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Oxygen spillover engineering design in atomically dispersed sites for high-efficiency photoproduction of hydrogen peroxide from water

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1. Experimental Section

1.1 Chemicals and materials

The following reagents were used in fabrication of photocatalysts, measurement of H_2O_2 concentration and investigation of H_2O_2 generation procedure: 1,4-dioxane, 1,3,5-triformylphloroglucinol, 3,9-diamino-benzo[1,2-b:4,5-b'] bis[1]benzothiophene-5,5,11,11-tetraoxide, horseradish peroxidase (HRP), N, N-dimethylformamide (DMF), cefalexin, 5,5-dimethyl-1-pyrroline N-oxide (DMPO), orange II, KBrO_3 , p-benzoquinone (p-BQ), p-tert-butanol (TBA), nitro blue tetrazolium (NBT), 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine (TEMP) and water- ^{18}O (H_2^{18}O) (Shanghai Aladdin Bio-Chem Technology Co., Ltd., China); Monometallic sodium orthophosphate (NaH_2PO_4), dibasic sodium phosphate (Na_2HPO_4), sodium sulfate (Na_2SO_4), hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) solution (30%, wt.%), acetone and ethanol absolute, citric acid, melamine, dichloromethane, isopropanol, methanol (MeOH), ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid disodium salt (EDTA-2Na), nickel chloride hexahydrate ($\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$) and sodium periodate (NaIO_4) (Tianjin Bodi chemical Co., Ltd., China); N, N-diethyl p-phenylenediamine sulfate (DPD) (Tianjin Guangfu Fine Chemical Research Institute, China); Manganese dioxide (MnO_2) and ferrous sulfate (FeSO_4) (Tianjin Damao Chemical Reagent Factory, China); Magnesium nitrate ($\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$) (Tianjin Dingshengxin Chemical Industry Co., Ltd., China) Phosphate buffer saline (PBS) (Beijing Solarbio Science & Technology Co., Ltd., China); Ultrapure water was received from purification system (Millipore; $\geq 18 \text{ M}\Omega$). Tap water, lake water and sea water were obtained from local laboratory, Xishan lake (Dalian, China) and yellow sea.

1.2. Characterization instruments

X-ray powder diffraction (XRD) pattern was recorded by a D8 Advance X-

ray diffractometer with Cu K α radiation, $\lambda = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$ (Bruker, Germany). Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images were recorded on an S-4800 field emission scanning electron microscope (Hitachi, Japan). Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) equipped with energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS, X-MAX20) were recorded on a JEM F200 transmission electron microscope (JEOL, Japan). Ultraviolet-visible diffuse reflectance spectra (UV-Vis DRS) were performed by a V-550 spectrometer (Shimadzu, Japan). Photoluminescence (PL) spectra were measured on a Hitachi F-7600 spectrophotometer (Japan). X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) was recorded by a Thermo Scientific K-Alpha+ instrument with Al K α X-ray irradiation (UK). The aberration-corrected high-angle annular dark field transmission electron microscopy (HAADF-TEM) was conducted on a FEI Titan G2 60-300 microscope (USA) with a Schottky cold-field emission gun. The Ni K-edge X-ray absorption study was performed at the BL14B2 of SPring-8 station (Japan). The inductively coupled plasma (ICP) spectroscopy analysis was conducted on a Optima2000DV instrument (USA). The femtosecond transient absorption (fs-TA) spectra were measured with a commercial TA system (TA100, Time-Tech Spectra, China). Electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectra were recorded on a E500 EPR spectrometer (Bruker, Germany). In-situ Raman spectra were collected on an inVia Qontor confocal micro Raman spectrometer (Renishaw PLC, England). Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) analysis was conducted using the Shimadzu GCMS-QP2020 instrument (Japan).

1.3. Synthesis of COFs

Firstly, 10.5 mg 1,3,5-triformylphloroglucinol and 28.8 mg 3, 9-diaminobenzo[1,2-b:4,5- b']bis[1]benzothiophene-5,5,11,11-tetraoxide were added in a mixture

solution with 1.5 mL 1,4-dioxane, 1.5 mL mesitylene and 0.3 mL acetic acid (3 mol L⁻¹). After the sonication for 10 min, the mixture was degassed with a vacuum pump. Then the sample was put into a refrigerator at -80 °C for freezing. The degassed procedure was further performed in the thawing of mixture. After three freeze-thaw cycles, mixture was kept at 120 °C under a vacuum environment for three days. The obtained solid was washed with N, N-dimethylformamide and acetone for several times. Finally, the red sample was dried by a vacuum freezing process.

1.4. Synthesis of Ni-CDs

The Ni single atom anchored carbon dots (Ni-CDs) were fabricated via a microwave heat-treatment method. 3 g citric acid, 1 g urea and 0.5 g NiCl₂·6H₂O were dissolved in 8 mL ultrapure water under vigorously stirring. Then, the transparent solution was moved into the microwave digestion tank and reacted for 10 min with power mode of 600 W. After the reaction, the colorless liquid was transformed into a dark brown solid. Subsequently, the solid was heated at 80 °C for 12 h to remove small residual molecules. The mixture was then dispersed in ultrapure water and centrifuged at 9000 rpm for 1 h to remove agglomerated large particles. The obtained brown solution was further eluted via a mixture of dichloromethane and methanol with a volume ratio of 1:1. The dialysis of solution was further performed with the dialysis tube (1000 molecular weight for trapped molecule) in ultrapure water. The resultant product was obtained after the vacuum freezing drying. The CDs were prepared through above procedure without the addition of Ni-containing precursor.

1.5. Synthesis of Ni-CDs/COFs

The 28 mg COFs were dispersed in 10 mL DMF under ultrasonic irradiation. Then 2 mg Ni-CDs were added into the above solution under vigorously stirring for 1 h. The resulting mixture was dried at 80 °C to completely evaporate DMF. The solid was

further washed with ultrapure water and centrifuged at 9000 rpm for 10 min. The final powder was obtained after drying at 80 °C and denoted as Ni-CDs/COFs. The hybrid of COFs and CDs was further prepared and named as CDs/COFs.

1.6. Photocatalytic H₂O₂ production reaction

The 10 mg photocatalyst was added in 50 mL of ultrapure water and ultrasonically dispersed for 20 min. Then the suspension was continuously filled with O₂ and kept stirring for another 20 min in dark. After that, the reaction solution was irradiated under a Xenon lamp (PLS-SXE300D/DUV, Perfect light) with a 420 nm cutoff film. The reaction temperature of mixture was controlled at 25 °C under a circulating water. During the catalytic process, 2.5 mL of reaction solution was taken out every 10 min and filtrated through a 0.22 µm PES filter to remove photocatalyst. The concentration of H₂O₂ was measured by an enzyme-based colorimetric method. Sodium phosphate buffer was prepared through mixing 87.7 mL NaH₂PO₄ solution (1 mol L⁻¹), 12.6 mL Na₂HPO₄ solution (1 mol L⁻¹) in 99.7 mL ultrapure water. The N, N-diethyl p-phenylenediamine sulfate (DPD) solution and horseradish peroxidase (HRP) solution were prepared by adding 0.1 g DPD in 10 mL sulfuric acid (H₂SO₄) solution (0.1 mol L⁻¹) and 3 mg HRP in 3 mL ultrapure water. For the H₂O₂ concentration test process, 0.4 mL sodium phosphate buffer, 0.05 mL DPD solution and 0.05 mL HRP solution were mixed with 2 mL filtered sample and kept 90 s. The content of generated H₂O₂ was then determined at 551 nm over a SP-756P UV-vis spectrophotometer.

1.7. Measurement of apparent quantum yield

The apparent quantum yield (AQY) of Ni-CDs/COFs was measured under Xenon lamp irradiation with single-wavelength light at 420 nm, 500 nm, 550 nm, 600 nm, 650 nm and 700 nm. The photocatalytic reaction was performed at 25 °C in ultrapure water. The AQY was calculated based on the following Equation (S1).^{1,2}

$$\begin{aligned}
 199 \quad AQY &= \frac{(\text{number of } H_2O_2 \text{ production}) \times 2}{\text{number of incident photons}} \times 100\% \\
 200 \quad &= \frac{2 \times N_a \times M}{\frac{P \times S \times t \times \lambda}{h \times c}} = \frac{2 \times N_a \times M \times h \times c}{S \times P \times t \times \lambda}
 \end{aligned}$$

201 Where N_a is the Avogadro constant ($6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$), M is the amount of
 202 produced H_2O_2 molecule (mol), h is the Plank's constant ($6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$), c is
 203 the speed of light in free space ($3 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$), S is the irradiation area (1×10^{-4}
 204 m^2), P is the intensity of irradiation light (16.2 mW cm^{-2} at 429 nm), t is the
 205 photoreaction time (s), λ is the wavelength length of the monochromatic light (m).

206 1.8. Determination of solar-to-chemical conversion efficiency

207 The solar-to-chemical conversion (SCC) efficiency was evaluated using a Xe lamp
 208 with an AM 1.5G filter as simulated natural light source and calculated according to the
 209 following Equation (S2)^{3,4}:

$$\begin{aligned}
 210 \quad SCC (\%) &= \frac{(\Delta G \text{ for } H_2O_2 \text{ generation}) \times (\text{number of formed } H_2O_2)}{P \times t} \times 100\% \\
 211 \quad &= \frac{\Delta G \times M}{P \times t} \times 100\%
 \end{aligned}$$

212 Where $\Delta G = 117 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, M is the amount of formed H_2O_2 molecule (mol), P is
 213 the total input power (W), t is the reaction time (s).

214 1.9. Photocatalytic decomposition of H_2O_2

215 The photocatalytic decomposition of H_2O_2 was measured with addition of 10 mg
 216 photocatalyst in 50 mL H_2O_2 aqueous solution (10 mmol L^{-1}). The light source and
 217 reaction temperature in H_2O_2 decomposition measurement was the same as those in
 218 H_2O_2 production test. During the decomposition reaction, 2.5 mL sample collected
 219 every 10 min and was filtered to remove photocatalyst. The H_2O_2 concentration was
 220 measured using the enzyme-based colorimetric method.

