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Supplementary Information

Electrocatalytic Reduction of CO₂ to CO with 100% Faradaic Efficiency by Pyrolyzed Zeolitic Imidazolate Frameworks Supported on Carbon Nanotube Networks

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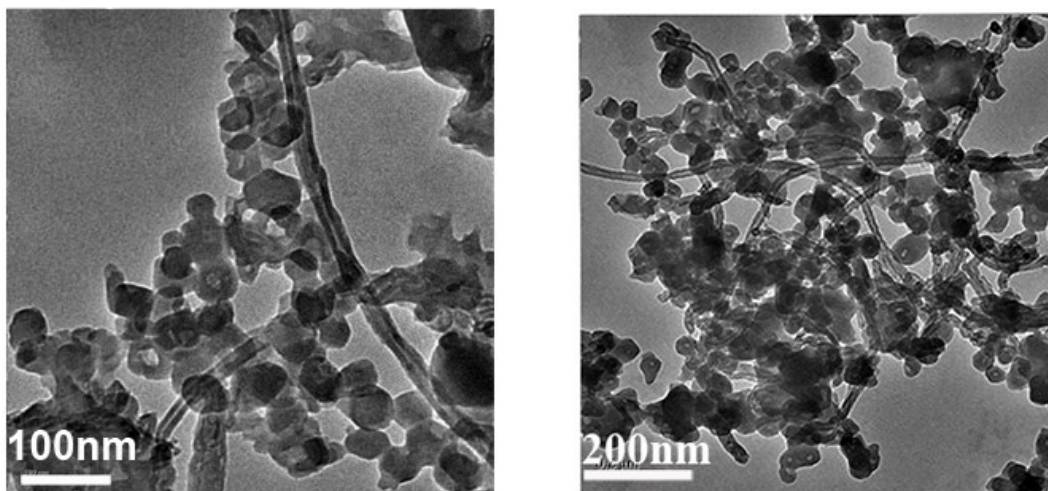


Fig. S1 TEM images of ZIF-CNT-FA (a) and ZIF-Fe-CNT-FA (b).

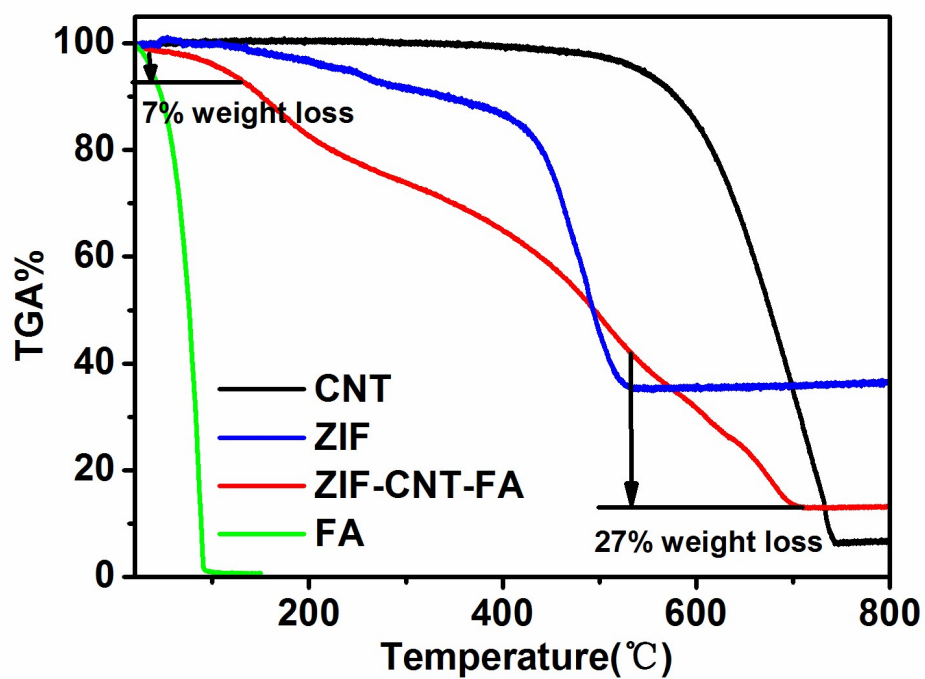


Fig. S2 TGA of CNT, FA, ZIF-8, and ZIF-CNT-FA under nitrogen.

