

## Supplementary: NJC

### Metal cluster-deposited graphene as adsorptive materials for *m*-xylene

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#### 1. The metal clusters on pristine and defective graphenes

The optimized configurations and their corresponding  $E_{ad}$  of metal tetramers deposited on PG and DG are presented in Figure S1 to S4.

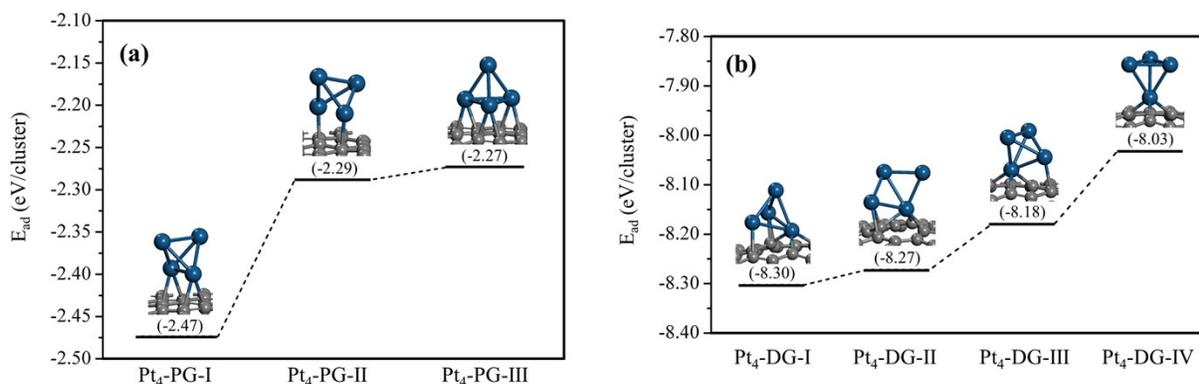


Figure S1.  $E_{ad}$  profiles and corresponding structures of (a) Pt<sub>4</sub>-PG and (b) Pt<sub>4</sub>-DG

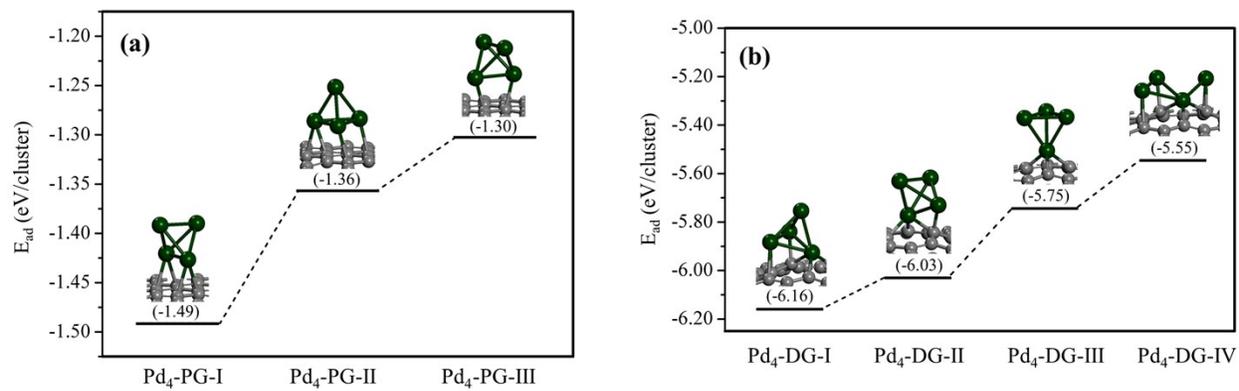


Figure S2.  $E_{ad}$  profiles and corresponding structures of (a) Pd<sub>4</sub>-PG and (b) Pd<sub>4</sub>-DG

