## **Supplementary Material**

## A new strategy: Fermi level control to realize 3D pyramidal NiCo-LDH/ReS<sub>2</sub>/n-PSi as a highperformance photoanode for oxygen evolution reaction

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Figure S1. Top-view- and cross-sectional SEM images of the (a, b,c) planar structure of ReS<sub>2</sub>/n-Si. (d)AFM height- and three-dimensional images of the planar ReS<sub>2</sub>/n-Si structure.



Figure S2. (a,b,c) Si, Re, and S elemental mappings from cross-sectional SEM image. (d,e) Re, and S elemental mappings from TEM image.



Figure S3. Mott-Schottky curve of bare planar n-Si and ReS<sub>2</sub>/n-Si structures. The ReS<sub>2</sub>/n-Si structure is more tend to like a p-n juncture because of the p-ReS<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S4. Photoconversion efficiency as a function of applied potential.

Samples	Substrates	Morphology	Electrolyte	Photocurrent density (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> ) at 0 V VS. RHE	ABPE(%)	Ref.
NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> / a-C/Si	Planar Si	Film	1 M NaOH	0.59	Not mentioned	1
α-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> / TiO <sub>2</sub> /Si	Si NWs	Hierarchical structure	0.35  M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> + 0.24 M Na <sub>2</sub> S	3.5	Not mentioned	2
Bi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /Si	Si NWs	Core-shell structure	1 M NaOH	1.5	0.23	3
TiO <sub>2</sub> /Si	Si NWs	Branched structure	0.25 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	0.35	Not mentioned	4
AuNPs@ ZnO/Si	Si NWs	Core-shell structure	0.5 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	0.12	Not mentioned	5
NiO <sub>x</sub> /n-Si	Planar Si	Film	1 M NaOH	1.0	Not mentioned	6
Ni(Fe)O <sub>x</sub> / Ta <sub>3</sub> N <sub>5</sub> /Si	Si NWs	Core-shell structure	1 M NaOH	2.4	Not mentioned	7
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /TiO <sub>2</sub> / Si	Planar Si	MOFs-derived Nanorod	1 M NaOH	2.71	0.54	8
NiCo-LDH /ReS <sub>2</sub> /n-PSi	Pyramidal Si	3D Nanosheets	0.5 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	1.74	0.25	This work

Table S1. A series of parameters of Si-based photoanodes in the published references and this work.

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