

Supporting Information:

2D-Heterogeneous Vanadium Compound Interfacial Modulation Enhanced Synergistic Catalytic Hydrogen Evolution for Full pH Range Seawater Splitting

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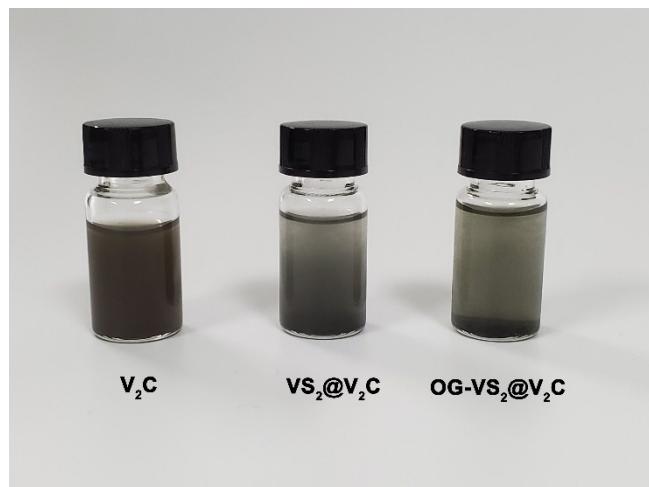


Fig. S1 Colloidal solutions of three catalytic materials.

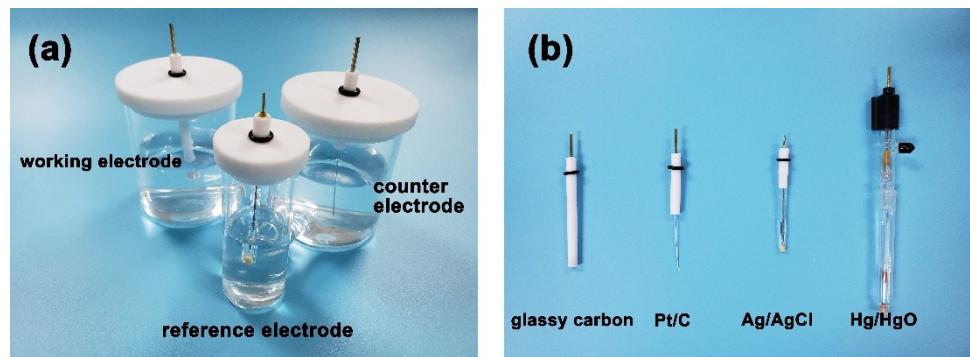


Fig. S2 Equipment used in electrocatalytic testing: (a) three-electrode electrolytic cell (b) various electrodes.

