

## Supporting Information for Effect of $C_6H_5NO_2$ on diamond synthesis by FeNi catalyst under high temperature and high pressure

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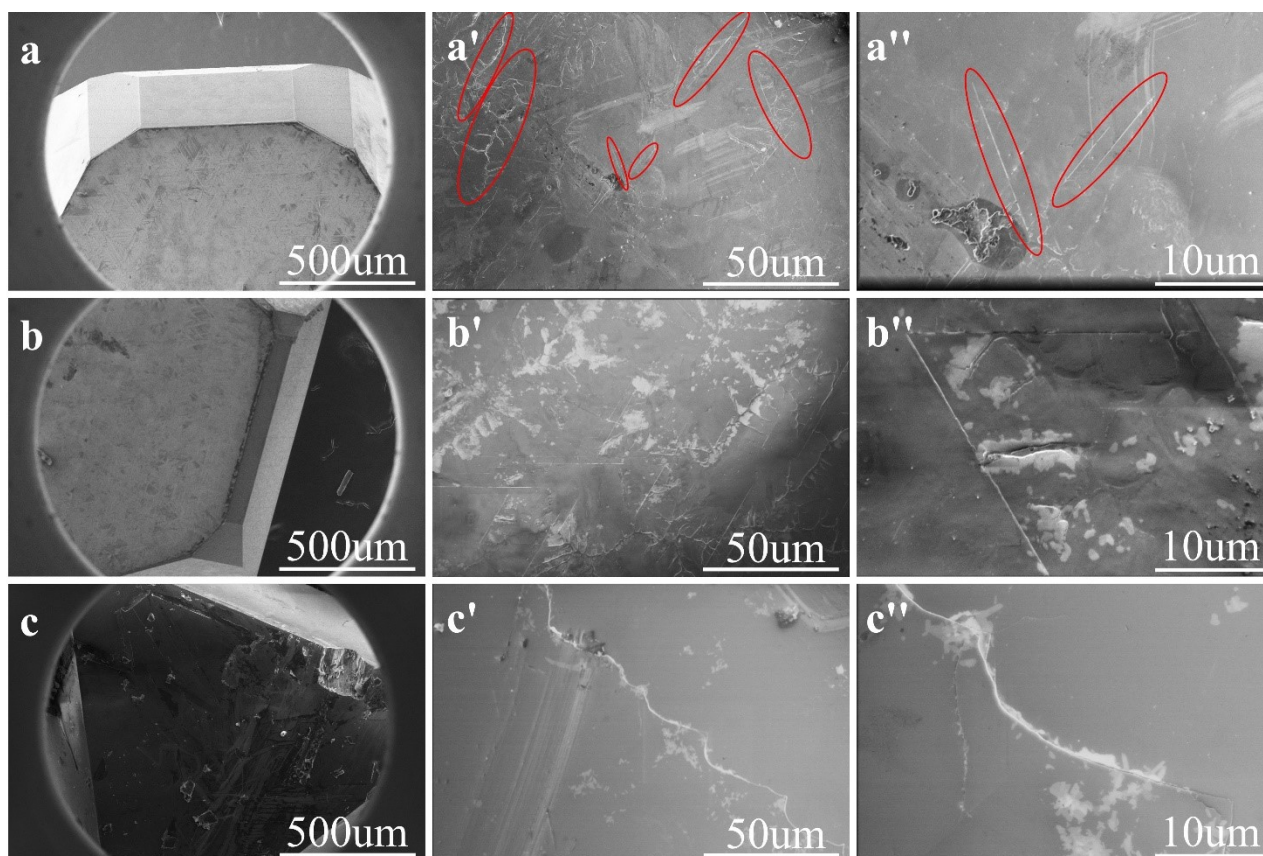


Fig. S1 SEM images of the diamond crystals grown from the Fe-Ni-C system with: (a) 0.1 wt%, (b) 0.2% wt%, (c) 0.8wt%  $C_6H_5NO_2$  additive; (a', a'') partial magnification of (a), (b', b'') partial magnification of (b) and (c', c'') partial magnification of (c).

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The concentration of nitrogen in C-center form ( $N_C$ ) and nitrogen in A-center form ( $N_A$ ) are calculated by following formula: <sup>[1-4]</sup>

$$N_C/\text{ppm} = 25.0 \alpha_C; \alpha_C = 1.1 \alpha_{1130} - 0.2 \alpha_{1282};$$

$$N_A/\text{ppm} = 16.5 \alpha_A; \alpha_A = 1.1 \alpha_{1282} - 0.2 \alpha_{1130};$$

$\alpha_{1130}$  and  $\alpha_{1282}$  were absorption coefficients calculated as follows:

$$\alpha_{1130} = \mu (1130\text{cm}^{-1})/\mu (2000\text{cm}^{-1}) \times 12.3;$$

$$\alpha_{1282} = \mu (1282\text{cm}^{-1})/\mu (2000\text{cm}^{-1}) \times 12.3;$$

$\mu (1130\text{cm}^{-1})$ ,  $\mu (2000\text{cm}^{-1})$  and  $\mu (1282\text{cm}^{-1})$  were absorption intensity could be calculated according to the recorded value A in FTIR spectra:

$$\mu (1130 \text{ cm}^{-1}) = A (1130\text{cm}^{-1}) - A (1370\text{cm}^{-1}),$$

$$\mu (2000\text{cm}^{-1}) = A (2000\text{cm}^{-1}) - A (1370\text{cm}^{-1}),$$

$$\mu (1282 \text{ cm}^{-1}) = A (1282\text{cm}^{-1}) - A (1370\text{cm}^{-1}).$$

