

Supporting Information

Bifunctional nanoporous Ni-Co-Se electrocatalyst with superaerophobic surface for the water and hydrazine oxidation

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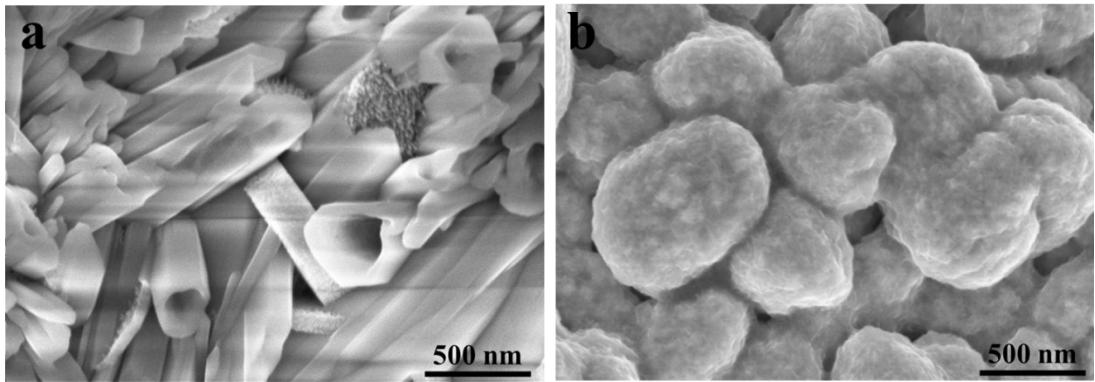


