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Supporting Information

**Facile synthesis of FeP/CoP confined in N, P co-doped carbon
derived from MOFs for efficient pH-universal hydrogen evolution
reaction**

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S1. Figures in Supporting Information

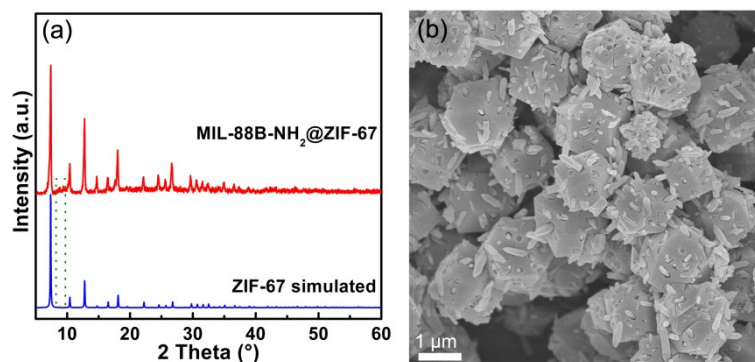


Fig. S1 (a) PXRD pattern and (b) SEM image of MIL-88B-NH₂@ZIF-67.

Fig. S1a shows the PXRD pattern of pre-prepared MIL-88B-NH₂@ZIF-67 is almost identical to that of simulated ZIF-67 and the weak peaks (green dotted line) at 8.7 and 9.4° correspond to MIL-88B-NH₂, which prove the successful fabrication of dual-metal-organic frameworks. In addition, it is found that numerous nanorods are randomly incorporated into the polyhedral ZIF-67 crystals as shown in **Fig. S1b**.

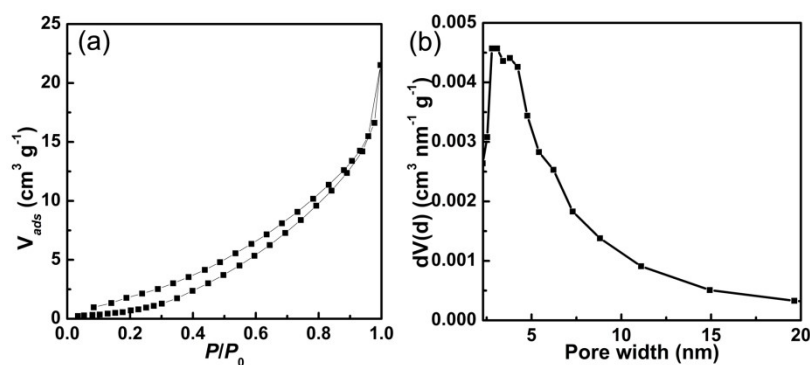


Fig. S2 (a) N₂ sorption isotherm and (b) corresponding pore size distribution of FeP/CoP@NPC.

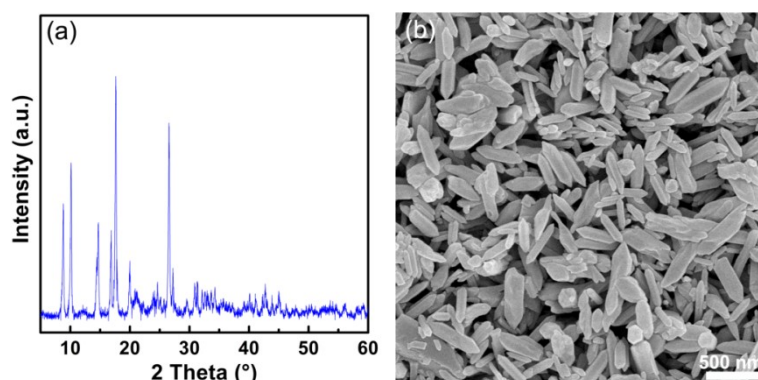


Fig. S3 (a) PXRD pattern and (b) SEM image of MIL-88B-NH₂.

