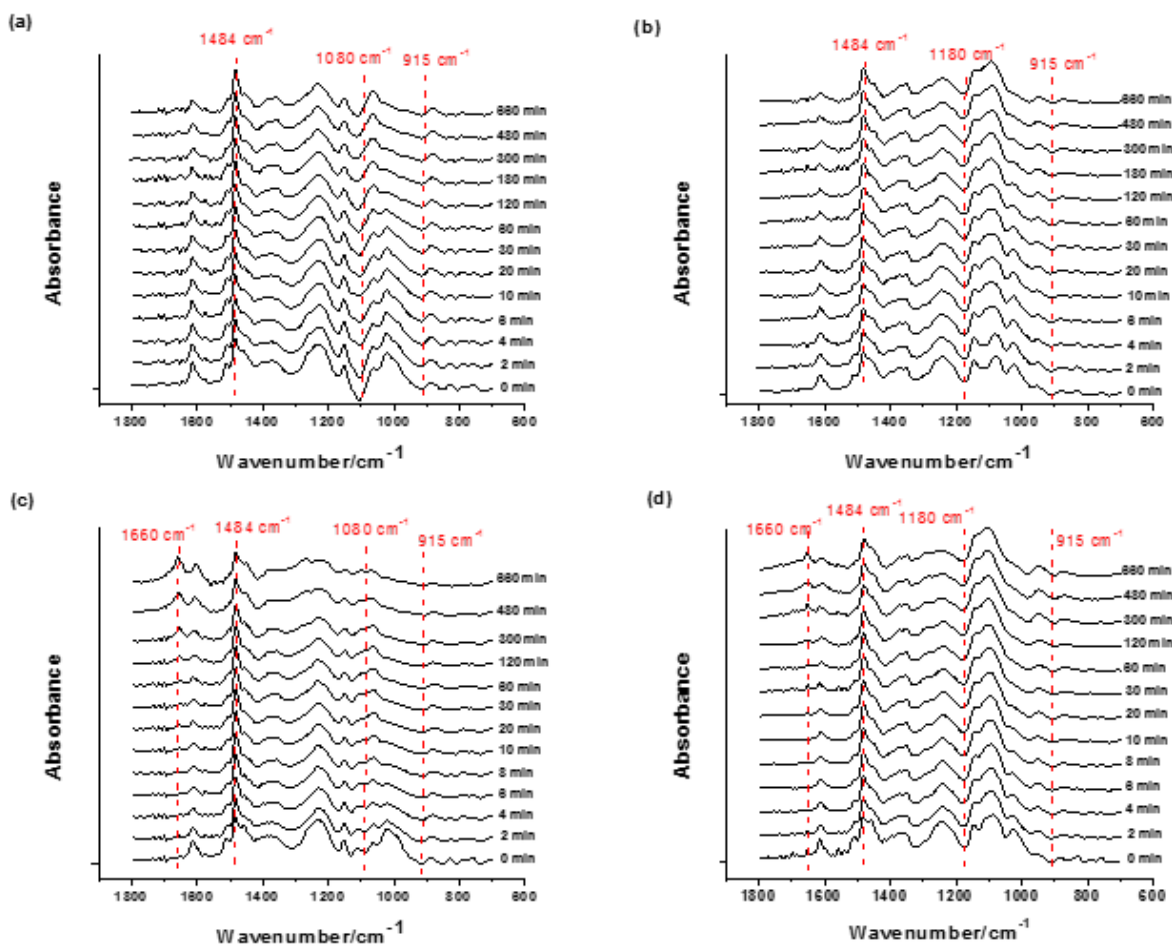


Electronic supplementary information for

## Relationship between crosslinking and ordering for the fabrication of soft templated (FDU-16) mesoporous carbon thin films

