

## **ELECTRONIC SUPPORTING INFORMATION (ESI)**

for

### **A Chromotropic Pt<sup>II</sup>Pd<sup>II</sup>Co<sup>II</sup> Coordination Polymer with Dual Electrocatalytic Activity for Water Reduction and Oxidation**

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**Table S1.** Crystallographic data for [2]X<sub>4</sub>.

	[2]Cl <sub>4</sub>	[2]Br <sub>4</sub>
Formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>92</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> Co <sub>2</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>30</sub> Pd <sub>2</sub> Pt <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>92</sub> Br <sub>4</sub> Co <sub>2</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>30</sub> Pd <sub>2</sub> Pt <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub>
Colour, shape	Orange, platelet	Orange, platelet
<i>M</i>	1915.89	2093.73
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
<i>a</i> /Å	9.0942(2)	9.25625(5)
<i>b</i> /Å	21.9908(5)	21.99085(11)
<i>c</i> /Å	30.830(8)	30.87849(16)
<i>α</i> /°	90	90
<i>β</i> /°	90	90
<i>γ</i> /°	90	90
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	6165.7(16)	6285.40(6)
<i>Z</i>	4	4
<i>T</i> /K	100(2)	100(2)
<i>F</i> (000)	3768	4056
<i>ρ</i> <sub>calcd</sub> /g cm <sup>-3</sup>	2.064	2.213
<i>μ</i> /mm <sup>-1</sup>	6.007	2.491
Crystal size /mm <sup>3</sup>	0.16×0.10×0.03	0.08×0.05×0.04
Limiting indices	-9 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 11, -29 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 21, -38 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 34	-14 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13, -35 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 37, -45 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 44
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )) <sup>[a]</sup>	0.0410	0.0394
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data) <sup>[b]</sup>	0.0973	0.1041
GOF	1.042	1.050
Flack parameter	0.015(4)	0.040(5)
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[a]  $R_1 = \Sigma(|F_o| - |F_c|) / \Sigma(|F_o|)$ . [b]  $wR_2 = [\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \Sigma w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ .

**Table S2.** Bond valence sum (BVS) calculations for Co atoms in [2]X<sub>4</sub>.<sup>[S1]</sup>

	[2]Cl <sub>4</sub>		[2]Br <sub>4</sub>	
	Co <sup>II</sup>	Co <sup>III</sup>	Co <sup>II</sup>	Co <sup>III</sup>
Co1	2.01	1.77	1.99	1.75
Co2	2.00	1.73	2.01	1.73

**Table S3.** Best fitted parameters for  $\chi_{\text{M}}T$  versus  $T$  plots of [2]X<sub>4</sub>.

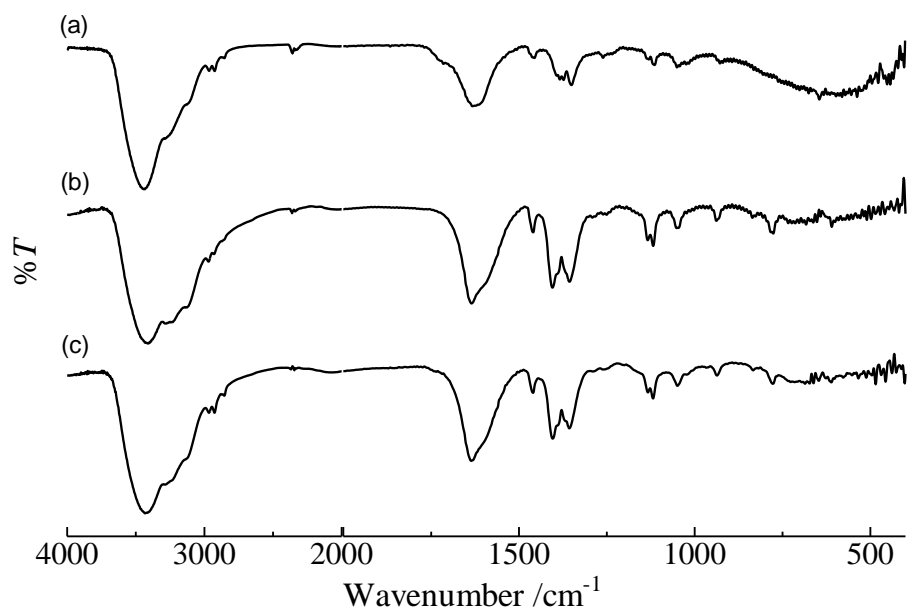
	[2]Cl <sub>4</sub> (heating)	[2]Cl <sub>4</sub> (cooling)	[2]Br <sub>4</sub> (heating)	[2]Br <sub>4</sub> (cooling)
$J / \text{cm}^{-1}$	-0.966(7)	-0.03(3)	-0.856(7)	-0.12(2)
$B^0_2 / \text{cm}^{-1}$	+108.7(12)	+11.3(5)	+118.3(11)	+13.2(4)
$g_{\text{iso}}$	2.0758(14)	2.322(7)	2.0472(11)	2.306(6)
T.I.P.	-0.00188(6)	0.00075(13)	-0.00130(5)	0.00121(11)
$F$ [a]	$2.34 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.00 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.56 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.65 \times 10^{-5}$

[a] The agreement factor ( $F$ ) is defined as  $\Sigma[\chi_{\text{M}}T_{\text{exp}} - \chi_{\text{M}}T_{\text{calcd}}]^2 / \Sigma[\chi_{\text{M}}T_{\text{exp}}]^2$ .

