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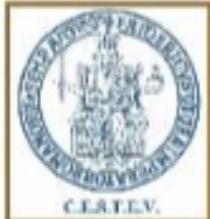


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# BILBAO CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC SERVER II

## STRUCTURE TOOLS

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# Structure Databases



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## News:

- **New Article in Nature**  
07/2017: Bradlyn et al. "Topological quantum chemistry" *Nature* (2017). 547, 298-305.
- **New program: BANDREP**  
04/2017: Band representations and Elementary Band representations of Double Space Groups.
- New section: Double point and space groups
  - **New program: DGENPOS**  
04/2017: General positions of Double Space Groups
  - **New program: REPRESENTATIONS DPG**  
04/2017: Irreducible representations of the Double Point Groups
  - **New program: REPRESENTATIONS DSG**  
04/2017: Irreducible representations of the Double Space Groups
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04/2017: Collection of magnetic structures between the Double Space Groups

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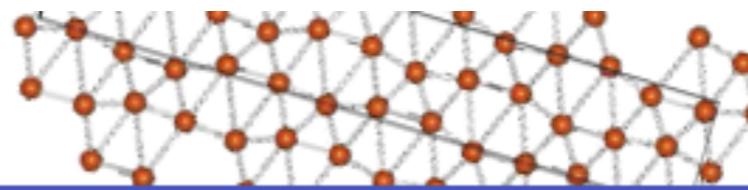
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## B-IncStrDB

### The Bilbao Incommensurate Structures Database

This database is dedicated to incommensurate modulated and composite structures. Commensurate structures described in the superspace formalism are also included.

The database currently hosts [134](#) entries (of which [24](#) are composites). ([Show all entries](#))

You can search through these entries using the [search form](#). You can also [validate](#) your structures in CIF format, and/or [submit](#) them to the database.

This initial database includes mainly structures published in *Acta Crystallographica* since the search engine at Chester allowed us a rapid collection of the papers.

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Some structural parameters have been modified to fulfill the recommendations of the IUCr (for instance thermal displacement parameters in Beta form are not allowed) and to get a unified description of the modulations which permits an easy and safe manipulation of the stored data.

In general the structures are described using the superspace formalism. Modulations can be parameterized according to the different functions in use.

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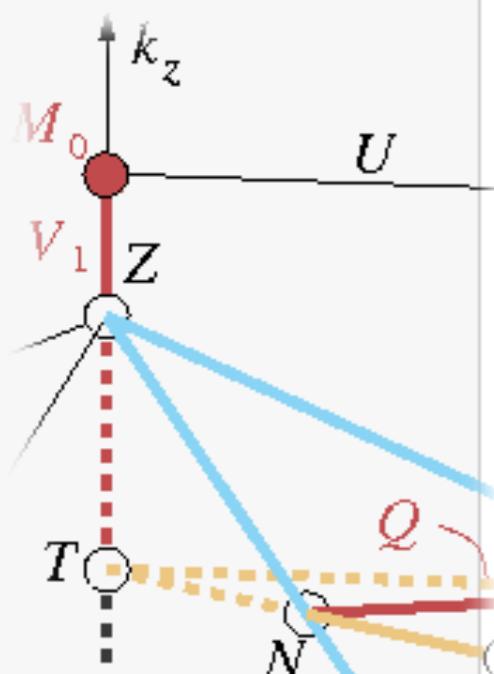
The structural data is saved in CIF format based on the [CIF core dictionary](#) and on the [the CIF dictionary for modulated structures](#), plus some extensions, if required.

Apart from the web interface form, CIF files can also be used for importing data to the database.

The stored CIFs have been checked for consistency and typos. However, errors due to a bad interpretation of the published data or undetected typographic mistakes may still be there.

**Authors are strongly encouraged to revise their data**

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#### Most recently added

The  $Z' = 12$  superstructure of  $\Lambda$ -cobalt(III)  
sepulchrate trinitrate  
governed by C-H...O  
hydrogen bonds

Dey, Somnath;

Sch"onleber, Andreas;

Mondal, Swastik;

Prathapa, Siriyara

Jagannatha; van Smaalen,  
Sander; Larsen, Finn

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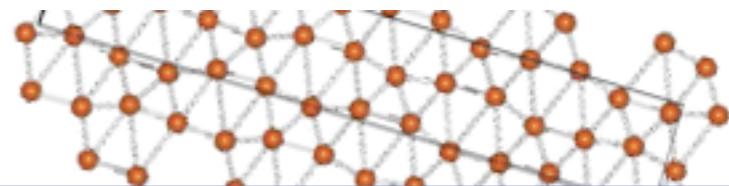
#### Quick Links

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## BaMn210\_MOD

### Chemical Properties

Structural Formula Sum: Ba1 F4 Mn1 [\[Help\]](#)  
Weight: 268.3 Daltons [\[Help\]](#)

### Crystallographic Properties

Exp. Crystal Type of Struc.: mod [\[Help\]](#)

a: 6.01 Å [\[Help\]](#)

b: 30.32(6) Å [\[Help\]](#)

c: 8.44(2) Å [\[Help\]](#)

$\alpha$ : 90 ° [\[Help\]](#)

$\beta$ : 90 ° [\[Help\]](#)

$\gamma$ : 90 ° [\[Help\]](#)

Volume: 1538(5) Å<sup>3</sup> [\[Help\]](#)

Crystal System: monoclinic [\[Help\]](#)

Space Group Name (H-M): A 2<sub>1</sub> 1 1 [\[Help\]](#)

Symmetry operations of the space group [\[Help\]](#)

Space Group Name: X21( $\alpha$ 00)0 [\[Help\]](#)

Number of Formula Units: 8 [\[Help\]](#)

### Experimental Data

Absorption\_coeff\_μ: 6.698 &mm; [\[Help\]](#)

Intensity Measure Temperature: 210 K [\[Help\]](#)

Radiation Type: Mo Kα [\[Help\]](#)

Radiation Wavelength: 0.71069 Å [\[Help\]](#)

Radiation source: X-ray tube [\[Help\]](#)

Max Order of Satellite Reflections: 2 [\[Help\]](#)

### View Entry

Date of entry : 08/11/2010

Incommensurate modulated structure of BaMnF<sub>4</sub> with monoclinic symmetry at 100 and 210K.

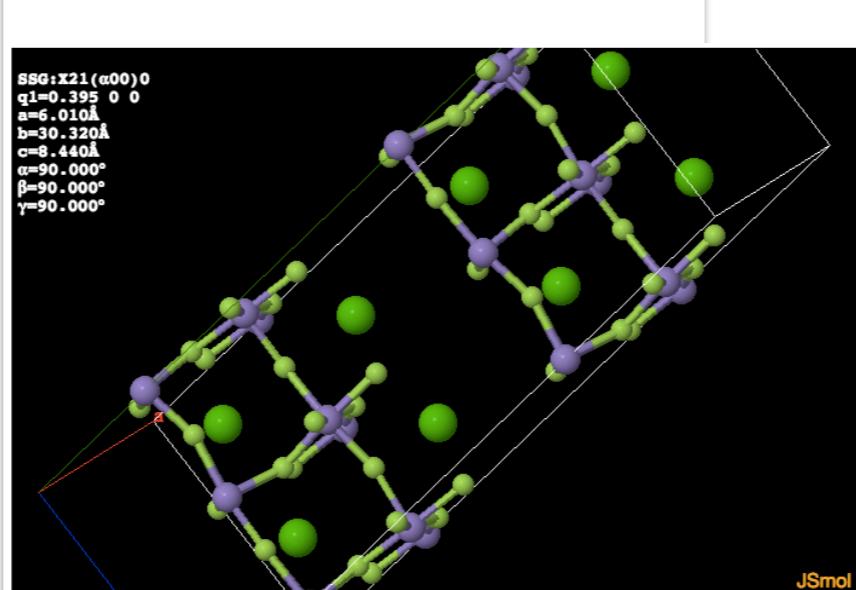
Sciau, Ph.; Lapasset, J.; Grebille, D.; Berar, J.F. *Acta Cryst. B* 44 108 - 116 (1988)

[ B-IncStrDB ID: 202EZImNU ]

Submitted by : System [B-IncStrDB]

[CIF File](#)

Find reference:  Volume 44 Page 108



JSMol interactive visualization

**(Robert M. Hanson, Northfield, MN)**

CIF core dictionary

CIF dictionary for modulated structures

### Refinement Properties

Modulation function desc.: Displacive modulation:Fourier

Structure factors calc. details: Gaussian integration [\[Help\]](#)

# of observed reflections: 3844 [\[Help\]](#)

Residual factor for the observed refns.: 0.0561 [\[Help\]](#)

Refinement Special Details:

Anisotropic temperature factors refined for reflections with  
WARNING: The published thermal displacement parameters  
converted to Uiso.

### Diffraction Data

Intensity Measure Temperature: 210 K [\[Help\]](#)

Radiation source: X-ray tube [\[Help\]](#)

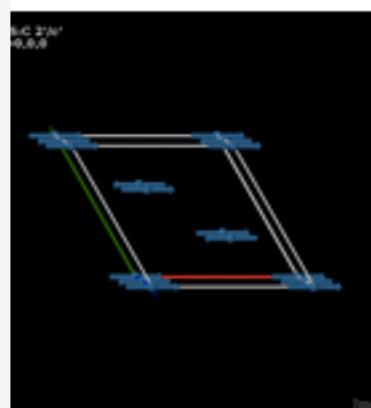
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# MAGNDATA: collection of magnetic structures

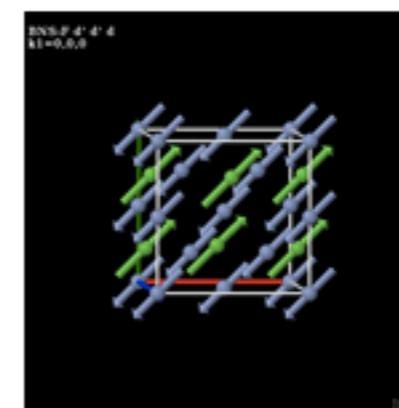
## MAGNDATA: A collection of magnetic structures with portable cif-type files

A database of more than 400 published commensurate and incommensurate magnetic structures can be found here. The structures are described using magnetic symmetry (Shubnikov magnetic space groups) in the BNS setting for commensurate structures, and magnetic superspace groups for incommensurate structures. Symmetry is applied both for magnetic moments and atomic positions. The information provided is sufficient to define unambiguously the positions and magnetic moments (if any) of all atoms in the structure. A non-standard setting consistent with the setting of the paramagnetic phase is often used (this setting does not necessarily coincide with the one used in the original reference). A collection of magnetic structures is available for download.

ISODISTORT, VESTA, ISOCIF can be used to standard setting, as required for visualization of a structure available. Any entry can be StrConvert for editing, files, etc. The magnetic entry can also be 3D visualized.



