

**Supporting Information for  
Two-Dimensional  $\pi$ -Conjugated Metal-Organic  
Nanosheets as Single-Atom Catalysts for Hydrogen  
Evolution Reaction**

Yujin Ji, Huilong Dong, Cheng Liu and Youyong Li\*

Institute of Functional Nano & Soft Materials (FUNSOM), Jiangsu Key Laboratory  
for Carbon-Based Functional Materials & Devices, Soochow University, Suzhou,  
Jiangsu 215123, China

**Table S1.** The lattice constant  $a$  of every 2D MOF (M-X) configurations and the corresponding Gibbs adsorption free energies  $\Delta G(*H)$  on the metal (M) sites.

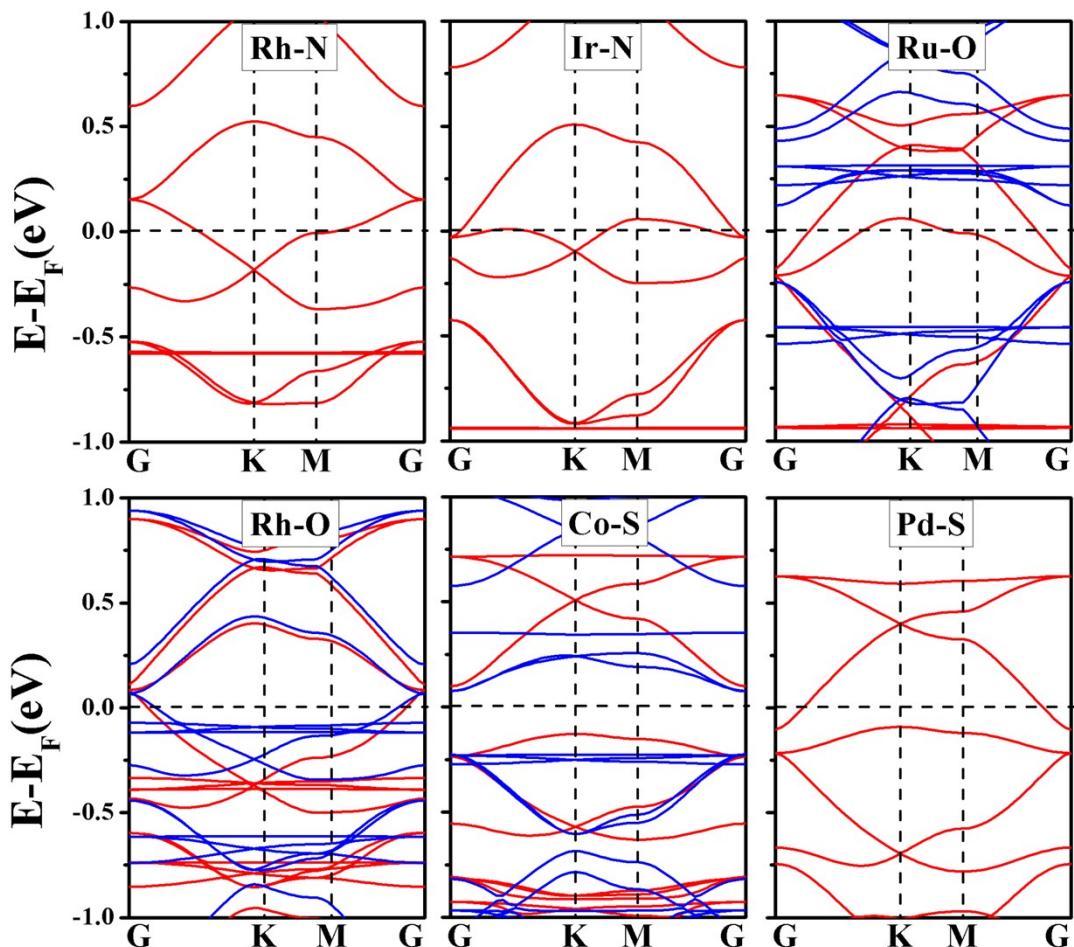
M-N			M-S			M-Se			M-O		
M	$a$ (Å)	$\Delta G(*H)$ (eV)	M	$a$ (Å)	$\Delta G(*H)$ (eV)	M	$a$ (Å)	$\Delta G(*H)$ (eV)	M	$a$ (Å)	$\Delta G(*H)$ (eV)
Fe	13.52	0.17	Fe	14.81	0.20	Fe	15.47	0.21	Fe	13.16	0.71
Co	13.39	0.34	Co	14.67	0.09	Co	15.34	0.16	Co	13.03	0.33
Ni	13.35	1.34	Ni	14.63	0.80	Ni	15.29	0.45	Ni	12.98	1.36
Pd	13.85	1.45	Pd	15.05	0.77	Pd	15.70	0.57	Pd	13.49	1.36
Pt	13.89	1.10	Pt	15.05	0.50	Pt	15.70	0.29	Pt	13.53	0.79
Ru	13.93	-0.41	Ru	15.20	-0.56	Ru	15.82	-0.62	Ru	13.63	-0.11
Rh	13.90	0.02	Rh	15.07	-0.36	Rh	15.71	-0.32	Rh	13.57	-0.26
Ir	13.92	-0.12	Ir	15.16	-0.48	Ir	15.73	-0.47	Ir	13.57	-0.50
Os	13.90	-0.38	Os	15.19	-1.04	Os	15.56	-0.63	Os	13.63	-0.23