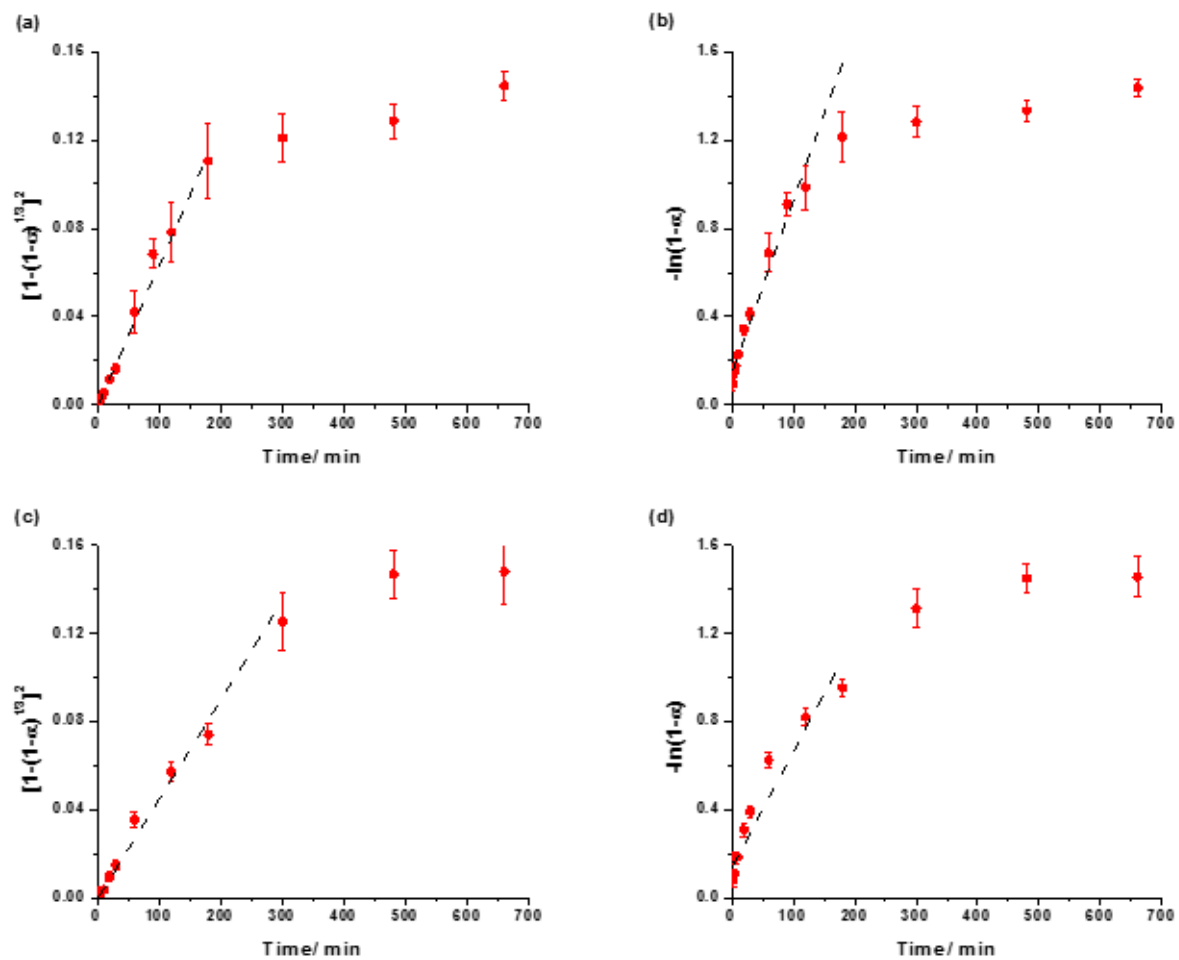
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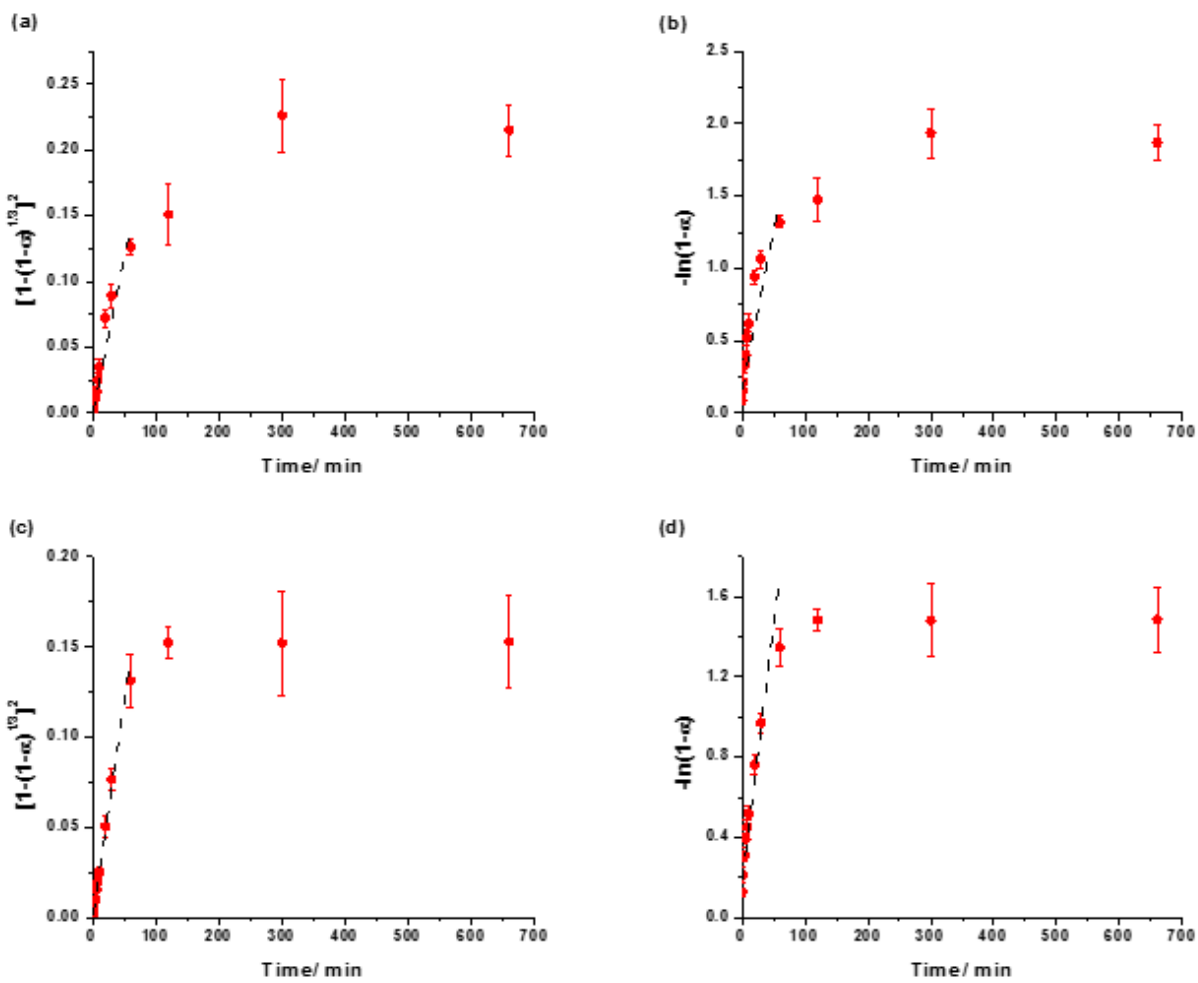


