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# Cobalt Vanadium Bimetallic Oxide Nanoplates Modified with RuO<sub>2</sub> for Efficient Electrocatalytic Overall Water Splitting

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## Materials and Chemicals

All chemicals were of analytical grade and used without further purification. Deionized (DI) water was used in the experiments. Cobalt nitrate hexahydrate ( $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), Hydrated ruthenium chloride ( $\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , >37% Ru) and Ruthenium oxide ( $\text{RuO}_2$ ) were purchased from Shanghai Aladdin Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd. Ammonium vanadate ( $\text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$ ) was purchased from Tianjin Guangfu Science and Technology Development Co., Ltd. Hexamethylenetetramine ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4$ , HMT) was purchased from Shandong Xiya Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.

## Physical Characterization

X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns were recorded in Bruke D8 equipped with Cu-Ka ( $\lambda=1.5406 \text{ \AA}$ ) radiation, and Rigaku Mini- flex600 diffractometer. Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) was carried out on ZEISS Sigma-500 instrument with accelerating voltage of 5kV. Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) elemental mapping characterizations were performed on JEM-F200 electron microscope (JEOL, Japan) with operating voltage of 200 kV. X-ray photon spectroscopy (XPS) analysis was carried out using a VG ESCALABMK II with Mg-Ka radiation (1253.6 eV).

## Electrochemical measurements

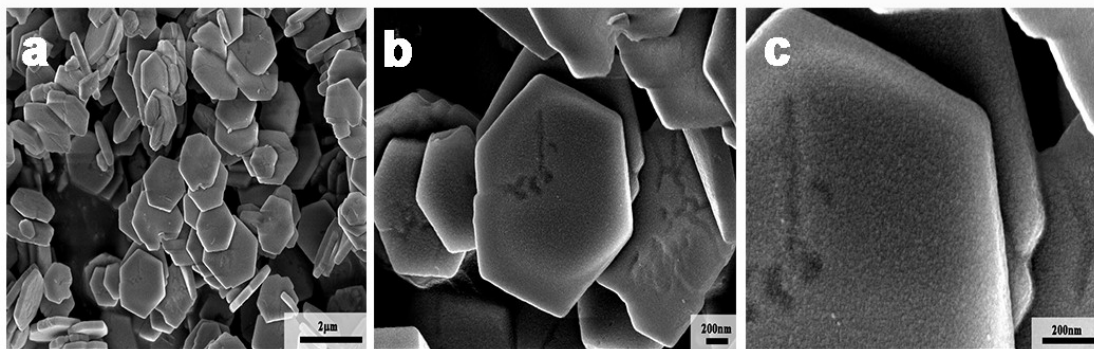
All electrochemical measurements were performed on a CHI 760E electrochemical workstation at room temperature using a three-electrode system. Preparation of working electrodes: 5 mg of catalyst and 1 mg of carbon black were dispersed in 1 mL of a 1:1 (v/v) ethanol-water solvent mixture. Then, 30  $\mu\text{L}$  of Nafion (5 wt %, Sigma-Aldrich) was added to the mixture. The mixture was processed to produce a scattered slurry. The catalyst slurry was scraped onto treated nickel foam ( $1.0 \times 1.0 \text{ cm}^2$ ) in alkaline and neutral solutions, and in acidic solution, the catalyst slurry was coated onto a carbon fiber paper (CP, ( $1.0 \times 1.0 \text{ cm}^2$ )). Then put it into a 60°C vacuum oven for drying and testing. Mercury oxide/saturated calomel electrode and graphite rods were used as reference and counter electrodes. The polarization curves were obtained following 20 cycles of cyclic voltammetry (CV) employing linear

scanning voltammogram (LSV) evaluation at a scanning rate of  $2 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ . The polarization curves were recorded according to  $E_{\text{RHE}} = E_{\text{HgO/Hg}} + 0.059 \times \text{pH} + E^0_{\text{HgO/Hg}}$ , and  $E_{\text{RHE}} = E_{\text{SCE}} + 0.244 \text{ V} + 0.059 \text{ pH}$ . All the reported potentials were converted to reversible Hydrogen Electrode (RHE). The electrochemical impedance spectra (EIS, 0.01-100000 Hz, amplitude 5 mV) were measured at an overpotential using a current density of  $10 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ . The tafel plots were derived in the polarization curves. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) was measured in the non-faradaic potential region (0.1-0.2 V vs RHE for HER at a scan rate of 40 to  $140 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ , 1.1-1.2 V vs RHE for OER at a scan rate of 20 to  $60 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$  to estimate the electrochemical double layer capacitance ( $C_{\text{dl}}$ ). Double layer capacitance is known to be roughly proportional to electrochemically active surface area (ECSA). The ECSA was calculated from the following formula:  $\text{ECSA} = \text{specific capacitance} / 40 \text{ } \mu\text{F cm}^{-2} \text{ per cm}^2$ . Specific capacitance is the calculated  $C_{\text{dl}}$ .  $40 \text{ } \mu\text{F cm}^{-2}$  is constant to convert capacitance to ECSA. The specific capacitance can be converted into electrochemical active surface area (ECSA) using the specific capacitance value for flat standard with  $1 \text{ cm}^2$  of real surface area. A specific capacitance can be converted to an electrochemically active surface area by converting the specific capacitance to a specific capacitance value of a planar standard with a true surface area of  $1 \text{ cm}^2$ . Turnover frequency (TOF) was calculated by supposing every corresponding metal atom as active sites involved with catalytic reaction, showing as equation:  $\text{TOF} = jS / zFn$ . The Faraday efficiency (FE) is calculated by comparing the experimentally determined and theoretically calculated amounts of  $\text{H}_2$  and  $\text{O}_2$ . In the experiment, constant potential electrolysis was performed in a closed h-type electrolytic cell at a rate of  $53 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$  for 60 min. The amount of gas produced was analyzed by drainage method. The theoretical  $\text{H}_2/\text{O}_2$  amount was calculated:  $n(\text{H}_2) = Q/nF$  where  $n(\text{H}_2)$ ,  $Q$  and  $F$  are the moles of hydrogen produced, the electrode charge and Faraday's constant ( $96485 \text{ C} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ ), respectively.  $n$  is the number of electrons transferred during water splitting (for HER,  $n = 2$ , for OER,  $n = 4$ ).

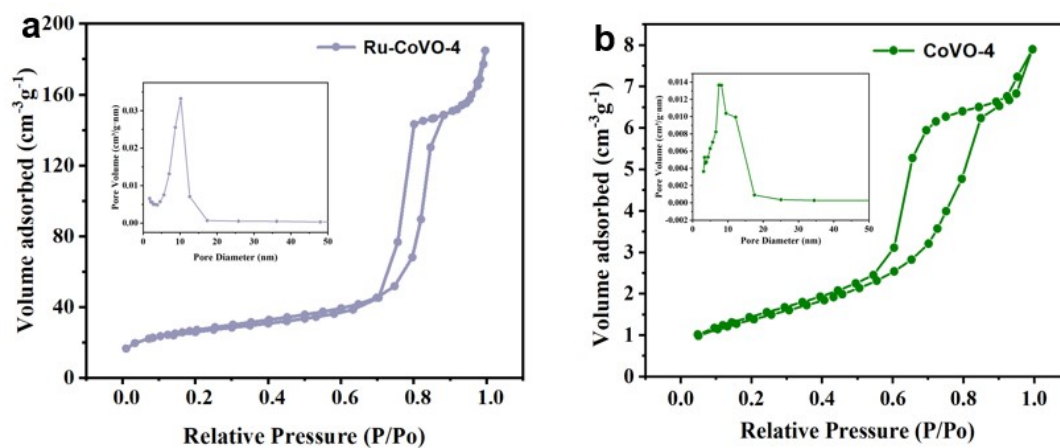
### **DFT calculations**

Density Functional Theory (DFT) simulations are performed using the Cambridge Sequential Total Energy Package (CASTEP) module implemented in Material Studio.

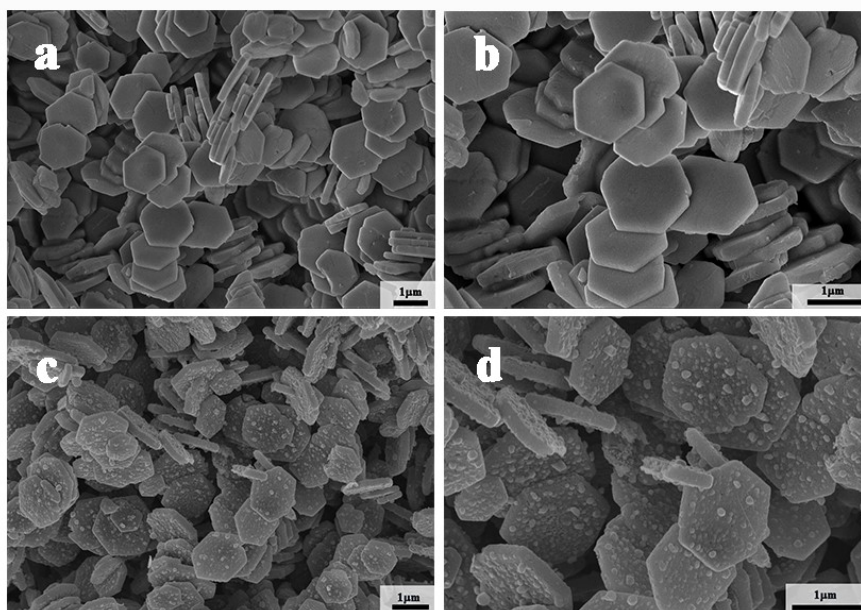
The generalized gradient approximation (GG(A)) with Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) functionals was used to describe electron exchange and correlation effects, with a plane-wave energy cutoff set to 500 eV. To calculate the adsorption energies, we modeled a vacuum width of 15 Å. The free energy of adsorption of H\* ( $\Delta G_{H^*}$ ) is a valid descriptor of the activity of the HER, and catalysts with  $\Delta G_{H^*} = 0$  are excellent candidates for the HER. The Gibbs free energy of H\* ( $\Delta G_{H^*}$ ) can be calculated from the equation  $\Delta G_{H^*} = \Delta G_{H^*} = \Delta E_{H^*} + 0.24$  eV, where  $\Delta E_{H^*}$  is the adsorption energy of atomic hydrogen on a given unit cell. The models were optimized for convergence and the Gibbs free energy was calculated for each OER primary step. The adsorption behavior of each catalyst on \*O, \*OH and \*OOH intermediates was simulated



