

# Supporting Information

## **Cold Plasma Synthesis of Phosphorus-doped $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4$ with Oxygen Vacancies for Enhanced OER Activity**

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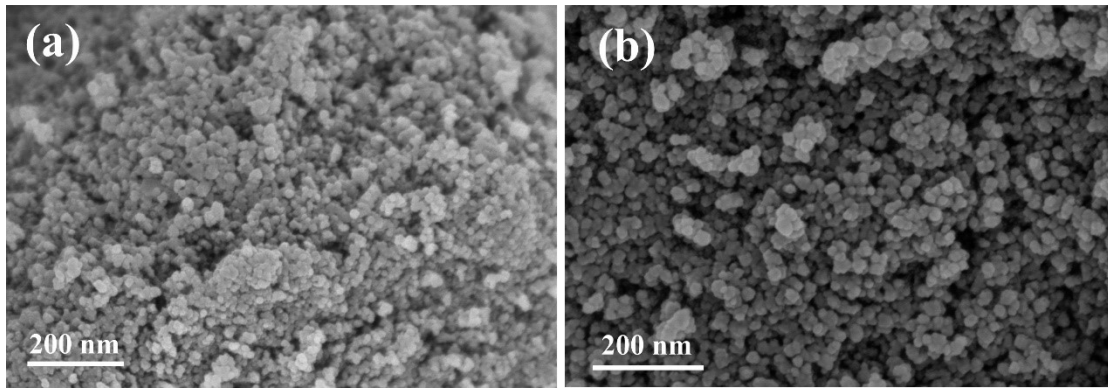


Fig. S1 SEM images of samples (a) CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, (b) CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-V<sub>o</sub>

