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Supporting Information:

A Versatile Strategy to Fabricate MOFs/Carbon Materials Integrations and Their Derivatives for Enhanced Electrocatalysis

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Experimental details

Preparation of ZC (means the hybrid of ZIF-8 and MWCNTs)

Purified MWCNTs (0.17 g) were put in methanol (15 mL) followed by sonication for 10 min. Zn(NO₃)₂·6H₂O (0.2231 g) and 2-MeIM (0.4926 g) were dissolved in above solution followed by transferring it into a 50 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave and crystallized for 24 h at 140 °C.¹ After cooling down to room temperature, the solution was filtered and rinsed with MeOH followed by drying in a vacuum oven overnight at 50 °C.

Preparation of ZC-900 (means the ZC pyrolyzed at 900 °C)

The as-prepared ZC was put in a ceramic boat and then transferred it to a tube furnace for pyrolysis at 200 °C for 2 h and then 900 °C for 5 h under argon flow. Next, the resultant sample was immersed in H₂SO₄ (1 M) with stirring for 24 h followed by washing and drying.²

Fig. S1~S11:

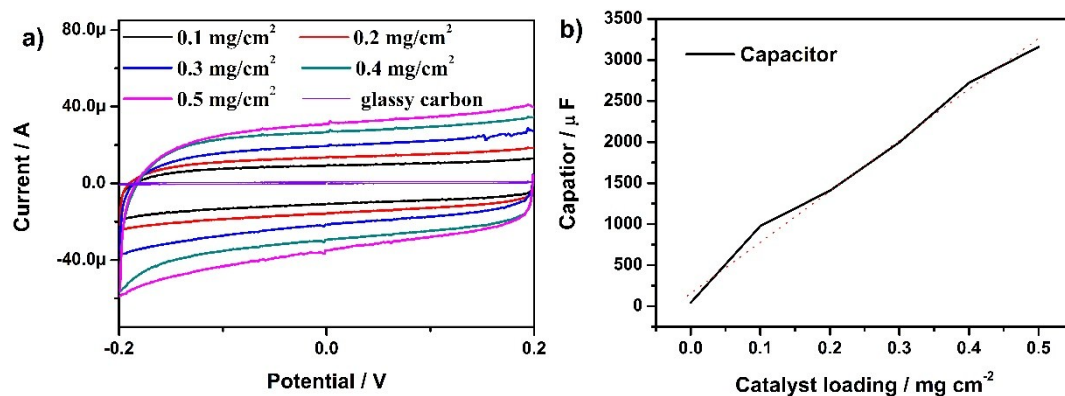


Figure S1 a) The measured CVs of different amounts of ZPC-1/1-900 on GCEs; b) The relationship between capacitors and loading amounts of ZPC-1/1-900. (Scan rate: 10 mV s⁻¹, electrolyte: 0.1 M KOH)

