

## Supplementary Information

### Developing $\text{Fe}_x\text{Co}_y\text{La}_z$ -based amorphous aerogel catalyst for oxygen evolution reaction via high throughput synthesis

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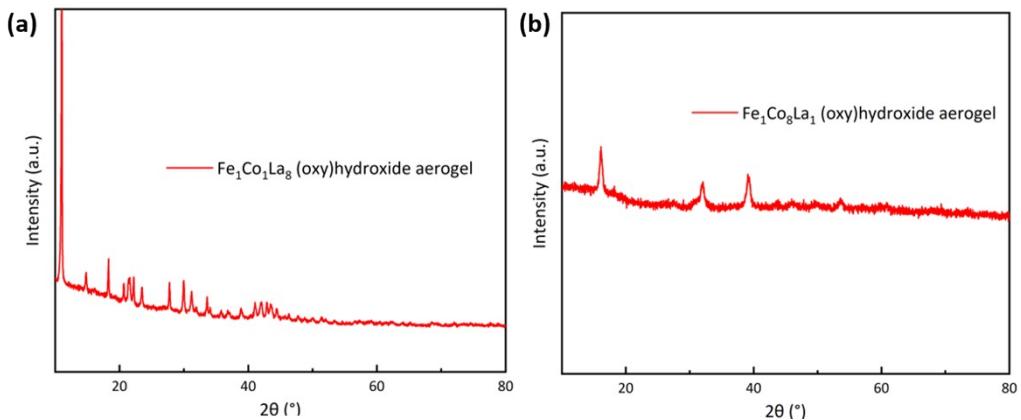


