

## Supporting Information

### **Construction of Sc-NiFe-LDH electrocatalyst for highly efficient electrooxidation of 5-hydroxymethylfurfural at industrial current density**

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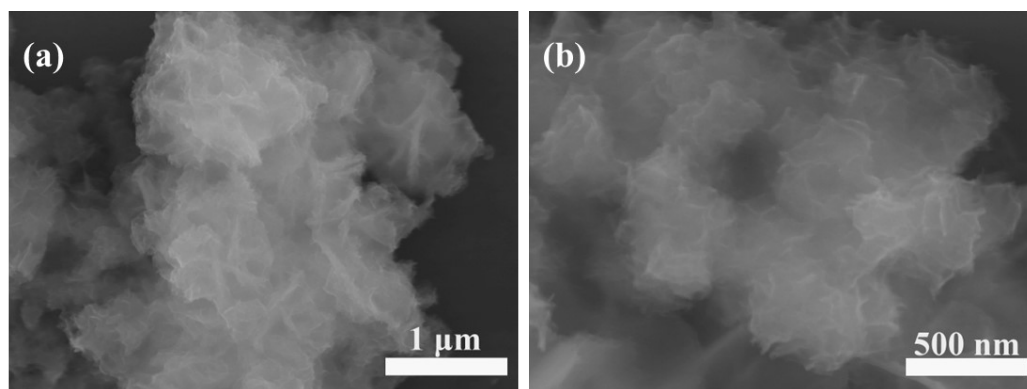
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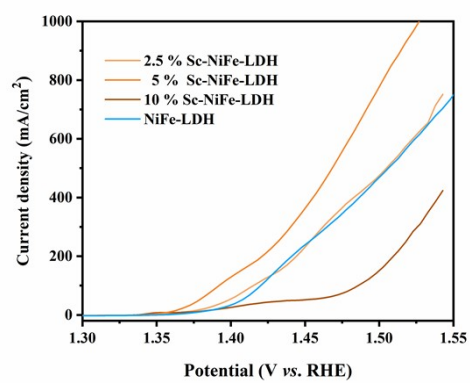
