

# **Atomically Dispersed Cobalt-Nitrogen-Carbon Catalyst for Efficient Oxidative Esterification of Aromatic Alcohols**

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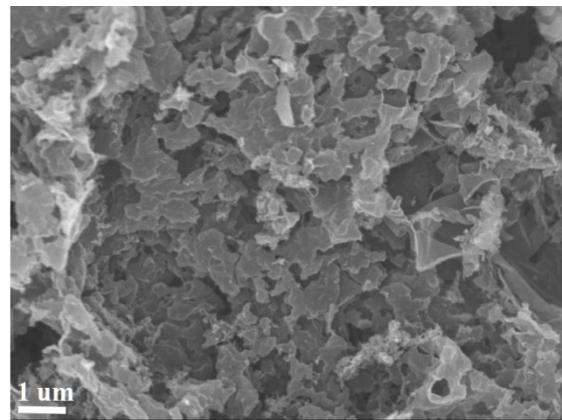
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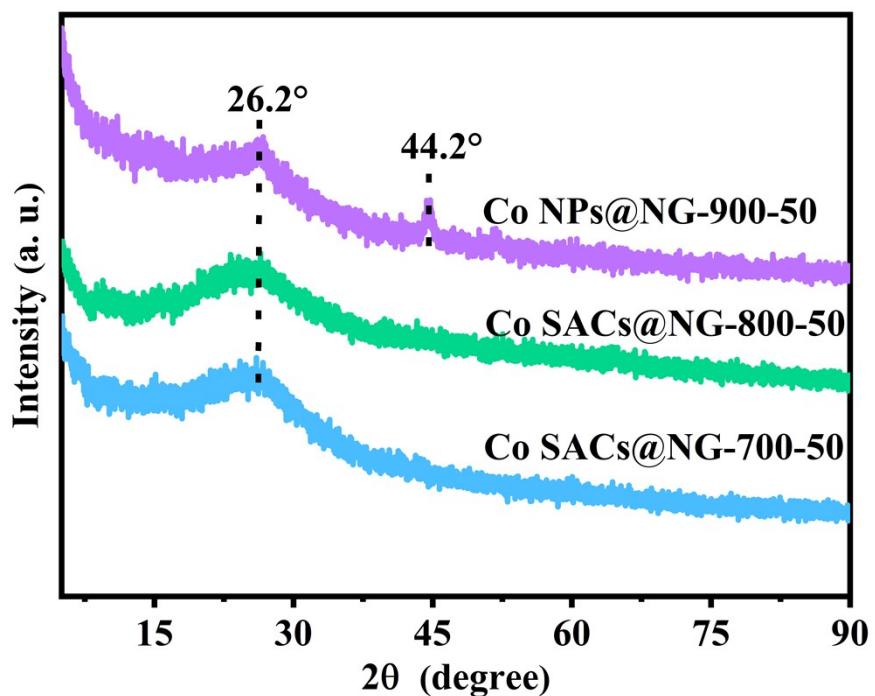
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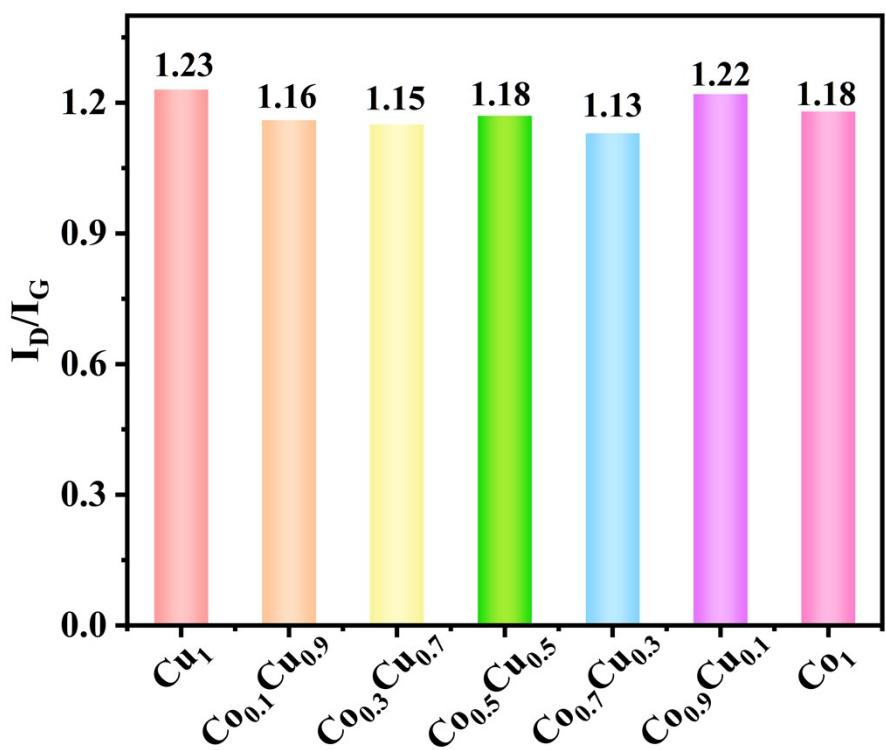
**Figure S1.** TEM image of  $\text{Co}_{0.9}\text{Cu}_{0.1}@\text{NG}-800-50$