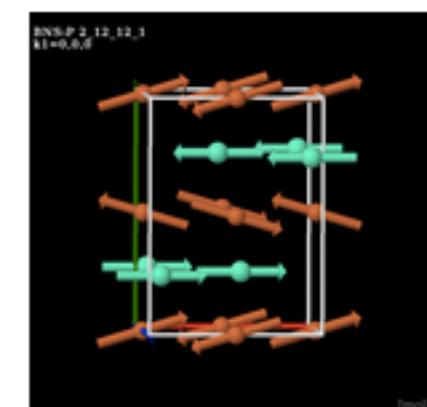
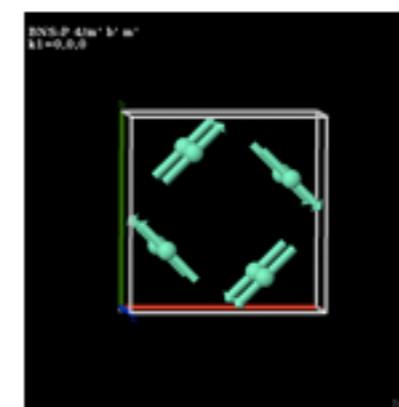
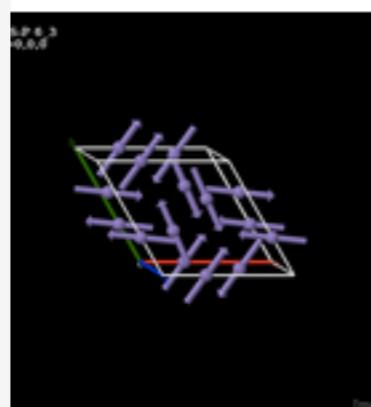
0.3 Ca3LiOsO6



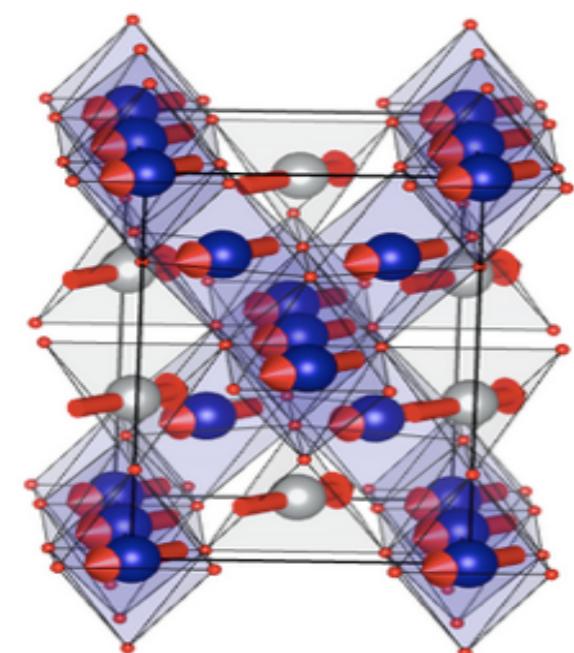
0.4 NiCr2O4



0.5 Cr2S3



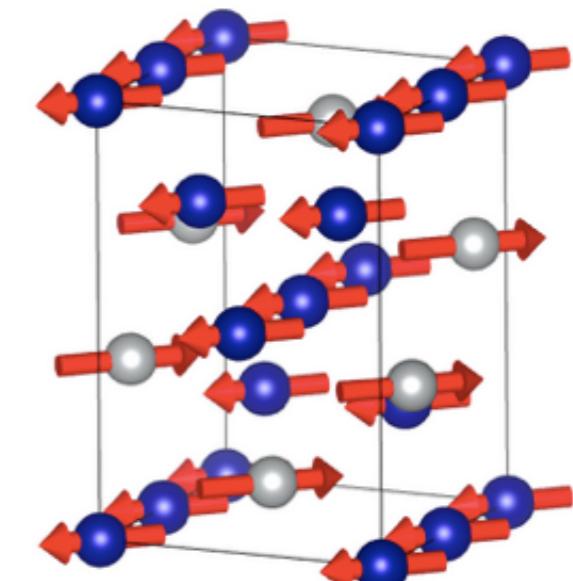
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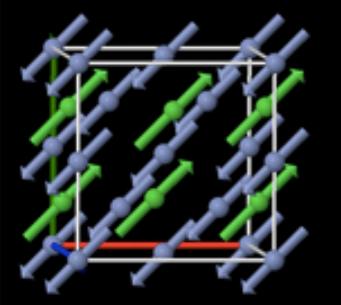


supported by:  
ISODISTORT, VESTA,  
Jmol, JANA2006,  
FullProf

JSMol interactive visualization

(Robert M. Hanson, Northfield, MN)





# NiCr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (#0.4)

Reference: Tomiyasu, K. et al., *J. Phys. Soc Jpn* (2004) 73 2539 - ?

Atomic positions from: ICSD #280061

Parent space group (paramagnetic phase): I4<sub>1</sub>/amd (#141)

Propagation vector: k<sub>1</sub> (0, 0, 0)

Transition Temperature: 74 K

Lattice parameters of the magnetic unit cell:

5.81020 5.81020 8.48060 90.00 90.00 90.00

Transformation from parent structure: (a,b,c;0,0,0)

[\[View matrix form\]](#)

BNS Magnetic Space Group: Fd'd'd (#70.530) (non-standard)

[\[View symmetry operations\]](#)

Transformation to a standard setting: (-a+b,c,a+b;1/2,1,1/2)

[\[View matrix form\]](#)

Systematic absences for this Magnetic Space Group via [MAGNEXT](#)

Magnetic Point Group: m'm'm (8.4.27)

[\[View symmetry operations\]](#)

Symmetry-adapted form of material tensors via [MTENSOR](#)

**Positions and magnetic moments of symmetry independent atoms:**

From now on, magnetic atoms are in boldface and colored in red. Magnetic moments are expressed in units of  $\mu\text{B}$

[\[Show only magnetic atoms\]](#)

[\[Show all the atoms\]](#)

Go to standard

Change setting

Domain-related equivalent descriptions

## MAGNDATA: collection of magnetic structures

I4<sub>1</sub>/amd I'

$\mathbf{k}=(0,0,0)$

$\mathbf{k}$  maximal symmetry

Fd'd'd

(-a+b, c, a+b; 1/2, 1, 1/2)

Active Irreps:

[Irrep decomposition](#)

label	dim. full irrep	dim. small irrep	direction	action
mGM5+	2	2	special	primary

Label	Atom type	x	y	z	Multiplicity	Symmetry constraints on M	M <sub>x</sub>	M <sub>y</sub>	M <sub>z</sub>	M
Ni1	Ni	0.00000	0.25000	0.37500	4	m <sub>x</sub> ,m <sub>x</sub> ,0	1.16	1.16	0.0	1.64
Cr1	Cr	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	8	m <sub>x</sub> ,m <sub>y</sub> ,m <sub>z</sub>	-0.99	-0.99	0.0	1.40

# Problem: Material tensors for systems of point-group symmetry **TENSOR**

*For the symmetry-adapted form of magnetic crystal tensors see MTENSOR*

## Tensor calculation for Point Groups

TENSOR provides the symmetry-adapted form of tensor properties for any point (or space) group. On the one hand, a point or space group must be selected, either in standard setting or in a non-standard setting defined by means of a transformation matrix to the standard setting or a set of generators of the point group. On the other hand, a tensor must be defined by the user or selected from the lists of known equilibrium, optical and transport tensors, gathered from scientific literature. If a standard point or space group is defined and a known tensor is selected from the lists the program will obtain the required tensor from an internal database; otherwise, the tensor is calculated live. The working setting is defined by the rules explained [here](#). Live calculation of tensors may take too much time and even exceed the time limit, giving an empty result, if high-rank tensors, a lot of symmetry elements and/or rare settings are introduced.

Additionally, TENSOR allows the introduction of a space group and a subgroup in order to derive the symmetry-adapted form of tensor properties for all the corresponding domain-related equivalent structures.

Further information can be found [here](#)

**Equilibrium, optical,  
transport material tensors  
of rank  $\leq 8$**

*Introduce a parent space group and a subgroup and calculate tensors of the resulting domain-related structures*

Please, enter a point group by one of these ways:

Choose a point group:

Point or Space Group number: Please, enter the label of the group or [choose it](#)

Non-conventional setting

Introduce a point group by hand:

Please, choose a tensor by one of these ways:

Choose a tensor from the lists

Show symmetry-adapted tensors for all the point groups in standard setting  
(this overrides previous choices)

**Symmetry-adapted tensor  
forms for symmetry-related  
domain states**

EQUILIBRIUM TENSORS  
OPTICAL TENSORS  
TRANSPORT TENSORS

## Example: TENSOR

# Magnetolectric tensor

### Information about the selected tensor

- 2<sup>nd</sup> rank Magnetoelectric tensor  $\alpha^T_{ij}$  (inverse effect)
- Axial tensor which inverts under time-reversal symmetry operation
- Defining equation:  $P_i = \alpha^T_{ij} H_j$
- Relates Magnetic field  $H$  with Polarization  $P$
- Intrinsic symmetry symbol:  $a\epsilon V^2$

Group 6/m' (#23.4.85)

$\alpha^T_{ij}$	j		
i	1	2	3
1	$\alpha^T_{11}$	$\alpha^T_{12}$	0
2	$-\alpha^T_{12}$	$\alpha^T_{11}$	0
3	0	0	$\alpha^T_{33}$

Number of independent coefficients: 3

Group 622 (#24.1.87)

$\alpha^T_{ij}$	j		
i	1	2	3
1	$\alpha^T_{11}$	0	0
2	0	$\alpha^T_{11}$	0
3	0	0	$\alpha^T_{33}$

Number of independent coefficients: 2

Group 62'2' (#24.4.90)

$\alpha^T_{ij}$	j		
i	1	2	3
1	0	$\alpha^T_{12}$	0
2	$-\alpha^T_{12}$	0	0
3	0	0	0

Number of independent coefficients: 1

Group 6mm (#25.1.91)

$\alpha^T_{ij}$	j		
i	1	2	3
1	0	$\alpha^T_{12}$	0
2	$-\alpha^T_{12}$	0	0
3	0	0	0

Number of independent coefficients: 1

Group 6m'm' (#25.4.94)

$\alpha^T_{ij}$	j		
i	1	2	3
1	$\alpha^T_{11}$	0	0
2	0	$\alpha^T_{11}$	0
3	0	0	$\alpha^T_{33}$

Number of independent coefficients: 2

Group -6'm'2 (#26.3.97)

$\alpha^T_{ij}$	j		
i	1	2	3
1	$\alpha^T_{11}$	0	0
2	0	$\alpha^T_{11}$	0
3	0	0	$\alpha^T_{33}$

Number of independent coefficients: 2

Group -6'm2' (#26.4.98)

$\alpha^T_{ij}$	j		
i	1	2	3
1	0	$\alpha^T_{12}$	0
2	$-\alpha^T_{12}$	0	0
3	0	0	0

Number of independent coefficients: 1

Group 6/m'mmm (#27.3.102)

$\alpha^T_{ij}$	j		
i	1	2	3
1	0	$\alpha^T_{12}$	0
2	$-\alpha^T_{12}$	0	0
3	0	0	0

Number of independent coefficients: 1



## Problem: **ITA SETTINGS STRUCTURE DESCRIPTIONS**      **SETSTRU**

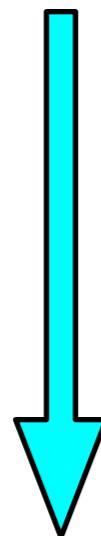
### ITA-settings for the space group C2/c (No.15)

Choose the initial and final space groups symbols

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

initial setting  
structure description

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



final setting  
structure description

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

Initial	Final	Setting	P	$P^{-1}$
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	C 1 2/c 1	a,b,c	a,b,c
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	A 1 2/n 1	-a-c,b,a	c,b,-a-c
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<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	B 2/b 1 1	b,c,a	c,a,b
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	C 2/c 1 1	b,c,c,b,c	c,c,b,c,b

Problem: UNIT CELL TRANSFORMATION **CELLTRAN**

lattice parameters  
hexagonal cell

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

lattice parameters  
monoclinic cell

## Transform Unit Cell

Cell Parameters:

5.6748 5.6748 20.3784 90 90 120

Centering R

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

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] [Examinar...](#)

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

	166	5.6748	5.6748	20.3784	90	90	120
High Symmetry Structure	Pb	1	3a	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
	Pb	2	6c	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.207100
	PV	3	6c	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.388400
	O	4	6c	0.000000	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 [?](#)

Show

subgroup basis

arbitrary transformation

## Example TRANSTRU: Pb<sub>3</sub>(VO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

Description  
R-3m (166)

Validity (P,p)

WP  
splittings

Description  
P2<sub>1</sub>/c (14)

(P,p)

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 18h 0.842400 0.157600 0.430100
Low symmetry Space Group	14
Transformation Matrix.	<input type="text"/>

In matrix form:

Rotational part	Origin Shift
2/3 0 -2	0
1/3 1 -1	0
1/3 0 0	0

## EXERCISES

## Problem 2.I

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.

