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General Synthesis of CoCeMO_x trimetallic oxides via cation exchange reaction for efficient oxygen evolution reaction

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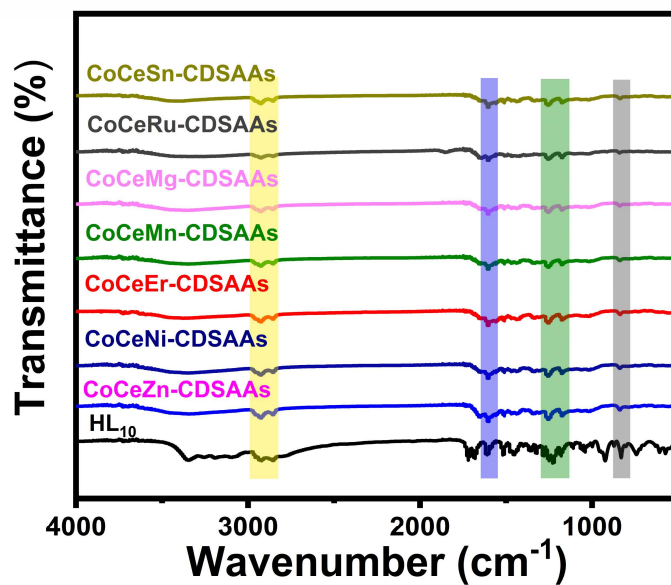


Figure S1 FT-IR patterns of HL₁₀ and CoCeM-CDSAAs (M=Zn, Ni, Er, Mn, Mg, Ru and Sn).

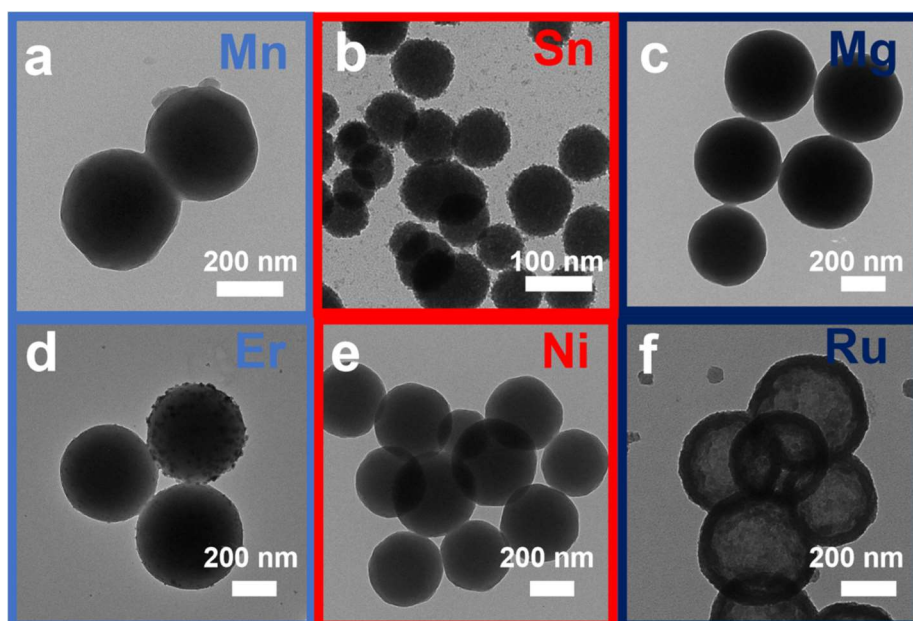


Figure S2 TEM images of (a) CoCeMn-CDSAAs, (b) CoCeSn-CDSAAs, (c) CoCeMg-CDSAAs, (d) CoCeEr-CDSAAs, (e) CoCeNi-CDSAAs and (f) CoCeRu-CDSAAs.

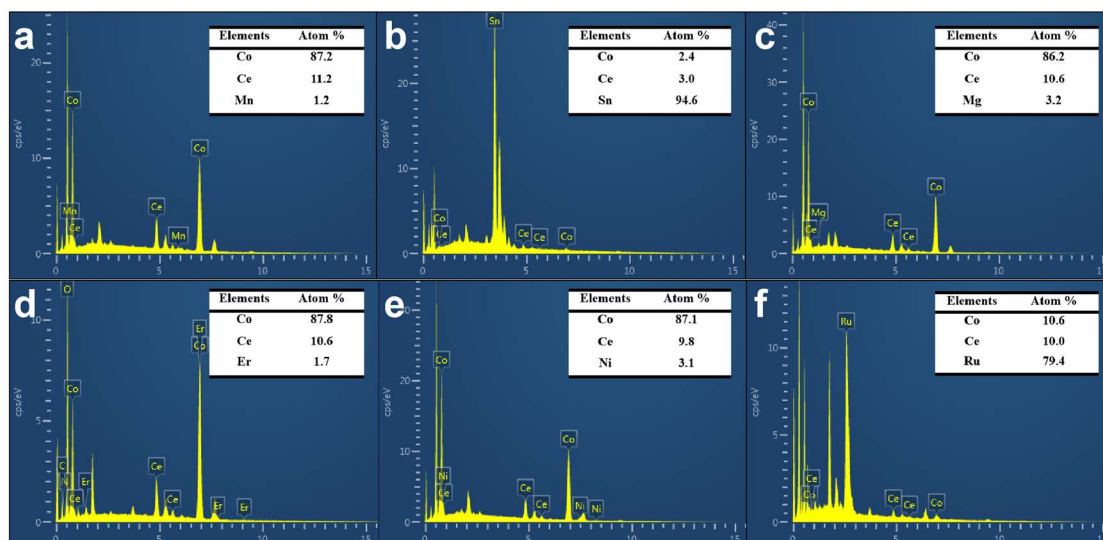


Figure S3 EDX images of (a) CoCeMnO_x PNs, (b) CoCeSnO_x PSNs, (c) CoCeMgO_x HN, (d) CoCeErO_x PN, (e) CoCeNiO_x PSN and (f) CoCeRuO_x HN.

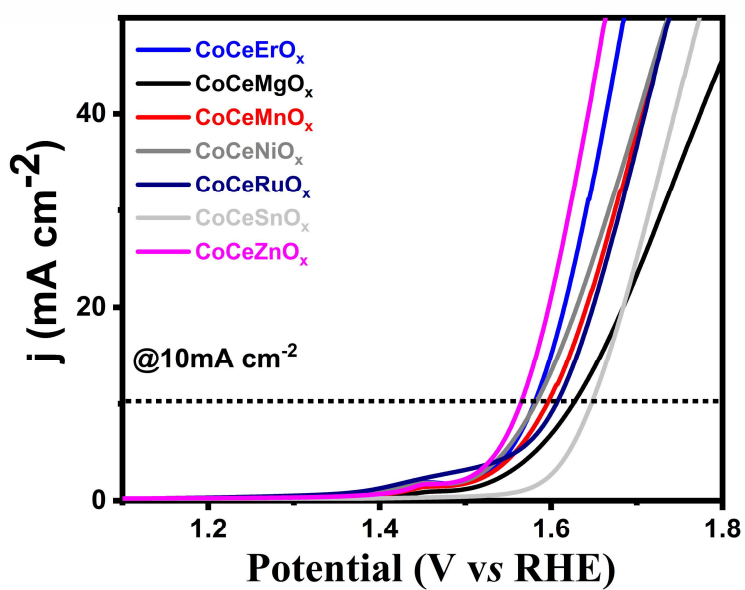


Figure S4 LSV curves of CoCeMO_x (M=Zn, Ni, Er, Mn, Mg, Ru and Sn) for OER in 1 M KOH solution.

