

Supporting information

Tuning sp-hybridized N anchored the single atom on graphdiyne for efficient oxygen reduction reaction: A DFT study

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1. Computational details

The formation energy (ΔE_f) of the N-doping site in GDY is calculated as:

$$\Delta E_f = E(\text{N-doped GDY}) - \frac{m-n}{m} E(\text{GDY}) - \frac{n}{2} E(\text{N}_2)$$

where $E(\text{N-doped GDY})$ and $E(\text{GDY})$ are the total energies of the N-doped and original GDY, respectively. $E(\text{N}_2)$ is the total energy of an isolated N_2 molecule. m and n are the number of carbon atoms in the original GDY and the number of doped N atoms, respectively.

2. Results

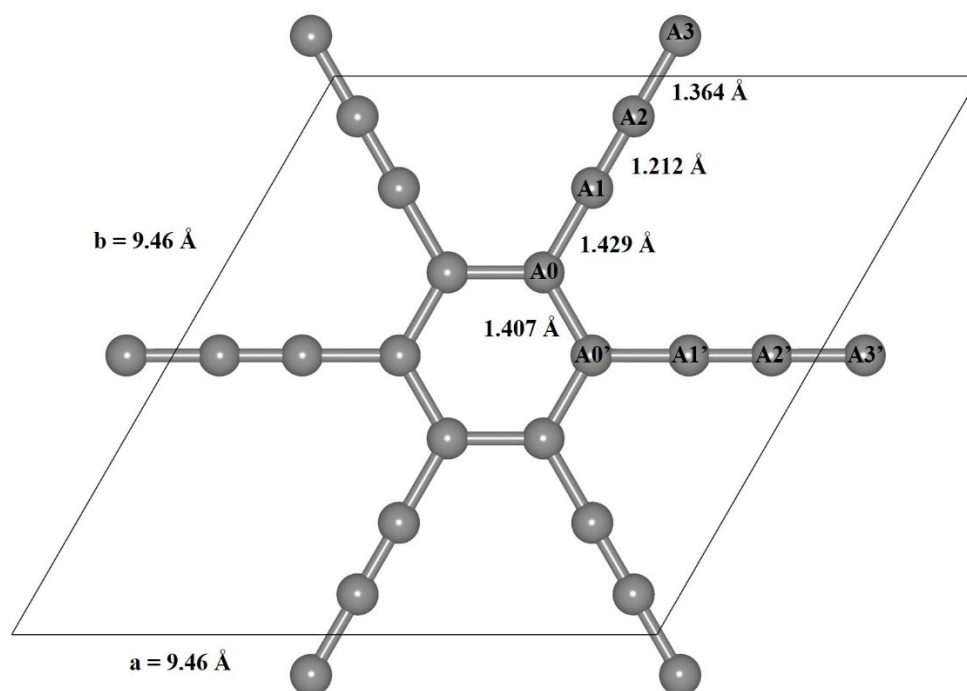
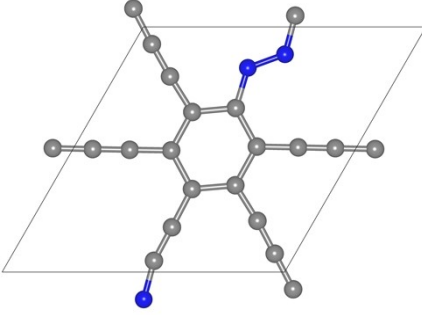
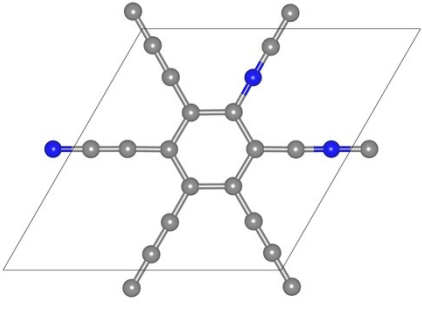
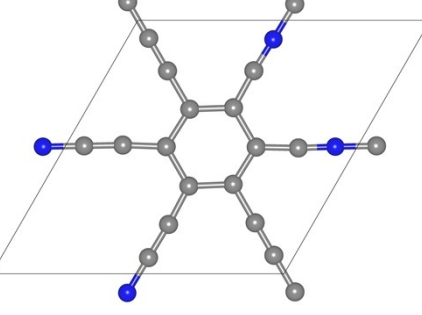
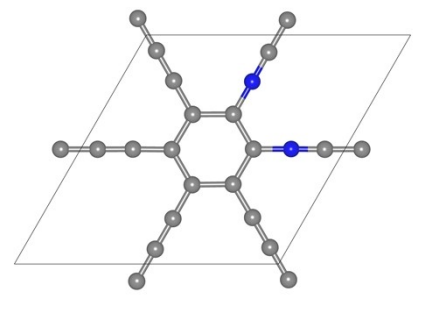


Fig. S1. The structure of pristine GDY. Note that the position of N-doping sites is marked as A1, A1', A2, A2'.