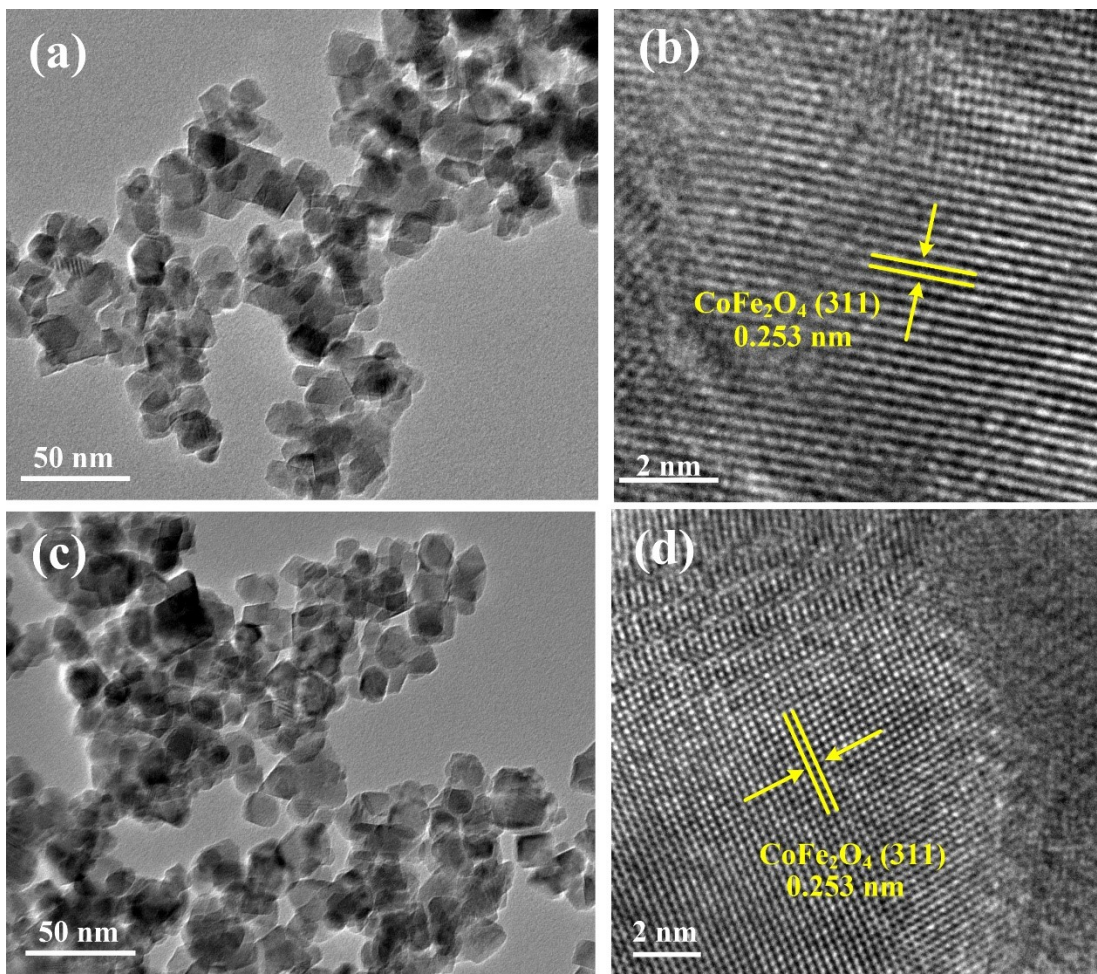


Fig. S2 TEM and SEM images of the samples. (a, b)CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, (c, d)CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-V<sub>o</sub>.

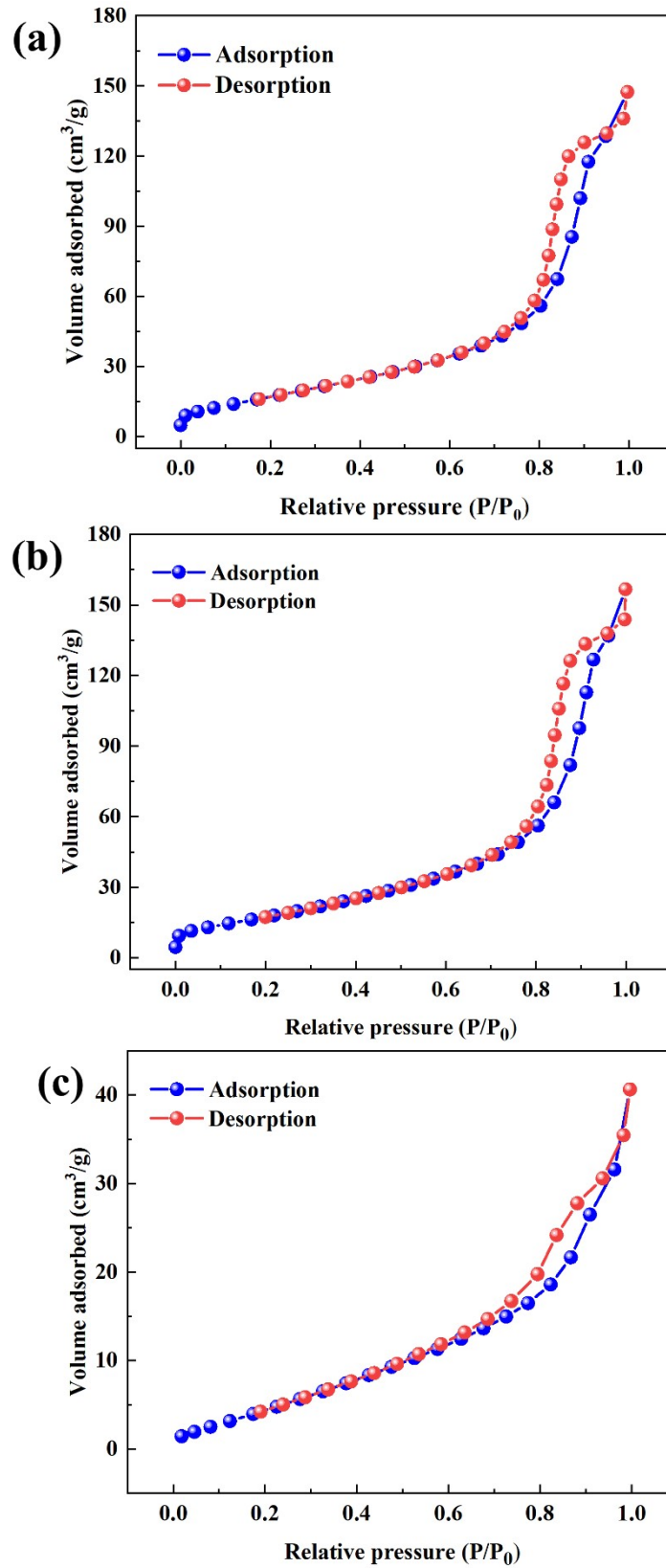


Fig. S3  $N_2$ -adsorption/desorption isotherms of (a)  $CoFe_2O_4$ , (b)  $CoFe_2O_4-V_O$  and (c)  $CoFe_2O_4-P$ .

