

## Refinement of the structure of pectolite, $\text{Ca}_2\text{NaHSi}_3\text{O}_9$

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### Auszug

Die Struktur von Pektolith wurde auf Grund neuer Zählrohrdiffraktometer-Werte verfeinert. Aus den Verfeinerungsergebnissen und aus der Untersuchung der Ultrarot-Spektren wird auf eine Wasserstoffbindung zwischen den Atomen O(3) und O(4) geschlossen. Schwankungen der Si–O-Abstände werden in Termen von  $(d\pi-p\pi)$ -Bindungen diskutiert.

### Abstract

The pectolite structure has been refined by least squares using new counter-diffractometer data. Evidence for hydrogen bonding between O(3) and O(4) is based on the refinement results and examination of infrared spectra. Variations in Si–O distances are discussed in terms of  $d\pi-p\pi$  bonding between silicon and oxygen.

### Introduction

The crystal structure of pectolite,  $\text{Ca}_2\text{NaHSi}_3\text{O}_9$ , was solved by BUEGER (1956) and subsequently refined by PREWITT and BUEGER (1963) using intensity data obtained from precession photographs. Since it was not possible to reduce  $R$  below 0.17 using these data (sets of  $hk0$ ,  $h0l$ , and  $0kl$  reflections) and because of the unusual interatomic distances which resulted from the refinement, intensity data have been recollected and refined by least squares. This is a report of the new refinement.

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### Selection of material

A problem which arises when working with pectolite is that it is difficult to obtain an uniform single crystal. The mineral occurs in needles which tend to "feather" when broken. The feathered end of a broken crystal consists of many smaller, somewhat misoriented crystals which cause the major diffraction spots on a Weissenberg film to be streaked parallel to the needle (when the needle axis is the rotation axis). When using a Weissenberg counter diffractometer, this is especially troublesome because the long tails of the diffraction peaks make the background corrections rather difficult.

A large number of pectolite samples from several localities were searched for a crystal which would be small enough to be entirely bathed by the x-ray beam and which would produce negligible streaking in the diffraction photographs. This was not achieved but, instead, a long needle which would extend out of the x-ray beam at all equi-inclination angles,  $\mu_e$ , was chosen. This crystal\* was transparent and bounded by distinct (100) and (001) faces with  $b$  as the needle axis. The crystal had the following dimensions:

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| between (100) and $(\bar{1}00)$ | .110 mm  |
| between (001) and $(00\bar{1})$ | .087 mm  |
| needle length                   | 3.68 mm. |

Even with this crystal, which was photographed with each end of the needle out of the x-ray beam, the Weissenberg photographs showed a slight streaking of the diffraction spots, indicating some misorientation of different regions of the crystal. These were, however, by far the best photographs obtained from any of the pectolite crystals examined.

An interesting result of the search for good single crystals was that many of those examined were twins. When the members of the twin present in equal amounts,  $b$ -axis oscillation photographs showed an apparent mirror symmetry normal to  $b$ . This is discussed in PREWITT and BUERGER (1963) in a comparison of twinned pectolite and twinned wollastonite.

Apparently there are no published analyses of Bergen Hill pectolite. SCHALLER (1955), however, gives several analyses for pectolite including two for New Jersey pectolites, one from Paterson and the

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\* U.S. National Museum number 2452. Locality: Erie railroad cut, Bergen Hill, New Jersey (MANCHESTER, 1919).

Table 1  
 Compositions of two pectolites and the composition calculated from  $\text{Ca}_2\text{NaHSi}_3\text{O}_9$   
 (data from SCHALLER, 1955)

|                   | Paterson, N.J. | Franklin, N.J. | Calculated  |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| CaO               | 33.20 wt. %    | 31.15 wt. %    | 33.74 wt. % |
| MgO               | .12            | 2.57*          | —           |
| FeO               | 1.00           | 1.29           | —           |
| Na <sub>2</sub> O | 9.01           | 7.97           | 9.32        |
| SiO <sub>2</sub>  | 53.80          | 52.04          | 54.23       |
| H <sub>2</sub> O  | 2.94           | 3.07           | 2.71        |
| etc.              | —              | 2.12           | —           |
|                   | 100.07         | 100.21         | 100.00      |

\* Includes 0.26% ZnO.

other from Franklin. Both of these analyses are given in Table 1 along with the stoichiometric composition. It is likely that the Bergen Hill material has a composition more like the Paterson pectolite than the Franklin pectolite.

### Unit cell

BUERGER (1956) published unit-cell data on pectolite which were obtained from precession films. An attempt was made in the present study to obtain precision Weissenberg photographs (BUERGER, 1942) from which measurements could be made and then refined with a least-squares program written by BURNHAM (1962*b*). Because of pectolite's needlelike habit, however, the only satisfactory photographs were ones taken with *b* as the rotation axis, thus giving refined values of only *a*\*, *c*\*, and *β*\*. Since these reciprocal-cell parameters

Table 2. Pectolite cell parameters

|          | BUERGER (1956) | Results of refinement* | Adopted cell          |
|----------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>a</i> | 7.99 Å         | 7.9882 ± 0.0001 Å      | 7.988 Å               |
| <i>b</i> | 7.04           | 7.03996                | 7.040                 |
| <i>c</i> | 7.02           | 7.0247 ± 0.0001        | 7.025                 |
| <i>α</i> | 90.52°         | 90.520°                | 90.52°                |
| <i>β</i> | 95.18°         | 95.181°                | 95.18°                |
| <i>γ</i> | 102.47°        | 102.469°               | 102.47°               |
| V        |                |                        | 383.98 Å <sup>3</sup> |

\* Refinement using precision-Weissenberg data (59 observations) and BURNHAM (1962*b*) program LCLSQ III.

compared very favorably with those of BUEGGER, the old values for  $b^*$ ,  $\alpha^*$ , and  $\gamma^*$  were combined with the new for  $a^*$ ,  $c^*$ , and  $\beta^*$  to give a slightly different direct cell. The old and new cells are given in Table 2. A test for piezoelectricity was negative, thus supporting the assumed space group,  $P\bar{1}$ .

