

Low-cost and Multi-level Structured NiFeMn Alloy@NiFeMn Oxyhydroxide Electrocatalysts for Highly-efficient Overall Water Splitting

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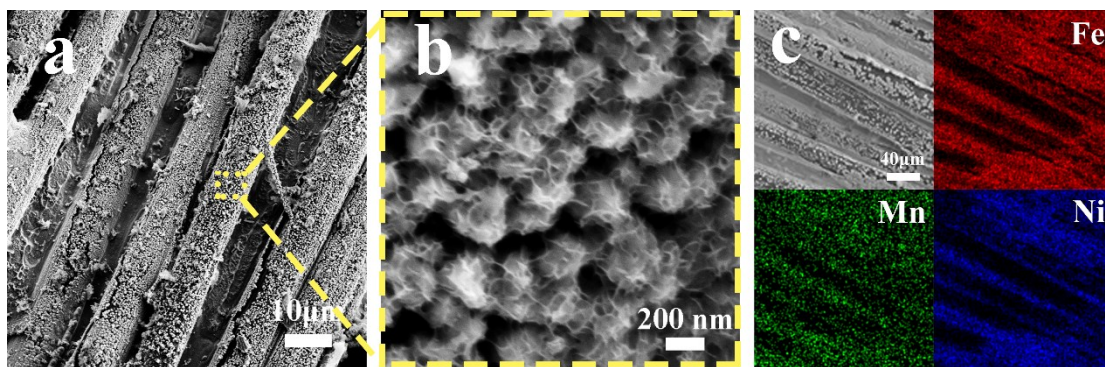


Fig. S1 (a, b) SEM images of the NiFeMn-AOs on carbon cloth. (c) EDX elemental mapping images from SEM.

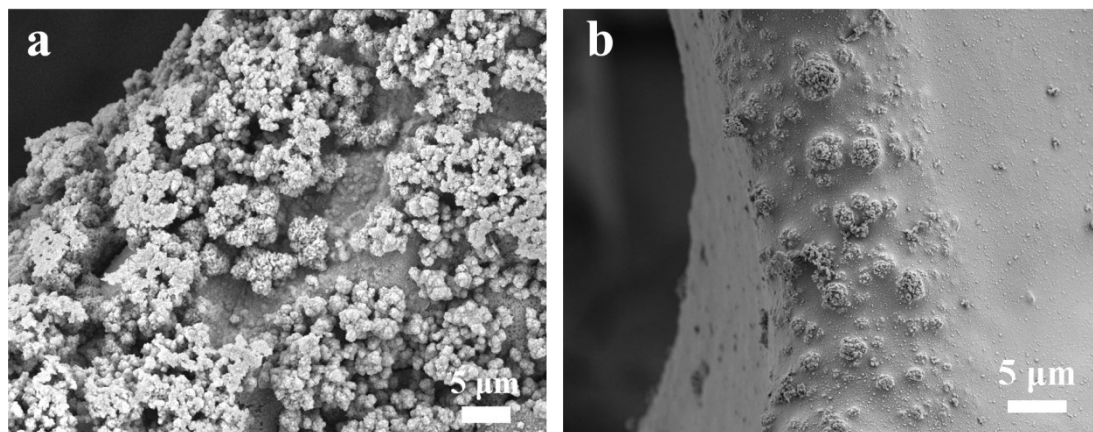


Fig. S2 (a) surface geometry of the NiFeMn-AOs from SEM (b) surface geometry of the NiFe-AOs from SEM.

