

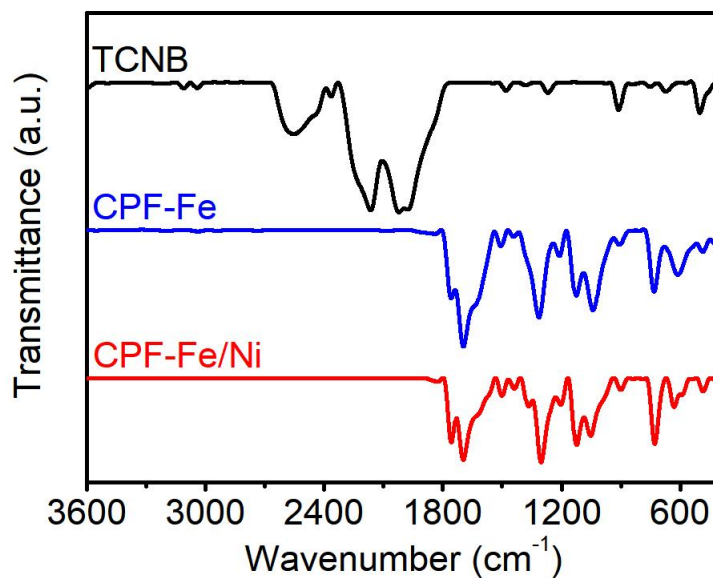
## Supporting Information

### **A pyrolysis-free Ni/Fe bimetallic electrocatalyst for overall water splitting**

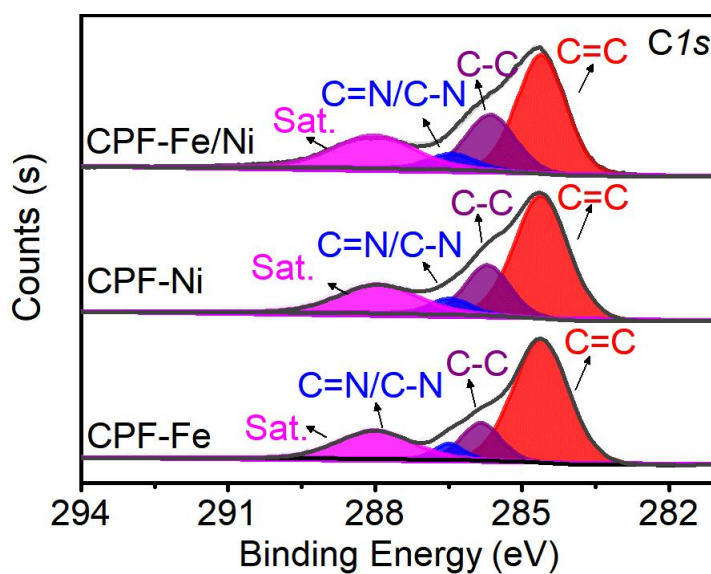
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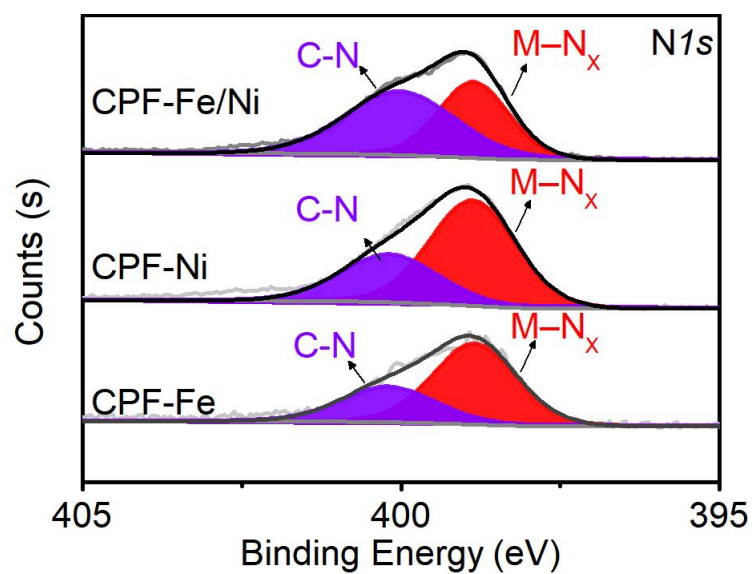
## Supplementary Figures



