

Supplementary Figure 1. The chemical structure of tannin acid (CAS: 1401-55-4)—a typical form of tannins.

Supplementary Figure 2. FTIR spectra of tannin, and tannin-F127 composite (1 g-1 g) by ball milling for 0.5 h.

Supplementary Figure 3. Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectra of tannin, and tannin-Zn polymer (1 g-3 mmol) by ball milling for 0.5 h. The coordination between tannin and Zn^{2+} ion was suggested by the decrease of phenolic O-H vibrational peaks in FTIR for tannin-Zn sample, though a hump peak related to -OH group remained. There are still one or two -OH groups left in the pyrogallol- or catechol-like rings after the coordination polymerization.

Supplementary Figure 4. XRD pattern of OMC@F1271-450 sample. The diffraction peaks match well with ZnO (JCPDS: 36-1451), revealing that the tannin-Zn polymer with -PhO-Zn-OPh- coordination has transformed into ZnO-carbon at 450°C.

Supplementary Figure 5. XRD pattern of OMC@F127₁-800 sample. The broad peaks at $\sim 22^{\circ}$ and $\sim 44^{\circ}$ correspond to the (002) and (100) reflection of the graphitic-type amorphous carbon. No responses relating to Zn or ZnO have been observed, suggesting the evaporation of Zn during high temperature carbonization.

Supplementary Figure 6. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms (77 K) of control samples and the pore size distributions.

Supplementary Figure 7. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm of OMC@F1271-450 sample at 77 K. A narrow pore size distribution around 8 nm was got. The ordered mesopores have already formed by calcination at 450°C.

Supplementary Figure 8. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm of OMC@F1271-600 sample at 77 K. The pore size distribution is quite similar with the curve of OMC@F127₁-450 sample. However, there is a clear increase on the N₂ uptake at low relative pressure (P/Po= 0-0.05), induced by the formation of more micropores within carbon walls during polymer decomposing.

Supplementary Figure 9. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms of those carbons by different $Zn(OAc)_{2}$ amounts (calcination at 800°C). $Zn(OAc)_{2}$ (1.8, 2.4, 3.0 or 3.6 mmol) was added into the tannin-F127 composite (1g-1g) for coordination assembly. The specific surface areas of those carbon samples are 762, 753, 734 and 638 cm^2g^{-1} , respectively. The pore size distributions for $Zn(OAc)$ ₂ amounts of 1.8, 2.4 and 3.0 mmol are narrower than the one with 3.6 mmol $Zn(OAc)_2$. Here, 3 mmol $Zn(OAc)_2$ is selected as an optimized amount since lower amounts will decrease the carbon yield due to an uncompleted coordination with tannin. The isotherm of the carbon with 3 mmol $Zn(OAc)_{2}$ is shown in Figure 2a-2b, Curve C.

Supplementary Figure 10. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms and pore size distributions of carbon samples from F-series copolymers.

Supplementary Figure 11. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms (77 K) and pore size distributions of carbon samples templated by P85 and P103.

Supplementary Figure 12. The nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm (77 K) and pore size distribution of carbon sample by Triton X-100 surfactant. The isotherm curve presents a type IV hysteresis with a condensation step around P/Po= 0.5, while the pore size is centered at ~5 nm.

Supplementary Figure 13. The nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm (77 K) and pore size distribution of carbon sample with Brij-78 surfactant. The OMC@Bj781-800 sample shows a very broad pore size from 5 to 30 nm, suggesting the poor ordered textural structure.

Supplementary Figure 14. SAXS pattern of OMC@F1270.4-800 sample.

Supplementary Figure 15. SAXS pattern of OMC@F1270.6-800 sample.

Supplementary Figure 16. SAXS pattern of OMC@F1270.8-800 sample.

Supplementary Figure 17. TEM images of OMC@F1271-800 sample.

Supplementary Figure 18. SAXS pattern of OMC@P1230.8-800 sample.

Supplementary Figure 19. A typical TEM image of OMC@TritonX-100_{0.8}-800 sample.

