

Supplementary Materials

Supp 1. Residual electron density around Li^+ cation in spodumene after the multipolar refinements for the two radiations. Contour intervals $0.1 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$; negative contours are dashed, zero contour omitted. (Fourier summation over data with $0. \leq s \leq 0.9 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$).

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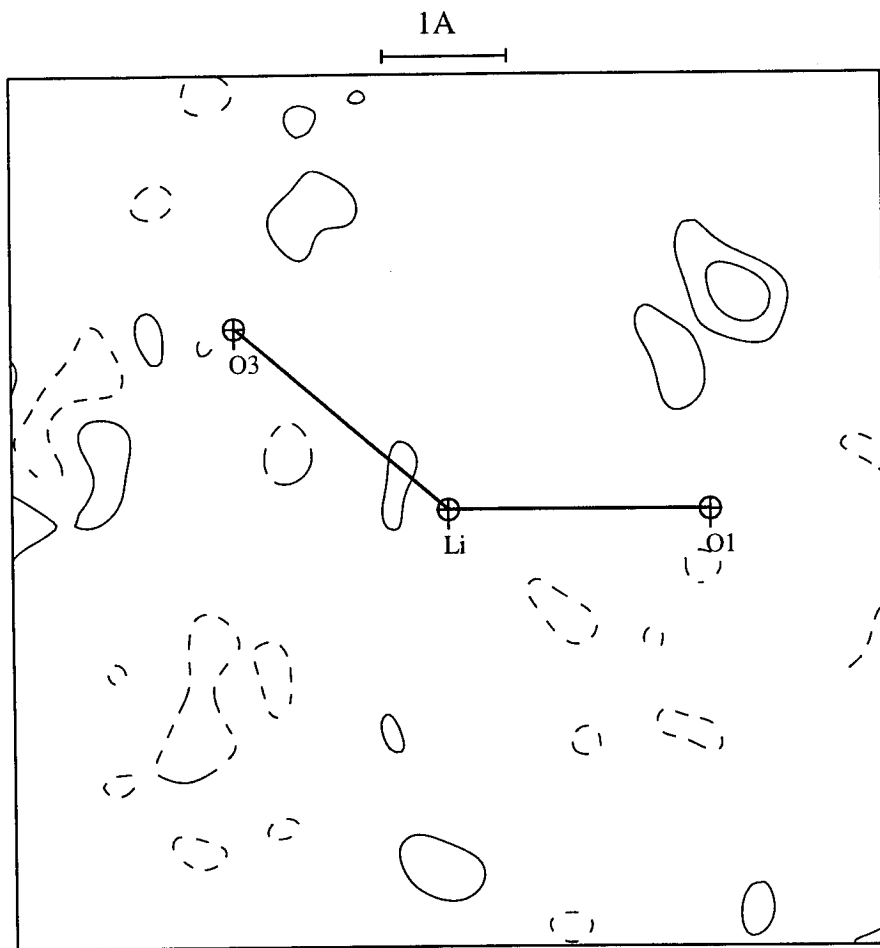
Supp 4. Experimental (a) and Dynamic (b) deformation electron densities in Si-O₃-Si bridge planes : from MoK α and AgK α data.

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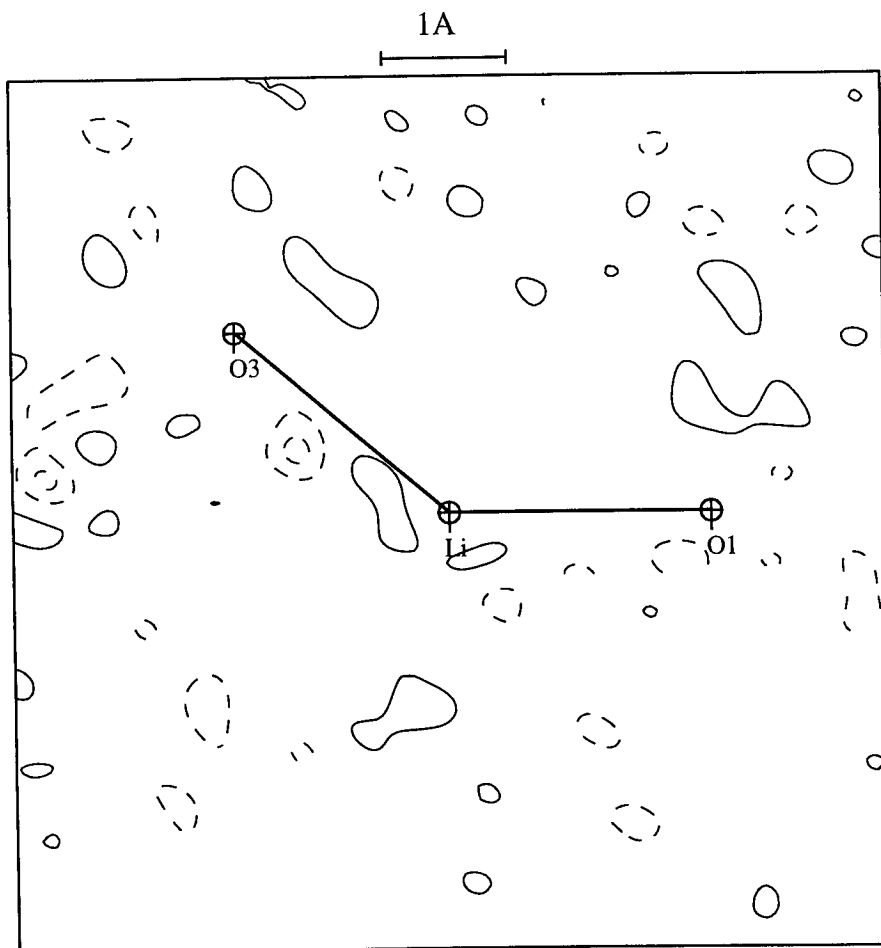
Supp 5. Table of the valence and multipole populations (P_{val} and P_{lm}) and the expansion-contraction coefficients (κ and κ') after multipole refinements 2 and 2' in Table 2. (only significant values, * correspond to the non-refined populations for Aluminium atom).

