

Supporting Information

3D Hierarchical Network Derived from 2D Fe-doped NiSe Nanosheets/Carbon Nanotubes with Enhanced OER Performance for Overall Water Splitting

Kai Chang¹, Duy Thanh Tran¹, Jingqiang Wang¹, Nam Hoon Kim¹, Joong Hee Lee^{1,2}*

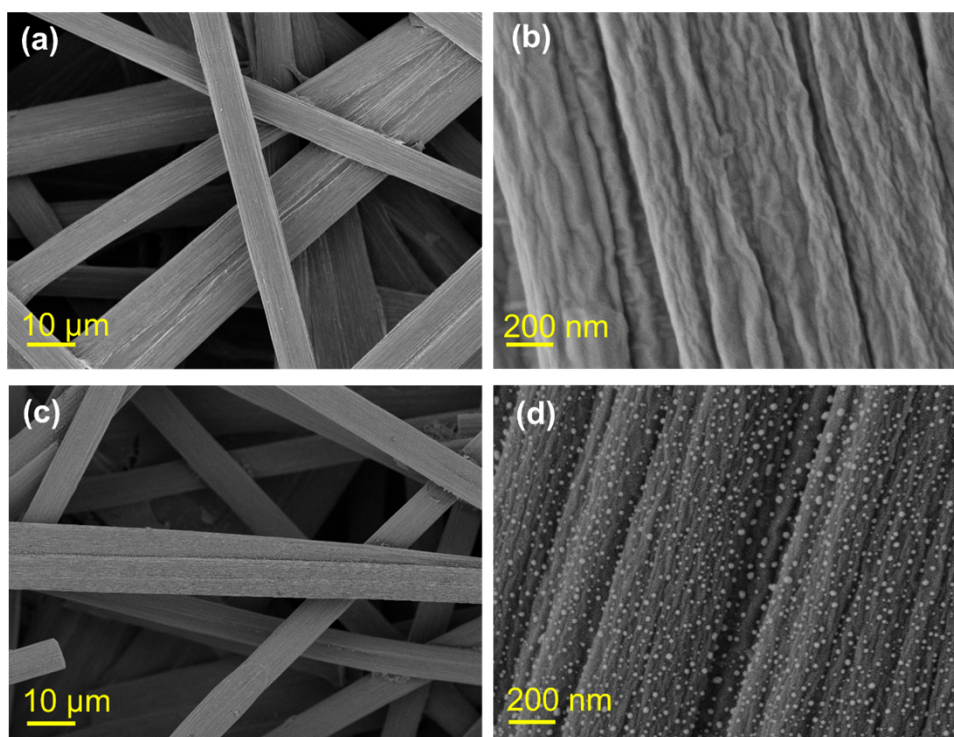


Figure S1. (a and b) SEM image of CP surface; (c and d) distribution of Ni NPs on CP surface.

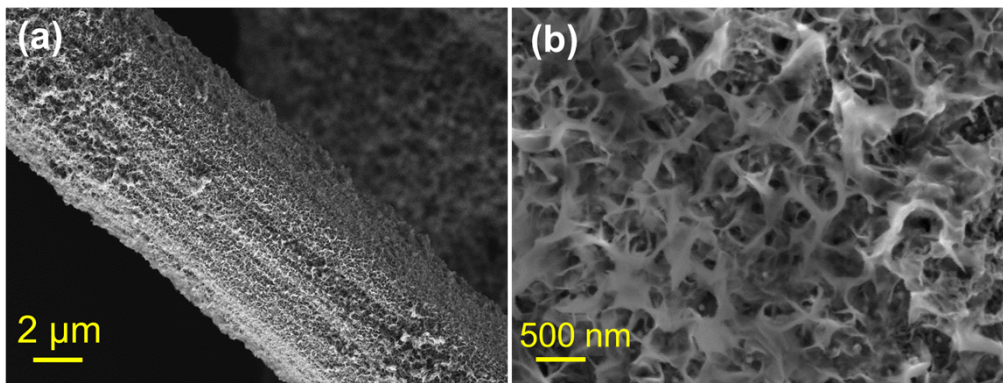


Figure S2. (a and b) SEM images of Fe-doped NiSe NSs on CP at different magnifications.

