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# CRYSTAL-STRUCTURE RELATIONS

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# CRYSTAL-STRUCTURE RELATIONSHIPS

Structure relations

Symmetry relations between crystal structures

Structural pseudosymmetry



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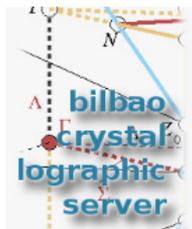


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# CRYSTAL-STRUCTURE RELATIONSHIP

You can access to the material of the workshop by:

<http://www.cryst.ehu.es/resources/nancy2019/>

You can need to download:

- StructureRelations.txt



# STRUCTURE RELATIONS

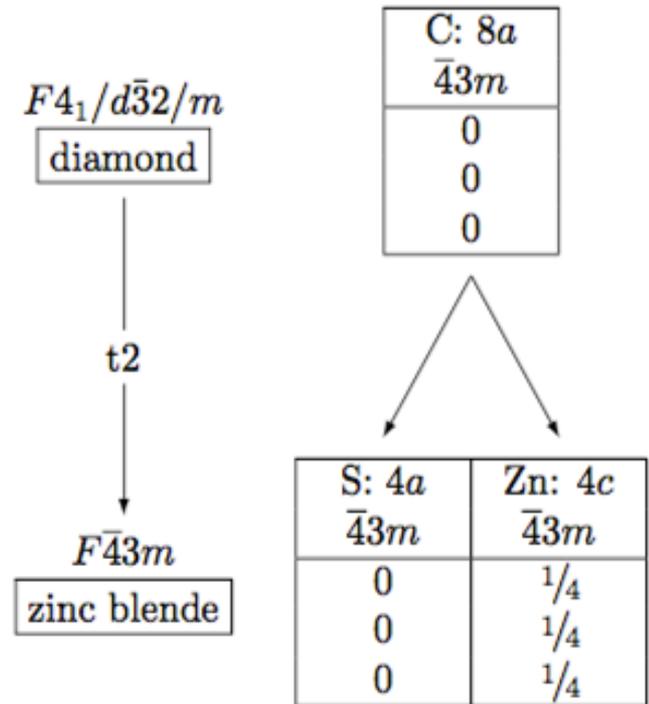
CRYSTAL-STRUCTURE RELATIONSHIP

# Structure relations

Symmetry relations using crystallographic group-subgroup relations is a valuable tool in crystal chemistry and physics.

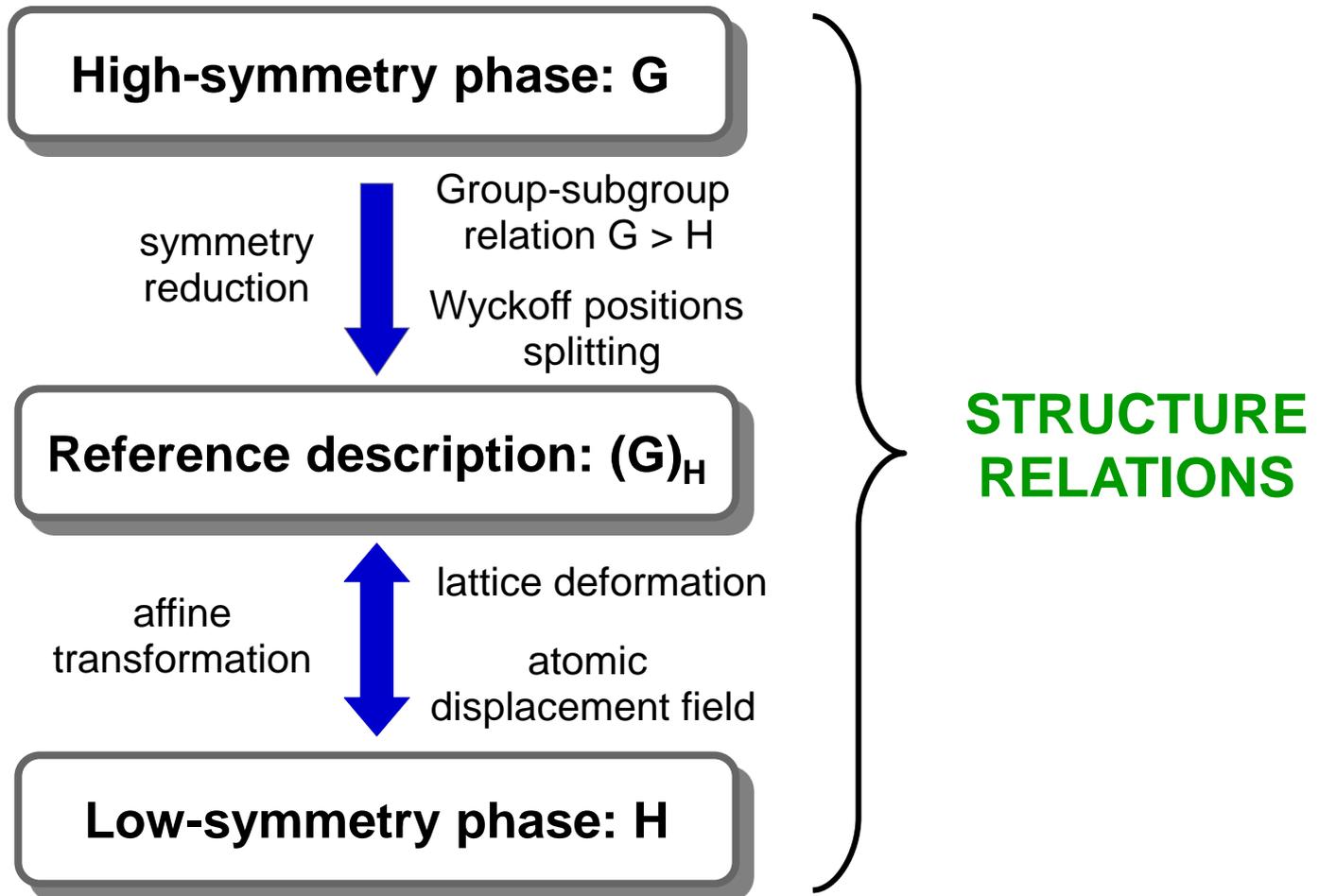
## Applications

- Family trees of group-subgroup relations (Bärnighausen tree)
- Twinned crystals and antiphase domains
- Phase transitions
- Prediction of crystal-structure types



# Structure relations

Structural Relationship between two structures with group-subgroup related symmetry groups  $G > H$



# 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]

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```
# Space Group ITA number
221
# Lattice parameters
4.006 4.006 4.006 90 90 90
# Number of independent atoms in the asymmetric unit
3
# [atom type] [number] [WP] [x] [y] [z]
Ba 1 1a 0.0 0.0 0.0
Ti 1 1b 0.5 0.5 0.5
O 1 3c 0.5 0.0 0.5
```

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... No se ha seleccionado ningún archivo.