In **Fig. S3a**, the PXRD pattern of the resultant MIL-88B-NH₂ is consistent with the simulated MIL-88B, indicative of high purity. Meanwhile, the rod-like MIL-88B-NH₂ were intuitively observed from **Fig. S3b**.

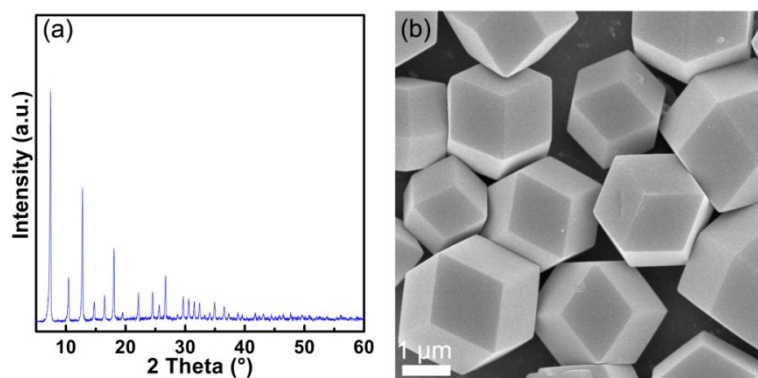


Fig. S4 (a) PXRD pattern and (b) SEM image of ZIF-67.

As shown in **Fig. S4a**, the PXRD pattern of the obtained ZIF-67 is in accordance with the simulated ZIF-67, confirming good crystallinity. The corresponding SEM image in **Fig. S4b**

reflects a rhombic polyhedral shape.

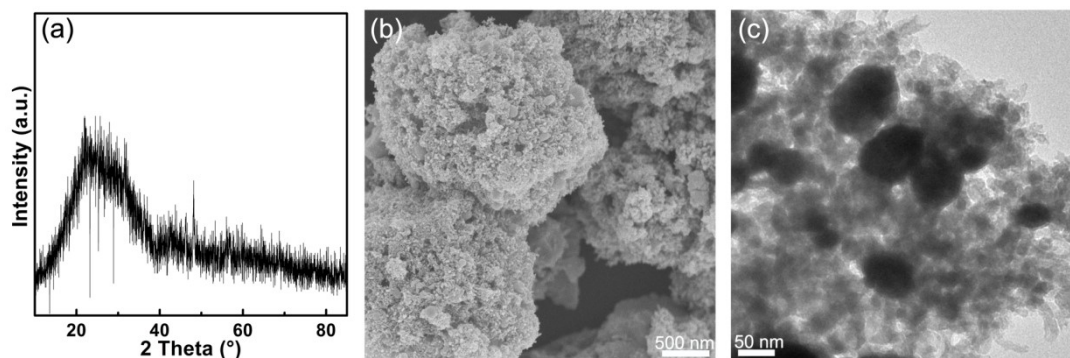


Fig. S5 (a) PXRD pattern, (b) SEM, and (c) TEM images of CoP@NPC.

