

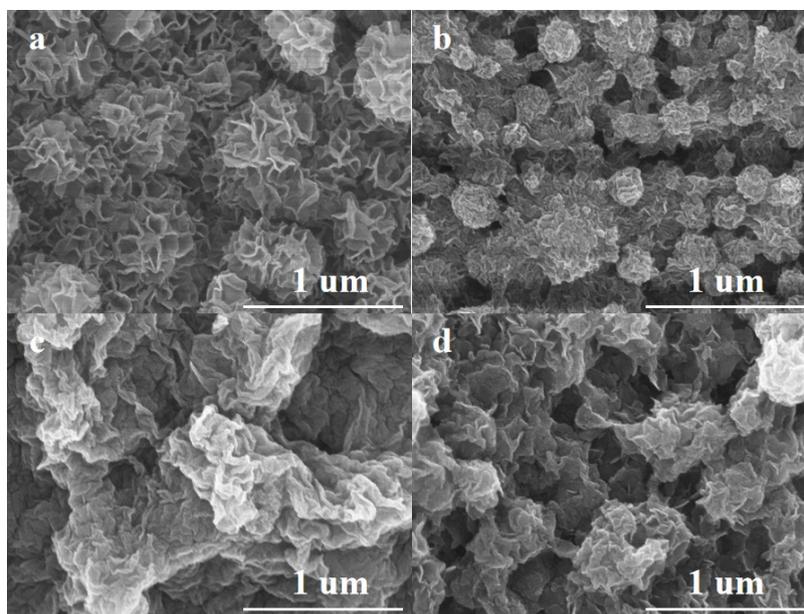
## Supplementary Information

### **Generation of Dual Anion Vacancies on CeO<sub>2</sub>/Co<sub>4</sub>N interfaces to Facilitate Hydrogen Evolution Reaction in Alkaline Solution**

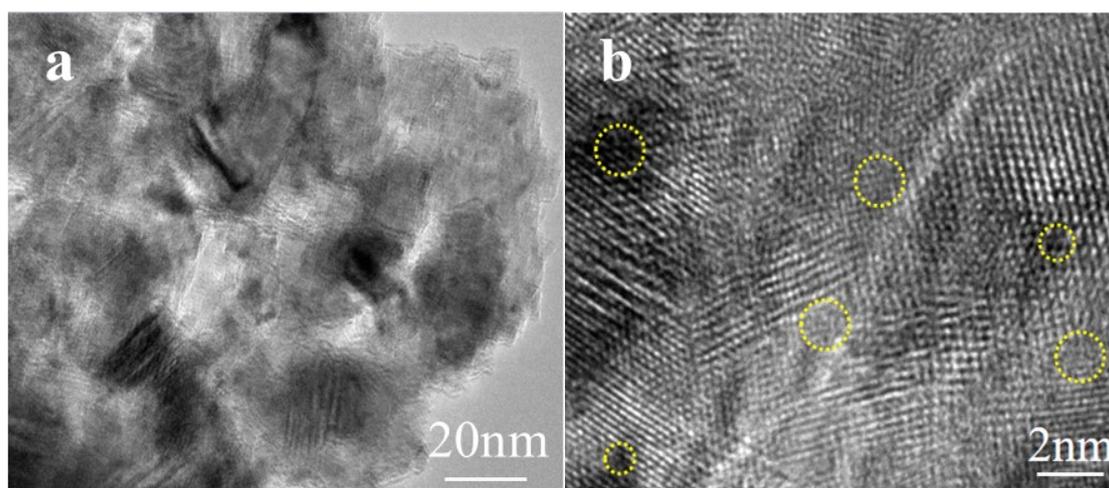
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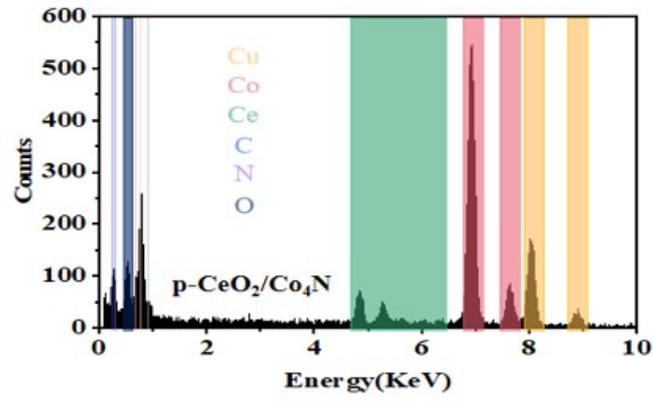
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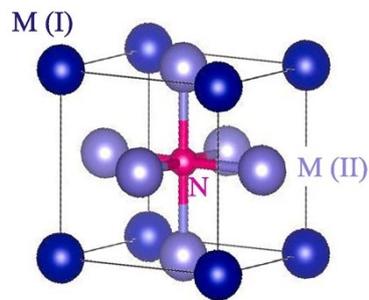
**Figure S1.** SEM images of various  $\text{CeO}_2/\text{Co}(\text{OH})_2$  precursors. (a) current density of  $20 \text{ mA}/\text{cm}^2$  and deposition for 5 min, (b) current density of  $20 \text{ mA}/\text{cm}^2$  and deposition for 10 min, (c) current density of  $30 \text{ mA}/\text{cm}^2$  and deposition for 5 min and (d) current density of  $30 \text{ mA}/\text{cm}^2$  and deposition for 10 min.



