NEW MINERAL NAMES*

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Abenakiite-(Ce)*

A.M. McDonald, G.Y. Chao (1994) Abenakiite-(Ce), a new silicophosphate carbonate mineral from Mont Saint-Hilaire, Quebec: Description and structure determination. Can. Mineral., 32, 843–854.

The mineral occurs as a single, ellipsoidal grain, 1×2 mm, in a xenolith of sodalite syenite in nepheline syenite at the Poudrette quarry, Mont-Saint-Hilaire. Electron microprobe analysis gave Na₂O 25.32, Ce₂O₃ 15.31, La₂O₃ 5.94, Nd₂O₃ 7.78, Pr₂O₃ 2.02, Sm₂O₃ 0.74, ThO₂ 1.42, SrO 0.12, SiO₂ 13.30, P₂O₅ 14.11, SO₂ 2.28, CO₂(calc) 8.91, sum 97.24 wt%, corresponding to Na24,23 (Ce2,77 Nd1,37- $La_{1.08}Pr_{0.36}Th_{0.16}Sm_{0.13}Sr_{0.03})_{\Sigma 5.90}Si_{6.56}P_{5.90}C_6S_{1.06}O_{63}$, ideally Na₂₆REE₆(SiO₃)₆(PO₄)₆(CO₃)₆(SO₂)O. Pale brown color, white streak, vitreous luster, transparent, H = >4, brittle, conchoidal fracture, poor {0001} cleavage, nonfluorescent, effervesces weakly in 1:1 HCl, $D_{\text{meas}} = 3.21(2)$, D_{calc} = 3.27 g/cm³ for Z = 3. Optically uniaxial negative, ω 1.589(1), $\epsilon = 1.586(1)$. Single-crystal X-ray structure study (wR = 0.03) indicated rhombohedral symmetry, space group $R\overline{3}$; a = 16.018(2), c = 19.761(6) Å as refined from the powder pattern (114-mm Gandolfi, $CuK\alpha$ radiation) with strongest lines of 11.414(75,101), 8.036(85,012), 6.554(85,003,021), 4.646(75,104,122,030), 3.773(90,303, 131), 3.591(80,214,312), 3.150(70,125), and 2.674 (100, 036.330).

Closely associated minerals are aegirine, eudialyte, mangan-neptunite, polylithionite, serandite, and steenstrupine-(Ce); abenakiite-(Ce) is coated by an unidentified rhabdophane-group mineral. The new name relates to the Abenaki Indian tribe, which inhabited the area around Mont-Saint-Hilaire. The new mineral was previously designated as UK85. Type material is in the Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, Ontario. J.L.J.

Gaultite*

T.S. Ercit, J. van Velthuizen (1994) Gaultite, a new zeolite-like mineral species from Mont Saint-Hilaire, Quebec, and its crystal structure. Can. Mineral., 32, 855-863.

The mineral occurs as euhedral crystals to 0.5 mm in a cavity in a sodalite inclusion at the contact between

hornfels and nepheline-sodalite syenite at the Poudrette quarry. Colorless to pale mauve, transparent, white streak, vitreous luster, H = -6, brittle; perfect {101} and {010} clevages, and poor {021} cleavage. Crystals are multifaceted, with predominant forms $\{010\}, \{110\}, \{\overline{1}10\}, \{021\}, \{02$ {151}, and {151}. Fluoresces bright apple-green in shortwave ultraviolet light; not readily soluble in 1:1 HCl; D_{meas} = 2.52(4), D_{calc} = 2.52 g/cm³ for Z = 8. Electron microprobe analysis gave Na₂O 16.6, ZnO 19.2, SiO₂ 52.6, H₂O (calc.) 11.3, sum 99.7 wt%, corresponding to an empirical formula $Na_{4.28}Zn_{1.88}Si_{6.99}O_{18} \cdot 5H_2O$, ideally $Na_4Zn_2Si_7O_{18} \cdot$ 5H₂O. The infrared pattern is like that of stilbite. Optically biaxial positive, $\alpha = 1.520(1), \beta = 1.521(1), \gamma =$ 1.524(1), $2V_{\text{meas}} = 61.3(4)$, $2V_{\text{calc}} = 60^{\circ}$, $X = \mathbf{a}$, $Y = \mathbf{c}$, Z = b. Single-crystal X-ray structure study (R = 0.025) indicated orthorhombic symmetry, space group F2dd,a =10.211(3), b = 39.88(2), c = 10.304(4) Å as refined from a 114-mm Gandolfi pattern (Cu radiation) with strongest lines of 6.35(100,131), 4.96(30,080,220), 3.240(60,113, 1.11.1), 3.167(40,262,133), 3.140(40,2.10.0,331), and 2.821(30,173,1.13.1).