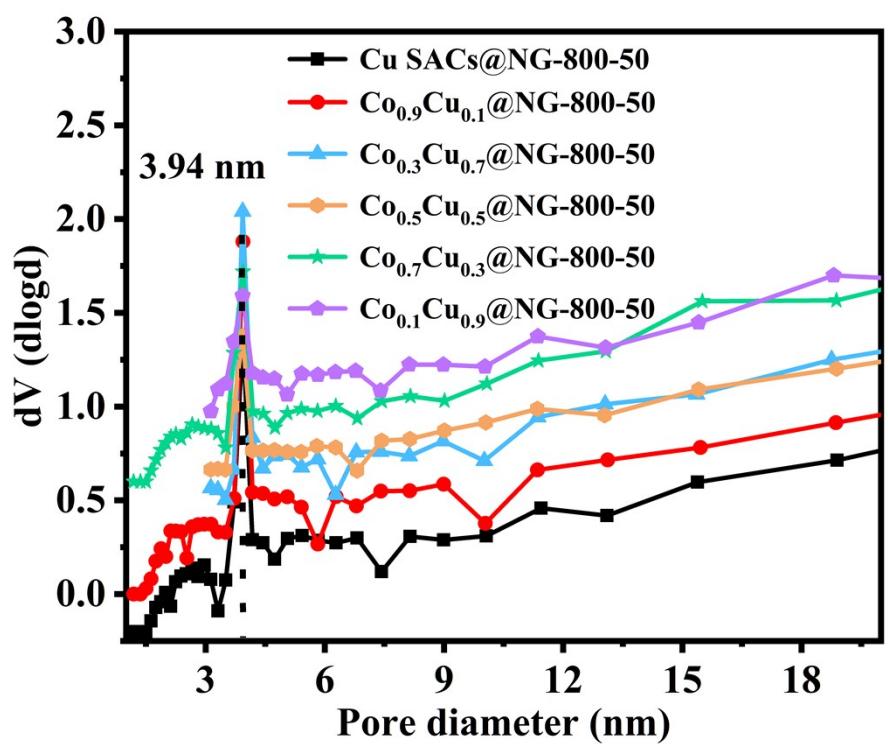
**Figure S2.** SEM image of Co SACs@NG-800-50



