

## Supporting Information

### **Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub>@Carbon Porous Nanocages Derived from a Metal-Organic Framework: A Highly Efficient Bifunctional Catalyst for Aprotic Li-O<sub>2</sub> Batteries**

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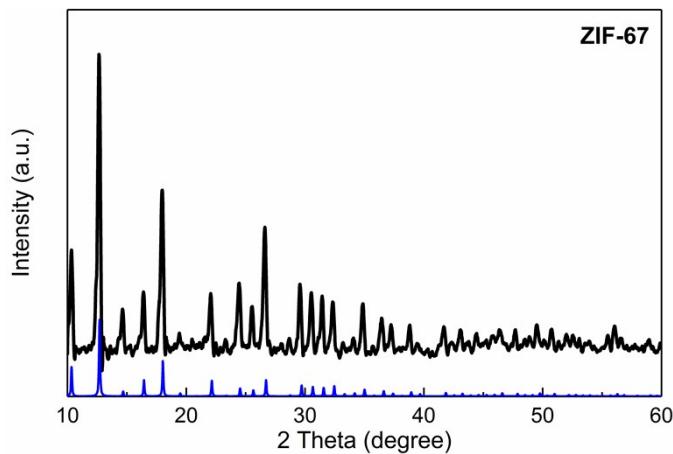
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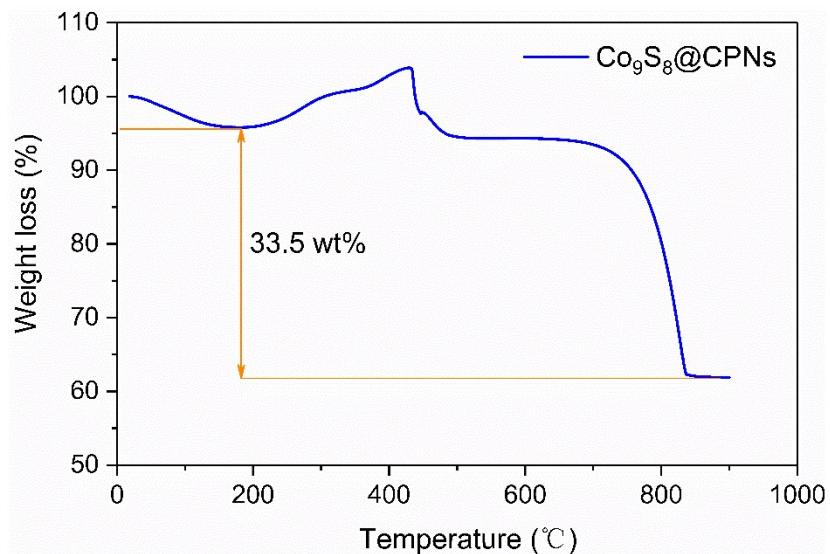
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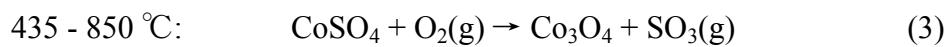
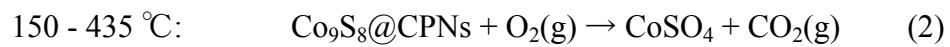
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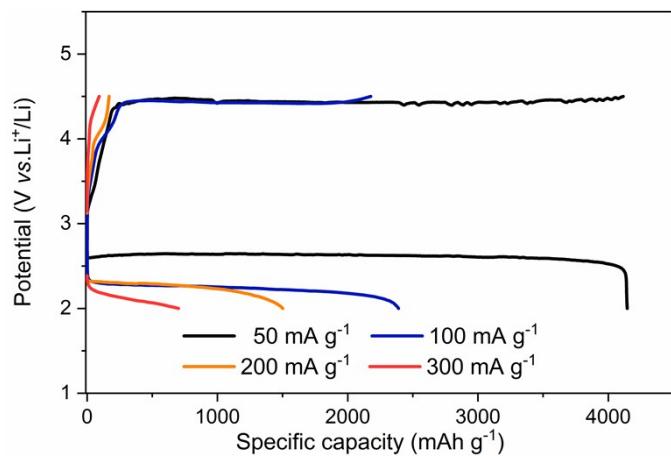


**Figure S1.** XRD pattern of ZIF-67 polyhedrons.

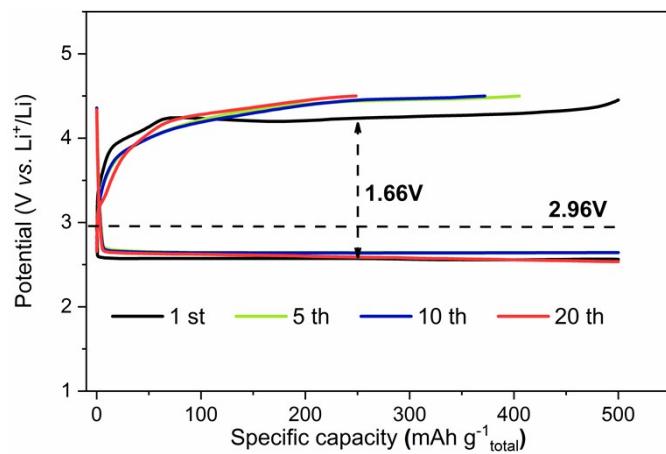


**Figure S2.** TGA curve of the synthesized  $\text{Co}_9\text{S}_8@\text{CPNs}$  under air flow with a temperature ramp of  $10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C min}^{-1}$ . The content of carbon in  $\text{Co}_9\text{S}_8@\text{CPNs}$  was determined by following equation:

