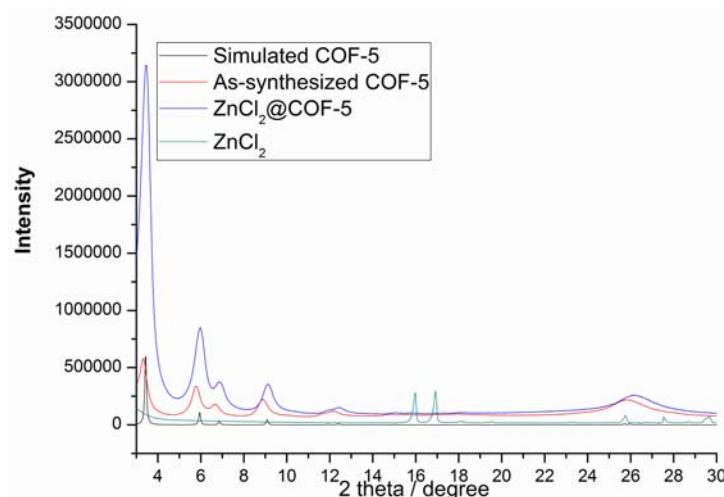


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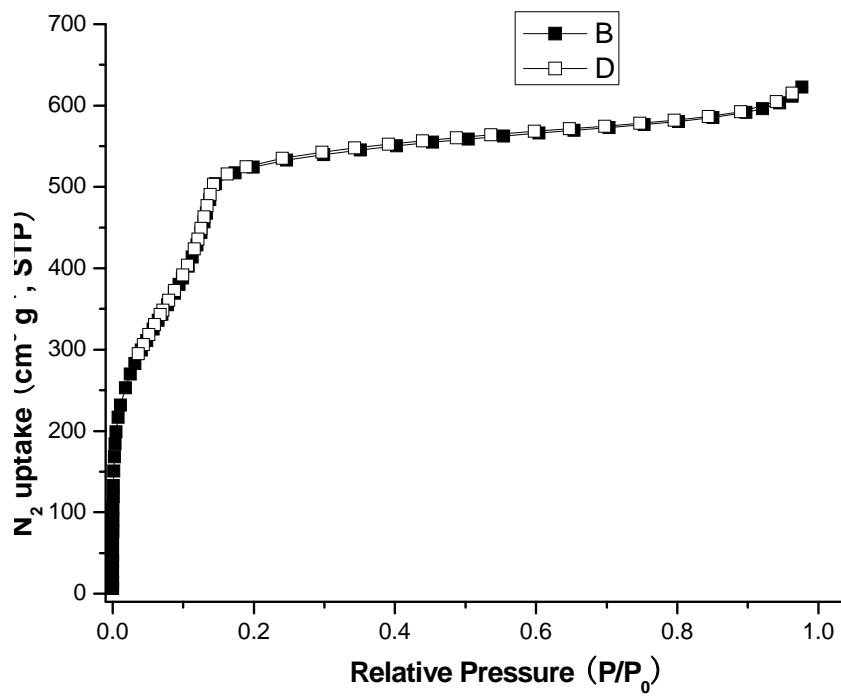
### From covalent organic framework to hierarchically porous B-doped carbons: A molten-salt approach

