

## Supporting Information

### Tunable d-band center of NiFeMo alloy with enlarged lattice strain enhancing intrinsic catalytic activity for overall water-splitting

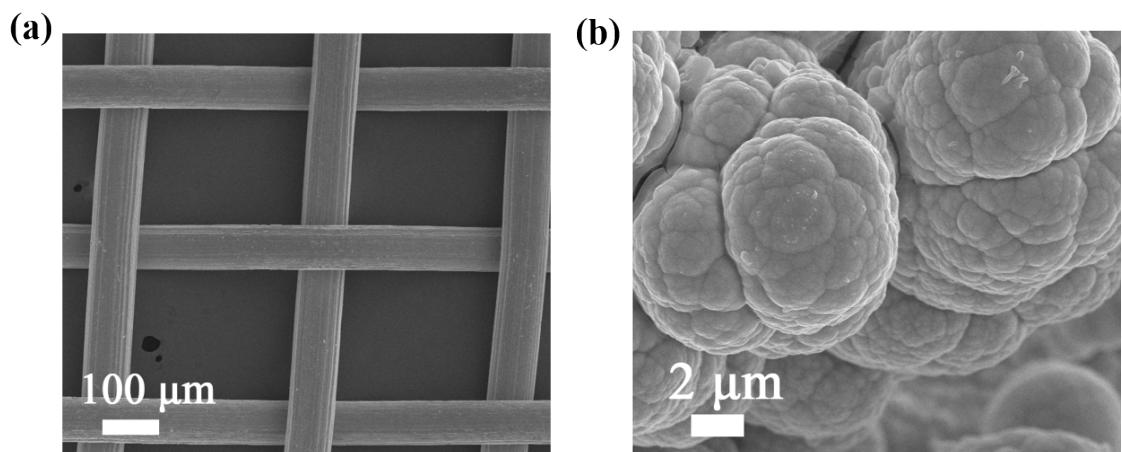
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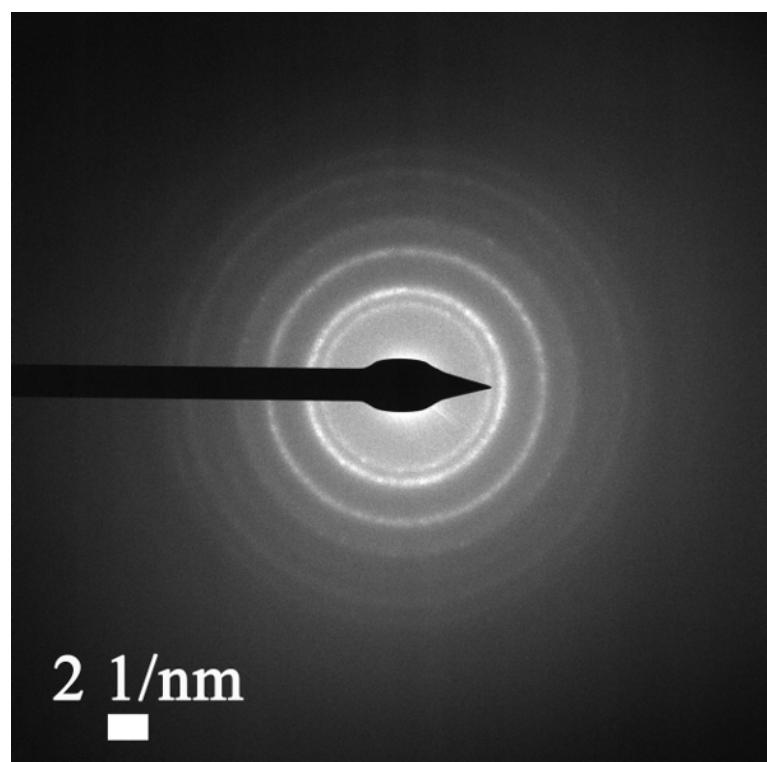
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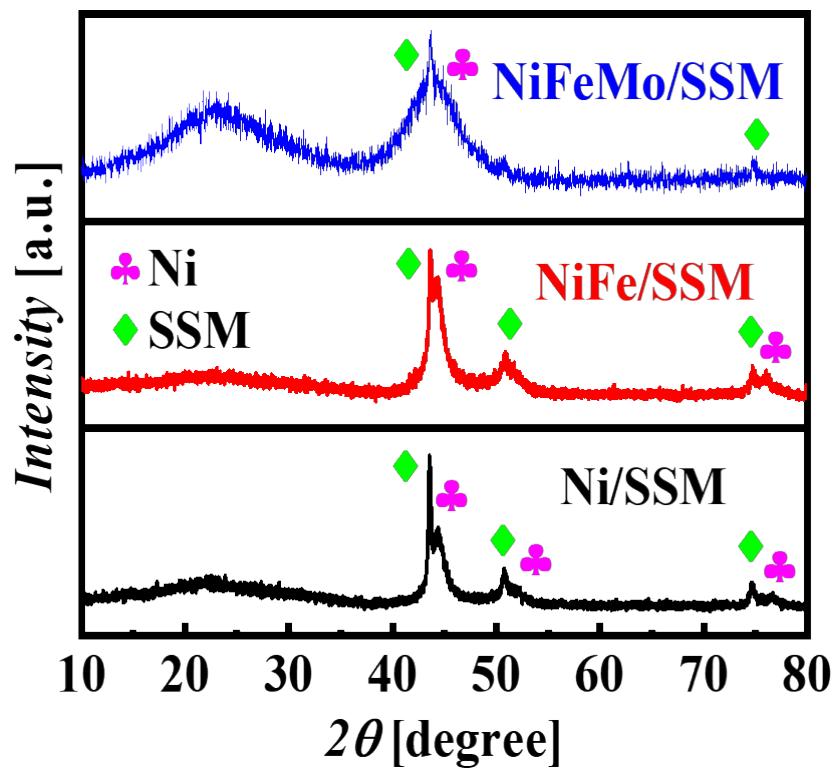
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**Fig. S1.** (a) Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images of (a) Blank SSM (b) NiFeMo/SSM at further magnification.



