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**The puzzling structure of  $\text{Cu}_5\text{FeS}_4$  (bornite) at low temperature**

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Figures S1 and S2 illustrate the polarization vector of the distortion modes  $\frac{\oplus}{\Gamma_4}$  and  $\frac{-\oplus}{\Gamma_1}$ ; representative displacements observed in the first two slabs of the crystallographic cell are drawn.

Table S1 and S2 list the structural data obtained using the monoclinic  $P2_1/c$  and the orthorhombic  $P2_12_12_1$  structural models (XRPD data collected at 10 K).

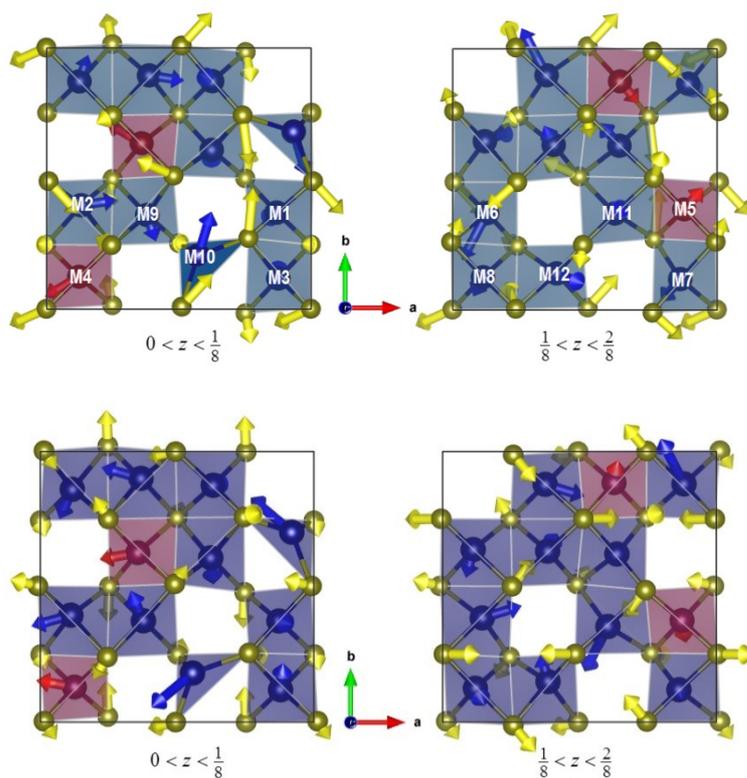


Figure S1. Structural layers of bornite projected along [001]; atom displacements are represented, corresponding to the  $\frac{\oplus}{\Gamma_4}$  irrep determining the  $Pbca \rightarrow P2_1/c$  structural transition; selected cationic sites are labelled.

Figure S2. Structural layers of bornite projected along [001]; atom displacements are represented, corresponding to the  $\frac{-\oplus}{\Gamma_1}$  irrep determining the  $Pbca \rightarrow P2_12_12_1$  structural transition; cationic sites as in figure S1.

Table S1. Structural model for bornite at 10 K according to the space group  $P2_1/c$ .

