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Supporting Information

Interfacial engineering of nickel/iron/ruthenium phosphides for efficient overall water splitting powered by solar energy

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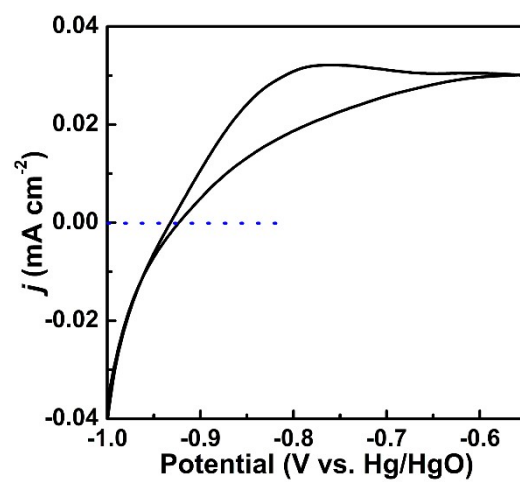


Fig. S1 Single cycle CV curves of Hg/HgO electrode calibration in 1.0 M KOH.

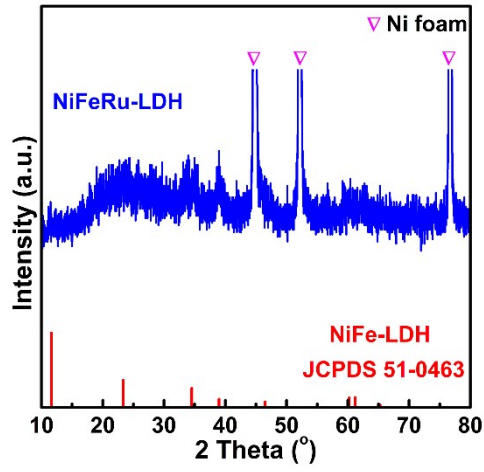


Fig. S2 PXRD patterns of NiFeRu-LDH.

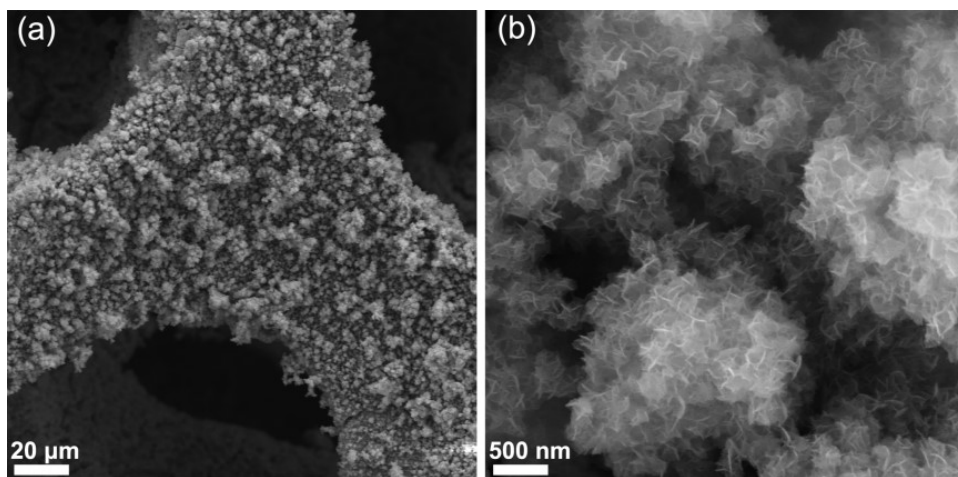


Fig. S3 (a, b) SEM images of NiFeRu-LDH/NF.

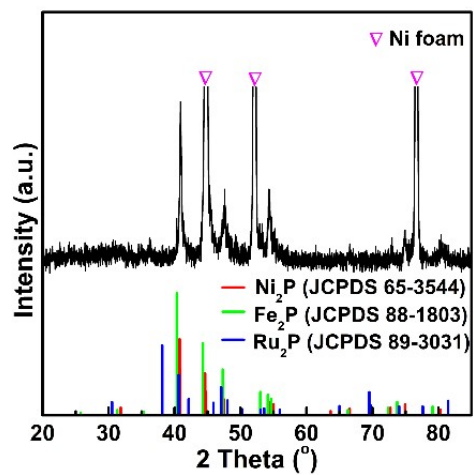


Fig. S4 PXRD patterns of Ni₂P-Fe₂P-Ru₂P/NF.

