



The new magCIF format for communicating magnetic structures

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magCIF history

Wieslawa Sikora's magnetic CIF project – late 90s

Early magCIF prototype introduced in ISODISTORT in 2010.

IUCr Commission on Magnetic Structures formed in 2011.

Use of magCIF slowly expanded through 2013.

CMS working group developed provisional tag set in 2014.

Formal magCIF dictionary should be completed in 2014.



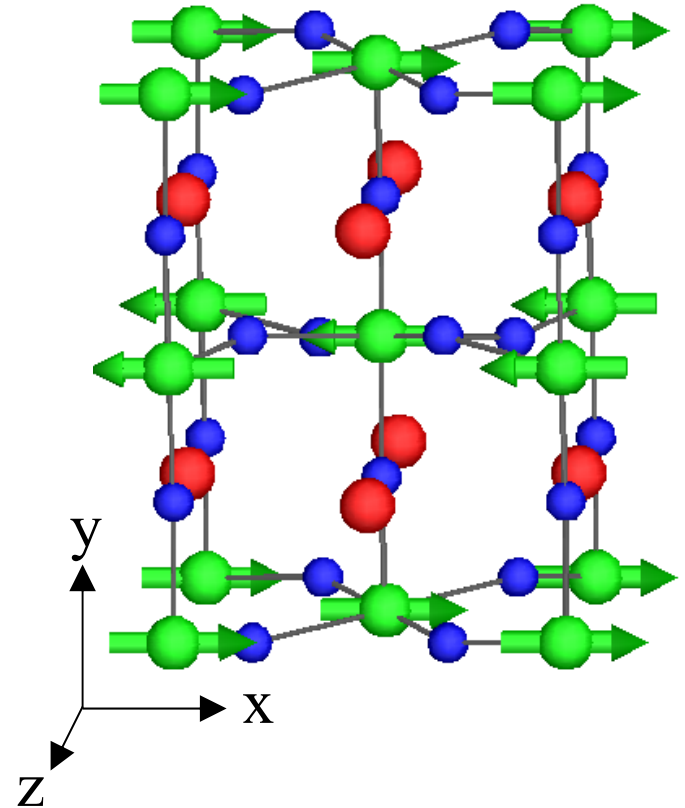
magCIF

- ✔ **Supercell:** moments and magnetic space group
- ✔ **Wave:** incommens k -vectors, complex amplitudes, and magnetic superspace group.
- ✘ **Irrep-mode:** k -vectors, irreps, and mode amplitudes.



magCIF: cell parameters

<code>_cell_length_a</code>	5.57313
<code>_cell_length_b</code>	7.88160
<code>_cell_length_c</code>	5.57313
<code>_cell_angle_alpha</code>	90.00000
<code>_cell_angle_beta</code>	90.00000
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In a BNS setting, this is the actual magnetic repeating unit.
In an OG setting, this is half the actual magnetic repeating unit.



