

## Supporting information for

### “Superhard carbon nitride with metal-free magnetism assembled from two-dimensional C<sub>4</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: a first-principles study”

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Table S1. The crystallographic information of the six systems, including crystal parameters, fractional atomic coordinates, is listed below.

Cm-I: a=b=4.9897, c=10.2518,  $\alpha = \beta = 134.5624, \gamma = 60.8673$

Atom	x	y	z
C1	0.40436	-0.11212	-0.09017
C	0.21669	-0.29753	-0.44160
C	-0.95201	-0.45803	-0.76102
N	-0.67650	-0.19484	-0.00673
N	-0.81837	-0.36319	-0.33677
N	-0.05081	-0.54721	-0.68973
C	0.29144	-0.70857	-0.02436
C	0.40318	-0.59682	-0.08410
C	0.14304	-0.85696	-0.34441
N	-0.41773	-0.41773	-0.42291
N	-0.53539	-0.53539	-0.64420
C	-0.76039	-0.76039	-0.41971
C	-0.02247	-0.02247	-0.66973
C	-0.95104	-0.95104	-0.76607
N	-0.19029	-0.19029	-0.00565

Cm-II: a=b=4.9043, c=4.0476,  $\alpha = \beta = 93.7759, \gamma = 62.6579$

Atom	x	y	z
C	0.54333	0.02835	0.95329
C	0.35048	-0.13620	0.41687
N	0.40357	-0.14680	0.06849
N	0.48988	-0.96154	0.58845
C	0.36535	-0.63465	0.08524
C	0.54204	-0.45796	0.94933

C	0.52697	-0.47303	0.57018
C	0.35142	-0.64858	0.46577
N	0.89116	-0.10884	0.04569
N	-0.00446	-0.00446	0.41649

Cm-III:  $a=b=4.8130, c=4.2925, \alpha = \beta = 88.7375, \gamma = 63.0970$

Atom	x	y	z
C	0.05112	0.53499	0.92309
C	0.80494	-0.71636	0.59235
N	0.23686	0.70919	0.90777
N	0.99869	-0.54437	0.60557
C	0.72092	-0.27908	0.04461
C	0.53707	-0.46293	0.06583
N	0.98553	-0.01447	0.44753
C	0.48470	0.48470	0.41528
C	0.29322	0.29322	0.43312
N	0.23982	0.23982	0.11010

P1:  $a=4.99, b=4.95, c=5.03, \alpha = 113.10, \beta = 80.30, \gamma = 120.33$

Atom	x	y	Z
C	0.552	0.514	-0.163
C	-0.084	-0.257	-0.126
C	0.392	0.136	-0.334
C	0.384	0.678	-0.239
N	0.087	0.049	-0.193
N	0.086	-0.439	-0.201
N	0.558	-0.054	-0.344

C2/m:  $a=b=4.9400, c=4.1623, \alpha = \beta = 83.9437, \gamma = 60.7075$

Atom	x	y	z
C	-0.17628	-0.66072	0.18101
N	-0.35723	-0.83299	0.18872
C	-0.85129	0.14871	0.30154
C	-0.67203	0.32797	0.34018
N	-0.35876	-0.35876	0.31376

P-6m2:  $a=b=5.0060, c=4.0499, \alpha = \beta = 90, \gamma = 120$

Atom	x	y	z
C	0.66667	0.33333	0.18848
C	0.01503	0.50751	0.30629
N	0.17237	0.34474	0.18618

Table S2: The corresponding mechanical stability criteria for the triclinic, Monoclinic, and hexagonal crystal systems.

For triclinic system (P1):

$$C_{11} > 0,$$

$$C_{11}C_{22}-C_{12}^2 > 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & C_{23} \\ C_{13} & C_{23} & C_{33} \end{vmatrix} > 0, \quad \begin{vmatrix} C_{11}C_{12}C_{13}C_{14} \\ C_{12}C_{22}C_{23}C_{24} \\ C_{13}C_{23}C_{33}C_{34} \\ C_{14}C_{24}C_{34}C_{44} \end{vmatrix} > 0, \quad \begin{vmatrix} C_{11}C_{12}C_{13}C_{14}C_{15}C_{16} \\ C_{12}C_{22}C_{23}C_{24}C_{25}C_{26} \\ C_{13}C_{23}C_{33}C_{34}C_{35}C_{36} \\ C_{14}C_{24}C_{34}C_{44}C_{45}C_{46} \\ C_{15}C_{25}C_{35}C_{45}C_{55}C_{56} \\ C_{16}C_{26}C_{36}C_{46}C_{56}C_{66} \end{vmatrix} > 0$$

For monoclinic systems (Cm and C2/m):

$$C_{11} > 0, C_{22} > 0, C_{33} > 0, C_{44} > 0, C_{55} > 0, C_{66} > 0,$$

$$[C_{11} + C_{22} + C_{33} + 2(C_{12} + C_{13} + C_{23})] > 0,$$

$$(C_{33}C_{55} - C_{35}^2) > 0, (C_{44}C_{66} - C_{46}^2) > 0, (C_{22} + C_{33} - 2C_{23}) > 0,$$

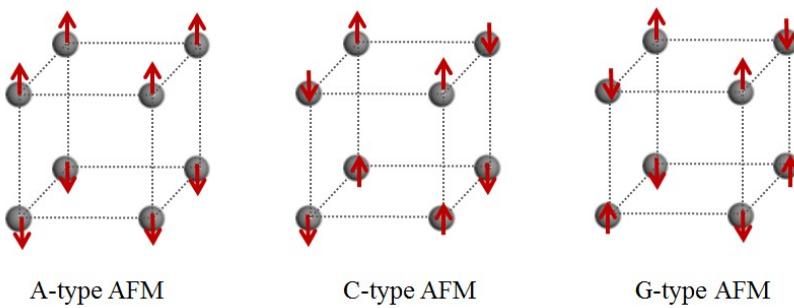
$$[C_{22}(C_{33}C_{55} - C_{35}^2) + 2C_{23}C_{25}C_{35} - C_{23}^2C_{55} - C_{25}^2C_{33}] > 0,$$

$$\{2[C_{15}C_{25}(C_{33}C_{12} - C_{13}C_{23}) + C_{15}C_{35}(C_{22}C_{13} - C_{12}C_{23}) + C_{25}C_{35}(C_{11}C_{23} - C_{12}C_{13})] - [C_{15}^2(C_{22}C_{33} - C_{23}^2) + C_{25}^2(C_{11}C_{33} - C_{13}^2) + C_{35}^2(C_{11}C_{22} - C_{12}^2)] + C_{55}g\} > 0$$

$$g = C_{11}C_{22}C_{33} - C_{11}C_{23}^2 - C_{22}C_{13}^2 - C_{33}C_{12}^2 + 2C_{12}C_{13}C_{23},$$

For the hexagonal system (P-6m2):

$$C_{11} > |C_{12}|, C_{44} > 0, 2C_{13}^2 < C_{33}(C_{11} + C_{12})$$



**Fig. S1.** The diagram of three types of anti-ferromagnetic configurations (A-type, C-type, and G-type) considered in this work.