

***Supporting Information***

**The Crystal Chemistry of Plutonium(IV) Borophosphate**

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**Table S1.** Crystal parameters, data collection and structure refinement details for  $\text{Pu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3[\text{B}_2(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{PO}_4)_3]$ .

<b>Crystal data</b>	
Formula	$\text{Pu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3[\text{B}_2(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{PO}_4)_3]$
Formula weight (g mol <sup>-1</sup> )	628.53
Temperature (K)	273(2)
Cell setting	Hexagonal
Space group	$P3$ (No. 143)
$a$ (Å)	7.8764(10)
$c$ (Å)	5.5355(7)
$V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	297.40(8)
$Z$	1
Crystal size (mm)	0.020 × 0.020 × 0.025
Crystal form	blocky
<b>Data collection</b>	
Diffractometer	Bruker Apex II Quazar, CCD-detector
Radiation; $\lambda$	Mo $K_{\alpha}$ ; 0.71073
Density (calculated, g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	3.509
Absorption coefficient, $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	6.051
$F(000)$	285
Data range $\theta$ (°); $h, k, l$	2.99–29.15; $-10 < h < 10$ , $-10 < k < 10$ , $-7 < l < 7$
No. of measured reflections	3813
<b>Refinement</b>	
Refinement on	Full-matrix least squares on $F^2$
$R_1, wR_2$	0.0181, 0.0446
GOF (Goodness of fit)	1.085
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.35 / -1.36

Note:  $R_1 = \sum |F_{\text{obs}}| - |F_{\text{calc}}| / \sum |F_{\text{obs}}|$ ;  $wR_2 = \{\sum [w(F_{\text{obs}}^2 - F_{\text{calc}}^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_{\text{obs}}^2)^2]\}^{1/2}$ ;

GOF =  $\{\sum [w(F_{\text{obs}}^2 - F_{\text{calc}}^2)] / (n - p)\}^{1/2}$  where  $n$  is a number of reflections and  $p$  is a number of refined parameters.

**Table S2.** Fractional site coordinates ( $xyz$ ), multiplicity (Mult.), site occupancy ( $q$ ), and equivalent displacement parameters ( $U_{\text{eq}}$ , Å) for  $\text{Pu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3[\text{B}_2(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{PO}_4)_3]$ .

Site	$x$	$y$	$z$	Mult.	$q$	$U_{\text{eq}}$
Pu	1	1	0.208881(2)	1	1	0.00672(12)
P	0.6954(3)	1.0047(3)	0.7083(3)	3	1	0.0081(4)
B1	0.3333	0.6667	0.637(4)	1	1	0.015(3)
B2	0.6667	0.3333	0.646(5)	1	1	0.020(4)
O1	0.2615(10)	0.4697(9)	0.698(2)	3	1	0.046(2)
O2	0.8683(8)	0.4615(8)	0.7094(11)	3	1	0.0132(11)
O3	0.3333	0.6667	0.366(2)	1	1	0.029(3)
O4	0.6667	0.3333	0.377(3)	1	1	0.035(3)
O5	0.8092(12)	1.0392(11)	0.9359(13)	3	1	0.0321(17)
O6	0.0275(12)	0.3602(10)	0.2175(14)	3	1	0.0306(17)
O7	0.8117(13)	1.0447(11)	0.4806(13)	3	1	0.0334(17)

Note:  $U_{\text{eq}}$  is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U_{ij}$  tensor.

**Table S3.** Anisotropic atomic displacement parameters for  $\text{Pu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3[\text{B}_2(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{PO}_4)_3]$ .

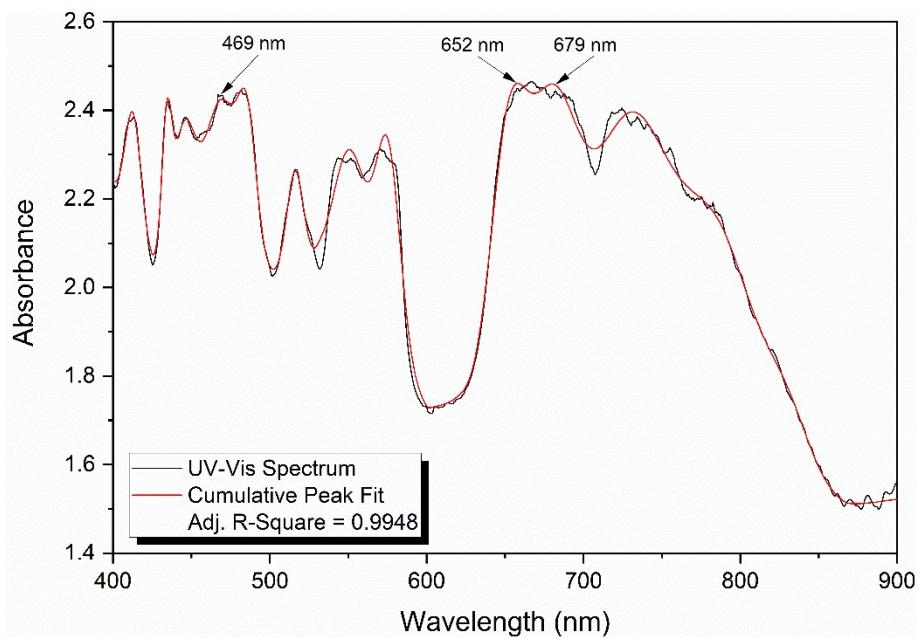
Site	$U_{11}$	$U_{22}$	$U_{33}$	$U_{12}$	$U_{13}$	$U_{23}$
Pu	0.00784(14)	0.00784(14)	0.00446(17)	0.00392(7)	0	0
P	0.0059(8)	0.0077(8)	0.0107(9)	0.0034(7)	0.0003(7)	0.0001(7)
B1	0.013(6)	0.013(6)	0.020(9)	0.006(3)	0	0
B2	0.013(6)	0.013(6)	0.035(12)	0.006(3)	0	0
O1	0.011(3)	0.006(3)	0.122(8)	0.005(3)	-0.002(4)	0.003(4)
O2	0.010(2)	0.007(3)	0.021(3)	0.003(2)	-0.002(2)	-0.003(2)
O3	0.023(4)	0.023(4)	0.040(7)	0.0116(18)	0	0
O4	0.030(4)	0.030(4)	0.045(8)	0.015(2)	0	0
O5	0.046(5)	0.034(4)	0.029(4)	0.029(4)	-0.026(3)	-0.012(3)
O6	0.030(4)	0.018(3)	0.034(4)	0.004(3)	-0.009(3)	-0.005(3)
O7	0.044(5)	0.040(4)	0.026(4)	0.028(4)	0.020(3)	0.008(3)

