

Er₂Si₂O₇ Structure:

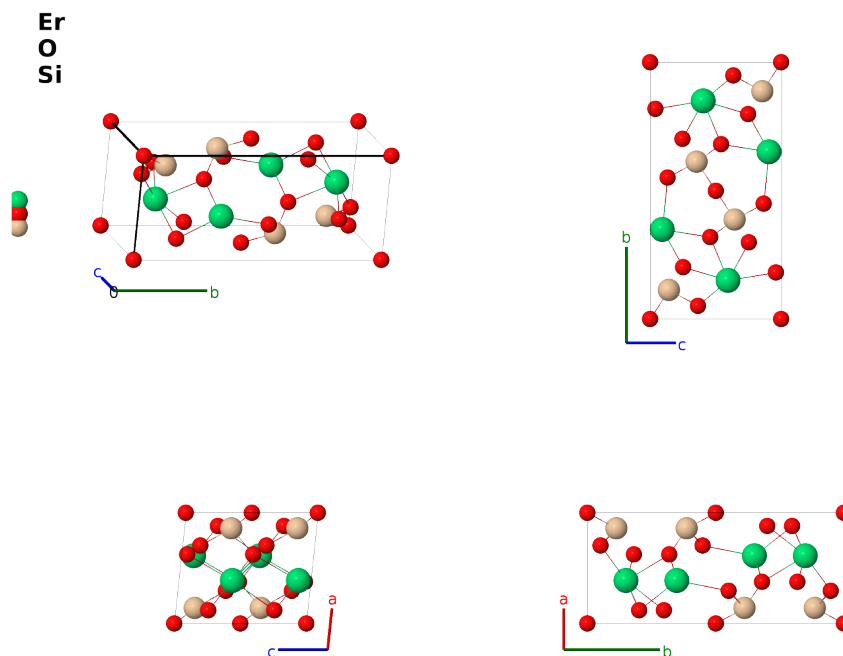
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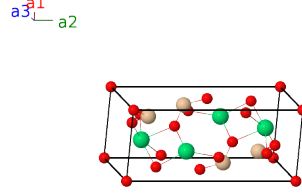
Other compounds with this structure

Ho₂Si₂O₇, Y₂Si₂O₇

- (Felsche, 1970) refers to this as the “D-RE₂Si₂O₇ structure, where “RE” is a rare-earth element.
- Some authors use Ho₂Si₂O₇ as the prototype structure, but (Smolin, 1970) only gives lattice parameters for that compound, while giving full structural information for Er₂Si₂O₇, so we use this as the prototype.
- (Smolin, 1970) give the structure in the $P2_1/b$ setting of space group #14 with a unique c -axis. We used FINDSYM to transform this to the standard $P2_1/c$ setting with unique axis b .

Simple Monoclinic primitive vectors

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_1 &= a \hat{\mathbf{x}} \\ \mathbf{a}_2 &= b \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ \mathbf{a}_3 &= c \cos \beta \hat{\mathbf{x}} + c \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{aligned}$$



Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates		Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B}_1$	0	$=$	0	(2a)	O I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} c \cos \beta \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2} c \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2a)	O I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_2 + cz_2 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_2 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	Er I
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$-x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_2 + c(z_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	Er I
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$-x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_2 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_2 + cz_2 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_2 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	Er I
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_2 + c(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	Er I
$\mathbf{B}_7$	$x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_3 + cz_3 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_3 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O II
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$-x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_3 + c(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O II
$\mathbf{B}_9$	$-x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_3 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_3 + cz_3 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_3 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O II
$\mathbf{B}_{10}$	$x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_3 + c(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O II
$\mathbf{B}_{11}$	$x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_4 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_4 + cz_4 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_4 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O III
$\mathbf{B}_{12}$	$-x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_4 + c(z_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O III
$\mathbf{B}_{13}$	$-x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_4 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_4 + cz_4 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_4 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O III
$\mathbf{B}_{14}$	$x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_4 + c(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O III
$\mathbf{B}_{15}$	$x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_5 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_5 + cz_5 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_5 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O IV
$\mathbf{B}_{16}$	$-x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_5 + c(z_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O IV
$\mathbf{B}_{17}$	$-x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_5 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_5 + cz_5 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_5 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O IV

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{B}_{18} &= x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 - \left(y_5 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} (ax_5 + c(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \\ b(y_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{O IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{19} &= x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_6 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_6 \mathbf{a}_3 = (ax_6 + cz_6 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (4e) & \text{Si I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{20} &= -x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 + \left(y_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -(ax_6 + c(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \\ b(y_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{Si I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{21} &= -x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_6 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_6 \mathbf{a}_3 = -(ax_6 + cz_6 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_6 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (4e) & \text{Si I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{22} &= x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 - \left(y_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} (ax_6 + c(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \\ b(y_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{Si I}
\end{aligned}$$

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