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Regulating the allocation of N and P in codoped graphene *via* supramolecular control to remarkably boost hydrogen evolution

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1. Supplementary Figures

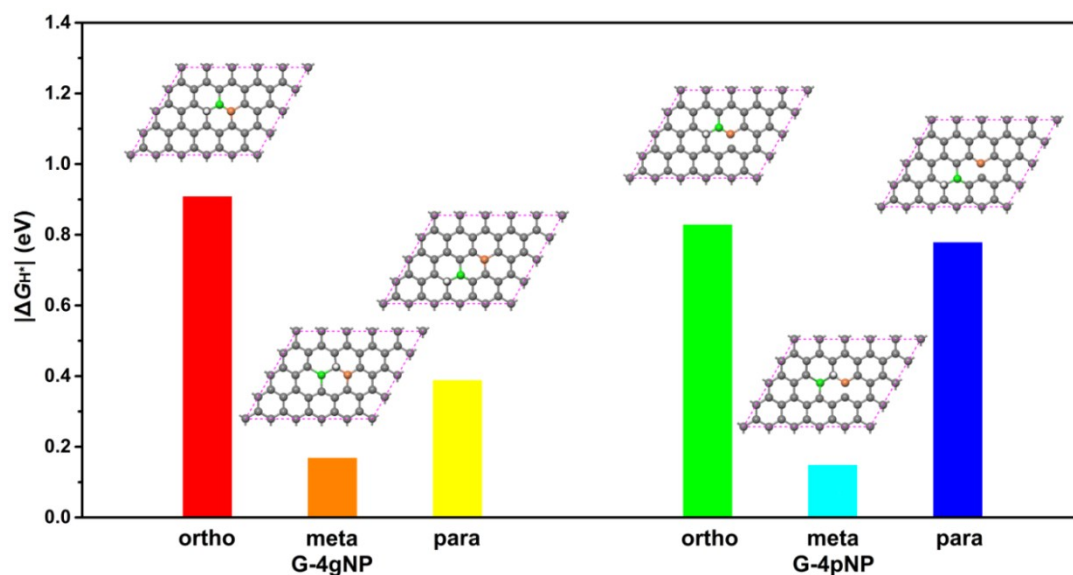


Fig. S1. $|\Delta G_{H^*}|$ and active sites (inset) on different N, P codoped graphene configurations with gN or pN groups. Ortho, Meta, Para indicates the relative positions of N and P heteroatoms in one benzene heteroring. The grey, orange, green and white balls represent C, N, P and H atoms, respectively, and the unit cells of various models are indicated by pink dashed line.

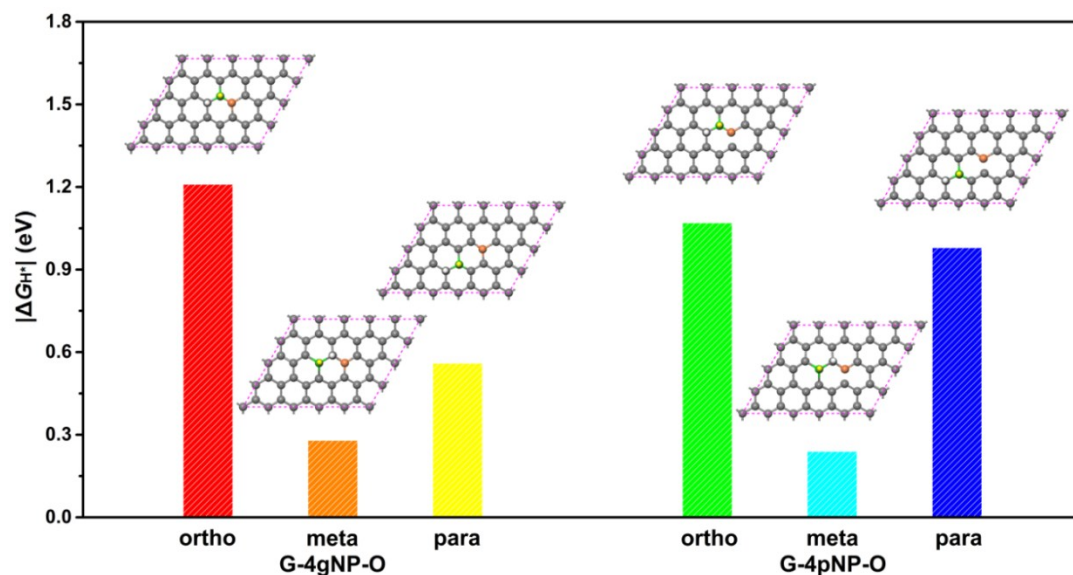


Fig. S2. $|\Delta G_{H^*}|$ and active sites (inset) on different N, P-O codoped graphene configurations with gN or pN groups. Ortho, Meta, Para indicates the relative positions of N and P-O heteroatoms in one benzene heteroring. The grey, orange, green, yellow and white balls represent C, N, P, O and H atoms, respectively, and the unit cells of various models are indicated by pink dashed line.

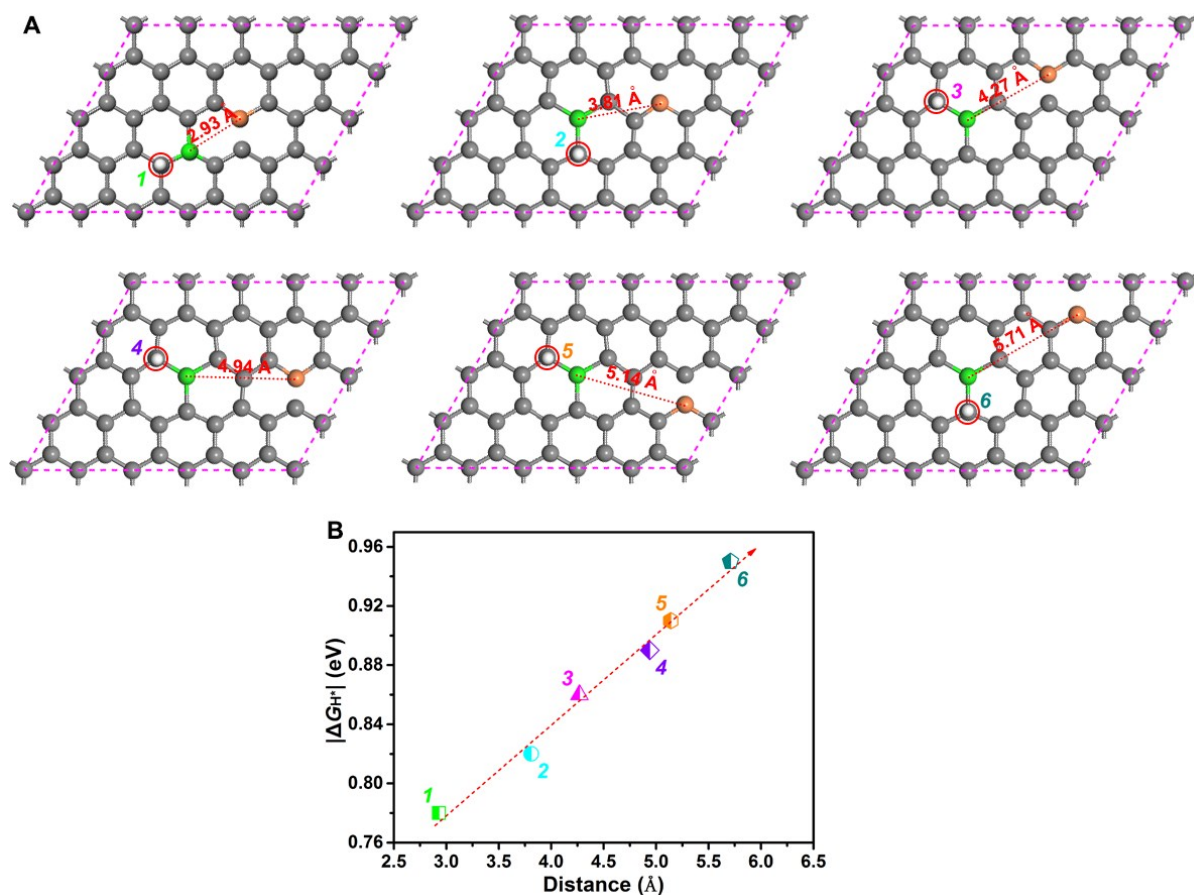


Fig. S3. (A) The optimized models of various G-4pNP, in which the most active of hydrogen adsorption sites are indicated by a red circle, the distance between pN and P doping is marked by red dot lines, the grey, orange, green and white balls represent C, N, P and H atoms, respectively, and the unit cells of various models are indicated by pink dashed line. (B) The corresponding $|\Delta G_{H^*}|$ values of various G-4pNP.

The corresponding calculated results shown in **Fig. S3** indicate that the $|\Delta G_{H^*}|$ value of the most active C site becomes larger gradually with increasing the distance between N and P heteroatoms.

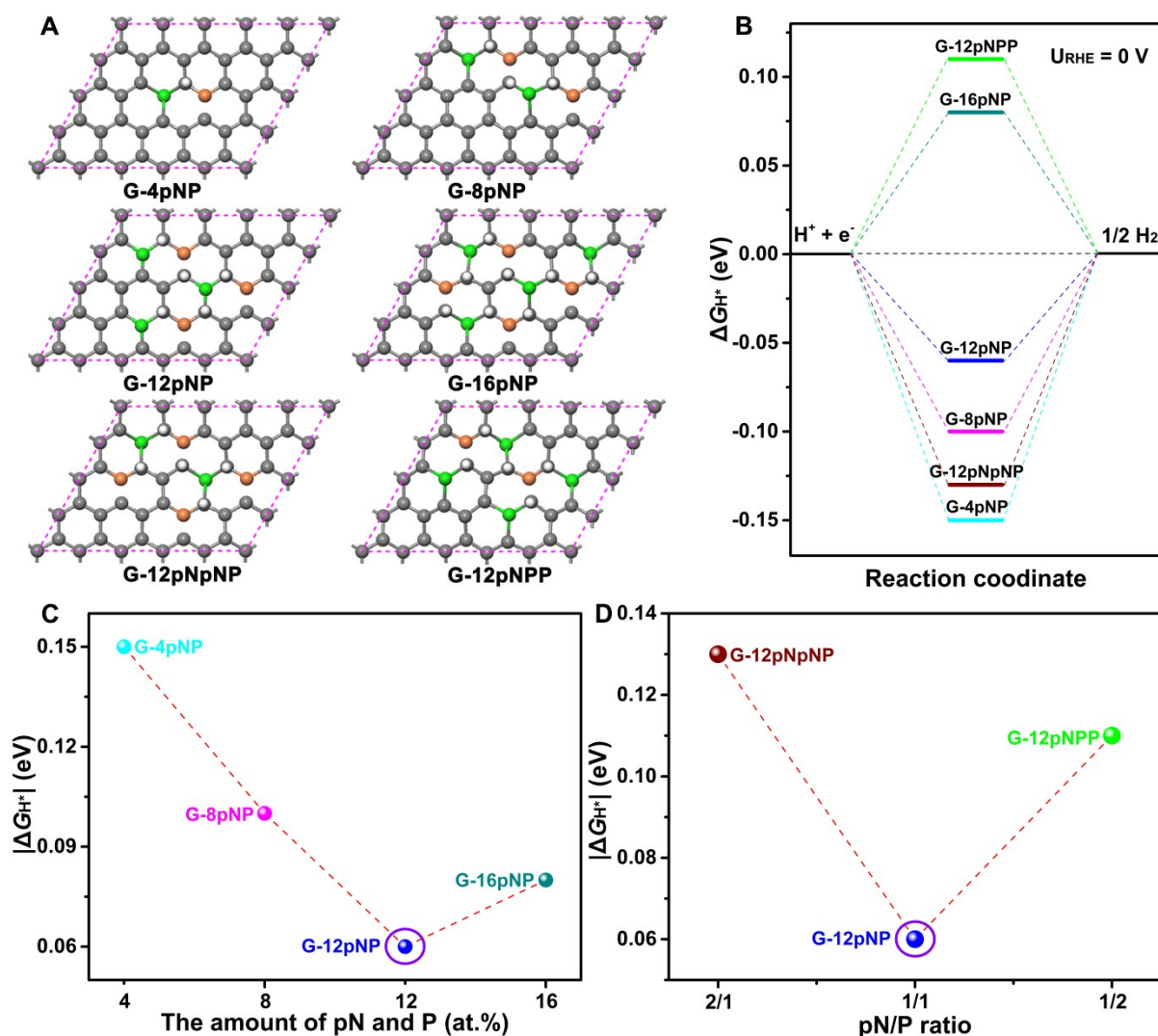


Fig. S4. (A) Hydrogen adsorption sites and configurations on different G-pNP models. The grey, orange, green and white balls represent C, N, P and H atoms, respectively, and the unit cells of various models are indicated by pink dashed line. (B) The calculated free energy (ΔG_{H^*}) diagram for HER at the equilibrium potential ($U_{RHE} = 0$ V) of different G-pNP models. (C) The $|\Delta G_{H^*}|$ value of G-pNP with different amount of pN and P (the pN/P equals 1/1). (D) The $|\Delta G_{H^*}|$ value of G-pNP with different pN/P ratio (the amount of pN and P equals 12 at.%). The hydrogen adsorption sites and configurations on different pN, P codoped graphene (G-pNP) models are depicted in **Fig. S4A**, in which G-pNP with pN/P equals 1/1 and X at.% (X = 4, 8, 12, and 16) of pN and P are abbreviated as G-4pNP, G-8pNP, G-12pNP and G-16pNP; G-pNP with 12 at.% of pN and P at pN/P equals 2:1 or 1:2 are abbreviated as G-12pNpNP and G-12pNPP.