**Video S1. (Supplementary Video 1)** High throughput fabrication for amorphous aerogel catalyst.

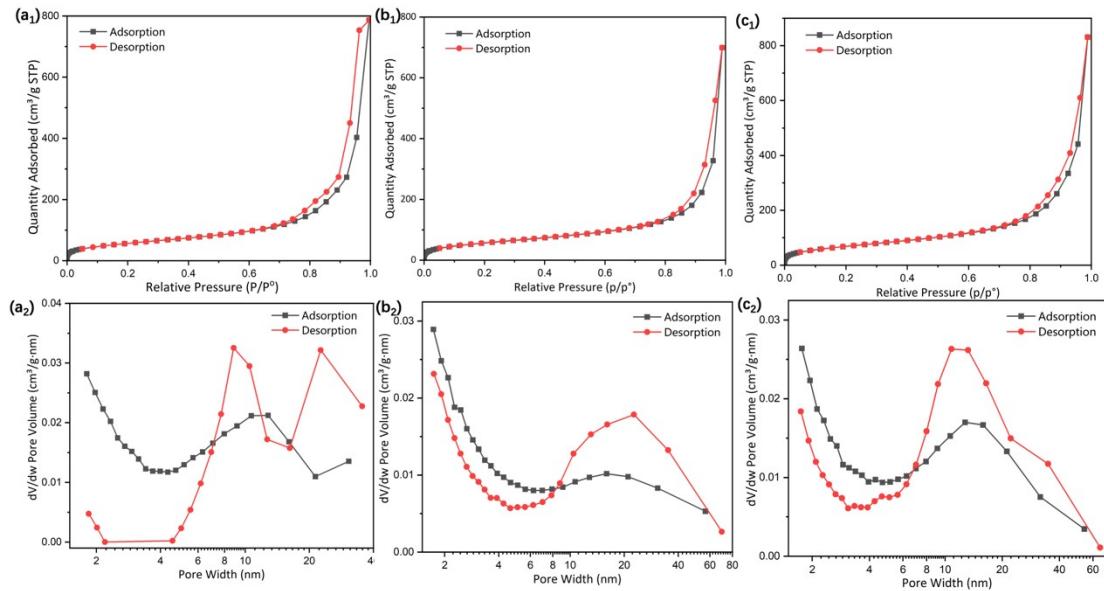


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2	7	1	10.5	35.5	13.4	59.4	21.1	67.8	11.1	2.1	6.8	1.1
7	2	1	42.9	8.1	13.9	64.9	76.3	13.7	10.1	7.6	1.3	1.0
0	5	5	2.1	17.8	40.8	60.6	5.8	47.5	46.7	0.0	5.0	5.0
5	5	0	38.0	24.8	1.1	63.9	61.3	37.9	0.7	6.2	3.8	0.0
3	3	4	11.7	11.2	35.3	58.1	31.9	28.8	39.3	3.2	2.9	3.9
3	4	3	14.9	19.1	34.6	68.7	31.6	38.4	30.0	3.2	3.8	3.0
4	3	3	15.3	10.6	27.7	53.6	41.8	27.4	30.8	4.2	2.7	3.1
6	3	1	27.8	13.7	11.1	52.7	61.3	28.7	10.0	6.1	2.9	1.0
1	6	3	3.8	21.4	24.5	49.7	11.3	59.4	29.3	1.1	6.0	2.9
3	6	1	15.2	30.2	13.3	58.7	30.8	58.1	11.1	3.1	5.8	1.1
1	3	6	4.3	9.9	48.0	62.2	12.9	28.3	58.9	1.3	2.8	5.9
6	1	3	33.7	6.6	38.4	78.7	60.5	11.3	28.2	6.0	1.1	2.9
3	1	6	12.2	4.7	53.7	70.6	31.7	11.6	56.8	3.2	1.1	5.7

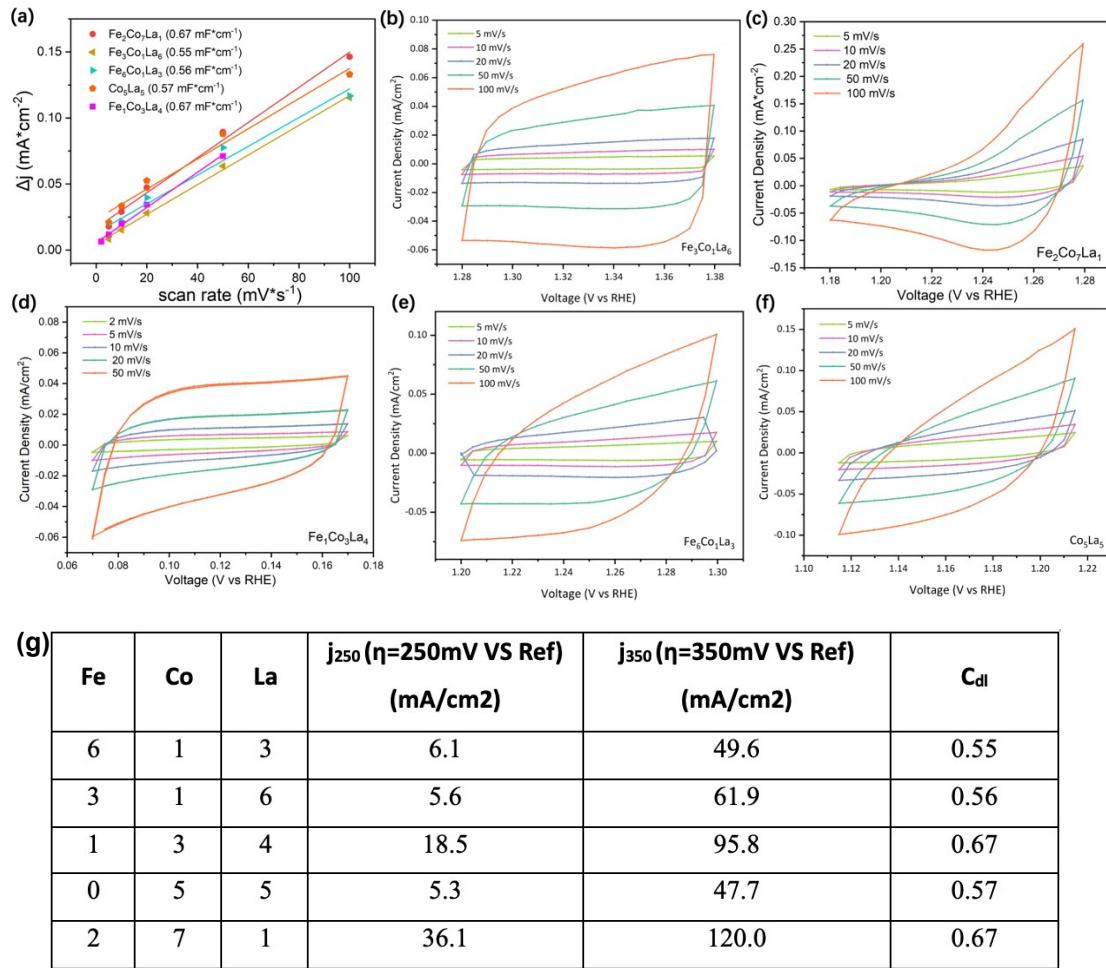
**Table S1. (Supplementary Table 1)** Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS)



