

**Supplementary Information for**  
**An insight to metal organic framework derived N-doped**  
**graphene towards oxidative degradation of persistent**  
**contaminants: Formation mechanism and generation of singlet**  
**oxygen from peroxyomonosulfate**

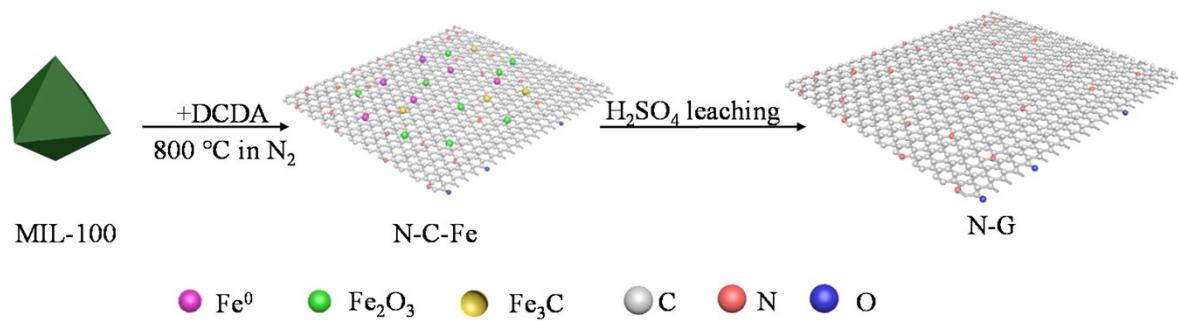