We attributed the weight-loss of ZIF-CNT-FA in the temperature range between 25 and 130 °C to the thermal decomposition of furfuryl alcohol (FA) and in the temperature range between 530 and 800 °C to the thermal decomposition of CNT.

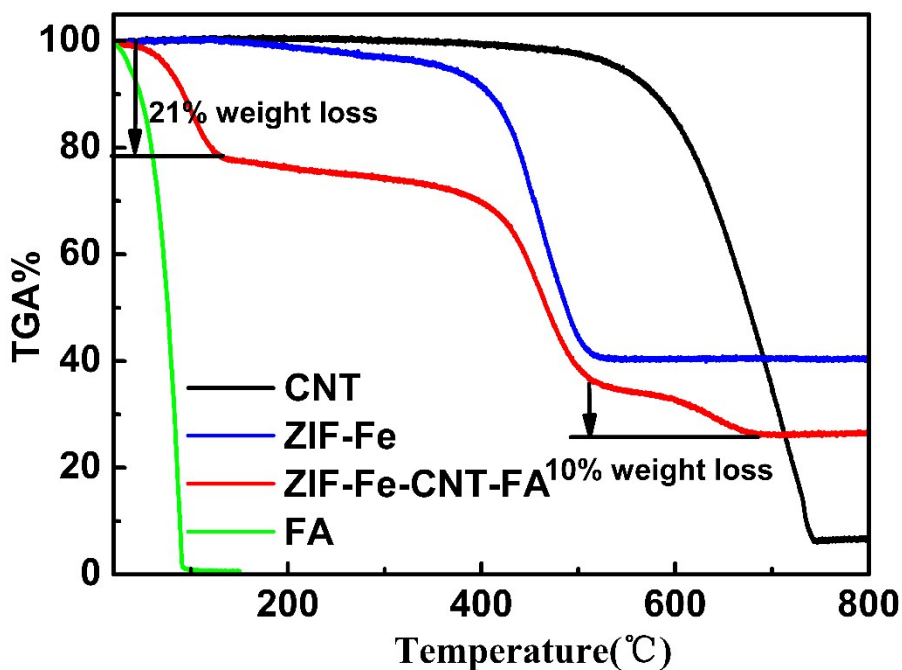


Fig. S3 TGA of CNT, FA, ZIF-Fe, and ZIF-Fe-CNT-FA under nitrogen.

We attributed the weight-loss of ZIF-Fe-CNT-FA in the temperature range between 25 and 130 °C to the thermal decomposition of furfuryl alcohol (FA) and in the temperature range between 520 and 800 °C to the thermal decomposition of CNT.

