

## Supporting information

### **Enrichment in the field emission properties of NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanostructures by UV/Ozone treatment**

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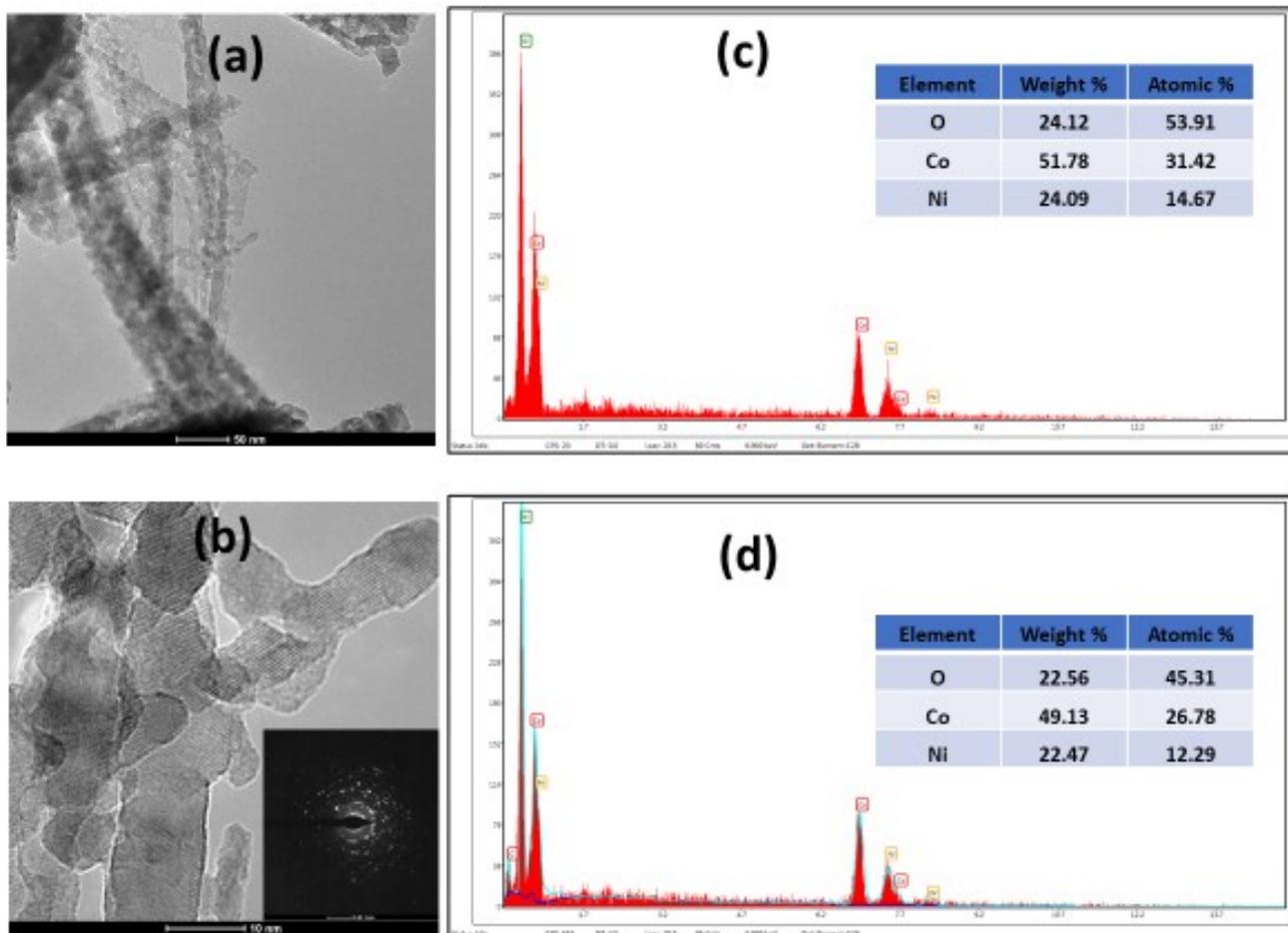
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**Figure S1**



**Figure 1. (a) HRTEM and (b) TEM (inset SAED pattern) images, (c-d) EDS spectra of  $\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4\text{-UVT}$ .**

