

Supporting information for

## Atomically Dispersed Fe-N<sub>4</sub> Modified with Precisely Located S for Highly Efficient Oxygen Reduction

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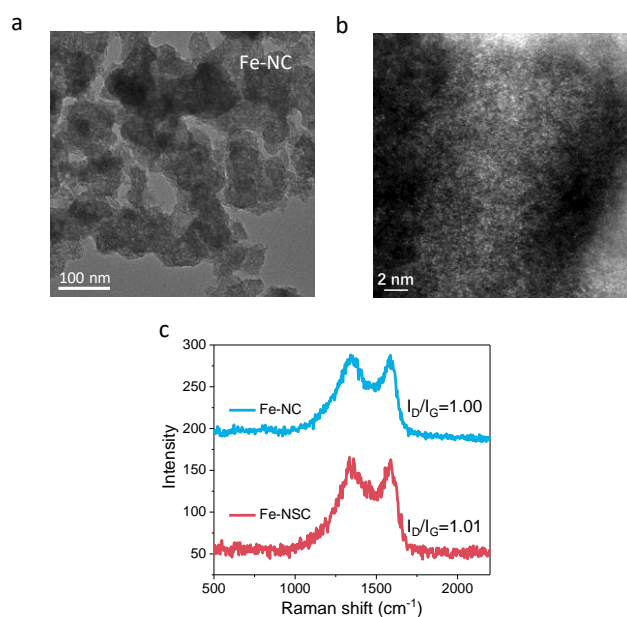
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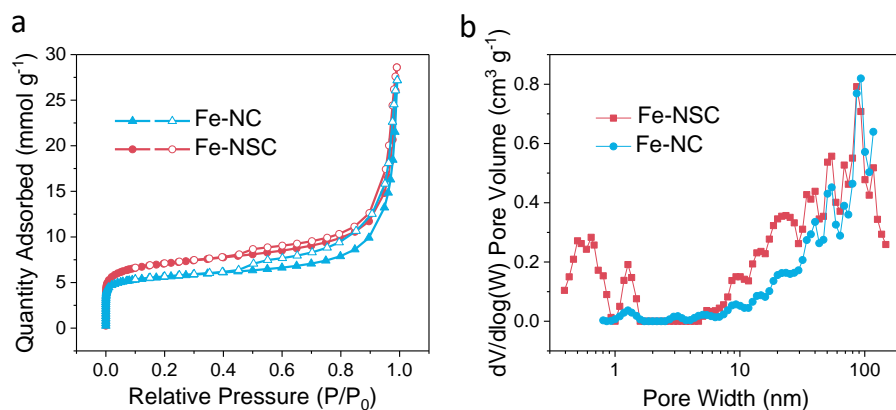
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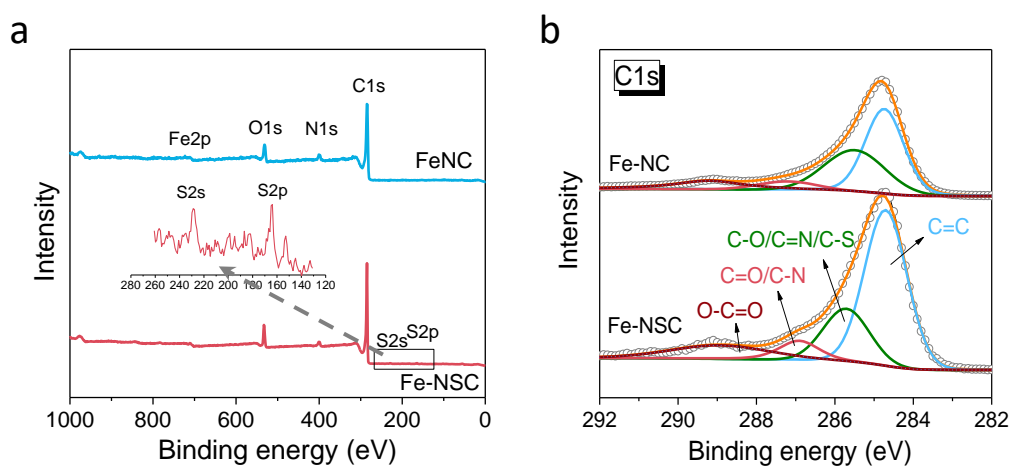
### Supplementary Figures