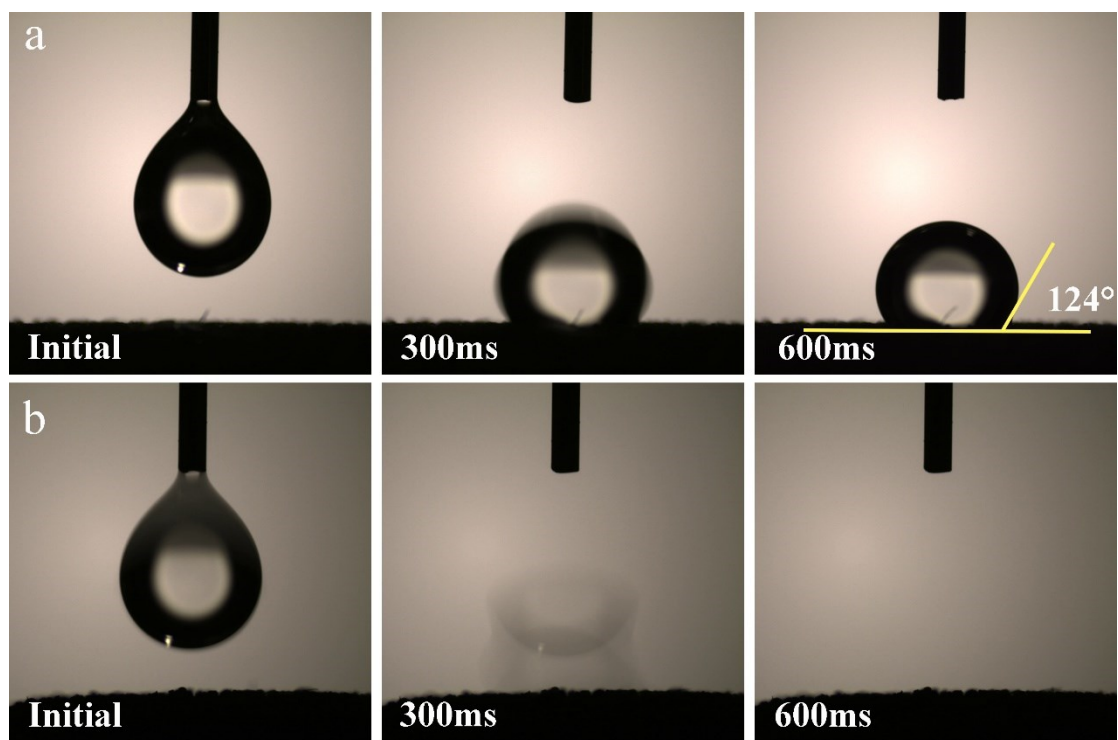


Fig. S3 Contact angle measurements of a droplet (1 M KOH electrolyte) placed on the surface of (a) commercial nickel foam and (b) NiFeMn-AOs to investigate the wettability between the electrolyte and the catalyst surface.