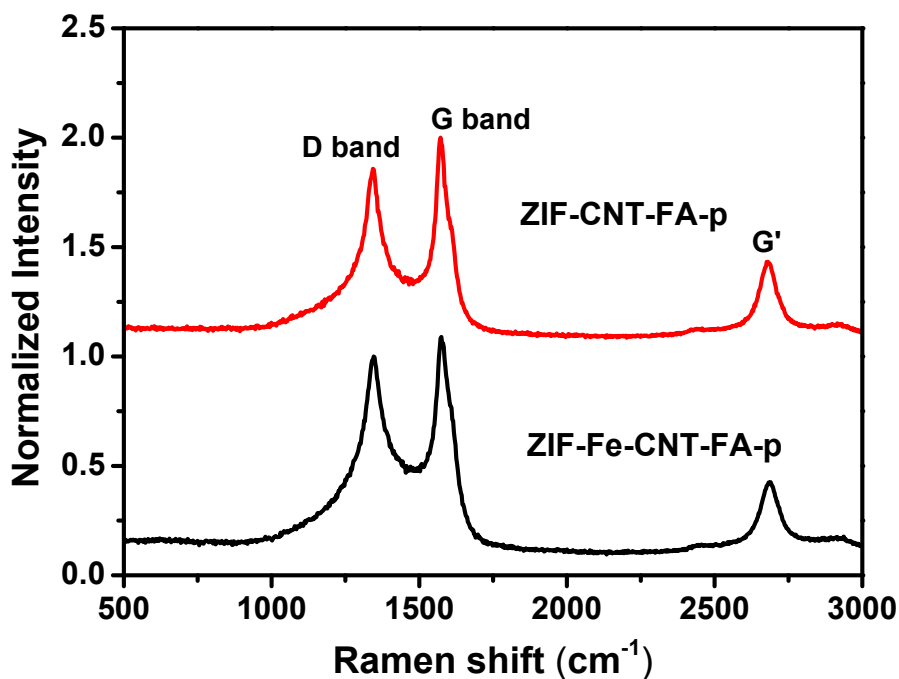


Fig. S4 Raman spectra of pyrolyzed ZIF samples.

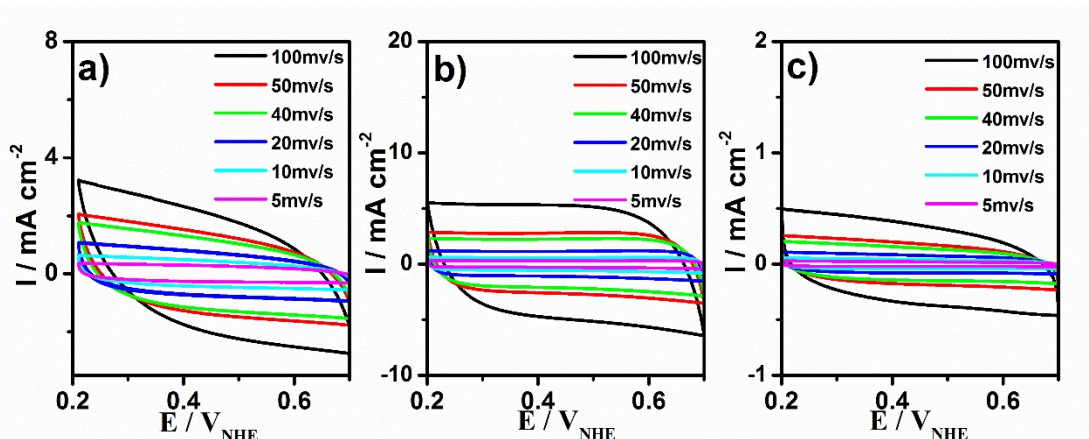


Fig. S5 Cyclic voltammograms of different electrodes studied in 0.1 M Na₂SO₄ (degassed with N₂) at various scan rates for the estimation of double layer capacitances. (a) ZIF-Fe-CNT-FA-p, (b) ZIF-CNT-FA-p, and (c) ZIF-FA-p. The geometric area of all electrodes is 0.07 cm² and the loading of catalysts is 0.06 mg.

