

Supporting information

Impact of different lignin sources on nitrogen-doped porous carbon toward the electrocatalytic oxygen reduction reaction

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1. Supplemental tables

Table S1 Contents of each element analysed by XPS

| Sample | C (at%) | O (at%) | N (at%) | S (at%) |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ELC-900 | 89.71 | 8.31 | 1.80 | 0.18 |
| ELC-1-900 | 85.72 | 6.21 | 7.73 | 0.33 |
| ELC-2-900 | 86.31 | 5.32 | 8.32 | 0.14 |
| ELC-4-900 | 84.08 | 5.64 | 10.02 | 0.27 |
| ELC-1-800 | 80.63 | 8.14 | 10.93 | 0.31 |
| ELC-1-1000 | 88.18 | 6.75 | 4.83 | 0.24 |

Table S2 Comparison of the ORR properties of ELC-1-900 and other nonmetallic catalysts under alkaline conditions

| Sample | E _{1/2} (V) | E _{onset} (V) | Reference |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| N-S-C 900 | 0.83 | 0.97 | 1 |
| N-S/C_700 | 0.75 | 0.80 | 2 |
| Fe ₂ -N/CNTs-850 °C | 0.846 | 0.972 | 3 |
| Fe ₃ C ₂ /Mn, N, S-CNTs | 0.85 | 1.04 | 4 |
| AL-Ni/Co@GC | 0.81 | 0.97 | 5 |
| ELC-1-900 | 0.88 | 0.98 | This work |

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