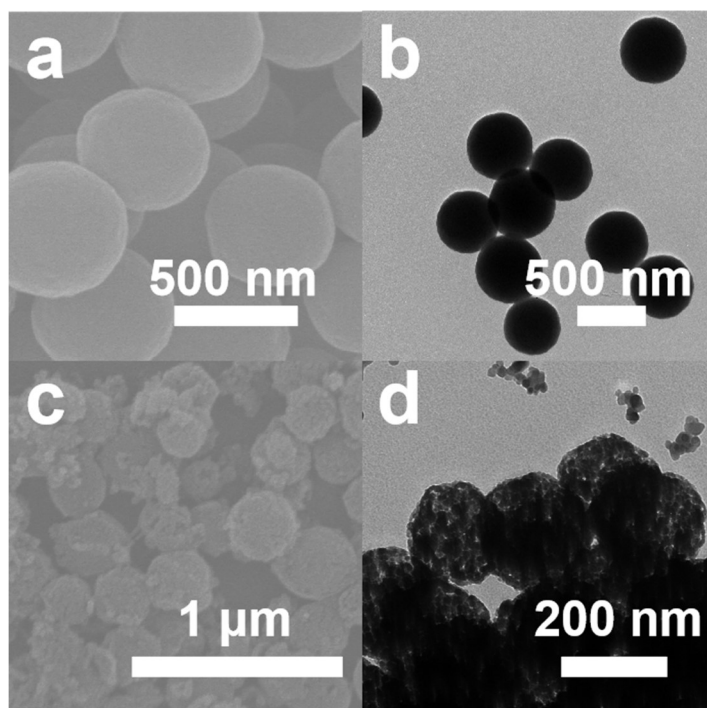


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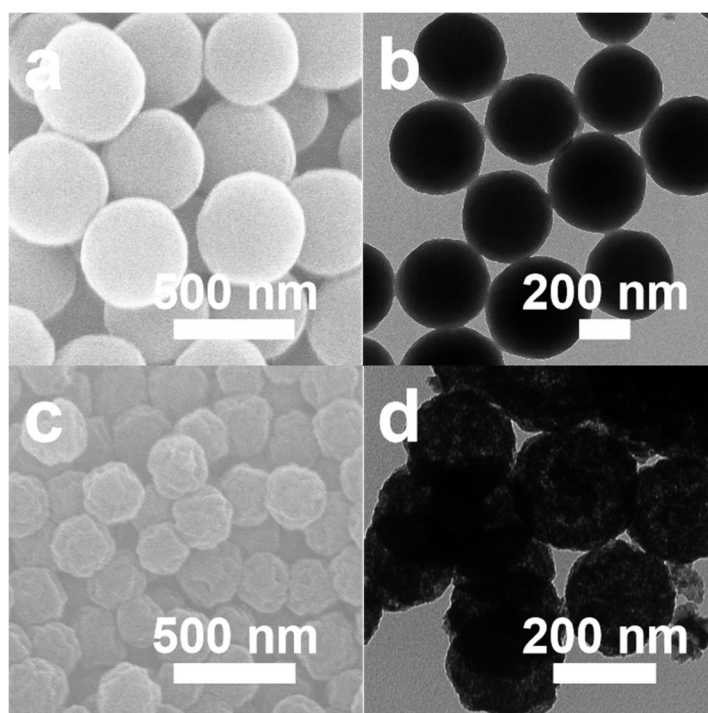


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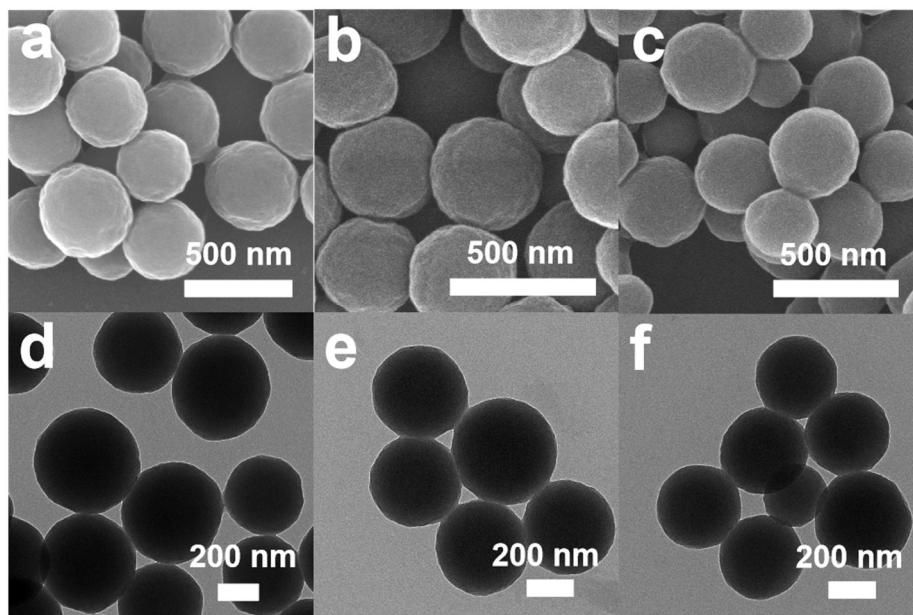


Figure S7 SEM and TEM images of (a, d) CoCe-CDSAAs-1, (b, e) CoCe-CDSAAs-2, (c, f) CoCe-CDSAAs-4.

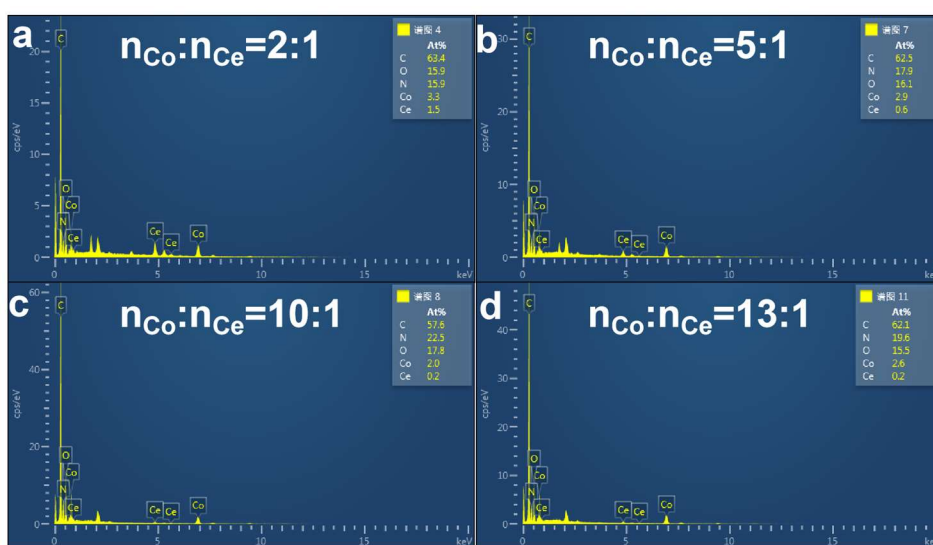


Figure S8 EDX data of (a) CoCe-CDSAAs-1, (b) CoCe-CDSAAs-2, (c) CoCe-CDSAAs, (d) CoCe-CDSAAs-4.

