

Supporting Information

Coupling Interface Construction of Ni(OH)₂/MoS₂ Composite Electrode for Efficient Alkaline Oxygen Evolution Reaction.

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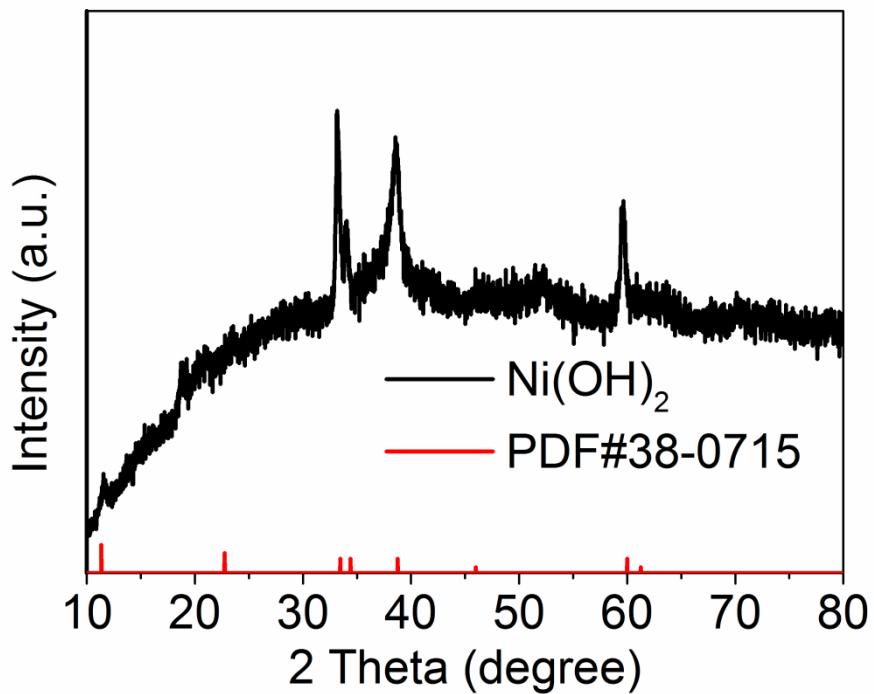


Figure S1. The XRD pattern of $\text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2$ powder.

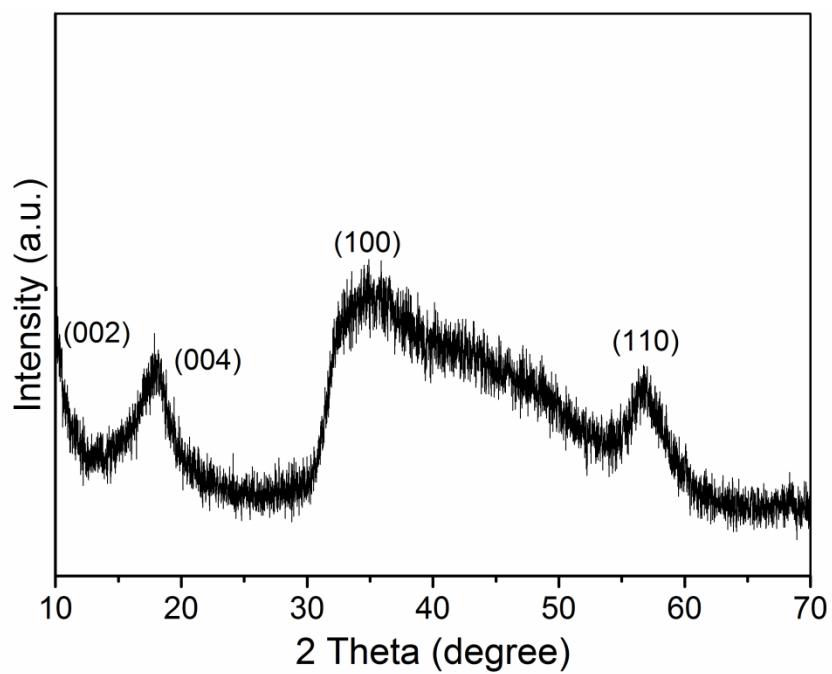


Figure S2. The XRD pattern MoS₂ powder. The peak at (002) is significantly shifted compared to the standard card, probably because of a small change in the interlayer spacing.