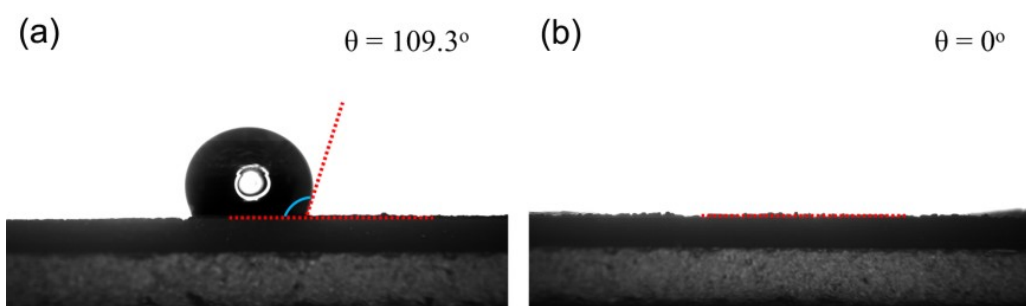


Fig. S5 Contact angles of NF (a) and Ni₂P-Fe₂P-Ru₂P /NF (b).

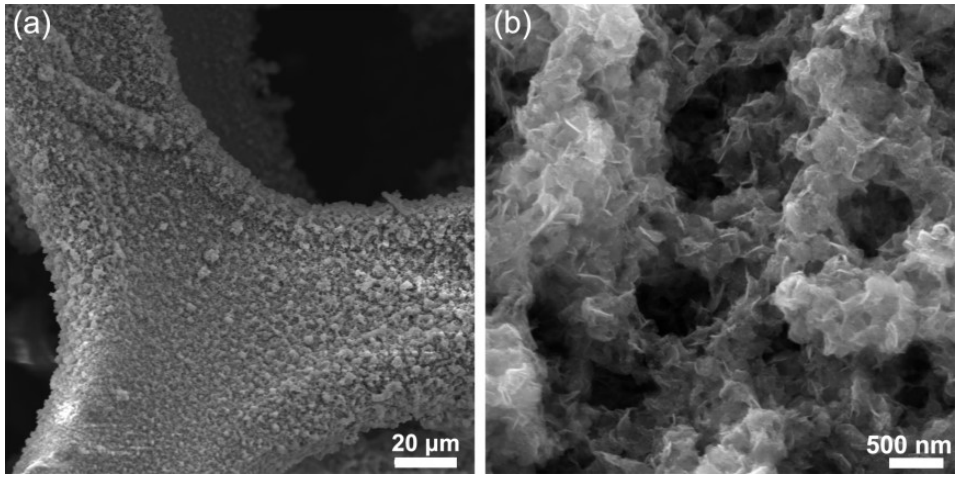


Fig. S6 (a, b) SEM images of NiFe-LDH/NF.

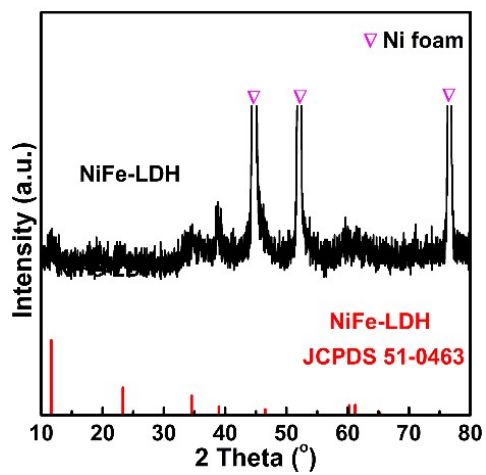


Fig. S7 PXRD patterns of NiFe-LDH.

