1 Primitive cell: Convergence tests

Table 1: Volumes of primitive cell for c-BN.

| Structure | a (Å) | Volume |
|-----------|-------|--------|
| Perfect | 2.56 | 11.958 |
| Increase | 2.58 | 12.240 |
| Decrease | 2.54 | 11.681 |

$$E_{dec}^{rel} = |E_{perf} - E_{dec}| \tag{1}$$

$$E_{inc}^{rel} = |E_{perf} - E_{inc}| \tag{2}$$

$$\Delta E_{dec}^{rel} = |E_{dec}^{rel}[i+1] - E_{dec}^{rel}[i]| \tag{3}$$

$$\Delta E_{inc}^{rel} = |E_{inc}^{rel}[i+1] - E_{inc}^{rel}[i]| \tag{4}$$

Table 2: Energy cutoff: Convergence test of primitive cell for c-BN. Criteria is 1 meV.

| ENCUT (eV) | E _{perf} (eV) | E_{dec} (eV) | Einc (eV) | E_{dec}^{rel} (meV) | E _{inc} (meV) | $\Delta E_{dec}^{rel} \text{ (meV)}$ | ΔE_{inc}^{rel} (meV) |
|------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 200 | -17.0024 | -16.9378 | -17.0416 | 64.6290 | 39.1838 | _ | _ |
| 250 | -17.5246 | -17.5200 | -17.5383 | 4.6243 | 13.7043 | 60.0047 | 25.4795 |
| 300 | -17.4699 | -17.4620 | -17.4607 | 7.8421 | 9.1176 | 3.2178 | 4.5867 |
| 350 | -17.4260 | -17.4170 | -17.4157 | 8.9417 | 10.1970 | 1.0996 | 1.0794 |
| 400 | -17.4490 | -17.4468 | -17.4407 | 2.1904 | 8.2843 | 6.7513 | 1.9127 |
| 450 | -17.4542 | -17.4483 | -17.4452 | 5.9543 | 9.0336 | 3.7639 | 0.7493 |
| 500 | -17.4513 | -17.4455 | -17.4420 | 5.7687 | 9.2785 | 0.1856 | 0.2449 |
| 550 | -17.4517 | -17.4461 | -17.4424 | 5.6772 | 9.3078 | 0.0915 | 0.0293 |
| 600 | -17.4545 | -17.4488 | -17.4450 | 5.6520 | 9.4998 | 0.0252 | 0.1920 |
| 650 | -17.4567 | -17.4512 | -17.4472 | 5.5594 | 9.5653 | 0.0926 | 0.0655 |
| 700 | -17.4582 | -17.4527 | -17.4487 | 5.5391 | 9.5108 | 0.0203 | 0.0545 |
| 750 | -17.4591 | -17.4535 | -17.4496 | 5.5855 | 9.4552 | 0.0464 | 0.0556 |
| 800 | -17.4597 | -17.4540 | -17.4503 | 5.6308 | 9.4063 | 0.0453 | 0.0489 |
| 850 | -17.4599 | -17.4543 | -17.4505 | 5.6572 | 9.4013 | 0.0264 | 0.0050 |
| 900 | -17.4600 | -17.4543 | -17.4506 | 5.6599 | 9.4011 | 0.0028 | 0.0001 |
| 950 | -17.4601 | -17.4544 | -17.4507 | 5.6605 | 9.3973 | 0.0006 | 0.0038 |

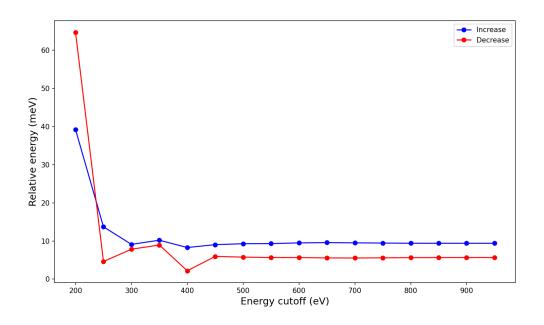


Figure 1: Convergence test of primitive cell for c-BN.

