

## Supporting information

### *Controlled preparation of multiply mesoporous CoAl-LDHs nanosheet for high performance of NO<sub>x</sub> detection at room temperature*

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**Table S1.** Gas sensing properties of CA2-1 sample compared with the references based on LDHs materials.

| Gas sensors  | Operation temperature (°C) | Gas (concentration)  | Response ( $R_a/R_g$ )              | Response/recovery time        | Stability (day) | References |
|--|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| ZnO/ZnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> composites                      | Room temperature           | NO <sub>x</sub> (100 ppm)  | 76%                                 | 1.3 s/--                      | 35              | 17         |
| PS@Co-LDH  | 200°C                      | Dimethyl sulfide (125 ppm); Ethanol (4.3 ppm)                                  | 3; 2.48                             | --/--                         | --              | 18         |
| PANI/ZnTi-LDHs   | Room temperature           | NH <sub>3</sub> (50ppm)  | 39.52                               | 3/110s                        | --              | 19         |
| Chlorine intercalated LDH  | Room temperature           | CO<br>CO <sub>2</sub><br>NO<br>NO <sub>2</sub><br>CH <sub>4</sub><br>(125 ppm) | 0.04<br>0.1<br>0.13<br>0.11<br>0.17 | --/--                         | --              | 20         |
| NZAO   | Room temperature           | NO <sub>x</sub> (100 ppm)  | 9.16                                | 6/26 s                        | 350             | 21         |
| NCDH-20  | Room temperature           | NO <sub>x</sub> (97 ppm-0.97ppm)   | 70%<br>6%                           | 0.6 s/--<br>10 s/--           | --              | 22         |
| hierarchical $\alpha$ -Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub> flower-like architectures | Room temperature           | NO <sub>x</sub> (97 ppm)   | 32.5%                               | 13 s/--                       | 35              | 23         |
| MgAl-LDHs  | Room temperature           | NO <sub>x</sub> (100 ppm)  | 76%                                 | 1.3 s/--                      | 35              | 24         |
| CoAl-LDHs  | Room temperature           | NO <sub>x</sub> (100 ppm-0.01ppm)  | 17.09<br>1.19                       | 4.27/38.9<br>3s<br>1.07/46.6s | 60              | Our work   |

**Table S2.** The response, response time and recovery time results of CoAl-LDHs sensors (Co : Al = 2 : 1, hydrothermal time was 6 h) under the different NO<sub>x</sub> concentrations at room temperature.

| <b>Sample</b> | <b>CA-60</b>                          |             |                          | <b>CA2-1</b>             |             |                          | <b>CA-120</b>            |             |                          |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
|               | <b>NO<sub>x</sub></b><br><b>(ppm)</b> | <b>Res.</b> | <b>T<sub>R1</sub> /s</b> | <b>T<sub>R2</sub> /s</b> | <b>Res.</b> | <b>T<sub>R1</sub> /s</b> | <b>T<sub>R2</sub> /s</b> | <b>Res.</b> | <b>T<sub>R1</sub> /s</b> |
| <b>100</b>    | 3.54                                  | 7.63        | 41.32                    | 17.09                    | 4.27        | 38.93                    | 2.78                     | 4.53        | 58.76                    |
| <b>50</b>     | 3.27                                  | 5.26        | 42.04                    | 14.53                    | 5.33        | 39.07                    | 2.56                     | 5.27        | 62.57                    |
| <b>30</b>     | 3.15                                  | 7.38        | 41.37                    | 10.98                    | 5.33        | 34.13                    | 2.07                     | 8.23        | 65.32                    |
| <b>10</b>     | 1.67                                  | 2.96        | 36.07                    | 5.17                     | 5.87        | 38.93                    | 1.83                     | 4.32        | 69.31                    |
| <b>5</b>      | 1.52                                  | 2.34        | 38.75                    | 4.36                     | 7.47        | 35.20                    | 1.69                     | 4.15        | 54.02                    |
| <b>3</b>      | 1.38                                  | 1.98        | 31.85                    | 3.17                     | 7.47        | 47.20                    | 1.54                     | 5.87        | 53.18                    |
| <b>1</b>      | 1.17                                  | 1.65        | 42.38                    | 2.66                     | 11.20       | 31.47                    | 1.36                     | 5.96        | 61.08                    |
| <b>0.5</b>    |                                       |             |                          | 2.29                     | 16.33       | 49.80                    | 1.30                     | 5.69        | 59.03                    |
| <b>0.3</b>    |                                       |             |                          | 2.04                     | 17.07       | 46.40                    | 1.21                     | 4.20        | 60.68                    |
| <b>0.1</b>    |                                       |             |                          | 1.89                     | 6.93        | 53.27                    | 1.15                     | 4.76        | 58.37                    |
| <b>0.05</b>   |                                       |             |                          | 1.60                     | 9.60        | 49.07                    |                          |             |                          |
| <b>0.03</b>   |                                       |             |                          | 1.34                     | 5.33        | 51.53                    |                          |             |                          |
| <b>0.01</b>   |                                       |             |                          | 1.19                     | 1.07        | 46.40                    |                          |             |                          |