Fig. S1 SEM images of **a)** CoSe_2 and **b)** NiSe_2

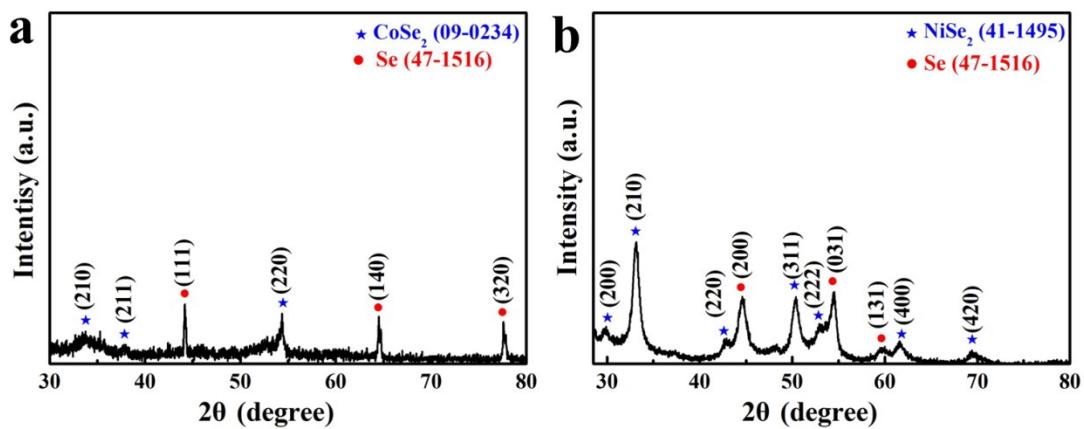


Fig. S2 XRD patterns of **a)** CoSe_2 and **b)** NiSe_2

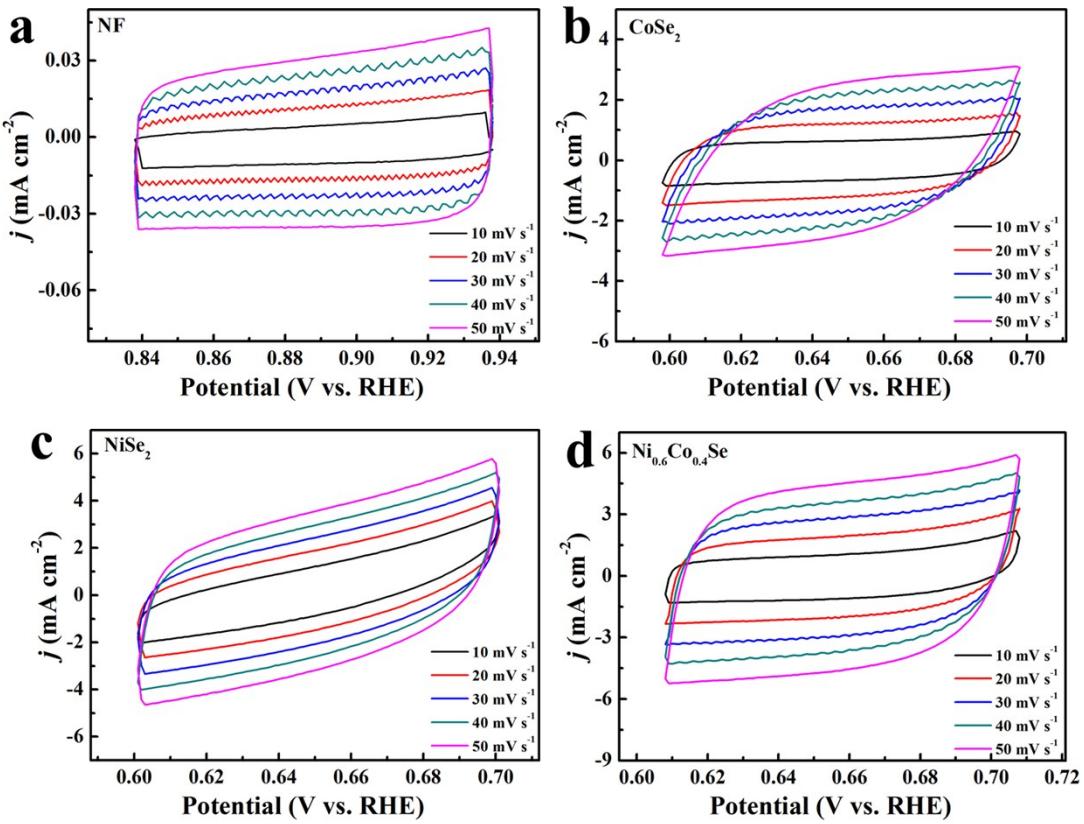


Fig. S3 CV curves of **a)** NF, **b)** CoSe₂, **c)** NiSe₂ and **d)** Ni_{0.6}Co_{0.4}Se in the capacitance current range at various scan rates.

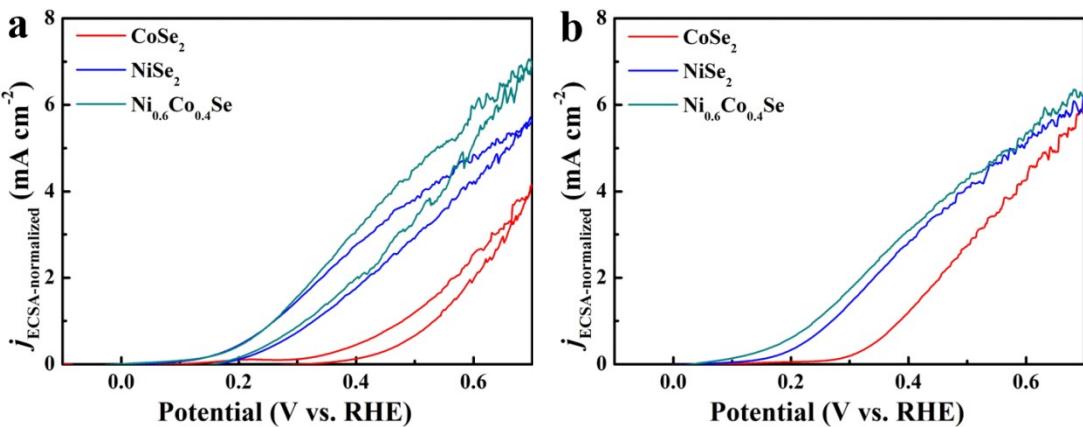


Fig. S4 a) CV plots and b) LSV plots of CoSe₂, NiSe₂ and Ni_{0.6}Co_{0.4}Se after averaged by ECSA

