β-Si_3N_4 Structure: A4B3_hP14_173_bc_c-001

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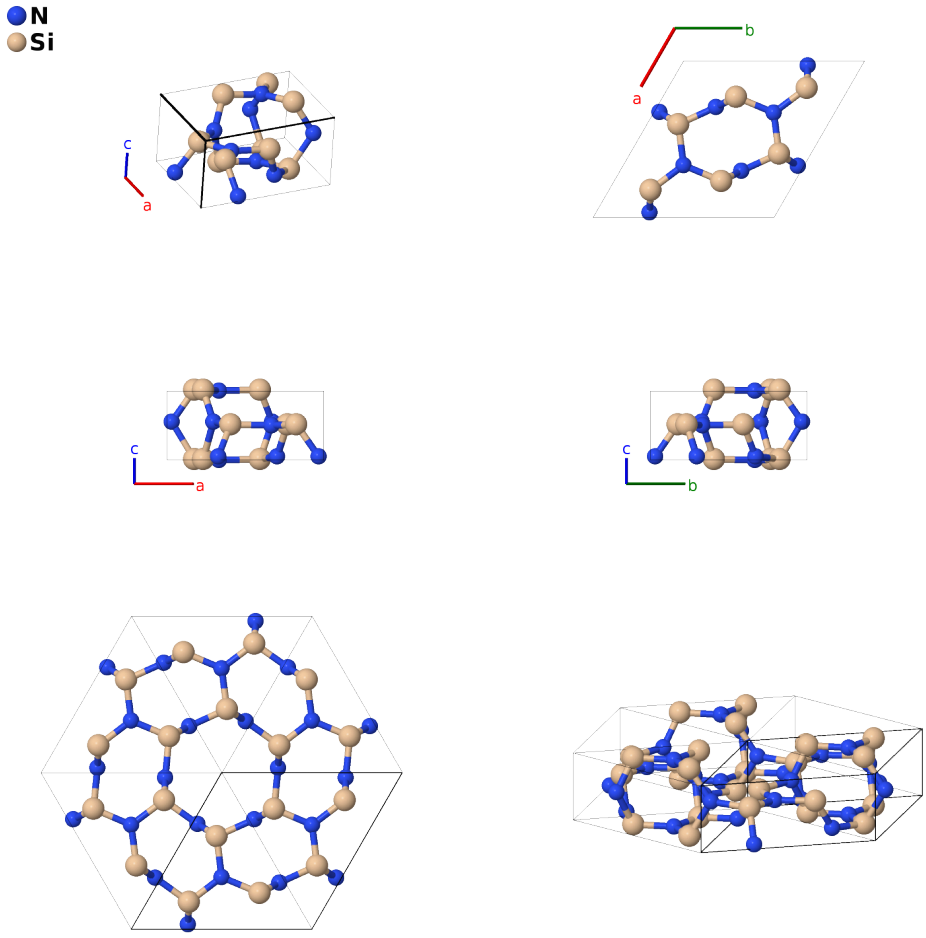

Prototype	N_4Si_3
AFLOW prototype label	A4B3_hP14_173_bc_c-001
ICSD	none
Pearson symbol	hP14
Space group number	173
Space group symbol	$P6_3$
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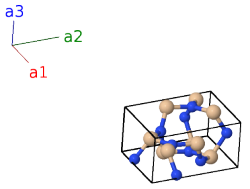
Other compounds with this structure
Nb_3Te_4

- (Yang, 1995) places this structure in space group $P6_3/m$ #176. His structure is nearly indistinguishable from this one.
- Si_3N_4 also exists as nierite, α-Si_3N_4.
- Space group $P6_3$ #173 allows an arbitrary choice for the origin of the z-axis. We use this to set $z_1 = 0$ for the N-I site.

Hexagonal primitive vectors

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{a_1} &= \tfrac{1}{2}a\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \tfrac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} \\
\mathbf{a_2} &= \tfrac{1}{2}a\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \tfrac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} \\
\mathbf{a_3} &= c\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}
\end{aligned}$$



Basis vectors

		Lattice coordinates		Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B_1}$	=	$\frac{1}{3}\,\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{2}{3}\,\mathbf{a}_2 + z_1\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{2}a\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_1\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2b)	N I
$\mathbf{B_2}$	=	$\frac{2}{3}\,\mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{3}\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{2}a\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2b)	N I
$\mathbf{B_3}$	=	$x_2\,\mathbf{a}_1 + y_2\,\mathbf{a}_2 + z_2\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{2}a\,(x_2 + y_2)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a\,(x_2 - y_2)\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_2\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	N II
$\mathbf{B_4}$	=	$-y_2\,\mathbf{a}_1 + (x_2 - y_2)\,\mathbf{a}_2 + z_2\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{2}a\,(x_2 - 2y_2)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ax_2\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_2\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	N II
$\mathbf{B_5}$	=	$-(x_2 - y_2)\,\mathbf{a}_1 - x_2\,\mathbf{a}_2 + z_2\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-\frac{1}{2}a\,(2x_2 - y_2)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ay_2\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_2\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	N II
$\mathbf{B_6}$	=	$-x_2\,\mathbf{a}_1 - y_2\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-\frac{1}{2}a\,(x_2 + y_2)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a\,(x_2 - y_2)\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	N II
$\mathbf{B_7}$	=	$y_2\,\mathbf{a}_1 - (x_2 - y_2)\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{2}a\,(-x_2 + 2y_2)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ax_2\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	N II
$\mathbf{B_8}$	=	$(x_2 - y_2)\,\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{2}a\,(2x_2 - y_2)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ay_2\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	N II
$\mathbf{B_9}$	=	$x_3\,\mathbf{a}_1 + y_3\,\mathbf{a}_2 + z_3\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{2}a\,(x_3 + y_3)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a\,(x_3 - y_3)\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_3\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B_{10}}$	=	$-y_3\,\mathbf{a}_1 + (x_3 - y_3)\,\mathbf{a}_2 + z_3\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{2}a\,(x_3 - 2y_3)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ax_3\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_3\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B_{11}}$	=	$-(x_3 - y_3)\,\mathbf{a}_1 - x_3\,\mathbf{a}_2 + z_3\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-\frac{1}{2}a\,(2x_3 - y_3)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ay_3\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_3\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B_{12}}$	=	$-x_3\,\mathbf{a}_1 - y_3\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$-\frac{1}{2}a\,(x_3 + y_3)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a\,(x_3 - y_3)\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B_{13}}$	=	$y_3\,\mathbf{a}_1 - (x_3 - y_3)\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{2}a\,(-x_3 + 2y_3)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ax_3\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B_{14}}$	=	$(x_3 - y_3)\,\mathbf{a}_1 + x_3\,\mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\mathbf{a}_3$	=	$\frac{1}{2}a\,(2x_3 - y_3)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ay_3\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6c)	Si I

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