

## *Electronic supplementary information*

# **High-level nitrogen-doped, micro/mesoporous carbon as an efficient metal-free electrocatalyst for oxygen reduction reaction: optimizing reaction surface area by a solvent-free mechanochemical method**

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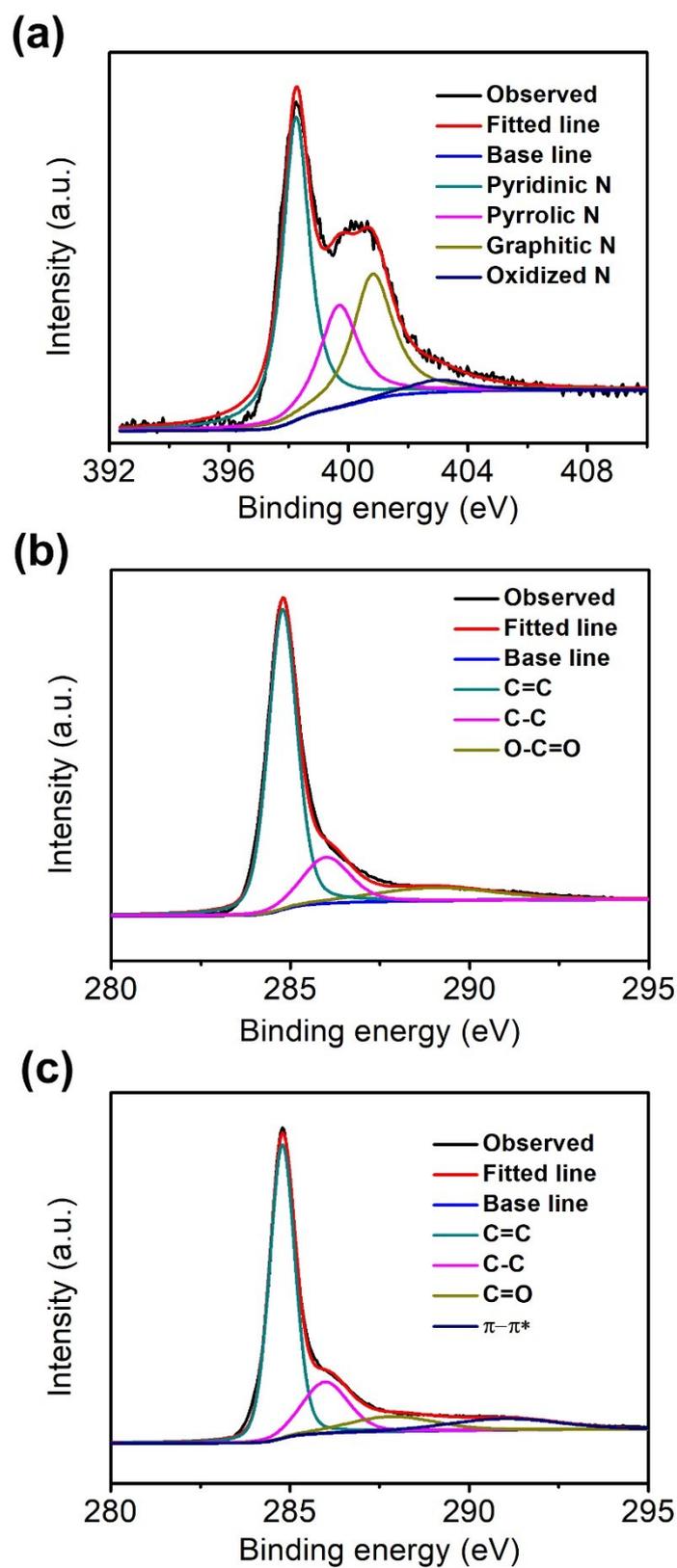
**Table S1** Pore textural properties of CMC, PCMC, NCMC and NPCMC. <sup>[a]</sup>

Material	$S_{BET}$ ( $\text{m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$ )	$V_{micropores}$ ( $\text{cm}^3 \text{g}^{-1}$ )	$V_{effective\ micropores}$ ( $\text{cm}^3 \text{g}^{-1}$ )	$V_{mesopores}$ ( $\text{cm}^3 \text{g}^{-1}$ )
CMC	48.8	0.014	—	0.011
PCMC	1978.4	0.68	0.39	0.11
NCMC	38.4	0.011	—	0.016
NPCMC	1675.7	0.49	0.31	0.23

