MoS<sub>2</sub> nanosheets grown on nickel chalcogenides: controllable synthesis and electrocatalytic origins for hydrogen evolution reaction in alkaline solution

## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

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Figure S1. SEM images of Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub> precursor (a), NiSe (b), NiSe<sub>2</sub> (c), and NiS<sub>2</sub> (d).



Figure S2. Elemental distribution maps of NiS/MoS $_2$  heterostructure.



Figure S3. Elemental distribution maps of  $NiSe/MoS_2$  heterostructure.



Figure S4. Elemental distribution maps of  $NiSe_2/MoS_2$  heterostructure.



Figure S5. Tafel slope of pristine  $MoS_{2}$ .



Figure S6. CV curves of NiS/MoS<sub>2</sub> (a), NiSe/MoS<sub>2</sub> (b) and NiSe<sub>2</sub>/MoS<sub>2</sub> (c) at 0.15 V (Vs. RHE) with varied scan rates, and the fitted capacitive current of the three sample (d).



Figure S7. Surface area specified LSV curves of the three heterostructures.



Figure S8. Different proposed positions for H adsorption on (a-c) MoS<sub>2</sub> edge, (d) NiS(101), (e) NiSe(101) and (f) NiSe<sub>2</sub>(211) facets.



Figure S9. Different proposed positions for OH adsorption on (a-c) MoS<sub>2</sub> edge, (d) NiS(101), (e) NiSe(101) and (f) NiSe<sub>2</sub>(211) facets.