

Supporting Information

Theoretical screening of graphyne-supported single transition metals for the N₂ reduction reaction

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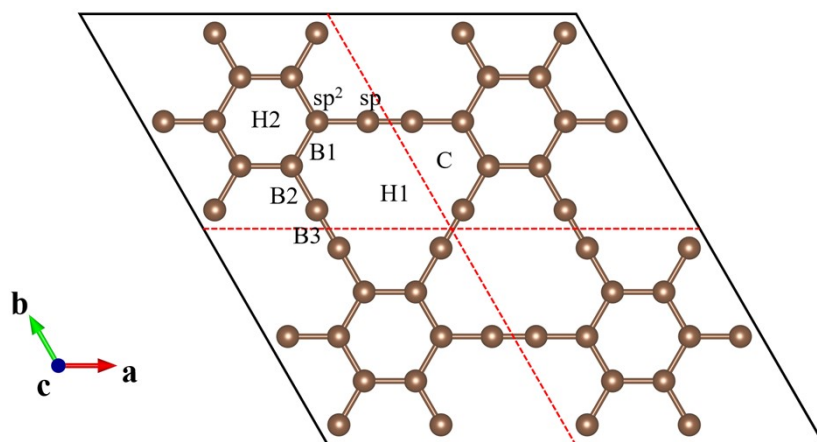


Fig. S1 The top view of the (2×2) GY supercell, which sp - and sp^2 -hybridized C atoms coexist. The all possible adsorption sites of TM are labeled, i.e. B1, B2, B3, H1, H2, and C.

Table S1. The N-N bond length (L_{N-N} , Å) of N₂ adsorbed on TM@GY and the Bader charge (Q_{N_2} , |e|) transfer between N and TM@GY.

TM@GY	End-on		Side-on	
	L_{N-N} (Å)	Q_{N_2} (e)	L_{N-N} (Å)	Q_{N_2} (e)
Sc@GY	1.136	0.236	1.164	0.414
Ti@GY	1.131	0.183	1.179	0.489
V@GY	1.131	0.170	1.163	0.361
Cr@GY	1.139	0.303	1.188	0.466
Mn@GY	1.138	0.279	1.172	0.371
Fe@GY	1.138	0.274	1.158	0.302
Co@GY	1.130	0.213	1.115	0.017
Ni@GY	1.115	0.014	1.115	0.019
Cu@GY	1.115	0.005	1.115	0.006
Y@GY	1.141	0.351	1.165	0.480
Zr@GY	1.130	0.185	1.180	0.563
Nb@GY	1.136	0.266	1.166	0.424
Mo@GY	1.149	0.362	1.194	0.490
Tc@GY	1.150	0.377	1.203	0.449
Ru@GY	1.144	0.324	1.174	0.334
Rh@GY	1.134	0.225	1.115	0.014
Pd@GY	1.115	0.010	1.115	0.011
Ag@GY	1.115	0.004	1.115	0.007
Hf@GY	1.135	0.189	1.189	0.559

Ta@GY	1.143	0.315	1.180	0.489
W@GY	1.158	0.462	1.211	0.587
Re@GY	1.158	0.414	1.226	0.542
Os@GY	1.144	0.297	1.188	0.386
Ir@GY	1.136	0.192	1.156	0.233
Pt@GY	1.115	0.010	1.115	0.011
Au@GY	1.115	0.005	1.115	0.005

