Supporting Information

Pt–Co Truncated Octahedral Nanocrystals: A Class of Highly Active and Durable Catalysts toward Oxygen Reduction

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Fig. S1. (A) TEM image and (B) size distribution of the as-synthesized Pt–Co TONs with an average size of 4.3 ± 0.5 nm. The inset in (B) shows a schematic of the Pt–Co TON, together with the definition of size.



Fig. S2. XPS spectra of the Pt–Co TONs: (A) Mn 2p, (B) Pt 4f, (C) Co 2p, and (D) N 1s.



Fig. S3. TEM images of the Pt–Co nanocrystals prepared using the standard protocol except for the variation in reaction temperature: (A) 180 and (B) 210 °C, respectively.



Fig. S4. TEM image of the pristine Pt–Co TONs/C with a Pt mass loading of *ca*. 17.6%.



Fig. S5. TEM image of the pristine TKK Pt₃Co/C with a Pt mass loading of 48.6%.

Table S1. Variation of the elemental compositions of the Pt–Co nanocrystals when adjusting the amount of CHCl₃ at different feeding ratios for the precursors. The elemental compositions were determined using ICP-MS.

experimental conditions						Pt/Co atomic ratio	
Pt(acac) ₂ /mmol	Co(acac) ₂ /mmol	Mn ₂ (CO) ₁₀ /mmol	OAm /mL	OAc /mL	BE /mL	CHCl ₃ /mL	-
0.31	3.1	0.62	12	6.0	42	6.0	6.4
0.31	3.1	0.62	12	6.0	42	5.0	4.4
0.31	3.1	0.62	12	6.0	42	4.0	2.6
0.31	3.1	0.62	12	6.0	42	3.0	1.7
0.31	4.6	0.62	12	6.0	42	6.0	2.2
0.31	4.6	0.62	12	6.0	42	5.0	1.7
0.31	4.6	0.62	12	6.0	42	4.0	1.6
0.31	4.6	0.62	12	6.0	42	3.0	0.8

	specific ECSA _H $(m^2 g_{Pt}^{-1})$	SA _H at 0.85 V (mA cm ⁻²)	MA _{Pt} at 0.85 V (A g _{Pt} ⁻¹)
Premetek Pt/C	25.1	0.84	210
TKK Pt ₃ Co/C	20.1	1.34	270
Pt _{2.6} Co TONs/C	23.8	1.30	310

Table S2. Comparison of the ECSAs, SAs, and MAs toward ORR for the $Pt_{2.6}Co$ TONs/C, Premetek Pt/C, and TKK Pt_3Co/C catalysts in the liquid half-cell test.

	MA _{Pt} at 0.9 V (A g _{Pt} ⁻¹)	specific ECSA _H (m ² g _{Pt} ⁻¹)	max power density (mW cm ⁻²)	power density at 0.65 V (mW cm ⁻²)
initial	372	83.2	704	628
after 1,000 cycles	340	80.7	716	651
after 5,000 cycles	302	77.9	731	653
after 10,000 cycles	288	72.2	714	620
after 30,000 cycles	224	68.7	678	612

Table S3. MEA performance of the Pt_{2.6}Co TONs/C catalyst during the AST.

	MA _{Pt} at 0.9	$V (A g_{Pt}^{-1})$	max power density (mW cm ⁻²)		
	Pt _{2.6} Co TONs/C	TKK Pt ₃ Co/C	Pt _{2.6} Co TONs/C	TKK Pt ₃ Co/C	
BOL	294	230	707	593	
BOL + recovery	384 (R4) ^a		704		
EOL	224	138	678	247	
EOL + recovery	335 (R2) ^a		692 (R2) ^a		

Table S4. Comparison of $Pt_{2.6}Co$ TONs/C and TKK Pt_3Co/C catalysts before and after the AST.

*^a*The highest value over the recovery cycles (R4: the 4th cycle of recovery, R2: the 2nd cycle of recovery).