

1 **Crystal structure and chemistry of skarn-associated bismuthian vesuvianite**

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8 **ABSTRACT**

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10 Due to its strong chalcophile character and the influence of its  $s^2$  lone pair electrons  
11 on the crystal structure trivalent bismuth is extremely rare in silicate minerals, with Bi-  
12 contents in common silicates typically below 1 ppm. In the present paper we report on an  
13 exceptionally Bi-rich variety of the rock-forming mineral vesuvianite with up to ca. 20 wt%  
14  $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_3$ , occasionally in combination with enhanced Pb contents up to ca. 5 wt% PbO. The  
15 mineral occurs as small ( $\leq 300 \mu\text{m}$ ) idiomorphic, black crystals in a sulfide-free silicate skarn  
16 in the Långban Mn-Fe deposit, central Sweden. The major skarn minerals comprise Ba-rich  
17 potassium feldspar, albitic plagioclase and Pb-rich scapolite and phlogopite, while Pb-rich  
18 epidote, vesuvianite and calcic garnets are minor phases. The vesuvianite grains are intensely  
19 zoned displaying Bi-rich cores surrounded by thinner Bi-poor rims. Although generally high  
20 in bismuth, the crystal cores invariably show oscillatory zoning. In addition to high Bi- and  
21 Pb-contents, the crystals are occasionally enriched in copper, cerium, antimony and arsenic,  
22 thus reflecting the complex chemistry and evolution of the Långban mineralization.

23 Chemical analyses demonstrate a strong negative correlation between Ca and Bi,  
24 hence confirming that Bi replaces Ca at X-sites of the vesuvianite structure. Concentrations of  
25 Si and Al are lower, while Fe and Ti contents are somewhat enhanced in the Bi-rich cores.  
26 Maximum Bi and Pb contents analyzed in the present vesuvianite crystals correspond to 3.19

27 and 0.87 atoms per formula unit, respectively. This exceeds by far previous reports in the  
28 literature. X-ray single-crystal diffraction studies of a crystal splinter with intermediate Bi-  
29 content (1.08 apfu) show that the space group *P4/nnc* is the most appropriate to describe the  
30 crystal structure; the refinement converged to an *R1* index of 0.0493. The recorded unit-cell  
31 parameters,  $a = 15.7018(6) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 11.8648(6) \text{ \AA}$  and  $V = 2925.2(2) \text{ \AA}^3$ , are to our knowledge  
32 the largest ones observed so far for *P4/nnc* vesuvianite. Bismuth was demonstrated to order at  
33 the X3'(Bi) site that is only 0.46 Å distant from the nearest X3(Ca) site. Consequently, the X3  
34 and X3' sites cannot be simultaneously fully occupied.

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## INTRODUCTION

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38 The ionic radii of six- to eight-coordinated  $\text{Bi}^{3+}$  (1.03-1.17 Å) are very similar to  
39 those of  $\text{Na}^+$  (1.02-1.18 Å),  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  (1.00-1.12 Å) and trivalent cations of the light rare earth  
40 elements, as, e.g.,  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  (1.01-1.14Å) (Shannon 1976). This suggests that cases of  $\text{Bi}^{3+}$   
41 substitution in rock-forming Na- and/or Ca-silicates shouldn't be uncommon. However, Bi-  
42 contents are generally very low (< 1ppm) in silicate minerals and only two extremely rare  
43 silicate minerals with nominal Bi-contents are known; eulytine ( $\text{Bi}_4(\text{SiO}_4)_3$ ) and  
44 bismutoferrite ( $\text{Fe}^{3+}_2\text{Bi}(\text{SiO}_4)_2(\text{OH})$ ). In contrast, Bi-contents may reach high levels in  
45 common sulfide minerals and a large number of Bi-sulfide mineral species are known. Main  
46 reasons for this are the affinity for  $\text{Bi}^{3+}$  to form covalent bonds to sulfur (chalcophile  
47 character) and the  $6s^2$  lone pair electronic configuration of  $\text{Bi}^{3+}$  that prefers highly  
48 unsymmetrical coordination in oxygen-based structures. However, the stereochemical effects  
49 of the lone pair configuration weaken with increasing coordination number of the Bi-centered  
50 polyhedra (Galy et al. 1975) and this creates possibilities for Bi-incorporation in certain  
51 silicate structures when formed in environments poor in sulphur. In the present paper we

52 report on the crystal chemistry of an extremely Bi-rich vesuvianite that represents an  
53 exceptional example of Bi<sup>3+</sup> substitution in a rock-forming silicate mineral.

54 The simplified formula of boron-free vesuvianite can be written as X<sub>19</sub>Y<sub>13</sub>Z<sub>18</sub>O<sub>69</sub>W<sub>10</sub>,  
55 where X represents four independent [7]- to [9]-coordinated sites, Y represents one [5]-  
56 coordinated (Y1) and two independent [6]-coordinated sites (Y2 and Y3), Z denotes three  
57 distinct [4]-coordinated sites and W represents the sites (O10 and O11) occupied by  
58 monovalent and divalent anions such as (OH), F and O (Groat et al. 1992a,b). Vesuvianites  
59 with empty T sites, <sup>[4]</sup>T1 and <sup>[3]</sup>T2, have 10 W-sites in the structural formula, whereas  
60 vesuvianites with [3]-coordinated B at T2 have 11 W-sites due to the substitution <sup>T2</sup>B + 2<sup>W</sup>O  
61 → <sup>T2</sup>□ + <sup>W</sup>(OH) (Groat et al. 1996). The general formula for vesuvianite group minerals may  
62 therefore be formalized as X<sub>18</sub>X'Y<sub>12</sub>Y'T<sub>5</sub><sup>O</sup>Z<sub>10</sub><sup>D</sup>Z<sub>8</sub>O<sub>68</sub>(W)<sub>11</sub>, where “O” and “D” denote ortho-  
63 and disilicate groups and W represents sites occupied by atoms not bonded to cations at the Z  
64 sites (Gnos and Armbruster 2006). The X' and Y' sites form polar strings along the fourfold  
65 axis and the schemes of order determine the symmetry of the structure, with the possible  
66 space groups *P4/nnc*, *P4/n* and *P4nc* (Armbruster and Gnos 2000a). Generally, vesuvianite  
67 formed at higher temperatures, above ca. 500 °C, crystallizes in space group *P4/nnc* (Gnos  
68 and Armbruster 2006). In addition, partial Al occupancy at the T1 site seems to cause rod  
69 disorder resulting in *P4/nnc* symmetry (Gnos and Armbruster 2006).

70 Chemically, vesuvianite shows a wide range of compositions. The Z-sites are  
71 normally occupied by Si<sup>4+</sup>, but Si-deficient vesuvianites with high degrees of hydrogarnet-like  
72 substitution, (O<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sup>4-</sup> for (SiO<sub>4</sub>)<sup>4-</sup>, are also known (Armbruster and Gnos 2000b, Galuskin et  
73 al. 2003). A large number of different cations have been shown to occupy the Y-sites of the  
74 vesuvianite structure. Magnesium, Al, Ti<sup>4+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Mn<sup>3+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup> and Cu<sup>2+</sup> are common Y-  
75 site cations, while Cr<sup>3+</sup> and Zn<sup>2+</sup> are found at lower levels (e.g., Groat et al. 1992a and  
76 references therein). Groat et al. (1994a) demonstrated that additional “Y-group” cations may

77 occupy the normally vacant T1 site of the vesuvianite structure. In addition, B<sup>3+</sup> occupies the  
78 normally vacant T2 site in boron-rich vesuvianites (Groat et al. 1994b, 1996). The most  
79 common cations at the structural X-sites are Ca and Na, but low to intermediate contents of a  
80 large number of additional cations, such as, e.g., REE (Fitzgerald et al. 1987) and U and Th  
81 (Himmelberg and Miller 1980) have been reported. High contents of Sb (21.2 wt% Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
82 corresponding to ca. 4.9 Sb per formula unit) have been reported in vesuvianites from the  
83 Hemlo deposit (Pan and Fleet 1992) and notably, an occurrence of Bi-bearing vesuvianites  
84 with up to 3.1 wt% Bi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (0.41 Bi per formula unit) was recently described from Långban,  
85 Sweden (Groat and Evans 2012). In the present study we report structural and chemical data  
86 for a Bi-rich variety of vesuvianite with ~7 times higher Bi-contents, and Pb-contents up to 3  
87 times higher than in earlier literature reports.

