

α -Ca₂P₂O₇ Structure:

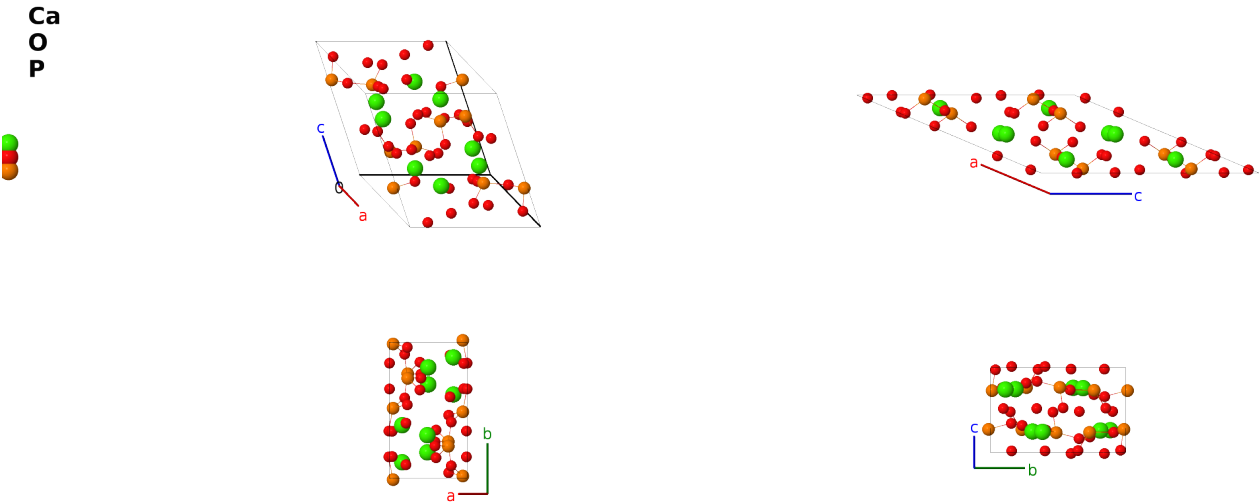
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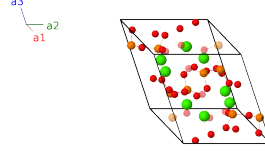
Other compounds with this structure

Ce₂Si₂O₇, La₂Si₂O₇, Nd₂Si₂O₇, Pr₂Si₂O₇, Sm₂Si₂O₇

- (Felsche, 1970) refers to this as the “G-RE₂Si₂O₇ structure, where “RE” is a rare-earth element.
- This is the high-temperature form of Ca₂P₂O₇. At lower temperatures it transforms into the tetragonal β -Ca₂P₂O₇ structure.

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
$\mathbf{B}_1$	$= x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_1 + cz_1 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_1 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	Ca I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$= -x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_1 + c(z_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	Ca I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$= -x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_1 + cz_1 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_1 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	Ca I
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$= x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_1 + c(z_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	Ca 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)	Ca II
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$= -x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_2 + c(z_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	Ca II
$\mathbf{B}_7$	$= -x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_2 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_2 + cz_2 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_2 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	Ca II
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$= x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_2 + c(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	Ca 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 I
$\mathbf{B}_{10}$	$= -x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_3 + c(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O I
$\mathbf{B}_{11}$	$= -x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_3 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_3 + cz_3 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_3 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O I
$\mathbf{B}_{12}$	$= x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_3 + c(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O I
$\mathbf{B}_{13}$	$= x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_4 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_4 + cz_4 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_4 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O II
$\mathbf{B}_{14}$	$= -x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_4 + c(z_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O II
$\mathbf{B}_{15}$	$= -x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_4 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_4 + cz_4 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_4 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O II
$\mathbf{B}_{16}$	$= x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_4 + c(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O II
$\mathbf{B}_{17}$	$= x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_5 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_5 + cz_5 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_5 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O III
$\mathbf{B}_{18}$	$= -x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_5 + c(z_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O III
$\mathbf{B}_{19}$	$= -x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_5 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_5 + cz_5 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_5 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O III
$\mathbf{B}_{20}$	$= x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_5 + c(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O III
$\mathbf{B}_{21}$	$= x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_6 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_6 + cz_6 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O IV
$\mathbf{B}_{22}$	$= -x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_6 + c(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O IV
$\mathbf{B}_{23}$	$= -x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_6 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_6 + cz_6 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_6 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	O IV

