Supplementary Information

Experimental Details

Materials preparation: Graphene oxide (GO) was prepared by modified Hummer's method¹². GO (200 mg) and thiourea (1600 mg) were first mixed in ethanol with sonication for 90 min to obtain a homogeneous dispersion. Ethanol was removed by the rotary evaporation. The collected solid mixtures were dried in vacuum oven. Finally, the doping process was carried out by annealing graphene oxide at 600 °C, 700 °C, 800 °C, 900 °C and 1000 °C for 2 h in argon to form N,S co-doped graphene (denoted as NSG600, NSG700, NSG800, NSG900, NSG1000, respectively). The undoped graphene was also prepared under the same condition in the absence of thiourea for comparison.



Scheme S1. The synthetic route of N,S co-doped graphene

Electrochemical testing: All the electrochemical tests including CV and LSV were carried out using an electrochemical workstation (CHI 760E, CH Instrument, USA) with a typical three-electrode. A platinum mesh was used as counter electrode and saturated calomel electrode (SCE) as reference electrode. At first, 5 mg NSG was added into 1 ml ethanol to get a well dispersed suspension (5 mg/ml) under sonication. Then, 50 μ l Nafion solution (5 wt%) as a binder was added into the catalyst suspension. To prepare the electrode, 5 μ l catalyst suspension was dropped onto the surface of a pre-polished glassy carbon electrode (GCE). After fully dried at room temperature, the catalyst casted GCE was used as the working electrode to measure its ORR activity in 0.1 M KOH solution saturated with O₂. For the measurement of linear sweep voltammetry (LSV), rotating ring-disk electrode (RRDE) was employed at a rotation rate of 1600 rpm in 0.1 M KOH solution saturated with O2. All the measurements were conducted

at room temperature (25±1 °C).

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Supplementary Results



Figure S1. SEM image of NSG700.



Figure S2. XPS O1s peak of NSG700.



Figure S3. LSV curves of ORR on NSGs with different annealing temperatures (A) and the dependence of the onset potential on the temperature (B).



Figure S4. LSV curves of Pt/C (A) and NSG700 (B) at a scan rate of 50 mV s⁻¹ before and after the accelerated CV scanning of 2000 cycles from -0.5 V to 0 V at a scan rate of 100 mV s⁻¹.

Samples	Onset potential	Reference
Our work	-0.15V vs. SCE	NA
CVD N-graphene	-0.2V vs. Ag/AgC1	S1
Graphene Carbon Nitride	-0.15V vs. Ag/AgC1	S2
B-doped CNT	-0.15V vs. SCE	S3
BCN graphene	-0.05V vs. SCE	S4
N-doped carbon cage	-0.2V vs. Ag/AgC1	S5
N-graphene melamine	-0.12V vs. Ag/AgC1	S6
3D N-CNT/graphene	-0.22V vs. SCE	S7
P,N co-doped CNT	-0.15V vs. SCE	S8
Iodine doped graphene	-0.15V vs. Ag/AgC1	S9
CNT-graphene complex	0.95V vs. RHE	S10

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