

## Multicomponent Polyanions

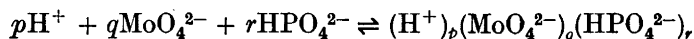
### IV. The Molecular and Crystal Structure of $\text{Na}_6\text{Mo}_5\text{P}_2\text{O}_{23}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{13}$ , a Compound Containing Sodium-coordinated Pentamolyb- dodiphosphate Anions

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The crystal structure of  $\text{Na}_6\text{Mo}_5\text{P}_2\text{O}_{23}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{13}$  has been determined from three-dimensional X-ray data, collected by the equi-inclination Weissenberg method using  $\text{CuK}\alpha$ -radiation. There are four formula units in the orthorhombic unit cell, and the cell dimensions are  $a=15.423$  Å,  $b=16.896$  Å, and  $c=12.394$  Å. The space group is *Pbcn*. The structure is built up of sodium coordinated  $\text{Mo}_5\text{P}_2\text{O}_{23}^{6-}$ -groups. These groups are coupled together through bonds  $\text{O}-\text{Na}-\text{O}$  and  $\text{O}-\text{Na}-\text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{Na}-\text{O}$ . Final refinement by least squares analysis with isotropic temperature factors, using 2681 (visually estimated) independent reflections, resulted in an *R*-value of 9.4 %.

In a recent emf-investigation<sup>1</sup> aqueous equilibria



were studied at 25°C in a 3.0 M  $\text{NaClO}_4$ -medium. It was found that with excess phosphate ions the main complexes were:  $(\text{H}^+)_8(\text{MoO}_4^{2-})_5(\text{HPO}_4^{2-})_2^{6-}$ ,  $(\text{H}^+)_9(\text{MoO}_4^{2-})_5(\text{HPO}_4^{2-})_2^{5-}$ , and  $(\text{H}^+)_10(\text{MoO}_4^{2-})_5(\text{HPO}_4^{2-})_2^{4-}$  (removal of five water gives, respectively,  $\text{Mo}_5\text{P}_2\text{O}_{23}^{6-}$ ,  $\text{HMo}_5\text{P}_2\text{O}_{23}^{5-}$ , and  $\text{H}_2\text{Mo}_5\text{P}_2\text{O}_{23}^{4-}$ ), with the formation constants  $\log \beta_{8,5,2} = 61.97$ ,  $\log \beta_{9,5,2} = 67.07$ , and  $\log \beta_{10,5,2} = 70.86$ . In close connection with this equilibrium investigation, attempts were made to obtain crystals, which could contain the complexes. The crystallization experiments were carried out by slow evaporation of equilibrium solutions of known compositions at 25°C. Hitherto the phases given in Table 1 have been prepared and characterized.

Complete structure determination has been carried out for the phases (1) and (4). The phase (4) investigation will be published in a forthcoming paper and structure (1) is the topic of the present report. Intensity data are being collected for phases (2) and (3).

Table 1. Crystal data for sodium-pentamolybdo-diphosphates under investigation.

Formula	System	Cell-dimensions	Space group	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Z
(1) Na <sub>6</sub> Mo <sub>5</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>23</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>13</sub>	Orthorhombic	a = 15.423 b = 16.896 c = 12.394	<i>Pbcn</i>	2.62	4
(2) Na <sub>6</sub> Mo <sub>5</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>23</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>x</sub>	»	a = 10.7 b = 15.8 c = 19.9	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub></i>	2.63	4
(3) Na <sub>5</sub> HMo <sub>5</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>23</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>7-9</sub>	Triclinic	a = 10.45 b = 18.65 c = 8.32 α = 89.8 β = 108.7 γ = 101.3		2.66	2
(4) Na <sub>4</sub> H <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>5</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>23</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>10</sub>	Monoclinic	a = 26.388 b = 13.661 c = 8.041 β = 91.37°	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i>	2.71	4

## EXPERIMENTAL

In a typical preparation of the crystals a solution with the composition [MoO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>]<sub>tot</sub> = 2.04 M, [H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>]<sub>tot</sub> = 0.82 M, and [HClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>tot</sub> = 2.442 M was placed for crystallization at room temperature. After a few days (sometimes weeks) colourless ball-shaped crystals were obtained. Sometimes the crystals grew to a radius of about 0.4 cm. They are not stable in air, and during the X-ray exposures they were enclosed together with part of the mother liquid in a sealed glass capillary.