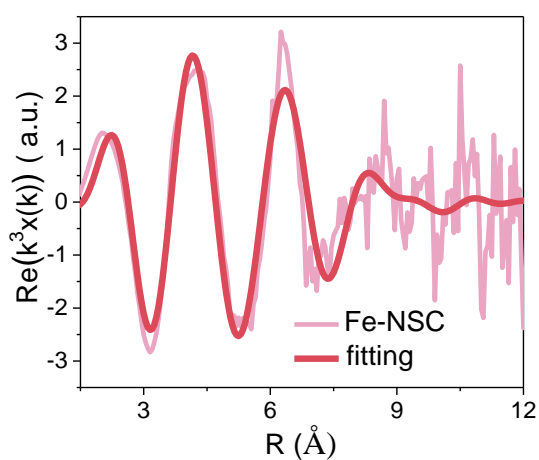
**Fig. S1** (a) HRTEM, and (b) HAAD-STEM image of Fe-NC. (c) Raman spectra



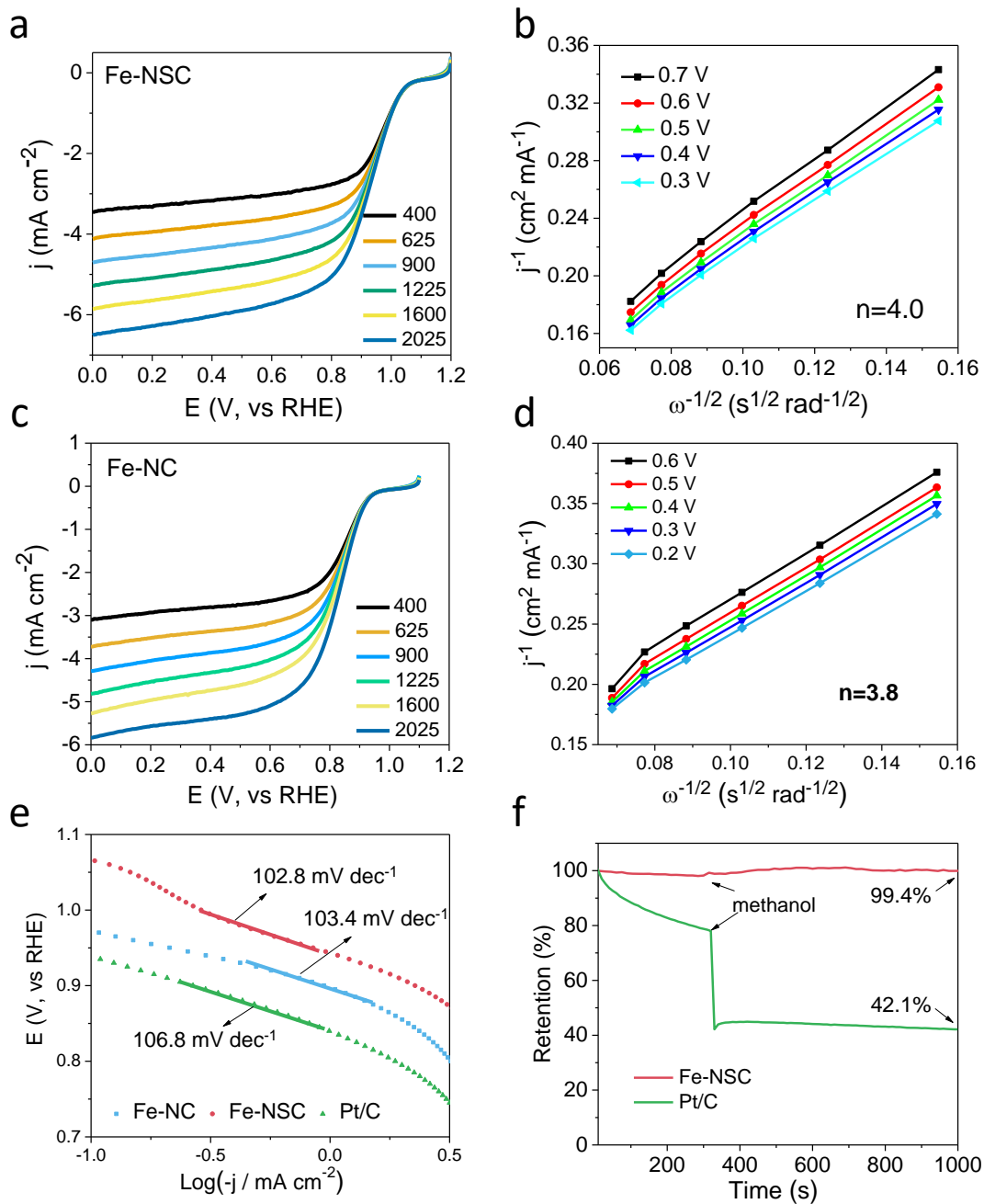
**Fig. S2** (a) BET N<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption isotherms, and (b) pore distribution curves of Fe-NSC and Fe-NC



