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Introduction

The "zeolitic" MXO_4 -based framework ($M = Zn, Be, X = P, As$) structure field has recently been shown to be a very extensive one by ourselves and others.¹⁻⁷ A seemingly general feature of these new zeolitic ($Zn/Be,P/As,O$)-framework phases is a preference for a 1:1 M to X ratio and strict alternation of MO_4 and XO_4 tetrahedra, akin to a "Lowenstein's rule"⁸ Al-O-Al avoidance and consequent Si/Al tetrahedral alternation for 1:1 Si to Al ratio aluminosilicate phases. This feature would appear to militate against $Zn/Be,P/As,O$ molecular sieves with odd- as opposed to even-membered ring systems, and also against phases whose $M:X$ ratio is non-unity.

Conversely, many aluminosilicate zeolites contain odd-membered ring systems, including the recently characterized ZSM-18⁹ (3-rings [3 T -atoms and 3 oxygen atoms] and 7-rings), ferrierite¹⁰ and mordenite¹¹ (5-rings) and bikitaite¹² (5+1-rings), for example. The microporous beryllsilicate phase lovdarite also contains 3-rings.¹³ ZSM-18 is notable as a large-pore material containing 1-dimensional channels, which may have technologically-valuable properties. Odd-member ring zeolites are characterized by crystallographic disorder of the silicon/aluminum atoms and usually contain a high silicon to aluminum ($Si:Al > 3 \rightarrow \infty$) atomic ratio. It has been proposed that 3-ring-containing systems may offer the lowest framework density possible, in terms of T -atoms per unit-volume, in microporous systems,¹⁴ but further examples of such materials are required to test this theory.

As part of our efforts to prepare new ($Zn/Be,P/As,O$)-phases to mimic the behavior described in the above paragraph, we describe the preparations, structures and properties of two new phases; a zincophosphate, $Na_2ZnPO_4OH \cdot 7H_2O$ ($NaZnPO$), and a beryllioarsenate, $Be_2AsO_4OH \cdot 4H_2O$ ($BeAsO$), which are non-zeolitic, but contain 1-dimensional chains, whose building blocks include tetrahedral 3-rings. These two phases compliment the 3-

ring zincophosphate *layered* materials described recently.¹⁵ As will be described below, $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ is a close analogue of the beryllophosphate phase morāsite, which was structurally characterized very recently.¹⁶

Experimental

Synthesis: *Warning!* Beryllium and arsenic compounds are highly toxic. Preparations must be carried out under appropriate safety conditions. $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ was prepared by the following hydrothermal method: 0.437 g of beryllium hydroxide, $\text{Be}(\text{OH})_2$, (10 mmol), 3.707 g of 4 M arsenic acid (H_3AsO_4) solution (~11 mmol) and 10 cc of water were sealed in a FEP™ fluoro-carbon-film "pouch" and heated in an autoclave at 150 °C for 3 days. Water was used as the support fluid at autogenous pressure (70 psi). The product was filtered, and consisted of 0.71 g of transparent, rod-shaped crystals (maximum dimensions 1.0 × 0.1 × 0.1 mm), with some beryllium cations and other species remaining in solution (final pH = 1). All starting reagents were of analytical grade or better.

For $\text{Na}_2\text{ZnPO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, a clear, basic solution containing Na^+ , phosphate and zincate ions was prepared in a small Teflon bottle by adding 7.76 g of 2 M $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ (12 mmol), 10.78 g of 4 M H_3PO_4 (36 mmol) and then 37.68 g of 4 M NaOH (132 mmol). The initial gel cleared rapidly to give complete solution. To this was added 2.39 g of 4 M H_3PO_4 (8 mmol), resulting in an gel-like suspension which transformed into a milky slurry upon shaking. After holding the mixture at 70 °C for 40 hours, many small needles (~0.2 × 0.02 × 0.02 mm) were suspended in the supernatant liquid and were recovered by filtration, washing and drying. A non-suspended mass of needles and a second sodium zinc phosphate phase were also present. These materials will be described later.

Powder data: X-ray powder patterns were collected for these materials using techniques

described previously¹⁷ It became evident that $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ had a similar powder pattern to that of the beryllophosphate mineral bearsite,¹⁸ with the same reported formula as the material described here, and also that of the beryllophosphate mineral, moräsite ($\text{Be}_2\text{PO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$).¹⁹ Based on X-ray photographs, the unit-cells of these materials were reported to be C-centered monoclinic, with dimensions $\sim 8.6 \times 36.90 \times 7.15 \text{ \AA}$, and $\beta \approx 98^\circ$, but no detailed structures were reported. Single crystal measurements on synthetic $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, described below, gave a unit-cell with a *b*-unit-cell-periodicity $\approx 1/3$ of that quoted for the two mineral species (and transformed *a* and *c* axes), and the synthetic $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ was indexed on that basis. Conversely, some evidence for *b*-unit cell tripling was observed in the recent study of the structure of moräsite,¹⁶ which was attributed to a possible superstructure ordering of the H-bonds in the beryllophosphate material. It should be noted that the supercell reflections observed for $\text{Be}_2\text{PO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ were very weak, and the presence of a supercell in $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ cannot be completely ruled out. However, our diffraction results indicate that the H-atoms appear to be well-ordered in $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (*vide infra*).

Thermogravimetric analysis: TGA of the $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ rods showed the total weight loss equivalent to losing 4.5 H_2O by 825°C (obs loss = 34%, calc = 33%). This occurred in two stages—a rapid loss of approximately 1.67 H_2O between $100\text{--}150^\circ\text{C}$, and subsequent loss of the rest of the water gradually to 800°C . The anhydrous, crystalline product, whose X-ray powder pattern bore no resemblance to other beryllium/arsenic-containing phases is presumably $\text{Be}_4\text{As}_2\text{O}_9$.

TGA for $\text{Na}_2\text{ZnPO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ showed a smooth, rapid weight decrease, equivalent to the loss of 7 water molecules between 50 and 130°C , with subsequent slow loss of another 0.5 weight-equivalent of a water molecule. Upon cooling from 700°C , X-ray powder measurements indicated that the residue consisted of ZnO and an unidentified phase, perhaps a

sodium pyrophosphate of stoichiometry $\text{Na}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$.

Structure Determination: Suitable single crystals for structure determination were selected for each phase and mounted on thin glass fibers with cyanoacrylate adhesive. Room temperature [25 (1) °C] intensity data were collected for each phase on a Huber automated 4-circle diffractometer (graphite-monochromated $\text{Mo K}\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). For each phase, at least 20 reflections were located and centered by searching reciprocal space and indexed to obtain a unit cell and orientation matrix. Unit cell constants were optimized by least-squares refinement, resulting in the lattice parameters shown in Table I. Intensity data were collected in the θ - 2θ scanning mode with standard reflections monitored for intensity variation throughout the course of each experiment. The scan speed was $6^\circ/\text{min}$ with a scan range of 1.3° below $\text{K}\alpha_1$ to 1.6° above $\text{K}\alpha_2$. No significant variation in standards was observed, and crystal absorption was monitored for using ψ -scans through 360° for selected reflections with $\chi \approx 90^\circ$: absorption was insignificant and no correction was applied. The raw data were reduced using a Lehmann-Larsen profile-fitting routine²⁰ and the normal corrections for Lorentz and polarization effects were made. All the data collection and reduction routines were based on the UCLA crystallographic computing package.²¹ Systematic absences ($h0l, h; 0k0, k$) unambiguously established the space-groups of both these phases as $P2_1/a$ (No. 14).

