

Structural Chemistry of Copper and Zinc Minerals. Part I. Veszelyite, $(\text{Cu}, \text{Zn})_3 \text{ZnPO}_4(\text{OH})_3 \cdot 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$: A Novel Type of Sheet Structure and Crystal Chemistry of Copper-Zinc Substitution

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Abstract

To elucidate the crystal-chemical role of copper and zinc in mixed copper-zinc minerals, the crystal structure of veszelyite from Arakawa Mine, Japan, (Cu/Zn ratio 1.43) has been determined. The cell dimensions are: $a_0 = 9.828(3)$, $b_0 = 10.224(3)$, $c_0 = 7.532(2)$ Å, $\beta = 103.18(2)^\circ$; space group: $P2_1/a$, $Z = 4$. The structure had been refined to an R -factor of 0.044 using 1691 reflections collected on an automatic single crystal diffractometer. Both Cu(1) and Cu(2) have tetragonally distorted octahedral coordination. Cu(1) has 4 (OH) ions in a square plane ($\text{Cu}-\text{OH}$ av. 1.98 Å), while O(3) and $\text{H}_2\text{O}(2)$ at distances of 2.47 and 2.62 Å complete the octahedron. Cu(2) has 3 (OH) and one O in a square plane ($\text{Cu}-\text{O}$, OH av. 2.00 Å), while $\text{H}_2\text{O}(1)$ and $\text{H}_2\text{O}(2)$ occur at 2.47 and 2.35 Å respectively. The $\text{ZnO}_3(\text{OH})$ and PO_4 ions are nearly regular tetrahedra, with average $\text{Zn}-\text{O}$ 1.95 Å and $\text{P}-\text{O}$ 1.54 Å.

The Cu(1) and Cu(2) octahedra share edges to form a novel type of open octahedral sheet containing eight-membered octahedral rings. Zinc and phosphorus tetrahedra share corners to form a tetrahedral sheet which has four- and eight-membered rings. In each ring, half the tetrahedra point up, the apices sharing corners with the octahedral sheet above, while the other half of the tetrahedra point down, the apices sharing corners with the octahedral sheet below. The tetrahedral sheet is comparable to the silicate sheet formed of four- and eight-membered rings in a number of framework silicates, e.g., paracelsian, $\text{BaAl}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8$. Both sheet structures are parallel to the (001) plane. Further substitution of copper by zinc is possible at Cu(1) and Cu(2) sites, resulting in more regular octahedra.

Introduction

Stereochemistry of the divalent copper (d^0) ion is of great interest, because d^0 ions cause distortions in regular octahedral or tetrahedral coordination according to the Jahn-Teller effect. In addition to the distorted octahedral or tetrahedral coordination, Cu^{2+} can also adopt square planar, trigonal bipyramidal, and square pyramidal coordinations. Due to this variety of coordination which can be adopted by divalent copper, the structural chemistry of copper minerals is very complex (Zemann, 1961, 1972; Ghose, 1966).

The Zn^{2+} ion, on the other hand, has a filled d^{10} shell and is very similar to Mg^{2+} ion in many respects. However, in addition to the regular octahedral coordination, Zn^{2+} ion has a strong tendency to adopt regular tetrahedral coordination. Zinc in mixed coordination is found in a number of zinc minerals. Zinc sometimes also adopts the trigonal bipyramidal or square pyramidal coordination. As a result, the structural chemistry of zinc minerals is also rather complex (Brehler, 1969).

In spite of the stereochemical differences between Cu^{2+} and Zn^{2+} ions, zinc is known to replace copper in a number of basic copper minerals. The crystal chemistry of the copper-zinc substitution cannot be understood, unless details of these mineral structures are known. In this series of papers we plan to examine the details of the structural chemistry of copper and zinc minerals including the mixed varieties. In Part I of this series, we present the crystal structure of a mixed copper zinc phosphate mineral, namely, veszelyite, $(\text{Cu}, \text{Zn})_3 \text{PO}_4(\text{OH})_3 \cdot 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$.

Crystal Data and Experimental

Bluish green veszelyite crystals from Arakawa Mine, Japan (varietal name, arakawaite) $\text{Cu}_{1.77} \text{Zn}_{1.24} \text{PO}_4(\text{OH})_3 \cdot 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Wakabayashi and Komada, 1921; in Palache, Berman, and Frondel, 1951) were used for the structure determination. The cell dimensions have been determined and refined by the method of least squares using 15 high angle reflections measured on an automatic single crystal diffractometer.

The crystal data are: monoclinic, $2/m$; space group,

$P2_1/a$; $a_0 = 9.8275$ (22), $b_0 = 10.2244$ (30), $c_0 = 7.5322$ (28) Å, $\beta = 103.18$ (2)°; cell content, 4[Cu_{1.77} Zn_{1.24} PO₄(OH)₃ · 2 H₂O]; density, g/cm³, 3.4 (meas), 3.42 (calc); μ for MoK α , 95.86 cm⁻¹; cleavage, {001}. The foregoing cell dimensions are in good agreement with those measured by Berry (1948) for crystals from Moravičza.

A crystal sphere (0.297 mm in diameter) was prepared using a Bond type sphere grinder (Bond, 1951) and mounted on a Syntex P1 automatic single crystal diffractometer in an arbitrary orientation. The orientation matrix was found automatically. A total of 1691 reflections were collected by the $2\theta:\theta$ method within a sphere of $2\theta = 60^\circ$, using MoK α radiation, graphite monochromator, and a solid state detection system. The scan rate was variable, the minimum rate being 1°/min. The intensity data have been corrected for Lorentz, polarization, and absorption factors ($\mu R = 1.42$). The infrared spectrum of veszelyite has been recorded on a Perkin Elmer (model 13) spectrometer with CaF₂ prism using a Nujol mull technique.