**Figure S1.** Temporal evolution of the FTIR spectra for (a) resol, (b) FDU-16 films at 100 °C and when crosslinking at 140 °C for (c) resol and (d) FDU-16 films.

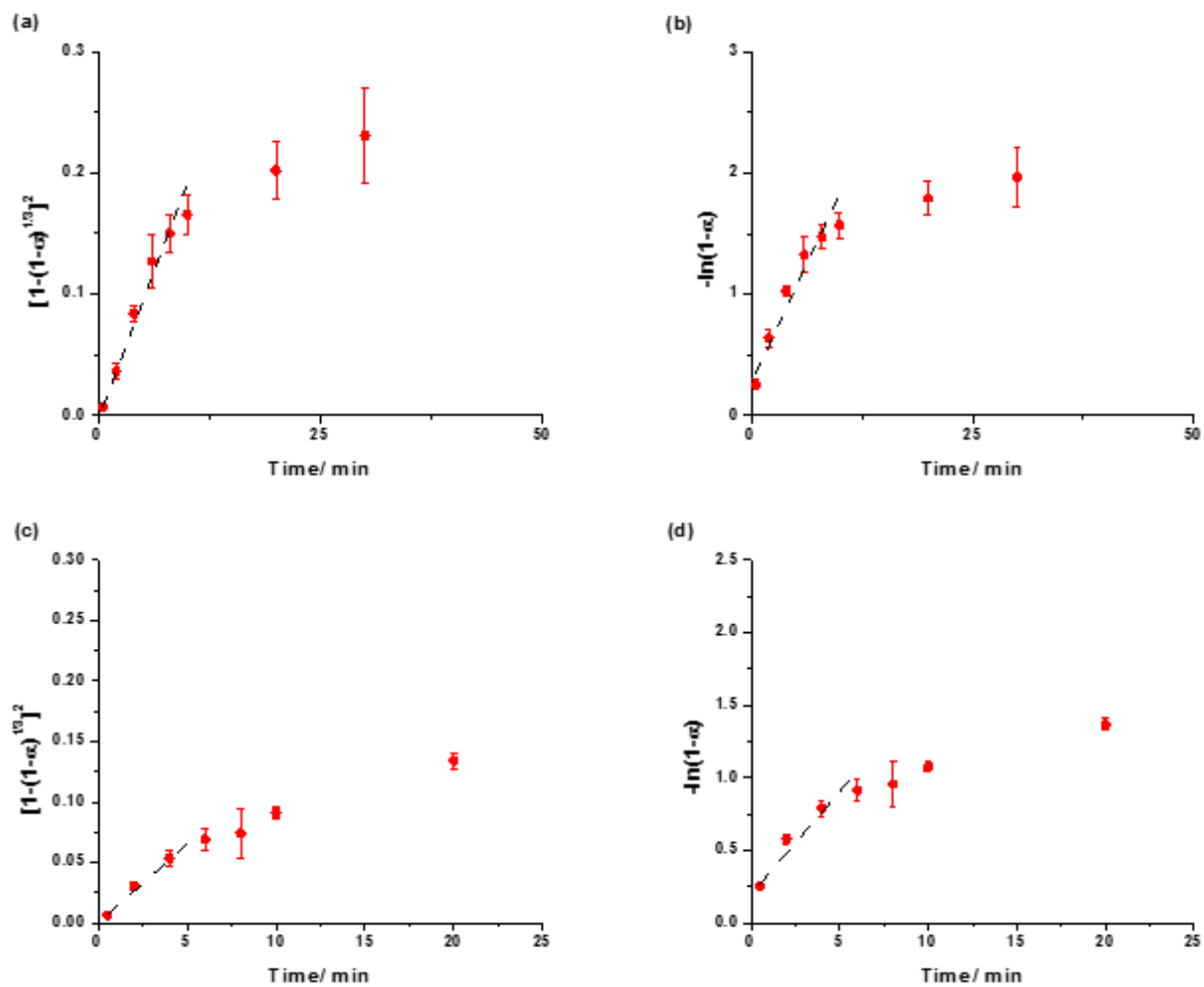
<b>Table S1. FTIR bands assignment (Full)</b>	
<b>Wavenumber of observed peak centers or bands (cm<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>Functional group</b>
1740-1590 (doublet)	C=O substitution on aromatic ring <sup>30</sup>
1625-1590	aromatic C=C stretching vibration due to asymmetric substitution <sup>30</sup>
1511	aromatic C=C stretching in 1,4 or 1,2,4 substituted benzene ring <sup>30</sup>
1484	aromatic C=C stretching <sup>28</sup>
1460	CH <sub>2</sub> deformation vibration in -CH <sub>2</sub> -OH <sup>30</sup>
1410-1310	COH bending vibration of phenol <sup>30</sup>
1374	-CH <sub>2</sub> - symmetric deformation in F127 <sup>31</sup>
1360	-CH <sub>2</sub> - wag, C-C stretching in F127 <sup>31</sup>
1343	-CH <sub>2</sub> - wag in F127 <sup>31</sup>
1260-1180	CO stretching of phenol <sup>30</sup>
1175-1150	CO stretching of o- and p- alkyl phenols <sup>30</sup>
1149	C-O-C stretching and C-C stretching in F127 <sup>31</sup>
1113	C-O-C stretching in F127 <sup>31</sup>
1070-1050	C-O-C stretching in both phenolic resin and F127 <sup>31</sup>
1028; 1011; 995	δ(O-H)v(C-O) vibration of 2, 4, 6-trihydroxymethylphenol <sup>29</sup>
1020; 996; 990	δ(O-H)v(C-O) vibration of 2, 4-dihydroxymethylphenol <sup>29</sup>
1010	δ(O-H)v(C-O) vibration of 2, 6-dihydroxymethylphenol <sup>29</sup>
1003; 995	δ(O-H)v(C-O) vibration in primary alcohol of 2-hydroxymethylphenol <sup>29</sup>
991	δ(O-H)v(C-O) vibration of 4-hydroxymethylphenol <sup>29</sup>
963	CH <sub>2</sub> rock <sup>31</sup>
947	CH <sub>2</sub> rock and C-O-C stretching <sup>31</sup>
890	aromatic =C-H out-of-plane deformation vibration, 2, 4, 6- substituted phenol <sup>30</sup>
830	4- or 2, 4- substituted phenol <sup>30</sup>
756	2- substituted phenol <sup>30</sup>