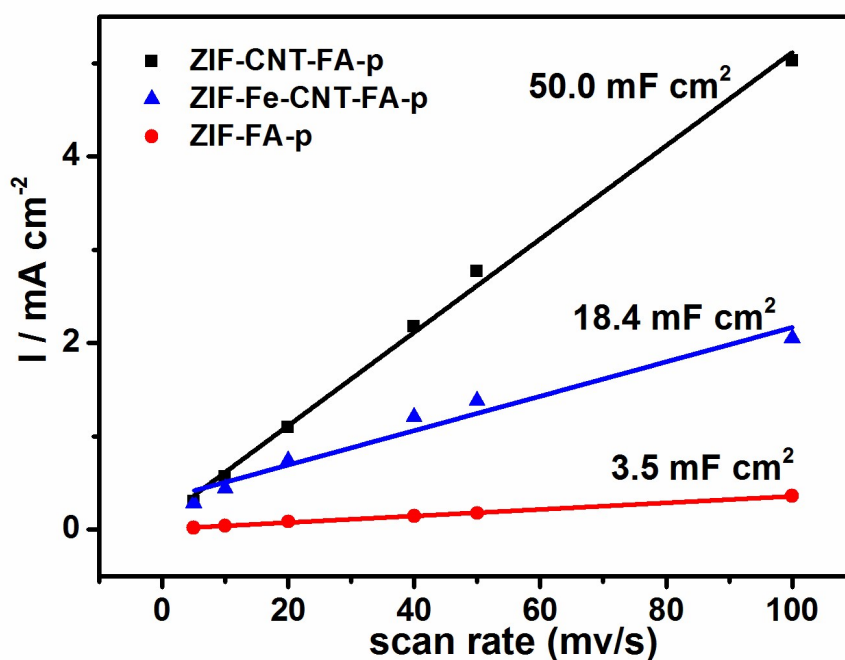


Fig. S6 Double layer capacitances of ZIF-CNT-FA-p, ZIF-Fe-CNT-FA-p, and ZIF-FA-p. The C_{dl} was estimated by plotting the $\Delta j = (j_a - j_c)$ at 0.45 V_{NHE} (where j_a and j_c are the anodic and cathodic current densities, respectively) against the scan rate, in which the slope was twice that of C_{dl} .

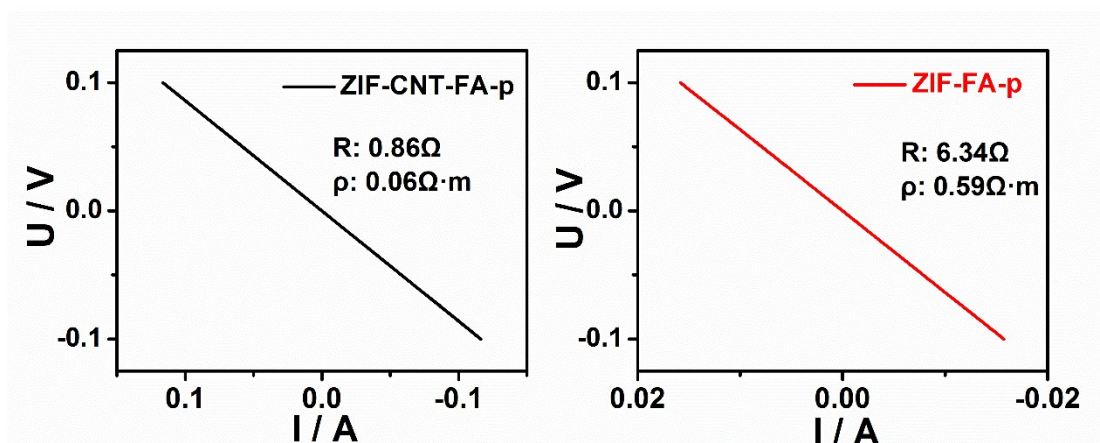


Fig. S7 I-V curves of ZIF-CNT-FA-p and ZIF-FA-p.

