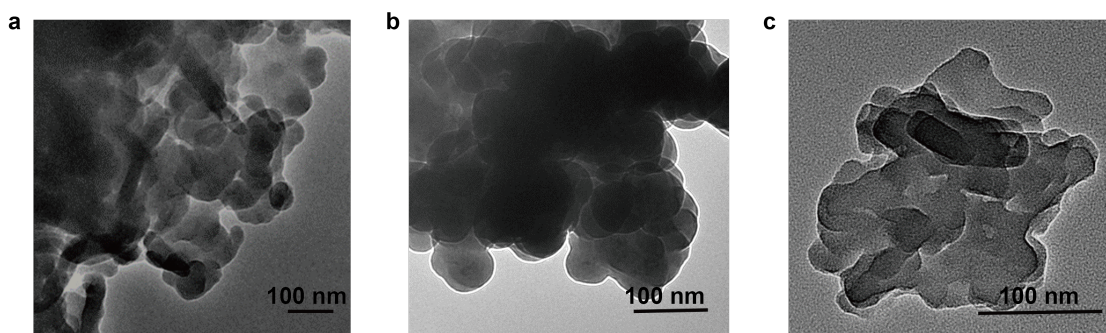


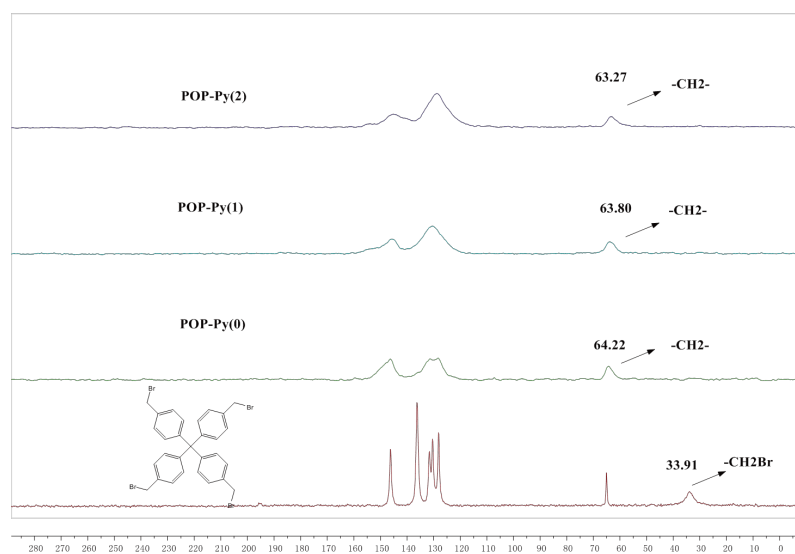
## Supplementary Materials for

# **Anion exchange-induced single-molecule dispersion of cobalt porphyrins in a cationic porous organic polymer for enhanced electrochemical CO<sub>2</sub> reduction via secondary-coordination sphere interactions**

