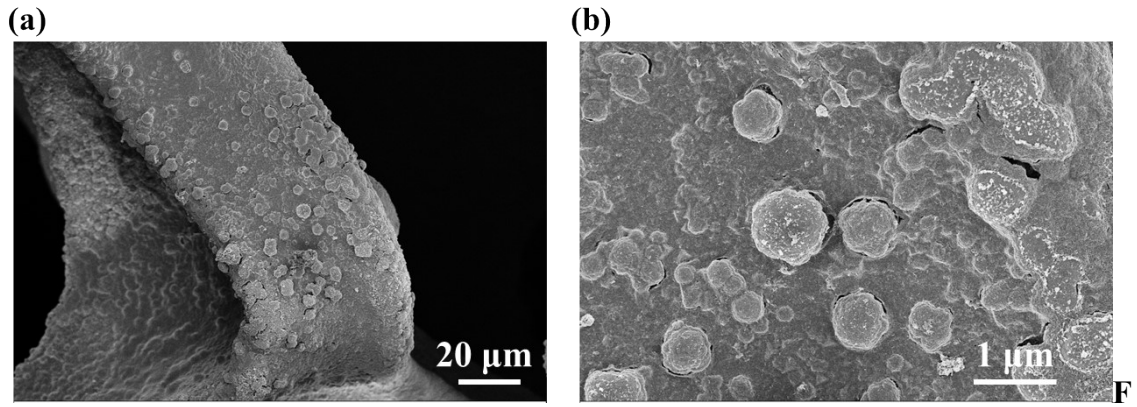


Fig. S1 (a) XRD patterns of FCN-8P/NF, FC/NF, and NF. (b) XRD pattern of FCN/Ti.

Note.1: **Fig. S1(b)** shows the XRD pattern of FCN on Ti foil, and exhibits apparent peaks at 11.43° , 22.98° , and 34.44° corresponding to (003), (006), and (012) planes of hydrotalcite (PDF# 40-0215). Peaks at 44.27° , 51.55° , and 75.87° belong to (111), (200), and (220) planes of FeNi (PDF# 38-0419). Other peaks appearing in 44.88° , 65.31° , and 82.75° can be indexed to (110), (200), and (211) planes of FeCo (PDF# 49-1568). The above results mean that the phase of FCN is crystalline FeCoNi alloy/FeCoNi-LTHs.



ig. S2 (a)-(b) SEM images of FC on NF.

