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**Table S4**. Energy (eV) for forming Si-substituted structure in different  $B_4C$  lattice sites relative to the lowest energy site over all structures. For  $B_{11}C^p$ -CBC, where inequivalent sites of each type exist, the lowest energy site of each type is listed.

Structure	Chain Center	Chain End	Equatorial	Polar
B <sub>12</sub> -CCC	0.35	2.8	3.2	2.4
B <sub>12</sub> -CBC	0.35	3.3	0.62	0.0
B <sub>11</sub> C <sup>p</sup> -CBC	2.3	3.6	2.9	0.0