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# **A variable-temperature neutron diffraction study of serandite: A Mn-silicate framework with a very strong, two-proton site, hydrogen bond**

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**Abstract** A variable-temperature powder neutron diffraction study of serandite,  $\text{Na}(\text{Mn},\text{Ca})_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_8(\text{OH})$ , has been undertaken over the temperature range 4 – 800 K to investigate the behaviour of the very strong hydrogen bond in this mineral. At 4 K the O(D)... O(A) distance in serandite has been determined to be extremely short at 2.413(10) Å. The distribution of hydrogen along the O3.....O4 direction at low temperatures confirms that reported previously at room temperature with one site, bonded to O3, strongly, but not exclusively, favoured; the origin of the occupation of this preferred site has been assigned to additional weak hydrogen bonding interactions. At higher temperatures the hydrogen distribution along the O3...O4 direction becomes increasingly random as the thermal energy and motion outweigh the weak hydrogen bonding. The data also show that calcium substitutes only on one manganese site, Mn2 in the mineral structure.

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## 23 **Introduction**

24 The hydrogen bond is one of the most important interactions in determining the properties of  
25 active compounds and the physical properties of materials and minerals (Perrin, 2010).  
26 Hydrogen bonding controls polymorphism in numerous pharmaceuticals (Ting et al., 2010),  
27 the three-dimensional structures of proteins and saccharides, solvent properties, and the  
28 ferroelectric behavior of materials such as potassium dihydrogen phosphate (Grimm et al.,  
29 1970). Silicate minerals containing hydrogen bonded OH-groups are of great interest, due to  
30 their potential as models for the incorporation of water into feldspars as hydroxyl defects and  
31 in developing an understanding of hydrogen incorporation into the high-pressure silicates of  
32 the Earth's mantle. The level of water incorporation can play a major role in the properties of  
33 the materials, such as mineral strength, melting temperature, reactivity and electrical  
34 properties (Bell and Rossman, 1992; Farver and Yund, 1990).

35 As the neutron scattering length of hydrogen is comparable to many of the other  
36 atoms in naturally-occurring silicates, neutron diffraction techniques are ideally suited for  
37 study any changes in the hydrogen configuration within strong hydrogen bonds. However,  
38 there is only a limited number of examples where such methods have been successfully  
39 applied in silicate materials containing strong hydrogen bonds. One such example is the room  
40 temperature study into the double-well potential of the hydrogen bond in serandite (Jacobsen  
41 et al., 2000), as is the variable temperature NPD study into the structure of the rare  
42 aluminosilicate ussingite (Williams and Weller, 2012). In the latter case remarkable  
43 behaviors were observed, including negative thermal expansion at temperatures below 50 K  
44 and monotonic expansion of the O(donor) - H distance, with perfect asymmetric ordering up  
45 to 850 K. The hydrogen bond distances in these minerals, as defined through the O(donor)-  
46 O(acceptor) distance are very short, below 2.5 Å and are classified as short, strong hydrogen  
47 bonds; these values compare with more typical values for the O(donor)-O(acceptor) distance

48 in mineral hydrates and hydroxides that are in the range 2.6 to 3.0 Å. In this paper we report  
49 structural changes observed for the manganese silicate mineral serandite as a function of  
50 temperature through application of the variable-temperature neutron powder diffraction  
51 technique. A particular focus was the study of any changes in the O-H...O configuration of  
52 the very strong hydrogen bond within this mineral. The often contrasting neutron scattering  
53 lengths of electronically similar elements also allows for the resolution of mixed sites within  
54 these minerals, such as the substitution of Ca<sup>2+</sup> into Mn<sup>2+</sup> sites.

55 Serandite, NaMn<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OH), is a salmon-pink manganese pyroxenoid material found  
56 in several localities worldwide (Armbruster et al., 1993; Takeuchi et al., 1976); it is known to  
57 form a solid solution with pectolite, NaCa<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OH). The structure of serandite was first  
58 solved by single-crystal X-ray diffraction (SXD) methods by Takeuchi et al. (1976), and  
59 consists of wollastonite-type silicate chains running parallel to the *b*-axis, twisted with a 3-  
60 repeat along the chain direction. These chains are linked by pairs of edge-sharing MnO<sub>6</sub>  
61 distorted octahedra chains, again aligned parallel to the *b*-axis, with the resulting cavities  
62 within the three-dimensional structure formed occupied by Na<sup>+</sup> cations (Na-O 2.6-3.0 Å)  
63 (Figure 1). The twisted nature of the silicate chain results in a short O...O distance between  
64 O3 and O4, 2.453 Å, with the atoms also notably under bonded (bond valence sums of 1.50  
65 and 1.55 respectively). Combined with an ill-defined residual peak approximately 1.25 Å  
66 from both O3 and O4, Takeuchi *et al.* postulated the presence of a strong hydrogen bond. A  
67 subsequent SXD study by Takeuchi and Kudoh (1977) on a partially Mn-substituted pectolite  
68 crystal showed the electron density within the strong hydrogen bond to be closer to O3,  
69 suggesting the hydrogen to be bonded to O3. However, the peak was found to be very broad,  
70 with a shoulder closer to O4, defined as a second hydrogen position; from this, they proposed  
71 the hydrogen bond to be disordered, alternating between O3-H...O4 and O3...H-O4  
72 configurations along the silicate chains.

