

# “Supporting Information”

## **A DFT study on the N<sub>2</sub>O reduction by CO molecule over silicon carbide nanotubes and nanosheets**

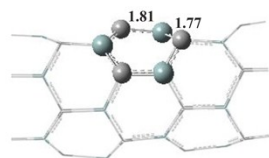
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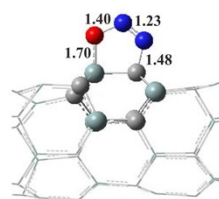
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**Figure S1.** Optimized structures of pristine, adsorbed  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}$  molecule over a (5,0) SiCNT (complexes **I**, **J**) and a long-length (6,0) SiCNT (complexes **K**, **L**). All bond distances are in Å.

(5,0) SiCNT



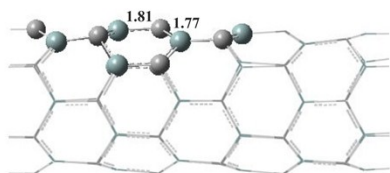
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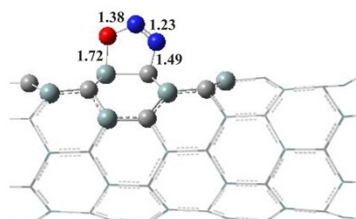
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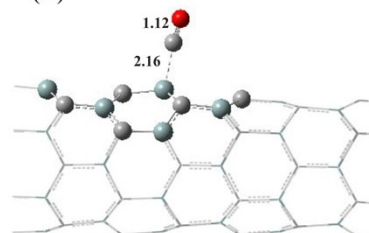
Long-length (6,0) SiCNT



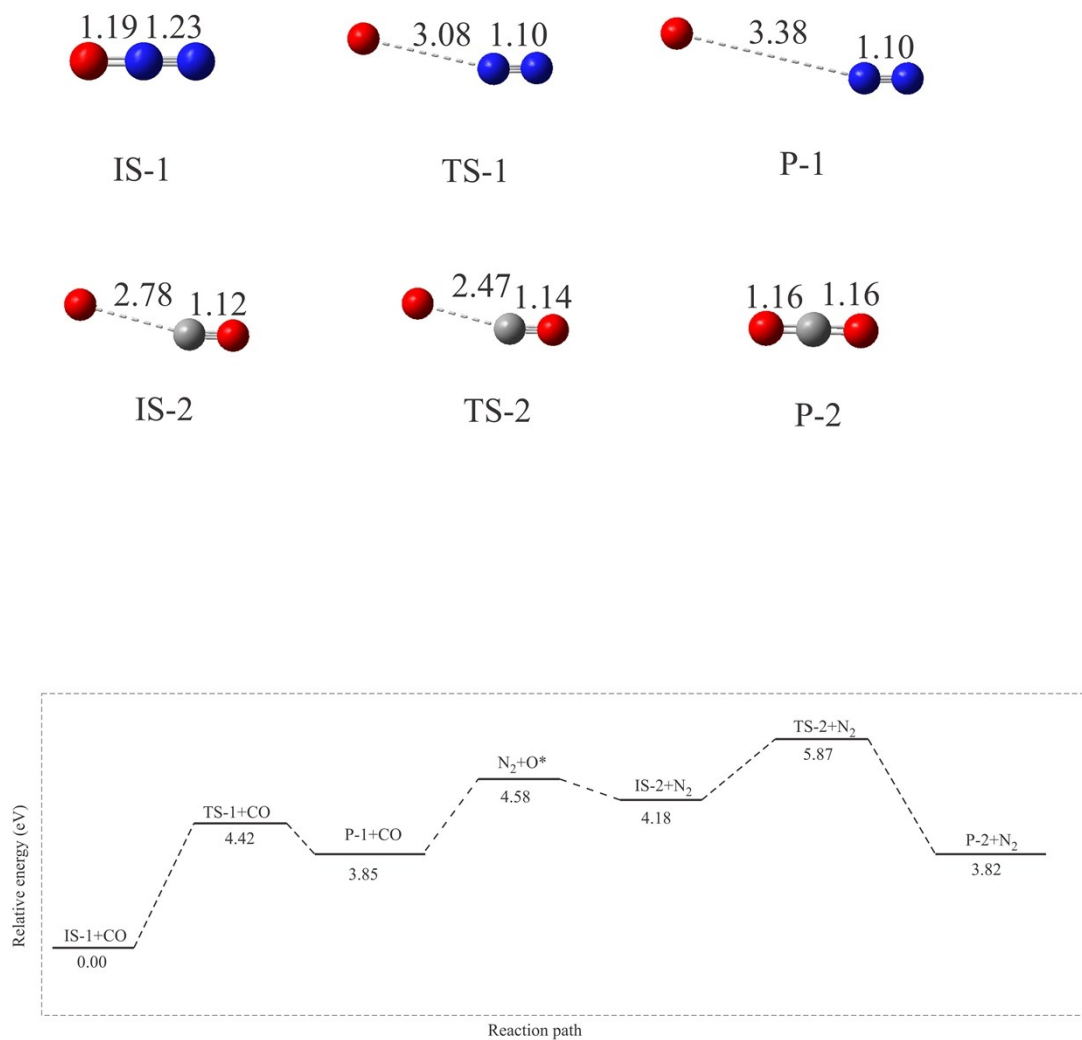
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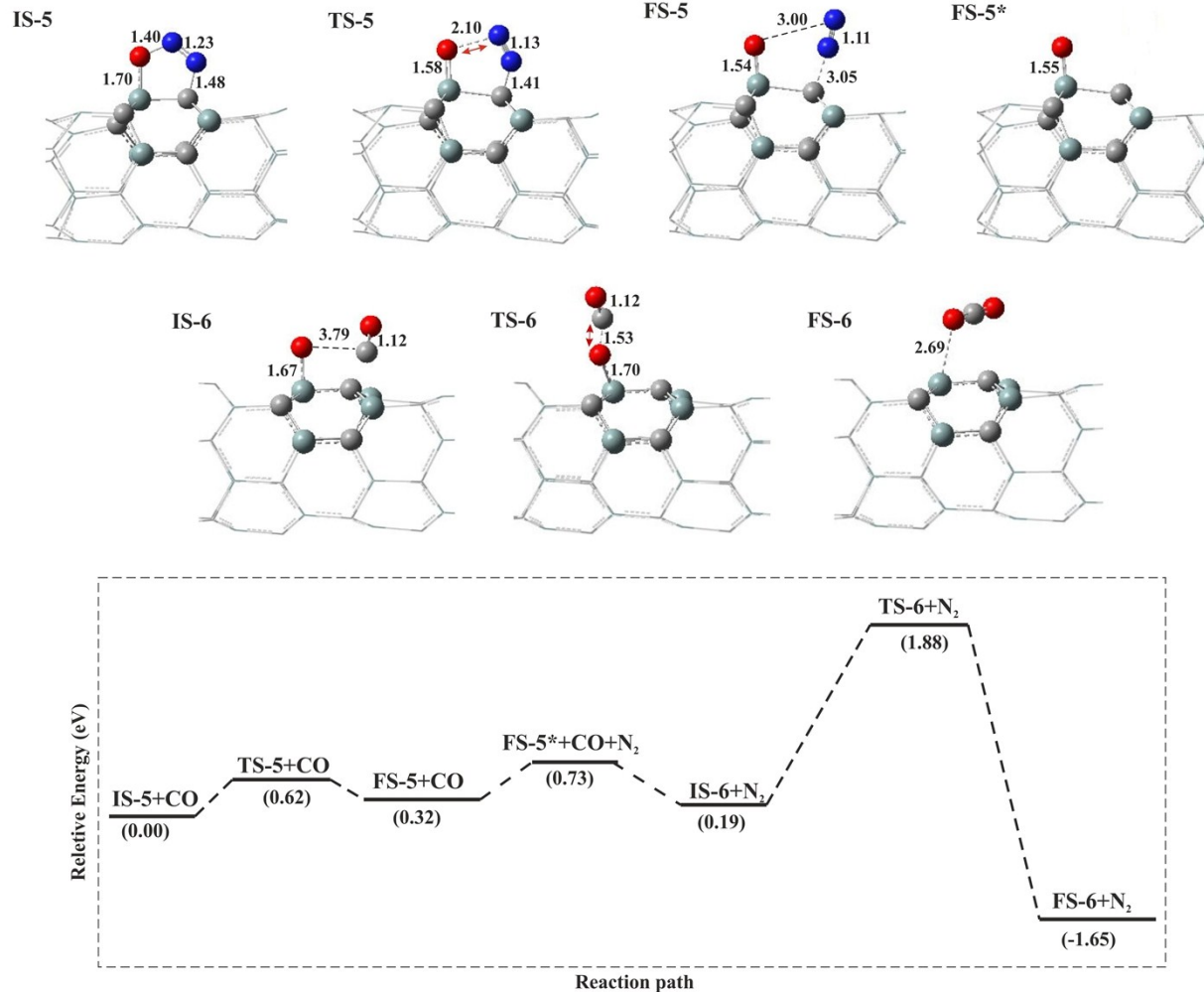