88 In spite of the large chemical and structural diversity, the number of approved species  
89 belonging to the vesuvianite group is very limited: vesuvianite  
90 Ca<sub>19</sub>Mg<sub>2</sub>Al<sub>11</sub>Si<sub>18</sub>O<sub>68</sub>(O)(OH,F)<sub>9</sub>, wiluite Ca<sub>19</sub>Mg<sub>6</sub>Al<sub>7</sub>B<sub>5</sub>Si<sub>18</sub>O<sub>68</sub>(O)<sub>11</sub> (Groat et al. 1998),  
91 manganvesuvianite Ca<sub>19</sub>Mn<sup>3+</sup>(Al,Mn<sup>3+</sup>,Fe<sup>3+</sup>)<sub>10</sub>(Mg,Mn<sup>2+</sup>)<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>18</sub>(O)O<sub>68</sub>(OH)<sub>9</sub> (Armbruster et al.  
92 2002), and fluorvesuvianite Ca<sub>19</sub>(Al,Mg,Fe<sup>2+</sup>)<sub>13</sub>Si<sub>18</sub>O<sub>68</sub>O(F,OH)<sub>9</sub> (Britvin et al. 2003). In  
93 analogy with the definition of manganvesuvianite, which is based on the dominant cation at  
94 the Y1-site being Mn<sup>3+</sup>, it is evident that vesuvianite with Cu<sup>2+</sup> as the dominant cation at Y1  
95 (Fitzgerald et al. 1986) is also a distinct species of the vesuvianite mineral group. The  
96 potential for the existence of several additional vesuvianite group species is very high. For  
97 example, data published by Pan and Fleet (1992) and the data presented in this study highlight  
98 the possible occurrence of antimonian and bismuthian end members.

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## GEOLOGICAL SETTING

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102 Ores and their Palaeoproterozoic host rocks in the Bergslagen region of south-central  
103 Sweden formed within a mostly shallow submarine, felsic caldera province, situated in a back  
104 arc setting in the close vicinity of a continental margin (Allen et al. 1996). A majority of the  
105 mineralisations are believed to have formed through hydrothermal processes within this  
106 environment during felsic volcanism (Allen et al. 1996). Skarn-hosted deposits dominated by  
107 magnetite, and quartz-banded ores dominated by hematite represent the major oxide deposits  
108 in the district. In the Fe-Mn oxide deposits of Långban-type, the two oxide ore types occur in  
109 spatial proximity, but are chemically well separated.

110 The Långban deposit (59.86°N, 14.27°E) comprises stratabound ore lenses rich in Fe  
111 and Mn oxides, with associated skarn bodies and mineralised veins and fissures hosted by  
112 metamorphosed carbonates and siliceous volcanics of early Proterozoic age (~1.85 Ga) and it  
113 is generally considered to be of syngenetic, submarine volcanic-exhalative origin (Boström et  
114 al. 1979; Holtstam and Mansfeld 2001; Jonsson 2004). Together with related deposits in west-  
115 central Sweden, it is characterised by enhanced contents of As, Ba, Be, Pb and Sb. Fluids  
116 derived from younger granite intrusions subsequently introduced additional chemical  
117 components such as Be, F, Sn and W (e.g., Holtstam and Mansfeld 2001).

118 The evolution of the deposit has been subdivided into four separate major stages  
119 (Magnusson 1930; Jonsson 2004). Initial formation of “primary” minerals, including early  
120 carbonates and ore mineral progenitors was followed by a ca. 1.87-1.80 Ga regional  
121 (Svecokarelian) metamorphism of the Bergslagen region (e.g., Welin 1992; Andersson 1997;  
122 Stephens et al. 2009, and references therein). In the Långban area, peak regional metamorphic  
123 conditions are estimated to have reached ca. 3-4 kbar and 550-600 °C (e.g., Grew et al. 1994;  
124 Christy and Gatedal 2005), i.e., amphibolite facies conditions. During this stage the majority  
125 of skarn (*sensu lato*) minerals and veins were formed. Subsequently, formation of vein  
126 mineral assemblages related to a stage of waning metamorphism were followed by late stage

127 mineral veining at lower temperatures ranging from 180 to 300 °C (Jonsson and Broman  
128 2002).

129 The Långban deposit is famous for its mineral diversity (e.g., Flink 1923; Magnusson  
130 1930; Moore 1970; Holtstam and Langhof 1999). About 300 mineral species have been  
131 documented and more than 70 new mineral species have been discovered and described from  
132 this locality. The deposit is famous not just for new species, but also for unusual chemical  
133 compositions of common minerals (Christy and Gatedal 2005).

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## 135 **SAMPLES AND EXPERIMENTAL**

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### 137 **Samples**

138 The Långban mine is inaccessible today and the present samples were collected from  
139 the dump near the New Shaft (Nya Schaktet) at Långban. The studied samples comprise five  
140 chips of skarn rocks that are mainly composed of K-feldspar, plagioclase, scapolite, epidote  
141 and phlogopite with garnet and vesuvianite as minor minerals. Accessory minerals are calcite,  
142 titanite, muscovite and zircon. Energy dispersive X-ray analyses on carbon-coated polished  
143 sections of the samples using a Hitachi S4300 scanning electron microscope (SEM) equipped  
144 with a solid state Si(Li) detector were applied to explore the chemical character of the main  
145 and minor phases accompanying vesuvianite. The SEM was operated at an acceleration  
146 voltage of 20 kV and a beam current of 10 nA using an electron beam diameter of ca. 1 µm.  
147 The energy dispersive X-ray spectra (EDS) were recorded and evaluated using the INCA  
148 software package (Oxford Instruments). The results of this reconnaissance demonstrated that  
149 K-feldspar is rich in barium, plagioclase is albitic in composition and scapolite (intermediate  
150 between meionite and amrialite) as well as epidote are Pb-rich. Garnet compositions vary  
151 along the grossular-andradite join with only limited spessartine component present. The

152 mineral composition of the present vesuvianite-bearing skarn as well as the chemical  
153 signatures of its major and minor minerals show many features in common with those of the  
154 vesuvianite-free Långban skarn assemblages described by Christy and Gatedal (2005) and  
155 consequently the present skarn assemblage is considered to have formed at comparable  
156 conditions, i.e., during the peak metamorphic event at temperatures exceeding 500 °C. The  
157 mineral assemblage of the high-temperature skarn hosting the present extremely Bi-rich  
158 vesuvianite contrasts strongly with the hausmannite ore association that hosts the Bi-bearing  
159 vesuvianite described from the same locality by Groat and Evans (2012). The black color of  
160 the present Bi-rich vesuvianite crystals is also in contrast to the red color reported for the Bi-  
161 bearing vesuvianite by Groat and Evans (2012).

162         The present vesuvianite crystals frequently display micro-fractures and they are  
163 without exception highly brittle. Consequently, only crystal splinters could be extracted for  
164 single-crystal structure studies. X-ray diffraction studies of several of these crystal fragments  
165 yielded poor quality data and subsequent refinements of the data did not converge. This was  
166 also the case for fragments of the most Bi-rich crystal cores. However, successful structure  
167 refinements were obtained on fragments with intermediate compositions showing more than  
168 twice the Bi contents earlier reported.