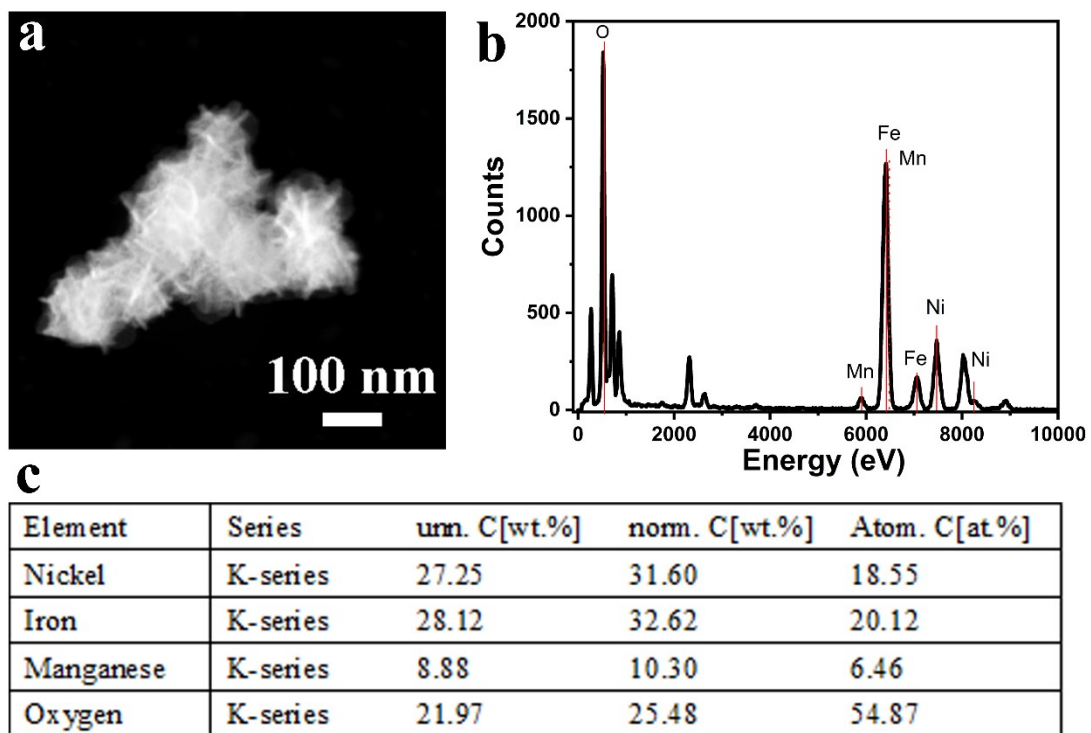


Fig. S4 (a, b) HAADF-STEM image and the corresponding elemental selected area of Mn, Ni, Fe, and O in NiFeMn-AOs. (c) EDX element selected area from SEM.

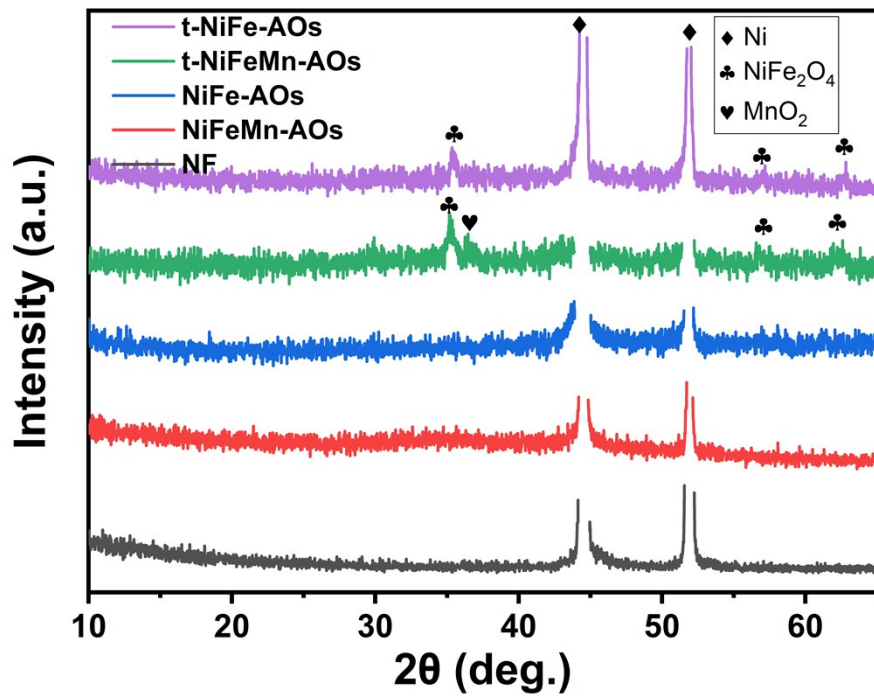


Fig. S5 XRD Pattern of nickel foam (NF), NiFe-AOs, NiFeMn-AOs, t-NiFe-AOs (after annealing) and t-NiFeMn-AOs (after annealing).

