

## **Ultra high capacity of hydrogen storage in Li decorated two-dimensional C<sub>2</sub>N layer**

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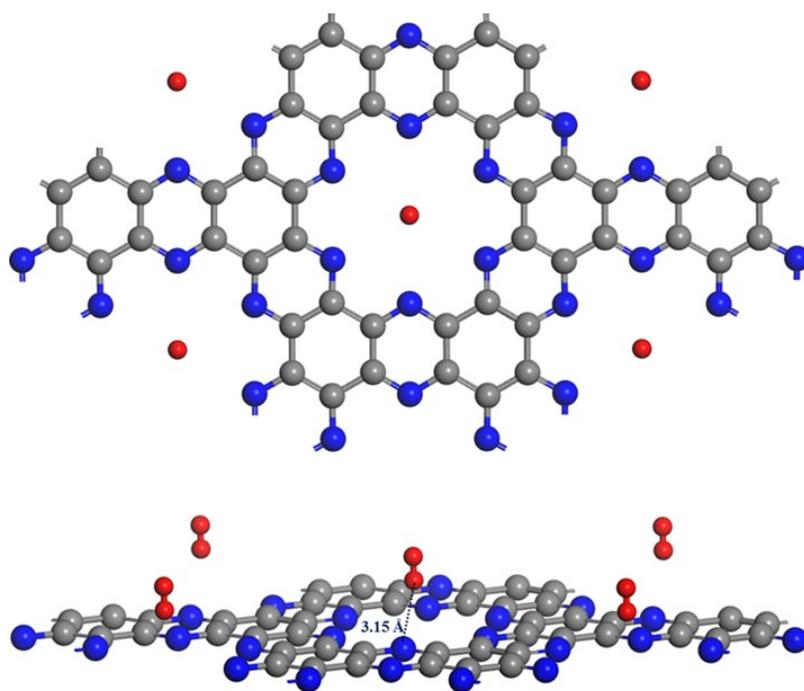
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## Adsorption Energies of H<sub>2</sub> on a single layer C<sub>2</sub>N

The total energy of Vacancy site (V) is set to zero as a reference energy.

**TABLE S1:** Calculated Energy difference and adsorption energies (in eV) of H<sub>2</sub> at Pristine C<sub>2</sub>N.

System (Different sites)	Vacancy (V)	N-top (N)	Hollow-I (H <sub>1</sub> )	Hollow-II (H <sub>2</sub> )	C-top (C)
Energy difference	0	0.02	0.06	0.05	0.07
Adsorption energy	0.12	0.1	0.06	0.07	0.05



**Fig. S1** Top and side view of most stable optimized geometry of one hydrogen molecule adsorbed on the holey C<sub>2</sub>N. The gray, blue and red balls represent carbon, nitrogen and hydrogen atoms respectively.

## Binding Energies of Li at single layer C<sub>2</sub>N-h2D

Different adsorption sites for single Li has been checked to find out the most stable site. This corresponds to C<sub>2</sub>N single side Li adsorption.

The total energy of Vacancy site (V) is set to zero as a reference energy.

**TABLE S2:** Calculated Energy difference (in eV) of single Li decorated C<sub>2</sub>N.

System	Vacancy	N-top	Hollow-I	Hollow-II	C-top
(Different sites)	(V)	(N)	(H <sub>1</sub> )	(H <sub>2</sub> )	(C)
Energy difference	0	moved to V-site	3.04	2.85	moved to V-site

Different adsorption sites for 2 Li atoms has been checked to find out the most stable site. This corresponds to C<sub>2</sub>N double side Li adsorption.

The total energy of Vacancy site (V up & dn) is set to zero as a reference energy.

**TABLE S3:** Calculated Energy difference (in eV) of 2-Li decorated C<sub>2</sub>N.

System	V (up & dn)	C+N-top	C-top	H <sub>2</sub> +H <sub>2</sub>	N-top	H <sub>1</sub> +V
Energy difference	0	Not-seen	Not-seen	4.80	Not-seen	1.34

Different adsorption sites for various Li concentrations is checked. It was found that Li atom always prefers to the vacancy site.