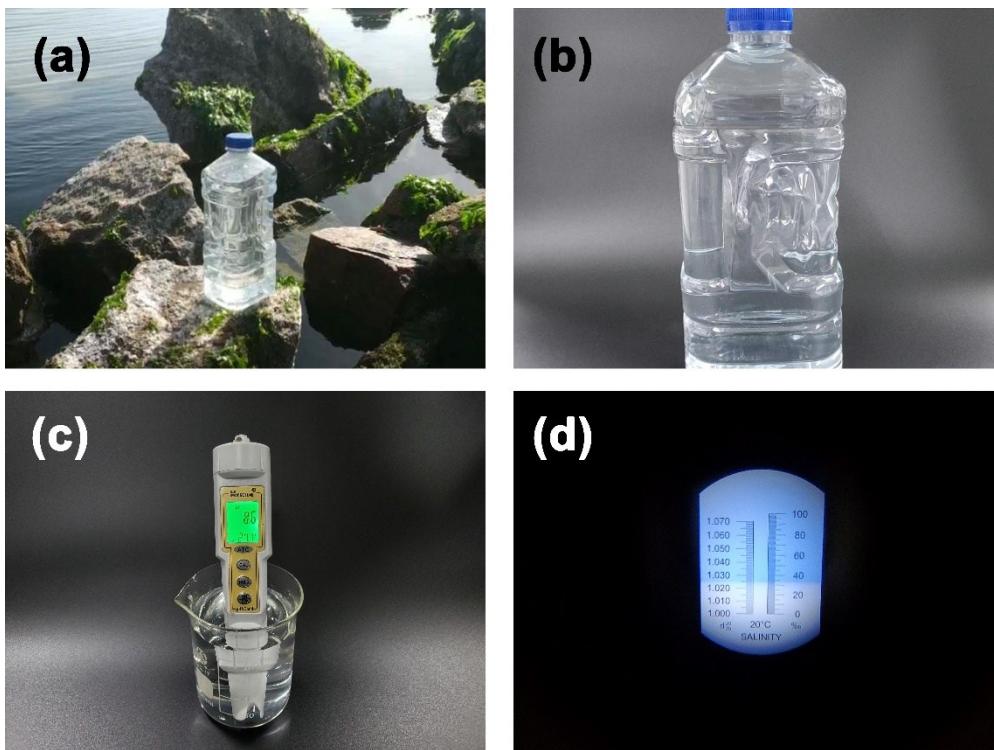


Fig. S3 (a) and (b) The seawater collection and purification. **(c)** The PH test of seawater. **(d)** The salinity test of seawater.

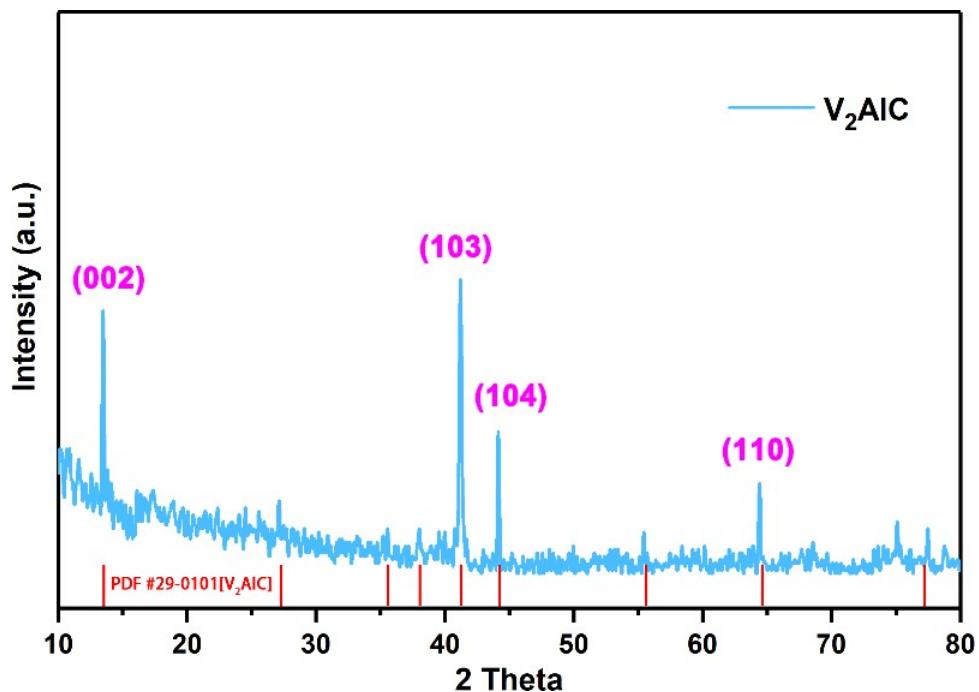


Fig. S4 XRD pattern of V₂AlC precursor.

