structures; (a) rhomboclase; (b) guildite; (c) slavikite; (d) alunite; (e) goldichite; (f) natrochalcite; (g) wroewolfeite; (h) gordaite. Legend as in Fig. 10, green =  $(Cu\phi_6)$  and  $(Zn\phi_4)$  polyhedra.

vertices of a  $6^3$  plane net, forming six-membered rings with the octahedra linked by sharing corners. At the junction of three six-membered rings is a three-membered ring, and one set of apical vertices of those three octahedra link to a tetrahedron (Fig. 30*d*). In **goldichite** (Fig. 30*e*), a  $[M_2(T\phi_4)_2\phi_8]$  cluster similar to that in **rozenite** (Fig. 28*f*) links through additional tetrahedra to four other **rozenite**-like clusters by  $M-T$  linkage to make a thick slab of the form  $[M(TO_4)_2\phi_2]$ .

$M=M$ ,  $M-T$  linkage. The  $[M_2(TO_4)_2\phi_2]$  sheet in **natrochalcite** (Fig. 30*f*) contains parallel  $[M\phi_4]$  chains of the type occurring in **tsumebite** (Fig. 29*k*) and **linarite** (Fig. 29*l*). Each  $[M\phi_4]$  chain is decorated by a staggered arrangement of tetrahedra in which each tetrahedron bridges between vertices of adjacent octahedra (as in **linarite**), and chains are cross-linked by each tetrahedron linking to an anion of the edge shared between two octahedra of the adjacent chain (as in **tsumebite**). Many minerals consist of **brucite**-like  $[M\phi_2]$  sheets decorated by sulfate groups, e.g. the minerals of the **hydrotalcite** group, ideally  $[M_6^{2+}M_2^{3+}(OH)_{16}](TO_n)(H_2O)_m]$  where  $TO_n = (CO_3)$  in **hydrotalcite** itself and  $(SO_4)$  in many other minerals of this group, and these oxyanions decorate both sides of the **brucite** layer. One-side-decorated sheets occur in the structures of many  $Cu^{2+}$  and  $Zn$  sulfates (Hawthorne and Schindler, 2000). An example is the structure of **wroewolfeite** (Fig. 30*g*), where the orientational order of Jahn–Teller-distorted  $(Cu^{2+}\phi_6)$  octahedra allows sulfate groups to link to anions of a  $[Cu^{2+}\phi_2]$  sheet. **Gordaite** (Fig. 30*h*) has an interrupted  $[M\phi_2]$  sheet (i.e. some of the  $M$  consist of vacancies). Above and below each vacancy, a  $(TO_4)$  tetrahedron links to the anions coordinating the vacancy, and small  $(SO_4)$  tetrahedra each share an apical anion with the interrupted  $[M\phi_2]$  sheet.

#### Sulfate structures based on frameworks of tetrahedra and octahedra

$M-T$  linkage. The structure of **bonattite** is based on linear  $[M(TO_4)\phi_4]$  chains that polymerize by corner sharing of polyhedra from adjacent chains. The view in Fig. 31*a* looks like a sheet, but the chains are not parallel; they are skewed with regard to the plane of the projection and link to form a framework. The structures of **langbeinite** (Fig. 31*b*) and **millosevichite** (Fig. 31*c*) are based on the pinwheel cluster of **ungemachite** (Fig. 28*e*) that links both laterally and vertically

to form  $[M_2(TO_4)_3]$  frameworks. In **voltaite** (Fig. 31*d*), convoluted chains somewhat similar to that in **kroenkite** (Fig. 29*b*) but with an additional  $M-T$  linkage form large clusters that link via  $M-T$  connections to form an open framework.

$M-M$ ,  $M-T$  linkage. The  $[M(T\phi_4)\phi]$  framework in **kieserite** (Fig. 31*e*) can be constructed from  $[M(T\phi_4)\phi_3]$  chains of the type found in **butlerite** (Fig. 29*f*). The chains pack in a  $C$ -centred array and are cross-linked by sharing corners between octahedra and tetrahedra of adjacent chains. This is a very common arrangement in a wide variety of silicate, phosphate, arsenate, vanadate and sulfate minerals (Hawthorne *et al.*, 2000).

$M=M$ ,  $M-T$  linkage. In **sulfoborite**, the  $[M_3(T\phi_4)_3\phi_2]$  framework (Fig. 31*f*) is based on complex sheets of dimers of edge-sharing octahedra that link via  $M-M$  and  $M-T$  linkages to form a framework. The  $[M(T\phi_4)]$  framework of **chalcocyanite** (Fig. 31*g*) is based on **linarite**-type  $[M(TO_4)\phi_2]$  chains cross-linked by the tetrahedral vertices not linked to the central octahedral chain, and strongly resembles the  $[M_2(TO_4)_2\phi_2]$  sheet in **natrochalcite** (Fig. 30*f*). In **antlerite**, double and triple ribbons of edge-sharing octahedra are cross-linked by tetrahedra to form a framework (Fig. 31*h*).

#### Beryllate minerals

$Be^{2+}$  occurs in tetrahedral coordination to O, and the mean bond valence in the  $(BeO_4)^{6-}$  oxyanion is  $2/4 = 0.50$  vu. This leaves an aggregate bond valence of 1.50 vu that must be contributed through linkage to other cations to satisfy the valence-sum rule. This value (1.50 vu) encompasses all geochemically common oxyanions, from  $(BeO_4)^{6-}$  to  $(SO_4)^{2-}$ , and hence  $(BeO_4)^{6-}$  can polymerize with any common oxyanion tetrahedron. There are three general ways in which this bond-valence requirement may be satisfied: (1) the O atom is bonded to three additional Be atoms to produce [4]-coordination by  $[^{4}Be]$ , with an incident bond valence at the bridging O atom of  $4 \times 0.50 = 2.00$  vu, as in **bromellite**,  $BeO$ ; (2) the O atom can bond to an additional Be atom and one H atom to produce an ideal incident bond-valence arrangement of  $2 \times 0.50 + 1.00 = 2.00$  vu, as in **behoite**,  $Be(OH)_2$ ; (3) the O atom bonds to a [4]-coordinated high-valence cation ( $S^{6+}$ ,  $As^{5+}$ , P, Si, Al) with polymerization of tetrahedrally coordinated oxyanions. Most Be minerals consist of  $(Be\phi_4)$

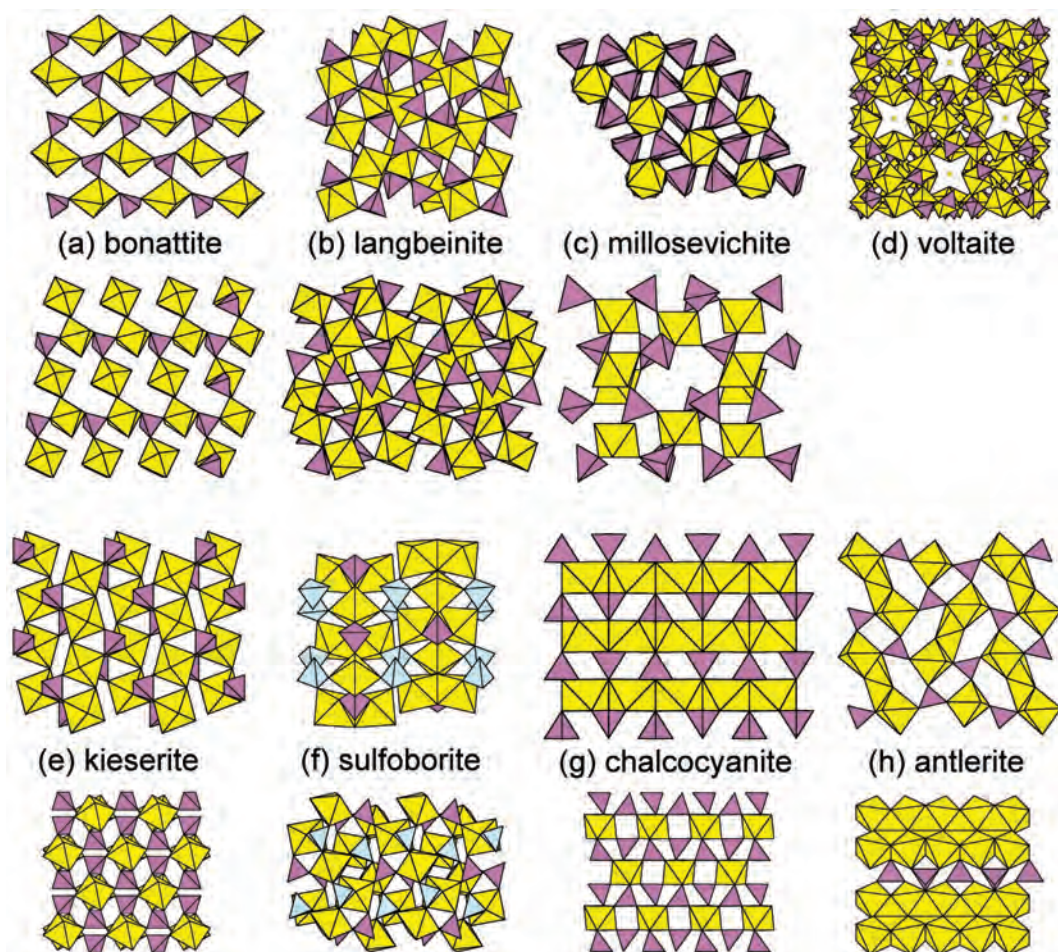


FIG. 31. Selected frameworks from sulfate structures; (a) bonattite; (b) langbeinite; (c) millosevichite; (d) voltaite; (e) kieserite; (f) sulfoborite; (g) chalcocyanite; (h) antlerite. Legend as in Fig. 10. In general, two views of each structure are shown to illustrate details of the linkage; where only one view is shown, the mineral is cubic.

tetrahedra polymerizing with other ( $Tp_4$ ) tetrahedra, and Hawthorne and Huminicki (2002) gave a hierarchical scheme for the beryllate minerals on this basis: (1) isolated polyhedra; (2) clusters; (3) chains and ribbons; (4) sheets; and (5) frameworks. Within each class, structures are arranged in terms of increasing bond valence within the constituent tetrahedra.

#### *Beryllate structures based on isolated tetrahedra*

**Chrysoberyl**,  $Al_2[BeO_4]$ , is isostructural with **forsterite**,  $Mg_2[SiO_4]$ ; the Be atom occupies the tetrahedron analogous to the ( $SiO_4$ ) group in

**forsterite** (Fig. 32a), and Al occupies the octahedrally coordinated  $M1$  and  $M2$  sites. The overall structure is a close-packed array of O anions with Al and Be occupying the interstices.

#### *Beryllate structures based on clusters of tetrahedra*

**Gainesite**,  $Na_2Zr_2[Be(PO_4)_4](H_2O)_{1.5}$ , is the only finite-cluster structure (Fig. 32b) known so far among the Be minerals. A ( $BeO_4$ ) tetrahedron links to four ( $PO_4$ ) tetrahedra to form the pentameric cluster  $[BeP_4O_{16}]$  (Fig. 32b). These clusters are linked through ( $ZrO_6$ ) octahedra into a continuous framework that is topologically



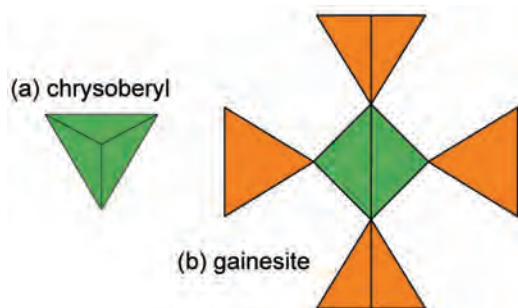


FIG. 32. Isolated tetrahedra and clusters from beryllate structures; (a) chrysoberyl; (b) gainesite. Green =  $(\text{BeO}_4)$ ; orange =  $(\text{PO}_4)$ .

identical to the  $[\text{Si}_5\text{O}_{16}]$  cluster in **zunyte**,  $\text{Al}_{13}\text{O}_4[\text{Si}_5\text{O}_{16}](\text{OH})_{18}\text{Cl}$ .

#### *Beryllate structures based on chains and ribbons of tetrahedra*

The minerals in this class can be divided into two broad groups based on the (bond valence) linkage involved in the infinite chains: (1) structures with Be–Si (and Si–Si) linkages; (2) structures with Be–P or Be–As linkages. Selected minerals are listed in Table 5. Structures in the first group have no or only minor H bonding, whereas the minerals of the second group have extensive H bonding, although the reason for this is not yet apparent.

