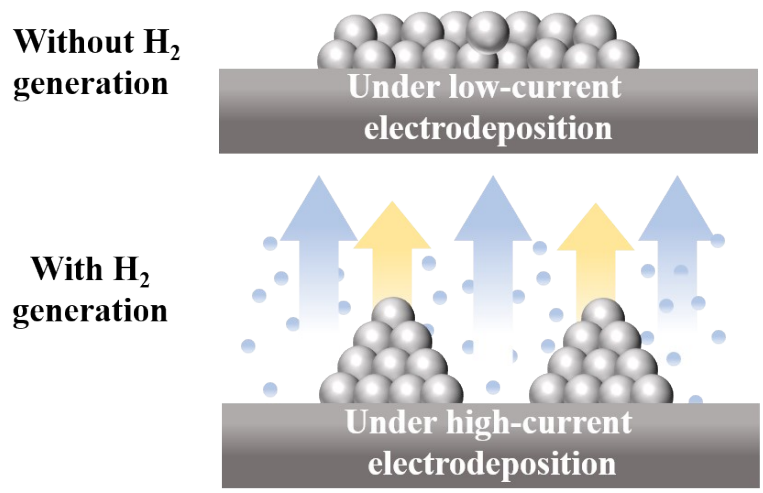


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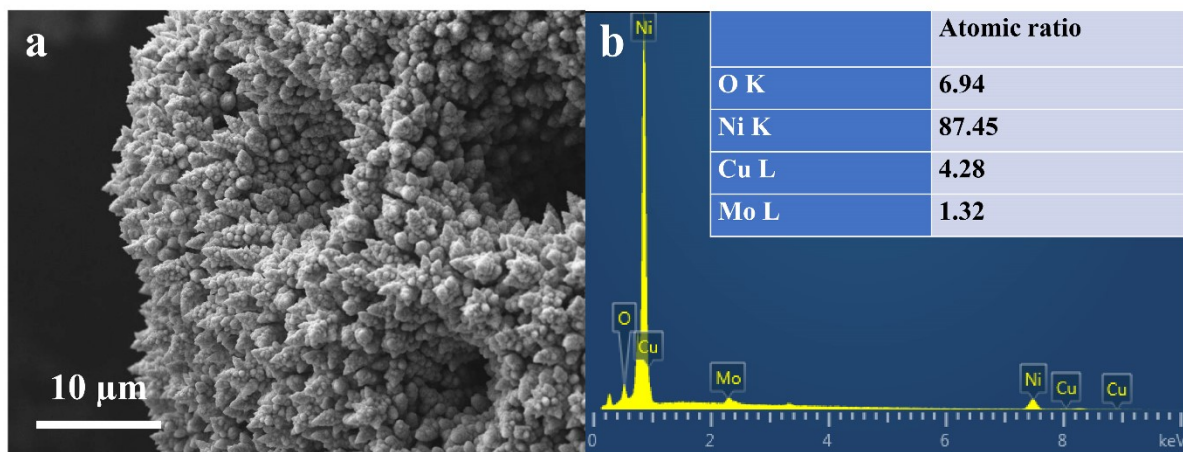
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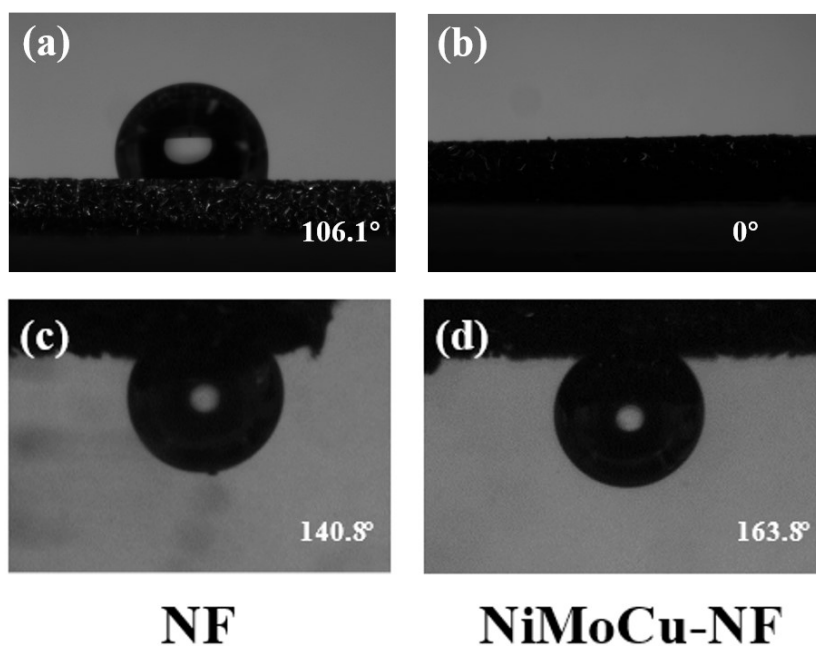
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**Figure S1** Schematic illustration of gas-template electrodeposition.



