

## Supplementary Information

### **Rational bottom-up synthesis of sulphur-rich porous carbons for single-atomic platinum catalyst supports**

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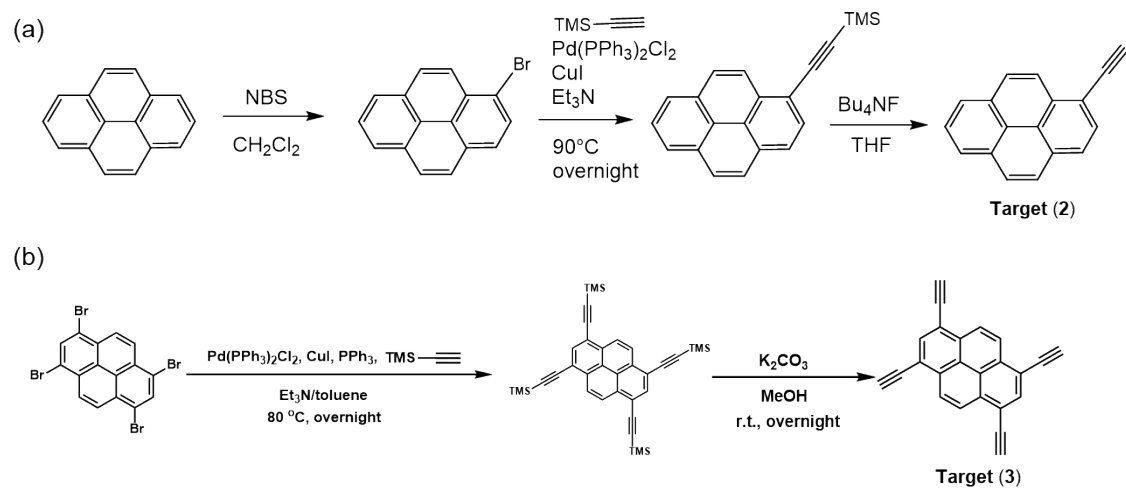
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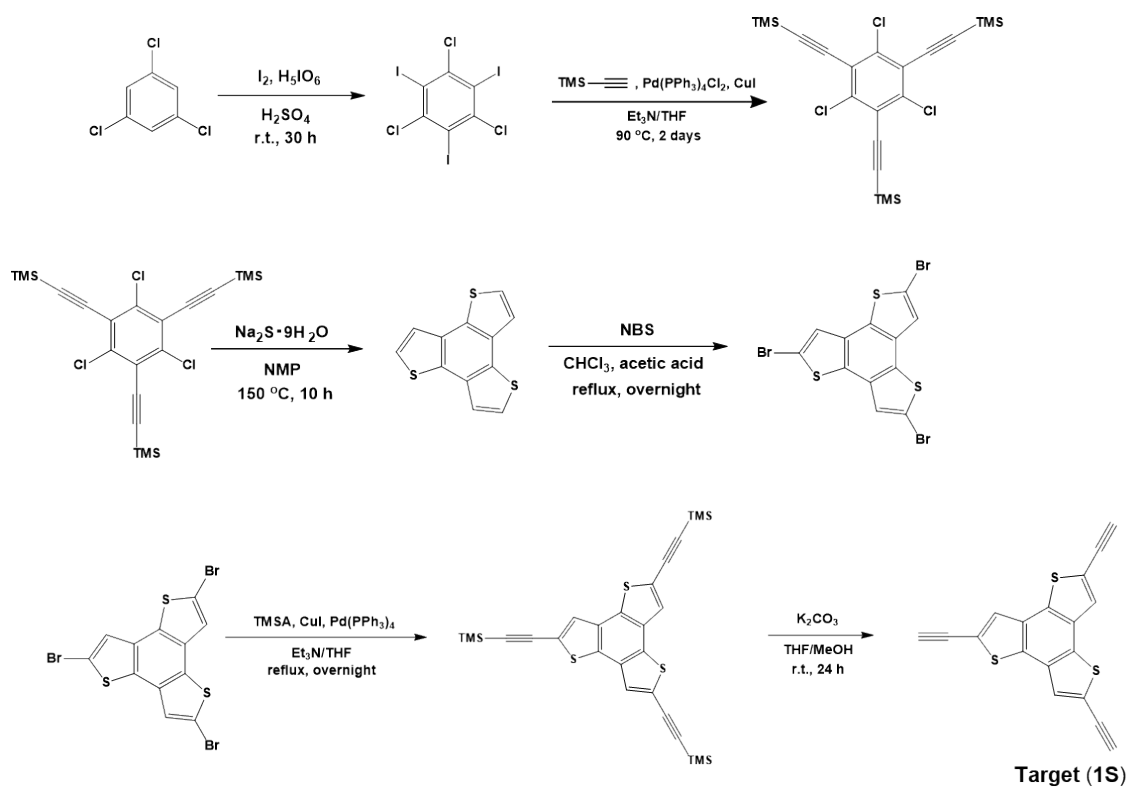