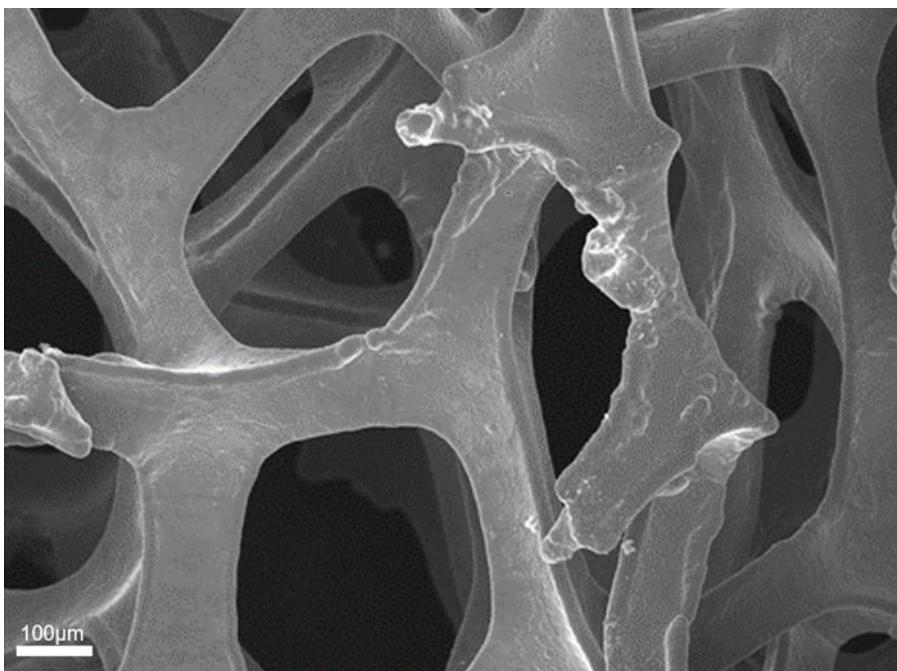


Figure S3. High resolution scanning electron microscopy with NF.

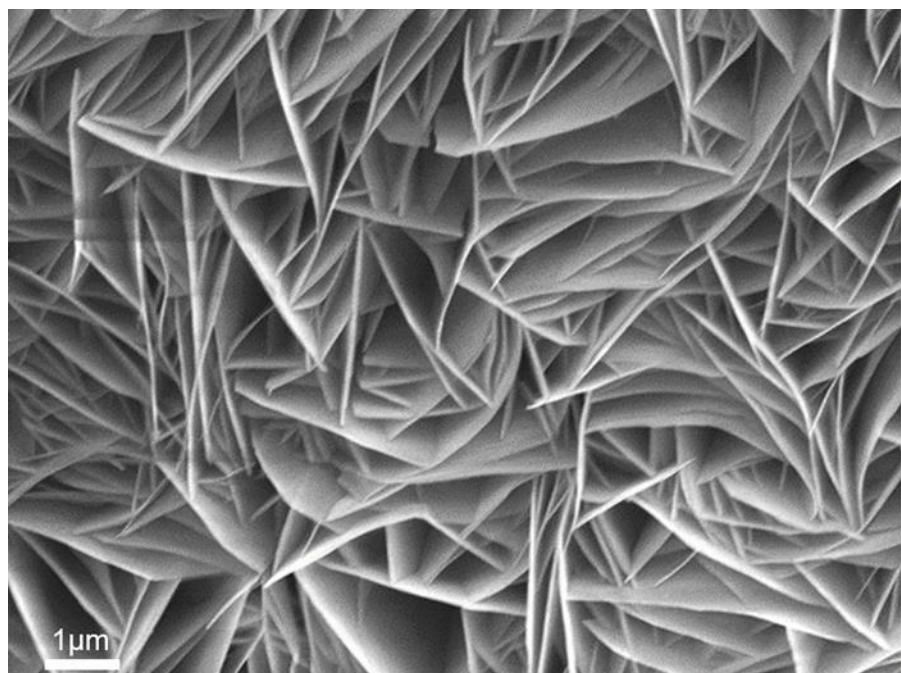


Figure S4. High resolution scanning electron microscopy of $\text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2/\text{NF}$.