**Table S2.** The Gibbs adsorption free energies  $\Delta G(*H)$  on the non-metal (X) sites of 2D MOF (M-X) configurations.

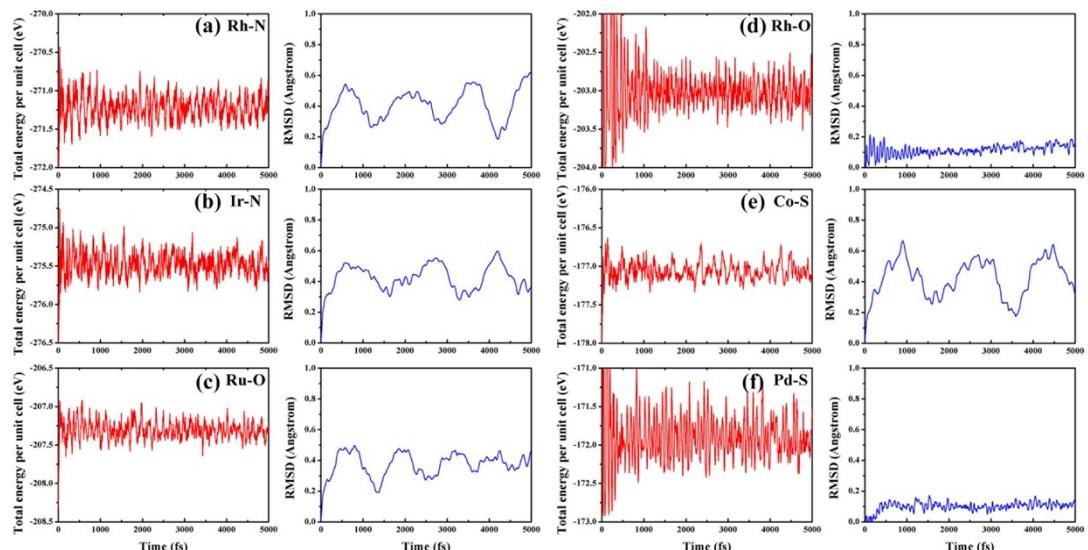
M-S		M-Se		M-O	
M	$\Delta G(*H)$ (eV)	M	$\Delta G(*H)$ (eV)	M	$\Delta G(*H)$ (eV)
Fe	0.48	Fe	0.78	Fe	0.35
Co	0.48	Co	0.90	Co	0.21
Ni	0.65	Ni	0.81	Ni	0.30
Pd	0.11	Pd	0.77	Pd	0.23
Pt	0.83	Pt	1.13	Pt	0.41
Ru	0.28	Ru	0.28	Ru	0.48
Rh	0.19	Rh	0.19	Rh	0.07
Os	-0.24	Os	1.20	Os	0.71
Ir	0.54	Ir	0.54	Ir	0.22