\*Res.: Response   T<sub>R1</sub> : Response time   T<sub>R2</sub> : Recovery time

**CA-60 : Hydrothermally heated at 60°C for 6 h**

**CA2-1 : Hydrothermally heated at 90°C for 6 h**

**CA-120 : Hydrothermally heated at 120°C for 6 h**

**Table S3.** The response, response time and recovery time results of CoAl-LDHs sensors (Co : Al = 2 : 1, hydrothermal temperature was 90°C) under the different NO<sub>x</sub> concentrations at room temperature.

| <b>Sample</b> | <b>CA-3</b>                           |      |                    | <b>CA2-1</b>       |       |                    | <b>CA-9</b>        |      |                    |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|------|--------------------|
|               | <b>NO<sub>x</sub></b><br><b>(ppm)</b> | Res. | T <sub>R1</sub> /s | T <sub>R2</sub> /s | Res.  | T <sub>R1</sub> /s | T <sub>R2</sub> /s | Res. | T <sub>R1</sub> /s |
| <b>100</b>    | 1.64                                  | 4.79 | 38.42              | 17.09              | 4.27  | 38.93              | 5.68               | 6.89 | 48.75              |
| <b>50</b>     | 1.57                                  | 4.62 | 37.05              | 14.53              | 5.33  | 39.07              | 5.37               | 6.37 | 52.57              |
| <b>30</b>     | 1.35                                  | 5.38 | 32.77              | 10.98              | 5.33  | 34.13              | 3.89               | 8.51 | 63.24              |
| <b>10</b>     | 1.27                                  | 5.07 | 31.20              | 5.17               | 5.87  | 38.93              | 2.07               | 7.85 | 60.18              |
| <b>5</b>      | 1.24                                  | 5.36 | 42.85              | 4.36               | 7.47  | 35.20              | 1.93               | 6.14 | 56.03              |
| <b>3</b>      | 1.19                                  | 4.01 | 41.85              | 3.17               | 7.47  | 47.20              | 1.74               | 7.58 | 59.17              |
| <b>1</b>      | 1.13                                  | 4.28 | 31.59              | 2.66               | 11.20 | 31.47              | 1.12               | 6.82 | 4.09               |
| <b>0.5</b>    |                                       |      |                    | 2.29               | 16.33 | 49.80              |                    |      |                    |
| <b>0.3</b>    |                                       |      |                    | 2.04               | 17.07 | 46.40              |                    |      |                    |
| <b>0.1</b>    |                                       |      |                    | 1.89               | 6.93  | 53.27              |                    |      |                    |
| <b>0.05</b>   |                                       |      |                    | 1.60               | 9.60  | 49.07              |                    |      |                    |
| <b>0.03</b>   |                                       |      |                    | 1.34               | 5.33  | 51.53              |                    |      |                    |
| <b>0.01</b>   |                                       |      |                    | 1.19               | 1.07  | 46.40              |                    |      |                    |

