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Symmetry mode analysis in the Bilbao Crystallographic Server:

The program AMPLIMODES

<http://www.cryst.ehu.es>

Bilbao Crystallographic Server

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[The crystallographic site at the Condensed Matter Physics Dept. of the University of the Basque Country]

[Space Groups] [Layer Groups] [Rod Groups] [Frieze Groups] [Wyckoff Sets] [mirror site at IUCR]

Sections	Space Group Retrieval Tools
Retrieval Tools	GENPOS Generators and General Positions of Space Groups
Group-Subgroup	WYCKPOS Wyckoff Positions of Space Groups
Representations	HKLCOND Reflection conditions of Space Groups
Solid State	MAXSUB Maximal Subgroups of Space Groups
Structure Utilities	SERIES Series of Maximal Isomorphic Subgroups of Space Groups
Subperiodic	WYCKSETS Equivalent Sets of Wyckoff Positions
ICSDB	NORMALIZER Normalizers of Space Groups
	KVEC The k-vector types and Brillouin zones of Space Groups

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New programs and updates:

- **AMPLIMODES**
2-2008: Symmetry Modes Analysis of Structural Phase Transitions.
- **TRANPATH**
7-2007: Minor update and fixes.
- **SUPERGROUPS**
6-2007: Added link to Wyckoff Positions splitting.
- **SERIES**
1-2007: New version of series of maximal isomorphic subgroups for a given maximum index.
- **SIMPLE**
- **RETR**
- **TOOL**
1-2007:

Group - Subgroup Relations of Space Groups	
SUBGROUPGRAPH	Lattice of Maximal Subgroups
HERMANN	Distribution of subgroups in conjugated classes
COSETS	Coset decomposition for a group-subgroup pair
WYCKSPLIT	The splitting of the Wyckoff Positions
MINSUP	Minimal Supergroups of Space Groups
SUPERGROUPS	Supergroups of Space Groups
CELLSUB	List of subgroups for a given k-index.
CELLSUPER	List of supergroups for a given k-index.
COMMONSUBS	Common Subgroups of Space Groups
COMMONSUPER	Common Supergroups of Two Space Groups

Representation Theory Applications	
REPRES	Space Groups Representations
DIRPRO	Direct Products of Space Group Irreducible Representations
CORREL	Correlations Between Representations
POINT	Point Group Tables
SITESYM	Site-symmetry induced representations of Space Groups

Solid State Theory Applications	
SAM	Spectral Active Modes (IR and RAMAN Selection Rules)
NEUTRON	Neutron Scattering Selection Rules

Bilbao Crystallographic Server

for GENPOS, WYCKPOS, MAXSUB and SERIES programs.

- **HERMANN**
1-2007: New version of program HERMANN.
- **SETSTRU**
1-2007: CIF input data, JMOL visualization and minor bugs fixed
- **WPASSIGN & EQUIVSTRU**
1-2007: CIF input data and JMOL visualization
- **TRANPATH**
11-2006: New additions to program TRANPATH: Printable results and minor bugs correction.
- **TRANPATH**
6-2006: New version of program TRANPATH. The calculation of strain and mappings between atoms is available.
- **COMMONSUPER**
5-2006: New program for obtaining common supergroups of two space groups
- **SETSTRU**
4-2006: Alternative settings for a given crystal structure.
- **WYCKPOS**
4-2006: Space Group ITA Settings available for WYCKPOS program.
- **EQUIVSTRU**
4-2006: A program to derive systematically the equivalent descriptions of a given crystallographic structure

PSEUDO	Pseudosymmetry Search in a Structure
DOPE	Degree of Pseudosymmetry Estimation
BPLOT	Pseudosymmetry Search with KPLOT
TRANPATH	Transition Paths (Group not subgroup relations)

Structure Utilities	
CELLTRAN	Transform Unit Cells
STRAIN	Strain Tensor Calculation
WPASSIGN	Assignment of Wyckoff Positions
SETSTRU	Alternative Settings for a given Crystal Structure
EQUIVSTRU	Equivalent Descriptions for a given Crystal Structure

Subperiodic Groups: Layer, Rod and Frieze Groups Retrieval Tools	
GENPOS	Generators and General Positions of Subperiodic Groups
WPOS	Wyckoff Positions of Subperiodic Groups
MAXSUB	Maximal Subgroups of Subperiodic Groups

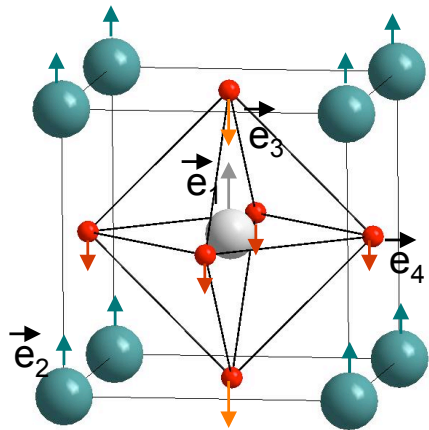
Databases	
ICSDB	Incommensurate Crystal Structure Database

AMPLIMODES Symmetry Modes Analysis

Modes in the **statics** of low-symmetry distorted phases:

Distorted Structure = High-symmetry Struct + “frozen” modes

distortion mode = Amplitude x polarization vector



Description of a “mode”:

$$\vec{u}(\text{atoms}) = Q \vec{e}$$

amplitude

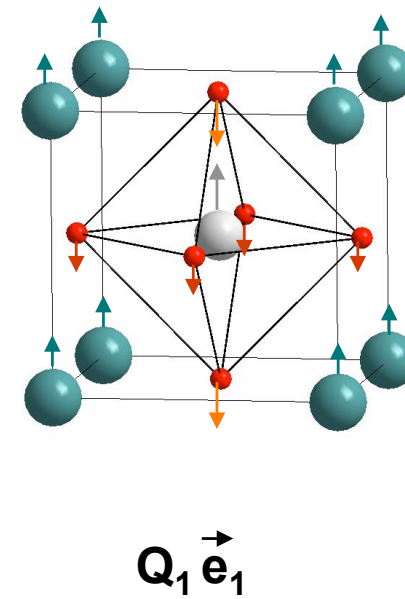
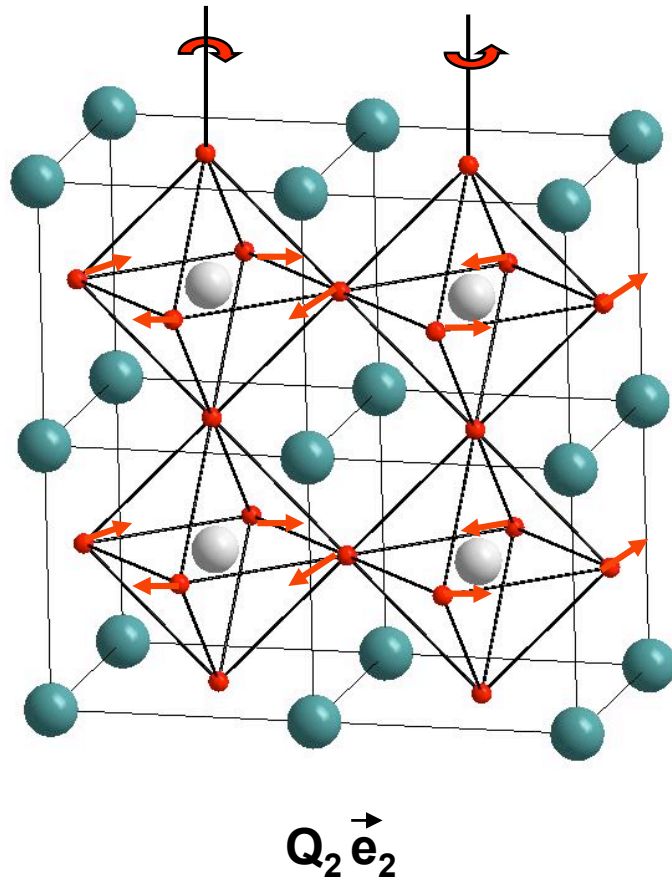
polarization vector

$$\vec{e} = (\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3, \vec{e}_4)$$

normalization: $|\vec{e}_1|^2 + |\vec{e}_2|^2 + |\vec{e}_3|^2 + 2|\vec{e}_4|^2 = 1$
(within a unit cell)