The new name is for R.A. Gault (b. 1943) of the Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, Canada, which is the repository for type material. The mineral corresponds to UK84 in previous partial descriptions. J.L.J.

Kintoreite*

A. Pring, W.D. Brich, J. Dawe, M. Taylor, M. Deliens, K. Walenta (1995) Kintoreite, PbFe₃(PO₄)₂(OH,H₂O)₆, a new mineral of the jarosite-alunite family, and lusungite discredited. Mineral. Mag., 59, 143–148.

Electron microprobe analysis (average of six) gave CuO 0.25, ZnO 1.58, PbO 31.37, BaO 0.09, Al₂O₃ 0.02, Fe₂O₃ 34.01, P₂O₅ 13.30, As₂O₅ 6.43, SO₃ 2.02, CO₂ and H₂O (CHN analyses) 0.73 and 9.0, respectively, sum 98.90 wt%, corresponding to Pb_{0.97}(Fe_{2.95}Zn_{0.13}Cu_{0.02})_{23.10}[(PO₄)_{1.30}- (AsO₄)_{0.39}(SO₄)_{0.18}(CO₃)_{0.11}]_{21.98}(OH)_{5.45} \cdot 0.74H₂O, ideally PbFe₃(PO₄)₂(OH,H₂O)₆. Occurs as clusters and coatings of cream to yellowish green and brownish yellow crystals to several millimeters in height, typically with well-defined rhombohedra {112}; also as waxy, yellowish green globular crusts and hemispheres on other phosphate minerals. Crystals are translucent, vitreous to adamantine luster, and globules are transparent to translucent, with a greasy to waxy luster. Streak pale yellowish green, $H = \sim$ 4, good {001} cleavage, brittle, rough fracture, D_{meas}

^{*} Before publication, minerals marked with an asterisk were approved by the Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names, International Mineralogical Association.

>4.2, $D_{calc} = 4.34$ g/cm³ for Z = 3. Optically uniaxial negative, refractive indices between 1.935 and 1.955, pleochroic from light yellowish green to medium yellow. The X-ray powder pattern (Guiner-Hägg 100-mm camera, CuK α radiation) has strongest lines of 5.96(90,101), 3.67 (60,110), 3.07(100,113), 2.971(40,202), 2.818(40,006), 2.538(50,024), 2.257(50,107), 1.979(50,303), and 1.831 (40,220). Indexing by analogy with beudantite, from which a = 7.325(1), c = 16.900(3) Å, space group $R\overline{3}m$.

The mineral occurs with segnitite, goethite, pyromorphite, mimetite, hinsdalite, libethenite, and apatite in the Kintore open pit (hence the new name) in oxidized parts of the Broken Hill Pb-Zn ore bodies, New South Wales, Australia, and at the Clara and Igelschlatt mines near Oberwolfach and Grafenhausen, respectively, in Germany. Type material (Kintore) is in the South Australian Museum and in the Museum of Victoria, Australia.

Discussion. See also the abstract on lusungite. J.L.J.

Mccrillisite,* gainesite

E.E. Foord, M.E. Brownfield, F.E. Lichte, A.M. Davis, S.J. Sutley (1994) Mccrillisite, NaCs(Be,Li) $Zr_2(PO_4)_4 \cdot 1-2H_2O$, a new mineral species from Mount Mica, Oxford County, Maine, and new data for gainesite. Can. Mineral., 32, 839–842.