The structures were solved by a combination of direct methods and Fourier syntheses, assuming the space groups noted above. For BeAsO , the As and O positions were obtained from the direct-methods program SHELXS-86²² and the remaining atoms, including all the protons, were located from Fourier difference maps following anisotropic refinement of the known atoms positions. For NaZnPO , all the non-hydrogen atoms were located using SHELXS-86, all but one proton position was located from Fourier maps, and the remaining H-atom was placed geometrically. For both materials, bond distance [$d(\text{O-H}) =$

0.95(1) Å] and angle [$\theta(\text{H-O-H}) = 109(1)^\circ$] restraints were used during the refinement of the proton positions. The final full-matrix least-squares refinements were against F and included anisotropic temperature factors (atom-type isotropic for hydrogens) and a secondary extinction correction.²³ Complex, neutral-atom scattering factors were obtained from *International Tables*.²⁴ Final agreement factors, defined in Table I, of $R = 4.49\%$ and $R_w = 4.79\%$ ($w_i = 1$) were obtained for $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$; the corresponding values for $\text{Na}_2\text{ZnPO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ were $R = 5.93\%$ and $R_w = 5.69\%$ ($w_i = 1$). Final Fourier difference maps revealed no regions of electron density which could be assigned to atomic sites (for $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$: min = -0.2 , max = 0.2 electron/Å³, for $\text{Na}_2\text{ZnPO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$: min = -1.3 , max = 1.3 electron/Å³), and analysis of the various trends in F_o versus F_c revealed no unusual effects. The least-squares, Fourier and subsidiary calculations were performed using the Oxford CRYSTALS system,²⁵ running on a DEC MicroVAX 3100 computer. Tables of observed and calculated structure factors are available as supplementary material directly from the authors.

Solid-State MAS NMR: ³¹P spectra were obtained using a General Electric GN-300 spectrometer at 121.65 MHz (field strength 7.05 T) with 20 acquisitions, using a multinuclear broadband MAS NMR probe manufactured by Doty Scientific. Data were collected in a single pulse mode, with a 45° pulse length of 3 μs and a recycle time of 300 seconds. A broad singlet at +8.4 ppm (downfield shift defined as positive) relative to 85% H₃PO₄ was observed. MAS NMR ⁹Be spectra were obtained on a GN-300 machine at 42.23 MHz (field strength 7.05 T) with 24 acquisitions, using a Doty Scientific multinuclear broadband probe. Data were collected in single pulse mode with a 45° pulse length of 3 μs and a recycle delay time of 60 seconds. A sharp singlet at -0.767 ppm, relative to 2 M Be(NO₃)₂, was apparent.

Results

BeAsO: The crystal structure of $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (BeAsO) consists of a network of $(\text{Be,As})\text{O}_4$ tetrahedron-containing columns interconnected via a H-bonding network of hydroxide groups and water molecules. Final atomic positional and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters for $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ are listed in Table II, with selected bond distance/angle data in Table III. The atom bonding-scheme of BeAsO is illustrated in Figure 1 with ORTEP²⁸, and the complete crystal structure is shown in Figure 2. BeAsO contains 2 Be, 1 As, 9 O and 9 H atoms in the asymmetric unit. The beryllium and arsenic atoms are tetrahedrally coordinated to oxygen atoms, as expected. Four oxygen atoms [O(1) to O(4)] participate in Be-O-As links, one [O(5)] as part of a Be-(OH)-Be link, and there are 4 distinct water molecules [O(6) to O(9)].

The structure consists of two distinct parts: infinite, 1-dimensional, neutral chains of stoichiometry $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, which propagate in the *a*-unit cell direction, and "channels", occupied by the two extra-chain water molecules, which link adjacent chains via a hydrogen-bond network (*vide infra*). Each crystallographically-distinct Be atom makes two bonds to arsenic via O [$d_{\text{av}}(\text{Be-O}) = 1.629(12) \text{ \AA}$], one bond to a water molecule [$d_{\text{av}} = 1.655(9) \text{ \AA}$], and one bond [$d = 1.594(9) \text{ \AA}$, $\theta(\text{Be-O-Be}) = 130.5(4)^\circ$] to the other Be atom via a bridging hydroxide ion. The arsenic atom bonds to four different Be atoms via oxygen-atom bridges [$\theta_{\text{av}} = 124.2(6)^\circ$], with a $d_{\text{av}}(\text{As-O})$ of $1.680(6) \text{ \AA}$.

This tetrahedral connectivity leads to two different types of ring linkages. Firstly, a *three ring* consisting of $\overline{\text{Be}(1) - \text{Be}(2) - \text{As}(1)}$ (oxygen-atoms omitted), which lies approximately in the *bc*-plane, and secondly, adjacent three-rings in the 1-dimensional stacks are connected via $\text{Be}(1)\text{-O}(1)/\text{O}(2)\text{-As}(1)$ and $\text{Be}(2)\text{-O}(3)/\text{O}(4)\text{-As}(1)$ links, thus forming *four-rings*, of *T*-atom configuration $\overline{\text{Be}(1) - \text{As}(1) - \text{Be}(2) - \text{As}(1)}$. Thus, edge-

sharing three- and four-rings alternate in the one dimensional chain, as illustrated in polyhedral representation in Figure 3.

The H-bonding scheme, which involves both the Be-coordinated water molecules and the "free" water molecules, connects adjacent chains, and includes 8 of the 9 distinct protons with $d(\text{H}\cdots\text{O}) < 2.1 \text{ \AA}$. All four protons of the two water molecules directly attached to Be partake in H-bonds: two "direct" O-H \cdots O links to chain-oxygen-atoms [O(1) to O(4)] in adjacent chains ($d_{av} = 1.72(4) \text{ \AA}$) and two slightly-longer links to extra-chain water molecules ($d_{av} = 1.87(3) \text{ \AA}$). In turn, three out of four of the free water molecule protons also make H-bonds: two of them to a Be-O-As tetrahedral bridge oxygen, and one to the other water molecule oxygen atom. The remaining proton, H(7), is not involved in any H-bond links. Finally, the bridging hydroxy proton, Be-OH-Be, links via a weak H-bond to a water molecule oxygen atom [$d = 2.08(2) \text{ \AA}$]. Thus, all the Be-/As-coordinated chain oxygen atoms, O_c , [O(1) to O(4)] participate in H-bonds to water: two $\text{O}_c\cdots\text{H-O-Be}$ links and two $\text{O}_c\cdots\text{H-O-H}$ connections. The average O-H \cdots O angle of all the H-bonds in the structure is 169° .

The ^9Be MAS NMR spectrum of $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Figure 4) shows one resolved resonance at -0.767 ppm, relative to aqueous $2M \text{ Be}(\text{NO}_3)_2$. The crystal structure results (Table II) indicate that there are two crystallographically-distinct beryllium atoms with equal site-occupancy in the structure of $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ —thus two, distinct, ^9Be NMR resonances of equal intensity might be expected *a priori* from this material. We attribute this single observed resonance to coincidental overlap of the signals from Be(1) and Be(2): both Be-atom chemical environments are similar, involving two bonds to As via O, a bonded water molecule, and Be(1) and Be(2) share a common, bridging OH-ion (see above). In particular, the 3-ring containing the Be(1) and Be(2) moieties (Figure 1) has *pseudo* 2-fold symmetry (about the O(5)-As(1) axis), again indicating that the two resonances are likely

to have similar chemical shifts.