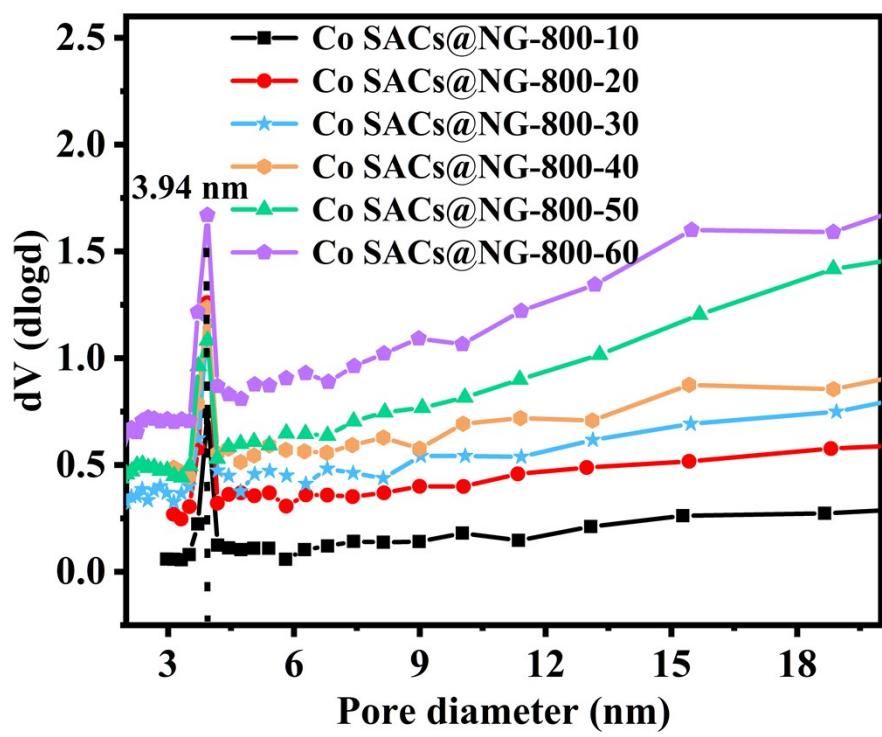
**Figure S3.** XRD patterns of samples prepared at different pyrolysis temperature



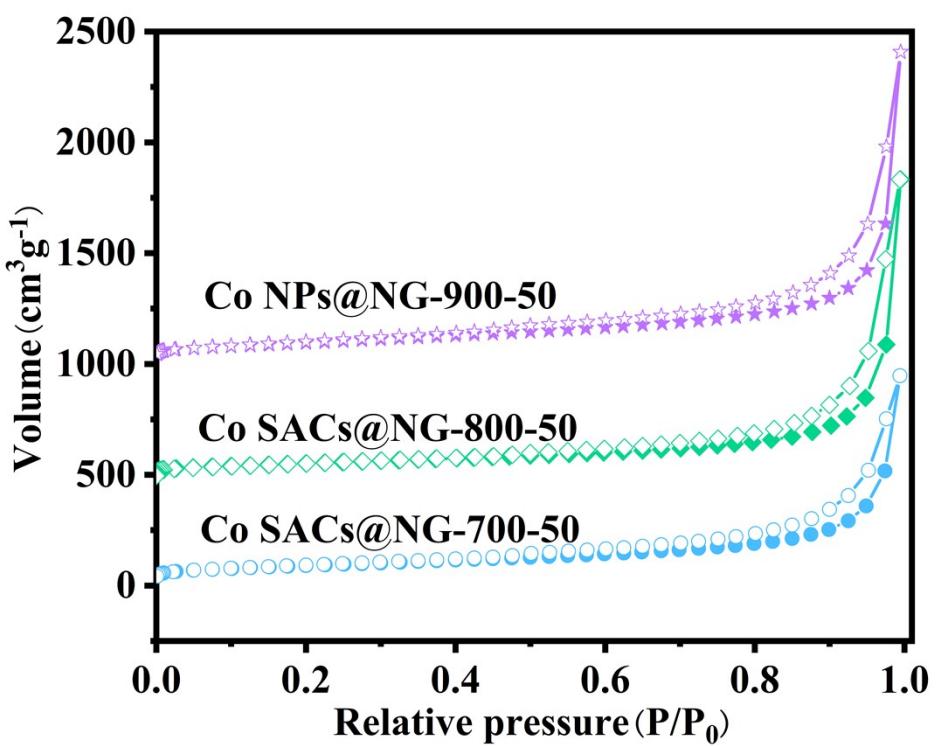
**Figure S4.** The  $I_D/I_G$  ratio of the samples with different Cu loading amount



