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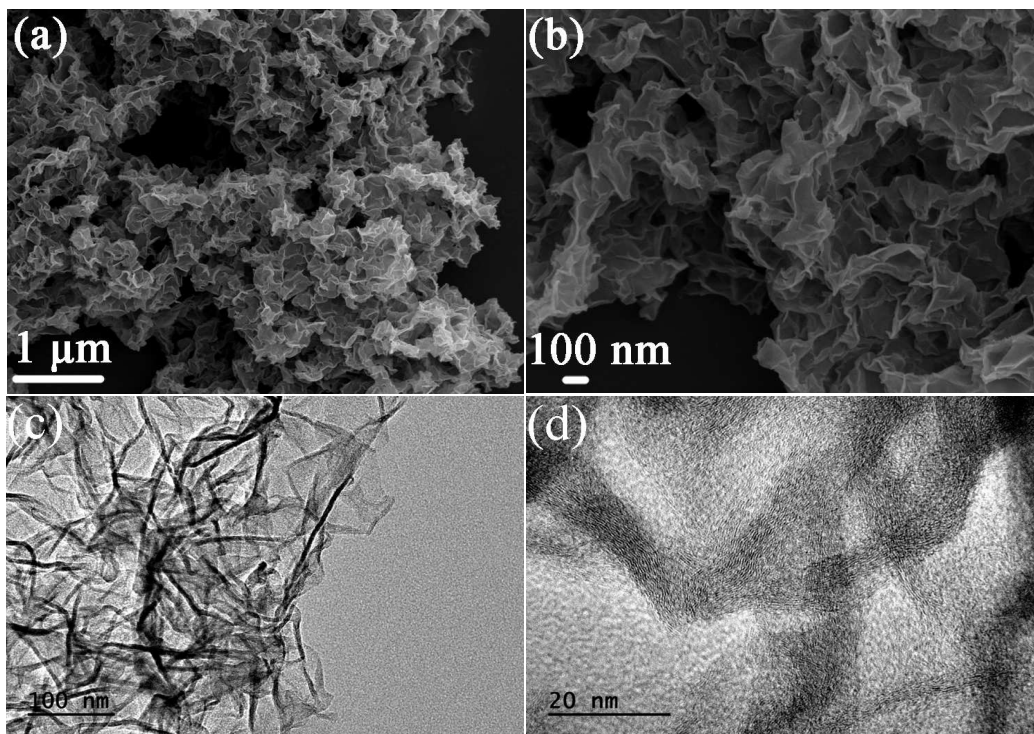


Figure S1. (a) Low and (b) high magnification SEM images of NSPG-900. (c) TEM and (d) HRTEM images of NSPG-900.

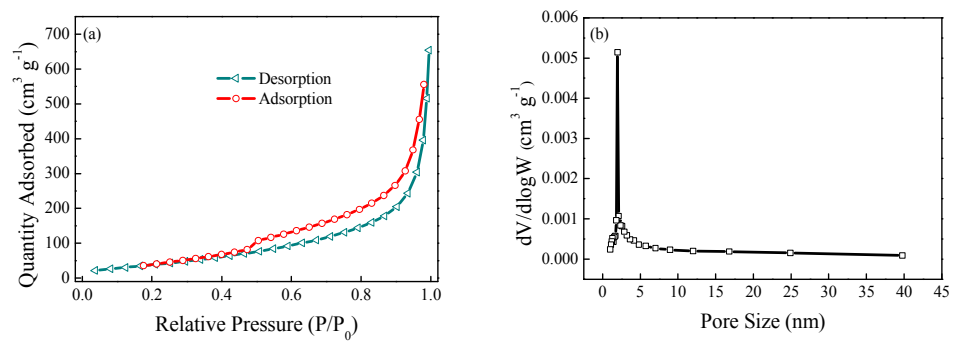


Figure S2. (a) N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherms and (b) the corresponding BJH pore size distribution curves of NSPG-900.