The mineral occurs sparingly as white to colorless bipyramidal crystals up to 1.2 mm long in cavities in a granitic pegmatite. Translucent to transparent, white streak, vitreous luster, conchoidal fracture, $H = 4-4\frac{1}{2}$, nonfluorescent, $\{111\}$ dominant and $\{001\}$ minor, D_{meas} = 3.125(5), D_{calc} = 3.30 g/cm³ for Z = 2. Optically uniaxial positive, $\omega = 1.634(2)$, $\epsilon = 1.645(2)$. Electron and ion microprobe, and laser-ablation ICP-MS analyses gave Li₂O 0.6, BeO 2.9, Na₂O 4.2, K₂O 0.3, Cs₂O 15.3, MgO 0.1, SrO 0.2, ZnO 0.5, ZrO₂ 31.6, HfO₂ 2.5, SiO₂ 0.1, P_2O_5 38.3, H_2O 3.0, F 0.5, F = O 0.21, sum 99.89 wt%, corresponding to Na_{1.00} (Cs_{0.80}Li_{0.18}K_{0.05})_{21.03} (Be_{0.86}Li_{0.12}- $Mg_{0.02})_{\Sigma 1.00}(Zr_{1.90}Hf_{0.09}Zn_{0.05})_{\Sigma 2.04}(P_{4.00}Si_{0.01})_{\Sigma 4.01}(O_{15.8}F_{0.2})_{\Sigma 16.0}$ 1.23H₂O. Single-crystal X-ray study indicated tetragonal symmetry, $I4_1/amd$, a = 6.573(2), c = 17.28(2) Å as refined from the powder pattern (114-mm Gandolfi, $CuK\alpha$ radiation) with strongest lines of 6.159(90,101), 4.326(80,004), 4.099(40,112), 3.281(80,200), 3.060(100, 105), 2.896(30,211), and 1.849(30,305).

The mineral formed by late-stage hydrothermal alteration of predecessor Zr-bearing minerals in the pegmatite, especially zircon. The new name is for the McCrillis family of Oxford County, Maine, who have worked the pegmatites of Maine for almost a century. Type material is in the U.S. National Museum (Smithsonian Institution), Washington. Mccrillisite is the Cs member of the gainesite group.

Gainesite

A new, complete analysis of cotype gainesite gave 4.3 wt% H₂O, confirming that the members of the gainesite

group (mccrillisite, gainesite, and selwynite) are hydrated, with 1-2 molecules of formula H_2O . The formula of gainesite should be revised accordingly. J.L.J.

Morimotoite*

C. Henmi, I. Kusachi, K. Henmi (1995) Morimotoite, Ca₃TiFe²⁺Si₃O₁₂, a new titanian garnet from Fuka, Okayama Prefecture, Japan. Mineral. Mag., 59, 115–120.

The mineral occurs as black, euhedral to subhedral grains to 15 mm, with or without rims of grossular-andradite. Adamantine luster, no cleavage, H = 7.5, D_{meas} = 3.75(2), D_{calc} = 3.80 g/cm³. Optically isotropic, n = 1.955(2). Electron microprobe analysis gave SiO₂ 26.93, TiO₂, 18.51, ZrO₂ 1.48, Al₂O₃ 0.97, Fe₂O₃ 11.42, FeO 7.78, MnO 0.23, MgO 0.87, CaO 31.35, sum 99.54 wt%, corresponding to $(Ca_{2.89}Mg_{0.11})_{\Sigma 3.00}(Ti_{1.20}Fe_{0.56}^{2+}Fe_{0.16}^{3+}Zr_{0.06} Mn_{0.02}$ _{22,00} $(Si_{2.32}Fe_{0.58}^{3+}Al_{0.10})_{23,00}O_{12}$, simplified as Ca₃(Ti,- $Fe^{2+}, Fe^{3+})_2(Si, Fe^{3+})_3O_{12}$. Crystals are generally homogeneous in composition at the core but vary in the rims. Single-crystal X-ray study indicated cubic symmetry, space group Ia3d, a = 12.162(3) Å as refined from the powder pattern with strongest lines of 3.039(72,400), 2.720(100,420), 2.483(51,422), 1.687(26,640), and 1.626(56,642).

