

Supplementary Information

Gold-bridged $\text{LaCo}_{1-x}\text{Au}_x\text{O}_3$ perovskite nanocomposite for synergically enhanced electrochemical hydrogen storage

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Supplementary Figures

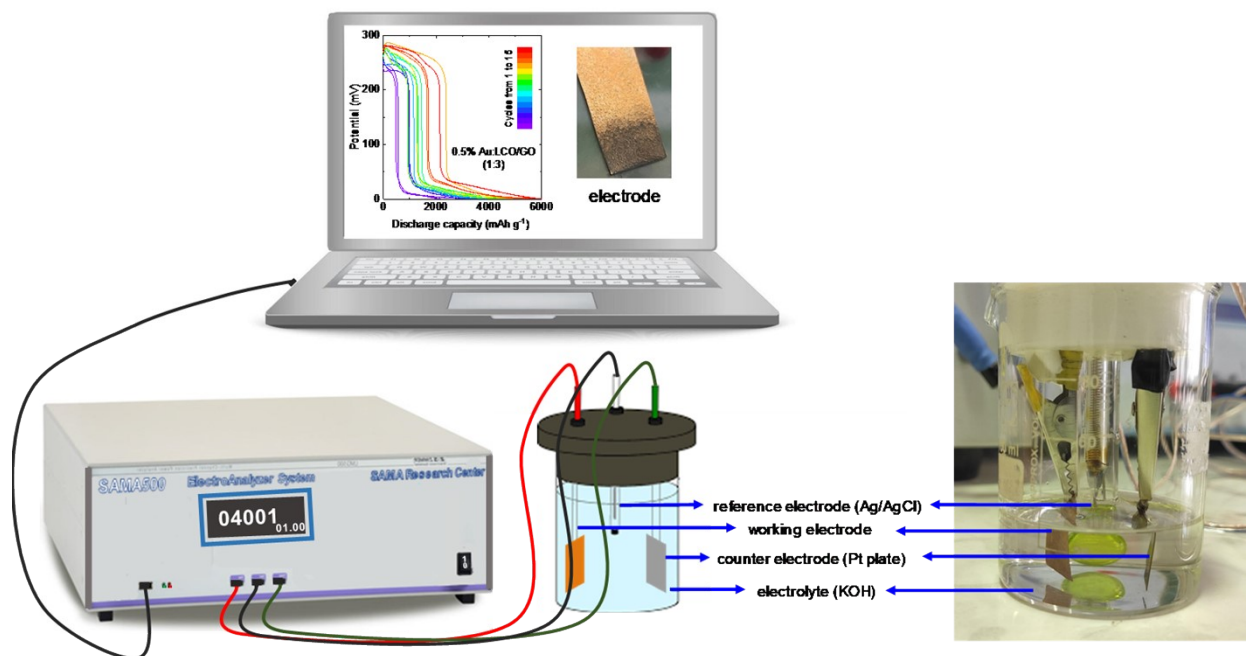


Fig. S1 Hydrogen storage experimental setup. Hydrogen storage capacity of the samples was measured by GCD tests at a constant current of 1 mA (or 3.3 A g⁻¹) using a SAMA 500 Electro-Analyzer system.

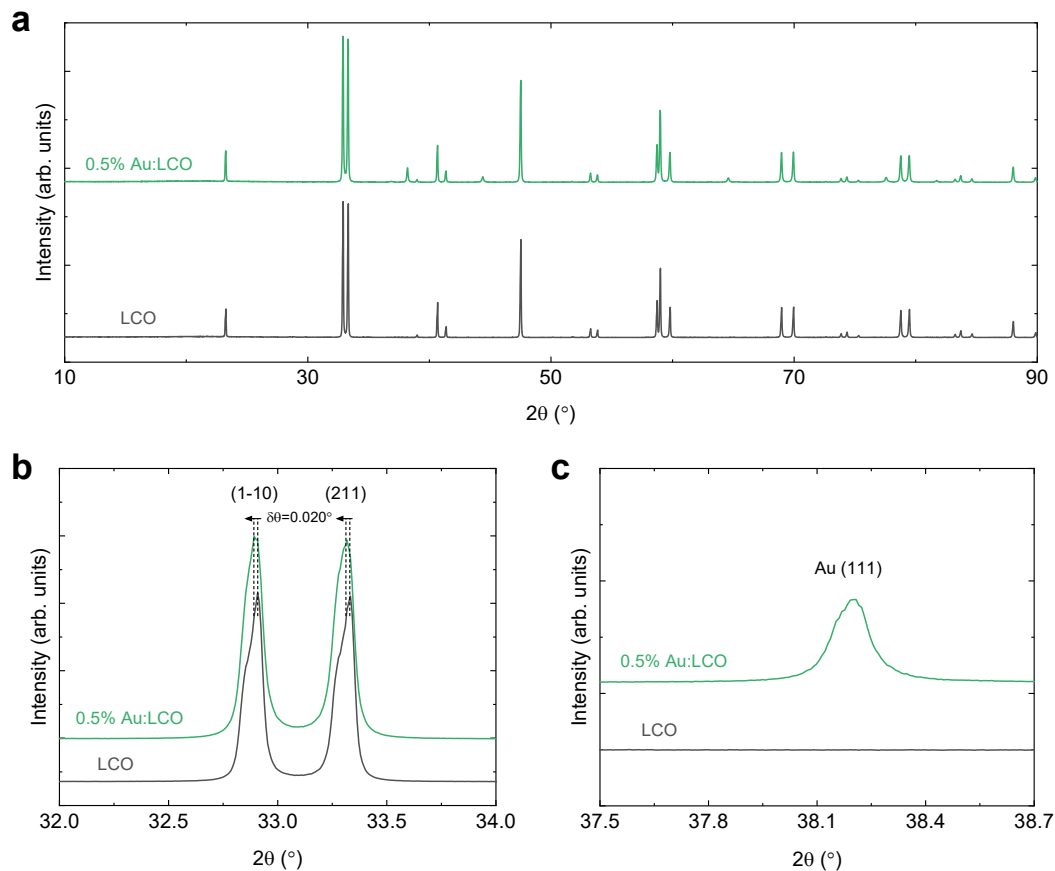


Fig. S2 (a) Synchrotron XRD patterns of LCO and 0.5% Au:LCO. (b–c) XRD patterns corresponding to the (1-10) and (211) LCO or 0.5% Au:LCO and Au (111) crystalline planes, respectively. The observed bifurcation of the (1-10) and (211) peaks are the characteristic peak of the rhombohedral structure might be due to the distortion in the crystal structure.^{1, 2}

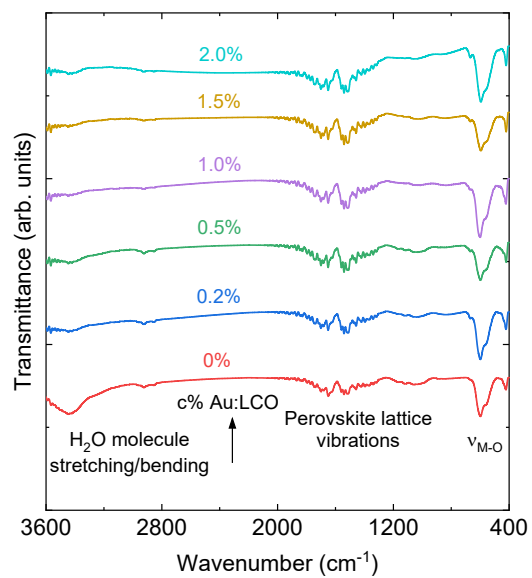


Fig. S3 FTIR spectra of $c\%$ Au:LCO where $c = 0$ to 2.0 at%.