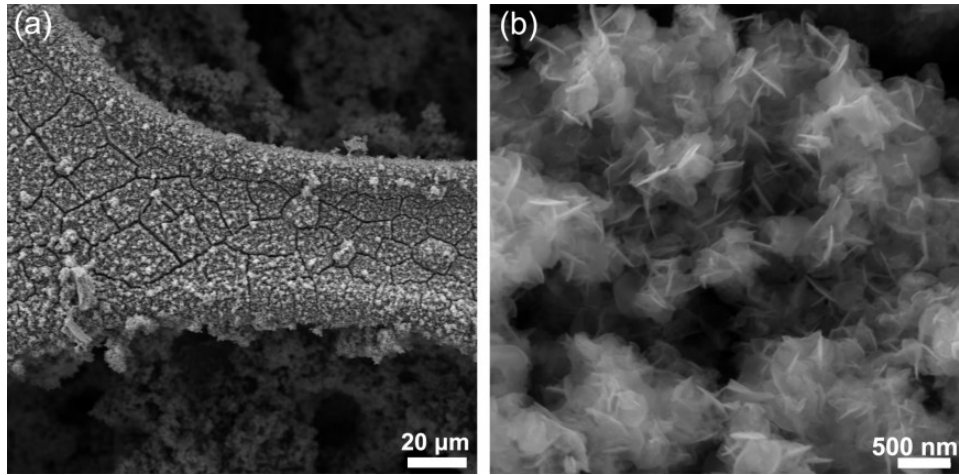


Fig. S8 (a, b) SEM images of $\text{Ni}_2\text{P-Fe}_2\text{P/NF}$.

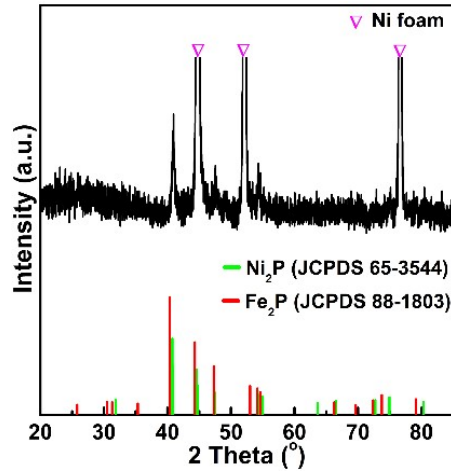


Fig. S9 XRD patterns of Ni₂P-Fe₂P/NF.

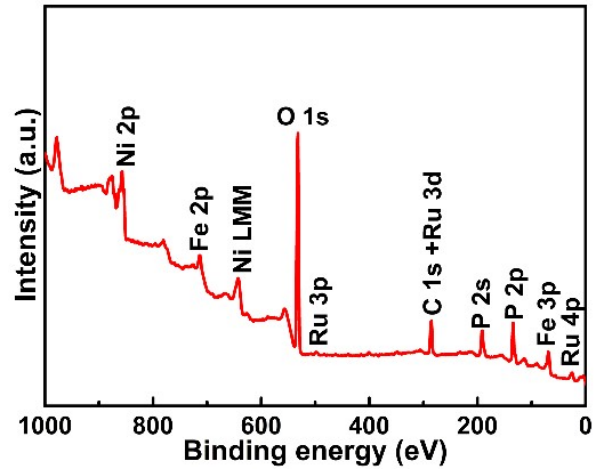


Fig. S10 The survey XPS spectrum for Ni₂P-Fe₂P-Ru₂P/NF.

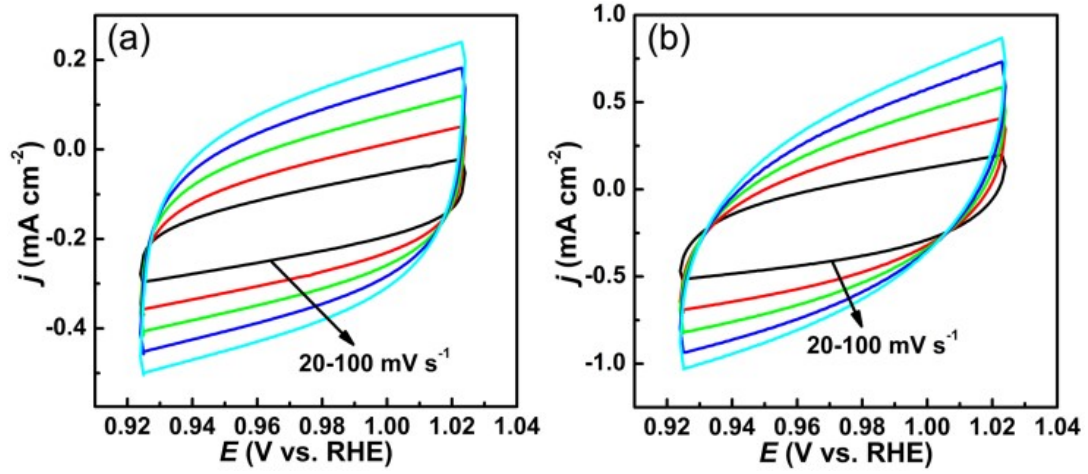


Fig. S11 CV curves of Ni₂P-Fe₂P/NF (a) and Ni₂P-Fe₂P-Ru₂P/NF (b) in the non-Faradaic potential region recorded at different scan rates.

