

Supporting Information

Hydrogen evolution performance of Co-MOF/H-g-C₃N₄ composite catalysts with different morphologies under visible light

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2. Materials and methods

2.1 Chemicals

The chemicals (analytical grade) used in this work were obtained from Aladdin: 2-Methylimidazole (C₄H₆N₂), Cobaltous Nitrate Hexahydrate (Co(NO₃)₂·6H₂O), Melamine (C₃H₆N₆), Concentrated hydrochloric acid (HCl), deionized water.

2.2 Synthesis of H-g-C₃N₄

Weigh a certain quality of melamine into the tube furnace for calcination. The initial heating temperature was 50 °C, and the temperature was increased to 520 °C at a rate of 5 °C/min, and the temperature was maintained at 520 °C for 150 min. The graphite phase carbon nitride is obtained by grinding the naturally cooled powder.

Add 1g g-C₃N₄ to a beaker of 20 ml concentrated hydrochloric acid. After stirring for 6 h, the proton fossil ink phase carbon nitride was obtained after washing and drying.

2.3 Characterization technique

X-ray diffraction (XRD): Cu K α radiation of 40 kV and 30 mA current, the crystallographic peaks in the range of 10 ° to 80 °, SmartlabSE.

Scanning electron microscope (SEM): ZEISS Sigma 500.

X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS): ESCALAB 250Xi.

Brunner-Emmet-Teller (BET): ASAP 2020 M.

Photoluminescence (PL): Fluoro Max-4.

UV-vis diffuse reflectance spectra (UV-Vis DRS): Lambda 750S.

Infrared spectra analysis (IR): Fourier transformation infrared spectrometer.

2.5 Electrochemistry and photocatalysis

The three electrodes of CHI 660E workstation are silver chloride, platinum tablet and sample smear respectively. 0.2 M Na_2SO_4 solution as electrolyte, sample coating dispersion is 10% Nifon solution. A 300 W xenon lamp and a 420 nm cut-off were also used in electrochemical tests.

10 mg catalyst powder and 20 mg sensitizer were evenly dispersed in a flat bottomed quartz bottle containing 30 mL TEOA. The reaction solution was successively processed by ultrasound, agitation and aeration, and then put into the multi-channel photocatalytic reaction system (Beijing PerfectLight, PCX 50B Discover). Each hydrogen-producing cylinder was sampled hourly for five hours. Each sample of 500 μL was injected into the gas chromatographic system (Ruili SP-2000, 13X chromatographic Column), and the hydrogen production rate was obtained based on the peak area of hydrogen production and the standard curve.

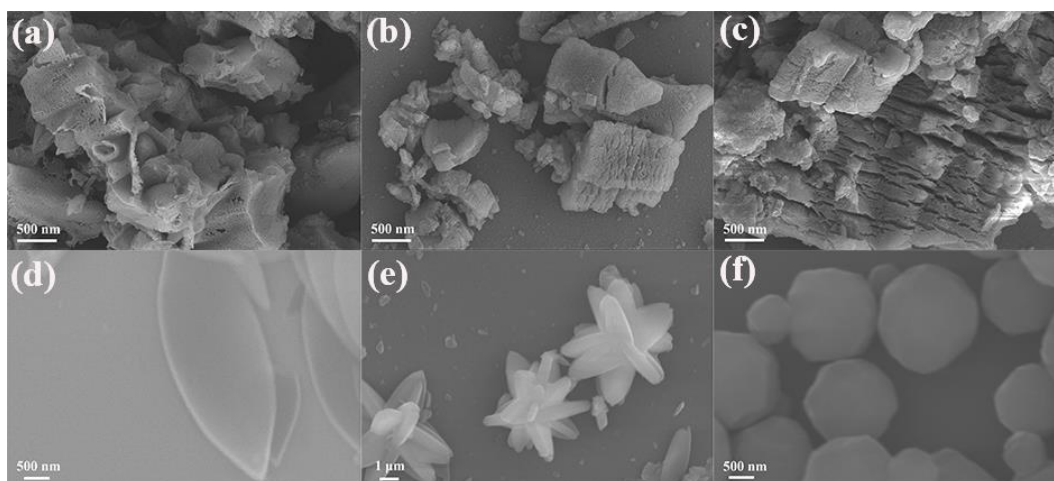


Figure S1(a) SEM of g-C₃N₄. (b)-(c) SEM of H-g-C₃N₄. (d) SEM of Co-MOF-B. (e) SEM of Co-MOF-D. (f) SEM of Co-MOF-H.