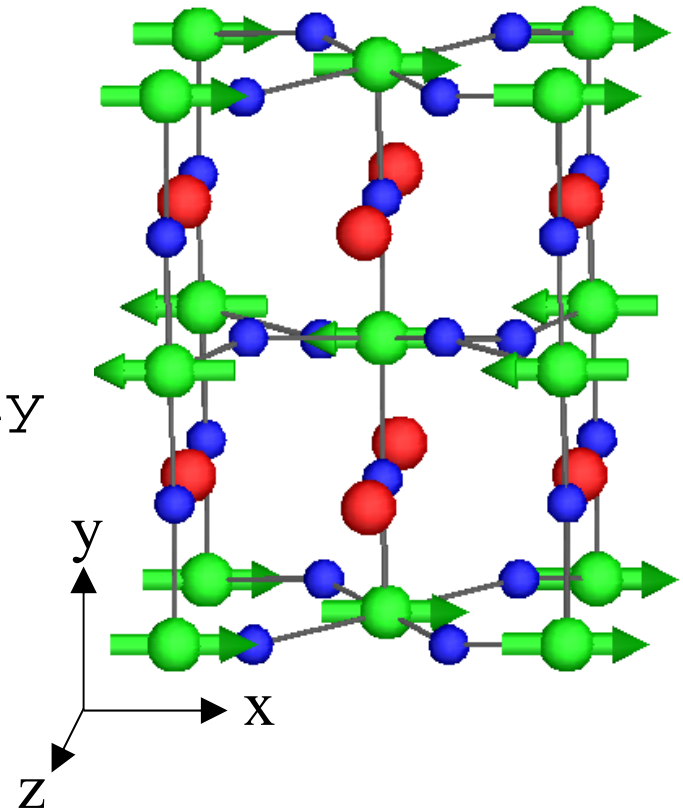
magCIF: non-magnetic parameters

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loop_
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_atom_site_type_symbol
_atom_site_symmetry_multiplicity
_atom_site_Wyckoff_label
_atom_site_fract_x
_atom_site_fract_y
_atom_site_fract_z
_atom_site_occupancy

```

La_1	La	4	c	0.50000	0.25000	0.00000	1.00000
Mn_1	Mn	4	a	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	1.00000
O_1	O	8	d	0.75000	0.00000	0.75000	1.00000
O_2	O	4	c	0.00000	0.25000	0.00000	1.00000



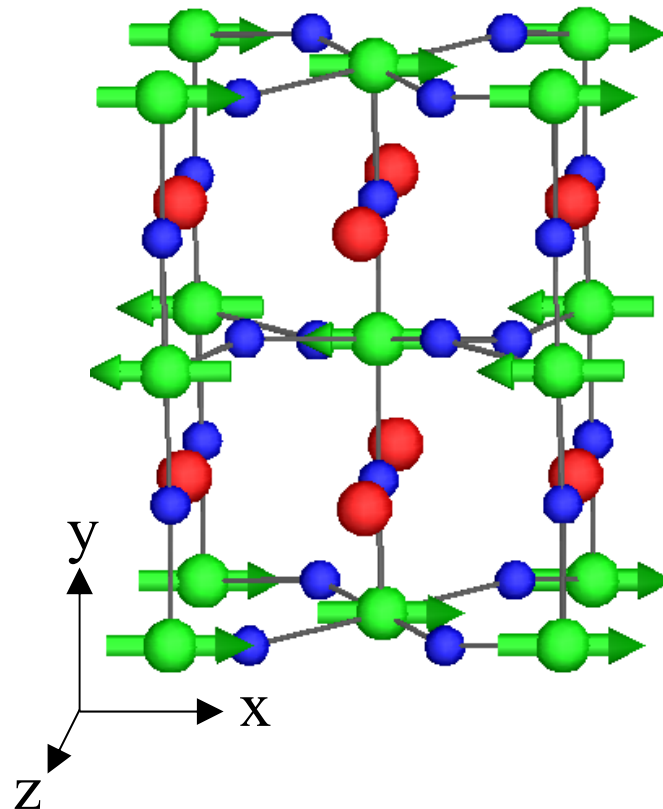


magCIF: magnetic space group (MSG)

`_space_group.magn_number_BNS` "62.448"

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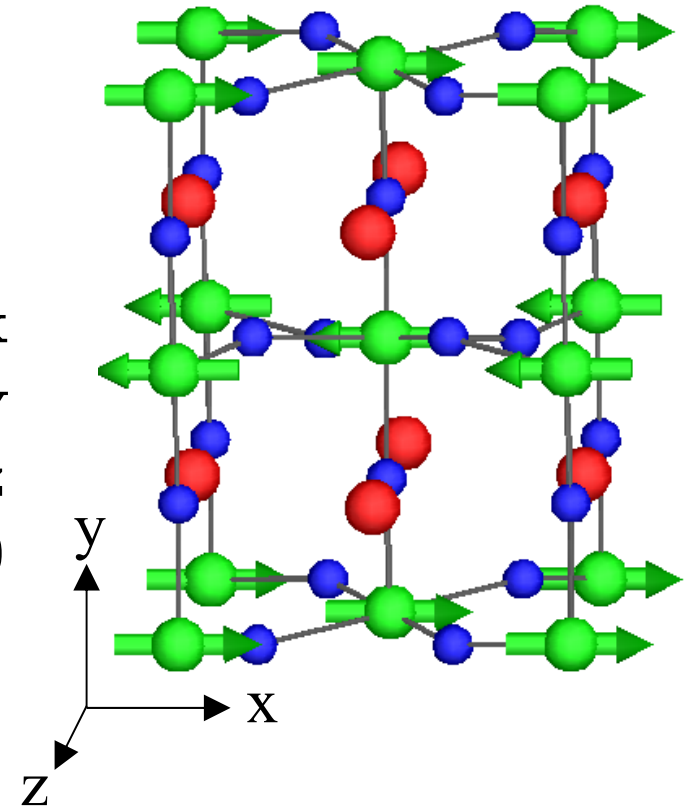
`_space_group.magn_point_group` "m'm'm"





magCIF: magnetic moments

