

Supplementary Information

Nuclear and Magnetic Structures and Magnetic Properties of Synthetic Brochantite, $\text{Cu}_4(\text{OH})_6\text{SO}_4$

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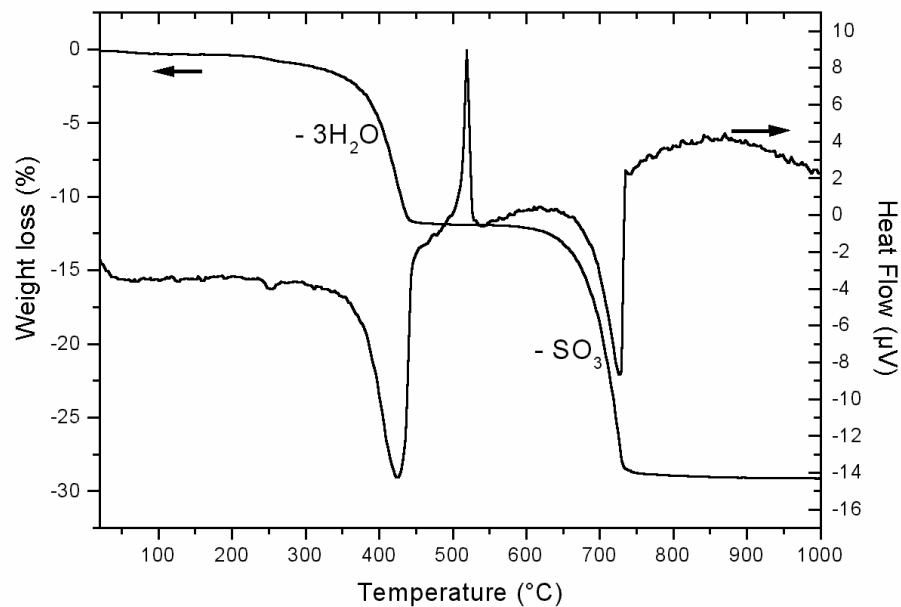


Figure S1: TG-DTA traces recorded under air at a 3.5°C/min heating rate

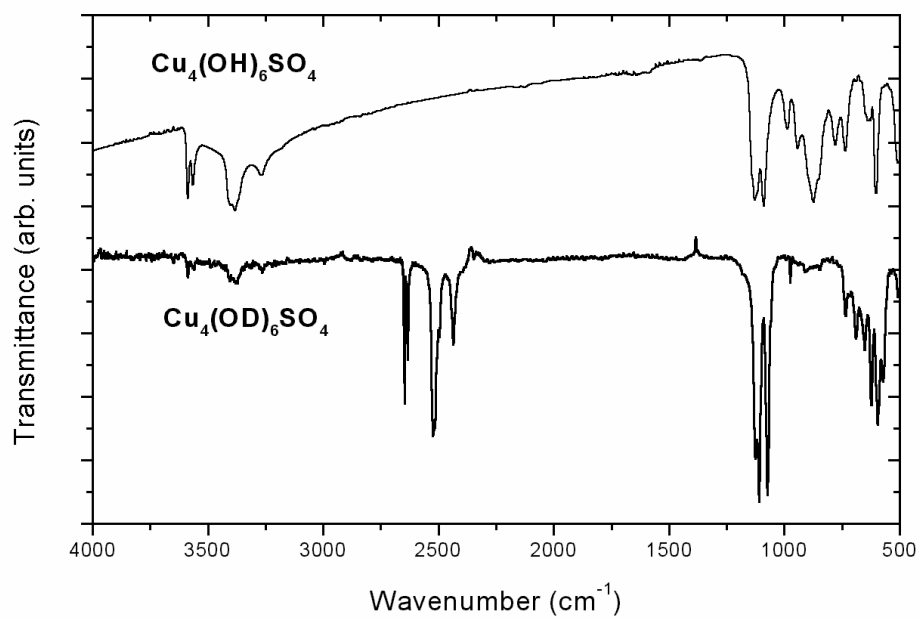


Figure S2: Infrared spectra of a) $\text{Cu}_4(\text{OH})_6\text{SO}_4$ and b) $\text{Cu}_4(\text{OD})_6\text{SO}_4$