~~**Supp 6.** List of the structure factors of the MoK α data.~~

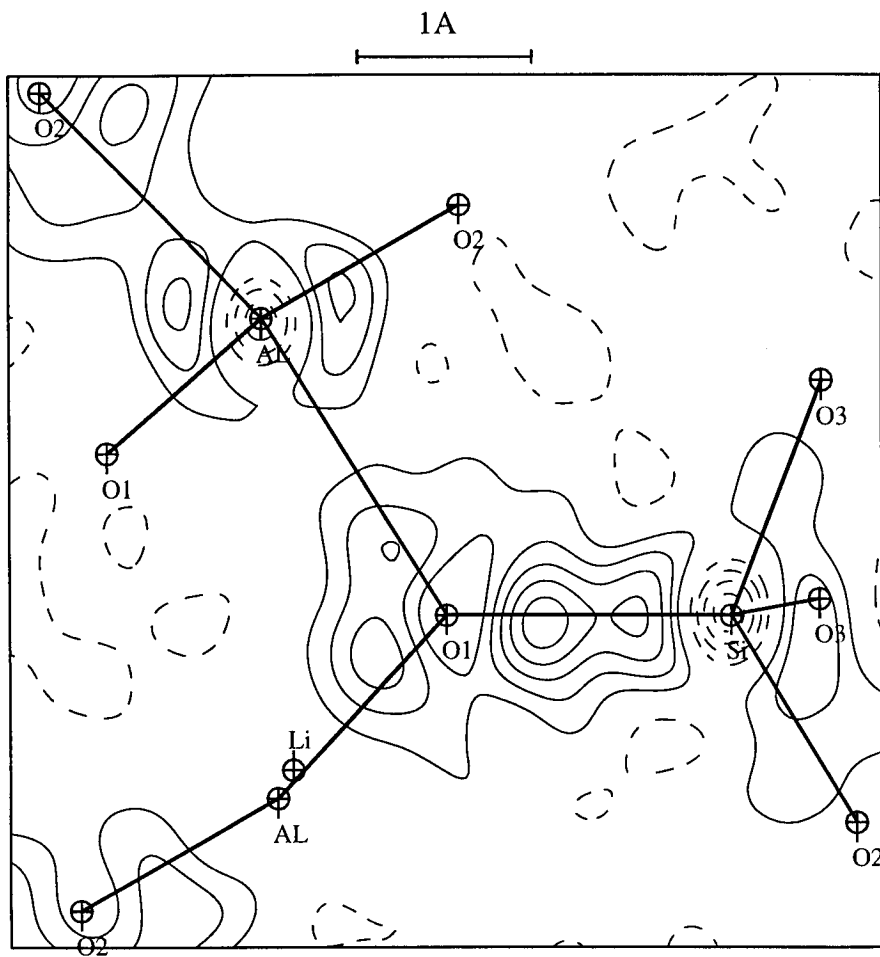
~~**Supp 7.** List of the structure factors of the AgK α data.~~



