

Supplementary Material

Surface-controlled Regeneration of Ammonia Borane from Boron Nitride

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This supporting information shows;

1. ¹¹B solution NMR spectra of N₂H₄/NH₃ treated neat BN, treated BN-NH_x, and mixture of authentic AB and treated BNH_x.
2. ¹H solution NMR spectra of BNH_x before and after the treatment.
3. XRD profiles of BNH_x before and after the treatment.
4. FT-IR spectra of BNH_x and N₂H₄/NH₃ treated BNH_x without AB

1. ¹¹B Solution NMR Spectra

Figure S1 shows ¹H-decoupled ¹¹B solution NMR profiles of neat hexagonal boron nitride (h-BN) after the hydrazine/ammonia treatment (Hz/NH₃) and mixture of authentic ammonia borane (AB) and treated BNH_x. No AB was detected in the ammonia/NH₃ treated neat h-BN (Figure S1a) and BN-NH_x (Figure S1c), whereas the mixture of authentic AB and treated BNH_x shows single peak (−20.4 ppm) as mentioned in the main manuscript (Figure S1b).

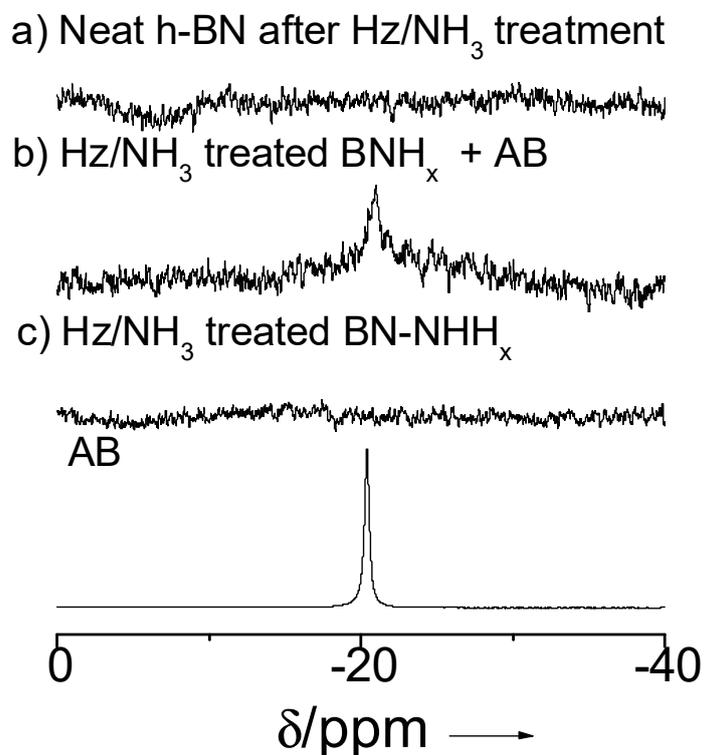


Figure S1. ¹H-decoupled ¹¹B solution NMR profiles of (a) Hz/NH₃ treated neat h-BN, (b) mixture of AB and Hz/NH₃ BNH_x, and (c) treated BN-NH_x together with that of AB as a reference.

2. ¹H Solution NMR Profiles

Figure S2 illustrates ¹H NMR spectra of BNH_x before and after Hz/NH₃ treatment. The dashed lines in Figure S2 are corresponding to NH₃ signals of AB. Although BH₃ signals at 0.5–1 ppm are unclear due to a lot of peaks, NH₃ peaks in treated BNH_x locate the same position and pattern as those of the authentic AB (Figure S2a). The NMR spectrum is dominated by the residual protons in d-8 THF and non-deuterated THF used for filtering (The strong peak at 0 ppm in inset of Figure S2 is insoluble impurity in THF used for filtering). The simple BNH_x extracted shows same signals as solvent due only to THF and impurity peaks in the spectrum, indicating no soluble H species in BNH_x (Figure S2b). Above results are consistent with the results from ¹¹B solution NMR in the main manuscript.

