

Supporting Information for

**Enhancing the water splitting performance via decorating  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoarrays with ruthenium doping and phosphorization**

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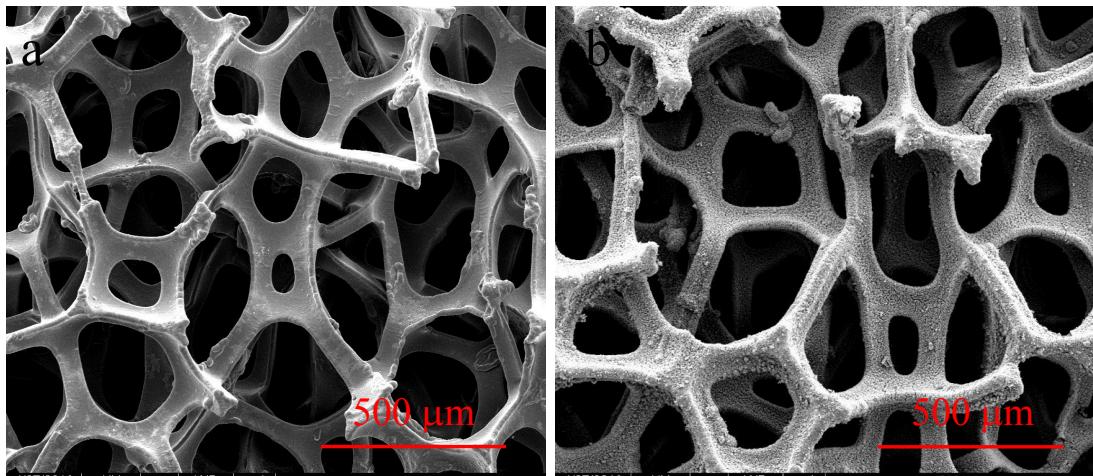


Fig. S1. SEM images of (a) pristine NF and (b)  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{NF}$ .

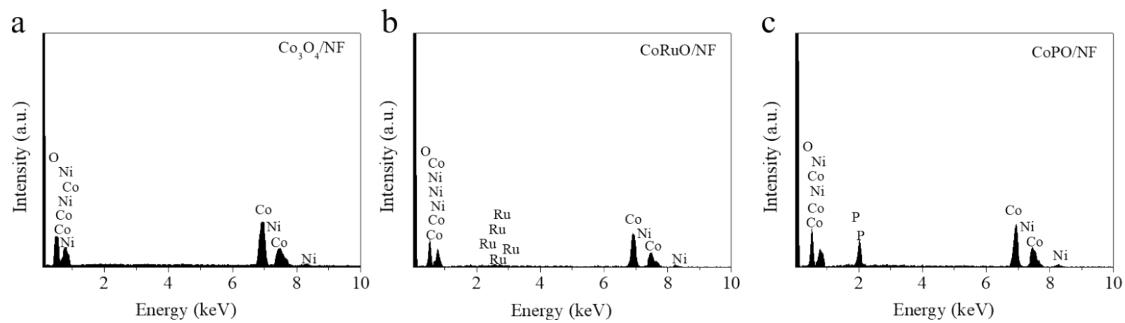


Fig. S2. EDS pattern of (a)  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{NF}$  catalyst, (b)  $\text{CoRuO}/\text{NF}$ , and (c)  $\text{CoPO}/\text{NF}$

Table S1. The weight percentage (wt%) of the main elements for samples.

Samples	Co	Ru	P
CoRuO/NF	47.14wt%	5.84wt%	0
CoPO/NF	45.82wt%	0	7.94wt%
CoRuPO/NF	44.91wt%	4.13wt%	1.36wt%

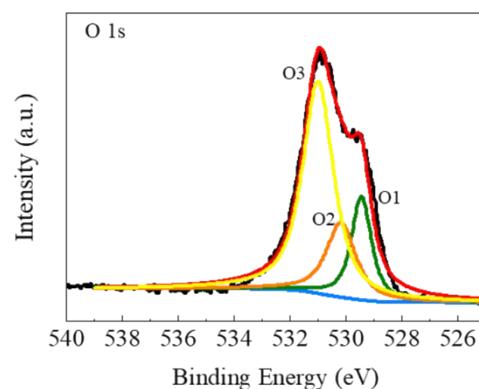


Fig. S3. High resolution of O 1s XPS peak for  $\text{CoRuPO}/\text{NF}$ .

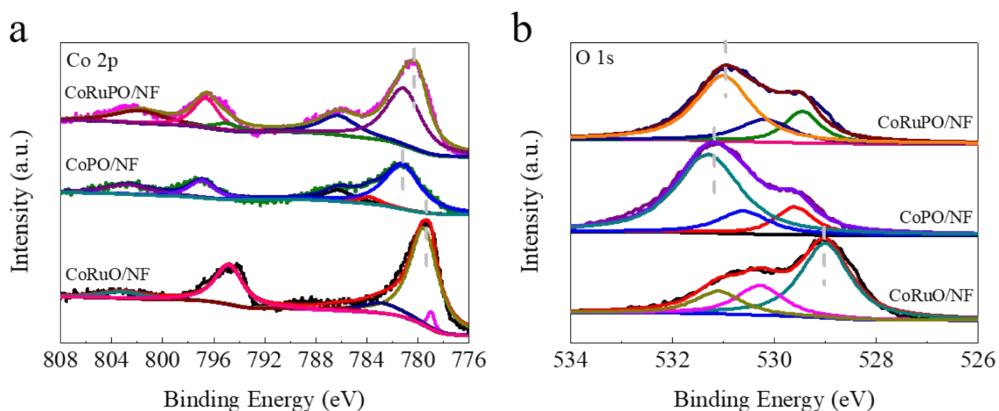


Fig. S4. XPS spectra of (a) CoRuPO/NF, CoPO/NF, and CoRuO/NF in the Co 2p regions, (b) CoRuPO/NF, CoPO/NF and CoRuO/NF in the O 1s regions.

Table S2. Comparisons of the mass activity (MA) for HER.

Samples	MA at 20 mV vs. RHE	Ref
CoRuPO/NF	656 mA mg <sup>-1</sup> <sub>Ru</sub>	This work
Pt/C/NF	56 mA mg <sup>-1</sup> <sub>Pt</sub>	This work
Ru@MWCNT	186 mA mg <sup>-1</sup> <sub>Ru</sub>	<sup>1</sup>
Pt/C	52 mA mg <sup>-1</sup> <sub>Pt</sub>	<sup>1</sup>

Table S3. Comparisons of the mass activity (MA) for OER.

Samples	MA at 250 mV vs. RHE	Ref
CoRuPO/NF	1192 mA mg <sup>-1</sup> <sub>Ru</sub>	This work
RuO <sub>2</sub> /NF	297 mA mg <sup>-1</sup> <sub>Ru</sub>	This work
Ru <sub>1</sub> -Pt <sub>3</sub> Cu	779 mA mg <sup>-1</sup> <sub>Ru</sub>	<sup>2</sup>
r-RuO <sub>2</sub> Nps	11 mA mg <sup>-1</sup> <sub>Ru</sub>	<sup>3</sup>
r-IrO <sub>2</sub> Nps	3.5 mA mg <sup>-1</sup> <sub>Ir</sub>	<sup>3</sup>

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