

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

### Selective aerobic oxidation of 5-hydroxymethylfurfural to 2,5-furandicarboxylic acid over nanojunctions of cobalt–ceria binary oxide in water

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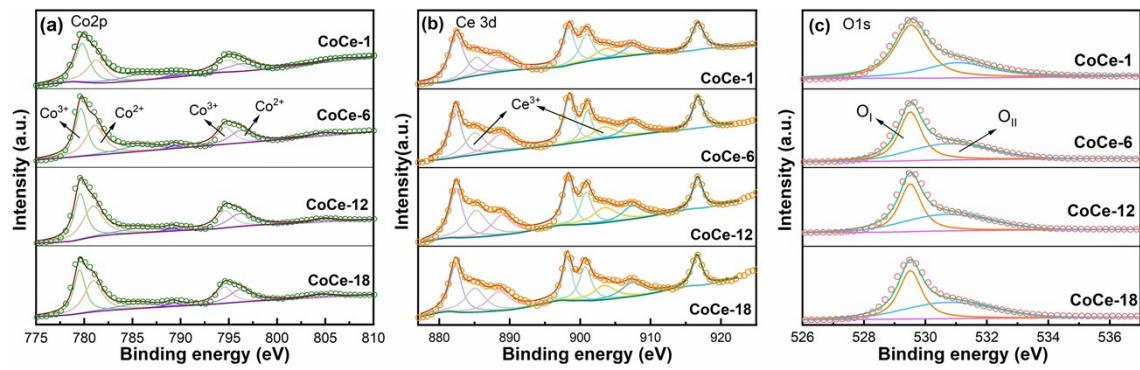
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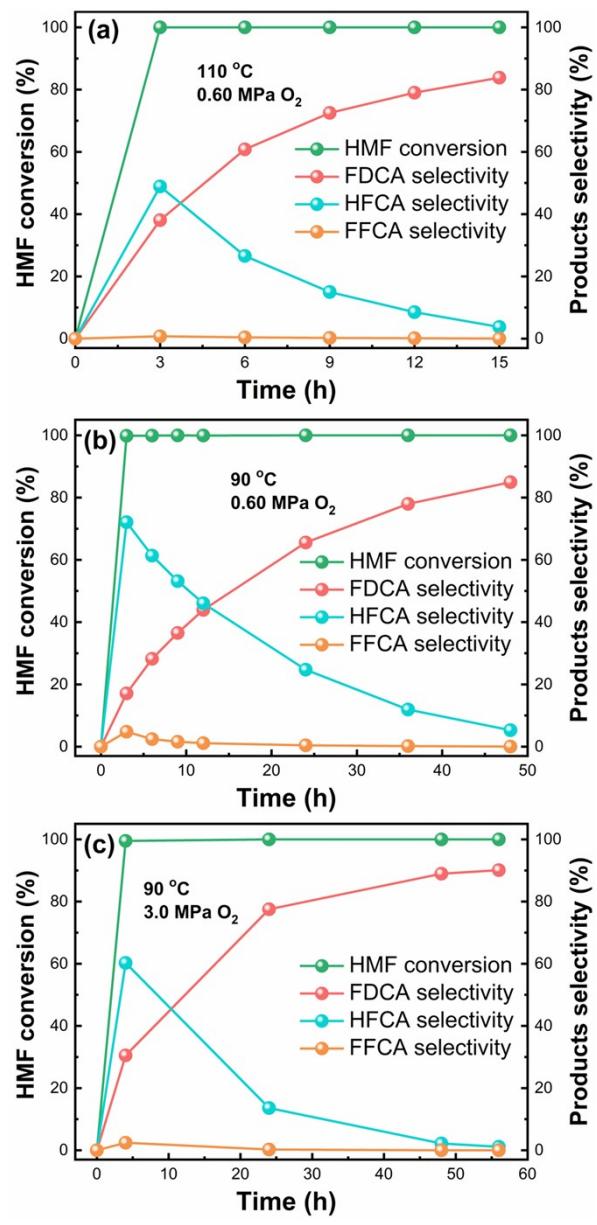
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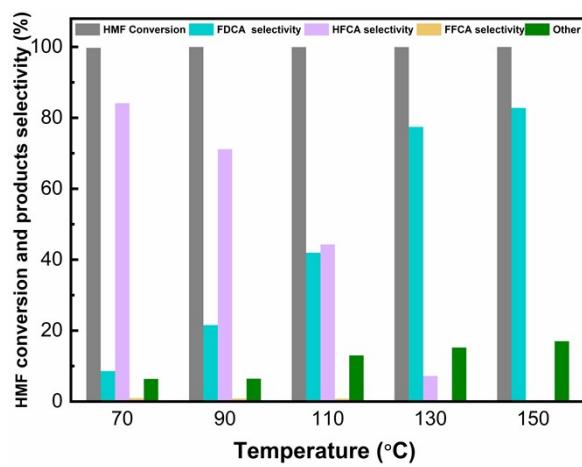
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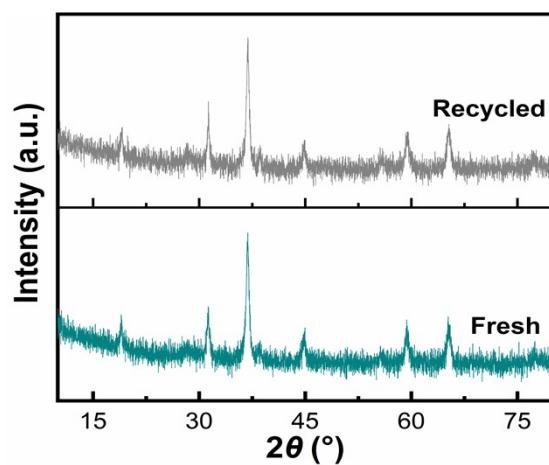
**Fig. S1** XPS spectra of Co 2p (a), Ce 3d (b) and O 1s (c) for various catalysts



