

## REVISION OF THE CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF MRÁZEKITE, $\text{Bi}_2\text{Cu}_3(\text{OH})_2\text{O}_2(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

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### ABSTRACT

Mrázekite,  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Cu}_3(\text{OH})_2\text{O}_2(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , is described from its second occurrence in silicified barite veins from Gaderneheim and Reichenbach, Odenwald, Hesse, Germany. It forms blue crystals up to 0.5 mm across that are tabular on {101} and elongate parallel to [010]. The most prominent forms are {012}, {101}, and {103}. Mrázekite is biaxial negative,  $2V = 66.0(5)^\circ$ ,  $r < v$  strong; the mean index of refraction  $n$  is 1.86–1.87,  $X \Lambda c \approx 27^\circ$ ,  $Y \Lambda a \approx 15^\circ$ , and  $Z \parallel b$ . Electron-microprobe analyses gave  $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_3$  50.1 wt.%,  $\text{CuO}$  25.4%,  $\text{PbO}$  0.10%,  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  15.2%,  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$  0.26%,  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  0.25%,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (calc.) 6.0%, total 97.3%. This yielded the empirical formula  $\text{Bi}_{2.05}\text{Cu}_{2.99}(\text{OH})_{1.98}\text{O}_{2.00}(\text{PO}_4)_{1.95}(\text{AsO}_4)_{0.02}(\text{VO}_4)_{0.02} \Sigma_{i=1}^{99} 1.88 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ . A reinvestigation of the crystal structure of mrázekite was performed using single-crystal X-ray data. The space group is  $P2_1/n$ , with  $a = 9.065(1)$ ,  $b = 6.340(1)$ ,  $c = 21.239(3)$  Å,  $\beta = 101.57(1)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1195.8(2)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ . The structure refinement converged for 2995 observed unique reflections and 194 free parameters at  $R = 0.050$ . The  $[^{2+2}]\text{Bi}^{3+}\text{O}_4$  polyhedra are edge-connected to form  $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_6$  dimers,  $\langle \text{Bi}-\text{O} \rangle$  being 2.12 Å and 2.41 Å for the short and longer bonds. The coordination is completed by four ligands at a distance between 2.71 and 3.09 Å. The Cu atoms have four ligands with  $\langle \text{Cu}-\text{O} \rangle = 1.95$  Å; two additional ligands have Cu–O between 2.63 and 2.85 Å. The lengths of the hydrogen bonds in the hydroxyl groups are 2.67 Å; the water molecules have O<sub>w</sub>...O contacts greater than or equal to 2.98 Å. Two thirds of the CuO<sub>4</sub> squares are corner-connected to rows in [010]; the PO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra are linked to these rows to form ribbons that are interconnected by the remaining third part of the Cu atoms. The resulting corrugated sheets parallel to (103) are linked by Bi atoms and hydrogen bonds.

**Keywords:** mrázekite,  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Cu}_3(\text{OH})_2\text{O}_2(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , crystal morphology, optical properties, chemical composition, X-ray powder-diffraction pattern, cell parameters, crystal structure.

### SOMMAIRE

Nous décrivons le deuxième exemple de la mrázekite,  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Cu}_3(\text{OH})_2\text{O}_2(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , découvert dans des veines de baryte silicifiées à Gaderneheim et Reichenbach, Odenwald, Hesse, en Allemagne. Elle se présente en cristaux bleus atteignant 0.5 mm, tabulaires sur {101} et allongés parallèles à [010]. Les formes les plus importantes sont {012}, {101}, et {103}. La mrázekite est biaxe négative,  $2V = 66.0(5)^\circ$ ,  $r < v$  intense; l'indice de réfraction moyen est entre 1.86 et 1.87,  $X \Lambda c \approx 27^\circ$ ,  $Y \Lambda a \approx 15^\circ$ , et  $Z \parallel b$ . Les analyses à la microsonde électronique ont donné  $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_3$  50.1% (poids),  $\text{CuO}$  25.4%,  $\text{PbO}$  0.10%,  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  15.2%,  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$  0.26%,  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  0.25%,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (calculé) 6.0%, total 97.3%. Ces données mènent à la formule empirique  $\text{Bi}_{2.05}\text{Cu}_{2.99}(\text{OH})_{1.98}\text{O}_{2.00}(\text{PO}_4)_{1.95}(\text{AsO}_4)_{0.02}(\text{VO}_4)_{0.02} \Sigma_{i=1}^{99} 1.88 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Nous avons redéterminé la structure cristalline de la mrázekite sur cristal unique. Le groupe spatial est  $P2_1/n$ ,  $a = 9.065(1)$ ,  $b = 6.340(1)$ ,  $c = 21.239(3)$  Å,  $\beta = 101.57(1)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1195.8(2)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ . L'affinement de la structure (194 paramètres libres, 2995 réflexions uniques observées) a atteint un résidu  $R$  de 0.050. Les polyèdres  $[^{2+2}]\text{Bi}^{3+}\text{O}_4$  sont articulés par partage d'arêtes avec des dimères  $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_6$ ;  $\langle \text{Bi}-\text{O} \rangle$  est égal à 2.12 et 2.41 Å pour les distances courtes et plus longues, respectivement. La coordination est complétée par quatre groupes anioniques situés à une distance de 2.71 à 3.09 Å. Les atomes de Cu sont agencés avec quatre ligands, avec  $\langle \text{Cu}-\text{O} \rangle = 1.95$  Å; pour deux ligands additionnels, Cu–O est entre 2.63 et 2.85 Å. Les liaisons hydrogène des groupes hydroxyle ont une longueur de 2.67 Å, et les molécules d'eau ont un contact O<sub>w</sub>...O supérieur ou égal à 2.98 Å. Deux tiers des groupes planaires CuO<sub>4</sub> partagent leurs coins pour former des rangées le long de [010]. Les tétraèdres PO<sub>4</sub> sont articulés à ces rangées pour former des rubans liés aux autres groupes CuO<sub>4</sub>. Les feuillets ondulés qui en résultent, parallèles à (103), sont liés par les atomes de Bi et les liaisons hydrogène.

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**Mots-clés:** mrázekite,  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Cu}_3(\text{OH})_2\text{O}_2(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , morphologie, propriétés optiques, composition chimique, diffraction X, maille élémentaire, structure cristalline.

## INTRODUCTION

Weathering of small segregations of ore in silicified veins from the Odenwald area, Germany, gave rise to the formation of numerous secondary minerals. In 1989, a blue bismuth–copper phosphate was found by Mr. Klaus Petitjean. X-ray and chemical data pertaining to this material did not match that of any known mineral, and it proved to be a new mineral. During contact with the IMA Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names, it became evident that this species had been already approved a short time before. The mineral was named mrázekite, and the first description, based on samples from Ľubietová, Slovakia, was then in progress (Řídkošil *et al.* 1992).

We report here on physical, chemical, and structural data for mrázekite from the Odenwald area, Germany. In some respects (optical data, cell parameters, space-group symmetry, and crystal structure), the results differ from those given by Řídkošil *et al.* (1992).

