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Pieczkaite, ideally $\text{Mn}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{Cl}$, a new apatite-supergroup mineral from Cross Lake, Manitoba, Canada: Description and crystal structure†

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ABSTRACT

Pieczkaite, ideally $\text{Mn}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{Cl}$, is a new apatite-supergroup mineral from Cross Lake, Manitoba, Canada. It occurs as small patches and narrow veins in large crystals of apatite and (Mn,Cl)-bearing apatite in phosphate pods in the quartz core of a granitic pegmatite. Veins of Mn-bearing apatite narrow to ~25 μm where the Mn content becomes high enough to constitute pieczkaite. It is gray with a grayish-white streak, does not fluoresce under ultraviolet light, and has no observable cleavage or parting. Mohs hardness is 4–5, and pieczkaite is brittle with an irregular fracture. The calculated density is 3.783 g/cm^3 . Optical properties were measured using a Bloss spindle stage at a wavelength of 590 nm (using a gel filter). Pieczkaite is uniaxial (–) with indices of refraction $\omega = 1.696$, $\epsilon = 1.692$, both ± 0.002 . Pieczkaite is hexagonal, space group $P6_3/m$, $a = 9.504(4)$, $c = 6.347(3)$ Å, $V = 496.5(1)$ Å³, $Z = 2$, $c:a = 1:0.6678$. The six strongest lines in the X-ray powder diffraction pattern are as follows: d (Å), I , (hkl): 2.794, 100, ($\bar{2}31$, $\bar{1}31$); 2.744, 88, (030); 2.639, 34, ($\bar{1}22$); 2.514, 25, (031, 022); 1.853, 25, ($\bar{3}42$, $\bar{1}42$); 3.174, 24, (002). Chemical analysis by electron microprobe gave P_2O_5 37.52, MnO 41.77, FeO 2.45, CaO 13.78, Cl 3.86, H_2O 0.60, $\text{O} \equiv \text{Cl}$ –0.87, sum 99.11 wt% where the H_2O content was calculated as 1 – Cl apfu. The resulting empirical formula on the basis of 12 O anions is $(\text{Mn}_{3.36}\text{Fe}_{0.20}\text{Ca}_{1.40})_{\Sigma 4.96}(\text{P}_{1.01}\text{O}_4)_3(\text{Cl}_{0.62}\text{OH}_{0.38})_{1.00}$, and the end-member formula is $\text{Mn}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{Cl}$. The crystal structure of pieczkaite was refined to an R_1 index of 4.07% based on 308 observed reflections collected on a three-circle rotating-anode diffractometer with $\text{MoK}\alpha$ X-radiation. Pieczkaite is isostructural with apatite, Mn is the dominant cation at both the [9]- and [7]-coordinated-cation sites in the structure, and Cl is the dominant monovalent anion.

Keywords: Pieczkaite, new mineral species, phosphate, apatite supergroup, granitic pegmatite, Cross Lake, Manitoba, Canada, crystal structure, electron-microprobe analysis, Raman spectrum

INTRODUCTION

Pegmatite no. 22 occurs on the southeastern shoreline of a small, unnamed island in Cross Lake, Manitoba, Canada. It was investigated as part of general work on the Cross Lake Pegmatite field (Anderson 1984) and a very Mn-rich assemblage of phosphate minerals was discovered. Bobfergusonite (Ercit et al. 1986a, 1986b) was discovered in samples collected at this time, together with an unknown phosphate whose structure remained somewhat enigmatic for many years. More recently, Tait (2002) examined the mineralogy of the phosphate nodules in pegmatite no. 22 in considerable detail, and Ercit et al. (2010) and Tait et al. (2011) described the hitherto unknown phosphate mineral as manitobaite, an ordered superstructure of the alluaudite structure type. The nodules contained large crystals of Mn-rich apatite, and a Mn-dominant apatite-like phase occurred in fractures in these

crystals. This material was characterized as a (Mn,Cl)-dominant analog of apatite. The new mineral and mineral name were approved by the Commission on New Minerals Nomenclature and Classification, International Mineralogical Association (IMA 2014-005). Pieczkaite is named after Adam Pieczka (born September 8, 1957, at Wilamowice near Bielsko-Biala, Silesia Province, Poland), Assistant Professor in the Department of Mineralogy, Petrography, and Geochemistry, Faculty of Geology, Geophysics, and Environmental Protection, Kraków, Poland, for his extensive contributions to the crystal chemistry of pegmatite minerals. The holotype is deposited in the mineral collection of the Royal Ontario Museum, catalog number M56483.