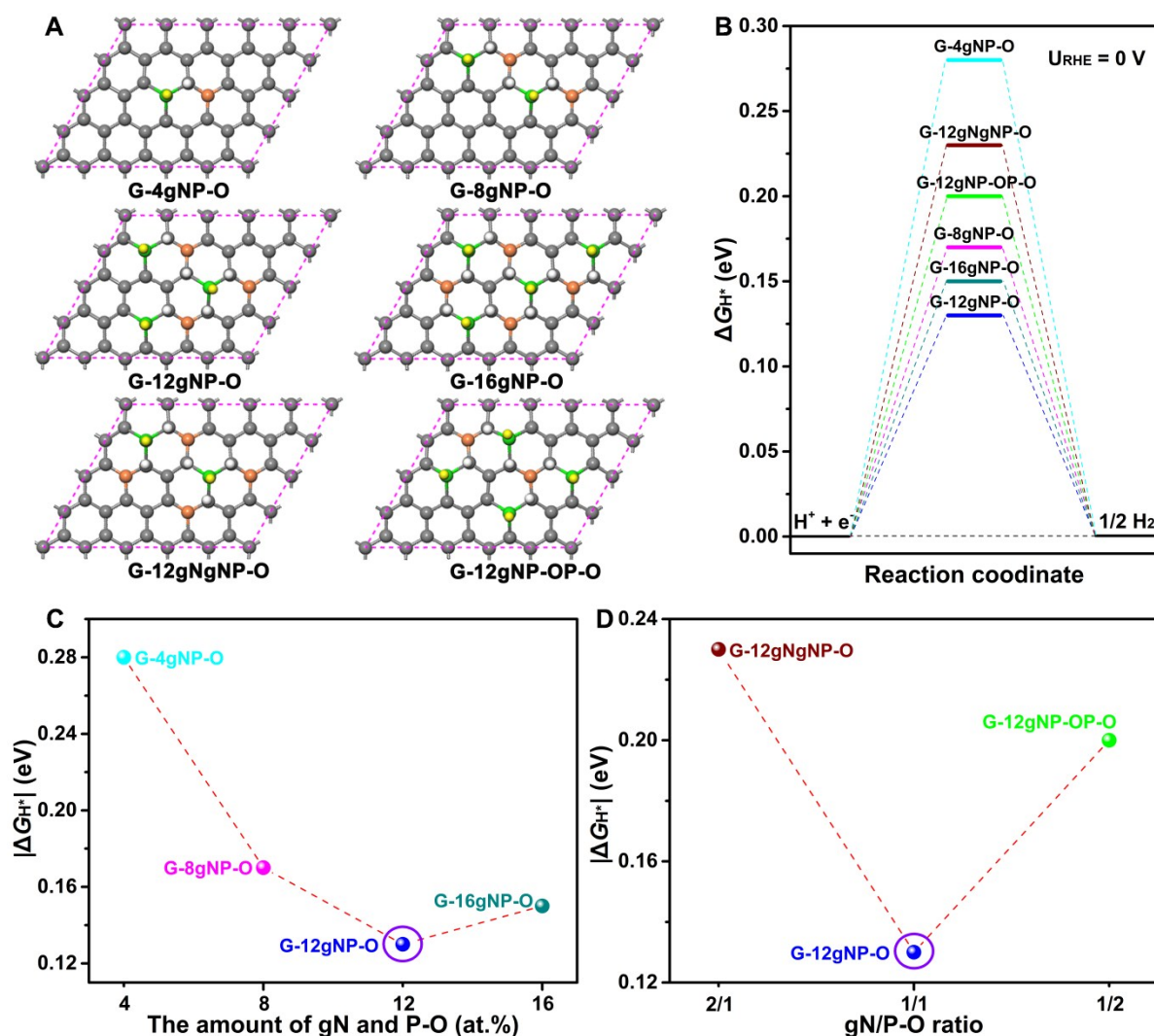


Fig. S5. (A) Hydrogen adsorption sites and configurations on different G-gNP-O models. The grey, orange, green, yellow and white balls represent C, N, P, O and H atoms, respectively, and the unit cells of various models are indicated by pink dashed line. (B) The calculated free energy (ΔG_{H^*}) diagram for HER at the equilibrium potential ($U_{RHE} = 0$ V) of different G-gNP-O models. (C) The $|\Delta G_{H^*}|$ value of G-gNP-O with different amount of gN and P-O (the gN/P-O equals 1/1). (D) The $|\Delta G_{H^*}|$ value of G-gNP-O with different gN/P-O ratio (the amount of gN and P-O equals 12 at.%). The hydrogen adsorption sites and configurations on different gN, P-O codoped graphene (G-gNP-O) models are depicted in **Fig. S5A**, in which G-gNP-O with gN/P-O equals 1/1 and X at.% (X = 4, 8, 12, and 16) of gN and P-O are abbreviated as G-4gNP-O, G-8gNP-O, G-12gNP-O and G-16gNP-O; G-gNP-O with 12 at.% of gN and P-O at gN/P-O equals 2:1 or 1:2 are abbreviated as G-12gNgNP-O and G-12gNP-OP-O.

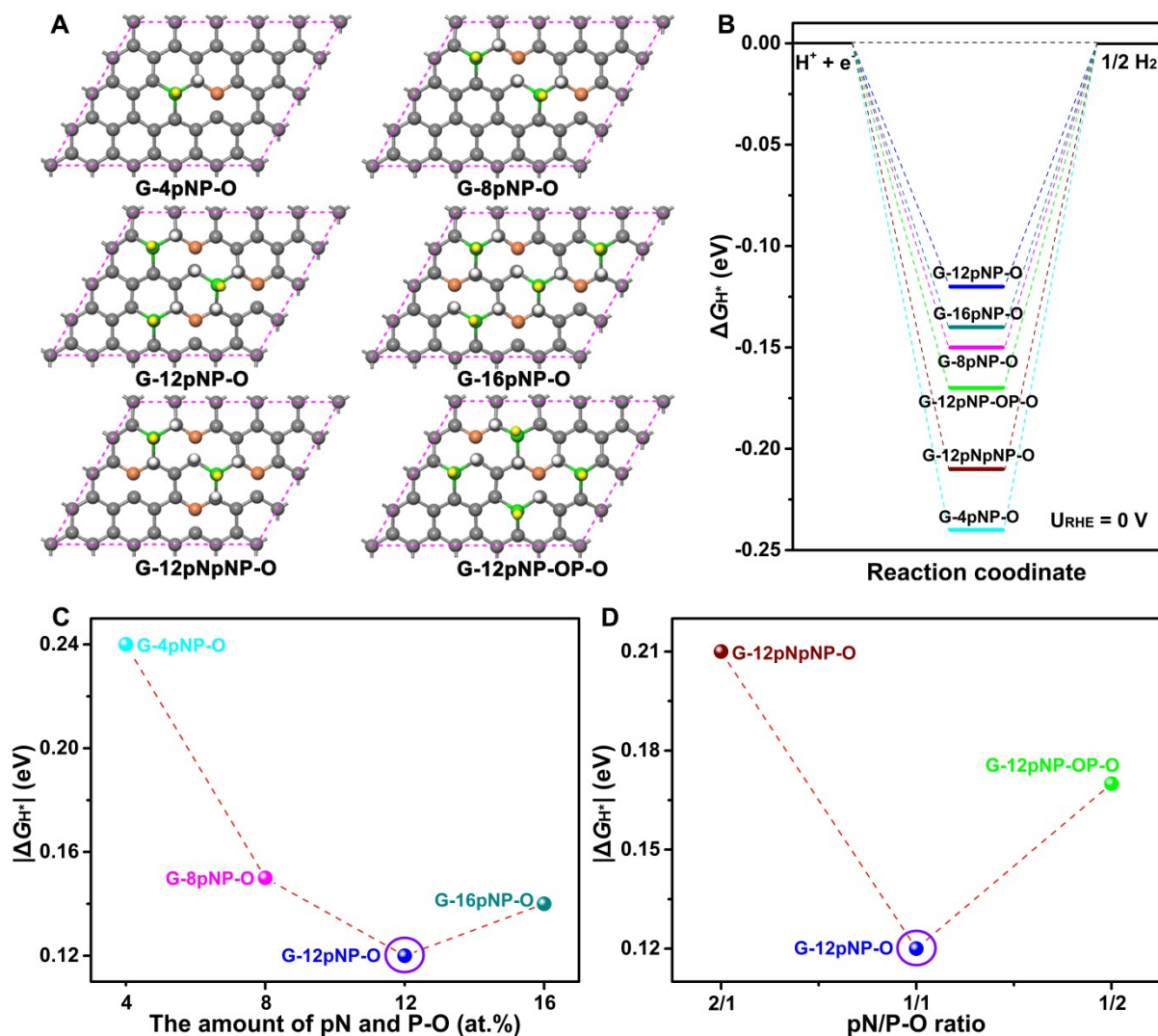


Fig. S6. (A) Hydrogen adsorption sites and configurations on different G-pNP-O models. The grey, orange, green, yellow and white balls represent C, N, P, O and H atoms, respectively, and the unit cells of various models are indicated by pink dashed line. (B) The calculated free energy (ΔG_{H^*}) diagram for HER at the equilibrium potential ($U_{RHE} = 0$ V) of different G-pNP-O models. (C) The $|\Delta G_{H^*}|$ value of G-pNP-O with different amount of pN and P-O (the pN/P-O equals 1/1). (D) The $|\Delta G_{H^*}|$ value of G-pNP-O with different pN/P-O ratio (the amount of pN and P-O equals 12 at.%). The hydrogen adsorption sites and configurations on different pN, P-O codoped graphene (G-pNP-O) models are depicted in **Fig. S6A**, in which G-pNP-O with pN/P-O equals 1/1 and X at.% ($X = 4, 8, 12$, and 16) of pN and P-O are abbreviated as G-4pNP-O, G-8pNP-O, G-12pNP-O and G-16pNP-O; G-pNP-O with 12 at.% of pN and P-O at pN/P-O equals 2:1 or 1:2 are abbreviated as G-12pNpNP-O and G-12pNP-OP-O.

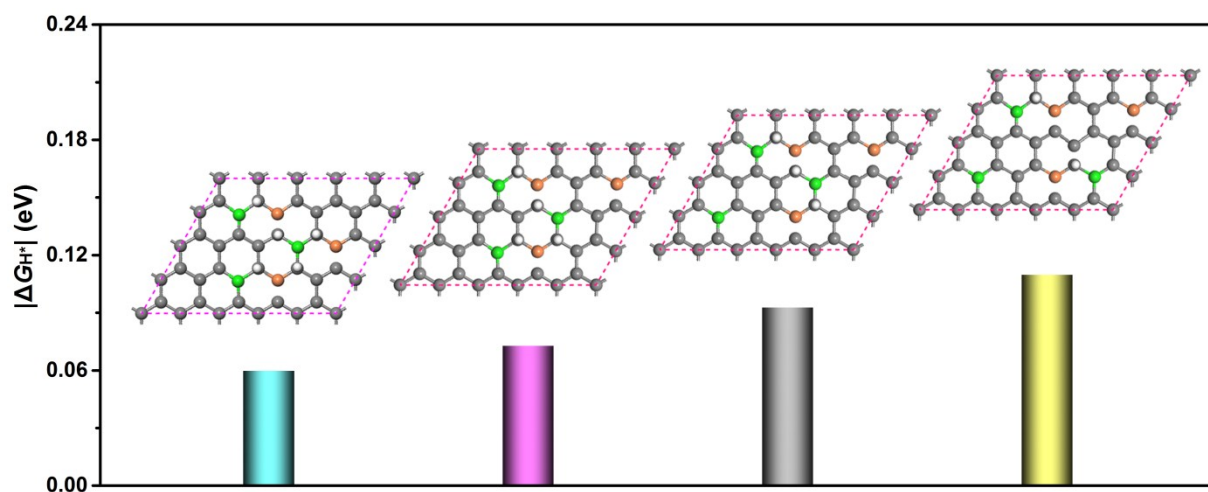


Fig. S7. The $|\Delta G_{H^*}|$ values of G-12pNP with different heteroatom's distribution. The grey, orange, green and white balls represent C, N, P and H atoms, respectively, and the unit cells of various models are indicated by pink dashed line.

