

Electronic Supplementary Information

Efficient Solar-Driven Hydrogen Peroxide Production Enabled by Perovskite Electrochemical Device Integrated with a Cobalt-Based Chiral Catalyst

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Supplementary Figures

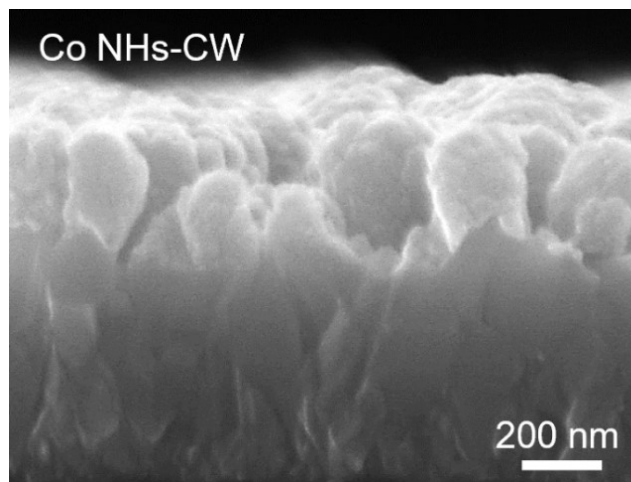


Fig. S1 Cross-sectional SEM image of Co NHs-CW on FTO.

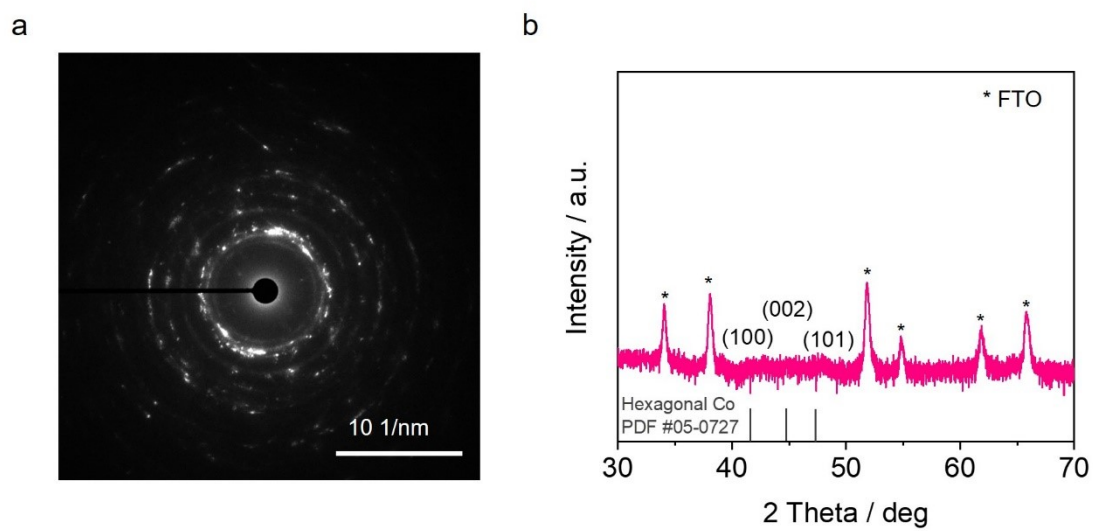


Fig. S2 a) SAED and b) XRD patterns of Co NHs-CW catalyst.

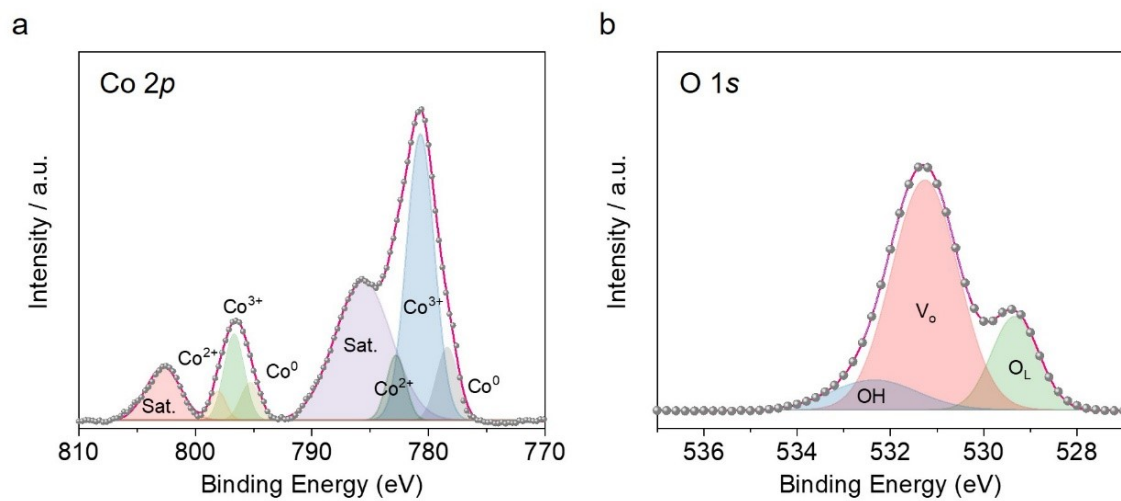


Fig. S3 High-resolution XPS spectra of Co NHs-CW: deconvolutions of a) Co 2p and b) O 1s regions.

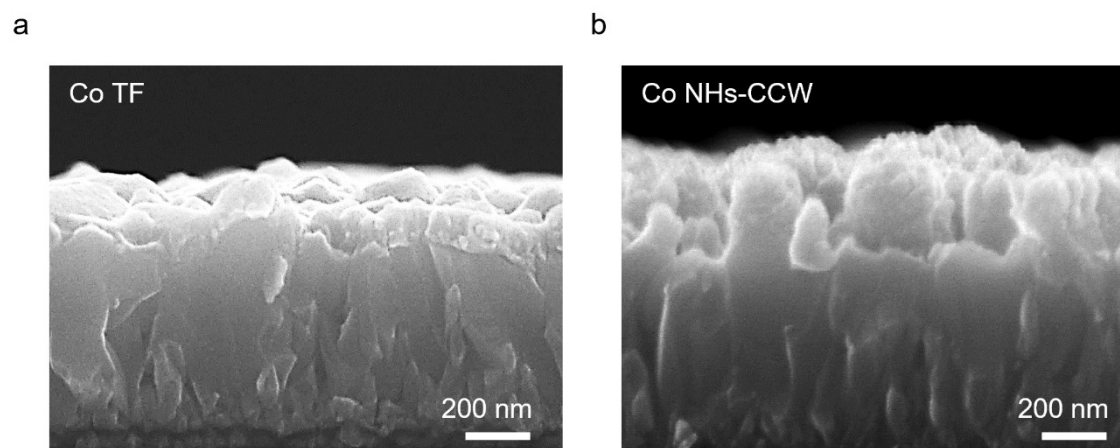


Fig. S4 Cross-sectional SEM images of a) Co TF and b) Co CCW.