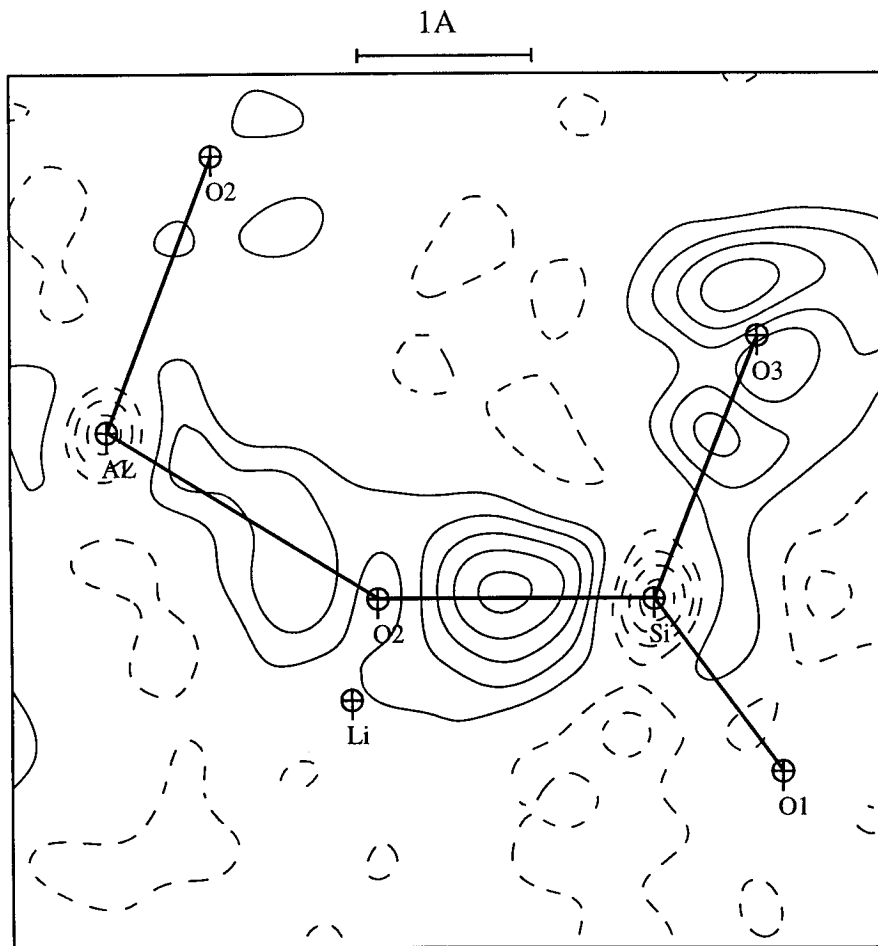
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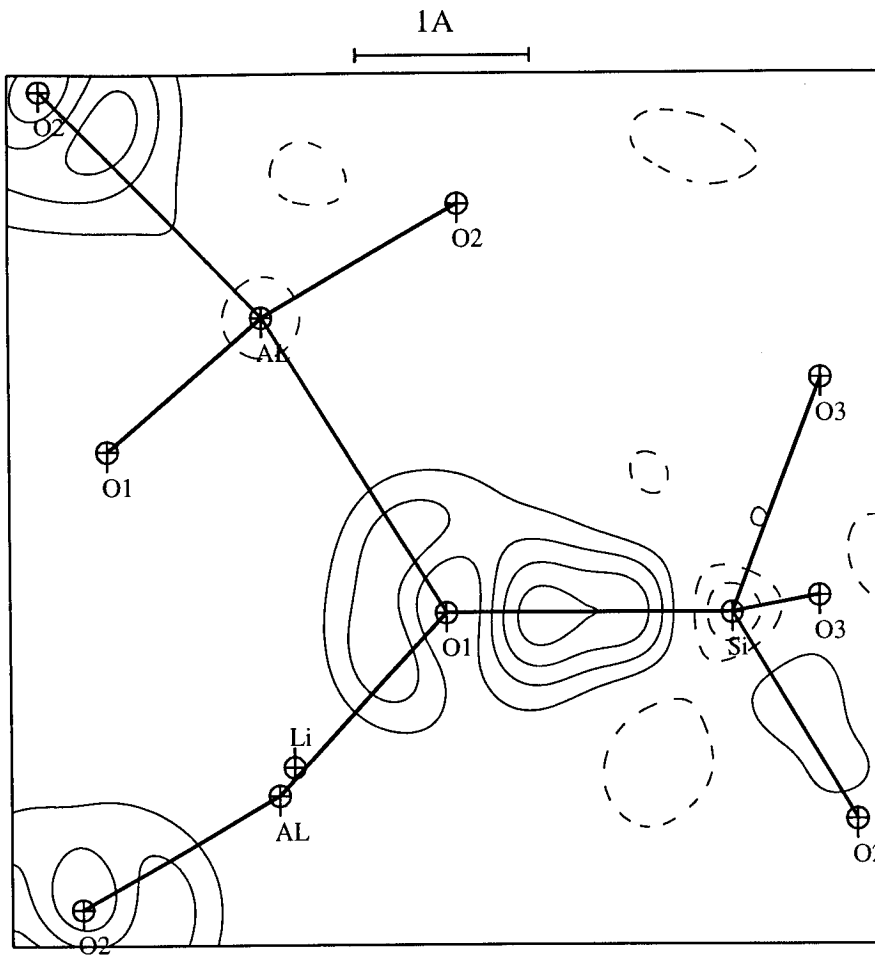
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