

THE CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF KUKHARENKOITE-(Ce), $Ba_2REE(CO_3)_3F$, AND AN INTERPRETATION BASED ON CATION-COORDINATED F TETRAHEDRA

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ABSTRACT

The crystal structure of kukharenkoite-(Ce), $Ba_2REE(CO_3)_3F$, from the Khibina carbonatite, Kola Peninsula, Russia, has been refined to $R = 0.044$ ($wR = 0.112$) using 2296 reflections. The mineral is monoclinic, space group $P2_1/m$, with a 13.374(3), b 5.1011(8), c 6.653(1) Å, β 106.56(1)°, V 435.1(1) Å³, $Z = 2$. The structure is similar to that determined by Mercier & Leblanc (1993) for synthetic $Ba_2Ce(CO_3)_3F$. The F⁻ anion is tetrahedrally coordinated by three Ba and one Ce cations. F-centered [FCeBa₃] tetrahedra are linked through shared edges to form double chains {**uB**, 2_{∞}^1 }[FCeBa] along the b axis. C(3)O₃ carbonate groups are positioned on the faces of the [FCeBa₃] tetrahedra, resulting in complex [FCeBa](CO₃) chains. These chains are positioned in sheets parallel to (001) (layer A) and alternating along [001] with sheets formed by C(1)O₃ and C(2)O₃ groups and Ba atoms that do not bond with fluorine (layer B). The structures of other fluorocarbonates with fluorine-centered tetrahedra contain the following tetrahedral complexes: double chains {**uB**, 2_{∞}^1 }[F₂M₃] in cebaitite-(Ce), $Ba_3Ce_2(CO_3)_5F_2$, and $Ba_3La_2(CO_3)_5F_2$, layers {**uB**, 1_{∞}^2 }[F₂M₃] in huanghoite-(Ce), $BaCe(CO_3)_2F$, and $BaSm(CO_3)_2F$, layers {**uB**, 1_{∞}^2 }[FM] in kettnerite, CaBiOF(CO₃), frameworks { ∞^3 }[FM] in brenkite, Ca₂F₂(CO₃), and Pb₂F₂(CO₃), frameworks { ∞^3 }[FM] in BaCu(CO₃)F₂, and frameworks { ∞^3 }[FM₄] in horváthite-(Y), NaY(CO₃)F₂. Topologically similar structural units composed of [OM₄] tetrahedra have been described in oxysalts with "additional" oxygen atoms.

Keywords: kukharenkoite-(Ce), fluorocarbonate, Khibina, crystal structure, fluorine-centered tetrahedra.

SOMMAIRE

Nous avons affiné la structure cristalline de la kukharenkoite-(Ce), $Ba_2TR(CO_3)_3F$ (TR : terres rares) provenant d'une carbonatite du complexe de Khibina, dans la péninsule de Kola, en Russie, jusqu'à un résidu R de 0.044 ($wR = 0.112$) en utilisant 2296 réflexions. Il s'agit d'un minéral monoclinique, groupe spatial $P2_1/m$, a 13.374(3), b 5.1011(8), c 6.653(1) Å, β 106.56(1)°, V 435.1(1) Å³, $Z = 2$. La structure ressemble à celle qu'ont déterminé Mercier et Leblanc (1993) pour le composé synthétique $Ba_2Ce(CO_3)_3F$. L'anion F⁻ est en coordination tétraédrique avec trois atomes de Ba et un de Ce. Des tétraèdres [FCeBa₃] sont liés par arêtes partagées pour former des chaînes doubles {**uB**, 2_{∞}^1 }[FCeBa] le long de l'axe b . Des groupes C(3)O₃ sont disposés sur les faces de ces tétraèdres [FCeBa₃] pour donner des chaînes complexes de stoechiométrie [FCeBa](CO₃). Ces chaînes sont disposées en feuillets parallèles à (001) (couche A) et alternent le long de [001] avec des feuillets formés de groupes C(1)O₃ et C(2)O₃ et d'atomes de Ba non liés au fluor (couche B). Les structures d'autres fluorocarbonates contenant des tétraèdres centrés sur le fluor contiennent les complexes tétraédriques suivants: des chaînes doubles {**uB**, 2_{∞}^1 }[F₂M₃] dans la cébaitite-(Ce), $Ba_3Ce_2(CO_3)_5F_2$, et $Ba_3La_2(CO_3)_5F_2$, des couches {**uB**, 1_{∞}^2 }[F₂M₃] dans la huanghoite-(Ce), $BaCe(CO_3)_2F$, et $BaSm(CO_3)_2F$, des couches {**uB**, 1_{∞}^2 }[FM] dans la kettnerite, CaBiOF(CO₃), des trames { ∞^3 }[FM] dans la brenkite, Ca₂F₂(CO₃), et Pb₂F₂(CO₃), des trames { ∞^3 }[FM] dans le composé BaCu(CO₃)F₂, et des trames { ∞^3 }[FM₄] dans la horváthite-(Y), NaY(CO₃)F₂. Des modules structuraux topologiquement semblables composés de tétraèdres [OM₄] ont été décrits dans les oxysels contenant des atomes d'oxygène "additionnels".