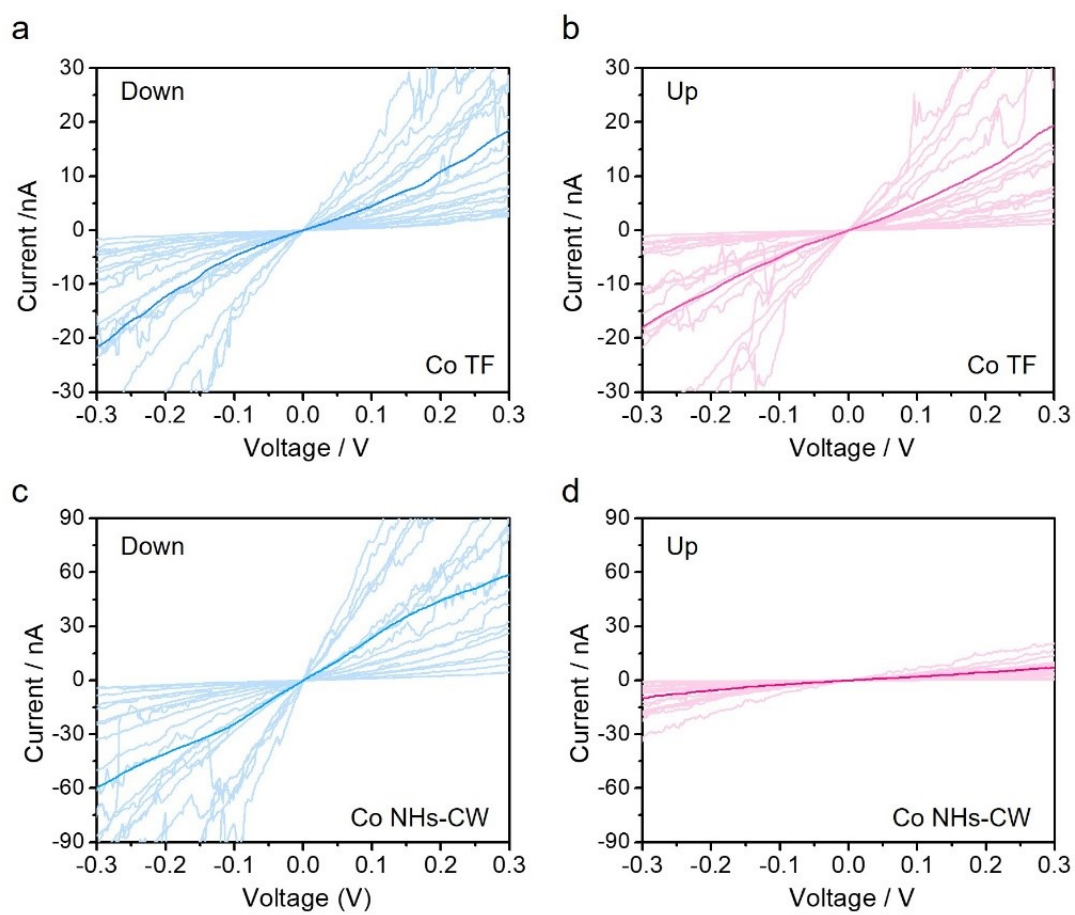


Fig. S5 Raw data for I - V curves obtained from mCP-AFM analysis with a pre-magnetized tip aligned along the upward or downward magnetic field orientations at different positions: a, b) Co TF and c, d) Co NHs-CW.

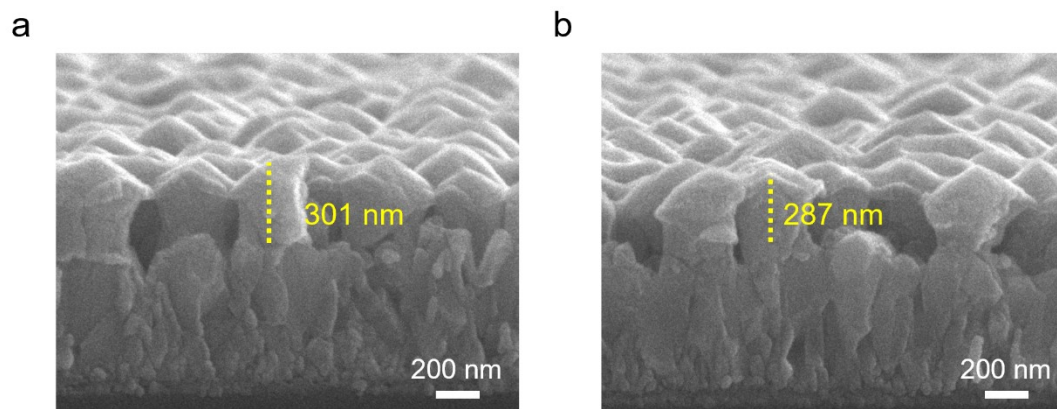


Fig. S6 Cross-sectional SEM images of a) Co NHs-CW 10, and b) Co NHs-CW 15.

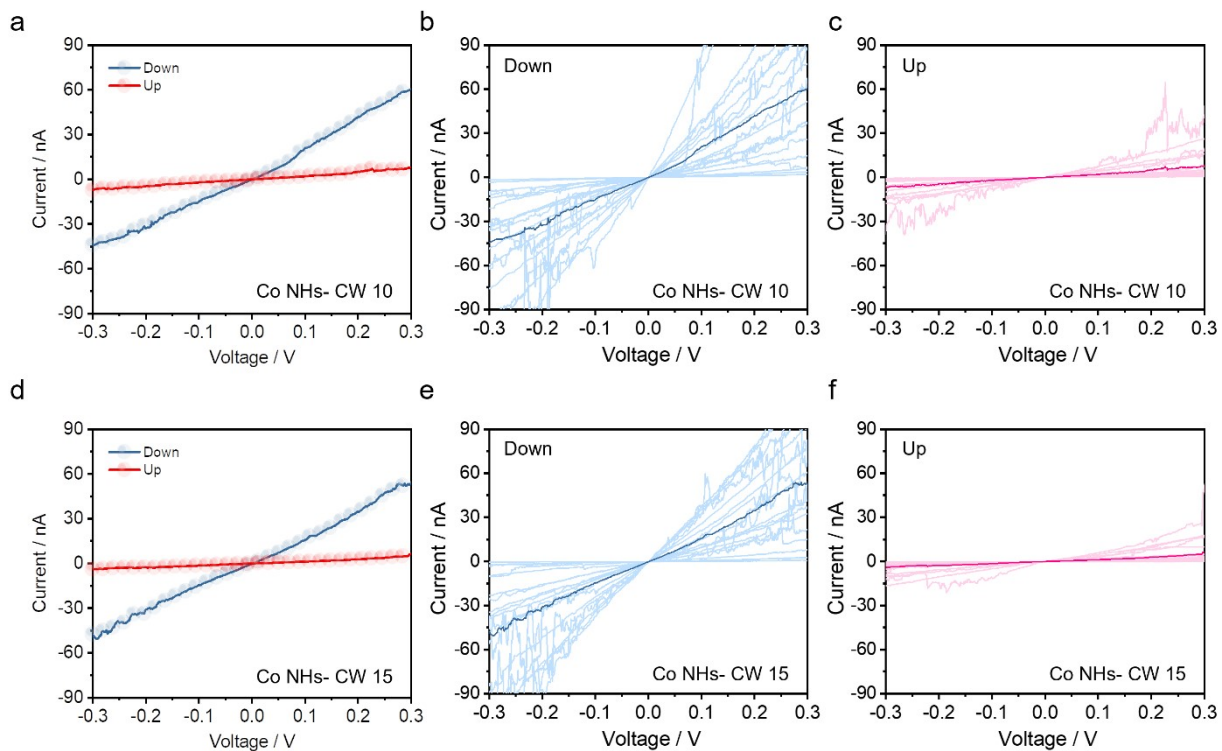


Fig. S7 a),d) Average results and b), c), e), f) raw data for I – V curves obtained from mCP-AFM measurements with a pre-magnetized tip aligned along the upward or downward magnetic field orientations at different positions on Co NHs-CW 10 and 15.

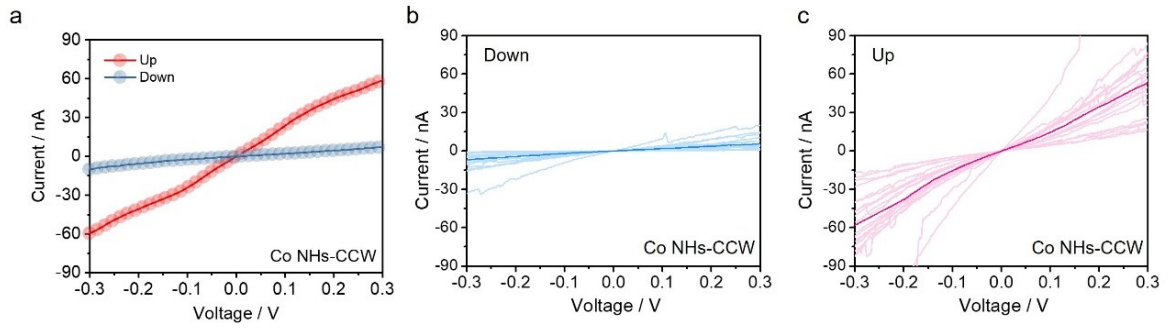


Fig. S8 a) Average results and b, c) raw data for I - V curves obtained from mCP-AFM measurements with a pre-magnetized tip aligned along the upward or downward magnetic field orientations at different positions on Co NHs-CCW.

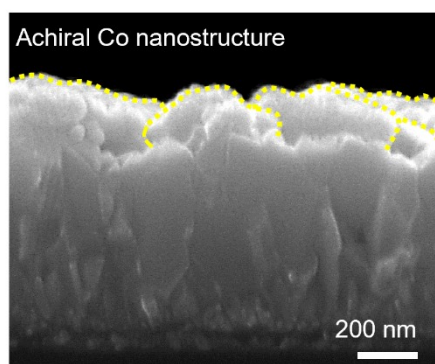


Fig. S9 Cross-sectional image of Co achiral nanostructure.

