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# **MAGNDATA: a database of magnetic structures under the magnetic CIF format**

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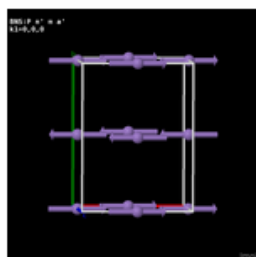
# MAGNDATA: A Collection of magnetic structures with portable cif-type files

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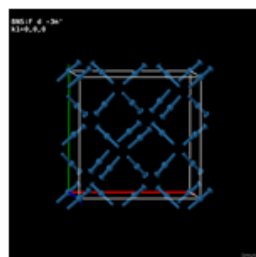
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**Update: by Jan. 2023 it contains more than 2000 structures**

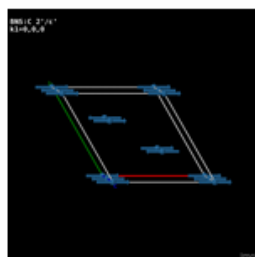
Zero propagation vector



0.1  $\text{LaMnO}_3$



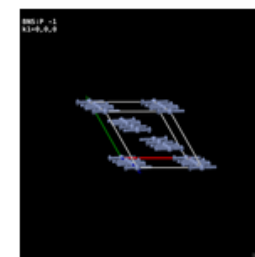
0.2  $\text{Cd}_2\text{Os}_2\text{O}_7$



0.3  $\text{Ca}_3\text{LiOsO}_6$



0.4  $\text{NiCr}_2\text{O}_4$



0.5  $\text{Cr}_2\text{S}_3$



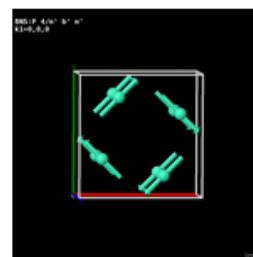
0.6  $\text{YMnO}_3$



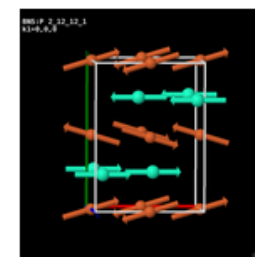
0.7  $\text{ScMnO}_3$



0.8  $\text{ScMnO}_3$



0.9  $\text{GdB}_4$



0.10  $\text{DyFeO}_3$

$\text{Sr}_2\text{F}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{OS}_2$  ([MAGNDATA #2.2](#))

## MAGNDATA: a collaborative work

- ***Bilbao:*** Samuel V. Gallego, J.M. Manuel Perez-Mato, L. Elcoro, G. Madariaga, Mois I. Aroyo
- ***Ankara:*** Emre S. Tasci
- ***Tsukuba:*** Koichi Momma (VESTA)
- ***Northfield, MN:*** Robert M. Hanson (Jmol)

*J. Appl. Cryst.* (2016) 49, 1750-1776 (Commensurate structures)

*J. Appl. Cryst.* (2016) 49, 1941-1956 (Incommensurate structures)

**At present it keeps running through the work of:**

**Emre S. Tasci, Gotzon Madariaga, Luis Elcoro & J. M. Perez-Mato**

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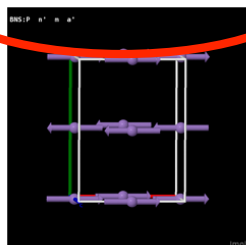
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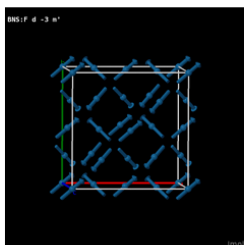
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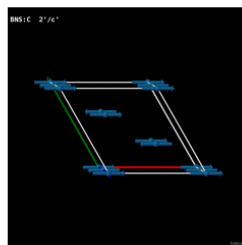
Zero propagation vector



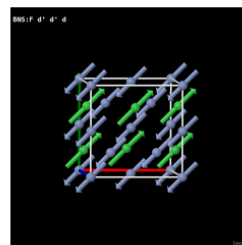
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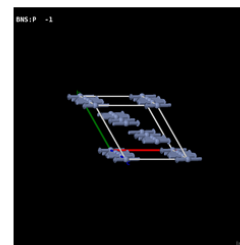
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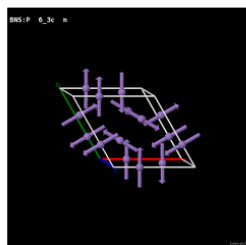
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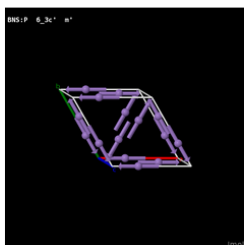
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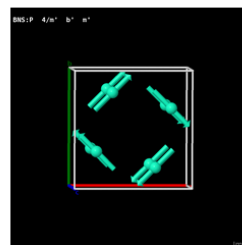
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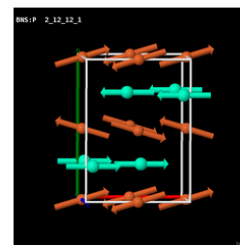
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0.9 GdB4



0.10 DyFeO3

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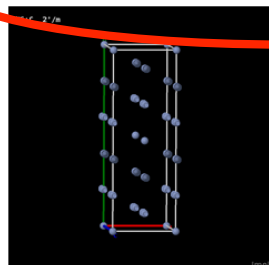
$\mathbf{k}=(0,0,0) \longrightarrow$  (no antitranslation)

$\mathbf{k}=0$  – structures (**Type I or III MSG symmetry**). The most interesting ones for magneto-structural properties! (magnetic point group without time reversal)

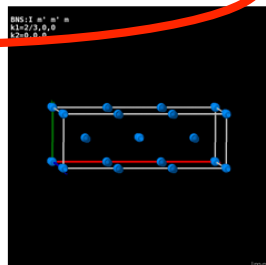


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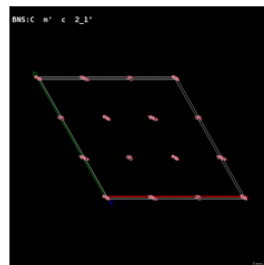
Non-zero propagation vector (Type III)



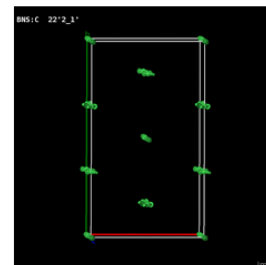
1.0.1  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CrO}_2$



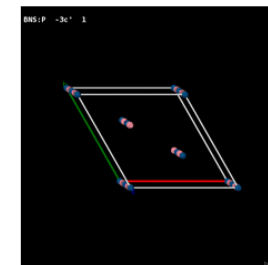
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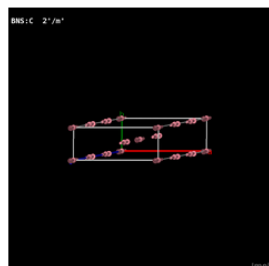
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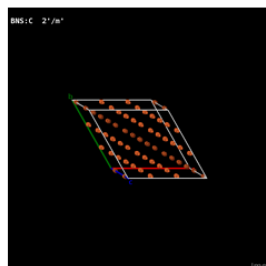
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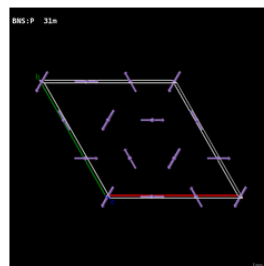
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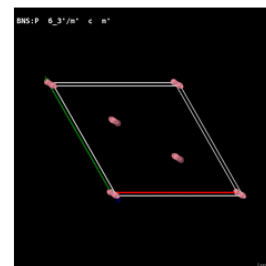
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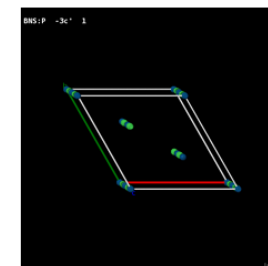
1.0.7  $\text{LuFe}_2\text{O}_4$



1.0.8  $\text{Ba}_3\text{MnNb}_2\text{O}_9$



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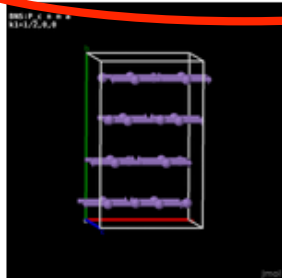
1.0.10  $\text{Sr}_3\text{NiIrO}_6$

$\mathbf{k} \neq (0,0,0)$  BUT no antitranslation ( $n\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{H}$  with  $n$ -odd)

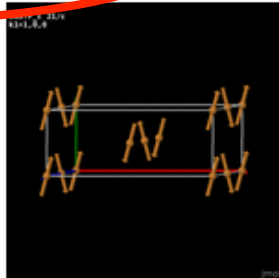
Also of **Type I or III MSG symmetry**. The most interesting ones for magneto-structural properties! (magnetic point group without time reversal)

# label 1.n

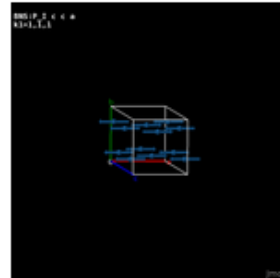
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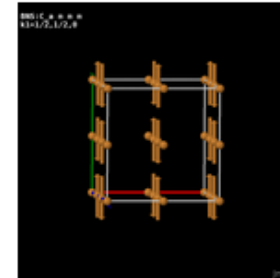
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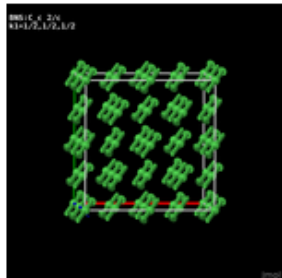
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1.4  $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{6+d}$



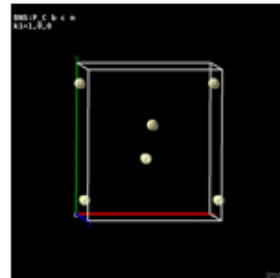
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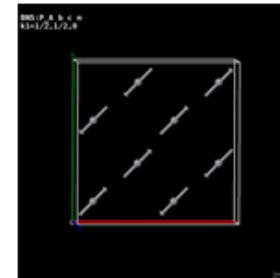
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1.7  $\text{NdFe}_3\text{B}_4\text{O}_{12}$



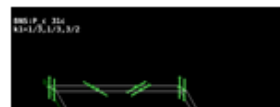
1.8  $\text{CeRu}_2\text{Al}_{10}$



1.9  $\text{Li}_2\text{VOSiO}_4$



1.10  $\text{Na}_2\text{IrO}_3$

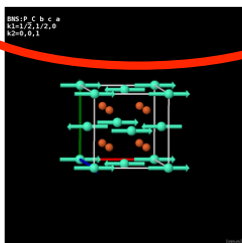


$\mathbf{k} \neq (0,0,0)$  with antitranslations ( $n\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{H}$  with  $n$ -even)

**Type IV MSG symmetry.** Magnetic point group includes time reversal as those of non-magnetic structures: symmetry restrictions on linear tensor properties similar to non-magnetic structures.