The contents of Na, P, and Mo in the crystals were determined by analysis (carried out at the Department of Analytical Chemistry, Umeå University). (Found: Na 10.8; P 4.7; Mo 38.0. Calc. for Na<sub>6</sub>Mo<sub>5</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>23</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>13</sub>: Na 10.8; P 4.8; Mo 37.4.) Water analysis was performed with the Karl-Fisher method and gave 18.0 % H<sub>2</sub>O (calc. 18.3). In some experiments we also measured the loss of water in a thermo-balance analysis. The results found were in very good agreement with those mentioned above. Here we also observed that the loss of water occurred in three steps at the following temperatures: 95°C (loss of 7 H<sub>2</sub>O); 143°C (another 4), and 330°C (the last 2).

From rotation photographs (around [001], [010], and [100]) and the corresponding Weissenberg photographs (zero, first and second layer lines) taken with CuKα-radiation it was concluded that the crystals are orthorhombic. The dimensions were refined from powder data. Systematic extinctions gave the unique space group *Pbcn*. Precession photographs were taken to confirm the space group.

Equi-inclination Weissenberg films, *hk0-hk11*, were taken with CuKα-radiation. The intensities of 2681 independent reflections were estimated visually with the multiple film technique. No correction was applied for absorption as the crystal was spherical with a radius of 0.06 mm.

The computer programs used were the same as those given in Ref. 2.

## CRYSTAL DATA

Na <sub>6</sub> Mo <sub>5</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>23</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>13</sub>	F.W. = 1281.8
Orthorhombic <i>Pbcn</i>	Z = 4
a = 15.423 (1) Å	
b = 16.896 (1) Å	d <sub>calc</sub> = 2.64 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
c = 12.394 (1) Å	d <sub>exp</sub> = 2.62 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (flotation method)
V = 3229.7 Å <sup>3</sup>	

## STRUCTURE DETERMINATION AND REFINEMENT

From a three-dimensional Patterson synthesis the approximate coordinates for the Mo-atoms were readily found. With 20 Mo in the unit cell at least one must be in a special four-fold position and this provided a starting point.

The remaining Mo-atoms were found to be in two general eightfold positions. A refinement at this stage gave an  $R$ -value of 37 %.

A three-dimensional Fourier synthesis was performed with the known Mo-atoms. This gave the coordinates of P and oxygens bound to P and Mo. The  $R$ -value decreased to 28 %.

In a second electron density calculation the remaining atoms, Na and water oxygens, appeared.

By using the least squares method with block-diagonal matrix approximation, the various atomic parameters were refined and the resulting  $R$ -value was 9.4 %

$$R = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}$$

The scattering factors for  $\text{Mo}^+$ , P,  $\text{O}^-$ , and  $\text{Na}^+$  were used<sup>3</sup> and account was taken of the real part of the dispersion correction. The weighting scheme used was that proposed by Cruickshank:  $w = 1/(a + |F_o| + c|F_o|^2 + d|F_o|^3)$  with the values for the constants  $a = 20$ ,  $c = 0.004$ , and  $d = 0.0001$ .

Final atomic coordinates, vibrational parameters, and corresponding standard deviations are given in Table 2, and a comparison between the observed and calculated structure factors is reported in Table 3.

*Table 2.* Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic thermal parameters. The standard deviations in parentheses are for the last decimal place given. For the oxygen atoms indexed O(ij) or OP(ij) the (ij) means that the atom is bonded to the molybdenum atoms i and j. When the oxygen atoms are denoted Aq(ij) they are water oxygens and (ij) means that the atom is bonded to the sodium atoms i and j.