Figure S2

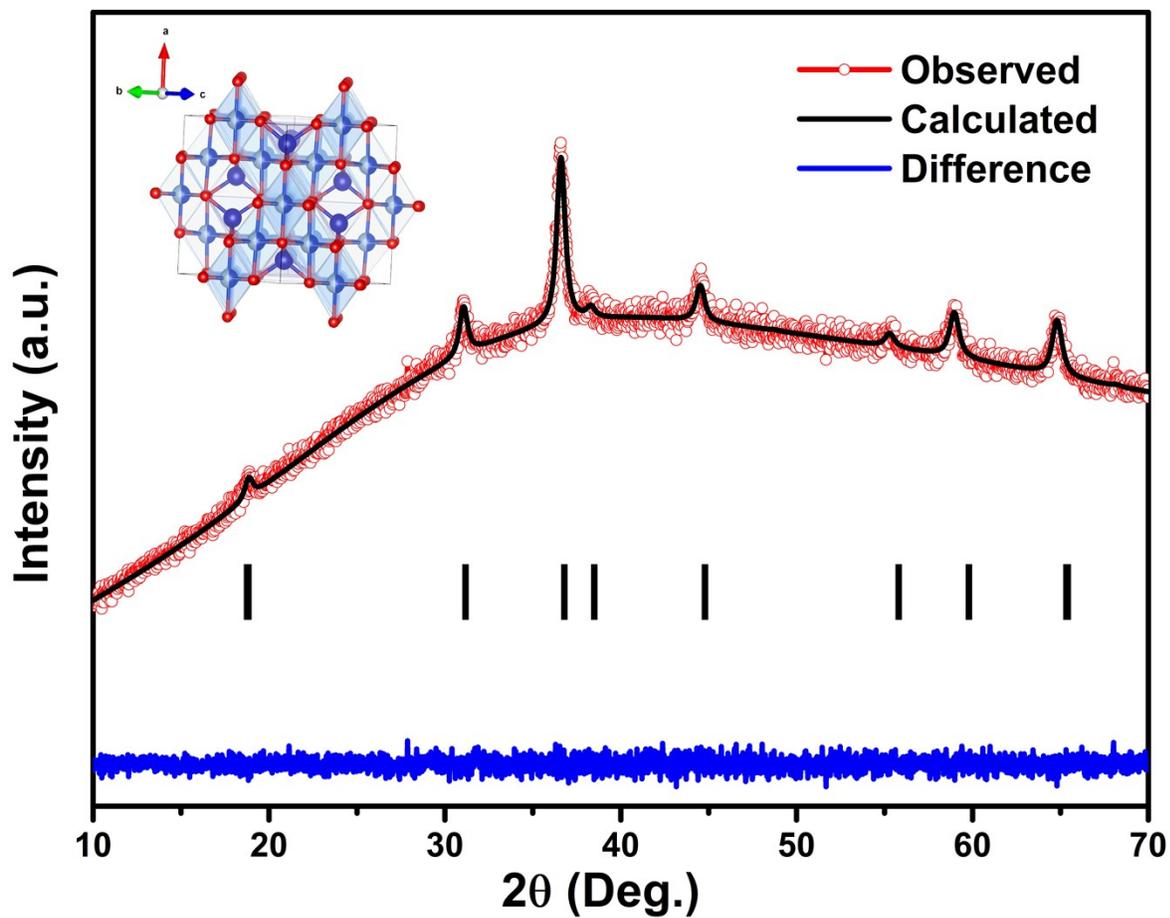


Figure S2. Rietveld refined profile of NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-UVT with fair R-Bragg = 0.190 and goodness of fit =  $\chi^2 = 1.55$ , inset crystallographic structure derived from experimental results