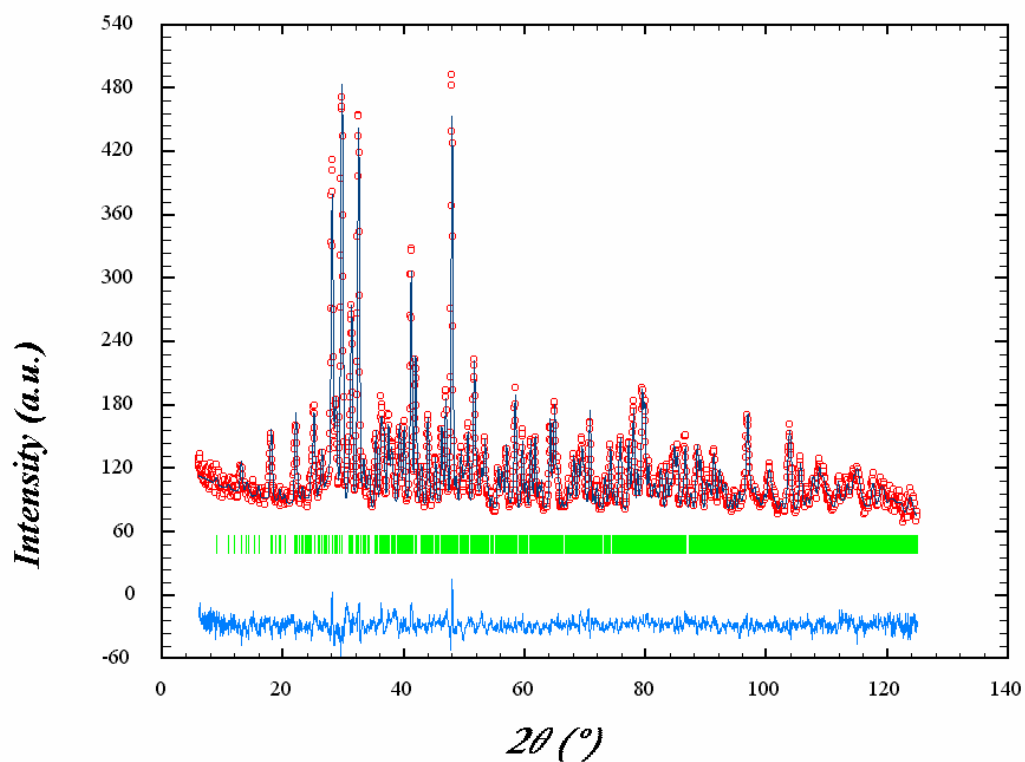


Figure S3. Observed (O) and calculated (—) profiles of the powder neutron pattern of $\text{Cu}_4(\text{OH})_6\text{SO}_4$ obtained on the 3T2 diffractometer at 300 K with position of the Bragg reflections (short vertical lines) and difference between observed and calculated profiles.

