

Ultrathin CNTs@FeOOH nanoflakes core/shell networks as efficient electrocatalysts for oxygen evolution reaction

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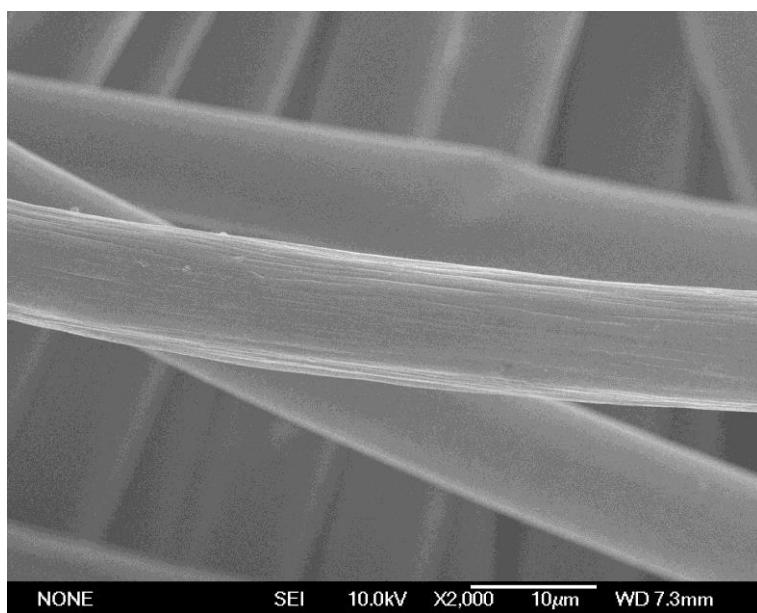


Figure S1. SEM image of pure carbon cloth.

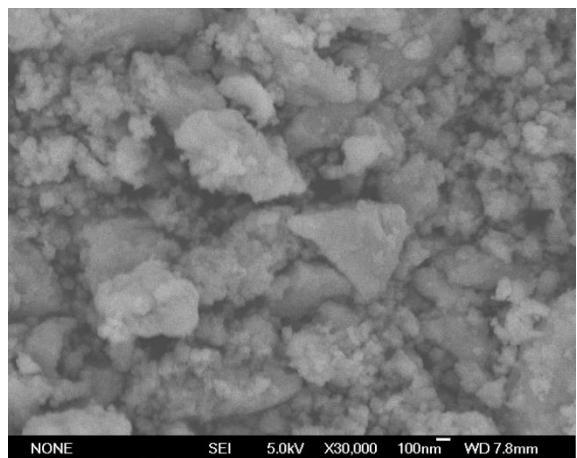


Figure S2. SEM image of the FeOOH powder used for comparison.

