

Cu₂Ta₄O₁₂ Structure:

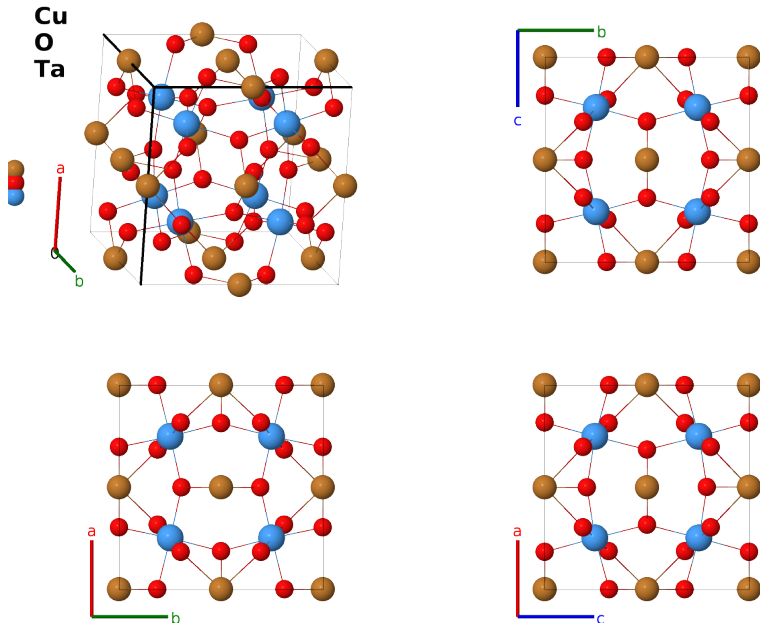
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Prototype	Cu ₂ Ta ₄ O ₁₂
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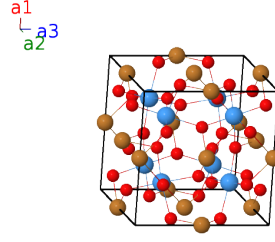
- This structure is nearly cubic. An uncertainty of 0.2Å in the atomic positions transforms it into a structure resembling CaCu₃Mn₄O₁₂ with the calcium ions removed. This is a body-centered cubic structure in space group *Im* $\bar{3}$ #204.
- (Ebbinghaus, 2007) gives the stoichiometry of the sample as Cu_{2+x}Ta₄O_{12+δ}, with x=0.125 and no information on δ. This value of x indicates that about 72% of the copper sites are occupied. The published site-occupancy factors (SOF) do not add up to anything near this result. The ICSD uses a completely different set of SOF with occupations between 42 and 100%, yielding a final composition of Cu_{3.976}Ta₄O₁₂. The CIF associated with this page lists the ICSD SOF.

Simple Orthorhombic primitive vectors

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = a \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$\mathbf{a}_2 = b \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

$$\mathbf{a}_3 = c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$



Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates		Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B}_1$	$= x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8A)	Ta I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$= -x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8A)	Ta I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$= -x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8A)	Ta I
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$= x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8A)	Ta I
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$= -x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8A)	Ta I
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$= x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8A)	Ta I
$\mathbf{B}_7$	$= x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8A)	Ta I
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$= -x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_1 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(8A)	Ta I
$\mathbf{B}_9$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{x}}$	(1b)	Cu I
$\mathbf{B}_{10}$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(1c)	Cu II
$\mathbf{B}_{11}$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2} c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(1d)	Cu III
$\mathbf{B}_{12}$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} b \hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(1e)	Cu IV
$\mathbf{B}_{13}$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2} b \hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(1f)	Cu V
$\mathbf{B}_{14}$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2} c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(1g)	Cu VI
$\mathbf{B}_{15}$	$= y_8 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_8 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$by_8 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_8 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4u)	O I
$\mathbf{B}_{16}$	$= -y_8 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_8 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-by_8 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_8 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4u)	O I
$\mathbf{B}_{17}$	$= y_8 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_8 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$by_8 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_8 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4u)	O I
$\mathbf{B}_{18}$	$= -y_8 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_8 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-by_8 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_8 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4u)	O I
$\mathbf{B}_{19}$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 + y_9 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_9 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_9 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_9 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4v)	O II
$\mathbf{B}_{20}$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 - y_9 \mathbf{a}_2 + z_9 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_9 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_9 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4v)	O II
$\mathbf{B}_{21}$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 + y_9 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_9 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_9 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_9 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4v)	O II
$\mathbf{B}_{22}$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 - y_9 \mathbf{a}_2 - z_9 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} a \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_9 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_9 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4v)	O II
$\mathbf{B}_{23}$	$= x_{10} \mathbf{a}_1 + z_{10} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_{10} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + cz_{10} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4w)	O III
$\mathbf{B}_{24}$	$= -x_{10} \mathbf{a}_1 + z_{10} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_{10} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + cz_{10} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4w)	O III
$\mathbf{B}_{25}$	$= -x_{10} \mathbf{a}_1 - z_{10} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_{10} \hat{\mathbf{x}} - cz_{10} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4w)	O III
$\mathbf{B}_{26}$	$= x_{10} \mathbf{a}_1 - z_{10} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_{10} \hat{\mathbf{x}} - cz_{10} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4w)	O III
$\mathbf{B}_{27}$	$= x_{11} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_{11} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_{11} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_{11} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4x)	O IV
$\mathbf{B}_{28}$	$= -x_{11} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_{11} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_{11} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_{11} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4x)	O IV

$\mathbf{B}_{29}$	$=$	$-x_{11} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_{11} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_{11} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_{11} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4x)	O IV
$\mathbf{B}_{30}$	$=$	$x_{11} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_{11} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_{11} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_{11} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4x)	O IV
$\mathbf{B}_{31}$	$=$	$x_{12} \mathbf{a}_1 + y_{12} \mathbf{a}_2$	$=$	$ax_{12} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_{12} \hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(4y)	O V
$\mathbf{B}_{32}$	$=$	$-x_{12} \mathbf{a}_1 - y_{12} \mathbf{a}_2$	$=$	$-ax_{12} \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_{12} \hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(4y)	O V
$\mathbf{B}_{33}$	$=$	$-x_{12} \mathbf{a}_1 + y_{12} \mathbf{a}_2$	$=$	$-ax_{12} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_{12} \hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(4y)	O V
$\mathbf{B}_{34}$	$=$	$x_{12} \mathbf{a}_1 - y_{12} \mathbf{a}_2$	$=$	$ax_{12} \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_{12} \hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(4y)	O V
$\mathbf{B}_{35}$	$=$	$x_{13} \mathbf{a}_1 + y_{13} \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_{13} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_{13} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4z)	O VI
$\mathbf{B}_{36}$	$=$	$-x_{13} \mathbf{a}_1 - y_{13} \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_{13} \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_{13} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4z)	O VI
$\mathbf{B}_{37}$	$=$	$-x_{13} \mathbf{a}_1 + y_{13} \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_{13} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + by_{13} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4z)	O VI
$\mathbf{B}_{38}$	$=$	$x_{13} \mathbf{a}_1 - y_{13} \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_{13} \hat{\mathbf{x}} - by_{13} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4z)	O VI

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