

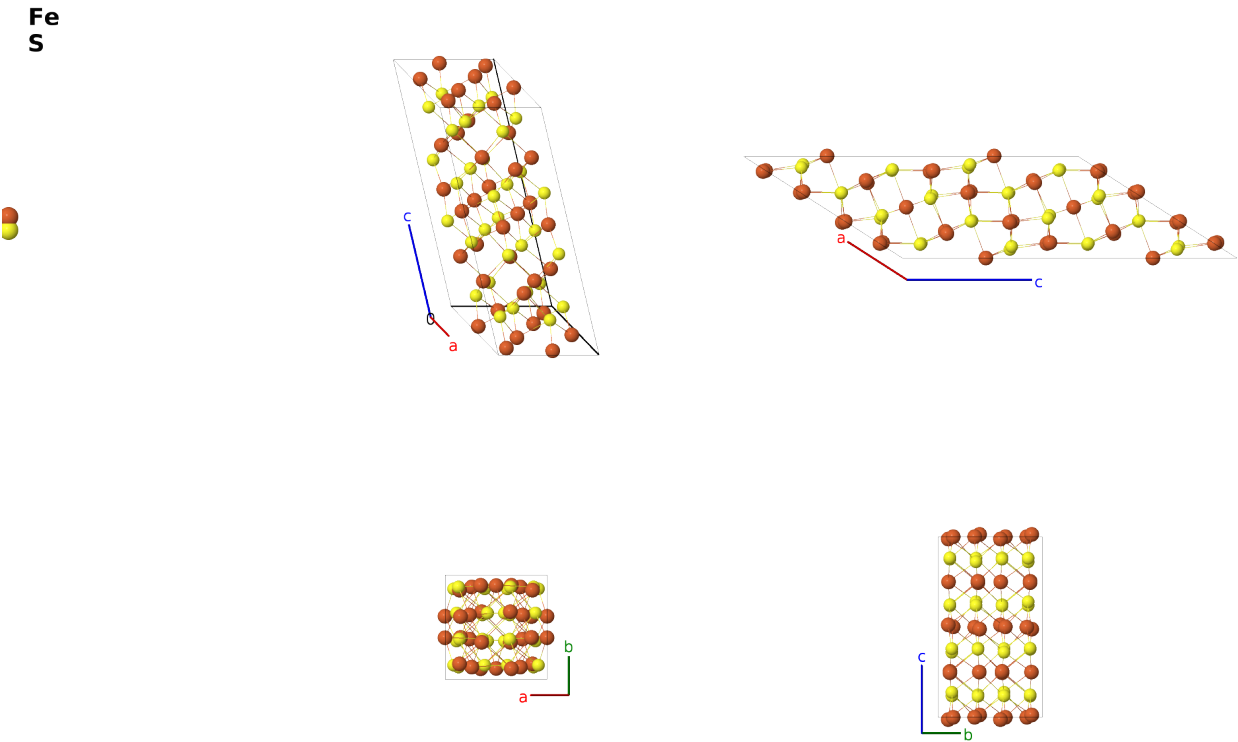
Monoclinic Pyrrhotite (Fe₇S₈) Structure: A7B8_mC60_15_e3f_4f-001

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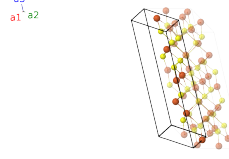


Prototype	Fe ₇ S ₈
AFLOW prototype label	A7B8_mC60_15_e3f_4f-001
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Pearson symbol	mC60
Space group number	15
Space group symbol	C2/c
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- (Tokonami, 1972) say that this is FeS in the $B8_1$ (NiAs) structure, with 1/8 of the iron atoms removed in an ordered array. They gave the structural information in the $F2/d$ setting of space group #15. We used FINDSYM to transform this to the $C2/c$ setting, halving the size of the conventional unit cell from that in the $F2/d$ setting.

Base-centered Monoclinic primitive vectors

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a}_1 &= \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{1}{2}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ \mathbf{a}_2 &= \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ \mathbf{a}_3 &= c \cos \beta \hat{\mathbf{x}} + c \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}\end{aligned}$$



Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates		Cartesian coordinates		Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B}_1$	$= -y_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{4} c \cos \beta \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{4} c \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	$(4e)$		Fe I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$= y_1 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{3}{4} c \cos \beta \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{3}{4} c \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	$(4e)$		Fe I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$= (x_2 - y_2) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_2 + y_2) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_2 + cz_2 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_2 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	$(8f)$		Fe II
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$= -(x_2 + y_2) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_2 - y_2) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_2 + c(z_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	$(8f)$		Fe II
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$= -(x_2 - y_2) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_2 + y_2) \mathbf{a}_2 - z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_2 + cz_2 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_2 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	$(8f)$		Fe II
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$= (x_2 + y_2) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_2 - y_2) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_2 + c(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	$(8f)$		Fe II
$\mathbf{B}_7$	$= (x_3 - y_3) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_3 + y_3) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_3 + cz_3 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_3 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	$(8f)$		Fe III
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$= -(x_3 + y_3) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_3 - y_3) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_3 + c(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	$(8f)$		Fe III
$\mathbf{B}_9$	$= -(x_3 - y_3) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_3 + y_3) \mathbf{a}_2 - z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_3 + cz_3 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_3 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	$(8f)$		Fe III
$\mathbf{B}_{10}$	$= (x_3 + y_3) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_3 - y_3) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_3 + c(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	$(8f)$		Fe III
$\mathbf{B}_{11}$	$= (x_4 - y_4) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_4 + y_4) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_4 + cz_4 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_4 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	$(8f)$		Fe IV
$\mathbf{B}_{12}$	$= -(x_4 + y_4) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_4 - y_4) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_4 + c(z_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	$(8f)$		Fe IV
$\mathbf{B}_{13}$	$= -(x_4 - y_4) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_4 + y_4) \mathbf{a}_2 - z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_4 + cz_4 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_4 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	$(8f)$		Fe IV
$\mathbf{B}_{14}$	$= (x_4 + y_4) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_4 - y_4) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_4 + c(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	$(8f)$		Fe IV
$\mathbf{B}_{15}$	$= (x_5 - y_5) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_5 + y_5) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_5 + cz_5 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_5 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	$(8f)$		S I
$\mathbf{B}_{16}$	$= -(x_5 + y_5) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_5 - y_5) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_5 + c(z_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	$(8f)$		S I
$\mathbf{B}_{17}$	$= -(x_5 - y_5) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_5 + y_5) \mathbf{a}_2 - z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_5 + cz_5 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_5 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	$(8f)$		S I

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{B}_{18} &= \begin{pmatrix} (x_5 + y_5) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_5 - y_5) \mathbf{a}_2 + \\ (z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (ax_5 + c(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \\ c(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (8f) & \text{S I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{19} &= \begin{pmatrix} (x_6 - y_6) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_6 + y_6) \mathbf{a}_2 + \\ z_6 \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (ax_6 + cz_6 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (8f) & \text{S II} \\
\mathbf{B}_{20} &= \begin{pmatrix} -(x_6 + y_6) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_6 - y_6) \mathbf{a}_2 - \\ (z_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -(ax_6 + c(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \\ c(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (8f) & \text{S II} \\
\mathbf{B}_{21} &= \begin{pmatrix} -(x_6 - y_6) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_6 + y_6) \mathbf{a}_2 - \\ z_6 \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -(ax_6 + cz_6 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_6 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (8f) & \text{S II} \\
\mathbf{B}_{22} &= \begin{pmatrix} (x_6 + y_6) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_6 - y_6) \mathbf{a}_2 + \\ (z_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (ax_6 + c(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \\ c(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (8f) & \text{S II} \\
\mathbf{B}_{23} &= \begin{pmatrix} (x_7 - y_7) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_7 + y_7) \mathbf{a}_2 + \\ z_7 \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \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} & (8f) & \text{S III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{24} &= \begin{pmatrix} -(x_7 + y_7) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_7 - y_7) \mathbf{a}_2 - \\ (z_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -(ax_7 + c(z_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \\ c(z_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (8f) & \text{S III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{25} &= \begin{pmatrix} -(x_7 - y_7) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_7 + y_7) \mathbf{a}_2 - \\ z_7 \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \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} & (8f) & \text{S III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{26} &= \begin{pmatrix} (x_7 + y_7) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_7 - y_7) \mathbf{a}_2 + \\ (z_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (ax_7 + c(z_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \\ c(z_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (8f) & \text{S III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{27} &= \begin{pmatrix} (x_8 - y_8) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_8 + y_8) \mathbf{a}_2 + \\ z_8 \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \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} & (8f) & \text{S IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{28} &= \begin{pmatrix} -(x_8 + y_8) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_8 - y_8) \mathbf{a}_2 - \\ (z_8 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -(ax_8 + c(z_8 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_8 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \\ c(z_8 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (8f) & \text{S IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{29} &= \begin{pmatrix} -(x_8 - y_8) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_8 + y_8) \mathbf{a}_2 - \\ z_8 \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \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} & (8f) & \text{S IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{30} &= \begin{pmatrix} (x_8 + y_8) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_8 - y_8) \mathbf{a}_2 + \\ (z_8 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (ax_8 + c(z_8 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_8 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \\ c(z_8 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (8f) & \text{S IV}
\end{aligned}$$

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