

***Electronic Supplementary Information***

**Modulating the electronic configuration of Co species in  
MOF/MXene nanosheets derived Co-based mixed spinel oxides for  
efficient oxygen evolution reaction**

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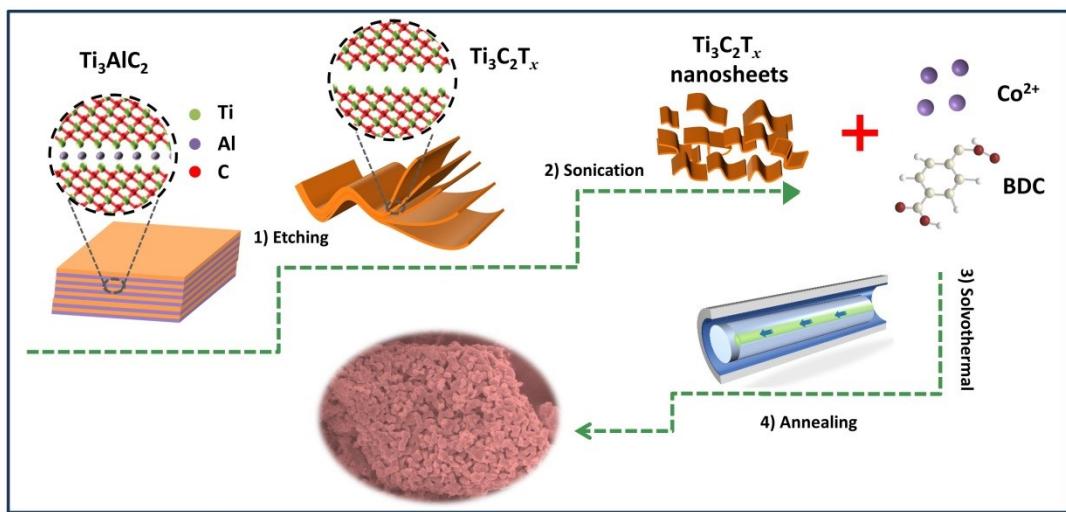
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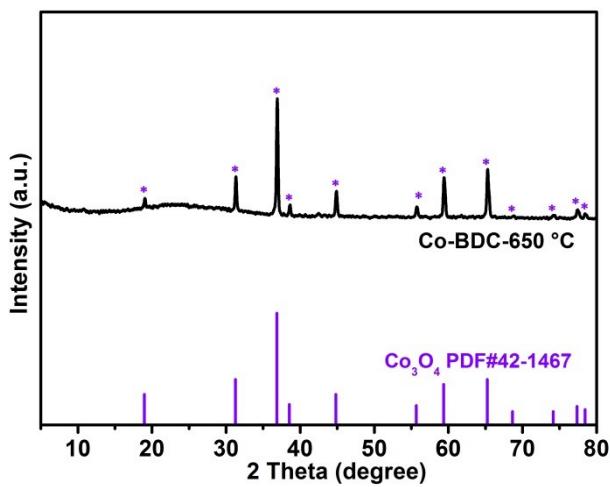
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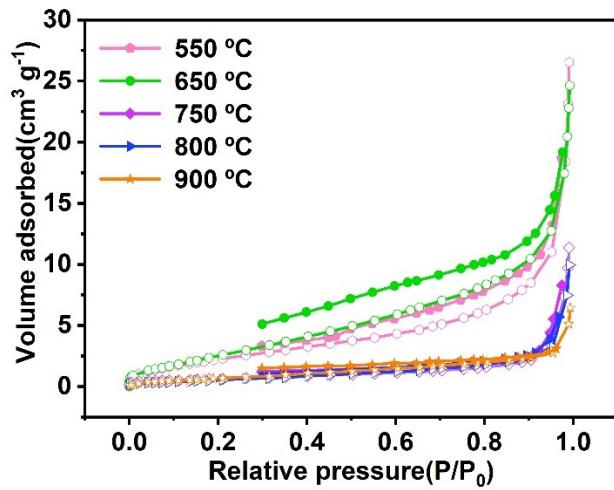
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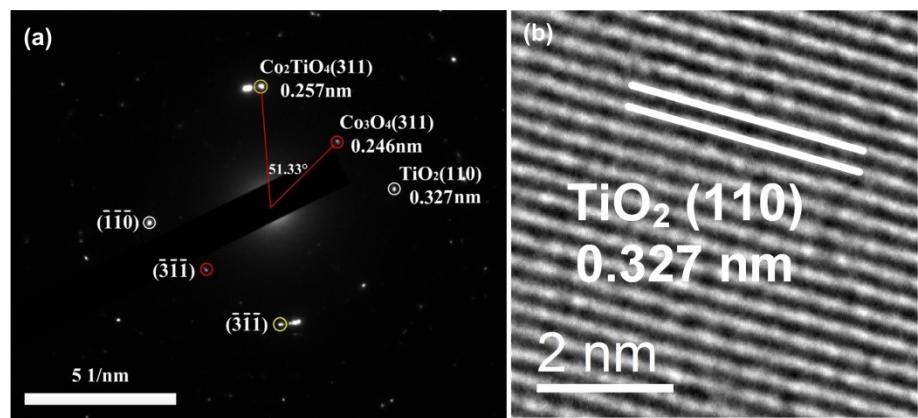
**Fig. S1.** The preparation process of the Co-based mixed spinel oxides.