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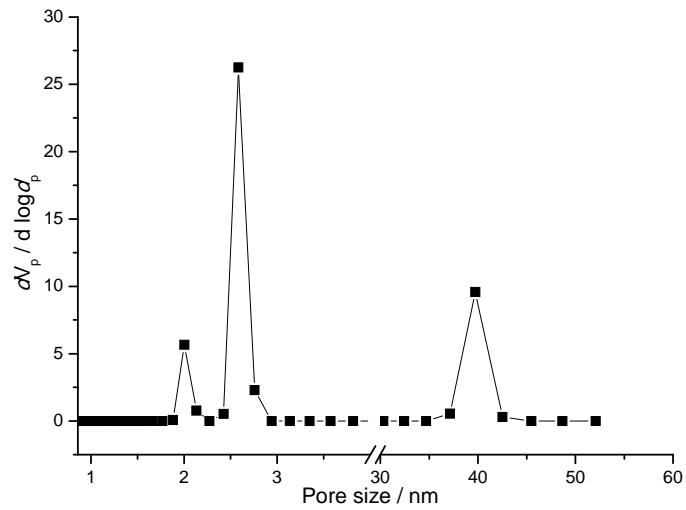
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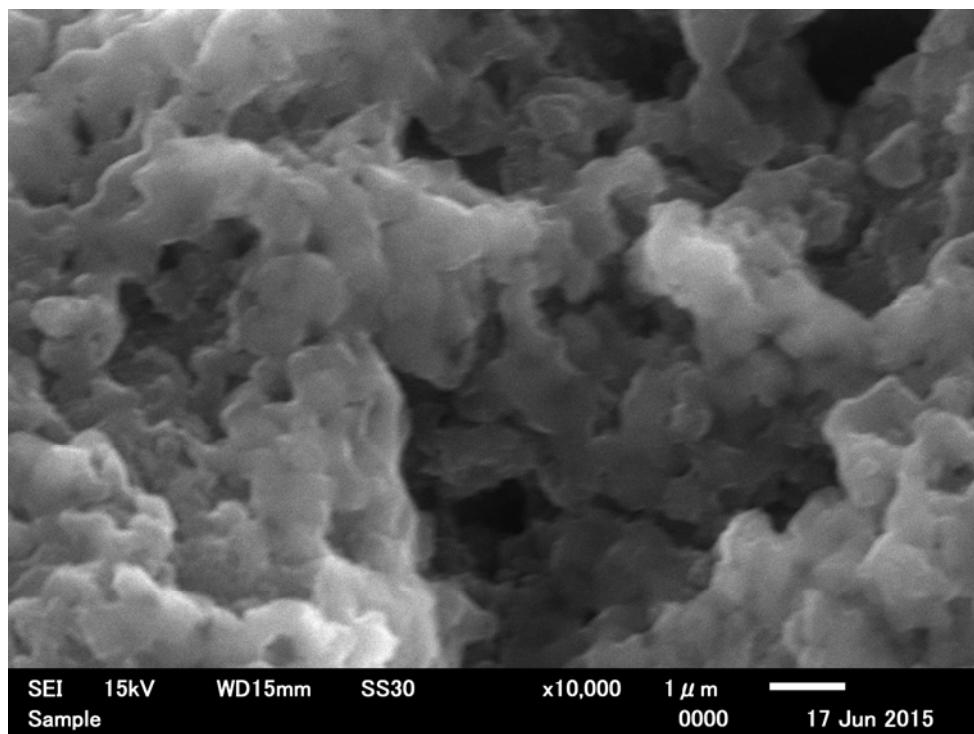
**Fig. S1** PXRD patterns of simulated COF-5 (black), as-synthesized COF-5 (red), ZnCl<sub>2</sub>@COF-5 (blue) and ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (green).



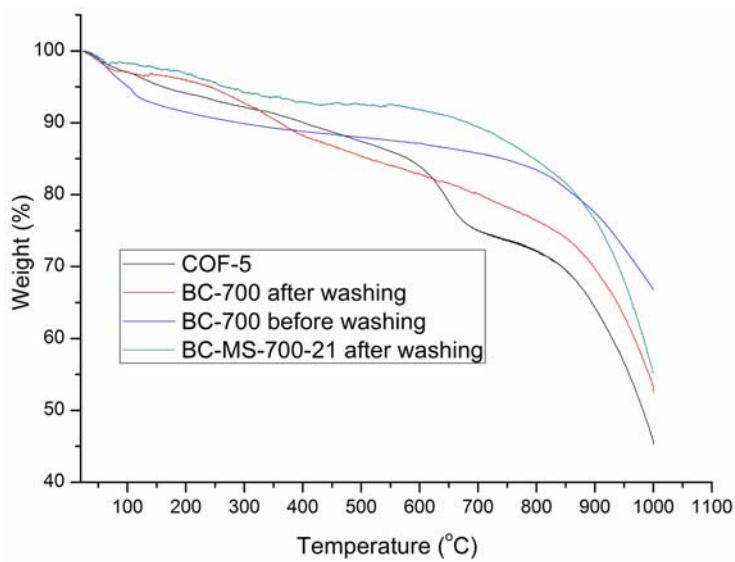
**Fig. S2**  $\text{N}_2$  sorption isotherms of as-synthesized COF-5.



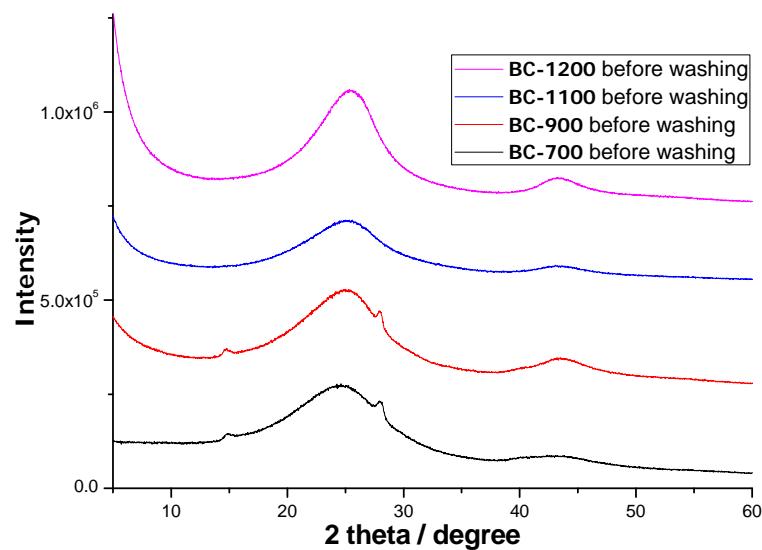
**Fig. S3** Pore size distribution of as-synthesized COF-5 by NLDFT method.