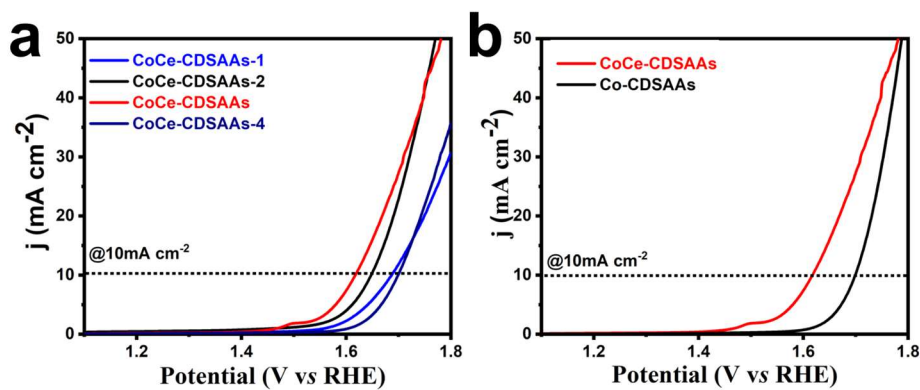


Figure S9 LSV curves in 1 M KOH solution for OER of (a) CoCe-CDSAAs-1, CoCe-CDSAAs-2, CoCe-CDSAAs, CoCe-CDSAAs-4, (b) CoCe-CDSAAs and Co-CDSAAs.

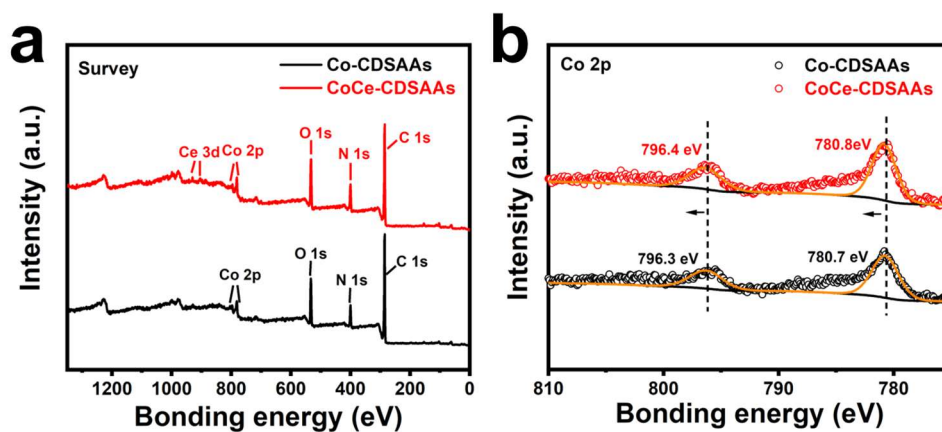


Figure S10 Survey spectra (a) and high High-resolution XPS spectra of (b) Co 2p for Co-CDSAAs and CoCe-CDSAAs.

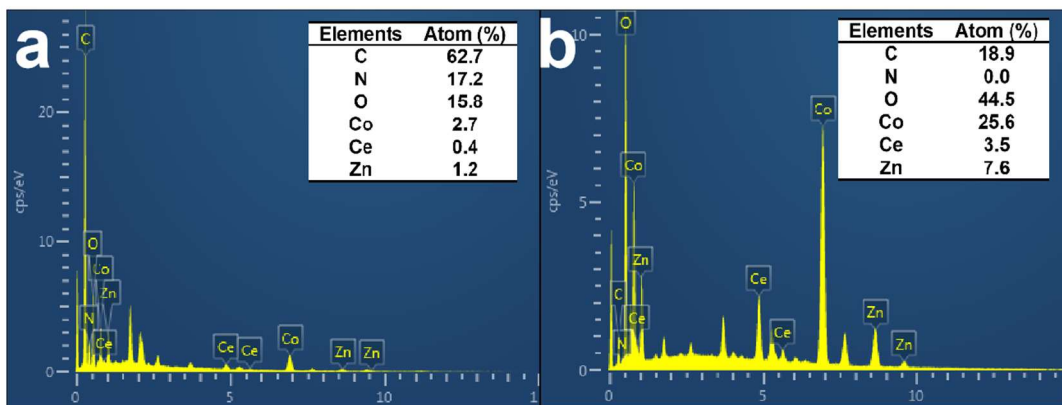


Figure S11 EDX images of (a) CoCeZn-CDSAAs and (b) CoCeZnO_x PNs.

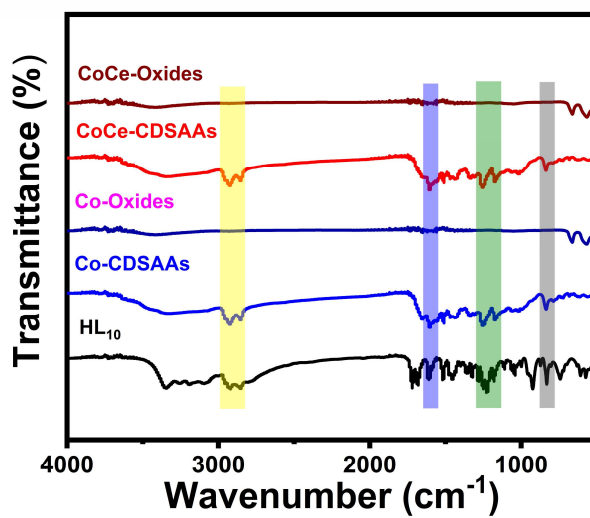


Figure S12 FI-IR patterns of HL₁₀, Co-CDSAAs, Co-Oxides, CoCe-CDSAAs and CoCe-Oxides.

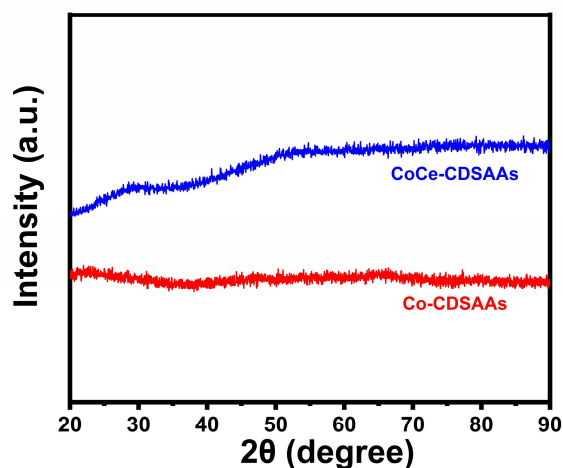


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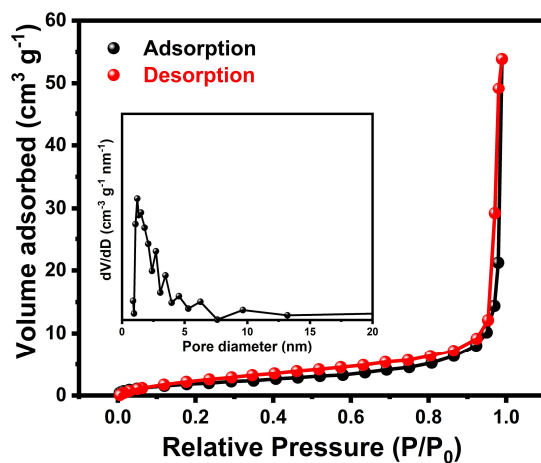


Figure S14 Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms with inserted pore size distribution plots of CoCeZn-CDSAAs.