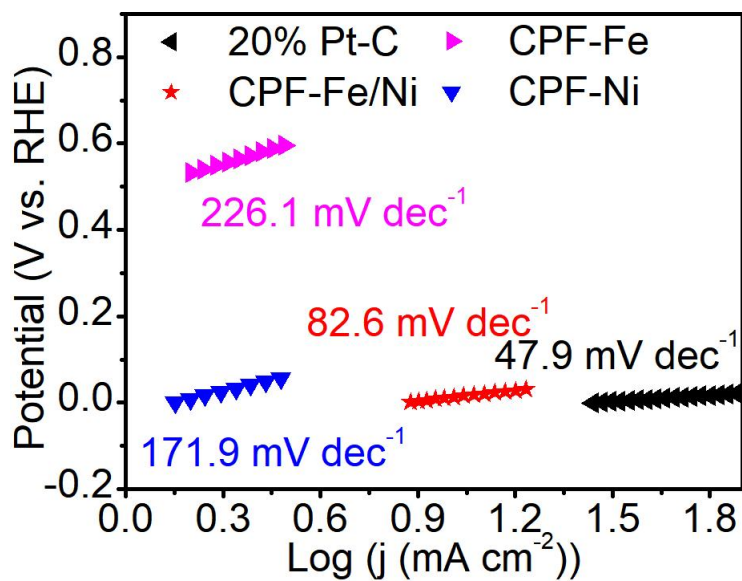
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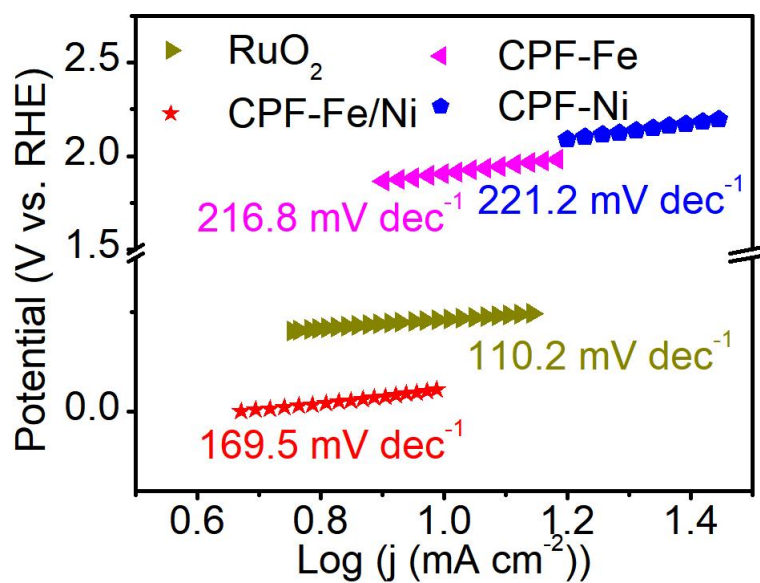
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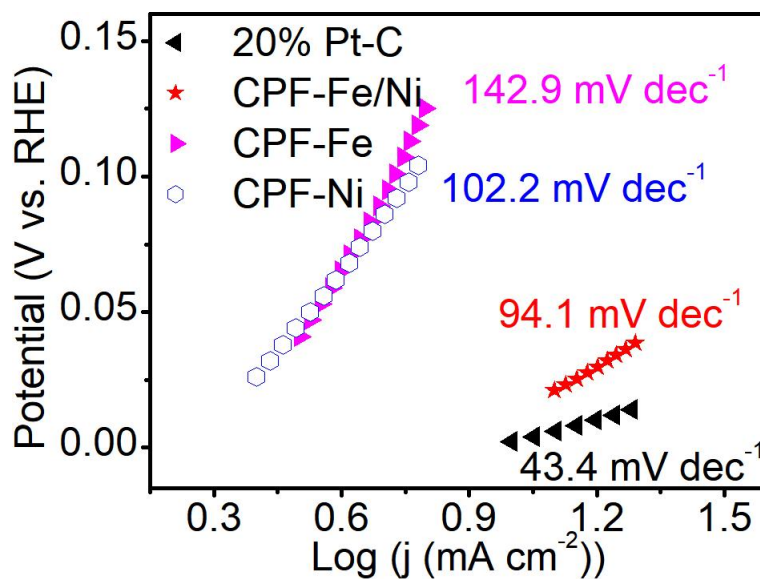
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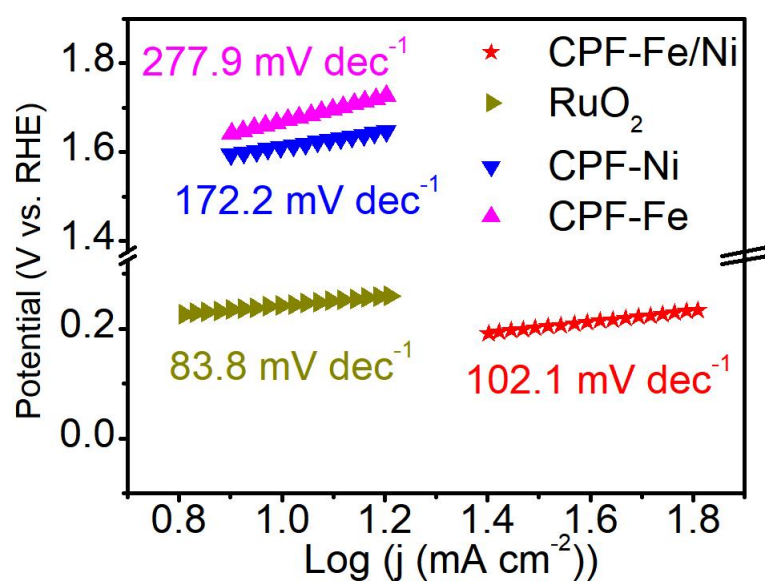
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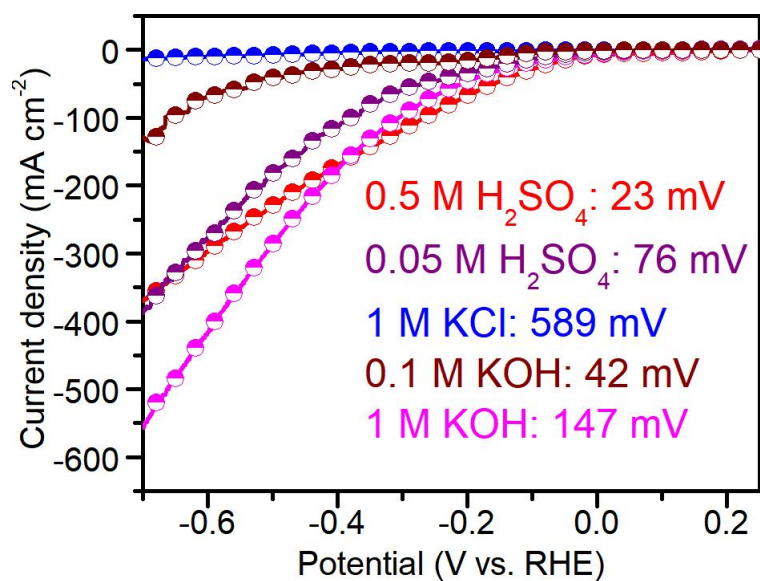
**Supplementary Fig. 5.** Tafel slopes for RuO<sub>2</sub>, CPF-Fe, CPF-Ni and CPF-Fe/Ni as OER catalyst in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.