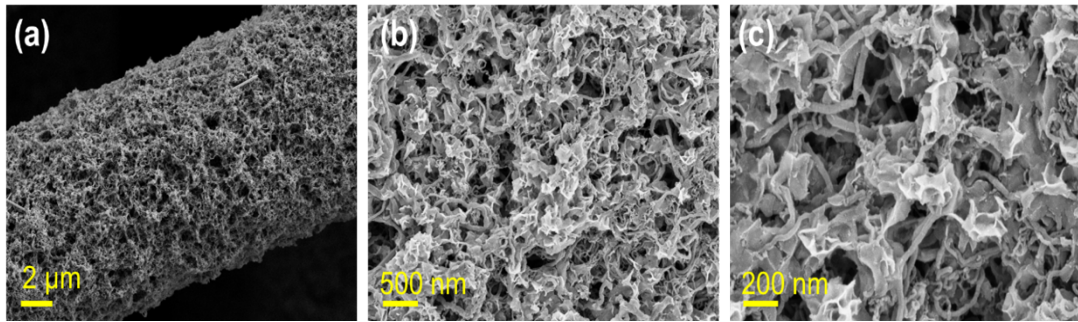


Figure S3. (a-c) SEM images of NiSe NSs/CNTs at different magnifications.

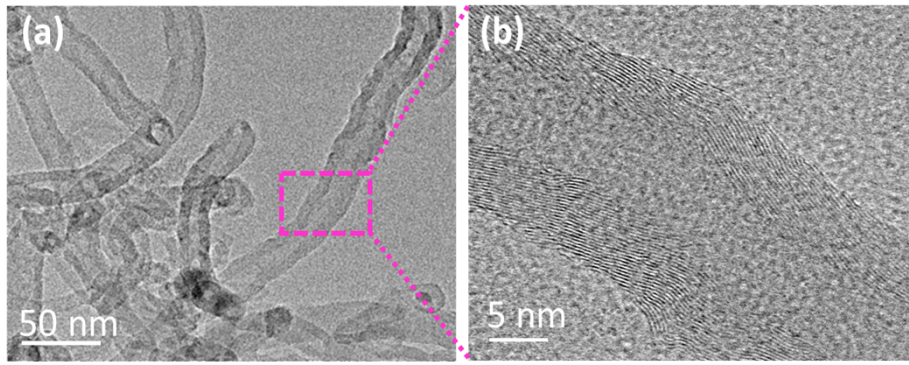


Figure S4. (a) TEM and (b) HR-TEM images of CNTs grown on CP.

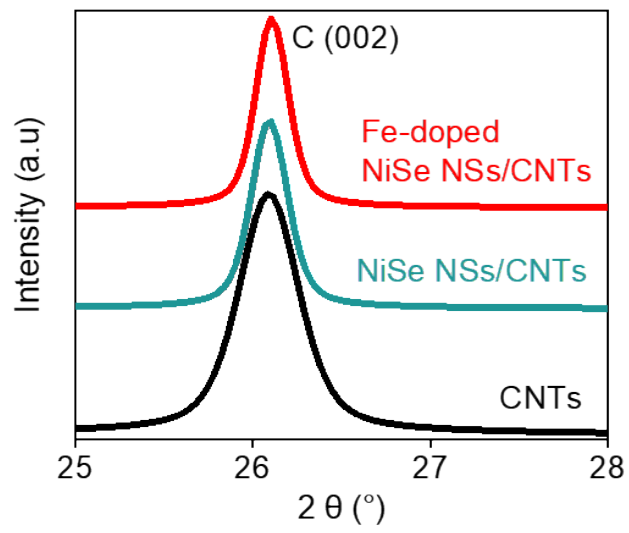


Figure S5. Magnified XRD spectra of CNTs, NiSe NSs/CNTs and Fe-doped NiSe NSs/CNTs on CP