Mots-clés: kukharenkoite-(Ce), fluorocarbonate, Khibina, structure cristalline, tétraèdres centrés sur le fluor.

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INTRODUCTION

The new mineral kukharenkoite-(Ce) has been described recently from a number of localities, including the Khibina and Vuorijärvi massifs, Kola Peninsula, Russia and the Mont Saint-Hilaire and Saint-Amable massifs, Quebec (Zaitsev *et al.* 1996). It is a Ba-*REE* fluorocarbonate with the formula $Ba_2REE(CO_3)_3F$, where Ce is the dominant rare-earth element (*REE*). Here, we report on the crystal structure of this species.

The kukharenkoite-(Ce) crystal used for structure analysis was taken from manganian ankerite carbonatite (Khibina) and referred to as sample KH 1 in Zaitsev *et al.* (1996). Kukharenkoite-(Ce) occurs as yellow, prismatic crystals to 1 mm in length, which commonly occur in dendritic intergrowths. An electron-microprobe analysis of the mineral yields the empirical formula $(Ba_{1.86}Sr_{0.09}Ca_{0.04})_{\Sigma 1.99}(Ce_{0.56}La_{0.24}Nd_{0.15}Pr_{0.04}Y_{0.01})_{\Sigma 1.00}(CO_3)_3F_{1.01}$.

On the basis of its chemistry, it was originally described as "zhonghuacerite-(Ce)". The latter was described and published (Zhang & Tao 1981, 1986, Fleischer *et al.* 1982) without approval of CNMNM of the IMA. The crystallographic data for kukharenkoite-(Ce) were found to be similar to those for the synthetic phase $Ba_2Ce(CO_3)_3F$, prepared by hydrothermal growth at 750°C and 200 MPa (Mercier & Leblanc 1993b).

EXPERIMENTAL

The single crystal used for collection of the X-ray-diffraction data is an elongate plate measuring $0.05 \times 0.1 \times 0.4$ mm³. It was first examined by Laue and oscillation methods using $CuK\alpha$ radiation. Intensities were collected on an automated four-circle Syntex P2₁ diffractometer (details in Table 1). Integral intensities were measured by ω -2 θ scan and were converted to structure factors by applying Lorentz and polarization corrections using the AREN package of

TABLE 1. DETAILS OF THE CRYSTAL DATA, X-RAY DATA COLLECTION, AND THE STRUCTURE REFINEMENT: KUKHARENKOITE-(Ce)

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|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Chemical formula | $Ba_2Ce(CO_3)_3F$ | Diffractometer | Syntex P2 ₁ |
| Formula weight | 613.83 g.mol ⁻¹ | Scan mode | ω - 2 θ |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | Independent reflections | 2321 |
| Space group, Z | $P2_1/m; 2$ | Observed reflections | 2296 |
| Unit-cell constants at 293(2) K | a 13.374(3) Å b 5.1011(8) Å c 6.653(1) Å β 106.56(1)° | Index ranges | $-27 \leq h \leq 26$ $0 \leq k \leq 10$ $0 \leq l \leq 14$ |
| Unit-cell volume | 435.1(1) Å ³ | Range of 2 θ | 1.5 - 64.0° |
| Density (calculated) | 4.69 g cm ⁻³ | μ | 14.150 mm ⁻¹ |
| Radiation | $MoK\alpha$ ($\lambda = 0.71069$ Å) | $R(F)$ | 0.044 |
| | | $wR(F^2)$ | 0.112 |
| | | Goodness-of-fit S | 1.134 |
| | | Parameters refined | 89 |
| | | $\Delta\rho_{min}, \Delta\rho_{max}$ | -2.67, 3.72 e Å ⁻³ |

crystallographic programs (Andrianov 1987). Using the initial parameters of the structure given for synthetic $Ba_2Ce(CO_3)_3F$ by Mercier & Leblanc (1993b), the structure was refined to $R = 0.044$ ($wR = 0.112$) by means of the SHELXL-93 program (Sheldrick 1993). The absorption correction was done using DIFABS (Walker & Stuart 1983). Fractional atomic coordinates and displacement parameters are given in Table 2, and selected interatomic distances and angles in Table 3. These values are in good agreement with those of

