# **Supplementary Information**

# Self-protecting interlocked electrodes for highly efficient and stable alkaline seawater electrolyzers

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#### **Experimental section**

#### Chemicals

Iron (III) chloride hexahydrate (98%, J&K Scientific), ammonium hydrogen carbonate (AR, Macklin), ruthenium oxide powder (99.9%, Aladdin), platinum on carbon (Pt 20%, Aladdin), potassium hydroxide (85%, Aladdin), nickel nitrate hexahydrate (99.0%, Aladdin), cobalt nitrate hexahydrate (99.0%, Aladdin), ammonium molybdate (99.0%, Macklin), phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) (pH 7.0), and Ni foam (0.5 mm) were used.

#### Synthesis of amorphous NiFe (oxy)hydroxide on Nickel foam

First, 0.8 mmol FeCl<sub>3</sub> powder was added to 60 mL ethanol solution, which was ultrasonicated for around 5 minutes to obtain a homogeneous solution A. A nickel foam (3x3 cm) was immersed in the solution for 12 hours. Subsequently, 4.5 mmol NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> was added to solution A to obtain solution B. The nickel foam, which has been immersed in solution A, was further immersed in solution B for 6 hours to obtain a Ni/Fe (oxy)hydroxide electrode, named (NiFe)OOH.

# Electrodeposition of graphene oxide onto (NiFe)OOH

The obtained (NiFe)OOH was submerged in a graphene oxide aqueous solution (GO 1mg/ml solution in phosphate-buffered saline) for 3 hours, followed by the adoption of an electrodeposition method with an electrodeposition voltage of -0.9 V to -1.5 V and electrodeposition durations of 300 sec, 500 sec and 700 sec. The electrodeposition process occurred within a three-electrode electrochemical cell, where (NiFe)OOH served as the working electrode, Hg/HgO acted as the reference electrode,

and a graphite rod was used as the counter electrode. This process allowed for the deposition of a graphene oxide layer onto the (NiFe)OOH electrode, resulting in (NiFe)OOH/graphene oxide electrode, hereafter referred to as (NiFe)OOH GO.

## Synthesis of Ni(Co)MoO<sub>4</sub>/MoO<sub>2</sub> nanorod arrays

Ni(Co)MoO<sub>4</sub> cuboids were synthesized onto nickel foam via a hydrothermal process. A 3x3 cm piece of nickel foam was submerged in a 60 mL aqueous solution comprising nickel nitrate (ranging from 0 to 0.04 M), cobalt (ranging from 0 to 0.04 M), and ammonium molybdate (0.01 M), all contained within a Teflon autoclave (named Ni<sup>4</sup>, Co<sup>1</sup>Ni<sup>3</sup>, Co<sup>2</sup>Ni<sup>2</sup>, Co<sup>3</sup>Ni<sup>1</sup> and Co<sup>4</sup> according to the ratio of cobalt to nickel). The autoclave was then heated to 150°C for 6 hours in a drying oven. Subsequent to rinsing with deionized water, the Ni(Co)MoO<sub>4</sub> cuboids were successfully formed on the nickel foam. Lastly, the synthesized Ni(Co)MoO<sub>4</sub> cuboids underwent heat treatment at 500°C for 2 hours in a H<sub>2</sub>/Ar atmosphere (with a composition of 5:95), resulting in the production of the MoO<sub>2</sub> electrocatalyst anchored onto Ni(Co)MoO<sub>4</sub> cuboids.

#### Preparation of Pt/C and RuO<sub>2</sub> electrode on commercial Ni foam

The Pt/C and RuO<sub>2</sub> working electrode was fabricated on Ni foam with the assistance of Nafion solution. 10 mg Pt/C or RuO<sub>2</sub>, 50  $\mu$ L Nafion, 700  $\mu$ L isopropanol, and 250  $\mu$ L DI water were mixed and ultrasonicated for 30 min to prepare a homogeneous dispersion. The loading of Pt/C and RuO<sub>2</sub> catalyst on Ni foam is ~ 0.5 and 1.5 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

#### **Structure characterizations**

SEM, as well as corresponding elemental mapping and EDX analysis, were carried

out with Apreo S (FEI) and Phenom XL (FEI). Metallographic diagrams were investigated by Axiolab5 (ZEISS). HRTEM was performed using a Tecnai G2 F20 (FEI) scanning TEM. XPS experiments were carried out on a 5000 Versaprobe III (PHI) system using Al Ka radiation. XRD patterns were recorded on a D8 FOCUS (Bruker) using Cu-Ka radiation. UV-vis spectra were recorded with UV-1900i (Shimadzu). Raman spectroscopy measurements were recorded using a Labram HR Evolution (Horiba) system with an excitation wavelength of 532 nm. FTIR was performed using a VERTEX 80v (Bruker). The electrochemical tests were carried out on VSP-300 (Biologic) Potentiostat.

