Supporting Information

Supported Cobalt Nanoparticles with a Single Active Phase for Fischer-Tropsch Synthesis

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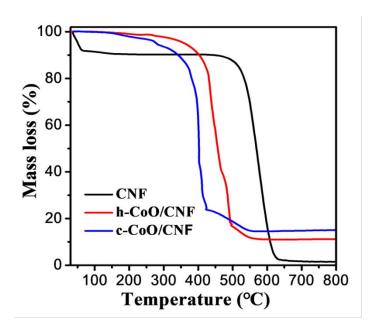


Figure S1. TGA profiles of CNF and CoO/CNF materials. The experiment was performed in air at a heating rate of 10 K min⁻¹.

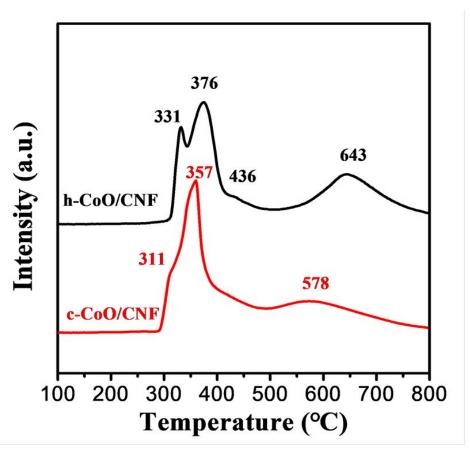


Figure S2. H₂-TPR profile of h-CoO/CNF and c-CoO/CNF. Conditions: 50 mg of CoO, H₂/Ar=1/9 (mol/mol), flow rate 30 mL min⁻¹, temperature ramp 10 K min⁻¹.

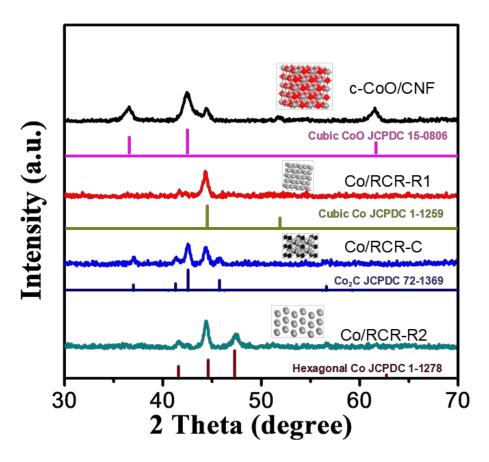


Figure S3 Phase evolution in reduction-carburization-reduction (RCR) process.

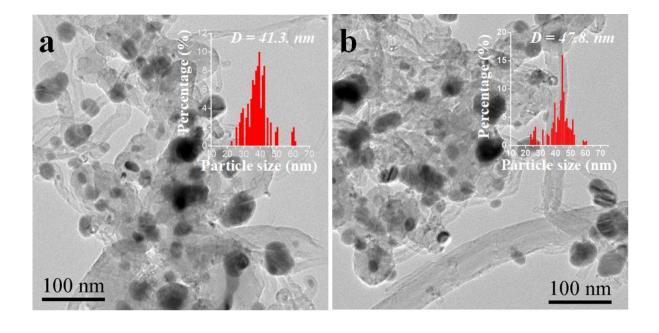


Figure S4. TEM and size distribution of (a) Co/RCR-C and (b) Co/RCR-R2 (size distribution is shown in the insets).

Table S1 Dispersion and cobalt particle size data of Co catalysts supported on the carbon nanofibers.

Catalysts	H ₂ desorbed	Dispersion	Cobalt particle size (nm)			Cobalt loading
	(umol/g)	(%)	H ₂ chemisorption ^a	TEM ^b	XRD c	(wt. %)
hcp-Co/CNF	49.7	3.3	17.4	23.1	18.6	6.2
fcc-Co/CNF	82.8	6.7	14.4	22.4	18.4	8.3
Co/RCR				47.8		8.3

^a The cobalt particle size calculated using the following equation: d = 0.96/dispersion.

 $^{^{\}circ}$ The average cobalt particle size was determined by XRD (Scherrer equation) at 20=41.6 $^{\circ}$ for hcp-Co and 20=51.9 $^{\circ}$ for fcc-Co.

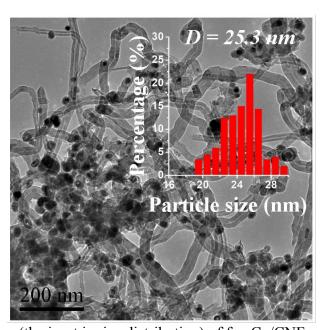


Figure S5 TEM image (the inset is size distribution) of fcc-Co/CNF catalyst after reaction.

^b The surface-average cobalt particle size was obtained from TEM.

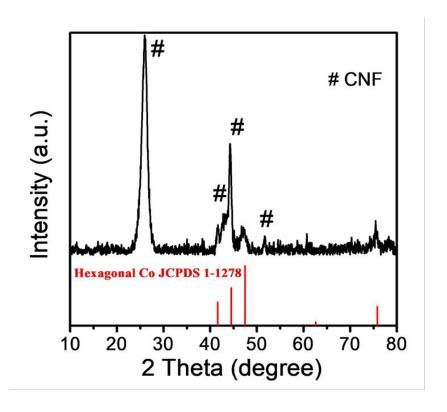


Figure S6 XRD pattern of hcp-Co/CNF catalyst after reaction.