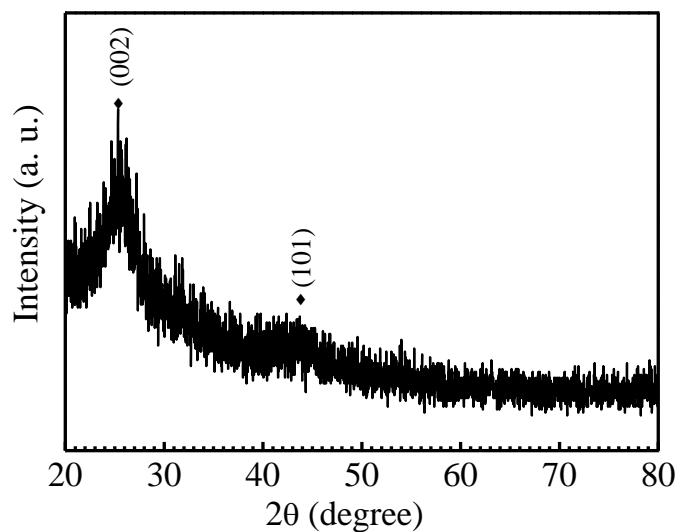


Figure S3 XRD pattern of pure carbon cloth

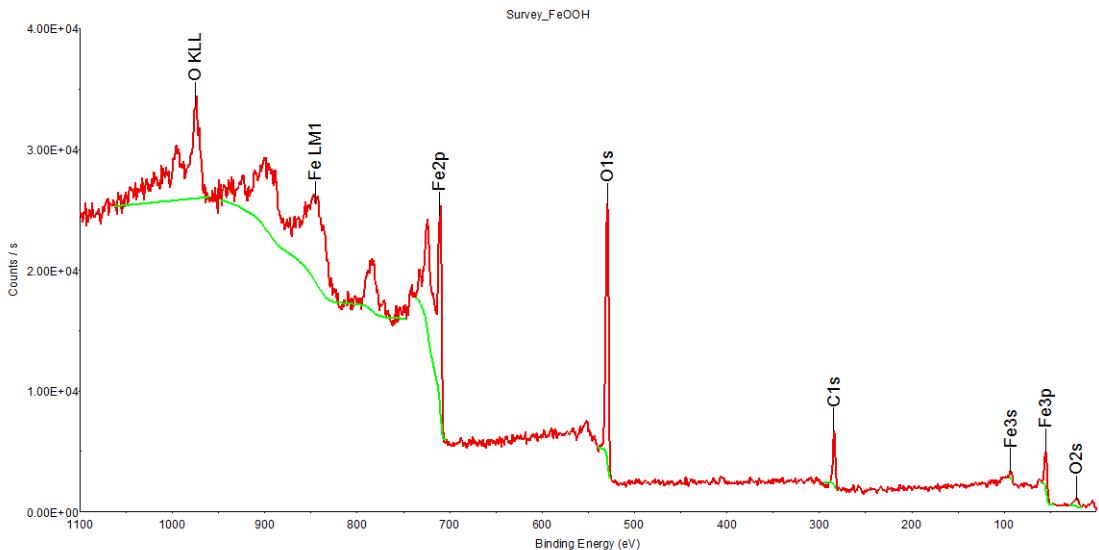


Figure S4. Full XPS spectra of CNTs@FeOOH/CC.

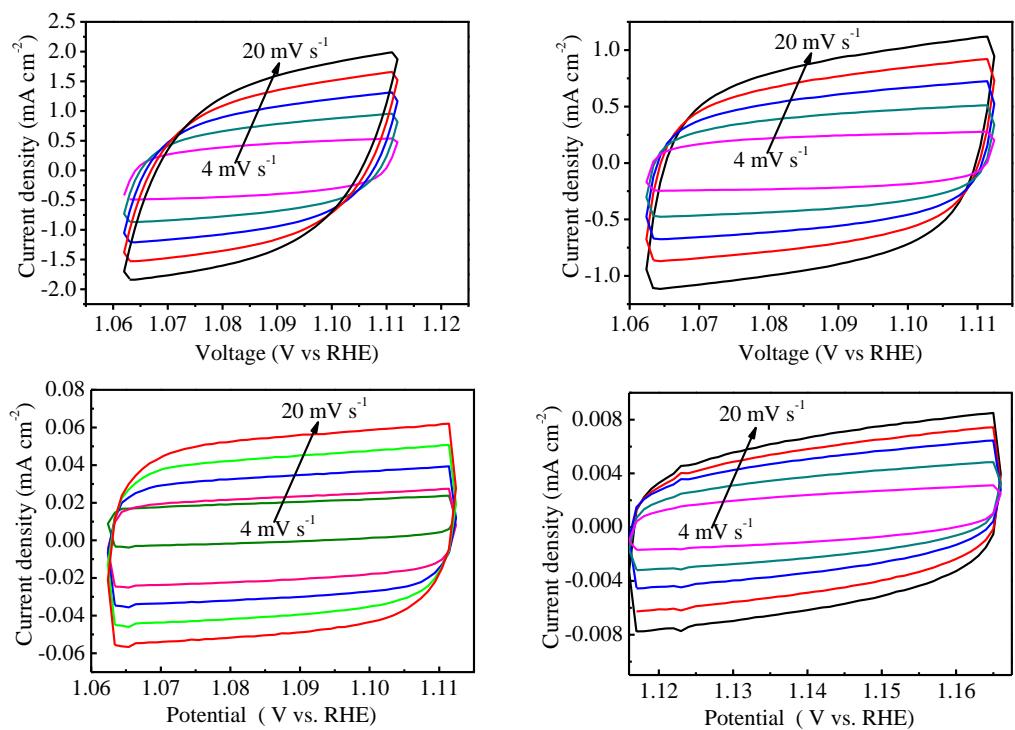


Figure S5 Cyclic voltammograms of a) CNTs@FeOOH/CC, b) CNTs/CC, c) FeOOH/CC and d) FeOOH powder in the double layer region at scan rate of 4, 8, 12, 16, 20 mV s^{-1} .

Table S1. Comparison of OER activity for CNTs@FeOOH/CC and recently reported non-noble metal-based catalysts.

| Catalyst | Electrolyte | Overpotential @ 10 mA cm ⁻² (mV) | Tafel slope (mV dec ⁻¹) | Substrate | Reference |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---|--|-----------------|---------------|
| CNTs@FeOOH/CC | 1 M KOH | 250 | 36 | Carbon cloth | This work |
| CoFe ₂ O ₄ | 1 M KOH | 314 | 31 | Carbon nanotube | ¹ |
| NiCo ₂ O ₄ | 1 M NaOH | 320 | 47 | Carbon cloth | ² |
| CoNi(OH) _x | 1 M KOH | 280 | 77 | Cu foil | ³ |
| FeOOH/Co/FeOOH | 1 M NaOH | ~240 | 32 | Nickel foam | ⁴ |
| CuO | 1 M KOH | 475 | 90 | Cu foil | ⁵ |
| FeOOH/CeO ₂ /FeOOH | 1 M KOH | ~230 | - | Nickel foam | ⁶ |
| FeO _x | 1 M KOH | 558 | 93 | Carbon cloth | ⁷ |
| Ni(OH) ₂ /CNTs | 1 M KOH | 270 | 32 | Glass carbon | ⁸ |
| NiFe LDH | 1 M KOH | 215 | 33 | MWCNT fiber | ⁹ |
| Co nanoparticles | 1 M KOH | 256 | 41 | Carbon cloth | ¹⁰ |

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