SAMPLE PROVENANCE

Pieczkaite occurs in pegmatite no. 22 on the southeastern shoreline of a small, unnamed island in Cross Lake, Manitoba, Canada, about 5 km north-northwest of the Cross Lake settlement at 54°41'N 97°49'W (Anderson 1984; Ercit et al. 1986a, 1986b). Associated minerals in the interior wall zone of the pegmatite are fluorapatite, bobfergusonite, manitobaite, eosphorite, dickinsonite, triploidite, goyazite, perloffite, beusite, triplite, quartz, K-feldspar, muscovite, schorl, beryl, spessartine, gahnite, and (Nb,Ta,Sn)-oxides. In the core zone, the associated minerals are

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fluorapatite, chlorapatite, triploidite, eosphorite, dickinsonite, fil-lowite, quartz, K-feldspar, muscovite, schorl, beryl, gahnite, and (Nb,Ta,Sn)-oxides. Fluorapatite is a common primary mineral in the core zone of the pegmatite, whereas Mn-rich Cl-rich apatite and pieczkaite occur in the interior wall zone as narrow veins and small inclusions in apatite and fine-grained aggregates of manitobaite, eosphorite, triploidite, etc., indicating crystallization from late-stage, residual pegmatitic fluids highly enriched in Mn and Cl.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Pieczkaite occurs as patches and veins in large crystals of apatite and Mn-bearing apatite in phosphate pods in the quartz core of a granitic pegmatite. The Mn content is inversely proportional to the size of the patches and the width of the veins. Continuous veins consist of Mn-bearing apatite, narrowing to ~25 μm where the Mn content becomes high enough to constitute pieczkaite. It is gray with a grayish-white streak, does not fluoresce under ultraviolet light, and has no observable cleavage or parting. Mohs hardness is 4–5, and pieczkaite is brittle with an irregular fracture. The calculated density is 3.783 g/cm³. Optical properties were measured using a Bloss spindle stage at a wavelength of 590 nm (using a gel filter). Pieczkaite is uniaxial (–) with indices of refraction $\omega = 1.696$, $\varepsilon = 1.692$, both ± 0.002 .

TABLE 1. Chemical composition (wt%) of pieczkaite

Constituent	wt%	Range	S.D.
P ₂ O ₅	37.52	35.28–39.51	0.83
MnO	41.77	19.64–47.46	6.51
FeO	2.45	1.07–3.35	0.56
CaO	13.78	7.02–33.81	6.22
Cl	3.86	2.88–4.19	0.37
H ₂ O	0.60		
O=Cl	–0.87		
Total	99.11		

TABLE 2. Powder-diffraction data for pieczkaite

<i>I</i> _{meas} (%)	<i>d</i> _{meas} (Å)	<i>d</i> _{calc} (Å)	<i>h k l</i>	<i>I</i> _{meas} (%)	<i>d</i> _{meas} (Å)	<i>d</i> _{calc} (Å)	<i>h k l</i>
8	8.231	8.231	0 1 0	17	1.810	1.810	3 5 1
5	5.026	5.026	0 1 1		1.810	1.810	2 5 1
4	4.116	4.115	0 2 0	16	1.796	1.796	4 5 0
15	3.453	3.453	0 2 1		1.796	1.796	1 5 0
24	3.174	3.174	0 0 2	22	1.750	1.749	2 3 3
14	3.111	3.111	2 3 0		1.749	1.749	1 3 3
		3.111	1 3 0	14	1.727	1.728	1 5 1
12	2.961	2.961	0 1 2		1.726	1.726	0 4 2
100	2.794	2.793	2 3 1	10	1.623	1.623	3 5 2
		2.793	1 3 1	12	1.587	1.586	0 0 4
88	2.744	2.744	0 3 0		1.584	1.584	3 6 0
34	2.639	2.639	1 2 2	3	1.563	1.563	4 5 2
25	2.514	2.518	0 3 1		1.563	1.563	1 5 2
		2.513	0 2 2	7	1.555	1.556	4 6 0
11	2.283	2.283	3 4 0		1.556	1.556	2 6 0
		2.283	1 4 0		1.556	1.556	3 4 3
11	2.224	2.225	2 4 1		1.552	1.552	1 4 3
		2.222	2 3 2	3	1.537	1.537	3 6 1
		2.222	1 3 2	5	1.511	1.511	4 6 1
9	2.148	2.148	3 4 1		1.511	1.511	2 6 1
		2.148	1 4 1	2	1.478	1.480	0 2 4
6	1.933	1.933	1 2 3		1.478	1.478	5 6 0
21	1.902	1.902	2 4 2		1.478	1.478	1 6 0
10	1.889	1.888	3 5 0		1.475	1.475	0 4 3
		1.888	2 5 0	9	1.461	1.461	0 5 2
25	1.853	1.853	3 4 2	7	1.440	1.440	5 6 1
		1.853	1 4 2		1.440	1.440	1 6 1