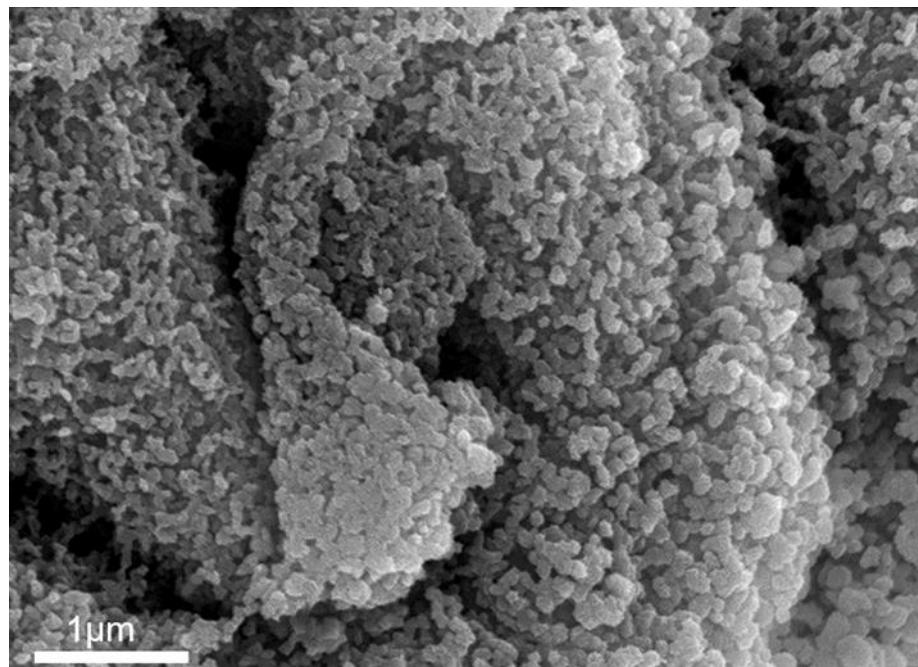


Figure S5. High resolution scanning electron microscopy of MoS₂/NF.

