

Supporting Information for

Cu@g-C₃N₄: An Efficient Single Atom Electrocatalyst for NO Electrochemical Reduction with Suppressed Hydrogen Evolution

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Table S1 Charge transfer of TM atoms after adsorption on g-C₃N₄ by bader charge analysis.

| | V | Cr | Mn | Fe | Co | Ni | Cu | Mo |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ΔQ (eV) | 1.288 | 1.257 | 1.311 | 0.979 | 0.770 | 0.745 | 0.753 | 1.114 |

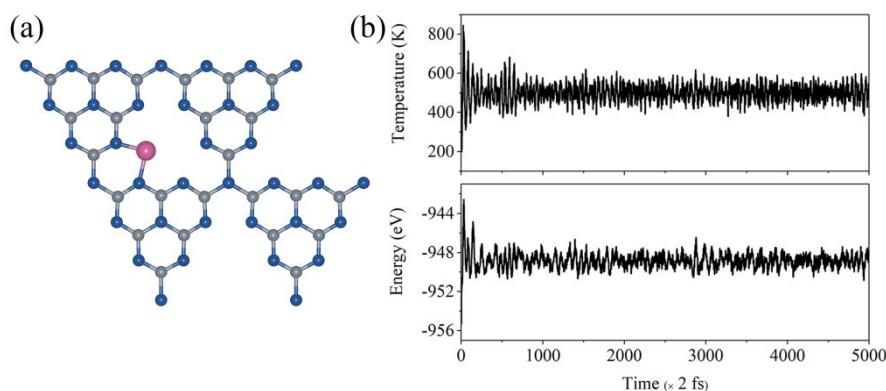


Fig. S1 (a) Optimized structure of Cu@g-C₃N₄. (b) Variation of temperature and total energy for Cu@g-C₃N₄ during AIMD simulation. The simulation was running under 500 K for 10 ps with a time step of 2 fs. Gray, blue and pink balls represent C, N, and Cu atoms, respectively.

Table S2 Calculated reaction energy, zero-point energy, entropy and Gibbs free energy of different

species adsorbed Cu@g-C₃N₄. The unit is eV.

| | <i>E</i> | <i>ZPE</i> | <i>TS</i> | <i>G</i> |
|---|----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| *HNO + Cu@ g-C ₃ N ₄ | -495.025 | 0.651 | 0.022 | -494.396 |
| *NOH+ Cu@ g-C ₃ N ₄ | -493.919 | 0.666 | 0.022 | -493.275 |
| *HNOH+ Cu@ g-C ₃ N ₄ | -498.570 | 0.957 | 0.095 | -497.708 |
| *H ₂ NO+ Cu@ g-C ₃ N ₄ | -498.833 | 1.004 | 0.026 | -497.855 |
| *N+ Cu@ g-C ₃ N ₄ | -482.590 | 0.176 | 0.007 | -482.421 |
| *H ₂ NOH+ Cu@ g-C ₃ N ₄ | -503.525 | 1.355 | 0.027 | -502.197 |
| *NH+ Cu@ g-C ₃ N ₄ | -487.869 | 0.424 | 0.036 | -487.481 |
| *NH ₂ + Cu@ g-C ₃ N ₄ | -493.548 | 0.753 | 0.058 | -492.853 |
| *NH ₃ + Cu@ g-C ₃ N ₄ | -498.325 | 1.131 | 0.052 | -497.246 |
| NH ₃ (g) + Cu@ g-C ₃ N ₄ | -496.760 | 1.074 | 0.158 | -495.844 |

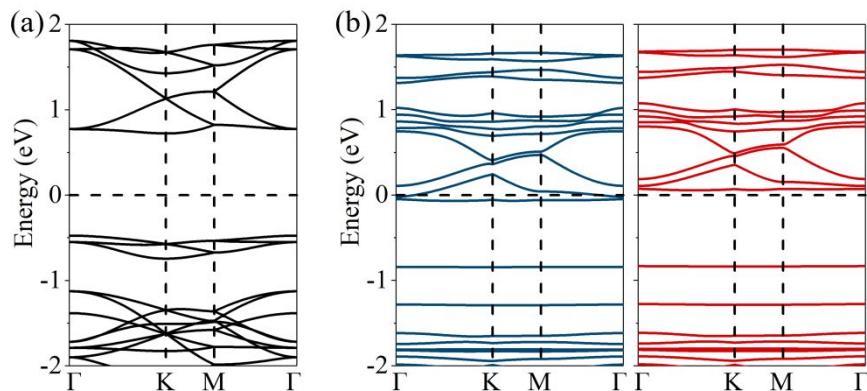


Fig. S2 Band structures of (a) initial g-C₃N₄ and (b) Cu@g-C₃N₄. Blue and red lines indicate majority and minority spin band structures. The Fermi level is set to zero.

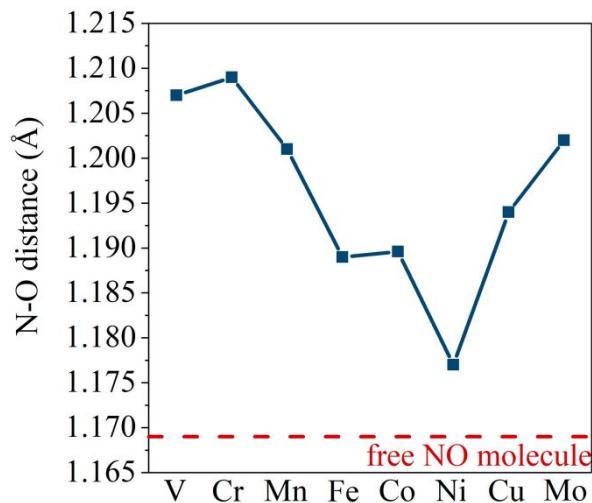


Fig. S3 N–O bond length of adsorbed NO molecule on different TM atoms decorated g-C₃N₄. The red dash line indicates the initial N–O bond length of free NO molecule.

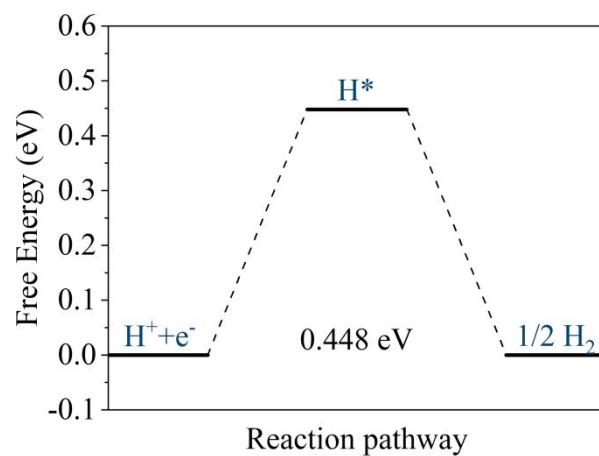


Fig. S4 Gibbs free energy diagram of Cu@g-C₃N₄ for HER.