Note: The six strongest lines in the pattern are indicated in bold font.

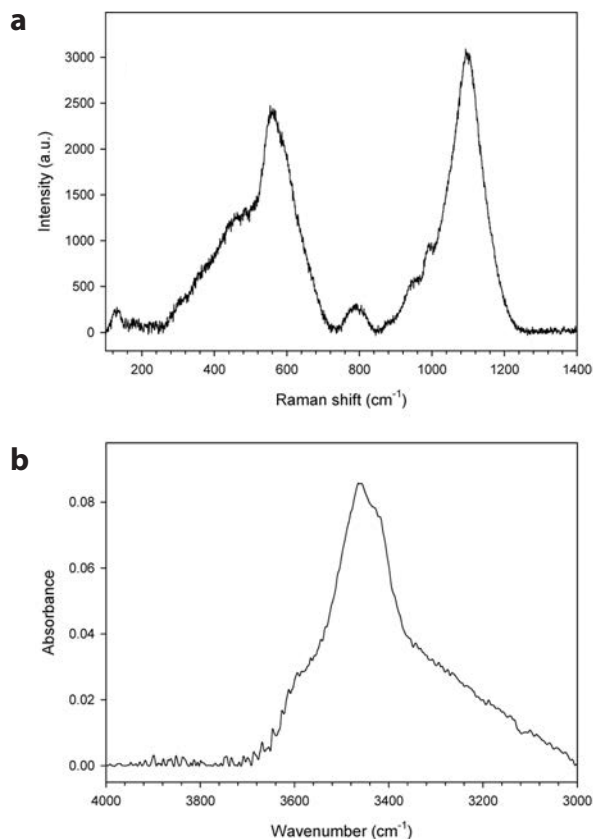


FIGURE 1. The (a) Raman and (b) infrared spectra of pieczkaite.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

Crystals were analyzed with a Cameca SX-100 electron microprobe operating in wavelength-dispersion mode with an accelerating voltage of 15 kV, a specimen current of 10 nA, and a beam diameter of 5 μm . The following standards were used: maricite (P, Fe), spessartine (Mn), apatite (Ca), and tugtupite (Cl). The data were reduced and corrected by the PAP method of Pouchou and Pichoir (1985). Table 1 gives the chemical composition (mean of seven determinations). The empirical formula unit, based on 12 O atoms per formula unit (pfu) with (Cl + OH) = 1 apfu, is $(\text{Mn}_{3.36}\text{Fe}_{0.20}\text{Ca}_{1.40})_{\Sigma 4.96}(\text{P}_{1.01}\text{O}_4)_3(\text{Cl}_{0.62}\text{OH}_{0.38})_{1.00}$, the general formula is $(\text{Mn}, \text{Ca})_5(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{Cl}, \text{OH})$ and the end-member formula is $\text{Mn}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{Cl}$.

X-ray powder diffraction

The nature of the sample did not provide sufficient material of the composition of pieczkaite to allow collection of powder diffraction data. Thus we collapsed the single-crystal data to produce an experimental diffraction pattern that simulates that of a powder pattern, in much the same way that a Gandolfi apparatus does. The resulting data are listed in Table 2.