**Figure S2.** (a) TEM and (b) High-resolution TEM image of  $\text{CeO}_2/\text{Co}_4\text{N}$ .



**Figure S3.** Energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) result of p-CeO<sub>2</sub>/Co<sub>4</sub>N.



**Figure S4.** Schematic diagram of Co<sub>4</sub>N anti perovskite type fcc structure.

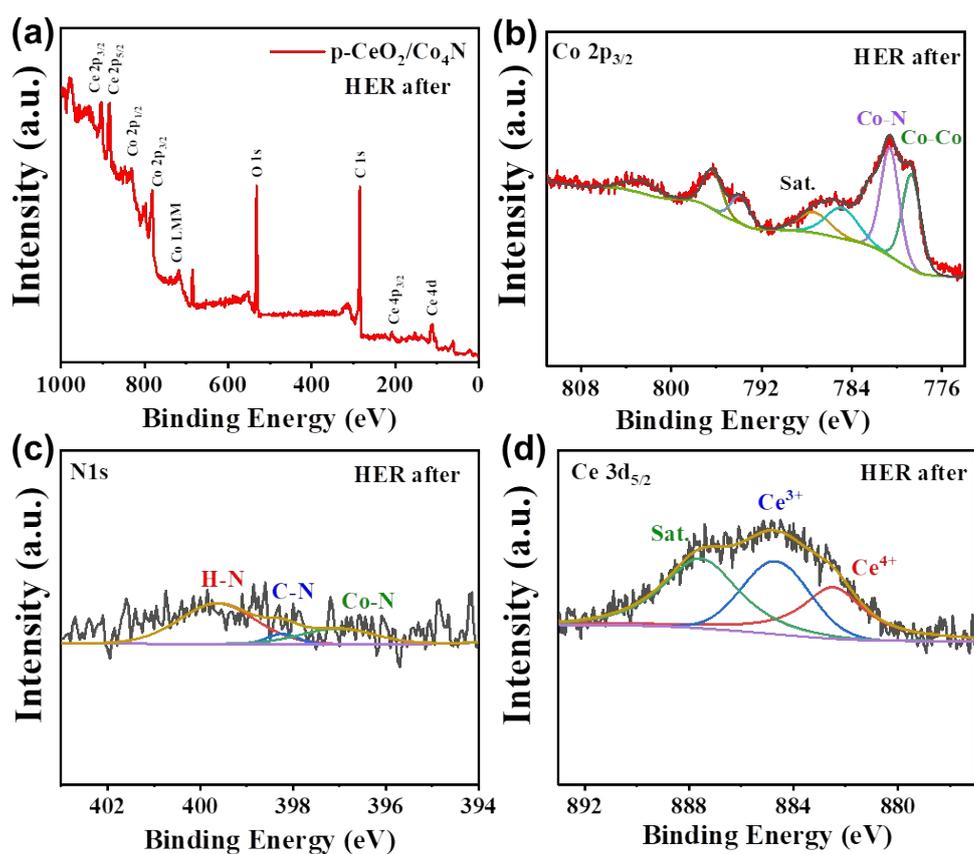


Figure S5. XPS spectra of p-Co<sub>4</sub>N-CeO<sub>2</sub> after HER catalysis test.