221 1.10. Mott-Schottky measurement

Mott-Schottky curves were tested with a frequency of 1000 Hz, 1500 Hz and 2000 Hz in a 0.1 mol L⁻¹ Na₂SO₄ solution. Then the potentials of flat band of photocatalysts were obtained by fitting the curves and transformed to the value (vs normal hydrogen electrode (NHE)) based on the equation (S3) and equation (S4).⁵⁻⁷

$$(RHE) = E(SCE) + 0.0591 \text{ pH} + 0.24 \quad \text{Equation (S3)}$$

$$E(RHE) = E(NHE) + 0.0591 \text{ pH} \quad \text{Equation (S4)}$$

1.11. Photoelectrochemical measurement

The electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) was measured on a PARSTAT 2273 electrochemical system (Princeton, USA) with frequency of 0.1 Hz~2 MHz under visible light irradiation. The samples coated fluoride tin oxide glass (FTO) electrode, graphite sheet and Ag/AgCl electrode were used as working electrode, counter electrode and reference electrode. The samples coated fluoride tin oxide glass (FTO) electrode was prepared as follows: The FTO was previously cleaned by sonication in the solution with a sequence as acetone, ethanol and water. After that, the samples and Mg(NO₃)₂ were dispersed in isopropanol solution with concentration of 1 g L⁻¹ and 0.05 g L⁻¹, respectively. The samples were finally deposited on FTO via an electrophoresis process under 10 V for 2 min. The photocurrent-time measurement was performed with a three-electrode system as that in EIS measurement. During the visible-light on and off over time, the transient photocurrent was obtained in 0.1 M Na₂SO₄ solution (O₂-saturated) at applied voltage of 0 V.

1.12. Femtosecond transient absorption spectroscopic measurement

Femtosecond transient absorption spectroscopic measurement was conducted using a Yb:KGW laser (Pharos, Light Conversion Ltd., Lietuvos). The

wavelength of fundamental output was at 1030 nm. For generation of 400 nm pump pulses, the second harmonic of 2HNOPA (Orpheus-N-2H, Light Conversion Ltd. Lietuvos) with output length at 800 nm was used. The probe pulses were generated through supercontinuum, where a small fraction of the fundamental 1030 nm laser was focused into a sapphire plate for visible detection, or a small fraction of the SHG of 1030 nm was focused into a CaF₂ plate for near UV detection. Time delay between the pump and probe pulses was controlled by a delay line. The fs-TA signals were measured using the commercial TA100 system. The pulse-to-pulse spectral analysis was conducted at 10 kHz for the visible detection. The signal-to-noise ratio ($\Delta O.D.$) was better than 1×10^{-5} after averaging 5000 pump-on and pump-off shots for each data point.

1.13. Electrochemical measurement of ORR and WOR

The number of transferred electrons of photocatalyst in oxygen reduction reaction (ORR) was measured through rotating disk electrode (RDE) measurements, which were performed on a Pine AFMSRXE electrochemical system (UK) with a CHI760E electrochemical workstation (Chenhua, China) by a three-electrode configuration test cell. In the three-electrode setup, the samples coated glassy carbon electrode, Hg/HgCl electrode and graphite rod were used as working electrode, reference electrode and counter electrode. The preparation of sample coated glassy carbon electrode was based on the following process: 2.5 mg samples were dispersed in a mixture solution of 985 μL of ultrapure water, 15 μL of isopropanol and 15 μL of Nafion solution (5 wt.%). Then catalyst slurry was drop-added on the surface of glassy carbon electrode and dried at room temperature under natural air. The linear sweep voltammograms (LSV) were performed in O₂-saturated phosphate buffer solution (concentration of 0.1 mol L⁻¹

¹, pH = 7) with the rotation speeds at 400 rpm, 900 rpm, 1200 rpm and 1600 rpm.

The Koutecky-Levich (K-L) equations are as follows^{9,10}:

$$J^{-1} = J_k^{-1} + B^{-1}\omega^{-1/2} \quad \text{Equation (S5)}$$

$$B = 0.2nF\nu^{-1/6}CD^{2/3} \quad \text{Equation (S6)}$$

Where J is current density, J_k is kinetic current density, ω is rotating speed (rpm), F is Faraday constant (96485 C mol⁻¹), ν is kinetic viscosity of water (0.01 cm² s⁻¹), C is bulk concentration of O₂ in water (1.26×10⁻³ mol cm⁻³), and D is diffusion coefficient of O₂ (2.7×10⁻⁵ cm² s⁻¹).

Rotating ring disk electrode (RRDE) test was also conducted to study ORR and water oxidation reaction (WOR) with sample coated electrode as working electrode. The LSV polarization curves of ORR and WOR were recorded in 0.1 mol L⁻¹ phosphate buffer solution (pH = 7) with sweep rate of 10 mV s⁻¹ at 1000 rpm. For the ORR measurement in an O₂-saturated solution, potential range on disk electrode was set to -1~0 V vs Ag/AgCl and the fixing potential on ring electrode as 0.75 V vs Ag/AgCl. During WOR measurement, the potential on disk electrode ranged from 1.0 V to 2.1 V and the potential on ring electrode was set as -0.25 V vs Ag/AgCl and 0.75 V vs Ag/AgCl to measure O₂ and H₂O₂ production in an Ar atmosphere.

1.14. Electron paramagnetic resonance measurement

The electron paramagnetic resonance was conducted to detect superoxide radical or hydroxide radical with addition of DMPO as spin-trapping reagent and singlet oxygen with addition of TEMP as spin-trapping reagent. The photocatalyst was dispersed in ultrapure water for detection of hydroxide radical and singlet oxygen and in MeOH for detection of superoxide radical in a Pyrex glass sealed with rubber septum cap under visible light irradiation.

1.15. Colorimetric detection of $\cdot\text{O}_2^-$ by NBT method

Ni-CDs/COFs was dispersed in NBT aqueous solution and the suspension was stirred in the dark for 20 min. After light irradiation, 2.5 mL sample was taken out and filtrated through a 0.22 μm PES filter to remove photocatalyst. The absorbance of samples was measured via a UV-vis spectrophotometer.

1.16. Isotope labelling experiment

1 mg Ni-CDs/COFs was dispersed in 1 mL H_2^{18}O . Then 1 mg NaIO_4 was added as electron scavenger. The air was then evacuated and Ar was flowed into the reactor. Mixture was further exposed to light source for 2 h. The gas products were analyzed using GC-MS. After that, MnO_2 was added into solution and reactor was sealed again. The mixture was sonicated for 5 min, and the resulting gas products were analyzed again through GC-MS.

1.17. Cefalexin and orange II degradation through Fenton reaction

The cefalexin aqueous solution with concentration of 10 mg L^{-1} and orange II aqueous solution with concentration of 25 mg L^{-1} were firstly prepared. Then, 5 mL filtered photocatalytic reaction solution and 95 mL above cefalexin solution or orange II solution were uniformly mixed before adding 1.5 mg FeSO_4 . During the Fenton reaction, 3 mL of sample was taken out every 3 min in cefalexin degradation and every 2 min in orange II degradation with quick addition of 20 μL isopropanol. The content of orange II was detected at 486 nm by a UV-vis spectrophotometer. The concentration of cefalexin was measured by a Waters 2695 high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC; USA).

1.18. Computational methods

The density functional theoretical calculation was performed through the density functional theory (DFT) by the Gaussian 09W. The geometry

optimization was carried out using B3LYP with 6-31G (d) basis sets. The lowest unoccupied molecular orbitals (LUMO) and highest occupied molecular orbitals (HOMO) are calculated based on optimized structure and analyzed by Multiwfn 3.8 software.^{11,12} High accuracy energies were calculated by using the 6-311G (d) basis sets. The reaction free energy as ΔG was calculated according to the equation (S7).^{13,14}

$$\Delta G = \Delta E + \Delta ZPE - T\Delta S \quad \text{Equation (S7)}$$

Where ΔE is the energy change between reactants and intermediates, ZPE is the zero-point energy, T is the temperature set as 298.15 K, S is the entropy energy.

2. Supplementary Figures and Tables

2.1. SEM images of COFs and Ni-CDs/COFs

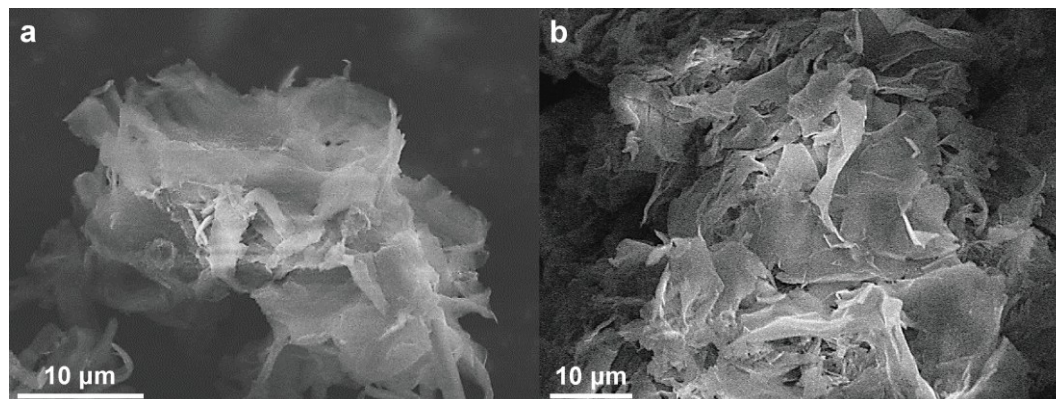


Fig. S1 SEM images of (a) COFs and (b) Ni-CDs/COFs.

