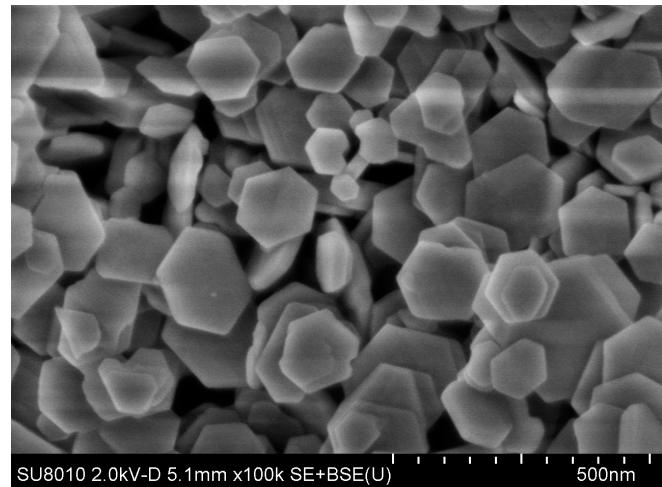


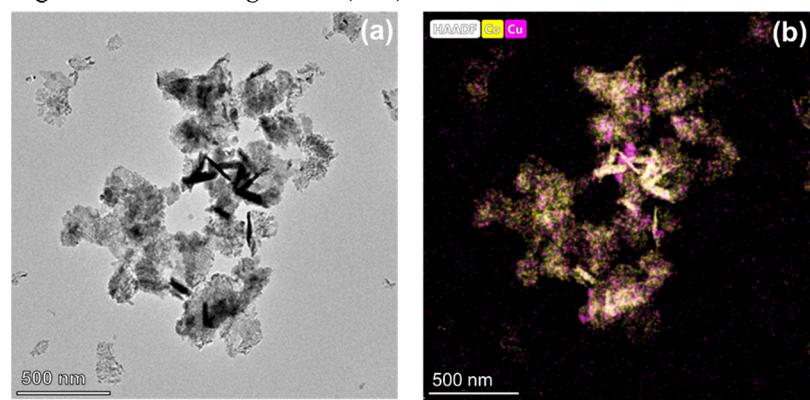
# **Sheet-like Morphology CuO/Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Nanocomposites for Enhanced Catalysis in Hydrogenation of CO<sub>2</sub> to Methanol**

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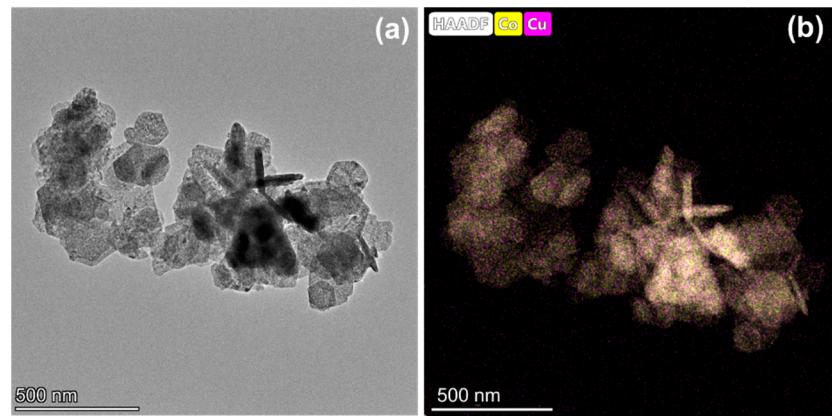
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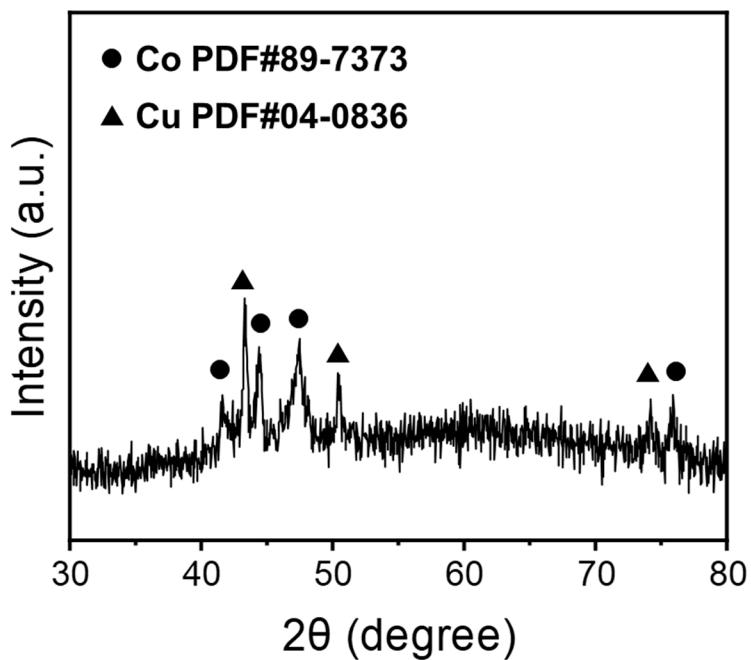
**Figure S1.** SEM image of  $\text{Co}(\text{OH})_2$ .