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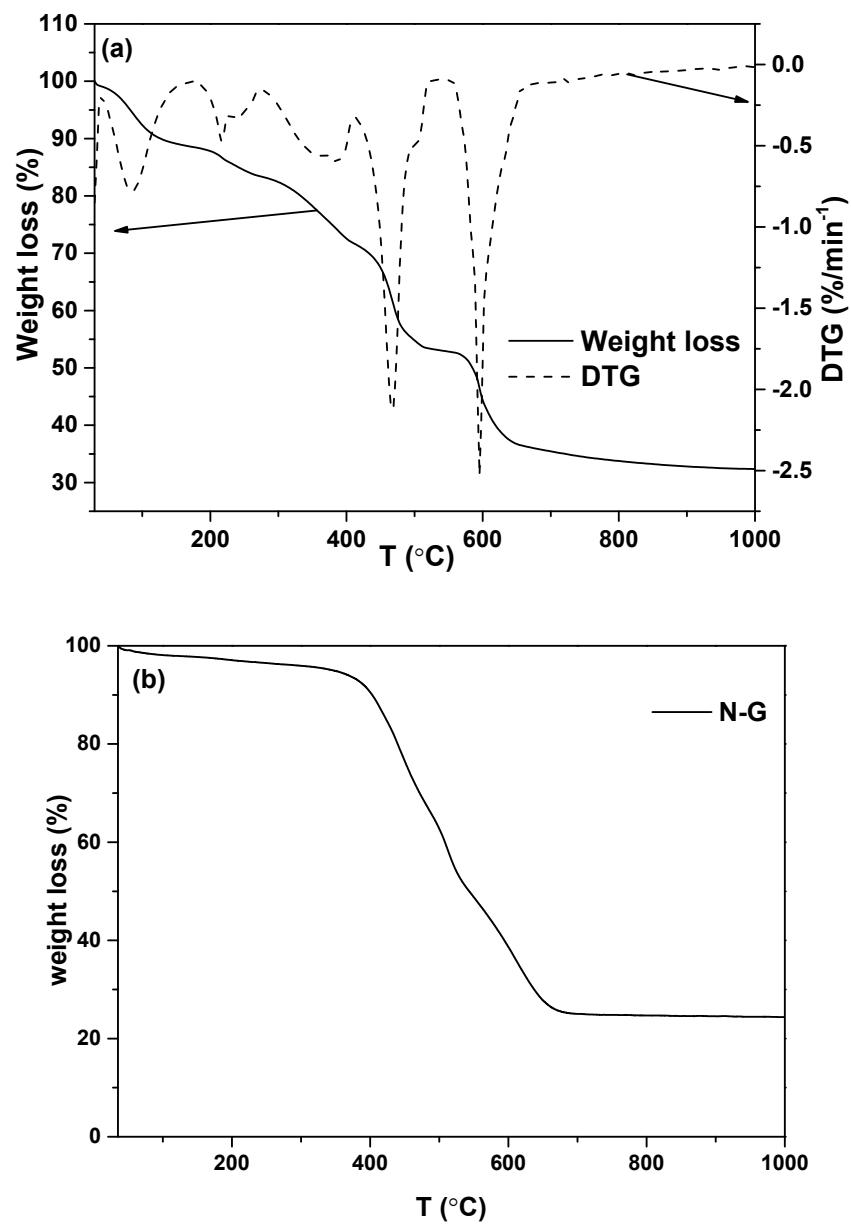
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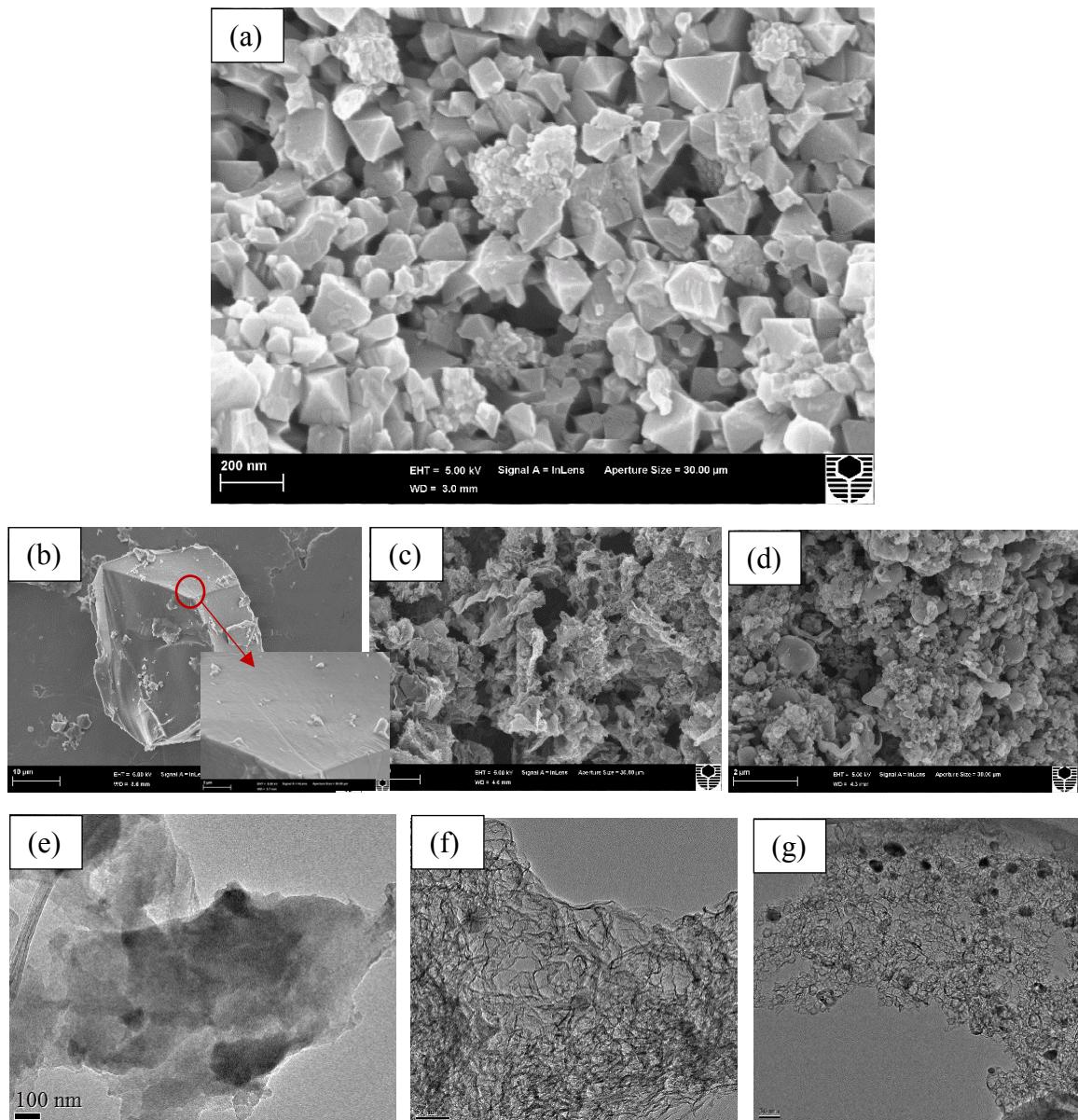
**Scheme S1.** Synthesis of N-doped graphene samples.