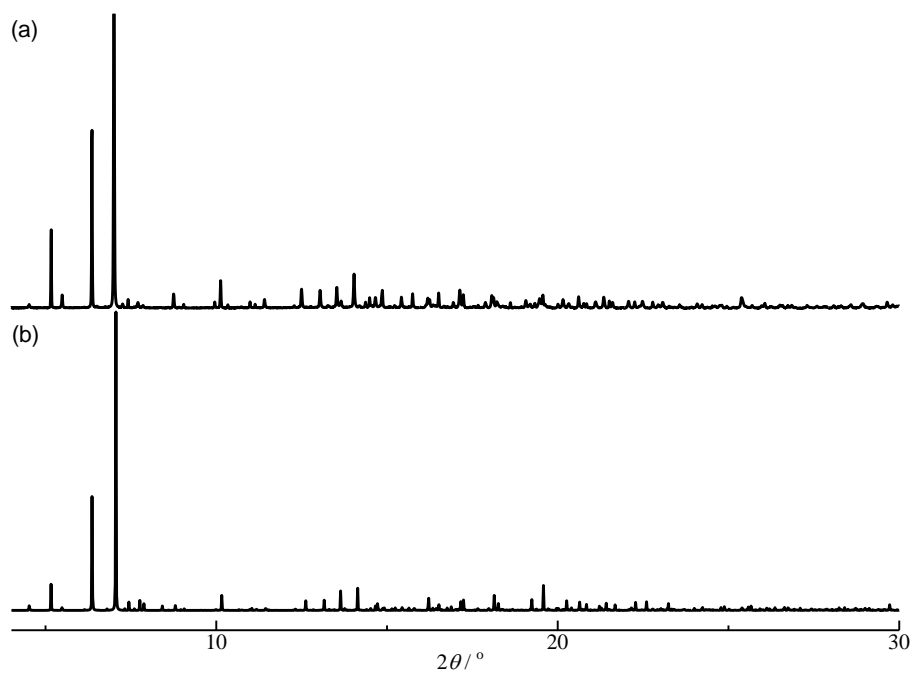
**Table S4.** Summary of representative heterogeneous water oxidation catalysts based on cobalt(II) coordination compounds.

Compound	Overpotential [a]	TOF	Electrolyte	Reference #
[2]Br <sub>4</sub>	363 mV	0.0044 s <sup>-1</sup>	0.1 M LiClO <sub>4</sub> in H <sub>2</sub> O/CH <sub>3</sub> CN (1/4)	This work
[Mn <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> (1)]Br <sub>4</sub>	384 mV	0.0025 s <sup>-1</sup>	0.1 M LiClO <sub>4</sub> in H <sub>2</sub> O/CH <sub>3</sub> CN (1/4)	This work, S2
[Zn(Cu <sub>2</sub> {Pt(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (D-pen) <sub>2</sub> }) <sub>2</sub> ](ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	-	0.0075 s <sup>-1</sup>	0.1 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in H <sub>2</sub> O/CH <sub>3</sub> CN (1/4)	S3
[Co <sub>2</sub> (L)(adip) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>[b]</sup>	460 mV	0.00068 s <sup>-1</sup> [c]	0.2 M Pi buffer (pH 6.8)	S4
[Co <sub>2</sub> (L) <sub>2</sub> (5-bdc) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>[b]</sup>	570 mV	0.00076 s <sup>-1</sup> [c]	0.2 M Pi buffer (pH 6.8)	S4
[{Co <sub>3</sub> (μ <sub>3</sub> -OH)(BTB) <sub>2</sub> (dpe) <sub>2</sub> }{Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (DMF) <sub>2</sub> }] <sub>n</sub> <sup>[b]</sup>	390 mV	0.05 s <sup>-1</sup>	0.1 M KOH aq.	S5

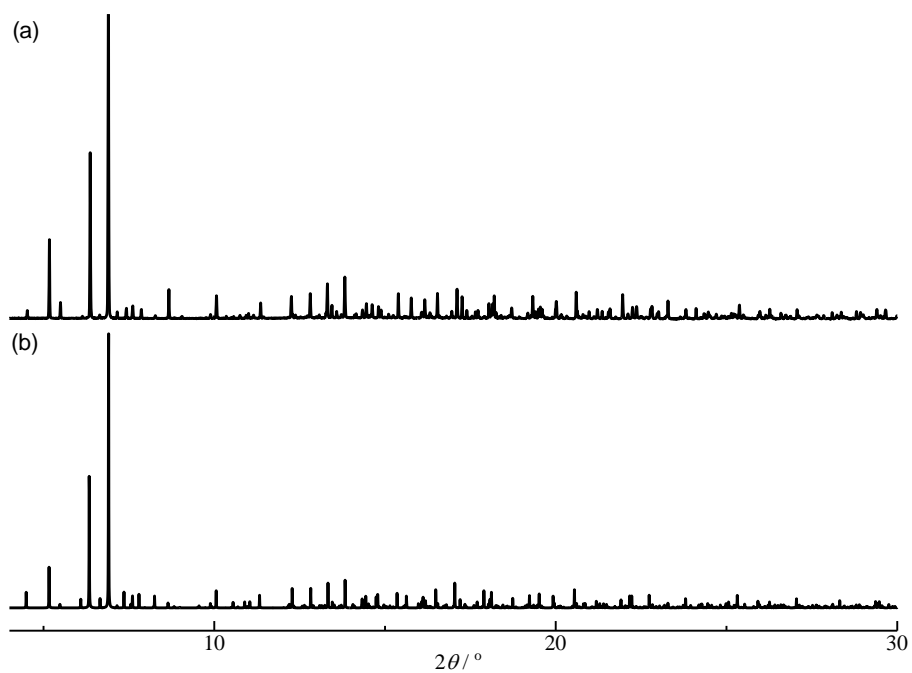
[a] at 1 mA /cm<sup>2</sup>. [b] L = 1,4-bis(3-pyridylaminomethyl)benzene, H<sub>2</sub>adip = adipic acid, 5-H<sub>2</sub>adc = 5-nitroisophthalic acid), H<sub>3</sub>BTB=1,3,5-benzenetribenzoic acid, dpe=1,2-di(4-pyridyl)ethylene, dppeO<sub>2</sub> = 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane dioxide. [c] We calculated the values based on values provided in the literature.