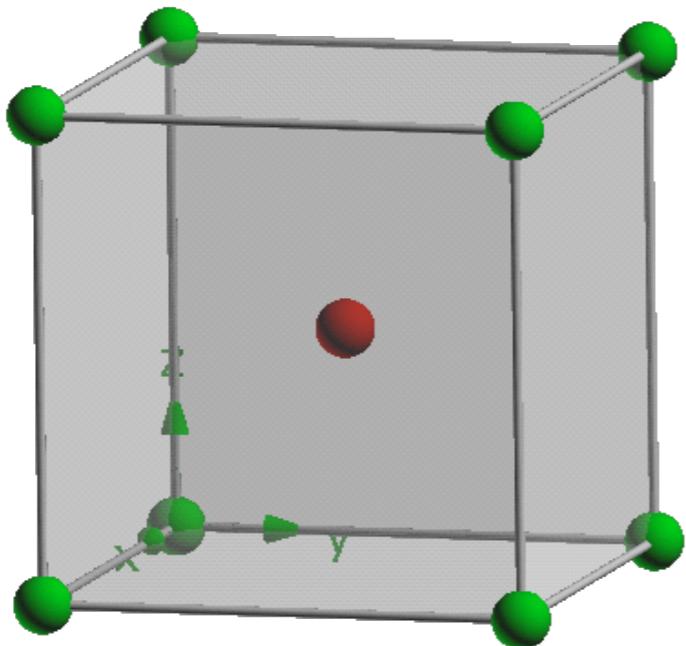
**Hint:** In order to compare the different data, the parameters of Structure 1 are to be transformed to 'origin at center'  $2/m$ , i. e. ORIGIN CHOICE 2.

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

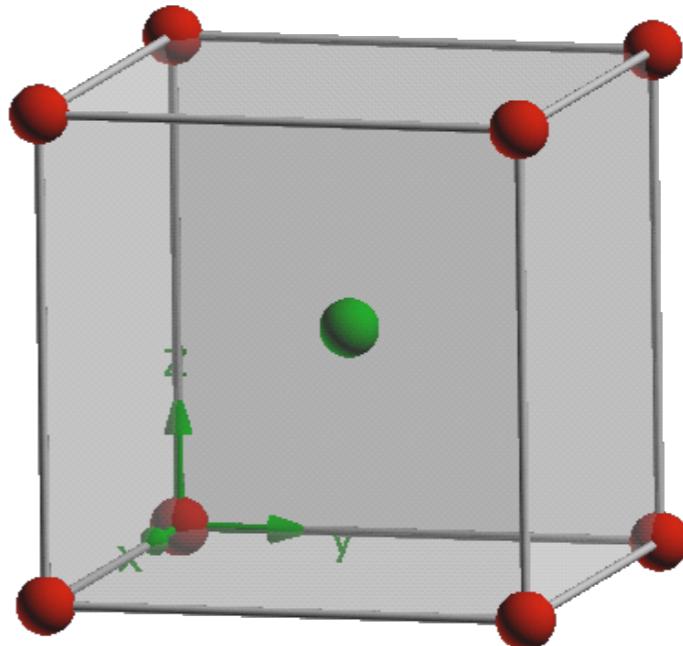
Use the tool SETSTRU

# Problem: EQUIVALENT DESCRIPTIONS

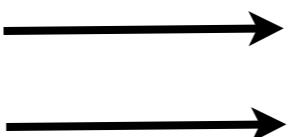
# EQUIVSTRU



CsCl  
 $Pm-3m$  (221)



$1a$  (0,0,0)  
 $1b$  ( $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ )



$1b$  ( $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ )  
 $1a$  (0,0,0)

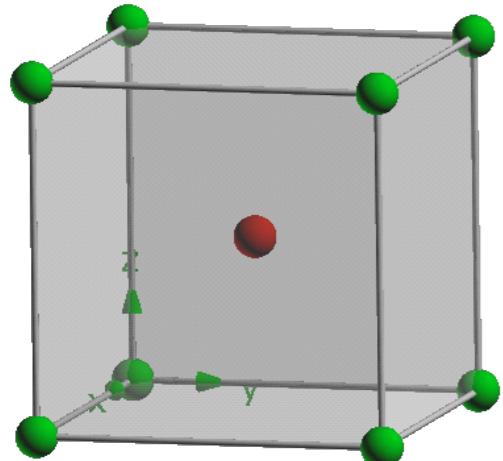
How to find all possible equivalent descriptions of a crystal structure?

# Example 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.



### Structure Data [in CIF format]

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

```
#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

#### 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:

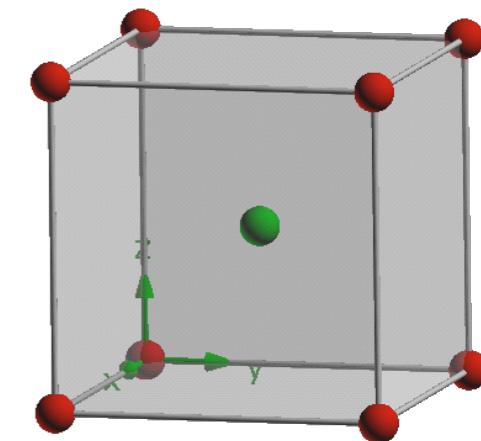
#### Structure number 2

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	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)

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)

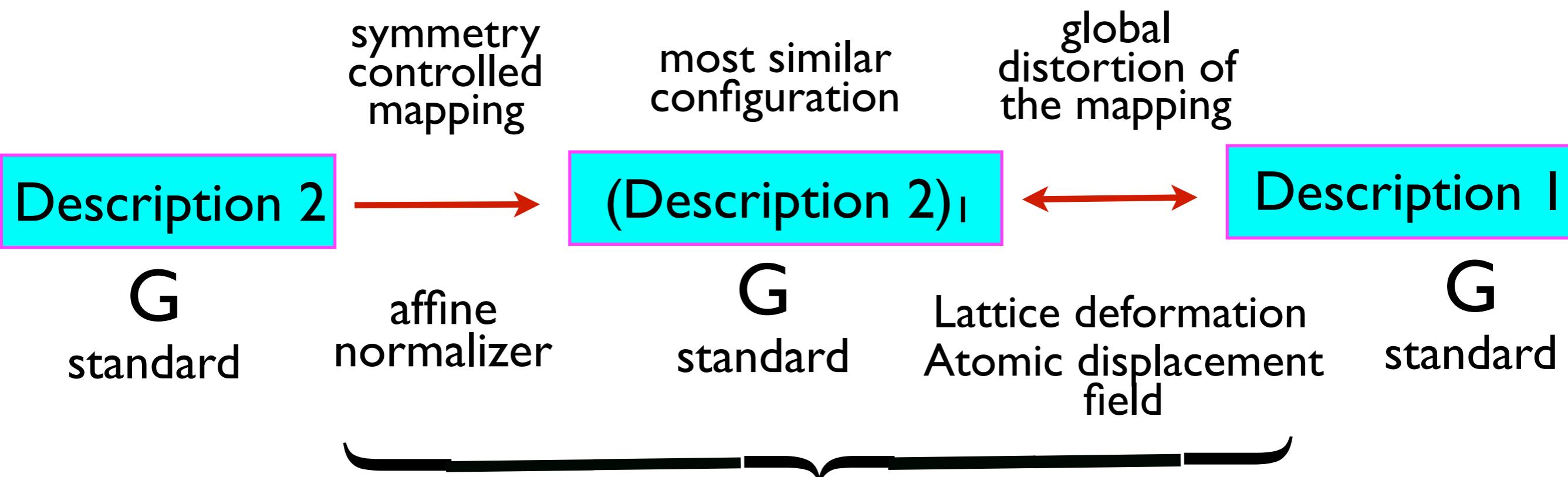
# Different descriptions of the same structure

# COMPSTRU

# 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

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a=13.800Å

## Comparison of crystal structures of the same symmetry

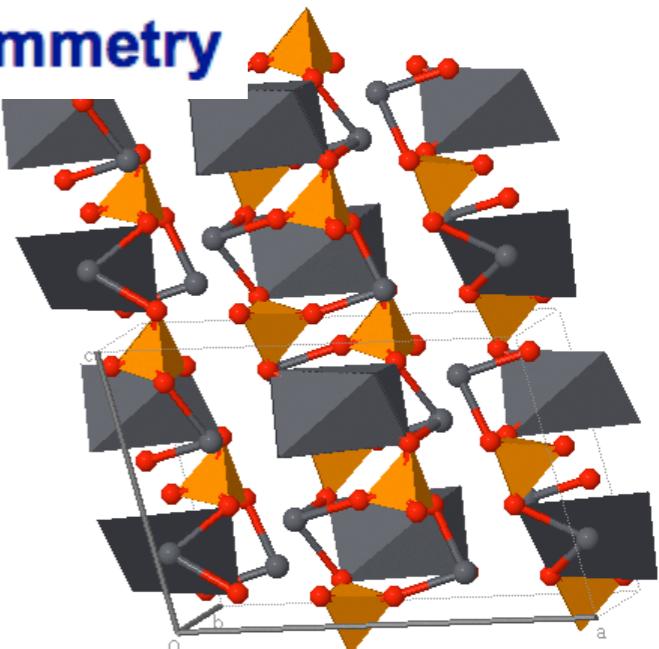
structure 1

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

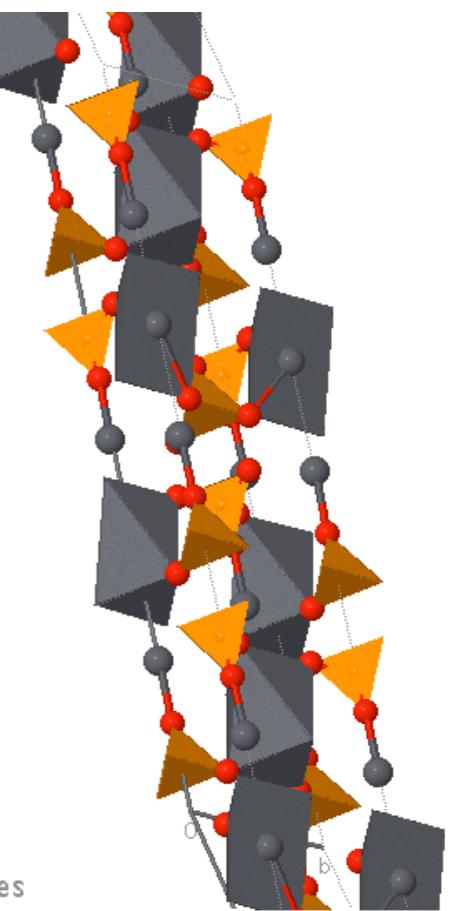
Structure Data  
[in CIF format]

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

$\beta/c$   
a=13.967Å  
b=5.560Å  
c=40.778Å  
 $\alpha=90.0^\circ$   
 $\beta=166.7^\circ$   
 $\gamma=90.0^\circ$



tolerances

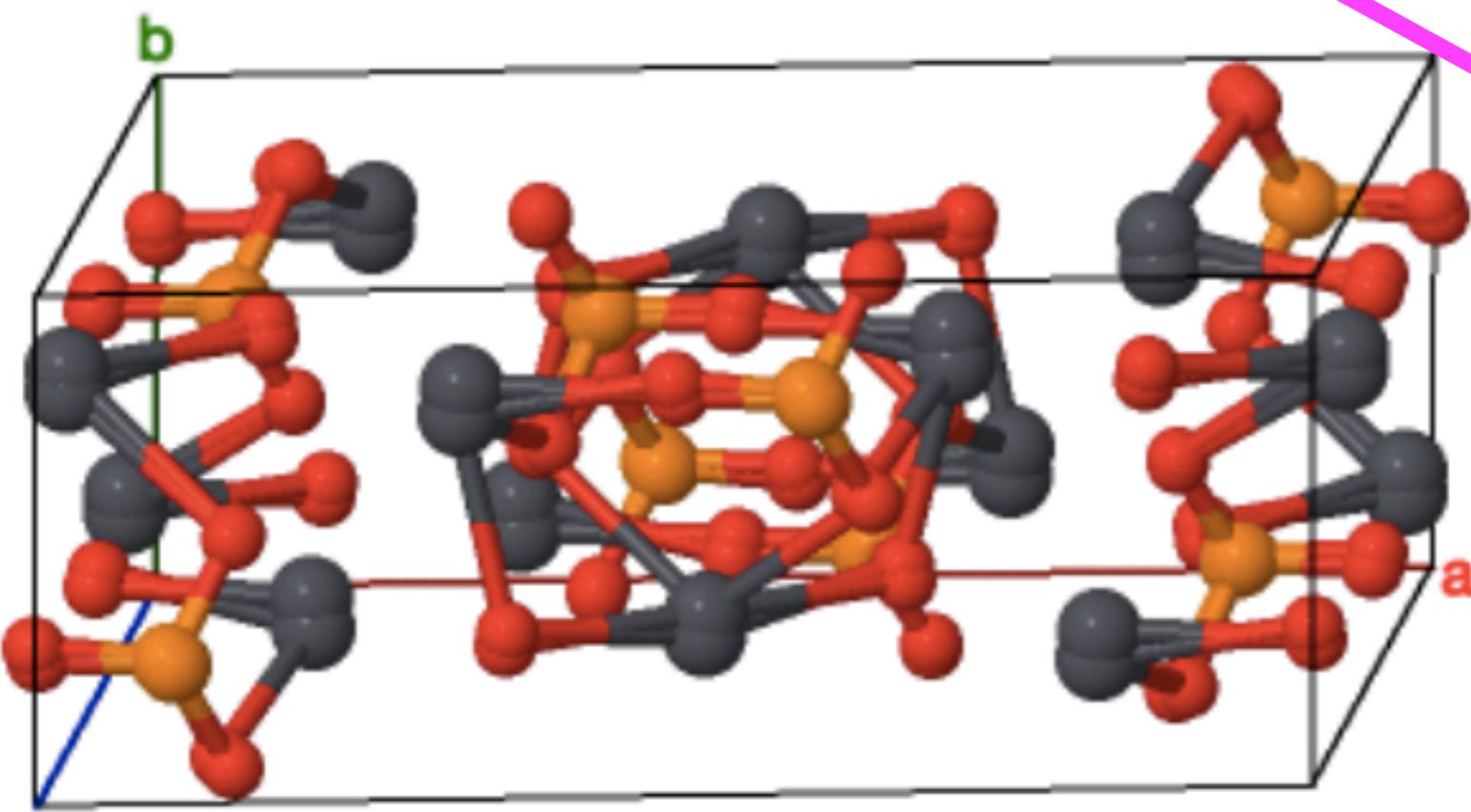
Enter the maximum distance allowed between the paired atoms: 1 Å

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

# Example COMPSTRU: Pb<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

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
```