**Table S1.** Reaction rate constants of quenchers with radicals and  $^1\text{O}_2$ .

Quenching agents	Rate constants ( $\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ )			References
	$\cdot\text{OH}$	$\text{SO}_4^{\cdot-}$	$^1\text{O}_2$	
Ethanol	$(1.2\text{-}2.8)\times10^9$	$(1.6\text{-}7.8)\times10^7$	-	S1, S2
<i>Tert</i> -butanol	$(3.8\text{-}7.6)\times10^8$	$(4\text{-}9.1)\times10^5$	-	S2
$\text{NaN}_3$	$1.2\times10^{10}$	$2.52\times10^9$	$1\times10^9$	S2, S3

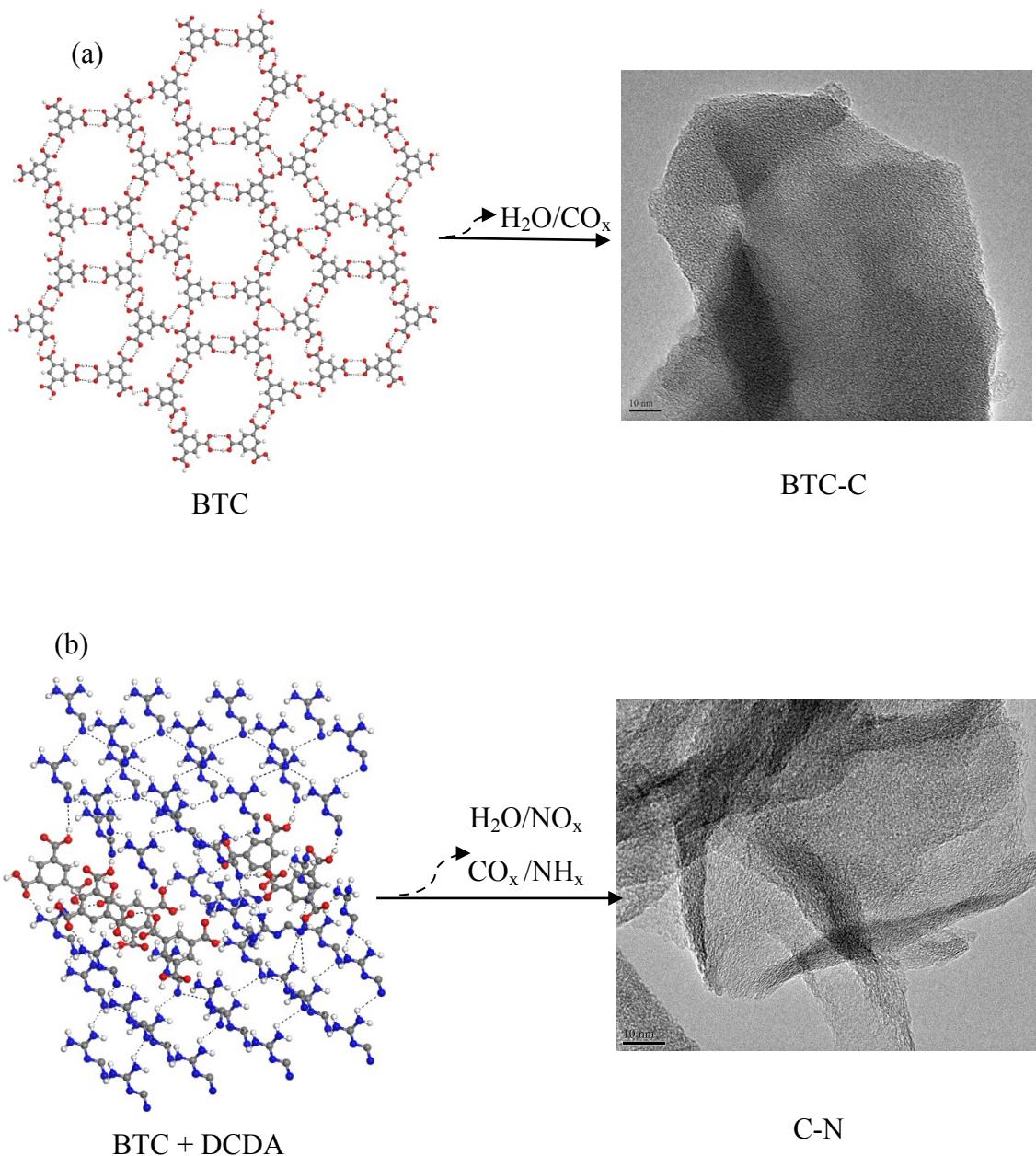


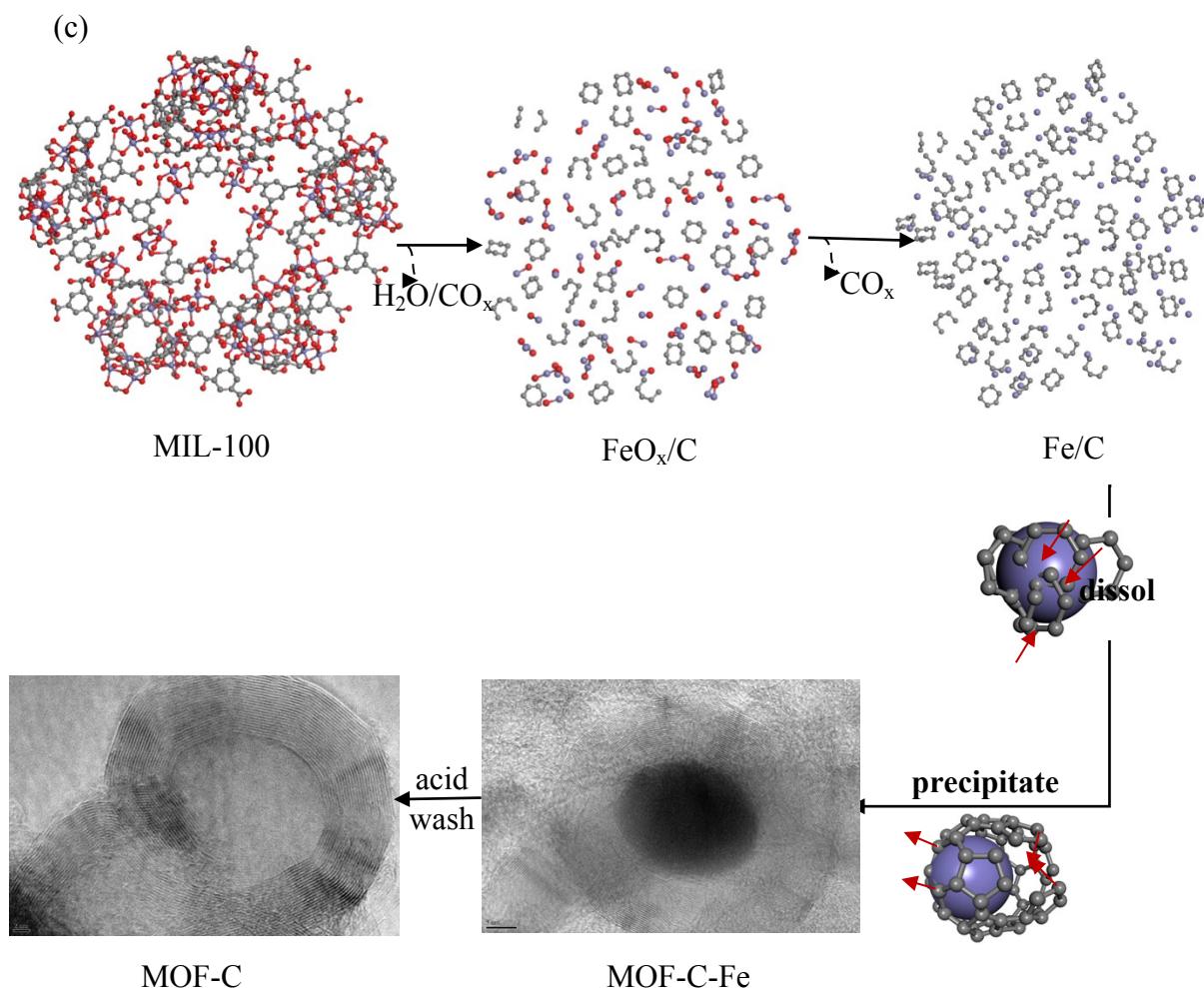
**Figure S1.** TG-DTG curves of MIL-100 (Fe) in argon (a) and N-G in air (b).



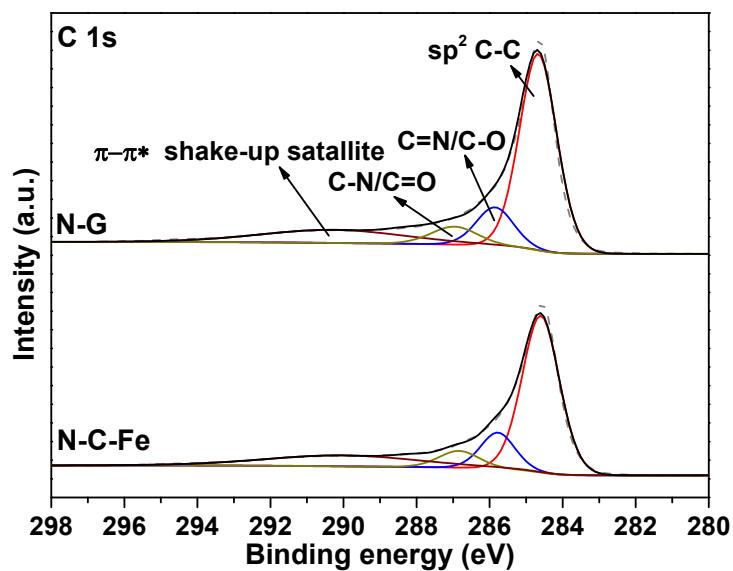
**Figure S2.** SEM (a-d) and TEM images (e-g) of MIL-100 (Fe) (a), BTC-C (b,e), C-N (c,f), MOF-C (d,g).