**Be–Si linkages.** **Surinamite**,  $(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe}^{2+})_3\text{Al}_3\text{O}[\text{BeAlSi}_3\text{O}_{15}]$ , consists of  $[\text{To}_3]$  chains of  $(\text{BeO}_4)$ ,  $(\text{AlO}_4)$  and  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra decorated by  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra every four tetrahedra along its length (Fig. 33a). As with

several other chains considered here, the  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  tetrahedron is three-connected to other tetrahedra. **Sverigeite**,  $\text{Na}(\text{Mn}^{2+}, \text{Mg})_2\text{Sn}^{4+}[\text{Be}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}(\text{OH})]$ , has complex chains of corner-sharing  $[\text{Be}_2\text{SiO}_8(\text{OH})]$  three-membered rings and  $[\text{Be}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_{11}(\text{OH})]$  four-membered rings (Fig. 33b). **Euclase**,  $\text{Al}[\text{BeSiO}_4(\text{OH})]$  contains ribbons of  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  and  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra (Fig. 33c):  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  tetrahedra link by corner sharing to form a (fully rotated) **pyroxene-like**  $[\text{To}_3]$  chain that is decorated on both sides to form a ribbon in which the  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  tetrahedra are three-connected to  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra and the  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra are two-connected to  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  tetrahedra. In addition, the anion bridging the  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  tetrahedra also belongs to an  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  group.

**Be–P and Be–As linkages.** **Bearsite**,  $[\text{Be}_2(\text{AsO}_4)(\text{OH})](\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$ , is made up of ribbons of  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  and  $(\text{AsO}_4)$  tetrahedra. Two  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  and one  $(\text{AsO}_4)$  tetrahedra alternate along the length of a simple  $[\text{To}_3]$  chain; two of these chains meld *via* sharing corners such that the  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  tetrahedra are three-connected and the  $(\text{AsO}_4)$  tetrahedron is four-connected (Fig. 33d). In **fransoletite**,  $\text{Ca}_3\text{Be}_2(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{PO}_3\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$ , one  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  and two  $(\text{PO}_4)$  tetrahedra alternate along the length of a chain (Fig. 33e) in which the  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  tetrahedron is four-connected and each  $(\text{PO}_4)$  tetrahedron is two-connected. **Moraesite**,  $[\text{Be}_2(\text{PO}_4)(\text{OH})](\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$ , has a structure extremely similar to that of **bearsite**, as might be expected by the similarity of the chemical formulae, unit-cell dimensions and space groups ( $C2/c$  vs.  $P2_1/a$ ):  $[\text{Be}_2(\text{PO}_4)(\text{OH})]$  ribbons extend along the *c* direction (Fig. 33f), and are topologically identical to the  $[\text{Be}_2(\text{AsO}_4)(\text{OH})]$  ribbons in **bearsite** (Fig. 33d).

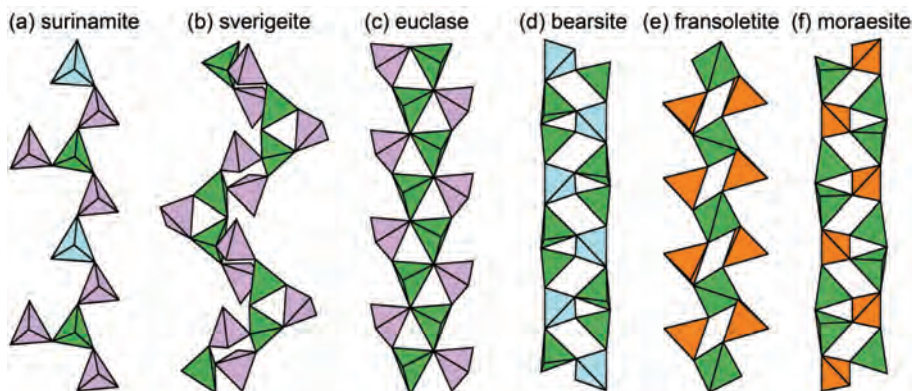


FIG. 33. Selected chains and ribbons from beryllate structures; (a) surinamite; (b) sverigeite; (c) euclase; (d) bearsite; (e) fransoletite; (f) moraesite. Legend as in Fig. 32.



# THE STRUCTURE HIERARCHY HYPOTHESIS

TABLE 5. Structural hierarchy for selected beryllium minerals.

Mineral	Structural unit	Fig.	Ref.
<b>Isolated tetrahedra</b>			
Chrysoberyl	[BeO <sub>4</sub> ]	32a	(1)
<b>Clusters</b>			
Gainesite	[BeP <sub>4</sub> O <sub>16</sub> ]	32b	(2)
<b>Chains and ribbons</b>			
Surinamite	[BeAlSi <sub>3</sub> O <sub>15</sub> ]	33a	(3)
Sverigeite	[Be <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> O <sub>12</sub> (OH)]	33b	(4)
Euclase	[BeSiO <sub>4</sub> (OH)]	33c	(5)
Bearsite	[Be <sub>2</sub> (AsO <sub>4</sub> )(OH)]	33d	(6)
Fransoletite	[Be <sub>2</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (PO <sub>3</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub> ]	33e	(7)
Moraesite	[Be <sub>2</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> )(OH)]	33f	(8)
<b>Sheets</b>			
Clinobehoite	[Be(OH) <sub>2</sub> ]	—	(9)
Berberite-1T	[Be <sub>2</sub> {BO <sub>3</sub> (OH)}]	34a	(10)
Berberite-2T	[Be <sub>2</sub> {BO <sub>3</sub> (OH)}]	34a	(10)
Berberite-2H	[Be <sub>2</sub> {BO <sub>3</sub> (OH)}]	34a	(10)
Leucophanite	[Be(Si,Al) <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> (O,F)]	34b	(11)
Meliphanite	[Be(Si,Al) <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> (O,OH,F)]	34c	(12)
Hingganite-(Y)	[Be <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> ]	34d	(13)
Bergslagite	[Be(AsO <sub>4</sub> )(OH)]	34e	(14)
Herderite	[Be(PO <sub>4</sub> )F]	34f	(15)
Hydroxylherderite	[Be(PO <sub>4</sub> )OH]	34f	(15)
Semenovite	[Be <sub>6</sub> Si <sub>14</sub> O <sub>40</sub> (OH) <sub>4</sub> F <sub>4</sub> ]	34g	(16)
Harstigte	[Be <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>6</sub> O <sub>22</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> ]	34h	(17)
Aminoffite	[Be <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> O <sub>10</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> ]	34i	(18)
Samfowlerite	[(Be <sub>7</sub> Zn)Zn <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>14</sub> O <sub>52</sub> (OH) <sub>6</sub> ]	34j	(19)
Sørensenite	[Be <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>6</sub> O <sub>18</sub> ]	34k	(20)
Ehrleite	[BeZn(PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (PO <sub>3</sub> {OH})]	34l	(21)
Uralolite	[Be <sub>4</sub> P <sub>3</sub> O <sub>12</sub> (OH) <sub>3</sub> ]	34m	(22)
<b>Frameworks</b>			
Bromellite	[BeO]	35a	(23)
Hambergite	[Be <sub>2</sub> (BO <sub>3</sub> )(OH)]	35b	(24)
Phenakite	[Be <sub>2</sub> (SiO <sub>4</sub> )]	35c	(25)
Hsianghualite	[Be <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> O <sub>12</sub> ]	35d	(26)
Trimerite	[Be(SiO <sub>4</sub> )]	35e	(27)
Tugtupite	[Be <sub>2</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>8</sub> O <sub>24</sub> ]	35f	(28)
Bavenite	[Be <sub>2</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>9</sub> O <sub>26</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> ]	35g	(29)
Bertrandite	[Be <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> ]	35h	(30)
Leifite	[Be <sub>2</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>16</sub> O <sub>39</sub> F <sub>2</sub> ]	35i	(31)
Milarite	[Be <sub>2</sub> AlSi <sub>12</sub> O <sub>30</sub> ]	35j	(32)
Tiptopite	[Be <sub>6</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ]	35k	(33)
Hurlbutite	[Be <sub>2</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	35l	(34)

References: (1) Pilati *et al.* (1993); (2) Moore *et al.* (1983); (3) Moore and Araki (1983); (4) Rouse *et al.* (1989); (5) Hazen *et al.* (1986); (6) Harrison *et al.* (1993); (7) Kampf (1992); (8) Merlino and Pasero (1992); (9) Nadezhina *et al.* (1989); (10) Giuseppetti *et al.* (1990); (11) Grice and Hawthorne (1989); (12) Grice and Hawthorne (2002); (13) Yakubovich *et al.* (1983); (14) Hansen *et al.* (1984); (15) Harlow and Hawthorne (2008); (16) Mazzi *et al.* (1979); (17) Hesse and Stempel (1986); (18) Coda *et al.* (1967); (19) Rouse *et al.* (1994); (20) Metcalf and Gronbaek (1976); (21) Hawthorne and Grice (1987); (22) Mereiter *et al.* (1994); (23) Hazen and Finger (1986); (24) Burns *et al.* (1995b); (25) Tsirel'son *et al.* (1986); (26) Rastsvetaeva *et al.* (1991); (27) Klaska and Jarchow (1977); (28) Hassan and Grundy (1991); (29) Lussier and Hawthorne (2011); (30) Giuseppetti *et al.* (1992); (31) Coda *et al.* (1974); (32) Hawthorne *et al.* (1991); (33) Peacor *et al.* (1987); (34) Bakakin *et al.* (1974).

### Beryllate structures based on sheets of tetrahedra

These minerals can be divided into four groups based on the bond valences of the linkages within the infinite sheets: (1) structures with Be–Be linkages; (2) structures with Be–B linkages; (3) structures with Be–Si (and Si–Si) linkages; and (4) structures with Be–As and Be–P linkages.

**Be–Be linkages.** **Clinobehoite**,  $[\text{Be}(\text{OH})_2]$ , consists of  $\text{Be}(\text{OH})_4$  tetrahedra linked into sheets by sharing vertices.  $(\text{Be}\phi_4)$  tetrahedra share corners to form  $[\text{Be}\phi_3]$  chains that resemble almost fully rotated pyroxene chains that are cross-linked into a thick slab by other corner-linked  $(\text{Be}\phi_4)$  tetrahedra.

**Be–B linkages.** **Berberite**,  $[\text{Be}_2\{\text{BO}_3(\text{OH})\}](\text{H}_2\text{O})$ , has three polytypes, designated 1*T*, 2*T* and 2*H* by Giuseppetti *et al.* (1990). All three structures consist of sheets of corner-sharing  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  tetrahedra and  $(\text{BO}_3)$  triangles, and the sheets are identical in all three polymorphs; the structures differ in the relative positioning of adjacent layers in each polytype. The unit cell has a dimer of  $(\text{Be}\phi_4)$  tetrahedra surrounded by  $(\text{BO}_3)$  triangles (Fig. 34*a*), such that the structure in the  $\{001\}$  plane is a  $6_3$  net of

corner-connected  $(\text{Be}\phi_4)$  tetrahedra with each hexagonal hole containing a  $(\text{BO}_3)$  triangle such that the polyhedra define a  $3^6$  net with adjacent  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  tetrahedra pointing in opposite directions along *c*; this layer is the first layer in all the polytypes.