Raman and infrared spectroscopy

The Raman spectrum was collected in backscattered mode on a HORIBA Jobin Yvon-LabRAM ARAMIS integrated confocal micro-Raman system equipped with a 460 mm focal length spec-

trograph and a multichannel air-cooled (-70°C) CCD detector. A magnification of 1006 was used with an estimated spot size of 1 mm, an 1800 lines mm^{-1} grating, an excitation radiation of 532 nm, and a laser power between 5 and 12.5 mW. The spectrometer was calibrated using the 520.7 cm^{-1} line of silicon. The Raman spectrum is shown in Figure 1a. The peaks at $\sim 1095\text{ cm}^{-1}$ (strong), ~ 1000 and 960 cm^{-1} (shoulders) may be assigned to stretching vibrations of the PO_4 groups, and the peak at $\sim 795\text{ cm}^{-1}$ (weak) to HPO_4 stretches. The peak at 560 cm^{-1} and shoulder at $\sim 480\text{ cm}^{-1}$ are due to bending vibrations of PO_4 . In the infrared (Fig. 1b), the OH band is centered at $\sim 3460\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and has significant fine structure due to different local arrangements of Mn and Ca bonded to (OH).

The Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectrum was collected using a Bruker Hyperion 2000 IR microscope equipped with a liquid-nitrogen-cooled mercury-cadmium-telluride detector. The spectrum was obtained in the range $4000\text{--}650\text{ cm}^{-1}$ by averaging 100 scans with a resolution of 4 cm^{-1} . A very broad envelope centered at $\sim 3450\text{ cm}^{-1}$ (Fig. 1b) and the lack of peaks at $\sim 1630\text{ cm}^{-1}$ are indicative of the presence of (OH) in pieczkaite.

Crystal-structure solution and refinement

A single crystal of pieczkaite ($8 \times 25 \times 30\text{ }\mu\text{m}$) was attached to a glass fiber and mounted on a Bruker APEX II ULTRA three-circle diffractometer equipped with a rotating anode generator (MoK α X-radiation), multilayer optics and an APEX-II detector. A total of 11 949 intensities was measured out to $50^{\circ} 2\theta$ using 14 s per 0.5° frame with a crystal-to-detector distance of 5 cm . Unit-cell dimensions were determined by least-squares refinement of 4082 reflections with $I > 10\sigma I$, and are given in Table 3, together with other information pertaining to data collection

TABLE 3. Miscellaneous refinement data for pieczkaite

<i>a</i> (Å)	9.504(4)
<i>c</i>	6.347(3)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	496.5(1)
Space group	$P6_3/m$
<i>Z</i>	2
<i>D</i> _{calc} (g/cm ³)	3.783
Radiation/filter	MoK α
2θ -range for data collection ($^{\circ}$)	50.00
<i>R</i> _{int} (%)	1.96
Reflections collected	42095
Reflections in Ewald sphere	12637
Independent reflections	2292
<i>F</i> _o > 4σ <i>F</i>	2288
Refinement method	Full-matrix least squares on <i>F</i> ²
<i>R</i> _{merge} (%)	1.96
Final <i>R</i> _{obs} (%)	<i>R</i> ₁ = 4.06
[<i>F</i> _o > 4σ <i>F</i>]	
<i>R</i> indices (all data) (%)	<i>R</i> ₁ = 2.22 <i>wR</i> ₂ = 5.99 Goof = 1.126

Notes: $R_1 = \Sigma(|F_o| - |F_c|)/\Sigma|F_o|$, $wR_2 = [\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2/\Sigma(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$, $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0279 P)^2 + (14.20 P)]$, where $P = [\text{Max}(F_o^2, 0) + 2F_c^2]/3$.

TABLE 4. Atom coordinates and displacement parameters for pieczkaite

Site	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> ₁₁	<i>U</i> ₂₂	<i>U</i> ₃₃	<i>U</i> ₂₃	<i>U</i> ₁₃	<i>U</i> ₁₂	<i>U</i> _{eq}
M1	1/3	2/3	-0.0060(3)	0.0092(8)	0.0092(8)	0.0203(12)	0	0	0.0046(4)	0.0129(7)
M2	0.7291(2)	0.7532(2)	1/4	0.030(6)	0.0186(10)	0.0227(10)	0	0	0.0148(8)	0.0225(7)
P	0.5955(3)	0.9725(3)	1/4	0.0090(12)	0.0066(12)	0.0267(14)	0	0	0.0034(10)	0.0143(8)
X	0	0	0.2179(13)	0.021(2)						
O(1)	0.6486(8)	0.1527(8)	1/4	0.018(3)	0.007(3)	0.027(4)	0	0	0.003(3)	0.0186(16)
O(2)	0.4081(8)	0.8675(8)	1/4	0.006(3)	0.009(3)	0.050(5)	0	0	0.002(3)	0.0226(18)
O(3)	0.6565(6)	0.9219(6)	0.0564(9)	0.029(3)	0.021(3)	0.029(3)	-0.001(2)	0.001(2)	0.018(2)	0.0243(13)

and structure refinement. Empirical absorption corrections (SADABS; Sheldrick 2008) were applied and the data were corrected for Lorentz, polarization, and background effects, which were averaged and reduced to structure factors, resulting in 325 unique reflections.

