

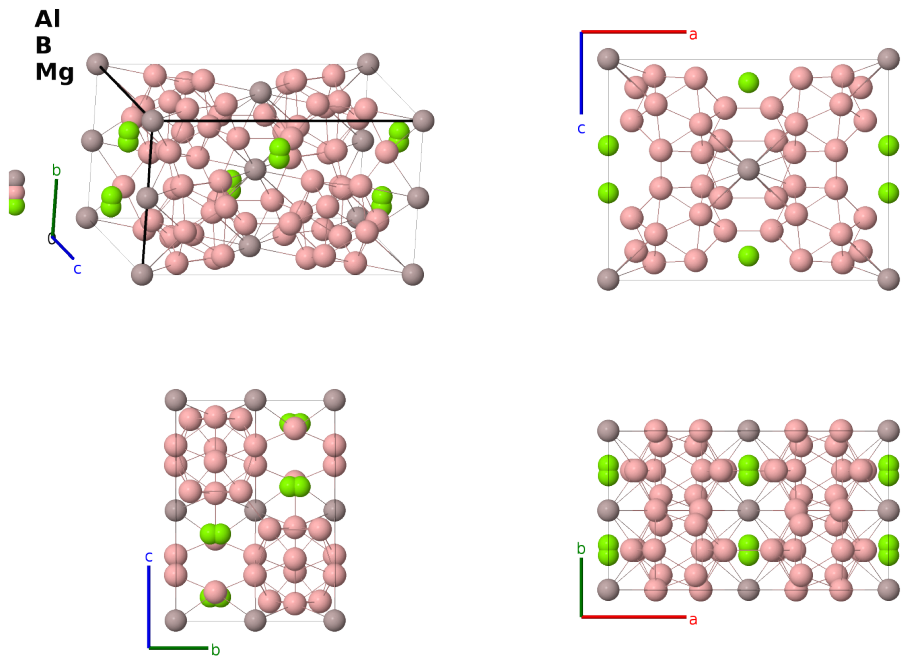
MgAlB₁₄ Structure: AB14C2_oI68_74_a_3i2j_h-001

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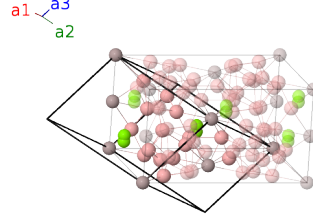
Other compounds with this structure

DyAlB₁₄, ErAlB₁₄, HoAlB₁₄, LiAlB₁₄, LuAlB₁₄, ScAlB₁₄, TbAlB₁₄, TmAlB₁₄, YbAlB₁₄

- The Al (4a) sites are only occupied 74.8% of the time, and the Mg (8h) sites is only occupied 39.0% of the time, so the the actual composition of this sample is $\text{Mg}_{0.780}\text{Al}_{0.748}\text{B}_{14}$.
- The atoms on the Mg (8h) site form pairs separated by $0.4\text{\AA}$, much too close to be physical, so at most only one site in each pair can be occupied. Alternatively, if we set $y_2 = 3/4$ for the Mg I atom then the pairs merge to become a (4e) site, with occupation 0.78, making this equivalent to our NaAlB_{14} structure. This structure may be more convenient for electronic structure calculations.
- (Higashi, 1983) give the structure in the *Imam* setting of space group #74. We used FINDSYM and AFLOW to transform this to the standard *Imma* setting.