**Be–Si linkages.** In **leucophanite** (Fig. 34*b*),  $(\text{Ca},\text{Na})_2[\text{Be}(\text{Si},\text{Al})_2\text{O}_6(\text{O},\text{F})]$  and **meliphanite** (Fig. 34*c*),  $(\text{Ca},\text{Na})_2[\text{Be}(\text{Si},\text{Al})_2\text{O}_6(\text{O},\text{OH},\text{F})]$ ,  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  and  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra occur at the vertices of a two-dimensional net in which half of the  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra are two-connected and the rest of the tetrahedra are three-connected. **Hingganite-(Y)**,  $\text{Yb}_2\square[\text{Be}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8(\text{OH})_2]$ , belongs to the **gadolinite–datolite** group. The basic unit of the sheet is a four-membered ring of two  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  and two  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra in the sequence  $[\text{Be–Si–Be–Si}]$ . These rings link by sharing tetrahedral vertices to generate eight-membered rings of alternating  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  and  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra (Fig. 34*d*). **Semenovite**,  $(\text{RE})_2\text{Fe}^{2+}\text{Na}_{0-2}(\text{Ca},\text{Na})_8[\text{Be}_6\text{Si}_{14}\text{O}_{40}(\text{OH})_4\text{F}_4]$ , has ordered  $(\text{Be}\phi_4)$  and  $(\text{Si}\phi_4)$  tetrahedra occurring at the vertices of a two-dimensional net (Fig. 34*g*). There are two distinct  $(\text{Be}\phi_4)$  tetrahedra, both of which are three-connected within the sheet, and five distinct  $(\text{Si}\phi_4)$  tetrahedra, one

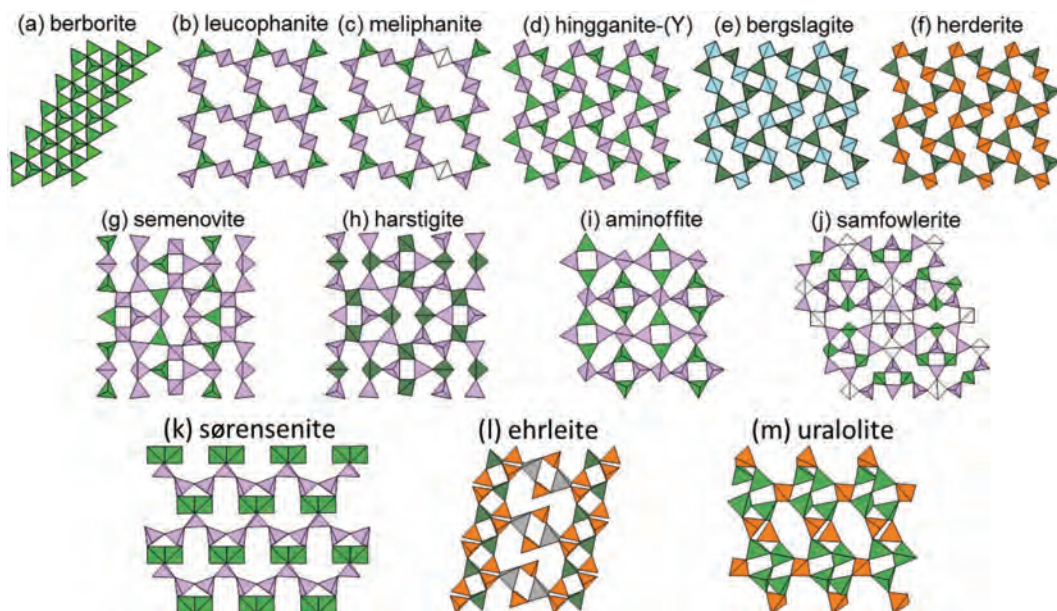


FIG. 34. Selected sheets from beryllate structures; (a) berberite; (b) leucophanite; (c) meliphanite; (d) hingganite-(Y); (e) bergslagite; (f) herderite; (g) semenovite; (h) harstigitite; (i) aminoffite; (j) samfowlerite; (k) sørensenite; (l) ehrleite; (m) uralolite. Legend as in Fig. 32.

of which is four-connected and four of which are three-connected. The  $[\text{Be}_6\text{Si}_{14}\text{O}_{40}\text{F}_4]$  sheet in **semenovite** (Fig. 34g) is topologically the same as the  $[\text{Be}_4\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{22}(\text{OH})_2]$  sheet in **harstigit** (Fig. 34h). **Aminoffite**,  $\text{Ca}_2[\text{Be}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2]$ , consists of  $(\text{Be}\phi_4)$  and  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra arranged at the vertices of a two-dimensional net in which four-membered rings of alternating  $(\text{Be}\phi_4)$  and  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra are linked by additional  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra (Fig. 34i). The tetrahedra of the ring are three-connected, the linking  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra are four-connected and the tetrahedra in adjacent four-membered rings point in opposite directions.

**Samfowlerite**,  $\text{Ca}_{14}\text{Mn}_3^{2+}[(\text{Be}_7\text{Zn})\text{Zn}_2\text{Si}_{14}\text{O}_{52}(\text{OH})_6]$ , contains  $(\text{Be}\phi_4)$ ,  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  and  $(\text{Zn}\phi_4)$  tetrahedra arranged at the vertices of a two-dimensional net (Fig. 34j). Eight-membered rings of tetrahedra  $[\text{Zn}-\text{Si}-\text{Be}-\text{Si}-\text{Zn}-\text{Si}-\text{Be}-\text{Si}]$  link through four-membered  $[\text{Be}-\text{Si}-\text{Be}-\text{Si}]$  and five-membered rings to form the net; there are two types of five-membered rings:  $[\text{Zn}-\text{Si}-\text{Si}-\text{Zn}-\text{Si}]$  and  $[\text{Be}-\text{Si}-\text{Be}-\text{Si}-\text{Si}]$ . **Sørensenite**,  $\text{Na}_4\text{Sn}^{4+}[\text{Be}_2\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}](\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ , contains  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  and  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra linked into a sheet in which the  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  tetrahedra are four-connected and the  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra are three-connected. Pairs of  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  tetrahedra share an edge to form a  $[\text{Be}_2\text{O}_6]$  group (Fig. 34k) that links to six  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra, forming a  $[\text{Be}_2\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{22}]$  cluster that also occurs in the structures of **eudidymite** and **epididymite**.

Be–P and Be–As linkages. The sheets in **bergsagit** (Fig. 34e),  $\text{Ca}[\text{Be}(\text{AsO}_4)(\text{OH})]$ , and **herderite** (and **hydroxyherderite**) (Fig. 34f),  $\text{Ca}[\text{Be}(\text{PO}_4)\text{F}]$ , are topologically identical to that in **hingganite-(Y)** (Fig. 34d) with four-membered rings of alternating  $(\text{Be}\phi_4)$  and  $(\text{T}^{5+}\text{O}_4)$  tetrahedra linked directly by sharing vertices between  $(\text{Be}\phi_4)$  and  $(\text{T}^{5+}\text{O}_4)$  tetrahedra. In **ehrleite**,  $\text{Ca}_2[\text{BeZn}(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{PO}_3\{\text{OH}\})](\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$ , there is one distinct  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  tetrahedron that links to four  $(\text{P}\phi_4)$  groups (Fig. 34l), and one  $(\text{ZnO}_4)$  tetrahedron that links to four  $(\text{P}\phi_4)$  groups. Four-membered rings of alternating  $(\text{ZnO}_4)$ ,  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  and  $(\text{PO}_4)$  tetrahedra link through common  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  tetrahedra to form chains that are cross-linked into a sheet by  $(\text{PO}_4)$  groups. **Uralolite**,  $\text{Ca}_2[\text{Be}_4\text{P}_3\text{O}_{12}(\text{OH})_3](\text{H}_2\text{O})_5$ , contains  $(\text{Be}\phi_4)$  and  $(\text{PO}_4)$  tetrahedra linked into a sheet (Fig. 34m). Eight-membered rings of tetrahedra  $[\text{P}-\text{Be}-\text{P}-\text{Be}-\text{P}-\text{Be}-\text{P}-\text{Be}]$  link through common  $(\text{PO}_4)$  groups to form chains that link *via* sharing of tetrahedral vertices, forming three-membered

$[\text{Be}-\text{Be}-\text{Be}]$  and  $[\text{Be}-\text{Be}-\text{P}]$  and four-membered  $[\text{Be}-\text{Be}-\text{Be}-\text{P}]$  rings.

#### *Beryllate structures based on frameworks of tetrahedra*

We may divide these minerals into seven groups based on the linkages involved in the framework: (1) structures with Be–Be linkages; (2) structures with Be–B linkages; (3) structures with Be–Be/Li–Si linkages; (4) structures with Be–Si linkages; (5) structures with Be–Si–Si–Al linkages; (6) structures with Be–Si–Si linkages; and (7) structures with Be–P linkages.

Be–Be linkages. In **bromellite**,  $[\text{BeO}]$ ,  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  tetrahedra occur at the vertices of a  $3^6$  net, forming three-membered rings of tetrahedra. With only Be and O in the structure, the bond-valence requirements of the anion have to be satisfied solely by Be. As  $\text{Be}-\text{O} \approx 0.50$  vu, this requires that each O anion be linked to four Be atoms. Hence **bromellite** differs from most of the tetrahedral frameworks in that each tetrahedral vertex has to link to four tetrahedra (Fig. 35a), rather than two tetrahedra as is usually the case in these framework structures.

Be–B linkages. **Hambergit**,  $[\text{Be}_2(\text{BO}_3)(\text{OH})]$ , consists of a framework of  $(\text{Be}\phi_4)$  tetrahedra and  $(\text{B}\phi_3)$  triangles (Fig. 35b). The Be:B ratio of 2:1 requires that the structure consist of  $[\text{Be}_2\text{O}_7]$  dimers linked by  $(\text{BO}_3)$  triangles.

Be–Be and Be–Si linkages. **Phenakite**,  $[\text{Be}_2(\text{SiO}_4)]$ , consists of a framework of six-membered rings of tetrahedra connected by four-membered rings of tetrahedra (Fig. 35c). One third of the six-membered rings consist solely of  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  tetrahedra and two thirds consists of alternating  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  and  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra, giving a Be:Si ratio of 2:1. The connecting four-membered rings are of two different types: where they connect  $[\text{Be}_6\text{O}_{18}]$  and  $[\text{Be}_3\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{18}]$  rings, they consist of three  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  tetrahedra and one  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedron; where they connect two  $[\text{Be}_3\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{18}]$  rings, they consist of two  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  tetrahedra and two  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra.

Be–Si linkages. **Hsianghualite**,  $\text{Ca}_3\text{Li}_2[\text{Be}_3\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}]\text{F}_2$ , forms a framework of alternating  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  and  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra (Fig. 35d). Prominent four-membered rings of  $(\text{BeO}_4)$  and  $(\text{SiO}_4)$  tetrahedra are cross-linked to other four-membered rings by tetrahedra that are constituents of other four-membered rings. The result is a four-connected framework that is very similar to the aluminosilicate framework in



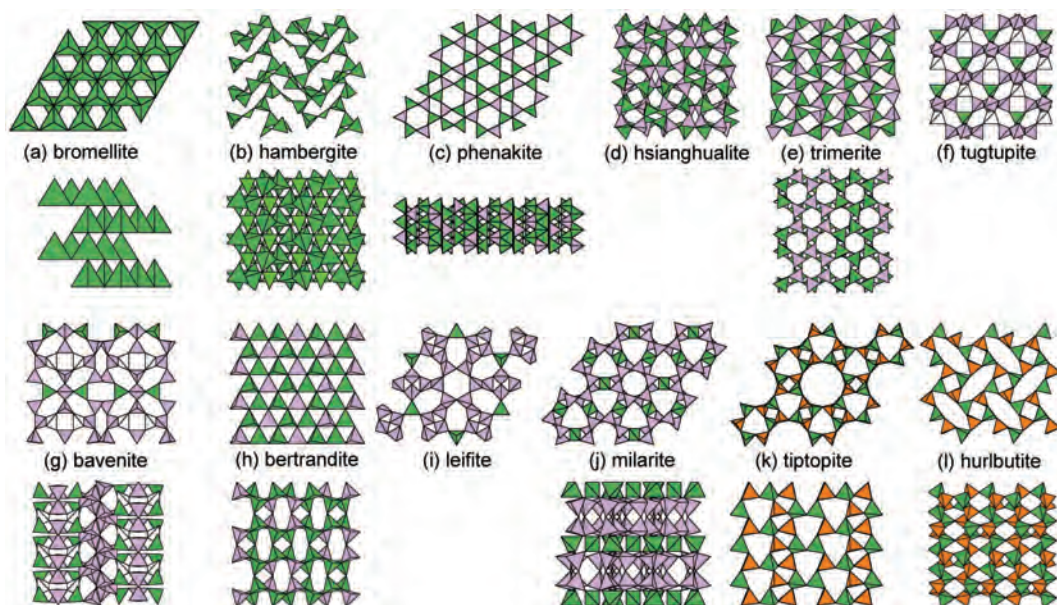


FIG. 35. Selected frameworks from beryllate structures: (a) bromellite; (b) hambergite; (c) phenakite; (d) hsianghualite; (e) trimerite; (f) tugtupite; (g) bavenite; (h) bertrandite; (i) leifite; (j) milarite; (k) tiptopite; (l) hurlbutite. Legend as in Fig. 32.

**analcite. Trimerite**,  $\text{CaMn}_2^{2+}[\text{Be}(\text{SiO}_4)]_3$ , consists of an ordered framework of four-connected ( $\text{BeO}_4$ ) and ( $\text{SiO}_4$ ) tetrahedra. The tetrahedra occur at the vertices of a  $6^3$  net (Fig. 35e, upper) and point up (*u*) or down (*d*) the **b** direction in the following sequence: [uddudu]. **Trimerite** is topologically isostructural with **beryllonite**,  $\text{Na}[\text{Be}(\text{PO}_4)]$ .

