

Supporting Information

Efficient and switchable production of bio-diol/triol chemicals from 5-hydroxymethylfurfural

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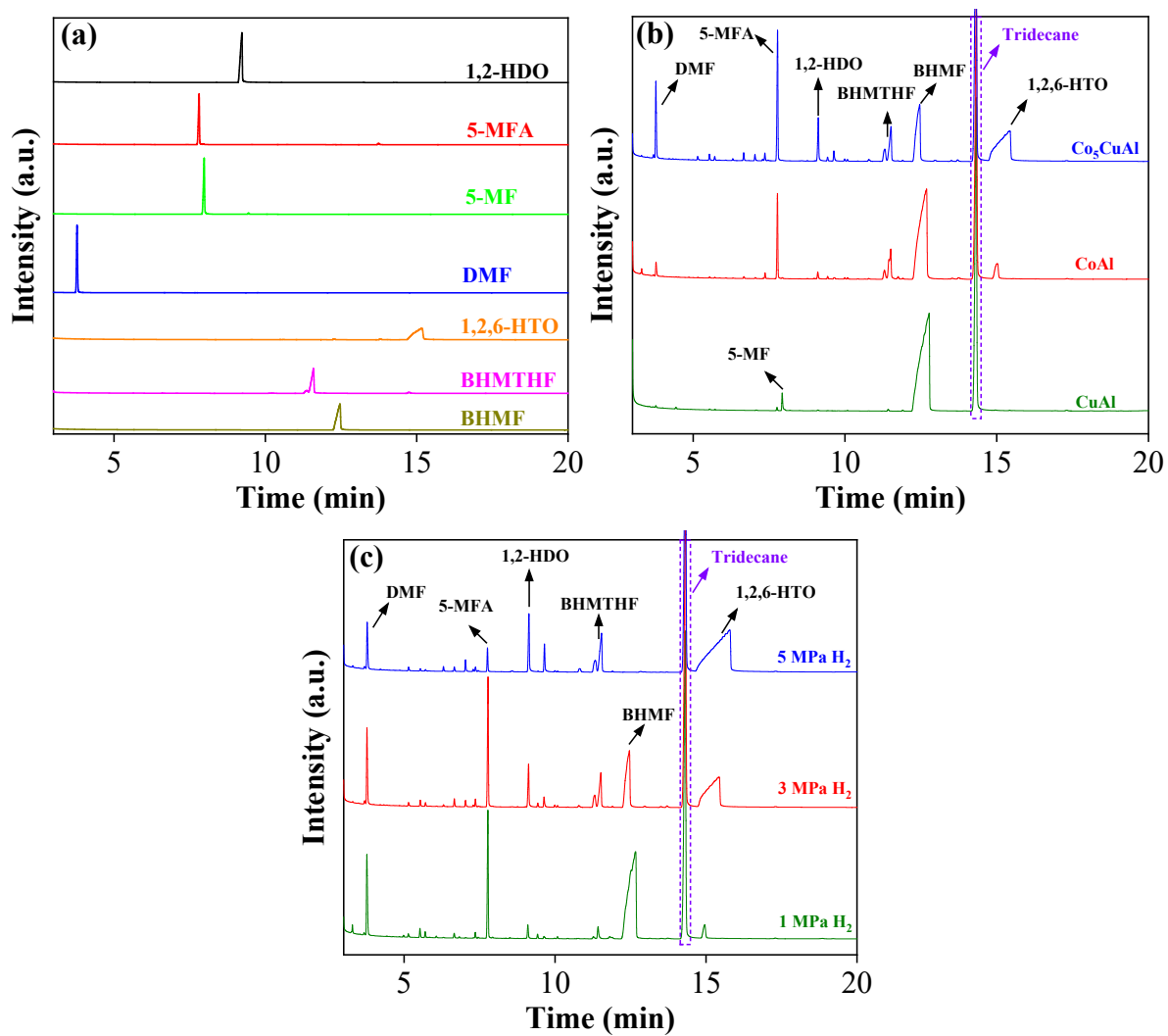