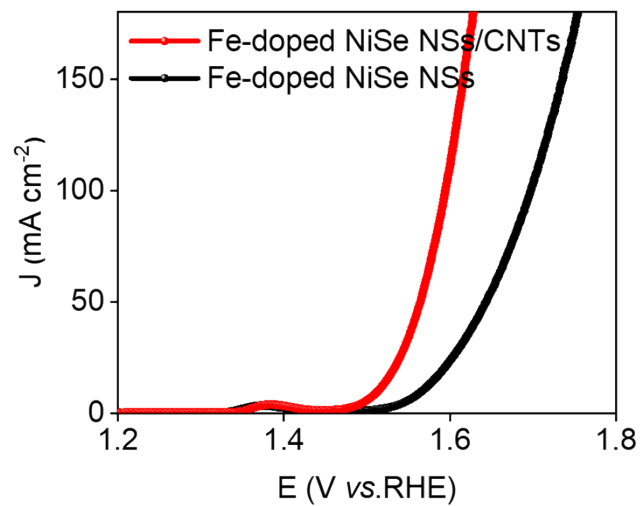


Figure S6. Comparison of OER activities between Fe-doped NiSe NSs/CNTs and Fe-doped NiSe NSs.

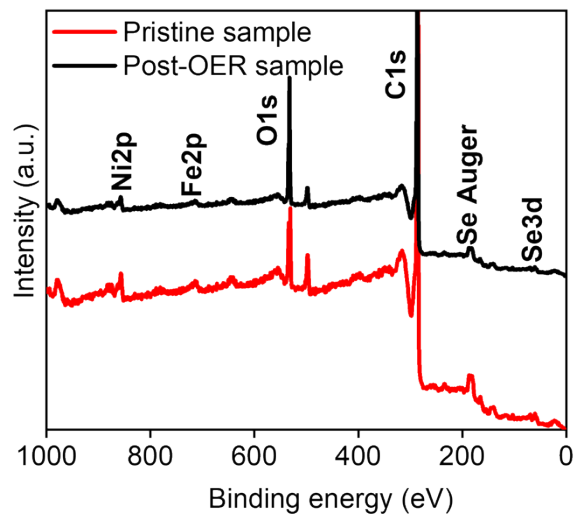


Figure S7. Comparison of XPS survey spectra between the pristine and post-OER Fe-doped NiSe NSs/CNTs.