**Figure S2** SEM image and EDS analyses of NiMoCu-NF



**Figure S3** The liquid contact angle (a, b) and gas evolution angle (c, d) images of NF and NiMoCu-NF, respectively.

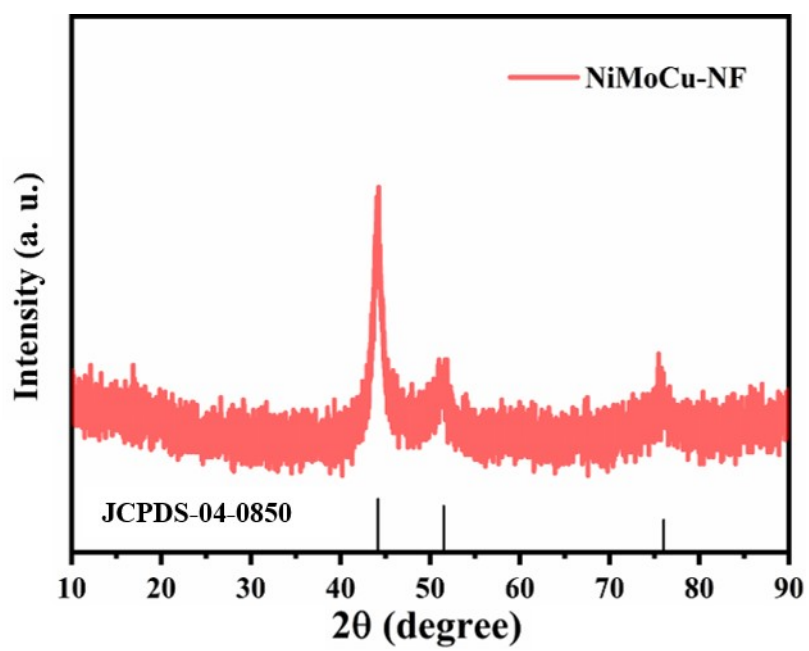
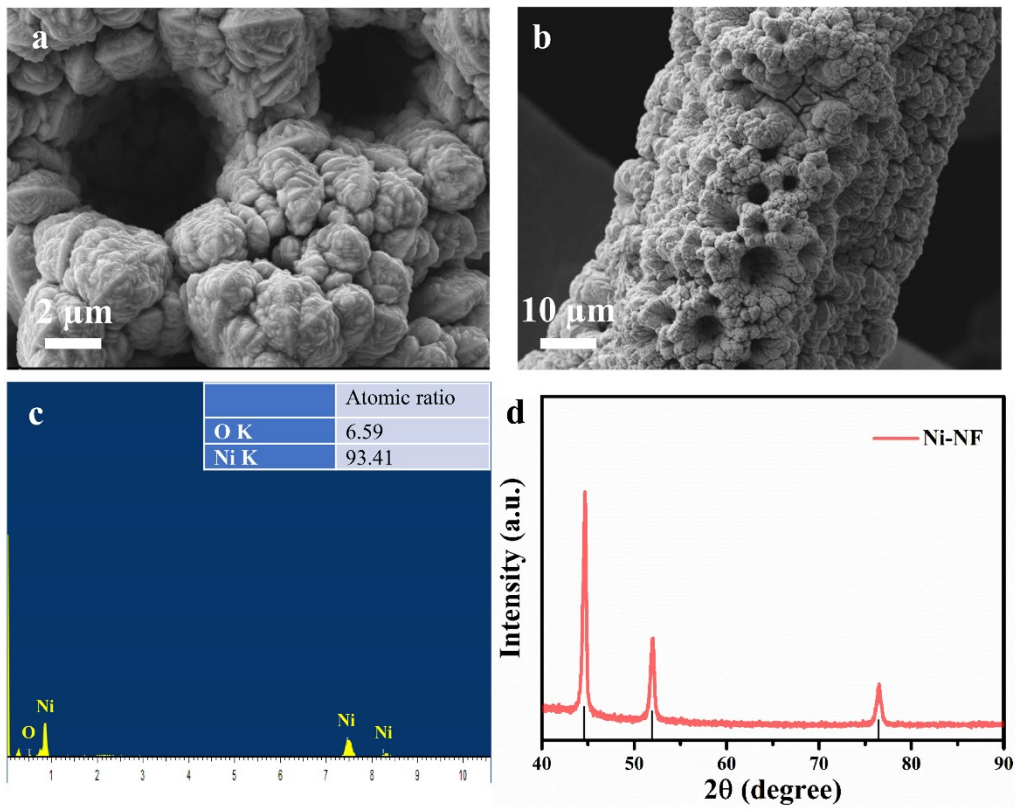
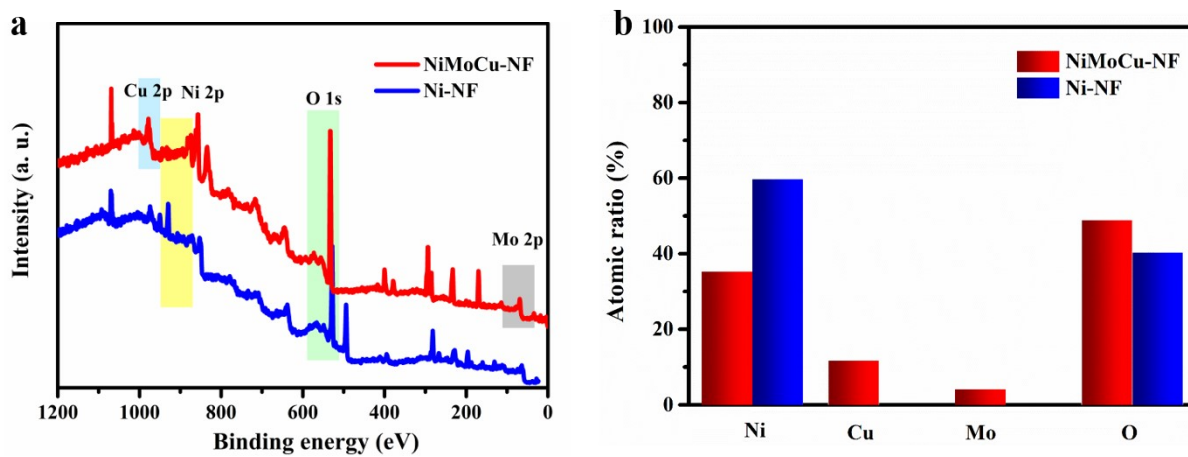


