

**Supporting Information for  
In Situ Integrating CoFe Alloy Nanoparticles with Nitrogen-doped  
Carbon Nanotubes as Advanced Bifunctional Cathode Catalysts for  
Zn-air Battery**

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**Supplementary Figures:**

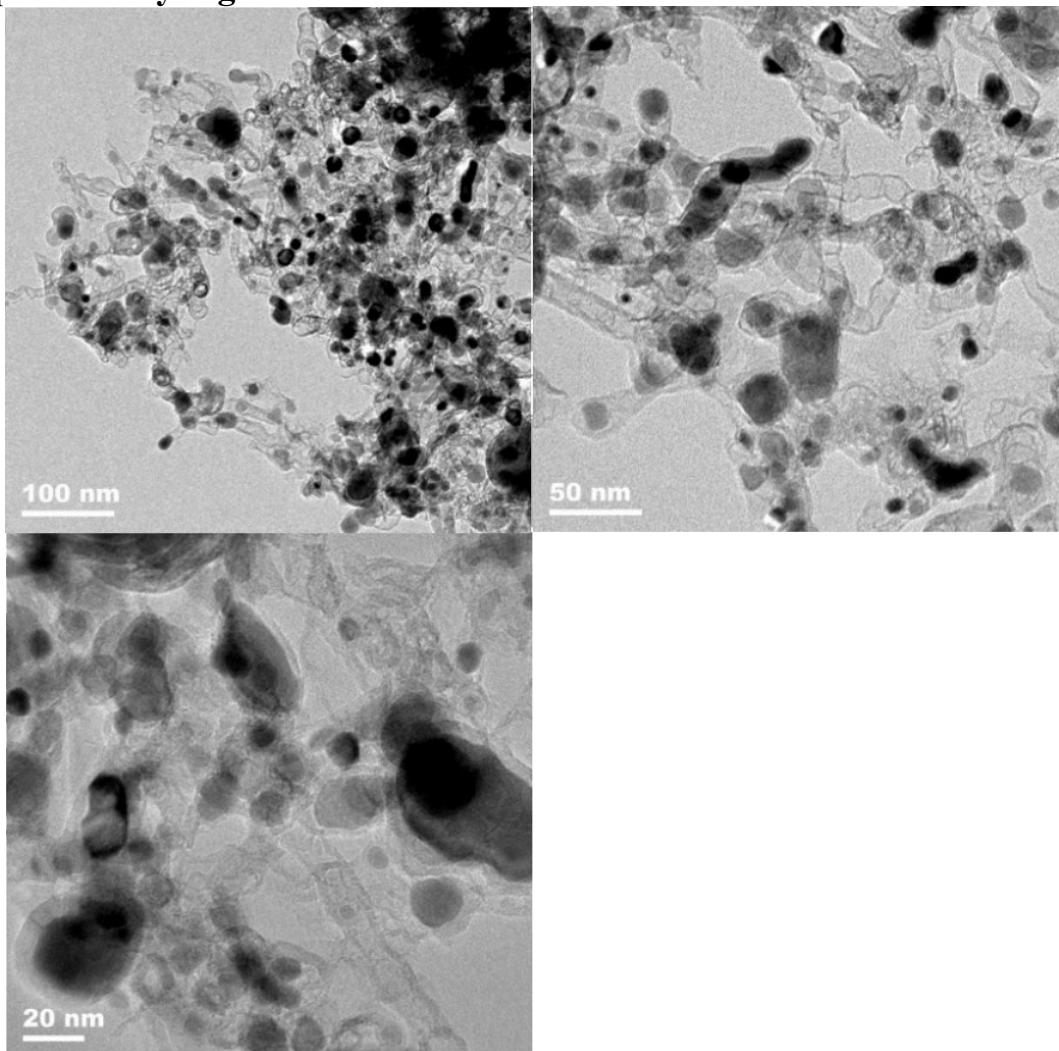


Fig. S1 TEM images of CoFe@NCNTs at different magnification.