Determination and Refinement of the Structure

A three dimensional Patterson synthesis (P_{uvw}) showed Patterson peaks concentrated in sections at $v = 0, 1/6, 1/3$, and $1/2$. Three minimum function ($M2$) maps (Buerger, 1959) were prepared using these sections and three peaks presumably of the type $2x, 2y, 2z$ as points of superposition. These three peaks were chosen on the basis of their consistency with the Harker section at $v = 1/2$ and Harker line at $1/2 v0$. Structure factor calculations using the three

sets of heavy atom positions obtained from the $M2$ maps yielded R factors of 0.56, 0.58, and 0.36. The set of heavy atom positions giving the lowest R -factor apparently was correct. Three dimensional Fourier and difference-Fourier syntheses, based on the phases determined by these heavy atom positions, revealed the locations of phosphorus and all the oxygen atoms. The refinement of the structure was carried out using the full matrix least squares program RFIN (Finger, 1969) on a CDC 6400 computer. The observed structure factors (F_O 's) were weighted by $1/\sigma^2(F_O)$, where $\sigma(F_O)$ is the standard deviation based on counting statistics. The scattering factors for Cu, Zn, P, and O were taken from Cromer and Mann (1968). Corrections for anomalous dispersion have been made (Cromer, 1965). Copper and zinc were assigned on the basis of site geometry at the heavy atom locations. No attempt was made to refine the site occupancies at the Cu(1) and Cu(2) sites, although about 10 percent of the copper is thought to be replaced by zinc at these positions according to the chemical analysis (Wakabayashi and Komada, 1921; cited in Palache, Berman, and Frondel, 1951). For the least squares refinement, these two positions were considered to be completely filled by copper. Three cycles of least square refinement using anisotropic temperature factors reduced the R factor to 0.052 (weighted) and 0.044 (unweighted) for all reflections. The final atomic parameters with standard deviations are listed in Table 1. The r.m.s. displacements and the orientation of thermal ellipsoids are listed in Table 2. The interatomic distances and angles with

TABLE 1. Atomic Parameters for Veszelyite

Atom	x	y	z	B eq.	β_{11}^*	β_{22}	β_{33}	β_{12}	β_{13}	β_{23}
Cu(1)	.12991(8)	.07328(7)	.49115(10)	.982(15)	318(8)	172(7)	583(14)	-70(6)	224(8)	-78(7)
Cu(2)	.35837(8)	.25318(8)	.45957(9)	.946(14)	321(8)	165(6)	527(13)	-62(6)	211(8)	-39(8)
Zn	.21036(7)	.07612(7)	.06936(9)	.990(14)	308(8)	184(7)	534(13)	-20(5)	149(7)	-40(7)
P	.41433(16)	.29884(15)	.06551(21)	.835(24)	273(15)	155(13)	451(25)	2(11)	166(16)	21(15)
O(1)	.03230(45)	.15904(45)	.97475(60)	1.209(71)	324(45)	322(42)	553(78)	120(36)	168(47)	17(47)
O(2)	.35754(46)	.16623(44)	.98344(60)	1.237(73)	466(49)	152(39)	712(82)	-88(35)	253(52)	-69(46)
O(3)	.46803(44)	.28632(43)	.27424(57)	1.076(70)	434(49)	237(41)	352(72)	-56(35)	176(47)	-21(43)
O(4)	.29531(46)	.39994(43)	.02472(64)	1.315(74)	365(46)	190(40)	904(90)	91(37)	231(51)	179(49)
OH(1)	.26853(45)	.08673(42)	.33723(57)	1.030(68)	424(46)	189(39)	450(73)	-14(35)	270(48)	-13(43)
OH(2)	.23522(43)	.21782(42)	.62330(57)	1.008(69)	332(44)	220(41)	487(74)	-75(34)	211(47)	-41(43)
OH(3)	.46392(41)	.40724(40)	.60096(56)	.853(64)	210(40)	161(38)	563(75)	-27(33)	149(44)	-26(43)
OH ₂ (1)	.03710(49)	.38414(51)	.65793(71)	1.929(87)	395(50)	373(49)	1254(106)	4(40)	107(58)	-19(57)
OH ₂ (2)	.19138(50)	.40815(51)	.31930(65)	1.815(85)	569(56)	450(51)	780(92)	34(42)	301(57)	1(53)

* $\beta_{ij} \times 10^{-5}$; form of temperature factor, exp $\{\sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 h_{ij} b_{ij}\}$

standard errors (including the errors in cell dimensions) have been calculated using the ERROR program (Finger, private communication) and are listed in Table 3. Observed and calculated structure factors are listed in Table 4.

Description of the Structure

Stereochemistry of the Cupric Ions

Both Cu(1) and Cu(2) have tetragonally distorted, octahedral coordination (Fig. 1). Cu(1) is surrounded by four (OH) ions, roughly in a square planar arrangement at distances of 1.99, 1.94, 2.00, and 1.98 Å; one oxygen, O(3), and a water molecule, H₂O(2), complete the octahedron at distances of 2.47 and 2.62 Å. Likewise, the Cu(2) ion is bonded to one oxygen and three (OH) ions in a square plane at distances of 1.98, 2.05, 1.95, and 2.04 Å; two water molecules, H₂O(1) and H₂O(2), at distances of 2.47 and 2.35 Å, respectively, complete the octahedron.