Calculation of ECSA:

$$\text{ECSA} = \frac{C_{dl}}{C_s}$$

$$\text{ECSA}_{\text{Ni}_2\text{P-Fe}_2\text{P/NF}} = \frac{2.33 \text{ mF cm}^{-2}}{40 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2}} = 58.3 \text{ cm}^{-2}_{\text{ECSA}}$$

$$\text{ECSA}_{\text{Ni}_2\text{P-Fe}_2\text{P-Ru}_2\text{P/NF}} = \frac{4.45 \text{ mF cm}^{-2}}{40 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2}} = 111.2 \text{ cm}^{-2}_{\text{ECSA}}$$

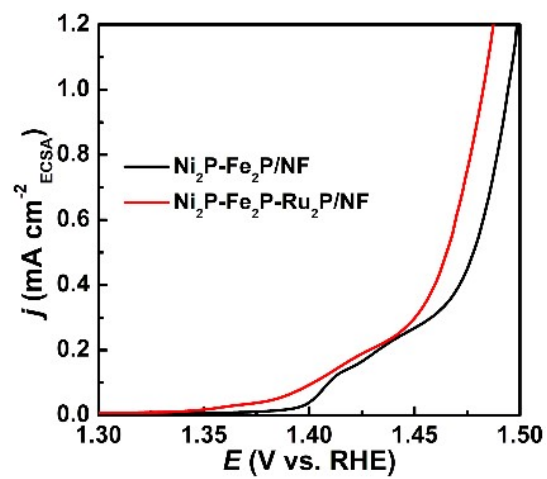


Fig. S12 OER activity of different catalysts in 1 M KOH normalized by ECSA.

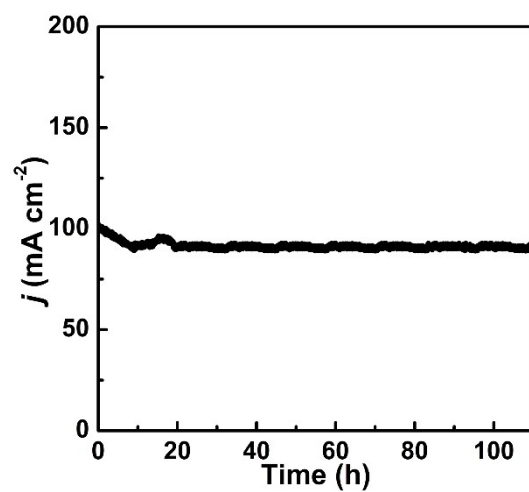


Fig. S13 Durability test of Ni₂P-Fe₂P-Ru₂P/NF at 100 mA cm⁻² for OER.

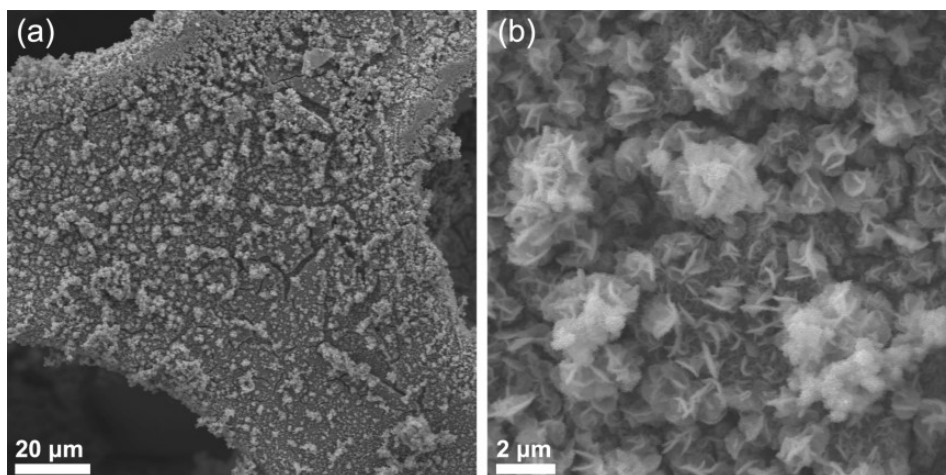


Fig. S14 (a, b) SEM images of Ni₂P-Fe₂P-Ru₂P/NF after OER stability.