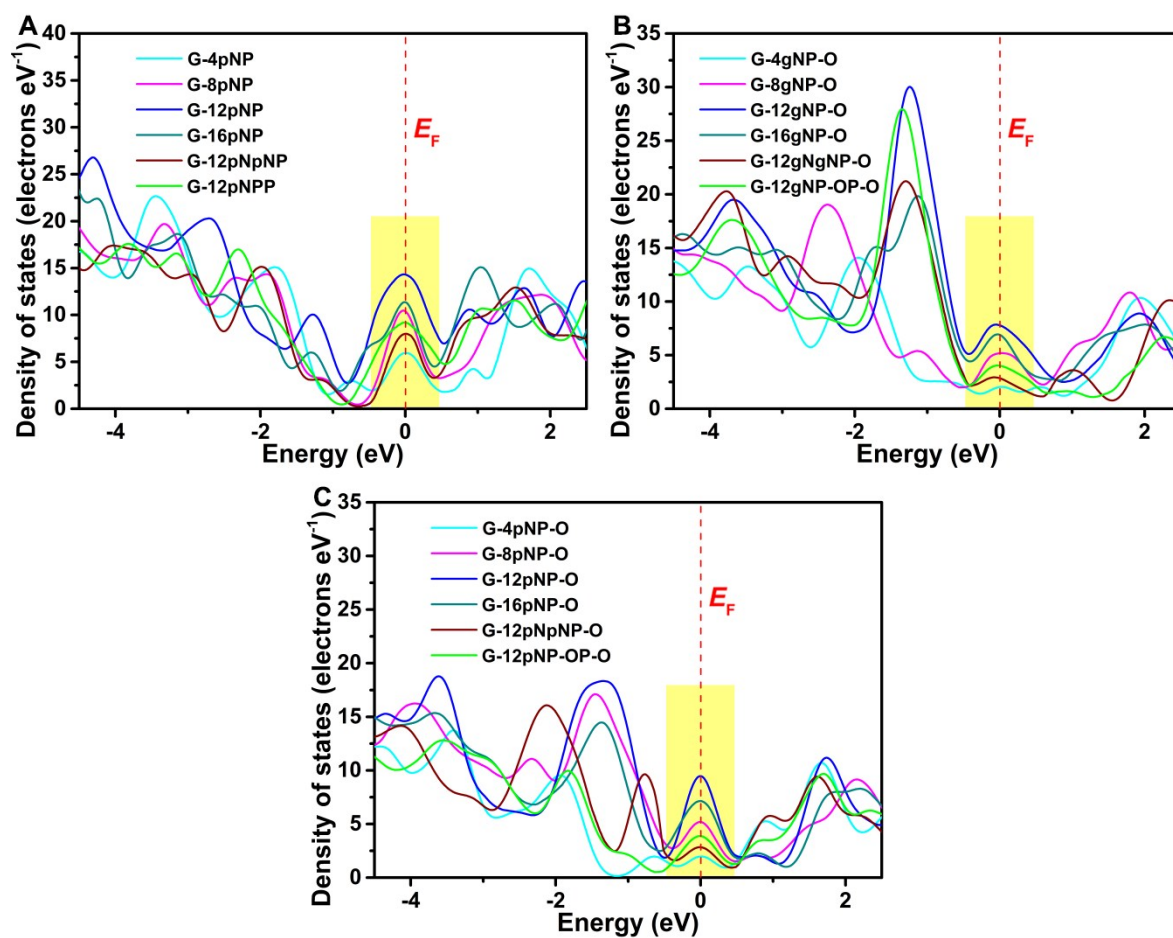


Fig. S8. The DOS plots of different G-pNP (A), G-gNP-O (B) and G-pNP-O (C) models.

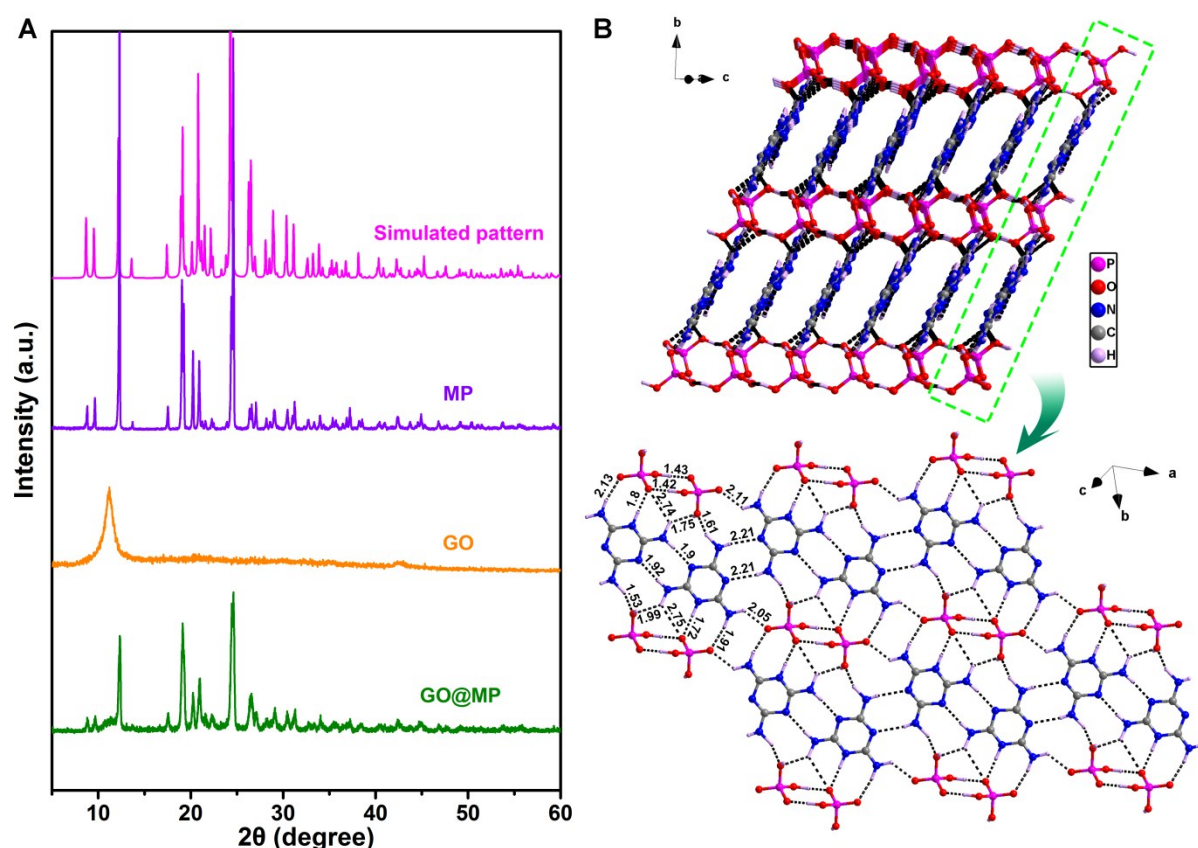


Fig. S9. (A) Simulated pattern of MP supramolecular assemblies based on single crystal data of previous report^{S1}, and measured powder XRD patterns of MP, GO and GO@MP, respectively. (B) Packing diagram and corresponding H-bonded network of MP derived from the deposited cif-file in CCDC (No. 224290), where the dashed lines represent H-bonds.

As shown in **Fig. S9A**, sharp peaks in XRD pattern of the obtained MP agrees well with the simulated pattern, indicating that melamine and phosphoric acid have successfully assembled together and formed the ordered supramolecular architecture based on H-bonds (**Fig. S9B**). Moreover, GO@MP contains all the XRD peaks corresponding to MP and GO, confirming the successful assembly between MP and GO.

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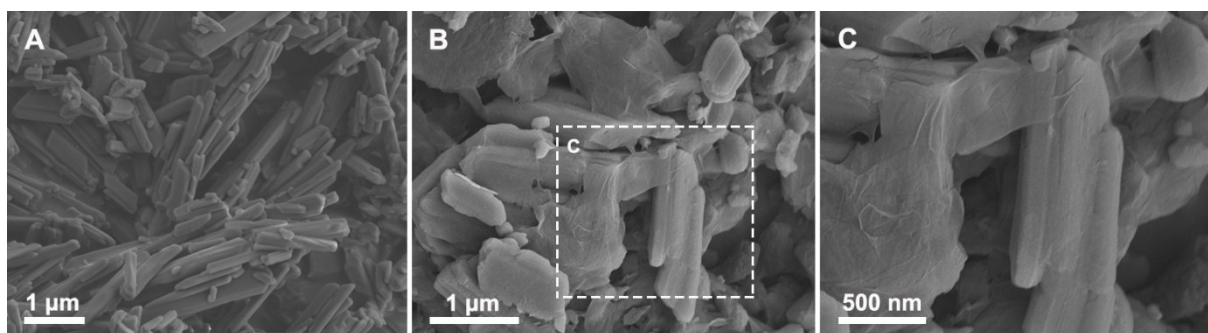


Fig. S10. SEM images of MP (A) and rGO/MP (B and C).

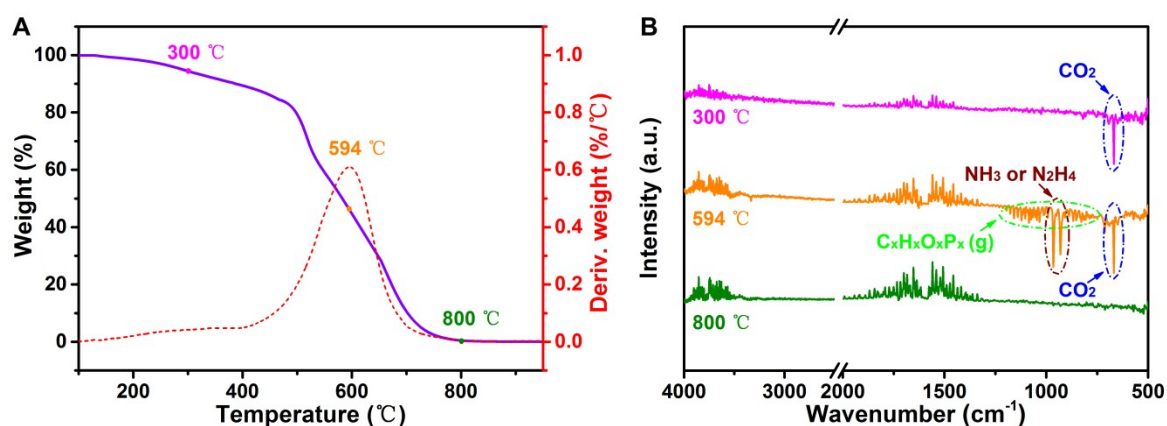


Fig. S11. TGA and DTG curves of MP measured under N₂ atmosphere (A) and the temperature-dependent evolution of the FTIR spectra of the corresponding gaseous products released at decomposition temperatures of 300, 594 and 800 °C (B).

As shown in **Fig. S11A**, a great loss of weight appears in the TGA curve of MP accompanied by the increasing of temperature. The loss of weight at 700 °C is about 89.45 %. And, when the temperature goes up to 900 °C, only a negligible MP residue (about 0.06 %) is observed. Therefore, after treating the GO@MP at 900 °C for 2 h under N₂ atmosphere, MP on the surface of GO can be gasified almost completely. During the pyrolysis, the decomposition of MP releases a large amount of gas (*e.g.*, CO₂, NH₃, N₂H₄ and C_xH_xO_xP_x) from the interlayer space of graphene nanosheets (**Fig. S11B**), which consequently produces substantial internal stresses, leading to the expansion of graphene nanosheets to suppress the stacking.

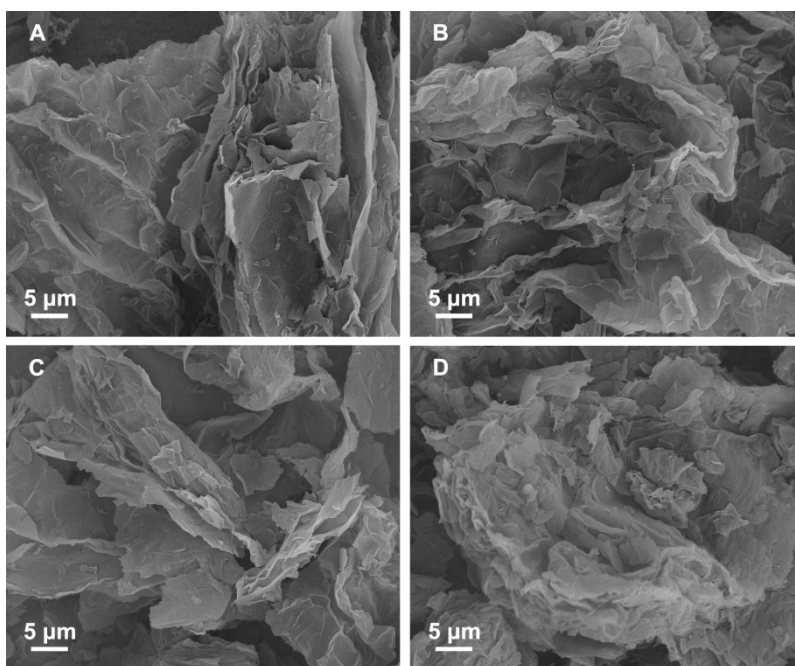


Fig. S12. SEM images of G-12NP-700 (A), G-12NP (B), G-12NP-1000 (C) and GO-900 (D).

As shown in **Fig. S12A-C**, G-12NP-700, G-12NP and G-12NP-1000 exhibit a crumpled and loose-packed thin layer. By contrast, the thermally reduced GO (GO-900) with the absence of MP tends to aggregate, forming a graphite-like structure (**Fig. S12D**).

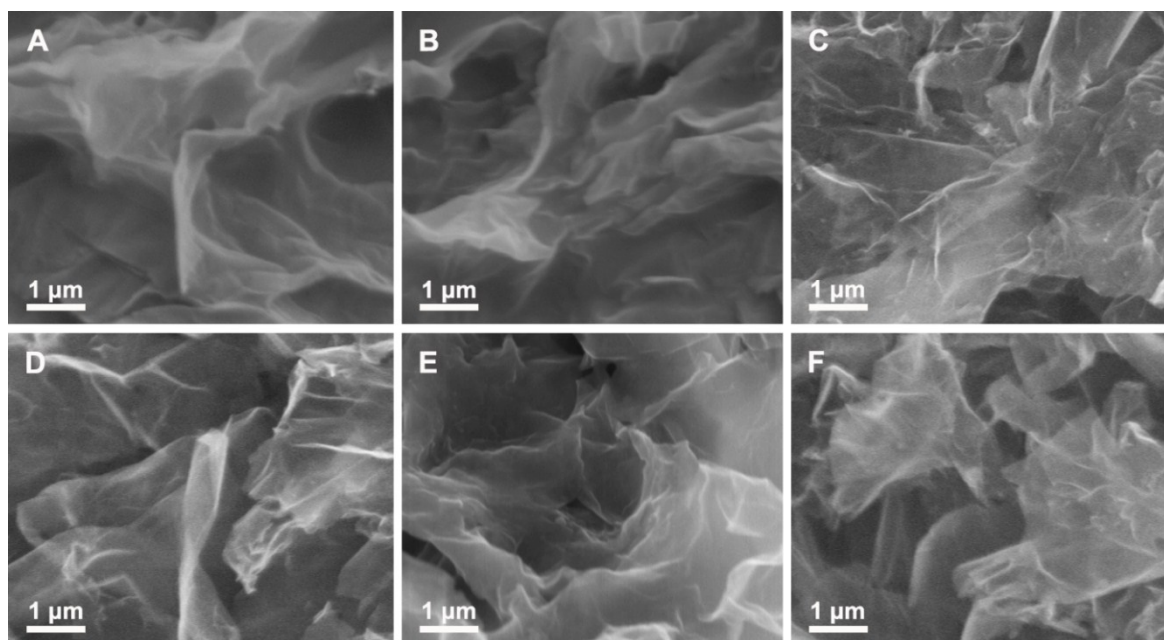


Fig. S13. SEM images of G-4NP (A), G-8NP (B), G-12NP (C), G-16NP (D), G-12NNP (E) and G-12NPP (F).

