

β -Pu Structure:

A_mC34_12_ah3i2j-001

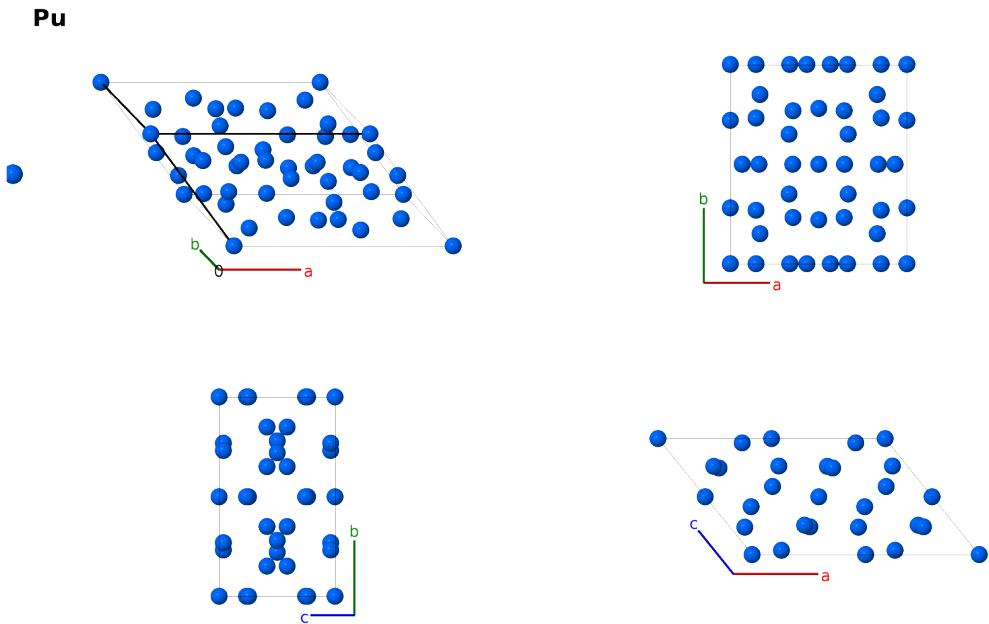
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Prototype	Pu
AFLOW prototype label	A_mC34_12_ah3i2j-001
ICSD	43336
CCDC	1612845
Pearson symbol	mC34
Space group number	12
Space group symbol	$C2/m$
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- Plutonium has been found in a variety of structures (Donohue, 1982):

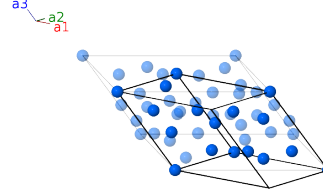
– α -Pu

- β -Pu (this structure)
- γ -Pu
- δ -Pu is in the face-centered cubic $A1$ structure
- δ' -Pu is in the body-centered tetragonal $A6$ (In) structure
- ϵ -Pu is in the body-centered cubic $A2$ structure

- (Zachariasen, 1963) give the coordinates of this structure in the $I2/m$ setting of space group #12. We used FINDSYM to transform this to the standard $C2/m$ 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
$\mathbf{B}_1$	$=$	0	$=$	0	(2a) Pu I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$=$	$-y_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}c \cos \beta \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4h) Pu II
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$=$	$y_2 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}c \cos \beta \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4h) Pu II
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$=$	$x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_3 + cz_3 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + cz_3 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4i) Pu III
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$=$	$-x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_3 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_3 + cz_3 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - cz_3 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4i) Pu III
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$=$	$x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_4 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_4 + cz_4 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + cz_4 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4i) Pu IV
$\mathbf{B}_7$	$=$	$-x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_4 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_4 + cz_4 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - cz_4 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4i) Pu IV
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$=$	$x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_5 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_5 + cz_5 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + cz_5 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4i) Pu V
$\mathbf{B}_9$	$=$	$-x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_5 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_5 + cz_5 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - cz_5 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4i) Pu V
$\mathbf{B}_{10}$	$=$	$(x_6 - y_6) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_6 + y_6) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_6 + cz_6 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8j) Pu VI
$\mathbf{B}_{11}$	$=$	$-(x_6 + y_6) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_6 - y_6) \mathbf{a}_2 - z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_6 + cz_6 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_6 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8j) Pu VI
$\mathbf{B}_{12}$	$=$	$-(x_6 - y_6) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_6 + y_6) \mathbf{a}_2 - z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_6 + cz_6 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_6 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8j) Pu VI
$\mathbf{B}_{13}$	$=$	$(x_6 + y_6) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_6 - y_6) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_6 + cz_6 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8j) Pu VI
$\mathbf{B}_{14}$	$=$	$(x_7 - y_7) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_7 + y_7) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_7 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_7 + cz_7 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_7 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8j) Pu VII
$\mathbf{B}_{15}$	$=$	$-(x_7 + y_7) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_7 - y_7) \mathbf{a}_2 - z_7 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_7 + cz_7 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_7 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8j) Pu VII
$\mathbf{B}_{16}$	$=$	$-(x_7 - y_7) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_7 + y_7) \mathbf{a}_2 - z_7 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-(ax_7 + cz_7 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_7 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8j) Pu VII
$\mathbf{B}_{17}$	$=$	$(x_7 + y_7) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_7 - y_7) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_7 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$(ax_7 + cz_7 \cos \beta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_7 \sin \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8j) Pu VII

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