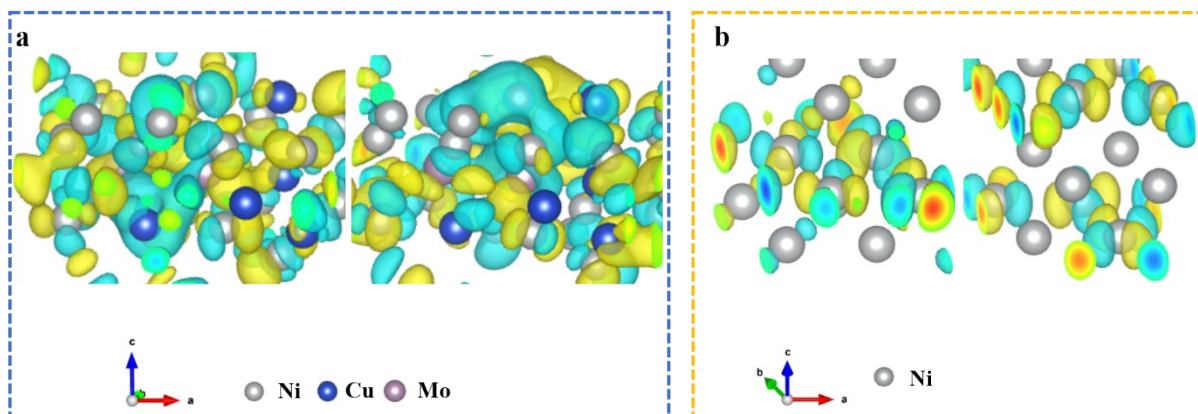
Figure S4 XRD pattern of NiMoCu-NF.



