

## Supporting Information

### Co Nanoparticles Combined with Nitrogen-Doped Graphitic Carbon Anchored in Carbon Fibers as a Self-standing Air Electrode for Flexible Zinc-Air Batteries

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The potentials (vs. Ag/AgCl) in this work were converted to RHE by using the Nernst equation<sup>1</sup>:

$$(E_{\text{RHE}} = E_{\text{Ag/AgCl}} + 0.197 + 0.059 \text{ pH})$$

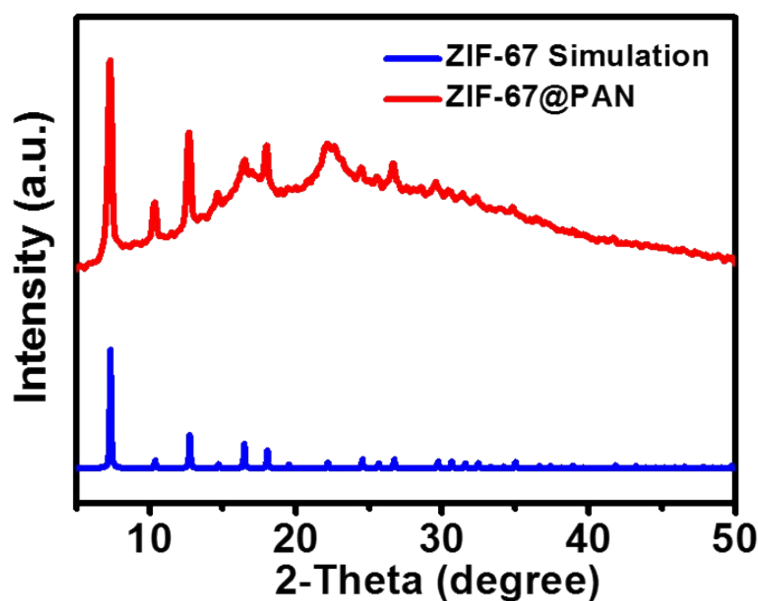


Fig. S1. The XRD pattern of ZIF-67@PAN and ZIF-67 simulation.

