

Supporting Information for

Molecular Coordination Inheritance of Single Co Atom Catalysts

for Two-Electron Oxygen Reduction Reaction

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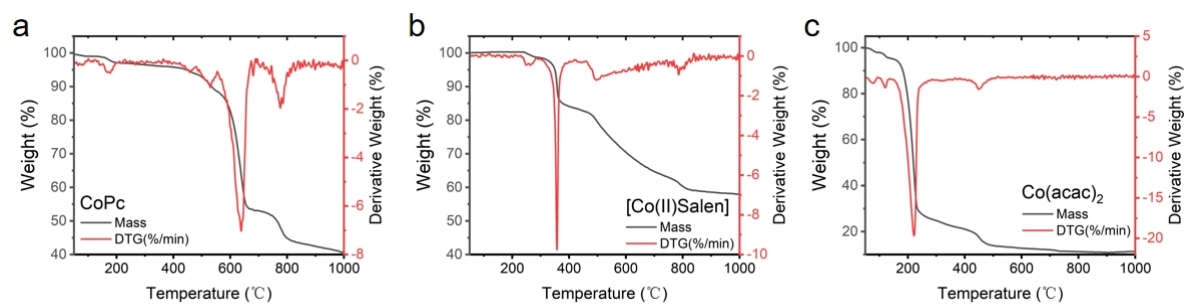


Fig. S1. TG and DTG curves of (a) CoPc, (b) [Co(II)Salen] and (c) Co(acac)₂ with the heating rate of 10 °C/min in N₂ atmosphere.

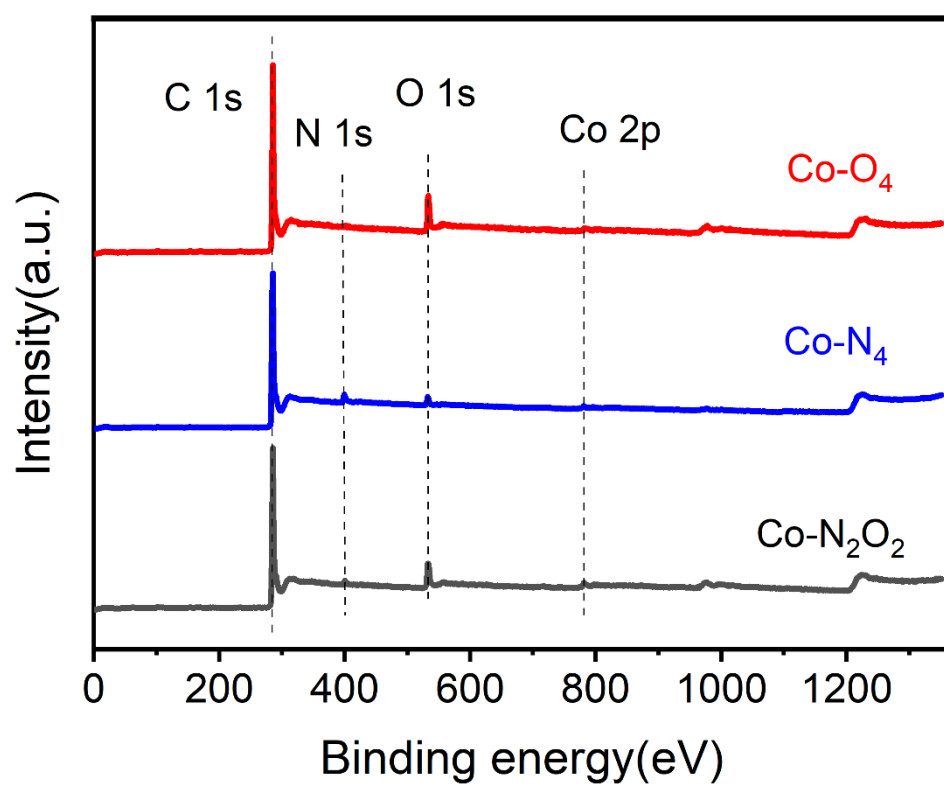


Fig. S2. XPS survey spectra of Co-N₂O₂, Co-N₄ and Co-O₄ catalysts.