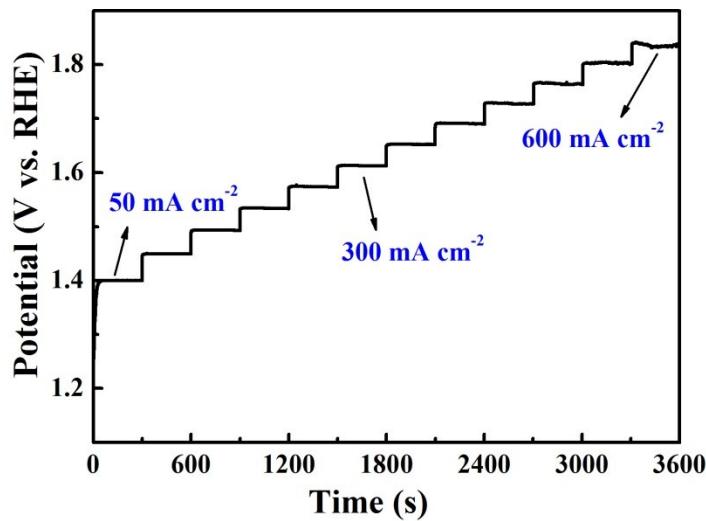


Fig. S5 Multi-current process of $\text{Ni}_{0.6}\text{Co}_{0.4}\text{Se}$ in 1.0 M KOH electrolyte.

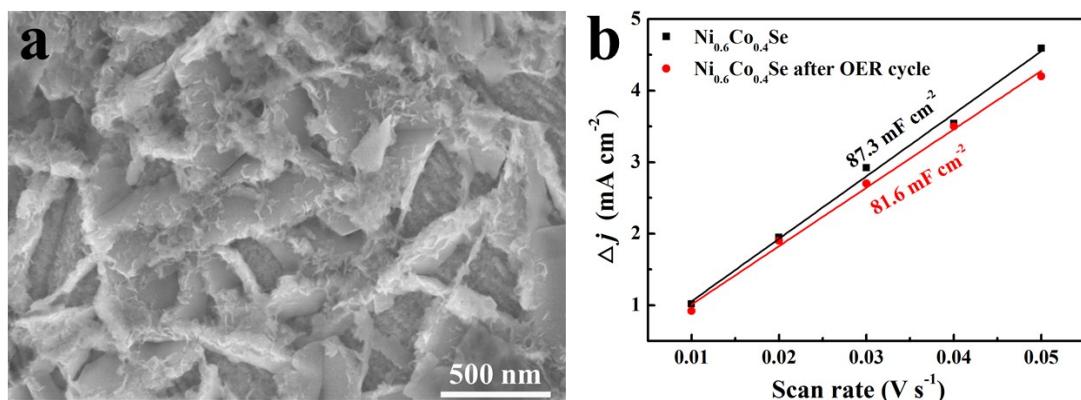


Fig. S6 **a)** SEM image of used $\text{Ni}_{0.6}\text{Co}_{0.4}\text{Se}$ after OER cycles in 1.0 M KOH at 10 mA cm^{-2} for 24 h, **b)** capacitive current densities of fresh and used $\text{Ni}_{0.6}\text{Co}_{0.4}\text{Se}$ after OER cycles as a function of scan rate ($\Delta j = |j_a - j_c|/2$).

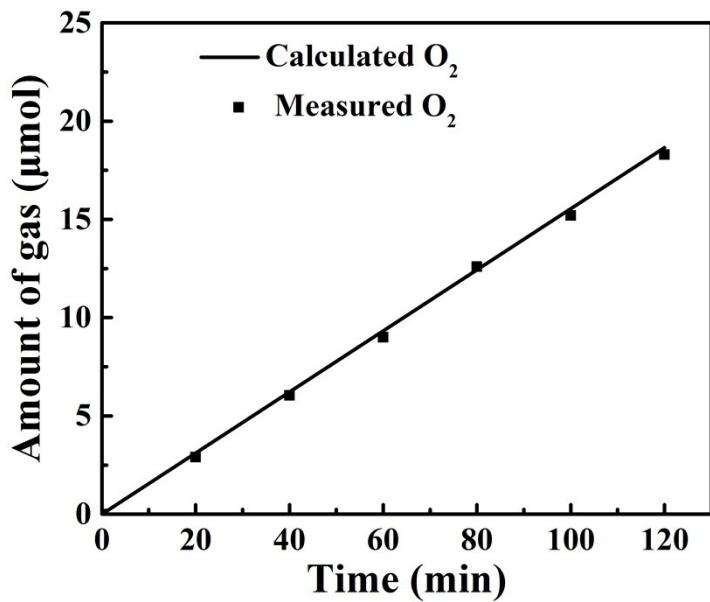


Fig. S7 Amount of experimental and theoretical O₂ evolution by Ni_{0.6}Co_{0.4}Se at a constant oxidation current density of 1 mA.