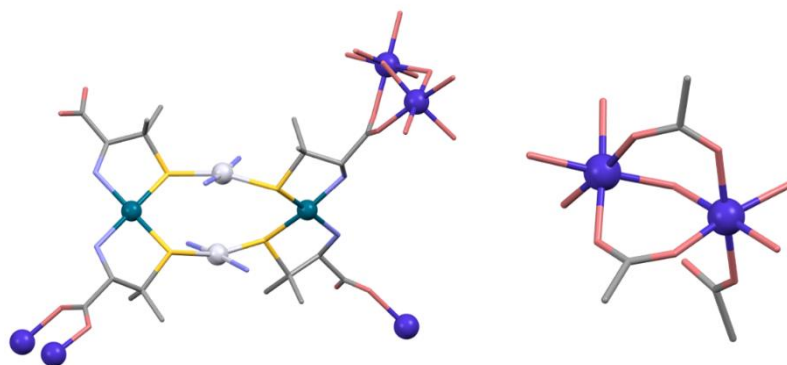
**Fig. S1.** IR spectra of (a) [1], (b) [2]Cl<sub>4</sub>, and (c) [2]Br<sub>4</sub>.



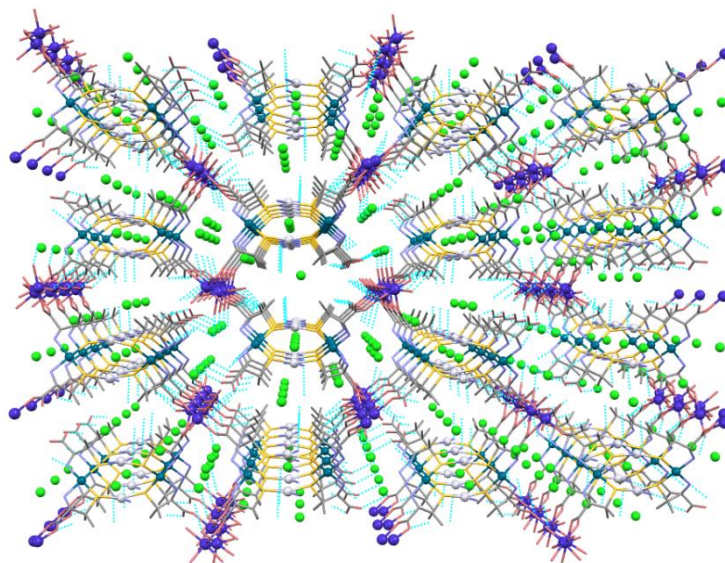
**Fig. S2.** (a) Experimental and (b) simulated PXRD patterns of [2]Cl<sub>4</sub>.



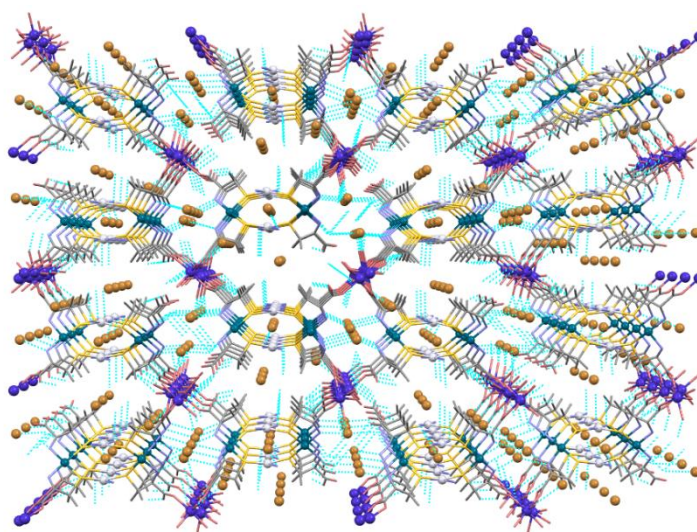
**Fig. S3.** (a) Experimental and (b) simulated PXRD patterns of [2]Br<sub>4</sub>.



