

Highly Enhanced Bifunctional Electrocatalytic Activity of Mixed Copper-Copper Oxides via Controlling Composition and Fabricating on Nickel Foam

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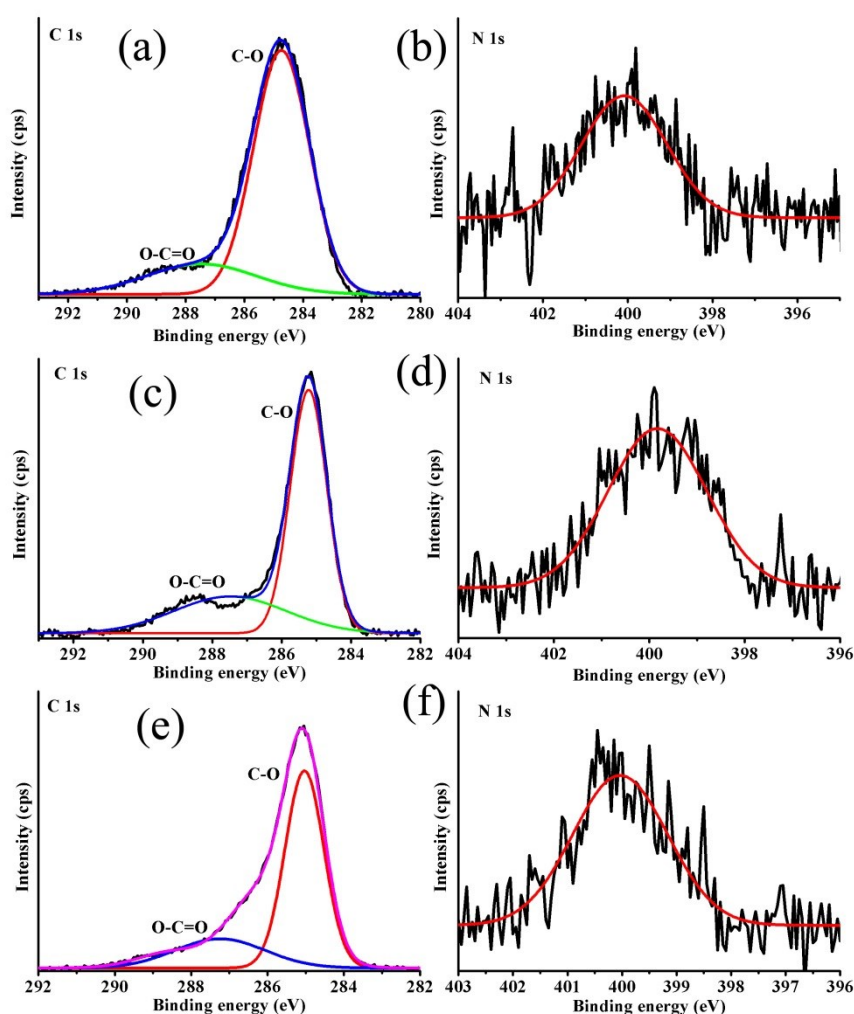


Figure S1. High resolution XPS spectra of C 1s and N 1s (a, b) Cu@NF, (c, d) Cu₂O@NF and (e, f) CuO@NF.