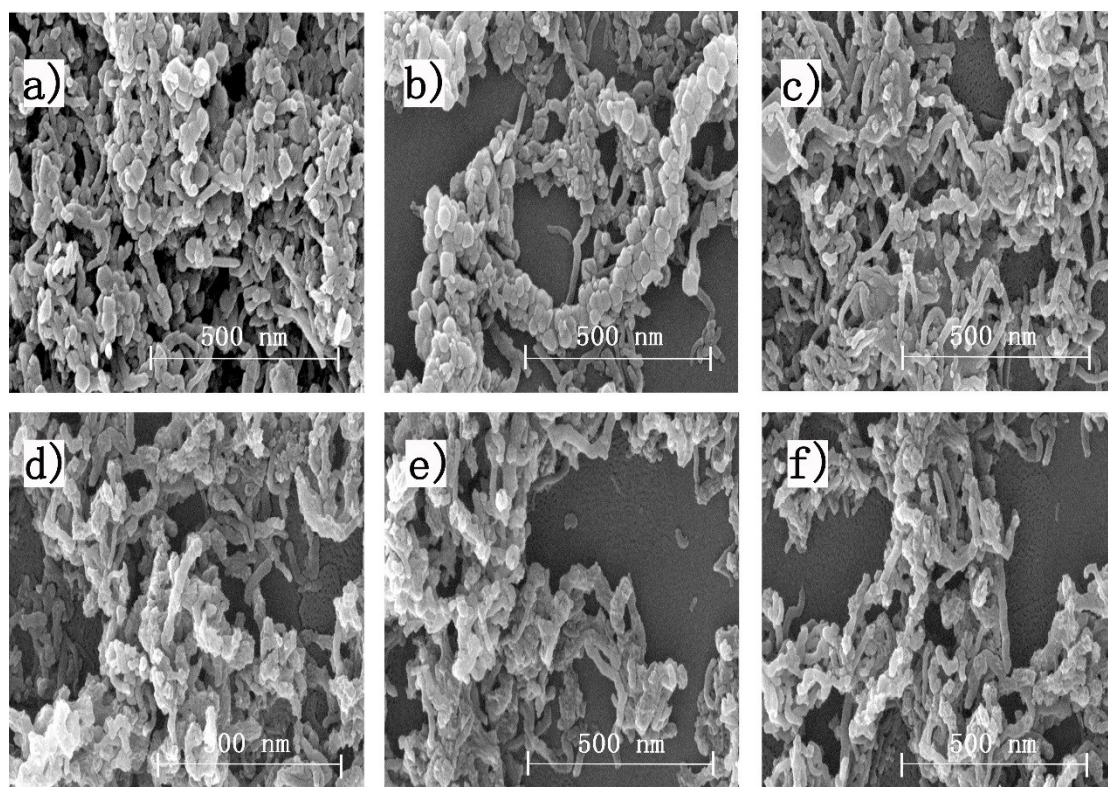


Fig. S2 SEM images of a) ZPC-0.5/1, b) ZPC-1/1, c) ZPC-2/1, d) ZPC-0.5/1-900, e) ZPC-1/1-900 and f) ZPC-2/1-900.

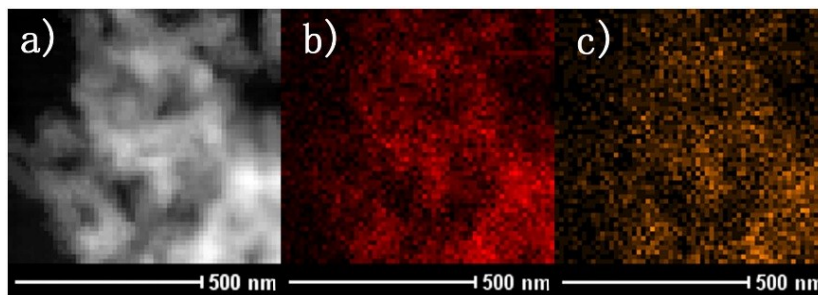


Fig. S3 a) HAADF-STEM image of ZPC-1/1-900; b) corresponding C elemental mapping image; c) corresponding N elemental mapping image.

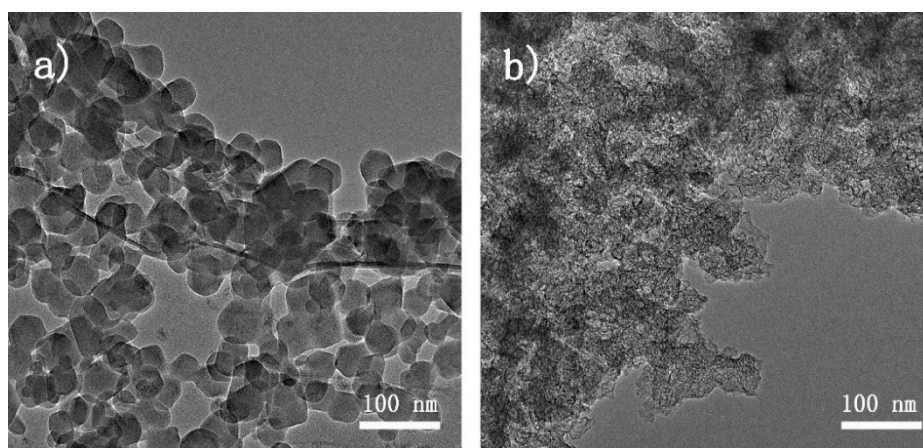


Fig. S4 TEM images of a) pure ZIF-8 and b) ZIF-8-900.

