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### Supporting Information

#### **Magnetic N-Enriched Fe<sub>3</sub>C/Graphitic Carbon instead of Pt as an Electrocatalyst for the Oxygen Reduction Reaction**

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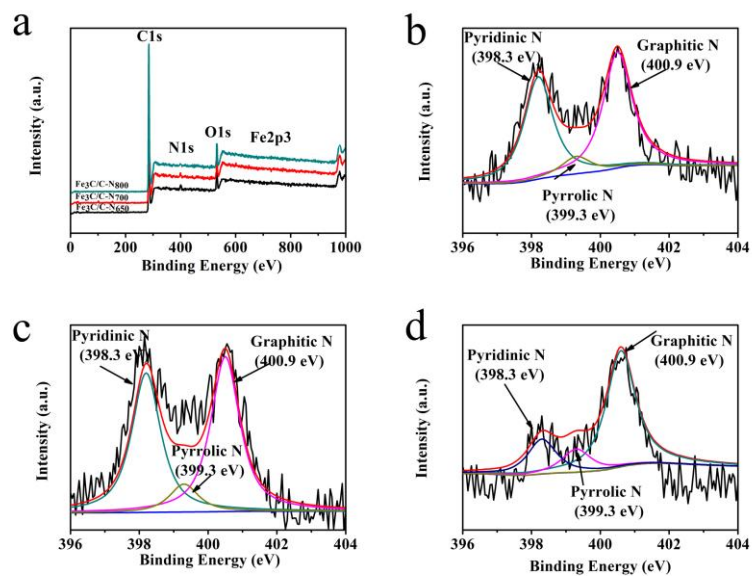


Figure S1 (a) Low-resolution XPS spectra of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}/\text{C}-\text{N}_{650}$ ,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}/\text{C}-\text{N}_{700}$  and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}/\text{C}-\text{N}_{800}$  NPs. (b), (c) and (d) High-resolution XPS spectra of the N 1s electrons of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}/\text{C}-\text{N}_{650}$ ,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}/\text{C}-\text{N}_{700}$  and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}/\text{C}-\text{N}_{800}$  NPs.

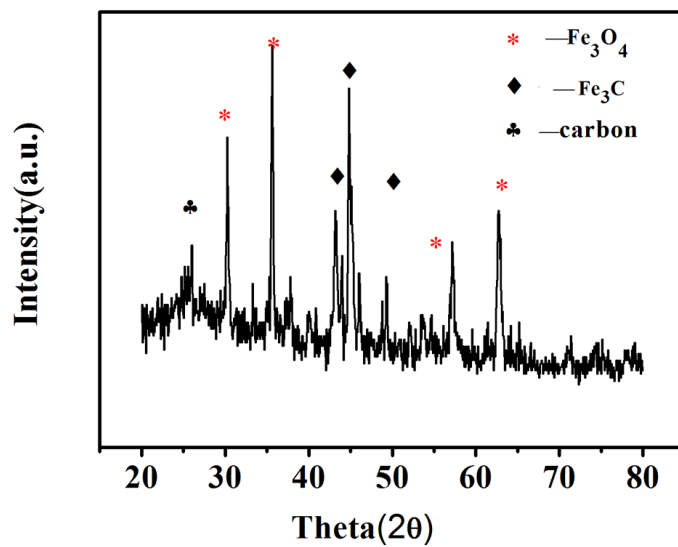


Figure S2 XRD pattern of the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}/\text{C}-\text{N}_{580}$ .

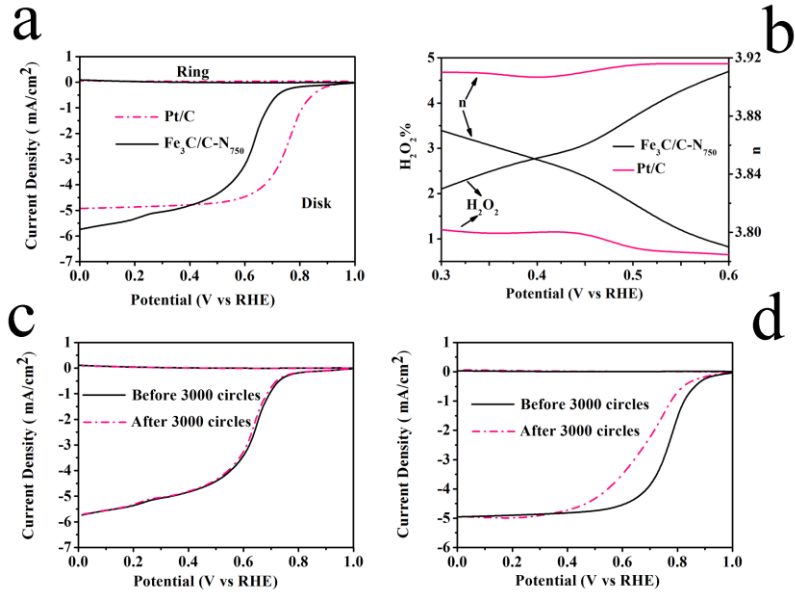


Figure S3 (a) RRDE voltammograms, (b) plots of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  yield and number of electron transfer of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}/\text{C}-\text{N}_{750}$  and  $\text{Pt}/\text{C}$  at the rotation rate of 1600 rpm. LSV curves of (c)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}/\text{C}-\text{N}_{750}$  and (d)  $\text{Pt}/\text{C}$  for ORR before and after 3000 cycles. All of these experiments were carried out in  $\text{O}_2$ -saturated 0.10 M  $\text{HClO}_4$  solution.

Table. S1 Summary of Fe and N concentrations of the as-synthesized  $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}/\text{C}-\text{N}_x$  NPs

|                     | $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}/\text{C}-\text{N}_{650}$ | $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}/\text{C}-\text{N}_{700}$ | $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}/\text{C}-\text{N}_{750}$ | $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}/\text{C}-\text{N}_{800}$ |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Pyridinic N (at. %) | 2.22  | 2.05  | 1.38  | 0.76  |
| Pyrrolic N (at. %)  | 0.78  | 0.70  | 0.22  | 0.21  |
| graphitic N (at. %) | 2.6   | 2.25  | 2.9   | 2.03  |
| Total N (at. %)     | 5.6   | 5   | 4.5   | 3   |
| Fe (at. %)          | 0.57  | 0.51  | 0.46  | 0.44  |

Table. S2. Magnetic parameters of the as-synthesized  $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}/\text{C}-\text{N}_x$  NPs

| Sample | $M_s$ (emu/g) | $M_r$ (emu/g) | $H_c$ (Oe) | Squareness ( $M_r/M_s$ ) |
|--------|---------------|---------------|------------|--------------------------|
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|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Fe <sub>3</sub> C/C-N <sub>650</sub> | 42.3 | 2.19 | 175  | 0.05 |
| Fe <sub>3</sub> C/C-N <sub>700</sub> | 51.6 | 1.21 | 109  | 0.02 |
| Fe <sub>3</sub> C/C-N <sub>750</sub> | 63.8 | 2.10 | 97.1 | 0.03 |
| Fe <sub>3</sub> C/C-N <sub>800</sub> | 77.2 | 2.54 | 78.9 | 0.03 |