73 A combined single crystal X-ray and TOF neutron diffraction study of serandite at  
74 ambient conditions was carried out by (Jacobsen et al., 2000), with the aim of resolving the  
75 hydrogen position(s) within the very strong hydrogen bond. Careful examination of the  
76 observed scattering density and difference-Fourier maps along the O3...O4 direction showed  
77 that the distribution of negative scattering density from the hydrogen atom was centered  
78 closer to O3 and asymmetrically elongated towards O4, an observation similar to that of the  
79 previous SXD studies (Takeuchi and Kudoh, 1977). A two-proton split-site model was  
80 proposed, with the second hydrogen atom positioned closer to O4. The resulting model, with  
81 refined hydrogen atom positions and occupancies, yielded lower R-values, suggesting an  
82 improvement over the previous one-proton site system. The resulting hydrogen atom  
83 occupancies are split in favor of bonding to O3 (84:16), but both sites produced reasonable  
84 geometries, with O-H and H...O distances and O-H-O angles being 1.074 and 1.078 Å, 1.407  
85 and 1.413 Å and 164.0 and 168° respectively.

86 A synchrotron SXD experiment by Arakcheeva et al. (2007) investigated the  
87 structural variations of minerals in the serandite-pectolite series at both 100 and 293 K. This  
88 study of the manganoan pectolite,  $\text{Na}(\text{Ca}_{1.73}\text{Mn}_{0.27})[\text{Si}_3\text{O}_8(\text{OH})]$ , did not investigate the two-  
89 proton site model, presumably due to the limitations of X-ray diffraction compared with  
90 neutron diffraction in locating hydrogen atoms. It did, however, indicate the strengthening of  
91 the hydrogen bond with decreasing temperature, with the hydrogen atom moving to a more  
92 symmetric position between O3 and O4.

93 This article describes the first reported determination of the structure of serandite  
94 using neutron powder diffraction at 4 K, using the two-proton site model suggested by  
95 Jacobsen et al. (2000). The distribution of manganese and calcium over the two octahedrally-  
96 coordinated sites in the structure has been determined. Variable-temperature NPD data were  
97 then used to model the behavior of the hydrogen atom in the strong asymmetric hydrogen

98 bond as a function of temperature between 4 and 800 K, focusing on the changes in the  
99 occupancies and positions of the two-proton site model.

## 100 **Experimental - Neutron diffraction**

101 Neutron powder diffraction patterns were collected on a 1g sample of serandite from Mont  
102 Hilaire, Canada (phase purity confirmed by PXRD, energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopic  
103 analysis (10 measurements) gave the manganese to calcium ratio as ( $\text{Mn}_{0.965}\text{Ca}_{0.035}$ )), on the  
104 D2B high resolution diffractometer ( $\lambda = 1.594 \text{ \AA}$ ) at the ILL, Grenoble (Hewat and  
105 Heathman, 1984). The high resolution of this instrument is ideally suited to the study of these  
106 minerals, due to their small triclinic unit cell, while it also delivers a medium-high flux that  
107 quickly averages the incoherent scattering arising from hydrogen. This provides a smooth  
108 background that can be modelled using polynomial functions. However, it should be noted  
109 that where strong peak overlap occurs, particularly at high diffraction angles the exact  
110 background position can be difficult to ascertain. In such cases the extracted atomic  
111 displacement parameters,  $U_{\text{iso}}$ , which depend on modelling the variation of reflection  
112 intensity accurately over a large diffraction angle, may be poorly determined. Note also the  
113 due to the resolution function of D2B (Hewat and Heathman, 1984) producing large peak  
114 half-widths above a diffraction angle around  $140^\circ$  such high angle data were excluded from  
115 the refinement due to strong peak overlap.