**Figure S1.** XRD pattern of the  $\text{Fe}_x\text{Co}_y\text{La}_z$  (oxy)hydroxide aerogel, diffraction peaks were observed once an element is significantly higher ( $x, y$  or  $z \geq 8$ ) than the other two.



**Figure S2.** Isotherm linear plot of BET characterization results of **(a<sub>1</sub>)** Fe<sub>4</sub>Co<sub>4</sub>La<sub>2</sub> (oxy)hydroxide aerogel, with BET surface area of 207.07 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>, **(a<sub>2</sub>)** average pore size of ~15 nm; **(b<sub>1</sub>)** Fe<sub>4</sub>Co<sub>6</sub> (oxy)hydroxide aerogel, with a surface area of 251.94 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>, **(b<sub>2</sub>)** average pore size of ~20 nm; **(c<sub>1</sub>)** Fe<sub>3</sub>Co<sub>3</sub>La<sub>2</sub> (oxy)hydroxide aerogel, with BET surface area of 209.17 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>, **(c<sub>2</sub>)** average pore size of ~20 nm.

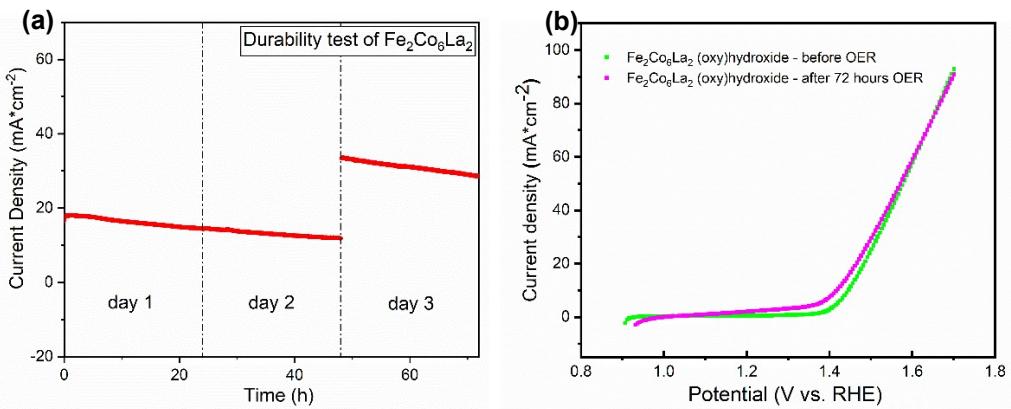


**Figure S3.** **(a)** The corresponding  $C_{dl}$  derived from different scan rates via CV and **(b-f)** the electrochemical active surface area (ECSA) of selected samples. **(g)** A summary of the ECSA analysis of selected samples.

