

Electronic Supplementary Information

Polyethylenimine modified nickel phosphide nanosheets: Interfacial proton boosts hydrogen evolution reaction[†]

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Figures

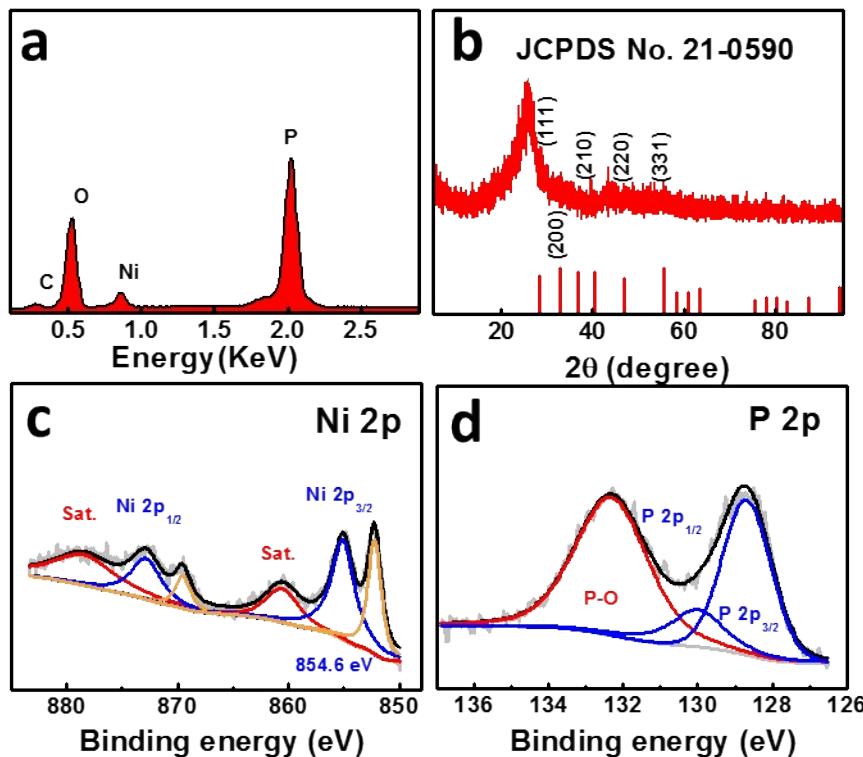


Fig. S1 (a) EDS spectrum, (b) XRD pattern, (c) Ni 2p XPS spectrum, and (d) P 2p XPS spectrum of un-modified NiP₂-CC nanohybrids.

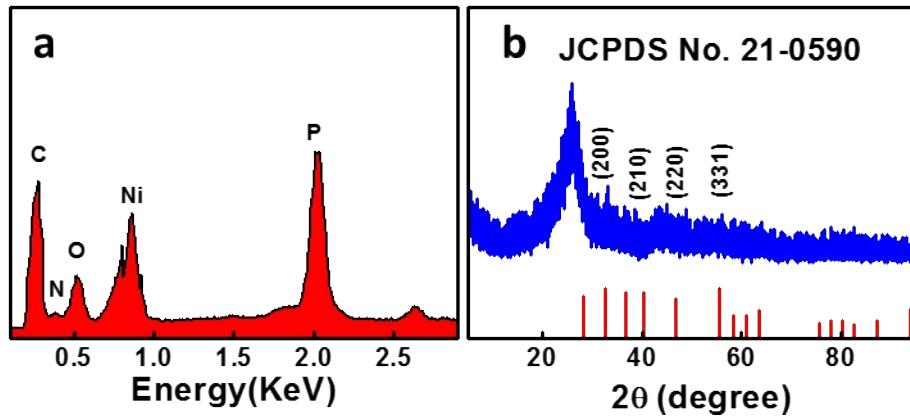


Fig. S2 (a) EDS spectrum, (b) XRD pattern of PEI₁₀₀₀₀@NiP₂-CC nanohybrids.

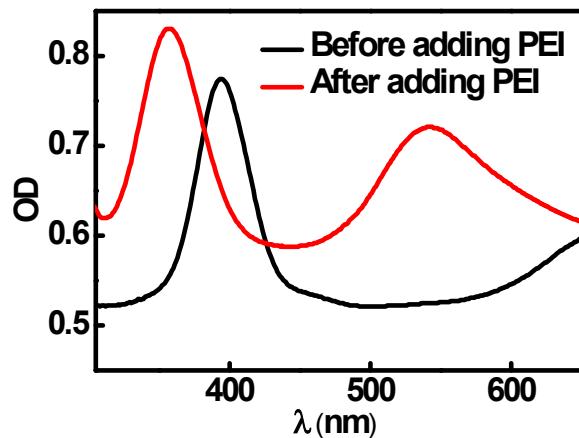


Fig. S3 UV-vis spectra for before and after adding PEI into Ni^{2+} solution.