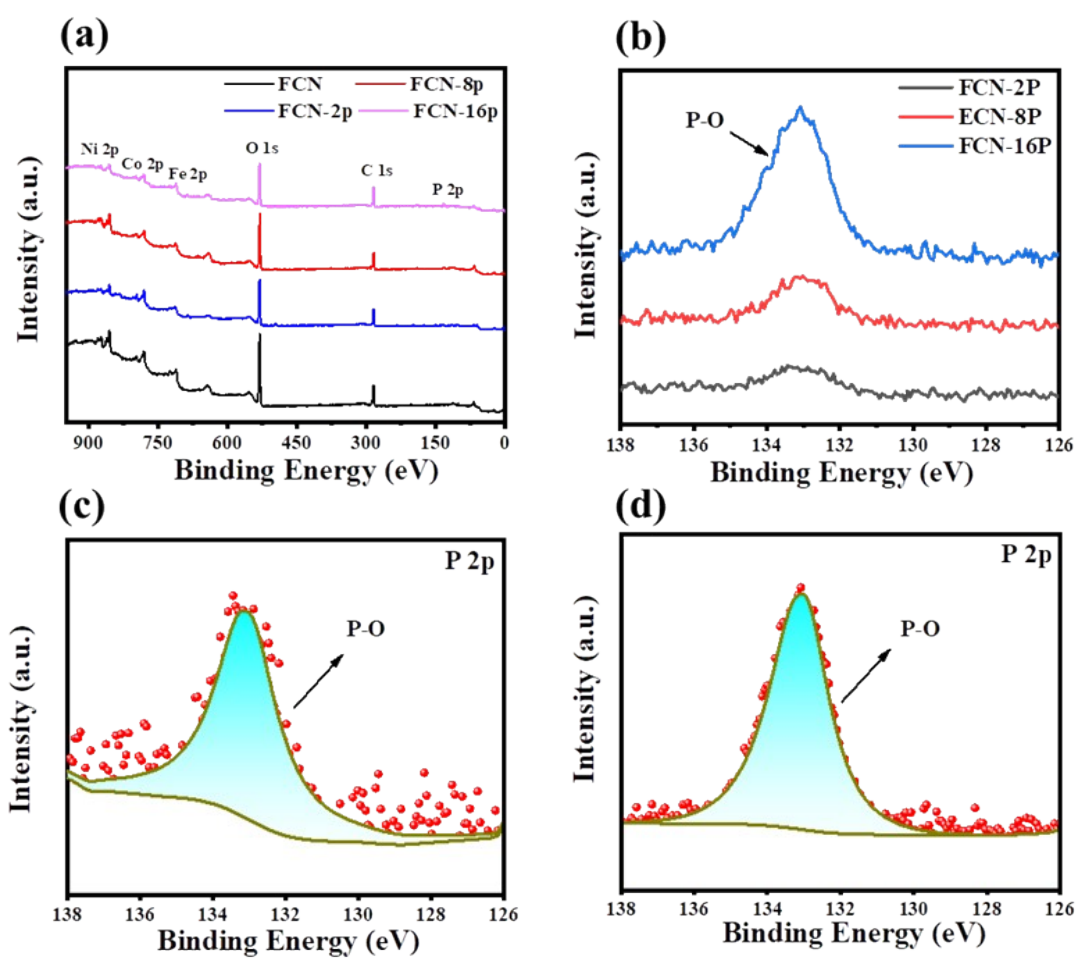


Fig. S3 (a) XPS full spectra of FCN, FCN-2P, FCN-8P and FCN-16P. (b) P 2p of FCN-2p, FCN-8P, FCN-16P. (c) High-resolution XPS spectra of P 2p in FCN-2p. (d) High-resolution XPS spectra of P 2p in FCN-16p.

Table S1 The HER overpotential value of different electrodeposited samples to attain the current densities of 10 mA cm⁻² and 100 mA cm⁻² respectively.

Electrocatalysts	$\eta@10 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	$\eta@100 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$
FC	179 mV	281 mV
FCN	126 mV	248 mV
FCN-2P	122 mV	221 mV
FCN-4p	103 mV	215 mV
FCN-8P	77 mV	201 mV
FCN-12p	96 mV	212 mV
FCN-16p	102 mV	217 mV

Amorphous phosphate can promote the adsorption and dissociation of water molecules and improve the hydrophilicity of materials. However, its adsorption and desorption ability for protons is not as good as that of crystalline FeCo alloy. To achieve optimal activity for FeCo alloy/FeCoNi-Pi, it's important to adjust the appropriate amorphous phosphate content. With the increase of NaH₂PO₂·H₂O dosage, the amorphous phosphate content in the crystalline/amorphousFeCoalloy/FeCoNi-Pi also increases during sample preparation. The sample can be given an optimal phosphate content with 8P.

