

## Supporting Information

### Hollow mesoporous NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanocage as efficient electrocatalysts for oxygen evolution reaction

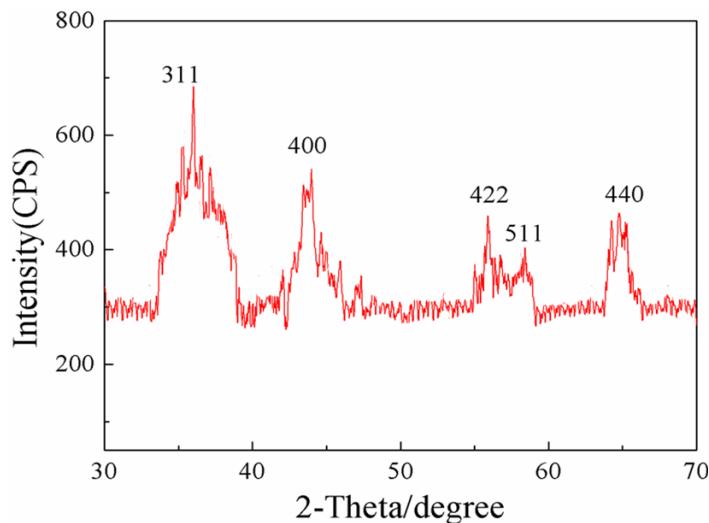
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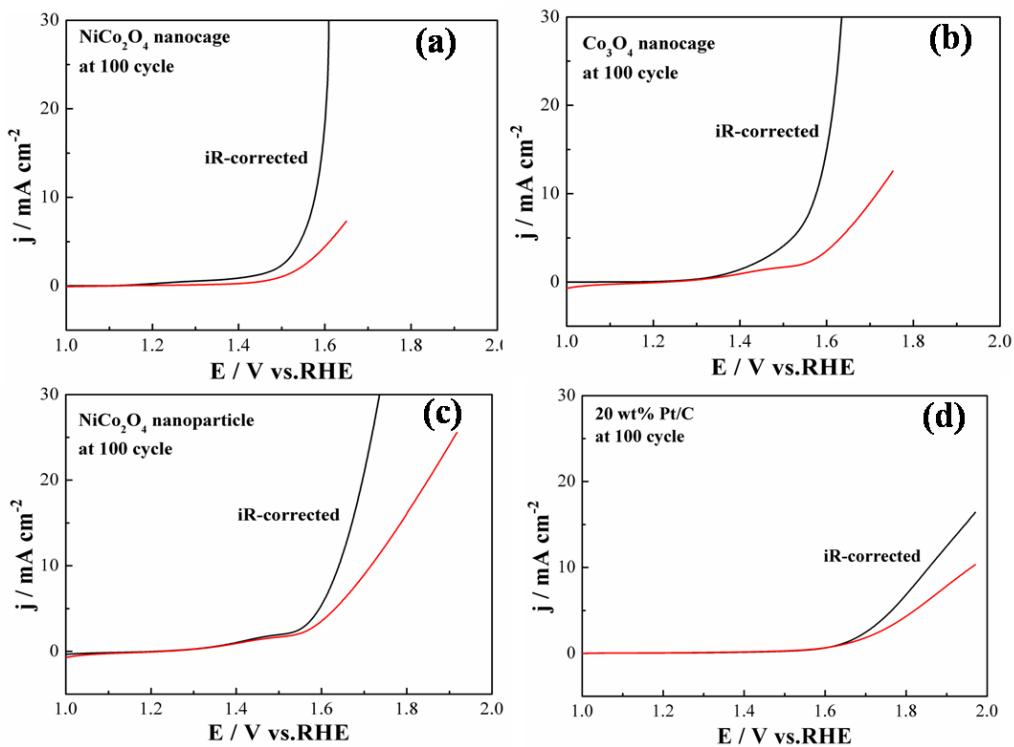
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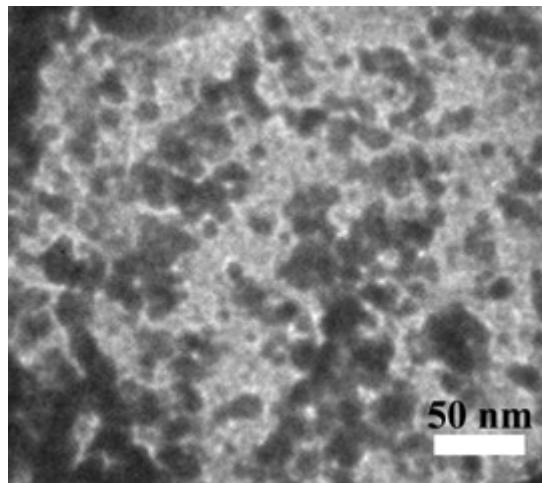
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**Figure S1.** XRD pattern of  $\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4$  nanocages obtained by calcination at  $400^\circ\text{C}$  for 3 h.



**Figure S2.** LSVs recorded at 100<sup>th</sup> cycle for modified GC electrodes comprising the (a)  $\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4$  nanocage, (b)  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  nanocage, (c)  $\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles, (d) 20 wt% Pt/C with (black) and without (red) correction for  $iR$  losses. The ionic resistance ( $\sim 45 \Omega$ ) from the solution was determined by the EIS technique.



**Figure S3.** The typical TEM image for  $\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles.

**Table S1.** Elemental composition of  $\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4$  nanocage by XPS (at %)

Sample	C	Ni	Co	O
$\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4$ nanocage	26.6	7.36	15.32	50.72

**Table S2.** Comparison of OER activities for various transition-metal oxides.

Catalysts	$\eta$ (mV) at $J = 10 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	Tafel slope (mV dec $^{-1}$ )	Refs.
$\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4$ nanocage	340	75	In this study[a]
Mesoporous $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$	409	-	S1
Octahedral $\text{LiMn}_{1.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{O}_4$	460	70	S2
$\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4$ nanoplatelet	530	205	S3
$\text{Mn}_3\text{O}_4/\text{CoSe}_2$	450	49	S4
$\text{Zn}_x\text{Co}_{3-x}\text{O}_4$ -1:2	380	63	S5
$\text{NiCo}_2\text{S}_4$ sub-micron spheres	360	-	S6
$\text{NiCoO}_x$	380	-	S7
$\text{IrO}_x$	320	31	S7

[a] Here all the potential values from this study and the references were converted to vs. RHE for comparison.

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