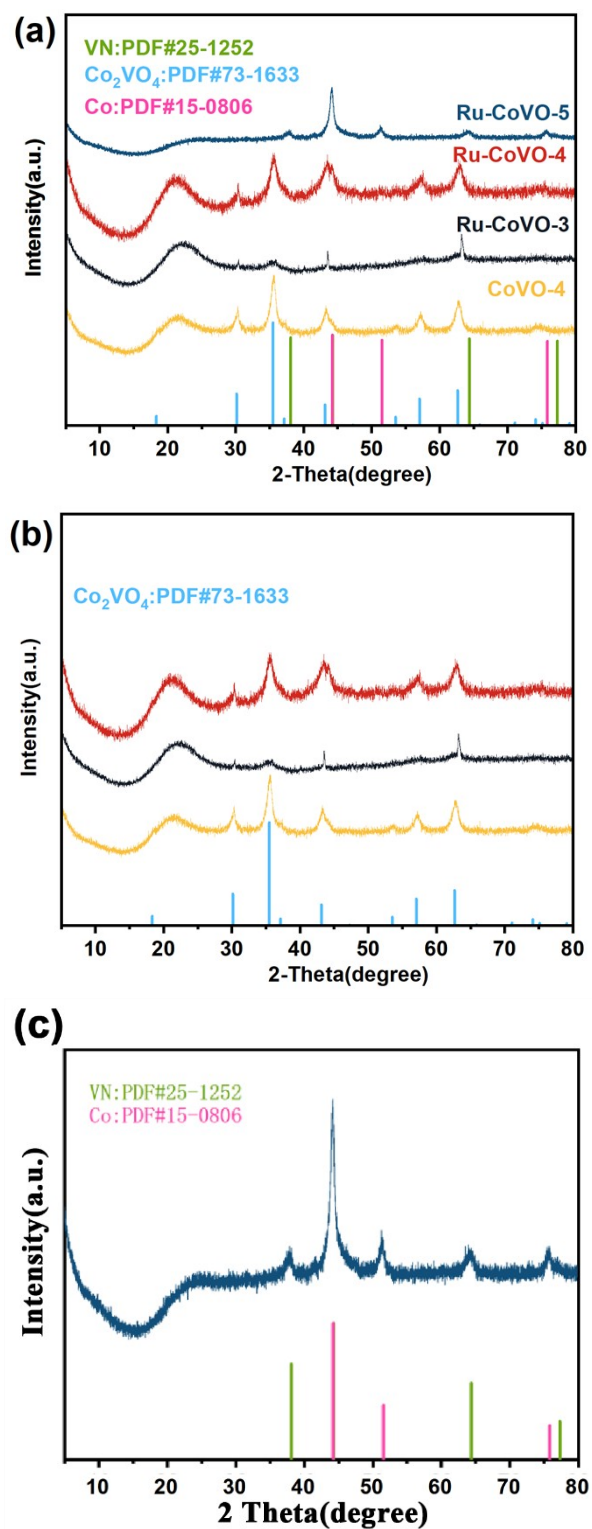
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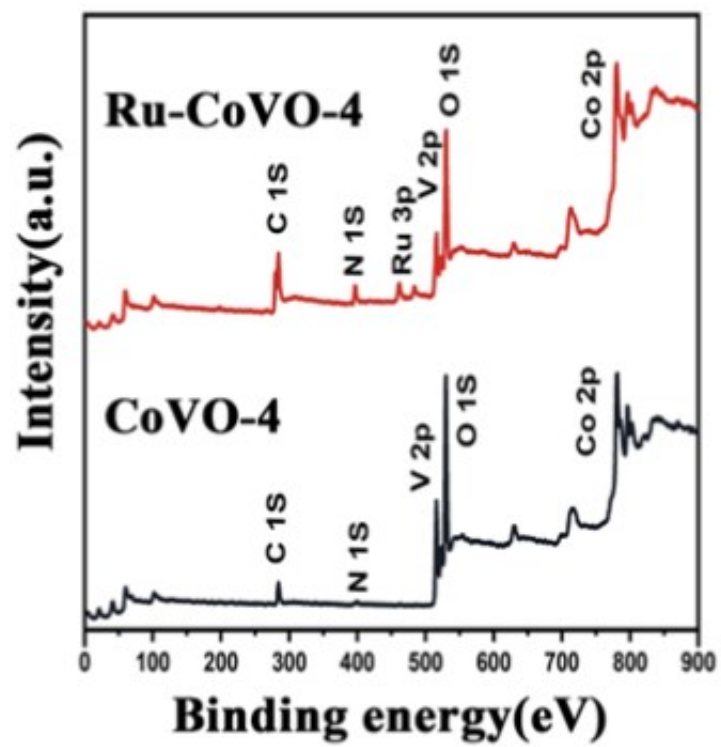


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**Figure S4.** XRD patterns of Ru-CoVO-3, Ru-CoVO-5 and CoVO-4.

It can be seen from the figure that at 300°C and 400°C cobalt and vanadium are present in the form of the oxide  $\text{Co}_2\text{VO}_4$ . On increasing the temperature to 500°C, V combines with N to form VN and  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  is reduced to monomers, eventually forming CO/VN.