The new mineral, named for Nobuo Morimoto (b. 1925) of Osaka University, is derived from the formula of andradite, $CaFe_2^{3+}Si_3O_{12}$, by the substitution $Ti + Fe^{2+} = 2Fe^{3+}$. The mineral, which is associated with calcite, vesuvianite, grossular, wollastonite, prehnite, perovskite, and other minerals, was formed in limestone intruded by quartz monzonite dykes. Type material is in the National Science Museum, Tokyo, Japan. J.L.J.

Peterbaylissite*

A.C. Roberts, T.S. Ercit, L.A. Groat, A.J. Criddle, R.C. Erd, R.S. Williams (1995) Peterbaylissite, Hg₃¹⁺(CO₃)-(OH)·2H₂O, a new mineral species from the Clear Creek claim, San Benito County, California. Can. Mineral., 33, 47–56.

The mineral occurs as clustered and isolated crystals, up to 0.2 mm long, on ferroan magnesite and quartz. Crystals are euhedral to subhedral, wedge-shaped, slightly elongate [001]; also rarely platy. Black to dark red-brown color, opaque, dark brown to black streak, submetallic to adamantine luster, brittle, irregular fracture, H = <5, nonfluorescent, $D_{calc} = 7.14 \text{ g/cm}^3$ for Z = 8, becomes transparent without effervescence in concentrated HCl. In reflected light, gray with a slight blue tinge, nonpleochroic, weakly to moderately bireflectant, internal reflections from yellow-white to orange, weakly anisotropic with polarization colors dull dark gray and brown, average n = 2.10 (589 nm) calculated from reflectance spectra; reflectance percentages for R_1 and R_2 in air and in oil are, respectively, 11.4, 12.15, 2.02, 2.35 (470 nm), 10.95, 11.6, 1.88, 2.15 (546), 10.9, 11.5, 1.85, 2.11 (589), and 10.7,

11.2, 1.82, 2.04 (650). Single-crystal X-ray study indicated orthorhombic, pseudotetragonal symmetry, space group *Pcab*, a = 11.130(2), b = 11.139(3), c = 10.725(3)Å as refined from the powder pattern (114-mm Debye-Scherrer, CuK α radiation) with strongest lines of 4.84(50,012), 2.969(70,231), 2.786(40,040,400), 2.648 (100,223), and 2.419(60,241,024,412). Electron microprobe analysis gave Hg₂O 87.4, with CO₂ and H₂O derived from crystal-structure analysis (in preparation); theoretical contents for Hg₃(CO₃)(OH) · 2H₂O are Hg₂O 87.54, CO₂ 6.16, H₂O 6.30 wt%. The presence of H₂O, OH, and CO₃ was confirmed by infrared spectroscopy.

The mineral occurs on a single specimen from a prospect pit near the former Clear Creek mercury mine, New Idria district, San Benito County. The new name is for Peter Bayliss, University of Calgary. Type material is in the Systematic Reference Series of the National Mineral Collection, Geological Survey of Canada, Ottawa, and a polished section is in the Natural History Museum, London, Great Britain. J.L.J.

Selwynite*

W.D. Birch, A. Pring, E.E. Foord (1995) Selwynite, NaK-(Be,Al)Zr₂(PO₄)₄·2H₂O, a new gainesite-like mineral from Wycheproof, Victoria, Australia. Can. Mineral., 33, 55–58.