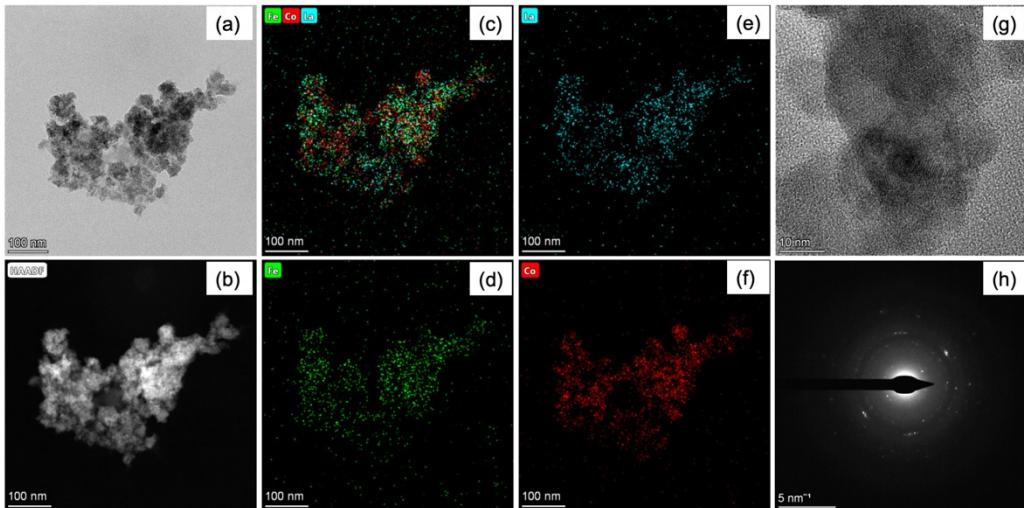
Element Ratio			Catalytic Performance			
Fe	Co	La	$\eta_{\text{onset}} \text{ (mV)}$	$\eta_{10} \text{ (mV)}$	$\eta_{100} \text{ (mV)}$	Tafel Slope (mV dev <sup>-1</sup> )
2	3	3	216±6	227±6	337±6	40.03
2	4	2	199±8	210±6	315±8	44.39
3	3	2	260±3	290±2	460±3	48.28
3	2	3	221±2	226±3	335±3	36.49
4	2	2	226±5	236±0	364±5	42.58
2	1	5	255±4	270±3	400±3	40.62
2	2	4	233±3	240±3	360±6	39.77
2	5	1	216±5	230±11	353±13	45.19
3	1	4	240±3	280±4	460±6	41.25
3	4	1	220±8	232±6	354±11	42.92
1	5	2	210±6	216±8	322±8	59.32
1	6	1	215±11	219±2	331±6	50.66
4	1	3	244±4	254±5	383±3	37.6
5	1	2	238±5	244±8	379±8	35.82
5	2	1	260±4	290±1	420±4	46.08
1	1	6	285±2	306±3	460±2	41
1	3	4	219±2	234±4	357±3	43.67
1	4	3	220±8	230±9	339±12	48.07
4	2	1	213±3	220±5	334±4	41.32
1	2	5	249±4	259±2	375±9	43.27
6	1	1	265±10	286±3	461±14	42.09
2	3	5	240±15	250±19	430±27	45.48
5	2	3	226±13	238±14	378±18	36.14
2	5	3	209±5	215±9	319±9	43.17
4	1	5	244±3	252±5	380±6	35.71
1	5	4	226±3	233±5	350±3	51.75
1	4	5	252±3	260±3	372±3	43.14
8	0	2	354±2	386±5	692±1	41.78
4	5	1	207±8	222±9	340±8	43.1
2	8	0	230±3	240±3	390±5	49.27
0	8	2	220±4	250±6	430±4	57.64
3	2	5	231±5	240±5	338±11	38.18
3	5	2	208±5	220±6	346±9	47.67
5	3	2	218±5	229±7	345±5	38.94
5	1	4	244±9	264±9	429±12	35.95
5	4	1	220±8	230±16	350±8	43.21
0	2	8	280±3	340±8	630±9	56.92
2	0	8	335±2	487±5	700±5	53.82
8	2	0	250±5	260±6	430±14	47.17
7	1	2	251±5	260±3	395±5	37.33

2	1	7	249±2	255±1	366±6	36.92
1	7	2	214±11	225±12	342±11	48.17
1	2	7	266±3	278±3	408±3	40.14
2	7	1	202±3	208±3	327±5	54.16
7	2	1	230±5	240±6	369±14	39.93
0	5	5	250±6	270±3	420±9	62.66
5	5	0	202±3	213±1	338±3	49.93
3	3	4	223±3	230±3	334±4	36.3
3	4	3	234±11	239±6	334±5	36.3
1	1	8	266±4	279±5	425±4	38.27
4	3	3	224±2	237±3	363±4	43.97
4	4	2	223±4	237±5	370±8	39.14
4	6	0	196±6	204±9	326±12	52.8
8	1	1	235±3	251±3	417±7	35.33
9	1	0	327±5	347±3	534±0	52
0	1	9	300±2	433±5	700±5	49.96
1	0	9	204±8	213±7	345±8	57.3
1	8	1	241±3	248±3	362±3	38.22
2	2	6	233±3	239±2	350±3	39.92
2	4	4	201±5	209±5	319±5	49.86
2	6	2	221±3	228±3	338±4	35.95
4	2	4	239±3	246±3	384±5	36.65
6	2	2	189±4	204±2	342±3	47.36
6	4	0	233±3	245±3	419±5	33
9	1	0	221±2	231±4	350±5	43.39
6	3	1	229±8	239±10	356±12	49.58
1	6	3	221±8	226±9	361±8	44.88
3	6	1	263±3	274±3	400±5	44.38
1	3	6	247±17	266±21	449±7	33.14
6	1	3	249±10	263±9	402±15	33.42
3	1	6	283±6	297±3	434±6	51.57
0	3	7	191±3	209±1	354±2	50.71
3	7	0	212±5	230±3	407±18	42.58
7	3	0	260±8	283±1	450±3	39.57
7	0	3	249±2	255±1	366±6	36.92