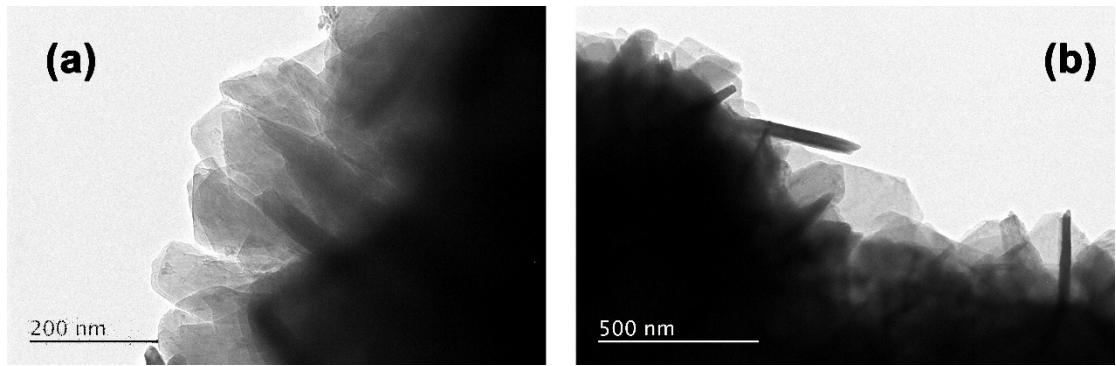


Fig. S5 Electron microscope pictures of different positions of $\text{VS}_2@\text{V}_2\text{C}$ catalyst.



Fig. S6 Three kinds of catalytic material freshly prepared working electrode. (a) V_2C . (b) $\text{VS}_2@\text{V}_2\text{C}$. (c) $\text{OG-VS}_2@\text{V}_2\text{C}$.

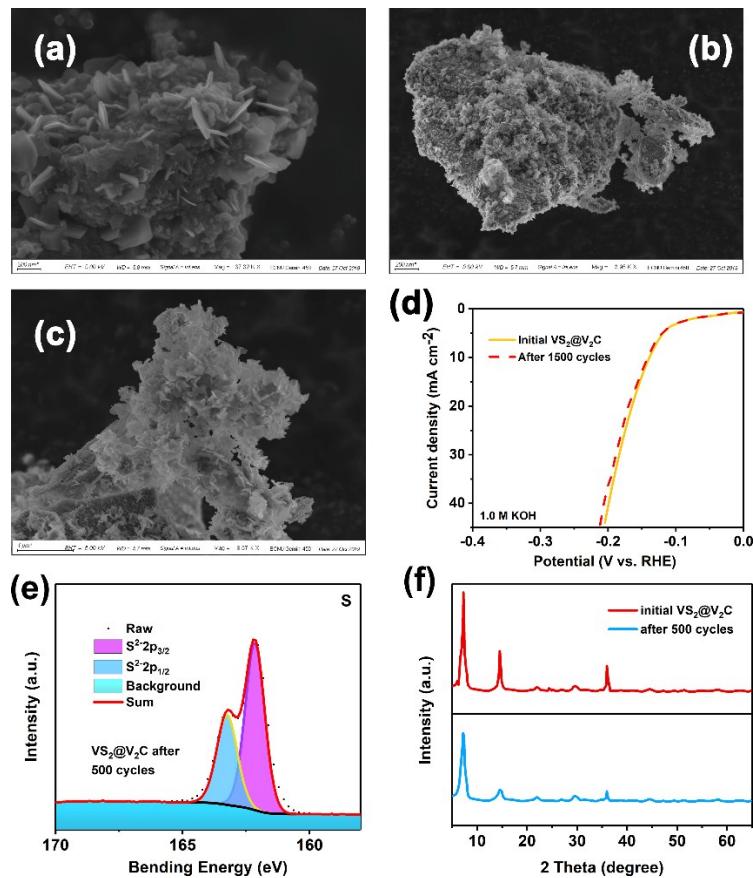


Fig. S7 (a)-(c) Different magnification electron microscope pictures of VS₂@V₂C catalyst after a long cycle. **(d)** Test results of hydrogen evolution stability of the composite material. **(e)** XPS pattern of VS₂@V₂C catalyst after a long cycle. **(f)** XRD patterns of initial VS₂@V₂C and catalyst after a long cycle.