The mineral occurs as intergrowths of indistinct radiating crystals and as granular aggregates that fill cavities up to 8 mm across in quartz-orthoclase-albite-muscoviteschorl pegmatitic veins, 4-12 cm wide, that cut Devonian granite. Deep purplish blue color, transparent, vitreous luster, pale lavender streak, semiconchoidal fracture, H = 4, nonfluorescent, $D_{\text{meas}} = 2.94$, $D_{\text{calc}} = 3.08 \text{ g/cm}^3$ for Z = 2. Optically uniaxial positive, $\omega = 1.624(2)$, $\epsilon =$ 1.636(2); distinctly pleochroic, with O = medium bluish lavender, E = pale bluish lavender. Electron microprobe, CHN, and ICP-MS analyses gave Na₂O 4.77, K₂O 6.26, Rb₂O 0.20, BeO 1.43, CaO 0.98, SrO 0.16, BaO 0.16. MgO 0.15, MnO 0.99, FeO 0.49, Cs₂O 0.70, Al₂O₃ 1.04, Ce₂O₃ 0.03, ZrO₂ 33.76, HfO₂ 1.17, P₂O₅ 40.90, SiO₂ 0.49, F 0.37, H_2O 5.4, $O \equiv F$ 0.16, sum 99.29 wt%, corresponding to $Na_{1,00}(K_{0,92}Na_{0,06}Cs_{0,03}Rb_{0,02}) \ge 1.03(Be_{0,40} Al_{0.14}Ca_{0.12}Mn_{0.10}Fe_{0.05}Mg_{0.03}Sr_{0.01}Ba_{0.01})_{\Sigma 0.86}(Zr_{1.89}Hf_{0.04})_{\Sigma 1.93} (P_{3,98})Si_{0.06})_{24,04}O_{15,80}F_{0.13} \cdot 2.07H_2O$, simplified as NaK(Be, Al) $Zr_2(PO_4)_4 \cdot 2H_2O$, which is the K analogue of gainesite and mccrillisite. The X-ray powder pattern was indexed by analogy with that of gainesite, from which a = 6.570(3). c = 17.142(6) Å, tetragonal symmetry, space group 14, /amd. Strongest lines in the pattern (100-mm Guinier Hägg, CuK α radiation) are 6.161(100,101), 4.29(25,004), 3.286(50,200), 3.039(30,105), and 2.895(20,211).

Among the associated minerals are eosphorite, montmorillonite, and the Zr-bearing phosphates kosnarite and wycheproofite. Selwynite is interpreted to have crystallized directly from late-stage Zr-bearing fluids. The new name is for A.C.R. Selwyn (1824–1902), former Director of the Geological Survey of Victoria (1860–1869) and the Geological Survey of Canada (1869–1894). Type material is in the Museum of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia. J.L.J.

Vanadomalayite*

R. Basso, G. Lucchetti, L. Zefiro, A. Palenzona (1994) Vanadomalayite, $CaVOSiO_4$, a new mineral vanadium analog of titanite and malayite. Neues Jahrb. Mineral. Mon., 489–498.

Electron microprobe analysis gave CaO 28.33, MnO 0.07, VO₂ 29.86, TiO₂ 10.51, Fe₂O₃ 0.46, Al₂O₃ 0.27, SiO_2 30.47, sum 99.97 wt%, corresponding to $Ca_{1,00}(V_{0,71})$ -Ti_{0.26}Fe_{0.01}Al_{0.01})OSi_{1.01}O₄, ideally CaVOSiO₄. The mineral occurs as subhedral, prismatic, deep red, isolated grains up to 0.4 mm. Transparent, vitreous luster, red streak, good {110} cleavage, hardness not determinable, nonfluorescent, no twinning observed, $D_{\text{meas}} = 3.60(4)$, $D_{\text{calc}} = 3.61 \text{ g/cm}^3$ for Z = 4. Optically biaxial, $\alpha = \sim 1.95$, $\gamma = 2.105(5)$, strong dispersion, pleochroism $X \approx Y =$ brownish red-orange, Z = deep greenish blue. Singlecrystal X-ray structure study (R = 0.026) indicated monoclinic symmetry, space group C2/c; a = 6.532(2), b = 8.692(3), c = 7.039(2) Å, $\beta = 113.88(1)^{\circ}$ by refinement of a Gandolfi powder pattern (Cu radiation) with strongest lines (calculated intensities) of $3.22(100.11\overline{2})$. 2.97(70,200), 2.59(63,130;44,022), 2.271(19,131;10,113), 2.057(9,041; 17,312), and 1.641(23,330).

