

Supporting Information

Out-plane Fe^{II}-N₄ moiety modified Fe-N co-doped porous carbons as high-performance electrocatalysts for oxygen reduction reaction

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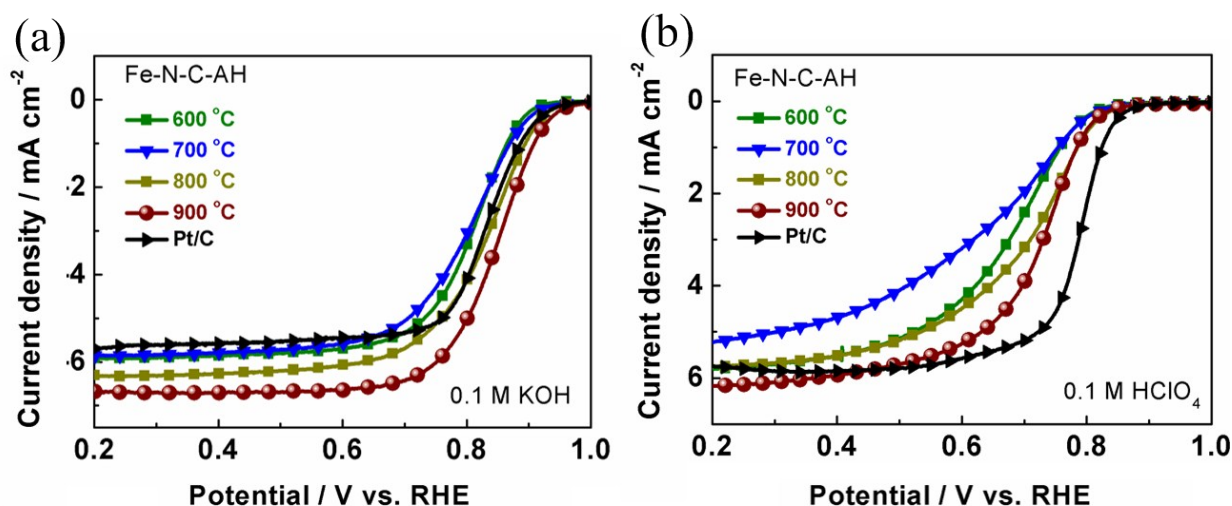


Fig. S1. LSV curves of Fe-N-C-AH electrocatalysts prepared with various pyrolysis and post-treatment temperatures profiled in O_2 -saturated (a) 0.1 M KOH and (b) 0.1 M HClO_4 (scan rate: 5 mV s^{-1} , electrode rotation rate: 1600 rpm).

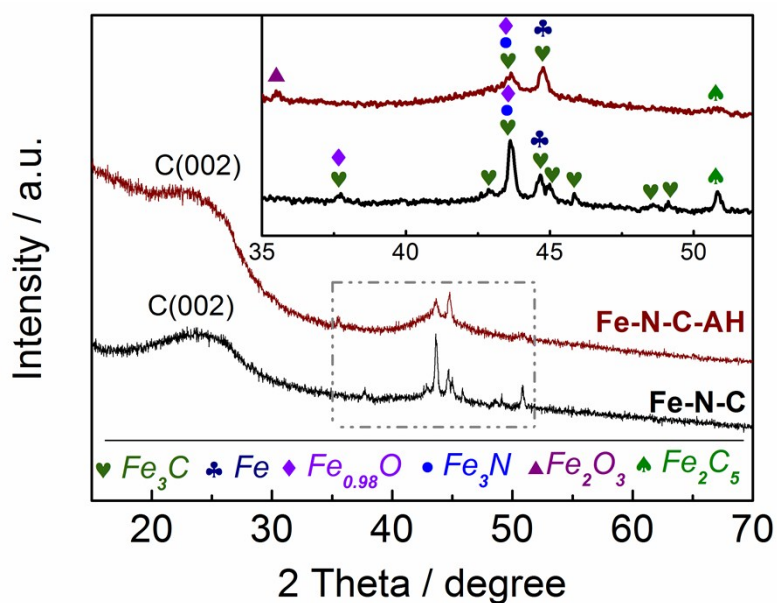


Fig. S2. XRD patterns of Fe-N-C and Fe-N-C-AH.