**Be–Si–Si–Al linkages. Tugtupite**,  $\text{Na}_8[\text{Be}_2\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_8\text{O}_{24}]\text{Cl}_2$ , is isostructural with **sodalite**,  $\text{Na}_8[\text{Al}_6\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{24}]\text{Cl}_2$ . Four-membered rings of ( $\text{BeO}_4$ ), ( $\text{SiO}_4$ ) and ( $\text{AlO}_4$ ) tetrahedra link to six-membered rings of tetrahedra (Fig. 35f). Within the four-membered rings, the linkage  $[\text{Be–Si–Al–Si}]$  does not involve Si–Si linkages. The situation in the six-membered rings is different, as there are two Si–Si linkages involved  $[\text{Be–Si–Si–Al–Si–Si}]$ .

**Bavenite**,  $\text{Ca}_4[\text{Be}_2\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_9\text{O}_{26}(\text{OH})_2]$ , contains four-membered rings of ( $\text{SiO}_4$ ) and ( $\text{AlO}_4$ ) tetrahedra  $[\text{Al–Si–Al–Si}]$  linked through six-membered rings of ( $\text{SiO}_4$ ) tetrahedra to form chains that are linked through linear  $[\text{BeO}_4\text{–SiO}_4\text{–BeO}_4]$  groups (Fig. 35g), forming two types of six-membered rings between the chains:  $[\text{Be–Si–Si–Al–Si–Si}]$  and  $[\text{Be–Si–Si–Be–Si–Si}]$ . These sheets stack with ( $\text{AlO}_4$ )

tetrahedra as the linking elements between the sheets.

**Be–Si–Si linkages. Bertrandite**,  $[\text{Be}_4\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_2]$ , has the general formula  $[T_6\phi_9] = [T\phi_{1.5}]$ , and the tetrahedra occupy the vertices of a  $3^6$  net (Fig. 35h, upper). The ordering of chemical species over this net is such that the ( $\text{BeO}_4$ ) tetrahedra occupy the vertices of a  $6^3$  net and the ( $\text{SiO}_4$ ) tetrahedra occupy the interstices of this net. These sheets link through Si–Si and Be–Be linkages (Fig. 35h, lower), forming a corrugated  $4.6^2$  net in which the H atom links to the anion bridging the ( $\text{BeO}_4$ ) tetrahedra. **Leifite**,  $\text{Na}_6[\text{Be}_2\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_{16}\text{O}_{39}\text{F}_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_{1.6}$ , has six-membered rings of ( $\text{Si,AlO}_4$ ) tetrahedra linked by  $[\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{11}]$  clusters consisting of an  $[\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7]$  group with two additional tetrahedra sharing corners with both tetrahedra of the  $[\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7]$  group. The six-membered rings occur at the vertices of a plane hexagonal net, and adjacent triplets of hexagonal rings are linked by  $[\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{11}]$  groups (Fig. 35i). ( $\text{BeO}_4$ ) tetrahedra occur in large clover-leaf interstices of the aluminosilicate net, linking three different  $[\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{11}]$  groups together. **Milarite**,  $\text{KCa}_2[\text{Be}_2\text{AlSi}_{12}\text{O}_{30}](\text{H}_2\text{O})_x$ , is the type structure for a large group of minerals (Hawthorne *et al.*, 1991).



Six-membered rings of (SiO<sub>4</sub>) tetrahedra are arranged at the vertices of a hexagonal plane net (Fig. 35j, upper) and are linked by (BeO<sub>4</sub>) tetrahedra (similar to the linkage by [Si<sub>4</sub>O<sub>11</sub>] groups in **leifite**). These sheets stack (Fig. 35j, lower) such that six-membered rings from adjacent sheets share vertices to form an [Si<sub>12</sub>O<sub>30</sub>] cage (Fig. 35j, lower). **Tiplotite**, K<sub>2</sub>(Li<sub>2.9</sub>Na<sub>1.7</sub>Ca<sub>0.7</sub>□<sub>0.7</sub>)[Be<sub>6</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>6</sub>](OH)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>4</sub>, is isotypic with the minerals of the **cancrinite** subgroup of the **cancrinite–sodalite** group: Ca<sub>2</sub>Na<sub>6</sub>[Al<sub>6</sub>(SiO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>6</sub>(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>](H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub> for the silicate species. The (BeO<sub>4</sub>) and (PO<sub>4</sub>) tetrahedra are arranged at the vertices of a corrugated two-dimensional net (Fig. 35k) such that all tetrahedra are three-connected. Prominent 12-membered rings are arranged at the vertices of a 3<sup>6</sup> net such that they two-connect four-membered rings and three-connect through six-membered rings. These sheets link in the **c** direction such that all tetrahedra are four-connected. **Hurlbutite** consists of an ordered array of (BeO<sub>4</sub>) and (PO<sub>4</sub>) tetrahedra in which all tetrahedra are four-connected and there is alternation of (BeO<sub>4</sub>) and (PO<sub>4</sub>) tetrahedra in the structure. The tetrahedra are arranged at the vertices of a 4.8<sup>2</sup> net (Fig. 35l, upper); these sheets link by vertex sharing (Fig. 35l, lower). The structure is similar to that of **danburite**, Ca[B<sub>2</sub>(SiO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], but has a different ordering scheme (and space group).

#### The [Be<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>] group

An unusual stereochemical feature of the Be minerals is the presence of the [Be<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>] group, a pair of edge-sharing tetrahedra named the maple-tip arrangement by N.V. Belov. Of the oxyanion minerals, only the Be-bearing commonly show this feature. The [Be<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>] group occurs in the structures of **sørensenite** (Fig. 34k), **eudidymite** and **epididymite**.

#### Minerals based on anion-centred tetrahedra

Inspection of mineral formulae (at least when written informatively, identifying any oxysalt units in the structure) shows that all O<sup>2−</sup> ions are associated commonly with the oxysalt units, e.g. **forsterite**: Mg<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>. However, many minerals have O<sup>2−</sup> ions that are not associated with oxysalt units, e.g. **dolerophanite**, Cu<sub>5</sub><sup>2+</sup>(SO<sub>4</sub>)O (here, the formula of **dolerophanite** is written in the conventional way, e.g. Back, 2014). Let us consider the structure of **dolerophanite** from the viewpoint

of the modified justification of the Structure Hierarchy Hypothesis given above. The bond-valence requirements of S<sup>6+</sup> are predominantly met by the formation of S<sup>6+</sup>–O<sup>2−</sup> bonds to form an (SO<sub>4</sub>)<sup>2−</sup> group with a Lewis-base strength of 0.17 vu (Brown, 2002; Hawthorne, 1994). This leaves Cu<sup>2+</sup> with a Lewis-acid strength of 0.45 and 0.20 vu, the two distinct values arising because of the Jahn–Teller effect (Jahn and Teller, 1937; Burns and Hawthorne, 1996), and O<sup>2−</sup> with a very variable Lewis-base strength (from 0 to 2 vu, Hawthorne, 1997). Given the coordination numbers of [6] and [4] for Cu<sup>2+</sup> and S<sup>6+</sup>, respectively, there are 6 × 2 + 4 = 16 bonds per formula unit. Now consider the requirements of the anions: the Lewis acidity of the (SO<sub>4</sub>)<sup>2−</sup> group is 0.17, and ideally (SO<sub>4</sub>)<sup>2−</sup> requires 16 bonds of strength 0.17 vu; however, this leaves no bonds incident to O<sup>2−</sup> not bonded to S<sup>6+</sup>, i.e. it would have a coordination number of [0]. As one conceptually increases the coordination number of O<sup>2−</sup>, the resulting structure departs increasingly from the valence-matching principle (Brown, 2002; Hawthorne, 1994, 2012a). Thus if a structure is possible, it should have the minimum coordination number for O<sup>2−</sup> consonant with possible Cu<sup>2+</sup>–O<sup>2−</sup> bond-valence values. The O<sup>2−</sup>–Cu<sup>2+</sup> bond-valence values for [3]-, [4]- and [5]-coordination are 2/3, 2/4 and 2/5 vu; 0.67 vu is too large for a Cu<sup>2+</sup>–O<sup>2−</sup> bond, whereas 0.50 and 0.40 vu are both possible. Thus O<sup>2−</sup> will be [4]-coordinated by Cu<sup>2+</sup> with a bond valence of 0.50 vu, with much weaker bonds to the (SO<sub>4</sub>)<sup>2−</sup> group. The resulting strongly bonded (OCu<sub>4</sub><sup>2+</sup>) tetrahedra may polymerize, depending on stoichiometry, and the strongly bonded (SO<sub>4</sub>)<sup>2−</sup> and polymerized (OCu<sub>4</sub><sup>2+</sup>) units are linked by weaker bonds.

In general, cations in structures with O<sup>2−</sup> ions that are not associated with oxysalt units must be able to form bonds to O<sup>2−</sup> of ~0.50 vu, but it is also structurally advantageous (or even required) that these cations form much weaker bonds to other O atoms in the structure. This is most easily done if the relevant cations have strong electronic effects such as Jahn–Teller distortion (e.g. [<sup>6</sup>Cu<sup>2+</sup>]) or stereoactive lone-pair behaviour (e.g. Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Bi<sup>3+</sup>), and such structures commonly contain these cations. Filatov *et al.* (1992), Krivovichev (2004, 2008), Krivovichev and Filatov (1999a,b), Krivovichev *et al.* (1998a, 2013b), Magarill *et al.* (2000) and Siidra *et al.* (2008a) have looked extensively at these structures and have developed structural hierarchies for both minerals and synthetic compounds based

on the polymerization of (OM<sub>4</sub>) tetrahedra (M = cation). Here, our focus will be on Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup> and Hg minerals, but some synthetic compounds will be included to show the extent of structural variability.

## Cu<sup>2+</sup> minerals and compounds

Selected minerals containing oxo-centred (OCu<sub>4</sub>) tetrahedra are listed in Table 6. Their constituent structural units of oxo-centred tetrahedra are shown in Figs 36–39.

## Cu<sup>2+</sup> structures based on clusters of tetrahedra

T–T linkage. **Burnsite** (Table 6) has a [Cu<sub>7</sub>O<sub>2</sub>] cluster (Fig. 36a) consisting of two (OCu<sub>4</sub>) tetrahedra linked through a single shared cation. This arrangement also occurs in **fingerite** and **ponomarevite** (Table 6).

T=T linkage. **Fedotovite** (Table 6) has a [Cu<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>] cluster (Fig. 36b) consisting of two (OCu<sub>4</sub>) tetrahedra linked through two shared cations (forming a shared edge); this unit also occurs in **euchlorine** (Table 6). A topologically

TABLE 6. Cu structures containing anion-centered tetrahedra.

Name	Formula	Fig.	Ref.
<b>Clusters</b>			
Starovaite	KCu <sup>2+</sup> [(Cu <sub>4</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O)(VO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]	—	(1)
Fingerite	Cu <sub>4</sub> <sup>2+</sup> [(Cu <sub>4</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O) <sub>2</sub> (VO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ]	—	(2)
Ponomarevite	K <sub>4</sub> [Cu <sub>4</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O]Cl <sub>10</sub>	—	(3)
Burnsite	KCd[(Cu <sub>7</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O <sub>2</sub> )(SeO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>9</sub>	36a	(4)
Fedotovite	K <sub>2</sub> [(Cu <sub>6</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O)(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]	36b	(5)
Euchlorine	NaK[(Cu <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O)(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]	—	(6)
Prewittite	KPb <sub>0.5</sub> Cu <sup>2+</sup> [(PbCu <sub>5</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O <sub>2</sub> )Zn(SeO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>10</sub>	36c	(7)
<b>Chains and ribbons</b>			
Cupromolybdate	[(Cu <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O)(MoO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	37a	(8)
Vergasovaite	[(Cu <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O)(MoO <sub>4</sub> )(SO <sub>4</sub> )]	—	(9)
Chloromenite	Cu <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup> [(Cu <sub>6</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O <sub>2</sub> )(SeO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>6</sub>	—	(10)
Kamchatkite	K[(Cu <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O)(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl	—	(11)
Stoiberite	[(Cu <sub>5</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O <sub>2</sub> )(VO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	37b	(12)
Georgbakiite	α-[(Cu <sub>5</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O <sub>2</sub> )(SeO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	37c	(13)
Coparsite	[(Cu <sub>4</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O <sub>2</sub> )(AsO <sub>4</sub> )Cl]	37d	(14)
Piypite	K <sub>4</sub> [(Cu <sub>4</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O <sub>2</sub> )(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]MCl	—	(15)
Klyuchevskite	K <sub>3</sub> [(Cu <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup> (Fe,Al)O <sub>2</sub> )(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]	37e	(16)
Alumoklyuchevskite	K <sub>3</sub> [(Cu <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup> AlO <sub>2</sub> )(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]	—	(17)
<b>Sheets</b>			
Averievite	[(Cu <sub>5</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O <sub>2</sub> )(VO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ](CuCl)	38a	(18)
Dolerophanite	[(Cu <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O)(SO <sub>4</sub> )]	38b	(19)
Francisite	[(Cu <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup> BiO <sub>2</sub> )(SeO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl	38c	(20)
Ilinsite	Na[(Cu <sub>5</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O <sub>2</sub> )(SeO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	—	(21)
Nabokoite	Cu <sup>2+</sup> [(Cu <sub>6</sub> <sup>2+</sup> TeO <sub>4</sub> )(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> ]Cl	38d	(22)
<b>Frameworks</b>			
Synthetic	[(Cu <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O)(SeO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]-II	—	(23)
Synthetic	[(Cu <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O)(SeO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]-I	—	(23)
Synth Melanothallite	[(Cu <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O)]Cl <sub>2</sub>	39	(24)

References: (1) Pekov *et al.* (2013); (2) Finger (1985); (3) Semenova *et al.* (1989); (4) Burns *et al.* (2002); (5) Starova *et al.* (1991); (6) Scordari and Stasi (1990); (7) Shuvalov *et al.* (2013); (8) Zelenski *et al.* (2012); (9) Berlepsch *et al.* (1999); (10) Krivovichev *et al.* (1998b); (11) Varaksina *et al.* (1990); (12) Shannon and Calvo (1973); (13) Krivovichev *et al.* (1999); (14) Starova *et al.* (1998); (15) Effenberger and Zemmann (1984); (16) Gorskaya *et al.* (1992); (17) Krivovichev *et al.* (2009a); (18) Starova *et al.* (1997); (20) Pring *et al.* (1990); (19) Effenberger (1985); (21) Krivovichev *et al.* (2013a); (22) Pertlik and Zemmann (1988); (23) Effenberger and Pertlik (1986); (24) Krivovichev *et al.* (2002).