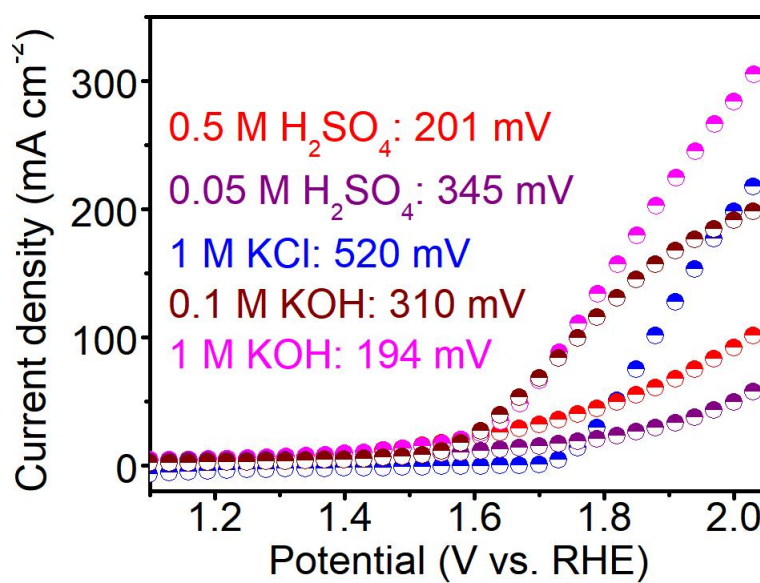
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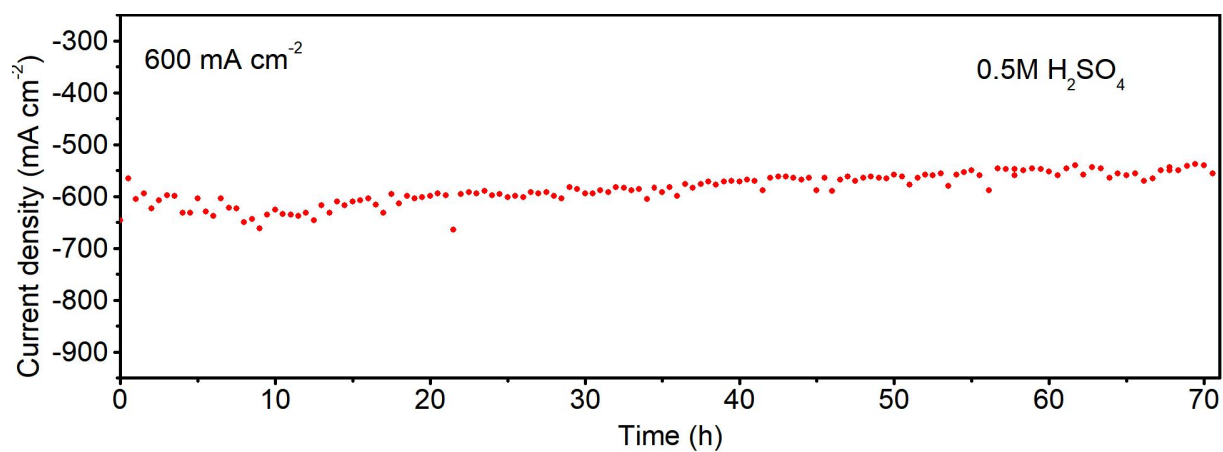
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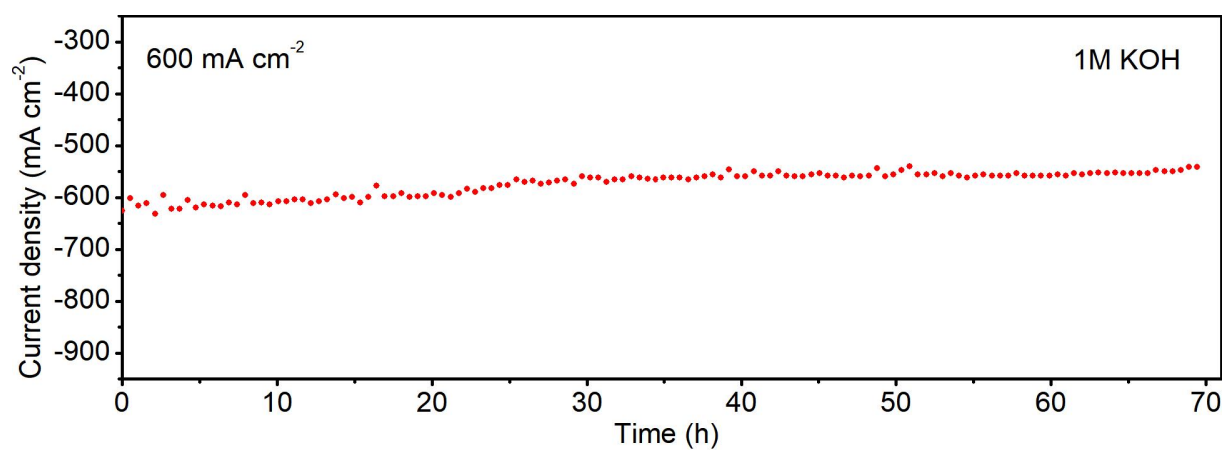
**Supplementary Fig. 8.** HER polarization curves with a speed of 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup> in a wide pH.



**Supplementary Fig. 9.** OER polarization curve with a speed of 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup> in a wide pH.

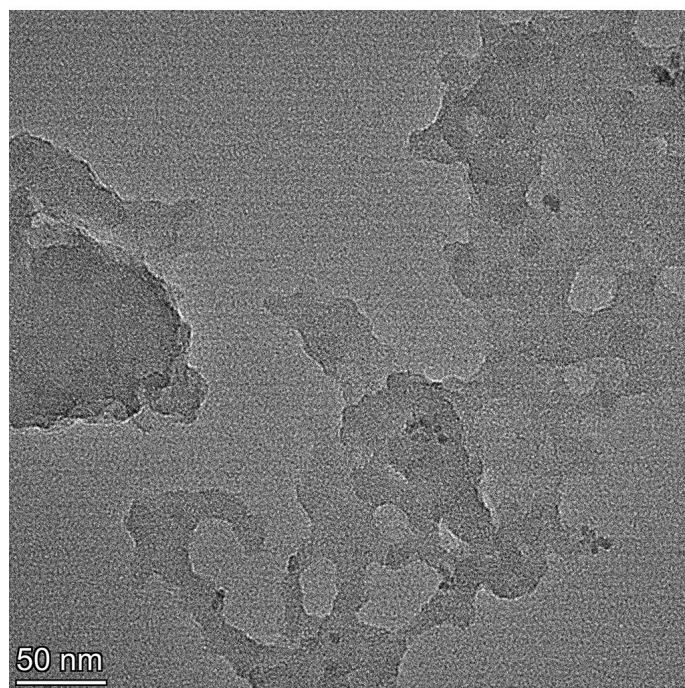


**Supplementary Fig. 10.** The chronopotentiometry of CPF-Fe/Ni in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> at 600 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>.

