

Electronic Supplementary Information

Structural, electronic and mechanical properties of sp^3 -hybridized BN phases

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Table SI. Crystalline information of the predicted BN structures in group I.

structure	Space group	Lattice Parameters	Inequivalent sites
bct-BN	$P4_2/mnm$	$a=b=4.86\text{Å}$, $c=2.52\text{Å}$	B1 (0.8259, 0.8259, 0.5) N1 (1.1877, 0.8123, 0.5)
bct ₂ W ₁	$Cmc2_1$	$a=2.53\text{Å}$, $b=13.17\text{Å}$, $c=4.28\text{Å}$	B1(0.0, 0.3922, -0.1056); B3(0.0, 0.7257, -0.2632); B5(0.0, 0.0558, -0.1073); N1(0.0, 0.2734, -0.1301); N2(0.0, 0.3931, -0.7362); N5(0.0, 0.0565, -0.7359)
bct ₁ W ₁	$Pbam$	$a=8.79\text{Å}$, $b=4.24\text{Å}$, $c=2.53\text{Å}$	B1(-0.9117, 0.1716, 0.0); B5(-1.1659, 0.3288, -0.5) N1(-0.9113, 0.7995, 0.0); N5(-1.1661, 0.7001, -0.5)
bct ₂ W ₂	$Pmn2_1$	$a=2.53\text{Å}$, $b=8.78\text{Å}$, $c=4.25\text{Å}$	B1(0.5, 0.7139, 0.8839); B2(0.5, 0.2083, 0.8822); B3(0.5, 0.5364, 0.2247); B7(0.0, 0.9586, 0.8818) N1(0.5, 0.5358, 0.8567); N3(0.0, 0.9592, 0.2564); N4(0.0, 0.2856, 0.7539); N5(0.0, 0.7914, 0.7538)

Table SII. Crystalline information of the predicted BN structures in group II

structure	Space group	Lattice Parameters	Inequivalent sites
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M2-BN	<i>Pnma</i>	$a = 4.81 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 2.56 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 4.25 \text{ \AA}$,	B1 (0.8401, 0.25, 0.9079) N1 (0.6794, 0.25, 0.6073)
M2 ₁ W ₁	<i>Cmc2₁</i>	$a = 2.56 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 13.13 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 4.38 \text{ \AA}$,	B1(0.0, 0.7787, -0.9113); B2(0.0, 0.8850, -0.4084); B5(0.0, 0.5519, -0.2421) N1(0.0, 0.7770, -0.2824); N3(0.0, 0.4474, -0.3744); N5(0.0, 0.1145, -0.2804)
M2 ₁ bct ₁	<i>C2/m</i>	$a = 13.17 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 2.54 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 4.30 \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 90.79^\circ$	B1(-0.7190, 0.0, 0.1717); B2(-0.6112, 0.0, 0.6678); B5(-0.0582, 0.0, 0.1704); N1(-0.6097, 0.0, 0.3005); N2(-0.2807, 0.0, 0.2080); N5(-0.0594, 0.0, 0.7998)

Table SIII Crystalline information of the predicted BN structures in group III.

structure	Space group	Lattice Parameters	Inequivalent sites
AW-BN	<i>Pbca</i>	$a = 4.39 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 4.34 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 5.05 \text{ \AA}$,	B1 (0.5872, 0.6707, 1.3665) N1 (0.4079, 0.6941, 0.6346)
AW ₁ W ₁	<i>Cmc2₁</i>	$a = 5.09 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 8.74 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 4.33 \text{ \AA}$,	B1(0.2404,-0.3301,0.9820); B5(0.0,-0.4164, 0.4846); B7(0.0, -0.9233, 0.6488); N1(0.2411,-0.6693,0.1131); N5(0.0,-0.0787,0.5118); N7(0.0,-0.5832, 0.6122)
AW ₁ M2 ₁	<i>Cmc2₁</i>	$a = 7.62 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 4.37 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 4.42 \text{ \AA}$,	B1(0.3269, 0.3376, 0.4967); B5(0.0, 0.3443, 0.6638) N1(0.3271, 0.6578, 0.6311); N5(0.0, 0.3456, 0.0213)
AW ₁ bct ₁	<i>P-3m1</i>	$a = b = 5.09 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 4.39 \text{ \AA}$, $\gamma = 120^\circ$,	B1(0.8279, 0.1721, 0.8299); B7(0.3333, 0.6667, 0.6643); N1(0.1720, 0.8280, 0.7942); N7(0.3333, 0.6667, 0.2988);