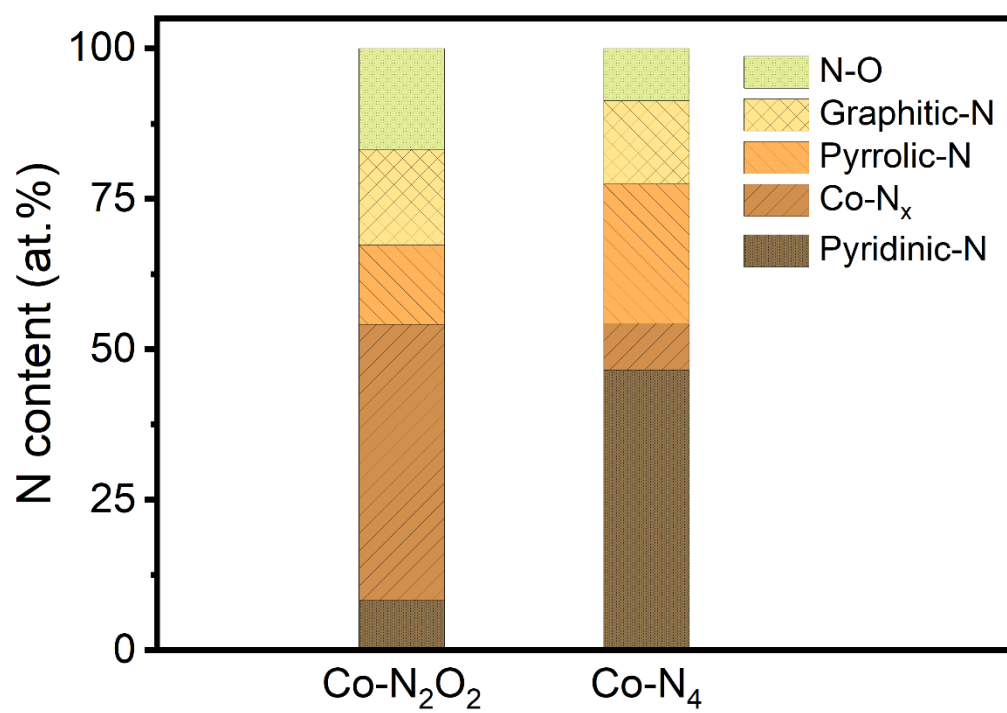


Fig. S3. The proportion of different N species of Co-N₂O₂ and Co-N₄ catalysts.