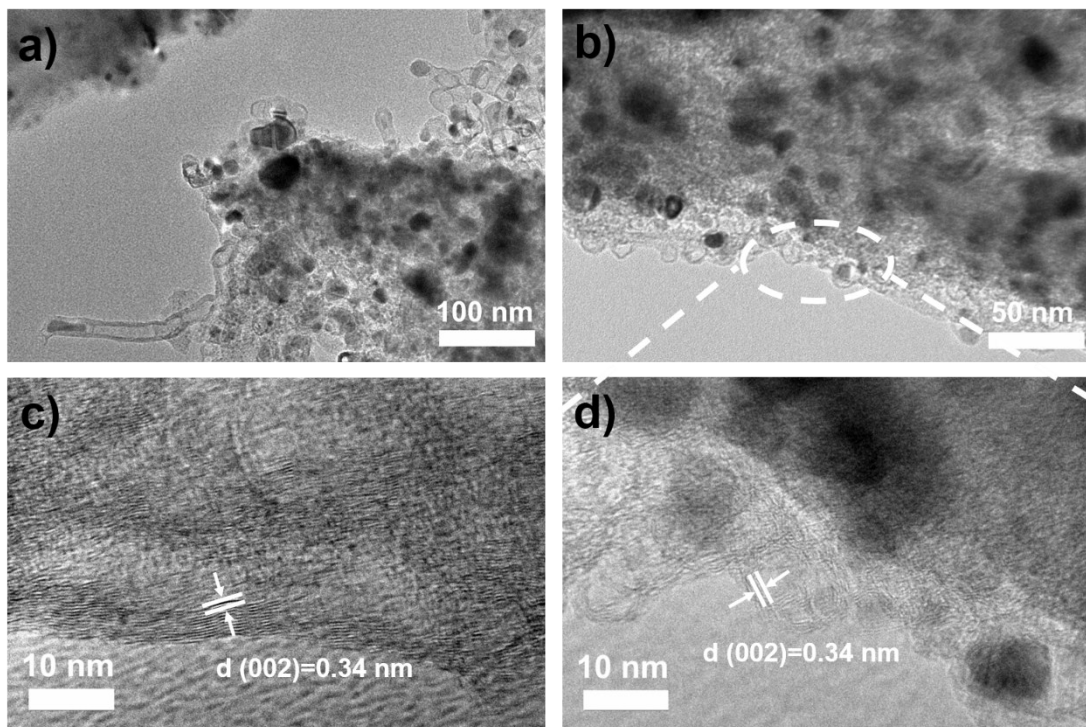


Fig. S2. (a-b) TEM images and (c-d) HRTEM images of Co@NPCFs

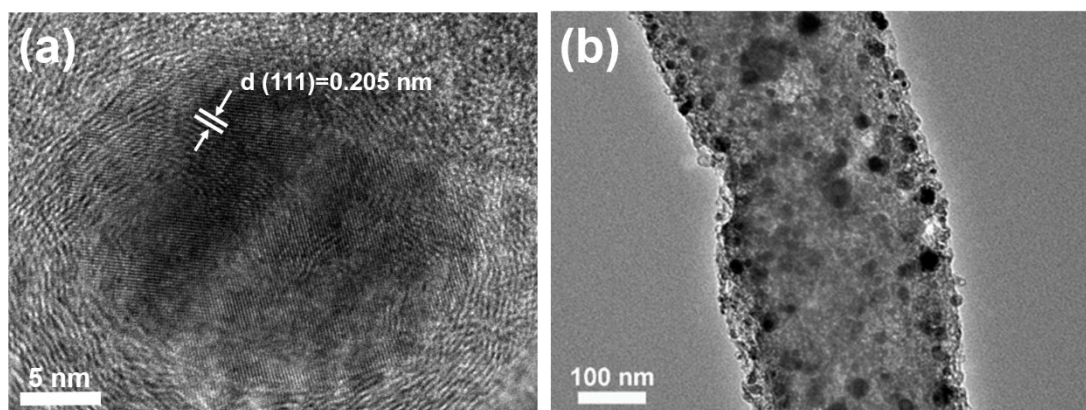


Fig. S3. (a) HRTEM images of Co@NPCFs and (b) TEM image of Co@NCFs.

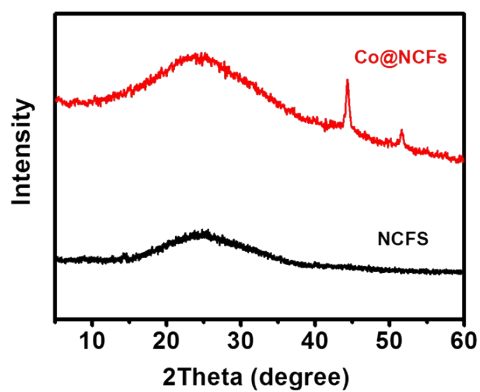


Fig. S4. XRD patterns of NCFs and Co@NCFs.

