

## Supplemental Materials

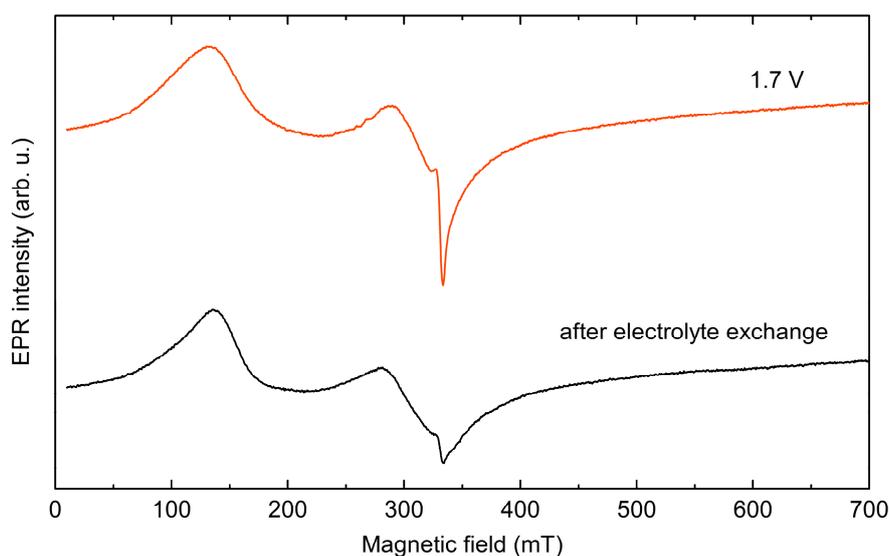
### *In situ* EPR characterization of a cobalt oxide water oxidation catalyst at neutral pH

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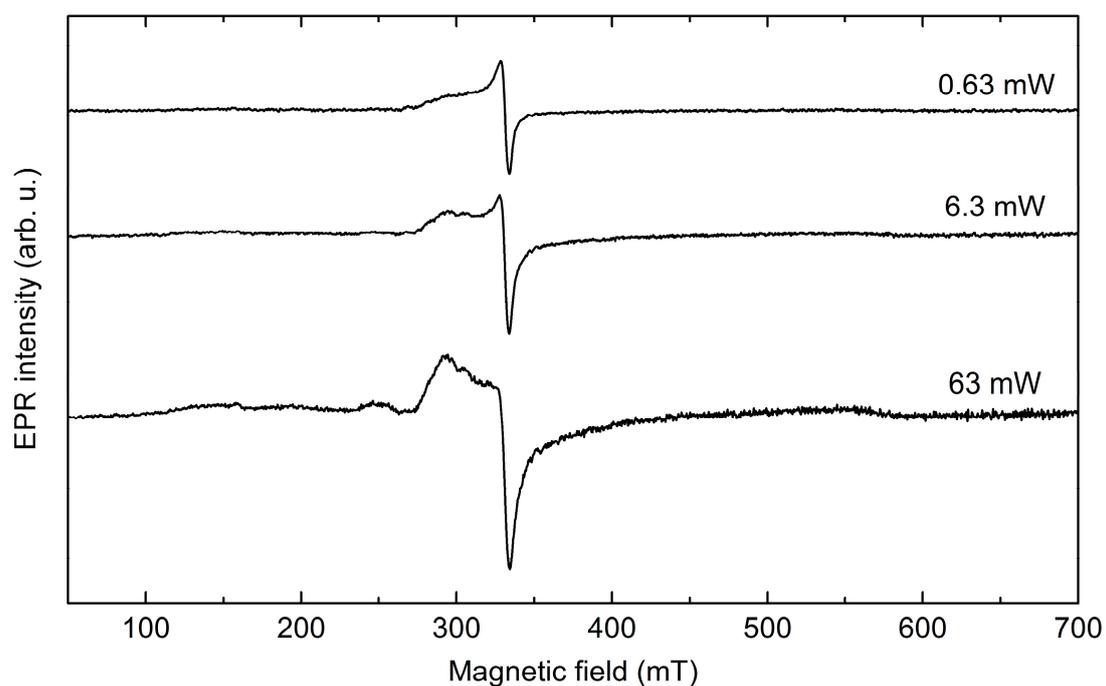
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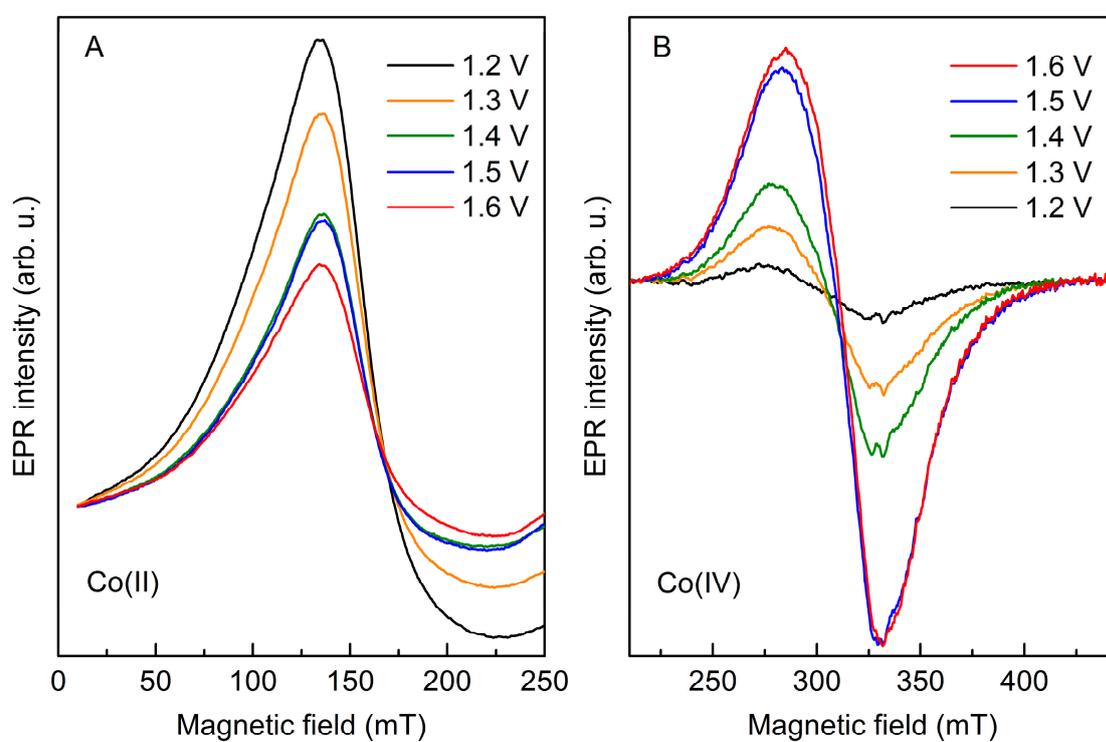
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**Figure S1.** Bottom two traces of Figure 3 A: EPR spectra of a Co-Pi modified Au electrode electrolyzed at the highest applied potential of 1.7 V, recorded before (top) and after (bottom) the electrolyte solution exchange.  $P_{MW} = 63$  mW,  $T = 5$  K.



**Figure S2.** EPR spectra of the electrolyte solution used in the titration series measured at several MW power levels. The narrow  $g \approx 2.1$  line is found in the solution measured separately from the cell.



**Figure S3.** (A) The loss of the Co(II) species and (B) the increase in the Co(IV) EPR intensity as a function of applied potential above the water oxidation threshold.