116 NPDP patterns were collected for three hours at five temperatures: 4, 150, 298, 575 and  
117 800 K. The sample was mounted in a cylindrical vanadium can and placed in a DISPLEX  
118 cryofurnace (4, 150K), suspended in the beam (298 K) or placed in a furnace (575, 800 K),  
119 before cooling/heating to the initial desired temperature. A thermal equilibration time of 15  
120 minutes was allowed between each temperature change and the start of data collection.

121 **Experimental - Data analysis**

122 The unit cell parameters and atomic coordinates of serandite at each temperature were  
123 obtained by Rietveld profile refinements (Rietveld, 1969) using the GSAS suite of programs  
124 and the EXPGUI graphical user interface (Larson and Von Dreele, 1994; Toby, 2001).  
125 Structural refinement against the 4 K data was undertaken starting with the model reported by  
126 Takeuchi et al. (1976) focusing initially on the refinement of the framework. Once this was  
127 achieved, the position of the hydrogen atom was investigated, with particular focus on the  
128 resolution of the split occupancy between both potential wells within the strong hydrogen  
129 bond, as suggested by Jacobsen et al. (2000). During refinement all identical atom types,  
130 including the two hydrogen atoms, were constrained to have the same atomic displacement  
131 parameter (ADP) value, though these values were refined. No correction for extinction was  
132 made to the data as previous studies of similar sized samples with higher hydrogen contents  
133 have shown negligible effects Henry, P.F et al. (2009).

134 In addition, the serandite-pectolite series represents a solid solution with substitution  
135 of Mn for Ca, both octahedrally coordinated species, across the series. Serandite is the Mn  
136 end-member of the series, however a small level of Ca-substitution was found from chemical  
137 analysis of the sample studied. Both octahedral sites were refined as mixed Mn/Ca sites and  
138 the Mn:Ca ratio extracted, made possible due to the strong contrast between the coherent  
139 neutron scattering lengths of Mn (-3.57 fm) and Ca (4.70 fm).

140 The most suitable structural model for the 4 K data, as indicated by agreement indices  
141 of Rietveld refinement (see below), has a split H site with occupancy ratio H16:H17 =  
142 78(4):22(4). This model also has Mn fully ordered at M1, and M2 has a composition  
143 0.95(1)Mn + 0.05(1)Ca. This final model was refined to convergence, using isotropic ADPs  
144 for all atoms. The resulting crystallographic parameters are summarized in Table 1, with the  
145 profile fit shown in Figure 2.

146 The crystallographic parameters refined for the 4 K model were used as the starting  
147 model for the refinement of the dataset for the next temperature (150 K), the result of which  
148 was in turn used for the 298 K refinement and so on iteratively for each successive  
149 temperature. A summary of results of the various Rietveld refinements for all temperatures  
150 are given in Table 1 and CIFs have been deposited as supplementary material.

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## 152 Results and Discussion

153 Inspection of the diffraction patterns collect at each temperature indicated no change in phase  
154 over the temperature range studied.

### 155 **4K structure**

156 After refinement of all non-hydrogen positions, a difference-Fourier map of the neutron  
157 scattering density along the O3...O4 direction was generated ( in the structural plane defined  
158 by O3 and O4, and viewed normal to the (5 0 -5) lattice plane) and showed a broad negative  
159 peak, elongated between the two oxygen atoms (Figure 3). The best fitting model of this area  
160 of neutron scattering density, as determined from the resulting profile fit factors,  $R_p$ ,  $wR_p$  and  
161  $\chi^2$ , was a two-proton site model with isotropic ADPs, positioned at the sites shown in Figure  
162 3, and split in favor of H16 (~75:~25), note that within this model refinement of individual  
163 anisotropic ADPs for the hydrogen atoms was unstable. This two-site model determined is an  
164 improvement giving lower residuals ( $R_p=0.0227$ ,  $wR_p=0.0284$  and  $\chi^2=1.76$ ) over attempts  
165 using a one-proton site model either at a central site or on a single site near either O3 or O4:  
166 Placement of hydrogen on a central symmetric site gave  $\chi^2=1.86$  (one-proton site, isotropic  
167 ADPs) or 1.78 (one proton site, anisotropic ADPs, this also produced an ellipsoid very  
168 strongly elongated along the O3-O4 indicative of a split position model). Placement of  
169 hydrogen wholly on the H16 site produced poorer profile fitting statistics,  $\chi^2=1.83$ .

