

Supplementary Materials

Fe₃ Cluster Anchored on the C₂N Monolayer for Efficient Electrochemical Nitrogen Fixation

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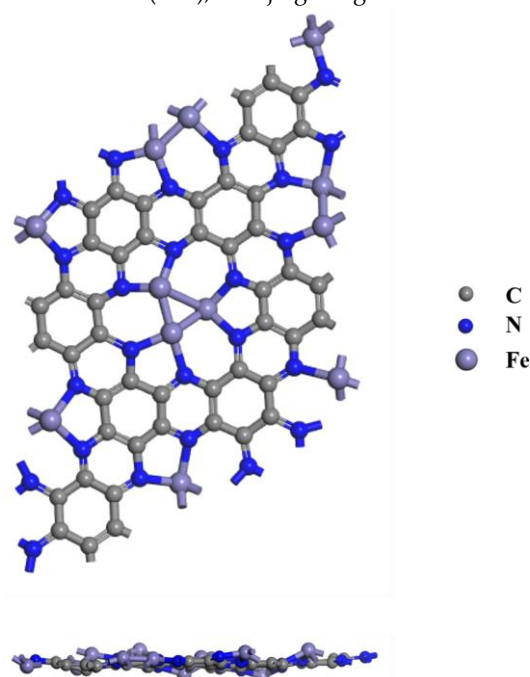


Figure S1. Top and side views of the final structure of Fe₃@C₂N through a 10 ps FPMD simulation at 800 K.

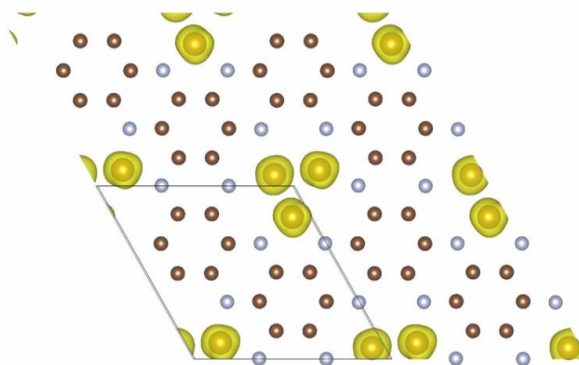


Figure S2. The magnetism distribution of the Fe₃@C₂N.

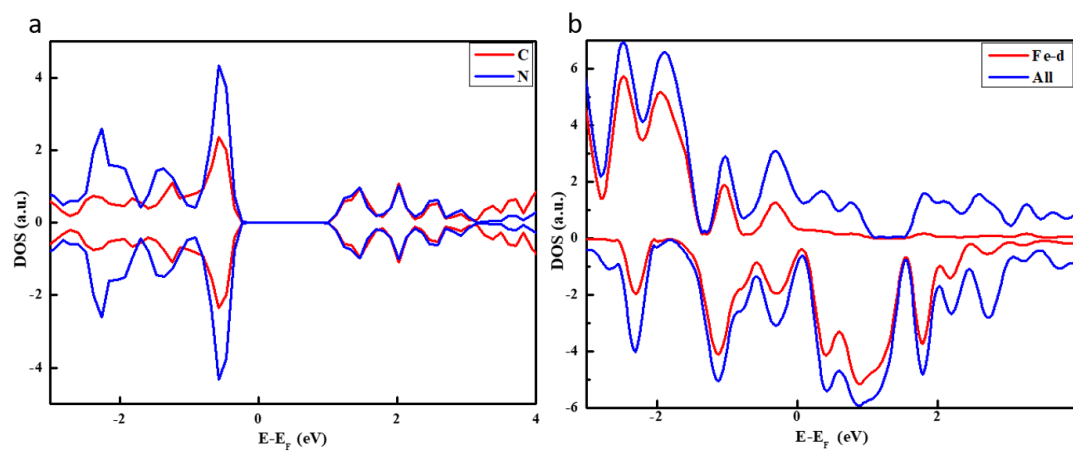


Figure S3. Density of states (DOS) of C₂N (a) and Fe₃@C₂N (b).