## OCCURRENCE AND GENERAL APPEARANCE

The system of silicified barite veins at Reichenbach, near Bensheim, Odenwald, Hesse, Germany, is the largest among a number of similar silicified veins occurring in the crystalline rocks of the northwestern Odenwald area. The Reichenbach system of veins strikes west–northwest and dips nearly vertically; its length is about 5 km, and locally it reaches a width of more than 10 m. The silicified barite vein near Gadernheim, which can be regarded

as the eastern continuation of the Reichenbach system, is much smaller (about 100 m in length and up to 4.5 m in width). A more detailed description of these localities was given by Krause *et al.* (1993). Small isolated grains of ore minerals (galena, chalcopyrite, tetrahedrite, tennantite, emplectite, and wittichenite) occur inside the vein material. Weathering of these primary minerals leads to a great number of secondary minerals, predominantly phosphates, arsenates, and vanadates of copper, lead, and bismuth.

A few milligrams of mrázekite crystals were found at Gadernheim (map coordinates r: 3481300, h: 5508150, topographic map sheet TK 6218) and at Reichenbach (map coordinates r: 3477260, h: 5508500, topographic map sheet TK 6218). Associated minerals at Gadernheim are chalcopyrite, chalcocite, malachite, goethite, pyromorphite, and beudantite, and at Reichenbach, bismutite, preisingerite, mixite, and reichenbachite. Mrázekite forms crusts and spherical aggregates; idiomorphic crystals (<0.5 mm) with well-developed faces are rare. Physical and chemical data of mrázekite from Gadernheim and Reichenbach were found to be identical and in good agreement with the data given by Řídkošil *et al.* (1992), except for part of the optical data.

## MORPHOLOGICAL AND OPTICAL DATA

Mrázekite crystals are tabular on {101} and elongate parallel to [010] (Fig. 1). In general, the crystal faces are poorly developed, and measurements with a two-circle optical goniometer revealed values with uncertainties of about 0.5 to 1°. Parallel to [010], four

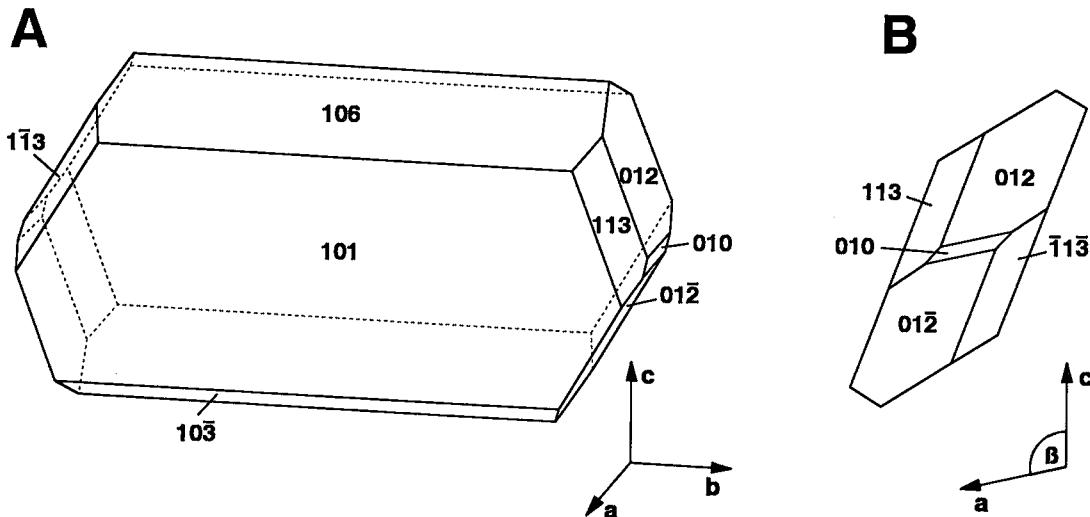


FIG. 1. Morphology of mrázekite: A) perspective view, B) view parallel to [010].

pinacoids  $\{h0l\}$  were observed:  $\{101\}$  is the dominant form,  $\{10\overline{3}\}$  is common and forms small faces,  $\{001\}$  is rare and generally poorly developed. In addition, all crystals investigated show a large pinacoid with a relatively high  $l$  index. Though it is close to  $\{001\}$ , the deviation with respect to the calculated position of  $\{001\}$  is about  $20^\circ$ , and therefore much greater than the uncertainty of the measurement. Because of its poor development, this form cannot be indexed precisely; the indices may therefore range between  $\{105\}$  and  $\{107\}$ ; as an average,  $\{106\}$  is shown. Oblique to  $[010]$ , the crystals are usually terminated by  $\{012\}$  (dominant),  $\{113\}$  (minor), and  $\{010\}$  (rare).

The optical data could not be determined in detail, because the crystals were rapidly attacked by the immersion liquids, the Cargille oils as well as mixtures of phosphorus and  $\text{CH}_2\text{I}_2$ , with (West solution) and without sulfur. Therefore, only a mean index of refraction, between 1.86 and 1.87, is reported. This is in good agreement with the calculated index of refraction, 1.87, based on the Gladstone-Dale relationship (Mandarino 1981). The optic axis angle  $2V$  has been measured by a straightforward method described in detail by Medenbach (1985). Subsequent to the orientation with a spindle stage, the crystal was transferred with its  $n_y$  direction parallel to the axis of a second goniometer head. Precise measurements of  $2V$  and observations of dispersion effects were then possible in an appropriate immersion liquid with  $n = n_y$  of the crystal. Because of the decomposition of mrázekite in higher-index liquids, the determinations have been carried out in methylene iodide and corrected according to Snell's law. Strong dispersion was found, with  $r < v$ ;  $2V_x = 63.0(5)^\circ$  (670 nm),  $66.0(5)^\circ$  (589 nm), and  $73.5(5)^\circ$  (435 nm). The orientation is  $X \Lambda c \approx 27^\circ$ ,  $Y \Lambda a \approx 15^\circ$  and  $Z \parallel b$ , with strong horizontal dispersion. Pleochroism is very faint in ink-blue colors, and absorption is  $X < Y < Z$ . Note that the orientation of the optical indicatrix differs markedly from that given by Řídkošil *et al.* (1992).

#### CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

An electron microprobe (CAMECA Camebax, 20 kV, 14 nA) was used for chemical analysis. The following standards were used:  $\text{Bi}_2\text{S}_3$  (Bi), mimetite (Pb, As),  $\text{AlPO}_4$  (P), vanadium metal (V), and  $\text{SrCuSi}_4\text{O}_{10}$  (Cu). Table 1 gives average results of 14 analyses. No other elements with atomic numbers greater than 8 were detected.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was calculated according to the ideal formula; the infrared spectrum of a single crystal, recorded with a Bruker FTIR spectrometer, clearly indicates the existence of both hydroxyl groups and molecular water. The empirical formula based on 14 oxygen atoms is  $\text{Bi}_{2.05}\text{Cu}_{2.99}(\text{OH})_{1.98}\text{O}_{2.00}[(\text{PO}_4)_{1.95}(\text{AsO}_4)_{0.02}(\text{VO}_4)_{0.02}]_{\Sigma=1.99} \cdot 1.88\text{H}_2\text{O}$  or, ideally,  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Cu}_3(\text{OH})_2\text{O}_2(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

TABLE I. CHEMICAL COMPOSITION (WT.-%) OF MRÁZEKITE FROM REICHENBACH, ODENWALD, GERMANY

| constituent                  | range         | 1     | 2      |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------|--------|
| $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_3$      | 48.87 - 51.76 | 50.09 | 51.74  |
| $\text{CuO}$                 | 24.73 - 25.85 | 25.44 | 26.50  |
| $\text{PbO}$                 | 0.04 - 0.20   | 0.10  | —      |
| $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$       | 14.67 - 15.58 | 15.16 | 15.76  |
| $\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$      | 0.10 - 0.52   | 0.26  | —      |
| $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$       | 0.06 - 0.42   | 0.25  | —      |
| $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (calc.) |               | 6.00  | 6.00   |
| total                        |               | 97.30 | 100.00 |

1: mean of 14 analyses

2: calculated for the ideal formula  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Cu}_3(\text{OH})_2\text{O}_2(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

#### X-RAY DATA AND STRUCTURE INVESTIGATION

Řídkošil *et al.* (1992) described mrázekite from Ľubietová as monoclinic, with  $a$  12.359(6),  $b$  6.331(4),  $c$  9.060(4) Å, and  $\beta$  122.71(4)°. The crystal structure was determined and refined in space group  $C2/m$ . Independently, we investigated crystals of this mineral species from Gadernheim, Odenwald, Germany. Single-crystal Weissenberg film investigations clearly proved Laue symmetry  $2/m$ , and from extinction rules the space group  $P2_1/n$  was found. The unit-cell parameters were refined from the  $2\theta$  values of an X-ray powder-diffraction pattern by least-squares methods (indexed according to the cell parameters ascertained from single-crystal investigations):  $a$  9.065(1),  $b$  6.340(1),  $c$  21.239(3) Å,  $\beta$  101.57(1)°. The cell volume is doubled compared to that of Řídkošil *et al.* (1992).

The atomic coordinates of the Bi atoms and parts of those of the Cu atoms were derived from a Patterson map. The other atoms (except for the hydrogen atoms) were found from successive Fourier and difference-Fourier maps. A subsequent structural reinvestigation of the type material of mrázekite from Ľubietová verified the results determined on crystals from Gadernheim within limits of error and proved the identity of the two mineral species.

The crystal structure of mrázekite shows a pronounced pseudosymmetry. Řídkošil *et al.* (1992) gave the pseudocell and the *average* structure only. It is noteworthy that the pseudocell found by the previous authors shows a *C*-centering, whereas the *true* cell has a primitive Bravais lattice; consequently, the pseudocell has a quarter of the cell volume of the true cell with respect to translation symmetry. A remark is necessary regarding the pseudocell given by Řídkošil *et al.* (1992): the  $C2/m$  setting implies an unreduced cell; the reduced pseudocell has space group setting  $I2/m$  (the relationships are illustrated in Fig. 2 and Table 2, respectively). The calculated powder-patterns for the average and true structures, respectively, show only very slight differences. Mainly, these are mani-

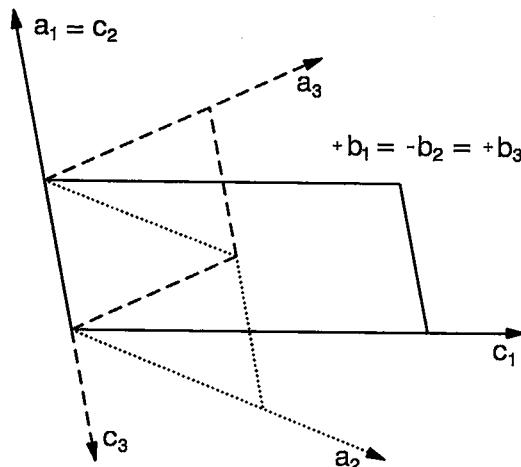


FIG. 2. Relation between the true cell and the pseudocell of Mrázekite.  $a_1, b_1, c_1$ : true cell, space group  $P2_1/n$ ;  $a_2, b_2, c_2$ : pseudocell, space group  $C2/m$  (used by Řídkošil et al. 1992);  $a_3, b_3, c_3$ : reduced pseudocell, space group  $I2/m$ .

fested in a few additional diffraction lines (Table 3) of minor intensity, as can clearly be seen in a high-resolution powder-diffraction pattern. The pseudosymmetry of Mrázekite is responsible for the large number of unobserved reflections in the single-crystal data set used for structure refinements in space group  $P2_1/n$ .

Details of the data collection and structure refinements are compiled in Table 4. Final structural parameters and selected interatomic bond-lengths, as well as bond angles, are given in Table 5 and 6, respectively. For convenience throughout this paper, oxygen atoms belonging to the  $\text{PO}_4$  tetrahedra, hydroxyl groups, and water molecules are denoted as  $\text{O}_p$ ,  $\text{O}_h$ , and  $\text{O}_w$ , respectively, and the oxo-oxygen atoms as  $\text{O}_o$ ;  $\phi$  is an unspecified oxygen ligand. The observed and calculated structure-factors are available from the