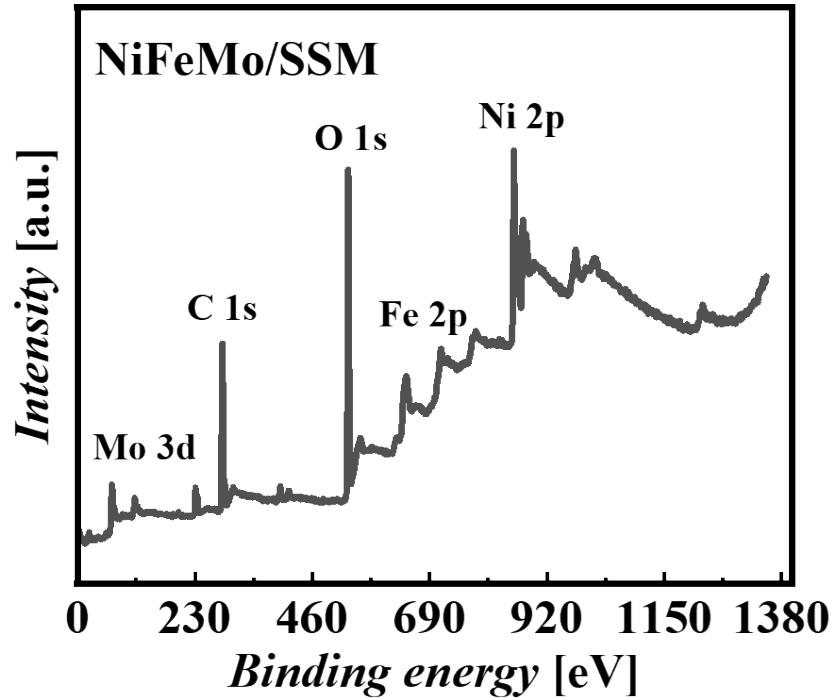
**Fig. S2.** SAED pattern of NiFeMo/SSM.



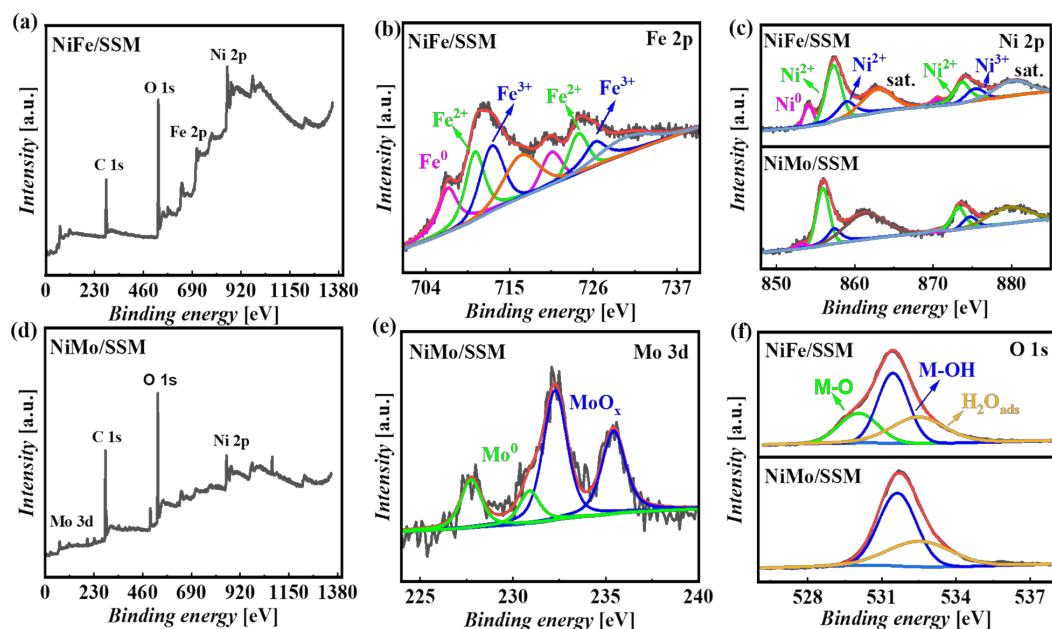
**Fig. S3.** XRD patterns of Ni/SSM, NiFe/SSM, NiFeMo/SSM.

**Table S1.** The content of each metal in the catalyst.

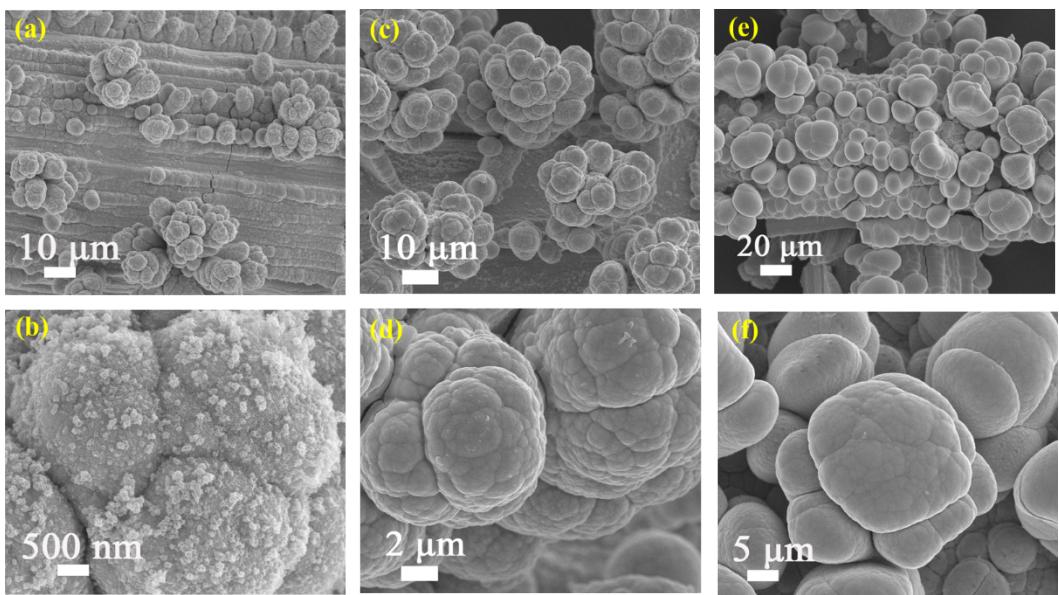
Sample	Elements	Atomic Percentage (At%)
NiFe/SSM	Ni	92.98
	Fe	6.61
NiMo/SSM	Ni	94.89
	Mo	4.62
NiFeMo/SSM	Ni	91.99
	Fe	4.27
	Mo	3.02