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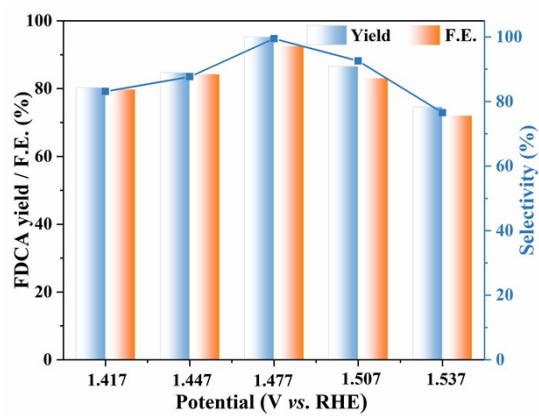
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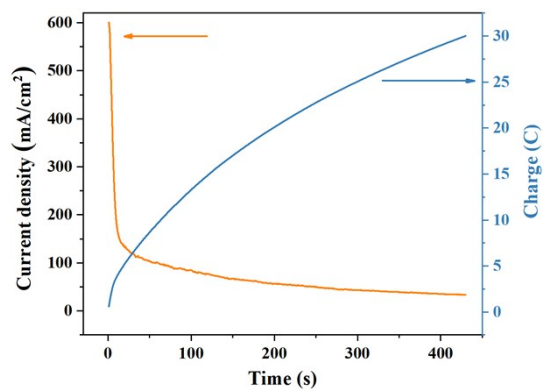
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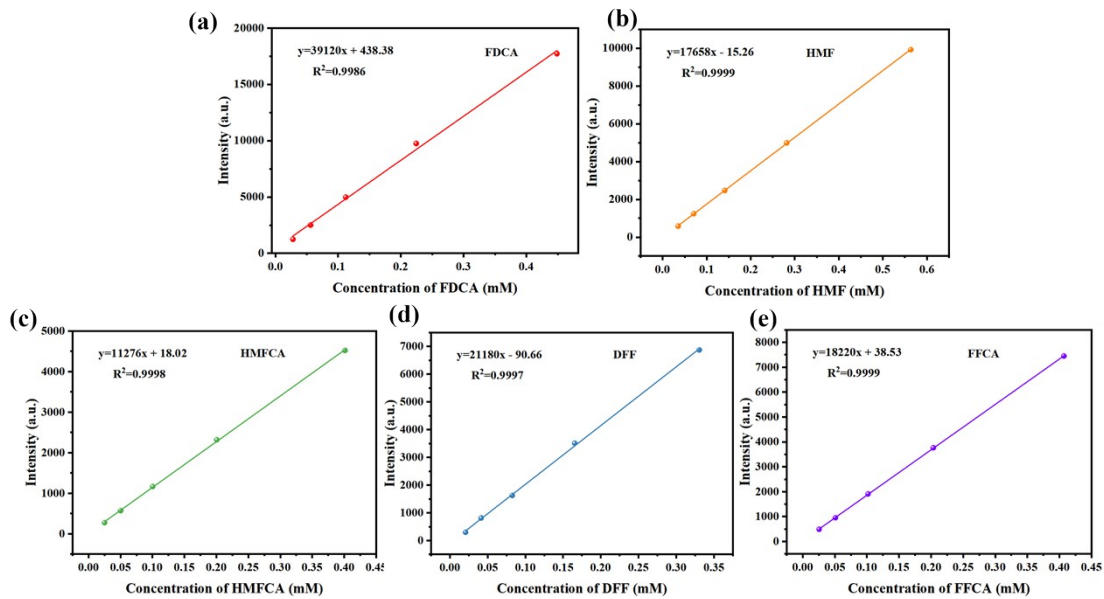
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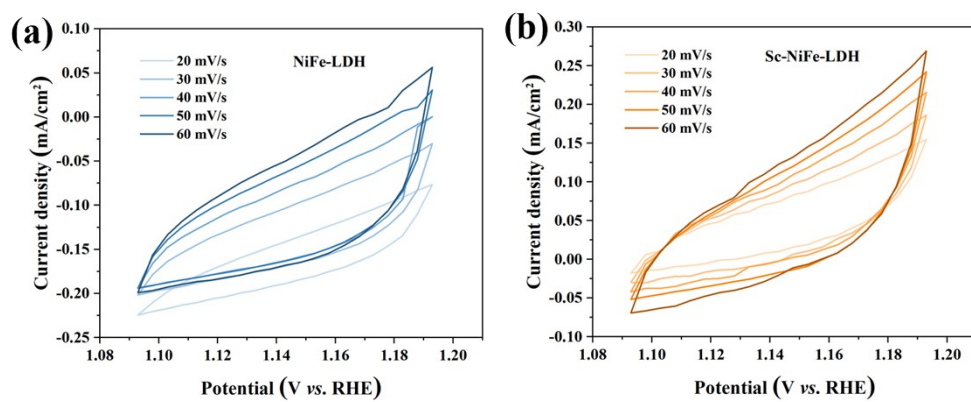