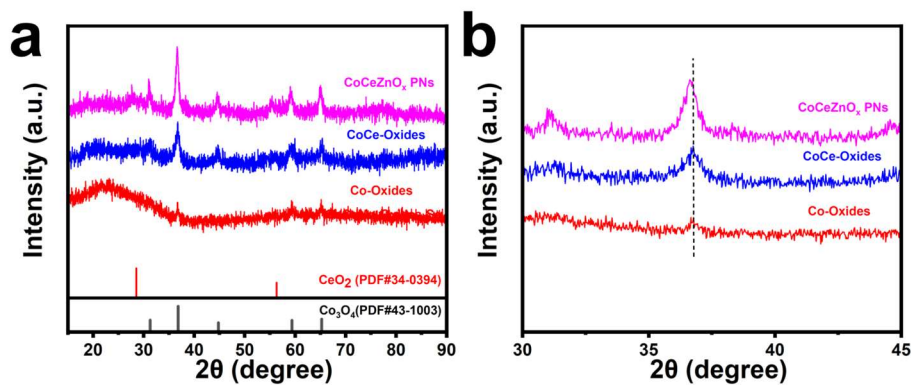


Figure S15 XRD (a) of CoCeZnO_x PN, CoCe-Oxides and Co-Oxides. Corresponding Magnified XRD patterns (b) in (311) of Co₃O₄.

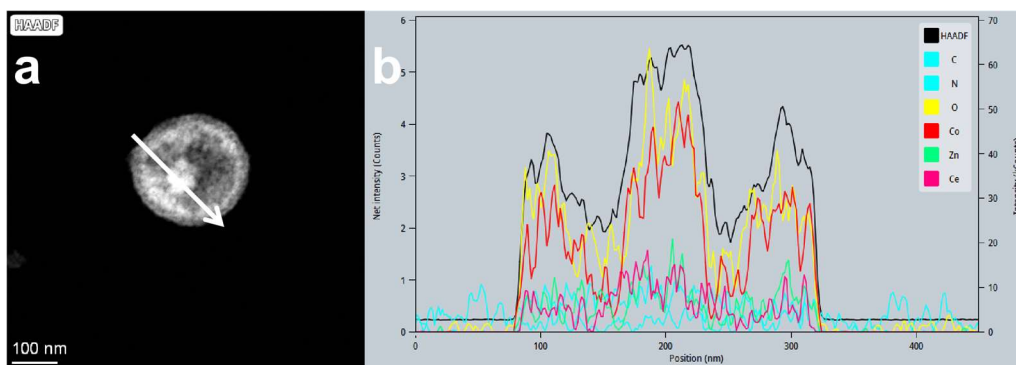


Figure S16 HAADF-STEM image (a) and EDX line scan image (b) of CoCeZnO_x PNs.

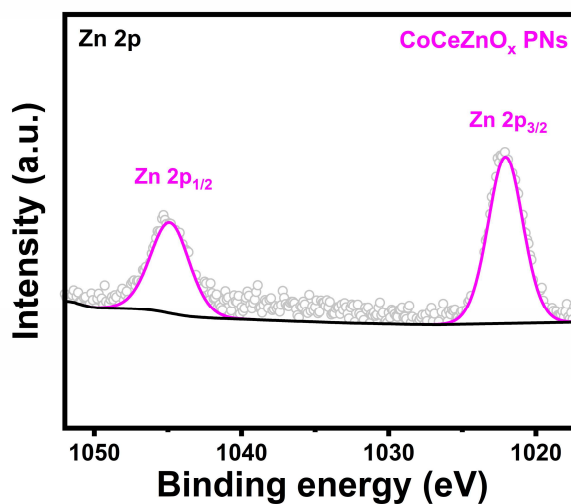


Figure S17 High-resolution XPS spectra of Zn2p in CoCeZnO_x PNs.

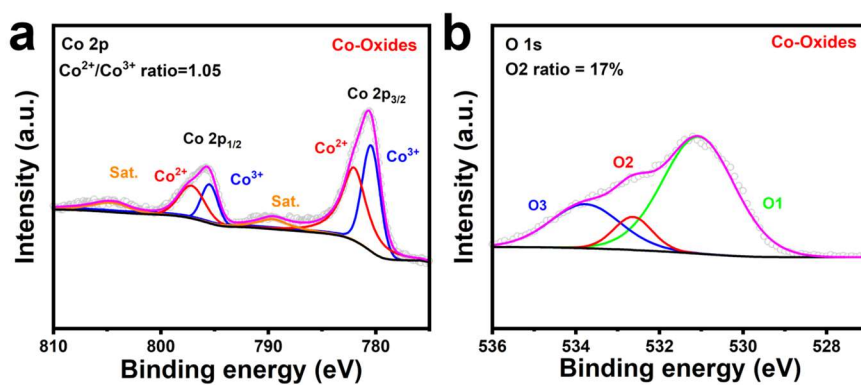


Figure S18 High-resolution XPS spectra of (a) Co2p and (b) O1s in Co-Oxides.

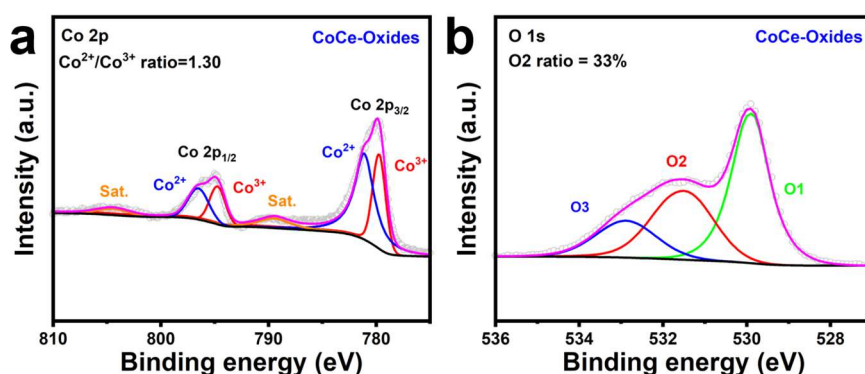


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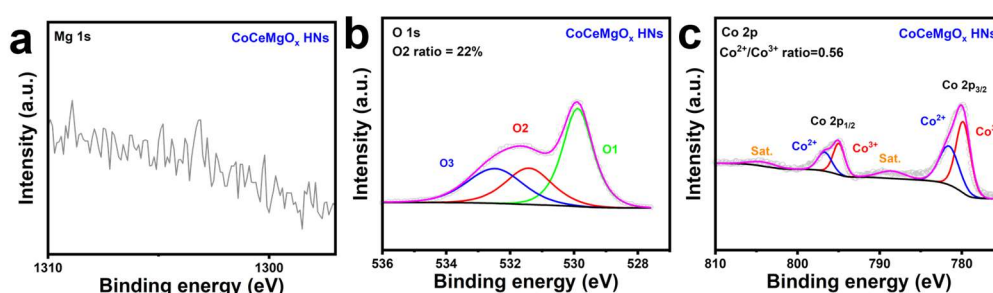


Figure S20 (a) Mg 1s, (b) O 1s and (c) Co 2p high-resolution XPS spectra in CoCeMgO_x HN.