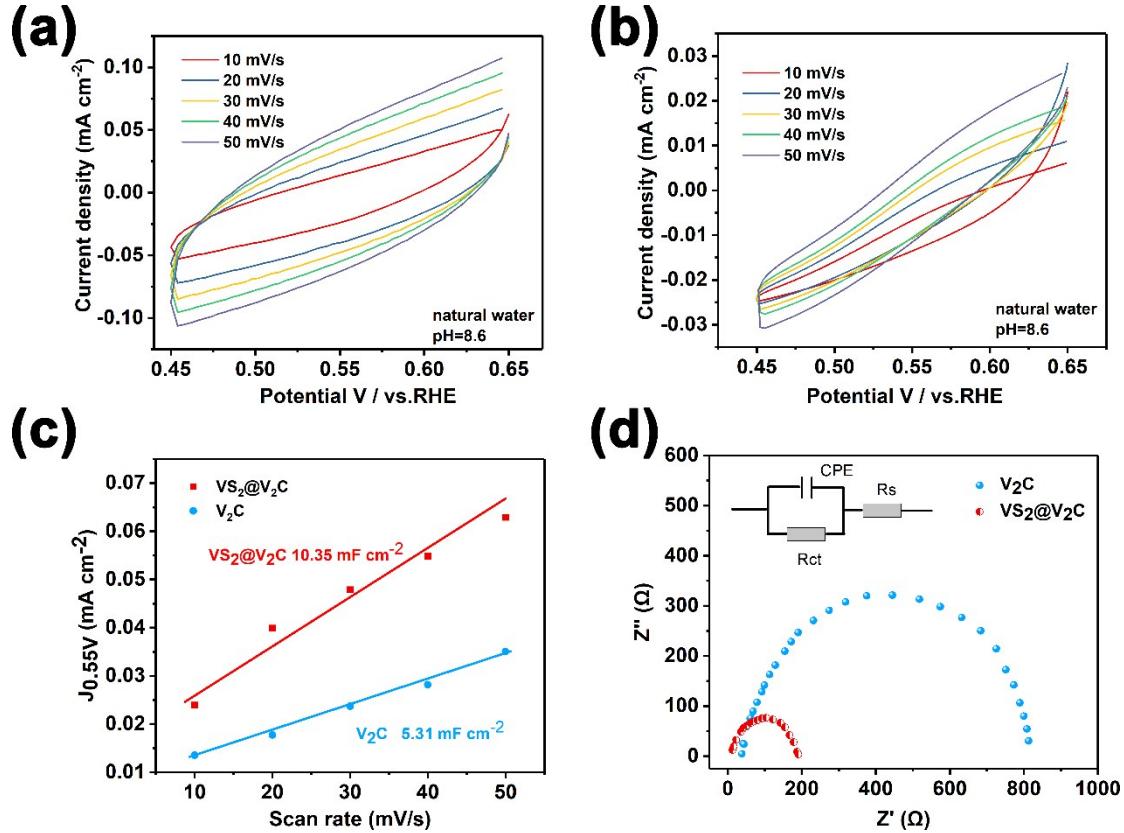


Fig. S8 (a)-(b) Cyclic voltammetry tests of $\text{VS}_2@\text{V}_2\text{C}$ and V_2C . **(c)** Double-layer capacitor performance results of $\text{VS}_2@\text{V}_2\text{C}$ and V_2C . **(d)** EIS AC impedance spectrum of $\text{VS}_2@\text{V}_2\text{C}$ and V_2C . The illustration shows the equivalent circuit.