# labels 2.n and 3.n

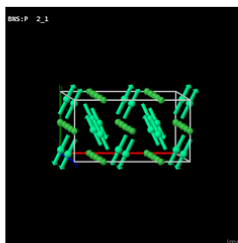
Two propagation vectors



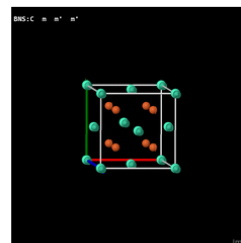
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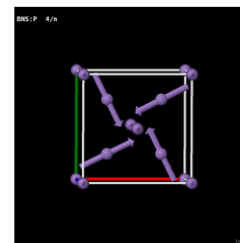
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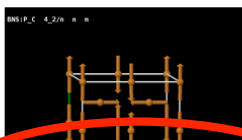
2.3  $\text{HoNiO}_3$



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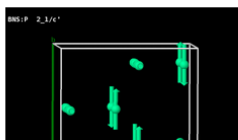
2.5  $\text{Mn}_3\text{CuN}$



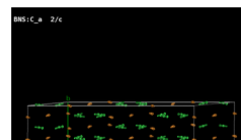
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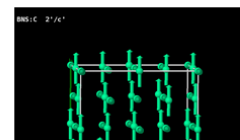
3.2  $\text{UO}_2$



3.3  $\text{Ho}_2\text{RhIn}_8$

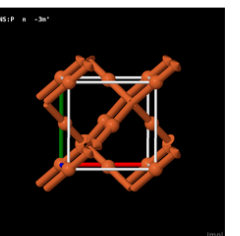
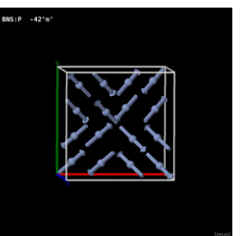
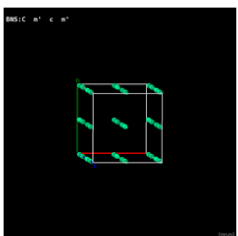
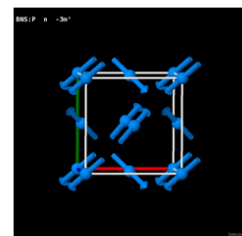
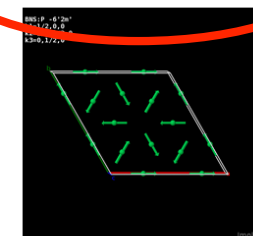


3.4  $\text{MgCr}_2\text{O}_4$



3.5  $\text{Fe}_{0.7}\text{Mn}_{0.3}$

Three propagation vectors



## 2k and $\geq 3k$ structures

All types of MSG symmetries (with and without antitranslations)

## INCOMMENSURATE STRUCTURES

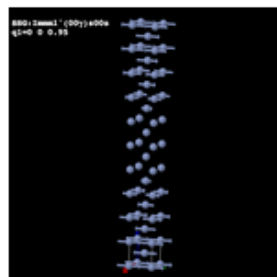
One propagation vector



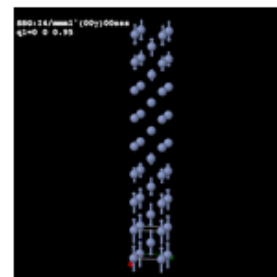
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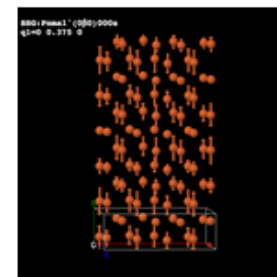
1.1.2  $\text{RbFe}(\text{MoO}_4)_2$



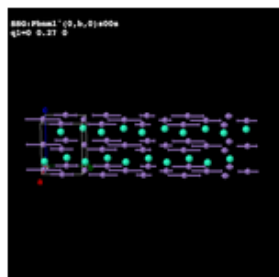
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1.1.4  $\text{Cr}$



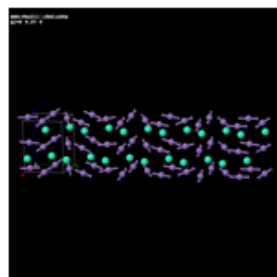
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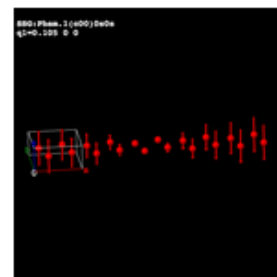
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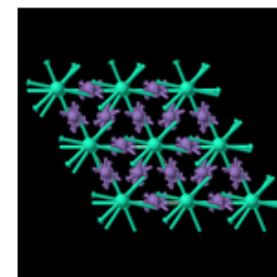
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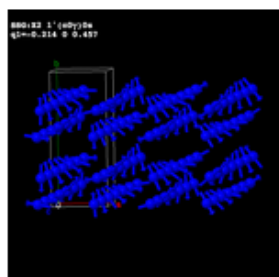
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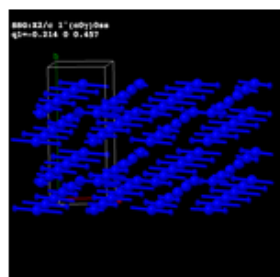
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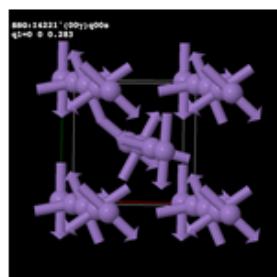
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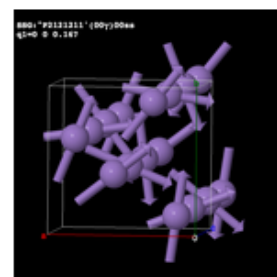
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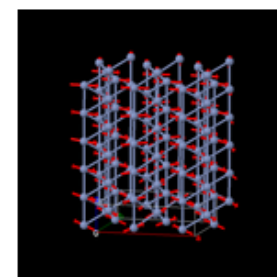
1.1.12  $\text{MnWO}_4$



1.1.13  $\text{MnAu}_2$



1.1.14  $\text{MnGe}$



1.1.15  $\text{CaCr}_2\text{O}_4$

# Search optional filters

## Advanced search

☒ All structures ☐ Commensurate structures ☐ Incommensurate structures

**Element search**  
(separate with space or comma)

☒ AND ☐ OR

**Total number of species**

**Search in comments**

**Crystal system**  
*Magnetic (super)space group*

(All)

*Parent space group*

(All)

**Standard setting**  
*Magnetic (super)space group*

(All)

*Parent space group*

(All)

**Class** (propagation vector type)

☒ Class 0 ☒ Class 2  
☒ Class 1.0 ☒ Class 3  
☒ Class 1 ☒ Class 1.1 (incomm)

**Temperatures**  
*Minimum transition temperature*

*Minimum experiment temperature*

**Properties**  
(magnetic super(space) group)  
*k-maximal?*

(All)

*Centrosymmetric?*

(All)

**Properties**  
(magnetic point group)  
*Polar?*

(All)

*Ferromagnetic?*

(All)

**Properties**  
(magnetic phase)  
*Possibly multiferroic type I?*

(All)

*Possibly multiferroic type II?*

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**Properties**  
(Phase transition)  
*Number of wave vectors?*

(All)

*Same point group than parent?*

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## Nonzero tensors

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## Irreducible representations

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*Secondary irreps allowed?*  (All)

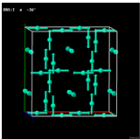
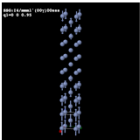
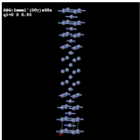
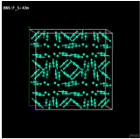
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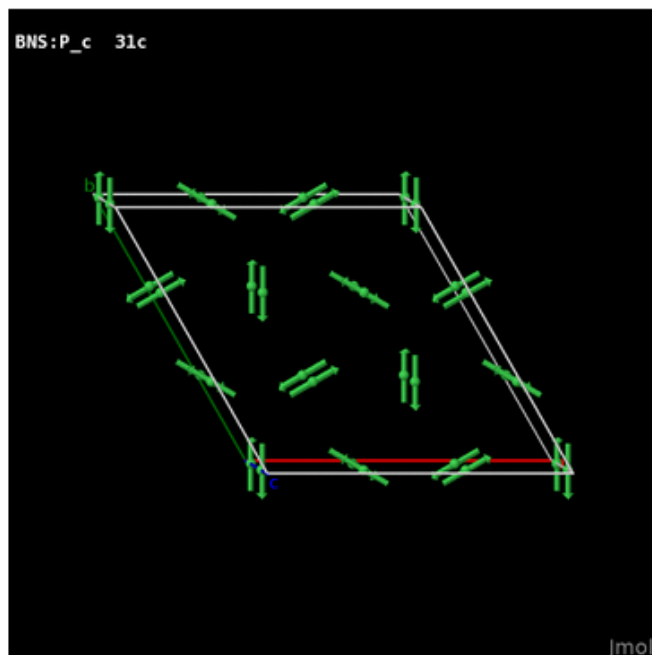
Search

ordering  
according to  
parent space group

Other optional  
orderings

Entry	Structure	Propagation vector(s)	Parent space group	Transformation from parent	Magnetic (super)space group	Magnetic point group
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1.1.4 Cr		0.000000,0.000000,0.950000	Im-3m (229) (standard)	(a,b,c;0,0,0)	I4/mmm1'(00g)00sss	4/mmm1' (15.2.54)
1.1.3 Cr		0.000000,0.000000,0.950000	Im-3m (229) (standard)	(a,b,c;0,0,0)	Immm1'(00g)s00s	mmm1' (8.2.25)
3.16 $\text{Gd}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$		1/2,1/2,1/2 -1/2,1/2,1/2 1/2,-1/2,1/2 1/2,1/2,-1/2	Fd-3m (227) (standard)	(2a,2b,2c;15/8,3/8,15/8)	F <sub>S</sub> -43m (216.77) (standard)	-43m1' (31.2.116)

## Heading of an entry:



### $\text{Ba}_3\text{Nb}_2\text{NiO}_9$ (#1.13)

for 3D online visualization

view in Jmol

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Download vesta file (magnetic atoms only)

magCIF file

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# JSmol online 3D visualization

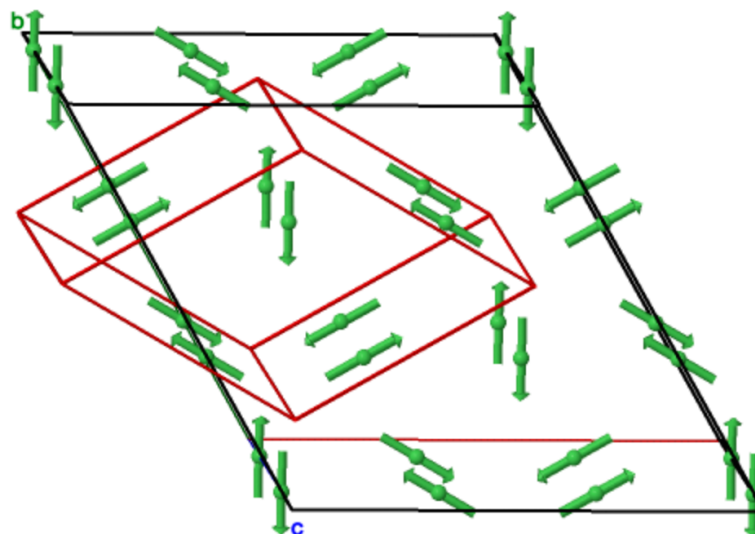
## MAGNDATA Structure Viewer: 3D Visualization of magnetic structures with Jmol

**Ba<sub>3</sub>Nb<sub>2</sub>NiO<sub>9</sub> (#1.13)**

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BNS:P\_c 31c



$2/3a+1/3b,-1/3a+1/3b,c;1/9,2/9,0$

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Working Cell

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View Along Axis...