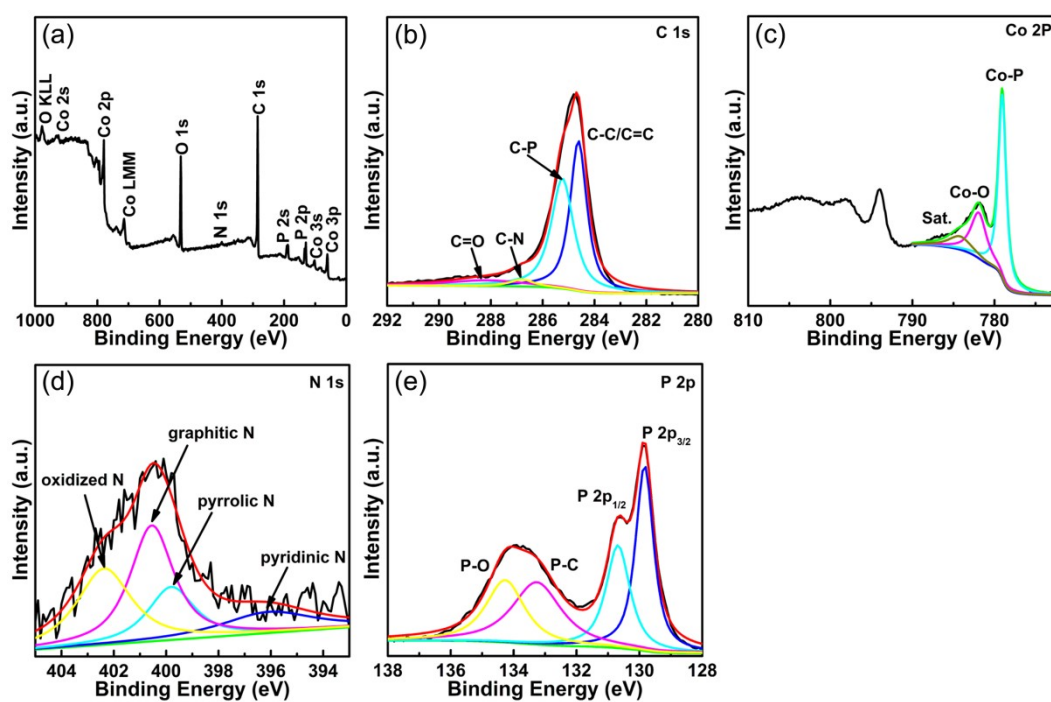


Fig. S6 (a) XPS survey spectrum, (b-e) high-resolution spectra of C 1s, N 1s, Co 2p, and P 2p of CoP@NPC, respectively.

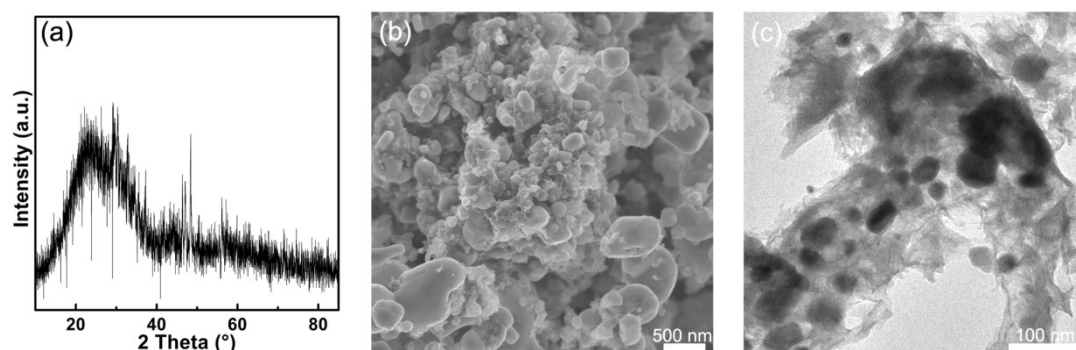


Fig. S7 (a) PXRD pattern, (b) SEM, and (c) TEM images of FeP@NPC.