```
loop_  
_atom_site_moment_label  
_atom_site_moment_crystalaxis_x  
_atom_site_moment_crystalaxis_y  
_atom_site_moment_crystalaxis_z  
Mn_1 3.87000 0.00000 0.00000
```



The “crystal axis” coordinate system presents the projections of the moment onto the three lattice directions: $m_x = \vec{m} \cdot (\vec{a}/a)$. This works in non-orthogonal coordinate systems.



magCIF: MSG symmetry elements

62.448 $Pn'ma'$

loop_

_space_group_symop.magn_id

_space_group_symop.magn_operation_xyz

_space_group_symop.magn_operation_mxmymz

1 $x, y, z, +1$ m_x, m_y, m_z

2 $-x, y+1/2, -z, +1$ $-m_x, m_y, -m_z$

3 $-x, -y, -z, +1$ m_x, m_y, m_z

4 $x, -y+1/2, z, +1$ $-m_x, m_y, -m_z$

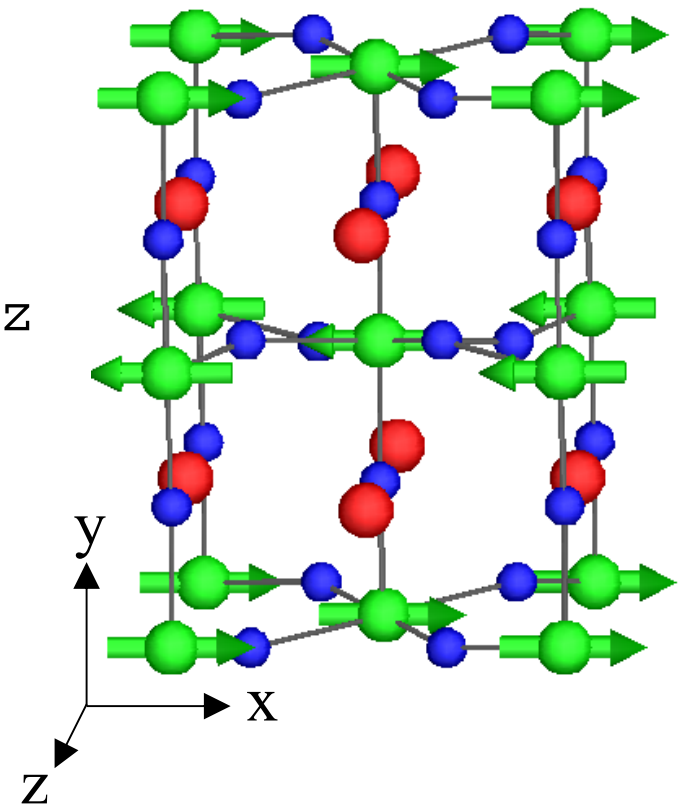
5 $x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z+1/2, -1$ $-m_x, m_y, m_z$

6 $-x+1/2, -y, z+1/2, -1$ $m_x, m_y, -m_z$

7 $-x+1/2, y+1/2, z+1/2, -1$ $-m_x, m_y, m_z$

8 $x+1/2, y, -z+1/2, -1$ $m_x, m_y, -m_z$

$n'(7)$ $m(4)$ $a'(8)$





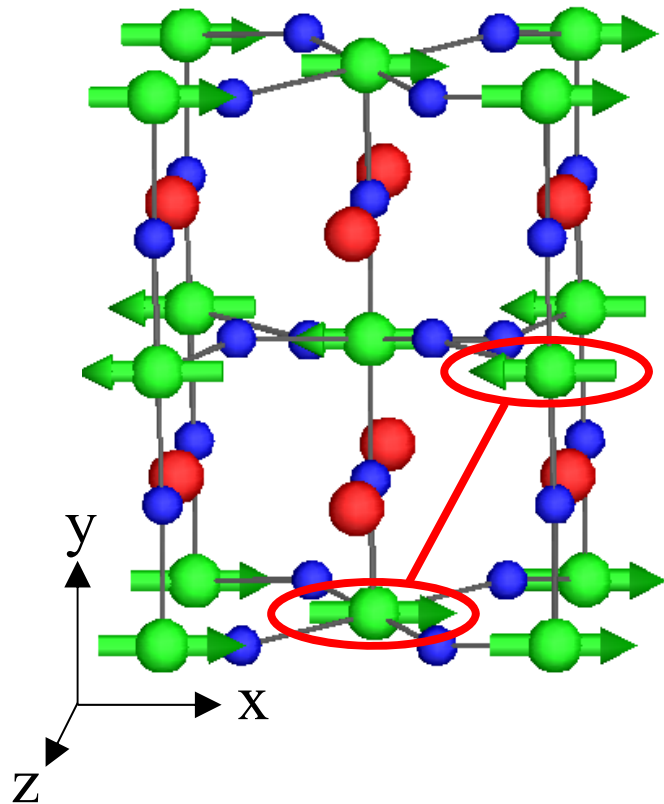
magCIF: MSG symmetry elements

62.448 $Pn'ma'$

$n' \perp a$

$$-x+1/2, y+1/2, z+1/2, -1$$

$$-m_x, m_y, m_z$$



$$P = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } t = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|P| = -1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{pmatrix} = P \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} + t = \begin{pmatrix} -x + 1/2 \\ y + 1/2 \\ z + 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_x' \\ m_y' \\ m_z' \end{pmatrix} = (-1)|P|P \cdot \begin{pmatrix} m_x \\ m_y \\ m_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -m_x \\ m_y \\ m_z \end{pmatrix}$$

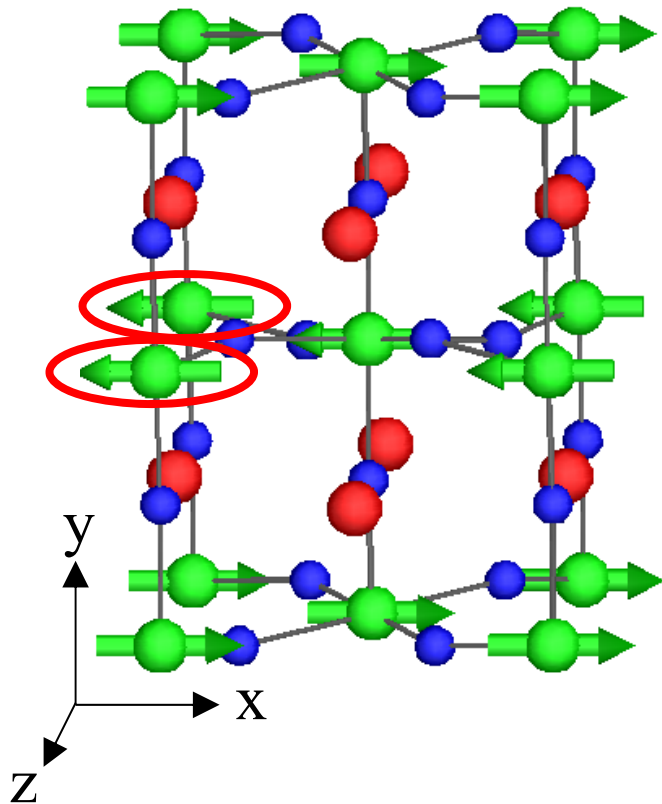


magCIF: MSG symmetry elements

62.448 $Pn'ma'$

$m \perp b$

$x, -y+1/2, z, +1$
 $-mx, my, -mz$



$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } t = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|P| = -1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{pmatrix} = P \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} + t = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ -y + 1/2 \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_x' \\ m_y' \\ m_z' \end{pmatrix} = (+1)|P|P \cdot \begin{pmatrix} m_x \\ m_y \\ m_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -m_x \\ m_y \\ -m_z \end{pmatrix}$$



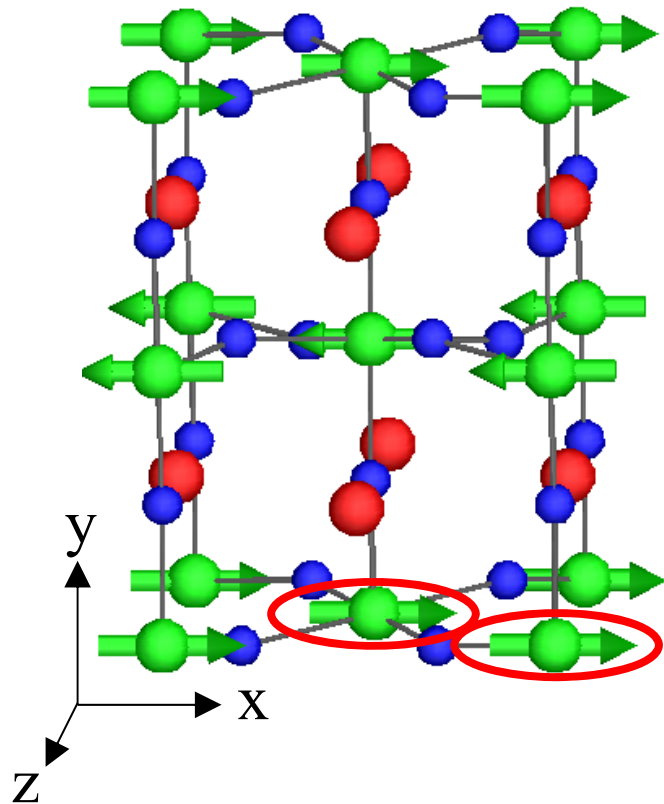
magCIF: MSG symmetry elements

62.448 $Pn'ma'$

$$a' \perp c$$

$$x+1/2, y, -z+1/2, -1$$

$$mx, my, -mz$$



