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# Constructing hexagonal copper-coin-shaped

# NiCoSe<sub>2</sub>@NiO@CoNi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>@CoS<sub>2</sub> hybrid nanoarray on nickel foam as

### a robust oxygen evolution reaction electrocatalyst

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Fig. S1 SEM image of NF.



Fig. S2 The XRD spectra of NiCo-Precursor.



Fig. S3 SEM image of NiCo-Precursor.





Fig. S4 Electrochemical double-layer capacitance measurements. The cyclic voltammograms (CVs) measurements with various scan rates for (a) NiCoSe<sub>2</sub>@NiO@CoNi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>@CoS<sub>2</sub>/NF, (b) NiCoSe<sub>2</sub>@NiO/NF, (c) CoNi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>@CoS<sub>2</sub>/NF in 1.0 M KOH.



Fig. S5 (a) Polarization curves of NiCoSe<sub>2</sub>@NiO@CoNi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>@CoS<sub>2</sub>/NF for OER in 30 wt% KOH solution, (b) LSV curve of NiCoSe<sub>2</sub>@NiO@CoNi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>@CoS<sub>2</sub>/NF for HER in 1.0 KOH solution.



Fig. S6 SEM image of NiCoSe<sub>2</sub>@NiO@CoNi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>@CoS<sub>2</sub>/NF after stability test for OER.



Fig. S7 XRD pattern of NiCoSe<sub>2</sub>@NiO@CoNi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>@CoS<sub>2</sub>/NF after stability test for OER.



Fig. S8 The equivalent circuit for fitting the EIS results.



Fig. S9 The XPS spectra of NiCoSe<sub>2</sub>@NiO@CoNi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>@CoS<sub>2</sub>/NF after OER stability test: (a) survey, (b) Ni 2p, (c) Co 2p, (d) S 2p and (f) Se 3d regions.

Catalyst	Electrolyte	Overpotential	Ref.
NiCoSe <sub>2</sub> @NiO@ CoNi <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> @CoS <sub>2</sub> /NF	1 M KOH	310@30 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	This work
CoNi <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> @CoS <sub>2</sub> /NF	1 M KOH	365@30 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	
NiCoSe <sub>2</sub> @NiO/NF	1 M KOH	369@30 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	
MnO <sub>2</sub> /NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /NF	1 M KOH	340@10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	1
Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> /NF	1 M KOH	340@10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	2
NG/NiSe <sub>2</sub> /NF	1 M KOH	307@20 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	3
Cu <sub>3</sub> P/NF	1 M KOH	320@10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	4
NiO/NF	1 M KOH	310@10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	5
P-Co-Ni-S/NF	1 M KOH	296@100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	6
NiCoFeP/NF	1 M KOH	271@200 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	7
S-NiFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /Ni <sub>3</sub> Fe/NW	1 M KOH	260@100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	8
FeNiOH/NF	1 M KOH	271@20 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	9

Table 1. Comparison of OER properties for catalysts of relevant catalytic materials

Catalyst	Electrolyte	Overall voltage (10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Ref.
NiCoSe <sub>2</sub> @NiO@ CoNi <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> @CoS <sub>2</sub> /NF	1 M KOH	1.583 V	This work
NiCo <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> /NF	1 M KOH	1.63 V	10
NiFe/NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /NF	1 M KOH	1.67 V	11
Ni <sub>2</sub> P	1 M KOH	1.63 V	12
NiS/NF	1 M KOH	1.64 V	13
Ni <sub>3</sub> Se <sub>2</sub>	1 M KOH	1.65 V	14
CoP films	1 M KOH	1.63 V	15
Fe-Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> /NF	1 M KOH	1.54 V	16
F <sub>0.25</sub> C <sub>1</sub> CH/NF	1 M KOH	1.45 V	17
P-Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub> /NiMoO <sub>4</sub> /NF	1 M KOH	1.55 V	18
NiFeP-SiO <sub>2</sub> /NF	1 M KOH	1.57 V	19

# Table 2. Comparison of two-electrode water-splitting for catalysts of relevant catalytic materials

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