

Supplementary Information

Computational Seeking of Two-dimensional Borides with Planar Octacoordinated Main Group Elements

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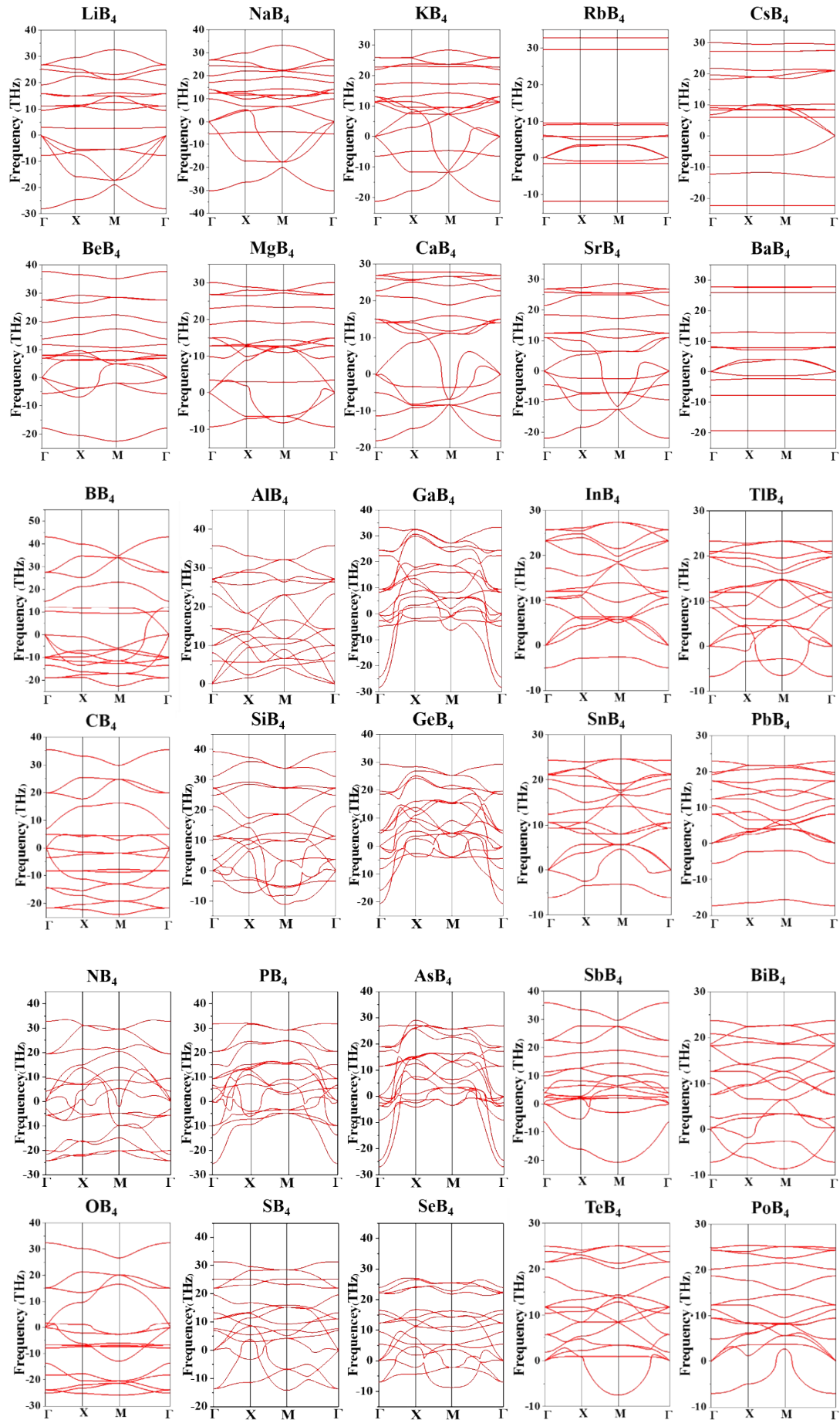
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Table S1 The calculated geometry parameters of XB₄ monolayers including the lattice constants ($a = b$), the distance of X–B (d_1), the B–B bond lengths of B squares (d_2) and the shared B–B edges between adjacent X@B₈ wheels (d_3).

