

## Support information

### Hierarchical micro/nanostructured C doped Co/Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> hollow spheres derived from PS@Co(OH)<sub>2</sub> for oxygen evolution reaction

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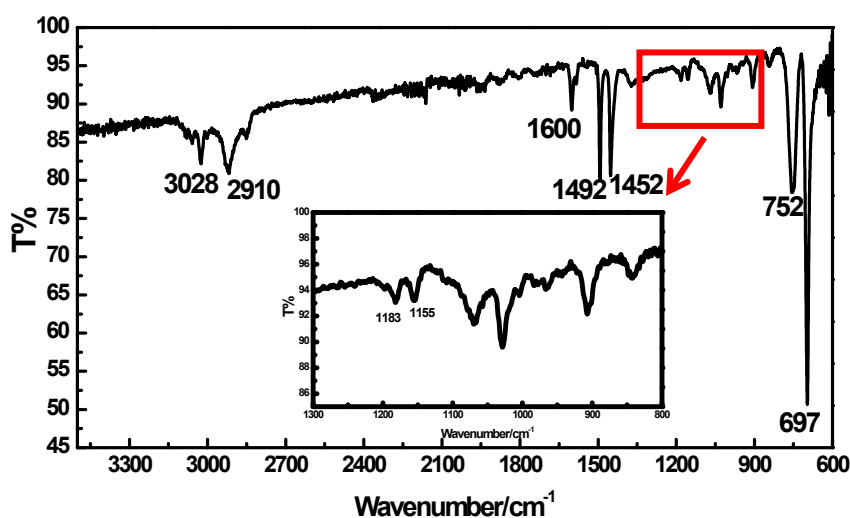


Fig. S1 Fourier transform infrared Spectrum (FTIR) of polystyrene microspheres.

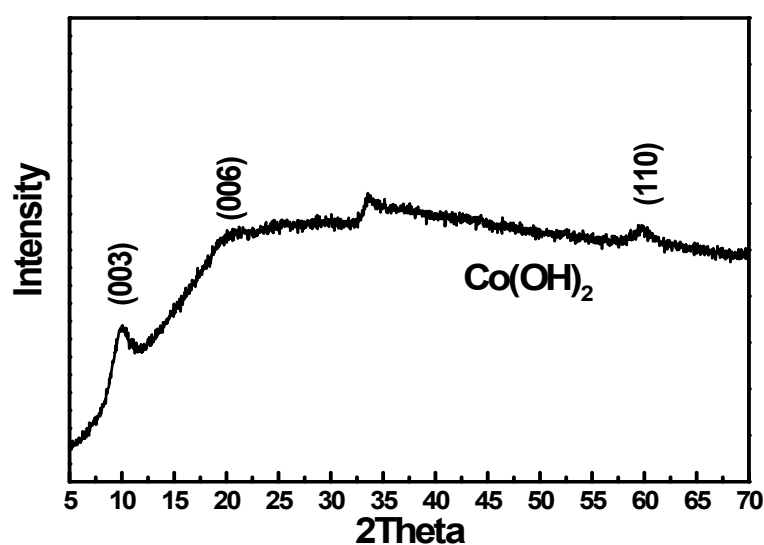


Fig. S2 The X-ray diffraction pattern of PS@Co(OH)<sub>2</sub> core-shell nanoparticles.

