

## Evolution of cobalt hydroxide from 2D microplatelets to 3D hierarchical structure mediated by precursor concentration

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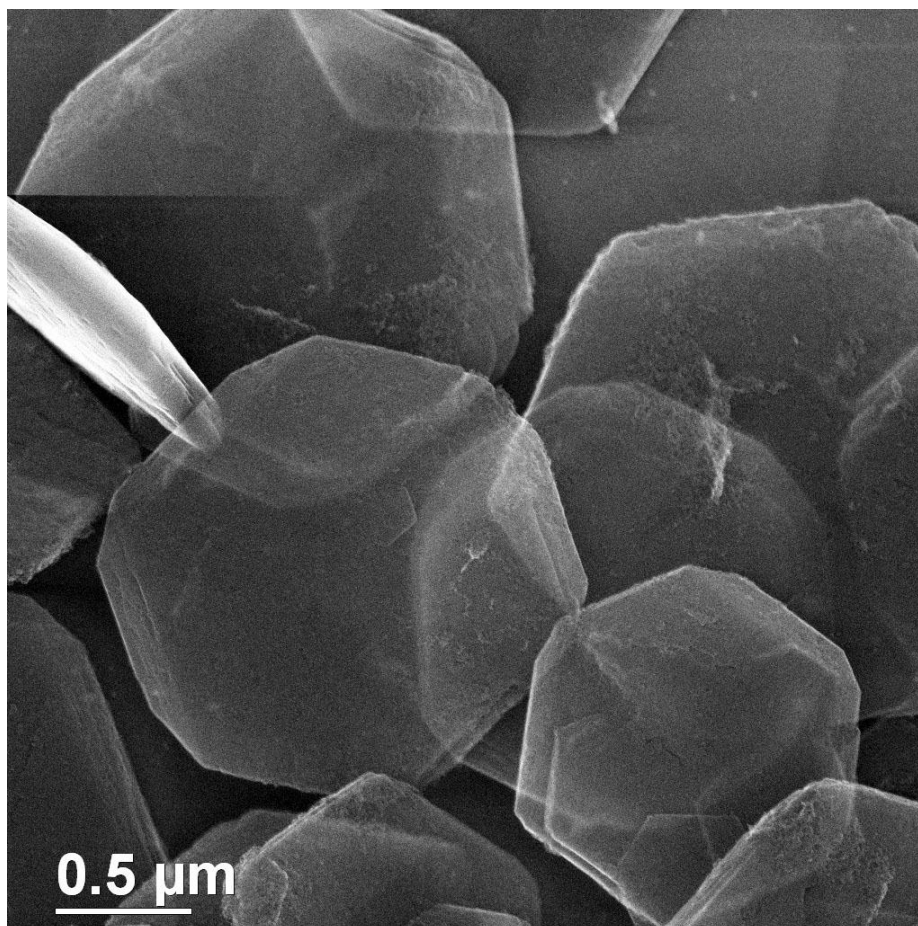


Figure S1 SEM image of  $\text{Co(OH)}_2$  microplatelets with  $0.05 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  cobalt salt.