Figure S3

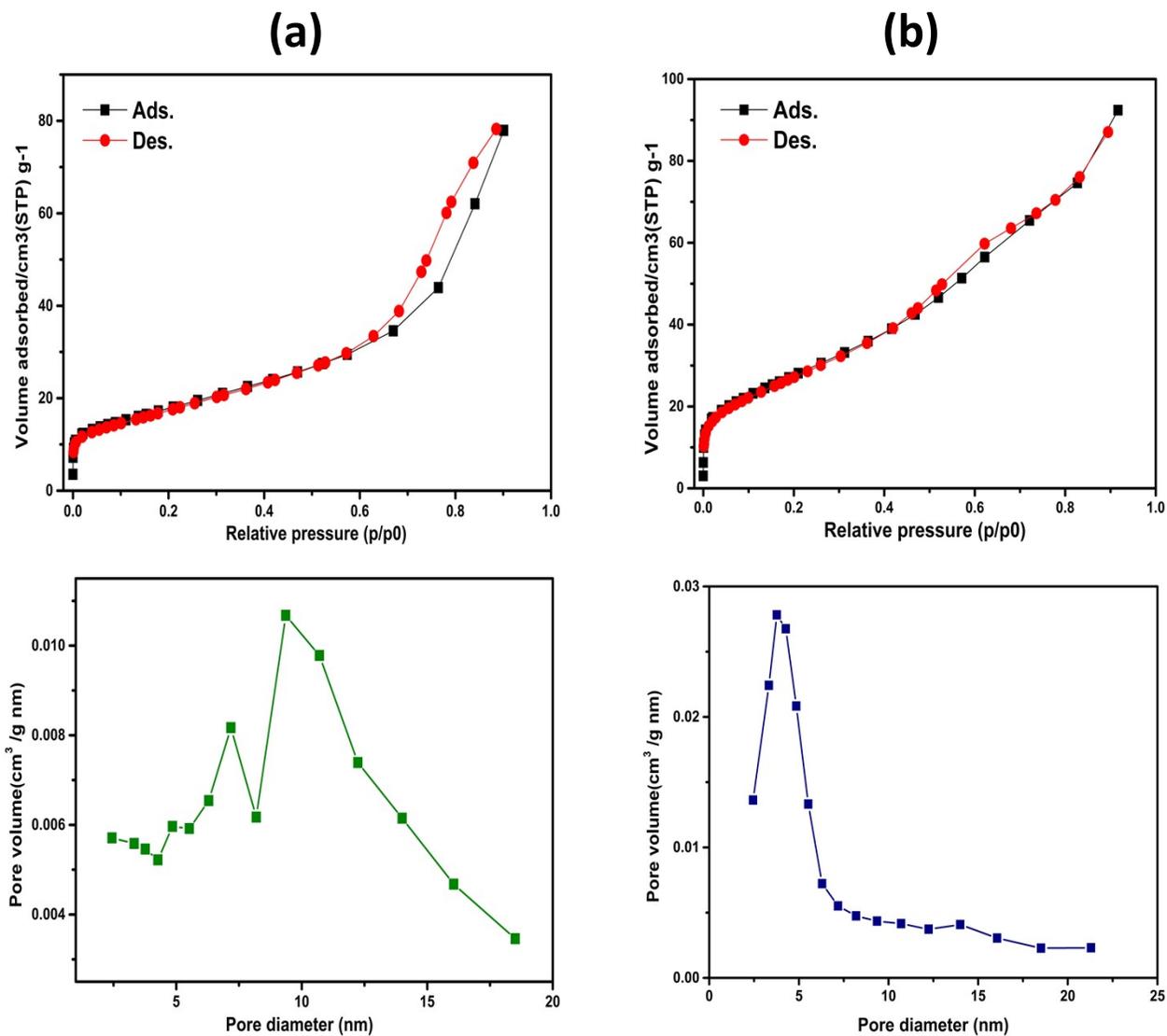


Figure S3. Nitrogen adsorption–desorption isotherms and (b) the corresponding pore size distribution of NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-UVT.

Sample	BET surface area (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	BJH pore size (nm)	Pore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)
NCO	63.5	7.58	0.12
NCO-UVT	96.06	5.95	0.14

**Table S1. Peak area ratios corresponding to NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-UVT from the XPS spectra**

Sample	2P <sub>1/2</sub> Co <sup>2+</sup>	2P <sub>1/2</sub> Co <sup>3+</sup>	2P <sub>3/2</sub> Co <sup>2+</sup>	2P <sub>3/2</sub> Co <sup>3+</sup>	2P <sub>1/2</sub> Ni <sup>3+</sup>	2P <sub>1/2</sub> Ni <sup>2+</sup>	2P <sub>3/2</sub> Ni <sup>3+</sup>	2P <sub>3/2</sub> Ni <sup>2+</sup>	O <sub>latt</sub>	O <sub>x</sub>	O-OH
NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	0.56	0.44	0.47	0.52	0.50	0.49	0.48	0.51	0.58	0.30	0.10
NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> - UVT	0.56	0.44	0.45	0.55	0.46	0.53	0.46	0.53	0.32	0.59	0.08