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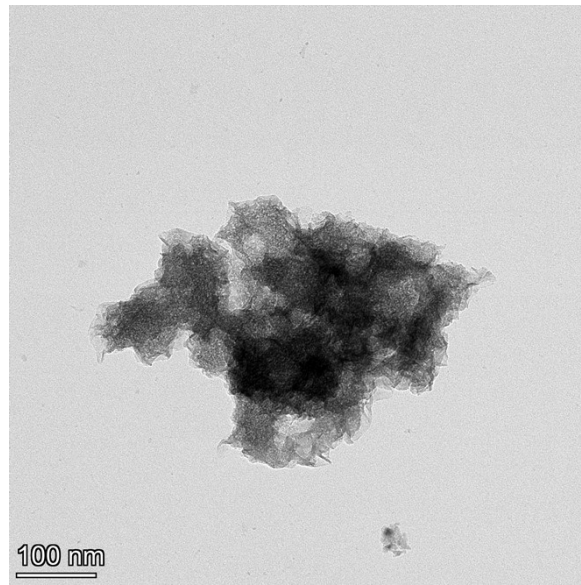


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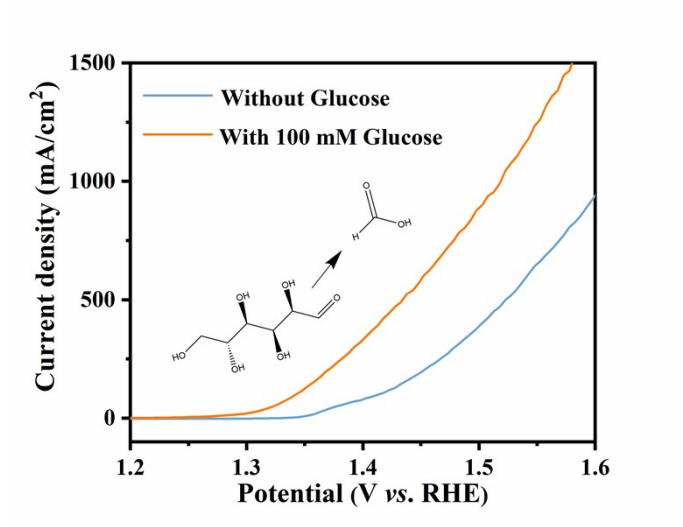