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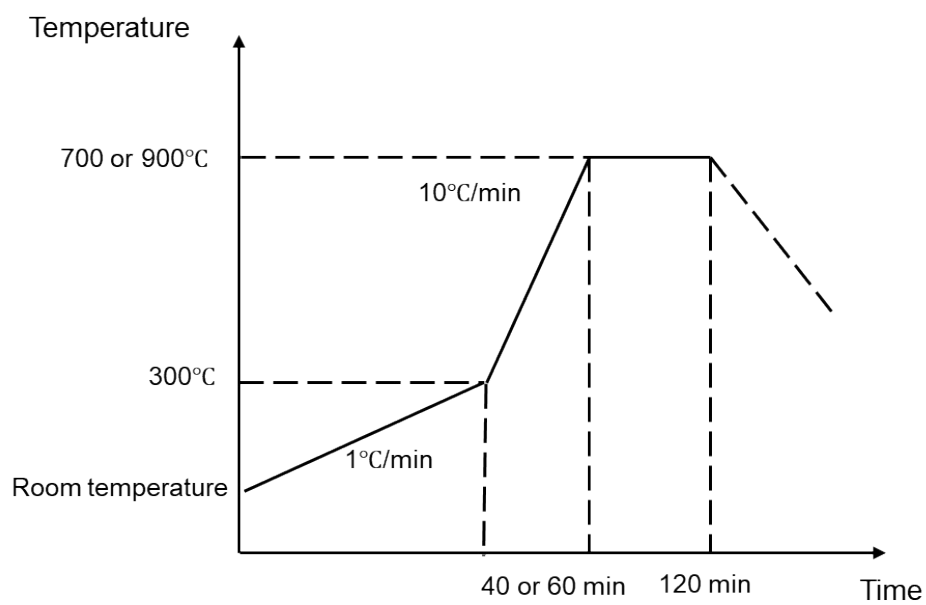
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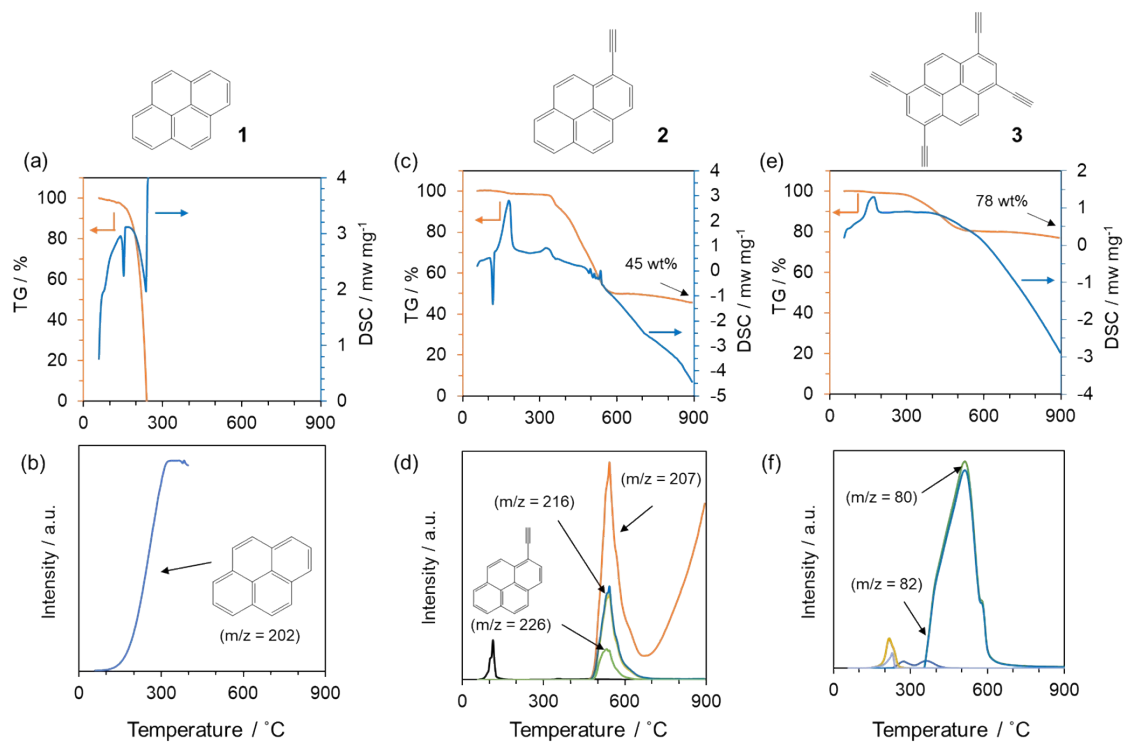
**Scheme S1** Synthetic procedure of (a) 1-ethynylpyrene (**2**) and (b) 1,3,6,8-tetraethynylpyrene (**3**).