Unit Cell Info

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Show unit cell a,b,c

Add 1 cell along x

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Choose supercell

Draw bonds & polyhedra

Join - with -

from 0.75 to 2.75 Å

Draw Bonds Polyhedra

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**CIF: Crystal Information File/Framework**

**magCIF: Format extension to magnetic structures**

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transformation to standard

MSG type identification

unit cell (magnetic)

Magnetic space group (MSG)

## magCIF file

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Ba1_3 Ba 0.88889 0.77778 0.16810 1
Ba2_1 Ba 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000 1
Ni1 Ni 0.00000 0.00000 0.25000 1
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**symmetry-independent atomic positions**  
(split by the lowering of symmetry)

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atom_site_moment.magnitude
atom_site_moment.spherical_azimuthal
atom_site_moment.spherical_polar
Ni1 1.04 2.08 0.0 mx,2mx,mz 1.8 ? ?
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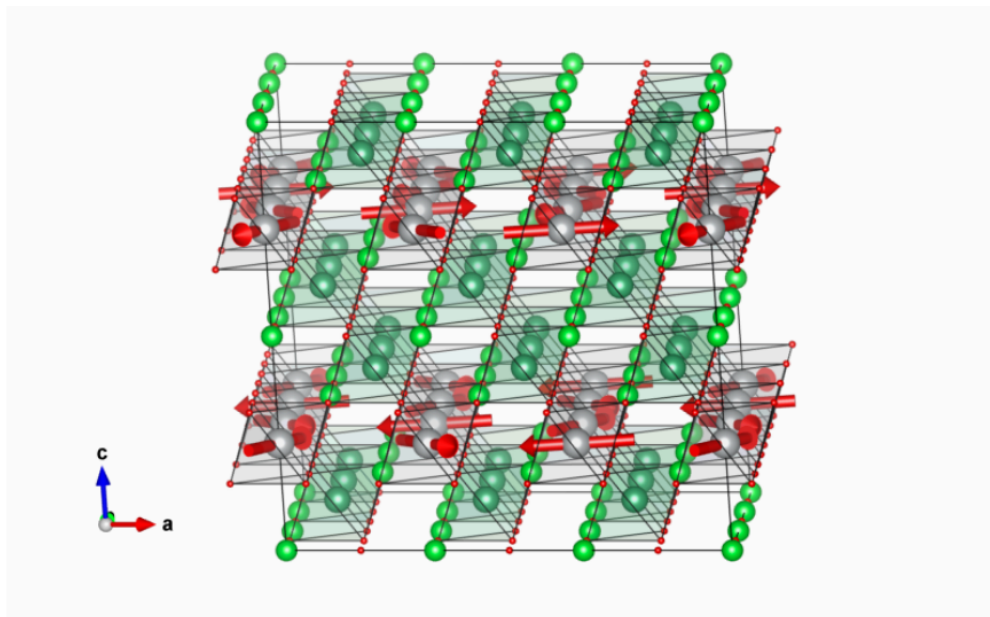
**symmetry-independent magnetic moments**

components

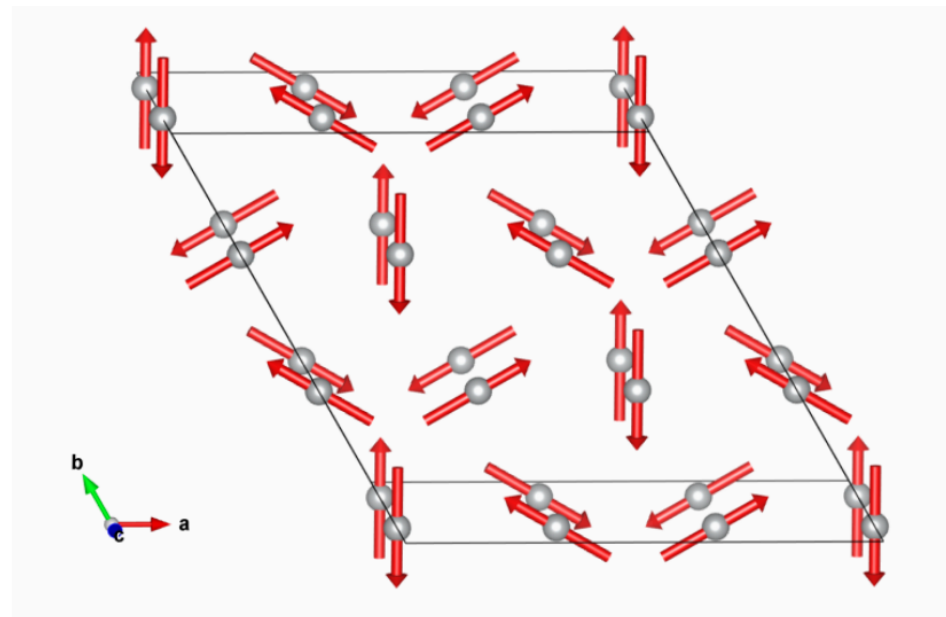
symmetry constraints

modulus

spherical coordinates  
(not supported by most programs!)



*Magnetic structure with all atoms*



*Magnetic structure with only magnetic atoms*

**Reference:** J. Hwang, E.S. Choi, F. Ye, C.R.D. Cruz, Y. Xin, H.D. Zhou and P. Schlottmann, *Physical Review Letters* (2012) **109**.

**DOI:** [10.1103/physrevlett.109.257205](https://doi.org/10.1103/physrevlett.109.257205)

**Atomic positions from:** ICSD #240280

**Parent space group** (paramagnetic phase): *P*-3*m*1 (#164)

**Propagation vector:**  $k_1$  ( $1/3, 1/3, 3/2$ )

**Transition Temperature:** 4.9 K

**Experiment Temperature:** 2 K

it includes a direct link to  
the reference (DOI)



### Lattice parameters of the magnetic unit cell:

17.2650 17.2650 14.1312 90.0000 90.0000 120.0000

Transformation from parent structure: (3a,3b,2c;0,0,0)

[\[View matrix form\]](#)

#1.13

### BNS Magnetic Space Group: $P_c31c$ (#159.64) (non-standard)

[\[View symmetry operations\]](#)

Transformation to a standard setting: (2/3a+1/3b,-1/3a+1/3b,c;1/9,2/9,0)

[\[View matrix form\]](#)

Systematic absences for this Magnetic Space Group via

Links to other programs

### Magnetic Point Group: $3m1'$ (19.2.69)

[\[View symmetry operations\]](#)

Symmetry-adapted form of material tensors via

Symmetry-adapted form of material tensors for domain-related equivalent structures via

### Positions and magnetic moments of symmetry independent atoms:

From now on, magnetic atoms are in boldface and colored in red. Magnetic moments are expressed in units of  $\mu_B$

[\[Show only magnetic atoms\]](#)

[\[Show all the atoms\]](#)

Use MVISUALIZE to:

Label	Atom type	x	y	z	Multiplicity	Symmetry constraints on M	$M_x$	$M_y$	$M_z$	M
Ni1	Ni	0.00000	0.00000	0.25000	18	$m_x, 2m_x, m_z$	0.85	1.7	0.0	1.47

[\[Show all magnetic atoms in unit cell and their moment relations\]](#)

### Active Irreps:

Irrep decomposition via

label	dim. full irrep	dim. small irrep	direction	action
mH3	4	2	special	primary

$m_z$  is symmetry allowed, but zero

### Comments:

- NPD
- 120-degrees magnetic ordering
- multiferroic with magnetic induced ferroelectricity along z.


### Comments (symmetry):

- 1 k magnetic structure
- k-maximal magnetic symmetry (from 4 possible)
- symmetry-allowed secondary irrep mA1- with  $k_2=3k_1=(0,0,1/2)$ ,
- corresponding to the z component of the Ni moments not observed.

**k-maximal symmetry**



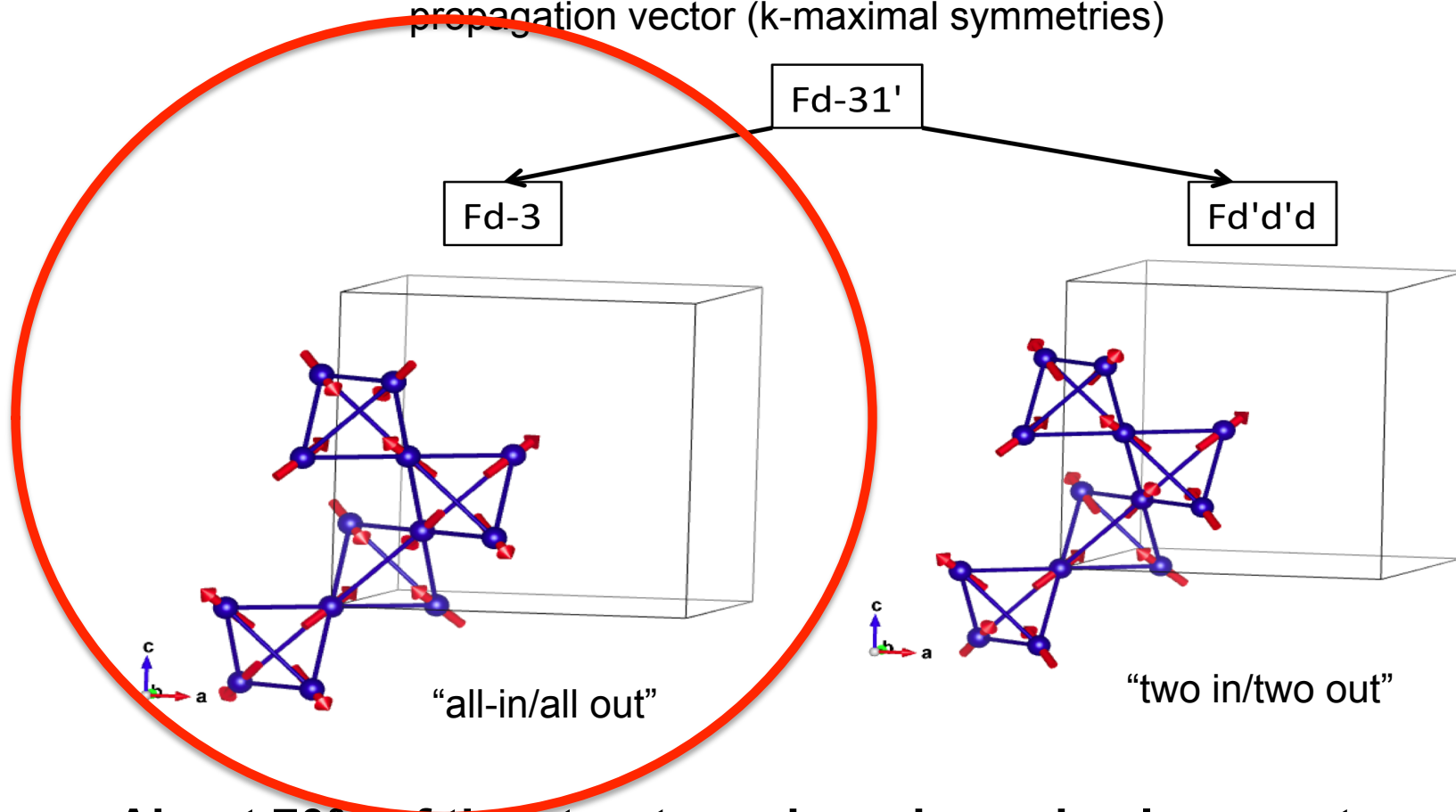
**$m_z$  is a third harmonic  
that can appear  
through coupling**





space group: ***Fd-3*** magnetic ordering with  $\mathbf{k}=(0,0,0)$

Possible maximal symmetries compatible with the observed propagation vector (k-maximal symmetries)



