## Co<sub>x</sub>C-encased carbon nanotube: an efficient oxygen reduction catalyst under both acidic and alkaline conditions

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## Figures and captions





**Fig. S1** HRTEM images of Co<sub>x</sub>C/C (A~B), TEM of images of Fe<sub>x</sub>C/C (C~F) and Ni /C (G~I),



Fig. S2 EDS spectrum of  $Co_xC/C$  (A) and Ni/C (B)



Fig. S3 XRD patterns of the synthesized  $Fe_xC/C$ ,  $Co_xC/C$  and Ni/C



Fig. S4 Raman curves of the synthesized  $Co_xC/C$ ,  $Fe_xC/C$  and Ni/C



**Fig. S5** Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms (A) and the corresponding pore size distributions derived from the desorption branch (B) of the obtained samples



Fig. S6 CV curves of the synthesized samples under oxygen or

nitrogen saturated 0.1 M KOH



Fig. S7 LSV curves of the synthesized samples at various rotating

speed under oxygen saturated 0.1 M KOH



nitrogen saturated 0.1 M HClO<sub>4</sub>



**Fig. S9** LSV curves of the synthesized samples at various rotating speed under oxygen saturated 0.1 M HClO<sub>4</sub>

	C(at.%)	O(at.%)	N(at.%)	M(M=Fe,
				Co,Ni,
				(at.%))
Fe <sub>x</sub> C/C	89.71	8.52	1.19	0.58
Co <sub>x</sub> C/C	72.99	20.28	1.1	5.64
Ni/C	86.39	9.62	2.02	1.96

## Table S1 element composition of the synthesized samples measured by XPS





Figure S10.XPS survey spectrum of the synthesized samples