**Fig. S4** SEM image of the as-synthesized COF-5.

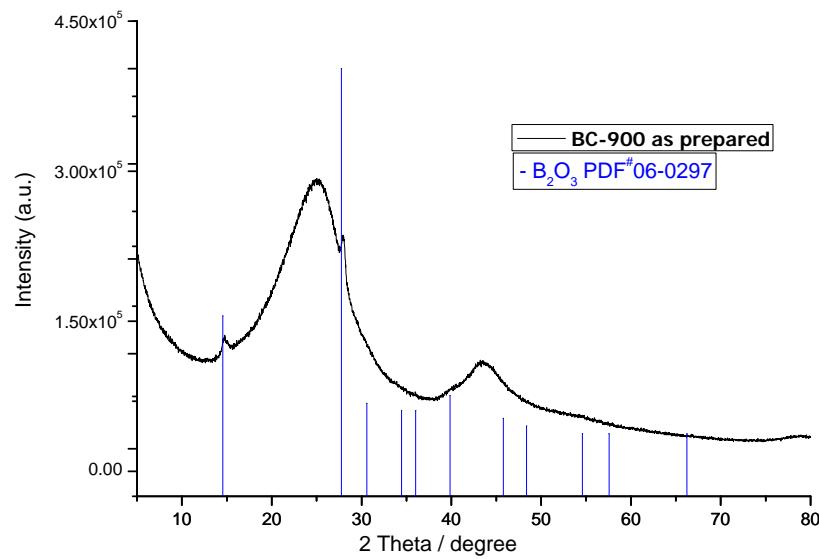


**Fig. S5** TGA curves of COF-5, BC-700 before and after washing, BC-MS-700-21 after washing.



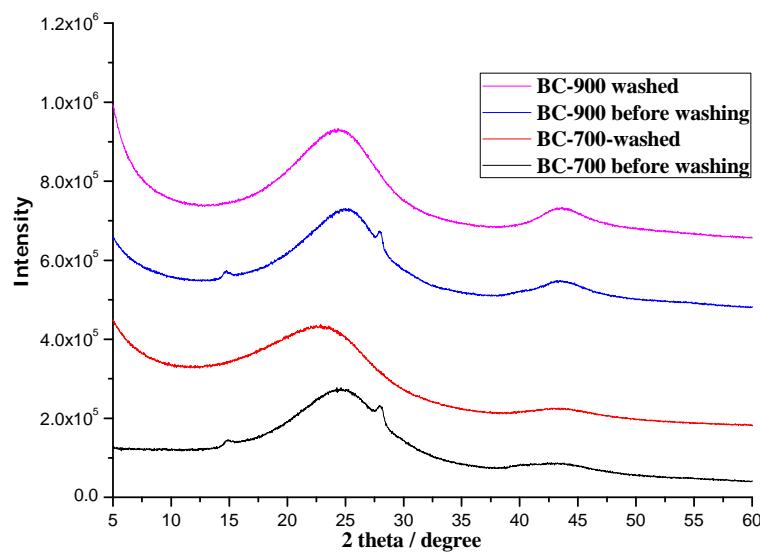
**Fig. S6** PXRD of the as-prepared BC-700, BC-900, BC-1100, BC-1200 before washing

with water.

