

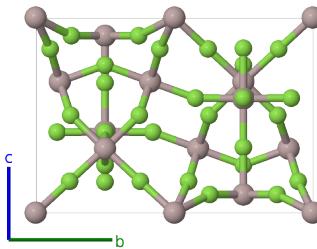
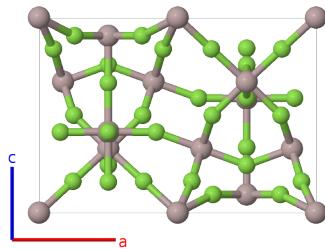
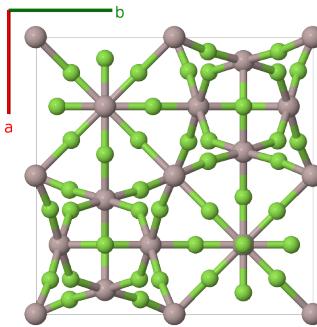
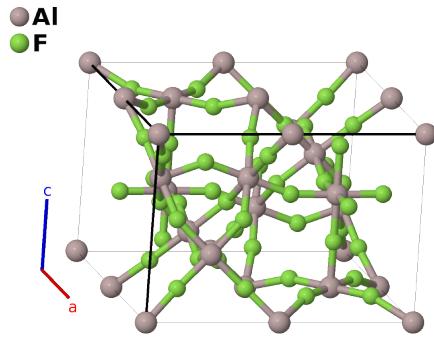
# $\theta$ -AlF<sub>3</sub> Structure:

AB3\_tP64\_129\_2cdi\_2cfhijk-001

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**Prototype**

AlF<sub>3</sub>

**AFLOW prototype label**

AB3\_tP64\_129\_2cdi\_2cfhijk-001

**ICSD**

79814

**Pearson symbol**

tP64

**Space group number**

129

**Space group symbol**

$P4/nmm$

**AFLOW prototype command**

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- AlF<sub>3</sub> has a variety of polymorphs (Le Bail, 2006) including:

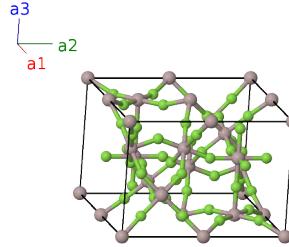
- $\alpha$ -AlF<sub>3</sub>, which takes the rhombohedral FeF<sub>3</sub> ( $D0_{12}$ ) structure.
- $\beta$ -AlF<sub>3</sub> has a body-centered orthorhombic structure.
- $\eta$ -AlF<sub>3</sub> has the  $\beta$ -AlH<sub>3</sub> structure.

- $\kappa$ -AlF<sub>3</sub> is tetragonal structure.
- $\theta$ -AlF<sub>3</sub> (this structure), also known as  $\tau$ -AlF<sub>3</sub>, is a larger tetragonal structure.
- Above 713K AlF<sub>3</sub> transforms into the cubic ReO<sub>3</sub> ( $D0_9$ ) structure (Morelock, 2014).

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### Simple Tetragonal primitive vectors

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




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### Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates	=	Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B}_1$	$\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2c)	Al I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$\frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2c)	Al I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2c)	Al II
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$\frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2c)	Al II
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2c)	F I
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$\frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2c)	F I
$\mathbf{B}_7$	$\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_4 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2c)	F II
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$\frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_4 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2c)	F II
$\mathbf{B}_9$	0	=	0	(4d)	Al III
$\mathbf{B}_{10}$	$\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2$	=	$\frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(4d)	Al III
$\mathbf{B}_{11}$	$\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1$	=	$\frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}}$	(4d)	Al III
$\mathbf{B}_{12}$	$\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2$	=	$\frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(4d)	Al III
$\mathbf{B}_{13}$	$\frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4f)	F III
$\mathbf{B}_{14}$	$\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4f)	F III
$\mathbf{B}_{15}$	$\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4f)	F III
$\mathbf{B}_{16}$	$\frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4f)	F III
$\mathbf{B}_{17}$	$x_7 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_7 \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	F IV
$\mathbf{B}_{18}$	$-(x_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-a(x_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a(x_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	F IV
$\mathbf{B}_{19}$	$(x_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + x_7 \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$a(x_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	F IV
$\mathbf{B}_{20}$	$-x_7 \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a(x_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	F IV
$\mathbf{B}_{21}$	$-x_7 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_7 \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	F IV
$\mathbf{B}_{22}$	$(x_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$a(x_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a(x_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	F IV
$\mathbf{B}_{23}$	$-(x_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - x_7 \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-a(x_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	F IV
$\mathbf{B}_{24}$	$x_7 \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a(x_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8h)	F IV
$\mathbf{B}_{25}$	$\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + y_8 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_8 \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ay_8 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_8 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8i)	Al IV



$$\mathbf{B}_{63} = -\left(y_{11} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 - \left(x_{11} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_{11} \mathbf{a}_3 = -a \left(y_{11} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a \left(x_{11} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_{11} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad (16k) \quad \text{F VII}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{64} = y_{11} \mathbf{a}_1 + x_{11} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_{11} \mathbf{a}_3 = ay_{11} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_{11} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_{11} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad (16k) \quad \text{F VII}$$

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