

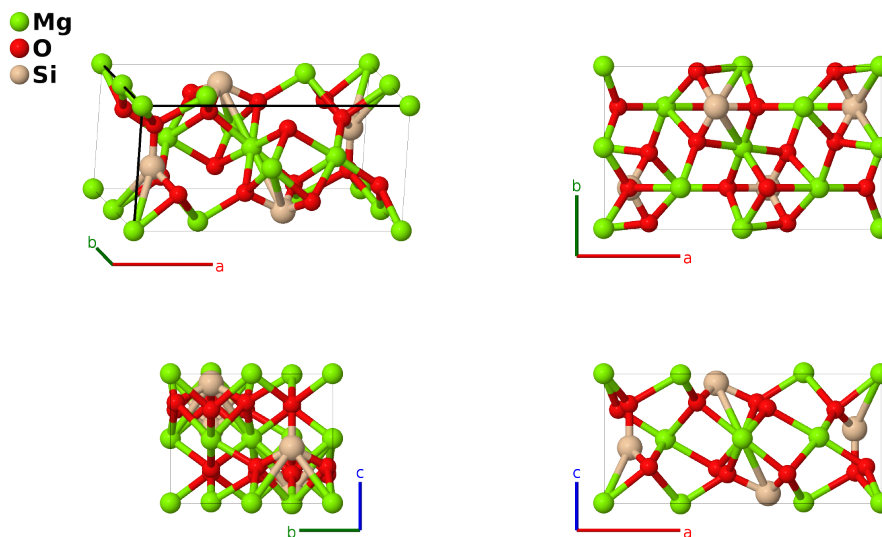
Forsterite (Mg_2SiO_4 , $S1_2$) Structure: A2B4C_oP28_62_ac_2cd_c-001

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Prototype	$\text{Mg}_2\text{O}_4\text{Si}$
AFLOW prototype label	A2B4C_oP28_62_ac_2cd_c-001
<i>Strukturbericht</i> designation	$S1_2$
Mineral name	forsterite
ICSD	64744
Pearson symbol	oP28
Space group number	62
Space group symbol	$Pnma$
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Other compounds with this structure

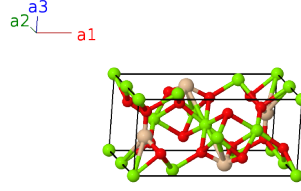
Al_2BeO_4 , Fe_2SiO_4 (fayalite), Fe_2SiS_4 , Mg_2GeO_4 , Mg_2GeS_4 , Mg_2GeS_4 , Mn_2GeS_4 , Tm_2ZnS_4

- This structure is the magnesium end-point of olivine, $(\text{Mg,Fe})_2\text{SiO}_4$.
- We use the structural data taken by (Hazen, 1976) at 23°C.
- For olivine structures where the (2a) and (2c) sites have different species, see the monticellite structure page.

- (Hazen, 1976) reports the structure in the $Pbnm$ setting of space group #62. We have transformed this into the standard $Pnma$ setting.

Simple Orthorhombic primitive vectors

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



Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates		Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
\mathbf{B}_1	$= 0$	$=$	0	(4a)	Mg I
\mathbf{B}_2	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2} c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Mg I
\mathbf{B}_3	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} b \hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(4a)	Mg I
\mathbf{B}_4	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2} c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Mg I
\mathbf{B}_5	$= x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Mg II
\mathbf{B}_6	$= -(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Mg II
\mathbf{B}_7	$= -x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Mg II
\mathbf{B}_8	$= (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Mg II
\mathbf{B}_9	$= x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	O I
\mathbf{B}_{10}	$= -(x_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	O I
\mathbf{B}_{11}	$= -x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	O I
\mathbf{B}_{12}	$= (x_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	O I
\mathbf{B}_{13}	$= x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_4 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	O II
\mathbf{B}_{14}	$= -(x_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	O II
\mathbf{B}_{15}	$= -x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_4 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	O II
\mathbf{B}_{16}	$= (x_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	O II
\mathbf{B}_{17}	$= x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_5 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Si I
\mathbf{B}_{18}	$= -(x_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Si I
\mathbf{B}_{19}	$= -x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_5 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Si I
\mathbf{B}_{20}	$= (x_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Si I
\mathbf{B}_{21}	$= x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_6 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_6 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8d)	O III
\mathbf{B}_{22}	$= -(x_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - y_6 \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8d)	O III
\mathbf{B}_{23}	$= -x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_6 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8d)	O III
\mathbf{B}_{24}	$= (x_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8d)	O III

$$\mathbf{B}_{25} = -x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_6 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_6 \mathbf{a}_3 = -ax_6 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad (8d) \quad \text{O III}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{26} = \left(x_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + y_6 \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = a \left(x_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c \left(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad (8d) \quad \text{O III}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{27} = x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 - \left(y_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_6 \mathbf{a}_3 = ax_6 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b \left(y_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad (8d) \quad \text{O III}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{28} = -\left(x_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \left(y_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = -a \left(x_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b \left(y_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c \left(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad (8d) \quad \text{O III}$$

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