

$\text{Ca}_2\text{Al}(\text{Al}_{0.33}\text{Si}_{0.67})_3\text{O}_3[\text{OH}]_{12}[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{1.5}$ 

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(176)  $P6_3/m - i^2hf^3edba$  **$\text{Ca}_4\text{Al}_4\text{Si}_4\text{O}_6(\text{OH})_{24} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$**  [1], vertumnite

Structural features: Double slabs of vertex-linked (Si,Al)[O(OH,O)<sub>3</sub>] tetrahedra with 6-rings alternate with slabs of edge-linked Ca(OH)<sub>6</sub> (Ca displaced from the octahedron center and coordinated by an additional OH) and Al(OH)<sub>6</sub> octahedra; H<sub>2</sub>O between 6-rings in the former slabs.

Galli E., Passaglia E. (1978) [1]

 $\text{Al}_{2.13}\text{Ca}_2\text{H}_{14.68}\text{O}_{15.72}\text{Si}_{1.43}$  $a = 0.5755$ ,  $c = 2.512$  nm,  $c/a = 4.365$ ,  $V = 0.7205$  nm<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 2$ 

site	Wyck.	sym.	x	y	z	occ.	atomic environment
(OH)1	12i	1	0.3054	0.0554	0.0407		single atom Al
M2	12i	1	0.335	0.2118	0.1608	0.96	non-colinear Si <sub>2</sub>
(OH <sub>2</sub> )3	6h	m..	0.231	0.571	$\frac{1}{4}$	0.15	
Ca4	4f	3..	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0.0212		7-vertex polyhedron (OH) <sub>7</sub>
M5	4f	3..	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0.1208		single atom Ca
M6	4f	3..	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0.6855	0.65	tetrahedron O(OH) <sub>3</sub>
M7	4e	3..	0	0	0.1857	0.63	tetrahedron O(OH) <sub>3</sub>
O8	2d	-6..	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	0.73	colinear Si <sub>2</sub>
Al9	2b	-3..	0	0	0		octahedron (OH) <sub>6</sub>
O10	2a	-6..	0	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0.78	colinear Si <sub>2</sub>

 $\text{M2} = 0.83\text{OH} + 0.17\text{O}$ ;  $\text{M5} = 0.5\text{OH} + 0.5\text{OH}_2$ ;  $\text{M6} = 0.56\text{Si} + 0.44\text{Al}$ ;  $\text{M7} = 0.56\text{Si} + 0.44\text{Al}$ Transformation from published data:  $y, x, -z$ Experimental: single crystal, diffractometer, X-rays,  $R = 0.046$ 

Remarks: Natural specimen from Campomorto, Montalto di Castro, Viterbo, Italy. Refinement using scattering factors corresponding to  $0.56\text{Si} + 0.435\text{Al} + 0.005\text{P}$  for sites M6 and M7,  $0.94\text{Ca} + 0.0325\text{Al} + 0.015\text{Sr} + 0.005\text{K} + 0.005\text{Na} + 0.0025\text{Ba}$  for site Ca4. We assigned an approximate value to the O/OH ratio of site M2 based on the nominal composition. A metrically monoclinic cell with  $a = 0.5744(5)$ ,  $b = 0.5766(5)$ ,  $c = 2.512(1)$  nm,  $\gamma = 119.72(5)^\circ$  was found; space group (11)  $P112_1/m$  was tested and rejected (all atom coordinates within the standard uncertainty). Short interatomic distances for partly occupied site(s). Hydrogen atoms are not taken into consideration for Pearson symbol, Wyckoff sequence and atomic environments.

References: [1] Galli E., Passaglia E. (1978), TMPM, Tschermaks Mineral. Petrogr. Mitt. 25, 33-46.