Table 3: K-density: Convergence test of primitive cell for c-BN. Criteria is 1 meV.

| K-density (1/Å ³) | E_{perf} (eV) | E_{dec} (eV) | Einc (eV) | E_{dec}^{rel} (meV) | E _{inc} (meV) | ΔE_{dec}^{rel} (meV) | ΔE_{inc}^{rel} (meV) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 | -17.4348 | -17.4288 | -17.4259 | 6.0799 | 8.9643 | - | - |
| 3 | -17.4510 | -17.4452 | -17.4418 | 5.8184 | 9.2433 | 0.2615 | 0.2790 |
| 4 | -17.4513 | -17.4455 | -17.4420 | 5.7687 | 9.2785 | 0.0497 | 0.0352 |
| 5 | -17.4513 | -17.4455 | -17.4420 | 5.7838 | 9.2641 | 0.0151 | 0.0144 |
| 6 | -17.4513 | -17.4455 | -17.4420 | 5.7887 | 9.2551 | 0.0049 | 0.0090 |
| 7 | -17.4513 | -17.4455 | -17.4420 | 5.7923 | 9.2623 | 0.0036 | 0.0072 |
| 8 | -17.4513 | -17.4455 | -17.4420 | 5.7890 | 9.2603 | 0.0033 | 0.0020 |
| 9 | -17.4513 | -17.4455 | -17.4420 | 5.7880 | 9.2638 | 0.0010 | 0.0034 |

Table 4: Kpoints mesh of primitive cell for c-BN

| K-density (1/Å ³) | Kpoints mesh |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 | $5 \times 5 \times 5$ |
| 3 | $8 \times 8 \times 8$ |
| 4 | $10\times10\times10$ |
| 5 | $13\times13\times13$ |
| 6 | $15\times15\times15$ |
| 7 | $18\times18\times18$ |
| 8 | $20\times20\times20$ |
| 9 | $23\times23\times23$ |
| | |

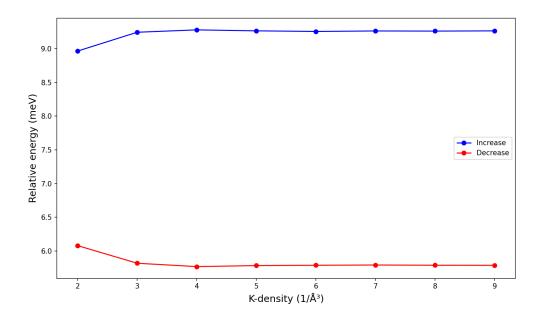


Figure 2: Convergence test of primitive cell for c-BN.

2 Convergence test: Stable phases

It also was calculated using the volumes, modifying the lattice parameters: $\Delta a = \pm 0.02$.

2.1 Boron

Table 5: Energy cutoff: Convergence test of boron. Criteria is 1 meV.

| ENCUT (eV) | E _{perf} (eV) | E_{dec} (eV) | Einc (eV) | E_{dec}^{rel} (meV) | E _{inc} (meV) | ΔE_{dec}^{rel} (meV) | $\Delta E_{inc}^{rel} \text{ (meV)}$ |
|------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 200 | -78.6696 | -78.6207 | -78.6963 | 48.8942 | 26.7108 | _ | _ |
| 250 | -79.8598 | -79.8543 | -79.8489 | 5.4990 | 10.8634 | 43.3952 | 15.8474 |
| 300 | -80.2543 | -80.2398 | -80.2543 | 14.4919 | 0.0024 | 8.9929 | 10.8610 |
| 350 | -80.4190 | -80.4018 | -80.4173 | 17.1116 | 1.6907 | 2.6197 | 1.6883 |
| 400 | -80.4372 | -80.4209 | -80.4352 | 16.3599 | 1.9767 | 0.7517 | 0.2860 |
| 450 | -80.4363 | -80.4199 | -80.4342 | 16.3471 | 2.0519 | 0.0128 | 0.0752 |
| 500 | -80.4404 | -80.4243 | -80.4381 | 16.0692 | 2.3424 | 0.2779 | 0.2905 |
| 550 | -80.4460 | -80.4301 | -80.4436 | 15.9086 | 2.4194 | 0.1606 | 0.0770 |
| 600 | -80.4531 | -80.4372 | -80.4507 | 15.9103 | 2.3978 | 0.0017 | 0.0216 |
| 650 | -80.4593 | -80.4434 | -80.4569 | 15.9044 | 2.4684 | 0.0059 | 0.0707 |
| 700 | -80.4631 | -80.4472 | -80.4606 | 15.8750 | 2.4987 | 0.0294 | 0.0302 |
| 750 | -80.4647 | -80.4488 | -80.4621 | 15.8515 | 2.5468 | 0.0234 | 0.0481 |
| 800 | -80.4651 | -80.4493 | -80.4625 | 15.8085 | 2.5706 | 0.0431 | 0.0238 |
| 850 | -80.4652 | -80.4494 | -80.4626 | 15.7976 | 2.5815 | 0.0109 | 0.0109 |
| 900 | -80.4654 | -80.4496 | -80.4628 | 15.7855 | 2.5935 | 0.0121 | 0.0120 |
| 950 | -80.4659 | -80.4501 | -80.4633 | 15.7921 | 2.5953 | 0.0067 | 0.0018 |

