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## **Supplementary Figures and Tables**



Fig. S1. SEM image of as-prepared hierarchical porous 2D ultrathin  $g-C_3N_4$  nanosheets.



**Fig. S2.** Particle size analysis and distribution of the TEM images of the hierarchical porous  $Co_{2.5}-C_{TA1}@g-C_3N_4-700^{\circ}C$  nanosheets by using a semiautomated sizing approach. Scale bars, 100 nm.



Fig. S3. EDX mapping of the  $Co_{2.5}$ - $C_{TA1}$ @g- $C_3N_4$ -700°C graphite-carbon hybrid heterostructured nanosheets. Scale bars, 5 um.



Fig. S4. The elemental analysis spectrum from EDX mapping of the hierarchical porous  $Co_{2.5}-C_{TA1}@g-C_3N_4$  graphite-carbon hybrid nanosheets calcinated at 700°C.

Element	Atomic number	Normalized atomic mass (%)
С	6	73.60
Со	27	8.22
0	8	5.00
Ν	7	11.20
Au	79	1.98

**Table S1** The elemental content analysis of the hierarchical porous  $Co_{2.5}$ - $C_{TA1}@g$ - $C_3N_4$  nanosheets calcinated at 700°C by EDX characterization.

Table S2 The BET results of hierarchical porous  $Co_{2.5}$ - $C_{TA1}$ @g- $C_3N_4$ -700°C nanosheets

Sample Specific surface area (cm <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )		Pore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	
$Co_{2.5}$ - $C_{TA1}@g$ - $C_3N_4$ -700°C	335.9	0.858	



Fig. S5. XRD patterns of the hierarchical porous  $Co-C_{TA}@g-C_3N_4$  nanosheets prepared with different ratios of Co/TA calcinated at 700°C.



Fig. S6. LSV curves of  $Co_{2.5}$ - $C_{TA1}$ @g- $C_3N_4$ -700°C for ORR in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and 0.1 M KOH solutions.

Samples	E <sub>Onset</sub> E (V vs. RHE)	$\begin{array}{c} E_{1/2} \\ E  (V \text{ vs.} \\ RHE ) \end{array}$	Limiting current density J (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )
Co <sub>2.5</sub> -C <sub>TA1</sub> @g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> -700°C (0.1 M KOH)	0.990	0.864	-6.3
Co <sub>2.5</sub> -C <sub>TA1</sub> @g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> -700°C (0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> )	0.912	0.735	-4.2
20% Pt/C (0.1 M KOH)	0.994	0.878	-5.1

**Table S3** Comparison of electrochemical properties of Pt/C,  $Co_{2.5}$ - $C_{TA1}@g$ - $C_3N_4$ -700°C nanosheets in alkaline and acidic electrolytes.

Samples	E <sub>Onset</sub> E (V vs. RHE)	$\begin{array}{c} E_{1/2} \\ E \ (V \ vs. \\ RHE \end{array} \right)$	Limiting current density J (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )
Co@g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> -700°C	0.826	0.598	-2.2
$C_{TA}$ @g- $C_3N_4$ -700°C	0.724	0.613	-3.5
$Co_1$ - $C_{TA1}$ @g- $C_3N_4$ -700°C	0.875	0.715	-2.7
$Co_{2.5}$ - $C_{TA1}$ @g- $C_3N_4$ -700°C	0.990	0.864	-6.3
$Co_5-C_{TA1}$ @g- $C_3N_4$ -700°C	0.989	0.861	-5.7
$Co_{7.5}$ - $C_{TA1}$ @g- $C_3N_4$ -700°C	0.980	0.871	-4.1
$Co_{10}$ - $C_{TA1}$ @g- $C_3N_4$ -700°C	0.975	0.865	-4.2
20% Pt/C	0.994	0.878	-5.1

**Table S4** Electrochemical performance comparison of the hierarchical porous Co- $C_{TA}@g-C_3N_4$  nanosheet prepared with different ratios of Co/TA calcinated at 700°C.