

Supplement materials

Engineering High-Valence Metal-Enriched Cobalt Oxyhydroxide Catalysts for Enhanced OER in Near pH- Neutral Condition

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Supplementary Figures

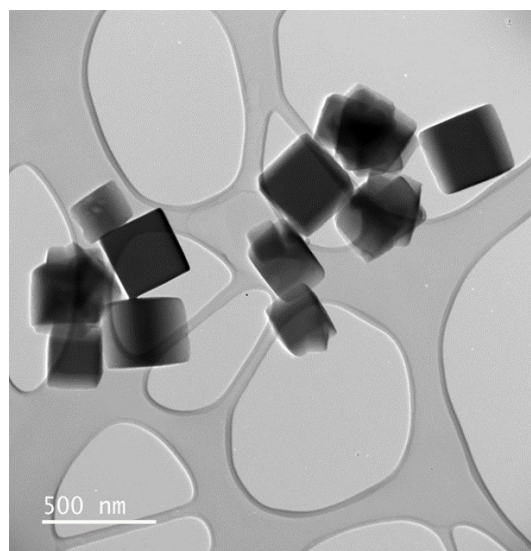


Fig. S1 TEM image of ZIF-67

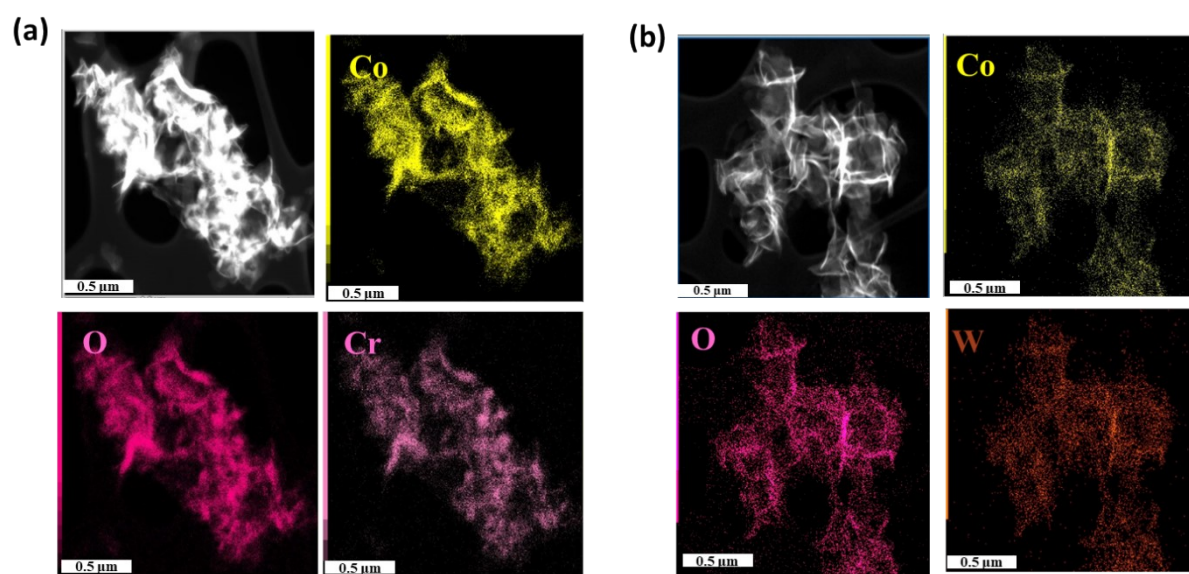


Fig. S2 TEM mapping images of Cr-Co(OH)₂ (a) and W-Co(OH)₂ (b)