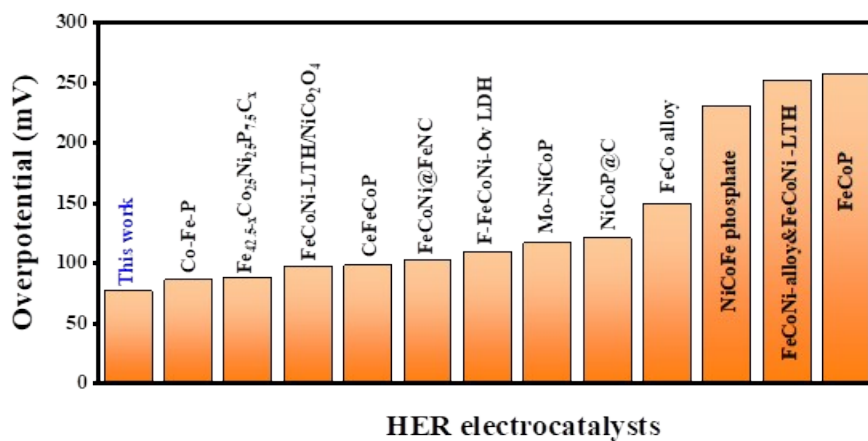


Fig. S4 Comparison of HER performance at 10 mA cm⁻² with recently reported FeCoNi-based electrocatalysts. References cited in Fig. S : Co-Fe-P^[S1], Fe_{42.5-x}Co₂₅Ni₂₅P_{7.5}C_x^[S2], FeCoNi-LTH/NiCo₂O₄^[S3], CeFeCoP^[S4], FeCoNi@FeNC^[S5], F-FeCoNi-Ov LDH^[S6], Mo-NiCoP^[S7], NiCoP@C^[S8], FeCo alloy^[S9], NiCoFe phosphate^[S10], FeCoNi-alloy&FeCoNi – LTH^[S11], and FeCoP ^[S12].

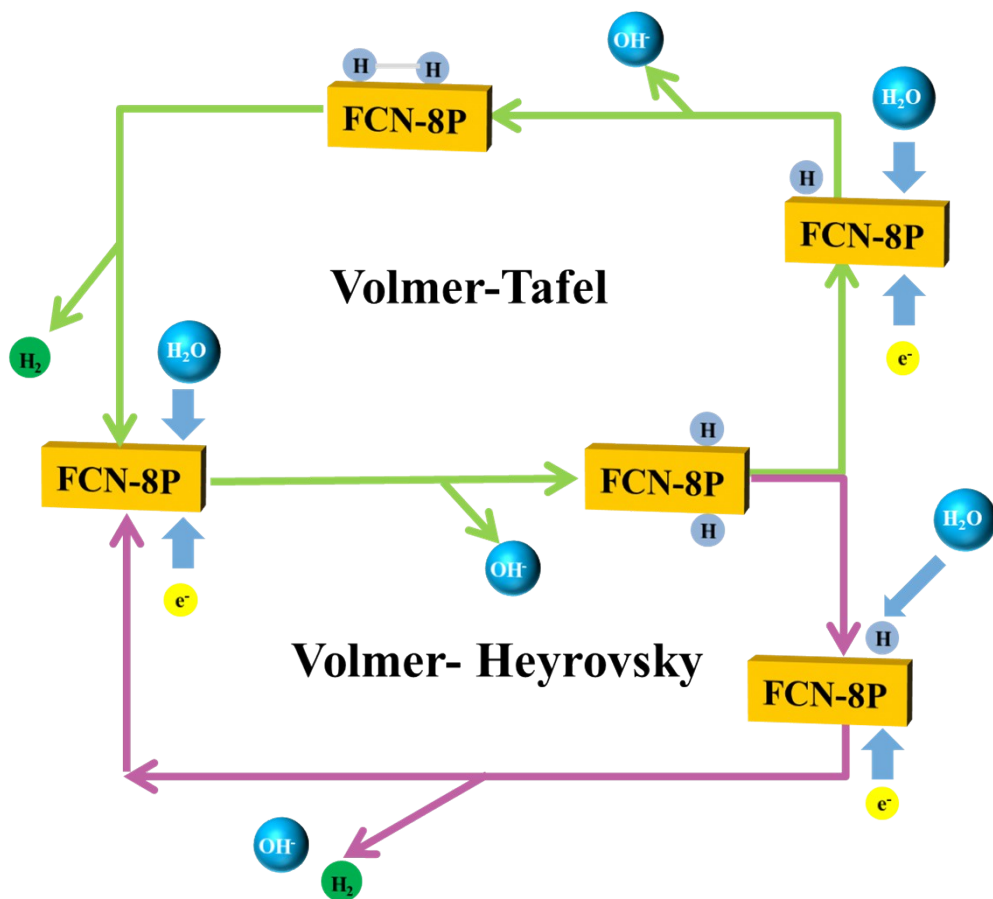


Fig. S5 The HER mechanism of FCN-8P.

