

Supporting Information

Heterointerface Engineering Constructs Microenvironment Enhancing Catalytic Kinetics of Fe/Ni oxyhydroxide@FeNi alloy for Overall Water Splitting

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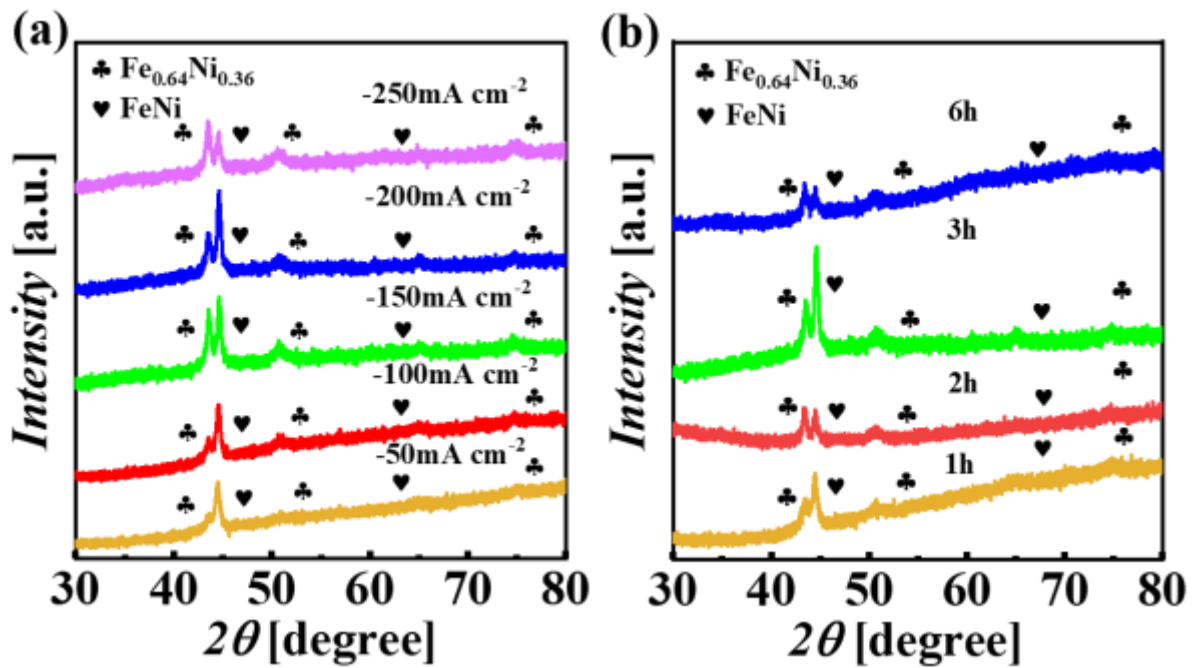


Figure S1. XRD patterns of FeNi-(1:1) $O_x(OH)_y$ at different deposition currents and deposition time.