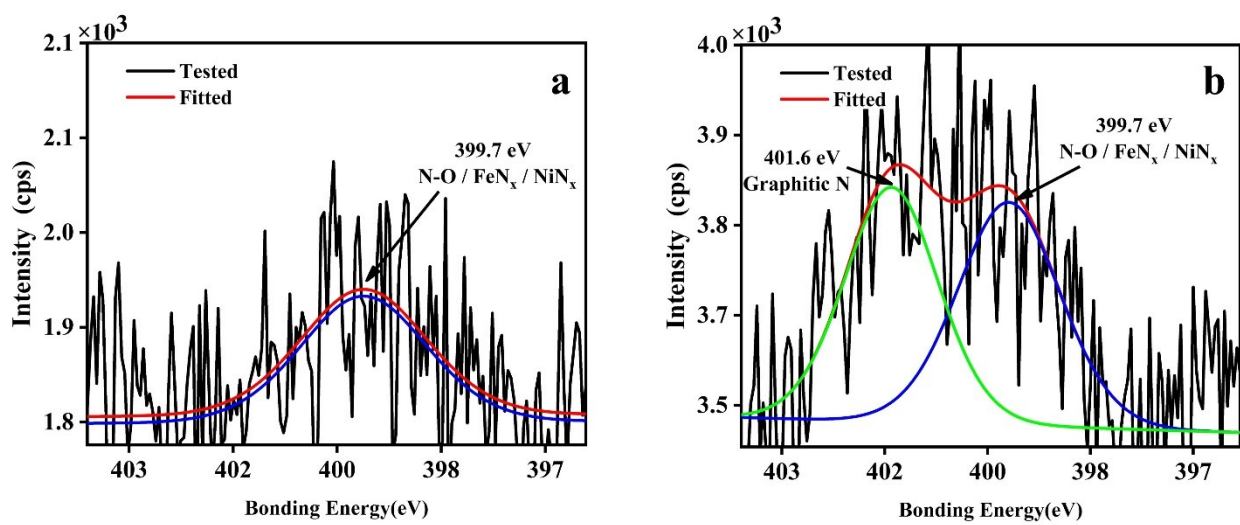


Fig. S2 High-resolution N 1s XPS spectrum of the diamonds synthesized in the FeNi-C system without  $C_6H_5NO_2$  (a) and with 1.6wt.%  $C_6H_5NO_2$  additive (b).

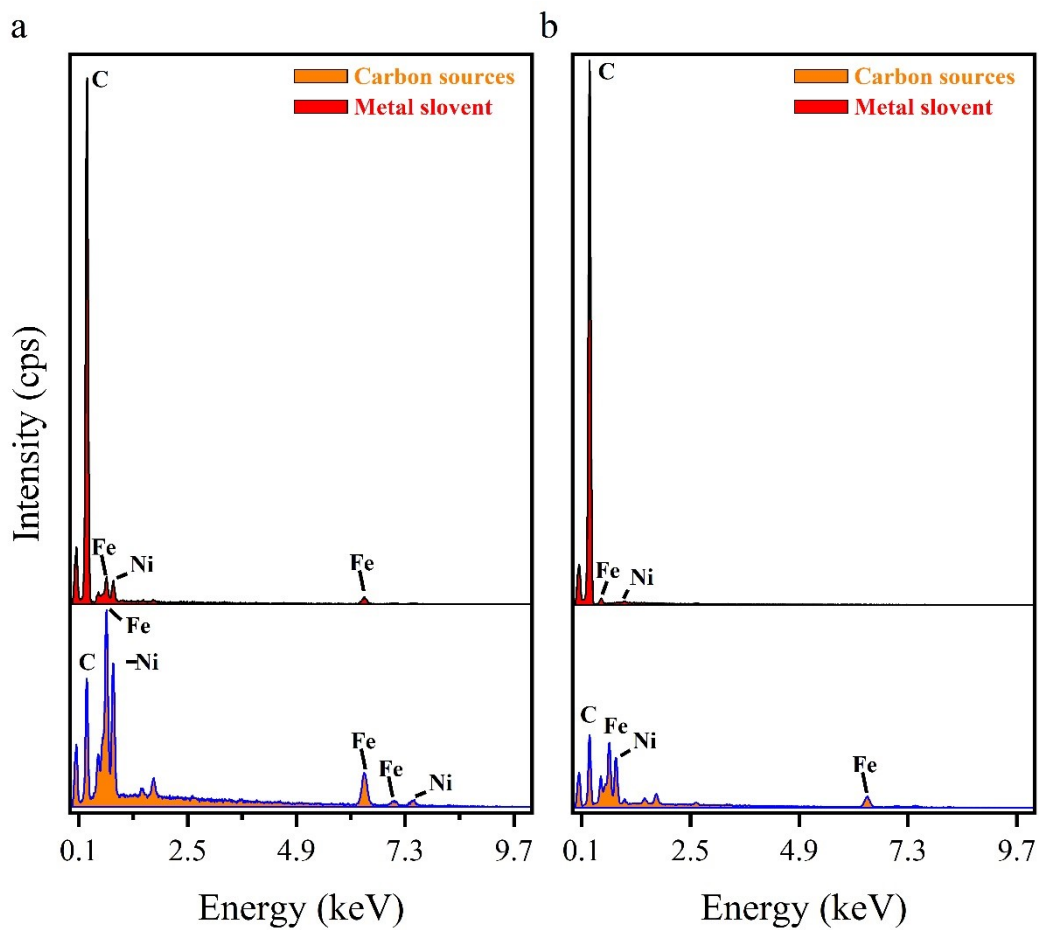


Fig. S3 Energy spectrum test results of carbon sources (The upper part of the figure) and metal solvent (the bottom of the figure): a) without doping; b) doped with 0.8% C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>.

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