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$B$
Mo1	0.50000(0)	0.55505(8)	0.25000(0)	0.69(2)
Mo2	0.54308(6)	0.67007(6)	0.03499(8)	0.76(1)
Mo3	0.54863(6)	0.85956(6)	0.11588(9)	1.00(2)
P	0.6195 (2)	0.7243 (2)	0.2909 (2)	0.76(4)
O(1)	0.5880 (6)	0.4931 (6)	0.2355 (8)	1.6 (2)
O1(2)	0.6360 (6)	0.6195 (6)	-0.0029 (8)	1.7 (2)
O2(2)	0.4818 (7)	0.6740 (6)	-0.0809 (9)	1.8 (2)
O1(3)	0.6261 (7)	0.9307 (6)	0.0935 (9)	2.2 (2)
O2(3)	0.4682 (7)	0.8898 (7)	0.0283 (9)	2.2 (2)
O(12)	0.4776 (6)	0.5866 (5)	0.1023 (7)	1.2 (1)
O(23)	0.5930 (6)	0.7735 (6)	0.0294 (8)	1.5 (1)
O(33')	0.5000 (0)	0.8916 (8)	0.2500 (0)	1.5 (2)
OP	0.6956 (6)	0.6951 (5)	0.3540 (7)	1.3 (1)
OP(3)	0.6398 (5)	0.7993 (5)	0.2276 (7)	1.1 (1)
OP(12)	0.5909 (5)	0.6579 (5)	0.2119 (7)	0.9 (1)
OP(23)	0.4582 (5)	0.7447 (5)	0.1322 (7)	1.0 (1)
Aq(2)	0.3842 (8)	0.0317 (8)	0.131 (1)	2.9 (2)
Aq1(12)	0.3310 (7)	0.4544 (6)	0.4977 (9)	2.0 (2)
Aq2(12)	0.2498 (7)	0.4107 (6)	0.1860 (8)	1.9 (2)
Aq1(13)	0.2861 (7)	0.2675 (6)	0.4355 (9)	2.3 (2)
Aq2(13)	0.3572 (7)	0.2519 (7)	0.2166 (9)	2.3 (2)
Aq(23)	0.2879 (7)	0.0801 (6)	0.3608 (9)	2.2 (2)
Aq(33')	0.0000 (0)	0.624 (1)	0.2500 (0)	2.8 (3)
Na1	0.3469 (4)	0.3732 (4)	0.3335 (5)	2.6 (1)
Na2	0.2362 (5)	0.0582 (4)	0.1790 (5)	3.0 (1)
Na3	0.3971 (4)	0.1828 (4)	0.3766 (5)	2.3 (1)



Table 3. Continued.

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	12 44 35	12 70 60		2 70 -54	9 41 -39
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5 78 -77	6 131 -113	9 28 30	12 57 48	5 32 29	1 62 -52
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6 50 -45	4 54 51	8 K 11	8 51 -49	3 25 -25	4 19 4
5 121 117	3 53 -37	13 45 -59	7 99 105	2 34 -20	3 34 32
4 116 104	2 21 14	12 45 44	6 21 -20	11 K 11	13 K 11
3 25 22	1 92 -95	11 44 40	5 132 -128	10 38 52	5 25 -24
2 102 -93	7 K 11	10 116 -139	4 46 37	9 55 69	4 42 52
1 27 26	13 54 -58	9 38 35	3 136 150	7 84 85	3 123 152
6 K 11	12 40 -42	8 39 33	2 55 -45	6 22 21	14 K 11
14 37 -43	11 90 -87	7 89 -91	1 122 131	5 89 -93	2 35 43
13 57 -53	10 70 57	6 94 99	10 K 11	4 91 93	
12 26 -22	9 85 74	5 80 80	11 17 17	3 30 -30	
11 78 75	8 51 -43	4 99 93	10 100 -125	1 168 188	
10 49 -44	7 59 58	2 28 -34			

Finally a difference Fourier synthesis was calculated in which no abnormalities could be detected. No attempt was made to locate hydrogen atoms.