### Intensity collection

Three-dimensional x-ray intensities were collected with a Weissenberg counter diffractometer using  $\text{CuK}\alpha$  radiation. Ni foils at the x-ray tube and at the proportional-counter aperture were used in conjunction with a pulse-height analyzer to discriminate against unwanted radiation. The proportional detector was a standard Philips Xe-filled tube with preamplifier. The largest counting rate observed was about  $9 \cdot 10^3$  c.p.s. Background was counted for 50 seconds on each side of a peak, and the total intensity plus background was obtained as the crystal rotated through a given angle,  $\Delta\Phi$ . The integrated intensity,  $I$ , was obtained from

$$I = C - (B_1 + B_2)T/100$$

where  $C$  is the total count,  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are backgrounds, and  $T$  is the time required to collect  $C$ .

Structure factors were obtained using data reduction programs written by BURNHAM (1962*a*) and PREWITT (1960). This included a prismatic-crystal absorption correction in which path lengths for the zero level were computed for all reflections, and then divided by  $\cos \mu_e$ . In addition, the linear absorption coefficient,  $\mu_l$ , was replaced by  $\mu_l/\cos \mu_e$  to compensate for the increased scattering volume for upper levels due to the use of an "infinite" crystal. A total of 1357 structure factors were thus produced.

### Refinement

All refinement was carried out using a full-matrix, least-squares refinement program written by PREWITT (1966). Starting coordinates were those given in PREWITT and BUEGGER (1963). Form factors for atoms, assumed to be half-ionized, and corrections for the real and imaginary anomalous-scattering factors for Ca, were taken from International Tables (1962). After an initial cycle to adjust the scale factor, the initial  $R$  value ( $R = \Sigma||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma|F_o|$ ) was 0.174, which is, incidentally, about the same as was found using the original





Table 3. (Continued)