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## 170 **Chemical analyses**

171         Electron microprobe analyses (EMPA) by wavelength dispersive spectroscopy  
172 (WDS) were obtained with a Cameca SX50 instrument at the University of Uppsala operating  
173 at an accelerating potential of 20 kV and a sample current of 15 nA. Standards used  
174 comprised wollastonite (Si and Ca), vanadinite (Pb), Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (Al), Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> (Bi), CePO<sub>4</sub> (Ce), Cu  
175 metal (Cu), Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (Fe), MgO (Mg), MnTiO<sub>3</sub> (Mn and Ti), Sb<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> (Sb) and ZnS (Zn). Chlorine  
176 and fluorine were searched for by WDS-scans but could not be detected and consequently

177 these elements were not analyzed for due to concentrations below their detection limits (0.2  
178 and 0.05 wt%, respectively). The PAP matrix correction procedure (Pouchou and Pichoir  
179 1991) was applied to the obtained raw data.

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### 181 **Single-crystal X-ray structure refinement**

182 X-ray diffraction measurements were performed at the Earth Sciences Department,  
183 Sapienza University of Rome, with a Bruker KAPPA APEX-II single-crystal diffractometer,  
184 equipped with CCD area detector ( $6.2 \times 6.2 \text{ cm}^2$  active detection area,  $512 \times 512$  pixels) and a  
185 graphite crystal monochromator, using  $\text{MoK}\alpha$  radiation from a fine-focus sealed X-ray tube.  
186 The sample-to-detector distance was 4 cm. A total of 3304 exposures (step =  $0.2^\circ$ , time/step =  
187 20 s) covering a full reciprocal sphere were collected. The orientation of the crystal lattice  
188 was determined from more than 500 strong reflections ( $I > 100 \sigma_I$ ) evenly distributed in the  
189 reciprocal space, and used for subsequent integration of all recorded intensities. Final unit-cell  
190 parameters were refined by using Bruker AXS SAINT program from ca. 4439 recorded  
191 reflections with  $I > 10 \sigma_I$  in the range  $7^\circ < 2\theta < 61^\circ$ . The intensity data were processed and  
192 corrected for Lorentz, polarization and background effects with the APEX2 software program  
193 of Bruker AXS. The data were corrected for absorption using a multi-scan method  
194 (SADABS). The absorption correction led to a significant improvement in  $R_{\text{int}}$ .

195 In agreement with the indications of the systematic absence statistics, the  $P4/nnc$   
196 symmetry was used for the final structure refinement. The recorded data for the crystal  
197 showed only one systematic absence violation for  $P4/nnc$ . Groat and Evans (2012) also found  
198 this space group in successful structure refinements of two Bi-bearing vesuvianites. The fact  
199 that the space group  $P4/nnc$  is the most appropriate to describe the structure of the present  
200 sample is also shown by the negative result of two tests suggested by Armbruster and Gnos  
201 (2000a) for the possible occurrence of space group  $P4nc$  or  $P4/c$  in alternative to  $P4/nnc$ : (1)



202 no distribution with  $F_o^2 > F_c^2$  in the list of most disagreeable reflections was observed in our  
203 refinement; (2) the  $K$  values, where  $K = \text{mean}(F_o^2)/\text{mean}(F_c^2)$ , were always less than 1.4,  
204 showing that our structural model is correct. Finally, petrological observations, as detailed  
205 above, show that the present vesuvianite occurs in a high-temperature skarn assemblage,  
206 which is consistent with its space group being  $P4/nnc$  (Gnos and Armbruster 2006).

207 Structure refinement (SREF) was carried out with the SHELXL-97 program  
208 (Sheldrick 2008). Starting coordinates were taken from Groat and Evans (2012). Variable  
209 parameters were: scale factor, extinction coefficient, atom coordinates, site-scattering values  
210 expressed as mean atomic number (m.a.n.) and atom displacement parameters. To obtain the  
211 best values of statistical indices ( $R1$  and  $wR2$ ) all atomic sites were modeled by using neutral  
212 scattering curves. In detail, all the anion sites (O1-O11) were modeled by using oxygen  
213 scattering factor and with a fixed occupancy of 1, because refinement with unconstrained  
214 occupancies showed no significant deviations from this value. The X1 and X2 sites were  
215 modeled using the Ca scattering factor with fixed occupancy of  $\text{Ca}_{1.00}$ . The X3 site X3' sites  
216 were modeled by Ca and Bi, respectively. The X4 site was modeled considering the presence  
217 of Ca and Ce. The Y1 site was modeled considering Mn and Mg. The Y2 site was modeled  
218 using Al, and Y3 considering Al and Fe. The Z1 and Z2 site were modeled by using Si with  
219 unconstrained occupancies, while Z3 was modeled by Si with a fixed occupancy of  $\text{Si}_{1.00}$ . The  
220 T1 site, found in the residual electron density, was modeled by Al. Table 2 summarizes  
221 crystal data, data collection information and refinement details. Table 3 provides the refined  
222 atom coordinates, equivalent and isotropic displacement parameters, and m.a.n.. Table 4 (on  
223 deposit) reports the anisotropic displacement parameters. Table 5 lists selected bond lengths,  
224 and Table 6 displays bond valence sums (calculated from Brown and Altermatt 1985) incident  
225 at the cation sites and the respective mean formal valences.

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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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### 229 Vesuvianite composition

230 The vesuvianite grains are strongly zoned, displaying Bi-rich cores surrounded by  
231 thinner Bi-poor rims (Fig. 1 and Table 1). Although generally high in Bi, the crystal cores  
232 invariably show oscillatory zoning. Concentrations of Si and Al are lower while Fe and Ti  
233 contents are somewhat enhanced in the Bi-rich cores (Fig. 2). In addition to high Bi contents,  
234 some crystals display zones with high Pb contents (up to 0.87 apfu) and some crystals  
235 occasionally show zones enriched in Cu, Ce, As and Sb, thus reflecting the complex  
236 chemistry and evolution of the Långban mineralization. The maximum Bi content recorded in  
237 the analyzed specimens is 20.42 wt%, corresponding to  $\text{Bi}^{3+} = 3.19$  apfu (Table 1 and Fig. 2).  
238 This exceeds the Bi concentration in vesuvianite reported by Groat and Evans (2012) by ~7  
239 times. Apart from considerably higher Bi contents and the occurrence in a different mineral  
240 association, our vesuvianite crystals show distinctly lower Mn contents ( $\leq 0.62$  apfu) as  
241 compared to those reported (Mn 1.43-1.76 apfu) by Groat and Evans (2012). The Bi content  
242 of our crystals shows a strong negative correlation ( $r^2 = 0.989$ ) with other cations (mostly Ca  
243 and Pb and Ce to a lesser degree) located at the X sites (Fig. 3), which demonstrates that Bi  
244 proxies for Ca at the X-sites.

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### 246 Single crystal structure refinement

247 Although the crystallographic *R*-indices appear to be relative large in the present Bi-rich  
248 vesuvianite (Table 2), they are comparable to those obtained by Groat and Evans (2012) for  
249 two Bi-bearing vesuvianites. However, it is important to stress the fact that the quality of a  
250 structural model should be assessed, for example, by the standard uncertainty of the bond  
251 distances, which should be less than 0.006 Å for non-hydrogen atoms (Giacovazzo et al.

252 2002), rather than only by the *R*-indices. The refinement of the present sample meets such  
253 criteria. The causes of the relative large displacement parameter values (e.g., Table 3) can be  
254 ascribed to: (1) the typical static positional disorder involving both cations and anions of  
255 vesuvianite; (2) the poor quality of the crystal; (3) the poor absorption correction, presumably  
256 due to the shape of the fragment used for the X-ray diffraction collection (0.02 mm-thick  
257 flake). All these negative aspects tend to affect the displacement parameters, but fortunately  
258 the atomic positions are much less perturbed. It is noteworthy that structure refinements using  
259 split site models did not result in any improvements.