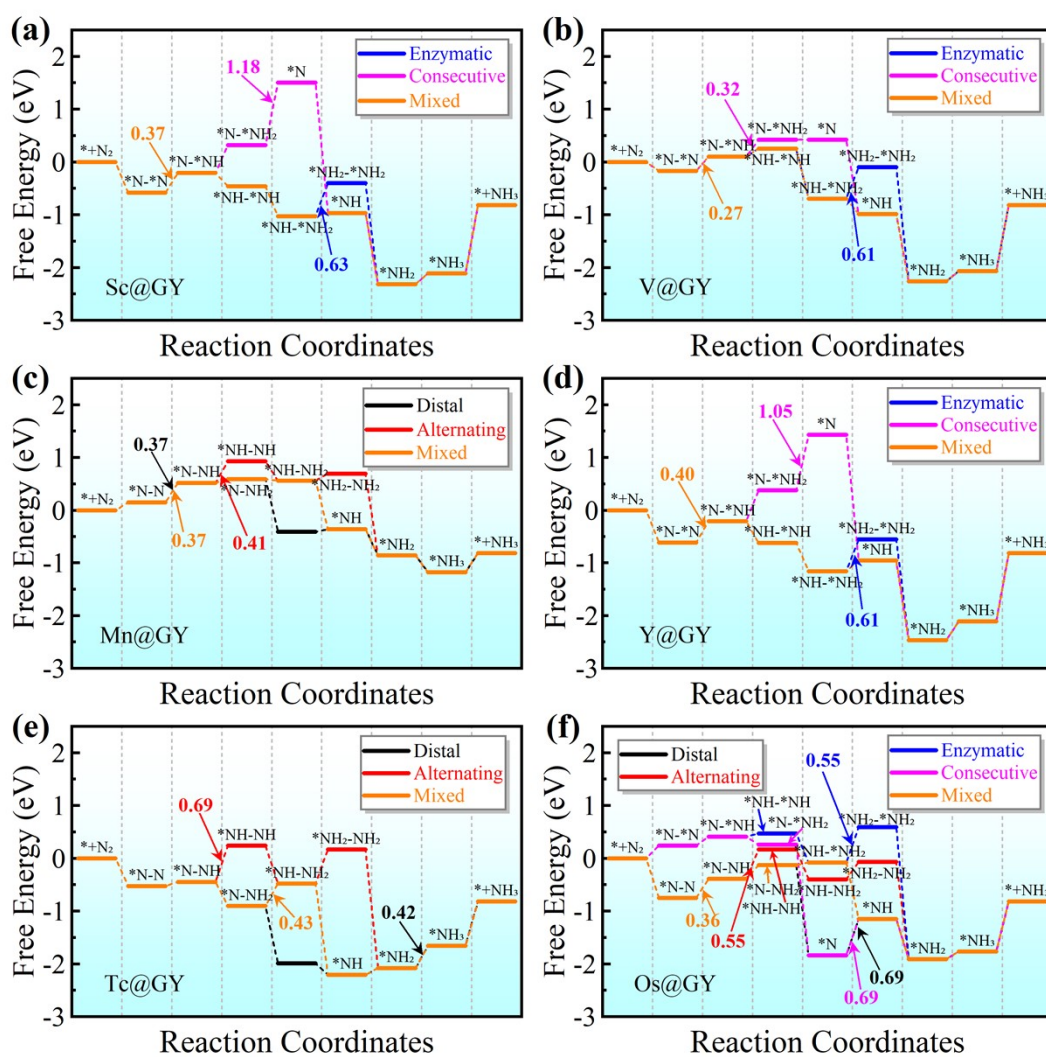


Fig. S2. NRR free energy diagrams of NRR on (a) Sc@GY, (b) V@GY, (c) Mn@GY, (d) Y@GY, (e) Tc@GY, and (f) Os@GY via the possible pathways.