| h | k | l | F <sub>o</sub> | F <sub>c</sub> | h  | k | l  | F <sub>o</sub> | F <sub>c</sub> | h | k | l  | F <sub>o</sub> | F <sub>c</sub> | h  | k | l  | F <sub>o</sub> | F <sub>c</sub> |
|---|---|---|----------------|----------------|----|---|----|----------------|----------------|---|---|----|----------------|----------------|----|---|----|----------------|----------------|
| 5 | 4 | 0 | 9              | 8              | -4 | 5 | 6  | 22             | 22             | 1 | 5 | 5  | 4              | 3*             | -5 | 6 | -1 | 30             | 30             |
|   |   |   | 1              | 6              | -3 | 5 | -6 | 9              | 9              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 6              | 5              |
|   |   |   | 2              | 14             |    |   |    | 10             | 10             | 2 | 5 | -6 | 13             | 13             |    |   |    | 36             | 37             |
|   |   |   | 3              | 25             |    |   |    | 3              | 2*             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 47             | 49             |
|   |   |   | 4              | 19             |    |   |    | -3             | 5              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 29             | 28             |
|   |   |   | 4              | 30             |    |   |    | -2             | 2              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 4              | 18             |
|   |   |   | -3             | 45             |    |   |    | -1             | 23             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 18             | 18             |
|   |   |   | -2             | 11             |    |   |    | 0              | 19             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 14             | 14             |
|   |   |   | -1             | 18             |    |   |    | 1              | 42             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 28             | 26             |
|   |   |   | 0              | 12             |    |   |    | 2              | 29             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 12             | 11             |
|   |   |   | 1              | 26             |    |   |    | 3              | 15             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 32             | 32             |
|   |   |   | 2              | 6              |    |   |    | 4              | 7              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | -1             | 29             |
|   |   |   | 3              | 29             |    |   |    | 5              | 17             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 0              | 22             |
|   |   |   | 4              | -2             |    |   |    | 6              | 2              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 1              | 18             |
|   |   |   | -1             | 39             |    |   |    | 8              | 8              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 3              | 35             |
|   |   |   | 0              | 11             |    |   |    | -5             | 1              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 3              | 33             |
|   |   |   | 0              | 11             |    |   |    | 1              | 1*             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 4              | 5              |
|   |   |   | -8             | 5              |    |   |    | -4             | 38             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 5              | 25             |
|   |   |   | -2             | 3              |    |   |    | 3              | 38             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 5              | 25             |
|   |   |   | -1             | 9              |    |   |    | 10             | 10             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 8              | 8              |
|   |   |   | 0              | 27             |    |   |    | -2             | 16             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | -4             | 64             |
|   |   |   | 1              | 18             |    |   |    | 1              | 7              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | -3             | 32             |
|   |   |   | 2              | 10             |    |   |    | 0              | 14             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | -2             | 27             |
|   |   |   | 3              | 2              |    |   |    | 1              | 13             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | -1             | 32             |
|   |   |   | -3             | 2              |    |   |    | 2              | 45             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 0              | 32             |
|   |   |   | -2             | 2              |    |   |    | 3              | 25             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 0              | 61             |
|   |   |   | -1             | 2              |    |   |    | 4              | 25             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 1              | 33             |
|   |   |   | 0              | 21             |    |   |    | 4              | 15             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 3              | 33             |
|   |   |   | 1              | 21             |    |   |    | 5              | 2              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 3              | 35             |
|   |   |   | 1              | 16             |    |   |    | 6              | 45             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 3              | 13             |
|   |   |   | 2              | 27             |    |   |    | 6              | 45             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 4              | 35             |
|   |   |   | 3              | 12             |    |   |    | 7              | 6              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 5              | 14             |
|   |   |   | 4              | 21             |    |   |    | -1             | 5              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 5              | 14             |
|   |   |   | -4             | 21             |    |   |    | -4             | 7              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | -2             | 24             |
|   |   |   | -3             | 32             |    |   |    | -3             | 26             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | -1             | 27             |
|   |   |   | -2             | 4              |    |   |    | -2             | 58             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 0              | 16             |
|   |   |   | -1             | 14             |    |   |    | 0              | 7              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 1              | 6              |
|   |   |   | 0              | 0              |    |   |    | 1              | 7              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 2              | 4              |
|   |   |   | 1              | 15             |    |   |    | 2              | 45             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 3              | 24             |
|   |   |   | 2              | 14             |    |   |    | 3              | 6              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 4              | 26             |
|   |   |   | 3              | 17             |    |   |    | 4              | 35             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 5              | 16             |
|   |   |   | 4              | 7              |    |   |    | 5              | 3              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | -1             | 9              |
|   |   |   | 5              | 13             |    |   |    | 6              | 17             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 0              | 23             |
|   |   |   | -5             | 5              |    |   |    | 6              | 17             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 1              | 4              |
|   |   |   | -4             | 6              |    |   |    | -5             | 11             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 2              | 3              |
|   |   |   | -3             | 16             |    |   |    | -4             | 17             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 3              | 9              |
|   |   |   | -2             | 34             |    |   |    | -3             | 10             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 4              | 14             |
|   |   |   | -1             | 19             |    |   |    | -2             | 6              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | -1             | 14             |
|   |   |   | 0              | 30             |    |   |    | -1             | 35             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 0              | 21             |
|   |   |   | 1              | 30             |    |   |    | 0              | 3              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 1              | 7              |
|   |   |   | 2              | 26             |    |   |    | 1              | 13             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 2              | 36             |
|   |   |   | 3              | 15             |    |   |    | 2              | 8              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 3              | 9              |
|   |   |   | 4              | 21             |    |   |    | 3              | 19             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 4              | 8              |
|   |   |   | 5              | 11             |    |   |    | 4              | 25             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 5              | 26             |
|   |   |   | 6              | 3              |    |   |    | 5              | 4              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 6              | 15             |
|   |   |   | -6             | 10             |    |   |    | 6              | 3              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | -4             | 38             |
|   |   |   | -5             | 5              |    |   |    | 7              | 5              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | -3             | 8              |
|   |   |   | -4             | 19             |    |   |    | -5             | 16             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | -2             | 34             |
|   |   |   | -3             | 25             |    |   |    | -4             | 16             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | -1             | 28             |
|   |   |   | -2             | 38             |    |   |    | -3             | 31             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 0              | 66             |
|   |   |   | -1             | 9              |    |   |    | -2             | 27             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 1              | 38             |
|   |   |   | 0              | 45             |    |   |    | -1             | 21             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 2              | 31             |
|   |   |   | 1              | 10             |    |   |    | 0              | 44             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 3              | 32             |
|   |   |   | 2              | 9              |    |   |    | 1              | 14             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 4              | 59             |
|   |   |   | 3              | 37             |    |   |    | 2              | 25             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 5              | 9              |
|   |   |   | 4              | 26             |    |   |    | 3              | 7              |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 6              | 18             |
|   |   |   | 5              | 15             |    |   |    | 4              | 24             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | -3             | 33             |
|   |   |   |                |                |    |   |    | 4              | 24             |   |   |    |                |                |    |   |    | 3              | 35             |

BUERGER data and the same atom coordinates. In the next two cycles, atom positional coordinates were varied, and a weighting scheme suggested by CRUICKSHANK *et al.* (1961) was incorporated into the program where

$$\sqrt{w} = 1/(a + F_o + cF_o^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

In this expression,  $a = 2F_{\min}$  and  $c = 2/F_{\max}$ . At the end of the second cycle the  $R$  was 0.085.

In the next cycle, temperature factors, in addition to atom coordinates, were varied, resulting in an  $R$  of 0.079. There were, however, negative temperature factors for atoms Si(1), Si(2), Si(3), and O(9). Another cycle was run in which unobserved reflections were rejected from the refinement, but included in the  $R$  value. The  $R$  was reduced

to 0.075, and all temperature factors refined to positive values. A further cycle using all 1357 reflections but with the rejection test, left  $R$  at 0.075.

It was noted that for the strongest reflections, the calculated value was much larger than the observed, indicating the need for a secondary-extinction correction. A correction to the observed intensities proposed by ZACHARIASEN (1963) was made using

$$I_c = I_o / (1 - tI_o),$$

where  $t$  is a very small number determined by comparing the  $I_o$  and  $I_c$ . The need for this correction was supported by the fact that removing the two strongest reflections (120 and  $\bar{2}20$ ) reduced  $R$  to 0.070, and that removing the twenty strongest reduced  $R$  to about 0.05.

