

Supporting Information for

**Interface Engineering of Ag-Ni₃S₂ heterostructures toward Efficient Alkaline
Hydrogen Evolution**

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Turnover frequency (TOF) calculation: Turnover frequency is used to reflect the number of reactant molecule conversions per active site per unit time. Assuming that all Ni atoms participate in HER, according to the following formula:

$$\text{TOF} = \frac{j \times A}{2 \times n \times F}$$

Where *j* is the measured current density, *A* is the surface area of the electrocatalyst, *F* is the Faraday constant (96485.3 C mol⁻¹), and *n* is the number of moles of Ni on the electrode.

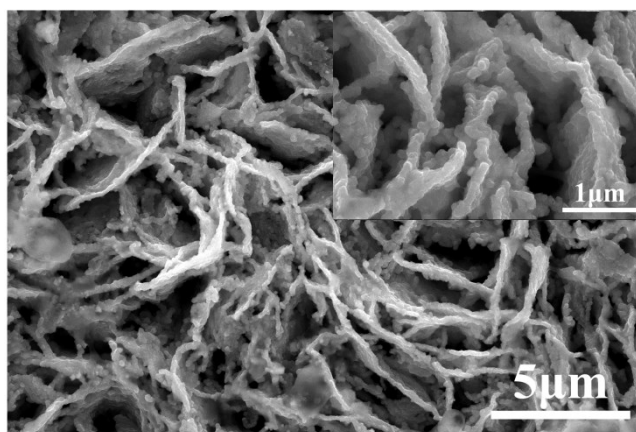


Fig. S1. SEM image of $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{NF}$.

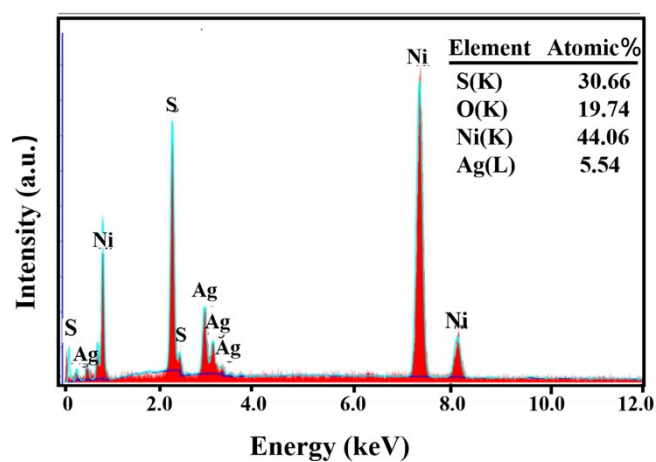


Fig. S2. EDS image of $\text{Ag-Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{NF-5min}$.

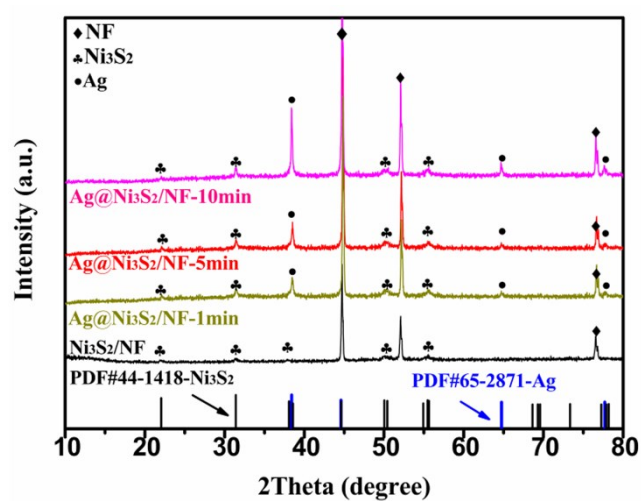


Fig. S3. XRD pattern of $\text{Ag-Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{NF-1min}$, $\text{Ag-Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{NF-5min}$, $\text{Ag-Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{NF-10min}$ and $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{NF}$.