**Figure S5** (a) SEM images (b) EDS analysis and (c) XRD pattern of Ni-NF.

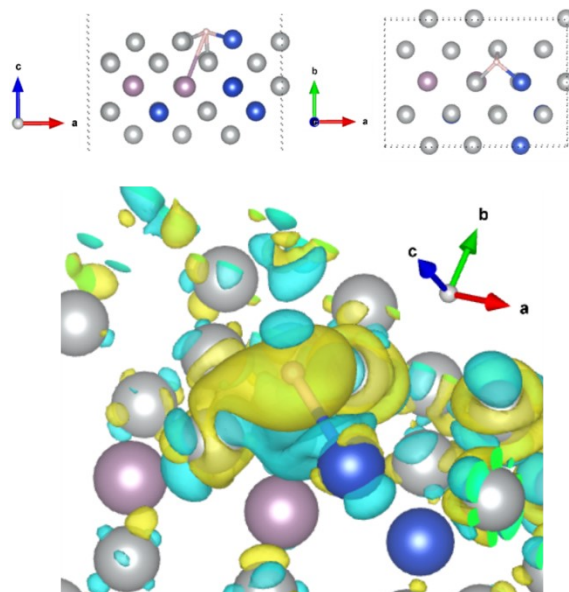


**Figure S6** (a) XPS survey spectrum of NiMoCu-NF and Ni-NF. (b) the corresponding element ratio.

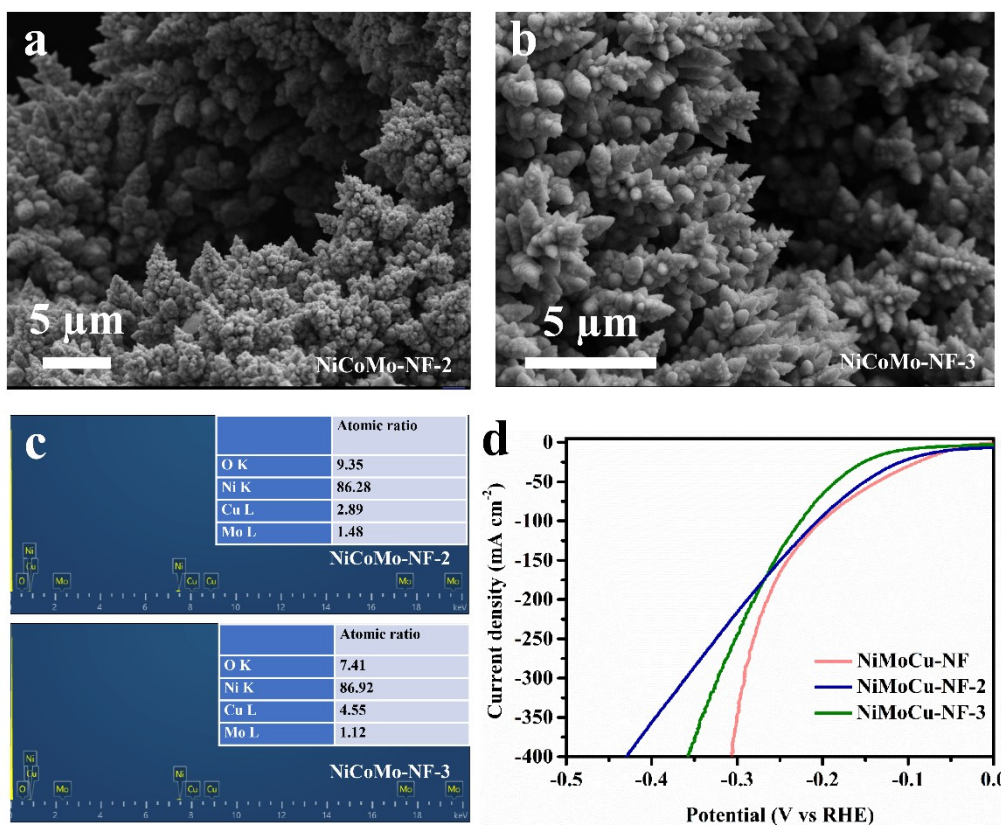


**Figure S7** HOMO and LUMO energy barriers of (a) NiMoCu and (b) Ni.



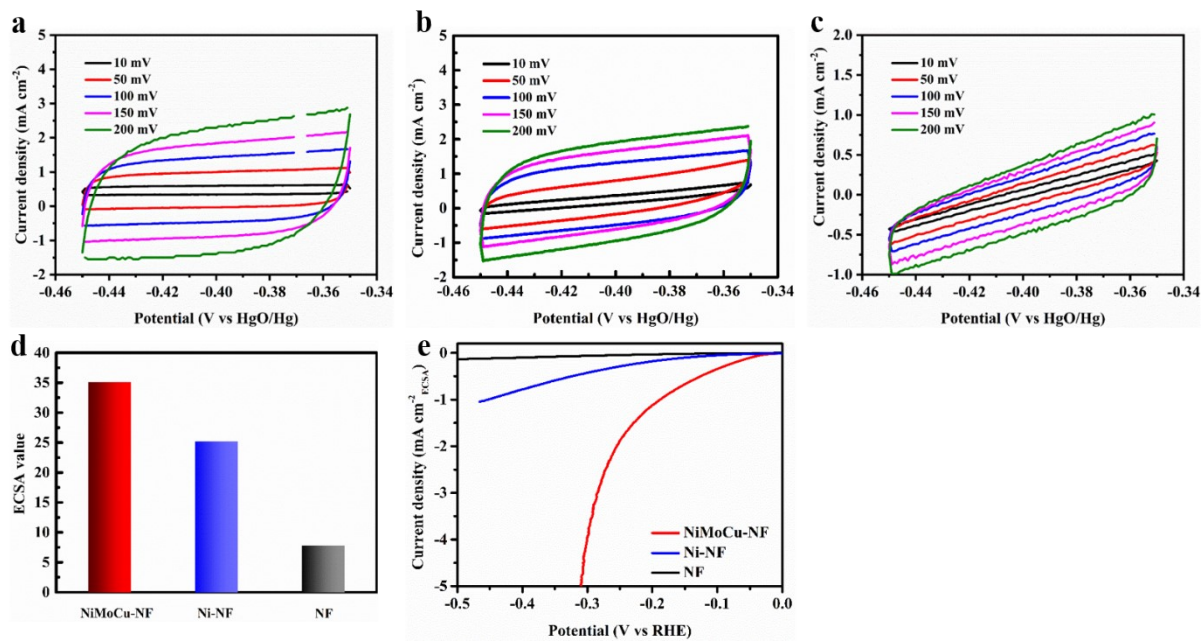


**Figure S8** Simulated electron density distribution of NiMoCu-H.

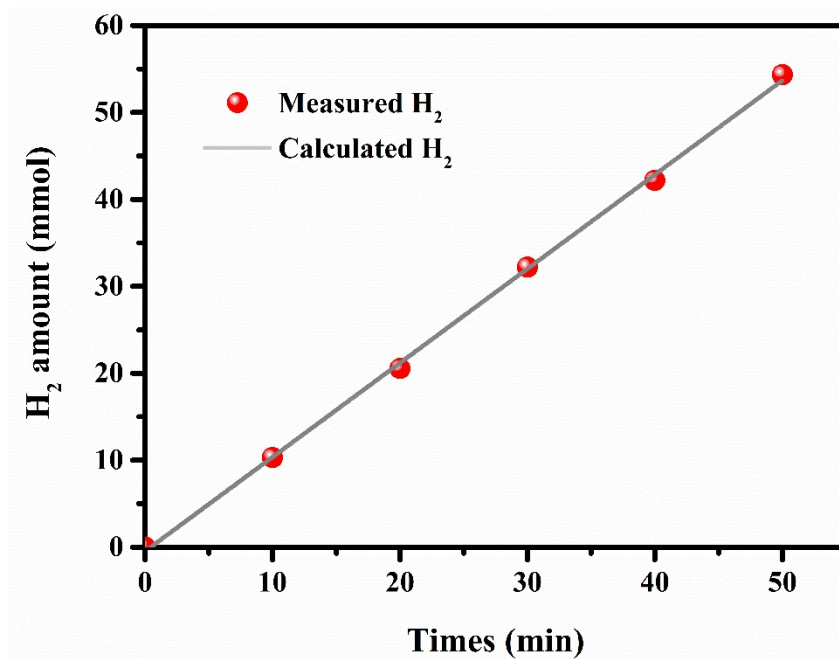


**Figure S9** a-c) SEM images and corresponding EDS spectra of NiMoCu-NF-2 and NiMoCu-NF-3. d) LSV curves of NiMoCu-NF, NiMoCu-NF-2 and NiMoCu-NF-3, respectively.