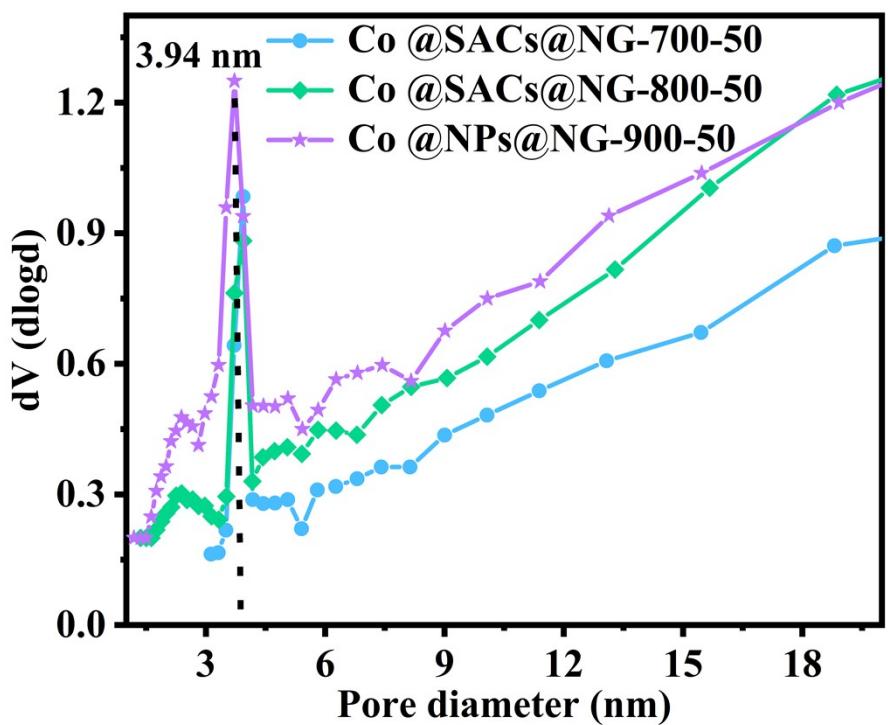
**Figure S5.** The pore size distribution curves of the samples with different Cu loading



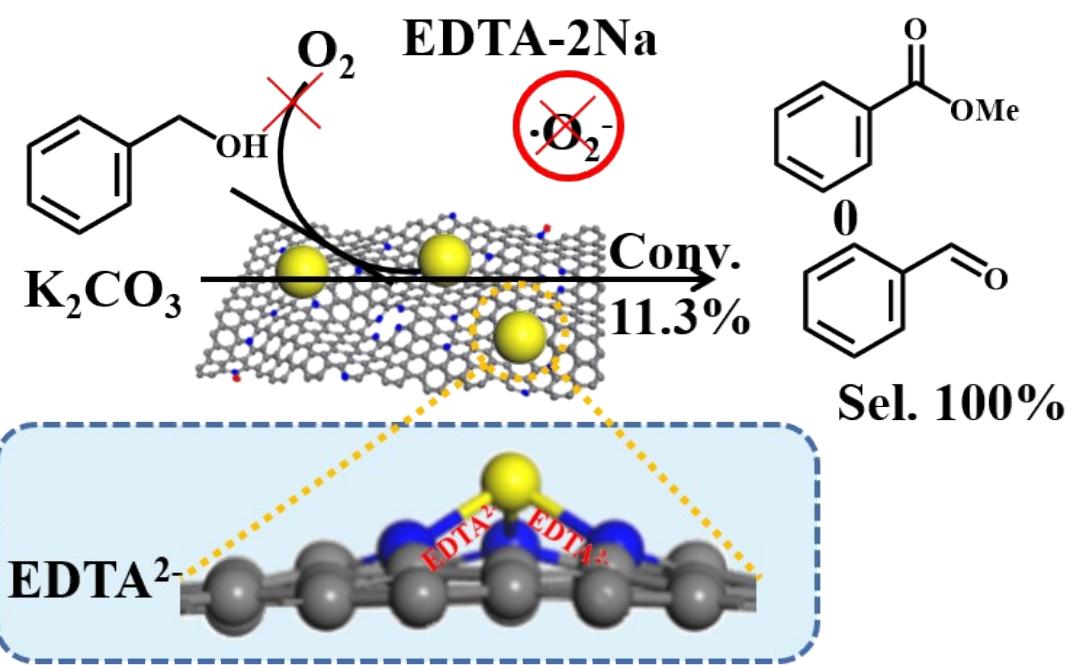
**Figure S6.** The pore size distribution curves of Co SACs@NG-800-n ( $n=10, 20, 30, 40, 50$ , and  $60$ ) catalysts