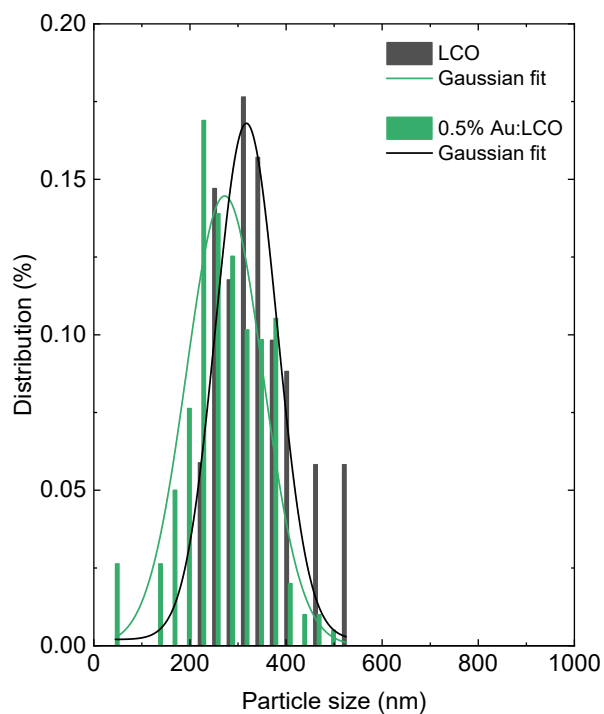


Fig. S4 Particle size distributions of the LCO and 0.5% Au:LCO measured from their FE-SEM images with a scale of 500 nm.

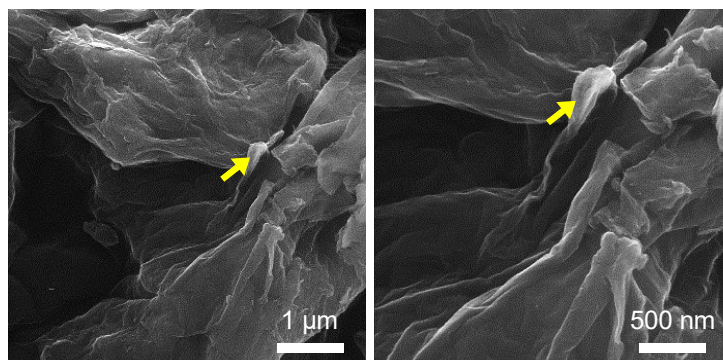


Fig. S5 FE-SEM images of GO nanosheets at different magnifications. Yellow arrows guide the eyes to the zoomed-in region in each image.

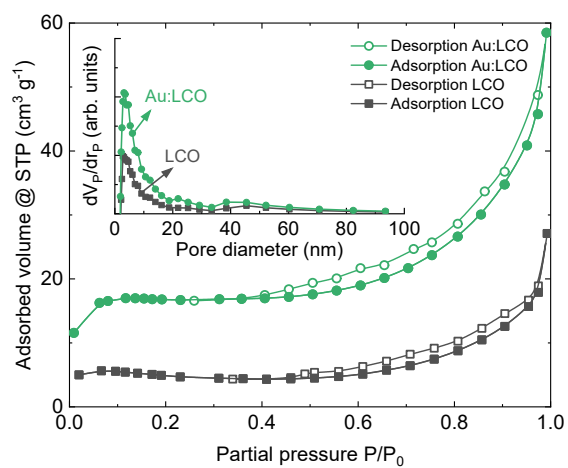


Fig. S6 BET N₂ adsorption/desorption curves of LCO and 0.5% Au:LCO. Inset shows the pore size distribution curves.

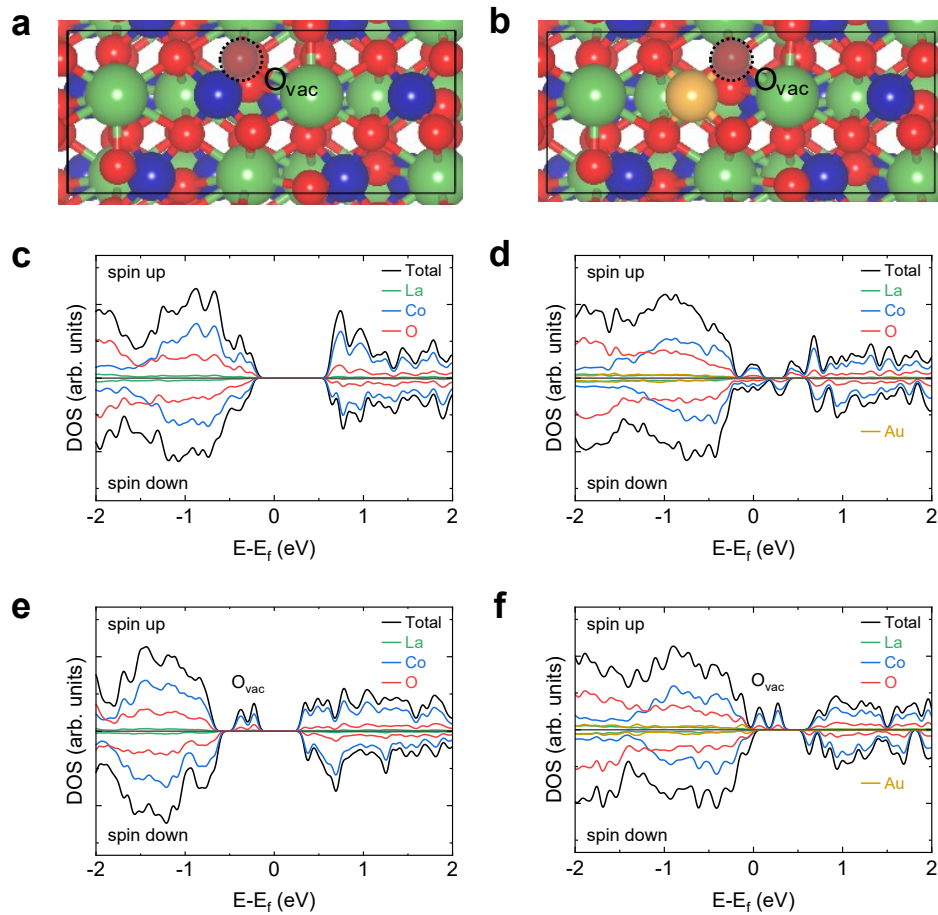


Fig. S7 (a–d) The atomic configurations of LCO and Au:LCO with O_{vac} and **(c–f)** Calculated DOS of LCO, Au:LCO, LCO with O_{vac} , Au:LCO with O_{vac} , respectively. Green, blue, red, and orange spheres stand for La, Co, O, and Au atoms, respectively.

