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Graphdiyne-supported single-cluster electrocatalysts for highly efficient carbon dioxide reduction reaction

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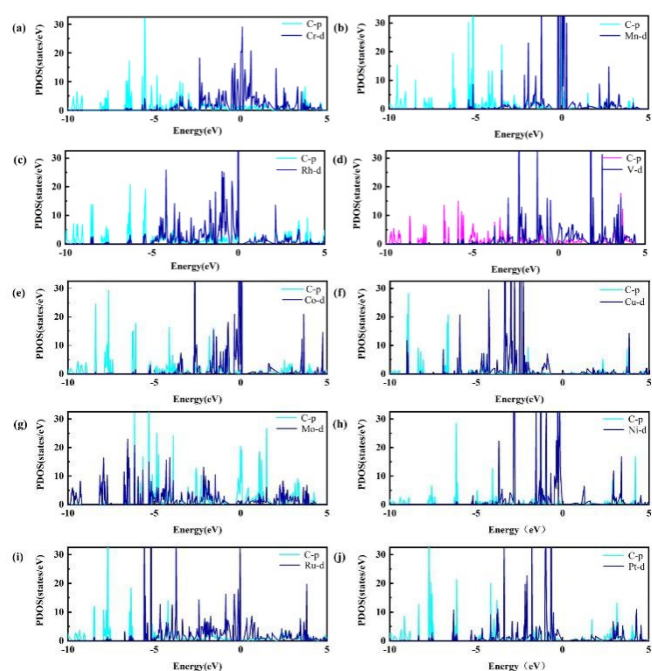


Fig.S1. Projected density of states (PDOS) of C-p orbital and TM-d orbital for $TM_3@GDY$.

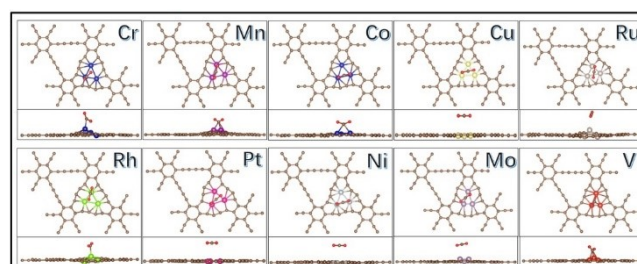


Fig. S2 The most stable configurations of top views and side views of adsorbed CO_2 on $TM_3@GDY$

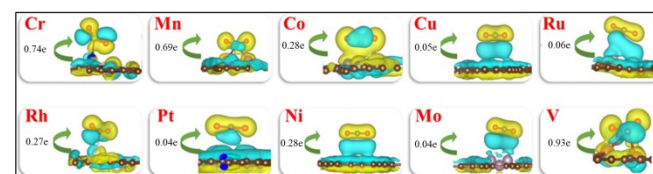


Fig. S3 The Bader charge analysis. The isosurface value is set to be 0.01 $e/\text{\AA}$ and the positive and negative charges are shown in yellow and cyan, respectively.

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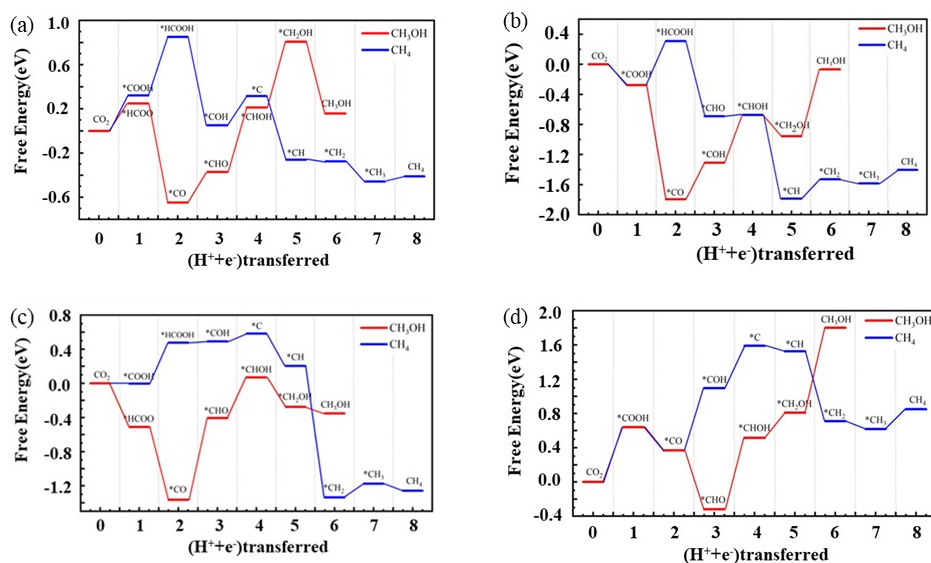


Fig. S4 Free-energy profiles for CO₂RR on (a)Mn₃@GDY, (b)Co₃@GDY, (c)Ru₃@GDY and (d)V₃@GDY.

