

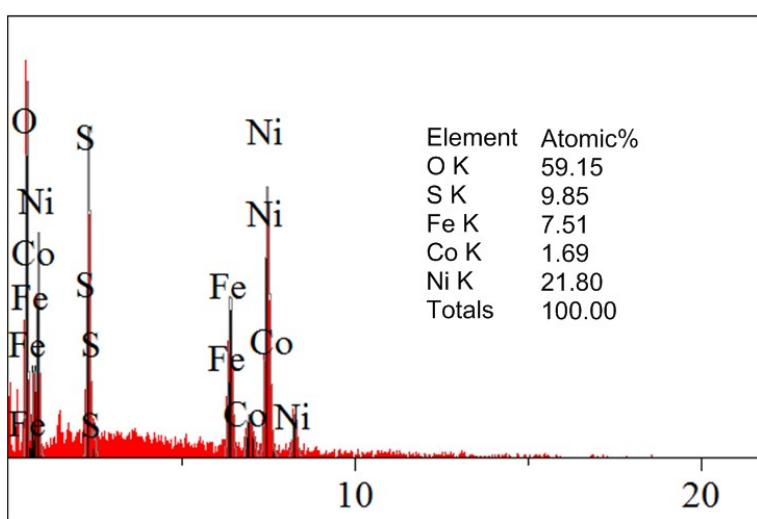
Electronic Supplementary Information

**Template-directed synthesis of sulphur doped NiCoFe layered double hydroxide porous nanosheets with enhanced electrocatalytic activity for oxygen evolution reaction**

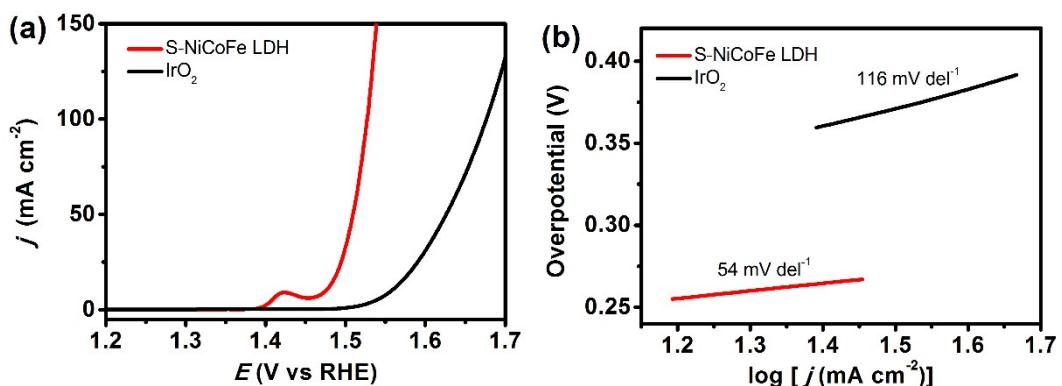
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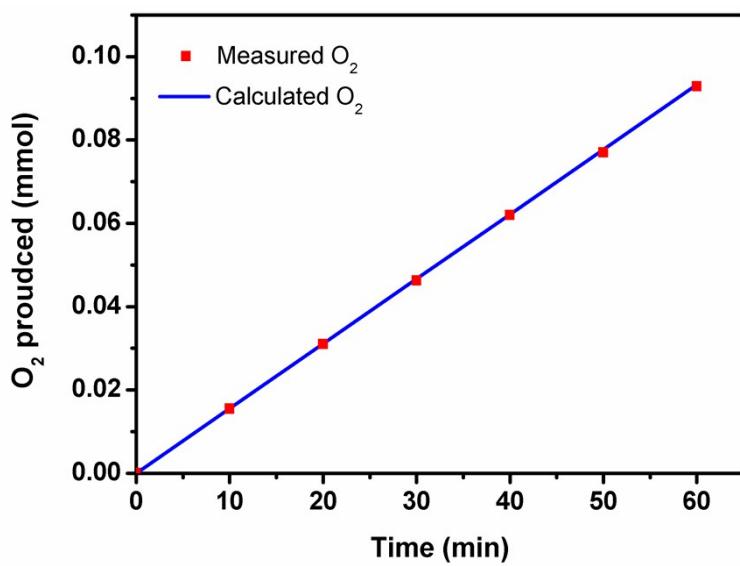
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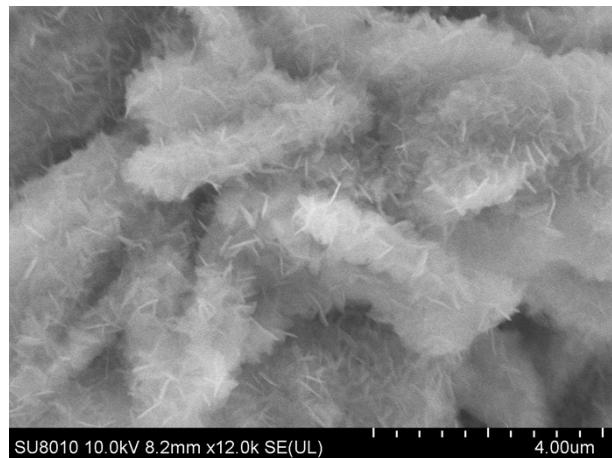
**Fig. S1** EDX analyses for S-NiCoFe LDH.