2.2. TEM image of Ni-CDs

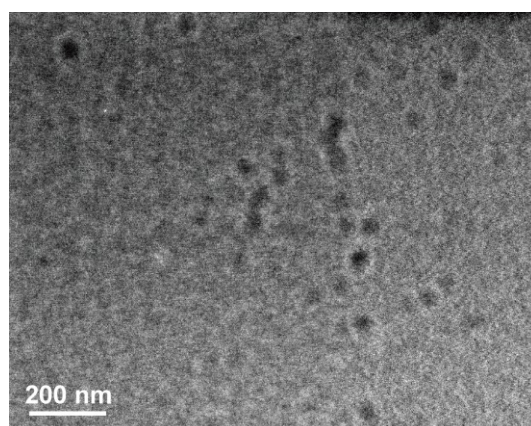


Fig. S2 TEM image of Ni-CDs.

2.3. HADDF-STEM image of Ni-CDs

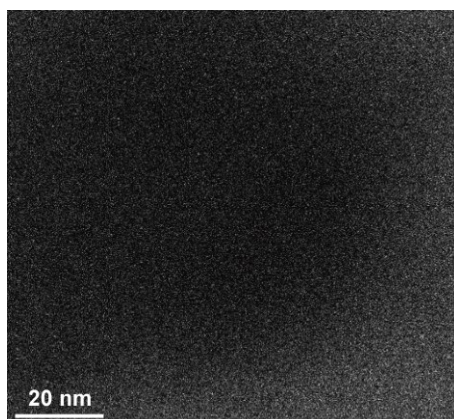


Fig. S3 HADDF-STEM image of Ni-CDs.

2.4. XPS spectra of Ni-CDs/COFs, Ni-CDs, O 1s and N 1s of Ni-CDs

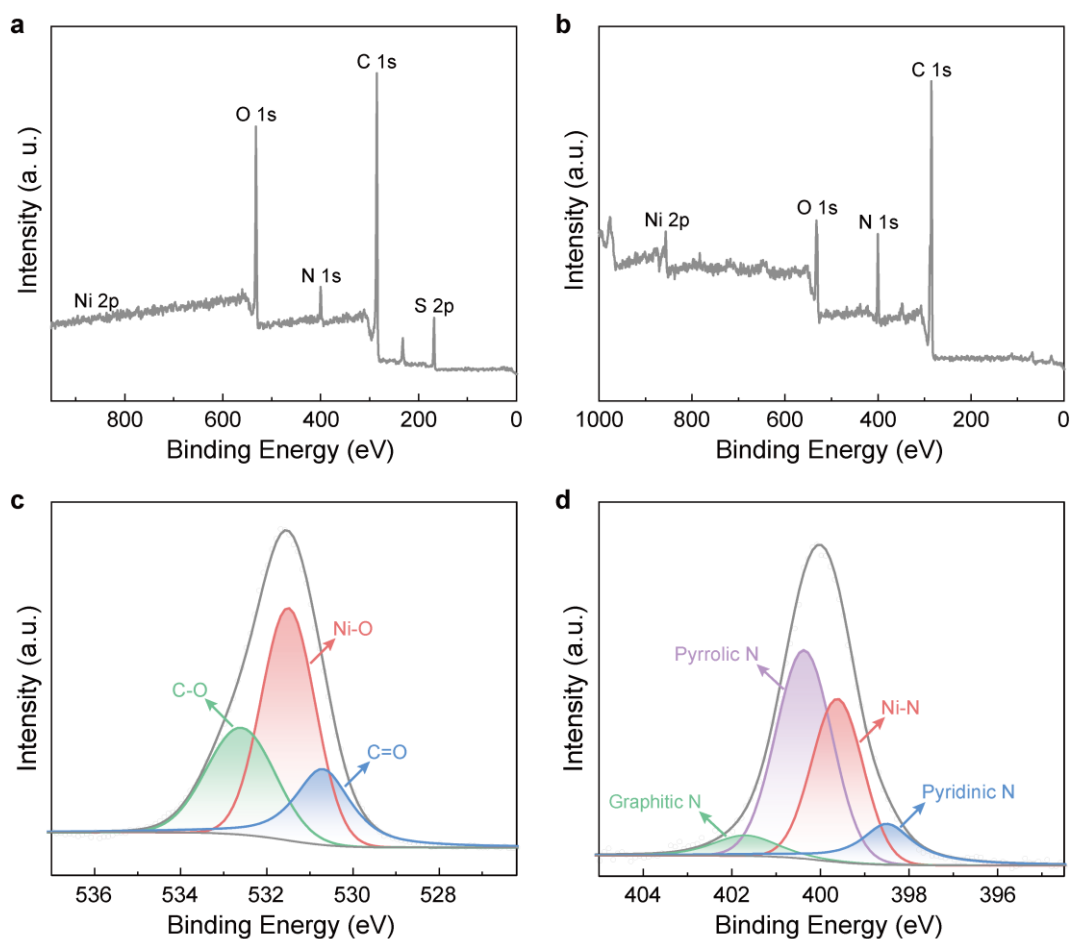


Fig. S4 XPS spectra of (a) Ni-CDs/COFs and (b) Ni-CDs. High-resolution XPS spectra of (c) O 1s and (d) N 1s in Ni-CDs.

2.5. Elemental content measured by XPS

Table S1 XPS elemental content of Ni-CDs.

Element	Content (wt.%)
Carbon	60.30
Nickel	10.54
Nitrogen	10.31
Oxygen	18.85

2.6. Content of Ni element measured by ICP

Table S2 ICP result of Ni content in Ni-CDs.

Element	Content (wt.%)
Nickel	10.25

2.7. Ni K-edge EXAFS fitting curves of Ni-foil, NiO, Ni₂O₃, NiPc and Ni-CDs in k-space

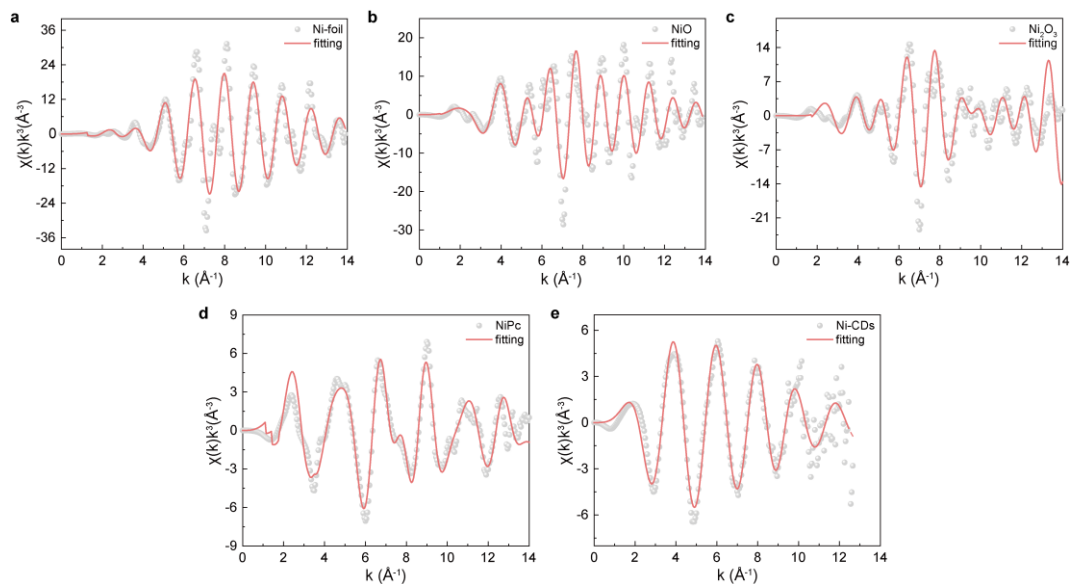


Fig. S5 Ni K-edge EXAFS fitting curves of (a) Ni-foil, (b) NiO, (c) Ni₂O₃, (d) NiPc and (e) Ni-CDs in k-space.

2.8. FT-EXAFS curves at R-space for Ni K-edge of Ni-foil, NiO, Ni₂O₃ and NiPc

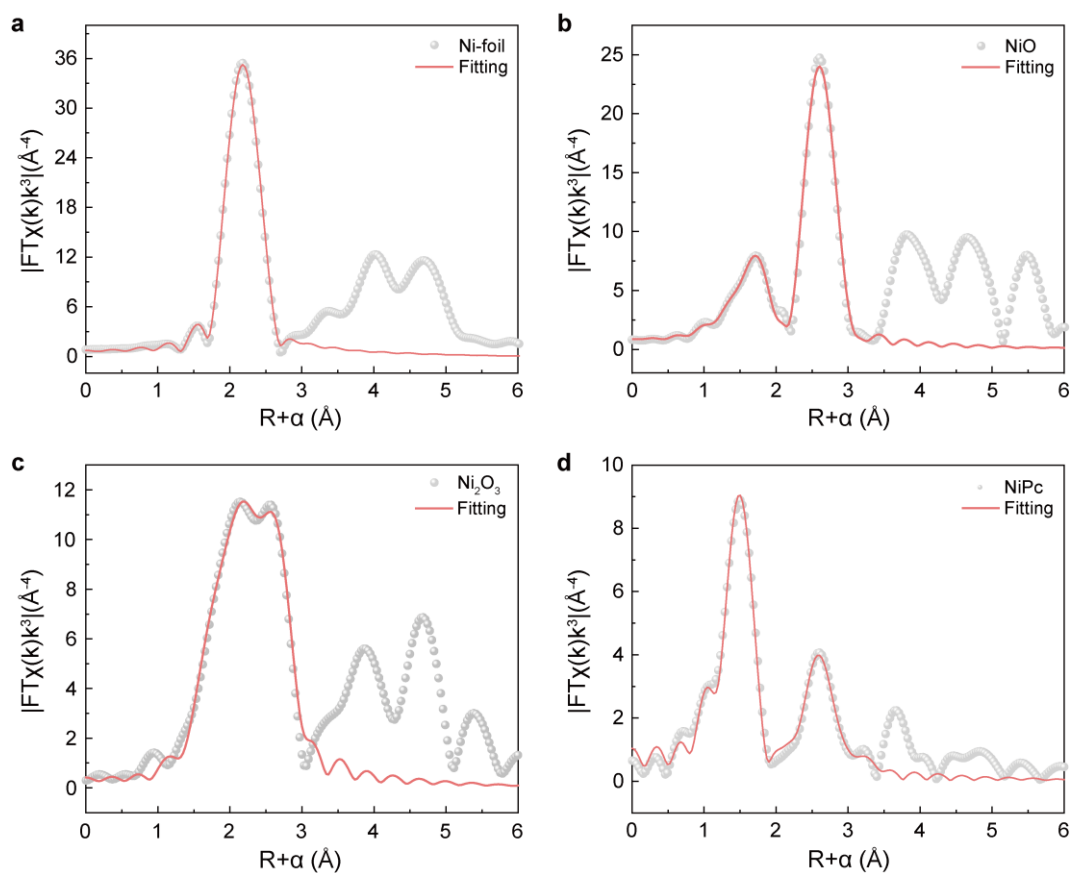


Fig. S6 FT-EXAFS curves at R-space for Ni K-edge of (a) Ni-foil, (b) NiO, (c) Ni₂O₃ and (d) NiPc.