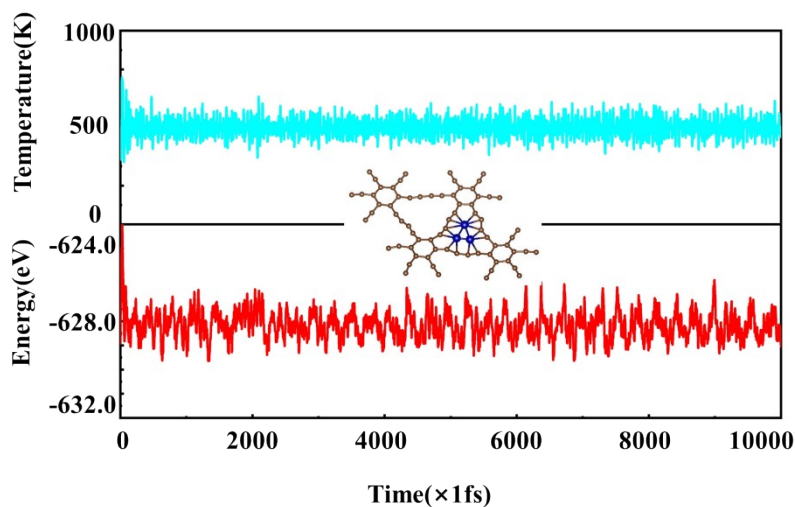


Fig. S5 The temperature and energy fluctuations of Cr₃@GDY during 10 ps of AIMD simulation. The insets illustrate the top and side view of Cr₃@GDY after 10 ps AIMD simulation at T = 500 K.

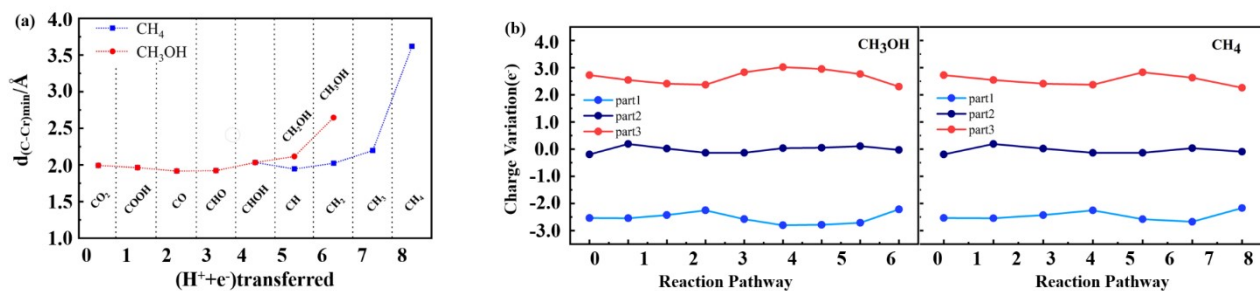


Fig. 56. (a) The variations of the C-TM (the closest TM atom of the adsorbed product) bond lengths through reaction pathway. (b). The Bader charge analysis for three parts of $Cr_3@GDY$ along the reaction pathway.

