

## Supporting Information

### Constructing built-in electric field in 2D/2D Schottky heterojunction for efficient alkaline seawater electrolysis

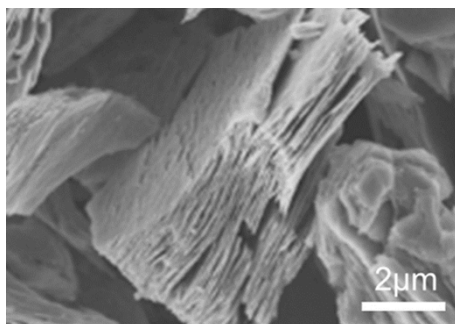
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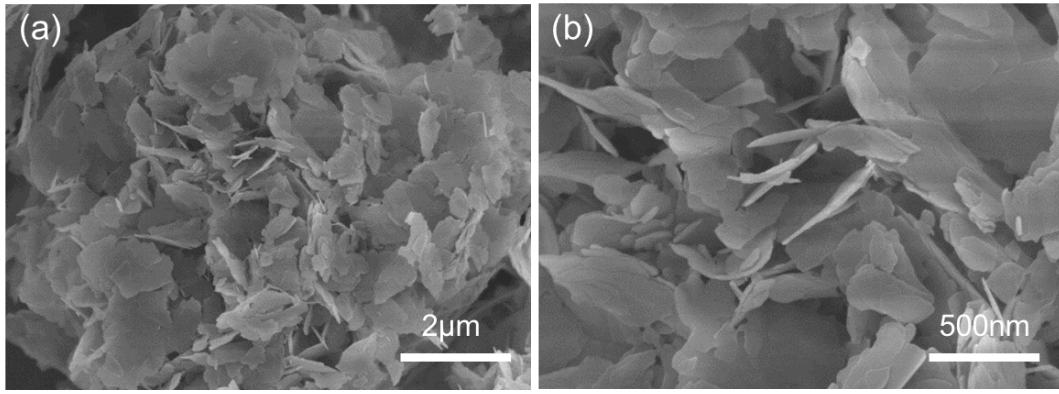
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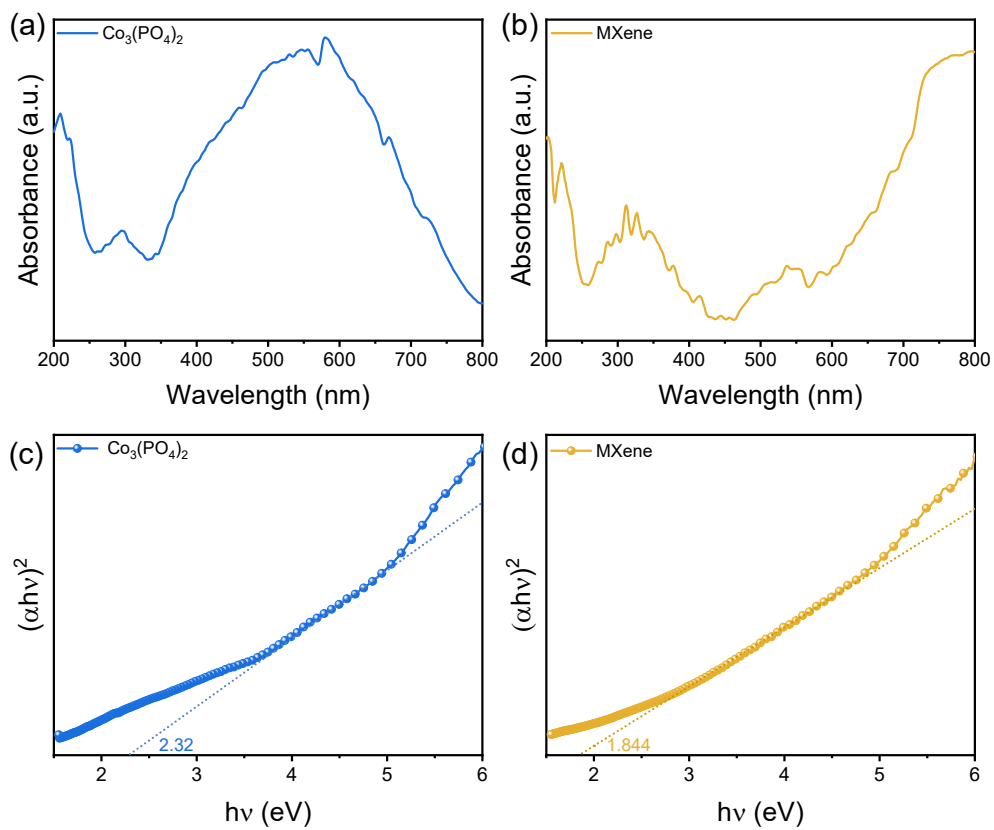
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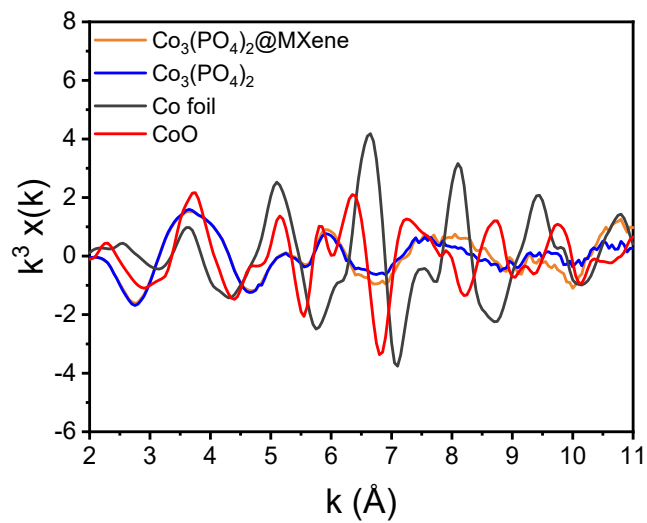
**Fig. S1.** SEM image of multilayer MXene.