**Figure S2.** Reaction energy profiles and the corresponding optimized structures (at the M062X/6-31G\* level) of the stationary points for the direct reduction of N<sub>2</sub>O by CO. All energy values and distances are in eV and Å, respectively.



**Figure S3.** Reaction energy profiles and the corresponding optimized structures of the stationary points for the reduction of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  by CO over the (5,0) SiCNT. All energy values and distances are in eV and Å, respectively.

**SiCNT(5,0)**



**Table S1.** Calculated binding distances (R), adsorption energies ( $E_{\text{ads}}$ ), Mulliken ( $q_{\text{CT,M}}$ ) and Hirshfeld ( $q_{\text{CT,H}}$ ) charge-transfer values of adsorbed  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  and CO molecules over the (5,0) SiCNT (complexes **E** and **F**) and long-length (6,0) SiCNT (complexes **G** and **H**)

configuration	R (Å)	$E_{\text{ads}}$ (eV)	$q_{\text{CT,M}}$ (e)	$q_{\text{CT,H}}$ (e)
<i>(5,0) SiCNT</i>				
<b>E</b>	1.70	-0.86	0.54	0.32
<b>F</b>	2.11	-0.48	0.17	0.12
<i>Long-length (6,0) SiCNT</i>				
<b>G</b>	1.72	-0.69	0.55	0.30
<b>H</b>	2.16	-0.47	0.16	0.10

**Table S2.** Calculated activation energy ( $E_{\text{act}}$ ) and reaction energy ( $\Delta E$ ) for different pathways of reduction of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  by CO molecule over (5,0) SiCNT

Reaction	$E_{\text{act}}$ (eV)	$\Delta E$ (eV)
(5,0) SiCNT		
IS-5 $\rightarrow$ FS-5	0.62	0.32
IS-6 $\rightarrow$ FS-6	1.69	-1.84