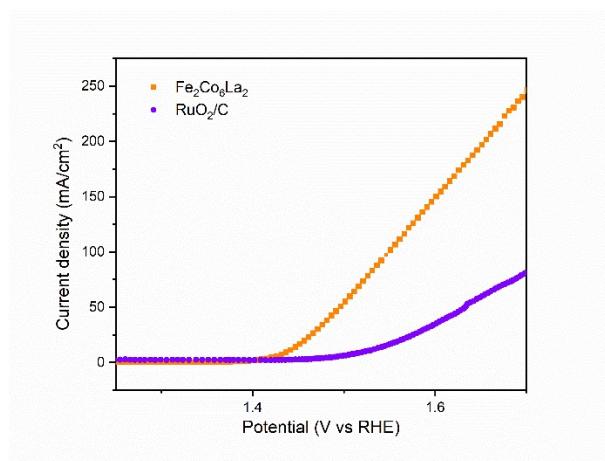
**Table S2.** Summary of the stoichiometries study on the electrochemical properties for the selected combinatorial catalysis system:  $\text{Fe}_x\text{Co}_y\text{La}_z$  (oxy)hydroxide aerogel.



**Figure S4.** **(a)** Durability test of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{Co}_6\text{La}_2$ -based amorphous aerogel sample at current densities of  $20 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$  and  $30 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$  for 72 hour; **(b)** linear sweep voltammetries before and after 72 hours' stability test.



**Figure S5.** Characterization of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{Co}_6\text{La}_2$  (oxy)hydroxide aerogels after OER **(a,b)** TEM and HAADF images; **(c, d, e and f)** EDS mapping; **(g)** HRTEM; **(h)** the SAED.