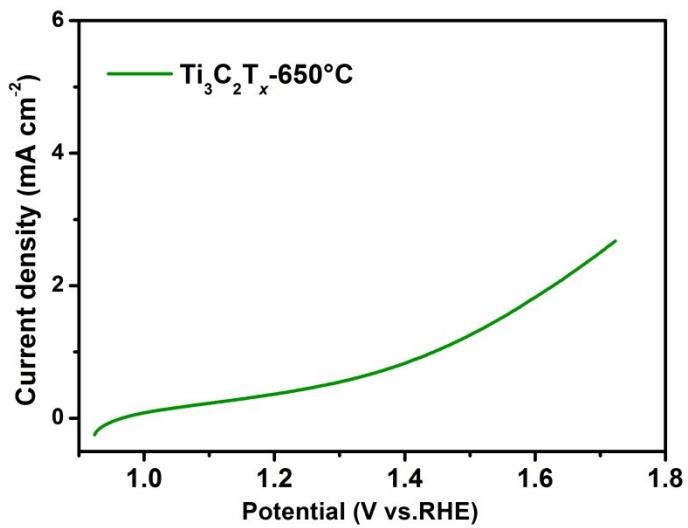
**Fig. S2.** XRD pattern of Co-BDC annealed at 650°C.



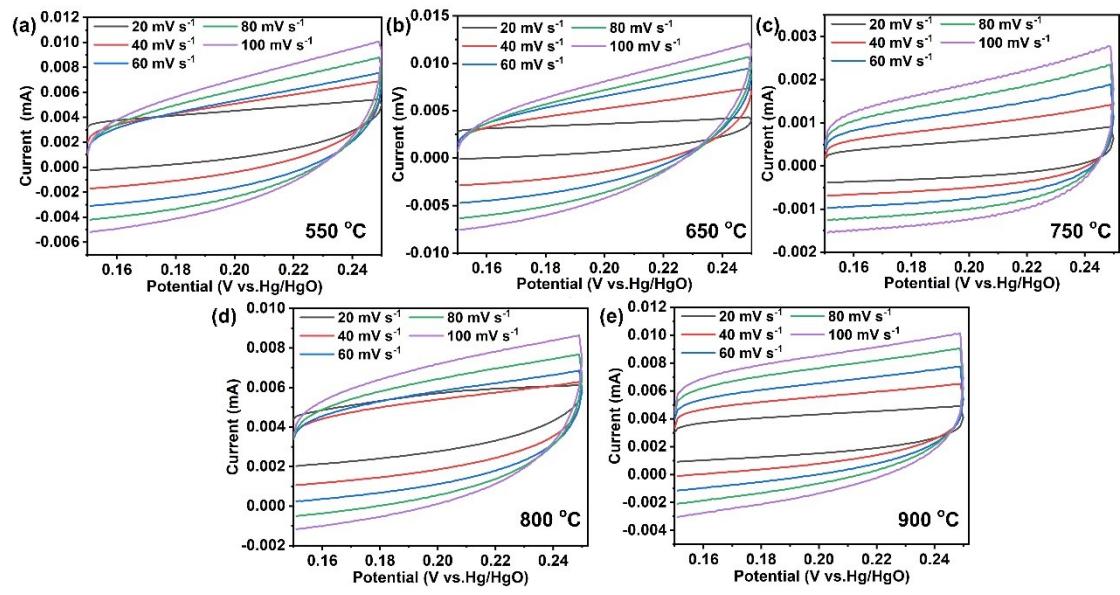
**Fig. S3.** Nitrogen adsorption and desorption curves of the CoTiO<sub>x</sub>-T. All samples show type-IV isotherms with a very distinct hysteresis loop of typical H3. The BET surface area of the CoTiO<sub>x</sub>-650 is 12.3 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>, which is larger than that of CoTiO<sub>x</sub>-550 (9.5 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>), CoTiO<sub>x</sub>-750 (2.3 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>), CoTiO<sub>x</sub>-800 (2.5 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>), CoTiO<sub>x</sub>-900 (3.1 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>).