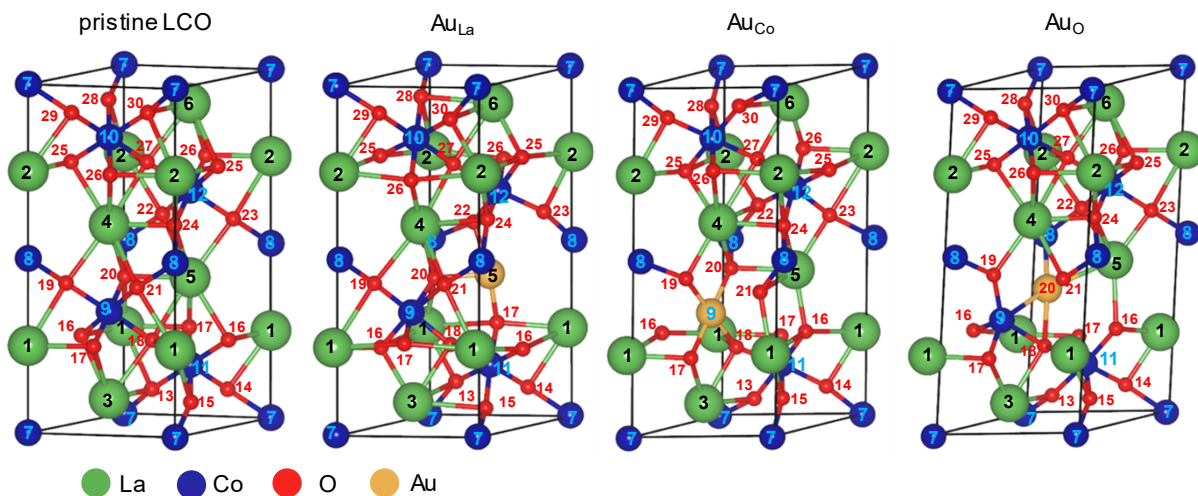


Fig. S8 DFT-calculated relaxed configurations with corresponding atom numbers. Green, blue, red, and orange spheres stand for La, Co, O, and Au atoms, respectively.

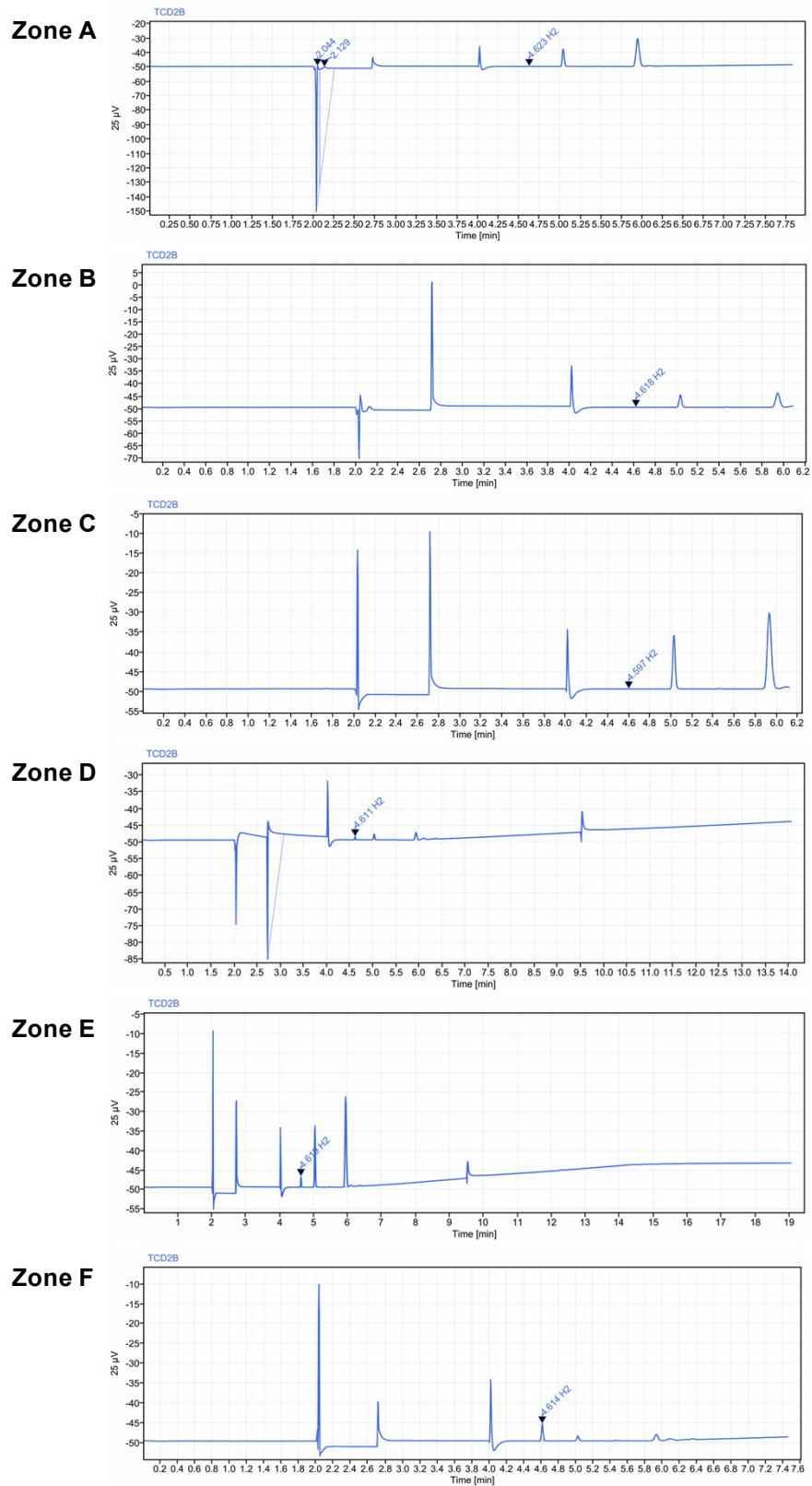


Fig. S9 The chromatograms of the zones illustrated in Fig. 6b.

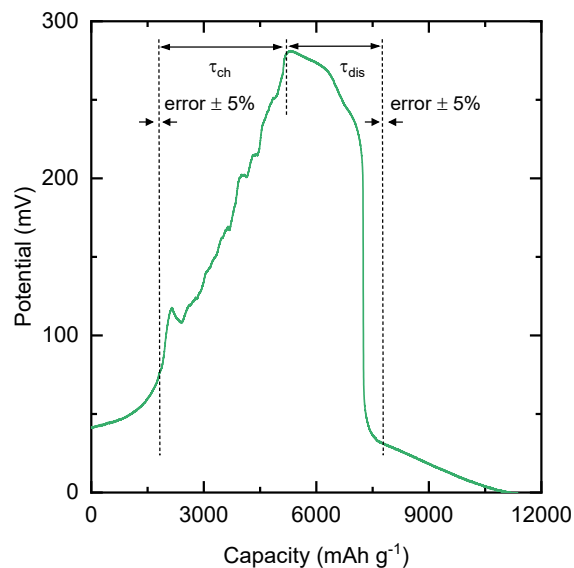


Fig. S10 Charge and Discharge capacity profile 0.5% Au:LCO/GO (1:3) under 1 mA current for

15th cycle. Coulombic efficiency is calculated by the $\frac{\tau_{dis}}{\tau_{ch}}$ ratio. We note that the associated uncertainty is approximately 10%, which arises from the intrinsic challenge of precisely determining the onset potentials.

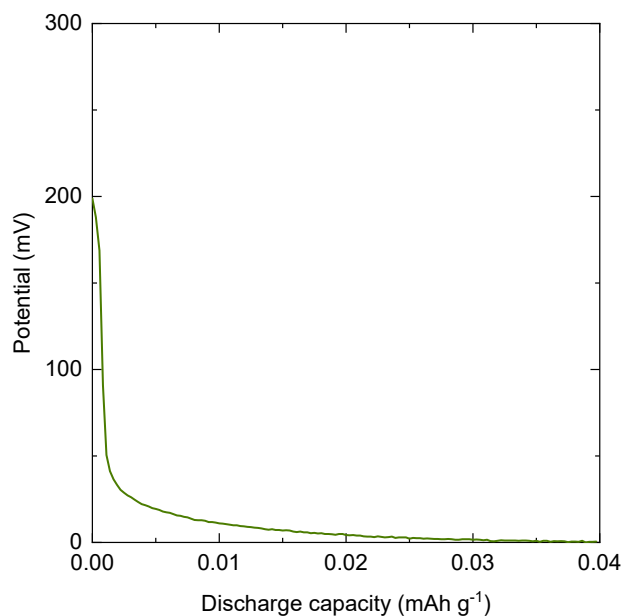


Fig. S11 Discharge capacity profile of copper electrode under 1 mA current.

