

Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) for

**Nanoporous Networks as Caging Supports for Uniform,
Surfactant-free Co₃O₄ Nanocrystals and Their Applications in
Energy Storage and Conversion**

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Figure S1. TEM images of (a) npCOP, (b) nwCOP, and (c) bare COP at a low magnification.

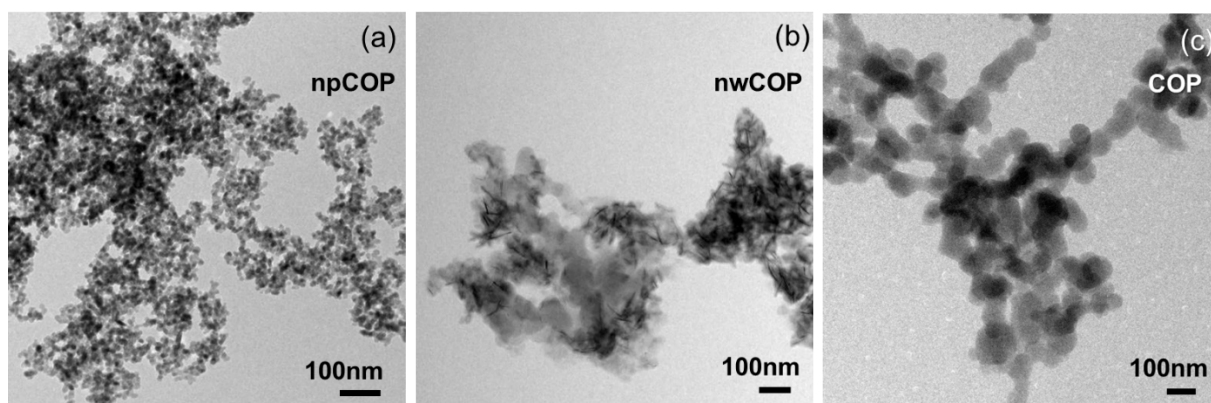


Figure S2. Morphology of Co_3O_4 nanoparticles templated by various amide porous polymers. The amine-terminated monomers, displayed as inset, are utilized instead of phenylene diamine in order to produce amide-linked porous polymers.

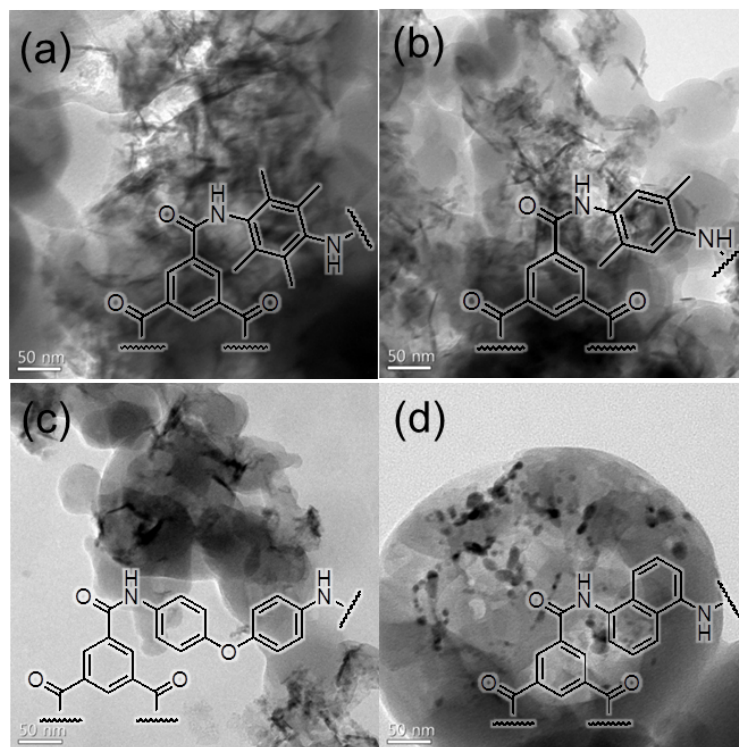


Figure S3. (a) XPS spectrum of npCOP and nwCOP, and (b) their Co 2p spectrum.