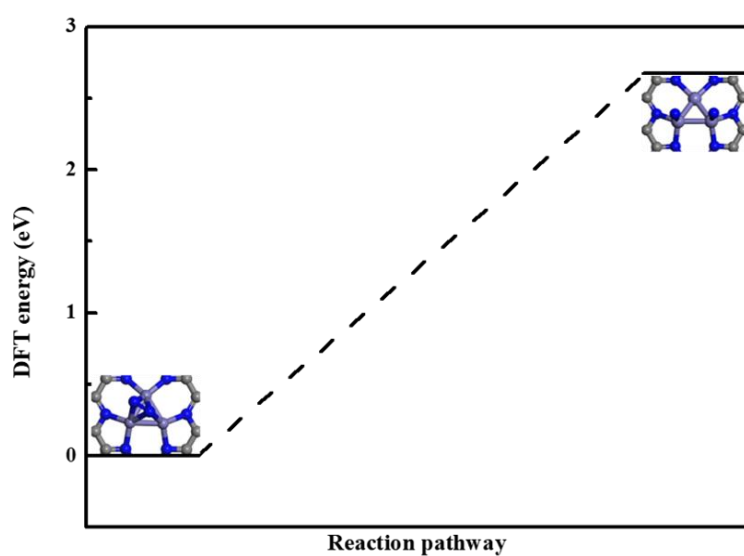


Figure S4. The energy diagram of dissociation mechanism on the Fe₃@C₂N.

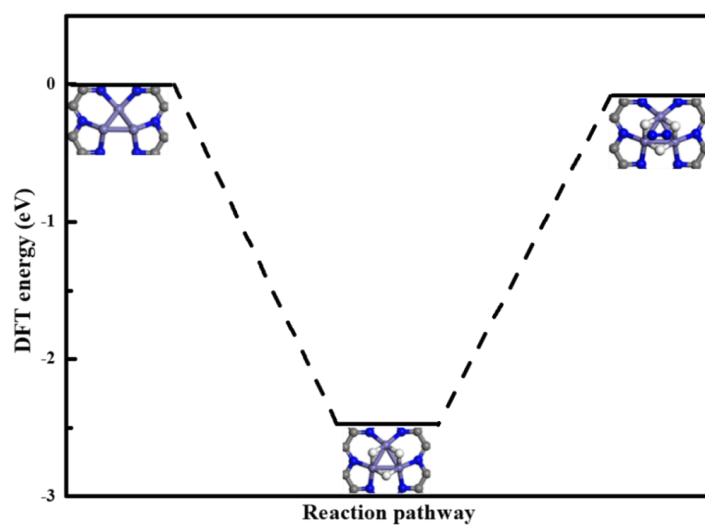


Figure S5. The energy diagram of the surface hydrogenation mechanism on the $\text{Fe}_3\text{@C}_2\text{N}$.

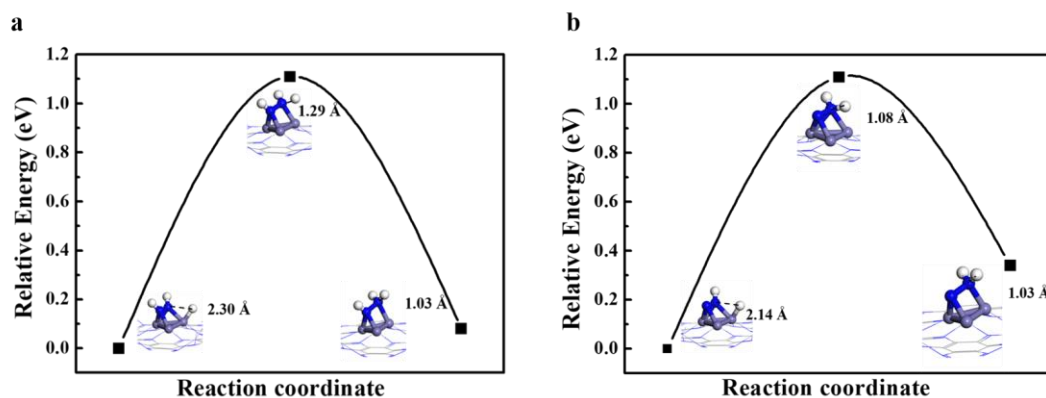


Figure S6. The reaction pathway of the potential limiting step of the enzymatic mechanism (a) and the consecutive mechanism (b).

