

## Supplementary data

### **Co/Cu-MFFs derived mesoporous ternary metal oxide microcubes for enhancing the catalytic activity of the CO oxidation reaction**

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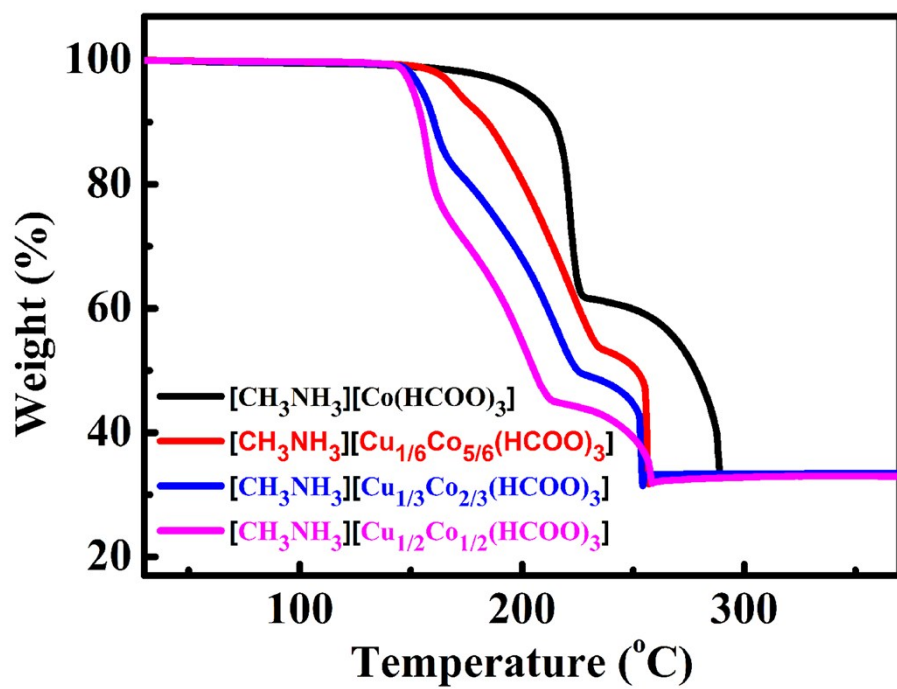
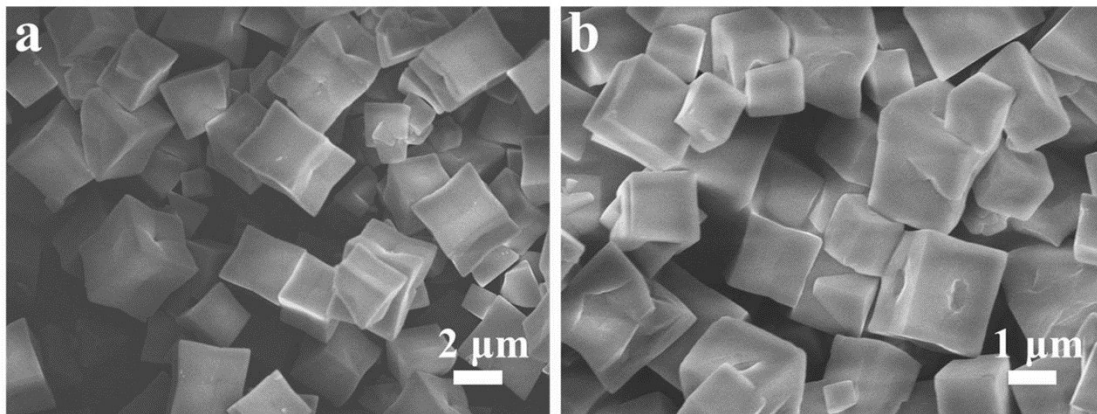
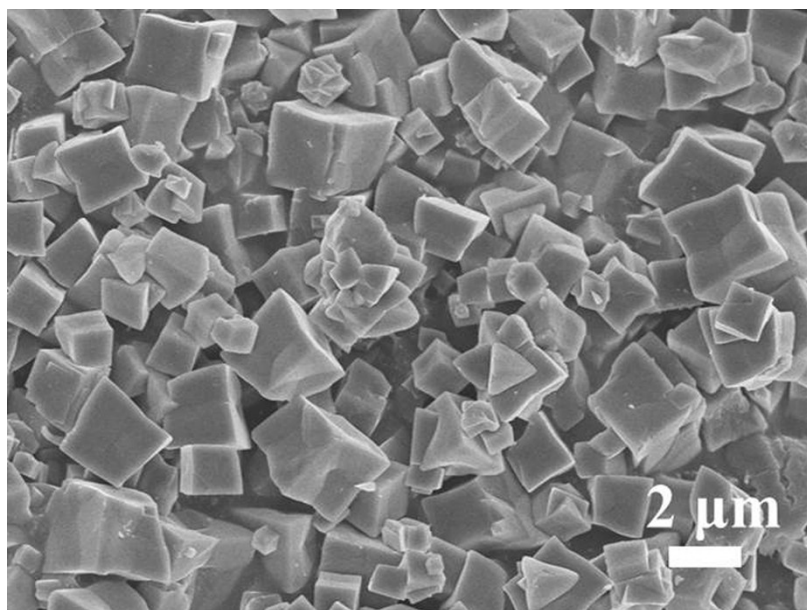