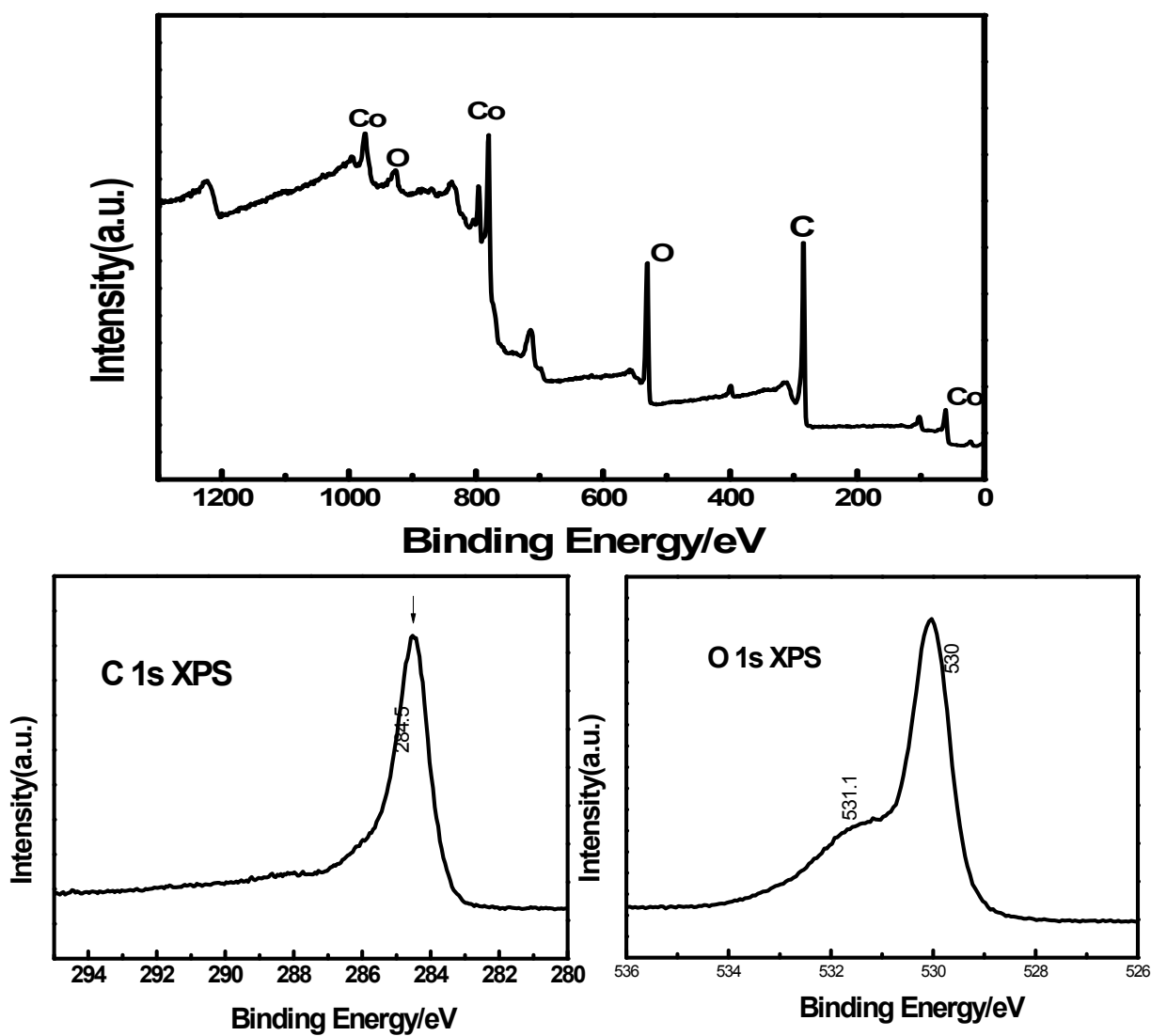


Fig. S3 The survey X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) spectra of Co/Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> hollow nanospheres, and the high-resolution XPS spectra of C 1s and O 1s.

