

Facile and fast fabrication of iron-phosphate supported on nickel foam as a highly efficient and stable oxygen evolution catalyst

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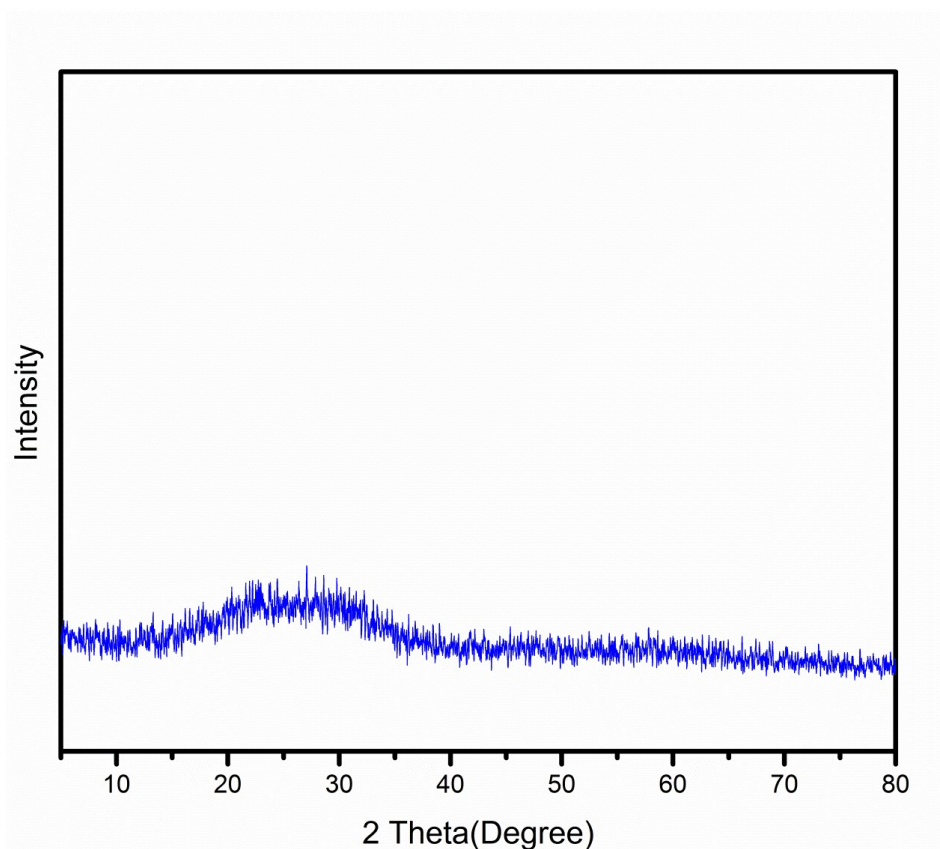


Fig. S1. XRD pattern of powder- Fe-Pi.