AMPLIMODES calculates the amplitudes and polarization vectors of all distortion modes with different symmetries (irreps) frozen in a distorted structure.

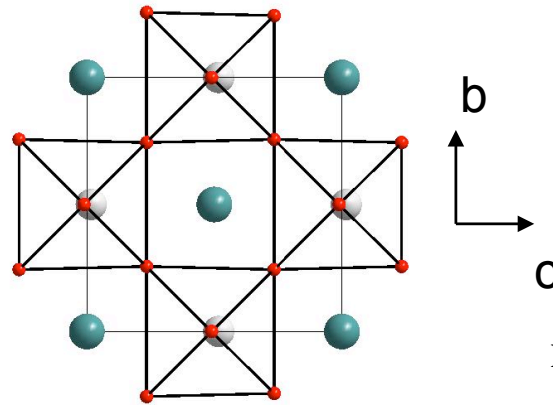
We can compare the amplitudes of different frozen distortion modes:



Q_1 and Q_2 have the same dimensions and their values can be compared

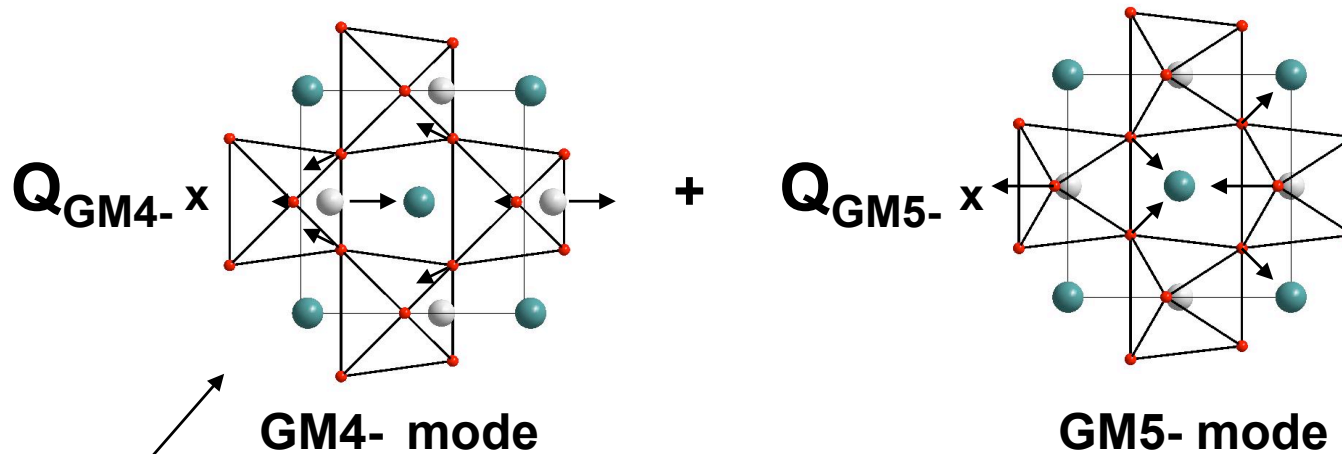
The orthorhombic $Amm2$ structure of $BaTiO_3$

(Kwei et al. (1993) neutron-powder 190 K)



max. atomic displ. : 0.13 \AA

Mode decomposition of distortion:

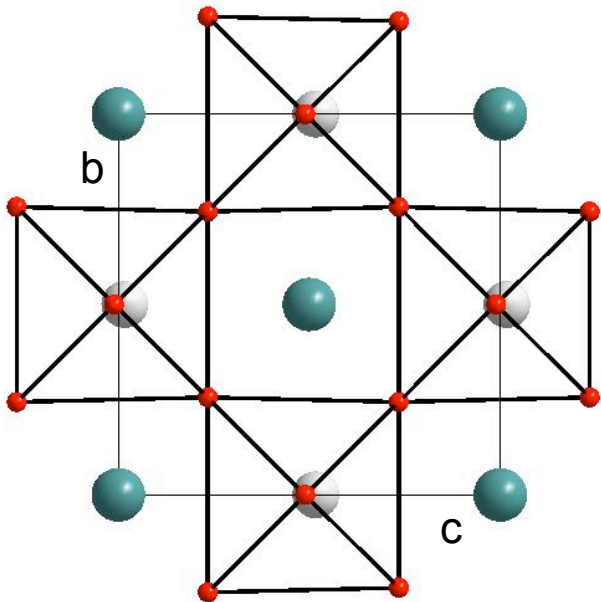


polar ferroelectric mode

$$Q_{GM4-} \gg Q_{GM5-}$$

Example of input of AMPLIMODES:

Amm2 phase of BaTiO₃



High symmetry structure

Pm-3m

```

221
4.006 4.006 4.006 90 90 90
3
Ba    1    1a    0.0 0.0 0
Ti    1    1b    0.5 0.5 0.5
O     1    3c    0.5 0.0 0.5
    
```

Low symmetry structure

Amm2

```

38
3.9828 5.6745 5.6916 90 90 90
4
Ba    1    2a    0.0 0.0 0.0
Ti    1    2b    0.5 0.0 0.5170
O     1    2a    0.0 0.0 0.4890
O     2    4e    0.5 0.2561 0.2343
    
```

4 parameters

Transformation matrix

Transf.