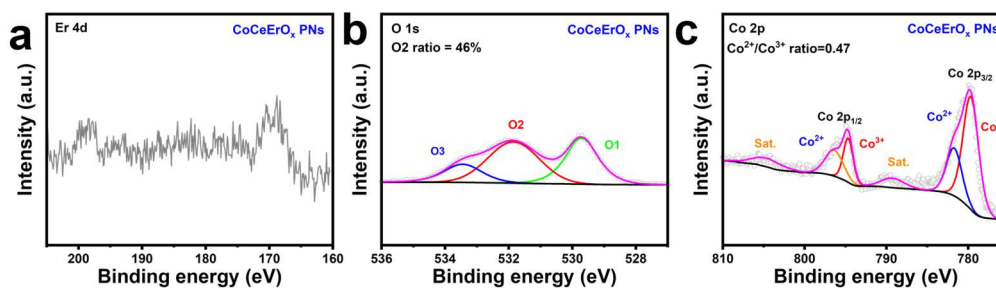


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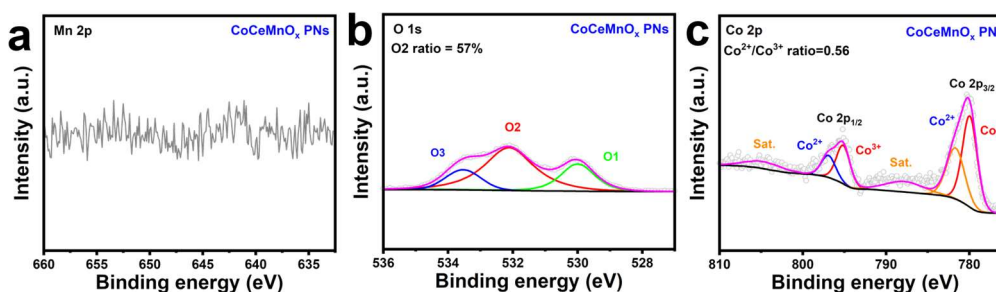


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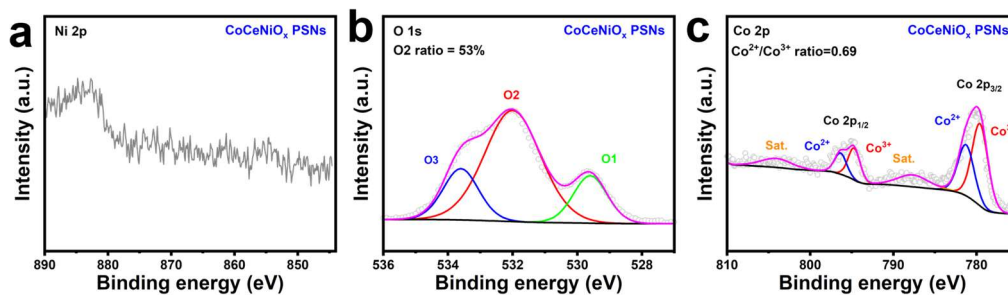


Figure S23 (a) Ni 2p, (b) O 1s and (c) Co 2p high-resolution XPS spectra in CoCeNiO_x PSNs.

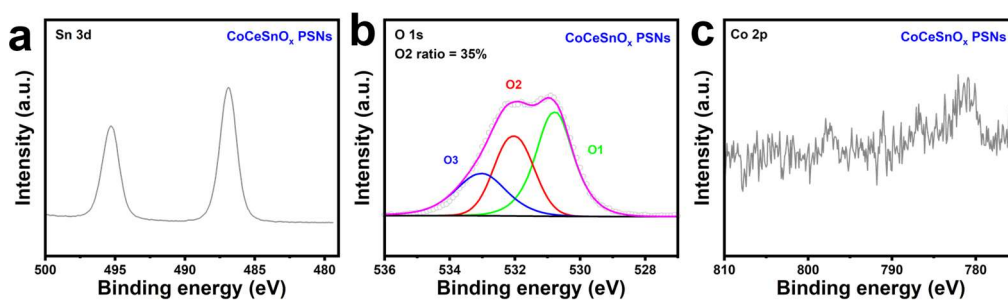


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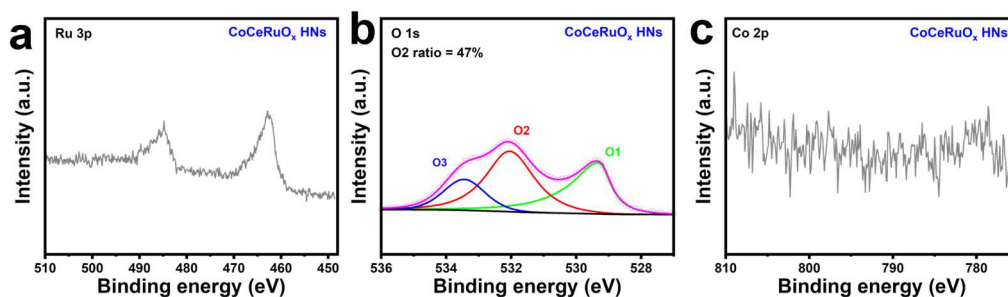


Figure S25 (a) Ru 3p, (b) O 1s and (c) Co 2p high-resolution XPS spectra in CoCeRuO_x HNs.

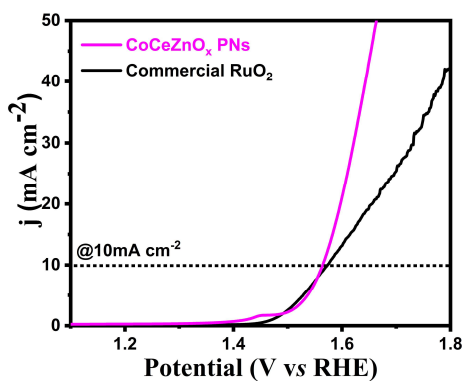


Figure S26 LSV curves of Commercial RuO₂ in 1 M KOH solution.