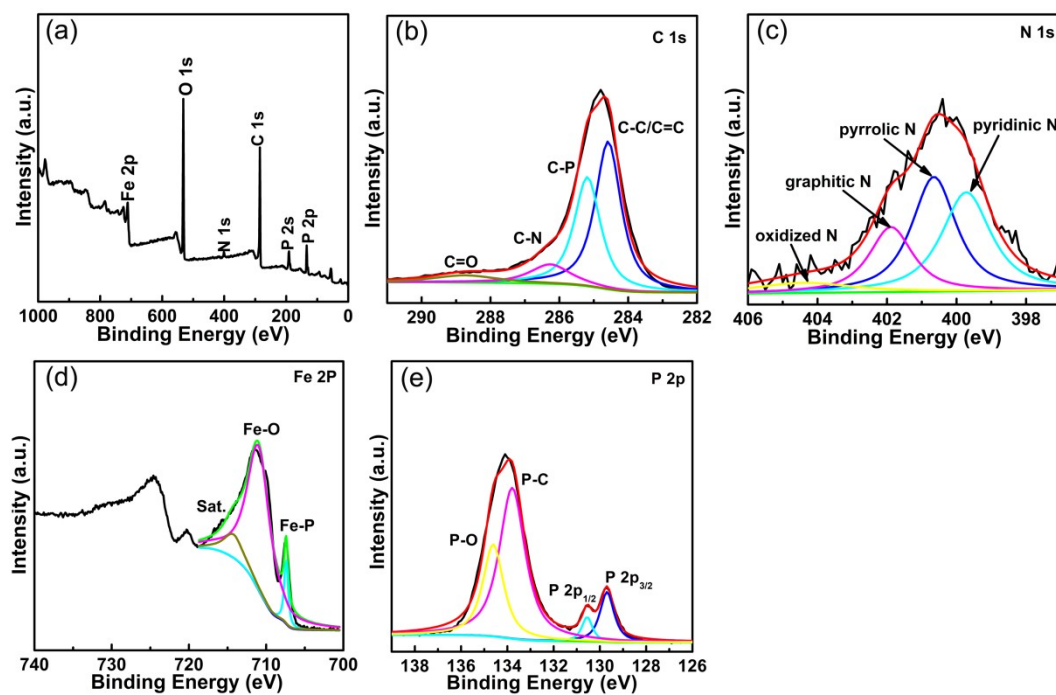


Fig. S8 (a) XPS survey spectrum, (b-e) high-resolution spectra of C 1s, N 1s, Fe 2p, and P 2p of FeP@NPC, respectively.

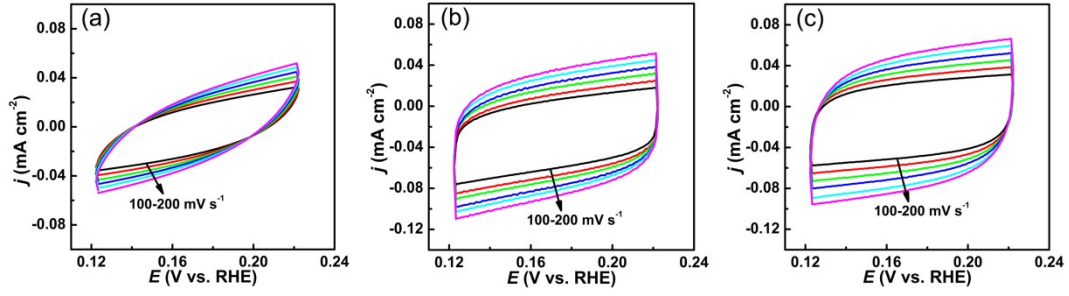


Fig. S9 (a-c) CV curves of CoP@NPC, FeP@NPC, and FeP/CoP@NPC in 0.5 M H₂SO₄.

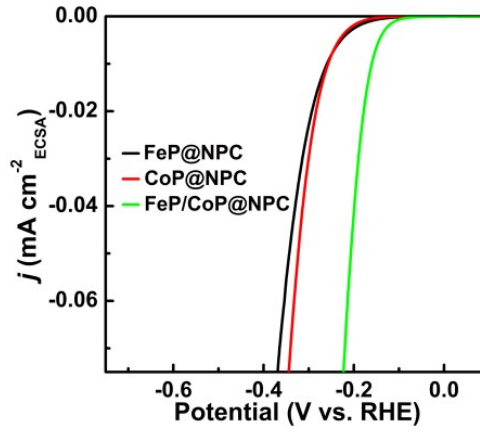


Fig. S10 HER activity of different catalysts in 0.5 M H₂SO₄ normalized by ECSA.