TABLE 2. Magnitudes and Orientations of Thermal Ellipsoids for Veszelyite

Atom	Axis	rms amplitude (Å)	angles (°) of r_i with		
			a	b	c
Cu(1)	1	.086	59.2(10.5)	35.2(6.5)	81.8(9.1)
	2	.094	58.4(10.5)	110.2(9.4)	50.3(11.7)
	3	.145	46.8(2.4)	113.5(1.7)	138.6(3.0)
Cu(2)	1	.085	60.2(5.8)	38.4(3.6)	75.5(5.7)
	2	.099	62.5(6.1)	113.4(5.6)	48.2(6.9)
	3	.137	37.5(3.3)	110.2(1.8)	132.0(4.0)
Zn	1	.096	88.4(5.1)	15.0(5.5)	104.8(5.8)
	2	.109	48.8(8.8)	84.1(6.5)	54.9(8.8)
	3	.128	45.9(5.8)	107.1(3.5)	142.8(6.8)
P	1	.088	67.4(29.5)	43.7(27.7)	61.9(30.7)
	2	.095	56.6(38.1)	120.8(30.8)	58.9(36.9)
	3	.123	37.0(10.6)	84.2(6.2)	139.4(10.9)
O (1)	1	.094	46.8(12.0)	118.3(10.6)	67.5(16.5)
	2	.122	92.4(17.6)	66.4(23.1)	25.7(21.5)
	3	.149	50.5(13.1)	39.5(13.1)	98.5(14.6)
O (2)	1	.082	75.3(9.1)	14.7(8.7)	92.5(11.0)
	2	.122	57.8(17.0)	94.3(10.2)	45.6(17.2)
	3	.159	30.9(16.4)	108.2(7.8)	126.4(22.0)
O (3)	1	.089	108.7(19.2)	92.8(20.6)	148.0(19.7)
	2	.108	105.4(13.5)	164.5(15.7)	84.2(25.7)
	3	.146	19.4(11.6)	108.8(12.0)	97.8(8.5)
O (4)	1	.083	103.8(12.8)	18.8(13.6)	74.6(11.6)
	2	.121	140.2(14.7)	95.7(11.9)	116.1(14.6)
	3	.168	72.6(8.6)	65.1(8.9)	154.4(9.8)
OH (1)	1	.085	118.4(30.6)	89.2(27.6)	138.4(30.6)
	2	.100	93.7(20.8)	176.3(18.4)	89.5(31.7)
	3	.148	15.2(11.4)	94.5(9.7)	117.6(11.6)
OH (2)	1	.090	127.2(51.4)	113.3(26.2)	122.4(53.5)
	2	.104	85.4(43.9)	139.1(53.8)	52.1(57.1)
	3	.140	36.5(15.3)	119.4(14.0)	120.7(17.4)
OH (3)	1	.086	46.3(70.5)	53.4(58.7)	76.1(48.2)
	2	.095	57.3(67.5)	131.6(70.4)	67.7(55.8)
	3	.127	72.9(14.9)	100.8(14.4)	168.4(16.2)
OH ₂ (1)	1	.135	14.0(36.0)	96.9(81.2)	91.0(9.0)
	2	.140	95.9(78.4)	173.9(70.2)	87.0(12.8)
	3	.188	103.0(7.5)	92.6(7.3)	153.7(7.5)
OH ₂ (2)	1	.128	120.7(17.4)	83.6(12.3)	135.5(17.7)
	2	.154	83.5(21.4)	165.8(20.8)	103.8(21.8)
	3	.170	24.3(30.1)	72.3(26.0)	118.5(28.5)

