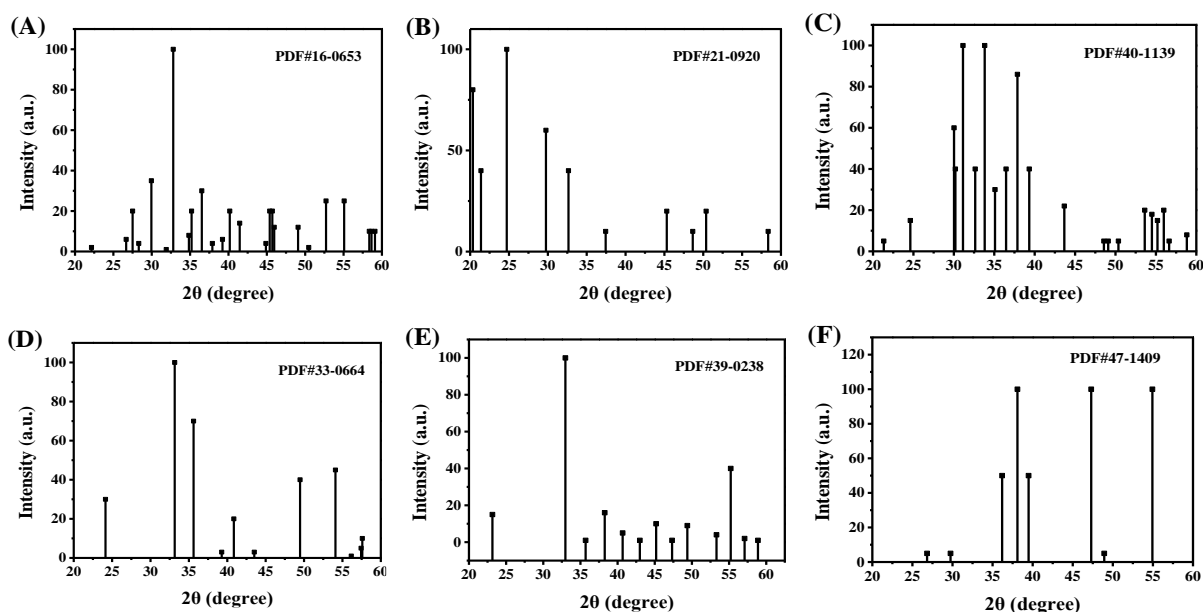
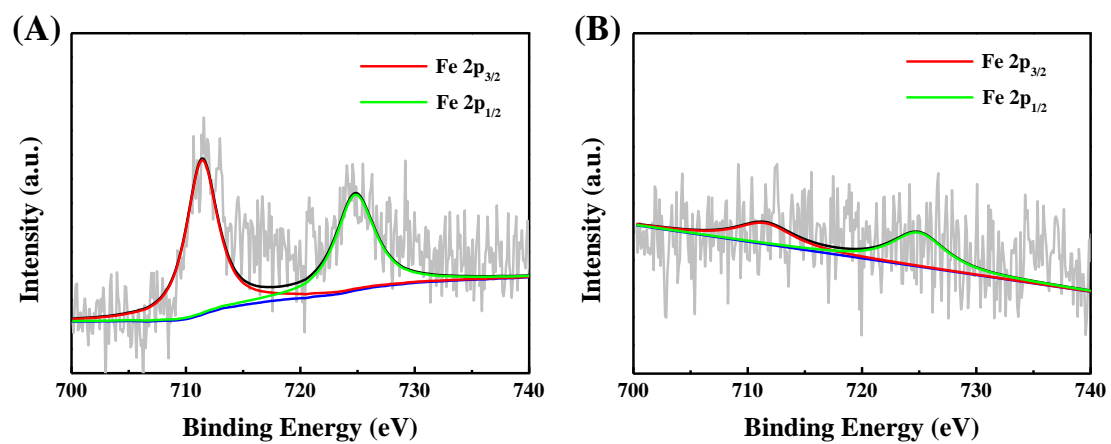