JSMol interactive visualization  
**(Robert M. Hanson, Northfield, MN)**

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
```

affine + Euclidean  
normalizers

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
```

Evaluation of the structure similarity

S	d <sub>max.</sub> (Å)	d <sub>av.</sub> (Å)	Δ
0.0116	0.3386	0.1430	0.066

structural  
descriptor

$$\Delta = 0.066$$

Problem: COMPARISON OF  
STRUCTURE  
DESCRIPTIONS

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## Problem 2.2

In ICSD can be found several structure data sets of  $\epsilon\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ , all of them of symmetry Pna $2_1$ (No.33). Compare the following two descriptions and check if they belong to the same structure type.

## Problem 2.2

# 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	<a href="#">Details</a>	<a href="#">Bonds</a>	<a href="#">Pattern</a>	<a href="#">Structure</a>	<a href="#">Jmol</a>
<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</a> <a href="#">XRef</a> <a href="#">SCOPUS</a> <a href="#">SCIRUS</a> <a href="#">Google</a>				
<b>Compound</b>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> - Iron(III) oxide - epsilon <a href="#">[A2X3]</a> <a href="#">[oP40]</a> <a href="#">[a10]</a> <a href="#">[AlFeO3]</a>				
<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.				

<b>Atom (site)</b>	<b>Oxid.</b>		<b>x, y, z, B, Occupancy</b>			
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

CC=415250	<a href="#">Details</a>	<a href="#">Bonds</a>	<a href="#">Pattern</a>	<a href="#">Structure</a>	Jn
<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</a> <a href="#">XRef</a> <a href="#">SCOPUS</a> <a href="#">SCIRUS</a> <a href="#">Google</a>				
<b>Compound</b>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> - Diiron(III) oxide - epsilon <a href="#">[A2X3]</a> <a href="#">[oP40]</a> <a href="#">[a10]</a> <a href="#">[AlFeO3]</a>				
<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 =AlFeO <sub>3</sub> : XDP RVP				

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

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

## Isopointal structure types

Space group

Wyckoff position  
sequence

Pearson symbol

(crystal system, centring type, total number  
of atoms in the unit cell)

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

Inorganic Crystal Structure Database (2009)  
<http://icsdweb.fiz-karlsruhe.de>

## Isoconfigurational structure types

Isopointal

similar

Crystallographic orbits

Geometrical interrelationships

Composition type  
(ANX formula)

Range of c/a ratio

$\beta$ -range

Atomic coordinates

Chemical properties

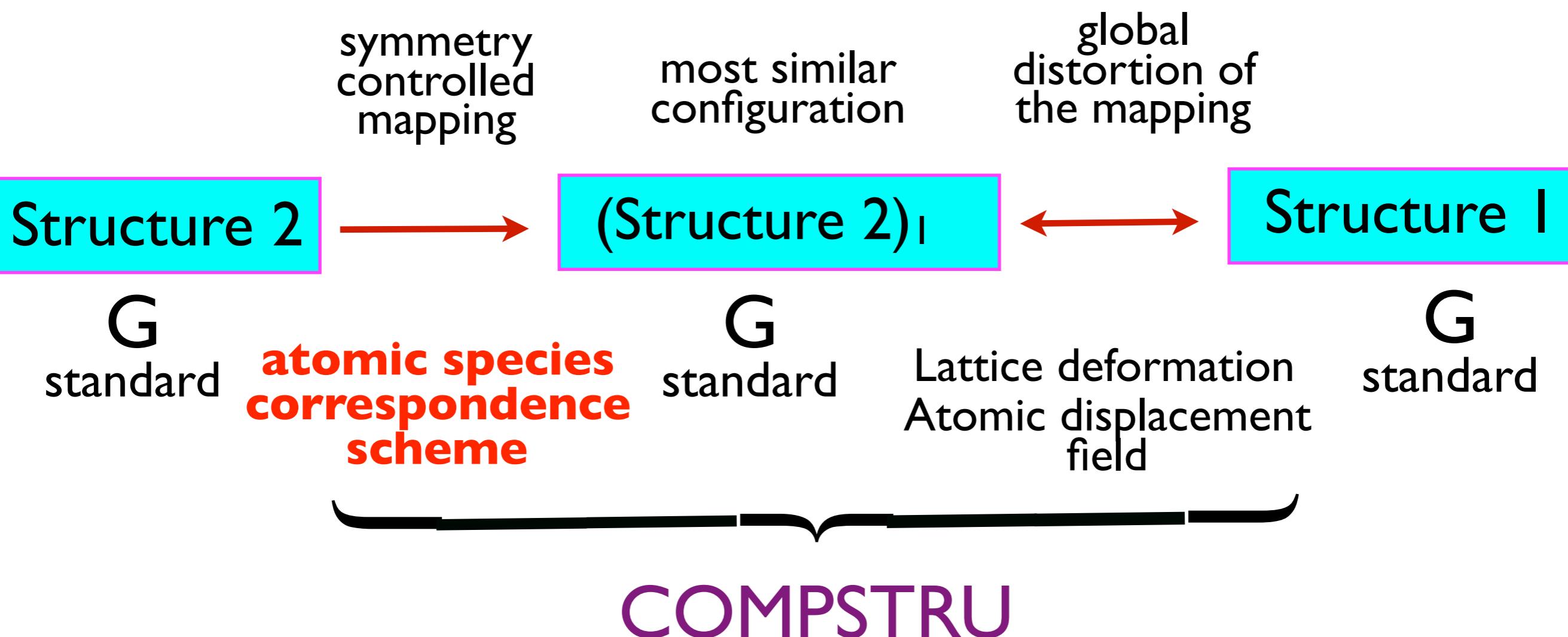
# isoconfigurational structure types?

# Isoconfigurational (configurationally isotopic) 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.



# Problem: Isoconfigurational Structure Types

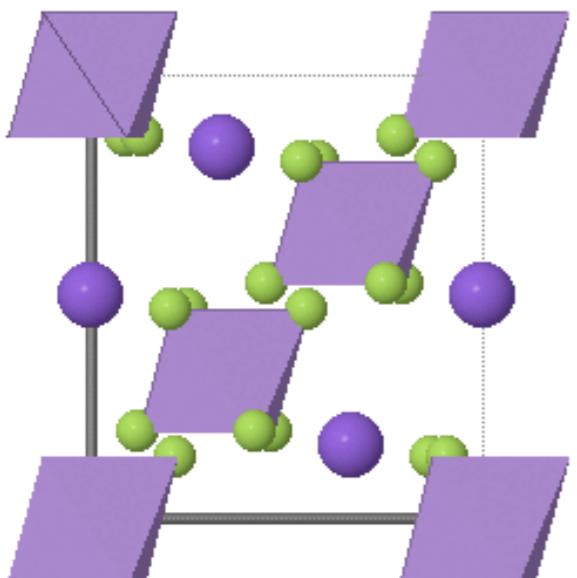
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## EXERCISES

