

Supporting Information for

Asymmetric Electrocarboxylation of 4'-methylacetophenone over PrCoO₃ Perovskites

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1. Supplementary Methods

The product obtained by asymmetric electrocarboxylation of 4'-methylacetophenone is 2-hydroxy-2-(4-methylphenyl)propanoic acid. The ee value and yield are both detected by HPLC. The specific detection method is as follows: chiral chromatographic column: AD-H, the mobile phase ratio: n-hexane: isopropanol: trifluoroacetic acid = 80:20:1, the UV detection wavelength: 235 nm, the mobile phase flow rate: 0.50 mL/min, the injection volume: 20 μL. Peaks of both R and S configurations of 2-hydroxy-2-(4-methylphenyl)propanoic acid (**Fig. S1**) can be detected by HPLC.

The ee value of the product is determined by the peak integral area corresponding to the two configurations of R and S in **Fig. S2**, using the following formula:

$$ee = \frac{|[R] - [S]|}{[R] + [S]} \times 100\%$$

Where [R] and [S] are corresponded to the peak integrated areas of the R and S configuration products from the HPLC chart, respectively.

The yield of the product was calculated from the sum of the areas of the two peaks, ie, [R]+[S], according to the calibration curve.

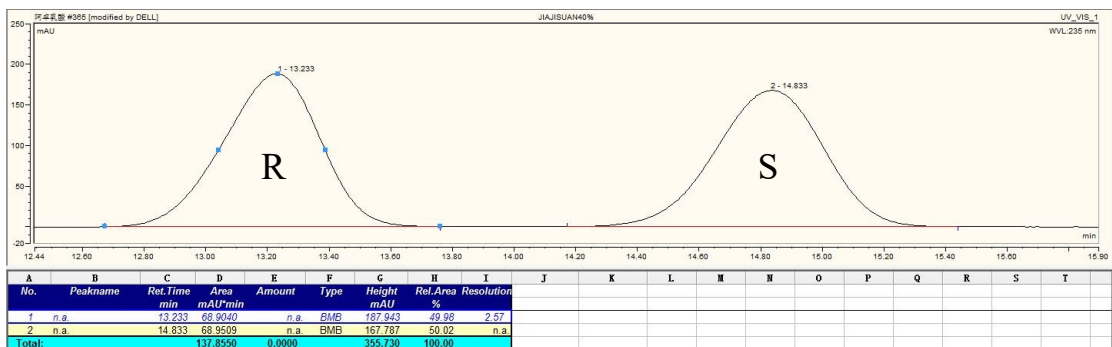


Fig. S1 HPLC chromatogram of standard product.

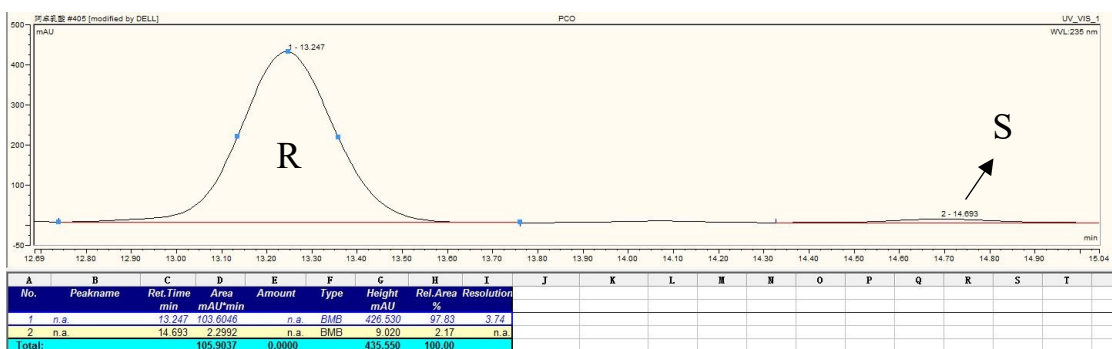


Fig. S2 HPLC chromatogram of post-electrolysis solution obtained on PrCoO₃ cathode.