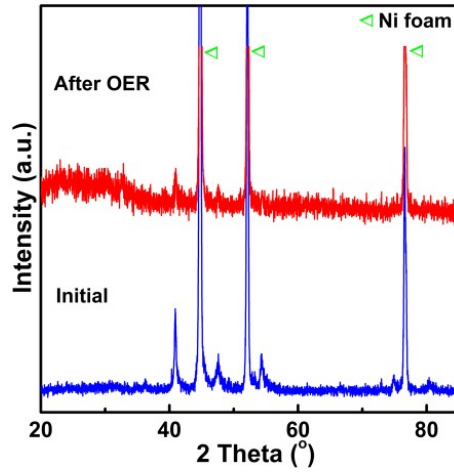


Fig. S15 XRD patterns of Ni₂P-Fe₂P-Ru₂P/NF before and after stability test for the OER.

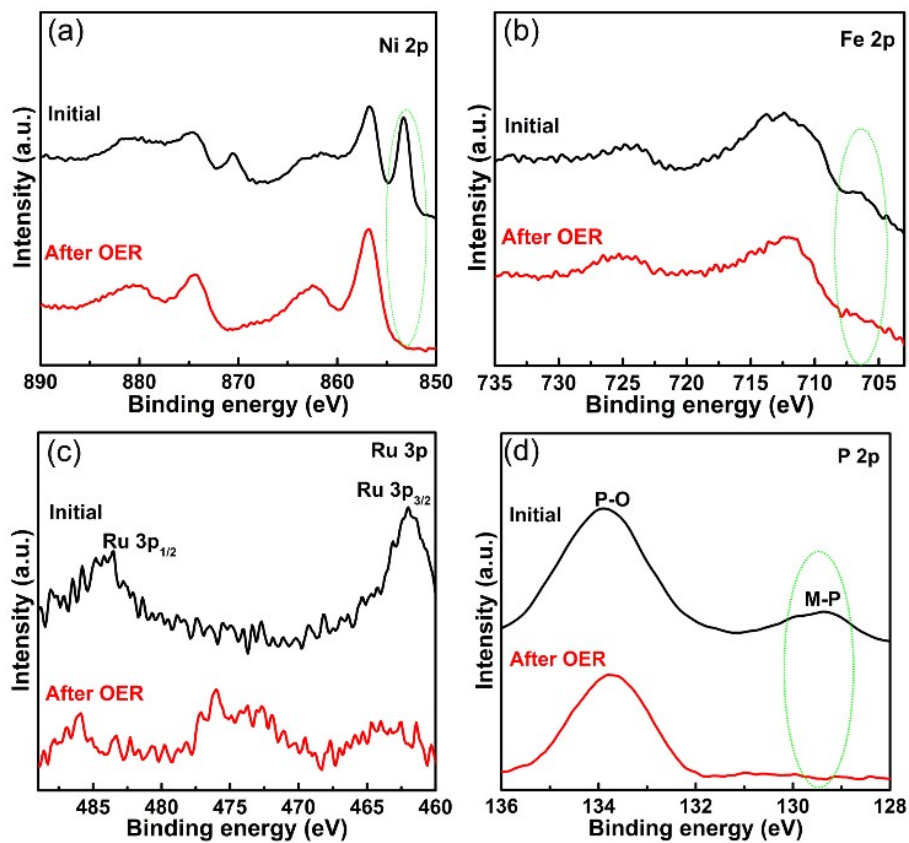


Fig. S16 High-resolution XPS spectra of (a) Ni 2p, (b) Fe 2p, (c) Ru 3p, and P 2p of $\text{Ni}_2\text{P-Fe}_2\text{P-Ru}_2\text{P/NF}$ initial and after OER stability testing for the OER.