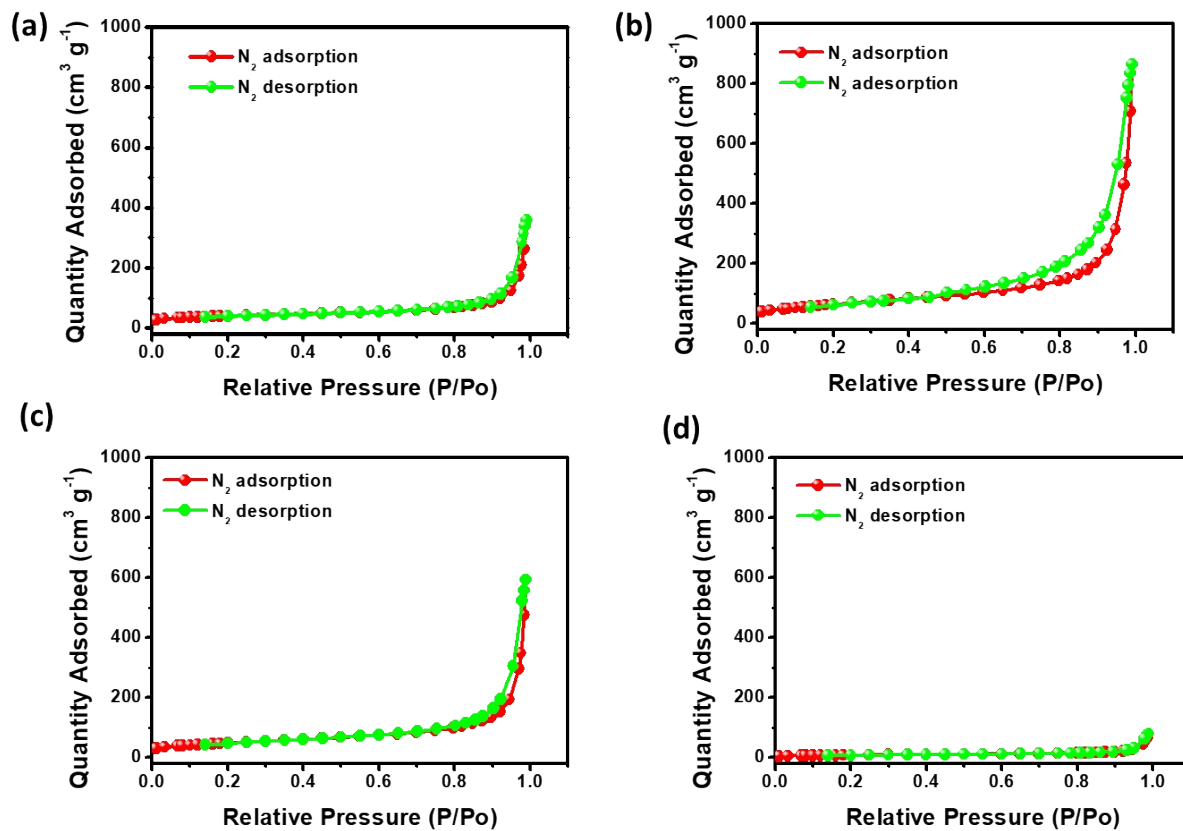


Fig. S3 N_2 adsorption-desorption isotherms of Mo-Co(OH)_2 (a), Cr-Co(OH)_2 (b), W-Co(OH)_2 (c) and Co(OH)_2 (d)

