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Schoonerite: its atomic arrangement

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Abstract

Schoonerite, $ZnMn^{2+}Fe_2^{2+}Fe^{3+}(OH)_2(H_2O)_7(PO_4)_3 \cdot 2H_2O$, orthorhombic, *a* 11.119(4), *b* 25.546(11), *c* 6.437(3) A, *Pmab*, *Z* = 4, is one of several structurally-related phosphate minerals having axial repeats approximating 6.4 A. The structure was solved by Patterson and Fourier syntheses, and least-squares refinement converged to $R(hkl) = 0.085$ for 897 nonequivalent reflections.

Edge-sharing Fe^{2+}–O octahedral chains join by sharing corners with Fe^{3+}–O octahedra and $[PO_4]$ tetrahedra forming a sheet parallel to {010}. To this sheet are linked additional $[PO_4]$ tetrahedra, $[MnO_6]$ octahedra and $[ZnO_5]$ polyhedra. The resultant slabs are joined in the *b* direction by a network of hydrogen bonds only. Interlayer water molecules contribute to this hydrogen bond network.

Average interatomic distances are $^{6}Fe^{2+}(1)$–O 2.12 A, $^{6}Fe^{2+}(2)$–O 2.15, $^{6}Fe^{3+}(3)$–O 2.00, $^{6}Mn^{2+}$–O 2.16, ^{5}Zn–O 2.09, $^{4}P(1)$–O 1.54, and $^{4}P(2)$–O 1.54.

Introduction

In the preceding paper, Moore and Kampf (1977) described the new species, schoonerite, $ZnMn^{2+}Fe_2^{2+}Fe^{3+}(OH)_2(H_2O)_7(PO_4)_3 \cdot 2H_2O$, $Z = 4$, from the Palermo No. 1 pegmatite in North Groton, New Hampshire. Although this species is rather widely distributed at Palermo, it occurs only sparingly as sprays of small, thin, feathery crystals in pockets and on fracture surfaces. A water determination was deemed unfeasible due to the difficulty in obtaining a sufficient quantity of pure material. The determination of the crystal structure of schoonerite was considered the best method for obtaining an accurate measure of its water content and for characterizing its rather complex crystal chemistry.

Besides accomplishing these ends, the crystal structure determination revealed a close similarity between the structures of schoonerite and montgomeryite, and in addition showed that schoonerite possesses octahedral and tetrahedral clusters locally similar to those in olmsteadite and melonjosephite.

Experimental

Good single crystals of schoonerite are exceedingly rare, and such crystals large enough for structure analysis seemed for quite some time nonexistent. The crystal chosen, a thin rectangular tablet measuring 0.32×0.01×0.08 mm along the three crystallographic axes, was mounted with the *a* axis parallel to the ϕ axis on a Picker automated diffractometer. The intensities of 2383 reflections (maximum $2\theta = 45°$) were gathered, utilizing graphite-monochromatized Mo$K\alpha$ radiation. A rather large mosaic spread necessitated wide half-angle scans of 1.0° with a scan rate of 2.0°/minute. Twenty-second background counting times were used on either side of each reflection. The least-squares refinement of 30 reference reflections ($2\theta = 20$–$30°$) yielded cell constants, *a* 11.119(4), *b* 25.546(11), and *c* 6.437(3) A. Systematic extinctions were consistent with either of the space groups *P2ab* or *Pmab*.

The measured intensities were corrected for absorption using the Gaussian integral method described by Burnham (1966). The data were processed by conventional computational procedures. After averaging symmetry-equivalent reflections and rejecting all $I(hkl) < 3\sigma[I(hkl)]$, 897 independent data were available for the ensuing analysis.