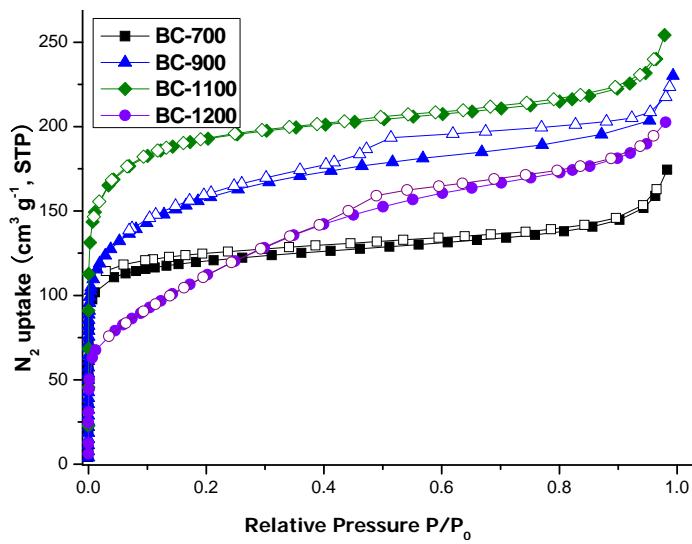


**Fig. S7** PXRD of the as-prepared BC-900 before washing, and  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$  (PDF<sup>#</sup>06-0297,

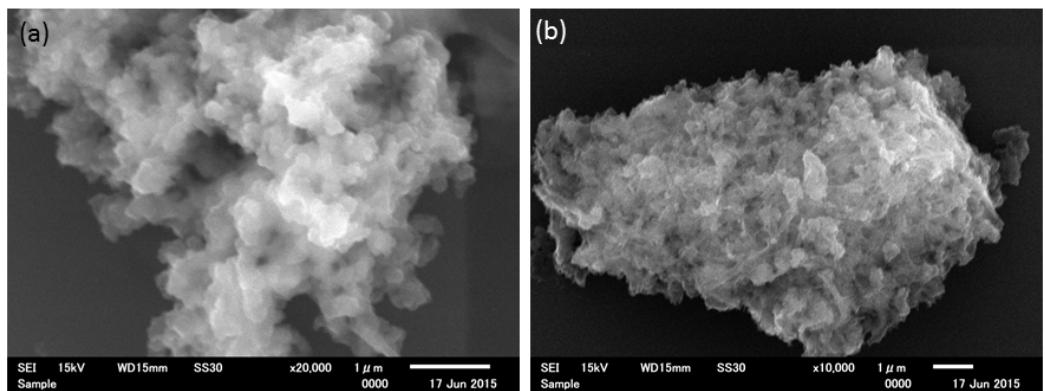
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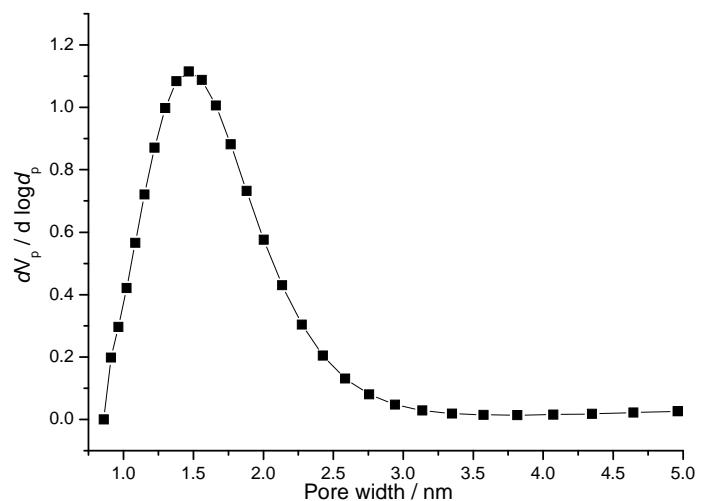
**Fig. S8** PXRD of BC-700 and BC-900 before and after washing with hot water.



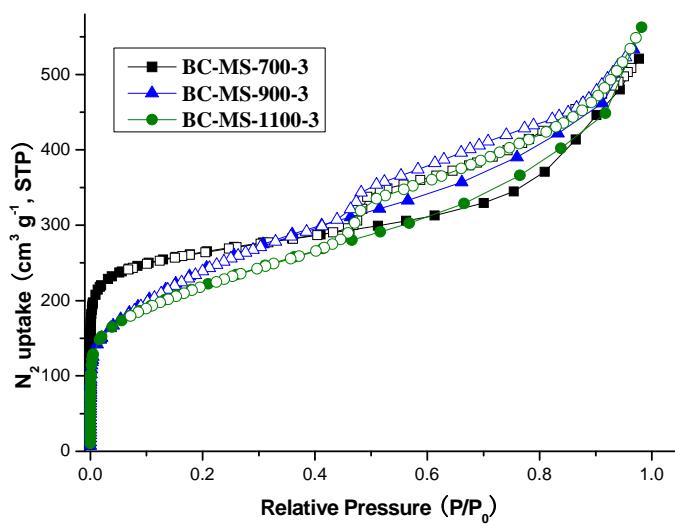
**Fig. S9**  $N_2$  sorption isotherms of BC-700, BC-900, BC-1100 and BC-1200 (closed symbols, adsorption; open symbols, desorption).



