

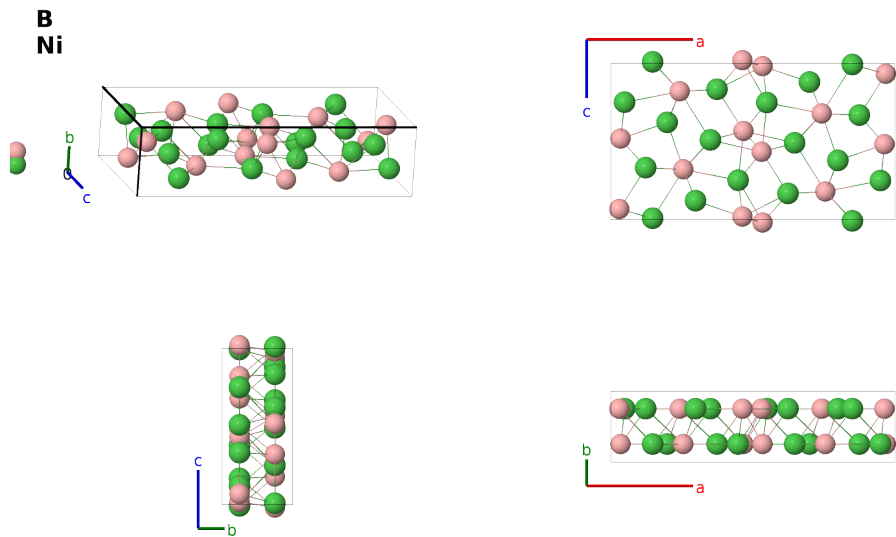
Orthorhombic Ni₄B₃ Structure: A3B4_oP28_62_3c_4c-001

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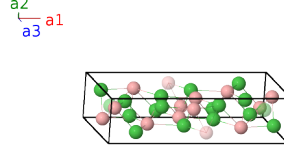
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Space group number	62
Space group symbol	<i>Pnma</i>
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- Ni₄B₃ is found in two forms (Rundqvist, 1967):
 - This orthorhombic structure, and
 - a monoclinic structure.
- While the monoclinic structure 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 Ni_4B_3 , Rh_4P_3 , and Eu_3O_4 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
$\mathbf{B}_2$	$= -\left(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a\left(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(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
$\mathbf{B}_4$	$= \left(x_1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a\left(x_1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c\left(z_1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(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
$\mathbf{B}_6$	$= -\left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a\left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(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
$\mathbf{B}_8$	$= \left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a\left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c\left(z_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(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
$\mathbf{B}_{10}$	$= -\left(x_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a\left(x_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(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
$\mathbf{B}_{12}$	$= \left(x_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a\left(x_3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c\left(z_3 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(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
$\mathbf{B}_{14}$	$= -\left(x_4 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a\left(x_4 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_4 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(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
$\mathbf{B}_{16}$	$= \left(x_4 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_4 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a\left(x_4 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c\left(z_4 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(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
$\mathbf{B}_{18}$	$= -\left(x_5 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a\left(x_5 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(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
$\mathbf{B}_{20}$	$= \left(x_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_5 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$a\left(x_5 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c\left(z_5 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(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
$\mathbf{B}_{22}$	$= -\left(x_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3$	$=$	$-a\left(x_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4}b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c\left(z_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$	(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

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{B}_{24} &= \left(x_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = a \left(x_6 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c \left(z_6 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (4c) & \text{Ni III} \\
\mathbf{B}_{25} &= x_7 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + z_7 \mathbf{a}_3 = ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + cz_7 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (4c) & \text{Ni IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{26} &= -\left(x_7 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 + \left(z_7 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = -a \left(x_7 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} + c \left(z_7 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (4c) & \text{Ni IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{27} &= -x_7 \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - z_7 \mathbf{a}_3 = -ax_7 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{3}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - cz_7 \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (4c) & \text{Ni IV} \\
\mathbf{B}_{28} &= \left(x_7 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{a}_2 - \left(z_7 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_3 = a \left(x_7 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{4} b \hat{\mathbf{y}} - c \left(z_7 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} & (4c) & \text{Ni IV}
\end{aligned}$$

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