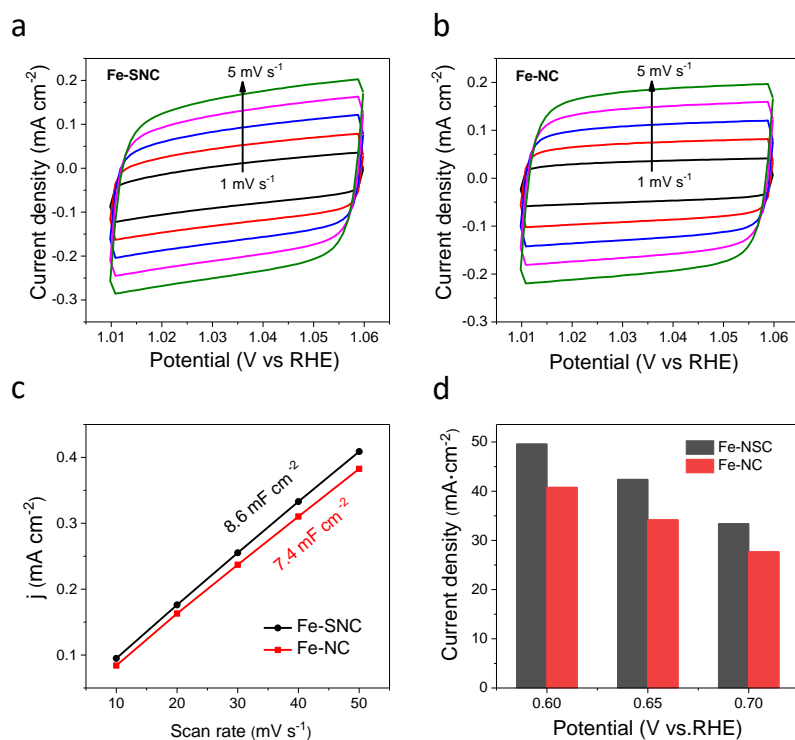
**Fig. S3** (a) XPS surveys and (b) XPS C1s spectra fine scans of Fe-NSC and Fe-NC, inset of panel (a) exhibits the signal of S 2s and S 2p spectra in Fe-NSC