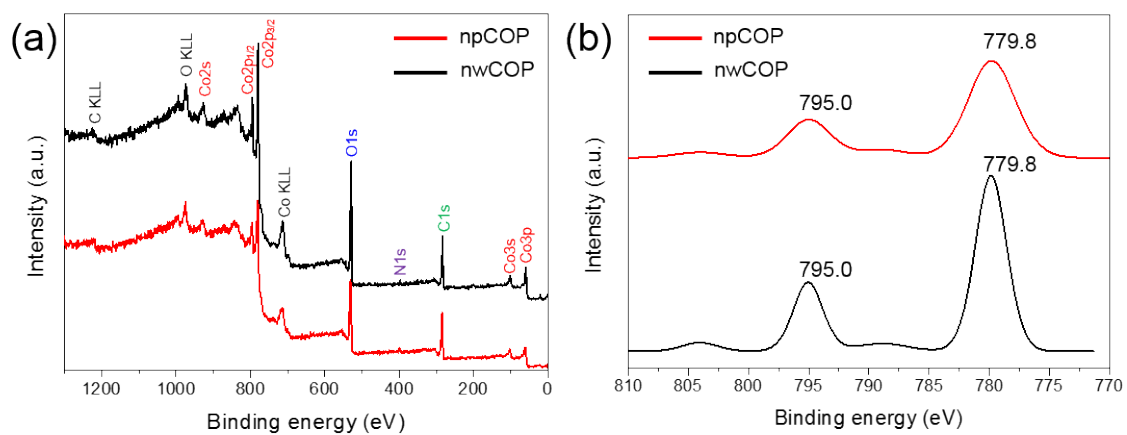


Figure S4. FTIR spectrum of bare COP and the nanocomposites with the range of stretching vibrations from metal-oxygen bonds.

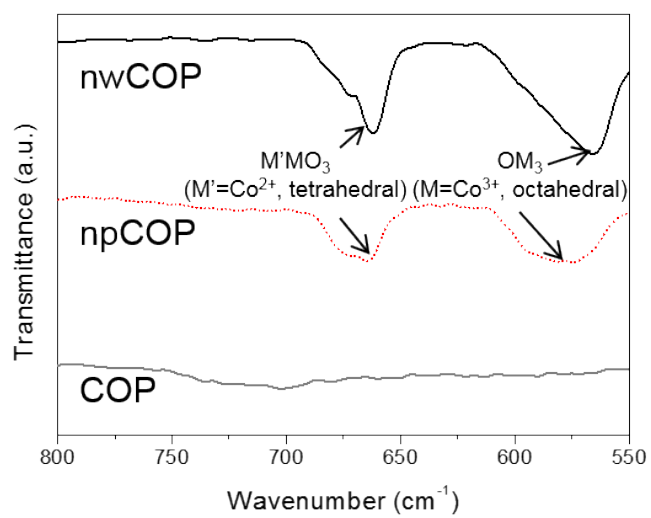


Figure S5. The first two galvanostatic cycles of (a) npCOP and (b) nwCOP with current density of 0.06 C (50 mA g⁻¹).

