

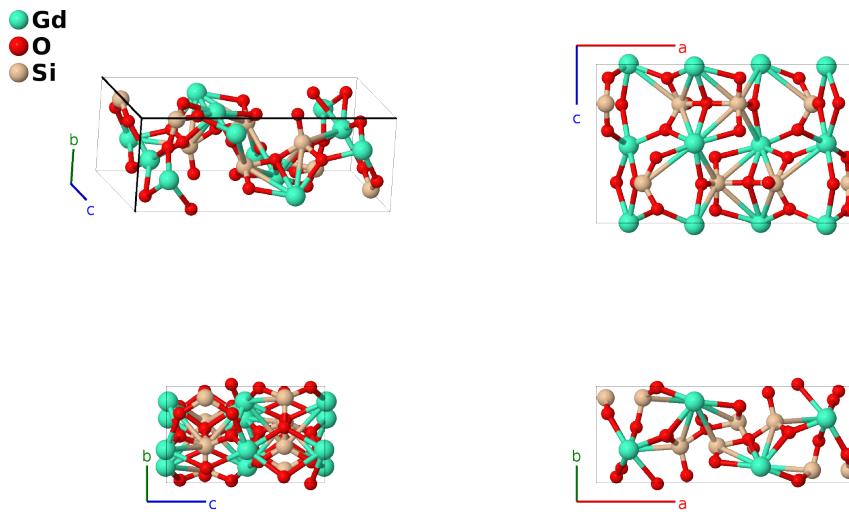
# Possible $\delta$ -Gd<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> Structure: A2B7C2\_oP44\_33\_2a\_7a\_2a-001

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## Other compounds with this structure

$\delta$ -Ho<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>,  $\delta$ -Dy<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>,  $\delta$ -Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>

- (Smolin, 1970) found that some structures of RE<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> (RE = Ho, Dy, Gd, Y) were in the orthorhombic *Pna*2<sub>1</sub> #33 space group, in which case this would be the prototype of  $\delta$ -RE<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> (Becerro, 2004).
- Later, (Dias, 1990) found  $\delta$ -Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> to be in the centro-symmetric *Pnma* #62 space group.
- This was supported by (Becerro, 2004), who found only one yttrium site in the  $\delta$ -structure.

- In addition, if we allow a small amount of uncertainty ( $0.2\text{\AA}$ ) in positions, FINDSYM places this structure in the *Pnma* group.
- Nevertheless we have found no work explicitly stating that the structure of (Smolin, 1970) is in error, and indeed (Christensen, 1994) found  $\delta\text{-Y}_2\text{O}_7\text{Si}_2$  in space group *Pna2*<sub>1</sub>. Given this ambiguity, we list  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_7\text{Si}_2$  as a possible prototype for the  $\delta$ -phase pyrosilicates.
- While the ICSD has entries for  $\text{Eu}_2\text{O}_7\text{Si}_2$ ,  $\text{Nd}_2\text{O}_7\text{Si}_2$ , and  $\text{Yb}_2\text{O}_7\text{Si}_2$  from (Smolin, 1970), there is no entry for  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_7\text{Si}_2$ , perhaps suggesting that this structure is considered unreliable.

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### Simple Orthorhombic primitive vectors




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### Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates	Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B}_1$	$x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$a x_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b y_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c z_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Gd I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$-x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$-a x_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b y_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c (z_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Gd I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$(x_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$a (x_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b (y_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c z_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Gd I
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$-(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$-a (x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b (y_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c (z_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Gd I
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$a x_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b y_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c z_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Gd II
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$-x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$-a x_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b y_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c (z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Gd II
$\mathbf{B}_7$	$(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$a (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b (y_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c z_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Gd II
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$-(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$-a (x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b (y_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c (z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Gd II
$\mathbf{B}_9$	$x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$a x_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b y_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c z_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O I
$\mathbf{B}_{10}$	$-x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$-a x_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b y_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O I
$\mathbf{B}_{11}$	$(x_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$a (x_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b (y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c z_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O I
$\mathbf{B}_{12}$	$-(x_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$-a (x_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b (y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O I
$\mathbf{B}_{13}$	$x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_4 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$a x_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b y_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c z_4 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O II
$\mathbf{B}_{14}$	$-x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_4 \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$-a x_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b y_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c (z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O II
$\mathbf{B}_{15}$	$(x_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$a (x_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b (y_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c z_4 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O II
$\mathbf{B}_{16}$	$-(x_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$-a (x_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b (y_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c (z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O II
$\mathbf{B}_{17}$	$x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_5 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$a x_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b y_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c z_5 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O III
$\mathbf{B}_{18}$	$-x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_5 \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$-a x_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b y_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c (z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O III
$\mathbf{B}_{19}$	$(x_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$a (x_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b (y_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c z_5 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O III
$\mathbf{B}_{20}$	$-(x_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$-a (x_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b (y_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c (z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O III

$\mathbf{B}_{21}$	$x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_6 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_6 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O IV
$\mathbf{B}_{22}$	$-x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_6 \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_6 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_6 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O IV
$\mathbf{B}_{23}$	$(x_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O IV
$\mathbf{B}_{24}$	$-(x_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O IV
$\mathbf{B}_{25}$	$x_7 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_7 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_7 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_7 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O V
$\mathbf{B}_{26}$	$-x_7 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_7 \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O V
$\mathbf{B}_{27}$	$(x_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_7 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_7 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O V
$\mathbf{B}_{28}$	$-(x_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O V
$\mathbf{B}_{29}$	$x_8 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_8 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_8 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_8 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_8 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_8 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O VI
$\mathbf{B}_{30}$	$-x_8 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_8 \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_8 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_8 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_8 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_8 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O VI
$\mathbf{B}_{31}$	$(x_8 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_8 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_8 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_8 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_8 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_8 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O VI
$\mathbf{B}_{32}$	$-(x_8 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_8 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_8 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_8 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_8 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_8 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O VI
$\mathbf{B}_{33}$	$x_9 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_9 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_9 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_9 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_9 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_9 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O VII
$\mathbf{B}_{34}$	$-x_9 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_9 \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_9 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_9 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_9 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_9 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O VII
$\mathbf{B}_{35}$	$(x_9 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_9 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_9 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_9 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_9 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_9 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O VII
$\mathbf{B}_{36}$	$-(x_9 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_9 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_9 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_9 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_9 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_9 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	O VII
$\mathbf{B}_{37}$	$x_{10} \mathbf{a}_1 + y_{10} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_{10} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_{10} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_{10} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_{10} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_{38}$	$-x_{10} \mathbf{a}_1 - y_{10} \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_{10} + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_{10} \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_{10} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_{10} + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_{39}$	$(x_{10} + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_{10} - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_{10} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_{10} + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_{10} - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_{10} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_{40}$	$-(x_{10} - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_{10} + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_{10} + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_{10} - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_{10} + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_{10} + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_{41}$	$x_{11} \mathbf{a}_1 + y_{11} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_{11} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_{11} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_{11} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_{11} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Si II
$\mathbf{B}_{42}$	$-x_{11} \mathbf{a}_1 - y_{11} \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_{11} + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_{11} \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_{11} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_{11} + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Si II
$\mathbf{B}_{43}$	$(x_{11} + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_{11} - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_{11} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_{11} + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_{11} - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_{11} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Si II
$\mathbf{B}_{44}$	$-(x_{11} - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_{11} + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_{11} + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_{11} - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_{11} + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_{11} + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Si II

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