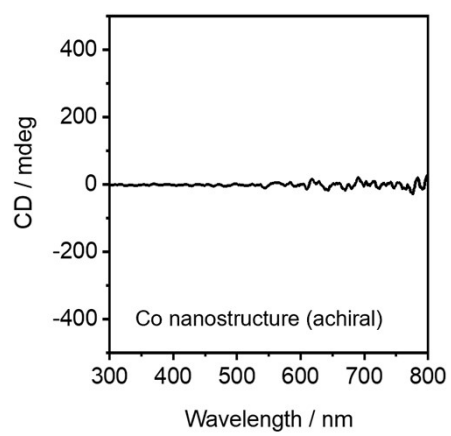


Fig. S10 CD spectra of achiral Co nanostructure.

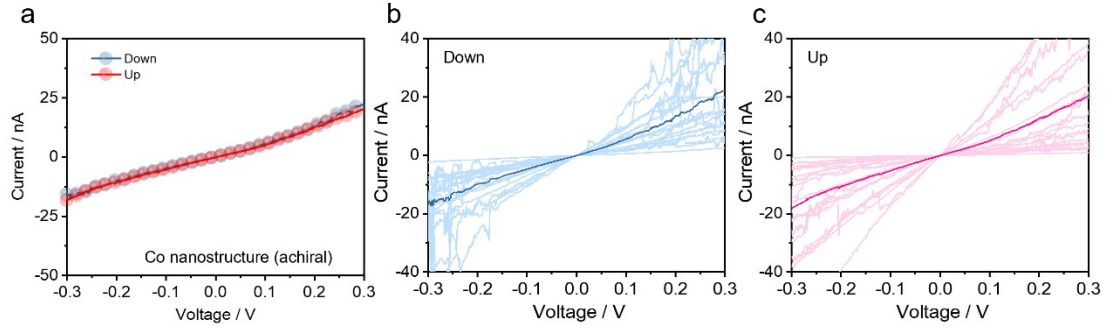


Fig. S11 a) Average results and b), c) raw data for I – V curves obtained from mCP-AFM measurements with a pre-magnetized tip aligned along the upward or downward magnetic field orientations at different positions on the achiral Co nanostructure.

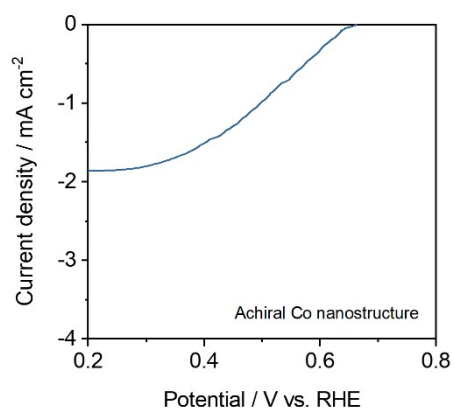


Fig. S12 LSV curve of achiral Co nanostructure in O₂-saturated 0.1 M KOH.

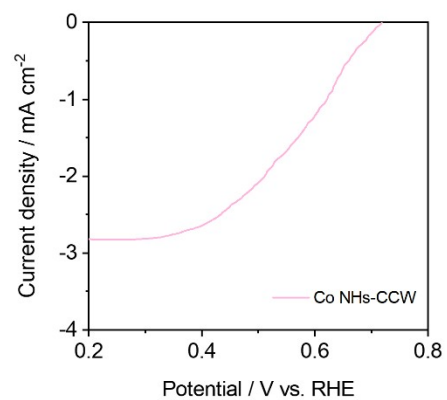


Fig. S13 LSV curve of Co NHs-CCW in O₂-saturated 0.1 M KOH.

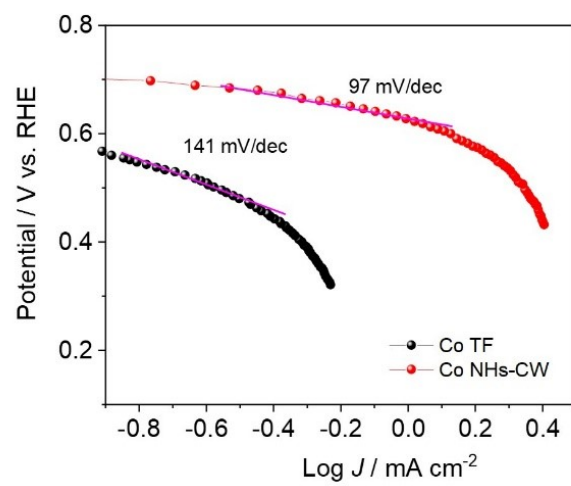


Fig. S14 Tafel slopes of Co NHs-CW and TF in the 2e⁻ ORR process.

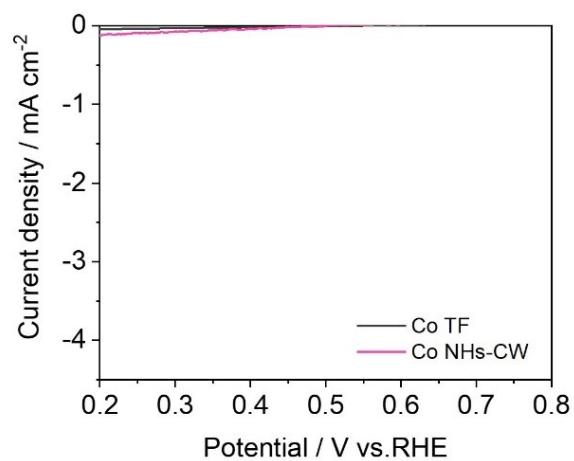


Fig. S15 LSV curves of Co NHs-CW and Co TF, measured in Ar-saturated 0.1 M KOH in the absence of oxygen.

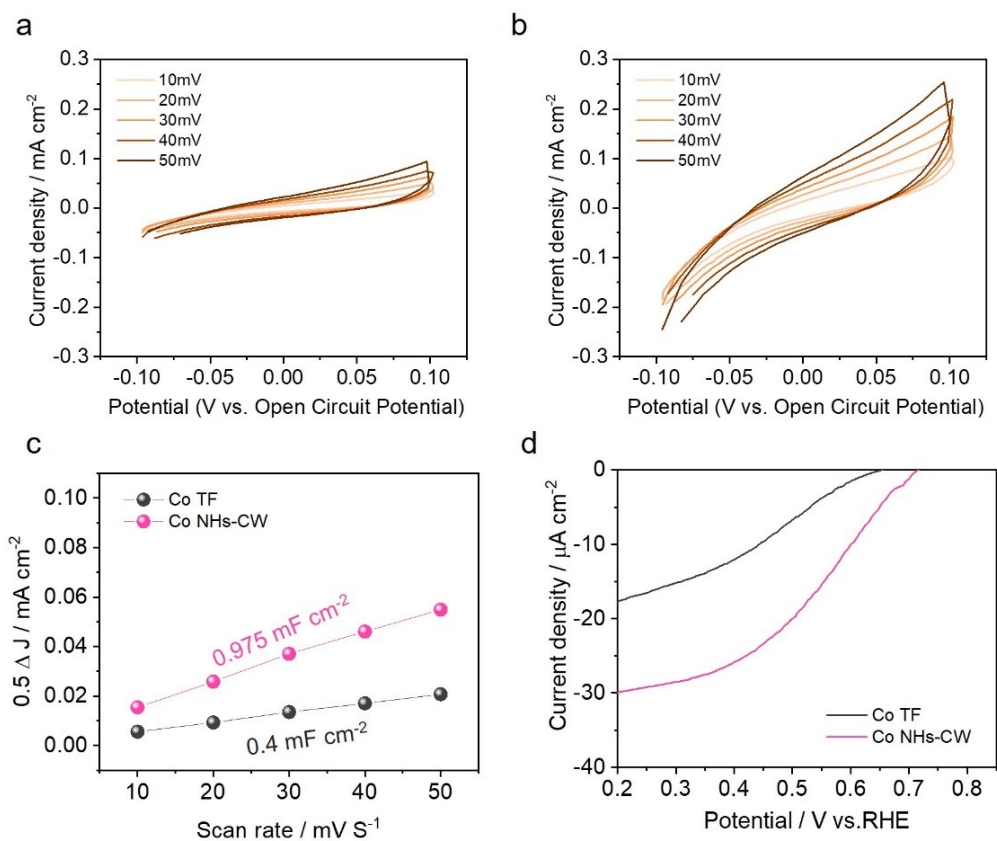


Fig. S16 CV curves for a) Co NHs-CW and b) Co TF in O₂-saturated 0.1 M KOH. c) Capacitive current densities of Co NHs-CW and Co TF as a function of scan rate. d) LSV curves for Co NHs-CW and Co TF in O₂-saturated 0.1 M KOH, based on ECSA-normalized current densities.

