Supporting Information

A cobalt porphyrin-bridged covalent triazine polymer derived electrode for efficient hydrogen production

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Figure S1. (a) Raman spectrum, (b) N_2 adsorption-desorption isotherm of Co5.47N/N,Co-C-800 (Inset is pore size distribution), and (c) LSV curves of $Co_{5.47}N/N, Co-C-800$ before and after stability measurement.

Figure S2. (a) TEM and (b) SEM images of $Co_{5.47}N/N, Co-C-800$ after stability

measurement.

Figure S3. High-resolution XPS spectra of (a) Co 2p, (b) N 1s, and (c) C 1s core levels in Co5.47N/N,Co-C-800 after HER; (d) High-resolution O 1s XPS spectra of

Figure S4. CV curves for the as-prepared samples at different scan rates: (a) CoTAPPCC, (b) Co5.47N/N,Co-C-800, (c) CoO/N,Co-C-1000, and (d) CoCo₂O₄/N,Co-C-900.

Electrocatalysts	Overpotential (mV@10 mA $cm-2$)	Refs.
$Co5.47N NP@N-PC$	149 (1.0 M KOH)	1
$Co_{5.47}N(a)N-rGO-750$	190 (1.0 M KOH)	$\overline{2}$
$Co5.47N-WO2(Q)CNF$	36 (1.0 M KOH)	3
Co-Mo-N/NF	82 (1.0 M KOH)	$\overline{4}$
CoFeN-NCNTs//CCM	151 (1 M KOH)	5
$Co5.47N/Mo5N6$	44 (1 M KOH)	6
Fe, Ni-Co _{5.47} N@N-VrGO-2	121 (0.5 M H_2SO_4)	7
Co _{5.47} N/rGO@NF	123 (1.0 M KOH)	$8\,$
$Mo_2C@NCs$	110 (1.0 M KOH)	9
C, N, S-doped C	180 (0.5 M H_2SO_4)	10
CoP-nph-CMP-800	360 (1.0 M KOH)	11
$P@pCoPc-1/Co3O4/CC$	120 (1.0 M KOH)	12
MoP/NF	114 (1.0 M KOH)	13
$MoS2-MoP/C$	102 (1.0 M KOH)	14
phosphosulfide (MoPS)	170 (1.0 M KOH)	15
MoP@NCHSs-900	92 (1.0 M KOH)	16
Ni, Co-doped MoP	102 (0.5 M H_2SO_4)	17
CoP ₂ /RGO	88 (1.0 M KOH)	18
$CoNi(1:1)$ -TB-800 N_2	114 (1.0 M KOH)	19
$Co9S8 - 40/CC$	100 (1.0 M KOH)	20
$Co-Ni3N$	225 (1.0 M KOH)	21
N-doped Mo ₂ C	99 (1.0 M KOH)	22
$Ni/Mo2C(1:2)-NCNFs$	143 (1.0 M KOH)	23
$Co5Mo1.0P$ NSs $@$ NF	173	24
Ni@Ni-Mo	> 190	25
$Co_{0.75}Ni_{0.25}/CC$	108	26
$Co5.47N/N, Co-C-800$	76 (1.0 M KOH)	This work

Table S1. Comparison of HER performance of Co_{5.47}N/N,Co-C-800 with some other reported electrocatalysts at 10 mA cm⁻².

Electrocatalysts	Overpotential $(mV@100$ mA cm ⁻²)	Refs.
$Co_{5.47}N(a)N-rGO-750$	\sim 320 (1 M KOH)	$\overline{2}$
$Co5Mo1.0P$ NSs $@$ NF	\sim 300 (1 M KOH)	24
$Ni@Ni-Mo$	276 (1 M KOH)	25
$Co_{0.75}Ni_{0.25}/CC$	237 (1 M KOH)	26
F-CTF-1-AA	>430(1.0 M KOH)	27
Co-NCNTFs	\sim 300 (1 M KOH)	28
Co ₂ P@C	\sim 350 (0.5 M H ₂ SO ₄)	29
Co(OH) ₂ (Q)PANI	\sim 250 (0.5 M H ₂ SO ₄)	30
$MoSe2-Mo2C$	\sim 250 (0.5 M H ₂ SO ₄)	31
graphene- $Mo2C$	\sim 370 (0.5 M H ₂ SO ₄)	32
Pd-PHE MA/NF-5000	\sim 350 (1 M KOH)	33
CoFeCo PBA	\sim 320 (1 M KOH)	34
$Ni(OH)2-Fe2P/Ti$ mesh	252 (1 M KOH)	35
$Co5.47N/N$, Co-C-800	229 (1.0 M KOH)	This work

Table S2. Comparison of HER performance of $Co_{5.47}N/N, Co-C-800$ with some other reported electrocatalysts at 100 mA cm-2 .

Table S3. Comparison of the XPS data of Co_{5.47}N/N,Co-C-800 before and after the electrolysis.

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