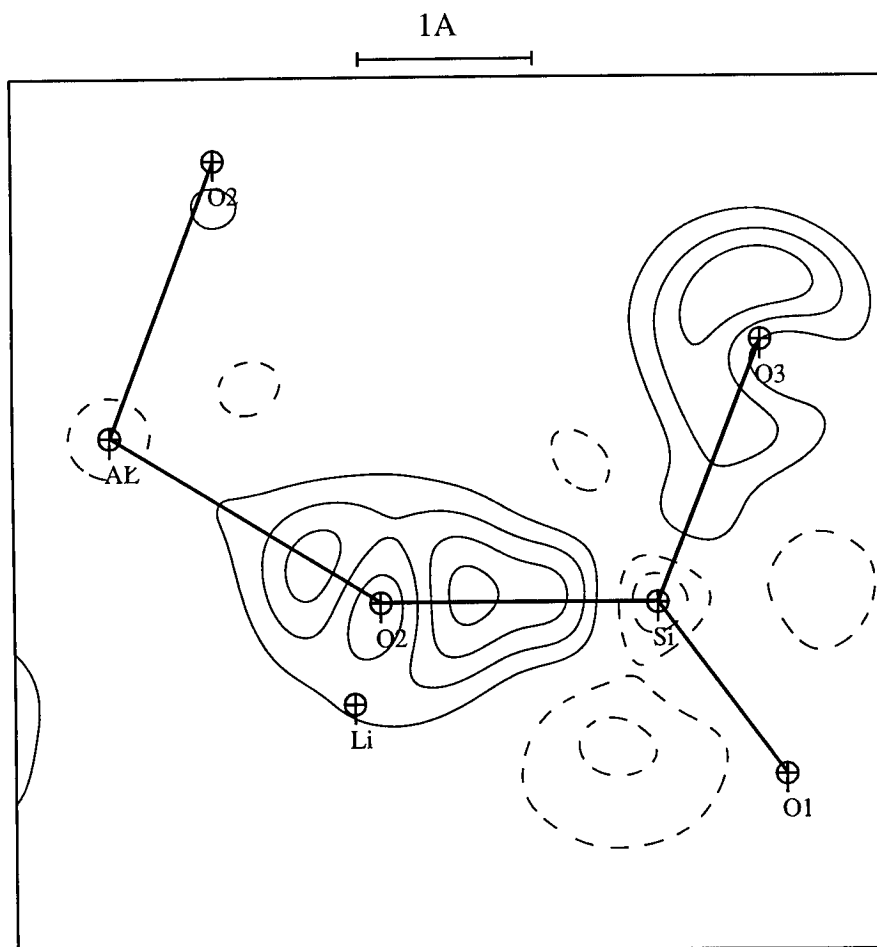
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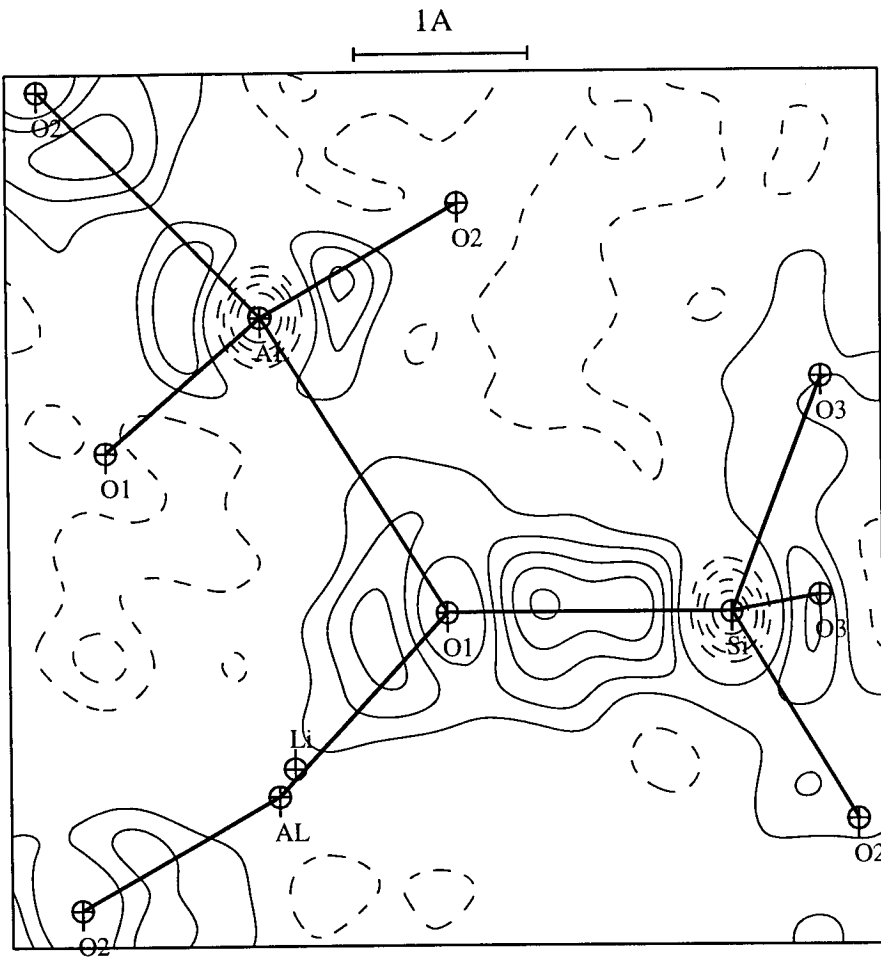
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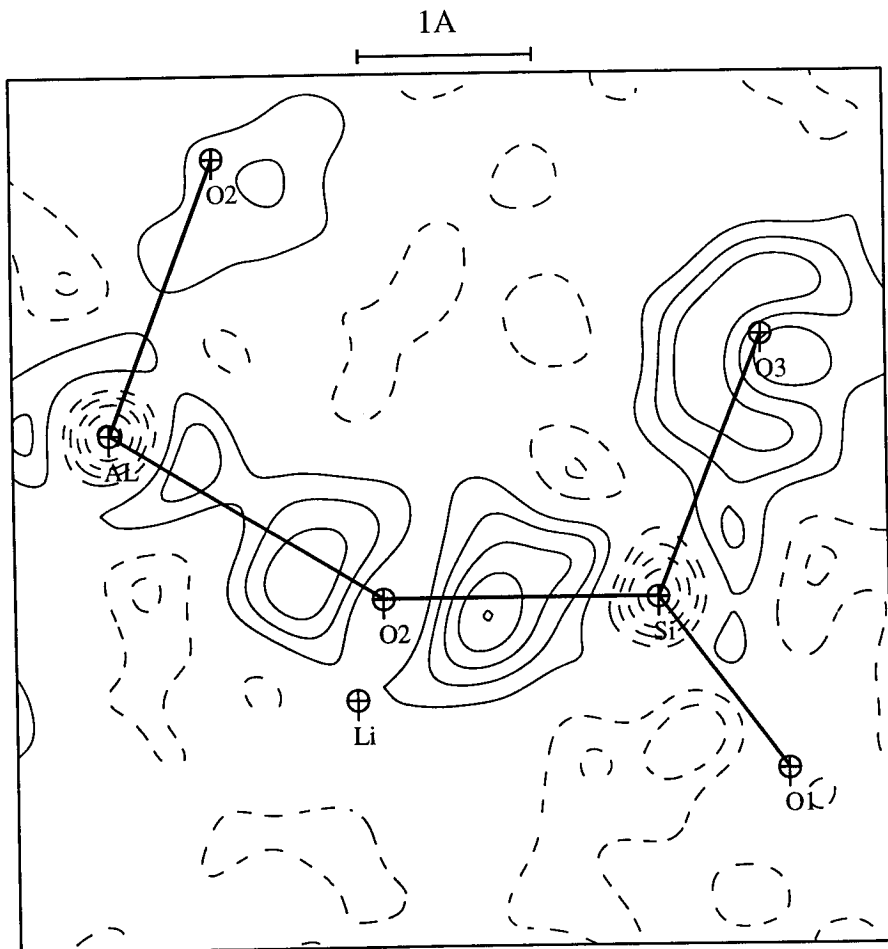