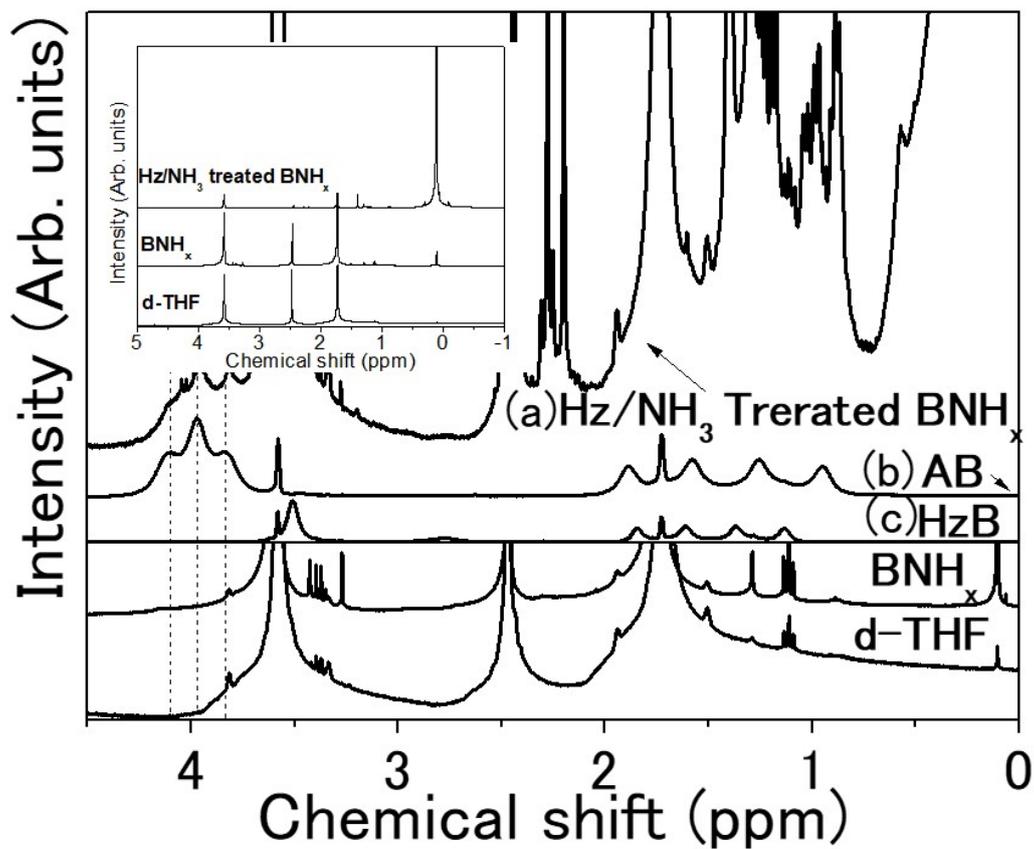


Figure S2. ^1H solution NMR of BNH_x spectra (a) after and (b) before the Hz/NH_3 treatment together with AB, hydrazine borane (HzB), and d-THF as references. Inset shows the full scale of BNH_x before and after the treatment spectra with d-THF spectrum.

3. XRD Profiles

XRD profiles of BNH_x before and after Hz/NH_3 treatment are shown in Figure S3. A peak corresponding to B_3N_3 ring structure ($hklm = 0002$) of h-BN at 27° marked by arrow is observed in both profiles. All broad peaks in both profiles are background of protections from air ((a) polyimide film at $12\text{--}30^\circ$ and (b) Be doom at $20\text{--}30^\circ$).