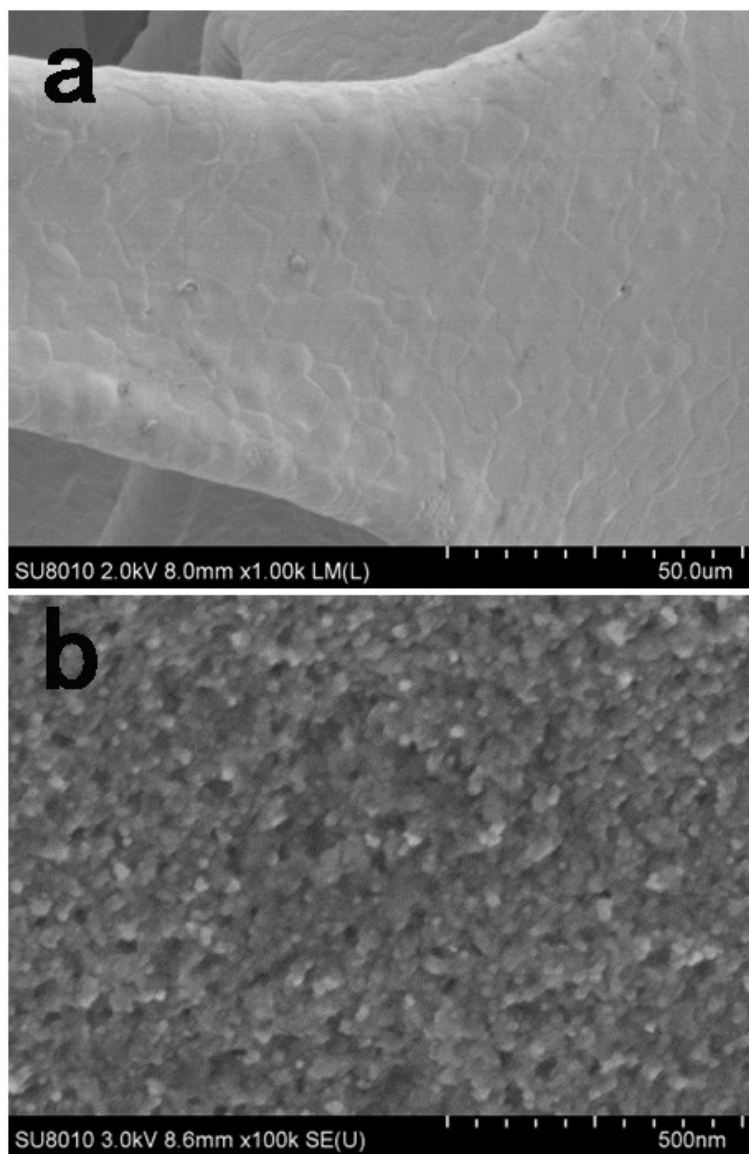


Fig. S2. SEM images of a) the NF substrate and b) an Fe(OH)₃/NF electrode.

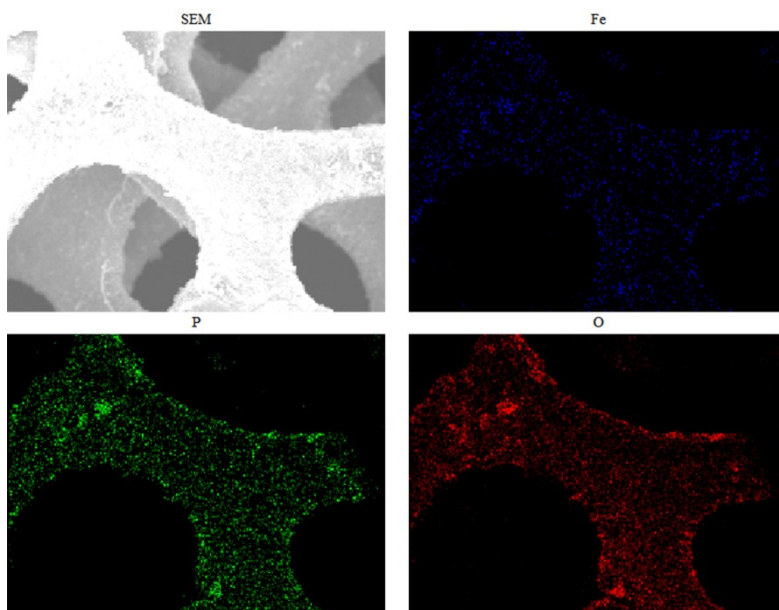


Fig. S3. SEM-EDX mappings of Fe-Pi/NF.