TABLE 2. FRACTIONAL ATOMIC COORDINATES AND DISPLACEMENT PARAMETERS (Å²) FOR KUKHARENKOITE-(Ce)

| Atom | x | y | z | U_{eq} | $U_{ij} (\times 10^{-4})$ | | | | | |
|------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | | | U_{11} | U_{22} | U_{33} | U_{23} | U_{13} | U_{12} |
| Ba1 | 0.07490(4) | 0.25 | 0.2900(1) | 0.0175(1) | 181 | 172 | 168 | 0 | 42 | 0 |
| Ba2 | 0.41615(4) | 0.25 | 0.6888(1) | 0.0170(1) | 206 | 142 | 152 | 0 | 34 | 0 |
| Ce | 0.76096(4) | 0.25 | 0.9884(1) | 0.0146(1) | 177 | 113 | 142 | 0 | 36 | 0 |
| F | 0.9283(5) | 0.25 | 0.911(1) | 0.027(1) | 320 | 240 | 230 | 0 | 40 | 0 |
| C1 | 0.7259(7) | 0.25 | 0.509(1) | 0.018(1) | 200 | 120 | 210 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C2 | 0.4268(7) | 0.25 | 0.174(1) | 0.019(2) | 240 | 120 | 220 | 0 | 90 | 0 |
| C3 | 0.1273(7) | 0.25 | 0.794(1) | 0.019(1) | 190 | 220 | 160 | 0 | 40 | 0 |
| O1 | 0.1826(6) | 0.25 | 0.991(1) | 0.025(1) | 370 | 200 | 130 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| O2 | 0.6996(7) | 0.25 | 0.310(1) | 0.030(2) | 380 | 380 | 140 | 0 | 70 | 0 |
| O3 | 0.4899(6) | 0.25 | 0.358(1) | 0.024(1) | 320 | 210 | 170 | 0 | 30 | 0 |
| O4 | 0.3993(4) | 0.031(1) | 0.077(1) | 0.026(1) | 300 | 190 | 290 | -50 | 90 | -30 |
| O5 | 0.2625(4) | 0.965(1) | 0.386(1) | 0.026(1) | 320 | 140 | 270 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| O6 | 0.8969(4) | 0.970(1) | 0.300(1) | 0.025(1) | 370 | 150 | 220 | -40 | 40 | -30 |

$$U_{eq} = (1/3)\sum_i U_{ii} a_i^* a_i$$

TABLE 3. SELECTED INTERATOMIC DISTANCES (Å) AND ANGLES (°) IN KUKHARENKOITE-(Ce)

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|---|-------------|
| Ba1 - F | 2.717(6) | Ba2 - O3 | 2.659(7) | Ce - F | 2.434(7) |
| -O1 | 2.769(8) | -O5 2x | 2.835(5) | -O2 | 2.503(7) |
| -O6 2x | 2.793(5) | -O4 2x | 2.883(5) | -O4 2x | 2.511(5) |
| -O5 2x | 2.811(5) | -O4 2x | 2.894(6) | -O1 2x | 2.652(2) |
| -O6 2x | 2.873(5) | -O3 2x | 2.898(4) | -O5 2x | 2.657(5) |
| -F 2x | 2.875(3) | -O2 2x | 2.984(5) | -O6 2x | 2.738(5) |
| C1 - O2 | 1.27(1) | C2 - O3 | 1.27(1) | C3 - O1 | 1.31(1) |
| -O5 2x | 1.284(7) | -O4 2x | 1.291(7) | -O6 2x | 1.282(6) |
| O2 - C1 - O5 | 2x 121.4(4) | O3 - C2 - O4 | 2x 119.8(4) | O1 - C3 - O6 | 2x 118.8(4) |
| O5 - C1 - O5 | 117.2(8) | O4 - C2 - O4 | 120.1(9) | O6 - C3 - O6 | 122.2(8) |
| F - Ce | 2.434(7) | Ce - F - Ba1 ^a | 105.6(2) | Ba1 ^a - F - Ba1 ^b | 2x 110.0(1) |
| -Ba1 ^a | 2.717(6) | Ce - F - Ba1 ^b | 2x 101.9(2) | Ba1 ^b - F - Ba1 ^b | 125.0(2) |
| -Ba1 ^b | 2x 2.875(3) | <M - F - M> | 109.1 | | |