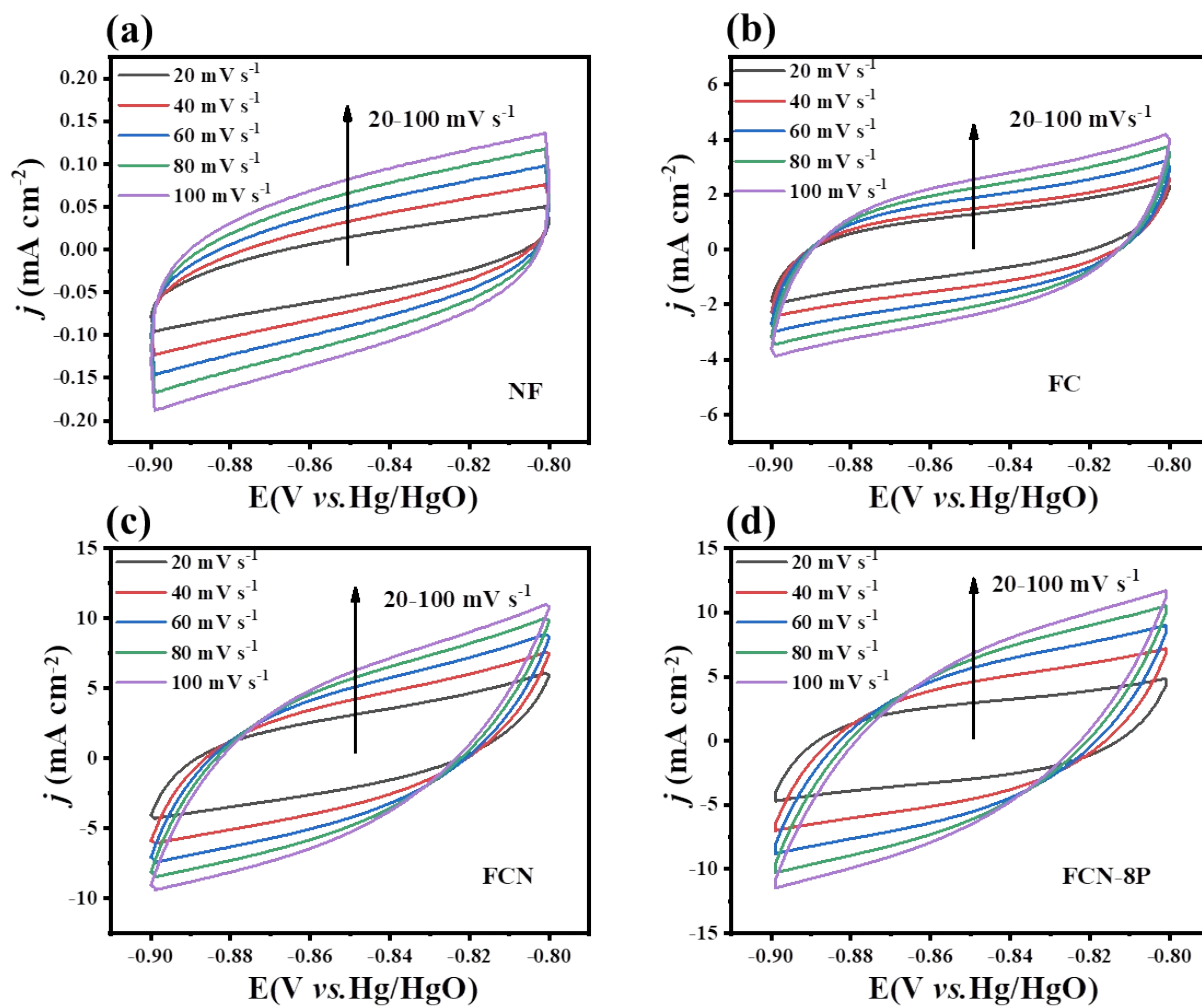


Fig. S6 Electrochemical active surface area analysis by the CV scans in a non-Faradaic potential range of as-prepared electrodes for HER (a) NF, (b) FC, (c) FCN, (d) FCN-8P.

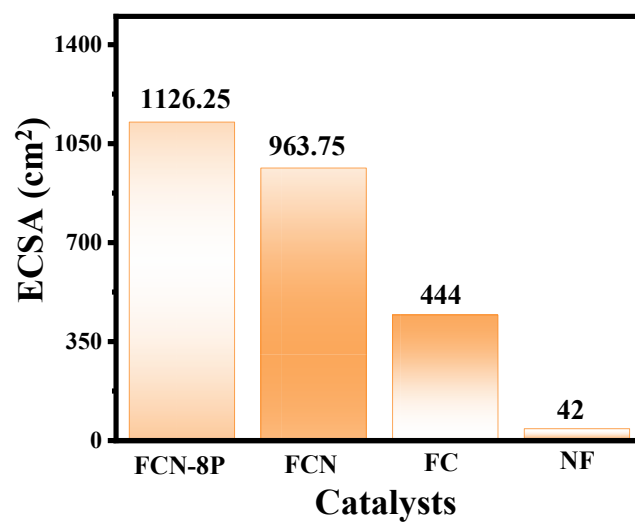


Fig. S7 The ECSA values of FCN-8P, FCN, FC, and NF for HER.