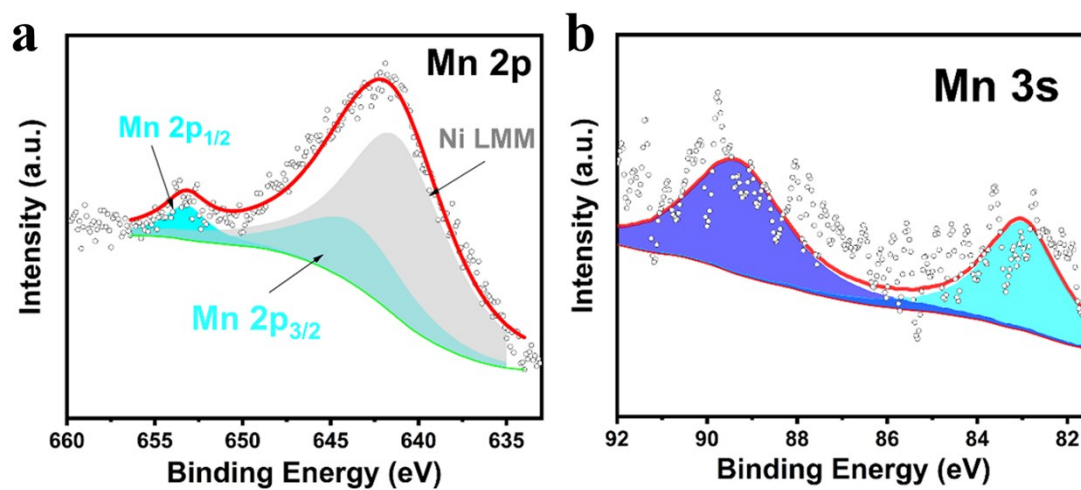


Fig. S6 (a) XPS high-resolution scans of Mn 2p, (b) XPS high-resolution scans of Mn 3s.

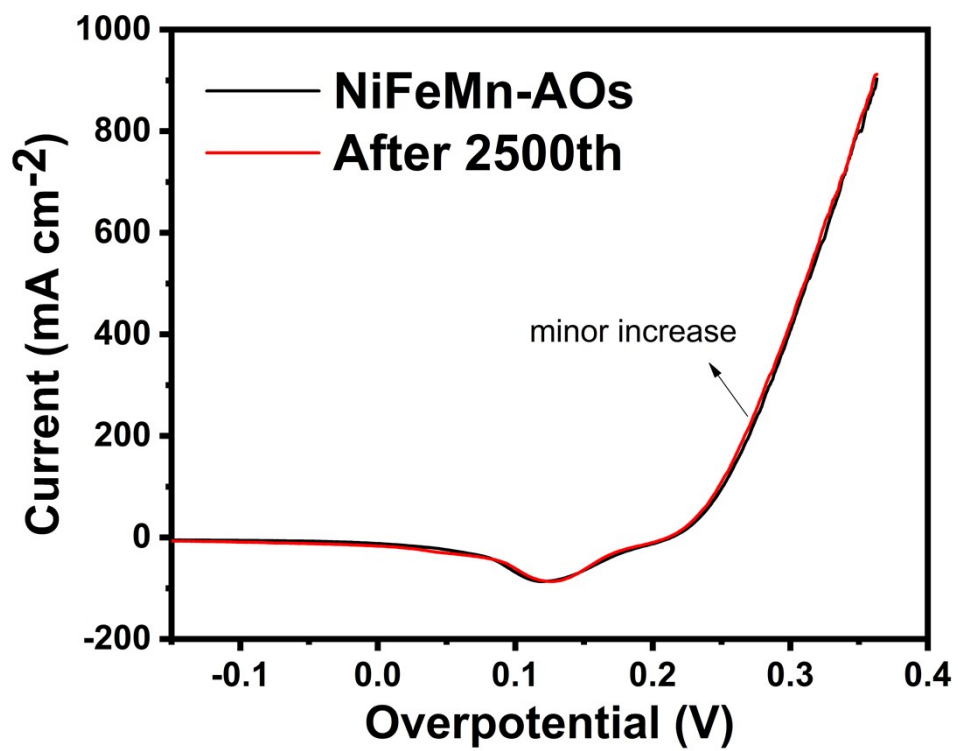


Fig. S7 Polarization data for NiFeMn-AOs before and after 2500th CV cycles.

