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Unravelling the Role of –OCH₃ Positional Isomerism and Dihedral Angle in Ni(II)-dppe Dithiolates for Enhanced **Heterogeneous Electrocatalytic Oxygen Evolution Reaction (OER)**

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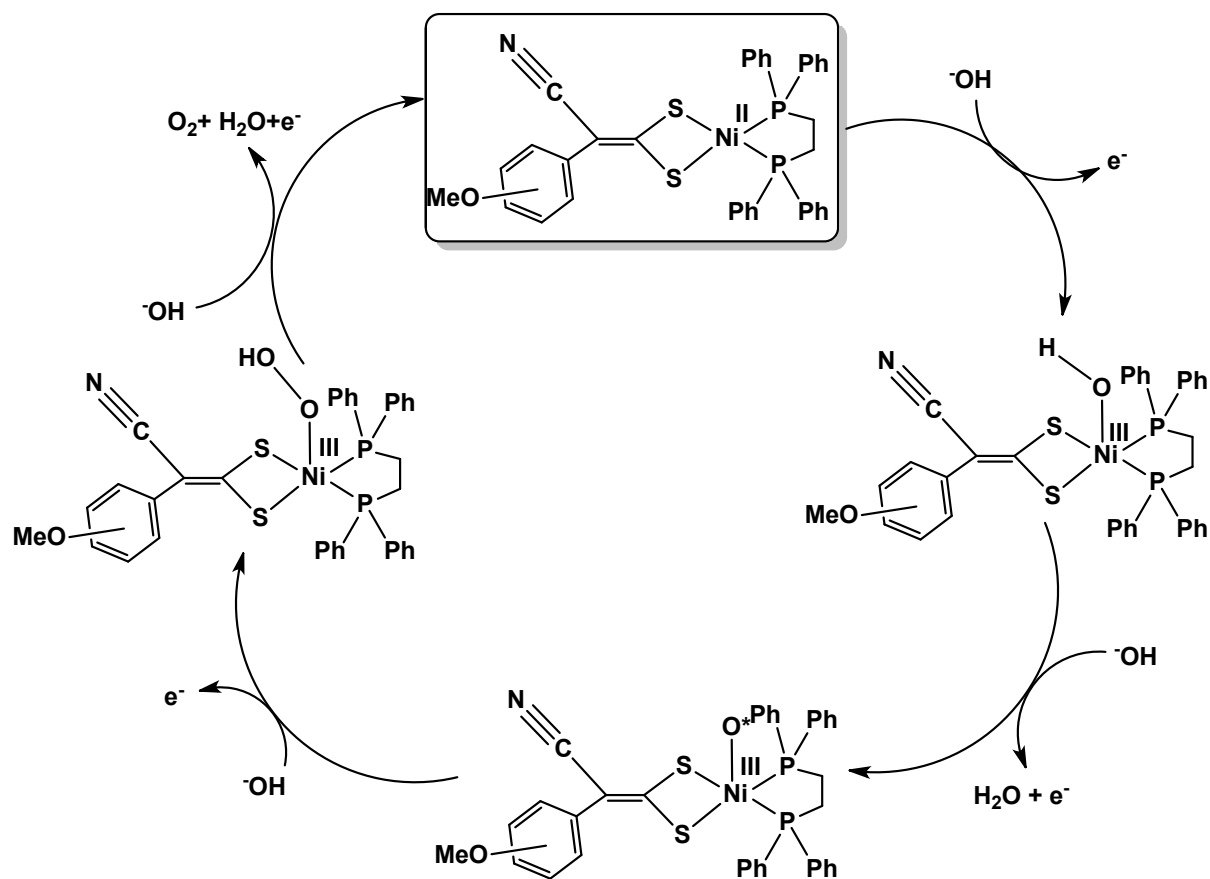
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Scheme S1. The plausible mechanistic pathway for dppe appended Ni(II)-dithiolate electrocatalysed OER.

