

Cryolite (Na_3AlF_6 , $J2_6$) Structure: AB6C3_mP20_14_a_3e_be-001

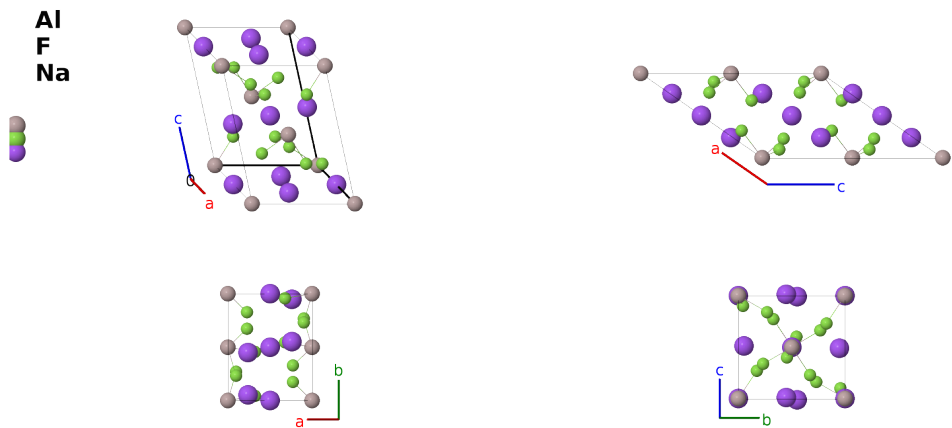
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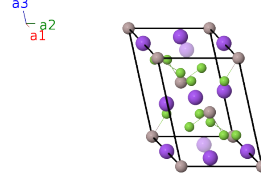


Prototype	AlF_6Na_3
AFLOW prototype label	AB6C3_mP20_14_a_3e_be-001
<i>Strukturbericht</i> designation	$J2_6$
Mineral name	cryolite
ICSD	74200
CCDC	1634940
Pearson symbol	mP20
Space group number	14
Space group symbol	$P2_1/c$
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- Cryolite undergoes a phase transition to an orthorhombic $Immm$ #71 phase at 890K. Here we use structural data taken at 295K.
- (Yang, 1993) gives the Wyckoff positions for the orientation $P2_1/n$ of space group #14. We used FINDSYM to change this to the standard $P2_1/c$ orientation. This included a change in the primitive vectors and the shift of the sodium atom on the (1b) site to the (1d) site.

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)	Al 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)	Al I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{x}}$	(2b)	Na I
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} (a + c \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2} c \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2b)	Na I
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$= x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_3 + cz_3 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_3 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	F I
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$= -x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_3 + c(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	F 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)	F I
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$= x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_3 + c(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	F I
$\mathbf{B}_9$	$= x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_4 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_4 + cz_4 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_4 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	F II
$\mathbf{B}_{10}$	$= -x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_4 + c(z_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	F 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)	F II
$\mathbf{B}_{12}$	$= x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_4 + c(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	F II
$\mathbf{B}_{13}$	$= x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_5 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_5 + cz_5 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_5 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	F III
$\mathbf{B}_{14}$	$= -x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_5 + c(z_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	F 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)	F III
$\mathbf{B}_{16}$	$= x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_5 + c(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	F III
$\mathbf{B}_{17}$	$= x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_6 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_6 + cz_6 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	Na II
$\mathbf{B}_{18}$	$= -x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_6 + c(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	Na II
$\mathbf{B}_{19}$	$= -x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_6 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_6 + cz_6 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_6 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	Na II
$\mathbf{B}_{20}$	$= x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_6 + c(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4e)	Na II

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