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3 **Paratobermorite,  $\text{Ca}_4(\text{Al}_{0.5}\text{Si}_{0.5})_2\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{16}(\text{OH})\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}\cdot (\text{Ca}\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O})$ , a new tobermorite-supergroup**  
4 **mineral with a novel topological type of the microporous crystal structure**

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## ABSTRACT

24 A new mineral paratobermorite with the ideal crystal-chemical formula  
25  $\text{Ca}_4(\text{Al}_{0.5}\text{Si}_{0.5})_2\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{16}(\text{OH})\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}\cdot(\text{Ca}\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O})$  is a member of the tobermorite group within the  
26 tobermorite supergroup. It was found at the Bazhenovskoe chrysotile asbestos deposit, Central  
27 Urals, Russia, in cavities of grossular rodingite in association with prehnite, pectolite, thomsonite-  
28 Ca, and calcite. Paratobermorite occurs as well-shaped prismatic to acicular crystals up to  $1 \times 1.5 \times$   
29  $8 \text{ mm}^3$  typically assembled in spray- or bush-like radial clusters or open-work aggregates up to 1.5  
30 cm across which form interrupted crusts up to  $3 \times 5 \text{ cm}^2$ . Paratobermorite is transparent, colorless,  
31 pale yellowish, pale beige or pinkish, with vitreous lustre. The mineral is brittle, with the (001)  
32 perfect cleavage. The Mohs hardness is *ca.*  $3\frac{1}{2}$ .  $D_{\text{meas.}} = 2.51 (2)$  and  $D_{\text{calc.}} = 2.533 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ .  
33 Paratobermorite is optically biaxial (+),  $\alpha = 1.565 (2)$ ,  $\beta = 1.566 (2)$ ,  $\gamma = 1.578 (2)$ ,  $2V_{\text{meas.}} = 25 (10)^\circ$   
34 and  $2V_{\text{calc.}} = 32^\circ (589 \text{ nm})$ . Optical orientation is:  $X = c$ ,  $Y = b$ ,  $Z = a$ . The chemical composition of  
35 paratobermorite (electron microprobe,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  by selective sorption from gaseous products of heating)  
36 is:  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  0.40,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  0.28,  $\text{CaO}$  36.60,  $\text{MnO}$  0.04,  $\text{BaO}$  0.07,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  6.46,  $\text{SiO}_2$  42.32,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  14.10, total  
37 100.27 wt.%. The empirical formula calculated on the basis of 22 O atoms per formula unit and  
38  $(\text{O},\text{OH})_{17}\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is  $\text{Na}_{0.09}\text{K}_{0.04}\text{Ca}_{4.72}\text{Al}_{0.92}\text{Si}_{5.09}\text{O}_{15.69}(\text{OH})_{1.31}\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . As all the other members of the  
39 tobermorite supergroup, paratobermorite displays OD character, with two MDO (maximum degree  
40 of order) structures, one (MDO1), with non-standard space group F2/d11 and the second (MDO2),  
41 just corresponding to the structure-type of the new mineral, with non-standard space group  
42  $C112_1/m$ ; its unit-cell parameters obtained from single-crystal X-ray diffraction data are:  $a =$   
43  $11.2220 (4)$ ,  $b = 7.3777 (2)$ ,  $c = 22.9425 (8) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\gamma = 89.990 (3)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1899.46 (10) \text{ \AA}^3$ , and  $Z = 4$ ;  
44 polytype  $2M$ . The crystal structure of paratobermorite is solved on single crystal,  $R = 8.36\%$ . Like  
45 structures of other 'tobermorites 11  $\text{Å}$ ', it is based on the complex layer built of sheet of seven-fold  
46 Ca-centred polyhedra with wollastonite-type chains of  $T$  tetrahedra attached to Ca-sheet from both

47 sides. The tetrahedral (*T*) sites *T*1 and *T*2 are fully occupied by Si while alternating *T*3 and *T*4 sites  
48 are filled by Al and Si in the ratio 1:1. The chains of tetrahedra belonging to neighboring complex  
49 layers share common oxygen vertices of the bridging *T*3,4 tetrahedra to form xonotlite-type ribbons  
50  $[\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{17}]^\infty$ . The heteropolyhedral Ca-*T*-O scaffolding appears as a microporous quasi-framework with  
51 wide channels which contain additional Ca atoms and H<sub>2</sub>O molecules. The complex Ca-*T*-O layers  
52 in paratobermorite (so-called *complex modules of type A*) significantly differ in topology (mutual  
53 arrangement of *T* tetrahedra and Ca polyhedra) from the complex Ca-*T*-O layers in tobermorite  
54 (*complex modules of type B*). The IR spectrum confirms the presence of nonequivalent H<sub>2</sub>O  
55 molecules and nonequivalent *T*-O-*T* angles involving *T* atoms of two neighboring wollastonite-type  
56 chains. Due to the original topological type of the structure and the presence of significant amount  
57 of Al which substitutes Si, paratobermorite can be considered as a novel microporous material, a  
58 perspective cation-exchanger.

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60 **Keywords:** paratobermorite, tobermorite group, new mineral, calcium silicate hydrate, OD  
61 character, crystal structure, IR spectroscopy, Portland cement, ion exchanger, rodingite,  
62 Bazhenovskoe deposit

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## INTRODUCTION

Tobermorite-supergroup members (or 'tobermorites') belong to a large family of calcium silicate hydrate (C-S-H) compounds, which includes many natural and synthetic representatives. For many years, 'tobermorites' have been in the focus of research by crystal chemists and material scientists due to their close relationships with the C-S-H compounds formed during the Portland cement hydration (Richardson 2008). In addition, 'tobermorites' demonstrate cation exchange properties and can be used in waste disposal (Bonaccorsi and Merlino 2005). Natural 'tobermorites' are united in the tobermorite supergroup. Until recently, this supergroup included five mineral species: tobermorite, kenotobermorite (forming the tobermorite group), clinotobermorite, plombi rite, and riversideite (Biagioni et al. 2015; see below for details).

In this paper we describe a new representative of the tobermorite group which differs from other members of the tobermorite supergroup not only in chemical features, symmetry and unit-cell metrics but also in the topology of the crystal structure, which is the most significant individual feature of the new mineral. It is named **paratobbermorite** from the Greek *παρα* for "near" and the relationship to tobermorite. Both the new mineral and its name have been approved by the Commission on New Minerals, Nomenclature and Classification of the International Mineralogical Association (IMA No. 2020–100). The type specimen is deposited in the systematic collection of the Fersman Mineralogical Museum of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow under the catalogue number 97513.

## TOBERMORITE-SUPERGROUP MINERALS:

### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND GENERAL CRYSTAL CHEMICAL FEATURES

89 Historically, among 'tobermorites' three types of minerals, so-called tobermorites 14 Å, 11 Å,  
90 and 9 Å were distinguished in correspondence with the strongest basal *d*-spacing in a powder X-ray  
91 diffractogram. In terms of mineral names, they correspond to plombi rite, tobermorite, and  
92 riversideite, respectively (Taylor 1953, 1964; McConnell 1954). The name tobermorite was  
93 introduced in the mineralogy by Heddle (1880), for a new mineral described from four localities in  
94 Scotland, including three near Tobermory. Claringbull and Hey (1952), who re-examined the  
95 Heddle's material, found that tobermorite is an individual natural C-S-H phase, which demonstrates  
96 the main basal reflection of powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern with  $d = 11.3 \text{ \AA}$ . Based on this,  
97 McConnell (1954) applied the mineral name tobermorite to the C-S-H compounds with a 11 Å main  
98 basal spacing.

99 The structure model for tobermorite (tobermorite *s.s.*, or 'tobermorite 11 Å') was firstly  
100 suggested by Megaw and Kelsey (1956) and later elaborated by Mamedov and Belov (1958) and  
101 Hamid (1981). The real structure of 'tobermorite 11 Å', its structural variations and polytypism were  
102 studied by Merlino et al. (1999, 2001) and Merlino and Bonaccorsi (2008). Hydrogen-bearing  
103 groups in one of varieties of 'tobermorite 11 Å' were examined in detail by Churakov (2009).  
104 Clinotobermorite, a natural C-S-H phase with a 11 Å main basal *d*-spacing, dimorphous with  
105 tobermorite, was described as a new mineral species from Fuka, Okayama Prefecture, Japan (Henmi  
106 and Kusachi, 1992). Its sub-cell structure was determined by Hoffmann and Armbruster (1997),  
107 whereas the real structure was defined by Merlino et al. (2000).

108 In 2015, the IMA-approved nomenclature of the tobermorite supergroup was published. In  
109 the frame of this nomenclature (Biagioni et al. 2015), five valid mineral species were distinguished  
110 and clearly defined. 'Tobermorites 14 Å' are represented by plombi rite with the idealized, end-  
111 member formula  $\text{Ca}_5\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{16}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 'tobermorites 9 Å' by riversideite with the end-member  
112 formula  $\text{Ca}_5\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{16}(\text{OH})_2$  and 'tobermorites 11 Å' include three species. Tobermorite and

113 clinotobermorite are defined as dimorphs with the idealized, end-member formula  $\text{Ca}_5\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{17}\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .  
114 Besides this pair, 'tobermorites 11 Å' include kenotobermorite with the end-member formula  
115  $\text{Ca}_4\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{15}(\text{OH})_2\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Table 1).