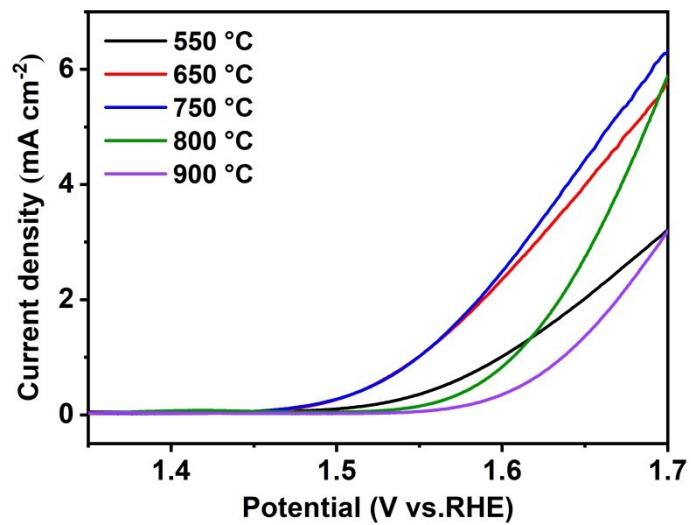
**Fig. S4.** (a) The selected area electron diffraction (SAED) image and (b) HRTEM image of  $\text{CoTiO}_x$ -650.



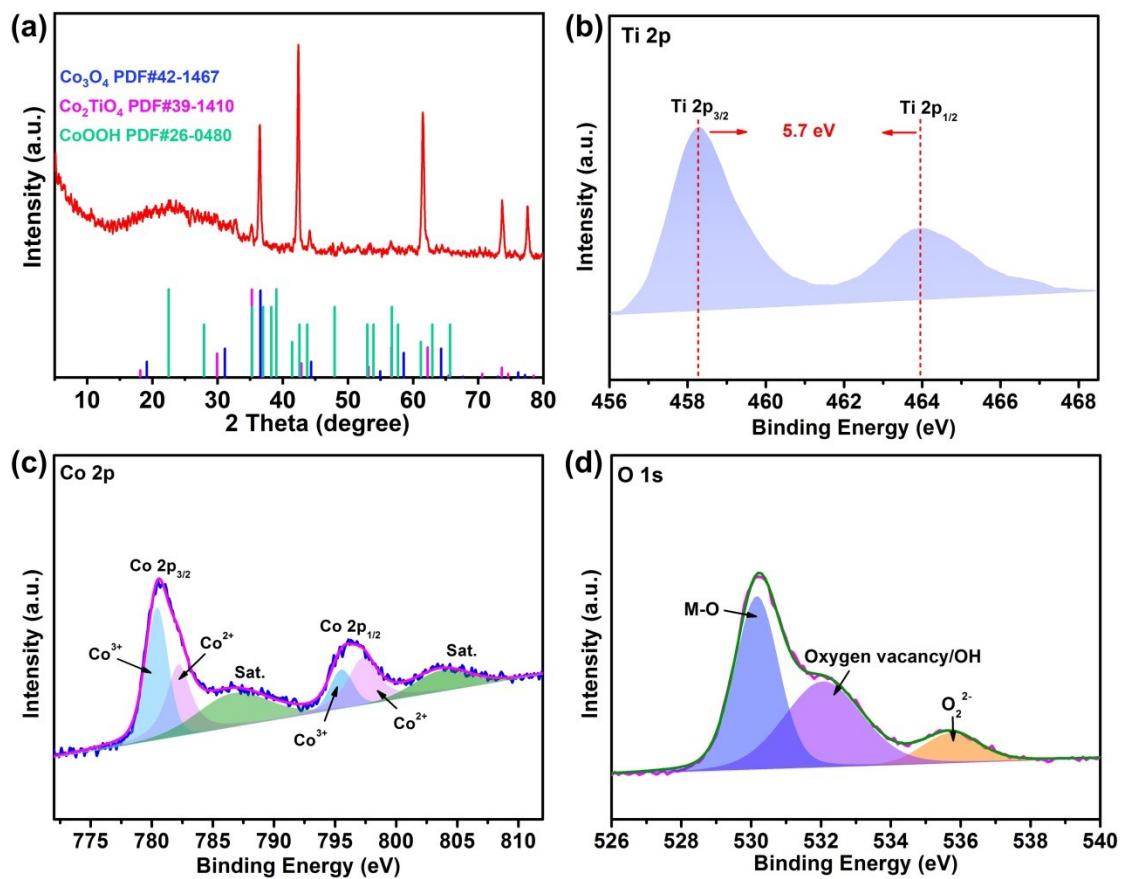
**Fig. S5.** The polarization curve of OER on  $\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_x$  annealed at  $650^\circ\text{C}$ . It can be seen that the annealed product  $\text{TiO}_2$  has almost no OER activity.