About 70% of the structures have k-maximal symmetry



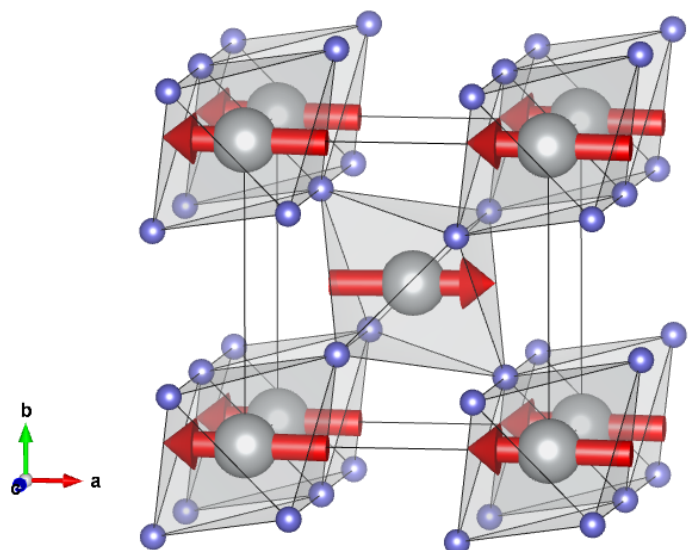
**NiF<sub>2</sub>** magndata #0.36

“historical” weak ferromagnet

$$\mathbf{k}=(0,0,0)$$

$$P4_2/mnm1' \rightarrow Pnn' m' (b,-a,c;0,0,0)$$

**k-maximal symmetry**    **weak FM along y**

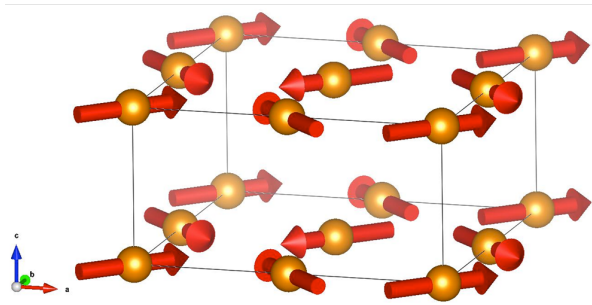


- PNPD
- $m_y$  = weak ferromagnetic component
- value of weak F component from macroscopic measurements
- **very small orthorhombic strain of the unit cell detected in other studies. A Pnnm structural model consistent with the magnetic symmetry has been reported (icsd 73728)**

irrep mGM5 (2-dim), special direction

**weak FM is explained by the MSG of the structure**

# Multi-k structures



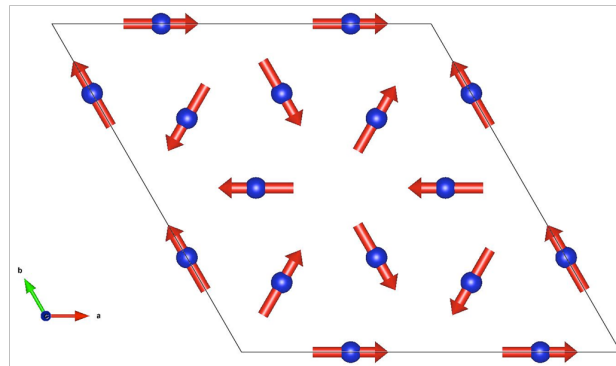
**NdMg (#2.14)**

Parent:  $Pm-3m1'$

$P_C4/nbm (2a_p, 2b_p, c_p; 0,0,0)$

$k_1 = (1/2, 0, 0)$

$k_2 = (0, 1/2, 0)$



**TmAgGe (#3.1)**

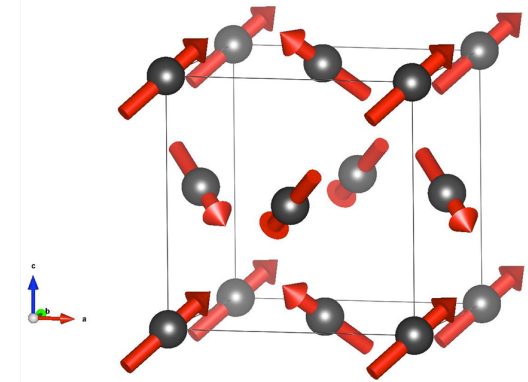
Parent:  $P-62m1'$

$P-6'2m' (2a_p, 2b_p, c_p; 0,0,0)$

$k_1 = (1/2, 0, 0)$

$k_2 = (1/2, 1/2, 0)$

$k_3 = (0, 1/2, 0)$



**NpBi (#3.7)**

Parent:  $Fm-3m1'$

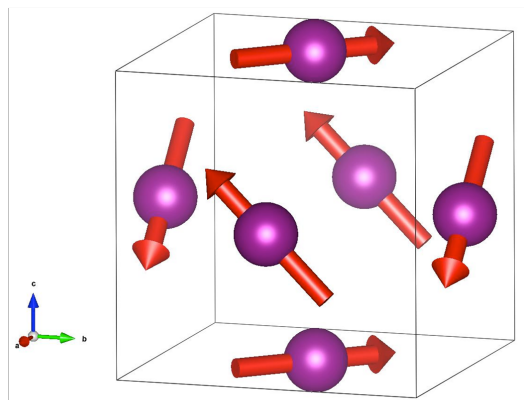
$Pn-3m' (a_p, b_p, c_p; 0,0,0)$

$k_1 = (1, 0, 0)$

$k_2 = (0, 1, 0)$

$k_3 = (0, 0, 1)$

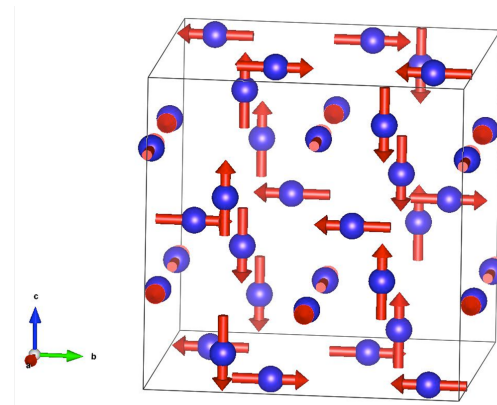
## multiaxial structures that are single k:



$\text{Mn}_3\text{Cu}_{0.5}\text{Ge}_{0.5}\text{N}$  (#0.74)

$R\bar{3}m$  (#166.97)

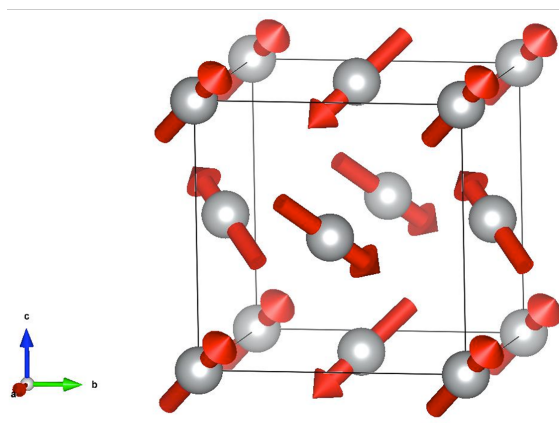
$\mathbf{k} = (0, 0, 0)$



$\text{Dy}_3\text{Al}_5\text{O}_{12}$  (#0.127)

$Ia\bar{3}d'$  (#230.148)

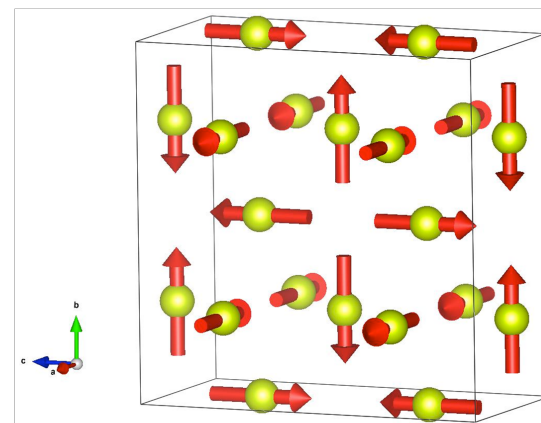
$\mathbf{k} = (0, 0, 0)$



$\text{NiS}_2$  (#0.150)

$Pa\bar{3}$  (#205.33)

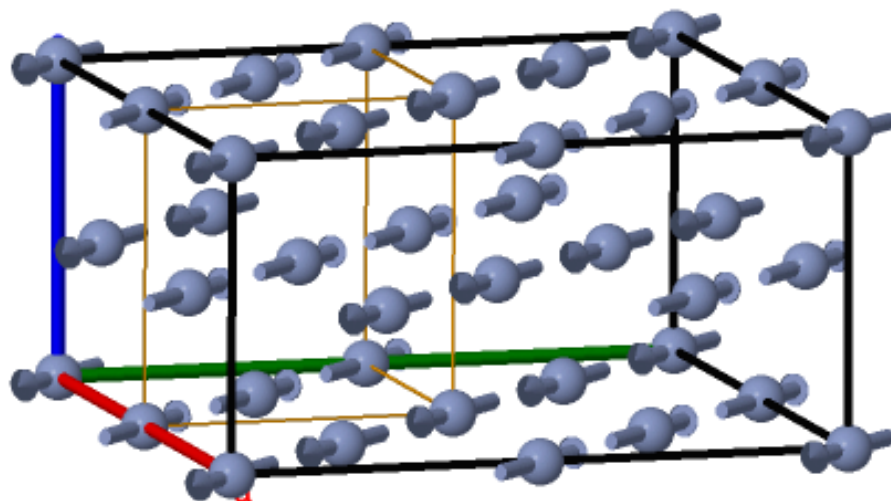
$\mathbf{k} = (0, 0, 0)$



$\text{Ce}_3\text{Nln}$  (#1.152)