	LiB ₄	BeB ₄	BB ₄	CB ₄	NB ₄	OB ₄	FB ₄	NeB ₄
a (Å)	4.13	3.97	3.84	4.02	4.02	4.09	4.19	4.34
d_1 (Å)	2.25	2.14	2.07	2.17	2.17	2.21	2.26	2.37
d_2 (Å)	1.68	1.66	1.62	1.69	1.68	1.71	1.71	1.73
d_3 (Å)	1.76	1.62	1.54	1.63	1.65	1.67	1.72	1.90
	NaB ₄	MgB ₄	AlB ₄	SiB ₄	PB ₄	SB ₄	ClB ₄	KrB ₄
a (Å)	4.35	4.18	4.04	4.05	4.11	4.13	4.31	4.70
d_1 (Å)	2.39	2.27	2.18	2.18	2.22	2.24	2.34	2.60
d_2 (Å)	1.69	1.71	1.70	1.71	1.72	1.71	1.77	1.76
d_3 (Å)	1.96	1.76	1.64	1.63	1.69	1.72	1.82	2.21
	KB ₄	CaB ₄	GaB ₄	GeB ₄	AsB ₄	SeB ₄	BrB ₄	ArB ₄
a (Å)	4.72	4.51	4.11	4.21	4.25	4.24	4.29	4.51
d_1 (Å)	2.63	2.48	2.22	2.27	2.30	2.30	2.34	2.45

d_2 (Å)	1.68	1.72	1.72	1.76	1.75	1.73	1.73	1.82
d_3 (Å)	2.34	2.07	1.68	1.71	1.78	1.80	1.85	1.94
	RbB₄	SrB₄	InB₄	SnB₄	SbB₄	TeB₄	IB₄	XeB₄
a (Å)	5.46	4.75	4.31	4.30	4.42	4.37	4.13	NeB₄
d_1 (Å)	3.17	2.65	2.34	2.33	2.41	2.39	2.24	4.24
d_2 (Å)	1.59	1.69	1.76	1.77	1.77	1.75	1.71	2.30
d_3 (Å)	3.21	2.35	1.83	1.79	1.91	1.90	1.72	1.73
	CsB₄	BaB₄	TlB₄	PbB₄	BiB₄	PoB₄	AtB₄	RnB₄
a (Å)	4.80	5.18	4.44	4.51	4.54	4.51	4.48	6.40
d_1 (Å)	2.71	2.96	2.42	2.46	2.49	2.48	2.45	3.84
d_2 (Å)	1.63	1.63	1.78	1.80	1.76	1.73	1.75	1.53
d_3 (Å)	2.50	2.87	1.92	1.96	2.04	2.06	2.01	4.25