# **Electrochemical measurements**

All electrochemical tests were performed at room temperature. The electrochemical OER and HER were carried out in a three-electrode system. A standard Hg/HgO electrode and a graphite rod were used as the reference and counter electrodes, respectively. The Hg/HgO reference electrode has a potential of 0.098 V vs. standard hydrogen electrode. The potential versus RHE ( $E_{RHE}$ ) was calculated using the equation  $E_{RHE} = E_{Hg/HgO} + 0.098 V + 0.0592 V \times pH$ , where  $E_{Hg/HgO}$  is the potential recorded versus Hg/HgO. OER and HER polarization curve measurements were performed by LSV at a scan rate of 5 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. Electrochemical impedance spectra (EIS) were measured at an overpotential of 300 mV (OER) and 200 mV (OER) from 0.1 Hz to 100 kHz with an amplitude of 10 mV. The double-layer capacitance (C<sub>dl</sub>) values were obtained from the CV curves at various scan rates to investigate the electrochemically active surface areas (ECSA). Stability tests were carried out under constant current

densities of 500 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> at room temperature. Alkaline seawater was a natural seawater solution (Bohai Sea, 38°34'N, 118°4'E) of 1.0 M KOH.

# Cell assembly

The used membrane electrode assembly (MEA) consists of an anion-exchange membrane (X37-50 Grade T), (NiFe)OOH GO as anode and Ni(Co)MoO<sub>4</sub>/MoO<sub>2</sub> as cathode. The cell voltage of alkaline exchange membrane (AEM) electrolyzers was tested on a VSP-300 electrochemical workstation at a scan rate of 5 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. The flowing 1 M KOH and alkaline seawater were used as an electrolyte and the temperature of the electrolyte can be controlled at 25 °C to 60 °C by a constant temperature heating chamber. The corresponding energy conversion efficiency was calculated according to the following equations:

 $H_2$  production rate (*a*) 1 A cm<sup>-2</sup>

= (j A cm<sup>-2</sup>) (1 e<sup>-</sup>/1.602 × 10<sup>-19</sup> C) (1 H<sub>2</sub>/2 e<sup>-</sup>)

 $= 1 \text{ A cm}^{-2} / (1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \times 2)$ 

 $= 5.18 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol } \text{H}_2 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

LHV of  $H_2$ 

= 120 kJ  $g^{-1}$  H<sub>2</sub> = 2.42 × 10<sup>5</sup> J mol<sup>-1</sup> H<sub>2</sub>

 $H_2$  power out

=  $(5.18 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol } \text{H}_2 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}) \times (2.42 \times 10^{5} \text{ J mol}^{-1}) = 1.254 \text{ W cm}^{-2}$ 

Electrolyzer power (Co<sup>1</sup>Ni<sup>3</sup> || (NiFe)OOH GO) @ 1 A cm<sup>-2</sup>

 $= (1 \text{ A cm}^{-2}) (1.79 \text{ V}) = 1.79 \text{ W cm}^{-2}$ 

Efficiency of Co1Ni3 || (NiFe)OOH GO

= (H<sub>2</sub> Power out) / (Electrolyzer power)

$$= 1.254 \text{ W cm}^{-2} / 1.79 \text{ W cm}^{-2} = 70.1\%$$

#### **Faradaic efficiency calculations**

Derived from the faraday law (1.1) and the ideal gas equation (1.2), we derived a combined equation to calculate the theoretical oxygen evolution flow in  $V_{O_2}$  [m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>] for a 100 % faradaic efficiency.

$$It = nzF$$
 \\* MERGEFORMAT (1.1)  

$$pV = nRT$$
 \\* MERGEFORMAT (1.2)  

$$V_{O_2} = \frac{IRT}{zFP}$$
 \\* MERGEFORMAT (1.3)

in which I represents the applied current in [A], t is the time in [s], n is the amount of substances in [mol], z = 4 represents the electrons transferred per ion, F = 96485.33 s A mol<sup>-1</sup> represents the faradaic constant, p = 101400 Pa (determined) is the atmospheric pressure, V is the gas volume in [m<sup>3</sup>], R = 8.314 kg m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>K<sup>-1</sup> is the ideal gas constant, T = 298.15 K (determined) is the temperature, and  $V_{O_2}$  is the gas evolution rate of O<sub>2</sub> in [m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>].

