Supporting Information

Anomalous Thermal Expansion of Strontium Squarate Trihydrate

Induced by Hydrogen-bond Weakening

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Identification code	100 K	150 K	200 K	250 K	300 K
Empirical formula	C ₄ H ₆ O ₇ Sr	$C_4H_6O_7Sr$	C ₄ H ₆ O ₇ Sr	C ₄ H ₆ O ₇ Sr	C ₄ H ₆ O ₇ Sr
Formula weight	253.71	253.71	253.71	253.71	253.71
Temperature/K	100.09(10)	149.99(10)	199.96(10)	249.99(10)	299.94(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	C2/c	C2/c	C2/c	C2/c	C2/c
a/Å	13.0755(7)	13.0683(7)	13.0650(7)	13.0653(7)	13.0565(8)
b/Å	6.4945(3)	6.5081(3)	6.5257(3)	6.5462(3)	6.5688(3)
c/Å	8.4711(5)	8.4763(4)	8.4886(4)	8.5027(4)	8.5163(5)
α/\circ	90	90	90	90	90
β/°	98.628(6)	98.566(5)	98.534(6)	98.518(6)	98.506(6)
γ/°	90	90	90	90	90
Volume/Å ³	711.22(7)	712.87(6)	715.71(6)	719.19(6)	722.37(7)
Ζ	4	4	4	4	4
$ ho_{calc}g/cm^3$	2.343	2.343	2.343	2.343	2.343
μ/mm^{-1}	7.580	7.496	7.496	7.496	7.496
F(000)	496.0	496.0	496.0	496.0	496.0
	0.1 imes 0.1 imes	0.1 imes 0.1 imes	0.1 imes 0.1 imes	0.1 imes 0.1 imes	0.1 imes 0.1 imes
Crystal size/mm ³	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
	MoKa ($\lambda =$	MoKa ($\lambda =$	MoKa ($\lambda =$	MoKa ($\lambda =$	MoKa ($\lambda =$
Radiation	0.71073)	0.71073)	0.71073)	0.71073)	0.71073)
20 range for data	8.27 to	8.26 to	8.246 to	8.226 to	8.742 to
collection/°	59.28	59.368	59.326	59.262	59.222
	-17 \leq h \leq	-17 \leq h \leq	-18 \leq h \leq	-17 \leq h \leq	-15 \leq h \leq
T 1	15, -8 \leq k \leq	17, -8 \leq k \leq	17, -8 \leq k \leq	18, -9 \le k \le	$16, -9 \le k \le$
Index ranges	8, - 10 ≤ l ≤	8, -10 ≤1 ≤	8, -11 ≤1≤	8, -11 ≤1≤	8, -11 ≤1≤
	11	11	11	11	11
Reflections collected	3649	3444	3513	3470	3728
	896 [R _{int} =	899 [R _{int} =	911 [R _{int} =	902 [R _{int} =	901 [R _{int} =
	0.0356,	0.0373,	0.0397,	0.0384,	0.0469,
Independent reflections	$R_{sigma} =$	$R_{sigma} =$	$R_{sigma} =$	$R_{sigma} =$	$R_{sigma} =$
	0.0294]	0.0324]	0.0333]	0.0325]	0.0383]
Data/restraints/parameters	896/2/68	899/0/68	911/1/58	902/1/58	901/1/58
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.153	1.144	1.220	1.197	1.274
	$R_1 = 0.0263,$	$R_1 = 0.0303,$	$R_1 = 0.0379,$	$R_1 = 0.0377,$	$R_1 = 0.0391,$
Final R indexes [I>=2 σ (I)]	$wR_2 =$	$wR_2 =$	$wR_2 =$	$wR_2 =$	$wR_2 =$
	0.0654	0.0738	0.0939	0.0946	0.0972
	$R_1 = 0.0272,$	$R_1 = 0.0310,$	$R_1 = 0.0391,$	$R_1 = 0.0389,$	$R_1 = 0.0404,$
Final R indexes [all data]	$wR_2 =$	$wR_2 =$	$wR_2 =$	$wR_2 =$	$wR_2 =$
	0.0658	0.0743	0.0947	0.0953	0.0979
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻ 3	0.66/-1.37	0.48/-1.64	0.69/-2.04	0.81/-2.31	0.84/-2.28
CCDC number	2191456	2191453	2191454	2191452	2191455

Table S1 Crystallographic data of compound Sr-sq at different temperatures.

	100K	150K	200K	250K	300K
Sr-O1	2.540	2.544	2.541	2.545	2.548
Sr-O2	2.673	2.678	2.682	2.686	2.687
Sr-O3	2.534	2.535	2.535	2.536	2.539
Sr-O4	2.847	2.848	2.847	2.850	2.849
C1-C2	1.463	1.459	1.461	1.461	1.460
C1-O3	1.259	1.253	1.257	1.254	1.255
C2-O4	1.259	1.260	1.260	1.257	1.257
0102	2.802	2.804	2.807	2.814	2.820

Table S2 Distances of Sr-sq at different temperatures.

Table S3 Temperature dependent angle changes of φ_1 and φ_2

Temperature (K)	$arphi_{ m l}(\degree)$	$arphi_2(\degree)$
100	90.13(8)	127.17(1)
150	89.92(8)	127.05(1)
200	89.57(11)	126.92(1)
250	89.38(11)	126.78(1)
300	89.03(11)	126.59(1)



Figure S6 Temperature dependent low frequency (below 200 cm⁻¹) Raman mode shifts.



Figure S7 Experimental measured (black) and DFT calculated (red) Raman spectrum of Sr-sq.