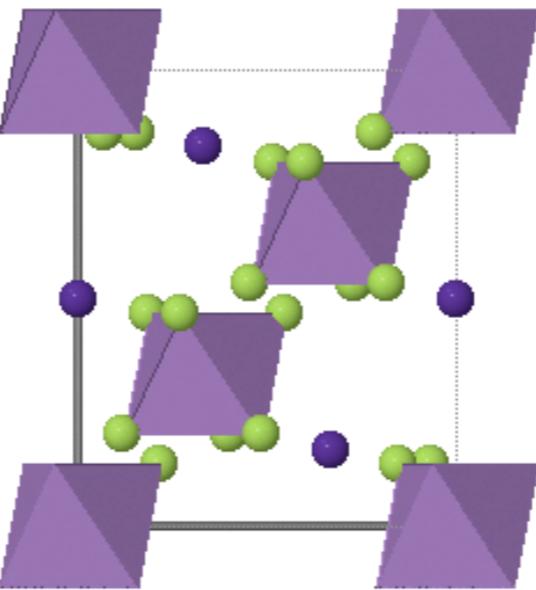
## Problem 2.3

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

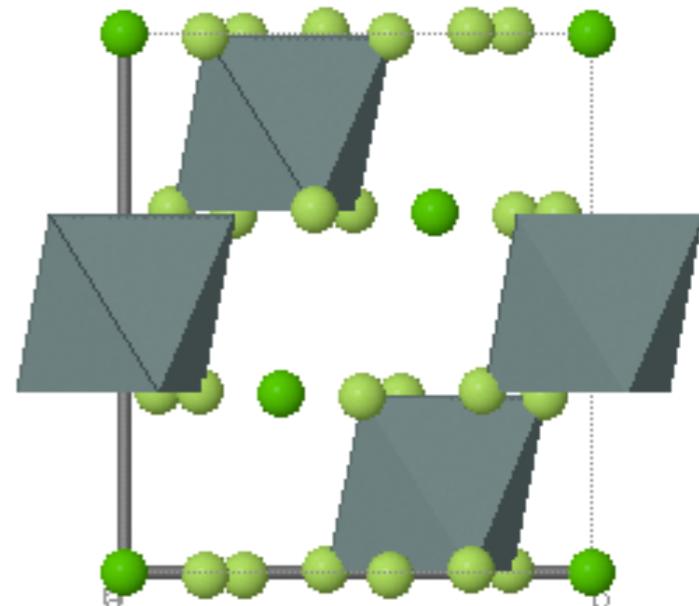
KAsF<sub>6</sub>



BalrF<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	

## **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>	LilrF <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>	BalrF <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>	CdTlF <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: STRUCTURE TYPES 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>**

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

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

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

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

# SOLID-STATE APPLICATIONS



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use and applications of the st  
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- **New Article in Nature**  
07/2017: Bradlyn et al. "Topological chemistry" *Nature* (2017), 547,

- **New program: BANDREI**  
04/2017: Band representations  
Band representations of Double

- **New section: Double pol**  
groups
  - New program: DGENPOS  
04/2017: General positions of Double  
Space Groups
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Pseudosymmetry Search in a Structure

Degree of Pseudosymmetry Estimation

Transition Paths (Group not subgroup relations)

Symmetry-adapted form of crystal tensors

Point-group symmetry

# 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.

High-symmetry phase

$G$

symmetry controlled mapping

$G > H$  relationship

Wyckoff positions schemes

most similar configuration

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

$(G)_H$

affine transformation

global distortion of the mapping

Lattice deformation  
Atomic displacement field

Low-symmetry phase

$H$

**STRUCTURE RELATIONS**

# Cristobalite phase transition

## STRUCTURE RELATIONS

### Fd-3m High-symmetry phase

$$(P,p) = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 5/8 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 3/8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/8 \end{pmatrix}$$

Symmetry-controlled mapping

(High-symmetry phase) P4<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2

Global distortion

Lattice deformation  
Atomic displacement field

P4<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2 Low-symmetry phase

### High Symmetry Structure

<sup>227</sup>  
7.147 7.147 7.147 90 90 90  
1  
Si 1 8a 0.125000 0.125000 0.125000



Description of the High Symmetry Structure in the most similar configuration to the Low Symmetry Structure

092  
5.053692 5.053692 7.147000 90.000000 90.000000 90.000000  
1  
Si 1 4a 0.250000 0.250000 0.000000

### Evaluation of the Global Distortion

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

### Low Symmetry Structure

92  
4.9586 4.9586 6.9074 90 90 90  
1  
Si 1 4a 0.302800 0.302800 0.000000

## Problem 2.4

### 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  $R\text{-}3m$  (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*:

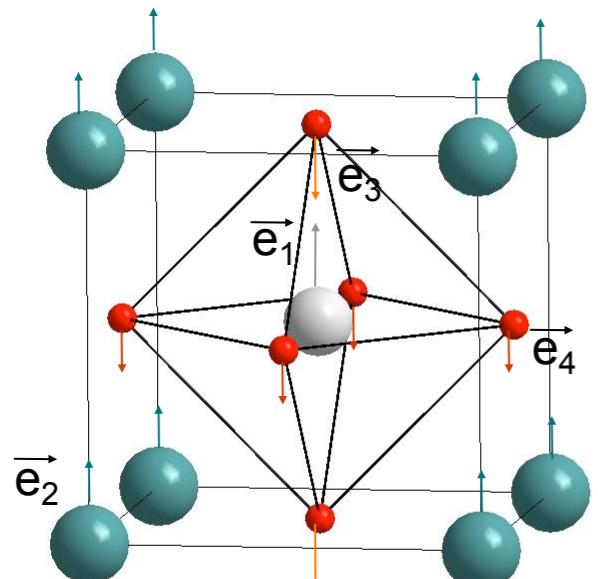
- (i)characterize the symmetry reduction between the high- and low-symmetry phases (index, graph of maximal subgroups, etc.);
- (ii)describe the structural distortion from the rhombohedral to the monoclinic phase by the evaluation of the lattice strain and the atomic displacements accompanying the phase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

# Problem: SYMMETRY-MODE ANALYSIS

# AMPLIMODES

$$\text{Distorted Structure } \mathbf{H} = \text{High-Symmetry Structure } \mathbf{G} + \text{"frozen" modes}$$

distortion mode = Amplitude x polarization vector



Description of a "mode":

$$\vec{u}(\text{atoms}) = \mathbf{Q} \vec{\mathbf{e}}$$

amplitude

polarization vector

$$\mathbf{e} = (\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1, \vec{\mathbf{e}}_2, \vec{\mathbf{e}}_3, \vec{\mathbf{e}}_4)$$

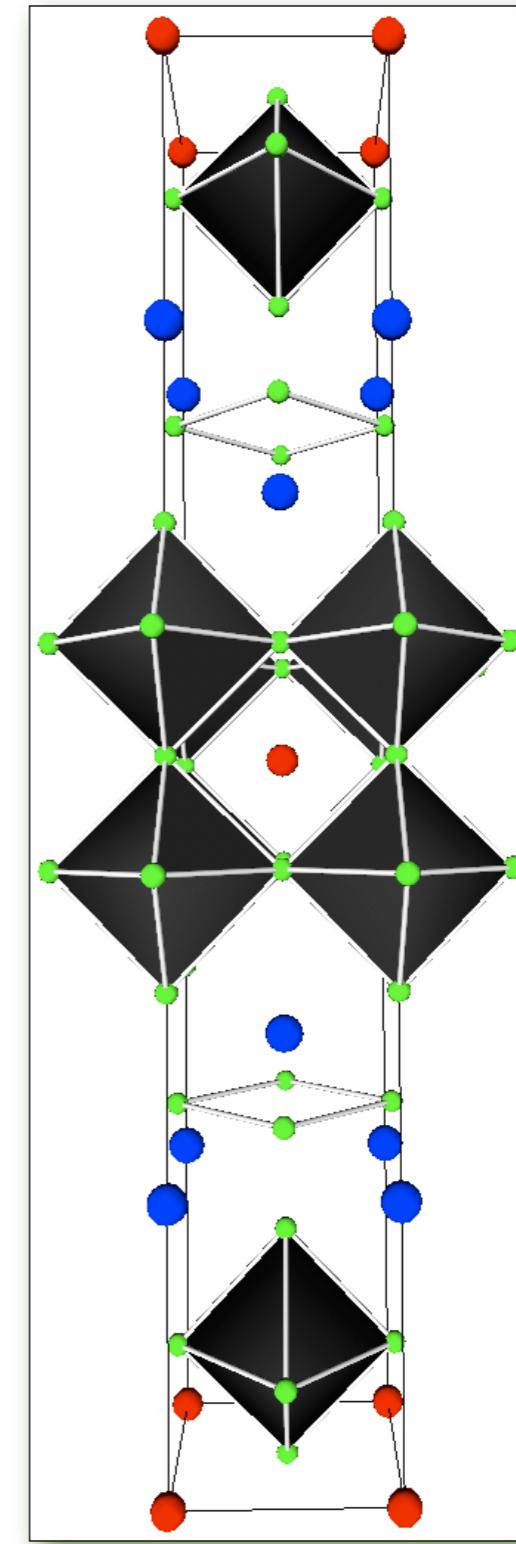
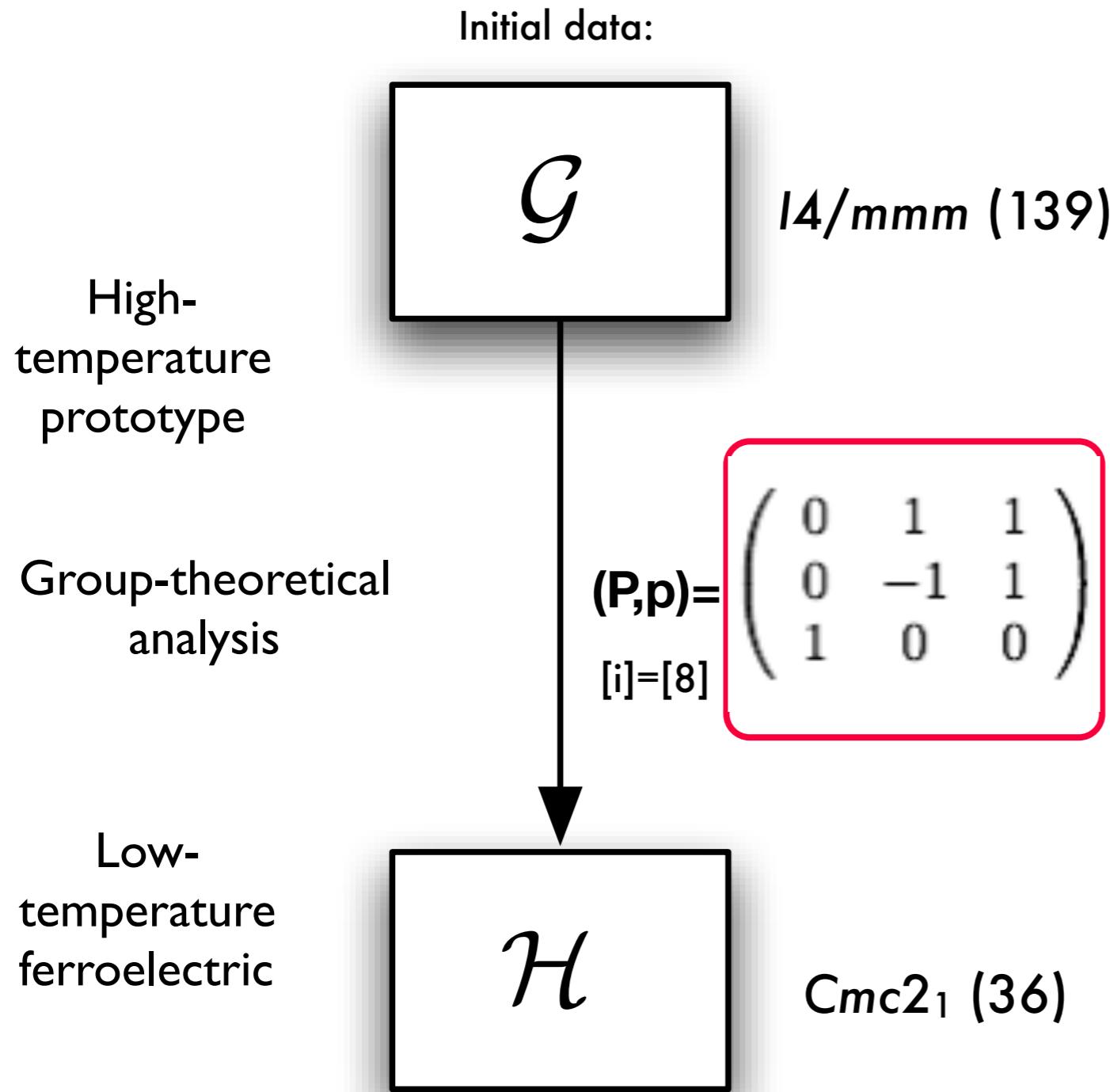
normalization:  $|\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1|^2 + |\vec{\mathbf{e}}_2|^2 + |\vec{\mathbf{e}}_3|^2 + 2 |\vec{\mathbf{e}}_4|^2 = 1$   
(within a unit cell)

