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IZOKLAKEITE, A NEW MINERAL SPECIES FROM IZOK LAKE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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ABSTRACT

Izoklakeite, a new copper - lead - antimony - bismuth sulfosalt, has been found in the massive zinc - copper - lead sulfide deposit at Izok Lake, Northwest Territories. It occurs as lead-grey acicular aggregates, a few millimetres in size, associated with galena, minor pyrrhotite and pyrite in drill hole 61 at 60.04 m. The mineral is opaque with a metallic lustre, has a grey-black streak, a good cleavage parallel to *c* and a very distinctive conchoidal fracture. The measured specific gravity is 6.47; calculated density for the analytical formula and $Z = 1$ is 6.505 g/cm³. VHN_{50} 150-212. In reflected plane-polarized light the mineral is weakly to moderately birefractant from pale greenish white to darker greenish white or grey. It is moderately anisotropic. Reflectance spectra and color values for three areas are supplied. The structural cell is orthorhombic, a 33.88(2), b 38.02(2), c 4.070(2) Å, V 5243 Å³ and $a:b:c = 0.891:1:0.107$. The space group is either *Pnmm* (#58) or *Pnn2* (#34). The strongest six lines in the X-ray powder-diffraction pattern [d in Å(*hkl*)] are 3.398(100)(780), 10.00, 2.11.0, 690), 3.305(40)(3.11.0, 451), 2.878(40)(751), 2.149(60)(0.15.1, 13.10.0, 10.10.1), 2.038(40b)(14.10.0, 2.16.1, 002) and 1.745(40)(10.02). Three electron-microprobe analyses of the same specimen, but by means of three different instruments, gave the average composition Cu 1.0, Fe 0.2, Ag 2.0, Pb 46.6, Bi 20.5, Sb 13.3, S 17.0, total 100.6 wt.%, which corresponds to $Pb_{45.94}Sb_{22.30}Bi_{20.04}Ag_{3.78}Cu_{3.21}Fe_{0.73}S_{108.30}$. The theoretical formula is $2[(Cu,Fe)_2Pb_{27}(Sb,Bi)_{19}S_{57}]$.

Keywords: izoklakeite, Pb-Sb-Bi-Cu sulfosalt, Izok Lake, Northwest Territories, reflectance data, microprobe analyses, X-ray data.

bismuth, l'izoklakéite, a été découvert dans le gisement de sulfure massif de zinc - cuivre - plomb du lac Izok, Territoires du Nord-Ouest. L'izoklakéite est un minéral opaque qui se présente sous forme d'agrégats aciculaires à l'échelle du millimètre, associés à de la galène et à de petites quantités de pyrrhotine et de pyrite dans le forage 61, à une profondeur de 60.04 m. Elle a un éclat métallique, un trait noir et une cassure conchoïdale très caractéristique; elle présente aussi un bon clivage parallèle à *c*. La densité mesurée est de 6.47, ou 6.505 (valeur calculée pour la formule analytique et $Z = 1$). VHN_{50} 150-212. Le minéral est faiblement à moyennement biréfléctant en lumière réfléchie polarisée; sa valeur varie du blanc verdâtre pâle au blanc verdâtre plus foncé ou gris. Il est plus ou moins anisotrope. Les spectres de réflectance et les valeurs des couleurs sont fournis pour trois régions. La maille élémentaire est orthorhombique, a 33.88(2), b 38.02(2), c 4.070(2) Å, V 5243 Å³ et $a:b:c = 0.891:1:0.107$. Le groupe spatial est soit *Pnmm* (no. 58) soit *Pnn2* (no. 34). Les six raies les plus intenses du cliché de poudre obtenu par diffraction X [d en Å(*hkl*)] sont les suivantes: 3.398(100)(780, 10.00, 2.11.0, 690), 3.305(40)(3.11.0, 451), 2.878(40)(751), 2.149(60)(0.15.1, 13.10.0, 10.10.1), 2.038(40b)(14.10.0, 2.16.1, 002) et 1.745(40)(10.02). La moyenne des analyses à la microsonde électronique d'un seul échantillon, effectuées à l'aide de trois instruments différents, donne la composition suivante: Cu 1.0, Fe 0.2, Ag 2.0, Pb 46.6, Bi 20.5, Sb 13.3, S 17.0, total 100.6 (en poids), qui correspond à $Pb_{45.94}Sb_{22.30}Bi_{20.04}Ag_{3.78}Cu_{3.21}Fe_{0.73}S_{108.30}$. La formule théorique est donc $2[(Cu,Fe)_2Pb_{27}(Sb,Bi)_{19}S_{57}]$.