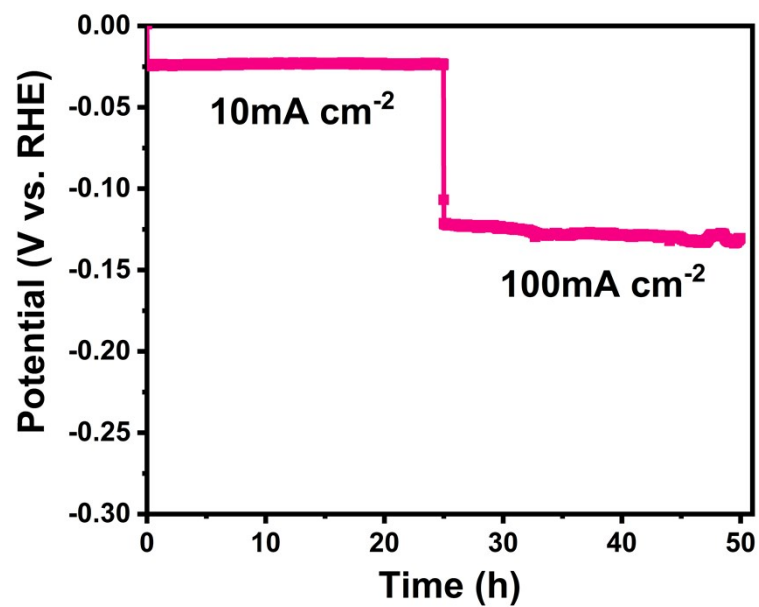


Fig. S8 Long-term HER performance stability of NiFeMn-AOs over 50 h by chronopotentiometry test.

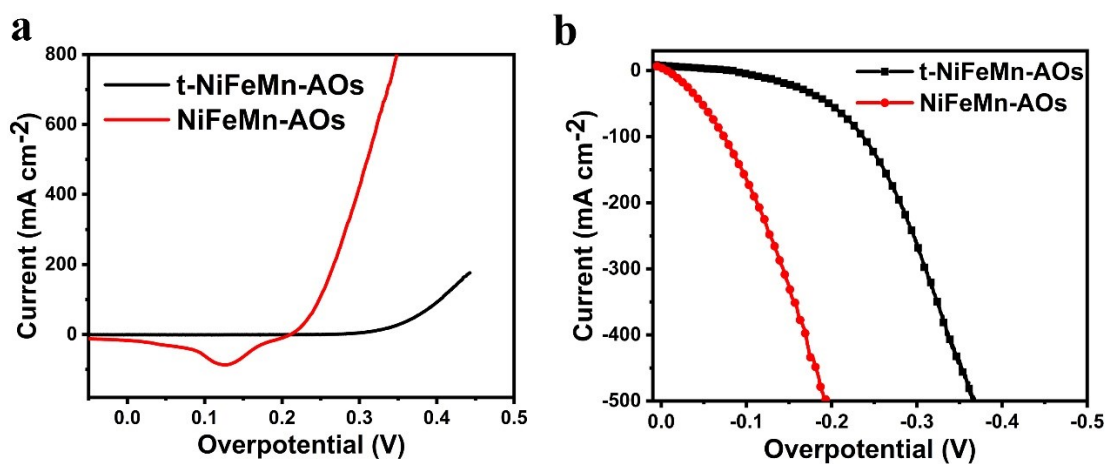


Fig. S9 (a) Comparison of OER performance of NiFeMn-AOs performance before and after annealing at 500°C. (b) Comparison of HER performance of NiFeMn-AOs performance before and after annealing at 500°C.