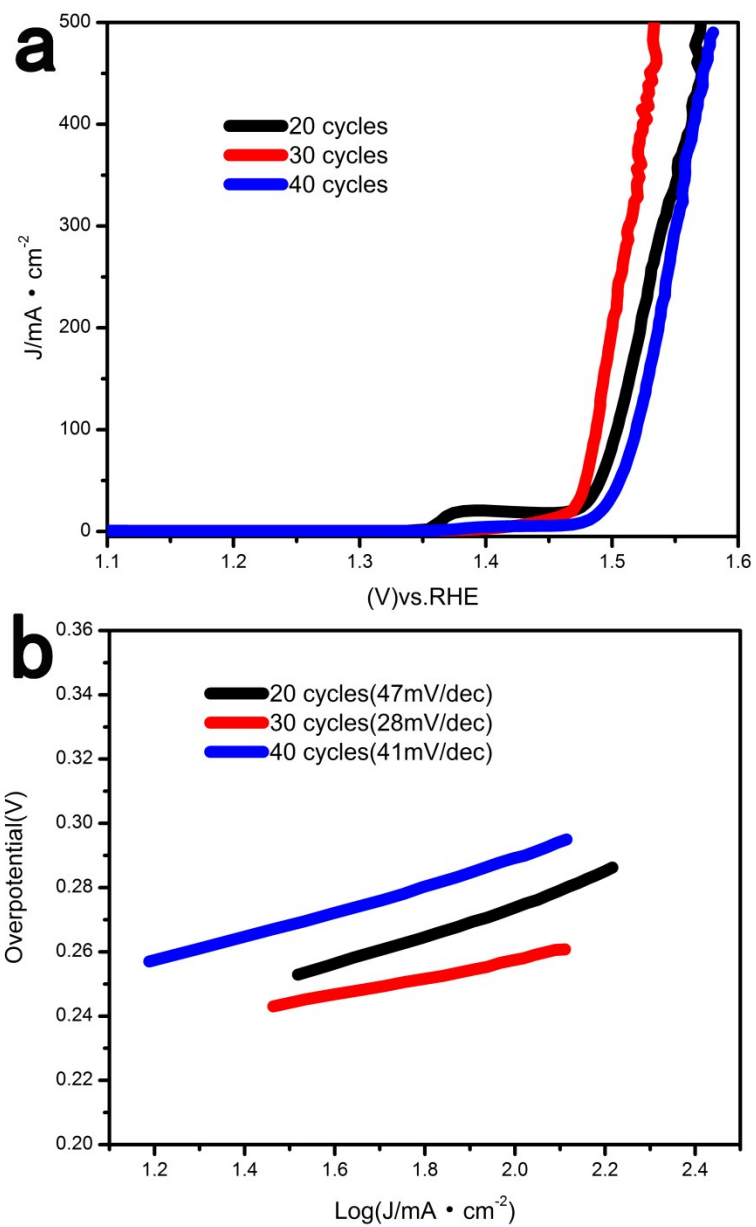


Fig. S4. a) Polarization curves for Fe-Pi/NF prepared with different numbers of cycles. b) The corresponding Tafel plots.