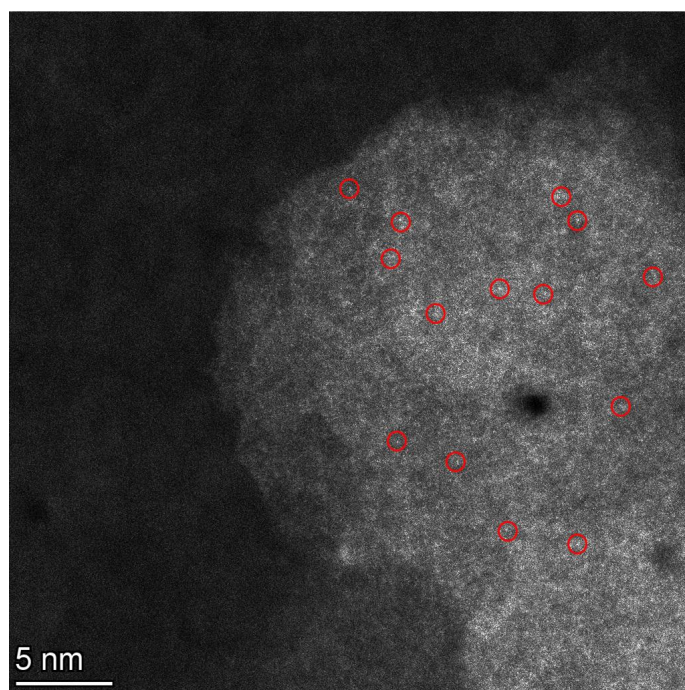


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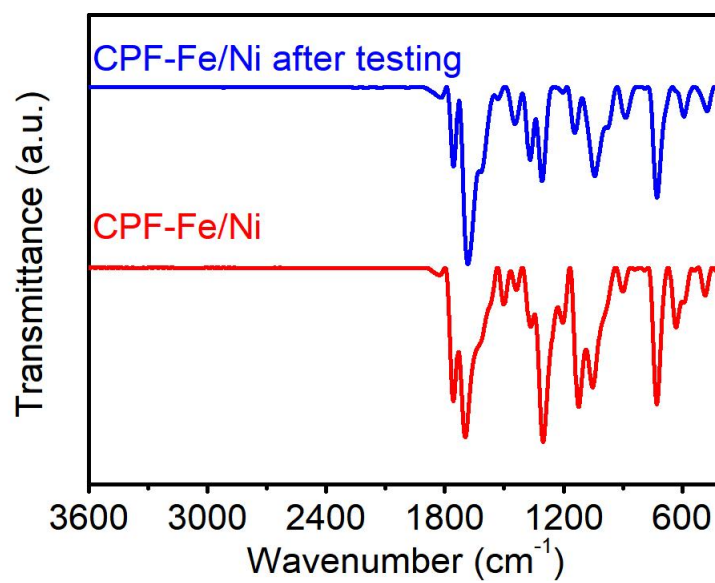


**Supplementary Fig. 12.** HR-TEM of CPF-Fe/Ni after electrocatalysis testing in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

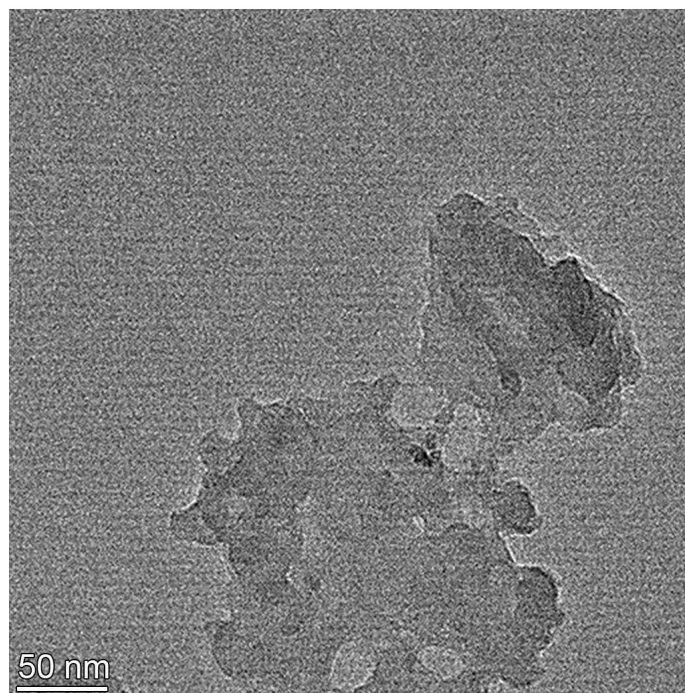


**Supplementary Fig. 13.** HAADF STEM image of CPF-Fe/Ni after electrocatalysis testing in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