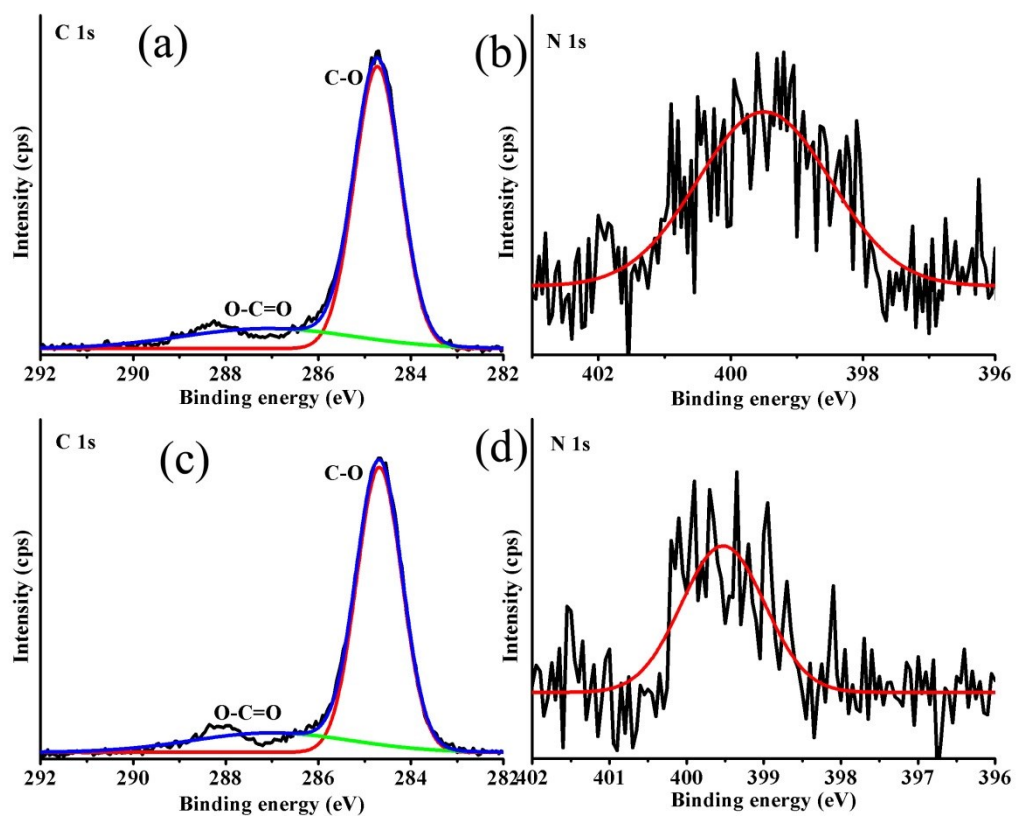


Figure S2. High resolution XPS spectra of C 1s and N 1s (a, b) Cu-Cu₂O-CuO@NF and (c, d) Cu₂O-CuO@NF.