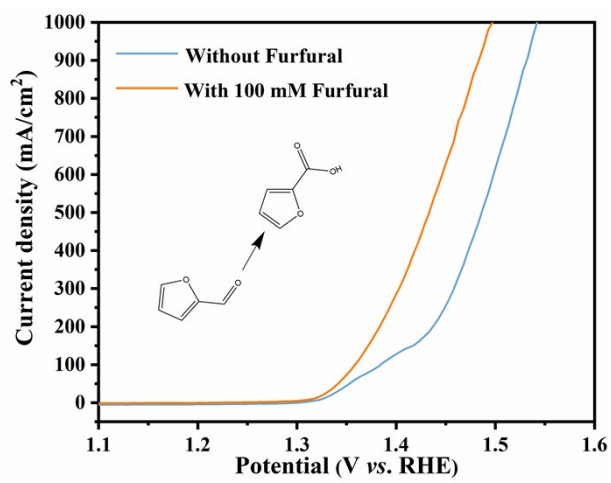
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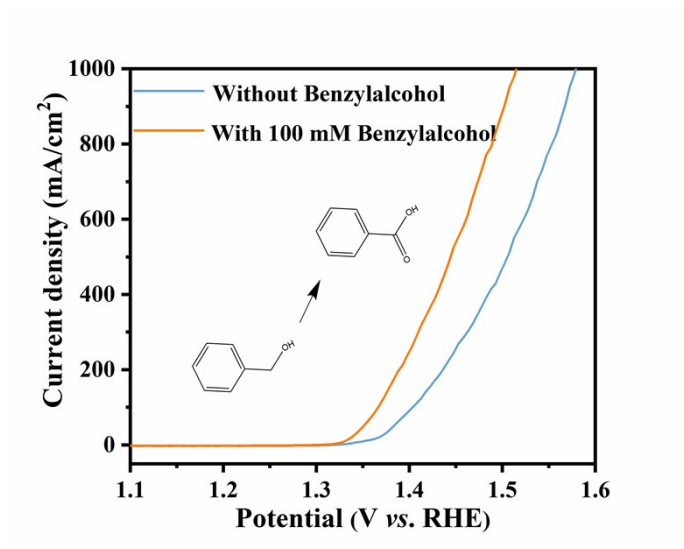
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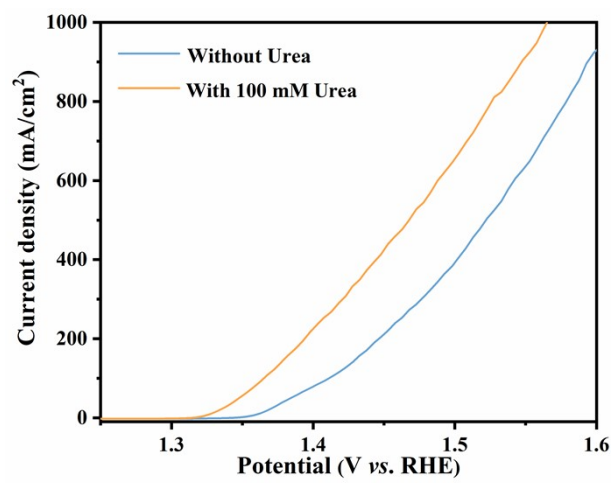
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