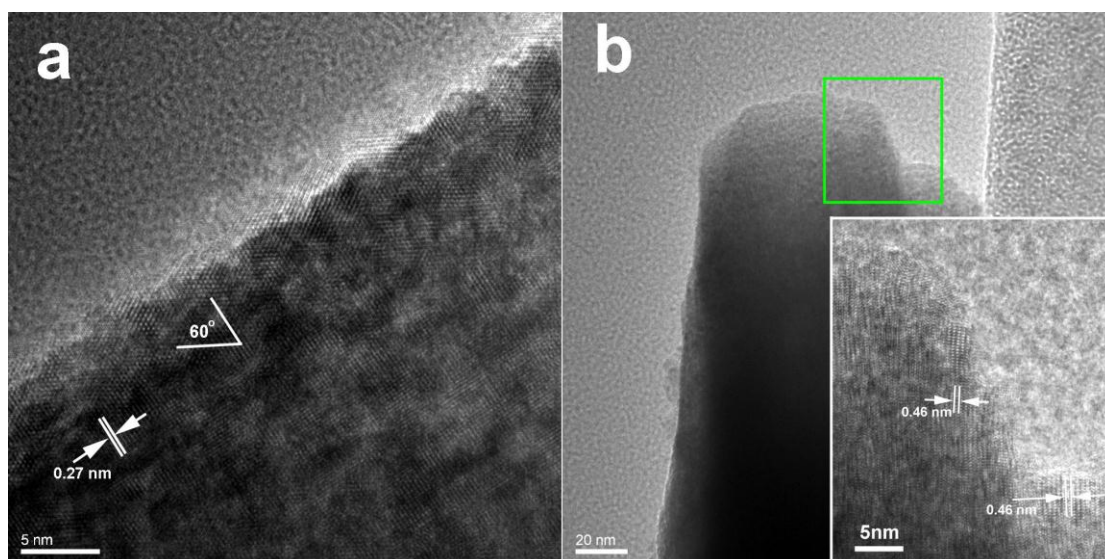


Figure S2 HRTEM images of  $\text{Co(OH)}_2$  microplatelets from different orientations; the microplatelets were prepared with  $0.05 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  cobalt salt.

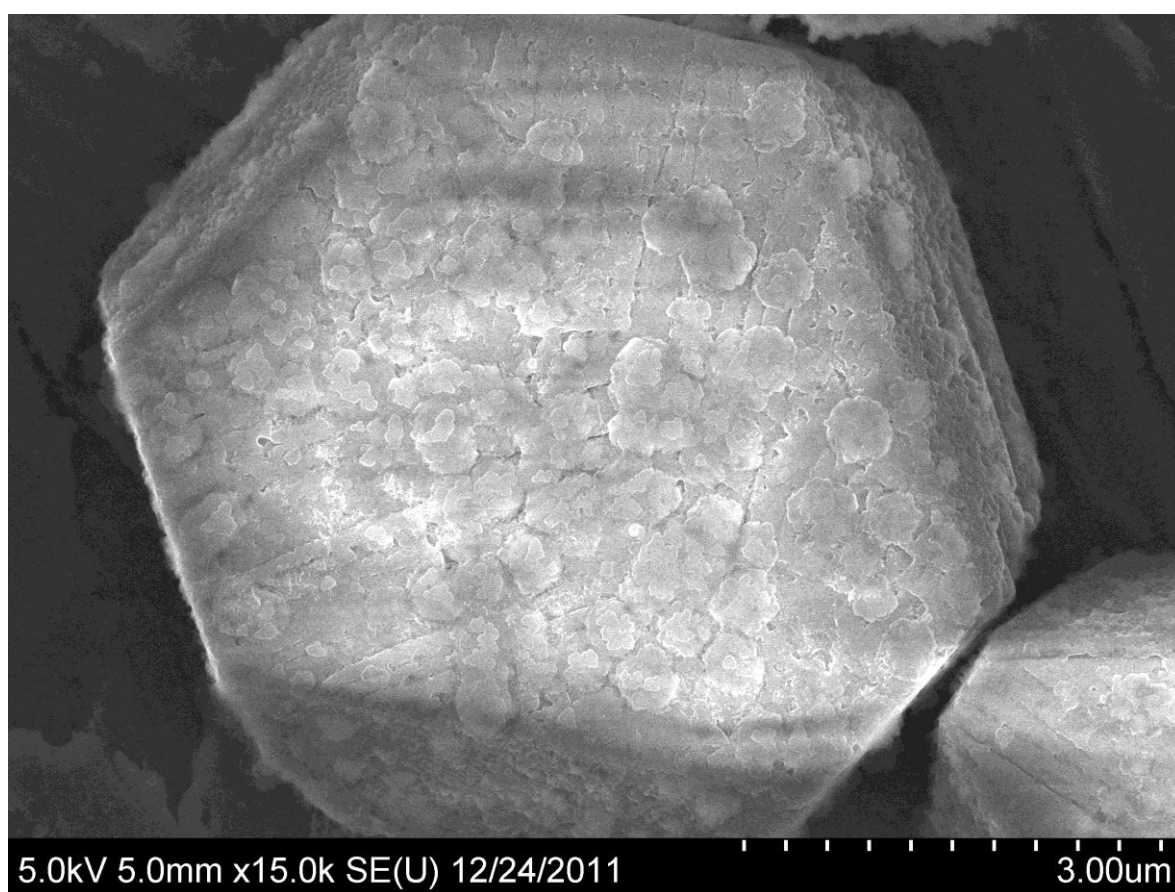


Figure S3 SEM image of  $\text{Co(OH)}_2$  microplatelet with  $0.1 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  cobalt salt for 10 min reaction.