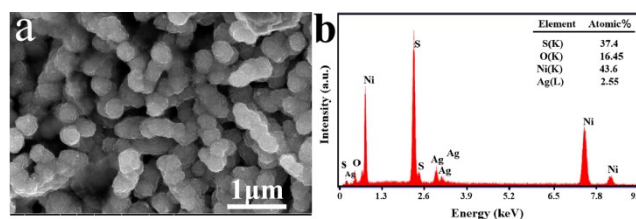


Fig. S4. (a) SEM image, (b) EDS spectrum of Ag-Ni₃S₂/NF-1min.

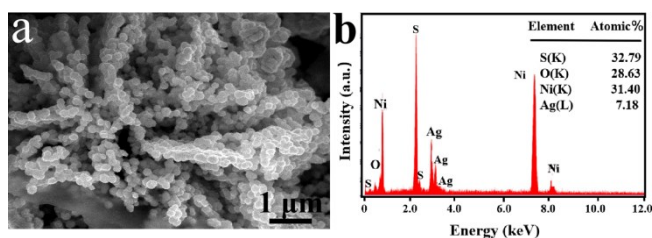


Fig. S5. (a) SEM image, (b) EDS spectrum of Ag-Ni₃S₂/NF-10min.

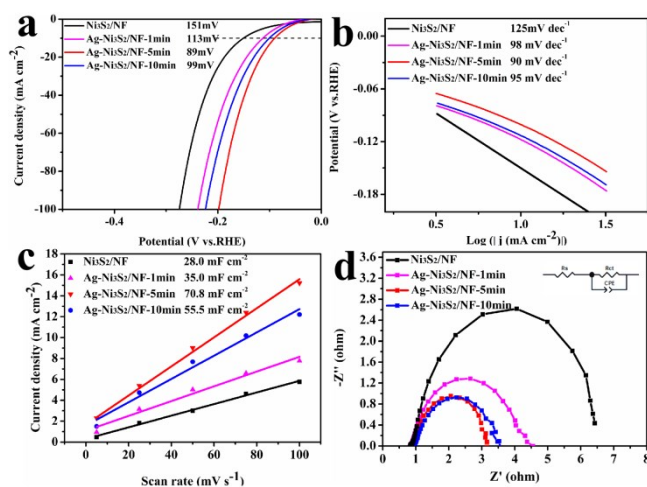


Fig. S6. (a) LSV curves, (b) Tafel slope, (c) Calculated electrochemical double-layer capacitances and (d) Nyquist plots of Ni₃S₂/NF and Ag-Ni₃S₂/NF with different Ag loading amount toward HER in 1M KOH.

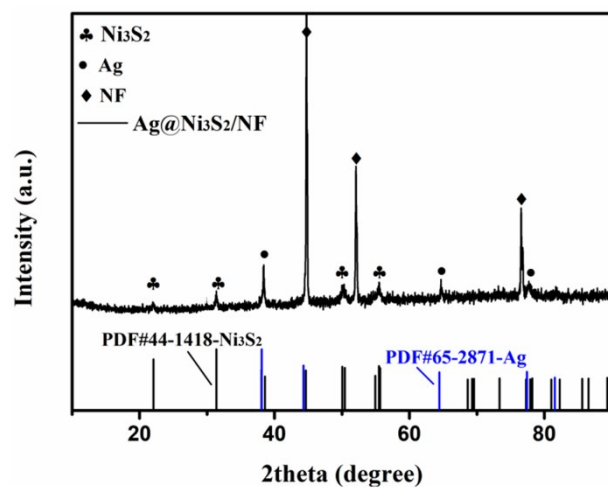


Fig. S7. XRD pattern of $\text{Ag}-\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{NF}$ after a stability test for 15 h.

