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## Graphitic carbon nitride nanosheets coated carbon black as highperformance PtRu catalyst support material for methanol electrooxidation

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Fig. S1 A volume comparison of 80 mg powder of Vulcan XC-72R (A), C@bulk g- $C_3N_4$  (B) and C@ g- $C_3N_4$  NS (C).



Fig. S2 TEM images of C@bulk g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>.



**Fig. S3** Cyclic voltammograms in an Ar-saturated solution of 0.5 mol  $L^{-1}$  CH<sub>3</sub>OH and 0.5 mol  $L^{-1}$  H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> at 25°C for PtRu/C and PtRu/C@g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> NS catalysts during the accelerated potential cycling test. Scanning rate: 50 mV/s; Test temperature: 25°C.



**Fig. S4** The cyclic voltammograms of CH<sub>3</sub>OH electrooxidation with specific activity,  $i_{sp}/A$  m<sup>-2</sup> (current density per electrochemical active specific surface area), on as-prepared PtRu/C and PtRu/C@g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> NS catalyst. Scanning rate: 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup>



**Fig. S5** Chronoamperometric curves of methanol electrooxidation in a solution of 0.5 mol  $L^{-1}$  CH<sub>3</sub>OH and 0.5 mol  $L^{-1}$  H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> on the PtRu/C and PtRu/C@g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> NS catalysts. Potential at 0.6 V.