**Fig. S6.** Cyclic voltammetric curves of different samples.



**Fig. S7.**  $C_{\text{dl}}$ -normalized polarization curves for  $\text{CoTiO}_x\text{-T}$  catalysts.



**Fig. S8.** The XRD and XPS of  $\text{CoTiO}_x$ -650 after stability test.

**Table S1. Comparison of the overpotential at 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> of present work and the other OER catalysts in a three-electrode system**

Catalyst	Overpotential 10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> (mV)	Electrolyte	Support	Reference
<b>CoTiO<sub>x</sub>-650</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>1M KOH</b>	<b>NF</b>	This work
	<b>280</b>	<b>1M KOH</b>	<b>GC</b>	
NNU-23 (Fe <sub>2</sub> Ni-MOF)	365	0.1m KOH	CC	Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 2018, 57, 9660
Co-BDC nanosheets	371	1M KOH	GC	Nat. Energy, 2016, 1, 16184
NiO/CoN PINWs	300	0.1M KOH	CC	ACS Nano, 2017, 11, 2275
Ni-MOF@Fe-MOF powder	265	1M KOH	GC	Adv. Funct. Mater., 2018, 28, 1801554
FeNi-BTC	270	0.1 M KOH	NF	ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces, 2016, 8 , 16736
Co-PB/Pt	300	1M KOH	GC	ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng., 2017, 5, 11577
Co(TCNQ) <sub>2</sub>	310	1M KOH	Co foil	Chem. Eur. J., 2018, 24, 2075
TiC <sub>2</sub> TX-CoBDC	410	0.1M KOH	GC	ACS Nano, 2017, 11, 5800
Fe:2D-Co-NS	282	0.1M KOH	GC	Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 2018, 57, 4632
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -based catalysts	260	1M KOH	CC	Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 2020, 59, 6929-6935
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -Ag@B	270	1M KOH	GC	Applied Catalysis B: Environmental, 2021, 298, 120529
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub>	300	1M KOH	GC	Sci. Bull., 2020, 65, 460
Ni-MOF@Fe-MOF powder	265	1M KOH	GC	Adv. Funct. Mater., 2018, 28, 1801554
n-Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	380	1M KOH	GC	ACS Appl. Energy Mater., 2020, 3, 5439
Fe-Co-O nanosheets	260	1M KOH	GC	Small, 2020, 16, 2001571
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /rGO	290	1M KOH	CF	Chem. Eur. J., 2017, 23, 4010
Co@Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	333	1M KOH	GC	ACS Catal., 2018, 8, 7879
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @CMC	290	1M KOH	GC	Electrochim. Acta, 2021, 398, 139338