Figure S1. a) Standard samples' Peak identification using GC-MS. GC patterns of the samples under different conditions: b) 30 mg catalyst, 10 mL methanol, 1 mmol HMF, 120 °C, 3 h, 3 MPa H₂ c) 30 mg Co₅CuAl, 10 mL methanol, 1 mmol HMF, 120 °C, 3 h

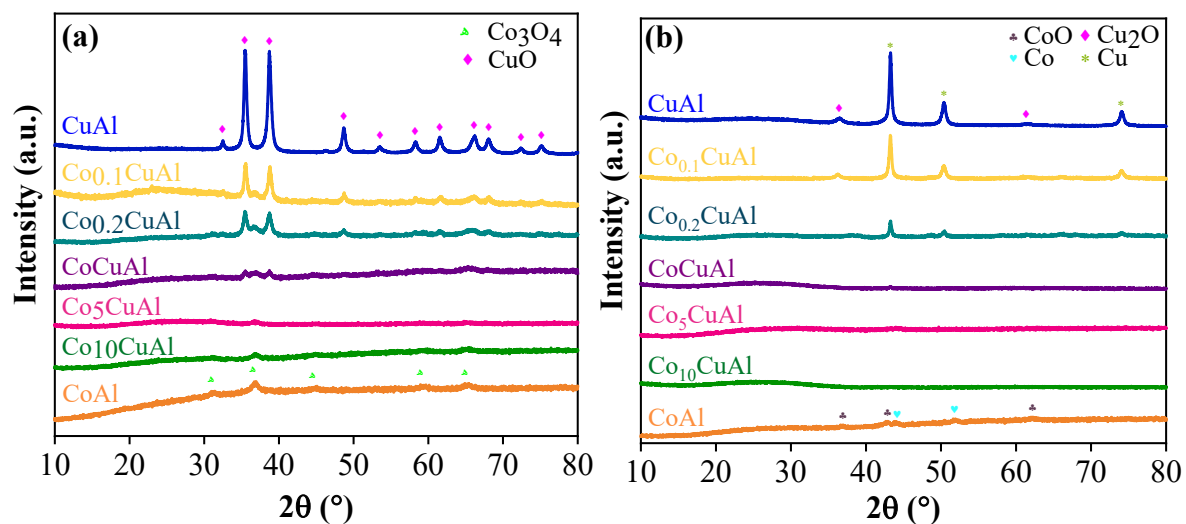


Figure S2. XRD patterns of LDOs catalysts (a) before reduction, and (b) after reduction.