```
# Space Group ITA number
38
# Lattice parameters
3.9828 5.6745 5.6916 90 90 90
# Number of independent atoms in the asymmetric unit
4
# [atom type] [number] [WP] [x] [y] [z]
Ba 1 2a 0.0 0.0 0
Ti 1 2b 0.5 0.0 0.5170
O 1 2a 0.0 0.0 0.4890
O 2 4e 0.5 0.2561 0.2343
```

BCS Format

## STRUCTURE RELATIONS

<http://www.cryst.ehu.es/cryst/rel.html>

### Calculation parameters:

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

Enter the maximum distance allowed between the paired atoms:  Å

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

### Calculation method:

The group-subgroup transformation matrices are automatically fetched from the database.

User defined group-subgroup transformation matrix:

BaTiO<sub>3</sub>

# Structure relations

**Pm-3m high-symmetry phase**

$$(P,p) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0.00510 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0.00510 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Symmetry controlled mapping

**(High-symmetry phase)<sub>Amm2</sub>**

Global distortion

Lattice deformation  
Atomic displacement field

**Amm2 low-symmetry phase**

**High Symmetry Structure**

```

221
4.006 4.006 4.006 90 90 90
3
Ba 1 1a 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
Ti 1 1b 0.500000 0.500000 0.500000
O 1 3c 0.500000 0.000000 0.500000
    
```

```

038
4.006000 5.665339 5.665339 90.000000 90.000000 90.000000
4
Ba 1 2a 0.000000 0.000000 0.994920
Ti 1 2b 0.500000 0.000000 0.494920
O 1 4e 0.500000 0.250000 0.244920
O 12 2a 0.000000 0.000000 0.494920
    
```

**Low Symmetry Structure**

```

38
3.9828 5.6745 5.6916 90 90 90
4
Ba 1 2a 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
Ti 1 2b 0.500000 0.000000 0.517000
O 1 2a 0.000000 0.000000 0.489000
O 2 4e 0.500000 0.256100 0.234300
    
```

# Structure relations

WP	Atom	Atomic Displacements				
		$u_x$	$u_y$	$u_z$	$ u $	
2a	(0,0,z)	Ba1	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0051	0.0289
2b	(1/2,0,z)	Ti1	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0221	0.1257
2a	(0,0,z)	O12	0.0000	0.0000	0.0059	0.0337
4e	(1/2,y,z)	O1	0.0000	-0.0061	0.0106	0.0697

## Evaluation of the Global Distortion

S	$d_{\max.}$ (Å)	$d_{\text{av.}}$ (Å)	$\Delta$
0.0025	0.1257	0.0655	0.035

## High Symmetry Structure

```

221
4.006 4.006 4.006 90 90 90
3
Ba    1    1a    0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
Ti    1    1b    0.500000 0.500000 0.500000
O     1    3c    0.500000 0.000000 0.500000
    
```

```

038
4.006000 5.665339 5.665339 90.000000 90.000000 90.000000
4
Ba    1    2a    0.000000    0.000000    0.994920
Ti    1    2b    0.500000    0.000000    0.494920
O     1    4e    0.500000    0.250000    0.244920
O     12   2a    0.000000    0.000000    0.494920
    
```

## Low Symmetry Structure

```

38
3.9828 5.6745 5.6916 90 90 90
4
Ba    1    2a    0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
Ti    1    2b    0.500000 0.000000 0.517000
O     1    2a    0.000000 0.000000 0.489000
O     2    4e    0.500000 0.256100 0.234300
    