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### 261 **Site occupancies**

262 **The X1 site.** The X1-m.a.n. was constrained to 20 as no significant deviation from the  
263 full occupancy of Ca<sup>2+</sup> was noted during the refinement process. Both the mean bond-distance  
264  $\langle X1-O \rangle$ , 2.439 Å, and the bond valence sum (BVS) at X1, 2.31 valence units (vu), are  
265 consistent with those reported by Groat et al. (1992a,b) for a boron-free vesuvianite (sample  
266 V12) having an X1 site completely occupied by Ca.

267 **The X2 site.** The X2-m.a.n. was constrained to 20 as no significant deviation from the  
268 full occupancy of Ca<sup>2+</sup> was noted during the refinement process.  $\langle X1-O \rangle = 2.491$  Å and X2-  
269 BVS = 2.16 vu are consistent with a complete occupancy of Ca<sup>2+</sup> at X2.

270 **The X3 site.** In accordance with Groat and Evans (2012), two distinct X3 sites were  
271 found during the structure refinement of the present Bi-rich vesuvianite: X3 ( $\equiv$  Ca) and X3'  
272 ( $\equiv$  Bi). The sum of refined site-scattering values of (X3 + X3') converged to a site occupancy  
273 of 0.935, i.e., less than 1.00. This means that cation vacancies occur at these sites as a  
274 function of the occurrence of cations at the T1 structural site (see below). The refined site  
275 occupancy of X3 converged to 0.811 and X3-m.a.n. to 16.2(1). The X3 site is usually  
276 considered as [8]-fold coordinated, however in [9]-fold coordination (that is, including a long

277 X3-O6 distance), the X3-BVS value increases from 1.77 vu to 1.85 vu. Obviously, the latter  
278 value is closer to ideal value of 2.00 expected for  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  (Tables 5 and 6). It should be noted  
279 that whether in [8]- or in [9]-fold coordination, the X3-centered polyhedron is the largest  
280 polyhedron of the present structure (Table 5). As for the X3' site, the refined site occupancy  
281 equals 0.124, the m.a.n. converged to 10.3(1) and  $\langle \text{X3}'\text{-O} \rangle$  to 2.529 Å. This information  
282 along with the BVS incident at X3' (3.09 vu) show that this site can be considered as  
283 exclusively occupied by  $\text{Bi}^{3+}$ . Groat and Evans (2012) named the Bi site XBi, we choose to  
284 label it as X3' to underline its direct relationship to the X3 site of the vesuvianite structure  
285 (Fig. 4a and Fig. 4b). It should be noted that because the X3' site is only 0.463(2) Å apart  
286 from the X3 site, X3' cannot be occupied when the directly adjacent X3 site is occupied. This  
287 X3'-X3 distance compares very well with those (0.41(2) and 0.44(2) Å) reported by Groat  
288 and Evans (2012),

289 **The X4 site.** The observed X4-m.a.n., 11.6(1), and X4-BVS, 2.22 vu, are significant  
290 larger than 10 and 2.00 (respectively) that would be expected for a half-occupancy of the X4  
291 site by  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ . This suggests that small amounts of trivalent cations such as  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  may occur at  
292 the X4 site. As reported by Groat et al. (1992a) and Allen and Burnham (1992) the X4 site of  
293 vesuvianite is only half-occupied due to the occurrence of the short X4-X4 distance in the  
294 structure (~2.57 Å in our sample), which implies occupancy of only one of two X4  
295 crystallographic sites per formula unit. Comparable arguments, strictly linked to the occupied  
296 X4-site, explain the half-occupancy of the Y1 sites. The separation of Y1-X4 is too small  
297 (~1.11 Å for our sample) for the simultaneous occupancy of adjacent Y1 and X4 sites.

298 **The Y1 site.** The refined Y1-m.a.n. converged to 10.9(3) and  $\langle \text{Y1-O} \rangle$  to 2.095 Å; the  
299 experimental BVS at Y1 is equal to 1.95 vu. As this site is usually half-occupied (see  
300 comment above), the m.a.n. would be 12.5 if only Mn would occupy Y1. Consequently,  
301 significant amounts of lighter divalent atoms such as  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  ( $Z = 12$ ) must occur at Y1.

302       **The Y2 site.** The refined Y2-m.a.n. converged to 13.5(2) and  $\langle Y2-O \rangle$  to 1.912 Å; the  
303 experimental BVS at Y2 is equal to 3.13 vu. These values suggest that Y2 is dominated by  
304 trivalent cations such as Al ( $Z = 13$ ), but atoms with  $Z > 13$  (as, e.g., Ti and Fe) must also  
305 occur. In general, the vesuvianite Y2 site is completely occupied by Al (e.g., Groat and Evans  
306 2012), which underscores the unusual character of the present specimen.

307       **The Y3 site.** The refined Y3-m.a.n. converged to 15.0(1) and  $\langle Y3-O \rangle$  to 1.988 Å; the  
308 experimental BVS at Y3 is equal to 2.68 vu. These values suggest that Al is the dominant  
309 cation at Y3, but atoms with  $Z > 13$  (as, e.g., Ti and Fe) must also occur.

310       **The T1 site.** The refined T1-m.a.n. converged to 1.43(2) and  $\langle T1-O \rangle$  to 1.816 Å; the  
311 BVS incident at T1 is 2.82 vu. This suggests presence of  $Al^{3+}$  at T1. The refined site  
312 occupancy of T1 (0.11) is consistent with the occurrence of vacancies at the X3 site (Groat et  
313 al. 1994a; Groat and Evans 2012). In fact, the combined occupancies of the X3, X3' and T1  
314 sites (= 1.04) is, within experimental uncertainty, close to 1.00.

315       **The Z1 site.** The refined Z1-m.a.n. converged to 13.1(2) and  $\langle Z1-O \rangle$  to 1.643 Å; the  
316 BVS at Z1 is 3.80 vu. Both the m.a.n. and the BVS values suggest that this site might not be  
317 fully occupied by  $Si^{4+}$  ( $Z = 14$ ), but lighter elements such as Al or vacancies (up to 0.13 apfu)  
318 could be present.

319       **The Z2 site.** The refined Z2-m.a.n. converged to 13.0(1) and  $\langle Z2-O \rangle = 1.649$  Å, the  
320 BVS at Z2 is 3.74 vu. Similar to Z1, both the m.a.n. and the BVS values suggest that Al or  
321 vacancies (up to 0.54 apfu) could occur at Z2. In this regard, however, it is worthy to note that  
322 Groat et al. (1992a) and Groat and Evans (2012) reported values of BVS at Z1 and Z2 of ~3.8  
323 vu and  $\langle Z1-O \rangle$  and  $\langle Z2-O \rangle$  of ~1.64 Å for boron-free vesuvianites with Z1 and Z2 fully  
324 occupied by Si.

325       **The Z3 site.** The Z3-m.a.n. was refined to 14, and  $\langle Z3-O \rangle$  converged to 1.634 Å; the  
326 BVS incident at Z3 is 3.90 vu. These values indicate that Z3 is fully occupied by  $Si^{4+}$ .

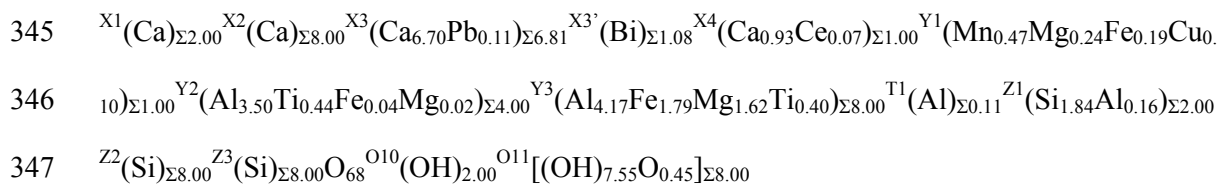
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328 **Structural formula**

329 The SREF-derived composition of the fragment used for the X-ray single-crystal  
330 diffraction data collection agrees very well with the microprobe data (analysis 740:X1SREF  
331 in Table 1). In particular, there is a very good match between the Bi content derived from  
332 SREF and EMPA (about 1.00 apfu and 1.08 apfu, respectively) as well as between the  
333 concentrations of Al at T1 derived from SREF and the excess Y-group cations derived from  
334 EMPA (about 0.11 apfu). Such cation excesses can be ascribed to Al (Groat et al. 1994a).  
335 Also important, in this respect, is the fact that the analysis 740:X1SREF is free of As, which ,  
336 is expected to occupy the T1 site (Groat and Evans 2012).