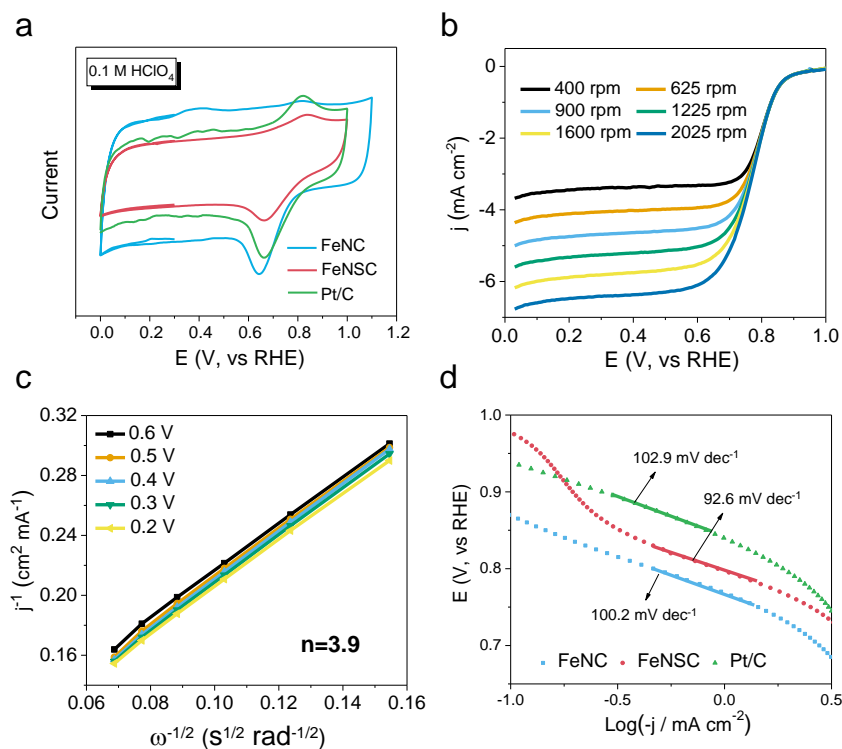
**Fig. S4** Fe K-edge EXAFS fitting curves of Fe-NSC in k space



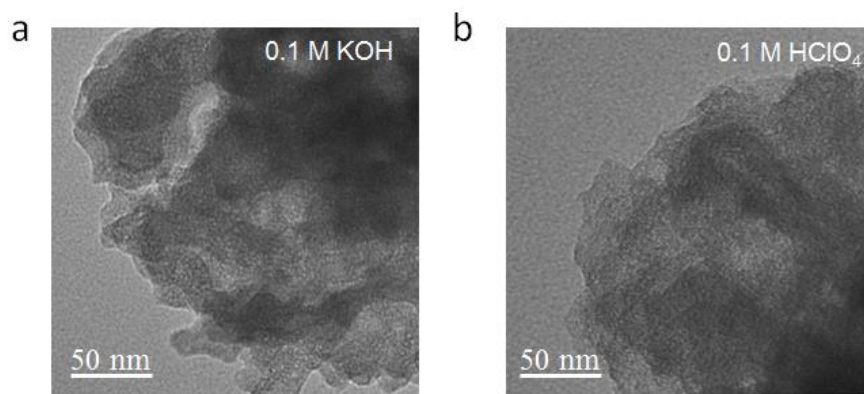
**Fig. S5** ORR measurements in 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> KOH. (a) RDE voltammograms at different rotation speeds and (b) the corresponding Koutecky-Levich plots of Fe-NSC, (c) RDE voltammograms at different rotation speeds and (d) the corresponding Koutecky-Levich plots of Fe-NC. (e) Tafel plots of Fe-NSC, Fe-NC, and Pt/C. (f) Methanol crossover tests of Fe-NSC and Pt/C



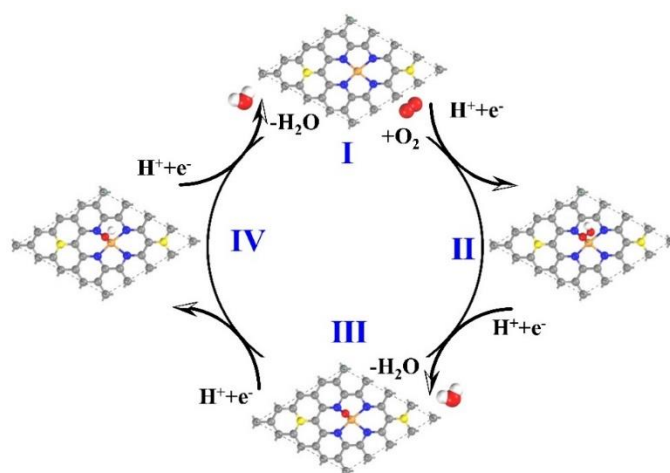
**Fig. S6** CV measurements on (a) Fe-NSC and (b) Fe-NC samples, (c) ECSA of Fe-NSC and (b) Fe-NC samples. (d) Normalized ORR current density at different voltages using intercept method



