

# $\alpha$ -SiU<sub>3</sub> ( $D0_c$ ) Structure:

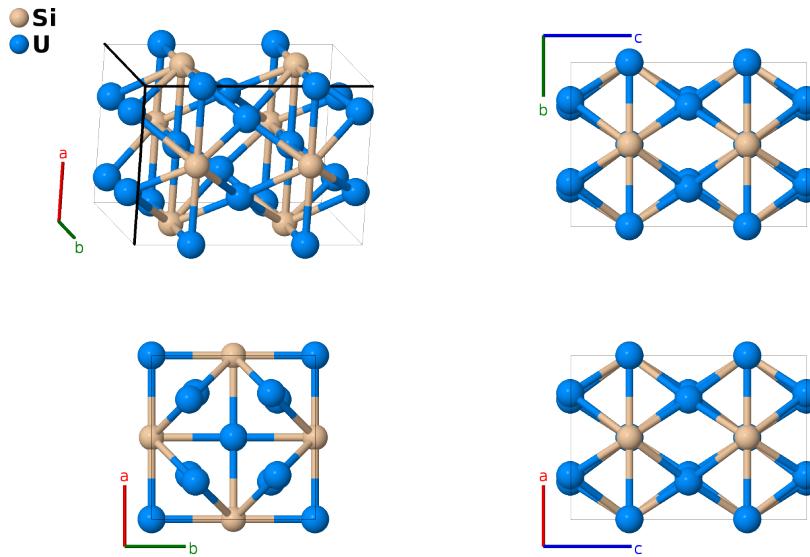
AB<sub>3</sub>\_tI16\_140\_b\_ah-001

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**Prototype** SiU<sub>3</sub>

**AFLOW prototype label** AB<sub>3</sub>\_tI16\_140\_b\_ah-001

**Strukturbericht designation**  $D0_c$

**ICSD** 31627

**Pearson symbol** tI16

**Space group number** 140

**Space group symbol**  $I4/mcm$

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## Other compounds with this structure

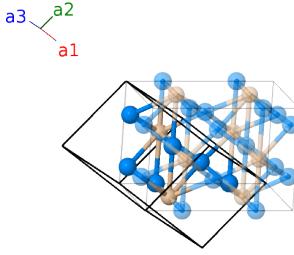
AlPt<sub>3</sub>, GaPt<sub>3</sub>, GePt<sub>3</sub>, SiIr<sub>3</sub>, SiPt<sub>3</sub> (HT)

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- This is the ground state of SiU<sub>3</sub>. Above 770°C it transforms into  $\beta$ -SiU<sub>3</sub> in the Cu<sub>3</sub>Au ( $L1_2$ ) structure. (Okamoto, 2013).
- When  $c = 2a$  and  $x_3 = 1/4$  the atoms are at the positions of the Cu<sub>3</sub>Au ( $L1_2$ ) structure.
- Many references define both a  $D0_c$  and a  $D0'_c$  (Ir<sub>3</sub>Si) structure. The primary difference seems to be positioning the Si atoms on the (2a) or (2b) sites. Since this is merely an origin shift we will ignore the  $D0'_c$  label.

## Body-centered Tetragonal primitive vectors

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



## Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates	Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B}_1$	$\frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a}_2$	$\frac{1}{4}c\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	U I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$\frac{3}{4}\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{a}_2$	$\frac{3}{4}c\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4a)	U I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$\frac{3}{4}\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_3$	$\frac{1}{2}a\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{4}c\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4b)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$\frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_3$	$\frac{1}{2}a\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}c\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4b)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$(x_3 + \frac{1}{2})\mathbf{a}_1 + x_3\mathbf{a}_2 + (2x_3 + \frac{1}{2})\mathbf{a}_3$	$ax_3\hat{\mathbf{x}} + a(x_3 + \frac{1}{2})\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(8h)	U II
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$-(x_3 - \frac{1}{2})\mathbf{a}_1 - x_3\mathbf{a}_2 - (2x_3 - \frac{1}{2})\mathbf{a}_3$	$-ax_3\hat{\mathbf{x}} - a(x_3 - \frac{1}{2})\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(8h)	U II
$\mathbf{B}_7$	$x_3\mathbf{a}_1 - (x_3 - \frac{1}{2})\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_3$	$-a(x_3 - \frac{1}{2})\hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_3\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(8h)	U II
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$-x_3\mathbf{a}_1 + (x_3 + \frac{1}{2})\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_3$	$a(x_3 + \frac{1}{2})\hat{\mathbf{x}} - ax_3\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(8h)	U II

## References

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