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## **Electronic Supplementary Information**



**Fig. S1** (a and b) SEM images, (c) TEM image, (d) HRTEM image, (e) the corresponding patterns of crystal detail, FFT pattern, and interplanar spacing of CuCoO/CC in the selected areas in (d). (f)HAADF-STEM image and the corresponding EDX elemental mapping images of CuCoO/CC. The inset of (c) shows the SAED pattern of CuCoO/CC.



Fig. S2 XRD pattern of CuCoO/CC.



Fig. S3 (a) SEM image and (b) corresponding EDX image of CuCoO/CC. (c) SEM image and (d) corresponding EDX image of CuCoS/CC. (e) SEM image and (f) corresponding EDX image of CuCoN/CC.



Fig. S4 XPS spectra of (a) Cu 2p, (b) Co 2p, and (c) S 2p of CuCoS/CC. XPS spectra of (d) Cu 2p, (e) Co 2p, and (f) N 1s of CuCoN/CC.



Fig. S5 LSV curves of CuCoS/CC in different concentrations of  $Na_2S$  and NaOH hybrid solutions.



Fig. S6 SEM images of CuS/CC.



Fig. S7 SEM images of CoS/CC.



Fig. S8 The potentials of CuCoS/CC and contrast samples with the current densities of 50 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> and 100 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>.



Fig. S9 LSV curves of CuCoS/CC and contrast samples in 1 M NaOH with 4 M Na<sub>2</sub>S electrolytes.



**Fig. S10** (a-e) Cyclic voltammograms for CuCoS/CC and contrast catalysts. (f) Capacitive current densities at 0.165 V were derived from CVs against scan rates for different samples.



Fig. S11. LSV curves of CuCoN/CC in 1 M NaOH or 1 M NaOH with 4 M Na<sub>2</sub>S electrolytes.



Fig. S12 (a-c) Cyclic voltammograms for CuCoN/CC and contrast catalysts. (d) Capacitive current

densities at 1.105 V were derived from CVs against scan rates for different samples.



Fig. S13 TEM image of CuCoN/CC after long-term stability testing test.



Fig. S14 TEM image of CuCoS/CC after long-term stability testing test.



Fig. S15 XRD pattern of the sulfur powder and the corresponding photograph.