Little work has been carried out on MAS NMR of beryllium-containing molecular sieve materials. One example is provided by our structural study of the faujasite-type Na/BePO-X,⁶ where a single resonance at -1.7 ppm was observed. The smallest, identifiable, sub-unit in the BePO-X topology is a 4-ring. The Be-atom environment in Na/BePO-X is more regular than that found in Be₂AsO₄OH·4H₂O—the single, crystallographically-distinct beryllium atom in Na/BePO-X makes four Be-O-P bonds to four different phosphorus atom neighbors, with a $d_{av}(\text{Be-O})$ of 1.61 (5) Å. In MAS NMR studies of aluminosilicate and aluminophosphate molecular sieve systems, empirical correlations between isotropic MAS NMR shift (of ²⁹Si and ³¹P) and Si/P-atom chemical environments have been established.²⁷ However, any attempt to establish a correlation between ⁹Be MAS NMR shift and ring-size or Be-O-P bond angle is premature in the berylllophosphate phase space.

NaZnPO: In Na₂ZnPO₄OH·7H₂O, which contains (Zn,P)O₄ tetrahedral columns interconnected via a network of sodium ions and water molecules, there is just one type of tetrahedral ring topology, namely, three-rings of $\overline{\text{Zn}(1) - \text{P}(1) - \text{Zn}(1)}$ (oxygen atoms omitted), essentially an infinite backbone of Zn-Zn T-links, each with a bridging -P-group (Figure 5). Final atomic positional and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters for Na₂ZnPO₄OH·7H₂O are listed in Table IV, with selected bond distance/angle data in Table V. The atom bonding-scheme in NaZnPO is illustrated in Figure 5, with ORTEP, and the complete crystal structure is shown in Figure 6. Na₂ZnPO₄OH·7H₂O contains 2 Na atoms, 1 Zn atom, 1 P atom, 12 O atoms (5 oxide ions; 7 water molecules) and 15 protons in the asymmetric unit, all on general crystallographic positions. The zinc atom is tetrahedrally-coordinated by 4 oxygen atoms [$d_{av} = 1.957(8)$ Å], three of which also bond to the phosphorus atom, the other forming the bridging hydroxide ion between adjacent zinc atoms, akin to the hydroxy-bridge in the beryllloarsenate described above. The

phosphorus atom is also 4-coordinate with oxygen atoms, two of which [O(2) and O(3)] bond to Zn [$d_{av} = 1.548(6) \text{ \AA}$], and two of which [O(4) and O(5)] are uncoordinated by any other atoms, except by protons making H-bonds to those oxygen atoms [$d_{av}(\text{P-O}) = 1.530(6) \text{ \AA}$]. These oxygen coordinations are supported by bond-valence-sums:²⁸ neglecting protons, values of 1.00, 1.73, 1.72, 1.29 and 1.28 result for O(1) through O(5), respectively. The average Zn-O-P angle is $127.6(4)^\circ$, and the Zn-(OH)-Zn angle is $110.4(2)^\circ$, substantially smaller than the Be-(OH)-Be bond angle noted above. The twisted, corner-sharing columns of three-rings in NaZnPO propagate in the *a*-direction, as indicated in Figure 7 (polyhedral representation).

The two crystallographically-distinct sodium atoms are both approximately octahedrally coordinated by oxygen atoms: Na(1) is surrounded by one oxygen atom from the Zn/P/O chain, and five water molecules [$d_{av}(\text{Na-O}) = 2.457(12) \text{ \AA}$], while Na(2) coordinates to six water molecules as its neighbors [$d_{av} = 2.429(12) \text{ \AA}$]. O-Na(1)-O *cis* bond angles vary from $78.2(1)$ to $109.8(1)^\circ$; for the Na(2) polyhedron these limits are $77.8(2)$ to $111.6(2)^\circ$. Neglecting protons, the NaO₆ octahedra form infinite, corrugated, layers which are aligned in the *ac*-plane. The layers are comprised of edge- and corner-sharing NaO₆ units: groups of 4 NaO₆ octahedra form isolated edge-sharing chains, aligned approximately in the *b*-unit cell direction, and these edge-sharing-chains are corner linked with their neighbors, to form the overall sheet configuration.

As in BeAsO, a network of H-bonds, also part of the sodium/water octahedral network, holds adjacent tetrahedral stacks together. All but two of the 14 water protons participate in H-bonds. Unlike the situation in BeAsO, the bridging hydroxide proton in the Zn-OH-Zn link, sees no near neighbors. The two "free" phosphate oxygen atoms [O(4) and O(5)] each make 4 distinct H-bonds to water-molecule protons [$d_{av} = 1.95(10) \text{ \AA}$], to saturate their bond-valences.²² These protons belong to all 7 water molecules in the structure:

in particular, O(10) makes two O-H...O-P H-bonds, while O(7) and O(11) make their only H-bond to a phosphate oxygen, their other proton being uncoordinated. The two Zn-O-P bridging oxygens also make H-bonds to water protons as O(6)-H(2)...O(2) and O(12)-H(13)...O(3). Finally, two H-bonds are solely involved in the Na/water network: O(8)-H(6)...O(9) [$d = 1.83(3) \text{ \AA}$] and O(9)-H(7)...O(12) [$d = 1.93(3) \text{ \AA}$]. The average O-H...O H-bond angle is 167° .

The ^{31}P MAS NMR spectrum of $\text{Na}_2\text{ZnPO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ is illustrated in Figure 8. One signal is observed, corresponding to the sole crystallographically-distinct phosphorus atom site in this material. The shift of +8.4 ppm is within the range quoted for a number of phosphorus-atom containing materials observed earlier.²⁷ Some compatible ^{31}P resonances in anionic, phosphorus-containing molecular sieve frameworks include values of -8.2 ppm in BePO-X and +5.8 ppm in ZnPO-X, both of these materials crystallizing in the faujasite-type structure.⁶

Conclusions

The two three-dimensional phases described above are not zeolitic, but do contain 3-membered rings ordered in one-dimensional chains. The key bonding connections in $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ are Be-O-As and Be-(OH)-Be links; in $\text{Na}_2\text{ZnPO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, Zn-O-P and Zn-(OH)-Zn links build up the 3-rings. In the former case As-O-As, and in the latter case, P-O-P bonds are excluded. This bridging hydroxide link between tetrahedra is not unprecedented, and has a counterpart in 3-dimensional aluminosilicate zeolite phases, for example in the steam-treated H-zeolite rho phase,²⁹ where Si-(OH)-Si/Al bonds are found, within a 4-/6-ring topology. However, there appear to be no other known extended 3-ring-containing structures containing such bridging-hydroxide links.