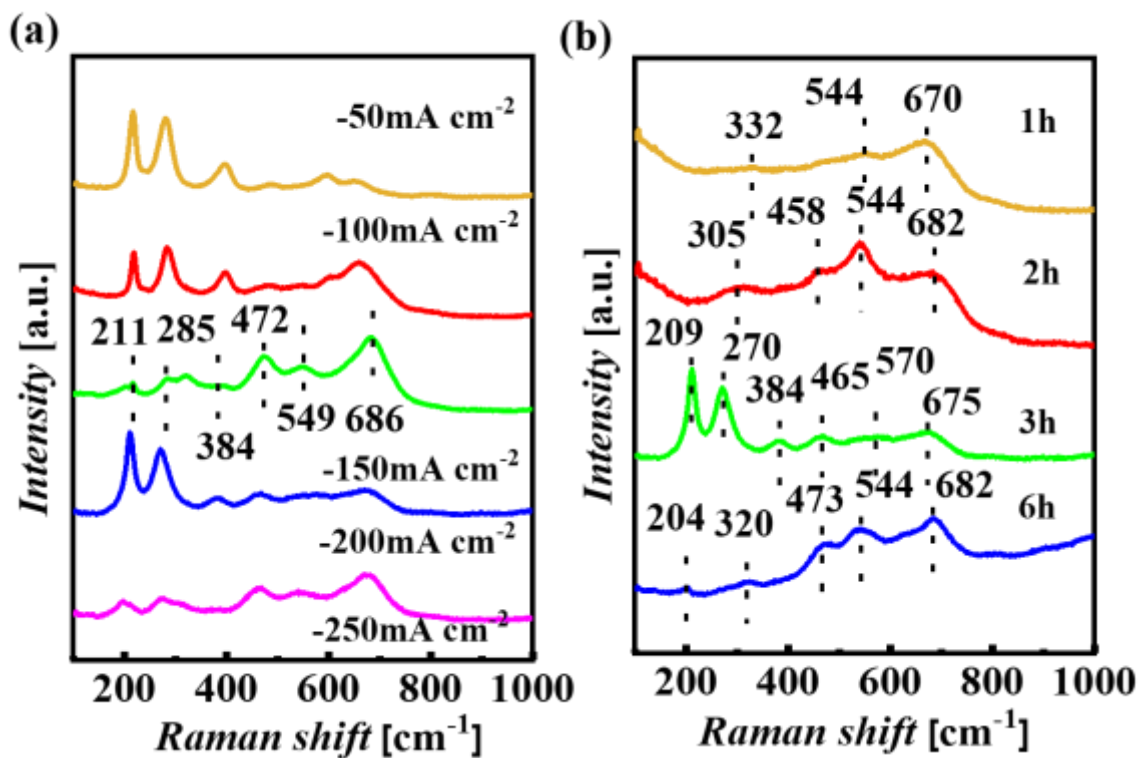


Figure S2. Raman spectra of FeNi-(1:1) $O_x(OH)_y$ at different deposition currents and deposition time.

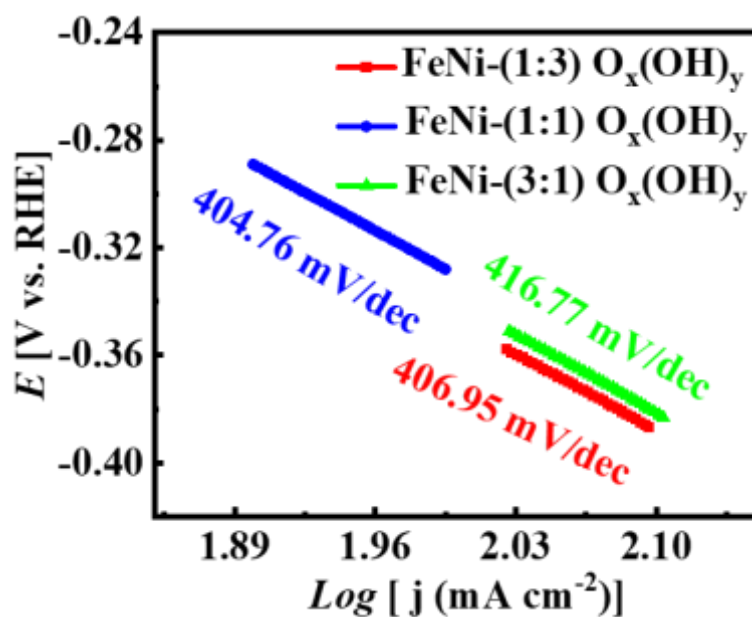


Figure S3. The Tafel slope was calculated at the current density of 100 mA cm^{-2} for HER.