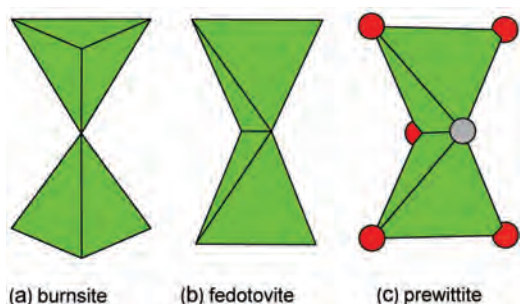


FIG. 36. Selected clusters from oxo-centred Cu structures; (a) burnsite; (b) fedotovite; (c) prewittite. Green =  $(\text{OCu}_4)$  tetrahedra; where the coordinating cations are all Cu, they are not shown as circles; where there are mixed coordinating cations, Cu is shown as orange circles,  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  is shown as grey circles.

similar but topochemically different cluster occurs in the structure of **prewittite**. Two oxo-centred tetrahedra share an edge, but there are two different coordinating cations: five of the cations are  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  but the sixth is lone-pair-stereoactive  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  (Fig. 36c).

#### $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ structures based on chains and ribbons of tetrahedra

T–T linkage. **Cupromolybdate** contains a chain of corner-sharing  $(\text{OCu}_4)$  tetrahedra:  $[\text{O}_2\text{Cu}_7]$  (Fig. 37a). This chain is topologically identical to the pyroxene chain but differs geometrically in

that adjacent tetrahedra point in opposite directions orthogonal to the length of the chain. This arrangement also occurs in the structures of **vergasovite**, **chloromenite** and **kamchatkite** (Table 6).

T–T=T linkage. **Stoiberite** (Table 6) is based on a ribbon of tetrahedra with both corner-sharing and edge-sharing linkages (Fig. 37b). The unit may be described as dimers of edge-sharing tetrahedra of the form  $[\text{O}_2\text{Cu}_6]$  (topologically identical to the maple-tip  $[\text{Be}_2\text{O}_6]$  dimers in beryllio-silicates, see above) linked into a ribbon by sharing corners with additional  $(\text{OCu}_4)$  tetrahedra to give a unit of the form  $[[\text{O}_2\text{Cu}_6]\text{Cu}_4\text{O}_2] = [\text{Cu}_{10}\text{O}_4] = 2 \times (\text{Cu}_5\text{O}_2)$  (Table 6). In **georgbokiite**,  $[\text{O}_2\text{Cu}_6]$  dimers link into a chain by sharing corners (Fig. 37c).

T=T linkage. In **coparsite**,  $(\text{OCu}_4)$  tetrahedra link by sharing edges (Fig. 37d) to form a chain of the form  $[\text{O}_2\text{Cu}_4]$ . A topologically identical but topochemically different chain occurs in the structures of **klyuchevskite** and **alumoklyuchevskite** (Table 6). In each  $(\text{OM}_4)$  tetrahedron of the chain, three of the coordinating cations are Cu and one is (Fe,Al) (Fig. 37e).

#### $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ structures based on sheets of tetrahedra

T–T linkage. In **averievite** (Table 6),  $(\text{OCu}_4)$  tetrahedra link by sharing corners (Fig. 38a) to form a sheet of six-membered rings of tetrahedra in which adjacent tetrahedra point in different

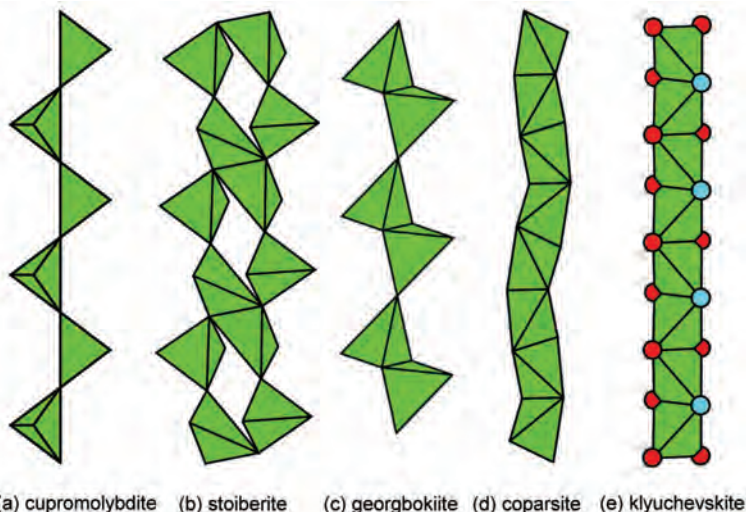


FIG. 37. Selected chains-ribbons from oxo-centred Cu structures; (a) cupromolybdate; (b) stoiberite; (c) georgbokiite; (d) coparsite; (e) klyuchevskite. Legend as in Fig. 32, blue circles are (Fe,Al).

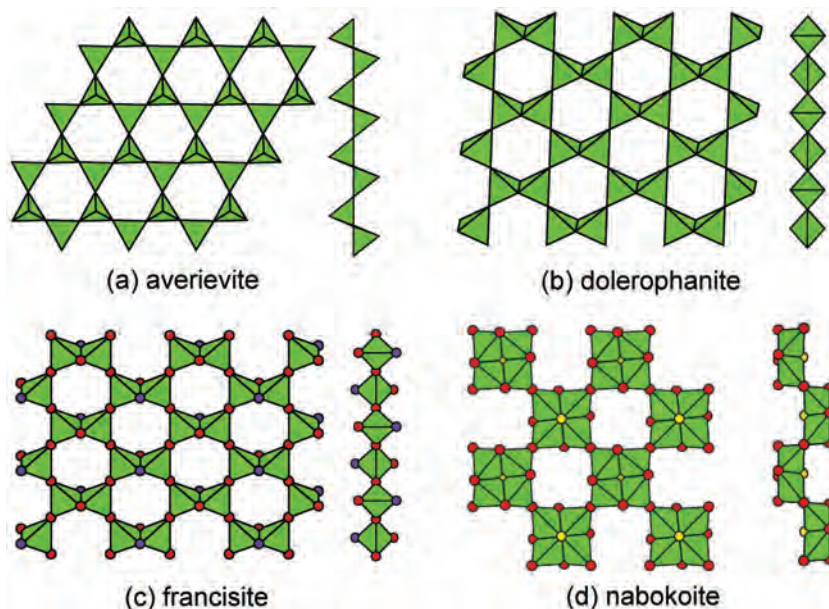
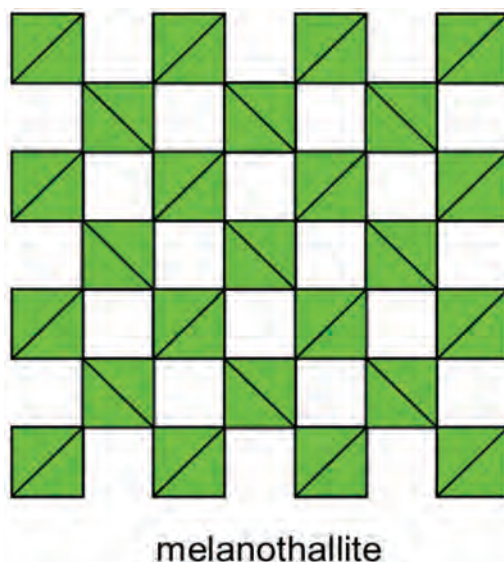


FIG. 38. Selected sheets from oxo-centred Cu structures showing views orthogonal and parallel to the plane of the sheets; (a) averievite; (b) dolerophanite; (c) francisite; (d) nabokoite. Legend as in Fig. 36, purple circles are Bi, yellow circles are Te.

directions relative to the plane of the sheet (ududud in the nomenclature of silicate sheets where this arrangement has not been observed).

T–T linkage. In **dolerophanite**, edge-sharing dimers of (OCu<sub>4</sub>) tetrahedra share corners to form a sheet of six-membered rings of tetrahedra (Fig. 38b) in which the sequence of linkage around each six-membered ring is ececec (where e and c indicate edge- and corner-sharing, respectively). The same bond topology occurs in **francisite** (Table 6, Fig. 38c), but in each dimer, five of the coordinating cations are Cu and one is Bi. **Nabokoite** has a more complicated linkage (Fig. 38d). Four (OM<sub>4</sub>) tetrahedra link by sharing edges to form a compact [O<sub>4</sub>M<sub>9</sub>] tetramer in which the central cation, which links to four O anions, is Te and the peripheral cations are Cu: tetramers link through (OCu<sub>4</sub>) corners and adjacent tetramers occur at different levels in the sheet, as is apparent when viewed parallel to the sheet (Fig. 38d); the final stoichiometry of the sheet is [O<sub>4</sub>TeCu<sub>6</sub>].

**thallite** (Table 6, Fig. 39) and also in the synthetic compounds [Cu<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup>O](SeO<sub>3</sub>)-I and [Cu<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup>O](SeO<sub>3</sub>)-II (Table 6).



#### *Cu<sup>2+</sup> structures based on frameworks of tetrahedra*

T–T linkage. A simple completely connected framework occurs in the structure of **melano-**

FIG. 39. Framework from oxo-centred Cu structures; melanothallite. Legend as in Fig. 36.



**Pb<sup>2+</sup> minerals and compounds**

Selected minerals containing oxo-centred (OPb<sub>4</sub>) tetrahedra are listed in Table 7. Their constituent structural units of oxo-centred tetrahedra are shown in Figs 40 to 43.

**Pb<sup>2+</sup> structures based on clusters of tetrahedra**

T–T linkage. In synthetic [Pb<sub>7</sub>O<sub>2</sub>](Al<sub>8</sub>O<sub>19</sub>), the pyro-cluster [Pb<sub>7</sub>O<sub>2</sub>] is formed from two (OPb<sub>4</sub>)

tetrahedra linked through a single shared vertex (Fig. 40a), the minimum possible linkage for a finite cluster. In synthetic [Pb<sub>3</sub>O](UO<sub>5</sub>), the [Pb<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>] cluster is formed from two (OPb<sub>4</sub>) tetrahedra linked through a single shared edge (Fig. 40b). Synthetic [Pb<sub>8</sub>O<sub>3</sub>](BO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) has a trimer of (OPb<sub>4</sub>) tetrahedra linked by sharing edges (Fig. 40c) through the *trans* edges of the central tetrahedron. Synthetic Pb[Pb<sub>8</sub>O<sub>4</sub>]Br<sub>10</sub> has a tetramer of (OPb<sub>4</sub>) tetrahedra linked by sharing edges (Fig. 40d) such that there is a vacant

TABLE 7. Pb structures containing anion-centered tetrahedra.