Table S1. Specific BET surface area, pore size and pore volume of the investigated catalysts

| Catalyst | S_{BET} ($\text{m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$) | Pore size (nm) | Pore volume ($\text{cm}^3 \text{g}^{-1}$) |
|--|---|----------------|---|
| NSPG-900 | 657 | 5.6 | 0.10 |
| $\text{Co}_9\text{S}_8/\text{NSPG-800}$ | 436 | 4.8 | 0.15 |
| $\text{Co}_9\text{S}_8/\text{NSPG-900}$ | 478 | 6.1 | 0.13 |
| $\text{Co}_9\text{S}_8/\text{NSPG-1000}$ | 300 | 5.1 | 0.06 |

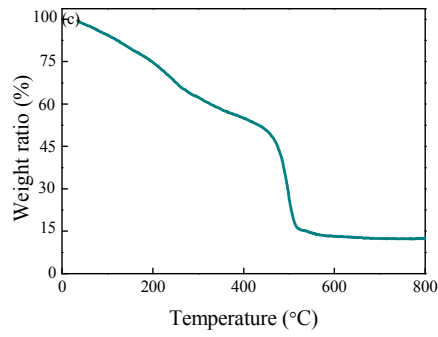
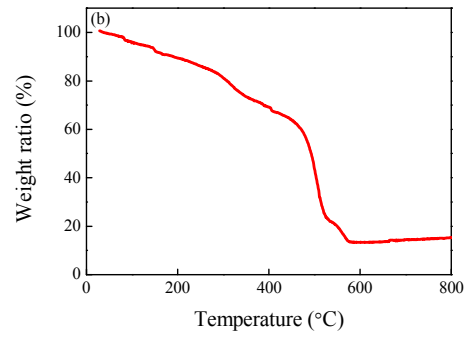
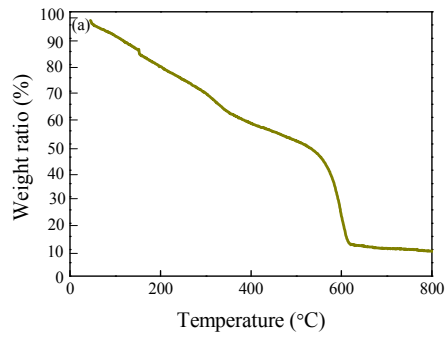


Figure S3. TGA curves of (a) Co₉S₈/NSPG-800, (b) Co₉S₈/NSPG-900 and (c) Co₉S₈/NSPG-1000

under air atmosphere.

Table S2. Elemental contents of C, O, N, S, P and Co in the samples determined by XPS analysis

| Catalyst | C (at%) | O (at%) | N (at%) | S (at%) | P (at%) | Co (at%) |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| NSG-900 | 90.41 | 6.46 | 2.11 | 1.02 | - | - |
| Co ₉ S ₈ /NSPG-800 | 90.32 | 6.56 | 2.56 | 0.86 | 0.15 | 0.41 |
| Co ₉ S ₈ /NSPG-900 | 91.80 | 4.48 | 2.28 | 0.99 | 0.13 | 0.32 |
| Co ₉ S ₈ /NSPG-1000 | 92.35 | 4.37 | 2.09 | 0.79 | 0.11 | 0.29 |

Table S3. The relative percentages of deconvoluted S 2p, N 1s and P 2p species in Co₉S₈/NSPG-800, Co₉S₈/NSPG-900, and Co₉S₈/NSPG-1000

| Species | Co ₉ S ₈ /NSPG-800 | Co ₉ S ₈ /NSPG-900 | Co ₉ S ₈ /NSPG-1000 |
|---------------------|--|--|---|
| S 2p _{3/2} | 45.67% | 37.65% | 50.10% |
| S 2p _{1/2} | 41.52% | 49.88% | 39.28% |
| Thiophene S | 5.88% | 6.61% | 5.61% |
| SO _x | 6.92% | 5.86% | 5.01% |
| Pyrrolic N | 21.31% | 15.62% | 13.58% |
| Pyridinic N | 23.50% | 21.08% | 19.09% |
| Graphitic N | 37.41% | 42.23% | 43.85% |
| Oxidized N | 17.78% | 21.07% | 23.48% |
| P-C | 31.18% | 17.61% | 30.43% |
| P-N | 34.51% | 19.37% | 21.75% |
| C-O-PO ₃ | 34.31% | 63.03% | 47.82% |