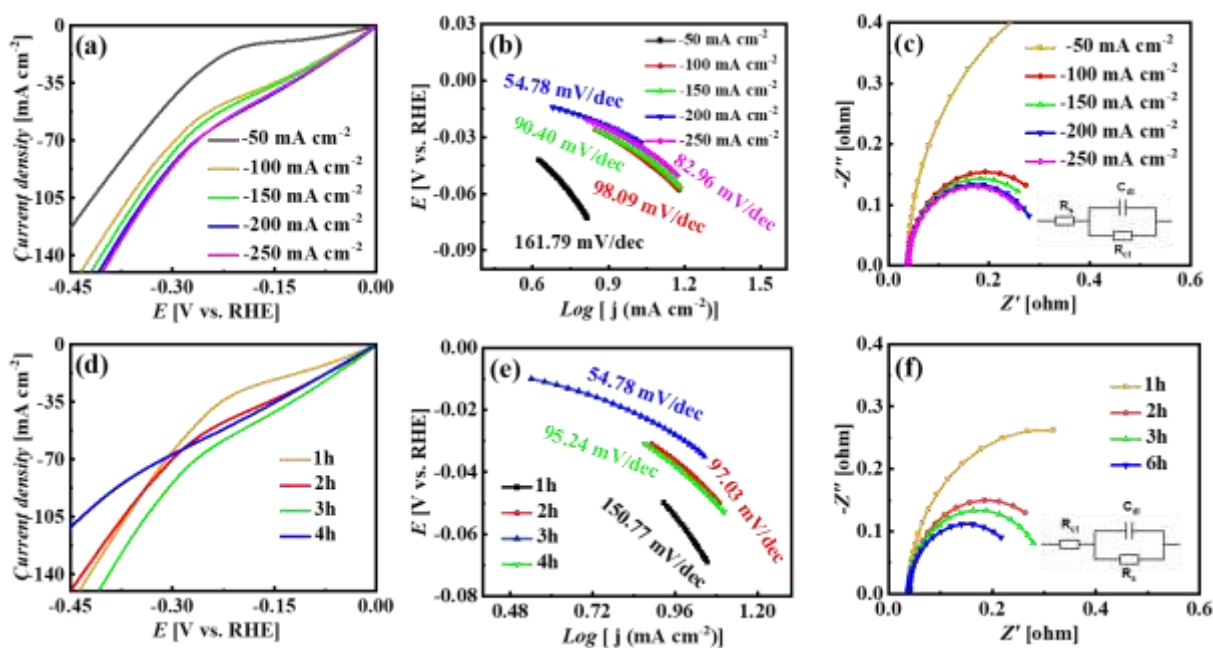


Figure S4. LSV, Tafel plots, and Nyquist plots of $\text{FeNi-(1:1) O}_x(\text{OH})_y$ at different deposition currents and deposition time.

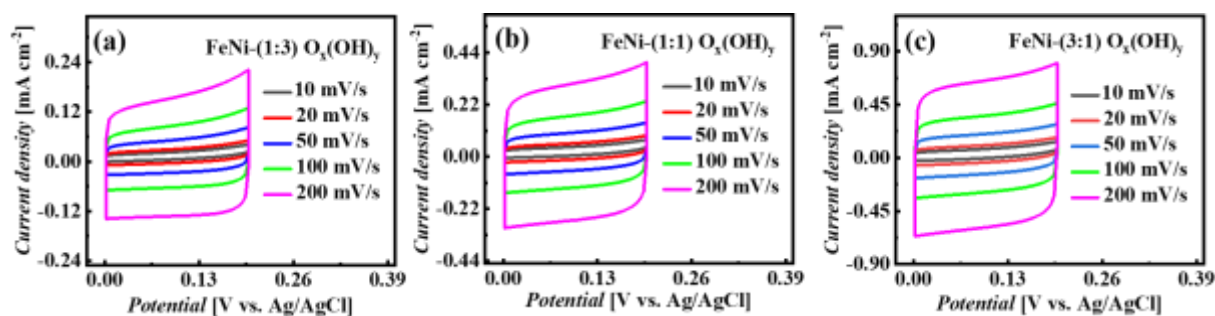


Figure S5. Charging currents measured in the non-Faradaic potential range of 0 to 0.2 V vs. Ag/AgCl at scan rates of 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 mV/s, FeNi-(1:3) $O_x(OH)_y$ (a), FeNi-(1:1) $O_x(OH)_y$ (b), FeNi-(3:1) $O_x(OH)_y$ (c).