**Figure S5.** XPS spectra of Ru-CoVO-4 and CoVO-4.

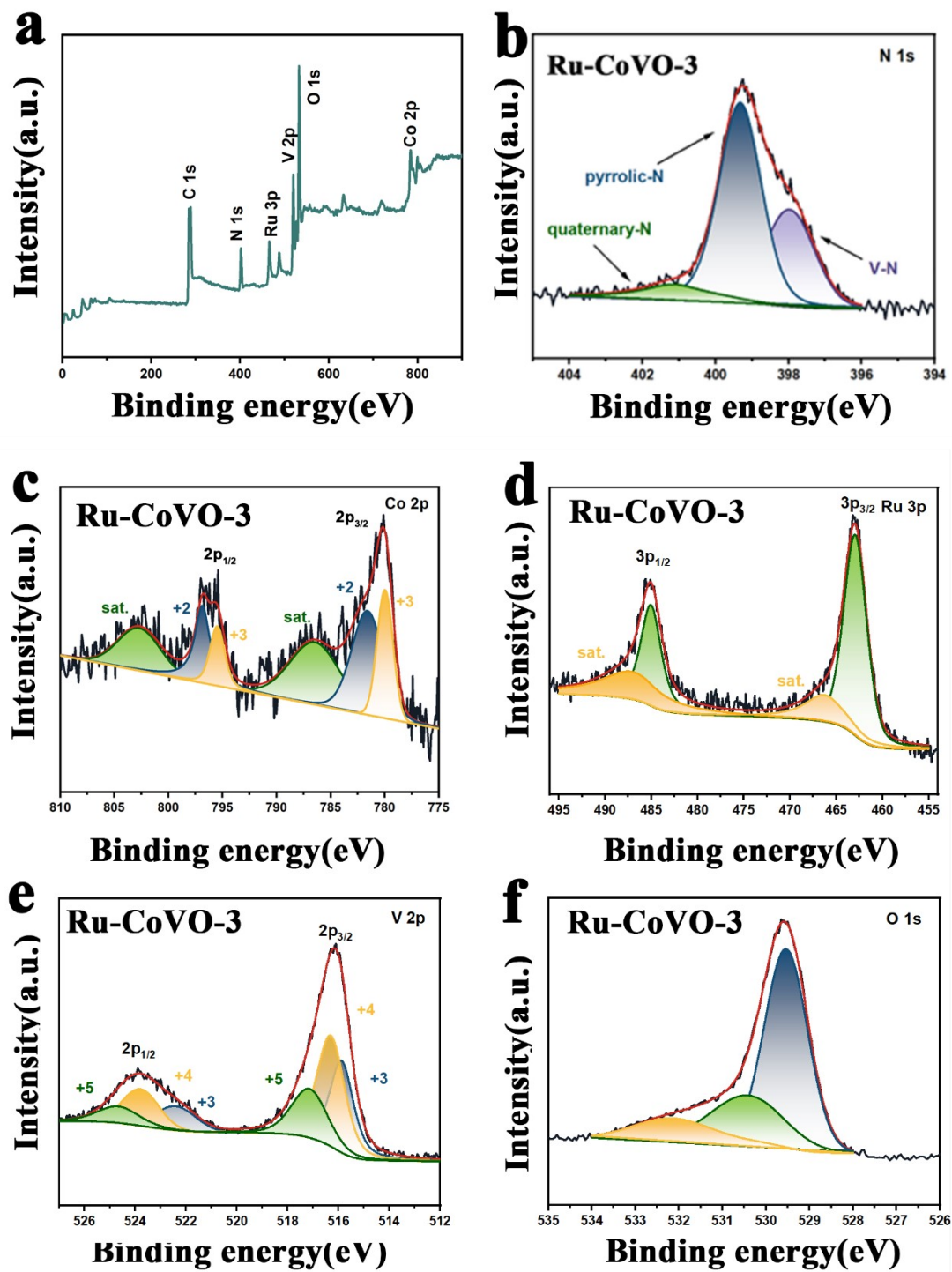


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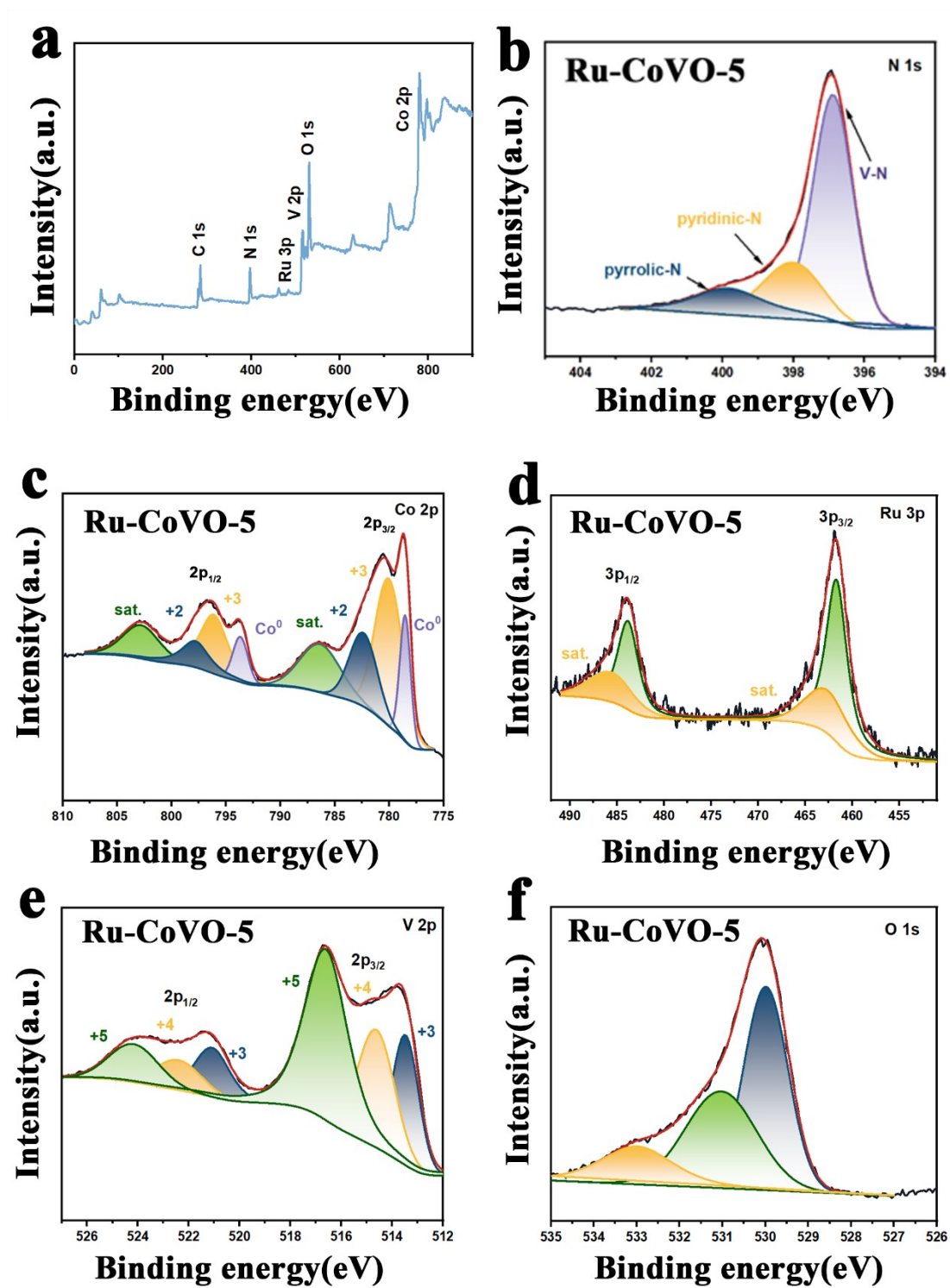
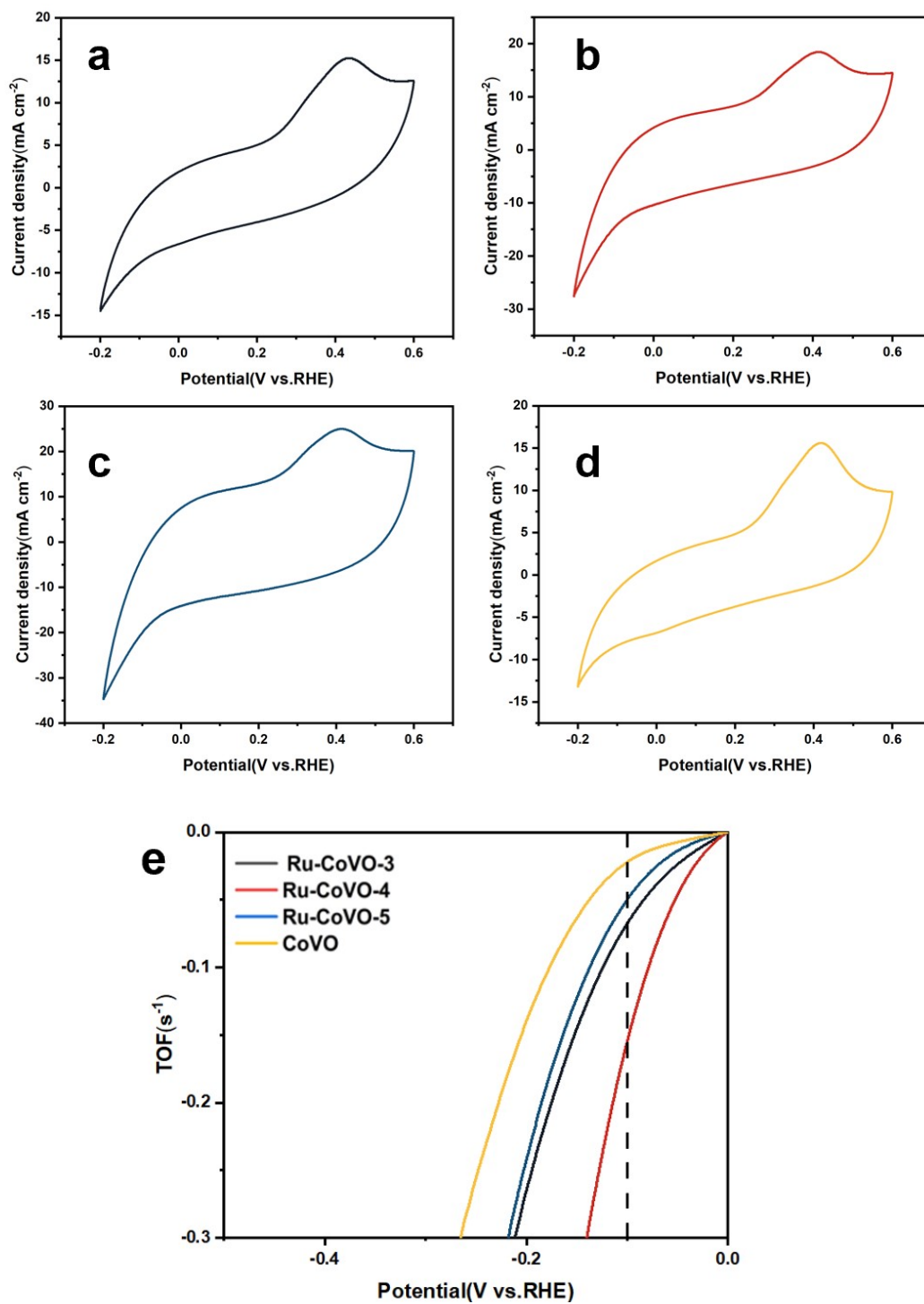
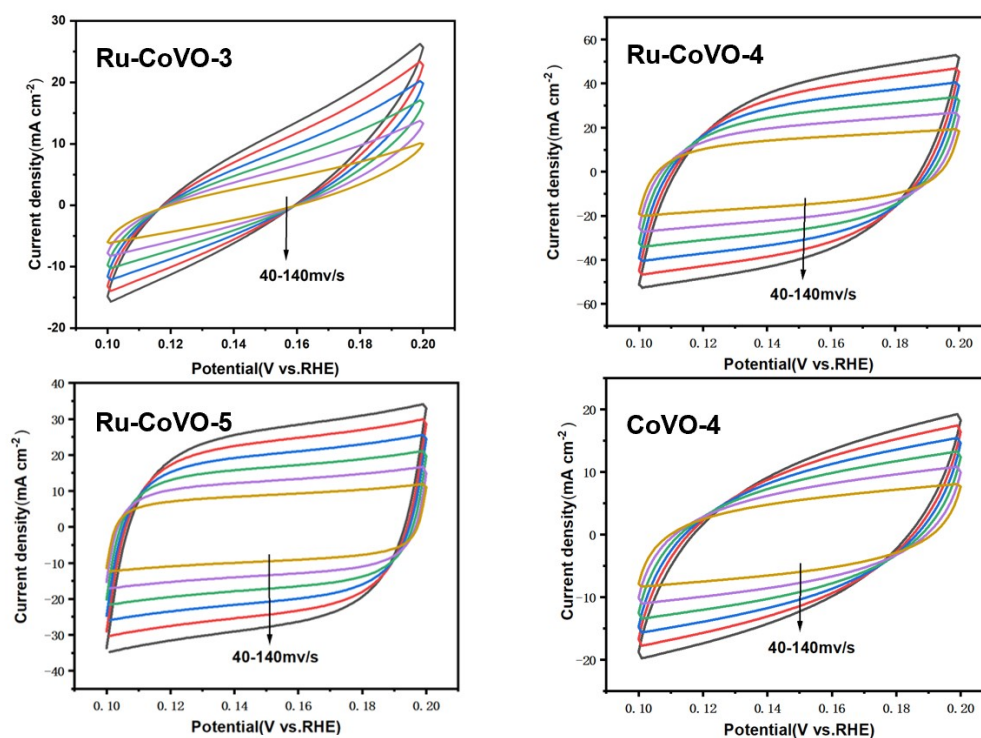