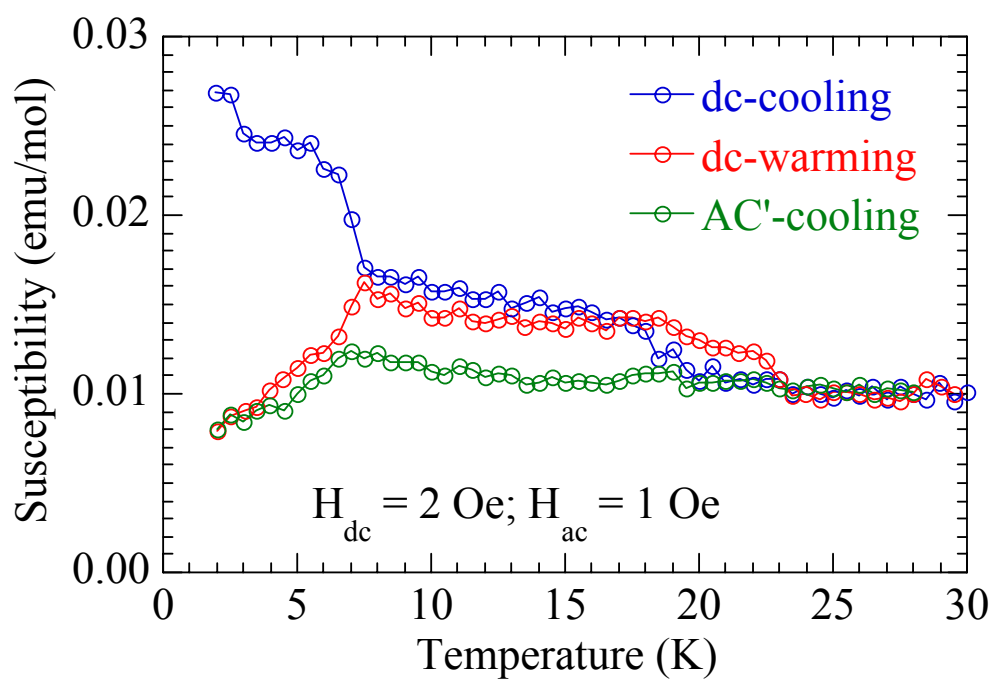


Figure S4. ac- and dc-susceptibilities measured in low applied fields ($H_{ac} = 1 \text{ Oe}$ (17 Hz), $H_{dc} = 2 \text{ Oe}$).

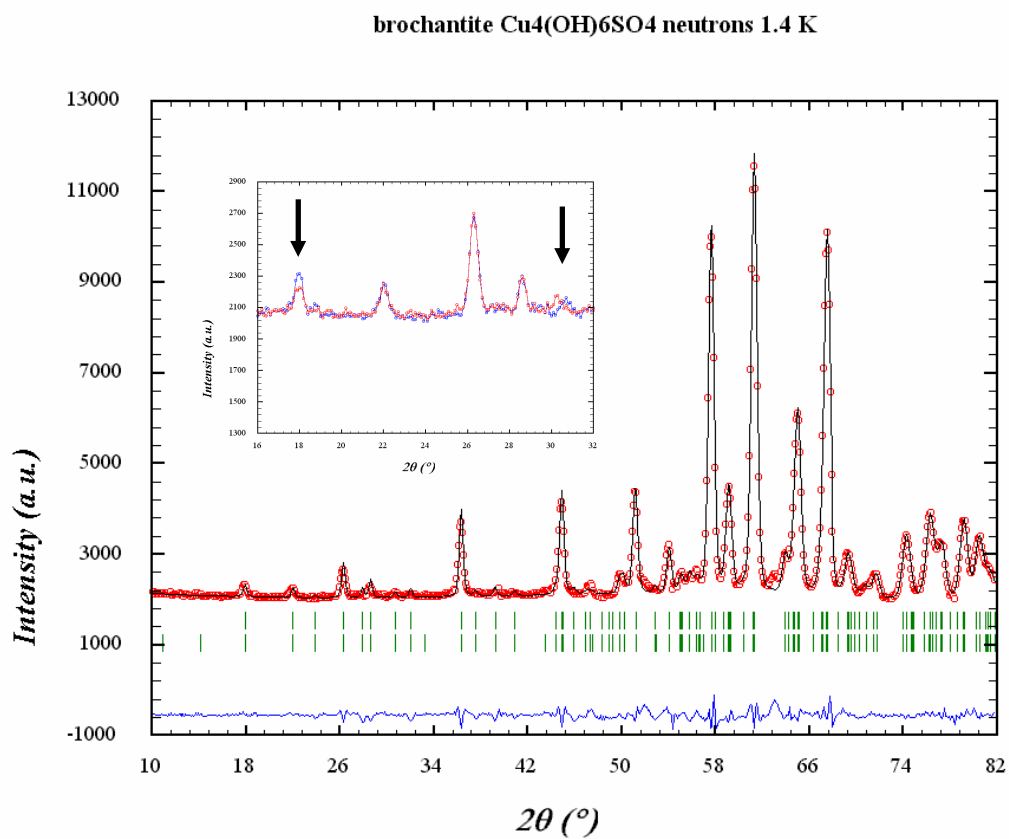


Figure S5. Observed (○) and calculated (—) profiles of the neutron pattern of $\text{Cu}_4(\text{OH})_6\text{SO}_4$ obtained on the G4.1 diffractometer at 1.4 K with position of the Bragg reflections (short vertical lines, nuclear, magnetic) and difference between observed and calculated profiles. Inset : Zoom in the 16 to 32° region for the 1.4 K (blue) and 12 K (red) data, the arrows evidencing the magnetic contributions at 18 and 30.7° .