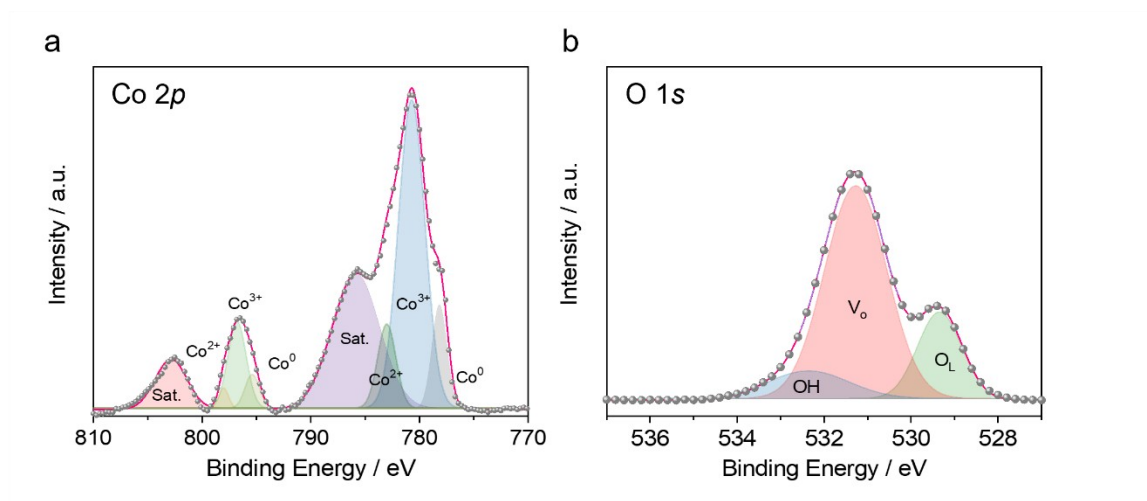


Fig. S17 XPS spectra of a) Co 2*p* and b) O 1*s* for Co TF.

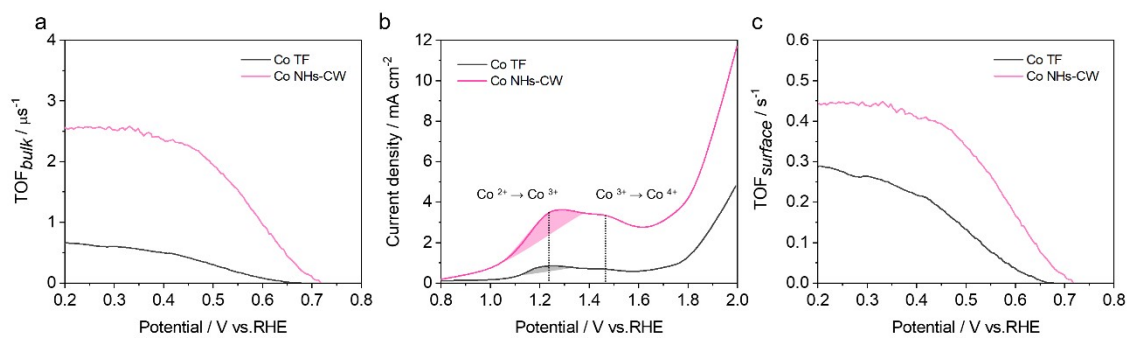


Fig. S18 a) Bulk TOF of Co TF and Co NHs-CW catalysts. b) CV measurement obtained in Ar-saturated 0.1 M KOH showing the characteristic Co redox transitions, and c) surface TOF derived from the integrated area of the oxidation peak for Co TF and Co NHs-CW catalysts.

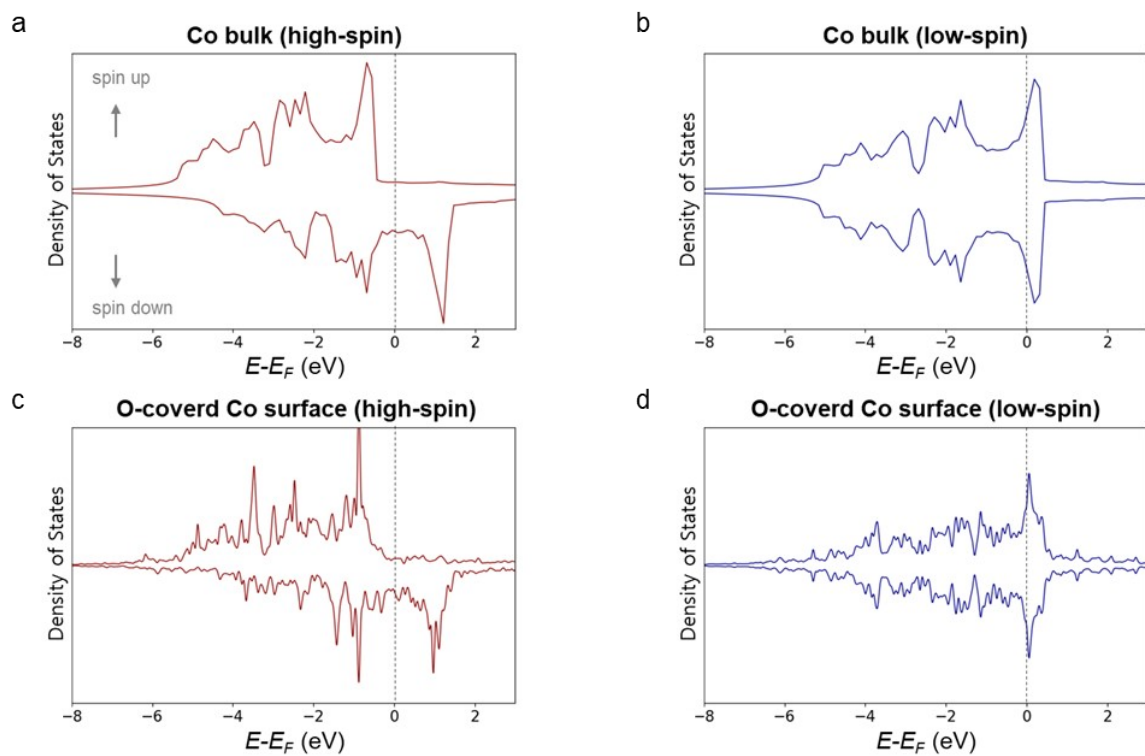


Fig. S19 Spin-polarized density of states (DOS) for cobalt in different electronic configurations: a) bulk Co in high-spin state, b) bulk Co in low-spin state, c) Co atoms on O-covered Co(002) surface in high-spin state, and d) Co atoms on O-covered Co(002) surface in low-spin state.

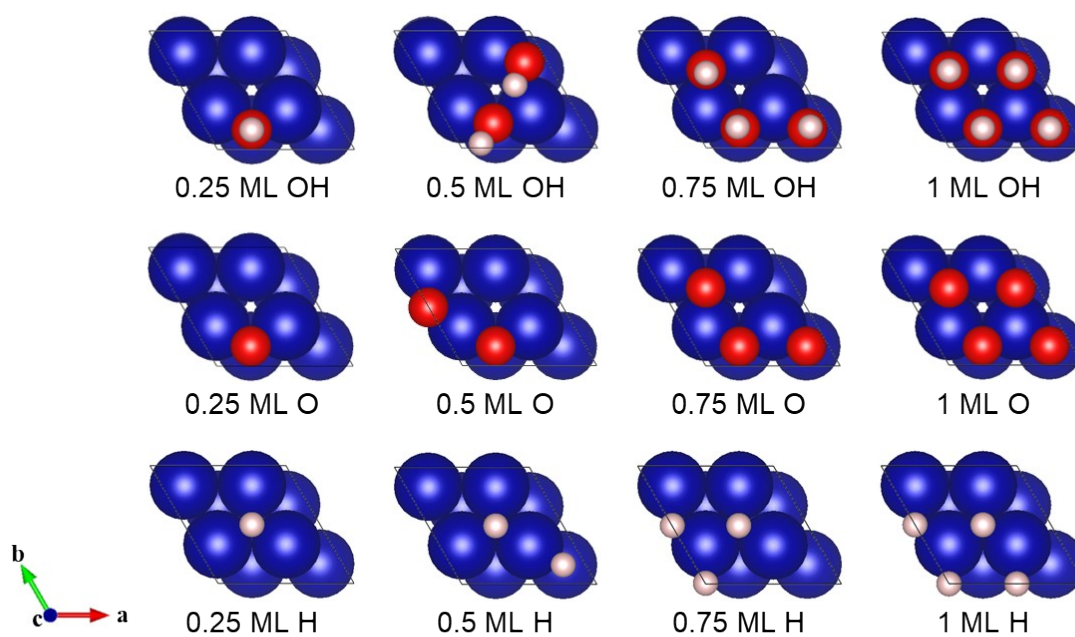


Fig. S20 Top views of adsorbate-covered Co(002) surfaces modeled using a $p(2\times 2)$ supercell. Studied configurations include 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, and 1 ML coverages of O, OH, and H species. Blue, red, and light pink spheres represent Co, O, and H atoms, respectively.