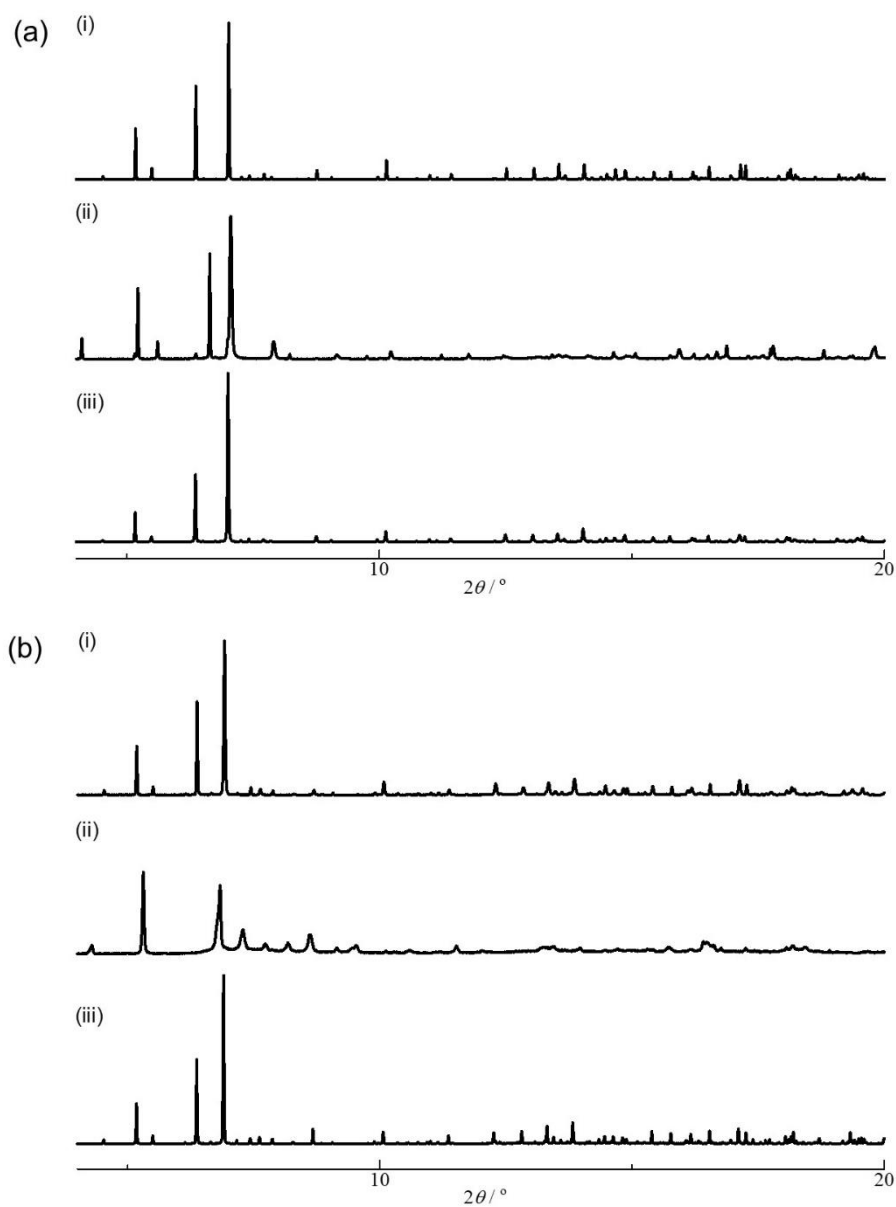
**Fig. S4.** Perspective views (left) around the Pt<sup>II</sup><sub>2</sub>Pd<sup>II</sup><sub>2</sub> molecule, and (right) around the Co<sup>II</sup><sub>2</sub> unit in [2]Br<sub>4</sub>. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Colour code: Pd, dark green; Pt, off-white; Co, blue; S, yellow; N, light blue; O, pink; C, grey.



**Fig. S5.** Packing structure of  $[2]Cl_4$ . Blue dashed lines represent hydrogen bonds. Colour code: Pd, dark green; Pt, off-white; Co, blue; Cl, green; S, yellow; N, light blue; O, pink; C, grey.

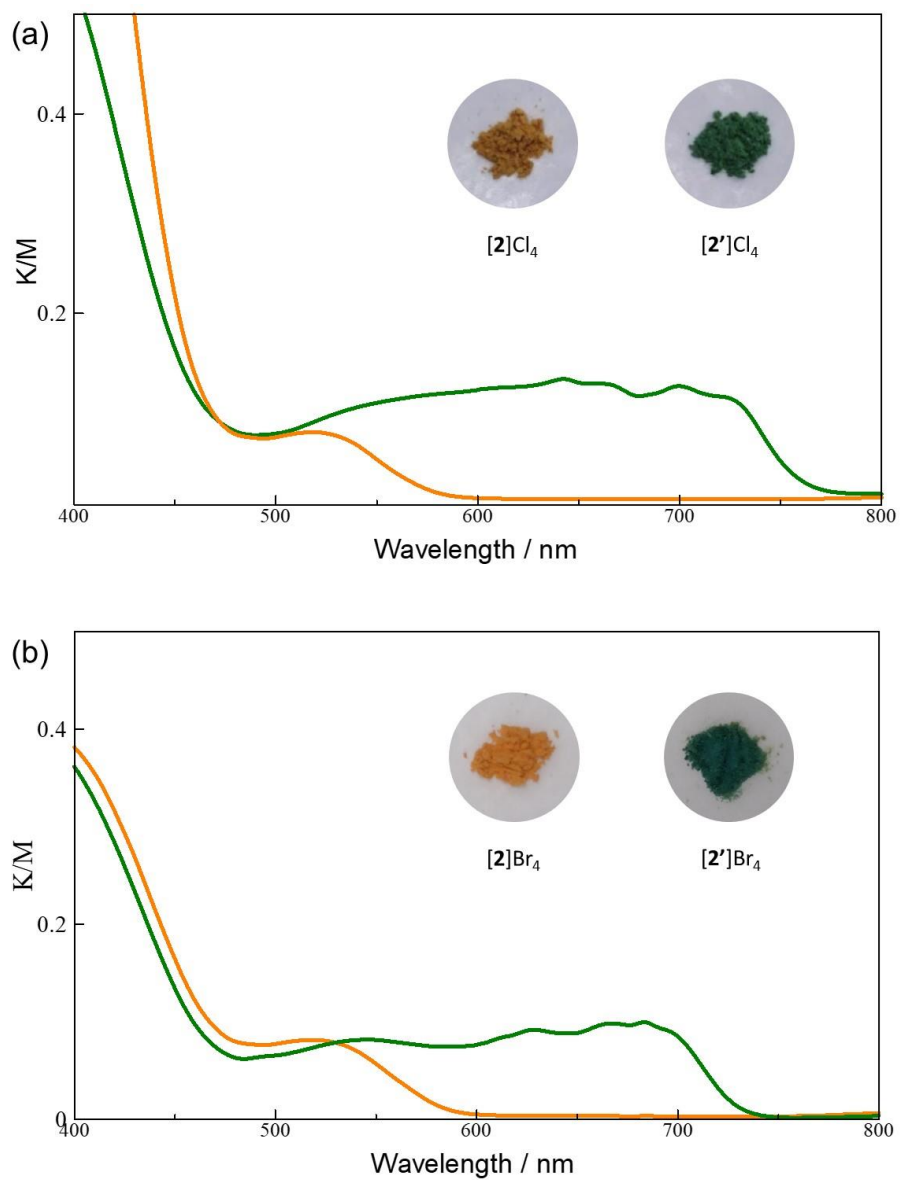


**Fig. S6.** (a) Packing structure of  $[2]Br_4$ . Blue dashed lines represent hydrogen bonds. Colour code: Pd, dark green; Pt, off-white; Co, blue; Br, brown; S, yellow; N, light blue; O, pink; C, grey.