116 The fundamental building unit in the crystal structure of all tobermorite-supergroup minerals  
117 is the complex module (or complex layer) consisting of a sheet of seven-coordinated Ca-centred  
118 polyhedra decorated from both sides by Si-centred tetrahedra (*T*) belonging to wollastonite-type  
119 chains  $[\text{Si}_3\text{O}_9]^\infty$  (Merlino and Bonaccorsi 2008). This complex module is *C*-centred and has the  
120 periods  $a \approx 11.2 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b \approx 7.3 \text{ \AA}$  and thickness  $c_0 \approx 11.2 \text{ \AA}$  (Merlino et al. 1999, 2000, 2001; Biagioni  
121 et al. 2015). In Fig. 1, the complex module is illustrated by the examples taken from 'tobermorites 11  
122 Å'. As distinct from plombiérite, in 'tobermorites 11 Å' the stacking of the complex modules gives  
123 rise to the condensation of wollastonite-type chains of tetrahedra to form the  $[\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{17}]^\infty$  double chains  
124 (Merlino and Bonaccorsi 2008), also known as xonotlite-type ribbons. In cavities (channels) within  
125 the resulting heteropolyhedral Ca-*T*-O quasi-framework, additional cations (typically, Ca, up to one  
126 atom per formula unit, below *apfu*) and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecules occur (Fig. 2). In particular, the presence or  
127 absence of Ca in these cavities is a cause of the difference in the number of Ca *apfu* between  
128 tobermorite  $\text{Ca}_5\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{17}\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and kenotobermorite  $\text{Ca}_4\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{15}(\text{OH})_2\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Biagioni et al. 2015). The  
129 presence of these wide channels confers the properties of 'tobermorites' as ion-exchangers.

130 Bonaccorsi and Merlino (2005) stressed that there are two geometrically distinct ways to  
131 place the chains of tetrahedra on the two sides of the calcium sheet in the complex module. In the  
132 first one, the bridging tetrahedra are placed at right on one side and at left on the other side (or vice  
133 versa), with respect to the disilicate groups of the corresponding chain. Such layer was marked as  
134 *complex module of type A*. In the second way, the bridging tetrahedra on both sides are all placed at  
135 left (or all placed at right) with respect to the corresponding disilicate groups. The layer of this type  
136 was called *complex module of type B* (Bonaccorsi and Merlino 2005; Biagioni et al. 2015). Thus, the

137 complex modules of types A and B are topologically different (Fig. 1). The complex module of type  
138 B is known in tobermorite and kenotobermorite, whereas the complex module of type A is known in  
139 clinotobermorite. Now it is found in paratobbermorite.

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#### 141 POLYTYPIC ASPECTS IN TOBERMORITE GROUP OF MINERALS

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143 The various members of the ‘tobermorite supergroup’ present an order-disorder (OD)  
144 character (Dornberger-Schiff 1956, 1964, 1966; Ferraris et al. 2008) related to the metrical  
145 relationships between the calcium polyhedral module, with a repeat of 3.56 Å, and the wollastonite-  
146 type chains, with a periodicity of 7.3 Å. The chains may be connected to the calcium layers in two  
147 distinct but equivalent positions, shifted by 3.65 Å in the **b** direction. Consequently, the various  
148 phases of the tobermorite supergroup can be described in terms of OD layers which may stack in  
149 two different ways along **c\***, giving rise to a whole family of disordered or ordered sequences  
150 (polytypes).

151 In all the polytypes of a family (but also in the disordered sequences) pairs of adjacent  
152 layers are geometrically equivalent (principle of OD structures). In each family two main polytypes  
153 exist, corresponding to the sequences in which not only pairs but also triples, quadruples, ... *n*-tuples  
154 of layers are geometrically equivalent, corresponding to the MDO (Maximum Degree of Order)  
155 structures.

156 In the case of tobermorite (tobermorite 11Å), kenotobermorite and paratobbermorite the OD  
157 layer (Fig. 3) presents layer symmetry  $C2m(m)$  (one of the possible eighty layer groups), with  
158 translation vectors **a** and **b**, third vector **c**<sub>0</sub> (*a* ~ 11.3, *b* ~ 7.35, *c*<sub>0</sub> ~ 11.2 Å). The parentheses in the  
159 last position of the symbol for the layer group indicate the direction of missing periodicity.

160 For a layer with symmetry  $C2m(m)$  there are two possible sets of  $\sigma$ -operations (operations  
161 which relate adjacent layers) compatible with the set of  $\lambda$ -operations (Ferraris et al. 2008)

$$\begin{array}{l}
 162 \qquad C \quad 2 \quad m \quad (m) \qquad C \quad 2 \quad m \quad (m) \qquad (1) \\
 163 \qquad \{ 2_s \quad n_{2,s} \quad (n_{s,r}) \} \qquad \{ n_{r,2} \quad 2_r \quad (2_2) \}
 \end{array}$$

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 165 The first of them, with value  $\frac{1}{2}$  for both  $s$  and  $r$  parameters, results in the OD groupoid  
 166 family symbol

$$\begin{array}{l}
 167 \qquad C \quad 2 \quad m \quad (m) \\
 168 \qquad \{ 2_{1/2} \quad n_{2,1/2} \quad (n_{1/2,1/2}) \}
 \end{array}$$

169 which just consents the derivation of the real structure of tobermorite and kenotobermorite and the  
 170 definition of their two main polytypes (MDO structures) (Merlino et al. 1999; 2001; Biagioni et al.  
 171 2015).

172 It seems proper to recall that the symbols used for the  $\sigma$ -operations are in keeping with those  
 173 used in the normal space group operations:  $2_{1/2}$  represents a rotation of  $180^\circ$  followed by translation  
 174 along  $\mathbf{a}$  of  $a/4$ ;  $n_{2,1/2}$  represents a glide normal to  $\mathbf{b}$  with translational components  $\mathbf{c}_0$  and  $\mathbf{a}/4$ ;  $n_{1/2,1/2}$   
 175 represents a glide normal to  $\mathbf{c}_0$ , with translational components  $\mathbf{a}/4$  and  $\mathbf{b}/4$ .

176 Layers of  $C2mm$  symmetry follow each other in the  $\mathbf{c}$  direction, related by the operator  $n_{1/2,1/2}$  ( $= n_{-$   
 177  $1/2,-1/2$  due to the  $C$  centring of the single layer) normal to  $\mathbf{c}$ , or by the operator  $n_{1/2,-1/2}$  ( $= n_{-1/2,1/2}$ ).

178 The polytype MDO1 corresponds to the sequence in which the operators  $n_{1/2,1/2}$  and  $n_{1/2,-1/2}$   
 179 regularly alternate, resulting in a structure with  $F2dd$  symmetry and cell parameters  $a \sim 11.3$ ,  $b \sim$   
 180  $7.35$ ,  $c \sim 45.2 \text{ \AA}$  (Merlino et al., 2001). MDO2 corresponds to the sequence in which the operator  
 181  $n_{1/2,1/2}$  is constantly applied, resulting in a structure with  $C$  centred cell, with parameters  $a \sim 11.3$ ,  $b$   
 182  $\sim 7.35$ ,  $c \sim 22.6 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\gamma \sim 90^\circ$ , presenting additional lattice points at  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  (Fig. 3 in  
 183 Merlino et al., 2001). A convenient cell may be derived through the transformations  $\mathbf{a}' = (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})/2$ ,  
 184  $\mathbf{b}' = \mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}' = \mathbf{c}$ , thus obtaining a  $B$  centred monoclinic cell, space group  $B11m$  and cell parameters  
 185  $a \sim 6.73$ ,  $b \sim 7.35$ ,  $c \sim 22.6 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\gamma \sim 122.9^\circ$ .



186 In a paper by Merlino and Bonaccorsi (2008), attention has been given to the second set of  
187  $\sigma$ -operations compatible with the layer group symmetry  $C2m(m)$ . By assuming the value  $\frac{1}{2}$  for the  $r$   
188 parameter a new OD groupoid family was obtained which has the symbol

$$189 \quad C \quad 2 \quad m \quad (m) \\ 190 \quad \{ n_{1/2,2} \quad 2_{1/2} \quad (2_2) \}$$

191 and by which a new family of OD structures may be obtained.

192 Merlino and Bonaccorsi (2008) indicated that also in the present case two main polytypes  
193 exist: MDO1 is obtained through the constant application of the  $[n_{1/2,2} - -]$  operation and presents  
194 non-standard space group  $F2/d11$ , with  $a = 11.3$ ,  $b = 7.35$ ,  $c = 45.2 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ ; MDO2 is obtained  
195 through the regular alternation of the operations  $[n_{1/2,2} - -]$  and  $[n_{-1/2,2} - -]$  and presents non-standard  
196 space group  $C112_1/m$ , with  $a = 11.3$ ,  $b = 7.35$ ,  $c = 22.6 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\gamma = 90^\circ$ . The unit cell dimensions, space  
197 group and structural arrangement of the last polytype closely correspond to those of  
198 paratobermorite, the mineral species described in the present paper.