337 Except for the ordering of Cu<sup>2+</sup> at Y1 (Fitzgerald et al. 1986), there exists a number of  
338 alternative cation occupancy schemes for Y1, Y2 and Y3 sites in vesuvianite. Consequently,  
339 the cation distributions at these sites were calculated by a least-squares program in which the  
340 residual between calculated and observed m.a.n as well as between the BVS at Y1, Y2 and  
341 Y3 and the respective mean formal valence were minimized. Such an approach is very similar  
342 to that used to obtain cation distributions in spinel and tourmaline (e.g., Bosi et al. 2010; Bosi  
343 et al. 2010).

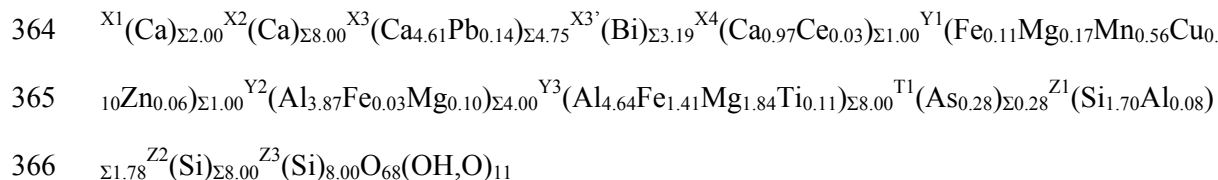
344 The resulting structural formula is:



348 The allocation of Pb<sup>2+</sup> at the X3 site is consistent with the fact that Pb<sup>2+</sup> is the largest  
349 cation detected in this study and the X3-centered polyhedron is the largest one of the present  
350 vesuvianite (Table 5). As the observed <sup>l81</sup><X3-O> distance (~2.54 Å) is larger than the typical  
351 mean distance shown by other vesuvianites with the X3 site occupied solely by Ca (~2.50 Å,

352 Groat et al. 1992b; Groat and Evans 2012), the accommodation of the large  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ -cation at the  
 353 X3 site seems to be realistic. In addition, observed site-scattering and bond-valence values are  
 354 not consistent with an occurrence of  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  at X1, X2 or X4 sites. The distribution of the atoms  
 355 over the [5]- and [6]-coordinated sites suggests that: Y1 is populated by cations with formal  
 356 valence = 2 such as  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ; Y2 is dominated by cations with formal valence  $\geq 3$  such as  $\text{Al}^{3+}$   
 357 and  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$ ; Y3 is populated by cations with mixed formal valence ranging from 2 to 4, although  
 358  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  is the dominant cation. The total OH content was calculated from the charge balance,  
 359 whereas the anion distributions over the O10 and O11 site were determined by bond valence  
 360 considerations (see below).

361 A possible structural formula for our most Bi-rich vesuvianite (analysis 740:X4Core1  
 362 in Table 1) may be derived on the basis of the results of the present study and those of Groat  
 363 and Evans (2012):



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### 368 **Bond valences at the O10 and O11 sites**

369 In the vesuvianite structure, the O10 site is bonded to the atoms at the X3 ( $\times 4$ ) and Y1  
 370 sites, excluding H. As the present sample shows two distinct X3- and X3'-sites, two site  
 371 configurations must be taken into account for O10: (X3-X3-X3-X3-Y1) and (X3'-X3'-X3'-  
 372 X3'-Y1). Such configurations give BVS at O10 equal to 1.09 vu and 0.83 vu, respectively,  
 373 indicating that the O10 site is occupied completely by (OH).

374 Excluding H, the O11 site is bonded to the atoms at the X3, Y2 and Y3 sites; when the  
 375 T1 site is occupied, O11 is also bonded to the atoms at T1, Y2, and Y3 sites. Consequently,  
 376 for the present sample, three site configurations must be taken into account for O11: (X3-Y2-

377 Y3), yielding BVS at O11 = 1.12 vu; (X3'-Y2-Y3), yielding BVS at O11 = 1.68 vu; (T1-Y2-  
378 Y3), yielding BVS at O11 = 1.91 vu. These values indicate that the O11 site is occupied by  
379 both (OH) and O<sup>2-</sup>. As the amount of Ca<sup>2+</sup> (plus Pb<sup>2+</sup>) at X3 is much larger than that of Bi<sup>3+</sup> at  
380 X3' as well as than that of Al<sup>3+</sup> at T1 (about 6.8 apfu, 1.1 apfu and 0.1 apfu, respectively), the  
381 BVS at O11 calculated for the configuration (X3-Y2-Y3) should represent the dominant mean  
382 valence at O11: weighted mean value = 1.2 vu. This latter value suggests that the amount of  
383 OH at O11 should be much larger than that of O<sup>2-</sup>.

384 Hence, combined bond-valence and charge-balance information suggests the following  
385 O10 and O11 site populations for the present Bi-rich vesuvianite: <sup>O10</sup>(OH)<sub>2.00</sub> and  
386 <sup>O11</sup>[(OH)<sub>7.55</sub>O<sub>0.45</sub>].

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### 388 **Bismuthian vesuvianite**

389 The refined unit-cell parameters for our sample with Bi<sup>3+</sup> ~1.1 apfu [ $a = 15.7018(6)$  Å,  
390  $c = 11.8648(6)$  Å and  $V = 2925.2(2)$  Å<sup>3</sup>] are larger than those reported by Goat and Evans  
391 (2012) for a sample with Bi<sup>3+</sup> about 0.4 apfu [ $a = 15.595(1)$  Å,  $c = 11.779(1)$  Å and  $V =$   
392  $2864.7(9)$  Å<sup>3</sup>]. To our knowledge, the cell parameters here refined are the largest ones  
393 observed so far for *P4/nnc* vesuvianite. The crystallographic position of Bi<sup>3+</sup> in our sample  
394 and its <sup>[8]</sup><Bi-O> distance are statistically identical to those refined by Goat and Evans (2012),  
395 respectively: 0.9105(1) 0.8343(1) 0.8687(2) and 0.911(1) 0.836(1) 0.868(2); 2.529 Å and  
396 ~2.52 Å. Therefore, we can conclude that Bi<sup>3+</sup> is strongly ordered at the Wyckoff position 16*k*  
397 of the vesuvianite structure. This position (X3') is close to the X3 site, and except for Bi no  
398 other atoms seem to occupy it.

399 Provided that Ca is replaced by only Bi at X3 sites four apfu Bi<sup>3+</sup> (approximately 25  
400 wt% Bi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) would be required to define a Bi-dominant vesuvianite group mineral species.  
401 Although concentrations of Bi<sup>3+</sup> up to ~3.2 apfu have been detected in vesuvianite crystals



402 investigated in the present study, the quality of crystals with  $\text{Bi}^{3+}$ -concentrations significant  
403 higher than 1.1 apfu is very poor and they were found to be unsuitable for single-crystal X-ray  
404 diffraction studies. This raises questions regarding the stability and borders of flexibility of  
405 the vesuvianite structure and whether it can accommodate larger amounts of  $\text{Bi}^{3+}$  than those  
406 recorded in this study. Consequently, the occurrence of a Bi-dominant end-member  
407 vesuvianite remains doubtful.

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525 TABLES

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529 TABLE 2. X-ray diffraction data collection and structural refinement information.

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531 TABLE 3. Fractional atomic coordinates, equivalent ( $U_{eq}$ ) or isotropic ( $U_{iso}^*$ ) displacement  
532 parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ ) and mean atomic number (m.a.n.) for bismuthian vesuvianite.

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534 TABLE 4 (**on deposit**). Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ ) for bismuthian vesuvianite

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536 TABLE 5. Selected bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for bismuthian vesuvianite.