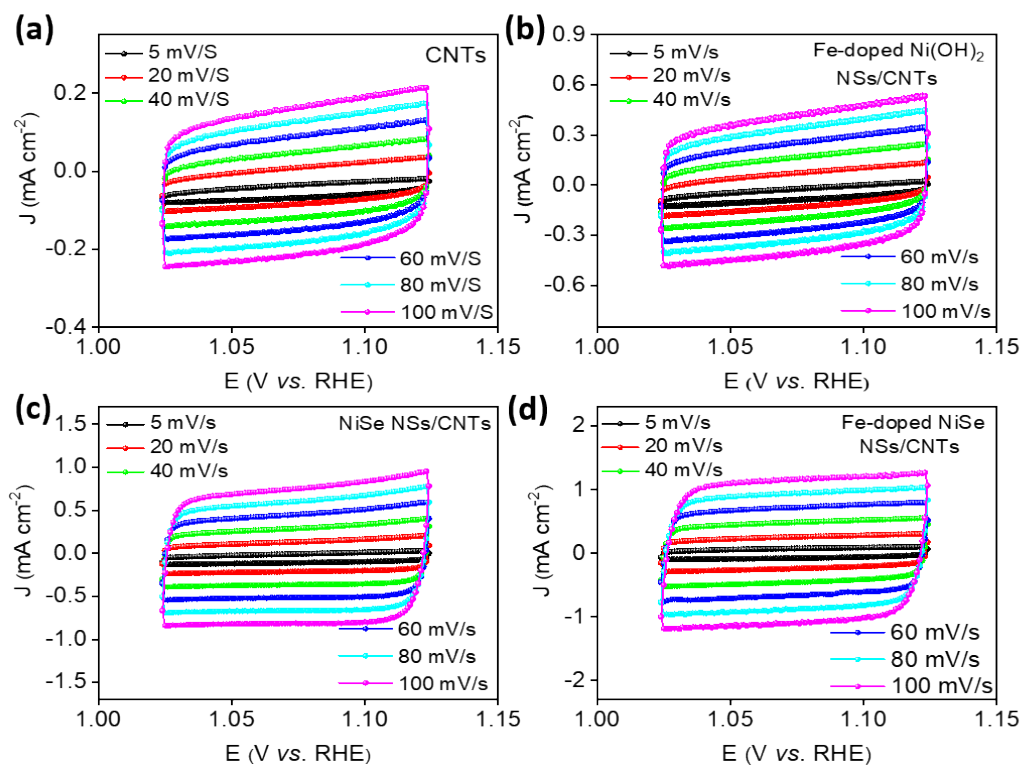


Figure S8. Typical CV curves of (a) CNTs, (b) Fe-doped Ni(OH)₂ NSs/CNTs, (c) NiSe NSs/CNTs, and (d) Fe-doped NiSe NSs/CNTs at different scan rates in 1.0 M KOH.

Turnover frequency (TOF) calculations

The calculation of TOF was referred from a method reported by Wang et al.¹ In a specific procedure, CV curves were initially measured at 50 mV s⁻¹ in PBS solution (pH = 7.0). Then the absolute components of the voltammetric charges (cathodic and anodic) reported during a single measurement was added. The quantity of active species (*n*) is calculated according to Equation S1.

$$n = \frac{Q}{2F} = \frac{It}{2F} = \frac{IV}{2Fv} \quad (\text{S1})$$

where *Q* is the voltammetric charge, *F* is the Faraday constant (C mol⁻¹), *I* is the current (A), *t* is the time (s), *V* is the voltage (V) and *v* is the scanning rate (V s⁻¹).

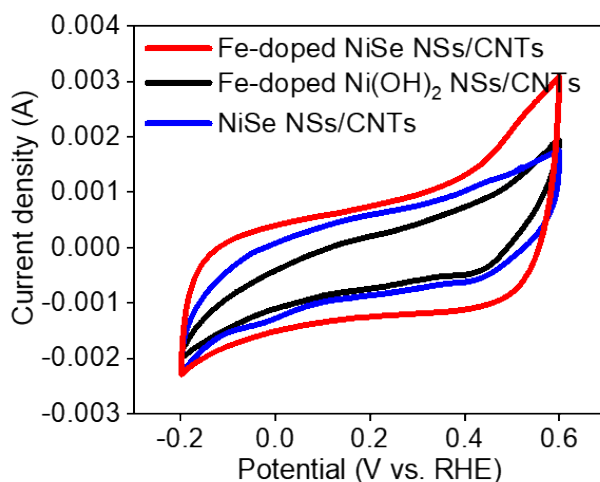


Figure S9. CV curves of Fe-doped NiSe NSs/CNTs, NiSe NSs/CNTs and Fe-doped Ni(OH)₂ NSs/CNTs in PBS solution (pH = 7.0) at a scan rate of 50 mV s⁻¹.

The active site number of Fe-doped NiSe NSs/CNTs, NiSe NSs/CNTs and Fe-doped Ni(OH)₂ NSs/CNTs are calculated to be 1.7448259e-7, 1.12361414e-7, and 6.96084676e-8 mol, respectively. Therefore, the TOF can be calculated by Equation S2:

$$TOF = \frac{|j| A}{nmF} \quad (S2)$$

j: Current (A) during the linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) tests.

A: The area of the electrode (1 cm²)

F: Faraday constant (96485 C mol⁻¹).

n: Number of active sites (mol).

m: The factor 1/*m* represents that *m* electrons are required to form one H₂/O₂ molecule from water, which means that the *m* values for hydrogen evolution and oxygen evolution reactions are 2 and 4, respectively.