Table 6: K-density: Convergence test of boron. Criteria is 1 meV.

| 4 -80.4342 -80.4199 -80.4354 16.3471 2.0519 0.0163 0.018 | K-density (1/Å ³) | E_{perf} (eV) | E_{dec} (eV) | E_{inc} (eV) | E_{dec}^{rel} (meV) | E _{inc} (meV) | ΔE_{dec}^{rel} (meV) | ΔE_{inc}^{rel} (meV) |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 4 -80.4342 -80.4199 -80.4354 16.3471 2.0519 0.0163 0.018 | 2 | -80.4923 | -80.4760 | -80.4898 | 16.2435 | 2.4457 | - | - |
| | 3 | -80.4276 | -80.4113 | -80.4255 | 16.3307 | 2.0707 | 0.0873 | 0.3750 |
| 5 -80.4375 -80.4212 -80.4355 16.3470 2.0716 0.0001 0.019 | 4 | -80.4342 | -80.4199 | -80.4354 | 16.3471 | 2.0519 | 0.0163 | 0.0188 |
| | 5 | -80.4375 | -80.4212 | -80.4355 | 16.3470 | 2.0716 | 0.0001 | 0.0198 |
| 6 -80.4375 -80.4212 -80.4355 16.3368 2.0831 0.0102 0.011 | 6 | -80.4375 | -80.4212 | -80.4355 | 16.3368 | 2.0831 | 0.0102 | 0.0114 |
| 7 -80.4375 -80.4212 -80.4355 16.3522 2.0772 0.0154 0.005 | 7 | -80.4375 | -80.4212 | -80.4355 | 16.3522 | 2.0772 | 0.0154 | 0.0059 |
| 8 -80.4375 -80.4212 -80.4355 16.3443 2.0709 0.0079 0.006 | 8 | -80.4375 | -80.4212 | -80.4355 | 16.3443 | 2.0709 | 0.0079 | 0.0064 |
| 9 -80.4375 -80.4212 -80.4355 16.3380 2.0667 0.0063 0.004 | 9 | -80.4375 | -80.4212 | -80.4355 | 16.3380 | 2.0667 | 0.0063 | 0.0042 |

Table 7: Kpoints mesh for boron (mp-160).

| K-density (1/Å ³) | Kpoints mesh |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 | $3 \times 3 \times 3$ |
| 3 | $4 \times 4 \times 4$ |
| 4 | $5 \times 5 \times 5$ |
| 5 | $7 \times 7 \times 7$ |
| 6 | $8 \times 8 \times 8$ |
| 7 | $9\times 9\times 9$ |
| 8 | $10\times10\times10$ |
| 9 | $12\times12\times12$ |

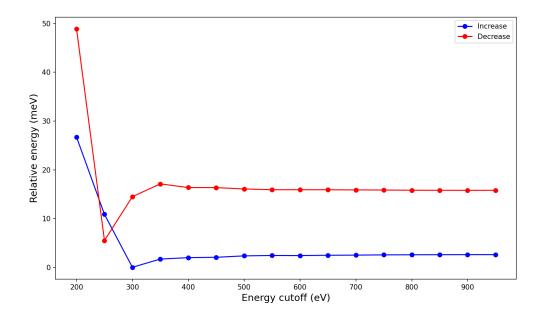


Figure 3: Convergence test of boron.