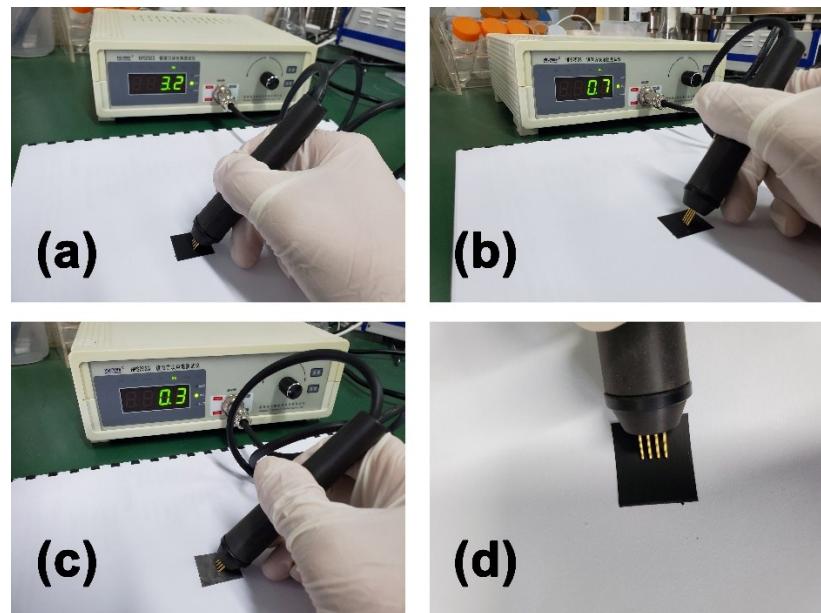


Fig. S9 The square resistance test results of (a) V_2C - $3.2\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$ (b) $\text{OG-VS}_2@\text{V}_2\text{C}$ - $0.7\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$ (c) $\text{VS}_2@\text{V}_2\text{C}$ - $0.3\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$. (d) Composite material film and four-probe tester.

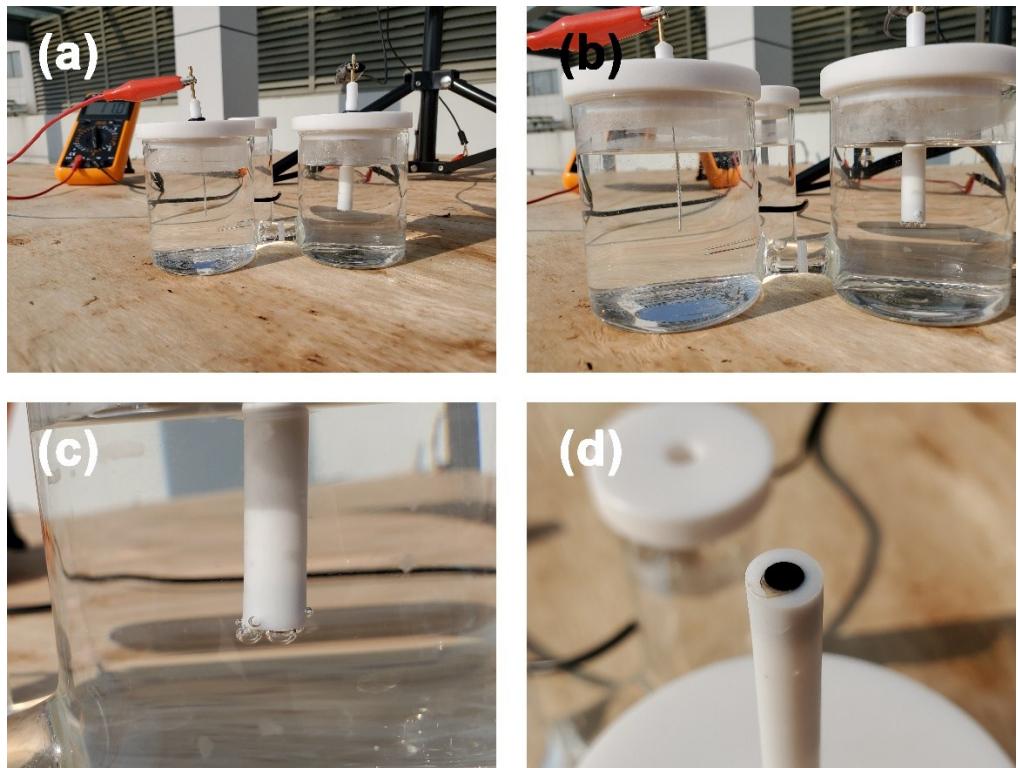


Fig. S10 Electrohydrogen evolution system powered by solar photovoltaic cells.

