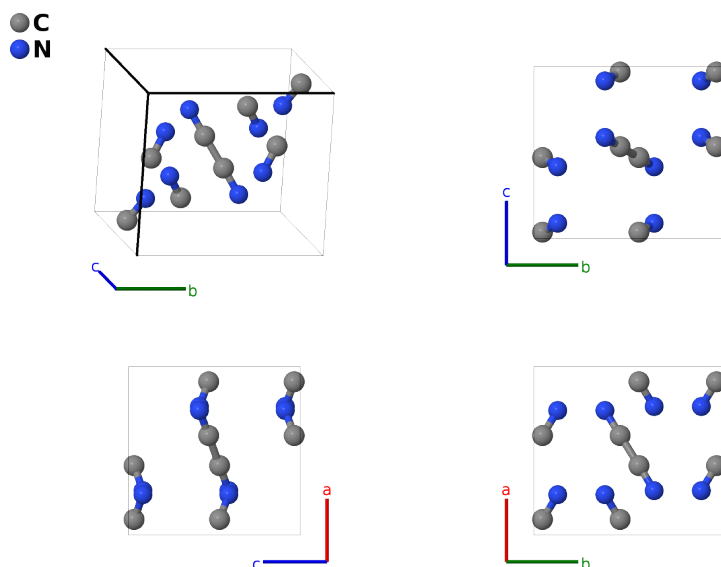


# Cyanogen [(CN)<sub>2</sub>] Structure: AB\_oP16\_61\_c\_c-002

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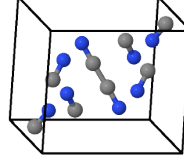
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<b>AFLOW prototype label</b>	AB_oP16_61_c_c-002
<b>Mineral name</b>	cyanogen
<b>ICSD</b>	15870
<b>Pearson symbol</b>	oP16
<b>Space group number</b>	61
<b>Space group symbol</b>	<i>Pbca</i>
<b>AFLOW prototype command</b>	<code>aflow --proto=AB_oP16_61_c_c-002 --params=a,b/a,c/a,x<sub>1</sub>,y<sub>1</sub>,z<sub>1</sub>,x<sub>2</sub>,y<sub>2</sub>,z<sub>2</sub></code>

- We use the data for solid cyanogen at  $-95^{\circ}\text{C}$  from (Parkes, 1963).
- (Parkes, 1963) give the structure in the *Pcab* setting of space group #61. We rotated this  $90^{\circ}$  about the *y*-axis to transform this to the standard *Pbca* setting.
- This structure has the same AFLOW label as *B<sub>e</sub>*, CdSb. The structures are generated by the same symmetry operations with different sets of parameters (`--params`) specified in their corresponding CIF files.

## Simple Orthorhombic primitive vectors

$a_1$   
 $a_2$   
 $a_3$

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



## Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates		Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B}_1$	$= x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8c)	C I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$= -(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8c)	C I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$= -x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8c)	C I
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$= (x_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8c)	C I
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$= -x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8c)	C I
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$= (x_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8c)	C I
$\mathbf{B}_7$	$= x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8c)	C I
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$= -(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8c)	C I
$\mathbf{B}_9$	$= x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8c)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_{10}$	$= -(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - y_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8c)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_{11}$	$= -x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8c)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_{12}$	$= (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8c)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_{13}$	$= -x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_2 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8c)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_{14}$	$= (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + y_2 \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8c)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_{15}$	$= x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - b(y_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8c)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_{16}$	$= -(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b(y_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8c)	N I

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