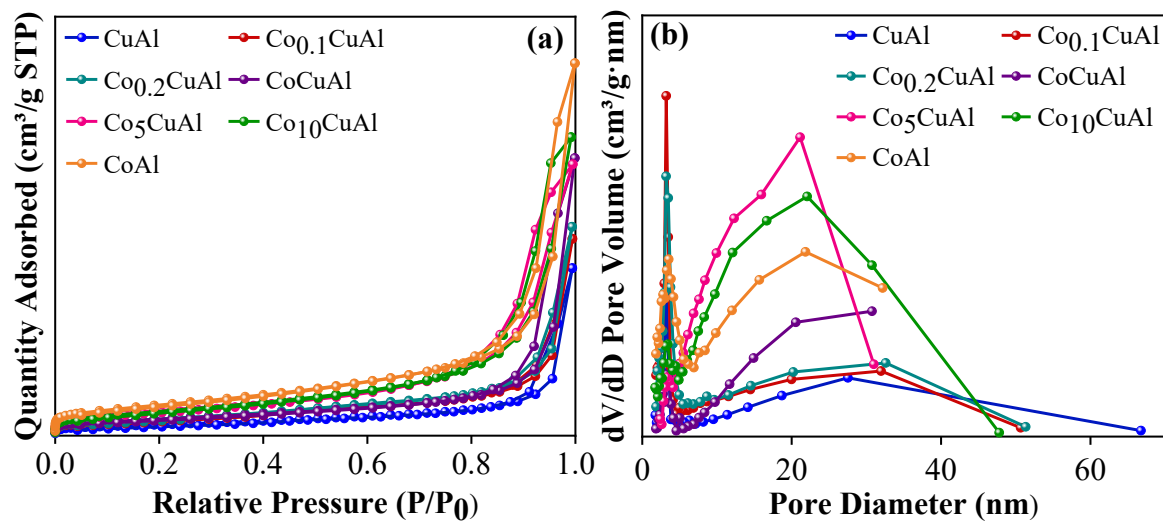


Figure S3. (a) N_2 adsorption/desorption isotherm and (b) pore size distribution of reduced LDOs catalysts.

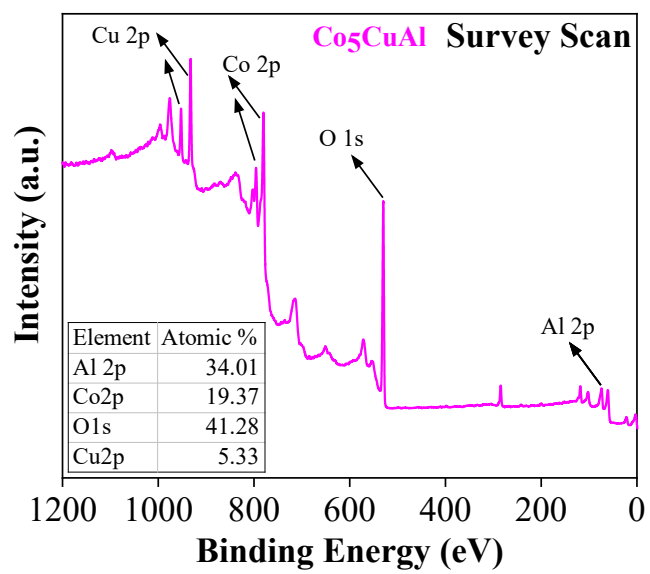


Figure S4. XPS survey and the atomic percentages of elements in the reduced Co₅CuAl catalyst.

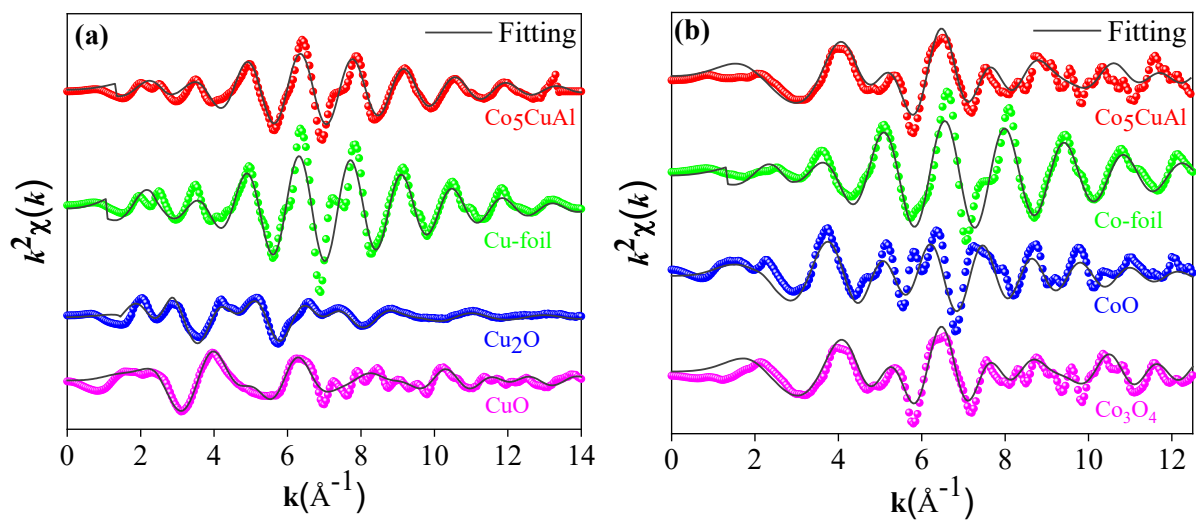


Figure S5. K space-fitting curves of Co_5CuAl and reference **(a)** Cu species **(b)** Co species.