$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } t = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 0 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|P| = -1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{pmatrix} = P \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} + t = \begin{pmatrix} x + 1/2 \\ y \\ -z + 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_x' \\ m_y' \\ m_z' \end{pmatrix} = (-1)|P|P \cdot \begin{pmatrix} m_x \\ m_y \\ m_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_x \\ m_y \\ -m_z \end{pmatrix}$$



Magnetic Wyckoff coordinates

BNS: 62.448 OG: 62.8.509 $Pn'ma'$

8d	$(x, y, z)(m_x, m_y, m_z)$ $(\bar{x}, y + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{z})(\bar{m}_x, m_y, \bar{m}_z)$ $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})(m_x, m_y, m_z)$ $(x, \bar{y} + \frac{1}{2}, z)(\bar{m}_x, m_y, \bar{m}_z)$	$(x + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{y} + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{z} + \frac{1}{2})(\bar{m}_x, m_y, m_z)$ $(\bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{y}, z + \frac{1}{2})(m_x, m_y, \bar{m}_z)$ $(\bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2})(\bar{m}_x, m_y, m_z)$ $(x + \frac{1}{2}, y, \bar{z} + \frac{1}{2})(m_x, m_y, \bar{m}_z)$
4c	$(x, \frac{1}{4}, z)(0, m_y, 0)$ $(\bar{x}, \frac{3}{4}, \bar{z})(0, m_y, 0)$	$(x + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \bar{z} + \frac{1}{2})(0, m_y, 0)$ $(\bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}, z + \frac{1}{2})(0, m_y, 0)$
4b	$(0, 0, \frac{1}{2})(m_x, m_y, m_z)$ $(0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})(\bar{m}_x, m_y, \bar{m}_z)$	$(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)(\bar{m}_x, m_y, m_z)$ $(\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0)(m_x, m_y, \bar{m}_z)$
4a	$(0, 0, 0)(m_x, m_y, m_z)$ $(0, \frac{1}{2}, 0)(\bar{m}_x, m_y, \bar{m}_z)$	$(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})(\bar{m}_x, m_y, m_z)$ $(\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2})(m_x, m_y, \bar{m}_z)$



Magnetic space-group types 1-4

Examples based on $P2/m$

Type-1 MSG

Federov group

10.42 (10.1.49) $P2/m$

(x, y, z)

$(-x, y, -z)$

$(-x, -y, -z)$

$(x, -y, z)$

Type-3 MSG

black/white PG

10.44 (10.3.51) $P2'/m$

(x, y, z)

$(-x, y, -z)'$

$(-x, -y, -z)'$

$(x, -y, z)$

Type-2 MSG

gray group

10.43 (10.2.50) $P2/m1'$

(x, y, z)

$(-x, y, -z)$

$(-x, -y, -z)$

$(x, -y, z)$

$(x, y, z)'$

$(-x, y, -z)'$

$(-x, -y, -z)'$

$(x, -y, z)'$

Type-4 MSG

black/white lattice

BNS: 10.48 P_b2/m

OG: 10.7.55 $P_{2b}2/m$

(x, y, z)

$(-x, y, -z)$

$(-x, -y, -z)$

$(x, -y, z)$

$(x, y + 1/2, z)'$

$(-x, y + 1/2)'$

$(-x, -y + 1/2)'$

$(x, -y + 1/2, z)'$



magCIF: BNS vs OG cell