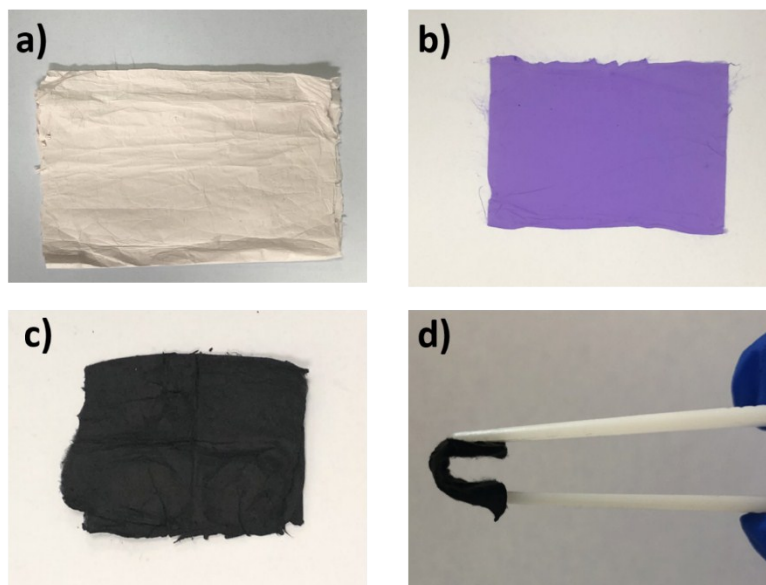


Fig. S5. The photographs of (a)  $\text{Co}(\text{AC})_2/\text{PAN}$  (b)  $\text{ZIF-67@PAN}$  (c-d)  $\text{Co@NPCFs}$ .

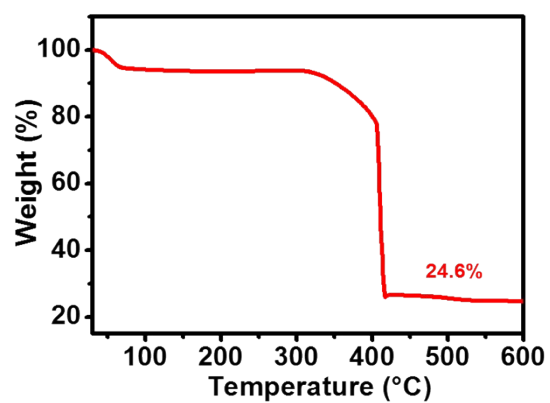


Fig. S6. TGA data of the  $\text{Co@NPCFs}$ .

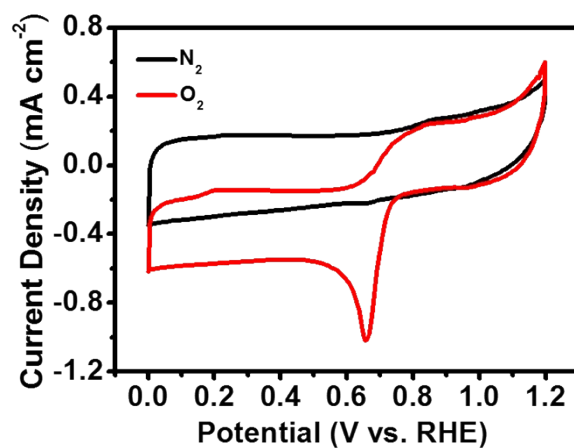


Fig. S7. CV curves of  $\text{Co@NPCFs}$  in  $\text{O}_2$ - and  $\text{N}_2$ - saturated 0.1 M KOH solution.

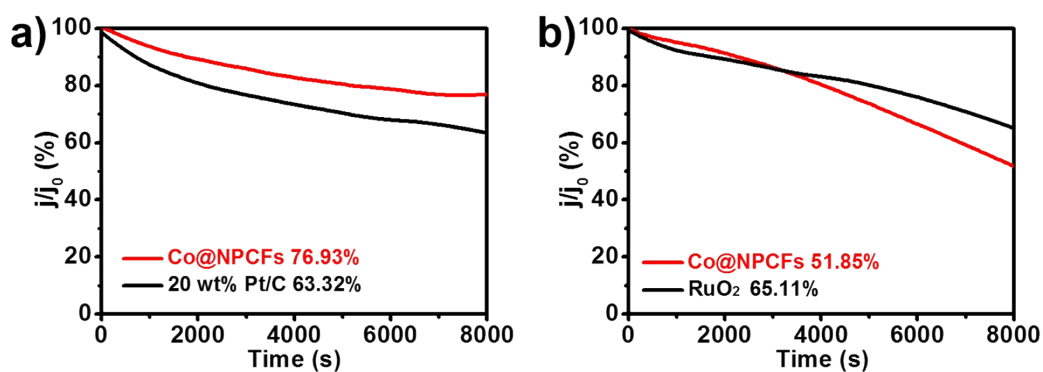


Fig. S8. (a) ORR and (b) OER chronoamperometric responses of Co@NPCFs at a constant potential of 0.7 V and 1.6 V, respectively.