199 Tobermorite and kenotobermorite share the same OD family, but show distinguished  
200 chemical composition,  $\text{Ca}_5\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{17}\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  for tobermorite and  $\text{Ca}_4\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{15}(\text{OH})_2\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  for  
201 kenotobermorite. As regards the polytypic aspects both main polytypes of kenotobermorite have  
202 been observed in nature: kenotobermorite-2M ( $B11m$ ,  $a = 6.735$ ,  $b = 7.385$ ,  $c = 22.487 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\gamma =$   
203  $123.25^\circ$ ) and kenotobermorite-4O ( $F2dd$ ,  $a = 11.265$ ,  $b = 7.385$ ,  $c = 44.97 \text{ \AA}$ ), respectively; whereas  
204 only the monoclinic polytype tobermorite-2M ( $B11m$ ,  $a = 6.732$ ,  $b = 7.369$ ,  $c = 22.680 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\gamma =$   
205  $123.18^\circ$ ) has been found. Paratobermorite,  $\text{Ca}_5\text{AlSi}_5\text{O}_{16}(\text{OH})\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  has a peculiar OD character,  
206 pertaining to a different OD family. Similar to the case of tobermorite, so far only the polytype  
207 paratobermorite-2M has been found in nature.

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## 209 ANALYTICAL METHODS AND DATA PROCESSING DETAILS

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211 The chemical composition of paratobermorite was determined by electron microprobe in the  
212 Laboratory of Analytical Techniques of High Spatial Resolution, Dept. of Petrology, Moscow State  
213 University (MSU) using a Jeol JSM-6480LV scanning electron microscope (SEM) equipped with an  
214 INCA-Wave 500 wavelength-dispersive spectrometer, with an acceleration voltage of 20 kV, a  
215 beam current of 10 nA; the electron beam was rastered to the  $5 \times 5 \mu\text{m}^2$  area. The standards used are  
216 listed in Table 2. The studies of morphology of paratobermorite crystals and aggregates, including  
217 the obtaining of SEM images, were carried out using the same scanning electron microscope.

218  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was determined by the Alimarin method [the Penfield method modified for small  
219 samples and involving selective sorption of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  on  $\text{Mg}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  from gaseous products obtained by  
220 heating the mineral at  $1080^\circ\text{C}$  in oxygen at 1 atm]. Two measurements were performed and the  
221 results were averaged. The attempt to measure  $\text{CO}_2$  content was made using the method of selective  
222 sorption of  $\text{CO}_2$  on askarite (an asbestiform material saturated with NaOH) from gaseous products  
223 obtained by heating the mineral at  $1080^\circ\text{C}$  in oxygen at 1 atm. This experiment showed the absence  
224 of  $\text{CO}_2$  in paratobermorite (that is in agreement with both IR spectroscopy and structure data: see  
225 below).

226 In order to obtain infrared (IR) absorption spectrum, powdered sample of paratobermorite was  
227 mixed with anhydrous KBr, pelletized, and analyzed using an ALPHA FTIR spectrometer (Bruker  
228 Optics) at a resolution of  $4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . A total of 16 scans were collected. The IR spectrum of an analogous  
229 pellet of pure KBr was used as a reference. A sample of tobermorite (tobermorite-2M) from the  
230 Pervomaiskiy quarry, Mt. Bol'shoy Kermen, Bakhchisaray district, Crimea Peninsula was prepared  
231 and studied using the same procedures for comparison.

232 Powder XRD study of paratobermorite was carried out using a Rigaku R-AXIS Rapid II  
233 single-crystal diffractometer equipped with a curved image plate detector (Debye-Scherrer  
234 geometry,  $r = 127.4 \text{ mm}$ ) and  $\text{CoK}\alpha$  radiation source (rotating anode; 40 kV, 15 mA, and 12 min

235 exposure time; powdered sample of spherical form prepared with X-ray amorphous glue was studied  
236 ), with Rigaku VariMax microfocuss mirror optics. Imaging plate-to-profile data conversion was  
237 performed using osc2xrd software (Britvin et al. 2017).

238 Single-crystal XRD studies of paratobermorite were carried out on a crystal of  $0.21 \times 0.30 \times$   
239  $0.63 \text{ mm}^3$  in size using an Xcalibur S single-crystal diffractometer equipped with a CCD detector. A  
240 full sphere of three-dimensional data was collected. Data reduction was performed using  
241 CrysAlisPro version 1.171.39.46 (Rigaku OD 2018). The data were corrected for Lorentz factor and  
242 polarization effect.

243 The crystal structure of paratobermorite was solved by direct methods and refined using the  
244 SHELX software package (Sheldrick 2015) to  $R = 0.0831$  for 2076 unique reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
245 in the frame of monoclinic space group  $P2_1/m$  [unit-cell parameters:  $a = 6.7149(2)$ ,  $b = 22.9441(8)$ ,  
246  $c = 6.7162(3) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 113.358(4)^\circ$ ]. In this setting, the  $a$  and  $c$  parameters of the unit cell have nearly  
247 the same values, and the transition to a pseudo-orthorhombic unit cell can be performed by applying  
248 the matrix  $1 \ 0 \ -1 / 1 \ 0 \ 1 / 0 \ -1 \ 0$ . The unit cell obtained in that way is comparable with those  
249 suggested for tobermorite ('tobermorite 11  $\text{\AA}$ ') and other closely related tobermorite-supergroup  
250 minerals reported in recent papers (Merlino et al. 1999, 2000, 2001; Merlino and Bonaccorsi 2008;  
251 Biagioni et al. 2015): see Table 1. We have re-integrated single-crystal XRD data and refined the  
252 structure model of paratobermorite in the non-standard space group  $C112_1/m$  to  $R = 0.0836$  for 2055  
253 unique reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ . For an easier comparison,  $C112_1/m$  is chosen by us as the "natural"  
254 space group for paratobermorite, consenting an easy comparison with the other 'tobermorite 11  $\text{\AA}$ '  
255 phases (Table 1). In both structure models of paratobermorite, microtwinning was observed. The  
256 transition matrices  $0 \ 0 \ 1 / 0 \ -1 \ 0 / 1 \ 0 \ 0$  (sp. gr.  $P2_1/m$ ) and  $-1 \ 0 \ 0 / 0 \ 1 \ 0 / 0 \ 0 \ 1$  (sp. gr.  $C112_1/m$ ) are  
257 found, and the refined twin ratio is 0.53 : 0.47. Complete sets of crystallographic data for both

258 models, with the space groups  $P2_1/m$  and  $C112_1/m$ , can be retrieved from the CIF files attached as  
259 the Supplementary Material.

260 All attempts to obtain a reasonable structure model for paratobermorite in the frame of  
261 orthorhombic symmetry unit cell were unsuccessful. The *PLATON* program (Spek 2003) did not  
262 detect higher metrics or crystallographic symmetry for the monoclinic model.

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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 265 Occurrence

266 Paratobermorite was found at the Bazhenovskoe deposit of chrysotile asbestos located at the  
267 eastern border of the city of Asbest, Sverdlovsk Oblast, Central (Middle) Urals, Russia.

268 The Bazhenovskoe deposit related to the Bazhenovsky gabbro-harzburgite intrusion is one of  
269 the world-largest deposits of high-quality chrysotile asbestos. It was discovered in 1885 and is  
270 operated since 1889. From the mineralogical viewpoint, Bazhenovskoe is mainly known due to  
271 rodingites formed as a result of a low-grade metamorphism after numerous gabbro dikes hosted by  
272 serpentinites. Geological and mineralogical data on Bazhenovskoe rodingites were summarized by  
273 Erokhin (2017).

274 One of the bright mineralogical features of the Bazhenovskoe deposit is the abundance and  
275 diversity of C-S-H minerals in late, hydrothermal parageneses related to rodingites. Some of them  
276 are known here in the form of large and perfect crystals, which is unusual for these minerals. The  
277 studies of samples from Bazhenovskoe gave a significant contribution to the mineralogy and crystal  
278 chemistry of calcium silicate hydrates, namely tobermorite, plombiérite (Zadov et al. 1995, 2001;  
279 Merlino et al. 2001), rosenhahnite (Zadov et al. 2000), and oyelite (Pekov et al. 2019). The  
280 discovery of paratobermorite again highlights the important role of the Bazhenovskoe deposit for the  
281 mineralogy of calcium silicate hydrates.

282           The specimens with the new mineral were collected in 2019 from a rodingite vein uncovered  
283 in the eastern part of the Southern open pit operating on the Bazhenovskoe deposit. This steeply  
284 dipping (with the dipping angle of 70–80°) vein about 0.5 m thick is seated in serpentinites and has a  
285 near-meridional orientation. In the area where paratobermorite was found, the main rodingite-  
286 forming mineral is white, colorless or grayish massive, fine-grained grossular and the subordinate  
287 mineral is prehnite. Paratobermorite occurs in cavities together with pectolite (represented by both  
288 1*A* and *M2abc* polytypes), thomsonite-Ca, and calcite. Paratobermorite is a hydrothermal mineral  
289 crystallized in a Ca-rich assemblage related to rodingite, a rock formed as a result of metasomatic  
290 alteration (rodingitization) of a gabbroid dyke cross-cutting serpentinite (Erokhin 2017 and  
291 references therein).