Name	Formula	Fig.	Ref.
<b>Isolated clusters</b>			
Plumbonacrite	Pb <sup>2+</sup> [Pb <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O](OH) <sub>2</sub> (CO <sub>3</sub> )	—	(1)
Synthetic	Pb <sup>2+</sup> [Pb <sub>7</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O <sub>2</sub> ](Al <sub>8</sub> O <sub>19</sub> )	40a	(2)
Synthetic	[Pb <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O](UO <sub>5</sub> )	40b	(3)
Synthetic	[Pb <sub>6</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O <sub>3</sub> ](BO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )	40c	(4)
Synthetic	Pb <sup>2+</sup> [Pb <sub>8</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O <sub>4</sub> ]Br <sub>10</sub>	40d	(5)
Synthetic	[Pb <sub>13</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O <sub>8</sub> ](OH) <sub>6</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> )	40e	(6)
<b>Chains and ribbons</b>			
Phoenicochroite	[Pb <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O](CrO <sub>4</sub> )	—	(7)
Lanarkite	[Pb <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O](SO <sub>4</sub> )	41a	(8)
Elyite	[Pb <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O]Cu <sup>2+</sup> (SO <sub>4</sub> )(OH) <sub>4</sub> ]H <sub>2</sub> O	—	(9)
Sidpietersite	[Pb <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O] <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> (SO <sub>3</sub> S)	41b	(10)
Chloroxiphite	Cu <sup>2+</sup> [Pb <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O <sub>2</sub> ](OH) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	41c	(11)
Plumboselite	[Pb <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O <sub>2</sub> ](SeO <sub>3</sub> )	—	(12)
Mendipite	[Pb <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	—	(13)
Damaraitite	[Pb <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup> O <sub>2</sub> ](OH)Cl	—	(13)
<b>Sheets</b>			
Litharge	[PbO]	42a	(14)
Parkinsonite	[Pb,Mo,□]O <sub>8</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	42b	(15)
Massicot	[PbO]	42c	(16)
Thorikosite	[Pb <sub>3</sub> (Sb <sub>0.6</sub> As <sub>0.4</sub> )O <sub>3</sub> ](OH)Cl <sub>2</sub>	—	(17)
Asisite	[Pb <sub>12</sub> (SiO <sub>4</sub> )O <sub>8</sub> ]Cl <sub>4</sub>	—	(18)
Blixite	[Pb <sub>8</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ](OH) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub>	42d	(19)
Kombatite	[Pb <sub>14</sub> O <sub>9</sub> ](VO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub>	42e	(20)
Symesite	[Pb <sub>10</sub> O <sub>7</sub> ](SO <sub>4</sub> )Cl <sub>4</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)	—	(21)
Mereheadite	[Pb <sub>44</sub> O <sub>24</sub> (OH) <sub>12</sub> ]Pb <sub>3</sub> Cl <sub>25</sub> (BO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (CO <sub>3</sub> )(OH)	42f	(22)
Hereroite	[Pb <sub>32</sub> O <sub>19</sub> (OH) <sub>12</sub> ](AsO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ((Si,Mo,V)O <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>10</sub>	42g	(23)
<b>Frameworks</b>			
Synthetic	[Pb <sub>2</sub> O]F <sub>2</sub>	43a	(24)
Synthetic	[Pb <sub>13</sub> O <sub>10</sub> ]Br <sub>6</sub>	43b	(25)
Synthetic	[Pb <sub>13</sub> O <sub>10</sub> ]Cl <sub>6</sub>	—	(26)

References: (1) Krivovichev and Burns (2000b); (2) Ploetz and Muller-Buschbaum (1981); (3) Sterns *et al.* (1986); (4) Yu *et al.* (2012); (5) Keller (1983); (6) Li *et al.* (2001b); (7) Williams *et al.* (1970); (8) Sahl (1975); (9) Kolitsch and Giester (2000); (10) Cooper and Hawthorne (1999); (11) Siidra *et al.* (2008b); (12) Krivovichev *et al.* (2004); (13) Krivovichev and Burns (2001b); (14) Boher *et al.* (1985); (15) Lepore and Welch (2010); (16) Hill (1985); (17) Rouse and Dunn (1985); (18) Welch (2004); (19) Krivovichev and Burns (2006); (20) Cooper and Hawthorne (1994); (21) Welch *et al.* (2000); (22) Krivovichev *et al.* (2009b); (23) Siidra *et al.* (2013); (24) Aurivillius (1976); (25) Riebe and Keller (1989); (26) Siidra *et al.* (2007).

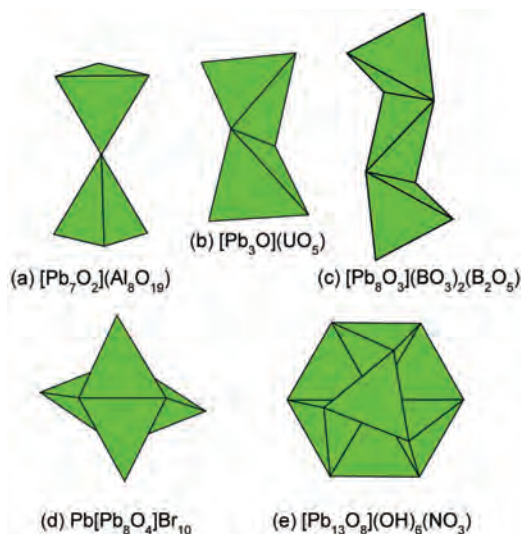


FIG. 40. Selected clusters from oxo-centred Pb structures; (a)  $[\text{Pb}_7\text{O}_2](\text{Al}_8\text{O}_{19})$ ; (b)  $[\text{Pb}_3\text{O}](\text{UO}_5)$ ; (c)  $[\text{Pb}_8\text{O}_3](\text{BO}_3)_2(\text{B}_2\text{O}_5)$ ; (d)  $\text{Pb}[\text{Pb}_8\text{O}_4]\text{Br}_{10}$ ; (e)  $[\text{Pb}_{13}\text{O}_8](\text{OH})_6(\text{NO}_3)$ . Green =  $(\text{OPb}_4)$  tetrahedra; where the coordinating cations are all Pb, they are not shown as circles.

( $\square\text{Pb}_4$ ) tetrahedron in the centre of the cluster. In synthetic  $[\text{Pb}_{13}\text{O}_8](\text{OH})_6(\text{NO}_3)$ , eight  $(\text{OPb}_4)$  tetrahedra meet at a single central Pb vertex and share edges with each other to form a very elegant  $[\text{O}_8\text{Pb}_{13}]$  cluster (Fig. 40e).

#### *Pb<sup>2+</sup> structures based on chains and ribbons of tetrahedra*

T=T linkage. **Lanarkite** (Table 7) has a chain of edge-sharing  $(\text{OPb}_4)$  tetrahedra of the form  $[\text{OPb}_2]$  (Fig. 41a).

T=T–T linkage. In **sidpietersite** (Fig. 41b), dimers of edge-sharing  $(\text{OPb}_4)$  tetrahedra share edges with other dimers to form a ribbon of the form  $[\text{O}_2\text{Pb}_4]$  containing Pb in [1]- and [3]-coordination by O. In **chloroxiphite** (Fig. 41c), **plumboselite**, **mendipite** and **damaraite** (Table 7), pairs of  $[\text{O}_2\text{Pb}_4]$  chains (as in **lanarkite**, Fig. 41a) condense by sharing edges to form a  $[\text{O}_2\text{Pb}_3]$  ribbon containing Pb in [2]- and [4]-coordination by O.

#### *Pb<sup>2+</sup> structures based on sheets of tetrahedra*

T=T–T linkage. **Litharge** may be considered as a parent linkage for many of the structures in this

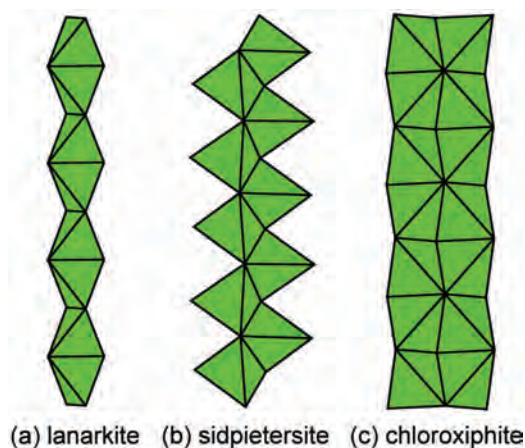


FIG. 41. Selected chains-ribbons from oxo-centred Pb structures; (a) lanarkite; (b) sidpietersite; (c) chloroxiphite. Legend as in Fig. 40.

category. In litharge, tetrahedra share edges and vertices to form a dense-packed sheet of  $(\text{OPb}_4)$  tetrahedra (Fig. 42a). **Parkinsonite** has a similar bond topology, but in each tetrahedron, two of the four vertices are occupied in an ordered fashion by Mo (the red spheres in Fig. 42b). This is not the case for **thorikosite** (Table 7) in which Pb and (Sb, As) are disordered. **Massicot** also consists of a fairly dense packing of tetrahedra (Fig. 42c) but the tetrahedron linkage imparts a modulation to the tetrahedra in the plane of the sheet. The remaining structures of this type shown in Fig. 42d–g may be considered as vacancy-substituted derivatives of the litharge structure, as developed extensively by Krivovichev (2009, pages 192–201) for both  $(\text{OPb}_4)$  and  $(\text{OBi}_4)$  structures.

#### *Pb<sup>2+</sup> structures based on frameworks of tetrahedra*

There are very few of these arrangements involving  $(\text{OPb}_4)$  tetrahedra, and as we shall see below, those that do occur really struggle to be considered as frameworks.

T=T–T linkage.  $[\text{Pb}_{13}\text{O}_{10}]\text{Br}_6$  (Fig. 43) consists of sheets of edge-sharing  $(\text{OPb}_4)$  tetrahedra that are skew to each other and link into a framework only by sharing a very small number of vertices (corners). Thus the dominant linkages form sheets and the framework character of the structure is weak.

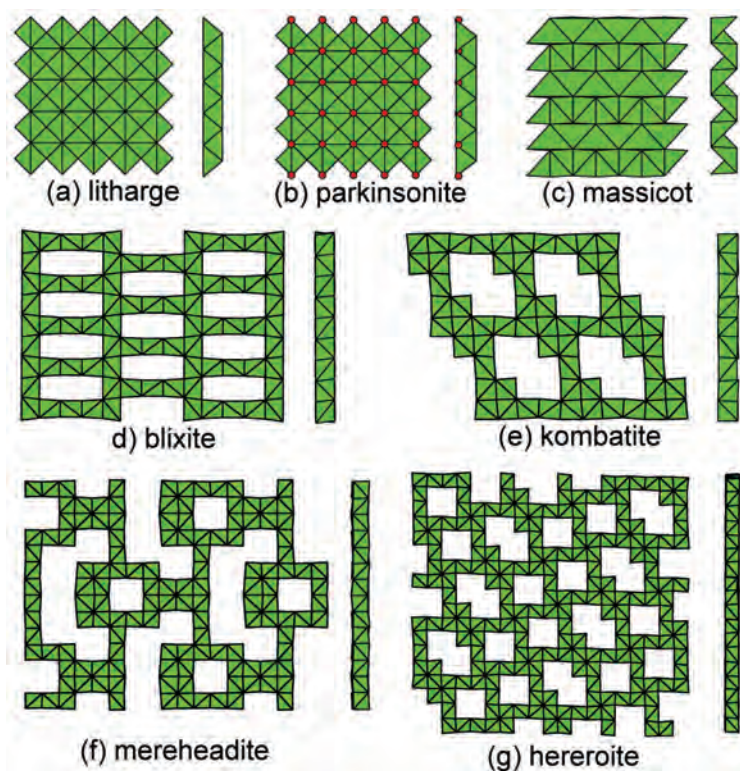


FIG. 42. Selected sheets from oxo-centred Pb structures showing views orthogonal and parallel to the plane of the sheets; (a) litharge; (b) parkinsonite; (c) massicot; (d) blixite; (e) kombatite; (f) mereheadite; (g) hereroite. Legend as in Fig. 40, red circles are Mo.

## Hg minerals and compounds

Selected minerals containing oxo-centred ( $\text{OHg}_4$ ) and ( $\text{NHg}_4$ ) tetrahedra are listed in Table 8. Their constituent structural units of oxo-centred tetrahedra are shown in Figs 44 to 48.

### Hg structures based on clusters of tetrahedra

T—T=T linkage. **Vasilyevite** is intermediate between an isolated-tetrahedron structure and a finite-cluster structure. It contains isolated ( $\text{OHg}_4$ ) tetrahedra and dimers of edge-sharing ( $\text{OHg}_4$ ) tetrahedra (Fig. 44a), both of which may be identified in the chemical formula (Table 8) when it is written to reflect the polyhedron linkage:  $(\text{OHg}_4)[\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_6]$ . In the structure of **deansmithite**, two ( $\text{OHg}_4$ ) tetrahedra share a vertex to form an  $[\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_7]$  pyro-group (Fig. 44b). **Poyarkovite** (Fig. 44c) contains the edge-sharing ( $\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_6$ ) dimer also found in **vasilyevite**.

