

Fig. 2. The structure of $\text{Bi}_6\text{O}_7\text{FCl}_3$ projected along y . The coordination polyhedra of Bi, described as square pyramids and octahedra, are connected in infinite zigzag layers parallel to $[010]$. The Cl ions form trigonal-prismatic columns running along $[010]$. The polyhedra drawn in heavy and thin lines are $b/2$ apart.

structure and are parallel to y . Between them are trigonal-prismatic columns of formula $(\text{Cl}_3^-)_\infty$. These 'vacancies' are marked by dotted lines in Fig. 1, and the parent structure has the composition $\text{Bi}_6\text{X}_{7+0.5}\text{Cl}_3$.

It is clear that the number of single blocks upon which the twin operation acts varies with the composition. The intensities from $\text{Bi}_6\text{O}_7\text{FCl}_3$ and $\text{Bi}_{12}\text{O}_{15}\text{Cl}_6$ indicate a small variation in their composition.

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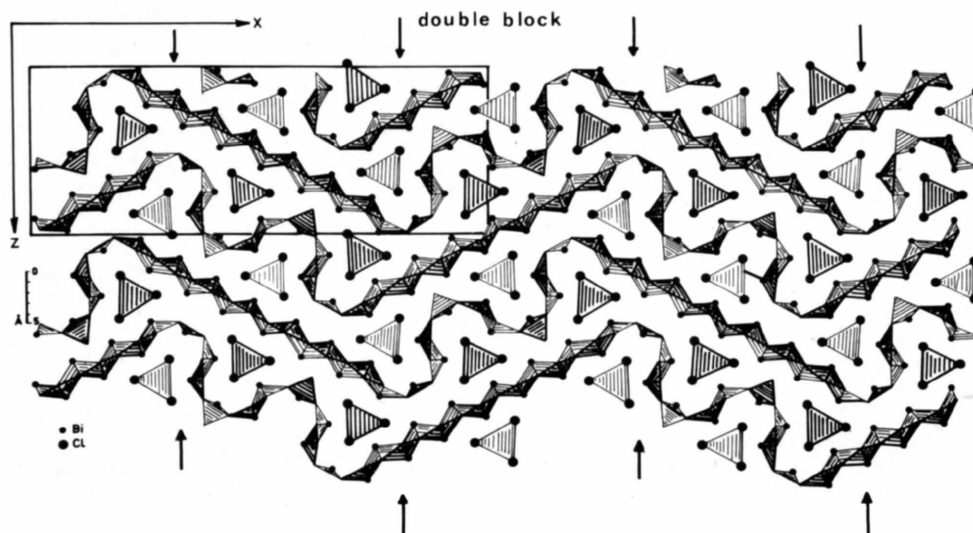


Fig. 3. The structure of $\text{Bi}_{12}\text{O}_{15}\text{Cl}_6$ projected along y . The coordination polyhedra of Bi, described as square pyramids and octahedra, are connected in infinite zigzag layers parallel to $[010]$. The Cl ions form trigonal-prismatic columns running along $[010]$. The polyhedra drawn in heavy and thin lines are $b/2$ apart.

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