The obtained flow and the mass flow controlled  $V_{N_2}$  flow = 100 ml min<sup>-1</sup> were used to obtain the theoretical gas concentrations in [%] for a 100 % faradaic efficiency using equation (1.4):

$$c_{gas_{theor.}}[\%] = \left(\frac{V_{O_2}}{V_{O_2} + V_{N_2}}\right) \mathbf{g} 00 \quad \forall \mathsf{MERGEFORMAT} (1.4)$$

The faradaic efficiency (FE) in [%] was calculated using the theoretical  $c_{gas_{theor.}}$  and the nominal  $c_{gas_{normin al}}$  measured in equation (1.5). The nominal gas concentration is the average value of the last 5 min of the 30 min step.

$$FE[\%] = \left(\frac{c_{gas_{norminal}}}{c_{gas_{theor.}}}\right) \mathbf{g} 00 \qquad \land * \text{ MERGEFORMAT (1.5)}$$

#### **Density functional theory calculation**

Slab models with a vacuum layer of 15 Å are built to simulate the migration of chloride ions and hydroxide ions through the reaction interface. The slab of graphene oxide is based on a monolayer graphite (0 0 0 1) with defects in a  $4 \times 4 \times 1$  supercell. All DFT calculations were carried out using Vienna *ab-initio* simulation package (VASP)<sup>1</sup> with the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) generalized gradient approximation (GGA)<sup>2</sup>. Projector-augmented-wave (PAW) potentials<sup>3</sup> were used to take into account the electron-ion interactions. The energy cutoff was set as 500eV for the plane wave-basis expansion and the convergence criteria of the electron self-consistent loop was set to  $10^{-7}$ eV. The geometry of initial states (IS) and final states (FS) was optimized with a conjugate gradient algorithm until the forces acting on the atoms were less than 0.01 eV/Å. The Brillouin zone was sampled on a  $1 \times 1 \times 1$  Gamma grid. The transition states (TS) were found using the climbing-image nudged elastic band method (CINEB) was adopted<sup>4</sup>. 9 images were interpolated and the convergence criteria of forces was set to 0.03 eV/Å.



Fig. S1. SEM images and water contact angle of blank nickel foam.



Fig. S2. SEM images of (NiFe)OOH GO with different deposition time.



Fig. S3. SEM images of (NiFe)OOH GO with different deposition voltages.



Fig. S4. Elemental content result of the (NiFe)OOH GO electrode.



Fig. S5. Water contact angle of (NiFe)OOH and (NiFe)OOH GO.



Fig. S6. Air contact angle of nickel foam with acid treatment and (NiFe)OOH GO.



Fig. S7. XRD patterns of GO powder.

Graphene oxide has the unit structure consisting of several oxidized graphene-like sheets. The thickness of the stacking sheets along the c-axis is called the "stack height". This expression is often used for micrographite unit structures of disordered carbon. The stack height is expressed as  $L_c$ . The stack height can be replaced with the average number of stacking layers for showing the stacking structure more clearly. The average number of stacking layers is calculated as follows<sup>5</sup>:

Average numbers of stacking layers = 
$$\frac{L_c}{d_{001}} + 1$$
 (1.6)

$$L_{c} = 0.94 \times \frac{0.15418}{\frac{FWHM_{GO}}{180}\pi \times \cos(\frac{2\theta}{360}\pi)}$$
(1.7)

The stack height ( $L_c$ ) is determined through application of the Scherrer equation to the full width at half maximum (FWHM) of the (001) diffraction peak of graphene oxide (GO), in conjunction with the interlayer spacing ( $d_{001}$ ) derived from Bragg equation. As evidenced by Fig. S7, the FWHM of the GO (001) peak is measured to be 0.74. Through application of Eq. 1.7, the calculated  $L_c$  value of 11.23 corresponds to an average stacking layer number of 1.96, confirming the predominantly multilayer nature of the GO structure.