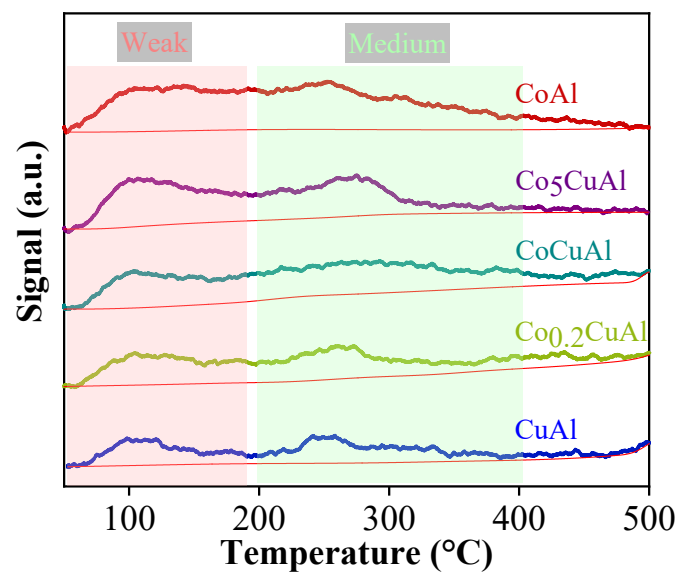


Figure S6. NH₃-TPD patterns of reduced LDOs catalysts.

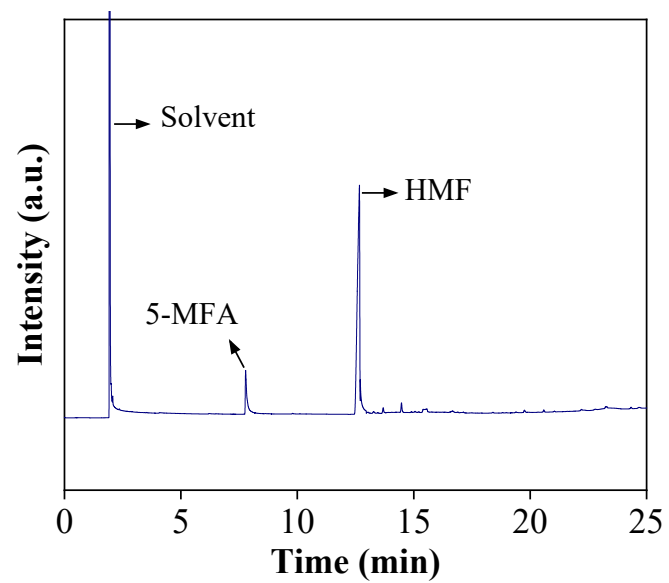


Figure S7. The GC pattern obtained for the sample under 3 MPa N₂ at 120°C for 3 h reaction.

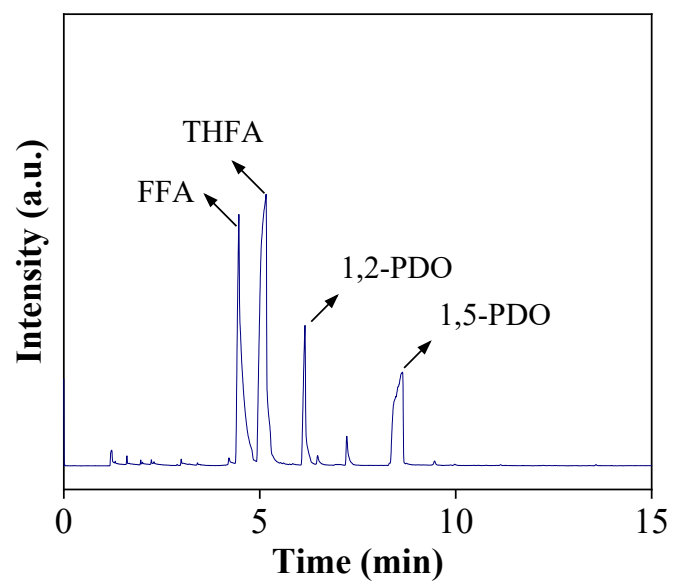


Figure S8. The GC pattern obtained for the sample under following reaction conditions: 1 mmol FF, 30 mg Co_5CuAl , 10 mL methanol, 3 h, 120°C, 5 MPa.