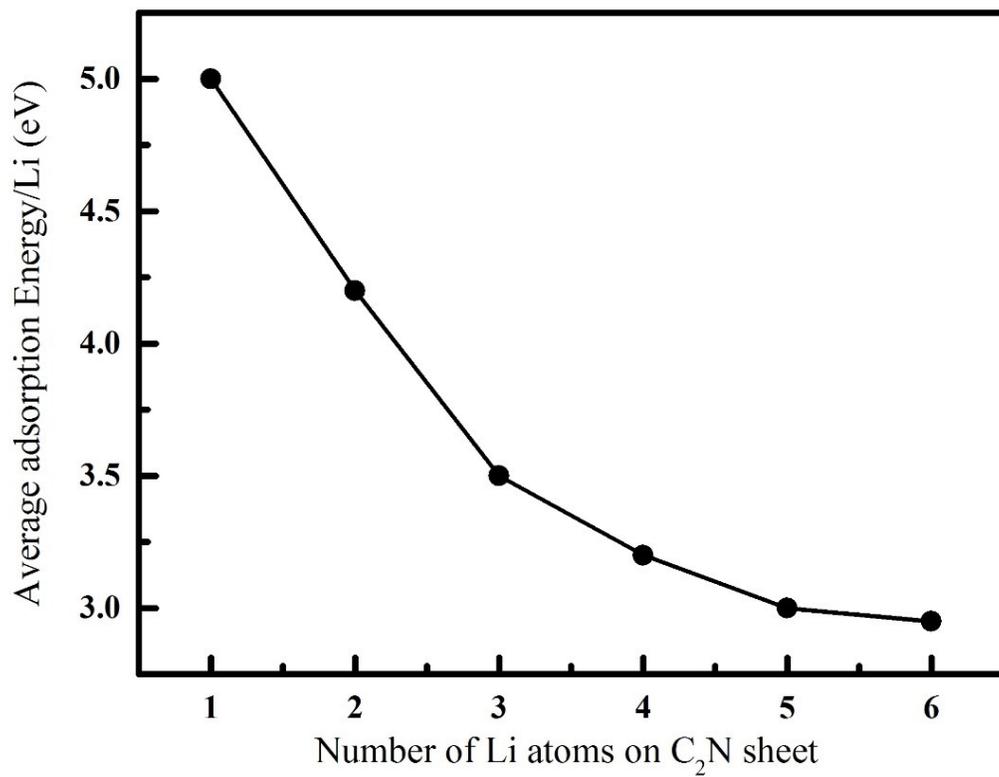