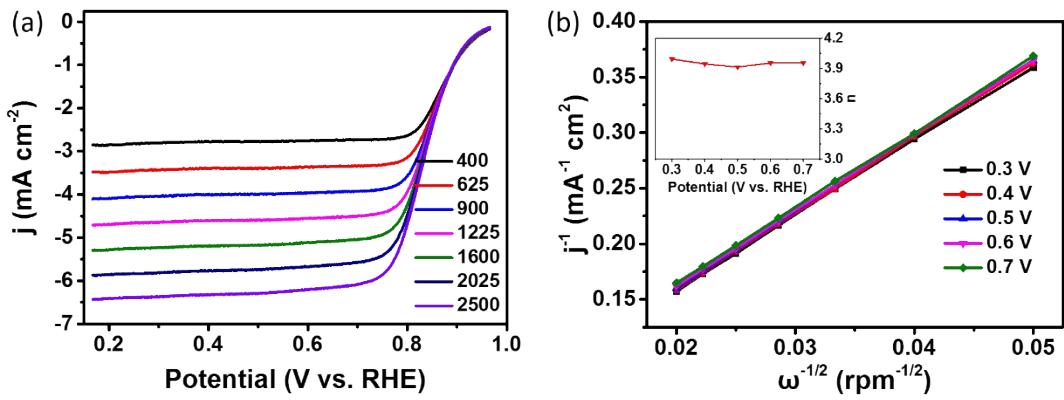


Fig. S2 a) LSV curves at different rotating speed; b) K-L plots and (inset) corresponding electro transfer number of 20% Pt/C.

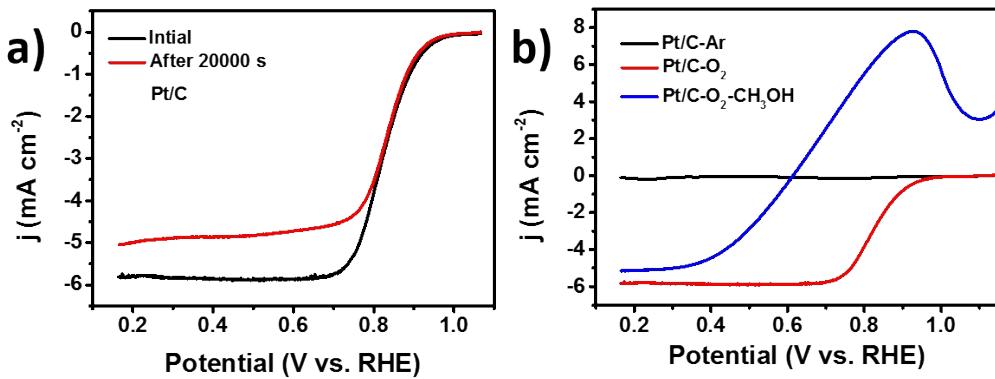


Fig. S3 a) Polarization curves collected before and after stability test for Pt/C; b) Polarization curves upon addition of 3 M methanol into O<sub>2</sub>-saturated 0.1 M KOH for Pt/C.

## Supplementary Tables:

**Table S1.** Element compositions of the samples.

Samples	C	N	O	Fe	Co
<b>CoFe@NCNT</b>	82.11	4.62	9.41	1.73	2.13
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<b>Co@NCNTs</b>	91.26	2.03	5.96	/	0.75
<b>Fe@NCNTs</b>	49.93	19.48	22.71	7.89	/

**Table S2.** Comparison of the ORR activity for outstanding catalysts reported up to date in 0.1 M KOH.

Catalyst	Half-wave potential	Diffusion limited current	Electron-transfer number	Reference
<b>P-CNC<sub>0.20</sub></b>	0.84 V	5.1 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	3.9	S1
<b>LDH@ZIF-67-800</b>	0.83 V	5.5 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	3.86-3.98	S2
<b>N-Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub>/G</b>	N/A	N/A	3.7-3.9	S3
<b>Co@Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@C-CM</b>	0.81 V	N/A	3.8-3.9	S4
<b>Co/NG</b>	N/A	8.0 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	3.8	S5
<b>Co-C@Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub> DSNCs</b>	N/A	N/A	3.8	S6
<b>Carbon-L</b>	0.70 V	4.6 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	3.68	S7
<b>Z8-Te-1000</b>	0.80 V	N/A	~4.0	S8
<b>GNPCSSs-800</b>	N/A	6 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	3.78-3.98	S9
<b>Co, N-CNF</b>	0.81 V	5.7 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	3.8	S10
<b>CoFe@NCNTs</b>	0.84 V	5.5 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	3.85~3.97	This work

**Table S3.** The performance of rechargeable Zn-air batteries with various electrocatalysts.

Catalysts	Loading (mg cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Voltage @ 10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> (V)	Peak power density (mW cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Specific capacitance (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )	Reference
<b>N/P co-doped carbon foam</b>	0.5	1.17	55	735	S11
<b>Ag-Cu on nickel foam</b>	0.8	1.2	85.8	572	S12
<b>MoO<sub>x</sub></b> electrodeposited on stainless steel	0.3	0.81	27	/	S13
<b>Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanowires grown on stainless steel mesh</b>	/	~1.1	40	/	S14
<b>B/N co-doped porous carbon</b>	3	~0.9	14.6	/	S15
<b>CoO/NCNT+NiFe LDH/Ni</b>	1+5	1.3	265	570	S16
<b>NCNT/CoO-NiO- NiCo</b>	0.53	~1.2	/	594	S17
<b>NCNF</b>	2	1.2	185	660	S18
<b>CoFe@NCNTs</b>	1	1.25	150	808	This work

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