#### DESCRIPTION AND DISCUSSION OF THE STRUCTURE

The structure is built up of  $\text{Mo}_5\text{P}_2\text{O}_{23}^{6-}$ -groups linked together by sodium-oxygen octahedra. The  $\text{Mo}_5\text{P}_2\text{O}_{23}^{6-}$  groups are oriented with their pentagon of Mo-atoms approximately parallel to the  $yz$ -plane and connected through  $\text{Na}^+$ -ions (O—Na1—O) forming two symmetry related zig-zag chains directed along the  $c$ -axis (see Fig. 1).

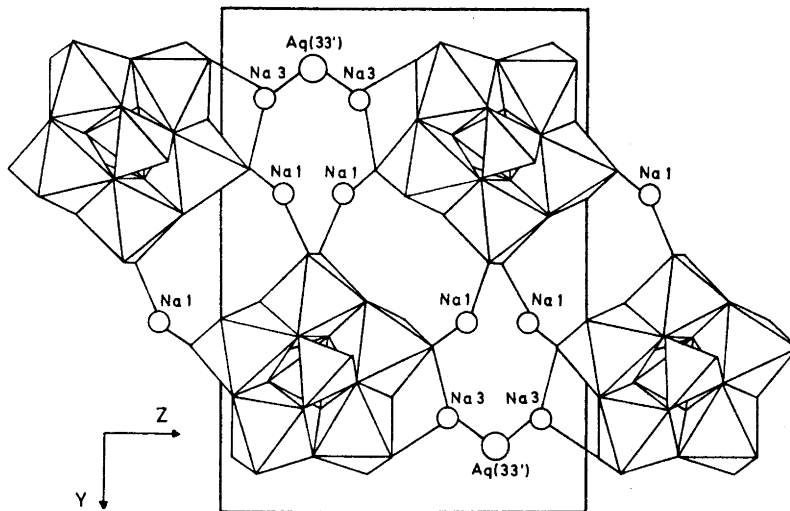


Fig. 1. The zig-zag arrangement of  $\text{Mo}_5\text{P}_2\text{O}_{23}^{6-}$ -groups in the  $yz$ -plane and the two types of  $\text{Na}^+$ -linking between the groups.

The connection within the chains is strengthened by bridges O—Na3— $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ —Na3—O. The symmetry related chains are then coupled together through bridges O—Na2— $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ —Na3—O as shown in Fig. 2.



Table 4. Distances (Å) and angles (degrees) within the  $\text{Mo}_3\text{P}_2\text{O}_{23}^{6-}$ -group. The numbering of the atoms is in accordance with that shown in Table 2, with primes indicating atoms in a symmetry related position. The estimated standard deviations are given in parentheses and refer to the last decimal place given.