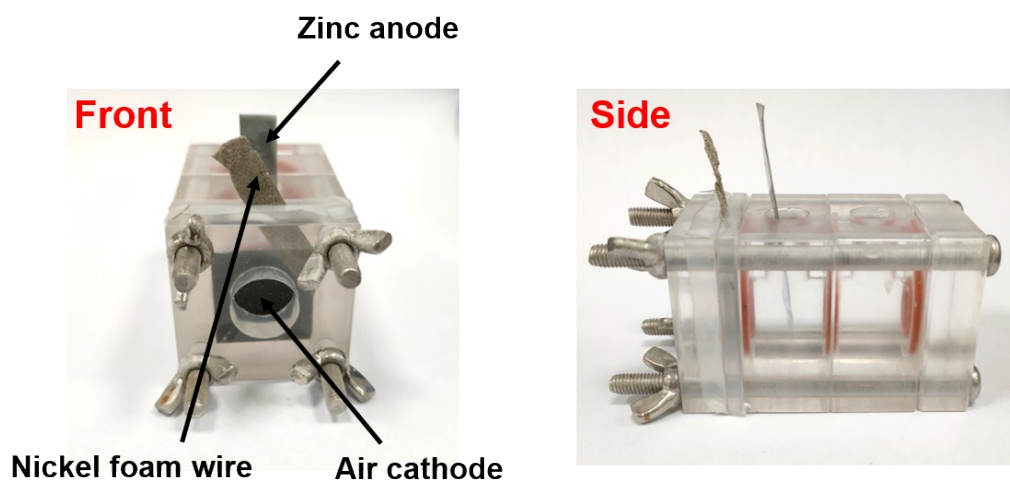


Fig. S9. The photographs of liquid-state ZABs mould.

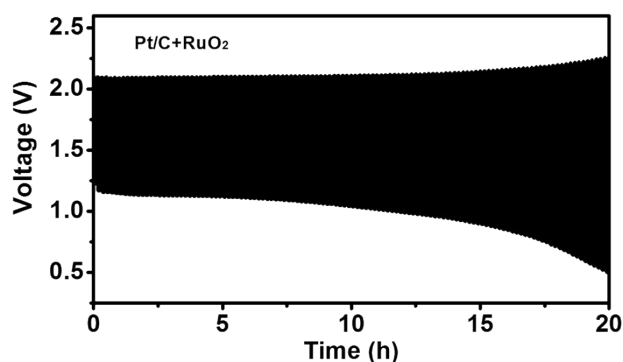


Fig. S10. Galvanostatic cycling stability of the liquid-state ZAB based upon Pt/C+RuO<sub>2</sub> at 5 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>.

Table 1

Catalyst	$\Delta E$ (V)	Power density (mW cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Discharge stability (liquid state)	Discharge stability (solid state)	Ref

<b>Co@NPCFs</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>91.87</b>	<b>80 h at 5 mA cm<sup>-2</sup></b>	<b>5 h at 3 mA cm<sup>-2</sup></b>	<b>Present work</b>
<b>NCNF-1000</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>83 h at 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup></b>	<b>6 h at 2 mA cm<sup>-2</sup></b>	<b>[2]</b>
<b>Co<sub>3</sub>FeS<sub>1.5</sub>(OH)<sub>6</sub></b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>113.1</b>	<b>36 h at 2 mA cm<sup>-2</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>[3]</b>
<b>Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/N-rGO nanosheets</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25 h at 3 mA cm<sup>-2</sup></b>	<b>[4]</b>
<b>DN-CP@G</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>250 cycles at 5 mA cm<sup>-2</sup></b>	<b>180 cycles at 1 mA cm<sup>-2</sup></b>	<b>[5]</b>
<b>Ni<sub>3</sub>Fe/N-C sheets</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>420 h at 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>[6]</b>
<b>PCN-CFP</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50 h at 20 mA cm<sup>-2</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>[7]</b>
<b>Fe-N<sub>x</sub>-C</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>96.4</b>	<b>300 h at 5 mA cm<sup>-2</sup></b>	<b>120 h at 1 mA cm<sup>-2</sup></b>	<b>[8]</b>

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