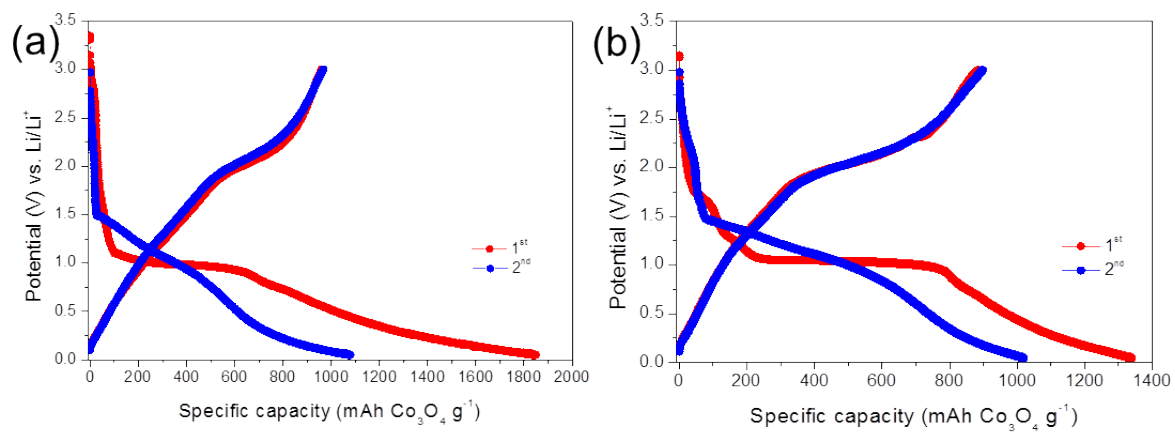


Figure S6. (a) Cyclic voltammograms of COP at a scanning rate of $200 \mu\text{A s}^{-1}$. COP was pre-treated at 300°C for accurate comparison with the nanocomposites. (b) Galvanostatic voltage profile of COP up to initial 5th cycle at current density of 0.06C (50 mA g^{-1}) (voltage range: $0.05 - 2 \text{ V}$). Cyclic voltammograms of (c) npCOP and (d) nwCOP at a scanning rate of $200 \mu\text{A s}^{-1}$.