Fig. S8. High-resolution XPS spectra of C 1s for pristine GO and (NiFe)OOH GO electrode.



Fig. S9. FTIR spectra for the pristine GO and NiFeOOH GO electrode.

The pristine GO spectrum exhibits characteristic vibrational modes at 1046 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C-O-C stretching), 1366 cm<sup>-1</sup> (-OH bending), 1618 cm<sup>-1</sup> (sp<sup>2</sup>-hybridized C=C group), and 1722 cm<sup>-1</sup> (carboxylic C=O stretching), along with a broad absorption band above 3250 cm<sup>-1</sup> corresponding to hydroxyl groups and intercalated water molecules<sup>6</sup>. Following electrodeposition, the (NiFe)OOH GO electrode demonstrates a marked attenuation of oxygen-related vibrational modes, indicative of the partial removal of oxygen-containing functional groups. The most pronounced spectral modification involves the significant reduction in C-O stretching vibration intensity, which serves as a characteristic signature of GO reduction<sup>7</sup>. Furthermore, the emergence of new vibrational bands at 2851, 2923, and 1357 cm<sup>-1</sup> emerged provides compelling evidence for the conversion of sp<sup>2</sup> to sp<sup>3</sup> hybridization in (NiFe)OOH GO structure, concomitant with the formation of C-H and C–OH<sup>8</sup>.



Fig. S10. The initial and final state structures of active substances traversing graphene defect layers. The Initial and final states of the migration process of (a) chloride ions and (b) hydroxide ion. The green numbers in the Fig. represent the absolute coordinates of the chloride ions in the direction perpendicular to the graphene surface, while the red numbers signify the absolute coordinates of the oxygen atoms in the same perpendicular direction. The  $\Delta E$  denotes the change in energy, with the initial state serving as the reference point.



Fig. S11. Molecular structure and energy changes in each state during chloride ion migration.



Fig. S12. Molecular structure and energy changes in each state during hydroxide ion migration.



Fig. S13. (a) Metallurgical microscopy images, (b) SEM images and (c) XRD pattern of precursor Ni(Co)MoO<sub>4</sub>.

Ni <sup>4</sup> 50 um	Co <sup>1</sup> Ni <sup>3</sup> 50 um	Co²Ni² 50 um	Co <sup>3</sup> Ni <sup>1</sup> 50 um	C.04 50 um
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2 um	2 um-	2 um		2 um
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Increasing Co amount of NiMoO<sub>4</sub>

Fig. S14. SEM images of different cobalt amount of Ni(Co)MoO<sub>4</sub>/MoO<sub>2</sub>.

## Increasing Co amount of NiMoO<sub>4</sub>



**Fig. S15.** SEM images of different cobalt amount of Ni(Co)MoO<sub>4</sub>/MoO<sub>2</sub> accompanied by the appearance of flower-like structures.



Fig. S16. TEM images of Ni(Co)MoO<sub>4</sub>/MoO<sub>2</sub> accompanied by the appearance of flower-like

structures.



Fig. S17. Low magnification SEM images of different cobalt amount of Ni(Co)MoO<sub>4</sub>/MoO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S18. Energy dispersive spectroscopy analysis result of Co<sup>1</sup>Ni<sup>3</sup> electrode.



Fig. S19. XPS full spectrum of Ni<sup>4</sup>, Co<sup>1</sup>Ni<sup>3</sup> and Co<sup>4</sup> electrodes.



Fig. S20. Water contact angle of nickel foam and Co<sup>1</sup>Ni<sup>3</sup>.



Fig. S21. XRD patterns of Ni<sup>4</sup> and Co<sup>1</sup>Ni<sup>3</sup> electrodes.



Fig. S22. XPS spectra of Mo 3d and O 1s for Co<sup>1</sup>Ni<sup>3</sup>, Co<sup>4</sup> and Ni<sup>4</sup> electrodes.



Fig. S23. The electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) results of different OER electrodes in 1.0 M KOH with seawater electrolyte.



Fig. S24. OER LSV curves of (NiFe)OOH GO for different graphene oxide deposition time and voltage.



**Fig. S25.** Electrochemical surface area (ECSA) results of different OER electrodes in 1.0 M KOH with seawater electrolyte.