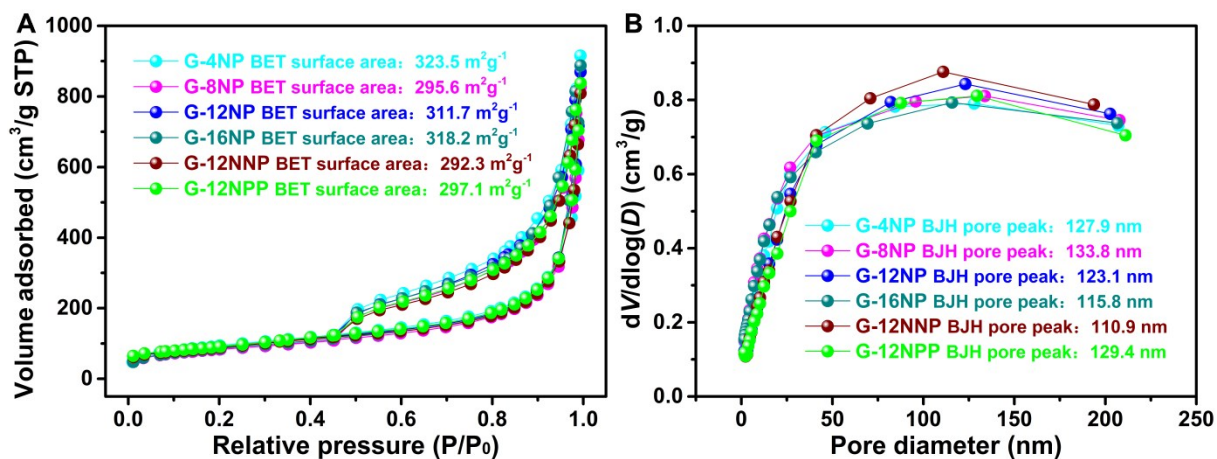


Fig. S14. N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherms (A) and pore-size distribution curves (B) of G-4NP, G-8NP, G-12NP, G-16NP, G-12NNP and G-12NPP.

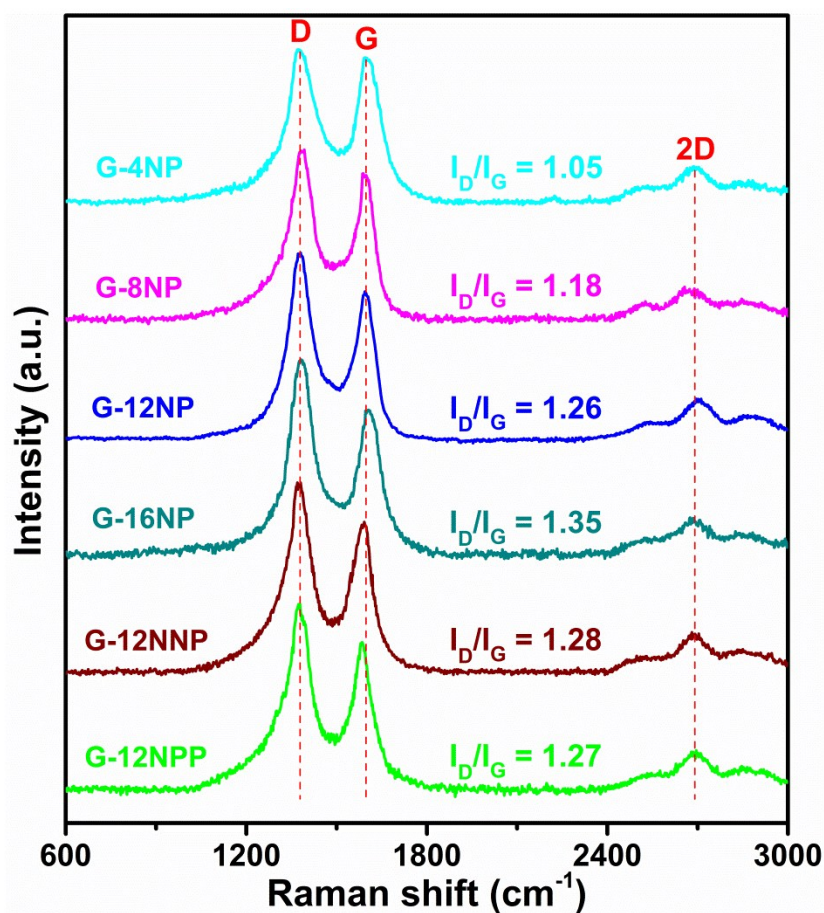


Fig. S15. Raman spectra of G-4NP, G-8NP, G-12NP, G-16NP, G-12NNP and G-12NPP obtained at $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 457.9$ nm.

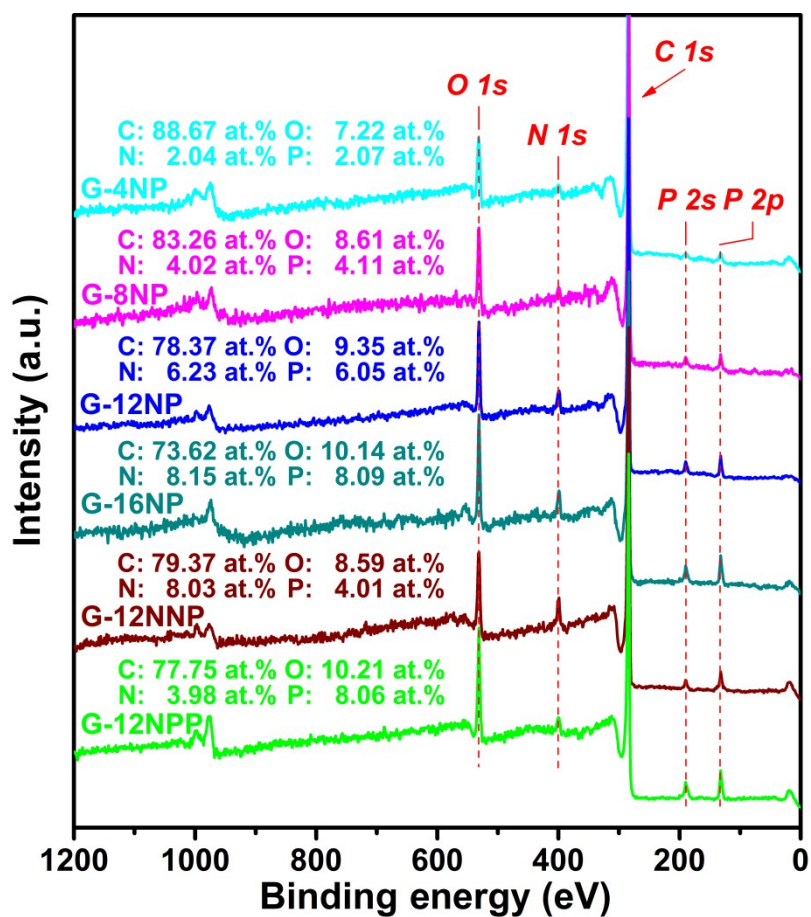


Fig. S16. Survey XPS spectra of G-4NP, G-8NP, G-12NP, G-16NP, G-12NNP and G-12NPP.

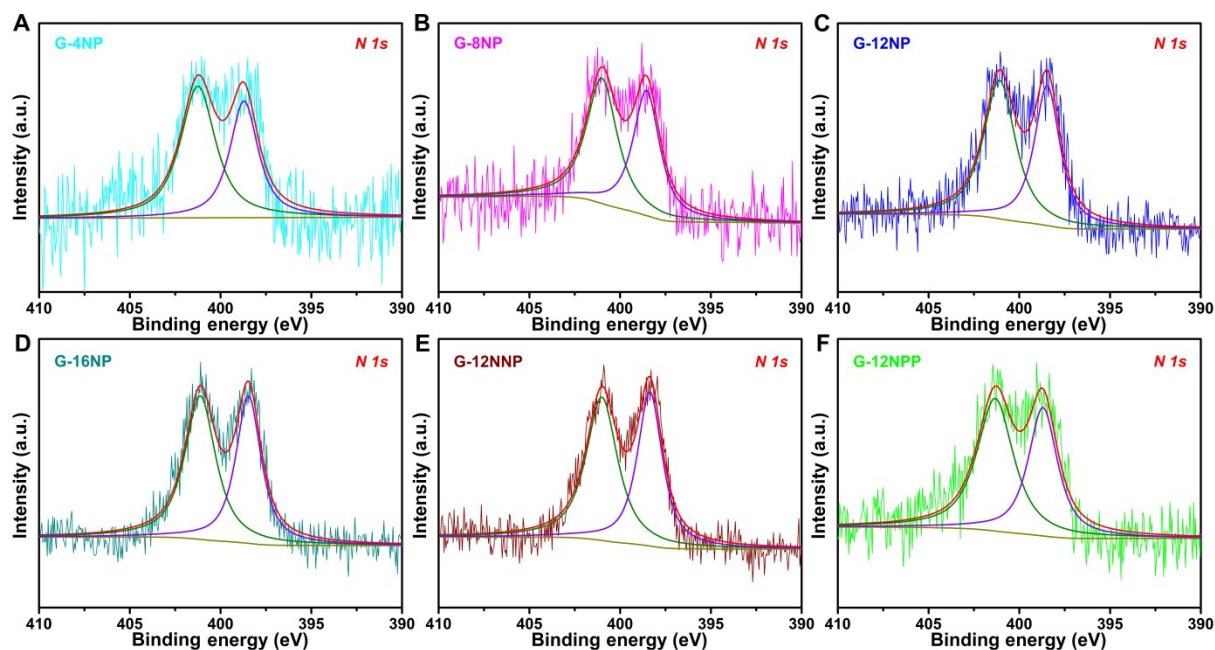


Fig. S17. The high-resolution N $1s$ XPS spectra obtained for G-4NP, G-8NP, G-12NP, G-16NP, G-12NNP and G-12NPP.

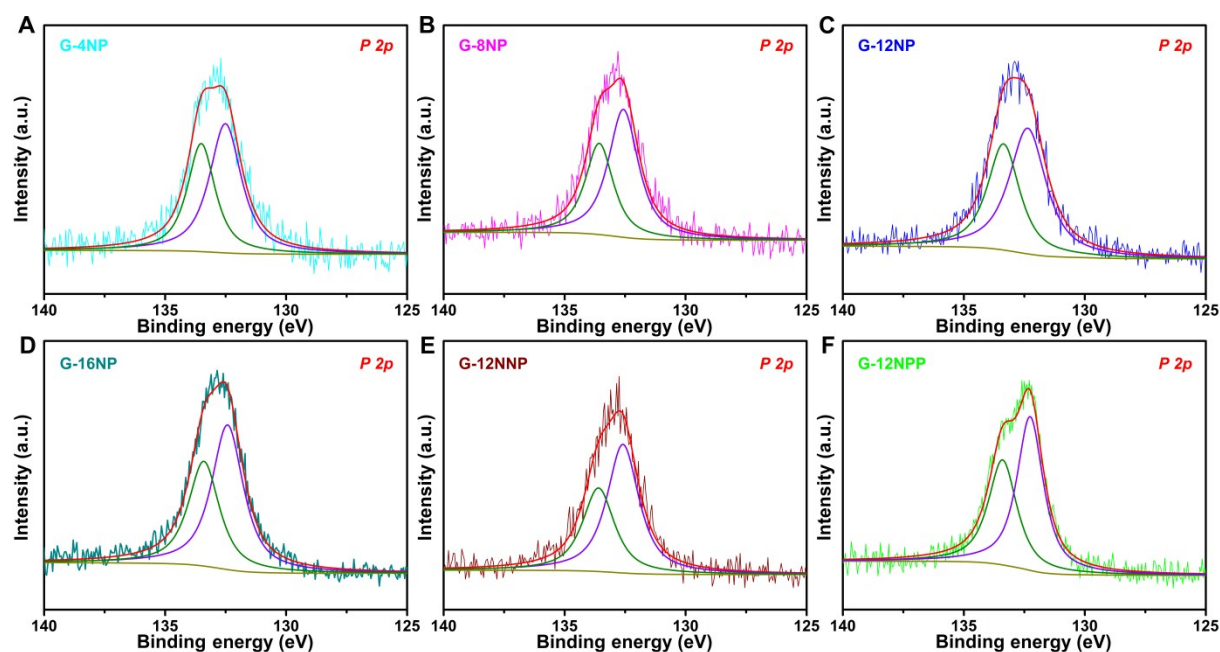


Fig. S18. The high-resolution P $2p$ XPS spectra obtained for G-4NP, G-8NP, G-12NP, G-16NP, G-12NNP and G-12NPP.

