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# CRYSTAL-STRUCTURE TOOLS

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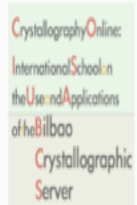
# STRUCTURE UTILITIES

Structure Utilities	
<b>CELLTRAN</b>	Transform Unit Cells
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COSETS	Coset decomposition for a group-subgroup pair
WYCKSPLIT	The splitting of the Wyckoff Positions
MINSUP	Minimal Supergroups of Space Groups
SUPERGROUPS	Supergroups of Space Groups
CELLSUB	List of subgroups for a given k-index.
CELLSUPER	List of supergroups for a given k-index.
NONCHAR	Non Characteristic orbits.
COMMONSUBS	Common Subgroups of Space Groups
COMMONSUPER	Common Supergroups of Two Space Groups
INDEX	Index of a group subgroup pair

- MINSUP  
07/2011: New version of the program MINSUP for monoclinic and triclinic space groups. [Details...](#)
- NORMALIZER  
07/2011: New version of the program NORMALIZER. The chirality-preserving Euclidean normalizer database is available.

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Subperiodic Groups: Layer, Rod and Frieze Groups Retrieval Tools	
GENPOS	Generators and General Positions of Subperiodic Groups
WPOS	Wyckoff Positions of Subperiodic Groups
MAXSUB	Maximal Subgroups of Subperiodic Groups

# CRYSTAL-STRUCTURE DESCRIPTIONS

Conventional and ITA settings  
of space groups

Non-conventional settings of  
space groups

Equivalent structure  
descriptions

# Crystal Structure Descriptions

Inorganic  
Crystal  
Structure  
Database

CC=45520 Details Bonds Pattern Structure Jmol

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<b>Reference</b>	<a href="#">Acta Crystallographica (1958) 11, 896-897</a> <a href="#">Link XRef</a> <a href="#">SCOPUS</a> <a href="#">SCIRUS</a> <a href="#">Google</a>
<b>Compound</b>	Zr (Si O4) - [Zircon] Zirconium silicate [ <a href="#">ABX4</a> ] [ <a href="#">tI24</a> ] [ <a href="#">h b a</a> ] [ <a href="#">ZrSiO4</a> ]
<b>Cell</b>	6.6164(5), 6.6164, 6.0150(5), 90., 90., 90. <b>I41/AMDZ (141)</b> V=263.32
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Si1	(4b)	4	0	0.75	0.625	0	1
O1	(16h)	-2	0	0.067(3)	0.198(3)	0	1

# Space Group ITA number

I4I

# Lattice parameters

6.6164 6.6164 6.0150 90 90 90

# Number of independent atoms in the asymmetric unit  
3

# [atom type] [number] [W/P] [x] [y] [z]

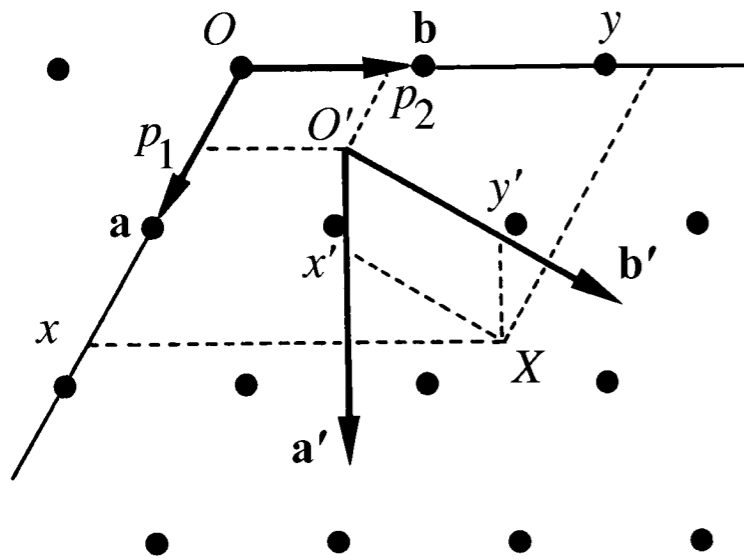
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Si | 4b | 0 0.75 0.625

O | 16h | 0 0.067 0.198

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# Problem: BASIS TRANSFORMATION



$(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c})$ , origin  $O$ : point  $X(x, y, z)$

$(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{p}) \downarrow$

$(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}', \mathbf{c}')$ , origin  $O'$ : point  $X(x', y', z')$

(i) linear part: change of orientation or length

$$(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}', \mathbf{c}') = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c})\mathbf{P}$$

$$= (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) \begin{pmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} & P_{13} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & P_{23} \\ P_{31} & P_{32} & P_{33} \end{pmatrix} = (P_{11}\mathbf{a} + P_{21}\mathbf{b} + P_{31}\mathbf{c}, \\ P_{12}\mathbf{a} + P_{22}\mathbf{b} + P_{32}\mathbf{c}, \\ P_{13}\mathbf{a} + P_{23}\mathbf{b} + P_{33}\mathbf{c}).$$

(ii) origin shift by a shift vector  $\mathbf{p}(p_1, p_2, p_3)$ :

$$\mathbf{O}' = \mathbf{O} + \mathbf{p}$$

the origin  $\mathbf{O}'$  has coordinates  $(p_1, p_2, p_3)$  in the old coordinate system

## Transformation of the coordinates of a point $X(x,y,z)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}(X') &= (P, p)^{-1}(X) \\ &= (P^{-1}, -P^{-1}p)(X)\end{aligned}\quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline x' \\ \hline y' \\ \hline z' \\ \hline\end{array} = \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline P_{11} & P_{12} & P_{13} & p_1 \\ \hline P_{21} & P_{22} & P_{23} & p_2 \\ \hline P_{31} & P_{32} & P_{33} & p_3 \\ \hline\end{array} \right)^{-1} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline x \\ \hline y \\ \hline z \\ \hline\end{array}$$

### special cases

-origin shift ( $P=I$ ):

$$x' = x - p$$

-change of basis ( $p=0$ ):

$$x' = P^{-1}x$$

## Transformation of symmetry operations $(W,w)$ :

$$(W', w') = (P, p)^{-1}(W, w)(P, p)$$

## Transformation by $(P, p)$ of the unit cell parameters:

metric tensor  $G$ :

$$G' = P^t G P$$

Problem: **ITA SETTINGS STRUCTURE DESCRIPTIONS**

**SETSTRU**

ITA-settings for the space group C2/c (No.15)

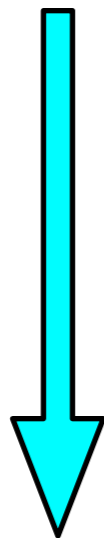
Choose the initial and final space groups symbols

in matrices must be read by columns. **P** is the transformation from standard to non-

$$(a, b, c)_n = (a, b, c)_s P$$

initial setting  
structure description

$$X_f = (P, p)^{-1} X_i$$



final setting  
structure description

Initial	Final	Setting	P	p <sup>-1</sup>
C	C	C 1 2/c 1	a,b,c	a,b,c
C	C	A 1 2/n 1	-a-c,b,a	c,b,-a-c
C	C	I 1 2/a 1	c,b,-a-c	-a-c,b,a
C	C	A 1 2/a 1	c,-b,a	c,-b,a
C	C	C 1 2/n 1	a,-b,-a-c	a,-b,a-c
C	C	I 1 2/c 1	-a-c,-b,c	-a-c,-b,c
C	C	A 1 1 2/a	c,a,b	b,c,a
C	C	B 1 1 2/n	a,-a-c,b	a,c,-a-b
C	C	I 1 1 2/b	-a-c,c,b	-a-b,c,b
C	C	B 1 1 2/b	a,c,-b	a,-c,b
C	C	A 1 1 2/n	-a-c,a,-b	b,-c,-a-b
C	C	I 1 1 2/a	c,-a-c,-b	-a-b,-c,a
C	C	B 2/b 1 1	b,c,a	c,a,b
C	C	C 2/c 1 1	b,c,a	c,a,b



## EXERCISES

## Problem 3.1

Compare the two structure descriptions and check if they belong to the same structure type.

Print 2 entries selected.

CC=Collection Code: [AB2X4]=ANX Form: [cF56]=Pearson: [e d a]=Wyckoff Symbol: [Al2MgO4]=Structure Type:  
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origin choice 2

origin choice 1

# EXERCISES

## Problem 3.1

**Structure 1:** Space group  $I4_1/amd$  (141)  $a=6.60 \text{ \AA}$   $c=5.88 \text{ \AA}$   
origin choice 1 at  $\bar{4}m2$

**Structure 2:** Space group  $I4_1/amd$  (141)  $a=6.616 \text{ \AA}$   $c=6.015 \text{ \AA}$   
origin choice 2 at  $2/m$  at  $0, -1/4, 1/8$  from  $\bar{4}m2$

Compare the two structure descriptions and check if they belong to the same structure type.

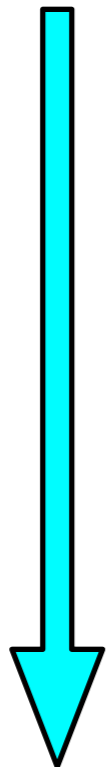
*Hint: In order to compare the different data, the parameters of Structure 1 are to be transformed to 'origin at center  $2/m$ ', i. e. ORIGIN CHOICE 2.*

$$O(2) = O(1) + p, \quad p = 0, -1/4, 1/8$$

Problem: UNIT CELL TRANSFORMATION **CELLTRAN**

lattice parameters  
hexagonal cell

$$G' = P^T G P$$



lattice parameters  
monoclinic cell

## Transform Unit Cell

Cell Parameters:

Centering

Please, define the rotational part of the [transformation](#) matrix that relates the group and the subgroup bases

in abc form:

Ex: c,a,b (read by columns)

Rotational part

or in matrix form:

2/3	0	-2
1/3	1	-1
1/3	0	0

(P,p)

Transformation  
matrix

## Problem: STRUCTURE TRANSFORMATION **TRANSTRU**

### Transform Structure

TRANSTRU can transform a structure in two ways:

- To a lower symmetry space group. The transformed structure is given in the low symmetry space group basis, taking care of all possible splittings of the Wyckoff positions.
- With an arbitrary matrix. The structure, including the cell parameters and the atoms in the unit cell, is transformed with an arbitrary matrix introduced by the user.

Only the **default choice** for the conventional setting of the space groups is used.

Structure Data

[in CIF format] **HINT:** [ The option for a given filename is preferential ]

High Symmetry Structure	166					
	5.6748	5.6748	20.3784	90	90	120
	5					
	Pb	1	3a	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
	Pb	2	6c	0.000000	0.000000	0.207100
	PV	3	6c	0.000000	0.000000	0.388400
	O	4	6c	0.000000	0.000000	0.324000
	O	5	18i	0.842400	0.157600	0.430100

**asymmetric unit** **default settings**

Transform structure to a subgroup basis

Transform structure with an arbitrary matrix

subgroup basis

arbitrary transformation

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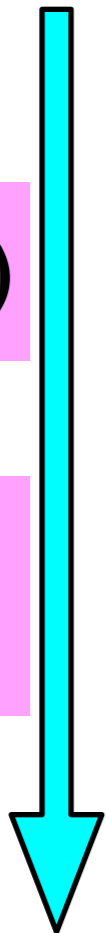
Example **TRANSTRU**:  $\text{Pb}_3(\text{VO}_4)_2$

Description  
R-3m (166)

Validity (P,p)

WP  
splittings

Description  
 $\text{P2}_1/\text{c}$  (14)



(P,p)

Structure

166					
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Low symmetry Space Group

Transformation Matrix:

In matrix form:

Rotational part			Origin Shift
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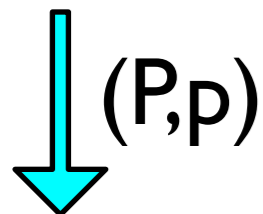
## High symmetry structure

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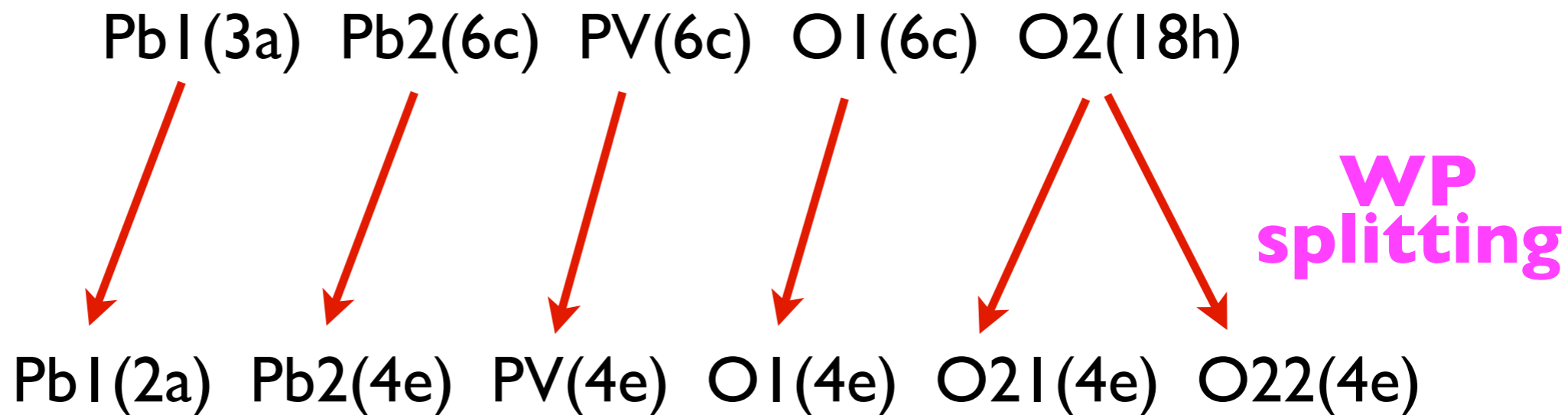
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# Example TRANSTRU: $\text{Pb}_3(\text{VO}_4)_2$

R-3m structure



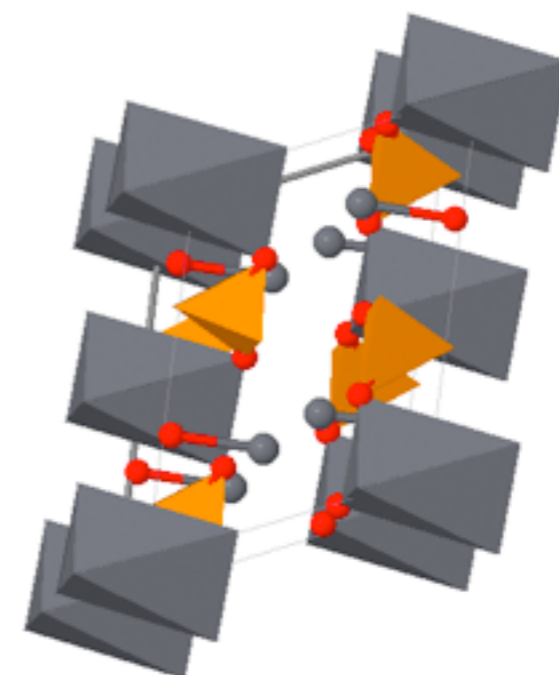
P2<sub>1</sub>/c structure



## Low symmetry structure

```

014
7.541657 5.674800 9.829041 90.000000 115.749245 90.000000
7
Pb 1 2a 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
Pb 2 4e 0.621300 0.000000 0.207100
PV 3 4e 0.165200 0.000000 0.388400
O 4 4e 0.972000 0.000000 0.324000
O 5 4e 0.290300 0.736400 0.008900
O 5_2 4e 0.290300 0.500000 0.772500
O 5_3 4e 0.709700 0.763600 0.491100
    
```



View Structure (with Jmol applet)

Apply the program **TRANSTRU** in order to check if the two structure descriptions belong to the same structure type.

