

InNiCo<sub>3</sub> and InNiNi<sub>3</sub> with cubic anti-perovskite structure, we carried out the first-principles calculations on these compounds using the pseudopotentials method with plane-wave basis set within the local density approximation and the generalized gradient approximation. Since the elastic properties of a solid are highly associated with various fundamental solid-state properties such as phonon spectra, specific heat, Debye temperature, and so on, we have calculated the independent elastic constant and the elastic moduli of InNiCo<sub>3</sub> and InNiNi<sub>3</sub>.

## II. COMPUTATIONAL DETAILS

All calculations on antiperovskite-type InNiCo<sub>3</sub> and InNiNi<sub>3</sub> were performed using the Quantum ESPRESSO code<sup>20</sup>, which is based on the density functional theory (DFT)<sup>21</sup>. The electronic exchange-correlation potential was calculated within the local density approximation (LDA)<sup>22,23</sup> and the generalized gradient approximation using the scheme of Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE)<sup>24</sup>. The spin polarization was also considered in the calculation in order to assess the magnetic properties of these compounds. Electron-ion interaction was represented by the norm-conserving optimized<sup>25</sup> designed nonlocal pseudopotentials. The 4*d* electrons are explicitly included in the valence of In. The electronic wavefunctions were expanded by the plane waves up to a kinetic energy cutoff of 55 Ry. The **k**-point sampling in Brillouin zone (BZ) of simple cubic lattice was treated with the Monkhorst-Pack scheme<sup>26</sup> and a 20×20×20 **k**-point mesh (i.e., 286 irreducible points in the first BZ) was used. The chosen plane-wave cutoff and number of **k** points were carefully checked to ensure that the total energy was converged to be better than 1 mRy/cell. The total energies are obtained as a function of volume and they are fitted with the Birch-Murnaghan 3rd-order equation of states (EoS)<sup>27</sup> to give the equilibrium lattice constant and other ground state properties. During the calculation of density of states (DOS), a dense **k**-point mesh of 30×30×30 is used, the total DOS is computed by the tetrahedron method<sup>28</sup>, and the atomic-projected DOS is calculated by the Löwdin populations<sup>29</sup>.

For a cubic crystal, its independent elastic constants are  $c_{11}$ ,  $c_{12}$ , and  $c_{44}$ . To determine the elastic constants of InNiCo<sub>3</sub> and InNiNi<sub>3</sub> by means of the curvature of the internal energy versus the strain curves<sup>30,31</sup>, three strain modes<sup>32</sup> are adopted and their nonzero strains are as follows: (1)  $\epsilon_{11} = \epsilon_{22} = \delta$ ,  $\epsilon_{33} = (1 + \delta)^{-2} - 1$ ; (2)  $\epsilon_{11} = \epsilon_{22} = \epsilon_{33} = \delta$ ; and (3)  $\epsilon_{12} = \epsilon_{21} = \delta/2$ ,  $\epsilon_{33} = \delta^2/(4 - \delta^2)$ . The deformation magnitudes  $\delta$  from -0.012 to 0.012