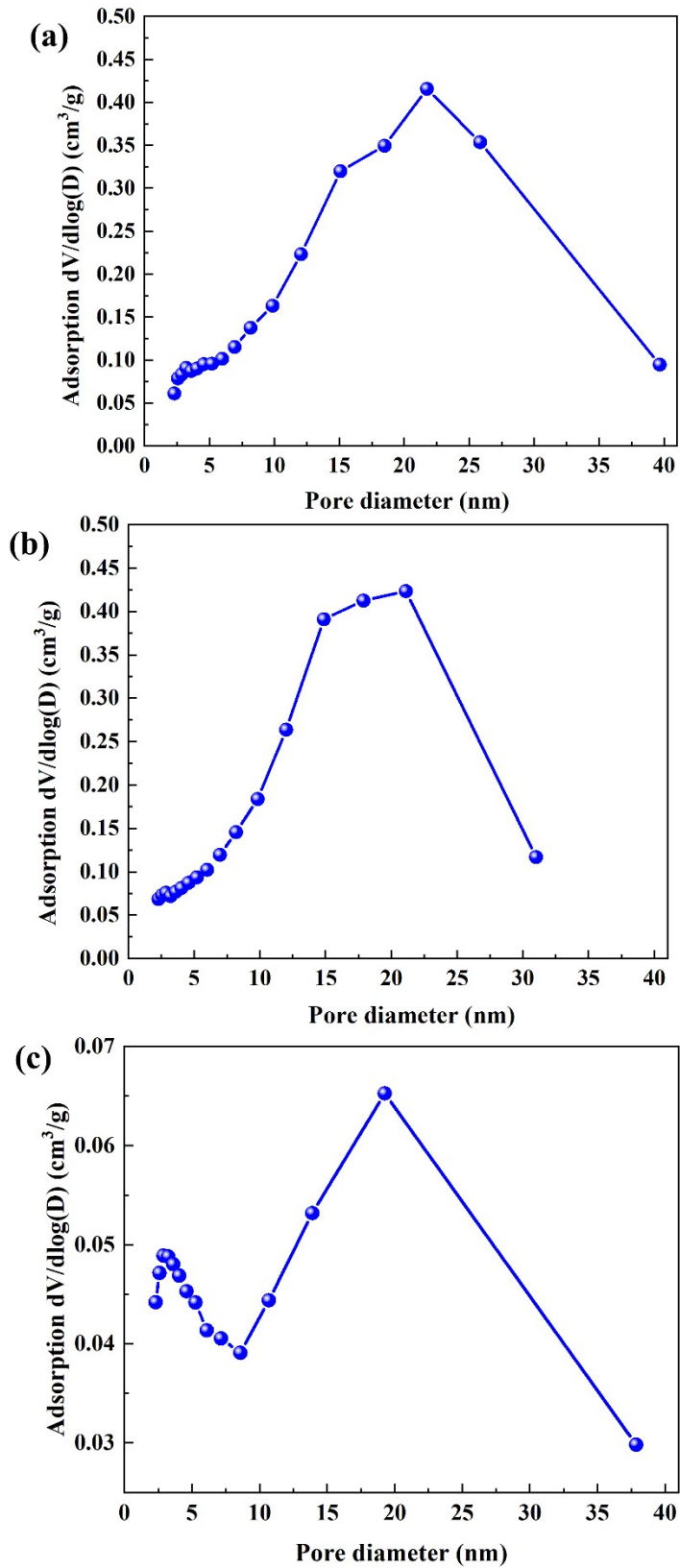


Fig. S4 Pore size distributions of (a)  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4$ , (b)  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4\text{-V}_\text{O}$  and (c)  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4\text{-P}$ .

