

## Supplementary Information

### Electron Transport Study on Functionalized Armchair Graphene Nanoribbons: DFT Calculations

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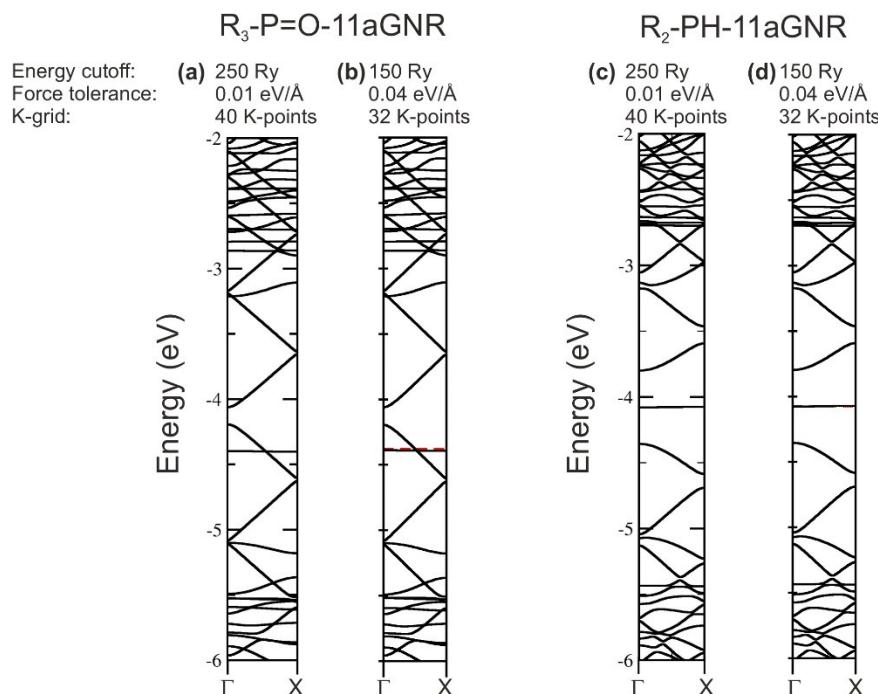
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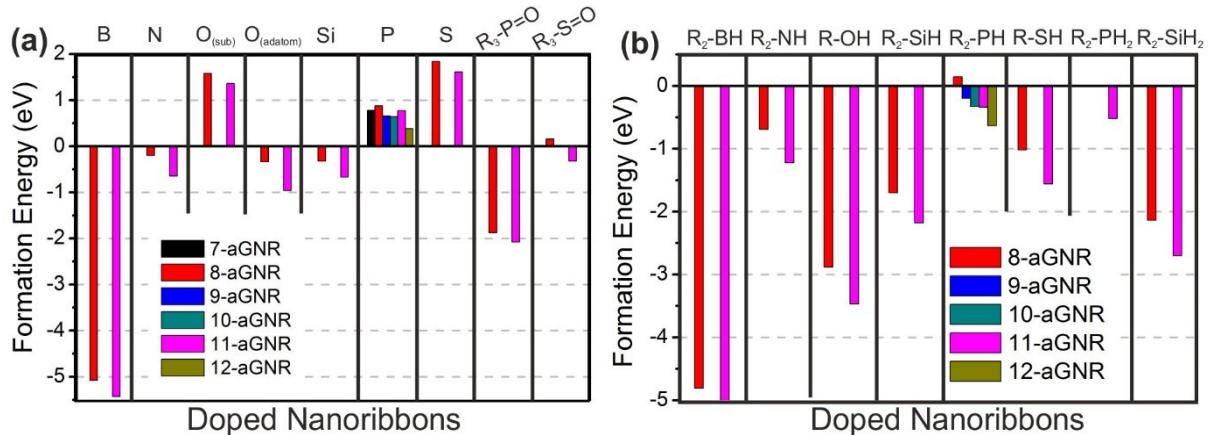