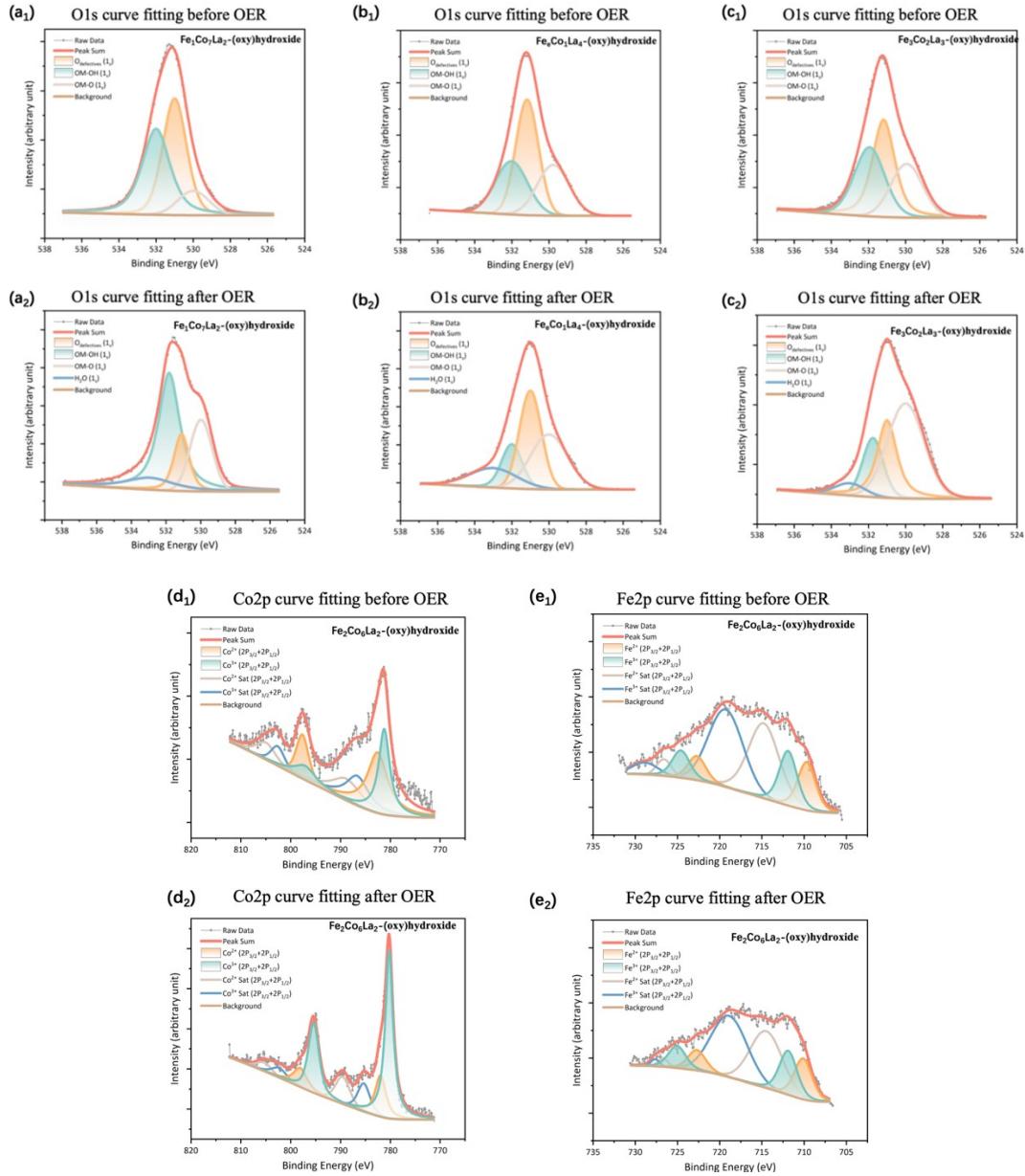


**Figure S6.** Electrocatalytic properties and Mass Productivity of aerogels with selected compositions and commercial catalysts. (LSV plot without iR compensation)

**Notes:** Mass activity is calculated by:

$$\text{Mass activity} = \frac{\text{Current at at } 1.67\text{V (RHE)} (\text{mA})}{\text{Metal loading on GCE (mg)}} = \frac{\text{Current density at } 1.67\text{V (RHE) mA cm}^2 * 0.0707 \text{ cm}^2}{\text{Metal loading on GCE (mg)}}$$

Metal loading of catalysis was measured by the ICP-OES,  $\text{Fe}_{20}\text{Co}_{60}\text{La}_{20}$  (oxy)hydroxides-gel, which showed a similar value around 60 wt%. Metal loading on GCE (mg) = 60 wt% \* 5 mg \* (5 ul / 1100 ul). The mass loading of  $\text{RuO}_2$  catalyst is 0.025 mg  $\text{cm}^{-2}$ , which were provided by previous works,<sup>28</sup> and have been verified.



**Figure S7.** A few examples of X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy studies on selected aerogels. **(a<sub>1-2</sub>)** The XPS high-resolution spectrum of O 1s showed four peaks at around 530 eV, 531 eV, 532 eV and 534 eV which can be assigned to metal oxide (O<sub>M-O</sub>), defective oxygen sites (O<sub>Defective</sub>), hydroxide (O<sub>M-OH</sub>), and adsorbed H<sub>2</sub>O (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>adsorbed</sub>) respectively. Fe<sub>x</sub>Co<sub>y</sub>La<sub>z</sub> aerogel are examined to be mostly consisted with (oxy)hydroxide (O<sub>Defective</sub> and O<sub>M-OH</sub>), after OER the content of metal oxide(O<sub>M-O</sub>) increase.<sup>2-6</sup> The XPS high-resolution spectrum of Co 2p showed peaks at: ca.782.4 eV, 798 eV are assigned to Co<sup>2+</sup> in Co 2p<sub>3/2</sub> and Co 2p<sub>1/2</sub>; ca.780.5 eV, 796 eV are assigned to Co<sup>3+</sup> in Co 2p<sub>3/2</sub> and Co 2p<sub>1/2</sub>; 789 eV and 805 eV are assigned to Co<sup>2+</sup> satellite peaks;