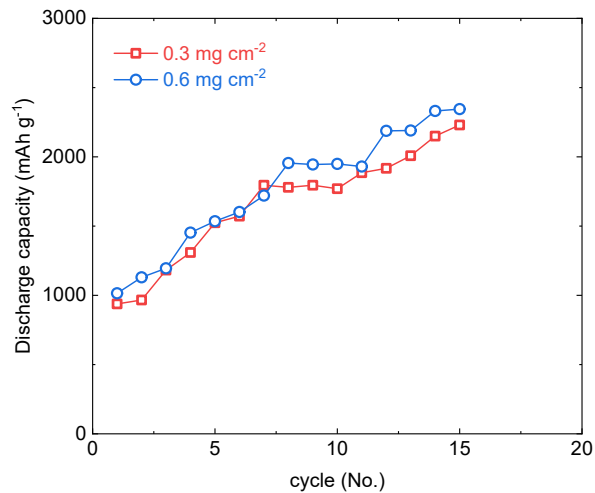


Fig. S12 The impact of loading mass on the capacity of 0.5% Au:LCO/GO (1:3).

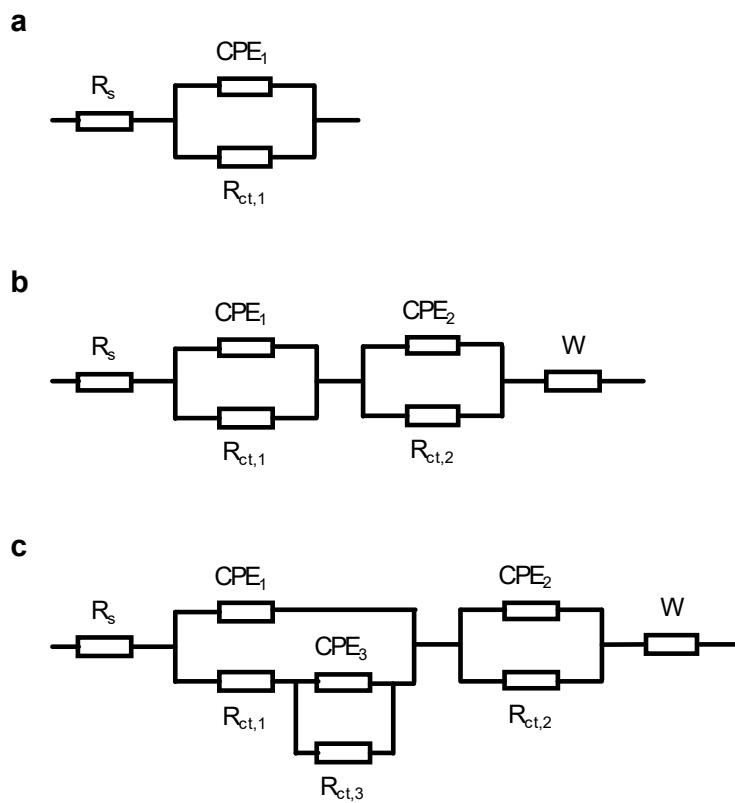


Fig. S13 Equivalent circuits used to fit the EIS data: **(a)** GO ($R_s + [R_{ct,1} || CPE_1]$), **(b)** LCO or 0.5% Au:LCO ($R_s + [R_{ct,1} || CPE_1] + [R_{ct,2} || CPE_2]$), and **(c)** 0.5% Au:LCO/GO (1:3) ($R_s + [R_{ct,1} || CPE_1] || [R_{ct,3} || CPE_3] + [R_{ct,2} || CPE_2]$).

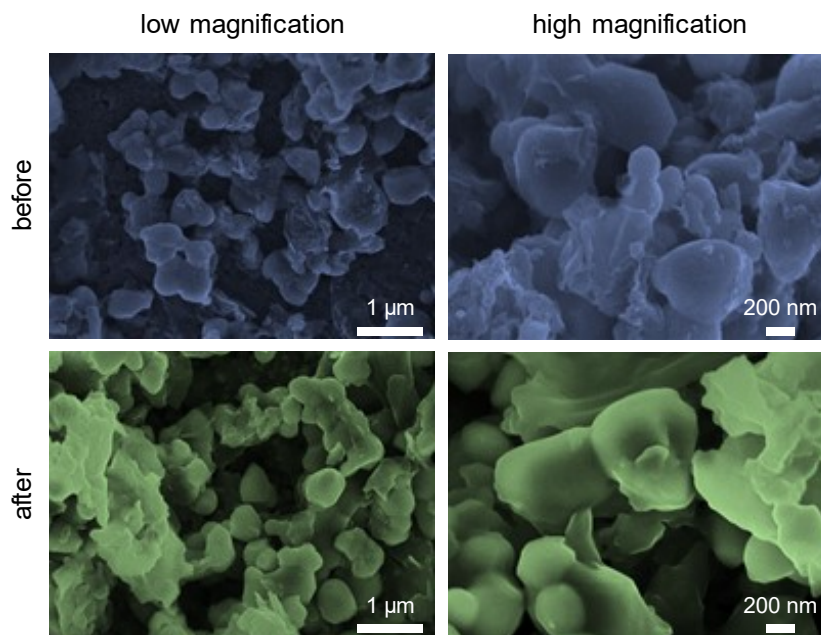


Fig. S14 Electrode material morphology stability. FE-SEM images of the deposited 0.5% Au:LCO/GO (1:3) on Cu foam before and after stability test 15 cycling periods with different magnifications.

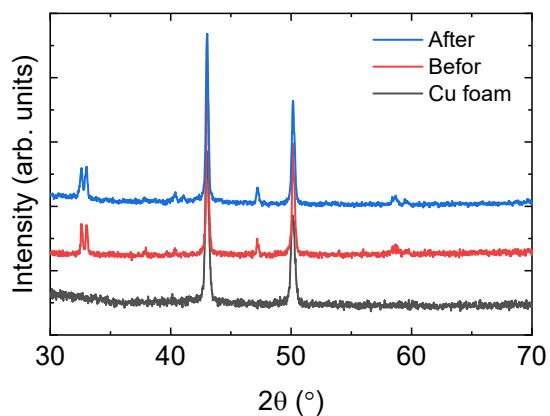


Fig. S15 Electrode material crystal structure stability. XRD patterns of the deposited 0.5% Au:LCO/GO (1:3) on Cu foam before and after 15 cycling periods.