170 Atom coordinates, isotropic temperature factors, Table 2, and derived interatomic distances  
171 and selected bond angles, Table 3, were obtained from the final structural refinement for the  
172 4K data. The d(O3...O4) distance is 2.413(10) Å, being 0.056 Å shorter than that observed at  
173 room temperature by Jacobsen et al. (2000) in their single-crystal neutron diffraction (SND)  
174 study. Similarly, the H-O distances were found to be shorter than those of the RT-SND  
175 results, with H16-O3 and H17-O4 distances of 1.03(2) and 0.96(5) Å respectively [cf.  
176 1.078(3) and 1.074(11) Å]. The occupancies of the two H-sites show a ratio of 0.78(4):0.22  
177 with preponderance bonded to O3 This ratio differs only slightly from that found by Jacobsen  
178 et al. (2000) using SND but has the same preference for an O3-H bond; the origins of this  
179 variance may result from a slightly different Ca:Mn ratio in the mineral studied or the  
180 treatment of ADPs in Jacobsen's work where a higher  $U_{eq}$  for one site compared with the  
181 other might favor occupancy of this position. Also, the occupation of the two H-sites may be  
182 statistical in nature, representing the relative depth of the two energy minima along the  
183 O3...O4 direction. The different scattering lengths of Mn and Ca allow for the resolution,  
184 with ease, of the occupancies of mixed sites, with one Mn site (Mn1) found to be entirely  
185 Mn-ordered, whilst the second site (Mn2) contained 5% Ca.

#### 186 **Structural response on heating**

187 The variations in lattice parameters for serandite in the 4-800 K range is summarized in  
188 Figure 4, normalized through division by the 4 K lattice parameter values. No negative  
189 thermal expansion was observed, unlike that found for ussingite (Williams and Weller, 2012).  
190 The near linear expansion between room temperature and 800 K has a volumetric thermal  
191 expansion coefficient,  $\alpha_v$ , of  $3.34 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$ . Typical exponential expansion is observed  
192 along all three axes, with slightly higher rate of expansion observed for the *a*-axis. This effect  
193 is likely to arise from the greater number of M-O-M linkages near-parallel to the *bc*-plane,  
194 due to the rotational thermal motion of bridging O-atoms, moving perpendicular to the M-O-



195 M direction, having the effect of relaxing, and therefore shortening, the M-M distance  
196 (Lightfoot et al., 2001).

197         Difference-Fourier maps were calculated for each temperature. Each showed the  
198 negative scattering peak representing the hydrogen atom to be broad, elongated along the  
199 O3...O4 direction, and suggesting the two-proton model is correct for all temperatures up to  
200 800 K. Using the previous hydrogen atom positions and occupancies as a starting point,  
201 initially the occupancies of both hydrogen atom sites for each temperature were refined,  
202 followed by positions for one H-site at a time; the  $U_{\text{iso}}$  values of the hydrogen atoms were  
203 constrained to be equal. Figure 5d shows the changes in the occupancies of the sites within  
204 the two-proton site model. At lower temperatures, at and below room temperature, there is a  
205 clear preference (~80% to 60%) for the hydrogen atom to bond to O3 while at higher  
206 temperatures the distribution between the two sites approaches the statistical 50:50.

207         This behavior and the low temperature preference for bonding to O3 can be explained  
208 through examination of hydrogen bonding to more distant framework oxygen atoms. Figure 6  
209 shows an expanded view of the environment about the split hydrogen site, with two  
210 additional hydrogen bonds observed between both hydrogen positions and the O3 and O5  
211 silicate oxygen positions. The next nearest oxygen atoms to H16 and H17 are O3' (an oxygen  
212 atom forming the donor atom in the nearest hydrogen bond) and O5, respectively; at 4K the  
213 distances from H16 to these oxygen atoms are 2.53 and 2.55 Å respectively while for H17 the  
214 corresponding distances are 2.55 and 2.85 Å. This has the effect of preferentially stabilizing  
215 the H16 site, compared to H17, thus increasing the likelihood of hydrogen being positioned at  
216 this site, resulting in the higher occupancy observed at this site. At 575 and 800 K the  
217 occupancies of the H-atom sites are almost equal as the thermal energy overcomes the effect  
218 of this weak hydrogen-bonded interaction.