```

# Exercise 3.5

## Cristobalite phase transitions

At low temperatures, the space-group symmetry of cristobalite is given by the space group is  $P4_12_12$  (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  $Fd\bar{3}m(227)$ ,  $a = 7.147\text{\AA}$ . It is listed in the space-group tables with two different origins.

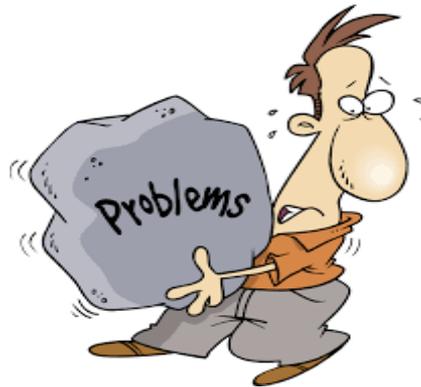
1. If Origin choice 2 setting is used (with point symmetry  $\bar{3}m$  at the origin), then the silicon atoms occupy the position  $8(a) \bar{4}3m$  with the coordinates  $1/8, 1/8, 1/8; 7/8, 3/8, 3/8$  and those related by the face - centring translations. Describe the structural distortion from the cubic to the tetragonal phase by the determination of (i) the displacements if the Si atoms in relative and absolute units, and (ii) the lattice distortion accompanying the transition.
2. Repeat the calculations for the characterization of the phase transition using the *Origin-choice 1* description of the high-symmetry phase (*cf. Exercise Data* file for the structure data).



# Exercise 3.6

## Lead phosphate phase transition

- (a) Lead phosphate  $\text{Pb}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$  shows a phase transition from a paraelastic high-temperature phase with symmetry  $R\bar{3}m$  (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*:
- characterize the symmetry reduction between the high- and low-symmetry phases (index and transformation matrix);
  - 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.

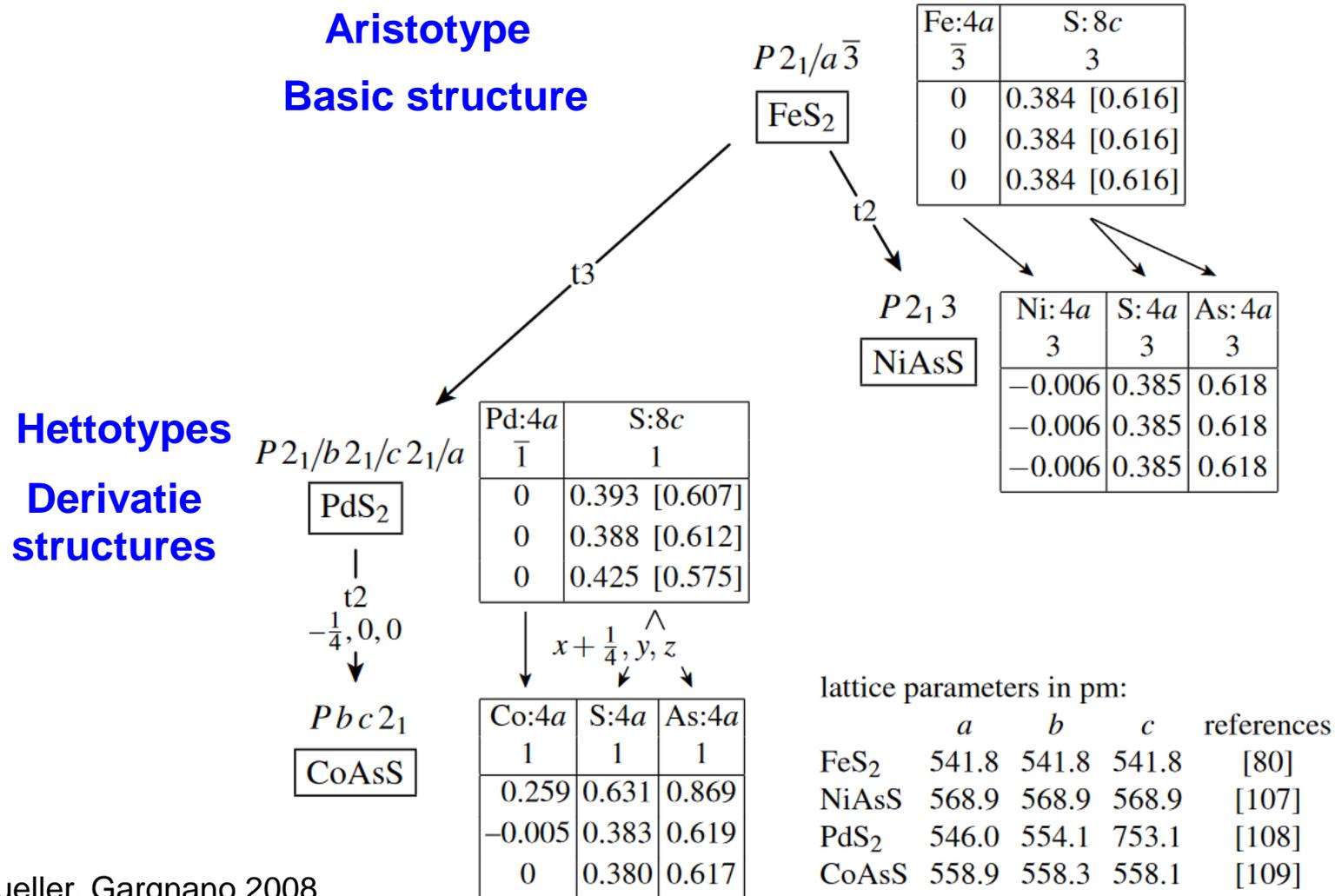


# **SYMMETRY RELATIONS BETWEEN CRYSTAL STRUCTURES**

**BÄRNIGHAUSEN TREES**

# Symmetry relations between crystal structures

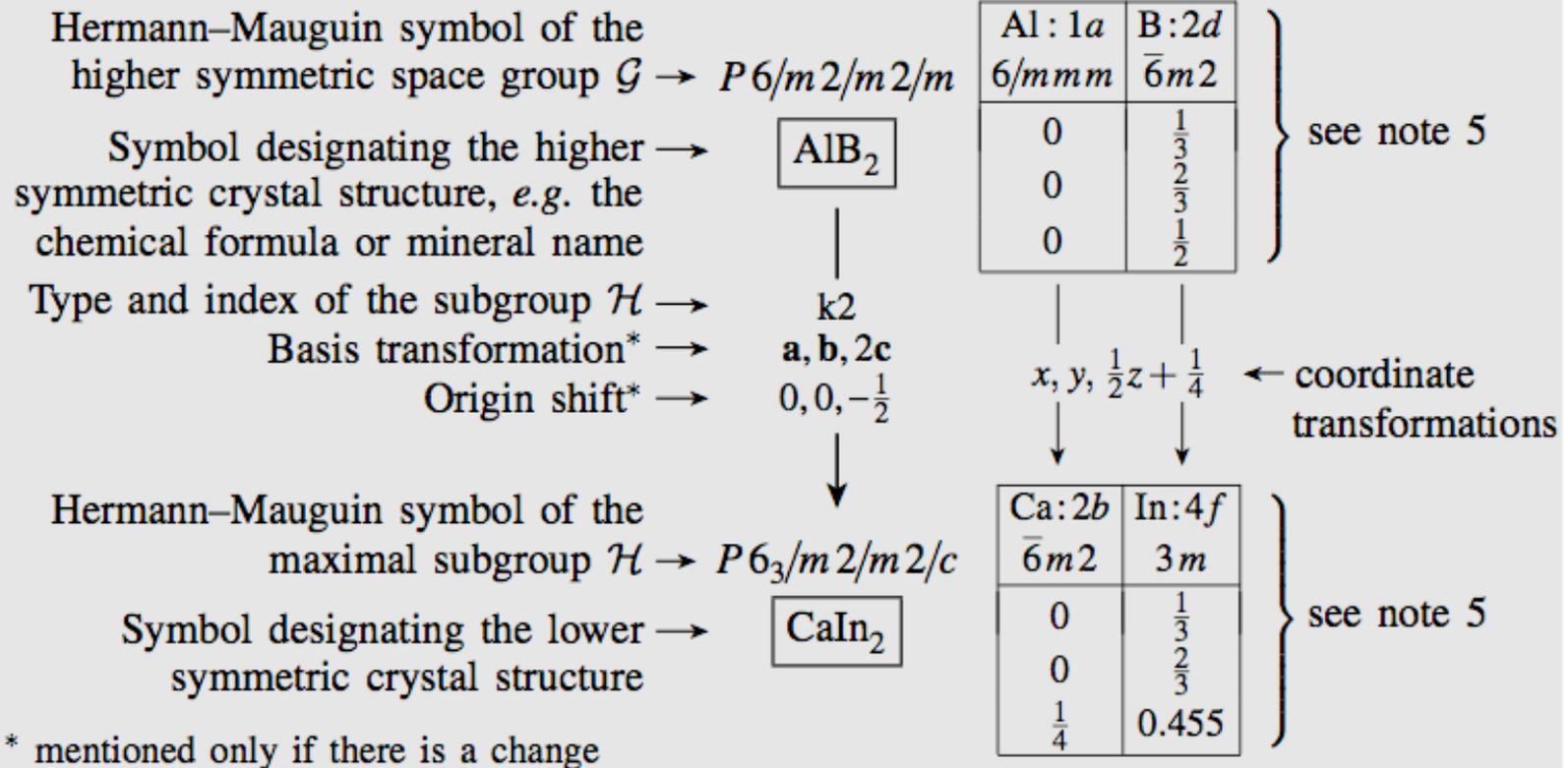
## Bärnighausen Trees: Pyrite Structural Family



# Bärninghausen Trees

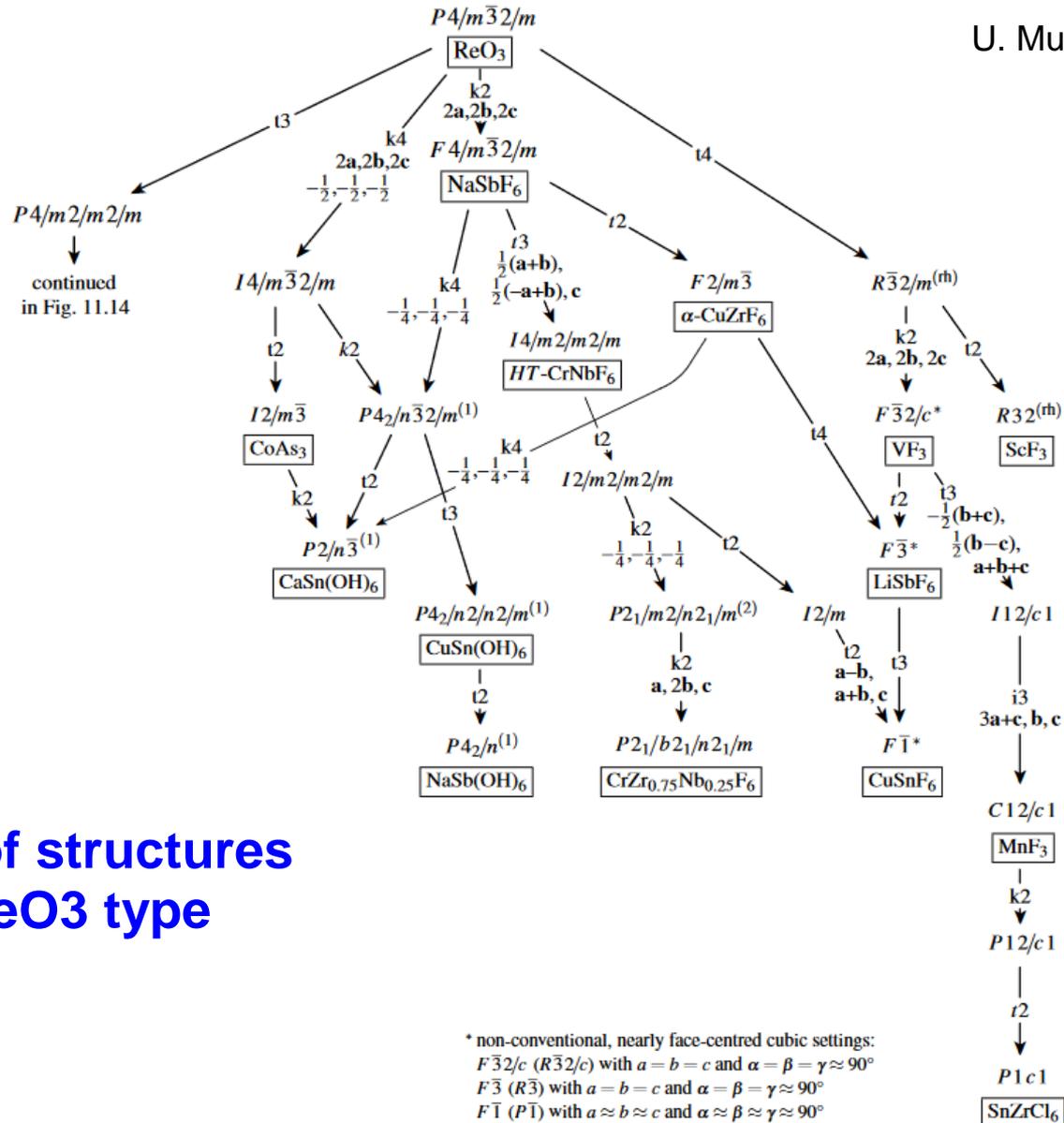
## Module design of crystal symmetry relations

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



# Bärninghausen Trees

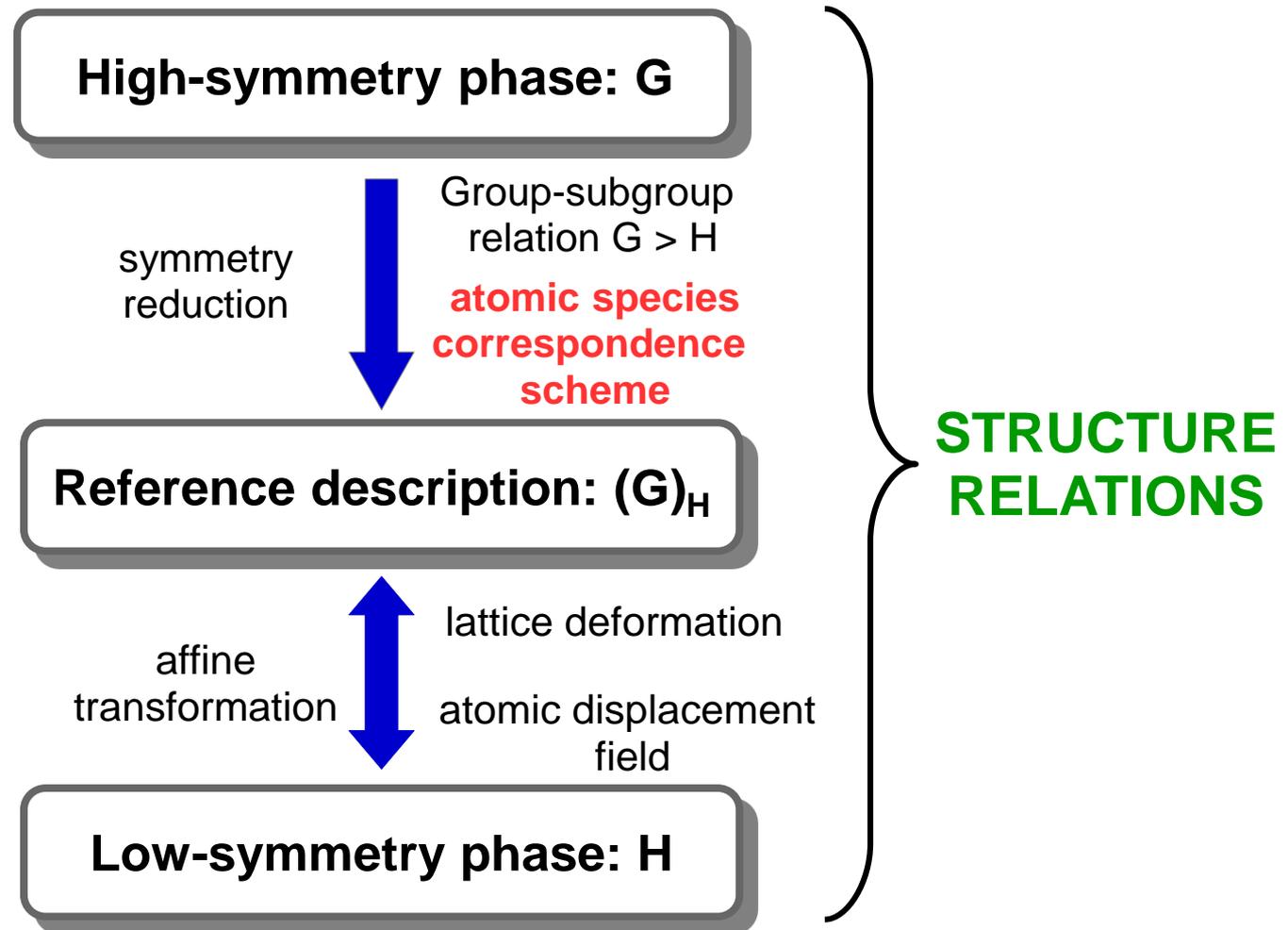
U. Mueller, Gargnano 2008



The family of structures  
of the  $ReO_3$  type

# Symmetry relations between crystal structures

Structural Relationship between two structures with group-subgroup related symmetry groups  $G > H$



# Symmetry relations between crystal structures

## 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... No se ha seleccionado ningún archivo.

BCS Format

