

Cu₃P Structure:

A3B_hP24_185_ab2c_c-001

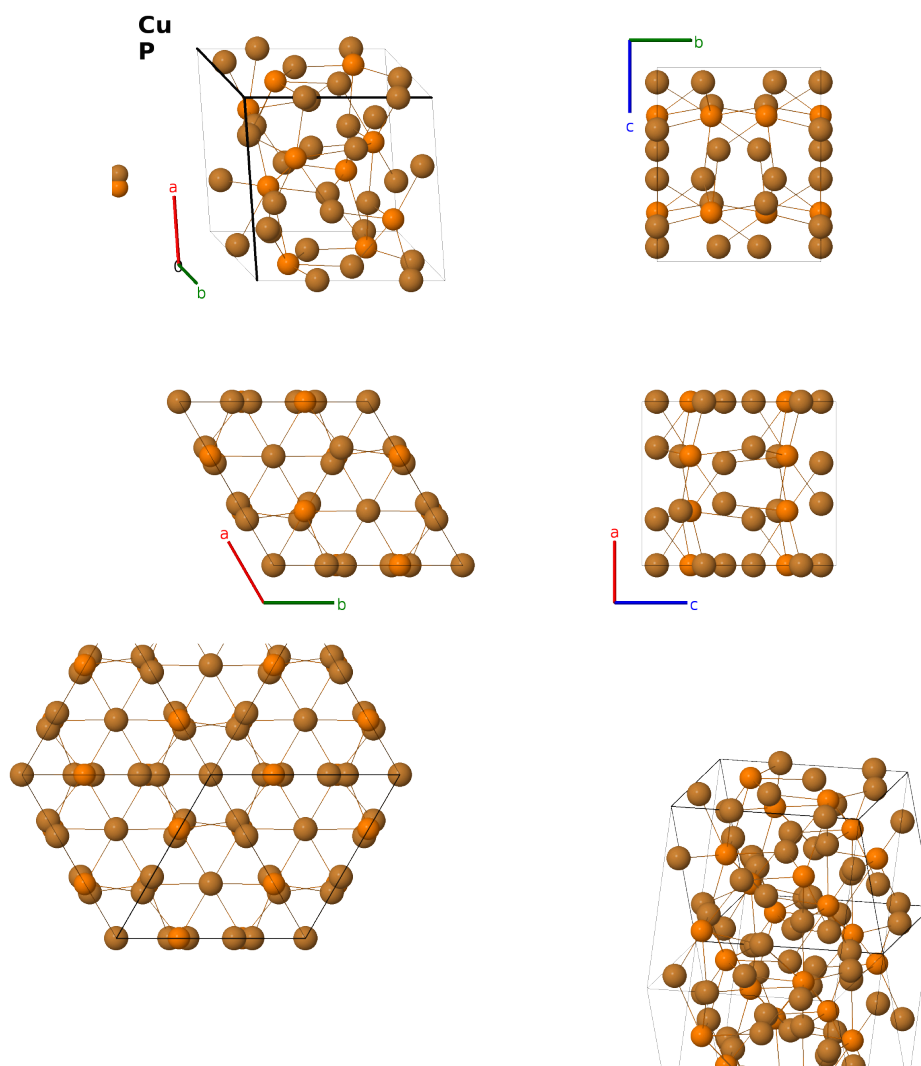
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Prototype	Cu ₃ P
AFLOW prototype label	A3B_hP24_185_ab2c_c-001
ICSD	15056
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Pearson symbol	hP24
Space group number	185
Space group symbol	$P6_3cm$
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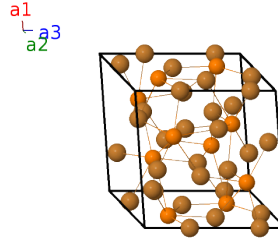
Other compounds with this structure

Mg₃Au, Mg₃Ir, Mg₃Pt, Na₃As

- (Olofsson, 1972) argues that this is the correct structure for Cu₃P rather than the structure which was originally identified as *Strukturbericht* D0₂₁, space group $P\bar{3}c1$ #165. Hafner and Range (Hafner, 1994) state that this is also the correct structure for Na₃As, rather than *Strukturbericht* D0₁₈, space group $P6_3/mmc$ #194. Finally, AuMg₃, IrMg₃ and Mg₃Pt, which have been placed in the D0₁₈ and D0₂₁ structures, are also claimed to actually be in this structure (Range, 1993).
- Space group $P6_3cm$ #185 allows an arbitrary choice of the origin of the z -axis. Here we set $z_5 = 3/4$ for the phosphorous (6c) atoms.

Hexagonal primitive vectors

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{a}_1 &= \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\
\mathbf{a}_2 &= \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\
\mathbf{a}_3 &= c \hat{\mathbf{z}}
\end{aligned}$$



Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates		Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B}_1$	$= z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$c z_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2a)	Cu I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$= \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$c \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2a)	Cu I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$= \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c z_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4b)	Cu II
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$= \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c \left(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4b)	Cu II
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$= \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c \left(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4b)	Cu II
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$= \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c z_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4b)	Cu II
$\mathbf{B}_7$	$= x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a x_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a x_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c z_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Cu III
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$= x_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a x_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a x_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c z_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Cu III
$\mathbf{B}_9$	$= -x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a x_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + c z_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Cu III
$\mathbf{B}_{10}$	$= -x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + \left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-\frac{1}{2}a x_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a x_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c \left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Cu III
$\mathbf{B}_{11}$	$= -x_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-\frac{1}{2}a x_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a x_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c \left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Cu III
$\mathbf{B}_{12}$	$= x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a x_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + c \left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Cu III
$\mathbf{B}_{13}$	$= x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a x_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a x_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c z_4 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Cu IV
$\mathbf{B}_{14}$	$= x_4 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a x_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a x_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c z_4 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Cu IV

$\mathbf{B}_{15}$	$= -x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_4 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + cz_4 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Cu IV
$\mathbf{B}_{16}$	$= -x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + \left(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-\frac{1}{2}ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Cu IV
$\mathbf{B}_{17}$	$= -x_4 \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-\frac{1}{2}ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Cu IV
$\mathbf{B}_{18}$	$= x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_4 \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + c\left(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Cu IV
$\mathbf{B}_{19}$	$= x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_5 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	P I
$\mathbf{B}_{20}$	$= x_5 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_5 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	P I
$\mathbf{B}_{21}$	$= -x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_5 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + cz_5 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	P I
$\mathbf{B}_{22}$	$= -x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + \left(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-\frac{1}{2}ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	P I
$\mathbf{B}_{23}$	$= -x_5 \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-\frac{1}{2}ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	P I
$\mathbf{B}_{24}$	$= x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_5 \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + c\left(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	P I

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