$SrSn_4$ Structure: A4B_oC20_63_acf_c-001

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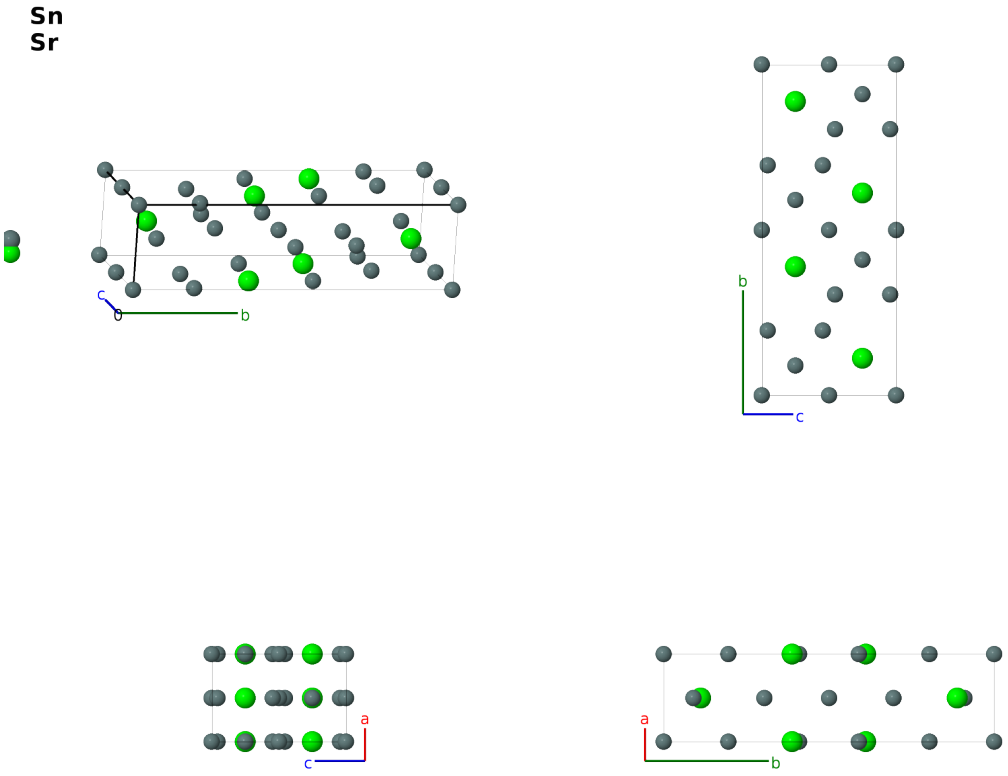

Prototype	Sn_4Sr
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Space group number	63
Space group symbol	*Cmcm*

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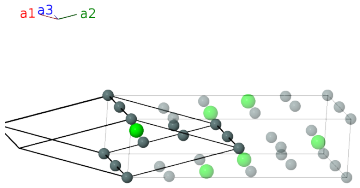
- The equilibrium phase diagram for the Sn-Sr system has been mapped by (Palenzona, 384):

Formula	Structure
Sr	fcc ($A1$)
Sr_2Sn	Cotunnite, $PbCl_2$ ($C23$)
Sr_5Sn_3	Cr_5B_3 ($D8_l$)
SrSn	CrB ($B33$)
Sr_3Sn_5	Pd_5Pu_3
$SrSn_3$	$SrSn_3$
$SrSn_4$	$SrSn_4$ (this structure)
Sn	diamond ($A4$) or β-Sn ($A5$)

- This structure is superconducting below 4.8K

Base-centered Orthorhombic primitive vectors

$$\mathbf{a_1} = \frac{1}{2}a\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{1}{2}b\,\hat{\mathbf{y}}$$
$$\mathbf{a_2} = \frac{1}{2}a\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2}b\,\hat{\mathbf{y}}$$
$$\mathbf{a_3} = c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$$



Basis vectors

		Lattice coordinates		Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B_1}$	=	0	=	0	(4a)	Sn I
$\mathbf{B_2}$	=	$\frac{1}{2}\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{2}c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Sn I
$\mathbf{B_3}$	=	$-y_2\,\mathbf{a}_1 + y_2\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{4}\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$by_2\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{4}c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Sn II
$\mathbf{B_4}$	=	$y_2\,\mathbf{a}_1 - y_2\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{3}{4}\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-by_2\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{3}{4}c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Sn II
$\mathbf{B_5}$	=	$-y_3\,\mathbf{a}_1 + y_3\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{4}\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$by_3\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{4}c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Sr I
$\mathbf{B_6}$	=	$y_3\,\mathbf{a}_1 - y_3\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{3}{4}\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-by_3\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{3}{4}c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Sr I
$\mathbf{B_7}$	=	$-y_4\,\mathbf{a}_1 + y_4\,\mathbf{a}_2 + z_4\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$by_4\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_4\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8f)	Sn III
$\mathbf{B_8}$	=	$y_4\,\mathbf{a}_1 - y_4\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-by_4\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8f)	Sn III
$\mathbf{B_9}$	=	$-y_4\,\mathbf{a}_1 + y_4\,\mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_4 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$by_4\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} - c\left(z_4 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8f)	Sn III
$\mathbf{B_{10}}$	=	$y_4\,\mathbf{a}_1 - y_4\,\mathbf{a}_2 - z_4\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-by_4\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_4\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8f)	Sn III

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