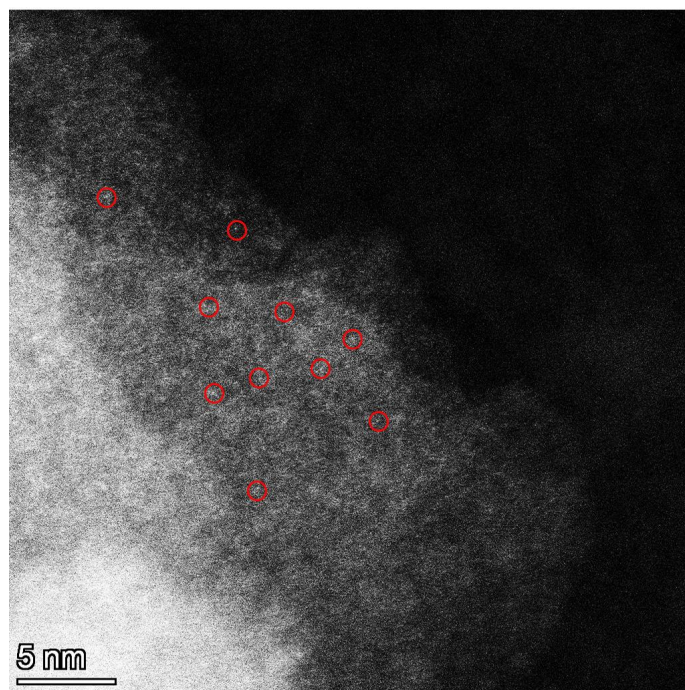




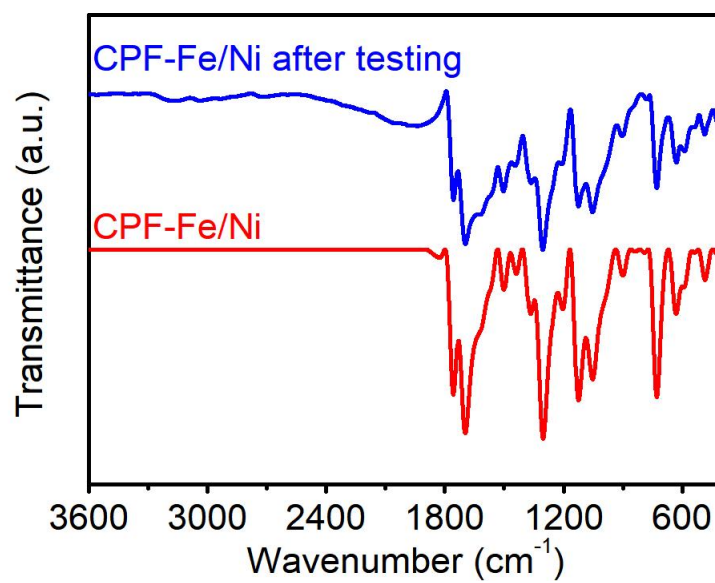
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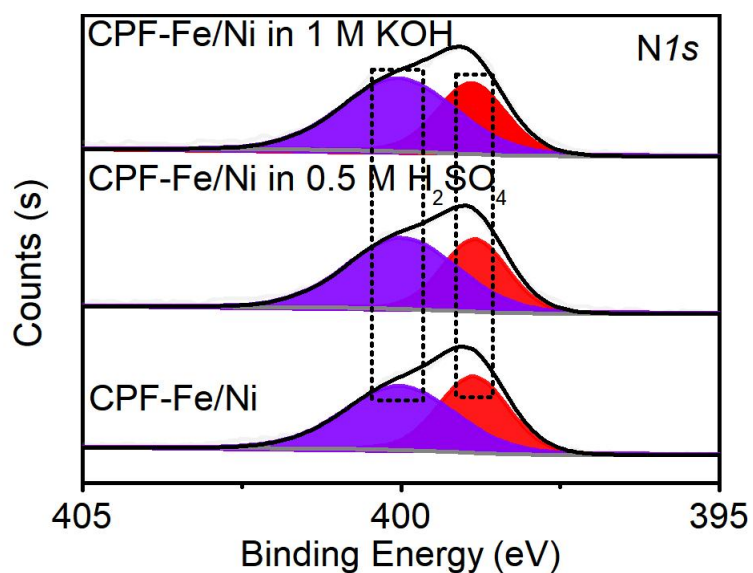
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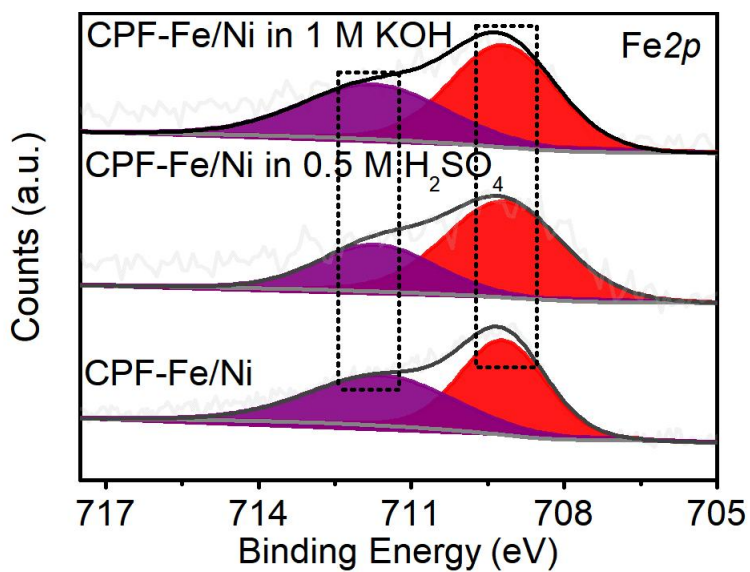
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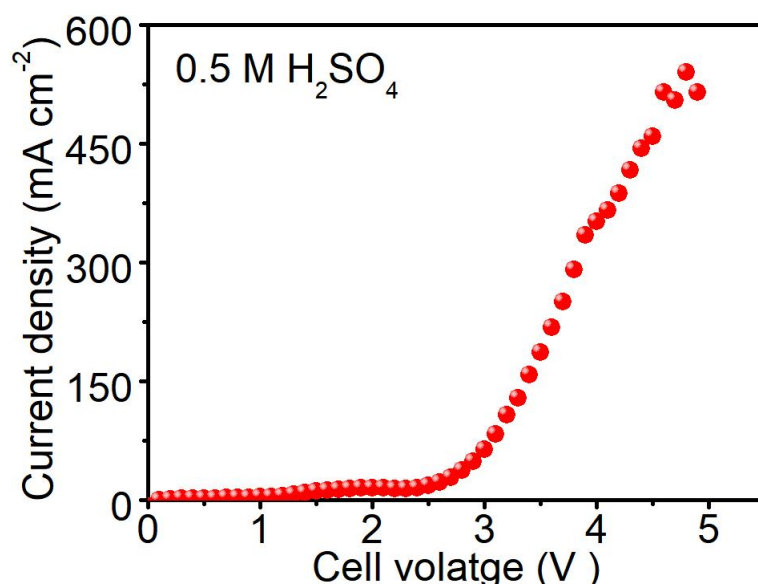
**Supplementary Fig. 17.** FT-IR of CPF-Fe/Ni after electrocatalysis testing in 1 M KOH.



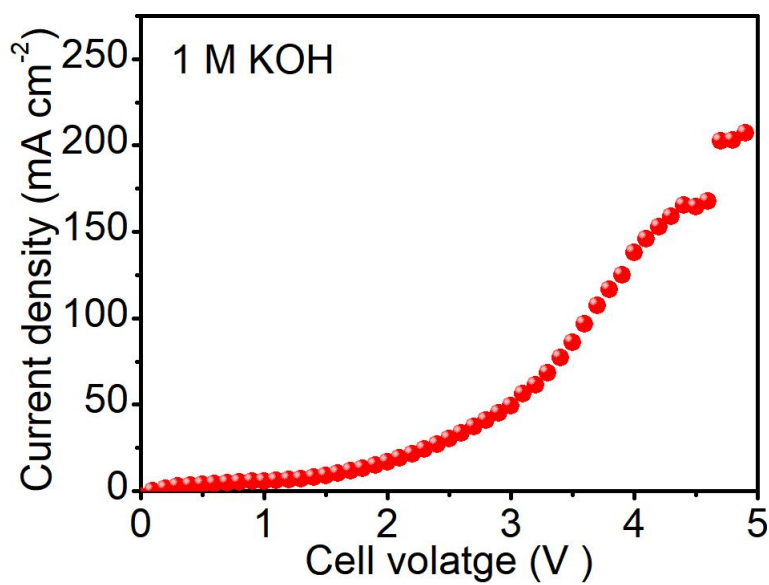
**Supplementary Fig. 18.** High-resolution N1s spectra of CPF-Fe/Ni after electrocatalysis testing in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and 1 M KOH, respectively.