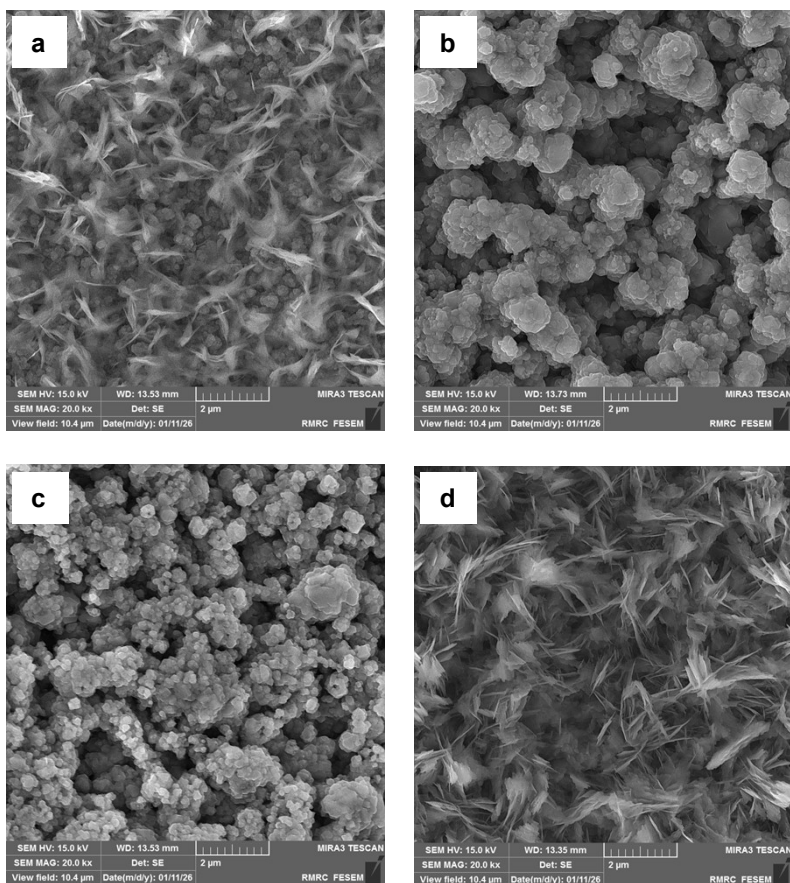


Fig. S16 (a–d) FE-SEM images of the 0.5% Au:LCO/GO (1:3) nanocomposite, 0.5% Au:LCO perovskite, LCO perovskite, and GO after 30 GCD cycles, respectively.

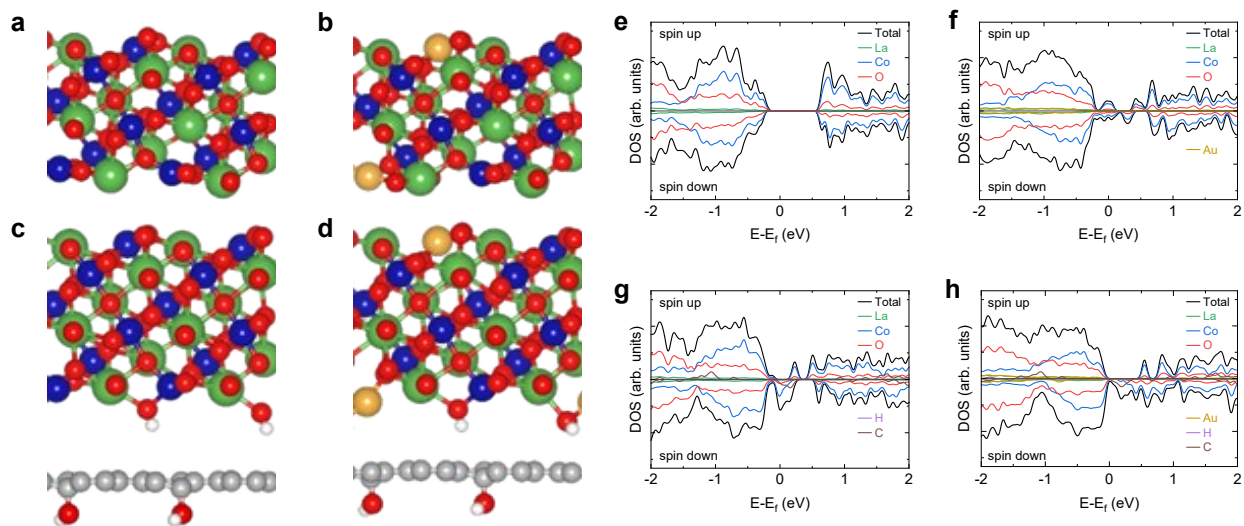


Fig. S17 (a–d) The atomic configurations and **(e–h)** Calculated DOS of LCO, Au:LCO, LCO/GO, and Au:LCO/GO models, respectively. It should be noted that during structural optimization, the OH group of GO spontaneously adsorbs onto the LCO or Au:LCO surfaces. It implies the nanocomposite formation can reduce GO as we observed in the experimental results. Green, blue, red, and orange spheres stand for La, Co, O, and Au atoms, respectively.

Supplementary Tables

Table S1 Reports on electrochemical hydrogen storage properties of ABO₃-based electrodes. RE and N/A stand for the reference electrode and not available, respectively. We have calculated the amount of hydrogen stored W (wt%) for the reported discharge capacity C (mAh g⁻¹) by $W = \frac{3.6C}{F}$ where F is the Faraday constant of 96485.3 C mol⁻¹.³ Calculated values are indicated by the superscript symbol “^Δ”.

| Year | Material | Electrolyte | RE | C (mAh g ⁻¹) | W (wt%) | Ref. |
|------|---|-------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------|
| 2018 | DyFeO ₃ | 6 M KOH | Ag/AgCl | 2100 | 7.8 ^Δ | 4 |
| 2020 | CdSnO ₃ /rGO | 6 M KOH | Ag/AgCl | 2550 | 9.5 ^Δ | 5 |
| 2021 | DyFeO ₃ /ZnO | 2 M KOH | Ag/AgCl | 600.1 | 2.2 ^Δ | 6 |
| 2021 | La _{0.4} Na _{0.6} FeO ₃ | 12 M KOH | Hg/HgO | 356.7 | 1.3 ^Δ | 7 |
| 2021 | TbFeO ₃ /Tb ₃ Fe ₅ O ₁₂ | 2 M KOH | Ag/AgCl | 490 | 1.8 ^Δ | 8 |
| 2021 | Sm _{0.5} Sr _{0.5} CoO _{3-δ} | 6 M KOH | Hg/HgO | 182 | 0.7 ^Δ | 9 |
| 2021 | LaFeO ₃ /Fe ₂ O ₃ | 2 M KOH | Ag/AgCl | 790 | 2.9 ^Δ | 10 |
| 2022 | Dy ₃ Fe ₅ O ₁₂ /DyFeO ₃ | 2 M KOH | Ag/AgCl | 447 | 1.7 ^Δ | 11 |
| 2022 | LaCoO ₃ /CoO/La ₂ O ₃ | 2 M KOH | Ag/AgCl | 1500 | 5.6 ^Δ | 12 |
| 2023 | LaTiO ₃ | N/A | Ag/AgCl | 1140 | 4.1 (4.2 ^Δ) | 13 |
| 2023 | GdFeO ₃ /g-C ₃ N ₄ | 2 M KOH | Ag/AgCl | 577 | 2.1 ^Δ | 14 |
| | LaCrO ₃ | | | 6790 | 25.3 ^Δ | |
| | LaMnO ₃ | | | 10500 | 39.2 ^Δ | |
| 2023 | LaFeO ₃ | 6 M KOH | Ag/AgCl | 13500 | 50.4 ^Δ | 15 |
| | LaCoO ₃ | | | 8800 | 32.8 ^Δ | |
| | LaNiO ₃ | | | 7000 | 26.2 ^Δ | |