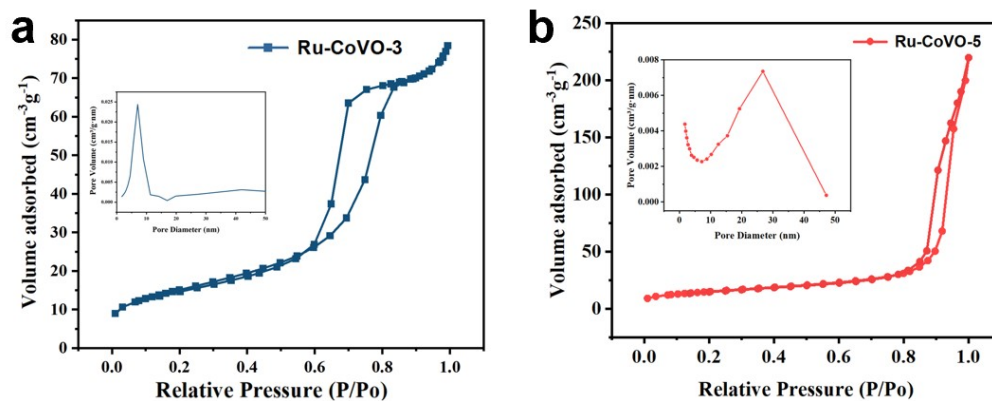
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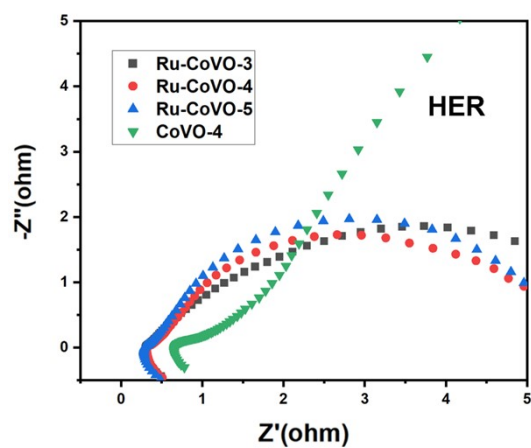
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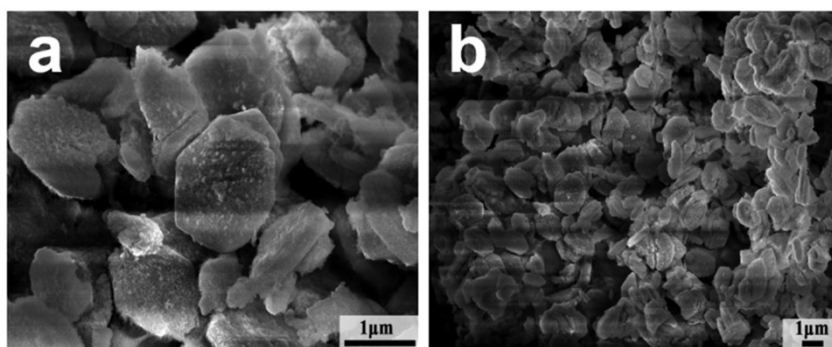
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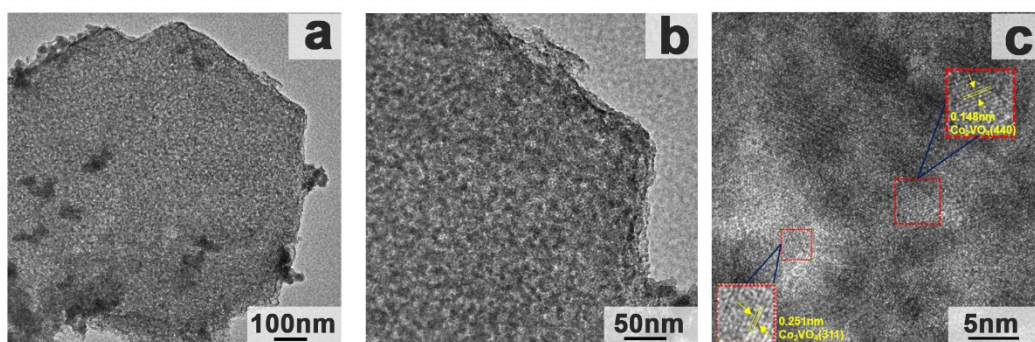
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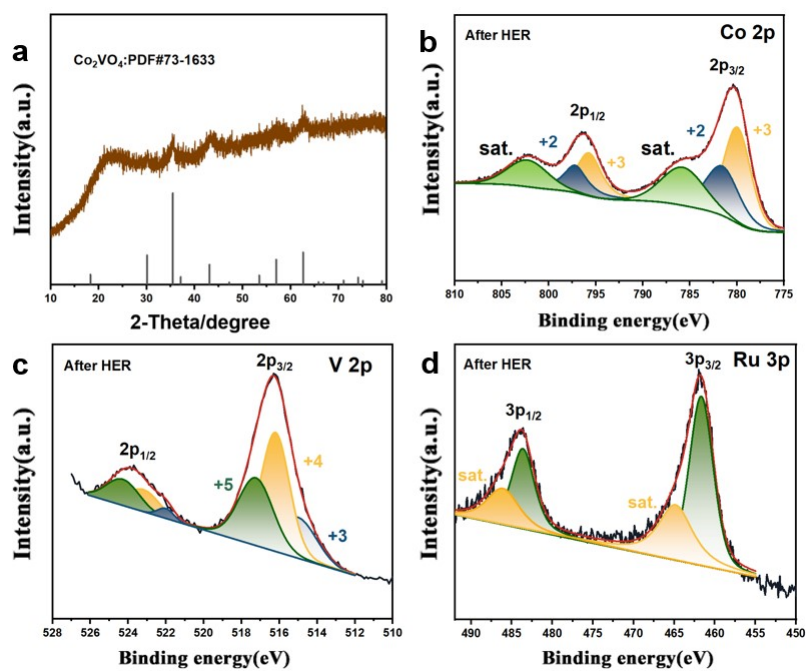
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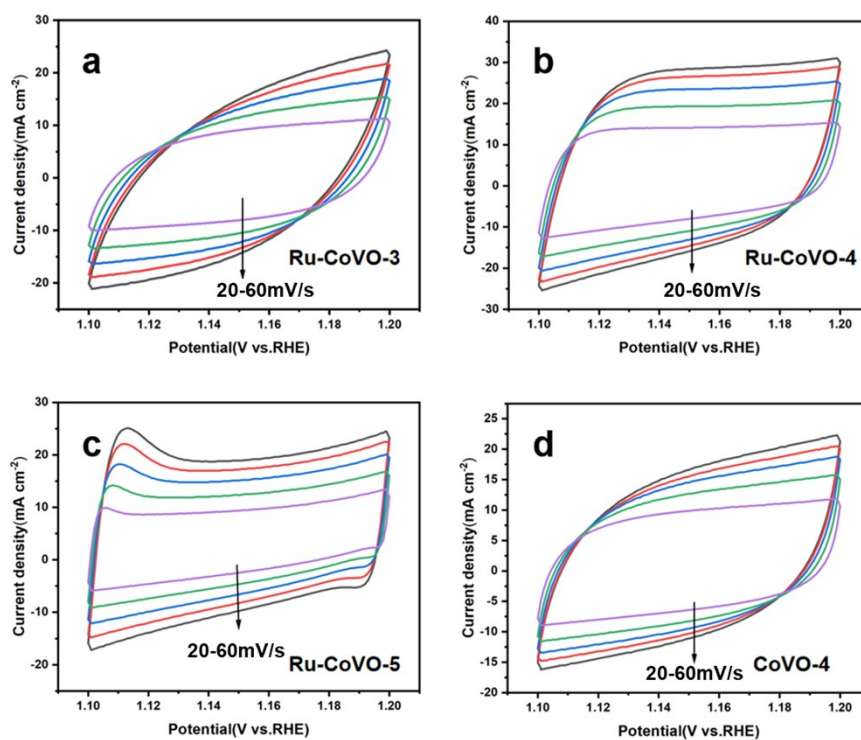
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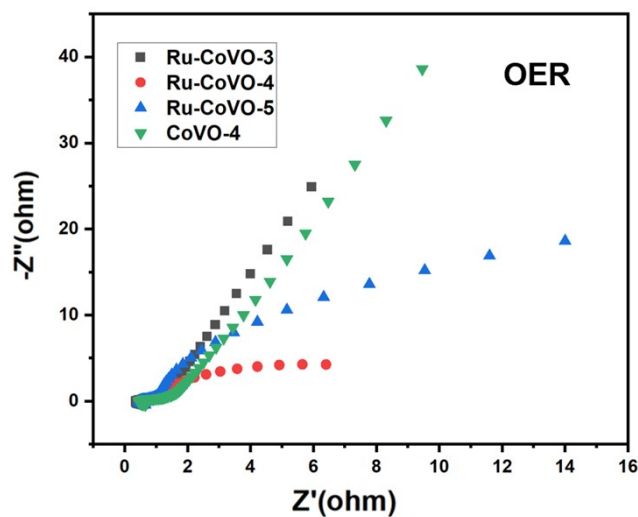
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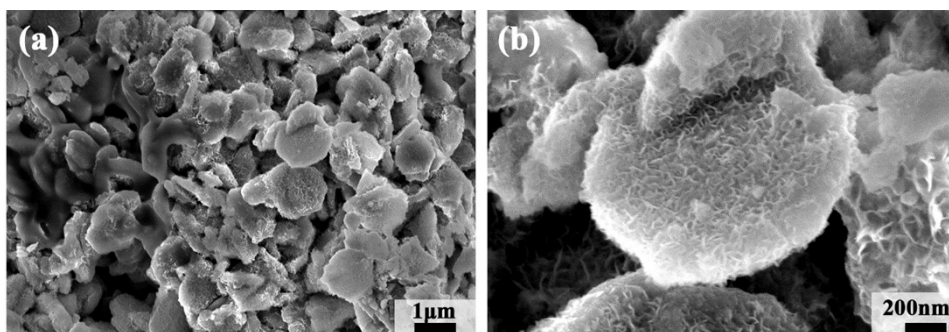
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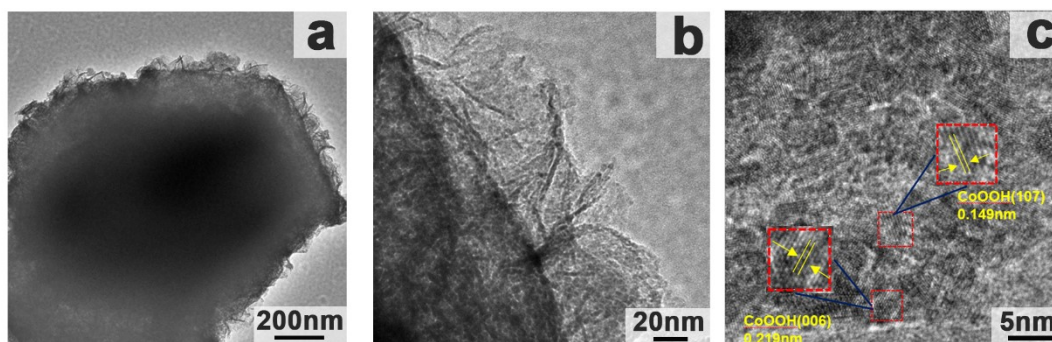
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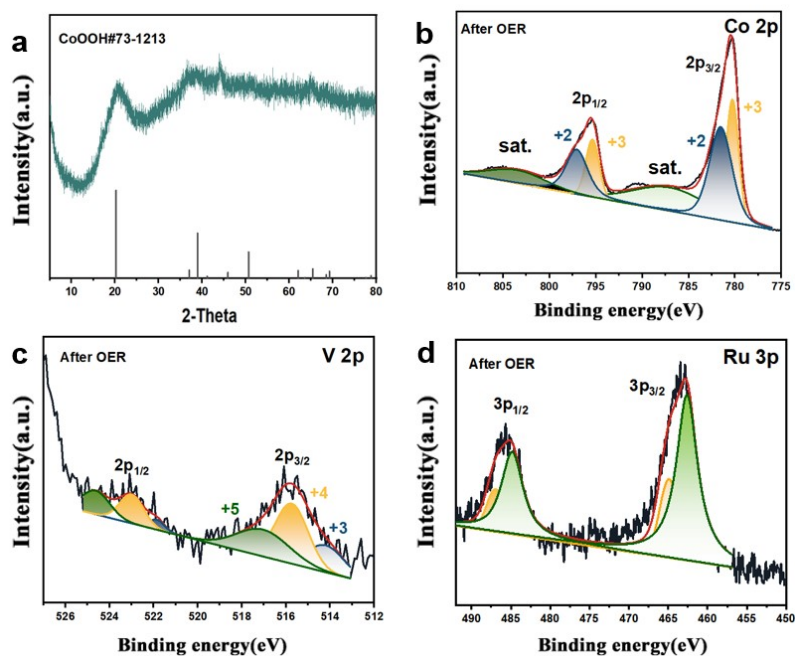
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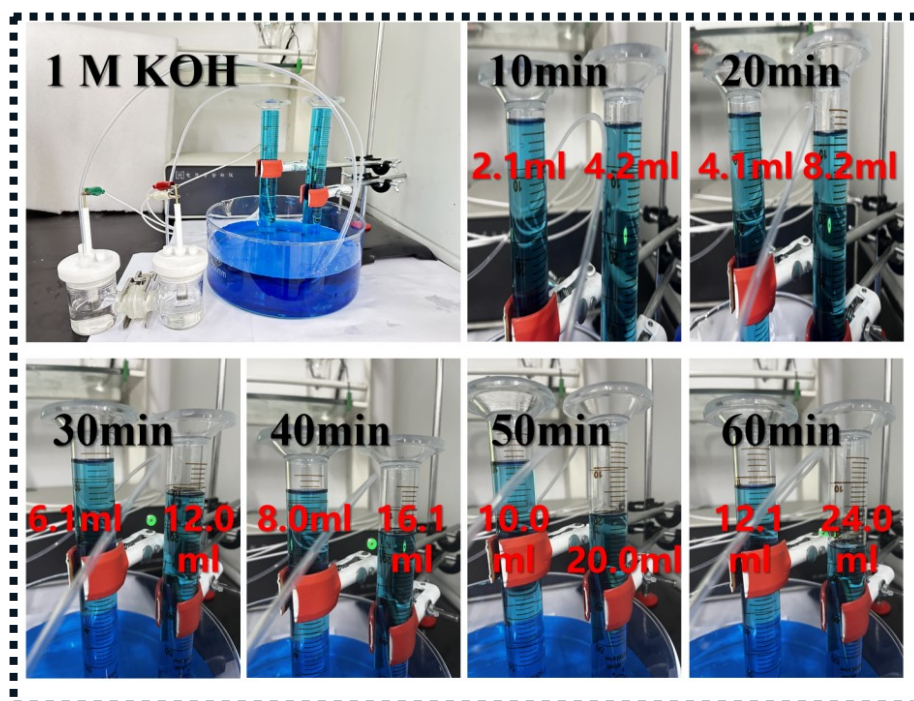
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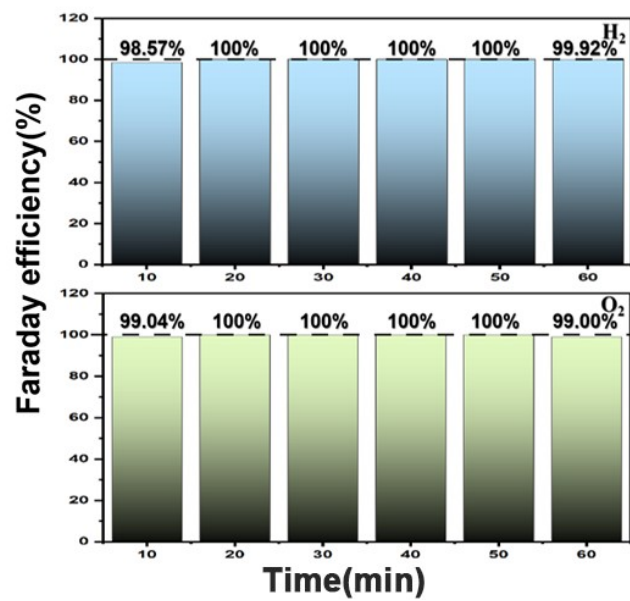
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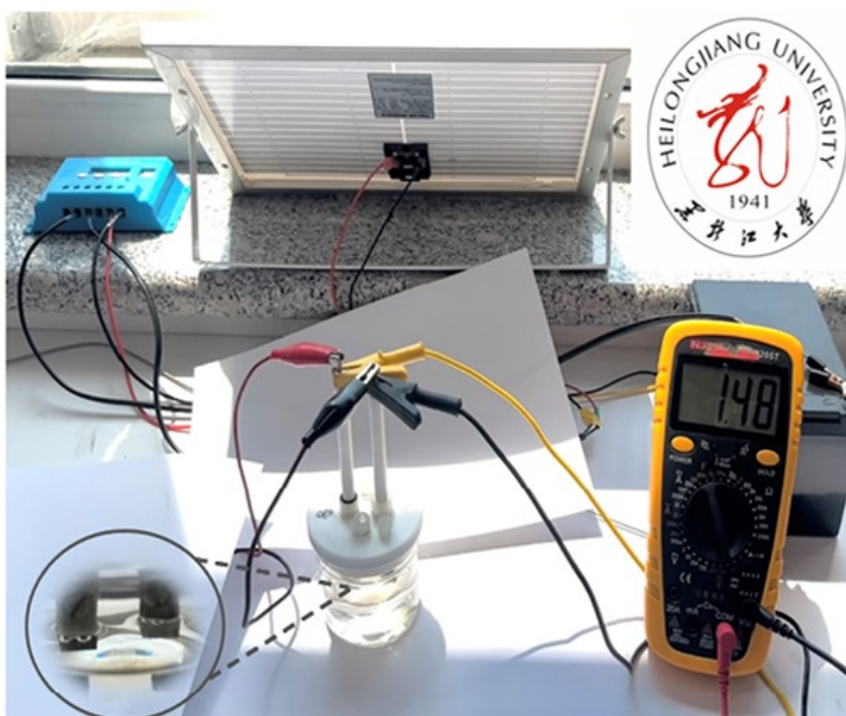
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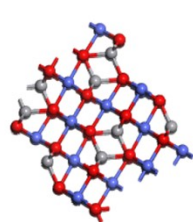
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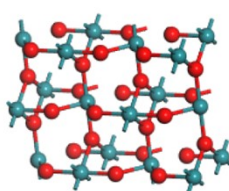
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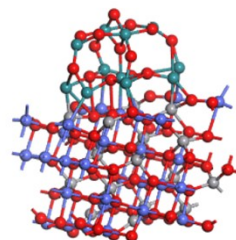
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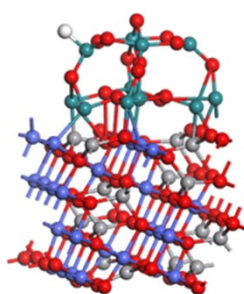