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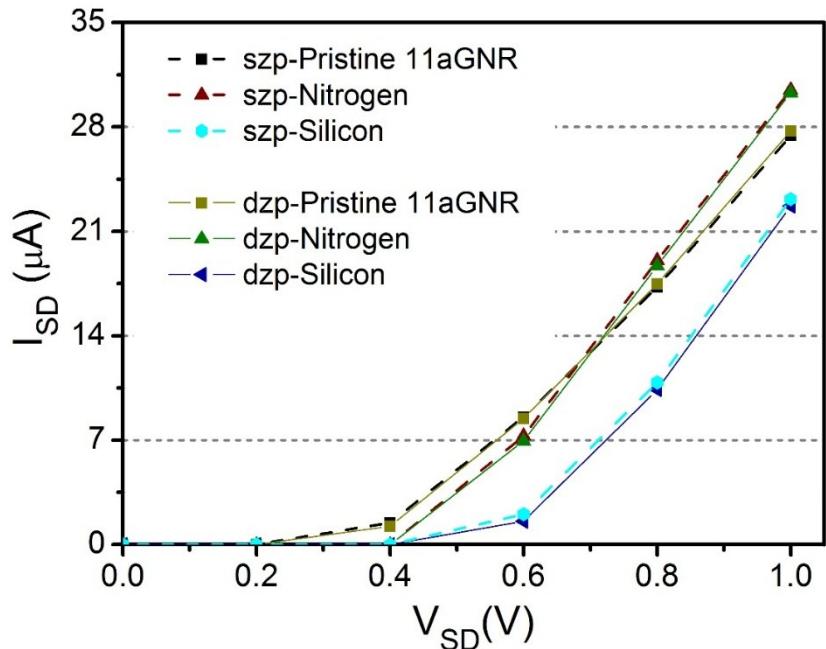
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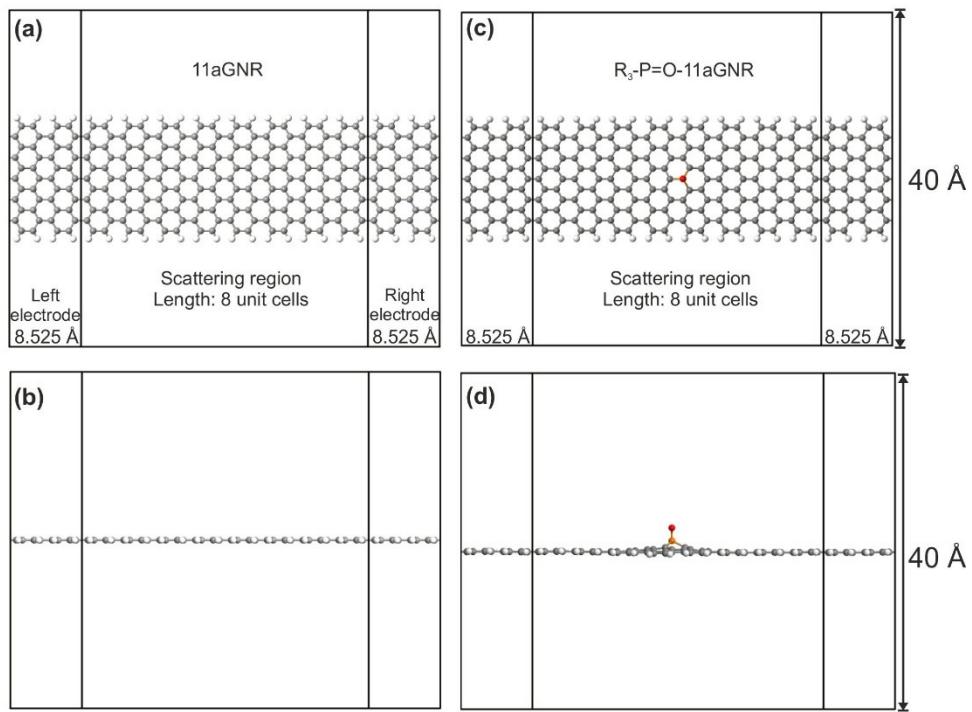
**Figure S1:** Band structure of **(a-b)** inside R<sub>3</sub>-P=O-11aGNR and **(c-d)** edge R<sub>2</sub>-PH-11aGNR with different computation parameters.