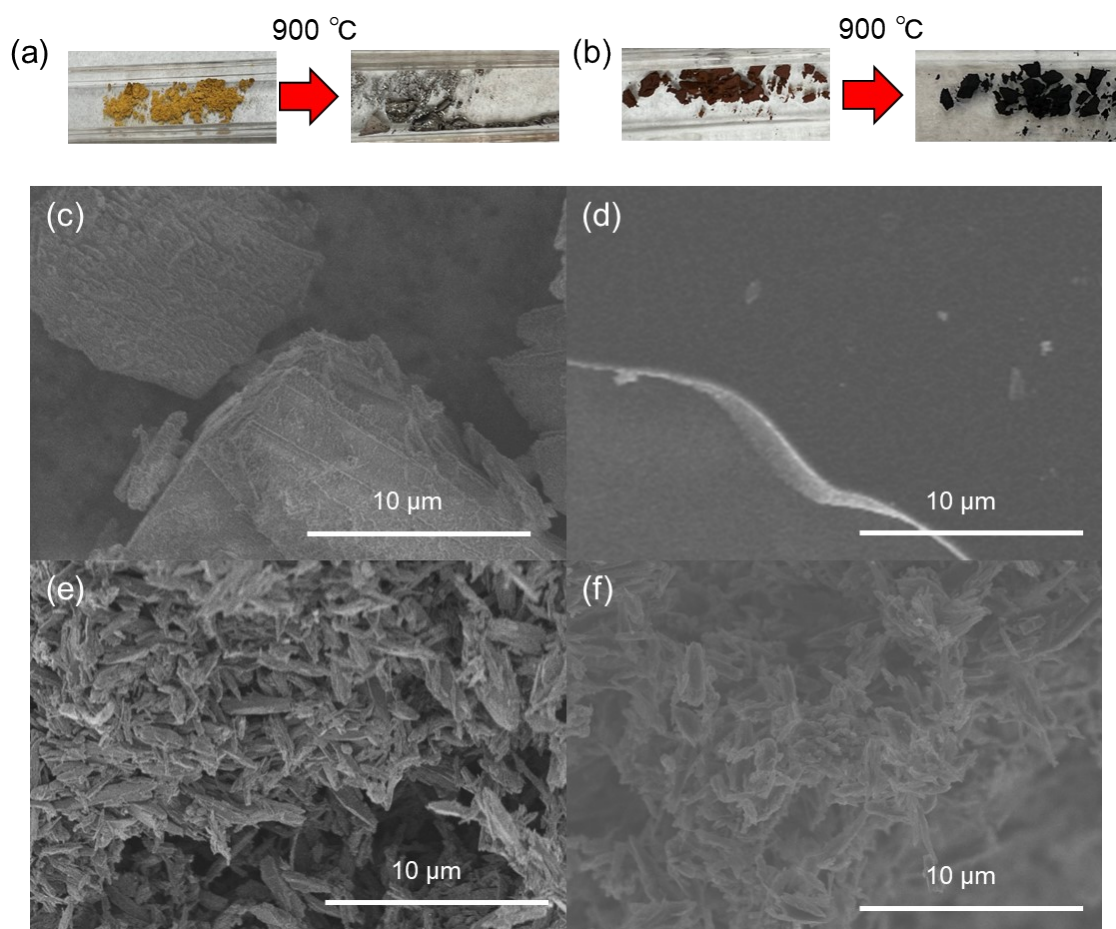
**Scheme S2** Synthetic procedure of 2,5,8-tri(triethynyl)benzo[1,2-*b*:3,4-*b'*:5,6-*b''*]trithiophene (1S).