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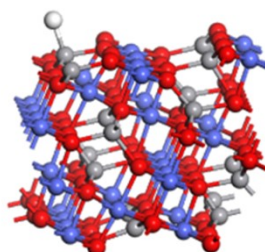


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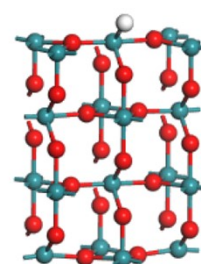
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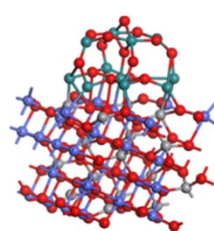


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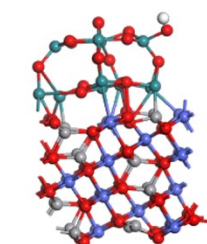


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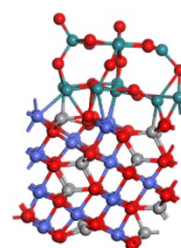
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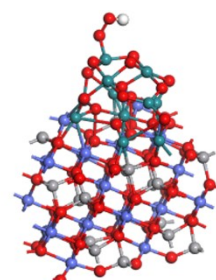
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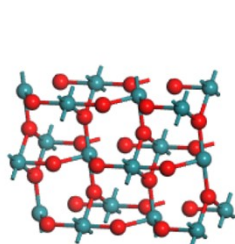
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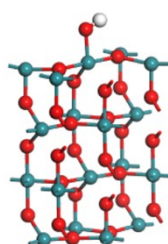
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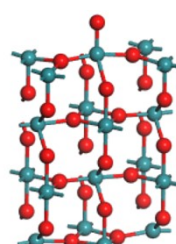
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Ru-OOH\***