● C ● N ● O ● Fe ● H

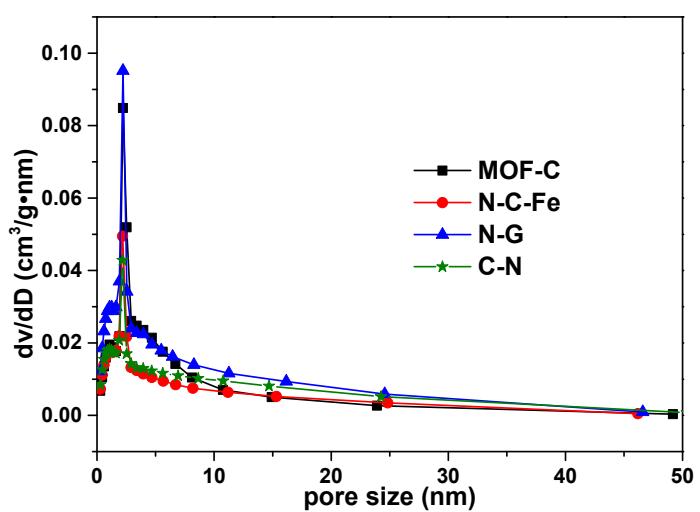




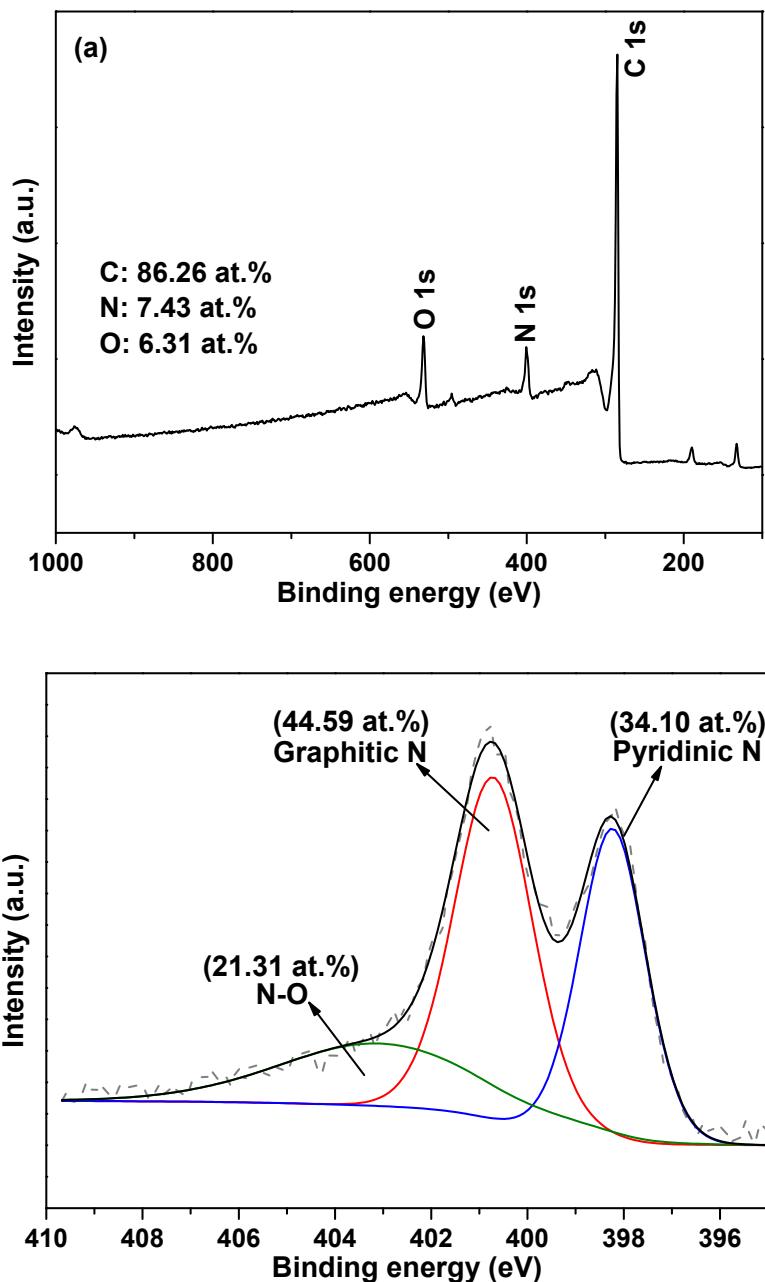
Scheme S2. The formation mechanisms of BTC-C (a), C-N (b) and MOF-C (c).



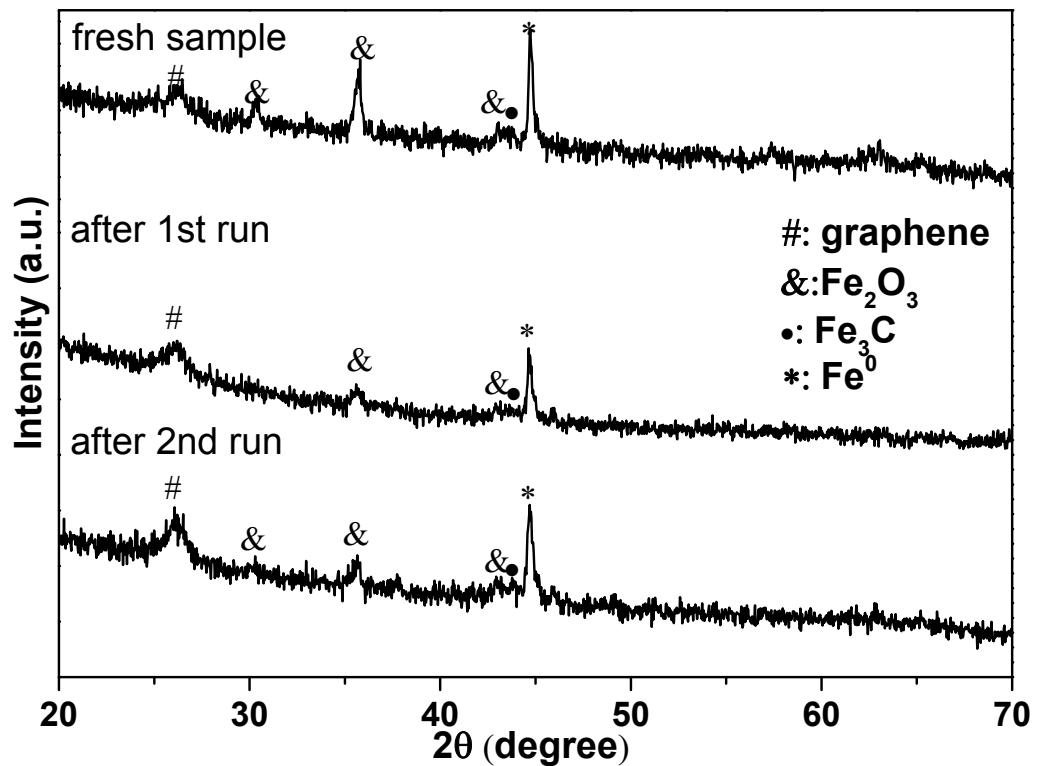
**Figure S3.** De-convoluted C1s XPS spectra of N-C-Fe and N-G.