2. Supplementary Figures

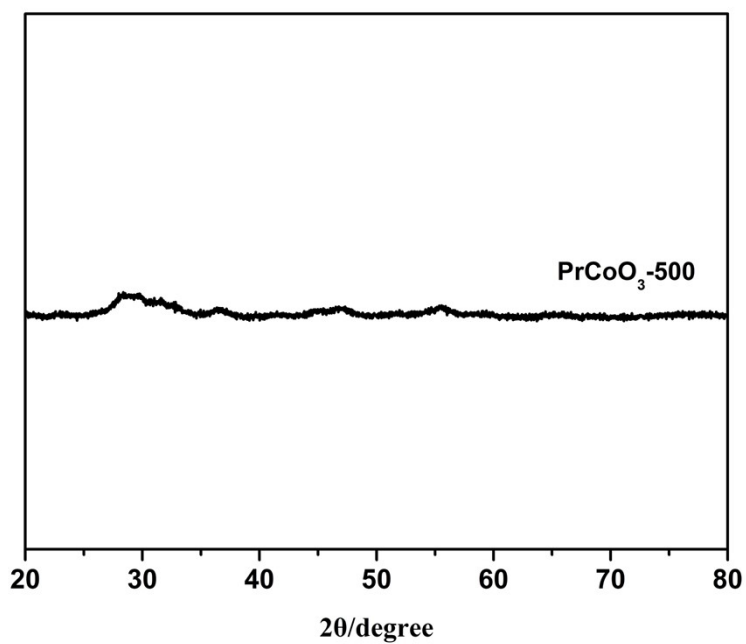


Fig. S3 XRD pattern of PrCoO₃-500.

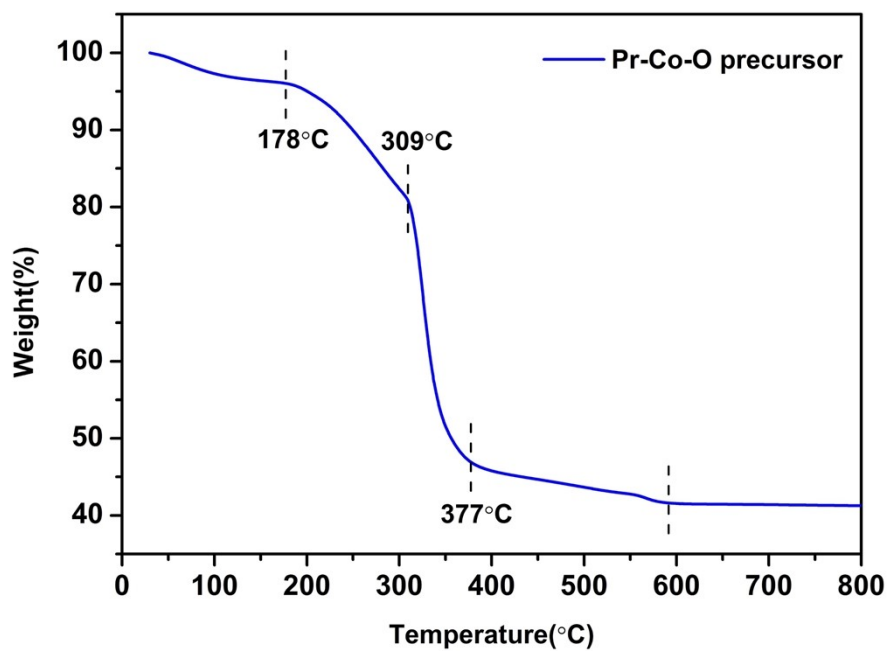


Fig. S4 TGA curve of Pr-Co-O precursor.

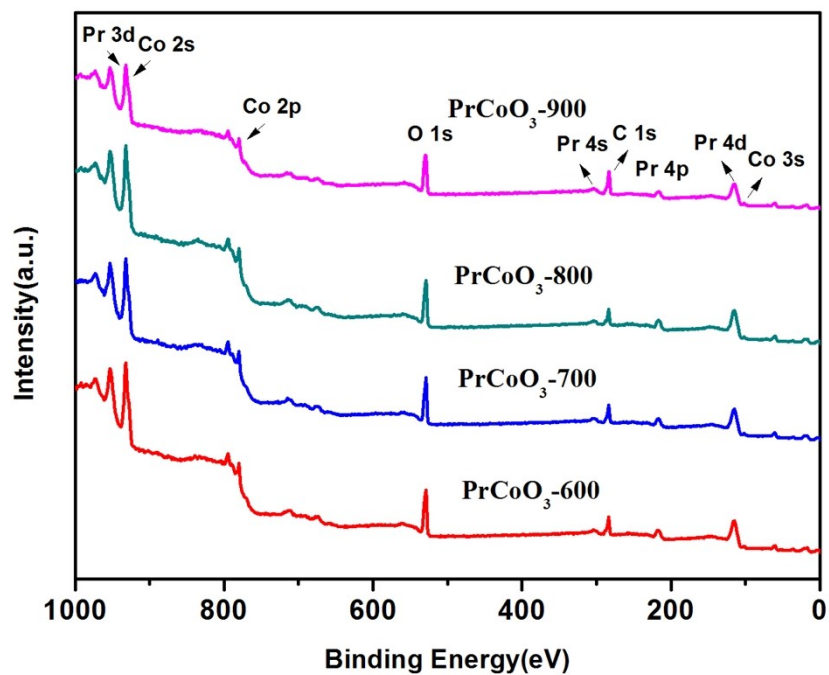


Fig. S5 XPS spectra of PrCoO₃-T.