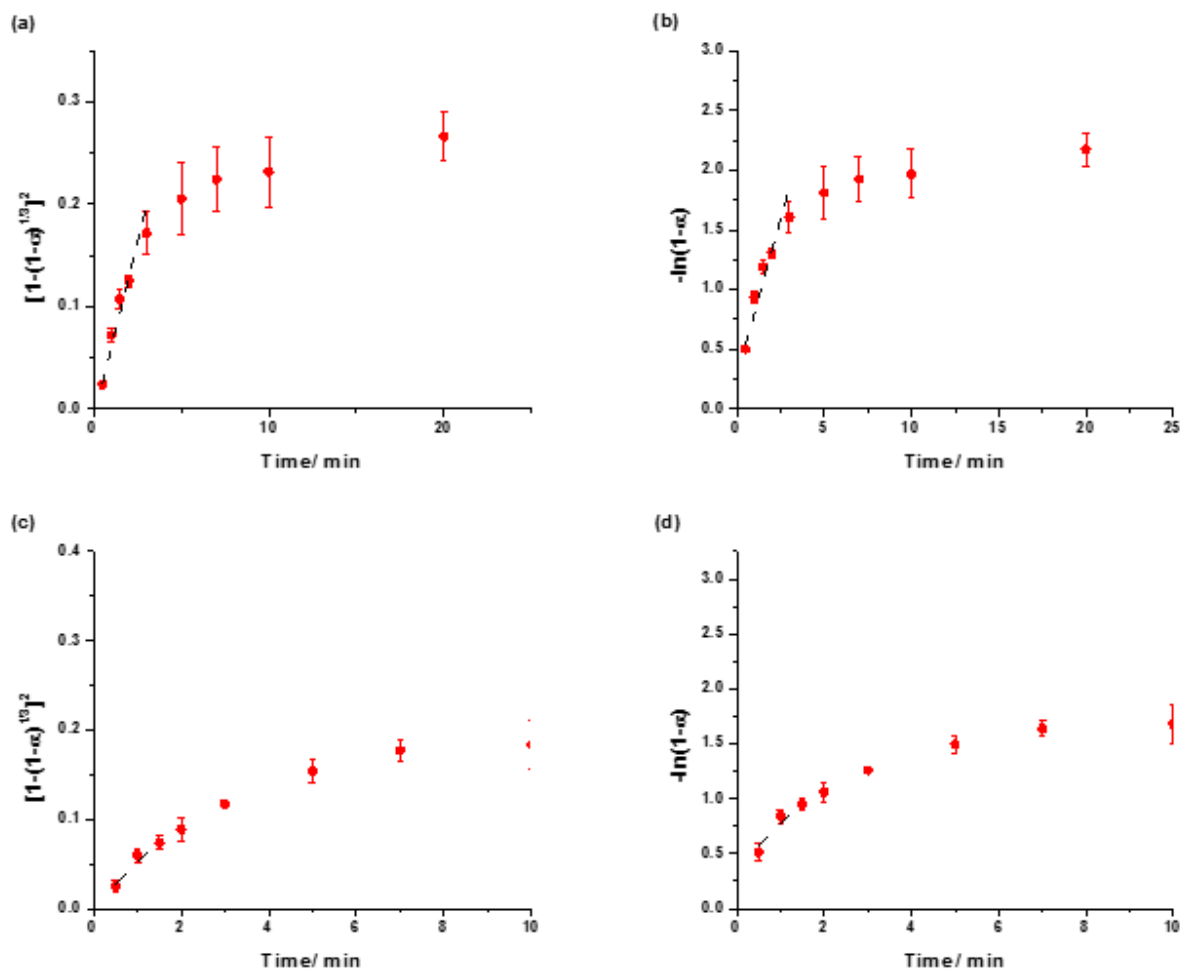
**Figure S2.** Integral fitting of resol (a,b) and FDU-16 (c, d) at 100 °C to (a,c) the Jander model and (b, d) 1<sup>st</sup> order reaction model.



**Figure S3.** Integral fitting of resol (a,b) and FDU-16 (c, d) at 120 °C to (a,c) the Jander model and (b, d) 1<sup>st</sup> order reaction model