```
_space_group.magn_number_BNS "116.296"  
_space_group.magn_name_BNS "P_c-4c2"  
_space_group.magn_point_group "-4m21' "
```

```
loop_
```

```
_space_group_transform_id
```

```
_space_group_transform_Pp_abc
```

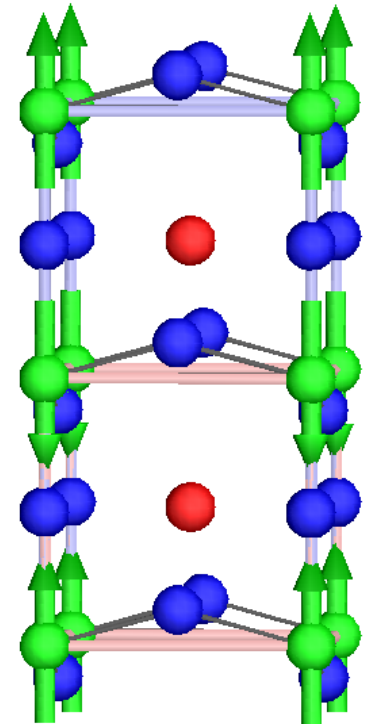
```
_space_group_transform_description
```

```
1 a,b,c;0,0,0
```

```
"to magnetic BNS, ISO P_c-4c2 setting"
```

```
2 a,b,1/2c;0,0,1/2
```

```
"to magnetic OG, Litvin P_2c-4'm'2 setting"
```



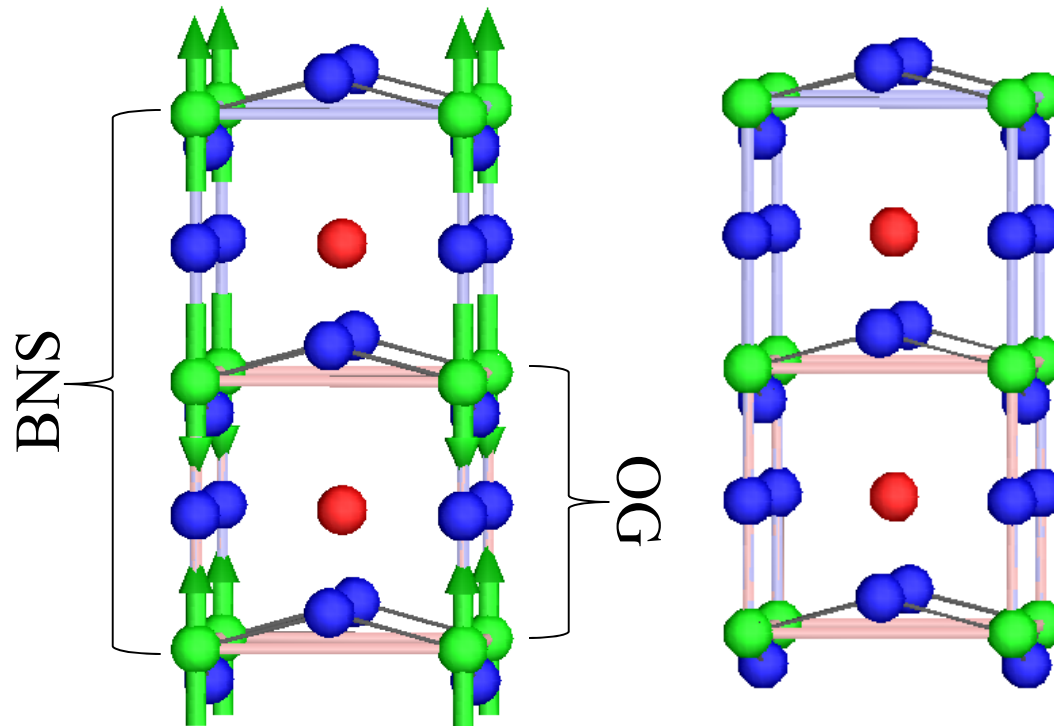
BNS: $P_c\bar{4}c2$

OG: $P_{2c}\bar{4}'m'2$

Mod: $P\bar{4}c21'_c$



BNS vs OG cell of type-4 MSG



Magnetic order lowers the symmetry relative to non-magnetic parent.

Non-magnetic degrees of freedom (e.g. displacements) also arise.

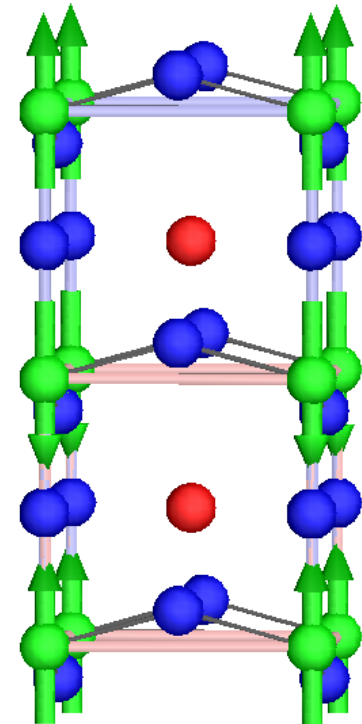
If we zero the moments, the resulting non-magnetic cell is OG cell.



magCIF: operators of type-4 MSG

116.296 $P_C\bar{4}c2$

```
loop_  
_space_group_symop.magn_id  
_space_group_symop.magn_operation_xyz  
_space_group_symop.magn_operation_mxmy mz  
1 x,y,z,+1 mx,my,mz  
2 -x,-y,z,+1 -mx,-my,mz  
3 -y,-x,-z+1/2,+1 -my,-mx,-mz  
4 y,x,-z+1/2,+1 my,mx,-mz  
5 -x,y,z+1/2,+1 mx,-my,-mz  
6 x,-y,z+1/2,+1 -mx,my,-mz  
7 y,-x,-z,+1 -my,mx,mz  
8 -y,x,-z,+1 my,-mx,mz  
9 x,y,z+1/2,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
10 -x,-y,z+1/2,-1 mx,my,-mz  
11 -y,-x,-z,-1 my,mx,mz  
12 y,x,-z,-1 -my,-mx,mz  
13 -x,y,z,-1 -mx,my,mz  
14 x,-y,z,-1 mx,-my,mz  
15 y,-x,-z+1/2,-1 my,-mx,-mz  
16 -y,x,-z+1/2,-1 -my,mx,-mz
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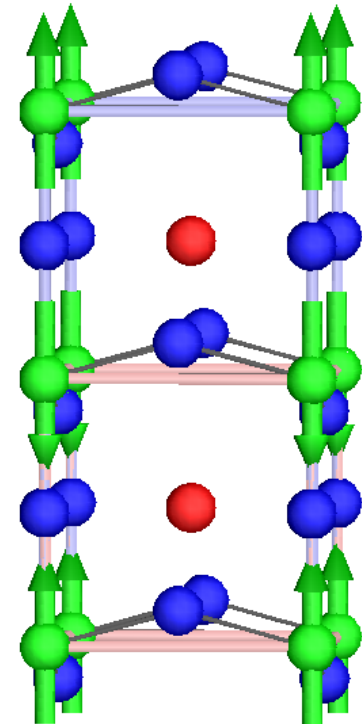


magCIF: operators of type-4 MSG

116.296 $P_c\bar{4}c2$

```
loop_  
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_space_group_symop.magn_operation_xyz  
_space_group_symop.magn_operation_mxmy mz  
1 x,y,z,+1 mx,my,mz  
2 -x,-y,z,+1 -mx,-my,mz  
3 -y,-x,-z+1/2,+1 -my,-mx,-mz  
4 y,x,-z+1/2,+1 my,mx,-mz  
5 -x,y,z+1/2,+1 mx,-my,-mz  
6 x,-y,z+1/2,+1 -mx,my,-mz  
7 y,-x,-z,+1 -my,mx,mz  
8 -y,x,-z,+1 my,-mx,mz
```

```
loop_  
_space_group_symop.magn_centering_id  
_space_group_symop.magn_centering_xyz  
_space_group_symop.magn_centering_mxmy mz  
1 x,y,z,+1 mx,my,mz  
2 x,y,z+1/2,-1 -mx,-my,-mz
```