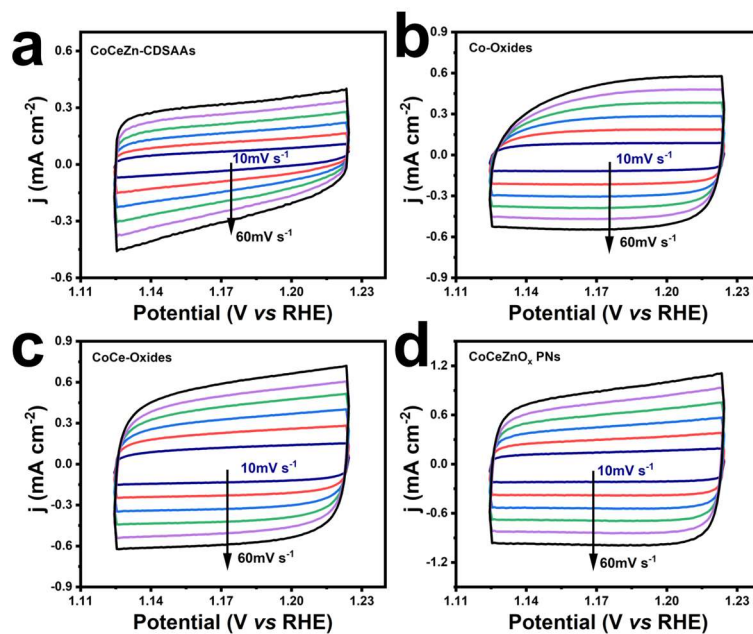


Figure S27 CV curves of (a) CoCeZn-CDSAAs, (b) CoOxides, (c) CoCe-Oxides and (d) CoCeZnOx PNs with different scan rates from 10 to 60 mV s^{-1} .

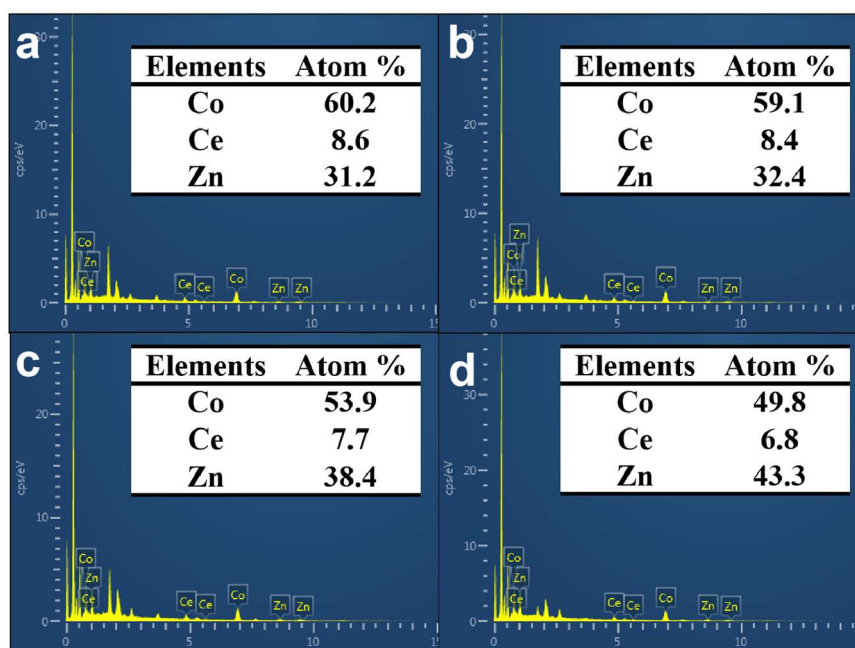


Figure S28 EDX images of (a) CoCeZn-CDSAAs-1 (3mL ZnCl_2), (b) CoCeZn-CDSAAs-2 (7mL ZnCl_2), (c) CoCeZn-CDSAAs (11mL ZnCl_2) and (d) CoCeZn-CDSAAs-4 (20mL ZnCl_2).

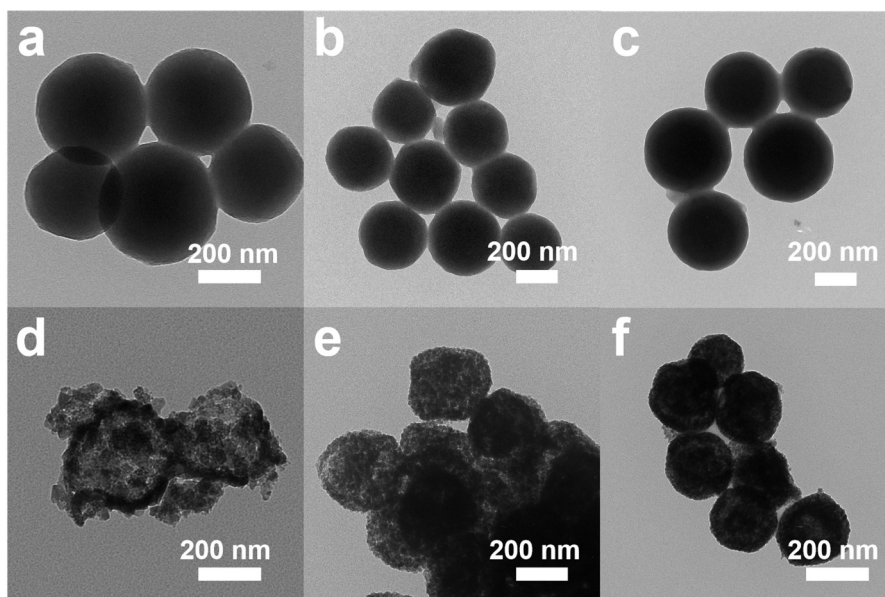


Figure S29 TEM images of (a) CoCeZn-CDSAAAs-1, (b) CoCeZn-CDSAAAs-2, (c) CoCeZn-CDSAAAs-4, (d) CoCeZnO_x-1, (e) CoCeZnO_x-2 and (f) CoCeZnO_x-4.

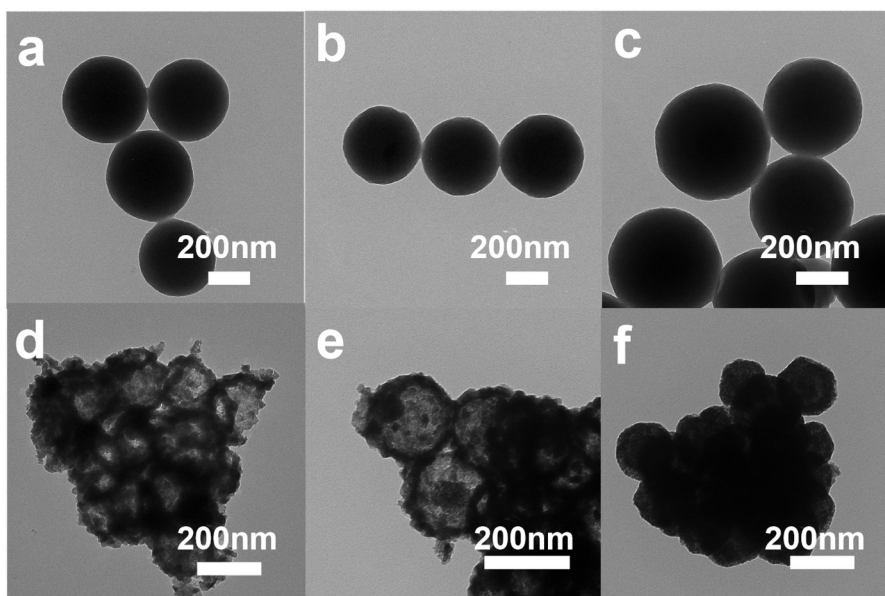


Figure S30 TEM images of (a) CoCeMg-CDSAAAs-1, (b) CoCeMg-CDSAAAs-2, (c) CoCeMg-CDSAAAs-4, (d) CoCeMgO_x-1, (e) CoCeMgO_x-2 and (f) CoCeMgO_x-4.