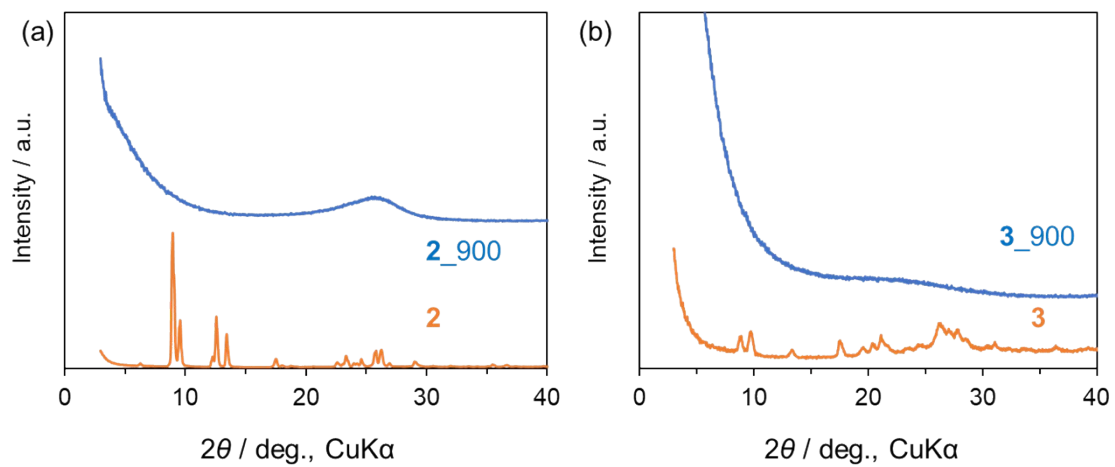
**Scheme S3** Temperature profile for heat treatment.



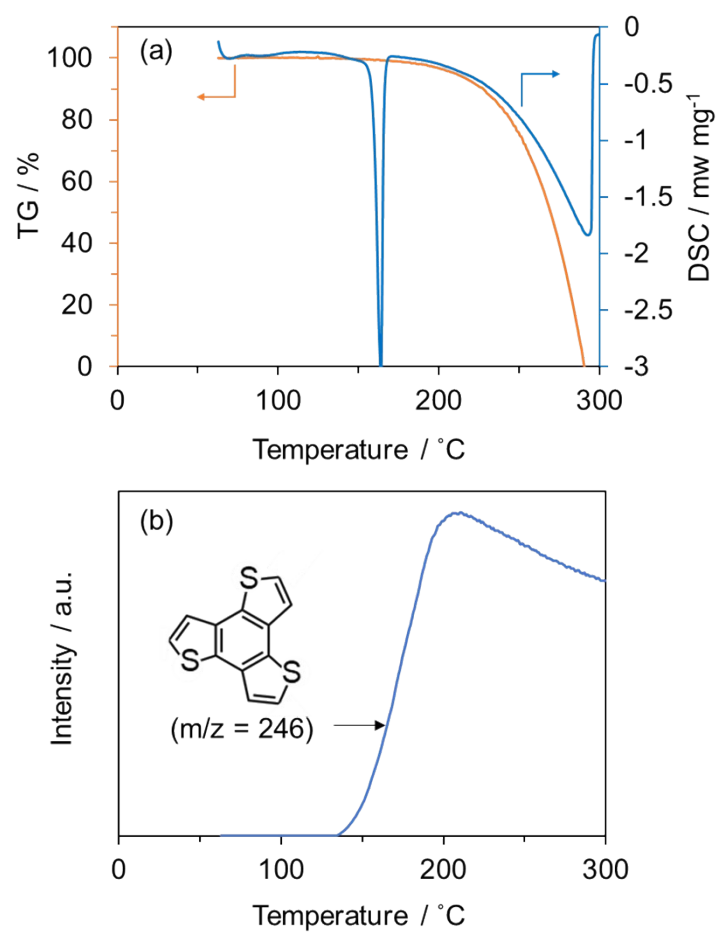
**Fig. S1** TG-DSC profiles and the corresponding MS spectra of (a,b) **1**, (c,d) **2**, and (e,f) **3**.



