

β -CuI (Sakuma) Structure: AB_hP4_156_ab_ab-001

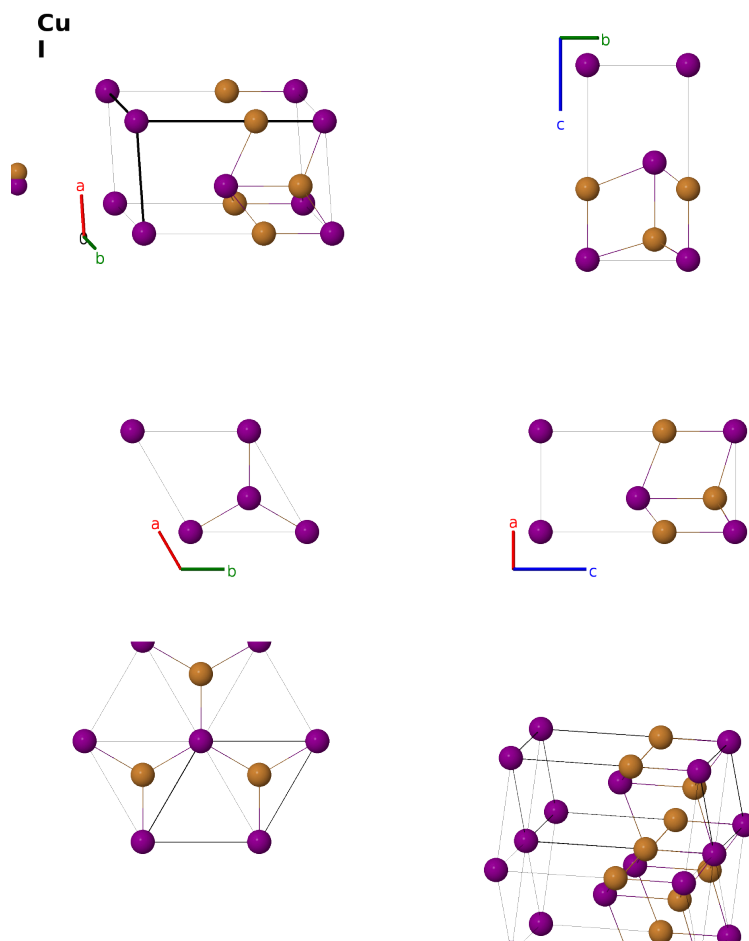
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Prototype	CuI
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Pearson symbol	hP4
Space group number	156

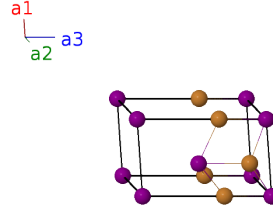
Space group symbol $P3m1$

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- Copper(I) iodide can be found in three forms (Keen, 1995):
 - α -CuI is stable above $673 \pm 8\text{K}$, and is in the $\delta\text{-Bi}_2\text{O}_3$ structure, with the iodine atoms on the (2a) Wyckoff positions and the copper atoms occupying 1/8 of the (32f) positions.
 - γ -CuI (marshite) is the ground state, stable below $643 \pm 2\text{K}$, and is also in the $\delta\text{-Bi}_2\text{O}_3$ structure.
 - In the intermediate temperature range β -CuI is generally agreed to be trigonal or hexagonal, but the exact structure is under dispute:
 - * (Kurdyumova, 1961) placed it in trigonal space group $P3m1$ #156. Their unit cell is three times larger than the standard cell for this structure, and is now considered erroneous. (Abrahams, 2008).
 - * (Bührer, 1977) placed it in hexagonal space group $P\bar{6}m2$ #187, with the copper atoms partially occupying two sites.
 - * (Sakuma, 1988) placed it in trigonal space group $P3m1$ #156 (this structure) with a smaller unit cell than (Kurdyumova, 1961) and no disorder on the copper sites.
 - * (Keen, 1994) placed it in trigonal space group $P\bar{3}m1$ #164, with a unit cell similar to (Bührer, 1977) and (Sakuma, 1988). Like the former paper, the oxygen positions are disordered.
 - Space group $P3m1$ #156 allows an arbitrary choice of origin for the z -axis. Used this freedom to place the I-I atom at the origin.
 - This structure originally appeared in (Hicks, 2019). This page has been rewritten, but the structure itself has not changed.
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Trigonal (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
$\mathbf{B}_1$	$= z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$cz_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(1a)	Cu I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$= z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$cz_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(1a)	I I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$= \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(1b)	Cu II
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$= \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_4 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(1b)	I II

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