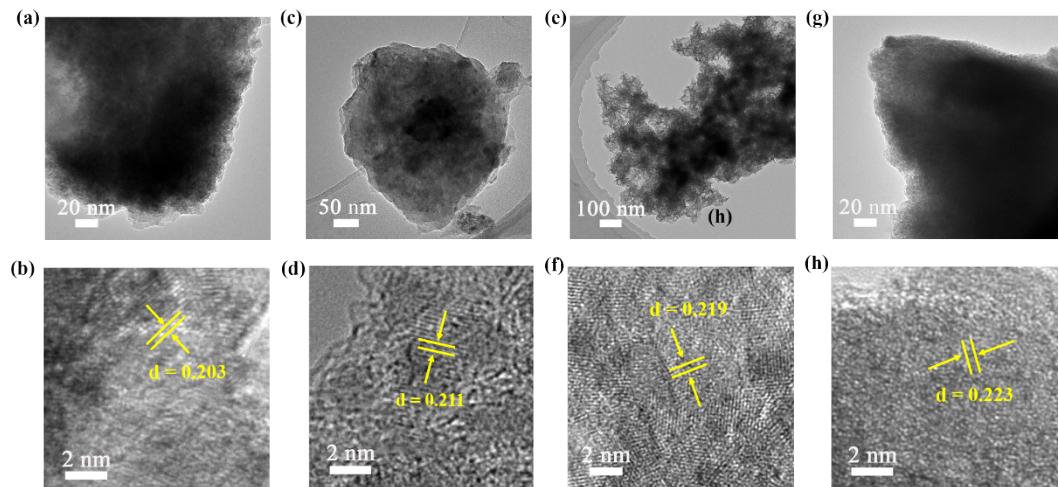
**Fig. S4.** XPS survey spectra of NiFeMo/SSM.



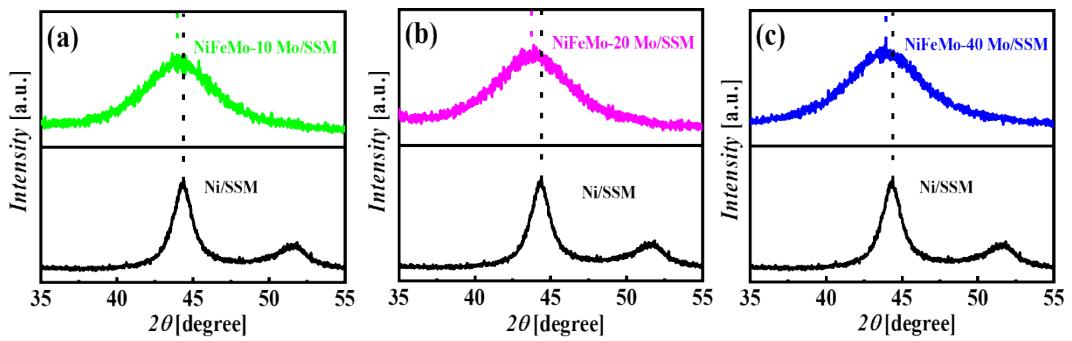
**Fig. S5.** (a) XPS survey spectra of NiFe/SSM, (b) Fe 2p of NiFe/SSM, (c) Ni 2p of NiFe/SSM and NiMo/SSM, (d) XPS survey spectra of NiMo/SSM, (e) Mo 3d of NiMo/SSM, (f) O 1s of NiFe/SSM and NiMo/SSM.



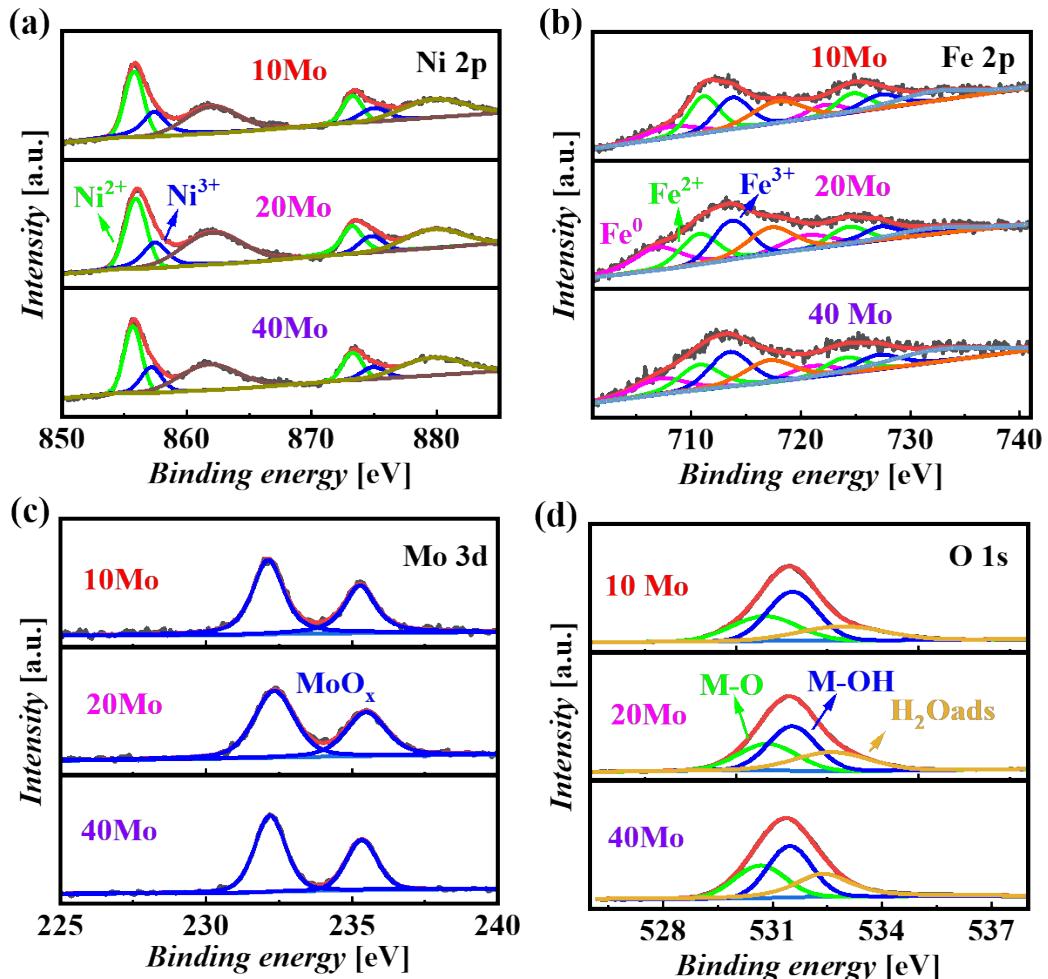
**Fig. S6.** SEM images with the different magnification of (a) and (b) NiFeMo-(10 mM Mo), (c) and (d) NiFeMo-(20 mM Mo), (e) and (f) NiFeMo-(40 mM Mo).