```
221
3.007 3.007 3.007 90. 90. 90.
3
Al 1 48n 0.170000 0.290000 0.470000
```

## 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... No se ha seleccionado ningún archivo.

BCS Format

```
099
4.252540 4.252540 3.007000 90.000000 90.000000 90.000000
15
Fe 1 8g 0.910000 0.380000 0.170000
Fe 1_2 8g 0.620000 0.090000 0.830000
Fe 1_3 8g 0.440000 0.730000 0.470000
Fe 1_4 8g 0.270000 0.560000 0.530000
Fe 1_5 8g 0.650000 0.820000 0.290000
Fe 1_6 8g 0.820000 0.650000 0.710000
Fe 1_7 8g 0.410000 0.880000 0.170000
Fe 1_8 8g 0.120000 0.590000 0.830000
Fe 1_9 8g 0.940000 0.230000 0.470000
Fe 1_10 8g 0.770000 0.060000 0.530000
Fe 1_11 8g 0.150000 0.320000 0.290000
Fe 1_12 8g 0.320000 0.150000 0.710000
```

## Different atomic species

### Calculation parameters:

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

Enter the maximum distance allowed between the paired atoms:  Å

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

### Calculation method:

- The group-subgroup transformation matrices are automatically fetched from the database.
- User defined group-subgroup **transformation matrix**:

### Species Matching:

- Force a species match even if the two structures contain the same types of elements



# Exercise 3.8

## Hettotype of CsCl structure

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

```
#CuZn (CsCl type): Pm-3m
221
2.959 2.959 2.959 90. 90. 90.
2
Cu 1 1a 0.0 0.0 0.0
Zn 1 1b 0.5 0.5 0.5
```

