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Electroless Deposition of RuO₂-based Nanoparticles for Energy Conversion Applications

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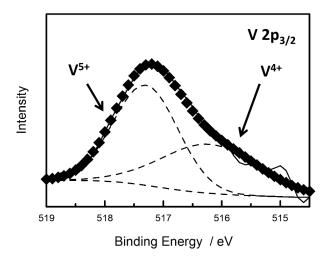


Figure S1. XPS spectra of VO_x electrodeposited at 0.4 V.

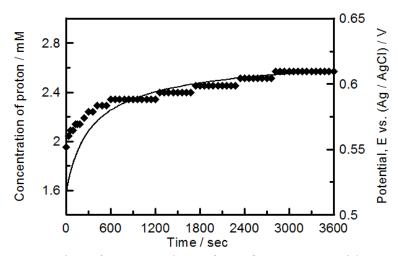


Figure S2 Concentration of proton at the surface of VO_x·*m*H₂O without potential bias and open-circuit potential record with time.

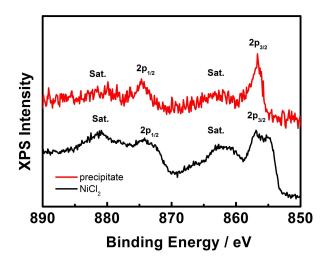


Figure S3. Ni XPS spectra of precursor NiCl₂ and the precipitate from the solution containing VOSO₄ and NiCl₂. In comparison with the precursor NiCl₂, the precipitate displayed different Ni 2p spectrum. This result demonstrates the oxidation of NiCl₂ to form the nickel oxyhydroxide, generalized the application of this unique deposition method.

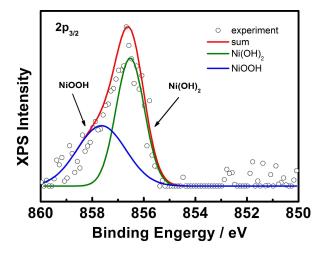


Figure S4. Ni 2p_{3/2} XPS spectrum of the precipitate from the solution containing VOSO₄ and NiCl₂. This result demonstrates the oxidation of NiCl₂ to form the nickel oxyhydroxide, generalized the application of this unique deposition method.

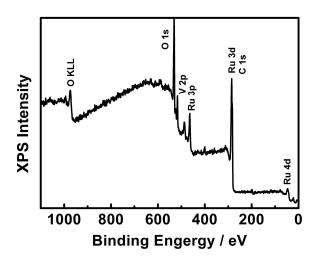


Figure S5 XPS survey spectrum of RuO₂-based nanoparticle suspensions

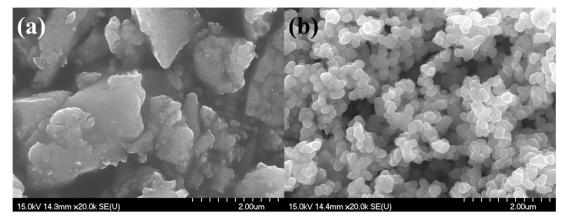


Figure S6 SEM images of (a) $RuO_2 \cdot nH_2O$ prepared by adjusting pH value of the 5 mM $RuCl_3 \cdot xH_2O + 5$ mM CH_3COONa solution to 12 and (b) $Ru_wV_yO_x \cdot pH_2O$.