It should be noted here that *isolated* T_3O_9 tetrahedral 3-rings are well-known for a number of tetrahedral species, for example, $T = \text{silicon}$ (many phases, such as $\text{BaTiSi}_3\text{O}_9$: benitoite); $T = \text{germanium}$ (e.g., $\text{BaTiGe}_3\text{O}_9$) and $T = \text{phosphorus}$ (e.g., $\text{Na}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_9 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$). In each case, the TO_4 tetrahedron makes two bonds to its neighbors via $T\text{-O-T}$ links and two "unsaturated" $T\text{-O}$ links. These and other tetrahedral ring systems are described elsewhere.^{30,31}

Some other recently-characterized phases in the $(\text{Be}/\text{Zn})(\text{P}/\text{As})\text{O}$ -structure field also contain 3-ring tetrahedral groupings, albeit of a slightly-different type. The two layered zincophosphate materials $\text{CsH}(\text{ZnPO}_4)_2$ and $\text{NaH}(\text{ZnPO}_4)_2$ ³² both contain (different) 3-ring moieties consisting of Zn-O-P and Zn-O-Zn links (no P-O-P bonds). In these systems, the proton of the bridging hydroxide link between the two divalent cations is replaced by a link to another phosphorus atom, resulting in chains of "bridged" 3-rings, via a three-coordinated oxygen atom, crosslinked into 2-dimensional, anionic, sheet structures, which sandwich the univalent cations. A three-dimensional example of a zincophosphate material containing a 3-ring is provided by $\text{Zn}_3(\text{PO}_4)(\text{HPO}_4)_2 \cdot \text{HN}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}$,³³ which has a similar ring topology to the phases described here (Zn-O-Zn , Zn-O-P links, no P-O-P bonds). As with the layered $\text{MH}(\text{ZnPO}_4)_2$ materials, in $\text{Zn}_3(\text{PO}_4)(\text{HPO}_4)_2 \cdot \text{HN}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}$ the 3-rings are bridged together via the Zn-O-Zn link where the central O atom also bonds to an adjacent P atom.

The one-dimensional structures of $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{Na}_2\text{ZnPO}_4\text{OH} \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ indicate that it may be possible to synthesize three-dimensional structures containing these small, odd-membered rings in the $(\text{Be}/\text{Zn})(\text{P}/\text{As})\text{O}$ phase space, to compliment the "bridged" 3-ring phases noted above: Such efforts are now being made. Finally, it is notable that the overall charge of the chain in $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, including protons, is neutral, while that in $\text{Na}_2\text{ZnPO}_4\text{OH} \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ is more-typically anionic. Thus, it may even be possible to prepare

neutral, 3-dimensional, microporous frameworks in the (Be,Zn)/(P,As)/H/O system: for instance, a hypothetical "condensation" reaction of $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, where the water molecule bound to Be is replaced by a link to another tetrahedral center.

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Figure Captions

Figure 1: View of the 3-ring/4-ring chain in $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, showing the atom labeling scheme. 50% thermal ellipsoids; protons coordinated to O(6) and O(7) omitted for clarity.

Figure 2: View down a of the unit cell of $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, showing the packing of tetrahedral chains and water molecules: Be atoms shaded ellipses; As atoms plain ellipses; O atoms "open" ellipses; H atoms plain circles.

Figure 3: Polyhedral plot of the chain-connectivity in $\text{Be}_2\text{AsO}_4\text{OH}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, showing the 4-/3-ring connectivity. The repeating unit of the chain is a T_3O_7 unit.