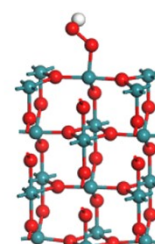
**RuO<sub>2</sub>**



**RuO<sub>2</sub>-OH\***

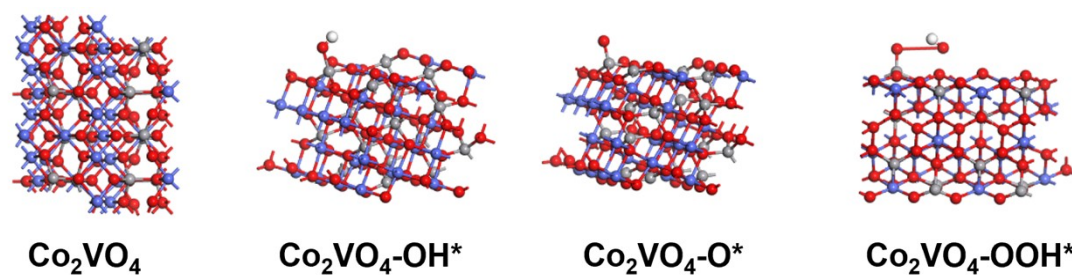


**RuO<sub>2</sub>-O\***

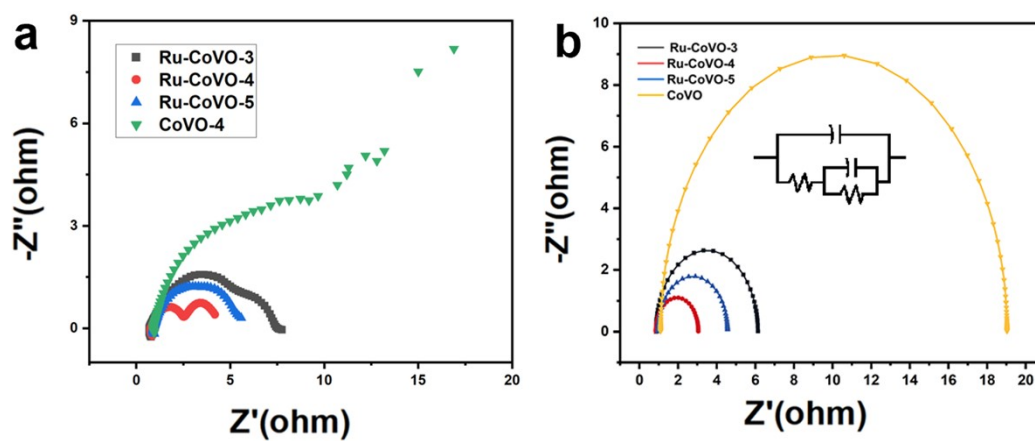


**RuO<sub>2</sub>-OOH\***

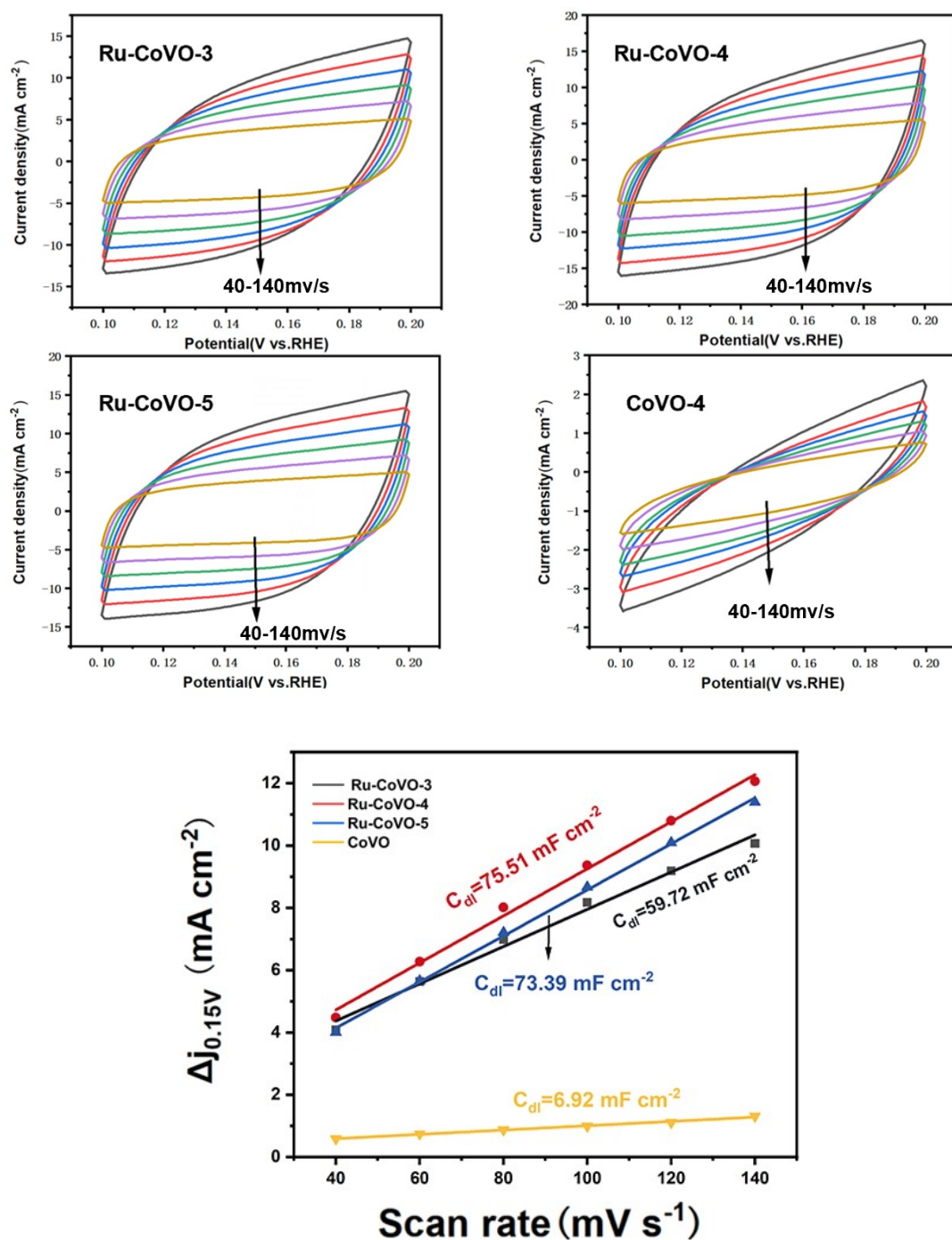
**Figure S25.** The models of Co<sub>2</sub>VO<sub>4</sub>-RuO<sub>2</sub> and RuO<sub>2</sub> with potential OH\*, O\*, OOH\* adsorbed on its surface, respectively.



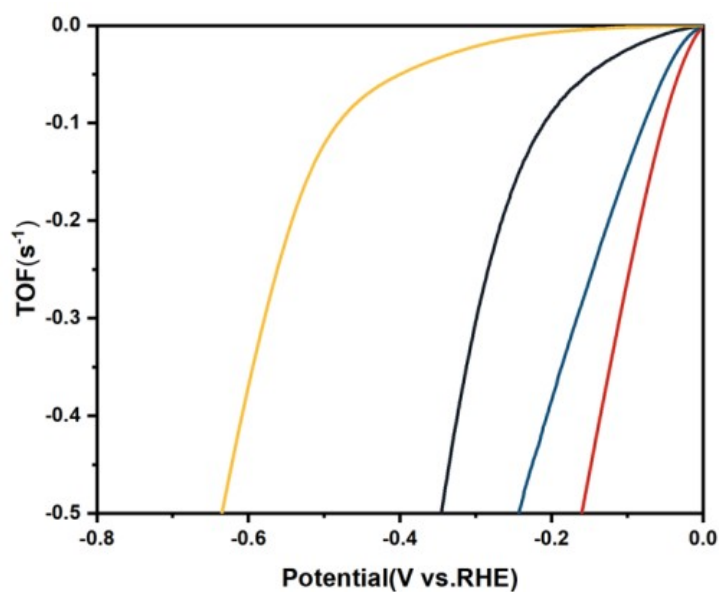
**Figure S26.** The models of  $\text{Co}_2\text{VO}_4$  with potential  $\text{OH}^*$ ,  $\text{O}^*$ ,  $\text{OOH}^*$  adsorbed on its surface, respectively.



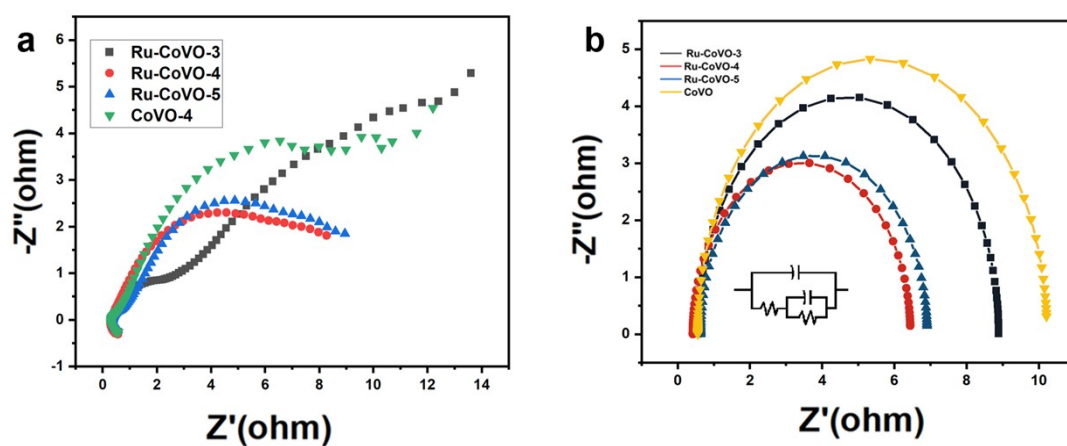
**Figure S27.** Corresponding Nyquist plots (a) original experimental data and (b) simulated data of different electrode for HER in 0.5M  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ .



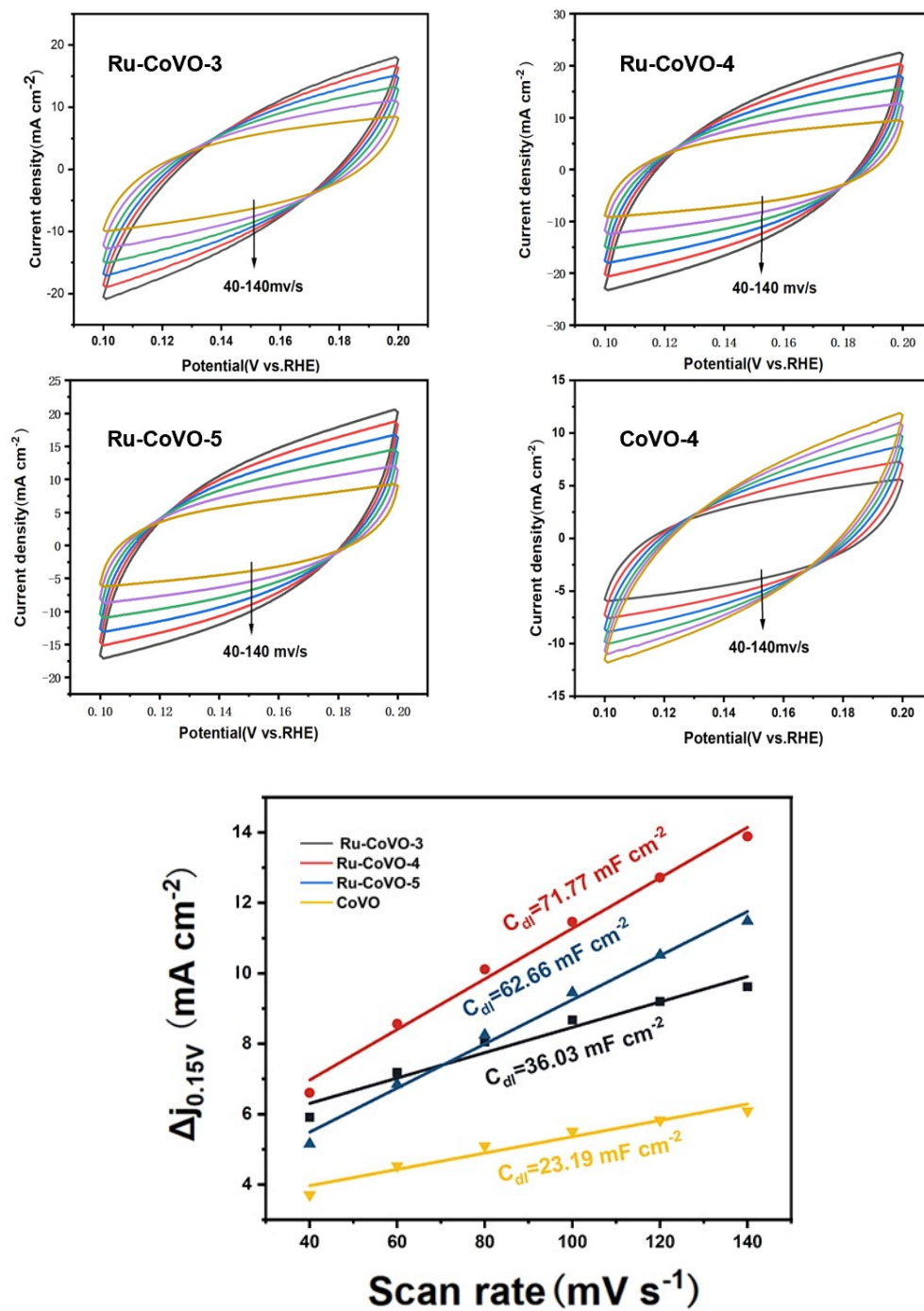
**Figure S28.** CVs within the potential range of 0.1 to 0.2 V vs. RHE in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> at the different scan rates from 40 to 140 mV s<sup>-1</sup> for Ru-CoVO-3, Ru-CoVO-4, Ru-CoVO-5 and CoVO-4; Plots showing extraction of the double-layer capacitance ( $C_{dl}$ ).