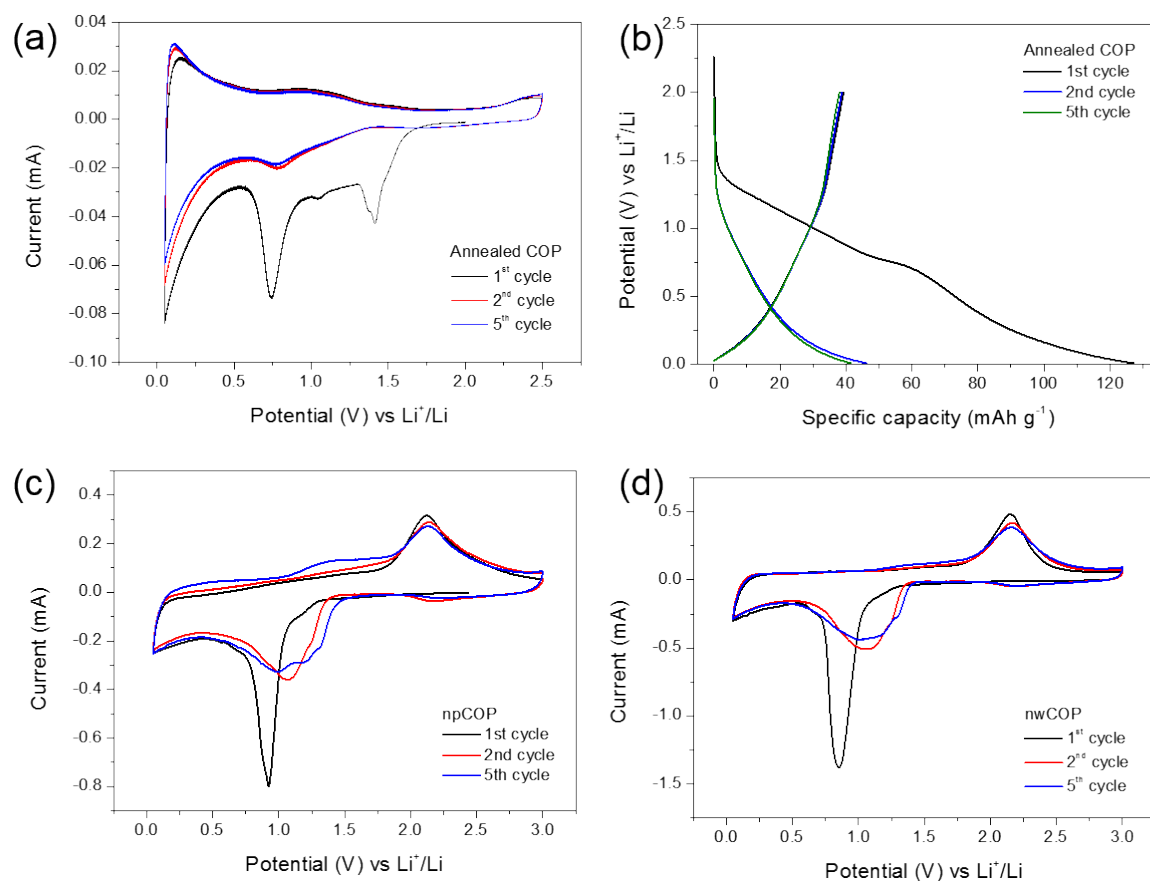


Figure S7. Rate performance of npCOP and nwCOP measured under different current densities.

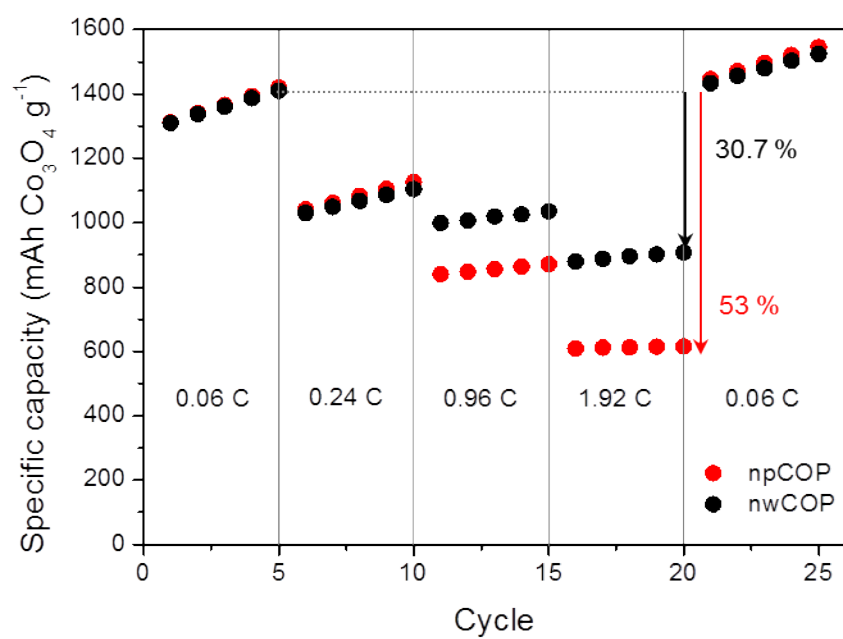


Figure S8. TEM morphology of (a) npCOP and (b) nwCOP after 60th cycle of charge-discharge. (c) Bare Co₃O₄ nanoparticles after a few cycles.

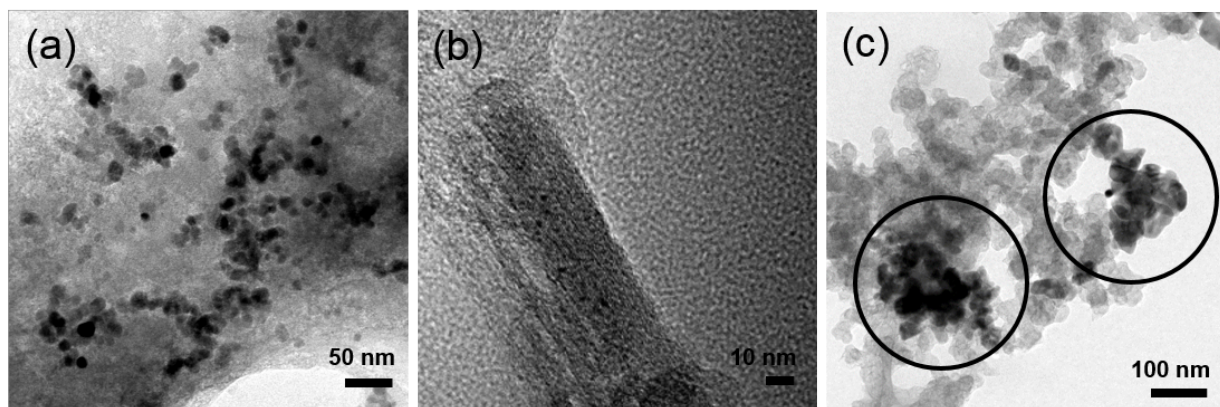


Figure S9. X-ray diffraction patterns of npCOP and nwCOP after 60 cycles.