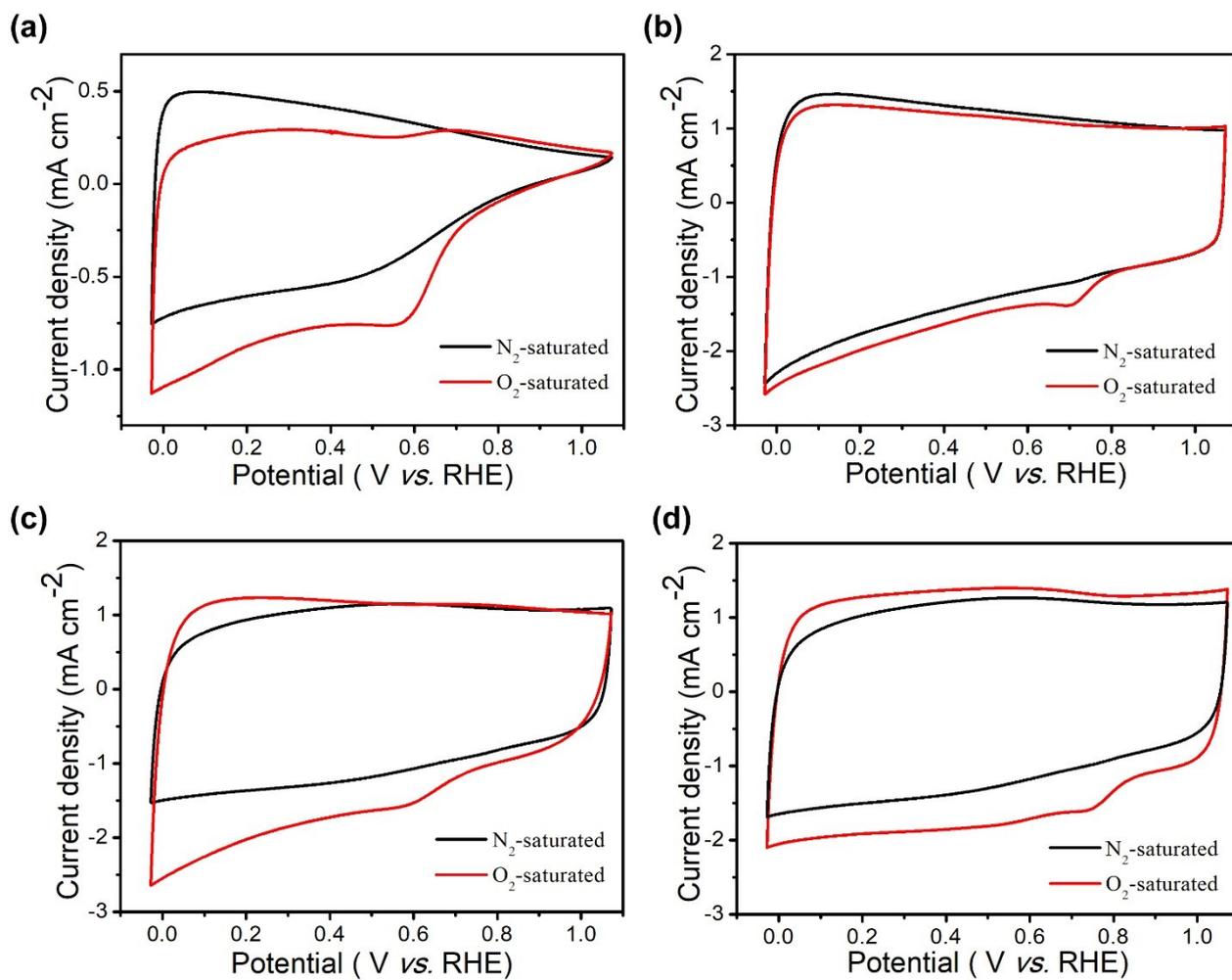
<sup>[a]</sup>  $S_{BET}$ : BET specific surface area;  $V_{micropores}$ : micropore volume;  $V_{effective\ micropores}$ : volume of the effective micropores (pore width > 0.7 nm);  $V_{mesopores}$ : mesopore volume.

