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MORINITE, $\text{Ca}_2\text{NaAl}_2(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{F}_4(\text{PO}_4)_2$

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Preliminary information. Morinite is a pegmatitic phosphate mineral, typically associated with montebrasite, apatite, augelite and wardite. Crystals from the Hugo Mine, Keystone, S. Dakota were used for the structure determination.

Crystal data. (From single crystal X-ray diffractometry, $\text{MoK}\alpha$, $\lambda = 0.71069\text{\AA}$): $a = 9.454(3)$, $b = 10.692(4)$, $c = 5.444(2)\text{\AA}$, $\beta = 105.46(2)^\circ$, $Z = 2$, space group: $\text{P}2_1/\text{m}$.

Intensity data, structure determination and refinement. Intensities of 1252 independent intensities with $2\theta < 60^\circ$ were measured with C monochromated $\text{MoK}\alpha$ radiation on a Syntex P1 automatic four-circle single-crystal diffractometer operating in the θ - 2θ scan mode with variable scan rates. Standard data reduction procedures resulted in 1095 observed (3σ) reflections. The structure was solved by three-dimensional Patterson and Fourier methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares to a final conventional R-value of 2.8% for an anisotropic thermal model.

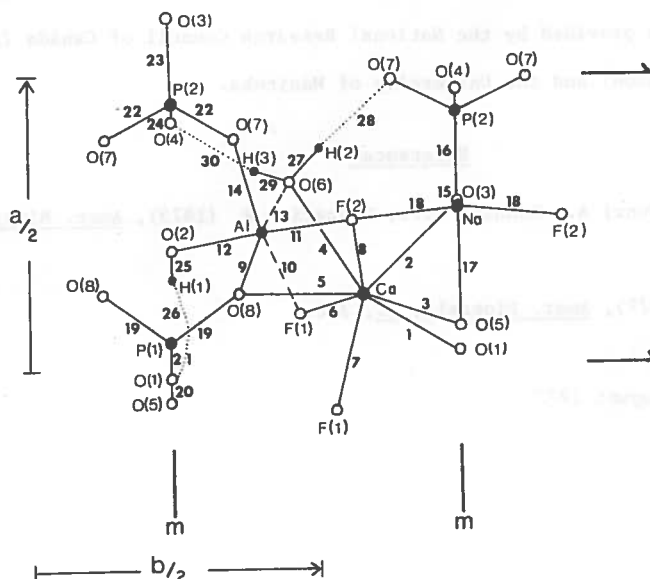
Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$).

Ca	1452(1)	5829(1)	2400(1)	0(5)	9292(3)	1/4	5248(6)
Al	2576(1)	4062(1)	7733(2)	0(6)	3554(2)	419(2)	1304(4)
Na	6885(2)	1/4	2083(4)	0(7)	4423(2)	1340(2)	7364(4)
P(1)	438(1)	1/4	3715(2)	0(8)	1433(2)	1320(2)	4416(4)
P(2)	5087(1)	1/4	6415(2)	F(1)	968(2)	328(2)	8605(3)
O(1)	9699(3)	1/4	854(6)	F(2)	7150(2)	587(2)	3392(3)
O(2)	2287(3)	1/4	8962(6)	H(1)	1688(76)	1/4	9846(134)
O(3)	6754(3)	1/4	7650(6)	H(2)	4255(51)	-75(51)	1616(87)
O(4)	4748(4)	1/4	3535(6)	H(3)	3824(50)	1125(50)	2182(88)

Bond distances and angles.

1	2.545(2)	9	1.886(2)	17	2.463(4)	25	0.84(7)
2	2.468(2)	10	1.830(2)	18	2.156(2)	26	2.09(7)
3	2.408(2)	11	1.782(2)	19	1.558(2)	27	0.83(5)
4	2.591(2)	12	1.844(2)	20	1.534(3)	28	1.82(5)
5	2.545(2)	13	1.996(2)	21	1.528(3)	29	0.89(5)
6	2.344(2)	14	1.862(2)	22	1.539(2)	30	1.77(5)
7	2.272(2)	15	2.383(4)	23	1.541(3)		
8	2.334(2)	16	2.359(4)	24	1.514(3)		
1,2	69.8(1)	5,6	76.7(1)	11,14	87.0(1)	19,20	109.6(1)
1,3	73.7(1)	5,7	83.3(1)	12,13	88.4(1)	19,21	109.4(1)
1,6	79.0(1)	5,8	62.9(1)	12,14	93.7(1)	20,21	110.9(2)
1,7	77.3(1)	6,7	73.5(1)	13,14	87.9(1)	22,22	107.2(2)
2,3	76.7(1)	9,10	91.2(1)	15,16	121.4(1)	22,23	108.4(1)
2,4	78.3(1)	9,11	88.1(1)	15,17	119.8(1)	22,24	110.8(1)

2,8	83.1(1)	9,12	92.8(1)	16,17	118.8(1)	23,24	111.2(1)
3,6	83.3(1)	9,14	99.4(1)	15,18	107.7(1)	25,26	161(7)
3,8	74.3(1)	10,11	88.4(1)	16,18	85.7(1)	27,29	109(4)
4,5	74.3(1)	10,12	90.8(1)	17,18	76.4(1)	27,28	169(5)
4,6	60.6(1)	10,13	81.4(1)	19,19	107.9(2)	29,30	165(4)
4,8	84.2(1)	11,13	90.5(1)				



Comments. Equivalent $\text{Ca}(\text{O}_p)_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{F}_3$ polyhedra are fused by face-sharing across the mirror plane, and these doublets are repeated by the 2_1 operation to form a staggered edge-sharing chain parallel to the y axis. Chain linkage occurs through the $\text{Na}(\text{O}_p)_3\text{F}_2$ trigonal bipyramid and an $[\text{Al}_2(\text{OH})\text{F}_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{PO}_4)_2]$ polyhedral cluster. This cluster is formed from a corner-sharing octahedral dimer $[\text{Al}_2(\text{OH})\text{F}_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{O}_p)_4]$ that is further

linked by two (PO_4) tetrahedra; it is topologically identical to the $\left[\text{Fe}_2^{3+}(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{O}_S)_2 \right]$ and $\left[\text{Al}_2\text{F}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{O}_P)_2 \right]$ clusters in copiapite (Fanfani, Nunzi, Zanazzi and Zanzari, 1973) and minyulite (Kampf, 1977).

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