Table S1. Fractional atomic positions and isothermal temperature factors from neutron powder diffraction data at 300 K for deuterated brochantite.

| Atom | x/a | y/b | z/c | B (Å ²) | Occupancy |
|------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Cu1 | 0.2942(7) | 0.4889(8) | 0.5297(17) | 0.84(13) | 4.0 |
| Cu2 | 0.2940(8) | 0.4938(10) | 1.0210(21) | 0.82(15) | 4.0 |
| Cu3 | 0.1168(6) | 0.2558(10) | 0.1788(17) | 0.91(13) | 4.0 |
| Cu4 | 0.1192(7) | 0.2579(10) | 0.6867(20) | 0.83(13) | 4.0 |
| S | 0.3936(12) | 0.1824(13) | 0.3330(44) | 0.90(24) | 4.0 |
| OH1 | 0.0970(10) | 0.1333(12) | 0.4297(26) | 0.86(20) | 4.0 |
| OH2 | 0.0867(9) | 0.1299(12) | 0.9189(25) | 0.99(18) | 4.0 |
| OH3 | 0.1582(11) | 0.3826(13) | 0.4571(27) | 1.14(23) | 4.0 |
| OH4 | 0.1590(9) | 0.3871(11) | 0.9385(21) | 1.23(20) | 4.0 |
| OH5 | 0.2488(8) | 0.5940(10) | 0.2538(31) | 1.52(16) | 4.0 |
| OH6 | 0.3625(7) | 0.3932(10) | 0.8139(28) | 1.33(15) | 4.0 |
| O1 | 0.2870(11) | 0.1459(11) | 0.2700(41) | 2.87(22) | 4.0 |
| O2 | 0.3809(8) | 0.3433(9) | 0.3158(31) | 2.08(17) | 4.0 |
| O3 | 0.4446(13) | 0.1452(17) | 0.0807(33) | 3.11(30) | 4.0 |
| O4 | 0.4441(11) | 0.1549(14) | 0.5431(19) | 2.43(17) | 4.0 |
| D1 | 0.0226(12) | 0.1056(15) | 0.3840(34) | 2.51(24) | 4.0 |
| D2 | 0.0137(9) | 0.1096(12) | 0.8902(23) | 1.24(18) | 4.0 |
| H3 | 0.1060(11) | 0.4581(12) | 0.4277(29) | 1.39(21) | 0.17(8) |
| D3 | 0.1060(11) | 0.4581(12) | 0.4277(29) | 1.39(21) | 3.83(8) |
| H4 | 0.1066(14) | 0.4468(14) | 0.9118(31) | 2.11(27) | 0.26(8) |
| D4 | 0.1066(14) | 0.4468(14) | 0.9118(31) | 2.11(27) | 3.74(8) |
| D5 | 0.1714(8) | 0.5995(10) | 0.2232(30) | 2.25(16) | 4.0 |
| H6 | 0.3443(9) | 0.3068(11) | 0.8081(31) | 1.57(19) | 0.46(5) |
| D6 | 0.3443(9) | 0.3068(11) | 0.8081(31) | 1.57(19) | 3.54(5) |

D/(H+D) = 0.96

Table S2. Interatomic distances (Å) and angles (°) for deuteriated brochantite from neutron data at 300 K.

