

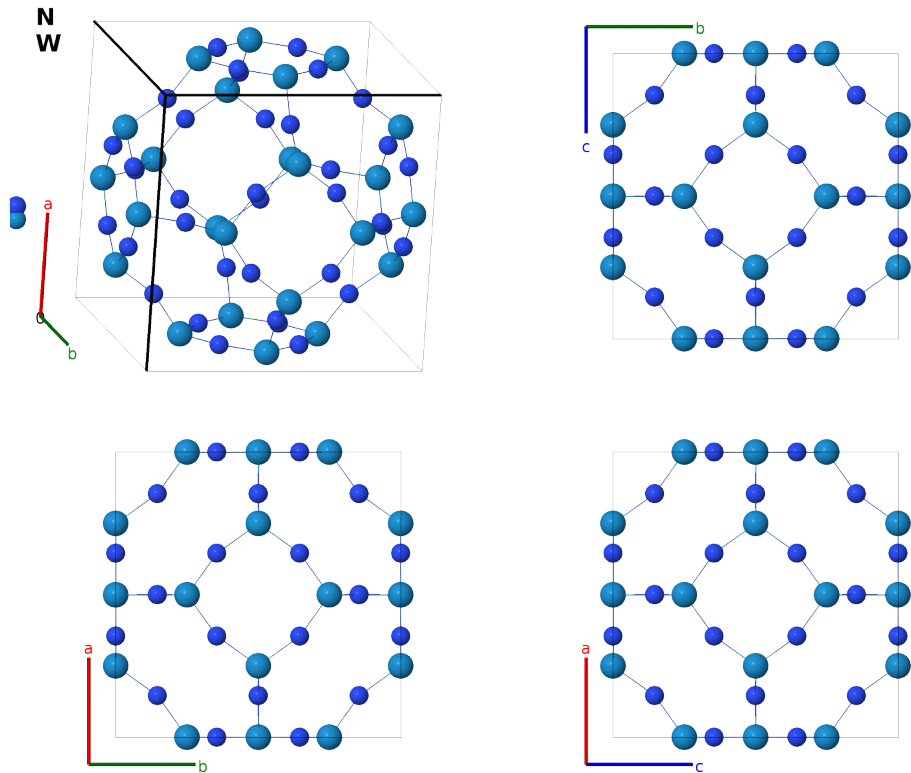
Hypothetical SiO₂-like WN₂ structure: A2B_cI36_229_h_d-001

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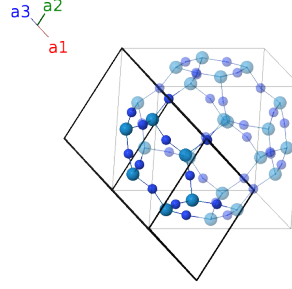
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- This structure was studied by (Mehl, 2015) as part of an effort to understand vacancy formation in the N_{1-x}W_x system. It was produced by removing 4 nitrogen and 10 tungsten atoms from a 64-atom supercell of the rock salt (*B1*) structure. The resulting structure leaves four nitrogen atoms forming a tetrahedron around each tungsten atom, with the perfect regular tetrahedron occurring when $y_2 = 1/\sqrt{8}$ with an N-W-N bond angle of 109.47°. It is similar to the idealized β -cristobalite SiO₂ structure, although the current structure has never been reported for any compound.

- The y_2 -value for this structure reported in (Mehl, 2015) Table VI should be replaced by $1/2 - y_2$, as we do here.

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
$\mathbf{B}_1$	$= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{4}a\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2}a\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(12d)	W I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{4}a\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2}a\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(12d)	W I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$= \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}a\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(12d)	W I
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$= \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{4}a\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2}a\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(12d)	W I
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$= \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{4}a\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(12d)	W I
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$= \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}a\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(12d)	W I
$\mathbf{B}_7$	$= 2y_2\mathbf{a}_1 + y_2\mathbf{a}_2 + y_2\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ay_2\hat{\mathbf{y}} + ay_2\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(24h)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$= y_2\mathbf{a}_2 - y_2\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ay_2\hat{\mathbf{y}} + ay_2\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(24h)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_9$	$= -y_2\mathbf{a}_2 + y_2\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ay_2\hat{\mathbf{y}} - ay_2\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(24h)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_{10}$	$= -2y_2\mathbf{a}_1 - y_2\mathbf{a}_2 - y_2\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ay_2\hat{\mathbf{y}} - ay_2\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(24h)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_{11}$	$= y_2\mathbf{a}_1 + 2y_2\mathbf{a}_2 + y_2\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ay_2\hat{\mathbf{x}} + ay_2\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(24h)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_{12}$	$= -y_2\mathbf{a}_1 + y_2\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ay_2\hat{\mathbf{x}} - ay_2\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(24h)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_{13}$	$= y_2\mathbf{a}_1 - y_2\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ay_2\hat{\mathbf{x}} + ay_2\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(24h)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_{14}$	$= -y_2\mathbf{a}_1 - 2y_2\mathbf{a}_2 - y_2\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ay_2\hat{\mathbf{x}} - ay_2\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(24h)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_{15}$	$= y_2\mathbf{a}_1 + y_2\mathbf{a}_2 + 2y_2\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ay_2\hat{\mathbf{x}} + ay_2\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(24h)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_{16}$	$= y_2\mathbf{a}_1 - y_2\mathbf{a}_2$	$=$	$-ay_2\hat{\mathbf{x}} + ay_2\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(24h)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_{17}$	$= -y_2\mathbf{a}_1 + y_2\mathbf{a}_2$	$=$	$ay_2\hat{\mathbf{x}} - ay_2\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(24h)	N I
$\mathbf{B}_{18}$	$= -y_2\mathbf{a}_1 - y_2\mathbf{a}_2 - 2y_2\mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ay_2\hat{\mathbf{x}} - ay_2\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	(24h)	N I

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