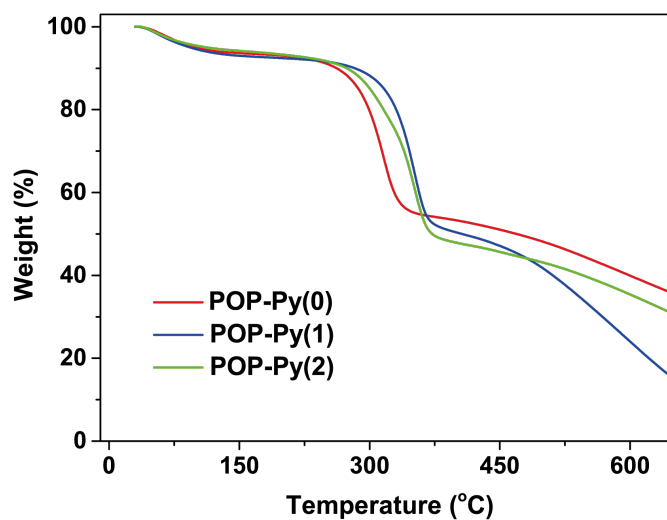
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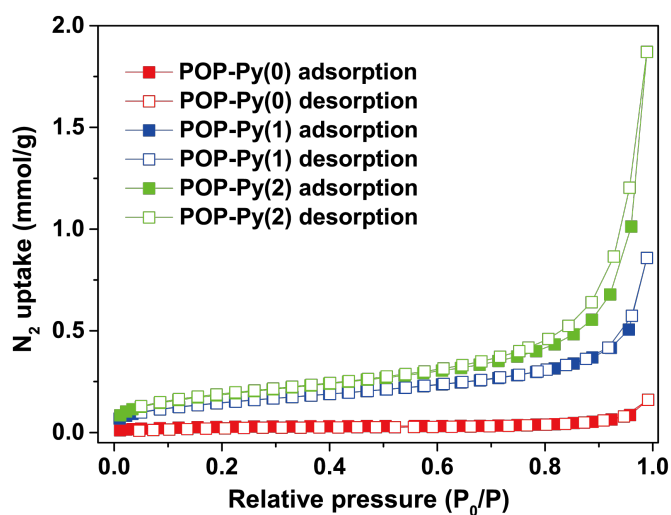
**Figure S1** TEM images of POP-Py(0) (a), POP-Py(1) (b) and POP-Py(2) (c). The relatively small size of POP-Py(2) is possibly due to the low degree of polymerization caused by the low solubility of Di(4-pyridyl)biphenyl in NMP solution.



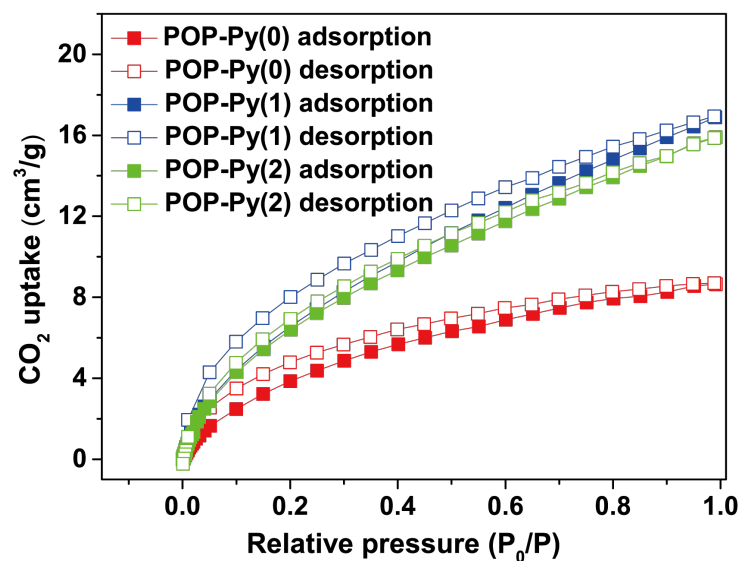
**Figure S2** CP/MAS  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of TBM, POP-Py(0), POP-Py(1) and POP-Py(2).



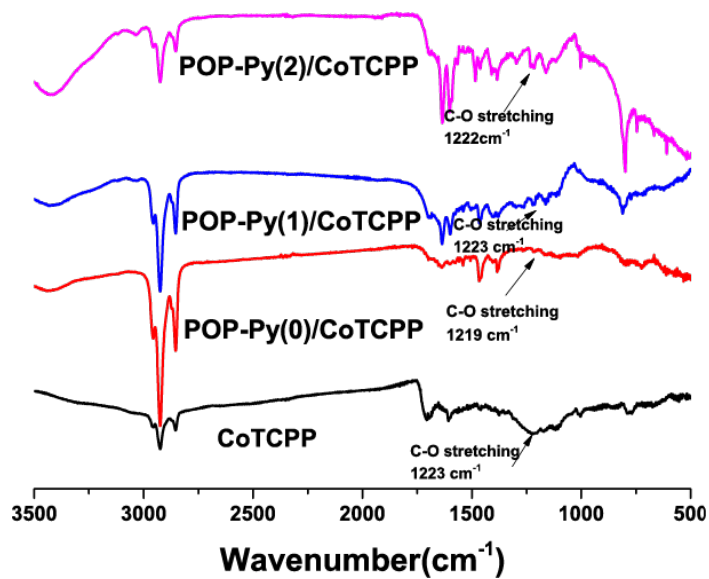
**Figure S3** TGA profile of POP-Py(0) , POP-Py(1) and POP-Py(2) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.