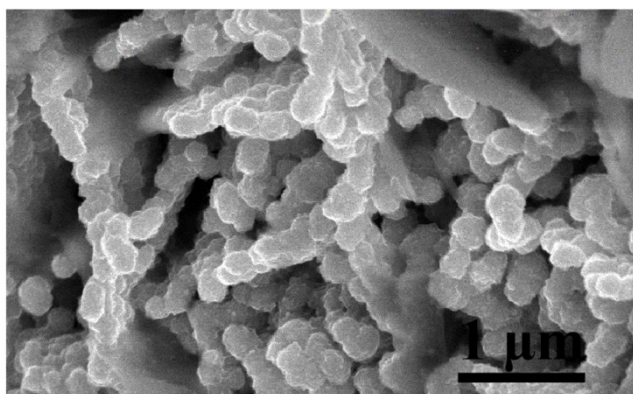


Fig. S8. SEM image of $\text{Ag}-\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{NF}$ after a stability test for 15 h.

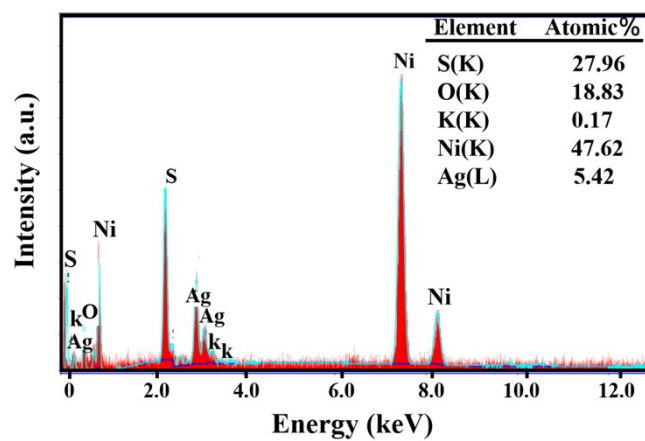


Fig. S9. EDS spectrum of $\text{Ag}-\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{NF}$ after a stability test for 15 h.

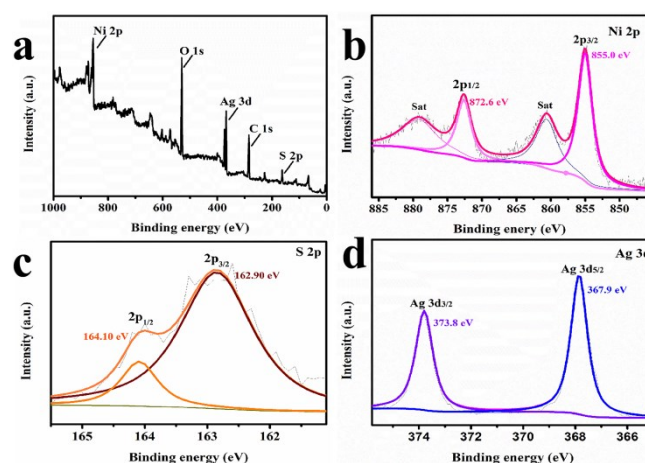


Fig. S10. (a) XPS survey, (b) Ni 2p, (c) S 2p, and (d) Ag 3d XPS spectra of Ag-Ni₃S₂/NF after a stability test for 15 h.

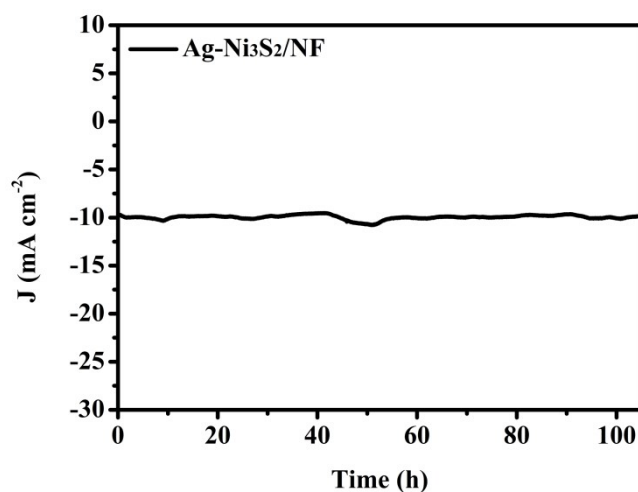


Fig.S11. long-term stability test curve of Ag-Ni₃S₂/NF under an overpotential of -103 mV (vs RHE) for 105 h.

