

α -MgAgSb Structure:

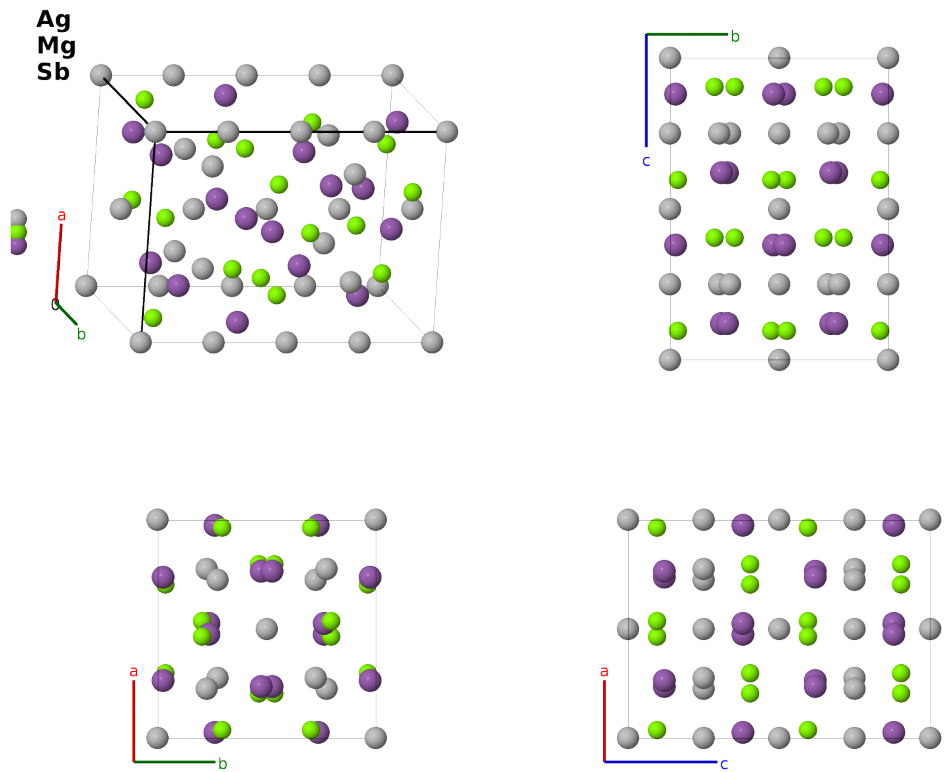
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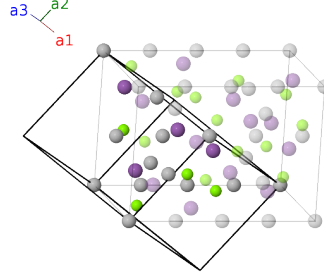


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- MgAgSb is found in three forms (Kirkham, 2012; Mi, 2017):
 - α -MgAgSb (this phase), the tetragonal ground state phase.
 - β -MgAgSb takes on the matlockite ($E0_1$ structure, which can be considered as a ternary form of Cu_2Sb ($C38$)).
 - γ -MgAgSb is in the cubic half-Heusler ($C1_b$) structure.
- The range of stability of these structures is rather uncertain. The α -phase exists below 300°C , the β -phase is observed in the range $300\text{--}395^\circ\text{C}$, and γ -MgAgSb is found at all temperatures above 27°C .

Body-centered Tetragonal primitive vectors

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a}_1 &= -\frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \mathbf{a}_2 &= \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \mathbf{a}_3 &= \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{1}{2}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}\end{aligned}$$



Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates		Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B}_1$	$\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2$	=	$\frac{1}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Ag I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$\frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2$	=	$\frac{3}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	Ag I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	0	=	0	(4b)	Ag II
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2$	=	$\frac{1}{2}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4b)	Ag II
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$(x_3 + \frac{1}{4}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_3 + \frac{1}{4}) \mathbf{a}_2 + 2x_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$ax_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8e)	Ag III
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$-(x_3 - \frac{1}{4}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_3 - \frac{1}{4}) \mathbf{a}_2 - 2x_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-ax_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ax_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8e)	Ag III
$\mathbf{B}_7$	$-(x_3 - \frac{3}{4}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_3 + \frac{3}{4}) \mathbf{a}_2$	=	$ax_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ax_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{3}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8e)	Ag III
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$(x_3 + \frac{3}{4}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_3 - \frac{3}{4}) \mathbf{a}_2$	=	$-ax_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{3}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8e)	Ag III
$\mathbf{B}_9$	$(y_4 + z_4) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_4 + z_4) \mathbf{a}_2 + (x_4 + y_4) \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ay_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_4 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Mg I
$\mathbf{B}_{10}$	$-(y_4 - z_4) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_4 - z_4) \mathbf{a}_2 - (x_4 + y_4) \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ay_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_4 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Mg I
$\mathbf{B}_{11}$	$-(x_4 + z_4) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_4 - z_4) \mathbf{a}_2 - (x_4 - y_4) \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$ay_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_4 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Mg I
$\mathbf{B}_{12}$	$(x_4 - z_4) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_4 + z_4) \mathbf{a}_2 + (x_4 - y_4) \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-ay_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_4 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Mg I
$\mathbf{B}_{13}$	$(-y_4 + z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_4 + z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (x_4 - y_4) \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ay_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Mg I
$\mathbf{B}_{14}$	$(y_4 + z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (-x_4 + z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (x_4 - y_4) \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ay_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Mg I
$\mathbf{B}_{15}$	$(x_4 - z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_4 - z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (x_4 + y_4) \mathbf{a}_3$	=	$ay_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Mg I

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{B}_{16} &= \begin{aligned} & -\left(x_4 + z_4 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 - \\ & \left(y_4 + z_4 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 - (x_4 + y_4) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{aligned} &= & -ay_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c\left(z_4 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16i) & \text{Mg I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{17} &= \begin{aligned} & (y_5 + z_5) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_5 + z_5) \mathbf{a}_2 + \\ & (x_5 + y_5) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{aligned} &= & ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ay_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_5 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16i) & \text{Sb I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{18} &= \begin{aligned} & -(y_5 - z_5) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_5 - z_5) \mathbf{a}_2 - \\ & (x_5 + y_5) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{aligned} &= & -ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ay_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_5 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16i) & \text{Sb I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{19} &= \begin{aligned} & -(x_5 + z_5) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_5 - z_5) \mathbf{a}_2 - \\ & (x_5 - y_5) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{aligned} &= & ay_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_5 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16i) & \text{Sb I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{20} &= \begin{aligned} & (x_5 - z_5) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_5 + z_5) \mathbf{a}_2 + \\ & (x_5 - y_5) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{aligned} &= & -ay_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_5 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16i) & \text{Sb I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{21} &= \begin{aligned} & \left(-y_5 + z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \\ & \left(x_5 + z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + (x_5 - y_5) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{aligned} &= & ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ay_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16i) & \text{Sb I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{22} &= \begin{aligned} & \left(y_5 + z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \\ & \left(-x_5 + z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 - (x_5 - y_5) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{aligned} &= & -ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ay_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16i) & \text{Sb I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{23} &= \begin{aligned} & \left(x_5 - z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \\ & \left(y_5 - z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + (x_5 + y_5) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{aligned} &= & ay_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c\left(z_5 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16i) & \text{Sb I} \\
\mathbf{B}_{24} &= \begin{aligned} & -\left(x_5 + z_5 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 - \\ & \left(y_5 + z_5 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 - (x_5 + y_5) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{aligned} &= & -ay_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c\left(z_5 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (16i) & \text{Sb I}
\end{aligned}$$

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