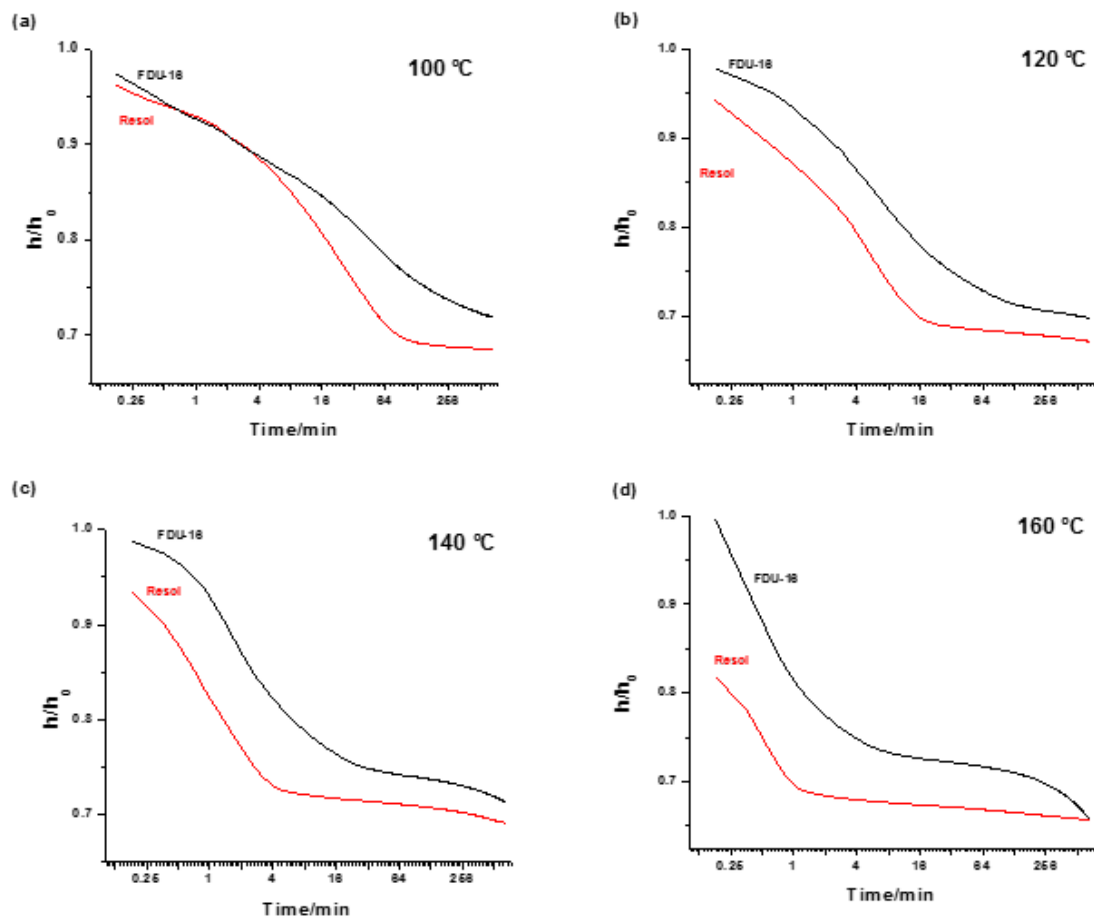
**Figure S4.** Integral fitting of resol (a,b) and FDU-16 (c, d) at 140 °C to (a,c) the Jander model and (b, d) 1<sup>st</sup> order reaction model



**Figure S5.** Integral fitting of resol (a,b) and FDU-16 (c, d) at 160 °C to (a,c) the Jander model and (b, d) 1<sup>st</sup> order reaction model

**Table S2.** Details of integral fitting result

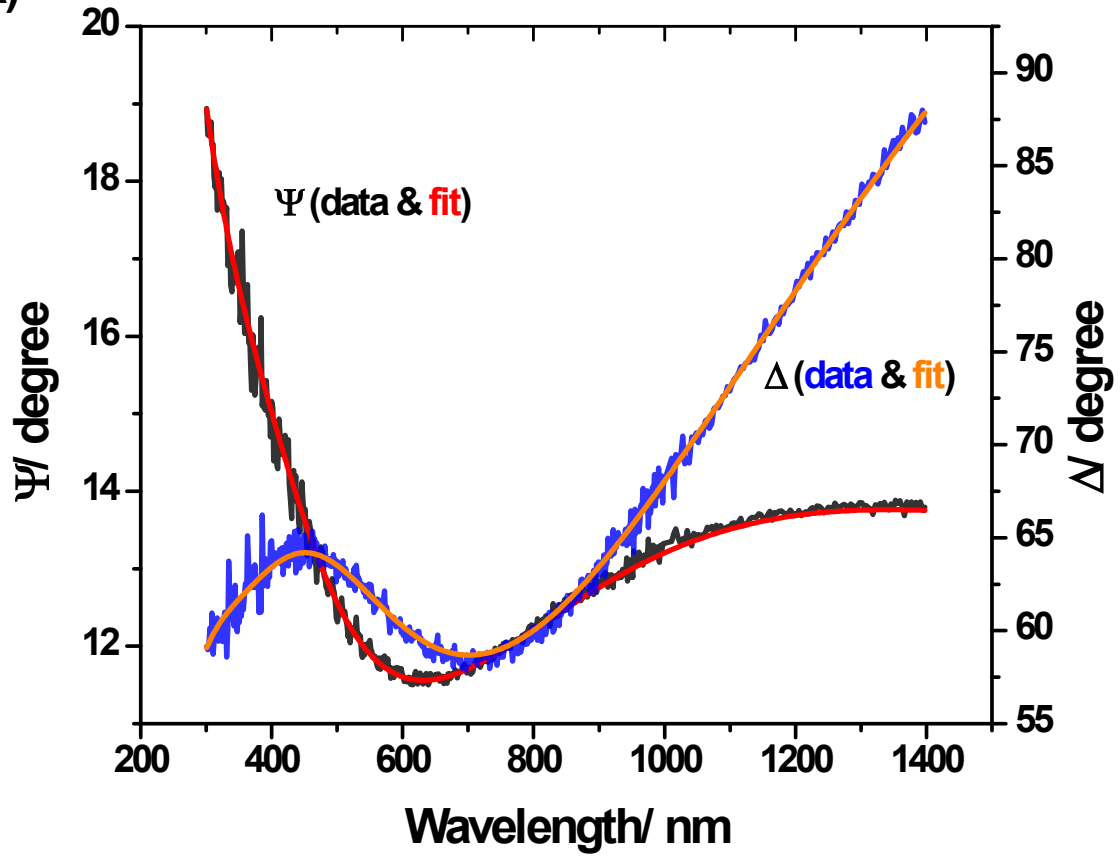
	INTERCEPT	SLOPE (rate constant)	ADJ. R <sup>2</sup>	FITTING RANGE (MAXIMUM)
<b>100 °C</b>				
<b>RESOL (JANDER)</b>	-6.21X10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.38X10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.977	2-180 min
<b>RESOL (1<sup>ST</sup> ORDER)</b>	0.143	0.00782	0.973	2-180 min
<b>FDU-16 (JANDER)</b>	-4.20X10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.51X10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.977	2-300 min
<b>FDU-16 (1<sup>ST</sup> ORDER)</b>	0.143	0.0049	0.905	2-300 min