Body-centered Orthorhombic primitive vectors

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



Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates		Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B}_1$	0	$=$	0	(4a)	Al I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}b\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(4a)	Al I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$(y_2 + z_2)\mathbf{a}_1 + z_2\mathbf{a}_2 + y_2\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$by_2\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_2\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	Mg I
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$(-y_2 + z_2 + \frac{1}{2})\mathbf{a}_1 + z_2\mathbf{a}_2 - (y_2 - \frac{1}{2})\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-b(y_2 - \frac{1}{2})\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_2\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	Mg I
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$(y_2 - z_2 + \frac{1}{2})\mathbf{a}_1 - z_2\mathbf{a}_2 + (y_2 + \frac{1}{2})\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$b(y_2 + \frac{1}{2})\hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_2\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	Mg I
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$-(y_2 + z_2)\mathbf{a}_1 - z_2\mathbf{a}_2 - y_2\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-by_2\hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_2\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	Mg I
$\mathbf{B}_7$	$(z_3 + \frac{1}{4})\mathbf{a}_1 + (x_3 + z_3)\mathbf{a}_2 + (x_3 + \frac{1}{4})\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_3\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_3\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8i)	B I
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$(z_3 + \frac{1}{4})\mathbf{a}_1 - (x_3 - z_3)\mathbf{a}_2 - (x_3 - \frac{1}{4})\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_3\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_3\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8i)	B I
$\mathbf{B}_9$	$-(z_3 - \frac{3}{4})\mathbf{a}_1 - (x_3 + z_3)\mathbf{a}_2 - (x_3 - \frac{3}{4})\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_3\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b\hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_3\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8i)	B I
$\mathbf{B}_{10}$	$-(z_3 - \frac{3}{4})\mathbf{a}_1 + (x_3 - z_3)\mathbf{a}_2 + (x_3 + \frac{3}{4})\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_3\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b\hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_3\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8i)	B I
$\mathbf{B}_{11}$	$(z_4 + \frac{1}{4})\mathbf{a}_1 + (x_4 + z_4)\mathbf{a}_2 + (x_4 + \frac{1}{4})\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_4\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_4\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8i)	B II
$\mathbf{B}_{12}$	$(z_4 + \frac{1}{4})\mathbf{a}_1 - (x_4 - z_4)\mathbf{a}_2 - (x_4 - \frac{1}{4})\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_4\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_4\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8i)	B II
$\mathbf{B}_{13}$	$-(z_4 - \frac{3}{4})\mathbf{a}_1 - (x_4 + z_4)\mathbf{a}_2 - (x_4 - \frac{3}{4})\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_4\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b\hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_4\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8i)	B II
$\mathbf{B}_{14}$	$-(z_4 - \frac{3}{4})\mathbf{a}_1 + (x_4 - z_4)\mathbf{a}_2 + (x_4 + \frac{3}{4})\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_4\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b\hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_4\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8i)	B II