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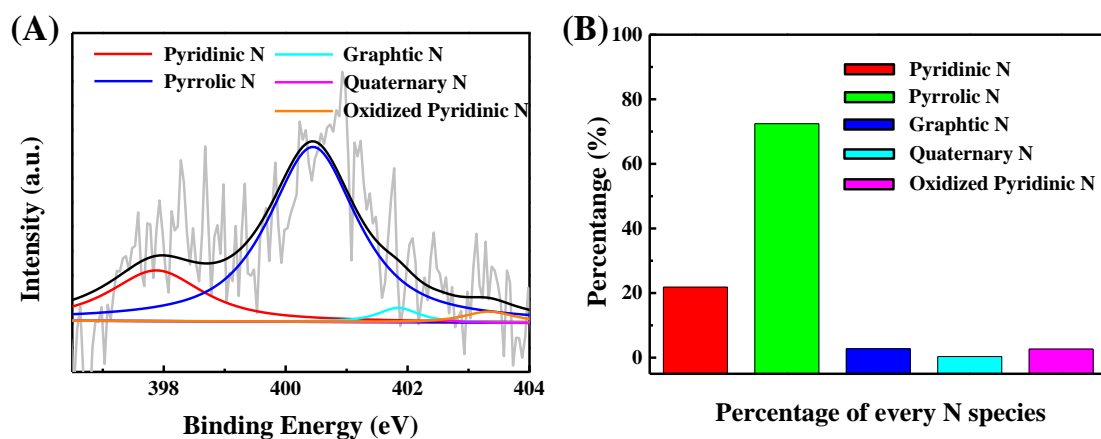
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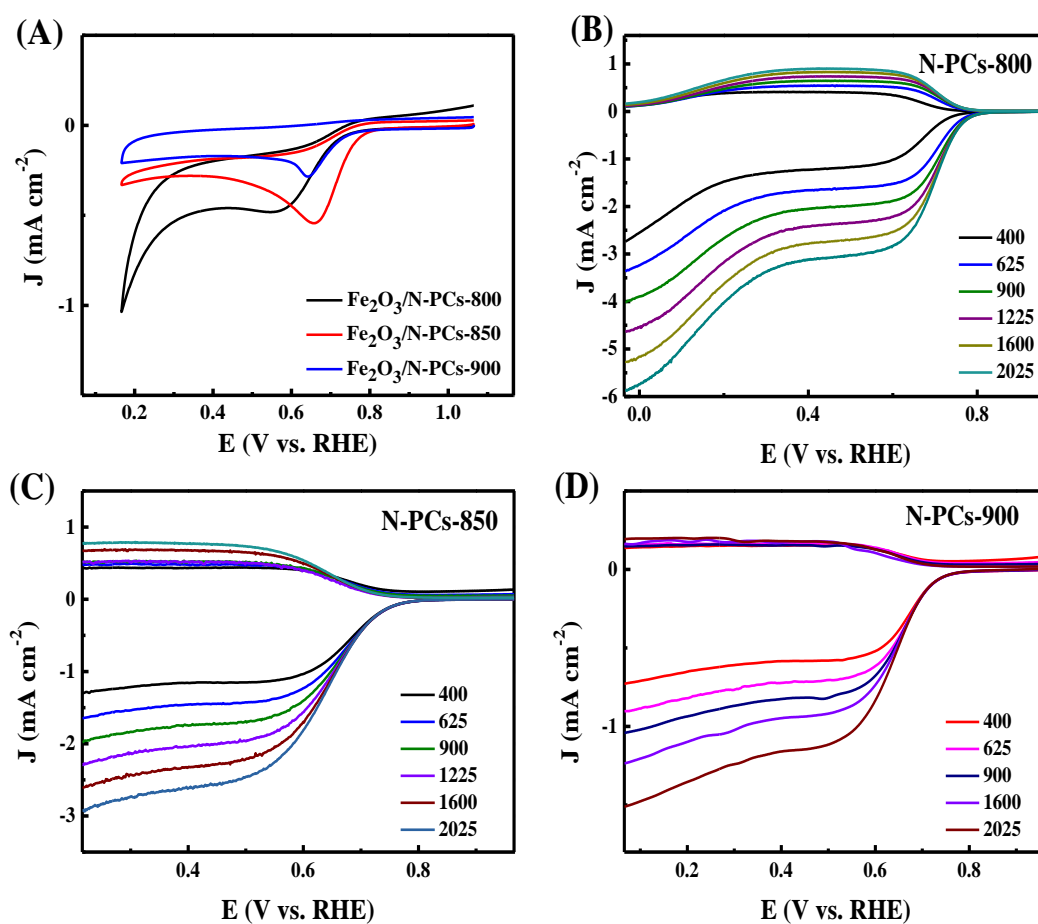
**Figure S1.** All the Powder Diffraction Files (PDF) of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> from Joint Committee on Powder Diffraction Standards, PDF#16-0653 (A), PDF#21-0920, (B) PDF#40-1139 (C), PDF#33-0664 (D), PDF#39-0238 (E), PDF#47-1409 (F).