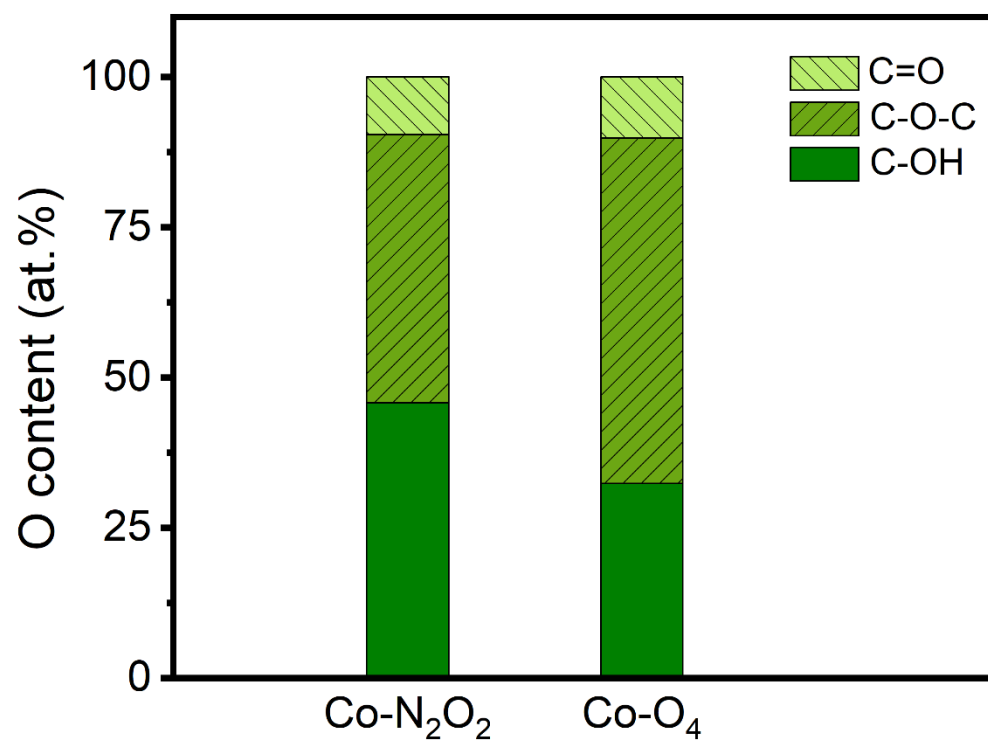


Fig. S4. The proportion of different O species of Co-N₂O₂ and Co-O₄ catalysts.

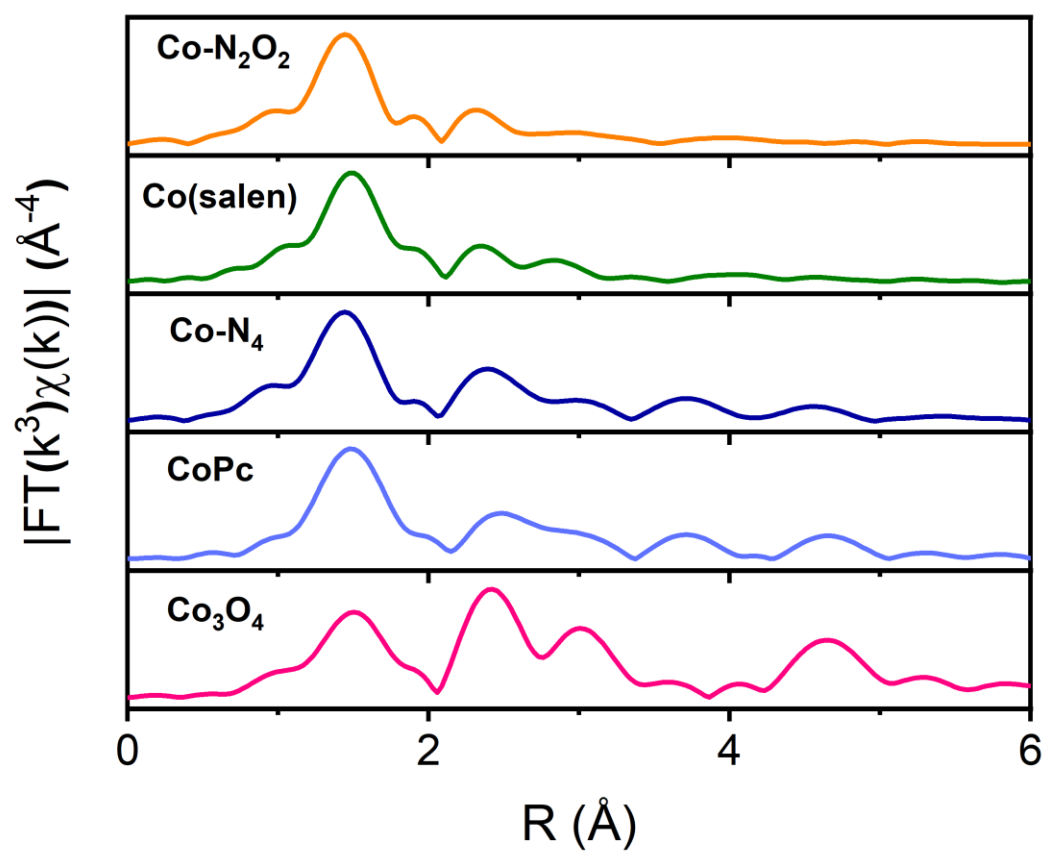


Fig. S5. FT k^2 -weighted and fitting extended XAFS (EXAFS) spectra of the Co-N₂O₂, Co-N₄ catalysts, and [Co(II)Salen], CoPc, Co₃O₄ reference.