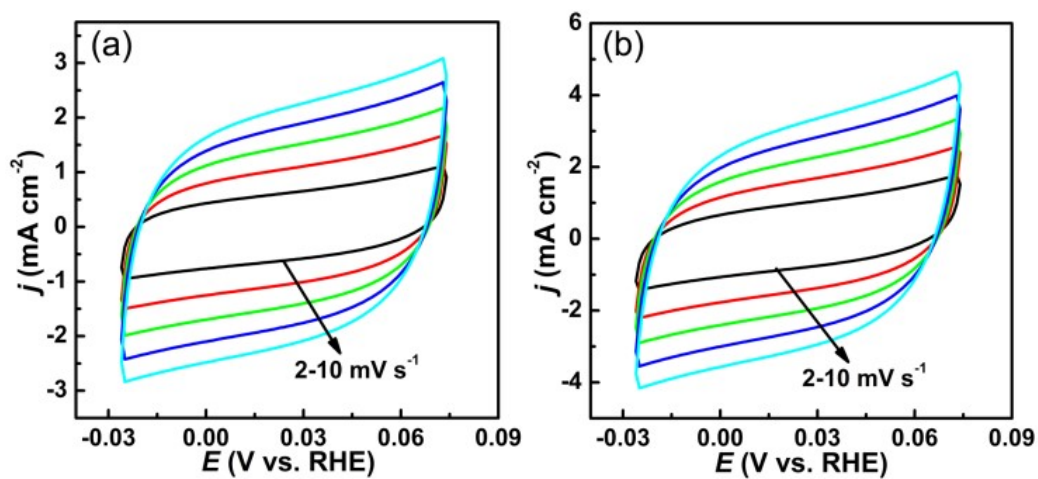


Fig. S17 CV curves of Ni₂P-Fe₂P/NF (a) and Ni₂P-Fe₂P-Ru₂P/NF (b) in the non-Faradaic potential region recorded at different scan rates.

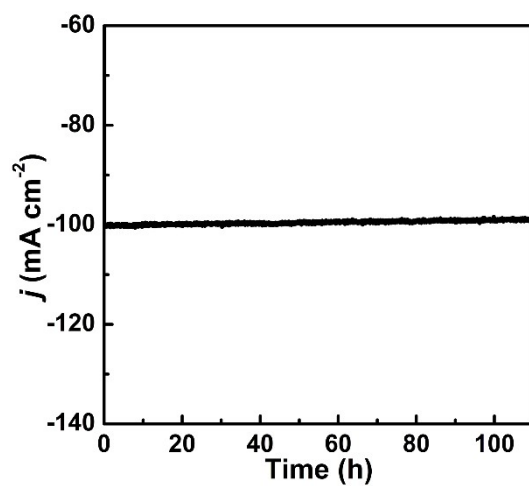


Fig. S18 Durability test of Ni₂P-Fe₂P-Ru₂P/NF at 100 mA cm⁻² for OER.

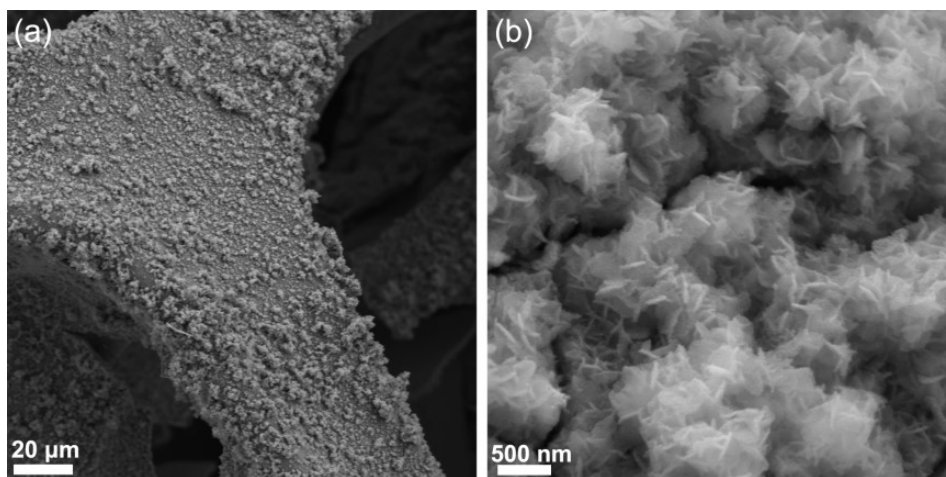


Fig. S19 (a, b) SEM images of $\text{Ni}_2\text{P-Fe}_2\text{P-Ru}_2\text{P/NF}$ after the HER stability.