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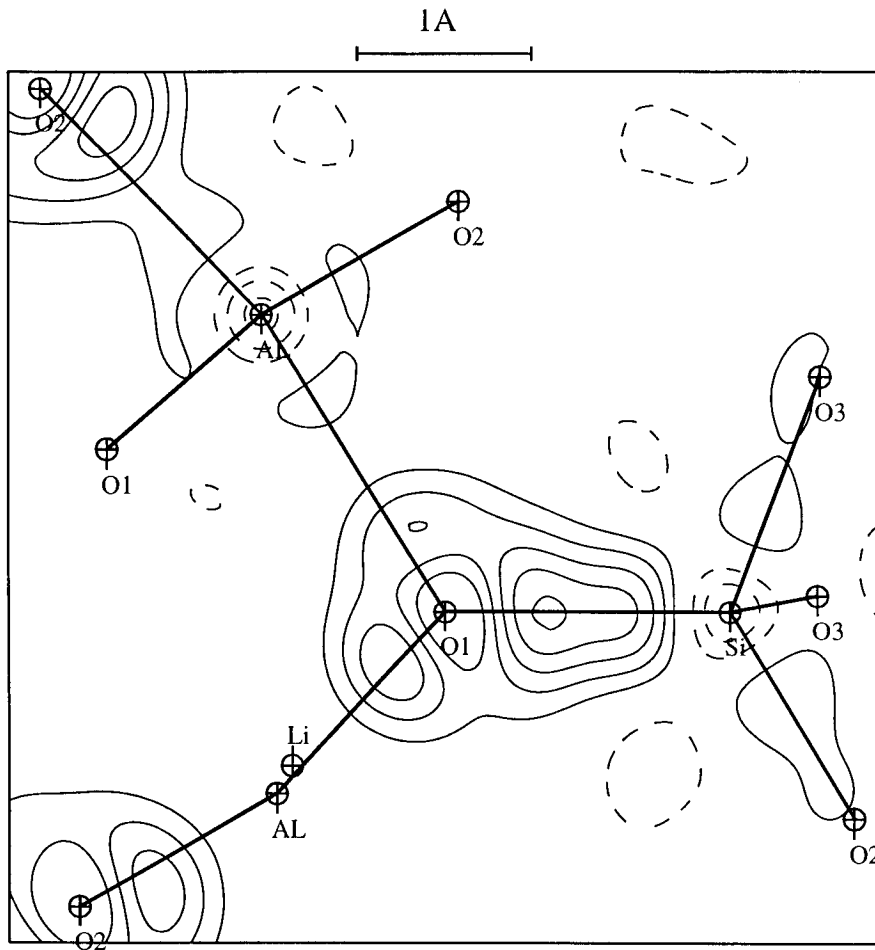
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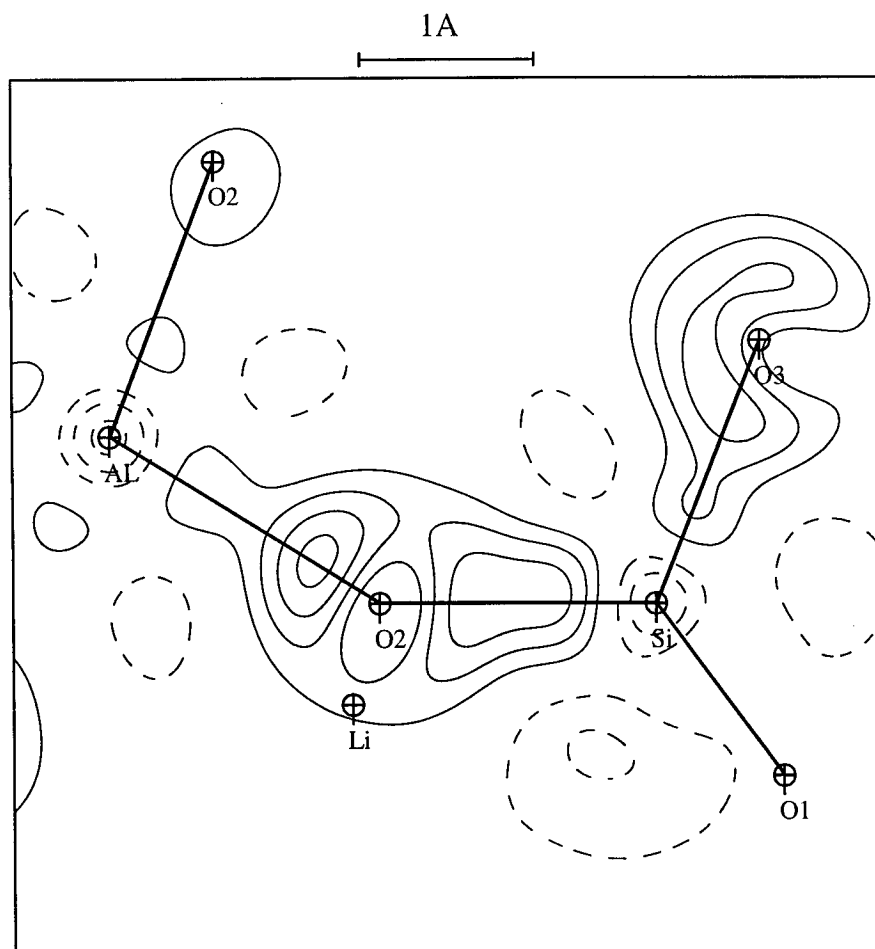