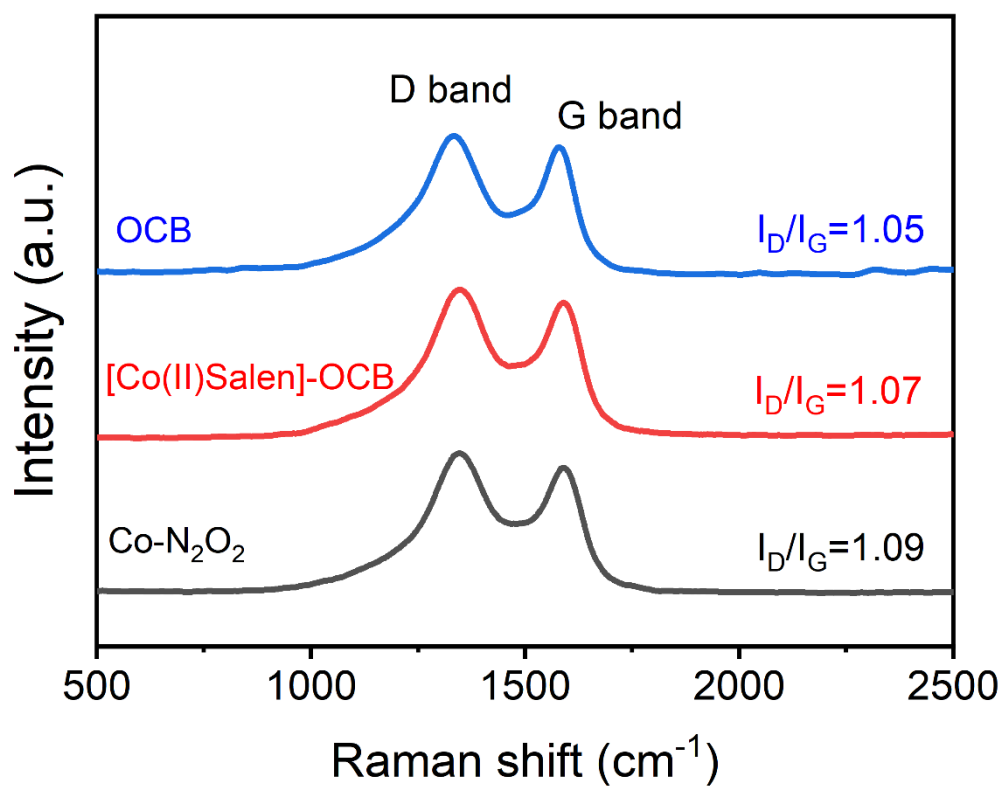


Fig. S6. Raman spectra of the OCB substrate, [Co(II)Salen]-OCB precursor, and Co-N₂O₂ catalyst.

