## MOF-derived cobalt-nickel phosphide nanoboxes as

## electrocatalyst for the hydrogen evolution reaction

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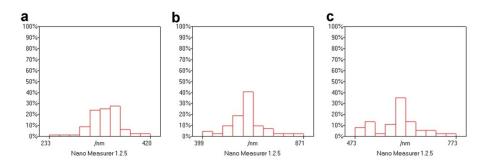


Figure S1. Particle size statistics for Co-MOF (a), CoNi-MOF (b) and CoNiP-4 (c).

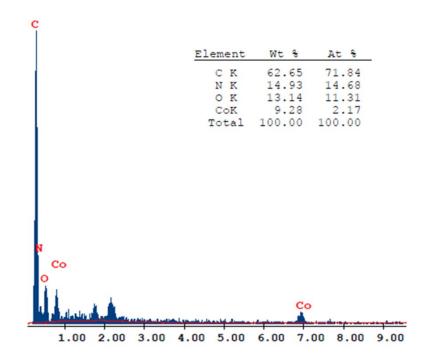


Figure S2. EDS spectrum of Co-MOF.

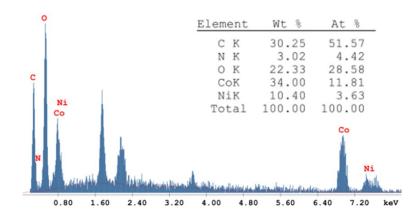


Figure S3. EDS spectrum of CoNi-MOF.

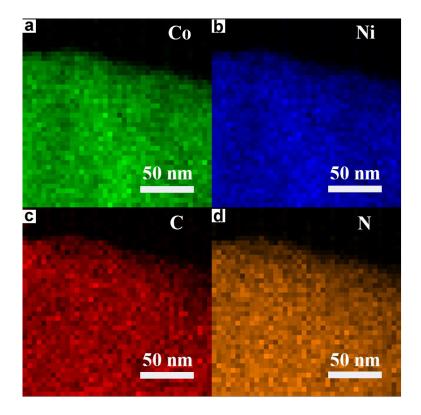


Figure S4. Element mapping images of CoNi-MOF of Co, Ni, C and N(a, b, c and d).

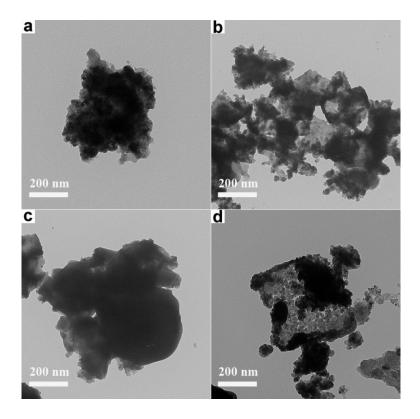


Figure S5. TEM of CoNiP-1 (a), CoNiP-2 (b), CoNiP-3 (c) and CoNiP-5 (d).

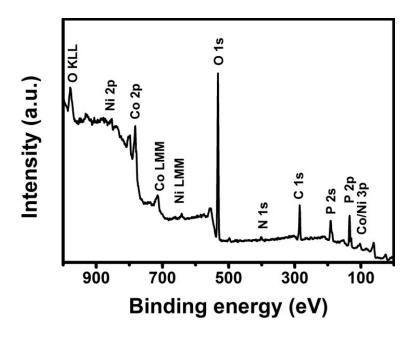


Figure S6. XPS survey spectrum of CoNiP-4.

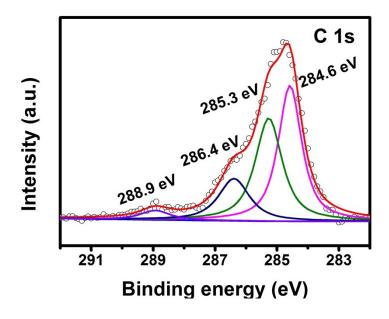


Figure S7. XPS spectra for C 1s.

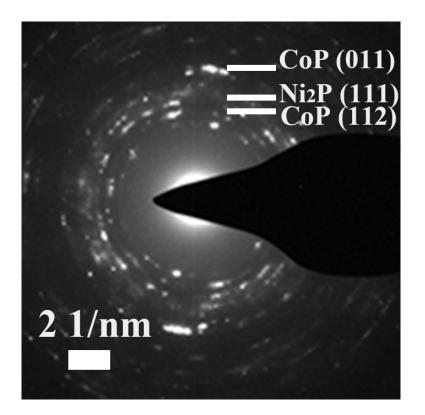


Figure S8. SAED pattern of CoNiP-4.