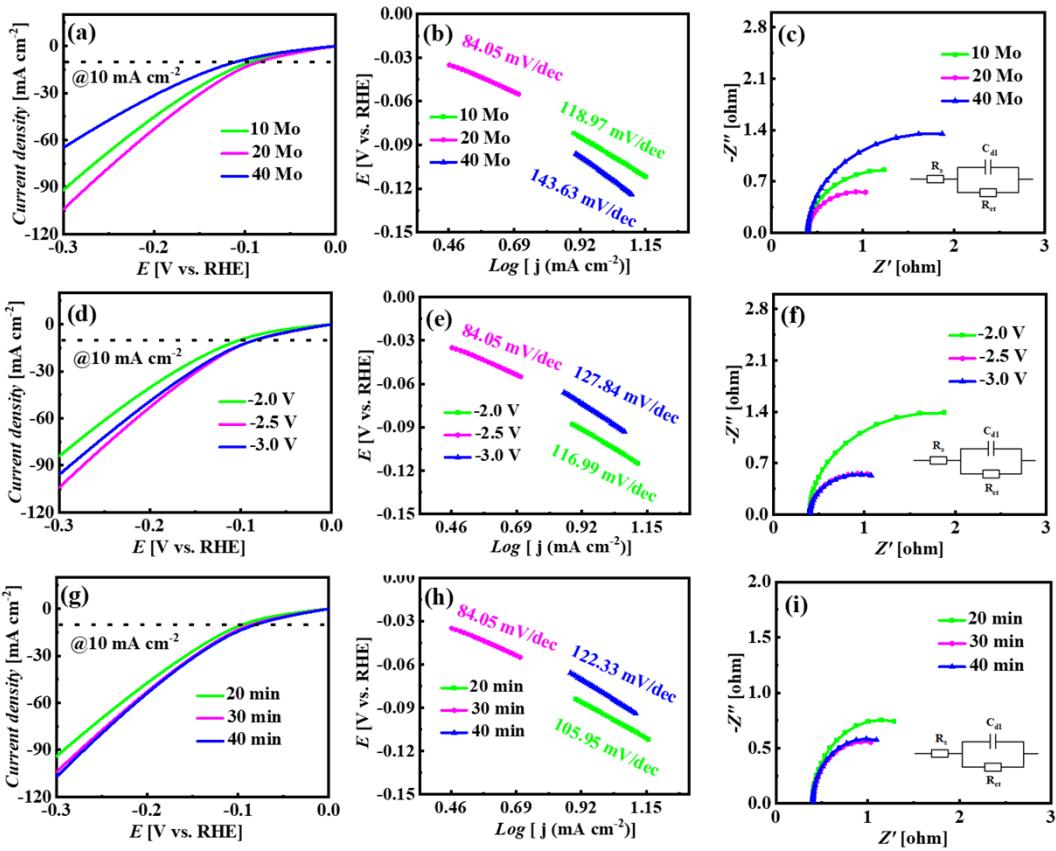
**Fig. S7.** TEM and HRTEM images of (a-b) Ni, (c-d) NiFeMo-(10 mM Mo), (e-f) NiFeMo-(20 mM Mo), (g-h) NiFeMo-(40 mM Mo).



**Fig. S8.** XRD patterns of (a) Ni and NiFeMo-(10 mM Mo), (b) Ni and NiFeMo-(20 mM Mo), (c) Ni and NiFeMo-(40 mM Mo).

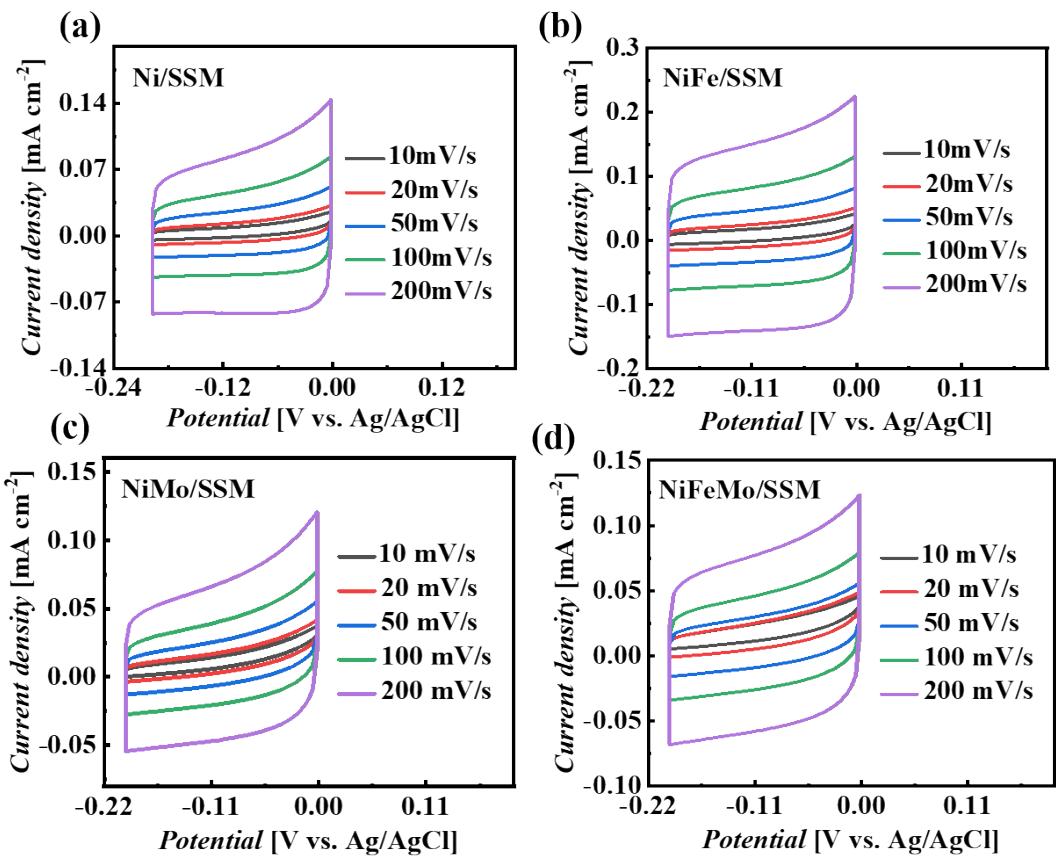


**Fig. S9.** Comparative chemical structures of NiFeMo-(10 mM Mo), NiFeMo-(20 mM Mo), NiFeMo-(40 mM Mo). a) Ni 2p, b) Fe 2p, c) Mo 3d and d) O1s.