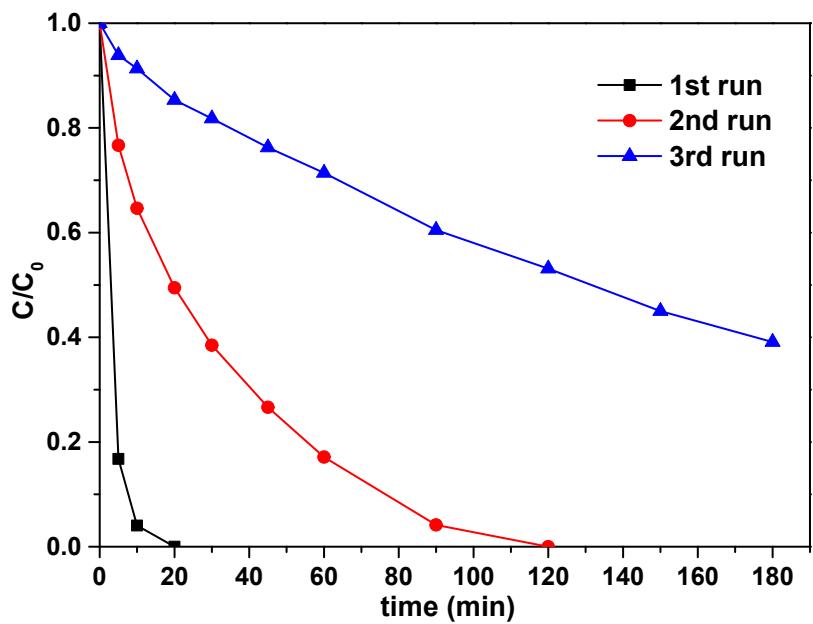
**Figure S4.** Pore size distribution curves of the synthesized materials.