219 The changes in the O3-H...H-O4 configuration are plotted, as a function of  
220 temperature, in Figure 5. There is only a small variation in both the O-H bond distances,  
221 remaining in the 1.00-1.10 Å range for O3-H16 and 0.94-1.00 Å range for O4-O17, while  
222 there is are small increases in the H...O distances (1.47 → 1.55 Å for H17 and 1.41→1.46 for  
223 H16). Combined with the increasing O...O distance, this indicates the hydrogen bonding is  
224 weaker at higher temperatures, resulting in the system moving towards a symmetric double  
225 potential well that is reflected in the changing occupancies of the two hydrogen positions.  
226 This weakening of the hydrogen bond is reflected in the observed rapid increase in the  
227 O3...O4 separation above 300 K and the derived thermal expansivity of the O3...O4  
228 distance  $6.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$  far greater than  $\alpha_V/3$  ( $1.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ). At 800 K the bonding  
229 environments are nearly identical within a symmetrical double-well having, presumably, a  
230 very shallow potential barrier between them. Somewhat unusually there is only a moderate  
231 elongation of the O3-H16 distance in this very strong hydrogen bond (Emsley, 1980). A  
232 plausible reason for the only moderate lengthening of O-H bonds for these very strong  
233 hydrogen bonds may be the close proximity of Na at only ~2.2 Å away from both H atoms.  
234 Any significant lengthening of the O-H bonds would be opposed by a strong repulsive  
235 H...Na interaction.

### 236 **Implications**

237 The hydrogen bond is one of the most important interactions in determining the physical  
238 properties of minerals (Perrin, 2010) and silicate minerals containing hydrogen bonded OH-  
239 groups are of great interest, due to their potential as models for the incorporation of water  
240 into feldspars as hydroxyl defects. In this work we have studied as a function of temperature  
241 the hydrogen bond in serandite,  $\text{NaMn}_{0.96}\text{Ca}_{0.04}\text{Si}_3\text{O}_8(\text{OH})$ , one of the few silicate materials  
242 containing a very strong hydrogen bond. The hydrogen bond in serandite at 4 K was found to  
243 be one of the strongest known between two oxygen atoms with the O(donor) –O (acceptor)

244 separation at just 2.413(9) Å (Emsley, 1980). The hydrogen atom was found to be distributed  
245 over two sites as described previously in a room temperature SND, over the 4-800 K  
246 temperature range. The changes in the O-H bonding and H...O hydrogen bonding, as well as  
247 the occupancies of the two sites of the two-proton model approaching equivalence, indicates  
248 the system moves towards a symmetric double-well potential, and small separating potential  
249 barrier, with increasing temperature. The origin of the asymmetric distribution of hydrogen at  
250 low temperatures was found to be additional weak hydrogen bonding interactions for the  
251 preferred site. This information should provide the basis for much improved modeling of very  
252 strong hydrogen bonds in minerals.

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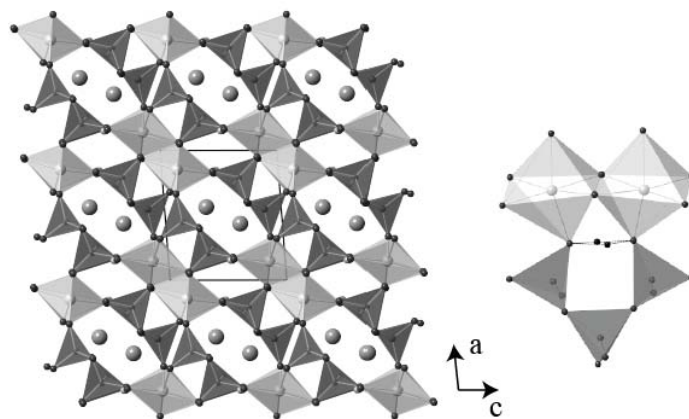
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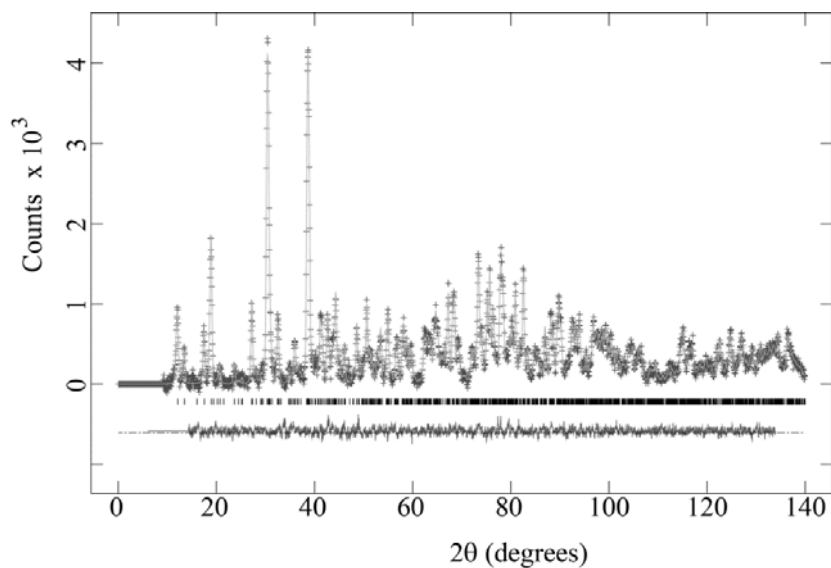


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303 **Figure 1.** The crystal structure of serandite, viewed down the *b*-axis, with (inset) the position  
 304 of the strong hydrogen bond. Light and dark grey polyhedra represent those centered on Mn  
 305 and Si respectively, with O as small grey spheres, large grey spheres represent sodium cations  
 306 and small black spheres are hydrogen. The hydrogen bond is shown using a dashed line.