\*Res.: Response T<sub>R1</sub> : Response time T<sub>R2</sub> : Recovery time

**CA-3 : Hydrothermally heated at 90°C for 3 h**

**CA2-1 : Hydrothermally heated at 90°C for 6 h**

**CA-9 : Hydrothermally heated at 90°C for 9 h**

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**Table S4.** The response, response time and recovery time results of CoAl-LDHs sensors (different mole ratio, hydrothermally heated at 90 °C for 6 h) under the different NO<sub>x</sub> concentrations at room temperature.

| <b>Sample</b> | <b>CA3-1</b>                          |      |                    | <b>CA2-1</b>       |       |                    | <b>CA1-1</b>       |      |                    |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|------|--------------------|
|               | <b>NO<sub>x</sub></b><br><b>(ppm)</b> | Res. | T <sub>R1</sub> /s | T <sub>R2</sub> /s | Res.  | T <sub>R1</sub> /s | T <sub>R2</sub> /s | Res. | T <sub>R1</sub> /s |
| <b>100</b>    | 4.29                                  | 7.46 | 66.25              | 17.09              | 4.27  | 38.93              | 7.12               | 6.98 | 59.51              |
| <b>50</b>     | 4.14                                  | 8.26 | 57.62              | 14.53              | 5.33  | 39.07              | 6.73               | 7.73 | 60.75              |
| <b>30</b>     | 3.60                                  | 8.53 | 62.73              | 10.98              | 5.33  | 34.13              | 6.29               | 8.35 | 62.41              |
| <b>10</b>     | 2.07                                  | 7.50 | 61.20              | 5.17               | 5.87  | 38.93              | 2.78               | 7.82 | 57.32              |
| <b>5</b>      | 1.96                                  | 8.63 | 62.58              | 4.36               | 7.47  | 35.20              | 2.39               | 6.49 | 58.20              |
| <b>3</b>      | 1.72                                  | 8.40 | 71.18              | 3.17               | 7.47  | 47.20              | 2.17               | 6.87 | 63.70              |
| <b>1</b>      | 1.62                                  | 7.82 | 67.95              | 2.66               | 11.20 | 31.47              | 1.78               | 6.95 | 61.07              |
| <b>0.5</b>    | 1.54                                  | 7.31 | 68.95              | 2.29               | 16.33 | 49.80              | 1.58               | 8.40 | 57.98              |
| <b>0.3</b>    | 1.37                                  | 7.84 | 63.20              | 2.04               | 17.07 | 46.40              | 1.47               | 8.17 | 56.31              |
| <b>0.1</b>    | 1.12                                  | 7.28 | 67.71              | 1.89               | 6.93  | 53.27              | 1.19               | 7.62 | 56.54              |
| <b>0.05</b>   |                                       |      |                    | 1.60               | 9.60  | 49.07              |                    |      |                    |
| <b>0.03</b>   |                                       |      |                    | 1.34               | 5.33  | 51.53              |                    |      |                    |
| <b>0.01</b>   |                                       |      |                    | 1.19               | 1.07  | 46.40              |                    |      |                    |