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|------|---|---------|---------|-------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 2023 | PrCoO ₃ /CuO/g-C ₃ N ₄ | 2 M KOH | Ag/AgCl | 1200 | 4.5 ^Δ | 16 |
| 2023 | EuMnO ₃ /EuMn ₂ O ₅ /MWCNT | 2 M KOH | Ag/AgCl | 382.5 | 1.4 ^Δ | 17 |
| 2024 | SrMnO ₃ /SrCO ₃ | 2 M KOH | Ag/AgCl | 950 | 3.5 ^Δ | 18 |
| 2024 | LaFe _{0.9} Co _{0.1} O ₃ | 9 M KOH | Hg/HgO | 414 | 1.5 ^Δ | 19 |
| 2024 | TbCrO ₃ /montmorillonite-K10 | 2 M KOH | Ag/AgCl | 734.3 | 2.7 ^Δ | 20 |
| 2024 | Ni/LaFeO ₃ | 7 M KOH | Hg/HgO | 375.6 | 1.4 ^Δ | 21 |
| 2025 | FeMnO ₃ | 3 M KOH | Ag/AgCl | 2622 | 8.9 (9.8 ^Δ) | 22 |
| | LaCoO ₃ | | | 893 | 3.3 | |
| 2025 | LaCo _{1-x} Au _x O ₃ /Au | 2 M KOH | Ag/AgCl | 1264 | 4.7 | This work |
| | LaCo _{1-x} Au _x O ₃ /Au/GO | | | 2230 | 8.3 | |

Table S2 Reports on doped, alloyed, and pristine LaCoO₃-based perovskite-type materials used for various applications. NP, rGO, PMMA, PVA, and DFT stand for nanoparticle, reduced graphene oxide, polymethyl methacrylate, polyvinyl alcohol, density functional theory, respectively.

| Year | Material | Dopant | Preparation method | Application | Ref. |
|------|--|--------|---|--|------|
| 2002 | LaFe _{0.57} Co _{0.38} Pd _{0.05} O ₃ | Pd | alkoxide | catalyst for automotive emissions control | 23 |
| 2007 | La _{1-x} Ce _x CoO ₃ | Ce | sol-gel | NO oxidation | 24 |
| 2008 | La _{1-x} Sr _x CoO _{3-δ} | Sr | commercially available | magnetic properties in high temperature | 25 |
| 2008 | La _{0.6} Sr _{0.4} Co _{1-y} Fe _y O _{3-δ} | Fe | sol-gel | alcohol steam-reforming | 26 |
| 2010 | La _{1-x} Sr _x CoO ₃ | Sr | citric acid | NO _x oxidation | 27 |
| 2012 | La _{0.6} Ca _{0.4} CoO ₃ | – | sol-gel | oxygen evolution reaction oxygen reduction reaction | 28 |
| 2012 | La _{0.5} Sr _{0.5} CoO _{3-δ} | – | pulsed laser deposition | solid oxide fuel cell | 29 |
| 2013 | LaCoO ₃ /Au NP | – | PMMA-templating and PVA-protected reduction | CO and toluene oxidation | 30 |
| 2015 | La _{0.6} Ca _{0.4} Mn _x Co _{1-x} O ₃ | Mn | modified Pechini process | oxygen evolution reaction | 31 |
| 2016 | La _{1-x} Sr _x CoO _{3-δ} | Sr | infiltration and heat treatment | solid oxide fuel cell | 32 |
| 2016 | LaCoO ₃ | – | sol-gel | oxygen evolution reaction | 33 |
| 2016 | La _{1-x} Sr _x CoO _{3-δ} | Sr | reverse-phase hydrolysis | oxygen evolution reaction | 34 |
| 2017 | LaCo _{3-x} Fe _x O ₃ | Fe | sol-gel | oxygen evolution reaction | 35 |

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| 2017 | $\text{La}_{0.5}\text{Sr}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_{3-\delta}$ $\text{Pr}_{0.5}\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_{3-\delta}$ $\text{SrCoO}_{3-\delta}$ | – | solid-state reaction | oxygen evolution reaction | 36 |
| 2017 | $\text{LaCoO}_3/\text{Au NP}$ | – | sol-gel | photoelectrochemical water splitting | 37 |
| 2019 | $\text{La}_{0.6}\text{Sr}_{0.4}\text{CoO}_3$ | – | pulsed laser deposition | oxygen evolution reaction | 38 |
| 2019 | $\text{La}_{0.2}\text{Sr}_{0.8}\text{Co}_{1-x}\text{Fe}_x\text{O}_{3-\delta}$ | Fe | flame spray synthesis | oxygen evolution reaction | 39 |
| 2019 | LaCoO_3 | Fe | solid-state reaction | oxygen reduction reaction | 40 |
| 2019 | $\text{LaCo}_{1-x}\text{Pt}_x\text{O}_{3-\delta}$ | Pt | sol-gel | oxygen evolution reaction hydrogen evolution reaction | 41 |
| 2019 | $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CoO}_{3-\delta}$ | Sr | sol-gel | oxygen evolution reaction | 42 |
| 2020 | $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CoO}_{3-\delta}$ | Sr | pulsed laser deposition | oxygen evolution reaction | 43 |
| 2020 | $\text{La}_{0.6}\text{Sr}_{0.4}\text{CoO}_{3-\delta}$ | – | Pechini process | solid oxide fuel cell | 44 |
| 2020 | $\text{LaCo}_{0.8}\text{X}_{0.2}\text{O}_3$ | Al, Ni, Zn | citrate route | CO oxidation NO oxidation N_2O decomposition | 45 |
| 2020 | LaCoO_3 | Ce | sol-gel | zinc-air battery | 46 |
| 2020 | $\text{LaCo}_{1-x}\text{Ru}_x\text{O}_{3-\delta}$ | Ru | modified citrate sol-gel (Pechini process) | zinc-air battery | 47 |
| 2021 | LaCoO_3 | – | pulsed laser deposition | transport and magnetic properties | 48 |
| 2021 | $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Ce}_x\text{CoO}$ | Ce | hydrothermal | hydrogen evolution reaction oxygen evolution reaction | 49 |
| 2021 | LaCoO_3 | – | solid-state | insight into the structure of | 50 |

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| | | | reaction | Ruddlesden–Popper phases | |
| 2021 | $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Ag}_x\text{CoO}_3$ | Ag | sodium EDTA– citric acid complexation | catalytic oxidation of soot | 51 |
| 2021 | $\text{La}_{0.6}\text{Sr}_{0.4}\text{Co}_{0.2}\text{Fe}_{0.8}\text{O}_{3-\delta}$ | – | tape casting– lamination | solid oxide electrochemical cells | 52 |
| 2021 | LaCoO_3 | Fe, Cr, Mn, Sc, Al, In | sol-gel | oxygen evolution reaction | 53 |
| 2021 | LaCoO_3 | Ni, Mn | hydrothermal | oxygen evolution reaction oxygen reduction reaction | 54 |
| 2021 | $\text{La}_{0.8}\text{Sr}_{0.2}\text{Mn}_{0.5}\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{O}_3/\text{RuO}_x$ | – | sol-gel | zinc-air battery | 55 |
| 2021 | $\text{LaCoO}_{3-\delta}/\text{Ag NP}$ | – | solid-state reaction | oxygen reduction reaction | 56 |
| 2022 | $(\text{La}_{0.8}\text{Sr}_{0.2})_{0.9}\text{Co}_{0.1}\text{Fe}_{0.8}\text{Ru}_{0.1}\text{O}_{3-\delta}$ | Ru | solid-state reaction | oxygen evolution reaction | 57 |
| 2022 | $\text{La}_{0.9}\text{Ce}_{0.05}\text{K}_{0.05}\text{CoO}_3$ | Ce, K | sol-gel | soot combustion | 58 |
| 2022 | $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CoO}_3$ | Sr | sol-gel | oxygen evolution reaction | 59 |
| 2022 | LaCoO_3 | – | sol-gel | propane oxidation | 60 |
| 2022 | $\text{La}_{0.6}\text{Sr}_{0.4}\text{CoO}_{3-\delta}$ | – | pulsed laser deposition | oxygen evolution reaction | 61 |
| 2022 | $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CoO}_{3-\delta}$ | Sr | pulsed laser deposition | oxygen evolution reaction | 62 |
| 2023 | LaCoO_3 | – | solid-state reaction | spin-triplet exciton condensations at ultrahigh magnetic fields | 63 |
| 2023 | $\text{La}_{0.5}\text{Ce}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_{3-\delta}$ | – | self-propagation high temperature synthesis | toluene oxidation in the plasma-catalytic system | 64 |
| 2023 | LaCoO_3 | – | pulsed laser | magnetic properties | 65 |