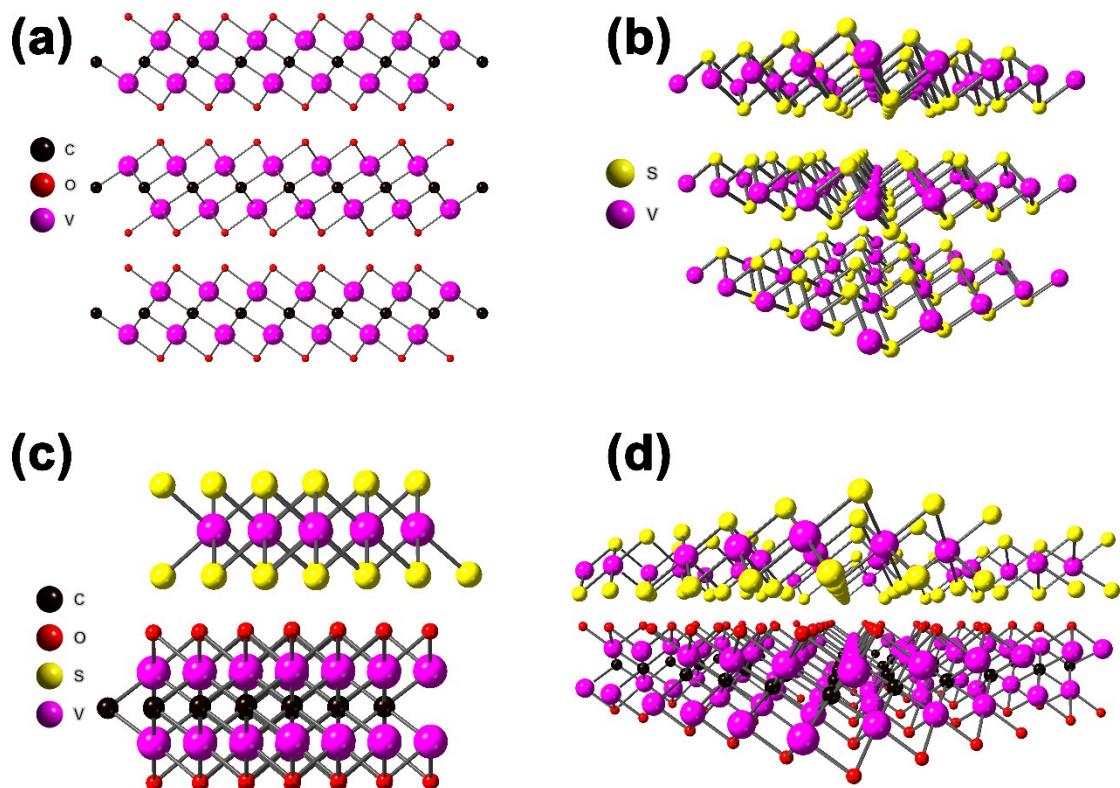


Fig. S11 The optimized crystal structure model of (a) V_2CO_2 (b) MoS_2 (c)-(d) $\text{VS}_2@\text{V}_2\text{C}$.