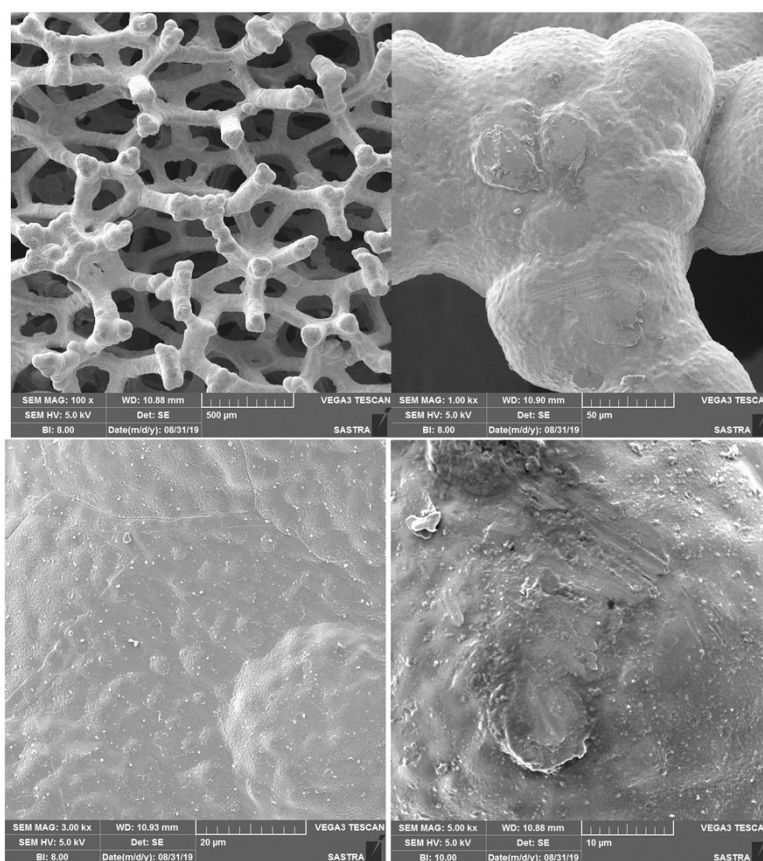


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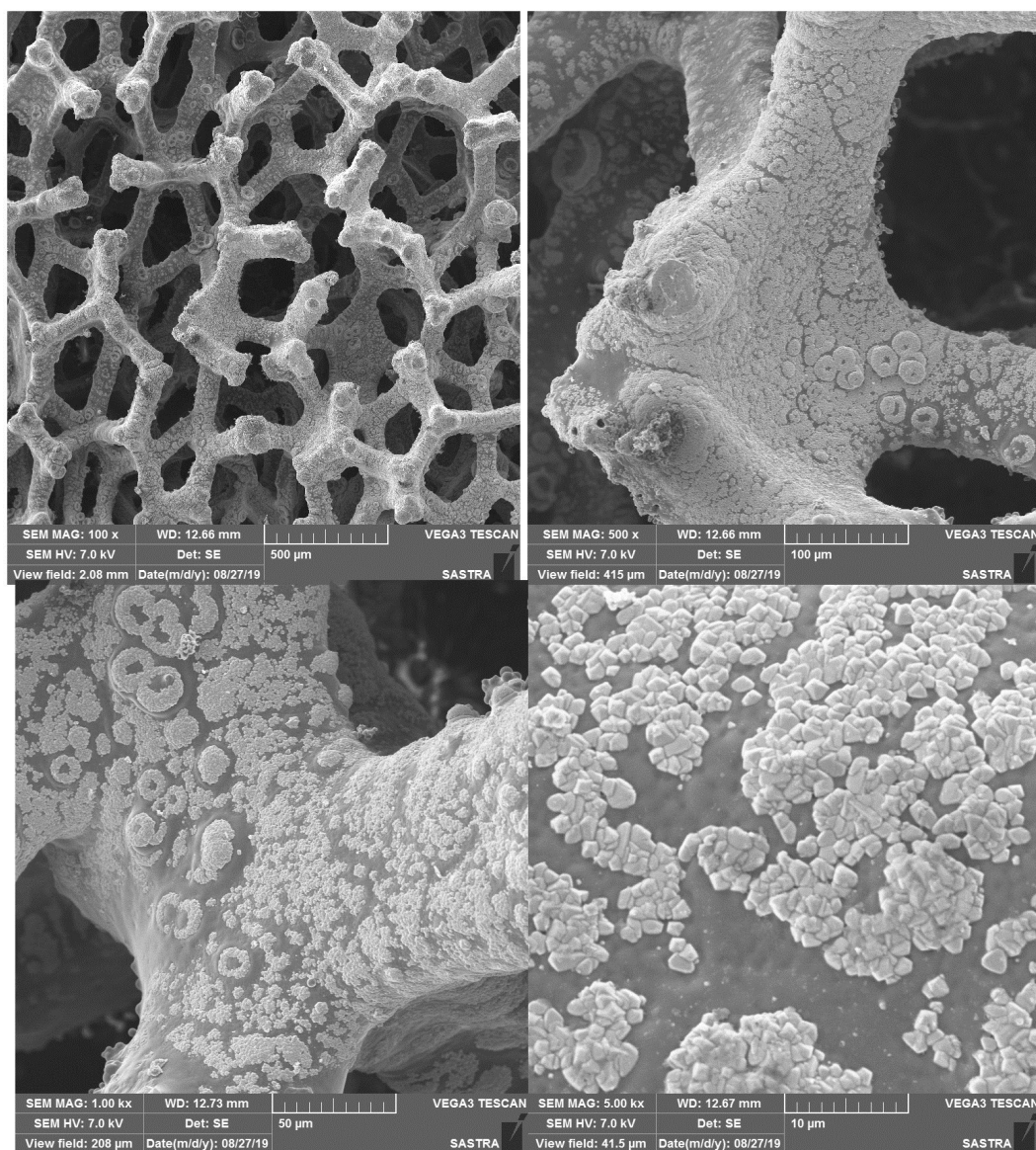


Figure S4. FE-SEM images of Cu@NF.