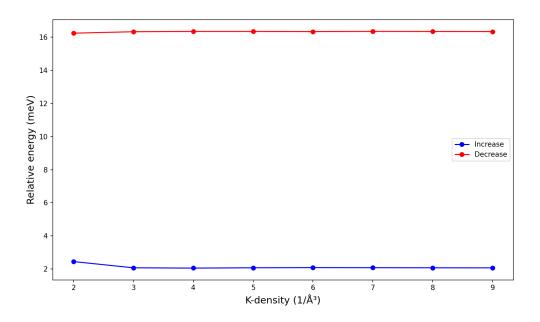


Figure 4: Convergence test of boron.

2.2 Nitrogen

Table 8: Energy cutoff: Convergence test of nitrogen. Criteria is 1 meV.

| ENCUT (eV) | E_{perf} (eV) | E_{dec} (eV) | E_{inc} (eV) | E_{dec}^{rel} (meV) | E _{inc} (meV) | ΔE_{dec}^{rel} (meV) | ΔE_{inc}^{rel} (meV) |
|------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 200 | -17.2558 | -17.2318 | -17.2195 | 24.0068 | 36.2361 | - | _ |
| 250 | -16.6474 | -16.6301 | -16.6489 | 17.3020 | 1.4754 | 6.7049 | 34.7608 |
| 300 | -16.4950 | -16.4872 | -16.4993 | 7.7920 | 4.3531 | 9.5100 | 2.8778 |
| 350 | -16.5192 | -16.5103 | -16.5228 | 8.8587 | 3.5650 | 1.0667 | 0.7882 |
| 400 | -16.5906 | -16.5837 | -16.5946 | 6.8461 | 3.9972 | 2.0126 | 0.4322 |
| 450 | -16.6146 | -16.6101 | -16.6188 | 4.4686 | 4.2182 | 2.3775 | 0.2210 |
| 500 | -16.6232 | -16.6188 | -16.6267 | 4.3515 | 3.5494 | 0.1171 | 0.6688 |
| 550 | -16.6285 | -16.6243 | -16.6318 | 4.1817 | 3.3163 | 0.1699 | 0.2331 |
| 600 | -16.6332 | -16.6291 | -16.6363 | 4.0529 | 3.1872 | 0.1288 | 0.1292 |
| 650 | -16.6366 | -16.6326 | -16.6398 | 3.9907 | 3.1911 | 0.0622 | 0.0040 |
| 700 | -16.6389 | -16.6350 | -16.6421 | 3.9576 | 3.1518 | 0.0331 | 0.0394 |
| 750 | -16.6399 | -16.6359 | -16.6430 | 3.9074 | 3.1653 | 0.0502 | 0.0135 |
| 800 | -16.6406 | -16.6367 | -16.6437 | 3.9270 | 3.1215 | 0.0196 | 0.0438 |
| 850 | -16.6410 | -16.6371 | -16.6441 | 3.9195 | 3.1240 | 0.0076 | 0.0025 |
| 900 | -16.6413 | -16.6374 | -16.6444 | 3.8977 | 3.1113 | 0.0217 | 0.0127 |
| 950 | -16.6417 | -16.6378 | -16.6448 | 3.8852 | 3.1017 | 0.0126 | 0.0095 |
| | | | | | | | |

Table 9: K-density: Convergence test of nitrogen. Criteria is 1 meV. We can note that gases are independent of the kdensity or kpoints mesh. The Γ -point only calculation is sufficient.