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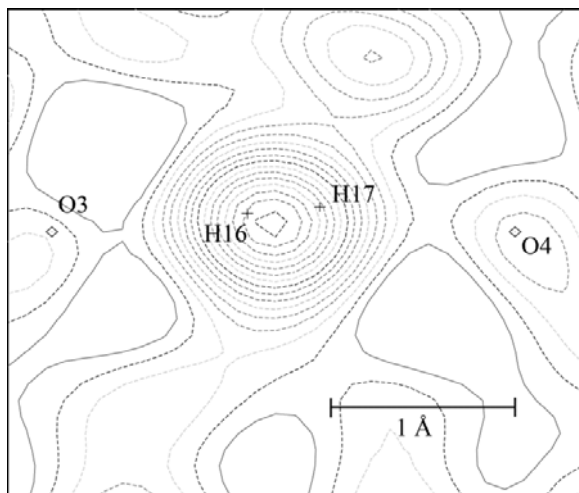
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310 **Figure 2.** Rietveld profile fit for powder data collected from serandite at 4 K. Crosses  
 311 represent the observed data, the *upper curve* the calculated profile, the *lower curve* is the  
 312 difference and the tick marks represent calculated reflection positions

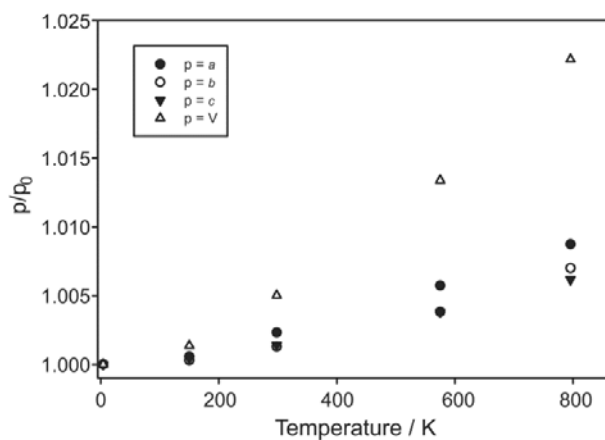
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315 **Figure 3.** Difference-Fourier map ( $F_{\text{obs}} - F_{\text{calc}}$ , with  $F_{\text{calc}}$  values obtained using just Na, Ca,  
 316 Mn, Si and O sites) for serandite, viewed normal to the (5 0 -5) lattice plane, showing the  
 317 two hydrogen atom sites within the elongated negative scattering peak along the hydrogen  
 318 bond direction. Contour heights are drawn with a  $2 \text{ fm}/\text{\AA}^3$  separation and negative values  
 319 shown as dashed lines.