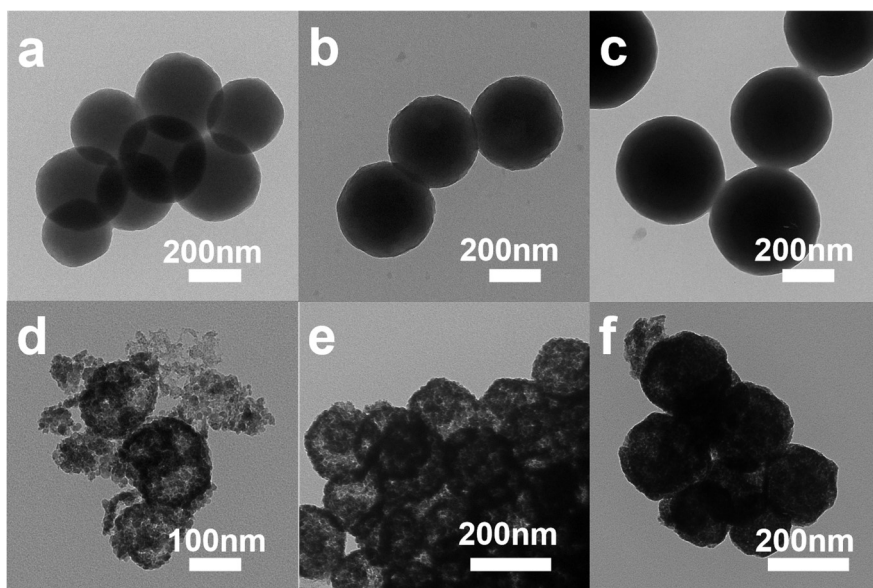


Figure S31 TEM images of (a) CoCeMn-CDSAAs-1, (b) CoCeMn-CDSAAs-2, (c) CoCeMn-CDSAAs-4, (d) CoCeMnO_x-1, (e) CoCeMnO_x-2 and (f) CoCeMnO_x-4.

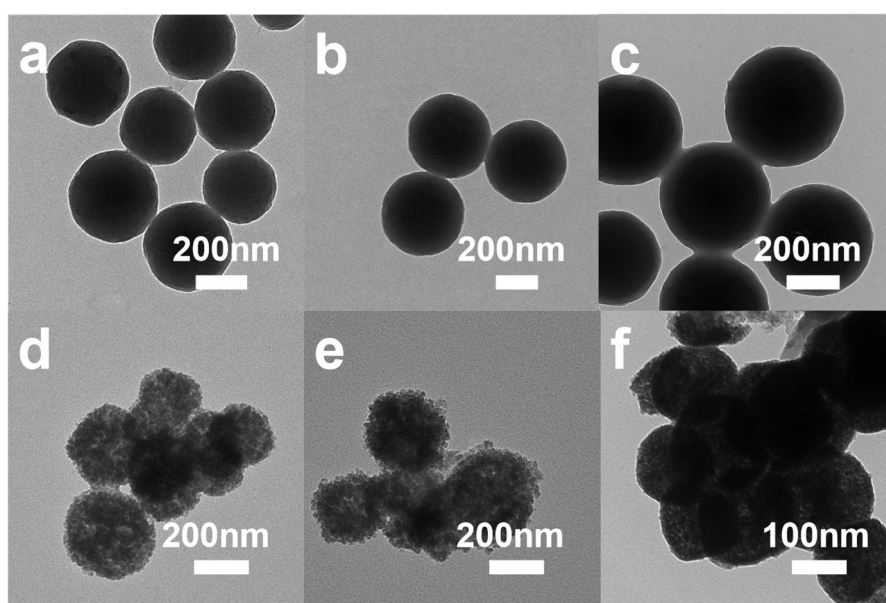


Figure S32 TEM images of (a) CoCeNi-CDSAAs-1, (b) CoCeNi-CDSAAs-2, (c) CoCeNi-CDSAAs-4, (d) CoCeNiO_x-1, (e) CoCeNiO_x-2 and (f) CoCeNiO_x-4.

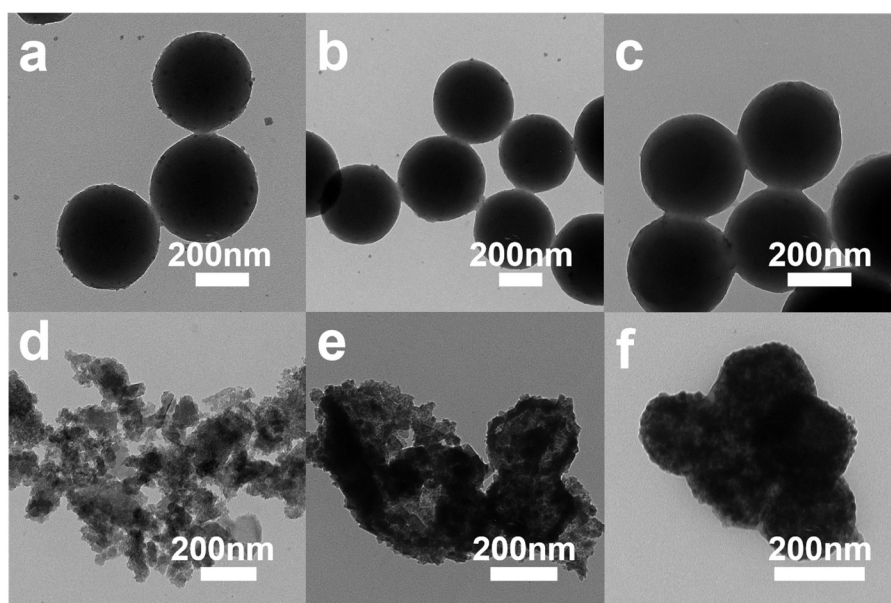


Figure S33 TEM images of (a) CoCeEr-CDSAAs-1, (b) CoCeEr-CDSAAs-2, (c) CoCeEr-CDSAAs-4, (d) CoCeErO_x-1, (e) CoCeErO_x-2 and (f) CoCeErO_x-4.

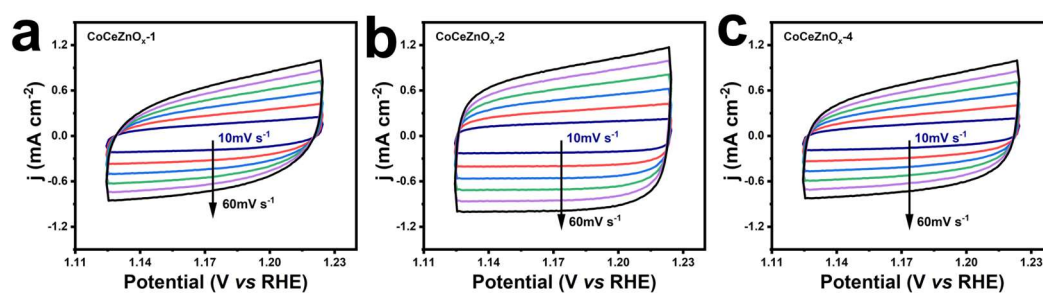


Figure S34 CV curves of (a) CoCeZnO_x-1, (b) CoCeZnO_x-2 and (c) CoCeZnO_x-4 with different scan rates from 10 to 60 mV s⁻¹.