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538 TABLE 6. Bond valence sum (BVS) and mean formal valence (MFV) for bismuthian  
539 vesuvianite.

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542 FIGURE CAPTIONS

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544 FIGURE 1. Back-scattered electron image of crystal 740:X4 displaying a Bi-rich core (white)  
545 and a rim characterized by low Bi-concentrations. Numbers indicate Bi concentrations  
546 in atoms per formula unit.

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548 FIGURE 2. Back-scattered electron image (a) and X-ray distribution maps for  $\text{CaK}_{\alpha}$ - (b),  
549  $\text{BiM}_{\alpha}$ - (c),  $\text{SiK}_{\alpha}$ - (d),  $\text{AlK}_{\alpha}$ - (e) and  $\text{FeK}_{\alpha}$ -radiation (f) of crystal 740:X2. Scale bar  
550 equals 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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552 FIGURE 3. Bi-concentrations plotted versus the sum of the additional main X-site cations (Ca  
553 + Pb + Ce) in the analyzed vesuvianite crystals (open squares). The solid line shows a  
554 linear least squares fit ( $r^2 = 0.989$ ) of our data and the broken line indicates the expected  
555 relationship for an ideal sum of 19 X cations per formula unit. The two filled triangles  
556 in the lower right-hand corner of the figure show for comparison the corresponding  
557 values reported by Groat and Evans (2012).

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559 FIGURE 4. Projection along the **c**-direction showing the clustering of X3- (Ca), X3'-sites (Bi)  
560 and their adjacent T- and Y-sites (A) and a close-up of this projection highlighting the  
561 coordination at adjacent occupied X3- and X3'-sites. The O10 site is fully occupied by  
562 OH and O11 is partially OH-occupied, while the remaining oxygen positions are not  
563 hydrogen related.

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**TABLE 1.** Microprobe analyses of selected crystals of bismuthian vesuvianite from Långban

Sample	740:X1Core	740:X1SREF*	740:X2Core1	740:X2Core2	740:X2Core3	740:X2Rim	740:X3Core	740:X4Core1	740:X4Core2	740:X4Rim
SiO <sub>2</sub> wt. %	29.39	32.89	29.16	28.83	31.83	35.92	30.92	29.18	30.12	35.27
As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	1.41	0.00	1.24	0.87	0.90	0.00	0.60	0.87	0.24	0.92
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10.64	12.40	10.88	10.28	11.88	16.96	10.47	12.01	11.05	16.24
TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.28	2.08	1.24	2.28	2.16	0.63	1.51	0.25	1.55	0.98
MgO	2.66	2.33	2.48	2.02	2.56	2.06	2.86	2.33	2.77	2.19
MnO	1.33	1.15	1.25	1.17	0.90	0.57	1.41	1.21	1.26	0.55
FeO	5.64	4.95	4.87	4.92	4.69	2.46	5.30	3.39	5.14	3.27
CuO	0.15	0.29	0.23	0.13	0.24	0.77	0.32	0.22	0.25	0.81
ZnO	0.06	0.01	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.08	0.04	0.14	0.10	0.00
CaO	26.01	30.33	25.05	23.41	29.29	35.27	27.17	23.98	26.37	35.36
PbO	0.88	0.77	0.72	5.28	0.86	0.40	0.82	0.85	0.72	0.50
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.02	0.33	0.90	1.05	0.45	0.01	1.73	0.15	0.82	0.00
Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.03	0.06	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	15.34	7.69	17.52	14.35	9.62	0.58	12.15	20.42	16.07	0.76
SUM	95.81	95.20	95.54	95.77	95.43	95.62	95.32	95.00	96.46	96.88
Atoms per formula unit on the basis of 50 cations										
Si	17.199	17.844	17.374	17.591	17.601	17.882	17.687	17.699	17.401	17.529
As	0.431	0.000	0.385	0.276	0.261	0.000	0.179	0.276	0.072	0.240
Al	0.370	0.156	0.241	0.133	0.138	0.118	0.134	0.025	0.527	0.231
Sum [4]-coordinated	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000
Ti	0.563	0.847	0.555	1.046	0.898	0.235	0.649	0.114	0.673	0.366
Al	6.966	7.771	7.399	7.260	7.603	9.834	6.927	8.560	6.997	9.283
Mg	2.323	1.880	2.200	1.837	2.107	1.532	2.439	2.107	2.386	1.622
Mn	0.591	0.476	0.565	0.546	0.377	0.216	0.614	0.559	0.554	0.210
Fe	2.482	2.019	2.184	2.261	1.951	0.921	2.281	1.547	2.235	1.223
Cu	0.068	0.118	0.102	0.058	0.100	0.290	0.138	0.101	0.109	0.304
Zn	0.027	0.003	0.000	0.069	0.000	0.031	0.015	0.063	0.043	0.000
Sum [5]- and [6]-coordinated	13.020	13.114	13.005	13.077	13.036	13.059	13.063	13.051	12.997	13.008
Ca	16.306	17.632	15.988	15.304	17.357	18.810	16.649	15.583	16.323	18.827
Pb	0.139	0.112	0.115	0.868	0.129	0.054	0.127	0.139	0.112	0.067
Ce	0.218	0.065	0.197	0.233	0.091	0.002	0.362	0.033	0.173	0.000
Sb	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.258	0.014	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.000
Bi	2.315	1.076	2.692	2.258	1.373	0.074	1.792	3.195	2.394	0.098
Sum [7]- to [9]-coordinated	18.978	18.885	18.995	18.921	18.964	18.940	18.937	18.950	19.002	18.992

\*Crystal fragment used for structure refinement

**TABLE 2.** X-ray diffraction data collection and structural refinement information

<b>Crystal data</b>	
Space group	<i>P4/nnc</i>
Z	2
a (Å)	15.7018(6)
c (Å)	11.8648(6)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2925.2(2)
Crystal sizes (mm)	0.12 × 0.10 × 0.02
<b>Data Collection and refinement</b>	
Radiation, Mo-Kα (Å)	0.71073
Temperature (K)	298(2)
Total number of frames	3304
Range for data collection, 2θ (°)	4 - 61
Reciprocal space range <i>hkl</i>	-22 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 22 -21 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 21 -16 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 16
Set of read reflections	29575
Unique reflections	2248
Absorption correction method	Multi-scan
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.782
Completeness	0.995
Redundancy	12
Extinction coefficient	0.0003(1)
<i>wR</i> <sup>2</sup>	0.1373
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> all data	0.0880
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> for <i>I</i> > 2σ <sub><i>I</i></sub>	0.0493
GooF	1.044
Diff. Peaks (±e <sup>-</sup> /Å <sup>3</sup> )	1.68; -1.32

Notes: *R*<sub>int</sub> = merging residual value; *R*<sub>1</sub> = discrepancy index, calculated from *F*-data; *wR*<sup>2</sup> = weighted discrepancy index, calculated from *F*<sup>2</sup>-data; GooF = goodness of fit; Diff. Peaks = maximum and minimum residual electron density.