The mineral occurs sparingly in a small vein of calcite, quartz, and haradaite that cuts ophiolitic metacherts at the Gambatesa mine near the village of Reppia, Val Graveglia, northern Apennines, Italy. The new name indicates that the mineral is the V analogue of malayite. Type material is in the Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra, Sezione di Mineralogia, Universitá di Genova, Italy. J.L.J.

Ag-Sn-S mineral

S. Ono, J. Sato (1994) Ore minerals and fluid inclusions from veins in the northwestern part of the Toyoha Pb-Zn-Ag mining district, Hokkaido, Japan. Resource Geology, 44(5), 369–378.

In one of the veins at the Toyoha mine, Sapporo, Japan, round to elongate inclusions of an Ag-Sn-S mineral occur in galena or are intergrown with galena and sphalerite. The inclusions are 10–50 μ m in size, gray with a greenish tint in reflected light in air, darker in oil, nonpleochroic, no anisotropism observed, polishing hardness greater than that of galena and less than that of sphalerite. Electron microprobe analysis (one of four listed) gave Ag 66.9, Cu 0.2, Pb 1.6, Sn 13.2, S 18.5, sum 100.4 wt%, corresponding to Ag_{47.0}Cu_{0.2}Pb_{0.6}Sn_{8.4}S_{43.8}. The composition is similar to that of canfieldite, but optical properties differ. J.L.J.

CuNiSb₂

Yu.K. Kabalov, E.V. Sokolova, E.M. Spiridonov, F.M. Spiridonov (1994) Crystal structure of the new mineral CuNiSb₂. Doklady Akad. Nauk, 335(6), 709–711 (in Russian).

The mineral occurs in the Zlatoja Hora deposit, Central Urals, as roundish to short prismatic grains to 300 μ m, associated with native antimony, lead, cuprostibite, nisbite, seinäjokite, ullmannite, galena, and gudmundite. Silver-white color, metallic luster, $VHN_{50} = 290-310$, $D_{meas} = 8.21(4)$, $D_{calc} = 8.25$ g/cm³ for Z = 1. In reflected light, white with a yellowish tint, weak bireflectance, distinct anisotropism. Reflectance percentages (R_1 , R_2) are 59.3, 52.4 (470 nm), 63.0, 56.8 (546), 65.5, 60.9 (589), and 68.6, 64.9 (650). From electron microprobe analysis (not given) the empirical formula is Cu_{0.99}(Ni_{0.99}Fe_{0.01}Co_{0.01})_{21.01}-(Sb_{1.95}As_{0.04})_{21.99}. Rietveld refinement ($R_F = 0.035$) showed the mineral to be of the NiAs structure type, hexagonal, space group $P\overline{3}ml$, a = 4.0510(2), c = 5.1382(4) Å. J.L.J.

Cu(Re,Mo,Os),S9

P. Peltonen, L. Pakkanen, B. Johanson (1995) Re-Mo-Cu-Os sulfide from the Ekojoki Ni-Cu deposit, SW Finland. Mineral. Petrology, 52, 257–264.

The mineral occurs as a single, euhedral grain, 4×8 μ m, enclosed in pentlandite containing wormlike mackinawite. The grain is four-sided, with the sides intersecting at 110° (obtuse angle). Light gray in reflected light, reflectance estimated to be about 35%; pleochroism, anisotropism, and zoning not observed. Electron microprobe analysis gave Fe 3.19, Ni 1.32, Cu 5.43, Mo 12.69, Re 48.23, Os 2.89, S 26.63, sum 100.37 wt%; if the Fe and Ni are attributed to fluorescence effects from pentlandite and mackinawite, the formula is Cu_{1.02}(Re_{3.11}Os_{0.18}-Mo_{1.59})_{24.88}S₉. The simplified formula is Cu(Re,Mo,Os)₅-S₉, similar to that of previously reported unnamed mineral(s) (Re,Mo,Cu,Fe)₂S₃ or (Cu,Fe)(Re,Mo)₄S₈. The grain is from the Proterozoic Ekojoki ultramafic intrusion, southern Finland.

