

Fe₂₁Al₄[PO₄]₁₇O₆[OH]₁₂[H₂O]₂₄

hP310

(176) $P6_3/m - i^{16}h^{18}f^2c$ Al(Al,Fe)₃Fe₂₁O₆(OH)₁₂(PO₄)₁₇(H₂O)₂₄~51H₂O [1], cacoxenite

Structural features: Infinite chains of edge- and vertex-linked Fe(O,OH,OH₂)₆ octahedra and units of twelve edge- and vertex-linked Fe(O,OH,OH₂)₆ octahedra are interconnected via Al(O₃[OH][OH₂]₂) octahedra, Al(O₂[OH₂]₃) trigonal bipyramids and PO₄ tetrahedra to form a 3D-framework with large channels parallel to [001].

Moore P.B., Shen J. (1983) [1]

Al₄Fe₂₁H₆₀O₁₁₀P₁₇ $a = 2.7559$, $c = 1.055$ nm, $c/a = 0.383$, $V = 6.9392$ nm³, $Z = 2$

site	Wyck.	sym.	x	y	z	occ.	atomic environment
Fe1	12i	1	0.0525	0.5125	0.1025		octahedron O ₅ (OH)
O2	12i	1	0.1022	0.4819	0.128		non-colinear PFe
O3	12i	1	0.2062	0.5907	0.015		non-colinear PFe
(OH ₂)4	12i	1	0.241	0.51	0.047		single atom Fe
O5	12i	1	0.3533	0.5239	0.122		non-colinear PFe
O6	12i	1	0.3606	0.4256	0.122		non-colinear PFe
O7	12i	1	0.3839	0.0171	0.077		non-colinear PAl
P8	12i	1	0.3954	0.4061	0.049		tetrahedron O ₄
O9	12i	1	0.3989	0.3591	0.119		non-colinear PFe
(OH)10	12i	1	0.4816	0.332	0.115		non-colinear Fe ₂
O11	12i	1	0.5284	0.1817	0.113		non-colinear PFe
O12	12i	1	0.5403	0.1053	0.021		non-colinear PFe
O13	12i	1	0.5428	0.0001	0.031		single atom P
Fe14	12i	1	0.5471	0.3242	0.1066		octahedron O ₃ (OH) ₂ (OH ₂)
P15	12i	1	0.5522	0.1657	0.0		tetrahedron O ₄
O16	12i	1	0.606	0.2979	0.114		single atom P
(OH)17	6h	m..	0.0025	0.4505	1/4		non-coplanar triangle AlFe ₂
O18	6h	m..	0.0672	0.3941	1/4		non-colinear PAl
O19	6h	m..	0.074	0.5596	1/4		non-coplanar triangle Fe ₃
P20	6h	m..	0.1129	0.4574	1/4		tetrahedron O ₄
O21	6h	m..	0.1709	0.4646	1/4		single atom P
(OH ₂)22	6h	m..	0.256	0.636	1/4	0.5	
(OH ₂)23	6h	m..	0.259	0.603	1/4	0.5	
(OH ₂)24	6h	m..	0.271	0.427	1/4		single atom Fe
(OH ₂)25	6h	m..	0.325	0.034	1/4		single atom Al
Fe26	6h	m..	0.3619	0.4759	1/4		octahedron O ₅ (OH ₂)
(OH ₂)27	6h	m..	0.376	0.262	1/4		single atom Fe
Al28	6h	m..	0.3831	0.0107	1/4		octahedron O ₃ (OH)(OH ₂) ₂
Fe29	6h	m..	0.4398	0.3458	1/4		octahedron O ₂ (OH) ₂ (OH ₂) ₂
(OH ₂)30	6h	m..	0.443	0.094	1/4		single atom Al
(OH)31	6h	m..	0.5172	0.2646	1/4		non-coplanar triangle Fe ₃
(OH ₂)32	6h	m..	0.57	0.079	1/4		single atom Fe
Fe33	6h	m..	0.5717	0.233	1/4		octahedron O ₅ (OH)
O34	6h	m..	0.6294	0.215	1/4		non-coplanar triangle Fe ₃
O35	4f	3..	1/3	2/3	0.078		colinear PAl
P36	4f	3..	1/3	2/3	0.562		tetrahedron O ₄
Al37	2c	-6..	1/3	2/3	1/4		

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

Experimental: single crystal, diffractometer, X-rays, R = 0.118

Remarks: Natural specimen from Shady, Arkansas. Short interatomic distances for partly occupied site(s). Hydrogen atoms are not taken into consideration for Pearson symbol, Wyckoff sequence and atomic environments.

References: [1] Moore P.B., Shen J. (1983), *Nature (London)* 306, 356-358.