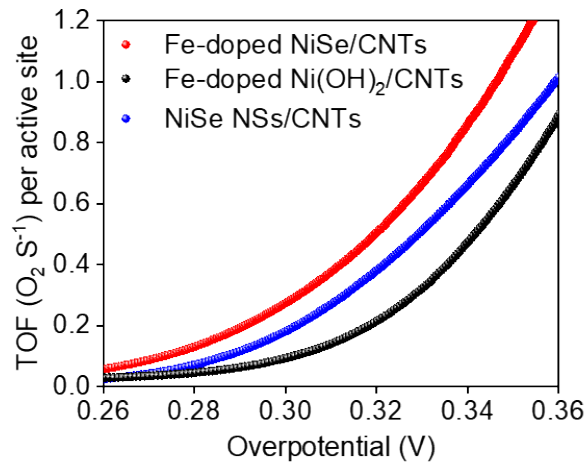


Figure S10. Calculated O₂ TOF values of Fe-doped NiSe NSs/CNTs, NiSe NSs/CNTs, and Fe-doped Ni(OH)₂ NSs/CNTs.

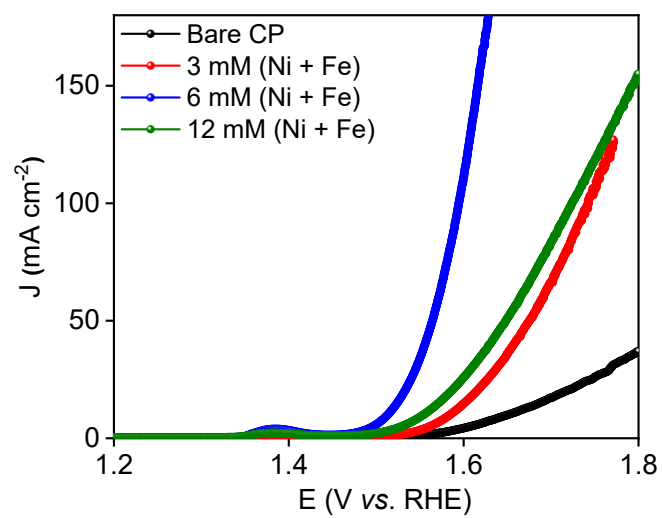


Figure S11. OER performance of the Fe-doped NiSe NSs/CNTs on CP derived from different total concentrations of (Ni + Fe) precursors.

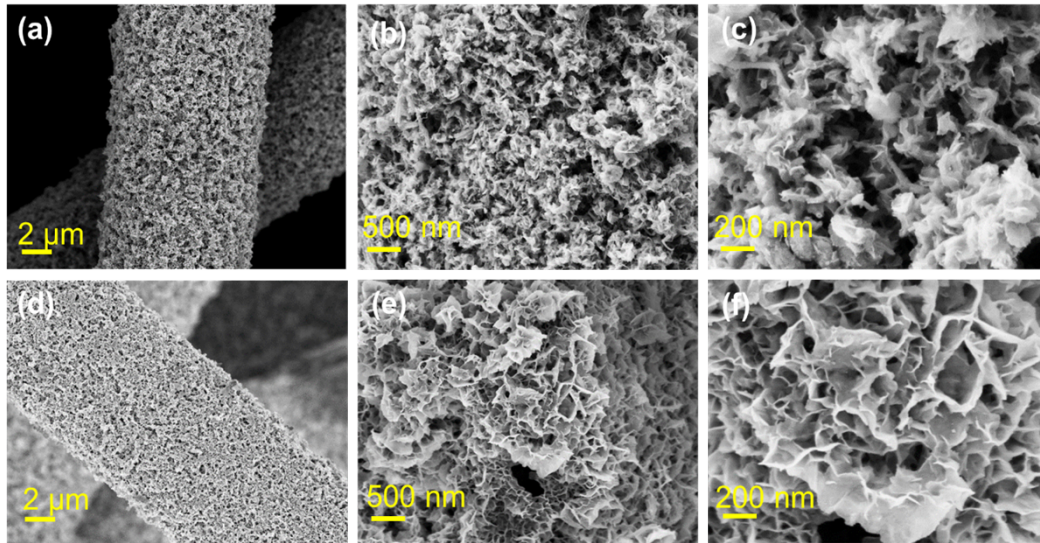


Figure S12. SEM images of the Fe-doped NiSe NSs/CNTs materials derived from different total (Ni + Fe) precursors: (a-c) 3.0 mM, and (d-f) 12.0 mM.

