

# BC8 (Si) Structure:

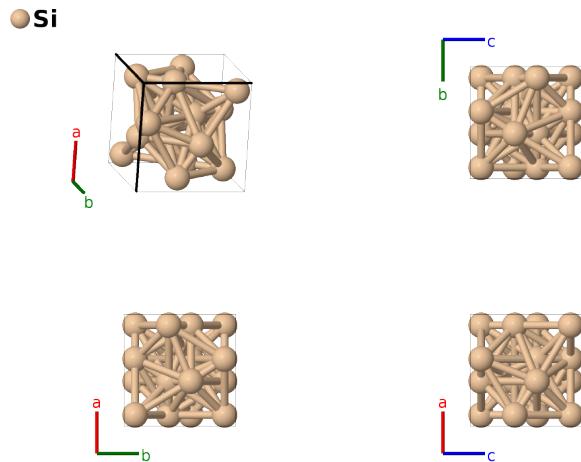
## A\_cI16\_206\_c-001

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**Prototype**

Si

**AFLOW prototype label**

A\_cI16\_206\_c-001

**ICSD**

none

**Pearson symbol**

cI16

**Space group number**

206

**Space group symbol**

$Ia\bar{3}$

**AFLOW prototype command**

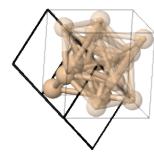
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- This is a tetragonally bonded structure which packs more efficiently than diamond. See (Crain, 1995) and references therein. The reference compound chosen here, found in (Wentorf, 1963), is stable in the range 11-16 GPa.

### Body-centered Cubic primitive vectors

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

$\mathbf{a}_3$   $\mathbf{a}_2$   
 $\mathbf{a}_1$



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## Basis vectors

	Lattice coordinates		Cartesian coordinates	Wyckoff position	Atom type
$\mathbf{B}_1$	$= 2x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + 2x_1 \mathbf{a}_2 + 2x_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 - (2x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - a(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_3$	$= -(2x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$= -(2x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2$	$=$	$ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - a(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_5$	$= -2x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 - 2x_1 \mathbf{a}_2 - 2x_1 \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} - ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_1 + (2x_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + a(x_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{y}} - ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_7$	$= (2x_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a(x_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16c)	Si I
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$= (2x_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_2$	$=$	$-ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + ax_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}} + a(x_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(16c)	Si I

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