

Ca₅(PO₄)₃Cl [1], chlorapatite, apatite family, Strukturbericht notation H5₇; Ba₅(PO₄)₃Cl [2], alforsite
 Structural features: Infinite columns of base-linked CaO₆O₃ tricapped trigonal prisms share atoms with PO₄ tetrahedra to form a 3D-framework; infinite columns of face-linked ClCa₆ octahedra in channels parallel to [001]. See Fig. IV.68.

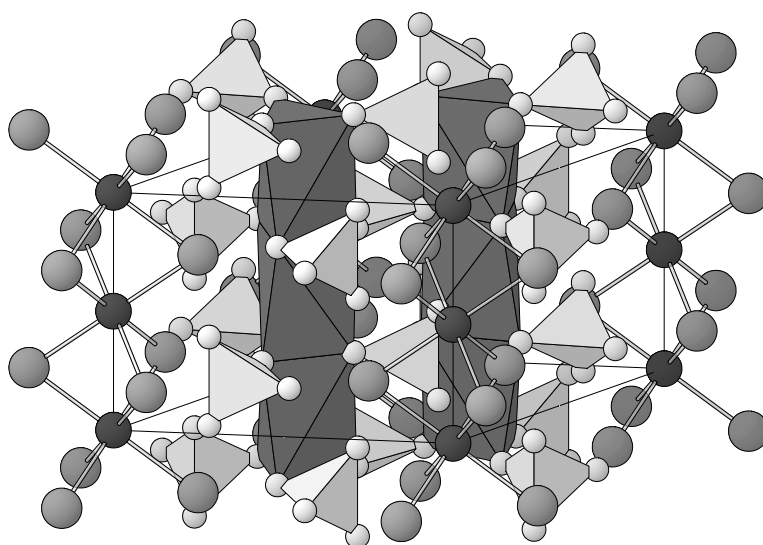


Fig. IV.68. **Ca₅(PO₄)₃Cl**

Arrangement of CaO₆ trigonal prisms (dark), PO₄ tetrahedra (light) (O atoms light) and ClCa₆ octahedra (Cl atoms dark, Ca atoms large).

Hendricks S.B. et al. (1932) [1]

Ca₅ClO₁₂P₃

a = 0.952, *c* = 0.685 nm, *c/a* = 0.720, *V* = 0.5376 nm³, *Z* = 2

site	Wyck.	sym.	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	occ.	atomic environment
O1	12i	1	0.083	0.333	0.064		single atom P
P2	6h	<i>m</i> ..	0.055	0.416	¹ / ₄		tetrahedron O ₄
O3	6h	<i>m</i> ..	0.133	0.6	¹ / ₄		single atom P
Ca4	6h	<i>m</i> ..	0.247	0.25	¹ / ₄		tricapped trigonal prism O ₆ Cl ₂ P
O5	6h	<i>m</i> ..	0.5	0.167	¹ / ₄		single atom P
Ca6	4f	3..	¹ / ₃	² / ₃	0.0		trigonal prism O ₆
Cl7	2b	-3..	0	0	0		icosahedron O ₆ Ca ₆

Transformation from published data: origin shift 0 0 ¹/₂

Experimental: single crystal, Weissenberg photographs, X-rays

Remarks: Natural specimen from the Bamle mines, Kragerø, Norway. 52.97 wt.% CaO, 0.29 wt.% MgO, 40.50 wt.% P₂O₅, 0.17 wt.% F, 4.13 wt.% Cl, 0.22 wt.% Na₂O, 0.10 wt.% K₂O, 1.16 wt.% SiO₂, and 0.18 wt.% Fe₂O₃ found by chemical analysis. Strukturbericht notation H5₇ also refers to apatites with X in Wyckoff position 2*a*.

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