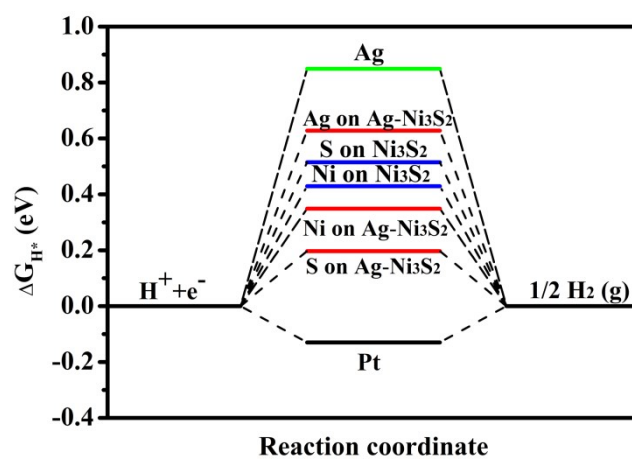


Fig. S12. Gibbs Free energy change of hydrogen on different sites of Ag-Ni₃S₂ and Ni₃S₂.

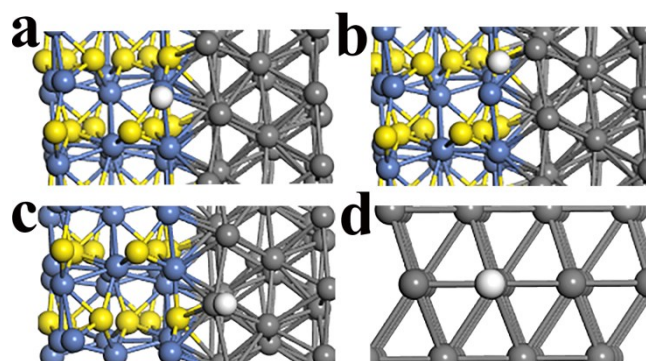


Fig. S13. DFT calculation models for ΔG_{H^*} on (a) Ni site, (b) S site, (c) Ag site of Ag-Ni₃S₂ and (d) Ag. (Hydrogen atom: white)

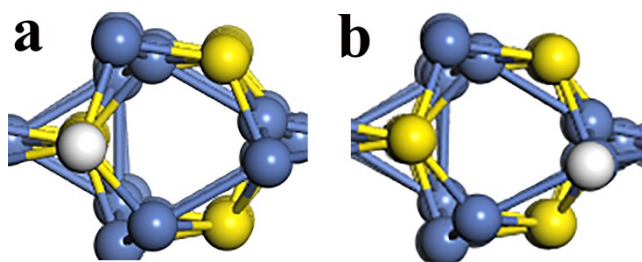


Fig. S14. DFT calculation models for ΔG_{H^*} on (a) S site and (b) Ni site of Ni₃S₂ (Hydrogen atom: white)

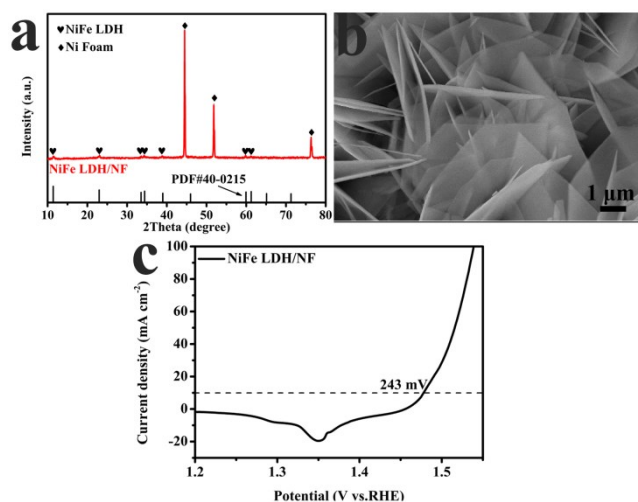


Fig. S15. (a) XRD pattern, (b) SEM image and (c) LSV curve of the NiFe LDH/NF in 1M KOH.