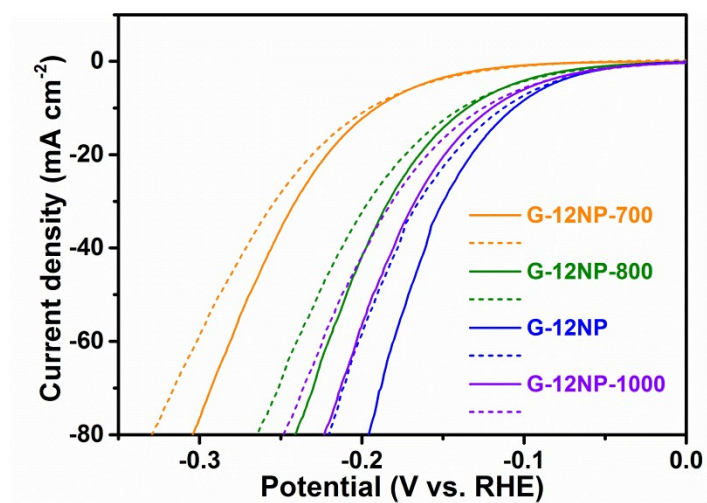


Fig. S19. HER polarization curves of G-12NP-700, G-12NP-800, G-12NP and G-12NP-1000 in 0.5 M H₂SO₄ with (solid lines) and without *iR* correction (dashed lines).

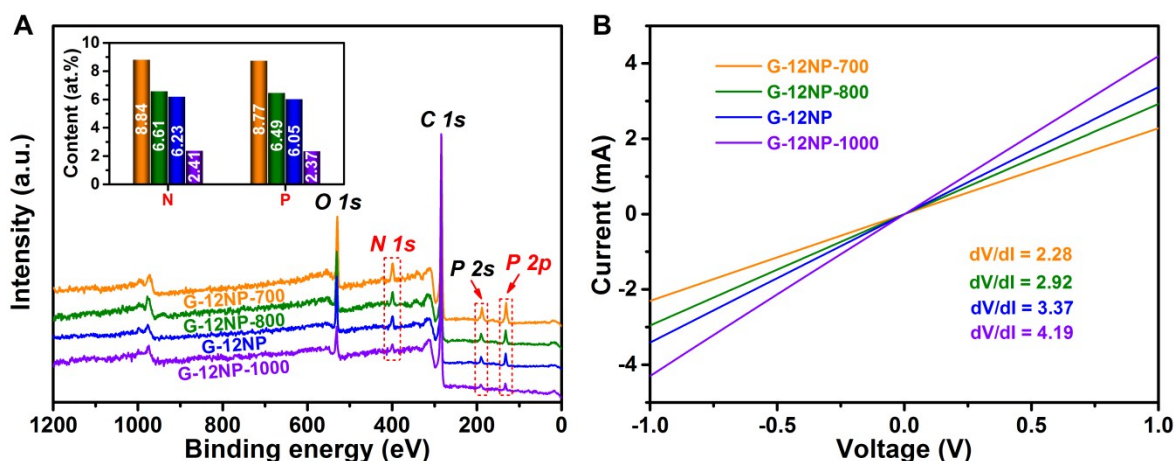


Fig. S20. (A) The survey XPS spectra of G-12NP-700, G-12NP-800, G-12NP and G-12NP-1000. The inset in (A) is the corresponding atomic percentages of N and P. (B) I - V curves of G-12NP-700, G-12NP-800, G-12NP and G-12NP-1000.

To determine the doping level and evaluate the conductivity of G-12NP-700, G-12NP-800, G-12NP and G-12NP-1000 prepared at 700, 800, 900 and 1000 °C, respectively, XPS and I - V characteristics measurements were performed. As shown in **Fig. S20**, the atomic percentages of N and P decreases in the order of G-12NP-700 > G-12NP-800 > G-12NP > G-12NP-1000 (**Fig. S20A**) and the dV/dI values increases in the order of G-12NP-700 < G-12NP-800 < G-12NP < G-12NP-1000 (**Fig. S20B**). The appropriate pyrolysis temperature of 900 °C can balance the two factors in HER, the heteroatom-doping amount and the conductivity of G-NP.

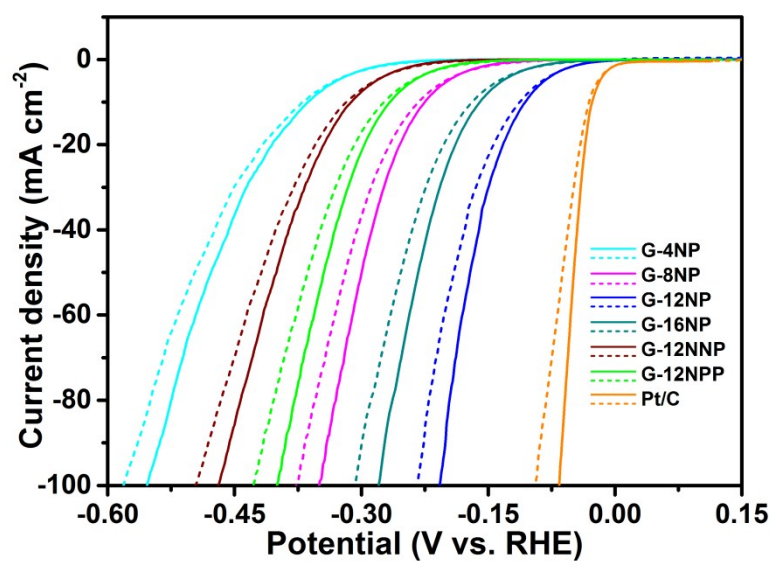


Fig. S21. HER polarization curves of various G-NP and Pt/C in 0.5 M H₂SO₄ with (solid lines) and without *iR* correction (dashed lines).

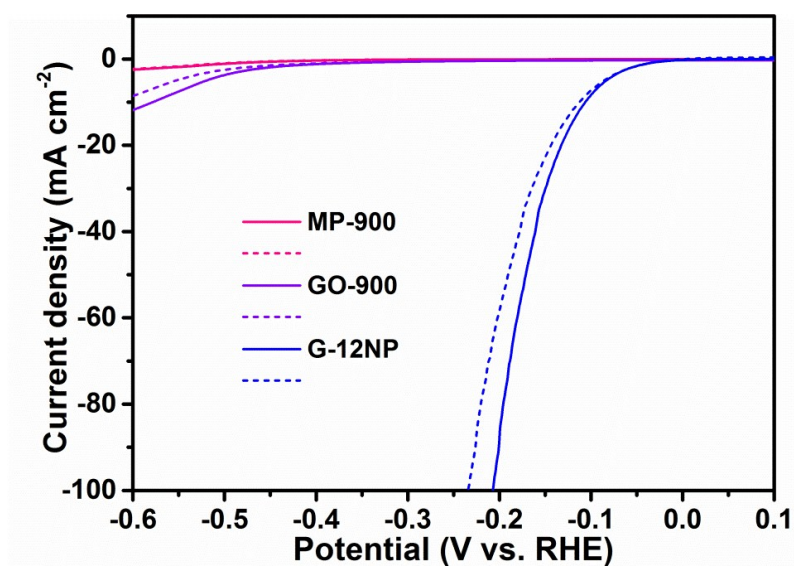


Fig. S22. HER polarization curves of MP-900, GO-900 and G-12NP in 0.5 M H_2SO_4 with (solid lines) and without iR correction (dashed lines).

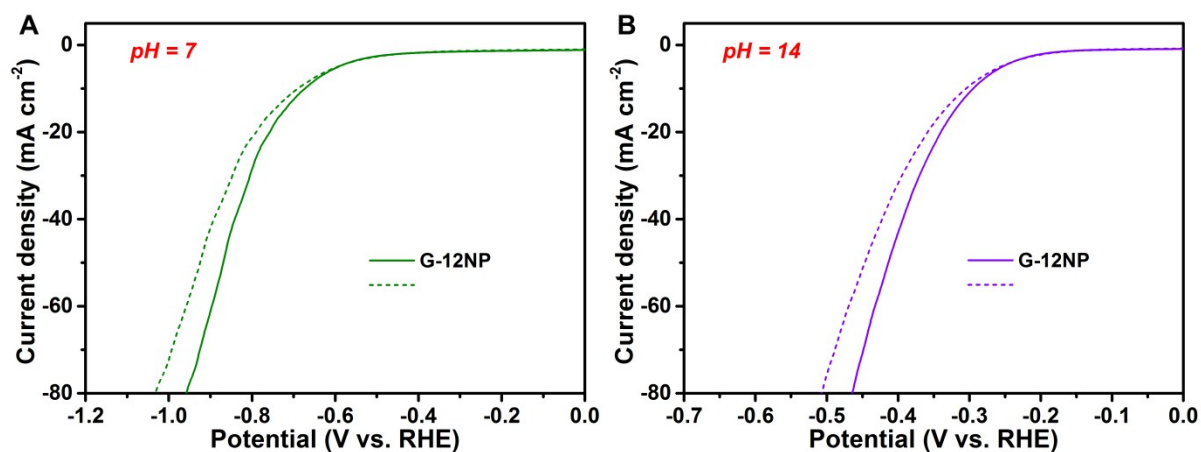


Fig. S23. HER polarization curves of G-12NP with (solid lines) and without iR correction (dashed lines) in H_2 -saturated 0.5 M PBS (A) and 1 M KOH (B), respectively.

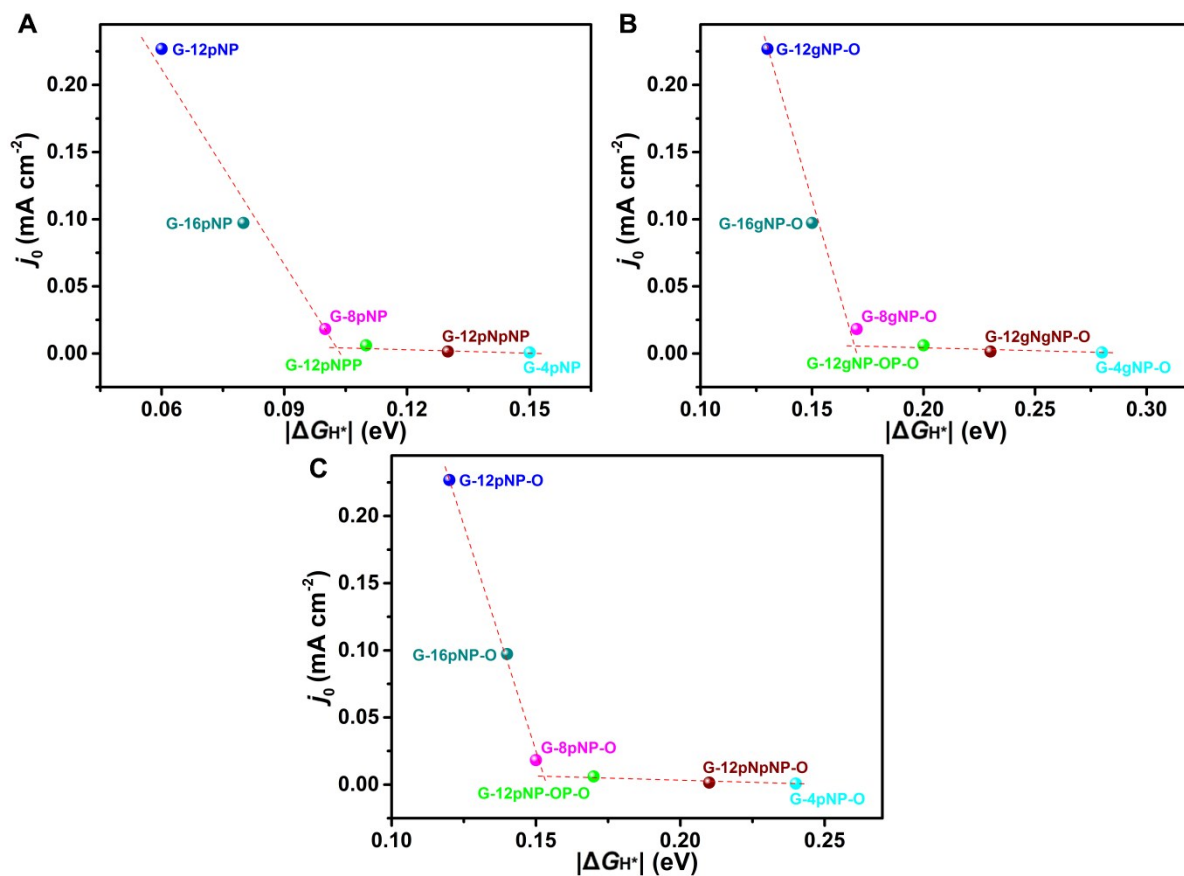


Fig. S24. Relationships between the j_0 of the produced G-NP and the $|\Delta G_{H^*}|$ of different G-pNP (A), G-gNP-O (B) and G-pNP-O (C) models.

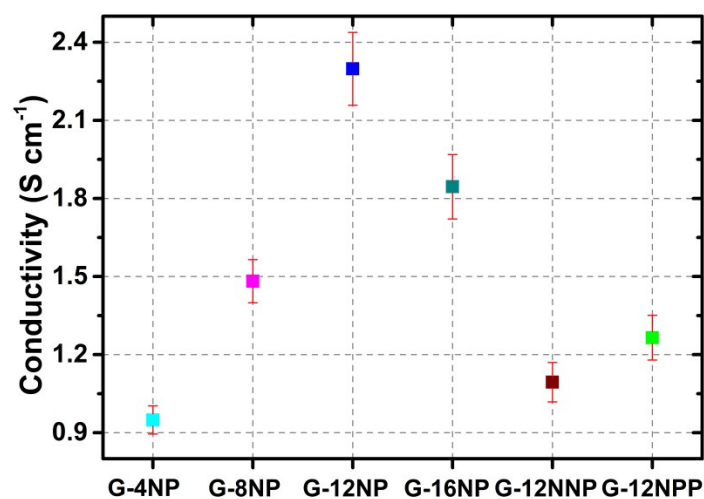


Fig. S25. Conductivity of various G-NP catalysts measured by 4-point probe method.