| | | | | | |
|---------|---------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Cu1-OH1 | 1.99(2) | OH1-Cu1-OH3 | 165(6) | OH3-Cu1-O2 | 94.5(10) |
| Cu1-OH3 | 2.03(2) | OH1-Cu1-OH5 | 78.0(10) | OH5-Cu1-OH6 | 171(10) |
| Cu1-OH5 | 1.93(2) | OH1-Cu1-OH6 | 93.8(10) | OH5-Cu1-O1 | 90.2(13) |
| Cu1-OH6 | 1.98(2) | OH1-Cu1-O1 | 82.2(9) | OH5-Cu1-O2 | 87.0(8) |
| Cu1-O1 | 2.36(2) | OH1-Cu1-O2 | 94.5(9) | OH6-Cu1-O1 | 92.1(10) |
| Cu1-O2 | 2.39(2) | OH3-Cu1-OH5 | 90.6(11) | OH6-Cu1-O2 | 90.3(11) |
| <Cu1-O> | 2.11 | OH3-Cu1-OH6 | 98.0(12) | O1-Cu1-O2 | 176(10) |
| | | OH3-Cu1-O1 | 88.3(10) | | |
| Cu2-OH2 | 2.03(2) | OH2-Cu2-OH4 | 170(9) | OH4-Cu2-O2 | 95.7(10) |
| Cu2-OH4 | 2.02(2) | OH2-Cu2-OH5 | 83.5(9) | OH5-Cu2-OH6 | 171(10) |
| Cu2-OH5 | 1.92(2) | OH2-Cu2-OH6 | 90.0(10) | OH5-Cu2-O1 | 93.2(14) |
| Cu2-OH6 | 1.97(2) | OH2-Cu2-O1 | 84.8(11) | OH5-Cu2-O2 | 87.2(9) |
| Cu2-O1 | 2.36(2) | OH2-Cu2-O2 | 93.6(9) | OH6-Cu2-O1 | 92.4(10) |
| Cu2-O2 | 2.39(2) | OH4-Cu2-OH5 | 92.6(11) | OH6-Cu2-O2 | 87.1(11) |
| <Cu2-O> | 2.12 | OH4-Cu2-OH6 | 94.8(10) | O1-Cu2-O2 | 178(10) |
| | | OH4-Cu2-O1 | 86.0(10) | | |
| Cu3-OH1 | 2.00(2) | OH1-Cu3-OH2 | 100.6(13) | OH2-Cu3-O3 | 93.2(11) |
| Cu3-OH2 | 1.97(2) | OH1-Cu3-OH3 | 78.9(7) | OH3-Cu3-OH4 | 97.2(11) |
| Cu3-OH3 | 2.06(2) | OH1-Cu3-OH4 | 172(10) | OH3-Cu3-O1 | 91.8(10) |
| Cu3-OH4 | 2.11(2) | OH1-Cu3-O1 | 80.4(9) | OH3-Cu3-O3 | 90.5(11) |
| Cu3-O1 | 2.43(2) | OH1-Cu3-O3 | 98.7(12) | OH4-Cu3-O1 | 93.2(10) |
| Cu3-O3 | 2.41(2) | OH2-Cu3-OH3 | 176(10) | OH4-Cu3-O3 | 87.9(10) |
| <Cu3-O> | 2.16 | OH2-Cu3-OH4 | 82.9(8) | O1-Cu3-O3 | 177(10) |
| | | OH2-Cu3-O1 | 84.4(10) | | |
| Cu4-OH1 | 1.95(2) | OH1-Cu4-OH2 | 98.2(12) | OH2-Cu4-O4 | 97.8(10) |
| Cu4-OH2 | 2.00(2) | OH1-Cu4-OH3 | 81.5(9) | OH3-Cu4-OH4 | 94.1(11) |
| Cu4-OH3 | 2.00(2) | OH1-Cu4-OH4 | 173(10) | OH3-Cu4-OH5 | 103.4(11) |
| Cu4-OH4 | 1.96(2) | OH1-Cu4-OH5 | 69.8(8) | OH3-Cu4-O4 | 84.7(10) |
| Cu4-OH5 | 2.33(1) | OH1-Cu4-O4 | 89.1(10) | OH4-Cu4-OH5 | 106.0(11) |
| Cu4-O4 | 2.42(2) | OH2-Cu4-OH3 | 177(10) | OH4-Cu4-O4 | 96.1(10) |
| <Cu4-O> | 2.11 | OH2-Cu4-OH4 | 85.9(9) | OH5-Cu4-O4 | 156(3) |
| | | OH2-Cu4-OH5 | 74.2(7) | | |
| Cu1-Cu2 | 2.96(2) | Cu3-Cu4 | 2.97(2) | Cu1-Cu2-Cu1 | 178(10) |
| Cu1-Cu2 | 3.07(2) | Cu3-Cu4 | 3.06(2) | Cu3-Cu4-Cu3 | 179(10) |

