

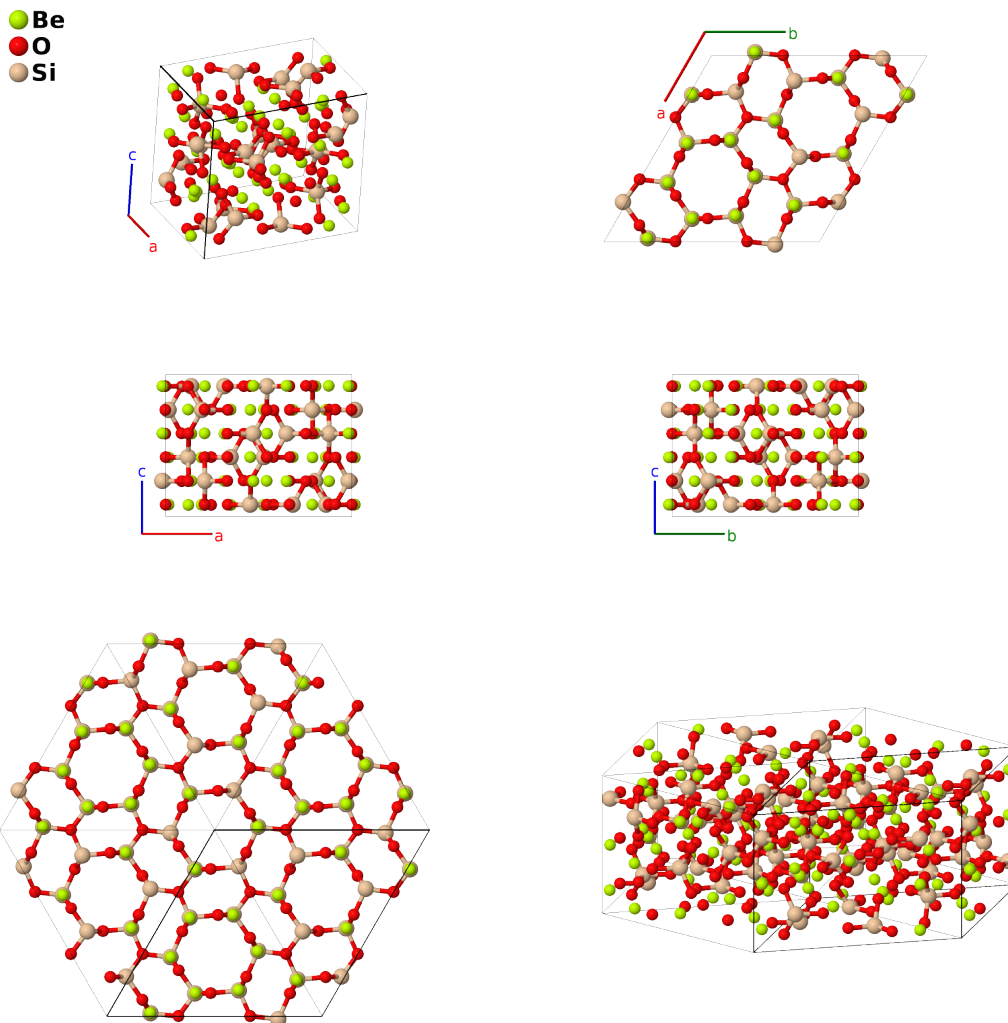
# Phenakite ( $\text{Be}_2\text{SiO}_4$ , $S1_3$ ) Structure: A2B4C\_hR42\_148\_2f\_4f\_f-001

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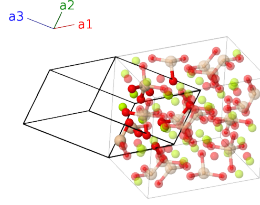
Prototype	$\text{Be}_2\text{O}_4\text{Si}$
AFLOW prototype label	A2B4C_hR42_148_2f_4f_f-001
<i>Strukturbericht</i> designation	$S1_3$
Mineral name	phenakite
ICSD	202275
Pearson symbol	hR42

Space group number 148  
Space group symbol  $R\bar{3}$   
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Other compounds with this structure  
LiZnPO<sub>4</sub>, Zn<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> (willemite), (Zn, Mn)<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> (troostite)

### Rhombohedral primitive vectors

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_1 &= \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \mathbf{a}_2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \mathbf{a}_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{aligned}$$



### Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates	Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B}_1$	$x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$= \frac{1}{2}a(x_1 - z_1) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_1 - 2y_1 + z_1) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_1 + y_1 + z_1) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6f)	Be I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$z_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_1 \mathbf{a}_2 + y_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$= -\frac{1}{2}a(y_1 - z_1) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(2x_1 - y_1 - z_1) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_1 + y_1 + z_1) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6f)	Be I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$y_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + z_1 \mathbf{a}_2 + x_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$= -\frac{1}{2}a(x_1 - y_1) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_1 + y_1 - 2z_1) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_1 + y_1 + z_1) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6f)	Be I
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$-x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$= -\frac{1}{2}a(x_1 - z_1) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_1 - 2y_1 + z_1) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_1 + y_1 + z_1) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6f)	Be I
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$-z_1 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_1 \mathbf{a}_2 - y_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$= \frac{1}{2}a(y_1 - z_1) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(2x_1 - y_1 - z_1) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_1 + y_1 + z_1) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6f)	Be I
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$-y_1 \mathbf{a}_1 - z_1 \mathbf{a}_2 - x_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$= \frac{1}{2}a(x_1 - y_1) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_1 + y_1 - 2z_1) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_1 + y_1 + z_1) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6f)	Be I
$\mathbf{B}_7$	$x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$= \frac{1}{2}a(x_2 - z_2) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_2 - 2y_2 + z_2) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_2 + y_2 + z_2) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6f)	Be II
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$z_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + y_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$= -\frac{1}{2}a(y_2 - z_2) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(2x_2 - y_2 - z_2) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_2 + y_2 + z_2) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6f)	Be II
$\mathbf{B}_9$	$y_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + z_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + x_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$= -\frac{1}{2}a(x_2 - y_2) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_2 + y_2 - 2z_2) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_2 + y_2 + z_2) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6f)	Be II
$\mathbf{B}_{10}$	$-x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_2 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$= -\frac{1}{2}a(x_2 - z_2) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_2 - 2y_2 + z_2) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_2 + y_2 + z_2) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6f)	Be II
$\mathbf{B}_{11}$	$-z_2 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_2 \mathbf{a}_2 - y_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$= \frac{1}{2}a(y_2 - z_2) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(2x_2 - y_2 - z_2) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_2 + y_2 + z_2) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6f)	Be II
$\mathbf{B}_{12}$	$-y_2 \mathbf{a}_1 - z_2 \mathbf{a}_2 - x_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$= \frac{1}{2}a(x_2 - y_2) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_2 + y_2 - 2z_2) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_2 + y_2 + z_2) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6f)	Be II
$\mathbf{B}_{13}$	$x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$= \frac{1}{2}a(x_3 - z_3) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_3 - 2y_3 + z_3) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_3 + y_3 + z_3) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6f)	O I
$\mathbf{B}_{14}$	$z_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + y_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$= -\frac{1}{2}a(y_3 - z_3) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(2x_3 - y_3 - z_3) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_3 + y_3 + z_3) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6f)	O I