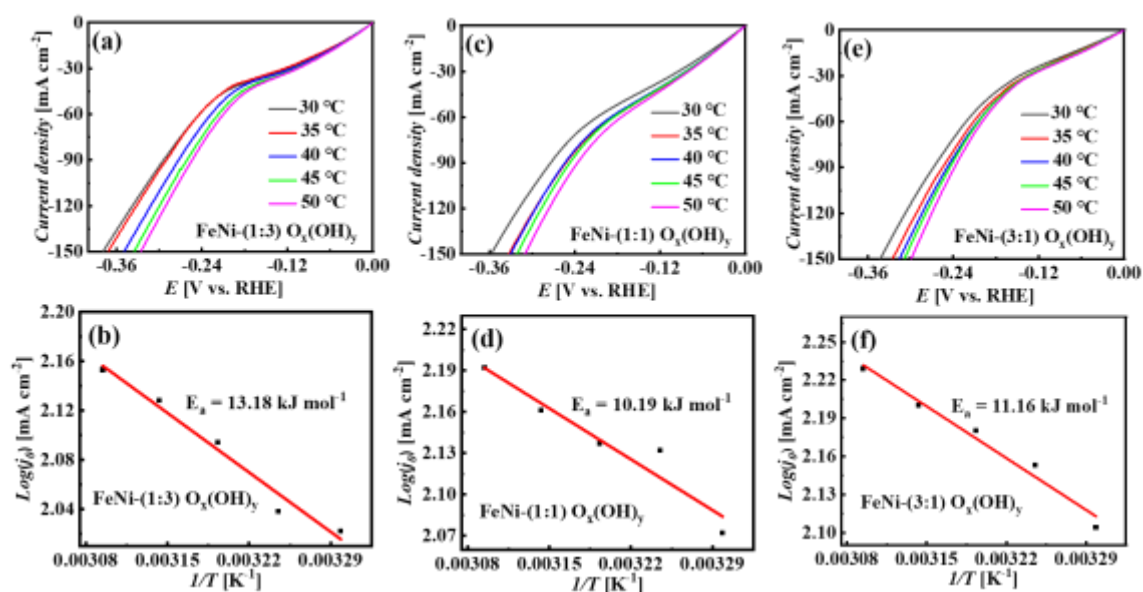


Figure S6. The figure of the polarization curves at different electrolyte temperatures correspond to Arrhenius plots of FeNi-(1:3) $O_x(OH)_y$, FeNi-(1:1) $O_x(OH)_y$, and FeNi-(3:1) $O_x(OH)_y$ for HER.

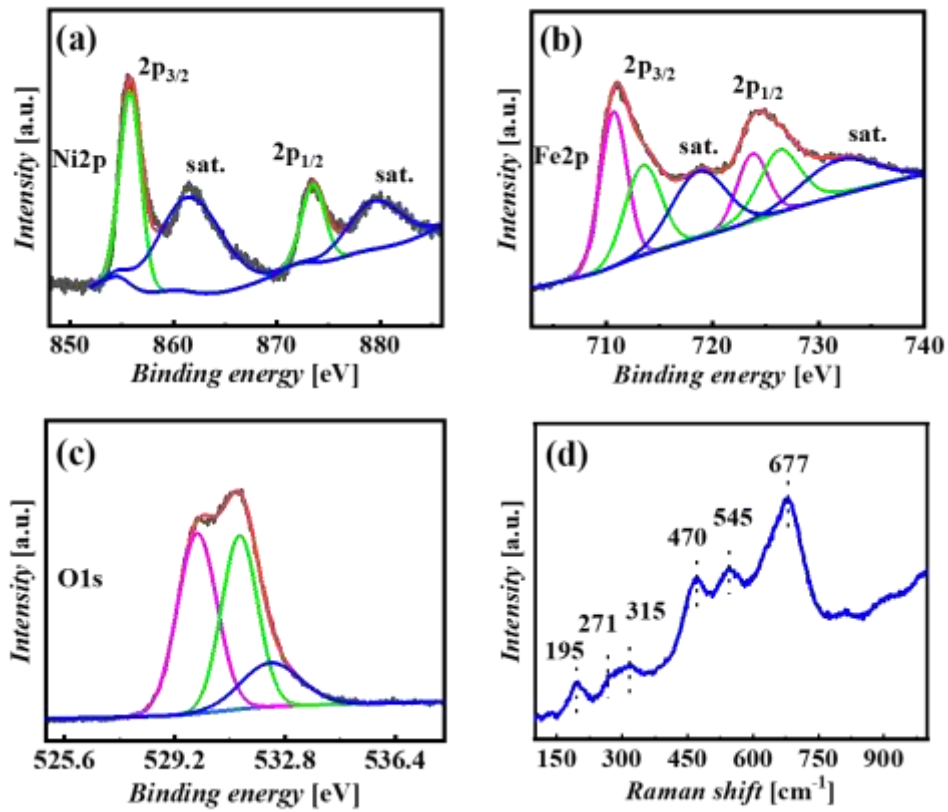


Figure S7. The XPS survey and Raman spectra of FeNi-(1:1) $O_x(OH)_y$ as cathode for HER after stability test.