2.9. EXAFS fitting parameters for Ni K-edge of Ni-CDs, standard Ni-foil, NiO, Ni₂O₃ and NiPc

Table S3 EXAFS fitting parameters for Ni K-edge of Ni-CDs, standard Ni-foil, NiO, Ni₂O₃ and NiPc.

Sample	Shell	C.N.	R (Å)	σ^2 (Å ²)	ΔE_0 (eV)	R factor
Ni-foil	Ni-Ni	12.0	2.486±0.002	0.0063±0.0003	6.3±0.4	0.0013
NiO	Ni-O	6.0±0.7	2.094±0.001	0.0071±0.0017	4.0±0.6	0.0052
	Ni-Ni	12.3±0.9	2.948±0.001	0.0069±0.0006	0.7±0.3	
Ni ₂ O ₃	Ni-O	3.8±0.5	2.103±0.001	0.0009±0.0014	11.3±0.7	0.0049
	Ni-Ni	7.4±1.0	2.773±0.001	0.0018±0.0012	-12.2±0.5	
NiPc	Ni-N	4.0±0.2	1.890±0.001	0.0030±0.0007	4.8±0.4	0.0039
	Ni-C	7.8±1.5	2.935±0.001	0.0039±0.0018	7.6±0.7	
Ni-CDs	Ni-N	2.9±0.1	2.003±0.001	0.0010±0.0004	11.9±1.1	0.0005
	Ni-O	1.1±0.1	2.113±0.003		-3.4±0.2	

C.N., coordination numbers; R, interatomic distance; σ^2 , Debye-Waller factors; ΔE_0 , inner potential correction; R factor, goodness of fit; S_0^2 was fixed to 0.807 as determined from Ni foil fitting.

2.10. Optimization of ratio of Ni-CDs and COFs

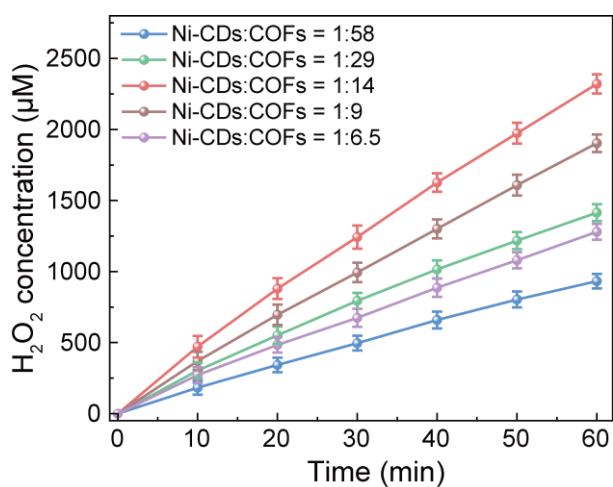


Fig. S7 Optimization of ratio of Ni-CDs and COFs.

2.11. Time-dependent photocatalytic H_2O_2 production by Ni-CDs and Ni-CDs/COFs in pure water

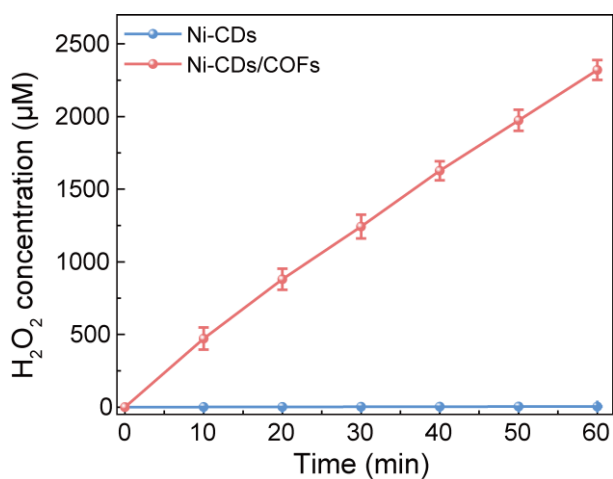


Fig. S8 Time dependent photocatalytic H_2O_2 production by Ni-CDs and Ni-CDs/COFs in pure water.

2.12. Composition of yield, AQY and SCC efficiency of various photocatalytic system in H₂O₂ production

Table S4 Comparison of yield, AQY and SCC efficiency of various photocatalytic system in H₂O₂ production.

Catalyst	Solution and concentration	Light Source	Formed H ₂ O ₂ (μmol h ⁻¹ g ⁻¹)	AQY (%)	SCC (%)	Ref.
Ni-CDs/COFs	Pure water, 0.2 g L ⁻¹	λ ≥ 420 nm	11603	20.4 (420 nm)	1.56	This work
PI-BD-TPB	Pure water, 0.75 g L ⁻¹	Xe-lamp	3777.3	14.28 (420 nm)	0.92	15
Kf-AQ	Pure water, 0.17 g L ⁻¹	λ > 400 nm	4784	15.8 (400 nm)	0.7	16
TTF@Por-COF-cya	Pure water, 0.1 g L ⁻¹	λ > 420 nm	6994	14.98 (420 nm)	N. T.	17
Ca(II)@ACG	Pure water, 0.2 g L ⁻¹	λ > 420 nm	1021.5	3.12 (420 nm)	N. T.	18
o-COF-TpPzda	Pure water, 0.125 g L ⁻¹	λ > 420 nm	4396	N. T.	0.46	19
Hz-TP-BT-COF	Pure water, 0.2 g L ⁻¹	λ ≥ 420 nm	5700	17.5 (420 nm)	N. T.	20
C ₅ N ₂	Pure water, 1 g L ⁻¹	Xe-lamp	1343.6	N. T.	0.26	21
FS-COFs	Pure water, 0.4 g L ⁻¹	λ ≥ 420 nm	3904.2	6.21 (420 nm)	N. T.	22
TAPT-FTPb COFs	Pure water, 1 g L ⁻¹	Xe-lamp	3780	N. T.	1.22	23
TPT-Cz-phCN	Pure water, 0.02 g L ⁻¹	λ ≥ 400 nm	2534	19.1 (420 nm)	0.64	24

Catalyst	Solution and concentration	Light Source	Formed H ₂ O ₂ ($\mu\text{mol h}^{-1} \text{g}^{-1}$)	AQY (%)	SCC (%)	Ref.
20COFIS	Pure water, 0.17 g L ⁻¹	Xe-lamp	5713.2	0.55 (420 nm)	N. T.	25
SA-TCPP	Pure Water, 1.5 g L ⁻¹	$\lambda \geq 400 \text{ nm}$	440	14.9 (420 nm)	0.6	3
TTF-BT-COF	Pure water, 0.5 g L ⁻¹	Xe-lamp	6900	11.2 (420 nm)	0.49	26
TP-DPBD ₃₀ -COF	Pure water, 0.17 g L ⁻¹	$\lambda \geq 420 \text{ nm}$	7200	18 (420 nm)	0.91	27
CTF-NSs	Pure water, 0.1 g L ⁻¹	$\lambda > 420\text{nm}$	5007	16.8 (420 nm)	0.91	28
CNW03	Pure water, 0.1 g L ⁻¹	$\lambda \geq 420 \text{ nm}$	556	8.53 (420 nm)	0.31	29
Ni _{SAPs} -PuCN	Pure water 1 g L ⁻¹	$\lambda \geq 420 \text{ nm}$	342.2	10.9 (420 nm)	1.17	30
g-COF-DMDP-2	Pure water, 0.25 g L ⁻¹	$\lambda > 420\text{nm}$	3820	1.83 (420 m)	N. T.	31
S _v -ZIS	Pure water, 0.67 g L ⁻¹	$\lambda \geq 400 \text{ nm}$	1706.4	9.9 (420 nm)	0.81	32
Hf-PMOF/APF	Pure water 0.2 g L ⁻¹	Xe-lamp	2995.1	4.53 (420 nm)	N. T.	33
CN-PDA	Pure water, 1.5 g L ⁻¹	$\lambda \geq 400 \text{ nm}$	495.2	5.1 (400 nm)	0.14	34
DMCR-1NH	Pure water, 0.46 g L ⁻¹	$\lambda > 420 \text{ nm}$	2588	10.1 (420 nm)	N. T.	35
TACOF-1-COOH	Pure water, 0.14 g L ⁻¹	$\lambda > 420 \text{ nm}$	3542	5.7 (420 nm)	0.55	36
CoO _x -BCN-FeOOH	Pure water, 1 g L ⁻¹	$\lambda \geq 420\text{nm}$	340	8.36% (420 nm)	0.95	37

2.13. H₂O₂ yield of various photocatalysts with sacrificial agent

Table S5 H₂O₂ yield of various photocatalysts with sacrificial agent.