**Figure S5.** (a) XPS survey and (b) N 1s spectra of C-N.

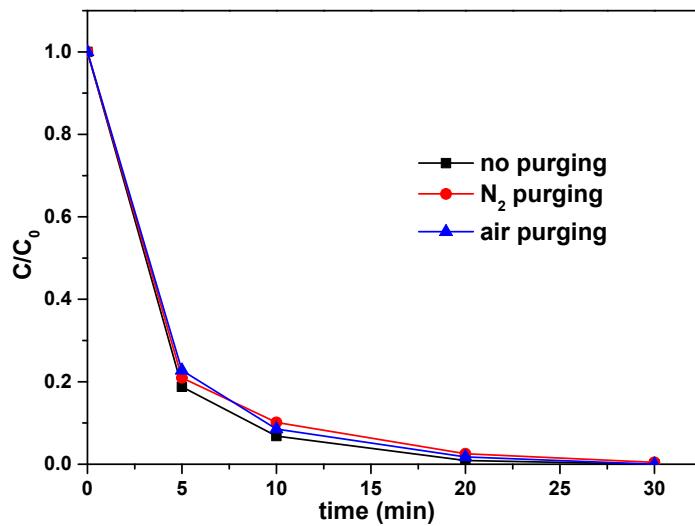


**Figure S6.** XRD patterns of fresh and used N-C-Fe.

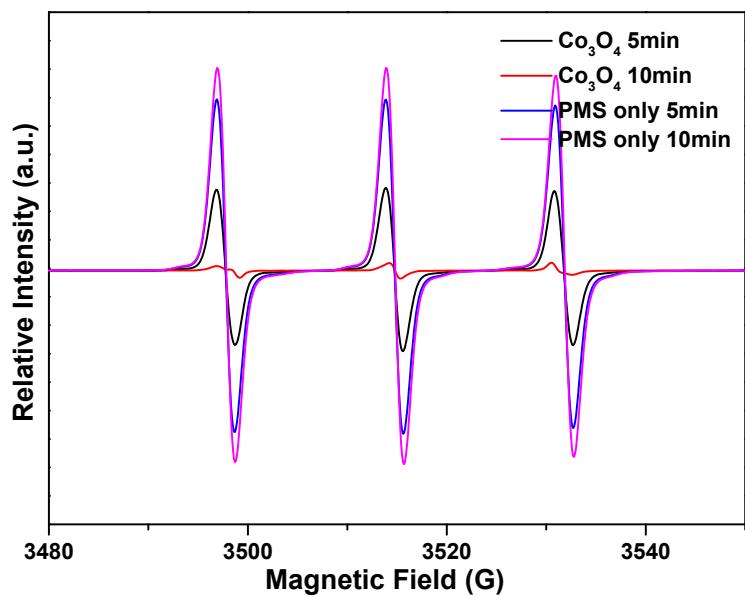


**Figure S7.** Stability tests of N-G.

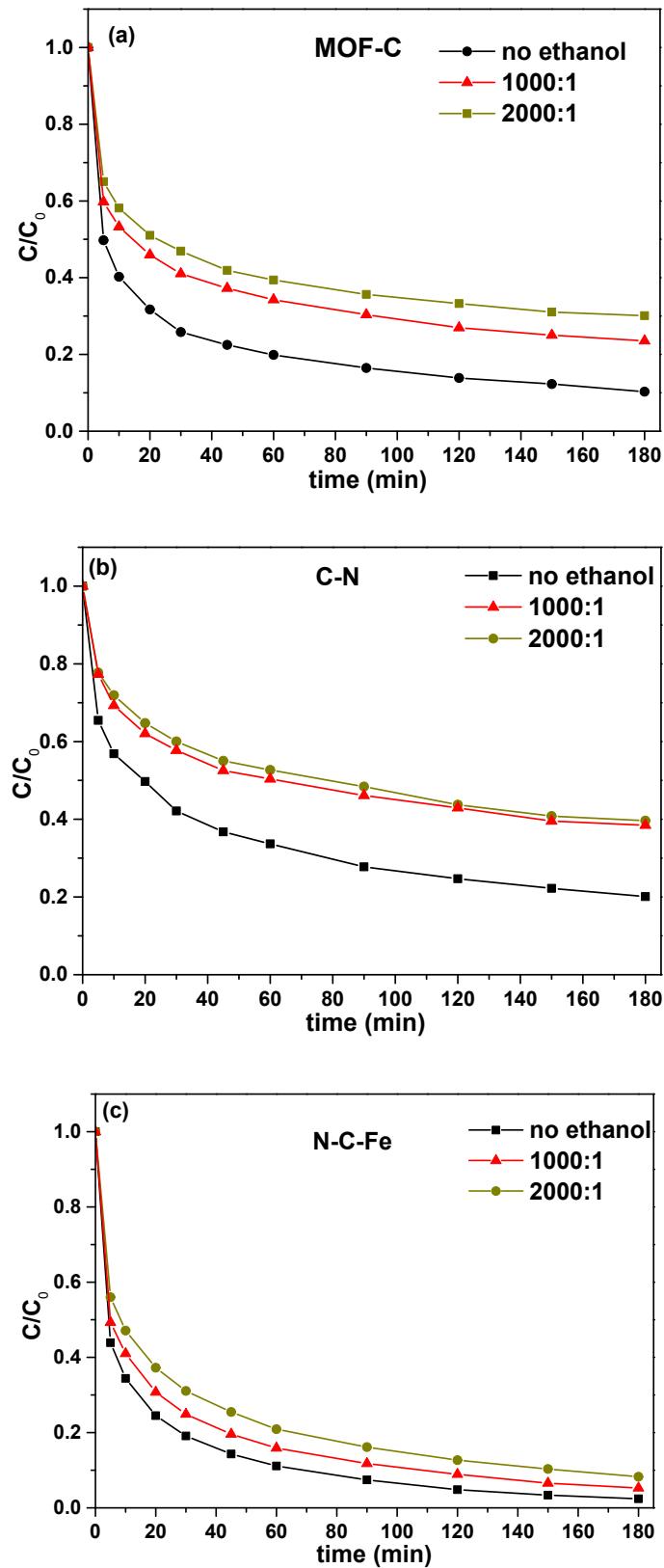
[C (N-G): 0.1 g/L; C (phenol): 20 ppm; C (PMS): 1 g/L; T: 25 °C]