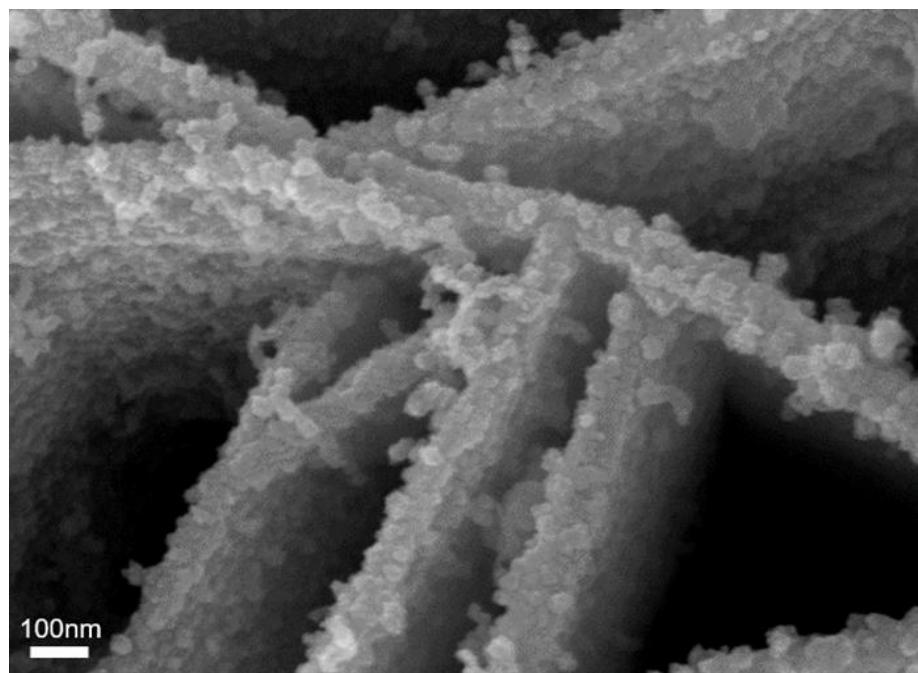


Figure S6. High resolution scanning electron microscopy of $\text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2/\text{MoS}_2/\text{NF}$.

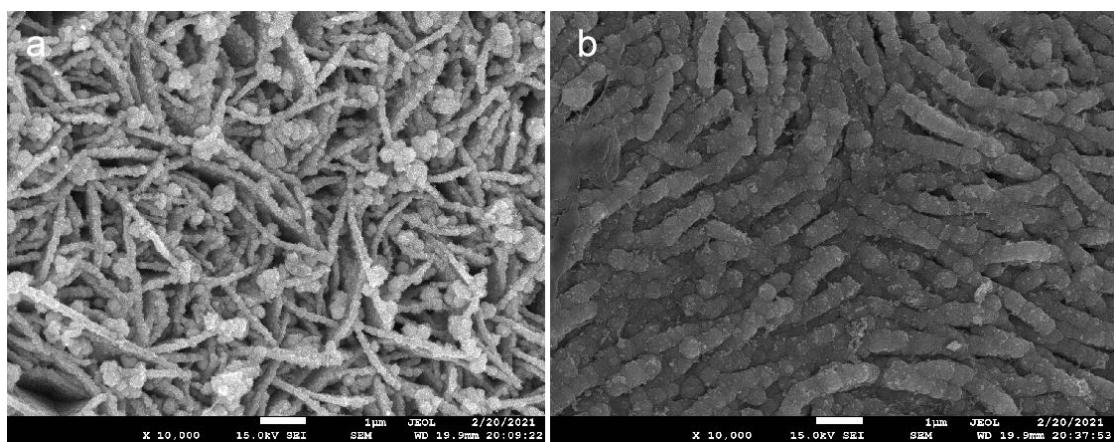


Figure S7. Scanning electron microscopy images of (a)Ni(OH)₂/MoS₂/NF-13 and (b) Ni(OH)₂/MoS₂/NF-30 electrodes.

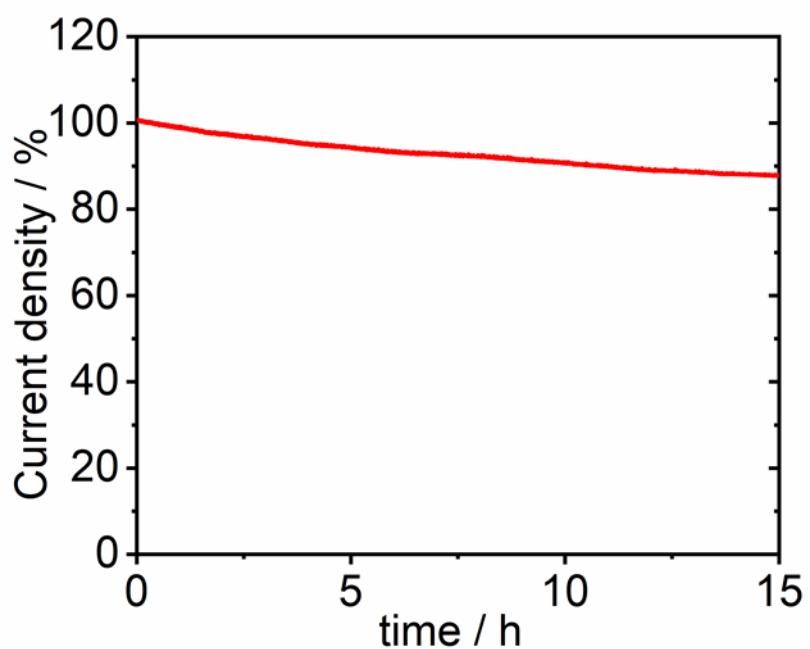


Figure S8. The chronoamperometry measurement of $\text{Ni(OH)}_2/\text{MoS}_2/\text{NF}$ electrode.