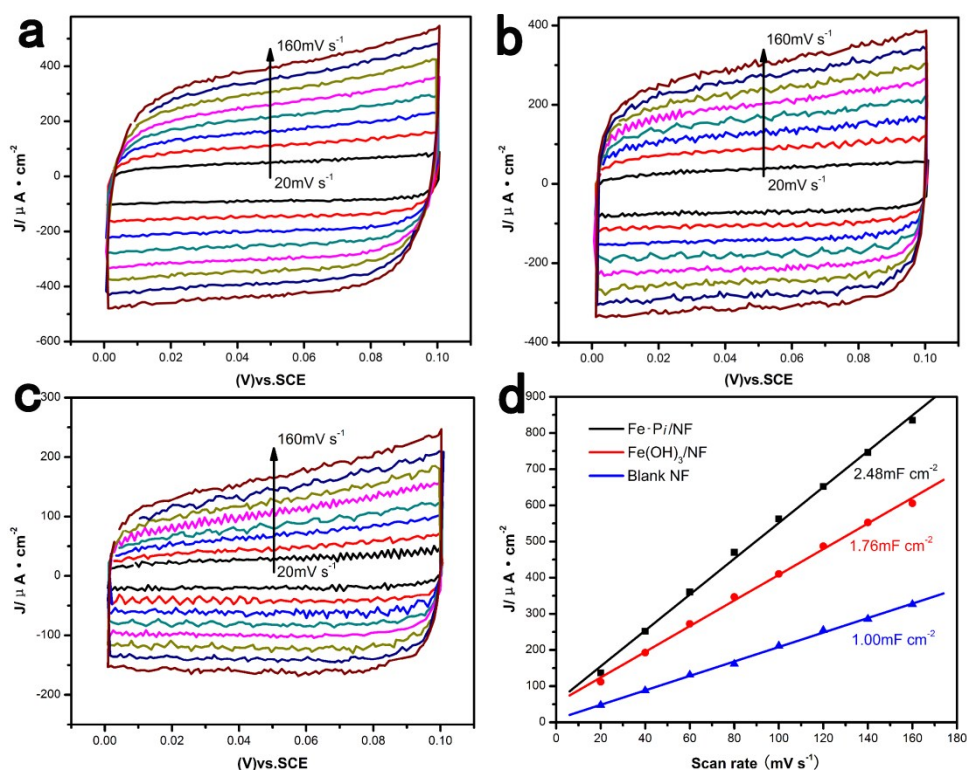


Fig. S5. Double-layer capacitance measurements of: a) Fe-Pi/NF, b) Fe(OH)₃/NF, and c) Blank NF. d) Charging current density differences plotted against scan rates. The linear slope, equivalent to twice the double-layer capacitance, C_{dl} , was used to represent the ECSA.

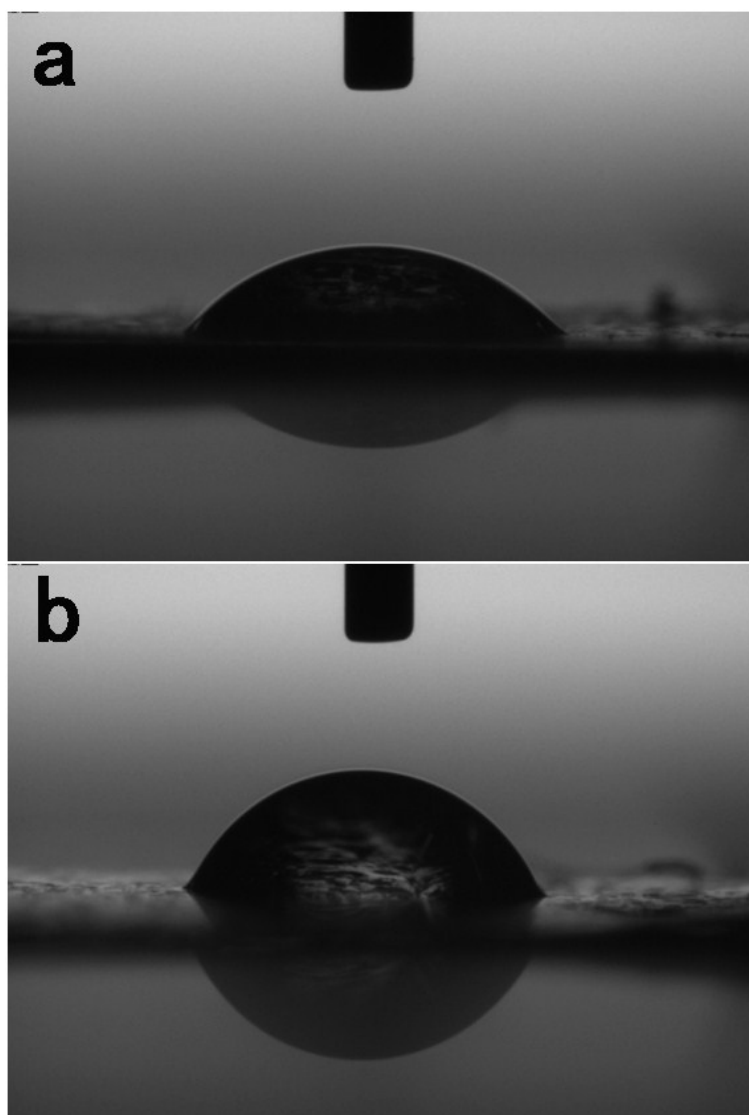


Fig. S6. Water contact-angle images of: a) Fe-Pi/NF and b) Fe(OH)₃/NF.