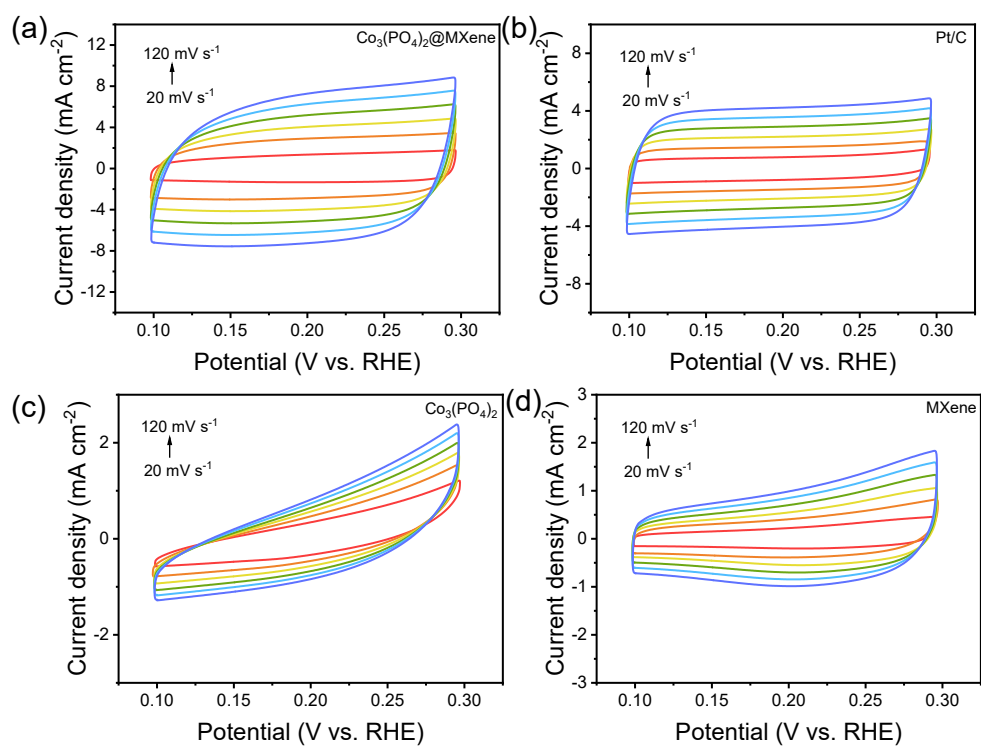
**Fig. S2.** (a) High-power; (b) low-power SEM images of  $\text{Co}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ .



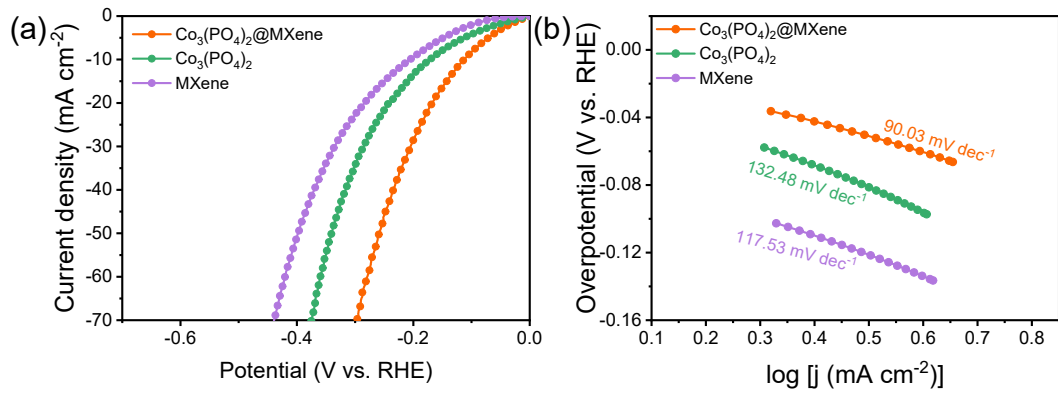
**Fig. S3.** Tauc plots converted from UV-vis diffuse reflection spectra of  $\text{Co}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$  and MXene.



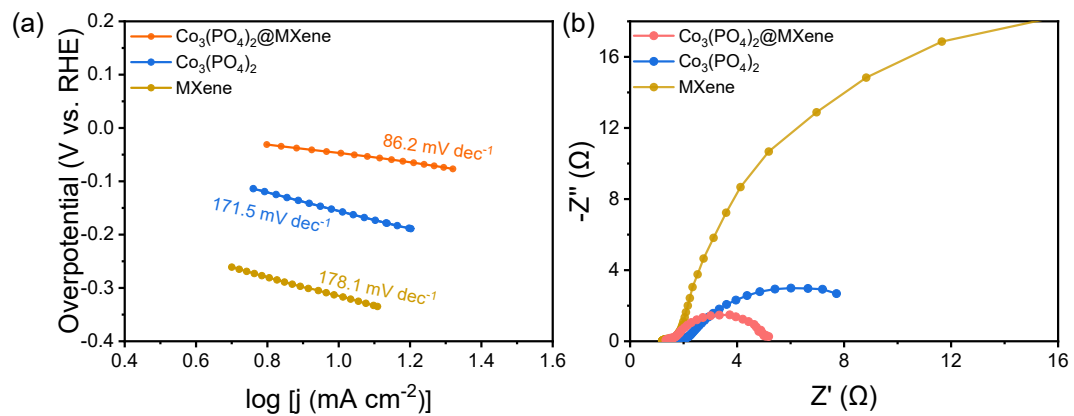
**Fig. S4.** Co K-edge EXAFS oscillation function of Co foil, CoO,  $\text{Co}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$  and  $\text{Co}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2@MXene$ .