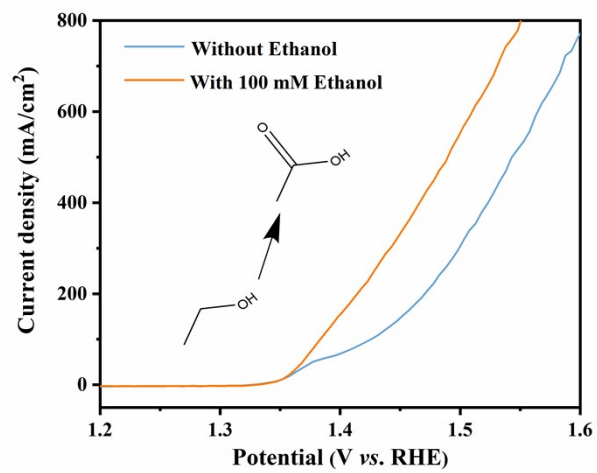
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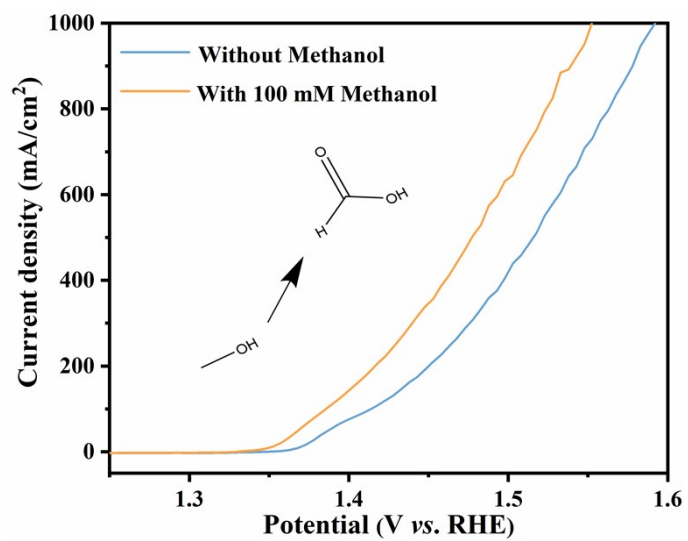
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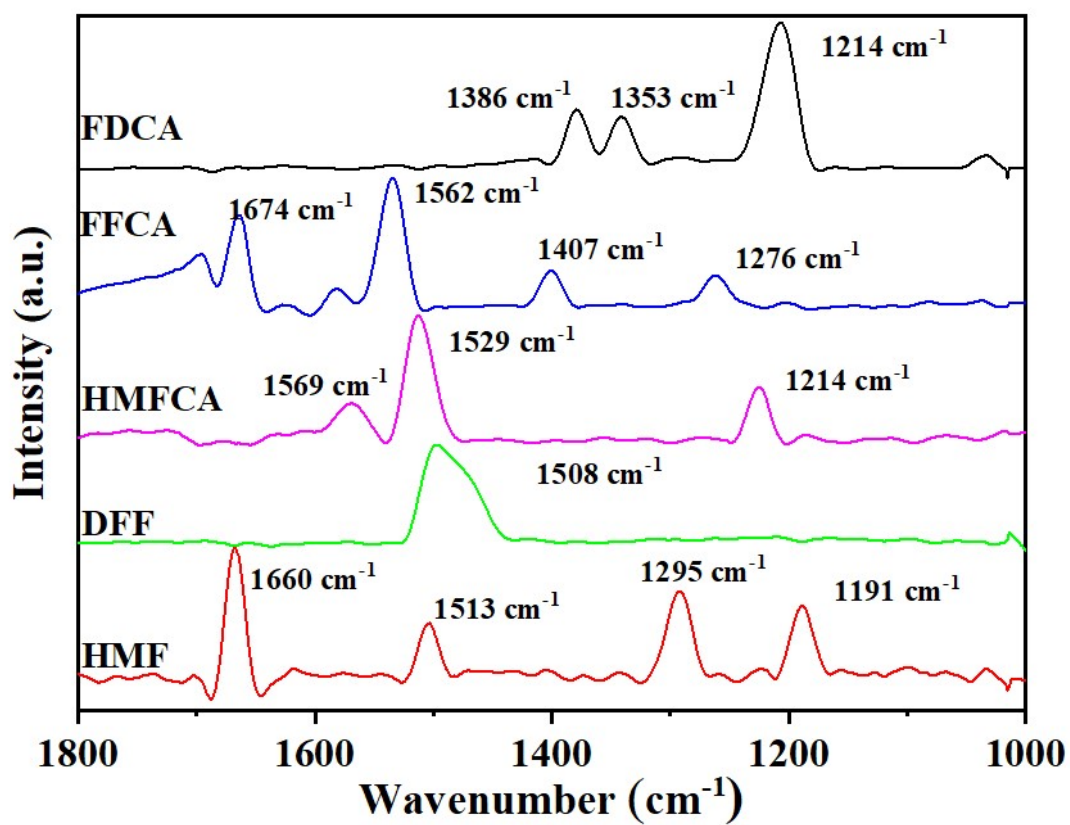
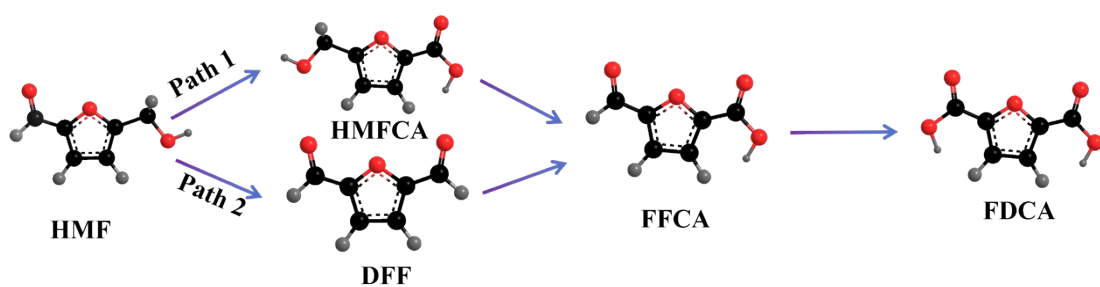