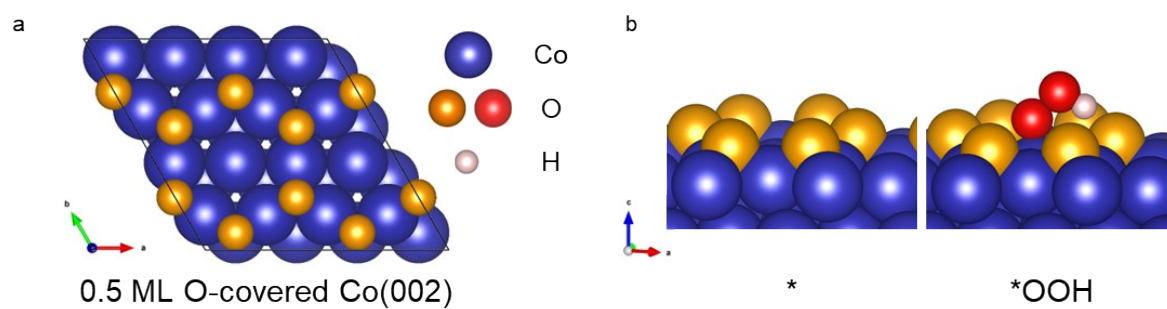


Fig. S21 a) Top view of the 0.5 ML O-covered Co(002) surface. b) Relaxed structures of the active site (*) and *OOH adsorbate.

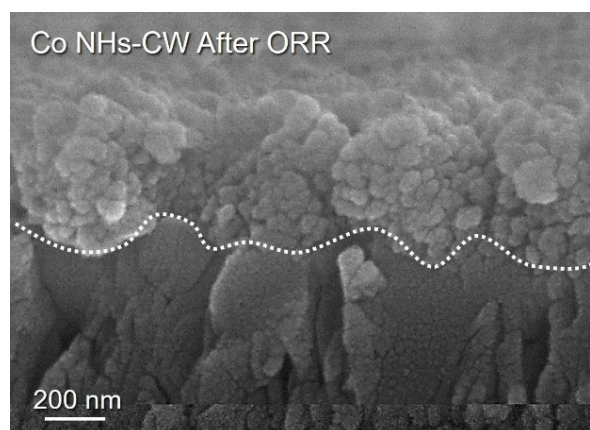


Fig. S22 Cross-sectional SEM images of Co NHs-CW after long-term stability test.

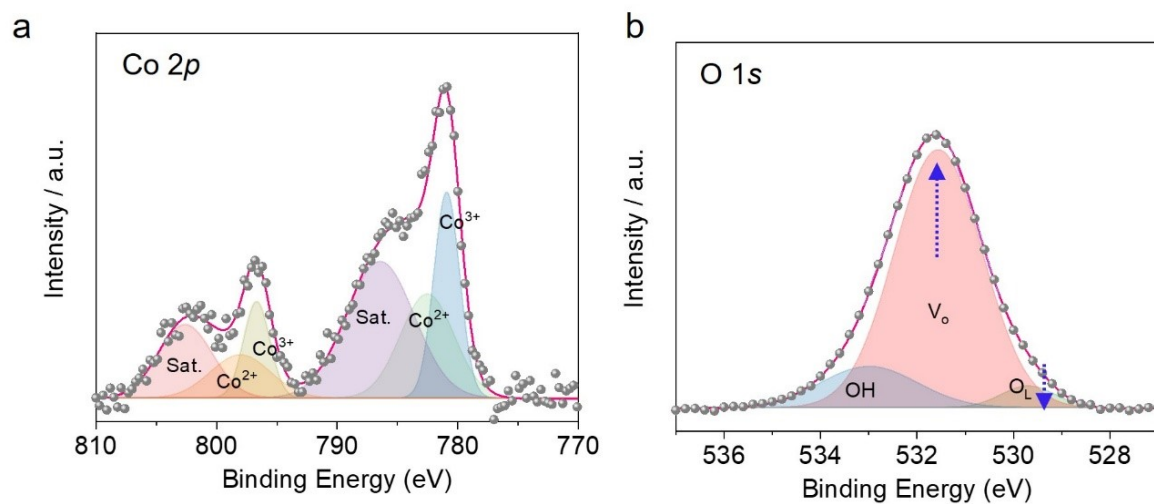


Fig. S23 High-resolution XPS spectra of Co NHs-CW after long-term stability test: deconvolutions of a) Co 2p and b) O 1s regions.

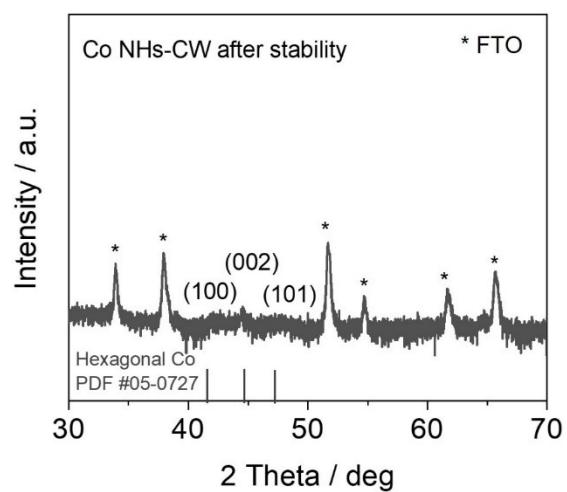


Fig. S24 XRD patterns of Co NHs-CW after long-term stability test.

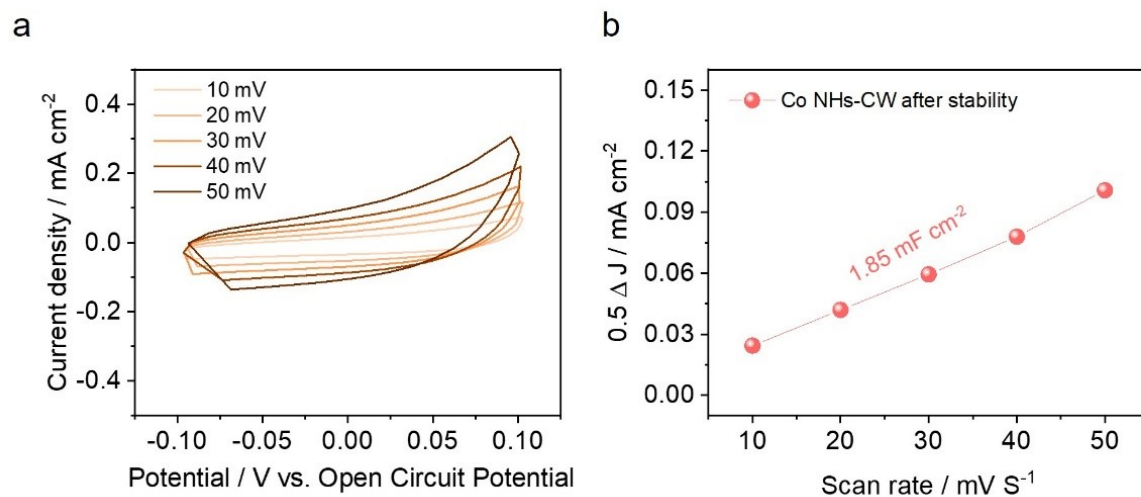


Fig. S25 a) CV curves for Co NHs-CW after long-term stability test in O₂-saturated 0.1 M KOH. b) Capacitive current density of Co NHs-CW after long-term stability test as a function of scan rate.