Figure S4

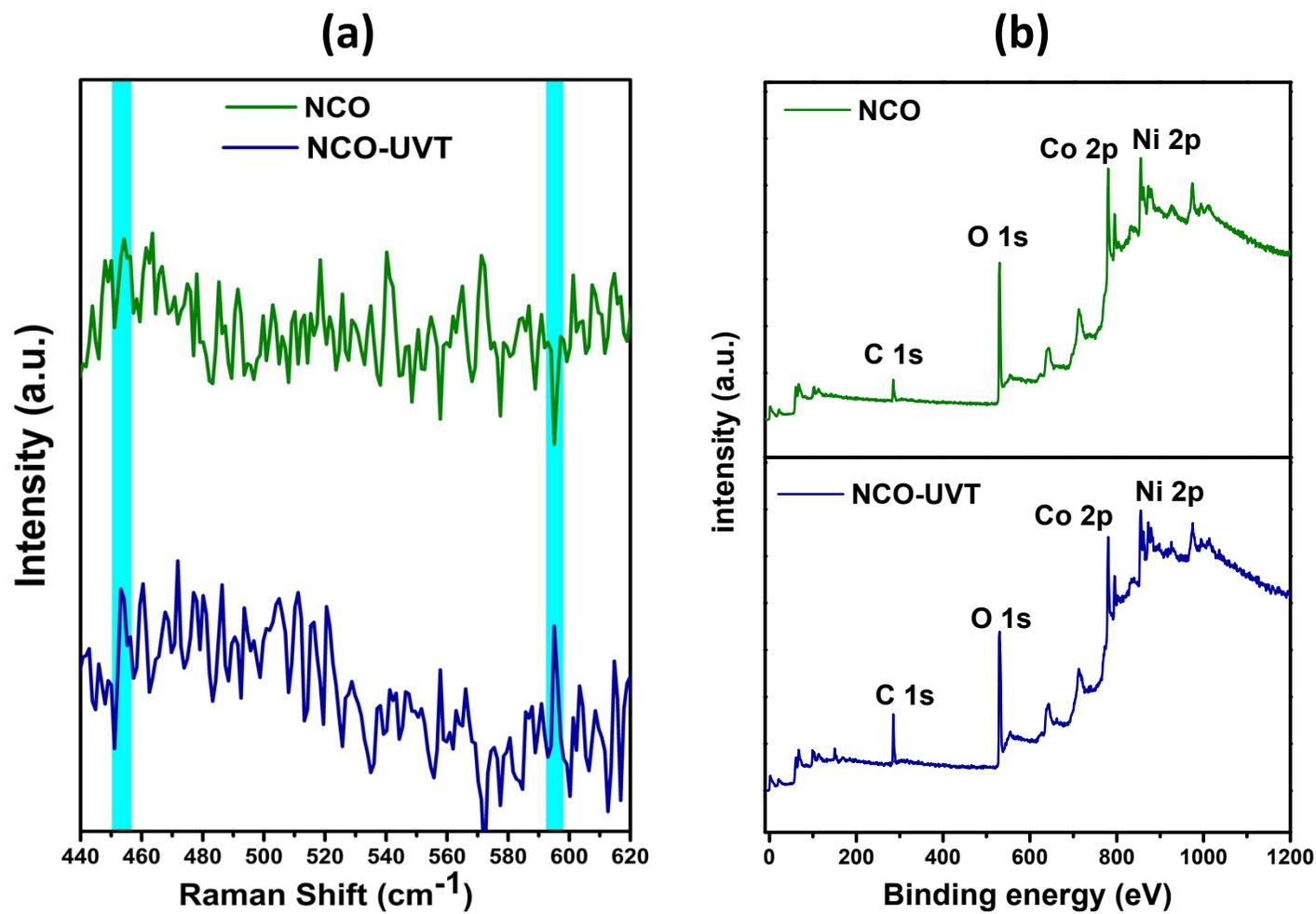


Figure S4. (a) High resolution Raman spectra, (b) XPS survey spectra of NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-UVT