

Supporting Information

Synthesis, characterization and theoretical studies of the nonlinear optical crystal $\text{Sr}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9(\text{OH}) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$

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Single crystal X-ray diffraction measurement

Single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected at RT on a Bruker SMART APEX II CCD diffractometer with graphite-monochromatic Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). The data were integrated using the SAINT program, and numerical absorption corrections were performed using the SADABS program.¹ The structure was solved by direct method and refined with a full-matrix least-squares technique using programs from the SHELXTL crystallographic software package.² Anisotropic thermal parameters were applied to all nonhydrogen atoms. Hydrogen atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions. The structure was verified using the *Addsym* subroutine of PLATON³ and no higher symmetries were found.

Table S1. Crystal data and structural refinement for Sr₂B₅O₉(OH) H₂O at 297K

formula	Sr ₂ B ₅ O ₉ (OH) H ₂ O
fw /g·mol ⁻¹	408.31
crystal system	monoclinic
space group	C2 (No. 5)
<i>a</i> / Å	10.2342(15)
<i>b</i> / Å	8.0240(13)
<i>c</i> / Å	6.3898(9)
β / deg	127.882(7)
<i>V</i> / Å ³	414.15(11)
<i>Z</i>	2
ρ_{calcd} / g·cm ⁻³	3.274
μ / mm ⁻¹	12.938
<i>F</i> (000)	384
crystal size / mm ³	0.146 × 0.110 × 0.085
θ_{max} / deg	27.45
reflections collected / unique	2374 / 867
<i>R</i> (int)	0.0246
completeness	100 %
GOF on <i>F</i> ²	0.940
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ (I>2σ(I)) ^a	0.0174, 0.0392
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.0183, 0.0395
flack parameter	0.006(9)

$$^a R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o| \text{ and } wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w F_o^4]^{1/2}.$$

Table S2. Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for $\text{Sr}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9(\text{OH}) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$. U_{eq} is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

Atoms	Wyckoff positions	x/a	y/b	z/c	U_{eq}	BVS
Sr1	4c	7046(1)	5352(1)	9147(1)	10(1)	2.1
B1	4c	9257(5)	2504(6)	7442(7)	9(1)	3.0
B2	2b	5000	9164(7)	5000	8(1)	3.0
B3	4c	7666(5)	5038(6)	5073(8)	10(1)	3.0
O1	4c	6466(3)	6092(3)	4532(5)	9(1)	2.1
O2	4c	7991(3)	3748(3)	6753(5)	9(1)	2.0
O3	2a	5000	6713(4)	10000	8(1)	2.0
O4	4c	5673(3)	2611(4)	8933(6)	18(1)	0.6 ^a
O5	4c	5531(3)	8245(3)	7358(5)	7(1)	2.1
O6	4c	8559(2)	5262(5)	14149(4)	10(1)	2.0

^a bond valence sum of O4 without hydrogen coordinates.

Table S3 Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (deg.) for Sr₂B₅O₉(OH) H₂O^a

Sr1–O6	2.555(2)	O3 ^{#7} –B1–O5 ^{#7}	111.0(3)
Sr1–O4	2.563(3)	O3 ^{#7} –B1–O2	112.9(3)
Sr1–O2	2.598(3)	O5 ^{#7} –B1–O2	110.4(4)
Sr1–O4 ^{#1}	2.599(3)	O3 ^{#7} –B1–O1 ^{#8}	105.2(4)
Sr1–O5	2.635(3)	O5 ^{#7} –B1–O1 ^{#8}	105.2(3)
Sr1–O5 ^{#2}	2.684(3)	O2–B1–O1 ^{#8}	111.7(3)
Sr1–O1	2.697(3)	O5 ^{#3} –B2–O5	119.0(5)
Sr1–O3	2.6971(16)	O5 ^{#3} –B2–O6 ^{#1}	109.45(14)
Sr1–O1 ^{#3}	2.900(3)	O5–B2–O6 ^{#1}	105.40(15)
B1–O3 ^{#7}	1.453(5)	O5 ^{#3} –B2–O6 ^{#9}	105.40(15)
B1–O5 ^{#7}	1.466(5)	O5–B2–O6 ^{#9}	109.45(14)
B1–O2	1.471(5)	O6 ^{#1} –B2–O6 ^{#9}	107.7(5)
B1–O1 ^{#8}	1.507(5)	O1–B3–O6 ^{#10}	123.2(5)
B2–O5 ^{#3}	1.446(4)	O1–B3–O2	114.6(3)
B2–O5	1.446(4)	O6 ^{#10} –B3–O2	122.1(4)
B2–O6 ^{#1}	1.508(5)		
B2–O6 ^{#9}	1.508(5)		
B3–O1	1.350(6)		
B3–O6 ^{#10}	1.371(4)		
B3–O2	1.383(6)		
Geometrically estimated hydrogen bonds			
O4 ^{#6} .. H1 ^{#5}	1.2401(40)	O4 ^{#6} –H1 ^{#5} –O4 ^{#7}	179.778(216)
O4 ^{#6} .. O4 ^{#7}	2.4801(56)		
O4 ^{#6} .. H2 ^{#10}	0.8785(23)	O4 ^{#6} –H2 ^{#10} –O6 ^{#11}	179.547(169)
O4 ^{#6} .. O6 ^{#11}	3.0697(36)		
Numerical refined hydrogen Bonds			
O4 ^{#6} .. H1 ^{#5}	1.2219	O4 ^{#6} –H1 ^{#5} –O4 ^{#7}	179.155
O4 ^{#6} .. O4 ^{#7}	2.4437		
O4 ^{#6} .. H2 ^{#10}	0.9716	O4 ^{#6} –H2 ^{#10} –O6 ^{#11}	150.653
O4 ^{#6} .. O6 ^{#11}	3.1172		

