

# Supplementary Information

**Table S1.** Bond lengths inside of different coordination polyhedra for various  $\text{Ce}_3\text{O}_3\text{N}$  modifications.

$\text{Ce}_3\text{O}_3\text{N-DM1}$	VIII 2.4161 O 2.4511 O 2.4595 O 2.5330 O 2.5590 O 2.5815 O 2.3611 N 2.4780 N Mean: 2.4799	
$\text{Ce}_3\text{O}_3\text{N-GS1}$	VII 2.2997 O 2.3643 O 2.3643 O 2.3856 O 2.7420 O 2.4369 N 2.4369 N Mean: 2.4328	VI  4 x 2.3437 O 2 x 2.5150 N
$\text{Ce}_3\text{O}_3\text{N-GS2}$	VI 2 x 2.4670 O 2 x 2.4115 O 2.2266 O 2.1871 N Mean: 2.3618	VI 2 x 2.3268 O 2 x 2.6067 O 2 x 2.3276 N Mean: 2.4204
$\text{Ce}_3\text{O}_3\text{N-GS3}$	VII 2 x 2.3774 O 4 x 2.4257 O 2.6800 N Mean: 2.4482	VI 2.2823 O 2.2860 O 4 x 2.3937 N Mean: 2.3572
$\text{Ce}_3\text{O}_3\text{N-GS4}$	VI 4 x 2.2907 O 2 x 2.3121 N Mean: 2.2979	VI 2 x 2.3351 O 2 x 2.4093 O 2 x 2.5117 N Mean: 2.4187
$\text{Ce}_3\text{O}_3\text{N-GS5}$	VII 2 x 2.2905 O 4 x 2.4481 O 2.7377 N Mean: 2.4445	VI 2.2501 O 2.3900 O 4 x 2.4106 N Mean: 2.3804

Ce <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> N-GS6	VI 4 x 2.2929 O 2 x 2.3145 N Mean: 2.3001	VI 2 x 2.3372 O 2 x 2.4108 O 2 x 2.5123 N Mean: 2.4201
Ce <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> N-GS7	VI 6 x 2.3756 O	

**Table S2.** Space group, unit cell parameters (Å), atomic positions, and total energy values in Hartrees ( $E_h$ ) for eight optimized modifications found using the global search method.

Modification	Space group (no.)	Cell parameters (Å) and fractional coordinates	Total energy (E <sub>h</sub> )
Ce <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> N-GS1	<i>P2/m</i> (10)	$a = 5.89; b = 3.62; c = 5.04; \beta = 113.2^\circ$ Ce (0 0 0) Ce (0.3017 1/2 0.6238) O (0.2702 1/2 0.0652) O (1/2 0 1/2) N (0 0 1/2)	-1702.4813
Ce <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> N-GS2	<i>Amm2</i> (38)	$a = 3.59; b = 9.83; c = 5.78$ Ce (1/2 0.1729 0.8911) Ce (0 0 0.3964) Ce (1/2 0 0.8038) O (0.5 0 0.1402) O (0 0.7712 0.1681) N (1/2 0 0.6528)	-1702.4685
Ce <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> N-GS3	<i>Imm2</i> (44)	$a = 3.38; b = 3.39; c = 17.39$ Ce (0 0 0.7735) Ce (0 0 0.4276) Ce (0 0 0.0814) O (0 0 0.5589) O (0 0 0.2961) O (0 1/2 0.1775) N (0 0 0.9277)	-1702.4627
Ce <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> N-GS4	<i>Pmmm</i> (47)	$a = 6.86; b = 3.53; c = 4.62$ Ce (1/2 0 0) Ce (0.7607 1/2 1/2) O (0.2869 1/2 0) O (0 0 1/2) N (1/2 0 1/2)	-1702.4588
Ce <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> N-GS5	<i>Amm2</i> (38)	$a = 3.49; b = 3.32; c = 17.93$ Ce (1/2 0 0.0970) Ce (0 0 0.4475) Ce (1/2 0 0.8038) O (0 0 0.5730) O (0 0 0.3143)	-1702.4576

		O (1/2 0 0.6850) N (1/2 0 0.9444)	
<b>Ce<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N-GS6</b>	<i>Pmmm</i> (47)	$a = 3.53; b = 4.63; c = 6.85$ Ce (0 0 0) Ce (1/2 1/2 0.7394) O (1/2 0 0.2132) O (0 1/2 1/2) N (0 1/2 0)	-1702.4509
<b>Ce<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N-GS7</b>	<i>Pm-3m</i> (221)	$a = 4.75$ Ce (1/2 0 1/2) O (0 1/2 0) N (1/2 1/2 1/2)	-1702.4394

Data mining of the ICSD database gave us 19 candidates with the general formula  $A_3B_3C$ . Every candidate was used as the starting structure type for *ab initio* optimization of the  $Ce_3O_3N$  compound. The initial structures and their references are:  $Al_3ScC_3$ [1],  $Ba_3FeN_3$ [2],  $Ca_3Pb_3$ [3],  $Ca_3InP_3$ [4],  $Cu_3SbS_3$ [5],  $Fe_3TiTe_3$ [6],  $Fe_3W_3C$ [7],  $Gd_3MnI_3$ [8],  $K_3AlSe_3$ [9],  $K_3BS_3$ [10],  $K_6Sn_2Te_6$ [11],  $KB_3H_3$ [12],  $Na_3AsS_3$ [13],  $Ni_3SmGe_3$ [14],  $NiSc_3Si_3$ [15], [2] (proustite)[16],  $Rh_4C_{12}O_{12}$ [17],  $Tl_3AsSe_3$ [18],  $Ag_3AsS_3$  (xanthoconite)[19].

**Table S3.** Space group, unit cell parameters (Å), atomic positions, and total energy values in Hartrees ( $E_h$ ) for three optimized modifications found using the data mining method.

Modification	Space group (no.)	Cell parameters (Å) and fractional coordinates	Total energy ( $E_h$ )
<b>Ce<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N-DM1</b>	<i>R3c</i> (161)	$a = 10.17; c = 6.15$ Ce (-0.1996 -0.0378 0.2416) O (-0.0656 0.2200 0.3762) N (0 0 0.0066)	-1702.4875
<b>Ce<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N-DM2</b>	<i>P6<sub>3</sub>/m</i> (176)	$a = 7.21; c = 4.75$ Ce (0.3715 0.3398 1/4) O (0.2747 0.9691 1/4) N (2/3 1/3 1/4)	-1702.4007
<b>Ce<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N-DM3</b>	<i>I-43m</i> (217)	$a = 10.49$ Ce (1/2 0 1/4) Ce (0 0 0.2430) O (0.8876 0.6093 0.1124) N (0.1159 0.1159 0.8841)	-1702.2837

**Table S4.** Total energy ranking in eV for the best candidates from the global energy landscape and data-mining searches ( $Ce_3O_3N$ -DM1, and  $Ce_3O_3N$ -GS1) and literature data [20] calculated using the VASP code and the LDA functional.

Modification	Space group (no.)	Total energy (eV)
Ce <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> N-DM1	<i>R3c</i> (161)	-65.8541
Ce <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> N-GS1	<i>P6<sub>3</sub>/m</i> (176)	-65.7261
Literature*	<i>P2<sub>1</sub></i> (no. 4)	-65.5338

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