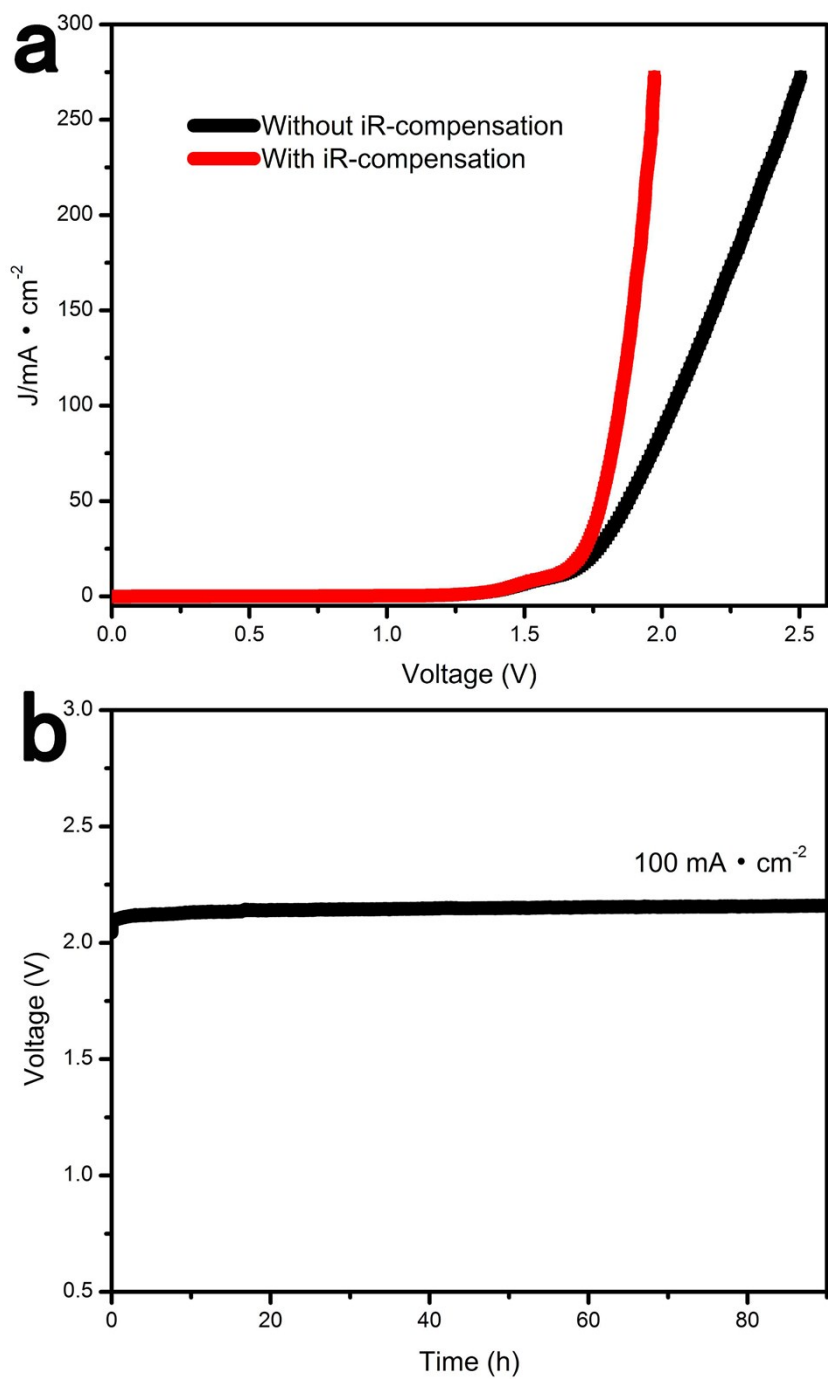


Fig. S7. a) LSV curves for overall water splitting in a two-electrode system. b) Chronopotentiometric curve for the two-electrode system at a constant current density of 100 mA cm^{-2} without iR compensation. Fe-Pi/NF as anode and blank NF as cathode in the two-electrode system. All experiments were carried out in 1.0 M KOH.

Table S1. Comparison of OER performance for Fe-Pi/NF with those of state-of-the-art electrocatalysts under alkaline conditions.

Material	Electrolyte (KOH)	η @10 mA cm^{-2} (mV)	Tafel slope (mV dec^{-1})	Reference
Fe-Pi/NF	1 M	215	28	This work.
α -FeNiOx	0.1 M	210 \pm 10 @1 mA cm^{-2}	24 \pm 4	S ¹
NiSe/NF	1 M	270 @20 mA cm^{-2}	64	S ²
NiFe-LDH/CNT	1 M	240	31	S ³
Ni-P	1 M	300	64	S ⁴
α -Ni(OH) ₂	0.1 M	331	42	S ⁵
NiFe LDH/NF	1 M	240		S ⁶
CoO/hi-Mn ₃ O ₄	1 M	378	61	S ⁷
W _{0.5} Co _{0.4} Fe _{0.1} /NF	1 M	250	32	S ⁸
NiFe LDH-NS@DG10	1 M	210	52	S ⁹
NiFeOx/IF	1 M	220	34	S ¹⁰
Ni-Fe-OH@Ni ₃ S ₂ /NF	1 M	165	93	S ¹¹
CoMnP nanoparticles	1 M	330	61	S ¹²
Ni:Pi-Fe/NF	1 M	220		S ¹³