Mo, P			
Mo1 - Mo2	3.364(1)	P - Mo1	3.439(3)
Mo2 - Mo3	3.356(1)	P - Mo2	3.505(3)
Mo3 - Mo3'	3.647(2)	P - Mo3	3.335(3)
Mo1 - Mo3	5.459(2)	P - Mo2'	3.432(3)
Mo2 - Mo2'	5.493(2)	P - Mo3'	3.644(3)
Mo2 - Mo3'	5.566(1)	P - P'	3.822(6)
Mo2' - Mo1 - Mo2	109.44(5)		
Mo1 - Mo2 - Mo3	108.63(4)		
Mo2 - Mo3 - Mo3'	105.18(3)		
MoO <sub>6</sub> -octahedra			
Mo1 - O(1)	1.72(1)	O(1) - Mo1 - O(12)	102.0(4)
Mo1 - O(12)	1.937(9)	O(1) - Mo1 - OP(12)	87.5(4)
Mo1 - OP(12)	2.281(8)	O(1) - Mo1 - O(1)'	105.2(5)
O(1) - O(1)'	2.74(2)	O(1) - Mo1 - O(12)'	97.2(4)
O(1) - O(12)	2.85(1)	O(12) - Mo1 - OP(12)	72.8(3)
O(1) - O(12)'	2.75(1)	O(12) - Mo1 - OP(12)'	82.9(3)
O(1) - OP(12)	2.80(1)	OP(12) - Mo1 - OP(12)'	80.8(3)
OP(12) - O(12)	2.52(1)		
OP(12) - O(12)'	2.81(1)		
OP(12) - OP(12)'	2.96(2)		
Mo2 - O(23)	1.91(1)	O(23) - Mo2 - O1(2)	96.2(4)
Mo2 - O(12)	1.925(9)	O(23) - Mo2 - O2(2)	99.0(4)
Mo2 - O1(2)	1.73(1)	O(23) - Mo2 - OP(23)	74.5(4)
Mo2 - O2(2)	1.72(1)	O(23) - Mo2 - OP(12)	89.3(3)
Mo2 - OP(23)	2.181(9)	O(12) - Mo2 - O1(2)	101.0(4)
Mo2 - OP(12)	2.322(9)	O(12) - Mo2 - O2(2)	95.9(4)
O(23) - O1(2)	2.72(1)	O(12) - Mo2 - OP(23)	82.5(4)
O(23) - O2(2)	2.76(1)	O(12) - Mo2 - OP(12)	72.1(3)
O(23) - OP(23)	2.49(1)	O1(2) - Mo2 - O2(2)	104.3(5)
O(23) - OP(12)	2.99(1)	O1(2) - Mo2 - OP(12)	87.1(4)
O(12) - O1(2)	2.83(1)	O2(2) - Mo2 - OP(23)	96.2(4)
O(12) - O2(2)	2.71(1)	OP(23) - Mo2 - OP(12)	73.8(3)
O(12) - OP(23)	2.72(1)		
O(12) - OP(12)	2.52(1)		
O1(2) - O2(2)	2.73(1)		
O1(2) - OP(12)	2.83(1)		
OP(23) - O2(2)	2.92(1)		
OP(23) - OP(12)	2.71(1)		
Mo3 - O2(3)	1.73 (1)	O2(3) - Mo3 - O(23)	97.4(5)
Mo3 - O(23)	1.932(9)	O2(3) - Mo3 - O(33')	100.5(4)
Mo3 - O(33')	1.902(4)	O2(3) - Mo3 - O1(3)	101.0(5)
Mo3 - O1(3)	1.72 (1)	O2(3) - Mo3 - OP(23)	82.8(4)
Mo3 - OP(23)	2.398(9)	O(23) - Mo3 - O1(3)	101.0(5)
Mo3 - OP(3)	2.220(9)	O(23) - Mo3 - OP(23)	69.1(3)
O2(3) - O(23)	2.75(2)	O(23) - Mo3 - OP(3)	77.1(4)
O2(3) - O(33')	2.79(1)	O(33') - Mo3 - O1(3)	102.5(5)
O2(3) - O1(3)	2.66(2)	O(33') - Mo3 - OP(23)	85.8(4)
O2(3) - OP(23)	2.77(1)	O(33') - Mo3 - OP(3)	80.5(3)
OP(3) - O(23)	2.60(1)	O1(3) - Mo3 - OP(3)	88.9(4)
OP(3) - O(33')	2.67(1)	OP(23) - Mo3 - OP(3)	86.8(3)

Table 4. Continued.

OP(3)–O1(3)	2.78(1)
OP(3)–OP(23)	3.18(1)
O(23)–O1(3)	2.82(1)
O(23)–OP(23)	2.49(1)
O(33')–O1(3)	2.83(1)
O(33')–OP(23)	2.95(2)

PO<sub>4</sub>-tetrahedron

P–OP	1.495(9)	OP(23)–P–OP	110.8(5)
P–OP(3)	1.524(9)	OP(23)–P–OP(3)	106.6(5)
P–OP(12)	1.553(9)	OP(23)–P–OP(12)	109.0(5)
P–OP(23)	1.570(9)	OP–P–OP(3)	112.5(5)
OP(23)–OP	2.52(1)	OP–P–OP(12)	108.3(5)
OP(23)–OP(3)	2.48(1)	OP(3)–P–OP(12)	109.6(5)
OP(23)–OP(12)	2.54(1)		
OP–OP(3)	2.51(1)		
OP–OP(12)	2.47(1)		
OP(3)–OP(12)	2.51(1)		