Fig. S26. HER LSV curves and EIS of different cobalt amount of  $Ni(Co)MoO_4/MoO_2$  electrodes.



Fig. S27. EIS of different HER electrodes in 1.0 M KOH with seawater electrolyte.



Fig. S28. Electrochemical surface area (ECSA) results of different HER electrodes in 1.0 M KOH with seawater electrolyte.



Fig. S29. Raman data for (NiFe)OOH GO electrode, and (NiFe)OOH GO electrode at open circuit voltage in 1 M KOH with seawater.

The Raman spectroscopic analysis of the (NiFe)OOH GO electrode exhibits characteristic D (1350 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and G (1599 cm<sup>-1</sup>) bands, with an ID/IG ratio of 0.87. This spectral signature confirms the presence of lattice distortions resulting from oxidative functionalization, consistent with previous reports on graphene oxide synthesis<sup>9</sup>. Under open-circuit potential (OCP) conditions in 1 M KOH with seawater electrolyte, the (NiFe)OOH GO electrode demonstrates a significant increase in the ID/IG ratio to 1.63. This enhancement reflects a substantial reduction in oxygen-containing functional groups under strongly alkaline conditions<sup>10</sup>. The elevated ratio corresponds to an increased defect density within the carbon lattice, indicative of partial restoration of graphitic character. From Fig. 6c, following the OER process, the ID/IG ratio stabilizes around 1.1, which can be attributed to the fact that the reduced graphene oxide is oxidized again during the electrooxidation process. The defect density (nD, cm<sup>-2</sup>) can be calculated using the following equations<sup>11</sup>:

$$nD = \frac{2.4 \times 10^{22} I_D}{\lambda_L^4 I_G}$$
(1.8)

Where  $\lambda_L$  is the wavelength of the laser source. Accordingly, the calculated defect density (nD) of (NiFe)OOH GO electrode, (NiFe)OOH GO electrode at OCV and (NiFe)OOH GO electrode at OER potential are 2.61× 10<sup>11</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>, .4.88 × 10<sup>11</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>, and 3.30 × 10<sup>11</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>, respectively.



Fig. S30. Polarization curves of Co<sup>1</sup>Ni<sup>3</sup>  $\parallel$  (NiFe)OOH GO in 1.0 M KOH with seawater at



different temperatures.

**Fig. S31.**  $FE_{O2}$  test of Co<sup>1</sup>Ni<sup>3</sup> || (NiFe)OOH GO in 1.0 M KOH with seawater.



Fig. S32. Chronopotentiometry stability tests of  $Co^1Ni^3 \parallel (NiFe)OOH$  GO at 500 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> for seawater electrolysis.



**Fig. S33.** (a) Photographs of the testing standard solutions between o-tolidine and different concentration of NaOCl. (b) UV-vis spectra of the testing solution following the introduction of incremental NaClO concentrations. (c) UV-vis spectra of the testing solutions after the addition of electrolyte sampled from systems after 1000 hours of continuous seawater electrolysis at 250 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> current density.



Fig. S34. Morphological structure characterization of Ni(Co)MoO<sub>4</sub>/MoO<sub>2</sub> electrode after 1000 hours of continuous seawater electrolysis at 250 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> current density.



Fig. S35. Morphological structure characterization of (NiFe)OOH GO electrode after 1000 hours of continuous seawater electrolysis at 250 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> current density.

 Table 1. The comparison of the performances of different single electrolyzers using