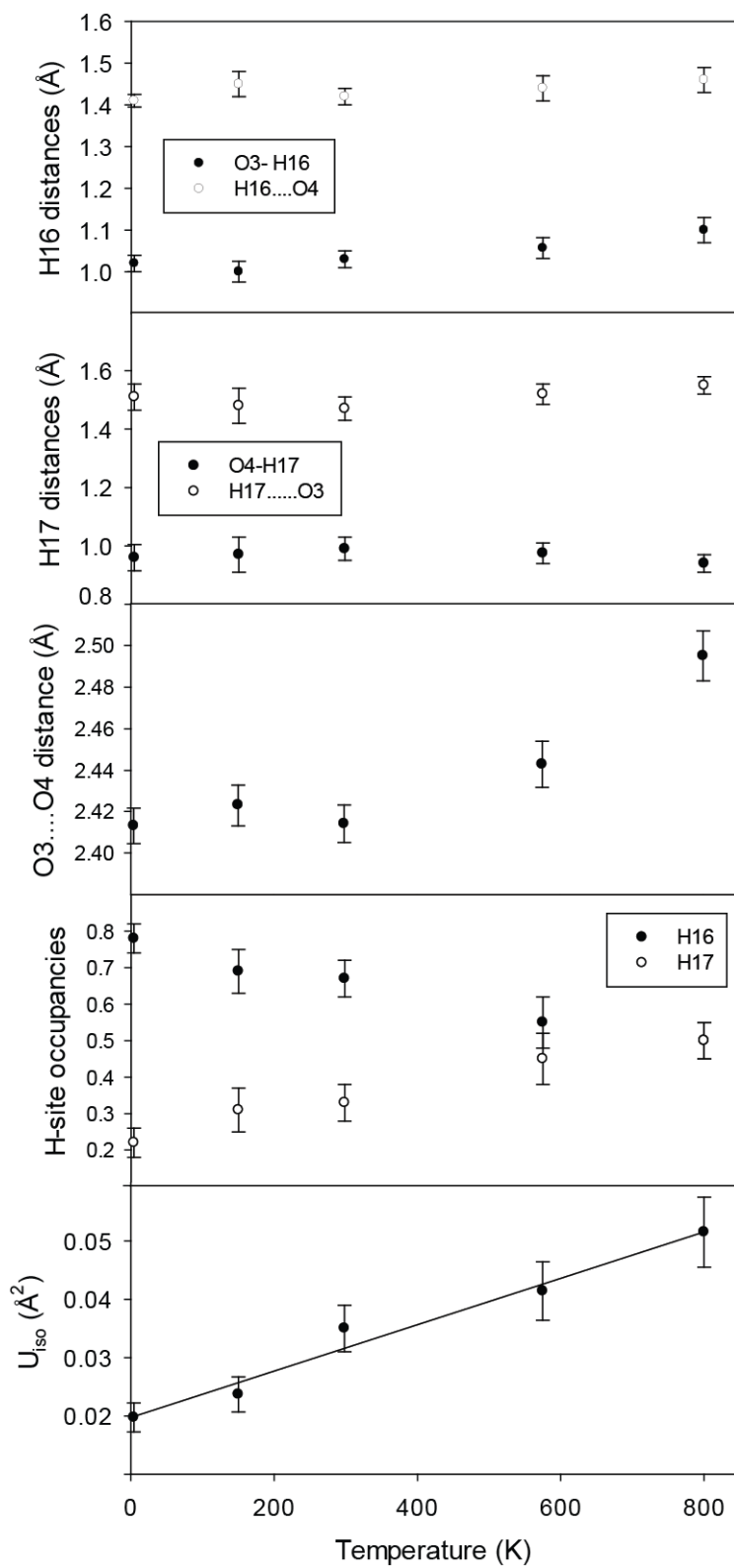
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322 **Figure 4.** The variation of the lattice parameters of serandite as a function of temperature in  
 323 the 4-800 K range, with  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  normalized by division by  $p_0$  (minimum value for lattice  
 324 parameter  $p$  at 4K). Error bars are within the symbol size

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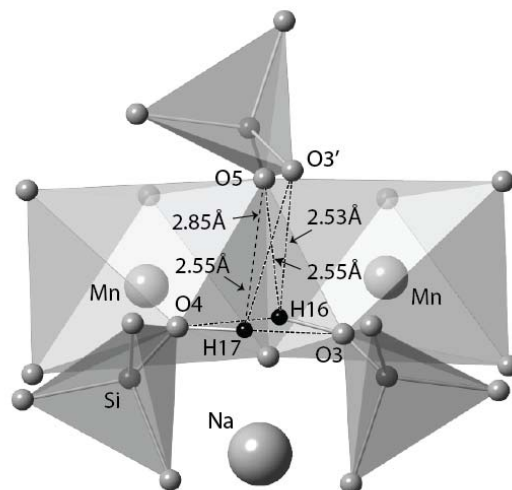


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327 **Figure 5.** The variation with temperature of the H-site occupancies, O-H, H...O and O.....O

328 distances and  $U_{iso}$ (H) values in serandite





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330 **Figure 6.** Further, longer range hydrogen bonding stabilizing the two hydrogen atom

331 positions, which influences the occupancies of the split hydrogen atom site

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335 **Table 1.** Rietveld refinement results for serandite at 4, 150, 298, 575 and 800 K