\*Res.: Response T<sub>R1</sub> : Response time T<sub>R2</sub> : Recovery time

**CA3-1 : The molar ratio of Co : Al = 3 : 1**

**CA2-1 : The molar ratio of Co : Al = 2 : 1**

**CA1-1 : The molar ratio of Co : Al = 1 : 1**

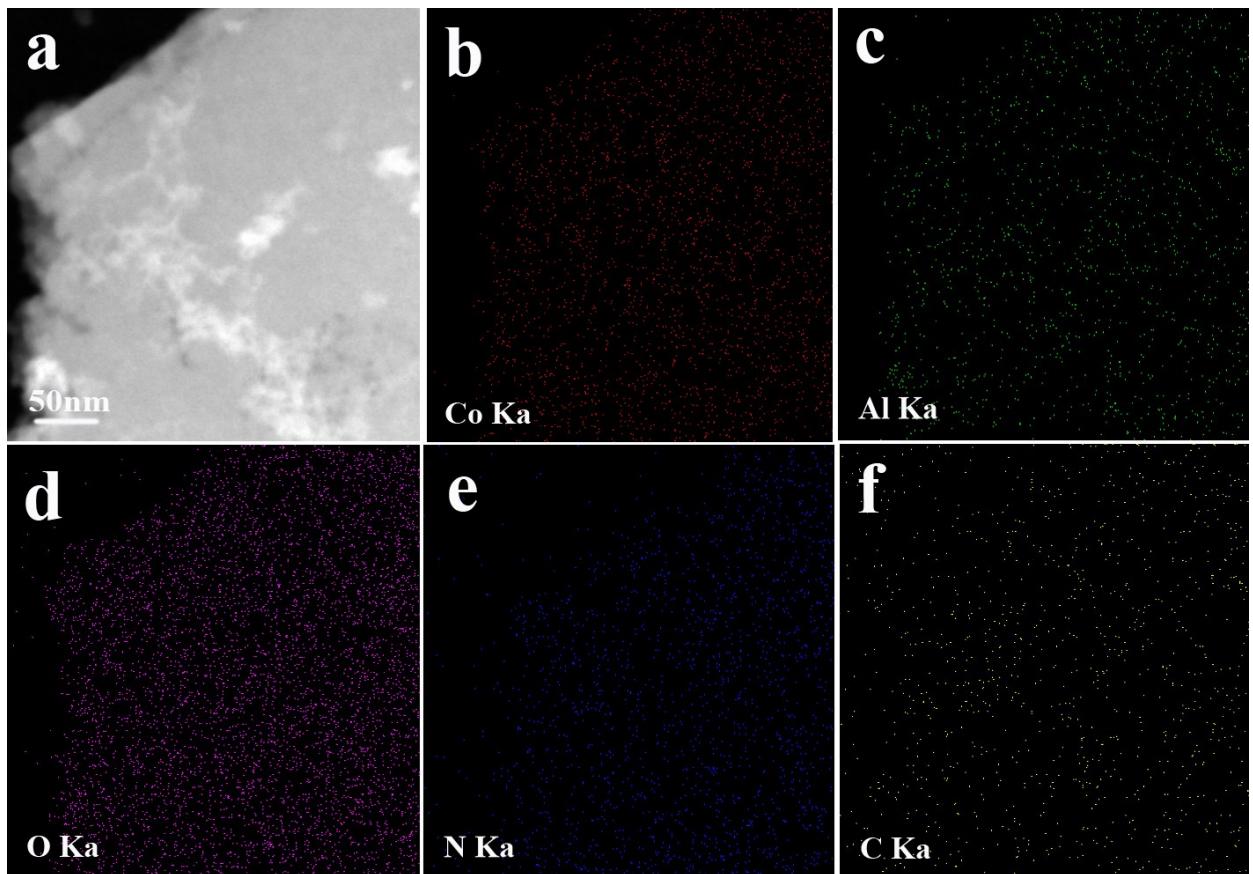


Fig. S1. Mapping of CA2-1 sample.

Fig. S1. showed that the Mapping of CA2-1 sample was composed of two-dimensional nanosheets. It could be seen from the bright image of Fig. S1.(b-f) that elements Co, Al and O were evenly distributed.

**Table S5.** O1s results of samples

| Sample | Peak position (eV) | Peak area % |
|--------|--------------------|-------------|
| CA1-1  | 534.4              | 47.37       |
|        | 530.8              | 52.63       |
| CA2-1  | 534.5              | 57.09       |
|        | 530.7              | 42.91       |
| CA3-1  | 533.5              | 52.41       |
|        | 530.8              | 47.59       |

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