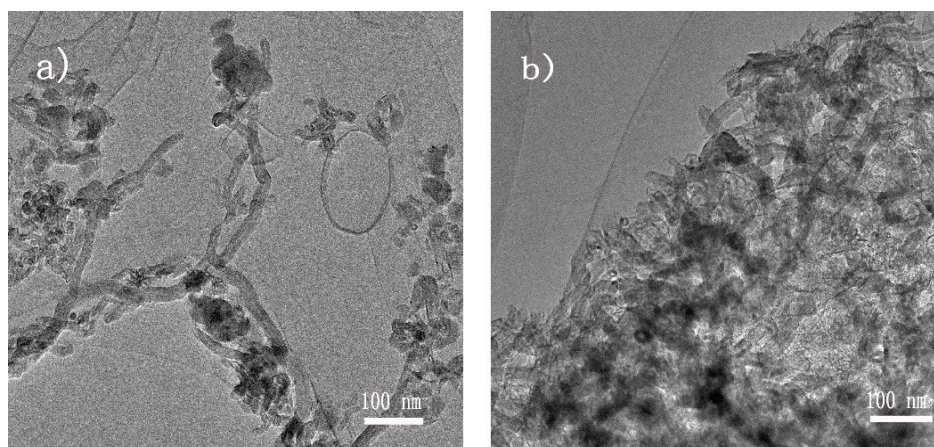


Fig. S5 TEM images of a) ZC and b) ZC-900.

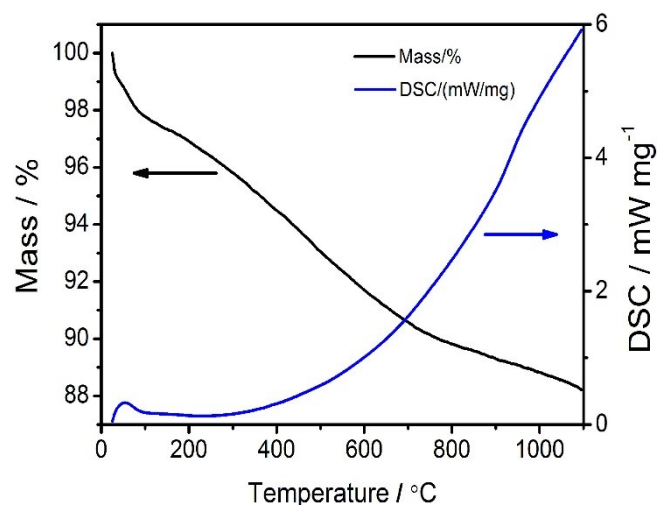


Fig. S6 TGA and DSC curves of MWCNTs-PDA.

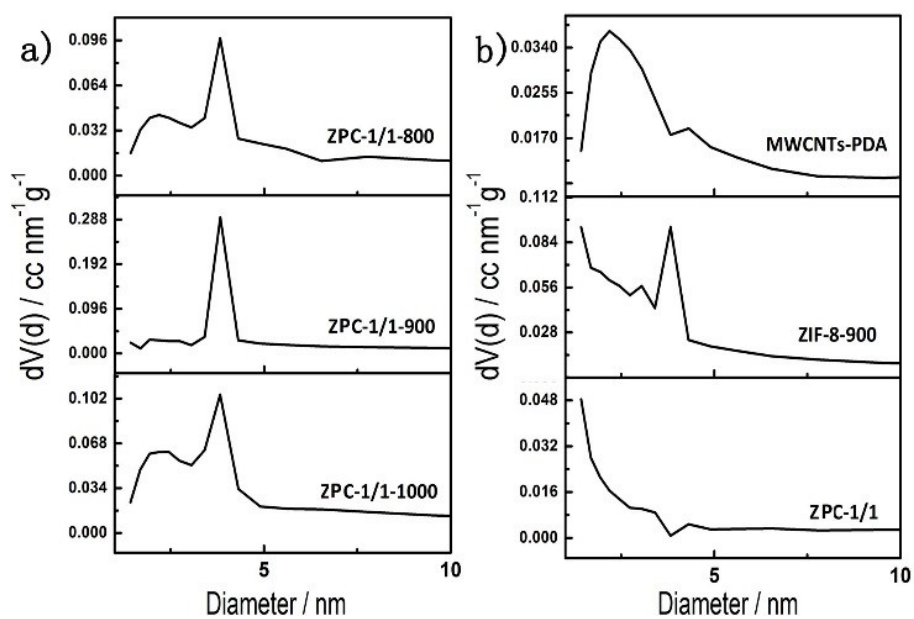


Fig. S7 PSD data of ZPC-1/1-800, ZPC-1/1-900, ZPC-1/1-1000, MWCNTs-PDA, ZIF-8-900 and ZPC-1/1 respectively.

