Supporting Information

Single boron modulated Graphdiyne nanosheet for efficient electrochemical nitrogen fixation: A First-Principles Study

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| Configuration | | Adsorption energy (E _{ads} /eV) | Bond length (Å) | | Bader charge value (q/e) | | | |
|------------------------|---------|--|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | | B atom | | N atom | |
| | | | N–N | B–N | before N ₂ fixtion | after N ₂ fixtion | proximal | distal |
| B(S ₂)@GDY | end-on | -0.12 | 1.13 | 1.48 | 1.83 | 1.86 | -0.56 | 0.19 |
| B(S ₃)@GDY | end-on | -0.08 | 1.13 | 1.50 | 1.85 | 1.90 | -0.54 | 0.23 |
| | side-on | 1.79 | 1.20 | 1.61 | 1.85 | 1.82 | -0.22/0.01 | |
| B(A1)@GDY | end-on | 0.29 | 1.13 | 1.53 | 1.56 | 1.60 | -0.54 | 0.27 |
| | side-on | 0.89 | 1.22 | 1.55/1.56 | 1.56 | 1.77 | -0.48/-0.40 | |
| B(A ₂)@GDY | end-on | -1.22 | 1.16 | 1.38 | 1.19 | 1.73 | -0.86 | 0.20 |
| | side-on | -0.12 | 1.21 | 1.57/1.64 | 1.19 | 1.78 | -0.50/-0.37 | |
| B(A ₃)@GDY | end-on | -0.96 | 1.16 | 1.39 | 1.08 | 1.82 | -0.83 | 0.15 |
| | side-on | -0.31 | 1.22 | 1.55/1.56 | 1.08 | 1.87 | 1.87 -0.42/-0.29 | |

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| Configuration | pristine GDY | B(S1)@GDY | B(S ₂)@GDY | B(S ₃)@GDY | B(A ₁)@GDY | B(A ₂)@GDY | B(A ₃)@GDY |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| E _{coh} (eV) | -7.205 | -7.196 | -7.151 | -7.149 | -7.306 | -7.283 | -7.257 |

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