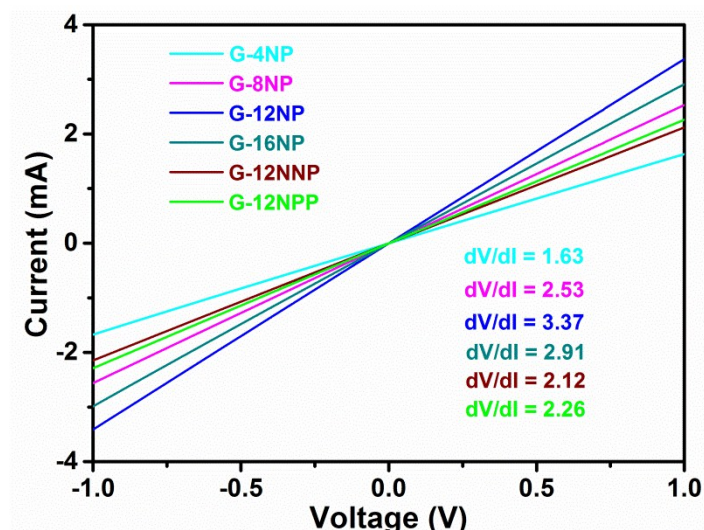


Fig. S26. I – V curves of various G-NP catalysts.

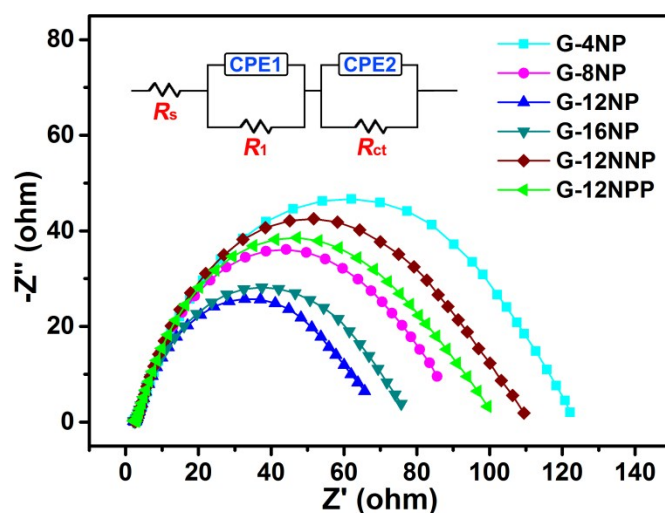


Fig. S27. Nyquist plots of various G-NP catalysts, the inset is the equivalent circuit model applied to fit the Nyquist plots, where R_s is the electrolyte resistance, R_1 relates to the interfacial resistance resulting from the electron transport between the catalyst and the GCE, R_{ct} is the charge-transfer resistance and CPE1 and CPE2 represent the double layer capacitance.

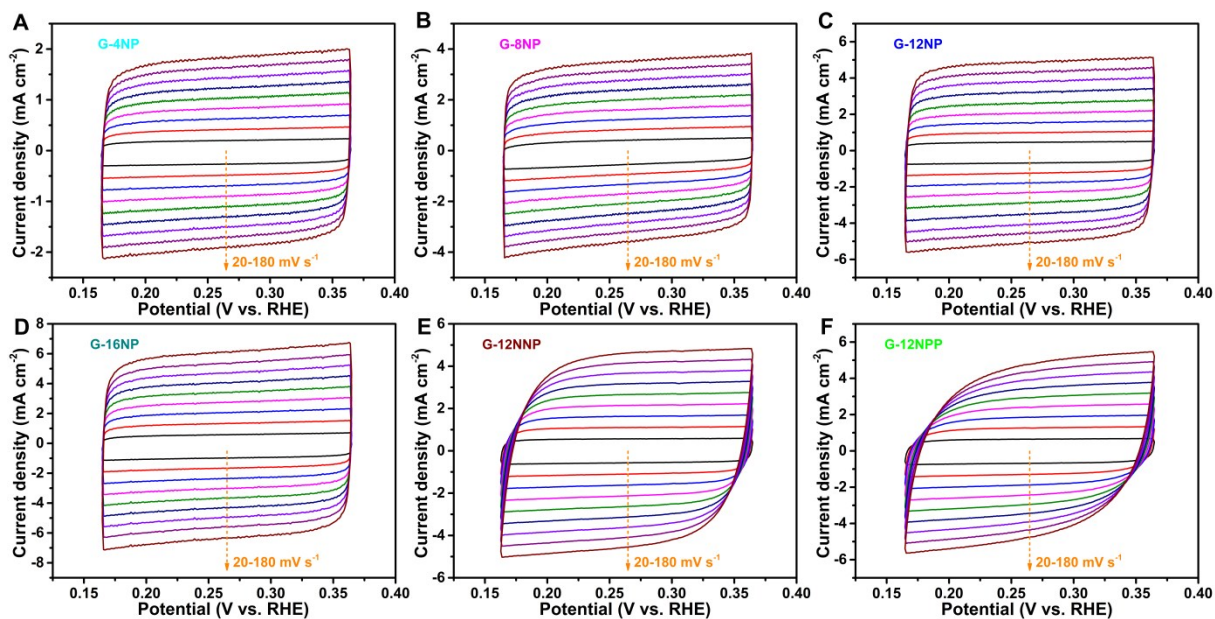


Fig. S28. CVs for G-4NP (A), G-8NP (B), G-12NP (C), G-16NP (D), G-12NNP (E) and G-12NPP (F) at different scan rate from 20 to 180 mV s^{-1} .

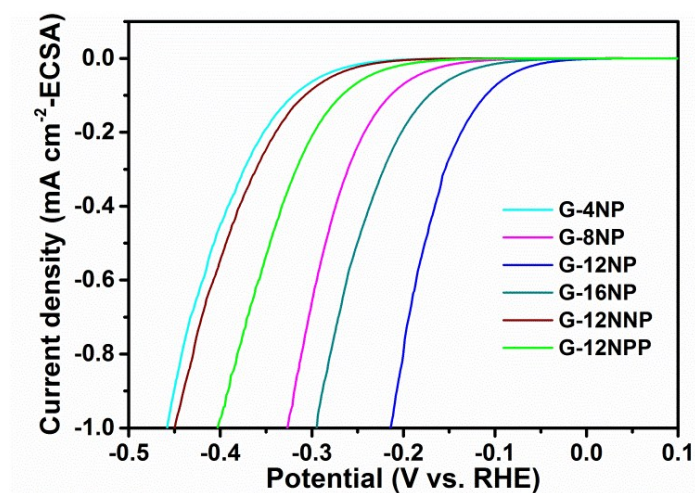


Fig. S29. iR -compensated HER polarization curves of various G-NP catalysts with current densities normalized to ECSA in 0.5 M H_2SO_4 .

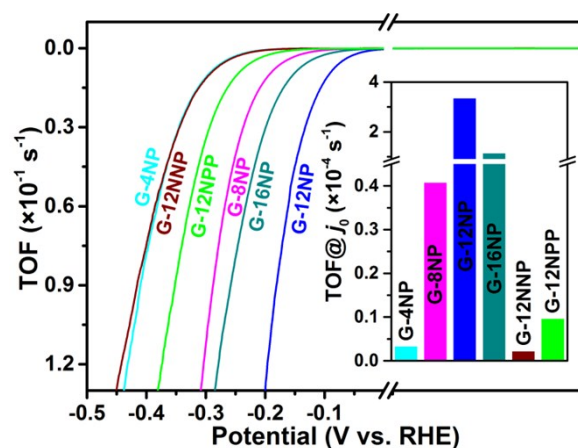


Fig. S30. TOFs of various G-NP catalysts in 0.5 M H₂SO₄, the inset is the corresponding TOF value required for the $j = j_0$.

The TOFs of various G-NP catalysts in 0.5 M H₂SO₄ for the HER is calculated by the equation:

$$TOF = \frac{\text{Total number of hydrogen turnover/geometric area (cm}^2\text{)}}{\text{Number of active sites/geometric area (cm}^2\text{)}}$$

Total number of hydrogen turnover^{S2,S3}

$$= (j \text{ mA cm}^{-2}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ C s}^{-1}}{10^3 \text{ mA}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol e}^-}{96485.3 \text{ C}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol H}_2}{2 \text{ mol e}^-} \right) \left(\frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules H}_2}{1 \text{ mol H}_2} \right) = \text{per mA cm}^{-2}$$

The number of active sites is assumed to be equal to the number of heteroatoms (N and P) and all of these sites are accessible to the electrolyte. The real number of active and accessible sites should be considerably lower than the calculated value since the C atoms only between meta-type N and P in the heterocycles are the most potentially active site based on our DFT results. The content of heteroatoms is revealed by the XPS measurements. Accordingly, number of active sites

$$= \left(W_N \times \frac{1 \text{ mmol}}{14.004 \text{ mg}} + W_P \times \frac{1 \text{ mmol}}{30.974 \text{ mg}} \right) \times 0.378 \text{ mg cm}^{-2} \times 6.022 \times 10^{20} \text{ sites mmol}^{-1}$$

Where W_N is the mass content of N, and W_P is the mass content of P.

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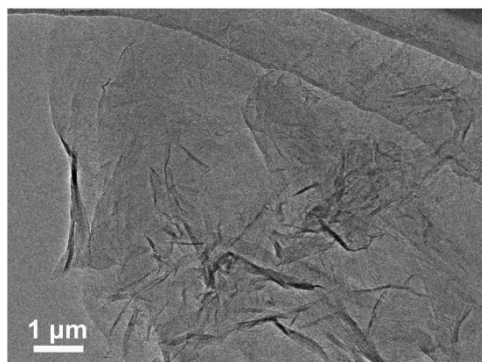


Fig. S31. The TEM image of G-12NP after 100 h durability tests.

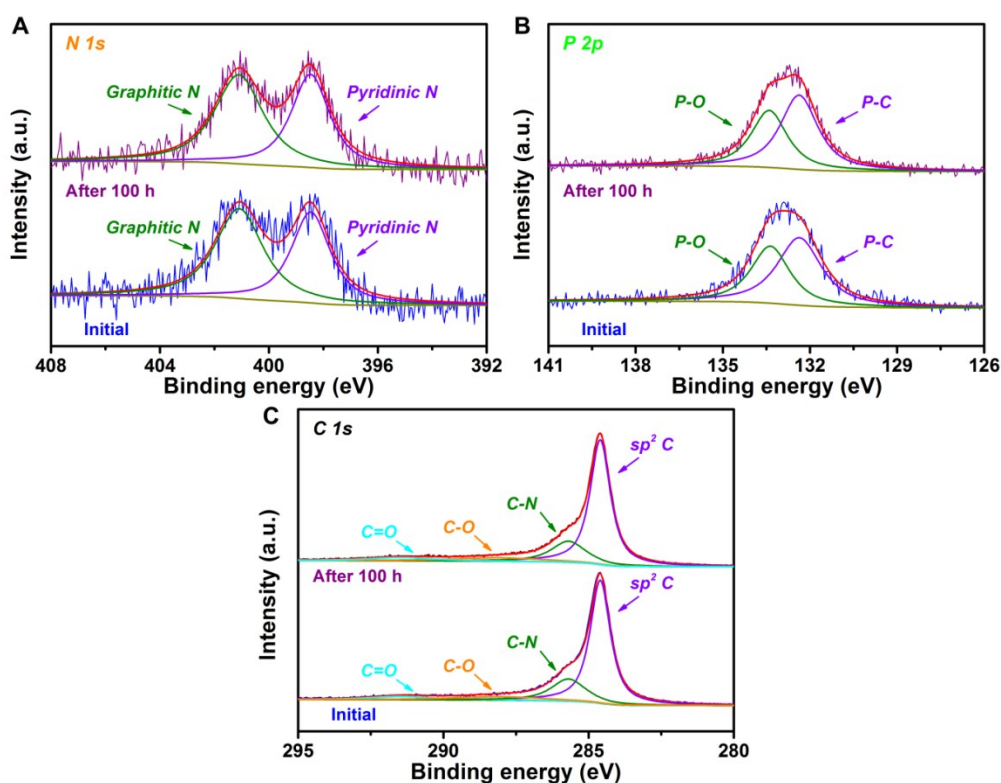


Fig. S32. The high-resolution N 1s (A), P 2p (B) and C 1s (C) XPS spectra of G-12NP initially and after 100 h durability tests.^{S4,S5}

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Table S1. The typical FTIR and Raman bands of MP.

FTIR bands ^{S6,S7}		Raman bands ^{S8,S9}	
Wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Assignment	Raman shift (cm ⁻¹)	Assignment
3398	Asymmetric stretching absorptions of N-H	993	Ring breathing mode of triazine ring
3158	Symmetric stretching absorptions of N-H	928	PO ₄ stretching
1673	Triazine ring vibration	699	Ring breathing mode and an in-plane deformation of triazine ring
1250	Stretching vibration of P=O	591	PO ₄ bending in HPO ₄ ²⁻ group
785	Triazine ring vibration	404	PO ₄ bending in H ₂ PO ₄ ²⁻ group

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Table S2. Comparison of HER performance of G-12NP with the reported NHDG and other types of metal-free catalysts in 0.5 M H₂SO₄.