After the correction for the extinction was made, the refinement was concluded using all reflections and assuming anisotropic temperature factors. This last cycle included H between O(3) and O(4) as described in the section on hydrogen bonding. The final  $R$  for all reflections was 0.039.

Table 3 is a list of observed and calculated structure factors for pectolite, Table 4a lists the final atom coordinates and equivalent

Table 4a. *Final pectolite atom coordinates and isotropic temperature factors\**

| Atom  | $x$   | $y$   | $z$    | $B$                |
|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| Ca(1) | .8548 | .5936 | .1449  | .41 Å <sup>2</sup> |
| Ca(2) | .8467 | .0839 | .1405  | .39                |
| Na    | .5524 | .2596 | .3433  | 1.16               |
| H     | .162  | .625  | .530   | 2.5                |
| Si(1) | .2185 | .4015 | .3374  | .21                |
| Si(2) | .2150 | .9544 | .3440  | .22                |
| Si(3) | .4505 | .7353 | .1447  | .19                |
| O(1)  | .6526 | .7871 | .1280  | .35                |
| O(2)  | .3300 | .7043 | -.0535 | .31                |
| O(3)  | .1864 | .4960 | .5395  | .34                |
| O(4)  | .1783 | .8465 | .5411  | .44                |
| O(5)  | .0633 | .3860 | .1733  | .34                |
| O(6)  | .0600 | .8961 | .1768  | .38                |
| O(7)  | .3992 | .5349 | .2720  | .36                |
| O(8)  | .3955 | .9092 | .2746  | .39                |
| O(9)  | .2628 | .1908 | .3851  | .32                |

\* Calculated standard errors are 0.0001 for  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  of Ca and Si, 0.0002 for Na, and 0.0004 for O. H was not refined. The  $B$ 's are equivalent isotropic values (HAMILTON, 1959).



Table 4b. *Final pectolite anisotropic temperature factors\**

$$T = e^{-(h^2\beta_{11} + k^2\beta_{22} + l^2\beta_{33} + 2hk\beta_{12} + 2hl\beta_{13} + 2kl\beta_{23})}$$

|       | $\beta_{11}$ | $\beta_{22}$ | $\beta_{33}$ | $\beta_{12}$ | $\beta_{13}$ | $\beta_{23}$ | $B_{11}$ | $B_{22}$ | $B_{33}$ | $B_{12}$ | $B_{13}$ | $B_{23}$ |
|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Ca(1) | 18(1)        | 13(2)        | 26(2)        | -1(1)        | 4(1)         | -1(1)        | .43      | .25      | .51      | -.02     | .09      | -.02     |
| Ca(2) | 16(1)        | 14(2)        | 26(2)        | 0(1)         | 4(1)         | -1(1)        | .39      | .27      | .51      | .00      | .09      | -.02     |
| Na    | 22(3)        | 76(4)        | 73(3)        | -4(3)        | 14(2)        | 0(3)         | .53      | 1.44     | 1.43     | -.09     | .30      | .00      |
| Si(1) | 10(2)        | 4(2)         | 14(2)        | -2(1)        | -2(1)        | -1(2)        | .24      | .08      | .27      | -.04     | -.04     | -.02     |
| Si(2) | 10(2)        | 6(3)         | 14(2)        | -1(1)        | -1(1)        | -3(2)        | .24      | .11      | .27      | -.02     | -.02     | -.06     |
| Si(3) | 3(2)         | 11(3)        | 13(2)        | -3(1)        | 0(1)         | 0(2)         | .07      | .21      | .25      | -.06     | .00      | .00      |
| O(1)  | 11(4)        | 13(6)        | 27(6)        | 0(4)         | 6(4)         | 3(5)         | .27      | .25      | .53      | .00      | .13      | .06      |
| O(2)  | 13(4)        | 25(7)        | 4(5)         | -2(4)        | -2(4)        | -1(4)        | .31      | .47      | .08      | -.04     | -.04     | .02      |
| O(3)  | 23(4)        | 14(6)        | 11(5)        | 9(4)         | -2(4)        | -4(4)        | .56      | .27      | .22      | .19      | -.04     | -.08     |
| O(4)  | 30(5)        | 16(6)        | 12(5)        | -2(4)        | 4(4)         | -2(5)        | .72      | .30      | .23      | -.04     | .09      | -.04     |
| O(5)  | 15(4)        | 18(7)        | 13(5)        | -2(4)        | -1(4)        | 3(5)         | .36      | .34      | .25      | -.04     | -.02     | .06      |
| O(6)  | 11(4)        | 20(7)        | 21(5)        | -2(4)        | -6(4)        | -8(5)        | .27      | .38      | .41      | -.04     | -.13     | -.15     |
| O(7)  | 7(4)         | 12(6)        | 30(5)        | -7(4)        | 0(4)         | 7(5)         | .17      | .23      | .59      | -.15     | .00      | .13      |
| O(8)  | 3(4)         | 16(6)        | 37(6)        | -5(4)        | 1(4)         | -15(5)       | .07      | .30      | .72      | -.11     | .02      | -.29     |
| O(9)  | 13(4)        | 6(7)         | 24(5)        | -2(4)        | -3(4)        | -2(5)        | .31      | .11      | .47      | -.04     | -.07     | -.04     |

\* All  $\beta$ 's have been multiplied by  $10^4$ . Standard errors are in parentheses. The  $B_{ij}$ 's are analogous to the isotropic  $B$  (CRUICKSHANK, 1965).

isotropic temperature factors, and Table 4b lists the anisotropic temperature factors in two different but equivalent forms,  $\beta$ 's and  $B$ 's.