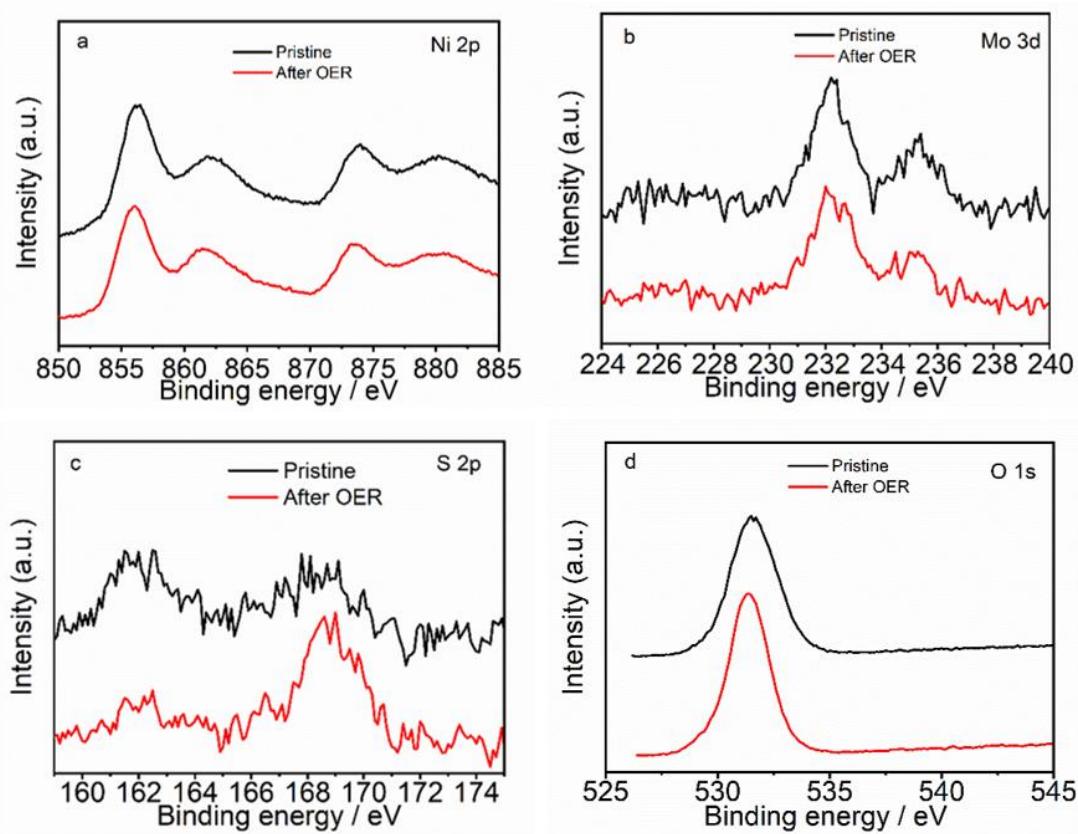


Figure S9. High-resolution XPS (a) Ni 2p, (b) Mo 3d, (c) S 2p and (d) O 1s of Ni(OH)₂/MoS₂/NF electrode before and after long- time stability test.

