

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

### Electrodeposited Ni dendrites with high activity and durability for hydrogen evolution reaction in alkaline water electrolysis

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**Figure S1. Linear sweep voltammetry**

**Figure S2. FESEM images: stability test**

**Figure S3. FESEM image: grown dendrite**

**Figure S4. FESEM image and XRD: grown dendrite**

**Figure S5. Mechanism of polycrystalline growth**

**Figure S6. Schematic diagram: hydrogen adsorption**

## Supporting Information Figure Caption

Figure S1. LSV curve of Ni reduction on glassy carbon electrode in a 0.5 M NiCl<sub>2</sub> electrolyte with a scan rate of 20 mVs<sup>-1</sup> at 298K.

Figure S2. FESEM images of Ni dendrite. (a) before and (b) after stability test.

Figure S3. FESEM image of grown Ni dendrite at -0.8 V for 20 s.

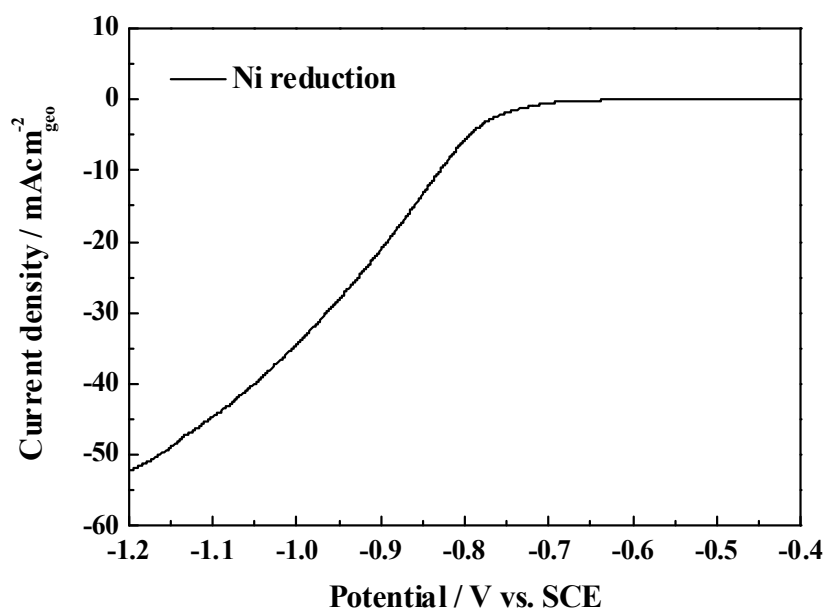
Figure S4. (a) FESEM image of grown Ni dendrite at -0.8 V for 180 s. (b) XRD patterns of glassy carbon and grown Ni dendrite at -0.8 V for 180 s.

Figure S5. The effect of particulate additives (left two columns) reducing the orientational-translational mobility ratio (right two columns) on the growth morphology.<sup>37</sup>

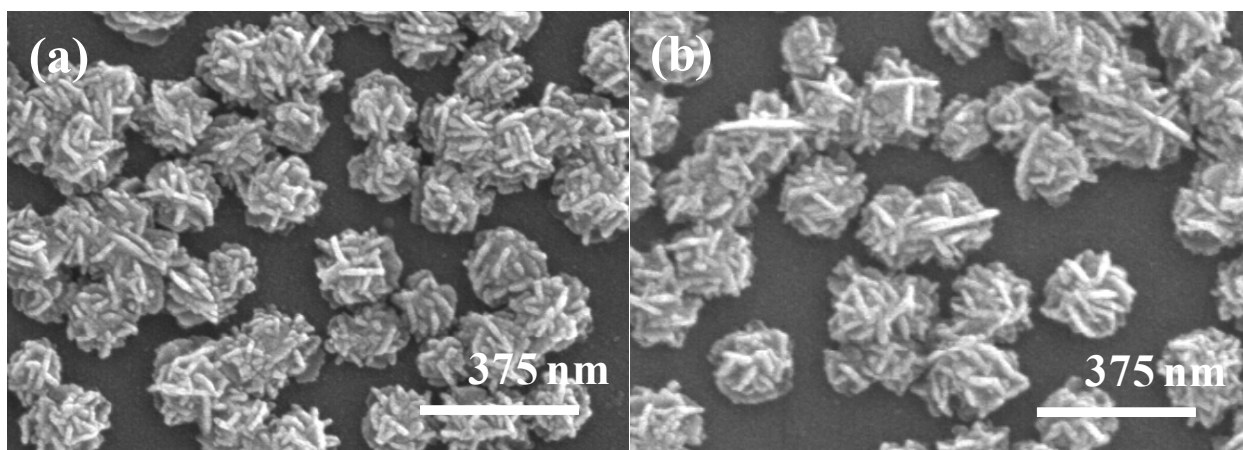
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Figure S6. Adsorption sites for H on Ni (111), (100) and (110) (Modified from ref. 41).