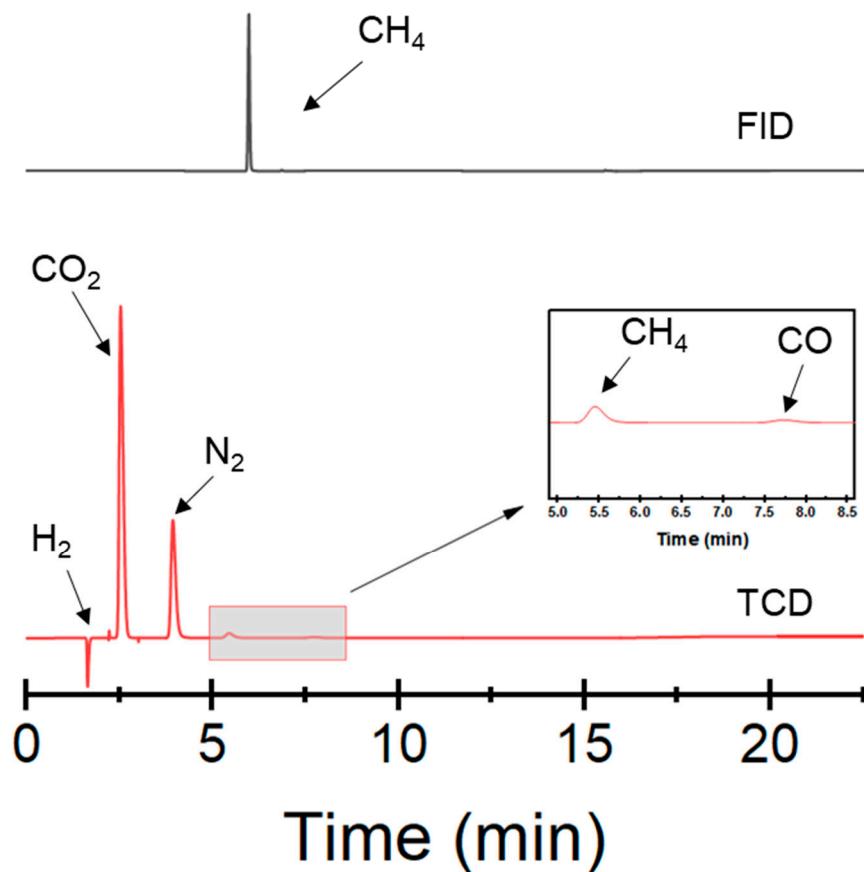
**Figure S2.** (a) STEM image of  $\text{CuO}/\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ -IM; (b) EDX elemental mappings of  $\text{CuO}/\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ -IM yellow represents Co, and purple represents Cu.