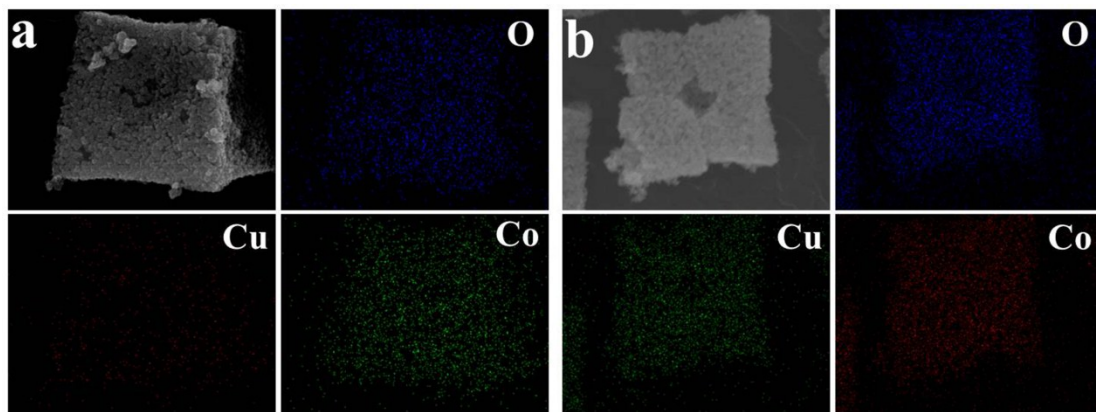
Fig. S1 TGA curves of as-prepared precursors under air flow.



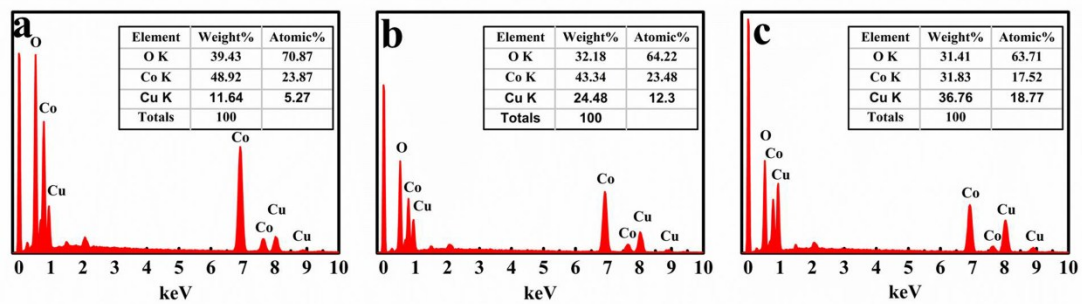
**Fig. S2** SEM images of  $[\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3][\text{Co}(\text{HCOO})_3]$  (a) and  $[\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3][\text{Cu}_{1/3}\text{Co}_{2/3}(\text{HCOO})_3]$  (b).



**Fig. S3** SEM images of [CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>][Co(HCOO)<sub>3</sub>] prepared in the absence of PVP-K30.



**Fig. S4** SEM–EDX mapping images of  $\text{Cu}_{0.5}\text{Co}_{2.5}\text{O}_4$  (a) and  $\text{Cu}_{1.5}\text{Co}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$  (b).



**Fig. S5** EDX spectrum of  $\text{Cu}_{0.5}\text{Co}_{2.5}\text{O}_4$  (a),  $\text{CuCo}_2\text{O}_4$  (b) and  $\text{Cu}_{1.5}\text{Co}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$  (c).