Table S2 The Rct Value of different electrocatalysts for HER

Electrocatalysts	Rct
FC	1.067 Ω
FCN	0.611 Ω
FCN-8P	0.392 Ω

Table S3 The OER overpotential value of different electrodeposited samples to attain the current densities of 10 mA cm⁻² and 100 mA cm⁻² respectively.

Electrocatalysts	$\eta@10 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	$\eta@100 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$
FC	267 mV	321 mV
FCN	250 mV	302 mV
FCN-2P	248 mV	304 mV
FCN-4p	246mV	297mV
FCN-8P	233 mV	284 mV
FCN-12p	237mV	287mV
FCN-16p	236 mV	289 mV

To achieve optimal activity for FeCo alloy/FeCoNi-Pi, it's important to adjust the appropriate amorphous phosphate content. With the increase of NaH₂PO₂·H₂O dosage, the amorphous phosphate content in the crystalline/amorphousFeCoalloy/FeCoNi-Pi also increases during sample preparation. The sample can be given an optimal phosphate content with 8P.

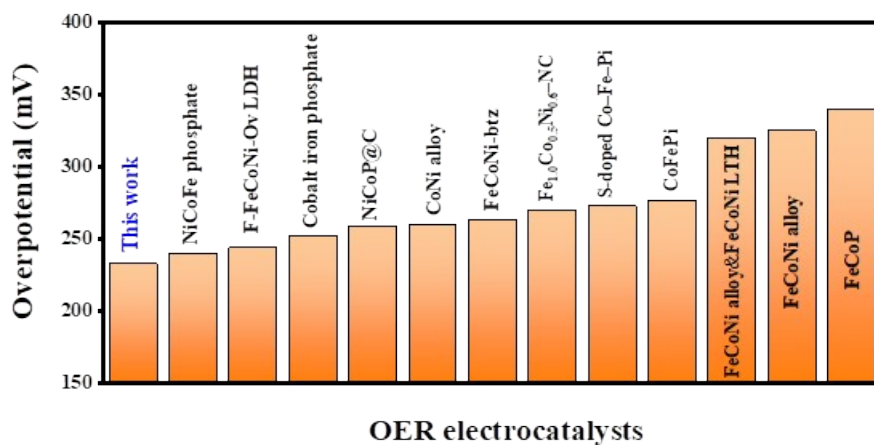


Fig. S8 Comparison of OER performance at 10 mA cm⁻² with recently reported FeCoNi-based electrocatalysts. References cited in Fig. S : NiCoFe phosphate^[S10], F-FeCoNi-Ov LDH^[S6], Cobalt iron phosphate^[S13], NiCoP@C^[S8], CoNi alloy^[S14], FeCoNi-btz^[S15], Fe_{1.0}Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.6}-NC^[S16], S-doped Co-Fe-Pi^[S17], CoFePi^[S18], FeCoNi-alloy&FeCoNi-LTH^[S11], FeCoNi alloy^[S9], and FeCoP^[S12].