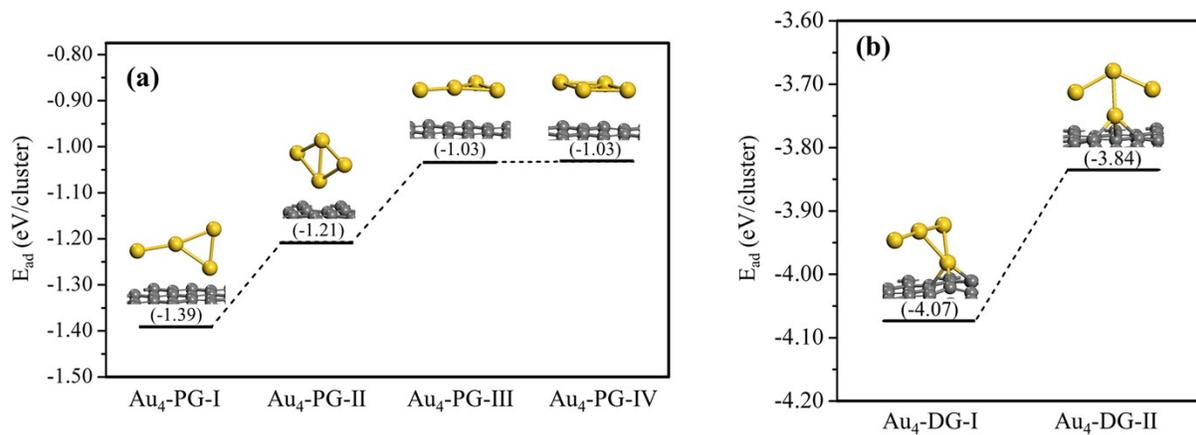


Figure S3.  $E_{ad}$  profiles and corresponding structures of (a) Au<sub>4</sub>-PG and (b) Au<sub>4</sub>-DG

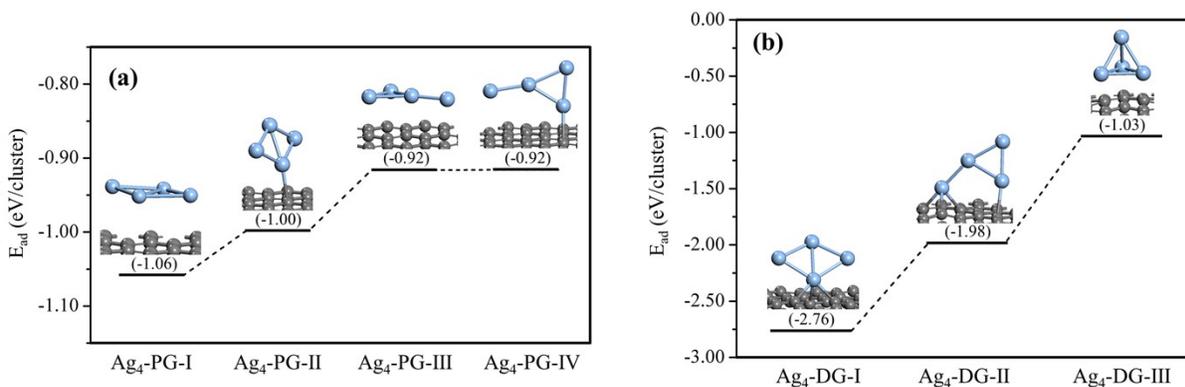


Figure S4.  $E_{ad}$  profiles and corresponding structures of (a)  $Ag_4$ -PG and (b)  $Ag_4$ -DG

## 2. Electronic charge properties

PDOSs of PG, DG and isolated *m*-xylene are shown in Figure S5 (a) to (c), respectively. PDOSs of *m*-xylene structures in gas phase and *m*-xylene adsorbed on four substrates are compared in Figure S6.