### Structure

Figure 1 shows the pectolite structure projected along  $b$ . This diagram can be used to identify the atoms in Fig. 2 which is a projection of a portion of the pectolite structure onto (101). The structure is made up of double columns or bands of edge-sharing Ca octahedra which extend in the  $b$  direction. Adjoining bands are linked by single silicate chains and irregularly coordinated Na atoms. The silicate chains share only corners with the Ca octahedra, but five edges of the Na polyhedron are shared with the silicate tetrahedra. This is in contrast to the wollastonite structure where the Ca octahedra are found in bands which are three edge-sharing octahedra wide with the Ca(1) and Ca(2) octahedra each sharing one edge with the Si(3) tetrahedron, and the Ca(3) octahedron sharing edges with only the other octahedra.

Figures 3a and 3b show the sections of the electron density containing the cations. These sections were computed using data from

the last cycle of refinement, and were contoured using a Cal-Comp plotter.

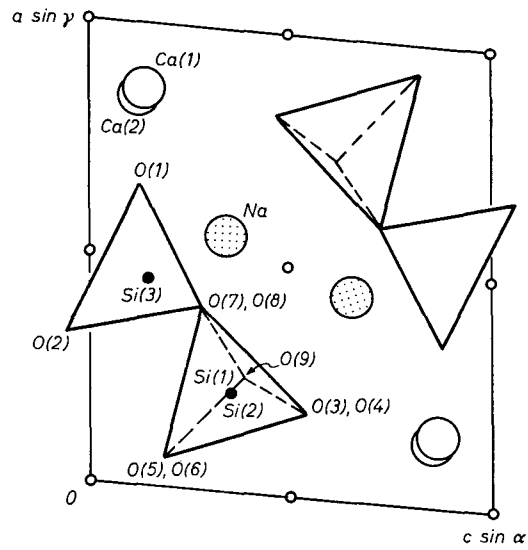


Fig. 1. Pectolite structure projected along  $b$

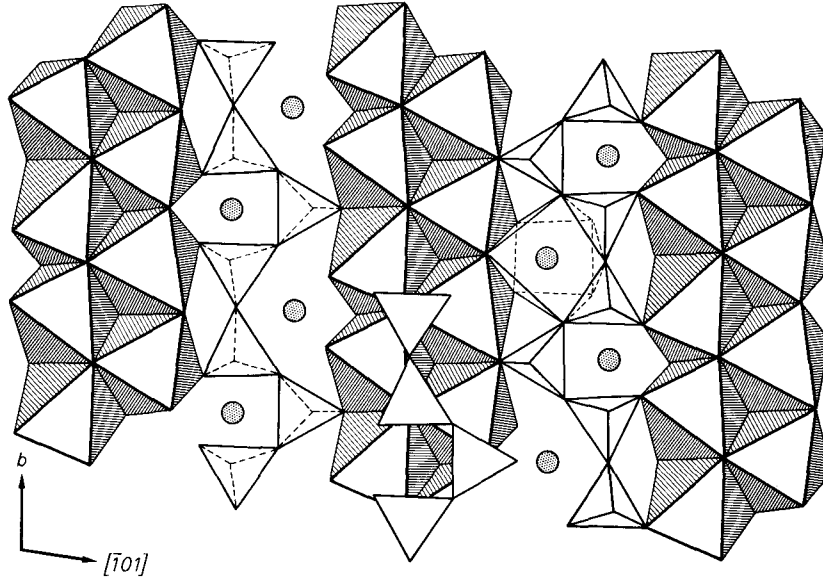


Fig. 2. Projection of a portion of an octahedral layer of the pectolite structure onto  $(101)$ . The shaded circles represent sodium ions, the octahedra contain calcium ions, and the tetrahedra contain silicon ions

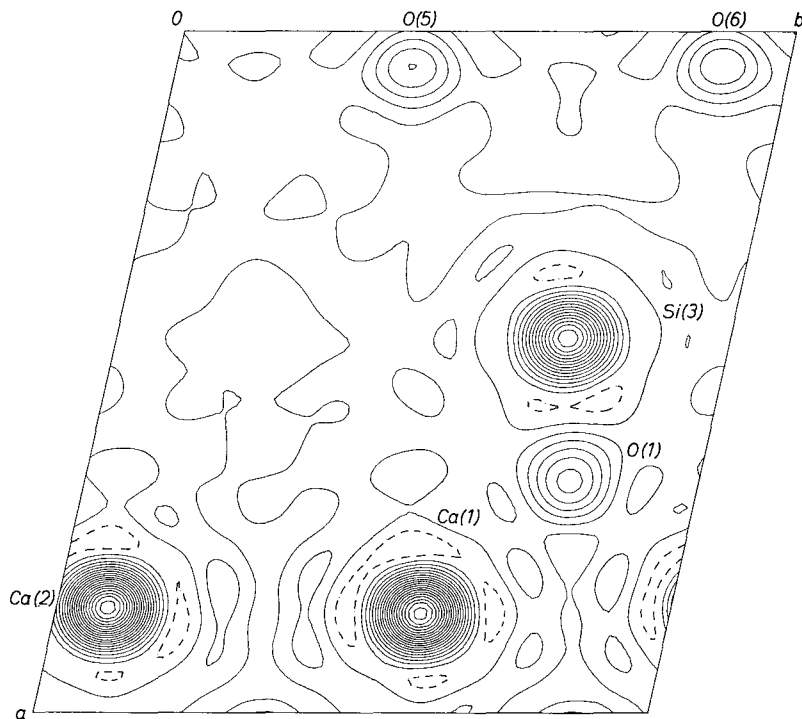


Fig. 3a. Electron-density section,  $\rho(x, y, .14)$  containing Ca(1), Ca(2), Si(3), O(5), and O(6). The contour interval is  $3e/\text{\AA}^3$ . The  $-3e$  contour is dashed

