

**Supporting information**

# **Initial Decomposition Reactions of Bicyclo HMX [BCHMX or cis-1,3,4,6-Tetranitrooctahydroimidazo-[4,5-d]imidazo le] from Quantum Molecular Dynamics Simulations**

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## Coordinates for structures of BCHMX

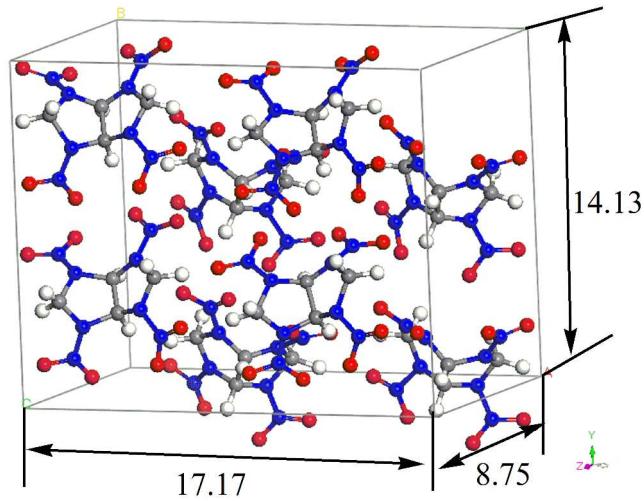
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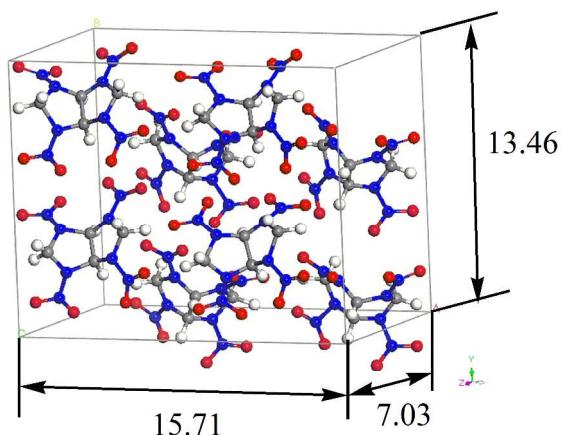
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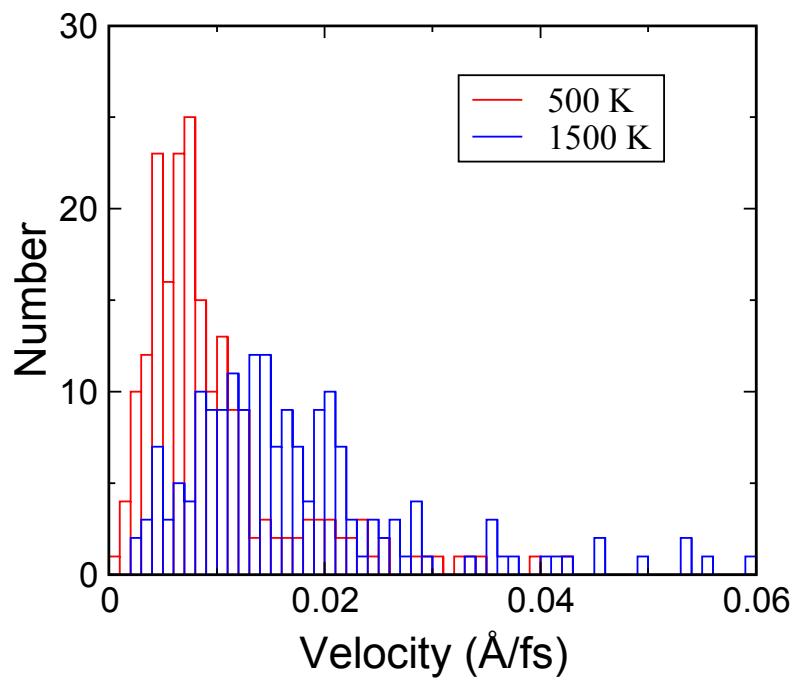


(a) non-compressed BCHMX supercell

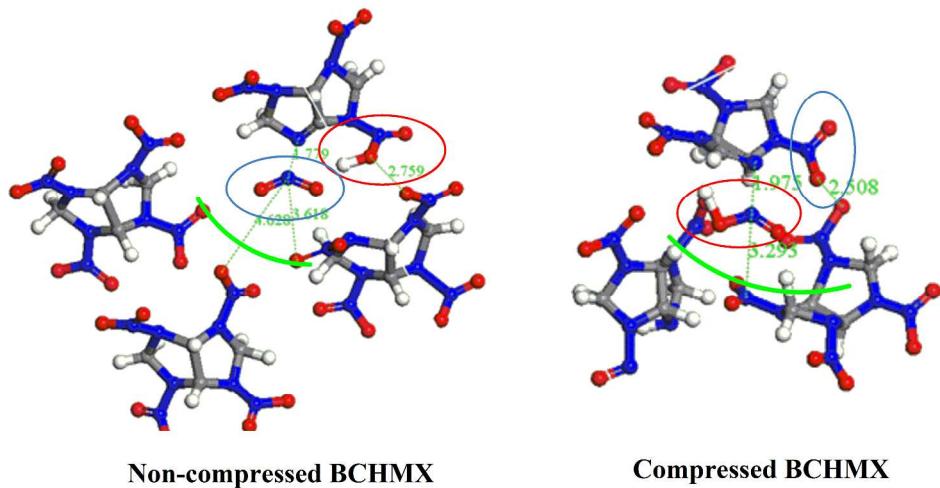


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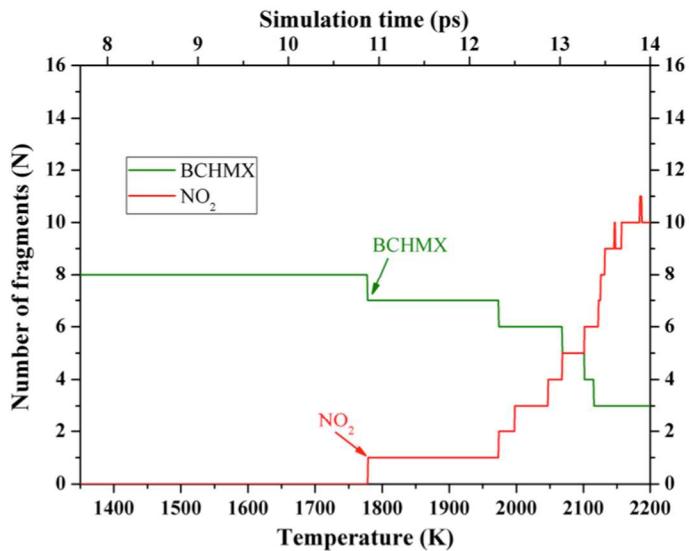
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**Table S1.** The bond type and bond distance cut-off table in the fragment analysis.

<b>Bond type</b>	<b>r<sub>cut-off</sub> (Å)</b>
C-C	2.31
C-H	1.63
C-O	2.15
C-N	2.20
H-H	1.11
H-O	1.50
H-N	1.61
O-O	2.22
O-N	2.10
N-N	2.17

### Atomic coordinates of all TS shown in this study

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