Table S1. Formation energies (ΔE_f) of N-doping sites in GDY.

| N-doping sites | Structure | ΔE_f (eV) |
|----------------|---|-------------------|
| A1-A2 |  | 1.16 |
| A1-A2' |  | 0.86 |
| A2- A2' |  | 1.00 |
| A1-A1' |  | 0.69 |

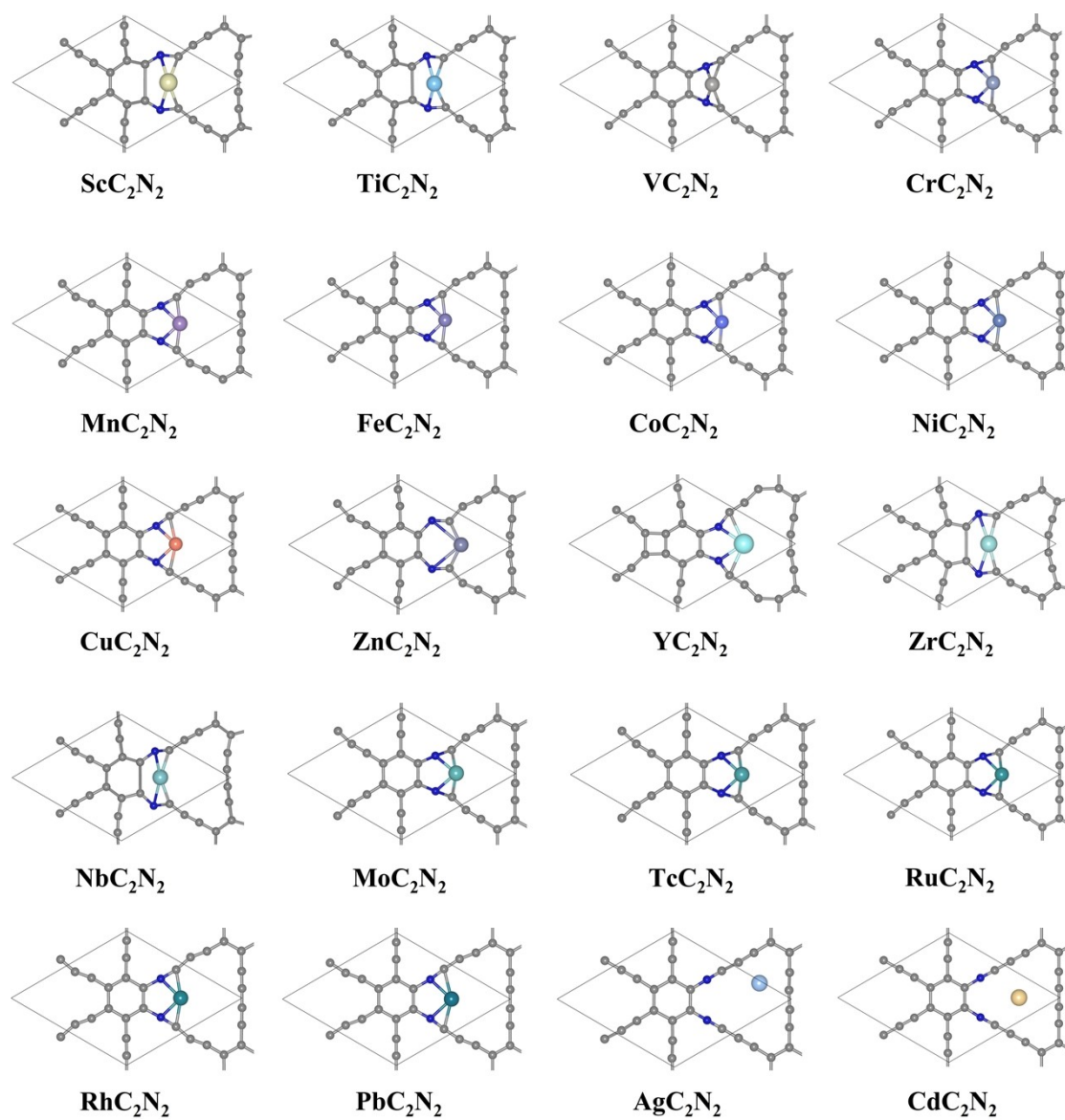


Fig. S2. Optimized structures of TMC_2N_2 .

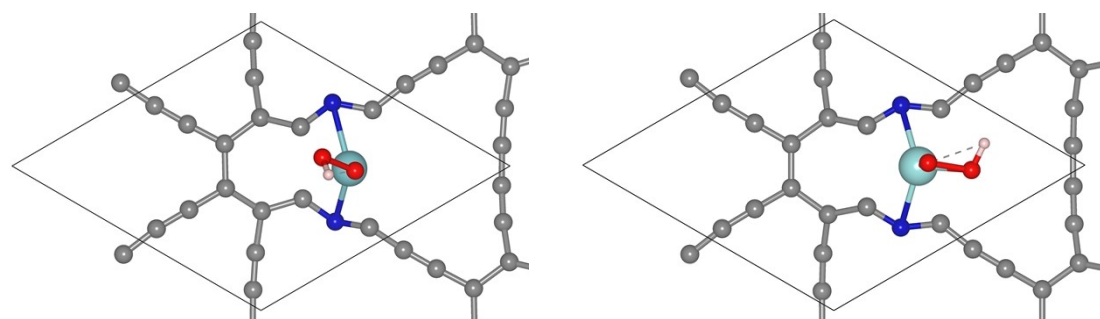


Fig. S3. Configurations of $^*\text{OOH}$ adsorbed on NbC_2N_2 and ZrC_2N_2 .