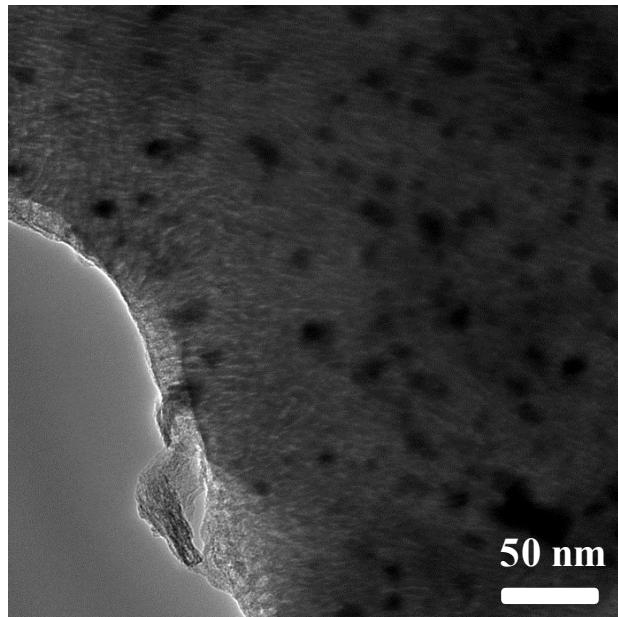
**Figure S7.** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms of Co SACs@NG-T-50 (T = 700 and 800) and Co NPs@NG-900-50 catalysts



**Figure S8.** The pore size distribution curves of Co SACs@NG-T-50 (T = 700 and 800) and Co NPs@NG-900-50 catalysts



**Figure S9.** Control experiments of addition of EDTA-2Na poisoning agent.



**Figure S10.** TEM image of the CoPc-800 catalyst.

**Table S1** The results of N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption for different samples.

Sample	S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>	V <sub>total</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>b</sup>	$\bar{D}$ (nm) <sup>c</sup>
Cu SACs@NG-800-50	336	1.541	3.94
Co <sub>0.1</sub> Cu <sub>0.9</sub> @NG-800-50	358	1.611	3.94
Co <sub>0.3</sub> Cu <sub>0.7</sub> @NG-800-50	383	1.584	3.93
Co <sub>0.5</sub> Cu <sub>0.5</sub> @NG-800-50	309	1.210	3.93
Co <sub>0.7</sub> Cu <sub>0.3</sub> @NG-800-50	344	1.753	3.94
Co <sub>0.9</sub> Cu <sub>0.1</sub> @NG-800-50	302	1.119	3.93
Co SACs@NG-700-50	321	1.119	3.94
Co SACs@NG-800-50	332	1.760	3.94
Co NPs@NG-900-50	356	1.542	3.92
Co SACs@NG-800-10	104	0.401	3.94
Co SACs@NG-800-20	199	0.729	3.93
Co SACs@NG-800-30	201	0.862	3.94
Co SACs@NG-800-40	218	0.876	3.93
Co SACs@NG-800-60	352	1.875	3.94

<sup>a</sup> S<sub>BET</sub> is calculated using BET method, <sup>b</sup> V<sub>total</sub> is the single point adsorption at P/P<sub>0</sub> = 0.99,<sup>c</sup> average pore diameter  $\bar{D}$  is calculated using BJH method.

**Table S2** Comparison of oxidative esterification performance of various catalysts.

Entry	Catalyst	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (mol%)	P <sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub> (atm)	Tim e (h)	Conv. (%)	Sel. (%)	Ref.
1	Co SACs@NG-800-50	20	1.0	24	>99	>99	This work
2	Co@NC-Gr7	11.6	1.0	12	88	96	1
3	Co-MOFs-800	50	5.0	12	96	94	2
4	Au/SiO <sub>2</sub>	50	5.0	24	>99	>99	3
5	Au/pBN	200	1.0	7	91	>99	4
6	Au/HMS-Ce	40	10	6	98	94	5
7	Co-NC(ST,0.6)	20	1.0	24	99.3	99.4	6
8	Co@NC-2-900	20	1.0	24	>99	98	7
9	CoNC/CB	18.7	20	12	91.4	97.0	8
10	CoO <sub>x</sub> -N@C,PANI	10	1.0	24	92	97.8	9
11	Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -N@C	20	1.0	24	>99	97	10

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