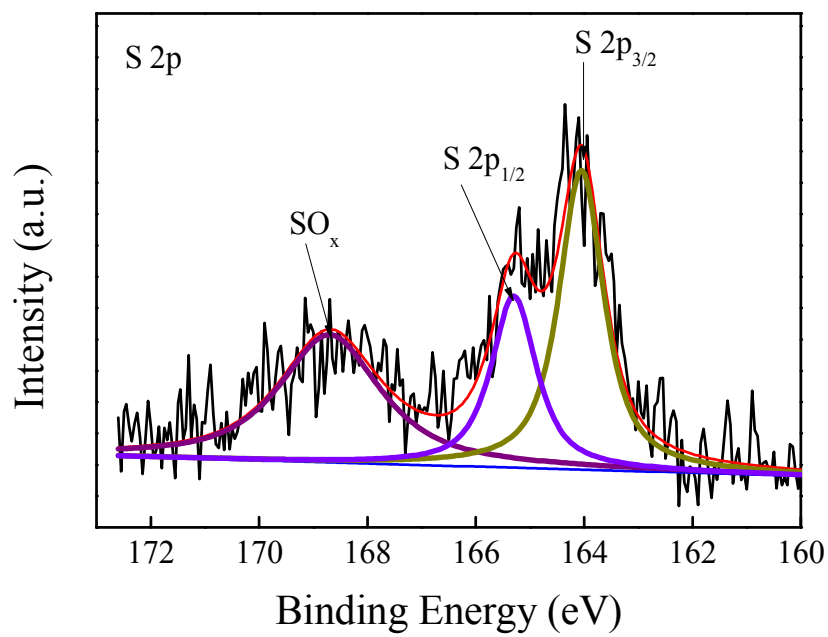


Figure S4. High resolution XPS of S 2p in NSG.

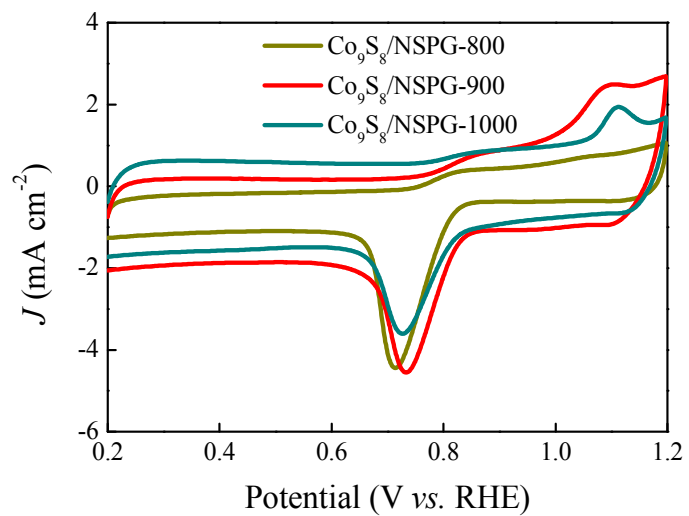


Figure S5. Cyclic voltammetry curves of $\text{Co}_9\text{S}_8/\text{NSPG-800}$, $\text{Co}_9\text{S}_8/\text{NSPG-900}$ and $\text{Co}_9\text{S}_8/\text{NSPG-1000}$ for ORR.