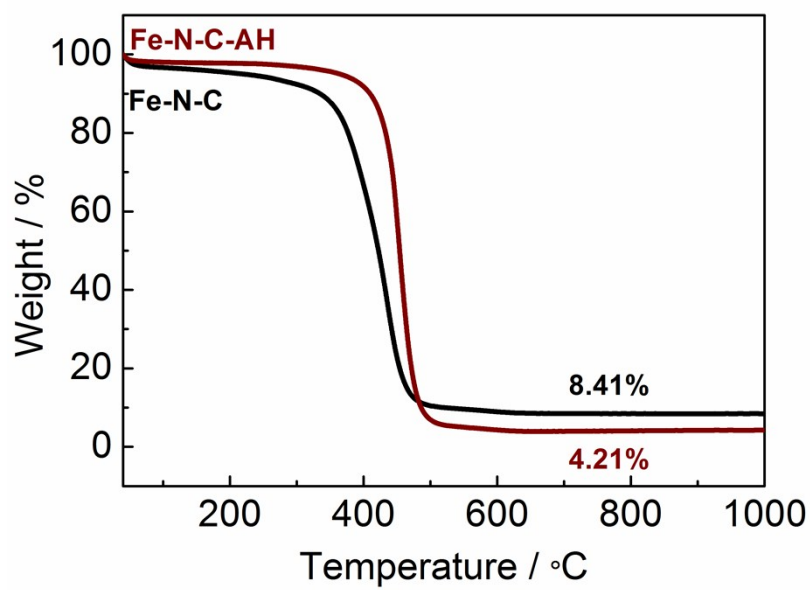


Fig. S3. TG profiles of Fe-N-C and Fe-N-C-AH.

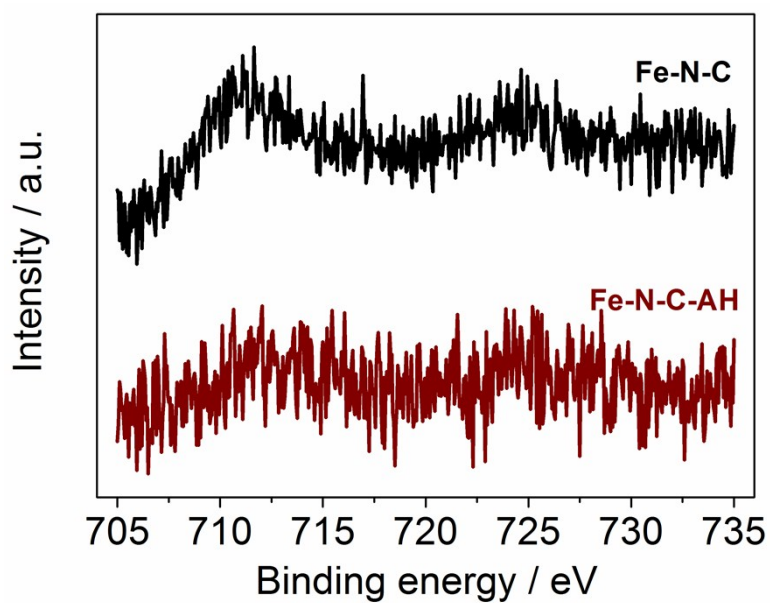


Fig. S4. Fe 2p XPS spectra of Fe-N-C and Fe-N-C-AH.

Table S1. Pore characteristics of Fe-N-C and Fe-N-C-AH.

Sample	S_{BET} ($\text{m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$)	S_{micro} ($\text{m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$)	S_{micro} / S_{BET} (%)	V_{pore} ($\text{cm}^3 \text{g}^{-1}$)	V_{micro} ($\text{cm}^3 \text{g}^{-1}$)	V_{micro} / V_{pore} (%)
Fe-N-C	425.4	161.2	37.89	0.5454	0.069	12.65
Fe-N-C-AH	711.1	423.7	59.58	0.7289	0.182	24.96

Table S2. The content and configuration of N for Fe-N-C and Fe-N-C-AH.

Sample	N at. %	Relative content of different N species				
		Pyridinic N	Fe-N ₄	Pyrrolic N	Graphitic N	Oxidized N
Fe-N-C	2.21	32.30	22.15	25.55	10.92	9.08
Fe-N-C-AH	1.91	24.86	18.47	23.30	25.82	7.55

Table S3. Summary of the Mössbauer parameters for Fe-N-C and Fe-N-C-AH.

MS site	$\delta_{\text{iso}}^{\text{a}}$ / mm s^{-1}	$\Delta E_{\text{Q}}^{\text{b}}$	Fwhm^{c} / mm s^{-1}	H_0^{d} / T	Assignment
Sing	-0.05		0.43		Superparamagnetic iron
D1	0.31	0.983	0.58		Fe ^{II} -N ₄ /C, low-spin
D2	0.21	1.19	0.58		Fe ^{II} -N ₄ , mid-spin
Sext	0.17	-0.003	0.45	20.9	Iron carbide

^a δ_{iso} : the isomer shift that related to the electric monopole interaction; ^b ΔE_{Q} : the quadrupole splitting that related to the electric quadrupole interaction; ^cFwhm: the full-width at half maximum; ^d H_0 : the magnetic field.