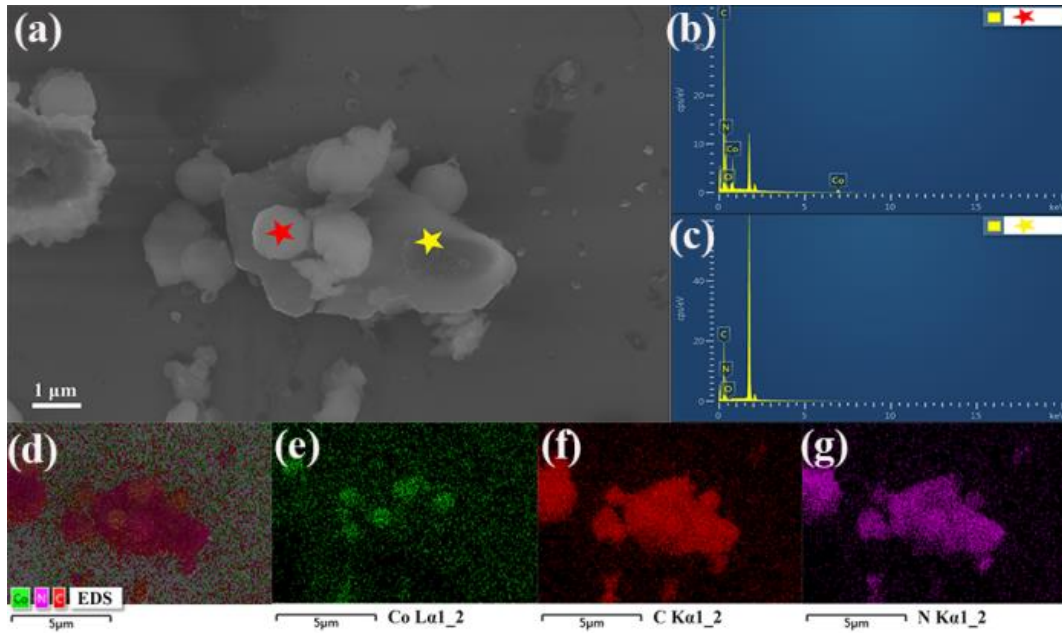


Figure S2(a) HH-125 element scan selection. (b) Element point scanning of Co-MOF-H. (c) Element point scanning of H-g-C₃N₄. (d) Selection of HH-125 element filters. (e) Co element distribution. (f) C element distribution. (g) N element distribution.