Calculation of ECSA:

$$\text{ECSA} = \frac{C_{dl}}{C_s} = \frac{C_{dl}}{40 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2} \text{cm}_{\text{ECSA}}^{-2}}$$

In 0.5 M H₂SO₄:

$$\text{For FeP, ECSA} = \frac{562 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2}}{40 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2} \text{cm}_{\text{ECSA}}^{-2}} = 14.1 \text{cm}_{\text{ECSA}}^2$$

$$\text{For CoP, ECSA} = \frac{311 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2}}{40 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2} \text{cm}_{\text{ECSA}}^{-2}} = 7.78 \text{cm}_{\text{ECSA}}^2$$

$$\text{For FeP/CoP@NPC, } ECSA = \frac{685 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2}}{40 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2} \text{ cm}_{ECSA}^{-2}} = 17.1 \text{ cm}_{ECSA}^2$$

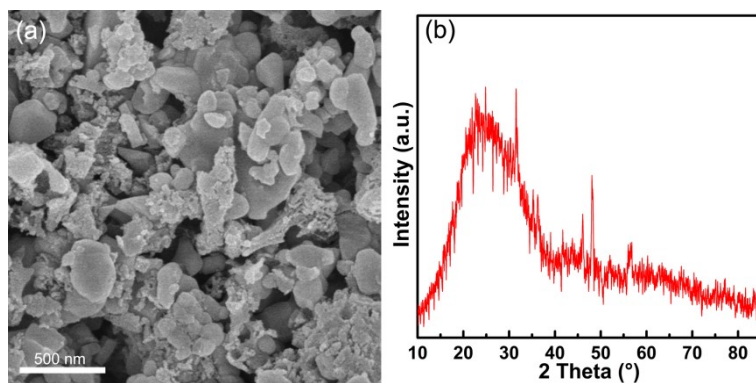


Fig. S11 (a) SEM and (b) PXRD pattern of FeP/CoP@NPC after long-term stability test in 0.5 M H₂SO₄.

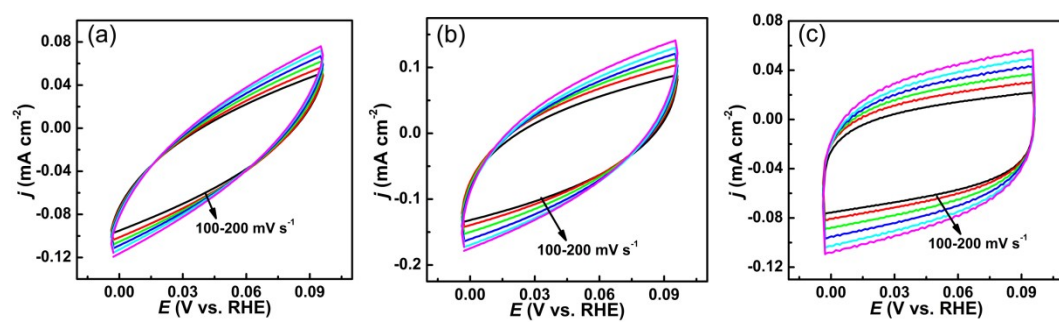


Fig. S12 (a-c) CV curves of CoP@NPC, FeP@NPC, and FeP/CoP@NPC in 1.0 M PBS.

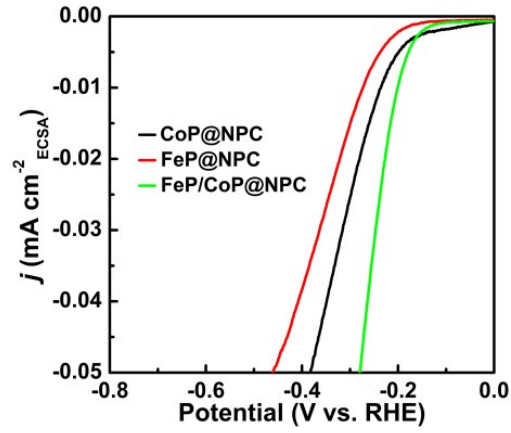


Fig. S13 HER activity of different catalysts in 1.0 M PBS normalized by ECSA.