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{B}_{15} &= \begin{pmatrix} z_5 + \frac{1}{4} \\ x_5 + \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_5 + z_5) \mathbf{a}_2 + \begin{pmatrix} x_5 + \frac{1}{4} \\ x_5 + \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_5 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (8i) & \text{B III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{16} &= \begin{pmatrix} z_5 + \frac{1}{4} \\ x_5 - \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_5 - z_5) \mathbf{a}_2 - \begin{pmatrix} x_5 - \frac{1}{4} \\ x_5 - \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & -ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_5 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (8i) & \text{B III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{17} &= -\begin{pmatrix} z_5 - \frac{3}{4} \\ x_5 - \frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_5 + z_5) \mathbf{a}_2 - \begin{pmatrix} x_5 - \frac{3}{4} \\ x_5 - \frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & -ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_5 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (8i) & \text{B III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{18} &= -\begin{pmatrix} z_5 - \frac{3}{4} \\ x_5 + \frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_5 - z_5) \mathbf{a}_2 + \begin{pmatrix} x_5 + \frac{3}{4} \\ x_5 + \frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_5 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (8i) & \text{B III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{19} &= (y_6 + z_6) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_6 + z_6) \mathbf{a}_2 + \begin{pmatrix} x_6 + y_6 \\ x_6 + y_6 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & ax_6 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16j) & \text{B IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{20} &= \begin{pmatrix} -y_6 + z_6 + \frac{1}{2} \\ x_6 - z_6 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 - \begin{pmatrix} x_6 - z_6 \\ x_6 + y_6 - \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_2 - \begin{pmatrix} x_6 - z_6 \\ x_6 + y_6 - \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & -ax_6 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16j) & \text{B IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{21} &= \begin{pmatrix} y_6 - z_6 + \frac{1}{2} \\ -x_6 + y_6 + \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_6 + z_6) \mathbf{a}_2 + \begin{pmatrix} -x_6 + y_6 + \frac{1}{2} \\ -x_6 + y_6 + \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & -ax_6 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16j) & \text{B IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{22} &= -(y_6 + z_6) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_6 - z_6) \mathbf{a}_2 + \begin{pmatrix} x_6 - y_6 \\ x_6 - y_6 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & ax_6 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16j) & \text{B IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{23} &= -(y_6 + z_6) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_6 + z_6) \mathbf{a}_2 - \begin{pmatrix} x_6 + y_6 \\ x_6 + y_6 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & -ax_6 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16j) & \text{B IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{24} &= \begin{pmatrix} y_6 - z_6 + \frac{1}{2} \\ x_6 - z_6 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 + \begin{pmatrix} x_6 - z_6 \\ x_6 + y_6 + \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_2 + \begin{pmatrix} x_6 - z_6 \\ x_6 + y_6 + \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & ax_6 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16j) & \text{B IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{25} &= \begin{pmatrix} -y_6 + z_6 + \frac{1}{2} \\ x_6 + z_6 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 + \begin{pmatrix} x_6 + z_6 \\ x_6 - y_6 + \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_2 + \begin{pmatrix} x_6 + z_6 \\ x_6 - y_6 + \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & ax_6 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16j) & \text{B IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{26} &= (y_6 + z_6) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_6 - z_6) \mathbf{a}_2 - \begin{pmatrix} x_6 - y_6 \\ x_6 - y_6 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & -ax_6 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16j) & \text{B IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{27} &= (y_7 + z_7) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_7 + z_7) \mathbf{a}_2 + \begin{pmatrix} x_7 + y_7 \\ x_7 + y_7 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_7 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16j) & \text{B V} \\
\mathbf{B}_{28} &= \begin{pmatrix} -y_7 + z_7 + \frac{1}{2} \\ x_7 - z_7 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 - \begin{pmatrix} x_7 - z_7 \\ x_7 + y_7 - \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_2 - \begin{pmatrix} x_7 - z_7 \\ x_7 + y_7 - \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & -ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_7 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16j) & \text{B V} \\
\mathbf{B}_{29} &= \begin{pmatrix} y_7 - z_7 + \frac{1}{2} \\ -x_7 + y_7 + \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_7 + z_7) \mathbf{a}_2 + \begin{pmatrix} -x_7 + y_7 + \frac{1}{2} \\ -x_7 + y_7 + \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & -ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_7 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16j) & \text{B V} \\
\mathbf{B}_{30} &= -(y_7 + z_7) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_7 - z_7) \mathbf{a}_2 + \begin{pmatrix} x_7 - y_7 \\ x_7 - y_7 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_7 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16j) & \text{B V} \\
\mathbf{B}_{31} &= -(y_7 + z_7) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_7 + z_7) \mathbf{a}_2 - \begin{pmatrix} x_7 + y_7 \\ x_7 + y_7 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & -ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_7 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16j) & \text{B V} \\
\mathbf{B}_{32} &= \begin{pmatrix} y_7 - z_7 + \frac{1}{2} \\ x_7 - z_7 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 + \begin{pmatrix} x_7 - z_7 \\ x_7 + y_7 + \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_2 + \begin{pmatrix} x_7 - z_7 \\ x_7 + y_7 + \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_7 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16j) & \text{B V} \\
\mathbf{B}_{33} &= \begin{pmatrix} -y_7 + z_7 + \frac{1}{2} \\ x_7 + z_7 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 + \begin{pmatrix} x_7 + z_7 \\ x_7 - y_7 + \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_2 + \begin{pmatrix} x_7 + z_7 \\ x_7 - y_7 + \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_7 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16j) & \text{B V} \\
\mathbf{B}_{34} &= (y_7 + z_7) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_7 - z_7) \mathbf{a}_2 - \begin{pmatrix} x_7 - y_7 \\ x_7 - y_7 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & -ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_7 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16j) & \text{B V}
\end{aligned}$$

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