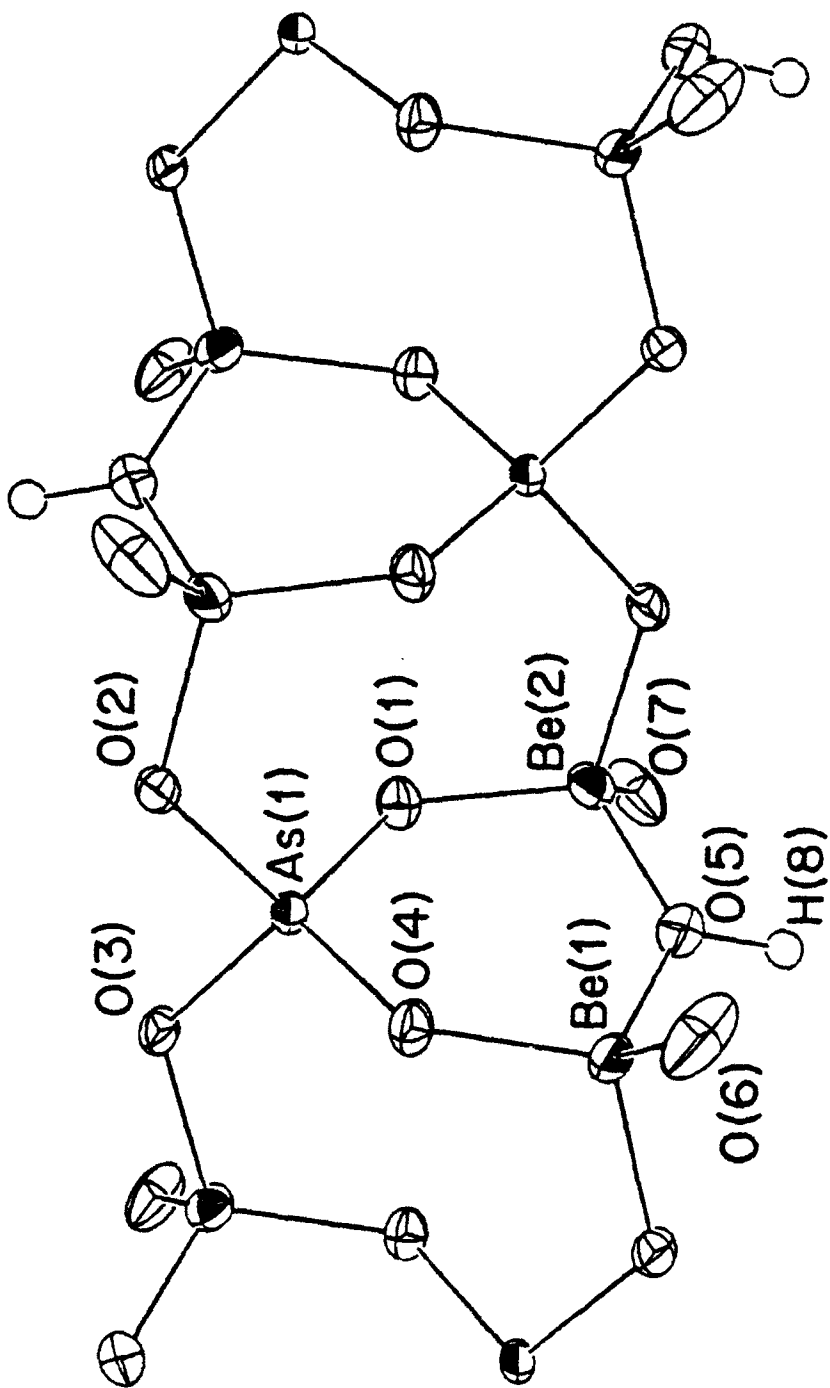
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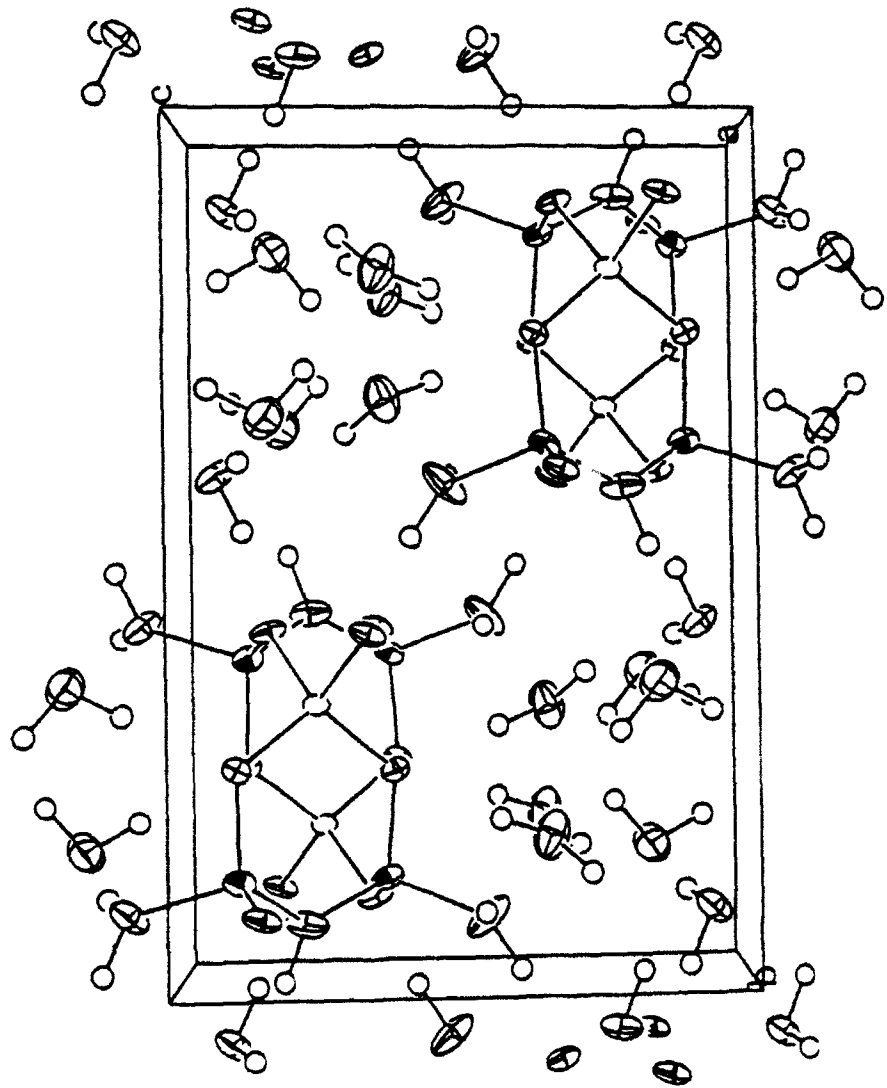
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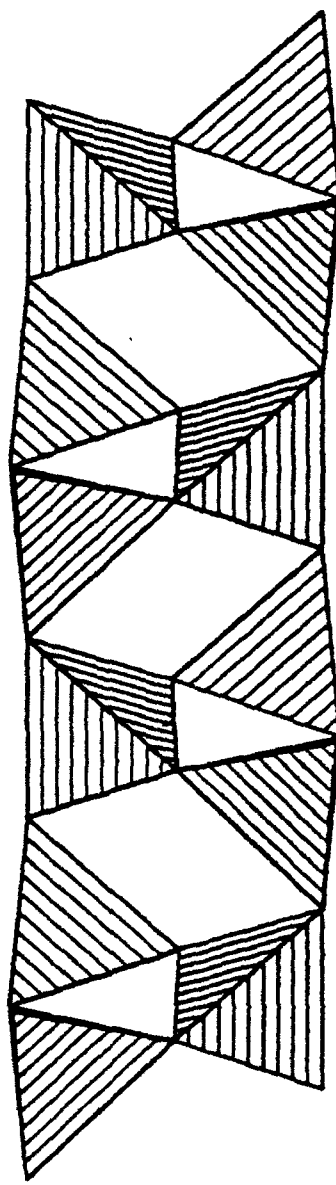