Table 5 is a compilation of the important interatomic distances and interbond angles in pectolite, computed using the coordinates of Table 4. Each silicon is coordinated by four oxygen atoms, the average Si—O distance being 1.630 Å. The range from the smallest (1.592 Å) to the largest (1.676 Å) Si—O distance is 0.084 Å. Ca(1) and Ca(2) are octahedrally coordinated by six oxygens at average distances of 2.368 Å and 2.360 Å, respectively. Na is surrounded by six oxygens at an average distance of 2.443 Å with two more at 2.977 Å and 3.007 Å. If all eight oxygens are considered, the Na polyhedron is intermediate between a square antiprism and a  $D_{2d}$  dodecahedron.

### Hydrogen bonding

PREWITT and BUERGER (1963) stated that the most probable location for H in the pectolite structure is between O(3) and O(4) which are separated by only 2.482 Å. This is a reasonable assumption

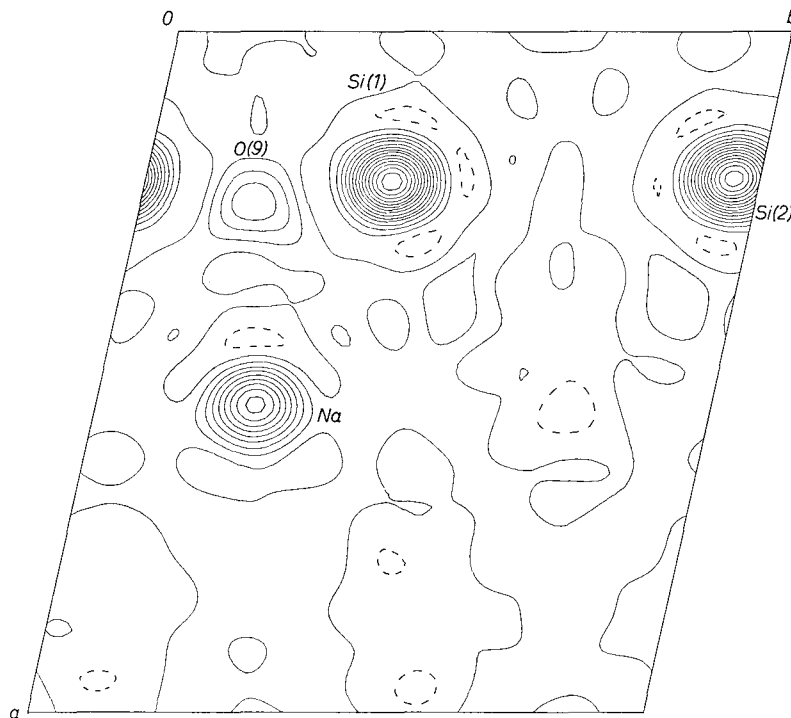


Fig. 3*b*. Electron-density section,  $\rho(x, y, .34)$  containing Na, Si(1), Si(2), and O(9). Contours are as in Fig. 3*a*

because, if H is ignored, O(3) and O(4) are “undersaturated” oxygens according to Pauling’s electrostatic valence rule. From Table 6 it can be seen that each oxygen is coordinated to only three cations which contribute to a formal charge balance of  $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + 1 = +1\frac{1}{2}$ , leaving a residual charge of  $+\frac{1}{2}$  on each oxygen to be accounted for by hydrogen.

In an attempt to confirm the hydrogen location, electron-density and difference-Fourier sections containing O(3) and O(4) were calculated and examined for possible hydrogen peaks. Although the O(3)—O(4) distance suggests a symmetrical hydrogen bond (NAKAMOTO, MARGOSHES and RUNDLE, 1955), the only peak between O(3) and O(4) on the difference map occurs closer to O(3) and slightly to one side of the line joining O(3) and O(4). The distances and angles are 0.97 Å for O(3)—H, 1.54 Å for O(4)—H and  $163^\circ$  for O(3)—H—O(4). Even though this seems reasonable, it should be noted that this peak