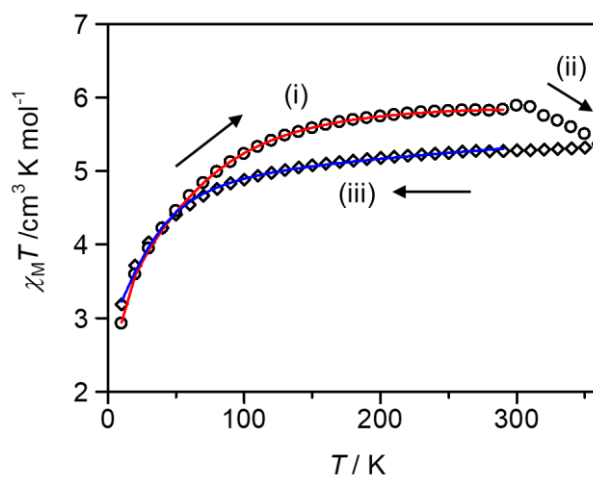
**Fig. S7.** Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of (i)  $[2]X_4$ , (ii) the sample ( $[2']X_4$ ) obtained by heating  $[2]X_4$  at  $90^\circ\text{C}$ , and (iii) the sample obtained by exposure to  $[2']X_4$  in air: (a)  $X = \text{Cl}$ , (b)  $X = \text{Br}$ .

$[2']\text{Cl}_4$ : Calcd. for  $[\text{Co}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\mathbf{1})]\text{Cl}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 15.27; H, 3.46; N, 7.12%. Anal. Found: C, 15.26; H, 3.38; N, 7.09%.  $[2']\text{Br}_4$ : Calcd. for  $[\text{Co}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\mathbf{1})]\text{Br}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 13.72; H, 3.11; N, 6.40%. Anal. Found: C, 13.55; H, 3.07; N, 6.28%