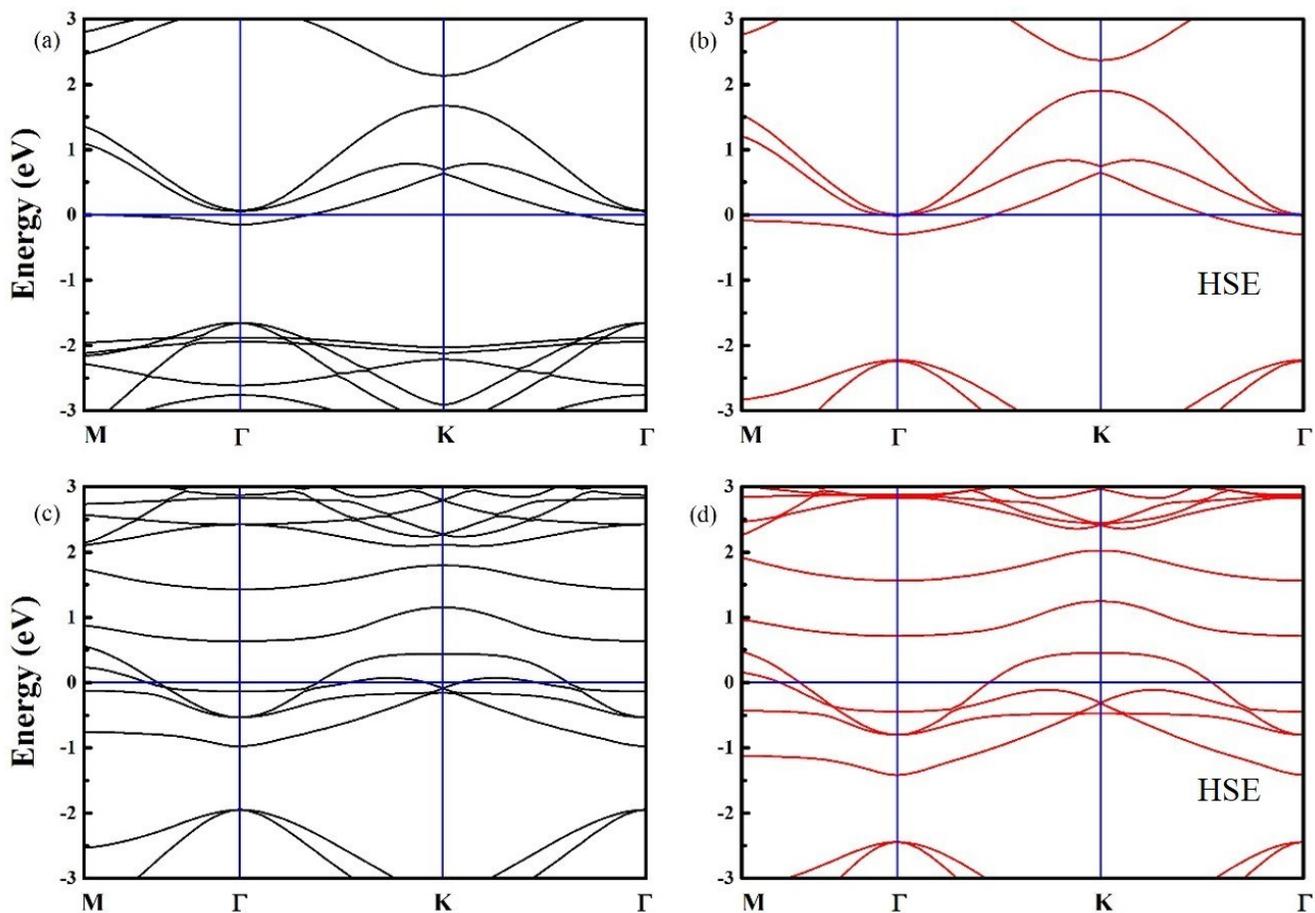