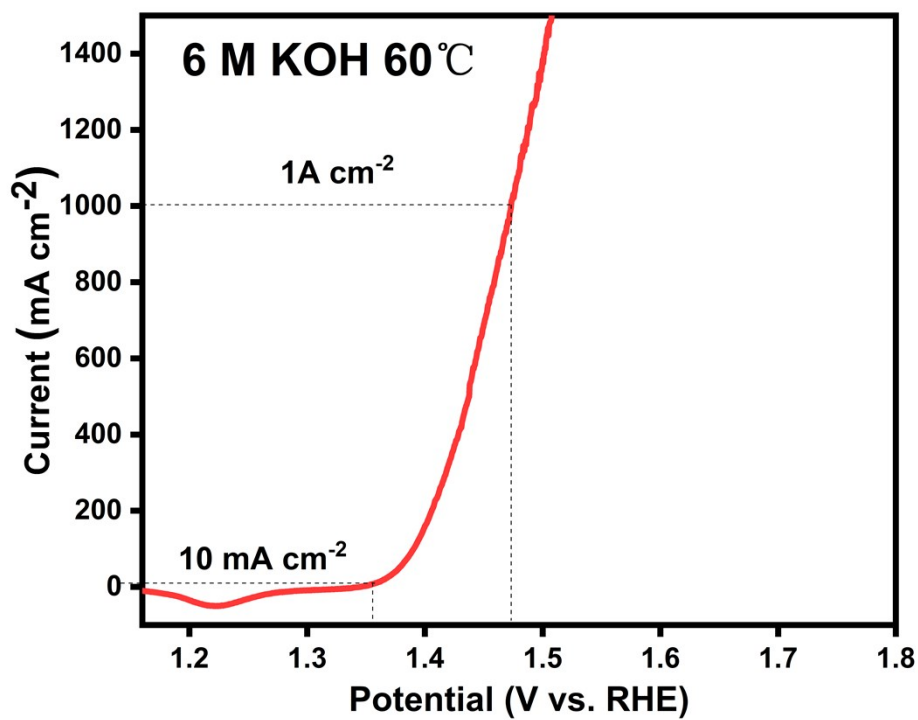


Fig. S10 OER polarization curve of NiFeMn-AOs in 6 M KOH at 60°C.

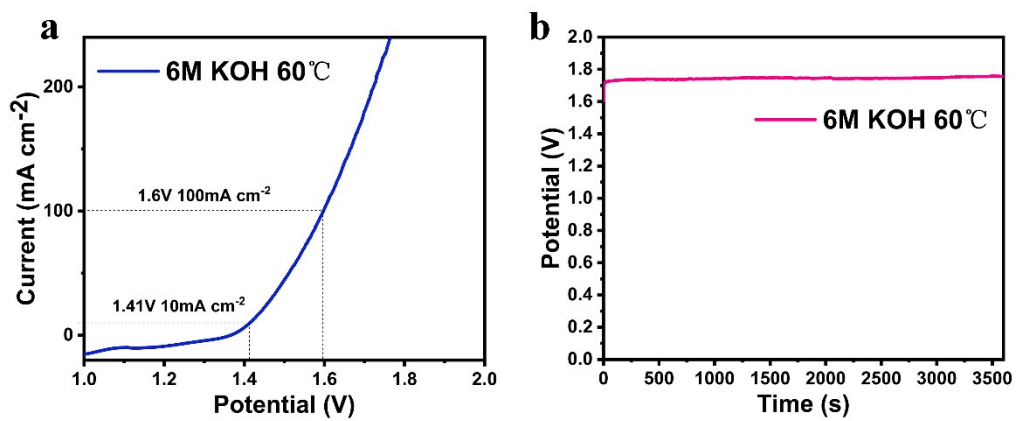


Fig. S11 (a) The polarization curves of NiFeMn-AOs// NiFeMn-AOs electrolyzer in 6 M KOH at 60°C (without iR-compensation). (b) Chronopotentiometry curves of NiFeMn-AOs in a 6 M KOH electrolyte at 60°C.