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### 293 **General appearance, crystal morphology, physical properties and optical data**

294           Paratobermorite forms prismatic to acicular crystals, elongated along [010], up to 1 mm ×  
295 1.5 mm × 8 mm. They are well-shaped, perfectly terminated (Figs. 4 and 5a,b) or crude (Fig. 5c),  
296 sometimes divergent, and typically assembled in open-work aggregates (Figs. 5c and 6a) up to 1 cm  
297 × 1.5 cm, spray- or bush-like radial clusters (Fig. 6b) up to 1.3 cm across. Crystal crusts, usually  
298 interrupted, of paratobermorite up to 3 cm × 5 cm in area and up to 1 cm thick cover grossular and  
299 prehnite aggregates whereas pectolite, thomsonite-Ca and calcite overgrow paratobermorite.

300           Noteworthy, unlike other 'tobermorites', which typically occur (in particular, at  
301 Bazhenovskoe) as thin acicular to hair-like individuals (tobermorite, clinotobermorite) or scales  
302 (plombiérite), paratobermorite forms relatively thick prismatic crystals (Figs. 4–6). The prismatic  
303 zone of paratobermorite crystals is formed by the {100} and {001} faces and the terminations are  
304 formed by the {011} faces (Fig. 4: the pseudo-orthorhombic setting with  $\gamma = 90^\circ$  is used). Contact  
305 twins on {100} were observed under the microscope in polarized transmitted light; microtwinning

306 with the same plane (100) as a twinning operator (the matrix is  $-1\ 0\ 0 / 0\ 1\ 0 / 0\ 0\ 1$ ) was found  
307 during the crystal structure determination.

308 Paratobermorite is transparent, colorless, pale yellowish, pale beige or pinkish, with white  
309 streak and vitreous lustre. The mineral does not fluoresce in ultraviolet light. Paratobermorite is  
310 brittle, the (001) perfect cleavage is observed, and the fracture is stepped. The Mohs hardness is *ca.*  
311  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . Density measured by flotation in heavy liquids (bromoform + heptane) is equal to 2.51 (2) g  
312  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ . Density calculated using the empirical formula and unit-cell volume determined from the  
313 single-crystal XRD data is 2.533  $\text{g cm}^{-3}$ .

314 Under the microscope, in plane polarized transmitted light paratobermorite is colorless and  
315 non-pleochroic. It is optically biaxial (+),  $\alpha = 1.565$  (2),  $\beta = 1.566$  (2),  $\gamma = 1.578$  (2),  $2V_{\text{meas.}} = 25$   
316  $(10)^\circ$  and  $2V_{\text{calc.}} = 32^\circ$  (589 nm). Dispersion of optical axes was not observed. Extinction is parallel  
317 and elongation is negative. Orientation is as follows:  $X = c$ ,  $Y = b$ ,  $Z = a$ .

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### 319 **Chemical composition**

320 The chemical composition of paratobermorite in wt.% is given in Table 2. The charge-  
321 balanced empirical formula calculated on the basis of 22 O atoms per formula unit (*apfu*) and  
322  $(\text{O},\text{OH})_{17}\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  *pfu* (in accordance with structural data, see below) is  
323  $\text{Na}_{0.09}\text{K}_{0.04}\text{Ca}_{4.72}\text{Al}_{0.92}\text{Si}_{5.09}\text{O}_{15.69}(\text{OH})_{1.31}\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The simplified formula is  $\text{Ca}_5\text{AlSi}_5\text{O}_{16}(\text{OH})\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .  
324 The ideal crystal-chemical formula of paratobermorite written in accordance with the scheme  
325 proposed in the frame of the IMA-accepted nomenclature of tobermorite-super group minerals  
326 (Biagioni et al. 2015) is  $\text{Ca}_4(\text{Al}_{0.5}\text{Si}_{0.5})_2\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{16}(\text{OH})\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}\cdot (\text{Ca}\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O})$  (see structure data below).

327 The compatibility index  $1 - (K_p/K_c) = -0.008$  if  $D_{\text{meas.}}$  is used and  $= 0.001$  if  $D_{\text{calc.}}$  is used.

328 Both values are rated as *superior*, according to Mandarino (1981).

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## 330 **Infrared spectroscopy**

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332 In the IR spectra of paratobermorite and tobermorite (Fig. 7), absorption bands are observed in  
333 the ranges of 3200–3600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (O–H stretching vibrations, 1620–1650  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (H–O–H bending  
334 vibrations of H<sub>2</sub>O molecules), 920–1220  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (Si–O stretching vibrations), 870–910  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (stretching  
335 vibrations involving Al–O bonds), 650–770  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (Ca···O–H and/or O–T–O bending vibrations) and  
336 below 600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (lattice modes involving Si–O stretching, Si–O–Si bending and H<sub>2</sub>O librational  
337 vibrations). For the assignment of the IR bands see (Zadov et al. 2001, 2006; Organova et al. 2002;  
338 Chukanov and Chervonnyi 2016).

339 The main differences between the IR spectra of tobermorite and paratobermorite are observed in the  
340 ranges of 650–770, 870–910, 1100–1220, and 3200–3600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  which may be due to significant  
341 differences between these minerals in the Al:Si ratio, stacking of wollastonite-type chains, and  
342 hydrogen bonding. In particular, the strong IR band at 878  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is a specific feature of paratobermorite.  
343 This band is not observed in IR spectra of Al-poor tobermorite-group minerals. As it was shown  
344 earlier (Chukanov 2014), in silicates with polymerized SiO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra, the position of the most  
345 high-frequency Si–O-stretching band,  $\nu_{\text{Si-O}}(\text{max})$ , observed in the range of 1000–1220  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ,  
346 depends on the value of the greatest Si–O–Si angle,  $\varphi_{\text{SiOSi}}$ . At  $\varphi_{\text{SiOSi}} = 180^\circ$  the value  $\nu_{\text{Si-O}}(\text{max})$  is  
347 close to 1200  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . For example, in the IR spectrum of xonotlite (with  $\varphi_{\text{SiOSi}} = 180^\circ$  at the stacking  
348 of wollastonite-type chains: see Kudoh and Takeuchi 1979)  $\nu_{\text{Si-O}}(\text{max})$  is equal to 1203  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The  
349 crystal structure of tobermorite is also based on xonotlite-like ribbons with the  $\varphi_{\text{SiOSi}}$  angle close to  
350 180° (Merlino et al. 2001). For Al-free tobermorite the  $\nu_{\text{Si-O}}(\text{max})$  value is in the range of 1200–  
351 1215  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . In the IR spectra of minerals belonging to the palygorskite and the sepiolite groups and  
352 structurally related minerals (“palysepioles”, with  $\varphi_{\text{SiOSi}} \approx 180^\circ$  at the stacking of bands of  
353 tetrahedra: Cámara et al. 2002; Ferraris and Gula 2005; Chukanov et al. 2012)  $\nu_{\text{Si-O}}(\text{max})$  varies

354 from 1160 to 1212  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Another example is suolunite  $\text{Ca}_2[\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_2]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Ma et al. 1999) with  
355  $\varphi_{\text{SiOSi}} = 180^\circ$ ,  $\nu_{\text{Si-O(max)}} = 1191 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . In contrast to these examples, for cuspidine  $\text{Ca}_8(\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7)_2\text{F}_4$   
356 (Saburi et al. 1977)  $\varphi_{\text{SiOSi}} = 155.4^\circ$ ,  $\nu_{\text{Si-O(max)}} = 1057 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ; for kilchoanite  $\text{Ca}_6(\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{10})(\text{SiO}_4)$   
357 (Taylor 1971)  $\varphi_{\text{SiOSi}} = 117^\circ$ ,  $\nu_{\text{Si-O(max)}} = 1047 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

358 The presence of the bands at 1120 and 1167  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the IR spectrum of paratobermorite  
359 (unlike tobermorite: Fig. 7b) indicates the presence of two kinds of the Si–O–Si bridges with large  
360 (but significantly smaller than  $180^\circ$ ) Si–O–Si angles and is in good agreement with the values of the  
361  $T4\text{--}OT4\text{--}T4$  and  $T3\text{--}OT3\text{--}T3$  angles [ $161(2)^\circ$  and  $174.0(12)^\circ$ , respectively]. Unlike, the IR spectra  
362 of tobermorite contain a single band in the range of 1160–1220  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (typically,  $1200 \pm 20 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ :  
363 Chukanov 2014) which corresponds to a Si–O–Si angle close to  $180^\circ$ .

364 As compared to tobermorite, paratobermorite is characterized by lower wavenumbers of the  
365 bands corresponding to O–H stretching vibrations and, consequently, by stronger hydrogen bonds.  
366 Based on the correlation reported by Libowitzky (1999), the  $\text{D}\cdots\text{A}$  distances for hydrogen bonds in  
367 paratobermorite corresponding to the bands at 3220, 2446, and 3538  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are equal to 2.71, 2.83, and  
368 2.97 Å, respectively. Bands of carbonate and orthoborate anions are not observed in the IR spectrum  
369 of paratobermorite.