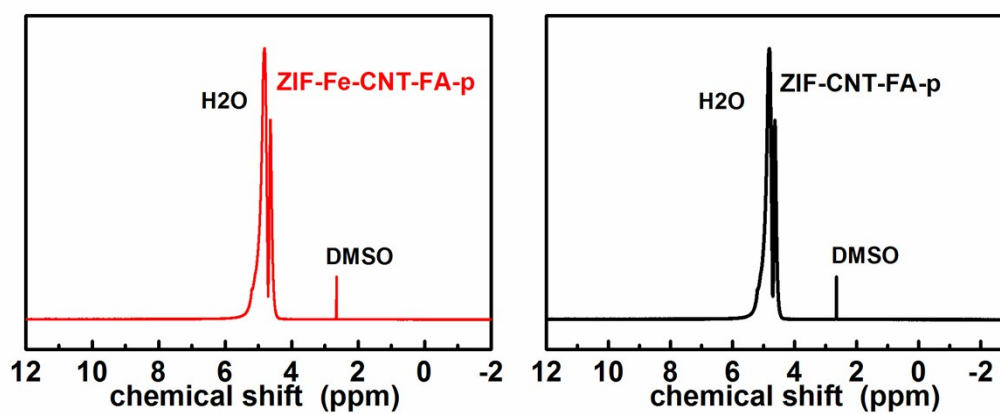


Fig. S8 Representative ¹H-NMR spectra of the electrolyte solution after CO₂ reduction electrolysis at -0.86 V_{RHE} for the ZIF-CNT-FA-p, and -0.56 V_{RHE} for the ZIF-Fe-CNT-FA-p after 10h.

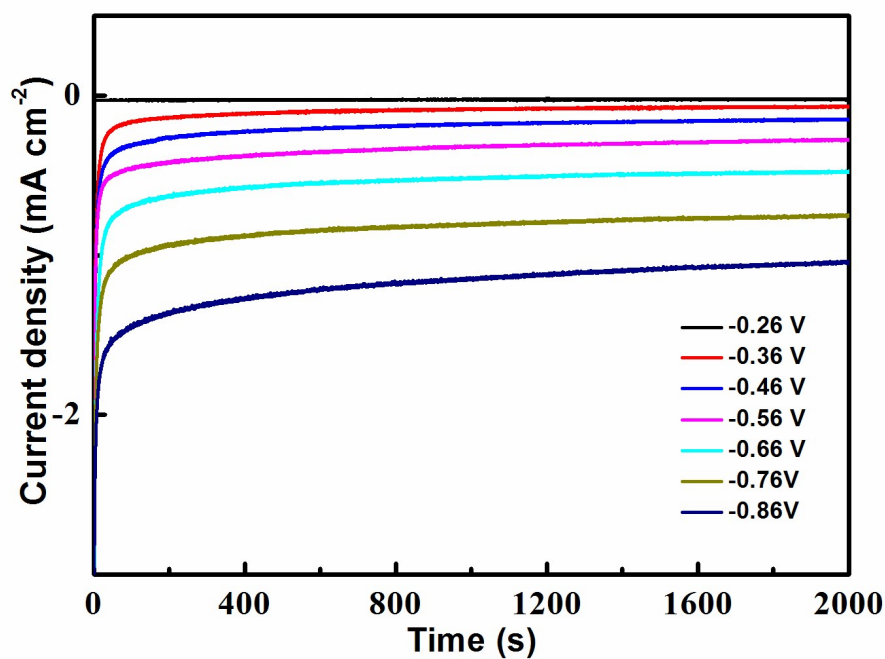


Fig. S9 Current density variation during electrochemical reduction of CO₂ in 0.1M NaHCO₃ aqueous solution by the ZIF-FA-p at various potentials (E_{vs} RHE).