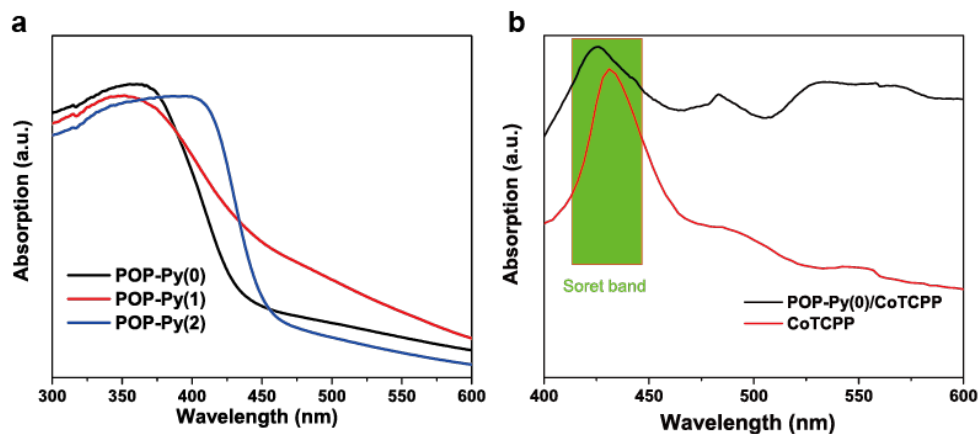
**Figure S4** Nitrogen adsorption/desorption isotherms of POP-Py(0), POP-Py(1) and POP-Py(2) at 77 K.



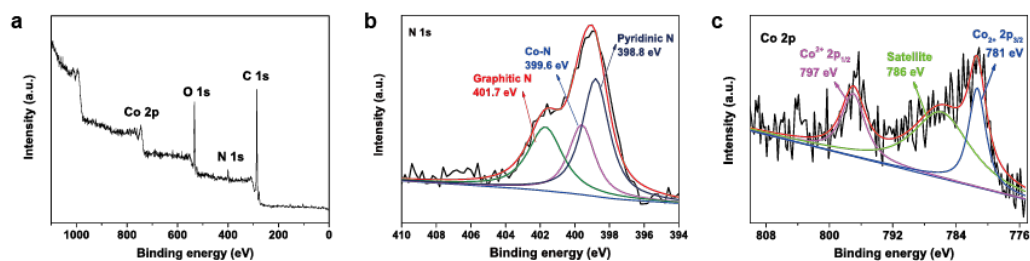
**Figure S5** CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption isotherms of POP-Py(0), POP-Py(1) and POP-Py(2) at 298 K.



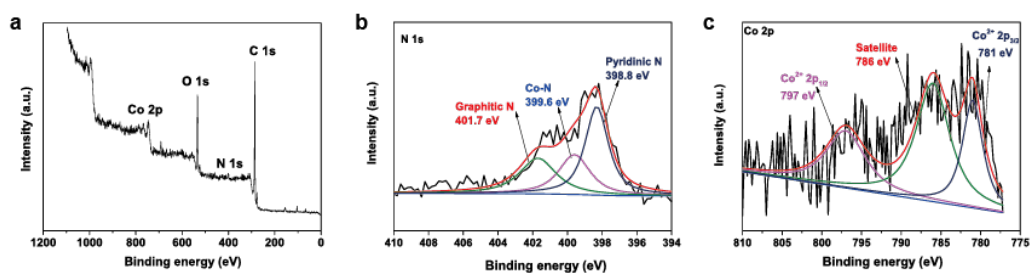
**Figure S6** FT-IR spectra of CoTCPP, POP-Py(0)/CoTCPP, POP-Py(1)/CoTCPP and POP-Py(2)/CoTCPP.