Mots-clés: izoklakéite, sulfosel de Pb-Sb-Bi-Cu, lac Izok, Territoires du Nord-Ouest, données de réflectance, analyses à la microsonde, données de rayons X.

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INTRODUCTION

Izoklakeite, ideally $(Cu,Fe)_2Pb_{27}(Sb,Bi)_{19}S_{57}$, is a newly described sulfosalt from the massive zinc-

TABLE 1. CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF IZOKLAKEITE, IZOK LAKE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES*

INSTITUTION	WEIGHT PERCENT							TOTAL
	Cu	Fe	Ag	Pb	Bi	Sb	S	
GSC ¹	0.9	0.2	2.0	46.5	20.1	13.2	17.4	100.3
BM ²	1.0	0.2	2.1	46.7	20.9	13.3	16.5	100.7
Vrije ³	1.0	0.2	2.0	46.5	20.4	13.4	17.1	100.6
Average	1.0	0.2	2.0	46.6	20.5	13.3	17.0	100.6

* based on electron-microprobe data

¹ Geological Survey of Canada, Analyst: D.C. Harris; Instrumentation: MAC electron probe run at 20kV; standards: synthetic CuS, AgSbS₂, PbS, Bi₂S₃ and FeS₂; Lines: CuK α , AgL α , SbL α , PbL α , BiL α , FeK α , SK α .

² British Museum (Natural History), Analyst: C.J. Stanley; Instrumentation: Microscan IX electron probe run at 20kV; Standards: pure elements, PbS and FeS; Lines: CuK α , FeK α , AgL α , PbM α , BiM α , SbL α , SK α .

³ Vrije Universiteit, Analyst: C. Kieft; Instrumentation: Microscan IX electron probe; Standards: pure elements, Sb₂S₃, FeS, CuFeS₂ and PbS; Lines: CuK α , FeK α , AgL α , PbL α , BiL α , SbL α , SK α .

copper-lead sulfide deposit at Izok Lake, Northwest Territories. Shortly after the discovery, a second occurrence was reported in skarn ore from a cobalt deposit at Vena, Bergslagen metallogenic province, Sweden (Zakrzewski 1984). The mineral is named after Izok Lake, where it was first recognized. The mineral and the name have been approved by the Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names, I.M.A. Type material is preserved at the British Museum (Natural History) in polished mount E.812 BM 1983,75. Drill core and other polished sections are housed in the National Mineral Collection, Systematic Reference Series, at the Geological Survey of Canada, Ottawa (NMC 64415, 64416 and 64417) and also at the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto.

OCCURRENCE

Izok Lake is located at latitude 65°39'N, longitude 112°49'W, in the northern part of the Slave structural province. The deposit is 366 km north of Yellowknife and 300 km south-southeast of Coppermine, the two nearest settlements. It occurs in highly metamorphosed Archean metavolcanic rocks that have undergone at least three major phases of folding. The geology and exploration history of the deposit were described by Money & Heslop (1976) and Bostock (1980).

The major ore-minerals are pyrite, sphalerite, pyrrhotite, silver-bearing chalcopyrite (Harris *et al.* 1984a, Cabri *et al.* 1984), magnetite and silver-bearing galena, with minor to trace amounts of thirty-one other metallic minerals, including the second known occurrence of jaskólskiite (Harris *et al.* 1984b). Izoklakeite is rare in the deposit, having been identified only in drill hole 61 at a depth of 60.04 m, where it occurs as millimetre-sized acicu-

lar aggregates intergrown with galena, minor pyrrhotite and pyrite.

ELECTRON-MICROPROBE ANALYSES

A single polished section containing izoklakeite was analyzed using different electron-microprobes at the Geological Survey of Canada, Ottawa, at the British Museum (Natural History), London and at the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam. The results are listed in Table 1; the excellent agreement in results from the different institutions demonstrates the reliability of these microprobe data.