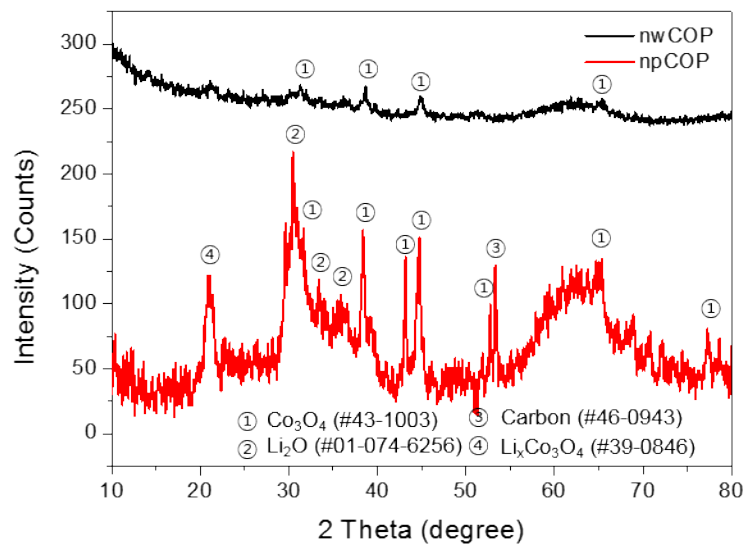


Figure S10. Thermogravimetric analysis of bare COP and the nanocomposites under (a) air and (b) N₂ atmosphere up to 800 °C at a rate of 10 °C/min.

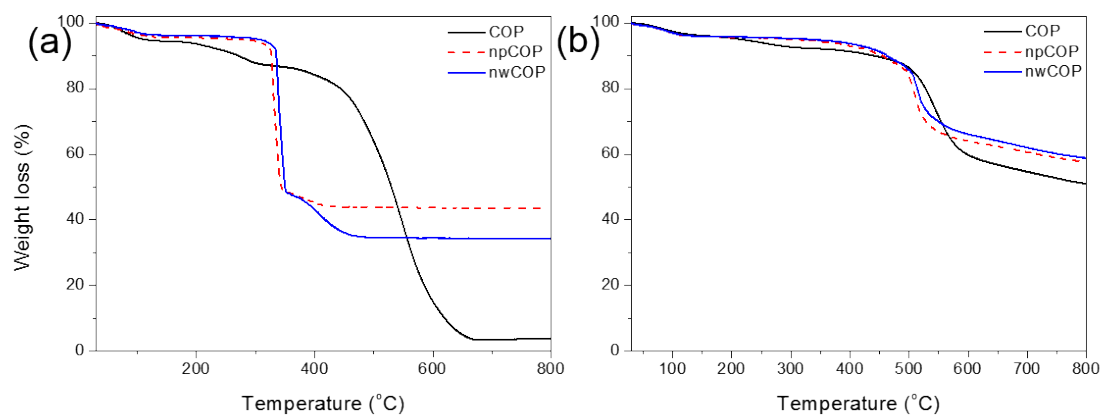


Figure S11. DRIFT spectrum obtained after exposure of the nanocomposites to carbon monoxide up to 120 °C for 37 h.