TABLE 3. CALCULATED AND OBSERVED X-RAY POWDER DIFFRACTION PATTERN OF MRÁZEKITE FROM GADERNHEIM, ODENWALD, GERMANY \*

| $h$ | $k$ | $l$ | $I_{\text{calc}}$ | $d_{\text{calc}}$ | $I_{\text{obs}}$ | $d_{\text{obs}}$ | $h$   | $k$ | $l$ | $I_{\text{calc}}$ | $d_{\text{calc}}$ | $I_{\text{obs}}$ | $d_{\text{obs}}$ |       |       |
|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------|-----|-----|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------|-------|
| 1   | 0   | 1   | 99                | 7.634             | 100              | 7.630            | 2     | 1   | 8   | 3                 | 1.968             |                  |                  |       |       |
| 1   | 0   | 3   | 48                | 6.091             | 42               | 6.089            | 4     | 1   | 6   | 16                | 1.966             | {                | 15               | 1.965 |       |
| 0   | 1   | 2   | 48                | 5.414             | 56               | 5.407            | 2     | 2   | 6   | 3                 | 1.963             |                  |                  |       |       |
| 0   | 0   | 4   | 53                | 5.202             | 46               | 5.198            | 1     | 3   | 4   | #                 | 1.943             | 4                | 1.944            |       |       |
| 1   | 1   | 1   | 43                | 5.150             | 49               | 5.146            | 1     | 0   | 11  | 8                 | 1.931             | 8                | 1.931            |       |       |
| 1   | 1   | 2   | 4                 | # 4.853           | 5                | 4.851            | 3     | 0   | 7   | 3                 | 1.914             | 4                | 1.914            |       |       |
| 0   | 1   | 3   | 5                 | # 4.679           | 8                | 4.671            | 2     | 3   | 0   | 2                 | 1.908             | 4                | 1.908            |       |       |
| 2   | 0   | 2   | 30                | 4.416             | 29               | 4.417            | 4     | 0   | 8   | 8                 | 1.886             | {                | 10               | 1.885 |       |
| 2   | 0   | 2   | 22                | 3.817             | 21               | 3.817            | 0     | 3   | 5   | 4                 | # 1.884           |                  |                  |       |       |
| 2   | 1   | 0   | 32                | 3.637             | 35               | 3.637            | 1     | 3   | 5   | 9                 | 1.878             | 9                | 1.879            |       |       |
| 1   | 1   | 5   | 36                | 3.441             | 28               | 3.440            | 4     | 2   | 0   | 22                | 1.819             | 17               | 1.819            |       |       |
| 0   | 2   | 0   | 31                | 3.170             | 35               | 3.170            | 0     | 3   | 6   | 14                | 1.805             | 14               | 1.805            |       |       |
| 0   | 2   | 1   | 4                 | # 3.133           | 6                | 3.135            | 2     | 0   | 10  | 8                 | 1.754             | 8                | 1.755            |       |       |
| 2   | 0   | 6   | 11                | 3.045             | {                | 87               | 3.042 | 2   | 3   | 4                 | 3                 | 1.743            |                  |       |       |
| 0   | 1   | 6   | 100               | 3.043             |                  |                  | 5     | 0   | 1   | 8                 | 1.740             | {                | 8                | 1.740 |       |
| 3   | 0   | 1   | 70                | 3.016             |                  |                  | 0     | 0   | 12  | 7                 | 1.734             |                  |                  |       |       |
| 1   | 0   | 7   | 18                | 3.006             | {                | 77               | 3.016 | 5   | 1   | 1                 | 9                 | 1.732            | {                | 7     | 1.733 |
| 1   | 2   | 0   | 5                 | # 2.985           | 10               | 2.986            | 0     | 3   | 7   | 3                 | 1.722             | 5                | 1.723            |       |       |
| 1   | 2   | 1   | 70                | 2.927             | 76               | 2.927            | 1     | 1   | 11  | 4                 | 1.713             | 4                | 1.713            |       |       |
| 1   | 2   | 2   | 7                 | # 2.820           | 11               | 2.817            | 5     | 1   | 5   | 3                 | 1.702             | {                | 5                | 1.699 |       |
| 2   | 1   | 4   | 20                | 2.774             | 19               | 2.773            | 3     | 1   | 11  | 3                 | 1.698             |                  |                  |       |       |
| 3   | 0   | 5   | 15                | 2.679             | 13               | 2.681            | 2     | 1   | 12  | 9                 | 1.676             | 7                | 1.675            |       |       |
| 3   | 1   | 1   | 15                | 2.601             | 18               | 2.601            | 4     | 1   | 6   | 10                | 1.660             | {                | 10               | 1.660 |       |
| 2   | 2   | 2   | 22                | 2.575             | 20               | 2.574            | 1     | 3   | 7   | 7                 | 1.655             |                  |                  |       |       |
| 1   | 2   | 4   | 4                 | # 2.517           | 7                | 2.516            | 3     | 2   | 7   | 12                | 1.639             | {                | 10               | 1.639 |       |
| 2   | 0   | 6   | 17                | 2.501             | 20               | 2.500            | 4     | 2   | 4   | 4                 | 1.635             |                  |                  |       |       |
| 1   | 1   | 7   | 19                | 2.455             | 16               | 2.454            | 2     | 3   | 8   | 5                 | 1.606             | 5                | 1.606            |       |       |
| 1   | 2   | 5   | 31                | 2.352             | 22               | 2.351            | 0     | 4   | 0   | 8                 | 1.585             | 7                | 1.586            |       |       |
| 2   | 2   | 5   | 3                 | # 2.317           | {                | 16               | 2.301 | 1   | 1   | 13                | 4                 | 1.582            |                  |       |       |
| 2   | 1   | 8   | 18                | 2.302             |                  |                  | 0     | 4   | 1   | 6                 | # 1.580           | {                | 9                | 1.580 |       |
| 4   | 0   | 0   | 11                | 2.220             | 12               | 2.220            | 3     | 3   | 4   | 3                 | # 1.579           |                  |                  |       |       |
| 4   | 0   | 4   | 3                 | 2.208             | {                | 11               | 2.209 | 5   | 2   | 3                 | 7                 | 1.572            | {                | 9     | 1.571 |
| 1   | 1   | 9   | 8                 | 2.208             |                  |                  | 3     | 3   | 7   | 10                | 1.570             |                  |                  |       |       |
| 3   | 1   | 7   | 23                | 2.200             | {                | 31               | 2.197 | 3   | 3   | 5                 | 11                | 1.528            | {                | 11    | 1.527 |
| 2   | 2   | 6   | 24                | 2.196             |                  |                  | 5     | 0   | 5   | 5                 | 1.527             |                  |                  |       |       |
| 3   | 2   | 1   | 22                | 2.181             | {                | 24               | 2.184 | 1   | 0   | 13                | 10                | 1.523            |                  |       |       |
| 1   | 2   | 7   | 6                 | 2.181             |                  |                  | 5     | 1   | 9   | 5                 | 1.523             | {                | 19               | 1.523 |       |
| 4   | 1   | 2   | 8                 | 2.134             | 11               | 2.134            | 4     | 0   | 12  | 8                 | 1.523             |                  |                  |       |       |
| 3   | 1   | 5   | 29                | 2.088             | 28               | 2.088            | 0     | 2   | 12  | 15                | 1.521             |                  |                  |       |       |
| 1   | 3   | 1   | 4                 | 2.055             | 6                | 2.056            | 5     | 0   | 2   | 7                 | 1.508             | 6                | 1.508            |       |       |
| 3   | 2   | 5   | 3                 | 2.046             | 5                | 2.045            | 2     | 0   | 14  | 8                 | 1.503             | 6                | 1.504            |       |       |
| 1   | 3   | 2   | 3                 | # 2.035           | 5                | 2.035            | 5     | 2   | 7   | 15                | 1.485             | 10               | 1.485            |       |       |
| 0   | 2   | 8   | 12                | 2.011             | 7                | 2.010            | 4     | 3   | 6   | 5                 | 1.478             | 7                | 1.478            |       |       |

\* The powder diffraction pattern was calculated with program LAZY PULVERIX (Yvon et al. 1977) according to recent structure refinement in space group  $P2_1/n$ ; only intensities with  $I_{\text{calc}} \geq 3$  were considered. The observed pattern was taken with a STOE powder diffractometer STADI P;  $\text{CuK}\alpha_1$ -radiation; external standard Si;  $0^\circ < 2\theta < 80^\circ$ .