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{B}_{15} &= y_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + x_3 \mathbf{a}_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}a(x_3 - y_3) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_3 + y_3 - 2z_3) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_3 + y_3 + z_3) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{16} &= -x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_3 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_3 \mathbf{a}_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}a(x_3 - z_3) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_3 - 2y_3 + z_3) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_3 + y_3 + z_3) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{17} &= -z_3 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_3 \mathbf{a}_2 - y_3 \mathbf{a}_3 &= \frac{1}{2}a(y_3 - z_3) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(2x_3 - y_3 - z_3) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_3 + y_3 + z_3) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{18} &= -y_3 \mathbf{a}_1 - z_3 \mathbf{a}_2 - x_3 \mathbf{a}_3 &= \frac{1}{2}a(x_3 - y_3) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_3 + y_3 - 2z_3) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_3 + y_3 + z_3) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{19} &= x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_4 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_4 \mathbf{a}_3 &= \frac{1}{2}a(x_4 - z_4) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_4 - 2y_4 + z_4) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_4 + y_4 + z_4) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O II} \\
\mathbf{B}_{20} &= z_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_4 \mathbf{a}_2 + y_4 \mathbf{a}_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}a(y_4 - z_4) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(2x_4 - y_4 - z_4) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_4 + y_4 + z_4) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O II} \\
\mathbf{B}_{21} &= y_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + z_4 \mathbf{a}_2 + x_4 \mathbf{a}_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}a(x_4 - y_4) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_4 + y_4 - 2z_4) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_4 + y_4 + z_4) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O II} \\
\mathbf{B}_{22} &= -x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_4 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_4 \mathbf{a}_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}a(x_4 - z_4) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_4 - 2y_4 + z_4) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_4 + y_4 + z_4) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O II} \\
\mathbf{B}_{23} &= -z_4 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_4 \mathbf{a}_2 - y_4 \mathbf{a}_3 &= \frac{1}{2}a(y_4 - z_4) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(2x_4 - y_4 - z_4) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_4 + y_4 + z_4) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O II} \\
\mathbf{B}_{24} &= -y_4 \mathbf{a}_1 - z_4 \mathbf{a}_2 - x_4 \mathbf{a}_3 &= \frac{1}{2}a(x_4 - y_4) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_4 + y_4 - 2z_4) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_4 + y_4 + z_4) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O II} \\
\mathbf{B}_{25} &= x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_5 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_5 \mathbf{a}_3 &= \frac{1}{2}a(x_5 - z_5) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_5 - 2y_5 + z_5) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_5 + y_5 + z_5) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{26} &= z_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_5 \mathbf{a}_2 + y_5 \mathbf{a}_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}a(y_5 - z_5) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(2x_5 - y_5 - z_5) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_5 + y_5 + z_5) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{27} &= y_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + z_5 \mathbf{a}_2 + x_5 \mathbf{a}_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}a(x_5 - y_5) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_5 + y_5 - 2z_5) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_5 + y_5 + z_5) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{28} &= -x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_5 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_5 \mathbf{a}_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}a(x_5 - z_5) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_5 - 2y_5 + z_5) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_5 + y_5 + z_5) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{29} &= -z_5 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_5 \mathbf{a}_2 - y_5 \mathbf{a}_3 &= \frac{1}{2}a(y_5 - z_5) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(2x_5 - y_5 - z_5) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_5 + y_5 + z_5) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{30} &= -y_5 \mathbf{a}_1 - z_5 \mathbf{a}_2 - x_5 \mathbf{a}_3 &= \frac{1}{2}a(x_5 - y_5) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_5 + y_5 - 2z_5) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_5 + y_5 + z_5) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{31} &= x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_6 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_6 \mathbf{a}_3 &= \frac{1}{2}a(x_6 - z_6) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_6 - 2y_6 + z_6) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_6 + y_6 + z_6) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{32} &= z_6 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_6 \mathbf{a}_2 + y_6 \mathbf{a}_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}a(y_6 - z_6) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(2x_6 - y_6 - z_6) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_6 + y_6 + z_6) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{33} &= y_6 \mathbf{a}_1 + z_6 \mathbf{a}_2 + x_6 \mathbf{a}_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}a(x_6 - y_6) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_6 + y_6 - 2z_6) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_6 + y_6 + z_6) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{34} &= -x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_6 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_6 \mathbf{a}_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}a(x_6 - z_6) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_6 - 2y_6 + z_6) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_6 + y_6 + z_6) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{35} &= -z_6 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_6 \mathbf{a}_2 - y_6 \mathbf{a}_3 &= \frac{1}{2}a(y_6 - z_6) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(2x_6 - y_6 - z_6) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_6 + y_6 + z_6) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{36} &= -y_6 \mathbf{a}_1 - z_6 \mathbf{a}_2 - x_6 \mathbf{a}_3 &= \frac{1}{2}a(x_6 - y_6) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_6 + y_6 - 2z_6) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{3}c(x_6 + y_6 + z_6) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{O IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{37} &= x_7 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_7 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_7 \mathbf{a}_3 &= \frac{1}{2}a(x_7 - z_7) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_7 - 2y_7 + z_7) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_7 + y_7 + z_7) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{Si I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{38} &= z_7 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_7 \mathbf{a}_2 + y_7 \mathbf{a}_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}a(y_7 - z_7) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(2x_7 - y_7 - z_7) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c(x_7 + y_7 + z_7) \hat{\mathbf{z}} &(6f) & \text{Si I}
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\mathbf{B}_{39} &= y_7 \mathbf{a}_1 + z_7 \mathbf{a}_2 + x_7 \mathbf{a}_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}a(x_7 - y_7) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_7 + y_7 - 2z_7) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + & (6f) & \text{Si I} \\
&&& \frac{1}{3}c(x_7 + y_7 + z_7) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\
\mathbf{B}_{40} &= -x_7 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_7 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_7 \mathbf{a}_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}a(x_7 - z_7) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_7 - 2y_7 + z_7) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - & (6f) & \text{Si I} \\
&&& \frac{1}{3}c(x_7 + y_7 + z_7) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\
\mathbf{B}_{41} &= -z_7 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_7 \mathbf{a}_2 - y_7 \mathbf{a}_3 &= \frac{1}{2}a(y_7 - z_7) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(2x_7 - y_7 - z_7) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - & (6f) & \text{Si I} \\
&&& \frac{1}{3}c(x_7 + y_7 + z_7) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\
\mathbf{B}_{42} &= -y_7 \mathbf{a}_1 - z_7 \mathbf{a}_2 - x_7 \mathbf{a}_3 &= \frac{1}{2}a(x_7 - y_7) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a(x_7 + y_7 - 2z_7) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - & (6f) & \text{Si I} \\
&&& \frac{1}{3}c(x_7 + y_7 + z_7) \hat{\mathbf{z}}
\end{aligned}$$

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