Table S2. Corresponding free energies of adsorption of *OOH, *O, and *OH on TMC₂N₂ and TMC₂N₂-OH. The values in the brackets are obtained in the H₂O solvent environment.

| | before OH ligand modification | | | after OH ligand modification | | |
|----|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | ΔG_{*OOH} | ΔG_{*O} | ΔG_{*OH} | ΔG_{*OOH} | ΔG_{*O} | ΔG_{*OH} |
| Sc | 2.28(1.93) | -0.23(-0.51) | -0.98(-1.53) | 3.48(3.13) | -0.73(-1.05) | 0.19(-0.44) |
| Ti | 1.44(1.11) | -0.82(-1.12) | -1.82(-2.44) | 3.47(3.13) | 0.59(0.32) | 0.03(-0.53) |
| V | 1.70(1.35) | -1.34(-1.63) | -1.77(-2.41) | 5.32(4.96) | 3.84(3.53) | 0.55(-0.09) |
| Cr | 2.12(1.84) | -0.71(-1.01) | -1.28(-1.85) | 4.66(4.31) | 0.41(0.13) | 0.37(-0.25) |
| Mn | 2.54(2.24) | -0.39(-0.72) | -0.76(-1.51) | 3.42(3.02) | 1.32(0.98) | 0.84(0.30) |
| Fe | 2.63(2.29) | 0.22(-0.05) | -0.88(-1.59) | 3.87(3.50) | 1.45(1.12) | 0.69(0.04) |
| Co | 3.23(2.94) | 0.65(0.32) | -0.11(-0.68) | 3.28(2.95) | 0.87(0.55) | -0.06(-0.64) |
| Ni | 2.72(2.46) | 0.35(0.04) | -0.34(-0.96) | 3.07(2.73) | 0.61(0.32) | 0.54(-0.04) |
| Cu | 2.67(2.39) | 0.35(0.02) | -0.76(-1.35) | 2.71(2.38) | 0.66(0.39) | 0.67(0.03) |
| Y | 1.73(1.39) | -0.80(-1.08) | -1.96(-2.53) | 3.37(3.03) | 2.90(2.58) | 0.02(-0.60) |
| Mo | 1.41(1.07) | -0.96(-1.21) | -1.61(-2.25) | 3.19(2.85) | 0.28(-0.04) | -0.12(-0.71) |
| Tc | 2.17(1.83) | -0.96(-1.26) | -1.14(-1.71) | 3.47(3.13) | 0.95(0.68) | 0.95(0.31) |
| Ru | 3.04(2.71) | 0.05(-0.24) | -0.23(-0.87) | 3.61(3.06) | 2.15(-0.48) | 0.51(-0.11) |
| Rh | 1.63(1.22) | -0.04(-0.39) | -1.47(-2.05) | 3.41(3.09) | -0.21(-0.59) | -0.01(-0.65) |

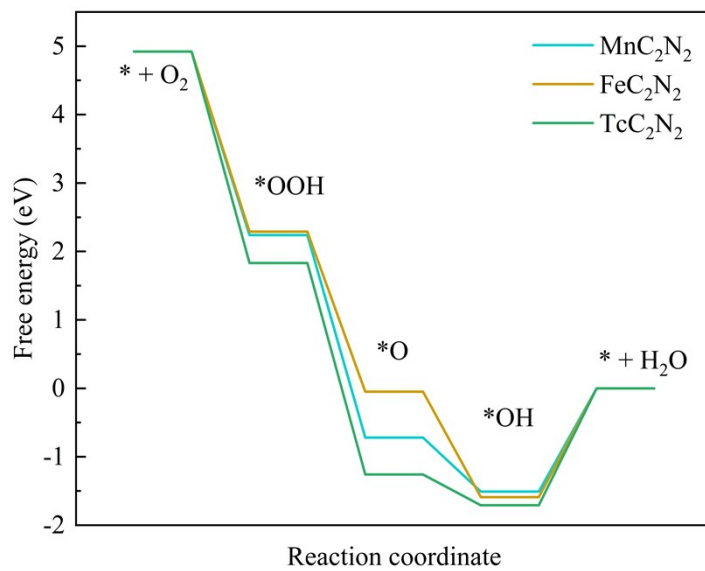


Fig. S4. Free energy diagrams of MnC₂N₂, FeC₂N₂, and TcC₂N₂.