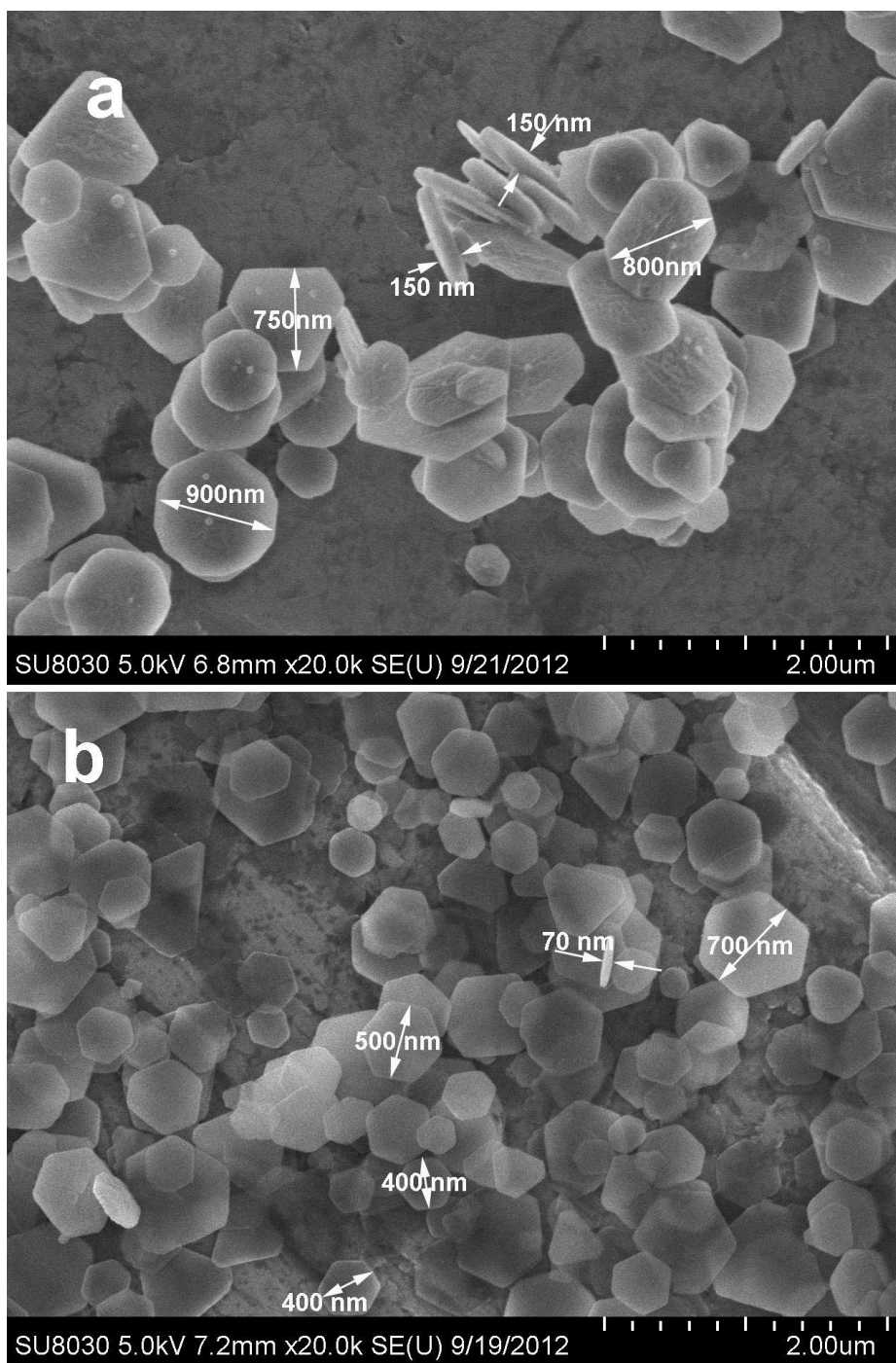


Figure S4 SEM image of  $\text{Co(OH)}_2$  microplatelets prepared under different cobalt concentrations, (a)  $0.025 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  (b)  $0.01 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ , showing smaller and thinner microplatelets formed under a lower salt concentration.