Supplementary material

Figure 1

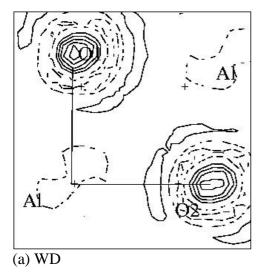
Residual density in the O_1 -Al- O_2 plane, all data are after $\kappa_{L\text{-Al}}$ core refinement for Al: (a) WD data; (b) WDN data; (c) CD data. Contours are plotted at 0.01 e Å⁻³, negative contours dashed, zero contour omitted.

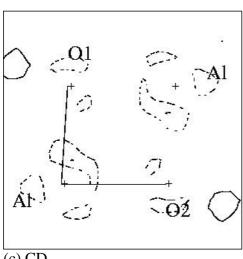
Figure 2

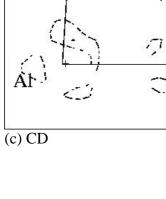
Static deformation density in the O_1 -Al- O_2 plane passing through 2 Al and 2 O atoms and showing the 2 different Al-O bonds: (a) obtained from MOLLY refinement (\square_{max} =4) with WSN data; (b) obtained from MOLLY refinement (\square_{max} =4) with CD data. Contours are plotted at 0.05 e Å⁻³ intervals, zero contour dotted, negative dashed.

Figure 3

Static deformation density in the O_2 - O_3 - O_4 plane perpendicular to the c axis, passing only through oxygen atoms. Point C is the center of the common face between two Al octahedra: (a) obtained from MOLLY refinement (\square_{max} =4) with WS data; (b) obtained from MOLLY refinement (\square_{max} =4) with WDN data; (d) obtained from MOLLY refinement (\square_{max} =4) with WDN data; (d) obtained from MOLLY refinement (\square_{max} =4) with CD data; (e) obtained from MOLLY refinement (\square_{max} =4) with LSF data; (f) obtained from MOLLY refinement (\square_{max} =4) with GS data. Contours as Figure 2.

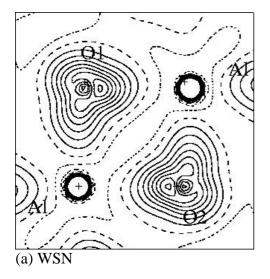






(b) WDN

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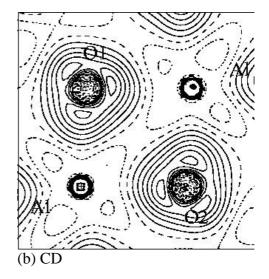


Figure 2

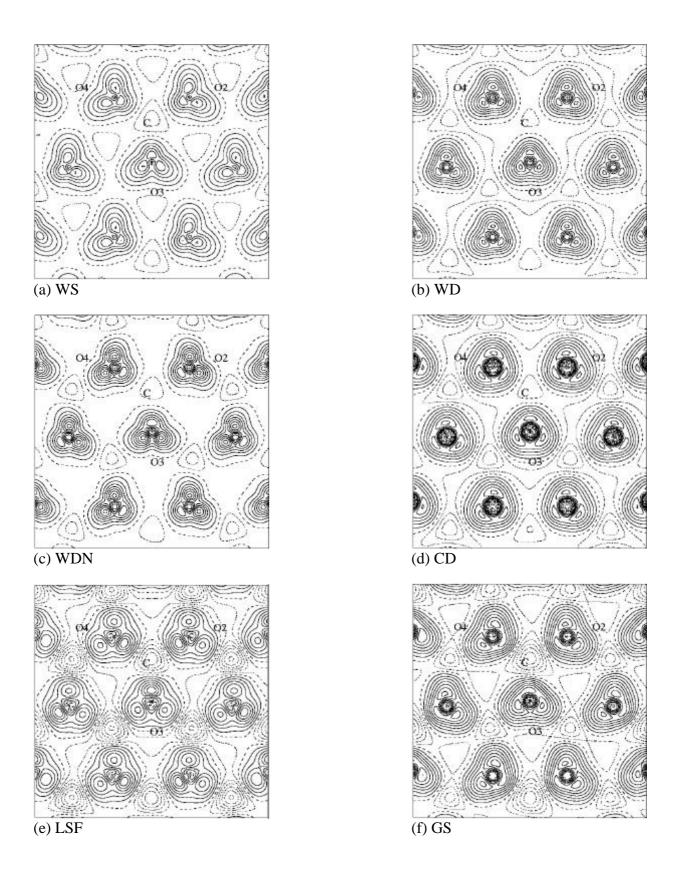


Figure 3