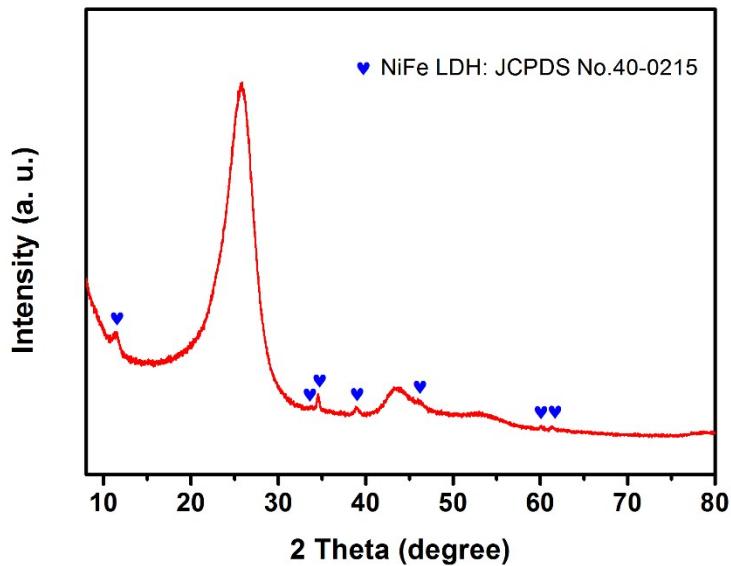
**Fig. S2** (a) LSV curves and (b) Tafel plots of S-NiCoFe LDH powder/CC, and  $\text{IrO}_2$ /CC, recorded at a scan rate of  $1 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$  in  $1.0 \text{ M KOH}$ .



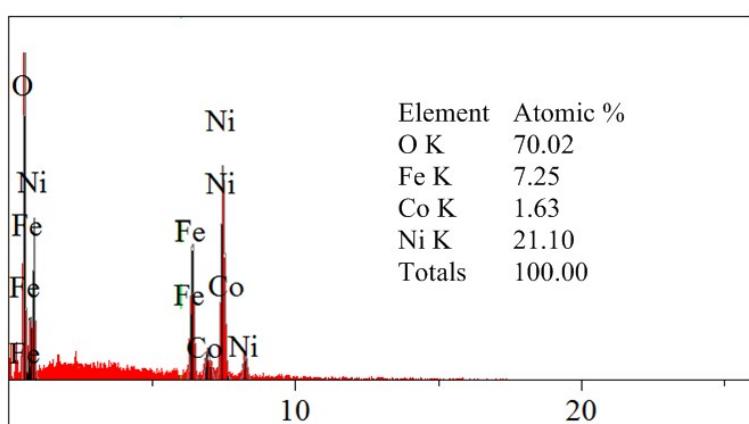
**Fig. S3** The measured and theoretical yields of  $O_2$  over time during electrolysis of S-NiCoFe LDH at the current density of  $10 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ .



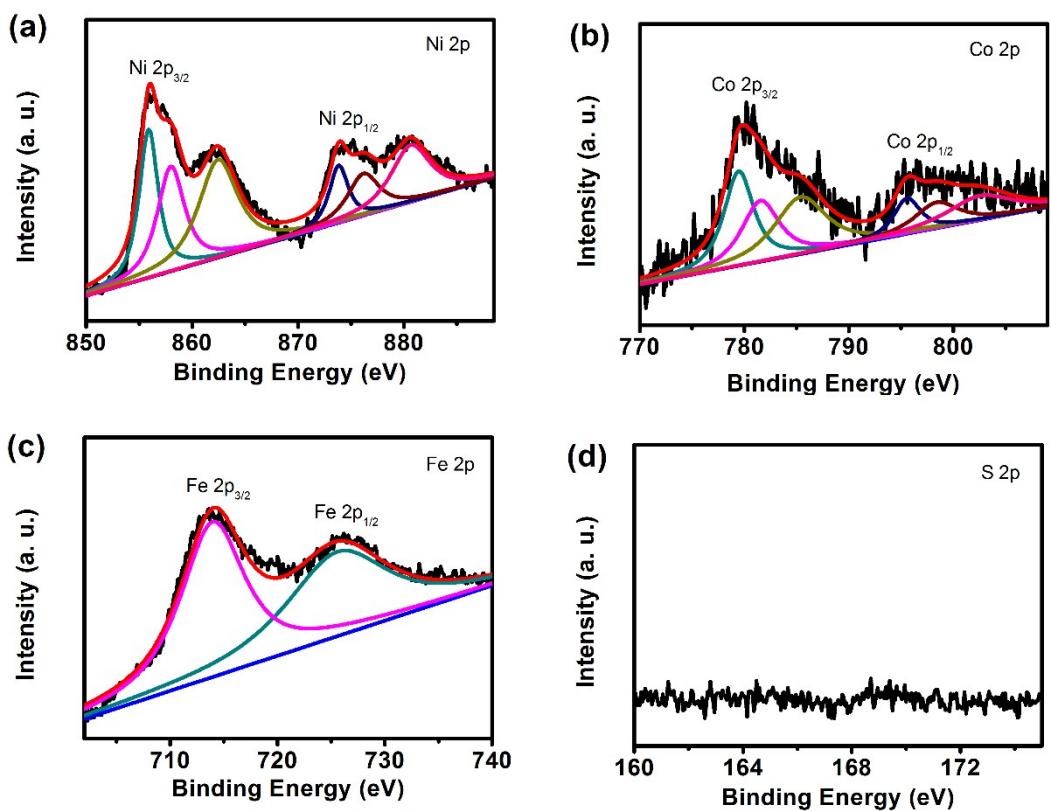
**Fig. S4** SEM image of S-NiCoFe LDH after OER.