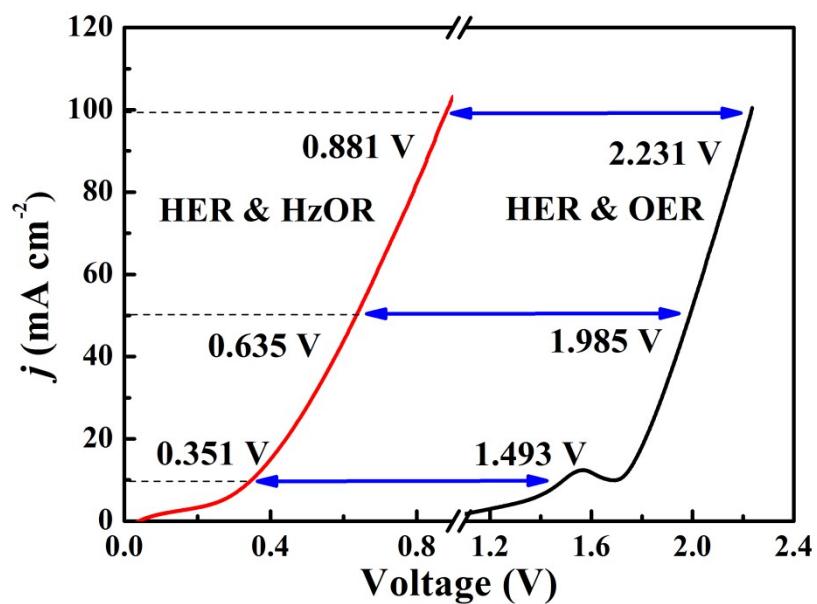


Fig. S8 Comparison of cell voltages from LSV plots of overall and hybrid water electrolysis for Ni_{0.6}Co_{0.4}Se couple in two-electrode cell at a scan rate of 5 mV s⁻¹

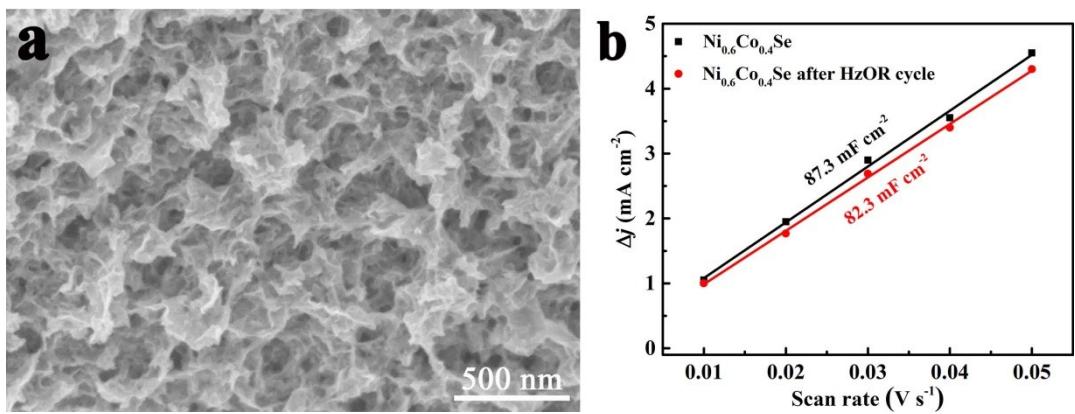


Fig. S9 **a)** SEM images of used $\text{Ni}_{0.6}\text{Co}_{0.4}\text{Se}$ after HzOR cycle in 1.0 M KOH with 3.0 M $\text{N}_2\text{H}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ at 200 mA cm^{-2} for 20000 s, **b)** capacitive current densities of fresh and used $\text{Ni}_{0.6}\text{Co}_{0.4}\text{Se}$ after HzOR cycles as a function of scan rate ($\Delta j = |j_a - j_c|/2$).