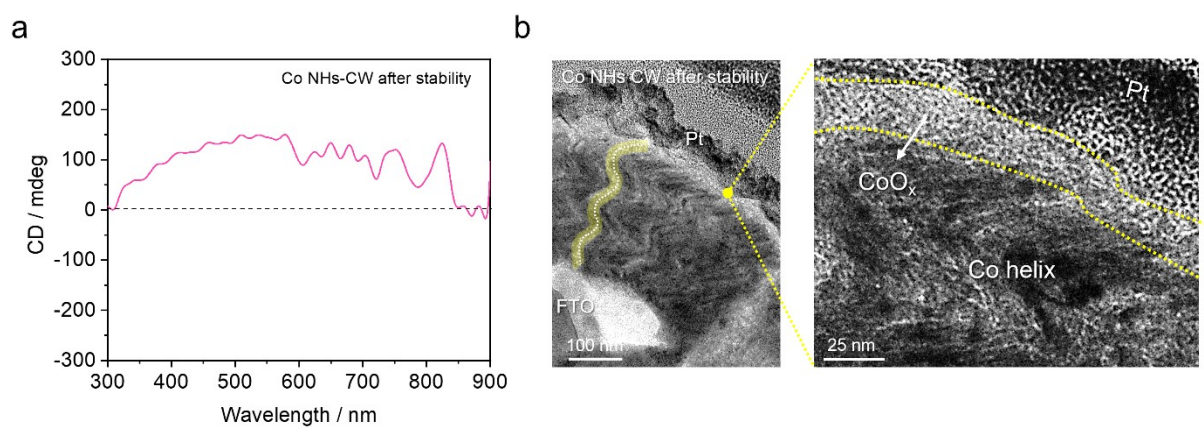


Fig. S26 a) CD spectrum and b) cross-sectional TEM image of Co NHs-CW after long-term stability test.

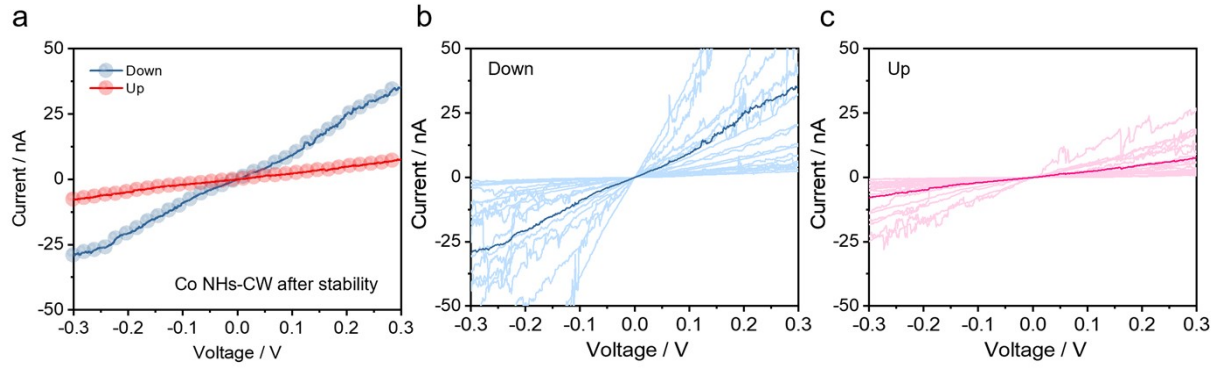


Fig. S27 a) Average results and b),c) raw data for I – V curves obtained from mCP-AFM measurements with a pre-magnetized tip aligned along the upward or downward magnetic field orientations at different positions on Co NHs-CW after stability test.

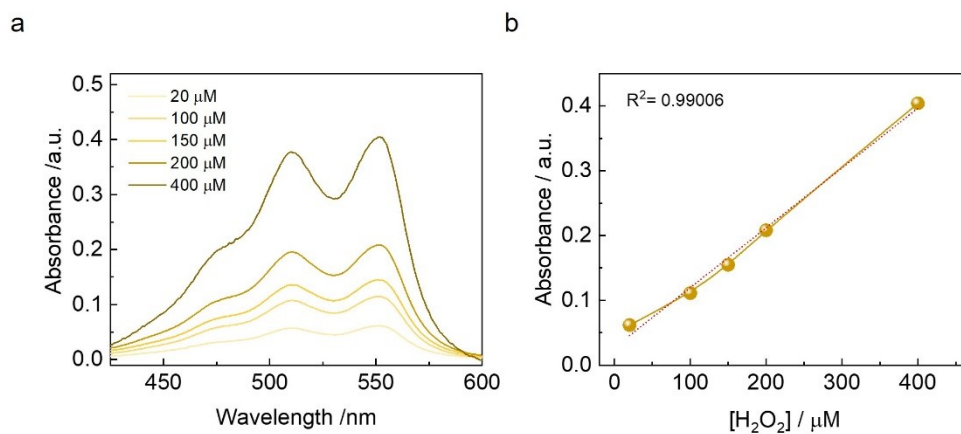


Fig. S28 a) Absorbance spectra for different (known) contents of H_2O_2 . A calibration curve was obtained based on the absorbance at 551 nm, using the colorimetric method. b) Resulting calibration curve as a function of H_2O_2 content.

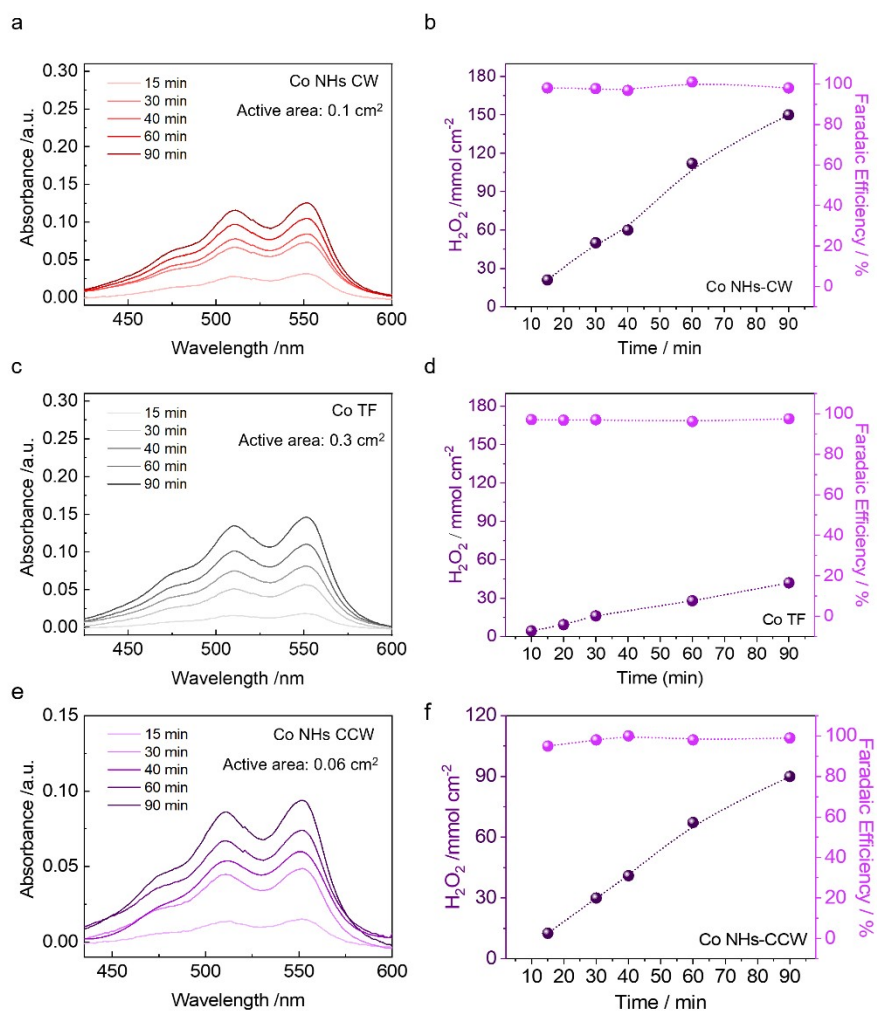


Fig. S29 Time-dependent absorption spectra of electrolyte aliquot as a function of reaction time for a) Co NHs-CW, c) Co TF, and e) Co NHs-CCW. Faradaic efficiencies of b) Co NHs-CW, d) Co TF, and f) Co NHs-CCW.