Solution and refinement of the structure

The Patterson map, $P(uvw)$, revealed strong vector concentrations at the levels u = 0, ¼, and ½, indicating that the twenty heavy atoms (Fe, Mn, Zn) in

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SCHOONERITE. OBSERVED AND CALCULATED STRUCTURE FACTORS (X10)

L= 0

K	H	FOBS	FCALC
0	2	416	448
0	4	6180	5505
0	6	2272	2215
0	8	4330	4106
0	10	1602	1591
2	0	3207	2933
2	1	1674	1642
2	2	1414	1378
2	3	567	540
2	4	1209	1245
2	5	504	434
2	6	1855	1789
2	7	1086	1029
2	8	2251	2051
2	9	913	874
2	10	785	589
4	0	521	584
4	1	1843	1836
4	2	1614	1541
4	3	1810	1755
4	4	560	504
4	5	1192	1087
4	6	2145	2052
4	7	1530	1431
4	8	351	442
4	9	545	580
4	10	1221	1119
4	11	1073	1158
6	0	2542	2676
6	2	882	864
6	3	1597	1834
6	6	452	417
6	7	1064	994
6	8	1529	1266
6	10	491	632
6	11	811	806
8	0	2356	2282
8	1	1758	1579
8	2	3078	2920
8	3	326	316
8	4	505	350
8	5	1448	1434
8	6	2192	2152
8	8	966	787
8	9	914	878
8	10	860	998
10	0	282	101
10	2	2799	2749
10	3	1374	1200
10	4	750	759
10	5	468	369
10	6	3075	2895
10	7	608	763
10	8	336	414

K	H	FOBS	FCALC
4	6	346	357
4	7	288	288
5	0	839	868
5	1	1934	1930
5	3	1019	1127
5	5	1626	1682
5	7	1252	1277
5	9	488	416
5	11	1138	1081
6	0	1226	1176
6	1	429	395
6	2	383	410
6	4	278	268
6	5	715	748
6	6	792	714
6	8	403	390
6	9	437	436
6	10	365	300
7	0	609	565
7	1	1554	1541
7	2	2124	2052
7	3	240	156
7	4	455	422
7	5	1314	1342
7	6	746	693
7	7	359	280
7	8	645	651
7	9	645	654
7	10	301	355
7	11	307	266
8	0	1310	1259
8	1	634	632
8	2	773	793
8	4	1294	1294
8	5	584	484
8	6	421	493
8	7	350	355
8	8	382	465
8	9	294	185
8	10	573	549
9	0	911	874
9	1	737	820
9	2	599	633
9	3	1590	1559
9	4	844	835
9	5	1160	693
9	6	860	866
9	7	1153	1088
9	9	287	287
9	10	749	699
9	11	892	790
10	0	1674	1629
10	1	351	340
10	2	513	480
10	3	481	526
10	4	621	658

K	H	FOBS	FCALC
1	2	3766	3836
1	3	541	640
1	4	1642	1773
1	5	557	535
1	6	2176	2369
1	7	1006	1098
1	8	315	331
1	9	289	297
1	10	1065	1185
1	11	528	550
2	0	560	617
2	2	1889	1858
2	3	605	558
2	4	1027	1108
2	6	716	743
2	7	319	39
2	9	555	622
2	10	392	398
3	0	260	388
3	1	823	830
3	2	855	867
3	3	209	152
3	4	1143	1182
3	5	407	464
3	6	505	631
3	7	536	591
3	8	658	616
3	9	314	447
3	10	769	511
3	11	367	298
4	0	518	620
4	1	1514	1468
4	4	1183	1305
4	5	1203	1288
4	6	257	342
4	7	497	569
4	8	652	654
4	9	494	496
4	10	351	234
4	11	460	466
5	0	349	408
5	1	152	291
5	2	369	243
5	3	313	299
5	4	1277	1344
5	5	325	381
5	7	771	827
5	8	677	812
5	9	462	575
5	10	582	566
5	11	337	413
6	0	862	894
6	1	198	128
6	2	1601	1630
6	3	580	580
6	4	305	253
19	2	309	244
19	3	327	358
19	6	539	437
20	0	659	654
20	2	548	452
20	4	502	507
20	5	575	458
21	0	280	86
21	1	466	561
21	2	870	910
21	4	413	267
21	5	665	494
21	6	755	737
22	1	470	387
22	3	372	431
22	4	647	678
23	0	1732	1691
23	2	745	698
23	3	409	265
23	4	1609	1587
24	1	265	8
24	2	431	410
25	0	897	939
25	2	339	271
26	1	512	501