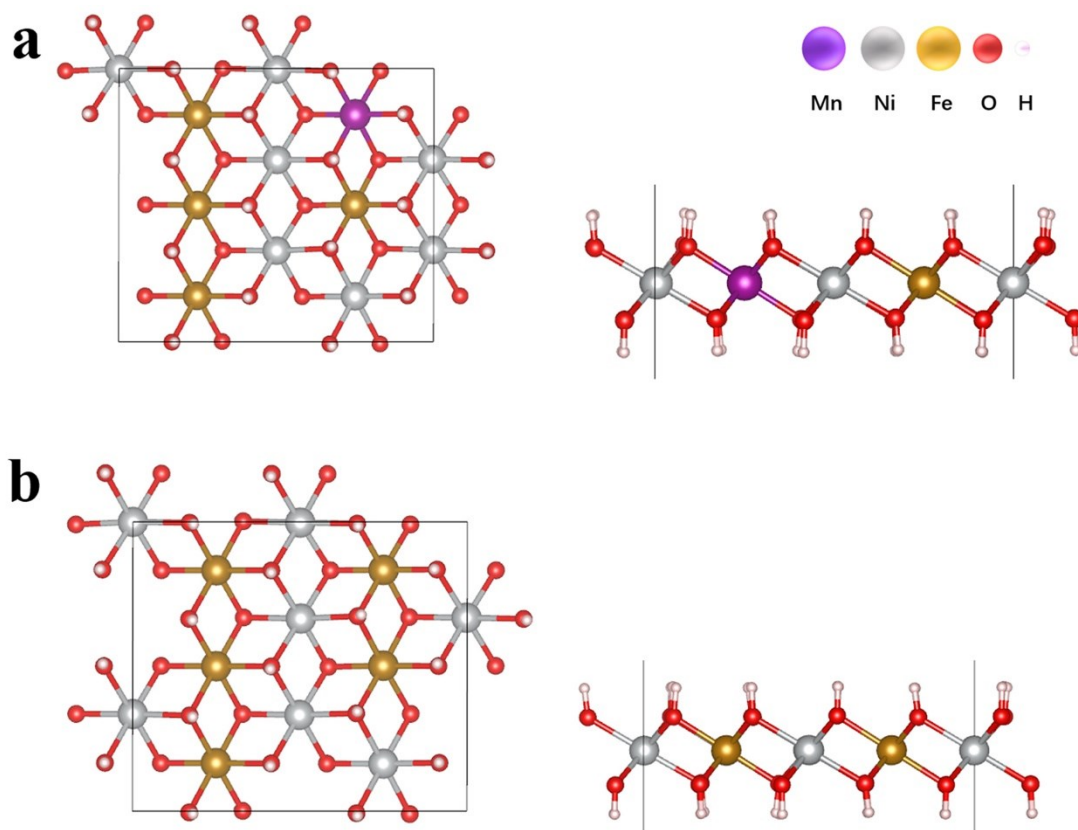


Fig. S12 Surface model of (a) NiFeMn-AOs and (b) NiFe-AOs.