```
#CoU type:I213
199
6.3557 6.3557 6.3557 90. 90. 90.
2
Co 1 8a 0.2940 0.2940 0.2940
U 1 8a 0.0347 0.0347 0.0347
```



# Exercise 3.9

## HT-quartz and LT-quartz

(a) Upon heating above 573 °C the LT-quartz transforms to its HT form. Set up the corresponding Bärnighausen 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.)

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

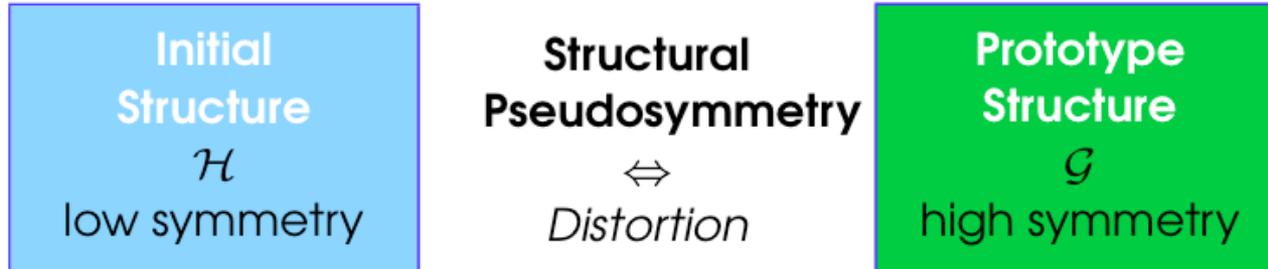
### Hint:

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.



# STRUCTURAL PSEUDOSYMMETRY

# Pseudosymmetry search



Search for a structure of space-group symmetry  $G$  supergroup of  $H$ , such that:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{structure} & & \text{structure} & & \text{small} \\ & & & & \text{(symmetry-breaking)} \\ \mathbf{H} & = & \mathbf{G} & + & \text{distortion} \\ r_i & & r_i^0 & & u_i \end{array}$$

If the distortion is small enough, it can indicate a symmetry change at high temperature



phase transition

# Pseudosymmetry search

## Applications

- ✓ Prediction of phase
- ✓ Search for **new ferroic materials**
- ✓ Prediction of the symmetry and structure of some other phase of a material
- ✓ Detection of **false symmetry assignment** (overlooked symmetry)
- ✓ Space-group determination of theoretical determined structure (e.g. ab initio calculations)
- ✓ Determination of an optimised virtual parent structure (paraphrase)

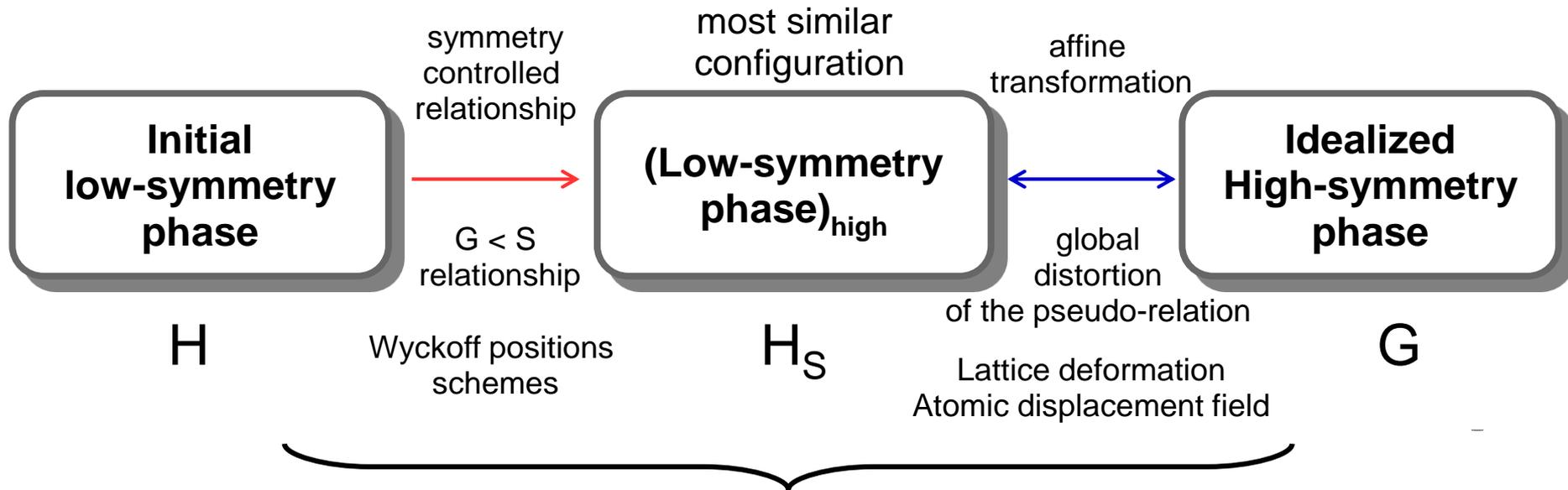
# Pseudosymmetry search

Initial structure of space-group symmetry  $H$



search for a structure of

Space-group symmetry  $G > H$  such that the initial structure can be described by the high-symmetry structure with tolerably small distortion

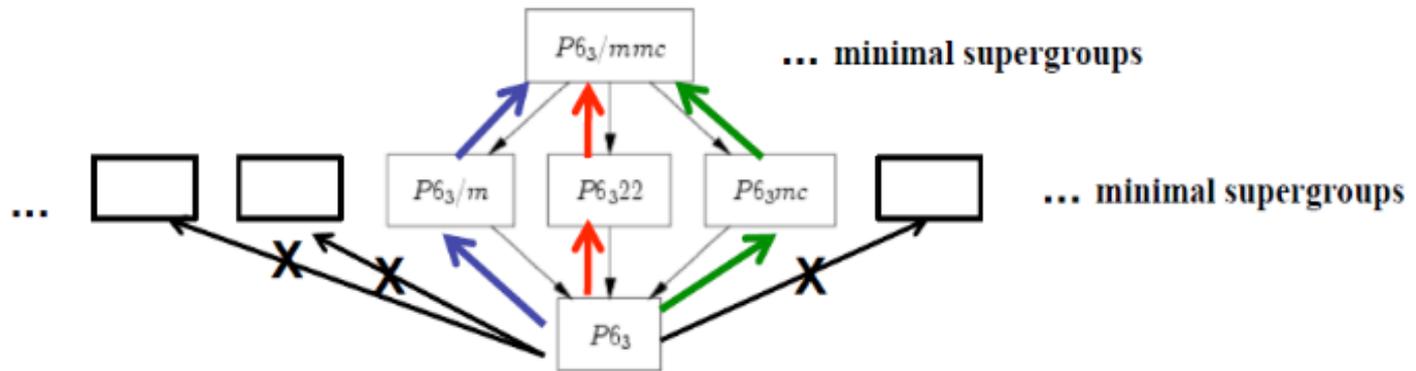


**PSEUDO**

# Pseudosymmetry search

Any group – supergroup relation can be represented by a chain of minimal supergroups

$$G > H \rightarrow G > \dots > Z_2 > Z_1 > H$$



**The search for pseudosymmetry can be performed as a stepwise detection of pseudosymmetry for successive minimal supergroups**

If a structure of symmetry  $H$  is pseudosymmetric for a supergroup  $G$ , it will be pseudosymmetric for all intermediate subgroups  $Z_i$

# Pseudosymmetry search

**PSEUDO:** <http://www.cryst.ehu.es/cryst/pseudosymmetry.html>

Formulae

Structure data  
[in CIF format]  No se ha seleccionado ningún archivo.  
**HINT:** [ The option for a given filename is preferential ]

Initial Structure (LS)

**BCS format**