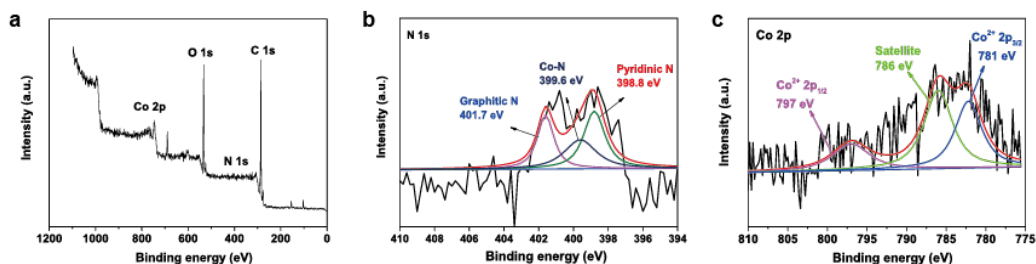
**Figure S7** UV-vis spectra of (a) POP-Py(n); (b) CoTCPP and POP-Py(0)/CoTCPP.



**Figure S8** XPS survey (a), high-resolution N 1s (b) and Co 2p (c) spectra of POP-Py(0)/CoTCPP.



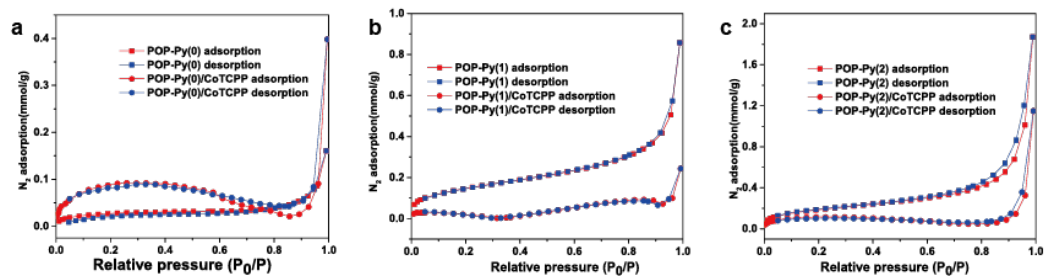
**Figure S9** XPS survey (a), high-resolution N 1s (b) and Co 2p (c) spectra of POP-Py(1)/CoTCPP.



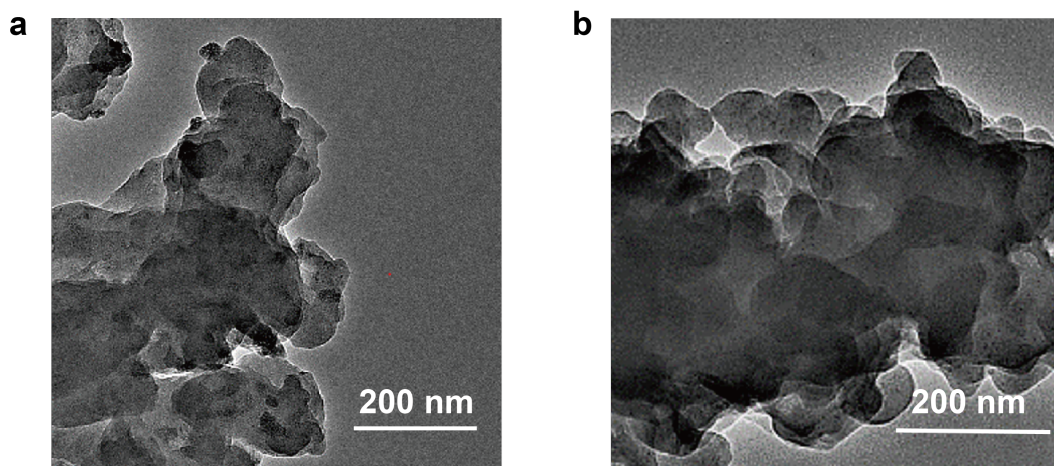
**Figure S10** XPS survey (a), high-resolution N 1s (b) and Co 2p (c) spectra of POP-Py(2)/CoTCPP.