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[ 0  1  1 ] [ 0 ]
[ 0 -1  1 ] [ 0 ]
[ 1  0  0 ] [ 0 ]
    
```

Example of output of AMPLIMODES:

Transformed high symmetry structure in the subgroup basis

```

038
4.006000 5.665339 5.665339 90.000000 90.000000 90.000000
4
Ba 1 2a 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
Ti 1 2b 0.500000 0.000000 0.500000
O 1 4e 0.500000 0.250000 0.250000
O 1_2 2a 0.000000 0.000000 0.500000
    
```

Atom pairings and distances

Atom Mappings					
WP	Atom	Coordinates in S ₁	Atom	Coordinates in S ₂	
2a	(0,0,z)	Ba1	(0,0,0)	Ba1	(0,0,0)
2b	(1/2,0,z)	Ti1	(1/2,0,1/2)	Ti1	(1/2,0,0.51700)
4e	(1/2,y,z)	O1	(1/2,1/4,1/4)	O2	(1/2,0.25610,0.23430)
2a	(0,0,z)	O1_2	(0,0,1/2)	O1	(0,0,0.48900)

WP	Atom	Atomic Distances				
		u _x	u _y	u _z	d	
2a	(0,0,z)	Ba1	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
2b	(1/2,0,z)	Ti1	0.0000	0.0000	0.0170	0.0963
4e	(1/2,y,z)	O1	0.0000	0.0061	-0.0157	0.0954
2a	(0,0,z)	O1_2	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0110	0.0623

NOTE: d_x, d_y and d_z are given in relative units. |d| is the absolute distance given in Å

Maximum atomic displacement in the distortion, Δ: 0.0963 Å

Total distortion amplitude: 0.1771 Å

After origin shift

Relative origin shift to eliminate a global displacement: (0.00000, 0.00000, -0.00508)

Atom Mappings					
WP	Atom	Coordinates in S ₁	Atom	Coordinates in S ₂	
2a	(0,0,z)	Ba1	(0,0,0)	Ba1	(0,0,0.00508)
2b	(1/2,0,z)	Ti1	(1/2,0,1/2)	Ti1	(1/2,0,0.52208)
4e	(1/2,y,z)	O1	(1/2,1/4,1/4)	O2	(1/2,0.25610,0.23938)
2a	(0,0,z)	O1_2	(0,0,1/2)	O1	(0,0,0.49408)

WP	Atom	Atomic Distances				
		u _x	u _y	u _z	d	
2a	(0,0,z)	Ba1	0.0000	0.0000	0.0051	0.0288
2b	(1/2,0,z)	Ti1	0.0000	0.0000	0.0221	0.1251
4e	(1/2,y,z)	O1	0.0000	0.0061	-0.0106	0.0694
2a	(0,0,z)	O1_2	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0059	0.0335