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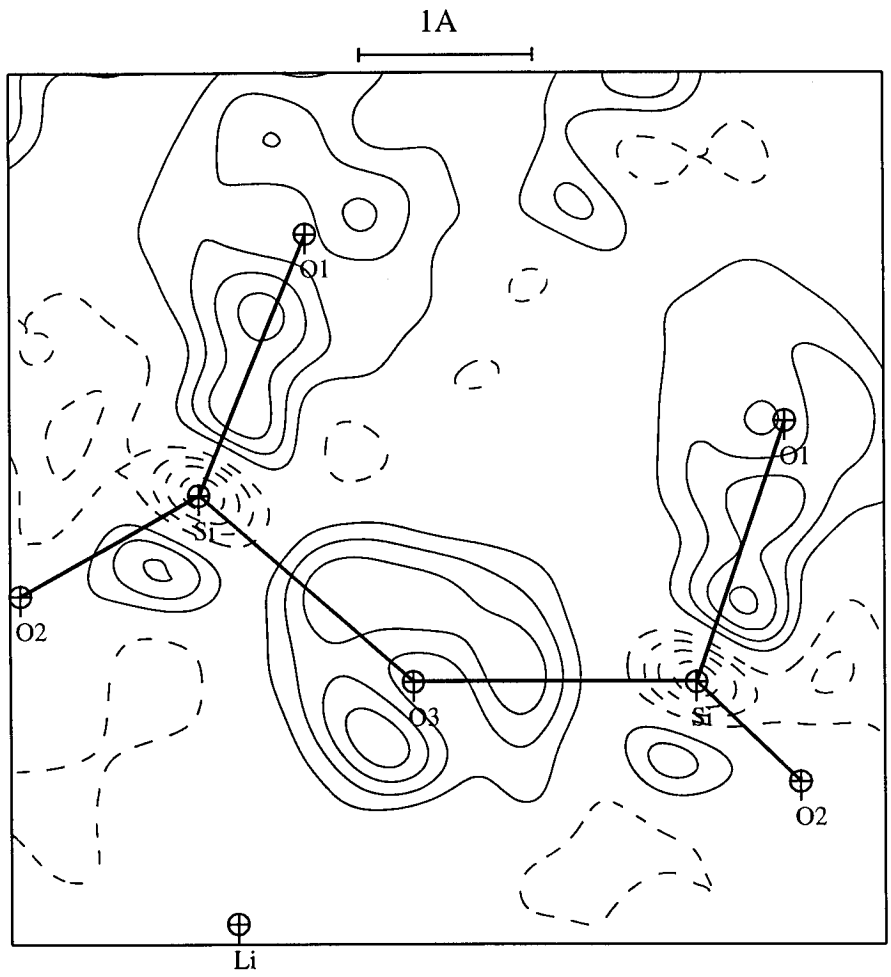
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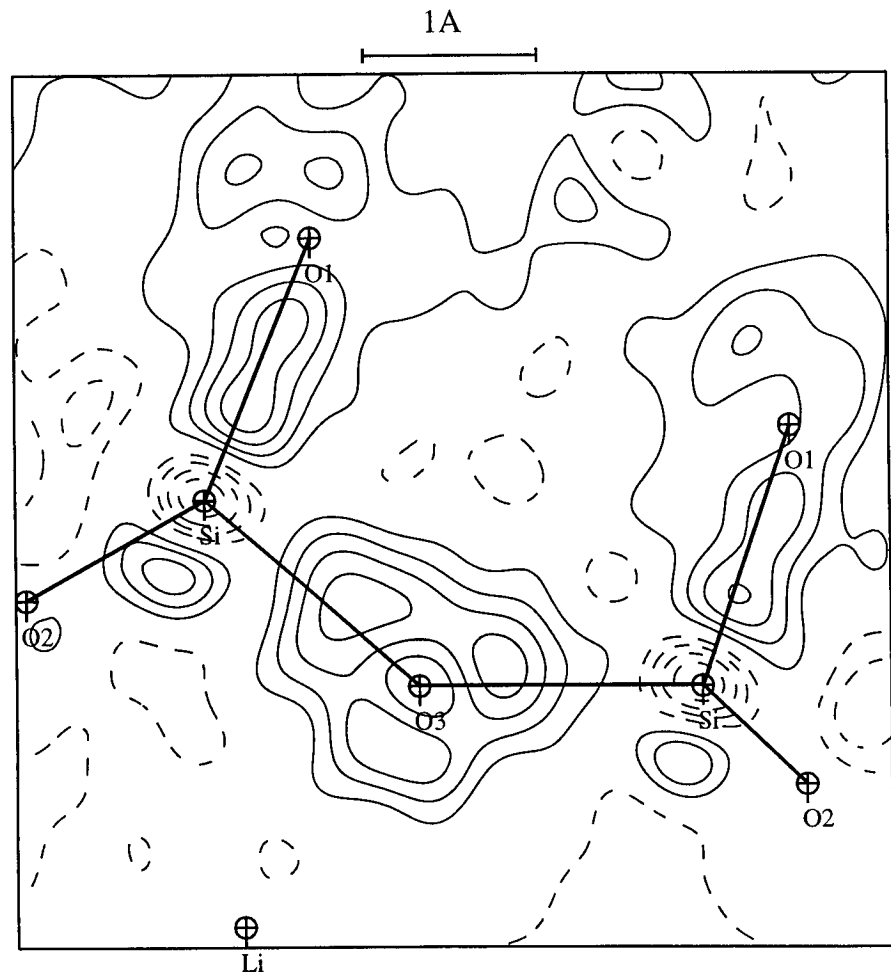