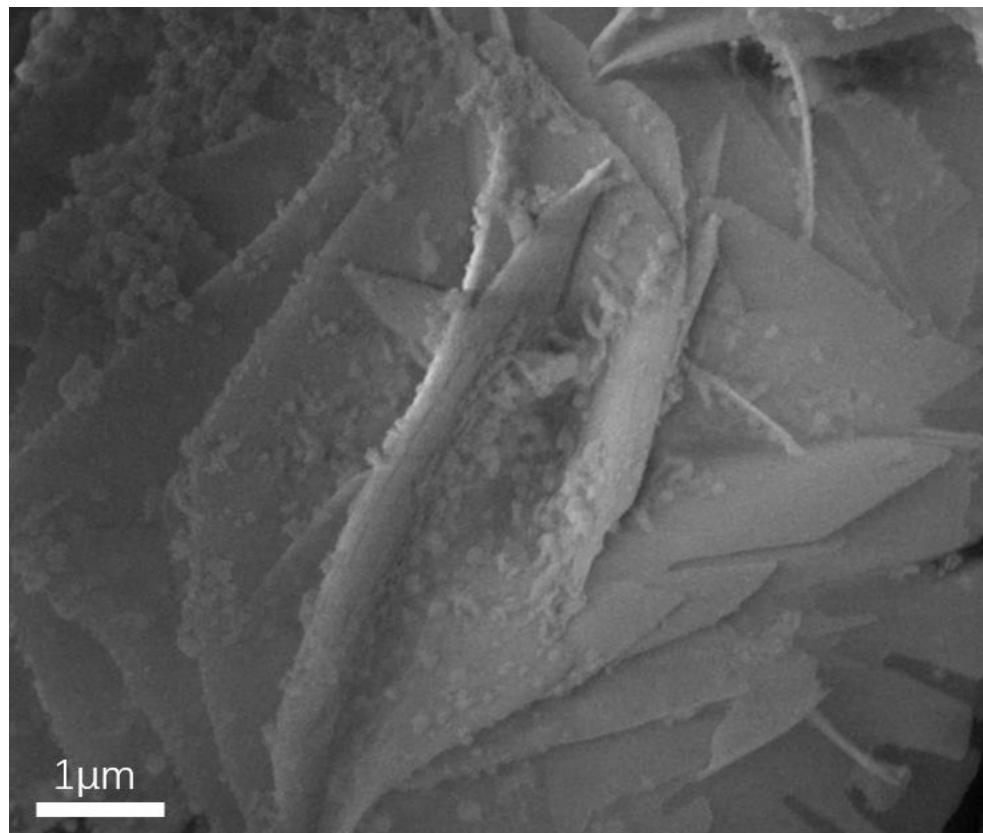


Figure S10. The SEM image of Ni(OH)₂/MoS₂/NF electrode after long- time stability test.