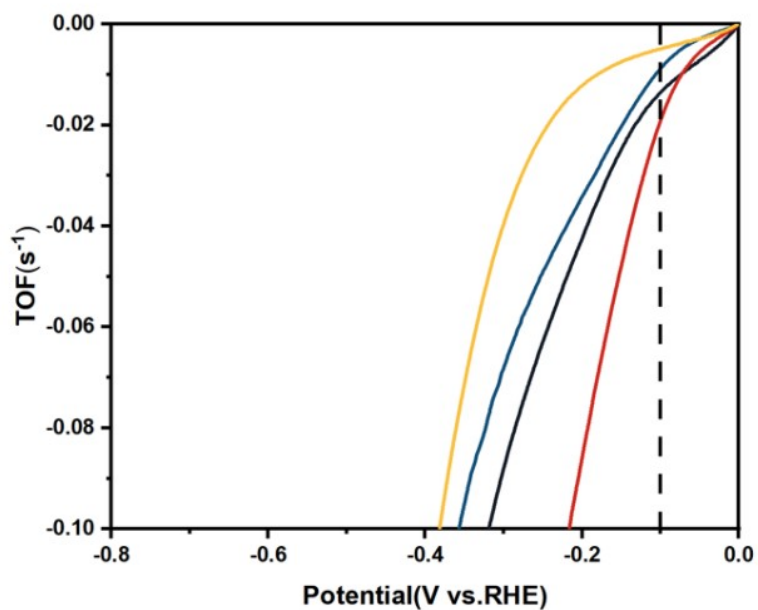
**Figure S29.** Calculated TOF for Ru-CoVO-3, Ru-CoVO-4, Ru-CoVO-5, and CoVO-4 in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.



**Figure S30.** Corresponding Nyquist plots (a) original experimental data and (b) simulated data of different electrode for HER in 1M PBS.



**Figure S31.** CVs within the potential range of 0.1 to 0.2 V vs. RHE in 1 M PBS at the different scan rates from 40 to 140 mV s<sup>-1</sup> for Ru-CoVO-3, Ru-CoVO-4, Ru-CoVO-5 and CoVO-4; Plots showing extraction of the double-layer capacitance (C<sub>dl</sub>).



**Figure S32.** Calculated TOF for Ru-CoVO-3, Ru-CoVO-4, Ru-CoVO-5, and CoVO-4 in 1 M PBS.

**Table S1.** Metal content of various catalysts analysed by ICP-AES measurements.

| sample    | Temperature<br>(°C) | Ru<br>content(%) | Co<br>content(%) | V<br>content(%) |
|-----------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Ru-CoVO-3 | 300                 | 1.9%             | 19.3%            | 13.7%           |
| Ru-CoVO-4 | 400                 | 2.1%             | 29.4%            | 20.2%           |
| Ru-CoVO-5 | 500                 | 1.8%             | 21.2%            | 15.5%           |

**Table S2.** Comparison of recently reported electrocatalysts for HER in 1 M KOH.

| HER catalysts                             | Electrolyte | $\eta_{10}$ (mV) | Tafel slope (mV·dec <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ru-CoVO-4                                 | 1 M KOH     | 49               | 59.69                               | This work                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Ru/EG-rGO-114                             | 1 M KOH     | 54               | 35                                  | C.-K. Hung, A. R. Thiruppathi, N. Burns, C. McGuire, J. Quintal, D.-T. Jiang, S. Kycia and A. Chen, <i>Acs Catalysis</i> , 2024, <b>14</b> , 5416-5428.                                                                     |
| Ru@RuO <sub>2</sub> -250                  | 1 M KOH     | 32               | 21.7                                | Z. Li, J. Zou, T. Liang, X. Song, Z. Li, J. Wen, M. Peng, X. Zeng, H. Huang and H. Wu, <i>Chemical Engineering Journal</i> , 2023, <b>460</b> , 141672.                                                                     |
| RuNi-0                                    | 1 M KOH     | 69               | 73                                  | N. Liu, Z. Zhai, B. Yu, W. Yang, G. Cheng and Z. Zhang, <i>International Journal of Hydrogen Energy</i> , 2022, <b>47</b> , 31330-31341.                                                                                    |
| Ru-Ni/Co                                  | 1 M KOH     | 59               | 64                                  | L. Li, H. Qiu, Y. Zhu, G. Chen, S. She, X. Guo, H. Li, T. Liu, Z. Lin, H. Zhou, Y. Zhu, M. Yang, B. Xu and H. Huang, <i>Applied Catalysis B: Environmental</i> , 2023, <b>331</b> , 122710.                                 |
| Ru <sub>0.10</sub> @2H-MoS <sub>2</sub>   | 1 M KOH     | 51               | 64.9                                | J. Wang, W. Fang, Y. Hu, Y. Zhang, J. Dang, Y. Wu, B. Chen, H. Zhao and Z. Li, <i>Applied Catalysis B: Environmental</i> , 2021, <b>298</b> , 120490.                                                                       |
| Ru <sub>3</sub> -TiO <sub>2</sub> NWAs/CC | 1 M KOH     | 61               | 47.4                                | S. Wang, L. Sang, F. Zhang, Y. Li, B. Xu, P. Zhang, B. Liu and Y. Wang, <i>Catalysis Letters</i> , 2024, <b>155</b> , 11.                                                                                                   |
| Bi05:NiO                                  | 1 M KOH     | 171              | 85.2                                | S. Jo, B. Kang, S. An, H. B. Jung, J. Kwon, H. Oh, J. Lim, P. Choi, J. Oh, K.-y. Cho, H.-S. Cho, M. Kim, J.-H. Lee, K. Eom and T. F. Fuller, <i>ACS Applied Materials &amp; Interfaces</i> , 2025, <b>17</b> , 11946-11955. |
| Ru-Co <sub>2</sub> P@Ru-N-C               | 1 M KOH     | 69               | 65                                  | P. Wang, K. Wang, Y. Liu, H. Li, Y. Guo, Y. Tian, S. Guo, M. Luo, Y. He, Z. Liu and S. Guo, <i>Advanced Functional Materials</i> , 2024, <b>34</b> , 2316709.                                                               |
| Rh-WO <sub>3</sub>                        | 1 M KOH     | 116              | 73                                  | N.-A. Nguyen, E. Chuluunbat, T. A. Nguyen and H.-S. Choi, <i>International Journal of Hydrogen Energy</i> , 2023, <b>48</b> , 32686-32698.                                                                                  |
| Mo-Ru-B                                   | 1 M KOH     | 50               | 41                                  | P. Yang, B. Zhou, J. Wang, Y. Wang, Z. Chen, X. Wang, L. Wang, F. Liu and Z. Wu, <i>International Journal of Hydrogen Energy</i> , 2023, <b>48</b> , 21568-21577.                                                           |

**Table S3.** Comparison of recently reported electrocatalysts for HER in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

| HER catalysts                            | Electrolyte                          | $\eta_{10}$ (mV) | Tafel slope (mV·dec <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ru-CoVO-4                                | 0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | 30               | 53.2                                | This work                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Ru@RuO <sub>2</sub> -250                 | 0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | 31               | 33.5                                | Z. Li, J. Zou, T. Liang, X. Song, Z. Li, J. Wen, M. Peng, X. Zeng, H. Huang and H. Wu, <i>Chemical Engineering Journal</i> , 2023, <b>460</b> , 141672.                                                       |
| Mo-Ru-B                                  | 0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | 48               | 34                                  | P. Yang, B. Zhou, J. Wang, Y. Wang, Z. Chen, X. Wang, L. Wang, F. Liu and Z. Wu, <i>International Journal of Hydrogen Energy</i> , 2023, <b>48</b> , 21568-21577.                                             |
| Ru-Ru <sub>2</sub> P/2D-PCSG-800         | 0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | 57               | 44                                  | L. Liu, Z. Wang, X. Zhang, L. Luo and Y. Chen, <i>Journal of Alloys and Compounds</i> , 2025, <b>1010</b> , 177725.                                                                                           |
| PW-OA-RuOx@C                             | 0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | 39               | 57.2-                               | J. Ding, Z. Peng, Z. Wang, C. Zeng, Y. Feng, M. Yang, G. Hu, J. Luo and X. Liu, <i>Journal of Materials Chemistry A</i> , 2024, <b>12</b> , 28023-28031.                                                      |
| Rh-WO <sub>3</sub>                       | 0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | 48               | 31                                  | N.-A. Nguyen, E. Chuluunbat, T. A. Nguyen and H.-S. Choi, <i>International Journal of Hydrogen Energy</i> , 2023, <b>48</b> , 32686-32698.                                                                    |
| Co <sub>5</sub> Ru <sub>1</sub> @NCNT/PF | 0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | 45               | 64                                  | J. Jiao, N.-N. Zhang, C. Zhang, N. Sun, Y. Pan, C. Chen, J. Li, M. Tan, R. Cui, Z. Shi, J. Zhang, H. Xiao and T. Lu, <i>Advanced Science</i> , 2022, <b>9</b> , 2200010.                                      |
| RuO <sub>2</sub> -WC NPs                 | 0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | 58               | 66                                  | S.-C. Sun, H. Jiang, Z.-Y. Chen, Q. Chen, M.-Y. Ma, L. Zhen, B. Song and C.-Y. Xu, <i>Angewandte Chemie-International Edition</i> , 2022, <b>61</b> , e202202519.                                             |
| Ru-NBC                                   | 0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | 40               | 40.82                               | Y. Feng, W. Zhu, J. Xu, D. Zhang, Q. Ma, L. Zhao, L. Lin, Q. Su, Y. Wang, Q. Liu, Y. Wei, X. Li, J. Huang, Y. Ye, J. Zhao and B. Wu, <i>ACS Nano</i> , 2025, <b>19</b> , 7948-7961.                           |
| Ru <sub>0.10</sub> @2H-MoS <sub>2</sub>  | 0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | 168              | 77.5                                | J. Wang, W. Fang, Y. Hu, Y. Zhang, J. Dang, Y. Wu, B. Chen, H. Zhao and Z. Li, <i>Applied Catalysis B: Environmental</i> , 2021, <b>298</b> , 120490.                                                         |
| 2.20 wt% Ru SAs-Ni <sub>2</sub> P        | 0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | 125              | 71                                  | K. Wu, K. Sun, S. Liu, W.-C. Cheong, Z. Chen, C. Zhang, Y. Pan, Y. Cheng, Z. Zhuang, X. Wei, Y. Wang, L. Zheng, Q. Zhang, D. Wang, Q. Peng, C. Chen and Y. Li, <i>Nano Energy</i> , 2021, <b>80</b> , 105467. |

