

Electronic Supplemental Information

Ordered Mesoporous FeN-Doped Carbon: A Class of Highly Active and Stable Catalysts in Acid, Base and Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cells

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Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Comparison of electrochemical performances of OMFENC and 40% Pt/C coated rotating disk electrodes in 0.5M H₂SO₄.

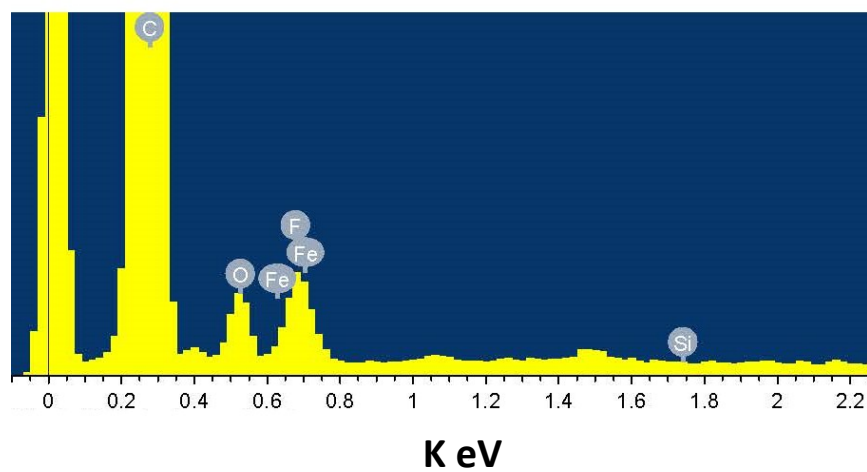
| Electrochemical Parameters | OMFeNC-800 | 40% Pt/C |
|--|------------|----------|
| E _{1/2} (V vs. RHE) | 0.78 | 0.83 |
| Activity at 0.6V, 1600 rpm (mA/cm ²) | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| ORR Electron Number | 4 | 4 |
| Kinetic Rate (K _f) at 0.6V (cm.S ⁻¹) | 0.10 | - |
| Activity retention (I ₂₀ /I ₀) at 900 rpm after 20 hours test | 77.4% | 69.5% |

Table S2. Comparison of electrochemical performances of OMFENC and 40% Pt/C coated rotating disk electrodes in 0.1M KOH.

| Electrochemical Parameters | OMFeNC-800 | 40% Pt/C |
|--|------------|----------|
| E _{1/2} (V vs. RHE) | 0.85 | 0.87 |
| Activity at 0.6V, 1600 rpm (mA/cm ²) | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| ORR Electron Number | 4 | 4 |
| Kinetic rate (K _f) at 0.6V (cm.S ⁻¹) | 0.17 | - |
| Activity retention (I ₂₀ /I ₀) at 900 rpm after 20 hours test | 93.5% | 87.8 |

Supplementary Figures

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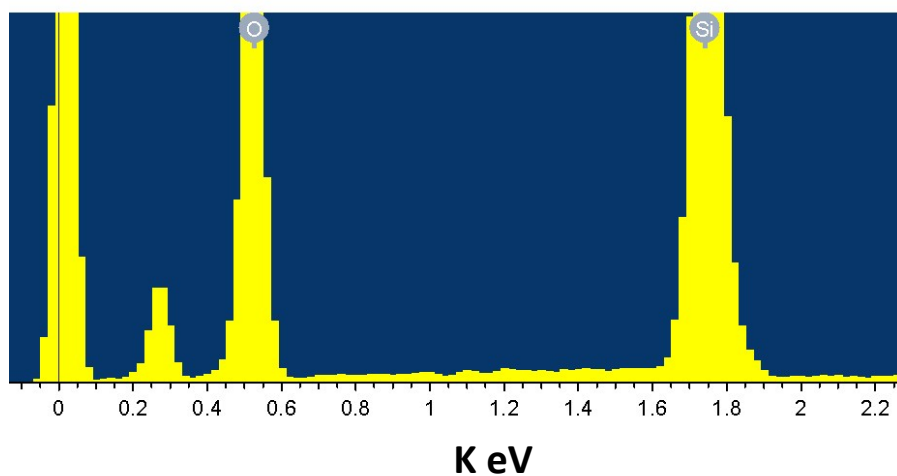


Figure S1. EDS spectra of OMFenC-800 prepared with HF-free method (a) and SBA-15 (b). There is no Si detected for the OMFenC 800 prepared with HF-free method.