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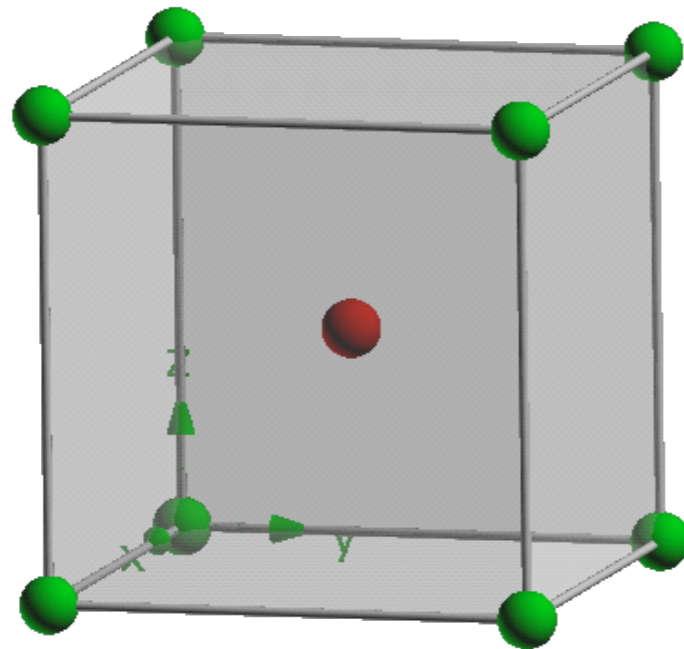
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Coordinate  
 transformation

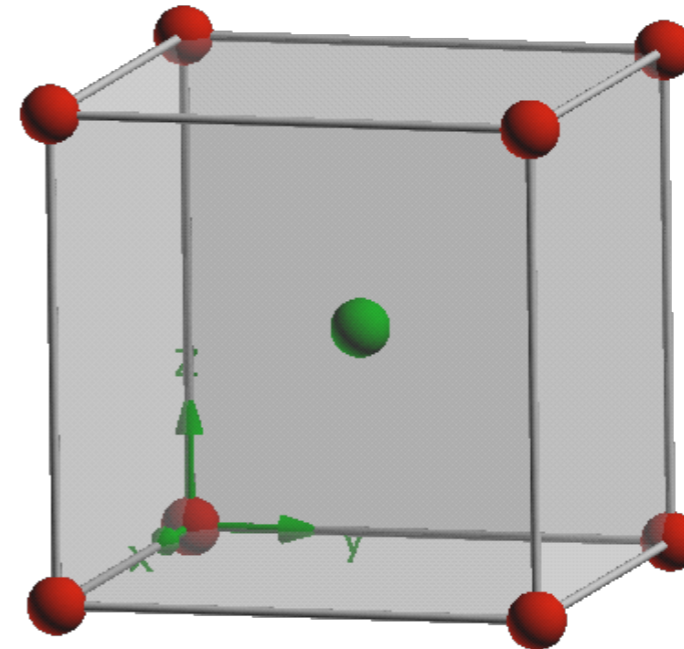
Origin choice 2  $\longrightarrow$  Origin choice 1  
 $p=0, 1/4, -1/8$

# Problem: EQUIVALENT DESCRIPTIONS

# EQUIVSTRU



CsCl  
 $Pm-3m$  (221)



$1a$  (0,0,0)

$1b$  (1/2,1/2,1/2)



$1b$  (1/2,1/2,1/2)

$1a$  (0,0,0)



How to find all possible equivalent descriptions of a crystal structure?

Number of equivalent descriptions =  $|N(G)|/|G|$

index of the group in its Euclidean normalizer



Equivalent descriptions: CsCl **EQUIVSTRU**

## Equivalent Descriptions of Crystal Structures

## Equivalent Structures

Given a space group ITA number, the cell parameters (separated with spaces) and the atom positions, the program EQUIVSTRU transforms the corresponding structure with the elements of the euclidean normalizer of the space group. All the transformed structures are equivalent symmetry descriptions of the given initial structure. The atom positions are identified generating the Wyckoff sets.

Only the default choice for the conventional setting of the space groups is used.

Structure Data

[in CIF format]

HINT: [ The option for a given filename is preferential ]

Examinar...

```
# Space Group ITA number
221
# Lattice parameters
5.3 5.3 5.3 90 90 90
# Number of independent atoms in the asymmetric unit
2
# [atom type] [number] [WP] [x] [y] [z]
Cs 1 1a 0 0 0
Cl 1 1b 0.5 0.5 0.5
```

Structure

space group in  
default setting

# Example EQUIVSTRU: CsCl

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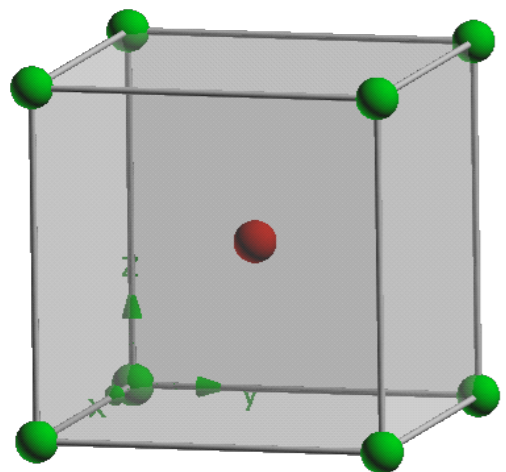
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[in CIF format]

Structure

Examinar.

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```
#Exercise 3.2a(CsCl)
# Space Group ITA number
221
# Lattice parameters
4.12599 4.12599 4.12599 90.0 90.0 90.0
# Number of independent atoms in the asymmetric unit
2
# [atom type] [number] [WP] [x] [y] [z]
Cl 1 1a 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
Cs 1 1b 0.500000 0.500000 0.500000
```



### Structure number 1

Normalizer coset representative: x,y,z

Transformed unit cell:  
4.1260 4.1260 4.1260 90.00 90.00 90.00

Transformed structure:

AT.	WP	SS	Representative	Atomic orbit
Cl1	1a (0,0,0)	m-3m	(0.000000,0.000000,0.000000)	(0.000000,0.000000,0.000000)
Cs1	1b (1/2,1/2,1/2)	m-3m	(0.500000,0.500000,0.500000)	(0.500000,0.500000,0.500000)

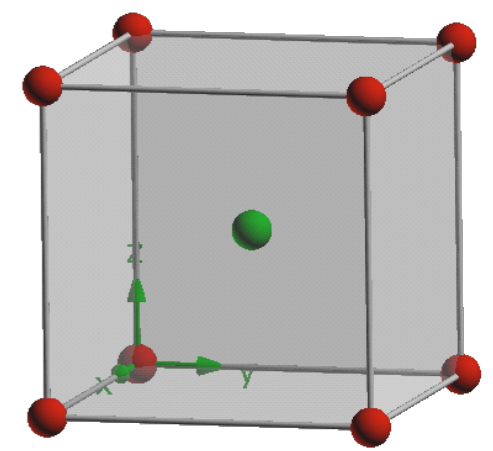
### Structure number 2

Normalizer coset representative: x+1/2,y+1/2,z+1/2

Transformed unit cell:  
4.1260 4.1260 4.1260 90.00 90.00 90.00

Transformed structure:

AT.	WP	SS	Representative	Atomic orbit
Cl1	1b (1/2,1/2,1/2)	m-3m	(0.500000,0.500000,0.500000)	(0.500000,0.500000,0.500000)
Cs1	1a (0,0,0)	m-3m	(0.000000,0.000000,0.000000)	(0.000000,0.000000,0.000000)



# Symmetry-equivalent Wyckoff positions

# WYCKOFF SETS

## Additional Generators for the Normalizer of the Group 221 ( $Pm-3m$ )

Additional generators of Euclidean normalizer ( $Im-3m$ ) a,b,c

$x+1/2, y+1/2, z+1/2$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$
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## Wyckoff Sets of Space Group 221 ( $Pm-3m$ )

NOTE: The program uses the default choice for the group settings.

Letter	Mult	SS	Rep.	Equivalent Positions
n	48	1	(x, y, z)	n
m	24	..m	(x, x, z)	m
f	6	4m. m	(x, 1/2, 1/2)	ef
e	6	4m. m	(x, 0, 0)	ef
d	3	4/mm. m	(1/2, 0, 0)	cd
c	3	4/mm. m	(0, 1/2, 1/2)	cd
b	1	m-3m	(1/2, 1/2, 1/2)	ab
a	1	m-3m	(0, 0, 0)	ab

# EXERCISES

Equivalent structure descriptions

## Problem 3.2b

Space group: P4/n

**Exercise 6.4.**  $P(C_6C_5)_4[MoNCl_4]$  is tetragonal, spac

Atom	Wyckoff position	Coordinate $x$	Coordinate $y$	Coordinate $z$
P	$2b$	0.25	0.75	0
Mo	$2c$	0.25	0.25	0.121
N	$2c$	0.25	0.25	-0.093
C1	$8g$	0.362	0.760	0.141
C2	$8g$	0.437	0.836	0.117
Cl	$8g$	0.400	0.347	0.191

$$N(P4/n) = P4/mmm (a', b', 1/2c)$$

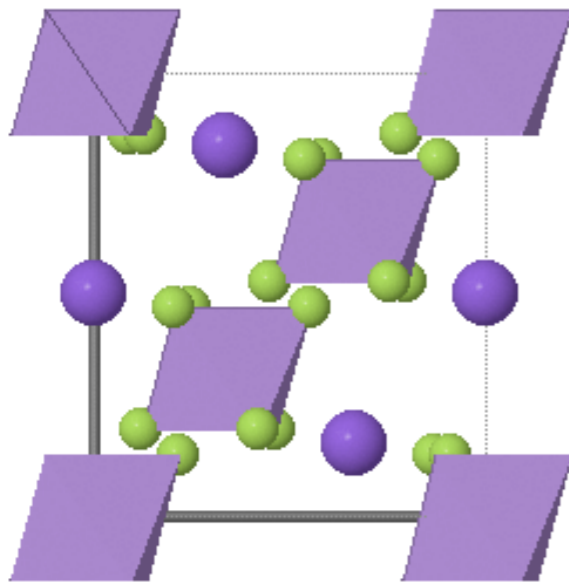
$$a' = 1/2(a-b), b' = 1/2(a+b)$$

# EXERCISES

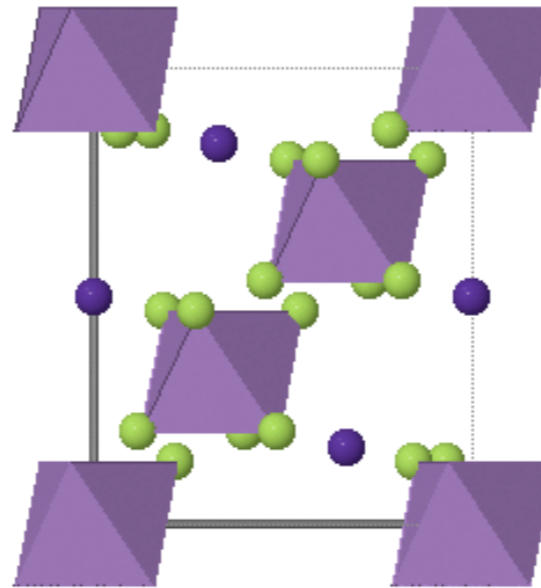
# Problem 3.3

## EQUIVSTRU

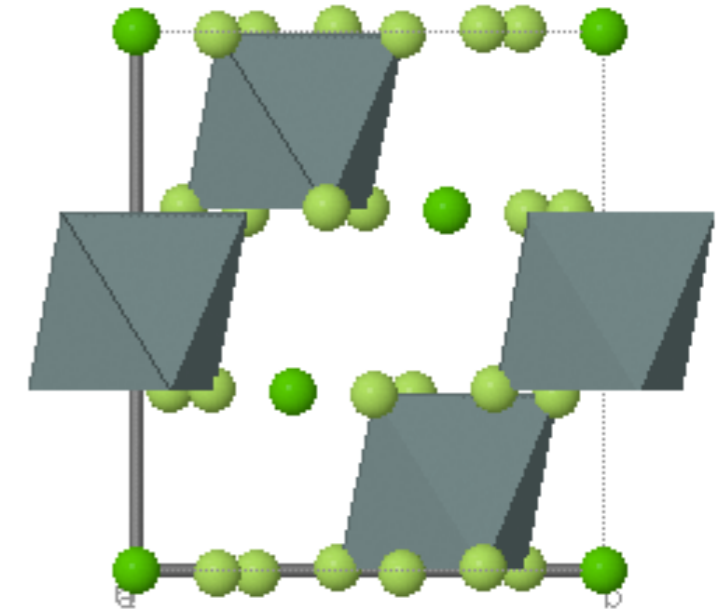
KAsF<sub>6</sub>



BaIrF<sub>6</sub>



BaSnF<sub>6</sub>



148  
7.3480 7.3480 7.2740 90.00 90.00 120.00  
3  
K 1 3b 0.333333 0.666666 0.166666  
As 1 3a 0 0 0  
F 1 18f 0.1292 0.2165 0.1381

148  
7.3965 7.3965 7.2826 90.00 90.00 120.00  
3  
Ba 1 3b 0.333333 0.666666 0.166666  
Ir 1 3a 0 0 0  
F 1 18f 0.0729 0.2325 0.1640

148  
7.4279 7.4279 7.4180 90.00 90.00 120.00  
3  
Sn 1 3b 0 0 0.5  
Ba 1 3a 0 0 0  
F 1 18f 0.2586 0.8262 0.0047

Space-group symmetry: R-3

Euclidean normalizer: R-3m(-a,-b, 1/2c)

Coset representatives:  $x,y,z$ ;  $x,y,z+1/2$ ;  $-y,-x,z$ ;  $-y,-x,z+1/2$ ;

# CRYSTAL-STRUCTURE RELATIONSHIPS

Comparison of crystal  
structures

Phase transitions

Symmetry relations between  
crystal structures

# Crystal-structure relationships

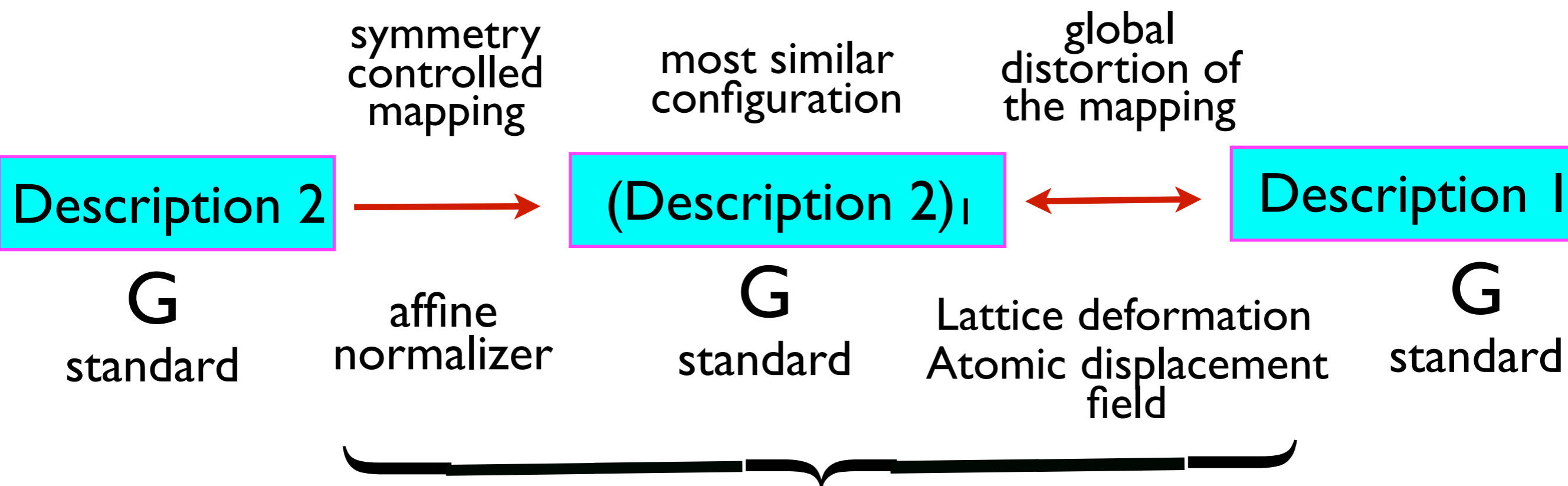
## COMPARISON OF CRYSTAL STRUCTURES

# Different descriptions of the same structure

## PROBLEM:

Two descriptions of the same structure with respect to the same space group, specified by unit-cell parameters and atomic coordinates data.

Search for a mapping of the two descriptions such that the global distortion accompanying the mapping is tolerably small.



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# Problem: **Similarity of the descriptions**

Description 1  
 $a_1, b_1, c_1$   
 $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$

How to measure the **similarity**  
between two descriptions ?

Description 2  
 $a_2, b_2, c_2$   
 $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$

**degree of lattice  
distortion**

$$S = \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\sum_i \eta_i^2}$$

$\eta_i$ -eigenvalues of  
the Lagrangian  
strain tensor

**average atomic  
displacements**

$$d_{av} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i m_i u_i$$

$u_i$ -atomic  
displacements

**maximal atomic  
displacements**

maximal displacements of  
the paired atoms

# Problem: **Similarity of the descriptions**

Description 1  
 $a_1, b_1, c_1$   
 $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$

How to measure the **similarity**  
between two descriptions ?

Description 2  
 $a_2, b_2, c_2$   
 $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$



Bergerhoff et al. *Acta Cryst.*(1999), **B55**, 147

structural  
descriptor

$$\Delta = [\sqrt{2}\Delta(c) + 1]\Delta(d) - 1$$

$$\sum_i m [(x_i - y_i)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} / \sum m$$

**weighted mean  
difference between  
atomic coordinates**

$$[(b_1/a_1)(c_1/a_1)] / [(b_2/a_2)(c_2/a_2)]$$

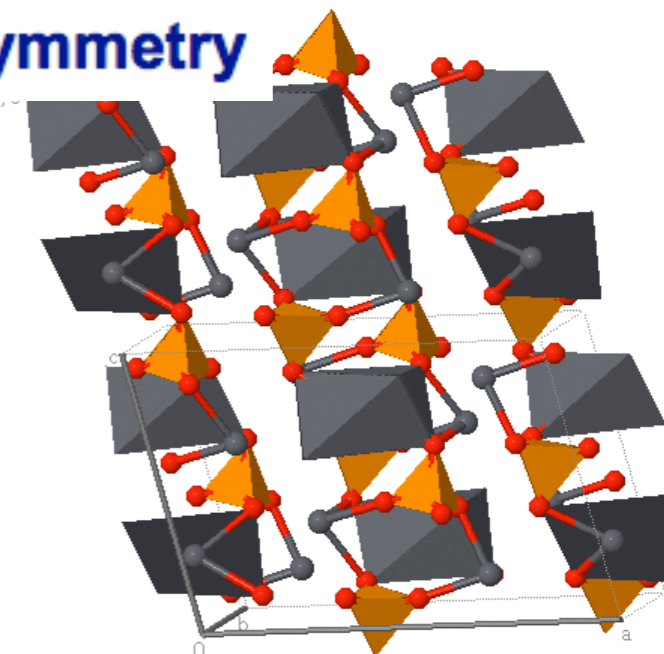
**relation between  
axial ratios**

# Problem: COMPARISON OF STRUCTURES

# COMPSTRU

## Comparison of crystal structures of the same symmetry

a=13,800Å



structure 1

Structure Data [in CIF format] Examinar...

HINT: [ The option for a given filename is preferential ]