TABLE 3. Interatomic Distances and Bond Angles in Veszelyite

Bond Lengths (Å)		Bond Angles (°)	
Cu(1) Octahedron		Cu(1) Octahedron	
Cu(1) - OH(1)	1.985(4)	OH(1) - Cu(1) - OH(2)	87.7(2)
Cu(1) - OH(2)	1.943(4)	OH(2) - Cu(1) - OH(3)	95.8(2)
Cu(1) - OH(3)	2.000(4)	OH(3) - Cu(1) - OH(1)	82.6(2)
Cu(1) - OH(3)'	1.980(4)	OH(3)' - Cu(1) - OH(1)	100.4(2)
Cu(1) - O(3)	2.465(4)	O(3) - Cu(1) - OH(1)	89.9(2)
OH(2) - OH(3)	2.927(6)	O(3) - Cu(1) - OH(2)	94.9(2)
OH(3) - OH(1)'	2.628(8)	O(3) - Cu(1) - OH(3)	75.7(2)
OH(1) - OH(2)	3.045(6)	O(3) - Cu(1) - OH(3)'	95.1(2)
OH(2) - OH(2)'	2.624(6)	OH(2)' - Cu(1) - OH(1)	84.2(2)
OH(2) - OH(2)'	2.962(7)	OH(2)' - Cu(1) - OH(2)	89.9(2)
OH ₂ (2) - OH(3)	3.014(6)	OH ₂ (2) - Cu(1) - OH(3)	110.4(2)
OH ₂ (2) - OH(3)'	3.013(6)	OH ₂ (2) - Cu(1) - OH(3)'	80.7(2)
OH ₂ (2) - OH(1)	3.118(6)	O(3) - Cu(1) - OH ₂ (2)	171.9(2)
O (3) - OH(2)	3.266(6)		
O (3) - OH(3)'	2.763(6)		
O (3) - OH(3)'	3.296(6)		
O (3) - OH(1)	2.942(6)		
Cu(2) Octahedron		Cu(2) Octahedron	
Cu(2) - OH(1)	2.038(4)	OH(1) - Cu(2) - O(3)	94.2(2)
Cu(2) - OH(2)	1.949(4)	OH(2) - Cu(2) - OH(1)	82.2(2)
Cu(2) - OH(3)	2.047(5)	OH(3) - Cu(2) - OH(2)	97.3(2)
Cu(2) - O(3)	1.978(4)	O(3) - Cu(2) - OH(3)	86.7(2)
Cu(2) - OH ₂ (1)	2.468(5)	OH ₂ (1) - Cu(2) - OH(1)	88.5(2)
Cu(2) - OH ₂ (2)	2.352(5)	OH ₂ (1) - Cu(2) - O(3)	95.6(2)
OH(3) - OH(2)	2.927(6)	OH ₂ (1) - Cu(2) - OH(3)	85.2(2)
OH(2) - OH(1)	2.621(6)	OH ₂ (1) - Cu(2) - OH(2)	88.3(2)
OH(1) - O(3)	2.942(6)	OH ₂ (2) - Cu(2) - OH(1)	100.0(2)
O(3) - OH(3)'	2.763(6)	OH ₂ (2) - Cu(2) - O(3)	90.2(2)
OH ₂ (1) - OH(3)	3.072(7)	OH ₂ (2) - Cu(2) - OH(3)	86.2(2)
OH ₂ (1) - OH(2)	2.642(7)	OH ₂ (2) - Cu(2) - OH(2)	86.5(2)
OH ₂ (1) - OH(1)	2.812(6)	OH ₂ (2) - Cu(2) - OH ₂ (1)	169.3(2)
OH ₂ (1) - O(3)	3.311(7)		
OH ₂ (2) - OH(3)	3.014(6)		
OH ₂ (2) - OH(2)	2.962(7)		
OH ₂ (2) - OH(1)	3.118(6)		
OH ₂ (2) - O(3)	2.923(7)		
Zn - Tetrahedron		Zn - Tetrahedron	
Zn - OH(1)	1.971(4)	OH(1) - Zn - O(1)	112.4(2)
Zn - O(1)	1.929(4)	O(1) - Zn - O(2)	110.4(2)
Zn - O(2)	1.946(4)	O(2) - Zn - OH(1)	104.5(2)
Zn - O(4)	1.932(4)	O(4) - Zn - OH(1)	113.9(2)
O(4) - O(1)	2.516(6)	O(4) - Zn - O(1)	109.1(2)
O(1) - O(2)	2.489(6)	O(2) - Zn - O(2)	106.3(2)
O(2) - O(4)	2.503(6)		
OH(1) - O(4)	3.271(6)		
OH(1) - O(2)	3.098(6)		
OH(1) - O(1)	3.241(6)		
P - Tetrahedron		P - Tetrahedron	
P - O(1)	1.536(5)	O(1) - P - O(3)	111.0(2)
P - O(2)	1.541(5)	O(3) - P - O(4)	109.1(3)
P - O(3)	1.546(3)	O(4) - P - O(1)	109.8(2)
P - O(4)	1.539(4)	O(2) - P - O(1)	108.1(3)
O(4) - O(2)	2.503(6)	O(2) - P - O(3)	110.1(2)
O(2) - O(1)	2.489(6)	O(2) - P - O(4)	108.8(3)
O(1) - O(4)	2.516(6)		
O(3) - O(4)	2.512(6)		
O(3) - O(2)	2.530(6)		
O(3) - O(1)	2.540(6)		

The [Cu(1)(OH)₄O(H₂O)]⁴⁻ octahedron shares one edge, OH(3)-(OH)(3)', with a centrosymmetrically related Cu(1) octahedron, and the opposite edge, (OH)(1)-(OH)(2), with a Cu(2) octahedron. Furthermore, it shares two edges, namely O(3)-(OH)(3) and OH(3)-(OH)(2), with two centrosymmetrically related Cu(2)-octahedra (Fig. 2).

The [Cu(2)O(OH)₃(H₂O)₂]³⁻ octahedron shares two adjacent edges, namely O(3)-(OH)(3) and O(3)-OH₂(2), with two Cu(1)-octahedra on the one side and one