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### 371 **X-ray diffraction data and crystal structure**

372 Powder XRD data of paratobermorite are given in Table 3. Parameters of the monoclinic unit  
373 cell calculated from powder data are:  $a = 11.245(3)$ ,  $b = 7.391(2)$ ,  $c = 23.01(1)$  Å,  $\gamma = 90.00(5)^\circ$   
374 and  $V = 1912(2)$  Å<sup>3</sup>.

375 The unit-cell parameters obtained for paratobermorite from single-crystal XRD data are:  $a =$   
376  $11.2220(4)$ ,  $b = 7.3777(2)$ ,  $c = 22.9425(8)$  Å,  $\gamma = 89.990(3)^\circ$ , and  $V = 1899.46(10)$  Å<sup>3</sup>.



377 The crystal structure description of paratobermorite is reported here for the model in the  
378 space group  $C112_1/m$ . Selected interatomic distances are given in Table 4 and bond valence  
379 calculations in Table 5.

380 The crystal structure of paratobermorite (Fig. 2), like structures of other 'tobermorites 11 Å'  
381 (Merlino et al. 2001), is based on the complex module built of sheet of Ca-centred polyhedra,  
382 parallel to (001), with chains of  $T$  tetrahedra running along the  $b$  axis and attached to Ca-sheet.  
383 Paratobermorite possesses the *complex module of type A* (Fig. 1a). There are three main  $T$  sites;  
384 according to interatomic distances,  $T1$  and  $T2$  are fully occupied by Si atoms while the  $T3$  site, as  
385 well as the additional  $T4$  site (these sites could be only alternatively occupied due to a short  $T3$ – $T4$   
386 distance) are filled by Al and Si in the ratio 1:1; the site occupancy factors of  $T3$  and  $T4$  are 0.70 and  
387 0.30, respectively. The chains of tetrahedra belonging to neighboring complex modules share  
388 common oxygen vertices of the bridging  $T3,4$  tetrahedra to form double chains (xonotlite-type  
389 ribbons); in general, the heteropolyhedral Ca- $T$ -O scaffolding appears as a microporous quasi-  
390 framework. Two main Ca sites (Ca1 and Ca2) occupy seven-fold polyhedra which build the (001)  
391 layers of the complex module. Wide channels in the quasi-framework contain two sites partially  
392 occupied with Ca (additional Ca sites labelled as Ca3 and Ca4 in Tables 4 and 5 and Fig. 2) and five  
393 partially occupied H<sub>2</sub>O sites. Water molecules (labelled as Ow1–Ow5 in Tables 4 and 5) are placed  
394 on the  $m$  plane and for better clarity their further site splitting and positional disorder were forbidden  
395 during the refinement. In terms of polytypism (Merlino and Bonaccorsi 2008; Biagioni et al. 2015),  
396 paratobermorite is represented by the  $2M$  polytype.

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### 398 **Comparison of paratobermorite with other tobermorite-supergroup minerals**

399 Paratobermorite belongs to 'tobermorites 11 Å', as well as tobermorite, kenotobermorite and  
400 clinotobermorite. All known polytypes of these minerals are reported in Table 1.

401           Based on the structure arrangement, paratobermorite is included in the tobermorite group  
402 within the tobermorite supergroup, together with tobermorite and kenotobermorite. The belonging of  
403 paratobermorite to the tobermorite group is justified by the same type of tetrahedral motif in the  
404 structure (Fig. 8a,b) whereas clinotobermorite (Fig. 8c) and other tobermorite-supergroup members  
405 differ from them in this aspect and, thus, do not belong to the tobermorite group (Biagioni et al.  
406 2015).

407           The peculiar aspects which characterize paratobermorite as an individual mineral species and  
408 distinguish it from tobermorite and other related minerals, are as follows.

409           (1) The essential building units of the crystal structures of paratobermorite and related  
410 minerals are topologically different. The complex Ca-*T*-O layer in the structure of paratobermorite is  
411 the *complex module of type A* (Fig. 1a) whereas the complex Ca-*T*-O layer in tobermorite is the  
412 *complex module of type B* (Fig. 1b). They significantly differ from each other in the mutual  
413 arrangement of *T* tetrahedra and Ca polyhedra (see above). From clinotobermorite, paratobermorite  
414 significantly differs in the general topological characteristics of the tetrahedral motif (Figs. 8a,c).  
415 Tobermorite differs from both these minerals in this aspect (Fig. 8b).

416           (2) In terms of crystal chemistry, paratobermorite differs from all other tobermorite-  
417 supergroup minerals in the Al-Si ordering: it is not the only mineral significantly enriched with Al  
418 but it is the first member of the group in which Al-Si ordering is found. The bridging *T*<sub>3,4</sub> tetrahedra  
419 which connect adjacent complex layers in the whole structure are occupied by Si and Al atoms in  
420 the ratio 1:1 whereas the *T*<sub>1,2</sub> tetrahedra are occupied by Si (Tables 4 and 5, Figs. 1, 2 and 8). All  
421 other structurally studied minerals of the tobermorite-supergroup display Si-Al disorder: in their  
422 structures, all *T* tetrahedra are essentially Si-dominant (Merlino et al. 1999, 2000, 2001; Bonaccorsi  
423 et al. 2005 and references therein). For this reason, the simplified formula of paratobermorite  
424  $\text{Ca}_5\text{AlSi}_5\text{O}_{16}(\text{OH})\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{Ca}_5(\text{AlSi})\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{16}(\text{OH})\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , differs from all other valid minerals of the  
425 tobermorite supergroup that have the simplified formulae with only Si in the tetrahedral part

426 (Biagioni et al. 2015; Table 1) and explains the larger value of the  $c$  parameter in comparison with  
427 that of the other members of the tobermorite group.

428 (3) Paratobbermorite differs from all other tobermorite-supergroup minerals in space group  
429 and metrics of the unit cell that is a consequence of the above-discussed differences in the topology  
430 of structure. The crystal data for 'tobermorites 11 Å' are summarized in Table 1 and the  $ac$   
431 projections of the chains of tetrahedra in the unit cells of tobermorite- $2M$ , paratobbermorite- $2M$  and  
432 clinotobbermorite- $2M$  (*i.e.*, monoclinic polytypes with  $c = 22.5 - 23$  Å) are shown in Fig. 8.

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### IMPLICATIONS

435 Due to the original topological type of the crystal structure, paratobbermorite can be  
436 considered as a novel microporous material known only as a natural compound. Despite the fact that  
437 it has not yet been synthesized, the discovery of paratobbermorite at the Bazhenovskoe deposit makes  
438 possible to study its properties. This finding has both scientific and applied value. On one hand, it  
439 confirmed the previously predicted (Merlino and Bonaccorsi 2008) existence of a tobermorite-like  
440 structure of this topological type. On the other hand, one can expect the presence of paratobbermorite  
441 as one of the phases in some cement materials (mainly in Portland cement), especially, materials  
442 with a relatively high aluminum content. The upper limit of the substitution of Si for Al in  
443 'tobermorites 11 Å' corresponds to the atomic ratio Al:(Al+Si) of 0.167 which corresponds to the  
444 situation Si–O–Al around all O atoms bridging the wollastonite-type chains. In the case of  
445 paratobbermorite, this ratio is equal to 0.153, which exceeds the maximum Al:(Al+Si) values of 0.13  
446 – 0.14 known for synthetic 'tobermorites' (Sakiyama et al. 2000). The formation of Al-rich  
447 tobermorite-related compounds occurs most probably in some kinds of Al-rich cements containing  
448 active SiO<sub>2</sub>. Concretes and ceramics prepared from such cements show significant growth of  
449 strength with time (El-Didamony et al. 2000; Chervonnyi et al. 2010). The ion-exchange capability  
450 is mainly exhibited by Al-substituted tobermorite-related compounds (Bonaccorsi and Merlino

451 2005). In particular, these compounds show sorption capacity for a number of transition metals (Al-  
452 Wakeel et al. 2001) and a high selectivity for Cs<sup>+</sup> and Li<sup>+</sup> (Tsuji et al. 1991 and references therein).  
453 Thus, paratobermorite can be considered as a perspective prototype of microporous materials with  
454 technologically important properties (cation-exchanger), probably better than ordinary, Al-poor  
455 tobermorites.

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588 **Figure captions**

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590 **Figure 1.** Two topological types of the complex Ca-*T*-O module, a fundamental building unit in the  
591 crystal structures of tobermorite-supergroup minerals: (a) complex module of type A in  
592 paratobbermorite and (b) complex module of type B in tobermorite (drawn after Merlino et al. 2001).

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594 **Figure 2.** The crystal structure of paratobbermorite (a) and tobermorite (drawn after Merlino et al.  
595 2001) (b). The unit cells are outlined.

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597 **Figure 3.** OD Layer in tobermorite 11Å (taken from Merlino et al., 2001). The  $\lambda$  operations are  
598 indicated.