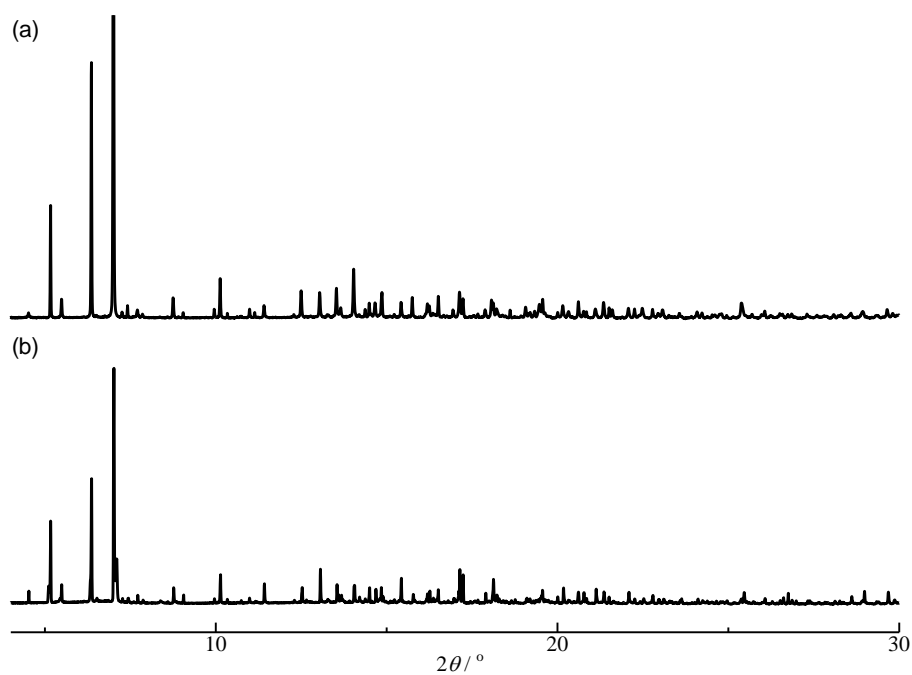


**Fig. S8.** Diffuse reflectance spectra of  $[2]X_4$  (orange) and  $[2']X_4$  (green): (a)  $X = Cl$ , (b)  $X = Br$ .

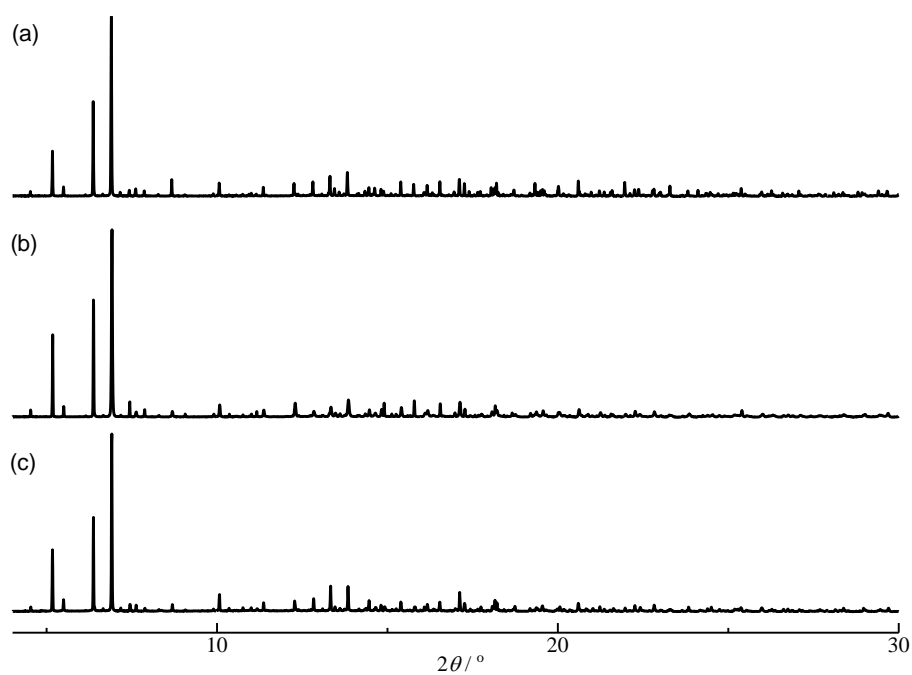




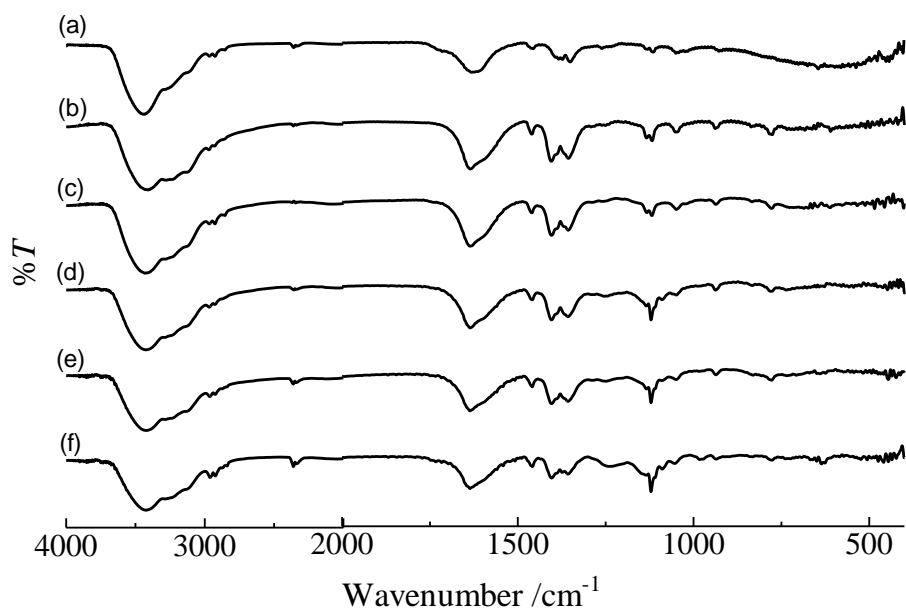
**Fig. S9.**  $\chi_M T$  vs.  $T$  plot of  $[2]\text{Br}_4$  ( $T = 10\text{--}360$  K, and  $H = 0.5$  T). Black circles and diamonds indicate the observed data. Red and blue lines indicate the fitting curves. The measurements with increasing temperature from 10 K to 300 K showed an anomaly at approximately 300–360 K, which corresponds to the transformation from  $[2]\text{Br}_4$  to  $[2']\text{Br}_4$ .



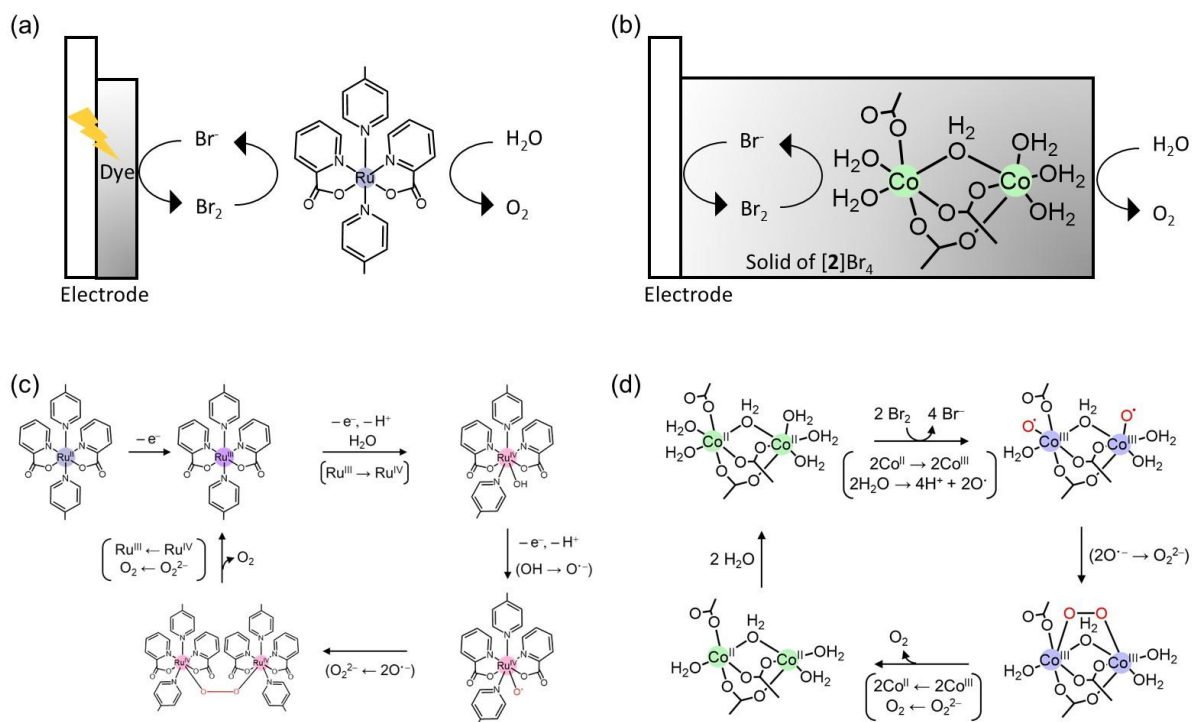
**Fig. S10.** PXRD patterns of  $[2]\text{Cl}_4$  (a) before and (b) after bulk electrolysis at  $-1.2$  V.



