

$\text{Cu}_6\text{Ce}[\text{AsO}_4]_3[\text{OH}]_6[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_3$	<i>hP</i> 68	(176) $P6_3/m - i^3h^5d$
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CeCu₆(AsO₄)₃(OH)₆·3H₂O [1], agardite-(Ce)

Structural features: CeO₆(OH)₃ tricapped trigonal prisms (partial vacancies ignored) share vertices with AsO₄ tetrahedra to form infinite columns, which are interconnected via ribbons of edge-linked Cu(O₂[OH]₂) squares to form a 3D-framework; H₂O in large channels parallel to [001] (partial disorder).

Hess H. (1983) [1]

As₃Ce_{0.71}Cu₆H₁₂O₂₁

$a = 1.3605$, $c = 0.5917$ nm, $c/a = 0.435$, $V = 0.9485$ nm³, $Z = 2$

site	Wyck.	sym.	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	occ.	atomic environment
(OH ₂)1	12 <i>i</i>	1	0.1644	0.0093	0.0386	0.5	non-coplanar triangle (OH ₂) ₃
O2	12 <i>i</i>	1	0.1792	0.5728	0.0172		single atom As
Cu3	12 <i>i</i>	1	0.31377	0.41091	0.0023		square pyramid (OH) ₂ O ₃
O4	6 <i>h</i>	<i>m</i> ..	0.0076	0.399	¹ / ₄		non-coplanar triangle AsCu ₂
As5	6 <i>h</i>	<i>m</i> ..	0.14946	0.49393	¹ / ₄		tetrahedron O ₄
O6	6 <i>h</i>	<i>m</i> ..	0.2137	0.4132	¹ / ₄		non-coplanar triangle AsCu ₂
(OH)7	6 <i>h</i>	<i>m</i> ..	0.3765	0.3692	¹ / ₄		non-colinear Cu ₂
(OH)8	6 <i>h</i>	<i>m</i> ..	0.4388	0.1956	¹ / ₄		non-colinear Cu ₂
Ce9	2 <i>d</i>	-6..	² / ₃	¹ / ₃	¹ / ₄	0.707	tricapped trigonal prism O ₆ (OH) ₃

Transformation from published data: *y*,*x*,*-z*

Experimental: single crystal, diffractometer, X-rays, R = 0.037

Remarks: Natural specimen from Wolfach, Black Forest, Germany. Minor amounts of Nd, La, Pr, Gd, Sm, and Eu (order of decreasing content) were found by chemical analysis of a similar sample. Short interatomic distances for partly occupied site(s). Hydrogen atoms are not taken into consideration for Pearson symbol, Wyckoff sequence and atomic environments.

References: [1] Hess H. (1983), Neues Jahrb. Mineral., Monatsh. 1983, 385-392.