$P\bar{C}\text{-}4b2$  (#117.305)

$\mathbf{k} = (0, 1/2, 1/2)$



Magndata 1.28

Label	Atom type	x	y	z	Symmetry constraints on M	M <sub>x</sub>	M <sub>y</sub>	M <sub>z</sub>
Cr1	Cr	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	$m_x, -m_x, 0$	1.7	-1.7	0.0

**CrN** *Phys Rev* (1960) 117 929

Paramagnetic symmetry: **Fm-3m1'**

**k**=(1/2,1/2,0)

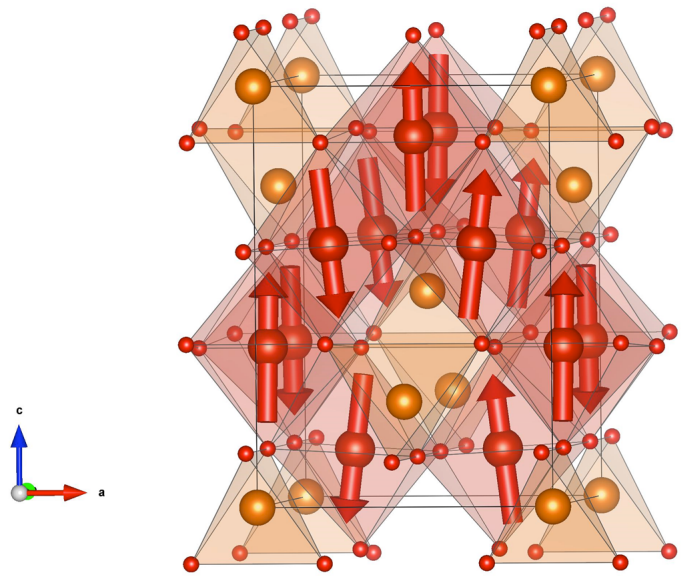
**MSG:  $P_a nma$**

k-maximal symmetry

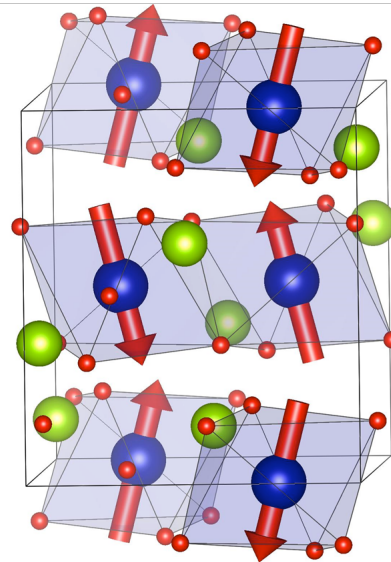
colinear structure – “symmetry protected”

Atom	x	y	z	Symmetry constraints on M
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2	0.50000	0.00000	0.00000	$-m_x, m_x, 0$
3	0.00000	0.25000	0.50000	$m_x, -m_x, 0$
4	0.75000	0.00000	0.50000	$-m_x, m_x, 0$
5	0.50000	0.75000	0.50000	$m_x, -m_x, 0$
6	0.25000	0.50000	0.50000	$-m_x, m_x, 0$
7	0.25000	0.75000	0.00000	$m_x, -m_x, 0$
8	0.25000	0.25000	0.00000	$-m_x, m_x, 0$
9	0.75000	0.75000	0.00000	$-m_x, m_x, 0$
10	0.25000	0.00000	0.50000	$m_x, -m_x, 0$
11	0.00000	0.75000	0.50000	$-m_x, m_x, 0$
12	0.75000	0.50000	0.50000	$m_x, -m_x, 0$
13	0.50000	0.25000	0.50000	$-m_x, m_x, 0$
14	0.50000	0.50000	0.00000	$m_x, -m_x, 0$
15	0.00000	0.50000	0.00000	$-m_x, m_x, 0$
16	0.75000	0.25000	0.00000	$m_x, -m_x, 0$

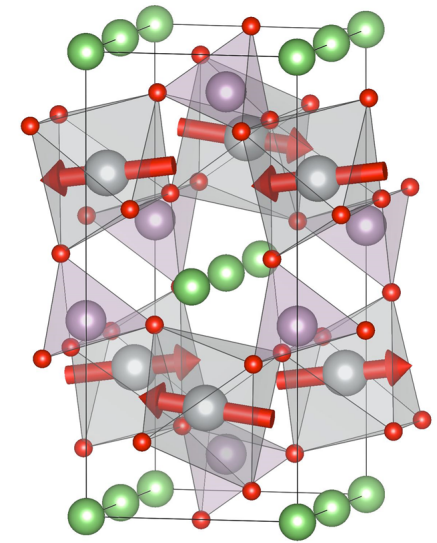
## Spin canting vs. collinearity :



$\text{MgV}_2\text{O}_4$  (#1.138)  
Parent group:  $I-4m21'$   
 $C_A222_1$  ( $\mathbf{a}_p + \mathbf{b}_{p'}, -\mathbf{a}_p + \mathbf{b}_{p'}, \mathbf{c}_p; 1/4, 1/4, 0$ )



$\text{CoSe}_2\text{O}_5$  (#0.119)  
Parent group:  $Pbcn1'$   
 $Pb'cn$  ( $\mathbf{a}_p, \mathbf{b}_{p'}, \mathbf{c}_p; 0, 0, 0$ )



$\text{LiNiPO}_4$  (#0.88)  
Parent group:  $Pnma1'$   
 $Pnm'a$  ( $\mathbf{a}_p, \mathbf{b}_{p'}, \mathbf{c}_p; 0, 0, 0$ )

**spin canting consistent with the MSG**

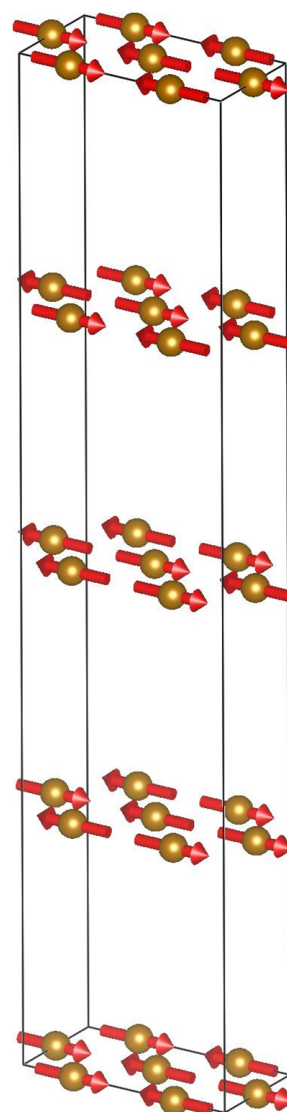
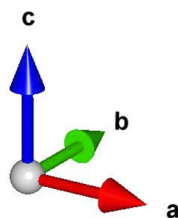
**symmetry allowed spin canting is often observed  
(specially with single crystal diffraction:  
only 10% strict collinear structures are not forced by symmetry)**

$\text{La}_2\text{O}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{OSe}_2$  (#1.58)

$\mathbf{k}=(1/2,0,1/2)$

deceptive simplicity  
of a collinear arrangement

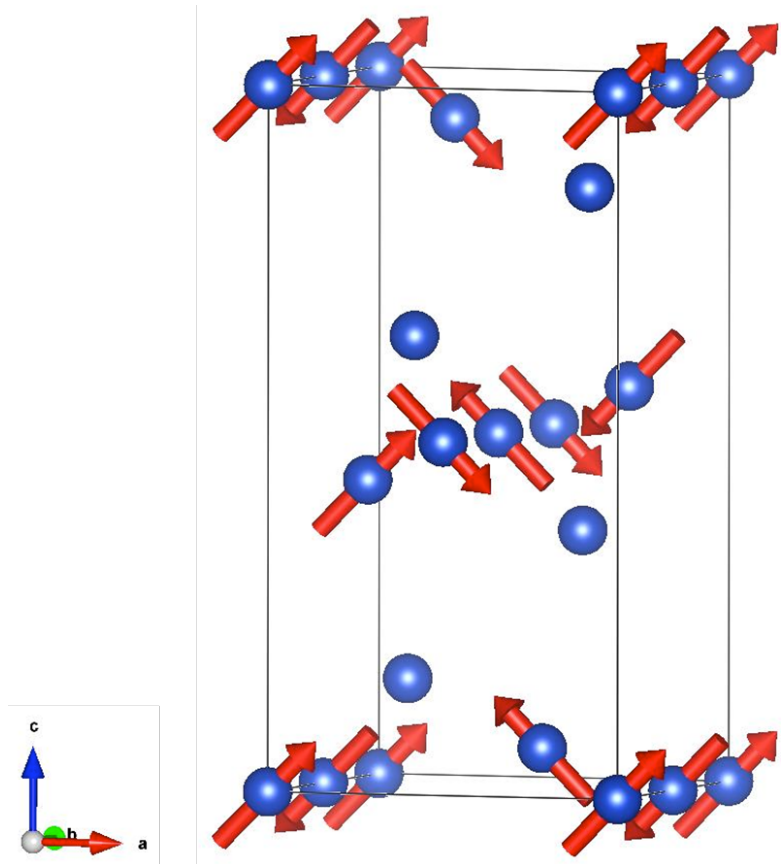
It requires 2 primary  
Irreps !