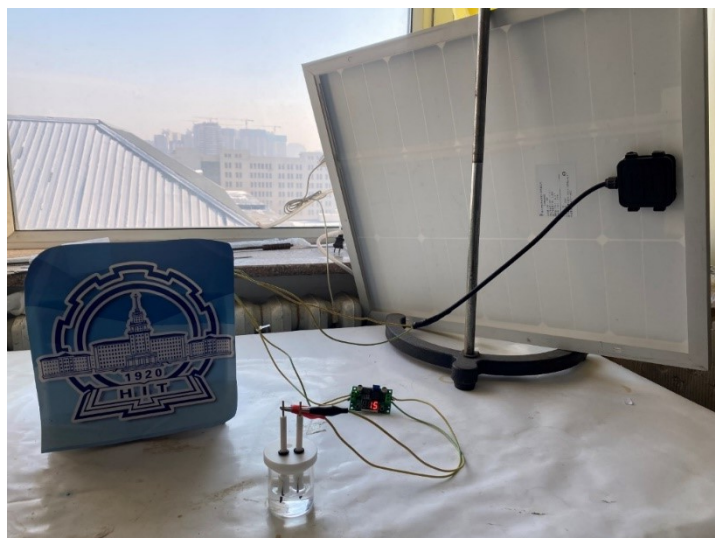
To explore the effect of compositional changes in NiMoCu catalysts, we prepared a control group by changing the ratio of dopant species in the plating solution. (1) Adjust the concentration of molybdate in the plating solution to 1 g L<sup>-1</sup> and prepare a product, denoted as NiMoCu-NF-2; (2) Adjust the concentration of copper salt in the plating solution to 3 g L<sup>-1</sup> and prepare a product, denoted as NiMoCu-NF-3.



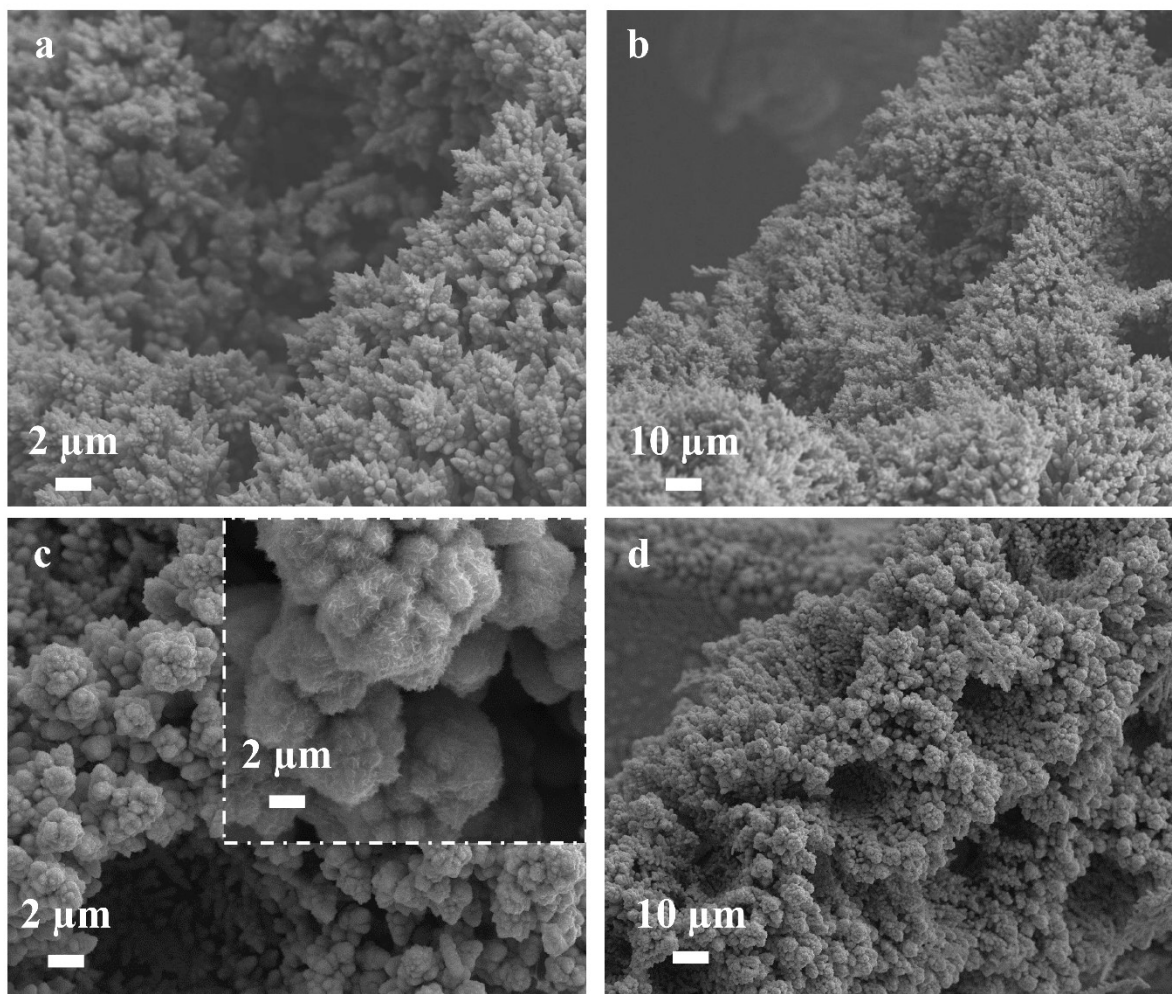
**Figure S10** (a-c) CV curves of NiMoCu-NF, Ni-NF and NF in 1 M KOH solution. (d) calculated ECSA values and (e) ECSA normalized LSV curves of the all-prepared samples.