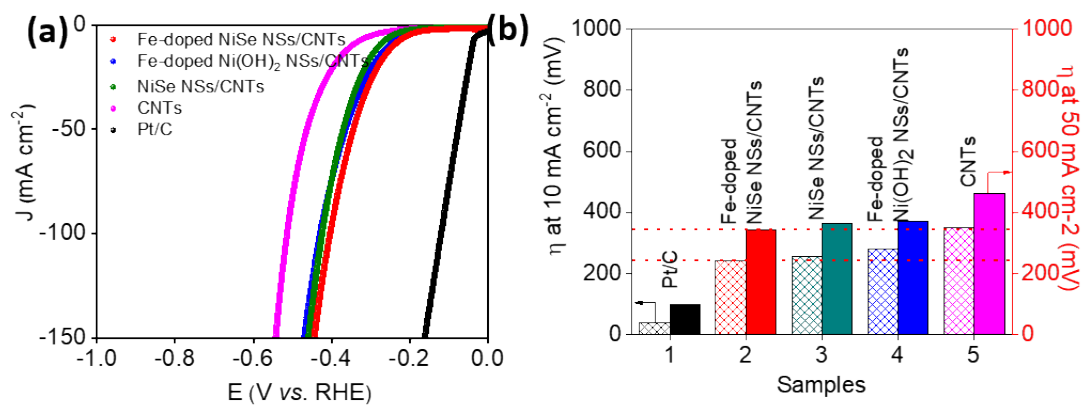


Figure S13. (a) iR-corrected LSV curves of materials towards HER in 1.0 M KOH medium; (b)

A comparison of η value at 10 mA cm⁻² between materials.

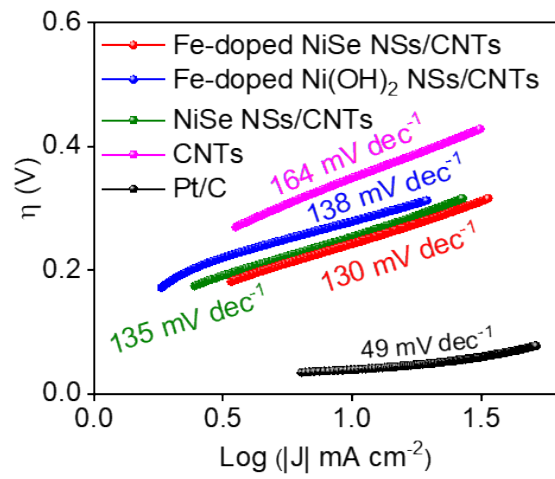


Figure S14. Tafel slope values of materials towards HER in 1.0 M KOH medium.

Table S1. Comparison of O₂ TOF between the Fe-doped NiSe NSs/CNTs with recently reported electrocatalysts.

Catalysts	O₂ TOF at $\eta_{350\text{ mV}}$ (s⁻¹)	References
Fe-doped NiSe NSs/CNTs	1.097	This work
CoO@NiFe LDH/NF	0.59	<i>Chem. Eng. J.</i> , 2021, 410, 128366
FeNi ₃ @NC	0.149	<i>Appl. Catal. B.</i> , 2020, 268, 118729
Ni-doped FeF ₂	0.05	<i>Chem. Commun.</i> , 2020, 56, 7889
Ni _{2.2} Fe(OH) _x HNAs	0.15	<i>Sci. Rep.</i> , 2017, 7, 46154
FeP/Ni ₂ P@CNT	0.979	<i>J. Alloys Compd.</i> , 2021, 883, 160926
Ni-MOF/NF	0.24	<i>Inorg. Chem. Front.</i> , 2021, 8, 3007-3011
Co-Fe-S NFs@MS/NF	0.441	<i>Electrochim. Acta</i> , 2020, 361, 137038
NiFe LDH-Ci/CC	0.59	<i>Chem. Eng. J.</i> , 2021, 410, 128366
Vo-(Co, Fe) ₃ O ₄ /CC	0.43	<i>Appl. Surf. Sci.</i> , 2020, 529, 147125

References

1. P. Wang, R. Qin, P. Ji, Z. Pu, J. Zhu, C. Lin, Y. Zhao, H. Tang, W. Li, S. Mu , *Small*, 2020, **16**, 2001642