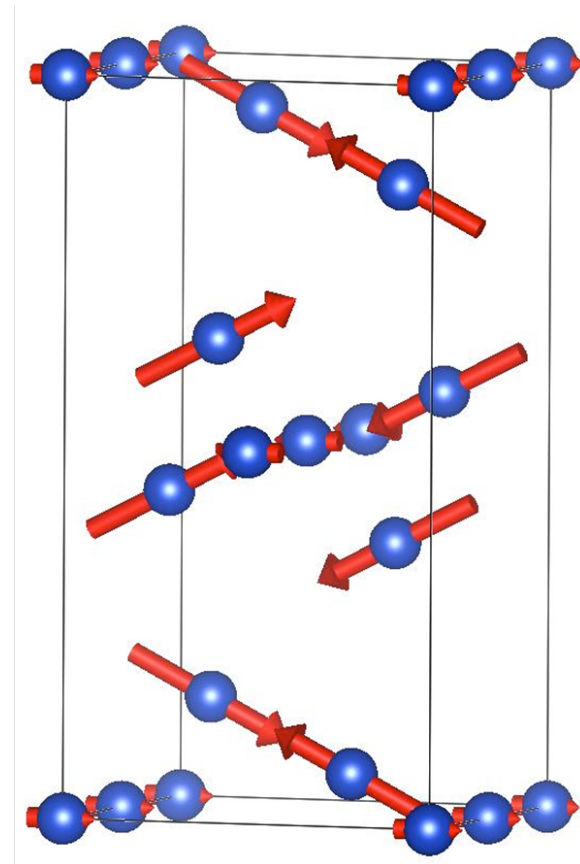
$I4/mmm1' \rightarrow C_c(\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}; 0,0,0)$  **Polar symmetry !**



## conflicting models:



$\text{Cu}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_9$  (#0.129)  
 $P2_1'2_1'2_1$  ( $\mathbf{a}_p, -\mathbf{c}_p, \mathbf{b}_p; 1/4, 1/4, 0$ )



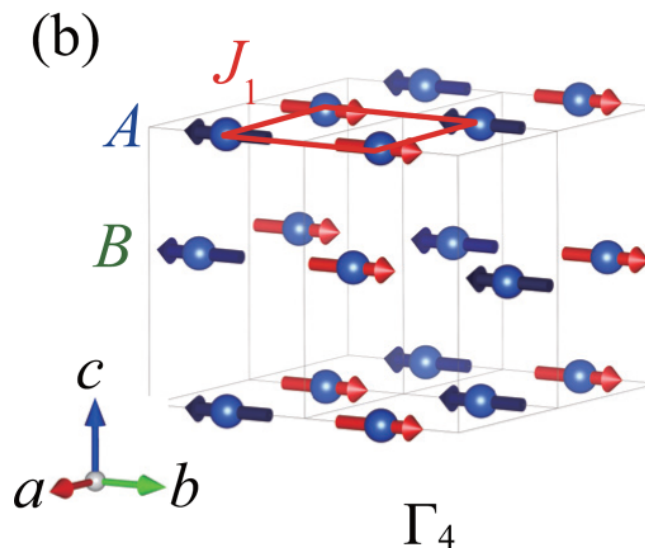
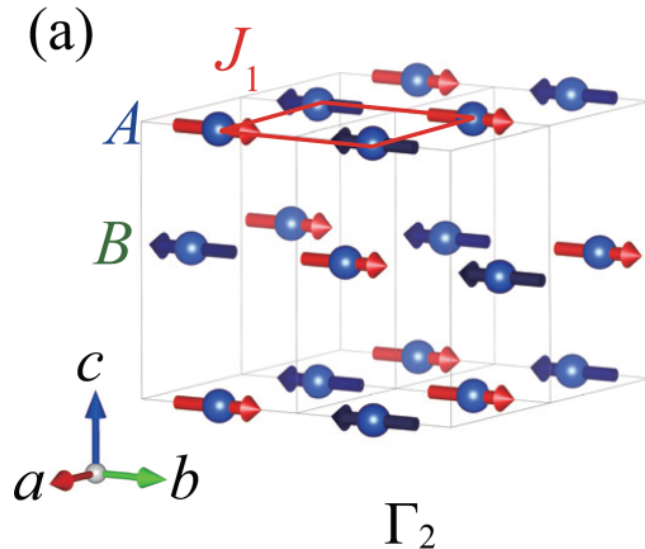
$\text{Cu}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_9$  (#0.130)  
 $Pm'c2_1'$  ( $-\mathbf{b}_p, -\mathbf{c}_p, \mathbf{a}_p; 0, 1/4, 1/4$ )

# The confusion between EQUIVALENT (domain-related) magnetic structures and DIFFERENT models fitting equally the diffraction data

## SrLaCuSbO<sub>6</sub> (MAGNDATA #1.674)

Phys. Rev. B (2022)

$\mathbf{k} = (\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} 0)$



These two arrangements are reported to fit equally well the data....They are claimed to correspond to two different irreps and represent two different alternative models...

**BUT in fact: ... they are the SAME magnetic structure!**

They are related by some of the lost symmetry operations. They represent the two forms that the same magnetic ordering can be realized in the parent structure, forming twin domains

**The two irreps are complex conjugate: they cannot yield different REAL magnetic arrangements! They form a SINGLE PHYSICALLY irreducible representation**



**We do not have validation tools: being in MAGNDATA does not necessarily mean that structure is correct!**

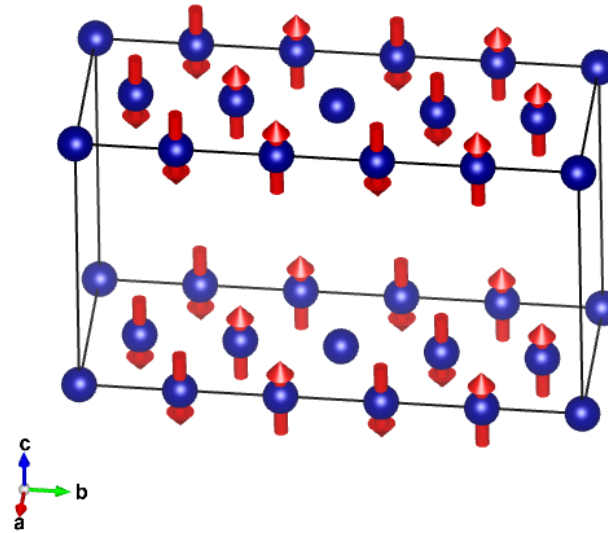
There are “dubious” structures:

**1.0.1  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CrO}_2$**

$$\mathbf{k}=(1/5,1/5,0)$$

**$\text{P-3m11}' \rightarrow \text{C2}'/\text{m}$**

trigonal  $\rightarrow$  monoclinic  
k-maximal symmetry



reported weak FM inconsistent with the symmetry.

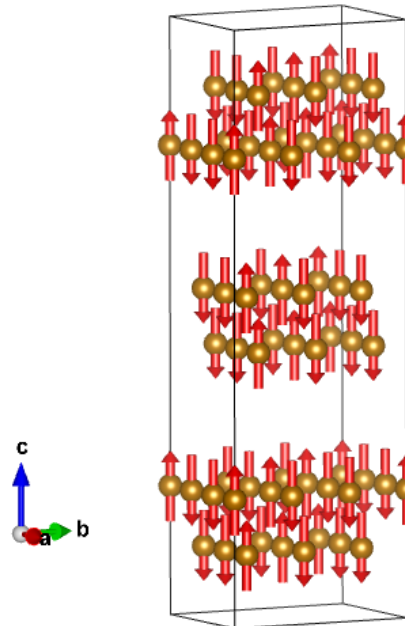
Equality of moments requires existence of reflections corresponding to a  $3\mathbf{k}$  spin wave, and they were not observed.

**1.0.7  $\text{LuFe}_2\text{O}_4$**

$$\mathbf{k}=(1/3,1/3,0)$$

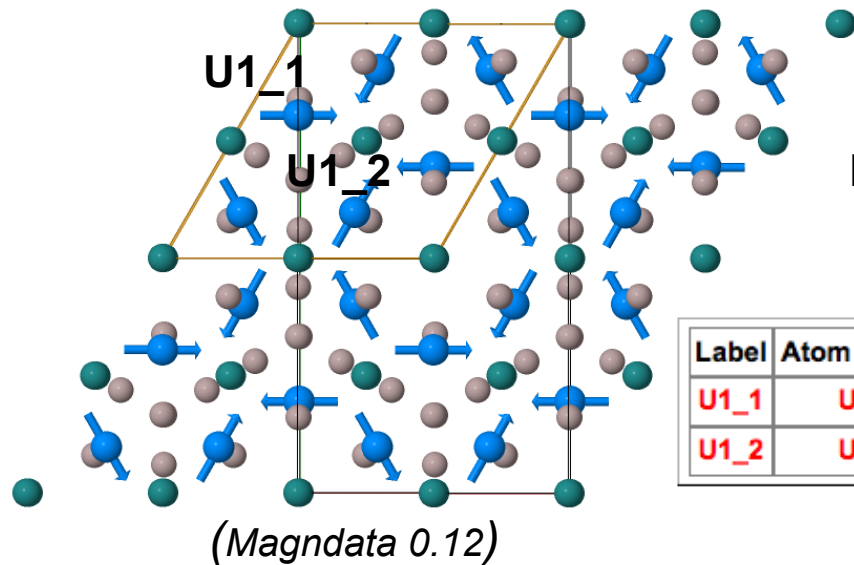
**$\text{R-3m1}' \rightarrow \text{C2}'/\text{m}'$**

trigonal  $\rightarrow$  monoclinic  
k-maximal symmetry



Claimed to be multiferroic, but Inconsistent with symmetry and structure

**Apparent (but false) symmetries:** this specific “regular” arrangement does not have associated an hexagonal or trigonal symmetry



Paramagnetic symmetry:  $P6_3/mmc$   $\mathbf{k}=(0,0,0)$

**MSG:  $Cmcm'$**

Label	Atom type	x	y	z	Symmetry constraints on M	$M_x$	$M_y$	$M_z$
U1_1	U	0.60980	0.80490	0.25000	$0, m_y, 0$	0.00000	-2.50000	0.00000
U1_2	U	0.19510	0.80490	0.25000	$m_x, m_y, 0$	-2.50000	-2.50000	0.00000

label	dim. full irrep	dim. small irrep	direction	action	presence
mGM5-	2	2	special	primary	
mGM2-	1	1		secondary	yes

*This magnetic order splits the U atoms into two types*

This phase allows that the two U atoms have different non-related moments

The specific relation between the two U moments does NOT restrict the model to the primary irrep, but in fact it implies a very specific combination with the secondary irrep mode.

## **“Concomitant” structural transitions:**

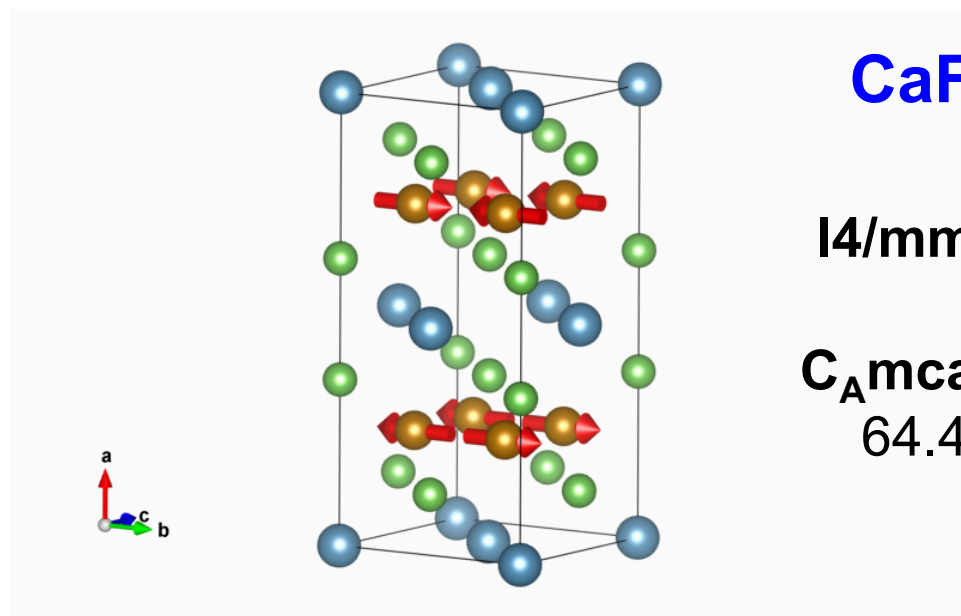
About 60% of the collected structures allow induced structural distortions forbidden in the paramagnetic phase

In most cases, these possible induced structural distortions are negligible and remain unobserved.