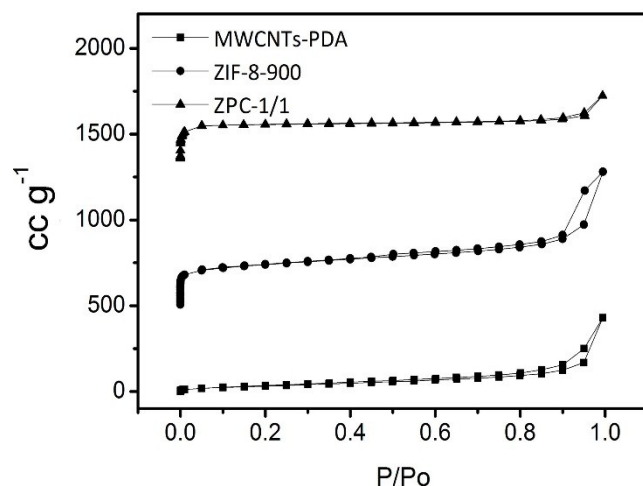


Fig. S8 Nitrogen adsorption/desorption isotherms of MWCNTs-PDA, ZIF-8-900 and ZPC-1/1.

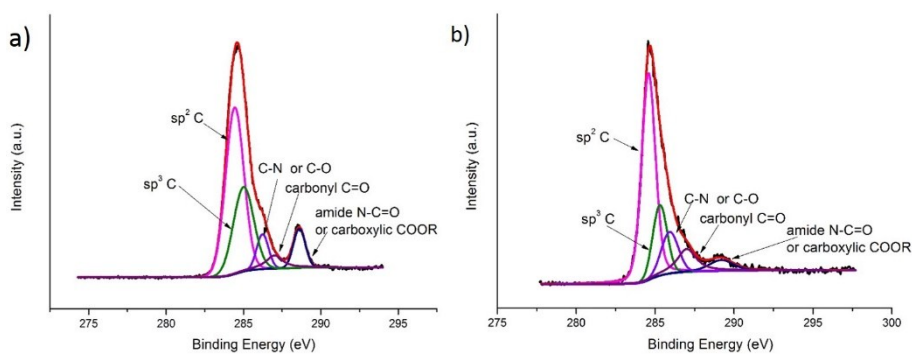


Fig. S9 High-resolution C 1s spectra of a) ZIF-8-900 and b) ZPC-1/1-900.

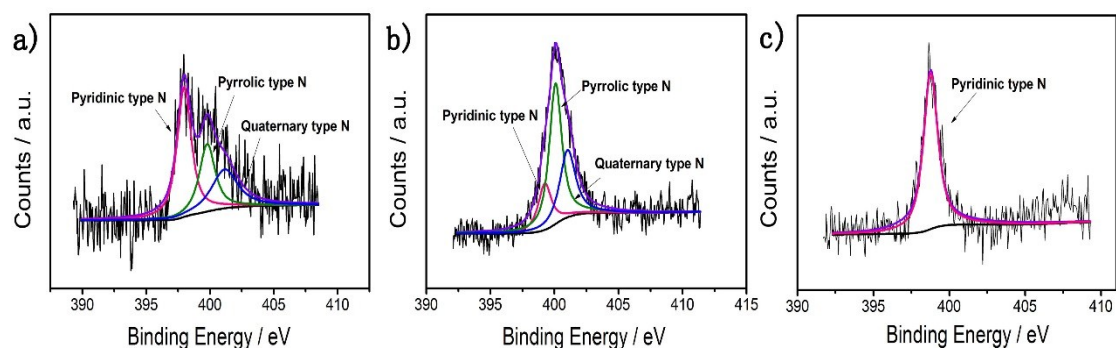


Fig. S10 High-resolution N 1s spectra of a) ZIF-8-900, b) MWCNTs-PDA and c) ZPC-1/1.