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| | | | deposition | | |
| 2023 | LaCoO ₃ | – | sol-gel | H ₂ S oxidation | 66 |
| 2023 | La _{0.5} Sr _{0.5} CoO _{3-δ} | – | high-pressure- oxygen sputtering | electronic transport and thermal conductivity | 67 |
| 2023 | LaCoO ₃ | – | sol-gel | oxygen evolution reaction | 68 |
| 2023 | LaCoO ₃ | Sr, Mn | Citrate route | catalytic benzene combustion | 69 |
| 2023 | LaCo _{1-x} Zn _x O ₃ | Zn | sol-gel | oxygen evolution reaction | 70 |
| 2023 | LaCoO ₃ | Ba | self-propagating high-temperature synthesis | zinc-air battery | 71 |
| 2023 | LaMn _x Co _{1-x} O ₃ | Mn | sol-gel | nitrate reduction | 72 |
| 2023 | LaCoO ₃ | F | sol-gel | oxygen evolution reaction oxygen reduction reaction | 73 |
| 2024 | LaCoO ₃ | – | pulsed laser deposition | axon-like active signal transmission | 74 |
| 2024 | LaCoO ₃ | – | sol-gel hydrothermal | supercapacitor | 75 |
| 2024 | BaGd _{0.3} La _{0.7} Co ₂ O _{6-δ} | – | solid-state reaction | protonic electrical conductivity | 76 |
| 2024 | LaCoO ₃ | – | pulsed laser deposition | true random number generation | 77 |
| 2024 | LaCoO ₃ | – | sol-gel autocombustion | CO oxidation | 78 |
| 2024 | LaCoO ₃ | Ca | hydrothermal | oxygen evolution reaction | 79 |
| 2024 | LaCoO ₃ | Mn, Cr, Fe, Ti | DFT calculations | oxygen evolution reaction oxygen reduction reaction | 80 |
| 2024 | La _{1-x} Sr _x CoO _{3-δ} | Sr | solid-state | electric transport | 81 |

| | | | reaction | | |
|------|--|----|----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 2024 | $\text{LaCo}_{0.9}\text{O}_{3-\delta}$ | – | sol-gel | CO oxidation | 82 |
| 2024 | $\text{La}_{0.6}\text{Sr}_{0.4}\text{CoO}_3$ | – | sol-gel | oxygen evolution reaction | 83 |
| 2025 | LaCoO_3 | – | sol-gel | atrazine degradation in water | 84 |
| 2025 | $\text{LaCo}_{1-x}\text{Au}_x\text{O}_3/\text{Au}$ $\text{LaCo}_{1-x}\text{Au}_x\text{O}_3/\text{Au}/\text{GO}$ | Au | sol-gel | electrochemical hydrogen storage | This work |

Table S3 Reports on LaCoO_3 -based perovskite-type composite electrodes used for electrochemical applications. AB, MWCNT, and rGO stand for acetylene black, multi-walled carbon nanotubes, reduced graphene oxide, respectively.

| Year | Material | Preparation method | Application | Ref. |
|------|---|--------------------------|--|--------------|
| 2016 | LaCoO ₃ /rGO | sol-gel | lithium-oxygen battery | 85 |
| 2017 | LaCoO ₃ /N:rGO | sol-gel | oxygen evolution reaction oxygen reduction reaction | 86 |
| 2021 | La _{0.5} Ca _{0.5} CoO _{3-δ} /rGO | modified citrate | zinc-air battery | 87 |
| 2022 | LaCoO ₃ /rGO | solvothermal | supercapacitor | 88 |
| 2022 | LaCoO ₃ /rGO | precipitation-deposition | water-gas shift reaction | 89 |
| 2022 | LaCoO ₃ /rGO | sol-gel | supercapacitor | 90 |
| 2023 | LaCoO ₃ /rGO | sol-gel | oxygen evolution reaction oxygen reduction reaction | 91 |
| | LaCoO ₃ /AB | | | |
| 2024 | LaCoO ₃ /MWCNT LaCoO ₃ /rGO | sol-gel | oxygen evolution reaction | 92 |
| | LaCoO ₃ | | | |
| 2025 | LaCo _{1-x} Au _x O ₃ /Au LaCo _{1-x} Au _x O ₃ /Au/GO | sol-gel | electrochemical hydrogen storage | This work |

Table S4 BET data of the LCO and 0.5% Au:LCO samples.

| Sample | BET surface area | Total volume | Average diameter |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
|--------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|

| | (m ² g ⁻¹) | (cm ³ g ⁻¹) | (nm) |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------|
| LCO | 22.3 | 0.040 | 6.9 |
| 0.5% Au:LCO | 67.2 | 0.089 | 5.3 |

Table S5 Peak positions of the XPS fitted Co 2*p* spectra of LCO and 0.5% Au:LCO. FWHMs are written inside the parentheses.

| LCO | | 0.5% Au:LCO | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Co 2 <i>p</i> multiplets (eV) | Co 2 <i>p</i> satellites (eV) | Co 2 <i>p</i> multiplets (eV) | Co 2 <i>p</i> satellites (eV) |
| 778.96 (1.94) | 785.98 (3.51) | 779.09 (1.75) | 786.12 (3.94) |
| 780.18 (2.05) | 789.91 (4.12) | 780.03 (2.19) | 789.76 (3.25) |
| 781.76 (2.94) | 800.97 (5.15) | 781.72 (2.83) | 801.11 (4.51) |
| 783.88 (2.37) | 805.55 (5.99) | 784.02 (2.16) | 804.96 (5.99) |
| 793.95 (2.20) | | 794.08 (2.16) | |
| 795.17 (2.15) | | 795.24 (2.42) | |
| 796.74 (2.4) | | 796.71 (2.71) | |
| 798.87 (1.90) | | 799.01 (1.99) | |

Table S6 Lattice parameters of optimized LCO unit cell and three possible Au-substituted configurations by r²SCAN.

| System | Magnetic moment (μB) | Configuration | a (\AA) | b (\AA) | c (\AA) |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| LCO | 0.00 | $\text{La}_6\text{Co}_6\text{O}_{18}$ | 5.428 | 5.441 | 13.039 |
| Au_{La} | 4.00 | $\text{Au}_1\text{La}_5\text{Co}_6\text{O}_{18}$ | 5.359 | 5.356 | 13.308 |
| Au_{Co} | 0.00 | $\text{Au}_1\text{La}_6\text{Co}_5\text{O}_{18}$ | 5.341 | 5.513 | 13.638 |
| Au_{O} | 3.00 | $\text{Au}_1\text{La}_6\text{Co}_6\text{O}_{17}$ | 5.449 | 5.563 | 13.710 |

Table S7 Calculated ΔH_{cal} of possible secondary phases by r²SCAN.

