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Hydrothermal Synthesis of Polydopamine functionalized Cobalt doped Lanthanum Nickelate Perovskite Nanorod for Efficient Water Oxidation in Alkaline Solution

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Fig. S1 SEM and TEM images of PDA/La₅Ni₃Co_{2-500N} before (A, B) and after (C, D) 1000 CV cycles in 1.0 M KOH.



Fig. S2 XPS spectra of PDA/Co₂-La₅Ni₃O_{3-x-500N} before and after durability test (A), deconvoluted XPS spectra of Ni 2p (B) and Co 2p (C).



Fig. S3 XPS spectra of O 1s (A), N 1s (B), Ni 2p (C), Co 2p (D) on the surface of $PDA/La_5Ni_3Co_{2-500N}$ after 1000 CV cycles in 1.0 M KOH.



Fig. S4 Cyclic voltammograms (A, C and E) and corresponding linear fitting curves between current density and scan rate (B, D and F) of PDA/L₅N₃C_{2-500N} (A and B), PDA/L₅N₃C_{2-600N} (C and D), and PDA/L₅N₃C_{2-700N} (E and F) in the non-Faradaic capacitance current range at scan rates from 2 to 10 mV·s⁻¹.



Fig. S5 Faradaic efficiency testing of PDA/La₅Ni₃Co_{2-500N} for OER using RRDE measurements; ring current curve on a RRDE (1600 rpm) in N₂-saturated 1.0 M KOH solution (ring potential: 0.40 V vs RHE).

as-prepared composites	N	0	Со	Ni	La
PDA/La ₅ Ni ₃ Co ₂	2.34	21.12	0.04	0.12	0.24
PDA/La ₅ Ni ₃ Co _{2-500N}	4.59	14.44	0.33	0.30	0.54
PDA/La ₅ Ni ₃ Co _{2-600N}	2.68	16.62	0.29	0.26	0.74
PDA/La ₅ Ni ₃ Co _{2-700N}	2.05	16.86	0.21	<0.10	1.62

 Table S1 Corresponding contents of different elements.

 Table S2 The contents of different species of O.

as-prepared composites	H ₂ O	-OH/O ₂	O ₂ ²⁻ /O ⁻
PDA/La ₅ Ni ₃ Co ₂	41.1	58.9	_
PDA/La ₅ Ni ₃ Co _{2-500N}	20.7	41.7	36.6
PDA/La ₅ Ni ₃ Co _{2-600N}	33.4	40.0	26.6
PDA/La ₅ Ni ₃ Co _{2-700N}	26.9	47.3	25.8

Table S3 The contents of different species of N.

as-prepared composites	pyridine N	pyrrole N	graphite N	quaternary N
PDA/La ₅ Ni ₃ Co ₂	17.9	34.9	35.4	11.8
PDA/La ₅ Ni ₃ Co _{2-500N}	50.4	21.4	—	28.2
PDA/La ₅ Ni ₃ Co _{2-600N}	47.0	23.7	19.7	11.7
PDA/La ₅ Ni ₃ Co _{2-700N}	24.7	15.9	25.2	34.2

electrocatalyst	electrolyte	Overpotential at 10 mA·cm ⁻² (V)	Tafel slope (mV· dec ⁻¹)	references
NiO-(La _{0.613} Ca _{0.387}) ₂ NiO _{3.562} nanohybrid	0.1 M KOH	0.373	42	1
BCFSn-721	0.1 M KOH	0.450	69	2
LiCo _{0.8} Fe _{0.2} O ₂	0.1 M KOH	0.340	50	3
$Ba_{0.5}Sr_{0.5}Co_{0.8}Fe_{0.2}O_{3-\delta}$	0.1 M KOH	0.350	70	4
IrO _x	1.0 M NaOH	0.32±0.04		5
PDA/La ₅ Ni ₃ Co _{2-500N}	1.0 M KOH	0.360	48.1	This work

Table S4 Comparison of OER activity data for various electrocatalyst.

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