Mercier & Leblanc (1993b). A table of observed and calculated structure-factors is available from the Depository of Unpublished Data, CISTI, National Research Council of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0S2, Canada.

DISCUSSION

Cation coordination

The structure of synthetic $\text{Ba}_2\text{Ce}(\text{CO}_3)_3\text{F}$ from the perspective of Ba and REE coordination was described in detail by Mercier & Leblanc (1993b) [see also recent reviews of fluorocarbonates by Mercier & Leblanc (1997) and Yang *et al.* (1996)]. Two distinct Ba polyhedra [Ba(1)O₇F₃ and Ba(2)O₁₁] and one REEO₉F polyhedron are present. The three CO₃ groups have the usual values of bond lengths and bond angles.

Fluorine coordination

As part of our continuing research into the coordination of "additional" anions in inorganic compounds and their crystal-chemical role in structural hierarchies (Filatov *et al.* 1992, Krivovichev *et al.* 1998), we consider here the coordination of fluorine in kukharenkoite-(Ce). There is one F⁻ tetrahedrally coordinated by three Ba atoms and one REE atom, forming a [FCeBa₃] tetrahedron. Each [FCeBa₃] tetrahedron shares two Ba–Ba edges with two others, so that infinite chains along [010] are formed (Fig. 1). Using terminology developed by Liebau (1985) for silicates and reconsidered

for structures based on the edge- and face-sharing tetrahedral polyions by Krivovichev *et al.* (1997) and Krivovichev (1997), we can describe these as unbranched double *einer* chains {**uB**, 2_∞¹} [FCeBa] composed of topologically and configurationally distinct tetrahedra. In Figure 1, this chain is shown in both "ball and stick" (*a*) and polyhedral (*b*) representations.

The chains {**uB**, 2_∞¹} [FCeBa] composed of fluorine-centered tetrahedra are parallel to the *b* axis (Fig. 2). The C(3)O₃ groups are positioned on the bases of [FCeBa₃] tetrahedra [Ba–O = 2.793 (2×), 2.769 Å], so that a complex chain {_∞¹} [FCeBa](CO₃) is formed along [010]. The "face-to-face" relationships between anion-centered tetrahedra and cation-centered tetrahedral or triangular groups [VO₄], (SO₄), (SeO₃), *etc.*] have commonly been observed in structures based on the oxygen-centered tetrahedra [OM₄] (*e.g.*, Starova *et al.* 1997). The {_∞¹} [FCeBa](CO₃) chains lie in the (001) plane forming the **A** layers (Fig. 2). These layers are subdivided by the **B** layers composed of groups of C(1)O₃, C(2)O₃ and Ba(2) atoms, which do not bond with fluorine. The **A** and **B** layers are linked through Ce–O bonds. If we consider the kukharenkoite-(Ce) structure in light of the bond-valence theory, layers **A** and **B** represent the principal structural units, linked by strong Ce–O bonds.

It should be emphasized that the chains of F-centered polyhedra are not the strongest structural units because of the relatively weak Ba–F bonds (Mercier & Leblanc 1993b), such that their contribution to the topology of chemical bonds is relatively minor. However, the role of F⁻ bonding in structural organization cannot be ignored because of the concentration of bonds around the fluorine-centered chains. In addition, F-centered complexes exist in gaseous and liquid phases. Pb₂F⁺ complexes in melts were investigated by Bengtsson & Holmberg (1989a, b, c) using X-ray scattering and Raman spectroscopy (F–Pb in the range 2.03–2.56 Å, Pb–F–Pb in the range 81–84°). Bengtsson & Holmberg (1989a) also discussed [FPb₄]⁷⁺ tetrahedra in solids. In molten nitrate media, Ba₂F³⁺ and Sr₂F³⁺ complexes were encountered by Bengtsson *et al.* (1991) (Ba–Ba in the range 4.1–4.3 Å, Ba–F–Ba = 107°), Bi₂F³⁺, by Frostemark *et al.* (1994a), and Mg₂F³⁺, by Frostemark *et al.* (1994b).