TABLE 4. Observed and Calculated Structure Factors for Veszelyite*

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TABLE 4, Continued

<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>F_{obs}</i>	<i>F_{calc}</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>F_{obs}</i>	<i>F_{calc}</i>																
6	1	26.315	24.623	1	-10	4.599	4.659	7	-6	67.463	69.236	3	1	10.458	10.444	1	-3	66.695	66.804	1	-9	17.251	16.938
6	2	5.013	6.568	1	-9	52.350	52.209	9	-5	9.262	11.036	2	26.231	27.755	1	-2	5.595	2.613	1	-8	16.563	15.352	
6	3	34.311	35.185	1	-8	14.792	14.778	7	-4	21.364	21.745	3	3	10.477	9.793	1	-1	27.115	28.161	1	-7	62.295	59.708
6	4	78.615	75.622	1	-7	25.224	24.177	7	-3	3.298	3.726	3	4	21.643	21.931	1	0	65.287	63.547	1	-6	29.443	28.533
6	5	51.915	55.155	1	-6	37.101	36.333	2	-2	12.848	12.844	3	5	20.262	20.262	1	1	37.105	37.079	1	-5	24.262	33.333
6	6	47.559	44.864	1	-5	10.931	10.607	1	-1	11.845	12.264	3	6	37.780	36.915	1	2	49.174	49.162	1	-4	17.034	16.163
6	7	28.212	18.998	1	-4	8.796	8.637	7	0	94.897	95.804	3	7	12.654	10.531	1	3	51.331	51.555	1	-3	6.038	4.236
6	8	31.147	31.147	1	-3	3.942	3.559	3	-2	10.279	10.279	1	0	10.479	10.479	1	1	3.434	3.434	1	-2	19.022	19.022
6	9	42.142	39.120	1	-2	6.297	6.291	7	-1	14.881	15.520	1	0	5.569	5.569	1	0	1.656	1.759	1	-1	20.781	19.931
6	10	16.946	16.269	1	-1	4.427	6.034	7	1	10.271	9.735	6	-5	3.597	3.561	1	6	5.377	2.940	1	-8	54.462	53.400
6	11	3.039	1.160	1	0	121.777	126.054	7	4	34.276	34.452	1	-7	3.794	2.845	2	-10	22.042	23.329	1	1	37.930	36.126
6	12	17.836	17.836	1	0	1.151	1.151	1	-6	1.929	1.929	1	0	3.073	3.073	1	2	1.784	1.784	1	-5	41.934	41.934
6	13	33.260	31.834	1	2	26.679	29.940	7	5	9.194	9.500	1	-5	105.591	105.737	2	-8	3.822	2.908	1	3	3.683	3.368
6	14	19.401	19.710	1	3	81.866	86.913	8	-9	37.922	38.648	1	-6	4.265	2.7	2	-7	3.568	1.655	1	-8	44.645	43.420
6	15	4.242	4.242	1	4	16.765	15.740	8	-8	1.924	1.934	1	3	39.932	40.205	2	-6	61.407	60.924	2	-9	32.133	29.945
6	16	27.785	27.785	1	5	20.770	25.330	8	-7	10.289	10.289	1	0	4.707	4.707	2	-5	2.671	2.577	1	0	1.577	1.577
6	17	152.853	151.466	1	6	9.371	8.444	8	-6	4.288	4.676	1	-1	15.193	16.353	2	-4	9.973	7.956	1	-8	17.436	15.976
6	18	14.484	14.484	1	7	12.819	12.819	8	-5	1.924	1.924	1	0	2.694	2.594	2	-3	46.393	47.796	1	-7	15.924	17.951
6	19	5.914	5.914	1	8	14.345	14.526	8	-4	1.924	1.924	1	0	2.563	2.563	2	-2	78.551	79.695	1	-8	44.192	43.839
6	20	19.167	18.752	1	9	11.573	10.958	8	-3	6.373	5.825	4	3	22.886	22.768	2	0	50.237	49.714	1	-8	35.361	34.608
6	21	44.861	44.007	1	2	12.1	12.1	8	-2	1.924	1.924	1	0	4.667	4.667	2	-1	39.488	40.383	1	-8	57.775	52.046
6	22	23.013	21.613	2	-11	28.022	21.610	8	0	6.373	6.373	1	0	5.569	5.569	2	-1	16.581	16.581	1	-8	19.425	19.425
6	23	7.264	5.531	2	10	24.695	23.677	8	-1	3.495	5.735	6	6	30.162	29.271	2	3	14.117	14.143	1	-1	3.548	2.526
6	24	23.519	23.349	2	9	5.967	5.967	8	-1	2.945	2.945	7	-1	27.744	26.857	2	-7	16.592	16.371	1	-8	20.012	19.324
6	25	4.387	4.387	2	8	14.851	12.979	8	-1	2.945	2.945	7	-1	33.432	32.291	2	3	1.437	1.413	1	-8	16.913	17.819
6	26	3.440	3.440	2	7	61.588	62.524	8	-1	5.745	5.745	5	-1	25.353	25.353	2	-1	1.187	0.974	1	-8	6.474	5.474
6	27	49.167	37.793	2	-6	20.943	20.352	8	-1	26.888	26.888	5	-9	71.152	70.445	2	-4	4.236	3.395	1	-8	39.580	39.372
6	28	49.589	45.997	2	-5	17.476	17.314	8	-1	19.386	18.450	5	-7	39.075	39.075	3	-10	63.245	60.502	1	-8	66.853	65.051
6	29	30.117	30.235	2	-3	81.268	61.693	8	-1	6.027	7.708	2	-9	39.168	39.305	3	-10	5.601	4.873	1	-8	32.055	30.598
6	30	27.715	27.715	2	-2	14.978	15.029	8	-1	4.257	5.212	2	-9	39.168	39.305	3	-10	5.601	4.873	1	-8	37.705	35.972
6	31	26.734	26.734	3	-11	19.281	19.281	8	-1	4.642	5.642	5	-6	58.322	59.602	3	-4	4.259	4.765	4	-7	17.205	15.476
6	32	60.676	60.233	3	-10	109.372	108.367	8	-1	15.777	15.777	1	-5	6.162	6.162	3	-5	1.622	1.622	4	-7	13.188	11.765
6	33	18.445	18.445	3	-9	14.957	14.957	8	-1	4.642	5.642	5	-5	5.019	5.019	3	-5	1.622	1.622	4	-7	13.188	11.765
6	34	36.000	34.224	3	-8	12.105	12.105	8	-1	4.642	5.642	5	-5	5.019	5.019	3	-5	1.622	1.622	4	-7	13.188	11.765
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6	37	28.986	25.659	3	-5	20.705	17.631	8	-1	4.642	5.642	5	-5	6.161	6.161	3	-5	1.622	1.622	4	-7	13.188	11.765
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6	42	19.194	19.192	0	-10	60.370	60.370	8	-1	4.642	5.642	5	-5	6.161	6.161	3	-5	1.622	1.622	4	-7	13.188	11.765
6	43	32.156	32.265	4	-8	21.583	21.610	8	-1	4.642	5.642	5	-5	6.161	6.161	3	-5	1.622	1.622	4	-7	13.188	11.765
6	44	12.564	12.564	4	-7	26.645	26.645	8	-1	4.642	5.642	5	-5	6.161	6.161	3	-5	1.622	1.622	4	-7	13.188	11.765
6	45	3.548	3.548	4	-6	57.618	58.694	8	-1	7.188	7.188	5	-5	1.622	1.622	3	-5	1.622	1.622	4	-7	13.188	11.765
6	46	4.466	4.466	4	-5	5.016	6.236	8	-1	4.642	5.642	5	-5	6.161	6.161	3	-5	1.622	1.622	4	-7	13.188	11.765
6	47	13.349	13.349	4	-4	25.939	27.157	8	-1	4.642	5.642	5	-5	6.161	6.161	3	-5	1.622	1.622	4	-7	13.188	11.765
6	48	4.432	4.432	4	-3	1.947	1.947	8	-1	4.642	5.642	5	-5	6.161	6.161	3	-5	1.622	1.622	4	-7	13.188	11.765
6	49	1.946	1.946	4	-2	2.123	5.5	8	-1	4.642	5.642	5	-5	6.161	6.161	3	-5	1.622	1.622	4	-7	13.188	11.765
6	50	26.299	27.213	5	-7	34.192	34.671	1	3	21.720	21.773	9	-5	5.363	5.363	6	-4	6.958	6.957	5	-6	1.622	1.622
6	51	3.025	3.025	5	-6	4.707	4.707	2	-1	4.642	5.642	5	-5	6.161	6.161	6	-4	5.363	5.363	5	-5	9.047	9.046
6	52	33.066	32.713	5	-5	15.175	15.175	2	-1	4.642	5.642	5	-5	6.161	6.161	6	-4	5.363	5.363	5	-5	1.622	1.622
6	53	47.117	46.383	5	-4	2.120	2.120	2	-1	4.642	5.642	5	-5	6.161	6.161	6	-4	5.363	5.363	5	-5	3.745	3.745
6	54	1.947	1.947	5	-3	1.947	1.947	2	-1	4.642	5.642	5	-5	6.161	6.161	6	-4	5.363	5.363	5	-5	7.345	7.345
6	55	4.436	3.513	5	-2	6.021	1.761	1	-1	4.642	5.642	5	-5	6.161	6.161	6	-4	5.363	5.363	5	-5	7.345	7.345
6	56	1.946	1.946	5	-1	38.446	37.973	2	-														