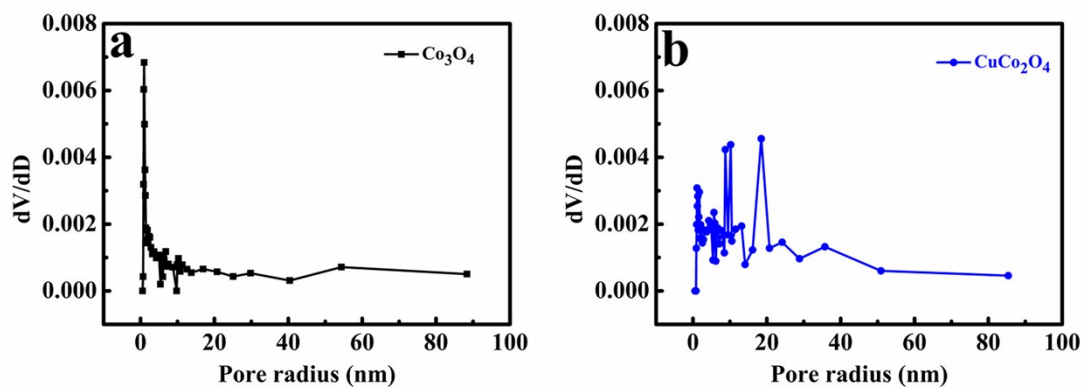
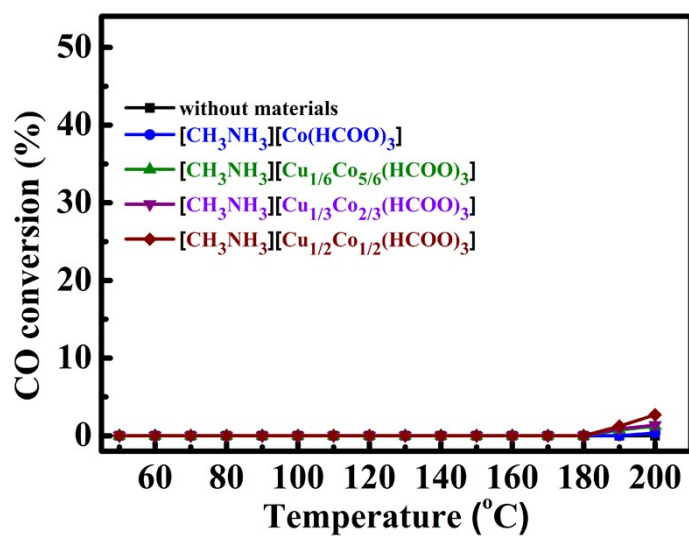


Fig. S6 Barrett-Joyner-Halenda (BJH) pore size distribution plots of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  (a) and  $\text{CuCo}_2\text{O}_4$  (b)



**Fig. S7** CO oxidation conversions of without materials and with 50 mg of precursors performed under different temperatures.



**Table S1** The measured Cu/Co atomic ratio of  $\text{Cu}_x\text{Co}_{3-x}\text{O}_4$  by SEM-EDX, ICP and the calculated Cu/Co atomic ratio in the preparation of precursors.

Sample	Preparations of precursors			Cu/Co atomic ratio measured by	
	$\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$	Calculated	EDX	ICP
	(mmol)	(mmol)	Cu/Co atomic ratio		
$\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$	1	0	0	0	0
$\text{Cu}_{0.5}\text{Co}_{2.5}\text{O}_4$	5/6	1/6	0.2	0.22	0.235
$\text{CuCo}_2\text{O}_4$	2/3	1/3	0.5	0.52	0.574
$\text{Cu}_{1.5}\text{Co}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$	1/2	1/2	1	1.07	1.147

**Table S2** The activity of transition metal oxides as catalysts for CO oxidation reported in this work and other reference.

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Catalyst	The temperature of full CO conversion	Ref.
$\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$	170 °C	Zhang et al.[1]
$\text{Cu}/\text{CuO}_x/\text{C}$	155 °C	Zhang et al.[2]
$\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4\text{-Cu}_2$ (Cu/Co = 1/4)	120 °C	Zhou et al.[3]
$\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	255 °C	Cui et al.[4]
$\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$	140 °C	This work
$\text{CuCo}_2\text{O}_4$	120 °C	This work

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**Table S3** Specific surface area and  $\text{Co}^{2+}/\text{Co}^{3+}$  atomic ratio of pure  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  reported in this work and reference.

Sample	Specific surface area ( $\text{m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$ )	$\text{Co}^{2+}/\text{Co}^{3+}$ atomic ratio	Ref.
$\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ nanocube	6.37	1.05	Zhang et al.[1]
$\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ nanocube	9.37	1.47	Zhang et al.[1]
$\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ nanocube	25.59	0.627	This work

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