| K-density (1/Å ³) | E _{perf} (eV) | E_{dec} (eV) | Einc (eV) | E_{dec}^{rel} (meV) | E _{inc} (meV) | ΔE_{dec}^{rel} (meV) | $\Delta E_{inc}^{rel} \text{ (meV)}$ |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | -16.6233 | -16.6193 | -16.6267 | 4.0180 | 3.3979 | - | - |
| 2 | -16.6233 | -16.6188 | -16.6268 | 4.4684 | 3.5690 | 0.4504 | 0.1711 |
| 4 | -16.6232 | -16.6188 | -16.6267 | 4.3515 | 3.5494 | 0.1169 | 0.0196 |
| 5 | -16.6231 | -16.6188 | -16.6267 | 4.3198 | 3.5666 | 0.0318 | 0.0172 |
| 7 | -16.6232 | -16.6188 | -16.6267 | 4.3258 | 3.5164 | 0.0061 | 0.0502 |
| 8 | -16.6232 | -16.6188 | -16.6267 | 4.3391 | 3.5305 | 0.0133 | 0.0141 |

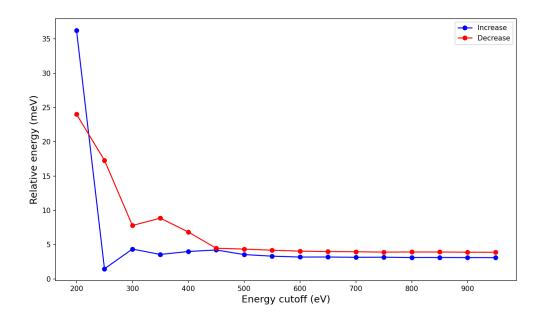


Figure 5: Convergence test of nitrogen.

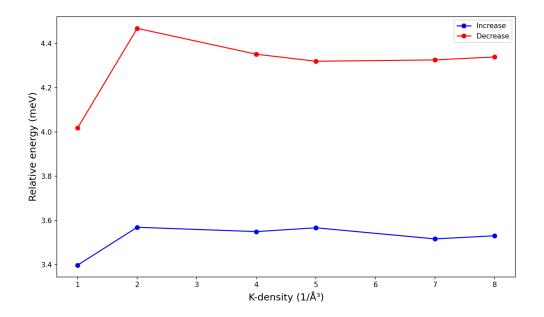


Figure 6: Convergence test of nitrogen.

3 Chemical potentials: Stable phases

Table 10: Boron and nitrogen structures.

| Species | Total energy (eV) | Number of atoms | $\mu_i^{elemental}$ (eV) |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Boron | -80.43 | 12 | -6.70 |
| Nitrogen | -16.63 | 2 | -8.31 |

4 Convergence for supercell size

$$E_{form}^{q=0} = E_{def}^{q=0} - E_{perf} + \mu_i^{elemental}$$
 (5)

Table 11: Convergence test of supercell size for c-BN.

| N | E_{perf} (eV) | $E_{def}[V_B]$ (eV) | $E_{def}[V_N]$ (eV) | $E_{form}[V_B]$ (eV) | $E_{form}[V_N]$ (eV) |
|------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 64 | -558.450 | -542.435 | -542.054 | 9.311 | 8.071 |
| 216 | -1884.780 | -1868.495 | -1868.242 | 9.581 | 8.212 |
| 512 | -4467.653 | -4451.32 | -4451.095 | 9.628 | 8.232 |
| 1000 | -8725.994 | -8709.647 | -8709.423 | 9.643 | 8.245 |
| 1728 | -15078.619 | -15062.268 | -15062.042 | 9.647 | 8.251 |

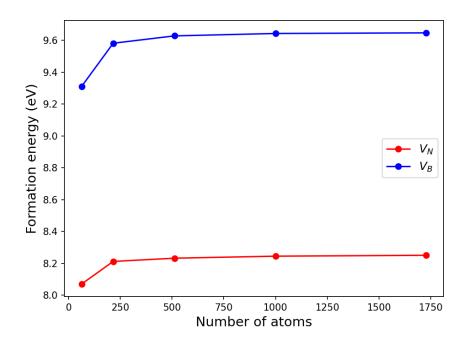


Figure 7: Convergence test on supercell size for native vacancies.

5 Supercell: Convergence tests

Using supercell with 216 atoms for nitrogen vacancy (V_N^0) . Keep in mind the **Eq. 5**.