fourth corner, O(3) is shared by Cu(1) and Cu(2) octahedra (Fig. 2).

The Complex Sheet Structure

The structure of veszelyite can be considered to consist of two types of connected sheets parallel to (001): (a) an octahedral sheet formed of edge-sharing $[\text{Cu}(1)(\text{OH})_4\text{O}(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ and $[\text{Cu}(2)\text{O}(\text{OH})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ octahedra, and (b) a mixed tetrahedral sheet formed of $[\text{ZnO}_3(\text{OH})]$ and $[\text{PO}_4]$ tetrahedra sharing corners.

(a) Octahedral Sheet

The open octahedral sheet is a novel type (Fig. 3) that consists of eight-membered rings of alternating Cu(1) and Cu(2) octahedra. The eight-membered octahedral ring is stretched and is oriented the same way as the eight-membered tetrahedral ring (Fig. 4). Open channels pass through these eight-membered rings to accommodate the water molecules, which are thus somewhat zeolitic in character, though they are definitely bonded, albeit loosely, to the cupric ions. Consistent with this environment, the water molecules show large thermal vibration (Table 2).

(b) Mixed Tetrahedral Sheet

The tetrahedral sheet is composed of tetrahedral chains with alternating $[\text{PO}_4]$ and $[\text{ZnO}_3(\text{OH})]$ tetrahedra running parallel to the *a* axis. Tetrahedra

in alternate chains point up and down. These chains share corners to form a sheet parallel to (001) (Fig. 4). The interconnection of the chains results in the formation of four- and eight-membered rings. In each ring, half the tetrahedra are pointing up and the other half pointing down. Such a sheet formed of four- and eight-membered rings is common in silicate structures, particularly framework silicates, namely feldspars and zeolites (Smith and Rinaldi, 1962). Such a silicate sheet has recently been found in the vanadium silicate, cavansite (Evans, 1973). A zincate-phosphate sheet of this type has not been encountered before, though a comparable beryllate-phosphate sheet has been found in hurlbutite, $\text{CaBe}_2(\text{PO}_4)_2$ (Bakakin and Belov, 1960).

The tetrahedral sheets are connected to the octahedral sheets by sharing apical oxygens of Zn- and P-tetrahedra, namely OH(1) and O(3), with Cu-octahedra. The tetrahedra pointing up are connected to the octahedral sheet above, while those pointing down are connected to the octahedral sheet below (Fig. 2). The good {001} cleavage is easily explained by the sheet structure parallel to the (001) plane.

Hydrogen Bonding

An infra-red spectrum of veszelyite from Moravičza shows (in the 3μ region) the following peaks due to O-H stretching vibration: 3530 cm^{-1} (sharp), 3270

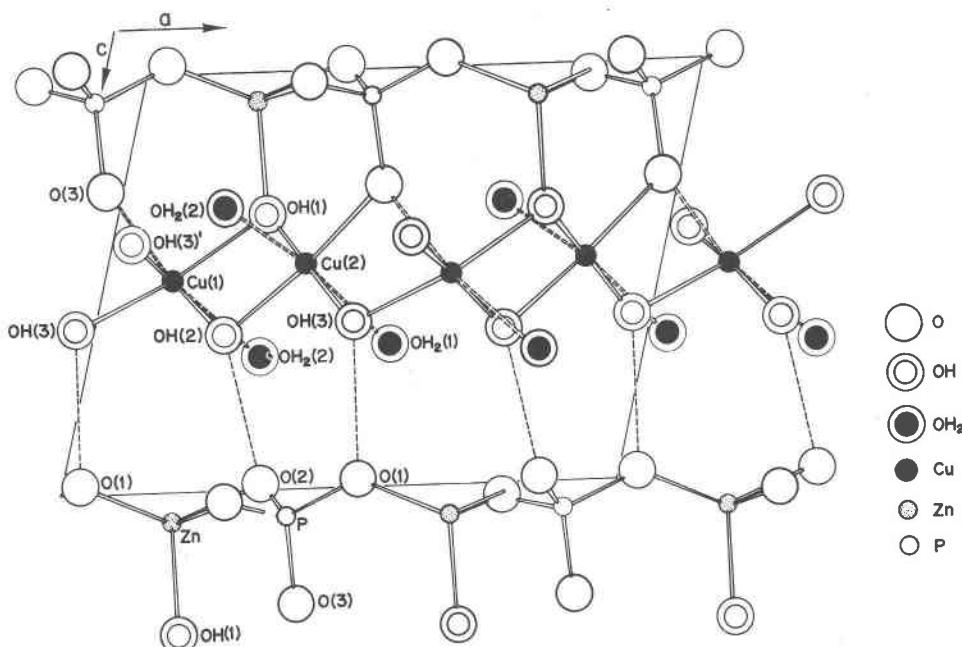


FIG. 1. Partial projection of the veszelyite structure down the *b* axis.