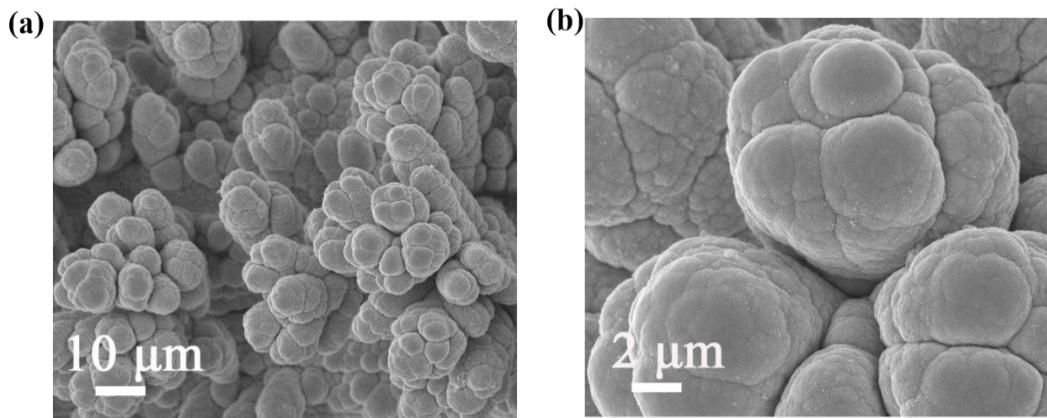


**Fig. S10.** LSV curve, Tafel plots, and Nyquist plot for different deposition conditions

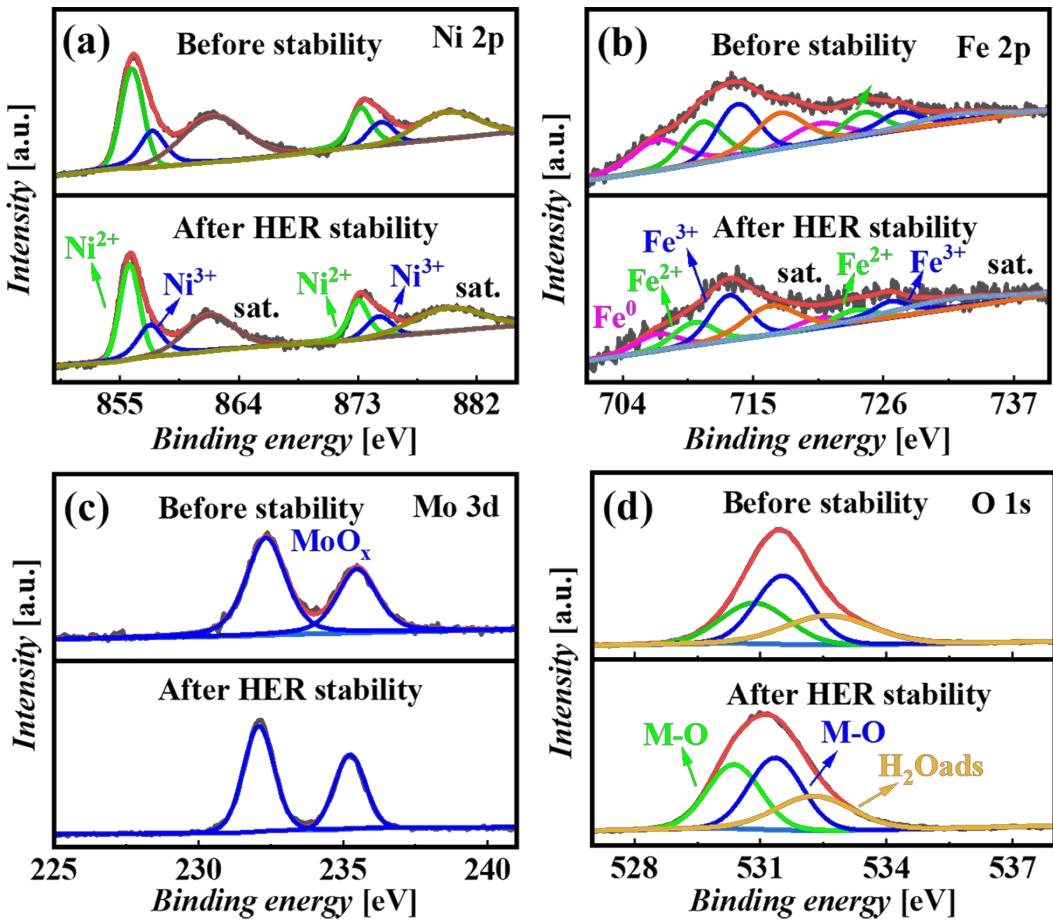
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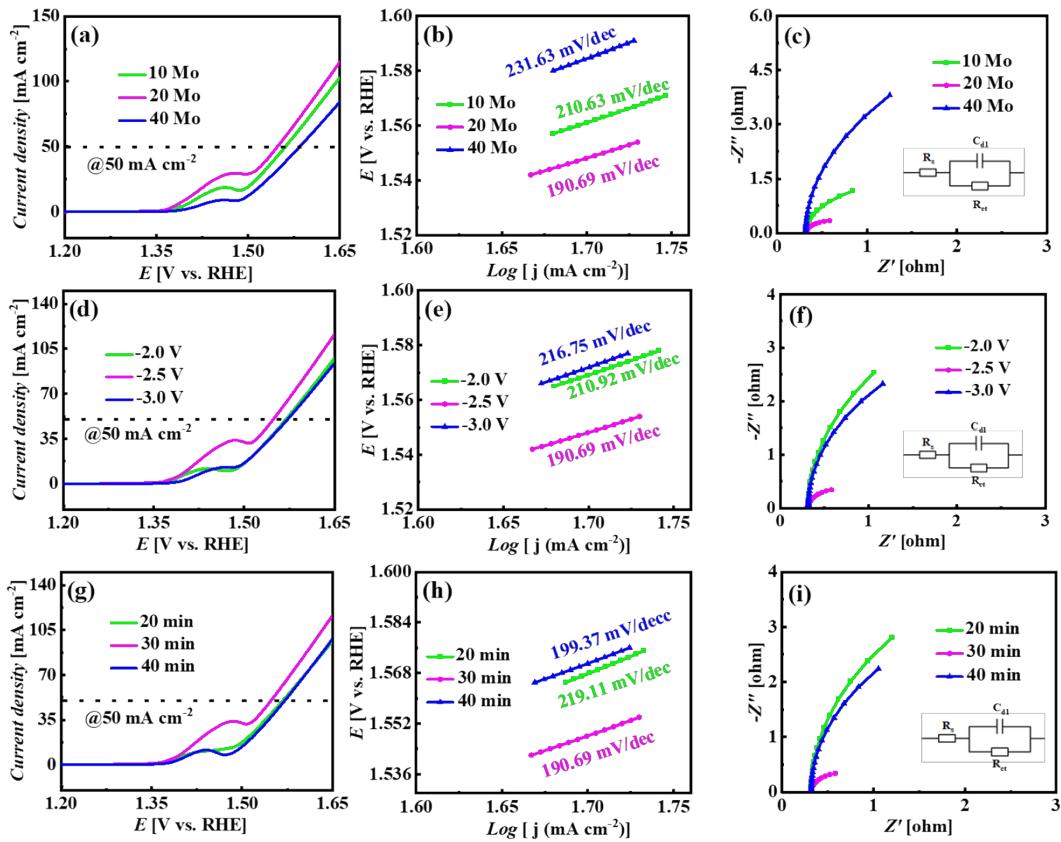
**Fig. S11.** Cyclic voltammograms within the potential range where no faradaic reaction occurred on (a) Ni/SSM, (b) NiFe/SSM, (c) NiMo/SSM, (d) NiFeMo/SSM.