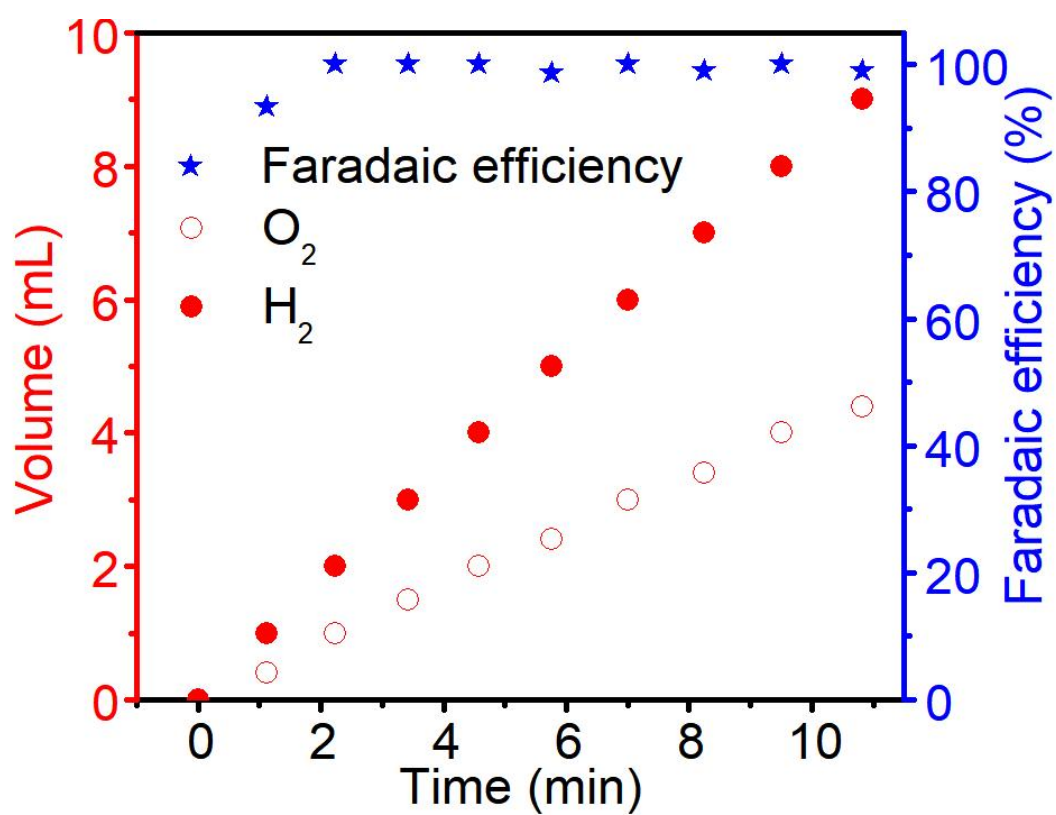
**Supplementary Fig. 19.** High-resolution Fe2p spectra of CPF-Fe/Ni after electrocatalysis testing in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and 1 M KOH, respectively.



**Supplementary Fig. 20.** LSV curves of CPF-Fe/Ni coupled water electrolysis cell at a scan rate of 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup> in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

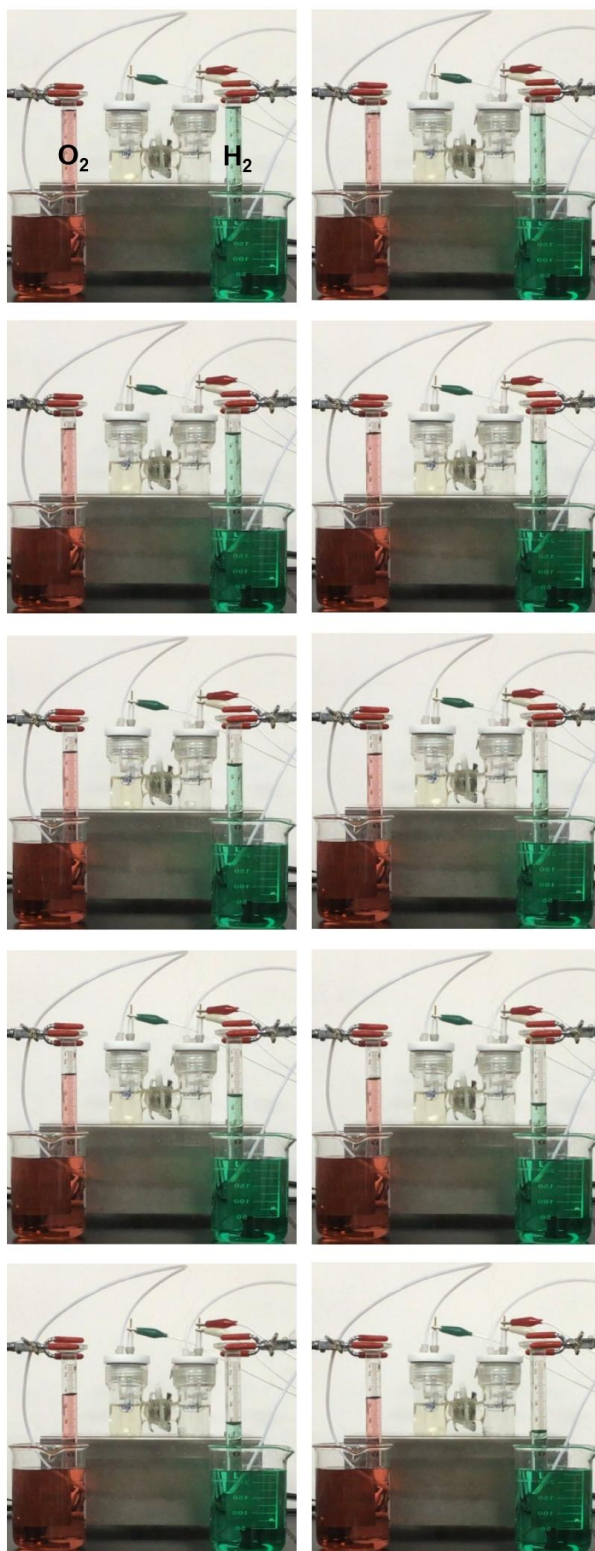


**Figure S21.** LSV curves of CPF-Fe/Ni coupled water electrolysis cell at a scan rate of 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup> in 1 M KOH.