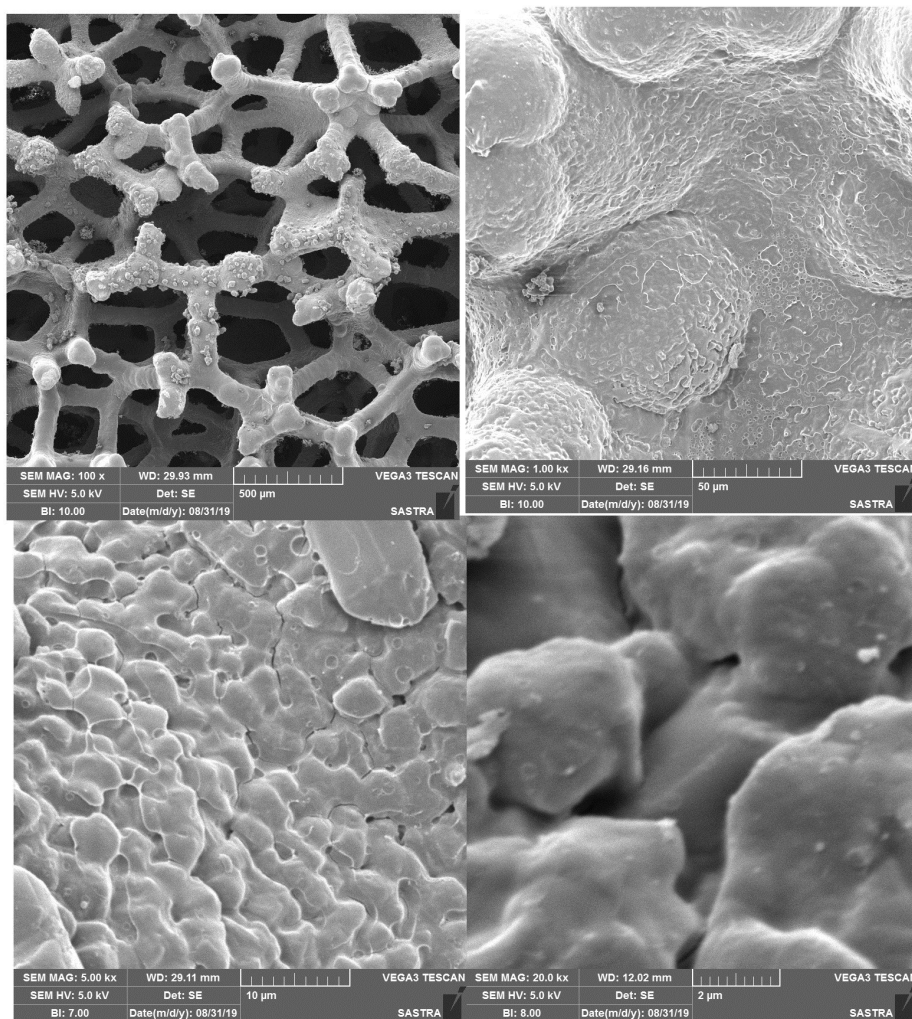


Figure S5. FE-SEM images of $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}@NF$.

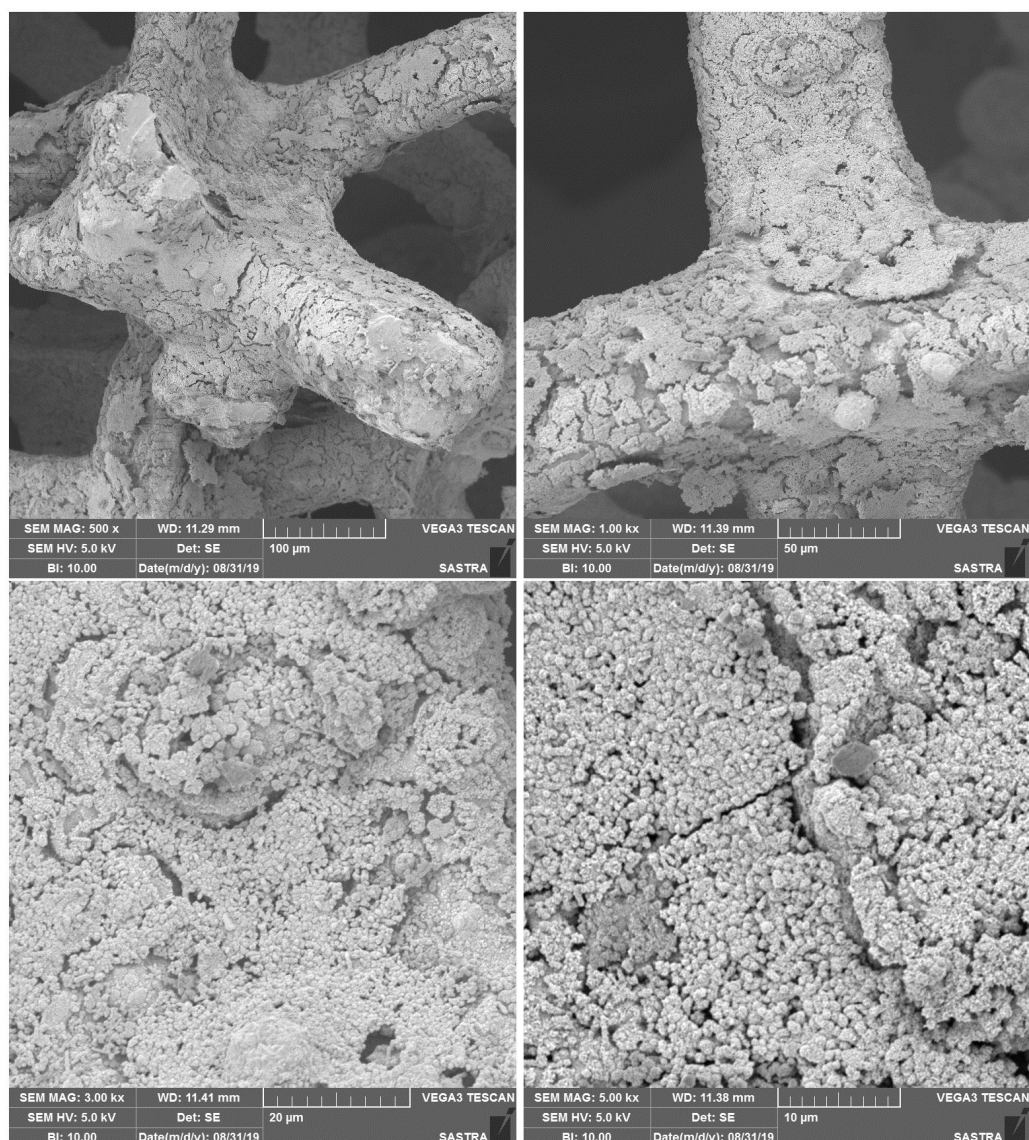


Figure S6. FE-SEM images of CuO@NF.