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600 **Figure 4.** Paratobbermorite crystal.

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602 **Figure 5.** Crystals (a, b) and open-work crystal cluster of paratobbermorite. SEM images: a – BSE  
603 mode, b and c – SE mode.

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605 **Figure 6.** Paratobbermorite aggregates: a – open-work aggregates on almost colourless grossular  
606 crystal crust with small milky-white spherulites of pectolite-1A (photo: I.V. Pekov & A.V.  
607 Kasatkin); b – radial cluster of prismatic crystals (length of the largest, divergent crystal is 8 mm) on  
608 prehnite spherulitic crust, which covers a wall of cavity in grossular rodingite (photo: N.N.  
609 Koshlyakova). FOV width: a – 7.5 mm, b – 1.5 cm.

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611 **Figure 7.** Powder infrared absorption spectra of (a) paratobermorite and (b) Al-free tobermorite-2M  
612 with the empirical formula  $\text{Ca}_{4.68}\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{16.36}(\text{OH})_{0.64}\cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $n \sim 5$ ) from the Pervomaiskiy quarry, Mt.  
613 Bol'shoy Kermen, Bakhchisaray district, Crimea Peninsula.

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615 **Figure 8.** Tetrahedral motifs in the structures of 2M polytypes of 'tobermorites 11 Å':  
616 paratobermorite (a; for legend see Fig. 2; T3- and T4-centred tetrahedra are filled alternatively and  
617 T4 tetrahedra are not shown here for better clarity), tobermorite (b; drawn after Merlino et al. 2001)  
618 and clinotobermorite (c; drawn after Merlino et al. 2000). The unit cells are outlined.

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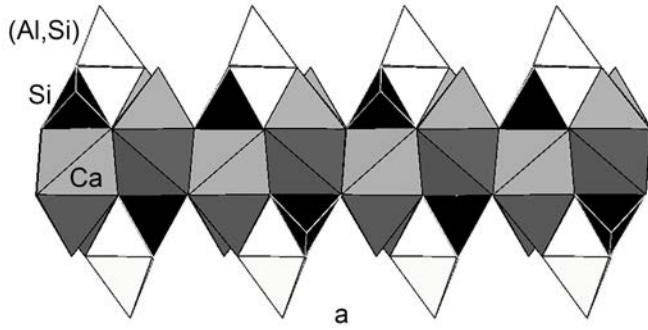


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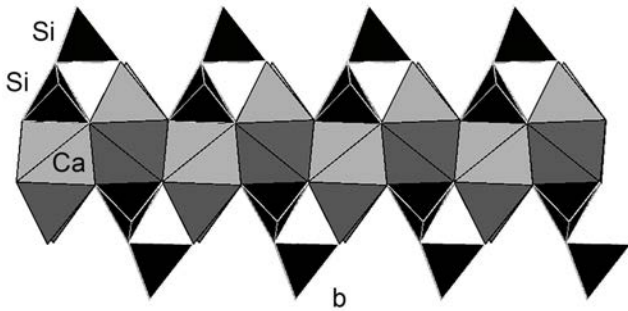
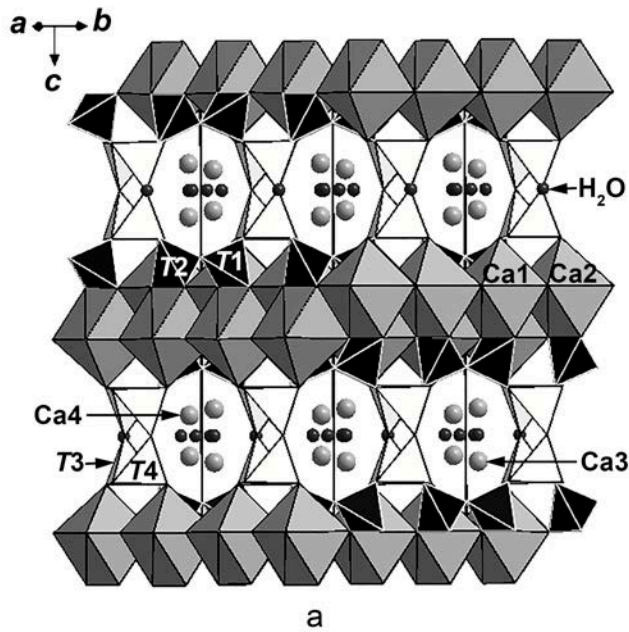
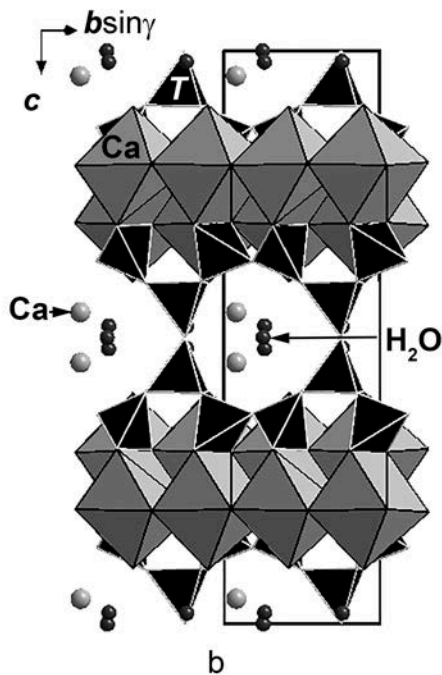


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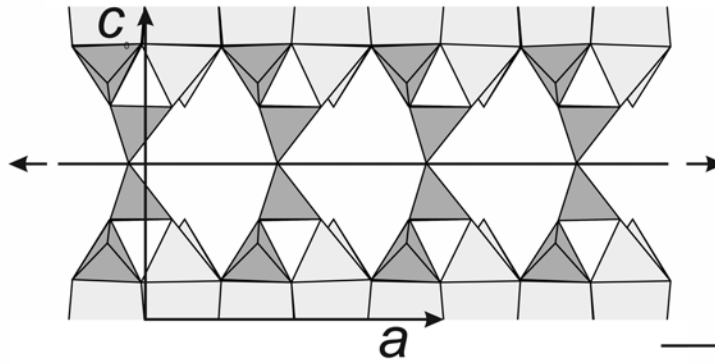
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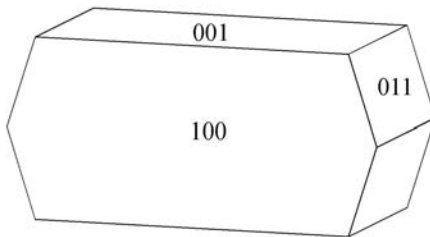
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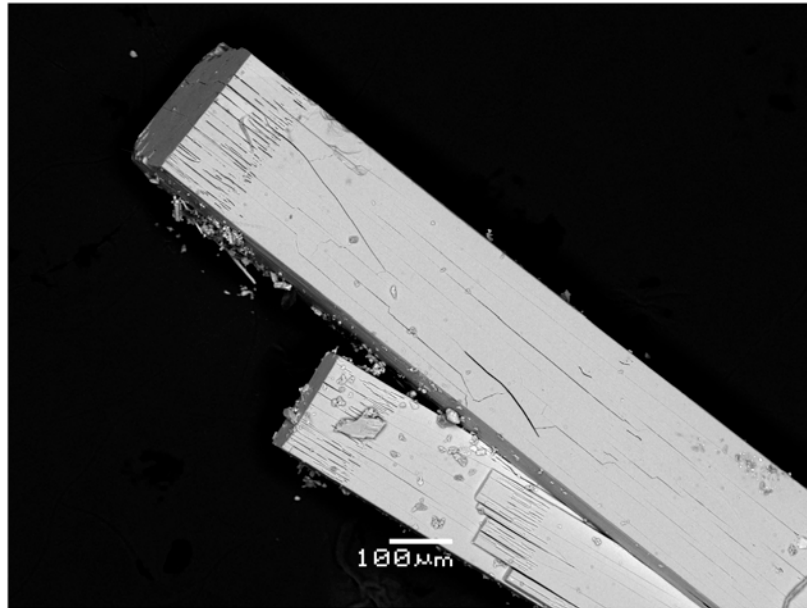