**Table S1** Anion exchange efficiencies quantified by XPS

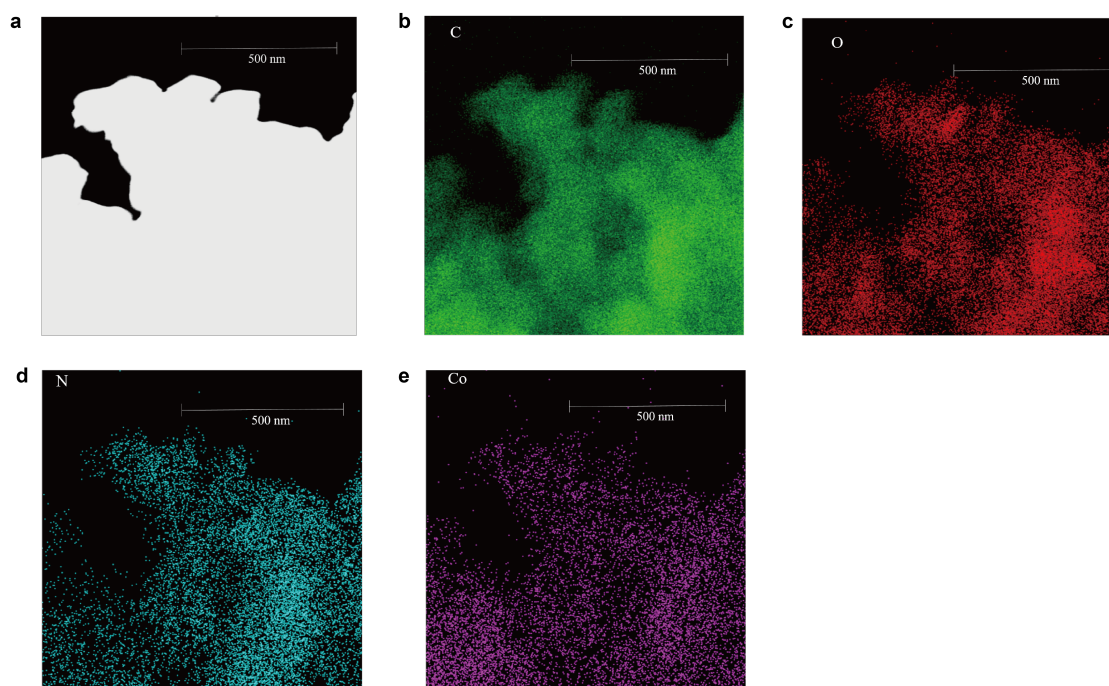
	POP-Py(0)/CoTCPP	POP-Py(1)/CoTCPP	POP-Py(2)/CoTCPP
Bromide/porphyrin ratio after exchange	0.39	0.58	0.40
Exchange efficiency $n_{\text{Br exchange}}/n_{\text{Br total}}$	84%	78%	83%



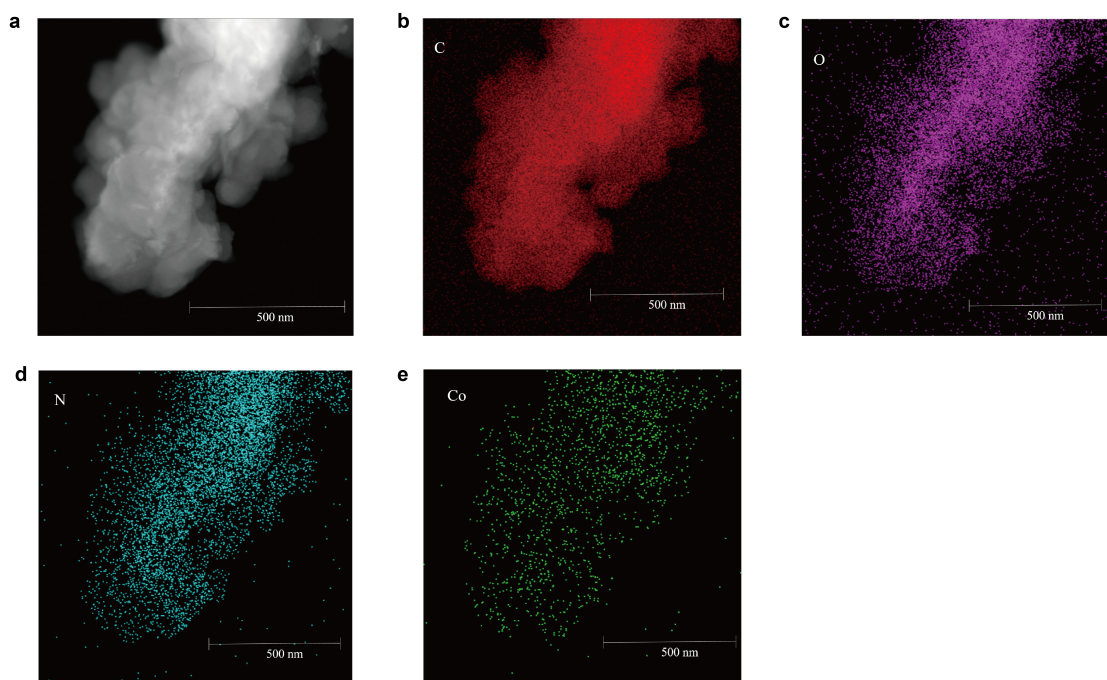
**Figure S11** Nitrogen adsorption/desorption isotherms of (a) POP-Py(0) and POP-Py(0)/CoTCPP; (b) POP-Py(1) and POP-Py(1)/CoTCPP; (c) POP-Py(2) and POP-Py(2)/CoTCPP at 77 K.