The structural analysis of material from the Vena deposit (Makovicky & Mumme 1984) has shown that izoklakeite is a homologue of kobellite for N = 4, the composition varies between $T_4^+Pb_{52}M^{3+}_{40}S_{114}$ and $T^{2+}_4Pb_{56}M^{3+}_{36}S_{114}$ where $T^+ = Cu, Ag$, $T^{2+} = Fe, Cu$, and $M^{3+} = Sb, Bi$. Based on 96 cations, the averaged result of the microprobe analyses of Izok Lake material can be recalculated to $Pb_{45.94}Sb_{22.30}Bi_{20.04}Ag_{3.78}Cu_{3.21}Fe_{0.73}S_{108.30}$ in the unit cell. Fe and Cu are assigned to tetrahedral positions. Ag must be assigned to the large metal co-ordination polyhedra according to the substitution scheme $Ag^+ + (Sb, Bi)^{3+} = 2 Pb^{2+}$. Comparison of the analytical results with the structural formulae having $Ag + (Sb, Bi)$ assigned to the Pb site leads to $Pb_{53.5}(Sb, Bi)_{38.56}(Cu, Fe)_{3.94}S_{108.3}$. The theoretical formula for izoklakeite is $2[(Cu, Fe)_2Pb_{27}(Sb, Bi)_{19}S_{57}]$. Further details about the calculation scheme are outlined in Zakrzewski & Makovicky (1986).

PHYSICAL AND OPTICAL PROPERTIES

The mineral is lead grey in color, opaque with a

TABLE 2. IZOKLAKEITE: REFLECTANCE DATA

λ nm	Grain 1				Grain 2				Grain 3			
	R_1	R_2	im_{R_1}	im_{R_2}	R_1	R_2	im_{R_1}	im_{R_2}	R_1	R_2	im_{R_1}	im_{R_2}
400	44.9	46.1	29.3	30.9	43.5	44.9	29.3	30.7	44.6	48.5	29.7	34.2
410	44.5	45.7	29.0	30.6	43.3	44.7	29.0	30.4	44.3	48.5	29.4	34.0
420	44.1	45.3	28.7	30.2	43.1	44.5	28.7	30.1	44.1	48.4	29.0	33.7
430	43.7	44.9	28.4	29.8	42.8	44.3	28.3	29.7	43.8	48.3	28.6	33.4
440	43.3	44.5	28.0	29.4	42.6	44.1	27.9	29.3	43.5	48.0	28.3	33.0
450	42.9	44.2	27.7	29.0	42.3	43.8	27.5	29.0	43.2	47.8	27.9	32.7
460	42.6	43.8	27.3	28.6	42.1	43.5	27.1	28.6	42.8	47.4	27.5	32.3
470	42.3	43.5	26.9	28.2	41.8	43.2	26.7	28.2	42.5	47.2	27.1	31.9
480	42.0	43.2	26.5	27.9	41.5	42.9	26.3	27.8	42.2	46.9	26.7	31.5
490	41.7	42.9	26.2	27.5	41.2	42.6	26.0	27.5	41.9	46.6	26.4	31.2
500	41.4	42.6	25.9	27.2	40.9	42.3	25.7	27.1	41.6	46.2	26.1	30.8
510	41.1	42.3	25.6	26.9	40.7	42.0	25.4	26.8	41.3	46.0	25.8	30.5
520	40.8	42.0	25.3	26.6	40.4	41.8	25.1	26.5	41.0	45.7	25.5	30.1
530	40.6	41.8	25.1	26.3	40.2	41.5	24.8	26.2	40.8	45.5	25.2	29.8
540	40.3	41.6	24.8	26.1	40.0	41.3	24.6	26.0	40.6	45.2	24.9	29.6
550	40.1	41.4	24.6	25.9	39.7	41.1	24.4	25.8	40.3	45.0	24.7	29.3
560	39.9	41.2	24.4	25.8	39.6	40.9	24.2	25.6	40.1	44.8	24.5	29.1
570	39.7	41.0	24.3	25.6	39.4	40.7	24.0	25.4	40.0	44.6	24.4	28.9
580	39.6	40.8	24.1	25.4	39.2	40.6	23.9	25.2	39.8	44.4	24.2	28.7
590	39.4	40.7	23.9	25.2	39.1	40.4	23.7	25.1	39.7	44.3	24.1	28.5
600	39.3	40.6	23.8	25.1	39.0	40.3	23.6	24.9	39.6	44.1	24.0	28.4
610	39.2	40.4	23.6	24.9	38.8	40.2	23.5	24.8	39.5	44.0	23.9	28.2
620	39.0	40.3	23.5	24.8	38.7	40.1	23.4	24.7	39.3	43.8	23.8	28.1
630	38.9	40.2	23.4	24.7	38.6	39.9	23.2	24.6	39.2	43.7	23.6	27.9
640	38.8	40.0	23.3	24.5	38.5	39.8	23.1	24.4	39.1	43.5	23.4	27.8
650	38.6	39.9	23.2	24.4	38.3	39.6	22.9	24.3	38.9	43.4	23.3	27.6
660	38.5	39.7	23.0	24.2	38.2	39.5	22.8	24.1	38.8	43.2	23.2	27.4
670	38.3	39.6	22.9	24.1	38.0	39.4	22.7	24.0	38.6	43.1	23.0	27.3
680	38.2	39.4	22.7	23.9	37.9	39.2	22.5	23.8	38.5	42.9	22.9	27.1
690	38.0	39.2	22.5	23.7	37.7	39.1	22.3	23.7	38.3	42.7	22.7	26.9
700	37.8	39.1	22.4	23.6	37.6	38.9	22.2	23.5	38.2	42.5	22.5	26.7