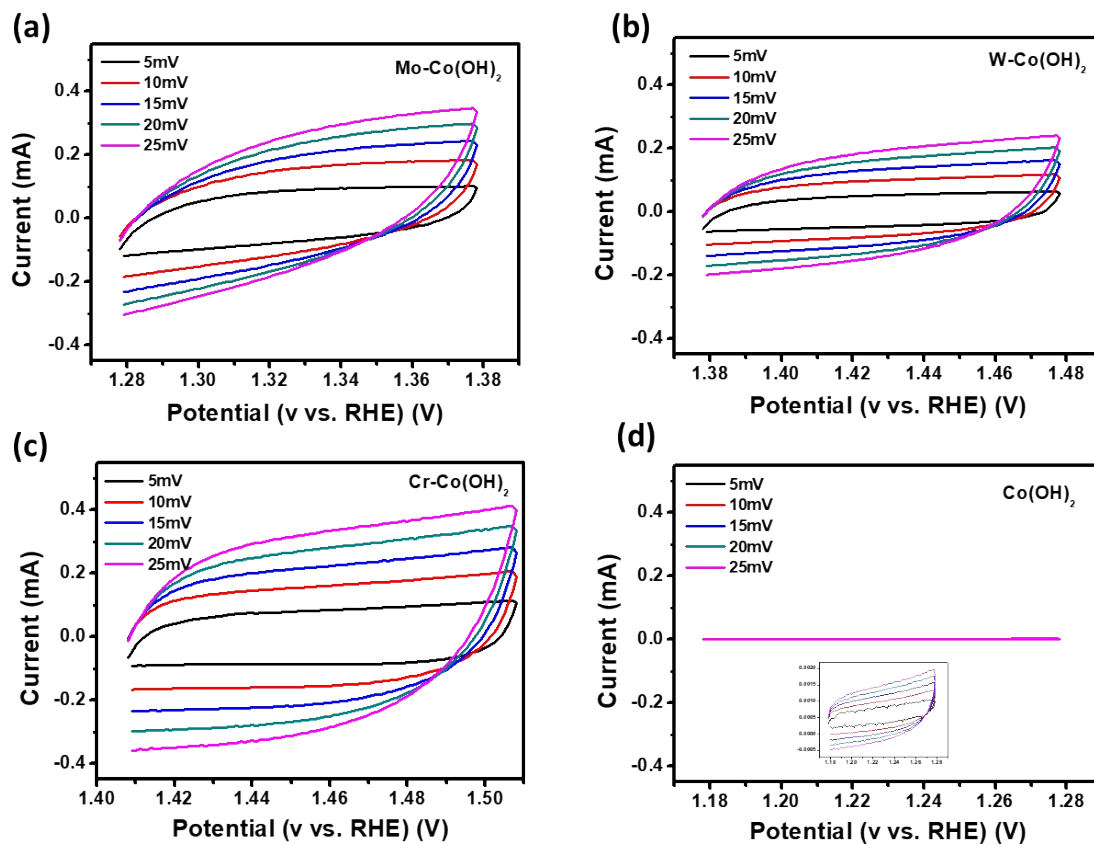


Fig. S4 Double electronic layer of Mo-Co(OH)₂ (a), W-Co(OH)₂ (b), Cr-Co(OH)₂ (c) and Co(OH)₂ (d)

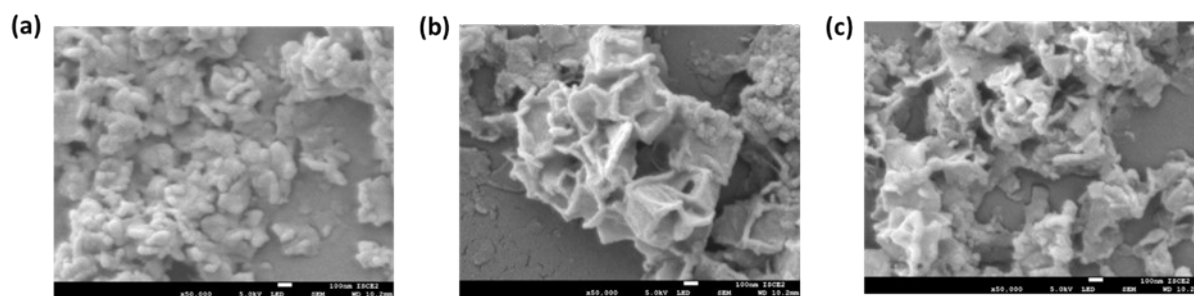


Fig. S5 SEM image of Mo-Co(OH)₂ (a), Cr-Co(OH)₂ (b) and W-Co(OH)₂ (c).