```

15
13.800 5.691 9.420 90.0 102.3 90.0
7
Pb 1 4e 0.0000 0.2910 0.2500
Pb 2 8f 0.3170 0.3090 0.3520
P 1 8f 0.5990 0.2410 0.4470
O 1 8f 0.6430 0.0300 0.3920
O 2 8f 0.6340 0.4640 0.3740
O 3 8f 0.6420 0.2800 0.6120
O 4 8f 0.4910 0.2220 0.4200
    
```

Structure 1

default settings

structure 2

Structure Data [in CIF format] Examinar...

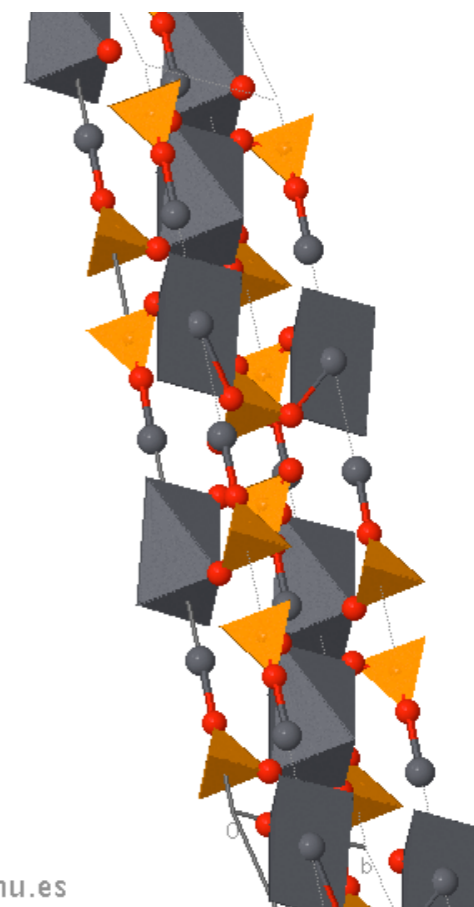
HINT: [ The option for a given filename is preferential ]

```

15
13.967 5.560 40.778 90.0 166.713 90.0
7
Pb 1 4e 0.0000 0.0000 0.7500
Pb 2 8f 0.0000 0.0000 0.8563
P 1 8f 0.0000 0.0000 0.9511
O 1 8f 0.0000 0.0000 0.9145
O 2 8f 0.2715 0.7285 0.8885
O 3 8f 0.9570 0.5000 0.1170
O 4 8f 0.7285 0.2715 0.6115
    
```

Structure 2

12/c  
a=13,967Å  
b=5,560Å  
c=40,778Å  
α=90,0°  
β=166,7°  
γ=90,0°



Enter the maximum distance allowed between the paired atoms:  Å

Enter the allowed tolerance (a b c α β γ):

tolerances

# Example COMPSTRU: $\text{Pb}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$

## Structure #1

```

15
13.800 5.691 9.420 90.0 102.3 90.0
7
Pb 1 4e 0.0000 0.2910 0.2500
Pb 2 8f 0.3170 0.3090 0.3520
P 1 8f 0.5990 0.2410 0.4470
O 1 8f 0.6430 0.0300 0.3920
O 2 8f 0.6340 0.4640 0.3740
O 3 8f 0.6420 0.2800 0.6120
O 4 8f 0.4910 0.2220 0.4200
    
```

## Structure #2

```

15
13.967 5.560 40.778 90.0 166.713 90.0
7
Pb 1 4e 0.0000 0.0000 0.7500
Pb 2 8f 0.0000 0.0000 0.8563
P 1 8f 0.0000 0.0000 0.9511
O 1 8f 0.0000 0.0000 0.9145
O 2 8f 0.2715 0.7285 0.8885
O 3 8f 0.9570 0.5000 0.1170
O 4 8f 0.7285 0.2715 0.6115
    
```

## Evaluation of the structure similarity

S	$d_{\max}$ (Å)	$d_{\text{av}}$ (Å)	$\Delta$
0.0116	0.3386	0.1430	0.066

**structural descriptor**  $\Delta = 0.066$

affine normalizer

## Most similar configuration to Structure #1

```

015
13.967000 5.560000 9.630055 90.000000 103.295059 90.000000
7
Pb 1 4e 0.000000 0.250000 0.250000
Pb 2 8f 0.318900 0.250000 0.356300
P 1 8f 0.603300 0.250000 0.451100
O 1 8f 0.493500 0.250000 0.414500
O 2 8f 0.644000 0.478500 0.388500
O 3 8f 0.644000 0.250000 0.617000
O 4 8f 0.644000 0.021500 0.388500
    