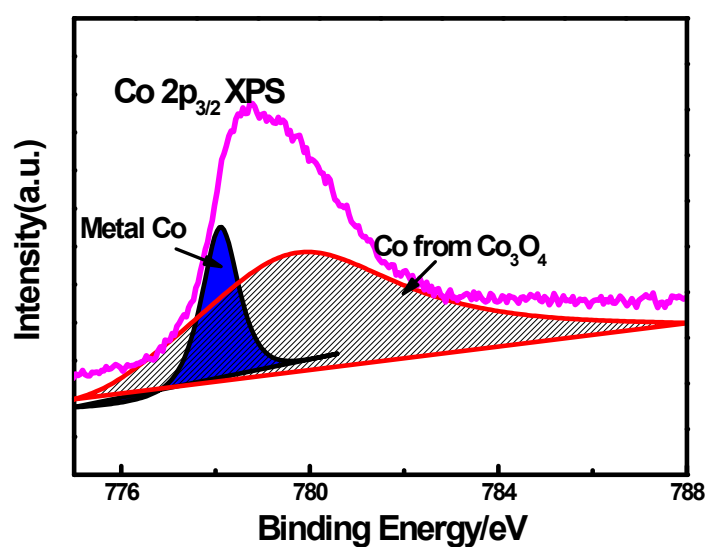


Fig. S4 is the high-resolution spectrum of Co 2p<sub>3/2</sub> peak

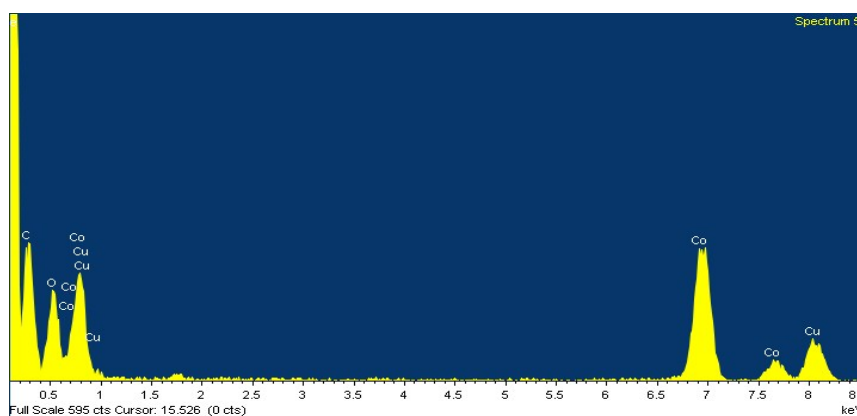


Fig. S5 The EDS spectrum of C doped Co/Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> hollow nanoparticle.

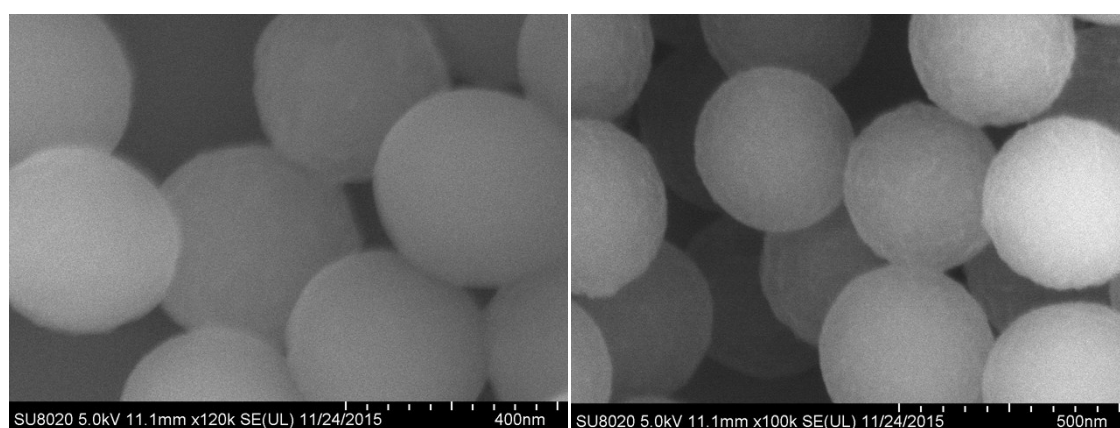


Fig. S6 Coating of Co LDH on the surface of PS microspheres at different temperature, (a) the synthesis temperature at room temperature (25 °C); (b) the synthesis temperature at 40 °C

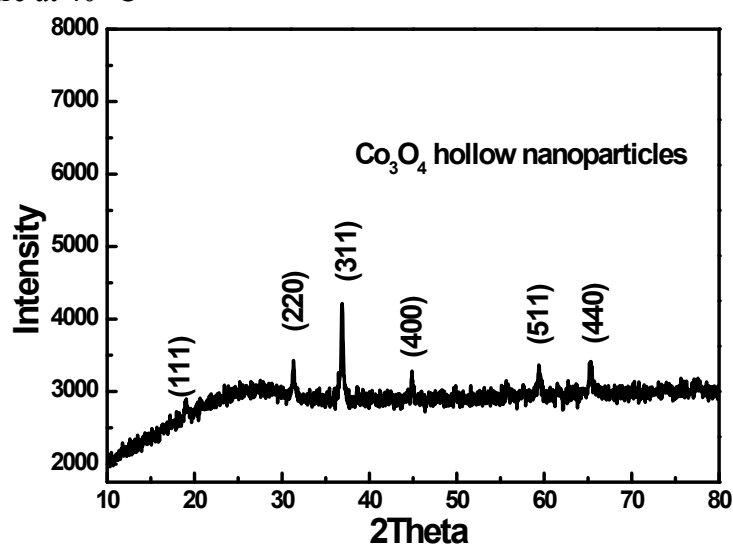


Fig. S7 XRD pattern of Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> hollow micro/nanostructured spheres.