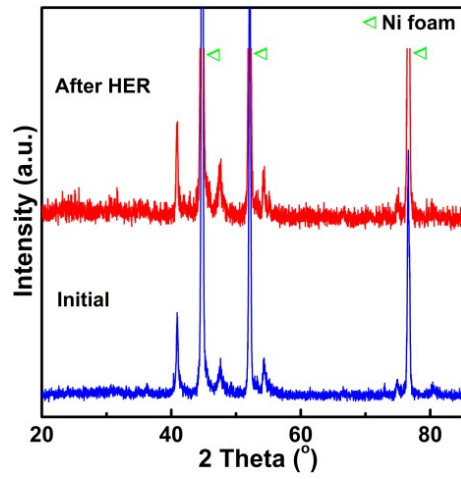


Fig. S20 PXR D patterns of $\text{Ni}_2\text{P-Fe}_2\text{P-Ru}_2\text{P/NF}$ before and after stability test for the HER.

Table S1. Comparing the electrocatalytic OER performance of Ni₂P-Fe₂P-Ru₂P/NF with many catalysts recently reported.

Catalysts	Tafel slop (mV dec ⁻¹)	η^{10} (mV)	Reference
Ni₂P-Fe₂P-Ru₂P/NF	30.5	195	This work
Mo-Ni ₃ S ₂ /Ni _x P _y /NF	60.6	/	<i>Adv. Energy. Mater.</i> 2020, 10, 1903891.
NiMoO _x /NiMoS	34	186	<i>Nat. Commun.</i> 2020, 11, 5462.
MoS ₂ /Co ₉ S ₈ /Ni ₃ S ₂ /Ni	58	166	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2019, 141, 10417
CoMoS ₄ /Ni ₃ S ₂	63	200	<i>J. Power Sources</i> 2019, 416, 95.
Porous Ni ₃ S ₄	67	257	<i>Adv. Funct. Mater.</i> 2019, 29, 1900315.
Co ₂ P NCs	60	280	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2018, 30, 1705796.
Ni ₂ P-CoP	69	320	<i>ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces</i> 2017, 9, 23222.
NiCoP/C	96	330	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2017, 56, 3897.
MAF-X27-OH	88	292	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2016, 138, 8336

Table S2. Comparing the electrocatalytic HER performance of Ni₂P-Fe₂P-Ru₂P/NF with many catalysts recently reported.

Catalysts	Tafel slop (mV dec ⁻¹)	η^{10} (mV)	Reference
Ni₂P-Fe₂P-Ru₂P/NF	85.1	78.6	This work
Mo-Ni ₃ S ₂ /Ni _x P _y /NF	68.4	109	<i>Adv. Energy Mater.</i> 2020, 10, 1903891.
CoMoS ₄ /Ni ₃ S ₂	169	158	<i>J. Power Sources</i> 2019, 416, 95.
Ni ₂ P-Fe ₂ P/NF	86	128	<i>Adv. Funct. Mater.</i> 2020, 30, 2006484.
NiFeP/NCH	125	216	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2019, 141, 7906.
MoS ₂ /Co ₉ S ₈ /Ni ₃ S ₂ /Ni	85	113	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2019, 141, 10417
(Co _{1-x} Ni _x)(S _{1-y} Py) ₂ /G	85	117	<i>Adv. Energy Mater.</i> 2018, 8, 1802319.
Ni ₁₂ P ₅ /Ni ₃ (PO ₄) ₂ -HS	93.1	114	<i>Appl. Catal. B Environ</i> 2017, 204, 486.

Table S3. Comparing the electrocatalytic performance of Ni₂P-Fe₂P-Ru₂P/NF with recently reported catalysts for overall water splitting.

Catalysts	Cell voltage (V)	Reference
Ni₂P-Fe₂P-Ru₂P/NF	1.49	This work
Fe-CoP/Ni(OH) ₂	1.52	<i>Adv. Funct. Mater.</i> 2021, 31, 2101578.
Mo-Ni ₃ S ₂ /NixPy/NF	1.46	<i>Adv. Energy. Mater.</i> 2020, 10, 1903891.
NiCoP@NiMn LDH/NF	1.51	<i>Appl. Mater. Interfaces</i> 2020, 12, 4385.
Cr-doped FeNiP/NCN	1.5	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2019, 31, 1900178.
NiFeP/SG	1.54	<i>Nano Energy</i> 2019, 58, 870.
NiFeP/NCH	1.59	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2019, 141, 7906.
MoS ₂ /Co ₉ S ₈ /Ni ₃ S ₂ /Ni	1.54	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2019, 141, 10417
Mo-doped CoP/CC	1.56	<i>Nano Energy</i> 2018, 48, 73.