**Fig. S12.** SEM images of NiFeMo/SSM after HER test.

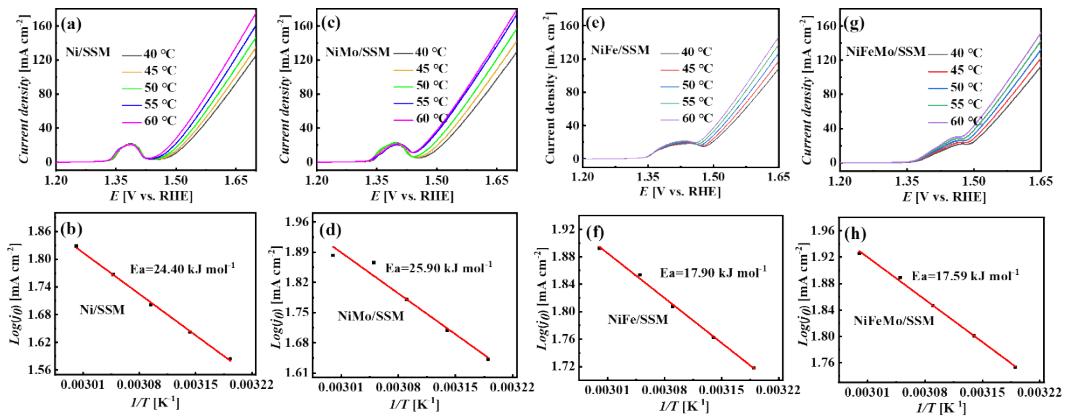


**Fig. S13.** (a) XPS spectra of Ni 2p of NiFeMo/SSM before and after HER stability test. (b) XPS spectra of Fe 2p of NiFeMo/SSM before and after HER test. (c) XPS spectra of Mo 3d of NiFeMo/SSM before and after HER test. (d) XPS spectra of O 1s of NiFeMo/SSM before and after HER test. (top panel for before test, bottom panel for after HER).



**Fig. S14.** LSV curve, Tafel plots, and Nyquist plot for different deposition conditions

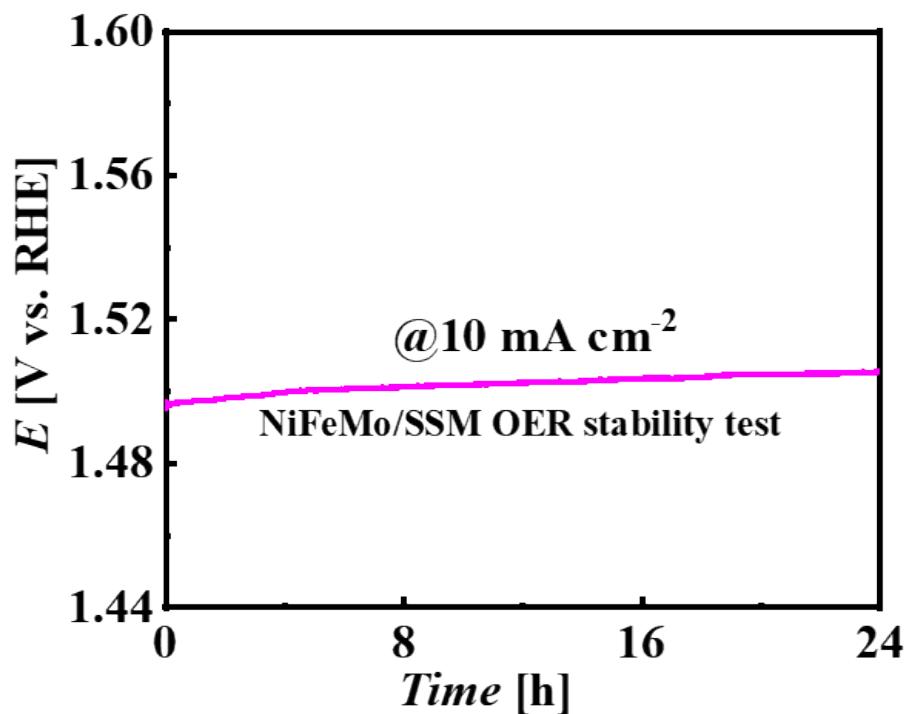
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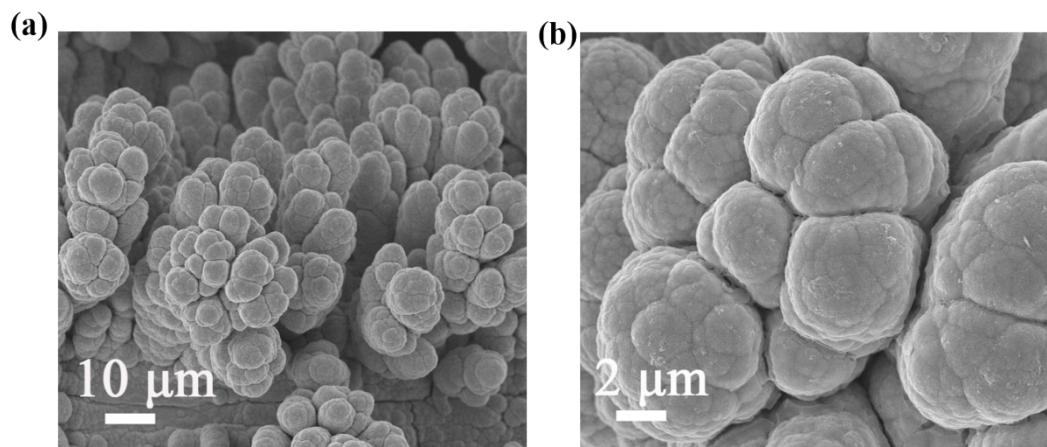
**Fig. S15.** Polarization curve with different temperatures and corresponding Arrhenius