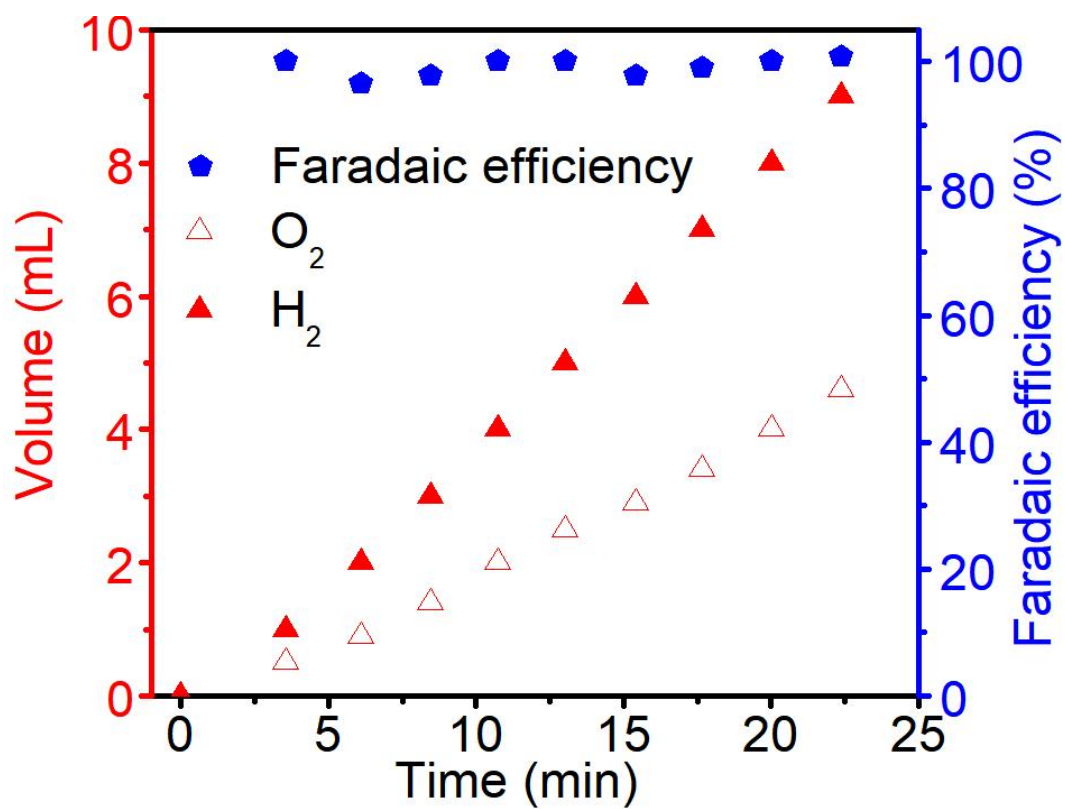


**Supplementary Fig. 22.** Experimental gas volumes of H<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> during water splitting at a current density of 30 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> for 11 min in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and the corresponding Faradaic efficiency of CPF-Fe/Ni.

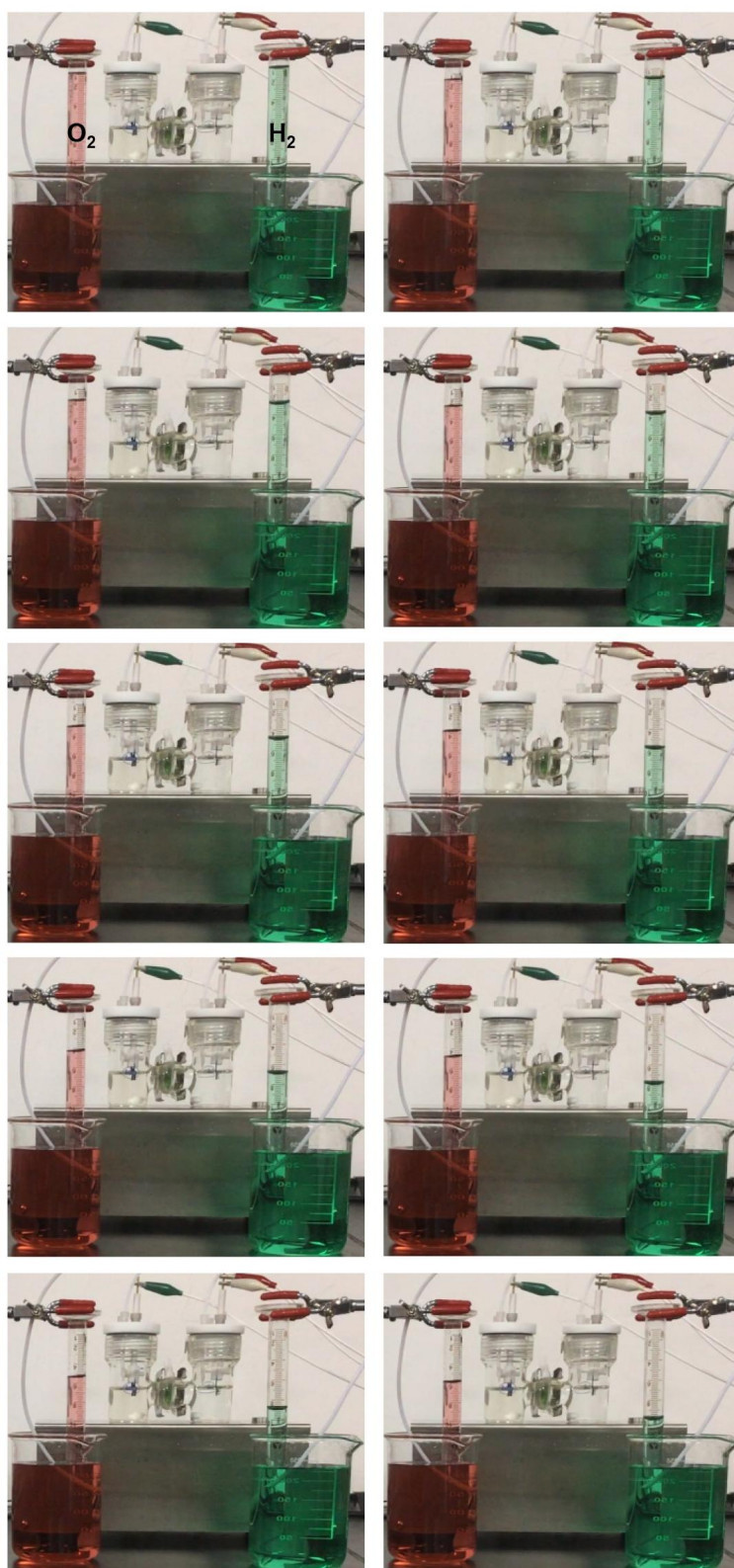




**Supplementary Fig. 23.** Hydrogen (green) and oxygen (red) generated at 0, 1.12, 2.23, 3.43, 4.58, 5.77, 7, 8.25, 9.5, and 10.83 min in 0.5 M  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , respectively.



**Supplementary Fig. 24.** Experimental gas volumes of H<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> during water splitting at a current density of 30 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> for 25 min in 1 M KOH, and the corresponding Faradaic efficiency of CPF-Fe/Ni.



**Supplementary Fig. 25.** Hydrogen (green) and oxygen (red) generated at 0, 3.55, 6.1, 8.45, 10.76, 13.02, 15.42, 17.67, 20.03, and 22.38 min in 1 M KOH, respectively.

## Supplementary Tables

**Supplementary Table 1.** Comparison of different electrocatalytic activity for different water splitting catalysts under 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>.