**Fig. S10** SEM images of (a) BC-700 and (b) BC-MS-700-14

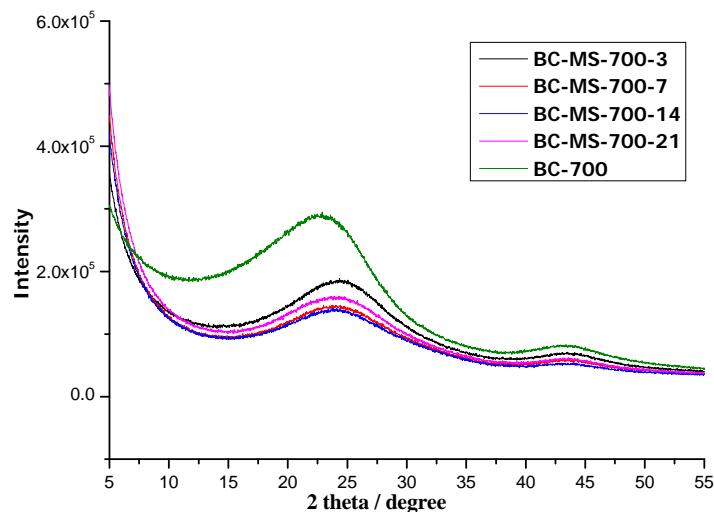


**Fig. S11** Pore size distribution of BC-700 by NLDFT method.



**Fig. S12** N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherms of BC-MS-700-3, BC-MS-900-3, and BC-MS-1100-3

(closed symbols, adsorption; open symbols, desorption).



**Fig. S13** PXRD of the carbons BC-700, BC-MS-700-3, BC-MS-700-7, BC-MS-700-14

and BC-MS-700-21 after washing.

**Table S1.** Summary of the surface areas and pore volume distributions for the carbons

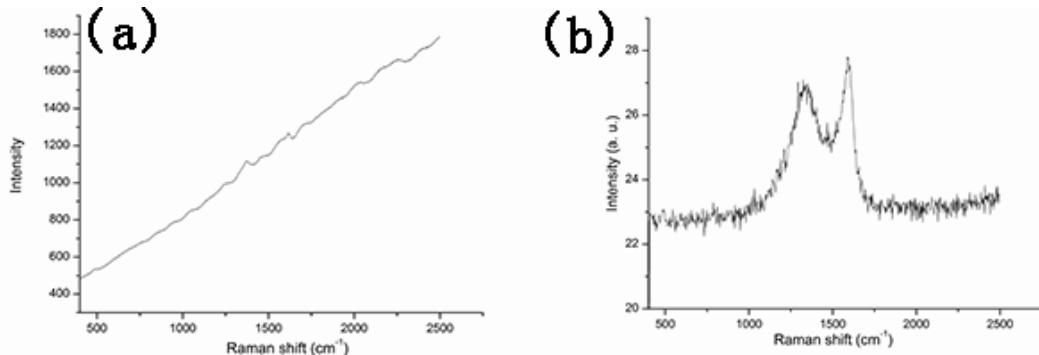
Sample	BET Specific surface area <sup>[a]</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Total pore volume <sup>[b]</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Meso-Macropore volume <sup>[c]</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Micropore volume <sup>[d]</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )
COF-5	1828	0.963	0.1366	0.8264
BC-700	449	0.2626	0.0835	0.1791
BC-MS-700-3	965	0.8057	0.5240	0.2817
BC-MS-700-7	1293	1.5318	1.2540	0.2778
BC-MS-700-14	1460	1.7678	1.3398	0.4280
BC-MS-700-21	1329	1.8598	1.6067	0.2531

[a] Calculated from the BET surface area analysis.

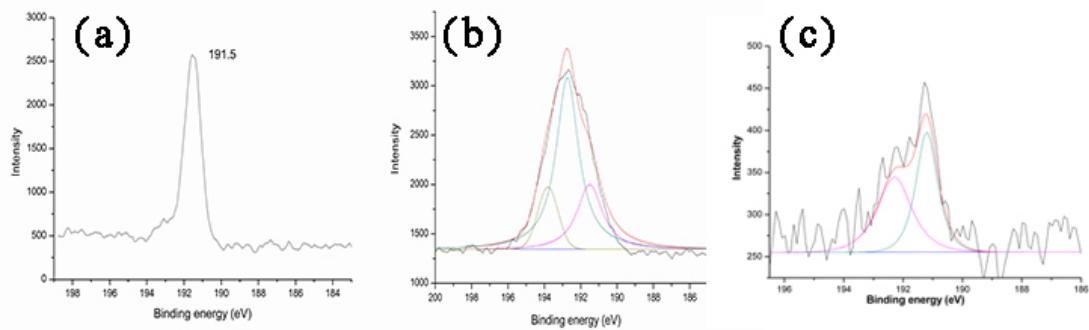
[b] Calculated by a single point method at  $P/P^0 = 0.99$ .