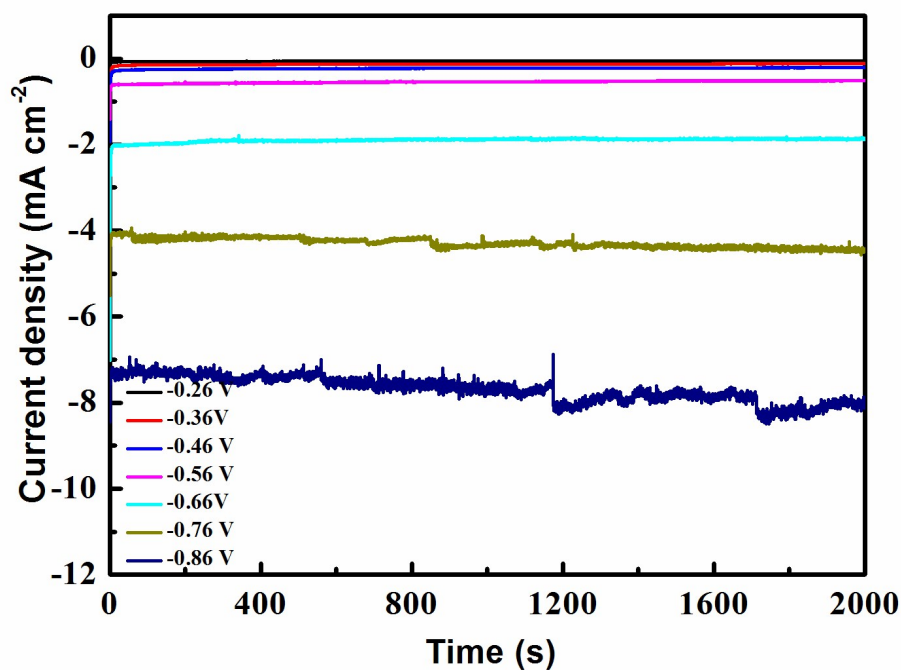


Fig. S10 Current density variation during electrochemical reduction of CO₂ in 0.1M NaHCO₃ aqueous solution by the ZIF-CNT-FA-p at various potentials (E_{vs} RHE).

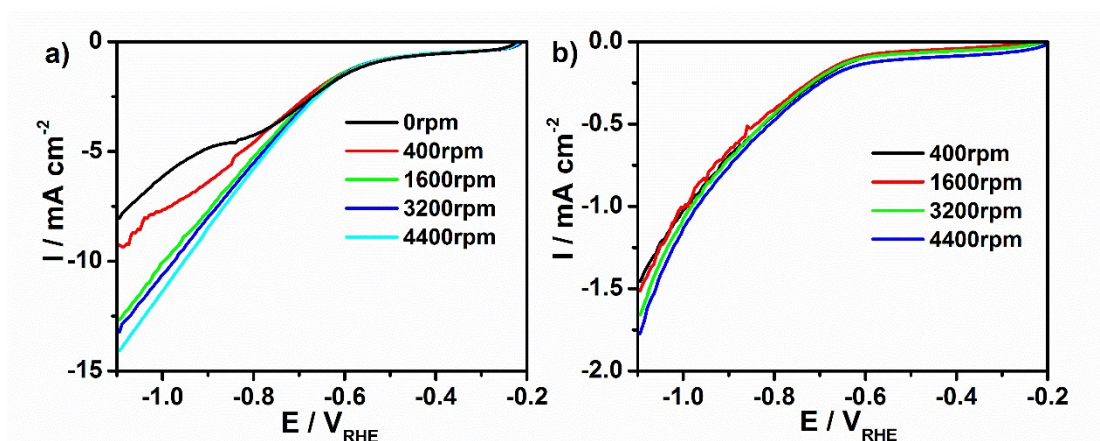


Fig. S11 Linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) of of **ZIF-CNT-FA-p** (a) and **ZIF-FA-p** (b) from -0.2 to -1.1 V_{RHE} in CO_2 -saturated 0.1 M $NaHCO_3$ solution using a rotating disk electrode (RDE) at different rotating speeds.