NOTE: d_x, d_y and d_z are given in relative units. |d| is the absolute distance given in Å

Maximum atomic displacement in the distortion, Δ: 0.1251 Å

Total distortion amplitude: 0.1650 Å

Symmetry Modes Summary

Atoms	WP	Modes
O1	3c	GM4-(2) GM5-(1)
Ti1	1b	GM4-(1)
Ba1	1a	GM4-(1)

Note: The primary mode is written in bold letters

Summary of Amplitudes

K-vector	Irrep	Direction	Isotropy Subgroup	Dimension	Amplitude (Å)
(0,0,0)	GM4-	(a,a,0)	Amm2 (38)	4	0.1649
(0,0,0)	GM5-	(0,a,-a)	Amm2 (38)	1	0.0056

Global distortion: 0.1650 Å

Example of output of AMPLIMODES:

Normalized Symmetry modes

The modes are normalized to the low symmetry unit cell and are given as relative displacements in this cell.

Irrep GM4-

GM4- Mode Ba1 1

Atom	δx	δy	δz
Ba1	0.000000	0.000000	0.176512

GM4- Mode Ti1 1

Atom	δx	δy	δz
Ti1	0.000000	0.000000	0.176512

GM4- Mode O1 1

Atom	δx	δy	δz
O1	0.000000	0.062406	0.062406
O1_2	0.000000	0.000000	0.124813

GM4- Mode O1 2

Atom	δx	δy	δz
O1	0.000000	-0.088256	0.088256
O1_2	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000

Irrep GM5-

GM5- Mode O1 1

Atom	δx	δy	δz
O1	0.000000	-0.062406	-0.062406
O1_2	0.000000	0.000000	0.124813

basis for this 4dim vector

K-vector: GM = (0,0,0)

Irrep: GM4-

Direction: (a,a,0)

Isotropy Subgroup: 38 Amm2 C2v-14

Transformation matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

amplitude of the GM4- distortion

The amplitude of this distortion is:

$$A_{GM4-} = 0.1649 \text{ \AA}$$

Normalized polarization vector: (in terms of the amplitudes of the (normalized)

Ba1 1	Ti1 1	O1 1	O1 2
0.1745	0.7585	-0.2536	-0.5744

NOTE: A second number next to the label counts the different symmetry modes that

Normalized polarization vector expressed as displacements (in cell relative un Ångström)

Atom	δx	δy	δz
Ba1	0.0000	0.0000	0.0308
Ti1	0.0000	0.0000	0.1339
O1	0.0000	0.0349	-0.0665
O1_2	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0317