**Figure S12** TEM images of POP-Py(1) (a) and POP-Py(2) (b).



**Figure S13** STEM image (a) of POP-Py(1)/CoTCPP and the EDX elemental mapping of C (b), O (c), N (d) and Co (e).

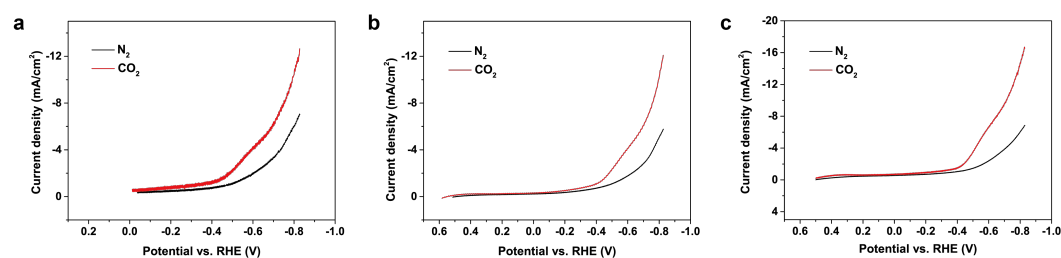


**Figure S14** STEM image (a) of POP-Py(2)/CoTCPP and the EDX elemental mapping of C (b), O (c), N (d) and Co (e).

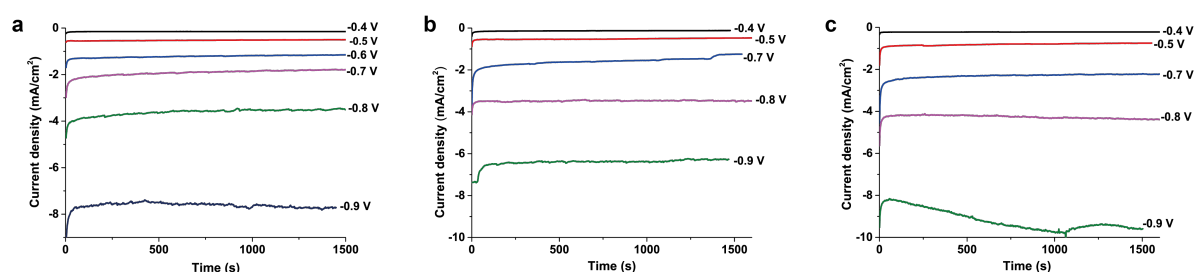
**Table S2** Contents of CoTCPP in the hybrid catalysts determined by ICP-AES

Initial CoTCPP/carbon weight ratio before mixing	Mass percentage of Co in the hybrid (%)	Mass percentage of CoTCPP in the hybrid (%)	Co Catalyst loading dropped in the paper (mol/cm <sup>2</sup> )
CoTCPP/POP-Py(0) =1/1	0.279	4.2	$1.42 \times 10^{-8}$
CoTCPP/POP-Py(1) =1/1	0.101	1.53	$5.14 \times 10^{-9}$
CoTCPP/POP-Py(2) =1/1	0.154	2.33	$7.84 \times 10^{-9}$
CNT/CoTCPP=10/1	0.615	9.30	$3.30 \times 10^{-8}$