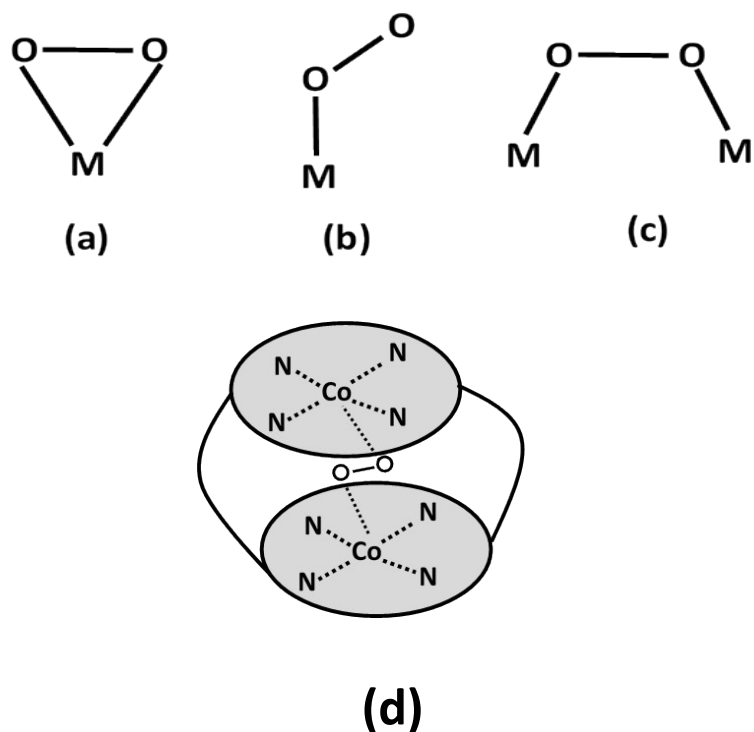


Figure S2. Schematic drawing of oxygen adsorption at transition metal surface with Griffiths model (a), Pauling model (b), and Bridge model (c) proposed by Yeager et al [1-4], and a face-to face cobalt porphyrin (d) for catalytic oxygen reduction synthesized by Collman and Anson et al [5-6].

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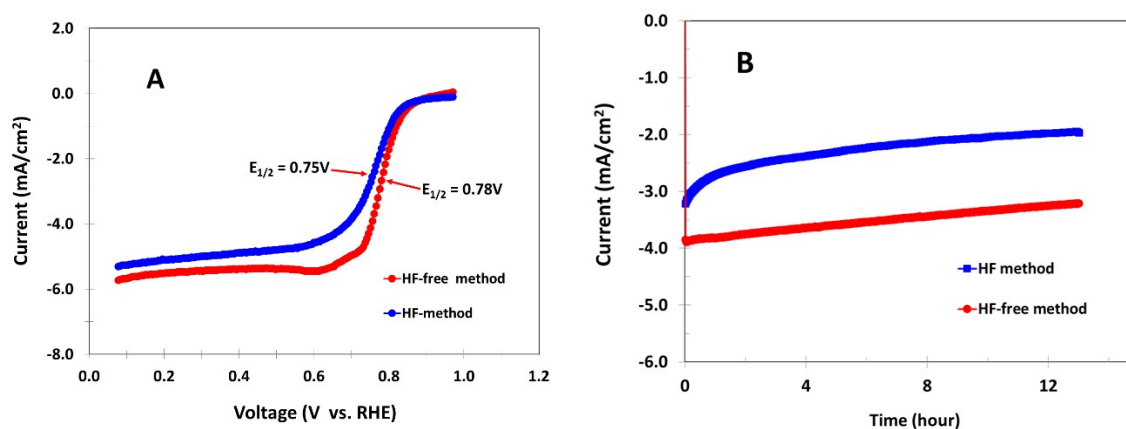


Figure S3. Catalytic activity and stability of OMFenC-800. (A) Polarization curves of OMFenC-800 coated rotating disk electrodes, 10 mv/s, 1600 rpm. (B) Chronoamperometric curves of OMFenC-800 coated rotating disk electrode at 0.6V, 900 rpm. The OMFenCs were made with HF-method and HF-free method, respectively. Catalyst loading: 0.4 mg/cm². Electrolyte: O₂ saturated 0.5M H₂SO₄ solution.