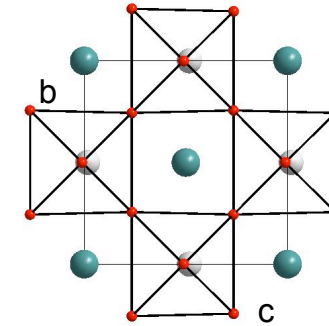
polarization vector in two forms

crystallographic form

Virtual structure with only this symmetry component of the distortion frozen.

The orthorhombic $Amm2$ structure of $BaTiO_3$

(Kwei et al. (1993) neutron-powder 190 K)



Perovskite in $Amm2$ setting

	δx	δy	δz
Ba1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ti1	0.5	0.0	0.5
O1	0.5	0.25	0.25
O12	0.0	0.0	0.5

+

polarization vector $GM4^-$

+ Q_{GM4^-}

	δx	δy	δz
Ba1	0.0	0.0000	0.0308
Ti1	0.0	0.0000	0.1339
O1	0.0	0.0349	-0.0665
O12	0.0	0.0000	-0.0317

$$Q_{GM4^-} = 0.165 \text{ \AA}$$

polarization vector $GM5^-$

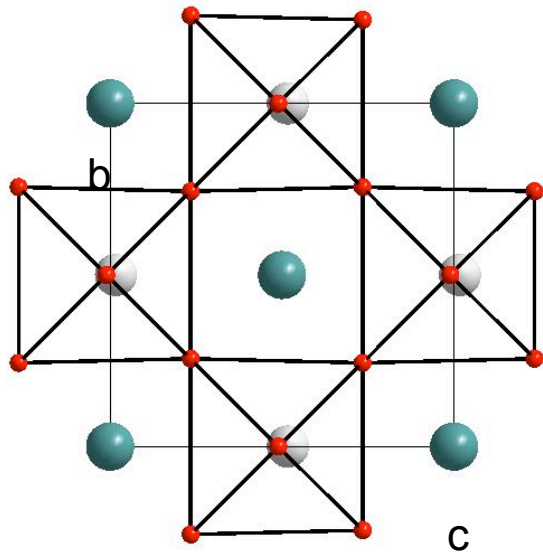
+ Q_{GM5^-}

	δx	δy	δz
Ba1	0.0	0.0000	0.0000
Ti1	0.0	0.0000	0.0000
O1	0.0	0.0624	0.0624
O12	0.0	0.0000	-0.1248

$$Q_{GM5^-} = 0.006 \text{ \AA}$$

The orthorhombic $Amm2$ structure of $BaTiO_3$

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$Amm2$

Ba	1	2a	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ti	1	2b	0.5	0.0	0.5170
O	1	2a	0.0	0.0	0.4890
O	2	4e	0.5	0.2561	0.2343

4 parameters

The orthorhombic Amm2 structure of BaTiO₃

Orthorhombic Distortion

$$Q_{T1u} \gg Q_{T2u}$$

Polar (ferroelectric) mode

Non-polar mode

T_{1u}

$$Q_{T1u} \times$$

	δx	δy	δz
Ba1	0.0	0.0000	0.0308
Ti1	0.0	0.0000	0.1339
O1	0.0	0.0349	-0.0665
O12	0.0	0.0000	-0.0317

+ $Q_{T2u} \times$

T_{2u}

	δx	δy	δz
Ba1	0.0	0.0000	0.0000
Ti1	0.0	0.0000	0.0000
O1	0.0	0.0624	0.0624
O12	0.0	0.0000	-0.1248

Symmetry T_{1u} :

$$\delta y_{O1} + \delta z_{O1} - \delta z_{O12} = 0$$

zero global translation :

$$2\delta z_{Ba1} + 2\delta z_{Ti1} + 4\delta z_{O1} + 2\delta z_{O12} = 0$$

normalization

3 parameters

Symmetry T_{2u} :

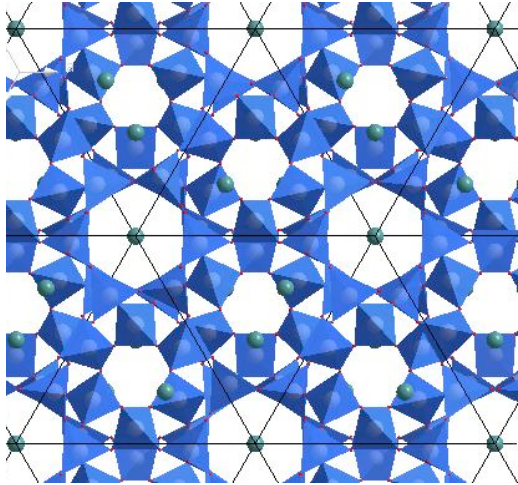
$$\delta y_{O1} + \delta z_{O1} + \delta z_{O12} = 0$$

$$\delta y_{O1} = \delta z_{O1}$$

normalization

1 parameter

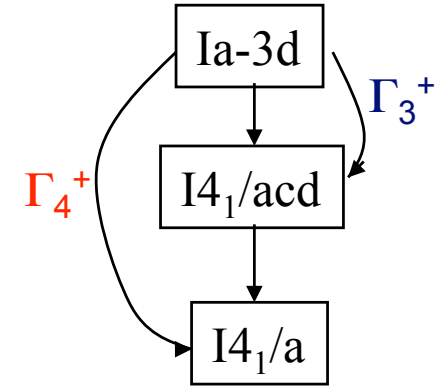
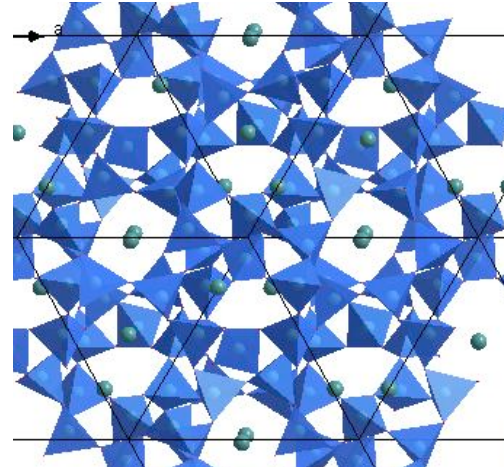