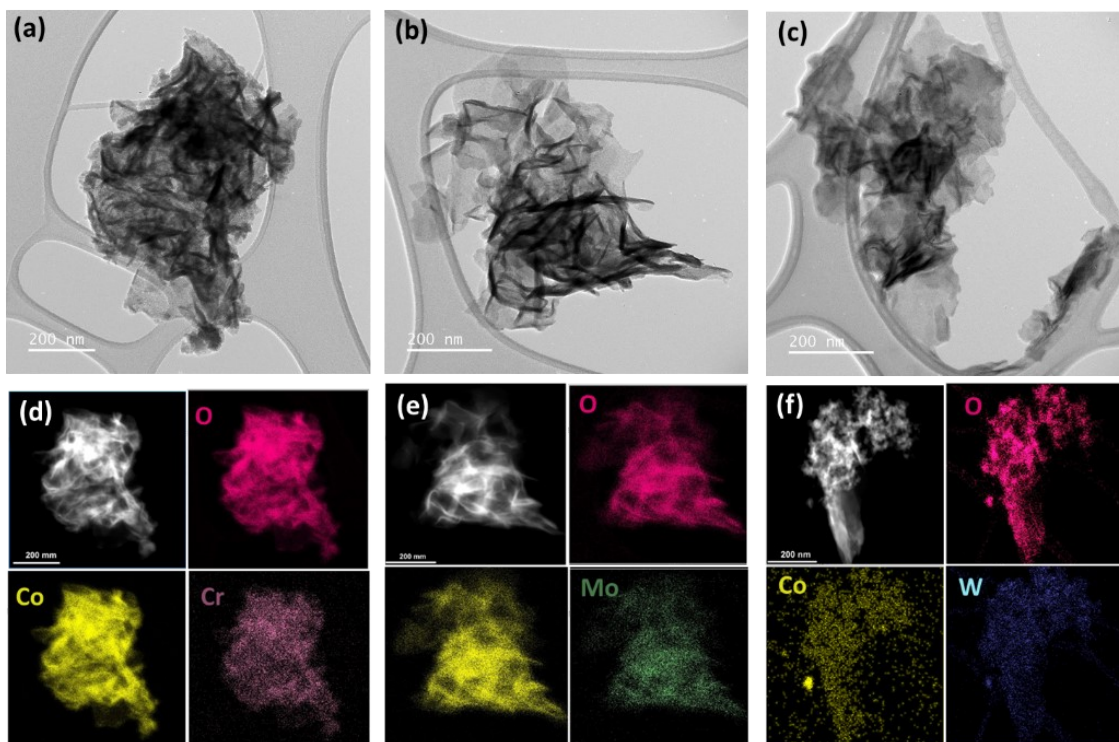


Fig. S6 TEM image and mapping of Cr-Co(OH)₂ (a,d), Mo-Co(OH)₂ (b,e) and W-Co(OH)₂ (c,f) after stability test.

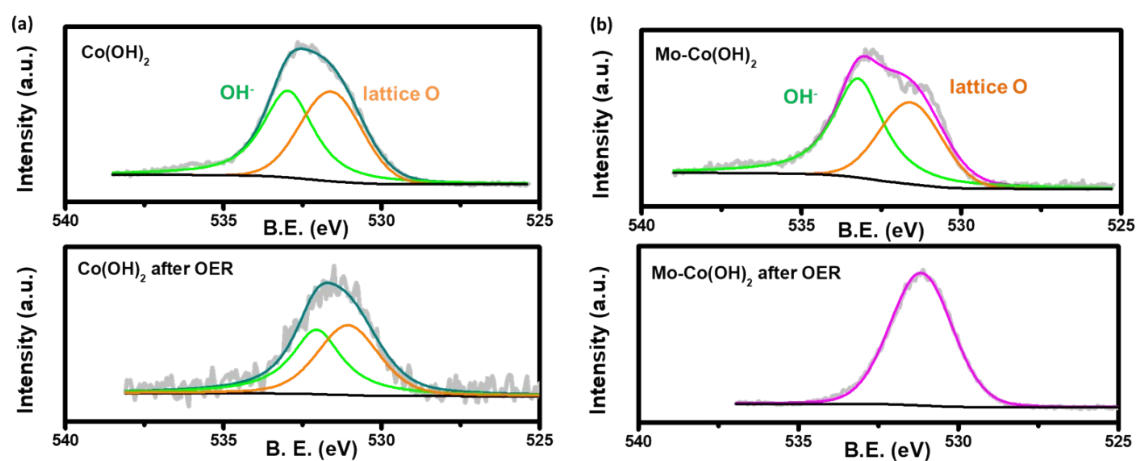


Fig. S7 XPS absorption spectra of O1s for Co(OH)₂ (a) and Mo-Co(OH)₂ (b)

As shown in Fig.S7, compared with unmodified Co(OH)₂, Mo promotes the transformation of OH to OOH as lattice oxygen during the OER process.

Supplementary Tables

Table S1. ECSA of different catalysts

catalyst	ECSA (c
Mo-Co(OH) ₂	157.50
Cr-Co(OH) ₂	280.00
W-Co(OH) ₂	147.50
Co(OH) ₂	0.75

Table S2. Fourier Transforms k₂-weight of Co K-edge curve fitting

Sample	path	CN	σ²	ΔE₀	R	R-factor
Co foil	Co-Co	12 (fixed)	0.006(0.004)	-2.6	2.492 (0.007)	0.006
Co(OH) ₂ -std	Co-O	6 (fixed)	0.009(0.001)	-1.63	2.088 (0.008)	0.005
	Co-Co	6 (fixed)	0.009(0.001)		3.192 (0.009)	
Mo-Co(OH) ₂	Co-O	5.1 (0.6)	0.013(0.002)	-1.47	2.055 (0.01)	0.004
	Co-Co/ Co-Mo		0.01(0.001)		3.126 (0.008)	

Table S3. Comparison of catalytic performance in this work with what has reported in literature.

catalyst	Electrolyte	On glassy carbon Overpotential (mV) at 10 mA cm⁻²	On Carbon paper Overpotential (mV) at 10 mA cm⁻²	Ref.
Mo-Co(OH) ₂	0.5 M KHCO ₃	550	390	This work
Cr-Co(OH) ₂	-	570	412	This work
W-Co(OH) ₂	-	640	468	This work
a-Co ₂ P	0.1 M PBS	~320	-	1
PO-CoFe-OH	0.1 M KHCO ₃		365	2
Co-Pi	0.1 M KPi	-	550	3

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