<b>120 °C</b>				
<b>RESOL (JANDER)</b>	-2.31X10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.00237	0.950	0.5-60 min
<b>RESOL (1<sup>ST</sup> ORDER)</b>	0.153	0.0221	0.868	0.5-60 min
<b>FDU-16 (JANDER)</b>	4.64X10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.0024	0.995	0.5-60 min
<b>FDU-16 (1<sup>ST</sup> ORDER)</b>	0.179	0.0254	0.913	0.5-60 min
<b>140 °C</b>				
<b>RESOL (JANDER)</b>	-0.00238	0.0194	0.981	0.5-10 min
<b>RESOL (1<sup>ST</sup> ORDER)</b>	0.269	0.156	0.914	0.5-10 min
<b>FDU-16 (JANDER)</b>	3.38X10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.01311	0.971	0.5-6 min
<b>FDU-16 (1<sup>ST</sup> ORDER)</b>	0.198	0.142	0.911	0.5-6 min
<b>160 °C</b>				
<b>RESOL (JANDER)</b>	-0.00911	0.06867	0.972	0.5-3 min
<b>RESOL (1<sup>ST</sup> ORDER)</b>	0.279	0.524	0.940	0.5-3 min
<b>FDU-16 (JANDER)</b>	0.00295	0.0498	0.971	0.5-1.5 min
<b>FDU-16 (1<sup>ST</sup> ORDER)</b>	0.363	0.413	0.800	0.5-1.5 min