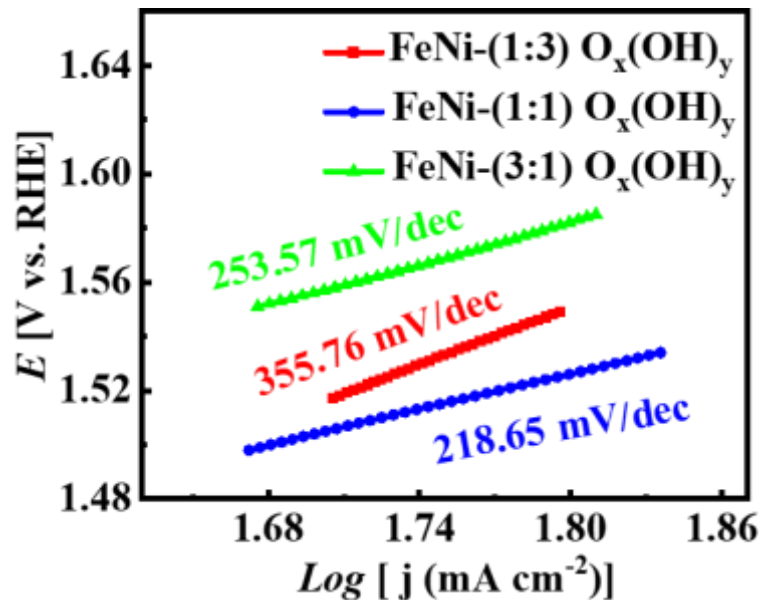


Figure S8. The Tafel slope was calculated at the current density of 100 mA cm^{-2} for OER.

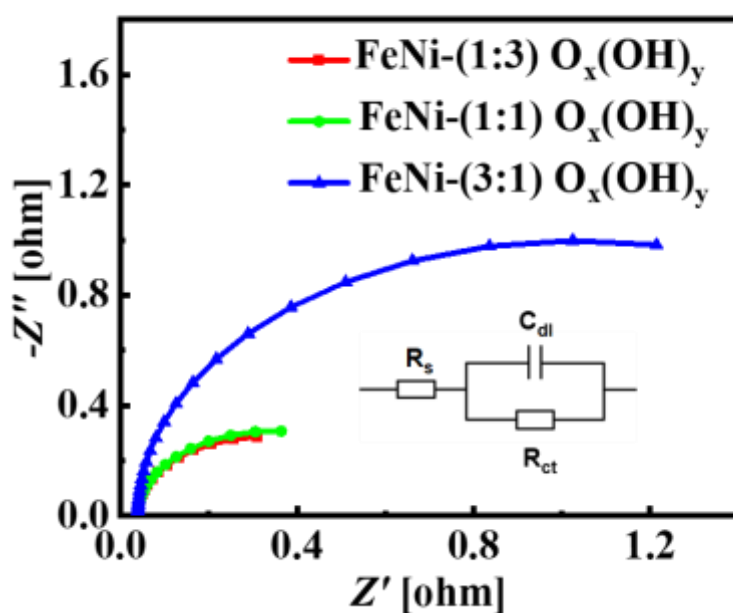


Figure S9. Nyquist plots for corresponding electrodes for OER.