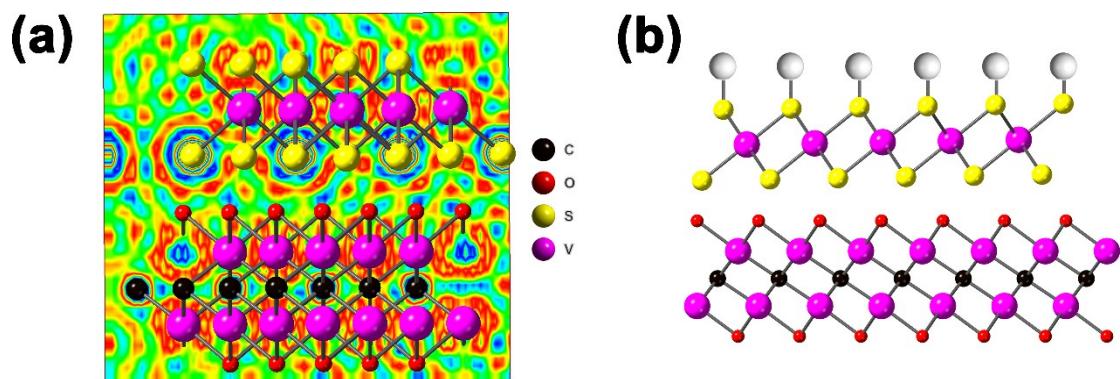


Fig. S12 (a) Charge density difference graph on VS₂@V₂C (110) crystal plane. (b) Composite material hydrogen adsorption model.

Table S1 Variation of hydrogen evolution overpotential of each catalytic material with pH at the current density of 20 mA cm⁻² (mV).

| Catalyst\pH | 0 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 7.0 | 8.6 | 10.0 | 12.0 | 13.8 |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| V ₂ C | 526 | 748 | 931 | - | - | - | - | 572 |
| OG-VS ₂ @V ₂ C | 273 | 402 | 549 | 724 | 634 | 573 | 455 | 304 |
| VS ₂ @V ₂ C | 148 | 271 | 387 | 527 | 444 | 396 | 320 | 164 |
| Pt/C | 86 | 176 | 281 | 489 | 428 | 367 | 246 | 91 |

Table S2 Variation of Tafel slope of each catalytic material with pH at the current density of 20 mA cm⁻² (mV/dec).

| Catalyst | pH | 0 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 7.0 | 8.6 | 10.0 | 12.0 | 13.8 |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| OG-VS ₂ @V ₂ C | | 54 | 93 | 146 | 193 | 174 | 158 | 121 | 85 |
| VS ₂ @V ₂ C | | 37 | 81 | 124 | 171 | 160 | 149 | 105 | 48 |
| Pt/C | | 28 | 76 | 103 | 155 | 143 | 132 | 99 | 32 |

Table S3 recent advance of HER performance of VS₂-based catalysts.

| Morphology | n (mV) at 10 mA cm ⁻² | Tafel slope | Electrolyte | Year | Ref. |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|------|-----------|
| VS ₂ @V ₂ C | 94 | 37 | 0.5 M H ₂ SO ₄ | - | This work |
| | 137 | 58 | 1.0 M KOH | - | |
| VS ₂ /rGO | 350 | 150 | 1.0 M KOH | 2015 | 1 |
| MoS ₂ nanodots/VS ₂ nanosheets | 291 | 58.1 | 1.0 M KOH | 2018 | 2 |
| N-doped Ni ₃ S ₂ nanosheets | 151 | 107.5 | 1.0 M KOH | 2018 | 3 |
| VSSe nanoplates | 180 | 87 | 1.0 M KOH | 2019 | 4 |
| VS ₄ /rGO | 210 | 73 | 1.0 M KOH | 2018 | 5 |
| VS ₂ @MoS ₂ nanocomposites | 177 | 54.9 | 1.0 M KOH | 2017 | 6 |

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|---|------------|------------|--|-------------|-----------|
| VSe nanosheets | 206 | 88 | 1.0 M KOH | 2016 | 7 |
| VS₂ nanoflowers | 400 | 170 | 0.5 M H₂SO₄ | 2018 | 8 |
| Bulk VS₂ | 120 | 70 | 0.5 M H₂SO₄ | 2019 | 9 |
| VS₂ nanosheets | 450 | 201 | 0.5 M H₂SO₄ | 2015 | 1 |
| CVD grown VS₂ nanosheets | 68 | 34 | 0.5 M H₂SO₄ | 2015 | 10 |
| V_{0.09}Mo_{0.91}S₂ | 240 | 69 | 0.5 M H₂SO₄ | 2014 | 11 |

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