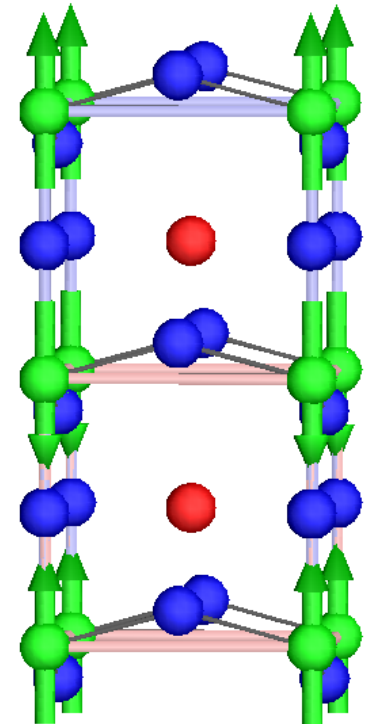


magCIF: operators of type-4 MSG

116.296 $P_c\bar{4}c2$

```
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_space_group_symop.magn_operation_mxmy mz  
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2 -x,-y,z,+1 -mx,-my,mz  
3 -y,-x,-z+1/2,+1 -my,-mx,-mz  
4 y,x,-z+1/2,+1 my,mx,-mz  
5 -x,y,z+1/2,+1 mx,-my,-mz  
6 x,-y,z+1/2,+1 -mx,my,-mz  
7 y,-x,-z,+1 -my,mx,mz  
8 -y,x,-z,+1 my,-mx,mz
```

```
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2 0,0,1/2
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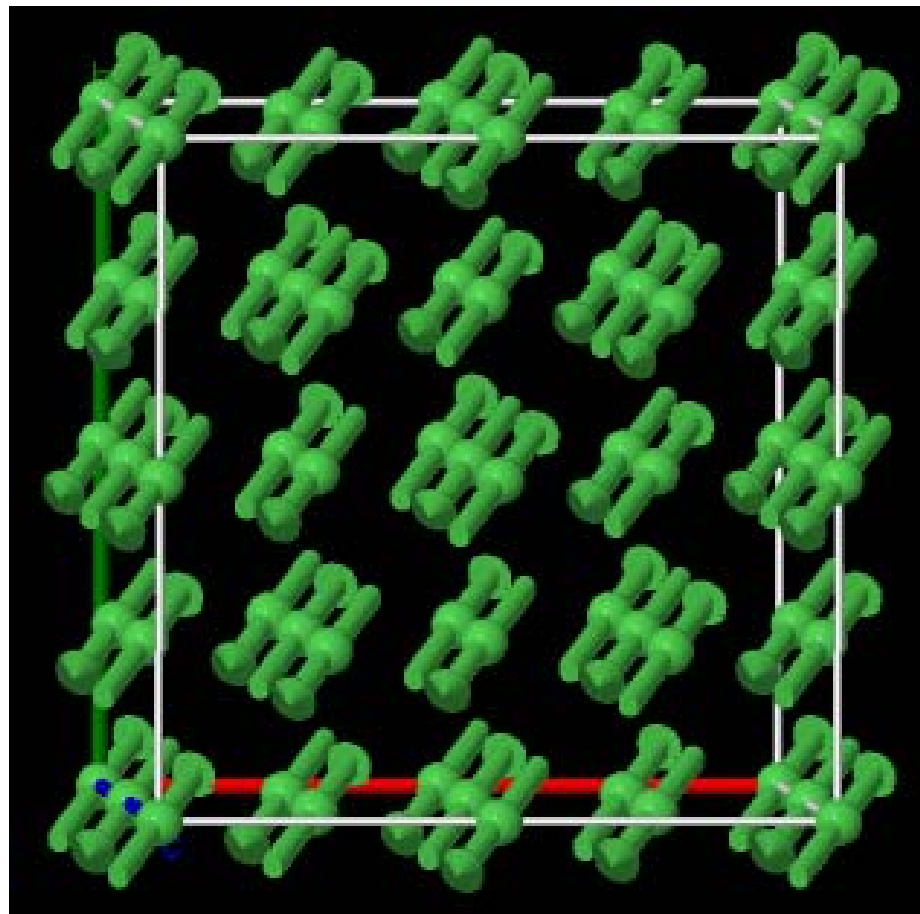




magCIF: separate centering loop

(NiO in non-standard setting)

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2 -y+3/4,-x+3/4,-z,+1 -my,-mx,-mz  
3 -x+3/4,-y+1/4,-z,+1 mx,my,mz  
4 y+1/2,x,z,+1 -my,-mx,-mz  
5 x+3/4,y+3/4,z,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
6 -y,-x,-z,-1 my,mx,mz  
7 -x+1/2,-y,-z,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
8 y+3/4,x+1/4,z,-1 my,mx,mz  
9 x,y+1/4,z+3/4,+1 mx,my,mz  
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13 x+3/4,y,z+3/4,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
14 -y,-x+1/4,-z+3/4,-1 my,mx,mz  
15 -x+1/2,-y+1/4,-z+3/4,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
16 y+3/4,x+1/2,z+3/4,-1 my,mx,mz  
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30 -y,-x+3/4,-z+1/4,-1 my,mx,mz  
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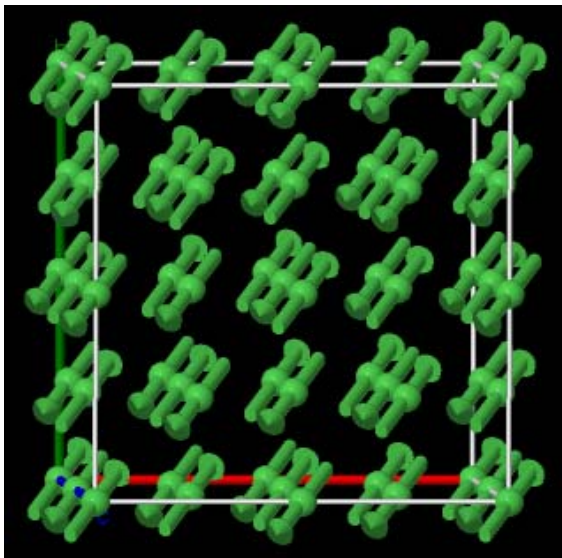
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(NiO in non-standard setting)

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_space_group_symop.magn_operation_xyzR  
_space_group_symop.magn_operation_mxmy mz  
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2 -y+3/4,-x+3/4,-z,+1 -my,-mx,-mz  
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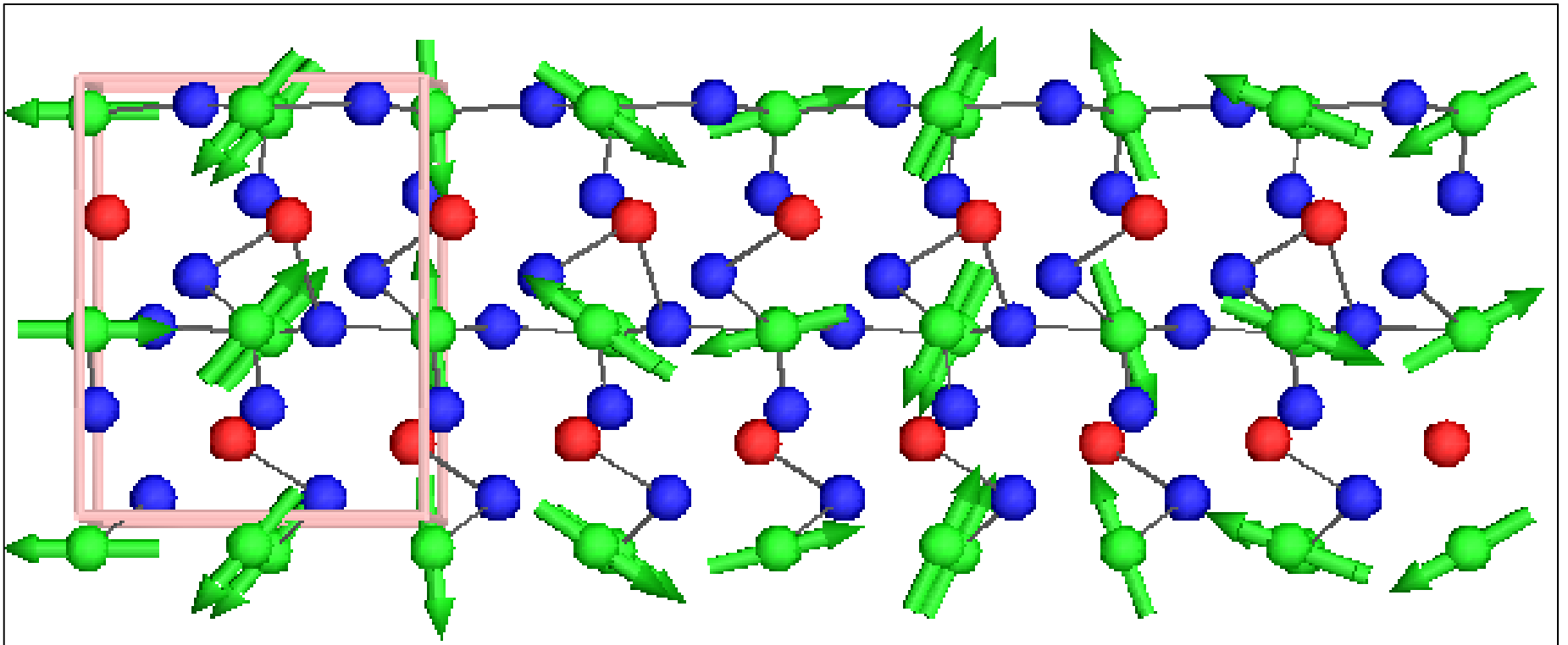


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_space_group_symop.magn_centering_xyzR  
_space_group_symop.magn_centering_mxmy mz  
z  
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2 x+3/4,y+3/4,z,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
3 x,y+1/4,z+3/4,+1 mx,my,mz  
4 x+3/4,y,z+3/4,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
5 x,y+1/2,z+1/2,+1 mx,my,mz  
6 x+3/4,y+1/4,z+1/2,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
7 x,y+3/4,z+1/4,+1 mx,my,mz  
8 x+3/4,y+1/2,z+1/4,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
9 x+1/4,y,z+3/4,+1 mx,my,mz  
10 x,y+3/4,z+3/4,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
11 x+1/4,y+1/4,z+1/2,+1 mx,my,mz  
12 x,y,z+1/2,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
13 x+1/4,y+1/2,z+1/4,+1 mx,my,mz  
14 x,y+1/4,z+1/4,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
15 x+1/4,y+3/4,z,+1 mx,my,mz  
16 x,y+1/2,z,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
17 x+1/2,y,z+1/2,+1 mx,my,mz  
18 x+1/4,y+3/4,z+1/2,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
19 x+1/2,y+1/4,z+1/4,+1 mx,my,mz  
20 x+1/4,y,z+1/4,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
21 x+1/2,y+1/2,z,+1 mx,my,mz  
22 x+1/4,y+1/4,z,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
23 x+1/2,y+3/4,z+3/4,+1 mx,my,mz  
24 x+1/4,y+1/2,z+3/4,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
25 x+3/4,y,z+1/4,+1 mx,my,mz  
26 x+1/2,y+3/4,z+1/4,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
27 x+3/4,y+1/4,z,+1 mx,my,mz  
28 x+1/2,y,z,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
29 x+3/4,y+1/2,z+3/4,+1 mx,my,mz  
30 x+1/2,y+1/4,z+3/4,-1 -mx,-my,-mz  
31 x+3/4,y+3/4,z+1/2,+1 mx,my,mz  
32 x+1/2,y+1/2,z+1/2,-1 -mx,-my,-mz
```