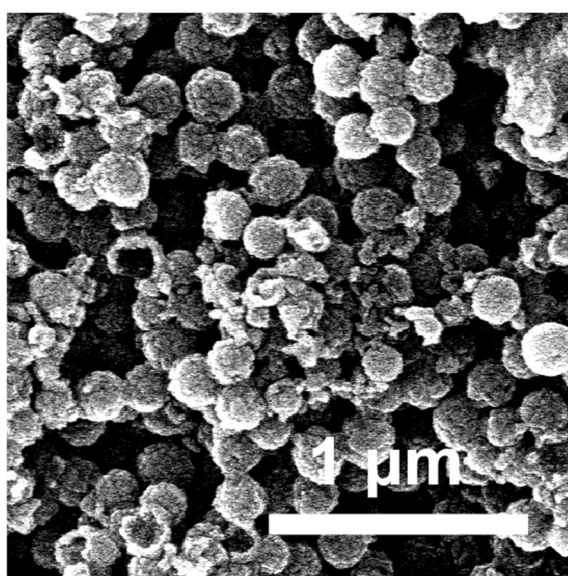


Figure S35 SEM image of CoCeZnO_x after CP test corresponding to the EDX selection area.

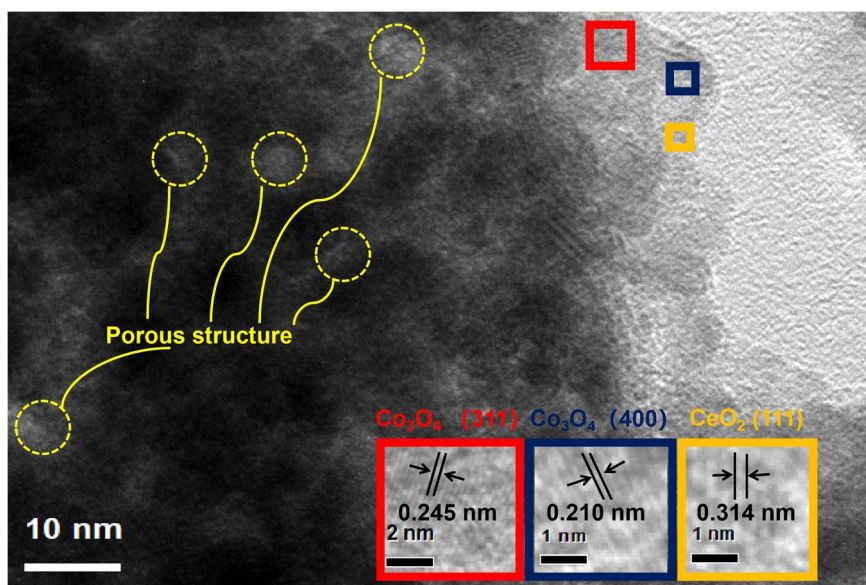


Figure S36 HRTEM image of CoCeZnO_x after CP test.

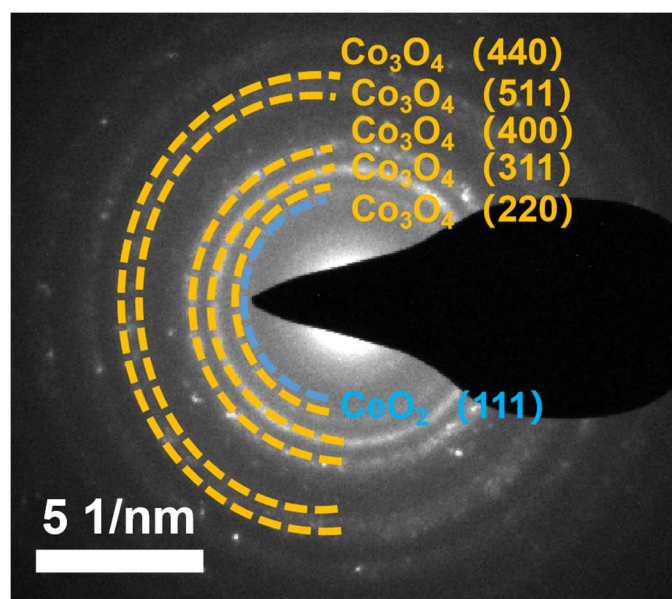


Figure S37 SAED image of CoCeZnO_x after CP test.

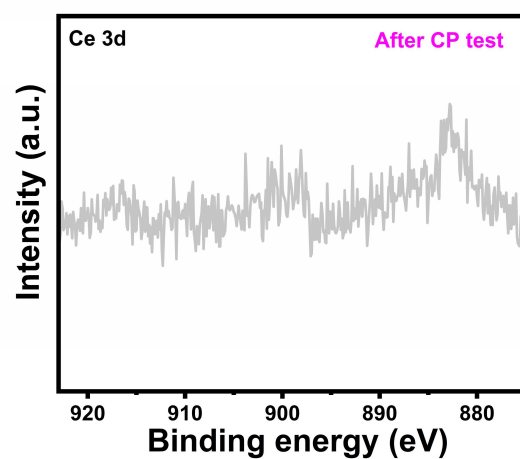


Figure S38 Ce 3d high-resolution XPS spectra in CoCeZnO_x PN after CP test.

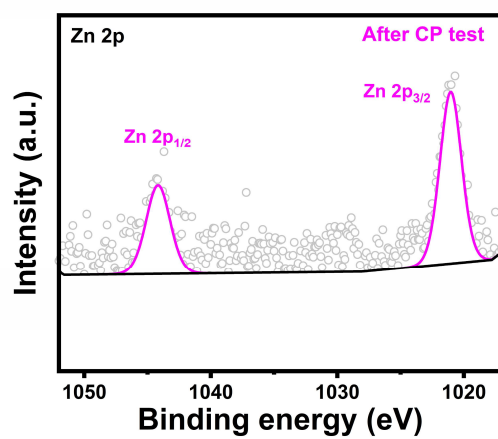


Figure S39 Zn 2p high-resolution XPS spectra in CoCeZnO_x PN after CP test.

Table S1 Comparison of the OER performance of CoCeZnO_x PNs with previously reported Co-based OER electrocatalysts in 1M KOH solution.

Catalysts	η (10mA cm ⁻²) (mV)	Reference
CoCeZnO _x PNs	333	This Work
Ni/Co ₃ O ₄ @NC	350	1
C-Co/Co ₃ O ₄ hollow sphere	352	2
Ce-Co ₃ O ₄	369	3
Co-MOF-CSMSs	350	4
In-Co ₃ O ₄	340	5
LDH-R@Co(v-Zn)-NCNTs	344	6

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