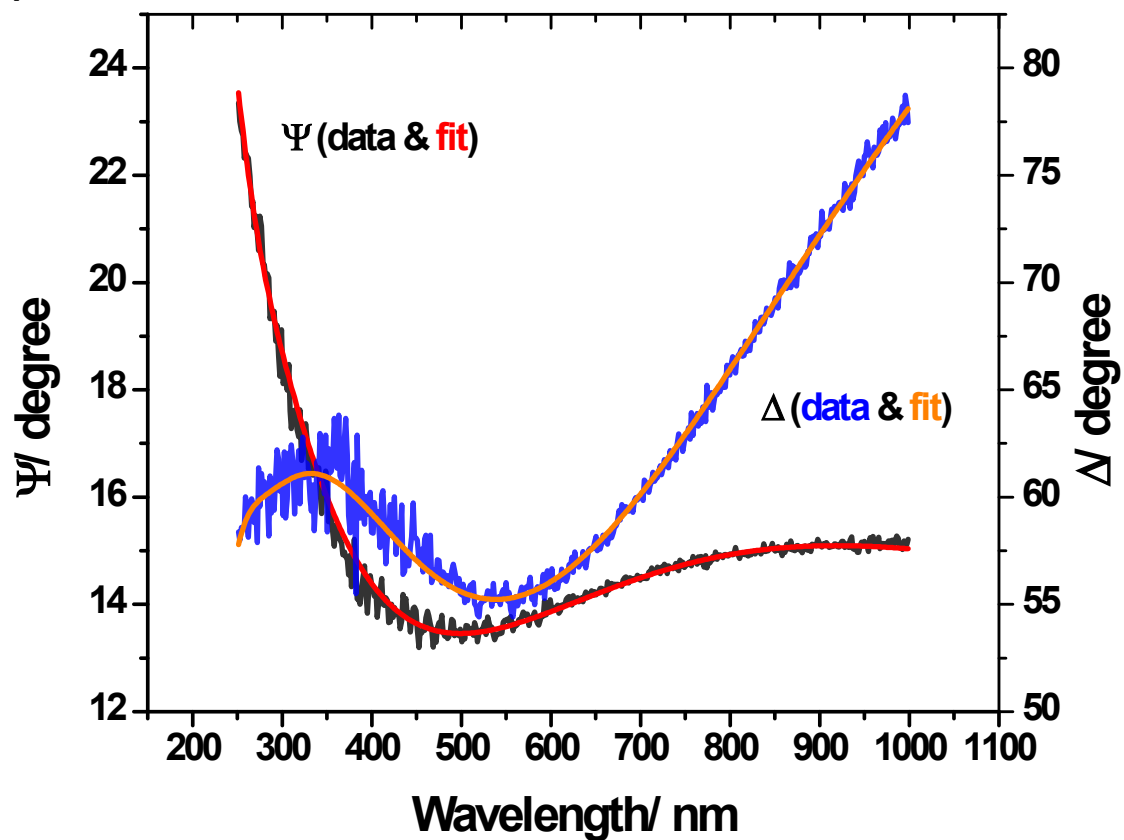
**Figure S6.** In-situ ellipsometry data of normalized film thickness at (a) 100 °C (b) 120 °C (c) 140 °C (d) 160 °C.



