Supplementary materials

MXene boosted MOF-derived cobalt sulfide/carbon nanocomposites as efficient bifunctional electrocatalysts for OER and HER

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Fig. S1 Powder XRD patterns of MAX, MXene, ZIF-67 and ZIF67/MXene samples.



Fig. S2 FESEM images of (a) MAX; (b) MXene; (c) ZIF-67 and (d) ZIF67/MXene.



Fig. S3 EDX element analysis of (a) ZIF67/MXene; (b) CSMX-700; (c) CSMX-800 and (d) CSMX-900.



Fig. S4 XPS element survey spectrum of representative samples CSMX-800 and CoS@C.



Fig. S5 Non-faradic region cyclic voltammogram at various scanning rates of (a) CoS@C, (b) CSMX-700, (c) CSMX-800 and (d) CSMX-900.

Table S1 Textural properties of studied samples

Sample	CSMX-700	CSMX-800	CSMX-900	CoS@C
Surface area (m ² g ⁻¹)	160	166	172	211
Total pore volume (cm ³ g ⁻¹)	0.13	0.15	0.21	0.22

Table S2 Overpotential and Tafel slope values for OER and HER

Electrocatalys	OER overpotential	Tafel slope	HER overpotential	Tafel slope
t	value at10 mA cm ⁻²	(mV dec ⁻¹)	value at 10 mA cm ⁻²	(mV dec ⁻¹)
	(mV vs. RHE)		(mV vs. RHE)	
CSMX-700	339	134	323	283
CSMX-800	257	95	190	103
CSMX-900	305	100	265	223
CoS@C	403	137	496	310

Table S3 C_{dl} , ECSA and R_{f} values of samples

Electrocatalyst	$C_{\rm dl}~({\rm mF})$	ECSA (cm ²)	$\mathbf{R_{f}}^{*}$
CSMX-700	0.011	0.55	7.78
CSMX-800	0.0237	1.185	16.76
CSMX-900	0.016	0.8	11.31
CoS@C	0.014	0.7	9.90

*Roughness factor $R_f = ECSA/electrode$'s geometrical area.