Catalyst	Concentration	Solution	Light source	Formed H ₂ O ₂ ($\mu\text{mol h}^{-1} \text{g}^{-1}$)	Ref.
CN-KI ₃ -KI-MV	0.5 g L ⁻¹	Isopropanol (10 vol%) in water	$\lambda \geq 420\text{nm}$	46400	38
TiO ₂ /MoS _x -Au	0.1 g L ⁻¹	Ethanol (10 vol %) in water	Xe-lamp	30440	39
PAF-363	0.02 g L ⁻¹	Ethanol (10 vol %) in water	$\lambda > 420 \text{ nm}$	11733	40
JNM-25	0.6 g L ⁻¹	Isopropanol (10 vol%) in water	Xe-lamp	17476	41
TFPA-TAPT-COF-Q	0.5 g L ⁻¹	Benzyl alcohol (10%) in water	Xe-lamp	11832	42
CN-KCl/KI	0.2 g L ⁻¹	Isopropanol (10 vol%) in water	$\lambda > 420 \text{ nm}$	13100	2
KDBT-A	0.17 g L ⁻¹	Methanol (10 vol%) in water	Xe-lamp	11286	43
CNW03	0.1 g L ⁻¹	Isopropanol (10%) in water	$\lambda \geq 420\text{nm}$	15882	29
PMCR-1	0.45 g L ⁻¹	Isopropanol (9 vol%) in water	$\lambda \geq 400\text{nm}$	5500	44
Pylm-COF	0.2 g L ⁻¹	Benzyl alcohol (10%) in water	$\lambda > 420 \text{ nm}$	7600	45
TpAP[5]	0.08 g L ⁻¹	Ethanol (10 vol%) in water	$\lambda \geq 420\text{nm}$	2343	46
Fl-CN	0.5 g L ⁻¹	Ethanol (10 vol %) in water	$\lambda \geq 420\text{nm}$	1893	47
P2ZIS	0.1 g L ⁻¹	Isopropanol (10 vol%) in water	$\lambda \geq 420\text{nm}$	2107.7	48

2.14. Cyclic photocatalytic production of H₂O₂ by Ni-CDs/COFs

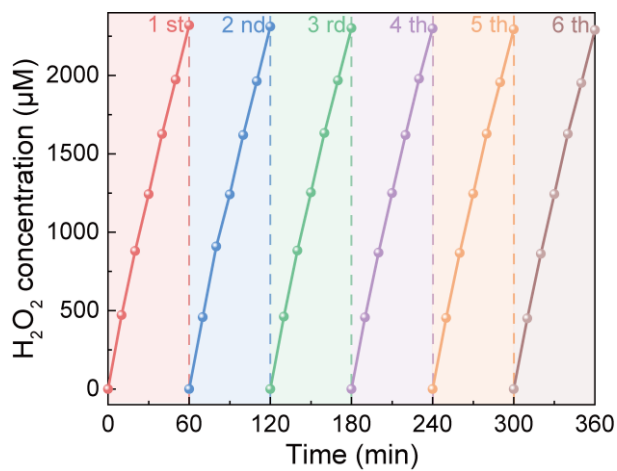


Fig. S9 Cyclic photocatalytic production of H₂O₂ by Ni-CDs/COFs in pure water.

2.15. SEM image of Ni-CDs/COFs after photocatalytic H₂O₂ production

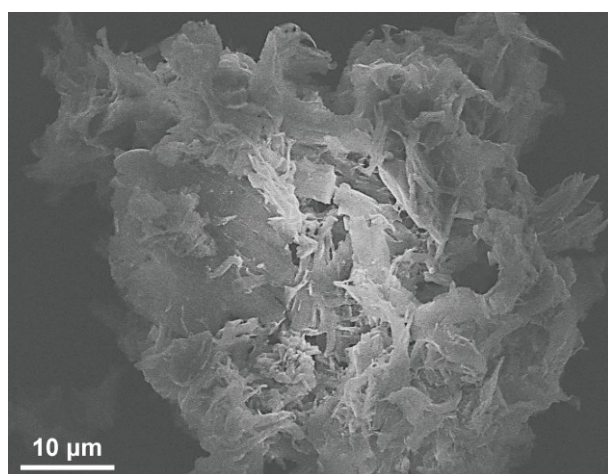


Fig. S10 SEM image of Ni-CDs/COFs after photocatalytic H₂O₂ production.

2.16. XRD pattern of Ni-CDs/COFs after photocatalytic H₂O₂ production

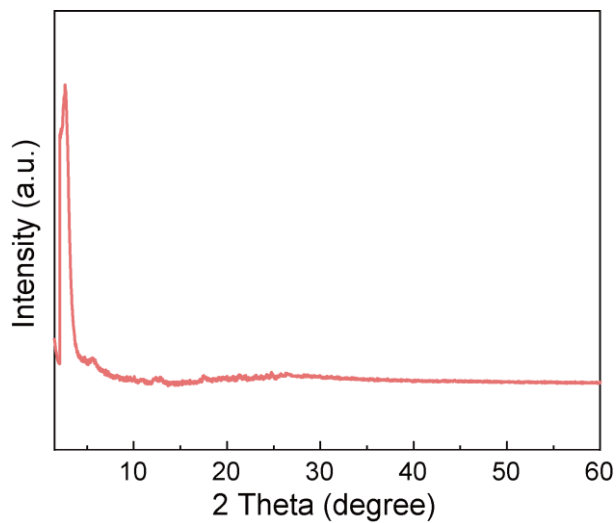


Fig. S11 XRD pattern of Ni-CDs/COFs after photocatalytic H₂O₂ production.

2.17. FT-IR spectrum of Ni-CDs/COFs after photocatalytic H₂O₂ production

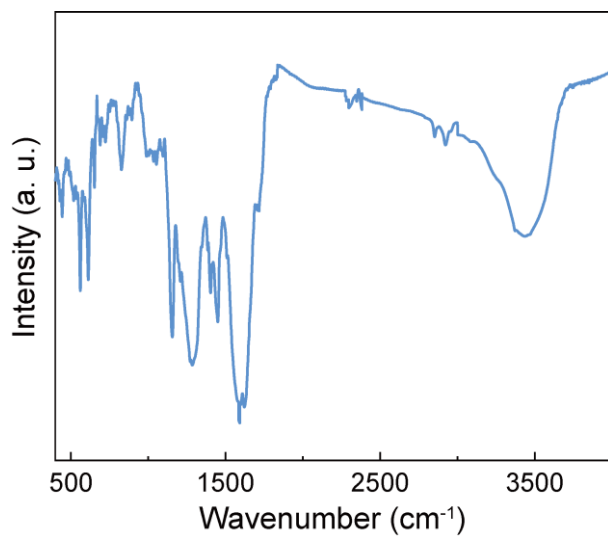


Fig. S12 FT-IR spectrum of Ni-CDs/COFs after photocatalytic H₂O₂ production.

2.18. Photocatalytic H₂O₂ production by Ni-CDs/COFs after storage for 4 weeks

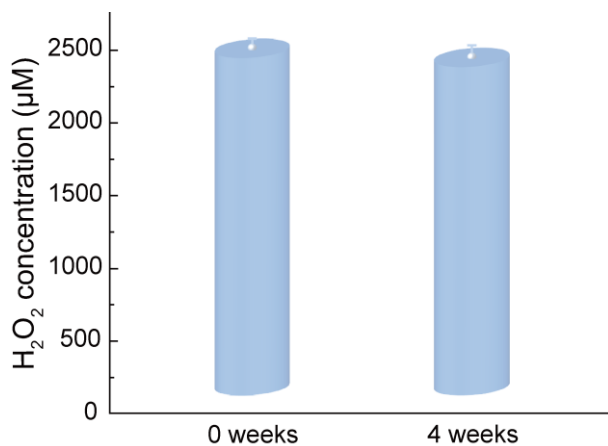


Fig. S13 Photocatalytic H₂O₂ production by Ni-CDs/COFs after storage for 4 weeks.

2.19. Photocatalytic H₂O₂ decomposition under light irradiation

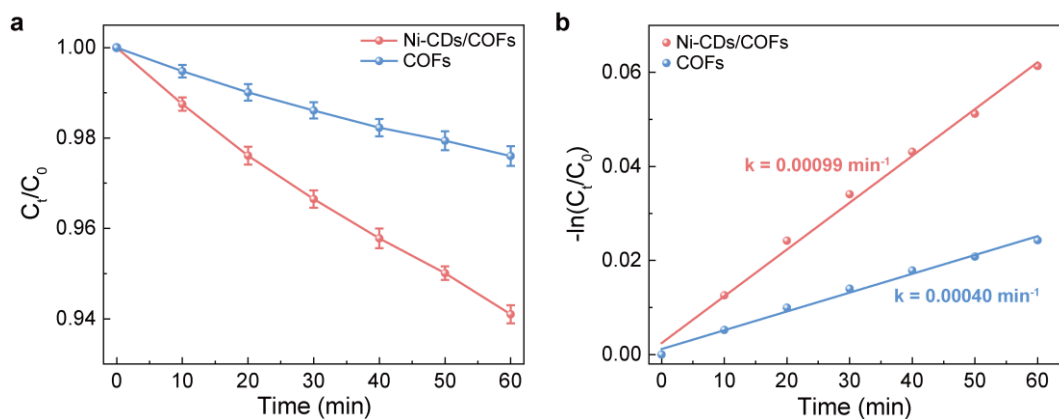


Fig. S14 (a) Photocatalytic decomposition of H₂O₂ under light irradiation. (b) Pseudo first order kinetic fitting curves of photocatalytic H₂O₂ decomposition process.