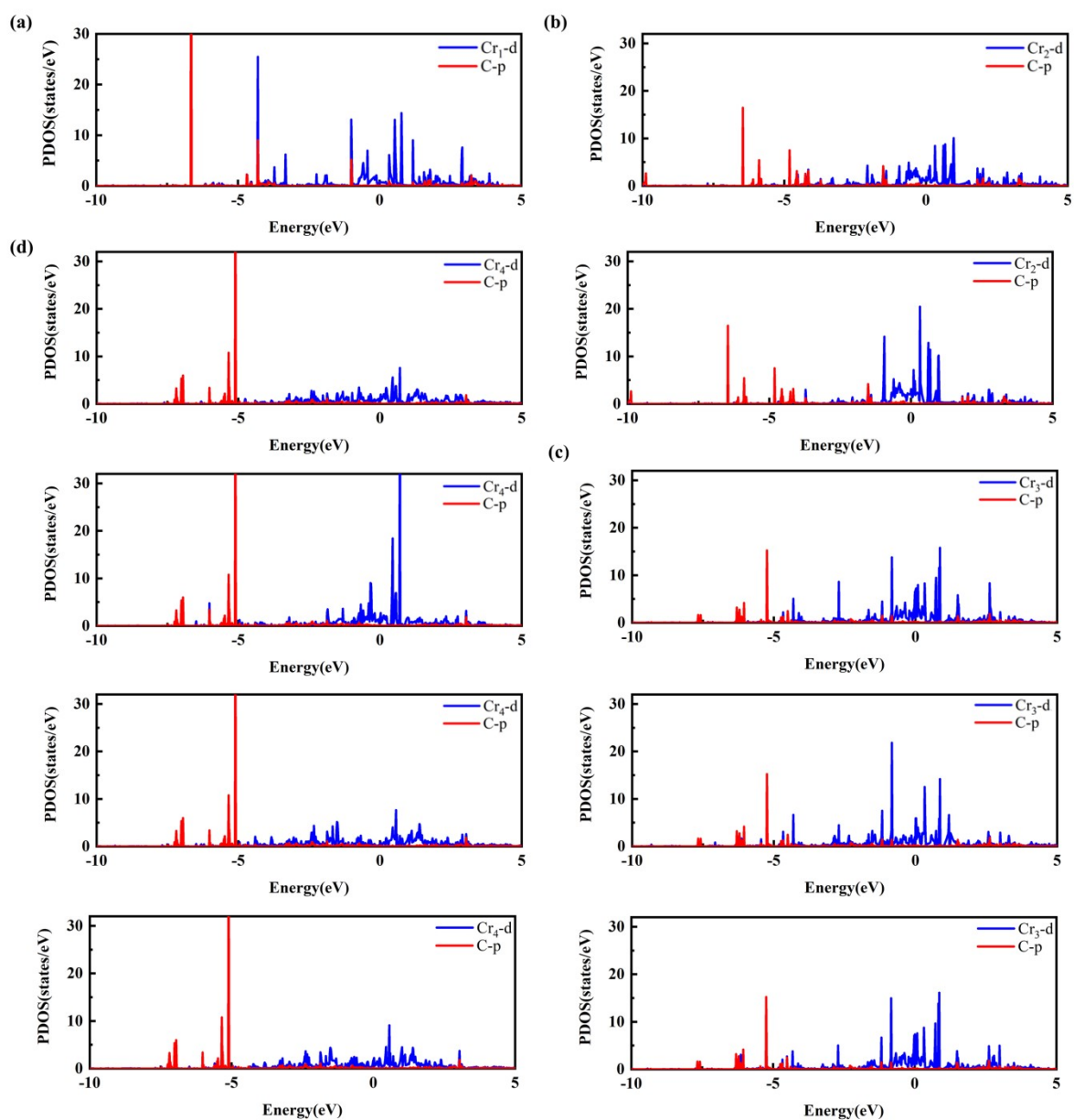


Fig. 57. Projected density of states (PDOS) of C-p orbital and Cr-d orbital of each Cr atom after CHO generation on (a) $Cr_1@GDY$, (b) $Cr_2@GDY$, (c) $Cr_3@GDY$ and (d) $Cr_4@GDY$.



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Table S1. The binding energies (eV) of $\text{TM}_3@$ GDY and cohesive energies (eV) of the corresponding bulk metal.

Catalysts	binding energies	cohesive energies
$\text{Mn}_3@$ GDY	-9.34	-7.80
$\text{Cr}_3@$ GDY	-8.48	-7.70
$\text{Co}_3@$ GDY	-14.40	-9.44
$\text{Rh}_3@$ GDY	-14.42	-25.84
$\text{Ru}_3@$ GDY	-17.88	-14.78
$\text{V}_3@$ GDY	-19.03	-14.54
$\text{Pt}_3@$ GDY	-22.89	-22.19
$\text{Mo}_3@$ GDY	-16.84	-14.72
$\text{Cu}_3@$ GDY	-18.19	-14.84
$\text{Ni}_3@$ GDY	-14.48	-21.84

Table S2. The adsorption energies (E_{ads} , eV), O-C-O bond angles (angles, °), and charge transfers of CO_2 (Q , |e|) of the most stable CO_2 adsorption configurations on $\text{TM}_3@$ GDY.

Catalysts	E_{ads}	angles	Q
$\text{Mn}_3@$ GDY	-1.05	138.22	0.69
$\text{Cr}_3@$ GDY	-0.79	137.12	0.74
$\text{Co}_3@$ GDY	0.11	139.10	0.28
$\text{Rh}_3@$ GDY	-0.21	179.57	0.04
$\text{Ru}_3@$ GDY	-0.16	178.61	0.06
$\text{V}_3@$ GDY	-1.24	155.07	0.27
$\text{Pt}_3@$ GDY	-0.31	178.93	0.04
$\text{Mo}_3@$ GDY	-0.22	179.40	0.04
$\text{Cu}_3@$ GDY	-0.28	179.39	0.05
$\text{Ni}_3@$ GDY	-0.24	128.57	0.83

Table S3. The maximum free energy change (ΔG_{max} , eV) and corresponding step of $\text{TM}_3@$ GDY.

Catalysts	ΔG_{max}	Step
$\text{Mn}_3@$ GDY	0.53	*CHO-*CHOH
$\text{Cr}_3@$ GDY	0.39	*CHO-*CHOH
$\text{Co}_3@$ GDY	0.48	*CO-*CHO
$\text{Rh}_3@$ GDY	0.99	*CO-*CHO
$\text{Ru}_3@$ GDY	0.48	*CHO-*CHOH
$\text{V}_3@$ GDY	0.72	*CHO-*CHOH
$\text{Pt}_3@$ GDY	2.09	*CO ₂ -*COOH
$\text{Mo}_3@$ GDY	2.58	*CHO-*CHOH
$\text{Cu}_3@$ GDY	1.26	*CO ₂ -*COOH
$\text{Ni}_3@$ GDY	1.10	*CO ₂ -*COOH

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Table S4. Energy change (ΔG , eV) of CO desorption and further reaction step for $\text{Cr}_3\text{@GDY}$.

step	ΔG
*CO-*CHO	0.30
*CO-*COH	1.91
CO desorption	1.45