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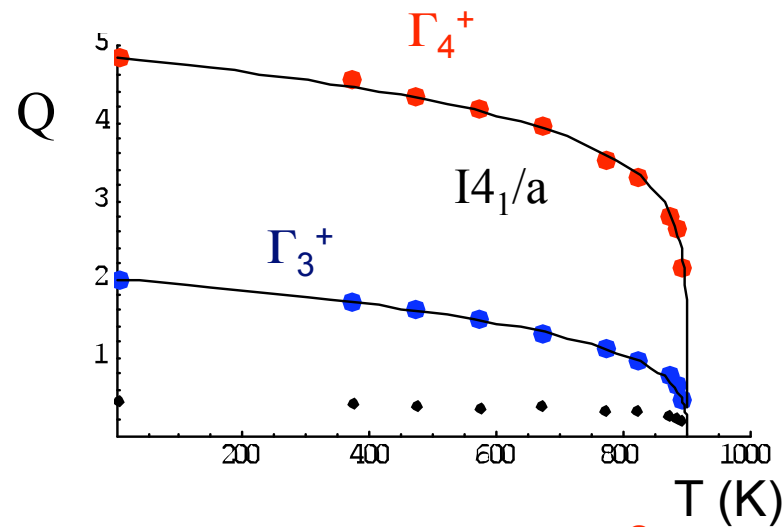
$I4_1/a$

Palmer et. (Amer. Miner. 82 (1997) 16

max. atomic displ. : 1.04\AA



DISTORTION AMPLITUDES VS. TEMPERATURE:



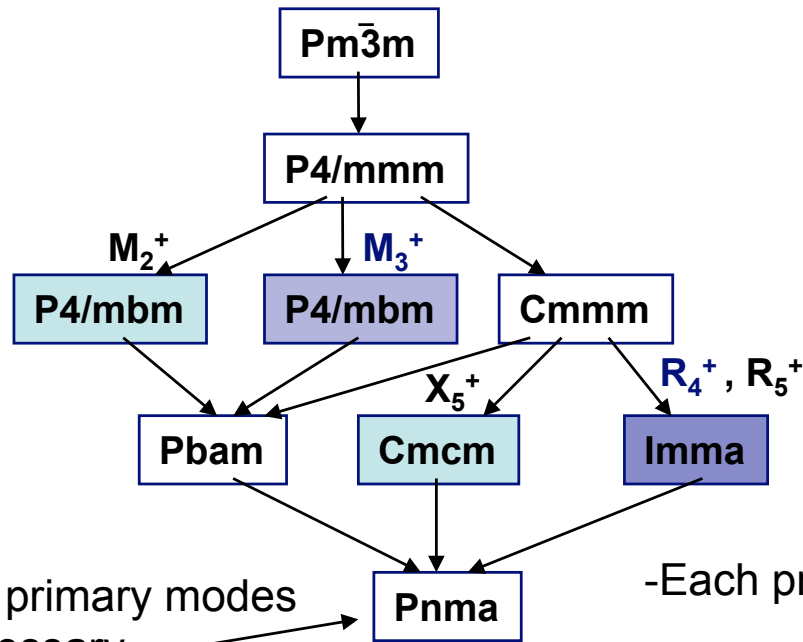
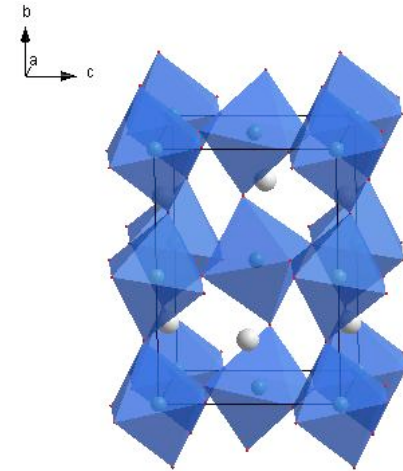
Induced effect : $Q_{\Gamma_3^+} = \alpha Q_{\Gamma_4^+}^2$

Sequence of transitions in SrZrO₃

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(Howard et al. 2000 & data from B. Kennedy)

Pnma



- Each primary mode is a different instability mechanism
- each primary mode condenses in general at different temperatures : two phase transitions

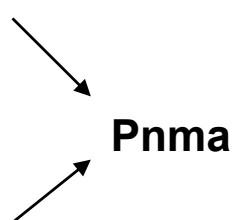
$$Q_{M2+} = 0.007 \text{ \AA}$$

$$Q_{M3+} = 0.794 \text{ \AA}$$

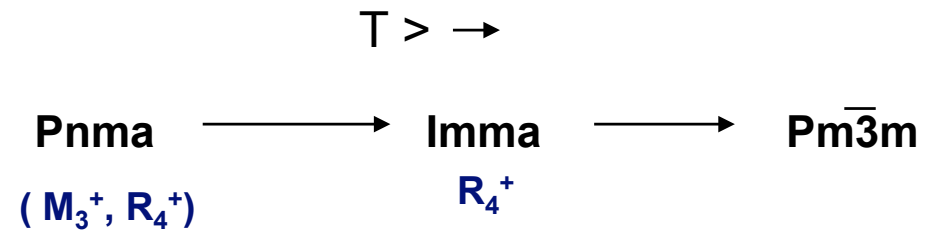
$$Q_{X5+} = 0.338 \text{ \AA}$$

$$Q_{R4+} = 1.185 \text{ \AA}$$

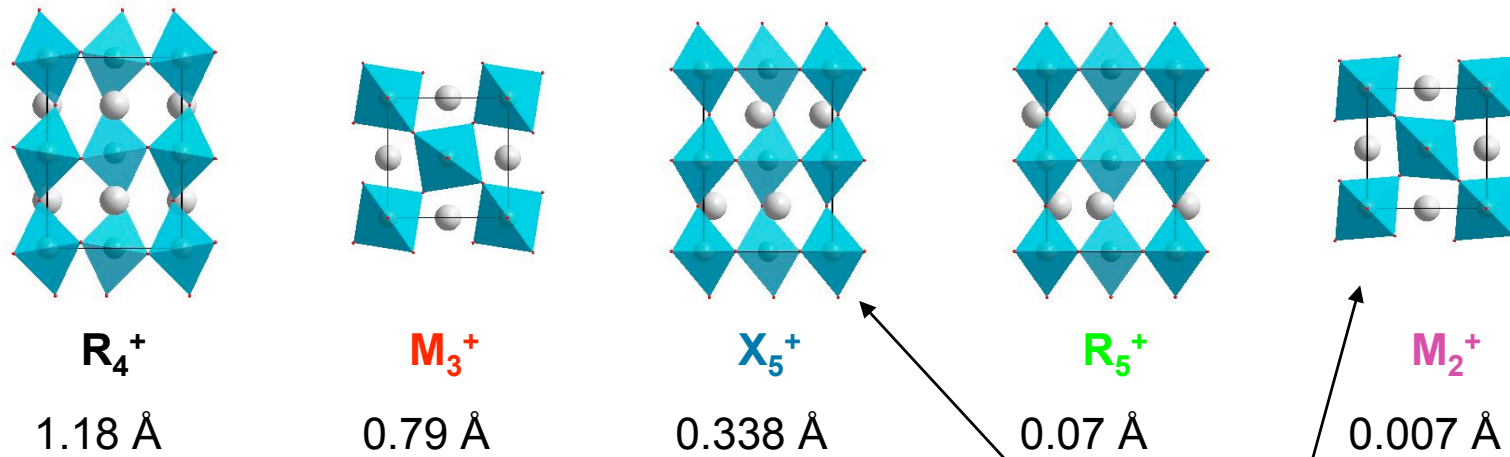
$$Q_{R5+} = 0.069 \text{ \AA}$$



Expected transition sequence:

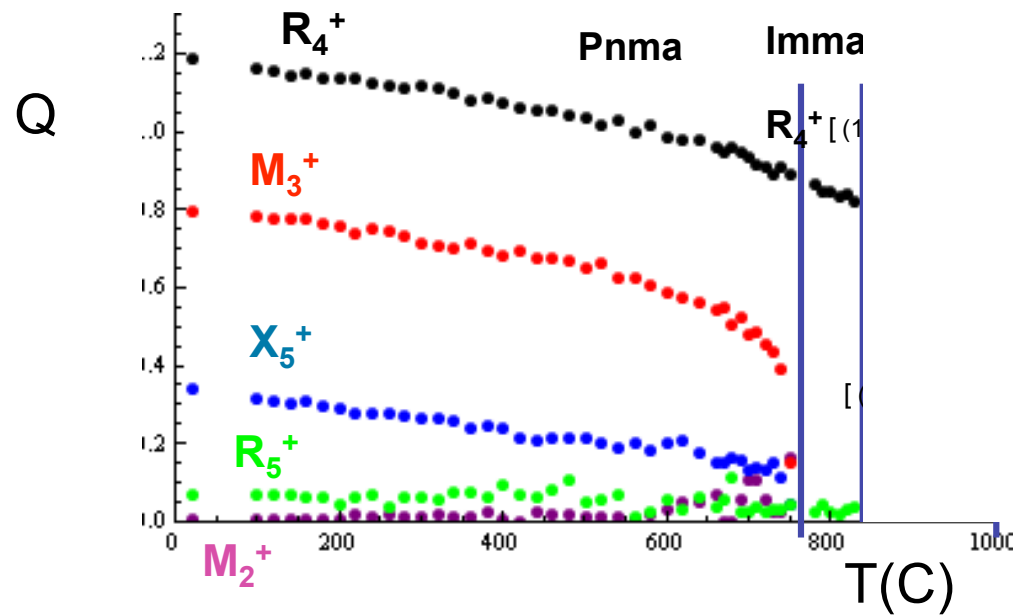


Sequence of transitions in SrZrO₃



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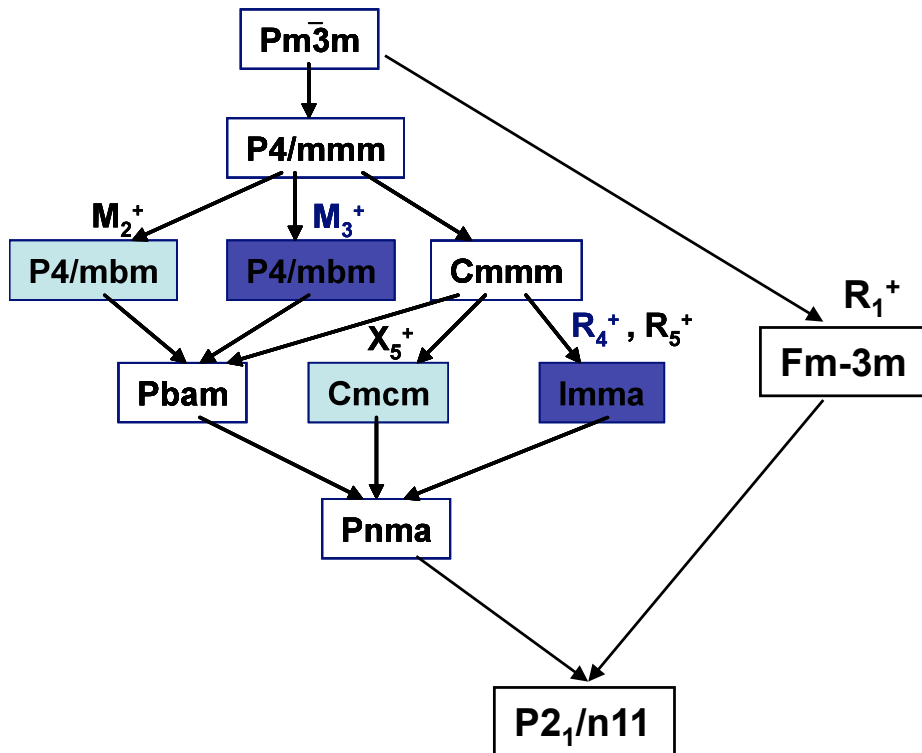
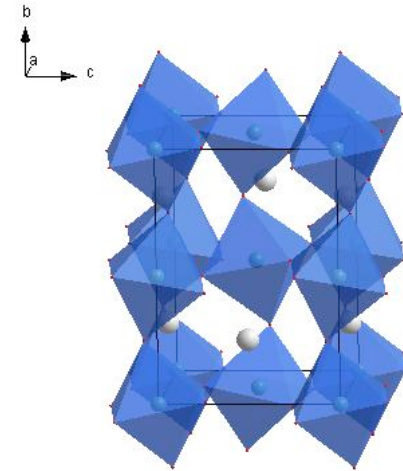
They deform the octahedra.
X₅⁺ has significant amplitude



PrNiO₃

P₂₁/n11(P₂₁/c) instead of Pnma ?

Medarde et al. PRL (2007)

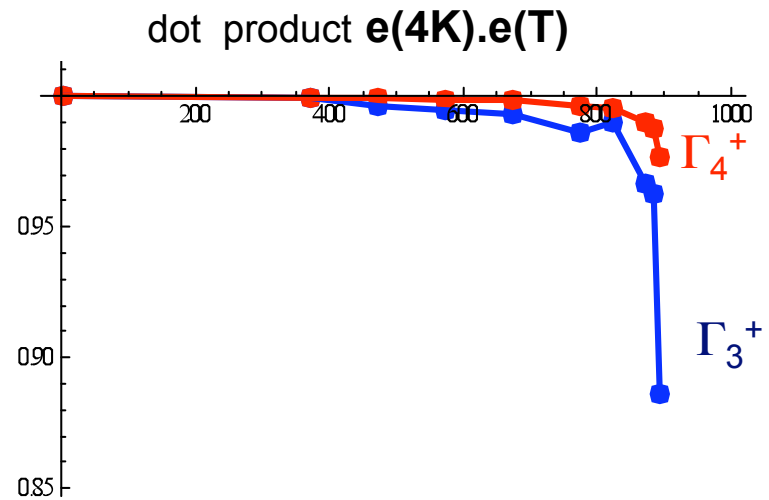
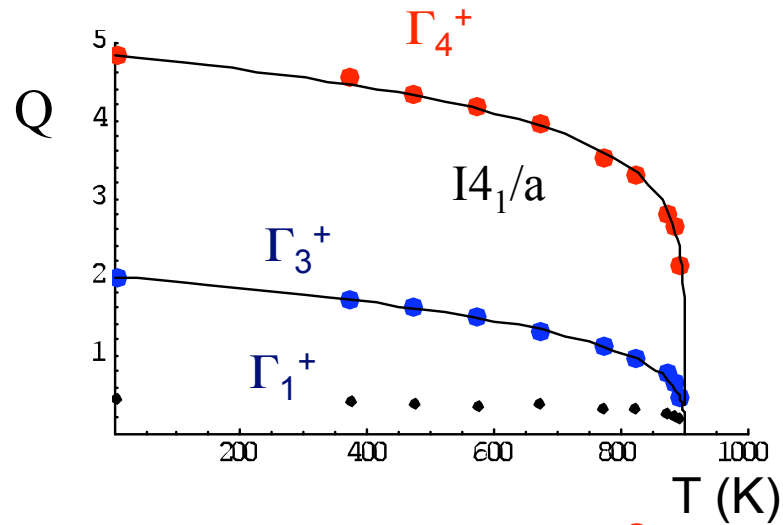
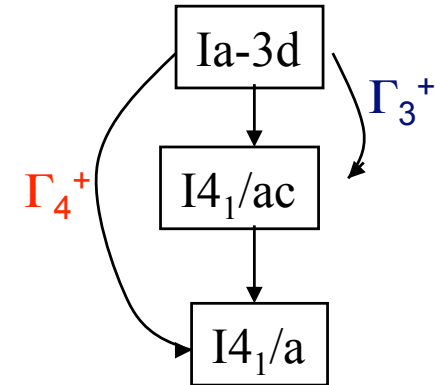
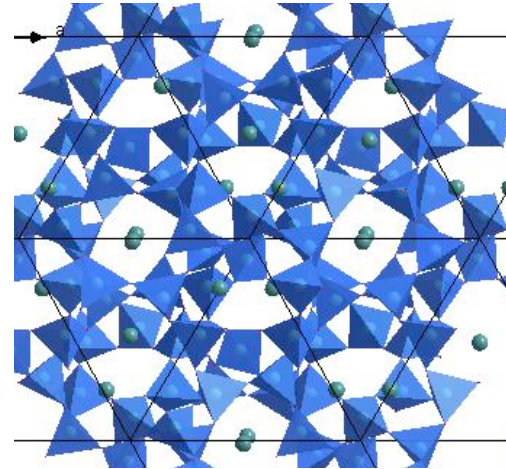


Amplitudes		SrZrO₃	PrNiO₃
R4+	(Imma)	1.19	1.09
M3+	(P4/mbm)	0.79	0.69
X5+	(Cmcm)	0.34	0.36
R5+		0.07 (Imma)	0.06 (C₂/m)
M2+	(P4/mbm)	0.01	0.00
R1+ ??	(Fm-3m)	-	0.09
R3+	(I4/mmm)	-	0.01
M5+	(Pmna)	-	0.00

$I4_1/a$

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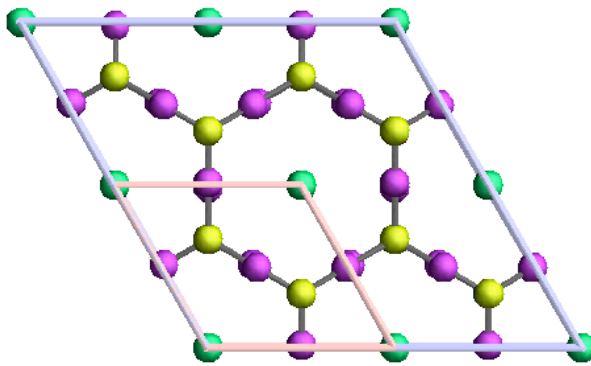
Polarization vectors in Leucite



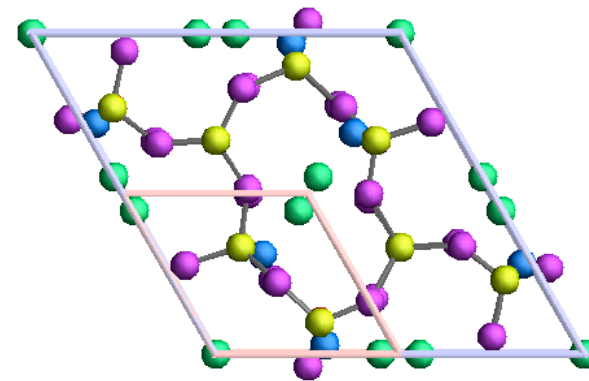