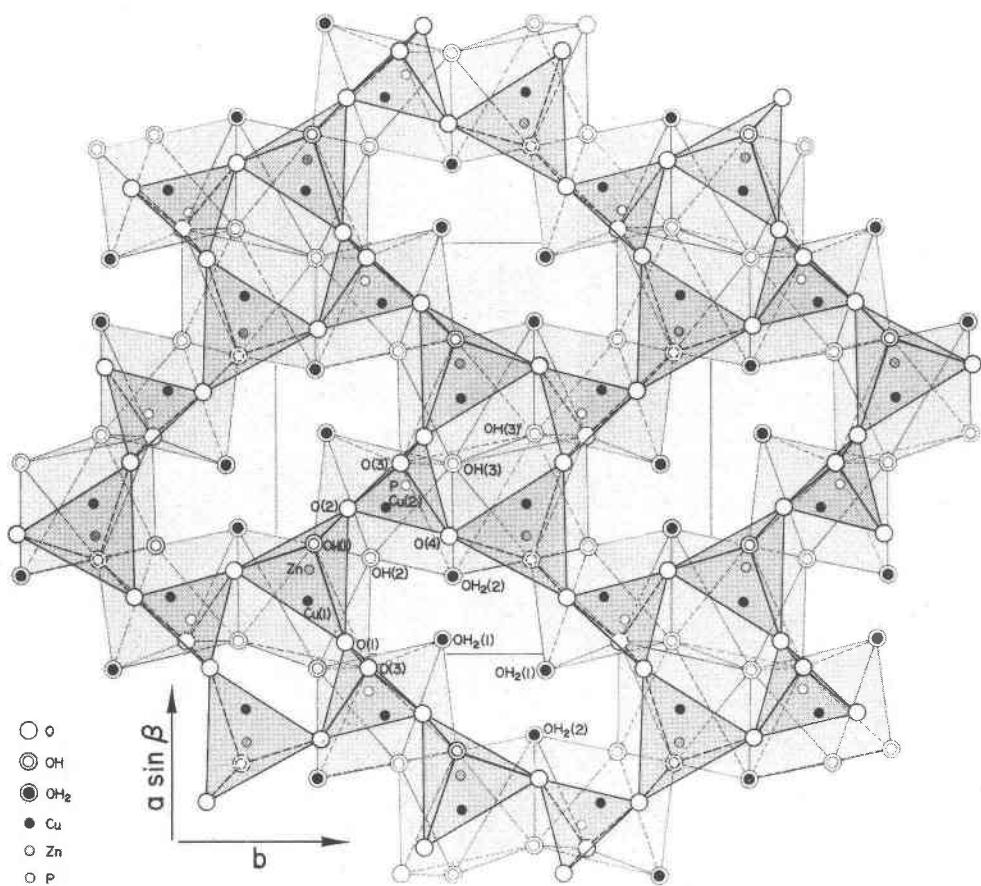


FIG. 2. A view of the veszelyite structure down the c axis, showing interconnection of the octahedral and tetrahedral sheets.

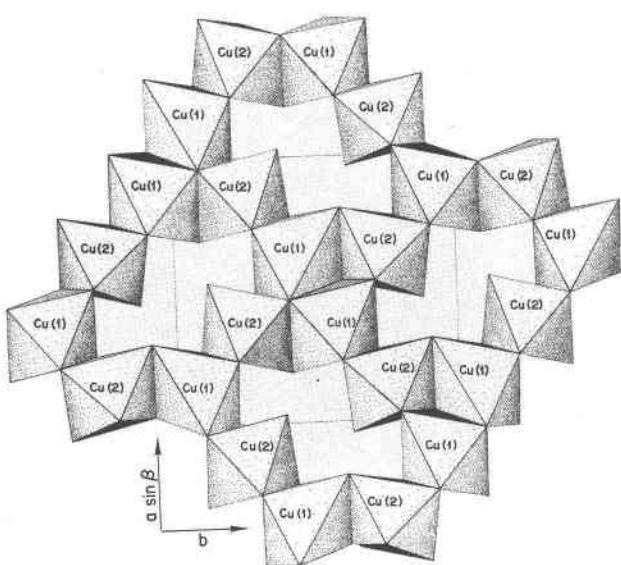


FIG. 3. Copper octahedral sheet in the veszelyite structure viewed down the c axis.