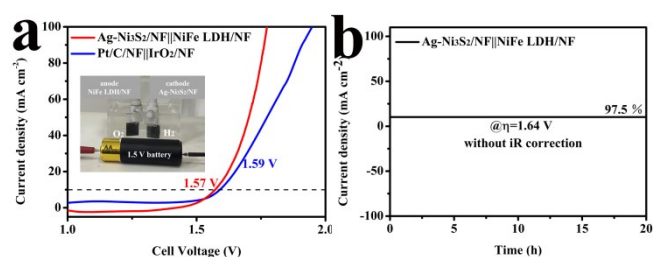


Fig. S16. (a) Overall water splitting performance LSV curves of Ag-Ni₃S₂/NF||NiFe LDH/NF, Pt/C/NF||IrO₂/NF and Ni₃S₂/NF||Ni₃S₂/NF electrode pairs in 1 M KOH. (Inset: Image of a two-electrode water splitting unit driven by a battery with a rated voltage of 1.5 V) (b) Long-term stability test of Ag-Ni₃S₂/NF||NiFe LDH/NF for water splitting at 1.64 V.

Table S1. Loading amounts of Ag-Ni₃S₂/NF-1min, Ag-Ni₃S₂/NF-5min and Ag-Ni₃S₂/NF-10min.

Sample	Ag-Ni ₃ S ₂ /NF- 1min	Ag-Ni ₃ S ₂ /NF- 5min	Ag-Ni ₃ S ₂ /NF- 10min
Loading amount (At %)	12.0%	26.5%	30.4%

Table S2. Comparison of the HER performance of Ag-Ni₃S₂/NF with other reported catalysts in 1 M KOH.

Catalysts	Overpotential at 10 mA cm ⁻² (mV)	Tafel slope (mV dec ⁻¹)	References
Ag-Ni ₃ S ₂ /NF	89	90	This work
NF@Ni ₃ S ₂ @NCNT	~94	54	1
NF-Ni ₃ S ₂ /MnO ₂	102	69	2
NF/T(Ni ₃ S ₂ /MnS-O)	116	41	3
Ni ₃ S ₂ /MnS/NF	136	49	3
NiFe@Ni ₃ S ₂	184	77	4
Cu NDs/Ni ₃ S ₂ NTs-CFs	128	76.2	5
CoMoNiS-NF	113	85	6
Co ₉ S ₈ -Ni ₃ S ₂ /NF	163	121	6
Ni _x Co _{3-x} S ₄ /Ni ₃ S ₂ /NF	136	95	7
NiP	234	130	8
Ni ₃ S ₂ -300	177	75.5	9
Sn-Ni ₃ S ₂ /NF	137	51	10
P-(Ni,Fe) ₃ S ₂ /NF	98	88	11
Ni _{0.9} Fe _{0.1} PS ₃ NS	72	73	12
Fe _{17.5%} -Ni ₃ S ₂ /NF	47	95	13

Table S3. EIS and C_{dl} results of Ni₃S₂/NF, Ag-Ni₃S₂/NF-1min, Ag-Ni₃S₂/NF-5min and Ag-Ni₃S₂/NF-10min.

Sample	Ni ₃ S ₂	Ag-Ni ₃ S ₂ /NF- 1min	Ag-Ni ₃ S ₂ /NF- 5min	Ag-Ni ₃ S ₂ /NF- 10min
R _{ct} [Ω]	5.60	3.61	2.10	2.52
C _{dl} [mF cm ⁻²]	28.00	35.00	70.80	55.50

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