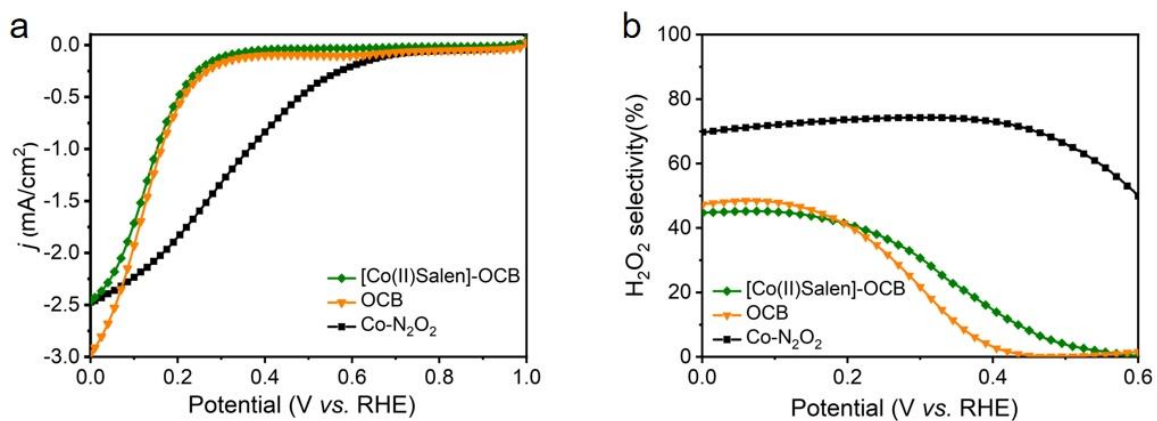


Fig. S7. (a) The ORR polarization curves and the ring electrode current in 0.1 M HClO₄ at 1600 rpm and (b) the calculated H₂O₂ selectivity of the OCB substrate, [Co(II)Salen]-OCB precursor, and Co-N₂O₂ catalyst.

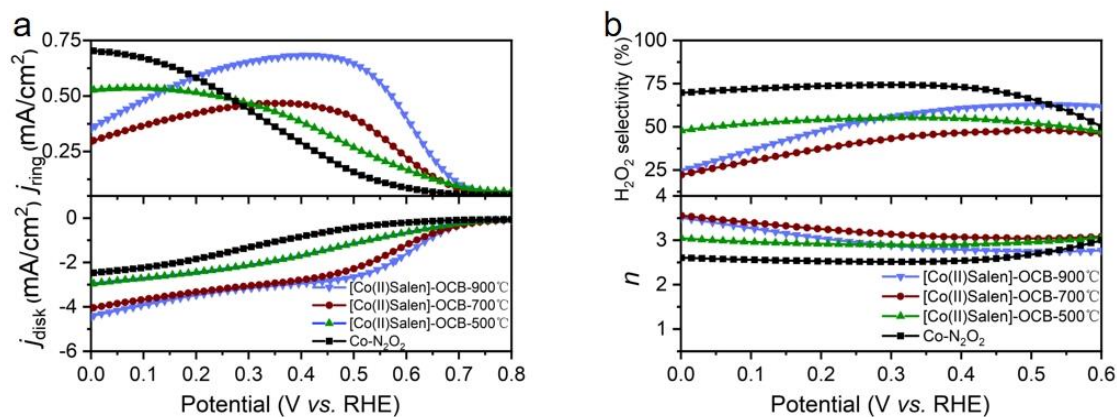


Fig. S8. (a) Linear sweep voltammetry curves recorded at 1600 rpm and a scan rate of 5 mV s^{-1} in O₂-saturated 0.1 M HClO₄, together with the detected H₂O₂ currents density on the ring electrode at a fixed potential of 1.3 V vs. RHE and (c) the calculated H₂O₂ selectivity and electron transfer number n during LSV scan of the [Co(II)Salen]-OCB-T °C catalysts (T=300, 500, 700, 900).

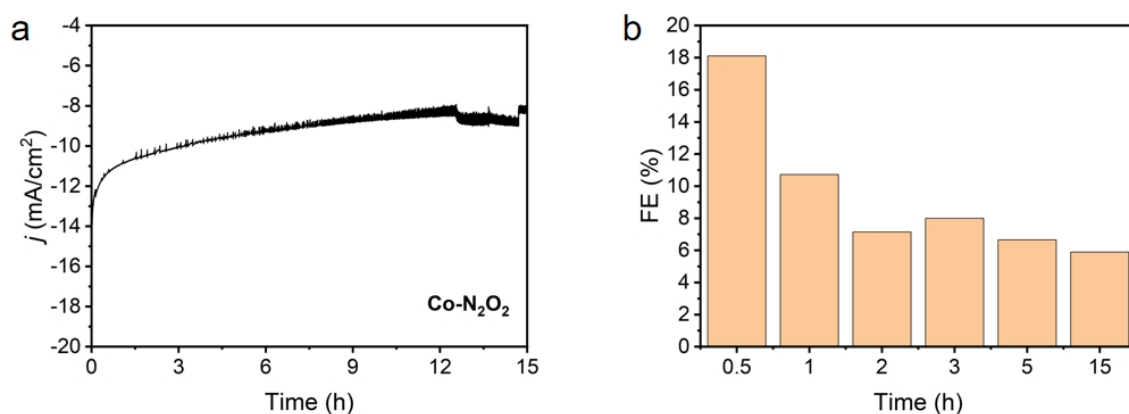


Fig. S9 (a) Stability measurement of Co-N₂O₂ catalyst at a constant potential of 0.35 V *vs.* RHE in 0.1M HClO₄ in an H-cell electrolyzer. (b) The calculated average FE of Co-N₂O₂ catalyst at a constant potential of 0.35 V *vs.* RHE in 0.1M HClO₄ in an H-cell electrolyzer.