Color values relative to the CIE illuminant C												
x	0.303	0.303	0.298	0.298	0.303	0.303	0.298	0.298	0.303	0.303	0.298	0.298
y	0.309	0.309	0.303	0.304	0.309	0.309	0.303	0.303	0.309	0.310	0.303	0.304
Y%	40.1	41.4	24.6	25.9	39.7	41.1	24.4	25.8	40.3	45.0	24.8	29.3
λ d	477	477	477	477	478	478	476	476	477	478	476	477
P _e %	3.6	3.5	6.1	5.9	3.3	3.3	6.2	6.0	3.5	3.2	6.1	5.7

Color values relative to the CIE illuminant A												
x	0.441	0.441	0.436	0.436	0.441	0.441	0.436	0.436	0.441	0.441	0.436	0.437
y	0.405	0.406	0.403	0.404	0.406	0.406	0.403	0.403	0.405	0.406	0.403	0.404
Y%	39.8	41.1	24.3	25.6	39.4	40.8	24.1	25.5	40.1	44.7	24.5	29.0
λ d	490	490	489	489	490	490	489	488	490	491	488	489
P _e %	1.8	1.7	2.9	2.9	1.7	1.7	3.0	2.9	1.7	1.6	2.9	2.8

metallic lustre; it has grey-black streak. Izoklakeite is brittle, with a good cleavage parallel to c and a very distinctive conchoidal fracture. The measured specific gravity, based on a 4.26 mg hand-picked sample using a Berman balance, is 6.47. The calculated density for $Pb_{45.94}Sb_{22.30}Bi_{20.04}As_{3.78}Cu_{3.21}Fe_{0.73}S_{108.30}$ and $Z = 1$ is 6.505 g/cm³. The microhardness VHN₅₀, based on 10 indentations, is in the range 150-212, which is equivalent to a Mohs hardness of 3.7-4.2.

In reflected, plane-polarized light, izoklakeite is weakly to moderately bireflectant. Its appearance with an unfiltered quartz-halogen source (at 3100 K) varies from pale greenish white to a slightly darker greenish white or grey. The greenish tint is most noticeable where it is intergrown with the slightly higher reflecting and purer white galena and, at its own grain boundaries, in polycrystalline areas. In

oil, the tints are unchanged, but the bireflectance is a little stronger. It is distinctly anisotropic with greenish mid-grey to dark grey to brownish grey rotation-tints. With the analyzer uncrossed by 3°, the rotation tints are: mid-bluish grey to light greenish grey to greenish white to mid-grey. In oil, the rotation tints appear more intense.