Table 5. *Interatomic distances and interbond angles\**

|       |                                   |         |
|-------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Ca(1) | O(1)                              | 2.323 Å |
|       | O(2)                              | 2.336   |
|       | O(3)                              | 2.343   |
|       | O(5)                              | 2.383   |
|       | O(5')                             | 2.438   |
|       | O(6)                              | 2.385   |
|       | O(av)                             | 2.368   |
| Ca(2) | O(1)                              | 2.313   |
|       | O(2)                              | 2.315   |
|       | O(4)                              | 2.321   |
|       | O(5)                              | 2.429   |
|       | O(6)                              | 2.370   |
|       | O(6')                             | 2.409   |
|       | O(av)                             | 2.360   |
| Na    | O(2)                              | 2.311   |
|       | O(3)                              | 2.471   |
|       | O(4)                              | 2.498   |
|       | O(7)                              | 2.536   |
|       | O(7')                             | 3.007   |
|       | O(8)                              | 2.534   |
|       | O(8')                             | 2.977   |
|       | O(9)                              | 2.305   |
| O(av) | 2.443 [excluding O(7') and O(8')] |         |
| Si(1) | O(3)                              | 1.627   |
|       | O(5)                              | 1.600   |
|       | O(7)                              | 1.648   |
|       | O(9)                              | 1.629   |
|       | O(av)                             | 1.626   |
| Si(2) | O(4)                              | 1.605   |
|       | O(6)                              | 1.609   |
|       | O(8)                              | 1.656   |
|       | O(9)                              | 1.642   |
|       | O(av)                             | 1.628   |
| Si(3) | O(1)                              | 1.592   |
|       | O(2)                              | 1.604   |
|       | O(3)                              | 1.673   |
|       | O(8)                              | 1.676   |
|       | O(av)                             | 1.636   |
| H     | O(3)                              | .970    |
|       | O(4)                              | 1.537   |
|       | Na                                | 2.341   |

Table 5. (Continued)

|                 |        |         |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| Around Si(1)    |        |         |
| O(3)            | O(5)   | 2.714 Å |
|                 | O(7)   | 2.623   |
|                 | O(9)   | 2.610   |
| O(5)            | O(7)   | 2.686   |
|                 | O(9)   | 2.683   |
| O(7)            | O(9)   | 2.596   |
| Around Si(2)    |        |         |
| O(4)            | O(6)   | 2.699   |
|                 | O(8)   | 2.642   |
|                 | O(9)   | 2.647   |
| O(6)            | O(8)   | 2.687   |
|                 | O(9)   | 2.647   |
| O(8)            | O(9)   | 2.585   |
| Around Si(3)    |        |         |
| O(1)            | O(2)   | 2.711   |
|                 | O(7)   | 2.669   |
|                 | O(8)   | 2.673   |
| O(2)            | O(7)   | 2.658   |
|                 | O(8)   | 2.658   |
| O(7)            | O(8)   | 2.642   |
| Other distances |        |         |
| O(3)            | O(4)   | 2.482   |
|                 | O(4')  | 4.559   |
| O(5)            | O(6)   | 3.596   |
| O(5)            | O(6')  | 3.444   |
| O(2)            | O(5)   | 3.273   |
| O(2)            | O(6)   | 3.308   |
| O(1)            | O(5)   | 3.624   |
|                 | O(6)   | 3.687   |
| Ca(1)           | Ca(2)  | 3.575   |
|                 | Ca(2') | 3.466   |
|                 | Na     | 3.394   |
| Ca(2)           | Na     | 3.304   |

Table 5. (Continued)

|                  |       |         |
|------------------|-------|---------|
| Na               | Na    | 4.292 Å |
| Si(1)            | Si(2) | 3.142   |
|                  | Si(3) | 3.069   |
| Si(2)            | Si(3) | 3.093   |
| Si(1)—O(9)—Si(2) |       | 147.8°  |
| Si(1)—O(7)—Si(3) |       | 135.0°  |
| Si(2)—O(8)—Si(3) |       | 136.4°  |
| O(3)—H—O(4)      |       | 163.2°  |

\* Calculated errors are 0.003 Å for Ca—O, Na—O, and Si—O, 0.004 Å for O—O and Na—Na, and 0.001 Å for Ca—Ca and Si—Si distances.

Table 6. Oxygen coordination in pectolite

|      |       |         |      |        |         |
|------|-------|---------|------|--------|---------|
| O(1) | Ca(1) | 2.323 Å | O(6) | Ca(1)  | 2.385 Å |
|      | Ca(2) | 2.313   |      | Ca(2)  | 2.370   |
|      | Si(3) | 1.592   |      | Ca(2') | 2.409   |
| O(2) | Ca(1) | 2.336   | O(7) | Si(2)  | 1.609   |
|      | Ca(2) | 2.315   |      | Na     | 2.536   |
|      | Na    | 2.311   |      | Na'    | 3.007   |
|      | Si(3) | 1.604   |      | Si(1)  | 1.648   |
| O(3) | Ca(1) | 2.343   | O(8) | Si(3)  | 1.673   |
|      | Na    | 2.471   |      | Na     | 2.534   |
|      | H     | .970    |      | Na     | 2.977   |
|      | Si(1) | 1.627   |      | Si(2)  | 1.656   |
| O(4) | Ca(2) | 2.321   | O(9) | Si(3)  | 1.676   |
|      | Na    | 2.498   |      | Na     | 2.305   |
|      | H     | 1.537   |      | Si(1)  | 1.629   |
|      | Si(2) | 1.605   |      | Si(2)  | 1.642   |
| O(5) | Ca(1) | 2.383   |      |        |         |
|      | Ca(1) | 2.438   |      |        |         |
|      | Ca(2) | 2.429   |      |        |         |
|      | Si(1) | 1.600   |      |        |         |

is not much above the general background, and must be regarded with caution.

After it became apparent that the x-ray results were inconclusive, infrared spectra were recorded, assuming from the small oxygen—

oxygen distance that an absorption band due to OH stretching would occur at about  $1700\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (NAKAMOTO *et al.*, 1955). No evidence for this was found, however. Recently, RYALL and THREADGOLD (1966) published infrared spectra for several pyroxenoids, including pectolite. They confirmed that there is no absorption band in the expected region, but pointed out a rather strong band at  $1395\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and a weak one at  $1610\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Re-examination of the author's infrared spectra confirms the presence of the bands reported by RYALL and THREADGOLD. They attributed the former to an OH bending mode, and the latter to absorbed water. It appears, therefore, that although the infrared data do not confirm the presence of a symmetrical O—H—O bond, it is probable that hydrogen is associated with O(3) and O(4) and that the infrared evidence is consistent with the x-ray results.

