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Hydrogen Storage in Titanium-decorated Boron Buckyball JIA LI, GANG ZHOU, WENHUI DUAN, Department of Physics, Tsinghua University, Beijing 100084, PR China, HOONKYUNG LEE, JISOON IHM, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Seoul 151-747, Korea — Using first-principles electronic structure calculations, we investigate the potential of Ti-decorated B_{80} for hydrogen storage medium. The Ti-decorated B_{80} has the merit of an unexpected large binding energy of a Ti atom to B_{80} which can overcome the problem of metal clustering. Up to four hydrogen molecules are found to be adsorbed on a single Ti atom coated on B_{80} . At high Ti coverage, we show that the Ti-decorated B_{80} can adsorb up to 5 wt% hydrogen and the calculated binding energy falls in the desirable range of 0.2-0.6eV/H₂ which is suitable for reversible hydrogen storage at room-temperature, near-ambient-pressure conditions.

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