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| $\text{KAl}[\text{SiO}_4]$ | $hP14$ | $(186) P6_3mc - cb^3a$ |
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KAlSiO₄ ht1 [1], kalsilite-1H high

Structural features: AlO_4 and SiO_4 tetrahedra share vertices to form a tridymite-type framework; K in channels delimited by 6-rings parallel to $[001]$. See Fig. IV.21.

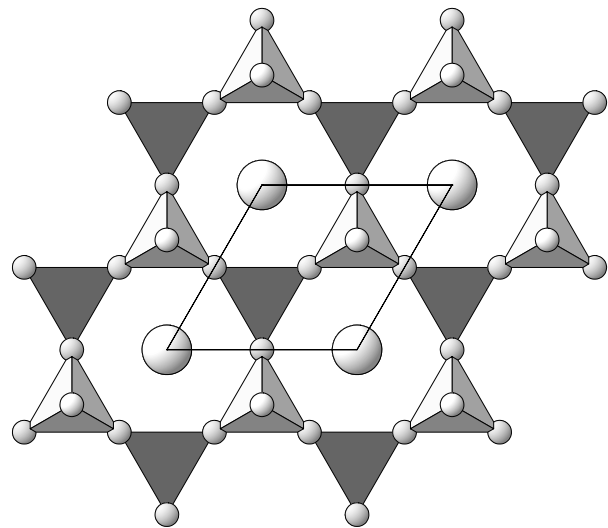


Fig. IV.21. **KAlSiO₄ ht1**

Arrangement of AlO_4 (light) and SiO_4 (dark) tetrahedra (O atoms small) and K atoms (large) viewed along $[001]$.

Andou Y., Kawahara A. (1982) [1]

AlKO_4Si

$a = 0.53$, $c = 0.865$ nm, $c/a = 1.632$, $V = 0.2104$ nm³, $Z = 2$

| site | Wyck. | sym. | x | y | z | occ. | atomic environment |
|------|-------|-------|---------------|---------------|--------|------|----------------------------------|
| O1 | $6c$ | $.m.$ | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.25 | | colinear AlSi |
| O2 | $2b$ | $3m.$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{2}{3}$ | 0.0 | | colinear AlSi |
| Si3 | $2b$ | $3m.$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{2}{3}$ | 0.1875 | | tetrahedron O ₄ |
| Al4 | $2b$ | $3m.$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{2}{3}$ | 0.8125 | | tetrahedron O ₄ |
| K5 | $2a$ | $3m.$ | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | | coplanar triangle O ₃ |

Transformation from published data: origin shift 0 0 0.25

Experimental: powder, diffractometer and Weissenberg photographs, X-rays, $R = 0.150$, $T = 1173$ K

Remarks: Phase stable at $T > 1138$ K. Space group (194) $P6_3/mmc$ (disordered arrangement of Si and Al) could not be rejected.

References: [1] Andou Y., Kawahara A. (1982), Mineral. J. 11, 72-77.