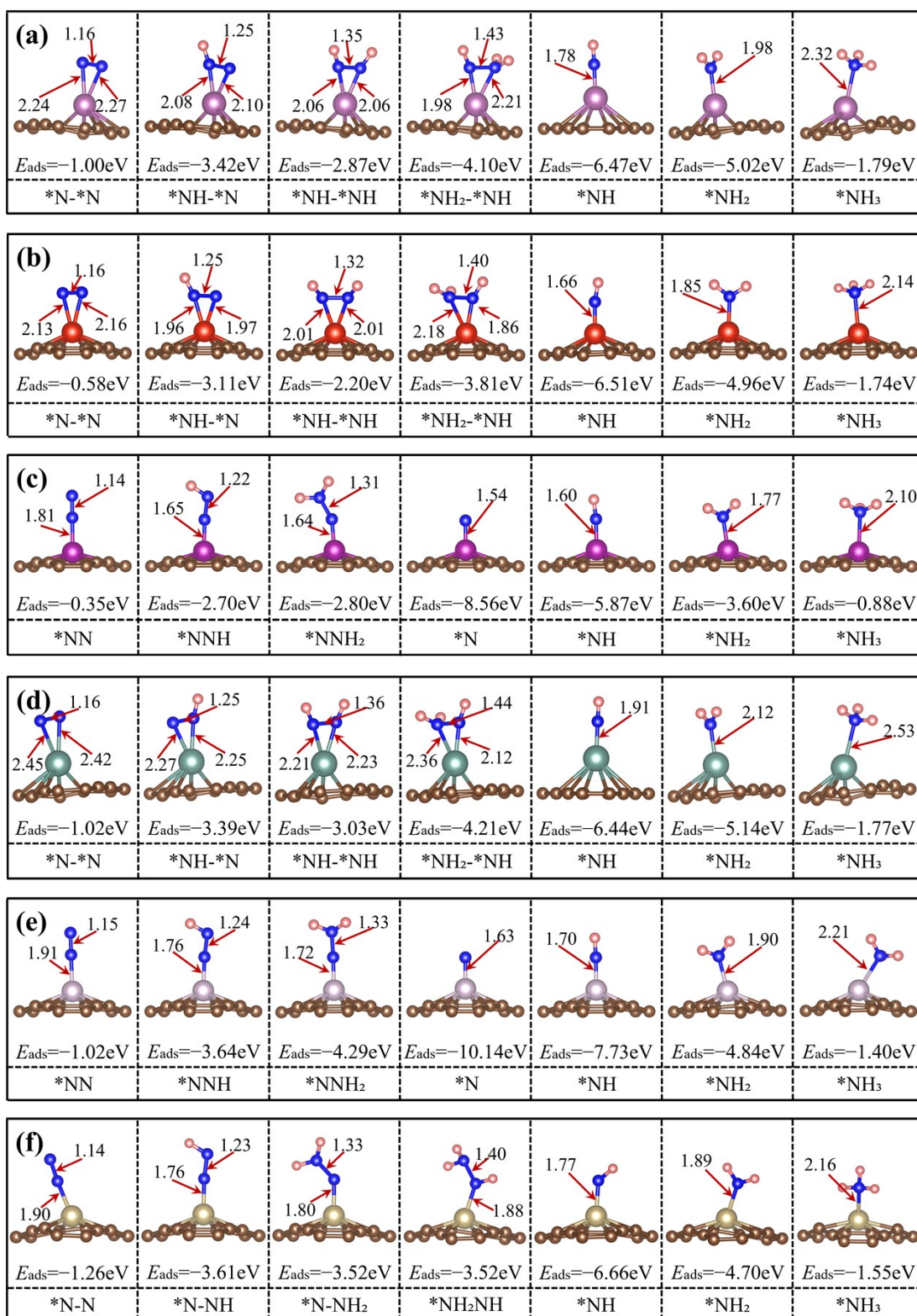


Fig. S3. Optimized Structures of the possible intermediates on (a) Sc@GY, (b) V@GY, (c) Mn@GY, (d) Y@GY, (e) Tc@GY, and (f) Os@GY via the most favorable pathway.

The corresponding E_{ads} and boYnd length of TM–N and N–N between the Candidate Catalyst and reaction intermediates are also displayed.