786 eV and 802 eV are assigned to Co<sup>3+</sup> satellite peaks.<sup>7-9</sup> The peaks located at ca. 709.7 eV, 723.4 eV are assigned to Fe<sup>2+</sup> in Fe 2p<sub>3/2</sub> and Fe 2p<sub>1/2</sub>; ca. 709.7 eV, 723.4 eV are assigned to Fe<sup>3+</sup> in Fe 2p<sub>3/2</sub> and Fe 2p<sub>1/2</sub>; 716 eV and 727 eV are assigned to Fe<sup>2+</sup> satellite peaks, and 718 eV and 729 eV are assigned to Fe<sup>3+</sup> satellite peaks.<sup>10-12</sup>



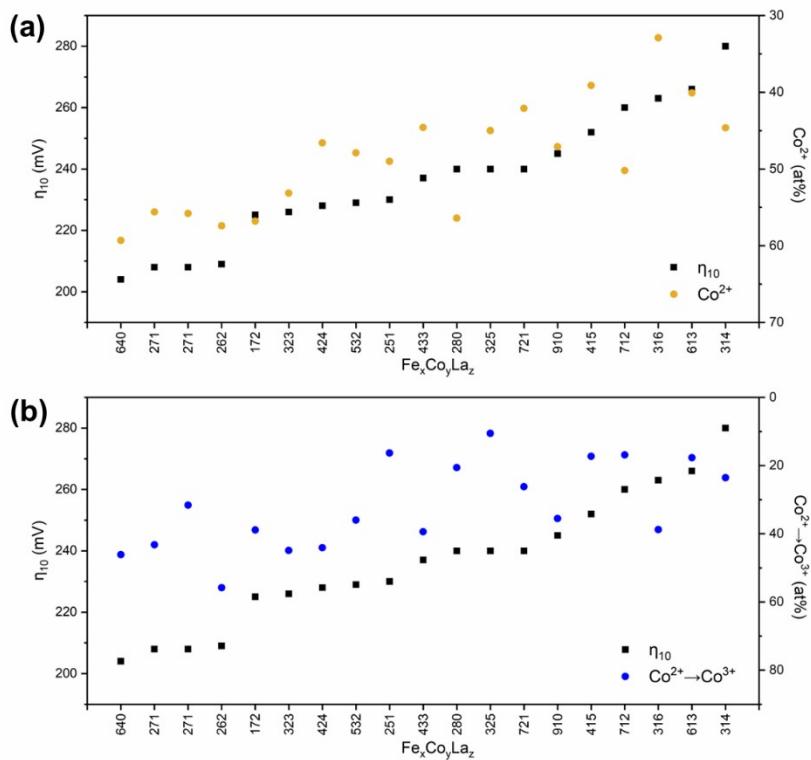




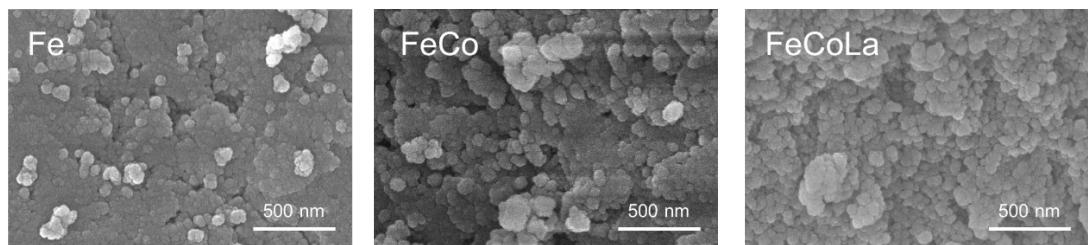
**(f) XPS analysis of Fe 2p after 100 times of cyclic voltammetry**