All calculations were done with the SHELXTL PC (Plus) system of programs; *R* indices are of the form given in Table 3 and are expressed as percentages. Systematic absences in the single-crystal X-ray diffraction data are consistent with space group $P6_3/m$, and the structure was refined by full-matrix least-squares to an *R*₁ index of 4.07% using a fully ionized scattering factor for oxygen and neutral scattering factors for other species (see Lussier et al. 2011; Cooper et al. 2009; Abdu and Hawthorne 2013). Refined atom coordinates and anisotropic-displacement parameters are listed in Table 4, selected interatomic distances are given in Table 5, refined site-scattering values are listed in Table 6, and bond valences [calculated with the parameters of Brown (2013) and Brese and O'Keeffe (1991)] are given in Table 7. (CIF¹ on deposit.)

CRYSTAL STRUCTURE

Pieczkaite has the apatite structure (e.g., Hughes et al. 1990; Hughes and Rakovan 2002). The refined site-scattering values (Hawthorne et al. 1995) given in Table 6 are compatible with the chemical formula calculated from the electron microprobe analysis, and show that the M1 and M2 sites are occupied by Mn and Ca. Mn is the dominant cation at both the M1 and M2 sites, and Cl is the dominant anion at the monovalent-anion X site, and hence the end-member composition of pieczkaite is $\text{Mn}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{Cl}$.

Of particular interest in the structure of pieczkaite is the stereochemistry of the M1 and M2 sites, and their relation to the stereochemistry of the analogous sites in hydroxylapatite (Hughes et al. 1989), synthetic fluorapatite (Sudarsanan et al. 1972), and synthetic chlorapatite (Mackie et al. 1972). Hydroxylapatite, fluorapatite, and pieczkaite are hexagonal and have space-group symmetry $P6_3/m$, whereas chlorapatite is mono-

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TABLE 5. Selected interatomic distances (Å) in pieczkaite

M1-O1 ^{abc}	2.254(5)	M2-O2 ^e	2.233(7)
M1-O2 ^{de}	2.331(5)	M2-O3 ^g	2.163(6)
M1-O3 ^{de}	2.833(5)	M2-O3 ^h	2.379(5)
		M2-X ⁱ	2.477(2)
P-O1 ^f	1.525(7)		
P-O2	1.547(7)		
P-O3 ^g	1.535(5)		
<P-O>	1.536		

Notes: a: y, -x+y+1, z; b: -x+1, -y+1, -z; c: x-y, x, -z; d: -y+1, x-y+1, z; e: -x+y, -x+1, z; f: x-y+1, x, -z; g: x-y+1, x, z+1/2; h: x, y, -z+1/2; i: x+1, y+1, z; j: x+1, y+1, -z+1/2.

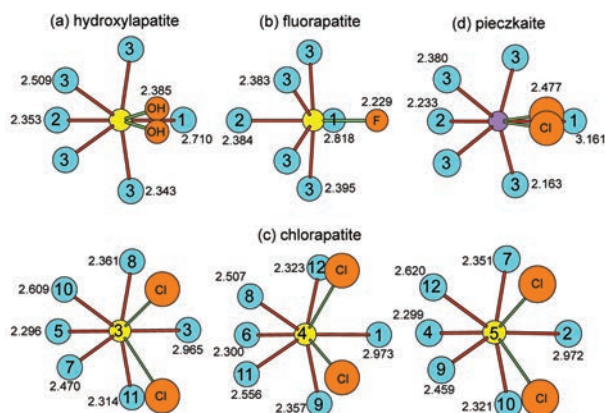


FIGURE 3. Comparison of the stereochemistry around the M2 site in (a) hydroxylapatite, (b) fluorapatite, (c) chlorapatite, (d) pieczkaite. Legend as in Figure 2, plus orange circles represent monovalent anions. All monovalent-anions sites except that of F half-occupied (i.e., disordered off special positions on the 6_z axis). Both sites are shown but only one is locally occupied.