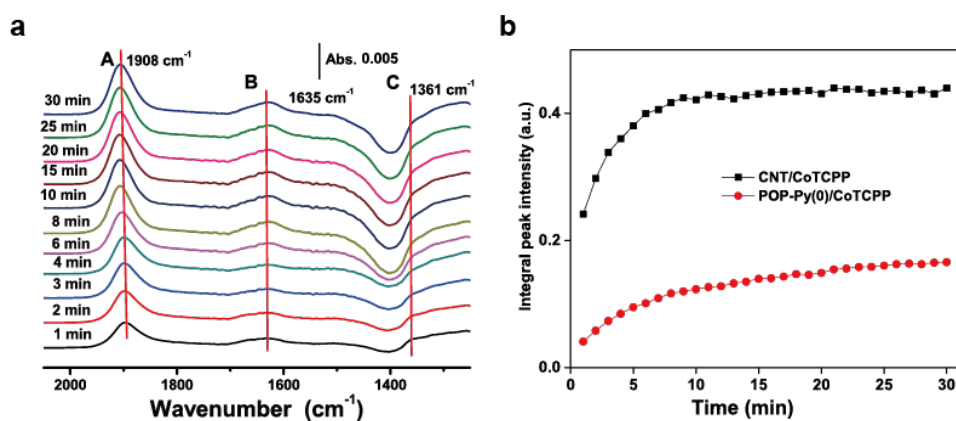
**Figure S15** Linear sweep voltammetry of POP-Py(0)/CoTCPP(a), POP-Py(1)/CoTCPP (b) and POP-Py(2)/CoTCPP (c) in a 0.5 M KHCO<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution saturated with N<sub>2</sub> or CO<sub>2</sub>.



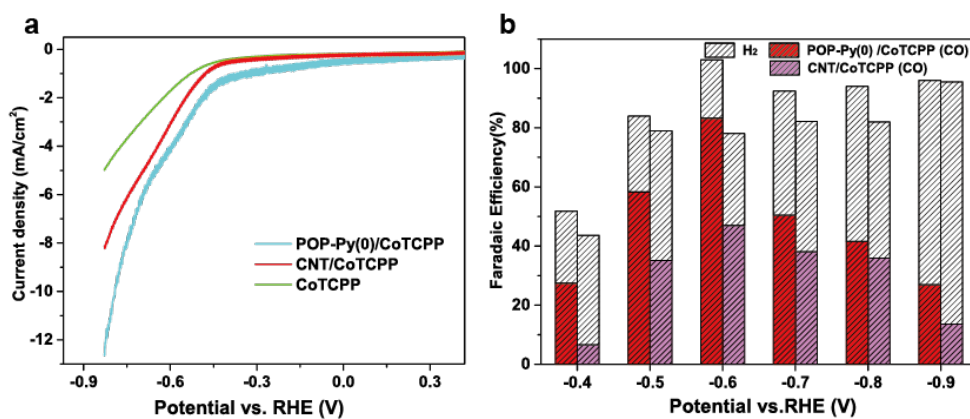
**Figure S16** Representative chronoamperograms of CO<sub>2</sub> electroreduction catalyzed by POP-Py(0)/CoTCPP (a), POP-Py(1)/CoTCPP (b) and POP-Py(2)/CoTCPP (c) at various potentials in a 0.5 M KHCO<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution.