Distances and angles between the Mo-atoms in the group are collected in Table 4. It can be seen that when the MoO<sub>6</sub>-octahedra share edges the Mo–Mo distances are 3.364 Å (Mo1–Mo2) and 3.356 Å (Mo2–Mo3) and when the octahedra only share a corner the distance increases to 3.647 Å (Mo3–Mo3'). These distances are quite normal. For comparison it may be mentioned that the Mo–Mo distances when octahedra share edges in the structures Na<sub>3</sub>(CrMo<sub>6</sub>O<sub>24</sub>H<sub>6</sub>).8H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>4</sup> and (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>6</sub>Mo<sub>7</sub>O<sub>24</sub>.4H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>5</sup> are 3.309–3.351 Å and 3.20–3.44 Å, respectively. Cross distances within the ring are 5.459, 5.493, and 5.566 Å. These cross distances would be of particular interest as characteristic fingerprints in, for instance, solution X-ray studies.

The sodium coordination around the Mo<sub>5</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>23</sub><sup>6-</sup>-groups. As mentioned above the Mo<sub>5</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>23</sub><sup>6-</sup>-group has twelve unshared oxygens. To eight of these, Na<sup>+</sup>-ions are coordinated (see Fig. 4). There are three kinds of crystallographically

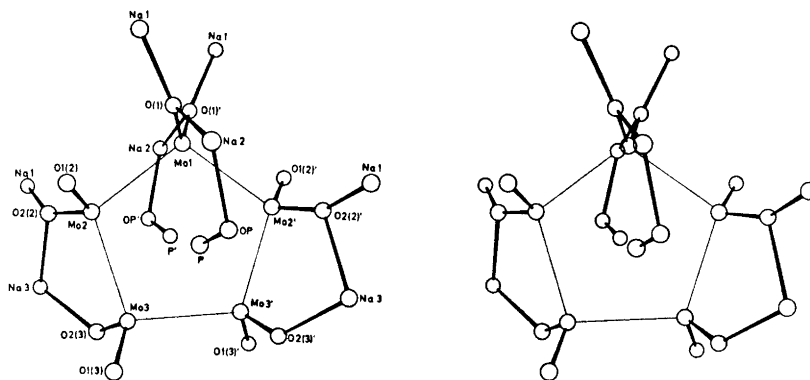


Fig. 4. Stereoscopic view of the sodium coordination to the Mo<sub>5</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>23</sub><sup>6-</sup>-group (for clarity only the twelve unshared oxygens in the group have been drawn).

different sodium atoms, Na1, Na2, and Na3. Each of these atoms is always coordinated to two  $\text{Mo}_5\text{P}_2\text{O}_{23}^{6-}$ -oxygens, Na1 to oxygens (the Mo-oxygens O(1) and O2(2)) in two different groups, Na2 and Na3 to oxygens in one and the same group. Na2 binds to one Mo- and one P-oxygen (O(1) and OP) and Na3 to the two Mo-oxygens O2(2) and O2(3). The fact that the sodium ion Na1 is directly bound to oxygens in adjacent  $\text{Mo}_5\text{P}_2\text{O}_{23}^{6-}$ -groups gives rise to a chain-formation where Na1 acts as a link between the groups. Owing to the symmetry each link consists of a double O – Na1 – O bond (see Fig. 1).

It may be worth mentioning that there are, on average, six  $\text{Na}^+$  coordinated per  $\text{Mo}_5\text{P}_2\text{O}_{23}^{6-}$ , and thus the charge of the group actually has been completely neutralized by the  $\text{Na}^+$ -ions. If this behaviour is extrapolated to the conditions in aqueous solution one may propose, that also aqueous  $\text{Mo}_5\text{P}_2\text{O}_{23}^{6-}$ -ions may be thought of as uncharged  $\text{Mo}_5\text{P}_2\text{O}_{23}^{6-}(\text{Na}^+)_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_x$ -molecules, more or less coupled together through the  $\text{Na}^+$ -ions.