Multiferroic TbMnO_3

Kenzelmann et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 95, 087206 (2005).



Two simple ways to combine the modulations:

In phase: $(a,0;0,b)$ 14.1 $P2_1/c1'(a0g)00s$, origin= $(0,0,0,1/4)$

Out of phase: $(a,0;b,0)$ 33.5 $Pna2_11'(a00)000s$, origin= $(0,0,0,0)$



magCIF: incommensurate case

Magnetic superspace group (MSSG)

```
_space_group.magn_ssg_name_BNS "P2_1cn1'(0,0,g)000s"  
_space_group.magn_ssg_number_BNS 33.1.9.5.m145.?  
_space_group.magn_point_group "2mm1'"
```

loop_

```
_space_group_ssg_transform_id  
_space_group_ssg_transform_Pp_a1a2a3  
_space_group_ssg_transform_description  
1 a3,a2,-a1,a4;0,0,0,0  
    "to magnetic BNS ISO Pna2_11' setting"  
2 a3,a2,-a1,a4;0,0,0,0  
    "to magnetic OG Litvin Pna2_11' setting"  
3 a1,a2,a3,a4;0,0,0,0  
    "to nonmagnetic SSG ISO P2_1cn(0,0,g)000 setting"
```



magCIF: incommensurate case

Magnetic superspace group (MSSG) operators

loop_

_space_group_symop.magn_ssg_id

_space_group_symop.magn_ssg_operation_algebraic

1 $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, +1$

2 $x_1+1/2, -x_2, -x_3, -x_4, +1$

3 $x_1+1/2, x_2+1/2, -x_3+1/2, -x_4, +1$

4 $x_1, -x_2+1/2, x_3+1/2, x_4, +1$

loop_

_space_group_symop.magn_ssg_centering_id

_space_group_symop.magn_ssg_centering_xyz

1 $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, +1$

2 $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4+1/2, -1$



magCIF: incommensurate case

Basic unit cell of MSSG

```
loop_  
_atom_site_label  
_atom_site_type_symbol  
_atom_site_symmetry_multiplicity  
_atom_site_Wyckoff_label  
_atom_site_fract_x  
_atom_site_fract_y  
_atom_site_fract_z  
_atom_site_occupancy
```

