Supporting info

Understanding the self-templating of hierarchically porous carbon electrocatalysts using Group 2 coordination polymers

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Figure S1: Powder X-ray diffractograms of the Group 2 MOCPs (M-NTA). The patterns are not matched by any reported structures of alkaline earth metal coordination polymers, nor by any of the synthesis precursors.

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Figure S2: Low magnification SEM of the crystalline powders of the four Group 2 MOCPs (M-NTA). The insets show single, representative particles.



Figure S3: Additional transmission electron micrographs of MX@NC composites.

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Figure S4: HRSEM of SrX@NC, showing the agglomeration of elongated crystallites in one region.



Figure S5: HRSEM of CaX@NC, with arrows marking translucent films at the edges of pores.



Figure S6: Additional HRSEM micrographs of M-NTA crystallites.

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Figure S7: Additional HRSEM micrographs of MX@NC composites.



Figure S8: Additional HRSEM micrographs of NC-M carbons.



Figure S9: Transmission electron micrographs of NC-M carbons.

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Figure S10: Particle size distribution of MgO in MgX@NC, by image analysis of representative micrographs.



Figure S11: Raman I_D/I_G ratios for the NC-M carbons.



Figure S12: Limiting current vs N at% and vs SSA. Neither is as good a fit as vs the multiplicity of the two, as seen in the paper.

Koutecký-Levich plots 5.0 y = 16.622x + 0.71034.5 NC-Mg R² = 0.9985 NC-Ca 4.0 NC-Sr • NC-Ba 3.5 = 12.961x + 0.4922 i_{lim}-1 (mA⁻¹) = 0.9985 3.0 2.5 y = 11.992x + 0.27432.0 $R^2 = 0.9919$ 1.5 1.112x + 0.2761 1.0 0 9987 0.5 0.0 0.00 0.05 0.10 0.15 0.20 0.25 ω (s^{-1/2})

Figure S13: Koutecký-Levich plot for the NC-M carbons at 0.7 V vs. RHE, performed on an RDE at rotation rates of 200–2400 rpm.

Table S1. Results of Koutecký-Levich analysis of n (number of electrons transferred per O_2 molecule) for the NC-M carbons at 0.7 V vs. RHE.

	n
NC-Mg	3.85
NC €a	2.78
NC-Sr	3.56
NC-Ba	4.15