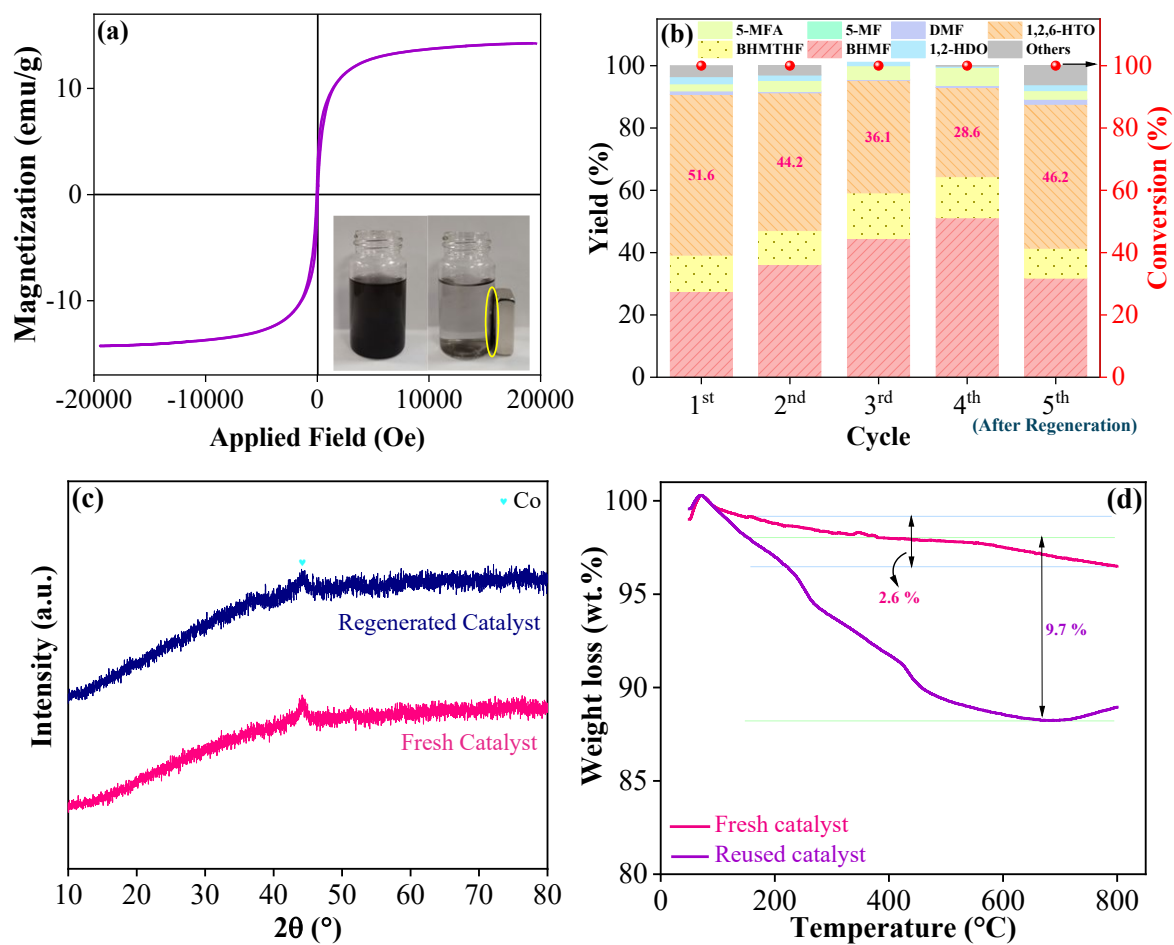


Figure S9. (a) VSM magnetization curve (b) Performance of the Co_5CuAl during five consecutive runs. Reaction conditions: 30 mg of Co_5CuAl , 10 mL methanol, 1 mmol HMF, 1 h, 120 °C, 4 MPa. (c) XRD patterns of the fresh and regenerated Co_5CuAl catalyst. (d) TGA analysis of fresh and spent catalysts.