Fluorine-centered tetrahedra in fluorocarbonates

There are a number of fluorocarbonates containing tetrahedrally coordinated F⁻ ions. These fluorine-centered tetrahedra show seven types of polyions based on the [FM₄] groups (Figs. 3, 4, Table 4). In Table 4, their crystal-chemical formulae are given in the form: {**B**, M_∞^D} [F_nM_m], where **B**, **M** and **D** are branchedness, multiplicity and dimensionality, respectively; for details, see Liebau (1985) and Krivovichev *et al.* (1997). In

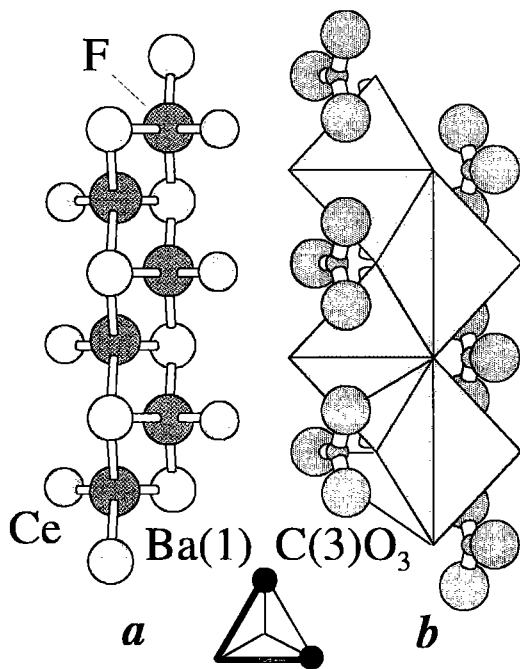


FIG. 1. Fluorine-centered chains in kukharenkoite-(Ce) in "ball-and-stick" (*a*) and polyhedral (*b*) representations. C(3)O₃ groups are attached to the bases of [FCeBa₃] tetrahedra.

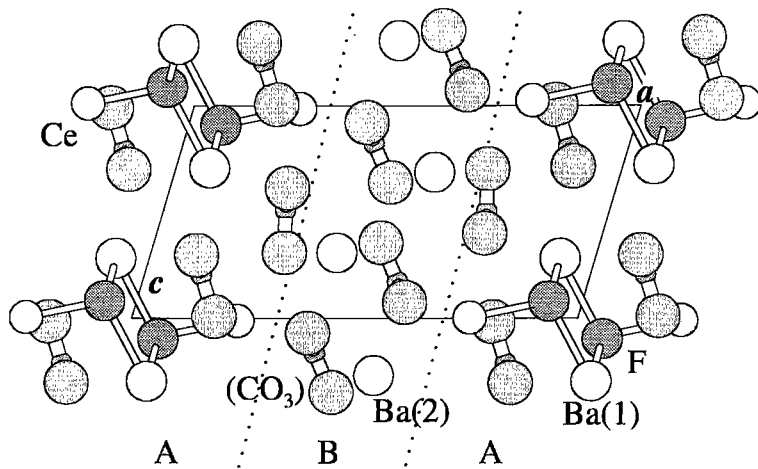


FIG. 2. The crystal structure of kukharenkoite-(Ce) in (010) projection.