L= 3

K	H	FOBS	FCALC
0	4	1018	1081
0	10	541	488
1	0	607	630
1	1	241	106
1	2	657	672
1	4	229	163
1	6	630	713
1	10	311	212
2	0	1002	949
2	1	539	444
2	2	538	526
2	4	686	702
2	5	540	541
2	6	593	655
2	7	838	975
2	8	314	327
2	9	456	479
2	10	331	369
3	0	1533	1487
3	2	970	1008
3	3	237	350
3	4	526	572
3	6	1045	1079
3	7	334	383
3	8	341	547
3	10	427	335
4	1	693	711
18	5	282	258
18	6	686	668
18	7	1024	1033
19	0	837	877
19	1	419	440
19	3	285	443
19	4	409	366
19	5	398	414
19	6	302	386
20	0	348	273
20	1	1367	1434
20	2	445	560
20	3	494	614
20	5	1176	1161
21	0	582	573
21	2	350	186
21	4	329	183
22	0	1028	948
22	4	374	392
23	1	509	559
23	3	386	418
24	0	556	599
24	2	287	169

L= 4

K	H	FOBS	FCALC
0	0	1377	1344
0	2	577	617
0	4	1184	1173
0	6	605	769
0	8	908	994
1	0	2410	2419
1	1	959	934
1	2	213	202
1	3	973	1035
1	4	1132	1176
1	5	432	440
1	6	369	339
1	7	811	900
1	8	1515	1631
1	9	455	411
2	0	1710	1709
2	1	1412	1478
2	2	462	457
2	3	671	677
2	4	731	781
2	5	1390	1476
2	7	540	515
2	8	625	584
2	9	1002	1000
3	0	2280	2329
3	1	1289	1315
3	2	893	919
3	3	1086	1162
3	4	1044	1009
19	0	454	445
19	2	762	742
20	0	325	365
20	2	322	249
20	3	392	231
20	4	299	258
21	0	876	787
21	2	372	470
22	0	889	859

L= 5

K	H	FOBS	FCALC
0	0	407	276
0	2	318	281
0	4	246	241
0	6	381	402
1	0	272	106
1	1	253	186
1	2	632	687
1	3	461	513
1	4	370	381
1	5	344	279
1	6	381	385
2	0	297	285
2	1	509	536
2	4	278	142
2	5	455	442
2	7	281	145
3	1	242	115
3	2	926	932
3	3	675	657
3	4	534	541
3	5	382	377
3	6	442	586
3	7	445	520
3	8	451	389
5	0	264	165
5	2	284	272
5	3	854	907
5	7	510	466
6	0	341	367
6	1	343	293
6	2	569	608
6	4	234	100
6	6	442	543
6	7	283	127
7	0	236	74
7	2	1430	1492
7	4	387	319
7	6	927	954
8	0	282	354
8	1	272	141
8	2	380	323
8	3	237	155
9	0	863	919