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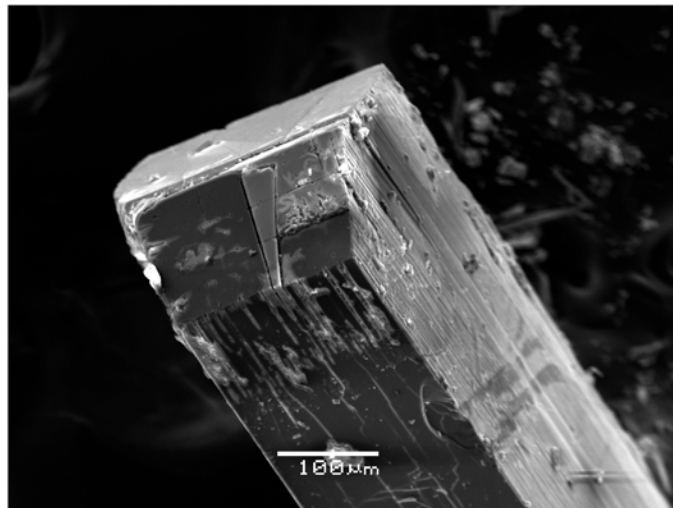
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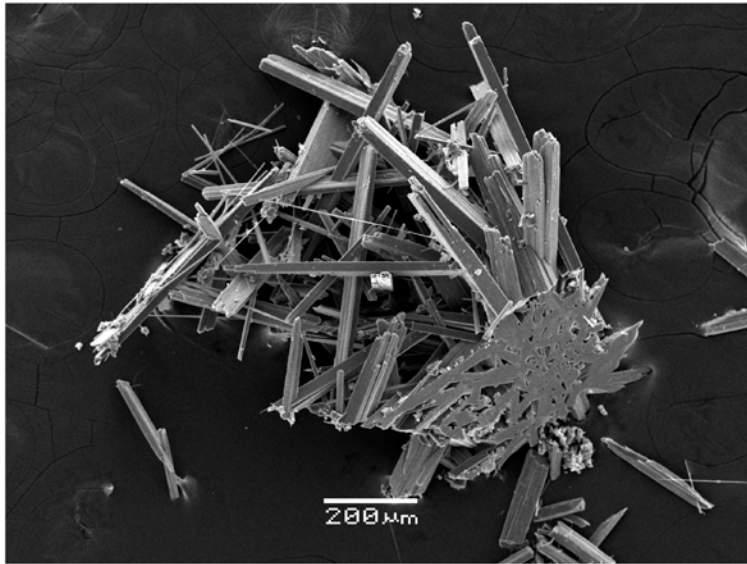
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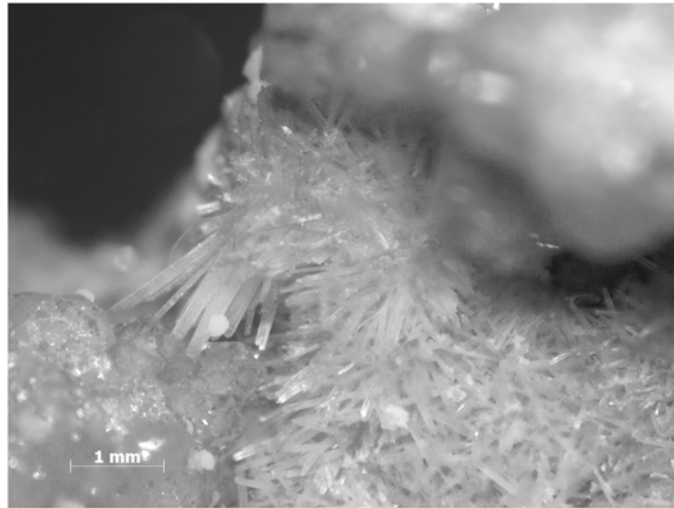
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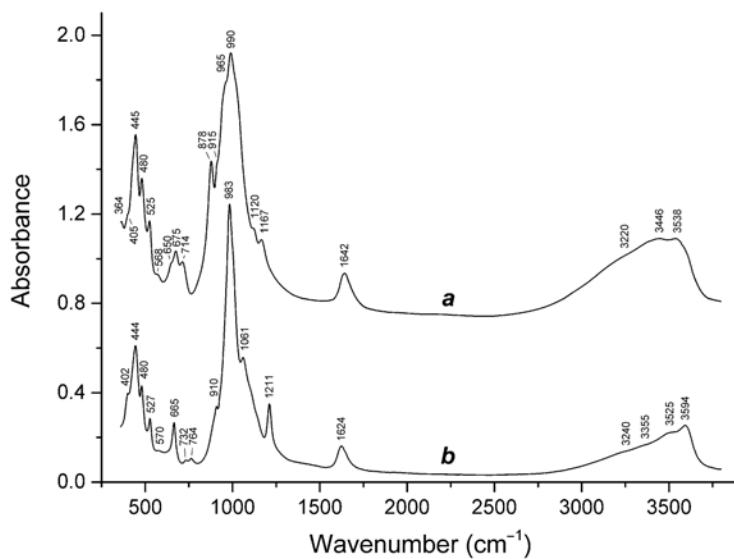


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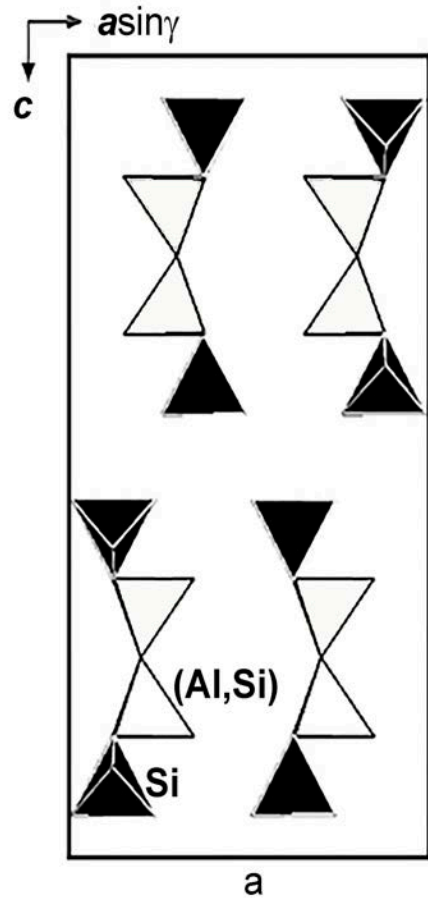


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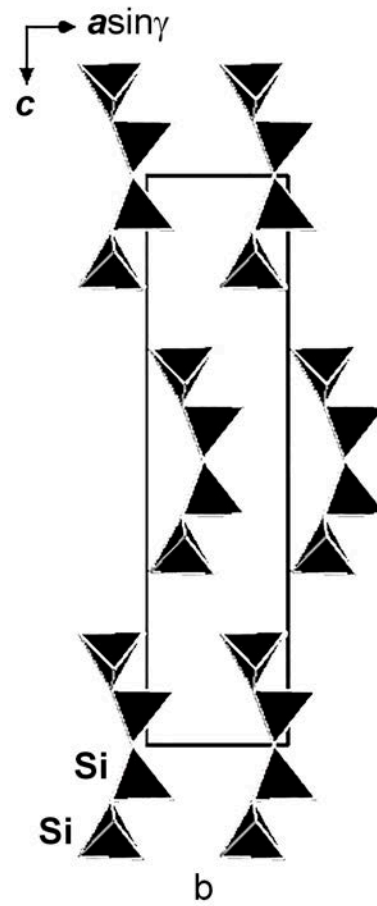


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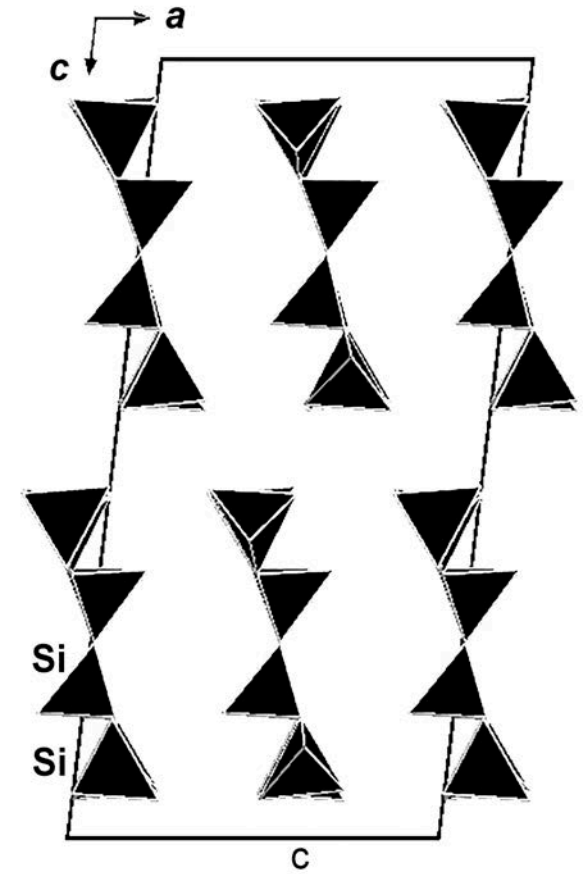


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651 **Tables**

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**Table 1.** Crystal data of tobermorite-supergruop minerals belonging to 'tobermorites 11 Å': tobermorite, clinotobermorite, kenotobermorite and paratobbermorite (all polytypes known in nature are included)