Refinement results	4 K	150 K	298 K	575 K	800 K
<i>a</i>	7.6844(4)	7.6888(4)	7.7024(3)	7.7283(5)	7.7513(6)
<i>b</i>	6.8913(4)	6.8934(4)	6.9003(3)	6.9174(5)	6.9384(6)
<i>c</i>	6.7349(4)	6.7378(4)	6.7447(4)	6.7608(5)	6.7761(6)
$\alpha$	90.438(3)	90.447(3)	90.416(3)	90.362(4)	90.307(5)
$\beta$	94.085(3)	94.067(3)	94.044(3)	94.016(4)	94.019(4)
$\gamma$	102.777(3)	102.777(3)	102.801(3)	102.822(4)	102.858(5)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	346.83(4)	347.29(4)	348.60(4)	351.46(5)	354.34(7)
<i>R</i> <sub>p</sub>	0.0228	0.0226	0.0226	0.0213	0.0208
<i>wR</i> <sub>p</sub>	0.0287	0.0281	0.0282	0.0267	0.0261
<i>R</i> <sub>F</sub> <sup>2</sup>	0.0364	0.0385	0.0426	0.0409	0.0468
$\chi^2$	1.717	1.667	1.762	1.472	1.339
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337 **Table 2.** Atomic coordinates and isotropic temperature factors for serandite at 4 K

Atom site	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>Z</i>	U × 10 <sup>2</sup> (Å <sup>2</sup> )
Mn1	0.8533(16)	0.5896(18)	0.1394(18)	0.25(12)
Mn2 <sup>[a]</sup>	0.8511(21)	0.0863(23)	0.1310(23)	1.05(10)
Na1	0.5598(17)	0.2514(22)	0.3582(18)	1.00(28)
Si1	0.2152(13)	0.4106(16)	0.3457(16)	0.02(13)
Si2	0.2068(14)	0.9442(16)	0.3461(16)	0.02
Si3	0.4536(12)	0.7385(15)	0.1442(13)	0.02
O1	0.6657(9)	0.7956(11)	0.1089(11)	0.45(6)
O2	0.3204(10)	0.7061(12)	0.9395(11)	0.45
O3	0.1784(11)	0.4970(11)	0.5555(12)	0.45
O4	0.1596(10)	0.8419(12)	0.5593(11)	0.45
O5	0.0628(10)	0.3942(11)	0.1667(11)	0.45
O6	0.0531(10)	0.8922(13)	0.1727(11)	0.45
O7	0.4082(11)	0.5344(12)	0.2757(11)	0.45
O8	0.3978(11)	0.9102(12)	0.2871(12)	0.45
O9	0.2582(11)	0.1886(12)	0.3926(10)	0.45
H16 <sup>[b]</sup>	0.1486(25)	0.635(4)	0.5544(33)	1.97(25)
H17 <sup>[b]</sup>	0.141(9)	0.712(16)	0.498(13)	1.97

[a] Mn:Ca ratio of 95.0(1.2) : 5.0(1.2)

[b] H16:H17 occupancies 0.78(4):0.22(4)

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340 **Table 3.** Selected bond distances and bond angles for serandite at 4 K

Atoms	Distance (Å)	Atoms	Distance/ Angle (Å)	Atoms	Distance/ Angle (Å/°)
Mn1-O1	2.237(14)	Si2-O4	1.633(13)	O3-Si1-O9	105.5(7)
-O2	2.213(15)	-O6	1.580(13)	O5-Si1-O7	110.1(6)
-O3	2.160(14)	-O8	1.612(11)	O5-Si1-O9	111.4(7)
-O5	2.315(14)	-O9	1.665(13)	O7-Si1-O9	101.4(6)
-O5 <sup>?</sup>	2.200(14)	<Si2-O>	1.623	O4-Si2-O6	115.6(8)
-O6	2.298(15)	Si3-O1	1.625(11)	O4-Si2-O8	108.8(7)
<Mn1-O>	2.237	-O2	1.641(11)	O4-Si2-O9	105.6(7)
Mn/Ca2-O1	2.183(17)	-O7	1.653(12)	O6-Si2-O8	114.0(8)
-O2	2.183(18)	-O8	1.665(13)	O6-Si2-O9	110.8(8)
-O4	2.151(17)	<Si3-O>	1.654	O8-Si2-O9	100.8(7)
-O5	2.369(17)	O3...O4	2.413(10)	O1-Si3-O2	114.6(8)
-O6	2.268(19)	O3-H16	1.03(2)	O1-Si3-O7	109.8(7)
-O6 <sup>?</sup>	2.218(17)	O4-H17	0.96(5)	O1-Si3-O8	110.8(7)
<Mn2-O>	2.229	O3...H17	1.63(9)	O2-Si3-O7	109.4(8)
Si1-O3	1.597(12)	O4...H16	1.41(2)	O2-Si3-O8	107.5(8)
-O5	1.605(12)	H16...H17	0.66(6)	O7-Si3-O8	104.3(7)
-O7	1.642(11)			O3-H16-O4	158.6(23)
-O9	1.663(13)	O3-Si1-O5	119.1(8)	O3-H17-O4	160(4)
<Si1-O>	1.627	O3-Si1-O7	107.8(7)		

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