Discussion. See also the abstract for ReS_n in Am. Mineral., 80, p. 406 (1995). J.L.J.

Fe2TlAs3O12·4H2O

E. Frantz, H. Palme, W. Todt, A. El Goresy, M. Pavićević (1994) Geochemistry of Tl-As minerals and host rocks at Allchar (FYR Macedonia). Neues Jahrb. Mineral. Abh., 167, 359-399.

Among the Tl-As minerals of the Crven Dol deposit at Allchar is one that occurs within realgar as radial to colloform aggregates up to 300 μ m in diameter. Electron microprobe analyses for the radial and colloform types gave, respectively, Fe 18.36, 17.2, Tl 29.27, 26.63, As 37.16, 39.28, S 4.13, 4.03, sum 88.93, 87.13 wt%, possibly corresponding to Fe₂Tl(As_{0.85}S_{0.15})₃O₁₂·4H₂O. J.L.J.

New Data

Aurichalcite

M.M. Harding, B.M. Kariuki, R. Cernik, G. Cressey (1994) The structure of aurichalcite, $(Cu,Zn)_{5}(OH)_{6}-(CO_{3})_{2}$, determined from a microcrystal. Acta Crystallogr., B50, 673–676.

Structure determination (R = 0.061) of a twinned crystal of aurichalcite, 5 μ m thick, showed that the symmetry is monoclinic, space group $P2_1/m$, a = 13.82(2), b = 6.419(3), c = 5.29(3) Å, $\beta = 101.04(2)^\circ$, $D_{calc} = 3.93$ g/cm³ for Z = 2. The symmetry is new. J.L.J.

Bolivarite, evansite

J. García-Guinea, A. Millán Chagoyen, E.H. Nickel (1995) A re-investigation of bolivarite and evansite. Can. Mineral., 33, 59–65.

The name bolivarite was introduced in 1921 for a mineral from Campo Lameiro, Pontevedra, Spain, with a formula close to $Al_2(PO_4)(OH)_3 \cdot H_2O$; much later analyses showed up to 5H₂O. Evansite was introduced in 1864 for a similar mineral from Mount Železník, Gömör, Slovakia, with the accepted formula $Al_3(PO_4)(OH)_6 \cdot H_2O$. Examination of type specimens of bolivarite and evansite showed both to be X-ray amorphous and to have almost identical physical properties and infrared and NMR spectra. Chemical analyses of additional specimens from the Pontevedra area, Spain, gave Al:P atomic ratios from 2.44 to 3.58, thus overlapping the Al:P of evansite. Although evansite has historical priority, it is difficult to discredit bolivarite because of the lack of crystallographic data. "It seems, therefore, that ... these names will continue to exist in the mineralogical limbo reserved for inadequately characterized minerals." J.L.J.

Fichtelite

H.A. Mace, R.C. Peterson (1995) The crystal structure of fichtelite, a naturally occurring hydrocarbon. Can. Mineral., 33, 7–11.

Single-crystal X-ray structure study (R = 0.046) of fichtelite gave monoclinic symmetry, space group $P2_1$, a = 10.706(4), b = 7.458(2), c = 10.824(7) Å, $\beta = 105.85(3)^\circ$, $D_{calc} = 0.631$ g/cm³ for 2[C₁₉H₃₄]. The cell dimensions (and density) are new J.L.J.

Namibite

Z. Mrázek, F. Veselovský, J. Hloušek, H. Moravcová, P. Ondruš (1994) Redefinition of namibite, Cu(BiO)₂-VO₄OH. Neues Jahrb. Mineral. Mon., 481–488.