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{B}_{24} &= 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{O IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{25} &= x_7 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_7 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_7 \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} (ax_7 + cz_7 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_7 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{O V} \\
\mathbf{B}_{26} &= -x_7 \mathbf{a}_1 + \left(y_7 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_7 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -(ax_7 + c(z_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \\ b(y_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{O V} \\
\mathbf{B}_{27} &= -x_7 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_7 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_7 \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -(ax_7 + cz_7 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_7 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{O V} \\
\mathbf{B}_{28} &= x_7 \mathbf{a}_1 - \left(y_7 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_7 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} (ax_7 + c(z_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \\ b(y_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{O V} \\
\mathbf{B}_{29} &= x_8 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_8 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_8 \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} (ax_8 + cz_8 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_8 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_8 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{O VI} \\
\mathbf{B}_{30} &= -x_8 \mathbf{a}_1 + \left(y_8 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_8 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -(ax_8 + c(z_8 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \\ b(y_8 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_8 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{O VI} \\
\mathbf{B}_{31} &= -x_8 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_8 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_8 \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -(ax_8 + cz_8 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_8 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_8 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{O VI} \\
\mathbf{B}_{32} &= x_8 \mathbf{a}_1 - \left(y_8 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_8 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} (ax_8 + c(z_8 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \\ b(y_8 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_8 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{O VI} \\
\mathbf{B}_{33} &= x_9 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_9 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_9 \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} (ax_9 + cz_9 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_9 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_9 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{O VII} \\
\mathbf{B}_{34} &= -x_9 \mathbf{a}_1 + \left(y_9 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_9 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -(ax_9 + c(z_9 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \\ b(y_9 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_9 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{O VII} \\
\mathbf{B}_{35} &= -x_9 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_9 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_9 \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -(ax_9 + cz_9 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_9 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_9 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{O VII} \\
\mathbf{B}_{36} &= x_9 \mathbf{a}_1 - \left(y_9 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_9 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} (ax_9 + c(z_9 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \\ b(y_9 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_9 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{O VII} \\
\mathbf{B}_{37} &= x_{10} \mathbf{a}_1 + y_{10} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_{10} \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} (ax_{10} + cz_{10} \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_{10} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_{10} \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{P I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{38} &= -x_{10} \mathbf{a}_1 + \left(y_{10} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_{10} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -(ax_{10} + c(z_{10} - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \\ b(y_{10} + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_{10} - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{P I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{39} &= -x_{10} \mathbf{a}_1 - y_{10} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_{10} \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -(ax_{10} + cz_{10} \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_{10} \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \\ cz_{10} \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{P I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{40} &= x_{10} \mathbf{a}_1 - \left(y_{10} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_{10} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} (ax_{10} + c(z_{10} + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \\ b(y_{10} - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_{10} + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{P I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{41} &= x_{11} \mathbf{a}_1 + y_{11} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_{11} \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} (ax_{11} + cz_{11} \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_{11} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_{11} \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{P II} \\
\mathbf{B}_{42} &= -x_{11} \mathbf{a}_1 + \left(y_{11} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_{11} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -(ax_{11} + c(z_{11} - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \\ b(y_{11} + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_{11} - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{P II} \\
\mathbf{B}_{43} &= -x_{11} \mathbf{a}_1 - y_{11} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_{11} \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -(ax_{11} + cz_{11} \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_{11} \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \\ cz_{11} \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{P II} \\
\mathbf{B}_{44} &= x_{11} \mathbf{a}_1 - \left(y_{11} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_{11} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} (ax_{11} + c(z_{11} + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \\ b(y_{11} - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_{11} + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (4e) & \text{P II}
\end{aligned}$$

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