

Supporting Information for

Secondary-Atom-Doping Enables Robust Fe-N-C Single-Atom Catalysts with Enhanced Oxygen Reduction Reaction

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Supplementary Figures and Tables

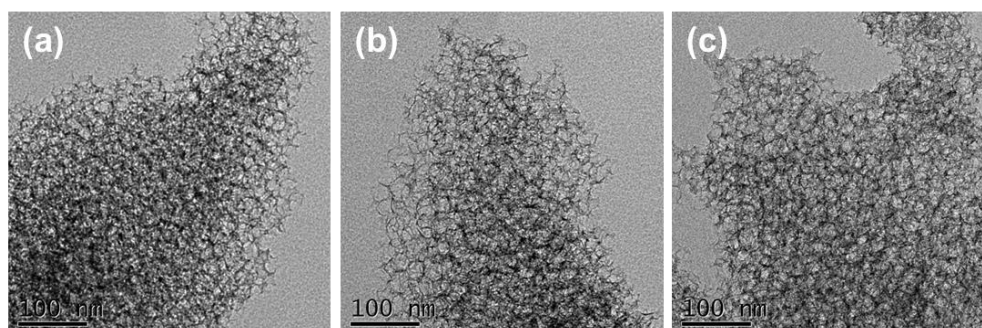


Fig. S1 **a** TEM images of Fe-N-C, **b** Fe-N-C/control and **c** Fe-N-C/N

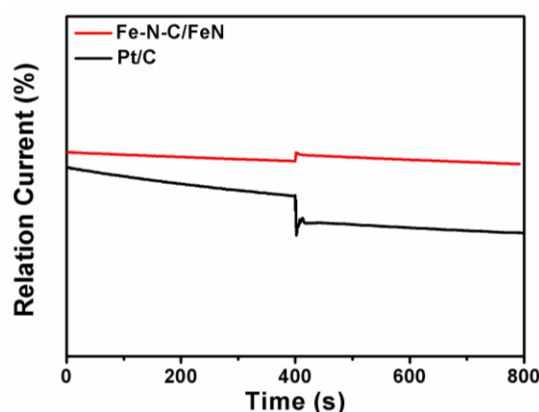


Fig. S2 Tolerance to methanol of Fe-N-C/FeN compared with Pt/C

Table S1 BET surface areas and pore distribution of different as-prepared catalysts

Catalysts	micropore volume (cm ³ g ⁻¹)	Smicropore-BET (m ² g ⁻¹)	mesopore volume (cm ³ g ⁻¹)	Smesopore- BET (m ² g ⁻¹)
Fe-N-C	0.11	270.5	1.6	411.2
Fe-N-C/control	0.16	364.5	2.2	579.6
Fe-N-C/N	0.14	323.3	2.1	522.0
Fe-N-C/FeN	0.09	223.9	2.0	558.2

Table S2 The N content of Fe-N-C, Fe-N-C/control, Fe-N-C/N and Fe-N-C/FeN determined by XPS

Catalysts	N (at%)	C (at%)	O (at%)
Fe-N-C	5.93	86.62	6.95
Fe-N-C/control	4.5	89.6	5.61
Fe-N-C/N	4.54	89.7	5.51
Fe-N-C/FeN	4.29	89.7	5.68

Table S3 Fitting results of C 1s XPS spectra for Fe-N-C, Fe-N-C/control, Fe-N-C/N and Fe-N-C/FeN

catalysts	C-C
Fe-N-C	34.8
Fe-N-C/control	43.3
Fe-N-C/N	43.4
Fe-N-C/FeN	44.7

Table S4 Fitting results of N 1s XPS spectra for Fe-N-C, Fe-N-C/control, Fe-N-C/N and Fe-N-C/FeN

catalysts	pyridinic N	FeN _x	Pyrrolic N	graphitic N	oxidized N
Fe-N-C	13.8	4.3	3.5	66.4	12.0
Fe-N-C/control	14.3	4.7	3.4	65.8	11.8
Fe-N-C/N	19.6	4.9	2.4	61.7	11.4
Fe-N-C/FeN	16.2	7.6	1.5	64	10.7

Table S5 Fe content in various catalysts determined by ICP-MS

catalysts	Fe (wt%)
Fe-N-C	0.19
Fe-N-C/control	0.19
Fe-N-C/N	0.135
Fe-N-C/FeN	0.38

Table S6 EXAFS fitting results for Fe-N-C based catalysts. CN: Coordination number; R: phase-corrected bond distance; σ^2 : the Debye-Waller factor; ΔE_0 edge-energy shift relative to the ideal absorption edge-energy; R-factor: reliability factor

Catalysts	Fe-N(O) scattering			ΔE_0 (eV)	R-factor (%)
	CN	R (Å)	σ^2 (Å ²)		
Fe-N-C/control	4.7	1.99±0.02	0.011 ± 0.003	4.4	0.10
Fe-N-C/N	4.9	1.98±0.02	0.012± 0.003	3.3	0.07
Fe-N-C/FeN	5.4	2.00±0.02	0.013 ± 0.003	5.0	0.08

Table S7 The ORR performances of Fe-N-C, Fe-N-C/control, Fe-N-C/N, Fe-N-C/FeN and commercial Pt/C in acidic electrolytes. (E_{onset} , $E_{1/2}$, J and J_K are the onset potential at 0.1 mA cm⁻², half-wave potential, current density at 0.5 V and kinetic current density at 0.8 V, respectively)

Catalyst	E_{onset} (V)	$E_{1/2}$ (V)	J (mA cm ⁻²)	J_K (mA cm ⁻²)
Fe-N-C	0.93	0.72	5.80	0.73
Fe-N-C/control	0.93	0.78	5.18	2.40
Fe-N-C/N	0.96	0.80	5.85	5.85
Fe-N-C/FeN	0.96	0.81	8.38	11.24
commercial Pt/C	0.96	0.83	5.85	12.74

Table S8 The ORR performance of catalysts in acidic electrolyte. ($E_{1/2}$ is the half-wave potential of the catalyst; ΔE is the ORR half-wave potential shift after ADT)

Catalyst	Catalyst loading (mg cm ⁻²)	E_{onset} (V)	$E_{1/2}$ (V)	References
Fe-N-C/FeN	1	0.96	0.81	This work
Fe-ISAs/CN	0.4	--	0.77	[S1]
ZIF ¹ -FA-CNT-p	0.5	0.95	0.81	[S2]
Fe-N/C	0.8	--	0.79	[S3]
(Fe,Co)/N-C	1.1	1.06	0.86	[S4]
Fe-N/CNT	0.8	--	0.78	[S5]
Fe-NC SAC	0.6	0.98	0.68	[S6]
PANI-Fe-C	0.6	0.93	0.81	[S7]
(CM+PANI)-Fe-C	0.6	--	0.80	[S8]

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