γ-Alane (AlH_3) Structure: AB3_oP24_58_ag_c2gh-001

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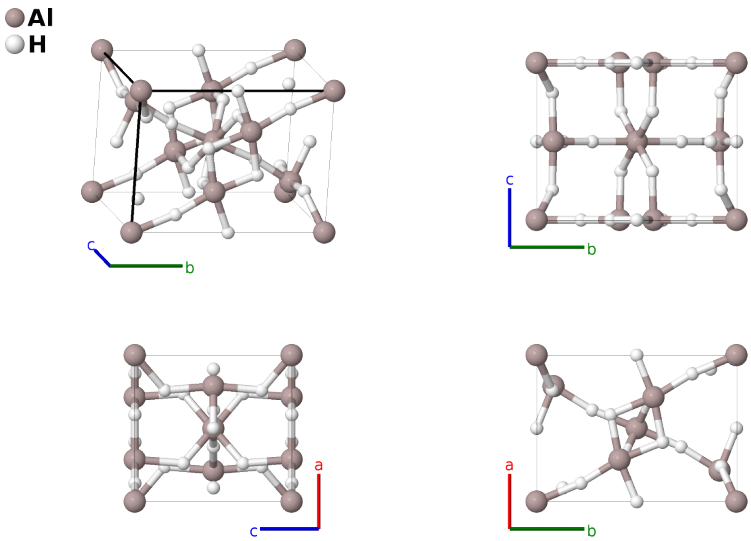

Prototype	AlH_3
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Mineral name	γ-alane
ICSD	249407
Pearson symbol	oP24
Space group number	58
Space group symbol	$Pnnm$
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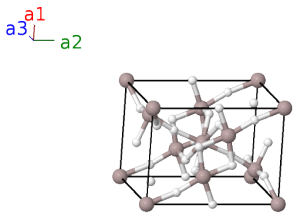
- Alane (AlH_3 or AlD_3) comes a variety of polymorphs (Brower, 1976) which can be accessed by using different preparation methods. We will add to this list as we obtain data on more of the crystal structures. Currently we have
  - α-Alane is the ground state, and has the rhombohedral FeF_3 ($D0_{12}$) structure,
  - α'-Alane, which takes the body-centered orthorhombic β-$AlFe_3$ structure.
  - β-Alane is cubic,
  - orthorhombic γ-Alane (this structure) has two hydrogens bridging some of the aluminum atoms, and
  - tetragonal δ-Alane.

Simple Orthorhombic primitive vectors

$$\mathbf{a_1} = a\,\hat{\mathbf{x}}$$
$$\mathbf{a_2} = b\,\hat{\mathbf{y}}$$
$$\mathbf{a_3} = c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$$



Basis vectors

		Lattice coordinates		Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B_1}$	=	0	=	0	(2a)	Al I
$\mathbf{B_2}$	=	$\frac{1}{2}\,\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{2}a\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2}b\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2a)	Al I
$\mathbf{B_3}$	=	$\frac{1}{2}\,\mathbf{a}_2$	=	$\frac{1}{2}b\,\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(2c)	H I
$\mathbf{B_4}$	=	$\frac{1}{2}\,\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{2}a\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2}c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2c)	H I
$\mathbf{B_5}$	=	$x_3\,\mathbf{a}_1 + y_3\,\mathbf{a}_2$	=	$ax_3\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_3\,\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(4g)	Al II
$\mathbf{B_6}$	=	$-x_3\,\mathbf{a}_1 - y_3\,\mathbf{a}_2$	=	$-ax_3\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_3\,\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(4g)	Al II
$\mathbf{B_7}$	=	$-\left(x_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_1 + \left(y_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-a\left(x_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + b\left(y_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4g)	Al II
$\mathbf{B_8}$	=	$\left(x_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_1 - \left(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$a\left(x_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - b\left(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4g)	Al II
$\mathbf{B_9}$	=	$x_4\,\mathbf{a}_1 + y_4\,\mathbf{a}_2$	=	$ax_4\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_4\,\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(4g)	H II
$\mathbf{B_{10}}$	=	$-x_4\,\mathbf{a}_1 - y_4\,\mathbf{a}_2$	=	$-ax_4\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_4\,\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(4g)	H II
$\mathbf{B_{11}}$	=	$-\left(x_4 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_1 + \left(y_4 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-a\left(x_4 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + b\left(y_4 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4g)	H II
$\mathbf{B_{12}}$	=	$\left(x_4 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_1 - \left(y_4 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$a\left(x_4 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - b\left(y_4 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4g)	H II
$\mathbf{B_{13}}$	=	$x_5\,\mathbf{a}_1 + y_5\,\mathbf{a}_2$	=	$ax_5\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_5\,\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(4g)	H III
$\mathbf{B_{14}}$	=	$-x_5\,\mathbf{a}_1 - y_5\,\mathbf{a}_2$	=	$-ax_5\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_5\,\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(4g)	H III
$\mathbf{B_{15}}$	=	$-\left(x_5 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_1 + \left(y_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-a\left(x_5 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + b\left(y_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4g)	H III
$\mathbf{B_{16}}$	=	$\left(x_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_1 - \left(y_5 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$a\left(x_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - b\left(y_5 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4g)	H III
$\mathbf{B_{17}}$	=	$x_6\,\mathbf{a}_1 + y_6\,\mathbf{a}_2 + z_6\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$ax_6\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_6\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	H IV
$\mathbf{B_{18}}$	=	$-x_6\,\mathbf{a}_1 - y_6\,\mathbf{a}_2 + z_6\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-ax_6\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_6\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	H IV
$\mathbf{B_{19}}$	=	$-\left(x_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_1 + \left(y_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-a\left(x_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + b\left(y_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} - c\left(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	H IV
$\mathbf{B_{20}}$	=	$\left(x_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_1 - \left(y_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$a\left(x_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - b\left(y_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} - c\left(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	H IV
$\mathbf{B_{21}}$	=	$-x_6\,\mathbf{a}_1 - y_6\,\mathbf{a}_2 - z_6\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-ax_6\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_6\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_6\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	H IV
$\mathbf{B_{22}}$	=	$x_6\,\mathbf{a}_1 + y_6\,\mathbf{a}_2 - z_6\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$ax_6\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_6\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_6\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	H IV
$\mathbf{B_{23}}$	=	$\left(x_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_1 - \left(y_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$a\left(x_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - b\left(y_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	H IV
$\mathbf{B_{24}}$	=	$-\left(x_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_1 + \left(y_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-a\left(x_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + b\left(y_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	H IV

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