```
99
3.999 3.999 4.02 90 90 90
4
Ba 1 - 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
Ti 2 - 0.500000 0.500000 0.420000
O 3 - 0.500000 0.500000 0.03
O 4 - 0.500000 0.000000 0.58
```

**CIFs file**

**PSEUDO is not applicable to structures with order-disorder features in their distortion**



# Pseudosymmetry search

## Search of maximal pseudosymmetry stepwise

### Option 1

Select supergroups type for pseudosymmetry search.

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Minimal supergroups	<input type="checkbox"/> [Show only indices in supergroups table]
<input type="radio"/> Supergroups with k-index	i <sub>k</sub> : <input type="text" value="1"/>
<input type="radio"/> Specify supergroup transformation	G: <input type="text" value="221"/>

	Linear part			Origin Shift
Transf. Matrix (in option 3 only)	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>

<input type="radio"/>  For monoclinic and triclinic structures: previous check of lattice pseudosymmetry	Ang. Tol (in degrees) <input type="text" value="5"/> [*]
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[\*] Only for triclinics and monoclinics.

Enter the tolerance (maximum allowed distance) for pseudosymmetry search.

Maximum $\Delta$ :	<input type="text" value="2"/>
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**Tolerance [Å]**



# Pseudosymmetry search

Search among supergroups with fixed k-index

Select supergroups type for pseudosymmetry search.

Option 2

Minimal supergroups  [Show only indices in supergroups table]

Supergroups with k-index

Specify supergroup transformation

	Linear part			Origin Shift
Transf. Matrix (in option 3 only)	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>

 For monoclinic and triclinic structures:  
previous check of lattice pseudosymmetry

[\*] Only for triclinics and monoclinics.

Enter the tolerance (maximum allowed distance) for pseudosymmetry search.

Maximum  $\Delta$ :

**Tolerance [Å]**



# Pseudosymmetry search

## Search of pseudosymmetry for a specific supergroup

Select supergroups type for pseudosymmetry search.

Minimal supergroups  [Show only indices in supergroups table]

Supergroups with k-index  $i_k$ :

Specify supergroup transformation  $G$ :

	Linear part			Origin Shift
Transf. Matrix (in option 3 only)	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>

 For monoclinic and triclinic structures:  
previous check of lattice pseudosymmetry  $\text{Ang. Tol (in degrees)}$   [\*]

[\*] Only for triclinics and monoclinics.

Enter the tolerance (maximum allowed distance) for pseudosymmetry search.

Maximum  $\Delta$ :

**Tolerance [Å]**



**Option 3**

# Pseudosymmetry search

Select supergroups type for pseudosymmetry search.

Minimal supergroups  [Show only indices in supergroups table]

Supergroups with k-index  $i_k$ :

Specify supergroup transformation G:

	Linear part			Origin Shift
Transf. Matrix (in option 3 only)	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>

 For monoclinic and triclinic structures:  
previous check of lattice pseudosymmetry Ang. Tol (in degrees)  [\*]

[\*] Only for triclinics and monoclinics.

*New Version Coming Soon*

Option 4

Enter the tolerance (maximum allowed distance) for pseudosymmetry search.

Maximum  $\Delta$ :

**Tolerance [Å]**



# Exercise 3.11

## Analyse the structural pseudosymmetry of $\text{Pb}_2\text{MgWO}_6$

Option 1: Search of maximal pseudosymmetry stepwise 'climbing' via minimal supergroups

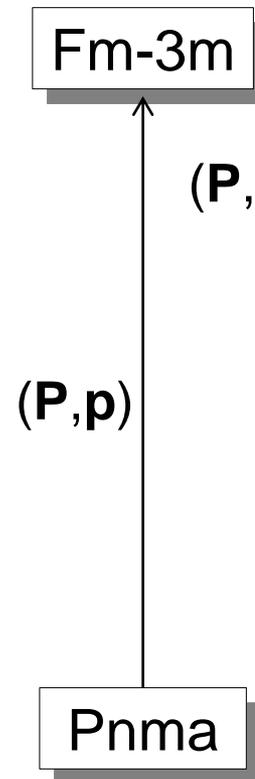
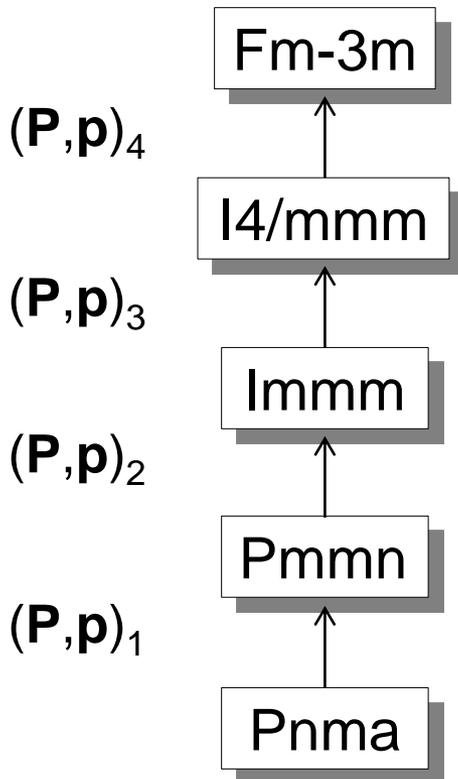
```
#Exercise 2.4.10:Pb2MgWO6:Pseudo1
# Space Group ITA number
62
# Lattice parameters
11.4059 7.9440 5.6866 90.00 90.00 90.00
# Number of independent atoms in the asymmetric unit
8
# [atom type] [number] [WP] [x] [y] [z]
Pb 1 8d 0.1422 0.0032 0.7804
Mg 1 4c 0.3772 0.25 0.7519
W 1 4c 0.1161 0.25 0.2577
O 1 8d 0.1314 0.4907 0.2365
O 2 4c 0.0027 0.25 0.0133
O 3 4c 0.0103 0.25 0.4991
O 4 4c 0.237 0.25 -0.0153
O 5 4c 0.2491 0.25 0.4745
```



# Exercise 3.11 (ii)

Analyse the structural pseudosymmetry of  $\text{Pb}_2\text{MgWO}_6$

Option 3: Search of structural pseudosymmetry with respect to specific supergroup



$$(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{p}) = (\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{p})_1 (\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{p})_2 (\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{p})_3 (\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{p})_4$$

$$\mathbf{P} = a-b, c, -1/2a-1/2b$$

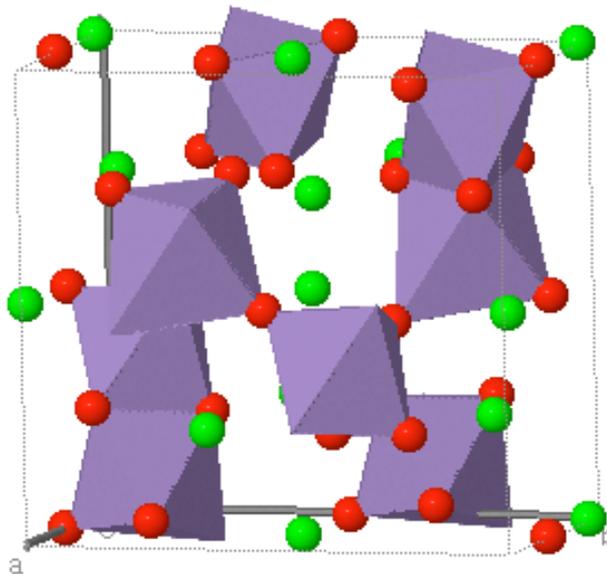
$$\mathbf{p} = 1/2, 1/4, 1/4$$



# Exercise 3.12

Analyse the structural pseudosymmetry of the virtual structure of  $C222_1$  (No. 20) symmetry stepwise, *i.e.* via the minimal supergroup Option 1 of PSEUDO. Compare the results if different minimal-supergroup paths are followed.

C222\_1  
a=5,444Å  
b=9,412Å  
c=9,063Å  
 $\alpha=90,0^\circ$   
 $\beta=90,0^\circ$   
 $\gamma=90,0^\circ$

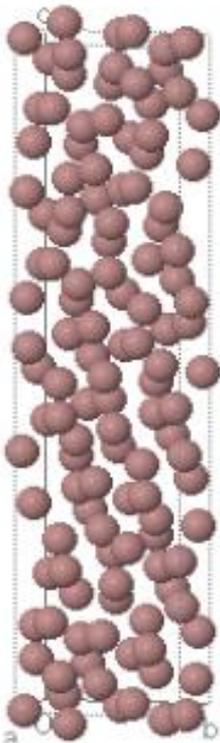