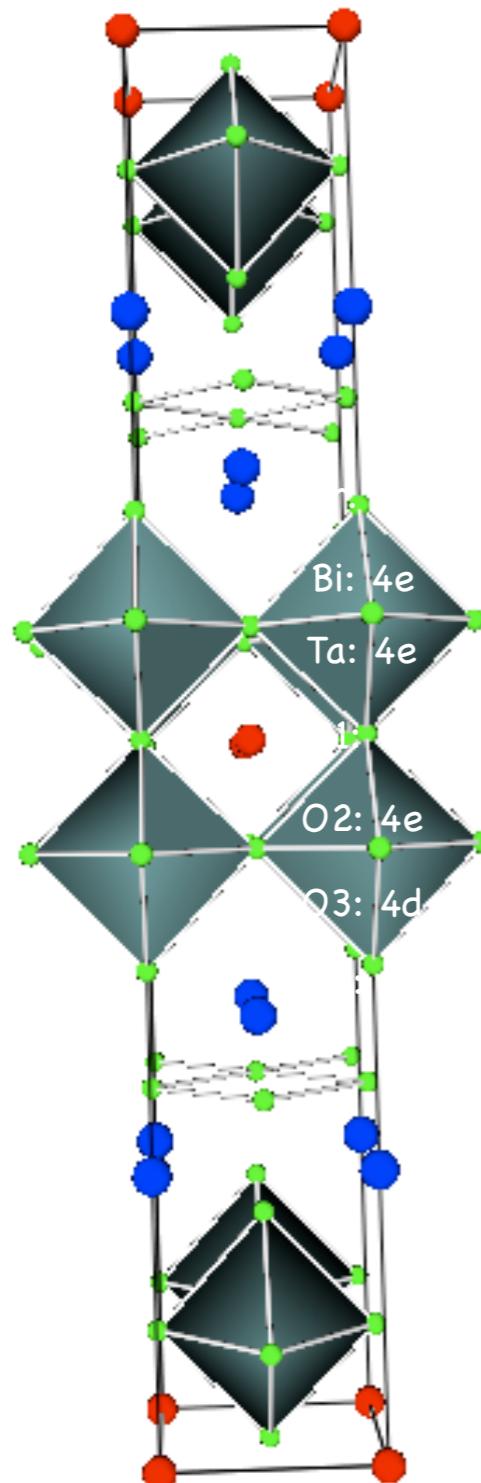
comparison of amplitudes of different "frozen" distortion modes

**AMPLIMODES** calculates the amplitudes and polarization vectors of all distortion modes with different symmetries (irreps) frozen in a distorted structure.

# Phase transitions in $\text{SrBi}_2\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_9$ (SBT)

**AMPLIMODES**





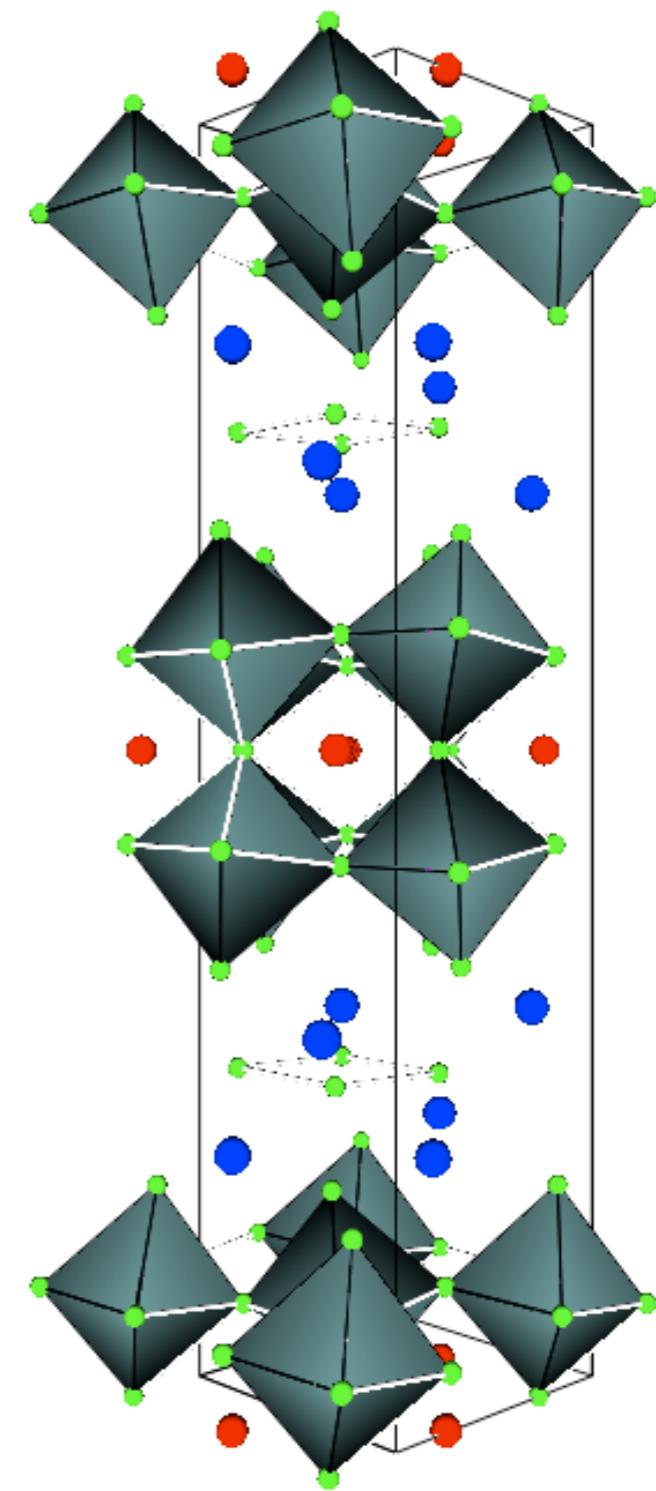
## Example: $\text{SrBi}_2\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_9$ (SBT)

$$(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c})_{\mathcal{H}} = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c})_{\mathcal{G}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$I4/mmm$  (139)

$Cmc\bar{2}_1$  (36)

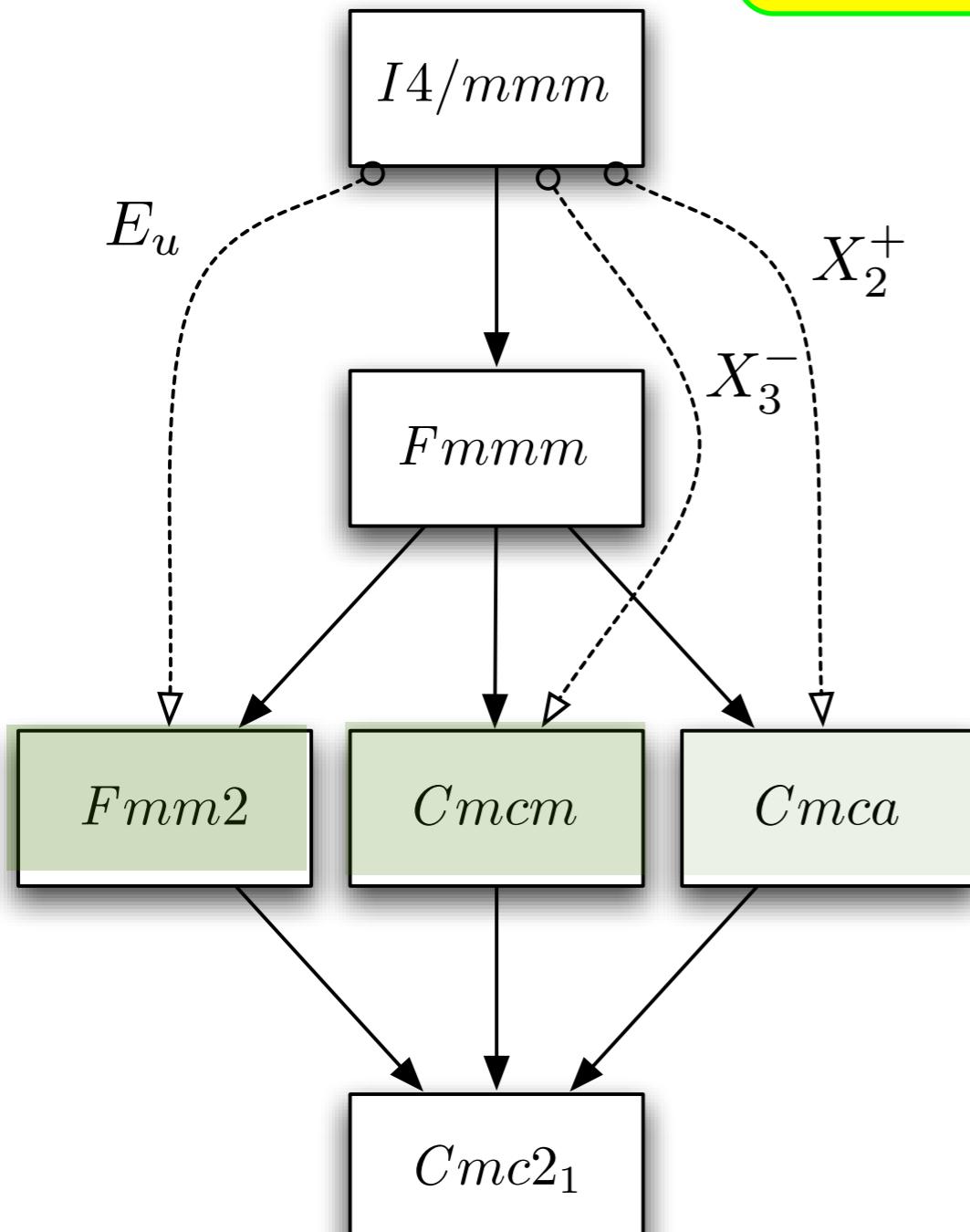
Sr: 2a	$\longleftrightarrow$	Sr: 4a
Ta: 4e	$\longleftrightarrow$	Ta: 8b
Bi: 4e	$\longleftrightarrow$	Bi: 8b
O1: 2b	$\longleftrightarrow$	O1: 4a
O2: 4e	$\longleftrightarrow$	O2: 8b
O3: 4d	$\longleftrightarrow$	O3: 8b
O4: 8g	$\longleftrightarrow$	O4: 8b
	$\longleftrightarrow$	O5: 8b