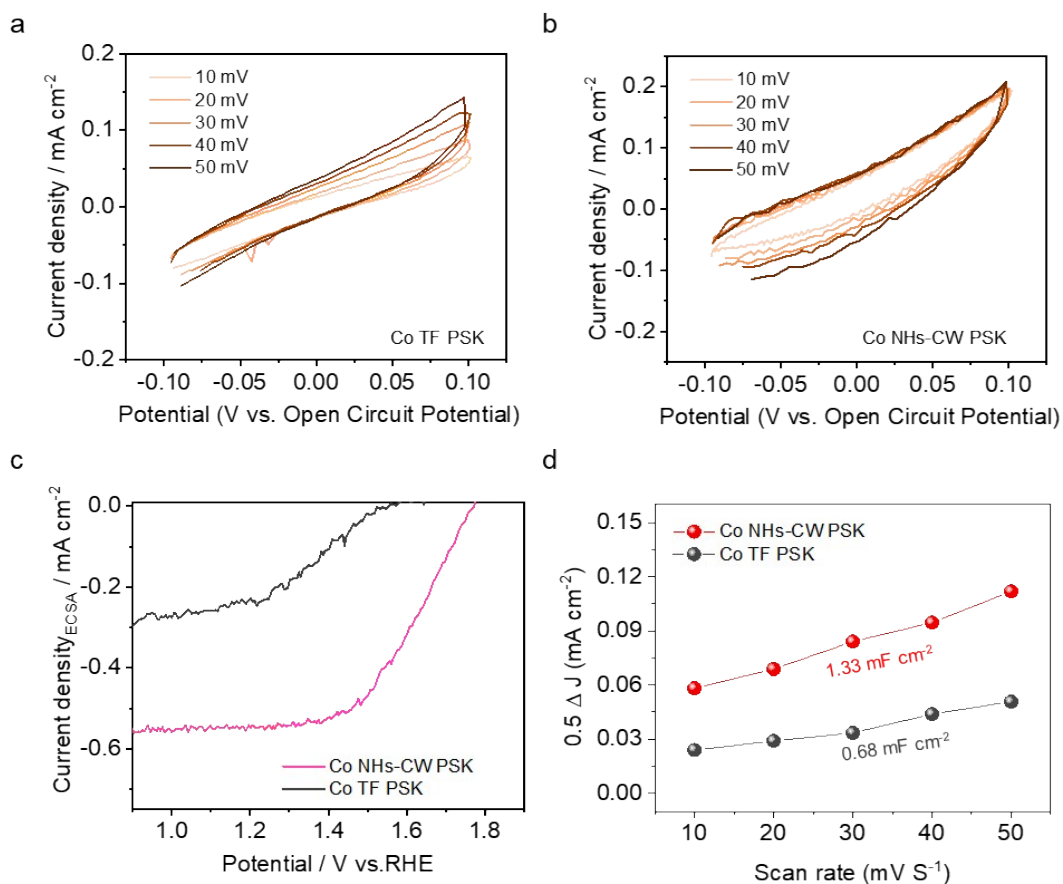


Fig. S30 CV curves for a) Co NHs-CW PSK and b) Co TF PSK in O₂-saturated 0.1 M KOH under 1-sun illumination. c) Capacitive current densities of Co NHs-CW PSK and Co TF PSK as a function of scan rate. d) LSV curves for Co NHs-CW PSK and Co TF PSK in O₂-saturated 0.1 M KOH under 1-sun illumination, based on ECSA-normalized current density.

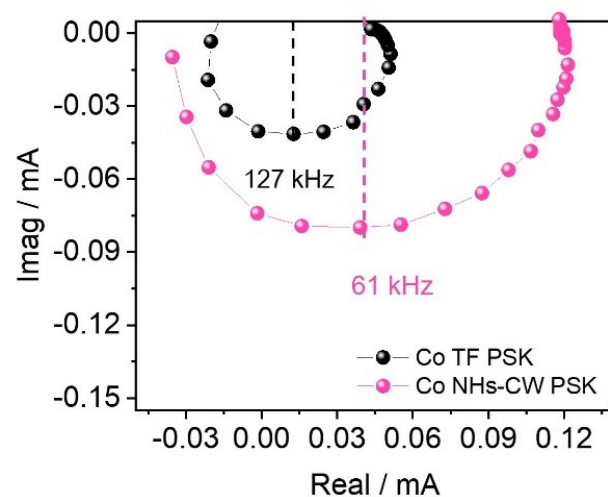


Fig. S31 Nyquist plots of IMPS spectra for Co NHs-CW PSK and Co TF PSK at 1.1 V_{RHE} in O_2 -saturated 0.1 M KOH.

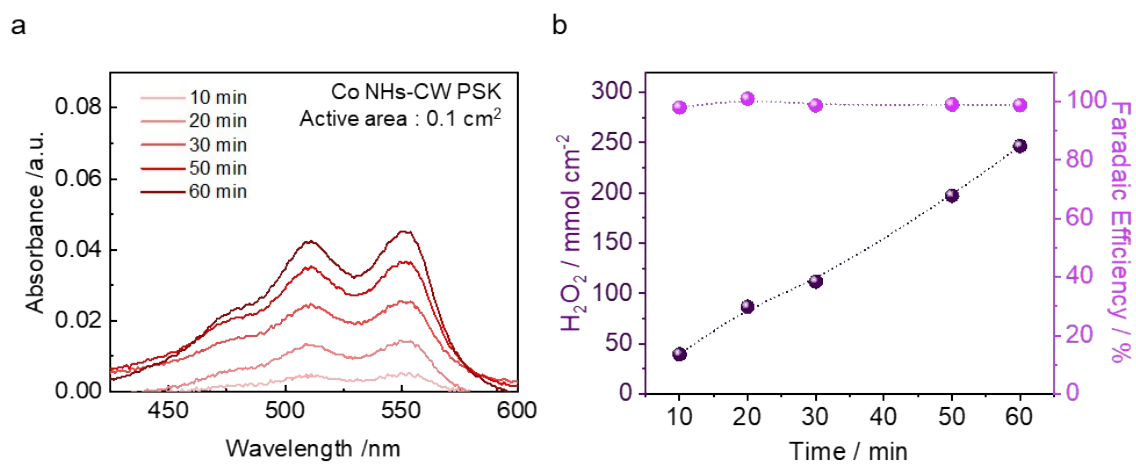


Fig. S32 a) Time-dependent absorption spectra of electrolyte aliquot as a function of reaction time for Co NHs-CW PSK. b) Faradaic efficiency of Co NHs-CW PSK.

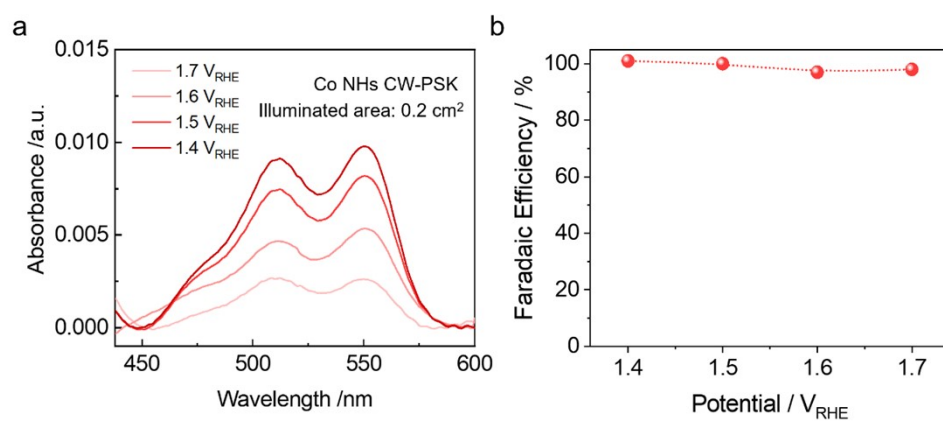


Fig. S33 a) Potential-dependent absorption spectra of the electrolyte aliquot as a function of potential and b) Faradaic efficiency for Co NHs-CW-PSK.

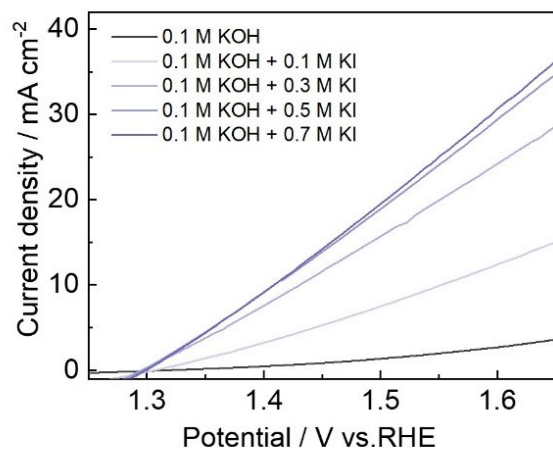


Fig. S34 LSV curves for carbon cloth electrode in 0.1 M KOH electrolyte with varying concentrations of KI.