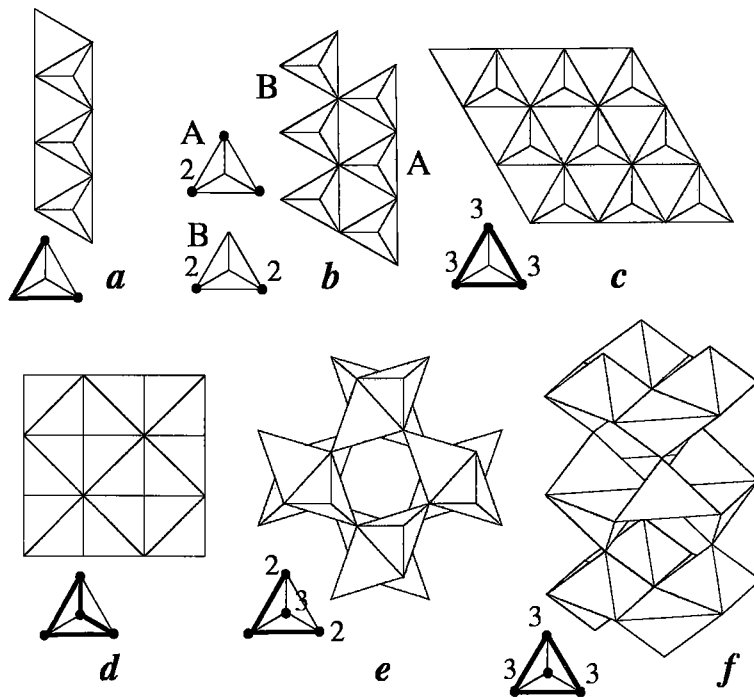


FIG. 3. Cationic complexes on the basis of fluorine-centered tetrahedra in fluorocarbonates (details in text and Table 4).

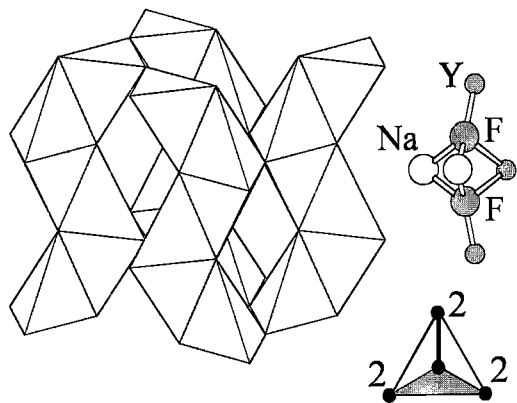


FIG. 4. Framework of F-centered tetrahedra in horváthite-(Y), $\text{NaY}(\text{CO}_3)_2\text{F}_2$: an exceptional case of two tetrahedra sharing a common face.

Figure 3a, a double chain of kukharenkoite-(Ce) is shown from an aspect different than in Figure 1. The analogous double anion-centered chains have been described in many inorganic compounds with anion-centered tetrahedra. Recently, in a review on $[\text{NM}_4]$ tetrahedra in nitride sulfides and chlorides of trivalent lanthanides, Schleid (1996) described such chains in the compound $\text{M}_4\text{N}_2\text{S}_3$ (M is a trivalent lanthanide). Similar chains of $[\text{OM}_4]$ tetrahedra were analyzed by Krivovichev *et al.* (1998) and subdivided, in particular, in the minerals of the cuspidine, warwickite and lomonosovite groups. The structural analogy between cuspidine and warwickite has been pointed out by Belov (1976) and Hawthorne (1986). In both these structure-types, there are additional oxygen (or fluorine) atoms surrounded tetrahedrally by metal cations, M . Traditionally, this means that four coordination polyhedra of cations share one corner, and these complexes are arranged in infinite chains. Using the anion-centered approach, we can describe such structural units as composed of $[\text{AM}_4]$ tetrahedra, where A is an anion in the center of the tetrahedron. Thus $[\text{AM}_4]$ tetrahedra are linked together in double chains such as $[\text{FCeBa}]$ in kukharenkoite-(Ce). Figure 3b represents the double chain $\{\text{uB}, 2_{\infty}^1\}[\text{F}_2\text{M}_5]$ of cebaite-(Ce), $\text{Ba}_3\text{Ce}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3\text{F}_2$ (Shen & Mi 1992), and of $\text{Ba}_3\text{La}_2(\text{CO}_3)_5\text{F}_2$ (Mercier & Leblanc 1993a). It consists of two types of topologically and configurationally distinct tetrahedra. Figure 3c shows the layer $\{\text{uB}, 1_{\infty}^2\}[\text{F}_2\text{M}_3]$ of Huanghoite-(Ce), $\text{BaCe}(\text{CO}_3)_2\text{F}$ (Yang & Pertlik 1993) and of $\text{BaSm}(\text{CO}_3)_2\text{F}$ (Mercier & Leblanc 1993a). In Figure 3d, the layer $\{\text{uB}, 1_{\infty}^2\}[\text{FM}]$ of ketnerite, $\text{CaBiOF}(\text{CO}_3)$ (Synček & Žák 1960) is represented. Figure 3e shows a framework of F-centered tetrahedra observed in brenkite, $\text{Ca}_2\text{F}_2(\text{CO}_3)$ (Leufer & Tillmanns