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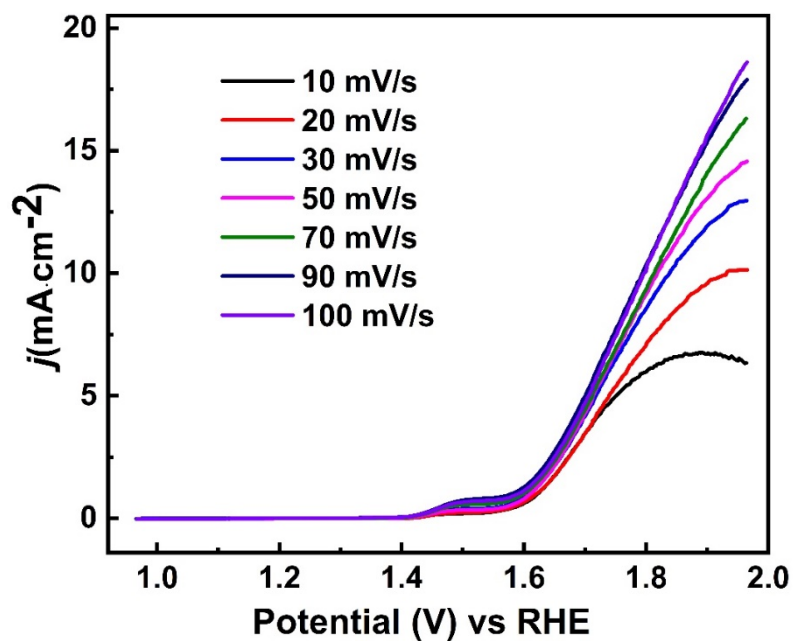


Fig. S1 Linear sweep voltammograms for Ni-L1 at different scan rates

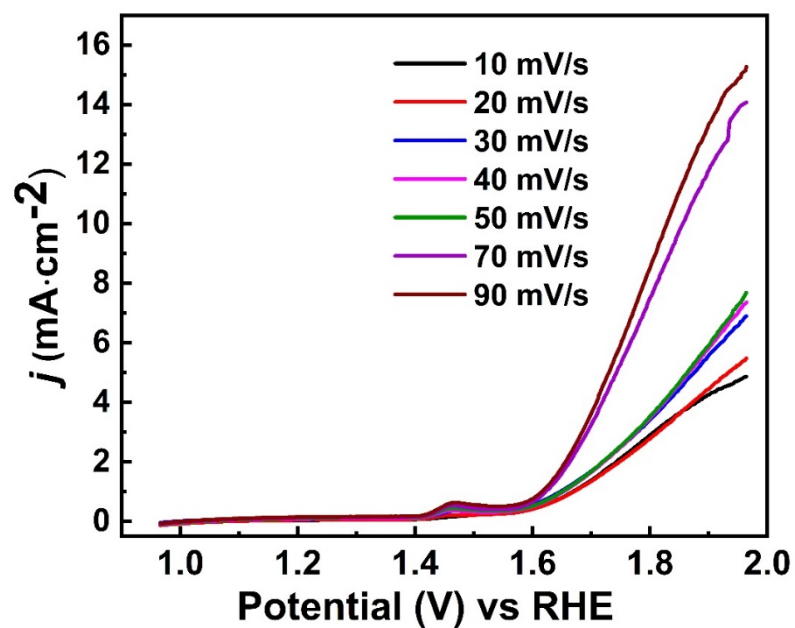


Fig. S2 Linear sweep voltammograms for Ni-L2 at different scan rates

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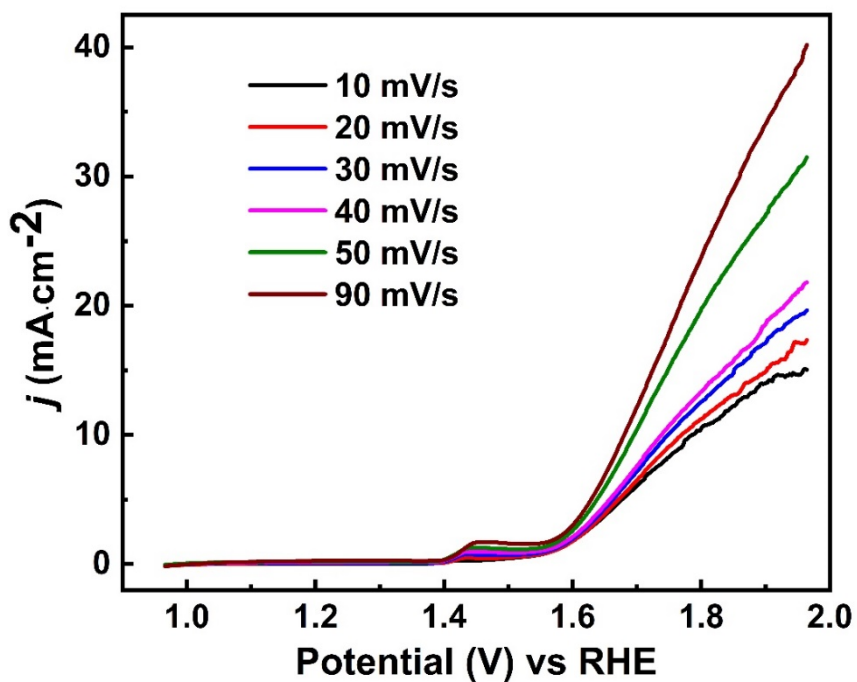


