

High-Temperature UP_2 Structure:

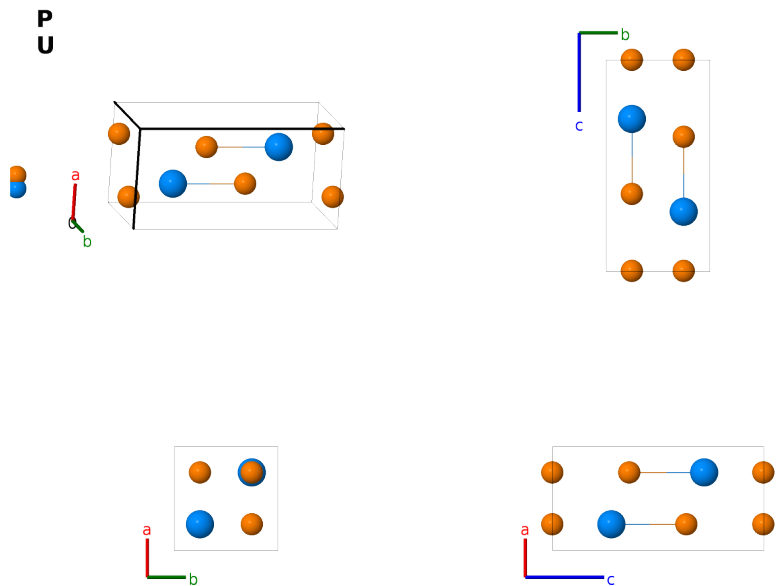
A2B_tP6_129_ac_c-002

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Prototype	P_2U
AFLOW prototype label	A2B_tP6_129_ac_c-002
ICSD	648244
CCDC	2138750
Pearson symbol	tP6
Space group number	129
Space group symbol	$P4/nmm$
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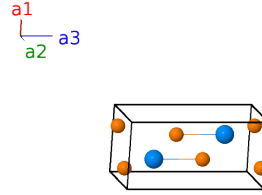
Other compounds with this structure

AmS_2 , AmSe_2 , AmTe_2 , CeS_2 , CeSe_2 , CeTe_2 , CmS_2 , CmSe_2 , CmTe_2 , DyS_2 , DySe_2 , DyTe_2 , ErS_2 , ErSe_2 , ErTe_2 , GdS_2 , GdSe_2 , GdTe_2 , HfSb_2 , HoS_2 , HoSe_2 , HoTe_2 , LaS_2 , LaSe_2 , LaTe_2 , LuS_2 , LuSe_2 , LuTe_2 , NdSe_2 , NdTe_2 , NpAs_2 , NpTe_2 , PaAs_2 , PaP_2 , PaSb_2 , PrSe_2 , PrTe_2 , PuS_2 , PuSe_2 , PuTe_2 , SmSe_2 , SmTe_2 , TbS_2 , TbTe_2 , ThAs_2 , ThBi_2 , ThSb_2 , TmS_2 , TmSe_2 , TmTe_2 , UAs_2 , UBi_2 , UP_2 , USb_2 , UTe_2 , YbS_2 , YbSe_2 , YbTe_2 , YS_2 , YSe_2 , YTe_2

- At temperatures below 83°C UP₂ transforms into its low-temperature structure (Gerward, 1990).
- The atomic positions are not explicitly given in (Gerward, 1990), so we take them from the ICSD entry.
- Cu₂Sb (C38), UP₂, and LaSe_{1.85} have similar AFLOW prototype labels, A2B_tP6_129_ac_c for the first two and AB2_tP6_129_c_ac for the third. They are generated by the same symmetry operations with different sets of parameters (`--params`) specified in their corresponding CIF files.
- We consider all of these to be binary forms of Matlockite (E0₁)/PrOI.
- We somewhat arbitrarily assign
 - Structures with $c/a < 2$ to the Cu₂Sb prototype,
 - Structures with $2 < c/a < 3$ to the UP₂ prototype, and
 - Structures with $c/a \approx 4$ to the LaSe_{1.85} prototype.
- The ICSD distinction between Cu₂Sb and UP₂ is not the same as ours, and they often assign binary compounds to the ternary prototypes.

Simple Tetragonal primitive vectors

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



Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates		Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B}_1$	$= \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2$	$=$	$\frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(2a)	P I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$= \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2$	$=$	$\frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(2a)	P I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$= \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2c)	P II
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$= \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2c)	P II
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$= \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2c)	U I
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$= \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2c)	U I

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