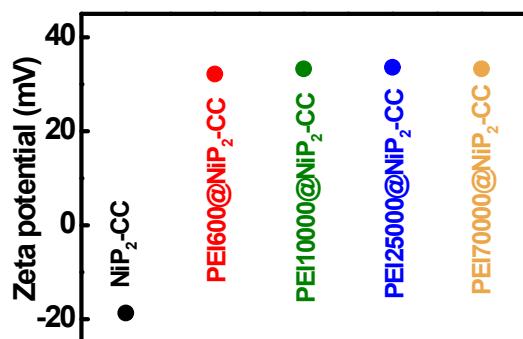


Fig. S4 Zeta potential of un-modified $\text{NiP}_2\text{-CC}$ nanohybrids and $\text{PEI}@\text{NiP}_2\text{-CC}$ nanohybrids with different molecular weight of PEI.

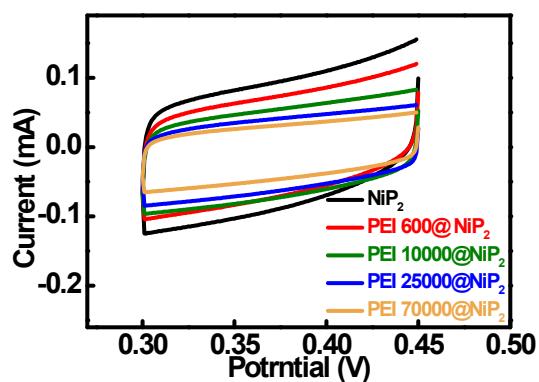


Fig. S5 CV curves of $\text{PEI}@\text{NiP}_2\text{-CC}$ nanohybrids in 1 M PBS solution at 20 mV s^{-1} .

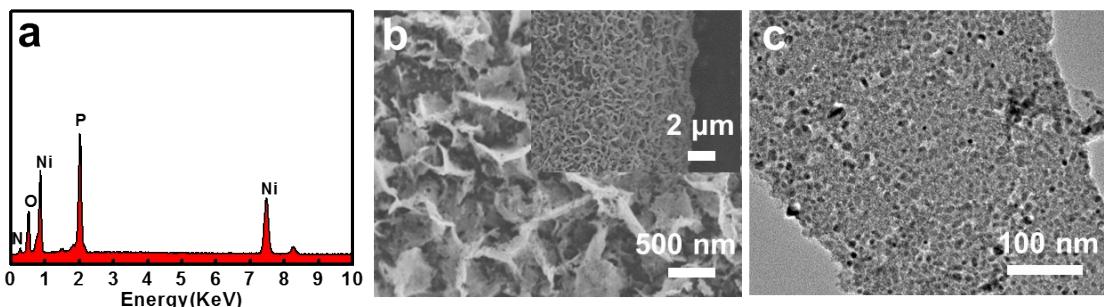


Fig. S6 (a) EDS spectrum, (b) SEM images and (c)TEM image of $\text{PEI}_{10000}@\text{NiP}_2\text{-CC}$ nanohybrids after chronoamperometry test in 0.5 M H_2SO_4 solution.

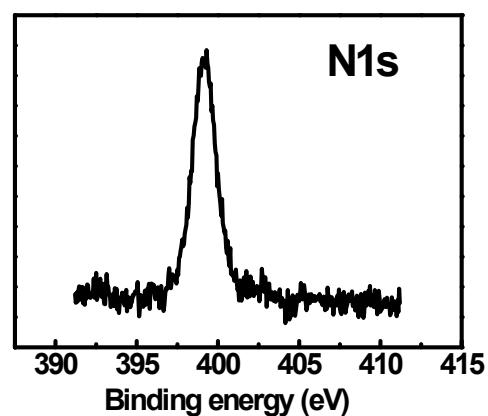


Fig. S7 N1s spectrum of $\text{PEI}_{10000}@\text{NiP}_2\text{-CC}$ nanohybrids after chronoamperometry test in 0.5 M H_2SO_4 solution.



Fig. S8 Digital photos of $\text{NiP}_2\text{-CC}$ nanohybrids in 0.5 M PEI with 10000 molecular weight solution (pH 12) at 1 min (left) and 2 h (right).