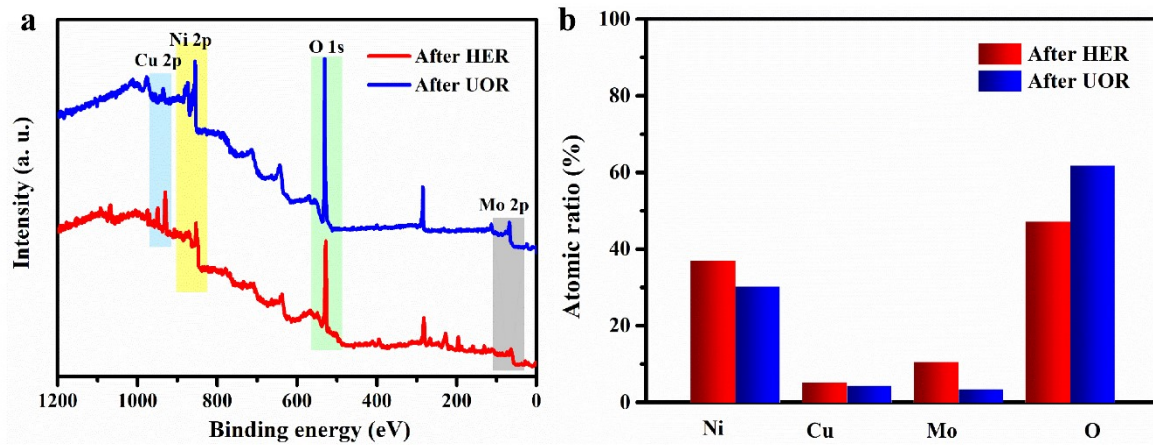
**Figure S11** HER Faradaic efficiency (FE) of NiMoCu-NF under 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> measurement.



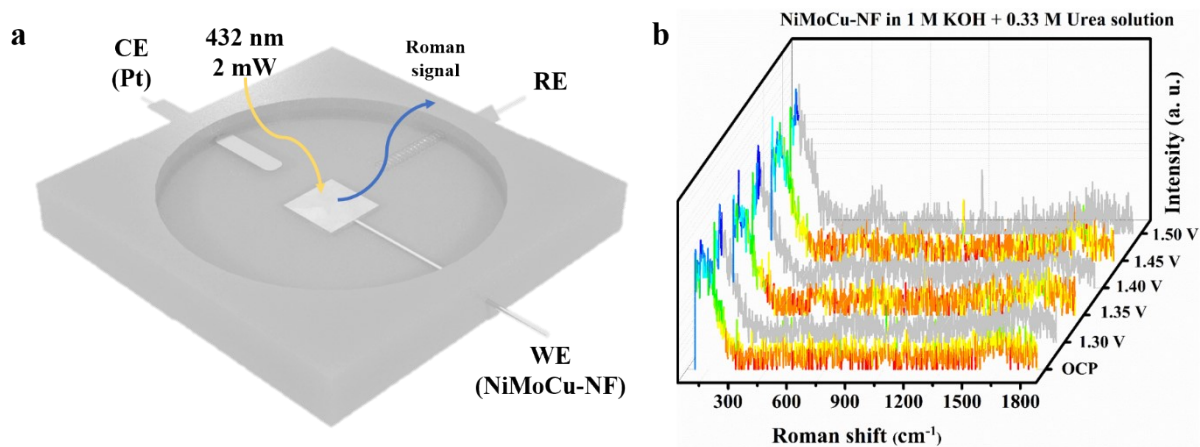
**Figure S12 (a)** Digital image of the solar-power electrolysis system.