**Table S4.** Selected interatomic distances in  $\text{Pu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3[\text{B}_2(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{PO}_4)_3]$ .

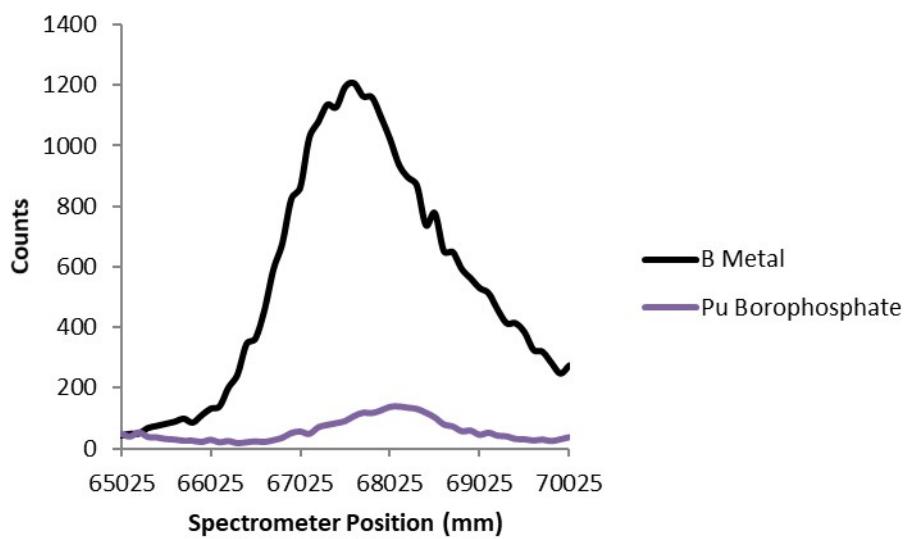
Bond		Bond length, Å
Pu	O5	2.258(6) $\times 3$
	O6	2.735(7) $\times 3$
	O7	2.260(7) $\times 3$
<Pu–O>		2.42
P	O1	1.525(7)
	O2	1.567(6)
	O5	1.491(7)
	O7	1.496(7)
<P–O>		1.52
B1	O1	1.402(9) $\times 3$
	O3	1.50(3)
B2	O2	1.435(9) $\times 3$
	O4	1.49(3)

**Table S5.** Bond valence calculations for  $\text{Pu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3[\text{B}_2(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{PO}_4)_3]$ . Bond-valence sum calculations were performed using the bond-valence parameters for  $\text{Pu}^{4+}$ –O (Diwu et al., 2010) and  $\text{P}^{5+}$ –O,  $\text{B}^{3+}$ –O (Brown and Altermatt, 1985). Bond-valence contribution of each cation has been weighted according to its site occupancy factor.

Site	O1	O2	O3	O4	O5	O6	O7	$V_c$
Pu					0.610 $^{\times 3 \rightarrow}$	0.177 $^{\times 3 \rightarrow}$	0.607 $^{\times 3 \rightarrow}$	4.182
P	1.275	1.139			1.398		1.379	5.191
B1	0.920 $^{\times 3 \rightarrow}$		0.706					3.466
B2		0.841 $^{\times 3 \rightarrow}$		0.725				3.248
$V_a$	2.195	1.98	0.706	0.725	2.008	0.531	1.986	



**Figure S1.** UV-vis-NIR absorption spectrum of plutonium borophosphate with a peak fit  $R^2 = 0.9948$ . Original data is shown in black and the cumulative peak fit is shown in red.



**Figure S2.** Comparison of electron microprobe signal for boron obtained from a B metal standard versus a crystal of plutonium borophosphate. The shift in peak maximum is attributed to the difference in chemical bonding of B in boron metal versus 1.

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