Supporting Information for

## Theoretical prediction of pressure-stabilized all-nitrogen $N_{12}$ molecular crystal with $\pi$ - $\pi$ stacking

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Space group	Lattice parameters	Wyckoff positions				
	<i>a</i> = 4.86960 Å	2i	-0.95168	1.05881	-0.25366	
	<i>b</i> = 5.75300 Å	2i	-0.73668	0.20806	-0.36727	
D1	c = 5.99200 Å	2i	-0.85002	0.42199	-0.33588	
<i>P</i> 1	$\alpha = 105.9756$	2i	0.86510	0.40412	-1.20257	
	$\beta = 66.1524$	2i	0.80150	0.18119	-1.15149	
	$\gamma = 102.0559$	2i	0.51155	1.10829	-1.00804	
		1a	0.81710	0.71178	0.28116	
		1a	0.24864	0.68788	0.49593	
Р1		1a	0.25415	0.91310	0.37584	
	a = 4.44600 Å	la	-0.01115	-0.07078	0.24756	
	<i>b</i> = 5.30643 Å	1a	0.97620	0.56519	0.43438	
	c = 6.89640 Å	la	0.86141	0.31063	0.50237	
	$\alpha = 77.8501$	la	0.03708	0.22472	0.65727	
	$\beta = 99.0162$	1a	0.93975	0.97548	0.74664	
	$\gamma = 97.4007$	la	0.18362	0.87888	0.84066	
		la	0.11237	0.63080	0.93450	
		1a	0.34333	0.50296	0.96830	
		la	0.51156	0.35077	-0.00077	
	<i>a</i> = 7.49320 Å	3f	0.18025	0.00000	0.00000	
$P\overline{6}2m$	c = 3.36100  Å	3f	0.65286	0.00000	0.00000	
		6j	0.82644	0.17907	0.00000	

**Table S1**. Structural parameters including the space group, lattice constants, and atomicpositions of predicted  $N_{12}$  crystal at 0 GPa.

Table S2. Harmonic vibrational analysis of N<sub>12</sub> molecule.

Mode	Frequency	Infrared	Mode	Frequency	Infrared
1	38.88	0.0671	16	808.99	0.0002
2	81.58	3.7899	17	875.19	0.0000

3	107.01	3.3787	18	1024.84	61.6352
4	145.16	0.0000	19	1059.72	0.0000
5	245.96	0.0000	20	1065.61	65.2366
6	266.62	0.0000	21	1079.32	0.0000
7	372.39	0.0000	22	1125.85	2.5366
8	433.01	0.0191	23	1186.45	0.0000
9	537.57	64.3590	24	1242.75	0.0001
10	672.61	0.0005	25	1259.49	200.7659
11	689.08	0.0153	26	1360.94	0.0000
12	741.48	0.0176	27	1391.45	37.6633
13	741.55	0.0010	28	1453.03	0.0004
14	748.83	129.1706	29	1455.86	11.4283
15	765.14	318.6450	30	1595.81	0.0000

Table S3. Geometries of  $N_{12}\xspace$  in gas phase and solid state.

		Bond (Å)	Angle (°)
Gas Phase	0-9 5	B12 1.375	A123 104.28
		B15 1.375	A234 109.61
		B23 1.375	A345 109.23
		B34 1.383	A451 104.75
		B45 1.281	A512 112.13
		B16 1.370	A516 118.87
		B67 1.247	A216 129.00
			A167 111.20
Solid State	. 5	B12 1.345	A123 104.92
9 8 7 5 4 10 6 2 3	Ser So	B15 1.354	A234 109.11
	500	B23 1.288	A345 109.50
		B34 1.387	A451 104.36
		B45 1.289	A512 112.11

B16 1.367	A516 128.95
B67 1.254	A216 118.93
	A167 110.65

Table S4. The energy level of 34 delocalized electrons.

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Orbital number	Energy/au	Energy/eV	Type	Molecular Orbital
42	-0.34232	-9.315	LP	
41	-0.35392	-9.631	π	
40	-0.36246	-9.863	LP	
39	-0.36538	-9.942	LP	
38	-0.36717	-9.991	LP	
37	-0.38932	-10.594	LP	
36	-0.39737	-10.813	LP	<b>\$</b>
35	-0.40108	-10.914	π	۲ ال
34	-0.40127	-10.919	π	
33	-0.40948	-11.142	LP	
32	-0.41760	-11.363	π	
31	-0.48497	-13.197	LP	

LP	-13.221	-0.48588	30
π	-13.789	-0.50673	29
LP	-14.945	-0.54922	28
π	-15.894	-0.58408	27
π	-16.607	-0.61030	26

Table S5. Formation enthalpy of  $N_{12}$  crystal under different pressures, where the  $N_2$  crystal was chosen as precursor.

Pressure (GPa)	Formation enthalpy (eV/atom)		
0	0.80		
20	0.39		
40	0.18		
60	0.03		
80	-0.09		
100	-0.19		

**Table S6.** The enthalpy of  $N_{10}$  and  $N_{12}$  under different pressures, unit is eV atom<sup>-1</sup>.

	0 GPa	20 GPa	40 GPa	60 GPa	80 GPa	100 GPa
N <sub>10</sub> -VIP	-7.580	-6.365	-5.400	-4.534	-3.734	-2.986
N10-P21	-7.605	-6.379	-5.355	-4.477	-3.670	-2.917
N <sub>12</sub>	-7.578	-6.367	-5.403	-4.537	-3.735	-2.982



**Figure S1.** Crystal structures of predicted  $N_{12}$  crystal with (a)  $P\overline{1}$ , (b) P1 and (c)  $P\overline{6}2m$  symmetry.



Figure S2. The enthalpy changes of different crystalline  $N_{12}$  with increasing of pressure.



Figure S3. Phonon dispersion calculation for crystalline N<sub>12</sub> crystal at 0 and 10 GPa.



Figure S4. The calculated diffusion coefficient of the N atom in  $N_{12}$  crystal at the temperatures of 300 K.



**Figure S5.** The enthalpy changes of nitrogen with  $\alpha$ -,  $\gamma$ - and  $\epsilon$ - phase under different pressures.



Figure S6. (a) The energy of  $N_{10}$ ,  $N_{12}$ ,  $N_{16}$  and lollipop-N<sub>8</sub> at 0 GPa; (b) the energy changes of  $N_{12}$  compared with cg-N and  $\epsilon$ -N<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S7. MD snapshots of the final configurations under different temperatures.



**Figure S8.** LOLIPOP interface of two pentazole rings in  $N_{12}$  molecule. The definite integral of LOL- $\pi$  from a distance of 0.5 Å away from the molecular plane, and integration radius is 1.94 Å.