```

## Atom pairings and distances

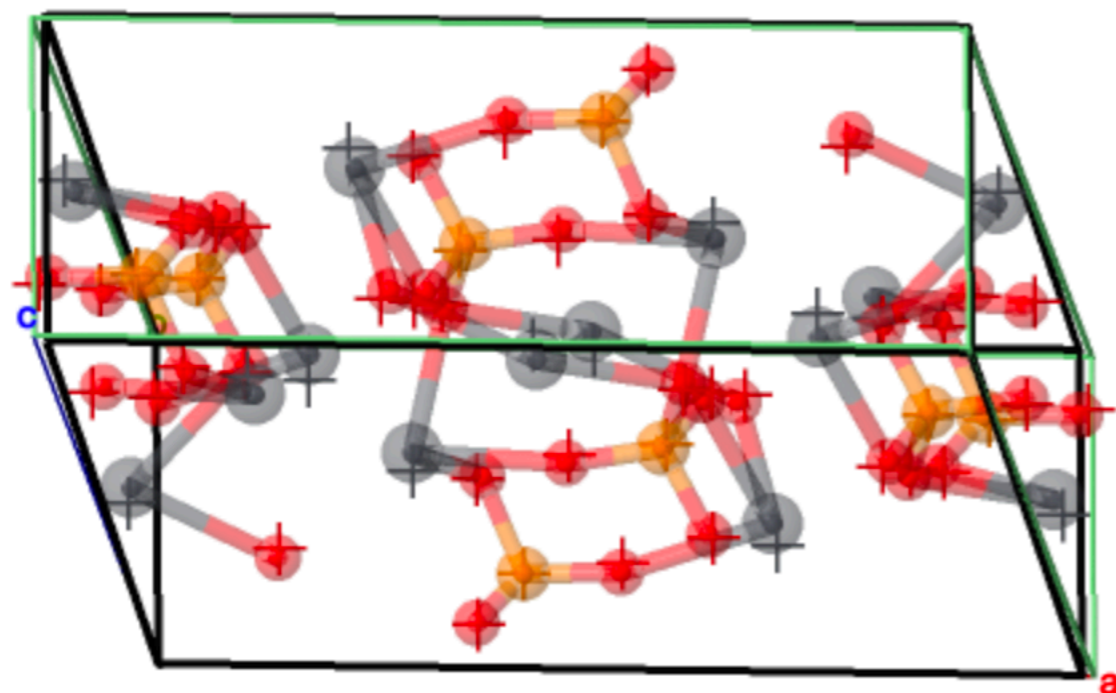
WP	Atom	Atomic Displacements			
		$u_x$	$u_y$	$u_z$	$ u $
4e	(0,y,1/4) Pb1	0.0000	-0.0410	0.0000	0.2333
8f	(x,y,z) Pb2	0.0019	-0.0590	0.0043	0.3386
8f	(x,y,z) P1	0.0043	0.0090	0.0041	0.0816
8f	(x,y,z) O1	0.0010	-0.0085	-0.0035	0.0617
8f	(x,y,z) O2	0.0100	0.0145	0.0145	0.1910
8f	(x,y,z) O3	0.0020	-0.0300	0.0050	0.1777
8f	(x,y,z) O4	0.0025	0.0280	-0.0055	0.1733

**maximal displacement**

$$d_{\max} = 0.34 \text{ \AA}$$

# Example COMPSTRU: $\text{Pb}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$

-C 2yc [C 1 2/c 1] #15  
a=13.967Å  
b=5.560Å  
c=9.630Å  
α=90.000°  
β=103.295°  
γ=90.000°



# JSmol: visualization

Structure #1

Structure #2

Structure #2 (most similar)

Compare Structures

Compare Lattices

Atomic Displacements

Structure 1:  opaque

ball&stick  stick  cross

Structure 2:  opaque

ball&stick  stick  cross

Show Distances

cutoff: 0.5

Save PNG+Jmol

JSmol

The reference structure is shown, with its unit cell in black. Structure #2 is shown, with its unit cell in lightgreen. Its unit cell and offset have been calculated to be the best possible fit to the reference structure. Scroll down to see details of the analysis.

Problem: COMPARISON OF  
STRUCTURE  
DESCRIPTIONS

**COMPSTRU**

### Problem 3.4

In ICSD can be found several structure data sets of  $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, all of them of symmetry Pna2<sub>1</sub>(No.33). Compare the following two descriptions and check if they belong to the same structure type.

# Problem 3.4

# ICSD data for $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>,

## ICSD for WWW

### Details of the selected entries

Print 2 entries selected.

CC=Collection Code: [AB2X4]=ANX Form: [cF56]=Pearson: [e d a]=Wyckoff Symbol: [Al2MgO4]=Structure Type:

\*\*\*Click the ANX, Pearson or Wyckoff Symbol to find structures with that symbol\*\*\*.

CC=173024

Details Bonds Pattern Structure Jmol

<b>Title</b>	High- and low-temperature crystal and magnetic structure of epsilon-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> and their correlation to its magnetic properties.
<b>Authors</b>	Gich, M.; Frontera, C.; Roig, A.; Taboada, E.; Molins, E.; Rechenberg, H.R.; Ardisson, J.D.; Macedo, W.A.A.; Ritter, C.; Hardy, V.; Sort, J.; Skumryev, V.; Nogues, J.
<b>Reference</b>	Chemistry of Materials (2007) <b>18</b> , 3889-3897 <a href="#">Link XRef SCOPUS SCIRUS Google</a>
<b>Compound</b>	<b>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub></b> - Iron(III) oxide - epsilon [ <b>A2X3</b> ] [ <b>oP40</b> ] [ <b>a10</b> ] [ <b>AlFeO3</b> ]
<b>Cell</b>	5.0885(5), 8.7802(14), 9.4709(13), 90., 90., 90. <b>PNA21 (33)</b> V=423.14
<b>Remarks</b>	R=0.013300 : NDP RVP SNP TEM =200 : TYP =AlFeO3 : XDP MAG At least one temperature factor missing in the paper.

CC=415250

Details Bonds Pattern Structure Jmol

<b>Title</b>	Synthesis and structural analysis of epsilon-(Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ).
<b>Authors</b>	Kelm, K.; Mader, W.
<b>Reference</b>	Zeitschrift fuer Anorganische und Allgemeine Chemie (2005) <b>631</b> , 2383-2389 <a href="#">Link XRef SCOPUS SCIRUS Google</a>
<b>Compound</b>	<b>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub></b> - Diiron(III) oxide - epsilon [ <b>A2X3</b> ] [ <b>oP40</b> ] [ <b>a10</b> ] [ <b>AlFeO3</b> ]
<b>Cell</b>	5.0715(2), 8.7359(4), 9.4178(4), 90, 90, 90 <b>PNA21 (33)</b> V=417.24
<b>Remarks</b>	R=0.039000 : TYP =AlFeO3 : XDP RVP

Atom (site)	Oxid.	x, y, z, B, Occupancy
O1	(4a) -2	0.978(2) 0.3282(15) 0.4314(11) 0 1
O2	(4a) -2	0.515(2) 0.4907(17) 0.4187(16) 0 1
O3	(4a) -2	0.650(3) 0.9979(13) 0.1883(9) 0 1
O4	(4a) -2	0.160(3) 0.1637(15) 0.1956(7) 0 1
O5	(4a) -2	0.841(3) 0.1680(15) 0.6669(7) 0 1
O6	(4a) -2	0.527(2) 0.1637(19) 0.9362(9) 0 1
Fe1	(4a) 3	0.1928(11) 0.1506(6) 0.5807(3) 0 1
Fe2	(4a) 3	0.6826(6) 0.0291(3) 0.7897(5) 0 1
Fe3	(4a) 3	0.1858(10) 0.1519(6) 0 0 1
Fe4	(4a) 3	0.8104(7) 0.1580(4) 0.3071(3) 0 1

Atom (site)	Oxid.	x, y, z, B, Occupancy
Fe1	(4a) 3	0.6768(9) 0.8427(5) 0.0000000 0.050(2) 1.000000
Fe2	(4a) 3	0.204(1) 0.3509(8) 0.7726(9) 0.063(3) 1.000000
Fe3	(4a) 3	0.807(1) 0.6605(8) 0.693(1) 0.069(2) 1.000000
Fe4	(4a) 3	0.6852(9) 0.4634(5) 0.983(2) 0.046(1) 1.000000
O1	(4a) -2	0.337(2) 0.853(2) 0.887(1) 0.0063326 1.000000
O2	(4a) -2	0.019(3) 0.474(2) 0.610(2) 0.0063326 1.000000
O3	(4a) -2	0.453(3) 0.677(2) 0.651(2) 0.0063326 1.000000
O4	(4a) -2	0.527(3) 0.669(2) 0.100(1) 0.0063326 1.000000
O5	(4a) -2	0.868(3) 0.334(2) 0.863(1) 0.0063326 1.000000
O6	(4a) -2	0.336(3) 0.513(1) 0.891(1) 0.0063326 1.000000

Problem: Isoconfigurational  
Structure Types

**COMPSTRU**

Lima-de Faria et al. *Acta Cryst.*(1990), **A46**, 1

**Isopointal  
structure types**

Space group

Wyckoff position  
sequence

Pearson symbol

**Isoconfigurational  
structure types**

Isopointal

**similar**

Crystallographic orbits

Geometrical interrelationships

Allmann, Hinek. *Acta Cryst.*(2007), **A63**, 412

Inorganic Crystal Structure Database (2009)

<http://icsdweb.fiz-karlsruhe.de>

**isoconfigurational  
structure types?**

Composition type  
(ANX formula)

Range of c/a ratio

$\beta$ -range

Atomic coordinates

Chemical properties



# Isoconfigurational (configurationally isotypic) Structure Types

## PROBLEM:

Consider two isopointal structures specified by their space-group symmetry, unit-cell parameters and atomic coordinates data.

We search for a mapping of the two structures such that the global distortion accompanying the mapping is tolerably small.

symmetry controlled mapping

most similar configuration

global distortion of the mapping

Structure 2

(Structure 2)<sub>1</sub>

Structure 1

G  
standard

**atomic species  
correspondence  
scheme**

G  
standard

Lattice deformation  
Atomic displacement  
field

G  
standard

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Problem: Isoconfigurational Structure Types **COMPSTRU**

Structure 1  
 $a_1, b_1, c_1$   
 $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$

How to measure the *similarity* between two isopointal structures ?

Structure 2  
 $a_2, b_2, c_2$   
 $(y_1, y_2, y_3)$

←————→  
**isoconfigurational?**

**degree of lattice distortion**

$$S = \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\sum_i \eta_i^2}$$

$\eta_i$ -eigenvalues of the Lagrangian strain tensor

**average atomic displacements**

$$d_{av} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i m_i u_i$$

$u_i$ -atomic displacements

**structural descriptor**

$$\Delta = [\sqrt{2}\Delta(c) + 1]\Delta(d) - 1$$

# Problem: Isoconfigurational Structure Types

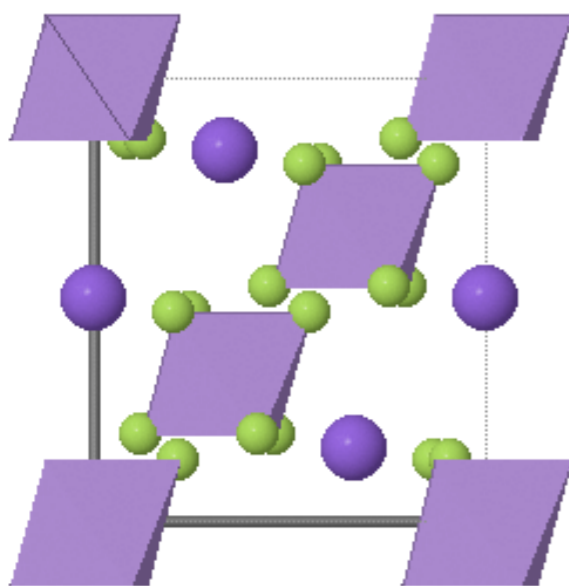
# COMPSTRU

## EXERCISES

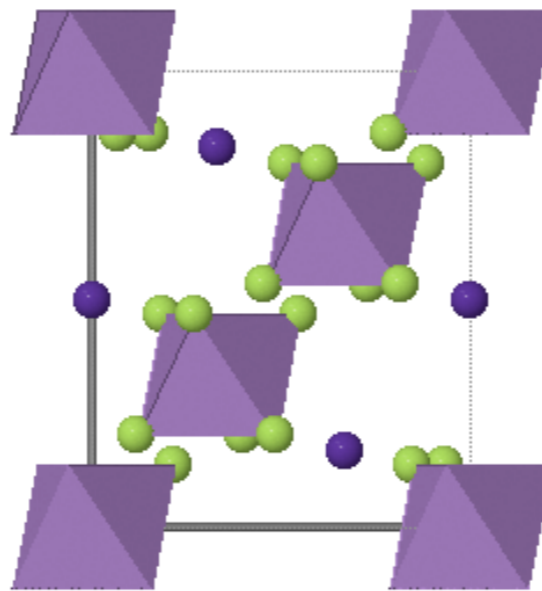
## Problem 3.3(cont.)

Do these compounds belong to the **same structure type** ?

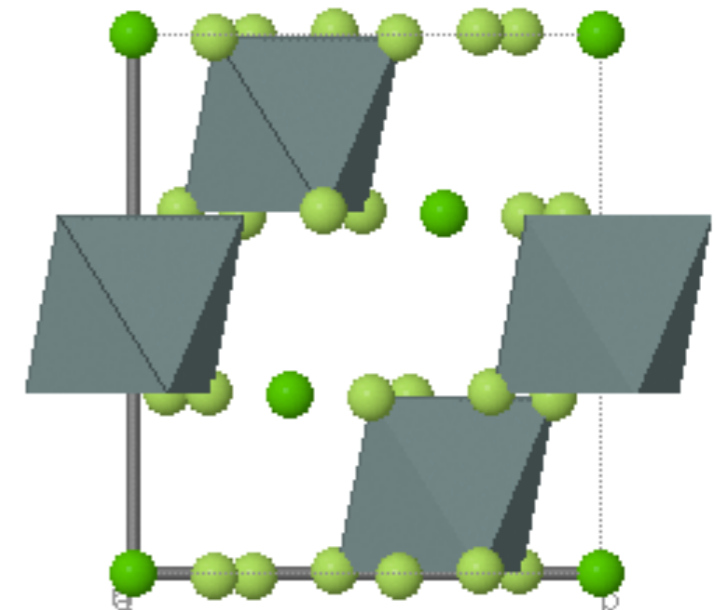
KAsF<sub>6</sub>



BaIrF<sub>6</sub>



BaSnF<sub>6</sub>



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Sn 1 3b 0 0 0.5  
Ba 1 3a 0 0 0  
F 1 18f 0.2586 0.8262 0.0047

## Problem 3.3

## SOLUTION

structure 1

Structure 1

```
#KAsF6
148
7.3480 7.3480 7.2740 90.00 90.00 120.00
3
K      1    3b    0.333333 0.666666 0.166666
As     1    3a    0 0 0
F      1    18f   0.1292 0.2165 0.1381
```

default settings

Structure 2

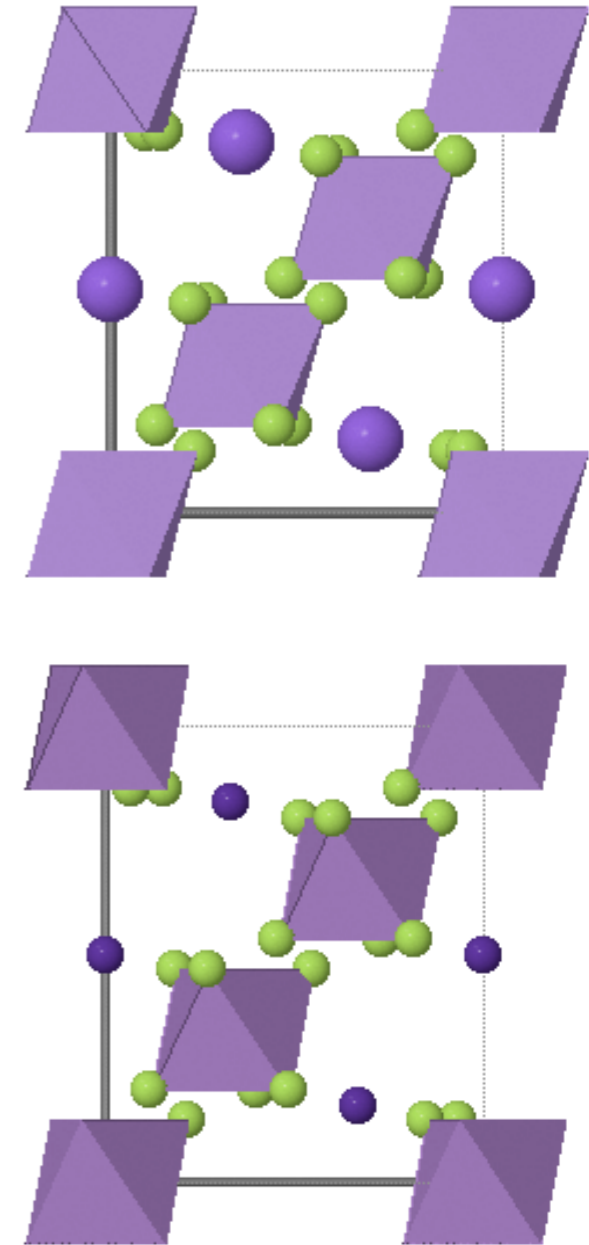
structure 2