K	H	FOBS	FCALC
10	9	980	604
10	10	1662	1541
10	11	760	675
12	0	3426	3246
12	1	1259	1290
12	2	1264	1160
12	3	1744	1681
12	4	1346	1320
12	5	1338	1285
12	6	479	380
12	7	909	941
12	8	1203	1150
12	9	824	759
12	10	638	466
14	0	3185	3125
14	1	1345	1292
14	2	1201	1123
14	4	1926	1929
14	5	1768	1742
14	6	875	793
14	7	419	278
14	8	1592	1522
14	9	1269	1191
16	0	1639	1523
16	1	1418	1374
16	2	1510	1484
16	3	833	913
16	4	646	658
16	5	1392	1272
16	6	1663	1566
16	7	704	714
16	8	1130	1036
16	9	553	588
18	0	1613	1603
18	1	545	466
18	2	470	340
18	5	309	228
18	8	984	856
18	9	579	621
20	0	441	406
20	3	507	526
20	4	291	196
20	5	564	519
20	6	535	480
20	8	835	767
22	0	634	438
22	1	802	750
22	2	1838	1826
22	3	734	647
22	4	416	351
22	5	547	523
22	6	1629	1622
22	7	708	646
24	0	1242	1154
24	1	333	304
24	2	1839	1830
24	3	606	472
26	0	1065	944
26	1	1230	1194
26	2	667	659
26	3	1290	1406