The polarization curves shown in Figure S3-A indicates that the half wave potential of the OMFenC made with HF-free method is 30 mV higher than that with HF-method for catalytic ORR in O₂ saturated 0.5M H₂SO₄. The average limiting current of OMFenC is also increased by ~15% from HF-method to HF-free method. The durability test results are shown in Figure S3-B. The chronoamperometric curve of the OMFenC made with HF-free method is much more stable, having ~25% higher current density than that with HF method for entire range of the experiment.

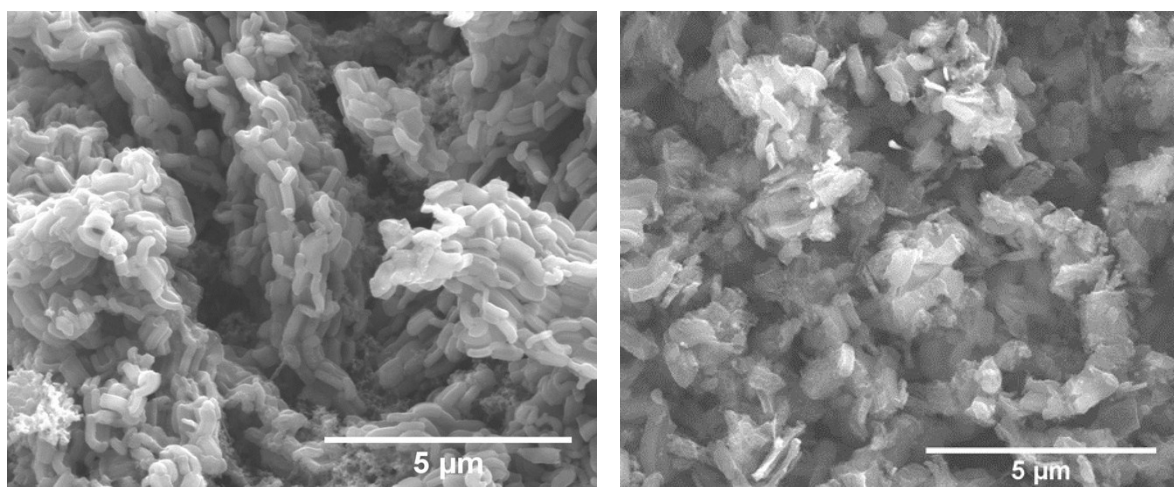


Figure S4. SEM images of OMFenC-800 made with HF-free method (A) and HF-method, respectively.