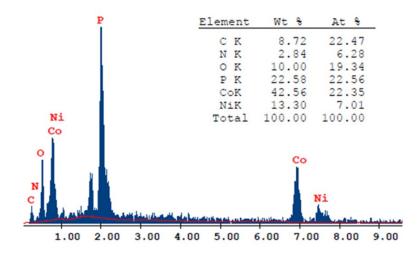


Figure S9. EDS spectrum of CoNiP-4.

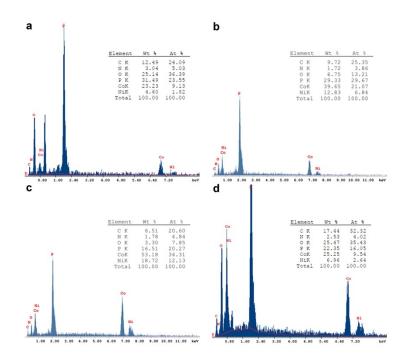


Figure S10. EDS spectrum of CoNiP-1 (a), CoNiP-2 (b), CoNiP-3 (c) and CoNiP-5 (d).

 Table S1. ICP-MS of CoNi-MOF and CoNiP-4.

Sample	Co (Wt %)	Ni (Wt %)
CoNi-MOF	16.73	4.34
CoNiP-4	24.61	6.98

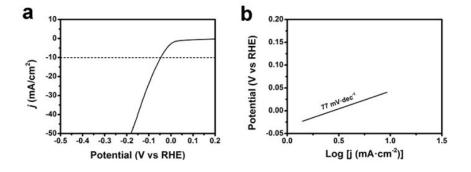


Figure S11. (a) Linear sweep voltammetry HER curves, (b) Tafel plots of Pt/C (20%).

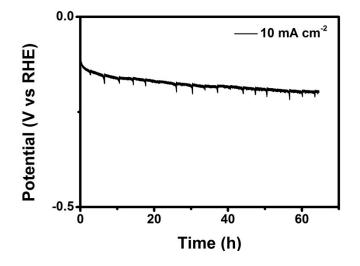


Figure S12. Chronopotentiometric curve of CoNiP-4 at 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> in 1 M KOH.

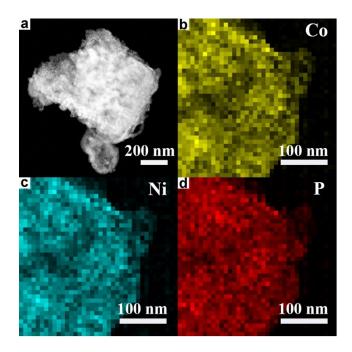


Figure S13. (a) HAADF-STEM image of CoNiP-4 after Chronopotentiometry test and its

corresponding element mapping images of Co, Ni, and P (b, c and d).

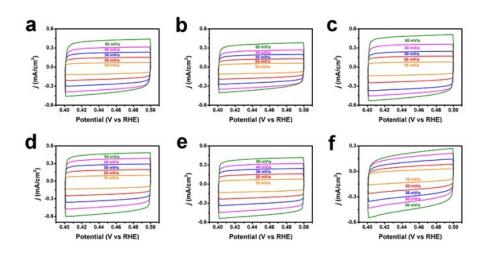


Figure S14. CV curves of CoNiP-1 (a), CoNiP-2 (b), CoNiP-3 (c), CoNiP-4 (d), CoNiP-5 (e) and CoNi-

MOF (f) with different scan rates from 10 to 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.

Catalyst	η <sub>10</sub> (mV)	Tafel slope (mV/dec)	Ref.
Amorphous CoP	143	63	J. Mater. Chem.
			A,2019, <b>7</b> ,15749
CoP/NC	154	51	Chem. Mater., 2015,
			<b>27</b> , 7636
CoP@NPCP	150	20	Carbon, 2019, <b>150</b> ,
			446
Ni <sub>90</sub> P <sub>10</sub>	234	75.4	Chem. Commun.,
			2018, <b>54</b> , 12408
Ni <sub>2</sub> P@mesoG	188	99	Mater. Chem. Front.,
			2017, <b>1</b> , 973
NiCoP	150	60	Chem. Commun.,
			2016, <b>52</b> ,1633
CoNiP-4	138	65	This work

**Table S2.** Comparison of HER performance for various Co/Ni-based phosphides electrocatalysts.