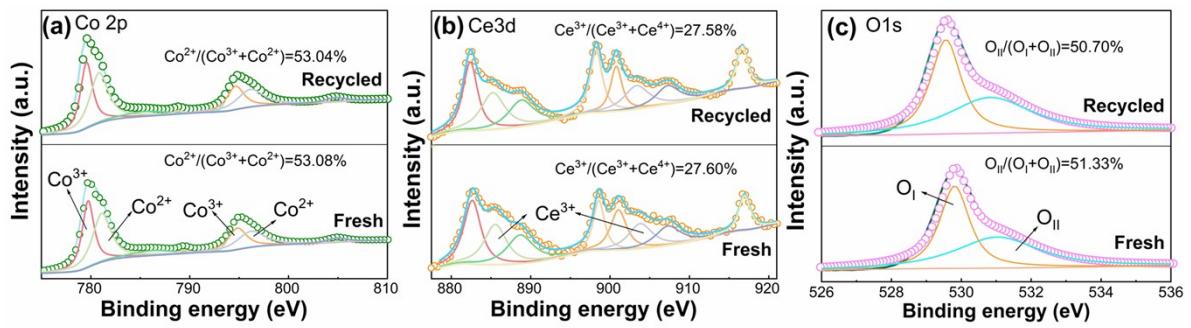
**Fig. S2** Influence of reaction time on the aerobic oxidation of HMF over the CoCe-15 catalyst at different reaction conditions



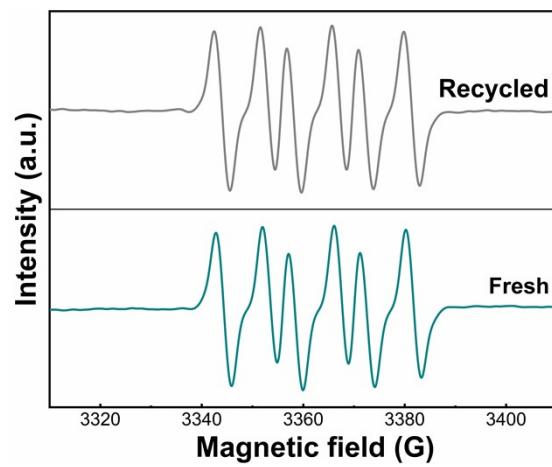
**Fig. S3** Influence of reaction temperature on the aerobic oxidation of HMF over the CoCe-15 catalyst at 0.6 MPa O<sub>2</sub> pressure and various temperature for 4 h



**Fig. S4** XRD patterns for the fresh and recycled CoCe-15



**Fig. S5** XPS spectra of Co 2p (a), Ce 3d (b), and O 1s (c) for the fresh and recycled CoCe-15



**Fig. S6** EPR spectra for the fresh and recycled CoCe-15

**Table S1** The relative surface proportion of Co, Ce and O species at their different valence states in various catalysts.