**But for a few tens of structures a so-called concomitant or simultaneous structural phase transition is reported**

In a majority of cases, the structural transition can be explained as a magnetostructural effect due to the magnetic symmetry break and a single phase transition exists.

## “Concomitant” structural transition:



**CaFe<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub>** (magndata #1.52)

**$I4/mmm1' \rightarrow C_A mca (c, a-b, a+b; 0, 0, 0)$**

**$C_A mca$  (BNS) =  $F_C mm'm'$  (OG)**  
**64.480 = 69.10.614**

“Root” space group in BNS: **Cmce (64)**

“Root” space group in OG: **Fmmm (69)**

Expected “Concomitant” symmetry break for structural degrees of freedom:

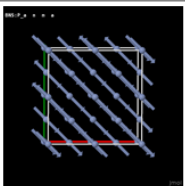
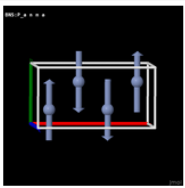
**$I4/mmm \rightarrow Fmmm$**

*a Fmmm structural distortion is reported*

## The illustrative case of CrN:

Comment in entry (introduced in 2014...): A Pnma distortion of the atomic positions is reported, but not fully defined. Not included here. The effective space group for atomic positions is not Pnma (62), as assumed in the reference, but Pmmn (59) (the root space group of the OG label of the magnetic space group)....

*Information table (2 entries found)*

	N	Entry	Structure	Propagation vector(s)	Parent space group	Transformation from parent	Magnetic (super)space group	Magnetic point group
year 1960	1	1.28 CrN		$1/2, 1/2, 0$	Fm-3m (225) (standard)	$(2a, 2b, c; 0, 0, 0)$	P <sub>a</sub> nma (62.450) $(1/2a+1/2b, -1/4a+1/4b, c; 0, 1/8, 1/4)$	mmm1' (8.2.25)
year 2022	2	1.678 CrN		$1/2, 1/2, 0$	Fm-3m (225) (standard)	$(a+b, -1/2a+1/2b, c; 1/2, 3/4, 1/4)$	P <sub>a</sub> nma (62.450) (standard)	mmm1' (8.2.25)

Comment in entry: The structure has a strong structural orthorhombic distortion according to the space group Pmmn, which is consistent with the MSG of the phase, and is concomitant with the magnetic transition....

## INCOMMENSURATE STRUCTURES

One propagation vector

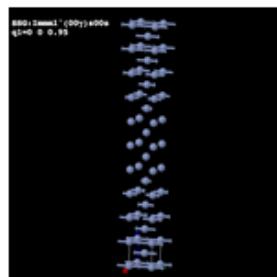
>140 entries



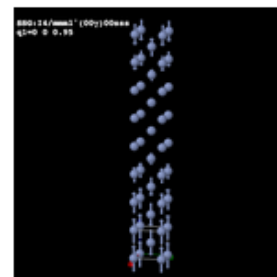
1.1.1  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CuCl}_4$



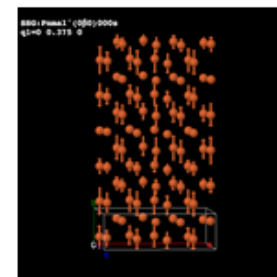
1.1.2  $\text{RbFe}(\text{MoO}_4)_2$



1.1.3  $\text{Cr}$



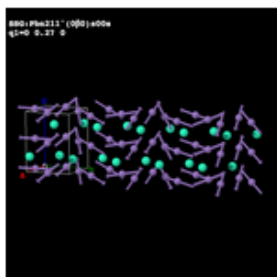
1.1.4  $\text{Cr}$



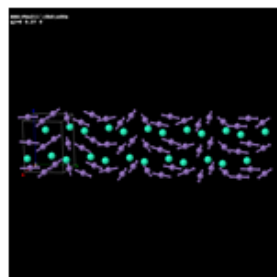
1.1.5  $\text{CaFe}_4\text{As}_3$



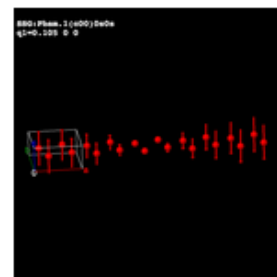
1.1.6  $\text{TbMnO}_3$



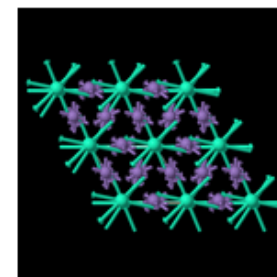
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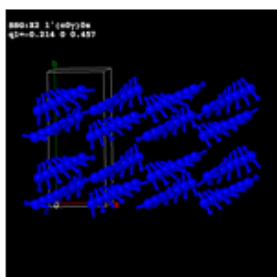
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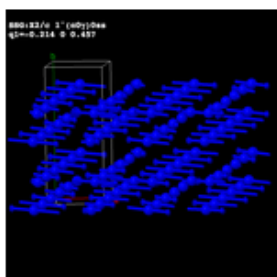
1.1.9  $\text{Ce}_2\text{Pd}_2\text{Sn}$



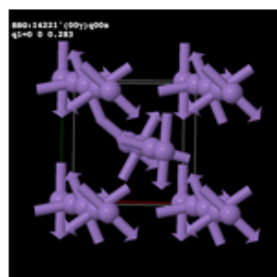
1.1.10  $\text{DyMn}_6\text{Ge}_6$



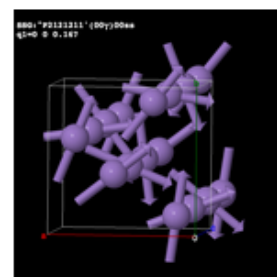
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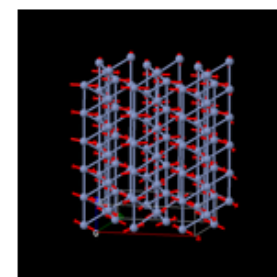
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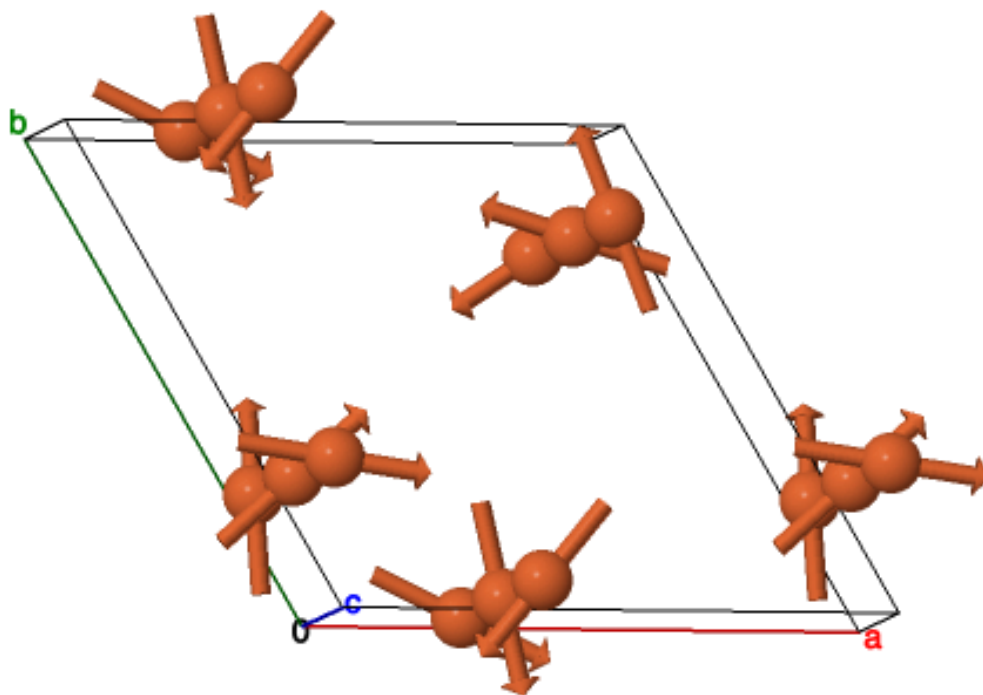
1.1.13  $\text{MnAu}_2$



1.1.14  $\text{MnGe}$



1.1.15  $\text{CaCr}_2\text{O}_4$



**Symmetry described by a magnetic superspace group (MSSG)**

Symmetry operations of the magnetic space group in the setting used:

**Ba<sub>3</sub>NbFe<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>O<sub>14</sub> (#1.1.17)**

*P3211'(00γ)000s*

N	(x,y,z)	Seitz notation
1	x1,x2,x3,x4,+1	{ 1   0 }
2	-x2,x1-x2,x3,x4,+1	{ 3 <sup>+</sup> <sub>001</sub>   0 }
3	-x1+x2,-x1,x3,x4,+1	{ 3 <sup>-</sup> <sub>001</sub>   0 }
4	x2,x1,-x3,-x4,+1	{ 2 <sub>110</sub>   0 }
5	x1-x2,-x2,-x3,-x4,+1	{ 2 <sub>100</sub>   0 }
6	-x1,-x1+x2,-x3,-x4,+1	{ 2 <sub>010</sub>   0 }
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## Magnetic Superspace Group: P3211'(00γ)000s

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Symmetry operations of the magnetic space group in the setting used:

N	(x,y,z)	Seitz notation
1	x1,x2,x3,x4,+1	{ 1   0 }
2	-x2,x1-x2,x3,x4,+1	{ 3 <sup>+</sup> <sub>001</sub>   0 }
3	-x1+x2,-x1,x3,x4,+1	{ 3 <sup>-</sup> <sub>001</sub>   0 }
4	x2,x1,-x3,-x4,+1	{ 2 <sub>110</sub>   0 }
5	x1-x2,-x2,-x3,-x4,+1	{ 2 <sub>100</sub>   0 }
6	-x1,-x1+x2,-x3,-x4,+1	{ 2 <sub>010</sub>   0 }
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## Magnetic Point Group: 321' (18.2.66)

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Symmetry-adapted form of material tensors via

## Average positions, magnetic moments and magnetic modulations of symmetry independent atoms:

From now on, magnetic atoms are in boldface and colored in **red**. Magnetic moments are expressed in units of  $\mu_B$

[\[Show only magnetic atoms\]](#)

[\[Show all the atoms\]](#)

## Average atomic positions of symmetry independent atoms

Label	Atom type	x	y	z	Multiplicity
<b>Fe1</b>	<b>Fe</b>	<b>0.24964(4)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3</b>

## Magnetic moment modulation parameters of symmetry independent atoms

Wave vector 1

Atom	Magnetic moment Fourier Cos coeffs						Magnetic moment Fourier Sin coeffs					
	Symmetry constraints			Numerical values			Symmetry constraints			Numerical values		
	x	y	z	x	y	z	x	y	z	x	y	z
<b>Fe1</b>	<b>M<sub>x</sub>cos1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>M<sub>x</sub>sin1</b>	<b>2M<sub>x</sub>sin1</b>	<b>M<sub>z</sub>sin1</b>	<b>-2.31</b>	<b>-4.62</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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MSSG