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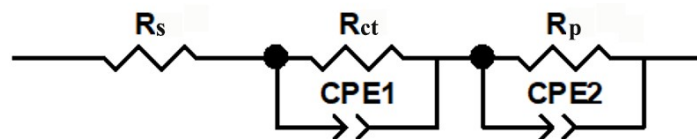


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**Figure S15** | The equivalent circuit used for modeling the measured electrochemical response.

## 2. Supplementary Tables

**Table S1** | Comparison of the catalytic performances of Sc-NiFe-LDH and known catalysts for the electrooxidation of 100 mM HMF

Catalysts	HMF concentration (mM)	Yield (%)	E <sub>10</sub> (vs. RHE)/HMFOR	Current density at 1.50 V vs. RHE (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	E <sub>50</sub> (vs. RHE)/HMFOR	Conc. (%)	FE	Stability (h)	Selectivity (%)	Reference
Sc-NiFe-LDH	10	96.72	1.357	802.82	1.37	100	96.54	110	99.47	This work
d-NiFe LDH/CP	10	96.8	1.48	15	1.64	97.35	84.47	/	99.4	Ind Eng Chem Res, <b>2020</b> , 59: 17348-17356. Nat.
InOOH-OV	10	92.41	1.421	40	1.616	98.68	90	25	88.4	Commun. <b>2023</b> , 14, 2040
Co-P@NF	10	89.8	1.392	/	1.53	100	/	2	89.5	Chem. Eng. J. <b>2023</b> , 469, 143832
VN/NiF	10	97	1.36	140	1.373	99	86	/	/	Adv. Funct. Mater. <b>2019</b> , 29, 1904780

**Table S2** | Comparison of FDCA yield with several electrochemical HMF catalysts reported recently.

Catalysts	Condition	E (V vs. RHE)/Current density (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	FE	Time (h)	Reference
Sc-NiFe-LDH	1 M KOH 10 mM HMF	1.50 V/802.8 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	96.5	110	This work
Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> /NF	1 M KOH+10 mM HMF	1.423 V/100 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	98	/	J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2016, 138, 13639-13646
Ni <sub>x</sub> B/NF	1 M KOH+10 mM HMF	1.45 V/100 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	100	/	Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2018, 57, 11460-11464
CoNW/NF	1 M KOH+10 mM HMF	1.764 V/100 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	96.6	/	Green Chem. 2019, 21, 6699-6706
CoO/CoSe <sub>2</sub>	1 M KOH+10 mM HMF	1.48 V/100 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	97.9	/	Green Chem. 2020, 22, 843-849
E-CoAl-LDH-NSA	1 M KOH+10 mM HMF	1.59V/100 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	99.4	/	Appl. Catal., B. 2021, 299, 120669
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CF	1 M KOH+10 mM HMF	1.40 V /100 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	92.9	/	Appl. Catal., B. 2022, 307, 121209

Catalysts	Condition	E (V vs. RHE)/Current density (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	FE	Time (h)	Reference
Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub> -NiOOH/NiFeP	1 M KOH+10 mM HMF	1.437 V /100 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	94	/	Appl. Catal., B. 2022, 311, 121357
Co-NixP@C	1 M KOH+10 mM HMF	1.54 V /100 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	98.9	/	J. Colloid Interface Sci. 2022, 629, 451-460
NiRu NPs	1 M KOH+10 mM HMF	1.5 V /110 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	99.7	/	ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng. 2023, 11, 13441-13450
Co <sub>3</sub> S <sub>4</sub> /Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	1 M KOH+10 mM HMF	1.489 V /100 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	100	/	Green Chem. 2023, 25, 8698-8705
CuH <sub>2</sub> NWs@Ce: NiH <sub>2</sub> NSs/Cu	1 M KOH+10 mM HMF	1.43 V /100 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	98.0	30	Inorg. Chem. 2023, 62, 12534-12547
NiMo <sub>3</sub> S <sub>4</sub> -R	1 M KOH+10 mM HMF	1.395 V /100 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	98.5	12	Appl. Catal., B. 2023, 323, 122126
Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> @Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> /NF	1 M KOH+10 mM HMF	1.46 V /100 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	89.04	/	Mater. Today Nano. 2023, 23, 100373
CoO-Co@C/CF	1 M KOH+10 mM HMF	1.471 V /100 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	99.4	20	Molecules. 2023, 28, 3040

<b>Catalysts</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>E (V vs. RHE)/Current density (mA/cm<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>FE</b>	<b>Time (h)</b>	<b>Reference</b>
P-Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> - NBA@NF	1 M KOH+10 mM HMF	1.524 V /100 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	97.01	/	Appl. Catal., A. 2024, 669, 119497