**Fig. S2** Photos of (a) **2** and (b) **3** before and after heat treatment process at 900°C. SEM images of (c) **2**, (d) **2**<sub>900</sub>, (e) **3**, and (f) **3**<sub>900</sub>.

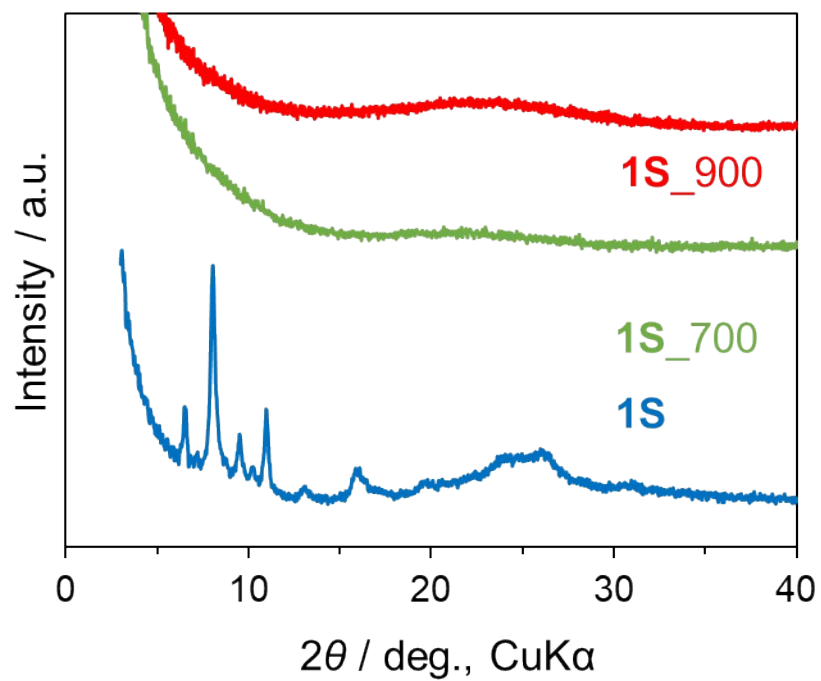


**Fig. S3** XRD patterns of (a) **2** and **2\_900**, and (b) **3** and **3\_900**.

