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Tunable Metal-Organic Framework Nanoarrays on Carbon Cloth Constructed by a Rational Self-Sacrificing Template for Efficient and Robust Oxygen Evolution Reaction

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Figure S1. SEM images of Ni(OH)₂ NAs/CC.



Figure S2. XRD of Ni(OH)₂ NAs/CC.



Figure S3. SEM images of Ni-MOF-74/CC without the template of Ni(OH)₂ NAs/CC.



Figure S4. XRD patterns of (a) Ni-BDC NAs/CC and (b) Ni-BTC NAs/CC, respectively.



Figure S5. SEM images of (a, b) Ni-BDC NAs/CC and (c, d) Ni-BTC NAs/CC,

respectively.



Figure S6. SEM images of (a) Ni-BDC/CC and (b) Ni-BTC/CC without the template of Ni(OH)₂ NAs/CC, respectively.



Figure S7. SEM image of Ni-MOF-74 NAs/CC-1 prepared with the addition of HAC (pH=3.06).



Figure S8. XRD pattern of Ni-MOF-74 NAs/CC-3 prepared with the addition of HMT (pH=3.45).



Figure S9. SEM images of Ni-MOF-74 NAs/CC-3 prepared with the addition of HMT (pH=3.45).



Figure S10. SEM images of Ni-MOF-74 NAs/CC-3 prepared under different reaction time (a-2h, b-4h, c-8h and d-24h).



Figure S11. XRD patterns of Ni/Ni-MOF-74 NAs/CC (a) and NiO/Ni-MOF-74 NAs/CC (b), respectively.



Figure S12. SEM images of (a, b) Ni/Ni-MOF-74 NAs/CC and (c, d) NiO/Ni-MOF-74

NAs/CC, respectively.



Figure S13. SEM images of Co(OH)₂ NAs/CC.



Figure S14. SEM images of $Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}(OH)_2$ NAs/CC.



Figure S15. XRD patterns of Co-MOF-74 NAs/CC, Ni-MOF-74 NAs/CC and

 $Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}$ -MOF-74/CC, respectively.



Figure S16. SEM images of Co-MOF-74 NAs/CC.



Figure S17. SEM images of $Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}$ -MOF-74 NAs/CC.



Figure S18. TEM images of Co(OH)₂.



Figure S19. TEM images of Ni(OH)₂.



Figure S20. TEM images of $Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}(OH)_2$.



Figure S21. TEM images of Co-MOF-74.



Figure S22. TEM images of Ni-MOF-74.



Figure S23. EDS plot of $Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}$ -MOF-74.



Figure S24. Full XPS spectra of Co/Ni 2p.



Figure S25. LSV (a) and CP (b) curves of Ni-MOF-74/CC and Ni-MOF-74 NAs/CC, respectively.



Figure S26. LSV (a) and CP (b) curves of Ni-BDC/CC and Ni-BDC NAs/CC,

respectively.



Figure S27. (a) LSV and (b) CP curves of Ni-BTC/CC and Ni-BTC NAs/CC, respectively.



Figure S28. CVs of (a) Ni-MOF-74/CC and (b) Ni-MOF-74 NAs/CC with different scan rates, respectively. (c) The calculated differential current *vs*. scan rates at 0.049 V vs. RHE.



Figure S29. CVs of (a) Ni-BDC/CC and (b) Ni-BDC NAs/CC with different scan rates, respectively. (c) The calculated differential current *vs*. scan rates at 0.049 V vs. RHE.



Figure S30. CVs of (a) Ni-BTC/CC and (b) Ni-BTC NAs/CC with different scan rates, respectively. (c) The calculated differential current *vs*. scan rates at 0.049 V vs. RHE.



Figure S31. (a) LSV curves of Ni-MOF-74 NAs/CC-A (A=1, 2, 3 and 4).



Figure S32. CVs of (a) Co-MOF-74 NAs/CC, (b) Ni-MOF-74 NAs/CC and (c) $Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}$ -MOF-74 NAs/CC with different scan rates, respectively.



Figure S33. SEM images of Co-MOF-74 NAs/CC (a, b), Co-MOF-74 NAs/CC (c, d), Co-MOF-74 NAs/CC (e, f) after CP tests, respectively.



Figure S34. XPS of (a) Co $2p_{3/2}$ in Co-MOF NAs/CC, (b) Co $2p_{3/2}$ in Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}-MOF-74 NAs/CC, (c) Ni $2p_{3/2}$ in Ni-MOF-74 NAs/CC, (d) Ni $2p_{3/2}$ in Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}-MOF-74 NAs/CC after CP tests, respectively.

Materials	electrolyte	Overpotential (mV)	References
CoNi-MOF-74 NAs/CC	1 M KOH	$\eta_{10}/244$	This work
$Fe-Ni_3S_2/NF^1$	1 M NaOH	$\eta_{100}/253$	[1]
NiFe LDH/NF	1 M KOH	$\eta_{10}/269$	[2]
NiCo LDH/NG ²	0.1 M KOH	$\eta_{145.3}/400$	[3]
NiCo LDH/NF	1 M KOH	$\eta_{10}/271$	[4]
NiV LDH	1 M KOH	$\eta_{27}/350$	[5]
NiCr LDH/NF	1 M KOH	$\eta_{100}/319$	[6]
NiMn LDH/rGO ³	1 M KOH	$\eta_{10}/260$	[7]
NiMn LDH	1 M KOH	$\eta_{10}/350$	[8]
NiMn LDH NS ⁴	0.1 M NaOH	$\eta_{20}/390$	[9]
nNiFe LDH/NGF	0.1 M KOH	$\eta_{10}/337$	[10]
NiFe LDH/NF	0.1 M KOH	$\eta_{30}/280$	[11]
NiCu LDH/CC ⁵	1 M KOH	$\eta_{10}\!/290$	[12]
NiZn LDH/N-rGO	1 M KOH	$\eta_{10}/290$	[13]
NiZn LDH nanocage	1 M KOH	$\eta_{10}/290$	[14]
NiFe-MOF/NF	1 M KOH	$\eta_{10}/240$	[15]
NiO/Ni-MOF/NF	1 M KOH	$\eta_{50}/250$	[16]
Fe ₂ O ₃ /Ni-MOF-74/CC	1 M KOH	$\eta_{10}/264$	[17]
Fe(OH) ₃ /Co-MOF-74/CC	1 M KOH	$\eta_{10}\!/292$	[18]

Table S1. Comparison of water oxidation activity in the electrolyte of 1 M KOH.

1, NF, Ni foam; 2, NG, N-doped graphene; 3, rGO, reduced graphene oxide; 4, NS, nanosheet; 5, CC, carbon cloth;

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