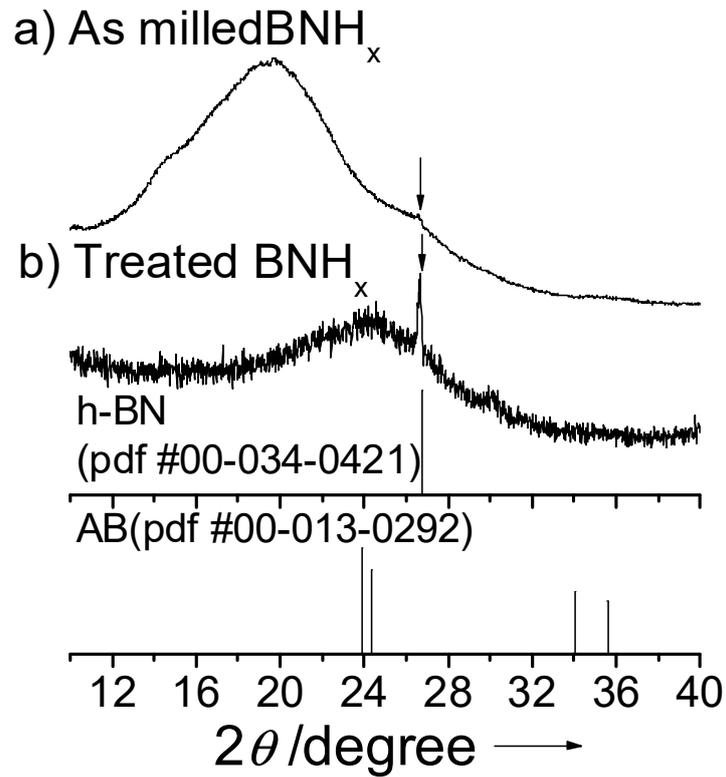


Figure S3. XRD profiles of BNH_x (a) before and (b) after the Hz/NH_3 treatment together with h-BN and AB patterns.

4. FT-IR Spectra

FT-IR spectra of BNH_x has strong N-H ($\sim 3500\text{ cm}^{-1}$), B-H ($\sim 2500\text{ cm}^{-1}$), and B-N ($\sim 1500\text{ cm}^{-1}$) bonds. Residue of BNH_x after the treatment increases N-H peak and decreases B-H bond.

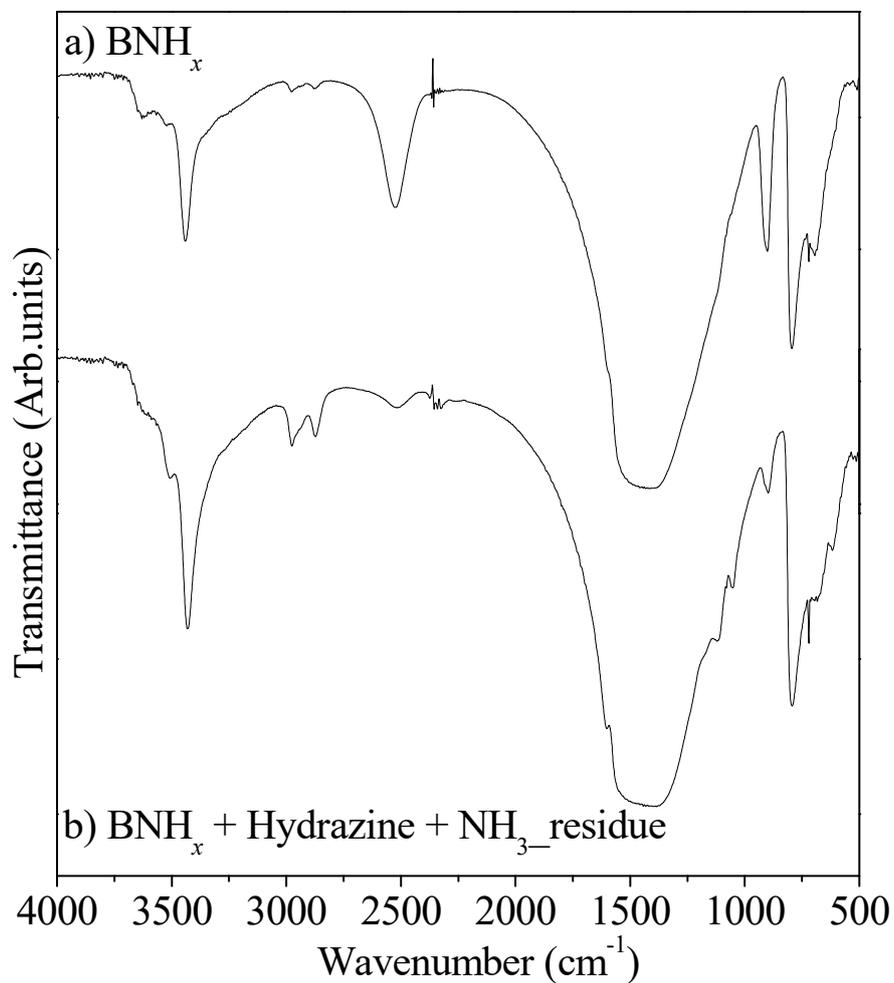


Figure S4. FT-IR spectra of BNH_x and $\text{N}_2\text{H}_4/\text{NH}_3$ treated BNH_x without AB.