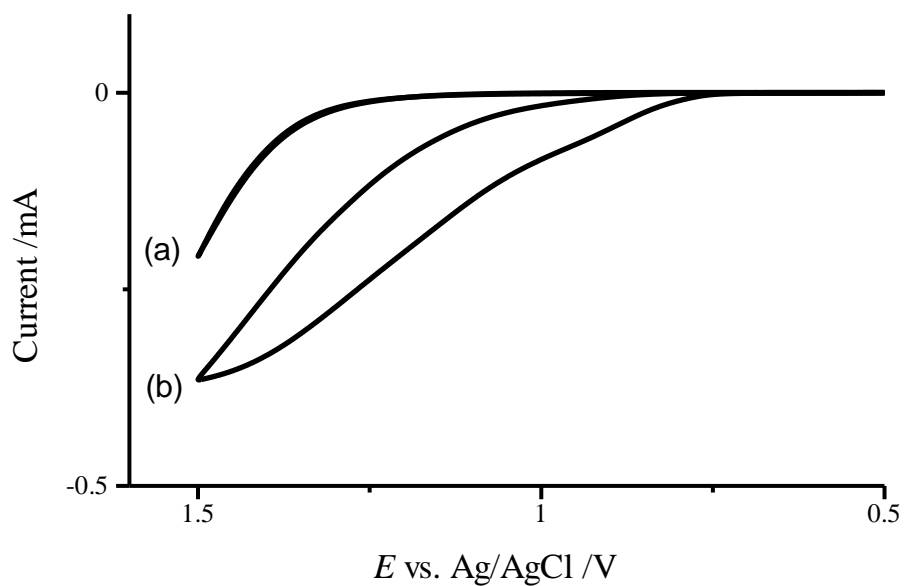
**Fig. S11.** PXRD patterns of [2]Br<sub>4</sub> (a) before and after (b) -1.2 V and (c) +1.2 V bulk electrolyses.



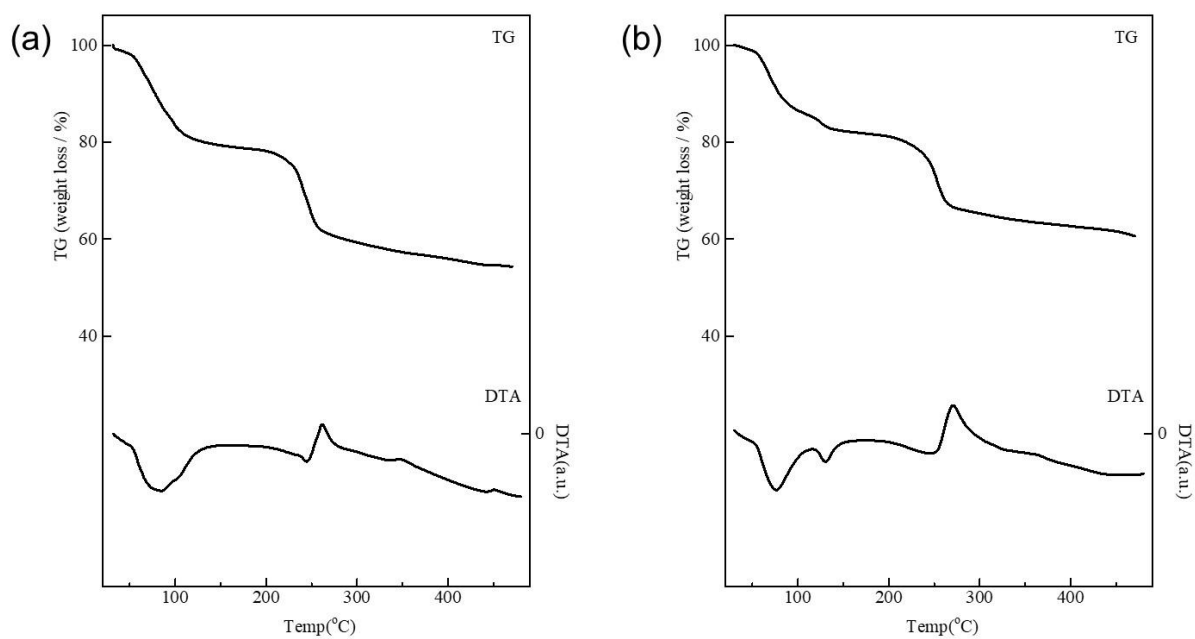
**Fig. S12.** IR spectra of original samples of (a) [1], (b) [2]Cl<sub>4</sub>, and (c) [2]Br<sub>4</sub> and after bulk electrolysis at -1.2 V of (d) [2]Cl<sub>4</sub>, (e) [2]Br<sub>4</sub> and at +1.2 V of (f) [2]Br<sub>4</sub>.