Catalyst	O <sub>II</sub> /(O <sub>I</sub> +O <sub>II</sub> )	Co <sup>2+</sup> /(Co <sup>3+</sup> +Co <sup>2+</sup> )	Ce <sup>3+</sup> /(Ce <sup>3+</sup> +Ce <sup>4+</sup> )
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	45.54%	48.71%	—
CoCe-21	46.00%	50.79%	18.68%
CoCe-18	48.40%	52.11%	24.79%
CoCe-15	51.33%	53.08%	27.60%
CoCe-12	49.59%	52.76%	26.85%
CoCe-9	47.15%	51.39%	25.49%
CoCe-6	46.27%	48.79%	23.72%
CoCe-1	38.92%	43.26%	18.96%
CeO <sub>2</sub>	37.96%	—	15.06%

All data were calculated from the relative intensities of the corresponding XPS peaks.

**Table S2** Comparison on catalytic performances of cheap metal oxide catalysts for the aerobic oxidation of HMF to FDCA in basic system

Catalyst	Oxidant	Additive		Temp. (°C)	Time (h)	Conv. (%)	FDCA Yield (%)	Apparent reaction rate ( $\text{mmol}_{\text{FDCA}} \text{g}_{\text{cat}}^{-1} \text{MPa}_{\text{O}_2}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ )	Ref.
		Dosage	Concentration						
CoCe-15	0.6 MPa O <sub>2</sub>	4 equiv. NaOH	0.027 M	130	4	100	77.4	0.143	This work
Co-Mn-0.25	1 MPa O <sub>2</sub>	2 equiv. NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	0.10 M	120	5	99	95.2	0.950	S1
Ni-MnO <sub>x</sub>	0.8 MPa O <sub>2</sub>	4 equiv. NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	0.40 M	100	28	100	93.8	0.419	S2
MOF-Mn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.4 MPa O <sub>2</sub>	3 equiv. NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	0.15 M	100	24	100	99.5	0.197	S3
MnO <sub>x</sub> -CeO <sub>2</sub>	2.0 MPa O <sub>2</sub>	2 equiv. KHCO <sub>3</sub>	0.10 M	110	12	98.5	88.7	0.185	S4
β-MnO <sub>2</sub> -HS	1 MPa O <sub>2</sub>	3 equiv. NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	0.12 M	100	24	99	86	0.143	S5
Mn <sub>0.75</sub> Fe <sub>0.25</sub>	0.8 MPa O <sub>2</sub>	4 equiv. NaOH	0.40 M	100	24	93	29.8	0.310	S6
Activated MnO <sub>2</sub>	1 MPa O <sub>2</sub>	3 equiv. NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	0.12 M	100	24	99	74	0.123	S5
Ce <sub>0.5</sub> Bi <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub>	1 MPa O <sub>2</sub>	4 equiv. NaOH	0.10 M	65	1	100	8	0.120	S7
MnO <sub>2</sub>	1 MPa O <sub>2</sub>	3 equiv. NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	0.12 M	100	24	99	91	0.076	S8
MnCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1 MPa O <sub>2</sub>	3 equiv. KHCO <sub>3</sub>	0.12 M	100	24	99.5	70.9	0.059	S9
SrMnO <sub>3</sub>	1 MPa O <sub>2</sub>	3 equiv. NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	0.12 M	100	24	99	58	0.048	S8

**Table S3** Properties of the recycled catalyst of CoCe-15

Catalyst	BET surface area (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Pore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Average pore size (nm)	Crystallite size <sup>a</sup> (nm)	
				Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	CeO <sub>2</sub>
CoCe-15-recycled	42.8	0.28	26.2	21.4	—

<sup>a</sup> Calculated by Scherrer equation based on the XRD principal peak at 36.8 ° and 28.5 ° for Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and CeO<sub>2</sub>, respectively.

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