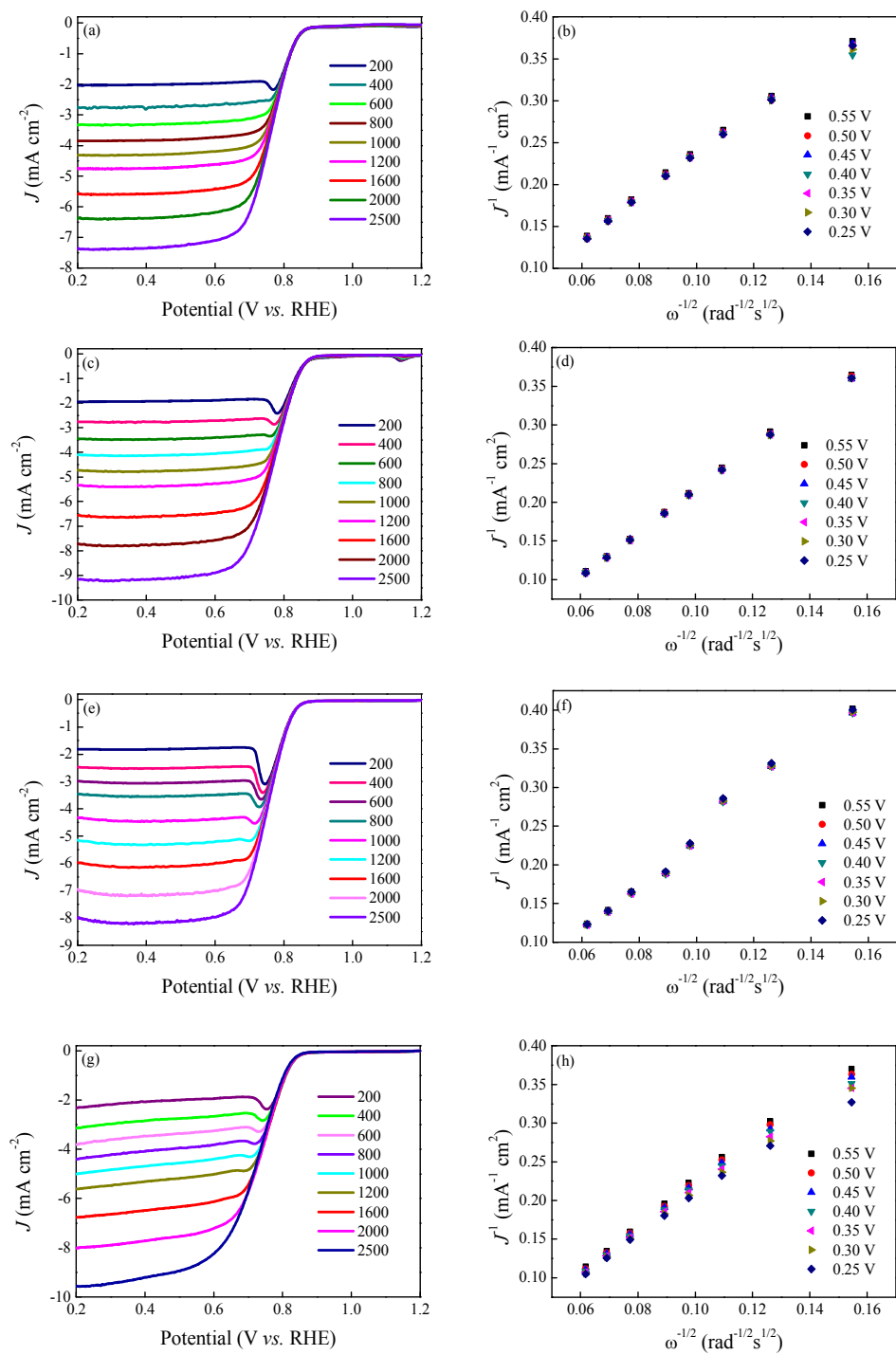


Figure S6. (a, c, e, g) Linear sweep voltammetry curves of NSPG-900 (a), Co₉S₈/NSG-900 (c), Co₉S₈/NSPG-800 (e), and Co₉S₈/NSPG-1000 (g). (b, d, f, h) Corresponding K-L plots of NSPG-900 (b), Co₉S₈/NSG-900 (d), Co₉S₈/NSPG-800 (f), and Co₉S₈/NSPG-1000 (h).

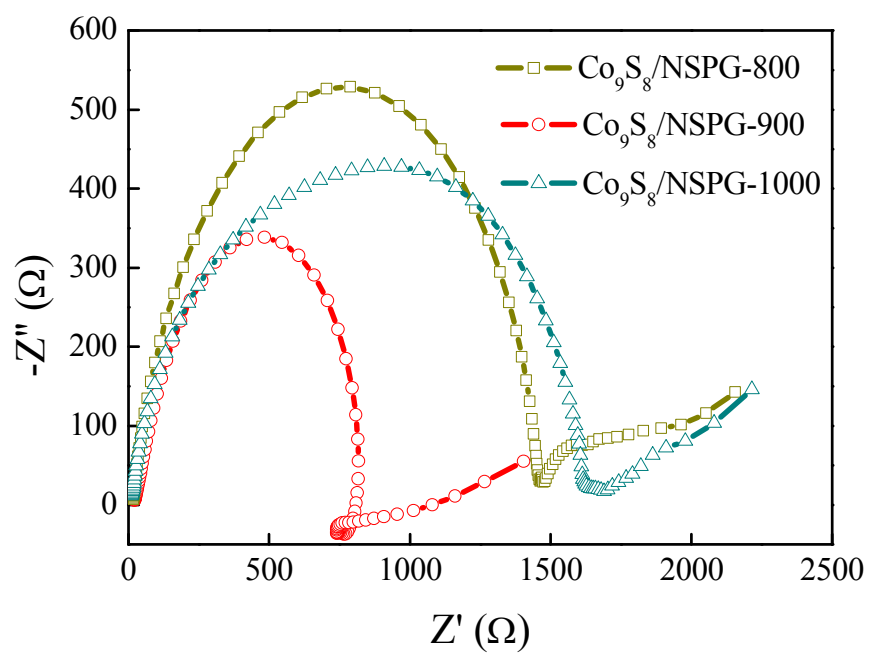


Figure S7. AC Nyquist electrochemical impedance plots of $\text{Co}_9\text{S}_8/\text{NSPG}$, $\text{Co}_9\text{S}_8/\text{NSPG-900}$ and $\text{Co}_9\text{S}_8/\text{NSPG-1000}$.