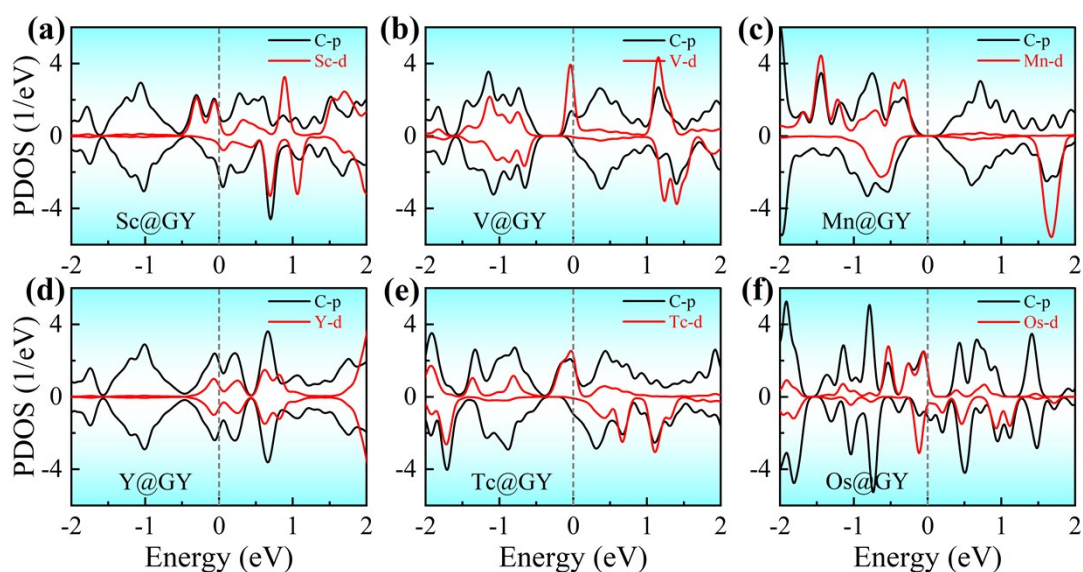


Fig. S4. The partial densities of states (PDOS) of (a) Sc@GY, (b) V@GY, (c) Mn@GY, (d) Y@GY, (e) Tc@GY, and (f) Os@GY. The Fermi level is set to zero and indicated by the dotted line.

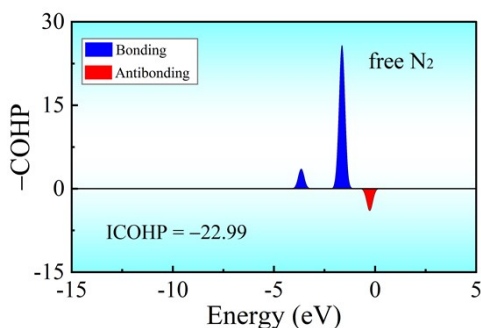


Fig. S5. The crystal orbital Hamilton populations (COHPs) of the N–N bond in a free N_2 molecule.

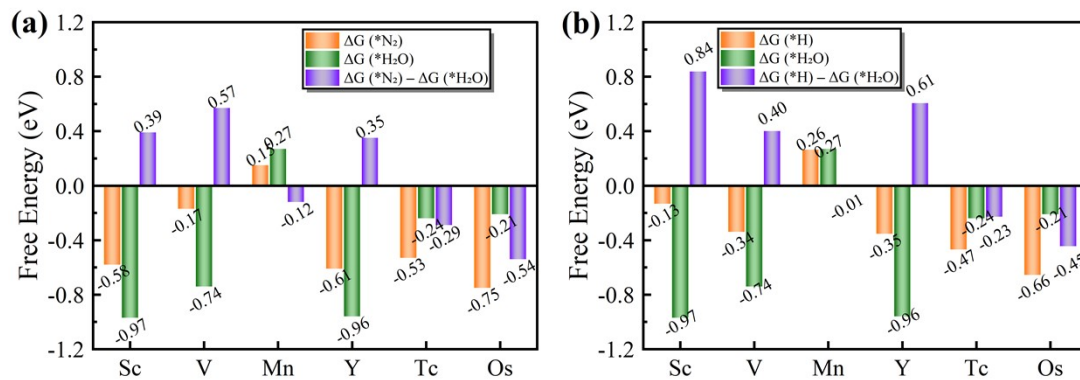


Fig. S6. Gibbs free energy of (a) *N_2 ($\Delta G_{^*N_2}$) and *H_2O ($\Delta G_{^*H_2O}$), and the difference between them ($\Delta G_{^*N_2} - \Delta G_{^*H_2O}$) on Sc, V, Mn, Y, Tc, and Os@GY. (b) *N_2 ($\Delta G_{^*H}$) and *H_2O ($\Delta G_{^*H_2O}$), and the difference between them ($\Delta G_{^*H} - \Delta G_{^*H_2O}$) on Sc, V, Mn, Y, Tc, and Os@GY.