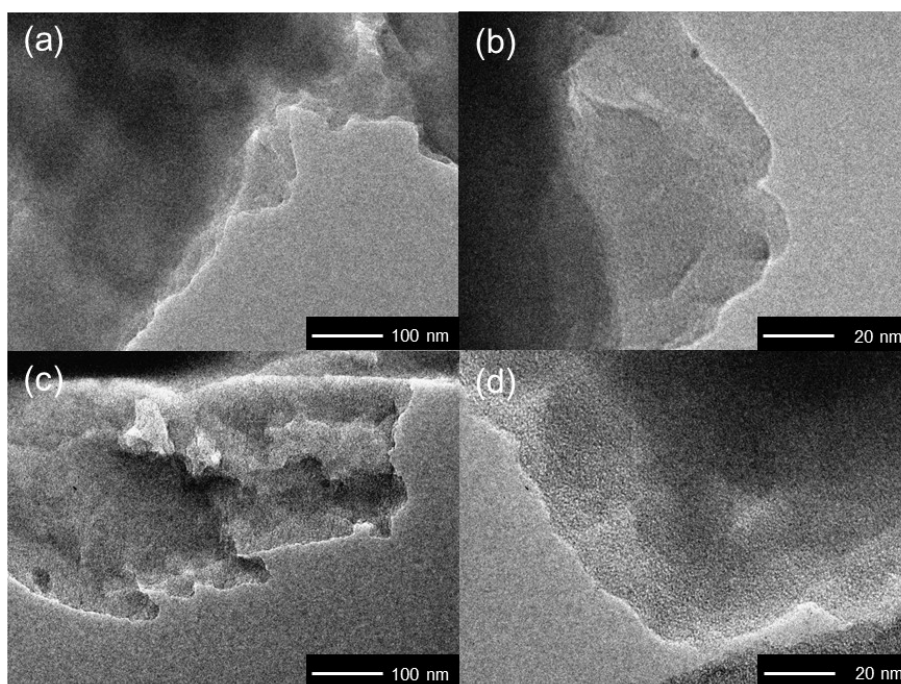


**Fig. S4** (a) TG-DSC profiles and (b) the corresponding MS spectra of **2S**.

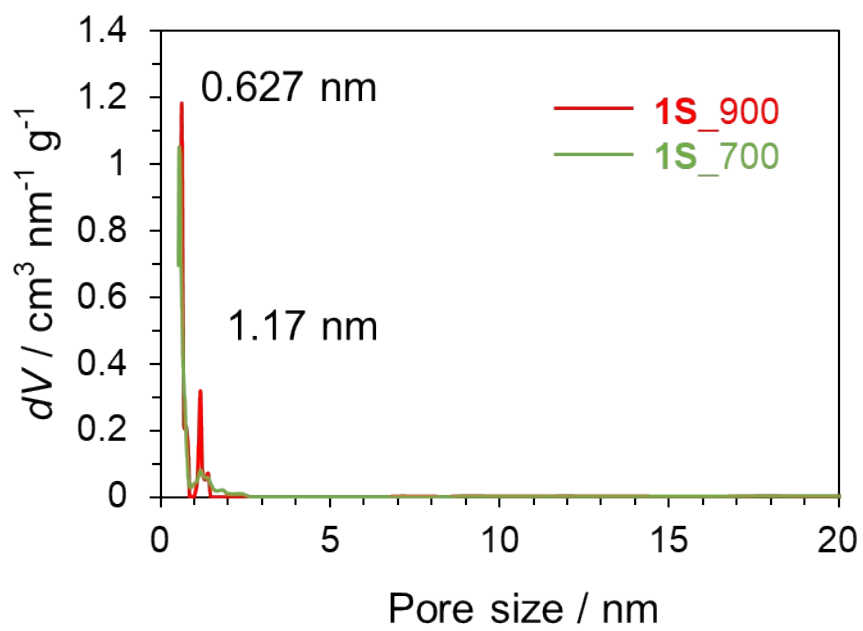




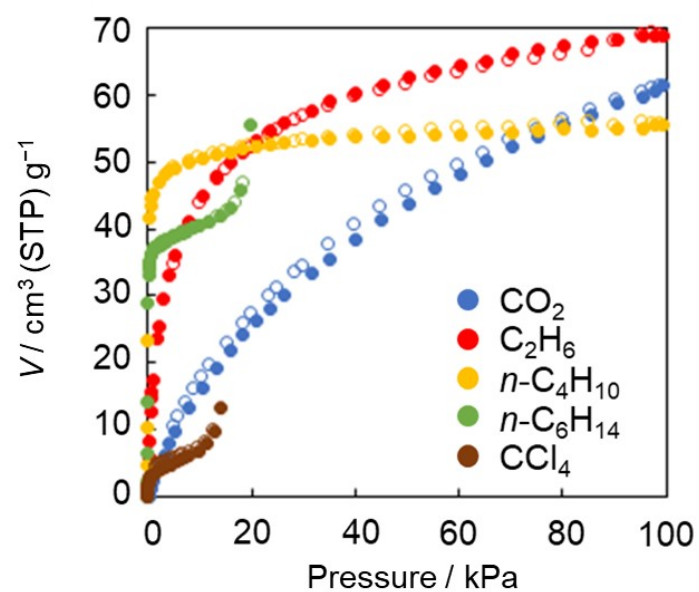
**Fig. S5** PXRD patterns of of **1S**, **1S\_700**, and **1S\_900** samples.