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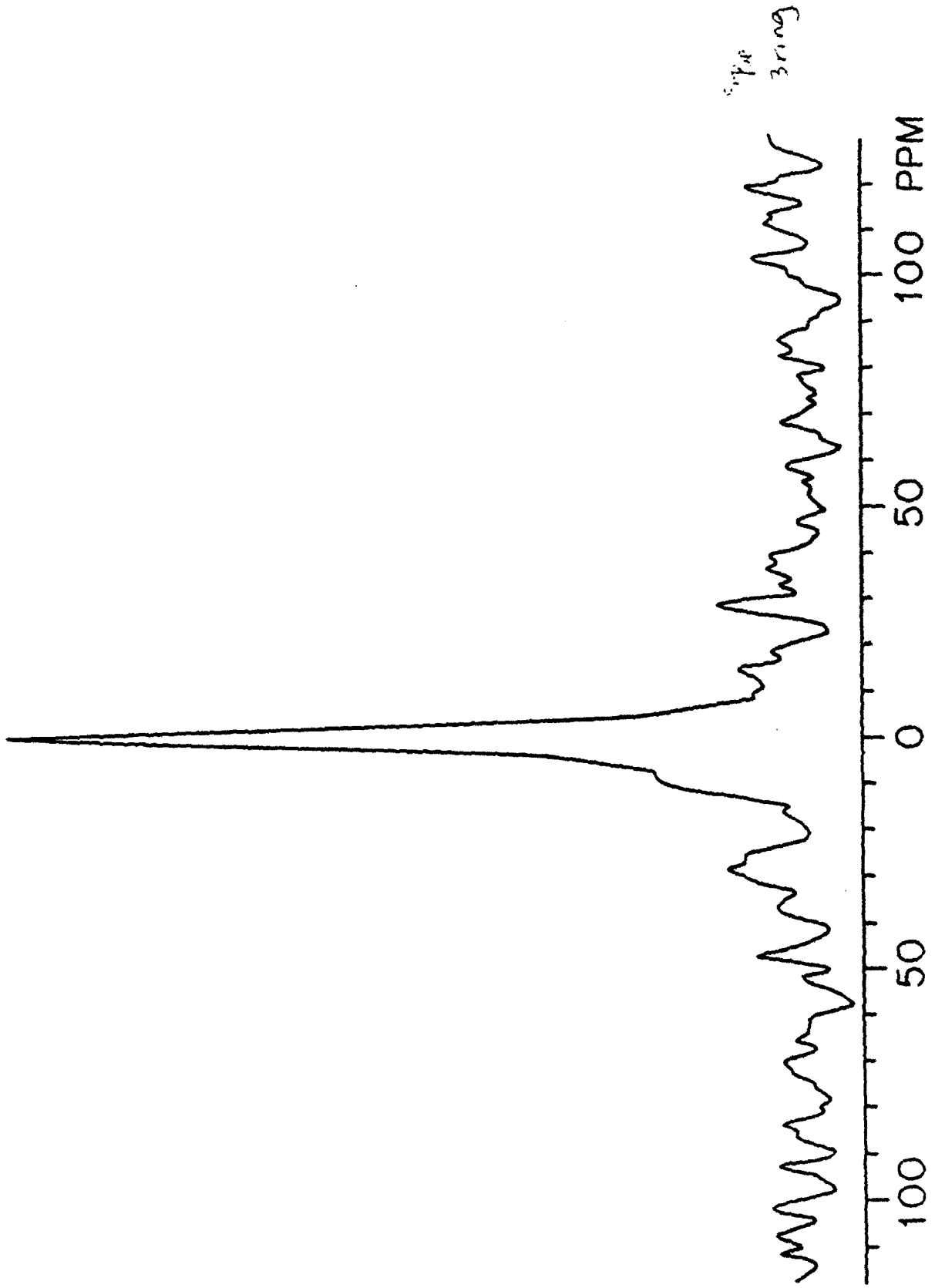
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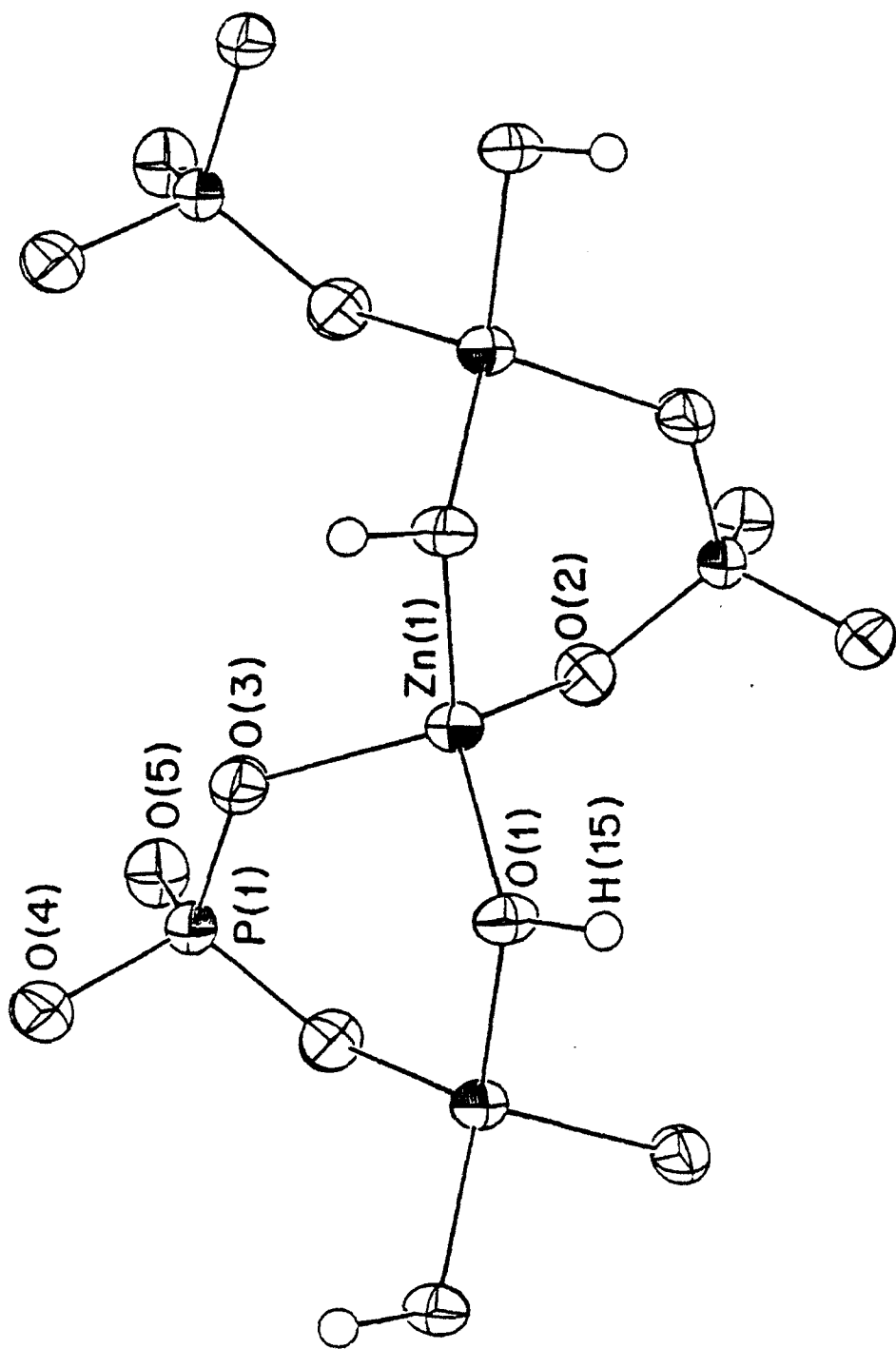
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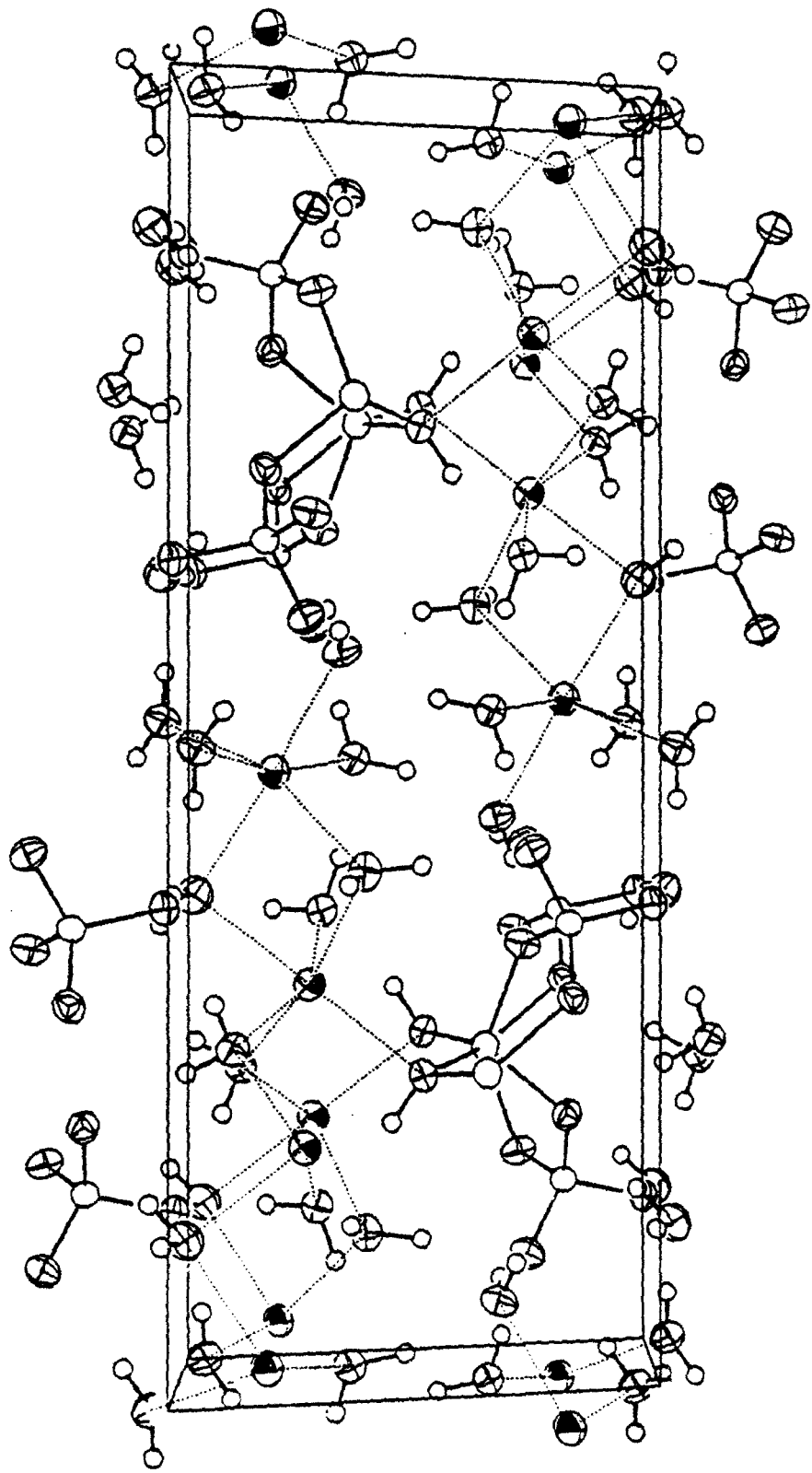