Fig. S3 Linear sweep voltammograms for Ni-L3 at different scan rates

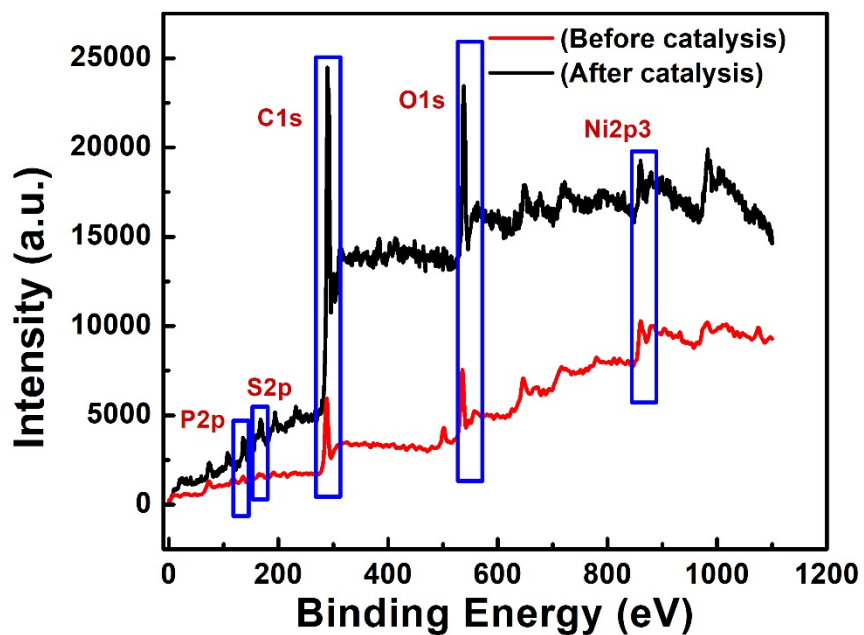


Fig. S4 XPS spectra for Ni-L3 before and after OER electrocatalysis.

Table S1 The OER electrocatalytic performances of some previously reported analogous complexes.

Electrocatalyst	Supporting	Onset Potential	Potential (V) at 10	Ref.
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	Electrolyte	(V)	$\text{mV}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$	
Ni-L1	0.1M KOH	1.58	-	This work
Ni-L2	0.1M KOH	1.59	1.60	This work
Ni-L3	0.1 M KOH	1.56	1.49	This work
Ni-mtsqs	0.1 M KOH	1.54	-	1
Nidtsqs	0.1 M KOH	1.50	1.38	2
1	0.1 M KOH	1.69	-	3
Ni-1	0.1 M KOH	1.49	1.05	4
Ni-2	0.1 M KOH	1.55	1.43	4
Ni-3	0.1 M KOH	1.52	1.12	4
Ni-4	0.1 M KOH	1.57	1.13	4
GC _{rde} /Nf-1	1 M KOH	1.72	1.82	5
GC _{rde} /Nf-2	1 M KOH	1.52	1.58	5
GC _{rde} /Nf-3	1 M KOH	1.57	1.67	5
GC _{rde} /Nf-4	1 M KOH	1.56	1.65	5
GCE/Nf/Complex-1	0.1M KOH	-	-	6
GCE/Nf/Complex-2	0.1M KOH	-	1.73	6
GCE/Nf/Complex-3	0.1M KOH	-	1.68	6

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