Table S4. ORR parameters of Co₉S₈/NSPG-900 compared to catalysts in literatures

| Catalysts | $E_{1/2}$ [V vs. RHE] | J_L [mA cm ⁻²] | Tafel slope [mV dec ⁻¹] | References |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Co ₉ S ₈ /NSPG-900 | 0.800 | 7.26 | 79 | This work |
| 20 wt% Pt/C | 0.830 | 5.47 | 84 | This work |
| Co ₉ S ₈ /N-C | 0.784 | 5.46 | 69 | [1] |
| Co ₉ S ₈ /NPCP@rGO | 0.784 | 5.40 | 62 | [2] |
| Co _x S _y @C-1000 | 0.814 | 4.70 | – | [3] |
| CoS ₂ (400)/N,S-GO | 0.790 | 4.70 | 30 | [4] |
| SN-rGO | 0.797 | 3.13 | 67 | [5] |
| Co ₃ (PO ₄) ₂ C-N/rGOA | 0.837 | 3.72 | 35 | [6] |
| Co ₃ (PO ₄) ₂ | 0.670 | 5.20 | – | [7] |
| FeP@NPCs | 0.820 | 5.85 | 78 | [8] |
| Fe–Nx/C | 0.920 | 6.17 | – | [9] |
| FePPyC-900 | 0.814 | 6.40 | 78 | [10] |

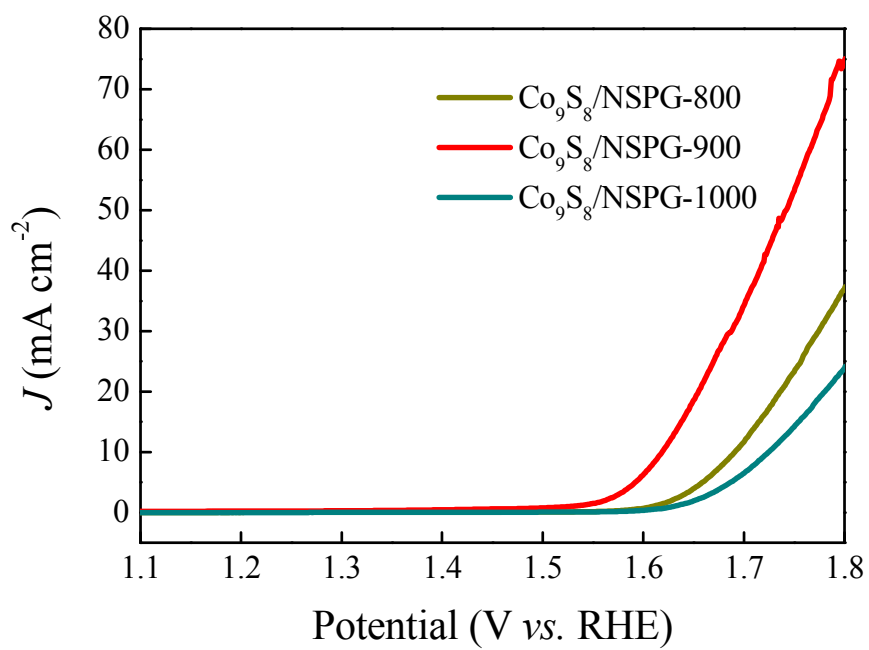


Figure S8. LSV curves of Co₉S₈/NSPG, Co₉S₈/NSPG-900 and Co₉S₈/NSPG-1000 for OER on a RDE at 1600 rpm and 10 mV s⁻¹ in O₂-saturated 1.0 M KOH.

Table S5. OER parameters of Co₉S₈/NSPG-900 compared to catalysts in literatures

| Catalysts | η_{10} [mV] | Tafel slope [mV dec ⁻¹] | Reference |
|---|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Co ₉ S ₈ /NSPG-900 | 343 | 82 | This work |
| RuO ₂ | 370 | 79 | This work |
| Co ₉ S ₈ /N-C | 371 | 75 | [1] |
| Co _x S _y @C-1000 | 470 | – | [3] |
| CoS ₂ (400)/N,S-GO | 380 | 75 | [4] |
| FeP@NPC | 300 | 80 | [8] |
| Fe ₃ O ₄ /Co ₃ S ₄ | 210 | – | [11] |
| CNT-CoS ₂ | 290 | 255 | [12] |
| Co ₉ S ₈ @CoS@CoO@C | 150 | 96 | [13] |
| Fe ₃ O ₄ @Co ₉ S ₈ /rGO | 340 | 55 | [14] |
| CoNi-LDH/Fe-PPLBL | 264 | 38 | [15] |
| Co ₉ S ₈ @MoS ₂ /CNFs | 340 | 61 | [16] |

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