

## One-Step Synthesis of Well-structured NiS@Ni<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>6</sub> Nanosheets

### On Nickel Foam for Efficient Overall Water Splitting

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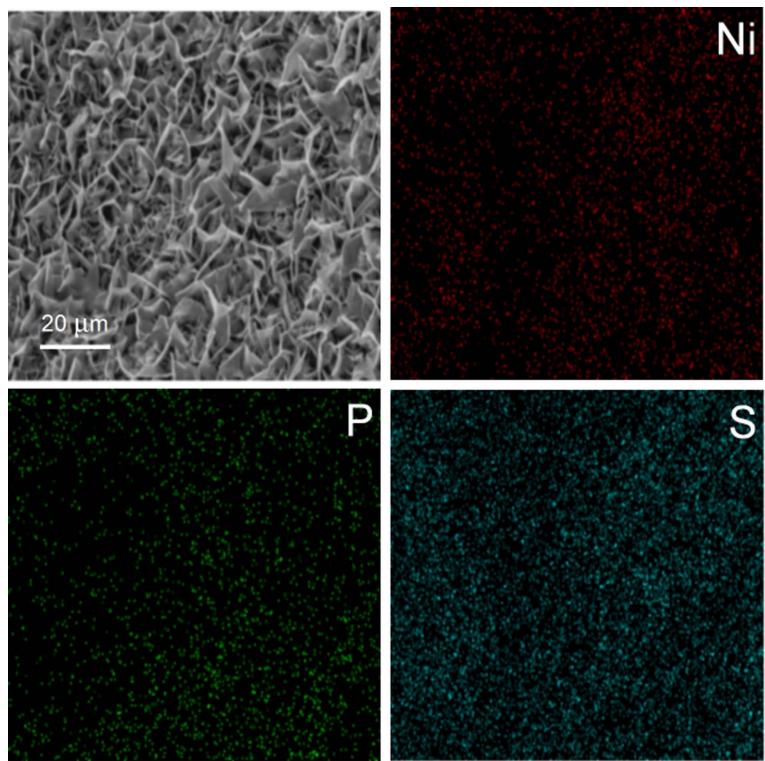
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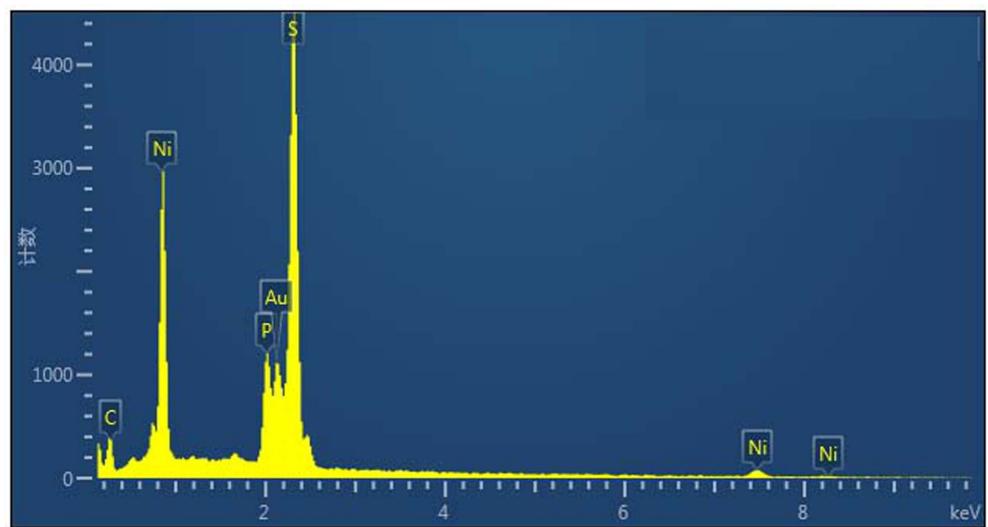
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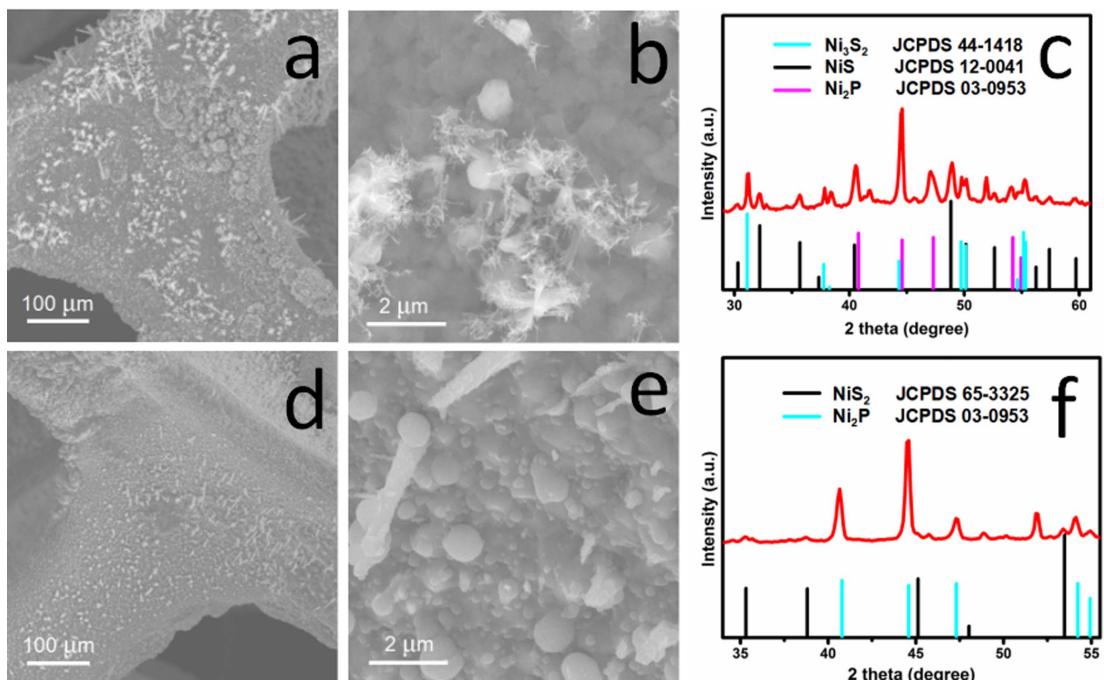
**Figure S1.** SEM image and the corresponding energy dispersive X-ray (EDX) elemental mapping of Ni, P and S for NiS@Ni<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>6</sub>/NF.