Catalysts	Substrate	$\eta@10$ mA·cm ⁻² (mV)	Tafel slope (mV/dec)	Reference
G-12NP	GCE	106	67.3	This work
<i>N doped G</i>	GCE	~580	133.8	<i>Chem. Commun.</i> 2018, 54, 13726.
<i>B, S codoped G</i>	GCE	230	72	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2018, 57, 13302.
<i>N doped G</i>	GCE	210	---	<i>ACS Energy Lett.</i> 2018, 3, 1345.
<i>N, P codoped G</i>	GCE	~500	88	<i>ChemistrySelect</i> 2018, 3, 6814.
<i>3D S doped G</i>	GCE	218	64	<i>J. Mater. Sci.</i> 2018, 53, 7767.
<i>Amine functionalized N doped G</i>	GCE	350	113	<i>Carbon</i> 2018, 138, 169.
<i>P nanodot incorporated G</i>	GCE	440	46	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> 2018, 6, 3141.
<i>g-C₃N₄@2D mesoporous G</i>	GCE	219	53	<i>Adv. Funct. Mater.</i> 2017, 27, 1606352.
<i>N, F codoped G</i>	GCE	290	87	<i>Catal. Sci. Technol.</i> 2017, 7, 2228.
<i>Plasma-etched N doped G</i>	GCE	128	66	<i>Appl. Catal. A: General</i> 2017, 529, 127.
<i>N doped G</i>	GCE	~380	---	<i>ChemCatChem</i> 2017, 9, 4049.
<i>N, S codoped G</i>	Ni foam	298	75	<i>Int. J. Hydrogen. Energ.</i> 2017, 42, 27004.
<i>N, S codoped G</i>	GCE	~300	120	<i>Nature Energy</i> 2016, 1, 16130.
<i>Plasma-etched S doped G</i>	GCE	178	86	<i>Int. J. Hydrogen. Energ.</i> 2016, 42, 4184.
<i>N, P, S tridoped G</i>	GCE	240	90	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2016, 28, 10644.
<i>Plasma-etched N, S codoped G</i>	GCE	149	78	<i>Electrochimica Acta</i> 2016, 219, 781.
<i>B, N codoped G</i>	GCE	216	92	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> 2016, 4, 16469.
<i>N, S codoped G</i>	GCE	276	81	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2015, 54, 2131.
<i>N, P codoped G</i>	GCE	213	79	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> 2015, 3, 12642.
<i>g-C₃N₄/N, P codoped G</i>	GCE	340	90	<i>ChemCatChem</i> 2015, 7, 3873.
<i>Holey N doped G</i>	GCE	340	99	<i>Nano Energy</i> 2015, 15, 567.
<i>N, P codoped G</i>	GCE	~420	91	<i>ACS Nano</i> 2014, 8, 5290.
<i>C₃N₄@N doped G</i>	GCE	~240	51.5	<i>Nat. Commun.</i> 2014, 5, 3783.
<i>B doped G</i>	GCE	470	99	<i>Catal. Sci. Technol.</i> 2014, 4, 2023.

<i>g-C₃N₄ nanoribbon/G</i>	GCE	207	54	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2014, 53, 13934.
<i>N doped G</i>	GCE	240	109	<i>Sci. Rep.</i> 2014, 4, 7557.
<i>Defect-rich and ultrathin N doped carbon nanosheet</i>	GCE	90	43	<i>Energy Environ. Sci.</i> 2019, 12, 322.
<i>N doped CNT</i>	GCE	360	118	<i>Catal. Lett.</i> 2019, 149, 486.
<i>3D porous N doped carbon</i>	GCE	143	64.3	<i>ChemCatChem</i> 2018, 10, 5194.
<i>Pyrazine-incorporated graphdiyne</i>	GCE	275	75	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> 2018, 6, 22189.
<i>Maleimide edge-functionalized G</i>	GCE	420	110	<i>ChemistrySelect</i> 2018, 3, 13070.
<i>Hexagonal BN-G</i>	GCE	~390	---	<i>Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys</i> 2018, 20, 15007.
<i>C₃N₄ quantum dot@G</i>	GCE	110	53	<i>ACS Catal.</i> 2018, 8, 3965.
<i>N functionalized CNT</i>	GCE	250	---	<i>ChemCatChem</i> 2018, 10, 3872.
<i>Graphite carbon nitride/B doped G</i>	GCE	260	90	<i>Nanotechnology</i> 2018, 29, 345705.
<i>3D G network</i>	Si substrate	107	64	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2018, 57, 192.
<i>Ethylenediamine-functionalized multiwalled CNT</i>	GCE	350	116	<i>Electrocatalysis</i> 2018, 9, 573.
<i>NBC-ternary nanosheet</i>	GCE	590	205	<i>Appl. Surf. Sci.</i> 2018, 448, 618.
<i>CN_x@N doped G</i>	GCE	193	54	<i>ChemElectroChem</i> 2017, 4, 2643.
<i>N doped carbon</i>	GCE	276	94	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> 2017, 5, 6025.
<i>3D CNT</i>	GCE	~300	---	<i>ACS Catal.</i> 2017, 7, 2676.
<i>S doped g-C₃N₄</i>	GCE	186	84	<i>ACS Nano</i> 2017, 11, 6004.
<i>Covalent organic polymer</i>	GCE	250	106	<i>ACS Catal.</i> 2017, 7, 6120.
<i>N, S codoped carbon nanosheet</i>	GCE	290	76.9	<i>ACS Nano</i> 2017, 11, 7293.
<i>Pyrene-porphyrin-based crystalline covalent organic framework</i>	GCE	380@5	116	<i>ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces</i> 2017, 9, 23843.
<i>N doped graphitic carbon sheet</i>	CC	320	198	<i>Int. J. Hydrogen. Energ.</i> 2017, 42, 14390.
<i>Defect-rich, N, B codoped graphitic carbon nanocage</i>	GCE	175.3	---	<i>Nano Energy</i> 2017, 42, 334.
<i>S doped C₃N₄</i>	GCE	145	51	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> 2016, 4, 12205.
<i>Horizontally-aligned CNT and G</i>	GCE	420	121	<i>Carbon</i> 2016, 107, 739.
<i>Acid treated multiwalled CNT</i>	GCE	~180	71.3	<i>ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces</i> 2016, 8, 35513.
<i>Defective activated carbon</i>	GCE	334	66	<i>Chem. Commun.</i> 2016, 52, 8156.
<i>G nanostripe</i>	GCE	560	85.3	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2016, 55, 13965.

<i>N doped carbon nanosheet</i>	GCE	137	131.6	<i>Electrochimica Acta</i> 2016, 215, 223.
<i>N, S codoped CNT</i>	GCE	~270	126	<i>Chem. Eur. J.</i> 2016, 22, 10326.
<i>BC₇N₂</i>	GCE	70@20	100	<i>Energy Environ. Sci.</i> 2016, 9, 95.
<i>Defect G</i>	GCE	150	55	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2016, 28, 9532.
<i>S-C₃N₄/CNT/CF</i>	CF	236	81.6	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> 2016, 4, 12878.
<i>N, P codoped carbon network</i>	GCE	163	89	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2016, 55, 2230.
<i>N, P codoped CF</i>	GCE	151	69	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> 2016, 4, 13726.
<i>2D supramolecular polymer</i>	GCE	333	80.5	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2015, 54, 12058.
<i>N, S codoped porous carbon</i>	GCE	100	57.4	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> 2015, 3, 8840.
<i>N, S codoped carbon nanosheet</i>	GCE	120	67.8	<i>Nano Energy</i> 2015, 16, 357.
<i>C₃N₄ nanolayer@N doped G</i>	GCE	80	49.1	<i>ACS Nano</i> 2015, 9, 931.
<i>N, P codoped porous carbon</i>	GCE	204	58.4	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> 2015, 3, 7210.
<i>Activated CNT</i>	GCE	220	71.3	<i>Chem. Commun.</i> 2014, 50, 9340.

Abbreviations: G = Graphene; GCE = Glassy carbon electrode; CC = Carbon cloth; CF = Carbon fiber; g-C₃N₄ = graphitic-C₃N₄; CNT = Carbon nanotube.

Table S3. Comparison of HER performance of G-12NP with recently reported metallic catalysts in 0.5 M H₂SO₄.

Catalysts	Substrate	$\eta@10$ mA·cm ⁻² (mV)	Tafel slope (mV/dec)	Reference
G-12NP	GCE	106	67.3	This work
<i>G-supported single atom Co</i>	GCE	230	99	<i>Adv. Energy Mater.</i> 2019, 9, 1803689.
<i>Co-N/C</i>	GCE	~202	82	<i>ACS Catal.</i> 2019, 9, 83.
<i>Co/PCN</i>	GCE	89	52	<i>Nat. Catal.</i> 2019, 2, 134.
<i>Monolayer MoS₂</i>	GCE	200	75	<i>Nat. Commun.</i> 2019, 10, 1348.
<i>Ni-doped FeP/carbon</i>	GCE	72	54	<i>Sci. Adv.</i> 2019, 5, eaav6009.
<i>MoS₂/rGO</i>	GCE	186	49	<i>Small</i> 2019, 15, 1804903.
<i>Co-Fe-P nanotube</i>	GCE	66	72	<i>Nano Energy</i> 2019, 56, 225.
<i>Meso-CoS₂</i>	GCE	110	52	<i>ACS Catal.</i> 2019, 9, 456.
<i>WS₂/Ni₃P₄-Ni₂P</i>	Ni foam	94	74	<i>Nano Energy</i> 2019, 58, 193.
<i>17.7 wt% Ir/Si nanowire</i>	GCE	22	20	<i>ACS Nano</i> 2019, 13, 2786.
<i>N, P codoped MoS₂</i>	CC	116	58.4	<i>Nano Energy</i> 2019, 58, 862.
<i>[Mo₂O₂(μ-S)₂(S₂)₂]²⁻</i>	GCE	~114	~52	<i>Nat. Commun.</i> 2019, 10, 370.
<i>CoS[Ni P nanosheet</i>	Ni foam	41	45.2	<i>Small</i> 2019, 15, 1804272.
<i>RuB₂</i>	GCE	17	38.9	<i>Adv. Energy Mater.</i> 2019, 9, 1803369.
<i>W₂C</i>	GCE	~268	65	<i>Small</i> 2019, 15, 1900248.
<i>Amorphous MoS_x</i>	GCE	145	40	<i>Adv. Funct. Mater.</i> 2019, 29, 1806229.
<i>Ni@N doped carbon@MoS₂</i>	GCE	82	47.5	<i>Small</i> 2019, 15, 1804545.
<i>Ni₂P/MoS₂/N doped CNT</i>	GCE	91.5	39.5	<i>Adv. Funct. Mater.</i> 2019, 29, 1809151.
<i>CoP/NiCoP/N doped carbon</i>	GCE	60	64	<i>Adv. Funct. Mater.</i> 2019, 29, 1807976.
<i>Ultrafine Mo₂C particle</i>	GCE	62	57	<i>Small</i> 2019, 15, 1900358.
<i>Single-atomic Co/N doped carbon</i>	GCE	137	52	<i>Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i> 2018, 115, 12692.
<i>Ru@G</i>	GCE	13	30	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2018, 30, 1803676.
<i>2D MoS_{2-x}O_x</i>	GCE	~255	67	<i>Nat. Chem.</i> 2018, 9, 810.
<i>Ir@cage-like organic network</i>	GCE	13.6	27	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2018, 30, 1805606.

<i>MoSSe nanodot</i>	GCE	140	40	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2018, 30, 1705509.
<i>p-(CH₃CH₂)₂NPh-MoS₂</i>	GCE	~348	~75	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2018, 140, 441.
<i>Co doped WS₂/W₁₈O₄₉ nanotube</i>	FTO	210	49	<i>Energy Environ. Sci.</i> 2018, 11, 2270.
<i>Core-shell N-C-NiFe nanoparticle</i>	CW	179	52.8	<i>Adv. Energy Mater.</i> 2018, 8, 1801289.
<i>Multi-channel carbon matrix nanofibers@MoS₂-Ni</i>	GCE	161	81	<i>Adv. Funct. Mater.</i> 2018, 8, 1807086.
<i>S, N codoped Fe₂N</i>	GCE	123	90	<i>Small</i> 2018, 14, 1803500.
<i>Defect G trap atomic Ni species</i>	GCE	70	31	<i>Chem</i> 2018, 4, 285.
<i>Mo₂N-Mo₂C/holey reduced GO</i>	GCE	157	55	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2018, 30, 1704156.
<i>CoP@N doped carbon/N doped G</i>	GCE	135	59.3	<i>Small</i> 2018, 14, 1702895.
<i>Monolayer MoS₂</i>	GCE	126	67	<i>Adv. Energy Mater.</i> 2018, 8, 1800734.
<i>Ni-Co-P nanosheet</i>	GCE	80	---	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2018, 140, 5241.
<i>MoSe₂ flake/single-wall CNT</i>	GCE	100	63	<i>Adv. Energy Mater.</i> 2018, 8, 1703212.
<i>N-MoSe₂/TiC-C</i>	TiC-C	106	32	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2018, 30, 1802223.
<i>Ni₂P@N doped carbon nanofiber</i>	GCE	63.2	56.7	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2018, 57, 1963.
<i>Mo_{0.5}W_{0.5}S₂</i>	GCE	138	55	<i>ACS Catal.</i> 2018, 8, 9529.
<i>Ultrathin CoP nanosheet aerogel</i>	GCE	113	72	<i>Small</i> 2018, 14, 1802824.
<i>V doped Co₄N nanosheet</i>	GCE	37	44	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2018, 130, 5170.
<i>Mo/Co@N doped carbon</i>	GCE	187	148	<i>Small</i> 2018, 14, 1704227.
<i>MoP/N doped G</i>	GCE	94	50.1	<i>Small</i> 2018, 14, 1800667.
<i>1T-MoS₂</i>	GCE	230	45	<i>ACS Energy Lett.</i> 2018, 3, 7.
<i>PANI nanodots decorated CoP nanowire</i>	CFP	~50	34.5	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2018, 140, 5118.
<i>Er₂Si₂O₇:IrO₂</i>	GCE	130	49	<i>ACS Catal.</i> 2018, 8, 8830.
<i>Ru single atoms@phosphorus nitride imide nanotube</i>	GCE	24	38	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2018, 57, 9495.
<i>WS₂/WO₃/rGO</i>	GCE	113	37	<i>Nano Energy</i> 2018, 47, 66.
<i>1T'-Phase ReS_{2x}Se_{2(1-x)}</i>	GCE	84	50.1	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2018, 140, 8563.
<i>Thiomolybdate [Mo₃S₁₃]₂-cluster</i>	GCE	137	51	<i>ACS Catal.</i> 2018, 8, 5221.
<i>Silk-cocoon structured CoS_x</i>	GCE	42	41	<i>Energy Environ. Sci.</i> , 2018, 11, 2467.
<i>NPNi-MoS₂/rGO</i>	GCE	205	71.3	<i>ACS Catal.</i> 2018, 8, 8107.