*The coupling of the sodium-oxygen octahedra.* Besides binding to two  $\text{Mo}_5\text{P}_2\text{O}_{23}^{6-}$ -oxygens, every sodium also binds to four water oxygens thus forming an octahedral oxygen configuration around each  $\text{Na}^+$ -ion. The different octahedra [ $\text{NaO}_6(1)$ ,  $\text{NaO}_6(2)$ , and  $\text{NaO}_6(3)$ ] are more or less coupled together.  $\text{NaO}_6(1)$  has a surface in common with  $\text{NaO}_6(3)$  [through the oxygens Aq1(13), Aq2(13), and O2(2)] and an edge in common with  $\text{NaO}_6(2)$  [through the oxygens Aq2(12) and O(1)]. The remaining oxygen around Na1 (Aq1(12)) is shared with a corner of a  $\text{NaO}_6(2)$  octahedron.  $\text{NaO}_6(2)$  and  $\text{NaO}_6(3)$  share a corner through the water oxygen Aq(23). The fourth water-oxygen around Na3, (Aq(33')), is shared with a symmetry-related  $\text{NaO}_6(3)$  octahedron. This sharing of oxygens between different octahedra binds the  $\text{Mo}_5\text{P}_2\text{O}_{23}^{6-}$ -groups together forming a three-dimensional network. The smallest unit of coupled  $\text{NaO}_6$ -octahedra in this network is shown in Fig. 5.

*The  $\text{MoO}_6$ -octahedra.* The octahedra are somewhat distorted and the Mo – O distances range from 1.72 Å to 2.40 Å depending on the oxygen coordination. The shortest distances, 1.72 Å, are to oxygens coordinated to only one Mo-atom and the longest, on average 2.30 Å, are to oxygens coordinated

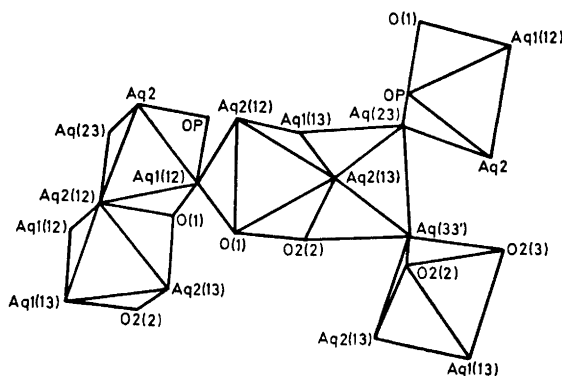


Fig. 5. The smallest unit of coupled  $\text{NaO}_6$ -octahedra (for clarity the octahedra are idealized).

to one P- and two Mo-atoms. This trend of increasing distances by increasing coordination numbers has been found also in other heteropolyanions containing molybdenum, and a comparison is made in Table 5.

Table 5. Distances (average) Mo—O in relation to the bond number of the oxygen. A comparison with other structures.

Bond number of oxygen	Distances Mo—O (Å)				Coordinating atoms
	Mo <sub>5</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>23</sub> <sup>6-</sup>	CrMo <sub>6</sub> O <sub>24</sub> H <sub>6</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	TeMo <sub>6</sub> O <sub>24</sub> <sup>6-</sup>	CeMo <sub>12</sub> O <sub>43</sub> <sup>8-</sup>	
1	1.72	1.707	1.714	1.68	Mo
2	1.92	1.939	1.943	1.98	Mo, Mo
3	2.30	2.292	2.299	2.28	Mo, Mo and, respectively, P, Cr, Te or Ce

Table 6. Distances within the NaO<sub>6</sub>-octahedra (Å).

