

Physical properties of newly synthesized noncentrosymmetric TaIr₂B₂ and NbIr₂B₂ superconductors: an extensive comparison of GGA and LDA functionals investigations

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Dynamical stability of NbIr₂B₂:

The dynamical stability of a compound is observed using the phonon dispersion curve. The positive frequencies in the dispersion curve implies dynamically stable material, whereas, the appearance of negative (imaginary) frequencies indicates the material as dynamically unstable [1]. The phonon dispersion of NbIr₂B₂ is calculated using finite displacement method [2, 3] by running CASTEP code of Materials studio-2017. The LDA functional along with OTFG ultrasoft pseudopotential was used to optimize the geometry and phonon dispersion calculation. The cutoff energy of 550 eV along with 108 irreducible k-points were used. The other convergence quality of the calculation was fixed to fine. The geometry optimization of NbIr₂B₂ was performed converting the crystal structure to primitive cell to minimize the computational time. The supercell defined by cutoff radius was settled to 3.5 Å during phonon dispersion calculation.

From the Fig. S1, it can be observed that only positive frequencies are presented in the phonon dispersion curve of NbIr₂B₂, which indicates that the compound is dynamically stable. We have demonstrated phonon dispersion for NbIr₂B₂ as the calculation of phonon using finite displacement method is computationally expensive and requires large computational time. Following the above-mentioned procedure, the dynamical stability of TaIr₂B₂ can also be observed.

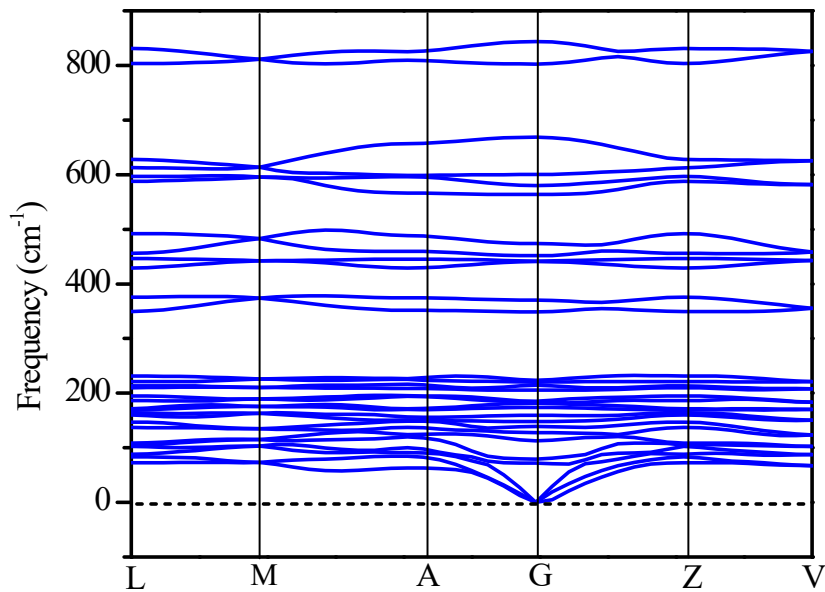


Fig. S1 Phonon dispersion curve of NbIr₂B₂.

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