**Figure S3.** (a) STEM image of  $\text{CuO}/\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ -IE; (b) EDX elemental mappings of  $\text{CuO}/\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ -IE yellow represents Co, and purple represents Cu.



**Figure S4.** XRD patterns of CuO/Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-IE spent catalyst.



**Figure S5.** Agilent GC 7890B chromatogram of gas phase products of CO<sub>2</sub> Hydrogenation catalyzed by CuO/Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-IE.



**Figure S6.** Agilent GC 4890D chromatogram of liquid phase products of  $\text{CO}_2$  Hydrogenation catalyzed by  $\text{CuO}/\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ -IE.

**Table S1.** The results of XPS Co  $2\text{p}_{3/2}$  for  $\text{CuO}/\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ -IE,  $\text{CuO}/\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ -IM and  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  catalysts.

Catalysts	Co $2\text{p}_{3/2}$ Binding Energy (eV)	
	$\text{Co}^{3+}$	$\text{Co}^{2+}$
$\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$	779.9	781.5
$1\text{CuO}/4\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ -IM	779.5	780.9
$1\text{CuO}/4\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ -IE	779.4	780.8

**Table S2.** XPS O 1s fitting peak data of the different catalysts.

Catalysts	O (%)	$\text{O}_\text{c}/\text{O}_\text{T}^\text{a}$	$\text{O}_\text{d}/\text{O}_\text{T}^\text{a}$	$\text{O}_\text{l}/\text{O}_\text{T}^\text{a}$
$\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$	71.1%	8.9%	36.6%	54.5%
$1\text{CuO}/4\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ -IM	66.8%	11.2%	29.5%	59.1%
$1\text{CuO}/4\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ -IE	65.3%	5.6%	31.0%	63.4%

**Table S3.** The results of XPS O 1s for  $\text{CuO}/\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ -IE,  $\text{CuO}/\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ -IM and  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  catalysts.

Catalysts	O 1s Binding Energy (eV)		
	$\text{O}_\text{lattice}$	$\text{O}_\text{defect}$	$\text{O}_\text{chemisored}$
$\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$	530.0	531.3	533.1
$1\text{CuO}/4\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ -IM	529.8	531.5	533.2
$1\text{CuO}/4\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ -IE	529.8	531.8	533.6

**Table S4.** X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy surface elemental concentrations (at.%) as well as the relative surface concentration of the elements.

Catalysts	Co%	Cu%	O%
$\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$	70.5	0	29.5
$1\text{CuO}/4\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ -IM	65.3	11.7	23.0
$1\text{CuO}/4\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ -IE	65.0	6.3	28.7

**Table S5.** Chemisorption amounts of CO and H<sub>2</sub> over CuO/Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-IE, CuO/Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-IM and Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> catalysts.

Catalysts	CO <sub>2</sub> -TPD		H <sub>2</sub> -TPD
	CO <sub>2</sub> uptake ( $\mu\text{mmol}\cdot\text{g}_{\text{cat}}^{-1}$ )	H <sub>2</sub> uptake ( $\mu\text{mmol}\cdot\text{g}_{\text{cat}}^{-1}$ )	
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	501.1	374.2	
1CuO/4Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -IM	450.3	302.1	
1CuO/4Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -IE	393.7	258.6	

**Table S6.** State of art Co-Cu catalysts for methanol synthesis by CO<sub>2</sub> hydrogenation. .

Catalysts	T (°C)	p (MPa)	MeOH Selectivity(%)	MeOH STY
5Cu5CoZ <sup>[1]</sup>	190	3	76.1	0.62 $\text{mmol}\cdot\text{g}_{\text{cat}}^{-1}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$
1CuO/4Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -IE	250	2	36.1	1.23 $\text{mmol}\cdot\text{g}_{\text{cat}}^{-1}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$

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