# diffraction lines not possible in the pseudo-cell.

TABLE 4. SUMMARY OF CRYSTAL DATA, X-RAY DATA COLLECTION AND STRUCTURE REFINEMENTS OF MRÁZEKITE \*

|  |  |
|--|--|
| $a = 9.065(1)$ Å                               | specimen from Gaderheim, Odenwald, Germany   |
| $b = 6.340(1)$ Å                               | $Z = 4$ $\{\text{Bi}_2\text{Cu}_3(\text{OH})_2(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}$ |
| $c = 21.239(3)$ Å                              | crystal dimensions: $0.11 \times 0.22 \times 0.28$ mm <sup>3</sup>                         |
| $\beta = 101.57(1)^\circ$                      | $2\theta/\lambda$ scan mode, scan time 0.90 to 3.60°/min                                   |
| $V = 1195.8(2)$ Å <sup>3</sup>                 | scan width: 0.84° (increased for $\alpha_1-\alpha_2$ dispersion)                           |
| space group $P2_1/n$                           | 3 standard reflections measured each 120 min   |
| X-ray density 5.00 g/cm <sup>3</sup>           | maximal variation of intensity $\pm 2.3\%$   |
| $\mu(\text{MoK}\alpha) = 346$ cm <sup>-1</sup> | range of data collection: $5^\circ < 2\theta < 70^\circ$                                   |
| $R_{\text{w}} = 0.083$                         | 13318 total measured reflections   |
| $R = 0.050$                                    | 5066 unique reflections  |
| $R_{\text{w}} = 0.044$                         | 2995 reflections for refinements: $F_o > 3\sigma(F_o)$                                     |
| $w = 2.25/[a(F_o)]^2$                          | absorption correction according to crystal shape   |
| 194 variable parameters                        | transmission factors from 0.026 to 0.146   |
| max $\Delta/a < 0.001$                         | program SHELL-X-76 (Sheldrick 1976)  |

TABLE 2. CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC DATA OF MRÁZEKITE \*

| locality  | space group | true cell | true cell | pseudo-cell not reduced | pseudo-cell reduced |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Gaderheim | $P2_1/n$    | 9.065(1)  | 9.065(1)  | $12.354(2)$             | $10.678(1)$         |
| Ľubietová | $P2_1/n$    | 6.340(1)  | 6.341(1)  | $6.340(1)$              | $6.340(1)$          |
| Gaderheim | $C2/m$      | 21.239(3) | 21.238(2) | $9.065(1)$              | $9.065(1)$          |
| Gaderheim | $I2/m$      | 101.57(1) | 101.61(1) | $122.63(1)$             | $103.00(1)$         |
| Gaderheim | $C2/m$      | 1195.8(2) | 1195.8(2) | $597.9(1)$              | $597.9(1)$          |
| Gaderheim | $I2/m$      | 4         | 4         | 2                       | 2                   |

\* Cell parameters refined from powder data; for measuring conditions see Table 3.

transformation matrix  $C2/m \rightarrow P2_1/n$ :  $[0\ 0\ 1, 0\ 1\ 0, 2\ 0\ 1]$   
transformation matrix  $C2/m \rightarrow I2/m$ :  $[1\ 0\ 1, 0\ 1\ 0, 0\ 0\ 1]$

\* STOE four circle diffractometer AED2, Mo tube, glass monochromator. Corrections for Lorentz and polarization effects. Complex neutral atomic scattering functions (International Tables for X-ray Crystallography 1974).

TABLE 5. STRUCTURAL PARAMETERS (E.S.D.'S IN PARENTHESES) FOR MRÁZEKITE \*

| atom                | <i>x</i>   | <i>y</i>   | <i>z</i>   | <i>U</i> <sub>11</sub> | <i>U</i> <sub>22</sub> | <i>U</i> <sub>33</sub> | <i>U</i> <sub>12</sub> | <i>U</i> <sub>13</sub> | <i>U</i> <sub>23</sub> | <i>B</i> <sub>eq</sub> |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Bi(1)               | 0.36464(9) | 0.25135(8) | 0.04570(3) | 0.0185(3)              | 0.0160(2)              | 0.0155(2)              | 0.0003(1)              | 0.0034(1)              | 0.0002(1)              | 1.31                   |
| Bi(2)               | 0.38662(8) | 0.19971(7) | 0.20523(3) | 0.0173(3)              | 0.0161(2)              | 0.0147(2)              | 0.0000(1)              | 0.0031(1)              | 0.0000(1)              | 1.27                   |
| Cu(1)               | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0171(14)             | 0.0173(11)             | 0.0248(14)             | -0.0016(6)             | 0.0037(6)              | -0.0001(4)             | 1.56                   |
| Cu(2)               | 0.0        | 0.5        | 0.0        | 0.0174(14)             | 0.0167(11)             | 0.0248(14)             | 0.0023(6)              | 0.0039(6)              | 0.0007(4)              | 1.55                   |
| Cu(3)               | 0.3719(3)  | 0.7251(3)  | 0.1251(1)  | 0.0276(9)              | 0.0134(7)              | 0.0151(7)              | 0.0000(3)              | 0.0035(3)              | 0.0002(3)              | 1.49                   |
| Cu(4)               | 0.7461(2)  | 0.4532(3)  | 0.2469(1)  | 0.0171(10)             | 0.0188(8)              | 0.0247(11)             | -0.0024(4)             | 0.0041(4)              | 0.0001(3)              | 1.60                   |
| P(1)                | 0.7237(5)  | 0.2688(5)  | 0.0281(2)  | 0.0178(21)             | 0.0164(16)             | 0.0166(19)             | 0.0007(7)              | 0.0042(8)              | 0.0004(6)              | 1.32                   |
| P(2)                | 0.0284(5)  | 0.2192(5)  | 0.2226(2)  | 0.0181(21)             | 0.0160(15)             | 0.0147(18)             | -0.0001(7)             | 0.0042(8)              | 0.0001(6)              | 1.27                   |
| O <sub>p</sub> (11) | 0.631(2)   | 0.247(2)   | 0.0803(6)  | 0.020(7)               | 0.036(6)               | 0.028(7)               | 0.002(3)               | 0.007(3)               | 0.000(2)               | 2.17                   |
| O <sub>p</sub> (12) | 0.809(1)   | 0.064(2)   | 0.0224(6)  | 0.026(7)               | 0.015(5)               | 0.037(7)               | -0.002(3)              | 0.006(3)               | 0.000(2)               | 2.08                   |
| O <sub>p</sub> (13) | 0.610(2)   | 0.315(2)   | -0.0345(5) | 0.030(8)               | 0.033(6)               | 0.014(6)               | -0.006(3)              | 0.004(3)               | -0.003(2)              | 2.03                   |
| O <sub>p</sub> (14) | 0.832(1)   | 0.460(2)   | 0.0417(5)  | 0.022(6)               | 0.022(5)               | 0.031(6)               | 0.000(3)               | 0.005(3)               | 0.000(2)               | 1.97                   |
| O <sub>p</sub> (21) | 0.115(1)   | 0.189(2)   | 0.1690(5)  | 0.012(6)               | 0.027(5)               | 0.017(5)               | -0.002(2)              | 0.001(2)               | 0.000(2)               | 1.51                   |
| O <sub>p</sub> (22) | -0.056(1)  | 0.013(1)   | 0.2299(6)  | 0.020(6)               | 0.020(5)               | 0.033(6)               | 0.000(3)               | 0.006(3)               | -0.002(2)              | 1.95                   |
| O <sub>p</sub> (23) | -0.081(1)  | 0.407(2)   | 0.2086(6)  | 0.022(7)               | 0.022(5)               | 0.039(7)               | 0.000(3)               | 0.009(3)               | 0.002(2)               | 2.15                   |
| O <sub>p</sub> (24) | 0.147(2)   | 0.267(2)   | 0.2847(6)  | 0.023(7)               | 0.032(6)               | 0.019(7)               | 0.001(2)               | 0.005(3)               | -0.001(2)              | 1.92                   |
| O <sub>o</sub> (1)  | 0.378(1)   | 0.025(1)   | 0.1200(5)  | 0.023(5)               | 0.018(5)               | 0.019(5)               | 0.004(2)               | 0.004(2)               | 0.003(2)               | 1.59                   |
| O <sub>o</sub> (2)  | 0.372(1)   | 0.425(1)   | 0.1307(5)  | 0.022(5)               | 0.014(4)               | 0.020(5)               | 0.002(2)               | 0.005(2)               | 0.000(2)               | 1.45                   |
| O <sub>o</sub> (1)  | 0.652(1)   | 0.195(1)   | 0.2068(5)  | 0.024(6)               | 0.020(5)               | 0.019(5)               | -0.001(2)              | 0.005(2)               | 0.000(2)               | 1.63                   |
| O <sub>o</sub> (2)  | 0.099(1)   | 0.254(1)   | 0.0436(6)  | 0.018(6)               | 0.018(5)               | 0.026(6)               | 0.002(2)               | 0.003(2)               | 0.002(2)               | 1.63                   |
| O <sub>w</sub> (1)  | 0.065(2)   | 0.769(2)   | 0.1050(8)  | 0.034(10)              | 0.052(8)               | 0.026(8)               | -0.008(3)              | 0.004(4)               | -0.001(3)              | 2.97                   |
| O <sub>w</sub> (2)  | 0.685(3)   | 0.735(2)   | 0.1403(8)  | 0.064(15)              | 0.065(9)               | 0.021(8)               | -0.012(4)              | -0.002(4)              | 0.000(4)               | 4.05                   |