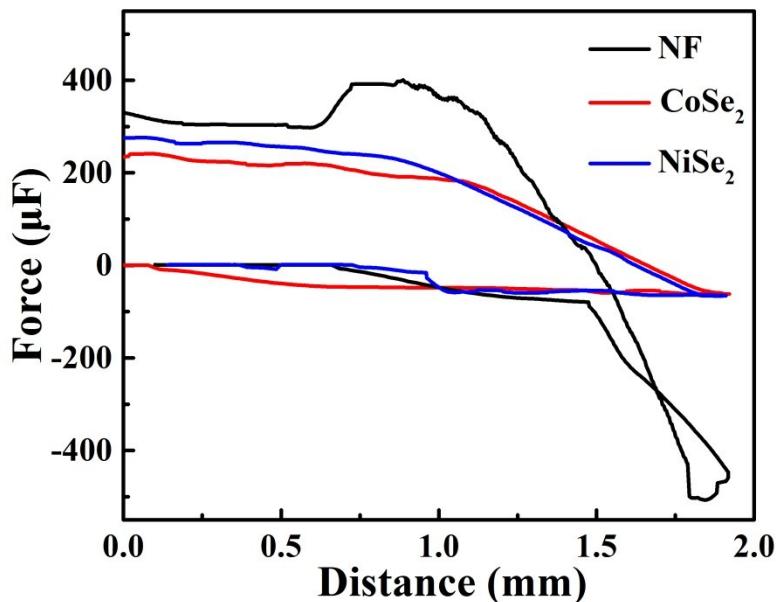


Fig. S10 **a)** Adhesive force measurements of the gas bubbles on NF, CoSe_2 and NiSe_2 surface

Table S1. Comparision of OER performance of $\text{Ni}_{0.6}\text{Co}_{0.4}\text{Se}$ with other non-noble metal-based electrocatalysts.

Catalysts	Current density (mA cm ⁻²)	Overpotential (mV)	Tafel slope (mV dec ⁻¹)	Ref.
(Ni,Co)Se ₂ /CC	10	256	74	[S1]
CoSe ₂ /CC	10	297	41	[S2]
(Ni,Co) _{0.85} Se/NF	20	287	87	[S3]
EG/Co _{0.85} Se/NiFe-LDH	10	250	57	[S4]
NiCoSe ₂ /NF	10	274	61	[S5]
Co(S _{0.22} Se _{0.78}) ₂ /CF	10	270	65.6	[S6]
Ni ₅ P ₄ /Ni foil	10	290	40	[S7]
Co ₃ O ₄ @MoS ₂	10	269	58.9	[S8]
Ni_{0.6}Co_{0.4}Se/NF	10	249	53	This work

Table S2. Comparision of HzOR performance of $\text{Ni}_{0.6}\text{Co}_{0.4}\text{Se}$ with other non-noble metal-based electrocatalysts.

samples	electrolyte	j (mA cm ⁻²)	E (V vs. RHE)	Onset Potential (V)	Ref.
$\text{NiCoSe}_2/\text{NF}$	0.5 M KOH, 0.1 M $\text{N}_2\text{H}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	40	0.6	0.15	[S9]
$\text{Ni}_3\text{Se}_4/\text{NF}$	1.0 M KOH, 0.5 M $\text{N}_2\text{H}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	75	0.4	0.15	[S10]
CoSe_2	1.0 M KOH, 0.1 M $\text{N}_2\text{H}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	120	0.4	0.025	[S11]
NiS/NF	1.0 M KOH, 0.02 M $\text{N}_2\text{H}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	125	0.4	0.1	[S12]
NiFeP/NM	1.0 M KOH, 0.5 M $\text{N}_2\text{H}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	200	0.3	0.00	[S13]
$\text{Ni}_{0.6}\text{Co}_{0.4}\text{Se}/\text{NF}$	1.0 M KOH, 0.1 M $\text{N}_2\text{H}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	300	0.4	0.025	This work

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