[c] Calculated by subtracting the total pore volume with the micropore volumes.

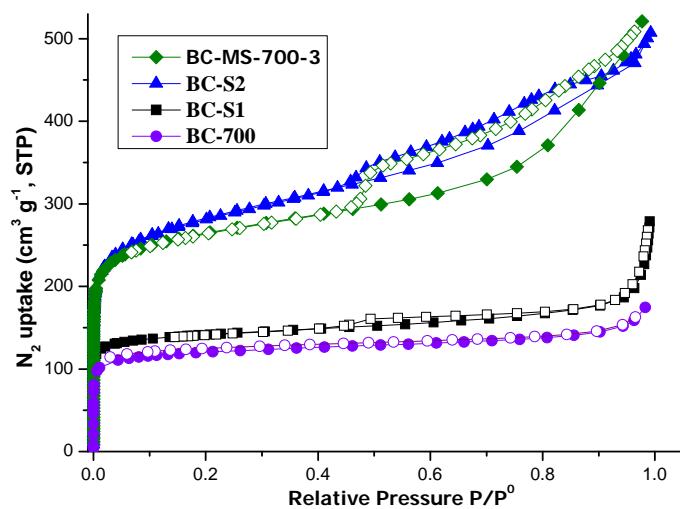
[d] Calculated using a t-plot method.



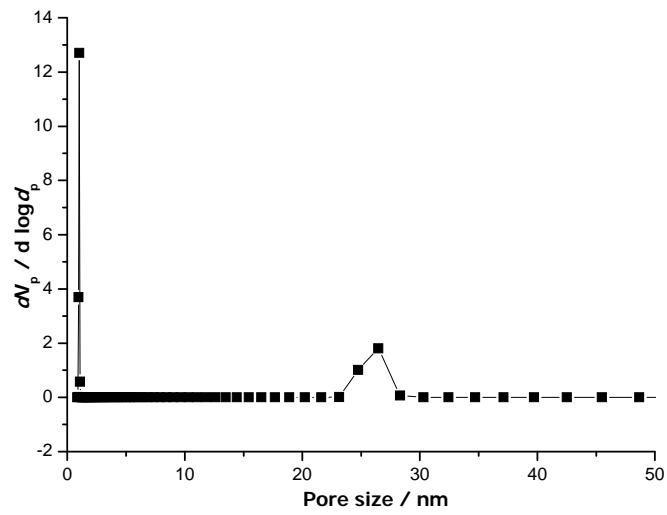
**Fig. S14** Raman spectra of (a) COF-5 and (b) BC-MS-700-14.



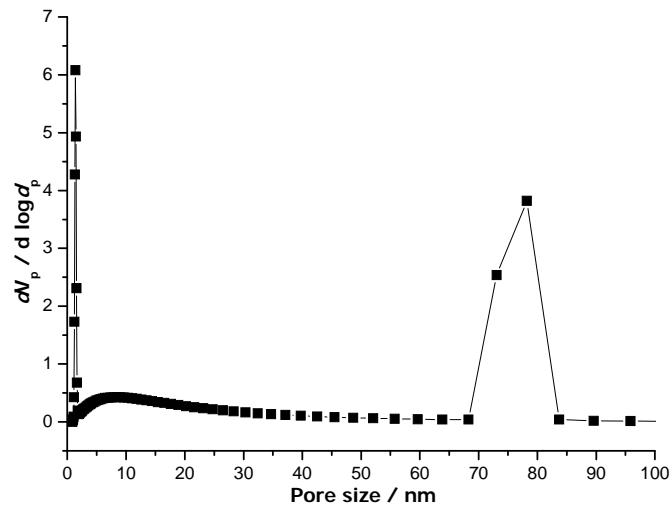
**Fig. S15** XPS spectra of B1s for: (a) COF-5, BC-700 (b) before and (c) after washing.