Tb	Tb	4	a	0.75000	-0.01640	0.91900	1.00000
Mn	Mn	4	a	0.00000	0.50000	0.00000	1.00000
O1	O	4	a	0.75000	0.10830	0.53060	1.00000
O2_1	O	4	a	0.94770	0.70850	0.67330	1.00000
O2_2	O	4	a	0.55230	0.79150	0.17330	1.00000



magCIF: incommensurate case

Magnetic superspace group: propagation vectors

```
_cell_modulation_dimension 1
```

```
loop_
```

```
_cell_wave_vector_seq_id
```

```
_cell_wave_vector_x
```

```
_cell_wave_vector_y
```

```
_cell_wave_vector_z
```

```
1 0.00000 0.00000 -0.27000
```

```
loop_
```

```
_atom_site_Fourier_wave_vector_seq_id
```

```
_atom_site_Fourier_wave_vector_x
```

```
_atom_site_Fourier_wave_vector_y
```

```
_atom_site_Fourier_wave_vector_z
```

```
_jana_atom_site_Fourier_wave_vector_q1_coeff
```

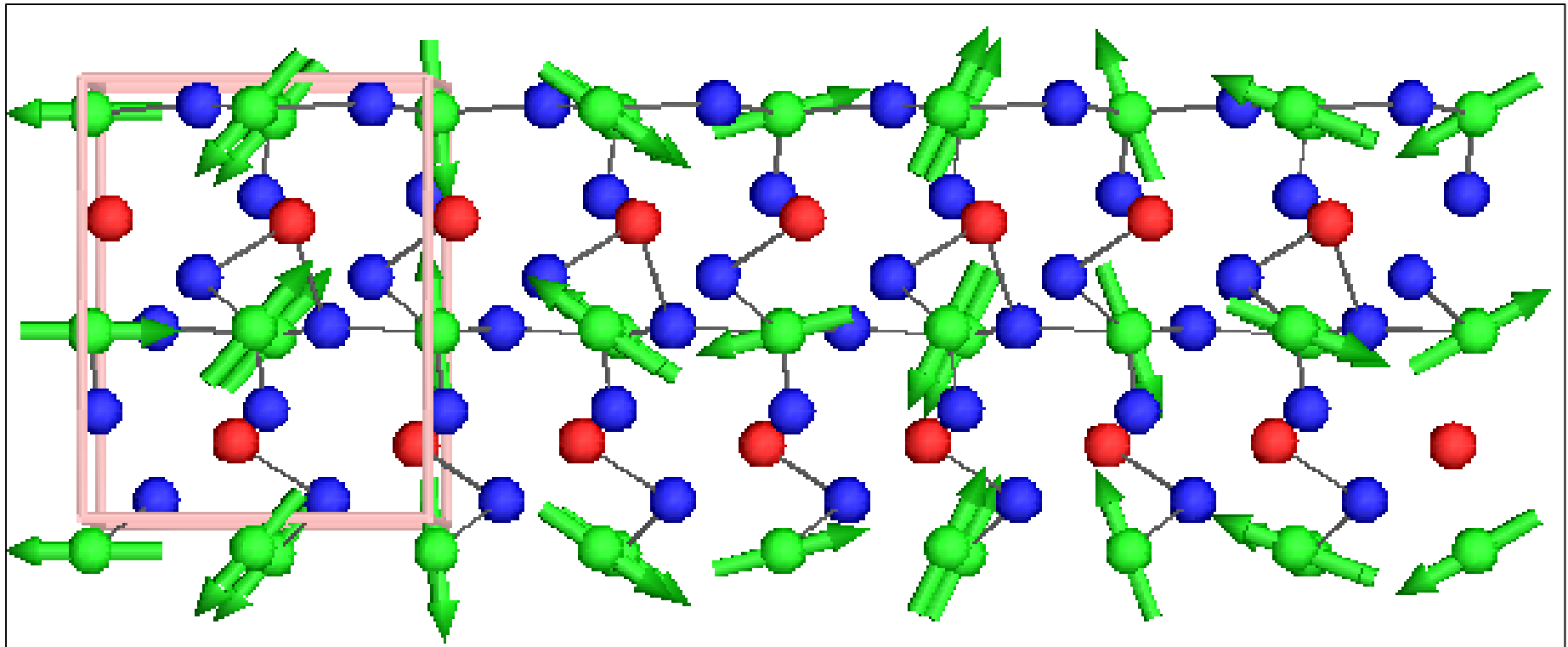
```
1 0.00000 0.00000 -0.27000 1
```



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Magnetic superspace group (MSSG): modulations

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Mn	1	x	0.00000	-3.95980
Mn	1	y	0.00000	0.00000
Mn	1	z	-5.51543	0.00000



Implementation progress (Aug 2014)

JANA [C, I]

Now: magCIF (r&w), magsuperCIF (r&w)

ISOCIF [C]

Now: magCIF (r&w)

Future: magsuperCIF (r&w)

FULLPROF [C, I]

Now: magCIF (r&w)

Future: magsuperCIF (r&w)

ISODISTORT [C, I]

Now: magCIF (r&w), magsuperCIF (w)

VESTA [C]

Now: magCIF (r)

Future: magCIF(w)

TOPAS Academic [C]

Now: magnetic refinement

Hoped: magCIF (r&w)

JMOL [C, I]

Now: magCIF (r), magsuperCIF (r)

GSAS-2 [C]

Now: magnetic capabilities planned

Hoped: magCIF (r&w)

C = commensurate, I = incommensurate, r = read, w = write



Who else should we talk to?

Accelrys

Atoms by ShapeSoftware

Crystal Studio

Crystal Maker

Diamond

DrawXtl

Mercury

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Possible developments in magCIF

For OG settings of type-4 MSGs, use magnetic propagation vector as alternative or addition to primary anti-translation.

Irrep-mode description of magnetic structures.

Magnetic twins

Moment-vector distribution for a given site

Magnetic diffraction data

Magnetic structure factor

Magnetic systematic absences



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