2.20. Degradation of Orange II and cefalexin

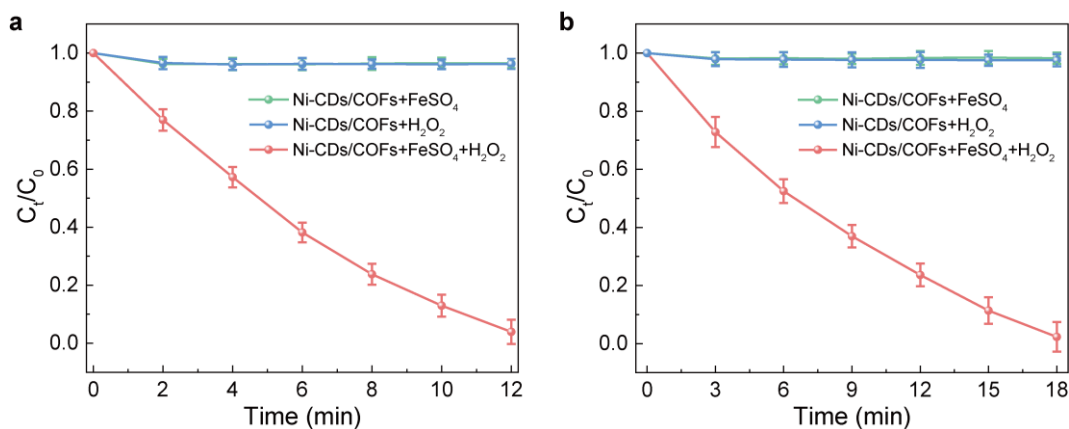


Fig. S15 Degradation of (a) Orange II (25 mg L⁻¹) and (b) cefalexin (10 mg L⁻¹).

2.21. H₂O₂ yield of various immobilized photocatalysts

Table S6 H₂O₂ yield of various immobilized photocatalysts.

Photocatalyst	Solution	Formed H ₂ O ₂ (μM cm ⁻² h ⁻¹)	Ref.
Ni-CDs/COFs	Pure water	57.2	This work
AmCOF	Pure water	4.8	49
Furan-BILP	Pure water	11.4	50
PI-BD-TPB	Pure water	0.1	15
OF-N32	Pure water	43.75	4
COF2-2CN	Pure water	0.044	51

2.22. UV-vis DRS spectrum of COFs

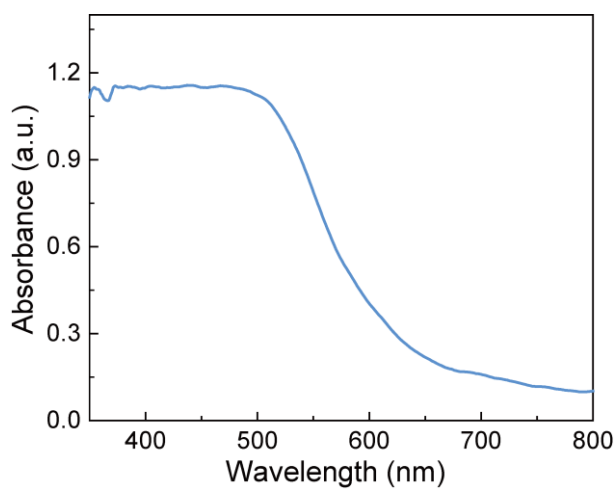


Fig. S16 UV-vis DRS spectrum of COFs.

2.23. Mott-Schottky plots of COFs and Ni-CDs/COFs

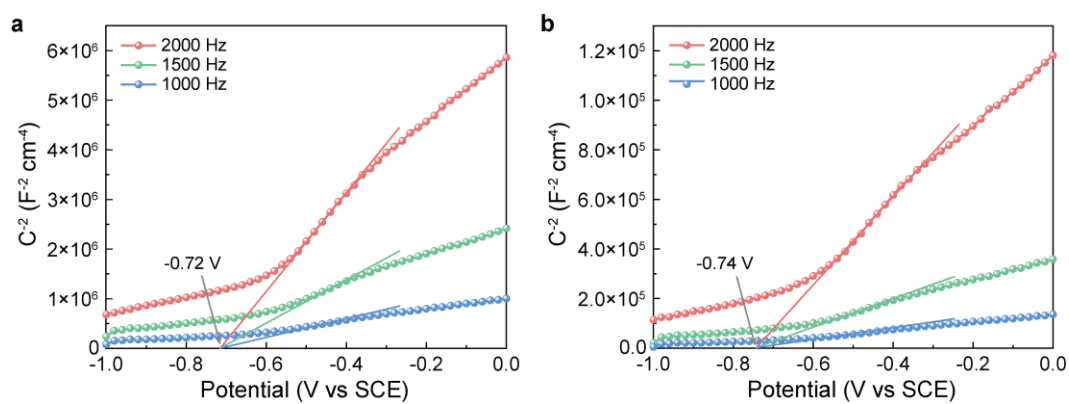


Fig. S17 Mott-Schottky plots of (a) COFs and (b) Ni-CDs/COFs.

2.24. VB XPS spectra of COFs and Ni-CDs/COFs

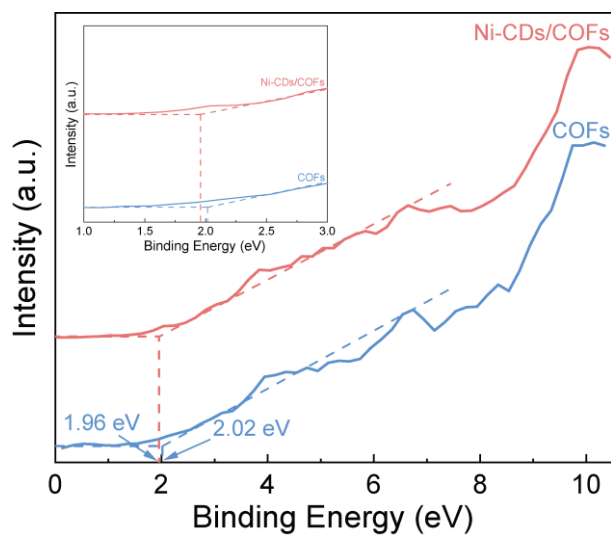


Fig. S18 VB XPS spectra of COFs and Ni-CDs/COFs.

2.25. LUMO and HOMO of COFs

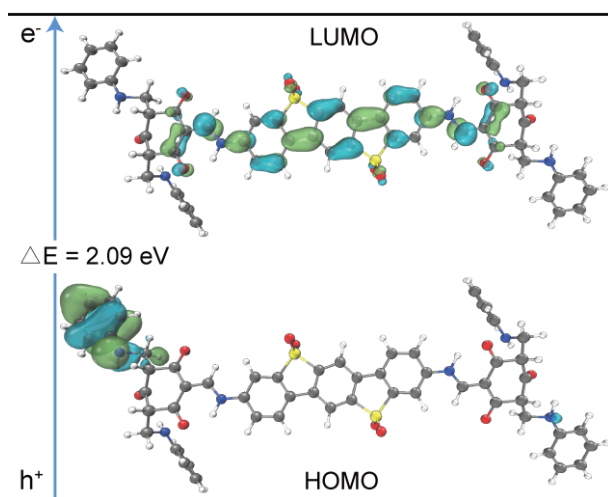


Fig. S19 LUMO and HOMO of COFs.

2.26. SEM image, XRD pattern and FT-IR spectrum of CDs/COFs

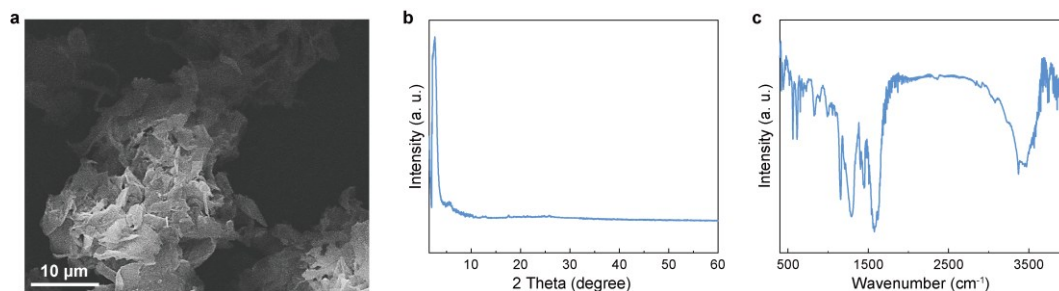


Fig. S20 (a) SEM image, (b) XRD pattern and (c) FT-IR spectrum of CDs/COFs.

2.27. EIS spectra and Bode-phase plots of COFs, CDs/COFs and Ni-CDs/COFs

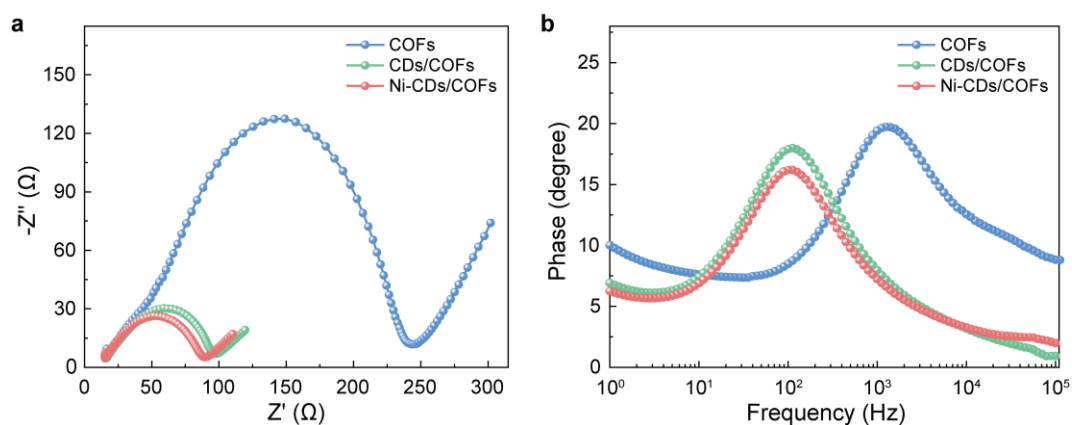


Fig. S21 (a) EIS spectra and (b) Bode-phase plots of COFs, CDs/COFs and Ni-CDs/COFs.