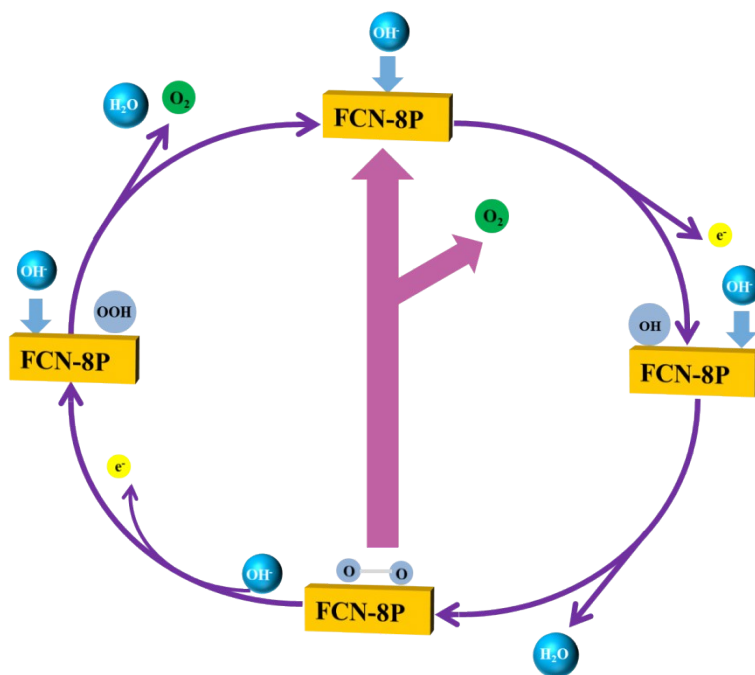


Fig. S9 the OER mechanism of FCN-8P.