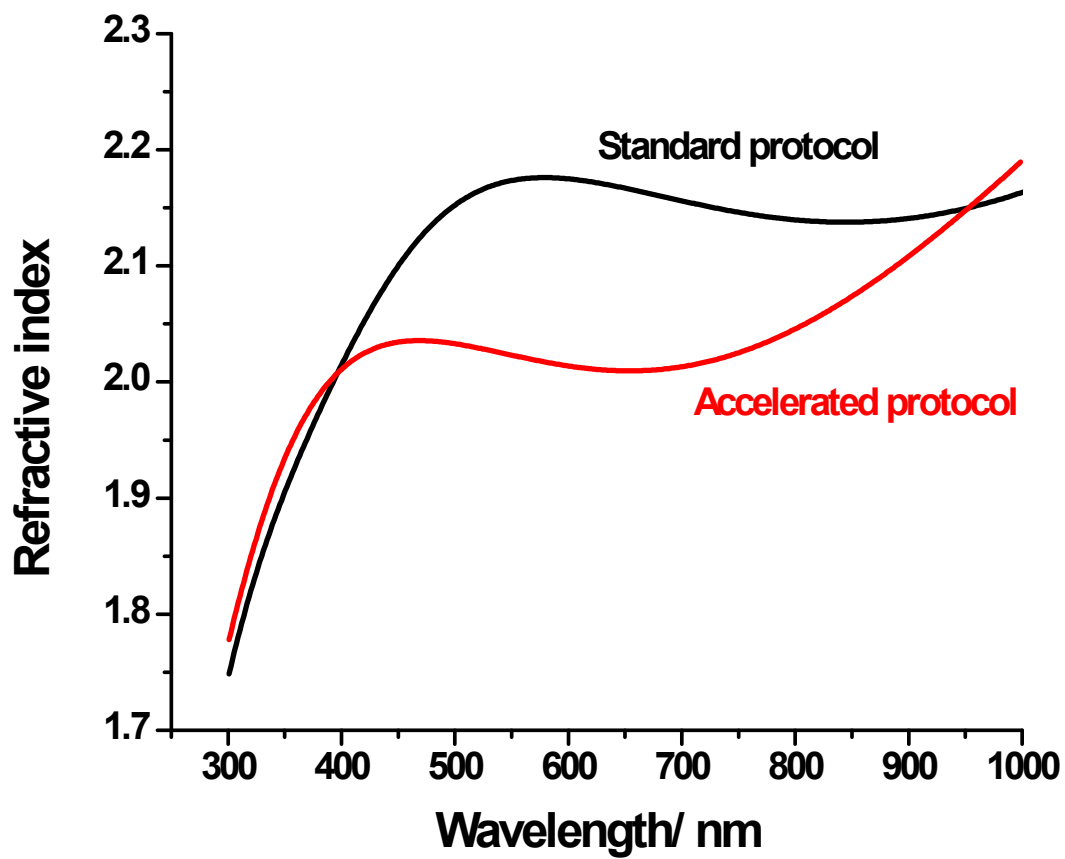
(a)



(b)



**Figure S7.** Ellipsometric angles ( $\Psi$ ,  $\Delta$ ) and fitting at incident angle of  $70^\circ$  for mesoporous carbon based on FDU-16 using (a) standard heating protocol of  $120^\circ\text{C}$  for 24 h and (b) accelerated heating of  $100^\circ\text{C}$  for 1.5 h and then  $160^\circ\text{C}$  for 1.5 h. Both films are carbonized at  $800^\circ\text{C}$ . The dashed lines indicate the recursive fit to the data.



**Figure S8.** Refractive index of mesoporous carbon films as determined from ellipsometry shown in Figure S7.