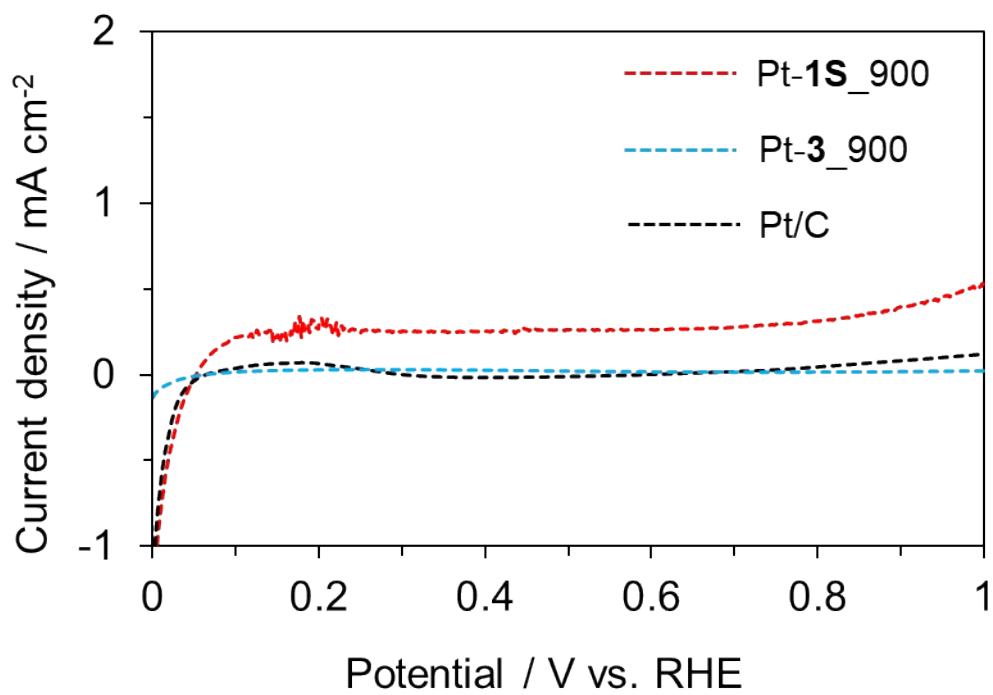
**Fig. S6** TEM images of (a, b) **1S\_700** and (c, d) **1S\_900**.



**Fig. S7** Pore-size distributions of **1S\_700** and **1S\_900** calculated from the NLDFT method.



**Fig. S8**  $\text{CO}_2$  (25 °C, blue circle) ethane (25 °C, red circle),  $n$ -butane (25 °C, yellow circle),  $n$ -hexane (25 °C, green circle) and tetrachloromethane (25 °C, brown circle) adsorption/desorption isotherms of **1S\_900**.



**Fig. S9** Polarization curves of Pt-1S\_900, Pt-3\_900, and Pt/C under Ar flow.

**Table S1**  $I_D/I_G$  ratio of carbonized **2**, **3** and **1S** samples.

<b>Samples</b>	<b><math>I_D/I_G</math></b>
<b>2_900</b>	0.92
<b>3_900</b>	1.0
<b>1S_700</b>	0.84
<b>1S_900</b>	0.98

**Table S2** Elemental analysis results of carbonized **1S** samples.

<b>Sample</b>	<b>C / wt %</b>	<b>S / wt %</b>
<b>1S_700</b>	71.1	19.9
<b>1S_900</b>	84.4	15.6

**Table S3** Porous textures of carbonized **1S**, **2** and **3** samples.

sample	$S_{\text{BET}} / \text{m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$	$V_{\text{total}}^{\text{a}} / \text{cm}^3 \text{g}^{-1}$
<b>1S</b>	25	0.06
<b>1S_700</b>	714	0.31
<b>1S_900</b>	795	0.35
<b>2</b>	1	$4.7 \times 10^{-3}$
<b>2_900</b>	0	$1.3 \times 10^{-5}$
<b>3</b>	24	0.07
<b>3_900</b>	630	0.33

<sup>a</sup> The total pore volume was calculated at  $P/P_0 = 0.96$ .



**Table S4** S contents and  $S_{\text{BET}}$  values of S-doped porous carbons reported in this work and previous works.

Entry	Temp. / °C	S content / wt%	$S_{\text{BET}} / \text{m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$	Ref.
1	700	19.9	714	This work
2	900	15.6	796	This work
3	700	12.7	47	63
4	700	20.1	420	60
5	700	10.2	308	61
6	700	15.2	40	59
7	900	5.6	161	27
8	900	9.8	668	28
9	900	6.0	1189	62
10	900	2.9	1054	64
11	900	5.5	341	65
12	900	4.7	641	66
13	900	5.5	1292	67

**Table S5** Pt content determined from Pt 4f XPS analysis for each catalyst before and after the LSV measurement.

Sample	Pt content / wt %	
	before	after
Pt-1S_900	0.68	0.75
Pt-3_900	0.12	-
Pt/C	8.60	8.52