| Materials | Space group | ΔH_{cal} (eV) | Materials | Space group | ΔH_{cal} (eV) |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Co_3O_4 | $Fd\bar{3}m$ | -9.42 | La_2CoO_4 | $I4/mmm$ | -20.84 |
| CoO_2 | $R\bar{3}m$ | -2.91 | $\text{La}_4(\text{CoO}_3)_3$ | $Pnma$ | -43.88 |
| CoO | $F\bar{4}3m$ | -2.20 | $\text{La}_4\text{Co}_3\text{O}_{10}$ | $P2_1/c$ | -47.05 |
| La_2O_3 | $P\bar{3}m1$ | -18.78 | $\text{La}_2\text{Co}_2\text{O}_5$ | $Pnma$ | -22.95 |
| LaO_2 | $P2_1/m$ | -8.77 | $\text{La}_3\text{Co}_3\text{O}_8$ | $P2_1$ | -36.04 |
| LaO_3 | $P6_1/m$ | -7.08 | Au_2O_3 | $Fdd2$ | -0.84 |
| LaCoO_3 | $R\bar{3}c$ | -13.02 | | | |

Table S8 Bader charge analysis for pristine and Au-doped LCO for Au_{La} , Au_{Co} , and Au_{O} substitutions.

| No. | Pristine | | | Au _{La} | | | Au _{Co} | | | Au _O | | |
|-----|----------|------|-------|------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Atom | V.E. | Q. | Atom | V.E. | Q. | Atom | V.E. | Q. | Atom | V.E. | Q. |
| 1 | La | 8.85 | +2.15 | La | 8.85 | +2.15 | La | 8.86 | +2.14 | La | 8.91 | +2.09 |
| 2 | La | 8.85 | +2.15 | La | 8.85 | +2.15 | La | 8.84 | +2.16 | La | 8.84 | +2.16 |
| 3 | La | 8.85 | +2.15 | La | 8.82 | +2.18 | La | 8.85 | +2.15 | La | 8.86 | +2.14 |
| 4 | La | 8.85 | +2.15 | Au | 9.93 | +1.07 | La | 8.85 | +2.15 | La | 8.87 | +2.13 |
| 5 | La | 8.85 | +2.15 | La | 8.85 | +2.15 | La | 8.86 | +2.14 | La | 8.98 | +2.02 |
| 6 | La | 8.85 | +2.15 | Co | 7.58 | +1.42 | La | 8.85 | +2.15 | La | 8.84 | +2.16 |
| 7 | Co | 7.58 | +1.42 | Co | 7.60 | +1.40 | Co | 7.58 | +1.42 | Co | 7.59 | +1.41 |
| 8 | Co | 7.58 | +1.42 | Co | 7.52 | +1.48 | Co | 7.58 | +1.42 | Co | 7.84 | +1.16 |
| 9 | Co | 7.58 | +1.42 | Co | 7.58 | +1.42 | Au | 9.96 | +1.04 | Co | 7.84 | +1.16 |
| 10 | Co | 7.58 | +1.42 | Co | 7.59 | +1.41 | Co | 7.57 | +1.43 | Co | 7.58 | +1.42 |
| 11 | Co | 7.58 | +1.42 | Co | 7.57 | +1.43 | Co | 7.58 | +1.42 | Co | 7.60 | +1.40 |
| 12 | Co | 7.58 | +1.42 | La | 8.85 | +2.15 | Co | 7.58 | +1.42 | Co | 7.61 | +1.39 |
| 13 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.20 | -1.20 | O | 7.18 | -1.18 |
| 14 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.18 | -1.18 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.21 | -1.21 |
| 15 | O | 7.20 | -1.20 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.21 | -1.21 | O | 7.22 | -1.22 |
| 16 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.16 | -1.16 | O | 7.18 | -1.18 | O | 7.23 | -1.23 |
| 17 | O | 7.20 | -1.20 | O | 7.03 | -1.03 | O | 7.08 | -1.08 | O | 7.17 | -1.17 |
| 18 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.14 | -1.14 | O | 7.07 | -1.07 | O | 7.17 | -1.17 |
| 19 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.03 | -1.03 | O | 7.07 | -1.07 | O | 7.16 | -1.16 |
| 20 | O | 7.20 | -1.20 | O | 7.04 | -1.04 | O | 7.08 | -1.08 | Au | 11.28 | -0.28 |
| 21 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 6.98 | -0.98 | O | 7.18 | -1.18 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 |
| 22 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.02 | -1.02 | O | 7.21 | -1.21 | O | 7.23 | -1.23 |
| 23 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.12 | -1.12 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.22 | -1.22 |
| 24 | O | 7.20 | -1.20 | O | 7.17 | -1.17 | O | 7.21 | -1.21 | O | 7.21 | -1.21 |
| 25 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.17 | -1.17 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 |
| 26 | O | 7.20 | -1.20 | O | 7.21 | -1.21 | O | 7.21 | -1.21 | O | 7.20 | -1.20 |
| 27 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 |
| 28 | O | 7.20 | -1.20 | O | 7.22 | -1.22 | O | 7.21 | -1.21 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 |
| 29 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 |
| 30 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.19 | -1.19 | O | 7.20 | -1.20 |

Number of valance electron (V.E.) and Charge (Q.) in unit C

Table S9 The amount of H₂ evolved during the GCD processes corresponding to the conditions illustrated in Fig. 6b.

| Zone in Fig. 6b | | Amount of H ₂ (ppm) |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Zone A | Not detected | |
| Zone B | Not detected | |
| Zone C | Not detected | |
| Point D | 6 | |
| Point E | 26 | |
| Zone F | 54 | |

Table S10 The values of fitted elements for the utilized equivalent circuits, $R_s + [R_{ct,1}||CPE_1]$, $R_s + [R_{ct,1}||CPE_1] + [R_{ct,2}||CPE_2]$, and $R_s + [R_{ct,1}||CPE_1]||[R_{ct,3}||CPE_3] + [R_{ct,2}||CPE_2]$.

| GO | | LCO | | 0.5% Au:LCO | | 0.5% Au:LCO/GO (1:3) | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Elements | Values | Elements | Values | Elements | Values | Elements | Values |
| R_s (Ω) | 1.2 | R_s (Ω) | 0.13 | R_s (Ω) | 0.22 | R_s (Ω) | 0.71 |
| $R_{ct,1}$ (Ω) | 131 | $R_{ct,1}$ (Ω) | 79.0 | $R_{ct,1}$ (Ω) | 53.5 | $R_{ct,1}$ (Ω) | 0.02 |
| P_1 (F) | 4.8×10^{-3} | $R_{ct,2}$ (Ω) | 45.8 | $R_{ct,2}$ (Ω) | 92.0 | $R_{ct,2}$ (Ω) | 277.8 |
| n_1 | 0.84 | P_1 (F) | 2.7×10^{-4} | P_1 (F) | 3.0×10^{-4} | $R_{ct,3}$ (Ω) | 21.7 |
| | | n_1 | 0.87 | n_1 | 0.77 | P_1 (F) | 7.0×10^{-4} |
| | | P_2 (F) | 4.3×10^{-3} | P_2 (F) | 9.3×10^{-3} | n_1 | 0.50 |
| | | n_2 | 0.87 | n_2 | 0.61 | P_2 (F) | 4.4×10^{-2} |
| | | W (Ω) | 53.2 | W (Ω) | 41.0 | n_2 | 0.86 |
| | | | | | | P_3 (F) | 4.5×10^{-3} |
| | | | | | | n_3 | 0.78 |
| | | | | | | W (Ω) | 0.1 |

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