plots of Ni/SSM (a and b), NiMo/SSM (c and d), NiFe/SSM (e and f), NiFeMo/SSM

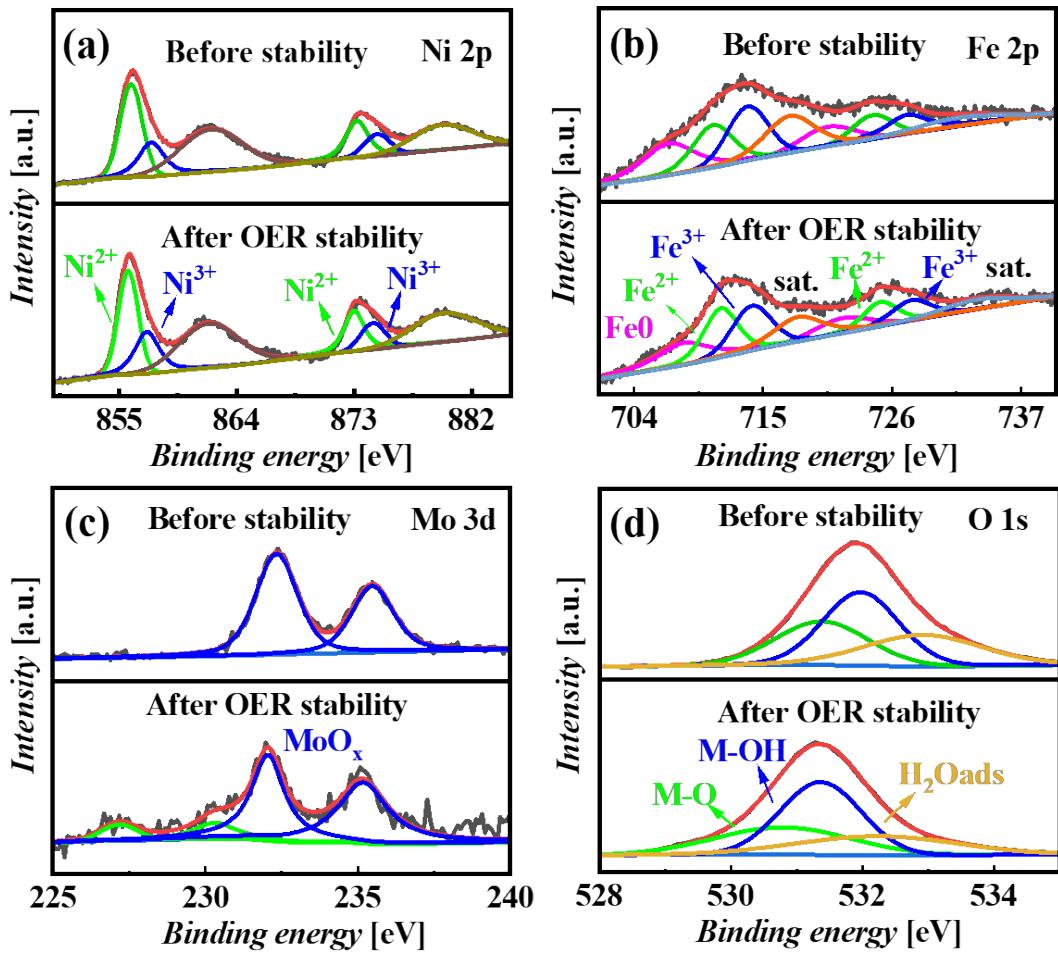
(g and h).



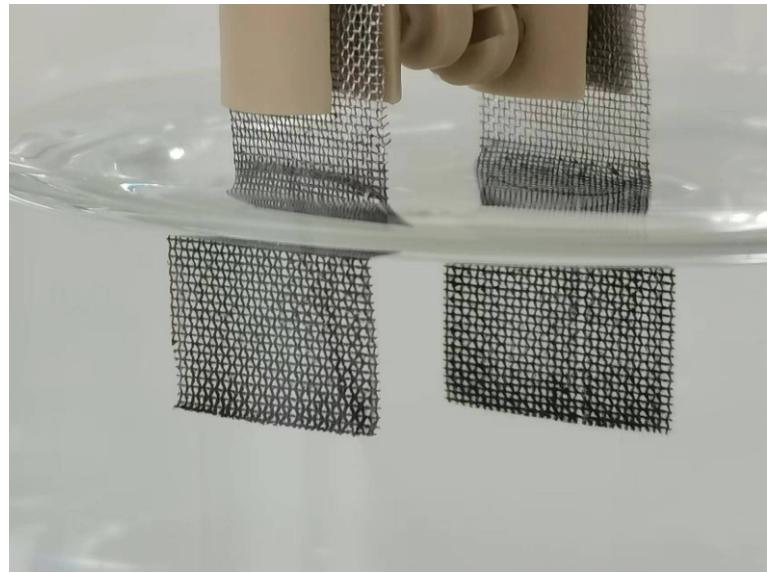
**Fig. S16.** Long stability test curve of NiFeMo/SSM at the current density of  $10 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$  for 24 h.



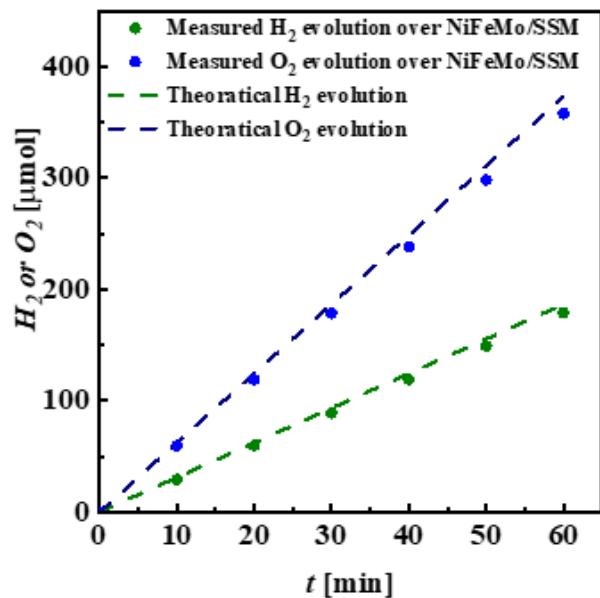
**Fig. S17.** SEM images of NiFeMo/SSM after OER test.