$\text{Fe}_x\text{Co}_y\text{La}_z$	Fe <sup>2+</sup> (2p3)		Fe <sup>2+</sup> (2p1)		Fe <sup>3+</sup> (2p3)		Fe <sup>3+</sup> (2p1)		Fe <sup>2+</sup> (%)
	B.E. (eV)	area	B.E. (eV)	area	B.E. (eV)	area	B.E. (eV)	area	
172	710.16	1861.11	722.70	739.85	711.15	2472.92	724.50	912.58	0.43
271	709.93	2808.84	723.00	852.90	711.50	4913.63	724.30	1247.59	0.37
280	710.37	3052.79	722.96	1013.75	711.50	4945.51	724.50	1900.93	0.37
325	710.00	4600.02	722.79	2300.01	711.42	7748.86	724.40	3874.43	0.37
415	709.67	8016.01	723.07	3426.49	711.08	9231.36	724.25	4262.12	0.46
433	709.75	5931.77	722.90	2669.30	711.26	6177.18	724.30	2501.76	0.50
505	709.90	12002.90	723.12	5401.31	711.17	16045.36	724.48	7220.41	0.43
523	709.85	6897.95	723.26	3104.08	711.17	8021.69	724.50	3333.51	0.47
532	709.72	3249.63	722.90	1299.85	711.46	4887.47	724.40	1954.99	0.40
631	710.11	6622.97	722.87	3012.11	711.48	7437.58	724.46	3346.91	0.47
712	709.93	6244.42	723.38	2584.29	711.35	9007.96	724.74	3550.70	0.41
721	709.82	5683.59	723.03	1127.09	711.63	6175.24	724.34	1646.67	0.47
224	709.88	2677.64	722.91	1071.06	711.37	4034.02	724.40	1815.31	0.39
314	709.80	2508.64	722.72	1254.32	711.10	3574.92	724.50	1787.46	0.41
323	709.73	7011.29	722.97	3211.17	711.16	9956.00	724.45	4490.61	0.41
208	710.04	8711.51	722.00	3605.01	712.00	7210.01	724.57	3605.01	0.53
262	710.11	4506.37	722.70	2253.19	711.88	4856.16	725.05	2406.60	0.48
316	710.26	5455.68	722.55	1954.18	712.11	4448.02	724.99	2714.25	0.51
424	710.18	5478.86	722.70	2739.43	711.88	6871.96	724.90	3435.98	0.44
613	709.84	15321.59	723.15	7660.79	711.31	18933.92	724.90	9466.96	0.45
640	710.05	7158.83	723.00	2033.78	711.73	8169.09	724.40	2730.73	0.46
910	710.52	11615.31	722.00	6361.41	712.50	14221.02	724.78	5985.95	0.47

**Table S3.** X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy studies on selected aerogels before and after OER. Peaks information for XPS high-resolution spectra after curve fitting: **(a-b)** O 1s, **(c-d)** Co 2p and **(e-f)** Fe 2p.



**Figure S8.** The demonstration of the corresponding relationship between **(a)** the ratio of  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  in  $(\text{Co}^{2+} + \text{Co}^{3+})$  before the OER reaction, **(b)** the conversion of  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  to  $\text{Co}^{3+}$  after the reaction within selected aerogel samples and their catalytic performance ( $\eta_{10}$ ).



**Figure S9.** SEM images of binary aerogel and Ternary aerogels

	Bond	R(Å)	CN	R-factor	Sigma <sup>2</sup>	E <sub>0</sub> (eV)	ΔR
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> - aerogel	Co-O	2.03	5.7	0.007	0.01	-2.29	-0.54
	Fe-O	1.97	5.9	0.005	0.01	-1.06	0.037
Fe <sub>3</sub> Co <sub>3</sub> La-aerogel	Co-O	2.04	6	0.012	0.009	-1.40	-0.55
	Fe-O	1.98	5.88	0.006	0.01	-0.49	0.047

R is the bond length; CN is the coordination numbers; sigma<sup>2</sup> is the Debye-Waller factor.

**Table S4. The fitting parameters of the Co and Fe k-edge EXAFS data**

The Fourier Transform of the Co and Fe k-edge extended X-ray absorption fine structure (EXAFS) spectra of the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_2$ -based aerogel and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{Co}_3\text{La}$ -based aerogel was carried out in Artemis (Version 0.9.26). The model of bulk Co, bulk Fe,  $\text{CoOOH}$  and  $\text{FeOOH}$  were used to calculate the simulated scattering paths. The fitted bond length ( $R$ ), coordination numbers (CN), R-factors,  $\sigma^2$ ,  $E_0$  and  $\Delta R$  are summarized in **Table S4**.

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