Structural data  $\longrightarrow$  Global distortion

## Example: SrBi<sub>2</sub>Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub> (SBT)

## AMPLIMODES

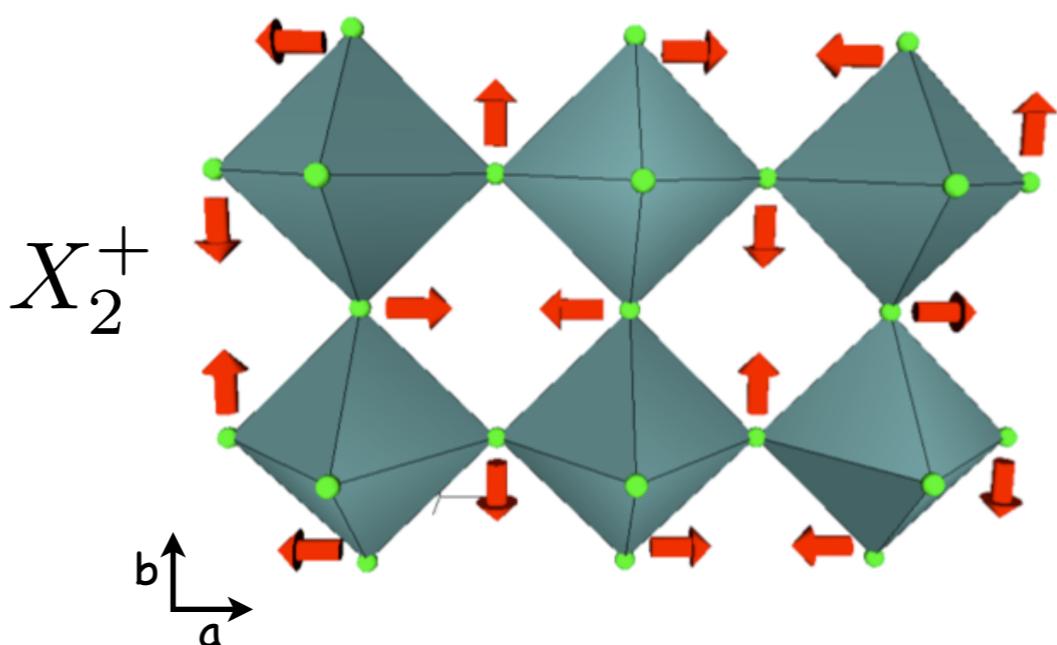


At least two modes for  
breaking the symmetry  
to  $Cmc2_1$

Coupled order  
parameters

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_u \\ X_3^- \\ X_2^+ \end{array} \right.$$

Three types of  
contributions to the  
global distortion



$$\{\text{Distortion}\} = Q_{E_u}(E_u) + Q_{X_2^+}(X_2^+) + Q_{X_3^-}(X_3^-)$$

0.6134 Å

0.2603 Å

0.8970 Å

# Problem: PSEUDOSYMMETRY SEARCH

PSEUDO

Initial  
Structure  
 $\mathcal{H}$   
low symmetry

Structural  
Pseudosymmetry  
 $\Leftrightarrow$   
*Distortion*

Prototype  
Structure  
 $\mathcal{G}$   
high symmetry

**Search for a structure of space-group symmetry  $\mathcal{G}$ , supergroup of  $\mathcal{H}$ , such that:**

$$\text{Structure } \mathcal{H} = \text{Structure } \mathcal{G} + \begin{matrix} \text{small} \\ (\text{symmetry-breaking}) \\ \text{distortion} \end{matrix}$$

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

  
**phase transition**

Applications: **PSEUDO**

Prediction of phase transitions

Search for ferroic materials

- new ferroelectrics
- new ferroelastics

Prediction of the symmetry and structure of some other phase of a material

Detection of false symmetry assignments  
(overlooked symmetry)

Space-group determination of theoretically determined structure (e.g. *ab initio* calculations)

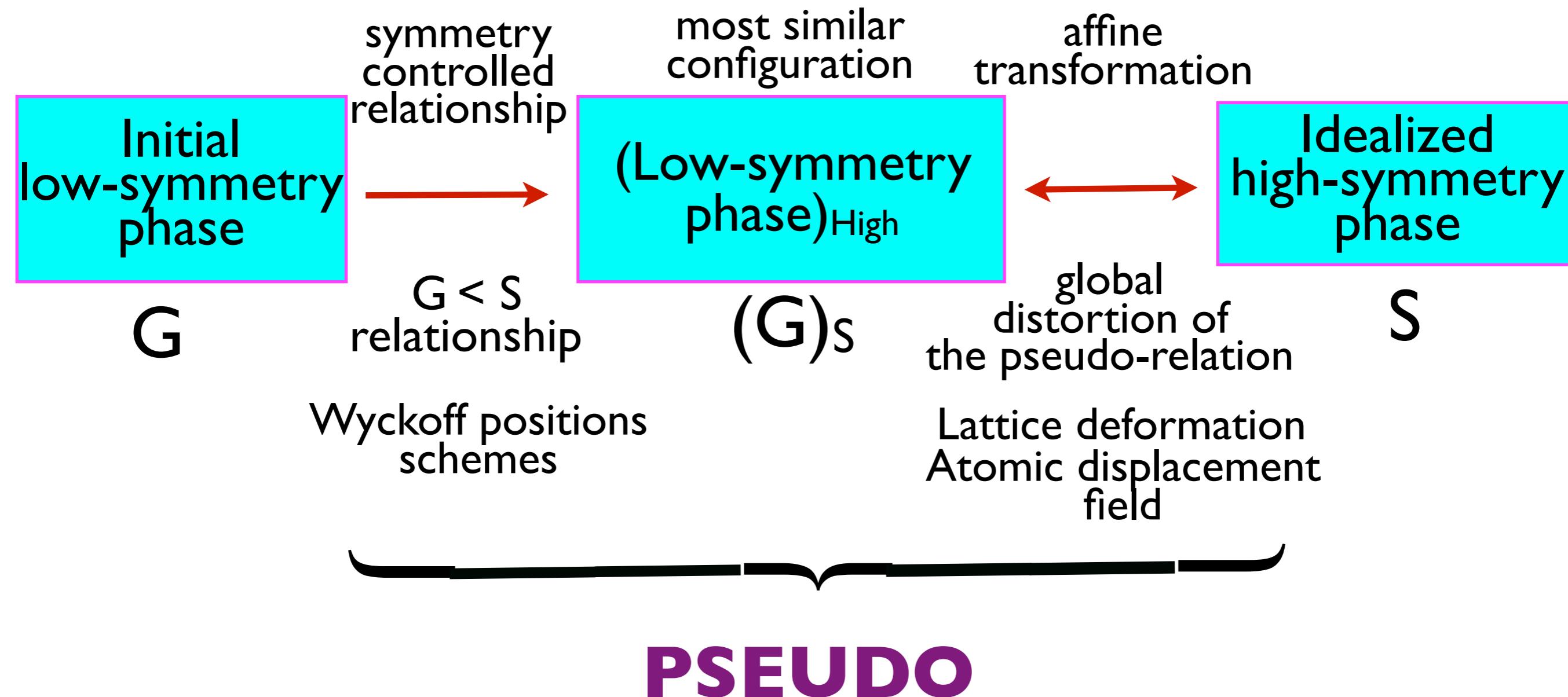
Determination of an optimised virtual parent structure (paraphase)

# Structural Pseudosymmetry

Given the initial structure specified by space-group symmetry  $G$  its unit-cell parameters and atomic coordinates

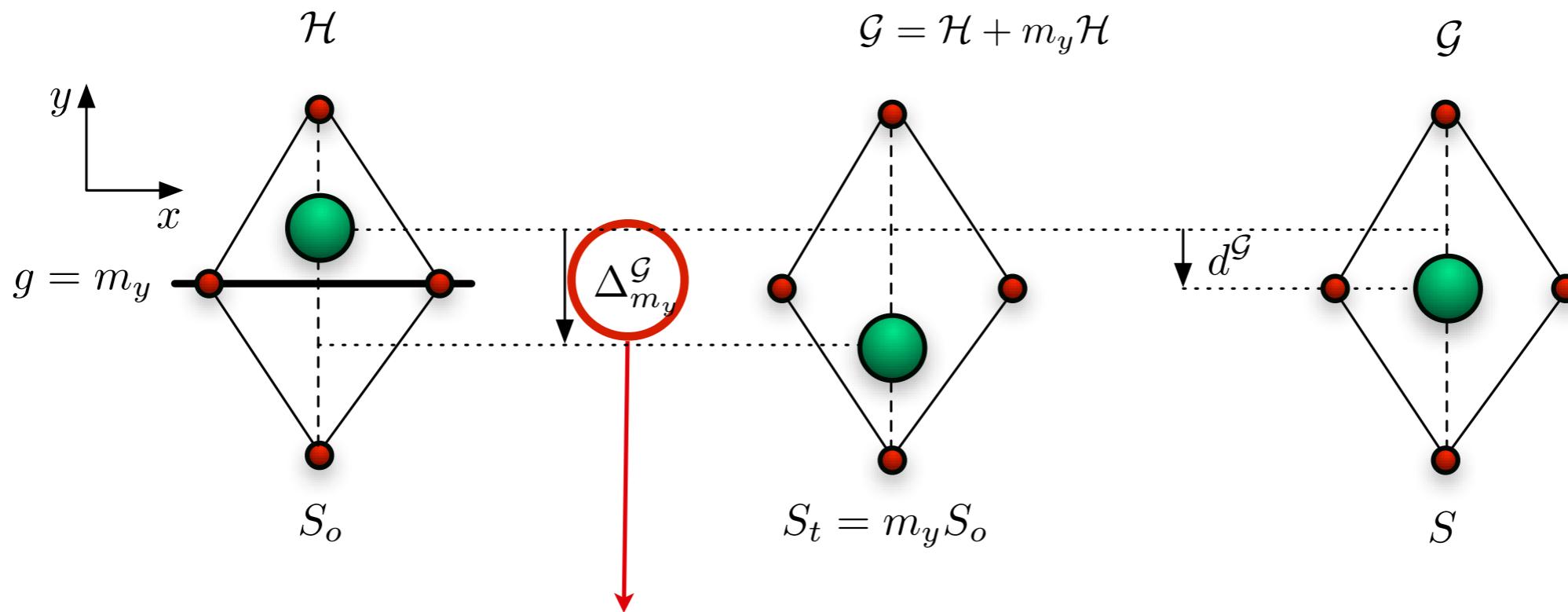
## PROBLEM:

Search for a structure of space-group symmetry  $S > G$  such that the initial structure can be described by the high-symmetry structure with tolerably small distortion



# PSEUDO:

## ATOMIC DISPLACEMENTS METHOD



Maximal distance between all compatible atom pairings

### Asumption:

The high symmetry phase is described by a **supergroup** of the initial space group.

$$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{H} + g_2 \mathcal{H} + \cdots + g_m \mathcal{H}$$

## EXERCISES

## Problem 2.5 (i)

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

Option I: Search of maximal pseudosymmetry  
stepwise ‘climbing’ via minimal supergroups

```
#(Pb2MgW06: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
```

