

Supporting information for:

Single Boron Atom doped Boron Nitride Edge as Metal-free Catalyst for N₂ Fixation

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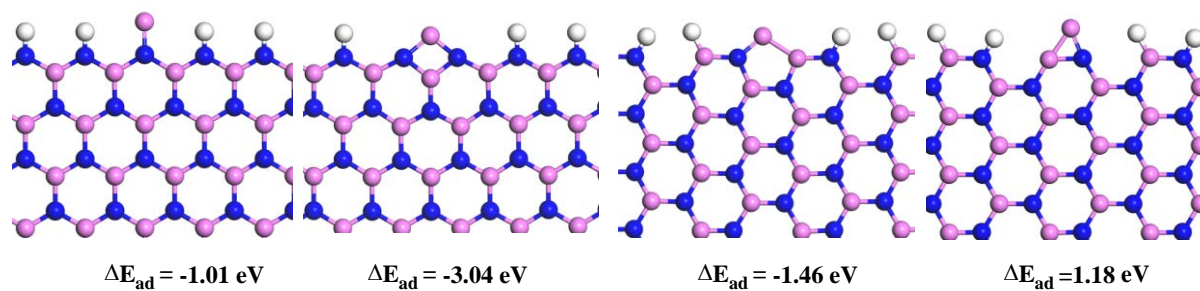
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Table S1. Calculated zero point energies and entropy of different adsorption species, where the * represents the active site.

Adsorption species	E_{ZPE} (eV)	-TS (eV)
N ₂	0.15	-0.58
*N ₂ (end-on)	0.22	-0.14
*NNH	0.51	-0.16
*NNH ₂	0.82	-0.17
*NNH ₃	1.19	-0.16
*NH	0.35	-0.09
*NH ₂	0.76	-0.12
*NH ₃	0.97	-0.16
*NHNH	0.85	-0.15
*NHNH ₂	1.15	-0.19
*NH ₂ NH ₂	1.35	-0.22
*NH ₂ NH ₃	1.60	-0.28
*N ₂ (side-on)	0.19	-0.12
*NNH	0.49	-0.14
*NHNH	0.81	-0.13
*NHNH ₂	1.14	-0.17
*NH ₂ NH ₂	1.34	-0.21
*NH ₂ NH ₃	1.60	-0.28
NH ₃	0.58 ¹⁻²	-0.56

Table S2. The formation energy for B decorated at different adsorption site of BN zigzag edge and armchair edge.



The formation energy of B at BN edge is calculated by,

$$E_{\text{ad}} = E_{\text{B@BN}} - E_{\text{B}} - E_{\text{BN}}$$

Where $E_{\text{B@BN}}$, E_{B} , and E_{BN} is the total energy of single B decorated at BN edge, single B atom in bulk phase, and pure BN edge.

Figure S1.

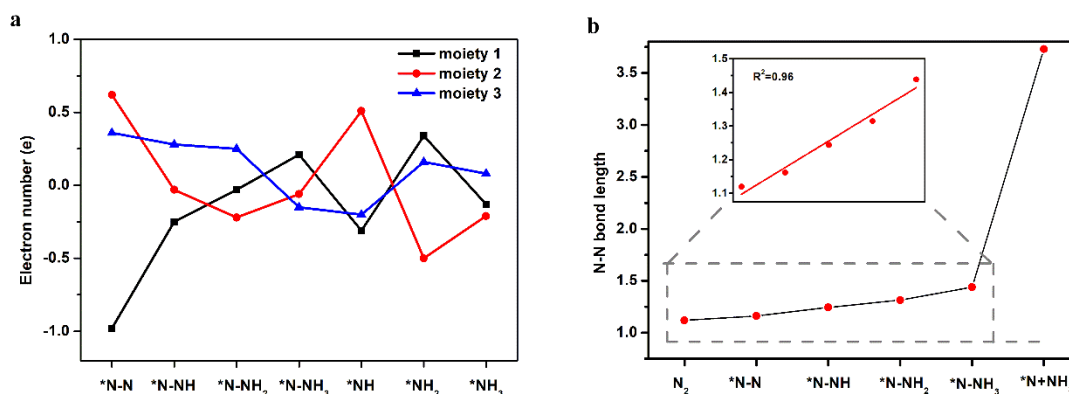


Figure S1. a) Charge variation of three moieties. b) N-N bond distance along the distal mechanism via end-on adsorption pathway, where the bond length increases linearly before broken.

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