Namibite from Namibia was originally defined as Cu-Bi₂VO₆. In new occurrence at Jáchymov, Czech Republic, namibite is present as spherical aggregates consisting

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of tabular to columnar crystals up to 0.3 mm, elongate [010], flattened on (001), perfect {001} cleavage, $D_{calc} = 6.91 \text{ g/cm}^3$ for Z = 2. Wet-chemical analysis gave Cu 12.03, Bi₂O₃ 72.24, V₂O₅ 13.77, H₂O 1.51, sum 99.55 wt%, corresponding to Cu_{0.98} (BiO)_{2.01} (VO₄)_{0.98} (OH)_{1.03} · 0.03H₂O, ideally Cu(BiO)₂VO₄OH. The mineral was synthesized hydrothermally at 200 °C, and infrared spectra of the natural and synthetic phases are in good agreement; absorption bands at 1032, 1083, and 1102 cm⁻¹ correspond to the bending vibration of Cu-OH bands, and several strong absorption bands are attributable to the presence of V as VO₄. The new formula indicates that namibite is a hydroxo-vandate. J.L.J.

Parakhinite

P.C. Burns, M.A. Cooper, F.C. Hawthorne (1995) Parakhinite, Cu₃⁺PbTe⁶⁺O₆(OH)₂: Crystal structure and revision of chemical formula. Can. Mineral., 33, 33–40.

Single-crystal X-ray structure study (R = 0.081) of twinned parakhinite from the Emperor mine, Tombstone, Arizona (type locality), gave trigonal symmetry, a = 5.765(2), c = 18.001(9) Å, formula as given above, $D_{calc} = 6.302$ g/cm³ for Z = 3. The symmetry and formula are new. J.L.J.

Synchysite-(Ce)

L. Wang, Y. Ni, J.M. Hughes, P. Bayliss, J.W. Drexler (1994) The atomic arrangement of synchysite-(Ce), Ce-CaF(CO₃)₂. Can. Mineral., 32, 865–871.

Single-crystal X-ray structure study (R = 0.036) of synchysite-(Ce) showed the symmetry to be monoclinic, space group C2/c, a = 12.329(2), b = 7.110(1), c = 18.741(2)Å, $\beta = 102.68(1)^{\circ}$. J.L.J.

Discredited Minerals

Arizonite, leucoxene, kleberite

I.E. Grey, J.A. Watts, P. Bayliss (1994) Mineralogical nomenclature: Pseudorutile revalidated and neotype given. Mineral. Mag., 58, 597-600.

Although arizonite and leucoxene have historical priority over pseudorutile, neither has been adequately defined. Arizonite and leucoxene are considered to be mixtures. The X-ray powder pattern of kleberite can be satisfactorily indexed using the substructure cell of pseudorutile, and the chemical composition of kleberite can be recast to that of a hydroxylian pseudorutile. The proposal that arizonite, proarizonite (previously rejected), leucoxene, and kleberite are not valid mineral names has been accepted by the CNMMN. J.L.J.

Lusungite*

A. Pring, W.D. Birch, J. Dawe, M. Taylor, M. Deliens, K. Walenta (1995) Kintoreite, $PbFe_3(PO_4)_2(OH,H_2O)_6$, a new mineral of the jarosite-alunite family, and lusungite discredited. Mineral. Mag., 59, 143–148.

Lusungite was originally described as $(Sr,Pb)Fe_3^{3+}(PO_4)_2$ -(OH₃)·H₂O. Electron microprobe analysis of holotype material gave PbO 0.04, CaO 0.45, SrO 18.65, BaO 0.26, Al₂O₃ 31.58, Fe₂O₃ 0.82, P₂O₅ 27.57 wt%, corresponding to $(Sr_{0.93}Ca_{0.04}Ba_{0.01})_{20.98}(Al_{3.19}Fe_{0.05})_{23.24}(PO_4)_2$, and indicating that the mineral is goyazite. The discreditation of lusungite has been approved by the CNMMN, and what was previously referred to as the lusungite group in the alunite-jarosite family is renamed the segnitite group. J.L.J.