**Table S3.** The strain effect of 2D Rh-N nanosheets on the Gibbs adsorption free energy  $\Delta G(*H)$ .

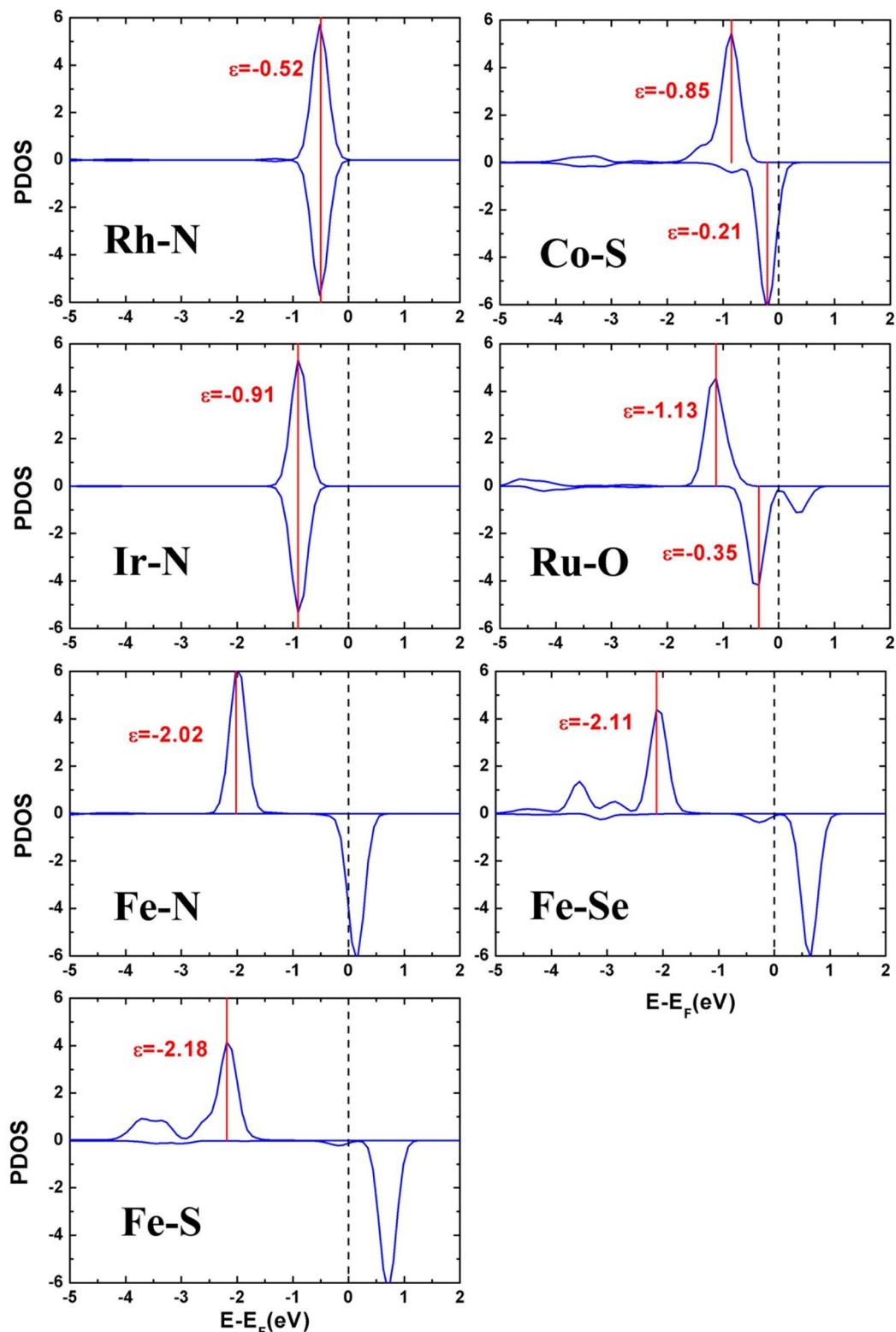
Strain	-3%	-2%	-1%	0%	1%	2%	3%
Lattice constant (Å)	13.483	13.622	13.761	13.900	14.039	14.178	14.317
$\Delta G(*H)$ (eV)	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00



**Figure S1.** The band structures of six MOF configurations (a) Rh-N, (b) Ir-N, (c) Ru-O, (d) Rh-O, (e) Co-S and (f) Pd-S.



**Figure S2.** Total energy evolution and the corresponding root mean square deviation (RMSD) during 5000 fs first-principles molecular trajectories of the  $2\times 2$  supercells of six MOF configurations (a) Rh-N, (b) Ir-N, (c) Ru-O, (d) Rh-O, (e) Co-S and (f) Pd-S.



**Figure S3.** The projected density of state of the  $d_{z^2}$  orbital for the active metal sites in the Rh-N, Co-S, Ir-N, Ru-O, Fe-N, Fe-Se and Fe-S nanosheets.