

# $\text{Th}_3\text{P}_4$ ( $D7_3$ ) Structure:

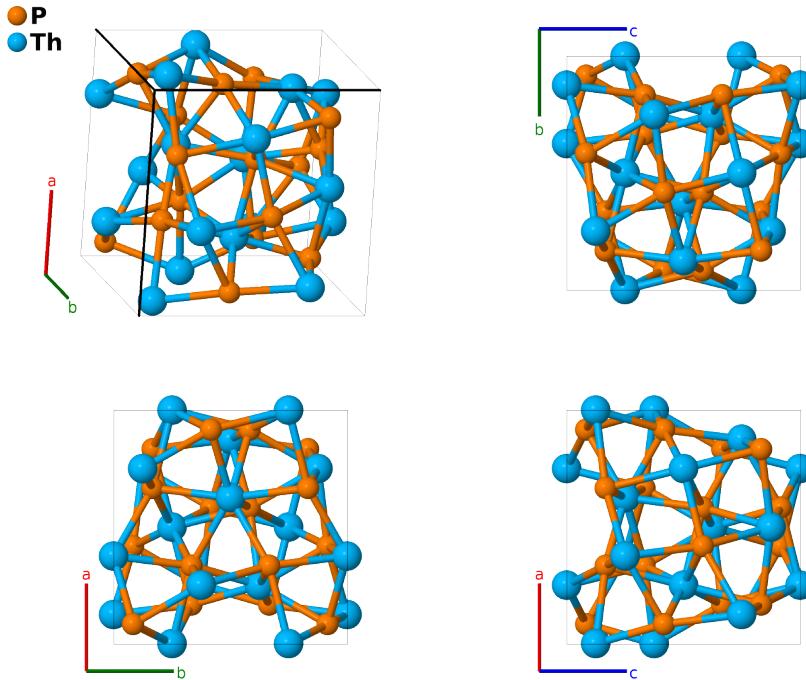
A4B3\_cI28\_220\_c\_a-001

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**Prototype**  $\text{P}_4\text{Th}_3$

**AFLOW prototype label** A4B3\_cI28\_220\_c\_a-001

**Strukturbericht designation**  $D7_3$

**ICSD** 648207

**Pearson symbol** cI28

**Space group number** 220

**Space group symbol**  $I\bar{4}3d$

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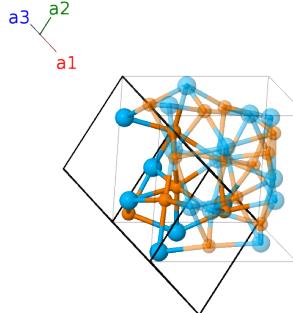
## Other compounds with this structure

Bi<sub>3</sub>Yb<sub>4</sub>, Ce<sub>3</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, Ce<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>4</sub>, Ce<sub>3</sub>Te<sub>4</sub>, Eu<sub>3</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, La<sub>3</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, La<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>4</sub>, La<sub>3</sub>Te<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>3</sub>P<sub>4</sub>, Nd<sub>3</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, Nd<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>4</sub>, Nd<sub>3</sub>Te<sub>4</sub>, Pa<sub>3</sub>As<sub>4</sub>, Pa<sub>3</sub>P<sub>4</sub>, Pa<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>4</sub>, Pr<sub>3</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, Pr<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>4</sub>, Pr<sub>3</sub>Te<sub>4</sub>, Sm<sub>3</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, Sm<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>4</sub>, Sm<sub>3</sub>Te<sub>4</sub>, Th<sub>3</sub>As<sub>4</sub>, Th<sub>3</sub>Bi<sub>4</sub>, Th<sub>3</sub>P<sub>4</sub>, Th<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>4</sub>, U<sub>3</sub>As<sub>4</sub>, U<sub>3</sub>Bi<sub>4</sub>, U<sub>3</sub>P<sub>4</sub>, U<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>4</sub>, U<sub>3</sub>Te<sub>4</sub>, BaCe<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, BaCe<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub>, BaLa<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, BaLa<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub>, BaNd<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, BaNd<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub>, BaPr<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, BaPr<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub>, CaCe<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, CaCe<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub>, CaDy<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, CaGd<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, CaLa<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, CaNd<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, CaPr<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, CaSm<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, CaTb<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, SrCe<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, SrCe<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub>, SrGd<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, SrGd<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub>, SrLa<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, SrLa<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub>, SrNd<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, SrNd<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub>,