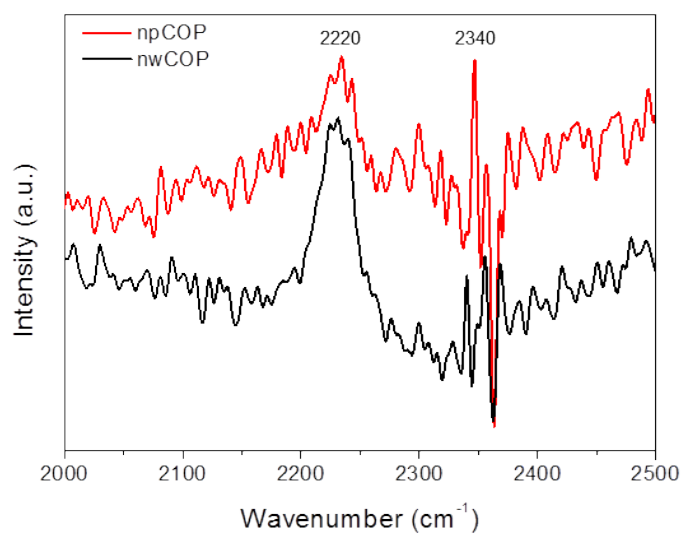


Table S1. Coulombic efficiency of npCOP and nwCOP in different cycles at 0.96C (1000 mA g⁻¹) and 1.92C (2000 mA g⁻¹) of current densities.

	npCOP	nwCOP	npCOP	nwCOP
Cycle	% @ 0.96C		% @ 1.92C	
1	51.03	72.40	51.12	71.79
2	88.90	91.37	88.25	92.98
3	92.27	92.48	91.95	93.98
10	95.90	95.77	95.69	95.86
61	96.53	94.06	96.92	95.51

Table S2. Structure and porosities of five new COPs introduced in this study. Please visit www.porouspolymers.com for a complete list of all COPs. (SA: Surface area)

	Structure	Porosity
COP-33 Title 'COP' structure		$SA_{\text{BET}}: 53.2 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ $SA_{\text{Langmuir}}: 73.4 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$
COP-43		$SA_{\text{BET}}: 33.3 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ $SA_{\text{Langmuir}}: 45.8 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$
COP-45		$SA_{\text{BET}}: 16 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ $SA_{\text{Langmuir}}: 22 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$
COP-58		$SA_{\text{BET}}: 15.3 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ $SA_{\text{Langmuir}}: 20.1 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$
COP-59		$SA_{\text{BET}}: 39.3 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ $SA_{\text{Langmuir}}: 53.7 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$

Table S3. Comparison of electrochemical performance with Co₃O₄-based materials.

Nanomaterial	Capacity [mAh g ⁻¹]	C-rate	Cycle	References
Co ₃ O ₄ hollow sphere	866	0.2 C	50	X. Wang et al. ¹
Mesoporous Co ₃ O ₄	650	0.22 C	60	K. M. Shaju et al. ²
Porous hollow Co ₃ O ₄ nanosphere	820	0.11 C	100	D. Ge et al. ³
Multilayered Co ₃ O ₄ platelet	600	0.11 C	100	W. Yao et al. ⁴
MON- Co ₃ O ₄ composite	640	0.056 C	30	H. S. Lee et al. ⁵
Co ₃ O ₄ -porous polymer (npCOP)	980	0.96 C	60	This study

Table S4. CO oxidation catalytic activity and the reaction set-ups of cobalt oxide and its composite.

Nanomaterial	T ₁₀₀ [°C]	Amount of catalyst (mg)	Gas flow rate (mL min ⁻¹)	Ratio between O ₂ and CO	References
Co ₃ O ₄ -SiO ₂	150	50	30	1% CO and 99% dry air	N. Yan et al. ⁶
Co ₃ O ₄ -MOFs	150	100	50	1% CO and 20% O ₂	W. Wang et al. ⁷
Ordered mesoporous Co ₃ O ₄	100	50	100	1% CO in air	S. Sun et al. ⁸
Co ₃ O ₄ particle	130	40	25	4% CO and 10% O ₂	H. K. Lin et al. ⁹
Porous Co ₃ O ₄ microdisc	100	50	30	1% CO and 10% O ₂	H. Che et al. ¹⁰
Co ₃ O ₄ nanobelt/cube	80	200	100	2.5% CO and 20% O ₂	L. Hu et al. ¹¹
Co ₃ O ₄ -porous polymer (npCOP)	100	100	50	4% CO and 10% O ₂	This study

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