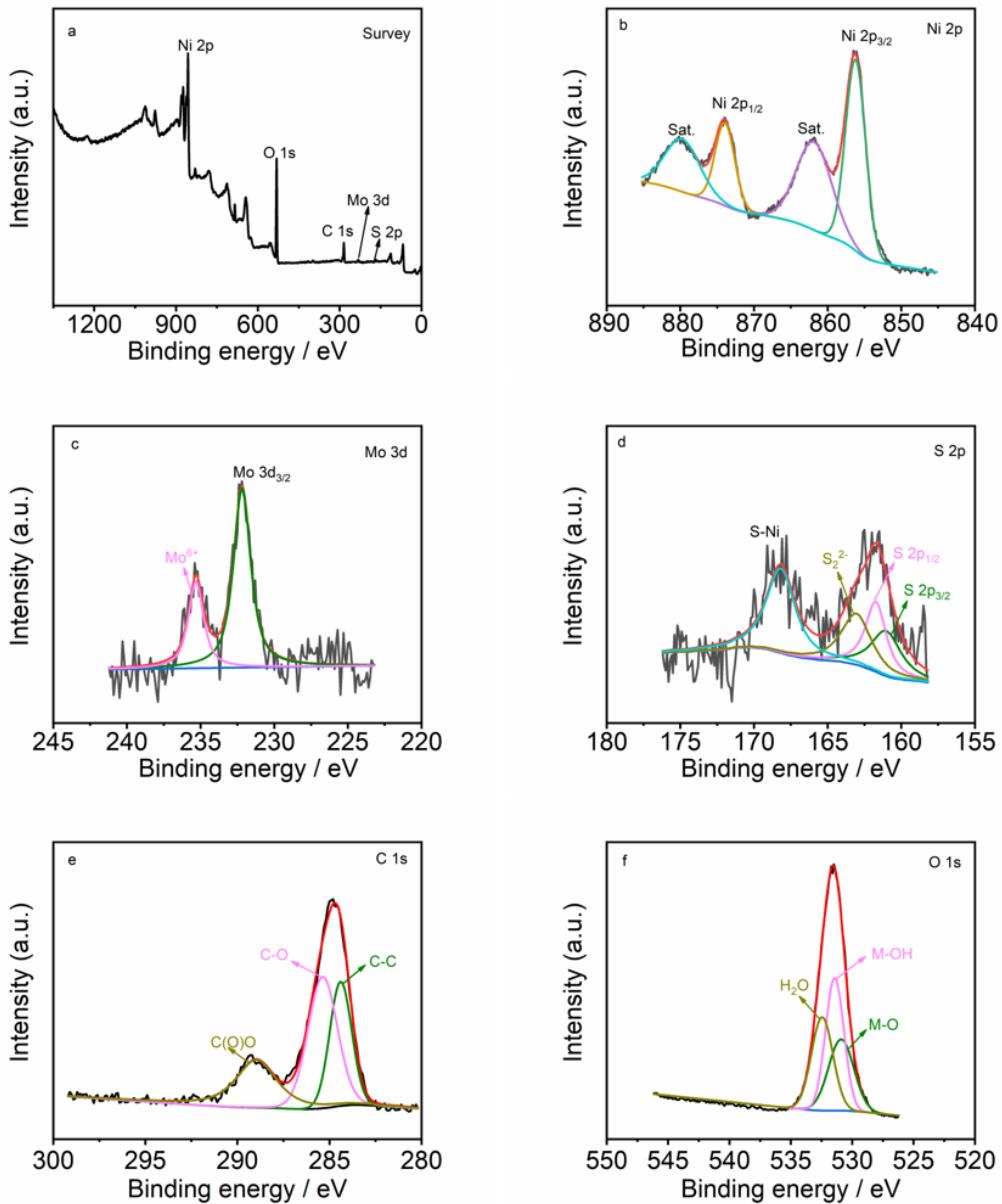


Figure S11. (a) XPS survey spectra, (b) Ni 2p, (c) Mo 3d, (d) S 2p, (e) C 1s and (f) O 1s of $\text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2/\text{MoS}_2/\text{NF}$ electrode.