Table S1. The element content of Co-N₂O₂, Co-N₄, Co-O₄ catalysts and OCB substrate analyzed by XPS.

Sample	Element Content (Atomic %)			
	Co	N	O	C
Co-N₂O₂	0.52	1.97	7.58	89.93
Co-N₄	0.43	3.87	2.75	91.65
Co-O₄	0.48	0.43	8.36	89.92
OCB	\	0.83	7.95	90.01

Table S2. The binding energy peak centers analyzed by XPS of different type N in the Co-N₂O₂ and Co-N₄ catalysts.

Sample	Binding Energy (eV)				
	Pyridinic-N	Co-N _x	Pyrrolic-N	Graphitic-N	N-O
Co-N ₂ O ₂	398.5	399.6	401.1	402.1	405.0
Co-N ₄	398.7	399.3	400.7	402.2	405.0

Table S3. The binding energy peak centers analyzed by XPS of different type O in the Co-N₂O₂ and Co-O₄ catalysts.

Sample	Binding Energy (eV)		
	C=O	C-O-C	C-OH
Co-N ₂ O ₂	531.1	532.1	533.6
Co-O ₄	531.3	532.4	533.9

Table S4. The scattering path, degeneracy, effective radius (Reff) and scattering type parameters in the crystallographic information file for the [Co(II)Salen], CoPc, and Co(acac)₂ molecule sample.

Sample	Path	Degeneracy	Reff	Type
[Co(II)Salen]	Co-N	2	1.841	Single scattering
	Co-O	2	1.847	Single scattering
CoPc	Co-N	4	1.915	Single scattering
Co(acac) ₂	Co-O	4	1.884	Single scattering

Table S5. Co K-edge EXAFS curve-fitting parameters for the Co-N₂O₂, Co-N₄, Co-O₄, and [Co(II)Salen]-OCB-500 °C catalyst.

Sample	Path	CN	S ₀ ²	R(Å)	σ ²	ΔE ₀ (eV)	R-factor
Co-N₂O₂	Co-N	2	0.746	1.80	0.01043	6.65	0.0166
	Co-O	2		1.85	0.00220	-1.60	
	Co-C	4.5		2.75	0.01103	0.56	
Co-N₄	Co-N	4	0.746	1.89	0.01069	3.20	0.0168
	Co-C	8		2.94	0.00809	3.26	
	Co-C	16		3.12	0.01004	5.37	
Co-O₄	Co-O	4.4	0.750	1.88	0.00336	2.10	0.0170
	Co-C	8.4		2.77	0.01764	7.48	
[Co(II)Salen]- OCB-500°C	Co-N	3.5	0.746	2.00	0.01156	1.57	0.0184
	Co-Co	1.1		2.58	0.01726	10	

CN: the coordination number.

S₀²: the amplitude reduction factor (S₀² is determined by fitting EXAFS spectrum of Co foil).

R: the interatomic distance (bond length from center atom to coordination atom).

σ²: Debye-Waller factor to evaluate thermal and static disorder.

ΔE₀: inner potential correction.

R-factor indicates the goodness of the fit.

Table S6. Raman spectra parameters of the OCB substrate, [Co(II)Salen]-OCB precursor, and Co-N₂O₂ catalyst.

Sample	Carbon type	Peak position	Peak height	I _D /I _G
Co-N₂O₂	D-band	1348.72	6731.24	1.09
	G-band	1588.85	6171.19	
[Co(II)Salen]-OCB	D-band	1347.97	7154.50	1.07
	G-band	1587.90	6690.25	
OCB	D-band	1331.84	6568.40	1.05
	G-band	1576.91	6229.45	