- The Th<sub>3</sub>P<sub>4</sub> structure allows a large degree of disorder in the thorium (12a) site. Compounds of the form AB<sub>2</sub>C<sub>4</sub> have the A and B atoms mixed on the (12a) site (Flahaut, 1965). Compounds of the form A<sub>2</sub>B<sub>3</sub> should more properly be listed as A<sub>3-x</sub>B<sub>4</sub>, with  $x$  in the range [0,1/3] and a corresponding number of vacancies distributed statistically on the (12a) site (Zachariasen, 1949).

### Body-centered Cubic primitive vectors

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



### Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates	Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B}_1$	$\frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{5}{8}\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{3}{8}\mathbf{a}_3$	$\frac{3}{8}a\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}a\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(12a)	Th I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$\frac{3}{4}\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{7}{8}\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{8}\mathbf{a}_3$	$\frac{1}{8}a\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}a\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(12a)	Th I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$\frac{3}{8}\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{5}{8}\mathbf{a}_3$	$\frac{1}{4}a\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{8}a\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(12a)	Th I
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$\frac{1}{8}\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{7}{8}\mathbf{a}_3$	$\frac{3}{4}a\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{8}a\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(12a)	Th I
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$\frac{5}{8}\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{8}\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a}_3$	$\frac{1}{4}a\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{3}{8}a\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(12a)	Th I
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$\frac{7}{8}\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{8}\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{a}_3$	$\frac{3}{4}a\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{8}a\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(12a)	Th I
$\mathbf{B}_7$	$2x_2\mathbf{a}_1 + 2x_2\mathbf{a}_2 + 2x_2\mathbf{a}_3$	$ax_2\hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_2\hat{\mathbf{y}} + ax_2\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16c)	P I
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_1 - (2x_2 - \frac{1}{2})\mathbf{a}_3$	$-ax_2\hat{\mathbf{x}} - a(x_2 - \frac{1}{2})\hat{\mathbf{y}} + ax_2\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16c)	P I
$\mathbf{B}_9$	$-(2x_2 - \frac{1}{2})\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_3$	$-a(x_2 - \frac{1}{2})\hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_2\hat{\mathbf{y}} - ax_2\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16c)	P I
$\mathbf{B}_{10}$	$-(2x_2 - \frac{1}{2})\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_2$	$ax_2\hat{\mathbf{x}} - ax_2\hat{\mathbf{y}} - a(x_2 - \frac{1}{2})\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16c)	P I
$\mathbf{B}_{11}$	$(2x_2 + \frac{1}{2})\mathbf{a}_1 + (2x_2 + \frac{1}{2})\mathbf{a}_2 + (2x_2 + \frac{1}{2})\mathbf{a}_3$	$a(x_2 + \frac{1}{4})\hat{\mathbf{x}} + a(x_2 + \frac{1}{4})\hat{\mathbf{y}} + a(x_2 + \frac{1}{4})\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16c)	P I
$\mathbf{B}_{12}$	$\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_1 - 2x_2\mathbf{a}_3$	$-a(x_2 + \frac{1}{4})\hat{\mathbf{x}} - a(x_2 - \frac{1}{4})\hat{\mathbf{y}} + a(x_2 + \frac{1}{4})\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16c)	P I
$\mathbf{B}_{13}$	$-2x_2\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_2$	$a(x_2 + \frac{1}{4})\hat{\mathbf{x}} - a(x_2 + \frac{1}{4})\hat{\mathbf{y}} - a(x_2 - \frac{1}{4})\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16c)	P I
$\mathbf{B}_{14}$	$-2x_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_3$	$-a(x_2 - \frac{1}{4})\hat{\mathbf{x}} + a(x_2 + \frac{1}{4})\hat{\mathbf{y}} - a(x_2 + \frac{1}{4})\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16c)	P I

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