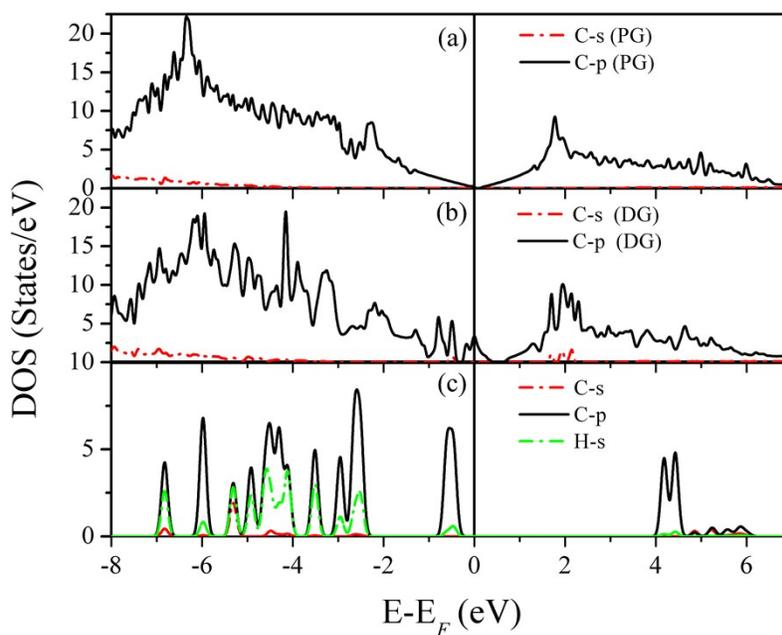


Figure S5. Projected density of states (PDOSs) of (a) PG, (b) DG and (c) isolated *m*-xylene

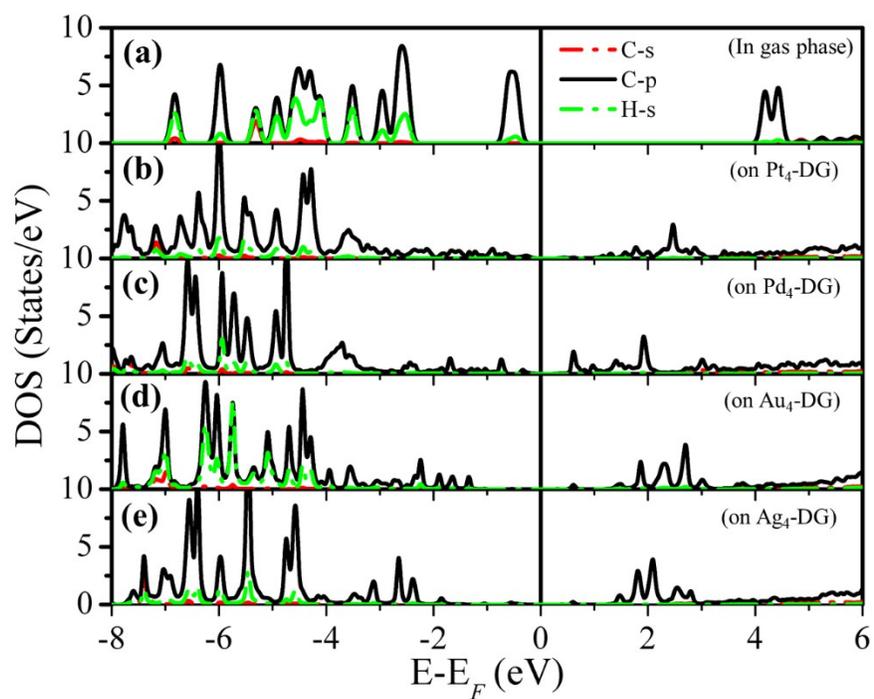


Figure S6. Comparison projected density of states (PDOSs) of *m*-xylene structures in (a) gas phase (b) *m*-xylene/Pt<sub>4</sub>-DG, (c) *m*-xylene/Pd<sub>4</sub>-DG, (d) *m*-xylene/Au<sub>4</sub>-DG and (e) *m*-xylene/Ag<sub>4</sub>-DG.