Induced effect : $Q_{\Gamma_3^+} = \alpha Q_{\Gamma_4^+}^2$

Polymorphism: nephelines $\text{Na}_{8-r}\text{Al}_{8-r}\text{Si}_{8+r}\text{O}_4$ ($r \approx 0$)

Virtual arystotype: $P6_3mc$



$P6_3$



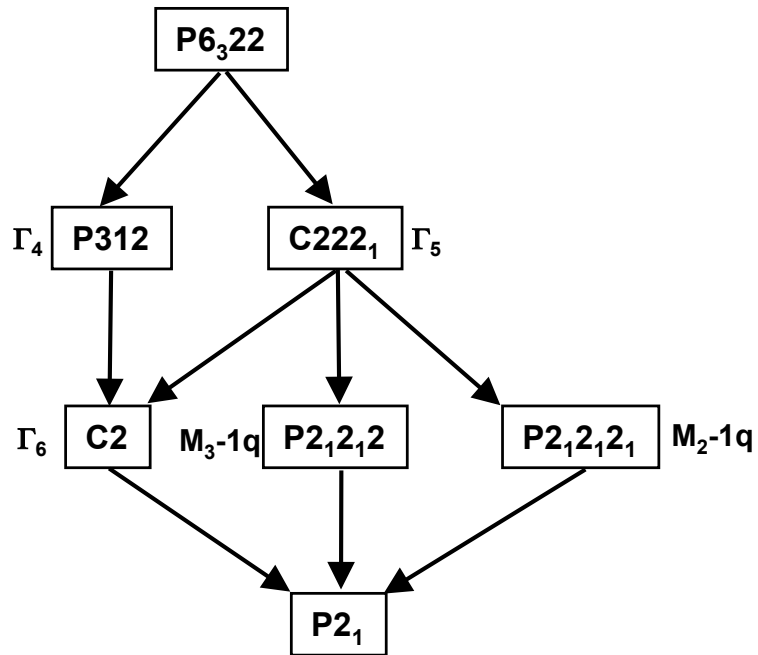
	Ampl. (Å)	Dim.
GM2 (P63):	0.09	1
M1(P63mc,2x2x1):	0.39	13
M2(P63,2x2x1):	2.89	8

(max. atomic displ. : 1.34Å)

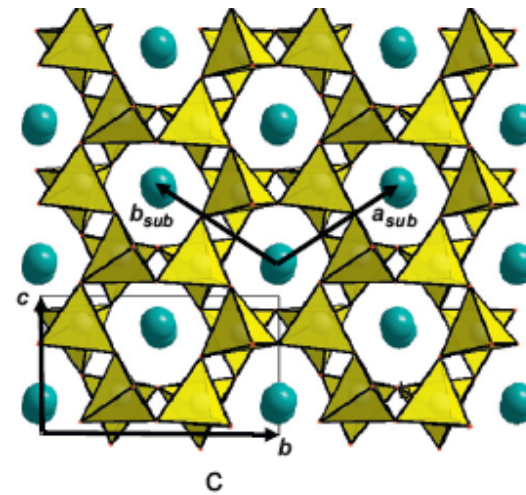
Mode decomposition vs. ab-initio calculations



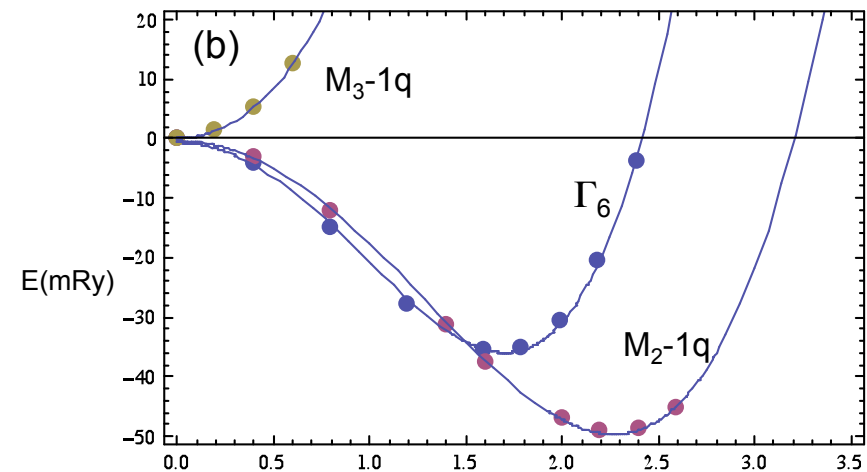
$\text{P6}_322 \longrightarrow \text{P2}_1$



(Larsson et al. 2008)

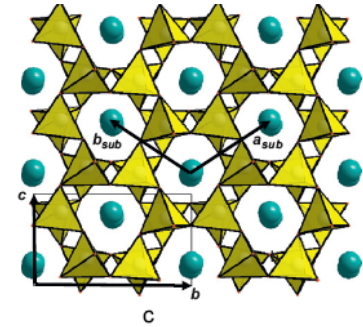


two different displacive instabilities:





Comparison of mode decomposition of experimental and ab-initio structures



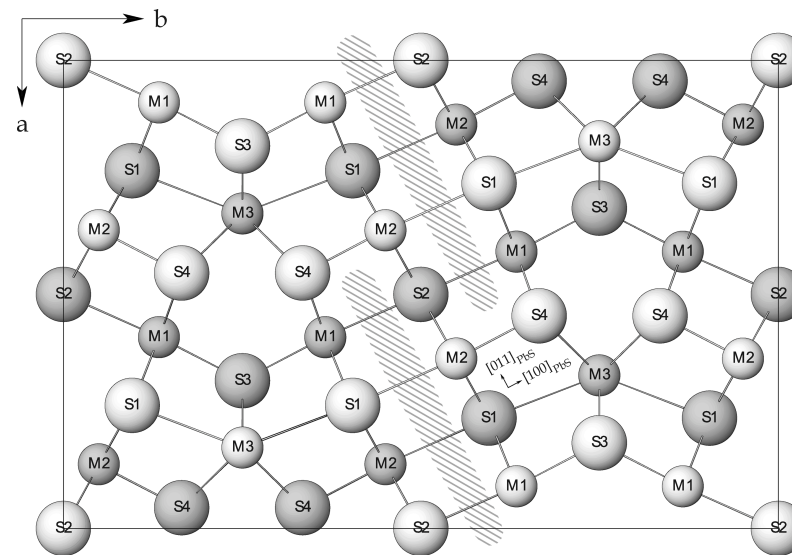
Amplitudes and dot products of polarization vectors :

irrep	M_2-1q		Γ_6		M_3-1q		Γ_5		Γ_4	
	dim.									
	Amp.	prod.	Amp.	prod.	Amp.	prod.	Amp.	prod.	Amp.	prod.
Exp. Struct.	1.70		1.39		0.57		0.32		0.02	
ab-initio	1.81	0.998	1.35	0.9997	0.57	0.997	0.24	0.96	0.03	0.63

Mode decomposition in "collapse" high pressure phase transitions

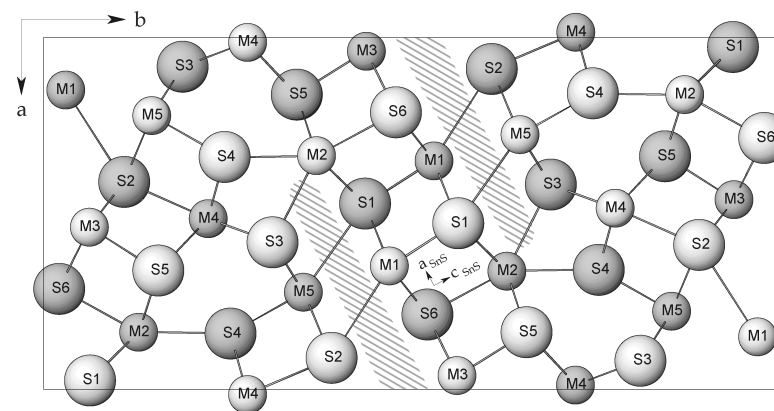
Lillianite: $\text{Pb}_3\text{Bi}_2\text{S}_6$

Olsen et al., Inorg. Chem. 2008,47 6/56



0 GPa

Bbmm



4.7 GPa

Pbnm

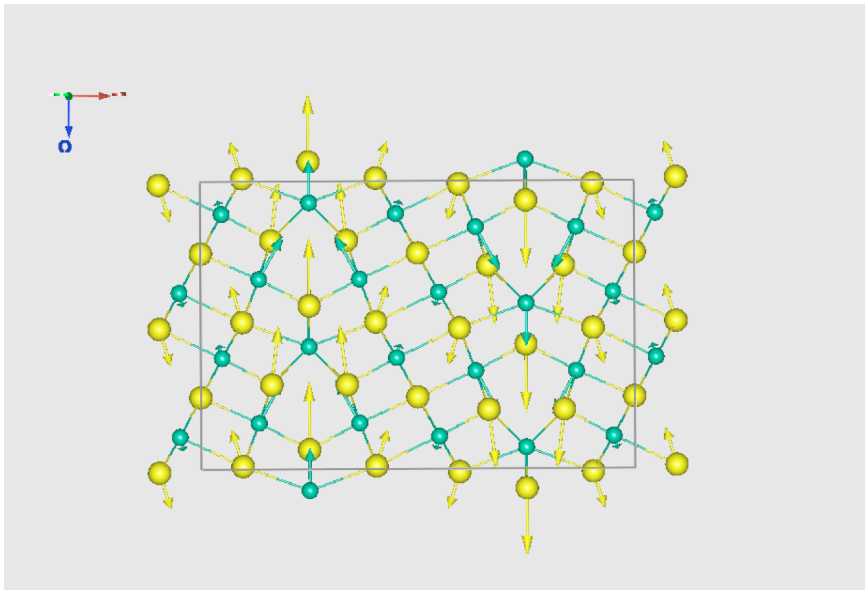
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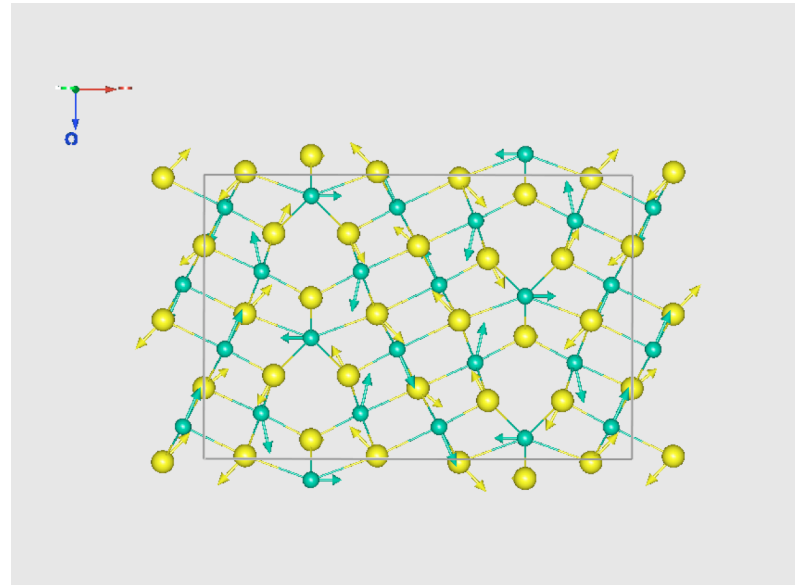
Mode decomposition of High-pressure phase:

Active irrep distortion but also large fully symmetric distortion

Fully symmetric distortion: irrep GM1



symmetry breaking distortion: active irrep Y2-



Symmetry-mode coordinates in the structure refinement, instead of the individual atomic coordinates:

AMPLIMODES → **FullProf** (Juan Rodriguez-Carvajal)
(for powder or single crystal diffraction refinement)

One expects:

- a natural hierarchy of parameters
- less correlations with atomic (thermal) displacement parameters