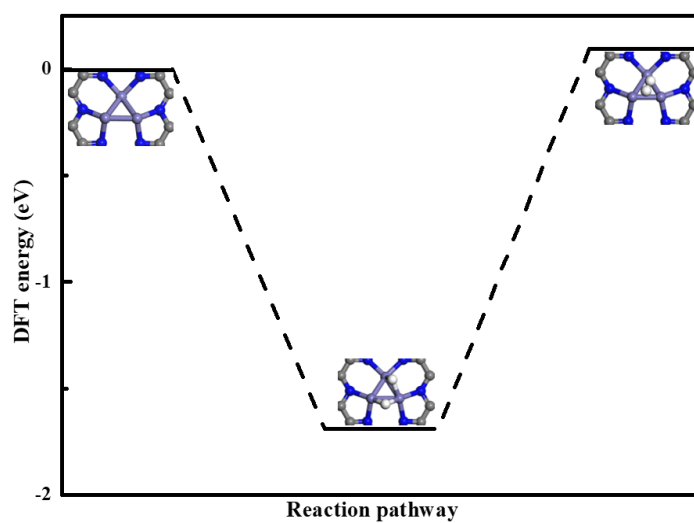


Figure S7. The energy diagram of HER on the $\text{Fe}_3\text{@C}_2\text{N}$.

Table S1 The calculated zero-point energy (ZPE, in eV) and entropy (T = 298.15 K, in eV, taken from the NIST-JANAF thermodynamics table [S1]) of the gas molecules.

Molecules	ZPE	TS
N ₂	0.17	0.60
NH ₃	0.93	0.60
H ₂	0.33	0.41

Table S2 The calculated E(DFT), ZPE and TS of intermediates on different paths (in eV).

Consecutive	E(DFT)	ZPE	TS
*N ₂	-1.45	0.19	0.09
*NNH	-0.08	0.51	0.09
*NNH ₂	0.46	0.85	0.10
*NNH ₃	-1.74	1.12	0.18
*N	0.83	0.09	0.03
*NH	-1.12	0.40	0.04
*NH ₂	0.24	0.72	0.07
*NH ₃	0.18	0.99	0.12
NH ₃ (g)	0.55	--	--
Enzymatic	E(DFT)	ZPE	TS
*N ₂	-1.45	0.19	0.09
*NNH	-0.08	0.51	0.09
*HNNH	-0.37	0.82	0.09
*H ₂ NNH	0.20	1.17	0.11
*H ₂ NNH ₂	-1.99	1.38	0.19
*H ₂ NNH ₃	-0.14	1.66	0.26
*NH ₂	0.96	0.72	0.07
*NH ₃	0.18	0.99	0.12
NH ₃ (g)	0.55	--	--

Table S3 The estimated reaction rate of each step on different paths (k_0 is the prefactor of the estimated reaction rate $k = k_0 \exp(-\Delta G/kT)$).

Consecutive	T = 300 K	T = 800 K
$*NN + H \rightarrow *NNH$	$1.98 \times 10^{-5} k_0$	$1.72 \times 10^{-2} k_0$
$*NNH + H \rightarrow *NNH_2$	$1.14 \times 10^{-14} k_0$	$5.91 \times 10^{-6} k_0$
$*NH + H \rightarrow *NH_2$	$8.48 \times 10^{-10} k_0$	$3.96 \times 10^{-4} k_0$
$*NH_2 + H \rightarrow *NH_3$	$4.06 \times 10^{-8} k_0$	$1.69 \times 10^{-3} k_0$
Enzymatic	T = 300 K	T = 800 K
$*NN + H \rightarrow *NNH$	$1.98 \times 10^{-5} k_0$	$1.72 \times 10^{-2} k_0$
$*HNNH + H \rightarrow *H_2NNH$	$2.66 \times 10^{-10} k_0$	$2.57 \times 10^{-4} k_0$
$*H_2NNH_2 + H \rightarrow *H_2NNH_3$	$1.42 \times 10^{-2} k_0$	$2.03 \times 10^{-1} k_0$
$*NH_2 + H \rightarrow *NH_3$	$4.06 \times 10^{-8} k_0$	$1.69 \times 10^{-3} k_0$

Reference

- S1. Chase, M. W. NIST-JANAF Thermochemical Tables. American Chemical Society, New York, 1998.