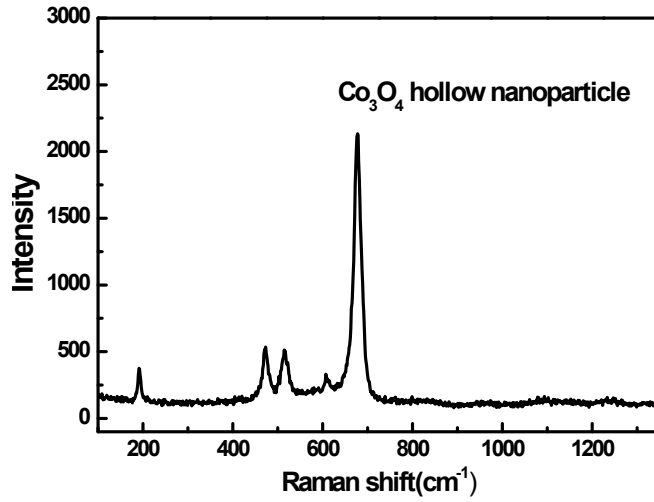


Fig.S8 Raman spectrum of micro/nanostructured  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  hollow spheres.

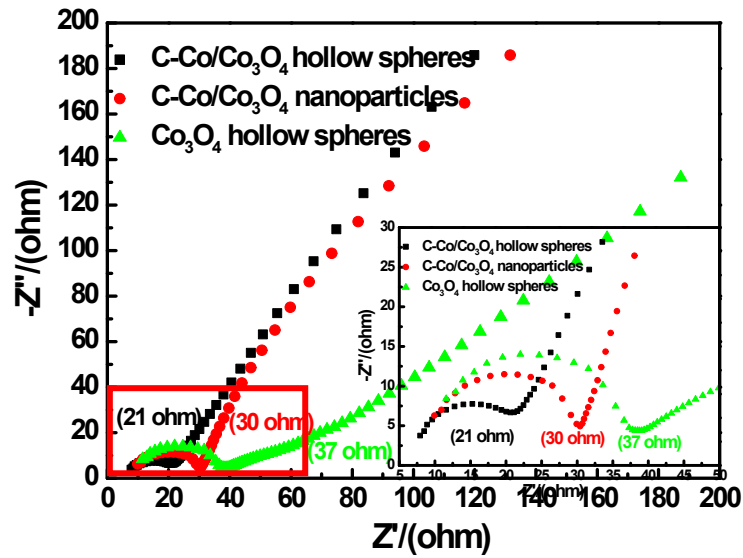


Fig. S9 The impedance curves of hierarchical micro/nanostructured C doped  $\text{Co}/\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  hollow spheres, micro/nanostructured  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  hollow and  $\text{C-Co}/\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles.

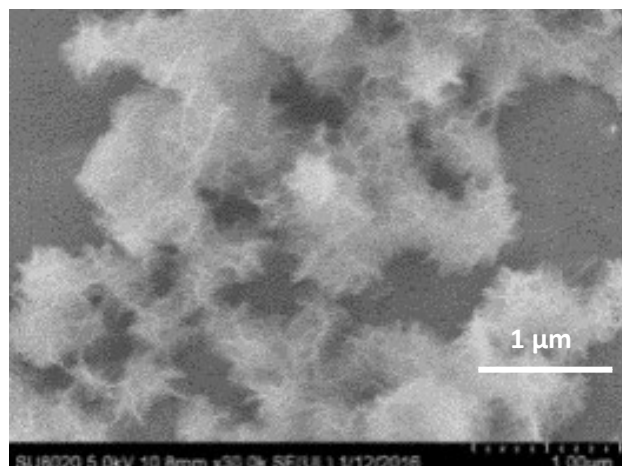


Fig. S10 The SEM image of C-Co/Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles.

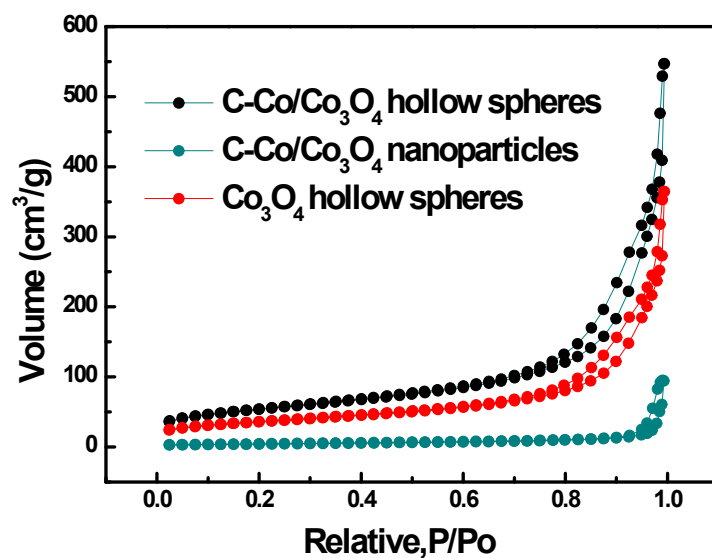


Fig. S11 N<sub>2</sub> sorption-desorption isotherm of different samples.