Table S2. Comparison of the TOF value for Fe-Pi/NF with those of state-of-the-art electrocatalysts under alkaline conditions.

Material	Electrolyte (KOH)	TOF (s^{-1})	Reference
Fe-Pi/NF	1 M	0.381 @ η =270 mV	This work.
Fe-Pi/NF	1 M	0.838 @ η =300 mV	This work.
NiFe-LDH/CNT	1 M	0.56 @ η =300 mV	S ³
NiFeMn-LDH	1 M	0.038 @ η =300 mV	S ¹⁴
α -Ni(OH) ₂	0.1 M	0.0361 @ η =350 mV	S ⁵
Gelled FeCoW	1 M	0.46 @ η =300 mV	S ¹⁵
Ni ₂ P/Ni/NF	1 M	0.015 @ η =350 mV	S ¹⁶
Ni ₄₅ Fe ₅₅	0.1 M	0.14 @ η =300 mV	S ¹⁷
Ni/birnessite	1 M	0.061 @ η =400 mV	S ¹⁸
NiCeOx-Au	1 M NaOH	0.08 @ η =280 mV	S ¹⁹
CCS Ni-Co Nanowire	1 M	0.0086 @ η =300 mV	S ²⁰
FeNiOx film	1 M	0.68 @ η =310 mV	S ²¹
Ni _{0.75} V _{0.25} -LDH	1 M	0.054 @ η =350 mV	S ²²
NiFe-DAT film	1M NaOH	0.42 @ η =300 mV	S ²³

Table S3. The Rs and Rct values of the catalysts from EIS spectra (Fig. 4a) simulated using the corresponding equivalent circuit.

Sample	Rs(Ω)	R ₁ (Ω)	Rct(Ω)
Fe-Pi/NF	1.35	1.89	0.19
Fe(OH) ₃ /NF	0.98	0.37	0.52
RuO ₂ /NF	1.15	1.34	4.91

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