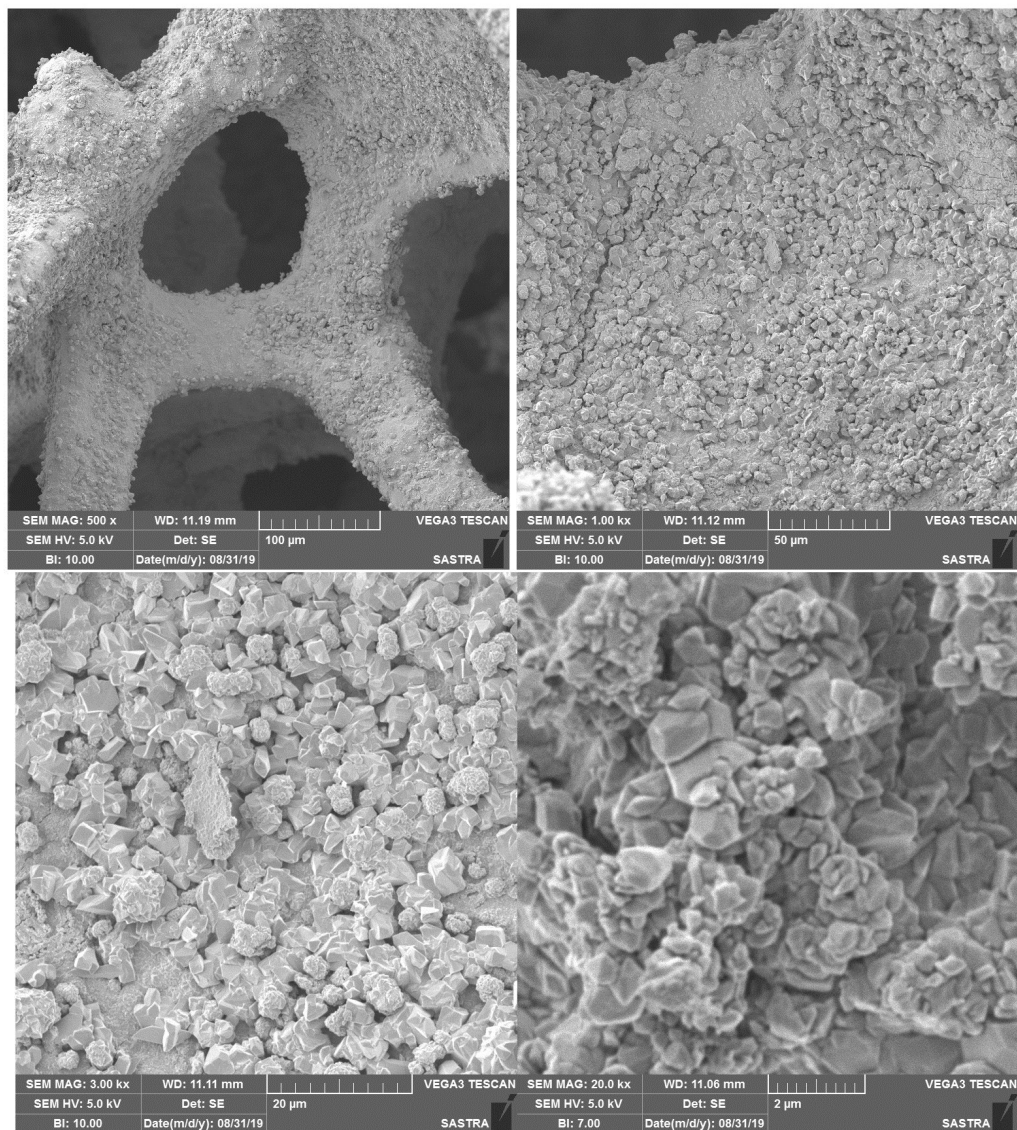


Figure S7. FE-SEM images of Cu-Cu₂O-CuO@NF..