Reflectance measurements were made on three grains of izoklakeite using the equipment and procedure described by Criddle *et al.* (1983). Virtually all the grains of the mineral in polished section E.812 are weakly bireflectant. Grains 1 and 2 (Table 2) are typical in having a measured bireflectance of about 1% throughout the visible spectrum. The abundance of weakly bireflecting izoklakeite in this section suggests a preferred crystallographic orientation of most of the grains; however, a few more bireflectant grains were located, and one, grain 3 (Table 2), was meas-

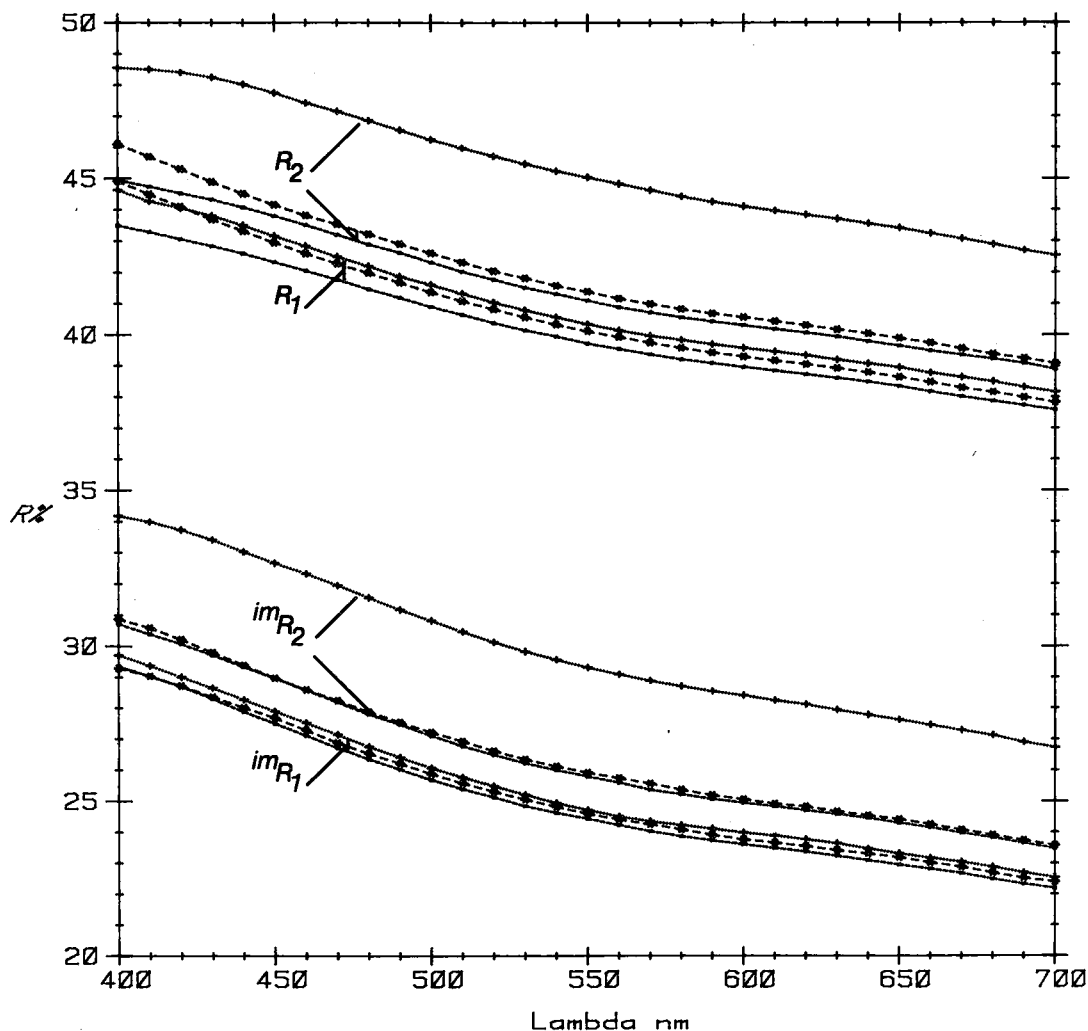


FIG. 1. R_1 , R_2 and imR_1 , imR_2 spectra between 400 and 700 nm for three grains of izoklakeite.

ured. R_1 and R_2 for this grain have the same dispersion as those for grains 1 and 2, but its bireflectance of about 5% in air and oil (Fig. 1) is much stronger than those of grains 1 and 2.

The color values (Table 2) calculated from these spectra confirm the visual impression of the weak greenish tint of the mineral, d for illuminant A (comparable in color temperature with the quartz-halogen lamp used in the description of the mineral) being in the green sector. The weakness of this tint is explained by the consistently low levels of excitation purity of $\leq 3\%$. It is worth noting that if a blue-filtered light-source had been used (as is the case in many laboratories), the mineral would have appeared blue or bluish grey, not green, as may be seen in the color values for illuminant C (Table 2).

