β-Po (A_i) Structure: A_hR1_166_a-001

This structure originally had the label `A_hR1_166_a.beta-Po`. Calls to that address will be redirected here.

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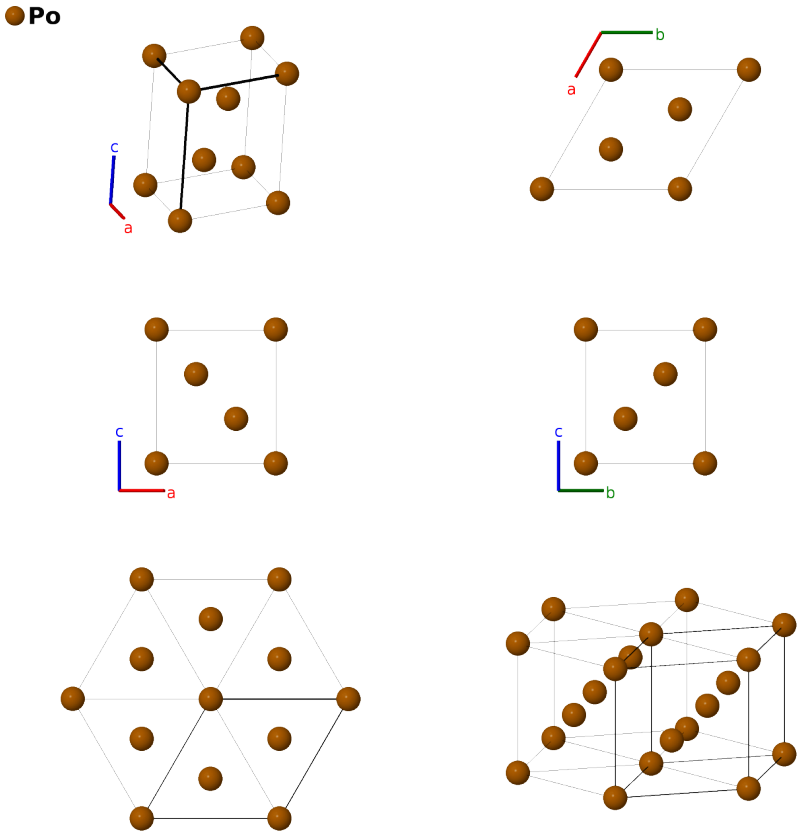


Prototype	Po
AFLOW prototype label	A_hR1_166_a-001
***Strukturbericht* designation**	A_i
ICSD	649161
Pearson symbol	hR1
Space group number	166
Space group symbol	$R\bar{3}m$
AFLOW prototype command	`aflow --proto=A_hR1_166_a-001 --params=`$a, c/a$

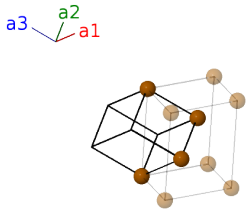
- Originally, Po was assigned Strukturbericht designation $A19$, which is now considered to be incorrect. (Donohue, 1982, 390)
- This rhombohedral structure becomes cubic at various values of c/a (or α)

c/a	α	**Cubic Lattice**
$\sqrt{7}$	60°	Face-Centered Cubic
$\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$	90°	Simple Cubic
$\sqrt{\frac{3}{8}}$	109.47°	Body-Centered Cubic

- Note that β-Po (A_hR1_166_a) and α-Hg (A_hR1_166_a) have the same AFLOW prototype label. They are generated by the same symmetry operations with different sets of parameters (`--params`) specified in their corresponding CIF files. Experimentally, β-Po (A_i) has c/a near 1, or $\alpha > 90°$, while α-Hg (A10) has c/a near 2, or $\alpha < 90°$.
- Hexagonal settings of rhombohedral structures can be obtained with the option `--hex`.

Rhombohedral primitive vectors

$$\mathbf{a_1} = \frac{1}{2}a\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$$
$$\mathbf{a_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}a\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$$
$$\mathbf{a_3} = -\frac{1}{2}a\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{3}c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$$



Basis vectors

		Lattice coordinates		Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B_1}$	=	0	=	0	(1a)	Po I

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