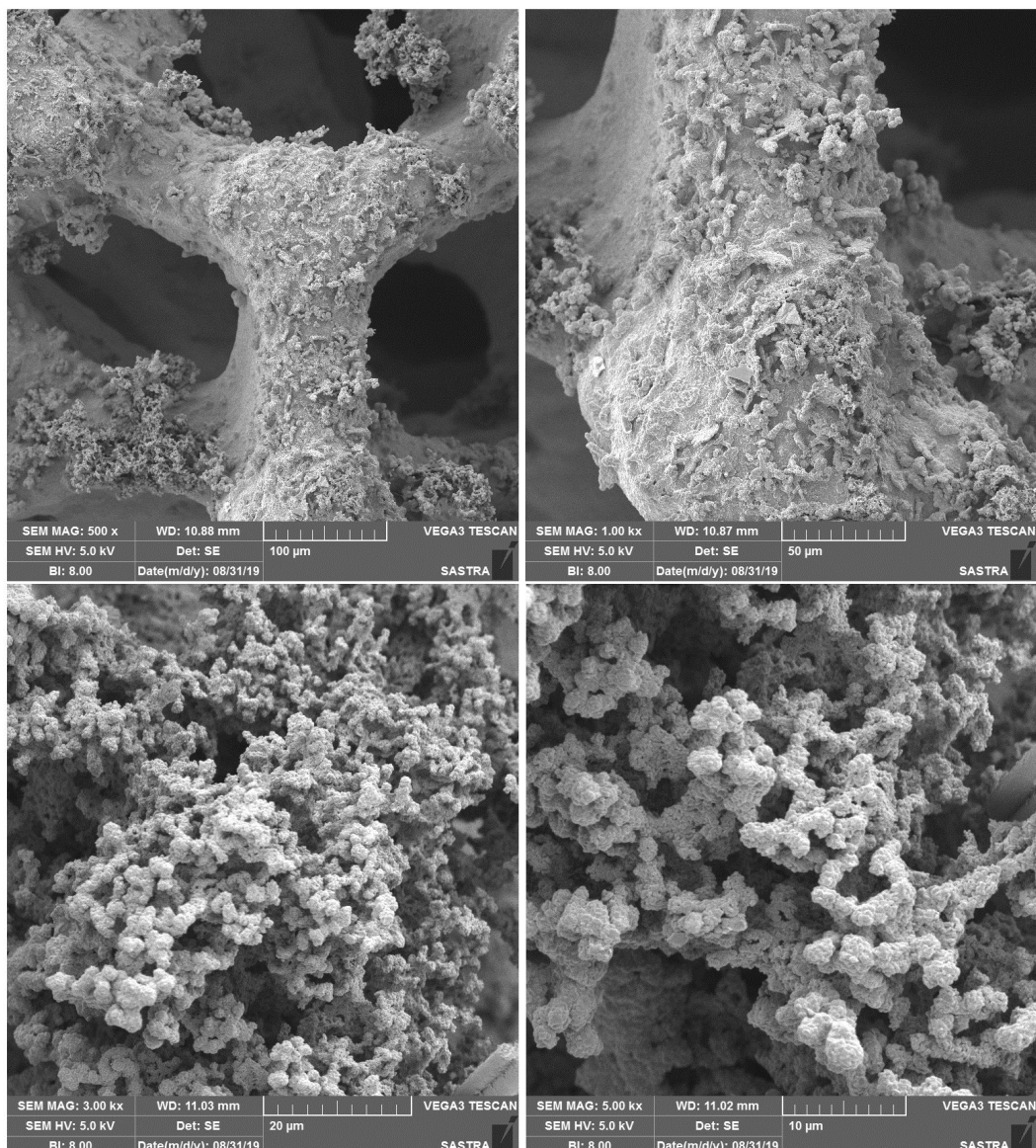


Figure S8. FE-SEM images of $\text{Cu}_2\text{O-CuO@NF}$.

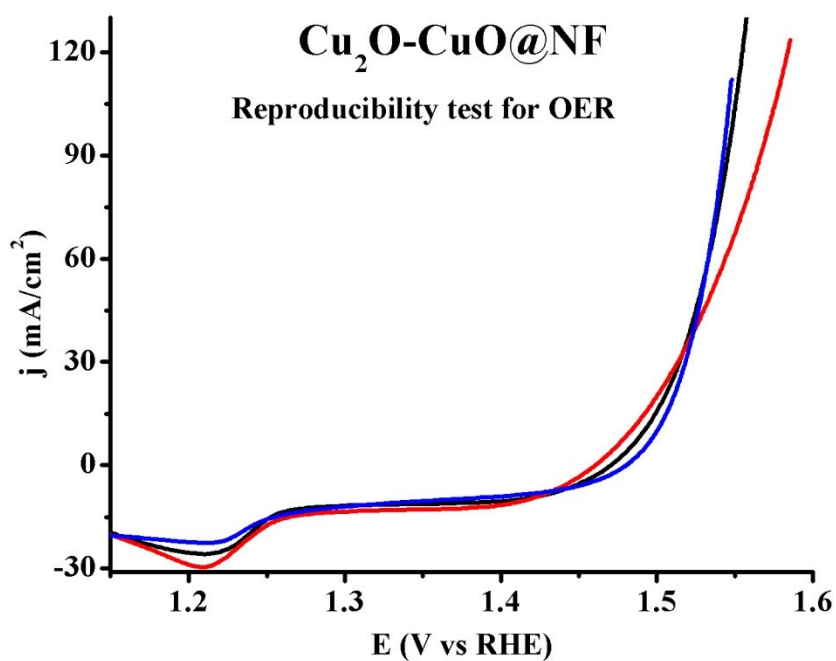


Figure S9. OER reproducibility of Cu₂O-CuO@NF.