	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> $\eta$ HER/OER (mV)	1 M KOH $\eta$ HER/OER (mV)	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> Cell voltage (V)	1 M KOH Cell voltage (V)	Tafel (mVdec <sup>-1</sup> )	TOF (s <sup>-1</sup> )	Faradaic Efficiency (%)	Stability (h)	Ref
<b>CPF-Fe/Ni</b>	<b>23/201</b>	<b>42/194</b>	<b>1.44</b>	<b>1.57</b>	<b>0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>: 82.6 (HER) 94.1 (OER) 1 M KOH: 169.5 (HER) 102.1 (OER)</b>	<b>H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>: 3.16 (H<sub>2</sub>) 1.12 (O<sub>2</sub>) KOH: 2.64 (H<sub>2</sub>) 1.4 (O<sub>2</sub>)</b>	<b>~ 100</b>	<b>H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>: 120 KOH: 120</b>	<b>Our Work</b>
Ru/Co-N-C	13/232	23/247	1.49	1.5	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> : 40.7 (HER) 1 M KOH: 32.4 (HER)	9.2	96	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> : 20 KOH: 15	1
W-NiS <sub>0.5</sub> Se <sub>0.5</sub>	--	39/171	--	1.44	1 M KOH: 51 (HER) 41 (OER)	0.21	~ 100	500	2
CoNiRu-NT	--	27/255	--	1.47	1 M KOH: 78 (HER) 67 (OER)	0.330	95	48	3
FMZP4	--	53/184	--	1.79	1 M KOH: 53.2 (HER) 51.9 (OER)	0.00893	~ 100	80	4
Co-Co <sub>0.85</sub> Se	--	97/265	--	1.47	1 M KOH: 70.7 (HER) 78.0 (OER)	4.4	~ 100	12	5
Mn <sub>2</sub> P- Mn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /PNCF	--	98/330	--	1.56	1 M KOH: 46 (HER) 86 (OER)	--	~100	72	6
H-CoS <sub>x</sub> @NiFe LDH/NF	--	95/250	--	1.98	1 M KOH: 90 (HER) 49 (OER)	0.067	97	100	7
Co-BTC	--	437/370	--	2.03	1 M KOH: 115.1 (HER) 89.1 (OER))	1.23	--	5	8
BPIr be catalyst	25/290	198/290	1.57	1.54	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> : 30.9 (HER) 70 (OER) 1 M KOH:	22 (H <sub>2</sub> ) 4.41 (O <sub>2</sub> )	--	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> : 2.5 KOH: 2.5	9

					91 (HER)				
Ru/RuS <sub>2</sub> -2	45/201	--	1.501	--	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> : 30.9 (HER) 70 (OER) 1 M KOH: 91 (HER) 64 (OER)	0.71 (H <sub>2</sub> ) 0.61 (O <sub>2</sub> )	--	10	<b>10</b>
Ru1/D-NiFe LDH	--	10/189	--	1.419	1 M KOH: 29 (HER) 31 (OER)	7.66 (H <sub>2</sub> )	~100 (H <sub>2</sub> ) 99.6 (O <sub>2</sub> )	2.5	<b>11</b>
D-CoP-HoMSs	--	93/294	--	1.57	1 M KOH: 50 (HER) 67 (OER)	--	--	-	<b>12</b>
NiCoPO@NC/P-NF-e	--	73.1/221.4	--	1.5	1 M KOH: 82 (HER) 87.8 (OER)	0.21 (O <sub>2</sub> )	98.5 (H <sub>2</sub> ) 99.4 (O <sub>2</sub> )	48	<b>13</b>
Ni <sub>0.6</sub> Fe <sub>0.4</sub> -MOG	--	159/285	--	1.61	1 M KOH: 38 (HER) 63 (OER)	1.44(H <sub>2</sub> ) 1.38(O <sub>2</sub> )	~ 100	20	<b>14</b>
Fe doped MOF CoV@CoO nanoflakes	--	78/220	--	1.53	1 M KOH: 86 (HER) 59 (OER)	0.45	--	50	<b>15</b>
NiMoOx/NiMoS	--	38/186	--	1.46	1 M KOH: 38 (HER) 34 (OER)	1.97	99.6±0.3 (H <sub>2</sub> ) 97.5±0.4 (O <sub>2</sub> )	500	<b>16</b>
CoFeO@BP	--	88/256	--	--	1 M KOH: 51 (HER) 42 (OER)	--	~ 100 (H <sub>2</sub> ) 99.2 (O <sub>2</sub> )	24	<b>17</b>
CoP-InNC@CNT	--	159/270	--	1.58	1 M KOH: 63 (HER) 85 (OER)	--	--	15	<b>18</b>
Ni@N-HCGHF	--	95/260	--	1.6	1 M KOH: 57 (HER) 63 (OER)	--	--	20	<b>19</b>
Co <sub>2</sub> P /CoNPC	--	208/328	--	1.64	1 M KOH: 83.0 (HER) 72.6 (OER)	--	--	8.3	<b>20</b>
D-Ni-MOF NSA	--	101/219	--	1.5	1 M KOH: 50.9 (HER) 48.2 (OER)	1.224		48	<b>21</b>
FeNi(BDC)(DMF ,F)/NF	--	234/227	--	1.58	1 M KOH: 96.2 (HER) 37.4 (OER)	0.298	~ 100	30	<b>22</b>

HOF- Co <sub>0.5</sub> Fe <sub>0.5</sub> /NF	--	170/278	--	1.63	1 M KOH: 137 (HER) 59 (OER)	--	99.9	20	23
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**Supplementary Table 2.** ICP of CPF-Fe/Ni before and after catalysis.

	Fe (%)	Ni (%)
CPF-Fe/Ni before catalysis	11.90	1.35
CPF-Fe/Ni after catalysis in 0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	11.16	1.21
CPF-Fe/Ni after catalysis in 1 M KOH	11.32	1.18

### Supplementary Note

#### Structural characterization.

Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker ALPHA II FT-IR spectrometer.

<sup>13</sup>C MAS solid-state NMR experiments were performed on AVANCE(3)400WB at a resonance frequency of 150.15 MHz. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded with spinning rate of 15kHz with a 4mm probe at room temperature. <sup>13</sup>C CPMAS experiments were performed with a delay time of 5s. Scan number: 2048 scans.

The X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) measurements were tested using ESCALAB 250 system (Thermo Electron) with an Al K $\alpha$  (300 W) X-ray resource (3.82 eV versus absolute vacuum value). All binding energies were calibrated to the C 1s peak (284.6 eV) arising from the adventitious carbon-containing species.

Field-emission scanning electron microscopy (FESEM) measurement was carried out using Zeiss Sigma 500.

The transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and high-resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM) images were obtained in FEI TalosF200S equipment.



Sub-ångström-resolution high-angle annular dark-field scanning transmission electron microscopy (HAADF-STEM) characterization was conducted on a JEOLJEMARM300F STEM/TEM with a guaranteed resolution of 0.08 nm.

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