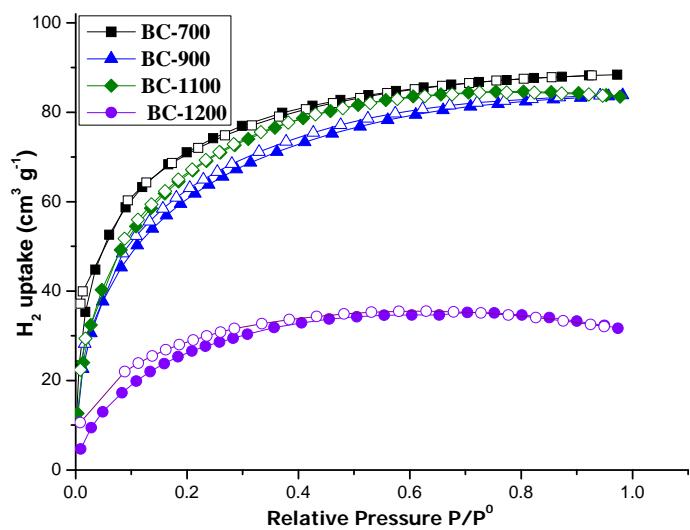
**Fig. S16** N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherms of the carbons BC-700, BC-S1, BC-S2 and BC-MS-700-3 at 77 K.



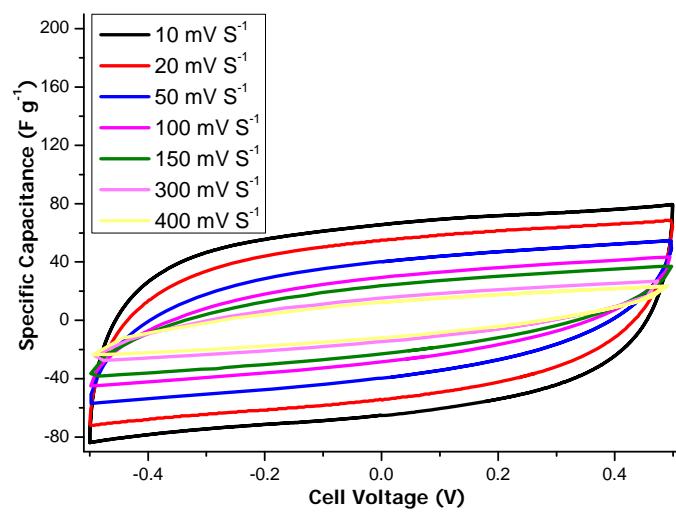
**Fig. S17** The NLDFT pore size distribution of BC-S1.



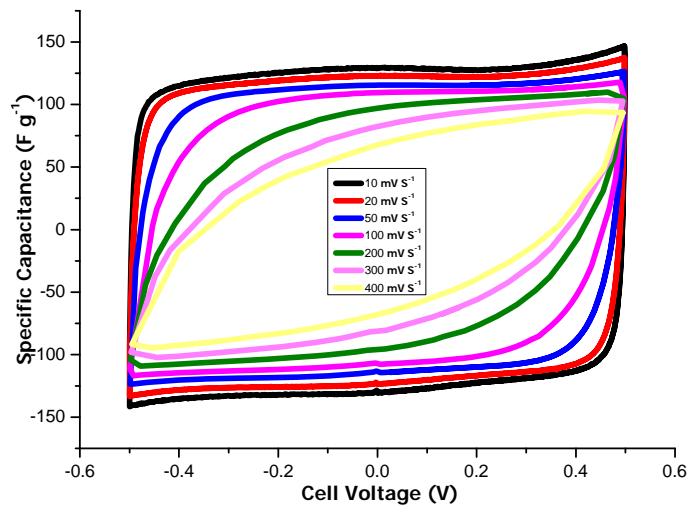
**Fig. S18** The NLDFT pore size distribution of BC-S2.



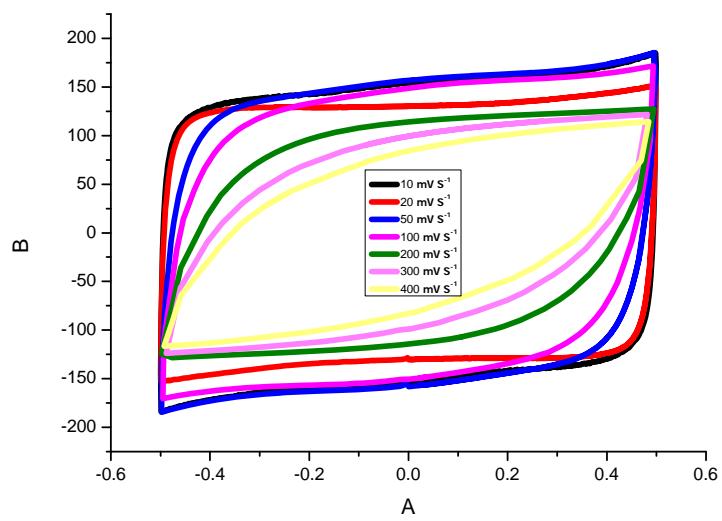
**Fig. S19**  $\text{H}_2$  adsorption uptakes of the carbons BC-700, BC-900, BC-1100 and BC-1200 at 77 K



