

Supplementary data

**Fabrication of hierarchically mesoporous CuO nanostructures and their role  
as heterogenous catalysts and sensors.**

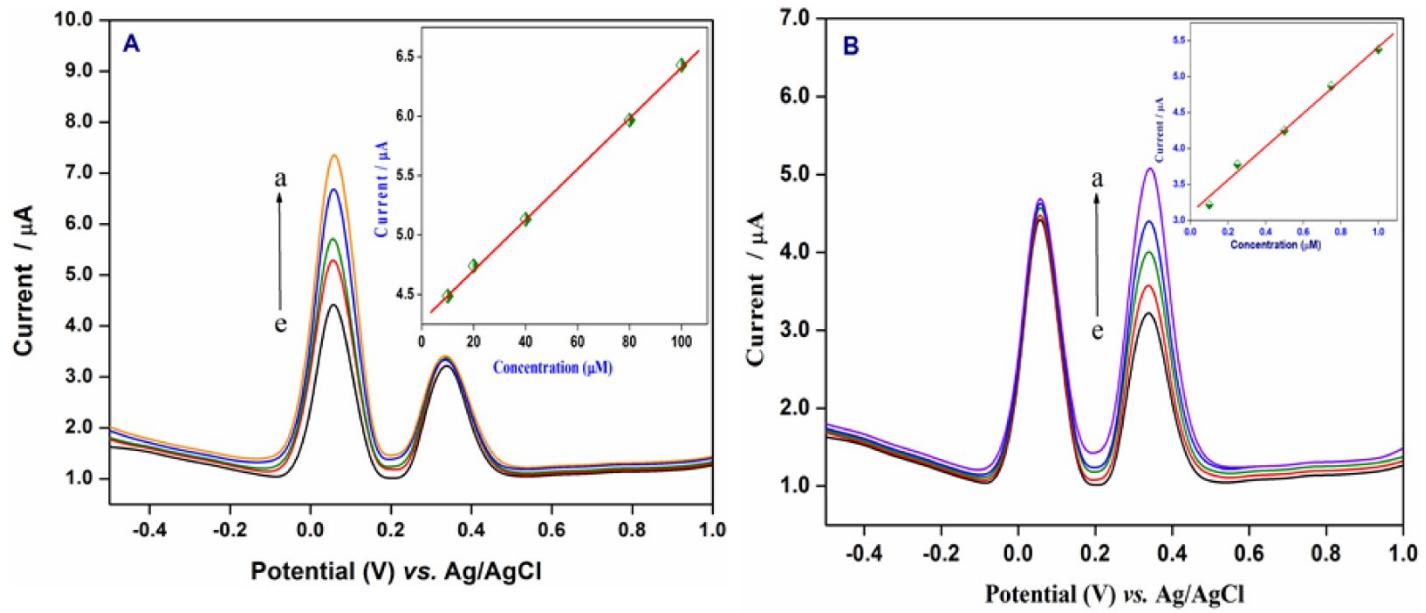
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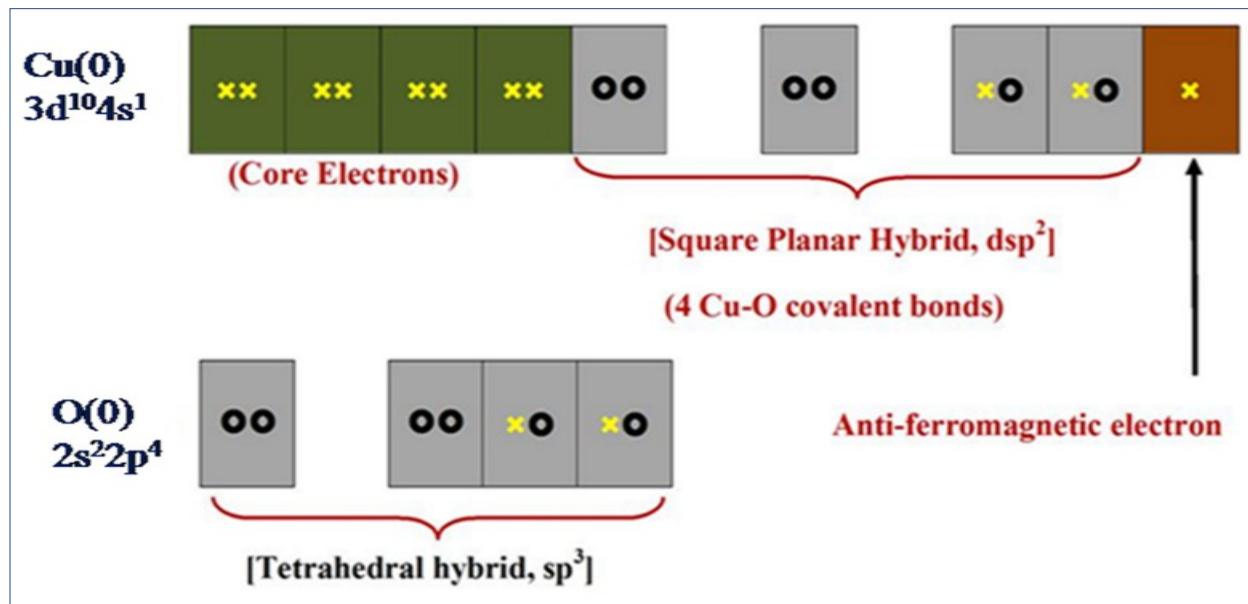
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**Figure S1** (A) DPV graphs of (a) 100  $\mu\text{M}$ , (b) 80  $\mu\text{M}$ , (c) 40  $\mu\text{M}$ , (d) 20  $\mu\text{M}$  and (e) 10  $\mu\text{M}$  AA in 0.1 M Phosphate buffer ( $\text{pH } 4.0 \pm 0.05$ ) containing 1  $\mu\text{M}$  UA (B) DPV graphs of (a) 1.0  $\mu\text{M}$ , (b) 0.7  $\mu\text{M}$ , (c) 0.5  $\mu\text{M}$ , (d) 0.3  $\mu\text{M}$  and (e) 0.1  $\mu\text{M}$  UA in 0.1 M Phosphate buffer ( $\text{pH } 4.0 \pm 0.05$ ) containing 10  $\mu\text{M}$  AA at the CuO/Si-NPs modified CPE. **Inset:** Respective calibration plots.



**Fig. S2** Electronic structure of CuO