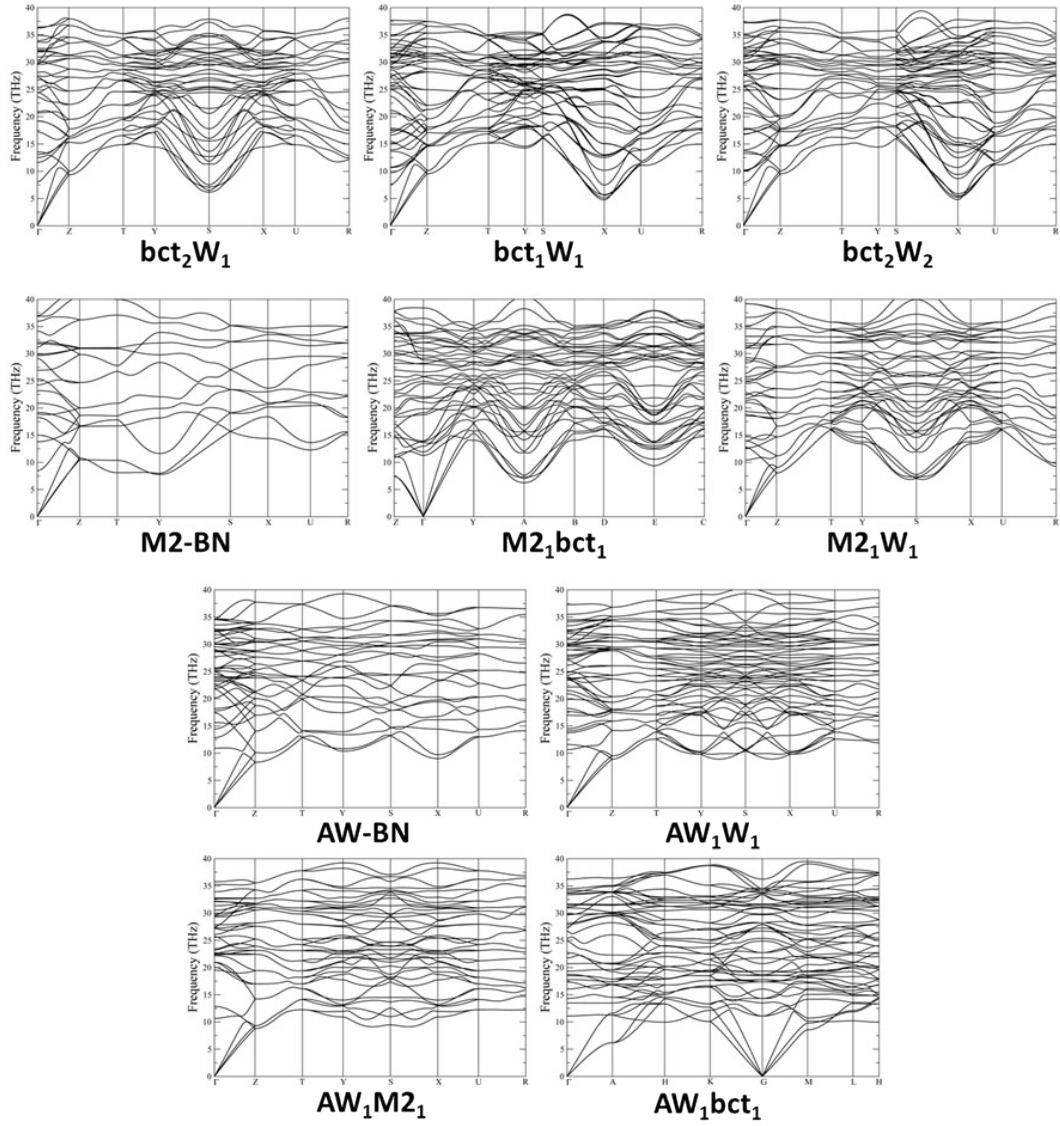


Figure S1 Phonon spectra of the ten new phases of BN under 0 GPa.