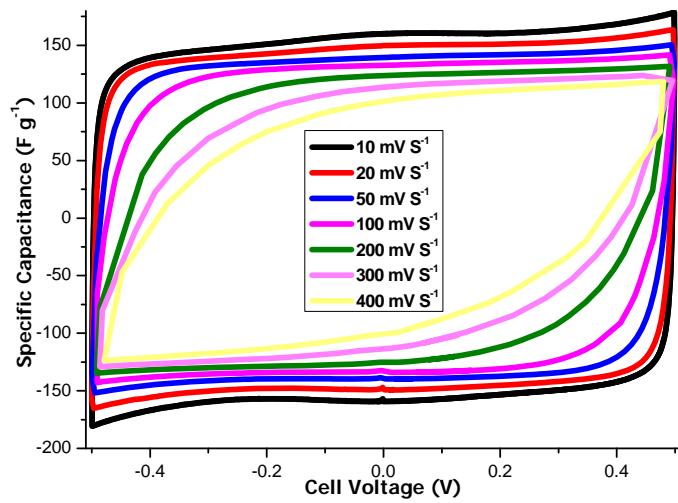
**Fig. S20** Cyclic voltammograms of BC-700 at different sweep rates.



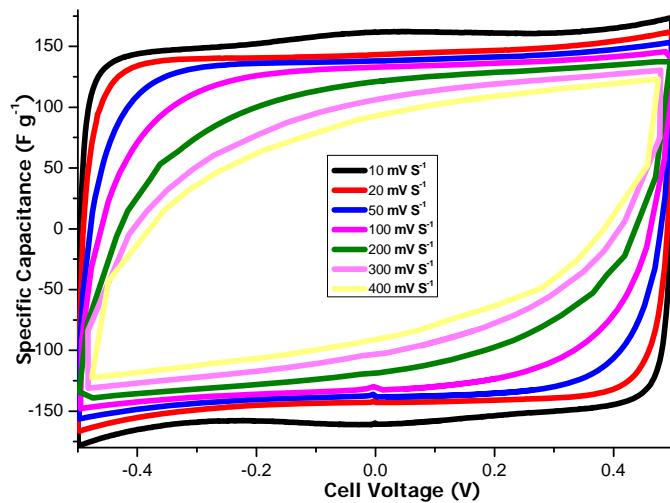
**Fig. S21** Cyclic voltammograms of BC-MS-700-3 at different sweep rates.



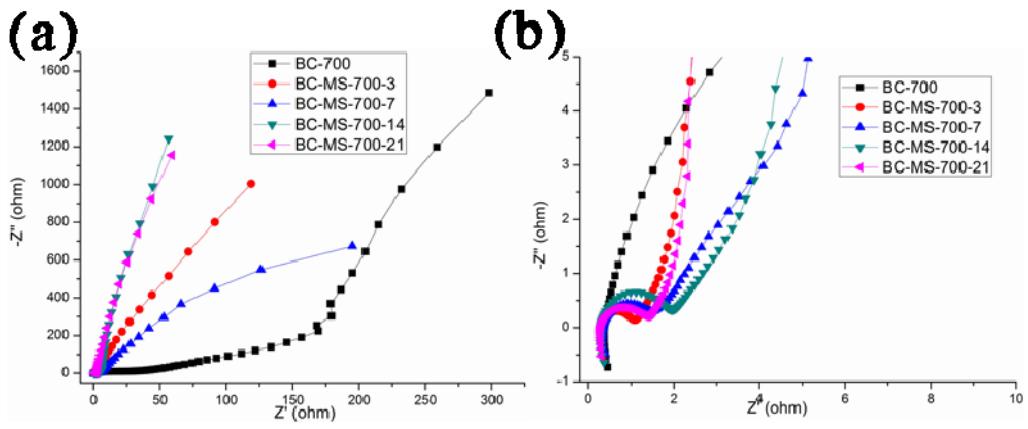
**Fig. S22** Cyclic voltammograms of BC-MS-700-7 at different sweep rates.



**Fig. S23** Cyclic voltammograms of BC-MS-700-14 at different sweep rates.



**Fig. S24** Cyclic voltammograms of BC-MS-700-21 at different sweep rates.



**Fig. S25** Nyquist plots of the carbons BC-700, BC-MS-700-3, BC-MS-700-7, BC-MS-700-14 and BC-MS-700-21 in a frequency range of  $10^{-3}$  to  $10^6$  Hz.