**Table S2** XPS analyses of CMC, PCMC, NCMC and NPCMC.

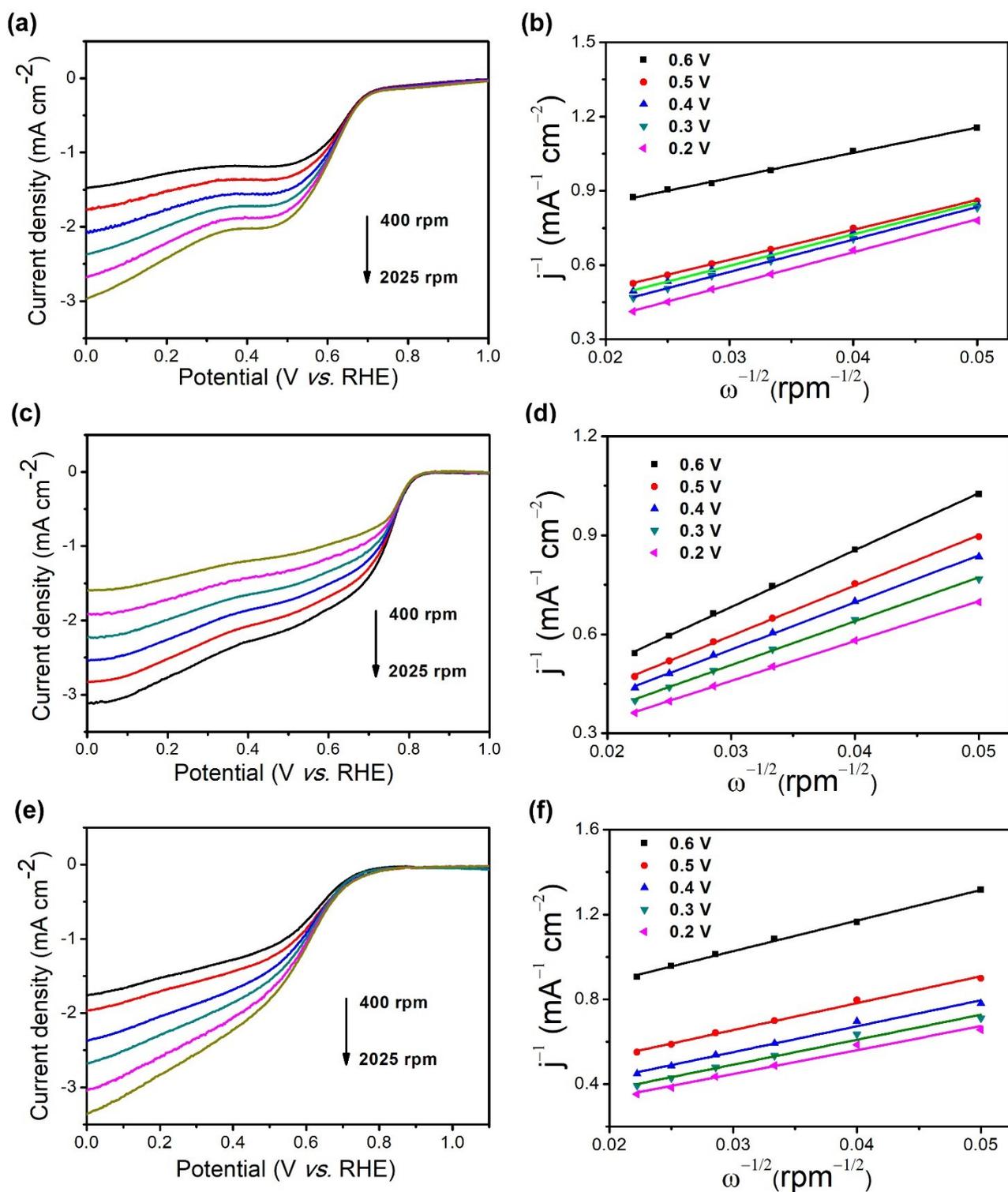
Material	C (at%)	N (at%)	O (at%)
CMC	91.56	1.10	6.95
PCMC	92.68	—	7.32
NCMC	79.57	14.73	4.92
NPCMC	83.23	11.55	5.23



**Fig. S1** a) High-resolution XPS N 1s spectrum of NCMC. High-resolution XPS C 1s spectra of CMC (b) and PCMC (c).



**Fig. S2** CV curves of CMC (a), PCMC (b), NCMC (c) and NPCMC (d) at a scan rate of 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup> in N<sub>2</sub> (black) and O<sub>2</sub> (red) saturated 0.1 M KOH aqueous solutions at 25 °C.



**Fig. S3** LSV curves of CMC (a), PCMC (c) and NCMC (e) at different rotation rates (400, 625, 900, 1225, 1600 and 2025 rpm) with a sweep rate of 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup> in 0.1 M KOH aqueous solution at 25 °C. K-L plots of CMC (b), PCMC (d) and NCMC (f) in the potential range from 0.2 to 0.6 V vs. RHE.