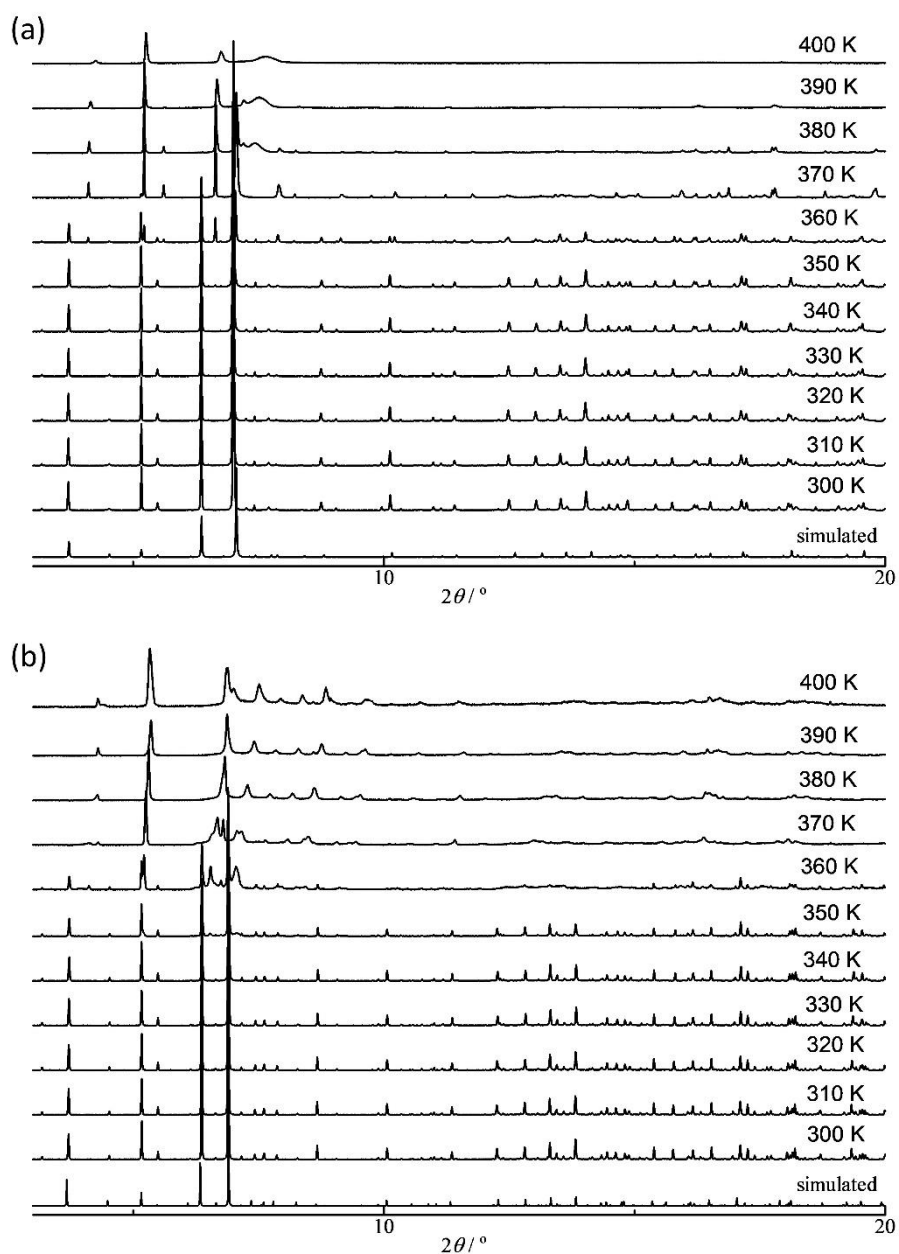
**Fig. S13.** Proposed mechanisms of (a, c) light-driven water oxidation catalysed by  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bda})(\text{pic})_2]$  (bda = 2,2'-bipyridine-6,6'-dicarboxylate, pic = picoline) <sup>[S6]</sup> and (b, d) electrocatalytic water oxidation catalysed by  $[\mathbf{2}]\text{Br}_4$ .



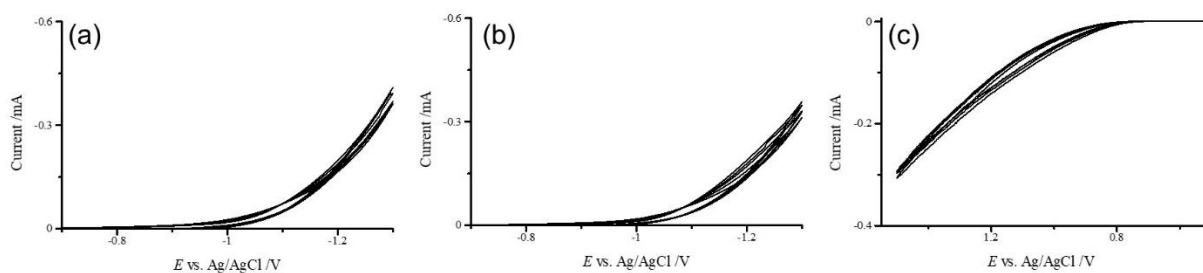
**Fig. S14.** CVs of (a) [2]Cl<sub>4</sub> and (b) [2]Br<sub>4</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O-CH<sub>3</sub>CN (v/v =1/4) containing 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> at a scan rate of 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S15.** TG-DTA curves of (a) [2]Cl<sub>4</sub> and (b) [2]Br<sub>4</sub>.



**Fig. S16.** Temperature-dependent PXRD patterns of (a) [2]Cl<sub>4</sub> and (b) [2]Br<sub>4</sub>.



**Fig. S17.** Cyclic voltammograms of the samples modified on glassy carbon electrode in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  ( $v/v = 1/4$ ) containing 0.1 M  $\text{LiClO}_4$  in the multi-scanning mode (1st – 5th scans): (a)  $[\mathbf{2}]\text{Cl}_4$  in the negative potential range, (b)  $[\mathbf{2}]\text{Br}_4$  in the negative potential range and (c)  $[\mathbf{2}]\text{Br}_4$  in the positive potential range.

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