Table S1. The alkaline OER activities of the NiFeMn-AOs and the reported non-noble based electrocatalysts

Electrocatalysts	Overpotential at 10 mA cm⁻²	Tafel slope (mV dec⁻¹)	Reference
NiFe/NiFe-OH	222 mV	41	<i>Appl. Catal. B: Environ.</i> 2019 , 257, 117899
Ni ₆₀ Fe ₃₀ Mn ₁₀ -alloy	200 mV	62	<i>Energy Environ. Sci.</i> 2016 , <i>9</i> , 540
Ni@NiFe LDH	218 mV	66	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A.</i> 2019 , <i>7</i> , 21722
FeOOH(Se)	221 mV	54	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2019 , <i>141</i> , 7005
Ni ₃ Se ₄ @NiFe LDH	223 mV	55	<i>Nanoscale Horiz.</i> 2019 , <i>4</i> , 1132
CoFe@NiFe/NF	190 mV	46	<i>Appl. Catal. B.</i> 2019 , 253, 131
NiFe LDH/NiFe ₂ O ₄	202 mV	47	<i>ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces</i> 2018 , <i>10</i> , 26283
CoFeZr oxides	248 mV	54	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2019 , <i>31</i> , 1901439
NiFeMoO _x	255 mV	35	<i>Adv. Sci.</i> 2020 , <i>7</i> , 1902034
CuO _x @NiMnO _x	225 mV	80	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A.</i> 2020 , <i>8</i> , 16463
NiFeMn-AOs	220 mV	26	(This work)

Table S2. The alkaline HER activities of the NiFeMn-AOs and the reported non-noble based Electrocatalysts.

Electrocatalysts	Overpotential at 10 mA cm⁻²	Tafel slope (mV dec⁻¹)	Reference
Ni@NCNT/NiMoN/NF	15 mV	68	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> , 2019 , 7, 13671
Ni@NiFe LDH	92 mV	72	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> , 2019 , 7, 21722
NiFe LDH@Ni ₃ N	30 mV	79	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> 2020 , 33, 17202
Ni ₃ Se ₄ @NiFe LDH	85 mV	98.6	<i>Nanoscale Horiz.</i> 2019 , 4, 1132
CoFe@NiFe/NF	240 mV	88.9	<i>Appl. Catal. B: Environ.</i> 2019 , 253, 131
NiFe LDH/NiFe ₂ O ₄	101 mV	67.1	<i>ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces</i> 2018 , 10, 26283
CoFeZr oxides	104 mV	119	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2019 , 31, 1901439
NiFeMoO _x	22 mV	76	<i>Adv. Sci.</i> 2020 , 7, 1902034
CuO _x @NiMnO _x	71.6 mV	63	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> 2020 , 8, 16463
NiFeMn-AOs	19 mV	45	(This work)

Table S3. The alkaline water splitting activities of NiFeMn-AOs//NiFeMn-AOs coupled electrolyzer and the reported electrolyzer

Electrocatalysts	Overpotential at 10 mA cm⁻²	Overpotential at 100 mA cm⁻²	Reference
NiS _{0.5} Se _{0.5}	1.55 V	1.73 V	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2020 , 2000231
Ni/Mo ₂ C	1.57 V	>1.8 V	<i>Adv. Energy Mater.</i> 2019 , 9, 1803185
Ni@NiFe LDH	1.56 V	1.61 V (with iR compensation)	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A.</i> 2019 , 7, 21722
CuCo ₂ S ₄	1.61 V (20 mA cm ⁻²)	>1.8 V	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A.</i> 2020 , 8, 1799
Ni ₃ Se ₄ @NiFe LDH	1.54 V	1.75 V	<i>Nanoscale Horiz.</i> 2019 , 4, 1132
CoFe@NiFe/NF	1.59 V	>1.8 V	<i>Appl. Catal. B.</i> 2019 , 253, 131
NiFe LDH/NiFe ₂ O ₄	1.53 V	1.74 V	<i>ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces</i> 2018 , 10, 26283
CoFeZr oxides	1.63 V	1.78 V	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2019 , 31, 1901439
NiFeMoO _x	1.50 V	1.63 V	<i>Adv. Sci.</i> 2020 , 7, 1902034
CuO _x @NiMnO _x	1.62 V	1.82 V	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A.</i> 2020 , 8, 16463
NiFeMn-AOs	1.46 V (15 mA cm ⁻²)	1.63 V	(This work)