```
#BaIrF6
148
7.3965 7.3965 7.2826 90.00 90.00 120.00
3
Ba     1    3b    0.333333 0.666666
        0.166666
Ir     1    3a    0 0 0
F      1    18f   0.0729 0.2325 0.1640
```

tolerances

Enter the maximum distance allowed between the paired atoms:  Å

Enter the allowed tolerance (a b c α β γ):



**STUDY OF THE FAMILY ABF<sub>6</sub>**

KCrF <sub>6</sub>	LiNbF <sub>6</sub>	VNbF <sub>6</sub>	HgRhF <sub>6</sub>	MgPbF <sub>6</sub>	InAsF <sub>6</sub>
RbCrF <sub>6</sub>	LiRuF <sub>6</sub>	CoZrF <sub>6</sub>	NiRhF <sub>6</sub>	ZnPbF <sub>6</sub>	CsNbF <sub>6</sub>
KAsF <sub>6</sub>	LiRhF <sub>6</sub>	PdPtF <sub>6</sub>	CaCrF <sub>6</sub>	NiPbF <sub>6</sub>	HgCrF <sub>6</sub>
RuAsF <sub>6</sub>	LiTaF <sub>6</sub>	FeNbF <sub>6</sub>	MgCrF <sub>6</sub>	MgPdF <sub>6</sub>	CoSnF <sub>6</sub>
CsAsF <sub>6</sub>	LiOsF <sub>6</sub>	CaSnF <sub>6</sub>	CdCrF <sub>6</sub>	CaPdF <sub>6</sub>	CsNbF <sub>6</sub>
RbSbF <sub>6</sub>	LiIrF <sub>6</sub>	FeZrF <sub>6</sub>	MnSnF <sub>6</sub>	ZnPdF <sub>6</sub>	MnPtF <sub>6</sub>
BaSnF <sub>6</sub>	LiPtF <sub>6</sub>	CuZrF <sub>6</sub>	FeSnF <sub>6</sub>	CdPdF <sub>6</sub>	CdRhF <sub>6</sub>
CsBrF <sub>6</sub>	LiAuF <sub>6</sub>	CaPtF <sub>6</sub>	ZnSnF <sub>6</sub>	LiSbF <sub>6</sub>	NaBiF <sub>6</sub>
CsSbF <sub>6</sub>	NiPtF <sub>6</sub>	ZnPtF <sub>6</sub>	NiSnF <sub>6</sub>	BaIrF <sub>6</sub>	TlAsF <sub>6</sub>
CsBiF <sub>6</sub>	CdPtF <sub>6</sub>	CoPtF <sub>6</sub>	CuSnF <sub>6</sub>	RbBiF <sub>6</sub>	
CsUF <sub>6</sub>	LiPF <sub>6</sub>	MgRhF <sub>6</sub>	CdSnF <sub>6</sub>	KRhF <sub>6</sub>	
KOsF <sub>6</sub>	LiAsF <sub>6</sub>	CaRhF <sub>6</sub>	CdTiF <sub>6</sub>	CsReF <sub>6</sub>	
NaCrF <sub>6</sub>	PdZrF <sub>6</sub>	ZnRhF <sub>6</sub>	LiBiF <sub>6</sub>	KPF <sub>6</sub>	

Example: STRUCTURETYPES COMPSTRU

STUDY OF THE FAMILY **ABF<sub>6</sub>**

Reference structure:  
**CaCrF<sub>6</sub>**

maximal  
distance  $\Delta$  [Å]

**MnPtF<sub>6</sub>**  
0.1282

**NiPtF<sub>6</sub>**  
0.1802

**NiRhF<sub>6</sub>**  
0.2005

**Type: LiSbF<sub>6</sub>**

**CsBrF<sub>6</sub>**  
1.0731

**CsUF<sub>6</sub>**  
1.1397

**BrIrF<sub>6</sub>**  
1.4067

**Type: KOsF<sub>6</sub>**

# STUDY OF THE FAMILY **ABX<sub>3</sub>**

R-3 (148); WP sequence: fc<sup>2</sup>; Pearson: hR10

	MgO3	CoO	(FeSi)	MnNi	NiO3	CoM	O3T	MnO	CdO	GeMg	MnO	GeO	FeO	CaO	Cl3M	CuO	GeMl	MgO	CdG	AsLi	NaO3	CrSi	(AlCu)	KO3	H4F3N
MgO3Ti	0	0,0	0,2	0,3	0,1	0,3	0,3	0,2	0,6	0,2	0,2	0,3	0,1	0,5	0,3	0,2	0,4	0,4	0,6	0,5	0,6	2,4	2,2	1,2	1,7
CoO3Ti	0,0	0	0,2	0,3	0,1	0,3	0,3	0,2	0,6	0,2	0,2	0,3	0,0	0,5	0,3	0,2	0,4	0,3	0,6	0,4	0,6	2,4	2,2	1,1	1,7
(FeSb0.5)MnO3	0,2	0,2	0	0,4	0,3	0,5	0,4	0,2	0,7	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,3	0,3	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,4	0,3	0,4	2,6	2,4	1,1	1,6
MnNiO3	0,3	0,3	0,4	0	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,3	0,5	0,4	0,4	0,5	0,3	0,7	0,5	0,4	0,6	0,5	0,8	0,6	0,8	2,3	2,2	1,2	1,7
NiO3Ti	0,1	0,1	0,3	0,2	0	0,2	0,3	0,3	0,6	0,3	0,3	0,4	0,2	0,6	0,4	0,3	0,5	0,4	0,7	0,5	0,6	2,3	2,1	1,2	1,7
CoMnO3	0,3	0,3	0,5	0,1	0,2	0	0,3	0,4	0,6	0,4	0,5	0,5	0,4	0,8	0,5	0,4	0,6	0,6	0,8	0,7	0,8	2,3	2,1	1,2	1,8
O3TiZn	0,3	0,3	0,4	0,2	0,3	0,3	0	0,3	0,5	0,3	0,4	0,4	0,3	0,6	0,5	0,4	0,5	0,5	0,7	0,6	0,7	2,4	2,3	1,2	1,6
MnO3Sn	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,3	0,3	0,4	0,3	0	0,6	0,2	0,2	0,3	0,2	0,4	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,5	0,4	0,5	2,6	2,4	1,2	1,6
CdO3Ti	0,6	0,6	0,7	0,5	0,6	0,6	0,5	0,6	0	0,7	0,7	0,8	0,7	1,0	0,8	0,8	0,9	0,8	1,0	0,9	1,0	4,9	2,5	1,6	1,8
GeMgO3	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,4	0,3	0,4	0,3	0,2	0,7	0	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,4	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,4	0,3	0,4	2,6	2,4	1,0	1,6
MnO3Ti	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,4	0,3	0,5	0,4	0,2	0,7	0,2	0,0	0,2	0,1	0,3	0,3	0,1	0,2	0,2	0,4	0,3	0,4	2,5	2,3	1,1	1,6
GeO3Zn	0,3	0,3	0,1	0,5	0,4	0,5	0,4	0,3	0,8	0,2	0,2	0	0,3	0,2	0,3	0,3	0,1	0,2	0,3	0,2	0,3	2,7	2,5	1,0	1,6
FeO3Ti	0,1	0,0	0,2	0,3	0,2	0,4	0,3	0,2	0,7	0,2	0,1	0,3	0	0,4	0,3	0,1	0,3	0,3	0,5	0,4	0,5	2,4	2,2	1,1	1,7
CaO3Sn	0,5	0,5	0,3	0,7	0,6	0,8	0,6	0,4	1,0	0,4	0,3	0,2	0,4	0	0,5	0,4	0,1	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2	2,9	2,7	1,0	1,6
Cl3MnNa	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,5	0,4	0,5	0,5	0,3	0,8	0,2	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,5	0	0,3	0,3	0,2	0,5	0,3	0,4	3,1	2,8	1,2	2,0
CuO3V	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,4	0,3	0,4	0,4	0,3	0,8	0,2	0,1	0,3	0,1	0,4	0,3	0	0,3	0,3	0,5	0,4	0,5	2,4	2,2	1,1	1,7
GeMnO3	0,4	0,4	0,2	0,6	0,5	0,6	0,5	0,3	0,9	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,3	0,1	0,3	0,3	0	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,2	5,1	2,6	1,0	1,6
MgO3Si	0,4	0,3	0,2	0,5	0,4	0,6	0,5	0,3	0,8	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,3	0,2	0,2	0,3	0,1	0	0,2	0,1	0,2	5,0	2,5	1,0	1,6
CdGeO3	0,6	0,6	0,4	0,8	0,7	0,8	0,7	0,5	1,0	0,4	0,4	0,3	0,5	0,2	0,5	0,5	0,2	0,2	0	0,2	0,2	5,1	2,7	1,0	1,7
AsLiO3	0,5	0,4	0,3	0,6	0,5	0,7	0,6	0,4	0,9	0,3	0,3	0,2	0,4	0,2	0,3	0,4	0,1	0,1	0,2	0	0,1	2,9	4,8	0,9	1,7
NaO3Sb	0,6	0,6	0,4	0,8	0,6	0,8	0,7	0,5	1,0	0,4	0,4	0,3	0,5	0,2	0,4	0,5	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,1	0	5,2	2,8	1,0	1,7
CrSiTe3	2,4	2,4	2,6	2,3	2,3	2,3	2,4	2,6	4,9	2,6	2,5	2,7	2,4	2,9	3,1	2,4	5,1	5,0	5,1	2,9	5,2	0	0,4	5,4	3,1
(AlCu)PSe3	2,2	2,2	2,4	2,2	2,1	2,1	2,3	2,4	2,5	2,4	2,3	2,5	2,2	2,7	2,8	2,2	2,6	2,5	2,7	4,8	2,8	0,4	0	3,1	3,1
KO3Sb	1,2	1,1	1,1	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,6	1,0	1,1	1,0	1,1	1,0	1,2	1,1	1,0	1,0	1,0	0,9	1,0	5,4	3,1	0	1,4
H4F3NSn	1,7	1,7	1,6	1,7	1,7	1,8	1,6	1,6	1,8	1,6	1,6	1,6	1,7	1,6	2,0	1,7	1,6	1,6	1,7	1,7	1,7	3,1	3,1	1,4	0

ICSD (c/a)

Bergerhoff  
(structure descriptor)

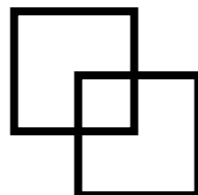
Bilbao Server  
(global distortion)



FeTiO<sub>3</sub>



FePSe<sub>3</sub>



0.3 FeTiO<sub>3</sub> (NaSbO<sub>3</sub>)

0.4 FePSe<sub>3</sub>

# Crystal-structure relationships

## STRUCTURAL PHASE TRANSITIONS

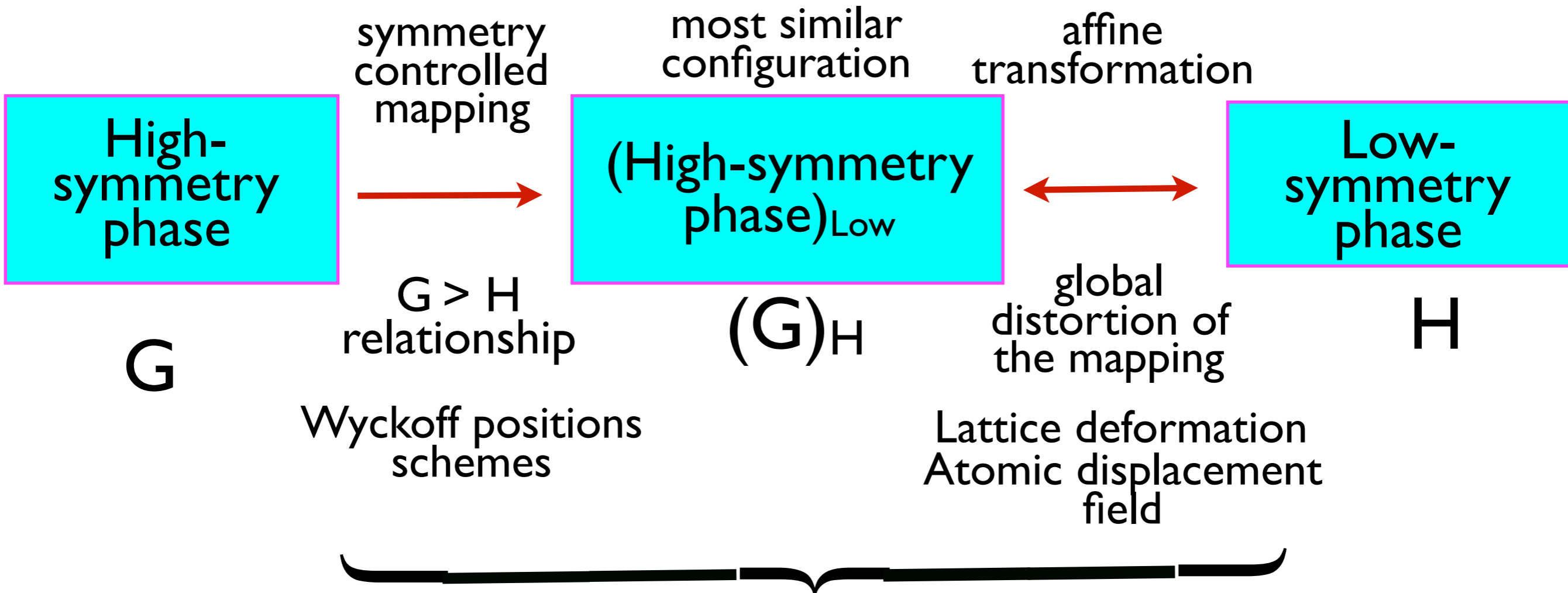


# Structure Relationships

## PROBLEM:

Consider two phases of the same compound (specified by their unit-cell parameters and atomic coordinates) with group-subgroup related symmetry groups  $G > H$

Search for a mapping of the two structures such that the global distortion accompanying the mapping is tolerably small.



## STRUCTURE RELATIONS

Given the high- and low-symmetry phases:

1. Characterize the symmetry reduction between the high- and low-symmetry phases

-index of the group-subgroup pair: INDEX

-group-subgroup graph, (P,p): SUBGROUPGRAPH

2. Domain-structure analysis

3. Determine the so-called *reference* structure, i.e. high-symmetry structure in the low-symmetry basis

-lattice parameters: CELLTRANS

-atomic coordinates: TRANSTRU or WYCKSPLIT

4. Evaluate the lattice strain and the atomic displacements accompanying the phase transitions:  
STRAIN, COMPSTRU

## Problem 3.5

## Cristobalite phase transitions

At low temperatures, the space-group symmetry of cristobalite is given by the space group  $P4_12_12$  (92) with lattice parameters  $a=4.9586\text{\AA}$ ,  $c=6.9074\text{\AA}$ . The four silicon atoms are located in Wyckoff position 4(a)  $..2$  with the coordinates  $x, x, 0; -x, -x, 1/2; 1/2-x, 1/2+x, 1/4; 1/2+x, 1/2-x, 3/4$ ,  $x = 0.3028$ .

During the phase transition, the tetragonal structure is transformed into a cubic one with space group  $Fd-3m$  (227),  $a=7.147\text{\AA}$ . It is listed in the space-group tables with two different origins. If 'Origin choice 2' setting is used (with point symmetry  $-3m$  at the origin), then the silicon atoms occupy the position 8(a)  $-43m$  with the coordinates  $1/8, 1/8, 1/8; 7/8, 3/8, 3/8$  and those related by the face-centring translations.

Describe the structural distortion from the cubic to the tetragonal phase by the determination of (i) the displacements of the Si atoms in relative and absolute units, and (ii) the changes on the lattice parameters during the transition.

# Example: $\alpha$ -Cristobalite $\rightarrow$ $\beta$ -Cristobalite

2 entries selected.

CC=Collection Code: [AB2X4]=ANX Form: [cF56]=Pearson: [e d a]=Wyckoff Symbol: [Al2MgO4]=Structure Type:

\*\*\*Click the ANX, Pearson or Wyckoff Symbol to find structures with that symbol\*\*\*.

CC=44094		Details	Bonds	Pattern	Structure	Jmol
<b>Title</b>	First-principles study of crystalline silica.					
<b>Authors</b>	Feng Liu;Garofalini, H.;King-Smith, D.;Vanderbilt, D.					
<b>Reference</b>	Physical Review, Serie 3. B - Condensed Matter (1994) <b>49</b> , 12528-12534 <a href="#">Link XRef SCOPUS SCIRUS Google</a> <b>Also:</b> Phase Transition (1992) <b>38</b> , 127-220					
<b>Compound</b>	<b>Si O2 - [Cristobalite alpha]</b> Silicon oxide - HT [ <b>AX2</b> ] [ <b>tP12</b> ] [ <b>b a</b> ] [ <b>TeO2(alpha)</b> ]					
<b>Cell</b>	4.9586, 4.9586, 6.9074, 90., 90., 90. <b>P41212 (92)</b> V=169.84					
<b>Remarks</b>	MIN =Cristobalite alpha : PDC =01-089-3434 : PDF =39-1425 : THE TYP =TeO2(alpha) : XDS At least one temperature factor missing in the paper. No R value given in the paper. Metastable up to 500 K (2nd ref. , Tomaszewski), above Fd3-m					

Atom (site)	Oxid.	x, y, z, B, Occupancy				
Si1	(4a)	4	0.3028	0.3028	0	0 1
O1	(8b)	-2	0.2383	0.1093	0.1816	0 1

CC=44095		Details	Bonds	Pattern	Structure	Jmol
<b>Title</b>	First-principles study of crystalline silica.					
<b>Authors</b>	Feng Liu;Garofalini, H.;King-Smith, D.;Vanderbilt, D.					
<b>Reference</b>	Physical Review, Serie 3. B - Condensed Matter (1994) <b>49</b> , 12528-12534 <a href="#">Link XRef SCOPUS SCIRUS Google</a> <b>Also:</b> Phase Transition (1992) <b>38</b> , 127-220					
<b>Compound</b>	<b>Si O2 - [Cristobalite beta]</b> Silicon oxide - HT [ <b>AX2</b> ] [ <b>cF24</b> ] [ <b>h a</b> ] [ ]					
<b>Cell</b>	7.147, 7.147, 7.147, 90., 90., 90. <b>FD3-MS (227)</b> V=365.07					
<b>Remarks</b>	MIN =Cristobalite beta : PDC =01-089-3435 : PDF =4-359 : THE XDS At least one temperature factor missing in the paper. The coordinates are those given in the paper but the atomic distances do not agree with those calculated during testing.The coordinates are probably correct. No R value given in the paper. Metastable above 500 K (2nd ref. , Tomaszewski), stable above 1743 K					

Atom (site)	Oxid.	x, y, z, B, Occupancy				
Si1	(8a)	4	0	0	0	0 1
O1	(96h)	-2	0.125	0.081	0.169	0 0.1667

Origin choice 2:

Si 8a 1/8, 1/8, 1/8 7/8, 3/8, 3/8

## Problem 3.5

## SOLUTION

1. Characterize the symmetry break between the high- and low-symmetry phases
  - index of the group-subgroup pair: INDEX
  - transformation matrix: SUBGROUPGRAPH
2. Calculate the lattice parameters of the low-symmetry phase: CELLTRANS
3. Calculate the atomic coordinates of the low-symmetry phase: TRANSFORM (or WYCKSPLIT)
4. Evaluate the lattice strain and the atomic displacements accompanying the phase transitions: STRAIN, COMPSTRU

# Step 1. Determination of the index of the group-subgroup pair

# INDEX

## INDEX: Index of a group-subgroup pair

Please, enter the sequential number of group as given in *International Tables for Crystallography, Vol. A* :

Please, enter the sequential number of group as given in *International Tables for Crystallography, Vol. A* :

space-group identification

- **Option A: Introduce the formula units (conventional) of the high and low symmetry structure.**

The formula units (conventional) on the high symmetry structure:

The formula units (conventional) on the low symmetry structure:

formula units

- **Option B: Introduce the lattice parameters of the high and low symmetry structure.**

The lattice parameters on the high symmetry structure:

The lattice parameters on the low symmetry structure:

lattice parameters



**Index of a group-subgroup pair**

High symmetry Space Group: 227 (*Fd-3m*) [origin choice 2]  
Low symmetry Space Group: 92 (*P4<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2*)

$i_L$	2
$i_P$	6
Total index	12

The corresponding subgroup data can be found [here](#).

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} [i_L]=2 \\ [i_P]=6 \end{array} \right\} [i]=12$$

# Step 2. Study of the group-subgroup symmetry break

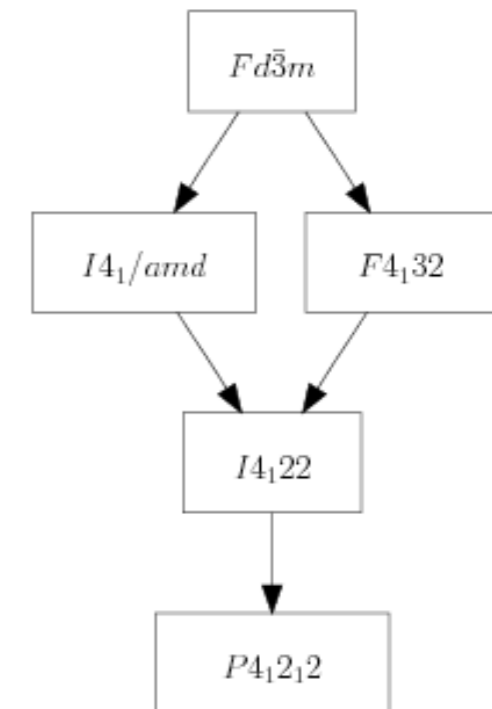
## SUBGROUPGRAPH

Class 1

Check	Chain [indices]	Chain with HM symbols	Transformation	Identical
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	1 227 210 098 092 [2 3 2]	$Fd-3m > F4_132 > I4_122 > P4_12_12$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 3/8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/8 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 5/8 \end{pmatrix}$	to group 1
<input type="radio"/>	2 227 141 098 092 [3 2 2]	$Fd-3m > I4_1/amd > I4_122 > P4_12_12$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 5/8 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 3/8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/8 \end{pmatrix}$	to group 2
<input type="radio"/>	3 227 141 098 092 [3 2 2]	$Fd-3m > I4_1/amd > I4_122 > P4_12_12$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/8 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 5/8 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 3/8 \end{pmatrix}$	to group 3

Show graph

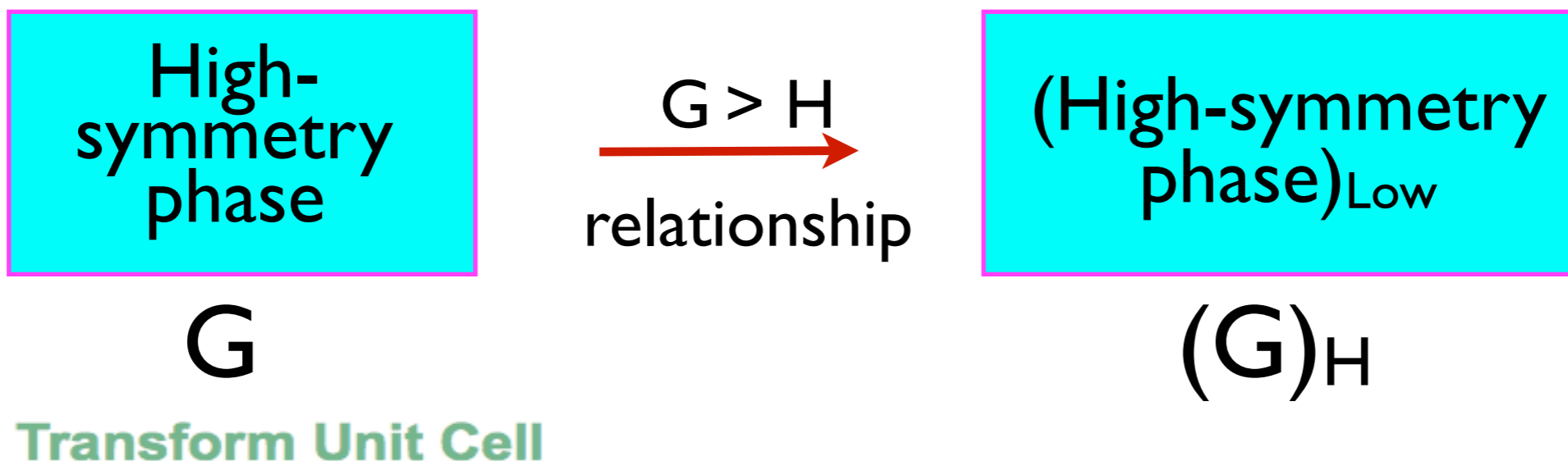
Group-Subgroup Graph



**Which of the three matrices corresponds to the cristobalite case?**

# Step 3. Lattice parameters of the reference structure

## CELLTRANS



Cell Parameters:  Centering

Please, define the rotational part of the **transformation** matrix that relates the group and the subgroup bases

in abc form:  Ex: c,a,b (read by columns)

or in matrix form:

Rotational part		
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5.053 5.053 7.147 90 90 90

Show

lattice parameters of the reference structure



# Step 3. Atomic coordinates of the reference structure

High-symmetry phase

$G > H$   
 $\xrightarrow{\text{relationship}}$

(High-symmetry phase)<sub>Low</sub>

**TRANSTRU**

**G**  
 Transform Structure

**(G)<sub>H</sub>**

Structure