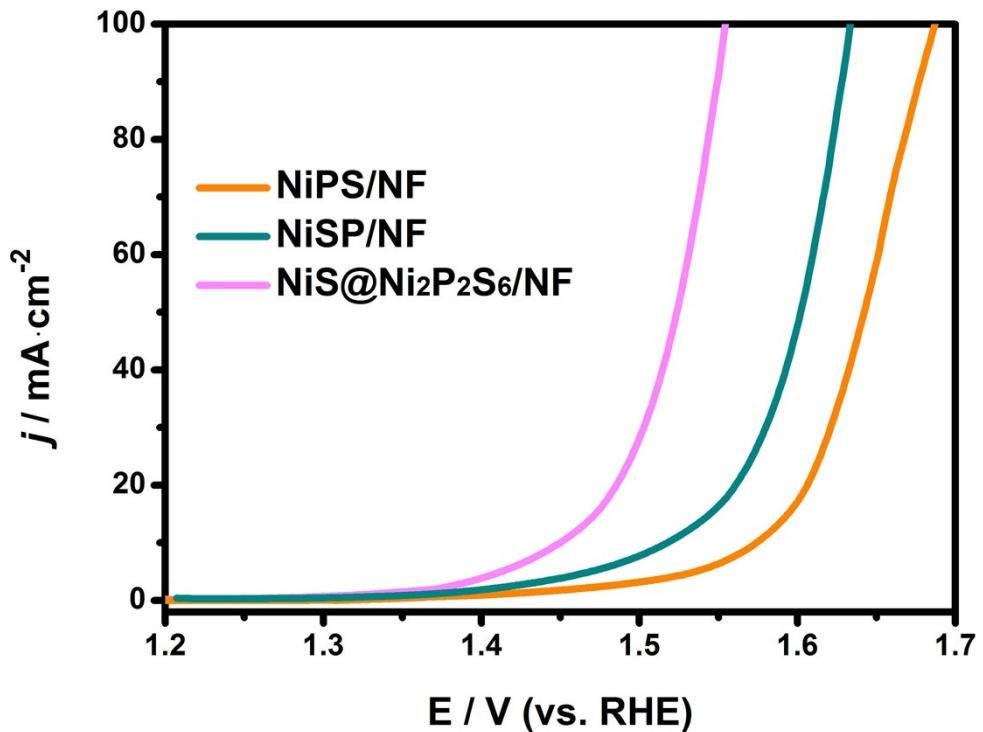
**Figure S2.** EDX spectrum of the NiS@Ni<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>6</sub>/NF nanosheets.

**Table S1.** Element percentage of NiS@Ni<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>6</sub>/NF and the relative molar percentage of NiS and Ni<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>6</sub> obtained from EDX.