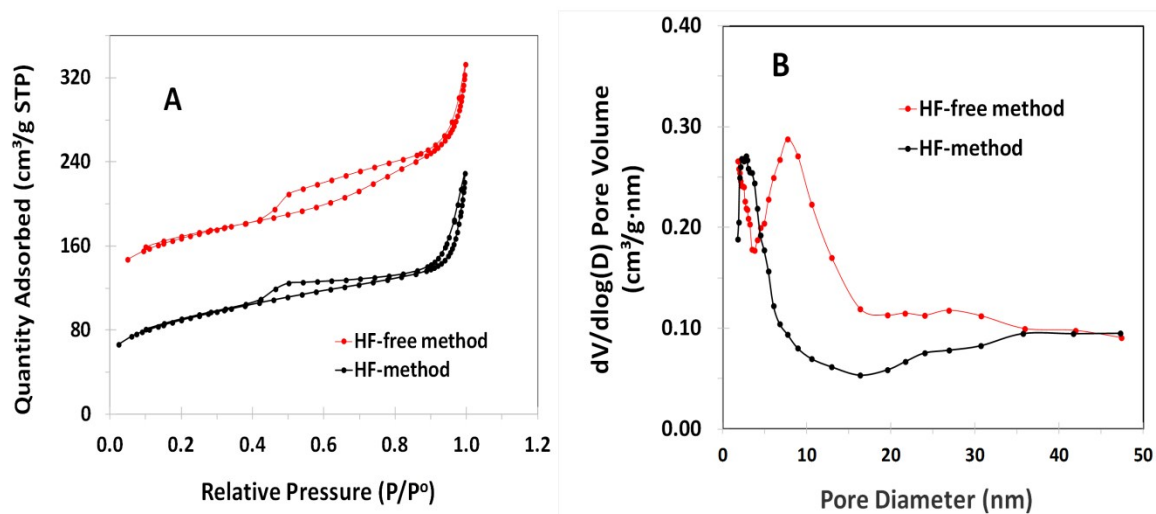


Figure S5. (A) N_2 adsorption-desorption isotherm of OMFenC obtained by HF-free method and HF-method. (B) pore size distribution of OMFenC obtained by HF-free method and HF-method.

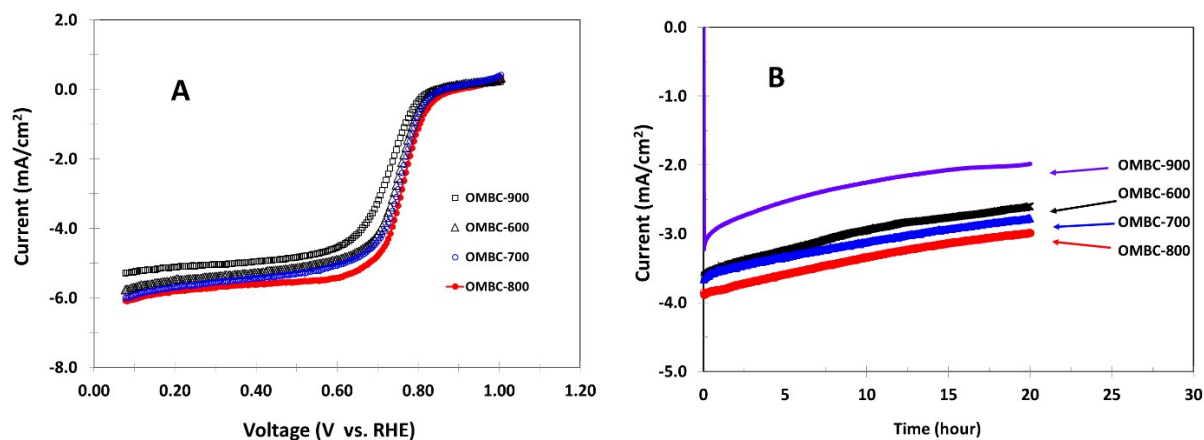


Figure S6. . Electrocatalytic activity and stability of OMFenC made by HF-free method at different temperatures (A) Polarization curves of OMFenC coated rotating disk electrodes, 10 mv/s, 1600 rpm. (B) Chronoamperometric curves of OMFenC coated rotating disk electrode at 0.6V, 900 rpm, respectively. Catalyst loading: 0.4 mg/cm². Electrolyte: O₂ saturated 0.5M H₂SO₄.

A minimum temperature is required to completely carbonize hemin and decompose Teflon for make OMFenC. Therefore, we started from 600°C to pyrolyze the mixture of hemin and Teflon. The activity and stability of OMFenC for catalytic ORR is varying with heat-treating temperature. As shown in Figure S5-A, the OMFenC's activity for catalytic ORR increases from 600 to 800°C heat-treatment. The corresponding half wave potential and limiting current increase are seen. When we increased temperature to 900°C for pyrolysis, the OMFenC's activity is decreased. The durability test results of OMFenC for catalytic ORR at 900 rpm in O₂ saturated 0.5M H₂SO₄ are shown in Figure S5-B. The OMFenC-800 has the highest current density for the entire test range by 20 hours test.