**Table S4.** Comparison of recently reported electrocatalysts for HER in 1 M PBS.

| HER catalysts                            | Electrolyte                         | $\eta_{10}$ (mV) | Tafel slope (mV·dec <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ru-CoVO-4                                | 1 M PBS                             | 145              | 95.81                               | This work                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Ru@RuO <sub>2</sub> -250                 | 1 M PBS                             | 43               | 50.3                                | Z. Li, J. Zou, T. Liang, X. Song, Z. Li, J. Wen, M. Peng, X. Zeng, H. Huang and H. Wu, <i>Chemical Engineering Journal</i> , 2023, <b>460</b> , 141672.                                         |
| Ru - Mo <sub>2</sub> C@NPC               | 1 M PBS                             | 170              | 146.89                              | Y. Li, Z. Zhang, Y. Yao, Z. a. Wang, Z. Yang, Y. Tong and S. Chen, <i>Dalton Transactions</i> , 2024, <b>53</b> , 17581-17587.                                                                  |
| CoO/Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> NA/Ti | 1 M PBS                             | 169.8            | 44.6                                | Z. Feng, J. Pu, X. Zhang, W. Zhang, M. Liu, L. Cui and J. Liu, <i>Journal of Alloys and Compounds</i> , 2021, <b>881</b> , 160603.                                                              |
| RuP <sub>2</sub> @NC                     | 1 M PBS                             | 196              | 115.7                               | B.-Y. Guo, X.-Y. Zhang, J.-Y. Xie, Y.-H. Shan, R.-Y. Fan, W.-L. Yu, M.-X. Li, D.-P. Liu, Y.-M. Chai and B. Dong, <i>International Journal of Hydrogen Energy</i> , 2021, <b>46</b> , 7964-7973. |
| Ru@WNO-C                                 | 1 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | 358              | 139.7                               | G. Meng, H. Tian, L. Peng, Z. Ma, Y. Chen, C. Chen, Z. Chang, X. Cui and J. Shi, <i>Nano Energy</i> , 2021, <b>80</b> , 105531.                                                                 |
| Ru/Co@NC                                 | 0.01 M PBS                          | 286              | 143                                 | D. Zhao, Z. Li, X. Yu, W. Zhou, Q. Wu, Y. Luo, N. Wang, A. Liu, L. Li and S. Chen, <i>Chemical Engineering Journal</i> , 2022, <b>450</b> , 138254.                                             |
| Ni/VN/Ni-NC                              | 1 M PBS                             | 166              | 109                                 | Q. Liu, K. Liu, X. Li, C. Hui, J. Huang, Z. Deng, D. Yang, L. Cao and L. Feng, <i>Acs Applied Nano Materials</i> , 2024, <b>7</b> , 4059-4067.                                                  |
| Ru@Ni-MOF                                | 1 M PBS                             | 287              | 62                                  | L. Deng, F. Hu, M. Ma, S.-C. Huang, Y. Xiong, H.-Y. Chen, L. Li and S. Peng, <i>Angewandte Chemie-International Edition</i> , 2021, <b>60</b> , 22276-22282.                                    |
| Ni-Cr-Mo-Fe                              | 1 M PBS                             | 297              | 94                                  | H. Nady, M. M. El-Rabiei, M. A. Deyab, M. Samy and G. M. Abd El-Hafez, <i>International Journal of Hydrogen Energy</i> , 2022, <b>47</b> , 39030-39046.                                         |
| MCNR1                                    | 1 M PBS                             | 196              | 139.09                              | H. M. C. M. Jayawardana, B. A. Yusuf, S. Meng, Y. Li, H. Ren, Q. Nie, Y. Xu, J. Xie and M. Chen, <i>Journal of Alloys and Compounds</i> , 2024, <b>997</b> , 174809.                            |

**Table S5.** Comparison of recently reported electrocatalysts for OER in 1 M KOH.

| OER catalysts                                                     | Electrolyte | $\eta_{10}$ (mV) | Tafel slope (mV·dec <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ru-CoVO-4                                                         | 1 M KOH     | 220              | 79.48                               | This work                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Ru-Ni (OH) <sub>2</sub>                                           | 1 M KOH     | 228              | 55.2                                | C. Li, B. Kim, Z. Li, R. Thapa, Y. Zhang, J.-M. Seo, R. Guan, F. Tang, J.-H. Baek, Y. H. Kim, J.-P. Jeon, N. Park and J.-B. Baek, <i>Advanced Materials</i> , 2024, <b>36</b> , 2403151.                |
| Ru-Co <sub>2</sub> P@Ru-N-C                                       | 1 M KOH     | 280              | 61                                  | P. Wang, K. Wang, Y. Liu, H. Li, Y. Guo, Y. Tian, S. Guo, M. Luo, Y. He, Z. Liu and S. Guo, <i>Advanced Functional Materials</i> , 2024, <b>34</b> , 2316709.                                           |
| 10%P-RuO <sub>2</sub> NFs                                         | 1 M KOH     | 250              | 59.9                                | L. Zhang, W. Li, S. Ren, W. Song, C. Wang and X. Lu, <i>Advanced Energy Materials</i> , 2025, <b>15</b> , 2403136.                                                                                      |
| Ru/NF                                                             | 1 M KOH     | 235.4            | 78.98                               | Y. Hou, Z. Qin, X. Han, Y. Liu, W. Zhang, X. Cao, Y. Cao, J.-P. Lang and H. Gu, <i>Nanoscale</i> , 2024, <b>16</b> , 6662-6668.                                                                         |
| Ru-Fe-Ox/CC                                                       | 1 M KOH     | 228              | 36                                  | M. Shang, B. Zhou, H. Qiu, Y. Gong, L. Xin, W. Xiao, G. Xu, C. Dai, H. Zhang, Z. Wu and L. Wang, <i>Journal of Colloid and Interface Science</i> , 2024, <b>669</b> , 856-863.                          |
| RuO <sub>2</sub> /CoFe-LDH/NF                                     | 1 M KOH     | 270              | 68.3                                | Q. Chen, Y. Yu, S. Luo, P. Deng, Y. Hua, S. Zhong, X. Tian and J. Li, <i>International Journal of Hydrogen Energy</i> , 2024, <b>84</b> , 401-409.                                                      |
| SFR30                                                             | 1 M KOH     | 334              | 87.7                                | W. Zhang, M. Xue, X. Zhang, C. Si, C. Tai, Q. Lu, M. Wei, X. Han, J. Ma, S. Chen and E. Guo, <i>Applied Surface Science</i> , 2024, <b>664</b> , 160278.                                                |
| (Ru <sub>2</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> Co <sub>6</sub> ) S <sub>2</sub> | 1 M KOH     | 248              | 32.5                                | Y. Zhu, S. Zhang, R. Chen, Z. Wang, W. Wu, H. Jiang, H. Chen and N. Cheng, 2024, <b>20</b> , 2310611.                                                                                                   |
| Ru <sub>0.6</sub> Sn <sub>0.4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>                | 1 M KOH     | 245              | 61.80                               | S. Jia, J. Zhang, Q. Liu, C. Ma, Y. Tang and H. Sun, <i>Journal of Materials Chemistry A</i> , 2023, <b>11</b> , 23489-23497.                                                                           |
| Ru-Cl-N SAC                                                       | 1 M KOH     | 233              | 195.1                               | J. Chen, J. Huang, R. Wang, W. Feng, H. Wang, T. Luo, Y. Hu, C. Yuan, L. Feng, L. Cao, K. Kajiyoshi, C. He, Y. Liu, Z. Li and Y. Feng, <i>Chemical Engineering Journal</i> , 2022, <b>441</b> , 136078. |

**Table S6.** Overall water splitting performance of the catalyst in 1 M KOH.

| catalysts                     | Electrolyte | $\eta_{10}$<br>(V) | stability                      | Reference                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ru-CoVO-4                     | 1 M KOH     | 1.46               | 500h                           | This work                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Ru-Ni (OH) <sub>2</sub>       | 1 M KOH     | 1.53               | 60h                            | C. Li, B. Kim, Z. Li, R. Thapa, Y. Zhang, J.-M. Seo, R. Guan, F. Tang, J.-H. Baek, Y. H. Kim, J.-P. Jeon, N. Park and J.-B. Baek, <i>Advanced Materials</i> , 2024, <b>36</b> , 2403151.                |
| Ru-Co <sub>2</sub> P@Ru-N-C   | 1 M KOH     | 1.56               | 80000 s                        | P. Wang, K. Wang, Y. Liu, H. Li, Y. Guo, Y. Tian, S. Guo, M. Luo, Y. He, Z. Liu and S. Guo, <i>Advanced Functional Materials</i> , 2024, <b>34</b> , 2316709.                                           |
| Ru/NF                         | 1 M KOH     | 1.50               | 24h                            | Y. Hou, Z. Qin, X. Han, Y. Liu, W. Zhang, X. Cao, Y. Cao, J.-P. Lang and H. Gu, <i>Nanoscale</i> , 2024, <b>16</b> , 6662-6668.                                                                         |
| RuO <sub>2</sub> /CoFe-LDH/NF | 1 M KOH     | 1.58               | 12h                            | Q. Chen, Y. Yu, S. Luo, P. Deng, Y. Hua, S. Zhong, X. Tian and J. Li, <i>International Journal of Hydrogen Energy</i> , 2024, <b>84</b> , 401-409.                                                      |
| SFR30                         | 1 M KOH     | 1.58               | 24h                            | W. Zhang, M. Xue, X. Zhang, C. Si, C. Tai, Q. Lu, M. Wei, X. Han, J. Ma, S. Chen and E. Guo, <i>Applied Surface Science</i> , 2024, <b>664</b> , 160278.                                                |
| Ru/d-NiFe LDH                 | 1 M KOH     | 1.49               | 140h(100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> ) | Y. Chen, Y. Liu, W. Zhai, H. Liu, T. Sakthivel, S. Guo and Z. Dai, <i>Advanced Energy Materials</i> , 2024, <b>14</b> , 2400059.                                                                        |
| (Ru-Co)Ox-350                 | 1 M KOH     | 1.57               | 20h                            | C. Wang, H. Shang, J. Li, Y. Wang, H. Xu, C. Wang, J. Guo and Y. Du, <i>Chemical Engineering Journal</i> , 2021, <b>420</b> , 129805.                                                                   |
| Ru-Cl-N SAC                   | 1 M KOH     | 1.49               | 100h                           | J. Chen, J. Huang, R. Wang, W. Feng, H. Wang, T. Luo, Y. Hu, C. Yuan, L. Feng, L. Cao, K. Kajiyoshi, C. He, Y. Liu, Z. Li and Y. Feng, <i>Chemical Engineering Journal</i> , 2022, <b>441</b> , 136078. |
| Ru@MoO(S) <sub>3</sub>        | 1 M KOH     | 1.526              | 24h                            | D. Chen, R. Yu, D. Wu, H. Zhao, P. Wang, J. Zhu, P. Ji, Z. Pu, L. Chen, J. Yu and S. Mu, <i>Nano Energy</i> , 2022, <b>100</b> , 107445.                                                                |
| NCO@RuO <sub>2</sub> -NCs     | 1 M KOH     | 1.5                | 42                             | Z. Zhang, X. Liu, D. Wang, H. Wan, Y. Zhang, G. Chen, N. Zhang and R. Ma, <i>Chemical Engineering Journal</i> , 2022, <b>446</b> , 137037.                                                              |