Fig. S2 Variation in binding energy with increasing Li content at holey C<sub>2</sub>N layer.

## Bandstructures of Li doped C<sub>2</sub>N-h2D



**Fig. S3** Li doped calculated band structures. 1-Li doped C<sub>2</sub>N layer bandstructures are shown (a) based on PBE+vdW (b) and HSE06 exchange correlation functional, respectively. 6-Li doped C<sub>2</sub>N layer bandstructures (c) based on PBE+vdW (d) and HSE06. The blue solid line at zero indicates the Fermi level.

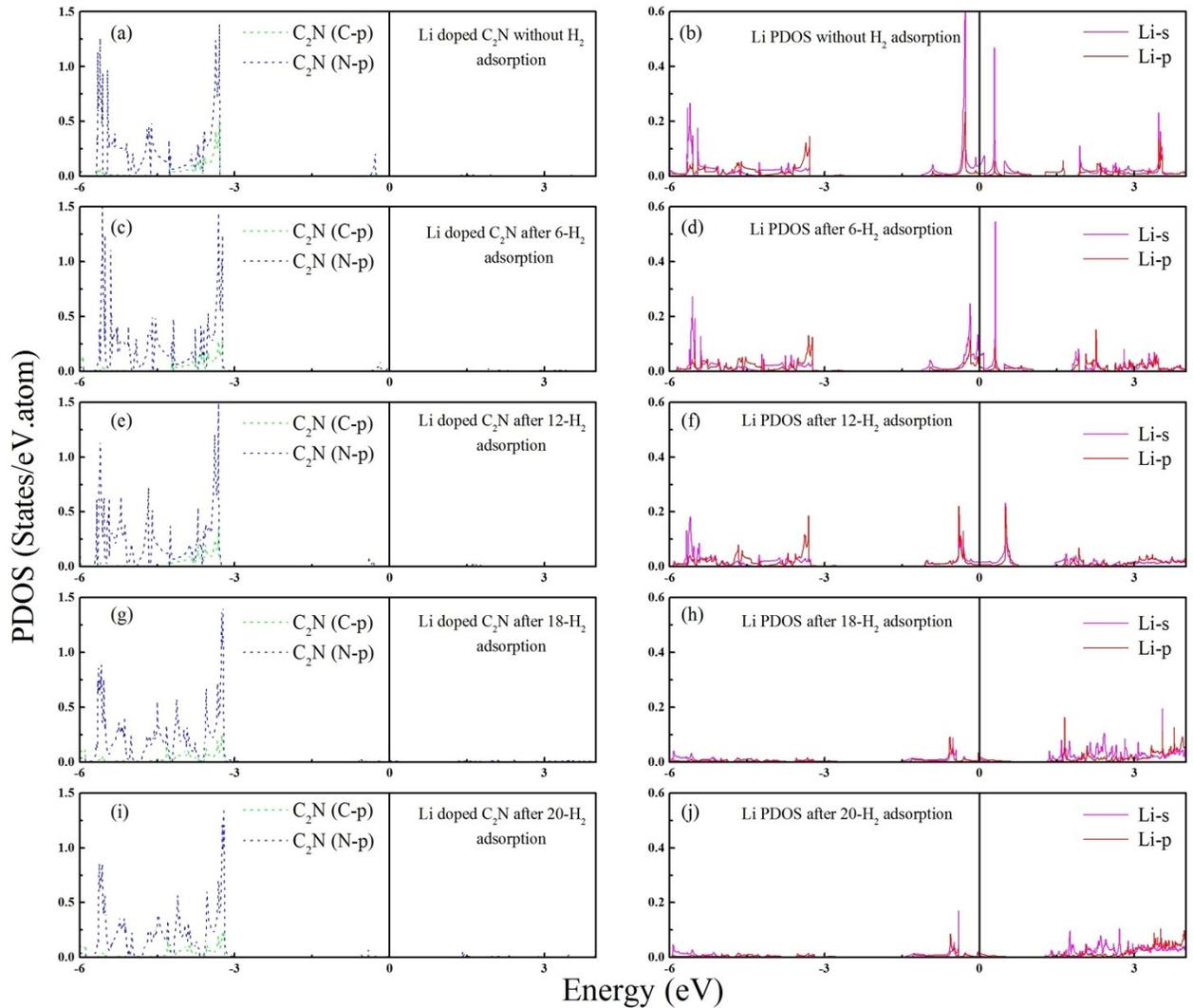
## Adsorption Energies of H<sub>2</sub> at Li doped C<sub>2</sub>N-h2D

Binding of Li at C<sub>2</sub>N layer is calculated by

$$E_{ads} = \frac{E_{C_2N-Li} + nE_{H_2} - E_{tot}}{n}$$

Here  $E_{C_2N-Li}$  and  $E_{H_2}$  are the total energy of Li doped  $C_2N$  layer and energy of  $H_2$  molecule in same slab,  $n$  is the number of  $H_2$  molecules while  $E_{tot}$  is the energy of hydrogen adsorbed Li doped  $C_2N$ .

### PDOS of the $C_2N$ decorated by Li before and after $H_2$ adsorption



**Fig. S4** The PDOS of the Li doped  $C_2N$  before and after  $H_2$  adsorption. Li doped  $C_2N$  before  $H_2$  adsorption (a) Carbon & Nitrogen PDOS (b) Adsorbed Li PDOS.  $6H_2$  adsorbed  $LiC_2N$  PDOS of (c) Carbon & Nitrogen (d) Li PDOS. (e-f)  $LiC_2N$  with  $12H_2$  adsorbed PDOS of  $C_2N$  and Li respectively. (g-h) PDOS of  $C_2N$  & Li respectively with  $18H_2$  molecules and (i-j) PDOS of  $C_2N$  & Li respectively with  $20H_2$  molecules.