- better control of the refinement

Example of PCR file for FullProf corresponding to the compound LaMnO_3

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! Polarisation Vectors of Symmetry Modes for each atom
V_MODES 12
! Nm Atm Irrep Vx Vy Vz Coeff
  1 O1 R4+ 0.000000 0.000000 0.031721 1.000000
  1 O2 R4+ 0.063442 0.000000 0.000000 1.000000
  2 La R5+ -0.089721 0.000000 0.000000 1.000000
  3 O1 R5+ 0.000000 0.000000 -0.031721 1.000000
  . . . . .
  7 O2 M3+ 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000 1.000000
! Amplitudes of Symmetry Modes
A_MODES 7 1 1 1 1 1 1
Q1_R4+ -1.189680 181.0000
Q2_R5+ -0.086467 191.0000
Q3_R5+ 0.018171 201.0000
Q4_X5+ -0.546082 211.0000
Q5_X5+ -0.139910 221.0000
Q6_M2+ 0.355652 231.0000
Q7_M3+ 0.901264 241.0000
!-----> Profile Parameters for Pattern # 1
! Scale Shape1 Bov Str1 Str2 Str3 Strain-Model
0.86919E-01 0.00000 0.00000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0
. . . . .

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Symbols of the Irreducible representations

Polarisation vectors components

Keyword, # of modes, output for FST

Names of amplitudes, values and refinement codes (allowing constraints)

Example of direct refinement of mode amplitudes with FullProf:

Symmetry Mode amplitudes have very different amplitudes and their standard deviations may differ in orders of magnitude

=> Amplitudes of symmetry modes ==>

Name	Value	Sigma
Q1_GM1+	-0.274537	0.008771
Q2_GM3+	0.037956	0.031615
Q3_GM4+	0.804386	0.007905
Q4_GM5+	-0.040445	0.025323
Q5_GM5+	-0.024737	0.017523
Q6_GM5+	0.006672	0.016751
Q7_GM5+	-0.046032	0.035031
Q8_X2+	0.001867	0.020599
Q9_X3+	0.384420	0.009371
Q10_X5+	-0.098031	0.013079
Q11_X5+	0.017007	0.057539
Q12_X5+	0.054982	0.018377



dominant irrep distortions
with much smaller standard
deviations

Other programs:

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