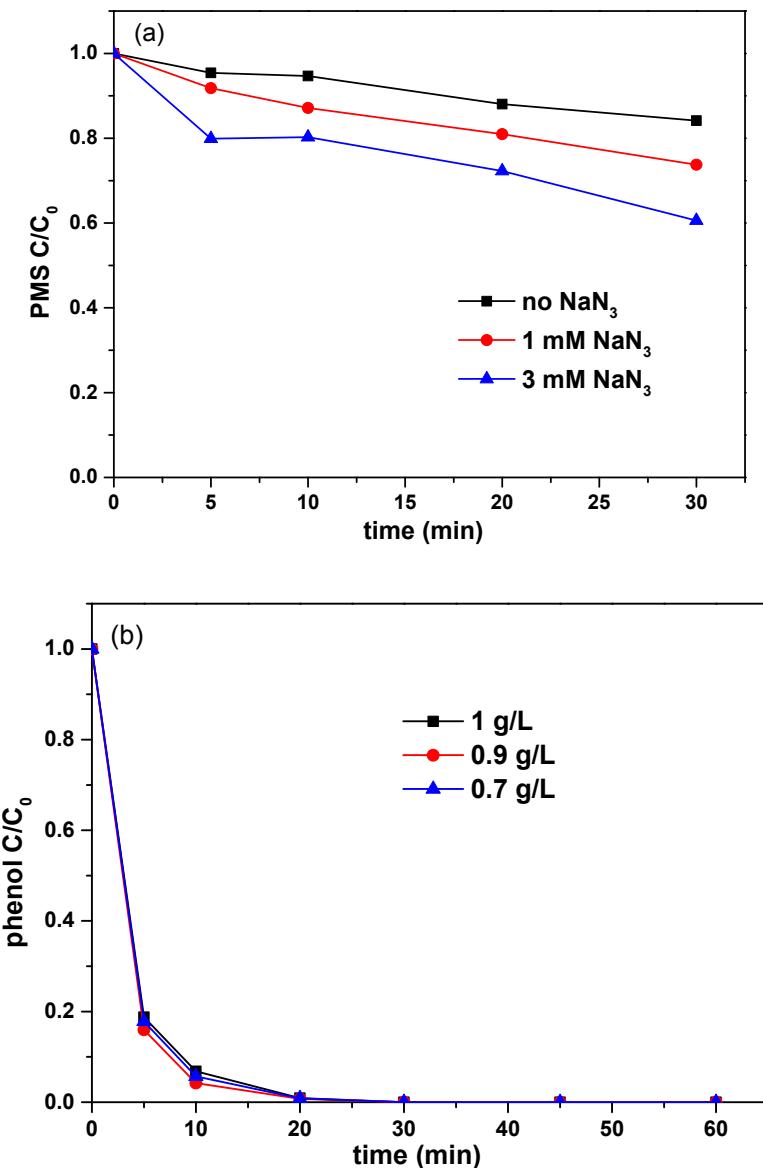
**Figure S8.** Phenol degradation in the N-G/PMS system under ambient condition, nitrogen gas purging and air purging. Reaction conditions: catalyst: 100 mg/L, PMS: 3.25 mM, phenol: 50 ppm, temperature: 25 °C.



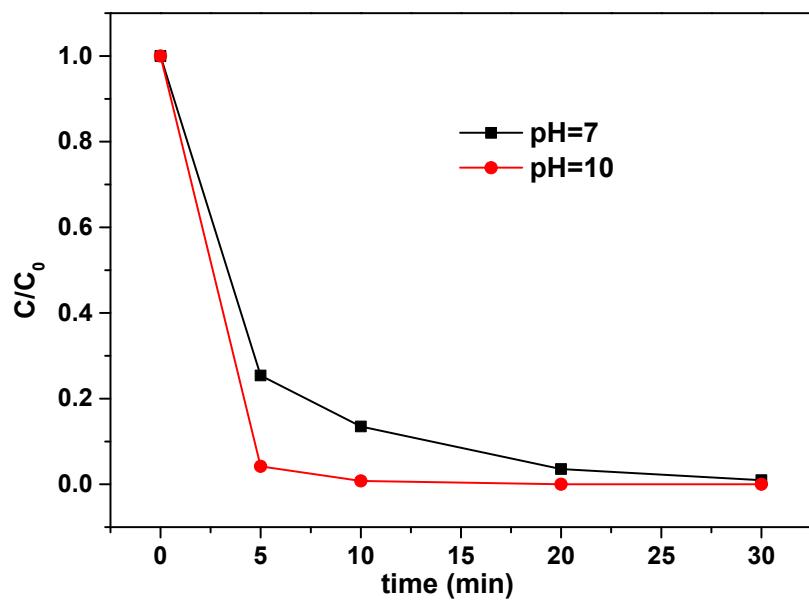
**Figure S9.** EPR spectra of TMPN on Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (catalyst: 200 mg/L, PMS: 6.5 mM, phenol: 50 ppm, temperature: 25 °C, reaction time: 5-10 min; TMP: 1.16 g/L)



**Figure S10.** Effect of ethanol on phenol degradation: (a) MOF-C/PMS; (b) C-N/PMS; (c) N-C-Fe/PMS. Reaction conditions: catalyst: 100 mg/L, PMS: 3.25 mM, phenol: 50 ppm, temperature: 25 °C, molar ratio (ethanol vs. PMS): 1000:1 (2000:1).



**Figure S11.** (a) Effect of  $\text{NaN}_3$  on PMS decomposition in the phenol solution (catalyst: 100 mg/L, PMS: 1 g/L, phenol: 50 ppm, T: 25 °C). (b) Phenol degradation with different PMS concentrations (catalyst: 100 mg/L, PMS: 1 (0.9 or 0.7) g/L, phenol: 50 ppm, T: 25 °C).



**Figure S12.** Influence of pH on phenol degradation. Reaction conditions: catalyst: 100 mg/L, PMS: 3.25 mM, phenol: 50 ppm, temperature: 25 °C, buffer (sodium borate): 20 mM.

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