 non-PGM-based catalysts in alkaline seawater. The electrolyte, membrane and

AEMWEs	Electrolyte	Temperatur e (°C)	Membrane	Cell voltage at certain current density (V @mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	References
Ni(Co)MoO <sub>4</sub> /MoO <sub>2</sub>	1.0 M KOH +	<i>c</i> o	X37-50	1.79 V@1000	
(NiFe)OOH GO	seawater	60	Grade T	$mA cm^{-2}$	This work
Pt/C    Ni-doped FeOOH	1.0 M KOH + seawater	50	X37-50 Grade T	1.7 V@729 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	J. Mater. Chem. A, 2021, 9, 9586–9592
Pt/C    NiFeCo-LDH	1.0 M KOH + seawater	50	X37-50 Grade T	1.7 V@840 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	J. Energy Chem., 2022, 75, 127-134
RuMoNi    RuMoNi	1.0 M KOH + seawater	80	X37-50 Grade T	1.72 V@1000 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Nat. Commun., 2023, 14, 3607
NiFe LDHs@NiCoS NAs/NF    (Ni,Fe)O(OH)@NiCoS NAs/NF	1.0 M KOH + seawater	60	PPT membrane	1.95 V@600 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	J. Energy Chem., 2024, 91, 370-382
Pt/C    NiFe LDH	1.0 M KOH + 0.5 M NaCl	Room temperature	Tokuyama A201	1.6 V@250 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Adv. Energy Mater. 2018, 8, 1800338
CoP/C    NiFe LDH	1.0 M KOH + seawater	60	PTPIm <sup>+</sup> membrane	2.0 V@1000 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	ACS Energy Lett. 2023, 8, 2387–2394
$\begin{array}{l} Pt/CNT(N_2H_5)_4Mo_2S_6 \  \\ Pt/CNT(N_2H_5)_4Mo_2S_6 \end{array}$	1.0 M KOH + seawater	60	X37-50 Grade T	2.0 V@1000 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Appl.Catal.B:Environ.,2023,338,122996
$\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$	1.0 M KOH + seawater	50	Anion exchange membrane	$\begin{array}{ccc} 2.53 & V@200 \\ mA & cm^{-2} \\ (without & iR \\ compensation) \end{array}$	Appl.         Catal.         B:           Environ.,         2023,         338,           123015
Ru-Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> $\parallel$ Ru-Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1 M KOH+0.5 M NaCl+0.1 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	70	FAA-3-50	1.71 V@400 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Appl.         Catal.         B:           Environ.,         2024,         343,           123578
$CoFe\text{-}Ni_2P/Ni\text{-}felt \hspace{0.1in} \ $	6.0 M KOH +	Room	FAA-3-PK-	2.25 V@1000	Adv. Energy Mater.
CoFe-Ni <sub>2</sub> P/Ni-felt	seawater	temperature	130	mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	2023, 13, 2301475
Fe,P-NiSe <sub>2</sub> NFs    Fe,P- NiSe <sub>2</sub> NFs	0.5 M KOH + seawater	50	FAB-PK- 130	1.7 V@815 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Adv. Mater. 2021, 33, 2101425
Pt/C/NF    (NiFe)C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /NF	20 wt% KOH + seawater	60	Proton exchange membrane	2.4 V@500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2024, 63, e202316522
MoO <sub>x</sub> /Co(OH) <sub>2</sub> /NF	1.0 M KOH +	Room	FAA-3-50	2.25 V@500	Nano Energy, 2024,

operating temperatures of the electrolyzer are included.

NiFe-LDH/NF	seawater	temperature		mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	121, 109246
Fe–MoO <sub>2</sub> /NF    Fe– MoO <sub>2</sub> /NF	Alkaline seawater (pH = 13.8)	Room temperature	FAA-3-50	2.3 V@100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Mater. Horiz., 2024, 11, 1199–1211
Cu <sub>2</sub> S@Ni    NiFeP@Ag	1 M NaOH + seawater	60	Microporous membrane	1.88 V@400 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Adv. Mater. 2024, 36, 2306062
$\begin{array}{ c c c c } Pt_{SA}\text{-}Ni_{6.6}Fe_{0.4}P_3 & \parallel \\ Ni_5Fe_2P_3 & \end{array}$	4 M NaCl + 4 M NaOH	80	Nafion 211 membrane	1.66 V@400 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Nat. Commun., 2023, 14, 3934
PtNi mesh    Mo- Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> /NF	Seawater and self-dampening electrolyte	Room temperature	PTFE membrane	2.3 V@400 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Nature, 2022, 612, 673– 678
Pt/h-BN    Pt/h-BN	1 M KOH + seawater	Room temperature	X37-50	3.34 V@1000 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	EcoEnergy, 2023, 1, 405–413
Co <sub>2</sub> P/CoMoP <sub>2</sub>    Co <sub>2</sub> P/CoMoP <sub>2</sub>	1 M KOH + seawater	Room temperature	FAA-3-50	2.47 V@1000 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Inorg. Chem. Front., 2024, 10.1039/D4QI00098F
Ru LC Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub>    jFeNi LDH	1 M KOH + seawater	80	Anion exchange membrane	1.77 V@1000 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Angew. Chem. 2024, 136, e202317220

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