

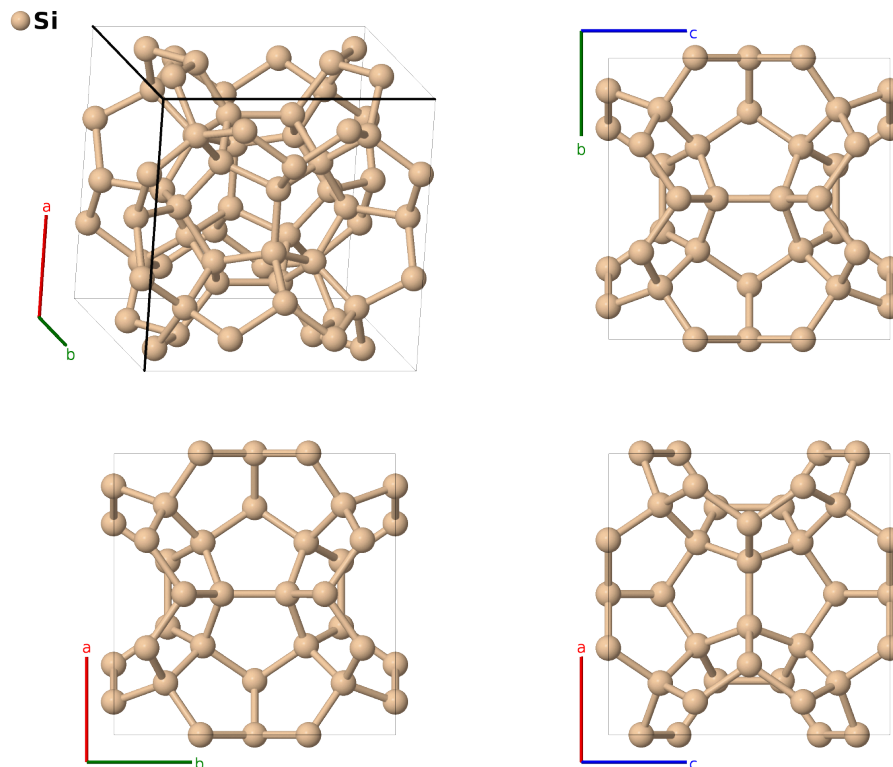
Si₄₆ Clathrate Structure: A_cP46_223_cik-001

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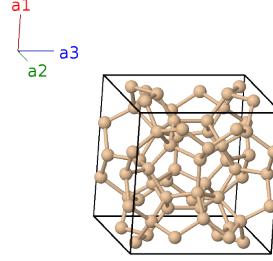
Prototype	Si
AFLOW prototype label	A_cP46_223_cik-001
Mineral name	clathrate
ICSD	none
Pearson symbol	cP46
Space group number	223
Space group symbol	$Pm\bar{3}n$
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- Silicon clathrates are open structures of pentagonal dodecahedra connected so that all 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 $\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (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}	$= (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - a(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II
\mathbf{B}_{12}	$= -(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 - (x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - a(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II
\mathbf{B}_{13}	$= (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + a(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II
\mathbf{B}_{14}	$= -(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + a(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(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}	$= -(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + a(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II
\mathbf{B}_{20}	$= (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + a(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16i)	Si II

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{B}_{21} &= -\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) & \text{Si II} \\
\mathbf{B}_{22} &= \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) & \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} &= \left(y_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 &= & a\left(y_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} - a\left(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{36} &= -\left(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 &= & -a\left(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} - a\left(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{37} &= \left(y_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 &= & a\left(y_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + a\left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{38} &= -\left(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 &= & -a\left(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + a\left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{39} &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 + \left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 &= & \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a\left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - a\left(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{40} &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 + \left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(y_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 &= & \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a\left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + a\left(y_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{41} &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 - \left(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 &= & \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a\left(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - a\left(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{42} &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 - \left(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(y_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 &= & \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a\left(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + a\left(y_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{43} &= \left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \left(y_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & a\left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a\left(y_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{44} &= \left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 - \left(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & a\left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a\left(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{45} &= -\left(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \left(y_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & -a\left(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a\left(y_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{46} &= -\left(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 - \left(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3 &= & -a\left(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a\left(y_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (24k) & \text{Si III}
\end{aligned}$$

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