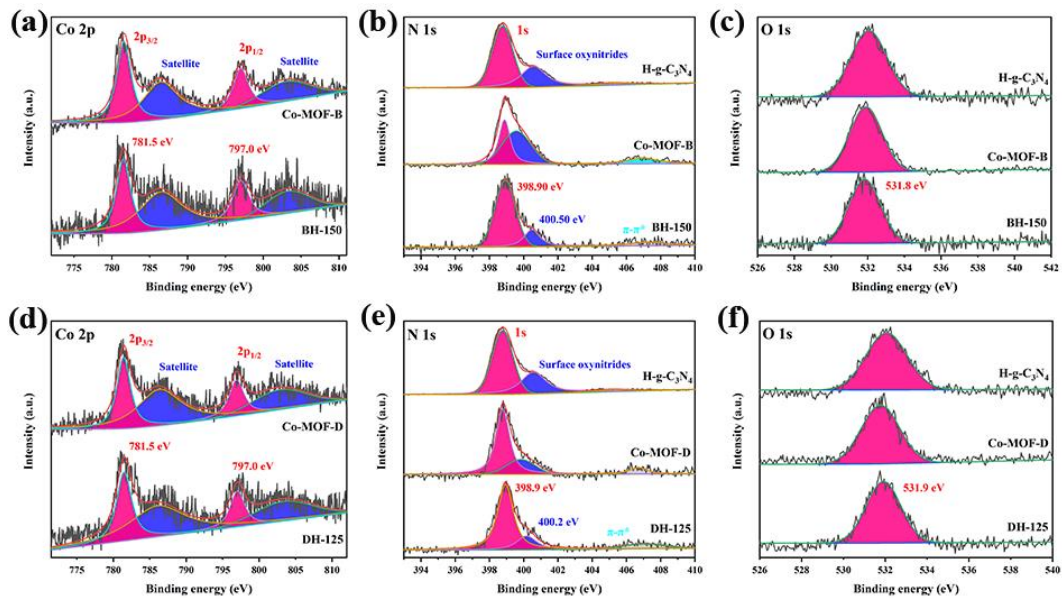


Figure S3(a)-(c) Fine analysis of Co, N and O elements for BH-150. (d)-(f) Fine analysis of Co, N and O elements for DH-125.

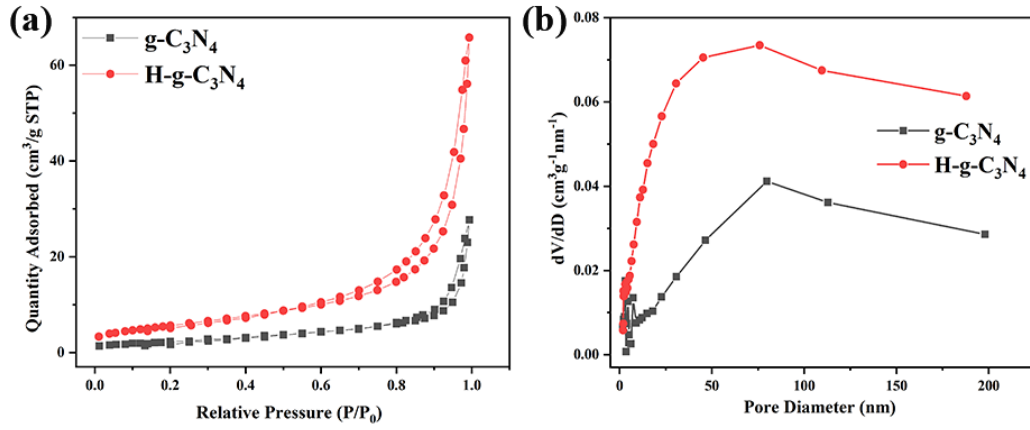


Figure S4(a) Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms for $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$ and $\text{H-g-C}_3\text{N}_4$. (b) Aperture distribution maps of $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$ and $\text{H-g-C}_3\text{N}_4$.