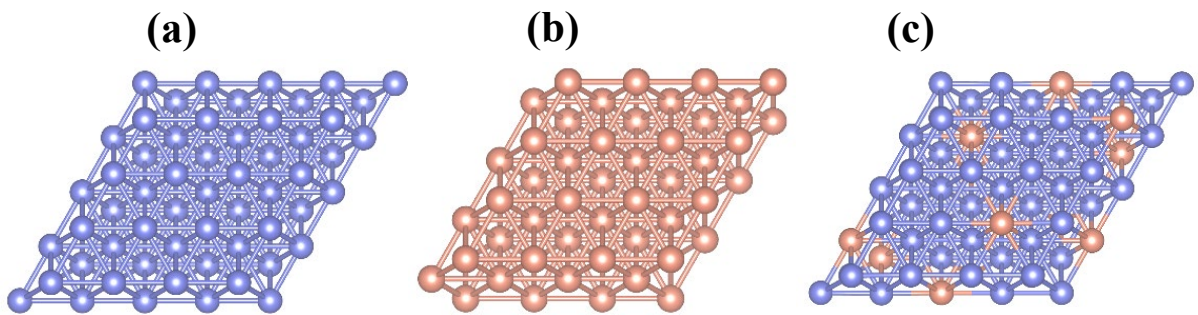


Figure S10. Constructed surfaces of **a)** Co(111), **b)** Cu(111), and **c)** CoCu(111) for the performed DFT computational calculations (Top-view).