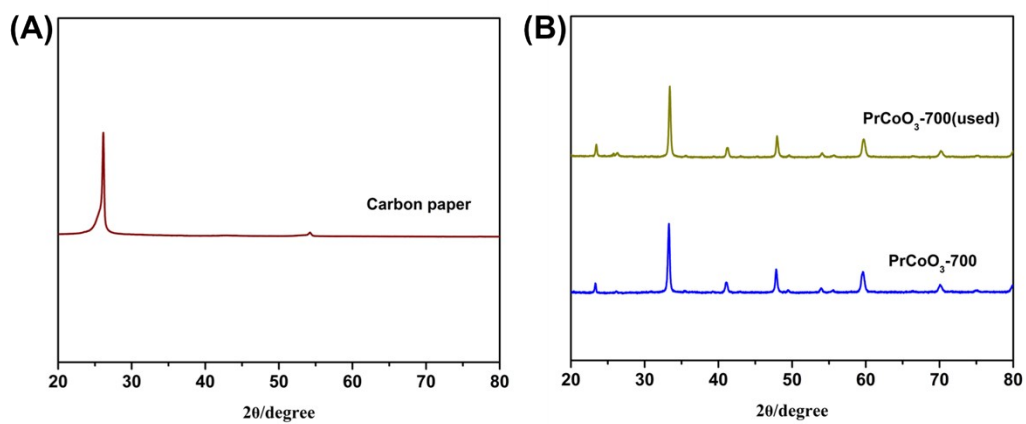


Fig. S6 XRD patterns of (A) PrCoO₃-700 before and after use and (B) CP.

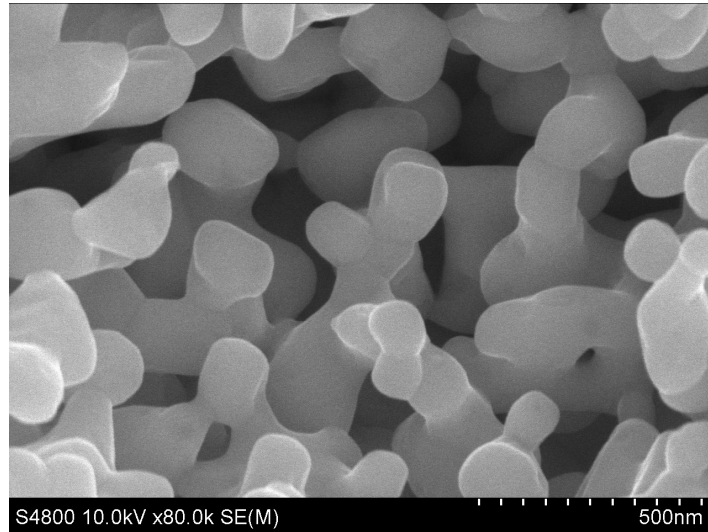


Fig. S7 SEM image of used $\text{PrCoO}_3\text{-700}$.