Supplementary Figure 20. A typical TEM image of OMC@Bj781-800 sample.

Supplementary Figure 21. A typical TEM image of OMC@(F127-Ph3P)0.8-800.

Supplementary Figure 22. XRD patterns of Ni-OMC@F1271-450, Ni-OMC@F1270.8-450 and Ni-OMC@F1270.6-450. The average crystalline size by Scherrer's equation are 17.3, 5.7 and 12.3 nm for Ni-OMC@F127₁-450, Ni-OMC@F127_{0.8}-450 and Ni-OMC@F127_{0.6}-450 samples. Patterns were vertically offset for clarity

Supplementary Figure 23. SAXS pattern of Ni-OMC@F1270.8-450 sample.

Supplementary Figure 24. 77 K nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm of Ni-OMC@F1270.8-600 sample.

Supplementary Figure 25. The nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm (77 K) and pore size distribution of Ni-OMC@F1270.8-800 sample.

Supplementary Figure 26. TEM image of Ni-AC@450, a control sample with Ni supported on activated carbon by thermal treatment at 450°C. The Ni NPs aggregate critically with many Ni particles even bigger than 50 nm.

Supplementary Figure 27. TEM image of Ni-AC@800, a control sample with Ni supported on activated carbon by thermal treatment at 800°C. A serious growth of Ni NPs occurs. All Ni particles are bigger than 50 nm, and some are even bigger than 100 nm.

Supplementary Figure 28. TEM image of Ni-ST-OMC@450, a control sample with Ni supported on traditional soft-templating carbon by thermal treatment at 450°C. Some Ni particles are located in mesoporous channels; however, many Ni particles have already grown to a big size above 50 nm.

Supplementary Figure 29. TEM image of Ni-ST-OMC@800, a control sample with Ni supported on traditional soft-templating carbon by 800°C treatment.

Supplementary Figure 30. A MD simulation of cyclohexene in vacuum.

Supplementary Figure 31. A MD simulation of 1-octadecene in vacuum.

Supplementary Figure 32. A MD simulation of cholesteryl acetate in vacuum.

Supplementary Figure 33. The N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherm (77 K) and the corresponding pore size distribution of Ni-AC@450. The BET specific surface area is $1154 \text{ m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$.

	F38	F68	$F8$ ^{$-$}	F88	F127
Molecular Weight of PPO Chain	950	750	2250	2250	4000
Pore Size (nm)	ິ∙				6.9

Supplementary Table 1. The relationship between pore size and F-series surfactants used in the assembly.

^a Reaction Condition: substrate 1 mmol, ethanol 3 mL, Ni-OMC@F1270.8-450 catalyst 10 mg, H2 3 Mpa.

^a Reaction Condition: cyclohexene 1 mmol, ethanol 3 mL, Ni-OMC@F1270.8-450 catalyst (fresh or recycled), H2 3 Mpa, 2 h.

Supplementary Note 1:

Simulation setup: Molecular dynamics simulations of the reactants in the vacuum were performed using MD package GROMACS¹ in the NVT ensemble. The temperature of was maintained at 298 K using a Nosé–Hoover thermostat². The OPLS-AA^{3, 4} force field was adopted for the reactants in this study. Each molecule was put in a cubic simulation box, and the initial configuration was generated by PRODRG⁵. Periodic boundary conditions were applied in all three directions. The electrostatic interactions were computed using the particle mesh Ewald method⁶ with a 1.1 nm cutoff distance for real space. The van der Waals interaction was computed by direct summation with a cutoff distance of 1.1 nm. The LINCS algorithm⁷ was used to maintain the bond lengths in each reactant. The system was first equilibrated for 5 ns, and then followed by a production run of 5 ns. A 1 fs time step was used and the trajectories were saved every 100 fs. For each frame of the trajectory, the maximum distance between 2 atoms was calculated. The distribution of the longest distance of the molecule over the entire trajectory was hence obtained by using the method of histogram.

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