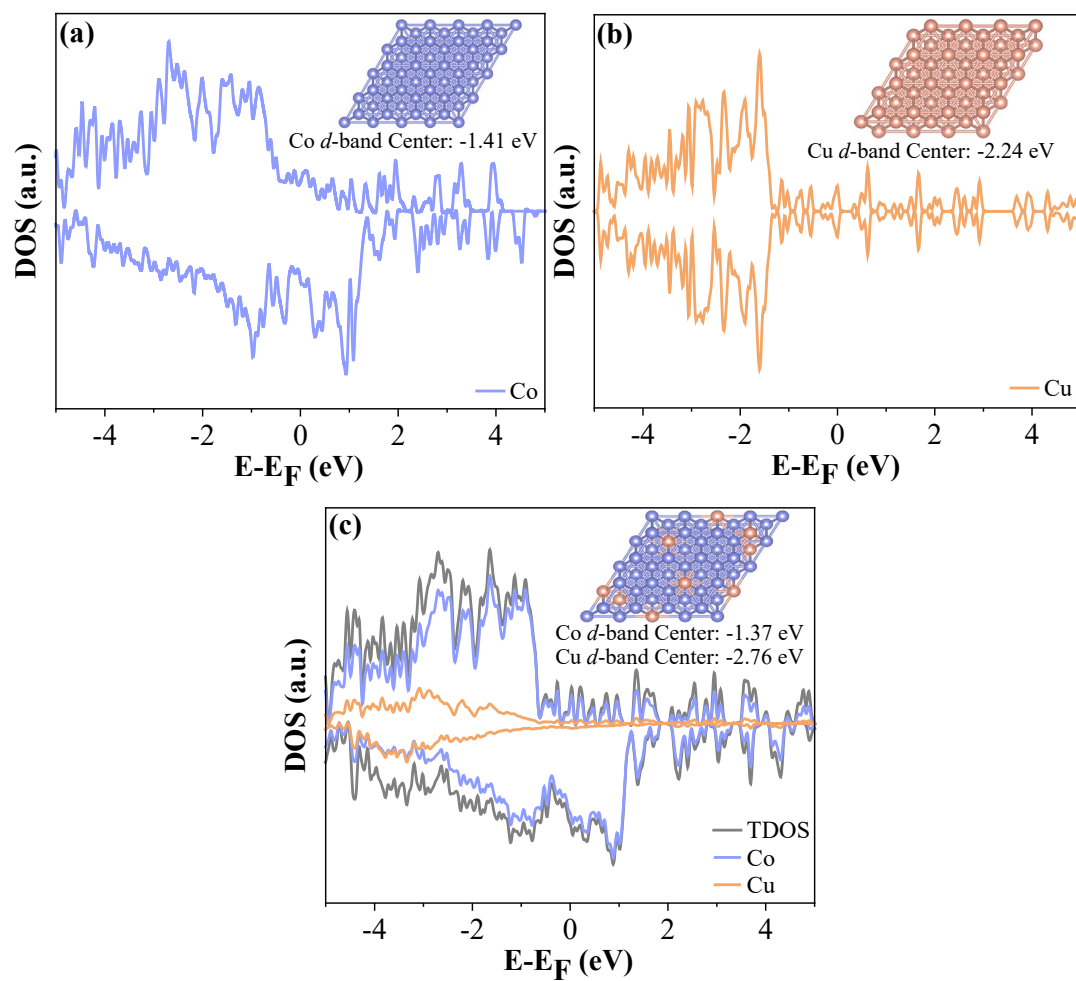


Figure S11. Calculated d -band center value for (a) Co(111) (b) Cu(111) and (c) CoCu(111) surfaces.

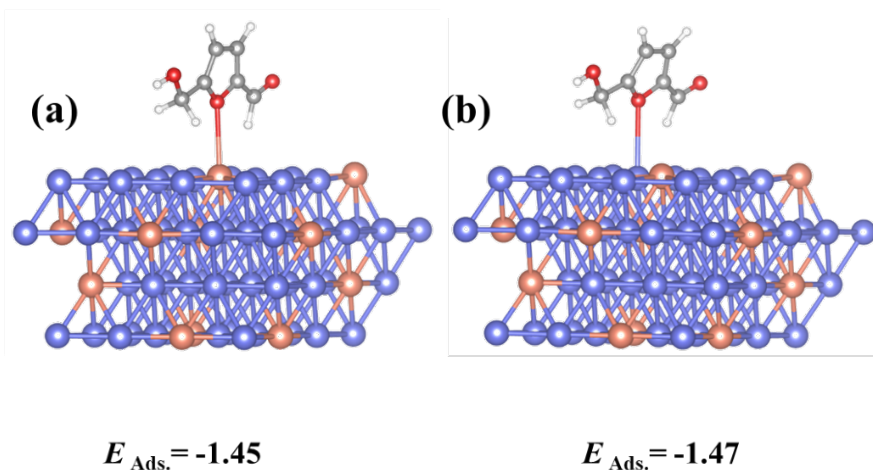


Figure S12. Adsorption energies of HMF *via* its furan ring on the (a) Cu of CoCu(111) and (b) Co of CoCu(111) surface. (Side-view; blue= Co; orange= Cu)

Table S1. Textual properties of reduced LDO catalysts.

| Catalyst | Total surface area (m²/g) | Total pores volume (cm³/g) | Average pores size (nm) | Cu* (nm) | Co* (nm) | CoO* (nm) |
|-----------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| CuAl | 57 | 0.36 | 23.3 | 26.3 | - | - |
| Co_{0.1}CuAl | 70 | 0.39 | 18.4 | 24.6 | - | - |
| Co_{0.2}CuAl | 89 | 0.41 | 15.1 | 21.8 | - | - |
| Co₁CuAl | 97 | 0.46 | 17.4 | 19.2 | - | - |
| Co₅CuAl | 117 | 0.51 | 13.8 | - | - | - |
| Co₁₀CuAl | 122 | 0.57 | 15.6 | - | - | - |
| CoAl | 151 | 0.65 | 16.2 | - | 18.8 | 17.6 |