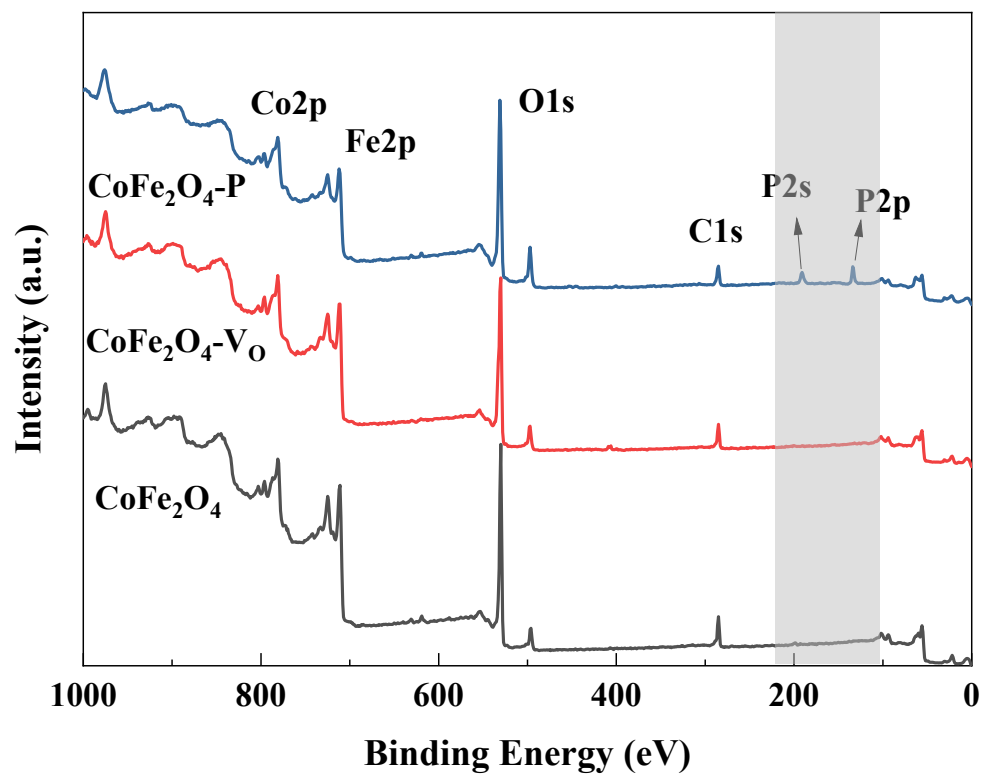


Fig. S5 XPS spectra of samples

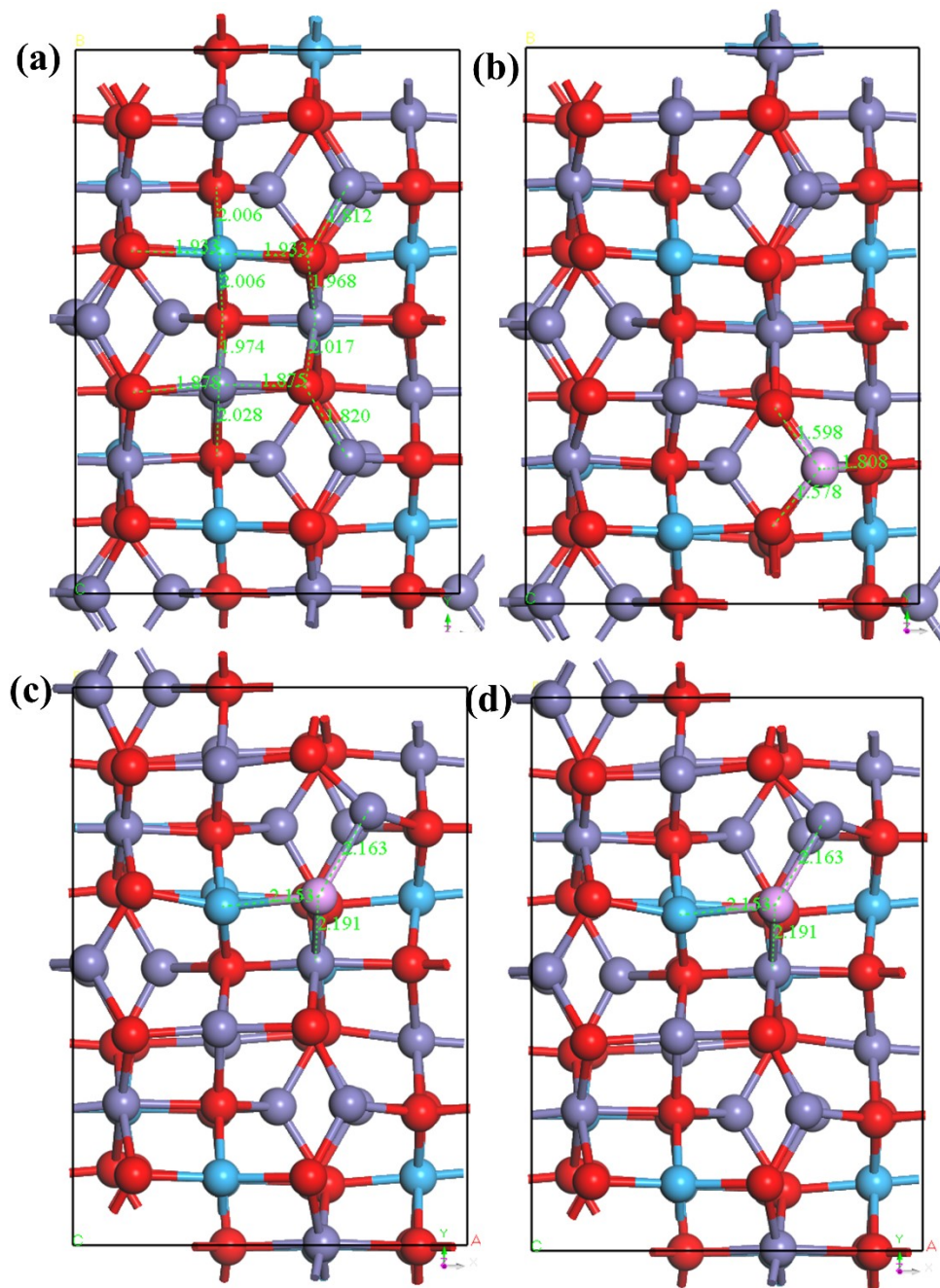


Fig. S6 Top view and bond length of  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4\text{-P}$ . (a) undoped, (b) Fe(Td), (c) O1 and (d) O2

Table S1. Doping energy of phosphorus at different sites

site	Co(Oh)	Fe(Oh)	Fe(Td)	O1	O2
Doping energy (eV)	-0.621	-0.592	0.281	5.295	4.321

Table S2 Summary of reported OER Activity for the recent catalysts.

Catalyst	$\eta$ at 10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> (mV)	Tafel slope (mV dec <sup>-1</sup> )	Electrolyte	Ref
CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -P	180	65.8	1.0 M KOH	This work
CaCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	371	71	0.1 M KOH	1
CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	410	64	1 M NaOH	2
NiFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	450	80	1.0 M NaOH	2
MnCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	400	90	0.1 M KOH	3
MnCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	>500	103.7	0.1 M KOH	4
MgCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	283	66	1.0 M KOH	5
MnCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CeO <sub>2</sub>	276	87	1.0 M KOH	6
Fe <sub>0.2</sub> Ni <sub>0.8</sub> Co <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	270	39	1.0 M KOH	7
NiS/NiFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	230	88	1.0 M KOH	8
NiCo <sub>2-x</sub> Fe <sub>x</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	274	42	1.0 M KOH	9
MoS <sub>2</sub> /rFe-NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	270	39	1.0 M NaOH	10
MnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /NF	310	65	1.0 M KOH	11
CFO-B-MS	208	63	1.0 M KOH	12



Table S3 The ICP results of CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-P.

Catalyst	Co/wt%	Fe/wt%	O/wt%	P/wt%
CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -P	39.47	19.02	18.25	23.27

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