# Exercise 3.13

## Ga under pressure

Analyse the structural pseudosymmetry of the orthorhombic phase Ga-II of Ga under pressure. (For the structure data, see the Structure Data file.)

C222\_1  
a=5,976Å  
b=8,576Å  
c=35,758Å  
 $\alpha=90,0^\circ$   
 $\beta=90,0^\circ$   
 $\gamma=90,0^\circ$



Hint: As a first step check the structural pseudosymmetry with respect to an isomorphic supergroup of index 13, specified by the transformation matrix:  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, 13\mathbf{c}$ , i.e. first apply Option 3 of PSEUDO

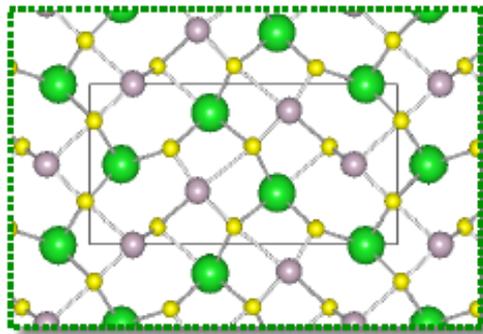


# **SEARCH FOR FERROELECTRIC MATERIALS**

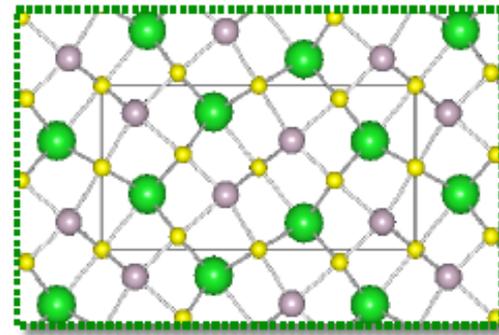
# Search for ferroelectrics

Two necessary conditions for a structure to be ferroelectric:

- Polar symmetry group (it should allow non-zero polarization)
- Pseudosymmetry with respect to a non-polar symmetry group (the polar distortion should be small and “multistable”)



$Pna2_1$



$BaHgS_2$

$Pbam$

(max. displacement 0.49 Å)

# Search for ferroelectrics

## Select minimal supergroups of space group $P4mm$ (99)

**BaTiO<sub>3</sub>**

The next step is to select the supergroups which the pseudosymmetry should be searched for. Each supergroup in the table can be selected by marking the corresponding checkbox.

Select/Unselect all:

No. #	Select	HM Symb.	IT Numb.	Index	Index $i_k$	Transformation (P,p)	Transformed Cell	Wyckoff Positions Splitting Consideration
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	$P4mm$	099	2	2	$a,b,2c ; 0,0,2t$	3.9990 3.9990 2.0100 90.00 90.00 90.00	This transformation is <b>invalid</b> under Wyckoff Splitting criteria. Details..
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	$P4mm$	099	2	2	$a-b,a+b,c ; 0,0,t$	2.8277 2.8277 4.0200 90.00 90.00 90.00	This transformation is <b>invalid</b> under Wyckoff Splitting criteria. Details..
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	$P4mm$	099	3	3	$a,b,3c ; 0,0,3t$	3.9990 3.9990 1.3400 90.00 90.00 90.00 Lattice parameters don't comply [Threshold: 0.5Å for a,b,c ; 10° for $\alpha,\beta,\gamma$ & lengths must be >2.0Å]	This transformation is <b>invalid</b> under Wyckoff Splitting criteria. Details..
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	$P4mm$	099	5	5	$a,b,5c ; 0,0,5t$	3.9990 3.9990 0.8040 90.00 90.00 90.00 Lattice parameters don't comply [Threshold: 0.5Å for a,b,c ; 10° for $\alpha,\beta,\gamma$ & lengths must be >2.0Å]	This transformation is <b>invalid</b> under Wyckoff Splitting criteria. Details..
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	$P4mm$	099	7	7	$a,b,7c ; 0,0,7t$	3.9990 3.9990 0.5742 90.00 90.00 90.00 Lattice parameters don't comply [Threshold: 0.5Å for a,b,c ; 10° for $\alpha,\beta,\gamma$ & lengths must be >2.0Å]	This transformation is <b>invalid</b> under Wyckoff Splitting criteria. Details..
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	$P4mm$	099	9	9	$a,b,9c ; 0,0,9t$	3.9990 3.9990 0.4467 90.00 90.00 90.00 Lattice parameters don't comply [Threshold: 0.5Å for a,b,c ; 10° for $\alpha,\beta,\gamma$ & lengths must be >2.0Å]	This transformation is <b>invalid</b> under Wyckoff Splitting criteria. Details..
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	$P4mm$	099	9	9	$3a,3b,c ; 0,0,t$	1.3330 1.3330 4.0200 90.00 90.00 90.00 Lattice parameters don't comply [Threshold: 0.5Å for a,b,c ; 10° for $\alpha,\beta,\gamma$ & lengths must be >2.0Å]	This transformation is <b>invalid</b> under Wyckoff Splitting criteria. Details..
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	$I4mm$	107	2	2	$a,b,c ; 0,0,t$	3.9990 3.9990 4.0200 90.00 90.00 90.00	This transformation is <b>invalid</b> under Wyckoff Splitting criteria. Details..
9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	$P4/mmm$	123	2	1	$a,b,c ; 0,0,t$	3.9990 3.9990 4.0200 90.00 90.00 90.00	This transformation is <b>valid</b> under Wyckoff Splitting conditions. Details..
10	<input type="checkbox"/>	$P4/nmm$	129	2	1	$a,b,c ; 1/4,1/4,t$	3.9990 3.9990 4.0200 90.00 90.00 90.00	This transformation is <b>invalid</b> under Wyckoff Splitting criteria. Details..

HINT: The initial structure is polar, which means that, in general, an origin shift will be necessary to minimize the displacements between the initial polar structure and the hypothetical idealized parent one. Please insert a minimum grid for the optimization (in Angstroms)

Grid:

**grid for optimization**

# Exercise 3.15

## Non-polar phases of $\text{NaSb}_3\text{F}_{10}$

The compound  $\text{NaSb}_3\text{F}_{10}$  whose room-temperature phase is polar, space group  $P6_3$ , has been predicted to be ferroelectric. (For the structure data, see the Structure Data file.) The symmetries  $P6_322$  and  $P6_3/mmc$  had been proposed for two successive non-polar phases at high temperature.

Applying the pseudosymmetry approach confirm the predictions for the non-polar phases of  $\text{NaSb}_3\text{F}_{10}$ . Show that apart from  $P6_322$ , there are two more appropriate candidates for the intermediate phases between the polar phase  $P6_3$  and the non-polar one of maximal symmetry,  $P6_3/mmc$ .