* Measured by Scherrer equation

Table S2. EXAFS fitting parameters at the Cu K-edge for various samples ($S_0^2=0.90$ from Cu-foil)

| | shell | CN* | R(\AA) [†] | σ^2 (\AA^2) [‡] | ΔE_0 (eV) [•] | R factor |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------|
| Cu-foil | Cu-Cu | 12 | 2.54±0.01 | 0.0088 | 4.5±0.5 | 0.0027 |
| | Cu-O | 2 | 1.85±0.01 | 0.0031 | | |
| Cu₂O | Cu-Cu | 12 | 3.02±0.01 | 0.0220 | 7.7±0.8 | 0.0086 |
| | Cu-O | 6 | 3.53±0.04 | 0.0211 | | |
| | Cu-O | 4 | 1.95±0.01 | 0.0040 | | |
| | Cu-O | 2 | 2.74±0.04 | 0.0108 | | |
| CuO | Cu-Cu | 4 | 2.89±0.01 | 0.0049 | -0.2±0.9 | 0.0078 |
| | Cu-Cu | 4 | 3.05±0.01 | 0.0040 | | |
| | Cu-Cu | 2 | 3.17±0.01 | 0.0031 | | |
| Co₅CuAl | Cu-Co | 6.5±0.2 | 2.53±0.01 | 0.0075 | 6.8±1.0 | 0.0120 |

* Coordination numbers; [†] Bond distance; [‡] Debye-Waller factors; [•] Inner potential correction. CN±20%; R ± 1%; $\sigma^2 \pm 20\%$.

Table S3. EXAFS fitting parameters at the Co K-edge for various samples ($S_0^2=0.76$ from Co-foil)

| | shell | CN* | R(\AA) [†] | $\sigma^2(\text{\AA}^2)$ [‡] | $\Delta E_0(\text{eV})$ [♦] | R factor |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Co-foil | Co-Co | 12 | 2.49±0.01 | 0.0063 | 6.9±0.3 | 0.0008 |
| | Co-O | 6 | 2.12±0.02 | 0.0125 | -3.1±0.7 | 0.0066 |
| CoO | Co-Co | 12 | 3.00±0.01 | 0.0088 | | |
| | Co-O | 5.3 | 1.91±0.02 | 0.0034 | | |
| Co₃O₄ | Co-Co1 | 4 | 2.85±0.01 | 0.0035 | -6.3±0.5 | 0.0044 |
| | Co-Co2 | 8 | 3.36±0.02 | 0.0064 | | |
| | Co-O | 5.1±0.5 | 1.87±0.01 | 0.0041 | | |
| Co₅CuAl | Co-Cu | 1.0±0.2 | 2.51±0.01 | 0.0140 | -10.8±2.5 | 0.0163 |
| | Co-Co1 | 3.4±0.6 | 2.83±0.02 | 0.0050 | | |
| | Co-Co2 | 8.4±1.2 | 3.32±0.02 | 0.0086 | | |

* Coordination numbers; [†] Bond distance; [‡] Debye-Waller factors; [♦] Inner potential correction. CN±20%; R ± 1%; $\sigma^2 \pm 20\%$.

Table S4. Chemical properties of different catalysts.

| Samples | Acidity (mmol NH₃/g) | | |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------|--------------|
| | Weak | Medium | Total |
| CuAl | 0.12 | 0.14 | 0.26 |
| Co_{0.2}CuAl | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.33 |
| CoCuAl | 0.18 | 0.26 | 0.44 |
| Co₅CuAl | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.60 |
| CoAl | 0.31 | 0.43 | 0.74 |

Table S5. ICP results of the fresh and regenerated Co₅CuAl catalyst.

| Catalyst | Co (wt.%) | Cu (wt.%) | Al (wt.%) |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Fresh | 52.7 | 12.2 | 9.7 |
| Regenerated | 51.9 | 11.3 | 9.5 |