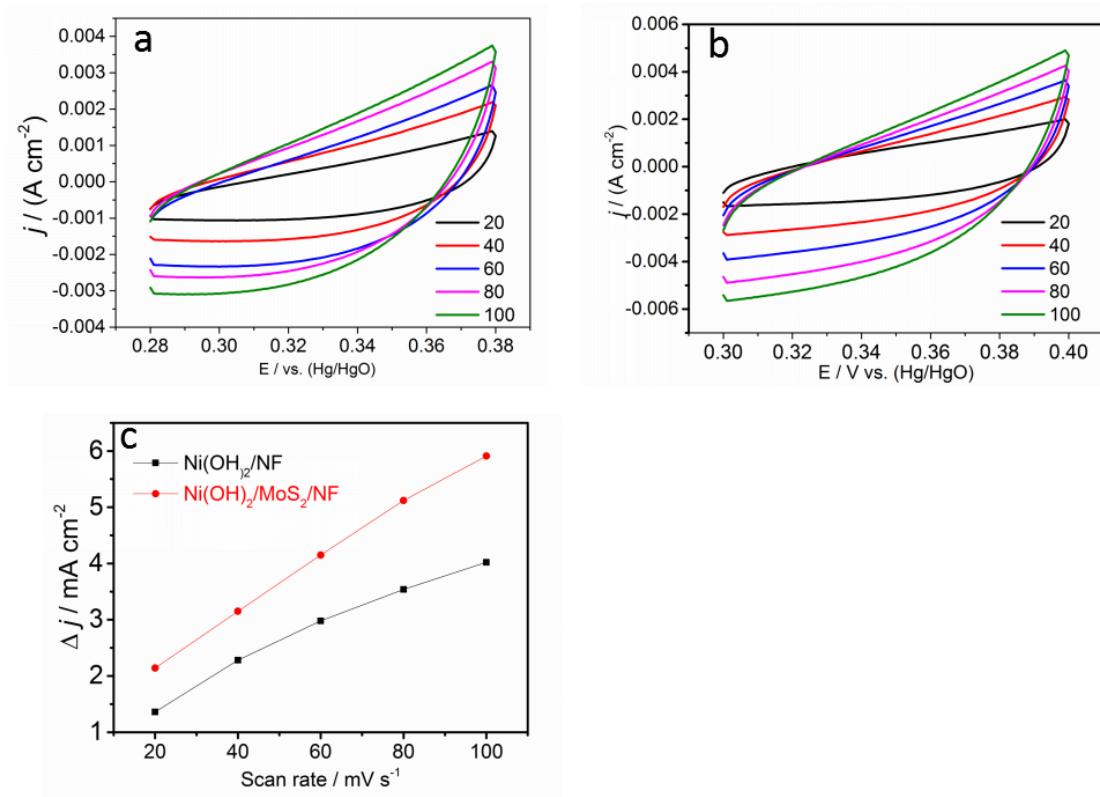


Figure S12. CV curves of the (a) $\text{Ni(OH)}_2/\text{NF}$ and (b) $\text{Ni(OH)}_2/\text{MoS}_2/\text{NF}$ electrodes measured at different scan rates from 20 to 100 mV s^{-1} in a potential window without faradaic processes. (c) Plots of the current density vs. the scan rates for $\text{Ni(OH)}_2/\text{NF}$ and $\text{Ni(OH)}_2/\text{MoS}_2/\text{NF}$ electrodes.

Table S1. Comparison of OER performance of Ni(OH)₂/MoS₂/NF catalyst with other reports

Catalyst	Tafel slope (mV dec ⁻¹)	j(mA cm ⁻²)	Overpotential (η/mV)	Reference
Ni(OH) ₂ /MoS ₂ /NF	62	50	296	This work
		100	314	
Ti@NiCo ₂ O ₄	61	10	353	International Journal of Hydrogen Energy, 2020, 46, 10259-10267 [1].
CoMoO ₄	56	10	312	Chem. Commun., 2015, 51, 14361-14364 [2].
CoCr LDH	81	10	340	Mater. Chem. A 2016, 4, 11292-11298 [3].
Co ₉ S ₈ @Co ₉ S ₈ @MoS _{2-0.5}	71.5	10	340	Inorg. Chem. Front., 2020, 7, 191-197 [4].
MoS ₂ @CoO	129.9	10	325	J. Phys. Chem. C 2019, 123, 10, 5833–5839 [5].
Pd ₂ /MoS ₂	--	10	320	New J. Chem., 2020, 44, 16135-16143 [6].
NiCo _{2.7} (OH)x	65	10	350	Adv. Energy Mater. 2015, 5, 1401880 [7].
Co ₃ O ₄ /NiCo ₂ O ₄	88	10	340	J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2015, 137, 5590-5595 [8].
Ni/NiO	58	10	470	New J. Chem., 2020, 44, 17507-175171 [9]
β -Co(OH) ₂	57	10	390	ACS Appl. Energy Mater. 2020, 3, 2, 1461-1467 [10].
Fe _{0.22} Ni _{0.78} (OH) ₂	35	10	315	ACS Appl. Energy Mater. 2019, 2, 3, 1961-1968 [11].
MoS ₂ QDs-AC	39	10	370	ACS Catal. 2018, 8, 3, 1683–1689 [12].

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