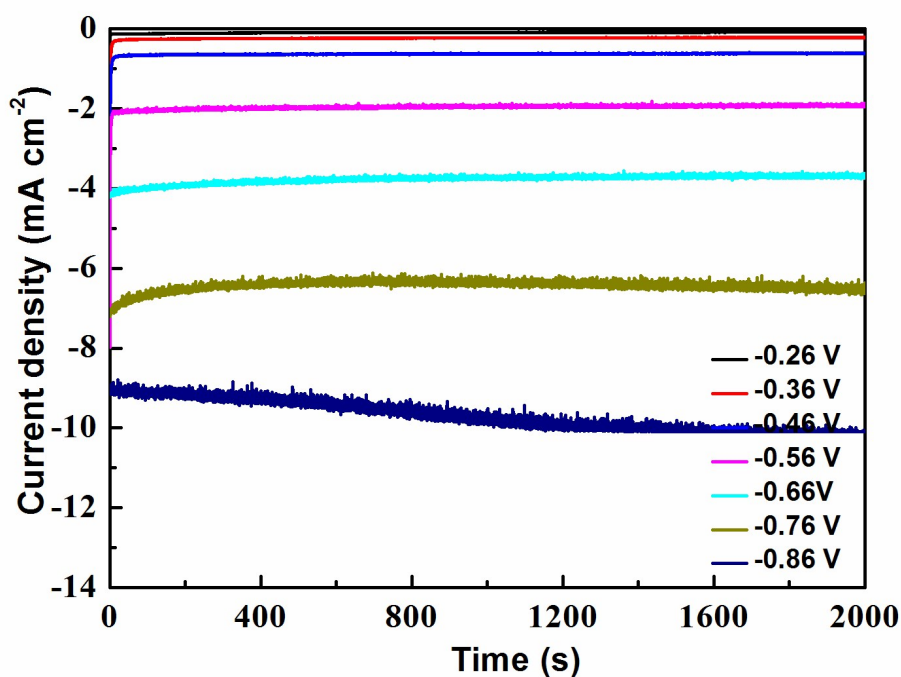


Fig. S12 Current density variation during electrochemical reduction of CO_2 in 0.1M $NaHCO_3$ aqueous solution by the **ZIF-Fe-CNT-FA-p** at various potentials (E vs RHE).