### Discussion

It is interesting to examine the pectolite structure, keeping in mind CRUICKSHANK's (1961) discussion of  $d-p$   $\pi$ -bonding in compounds containing tetrahedrally coordinated silicon, phosphorus, sulfur, and chlorine. In this discussion CRUICKSHANK proposed that  $\pi$  overlap between  $d_{z^2}$  and  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  orbitals of the central atom, and  $p$  orbitals of the ligands could explain the variations in bond lengths observed in many of these compounds. CRUICKSHANK (1961) computed  $\pi$ -bond orders which might be expected for a chain or ring of tetrahedra, and from these predicted bridge and non-bridge M—O distances for the  $\text{S}_3\text{O}_9$  ring and the  $\text{SiO}_3^{-2}$  chain. McDONALD and CRUICKSHANK (1967*a*, 1967*b*) have convincingly applied the  $d-p$   $\pi$  bonding argument to  $\text{S}_3\text{O}_9$ , and found that the experimental results correspond closely to the theory. However, the agreement for  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3$  is not as satisfactory. It is apparent that other considerations must be taken into account for the latter compound and for pectolite as well.

There are two differences between these silicates and  $\text{S}_3\text{O}_9$  which should be noted. The first is that, although the oxygens are approximately in a closest-packed arrangement, the average O—O distance in the silicates is about  $0.2\text{ \AA}$  greater than in  $\text{S}_3\text{O}_9$ . This means that the angle [T—O—T] between tetrahedral sites (T) is always larger in the silicates. For example, in a metasilicate chain based on closest packing of oxygen spheres of  $1.32\text{ \AA}$  radius, and a resulting T—O distance of  $1.617\text{ \AA}$ , the T—T distance between neighboring tetrahedra is  $3.048\text{ \AA}$ , and the T—O—T angle is  $141^\circ$ . LIEBAU (1961) found that



the average Si—O—Si angle is about  $140^\circ$  in silicates, and about  $120^\circ$  in sulfates.

MCDONALD and CRUICKSHANK (1967*b*) found an average S—O—S angle in  $S_3O_9$  of  $121^\circ$ . The second difference is that in the silicates, cations other than Si also influence the Si—O bond lengths.

Using the  $\pi$ -bond orders calculated for  $S_3O_9$  with S—O—S angles of  $120^\circ$ , CRUICKSHANK (1961) predicted bridge Si—O distances of 1.70 Å and non-bridge distances of 1.56 Å for a metasilicate chain or ring with a Si—O—Si angle of  $120^\circ$ . In a similar way the bond orders can be calculated for a chain in which the Si—O—Si angles are  $180^\circ$ . These bond orders are  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$ , corresponding to 1.65 Å and 1.58 Å for bridge and nonbridge distances, respectively. Extrapolating versus the cosine of the angle to  $140^\circ$ , gives 1.67 Å and 1.57 Å. MCDONALD and CRUICKSHANK (1967*a*) find mean distances of 1.67 Å and 1.59 Å for  $Na_2SiO_3$ , and the averages for pectolite are 1.65 Å and 1.61 Å. MCDONALD and CRUICKSHANK remark that the dimensions of the hypothetical isolated chain cannot be realized in these structures, but the evidence is that  $\pi$  bonding is important.

The effect of other cations on the Si—O distances is difficult to assess quantitatively but, in general, one would think that a cation close to a bridge oxygen might be expected to increase the bridge Si—O distances, and any covalent bonding or excess coulombic attraction between a non-bridge oxygen and other cation may cause increased Si—O distances. However, in  $Na_2SiO_3$  no definite effect can be seen, even though the bridge oxygen is only 2.404 Å away from Na. Pectolite is more complicated because of the presence of hydrogen. Table 6 gives the coordination of each oxygen in pectolite and also the distances to the coordinating cations. The non-bridge oxygens are O(1) through O(6), and the bridge ones, O(7) through O(9). O(2), O(5), and O(6) are normal non-bridge oxygens, being coordinated by three cations other than silicon. O(1) is unusual in that it is surrounded by only two close cations, Ca(1) and Ca(2), plus Si(3). Here, however, the O(1)—Si(3) and O(1)—Ca(2) are the smallest distances of their kind in the structure. O(3) and O(4) are presumably involved with H, and O(3)—Si(1) is longer than the other non-bridge distances because H is closer to O(3) than to O(4). O(7) and O(8) are normal bridge oxygens with an average O—Si distance of 1.663, which is close to the predicted value. Although there is a sodium ion about 2.54 Å from each of these oxygens, it apparently has little effect on the O—Si distances. However, for O(9), the Na at 2.305 Å and

the relatively larger Si(1)—O(9)—Si(2) angle of  $147.8^\circ$  apparently cause the mean O(9)—Si distances to be shorter than expected, 1.636 Å.

It would seem, therefore, that if these individual differences are taken into account, the variations in observed interatomic distances in the pectolite structure can be examined on a reasonable basis. Furthermore, the simple  $\pi$ -bonding theory does appear to explain the variations in Si—O distances, and can be retained until a more quantitative approach is made.

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