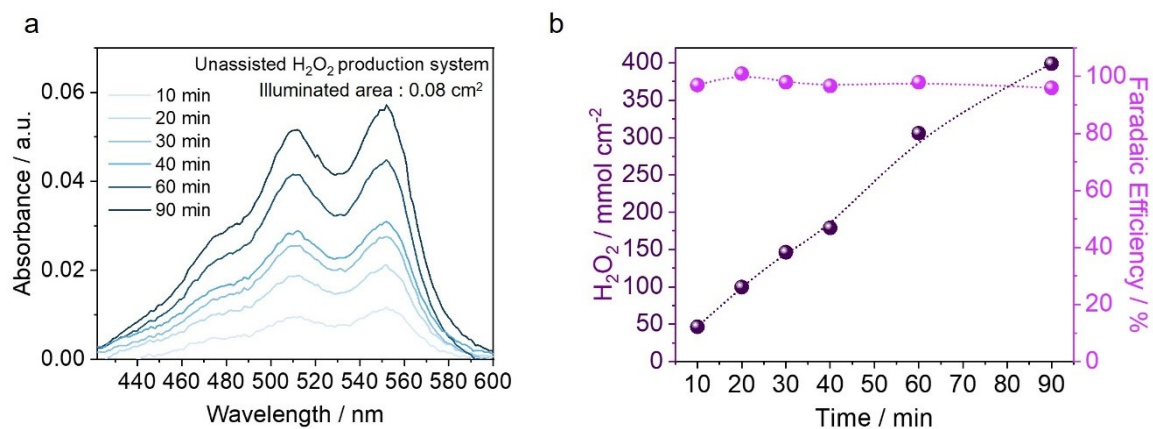


Fig. S35 a) Time-dependent absorption spectra of electrolyte aliquot as a function of reaction time for unassisted H_2O_2 production system. b) Faradaic efficiency of unassisted H_2O_2 production system.

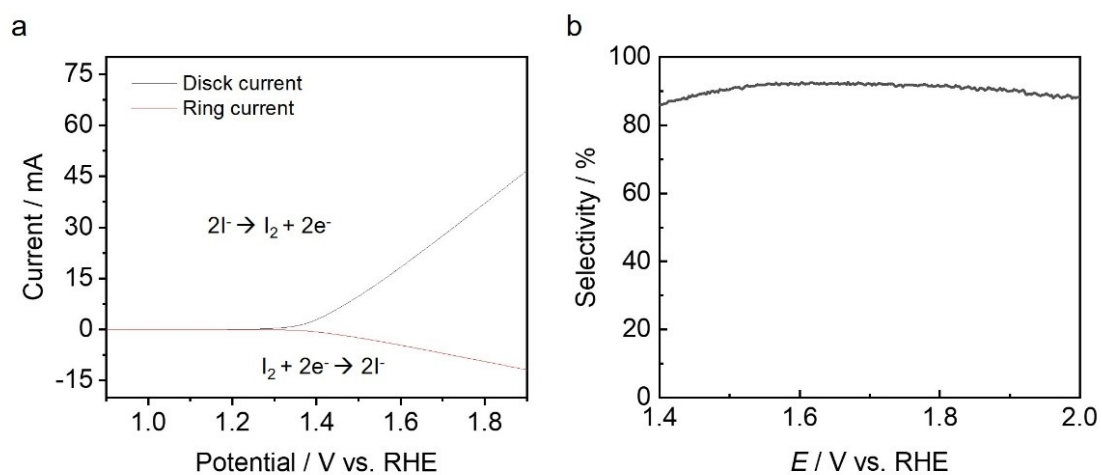


Fig. S36 a) Plots of disk current derived from graphite powders and ring current induced by Pt ring electrode in 0.1 M KOH + 0.5 M KI. b) Faradaic efficiency of IOR driven by graphite powders, based on RRDE analysis.

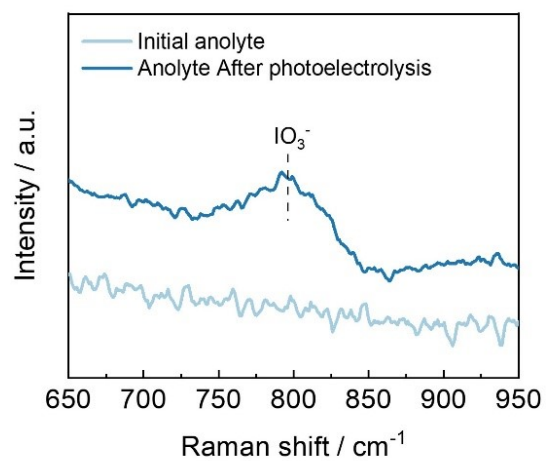


Fig. S37 Liquid Raman spectrum of final product of IOR in anolyte after photoelectrolysis driven by unbiased H₂O₂ production device.

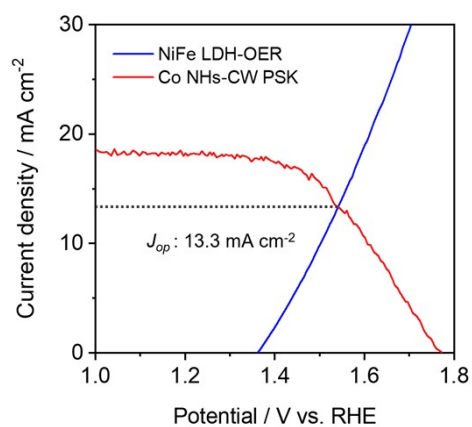


Fig. S38 LSV curves for Co NHs-CW PSK and NiFe LDH OER catalyst electrodes driving the 2e⁻ ORR and OER processes, respectively.

Supplementary Table S1. Fitted impedance data of Co NHs-CW PSK and Co TF PSK.

Co NHs-CW PSK	$R_s / \Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$	$R_{ct} / \Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$
1.0 V _{RHE}	2.76	30.42
1.1 V _{RHE}	2.75	34.13
1.2 V _{RHE}	2.73	45.06
1.3 V _{RHE}	2.75	56.90
Co TF PSK	$R_s / \Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$	$R_{ct} / \Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$
1.0 V _{RHE}	1.81	91.22
1.1 V _{RHE}	1.84	102.40
1.2 V _{RHE}	1.86	119.62
1.3 V _{RHE}	1.82	139.37

Supplementary Table S2. Comparison table of SCC efficiencies of the present bias-free H₂O₂ production system based on the ORR-IOR configuration with previously reported unbiased systems using the OER as the anodic reaction.

Year	Electrode component	Coupled system	Stability / h	FE / %	SCC / %	Ref.
2019	TiO ₂ photoanode cathode Co-N/CNT	ORR-OER	27.8 h	64%	0.2%	S1
2020	NiFeO _x /BiVO ₄ photoanode cathode PTT _h	ORR-OER	14 h	90%	0.7%	S2
2020	P-Mo-BiVO ₄ AQ-CNT/C	ORR-OER	5 h	100%	0.1%	S3
2021	α -NiFeO _x O-BP/FM/PSK	ORR-OER	12 h	100%	1.46%	S4
2021	RuO _x /TNR AQ/graphite	ORR-OER	100 h	90%	0.37%	S5
2022	SnO _{2-x} /BiVO ₄ /WO ₃ -PTFE@Mo-SACs/mrG-GDE	ORR-OER	1 h	80%	1.46%	S6
2022	CoPi/BiVO ₄ Co-N/CNT	ORR-OER	5 h	80%	0.64%	S7
2022	2m-LDH/Ni/eu@nfOP Co-containing LDH	ORR-OER	4 h	90%	3.24%	S8
2023	Mg:Ta ₃ N ₅ Nafion CC/CMK-3	ORR-OER	3 h	70%	2.33%	S9
2024	CBS-based photocathode PSK-based anode	ORR-OER	10 h	90%	1.46%	S10
2025	Co NHs-CW PSK carbon cloth	ORR-IOR	20 h	97%	9.4%	This work

Supplementary Table S3. Calculated zero-point energy(ZPE) and experimental entropy contributions (TS) at 300K for molecules and adsorbate. TS terms for gas-phase species were taken from literature.^{S11} The free energy of liquid water (H₂O(l)) was referenced to that of water vapor at equilibrium partial pressure of 0.035 bar at 300K.

molecule/adsorbate	ZPE (eV)	TS (eV)
H ₂	0.27	0.41
H ₂ O	0.56	0.67 (0.035 bar)
*O	0.08	-
*OH	0.35	-
*H	0.18	-
*OOH	0.44	-

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