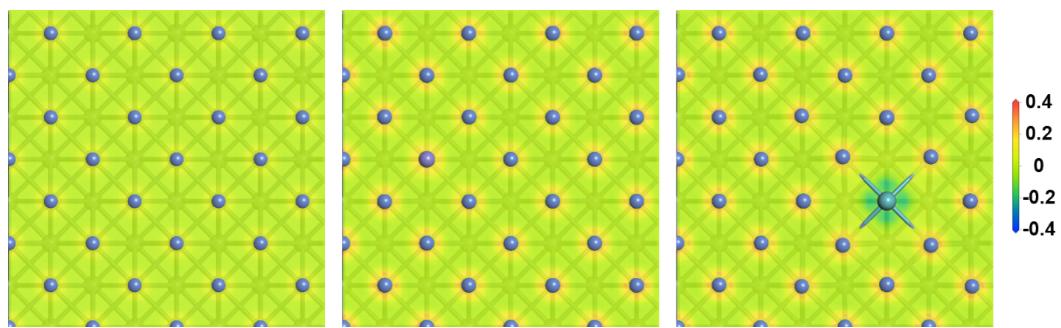
**Fig. S18.** (a) XPS spectra of Ni 2p of NiFeMo/SSM before and after OER stability test. (b) XPS spectra of Fe 2p of NiFeMo/SSM before and after the OER test. (c) XPS spectra of Mo 3d of NiFeMo/SSM before and after the OER test. (d) XPS spectra of O 1s of NiFeMo/SSM before and after the OER test. (top panel for before test, bottom panel for after OER).



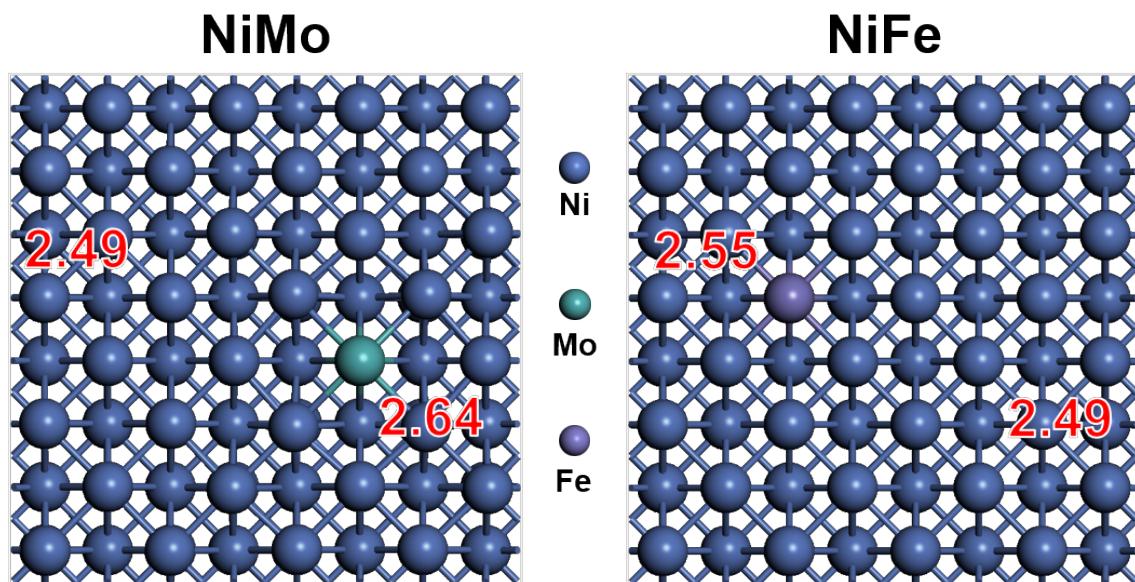
**Fig. S19.** Overall water splitting for a device with NiFeMo/SSM and 1.5V battery.



**Fig. S20.** Experimental and theoretical amounts of  $H_2$  and  $O_2$  by the NiFeMo/SSM electrode at a fixed current density of  $10 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ .



**Fig. S21.** Charge density difference for Ni、NiFe、NiMo model.



**Fig. S22.** Constructed computational model of NiMo and NiFe.

**Table S2**

Comparison of NiFeMo/SSM with recently reported electrocatalyst literature for HER in alkaline solution.

Materials	Electrolyte	Overpotenti al (mV)	J (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Ref.
<b>NiFeMo/SSM</b>	<b>1.0 M KOH</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>This work</b>
NiMo	1.0 M KOH	58	10	1
FeMo	1.0 M KOH	66	10	2
NiMoO <sub>4</sub>	1.0 M KOH	71	10	3
Ni-Mo-O/Ni <sub>4</sub> Mo	1.0 M KOH	61	10	4
Ni <sub>4</sub> Mo	1.0 M KOH	86	100	5
		24	10	
Ni/Mo-Ni	1.0 M KOH	89	50	6
		159	100	
NiMo	1.0 M KOH	33	10	7
		267	1000	
NiFeMo suboxides	1.0 M KOH	22	10	8
		117	100	
NiFeMo	1.0 M KOH	33	10	9
		249	500	
NiFeMo	1.0 M KOH	84.8	10	10
Mo-NiFe <sub>x</sub>	1.0 M KOH	109.9	10	11

**Table S3**

Comparison of NiFeMo/SSM with recently reported electrocatalyst literature for OER in alkaline solution.

Materials	Electrolyte	Overpotenti al (mV)	J (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Ref.
<b>NiFeMo/SSM</b>	<b>1.0 M KOH</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>This work</b>
MoFe- Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub> /NiOOH	1.0 M KOH	280	100	<sup>12</sup>
NiFeMo	1.0 M KOH	230	20	<sup>13</sup>
NiFeMo suboxides	1.0 M KOH	255 289	10 100	<sup>8</sup>
NiFeMo	1.0 M KOH	230	10	<sup>10</sup>
Mo-NiFe-LDH	1.0 M KOH	317	20	<sup>14</sup>
NiFeMo film	1.0 M KOH	306	10	<sup>15</sup>
NiFeMo	1.0 M KOH	198 293	10 500	<sup>9</sup>
Mo-NiFe <sub>x</sub>	1.0 M KOH	240	100	<sup>11</sup>
Mo-NiFe-LDH	1.0 M KOH	317	20	<sup>14</sup>

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