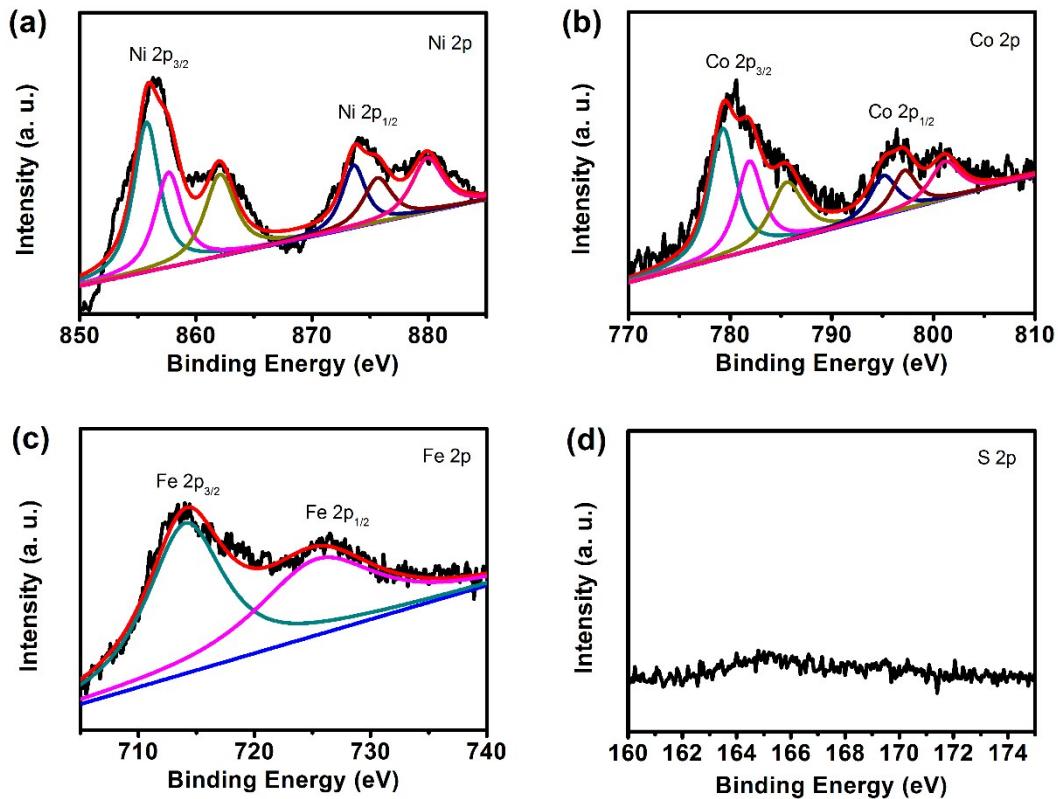
**Fig. S5** XRD patterns of S-NiCoFe LDH after OER.



**Fig. S6** EDX analyses for S-NiCoFe LDH after OER.



**Fig. S7** High resolution XPS spectra of (a) Ni 2p, (b) Co 2p, (c) Fe 2p, and (d) S 2p for S-NiCoFe LDH after OER.



**Fig. S8** High resolution XPS spectra of (a) Ni 2p, (b) Co 2p, (c) Fe 2p, and (d) S 2p for S-NiCoFe LDH after 500 CV cycles.

**Table S1.** OER activity of some reported electrocatalysts.<sup>a</sup>

Catalyst	$\eta$ at 10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> (mV)	$\eta$ at 100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> (mV)	Tafel slope (mV del <sup>-1</sup> )	Mass loading (mg cm <sup>-2</sup> )	TOF <sub>300</sub> (s <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>b</sup>	Substrate <sup>c</sup>	Reference
S-NiCoFe LDH	206	258	46	1.05	0.102	CC	This work
NiFeSe	N.A.	270	47.2	1.5	N.A.	NF	1
NiFeO <sub>x</sub>	230	260	31.5	1.6	N.A.	CFP	2
Fe(PO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> /Ni <sub>2</sub> P	177	221	51.9	8.0	0.12	NF	3
Fe-doped Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	N.A.	253	65.5	12.7	N.A.	NF	4
Gelled FeCoW	190	250	N.A.	0.21	0.46	Au@NF	5
MoS <sub>2</sub> /Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	218	290	88	9.7	N.A.	NF	6
CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /C NRAs	240	290	45	0.424	N.A.	NF	7
Co-Fe-P	244	N.A.	58	1.03	0.0915	NF	8
NiCoP	242	330	64.2	2.0	N.A.	CC	9
Ni <sub>1.5</sub> Fe <sub>0.5</sub> P	264	293	55	1.38	N.A.	CFP	10

(a) The electrolyte is 1.0 M KOH unless otherwise stated.  $\eta$  is overpotential. (b) TOFs<sub>300</sub> for the turnover frequencies at overpotential = 300 mV. (c) NF = nickel foam; CFP = carbon fiber paper; CC = carbon cloth.

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