2.28. Photocurrent of COFs, CDs/COFs and Ni-CDs/COFs

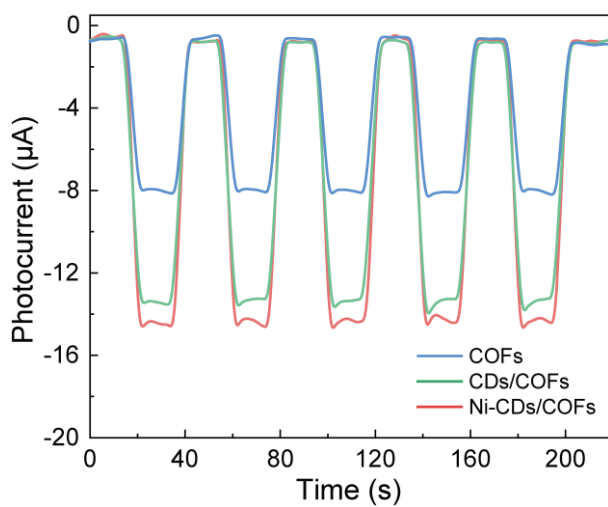


Fig. S22 Photocurrent of COFs, CDs/COFs, and Ni-CDs/COFs.

2.29. fs-TA spectra of COFs, CDs/COFs and Ni-CDs/COFs probed at different time delays

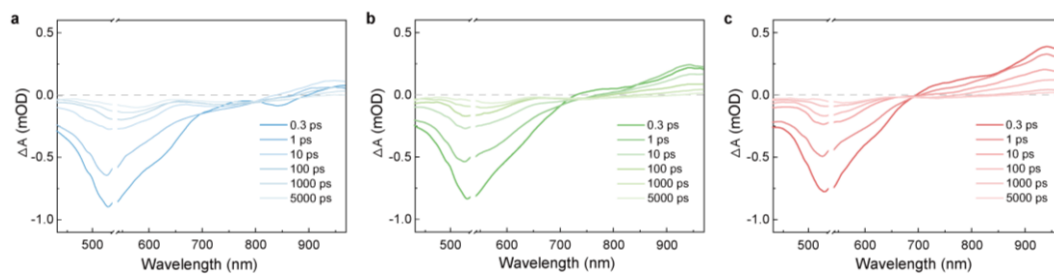


Fig. S23 fs-TA spectra of (a) COFs, (b) CDs/COFs and (c) Ni-CDs/COFs probed at different time delays.

2.30. Normalized fs-TA decay dynamics of COFs, CDs/COFs and Ni-CDs/COFs probed at 530 nm

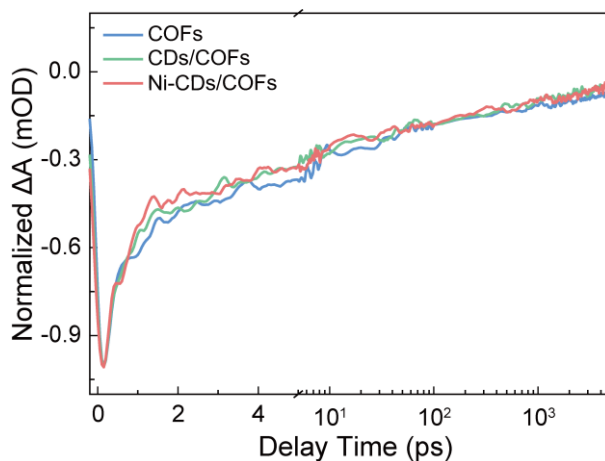


Fig. S24 Normalized fs-TA decay dynamics of COFs, CDs/COFs and Ni-CDs/COFs probed at 530 nm.

2.31. Time-dependent photocatalytic H₂O₂ production by CDs/COFs and CDs in pure water

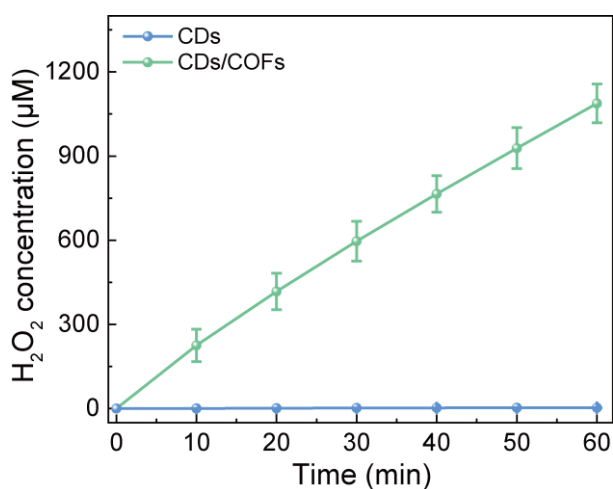


Fig. S25 Time-dependent photocatalytic H₂O₂ production by CDs/COFs and CDs in pure water.

2.32. Photocatalytic H₂O₂ production by Ni-CDs/COFs with different scavengers

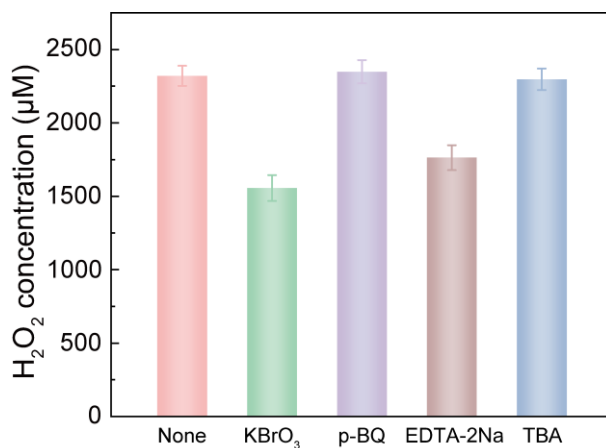


Fig. S26 Photocatalytic H₂O₂ production by Ni-CDs/COFs with different scavengers over one hour reaction.

2.33. LSV plots of COFs, CDs/COFs and Ni-CDs/COFs measured by RDE

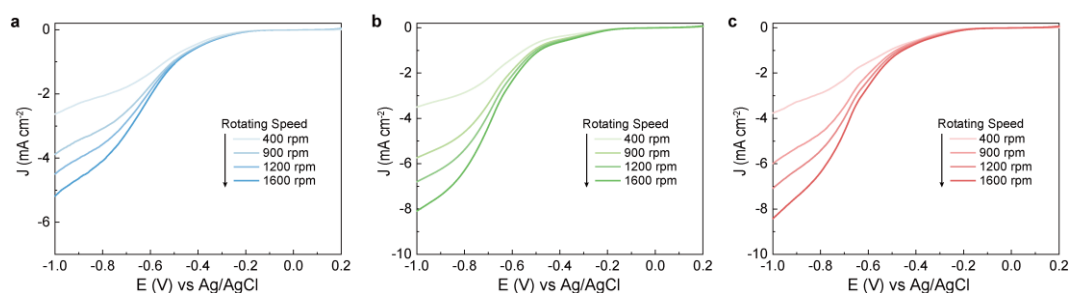


Fig. S27 LSV plots of (a) COFs, (b) CDs/COFs and (c) Ni-CDs/COFs measured by RDE.

2.34. RRDE measurement for H₂O₂ formation in ORR process

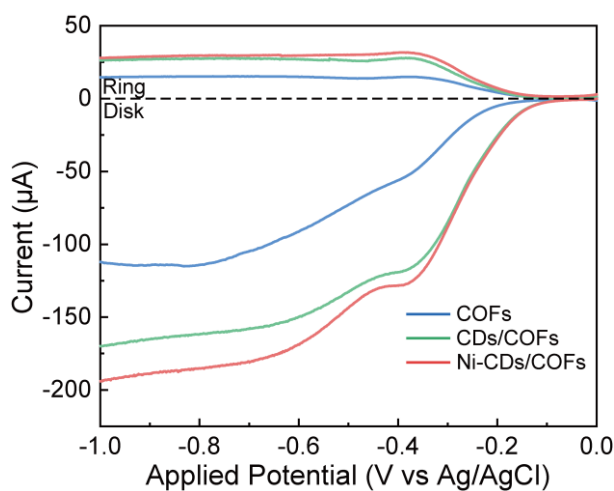


Fig. S28 RRDE voltammograms obtained in 0.1 mol L⁻¹ phosphate buffer solution (disk electrode potential from -1 V vs Ag/AgCl to 0V vs Ag/AgCl, Pt ring electrode potential as 0.75 V vs Ag/AgCl to detect H₂O₂).

2.35. EPR spectra of $\cdot\text{O}_2^-$, $^1\text{O}_2$ and $\cdot\text{OH}$ for Ni-CDs/COFs

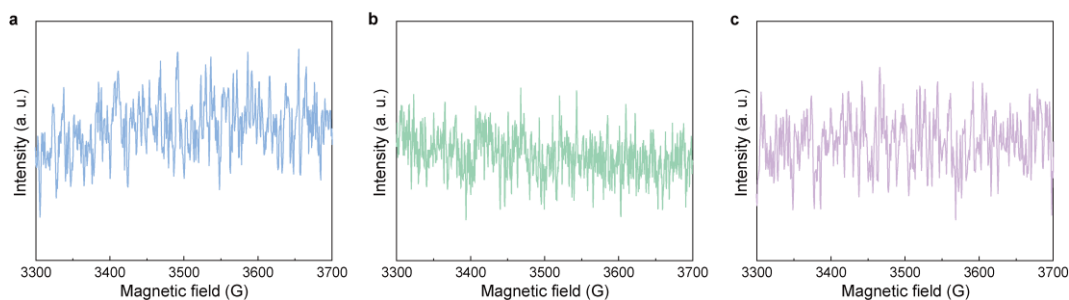


Fig. S29 EPR spectra of (a) $\cdot\text{O}_2^-$ (b) $^1\text{O}_2$ and (c) $\cdot\text{OH}$ for Ni-CDs/COFs.