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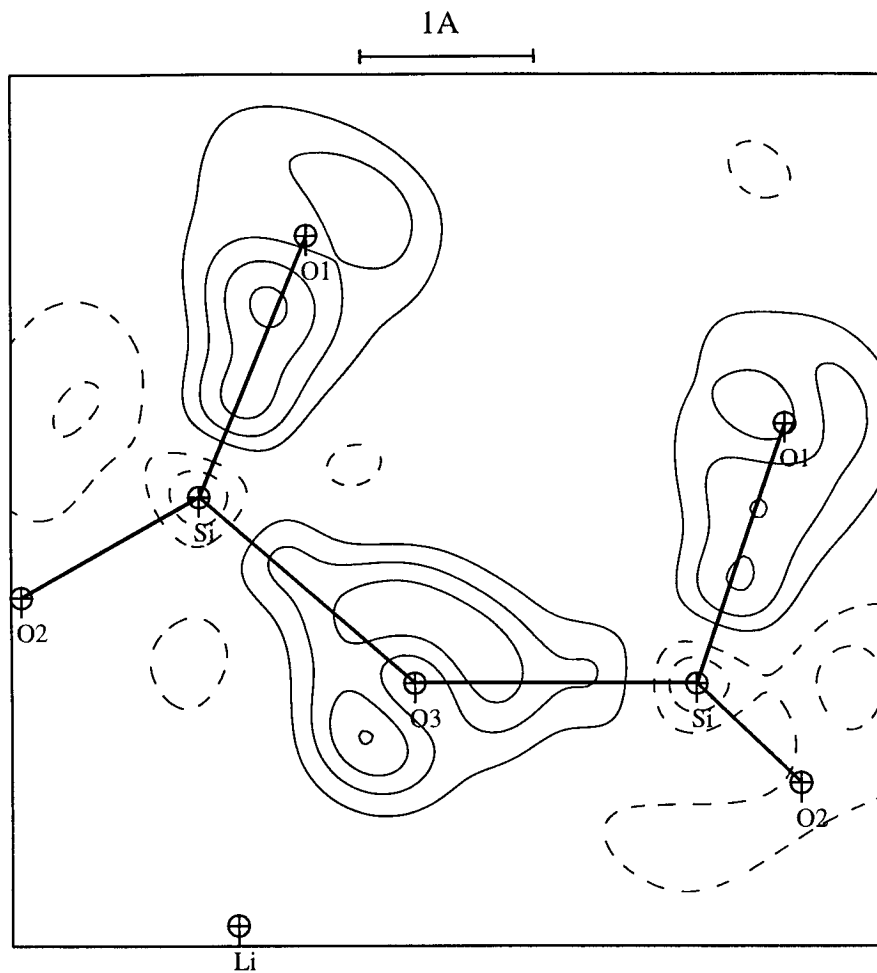
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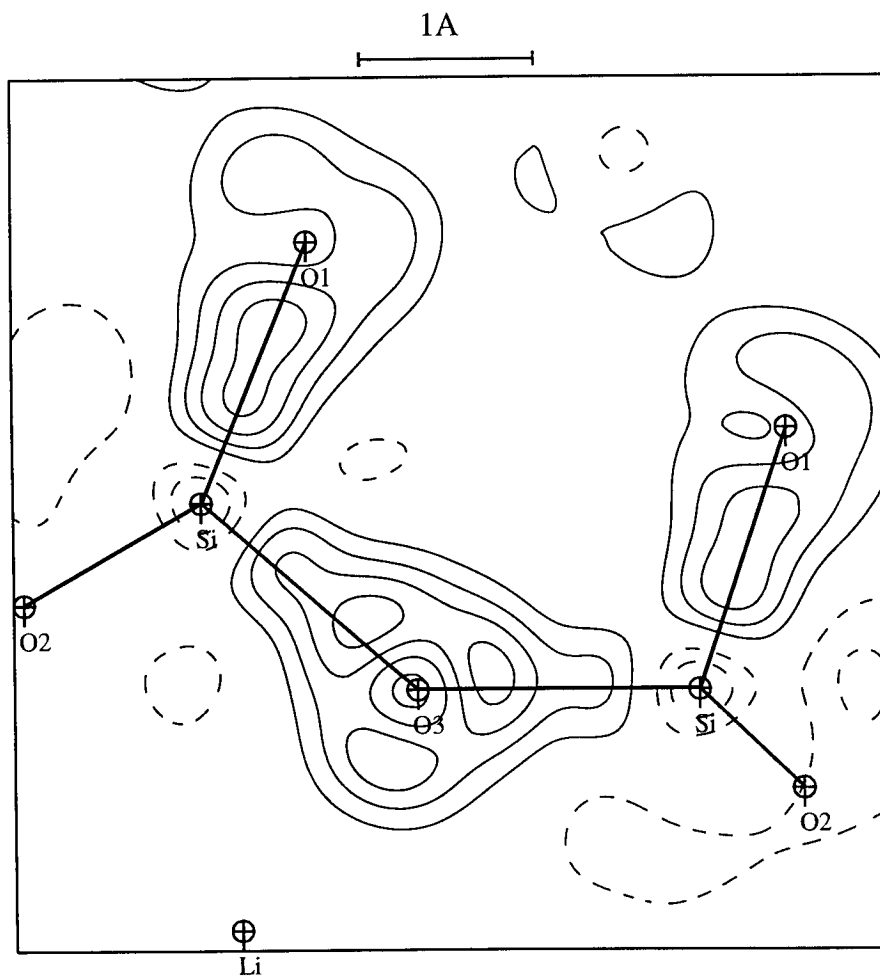
AgK α