^a Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 $-x+3/2, y+1/2, -z+2$; #2 $-x+3/2, y-1/2, -z+2$; #3 $-x+1, y, -z+1$; #4 $x-1/2, y+1/2, z$; #5 $x+1/2, y-1/2, z+1$; #6 $x, y, z+1$; #7 $x+1/2, y-1/2, z$; #8 $-x+3/2, y-1/2, -z+1$; #9 $x-1/2, y+1/2, z-1$; #10 $x, y, z-1$; #11 $-x+3/2, y+1/2, -z+1$; #12 $-x+1, y, -z+2$

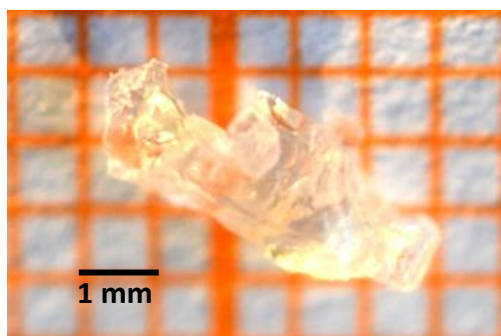


Fig. S1 Photograph of the Sr₂B₅O₉(OH) · H₂O crystal.

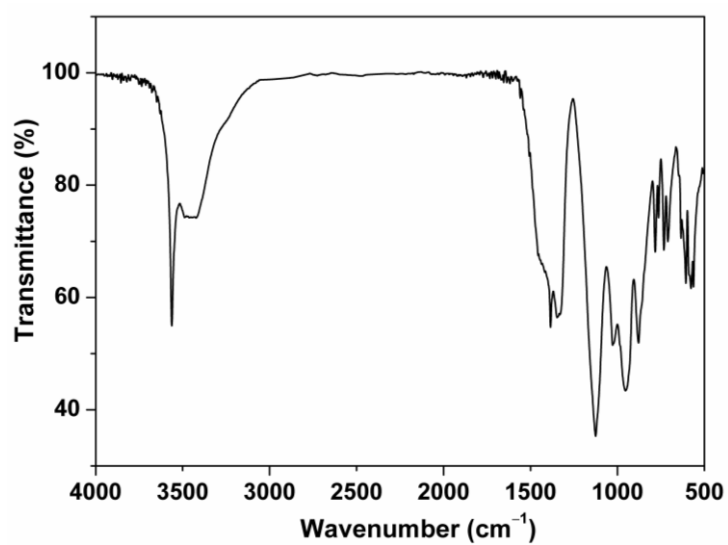


Fig. S2. IR spectrum of Sr₂B₅O₉(OH) · H₂O.

The Mulliken analysis and electron densities

The chemical bond character can be clearly identified by Mulliken analysis⁴ and electron density calculation, which, according to the reviewer's comment, have been carried out. Results have shown that Mulliken overlap populations of B-O and O-H bonds are 0.56 ~ 0.78 and 0.35 ~ 0.59, respectively, whereas those for Sr-O bonds are much smaller, i.e., 0.04 ~ 0.10. It indicates the covalency of the B-O and O-H bonds and ionicity of the Sr-O bonds, respectively. The chemical bond characters were further confirmed by electron densities of atoms which clearly show that the spherical electron distribution was found at strontium atoms, while the two-atom-sharing electron distribution was found in B-O bond and O-H bond (Fig. S3).

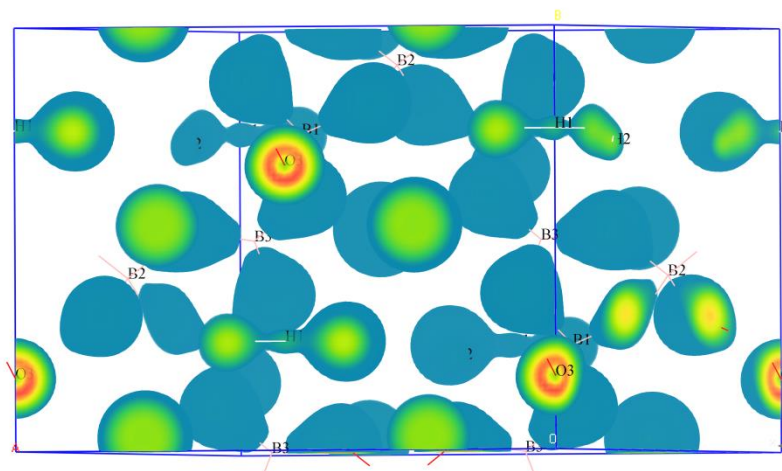


Fig. S3. Electron density of atoms in Sr₂B₅O₉(OH)·H₂O.

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