<i>Ni/WC@N doped carbon sheet</i>	GCE	53	43.5	<i>Energy Environ. Sci.</i> 2018, 11, 2114.
<i>CoP/Ni₃P₄/CoP microsheet array</i>	Ni foam	85	43	<i>Energy Environ. Sci.</i> 2018, 11, 2246.
<i>Cu₂Se sheet</i>	Cu foam	~212	32	<i>ACS Catal.</i> 2018, 8, 5686.
<i>N, P codoped carbon-encapsulated ultrafine MoP nanocrystal/MoP cluster</i>	CC	74	50	<i>Adv. Funct. Mater.</i> 2018, 28, 1801527.
<i>Co₉S₈/MoS₂</i>	GCE	97	71	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2018, 30, 1707301.
<i>MoP/CNT</i>	GCE	83	60	<i>Adv. Funct. Mater.</i> 2018, 28, 1706523.
<i>2D MoSe₂ nanosheet</i>	GCE	126	38	<i>Small</i> 2018, 14, 1704150.
<i>Mo/β-Mo₂C</i>	GCE	89	70.7	<i>ACS Energy Lett.</i> 2018, 3, 341.
<i>Li⁺ activated WSe₂ nanoflower</i>	CFP	243	---	<i>Nano Lett.</i> 2018, 18, 2329.
<i>Co-Co₂P@N, P doped carbon/rGO</i>	GCE	61.5	42.5	<i>Adv. Funct. Mater.</i> 2018, 28, 1801332.
<i>Co@N-CNTs@rGO</i>	GCE	87	55	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2018, 30, 1802011.
<i>MoS₂/hydrogenated G</i>	GCE	124	41	<i>ACS Catal.</i> 2018, 8, 1828.
<i>Mo₂B₄</i>	GCE	~260@3.5	80	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2017, 139, 12915.
<i>N-doped 1T-2H MoSe₂/G</i>	GCE	98	62	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2017, 29, 1700748.
<i>W_xMo_{1-x}S₂/rGO film</i>	GCE	96	38.7	<i>ACS Nano</i> 2017, 11, 5103.
<i>2D WC single crystal/G</i>	GCE	120	38	<i>Nano Energy</i> 2017, 33, 356.
<i>RuP₂@N, P codoped carbon</i>	GCE	38	38	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2017, 56, 11559.
<i>Zn-MoS₂</i>	GCE	~140	51	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2017, 139, 15479.
<i>Crumpled MoS₂</i>	CC	193	66	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2017, 29, 1703863.
<i>Carbon-shell-coated FeP nanoparticle</i>	GCE	71	52	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2017, 139, 6669.
<i>PtO_x/TiO₂</i>	GCE	~125	40	<i>Energy Environ. Sci.</i> 2017, 10, 2450.
<i>MoB₂</i>	GCE	~240@3.5	75	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2017, 56, 5575.
<i>α-MoB₂</i>	GCE	149	---	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2017, 139, 12370.
<i>WC@N doped carbon</i>	GCE	51	49	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2017, 139, 5285.
<i>1T-MoSe₂ nanosheet</i>	GCE	152	52	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2017, 29, 1700311.
<i>Monolayer MoS₂</i>	GCE	~220	---	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2017, 139, 16194.
<i>Monolayer MoS₂</i>	GCE	~77	~60	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2017, 29, 1701955.
<i>Pd/Cu-Pt nanoring</i>	GCE	22.8	28	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2017, 56, 16047.
<i>Ternary NiCo₂P_x Nanowire</i>	Carbon felt	104	58.8	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2017, 29, 1605502.

$Ni_{0.89}Co_{0.11}Se_2$	Ni foam	52	39	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2017, 29, 1606521.
MoS_2	Cu foil	~100	39	<i>Sci. Adv.</i> 2017, 3, e1602215.
$Ru@C_2N$	GCE	13.5	30	<i>Nat. Nanotech.</i> 2017, 12, 441.
1T-phase MoS_2	GCE	~300@5	58	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2016, 28, 10033.
$MoSe_2/Mo$ core-shell nanoscrew	Mo substrate	166	34.7	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2016, 28, 9831.
MoO_x/MoS_2 Core-Shell Nanotubular	GCE	259	63	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2016, 55, 12252.
Metallic-phase MoS_2	GCE	175	41	<i>Nat. Commun.</i> 2016, 7, 10672.
Activated-Ni-Carbon catalyst	GCE	34	41	<i>Nat. Commun.</i> 2016, 7, 10667.
W_2C nanoparticle	GCE	123	45	<i>Nat. Commun.</i> 2016, 7, 13216.
Mn doped $CoSe_2$ ultrathin nanosheet	GCE	174	36	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2016, 138, 5087.
Hollow $Zn_{0.3}Co_{2.7}S_4$	GCE	80	47.5	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2016, 138, 1359.
$MoS_{0.94}P_{0.53}$	GCE	~150	57	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2016, 28, 1427.
$WS_2/WO_{2.9}$	Graphite paper	~110	36	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2016, 29, 1603617.
Ni-C-N nanosheet	GCE	60.9	32	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2016, 138, 14546.
Se-enriched $NiSe_2$ nanosheet array	CF	117	32	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2016, 55, 6919.
$CoMoS_3$ hollow prism	GCE	171	56.9	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2016, 28, 92.
MoS_2 with S-vacancy	GCE	170	60	<i>Nat. Mater.</i> 2016, 15, 48.
Mo-W-P	CC	~80	52	<i>Energy Environ. Sci.</i> 2016, 9, 1468.
$Cu_7S_4@MoS_2$	GCE	133	48	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2016, 55, 6502.
$MoS_{2(1-x)}Se_{2x}/NiSe_2$	GCE	69	42.1	<i>Nat. Commun.</i> 2016, 7, 12765.
Rh_2S_3	GCE	137	44	<i>Energy Environ. Sci.</i> 2016, 9, 850.
$Mo_2C@N$, P codoped carbon	GCE	34	33.6	<i>Nat. Commun.</i> 2016, 7, 11204.
P_8W_{48}/rGO	GCE	28	38	<i>Energy Environ. Sci.</i> 2016, 9, 1012.
Co-N-doped G	GCE	~147	82	<i>Nat. Commun.</i> 2015, 6, 8668.
Co-C-N	GCE	138	55	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2015, 137, 15070.
WO_2 -carbon mesoporous nanowire	GCE	58	46	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2015, 137, 6983.
$Mo_2C@N$ -doped carbon	GCE	~120	60	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2015, 54, 10752.
CoN_x/C	GCE	133	57	<i>Nat. Commun.</i> 2015, 6, 7992.
Fe-Ni-S	GCE	105	40	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2015, 137, 11900.
$Mo_2C@carbon$	GCE	78	41	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2015, 54, 14723.

<i>Edge-terminated MoS₂</i>	GCE	149	49	<i>Nat. Commun. 2015, 6, 7493.</i>
<i>MoCN</i>	GCE	140	46	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2015, 137, 110.</i>
<i>MoO₂@P-doped carbon-RGO</i>	GCE	64	41	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2015, 54, 12928.</i>
<i>H-MoS₂</i>	GCE	167	98	<i>Adv. Mater. 2015, 27, 7426.</i>
<i>Ni₅P₄-Ni₂P</i>	Ni foam	120	79.1	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2015, 54, 8188.</i>
<i>Mo_{0.27}Ni_{2.4}</i>	GCE	75	45	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2015, 137, 15753.</i>
<i>β-Mo₂C nanotube</i>	GCE	172	62	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2015, 54, 15395.</i>
<i>FeCo alloy@N-doped G</i>	GCE	262	74	<i>Energy Environ. Sci., 2015, 8, 3563.</i>
<i>VS₂ nanosheet</i>	GCE	68	34	<i>Adv. Mater. 2015, 27, 5605.</i>
<i>Ni-doped G</i>	GCE	~150	45	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2015, 54, 14031.</i>
<i>MoCx</i>	GCE	142	53	<i>Nat. Commn. 2015, 6, 6512.</i>
<i>Ni₅P₄</i>	Ti-foil	23(1 M H ₂ SO ₄)	33(1 M H ₂ SO ₄)	<i>Energy Environ. Sci. 2015, 8, 1027.</i>
<i>CoNi@N-doped carbon</i>	GCE	142	105	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2015, 54, 2100.</i>
<i>MoS₂/CoSe₂</i>	GCE	68	36	<i>Nat. Commn. 2015, 6, 5982.</i>
<i>CoSe₂ nanoparticle</i>	CFP	137	41	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2014, 136, 4897.</i>
<i>CoP/CNT</i>	GCE	122	54	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2014, 53, 6710.</i>
<i>CoP nanowire array</i>	CC	67	51	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2014, 136, 7587.</i>
<i>WS₂ nanosheet</i>	GCE	142	70	<i>Energy Environ. Sci. 2014, 7, 2608.</i>
<i>FeP nanoparticle</i>	Ti-foil	50	~37	<i>ACS Nano 2014, 8, 11101.</i>
<i>MoP</i>	GCE	~130	54	<i>Energy Environ. Sci. 2014, 7, 2624.</i>
<i>Cu₃P nanowire Array</i>	CF	143	67	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2014, 53, 9577.</i>
<i>MoP</i>	GCE	125	54	<i>Adv. Mater. 2014, 26, 5702.</i>
<i>FeP nanowire array</i>	Ti-foil	55	38	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2014, 53, 12855.</i>
<i>Oxygen-incorporated MoS₂</i>	GCE	~170	55	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2013, 135, 17881.</i>
<i>Defect-rich MoS₂</i>	GCE	~200	50	<i>Adv. Mater. 2013, 25, 5807.</i>
<i>MoS₂ nanosheet</i>	RDE	187	43	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2013, 135, 10274.</i>
<i>WS₂ nanosheet</i>	GCE	~200	40	<i>Nat. Mater. 2013, 12, 850.</i>
<i>Ni₂P nanoparticle</i>	Ti-foil	~110	~46	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2013, 135, 9267.</i>
<i>MoS₃/CNT</i>	CPE	~250(1 M H ₂ SO ₄)	41(1 M H ₂ SO ₄)	<i>Energy Environ. Sci. 2012, 5, 6136.</i>
<i>Mo₂C</i>	RDE	~190	56	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2012, 51, 12703.</i>

Cu_2MoS_4	GCE	~300	95	<i>Energy Environ. Sci.</i> 2012, 5, 8912.
MoS_2/RGO	CFP	~150	~41	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2011, 133, 7296.

Abbreviations: G = Graphene; GO = Graphene oxide; rGO = Reduced graphene oxide; GCE = Glassy carbon electrode;

FTO = Fluorine doped tin oxide; CF = Carbon fiber; CFP = Carbon fiber paper; CW = Carbonized wood; CC = Carbon cloth;

DE = Rotating disk electrode; CPE = Carbon paste electrode; CNT = Carbon nanotube.

Table S4. Parameters obtained by fitting the Nyquist plots of G-4NP, G-8NP, G-12NP, G-16NP, G-12NNP and G-12NPP using the equivalent circuit in **Fig. S27**.

Samples	R_s (Ω)	R_1 (Ω)	CPE1 (F)	R_{ct} (Ω)	CPE2 (F)
G-4NP	2.23	0.79	2.21×10^{-12}	120.18	1.28×10^{-7}
G-8NP	2.22	0.55	3.18×10^{-12}	86.51	1.86×10^{-7}
G-12NP	2.15	0.38	4.61×10^{-12}	61.82	2.28×10^{-7}
G-16NP	2.16	0.41	4.26×10^{-12}	71.65	2.05×10^{-7}
G-12NNP	2.16	0.65	2.69×10^{-12}	101.31	1.33×10^{-7}
G-12NPP	2.17	0.60	2.92×10^{-12}	95.43	1.66×10^{-7}

Table S5. The detailed dosages of melamine and phosphoric acid in the process of synthesizing G-4NP, G-8NP, G-12NP, G-16NP, G-12NNP and G-12NPP, respectively.

Sample name	Melamine (mg)	Phosphoric acid (ml)
G-4NP	25	0.06
G-8NP	50	0.12
G-12NP	75	0.18
G-16NP	100	0.24
G-12NNP	100	0.12
G-12NPP	50	0.24