(a)

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MoK α



AgK α

(b)

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	Si	Al	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	Li
K	1.08(1)	1.00(3)	0.968(3)	0.970(3)	0.968(3)	1.0
K'	0.95(1)	0.97(4)	1.04(6)	0.86(5)	0.95(5)	
P _{val}	3.00(7)	2.24(6)	6.58(4)	6.57(5)	6.72(4)	
P ₁₁	-	*	-0.02(1)	-	-	
P ₁₋₁	0.04(2)	*	0.01(1)	0.01(1)	-	
P ₁₀	-	*	-	-	-0.03(1)	
P ₂₀	-0.20(3)	0.01(2)	0.02(1)	-0.03(1)	-0.03(1)	
P ₂₁	-	*	-	-	-0.04(1)	
P ₂₋₁	-	-0.03(2)	-0.01(1)	0.05(1)	0.03(1)	
P ₂₂	0.03(2)	-0.03(1)	0.03(1)	0.02(1)	-	
P ₂₋₂	-0.13(2)	*	-	-0.02(1)	0.03(1)	
P ₃₀	0.03(2)	*	0.01(1)	-	-0.02(1)	
P ₃₁	-0.21(2)	0.04(1)	-0.02(1)	-0.01(1)	0.02(1)	
P ₃₋₁	-0.29(2)	*	-0.02(1)	-0.01(1)	-0.01(1)	
P ₃₂	-	*	-	-0.01(1)	-	
P ₃₋₂	-	0.01(1)	-0.02(1)	-	-	
P ₃₃	0.31(2)	0.03(1)	0.01(1)	-	0.02(1)	
P ₃₋₃	0.04(2)	*	-0.01(1)	-	-	
P ₄₀	0.09(2)	0.09(2)		-0.02(1)		
P ₄₁	0.04(1)	*				
P ₄₋₁	-0.06(2)	0.00(1)				
P ₄₂	-0.02(2)	0.04(2)				
P ₄₋₂	0.16(2)	*				
P ₄₃	-	*				
P ₄₋₃	-	-0.04(2)				
P ₄₄	0.03(1)	-0.08(2)				
P ₄₋₄	0.07(2)	*				

MoK α data (multipole refinement 2 in Table 2)

	Si	Al	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	Li
K	1.12(1)	1.34(4)	0.960(3)	0.958(3)	0.963(3)	1.0
K'	0.93(1)	0.91(3)	0.98(6)	0.89(5)	1.00(7)	
P _{val}	2.95(8)	1.44(4)	6.75(4)	6.77(5)	6.81(5)	
P ₁₁	-	*	-0.03(1)	-0.04(1)	0.02(1)	
P ₁₋₁	0.08(3)	*	-	0.03(1)	-	
P ₁₀	0.03(3)	*	-	-	-0.02(1)	
P ₂₀	-0.15(3)	0.08(3)	-	-	-0.04(1)	
P ₂₁	-	*	-0.02(1)	-	-0.03(1)	
P ₂₋₁	-0.10(2)	-0.04(2)	-	0.03(1)	-	
P ₂₂	0.04(3)	-0.04(2)	0.02(1)	0.02(1)	-	
P ₂₋₂	-0.17(3)	*	-0.01(1)	-0.03(1)	-	
P ₃₀	0.07(2)	*	0.01(1)	-	-0.02(1)	
P ₃₁	-0.22(2)	0.04(2)	-0.01(1)	-	0.02(1)	
P ₃₋₁	-0.30(2)	*	-0.02(1)	-0.01(1)	-	
P ₃₂	-	*	0.02(1)	-	-	
P ₃₋₂	-	0.03(2)	-0.02(1)	-0.02(1)	-	
P ₃₃	0.36(2)	0.01(2)	0.04(1)	-	0.03(1)	
P ₃₋₃	0.04(2)	*	-	-0.01(1)	-0.01(1)	
P ₄₀	0.12(3)	0.06(2)				
P ₄₁	-	*				
P ₄₋₁	-	0.01(2)				
P ₄₂	-0.02(2)	0.01(2)				
P ₄₋₂	0.20(2)	*				
P ₄₃	-0.02(2)	*				
P ₄₋₃	0.02(2)	-0.07(2)				
P ₄₄	0.03(2)	-0.13(2)				
P ₄₋₄	-	*				

AgK α data (multipole refinement 2' in Table 2)