

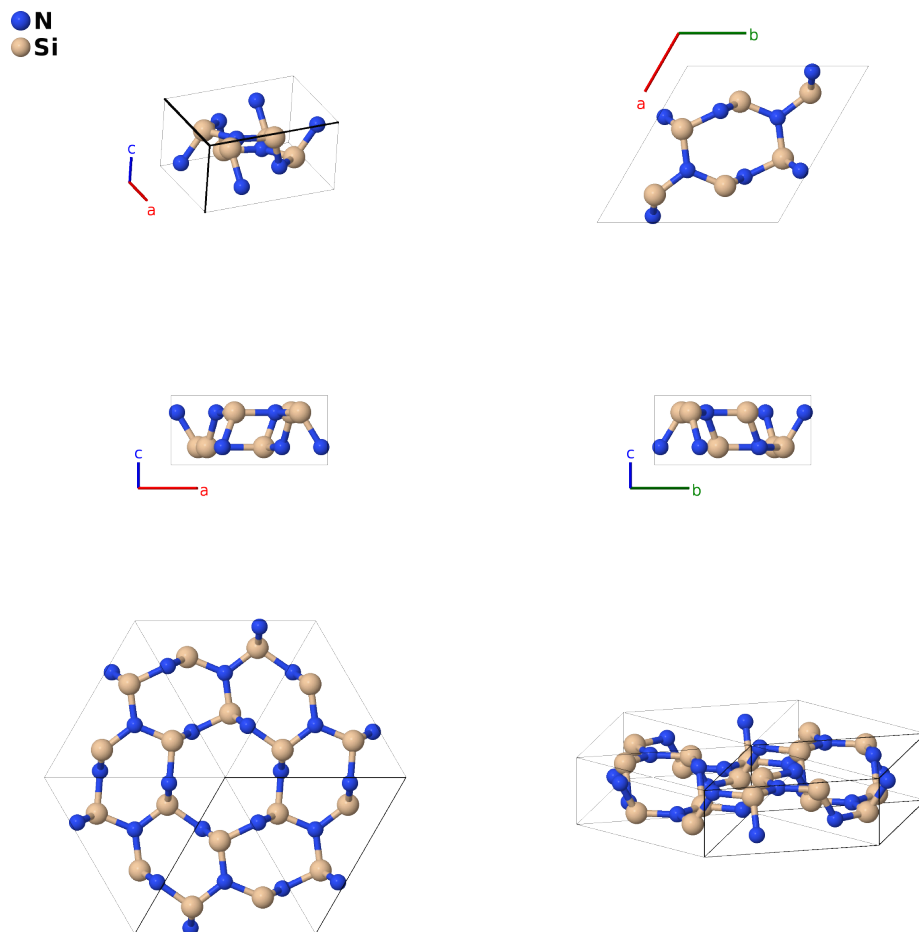
β -Si₃N₄ Structure: A4B3_hP14_176_ch_h-001

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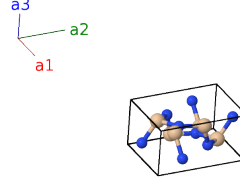


Prototype	N ₄ Si ₃
AFLOW prototype label	A4B3_hP14_176_ch_h-001
ICSD	79798
Pearson symbol	hP14
Space group number	176
Space group symbol	<i>P6₃/m</i>
AFLOW prototype command	<code>aflow --proto=A4B3_hP14_176_ch_h-001 --params=a, c/a, x₂, y₂, x₃, y₃</code>

- (Forgeng, 1958) and (Grun, 1979) place this structure in space group $P6_3$ #173. That structure is nearly indistinguishable from this one.
- Si_3N_4 also exists as nierite, $\alpha\text{-Si}_3\text{N}_4$.

Hexagonal primitive vectors

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a}_1 &= \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ \mathbf{a}_2 &= \frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ \mathbf{a}_3 &= c \hat{\mathbf{z}}\end{aligned}$$



Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates		Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
\mathbf{B}_1	$= \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2c)	N I
\mathbf{B}_2	$= \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}a \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{3}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(2c)	N I
\mathbf{B}_3	$= x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a (x_2 + y_2) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a (x_2 - y_2) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6h)	N II
\mathbf{B}_4	$= -y_2 \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_2 - y_2) \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a (x_2 - 2y_2) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6h)	N II
\mathbf{B}_5	$= -(x_2 - y_2) \mathbf{a}_1 - x_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-\frac{1}{2}a (2x_2 - y_2) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ay_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6h)	N II
\mathbf{B}_6	$= -x_2 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-\frac{1}{2}a (x_2 + y_2) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a (x_2 - y_2) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{3}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6h)	N II
\mathbf{B}_7	$= y_2 \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_2 - y_2) \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a (-x_2 + 2y_2) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ax_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{3}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6h)	N II
\mathbf{B}_8	$= (x_2 - y_2) \mathbf{a}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a (2x_2 - y_2) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ay_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{3}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6h)	N II
\mathbf{B}_9	$= x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + y_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a (x_3 + y_3) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a (x_3 - y_3) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6h)	Si I
\mathbf{B}_{10}	$= -y_3 \mathbf{a}_1 + (x_3 - y_3) \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a (x_3 - 2y_3) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ax_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6h)	Si I
\mathbf{B}_{11}	$= -(x_3 - y_3) \mathbf{a}_1 - x_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-\frac{1}{2}a (2x_3 - y_3) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ay_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6h)	Si I
\mathbf{B}_{12}	$= -x_3 \mathbf{a}_1 - y_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-\frac{1}{2}a (x_3 + y_3) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a (x_3 - y_3) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{3}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6h)	Si I
\mathbf{B}_{13}	$= y_3 \mathbf{a}_1 - (x_3 - y_3) \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a (-x_3 + 2y_3) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ax_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{3}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6h)	Si I
\mathbf{B}_{14}	$= (x_3 - y_3) \mathbf{a}_1 + x_3 \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}a (2x_3 - y_3) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ay_3 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{3}{4}c \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(6h)	Si I

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