$a$ (Å)		$b$ (Å)		$c$ (Å)		$\beta$ (deg)
10.9382(1)		10.8816(1)		21.7462(1)		90.02(1)
site	Atom	position	coordinates			
			$x$	$y$	$z$	
S1a	S(1)	4e	0.2477(4)	0.0155(3)	0.9950(1)	
S1b	S(2)	4e	0.2492(4)	0.0014(3)	0.4996(1)	
S2a	S(3)	4e	0.2440(3)	0.4895(4)	0.2512(1)	
S2b	S(4)	4e	0.2388(3)	0.4951(4)	0.7486(1)	
S3a	S(5)	4e	0.2589(3)	0.2421(3)	0.3769(2)	
S3b	S(6)	4e	0.2372(3)	0.7272(3)	0.8755(2)	
S4a	S(7)	4e	0.9982(3)	0.2475(3)	0.0035(2)	
S4b	S(8)	4e	0.4995(3)	0.7527(3)	0.5014(2)	
S5a	S(9)	4e	0.4894(3)	0.5096(4)	0.3726(2)	
S5b	S(10)	4e	0.9927(3)	0.5100(4)	0.8745(2)	
S6a	S(11)	4e	0.9987(3)	0.0015(4)	0.1194(1)	
S6b	S(12)	4e	0.4795(3)	0.9887(4)	0.6263(1)	
S7a	S(13)	4e	0.2446(4)	0.2456(3)	0.1239(2)	
S7b	S(14)	4e	0.2490(4)	0.7577(3)	0.6256(2)	
S8a	S(15)	4e	0.4926(3)	0.2499(4)	0.2500(2)	
S8b	S(16)	4e	0.0058(3)	0.7387(4)	0.7478(2)	
M1a	Cu(1)	4e	0.3744(1)	0.3731(2)	0.4416(1)	
M1b	Cu(2)	4e	0.1307(1)	0.6302(2)	0.9467(1)	
M2a	Cu(3)	4e	0.1242(1)	0.8823(2)	0.9372(1)	
M2b	Cu(4)	4e	0.3801(2)	0.3607(2)	0.0658(1)	
M3a	Cu(5)	4e	0.3760(1)	0.1100(2)	0.4418(1)	
M3b	Cu(6)	4e	0.1242(1)	0.8823(2)	0.9372(1)	
M4a	Fe(1)	4e	0.1228(2)	0.1243(2)	0.0612(1)	
M4b	Fe(2)	4e	0.3588(2)	0.8645(2)	0.5582(1)	
M5a	Fe(3)	4e	0.3672(2)	0.3753(2)	0.3113(1)	
M5b	Fe(4)	4e	0.1243(2)	0.6148(2)	0.8098(1)	
M6a	Cu(7)	4e	0.1302(1)	0.3709(2)	0.1856(1)	
M6b	Cu(8)	4e	0.3552(1)	0.6012(1)	0.6851(1)	
M7a	Cu(9)	4e	0.3696(1)	0.1292(2)	0.3108(1)	
M7b	Cu(10)	4e	0.1395(1)	0.8816(2)	0.8139(1)	
M8a	Cu(11)	4e	0.1146(2)	0.1255(2)	0.1915(1)	
M8b	Cu(12)	4e	0.3820(2)	0.8676(2)	0.6930(1)	
M9a	Cu(13)	4e	0.3801(2)	0.3607(2)	0.0658(1)	
M9b	Cu(14)	4e	0.1236(2)	0.6279(2)	0.5652(1)	
M10a	Cu(15)	4e	0.0663(2)	0.1797(1)	0.4074(1)	
M10b	Cu(16)	4e	0.4263(1)	0.7950(1)	0.9028(1)	
M11a	Cu(17)	4e	0.1094(1)	0.3663(2)	0.3237(1)	
M11b	Cu(18)	4e	0.3864(1)	0.6302(2)	0.8149(1)	
M12a	Cu(19)	4e	0.3935(1)	0.1403(2)	0.1883(1)	
M12b	Cu(20)	4e	0.1218(1)	0.8537(2)	0.6781(1)	

Table S2. Structural model for bornite at 10 K according to the space group  $P2_12_12_1$ .