**Table S3** Faradaic efficiencies and Operating durability comparison with different metal porphyrin(MPP) catalysts

Catalyst	Electrolyte	Applied potential (V vs. RHE)	I (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	F.E. of CO (%)	TOF <sub>CO</sub> (s <sup>-1</sup> )	Stability (hours)	Ref
POP-Py(0)/CoTCPP	0.5 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	-0.6	~1.1	83	1.4	7	This work
Al <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> TCPP-Co	0.5 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	-0.7	~1	76	0.06	7	S1
CoTPP-cov	0.5 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	-0.63	1.5	67	8.3	4	S2
CoTPP-noncov	0.5 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	-0.63	1	52	4.4	4	S2
CoTPP/CNT	0.5 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	-0.70	~3	~70	2.75	4	S3
CoP@NrGO	0.5 M NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	-0.70	~2.3	80	N.A.	0.5	S4
CoPP@CNT	0.5 M NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	-0.60	25.1	>90	1.37	12	S5
COF-367-Co	0.5 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	-0.67	3.3	91	0.53	24	S6
COF-366-F-Co	0.5 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	-0.67	N.A.	87	N.A.	N.A.	S7
CATpyr	0.5 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	-0.59	0.24	93	0.04	3	S8



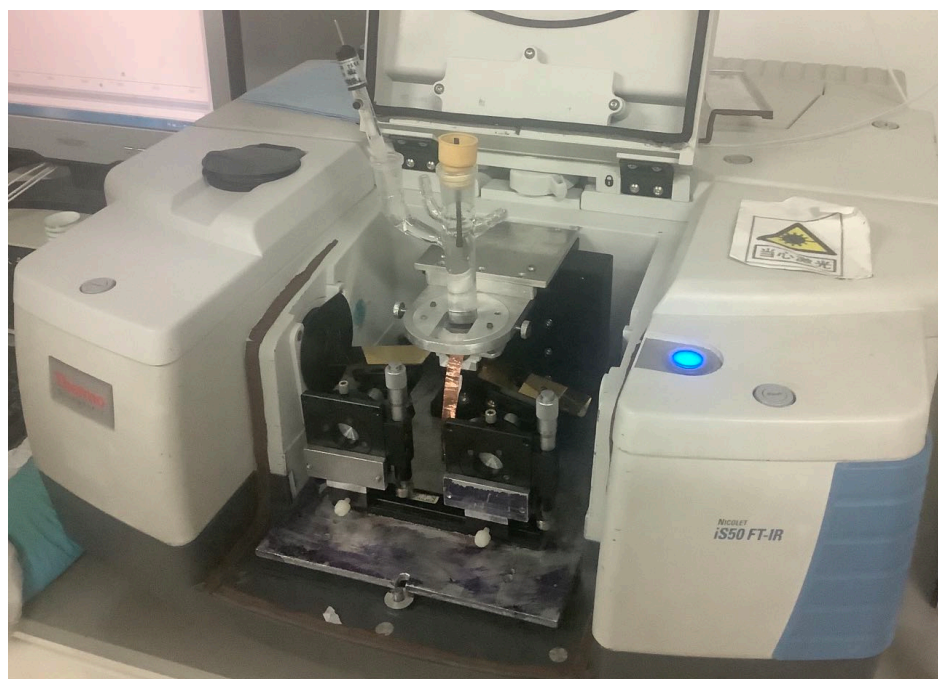
**Figure S17** (a) *In-situ* ATR-SEIRAS spectra recorded with time after stepping CNT/CoTCPP to -0.6 V vs. RHE in a CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated 0.5 M KHCO<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution. Reference spectrum was taken at an open circuit potential. (b) Integral intensities of peak A in the *in-situ* ATR-SEIRAS spectra of CNT/CoTCPP and POP-Py(0)/CoTCPP recorded with time at -0.6 V vs. RHE in a CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated 0.5 M KHCO<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution.



**Figure S18** (a) Linear sweep voltammetry of POP-Py(0)/CoTCPP, CNT/CoTCPP and CoTCPP. (b) Faradaic efficiencies for CO and H<sub>2</sub> production on CNT/CoTCPP and POP-Py(0)/CoTCPP across the potential range from -0.4 to -0.9 V vs. RHE.

**Table S4** Band assignments in Figure 5 and Figure S17a

Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )				Assignment
POP-Py(0)/CoTCCP	POP-Py(1)/CoTCCP	POP-Py(2)/CoTCCP	CNT/CoTCCP	
1357	1354	1357	1361	v(C-O) stretching of *COOH
1643	1654	1653	1635	v(C=O) stretching of *COOH
1912-1842	1922-1859	1910-1879	1908	v(C-O) stretching of *CO(ad)



**Figure S19** Cell configuration of *in-situ* SEIRAS measurements.

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