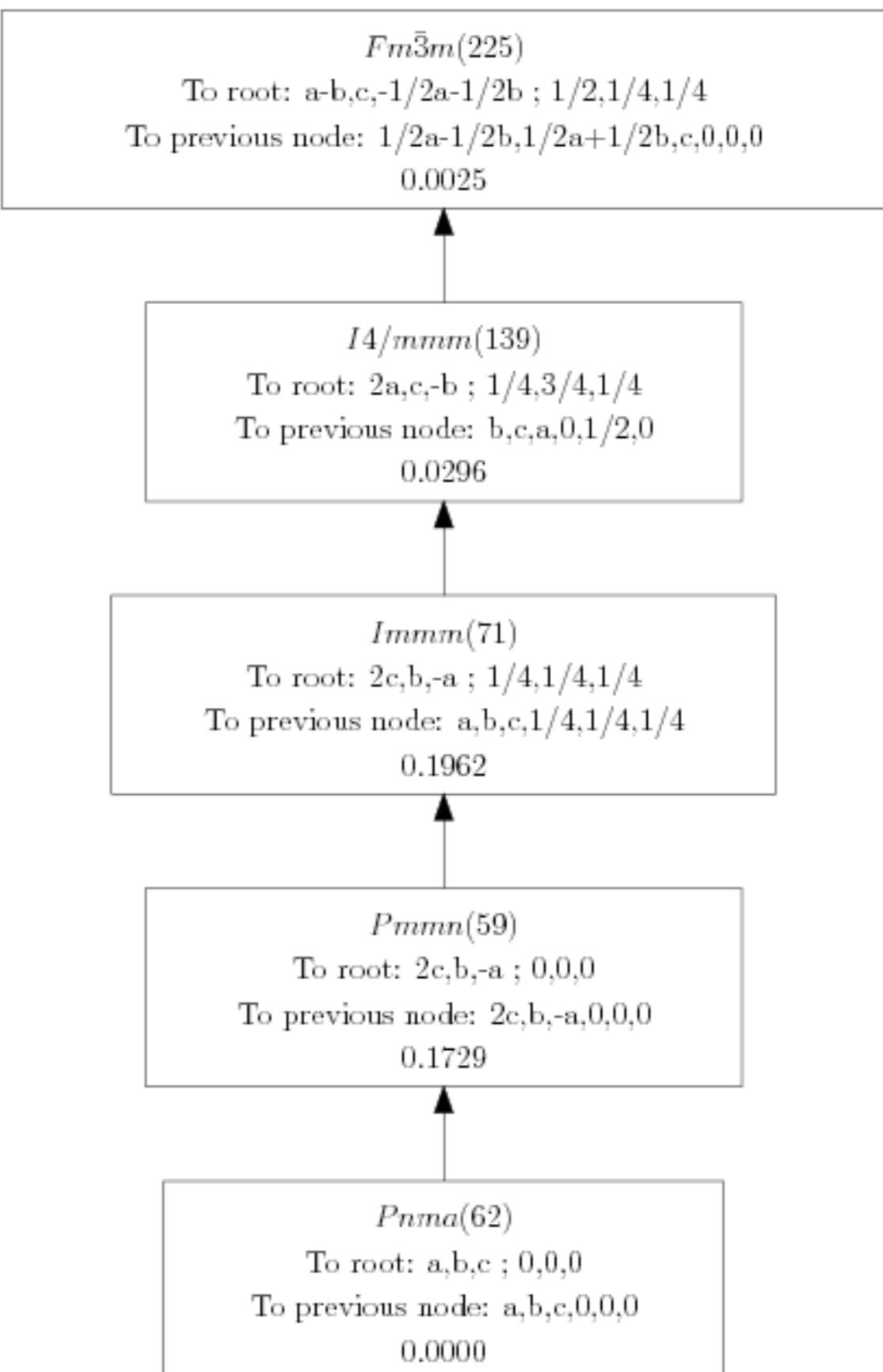
# Structural pseudosymmetry of $\text{Pb}_2\text{MgWO}_6$

## Graph of minimal supergroups

each step is characterized by:

-transformation matrices  $(P,p)_i$

-maximal displacements

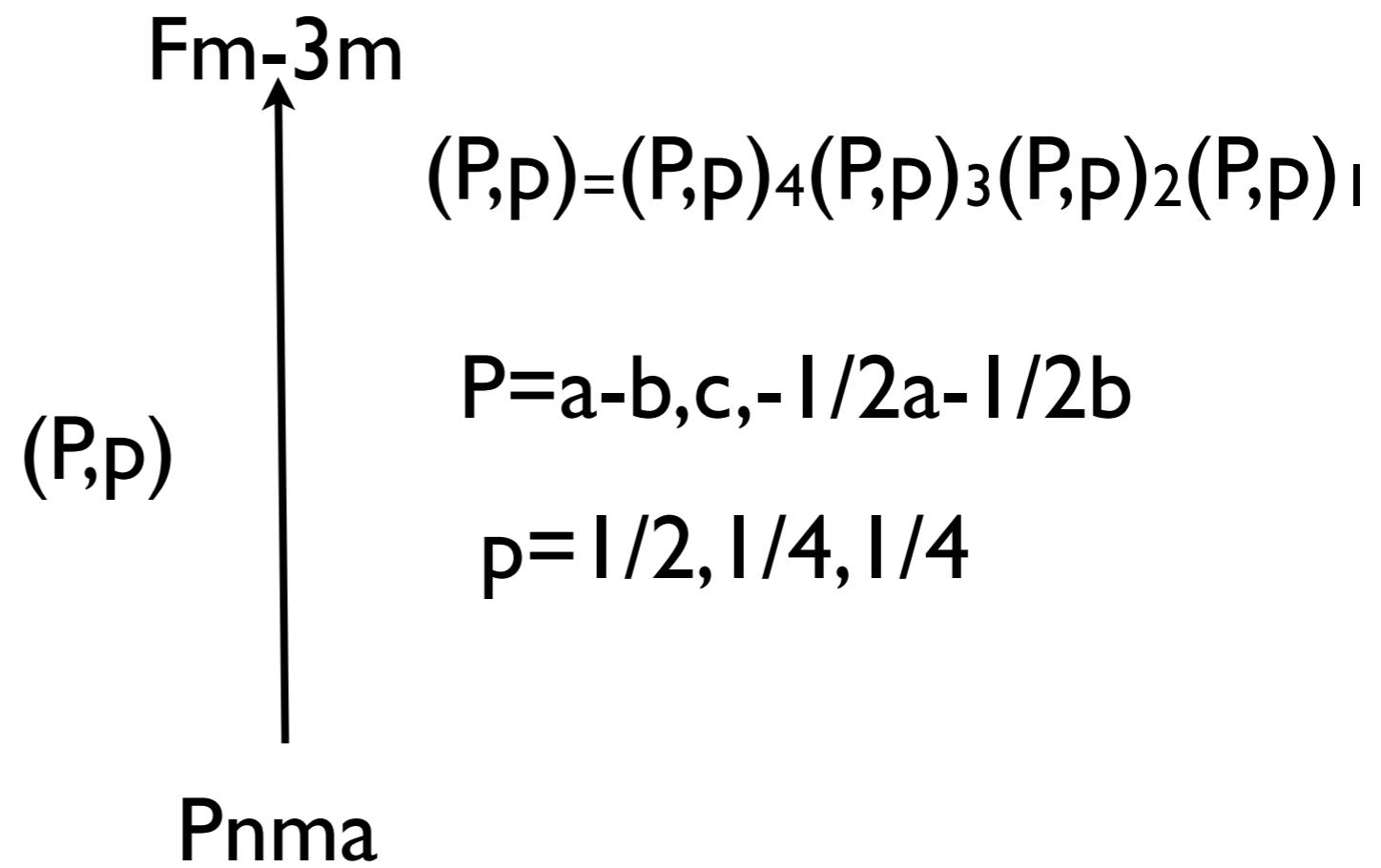
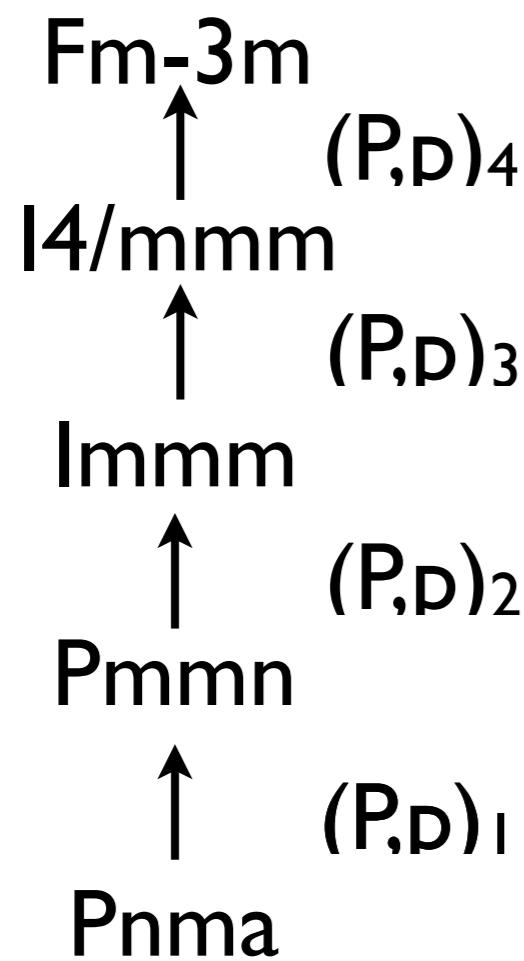


## EXERCISES

## Problem 2.5 (ii)

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

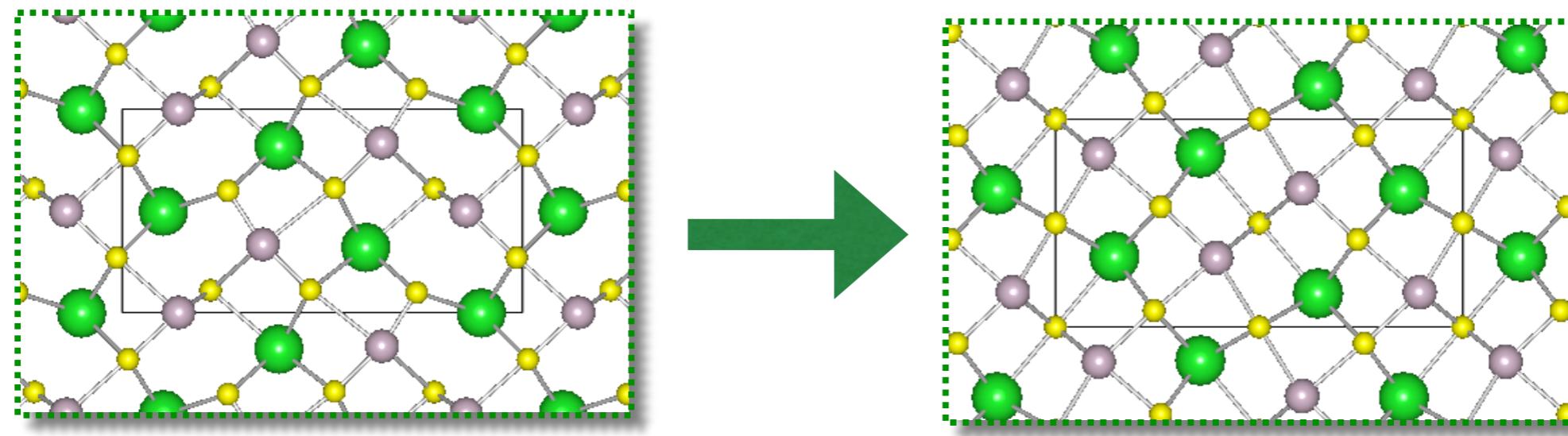
Option 3: Search of structural pseudosymmetry  
with respect to specific supergroup



# Problem: Search for ferroelectrics (as pseudosymmetric structures)

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”)



$\text{Pna}2_1$

$\text{BaHgS}_2$

$\text{Pbam}$

(max. displacement 0.49 Å)

Problem: Prediction of  
*Pna2*, ferroelectrics

PSEUDO

ICSD (Inorganic Crystal Structure Database)

	Binary	Ternary	Quaternary	Total
Entries	39	202	223	464
Compounds	26	125	161	312
Pseudo. Entries	20	100	40	160
Pseudo. Compounds	12	66	36	114
Overlooked Sym.	7	30	9	46
Known Ferro.	1	14	4	19
Candidates?	1	13	4	18

## Problem 2.6

The compound  $\text{NaSb}_3\text{F}_{10}$  whose room-temperature phase is polar, space group  $\text{P}6_3$ , has been predicted to be ferroelectric. (For the structure data, see the Structure Data file.) The symmetries  $\text{P}6_322$  and  $\text{P}6_3/\text{mmc}$  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  $\text{P}6_322$ , there are two more appropriate candidates for the intermediate phases between the polar phase  $\text{P}6_3$  and the non-polar one of maximal symmetry,  $\text{P}6_3/\text{mmc}$ .

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