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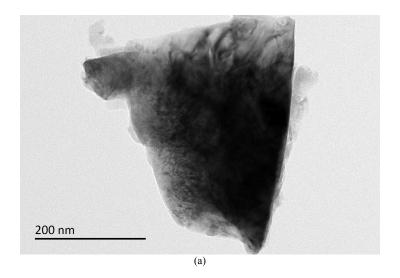
Silicon carbide supported iron nanoparticles encapsulated in nitrogendoped carbon for oxygen reduction reaction

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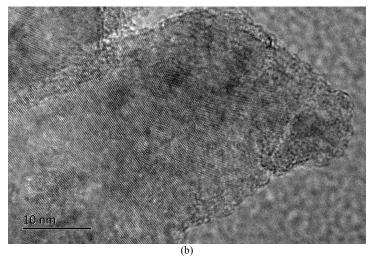


Figure S1 (a) TEM and (b) HRTEM images of SiC.

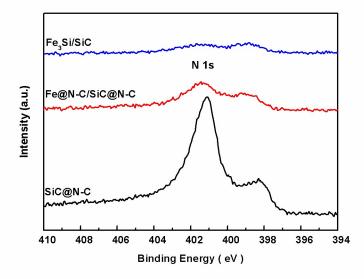


Figure S2 N1s XPS spectra of SiC@N-C, Fe@N-C/SiC@N-C and Fe $_3$ Si/SiC.

Table S1 The ORR activities on the non-precious catalysts in alkaline medium. All the potential values from references were converted to vs. RHE for comparison.

Sample	Activity (vs. RHE)		Reference
	E _{onset}	$E_{1/2}$	_
Fe@N-C/SiC@N-C	0.88 V	0.84 V	This work
Nitrogen-doped carbon nanosheets	0.97 V	0.85 V	11
Fe ₃ O ₄ in 3D nitrogen-doped graphene aerogel	0.78 V		12
Nitrogen-doped C/SiC	0.83 V	0.77 V	25
Fe/Fe ₃ C nanoparticles encapsulated in nitrogen-doped carbon	0.86 V	0.82 V	27
Fe ₃ C in graphitic layers	1.05 V	0.83 V	31
Nitrogen-doped graphene/carbon nanotube	0.87 V	0.69 V	32
Fe/Fe ₃ C-melamine/N-KB composite catalyst	0.88 V	0.80 V	33