Mineral	Paratobbermorite	Tobermorite	Kenotobermorite		Clinotobermorite	
Simplified formula	Ca <sub>5</sub> AlSi <sub>5</sub> O <sub>16</sub> (OH)·5H <sub>2</sub> O	Ca <sub>5</sub> Si <sub>6</sub> O <sub>17</sub> ·5H <sub>2</sub> O	Ca <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>6</sub> O <sub>15</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> ·5H <sub>2</sub> O		Ca <sub>5</sub> Si <sub>6</sub> O <sub>17</sub> ·5H <sub>2</sub> O	
Ideal (structural) formula*	[Ca <sub>4</sub> (Al <sub>0.5</sub> Si <sub>0.5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>4</sub> O <sub>16</sub> (OH)·2H <sub>2</sub> O]·(Ca·3H <sub>2</sub> O)	[Ca <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>6</sub> O <sub>17</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O]·(Ca·3H <sub>2</sub> O)	[Ca <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>6</sub> O <sub>15</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O]·(3H <sub>2</sub> O)		[Ca <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>6</sub> O <sub>17</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O]·(Ca·3H <sub>2</sub> O)	
Polytype	2M	2M	2M	4O	2M	1A
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>C112<sub>1</sub>/m</i>	<i>B11m</i>	<i>B11m</i>	<i>F2dd</i>	<i>Cc</i>	<i>C1</i>
<i>a</i> , Å	11.2220 (4)	6.732	6.735	11.265	11.276	11.274
<i>b</i> , Å	7.3777 (2)	7.369	7.385	7.385	7.343	7.344
<i>c</i> , Å	22.9425 (8)	22.680	22.487	44.970	22.642	11.468
$\alpha$ , °	90	90	90	90	90	99.18
$\beta$ , °	90	90	90	90	97.28	97.19
$\gamma$ , °	89.990 (3)	123.18	123.25	90	90	90.02
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	1899.46 (10)	942	935	3742	1860	930
<i>Z</i>	4	2	2	8	4	2
Source	This work	Merlino et al. 2001; Biagioni et al. 2015	Merlino et al. 1999, 2001; Biagioni et al. 2015		Merlino et al. 1999, 2000; Biagioni et al. 2015	

656 Unit cells of all listed minerals are given in the same setting corresponding to the orientation of layers of Ca-polyhedra in the *ab* plane.

657 Plombiérite ('tobermorite 14 Å') and insufficiently studied riversideite ('tobermorite 9 Å') are not included.

658 \* Written in accordance with the IMA-accepted nomenclature of tobermorite-supergruop minerals (Biagioni et al. 2015).

659 **Table 2.** Chemical composition (wt.%) of paratobermorite

Constituent	Mean*	Range	Stand. Dev. ( $\sigma$ )	Probe standard
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.40	0.29 – 0.47	0.08	NaCl
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.28	0.23 – 0.33	0.04	microcline
CaO	36.60	36.26 – 36.82	0.26	plagioclase
MnO	0.04	0.00 – 0.11	0.04	MnTiO <sub>3</sub>
BaO	0.07	0.00 – 0.14	0.06	BaF <sub>2</sub>
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.46	6.30 – 6.72	0.19	plagioclase
SiO <sub>2</sub>	42.32	42.03 – 42.71	0.32	diopside
H <sub>2</sub> O	14.10	13.83 – 14.37		
Total	100.27			

660 \* Averaged for four spot analyses. Contents of other elements with atomic numbers higher than that  
661 of carbon are below detection limits.

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664 **Table 3.** Powder X-ray diffraction data ( $d$  in Å) of paratobermorite

$I_{\text{obs}}$	$d_{\text{obs}}$	$I_{\text{calc}}^*$	$d_{\text{calc}}^{**}$	$hkl$
<b>100</b>	<b>11.52</b>	100	11.471	002
5	6.17	1	6.165	110
5	5.97	1, 1	5.954, 5.954	111, -111
3	5.76	3	5.736	004
<b>24</b>	<b>5.46</b>	17, 1, 2	5.450, 5.431, 5.431	201, 112, -112
2	4.808	3	4.800	113
3	3.836	2	3.824	006
4	3.650	2, 3	3.681, 3.642	115, 021
<b>17</b>	<b>3.562</b>	13	3.552	205
11	3.329	1, 5, 1	3.337, 3.323, 3.302	310, 023, 311
4	3.259	6	3.249	-116
3	3.211	1	3.204	312
<b>51</b>	<b>3.088</b>	18, 16, 2	3.083, 3.083, 3.058	220, -220, -313
<b>50</b>	<b>2.982</b>	20, 14	2.977, 2.977	222, -222
10	2.878	3, 1, 1, 6	2.894, 2.884, 2.875, 2.868	117, 314, 025, 008
<b>20</b>	<b>2.838</b>	18	2.830	207
11	2.813	9	2.806	400
6	2.729	3, 1, 1	2.725, 2.715, 2.715	402, 224, -224
9	2.526	6	2.520	404
7	2.456	6	2.450	027
9	2.328	9	2.321	209
7	2.302	7	2.294	0.0.10
10	2.148	3, 4	2.144, 2.144	423, -423
7	2.104	2, 1, 3	2.100, 2.100, 2.097	228, -228, 029
<b>14</b>	<b>2.013</b>	7, 6	2.008, 2.008	425, -425
<b>22</b>	<b>1.848</b>	5, 9, 11, 2, 2	1.846, 1.846, 1.844, 1.840, 1.840	427, -427, 040, 2.2.10, -2.2.10
3	1.823	2	1.821	042
2	1.736	2	1.732	605
8	1.685	2, 4, 4	1.683, 1.680, 1.680	2.0.13, 429, -429
8	1.672	4, 4	1.668, 1.668	620, -620
3	1.641	1, 1	1.639, 1.637	0.0.14, -245
7	1.629	6	1.624	607
1	1.603	1	1.600	339
2	1.555	2	1.551	048
3	1.549	2, 2	1.545, 1.545	247, -247
1	1.530	1, 1	1.531, 1.528	-3.3.10, 442
1	1.480	1	1.476	2.0.15
3	1.447	1, 2	1.444, 1.444	249, -249
2	1.406	3	1.403	800
2	1.395	2	1.392	802

665 \* For the calculated pattern, only reflections with intensities  $\geq 1$  are given; \*\* for the unit-cell  
 666 parameters calculated from single-crystal data; the strongest reflections are marked in bold.

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**Table 4.** Selected interatomic distances (Å) in the structure of paratobermorite

Ca1 – O1	2.315(7)	Ca3 – Ow3	2.05(5)
– O2	2.360(7)	– O7	2.126(12)
– O3	2.405(8)	– Ow2	2.30(5)
– O4	2.423(8)	– Ow4	2.32(7)
– O1	2.505(6)	– O8	2.328(11)
– O9	2.545(11)	– O6	2.720(14)
– O2	2.547(6)	– O5	2.775(14)
Ca2 – O4	2.340(8)	Ca4 – Ow5	2.04(6)
– O3	2.360(8)	– O9	2.24(2)
– O2	2.451(7)	– Ow1	2.25(3)
– O8	2.461(8)	– O7	2.49(2)
– O1	2.477(7)	– O6	2.85(2)
– O4	2.550(6)	– O5	2.98(2)
– O3	2.612(7)		
T1 – O3	1.603(6)	T3 – OT3	1.634(3)
– O4	1.612(6)	– O6	1.698(9)
– O5	1.615(8)	– O5	1.721(9)
– O7	1.639(8)	– O8	1.728(9)
T2 – O2	1.565(6)	T4 – O6	1.694(12)
– O1	1.603(6)	– OT4	1.705(9)
– O6	1.645(7)	– O5	1.704(12)
– O7	1.649(8)	– O9	1.806(12)

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678 **Table 5.** Bond-valence calculations for paratobermorite  
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Site	Ca1	Ca2	T1	T2	T3 = Al <sub>0.35</sub> Si <sub>0.35</sub>	T4 = Al <sub>0.15</sub> Si <sub>0.15</sub>	Ca3 = Ca <sub>0.25</sub>	Ca4 = Ca <sub>0.125</sub>	Σ
O1 = O	0.37 0.23	0.25		1.06					1.91
O2 = O	0.33 0.21	0.26		1.16					1.96
O3 = O	0.30	0.33 0.18	1.06						1.87
O4 = O	0.28	0.35 0.21	1.03						1.87
O5 = O			1.02		0.55	0.25	0.03	0.01	1.86
O6 = O				0.95	0.60	0.26	0.03	0.01	1.85
O7 = O			0.96	0.94			0.14	0.03	2.07
O8 = O <sub>0.25</sub> (OH) <sub>0.45</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>0.3</sub>		0.26			0.55		0.09		0.90
O9 = (OH) <sub>0.3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>0.7</sub>	0.21					0.19		0.06	0.46
OT3 = O <sub>0.70</sub>					0.69 <sup>x2→</sup>				1.38
OT4 = O <sub>0.30</sub>						0.25 <sup>x2→</sup>			0.50
Ow1 = H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>0.50</sub>								0.05 <sup>x2→</sup>	0.10
Ow2 = H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>0.50</sub>							0.10 <sup>x2→</sup>		0.20
Ow3 = H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>0.50</sub>							0.18 <sup>x2→</sup>		0.36
Ow4 = H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>0.50</sub>							0.09 <sup>x2→</sup>		0.18
Ow5 = H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>0.50</sub>								0.09 <sup>x2→</sup>	0.18
Σ	1.93	1.84	4.07	4.11	2.39	0.95	0.66	0.25	

680 Bond-valence parameters were taken from Gagné and Hawthorne (2015).