**Figure S13** SEM images NiMoCu-NF after long-term stability test of HER (a, b) and UOR (c, d), respectively.

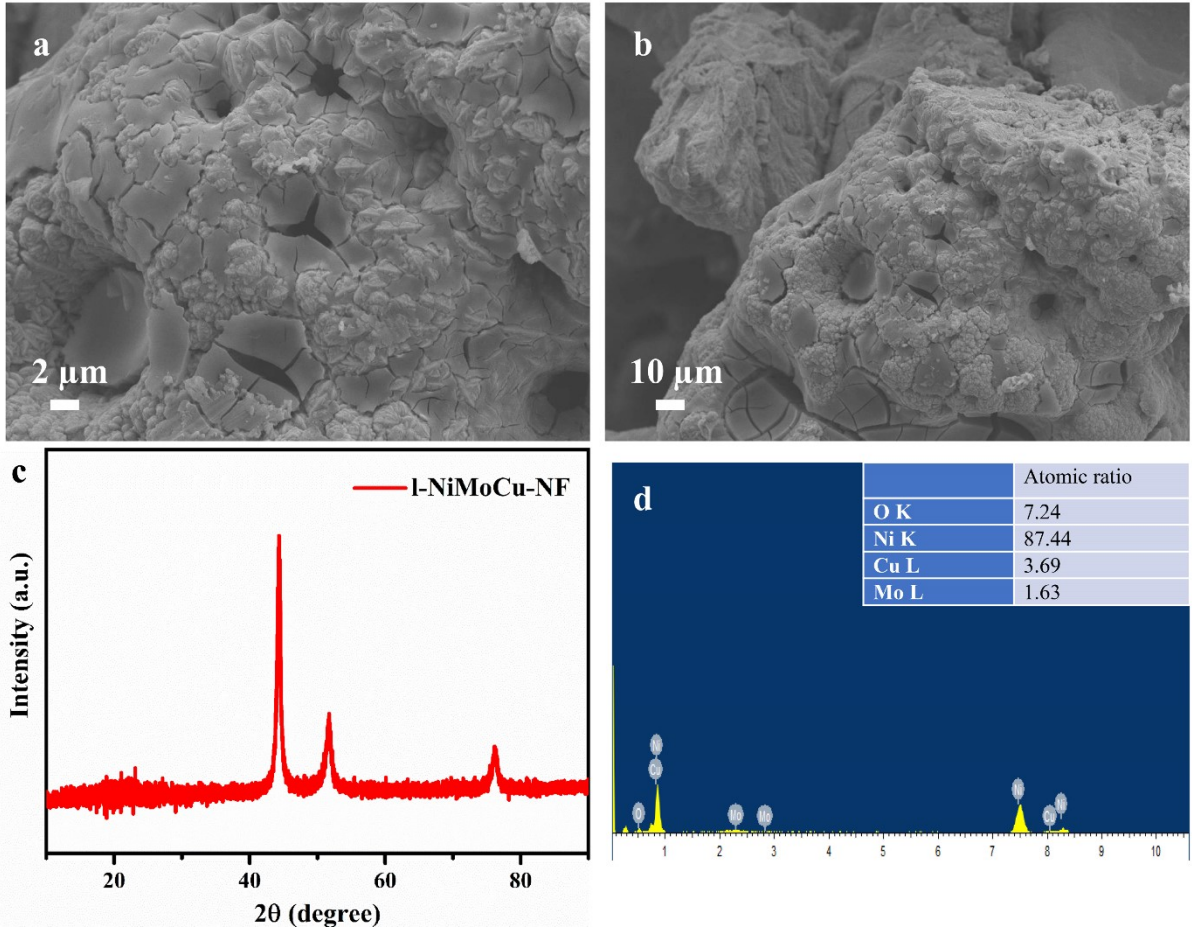


**Figure S14.** (a, b) XPS survey spectra and the corresponded element ratio of NiMoCu-NF after HER and UOR, respectively.

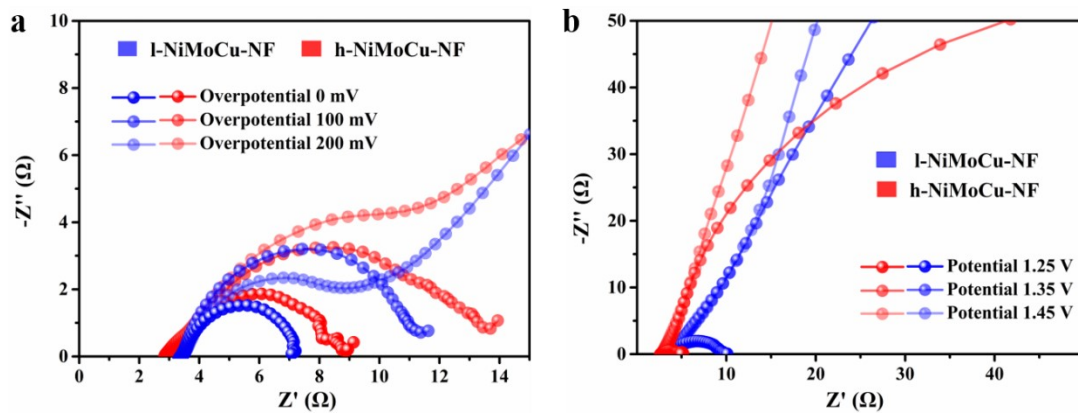


**Figure S15.** (a) Schematic diagram of the in-situ Raman spectroscopy measurement. (b) In-situ Raman spectra of NiMoCu-NF under oxidizing conditions in 1 M KOH + 0.33 M urea.