\* Anisotropic displacement parameters:  $\exp [-2 \pi^2 \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* h_i h_j]$ ,  $B_{eq}$  after Fischer & Tillmanns (1988)

TABLE 6. INTERATOMIC DISTANCES (Å) AND BOND ANGLES (°) \*

|                           |                     |                     |                          |                     |  |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Bi(1)                     | O <sub>o</sub> (2)  | O <sub>o</sub> (1)  | O <sub>p</sub> (11)      | O <sub>h</sub> (2)  | Bi(2)                                  | O <sub>o</sub> (1)  | O <sub>o</sub> (2)  | O <sub>h</sub> (1)  | O <sub>p</sub> (21) |
| O <sub>o</sub> (2)        | <b>2.10</b>         | 2.54                | 2.99                     | 2.98                | O <sub>o</sub> (1)                     | <b>2.11</b>         | 2.54                | 2.98                | 2.97                |
| O <sub>o</sub> (1)        | 74.1                | <b>2.12</b>         | 2.96                     | 3.08                | O <sub>o</sub> (2)                     | 74.1                | <b>2.11</b>         | 3.09                | 3.01                |
| O <sub>p</sub> (11)       | 83.5                | 82.0                | <b>2.38</b>              | 4.73                | O <sub>o</sub> (1)                     | 82.6                | 86.1                | <b>2.40</b>         | 4.77                |
| O <sub>h</sub> (2)        | 82.6                | 85.8                | 163.5                    | <b>2.40</b>         | O <sub>p</sub> (21)                    | 81.5                | 82.8                | 162.5               | <b>2.43</b>         |
| Cu(1)                     | O <sub>p</sub> (12) | O <sub>p</sub> (12) | O <sub>o</sub> (2)       | O <sub>o</sub> (2)  | Cu(2)                                  | O <sub>p</sub> (14) | O <sub>p</sub> (14) | O <sub>h</sub> (2)  | O <sub>o</sub> (2)  |
| O <sub>p</sub> (12)       | <b>1.93</b>         | 3.86                | 2.69                     | 2.84                | O <sub>o</sub> (14)                    | 1.93                | 3.86                | 2.74                | 2.73                |
| O <sub>p</sub> (12)       | 180                 | 1.93                | 2.84                     | 2.69                | O <sub>p</sub> (14)                    | 180                 | <b>1.93</b>         | 2.73                | 2.74                |
| O <sub>o</sub> (2)        | 86.8                | 93.2                | <b>1.98</b>              | 3.96                | O <sub>o</sub> (2)                     | 90.4                | 89.7                | <b>1.94</b>         | 3.87                |
| O <sub>h</sub> (2)        | 93.2                | 86.8                | 180                      | <b>1.98</b>         | O <sub>o</sub> (2)                     | 89.7                | 90.4                | 180                 | <b>1.94</b>         |
| Cu(3)                     | O <sub>o</sub> (1)  | O <sub>o</sub> (2)  | O <sub>p</sub> (24)      | O <sub>p</sub> (13) | Cu(4)                                  | O <sub>p</sub> (22) | O <sub>p</sub> (23) | O <sub>h</sub> (1)  | O <sub>h</sub> (1)  |
| O <sub>o</sub> (1)        | <b>1.91</b>         | 3.82                | 2.65                     | 2.84                | O <sub>p</sub> (22)                    | 1.93                | 3.84                | 2.84                | 2.66                |
| O <sub>o</sub> (2)        | 178.4               | 1.91                | 2.85                     | 2.66                | O <sub>p</sub> (23)                    | 169.9               | <b>1.93</b>         | 2.73                | 2.77                |
| O <sub>p</sub> (24)       | 86.0                | 94.2                | <b>1.98</b>              | 3.96                | O <sub>o</sub> (1)                     | 94.3                | 89.4                | <b>1.95</b>         | 3.91                |
| O <sub>p</sub> (13)       | 93.7                | 86.2                | 180.0                    | <b>1.98</b>         | O <sub>h</sub> (1)                     | 86.6                | 90.6                | 174.9               | <b>1.96</b>         |
| P(1)                      | O <sub>p</sub> (11) | O <sub>p</sub> (12) | O <sub>o</sub> (13)      | O <sub>o</sub> (14) | P(2)                                   | O <sub>o</sub> (21) | O <sub>o</sub> (22) | O <sub>o</sub> (23) | O <sub>o</sub> (24) |
| O <sub>p</sub> (11)       | 1.53                | 2.50                | 2.44                     | 2.53                | O <sub>o</sub> (21)                    | <b>1.52</b>         | 2.47                | 2.52                | 2.47                |
| O <sub>p</sub> (12)       | 110.0               | <b>1.53</b>         | 2.52                     | 2.54                | O <sub>o</sub> (21)                    | 108.0               | <b>1.54</b>         | 2.54                | 2.54                |
| O <sub>o</sub> (13)       | 105.9               | 110.8               | <b>1.54</b>              | 2.49                | O <sub>o</sub> (23)                    | 111.2               | 111.4               | <b>1.54</b>         | 2.51                |
| O <sub>o</sub> (14)       | 110.7               | 111.6               | 107.6                    | <b>1.55</b>         | O <sub>o</sub> (24)                    | 106.7               | 110.7               | 108.8               | <b>1.56</b>         |
| additional Bi—O bonds     |                     |                     | additional Cu—O bonds    |                     | hydrogen bonds                         |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Bi(1)—O <sub>p</sub> (12) | 2.77                |                     | Cu(1)—O <sub>o</sub> (1) | 2.63                | O <sub>h</sub> (1)—O <sub>p</sub> (11) | 2.68                |                     |                     |                     |
| Bi(1)—O <sub>p</sub> (13) | 2.77                |                     | Cu(1)—O <sub>o</sub> (1) | 2.63                | O <sub>h</sub> (2)—O <sub>p</sub> (21) | 2.67                |                     |                     |                     |
| Bi(1)—O <sub>p</sub> (14) | 2.94                |                     | Cu(2)—O <sub>o</sub> (1) | 2.77                | O <sub>o</sub> (1)—O                   | ≥ 2.98              |                     |                     |                     |
| Bi(1)—O <sub>p</sub> (15) | 3.09                |                     | Cu(2)—O <sub>o</sub> (1) | 2.77                | O <sub>o</sub> (2)—O                   | ≥ 3.21              |                     |                     |                     |
| Bi(2)—O <sub>p</sub> (22) | 2.71                |                     | Cu(3)—O <sub>o</sub> (2) | 2.74                |  |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Bi(2)—O <sub>p</sub> (24) | 2.77                |                     | Cu(3)—O <sub>o</sub> (2) | 2.79                |  |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Bi(2)—O <sub>p</sub> (23) | 2.93                |                     | Cu(4)—O <sub>o</sub> (2) | 2.73                |  |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Bi(2)—O <sub>p</sub> (24) | 3.04                |                     | Cu(4)—O <sub>o</sub> (2) | 2.85                |  |                     |                     |                     |                     |