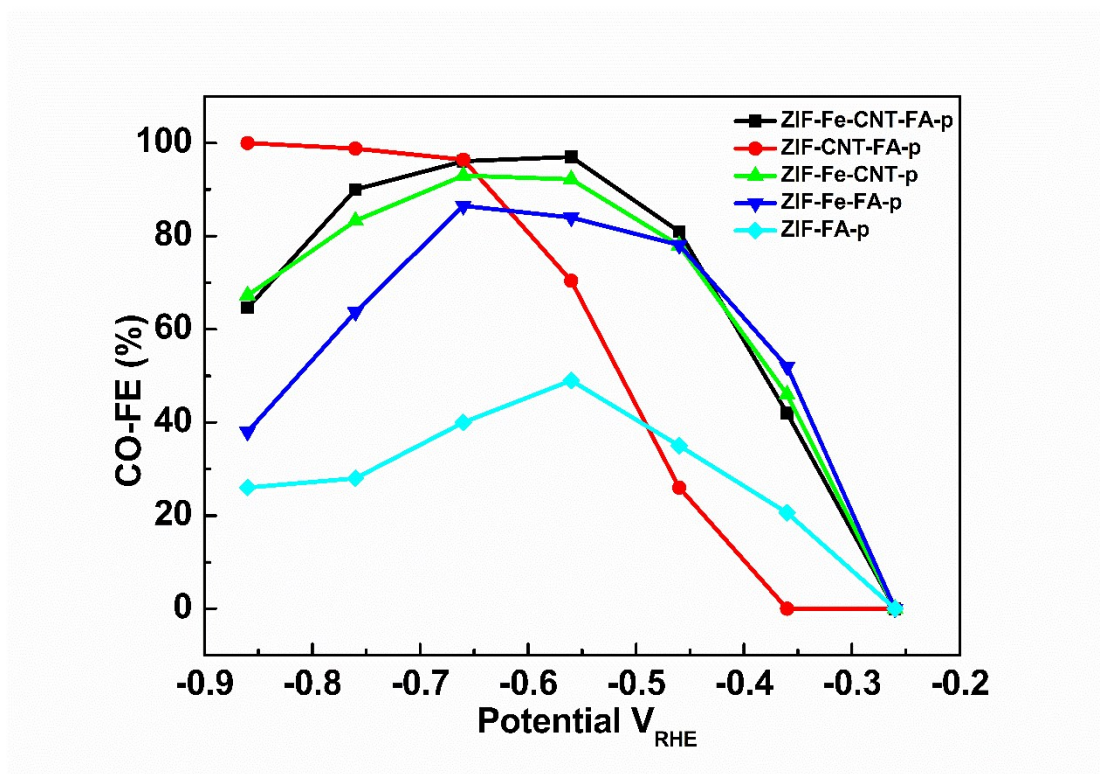


Fig. S13 Faradaic efficiency for CO versus potentials on different pyrolyzed ZIFs in CO_2 saturated 0.1M NaHCO_3 .

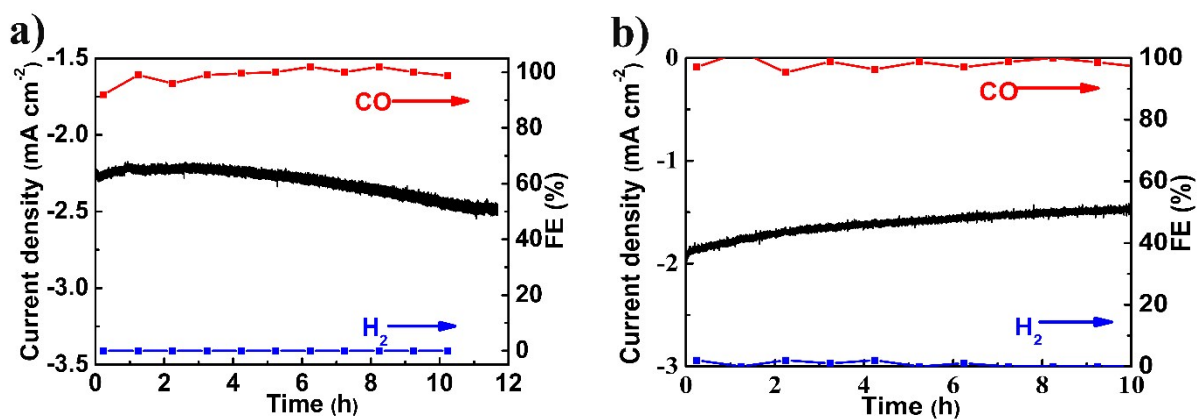


Fig. S14 Stability test of electrochemical CO_2 reduction by a) **ZIF-CNT-FA-p** at $-0.66 V_{RHE}$ and b) **ZIF-Fe-CNT-FA-p** at $-0.56 V_{RHE}$ during 10 h operation.

Table S1. BET surface areas and and specific capacitances of different samples.

Electrode	BET Surface area (m ² g ⁻¹)	Capacitance (F/g)
ZIF-CNT-FA-p	637.2	58.3
ZIF-Fe-CNT-FA-p	583.1	21.5
ZIF-FA-p	858.9	4.1

Table S2. Zn and Fe contents of different samples.

Sample	content wt %	
	Zn	Fe
ZIF-CNT-FA-p	0.1%	undetected
ZIF-Fe-CNT-FA-p	1.1%	2.7%
ZIF-FA-p	4.0%	undetected
ZIF-Fe-FA-p	4.2%	2.6%
MWCNT	0.01	undetected

Table S3. C and N contents of different samples

Sample	content wt %	
	C	N
ZIF-CNT-FA-p	76.60	5.56
ZIF-Fe-CNT-FA-p	71.33	5.71
ZIF-FA-p	64.07	9.51
ZIF-Fe-FA-p	73.29	9.63