Elements	Weight% (EDX)	Atomic% (EDX)
Ni	47.72	33.15
P	8.06	10.61
S	44.22	56.24
Total	100	100
Ni:S (NiS)	22.54:24.41 = 1:1.08	
Ni:P:S (Ni <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>6</sub> )	10.61:10.61:31.83 = 1:1:3	
NiS:Ni <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>6</sub>	2.1:1	



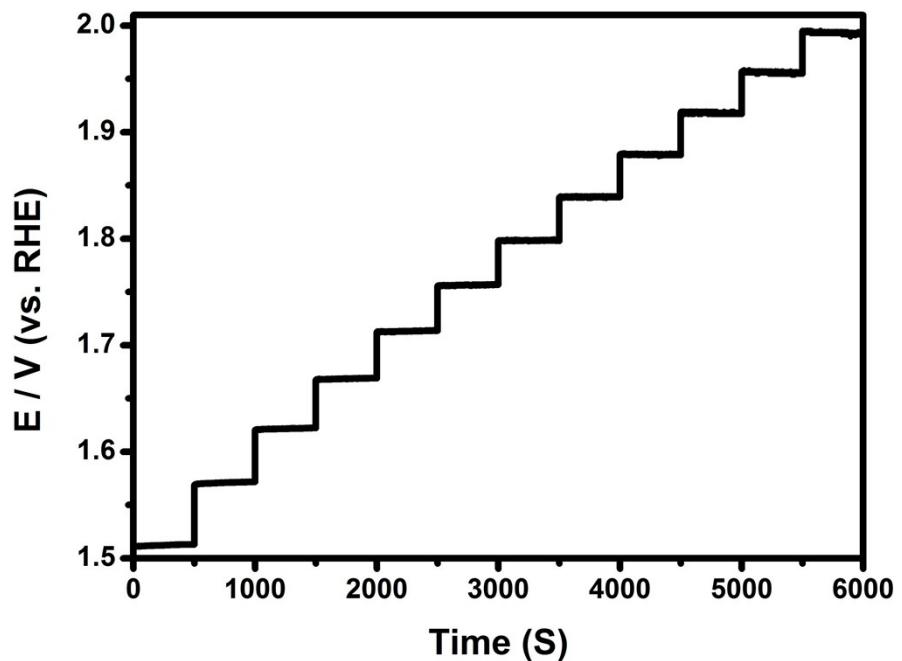
**Figure S3.** SEM images for (a-b) NiSP/NF, (d-e) NiPS/NF with different magnification. XRD patterns for (c) NiSP/NF and (f) NiPS/NF.



**Figure S4.** Polarization curves of NiSP/NF, NiPS/NF and NiS@Ni<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>6</sub>/NF for OER in 1.0 M KOH.

**Table S2.** Comparison of OER performance in basic media for NiS@Ni<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>6</sub>/NF with other reported OER electrocatalysts.

Catalyst	OER		
	Current density (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Corresponding Overpotential (mV)	Ref
NiS@Ni <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>6</sub> /NF	10	220	This work
CoP	10	280	S1
Co-P/NC	10	319	S2
CP/CTs/Co-S	10	306	S3
NiSe/NF	20	270	S4
Co-P film	10	345	S5
CoO <sub>x</sub> @CN	10	260	S6
Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> /NF	10	260	S7
CoP-MNA	10	290	S8
porous MoO <sub>2</sub>	10	260	S9
CuCoO NWs	25	270	S10



**Figure S5.** The multi-current process of NiS@Ni<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>6</sub>/NF. The current density started at 50 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> and ended at 600 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>, with an increment of 50 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> per 500 seconds with no iR correction.

**Table S3.** Comparison of HER performance in basic media for NiS@Ni<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>6</sub>/NF with other HER electrocatalysts.

Catalyst	HER			Ref
	Current density (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Correspondin g	Overpotential (mV)	
NiS@Ni <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>6</sub> /NF	10	140		This work
Co-P/NC	10	154		S2
CP/CTs/Co-S	10	190		S3
CoO <sub>x</sub> @AC	10	232		S5
Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> /NF	20	223		S7
CoP/CC	10	209		S11

**Table S4.** Comparison of water splitting performance in basic media for NiS@Ni<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>6</sub>/NF with other reported bifunctional electrocatalysts.

Catalyst	Water splitting			Ref
	Current density (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Correspondin g potential (V)		
NiS@Ni <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>6</sub> /NF	10	1.64	This work	
CP/CTs/Co-S	10	1.743	S3	
Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> /NF	13	1.76	S7	
NiFe LDH	10	1.70	S12	
NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	10	1.65	S13	
ONPPGC/OCC	25	1.66	S14	

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