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

Element search (separate with space or comma):
OR Search

312 structures found

Update: by April 2022 it contains about 1800 structures

Zero propagation vector



 $Sr_2F_2Fe_2OS_2$ (MAGNDATA #2.2)

MAGNDATA: A collective endeavour

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k=(0,0,0) (no antitranslation)

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

label 1.0.n



k≠(0,0,0) BUT no antitranslation (n**k=H** with n-odd)

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



k≠(0,0,0) with antitranslations (nk=H with n-even)

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

labels 2.n and 3.n



2k and ≥3k structures

All types of MSG symmetries (with and without antitranslations)

Search optional filters

Advanced search





Heading of an entry:



JSmol online 3D visualization

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



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_space_group_magn.number_BNS 159.64
space group magn.name BNS "P c 31c"
space group magn.point group name "3m1'"
_space_group_magn.point_group_number "19.2.69"
_cell_length_a
                               17.2650
_cell_length_b
                               17.2650
_cell_length_c
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_cell_angle_alpha
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_cell_angle_beta
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_cell_angle_gamma
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magCIF file

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_space_group_symop_magn_operation.id _space_group_symop_magn_operation.xyz 1 x,y,z,+1 2 -y+1/3,x-y+1/3,z,+1 3 -x+y,-x+1/3,z,+1 4 -x+y,y,z+1/2,+1 5 -y+1/3,-x+1/3,z+1/2,+1 6 x,x-y+1/3,z+1/2,+1

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loop_

_atom_site_label _atom_site_type_symbol _atom_site_fract_x _atom_site_fract_y _atom_site_fract_z _atom_site_occupancy Ba1_1 Ba 0.11111 0.22222 0.83190 1 Ba1_2 Ba 0.44444 0.22222 0.83190 1 Ba1_3 Ba 0.88889 0.77778 0.16810 1 Magnetic group (MSG)

independent atomic positions (split by decrease to the MSG)



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 Atomic positions from: ICSD #240280

Parent space group (paramagnetic phase): P-3m1 (#164) Propagation vector: k1 (1/3, 1/3, 3/2) it includes a direct link to the reference (DOI)

Transition Temperature: 4.9 K **Experiment Temperature:** 2 K



Comments:

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

Comments (symmetry):

k-maximal symmetry

- 1k magnetic structure
- k-maximal magnetic symmetry (from 4 possible)
- symmetry-allowed secondary irrep mA1- with k2=3k1=(0,0,1/2),
- · corresponding to the z component of the Ni moments not observed.

m_z is a third harmonic that can appear through coupling

$Na_3Co(CO_3)_2CI$ (magndata #0.70)

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



NiF₂ magndata #0.36



"historical" weak ferromagnet

k=(0,0,0)

P4₂/mnm1' → Pnn'm' (b,-a,c;0,0,0)

k-maximal symmetry weak FM along y

- PNPD
- my = 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' $P_{c}4/nbm (2a_{p}, 2b_{p}, c_{p}; 0, 0, 0)$ $k_{1} = (1/2, 0, 0)$ $k_{2} = (0, 1/2, 0)$







NpBi (#3.7) Parent: *Fm-3m1' Pn-3m'* (\mathbf{a}_{p} , \mathbf{b}_{p} , \mathbf{c}_{p} ; 0,0,0) $\mathbf{k}_{1} = (1,0,0)$ $\mathbf{k}_{2} = (0,1,0)$ $\mathbf{k}_{3} = (0,0,1)$

multiaxial structures that are single k:





CrN *Phys Rev (1960) 117 929*

Paramagnetic symmetry: Fm-3m1'

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

MSG: *P_anma*

k-maximal symmetry

data 1.28	Label	Atom type	x	У	z	Symmetry constraints on M	Mx	My	Mz
	Cr1	Cr	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	m _x ,-m _x ,0	1.7	-1.7	0.0

Atom	x	У	z	Symmetry constraints on M
1	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	m _x ,-m _x ,0
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

colinear structure – "symmetry protected"

Spin canting vs. collinearity :



Parent group: I-4m21' $C_A 222_1$ ($\mathbf{a}_p + \mathbf{b}_p, -\mathbf{a}_p + \mathbf{b}_p, \mathbf{c}_p; 1/4, 1/4, 0$) $CoSe_2O_5$ (#0.119) Parent group: *Pbcn1' Pb'cn* (**a**_p,**b**_p,**c**_p;0,0,0) LiNiPO₄ (#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)

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

deceptive simplicity of a collinear arrangement

It requires 2 primary Irreps !