Magnetic point group

Average positions  
and average moments,  
If any

Spin modulations



## Magnetic moment modulation parameters of symmetry independent atoms

Wave vector 1

Atom	Magnetic moment Fourier Cos coeffs						Magnetic moment Fourier Sin coeffs					
	Symmetry constraints			Numerical values			Symmetry constraints			Numerical values		
	x	y	z	x	y	z	x	y	z	x	y	z
Fe1	$M_x \cos 1$	0	0	4	0.0	0.0	$M_x \sin 1$	$2M_x \sin 1$	$M_z \sin 1$	-2.31	-4.62	0.0

[\[Show all magnetic atoms in unit cell and their moment relations\]](#)

Average positions and magnetic moments of all atoms in unit cell, with magnetic moment relations explicitly given:

**Set of atoms in the unit cell related by symmetry with the magnetic atom Fe1:**

**Average atomic positions**

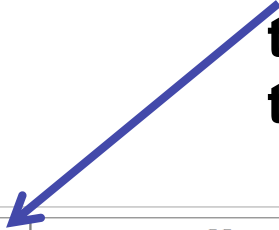
Atom	x	y	z
1	0.24964	0.00000	0.50000
2	0.00000	0.24964	0.50000
3	0.75036	0.75036	0.50000

**Magnetic moment modulation parameters**

Wave vector 1

Atom	Magnetic moment Fourier Cos coeffs						Magnetic moment Fourier Sin coeffs					
	Symmetry constraints			Numerical values			Symmetry constraints			Numerical values		
	x	y	z	x	y	z	x	y	z	x	y	z
1	$M_x \cos 1$	0	0	4.00000	0.0	0.0	$M_x \sin 1$	$2M_x \sin 1$	$M_z \sin 1$	-2.31000	-4.62000	0.0
2	0	$M_x \cos 1$	0	0.0	4.00000	0.0	$-2M_x \sin 1$	$-M_x \sin 1$	$M_z \sin 1$	4.62000	2.31000	0.0
3	$-M_x \cos 1$	$-M_x \cos 1$	0	-4.00000	-4.00000	0.0	$M_x \sin 1$	$-M_x \sin 1$	$M_z \sin 1$	-2.31000	2.31000	0.0

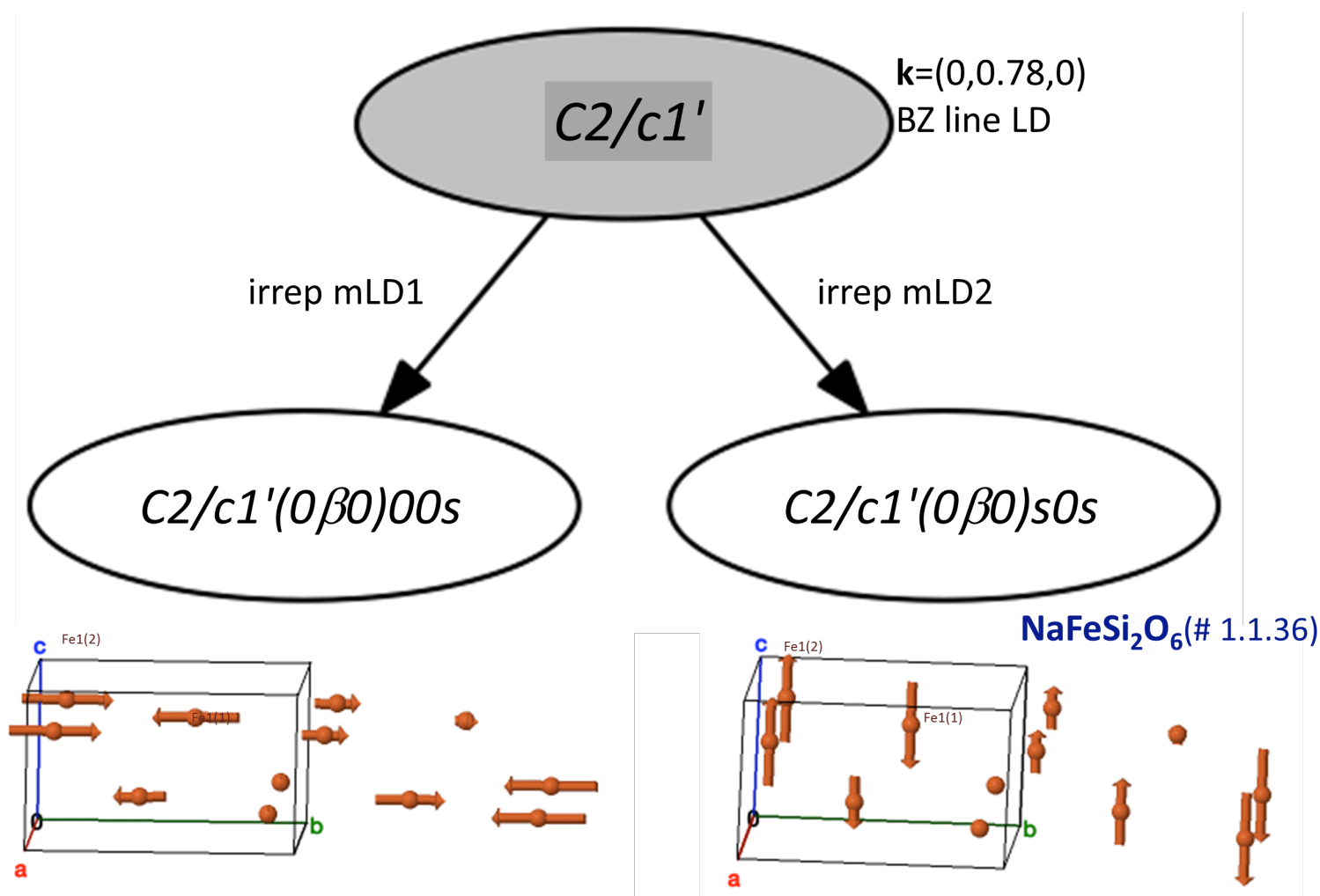
**Relations between  
the spin modulations of all  
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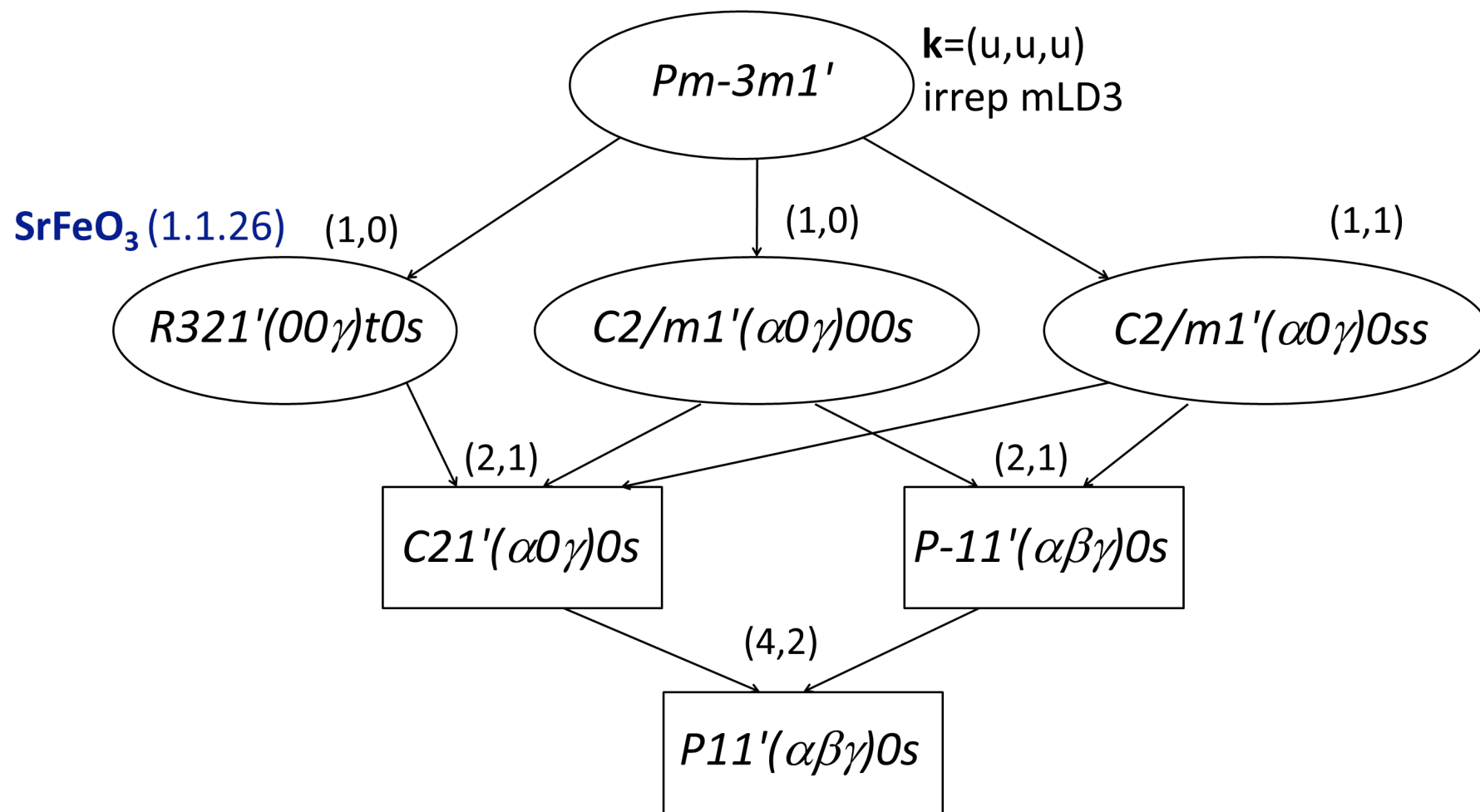
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MWYCKPOS	Wyckoff Positions of Magnetic Space Groups
MKVEC 	The k-vector types and Brillouin zones of Magnetic Space Groups
IDENTIFY MAGNETIC GROUP	Identification of a Magnetic Space Group from a set of generators in an arbitrary setting
BNS2OG	Transformation of symmetry operations between BNS and OG settings
mCIF2PCR	Transformation from mCIF to PCR format (FullProf).
MPOINT	Magnetic Point Group Tables
MAGNEXT	Extinction Rules of Magnetic Space Groups
MAXMAGN	Maximal magnetic space groups for a given space group and a propagation vector
MAGMODELIZE	Magnetic structure models for any given magnetic symmetry
STRCONVERT	Convert & Edit Structure Data (supports the CIF, mCIF, VESTA, VASP formats -- with magnetic information where available)
k-SUBGROUPSMAG	Magnetic subgroups consistent with some given propagation vector(s) or a supercell
MAGNDATA	A collection of magnetic structures with portable cif-type files
MVISUALIZE	3D Visualization of magnetic structures with Jmol
MTENSOR 	Symmetry-adapted form of crystal tensors in magnetic phases
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