**TABLE 3.** Fractional atomic coordinates, equivalent ( $U_{eq}$ ) or isotropic ( $U_{iso}^*$ ) displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ ) and mean atomic number (m.a.n.) for Bi-rich vesuvianite

Site	x	y	z	$U_{eq}/U_{iso}^*$	m.a.n.
X1	3/4	1/4	1/4	0.0169(4)	20
X2	-0.18937(6)	0.04448(7)	0.37940(8)	0.0142(2)	20
X3	-0.10225(12)	-0.18232(12)	0.89613(17)	0.0239(4)*	16.2(1)
X3'(≡Bi)	0.91052(14)	0.83432(14)	0.86868(19)	0.0204(6)*	10.3(1)
X4	3/4	3/4	0.1416(4)	0.0291(16)	11.6(1)
Y1	3/4	3/4	0.0483(5)	0.0267(17)	10.9(3)
Y2	0	0	0	0.0128(6)	13.5(1)
Y3	-0.11248(8)	0.12049(8)	0.12697(10)	0.0124(4)	15.0(1)
T1	0.0566(8)	0.0566(8)	1/4	0.012(4)*	1.43(2)
Z1	3/4	1/4	0	0.0100(8)	13.1(2)
Z2	-0.17996(9)	0.04190(9)	0.87164(11)	0.0110(5)	13.0(1)
Z3	-0.08294(9)	-0.15023(9)	0.36360(11)	0.0139(3)	14
O1	-0.2204(2)	0.1730(2)	0.0852(3)	0.0171(8)	8
O2	-0.1180(2)	0.1602(2)	0.2801(3)	0.0190(8)	8
O4	-0.0618(2)	0.1057(2)	0.4692(3)	0.0156(7)	8
O3	-0.0470(2)	0.2236(2)	0.0757(3)	0.0164(7)	8
O5	-0.1717(2)	0.0135(2)	0.1782(3)	0.0206(8)	8
O6	0.8799(3)	-0.2742(3)	0.0583(3)	0.0270(9)	8
O7	0.0543(3)	0.1712(3)	0.3197(3)	0.0272(9)	8
O8	-0.0604(2)	-0.0910(2)	0.0680(3)	0.0176(8)	8
O9	-0.1440(2)	-0.1440(2)	1/4	0.0205(11)	8
O10	3/4	3/4	0.8658(10)	0.051(3)	8
O11	-0.0036(2)	0.0620(2)	0.1361(3)	0.0167(7)	8

**TABLE 4 (on deposit).** Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ ) for bismuthian vesuvianite

Site	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{23}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{12}$
Z1	0.0120(10)	0.0120(10)	0.0059(13)	0	0	0
Z2	0.0104(7)	0.0157(8)	0.0070(7)	0.0023(5)	-0.0010(5)	0.0004(5)
Z3	0.0195(7)	0.0137(6)	0.0086(6)	-0.0011(5)	0.0003(5)	0.0025(5)
X1	0.0269(11)	0.0150(10)	0.0088(8)	0	0	0
X2	0.0140(5)	0.0182(5)	0.0104(5)	-0.0005(4)	-0.0016(4)	0.0008(4)
X4	0.0197(16)	0.0197(16)	0.048(4)	0	0	0
Y1	0.0142(16)	0.0142(16)	0.052(4)	0	0	0
Y2	0.0133(10)	0.0128(10)	0.0124(9)	0.0017(8)	0.0019(8)	0.0004(8)
Y3	0.0142(7)	0.0139(7)	0.0092(6)	0.0003(5)	0.0011(5)	0.0007(4)
O1	0.0236(19)	0.0167(17)	0.0108(16)	0.0006(14)	0.0011(15)	-0.0012(14)
O2	0.0226(19)	0.0201(19)	0.0142(17)	0.0020(15)	-0.0041(15)	-0.0010(15)
O4	0.0198(19)	0.0175(18)	0.0096(17)	0.0003(14)	-0.0028(13)	-0.0014(14)
O3	0.0222(19)	0.0166(18)	0.0103(16)	-0.0011(14)	-0.0003(14)	0.0028(14)
O5	0.0185(19)	0.027(2)	0.0160(18)	-0.0040(16)	0.0019(15)	0.0063(16)
O6	0.039(2)	0.025(2)	0.0170(18)	0.0041(16)	0.0045(18)	0.0080(17)
O7	0.025(2)	0.037(2)	0.020(2)	0.0064(18)	0.0010(17)	0.0085(18)
O8	0.0167(17)	0.0189(18)	0.0171(18)	0.0020(14)	0.0066(14)	0.0023(15)
O9	0.0272(17)	0.0272(17)	0.007(2)	0.0011(16)	-0.0011(16)	-0.004(2)
O10	0.034(3)	0.034(3)	0.085(9)	0	0	0
O11	0.0156(17)	0.0191(18)	0.0155(17)	-0.0036(14)	-0.0020(14)	-0.0016(15)

**TABLE 5.** Selected bond distances (Å) for bismuthian vesuvianite

distance		distance		distance	
X1-O1 (x4)	2.345(4)	X3'-O11	2.188(4)	Y3-O2	1.922(4)
X1-O2 (x4)	2.532(4)	X3'-O7	2.245(4)	Y3-O11	1.944(4)
<sup>[8]</sup> <X1-O>	<b>2.439</b>	X3'-O7	2.304(5)	Y3-O1	1.948(4)
		X3'-O3	2.419(4)	Y3-O3	2.012(4)
X2-O5	2.337(4)	X3'-O8	2.679(4)	Y3-O5	2.014(4)
X2-O8	2.342(4)	X3'-O7	2.684(5)	Y3-O4	2.089(4)
X2-O3	2.390(4)	X3'-O10	2.847(2)	<sup>[6]</sup> <Y3-O>	<b>1.988</b>
X2-O2	2.438(4)	X3'-O6	2.863(5)	Z1-O1 (x4)	1.643(4)
X2-O5	2.451(4)	<sup>[8]</sup> <X3'-O>	<b>2.529</b>	<sup>[4]</sup> <Z1-O>	<b>1.643</b>
X2-O4	2.464(4)				
X2-O1	2.502(4)	X4-O6 (x4)	2.297(5)	Z2-O7	1.637(4)
X2-O6	3.000(4)	X4-O9 (x4)	2.683(5)	Z2-O3	1.641(4)
<sup>[8]</sup> <X2-O>	<b>2.491</b>	<sup>[8]</sup> <X4-O>	<b>2.490</b>	Z2-O2	1.645(4)
				Z2-O4	1.673(4)
X3-O6	2.420(4)	Y1-O6 (x4)	2.077(4)	<sup>[4]</sup> <Z2-O>	<b>1.649</b>
X3-O3	2.454(4)	Y1-O10	2.165(14)		
X3-O7	2.457(4)	<sup>[5]</sup> <Y1-O>	<b>2.095</b>	Z3-O6	1.615(4)
X3-O11	2.544(4)			Z3-O5	1.629(4)
X3-O10	2.577(2)	Y2-O11 (x2)	1.887(3)	Z3-O8	1.632(4)
X3-O8	2.578(4)	Y2-O8 (x2)	1.895(3)	Z3-O9	1.657(2)
X3-O7	2.585(5)	Y2-O4 (x2)	1.956(3)	<sup>[4]</sup> <Z3-O>	<b>1.634</b>
X3-O7	2.674(5)	<sup>[6]</sup> <Y2-O>	<b>1.912</b>		
<sup>[8]</sup> <X3-O>	<b>2.536</b>			T1-O11 (x2)	1.651(8)
X3-O6	2.902(4)			T1-O7 (x2)	1.980(12)
<sup>[9]</sup> <X3-O>	<b>2.577</b>			<sup>[4]</sup> <T1-O>	<b>1.816</b>

**TABLE 6.** Bond valence sum (BVS) and mean formal valence (MFV) for Bi-rich vesuvianite

Site	BVS/MFV	Site	BVS/MFV	Site	BVS/MFV	Site	BVS/MFV
<b>X1</b>	2.31/2.00	<b>X2</b>	2.16/2.00	<b>X3</b>	1.85/2.00	<b>X3'</b>	3.09/3.00
<b>X4</b>	2.22/2.07	<b>Y1</b>	1.95/2.00	<b>Y2</b>	3.13/3.10	<b>Y3</b>	2.68/2.62
<b>T1</b>	2.82/3.00	<b>Z1</b>	3.80/3.92	<b>Z2</b>	3.74/4.00	<b>Z3</b>	3.90/4.00