 $I4/mm1' \rightarrow C_c c (\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{c},\mathbf{b},\mathbf{c}; 0,0,0)$ Polar symmetry !

conflicting models:



 $P2_{1}'2_{1}'2_{1}$ (**a**_p,-**c**_p,**b**_p;1/4,1/4,0)



 $Pm'c2_1'$ (-**b**_p,-**c**_p,**a**_p;0,1/4,1/4)

Some "dubious" structures:

1.0.1 Ag₂CrO₂

k=(1/5,1/5,0)

P-3m11' -> C2'/m

trigonal -> monoclinic k-maximal symmetry



reported weak FM inconsistent with the symmetry.

Equality of moments requires existence of reflections correponding to a 3k spin wave, and they were not observed.

1.0.7 LuFe₂O₄

k=(1/3,1/3,0)

R-3m1' -> C2'/m' trigonal -> 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



This magnetic order splits the U atoms into two types

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

There is NO symmetry reason to expect that the orientation of the moments of the two atoms have the very specific relation assumed in the model: it is not symmetry "protected"

This orientation is not expected to be special (extremal) in the energy map

"Concomitant" structural transitions:

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

In most cases, these possible induced structural distortions are weak 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:



CaFe₂As₂ (magndata #1.52)

I4/mmm1' \rightarrow C_Amca (c,a-b,a+b;0,0,0)

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C_Amca (BNS) = F_Cmm'm' (OG)
64.480 = 69.10.614
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"Root" space group in BNS: Cmce (64)

"Root" space group in OG: Fmmm (69)

"Concomitant" symmetry break for structural degrees of freedom:

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I4/mmm \rightarrow Fmmm
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a Fmmm structural distortion is reported

INCOMMENSURATE STRUCTURES

One propagation vector





Symmetry described by a magnetic superspace group (MSSG)

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

Ba₃NbFe₃Si₂O₁₄ (#1.1.17)

P3211′(00γ)000s

Ν	(x,y,z)	Seitz notation				
1	x1,x2,x3,x4,+1	{1 0}				
2	-x2,x1-x2,x3,x4,+1	{ 3 ⁺ ₀₀₁ 0 }				
3	-x1+x2,-x1,x3,x4,+1	{ 3 ⁻ 001 0 }				
4	x2,x1,-x3,-x4,+1	{ 2 ₁₁₀ 0 }				
5	x1-x2,-x2,-x3,-x4,+1	{ 2 ₁₀₀ 0 }				
6	-x1,-x1+x2,-x3,-x4,+1	{ 2 ₀₁₀ 0 }				
(0	(0,0,0,1/2)' + set click here to show and hide					

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Magnetic Superspace Group: P3211'(00y)000s

[View symmetry operations]

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



Magnetic moment modulation parameters of symmetry independent atoms

Wave vector 1

		Magneti	c moment	Fourier Co	os coeffs			Magneti	c moment	Fourier Si	n coeffs	
Atom Symmetry constraints Numerical values			ues	Symm	netry const	traints	Numerical values					
	x	У	z	X	У	z	x	У	z	x	У	z
Fe1	M _x cos1	0	0	4	0.0	0.0	M _x sin1	2M _x sin1	M _z sin1	-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	У	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

Relations between the spin modulations of all the atoms in the unit cell

	Magnetic moment Fourier Cos coeffs						Magnetic moment Fourier Sin coeffs					
Atom	Symmetry constraints		Numerical values		Symmetry constraints			Numerical values				
	x	У	z	x	У	z	X	У	z	x	У	Z
1	M _x cos1	0	0	4.00000	0.0	0.0	M _x sin1	2M _x sin1	M _z sin1	-2.31000	-4.62000	0.0
2	0	M _x cos1	0	0.0	4.00000	0.0	-2M _x sin1	-M _x sin1	M _z sin1	4.62000	2.31000	0.0
3	-M _x cos1	-M _x cos1	0	-4.00000	-4.00000	0.0	M _x sin1	-M _x sin1	M _z sin1	-2.31000	2.31000	0.0

Possible MSSGs and the corresponding models have been derived using JANA2006 or ISODISTORT

for each irrep the possible MSSGs and models are derived:



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A database of more than 1000 published commensurate and incommensurate magnetic structures can be found here. The structures are described using magnetic symmetry (Shubnikov magnetic space groups) in the BNS setting for commensurate structures, and magnetic superspace groups for incommensurate structures. Symmetry is applied both for magnetic moments and atomic positions. The information provided is sufficient to define unambiguously the positions and magnetic moments (if any) of all atoms in the structure. A non-standard setting consistent with the setting of the paramagnetic phase is often used (this setting does not necessarily coincide with the one used in the original reference). A ciflike (.mcif) file of each entry can be downloaded. mcif files are supported by: ISOCIF, ISODISTORT, VESTA, Jmol, JANA2006 and FullProf. ISOCIF can be used to generate an alternative mcif file in a standard setting, as required by ISODISTORT. Vesta files for visualization of a single magnetic unit cell are also available. Any entry can be directly downloaded in StrConvert for editing, visualization,



View Full Database

Now you can help to complete the database and submit your structure(s) or any other published structure that you may fancy.