Table S3. Atomic positions from neutron powder data at 1.4 K for deuteriated brochantite.

| Atom | x/a | y/b | z/c | Mx (μ_B) | Occupancy |
|------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| Cu1 | 0.289(1) | 0.488(2) | 0.522(4) | 0.22(11) | 4.0 |
| Cu2 | 0.303(1) | 0.495(1) | 1.037(3) | 0.22(11) | 4.0 |
| Cu3 | 0.126(1) | 0.264(1) | 0.186(4) | 0.74(7) | 4.0 |
| Cu4 | 0.118(1) | 0.253(2) | 0.661(3) | 0.74(7) | 4.0 |
| S | 0.386(4) | 0.184(4) | 0.313(13) | | 4.0 |
| OH1 | 0.099(2) | 0.123(3) | 0.409(5) | | 4.0 |
| OH2 | 0.090(2) | 0.119(3) | 0.898(5) | | 4.0 |
| OH3 | 0.178(2) | 0.399(3) | 0.471(5) | | 4.0 |
| OH4 | 0.177(2) | 0.383(3) | 0.991(5) | | 4.0 |
| OH5 | 0.246(2) | 0.602(2) | 0.234(4) | | 4.0 |
| OH6 | 0.384(1) | 0.396(2) | 0.804(5) | | 4.0 |
| O1 | 0.279(2) | 0.134(2) | 0.261(5) | | 4.0 |
| O2 | 0.371(1) | 0.343(2) | 0.304(5) | | 4.0 |
| O3 | 0.460(2) | 0.146(2) | 0.166(3) | | 4.0 |
| O4 | 0.440(2) | 0.153(2) | 0.573(5) | | 4.0 |
| H1 | 0.007(2) | 0.095(2) | 0.386(5) | | 0.05(8) |
| D1 | 0.007(2) | 0.095(2) | 0.386(5) | | 3.95(8) |
| D2 | 0.006(2) | 0.136(2) | 0.895(4) | | 4.0 |
| D3 | 0.097(2) | 0.454(3) | 0.463(5) | | 4.0 |
| H4 | 0.111(1) | 0.442(3) | 0.923(6) | | 0.17(8) |
| D4 | 0.111(1) | 0.442(3) | 0.923(6) | | 3.83(8) |
| D5 | 0.132(1) | 0.603(1) | 0.178(5) | | 4.0 |
| H6 | 0.325(1) | 0.296(2) | 0.754(5) | | 0.30(6) |
| D6 | 0.325(1) | 0.296(2) | 0.754(7) | | 3.70(6) |

Table S4. Atomic positions and magnetic moment of the copper atoms within the cell at 1.4K.

| Atom | x/a | y/b | z/c | M_x (μ_B) |
|------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| Cu11 | 0.289(1) | 0.488(2) | 0.522(4) | 0.22(11) |
| Cu12 | 0.711 | 0.512 | 0.478 | -0.22(11) |
| Cu13 | 0.211 | 0.988 | 0.478 | 0.22(11) |
| Cu14 | 0.789 | 0.012 | 0.522 | -0.22(11) |
| Cu21 | 0.303(1) | 0.495(1) | 1.037(3) | 0.22(11) |
| Cu22 | 0.697 | 0.505 | -0.037 | -0.22(11) |
| Cu23 | 0.197 | 0.995 | -0.037 | 0.22(11) |
| Cu24 | 0.803 | 0.005 | 1.037 | -0.22(11) |
| Cu31 | 0.126(1) | 0.264(1) | 0.186(4) | -0.74(7) |
| Cu32 | 0.874 | 0.736 | 0.814 | 0.74(7) |
| Cu33 | 0.374 | 0.764 | 0.814 | -0.74(7) |
| Cu34 | 0.626 | 0.236 | 0.186 | 0.74(7) |
| Cu41 | 0.118(1) | 0.253(2) | 0.661(3) | -0.74(7) |
| Cu42 | 0.882 | 0.747 | 0.339 | 0.74(7) |
| Cu43 | 0.382 | 0.753 | 0.339 | -0.74(7) |
| Cu44 | 0.618 | 0.247 | 0.661 | 0.74(7) |