```

227
7.147 7.147 7.147 90 90 90
1
Si      1      8a      0.125000      0.125000      0.125000
    
```

Low symmetry Space Group:

Transformation Matrix:

In matrix form: **(P,p)**

Rotational part			Origin Shift
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<input type="text" value="-1/2"/>	<input type="text" value="1/2"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="3/8"/>
<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="3/8"/>

Space Group: 92  
 Lattice Parameters: 5.053692 5.053692 7.147000 90 90 90

AT	#	WP	Coordinates		
Si	1	4a	3/4	1/4	3/4

atomic coordinates of the reference structure

# Step 4. Characterization of the global distortion

Symmetry break:

$Fd-3m \rightarrow P4_12_12$ , index 12

$a_t = 1/2(a_c - b_c)$ ,  $b_t = 1/2(a_c + b_c)$ ,  $c_t = c_c$

origin shift:  $(5/8, 3/8, 3/8)$

Experiment:

**Cubic phase:**

$a = 7.147 \text{ \AA}$

Si 8a  $1/8 \ 1/8 \ 1/8$   
 $7/8 \ 3/8 \ 3/8$

(P,p)

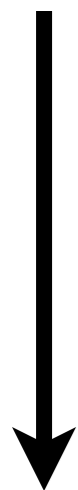


Calculated:

**Reference description:**

$a = 5.053 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 7.147 \text{ \AA}$

Si 4a  $0.75 \ 0.25 \ 0.75$   
 $0.25 \ 0.25 \ 0$



**Tetragonal phase:**

$a = 4.9586 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 6.9074$

Si 4a  $0.3028 \ 0.3028 \ 0$

affine deformation ?  
atomic displacements ?

# Step 4a. Determination of the affine deformation

Symmetry break:

$Fd-3m \rightarrow P4_12_12$ , index 12

$a_t = 1/2(a_c - b_c)$ ,  $b_t = 1/2(a_c + b_c)$ ,  $c_t = c_c$

origin shift:  $(5/8, 3/8, 3/8)$

Experiment:

**Cubic phase:**

$a = 7.147 \text{ \AA}$

**Tetragonal phase:**

$a = 4.9586 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 6.9074$

Calculated:

**Reference description:**

$a = 5.053 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 7.147 \text{ \AA}$

**CELLTRANS**



$P =$

1/2	1/2	0
-1/2	1/2	0
0	0	1

**STRAIN**

affine  
deformation



# Step 4a. Determination of the affine deformation

(High-symmetry phase)<sub>Low</sub>



Low-symmetry phase

(G)<sub>H</sub>

H

Unit cell 1:

[a1] [b1] [c1] [α1] [β1] [γ1]
5.053 5.053 7.147 90 90 90

Unit cell 2:

[a2] [b2] [c2] [α2] [β2] [γ2]
4.9586 4.9586 6.9074 90 90 90

**STRAIN**



**Finite Lagrangian Strain Tensor (finite deformation)**

[ -0.018507 0.000000 0.000000 ]
[ 0.000000 -0.018507 0.000000 ]
[ 0.000000 0.000000 -0.032963 ]

**Strain tensor**

**Eigenvalues**

-0.01851 -0.01851 -0.03296

**Degree of lattice distortion**

0.01403

$$S = 1/3 (\sum \eta_i^2)^{1/2}$$

# Step 4b. Atomic displacement field

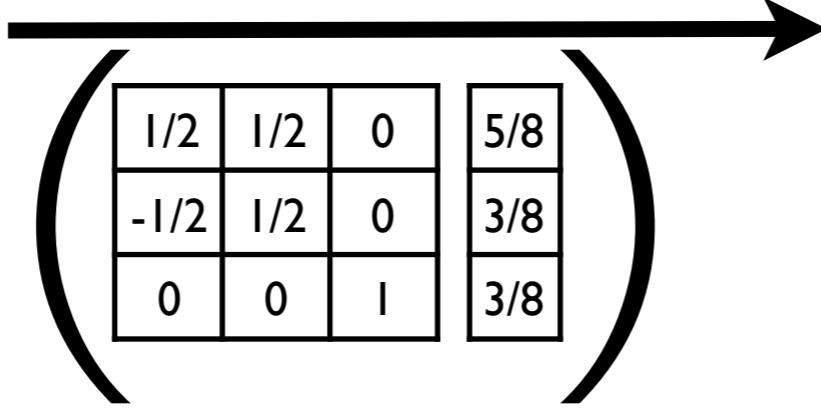
Symmetry break:  
 $Fd-3m \rightarrow P4_12_12$ , index 12

Experiment:  
**Cubic phase:**

$a=7.147 \text{ \AA}$

Si 8a 1/8 1/8 1/8  
7/8 3/8 3/8

**TRANSTRU**



Calculated:  
**Reference description:**

$a=5.053 \text{ \AA}, c=7.147 \text{ \AA}$

Si 4a 0.75 0.25 0.75  
0.25 0.25 0

**COMPSTRU**

atomic displacement field

**Tetragonal phase:**

$a=4.9586 \text{ \AA}, c=6.9074$

Si 4a 0.3028 0.3028 0

# Step 4b. Atomic displacement field

## Reference structure

```
Structure #1
92
5.053692 5.053692 7.147000 90.000000 90.000000 90.000000
1
Si 1 4a 0.750000 0.250000 0.750000
```

## Experimental data

```
Structure #2
92
4.9586 4.9586 6.9074 90 90 90
1
Si 1 4a 0.302800 0.302800 0.000000
```

affine normalizer

### Evaluation of the structure similarity

S	d <sub>max.</sub> (Å)	d <sub>av.</sub> (Å)	Δ
0.0149	0.3774	0.7548	0.122

structural descriptor  $\Delta = 0.122$

Atom pairings and distances

WP	Atom	Atomic Displacements				
		u <sub>x</sub>	u <sub>y</sub>	u <sub>z</sub>	u	
4a	(x,x,0)	Si1	-0.0528	0.0528	0.0000	0.3774

maximal displacement

$d_{\max} = 0.377 \text{ \AA}$

## Most similar configuration

```
092
4.958600 4.958600 6.907400 90.000000 90.000000 90.000000
1
Si 1 4a 0.697200 0.302800 0.750000
```

# PROBLEM:

**Structural Relationship** between two structures with group-subgroup related symmetry groups  $\mathbf{G} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$

High-symmetry phase:  $\mathbf{G}$

symmetry reduction

Group-subgroup relation  $\mathbf{G} > \mathbf{H}$   
Wyckoff positions splittings

Reference description:  $(\mathbf{G})_{\mathbf{H}}$

affine transformation

lattice deformation  
atomic displacement field

Low-symmetry phase:  $\mathbf{H}$

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SUBGROUP GRAPH

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STRUCTURE RELATIONS

# Problem 3.5

## SOLUTION

high-  
symmetry  
structure

Cristobalite  
phase transition

low-  
symmetry  
structure

tolerances

# STRUCTURE RELATIONS

## High symmetry structure

Enter the formula units in the **high symmetry structure**  
(Leave blank for auto-detection via the volume information)

Structure

Data

[CIF  
format]

Examinar...