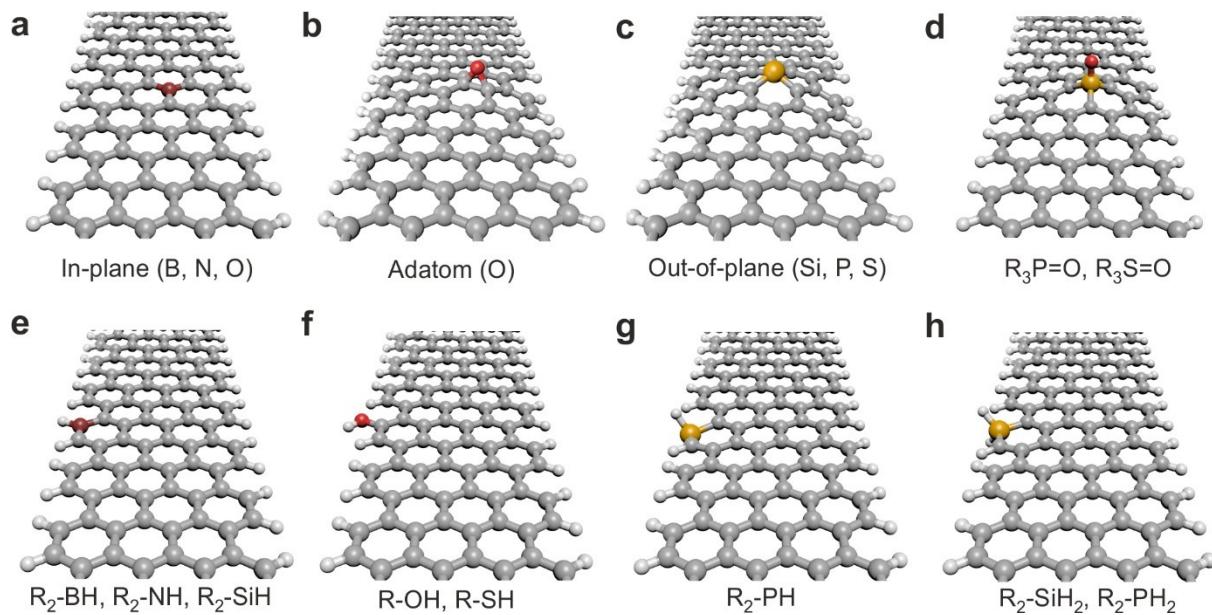
**Figure S2:** Formation energy of 42 armchair nanoribbons doped at the **(a)** inside and **(b)** edge. Note negative values indicate energetically favourable structures.



