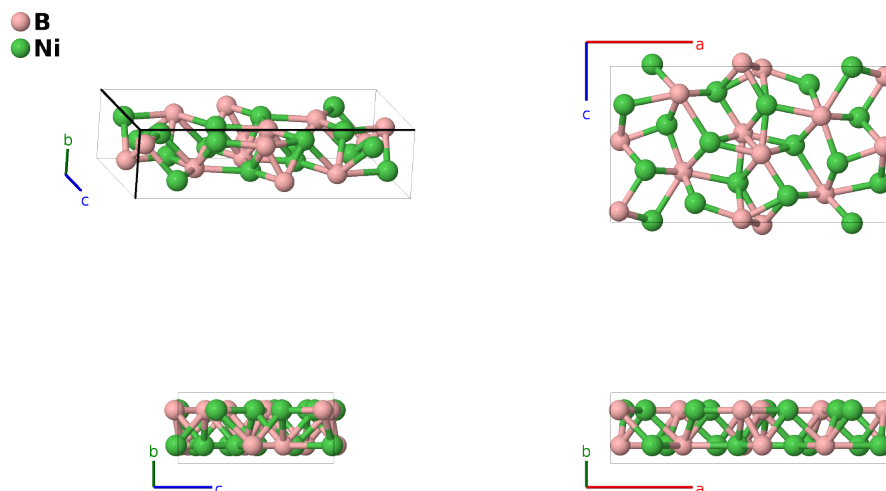


Orthorhombic Ni₄B₃ Structure: A3B4_oP28_62_3c_4c-001

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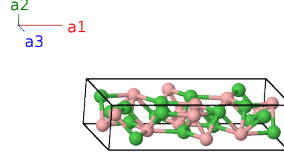


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- Ni₄B₃ is found in two forms (Rundqvist, 1967):
 - This orthorhombic structure, and
 - a monoclinic structure.
- While the monoclinic structure is stoichiometric, with chains of boron atoms, the composition of the orthorhombic phase is Ni₄B_{3-x}, with vacancies on the boron sites. The exact phase depends on the stoichiometry.
- Orthorhombic Ni₄B₃ and Rh₄P₃ have the same AFLOW prototype label, A3B4_oP28_62_3c_4c. They are generated by the same symmetry operations with different sets of parameters (`--params`) specified in their corresponding CIF files.

Simple Orthorhombic primitive vectors

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a}_1 &= a \hat{\mathbf{x}} \\ \mathbf{a}_2 &= b \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ \mathbf{a}_3 &= c \hat{\mathbf{z}}\end{aligned}$$



Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates		Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
\mathbf{B}_1	$= x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	B I
\mathbf{B}_2	$= -(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	B I
\mathbf{B}_3	$= -x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	B I
\mathbf{B}_4	$= (x_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	B I
\mathbf{B}_5	$= x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	B II
\mathbf{B}_6	$= -(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	B II
\mathbf{B}_7	$= -x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_2 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_2 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	B II
\mathbf{B}_8	$= (x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_2 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	B II
\mathbf{B}_9	$= x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	B III
\mathbf{B}_{10}	$= -(x_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	B III
\mathbf{B}_{11}	$= -x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_3 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_3 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_3 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	B III
\mathbf{B}_{12}	$= (x_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_3 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	B III
\mathbf{B}_{13}	$= x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_4 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Ni I
\mathbf{B}_{14}	$= -(x_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Ni I
\mathbf{B}_{15}	$= -x_4 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_4 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_4 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_4 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Ni I
\mathbf{B}_{16}	$= (x_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_4 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_4 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Ni I
\mathbf{B}_{17}	$= x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_5 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Ni II
\mathbf{B}_{18}	$= -(x_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Ni II
\mathbf{B}_{19}	$= -x_5 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_5 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_5 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_5 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Ni II
\mathbf{B}_{20}	$= (x_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_5 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_5 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Ni II
\mathbf{B}_{21}	$= x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_6 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Ni III
\mathbf{B}_{22}	$= -(x_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + (z_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Ni III
\mathbf{B}_{23}	$= -x_6 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_6 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_6 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_6 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Ni III
\mathbf{B}_{24}	$= (x_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_6 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Ni III
\mathbf{B}_{25}	$= x_7 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_7 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_7 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(4c)	Ni IV

$$\mathbf{B}_{26} = \begin{matrix} -(x_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + \\ (z_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 \end{matrix} = -a(x_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c(z_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad (4c) \quad \text{Ni IV}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{27} = -x_7 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_7 \mathbf{a}_3 = -ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_7 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad (4c) \quad \text{Ni IV}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{28} = (x_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - (z_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3 = a(x_7 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c(z_7 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad (4c) \quad \text{Ni IV}$$

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