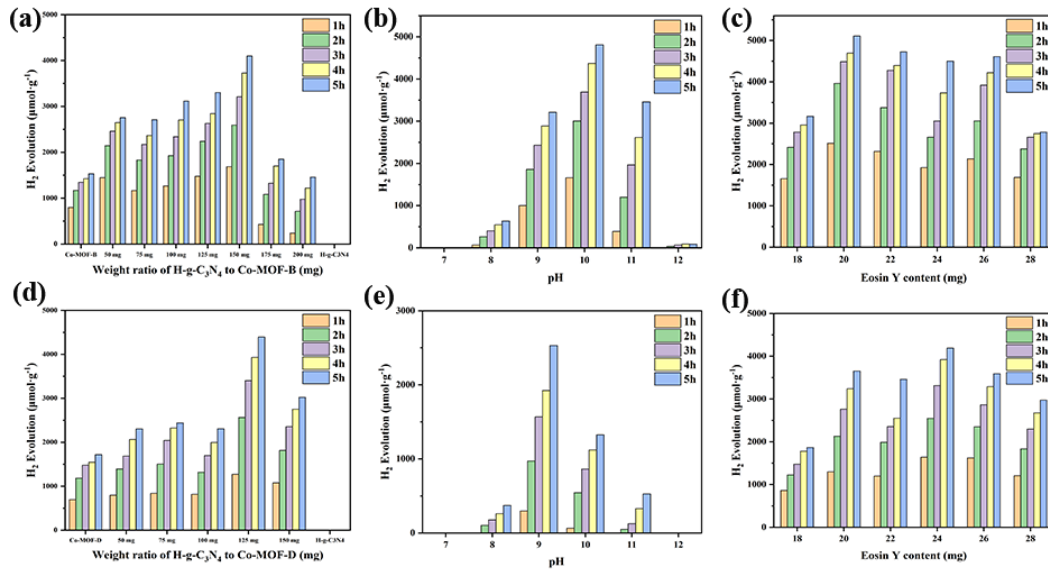


Figure S5(a)-(c) Regulation of hydrogen production performance of BH-150. (d)-(f) Regulation of hydrogen production performance of DH-125.

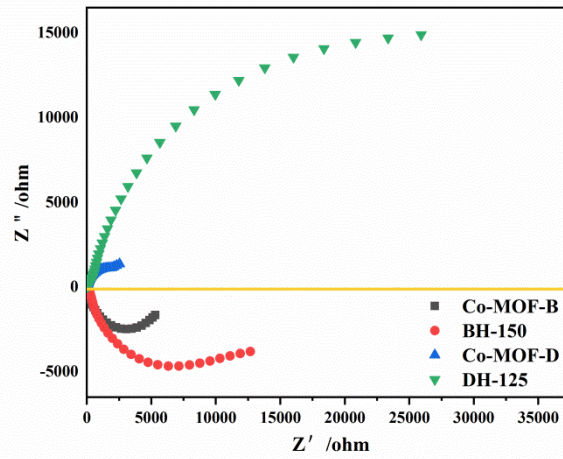


Figure S6 EIS impedance diagrams of The BH-150 and DH-125.

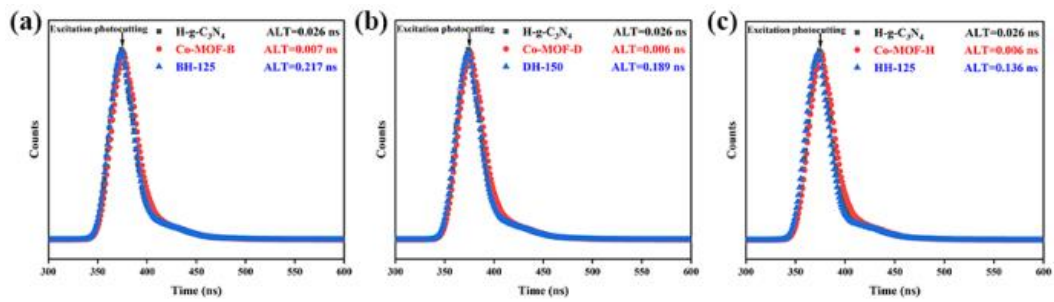


Figure S7(a-c) Fluorescence decay curves of BH-150, DH-125 and HH-125.

Table 1. Specific surface areas (S_{BET}), pore volumes, and pore diameter of three samples.

Samples	$S_{BET}(m^2 g^{-2})$	Pore volume($cm^3 g^{-1}$)	Average pore size(nm)
g-C ₃ N ₄	8.27	0.042	17.16
H-g-C ₃ N ₄	20.86	0.102	18.76
Co-MOF-B	13.60	0.030	7.23
Co-MOF-D	4.34	0.005	39.38
Co-MOF-H	1119.33	0.032	5.15
BH-150	12.91	0.031	11.15
DH-125	9.66	0.031	13.71
HH-125	580.76	0.039	6.81