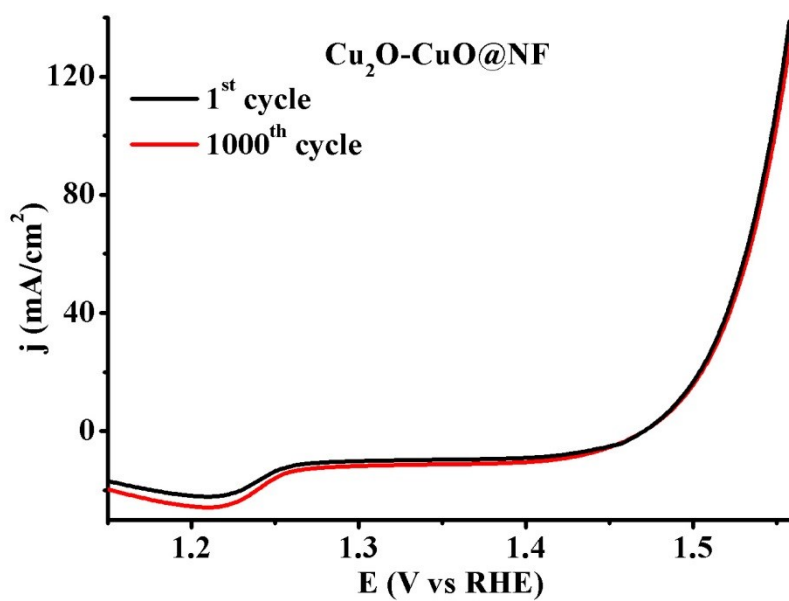


Figure S10. LSV OER curve of OER Cu₂O-CuO@NF.

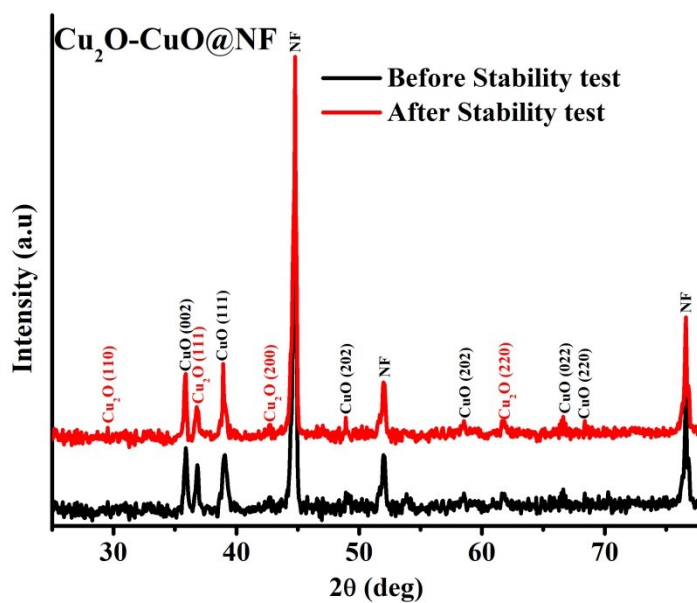


Figure S11. Comparison of PXRD pattern of $\text{Cu}_2\text{O-CuO@NF}$ before and after the reaction.

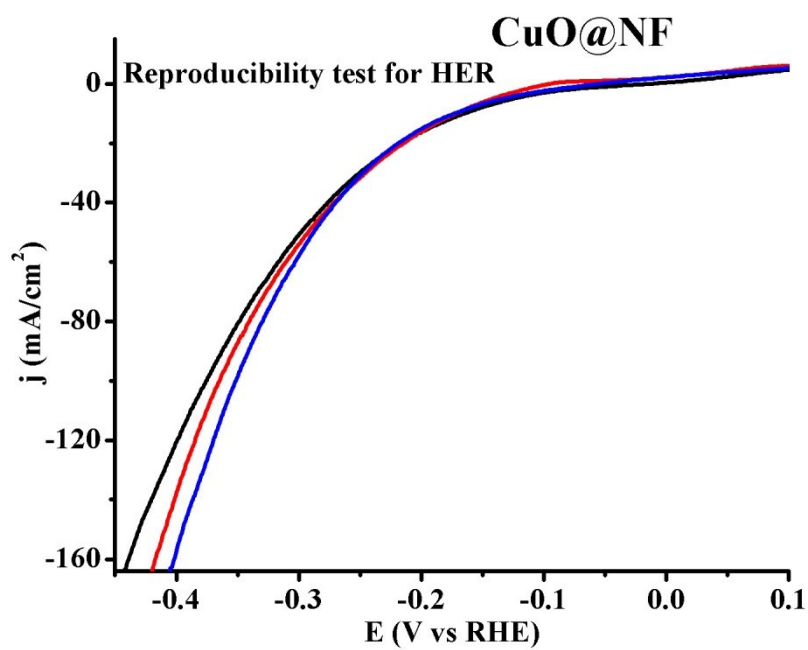


Figure S12. HER reproducibility of CuO@NF .