Table 12: Energy cutoff: Convergence test of supercell for nitrogen vacancy (V_N^0)

| ENCUT (eV) | E_{perf} (eV) | $E_{def}[V_N^0]$ (eV) | E _{form} (eV) | $\Delta E_{form} \text{ (meV)}$ |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 200 | -1834.115 | -1818.842 | 6.963 | _ |
| 250 | -1893.042 | -1876.577 | 8.155 | 1.192 |
| 300 | -1886.670 | -1870.314 | 8.046 | 0.109 |
| 350 | -1881.787 | -1865.501 | 7.976 | 0.070 |
| 400 | -1884.291 | -1867.965 | 8.016 | 0.040 |
| 450 | -1884.546 | -1868.208 | 8.028 | 0.012 |
| 500 | -1884.225 | -1867.889 | 8.026 | 0.002 |
| 550 | -1884.296 | -1867.959 | 8.026 | 0.001 |
| 600 | -1884.593 | -1868.255 | 8.029 | 0.002 |
| 650 | -1884.875 | -1868.535 | 8.030 | 0.002 |
| 700 | -1885.008 | -1868.667 | 8.031 | 0.001 |
| 750 | -1885.077 | -1868.736 | 8.031 | 0.000 |
| 800 | -1885.177 | -1868.834 | 8.032 | 0.001 |
| 850 | -1885.182 | -1868.840 | 8.032 | 0.000 |
| 900 | -1885.194 | -1868.852 | 8.032 | 0.000 |
| 950 | -1885.243 | -1868.901 | 8.033 | 0.000 |

Table 13: K-density: Convergence test of supercell for nitrogen vacancy (V_N^0) .

| K-density (1/Å ³) | E_{perf} (eV) | $E_{def}[V_N^0]$ (eV) | E_{form} (eV) | $\Delta E_{form} (\text{meV})$ |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | -1884.225 | -1867.889 | 8.026 | - |
| 2 | -1884.766 | -1868.411 | 8.045 | 0.019 |
| 4 | -1884.765 | -1868.409 | 8.046 | 0.001 |
| 6 | -1884.765 | -1868.409 | 8.046 | 0.000 |
| 7 | -1884.764 | -1868.409 | 8.046 | 0.000 |
| 9 | -1884.765 | -1868.409 | 8.046 | 0.000 |

Table 14: Kpoints mesh for supercell.

| K-density (1/Å ³) | Kpoints mesh |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | $1 \times 1 \times 1$ |
| 2 | $2\times2\times2$ |
| 3 | $2 \times 2 \times 2$ |
| 4 | $3 \times 3 \times 3$ |
| 5 | $3 \times 3 \times 3$ |
| 6 | $4 \times 4 \times 4$ |
| 7 | $5 \times 5 \times 5$ |
| 8 | $5 \times 5 \times 5$ |
| 9 | $6 \times 6 \times 6$ |

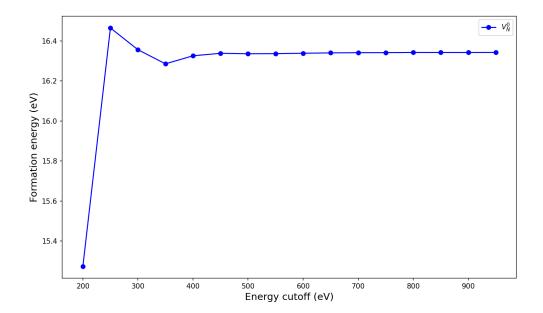


Figure 8: Convergence test of supercell for nitrogen vacancy (V_N^0) .

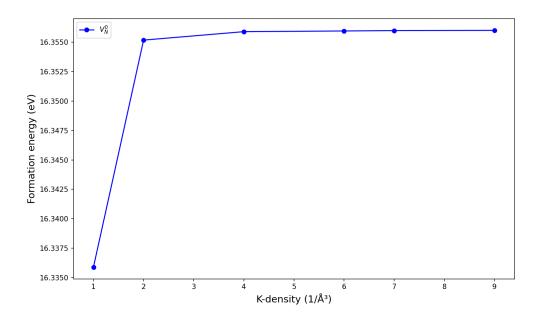


Figure 9: Convergence test of supercell for nitrogen vacancy (V_N^0) .