TABLE 4. CATIONIC COMPLEXES ON THE BASE OF F-CENTERED TETRAHEDRA IN FLUOROCARBONATES

| General formula | Crystal-chemical formula | Figure | Compound | Ref. |
|---|---|--------|---|------|
| $\{\text{uB}, 2_{\infty}^1\}[\text{FM}_2]$ | $\{\text{uB}, 2_{\infty}^1\}[\text{FCeBa}]$ | 3a | $\text{Ba}_3\text{Ce}(\text{CO}_3)_3\text{F}$ kukharenkoite-(Ce) | 1 |
| $\{\text{uB}, 2_{\infty}^1\}[\text{F}_2\text{M}_5]$ | $\{\text{uB}, 2_{\infty}^1\}[\text{F}_2\text{Ba}_3\text{Ce}_2]$ | 3b | $\text{Ba}_3\text{Ce}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3\text{F}_2$ cebaite-(Ce) | 2 |
| | $\{\text{uB}, 2_{\infty}^1\}[\text{F}_2\text{Ba}_3\text{La}_2]$ | | $\text{Ba}_3\text{La}_2(\text{CO}_3)_5\text{F}_2$ | 3 |
| $\{\text{uB}, 1_{\infty}^2\}[\text{F}_2\text{M}_3]$ | $\{\text{uB}, 1_{\infty}^2\}[\text{F}_2\text{BaCe}]$ | 3c | $\text{BaCe}(\text{CO}_3)_2\text{F}$ Huanghoite-(Ce) | 4 |
| | $\{\text{uB}, 1_{\infty}^2\}[\text{F}_2\text{BaSm}]$ | | $\text{BaSm}(\text{CO}_3)_2\text{F}$ | 3 |
| $\{\text{uB}, 1_{\infty}^2\}[\text{FM}]$ | $\{\text{uB}, 1_{\infty}^2\}[\text{FCa}]$ | 3d | $\text{CaBiOF}(\text{CO}_3)$ ketnerite | 5 |
| $\{_{\infty}^3\}[\text{FM}]$ | $\{_{\infty}^3\}[\text{FCa}]$ | 3e | $\text{Ca}_2\text{F}_2(\text{CO}_3)$ brenkite | 6 |
| | $\{_{\infty}^3\}[\text{FPb}]$ | | $\text{Pb}_2\text{F}_2(\text{CO}_3)$ | 7 |
| $\{_{\infty}^3\}[\text{FM}]$ | $\{_{\infty}^3\}[\text{F}_2\text{BaCu}]$ | 3f | $\text{BaCu}(\text{CO}_3)_2\text{F}_2$ | 8 |
| $\{_{\infty}^3\}[\text{FM}]$ | $\{_{\infty}^3\}[\text{F}_2\text{NaY}]$ | 4 | $\text{NaY}(\text{CO}_3)_2\text{F}_2$ horváthite-(Y) | 9 |

Ref.: 1 Mercier & Leblanc (1993b), this work, 2 Shen & Mi (1992), 3 Mercier & Leblanc (1993a), 4 Yang & Pertlik (1993), 5 Synček & Žák (1960), 6 Leufer & Tillmanns (1980), 7 Aurivillius (1983), 8 Mercier & Leblanc (1993c), 9 Grice & Chao (1997).

1980), and in $\text{Pb}_2\text{F}_2(\text{CO}_3)$ (Aurivillius 1983). Figure 3f represents a framework $\{_{\infty}^3\}[\text{FM}]$ of $\text{BaCu}(\text{CO}_3)_2\text{F}_2$ (Mercier & Leblanc 1993c), which is topologically similar to that composed of $[\text{OM}_4]$ tetrahedra in delafossite, CuFeO_2 , and crednerite, CuMnO_2 (Krivovichev *et al.* 1998). Finally, Figure 4 shows an exceptional framework of $[\text{FM}_4]$ tetrahedra in horváthite-(Y), $\text{NaY}(\text{CO}_3)_2\text{F}_2$, a new mineral recently described by Grice & Chao (1997). In this structure, two F-centered tetrahedra share one face because of the small absolute charge of F^- ions and large ionic radii of Na^+ and Y^{3+} , which reduce the repulsive forces between the centers of tetrahedra. As far as we know, this is a unique case of face-sharing in tetrahedral polyions.

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