\* E.S.D.'s for bonds and angles are 0.01 Å for Bi—O, Cu—O, and P—O, 0.02 Å for O—O, 0.4° for O—Bi—O and O—Cu—O, and 0.6° for O<sub>p</sub>—P—O<sub>p</sub>.

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### CRYSTAL STRUCTURE

The two Bi<sup>3+</sup> atoms show a [2+2]-coordination; the ligands are one-sided, arranged as is characteristic for elements with lone-pair electrons. The coordination polyhedra could be described as trigonal bipyramids: two O<sub>o</sub> atoms and the lone-pair electrons are in the equatorial plane, and O<sub>h</sub> and O<sub>p</sub> atoms are at the apices; the average bond-length  $\langle \text{Bi}—\text{O}_i \rangle$ , 2.12 Å, is definitely shorter than  $\langle \text{Bi}—\text{O}_h/\text{O}_p \rangle$ , 2.40 Å. Owing to the larger space-requirement of the lone-pair electrons, as compared to the oxygen atoms, the  $\langle \text{O}_o—\text{Bi}—\text{O}_o \rangle$  angles are reduced to 74°, whereas  $\langle \text{O}_o—\text{Bi}—\text{O}_h/\text{O}_p \rangle$  is 83°. The sums of bond valences for these four nearest neighbors are 2.79 and 2.72 v.u. (valence units), respectively [all bond-valence calculations were made according to Brese & O'Keeffe (1991)]. Four additional  $\phi$  ligands are on the side of the lone-pair electron region, and the corresponding bond-valences are smaller than 0.16 v.u. In the synthetic compound Bi<sub>2</sub>CuO<sub>4</sub>, the Bi<sup>3+</sup> atom has a [2+2] coordination most similar to that in mrázekite [Effenberger (1993); for a previous investigation of the structure, see Boivin *et al.* (1976); the structure model given by Arpe & Müller-Buschbaum (1976) is incorrect].

Two of the four crystallographically different copper atoms have site symmetry  $\bar{1}$ , and that of the others is 1. Considering the nearest-neighbor environment, all Cu atoms show the common square coordination; the ligands are two hydroxyl groups and two oxo-oxygen atoms. The  $\phi$ -Cu- $\phi$  bond angles deviate less than 5° from rectangularity. The coordination figure of each of the four Cu atoms is completed by two additional O<sub>w</sub> ligands to a tetragonal dipyramid; because the Cu-O<sub>w</sub> distances are larger than 2.64 Å, only weak chemical interactions are assumed (bond valences 0.08 to 0.04 v.u.).

The PO<sub>4</sub> groups have the usual dimensions. The O<sub>p</sub> atoms are [2]-coordinated to P and Bi or P and Cu (short Bi- $\phi$  and short Cu- $\phi$  bonds). The angles P-O<sub>p</sub>-Bi (113.7° and 116.6°) are smaller than P-O<sub>p</sub>-Cu (123.2° to 133.9°); the former act as the

acceptor atoms of the hydrogen bonds from the hydroxyl groups O<sub>h</sub>...O<sub>p</sub>, and the latter are the additional ligands at the Bi atoms. The O<sub>o</sub> atoms are approximately planar coordinated by two Bi atoms and by one Cu atom. The O<sub>h</sub> atoms are in a trigonal pyramidal arrangement, attached to two Cu and one Bi atom; the mean angles at the O<sub>h</sub> atoms are 115°. Atoms that most probably act as the acceptor atoms of the hydrogen bonds complete the coordination around the O<sub>h</sub> atoms to an approximate tetrahedron. The hydrogen-bond lengths O<sub>h</sub>(1)...O(11) and O<sub>h</sub>(2)...O(21) are 2.68(2) Å and 2.67(2) Å, respectively (other O<sub>h</sub>- $\phi$  distances less than 3.2 Å are edges in either a [2+2]Bi $\phi$ <sub>4</sub> or a [4+]Cu $\phi$ <sub>4</sub> polyhedron). The O<sub>w</sub> atoms are the distant ligands in three [4+2]Cu $\phi$ <sub>6</sub> polyhedra, average <Cu-O<sub>w</sub>-Cu> angles are 89°; owing to their low bonding interaction to these cations, they have to be