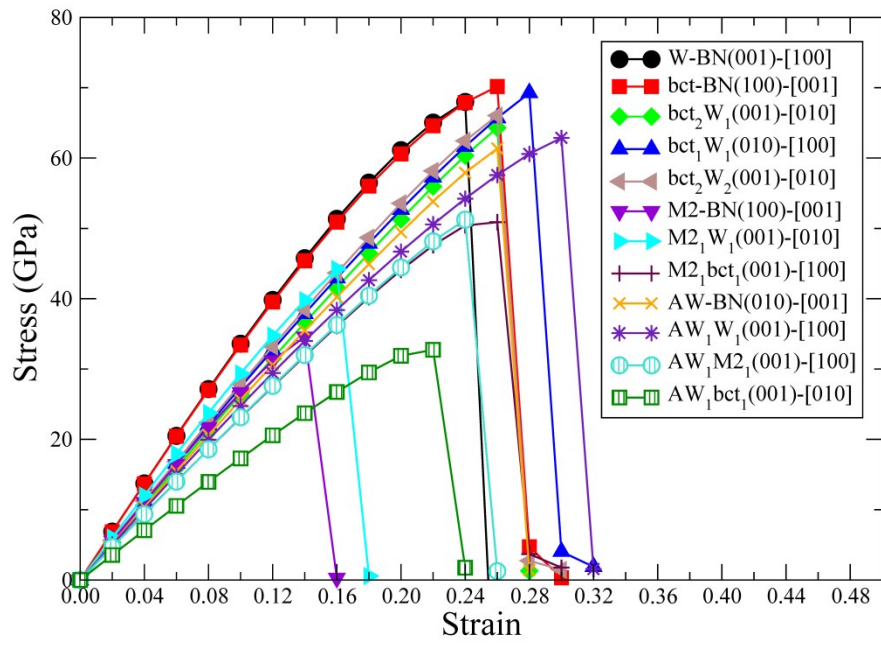


Figure S2 Stress-strain relationships of various BN structures under shear load in the weakest slip planes.

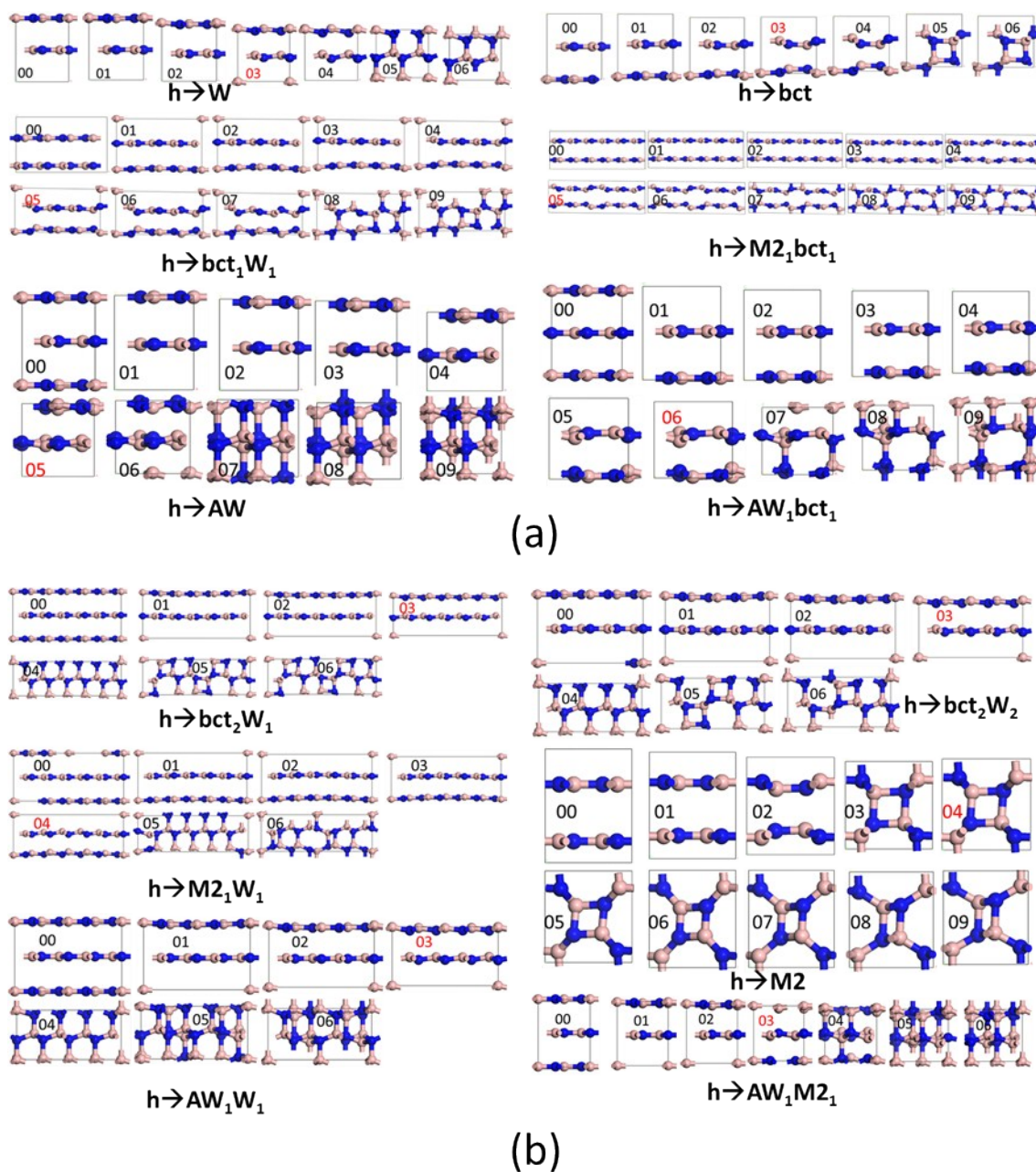


Figure S3 The structures of each image in the transition path from h-BN to different BN structures. The image marked in red color is the transition state of each path. (a) transition without intermediate phases (b) transition with an intermediate phase.