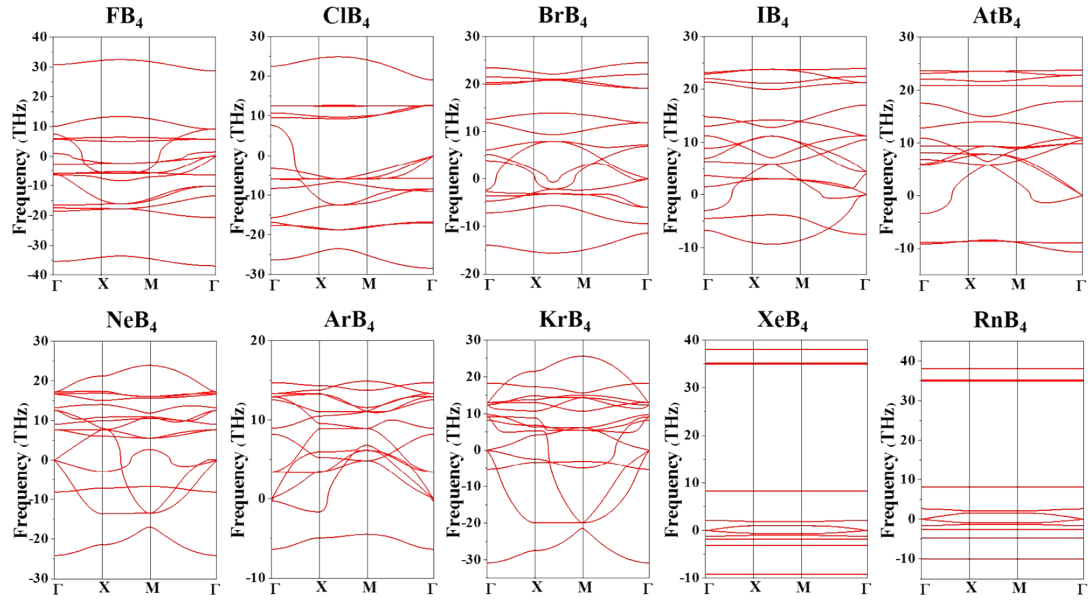


Fig. S1 Phonon dispersion of the 40 planar XB_4 monolayer ($X = \text{As, Ga, Ge, N, P, S, Se, Si}$). Γ (0, 0, 0), X (0.0 0.5 0.0), and M (0.5 0.5 0.0) refer to special k -points in the first Brillouin zone in the reciprocal space.

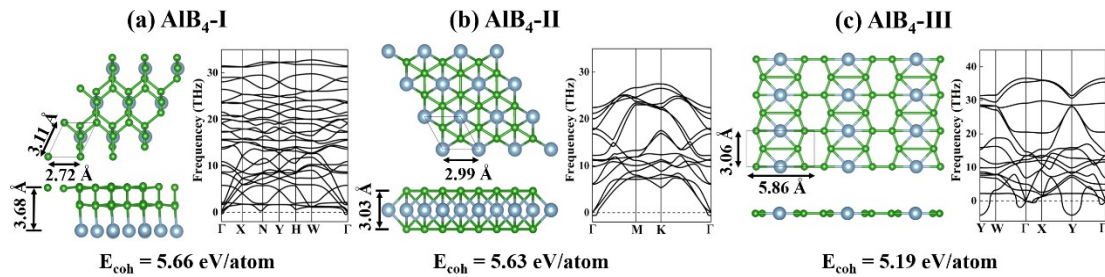


Fig. S2 Two views and phonon dispersions of the AIB_4 sheets obtained by PSO search: $\text{AIB}_4\text{-I}$ (a), $\text{AIB}_4\text{-II}$ (b) and $\text{AIB}_4\text{-III}$ (c). Al and B atoms are denoted by blue and green spheres, respectively. The unit cell is marked by a black parallelogram. The tinny U-shape of negative frequencies near Γ point in the phonons of $\text{AIB}_4\text{-I}$ and $\text{AIB}_4\text{-II}$ does not indicate the dynamical instability of the two sheets, it is a common phenomenon in the calculated phonon spectra of 2D structures [V. Zolyomi, N. D. Drummond and V. I. Fal'ko, *Phys. Rev. B*, 2014, **89**, 205416; H. Yin, G. Zheng, Y. Wang and B. Yao, *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, 2018, **20**, 19177.].

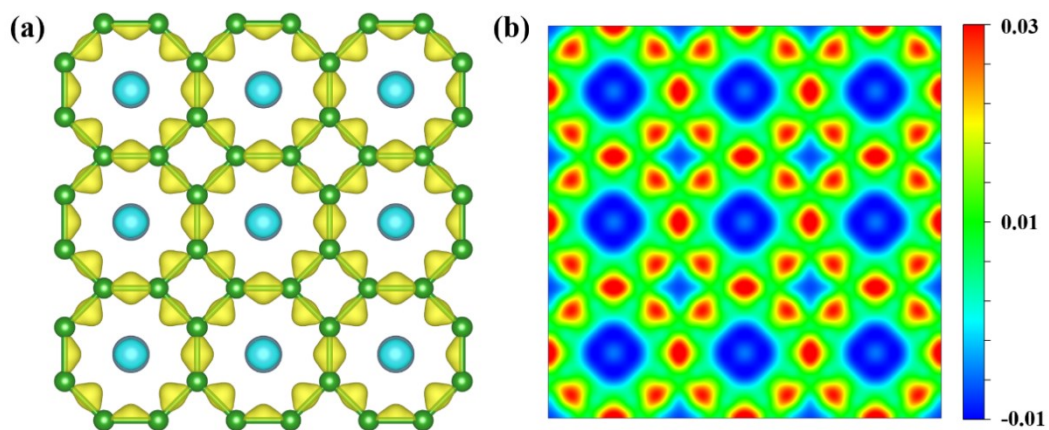


Fig. S3 The 3D (a) and 2D (b) differential charge density map of the AlB₄ monolayer.