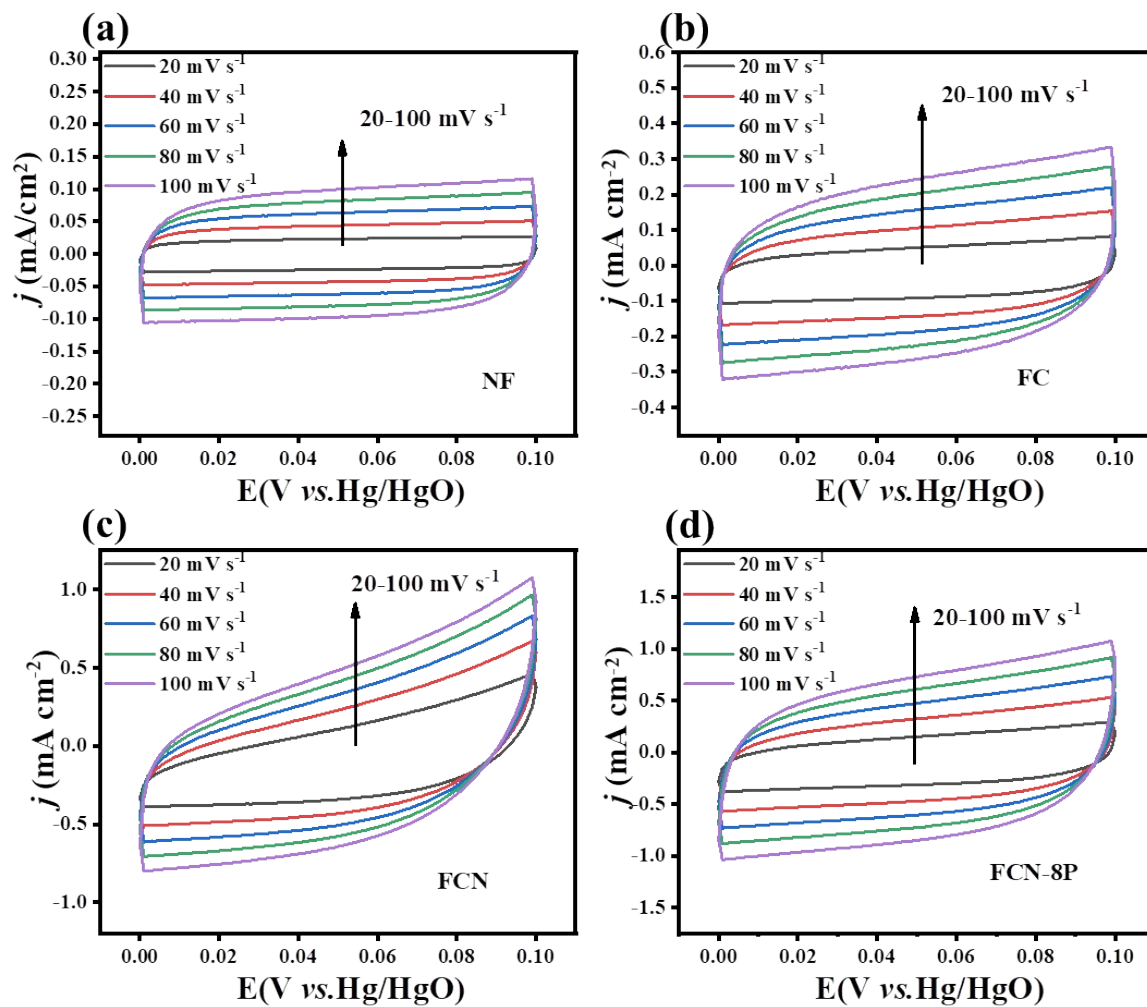


Fig. S10 Electrochemical active surface area analysis by the CV scans in a non-Faradaic potential range of as-prepared electrodes for OER (a) NF, (b) FC, (c) FCN, (d) FCN-8P.

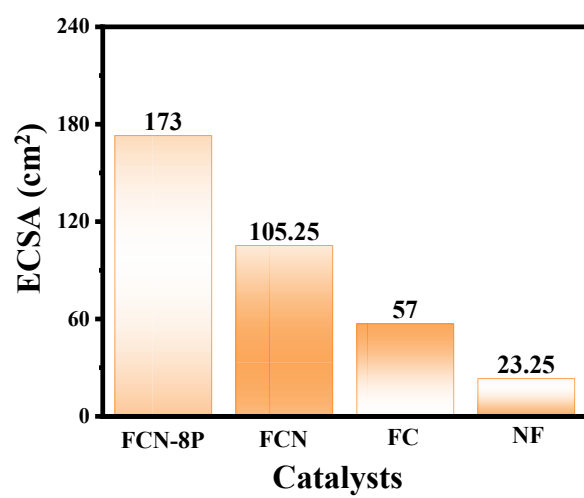


Fig. S11 The ECSA values of FCN-8P, FCN, FC, and NF for OER.

Table S4 The Rct Value of different electrocatalysts for OER

Electrocatalysts	Rct
FC	0.540 Ω
FCN	0.359 Ω
FCN-8P	0.297 Ω

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(b)

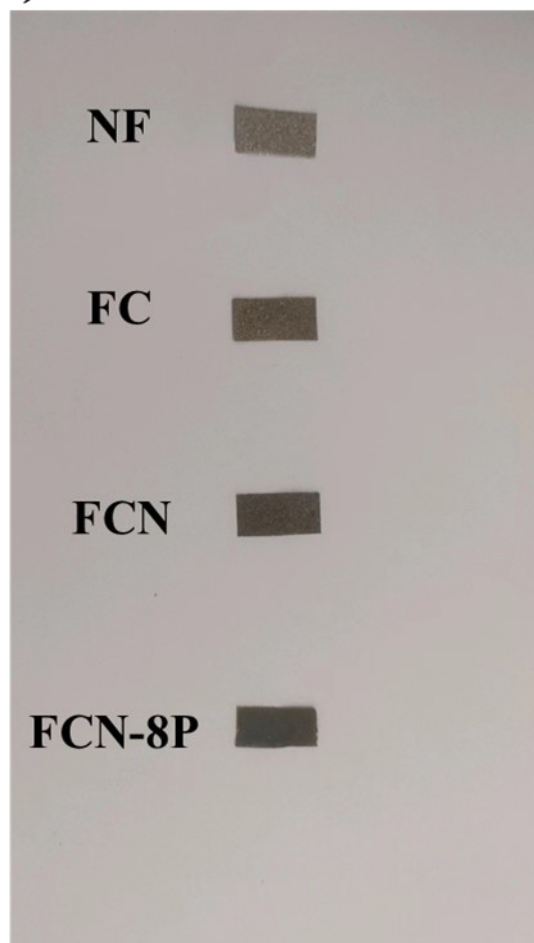


Fig. S12 (a) Optical picture of the water-splitting device. (b) Optical pictures of the electrodeposition samples.