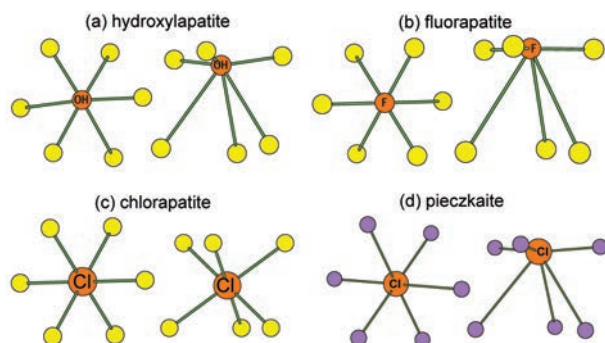


FIGURE 4. Comparison of the stereochemistry around the monovalent-anion site in (a) hydroxylapatite, (b) fluorapatite, (c) chlorapatite, (d) pieczkaite. Legend as in Figure 2, plus orange circles represent monovalent anions.

TABLE 9. Interatomic distances and corresponding bond valences

	X-Ca (Å)	Bond valence (v.u.)	Bond-valence sum (v.u.)
Ca ₃ (PO ₄) ₃ F	2.229	0.351	1.05
Ca ₃ (PO ₄) ₃ (OH)	2.385	0.323	0.97
Ca ₃ (PO ₄) ₃ Cl	2.801	0.312	0.94
Pieczkaite	2.477	0.340	1.02

hydroxylapatite, chlorapatite, and pieczkaite. In fluorapatite, F occurs exactly in the plane of the three coordinating Ca²⁺ cations as the resulting bond lengths provide sufficient incident bond-valence to F⁻ to satisfy the valence-sum rule of bond-valence theory. In hydroxylapatite, OH⁻ is slightly displaced from the plane of the three coordinating Ca²⁺ cations and has longer X-Ca distances (Table 9), and the corresponding Ca²⁺-OH⁻ distances result in incident bond-valences that again are in accord with the valence-sum rule around OH⁻. In chlorapatite, Cl⁻ is displaced significantly from the plane of the three coordinating Ca²⁺ cations (Fig. 4c) and has much longer X-Ca distances (Table 9), and the corresponding Ca²⁺-Cl⁻ distances result in incident bond-valences that again are in accord with the valence-sum rule around Cl⁻. In

pieczkaite, the X anion (= Cl_{0.62}OH_{0.38}) is displaced only slightly from the plane of the three coordinating Mn²⁺ cations (Fig. 4c) and has much shorter X-Mn²⁺ distances than in chlorapatite (Table 9), and the corresponding Mn²⁺-(Cl,OH⁻) distances result in incident bond-valences that again are in accord with the valence-sum rule around Cl⁻. Thus we see the reason why Cl occupies a very different position in the structure of pieczkaite than in the structure of chlorapatite: the occurrence of Mn²⁺ instead of Ca²⁺ at M2 requires the Cl⁻ anion to displace from its position intermediate between the face and the center of the octahedron of surrounding M2 cations (in chlorapatite, Fig. 4c) almost to the plane of the edge of the octahedron (in pieczkaite, Fig. 4d) to satisfy its bond-valence requirements. The situation is much more complicated in minerals that show F⁻, Cl⁻, O²⁻ solid-solution, as local order-disorder between the different anion species become important (Hughes et al. 1990; Hughes and Rakovan 2002).

ORDERING OF MN²⁺ IN THE APATITE STRUCTURE

Long-range order

Several previous studies have shown that Mn²⁺ tends to order at the M1 site (Suitch et al. 1985; Hughes et al. 2004). This contrasts with the present results, which show Mn²⁺ more strongly ordered at M2 [Mn²⁺/(Mn²⁺ + Ca) = 0.82] than at M1 [Mn²⁺/(Mn²⁺ + Ca) = 0.575] in pieczkaite. Inspection of the chemical formulas of the relevant structures shows that where Mn²⁺ tends to order at the M1 site, the X site is occupied by F, whereas in pieczkaite, the X site is occupied by Cl. It is apparent that the nature of the monovalent anion strongly affects the ordering of Mn²⁺ in the apatite structure.