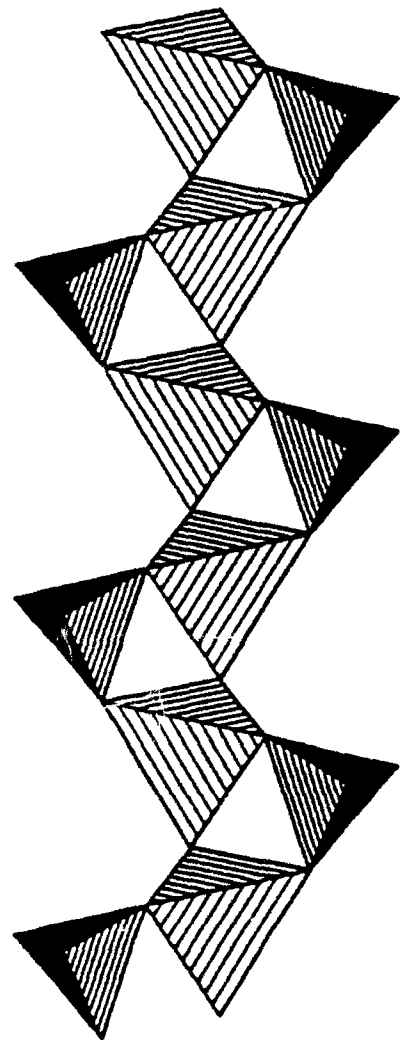












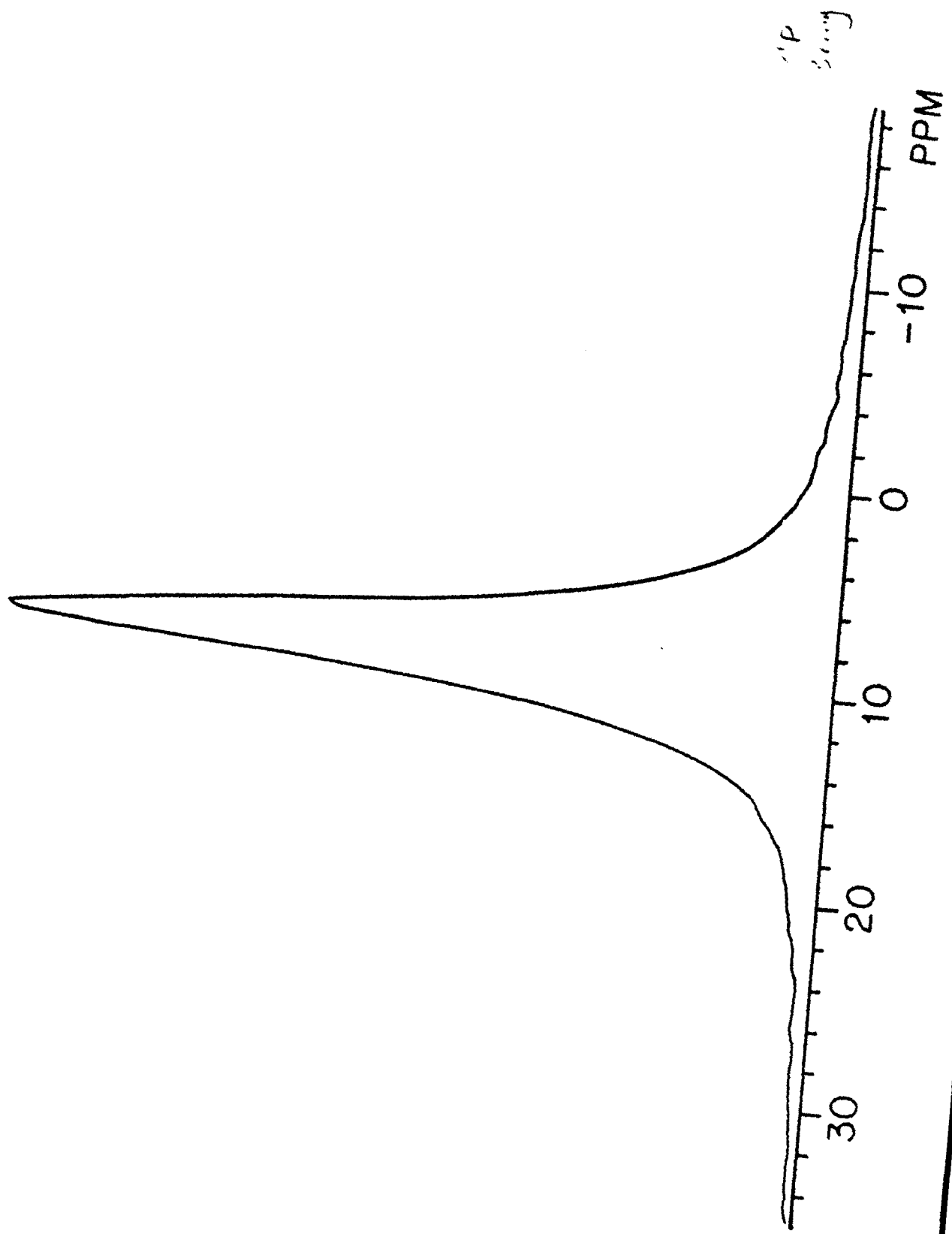


Table I: Crystallographic Parameters

	BeAsO	NaZnPO
emp. formula	AsO ₉ Be ₂ H ₉	ZnPNa ₂ O ₁₂ H ₁₅
mol wt.	246.01	349.43
habit	colorless needle	colorless needle
crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic
<i>a</i> (Å)	7.2349 (8)	6.4212 (6)
<i>b</i> (Å)	12.686 (2)	21.612 (2)
<i>c</i> (Å)	8.6548 (9)	8.6813 (6)
α (°)	90	90
β (°)	98.439 (3)	109.899 (3)
γ (°)	90	90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	785.8	1132.8
<i>Z</i>	4	4
space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>a</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>a</i>
<i>T</i> (°C)	25 (1)	25 (1)
λ (Mo K α) (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
<i>F</i> _{calc} (g/cm ³)	2.08	2.04
μ (cm ⁻¹)	42.4	24.8
absorption correction	none	ψ -scan
<i>hkl</i> limits	±10,+19,+13	±9,+32,+13
total data	3250	4516
observed data†	2333	2654
parameters	138	192
<i>R</i> (<i>F</i> _o) ^a (%)	4.49	5.85
<i>R</i> _w (<i>F</i> _o) ^b (%)	4.79	5.61

† $I > 3\sigma(I)$

$$R^a = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|, R_w^b = [\Sigma w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \Sigma w|F_o|^2]^{1/2}$$

Table II: Atomic Positional Parameters



Atom	x	y	z	U_{eq}^*
Be(1)	0.6227 (7)	0.1224 (4)	0.3590 (6)	0.0163
Be(2)	0.8508 (7)	0.1265 (4)	0.1107 (6)	0.0170
As(1)	0.23796 (5)	0.17406 (3)	0.24214 (4)	0.0121
O(1)	0.8251 (4)	0.2545 (2)	0.1070 (3)	0.0172
O(2)	0.4017 (4)	0.0923 (2)	0.3342 (4)	0.0159
O(3)	1.0697 (4)	0.0928 (2)	0.1546 (4)	0.0157
O(4)	0.6568 (4)	0.2488 (2)	0.3741 (3)	0.0174
O(5)	0.7200 (4)	0.0733 (2)	0.2216 (5)	0.0234
O(6)	0.7096 (5)	0.0778 (3)	0.5335 (5)	0.0265
O(7)	0.7905 (5)	0.0883 (3)	-0.0731 (4)	0.0233
O(8)	0.4158 (6)	0.1502 (3)	0.8331 (5)	0.0355
O(9)	0.0307 (5)	0.1810 (4)	0.6445 (4)	0.0337