In 1.0 M PBS:

$$\text{For FeP, ECSA} = \frac{496 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2}}{40 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2} \text{ cm}_{\text{ECSA}}^{-2}} = 12.4 \text{ cm}_{\text{ECSA}}^2$$

$$\text{For CoP, ECSA} = \frac{175 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2}}{40 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2} \text{ cm}_{\text{ECSA}}^{-2}} = 4.38 \text{ cm}_{\text{ECSA}}^2$$

$$\text{For FeP/CoP@NPC, ECSA} = \frac{525 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2}}{40 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2} \text{ cm}_{\text{ECSA}}^{-2}} = 13.1 \text{ cm}_{\text{ECSA}}^2$$

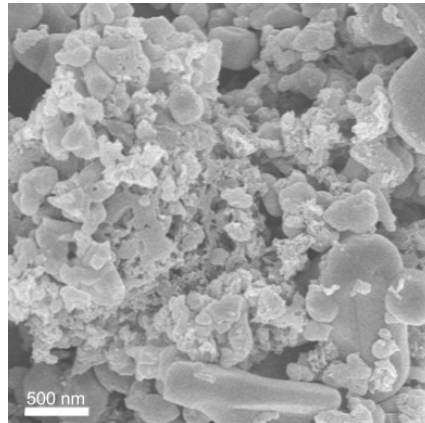


Fig. S14 SEM image of FeP/CoP@NPC after stability test in 1.0 M PBS.

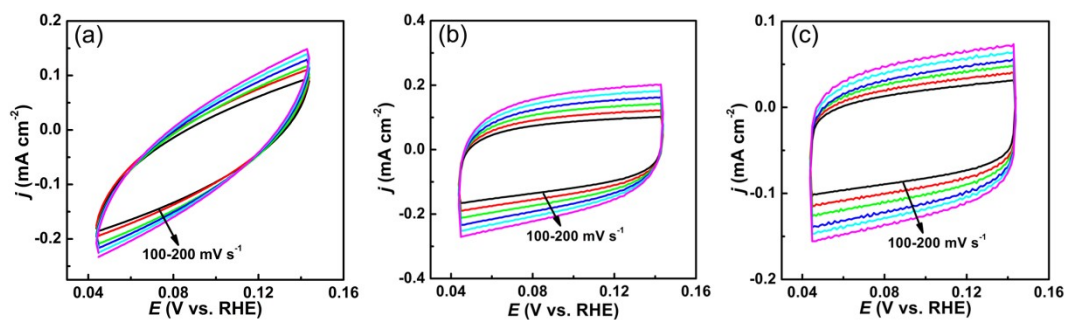


Fig. S15 (a-c) CV curves of CoP@NPC, FeP@NPC, and FeP/CoP@NPC at in 1.0 M KOH.

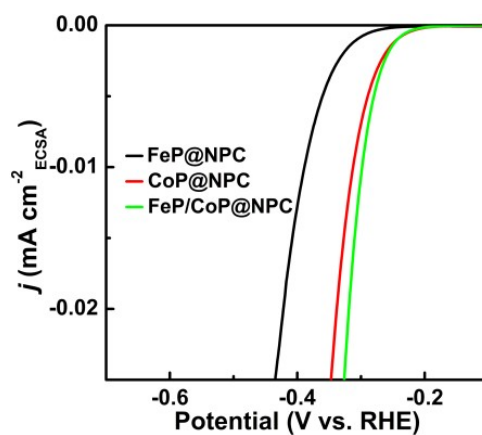


Fig. S16 HER activity of different catalysts in 1.0 M KOH normalized by ECSA.

In 1.0 M KOH:

$$\text{For FeP, ECSA} = \frac{1670 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2}}{40 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2} \text{ cm}_{\text{ECSA}}^{-2}} = 41.75 \text{ cm}_{\text{ECSA}}^2$$

$$\text{For CoP, ECSA} = \frac{442 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2}}{40 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2} \text{ cm}_{\text{ECSA}}^{-2}} = 11.05 \text{ cm}_{\text{ECSA}}^2$$

$$\text{For FeP/CoP@NPC, ECSA} = \frac{760 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2}}{40 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2} \text{ cm}_{\text{ECSA}}^{-2}} = 19 \text{ cm}_{\text{ECSA}}^2$$