Na1—O2(2)	2.47(1)	O(1)—O2(2)	3.58(1)
Na1—O(1)	2.42(1)	O(1)—Aq1(12)	3.22(2)
Na1—Aq1(13)	2.38(1)	O(1)—Aq2(12)	3.02(1)
Na1—Aq2(13)	2.51(1)	O(1)—Aq2(13)	4.20(2)
Na1—Aq1(12)	2.47(1)	Aq1(13)—O2(2)	3.18(2)
Na1—Aq2(12)	2.45(1)	Aq1(13)—Aq1(12)	3.32(2)
		Aq1(13)—Aq2(12)	3.97(1)
		Aq1(13)—Aq2(13)	2.94(2)
		Aq2(13)—O2(2)	3.40(2)
		Aq2(13)—Aq2(12)	3.17(2)
		Aq1(12)—O2(2)	3.33(2)
		Aq1(12)—Aq2(12)	4.13(1)
Na2—OP	2.43(1)	OP—O(1)	4.07(1)
Na2—O(1)	2.75(1)	OP—Aq(23)	3.59(1)
Na2—Aq(23)	2.42(1)	OP—Aq1(12)	3.15(1)
Na2—Aq1(12)	2.48(1)	OP—Aq(2)	4.01(2)
Na2—Aq2(12)	2.50(1)	Aq2(12)—O(1)	3.02(1)
Na2—Aq(2)	2.40(1)	Aq2(12)—Aq(23)	3.64(2)
		Aq2(12)—Aq1(12)	3.49(1)
		Aq2(12)—Aq(2)	2.99(2)
		O(1)—Aq(23)	3.62(1)
		O(1)—Aq1(12)	3.64(2)
		Aq(2)—Aq(23)	3.31(2)
		Aq(2)—Aq1(12)	3.72(2)
Na3—O2(3)	2.50(1)	O2(3)—Aq(23)	3.51(2)
Na3—O2(2)	2.80(1)	O2(3)—Aq(33')	3.49(1)
Na3—Aq(23)	2.43(1)	O2(3)—O2(2)	3.89(2)
Na3—Aq1(13)	2.35(1)	O2(3)—Aq1(13)	4.03(2)
Na3—Aq2(13)	2.38(1)	Aq2(13)—Aq(23)	3.57(2)
Na3—Aq(33')	2.44(1)	Aq2(13)—Aq(33')	3.11(2)
		Aq2(13)—O2(2)	3.40(2)
		Aq2(13)—Aq1(13)	2.94(2)
		O2(2)—Aq(33')	4.01(2)
		O2(2)—Aq1(13)	3.18(2)
		Aq(23)—Aq(33')	3.63(1)
		Aq(23)—Aq1(13)	3.30(2)

*The NaO<sub>6</sub>-octahedra.* Distances are collected in Table 6. The distances Na–O range between 2.35 Å and 2.80 Å. There is no significant difference between the distances regardless of whether the oxygens arise from water or from the Mo<sub>5</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>23</sub><sup>6-</sup>-groups, but two distances are considerably long. These distances are Na2–O(1) = 2.75 Å and Na3–O2(2) = 2.80 Å, no other Na–O distance being longer than 2.51 Å. The cause of these long distances is probably that O(1) and O2(2) are in contact also with Na1.

The configuration with four water-oxygens and two "oxide"-oxygens, which characterized the Na<sup>+</sup>–O coordination in the present structure, has also been reported for other structures, for instance in NaNH<sub>4</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub><sup>6</sup> and Na<sub>3</sub>CrMo<sub>6</sub>O<sub>24</sub>H<sub>6</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>8</sub>.<sup>4</sup> Concerning the distortion of the octahedra it is difficult to find any systematic effects and the octahedra are all far from regular.

*The PO<sub>4</sub>-tetrahedron.* Distances and angles within the group are collected in Table 4. The distances P–O range between 1.50 Å and 1.57 Å and agree well with distances found in other compounds containing phosphate groups. One of the oxygens (OP) in the group is not shared with any Mo-atom and this gives rise to a short distance P–OP (1.50 Å). The O–O distances are 2.47–2.54 Å and these are also in agreement with those found in other structures. As can be seen from the distances and angles this group is almost regular.

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