L= 1

K	H	FOBS	FCALC
0	0	1623	1715
10	5	812	858
10	6	784	789
10	8	500	444
10	9	698	618
10	10	388	266
11	0	320	459
11	1	843	929
11	2	752	808
11	3	386	395
11	4	364	389
11	5	323	323
11	6	1026	948
11	7	275	245
11	10	340	239
12	0	327	130
12	1	369	400
12	2	251	243
12	4	515	477
12	6	372	255
13	0	311	330
13	1	1084	1036
13	2	703	727
13	3	434	458
13	4	548	509
13	5	1272	1261
13	6	433	428
13	9	694	714
14	0	350	340
14	1	456	414
14	2	483	362
14	3	301	277
14	6	282	221
14	7	1047	639
15	0	551	500
15	1	935	939
15	2	697	647
15	3	681	644
15	4	503	430
15	5	726	655
15	7	616	615
15	8	268	152
15	9	603	508
16	1	589	694
16	2	709	693
16	3	518	557
16	5	688	671
16	6	773	743
16	7	393	271
16	8	341	279
16	9	604	442
17	0	1686	1636
17	1	933	942
17	2	1057	1089
17	4	1273	1168
17	5	997	910
17	6	1059	1009
17	8	1203	1088
17	9	697	688
18	1	1012	1028
18	3	716	671
18	4	303	455
18	5	555	513
18	7	901	919
19	0	393	435
19	1	921	944
19	2	757	665
6	6	942	1035
6	7	274	390
6	8	304	260
6	10	938	896
7	0	265	116
7	1	893	879
7	2	1767	1810
7	3	594	606
7	4	1366	1425
7	5	1024	1023
7	6	1194	1224
7	7	341	401
7	9	605	542
7	10	637	609
7	11	298	394
8	1	948	926
8	4	1353	1378
8	5	550	599
8	7	401	465
8	8	374	480
8	10	250	140
9	0	1038	1060
9	1	1180	1218
9	2	944	978
9	3	1471	1495
9	4	2259	2222
9	6	459	511
9	7	1698	1658
9	8	765	750
9	10	273	338
10	0	1565	1585
10	1	1215	1183
10	3	480	529
10	4	2192	2184
10	5	530	511
10	6	396	318
10	7	782	821
10	8	747	769
10	9	355	339
10	10	380	341
11	0	1593	1631
11	1	899	896
11	3	662	609
11	4	2075	2088
11	5	1385	1362
11	8	1147	1114
11	9	725	635
11	10	310	204
12	0	353	294
12	2	1213	1249
12	3	696	677
12	4	540	472
12	5	239	140
12	6	988	909
12	8	388	305
12	9	310	226
12	10	682	651
13	0	719	686
13	1	512	467
13	2	1459	1449
13	3	1165	1173
13	4	1074	1079
13	5	267	65
13	6	1084	1055
13	7	894	961
13	8	441	484
4	3	1012	1060
4	4	888	931
4	5	362	349
4	6	354	289
4	7	541	645
4	9	439	471
4	10	394	330
5	0	496	434
5	1	446	442
5	2	259	182
5	4	464	368
5	5	774	791
5	6	266	260
5	7	255	236
5	8	278	96
5	9	344	360
6	0	2327	2346
6	1	902	883
6	2	1251	1234
6	3	776	751
6	4	1924	1962
6	5	1241	1266
6	6	779	860
6	8	1137	1186
6	9	830	818
6	10	898	963
7	0	797	915
7	1	504	509
7	2	336	408
7	5	437	451
7	6	756	765
7	7	246	303
7	8	338	117
8	0	1589	1559
8	1	746	739
8	3	1096	1105
8	4	1670	1647
8	5	554	647
8	6	289	219
8	7	513	553
8	8	590	578
8	9	611	617
8	10	565	650
9	0	1528	1515
9	2	356	235
9	4	719	683
9	5	253	116
9	6	869	811
9	8	279	205
9	10	461	434
10	0	468	438
10	1	1309	1241
10	3	1205	1242
10	4	390	320
10	5	1656	1603
10	7	524	584
10	9	921	885
11	0	645	597
11	2	271	403
11	4	276	263
12	0	723	642
12	1	292	235
12	2	380	378
12	3	547	525
12	4	798	750
12	5	412	374
3	5	581	653
3	6	245	352
3	7	1134	1221
3	8	970	1031
3	9	513	534
4	0	347	310
4	1	676	623
4	3	308	200
4	4	449	438
4	5	700	779
4	6	438	355
4	8	278	236
4	9	445	372
5	0	1155	1221
5	2	630	683
5	4	719	750
5	6	838	764
5	7	243	130
5	8	690	765
6	0	445	383
6	2	235	356
6	4	325	327
6	6	545	559
6	7	325	354
6	8	417	399
6	9	428	390
7	0	358	297
7	1	646	667
7	2	690	720
7	3	639	677
7	4	279	252
7	5	900	942
7	6	961	1080
7	8	635	609
7	9	654	587
8	0	1167	1213
8	1	759	788
8	2	789	718
8	3	615	608
8	4	593	611
8	5	806	821
8	6	434	439
8	7	341	323
8	8	458	513
8	9	685	625
9	0	1177	1119
9	2	1378	1426
9	4	388	448
9	6	748	904
9	7	288	223
9	8	363	393
10	0	376	402
10	2	935	1018
10	3	615	606
10	6	536	585
10	7	578	630
11	0	523	633
11	1	284	315
11	2	1906	1856
11	3	776	832
11	5	552	625
11	6	1577	1537
11	8	318	259
12	0	278	275
12	1	571	674
12	3	416	452
9	1	452	511
9	2	283	211
9	3	626	613
9	4	501	562
9	5	416	461
9	6	252	125
9	7	579	554
10	0	287	191
10	1	405	394
10	3	710	565
10	5	603	499
10	7	422	222
11	0	524	534
11	1	411	318
11	2	762	795
11	3	319	307
11	5	435	477
11	6	367	283
12	0	606	625
12	1	317	352
12	3	320	424
12	5	368	497
13	0	581	686
13	1	326	302
13	2	400	387
13	4	510	547
13	6	324	128
14	0	514	575
14	2	425	375
14	4	676	682
15	0	911	907
15	1	441	431
15	3	567	533
15	4	875	850
15	5	310	264
16	0	715	751
16	1	326	228
16	3	259	135
16	4	399	507
17	0	1022	1049
17	1	321	41
17	2	319	257
17	3	391	274
18	0	267	142

L= [illegible]

K	H	FOBS	FCALC
0	0	400	413
0	2	1510	1516
0	6	1022	1070
1	0	347	358
1	2	360	301
1	4	235	20
1	5	302	299
2	1	1169	1152
2	2	1233	1228
2	3	539	490
2	4	331	469
2	5	1030	1106
3	1	266	36
3	2	874	917
3	3	258	349
3	4	454	411
4	0	822	758
4	1	539	486

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