### Hg structures based on chains and ribbons of tetrahedra

T—T=T linkage. **Tedhadleyite** is intermediate between a finite-cluster structure and a chain-ribbon structure. It contains isolated dimers of ( $\text{OHg}_4$ ) tetrahedra:  $[\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_6]$ , and chains formed by  $[\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_6]$  dimers linked by sharing one set of *trans* vertices with adjacent dimers:  $[\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_5]$  (Fig. 45a) and these linkages are apparent in the way in which the formula of **tedhadleyite** is written (Table 8). Synthetic  $\text{Hg}_2[\text{Hg}_5\text{O}_2](\text{PO}_4)_2$  (Fig. 45b) contains the same chain (formed by  $[\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_6]$  dimers linking by sharing one set of *trans* vertices with adjacent dimers) as in **tedhadleyite**:  $[\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_5]$ . In **wattersite** (Fig. 45c),  $[\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_6]$  dimers link by sharing the vertices of their shared edges with the two adjacent dimers along the length of the ribbon. Note that the chains in synthetic  $\text{Hg}_2[\text{Hg}_5\text{O}_2](\text{PO}_4)_2$  (Fig. 45b) and the ribbons in **wattersite** (Fig. 45c) have the same form:  $[\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_5]$  and are topological isomers. In synthetic  $[\text{Hg}_2\text{O}](\text{CN})_2$  (Fig. 45d),  $[\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_6]$

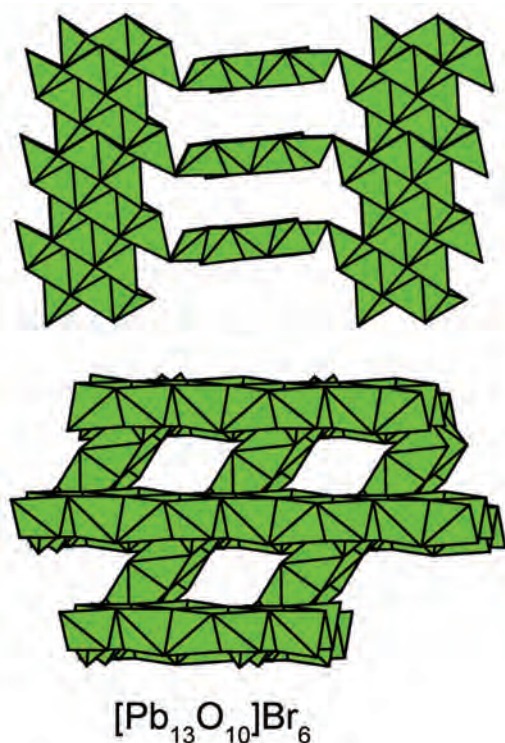


FIG. 43. Selected frameworks from oxo-centred Pb structures showing views from two directions; synthetic  $[\text{Pb}_{13}\text{O}_{10}]\text{Br}_6$ . Legend as in Fig. 40.

dimers linking by sharing edges with adjacent dimers to give a chain of the form  $[\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_4]$ , similar to the  $[\text{O}_2\text{Pb}_4]$  chain in **sidpietersite** (Fig. 41*b*).

#### Hg structures based on sheets of tetrahedra

T–T=T linkage. In **hanawaltite** (Fig. 46*a*),  $(\text{OHg}_4)$  tetrahedra and dimers of  $(\text{OHg}_4)$  tetrahedra,  $[\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_6]$ , share vertices to form chains that

link laterally by sharing vertices between  $[\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_6]$  dimers to form very open sheets that show prominent modulation in cross-section (Fig. 46*a*). Synthetic  $[\text{Hg}_2\text{O}]\text{I}$  consists of  $[\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_6]$  dimers that connect into a sheet by sharing vertices (Fig. 46*b*).

#### Hg structures based on frameworks of tetrahedra

T–T linkage. **Terlingualite** contains  $[\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_6]$  dimers of  $(\text{OHg}_4)$  tetrahedra that share vertices to form a fairly open framework that may be envisaged as a condensation of  $[\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_5]$  chains (Fig. 45*b*) *via* sharing of single vertices (Fig. 47*a*). In  $[\text{Hg}_3\text{O}_2]\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $[\text{O}_2\text{Hg}_6]$  dimers link by sharing edges (cf. Fig. 45*d*) and the resulting chains link through the remaining free vertices and edges to chains adjacent in the two directions orthogonal to their length (Fig. 47*b*). In **pinchite** (Table 8), double chains of edge- and vertex-sharing  $(\text{OHg}_4)$  tetrahedra link by sharing vertices to form sheets (Fig. 47*c*, upper) that then link through sharing vertices to form a framework (Fig. 47*c*, lower).

A simple completely connected framework of N-centred tetrahedra,  $(\text{NHg}_4)$ , occurs in the structures of **mosesite** and **kleinite** (Table 8). In **mosesite** (Fig. 48*a*), all tetrahedra share each of their vertices with one other tetrahedron to form a **crystalalite-like** framework (Krivovichev *et al.*, 2013*b*). In **kleinite**, all  $(\text{NHg}_4)$  tetrahedra share each of their vertices with one other tetrahedron to form a **tridymite-like** framework (Fig. 48*b*). In **comancheite** (Fig. 48*c*),  $(\text{NHg}_4)$  tetrahedra link to form an interrupted framework in which some of the Hg atoms are only [1]-coordinated by N atoms; thus although the upper view of the structure in Fig. 48*a* is suggestive of the tetrahedra lying at the vertices of a  $6^3$  net, this impression is illusory. The tetrahedra link through

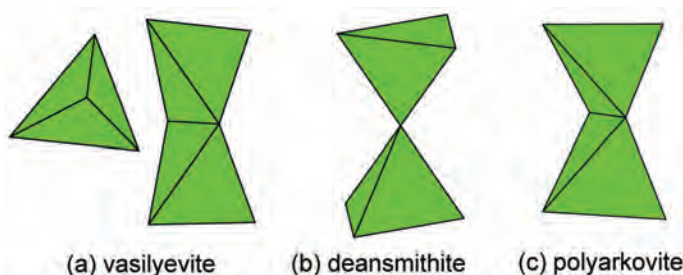


FIG. 44. Selected clusters from oxo-centred Hg structures; (a) vasilyevite; (b) deansmithite; (c) poyarkovite. Green =  $(\text{OHg}_4)$  tetrahedra.



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TABLE 8. Hg structures containing anion-centered tetrahedra.

Name	Formula	Fig.	Ref.
<b>Isolated tetrahedra and clusters</b>			
Vasilyevite	$[\text{Hg}_4^+\text{O}]_2[\text{Hg}_6^+\text{O}_2]_2\text{I}_3(\text{Br}, \text{Cl})_3(\text{CO}_3)$	44a	(1)
Deansmithite	$(\text{Hg}_2^+\text{Hg}_1^{2+})[\text{Hg}_2^+\text{Hg}_5^+\text{O}_2](\text{CrO}_4)_2\text{S}_4$	44b	(2)
Poyarkovite	$\text{Hg}_3^+\text{OCl}$	44c	(3)
<b>Chains and ribbons</b>			
Synthetic	$[\text{Hg}_2^+\text{Hg}_3^{2+}\text{O}_2](\text{CrO}_4)_2$	—	(4)
Tedhadleyite	$[\text{Hg}_5^+\text{Hg}_2^{2+}\text{O}_2][\text{Hg}_5^+\text{O}_2]\text{I}_2(\text{Cl}, \text{Br})_2$	45a	(5)
Synthetic	$\text{Hg}_2^{2+}[\text{Hg}_4^+\text{Hg}_2^{2+}\text{O}_2](\text{PO}_4)_2$	45b	(6)
Wattersite	$[\text{Hg}_4^+\text{Hg}_2^{2+}\text{O}_2](\text{CrO}_4)$	45c	(7)
Synthetic	$[\text{Hg}_2^{2+}\text{O}](\text{CN})_2$	45d	(8)
<b>Sheets</b>			
Synthetic	$[\text{Hg}^+\text{Hg}_3^{2+}\text{O}_2]_2(\text{OH})(\text{NO}_3)_5$	—	(9)
Synthetic	$[\text{Zn}_2\text{Hg}_2^{2+}\text{O}_2](\text{SeO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})$	—	(10)
Hanawaltite	$[\text{Hg}_4^+\text{Hg}_2^{2+}\text{O}_3]\text{Cl}_2$	46a	(11)
Synthetic	$[\text{Hg}^+\text{Hg}_2^{2+}\text{O}]\text{I}$	46b	(12)
<b>Frameworks</b>			
Terlinguaite	$[\text{Hg}_2^{2+}\text{O}]\text{Cl}_2$	47a	(13)
—	$[\text{Hg}_3^{2+}\text{O}_2]\text{Cl}_2$	47b	(14)
Pinchite	$[\text{Hg}_5^{2+}\text{O}_4]\text{Cl}_2$	47c	(15)
Mosesite	$[\text{Hg}_5^{2+}\text{N}](\text{Cl}, (\text{SO}_4), (\text{CO}_3), \text{H}_2\text{O})$	48a	(16)
Kleinite	$[\text{Hg}_2^{2+}\text{N}](\text{SO}_4)_{0.25}\text{Cl}_{0.5}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{0.5}$	48b	(17)
Comancheite	$[\text{Hg}_{25}^{2+}\text{N}_{24}](\text{OH}, \text{NH}_2)_4(\text{Cl}, \text{Br})_{34}$	48c	(18)

References: (1) Cooper and Hawthorne (2003); (2) Symanski and Groat (1997); (3) Vasil'ev *et al.* (1999); (4) Weil and Stoeger (2006); (5) Cooper and Hawthorne (2009); (6) Weil and Glaum (2001); (7) Groat *et al.* (1995); (8) Aurivillius (1965); (9) Weil (2005); (10) Weil (2004); (11) Grice (1999); (12) Stålhandske *et al.* (1985); (13) Aurivillius and Folkmarson (1968); (14) Weil (2001); (15) Hawthorne *et al.* (1994); (16) Switzer *et al.* (1953); (17) Giester *et al.* (1996); (18) Cooper *et al.* (2013).

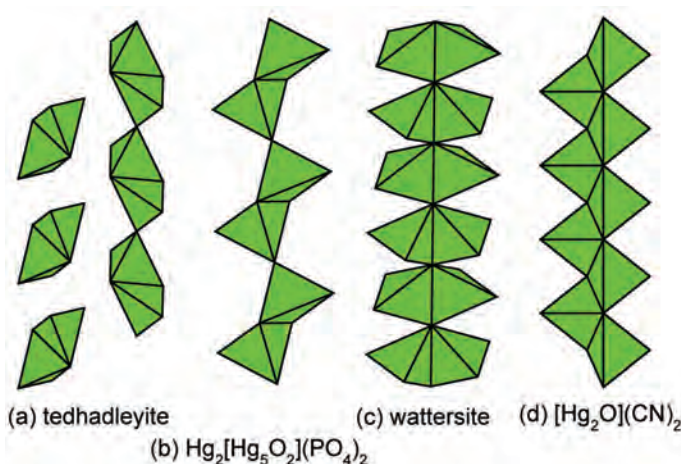


FIG. 45. Selected chains-ribbons from oxo-centred Hg structures; (a) tedhadleyite; (b) synthetic  $\text{Hg}_2[\text{Hg}_5\text{O}_2](\text{PO}_4)_2$ ; (c) wattersite; (d) synthetic  $[\text{Hg}_2\text{O}](\text{CN})_2$ . Legend as in Fig. 44.

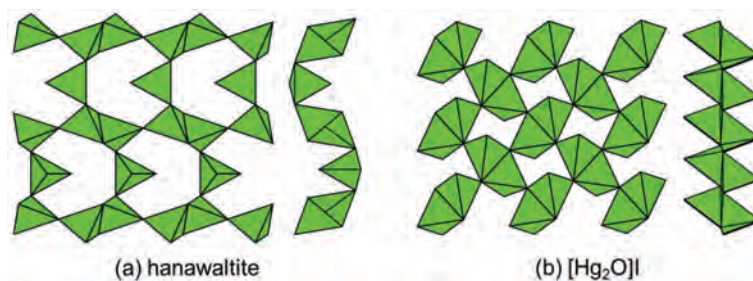


FIG. 46. Selected sheets from oxo-centred Hg structures; (a) hanawaltite; (b) synthetic  $[\text{Hg}_2\text{O}]\text{I}$ . Legend as in Fig. 44.

sharing corners orthogonal to the plane of Fig. 48a (see Fig. 48b).