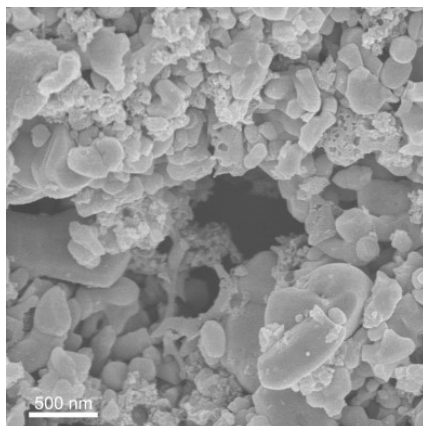


Fig. S17 SEM image of FeP/CoP@NPC after stability test in 1.0 M KOH.

S2. Tables in Supporting Information

Table S1. Comparison of catalytic performance of FeP/CoP@NPC and other reported materials toward HER in acidic conditions.

Catalysts	Tafel slope [mV dec ⁻¹]	η_{10} (mV)	References
FeP/CoP@NPC	53.6	198	This work
Yb-MoP@NC	68.44	148.53	<i>Appl. Catal. B Environ.</i> 2021, 299, 120657.
FeCoP ₂ @NPPC	54	114	<i>ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces</i> 2021, 13, 8832.
MoP@NPCS	58	113	<i>Appl. Catal. B Environ.</i> 2020, 263, 118352.
CoP-InNC@CNT	62	153	<i>Adv. Sci.</i> 2020, 7, 1903195.
CoP-CNT/NG	69.1	155	<i>Int. J. Hydrogen Energy</i> 2019, 44, 30053.
Mo ₂ N-Mo ₂ C/HGr- 2	55	157	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2018, 30, 1704156.
MoP@PC	59.3	258	<i>ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces</i> 2018, 10, 17140.
Mo _{0.5} W _{0.5} S ₂	55	138	<i>ACS Catal.</i> 2018, 8, 9529.

Table S2. Comparison of catalytic performance of FeP/CoP@NPC and other reported materials toward HER in neutral conditions.

Catalysts	Tafel slope [mV dec ⁻¹]	η_{10} (mV)	References
FeP/CoP@NPC	75.3	286	This work
Yb-MoP@NC	168.37	250.1	<i>Appl. Catal. B Environ.</i> 2021, 299, 120657.
MoP@NC	95	191	<i>Appl. Catal. B Environ.</i> 2020, 263, 118358.
MoP/NPG	102	150	<i>Appl. Catal. B Environ.</i> 2020, 260, 118196.
Mo-WP	90	216	<i>Appl. Catal. B Environ.</i> 2019, 251, 162.
Ni ₂ P@NPCNFs	230.3	185.3	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2018, 130, 1963.
CoP ₃ CPs/CFP	113	179	<i>Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.</i> 2017, 19, 2104.

Table S3. Comparison of catalytic performance of FeP/CoP@NPC and other reported materials toward HER in alkaline conditions.

Catalysts	Tafel slope [mV dec ⁻¹]	η_{10} (mV)	References
FeP/CoP@NPC	58.8	339	This work
CoP@FeCoP/NC	56.34	141	<i>Chem. Eng. J.</i> 2021, 403, 126312.
Yb-MoP@NC	70.84	136.5	<i>Appl. Catal. B Environ.</i> 2021, 299, 120657.
FeCo/Co ₂ P@NPCF	120	260	<i>Adv. Energy Mater.</i> 2020, 10, 1903854.
Mo-Ni ₃ S ₂ /Ni _x P _y /NF	68.4	109	<i>Adv. Energy Mater.</i> 2020, 10, 1903891
NiFeP@C	75.8	160	<i>ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces</i> 2020, 12, 10447
NiFeP/NCH	125	216	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2019, 141, 7906.
CoP/CN@MoS ₂	88	149	<i>ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces</i> 2019, 11,
Fe-CoP	92	78	<i>Adv. Sci.</i> 2018, 5, 1800949.