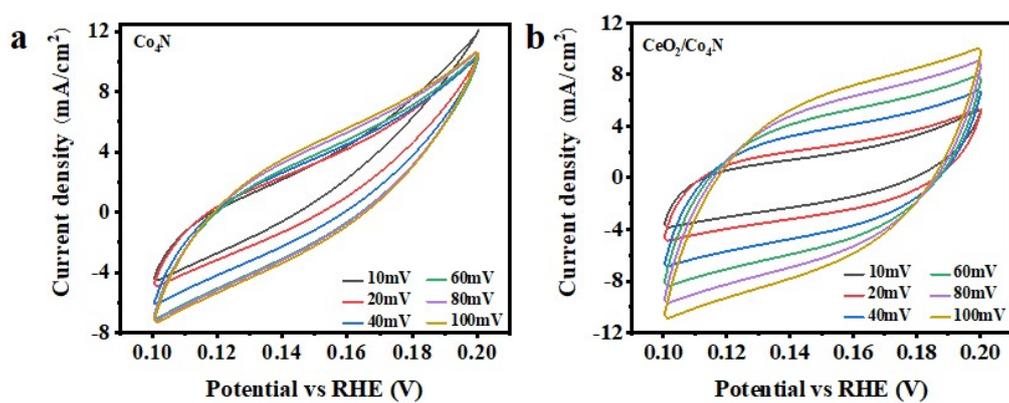
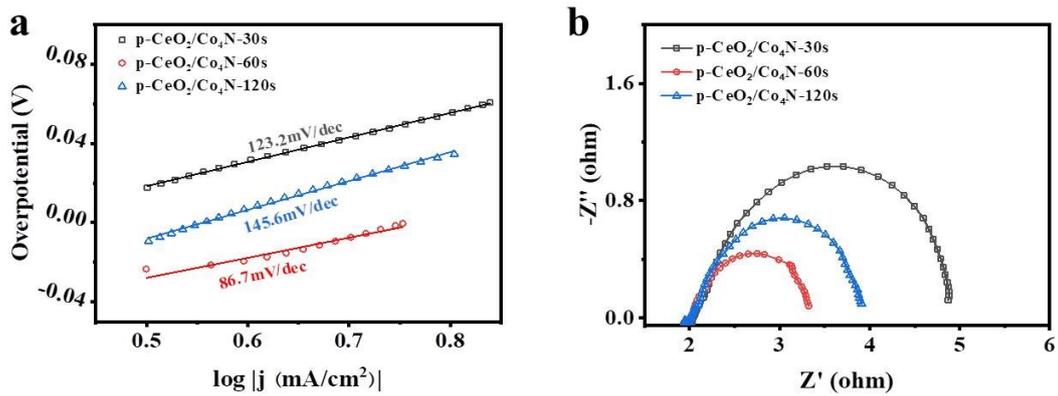


Figure S6. CV curves of (a) Co<sub>4</sub>N and (b) CeO<sub>2</sub>/Co<sub>4</sub>N in the 0.1-0.2 V non-Faraday voltage interval.



**Figure S7.** (a) The corresponding Tafel slope plots and (b) Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy of the p-CeO<sub>2</sub>/Co<sub>4</sub>N samples under plasma treatment for 30s,60s and 120s.