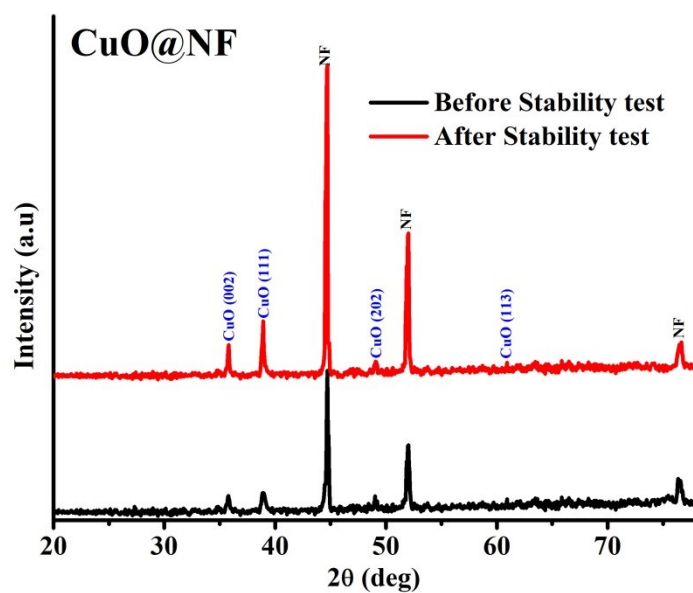


Figure S13. Comparison of PXRD pattern of CuO@NF before and after the reaction.

Table S1. Comparison of OER activities of different copper catalysts.

Catalyst	η_{10j} (mV)	Stability	Ref
Cu₂O-CuO/NF	262	1000 cycle & 24 h	Present work
Cu _{1-x} Ni _x S/NF	350 (20 j)	NA	1
Cu(OH) ₂ -Ni ₂ O ₃ H/NF	319	10 h	2
Pt-Cu@Cu _x O NWs/ 3DF	250	NA	3
CuCo ₂ O ₄	260	25 h	4
Cu ₃ P-300	310	20 h	5
CuO/Ni@400	364	500 cycle 24 h	6
Cu ₂ S@Cu	345 (20 j)	10 h	7
CuO-Co _{0.2} /GCE	394	NA	8
CuO NSDs/CF	371	24 h	9
CuO@NiP NA/CF	275 (30 j)	1000 cycle & 24 h	10
HS-CuO/C NDs	308	50 h	11

Cu ₃ P-450	290	1000 cycle & 18 h	12
Cu ₃ P NB/Cu	380	1000 cycle & 10 h	13
Cu@CuO-C	340		14
NiFe-LDH/CuO NRs	290 (50 j)	35 h	15
CuCu ₃ P/CuO	315	50 h	16
Co-CuO NA/CF	299 (50 j)	1000 cycle & 15 h	17
Fe ₂ Cu ₅ Ni	280	1000 cycle & 25 h	18
CuO	350	10 h	19
Cu/Cu ₂ O/CuO on CuO	290	100 h	20
Cu ₂ S/CF	336 (20 j)	1000 cycle & 10 h	21
CuCo ₂ O ₄	290 (20 j)	25 h	22
Cu ₂ O@C	330	1000 cycle & 100 h	23
CoFe ₂ O ₄	410 (5 j)	20000 sec	24
CuFe ₂ O ₄	450 (5 j)	NA	24
Cu ₂ O-Cu foam	350	50 h	25

Table S2. Comparison of HER activities of different copper catalysts.

Catalyst	η_{10j} (mV)	Stability	Electrolyte	Ref
CuO/NF	165	16 h	1.0 M KOH	This work
Cu ₃ P	130	1000 cycle & 20 h	1.0 M KOH	26
N-enriched porous carbon containing Cu/CuO	470 (50 j)	NA	1.0 M KOH	27
C-Cu-DI	390	10000 sec	0.5 M H ₂ SO ₄	28
Cu/Cu ₂ O/Ni el (5 min)	424	100 cycles	0.1 M H ₂ SO ₄	29
Cu@Cu ₃ P/NF	218	48 h	1.0 M KOH	30
CFE-Cu ₂ O-TiO ₂	114	24 h	1.0 M KOH	31
Cu/Cu ₂ O-CuO/rGO	105	15 h	1.0 M KOH	32
Ni-doped CuCo ₂ S ₄	249	10 h	0.5 M H ₂ SO ₄	33
Ag@Cu ₂ O	108	20 h	1.0 M KOH	34
Co-Cu-W Oxide	103	10 h	0.1 M KOH	35
Ni ₃ Cu ₁ @NG-NC	122	80 h	1.0 M KOH	36
(Cu ₃ (PO ₄) ₂ /Cu-	145	1000 cycle	1.0 M KOH	37

BDC-150-6 foam		& 50 h		
Cu/Cu ₂ O/Cu ₂ S NT	~86	40000 sec	0.5 M H ₂ SO ₄	38

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