### Chemical composition and bond topology

It is apparent from the overview of structure hierarchies for different general groups of oxysalts given above (i.e. borates, beryllates, phosphates, sulfates, uranyl oxides and oxysalts, and anion-centred Cu, Pb and Hg oxides, nitrides and oxysalts) that there is a strong relation between bond topology and chemical composition. Prior to discussing the bond-topological details of the various hierarchies, I discussed the valence-sum rule (Brown, 2002, 2009; Hawthorne 1994, 2012a) as a constraint on the self-linkage of oxyanions in crystal structures. The details of this

argument are summarized in Fig. 2 where we see that (1) in some groups of minerals (e.g. sulfates, carbonates), self-polymerization of the principal anionic group cannot occur; (2) in some groups (e.g. phosphates), self-polymerization of the principal anionic group can occur but is extremely limited; and (3) in some groups, self-polymerization of the principal anionic group is extremely common (e.g. silicates, beryllates and beryll-silicates). This constraint is well known (see discussion in Hawthorne, 2006). It is apparent from inspection of Figs 6–48 that there are marked similarities and differences between bond topology (polyhedron linkage) of structural units and the chemical compositions of the principal polyhedra, similarities and differences that are different from those expressed in Fig. 2.

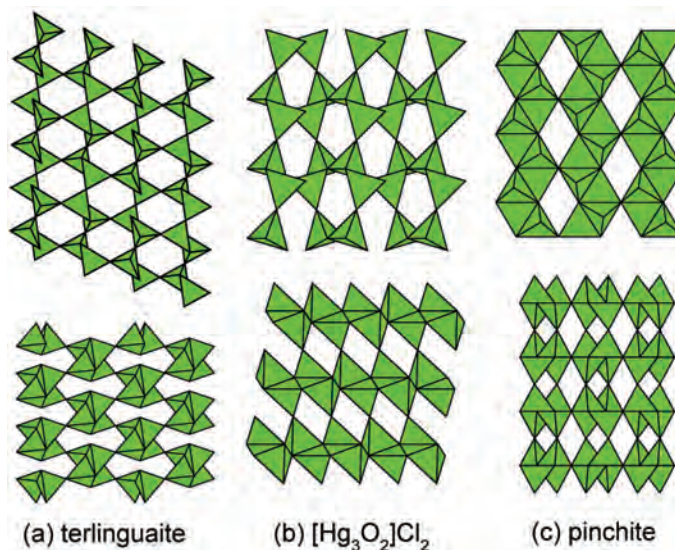


FIG. 47. Selected frameworks from oxo-centred (green) Hg structures; (a) terlinguaite; (b) synthetic  $[\text{Hg}_3\text{O}_2]\text{Cl}_2$ ; (c) pinchite.

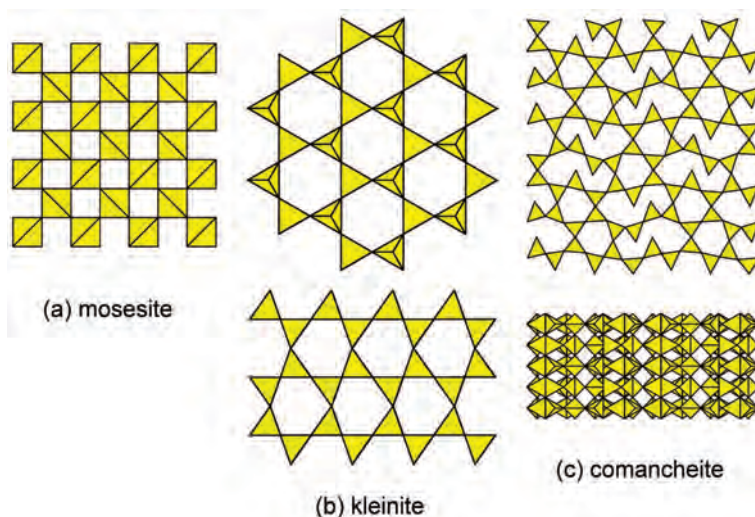


FIG. 48. Selected frameworks from nitride-centred (yellow) Hg structures; (a) mosesite; (b) kleinite; (c) comancheite.

However, before we look at some of these differences, it is necessary to clarify the relation between bond topology and chemical composition. The chemical constituents of the structural unit (e.g.  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  and  $\text{S}^{6+}$  or Be and Si) are, to a major extent, imposed by the chemical composition of the system in which the structure crystallized. On the other hand, there are also bond-topological constraints on the chemical composition of a structural unit: for example, there is no polymerization between phosphate and sulfate groups, even in systems containing both  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  and  $\text{SO}_3$ , as such compositions contravene the valence-sum rule and cannot occur. Thus even at this very crude level, we can identify two very distinct constraints on chemical composition of structural units:

- (1) the constituents of the structural unit must occur in the chemical system under consideration;
- (2) the linkage of the constituents of the structural unit cannot contravene the valence-sum rule.

These constraints seem very obvious, but they emphasize an important point: The chemical composition of the structural unit is not completely dictated either by the chemical composition of the system or by the details of the bond topology. Points (1) and (2) provide constraints under which a structural unit crystallizes, and the resulting arrangement is constrained by both conditions.

Detailed analysis of the similarities and differences in bond topology between the

various groups of minerals is obviously premature while a detailed structure hierarchy is not available for the (alumino-)silicate minerals. However, some preliminary observations may be made here:

(3) Vertices shared between tetrahedra tend to be [2]-coordinated as constrained by the valence-sum rule. In beryllates, such vertices may be [3]-coordinated as in **euclase** (Fig. 33c) where anions along the chain are coordinated by 2 Be and Si (in accord with the valence-sum rule) or even [4]-coordinated, as in **bromellite** (Table 5, Fig. 35a), where we can also consider the structure in terms of anion-centred polyhedra. In borates, vertices may be [3]-coordinated as in **aristarainite** (Fig. 8h) and **tunellite** (Fig. 9c). However, even in borates and beryllates, [2]-coordinated vertices shared between tetrahedra are far more common than [3]-coordinated vertices. In structures with anion-centred tetrahedra, (cation) vertices may be more highly coordinated, for example [3]-coordinated in **stoiberite** (Fig. 37b) and **sidpietersite** (Fig. 41b), and [4]-coordinated in **nabokite** (Fig. 38d) and **wattersite** (Fig. 45c).

(4) For groups in which the principal polyhedra are topologically similar (e.g. sulfates and phosphates), there are strong similarities in bond topologies of structural units. Thus we find topologically similar chains in the phosphate and sulfate minerals **collinsite** (Fig. 25b) and **kroenkite** (Fig. 29b), **childrenite** (Fig. 25c) and **butlerite** (Fig. 29f), **tancoite** (Fig. 25d) and

**sideronatrite** (Fig. 29*h*). Similarly, the cluster  $[M(TO_4)_2\phi_4]$  occurs in the phosphate mineral **anapaite** (Fig. 24*a*) and the sulfate mineral **bloedite** (Fig. 28*c*). However, despite these similarities, there are marked differences between the cluster and chain-ribbon groups in phosphates and sulfates. In phosphate minerals, there is only a small number of clusters (Fig. 24) whereas in sulfate minerals, there is a much larger number (Fig. 28) and many are of much greater complexity. The situation is similar with the chain-ribbon structures: In phosphate minerals, there is a smaller number of chains (Fig. 25) whereas in sulfate minerals, there is a much larger number (Fig. 29) and again many of the chains in the sulfates are of much greater complexity.

(5) In borate minerals, three-membered rings of tetrahedra and triangles are extremely common (see Burns 1995). In beryllate minerals, three-membered rings of tetrahedra (with various central cations) are common (Figs 33–35). In silicate minerals, three-membered rings of tetrahedra are less common.

(6) In sulfates and phosphates, edge sharing between tetrahedra does not occur (except in fibrous  $SiO_2$ ). In beryllates, edge sharing between tetrahedra is uncommon but does occur in the form of  $[Be_2O_6]$  dimers. In structures with anion-centred tetrahedra, edge sharing between tetrahedra is very common (Figs 36–47).

Undoubtedly the development of structural hierarchies for other groups of structures will reveal more of these contrasts and parallels. For example, edge sharing is common between [5]-coordinated cations as diverse as  $Cu^{2+}$  and  $As^{5+}$ , and polymerization *via* this linkage is an important factor in the bond topology of these structures (e.g. Evans and Hughes, 1990; Cooper *et al.*, 2013).

### Quantitative relations between chemical composition and bond topology

The chemical composition of the structural unit may be simply derived from the bond topology by counting the types and numbers of atoms. However, the reverse is not true; the bond topology cannot be derived from the chemical composition. There is significant information on bond topology contained in the chemical composition, but it is commonly not easy to extract and there has not been much work on this issue. The development of structure hierarchies and the concomitant writing of chemical formulae to

reflect the constituent bond topology will greatly promote our understanding in this area.

### M–T graphs

As noted above, we may represent FBBs and their linkage by graphs in which the T vertices represent tetrahedra and the M vertices represent octahedra; this was done by Hawthorne *et al.* (2000) for the sulfate minerals, and for oxysalts in general by Krivovichev (2008). It is desirable that such a system be applied to all groups of minerals, as similarities in bond topology and hierarchy will be emphasized by such a representation.

### What affects dimensional polymerization?

The arrangement of structures into groups based on the dimensional polymerization of their coordination polyhedra of higher bond valence raises the question of what affects such polymerization. This question was addressed by Hawthorne (1983*a*, 1992), and we may summarize the important details as follows: The dimensional polymerization of a structural unit is affected intimately by its bonding interactions with the interstitial complex. Polymerization in a particular direction may be terminated by the incidence of one strong bond at the peripheral anion; all other bonds to that anion are weak. Such weak bonds involve either ions of the interstitial complex or ions (usually H) from adjacent structural units. Thus dimensional polymerization may be limited by (1) the incidence of several weak bonds at peripheral anions of the structural unit, or (2) the occurrence of  $(OH)^-$  and  $(H_2O)^0$  as peripheral anions of the structural unit (Hawthorne, 1985*a*, 1986, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1997).

Such control of the dimensional polymerization of the structural unit will also affect its Lewis basicity (Hawthorne and Schindler, 2008). The Principle of Correspondence of Lewis acidity-basicity states that "stable structures will form when the Lewis-acid strength of the interstitial complex closely matches the Lewis-base strength of the structural unit". This is the mean-field equivalent of the valence-matching principle, and allows quantitative assessment of this interaction. Schindler and Hawthorne (2001*a,b*, 2004, 2008) and Schindler *et al.* (2000, 2006*a*) have used this principle to make quantitative predictions about possible chemical compositions and crystal-chemical features of interstitial complexes in



borate, vanadate, sulfate and uranyl-oxysalt minerals. There has been broad recognition of the relation between the degree of dimensional polymerization and the amount of  $(\text{OH})^-$  and  $(\text{H}_2\text{O})^0$  in the constituent minerals (e.g. Hawthorne, 1985a, 1986, 1990; Krivovichev, 2008) and the analogous effect has more recently been recognized in inorganic chemistry (e.g. Tulskey and Long, 2001) involving a much wider array of ligands. However, there has been little work done on the relation between the details of the bond topology of the structural unit and the amount of H in hydroxy-hydrate systems (but see Hawthorne and Sokolova, 2012). A much better understanding of this issue is desirable, particularly for minerals, as H plays a major role in controlling the diversity and distribution of mineral species within the Earth.

### Surface–fluid interactions

With regard to the Structure Hypothesis and its use of bond-valence theory, one should also recognize that it provides a systematic framework for examining interactions between solid surfaces and fluids to which they are exposed. Bickmore (2013) and Bickmore *et al.* (2004a,b, 2006) have used bond-valence theory to look at surface–solution interactions primarily in sheet silicates, and Schindler *et al.* (2004a,b) and Hawthorne and Schindler (2014) have extended the Principle of Correspondence of Lewis acidity-basicity to look at surface interactions between complex oxysalt minerals and aqueous solutions. These interactions may be dissolution, crystallization or adsorption, and provide a framework not only for theoretical examination of associated mechanisms, but also a means to interpret experimental measurements (e.g. Schindler *et al.*, 2006b,c, 2007a,b, 2009, 2011).

### Coda

Here, I have formalized the idea of structure hierarchy and briefly reviewed the structure hierarchy of several groups of minerals that have been so organized. The basic intent of the Structure Hierarchy Hypothesis is to bring a coherent approach to the organization of our knowledge of the structure of minerals, and together with bond-topology theory and bond-valence theory, provide a basis for understanding the factors affecting the chemical composition and bond topology of minerals, and provide

insight into mechanisms of crystallization and dissolution.

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