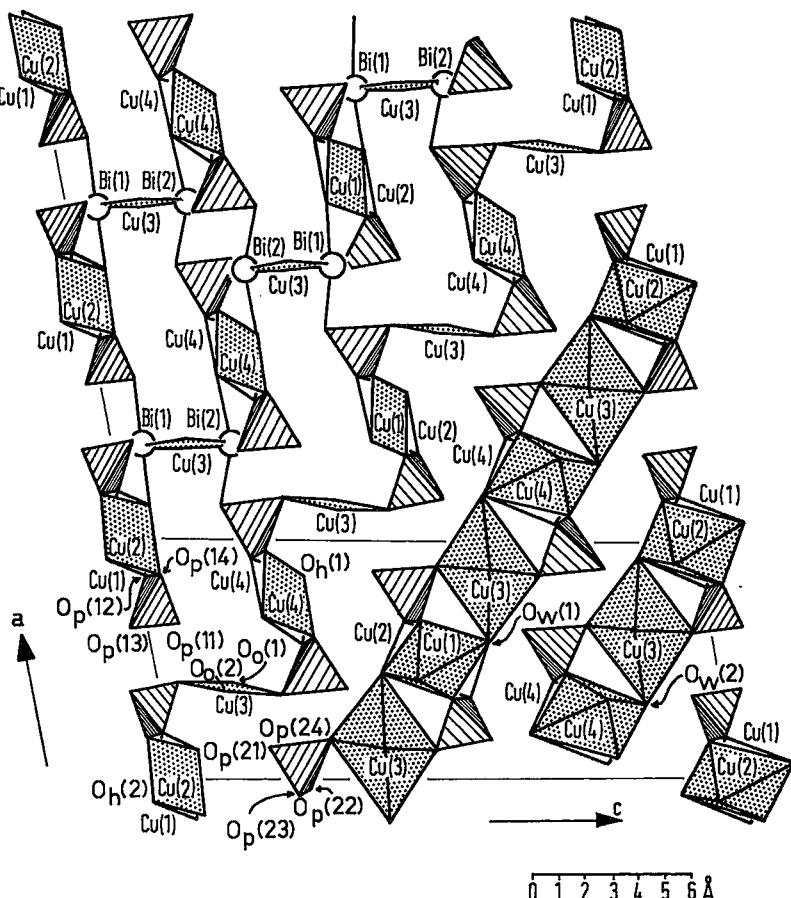


FIG. 3. Projection of the crystal structure of mrázekite on (010). The connection of the coordination polyhedra around the Cu atoms (dotted) and of the PO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra (hatched) to sheets parallel (103) is shown. In the lower right-hand corner, the additional Cu-O<sub>w</sub> bonds are considered to form tetragonal dipyramids [4+2]Cu $\phi$ <sub>6</sub>. The Bi atoms are given only in the upper left-hand corner.

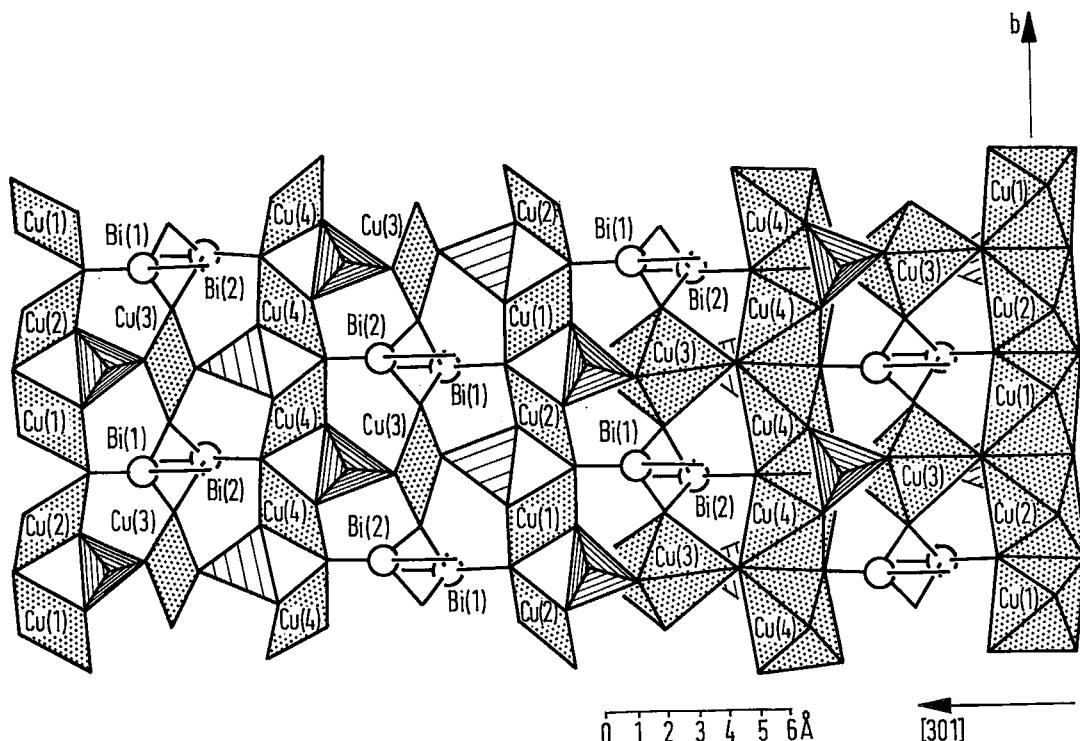


FIG. 4. Projection of one of the sheets of mrázekite on (10̄3). The connection of the coordination polyhedra around Cu atoms (dotted) and PO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra (hatched) to a two-dimensional net is shown. To the right, the additional Cu—O<sub>w</sub> bonds are considered to form tetragonal dipyramids (<sup>[4+2]</sup>CuΦ<sub>6</sub>).

assumed to belong to the water molecules. The scheme of hydrogen bonding of the O<sub>w</sub> atoms is not clear; the shortest contacts (no O<sub>w</sub>—Φ edges in the <sup>[4+2]</sup>CuΦ<sub>6</sub> polyhedron) to any Φ atoms are greater or equal to 2.98(2) Å, as is characteristic for "free" O<sub>w</sub>...Φ dipoles. As expected for such a water molecule, its displacement parameters are large.

The atomic arrangement of Mrázekite (Fig. 3) is characterized by edge connection of BiΦ<sub>4</sub> polyhedra to form Bi<sub>2</sub>Φ<sub>6</sub> dimers and by two crystallographically different Cu<sub>2</sub>(O<sub>p</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(O<sub>h</sub>)<sub>2</sub> rows parallel [010], formed by corner connection of Cu(1)Φ<sub>4</sub> and Cu(2)Φ<sub>4</sub> squares on the one hand, and of Cu(4)Φ<sub>4</sub> squares on the other. The PO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra are linked via corners to these rows forming Cu<sub>2</sub>(O<sub>p</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> ribbons. Cu(3)Φ<sub>4</sub> squares have two different corners in common with PO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra of neighboring rows (Fig. 4), resulting in layers parallel (10̄3) that are responsible for the good cleavage of Mrázekite. Consideration of the additional Cu—O<sub>w</sub> bonds leads to a two-dimensional net formed solely by connecting the <sup>[4+2]</sup>CuΦ<sub>6</sub> polyhedra. Hydrogen bonds and Bi atoms link the copper-phosphate sheets to a three-dimensional framework.

The coordination figures around atoms related by pseudosymmetry are similar to each other. Figures 3

and 4 illustrate the error if only the pseudocell instead of the true P<sub>2</sub>/n cell is chosen for description of the atomic arrangement of Mrázekite: the rows Cu(1)Cu(2)O<sub>2</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and Cu(4)O<sub>2</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> of P<sub>2</sub>/n are identical by translation symmetry in the pseudocell. The refinement in the pseudocell caused the large residual electron-density (from -7.82 to +5.95 eÅ<sup>-3</sup>) and the large displacement parameters observed by Řídkošil *et al.* (1992). Obviously, crystal-chemical reasons cause the larger cell: in the *average* structure, one of the Cu—O<sub>o</sub> bond lengths is 1.85(2) Å, which seems to be one of the reasons necessitating violation of the small cell.

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