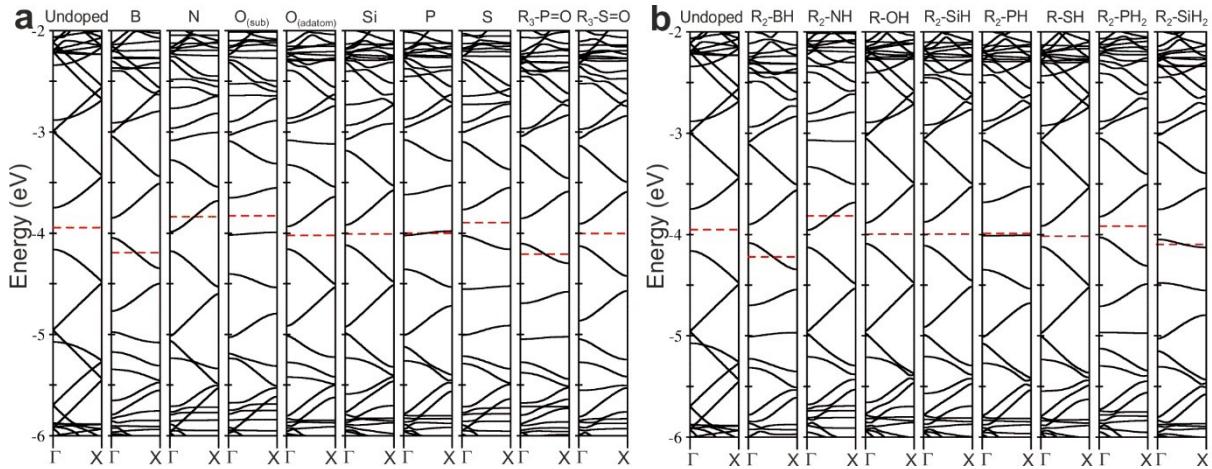
**Figure S3:** Current-Voltage (I-V) characteristics of undoped-, N- and Si-doped 11-aGNRs comparing the effect of using single  $\zeta$ -plus-polarization basis (SZP) and double  $\zeta$ -plus-polarization basis (DZP).



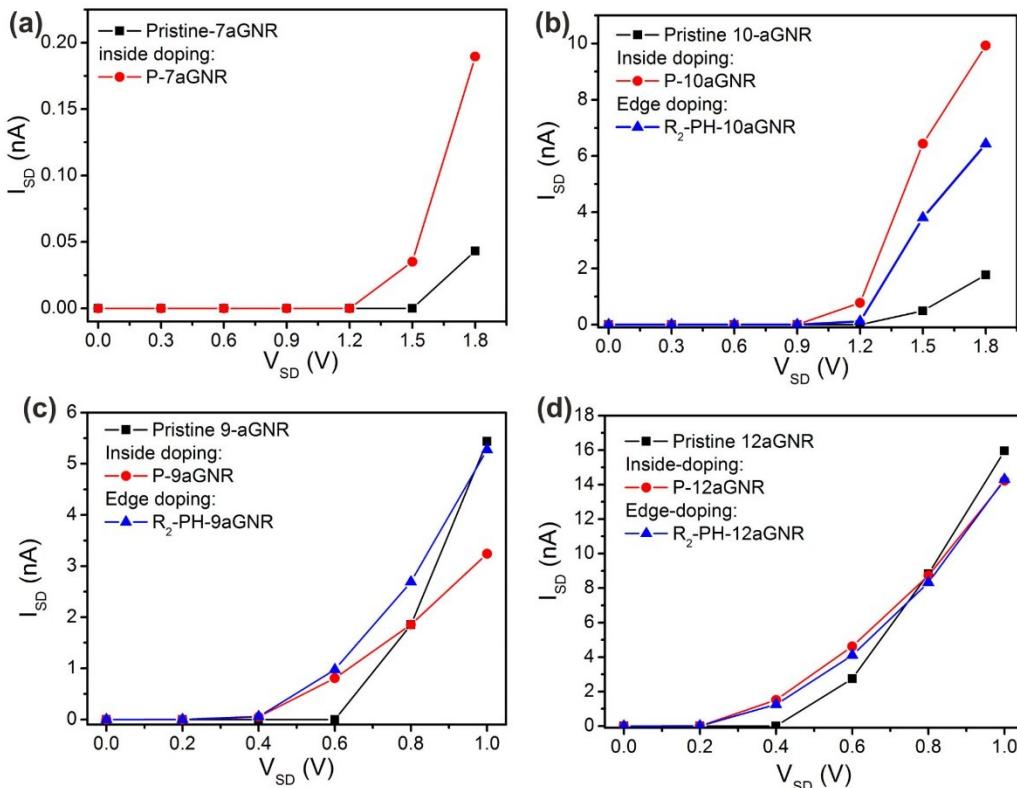
**Figure S4:** Devices used to determine the I-V characteristics. **(a-b)** Top and side view of the pristine 11-aGNR. **(c-d)** Top and side view of the  $R_3\text{-P=O-}11\text{aGNR}$ . Other systems have a similar configuration.



