

Si₄₆ Clathrate Structure: A_cP46_223_cik-001

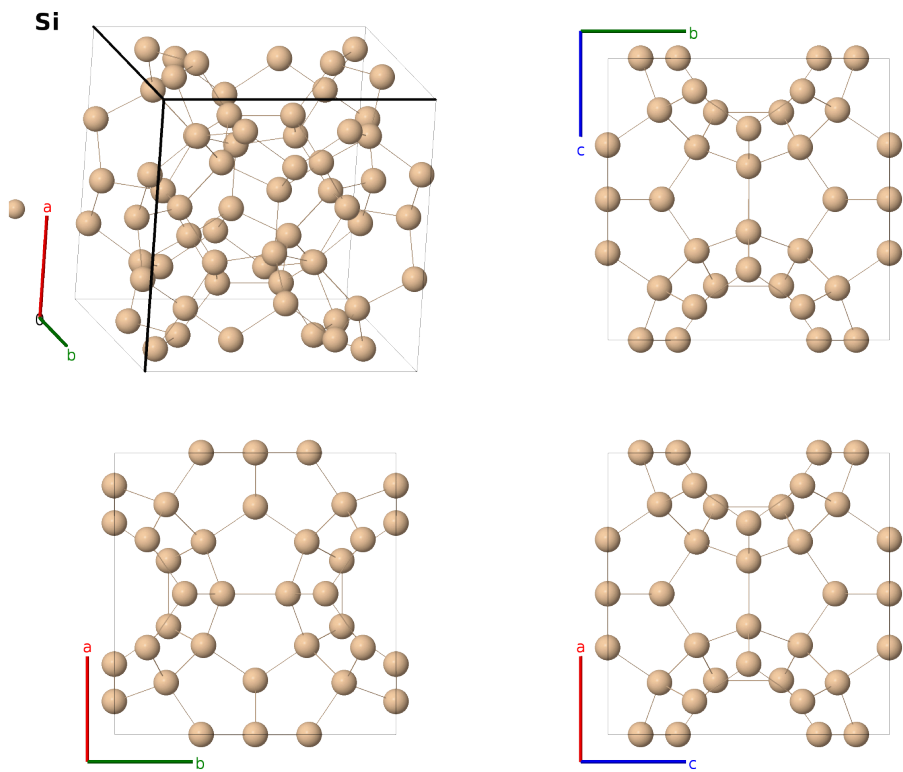
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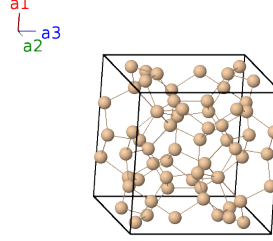


Prototype	Si
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Mineral name	clathrate
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Space group number	223
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- Silicon clathrates are open structures of pentagonal dodecahedra connected so that all of the silicon atoms have sp³ bonding. In nature these structures are stabilized by alkali impurity atoms. This structure and the Si₃₄ structure are proposed “pure” silicon clathrate structures.
- For more information about these structures and their possible stability, see (Adams, 1994).
- This is a theoretical description of a possible silicon clathrate crystal. (Pauling, 1952) showed that the oxygen atoms in Cl₂·10H₂O (ICSD 29340) have similar positions to the chlorine atoms in this structure.

Simple Cubic primitive vectors

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a}_1 &= a \hat{\mathbf{x}} \\ \mathbf{a}_2 &= a \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ \mathbf{a}_3 &= a \hat{\mathbf{z}}\end{aligned}$$



Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates		Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B}_1$	$= \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{4} a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$= \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{3}{4} a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4} a \hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(6c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4} a \hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(6c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{4} a \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{3}{4} a \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_7$	$= x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + x_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$= -x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + x_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II
$\mathbf{B}_9$	$= -x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{a}_2 - x_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II
$\mathbf{B}_{10}$	$= x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_2 \mathbf{a}_2 - x_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II
$\mathbf{B}_{11}$	$= \left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a \left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a \left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - a \left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II
$\mathbf{B}_{12}$	$= -\left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 - \left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a \left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a \left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - a \left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II
$\mathbf{B}_{13}$	$= \left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 - \left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a \left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a \left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + a \left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II
$\mathbf{B}_{14}$	$= -\left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a \left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a \left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + a \left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II
$\mathbf{B}_{15}$	$= -x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_2 \mathbf{a}_2 - x_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II
$\mathbf{B}_{16}$	$= x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{a}_2 - x_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II
$\mathbf{B}_{17}$	$= x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 - x_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + x_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II
$\mathbf{B}_{18}$	$= -x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + x_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II
$\mathbf{B}_{19}$	$= -\left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 - \left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a \left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a \left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + a \left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{B}_{20} &= \begin{pmatrix} (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + \\ (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + a (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (16i) & \text{Si II} \\
\mathbf{B}_{21} &= \begin{pmatrix} -(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - \\ (x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -a (x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \\ a (x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (16i) & \text{Si II} \\
\mathbf{B}_{22} &= \begin{pmatrix} (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - \\ (x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a (x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - a (x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (16i) & \text{Si II} \\
\mathbf{B}_{23} &= y_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_3 = ay_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + az_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{24} &= -y_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_3 = -ay_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + az_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{25} &= y_3 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_3 \mathbf{a}_3 = ay_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - az_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{26} &= -y_3 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_3 \mathbf{a}_3 = -ay_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - az_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{27} &= z_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_3 \mathbf{a}_3 = az_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ay_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{28} &= z_3 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_3 \mathbf{a}_3 = az_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ay_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{29} &= -z_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_3 \mathbf{a}_3 = -az_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ay_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{30} &= -z_3 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_3 \mathbf{a}_3 = -az_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ay_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{31} &= y_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_2 = ay_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + az_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{32} &= -y_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_2 = -ay_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + az_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{33} &= y_3 \mathbf{a}_1 - z_3 \mathbf{a}_2 = ay_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - az_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{34} &= -y_3 \mathbf{a}_1 - z_3 \mathbf{a}_2 = -ay_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - az_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{35} &= (y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 = a \begin{pmatrix} (y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{y}} - a (z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{36} &= \begin{pmatrix} -(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 - \\ (z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = -a \begin{pmatrix} (y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{y}} - a (z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{37} &= (y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 = a \begin{pmatrix} (y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + a (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{38} &= \begin{pmatrix} -(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 + \\ (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = -a \begin{pmatrix} (y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + a (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{39} &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 + (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 = \frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - a (y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{40} &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 + (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 = \frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + a (y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{41} &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 - (z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 = \frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a (z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - a (y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{42} &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 - (z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 = \frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a (z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + a (y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{43} &= (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3 = a (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a (y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{44} &= (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3 = a (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a (y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{45} &= \begin{pmatrix} -(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + \\ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = -a \begin{pmatrix} (z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a (y_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{46} &= \begin{pmatrix} -(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + \\ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = -a \begin{pmatrix} (z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a (y_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} & (24k) & \text{Si III}
\end{aligned}$$

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