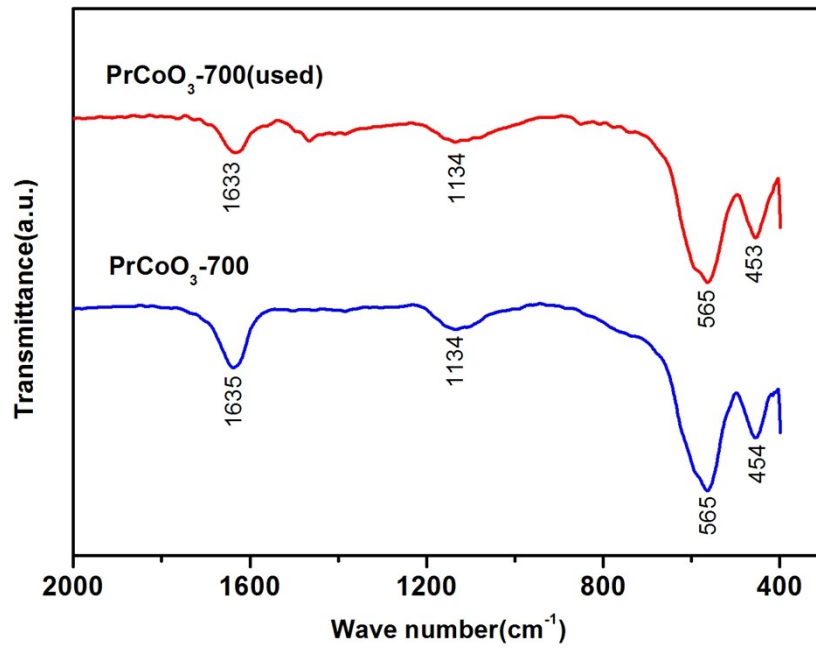


Fig. S8 FT-IR spectra of $\text{PrCoO}_3\text{-700}$ before and after use.

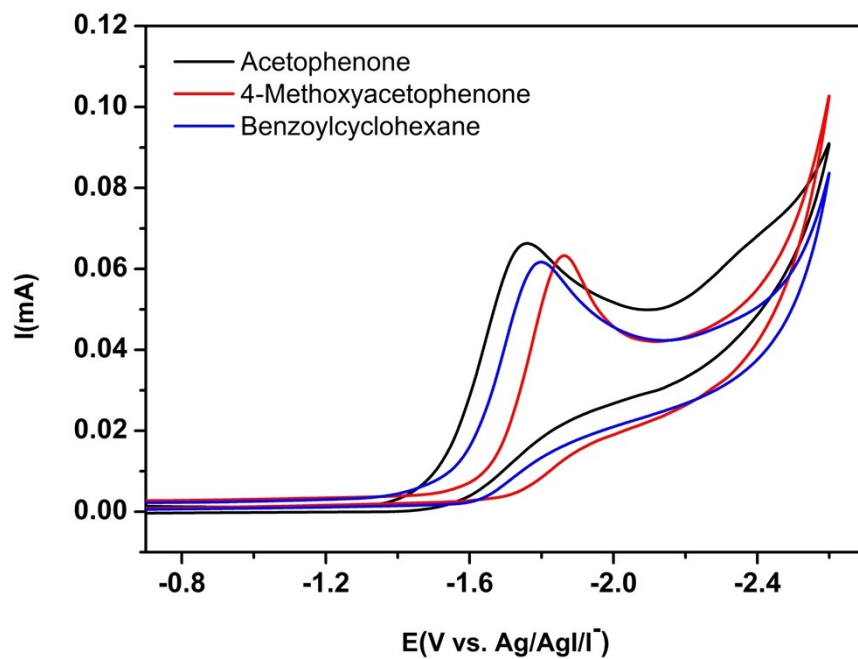


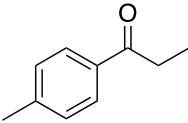
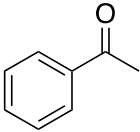
Fig. S9 Cyclic voltammograms of 10 mM different aromatic ketones in DMF-0.1 M TEAI with the scan rate of 0.1 V s^{-1} under CO_2 atmosphere on PrCoO_3 -700.

3. Supplementary Tables

Table S1 O 1s and Co 2p_{3/2} XPS analyses of PrCoO₃-T

Material	O _A :O _L	Co ³⁺ /Co ²
PrCoO ₃ -600	1.02	2.69
PrCoO ₃ -700	1.65	2.78
PrCoO ₃ -800	1.07	2.48
PrCoO ₃ -900	1.01	2.34

Table S2 Compared of PrCoO₃ for asymmetric electrocarboxylation of aromatic ketones with other published methods

Substrate	Electrode	Inducer	Yield (%) ^b	ee (%) ^c	Ref.
	Ss	CN	37.4	S-32.8	[1]
	Ss	CD	24.5	R-29.8	[2]
	LaFeO ₃	t-Bu(R,R)salen(Co(II))	50	R-82	[3]
	La ₇ Sr ₃ Fe ₈ Ni ₂ O ₃	t-Bu(R,R)salen(Co(II))	79	R-94	[4]
	PrCoO ₃	t-Bu(R,R)salen(Co(II))	54	R-95	This work

^a Solvent: DMF. Anode: Pt Mesh. Supporting electrolyte: 0.1 M TEAI. Substrate concentration: 50 mM. Inducer concentration: 2.5 mM. P(CO₂): 1×10⁵ Pa. Temperature: 20°C.

^b The yield was based on the substrate.

^c The ee was determined by HPLC analysis. R- (S-): Rectus (Sinister) configuration dominated.

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