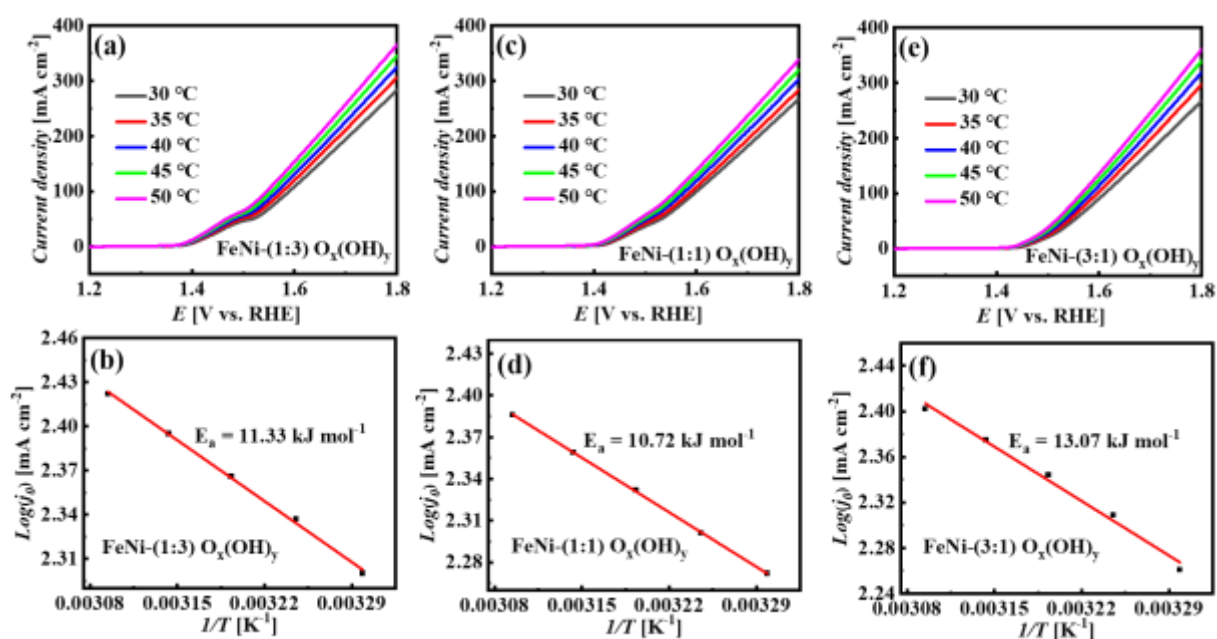


Figure S10. The figure of the polarization curves at different electrolyte temperatures correspond to Arrhenius plots of FeNi-(1:3) $O_x(OH)_y$, FeNi-(1:1) $O_x(OH)_y$, and FeNi-(3:1) $O_x(OH)_y$ for OER.

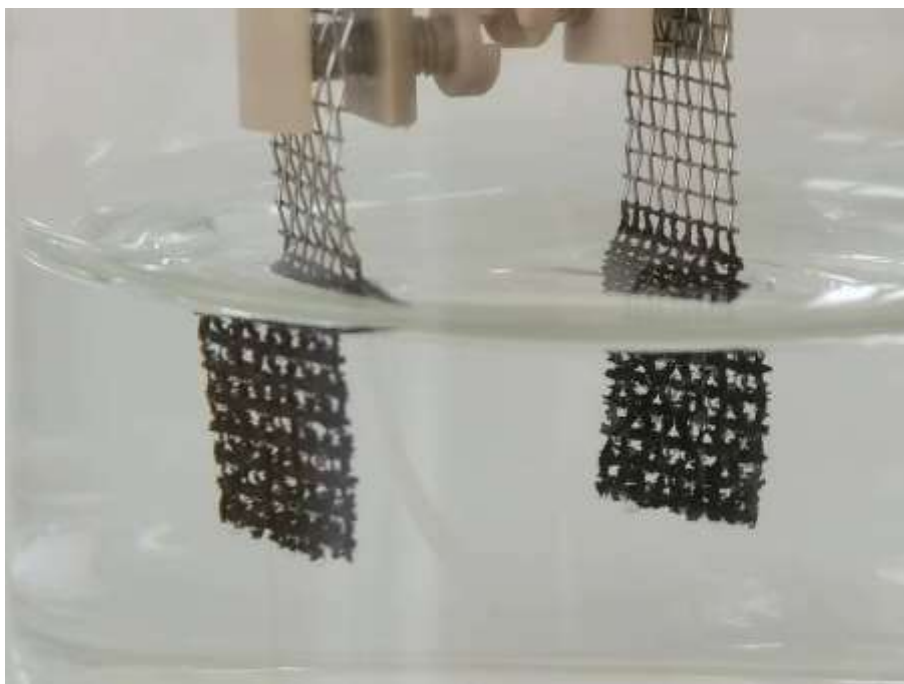


Figure S11. Overall water splitting for the device with FeNi-(1:1) $\text{O}_x(\text{OH})_y \parallel \text{FeNi-(1:1)} \text{O}_x(\text{OH})_y$ and 1.5 V battery. The video can be viewed in support materials.