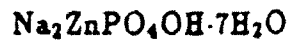
* $U_{eq}(\text{\AA}^2) = (U_1 U_2 U_3)^{1/3}$

Table III: Selected Bond Distances(Å) and Angles(°)



Be(1)-O(2)	1.627 (6)	Be(1)-O(4)	1.625 (6)
Be(1)-O(5)	1.595 (7)	Be(1)-O(6)	1.648 (6)
Be(2)-O(1)	1.635 (6)	Be(2)-O(3)	1.630 (5)
Be(2)-O(5)	1.593 (7)	Be(2)-O(7)	1.659 (6)
As(1)-O(1)	1.674 (3)	As(1)-O(2)	1.684 (3)
As(1)-O(3)	1.688 (3)	As(1)-O(4)	1.674 (3)
O(4)-Be(1)-O(2)	112.1 (3)	O(5)-Be(1)-O(2)	110.0 (3)
O(5)-Be(1)-O(4)	111.5 (3)	O(6)-Be(1)-O(2)	106.0 (3)
O(6)-Be(1)-O(4)	103.4 (3)	O(6)-Be(1)-O(5)	113.5 (4)
O(3)-Be(2)-O(1)	111.7 (3)	O(5)-Be(2)-O(1)	110.9 (3)
O(5)-Be(2)-O(3)	113.0 (4)	O(7)-Be(2)-O(1)	105.0 (3)
O(7)-Be(2)-O(3)	104.8 (3)	O(7)-Be(2)-O(5)	111.0 (3)
O(2)-As(1)-O(1)	110.7 (1)	O(3)-As(1)-O(1)	109.7 (1)
O(3)-As(1)-O(2)	104.3 (1)	O(4)-As(1)-O(1)	111.5 (1)
O(4)-As(1)-O(2)	109.3 (1)	O(4)-As(1)-O(3)	111.2 (1)
As(1)-O(1)-Be(2)	125.2 (3)	As(1)-O(2)-Be(1)	121.8 (2)
As(1)-O(3)-Be(2)	123.8 (2)	As(1)-O(4)-Be(1)	125.9 (3)
Be(2)-O(5)-Be(1)	130.5 (3)		

Table IV: Atomic Positional Parameters



Atom	x	y	z	U_{eq}^*
Na(1)	0.0339 (4)	0.1927 (1)	0.2686 (3)	0.0324
Na(2)	0.0230 (4)	0.0289 (1)	0.1917 (3)	0.0342
Zn(1)	0.49499 (9)	0.74442 (3)	0.36474 (7)	0.0224
P(1)	0.6361 (2)	0.85568 (5)	0.1892 (2)	0.0207
O(1)	0.3101 (5)	0.7627 (2)	0.4975 (4)	0.0231
O(2)	0.4805 (6)	0.8005 (2)	0.1854 (4)	0.0277
O(3)	0.3785 (6)	0.6624 (2)	0.2861 (5)	0.0287
O(4)	0.5691 (7)	0.9113 (2)	0.2705 (5)	0.0315
O(5)	0.6194 (7)	0.8703 (2)	0.0128 (4)	0.0296
O(6)	0.2538 (7)	0.2386 (2)	0.1150 (5)	0.0312
O(7)	0.9450 (7)	0.1244 (2)	0.0297 (5)	0.0377
O(8)	0.6827 (8)	0.1396 (2)	0.2882 (5)	0.0372
O(9)	0.7909 (7)	0.0190 (2)	0.3545 (5)	0.0350
O(10)	0.2716 (7)	0.0102 (2)	0.0434 (5)	0.0346
O(11)	0.2712 (7)	0.1049 (2)	0.3844 (5)	0.0380
O(12)	0.8185 (7)	0.0650 (2)	0.6633 (5)	0.0340

* $U_{eq}(\text{Å}^2) = (U_1 U_2 U_3)^{1/3}$

Table V: Selected Bond Distances(Å)/Angles(°)



Na(1)-O(1)	2.456(4)	Na(1)-O(6)	2.456(5)
Na(1)-O(6)'	2.363(4)	Na(1)-O(7)	2.449(5)
Na(1)-O(8)	2.588(6)	Na(1)-O(11)	2.428(5)
Na(2)-O(7)	2.452(5)	Na(2)-O(9)	2.387(5)
Na(2)-O(10)	2.402(5)	Na(2)-O(10)	2.415(5)
Na(2)-O(11)	2.494(5)	Na(2)-O(12)	2.422(5)
Zn(1)-O(1)	1.964(3)	Zn(1)-O(1)'	1.956(3)
Zn(1)-O(2)	1.951(4)	Zn(1)-O(3)	1.955(4)
P(1)-O(2)	1.548(4)	P(1)-O(3)	1.547(4)
P(1)-O(4)	1.528(4)	P(1)-O(5)	1.531(4)
O(6)-Na(1)-O(1)	93.0(1)	O(6)-Na(1)-O(1)	95.6(1)
O(6)-Na(1)-O(6)'	84.7(1)	O(7)-Na(1)-O(1)	169.5(2)
O(7)-Na(1)-O(6)	78.2(1)	O(7)-Na(1)-O(6)	89.3(2)
O(8)-Na(1)-O(1)	109.8(1)	O(8)-Na(1)-O(6)	152.8(2)
O(8)-Na(1)-O(6)	78.6(2)	O(8)-Na(1)-O(7)	80.2(2)
O(11)-Na(1)-O(1)	96.8(1)	O(11)-Na(1)-O(6)	98.3(2)
O(11)-Na(1)-O(6)	167.1(2)	O(11)-Na(1)-O(7)	79.2(2)
O(11)-Na(1)-O(8)	93.7(2)		
O(9)-Na(2)-O(7)	111.6(2)	O(10)-Na(2)-O(7)	82.9(2)
O(10)-Na(2)-O(9)	164.9(2)	O(10)-Na(2)-O(7)	82.0(2)
O(10)-Na(2)-O(9)	90.1(2)	O(10)-Na(2)-O(10)	87.7(2)
O(11)-Na(2)-O(7)	77.8(2)	O(11)-Na(2)-O(9)	92.7(2)
O(11)-Na(2)-O(10)	94.6(2)	O(11)-Na(2)-O(10)	159.3(2)

O(12)-Na(2)-O(7)	166.2(2)	O(12)-Na(2)-O(9)	81.6(2)
O(12)-Na(2)-O(10)	84.2(2)	O(12)-Na(2)-O(10)	102.5(2)
O(12)-Na(2)-O(11)	98.3(2)		
O(1)-Zn(1)-O(1)'	112.4(2)	O(2)-Zn(1)-O(1)	118.1(2)
O(2)-Zn(1)-O(1)	106.1(1)	O(3)-Zn(1)-O(1)	98.8(2)
O(3)-Zn(1)-O(1)	109.2(1)	O(3)-Zn(1)-O(2)	112.1(2)
O(3)-P(1)-O(2)	109.9(2)	O(4)-P(1)-O(2)	109.5(2)
O(4)-P(1)-O(3)	109.7(2)	O(5)-P(1)-O(2)	108.2(2)
O(5)-P(1)-O(3)	108.1(2)	O(5)-P(1)-O(4)	111.4(2)
Zn(1)-O(1)-Zn(1)	110.4(2)	P(1)-O(2)-Zn(1)	127.3(2)
P(1)-O(3)-Zn(1)	127.8(2)		

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