CHEMICAL COMPOSITION AND OPTICAL PROPERTIES OF YUGAWARALITE FROM THE TYPE LOCALITY: A CORRECTION

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Dr. D. J. Fisher has pointed out an error in our paper, Harada et al., (1969). Figure 1 contained the internal angles of yugawaralite roughly determined under crosshair of the petrographic microscope. The angles thus obtained do not sum to 720°.

Fig. 1. Corrected optical orientation of yugawaralite.
We have now determined accurate angles of the zeolite crystal using a two-cycle goniometer as shown in the corrected Figure 1. Full determination of the morphology of yugawaralite from the Shimoda, Japan (a new locality) has been reported by Sameshima (1969).

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HIGH- AND LOW-SILICA FAUJASITES: AN ADDENDUM

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Concern has been expressed regarding a conflict between the conclusions and proposals contained in the paper "High- and Low-Silica Faujasites: A Substitutional Series" by A. C. Wright, J. P. Rupert and W. T. Granquist (1968), hereafter referred to as WRG; and some composition-dependent properties of the faujasite group reported in a paper by Breck and Flanigen (1968), referred to after this as BF. In particular, Professor J. V. Smith, in a private communication, has: (1) questioned the presence of the small (<10% of the total silica present) amount of amorphous silica proposed by WRG to account for the displacement of the sodium form of natural faujasite from the linear relationship (cell-dimension vs mole fraction of AlO4−) displayed by a series of synthetic sodium faujasites; (2) suggested Al, Si ordering in the natural faujasite as a more likely explanation of this deviation; (3) cited the BF results on triethylamine adsorption and on cell-dimension vs number of Al atoms/unit cell for Ca-exchanged synthetic faujasites as evidence of a discontinuity in the faujasite series at Si/Al=1.5, and the conductivity results of Freeman and Stamiros (1961) as providing a major distinction between X and Y Zeolites; and 4) objected to the WRG nomenclature proposal because it ignores this discontinuity. Point 3 is significant because the discontinuity forms the basis for division by BF of the faujasite series.

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