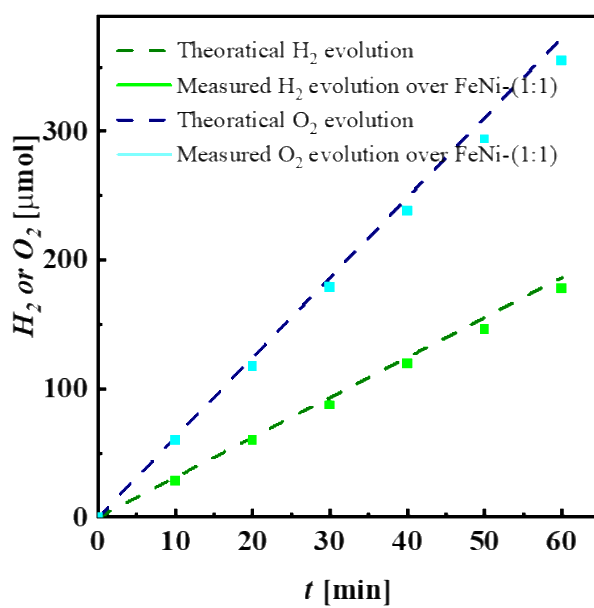


Figure S12. Experimental and theoretical amounts of H_2 and O_2 by the FeNi-(1:1) $\text{O}_x(\text{OH})_y$ electrode at a fixed current density of 10 mA cm^{-2} .

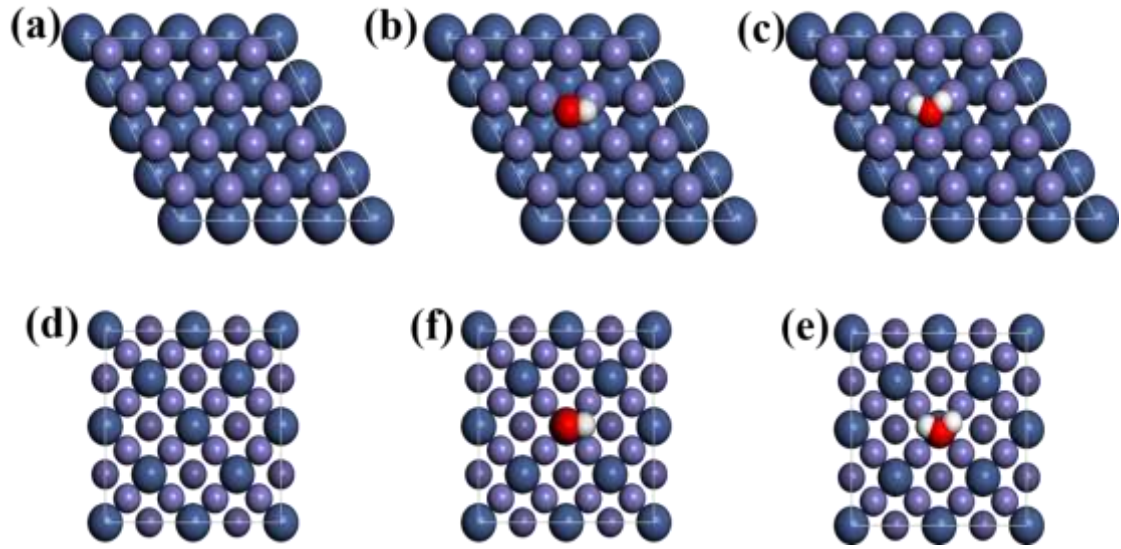


Figure S13. Models of kamacite and Fe_{0.64}Ni_{0.36} were used to simulate the interface in FeNi-(1:3) O_x(OH)_y, FeNi-(1:1) O_x(OH)_y, FeNi-(3:1) O_x(OH)_y.

Table S1

Comparison of the obtained cell voltage in this study with those of the recently reported bifunctional electrocatalysts for overall water-splitting in alkaline solution.

Materials	Electrolyte	Cell voltage (V)	J (mA cm ⁻²)	Ref.
FeNi-(1:1) O_x(OH)_y	1.0 M KOH	1.897	100	This work
W-NiFe	1.0 M KOH	1.59	10	1
NiFe@Co(OH) ₂ NSAs/NF	1.0 M KOH	1.58	10	2
Ce-NiFe-LDH	1.0 M KOH	1.59	10	3
NiFe(OH) _x	1.0 M KOH	1.80	100	4
NiFe-LDH@Ni(OH) ₂	1.0 M KOH	1.80	100	5
Fe-CoNi-LDH	1.0 M KOH	1.81	100	6
Fe(OH) ₃ /β-Ni(OH) ₂	1.0 M KOH	1.83	400	7
NiFeMo alloy	1.0 M KOH	1.75	500	8
NiFe oxyhydroxide@NiFe alloy	1.0 M KOH	1.76	1000	9

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