**Figure S5:** **(a-d)** Inside-doped and **(e-h)** edge-doped 8-aGNRs.



**Figure S6:** Band structure plots of 8-aGNRs. **(a)** Inside-doped, and **(b)** edge-doped systems. The Fermi level is indicated with a red dashed line.



**Figure S7:** I-V curves of **(a)** 7- and **(b)** 10-aGNRs (3p family). **(c)** 9- and **(d)**-12aGNR (3p+1 family) with a phosphorous-inside (P-) doping and the corresponding edge case (R<sub>2</sub>-PH-).

**Table S1:** Lattice expansion and electronic band gap ( $E_g$ ) of doped and undoped 11-aGNRs.

Inside-doped 11-aGNR			Edge-doped 11-aGNR		
Dopant	Lattice expansion (%)	$E_g$ (eV)	Dopant	Lattice expansion (%)	$E_g$ (eV)
Pristine	-**	0.331	Pristine	-**	0.331
Boron	1.68	<i>p</i> -doped	R <sub>2</sub> -BH	1.60	<i>p</i> -doped
Nitrogen	1.54	<i>n</i> -doped	R <sub>2</sub> -NH	1.56	<i>n</i> -doped
Oxygen (Sub)	1.54	*	R-OH	1.50	0.150
Oxygen (Adatom)	1.54	0.159			
Silicon	1.74	0.158	R <sub>2</sub> -SiH	1.70	0.169
Phosphorous	1.66	*	R <sub>2</sub> -PH	1.68	*
Sulfur	1.66	0.150	R-SH	1.55	0.150
R <sub>3</sub> -P=O	1.66	*	R <sub>2</sub> -PH <sub>2</sub>	1.68	0.152
R <sub>3</sub> -S=O	1.66	0.161	R <sub>2</sub> -SiH <sub>2</sub>	1.70	*

\*Flat bands at the Fermi level

\*\* Initial lattice parameter 34.10064 Å

**Table S2:** Lattice expansion and electronic band gap ( $E_g$ ) of doped and undoped 8-aGNRs.

Center-doped 8-aGNR			Edge-doped 8-aGNR		
Dopant	Lattice expansion (%)	$E_g$ (eV)	Dopant	Lattice expansion (%)	$E_g$ (eV)
Pristine	-**	0.413	Pristine	-**	0.413
Boron	1.92	<i>p</i> -doped	R <sub>2</sub> -BH	1.86	<i>p</i> -doped
Nitrogen	1.73	<i>n</i> -doped	R <sub>2</sub> -NH	1.74	<i>n</i> -doped
Oxygen (sub)	1.77	0.368	R-OH	1.80	0.206
Oxygen (Adatom)	1.78	0.221			
Silicon	2.02	0.202	R <sub>2</sub> -SiH	1.95	0.222
Phosphorous	1.93	*	R <sub>2</sub> -PH	1.92	*
Sulfur	1.86	0.219	R-SH	1.78	0.202
R <sub>3</sub> -P=O	1.95	-	R <sub>2</sub> -PH <sub>2</sub>	1.95	0.204
R <sub>3</sub> -S=O	1.86	0.218	R <sub>2</sub> -SiH <sub>2</sub>	1.92	*

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**Table S3:** Magnetic moment on system with half-filled bands.

Doped 11-aGNR	Magnetic moment ( $\mu_B$ )
O <sub>(Sub)</sub>	0.3
P	1.0
R <sub>3</sub> -P=O	0.1
Si	0.0
R <sub>2</sub> -PH	1.0