Short-range order

All cations at the M2 site in pieczkaite occupy approximately the same position at $z = 0.2179$ (Table 4). There is no sign of any residual electron density corresponding to the Cl position in chlorapatite, i.e., much nearer to the center of the octahedra of M2 cations, as would be the case if Ca were bonded to Cl⁻. This means that all Ca must be locally associated with OH⁻ at the neighboring X sites. There is 0.28 OH⁻ occupying the X site in pieczkaite (Table 6) and this must be locally associated with $0.28 \times 3 = 0.84$ apfu of M2 cations. As all Ca must be bonded to OH⁻, this means that the 0.28 OH⁻ is bonded to $0.54 \text{ Ca} + 0.30 \text{ Mn}^{2+}$, and all Cl is bonded to Mn²⁺. The fine structure in the infrared spectrum in the principal OH-stretching region in pieczkaite must result from various local combinations of Ca and Mn²⁺ that sum to $0.54 \text{ Ca} + 0.30 \text{ Mn}^{2+}$ apfu: OH-CaCaCa, OH-CaCaMn²⁺, OH-CaMn²⁺Mn²⁺, and OH-Mn²⁺Mn²⁺Mn²⁺ in order of decreasing wavenumber as coordinating ions of greater mass shift the associated OH absorption to lower energies. If the arrangements OH-CaCaCa, OH-CaCaMn²⁺, OH-CaMn²⁺Mn²⁺, and OH-Mn²⁺Mn²⁺Mn²⁺ are random, they will occur in the following ratios: 0.49:0.27:0.15:0.08. Inspection of Figure 1b shows that this is not the case. The arrangement OH-CaCaCa must correspond to the highest-energy absorption, which is at $\sim 3596 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. This is fairly close to the value of 3570 cm^{-1} for hydroxylapatite, and the slightly higher value in pieczkaite may be due to Mn²⁺ at next-nearest-neighbor M sites. The relative intensity of this band (Fig. 1b) is significantly less than at least two of the lower-

energy bands, indicating that there is strong short-range order of Ca and Mn^{2+} at these M2 trimers. Unfortunately we cannot use the relative band intensities to derive the amounts of these different short-range arrangements as we do not know the relation between transition probability and energy for the arrangements in this structure type. Suffice it to say that strong short-range order of Ca and Mn^{2+} is indicated at M2 sites around the X site.

IMPLICATIONS

In the recently published IMA nomenclature of the apatite supergroup (Pasero et al. 2010), a Mn-rich apatite described by Pieczka (2007) is tentatively assigned to the hedyphane group on the assumption that Mn^{2+} is ordered at the M1 site and the end-member formula is $\text{Mn}_2^{2+}\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{Cl}$. However, Mn^{2+} is more strongly ordered at M2 where $X = \text{Cl}$, and a more appropriate end-member composition is $\text{Ca}_2\text{Mn}_3^{2+}(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{Cl}$ for compositions where Mn^{2+} is dominant at M2 and Ca is dominant at M1. However, the results of Suitch et al. (1985) and Hughes et al. (2004) show that Mn^{2+} is more strongly ordered at M1 where $X = \text{F}$, and a hedyphane-like end-member composition of $\text{Mn}_2^{2+}\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{F}$ seems likely for F-rich compositions. However, extreme fractionation at late stages in pegmatite evolution produce residual fluids that react with earlier-crystallized minerals to produce common structures highly enriched in such elements as Mn, Pb, and Cl. The stoichiometry of pieczkaite, $\text{Mn}_5^{2+}(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{Cl}$ show it to be an apatite-group mineral, the Mn^{2+} analog of chlorapatite, pyromorphite, and alforsite. It is very interesting that pyromorphite and alforsite have much larger M cations (Pb^{2+} , Ba) than apatite (Ca), whereas pieczkaite has a much smaller M cation (Mn^{2+}) than apatite (Ca). The placement of the Cl^- in pieczkaite is very similar to the placement of F^- in fluorapatite and $(\text{OH})^-$ in apatite. $\text{Mn}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{Cl}$ with the apatite structure was synthesized by Kreidler and Hummel (1970) at 850 °C, whereas Yoder et al. (2004) were unable to synthesize $\text{Mn}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{Cl}$ with the apatite structure from aqueous solution at a range of pH and temperatures (5–80 °C). This result is in accord with the paragenesis of pieczkaite, which suggests that the presence of Mn and Cl in pieczkaite associated with F,Mn-rich apatite may be the result of enrichment of Mn-Cl complexes in late-stage fluids.

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