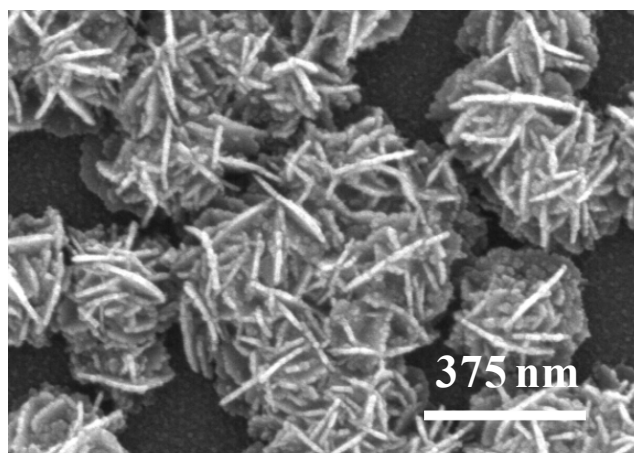
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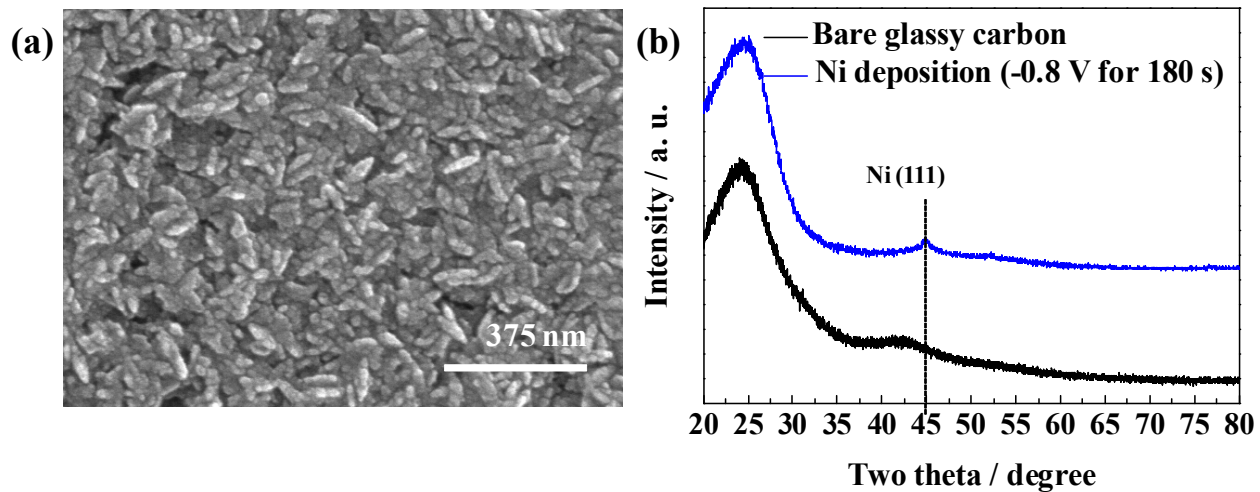
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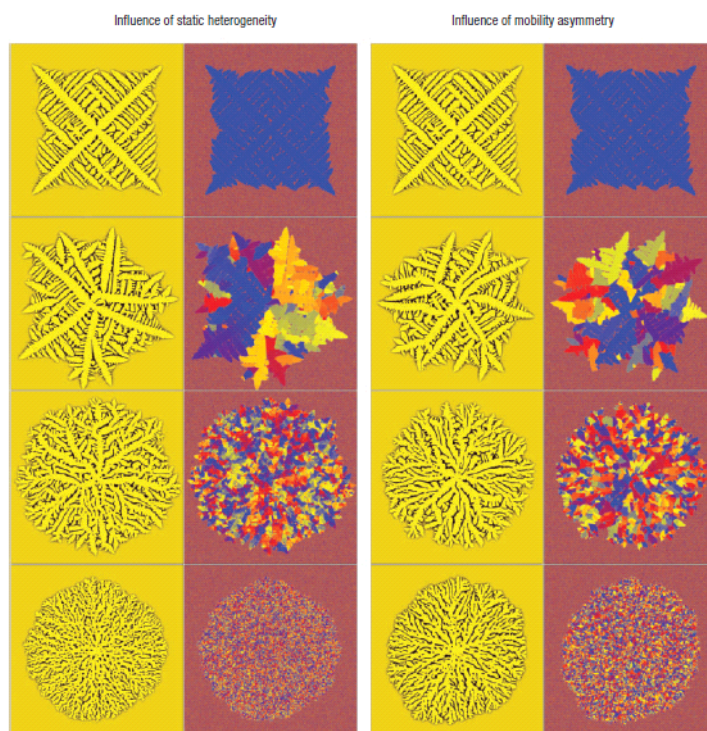
**Figure S3**



**Figure S4**



**Figure S5**



**Figure S6.**