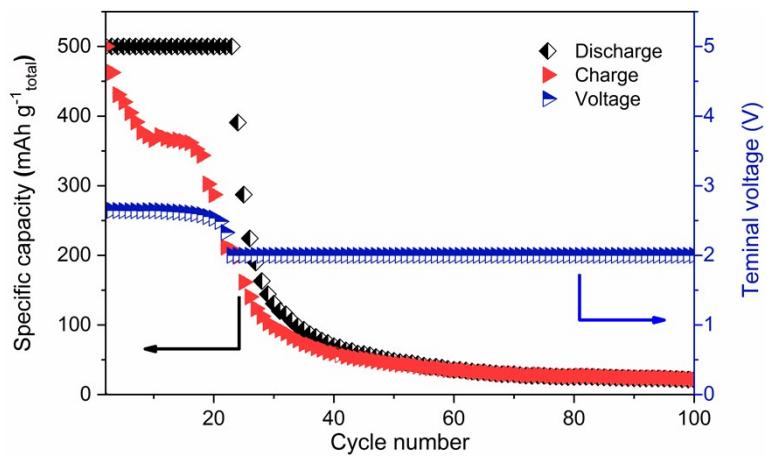




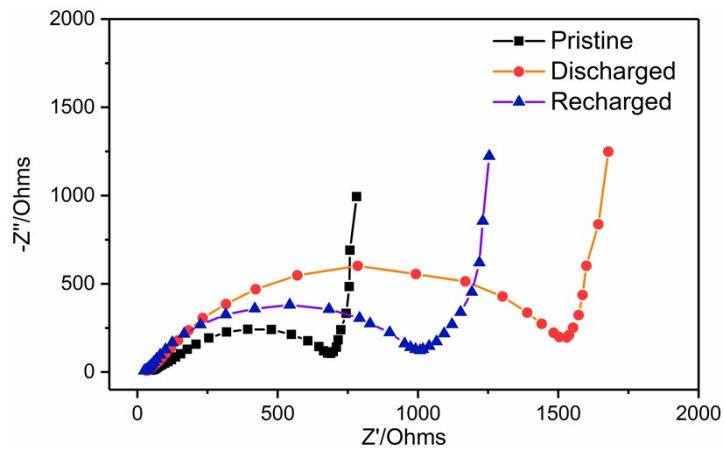
**Figure S3.** Rate capability of Super P cathode in the 1.0 M LiTFSI/TEGDME electrolyte at different current densities from 50 mA g<sup>-1</sup> to 300 mA g<sup>-1</sup>.



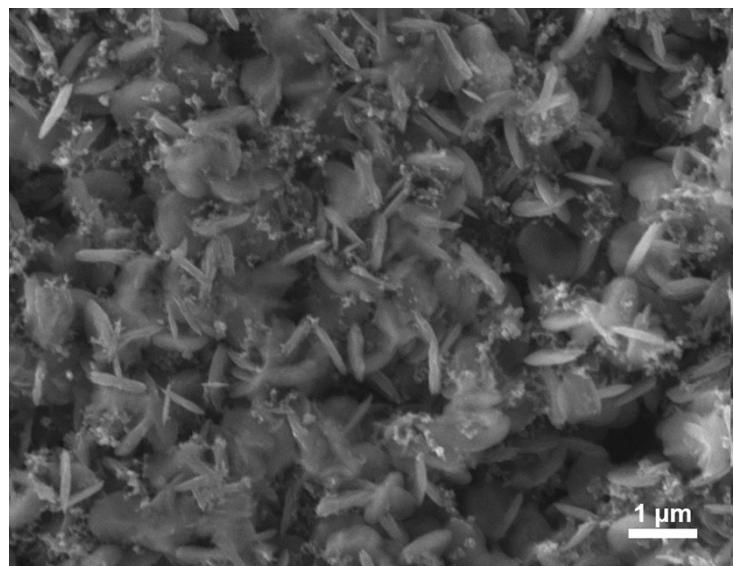
**Figure S4.** Cycling performance of Super P cathodes in the 1.0 M LiTFSI/TEGDME electrolyte at capacity limits of 500 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> and the current density of 100 mA g<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S5.** Voltage of the terminal discharge and variation in the discharge/charge capacity *vs.* the cycle number of Super P cathode at the current density of 100 mA g<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S6.** Nyquist plots at different discharge/charge status of Super P cathode in the frequency range of  $10^5$  to 0.1 Hz.



**Figure S7.** SEM image of the discharged Super P cathode with a current density of  $100 \text{ mA g}^{-1}$ .

Catalyst	Cycling performance	Measurement conditions	Reference
Flowerlike NiS	30 cycles	900 mAh/g at 75 mA/g	[1]
N、S co-doped FeS	100 cycles	500 mAh/g at 0.3 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	[2]
MoS <sub>2</sub>	30 cycles	500 mAh/g at 0.1 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	[3]
CoS <sub>2</sub> nanoparticals@graphene	20 cycles	500 mAh/g at 200 mA/g	[4]
Co <sub>3</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	25 cycles	500 mAh/g at 100 mA/g	[5]
MoS <sub>2</sub> @gold nanoparticals	50 cycles	1000 mAh/g at 300 mA/g	[6]
MoSSe	30 cycles	730 mAh/g at 50 mA/g	[7]
Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> @CPNs	110 cycles	500 mAh/g at 100 mA/g	This work

**Table S1.** Comparison of the cycling performances of various sulfide-based catalysts used in aprotic Li-O<sub>2</sub> batteries.

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