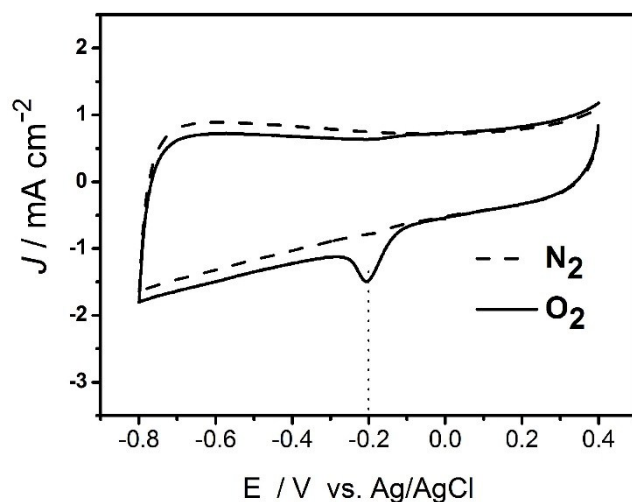


Fig. S11 CV curves of ZPC-1/1-900 in N_2 and O_2 -saturated KOH (0.1 M). The scan rate is 100 mV s^{-1} .

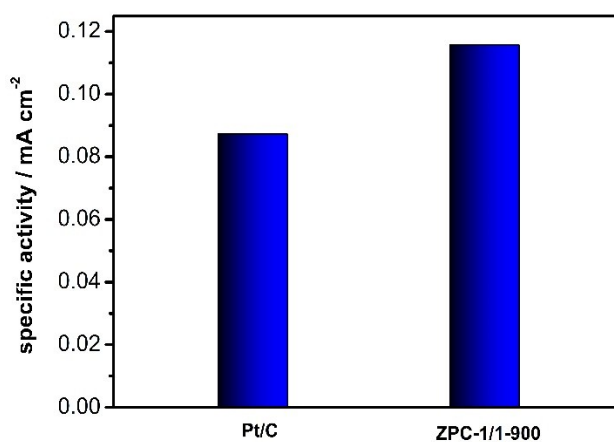


Fig. S12 The specific activities of commercial Pt/C and ZPC-1/1-900 at -0.164 V (vs. Ag/AgCl, saturated KCl, reference electrode).

Table S1. The content of different types of N and C

catalyst	N1	N2	N3	N(total)	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C(total)
ZPC-1/1-800	2.89	1.02	1.05	4.96	43.15	26.29	4.54	5.74	4.22	83.94
ZPC-1/1-900	1.61	0.97	1.40	3.98	48.58	15.70	11.01	9.66	4.75	89.7
ZPC-1/1-1000	0.68	0.50	0.53	1.7	35.40	27.54	13.95	9.01	6.20	92.09

Note: N1: pyridinic-N, N2: pyrrolic-N and N3: quaternary-N; C1: sp^2 C, C2: sp^3 C, C3: C-N or C-O, C4: carbonyl C=O and C5: amide N-C=O or carboxylic COOR.

Table S2. Summary of the metal-free porous doped carbon electrocatalysts reported in correlative literatures.

electrocatalyst	Electron transfer number	Half-potential	Reference
ZPC-1/1-900	3.8	0.774 V	Present work
N3B3-900	3.3	0.674 V	S3
NC900	3.3	0.680 V	S4
Carbon-L	3.7	0.697 V	S5
NGPC-1000-10	3.8	0.764 V	S6
N,S-GN	3.1	0.614 V	S7
N,S-mesoporous GN	3.6	0.664 V	S8
PC-Al-1000	3.4	0.704 V	S9
<i>N-doped carbon nanocages</i>	3.3	0.704 V	S10
g-C ₃ N ₄ @CMK-3	4.0	0.729 V	S11

Note: All potentials are versus to reversible hydrogen electrode (RHE) based on the standard calculation method: in 0.1 M KOH solution (pH = 13), $E(\text{RHE}) = E(\text{Ag}/\text{AgCl}) + 0.964$, $E(\text{RHE}) = E(\text{Hg}/\text{HgO}) + 0.932$

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