```
227
7.147 7.147 7.147 90 90 90
1
Si 1 8a 0.125 0.125 0.125
```

BCS

Format

## Low symmetry structure:

Enter the formula units in the **low symmetry structure**  
(Leave blank for auto-detection via the volume information)

Structure

Data

[CIF  
format]

Examinar...

```
92
4.9586 4.9586 6.9074 90 90 90
1
Si 1 4a 0.3028 0.3028 0
```

BCS

Format

Enter the allowed tolerance (a b c  $\alpha$   $\beta$   $\gamma$ ): .2 .2 .3 2 2 2

Enter the maximum distance allowed between the paired atoms: 1.5 Å



# Problem 3.5

## STRUCTURE RELATIONS

### SOLUTION

high-symmetry structure

Origin choice 1

Cristobalite phase transition

low-symmetry structure

tolerances

NON-standard settings

**NON-STANDARD settings**

#### High symmetry structure

Enter the formula units in the **high symmetry structure**  
(Leave blank for auto-detection via the volume information)

Structure

Data  
[CIF  
format]

Examina

BCS  
Format

```
#Exercise 3.5 (cristobalite):  
# Space Group ITA number (high-symmetry phase)  
227  
7.147 7.147 7.147 90 90 90  
1  
Si 1 8a 0.0 0.0 0.0
```

#### Low symmetry structure:

Enter the formula units in the **low symmetry structure**  
(Leave blank for auto-detection via the volume information)

Structure

Data  
[CIF  
format]

Examina

BCS  
Format

```
# Space Group ITA number (low-symmetry phase)  
92  
4.9586 4.9586 6.9074 90 90 90  
1  
Si 1 4a 0.3028 0.3028 0
```

Enter the allowed tolerance (a b c  $\alpha$   $\beta$   $\gamma$ ): .2 .2 .3 2 2 2

Enter the maximum distance allowed between the paired atoms: 1.5 Å

One or both of the structures are given in a non-standard setting?  No |  Yes

# Problem 3.5

# SOLUTION

# STRUCTURE RELATIONS

**NON-STANDARD settings**

high-symmetry structure

Origin choice 1

Please choose the setting in which the high symmetry structure is given:

- | Setting  | P                 | P <sup>-1</sup>   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Fd-3m</i> [origin 2]            | a,b,c             | a,b,c             |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> <i>Fd-3m</i> [origin 1] | a-1/8,b-1/8,c-1/8 | a+1/8,b+1/8,c+1/8 |

Please choose the setting in which the low symmetry structure is given:

(You can choose one of the ITA settings or define your own setting introducing a label and the transformation matrix to the standard setting)

low-symmetry structure

	Setting	P	P <sup>-1</sup>
<input type="radio"/>	<i>P4<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2</i>	a,b,c	a,b,c

User defined setting:

Label

	Rotational part			Origin shift
Transformation Matrix	1	0	0	0
	0	1	0	0
	0	0	1	0

Cristobalite phase transition

## Problem 3.6(a)

## Lead phosphate phase transition

Lead phosphate  $\text{Pb}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$  shows a phase transition from a paraelastic high-temperature phase with symmetry  $R-3m$  (No. 166) to a ferroelastic phase of symmetry  $C2/c$  (No. 15).

Using the structure data given in the *ExerciseData* file and the tools of the *Bilbao Crystallographic Server*:

- (i) characterize the symmetry reduction between the high- and low-symmetry phases (index, graph of maximal subgroups, etc.);
- (ii) describe the structural distortion from the rhombohedral to the monoclinic phase by the evaluation of the lattice strain and the atomic displacements accompanying the phase transition.

# Problem 3.6

# STRUCTURE RELATIONS

## SOLUTION

high-symmetry structure

$\text{Pb}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$   
ferroelastic  
phase transition

low-symmetry structure

tolerances

### High symmetry structure

Enter the formula units in the **high symmetry structure**  
(Leave blank for auto-detection via the volume information)

Structure Data  
[CIF format]

Examinar...

```
# Space Group ITA number
166
# Lattice parameters
5.56 5.56 20.39 90 90 120
# Number of independent atoms in the asymmetric unit
5
# [atom type] [number] [WP] [x] [y] [z]
Pb 1 3a 0 0 0
Pb 2 6c 0 0 0.2126
P 1 6c 0 0 0.4021
O 1 6c 0 0 0.329
O 2 18h 0.181 -0.181 0.096
```

BCS Format

### Low symmetry structure:

Enter the formula units in the **low symmetry structure**  
(Leave blank for auto-detection via the volume information)

Structure Data  
[CIF format]

Examinar...

```
# Space Group ITA number
15
# Lattice parameters
13.80 5.691 9.42 90 102.3 90
# Number of independent atoms in the asymmetric unit
7
# [atom type] [number] [WP] [x] [y] [z]
O 1 8f 0.643 0.030 0.392
O 2 8f 0.634 0.464 0.374
O 3 8f 0.642 0.280 0.612
O 4 8f 0.491 0.222 0.420
P 1 8f 0.599 0.241 0.447
Pb 1 4e 0 0.291 0.25
Pb 2 8f 0.317 0.309 0.352
```

BCS Format

Enter the allowed tolerance (a b c  $\alpha$   $\beta$   $\gamma$ ): .2 .2 .3 2 2 2

Enter the maximum distance allowed between the paired atoms: 1.5 Å

## Problem 3.6 (b)

## Lead vanadate phase transition

Lead phosphate  $\text{Pb}_3(\text{VO}_4)_2$  shows a phase transition from a paraelastic high-temperature phase with symmetry  $R\text{-}3m$  (No. 166) to a ferroelastic phase of symmetry  $P2_1/c$  (No. 14).

Using the structure data given in the *ExerciseData* file and the tools of the *Bilbao Crystallographic Server*:

(i) characterize the symmetry reduction between the high- and low-symmetry phases (index, graph of maximal subgroups, etc.);

(ii) describe the structural distortion from the rhombohedral to the monoclinic phase by the evaluation of the lattice strain and the atomic displacements accompanying the phase transition.

**Hint:** higher tolerances for the differences between the lattice parameters of the two phases maybe necessary.

# Problem 3.6(b)

## SOLUTION

high-symmetry structure

$\text{Pb}_3(\text{VO}_4)_2$   
ferroelastic  
phase transition

low-symmetry structure

higher tolerances

# STRUCTURE RELATIONS

## High symmetry structure

Enter the formula units in the **high symmetry structure**  
(Leave blank for auto-detection via the volume information)

formula units

3

Structure Data  
[CIF format]

Examinar...

BCS Format

```
166
5.6748 5.6748 20.3784 90 90 120
5
Pb 1 3a 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
Pb 2 6c 0.000000 0.000000 0.207100
PV 3 6c 0.000000 0.000000 0.388400
O 4 6c 0.000000 0.000000 0.324000
O 5 18i 0.842400 0.157600 0.430100
```

## Low symmetry structure:

Enter the formula units in the **low symmetry structure**  
(Leave blank for auto-detection via the volume information)

formula units

2

Structure Data  
[CIF format]

Examinar...

BCS Format