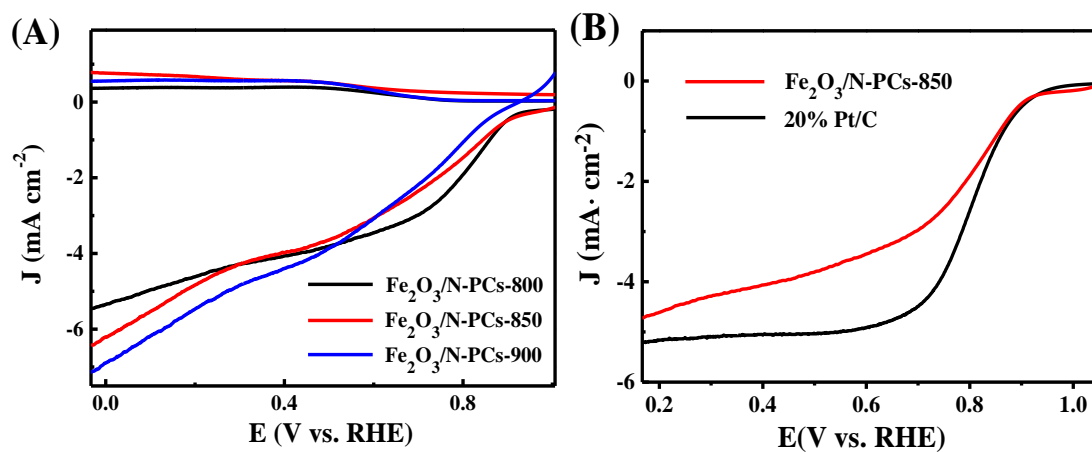
**Figure S2.** The high-resolution Fe 2p XPS spectra of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/N-PCs-800(A) and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/N-PCs-900(B).



**Figure S3.** (A) N1s XPS spectra for the N-PCs-850 without Fe. (B) The percentage of five kinds of N species in N-PCs-850 without Fe.



**Figure S4.** (A) Cyclic voltammograms of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{N-PCs}$  samples modified GC electrodes in an  $\text{O}_2$ -saturated 0.1 M KOH at a scan rate of  $10 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$  and LSVs of N-PCs-800 (B) N-PCs-850 (C), N-PCs-900 (D) on RRDE in 0.1 M KOH with various rotation rates at a scan rate of  $5 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ .



**Figure S5.** (A) The LSV curves of the three kinds of designed catalysts at 1600 rpm derived from the RRDE measurements. (B) Both 20% Pt/C and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/N-PCs-850 LSV curves derived from the RDE measurements at 1600 rpm.

**Table S1** C, N, Fe and O element ratios in Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/N-PCs-800, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/N-PCs-850, and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/N-PCs-900 from EDX analysis.

| Wt% | Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /N-PCs-800 | Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /N-PCs-850 | Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /N-PCs-900 |
|-----|---|---|---|
| C   | 56.78                                     | 70.81                                     | 83.14                                     |
| N   | 4.08                                      | 1.99                                      | -----                                     |
| Fe  | 7.24                                      | 9.83                                      | 4.26                                      |
| O   | 31.90                                     | 17.37                                     | 12.60                                     |