*Notes:* X3'  $\equiv$  Bi; MFV derived from the structural formula

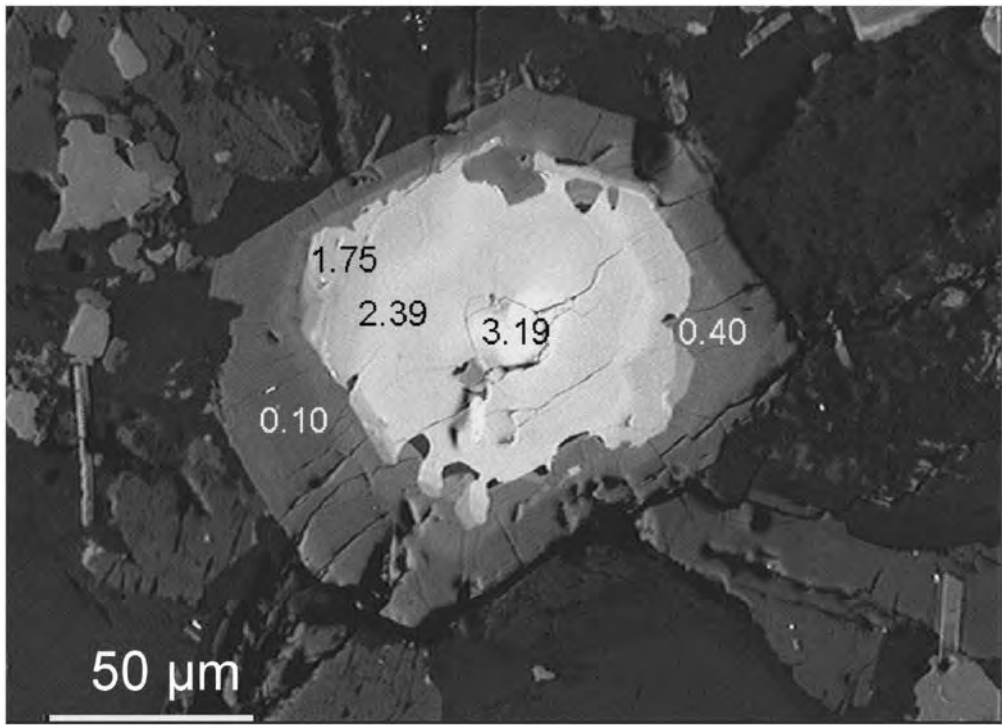


Figure1

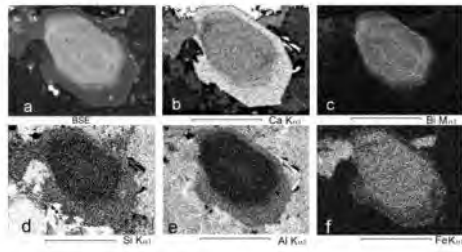
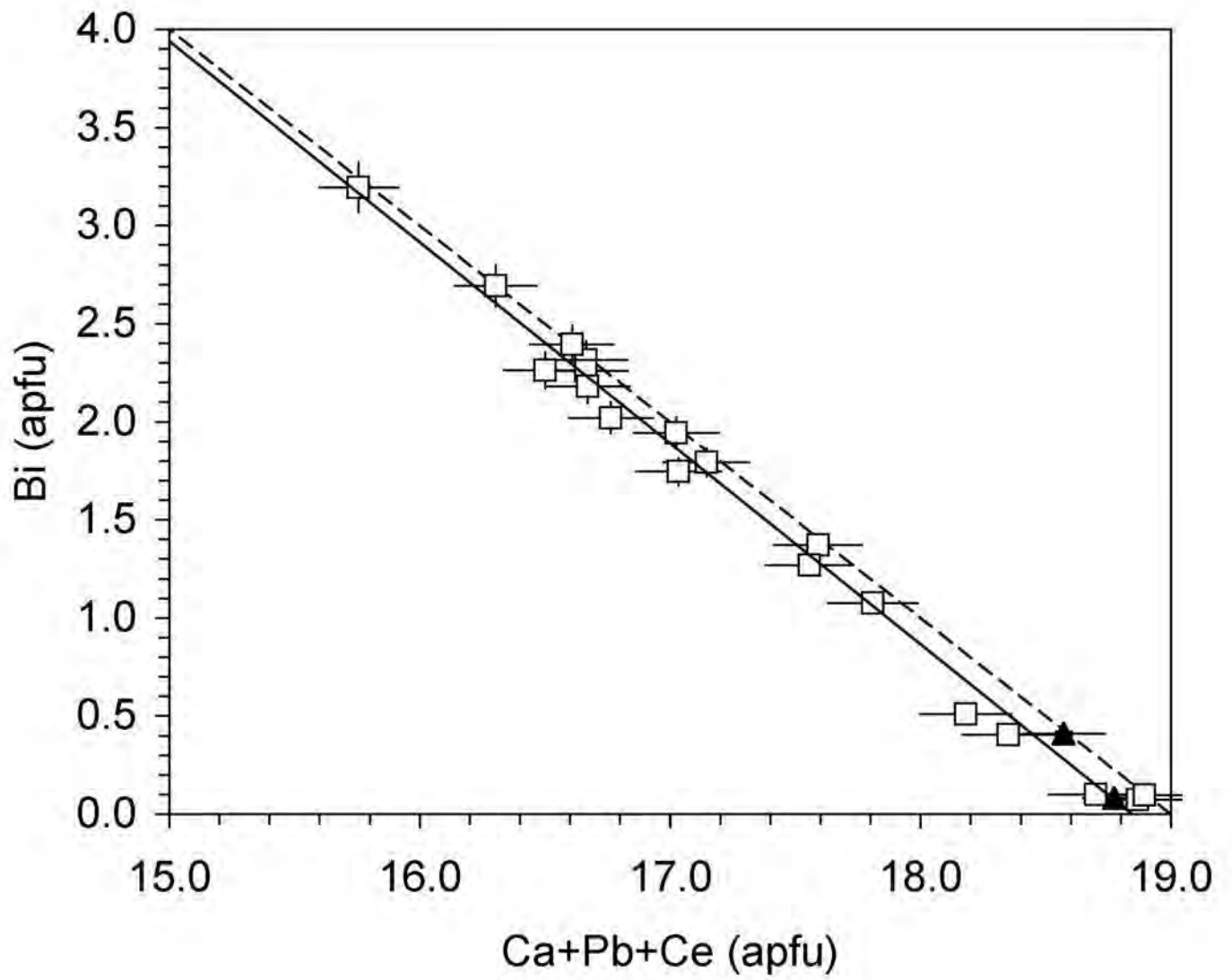


Figure 2



Figure 3



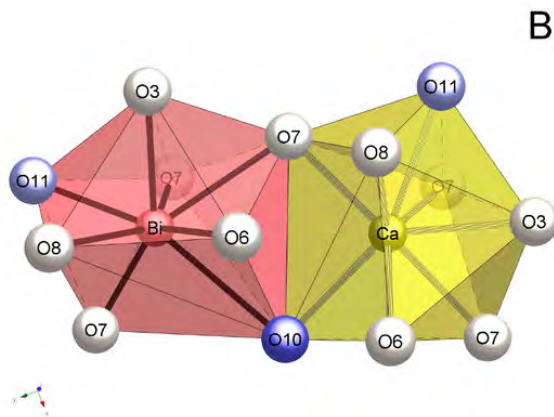
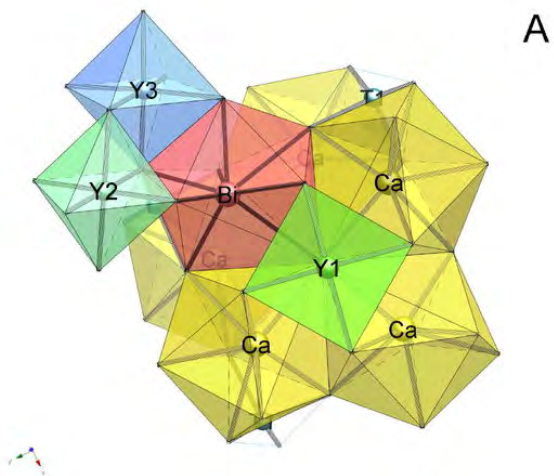


Figure 4