			$a$ (Å)	$b$ (Å)	$c$ (Å)
			10.9393(1)	10.8784(1)	21.7496(1)
site	atom	position	coordinates		
			$x$	$y$	$z$
S1a	S(1)	4a	0.2469(4)	0.0204(3)	0.9999(2)
S1b	S(2)	4a	0.7523(4)	0.9990(3)	0.0030(2)
S2a	S(3)	4a	0.2536(3)	0.5020(3)	0.2470(2)
S2b	S(4)	4a	0.7583(3)	0.5124(3)	0.7487(2)
S3a	S(5)	4a	0.2549(3)	0.2581(4)	0.3702(2)
S3b	S(6)	4a	0.7373(3)	0.7443(4)	0.6220(2)
S4a	S(7)	4a	0.0019(4)	0.2499(5)	0.0044(2)
S4b	S(8)	4a	0.9999(4)	0.7444(5)	0.9973(2)
S5a	S(9)	4a	0.5051(3)	0.4999(4)	0.3747(2)
S5b	S(1)	4a	0.5088(3)	0.4968(4)	0.6297(2)
S6a	S(1)	4a	0.0137(3)	0.0032(4)	0.1221(2)
S6b	S(12)	4a	0.9912(3)	0.9893(4)	0.8778(2)
S7a	S(13)	4a	0.2451(3)	0.2405(4)	0.1235(2)
S7b	S(14)	4a	0.7487(3)	0.7493(4)	0.8750(2)
S8a	S(1)	4a	0.4850(3)	0.2517(4)	0.2519(2)
S8b	S(2)	4a	0.4948(3)	0.7486(4)	0.7551(2)
M1a	Cu(1)	4a	0.3676(1)	0.3752(2)	0.4453(1)
M1b	Cu(2)	4a	0.6276(1)	0.6261(2)	0.5586(1)
M2a	Cu(3)	4a	0.1119(1)	0.3954(2)	0.0584(1)
M2b	Cu(4)	4a	0.8680(1)	0.5989(2)	0.9435(1)
M3a	Cu(5)	4a	0.3768(2)	0.1071(2)	0.4419(1)
M3b	Cu(6)	4a	0.6220(2)	0.8805(2)	0.5628(1)
M4a	Fe(1)	4a	0.1247(2)	0.1296(2)	0.0615(1)
M4b	Fe(2)	4a	0.8563(2)	0.8738(2)	0.9403(1)
M5a	Fe(3)	4a	0.3735(2)	0.3848(2)	0.3087(1)
M5b	Fe(4)	4a	0.6249(2)	0.6242(2)	0.6882(1)
M6a	Cu(7)	4a	0.1449(1)	0.3849(2)	0.1850(1)
M6b	Cu(8)	4a	0.8751(1)	0.6213(2)	0.8162(1)
M7a	Cu(9)	4a	0.3629(2)	0.1215(2)	0.3142(1)
M7b	Cu(1)	4a	0.6363(2)	0.8805(2)	0.6875(1)
M8a	Cu(1)	4a	0.1198(2)	0.1248(1)	0.1940(1)
M8b	Cu(12)	4a	0.8840(2)	0.8681(1)	0.8100(1)
M9a	Cu(13)	4a	0.3769(2)	0.3746(1)	0.0669(1)
M9b	Cu(14)	4a	0.6171(2)	0.6394(1)	0.9361(1)
M10a	Cu(1)	4a	0.0809(1)	0.2018(1)	0.4096(1)
M10b	Cu(2)	4a	0.9432(1)	0.8187(1)	0.6011(1)
M11a	Cu(2)	4a	0.1178(1)	0.3802(1)	0.3129(1)
M11b	Cu(2)	4a	0.8958(1)	0.6464(1)	0.6761(1)
M12a	Cu(2)	4a	0.3853(2)	0.1498(2)	0.1846(1)
M12b	Cu(2)	4a	0.6117(2)	0.8621(2)	0.8163(1)

Table S3. Structure parameters of bornite at 80 K (space group *Pbca*).

			<i>a</i> (Å)	<i>b</i> (Å)	<i>c</i> (Å)
			10.9404(1)	10.9169(1)	21.7947(1)
site	atom	position	Coordinates		
			<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>
S1	S(1)	8c	0.2524(1)	0.0027(1)	0.0005(1)
S2	S(2)	8c	0.2513(1)	0.4955(1)	0.2494(1)
S3	S(3)	8c	0.2557(1)	0.2535(1)	0.3748(1)
S4	S(4)	8c	0.0056(1)	0.2463(1)	0.0014(1)
S5	S(5)	8c	0.4946(1)	0.4965(1)	0.3728(1)
S6	S(6)	8c	0.0060(1)	0.0047(1)	0.1228(1)
S7	S(7)	8c	0.2458(1)	0.2436(1)	0.1216(1)
S8	S(8)	8c	0.4946(1)	0.2530(1)	0.2523(1)
M1	Cu(1)	8c	0.3677(1)	0.3729(1)	0.4400(1)
M2	Cu(2)	8c	0.1211(1)	0.4007(1)	0.0591(1)
M3	Cu(3)	8c	0.3697(1)	0.1148(1)	0.4379(1)
M4	Fe(1)	8c	0.1259(1)	0.1207(1)	0.0598(1)
M5	Fe(2)	8c	0.3668(1)	0.3781(1)	0.3099(1)
M6	Cu(4)	8c	0.1428(1)	0.3812(1)	0.1843(1)
M7	Cu(5)	8c	0.3577(1)	0.1283(1)	0.3066(1)
M8	Cu(6)	8c	0.1158(1)	0.1256(1)	0.1906(1)
M9	Cu(7)	8c	0.3906(1)	0.3618(1)	0.0670(1)
M10	Cu(8)	8c	0.0951(1)	0.1636(1)	0.4182(1)
M11	Cu(9)	8c	0.1002(1)	0.3651(1)	0.3211(1)
M12	Cu(10)	8c	0.3979(1)	0.1565(1)	0.1743(1)