MAGNDATA File Upload Page

Welcome to MAGNDATA File Upload Section. Any published commensurate magnetic structure that is not already present in MAGNDATA can be uploaded here.

- The upload can be performed not only by the authors of the publication reporting the structure, but also by anybody, thinking that this structure should be in this database.
- The uploaded files, if consistent, will be processed and transformed by the Bilbao Crystallographic Server team into a more complete form to be included in the database.
- Once the structure has been finally included in MAGNDATA, the uploader will be informed by e-mail. Also, in case we encounter any problems / have some questions & comments about the data, it is essential that we have your e-mail information.
- The necessary upload process is limited to a zip file containing two files, that are:
 1. A PDF file of the publication, where the magnetic structure was reported.
 2. A CIF file of the magnetic structure using the magCIF format and having ".mcif" as its extension. This .mcif file must have certain features and information to be appropriate for MAGNDATA.

To download the instructions on how to prepare a .mcif file of the magnetic structure that can be uploaded in MAGNDATA <u>click here</u>.

Before proceeding to the file uploads, please provide your name, email and brief info (*injo being optional*). Once you have submitted these information, you'll be taken to the file submission page.

Your Name:	
Your e-mail:	

Brief info about the structure you are about to submit:

Proceed to File Uploads

Instructions for the preparation of a magCIF file of a (published) commensurate magnetic structure, for uploading in the database MAGNDATA at the Bilbao Crystallographic Server.

In order to upload a commensurate magnetic structure in MAGNDATA only two files are required . One is a pdf file of the published article where this magnetic structure was reported, and the other one must be a magCIF file with the necessary information on the magnetic structure.

We call a magCIF file a CIF file, which uses the so-called magCIF extension for the description magnetic structures. In the Bilbao crystallographic server such type of files are given the extension ".mcif ", to be distinguished from CIF files of ordinary non-magnetic structures with the extension ".cif".

The magCIF file to be introduced in MAGNDATA must fulfill some specific requirements and these instructions explain in detail how to prepare it to be fully adapted for MAGNDATA.

STRCONVERT: Editor of Structure magCIF files and other formats

N	lagnetic Symmetry and Applications
MGENPOS	General Positions of Magnetic Space Groups
MWYCKPOS	Wyckoff Positions of Magnetic Space Groups
	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
	Symmetry-adapted form of crystal tensors in magnetic phases
MAGNETIC REP.	Decomposition of the magnetic representation into irreps
Get_mirreps	Irreps and order parameters in a paramagnetic space group- magnetic subgroup phase transition

Structure Data Converter & Editor

Please submit a s	tructure file:
Browse No file selected.	Upload the file
[Supported file formats: CIF,	mCIF, VESTA, VASP]

Symmetry

Magnetic Space Group # (BNS): 31.129 (P_bmn2_1) Type: IV

Lattice Parameters

a:	11.670 Å	b:	7.360€ Å	C:	5.2572Å
α	90.00C °	β:	90.00C	γ:	90.000 [°]

Symmetry Operations [Show/Hide]

	Recognized formats:
	1. x,y,z mx,my,mz +1
	x,y,z mx,my,mz +1
	x,y,z
	x,y,z,+1
	1 'x, y, z'
	1 x,y,z
x, y, z, +1 -x+1/4, -y, z+1/2, +1 x, -y+1/2, z, +1 -x+1/4, y+1/2, z+1/2, x+1/2, y, z, -1 -x+3/4, -y, z+1/2, -1 x+1/2, -y+1/2, z, -1 -x+3/4, y+1/2, z+1/2,	+1 -1
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Symmetry operations	s have been parsed from the file/form Populate with operators from database

Structure Data Converter & Editor

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Ho_1	Но	0.95805	0.75000	0.01750	1.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000		
Mn	Mn	0.00000	0.00000	0.50000	1.00000	3.87000	0.00000	0.00000		
01	0	0.23110	0.25000	0.11130	1.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000		
01_1	0	0.76890	0.75000	0.88870	1.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000		
02	0	0.16405	0.05340	0.70130	1.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000		
O2_1	0	0.83595	0.55340	0.29870	1.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000		
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Tutorial to follow:



Depending on your preferences, you can follow as an **alternative**, section 2 (modelling of a multi-k structure) and/or section 4 (BNS vs. OG) of this tutorial 3, or follow them as a continuation of section 3, **if there is still time available**.