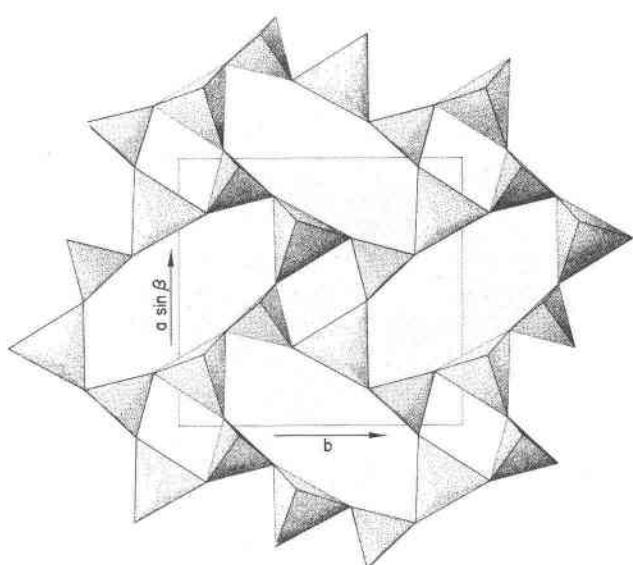


FIG. 4. Mixed tetrahedral sheet in the veszelyite structure viewed down the c axis. Larger tetrahedra: $\text{ZnO}_3(\text{OH})$; smaller tetrahedra: PO_4 .

cm^{-1} (broad) with broad shoulders on either side at 3350 cm^{-1} and 3170 cm^{-1} . The sharp peak at 3530 cm^{-1} indicates O-H radicals virtually free of hydrogen bonding, while the other broad peaks indicate hydrogen bonds of variable strength for OH and H_2O .

OH(1) is bonded to Zn, Cu(1), and Cu(2), located at the corners of a triangle. The O-H bond is presumably pointing away from this triangle and does not appear to be hydrogen bonded. OH(2) and OH(3) are bonded to two copper ions each. OH(2)-O(2) distance is 2.77 \AA , while OH(3)-O distance is 2.84 \AA . These distances indicate that hydrogen bonds connect the octahedral sheet to the tetrahedral sheet (Fig. 1). These hydrogen bonds are also stereochemically reasonable, assuming a tetrahedral (sp^3) charge distribution around the oxygen. The hydrogen bonding of the water molecules is not very clear. $\text{H}_2\text{O}(1)$ is bonded only to Cu(2). It shows two close approaches, one to OH(2) at 2.64 \AA and the other to OH(1) at 2.82 \AA , that may indicate hydrogen bonds, though stereochemically they are not very favorable. $\text{H}_2\text{O}(2)$ is bonded to both Cu(1) and Cu(2). Its close approach to O(4)—namely, 2.65 \AA —probably indicates a strong hydrogen bond. The other hydrogen seems to be free.

Crystal Chemistry of Copper-Zinc Substitution

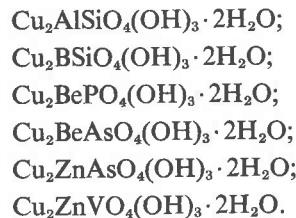
Veszelyite is known to have variable Cu/Zn ratio, which is reported to be 1.43 (Arakawa Mine, Japan), 1.44–1.38 (Moraviča), 1.27 (Kipushi), and 0.96 (Kamioka Mine, Japan) (Guillemin, 1955). The composition of the Arakawa specimen is close to $\text{Cu}_2\text{ZnPO}_4(\text{OH})_3 \cdot 2\text{ H}_2\text{O}$, which is presumably an end member composition. Substitution of copper by zinc at Cu(1) and Cu(2) positions is possible, which would involve movement of apical oxygen atoms, namely O(3), $\text{H}_2\text{O}(1)$, and $\text{H}_2\text{O}(2)$. From the stereochemistry of Cu(1) and Cu(2) atoms, it appears that Cu(2), which is less distorted, would be more amenable to replacement by zinc than Cu(1), since this would involve movement of two water molecules only and would cause least structural distortion. Progressive replacement of copper by zinc would result in more regular octahedra.

Veszelyite: A New Structure Type

The octahedral sheet found in veszelyite is unique, since it is formed of eight-membered octahedral rings, which are topologically difficult to construct using regular octahedra. This difficulty probably explains why complete substitution of copper by zinc at the Cu(1) and Cu(2) sites does not take place.

Because the copper coordination octahedra are so highly distorted, it is topologically impossible to form a regular hexagonally close-packed brucite-type sheet using copper octahedra. Instead, a variety of octahedral sheets have been found in basic copper compounds, whose building block is the tetragonally distorted copper octahedron. Thus, a corrugated sheet structure has been found in $\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$ (Jaggi and Oswald, 1961) and serpierite, $\text{Ca}(\text{Cu}, \text{Zn})_4(\text{OH})_6(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 3\text{ H}_2\text{O}$ (Sabelli and Zanazzi, 1968). The octahedral sheet found in brochantite, $\text{Cu}_4(\text{OH})_6\text{SO}_4$ (Cocco and Mazzi, 1959), and a number of other basic copper compounds is formed of two types of octahedral chains; one chain is formed by copper octahedra sharing edges of the square plane, and the other formed by the octahedra sharing the bipyramidal edges. Pseudomalachite, $\text{Cu}_5(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{OH})_4$ shows yet another type of octahedral sheet with holes, above which occur the phosphate groups (Ghose, 1963). The pseudomalachite type sheet is formed of two types of octahedral chains: one chain is formed of one Cu(1) and two Cu(2) octahedra, each kind sharing four and three edges alternately; the other chain is formed of Cu(3) octahedra sharing edges of the square plane. Spangolite, $\text{Cu}_6\text{Al}(\text{SO}_4)(\text{OH})_{12}\text{Cl} \cdot 3\text{ H}_2\text{O}$ has an octahedral layer structure, containing cations in the proportion Cu₆Al (Rosenzweig *et al.*, 1971). Although the copper octahedra show the usual tetragonal distortion, the octahedral layer is very similar to that found in kaolinite, and the Cu and Al atoms lie within 0.1 \AA of the average plane drawn through them.

Analogs of mixed tetrahedral sheet are common in silicate structures as mentioned earlier. Replacement of cations in the tetrahedral sheet should be possible, provided the valence balance is maintained. The following compounds conceivably would have the veszelyite structure:



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