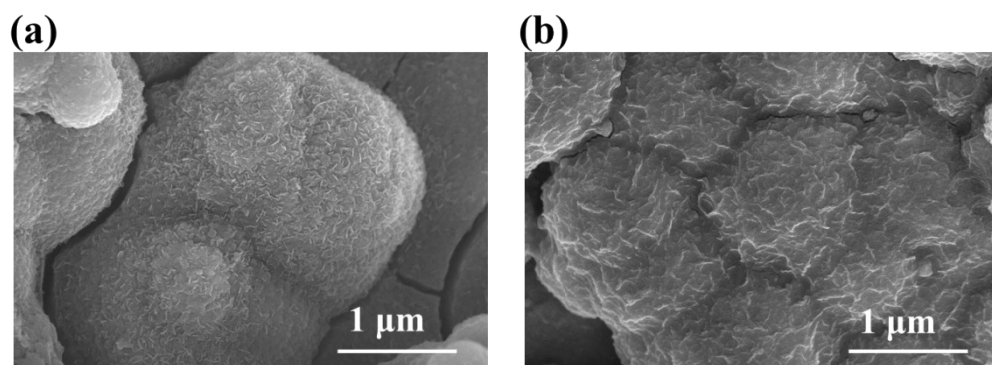


Fig. S13 (a) SEM image of FCN-8P electrocatalyst after long-term OER process. **(b)** SEM image of FCN-8P electrocatalyst after long-term HER process.

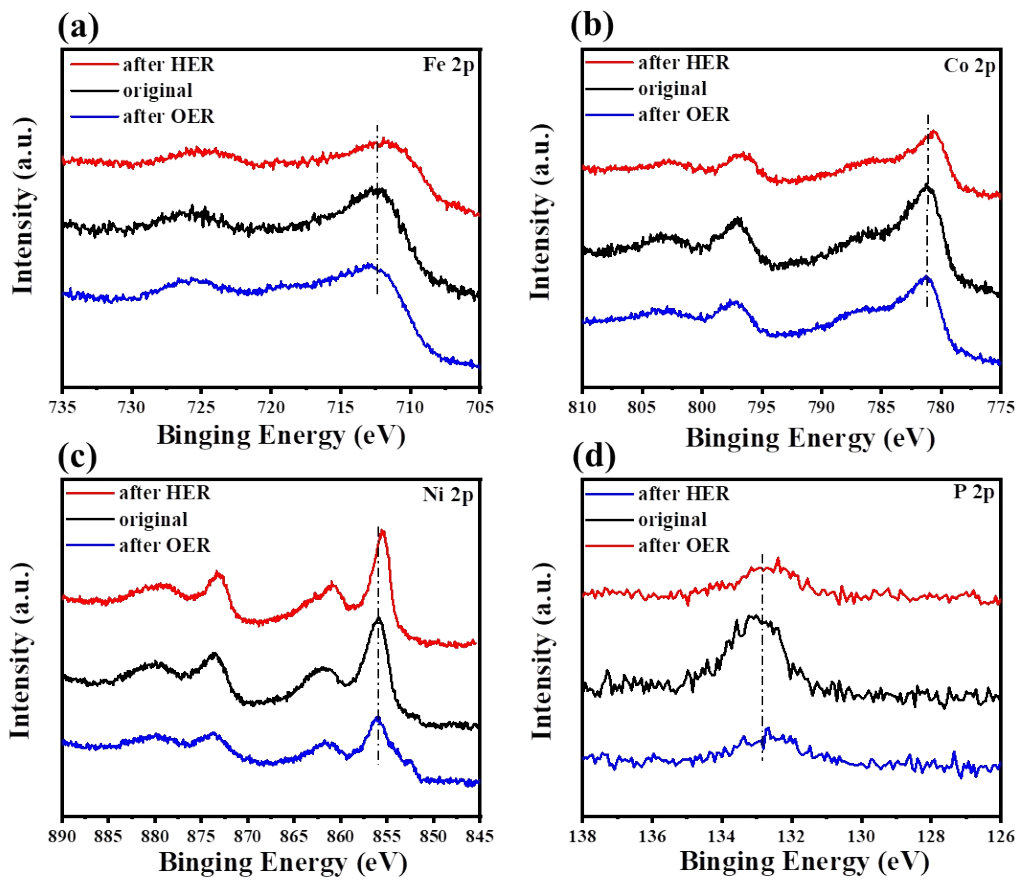


Fig. S14 High-resolution XPS spectra of (a) Fe 2p, (b) Co 2p, (c) Ni 2p, and (d) P 2p in FCN-8P electrode after long-term stability test.

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