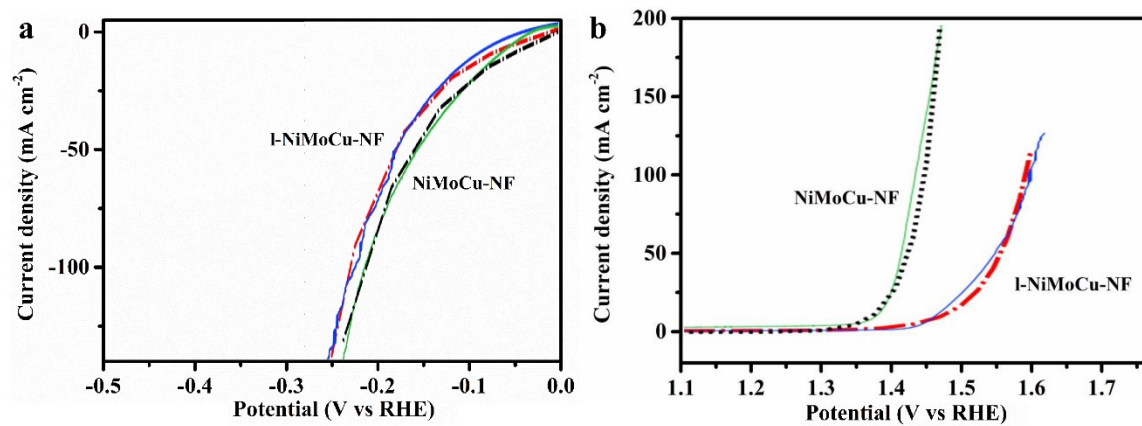




**Figure S16.** (a, b) SEM images (c) XRD pattern and (d) EDS analysis of l-NiMoCu-NF.



**Figure S17.** Nyquist curves comparing NiMoCu-NF and l-NiMoCu-NF of (a) HER and (b) UOR.



**Figure S18.** Comparison of simulated and tested LSV curves (a) HER and (b) UOR.

**Table S1** ICP analyses of NiCo(OH)<sub>x</sub>-NF, NiFe(OH)<sub>x</sub>-NF, and NiCoFe(OH)<sub>x</sub>-NF

	Ni	Mo	Cu
<b>NiMoCu-NF</b> (Dissolved mass) 4.65 mg cm <sup>-2</sup>	2.610 mg/L	0.351 mg/L -	0.875 mg/L
<b>Ni-NF</b> (Dissolved mass) 3.37 mg cm <sup>-2</sup>	2.702 mg/L		-

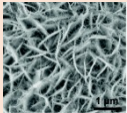
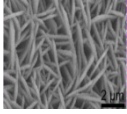
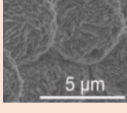
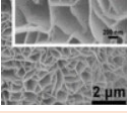
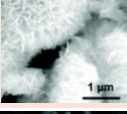

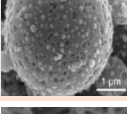

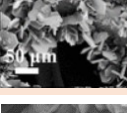
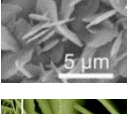
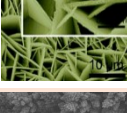
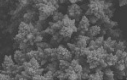
**Table S2.** EIS analyses corresponding to Nyquist curves in Figure S11.

	$R_{ct} (\Omega)$	$R_{\Omega} (\Omega)$	CPE-T(F)	CPE-P (F)
NiMoCu-NF	1.786	2.778	0.1494	0.6753
Ni-NF	29.633	2.817	0.0029	0.9006
NF	157.5	157.5	0.0010	0.8018

**Table S3.** The HER potential and Tafel slopes of the non-noble metal-based HER in 1 M KOH solution.

Catalyst	Potential ( $\eta_{10}$ )	electrolyte	Tafel slope (mV dec <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
NiMoCu-NF	52	1.0 M KOH	52	<b>This Work</b>
NiSe <sub>2</sub> NTA	60	1.0 M KOH	65	[1]
CoNiMoO NWs	60	1.0 M KOH	73	[2]
CuCoO NWs	85	1.0 M KOH	108	[3]
Ni/NiO-CNT	80	1.0 M KOH	82	[4]
Ni <sub>x</sub> B/MWCNT	116	1.0 M KOH	70.4	[5]
O-NiMoP/NF	55	1.0 M KOH	49	[6]
S-NiCu-O(OH)/NF	146	1.0 M KOH	64	[7]
reduced MoS <sub>2</sub>	71	1.0 M KOH	100	[8]
Ni <sub>x</sub> Co <sub>3-x</sub> S <sub>4</sub> /Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	136	1.0 M KOH	107	[9]
Co-P/NF	70	1 M KOH	68	[10]
Ni-0.2NH <sub>3</sub>	61	1 M KOH	71	[11]
Co-Ni-B NSs	80	1.0 M KOH	88.2	[12]

**Table S4.** The HER potential and Tafel slopes of the non-noble metal-based HER in 1 M KOH solution.

Catalys	SEM	Electrolyte	Cell Voltage (V) 10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Ref.
1%Cu:α-Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub>		1.0 M KOH 0.33 M urea	1.49	[13]
Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub> NS@NW/NF		1.0 M KOH 0.33 M urea	1.58	[14]
Ni <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> /CuS/Cu <sub>2</sub> O /NF		1.0 M KOH 0.33 M urea	1.47	[7]
NiCo <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> NS		1.0 M KOH 0.33 M urea	1.45	[15]
Ni <sub>0.9</sub> Fe <sub>0.1</sub> O <sub>x</sub>		1.0 M KOH 0.33 M urea	1.455	[16]
Ni <sub>3</sub> N NA/CC		1.0 M KOH 0.33 M urea	1.44	[17]
Ni/C		1.0 M KOH 0.33 M urea	1.60	[18]
Ni–Mo nanotube		1.0 M KOH 0.5 M urea	1.43	[19]
NiTe/rGO/NF		1.0 M KOH 0.33 M urea	1.5	[20]
Ni <sub>2</sub> P/CFC		1.0 M KOH 0.33 M urea	1.44	[21]
Fe <sub>11.1%</sub> -Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> /NF		1.0 M KOH 0.33 M urea	1.46	[22]
NiMoCu-NF		1.0 M KOH 0.33 M urea	1.386	<b>This Work</b>

**Movie S1** Liquid contact process of NF.

**Movie S2** Liquid contact process of NiMoCu-NF.

**Movie S3** NiMoCu -NF || NiMoCu-NF electrolyze driven by a solar-powered system at 1.5 V.



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