**Fig. S7** ORR measurements in 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> HClO<sub>4</sub>. (a) CV curves of Fe-NSC, Fe-NC, and Pt/C, (b) RDE voltammograms at different rotation speeds and (c) the corresponding Koutecky-Levich plots of Fe-NSC, (d) corresponding Tafel plots obtained from the RDE polarization curves



**Fig. S8** TEM images of Fe-NSC after 2000 cycles in (a) 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> KOH and (b) 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> HClO<sub>4</sub>



**Fig. S9** Proposed reaction scheme of associative mechanism for ORR on Fe-NS<sub>2</sub>C moiety

## Supplementary Tables

**Table S1** Element analysis of Fe-NC and Fe-NSC based on XPS characterizations

Sample	C (at%)	N (at%)	O (at%)	Fe (at%)	S (at%)
Fe-NC	85.80	5.29	8.31	0.60	-
Fe-NSC	77.71	7.36	11.99	0.86	2.07

**Table S2** Structural parameters of Fe-NSC extracted from the EXAFS fitting

Sample	Scattering pair	CN	R(Å)	$\sigma^2(10^{-3}\text{Å}^2)$	R factor
Fe in Fe-NSC	Fe-N	4.4	2.07	0.09	0.005
Fe in Fe-NC	Fe-N	3.47	1.99	14.8	0.002

CN is the coordination number; R is interatomic distance (the bond length between central atoms and surrounding coordination atoms);  $\sigma^2$  is Debye-Waller factor (a measure of thermal and static disorder in absorber-scatterer distances). R factor is used to value the goodness of the fitting.

\* This value was fixed during EXAFS fitting, based on the known structure.

Error bounds that characterize the structural parameters obtained by EXAFS spectroscopy were estimated as  $N \pm 20\%$ ;  $R \pm 1\%$ ;  $\sigma^2 \pm 20\%$ ;  $\Delta E_0 \pm 20\%$ . Fe- (FT range: 2.0-10.5  $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ ; fitting range: 0.5-3.0  $\text{\AA}$ )

**Table S3** Comparison of ORR performance of non-precious metal-nitrogen-carbon materials in 0.1 M KOH

Sample	Potentials / $V_{\text{RHE}}$		Electron number	Tafel slope / $\text{mV dec}^{-1}$	References
	Onset	Half-wave			
Co SAs/N-C	1.0	0.881	~4.0	75	S1
Fe-N/C	0.923	0.809	4.15	-	S2
Fe <sub>1</sub> /N,S-PC	1.0	0.904	3.95	84.5	S3
Fe/N/S-CNTs	0.987	0.887	~4.0	73	S4
cal-CoZIF-VXC72	0.93	0.84	~4.0	45	S5
ZnN <sub>x</sub> /BP	1.0	0.825	~4.0	-	S6
S,N-Fe/N/C-CNT	0.98	0.85	4.0	82	S7
Fe-ISA/SNC	1.0	0.896	3.91-3.98	44	S8
Fe-S,N-C	0.95	0.83	>3.94	59	S9
(Fe,Co)/CNT	1.15	0.954	4.0	-	S10
FeCl <sub>1</sub> N <sub>4</sub> /CNS	1.0	0.921	3.96-3.99	51	S11
Fe-SAs/NCP-HC	0.98	0.912	3.96-3.99	36	S12
Co-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> /CNT	0.9	0.85	4.0	68.4	S13
<b>Fe-NSC</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>This work</b>

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