X-RAY STUDIES

Two acicular crystals were examined by precession and Weissenberg single-crystal techniques employing Zr-filtered Mo radiation for the former and unfiltered Cu radiation for the latter. One crystal was oriented parallel to, and the other normal to, the axis of elongation (c). X-ray photographs collected were $hk0$, hkl , $hk2$, $0kl$, and $h0l$.

Izoklakeite is orthorhombic, with measured unit-cell parameters a 33.9, b 38.1 and c 4.06 Å. Systematic absences, $h0l$ with $h+l \neq 2n$ and $0kl$ with $k+l \neq 2n$, dictate either $Pnmm$ (#58) or $Pnn2$ (#34) as permissible space-groups.

The X-ray powder-diffraction data for izoklakeite are listed in Table 3. Refined unit-cell parameters,

TABLE 3. X-RAY POWDER-DIFFRACTION DATA FOR IZOKLAKEITE, IZOK LAKE, N.W.T.

lest ¹	dÅ ² meas.	dÅ ³ calc.	hkl	lest ¹	dÅ ² meas.	dÅ ³ calc.	hkl
3	8.44	8.43	330	5	2.530	2.530	<u>10100</u>
3	5.67	5.65	600	5	2.496	2.494	<u>1121</u>
3b	4.59	4.63	560	1	2.462	2.463	<u>1051</u>
		4.53	650	3	2.346	2.347	<u>1290</u>
20	4.24	4.23	800	20	2.316	2.313	991
3	4.11	4.10	290	3	2.283	2.284	<u>1081</u>
15	3.91	3.94	211	5	2.253	2.254	<u>1141</u>
		3.89	580			2.191	<u>1311</u>
30	3.77	3.78	490	3	2.188	2.189	<u>6131</u>
20b	3.60	3.60	<u>3100</u>			2.187	<u>12110</u>
		3.57	151			2.152	<u>0151</u>
5	3.56	3.55	341	60	2.149	2.150	<u>13100</u>
5	3.48	3.47	<u>4100</u>			2.148	<u>10101</u>
		3.420	351	25	2.110	2.112	<u>0180</u>
		3.407	161			2.109	<u>1351</u>
100	3.398	3.391	780	20	2.080	2.081	<u>13110</u>
		3.388	<u>1000</u>			2.042	<u>18100</u>
		3.387	<u>2110</u>	40b	2.038	2.037	<u>2161</u>
		3.383	690			2.035	002
40	3.305	3.305	<u>3110</u>	10	2.007	2.006	<u>1451</u>
		3.304	451			1.980	<u>12101</u>
30	3.159	3.154	<u>6100</u>	10	1.978	1.976	<u>1461</u>
		3.119	641			1.975	<u>1501</u>
3	3.113	3.115	701	10	1.946	1.948	<u>1391</u>
		3.115	<u>2120</u>	20	1.893	1.893	<u>1690</u>
25	3.035	3.041	281			1.850	<u>16100</u>
		3.029	651	20	1.848	1.850	<u>3181</u>
10	2.978	2.990	<u>7100</u>			1.849	<u>7190</u>
		2.960	741			1.847	<u>8161</u>
5	2.921	2.920	191	25	1.816	1.816	<u>10151</u>
40	2.878	2.882	751	15	1.788	1.788	912
30	2.831	2.837	391	3	1.766	1.765	<u>17100</u>
		2.823	<u>1200</u>	40	1.745	1.744	<u>1002</u>
15	2.799	2.796	761				
20	2.741	2.742	<u>2101</u>				
3	2.690	2.690	591				
3	2.639	2.640	<u>4101</u>				
10	2.596	2.597	951				

¹ Intensities visually estimated b = broad line
² 114.6 mm Debye-Scherrer powder camera, Cu radiation, Ni filter (λ CuKα = 1.54178 Å)
³ Indexed with a = 33.88, b = 38.02 and c = 4.070 Å

based on 25 powder lines between 4.14 and 1.745 Å for which unambiguous indexing, based on both precession and Weissenberg single-crystal films, was possible, gave a 33.88(2), b 38.02(2), c 4.070(2) Å, V 5243 Å³ and $a:b:c$ 0.891:1.0:107.

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