2.36. Detection of $\cdot\text{O}_2^-$ through NBT method

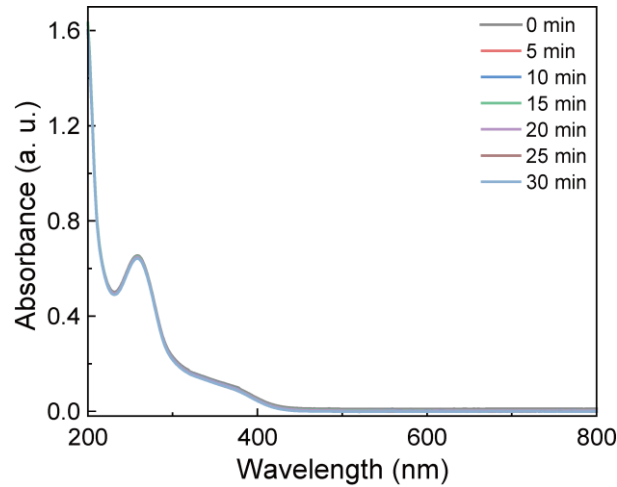


Fig. S30 Detection of $\cdot\text{O}_2^-$ through NBT method.

2.37. H_2^{18}O isotope experiment to explore H_2O_2 evolution through WOR process

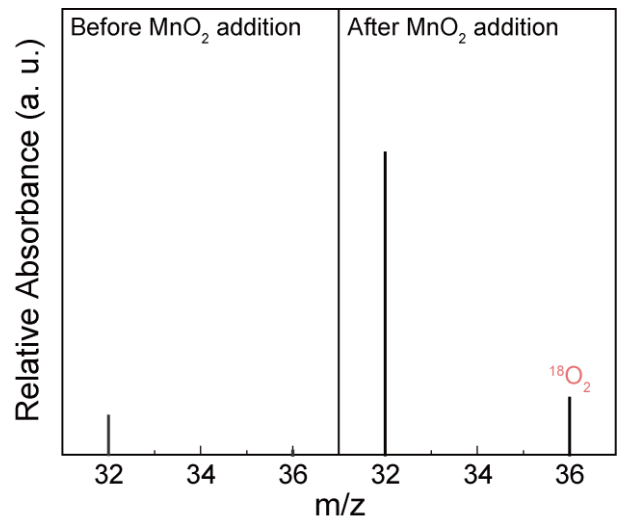


Fig. S31 H_2^{18}O isotope experiment to explore H_2O_2 evolution through WOR process

2.38. RRDE measurement for O₂ formation in WOR process

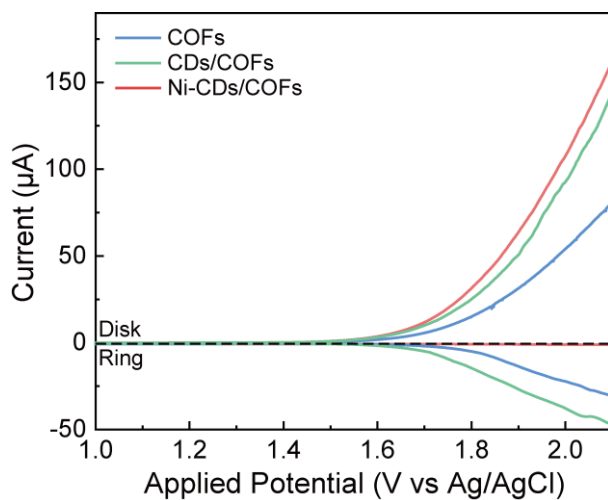


Fig. S32 RRDE voltammograms obtained in phosphate buffer solution (0.1 mol L⁻¹) (risk electrode potential from 1 V vs Ag/AgCl to 2.1 V vs Ag/AgCl, with Pt ring electrode potential as -0.25 V vs Ag/AgCl vs to detect O₂).

2.39. In-situ Raman spectra of Co-CDs/COFs and Mn-CDs/COFs in photocatalytic water oxidation

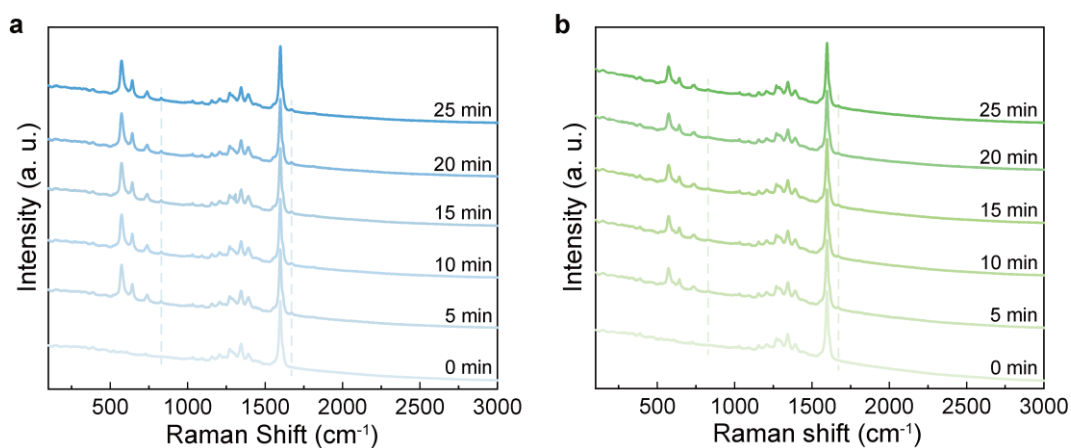


Fig. S33 In-situ Raman spectra of (a) Co-CDs/COFs and (b) Mn-CDs/COFs recorded in aqueous solution saturated with Ar under visible-light irradiation.

2.40. Photocatalytic H₂O₂ production by Co-CDs/COFs and Mn-CDs/COFs

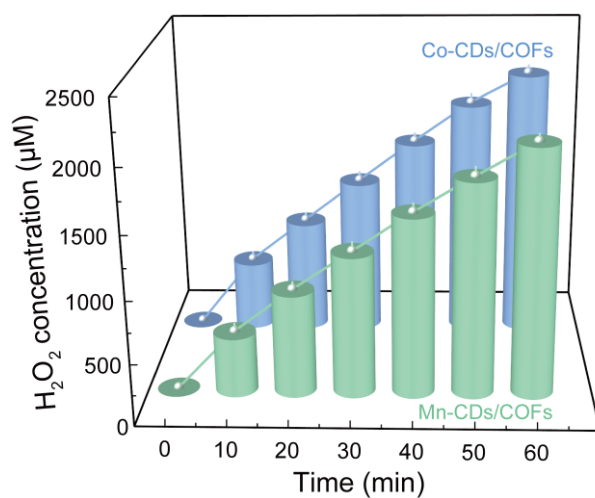


Fig. S34 Photocatalytic H₂O₂ production by Co-CDs/COFs and Mn-CDs/COFs (catalyst concentration as 0.2 g L⁻¹, pure water filled with O₂, $\lambda \geq 420$ nm, reaction temperature as 25 °C).

2.41. Formation energy of O* on carbon atom, O* on nickel atom and OOH* on carbon atom

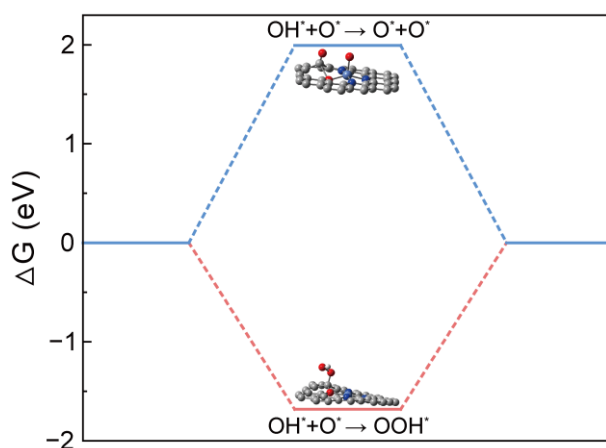


Fig. S35 Formation energy of O* on carbon atom, O* on nickel atom and OOH* on carbon atom.

2.42. Formation energy of O_2 and H_2O_2 from OOH^*

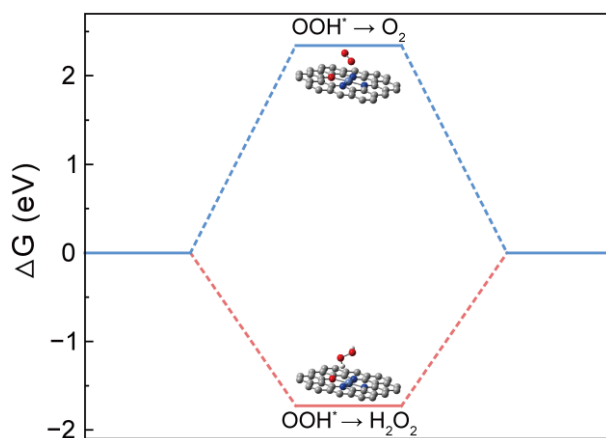


Fig. S36 Formation energy of O_2 and H_2O_2 from OOH^* .

2.43. Formation energy of OH^* on carbon atom, O^* on nickel atom and OH^* on nickel atom, O^* on carbon atom

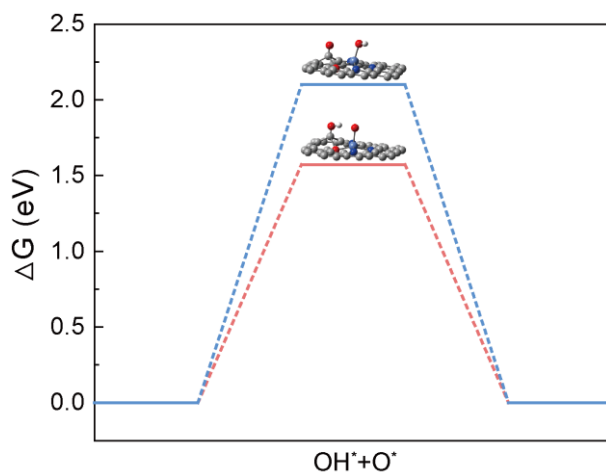


Fig. S37 Formation energy of OH^* on carbon atom, O^* on nickel atom and OH^* on nickel atom, O^* on carbon atom, respectively.

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