**Table S3** | The resistance of each component for Sc-NiFe-LDH in 1 M KOH.

Potential	R <sub>s</sub>	R <sub>p</sub>	R <sub>ct</sub>	CPE1	CPE2
1.15 V vs. RHE	0.3342	44.9	10330	0.003889	0.00378
1.20 V vs. RHE	0.3385	28.43	2511	0.005315	0.003971
1.25 V vs. RHE	0.3485	19.83	1117	0.01025	0.005325
1.30 V vs. RHE	0.3517	19.71	514.4	0.007785	0.02177
1.35 V vs. RHE	0.3296	4.236	80.01	0.01796	0.08332
1.40 V vs. RHE	0.3012	0.6041	20.34	0.405	0.7023
1.45 V vs. RHE	0.2902	0.01239	1.078	1	0.97
1.50 V vs. RHE	0.2840	0.01024	0.1022	1.8417	1
1.55 V vs. RHE	0.2891	0.009233	0.08389	1	0.6787
1.60 V vs. RHE	0.2521	1*10 <sup>-12</sup>	0.05324	0.3131	0.9005

**Table S4** | The resistance of each component for Sc-NiFe-LDH in 1 M KOH with 10 M

HMF.

Potential	$R_s$	$R_p$	$R_{ct}$	CPE1	CPE2
1.15V vs. RHE	0.4096	15.8	$2.629 \times 10^9$	0.003907	0.004842
1.20V vs. RHE	0.412	10.48	2331	0.006598	0.004051
1.25 V vs. RHE	0.41	5.121	975.8	0.005165	0.01016
1.30 V vs. RHE	0.4108	3.687	383.1	0.007383	0.01613
1.35 V vs. RHE	0.4003	1.402	95.88	0.01225	0.02463
1.40 V vs. RHE	0.394	1.089	16.65	0.03679	0.1019
1.45 V vs. RHE	0.3559	0.7132	6.873	0.2368	0.872
1.50 V vs. RHE	0.3476	0.4402	0.02964	1	0.3404
1.55 V vs. RHE	0.2455	0.2834	0.4876	$1 \times 10^{-12}$	1
1.60 V vs. RHE	0.6271	0.06972	0.4227	0.1547	1



**Table S5** | The resistance of each component for NiFe-LDH in 1 M KOH.

Potential	R <sub>s</sub>	R <sub>p</sub>	R <sub>ct</sub>	CPE1	CPE2
1.15 V vs. RHE	0.3941	179.7	5.572*10 <sup>10</sup>	0.001312	0.002968
1.20 V vs. RHE	0.3904	14.24	6239	0.002307	0.002861
1.25 V vs. RHE	0.3889	10.48	2869	0.00357	0.00149
1.30 V vs. RHE	0.392	4.203	350.9	0.004616	0.008771
1.35 V vs. RHE	0.3216	2.586	66.71	0.01914	0.06565
1.40 V vs. RHE	0.2789	0.6035	13.42	0.4021	1
1.45 V vs. RHE	0.2768	1.35	0.06531	1	0.6748
1.50 V vs. RHE	0.2748	0.2853	0.06952	0.8851	0.3722
1.55 V vs. RHE	0.2771	0.1253	0.05063	0.7845	0.2642
1.60 V vs. RHE	0.2851	0.04092	0.08101	0.2267	0.7646

**Table S6** | The resistance of each component for NiFe-LDH in 1 M KOH with 10 M HMF.

Potential	R <sub>s</sub>	R <sub>p</sub>	R <sub>ct</sub>	CPE1	CPE2
1.15 V vs. RHE	0.4069	79.27	2.479*10 <sup>10</sup>	0.002392	0.005983
1.20 V vs. RHE	0.4178	10.55	1753	0.002043	0.007201
1.25 V vs. RHE	0.4162	5.668	711.9	0.00254	0.01042
1.30 V vs. RHE	0.4094	3.123	251.1	0.003964	0.01715
1.35 V vs. RHE	0.3967	1.862	68.75	0.008578	0.03028
1.40 V vs. RHE	0.3708	1.203	1.914	0.3168	0.0823
1.45 V vs. RHE	0.3118	0.06084	1.801	0.4673	1
1.50 V vs. RHE	0.3181	0.08432	0.4478	0.2844	1
1.55 V vs. RHE	0.06071	0.08432	0.4478	0.1745	1

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