```
14
7.5075 6.0493 9.4814 90. 115.162 90.
7
Pb 1 2a 0 0 0
Pb 2 4e 0.3835 0.5815 0.2879
PV 1 4e 0.2071 0.0143 0.3999
O 1 4e 0.2872 0.2559 0.0159
O 2 4e 0.2598 0.7979 0.0216
O 3 4e 0.3194 0.9784 0.2823
O 4 4e 0.0335 0.5431 0.2091
```

Enter the allowed tolerance (a b c  $\alpha$   $\beta$   $\gamma$ ): .2 .5 .5 2 2 2

Enter the maximum distance allowed between the paired atoms: 1.5 Å

# Step I. Determination of the index of the group-subgroup pair

## INDEX

Example:  $\text{Pb}_3(\text{VO}_4)_2$

INDEX:

$$[i] = [i_P] \cdot [i_L]$$

$$[i] = 3 \cdot 2 = 6$$

### High-symmetry phase

166					
5.6748	5.6748	20.3784	90	90	120
5					
Pb	1	3a	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
Pb	2	6c	0.000000	0.000000	0.207100
PV	3	6c	0.000000	0.000000	0.388400
0	4	6c	0.000000	0.000000	0.324000
0	5	18i	0.842400	0.157600	0.430100

### Low-symmetry phase

14				
7.5075	6.0493	9.4814	90.	115.162 90.
7				
Pb	1	2a	0	0
Pb	2	4e	0.3835	0.5815 0.2879
PV	1	4e	0.2071	0.0143 0.3999
0	1	4e	0.2872	0.2559 0.0159
0	2	4e	0.2598	0.7979 0.0216
0	3	4e	0.3194	0.9784 0.2823
0	4	4e	0.0335	0.5431 0.2091

$R-3m$

$C2/m$

$P2_1/c$

$$i_P = P_G / P_H = 3$$

$$i_L = Z_H / Z_G = 2$$

## Step 2. Study of the group-subgroup symmetry break

### Input for SUBGROUPGRAPH

Please, enter the sequential numbers of group and subgroup as given in International Tables for Crystallography, Vol. A:

Enter supergroup number (G) or choose it:

166

Enter subgroup number (H) or choose it:

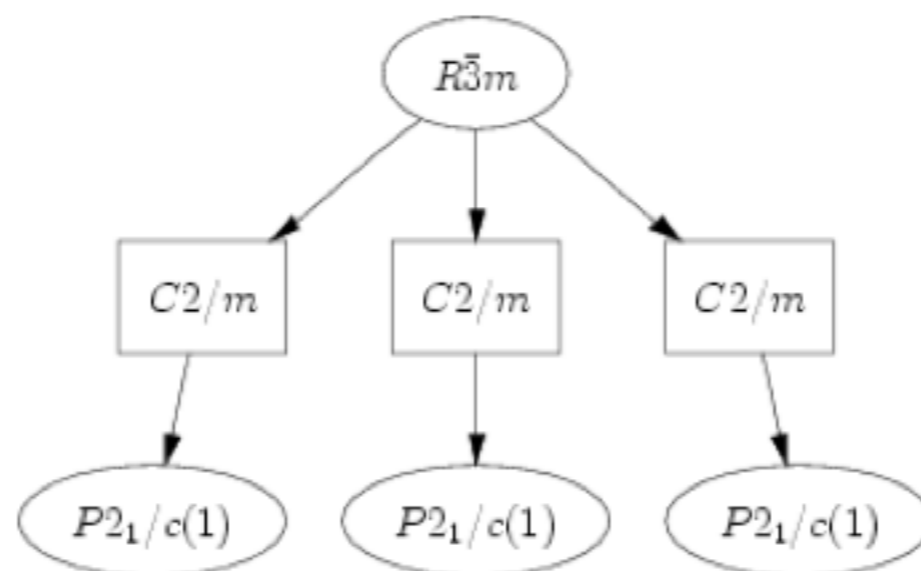
14

Enter the index [G:H] (optional):

6

Construct the lattice

### Group-subgroup graph for $\text{Pb}_3(\text{VO}_4)_2$





© Transformation matrix (P,p) for G>H

Subgroups  $P2_1/c$  of  $R-3m$  of index 6  
(data ITAI)

Check	Chain [indices]	Chain with HM symbols	Transformation	Identical	
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	1	166 012 014 [3 2]	$R-3m > C2/m > P2_1/c$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1/3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2/3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	--
<input type="radio"/>	2	166 012 014 [3 2]	$R-3m > C2/m > P2_1/c$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2/3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2/3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	--
<input type="radio"/>	3	166 012 014 [3 2]	$R-3m > C2/m > P2_1/c$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2/3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	--

Show graph

Arbitrariness of (P,p)

$$[(P,p)_{\text{exp}}]^{-1}(P,p)_{\text{ITAI}} = N(P2_1/c)$$

$(P,p)_{\text{exp}} = \begin{vmatrix} -1/3 & -1 & 1 & \vdots & 0 \\ 1/3 & -1 & -1 & \vdots & 0 \\ 1/3 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

$(P,p)_{\text{ITAI}}$

# Crystal-structure relationships

## SYMMETRY RELATIONS BETWEEN CRYSTAL STRUCTURES

# Problem: Symmetry Relations between Crystal Structures Baernighausen Trees

Pyrite Structural family

$P2_1/a\bar{3}$

Fe:4a	S:8c
$\bar{3}$	3
0	0.386 [0.614]
0	0.386 [0.614]
0	0.386 [0.614]

FeS<sub>2</sub>

Aristotype

Basic structure

$P2_13$

Ni:4a	S:4a	As:4a
3	3	3
-0.006	0.385	0.618
-0.006	0.385	0.618
-0.006	0.385	0.618

NiAsS

$P2_1/b2_1/c2_1/a$

Pd:4a	S:8c
$\bar{1}$	1
0	0.393 [0.617]
0	0.388 [0.612]
0	0.425 [0.575]

PdS<sub>2</sub>

$t_2$   
 $-\frac{1}{4}, 0, 0$

$Pbc2_1$

PtGeSe

$x + \frac{1}{4}, 0, 0$

Pt:4a	Ge:4a	Se:4a
$\bar{1}$	1	1
0.242	0.633	0.876
0.009	0.383	0.620
0	0.383	0.618

lattice parameters in pm:

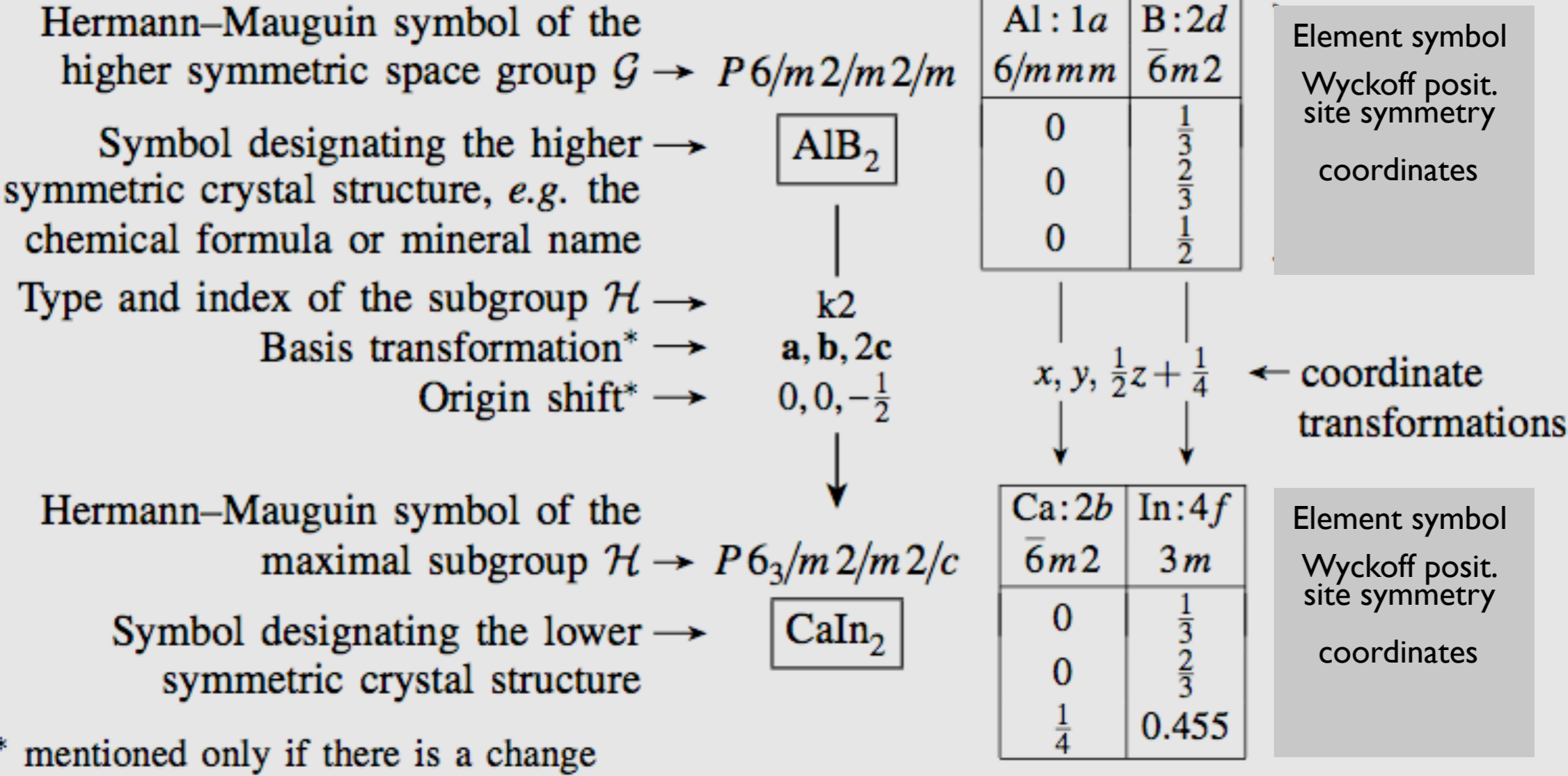
	a	b	c	references
pyrite	541.8	541.8	541.8	[32]
NiAsS	568.9	568.9	568.9	[33]
PdS <sub>2</sub>	546.0	554.1	753.1	[34]
PtGeSe	607.2	601.5	599.2	[35]

Hettotypes

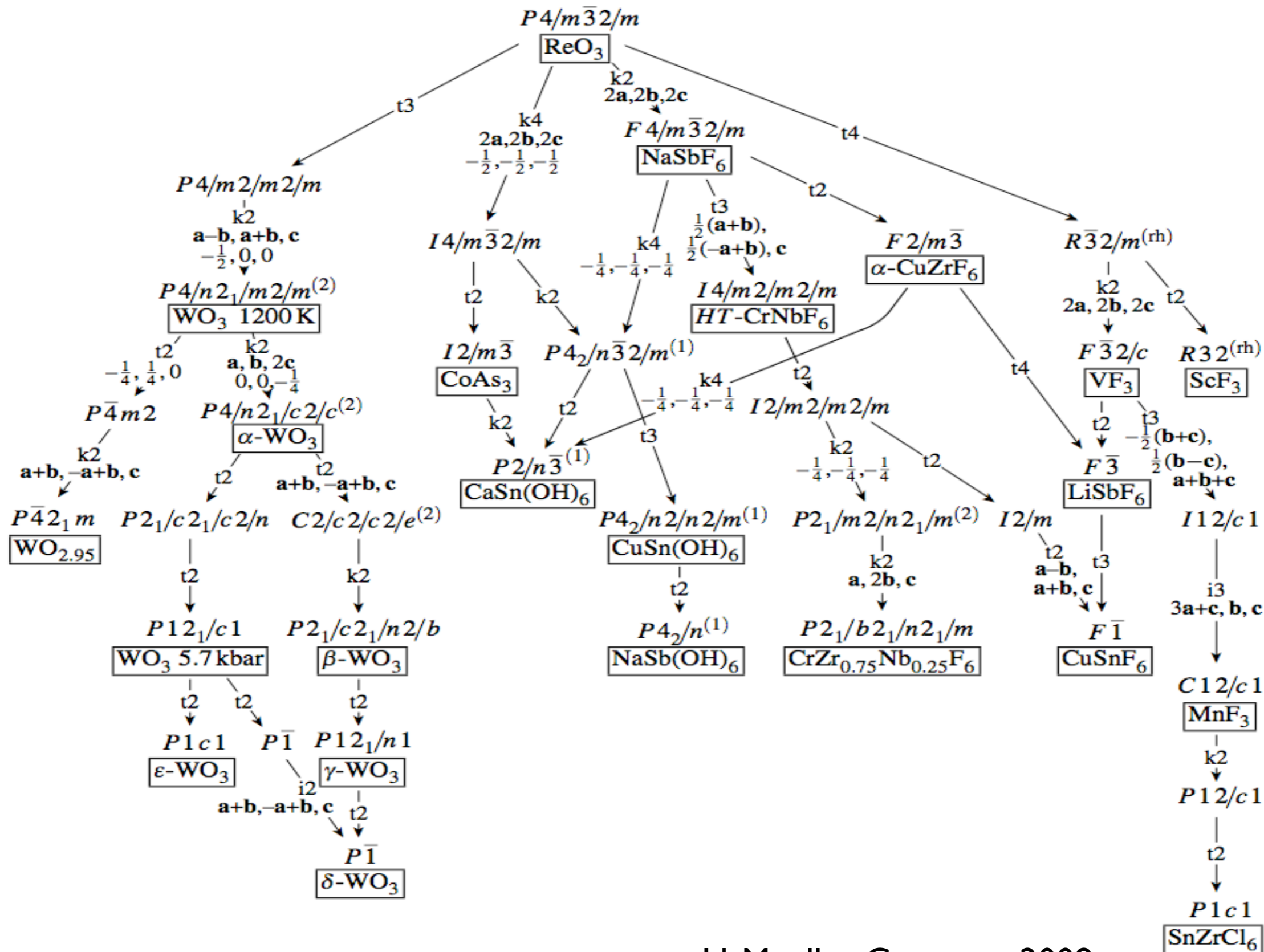
Derivative structures

# Modul design of crystal symmetry relations

## Scheme of the general formulation of the smallest step of symmetry reduction connecting two related crystal structures



# Family tree of hettotypes of $\text{ReO}_3$

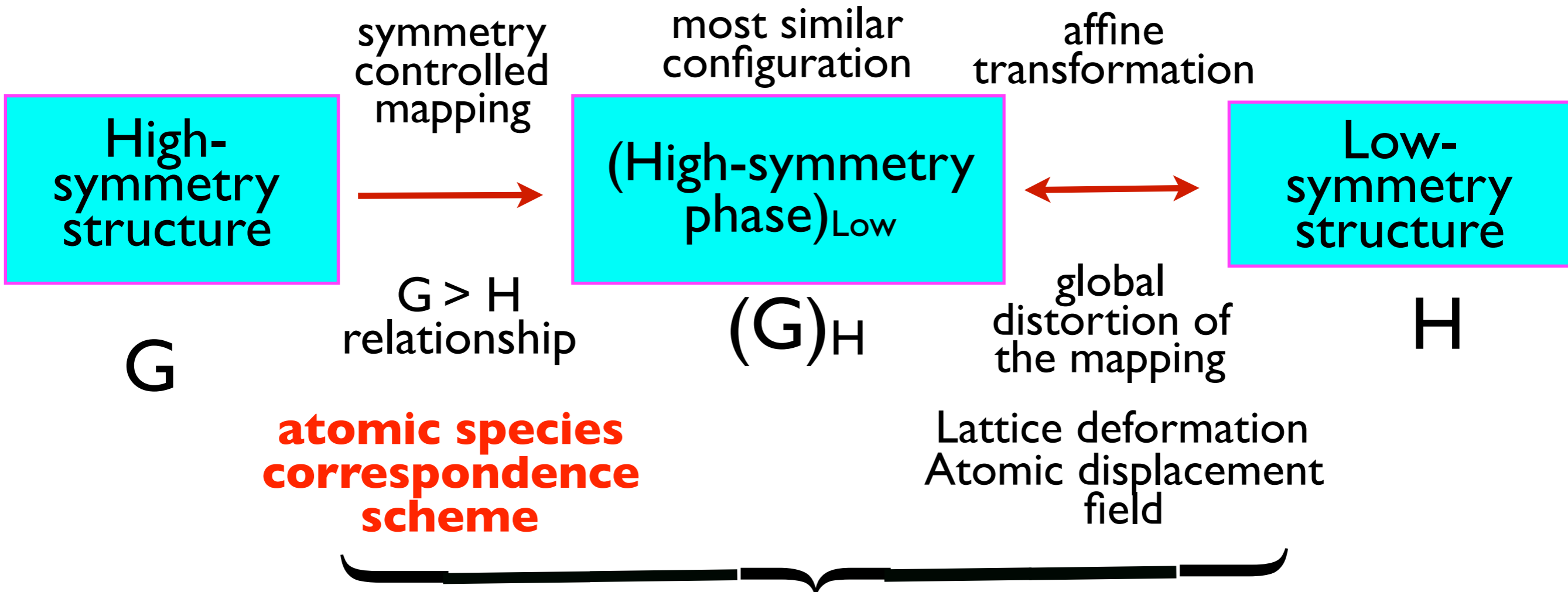


# Structure Relationships

## PROBLEM:

Consider two structures (specified by their unit-cell parameters and atomic coordinates) with group-subgroup related symmetry groups  $G > H$

Search for a mapping of the two structures such that the global distortion accompanying the mapping is tolerably small.



## STRUCTURE RELATIONS

## Problem 3.8

Problem: Symmetry relations  
between crystal structures

### Hettotype of CsCl structure

Show that the crystal structure of CoU maybe interpreted as a slightly distorted CsCl (or  $\beta$ -brass, CuZn)-type structure. Using the structural data in the *Exercise Data* file, characterize the structural relationship between the CoU structure and CsCl structure.

# Problem 3.8

# STRUCTURE RELATIONS

## SOLUTION

high-symmetry structure

### High symmetry structure

Enter the formula units in the **high symmetry structure**  
(Leave blank for auto-detection via the volume information)

Structure Data  
[CIF format]

Examinar...

BCS Format

```
#CuZn (CsCl type)
221
#V=25.67
2.959 2.959 2.959 90. 90. 90.
2
Cu 1 1a 0 0 0
Zn1 1 1b 0.5 0.5 0.5
```

formula units per unit cell

1

### Low symmetry structure:

Enter the formula units in the **low symmetry structure**  
(Leave blank for auto-detection via the volume information)

Structure Data  
[CIF format]

Examinar...

BCS Format

```
199 #I213
#V=256.74
6.3557 6.3557 6.3557 90. 90. 90.
2
Co 1 8a 0.294 0.294 0.294
U 1 8a 0.0347 0.0347 0.0347
```

atomic species correspondence scheme

Co ↔ Cu

U ↔ Zn

Enter the allowed tolerance (a b c α β γ): 1 1 1 5 5 5

Enter the maximum distance allowed between the paired atoms: 1.5 Å

One or both of the structures are given in a non-standard setting?  No |  Yes

tolerances

8



## Problem 3.9

Problem: Symmetry relations between crystal structures

### *HT*-quartz and *LT*-quartz

(i) Upon heating above 573 °C the *LT*-quartz transforms to its *HT* form. Set up the corresponding Baernighausen tree that describes the symmetry relations between the two quartz forms. Which additional degree of freedom are present in the lower symmetry form? (The crystal structures of *HT*-quartz and *LT*-quartz can be found in the *ExerciseData* file.)

(ii) Consider the structure data of  $\text{AlPO}_4$  listed in the *ExerciseData* file. Describe its structural relationship to quartz and construct the corresponding Baernighausen tree.

*Hint: In order to find the structural relationship between quartz and  $\text{AlPO}_4$  consider the splitting of Si positions into two: one for Al and one for P.*

## Problem 3.10

## Problem: Symmetry relations between crystal structures

The structure of  $\alpha$ -XOF (X=La, Y, and Pu) can be derived from that of cubic  $\text{CaF}_2$  (fluorite structure) by splitting the fluorine positions into two: one for oxygen and one for fluorine, and by shifting the metal positions along  $c$ . By these changes the space-group symmetry is reduced.

$$\mathbf{a}' = 1/2(\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{b}), \mathbf{b}' = 1/2(\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b}); \mathbf{p} = (1/4, 0, 1/4)$$

$G = \text{Fm-}3m(225)$

$(P, p)$

$H = \text{P}4/\text{mmm}(129)$

The coordinates of  $\text{CaF}_2$  are:

Ca	$4a$	$m\bar{3}m$	$0, 0, 0$	$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0$	$\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}$	$0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$
F	$8c$	$\bar{4}3m$	$\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}$
			$\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}$

## Problem 3.10

## Questions

- (i) Display the relation between the old  $(a,b,c)$  and the new  $(a',b',c')$  unit cell by means of a drawing.
- (ii) Which is the crystal system of the new unit cell? Which is its centring type? (The lattice of  $\text{CaF}_2$  is F-centred cubic (fcc),  $a=b=c, \alpha=\beta=\gamma$ .)
- (iii) Construct the transformation matrix  $P$  describing the change of the basis.
- (iv) What is the volume of the new unit cell compared to that of the old one?
- (v) What are the coordinates of the atoms of the  $\text{CaF}_2$  structure referred to the new coordinate system?
- (vi) Can the structure of  $\alpha\text{-LaOF}$  be considered as a hettotype (derivative structure) of the aristo- type (basic) structure of  $\text{CaF}_2$  ? (structure data of  $\alpha\text{-LaOF}$  in Exercise Data file)

# Problem 3.10

# STRUCTURE RELATIONS

## SOLUTION

high-symmetry structure

### High symmetry structure

Enter the formula units in the **high symmetry structure** (Leave blank for auto-detection via the volume information)

Structure Data [CIF format]

Examinar...

BCS Format

```
225
# Lattice parameters
5.0 5.0 5.0 90 90 90
# Number of independent atoms in the asymmetric unit
2
# [atom type] [number] [WP] [x] [y] [z]
Ca 1 4a 0.0 0.0 0
F 2 8c 0.25 0.25 0.25
```

formula units per unit cell

4

### Low symmetry structure:

Enter the formula units in the **low symmetry structure** (Leave blank for auto-detection via the volume information)

Structure Data [CIF format]

Examinar...

BCS Format

```
129
# Lattice parameters
4.091 4.091 5.836 90 90 90
# Number of independent atoms in the asymmetric unit
3
# [atom type] [number] [WP] [x] [y] [z]
Ca 1 2c 0.5 0.0 0.222
F 1 2a 0.0 0.0 0.0
F 2 2b 0.0 0.0 0.5
```

atomic species correspondence scheme

La ↔ Ca

F ↔ F1

O ↔ F2

Enter the allowed tolerance (a b c α β γ) .7 7 1 2 2 2

Enter the maximum distance allowed between the paired atoms: 1.5 Å

One or both of the structures are given in a non-standard setting?  No |  Yes

tolerances