**Fig. S5.** Cyclic voltammetry of (a)  $\text{Co}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2@\text{MXene}$ , (b) Pt/C, (c)  $\text{Co}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ , and (d) MXene at different scanning rates (20, 40, 60, 80, 100, and  $120 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ) in the range of 0.1~0.3 V vs. RHE potentials, used to estimate double layer capacitance ( $C_{dl}$ ).

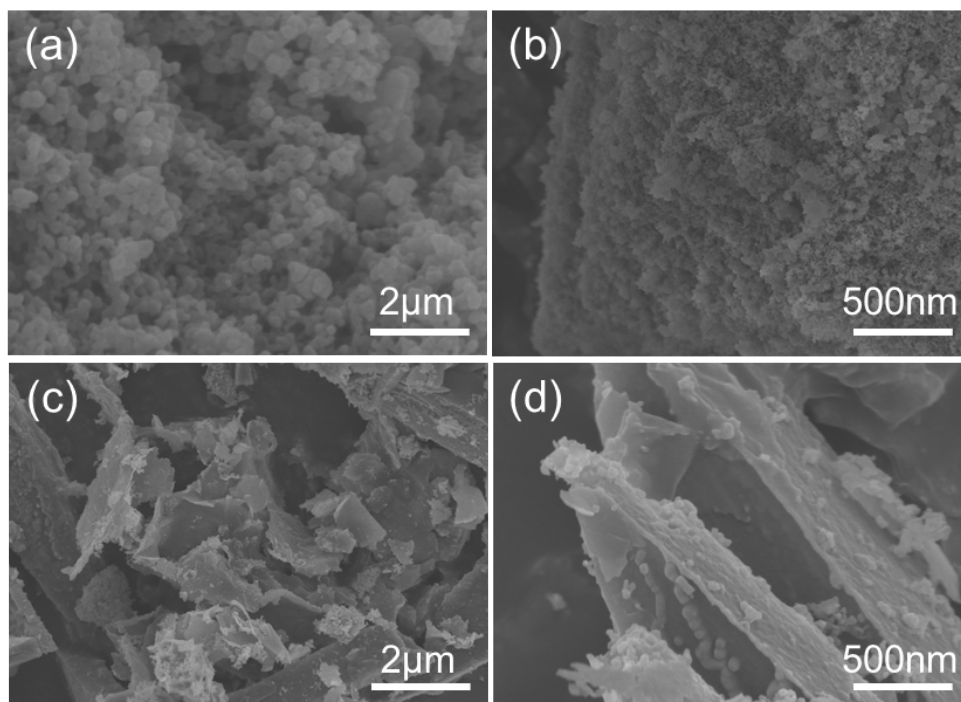


**Fig. S6.** (a) LSV polarization diagram, (b) Tafel slope diagram of  $\text{Co}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ , MXene and  $\text{Co}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ @MXene in seawater electrolyte.

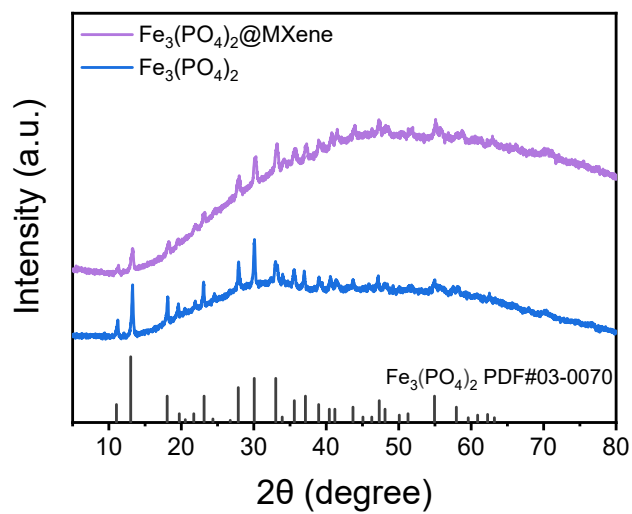


**Fig. S7.** (a) Tafel slope diagram, (b) EIS curves of Co<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, MXene and Co<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>@MXene in alkaline seawater.

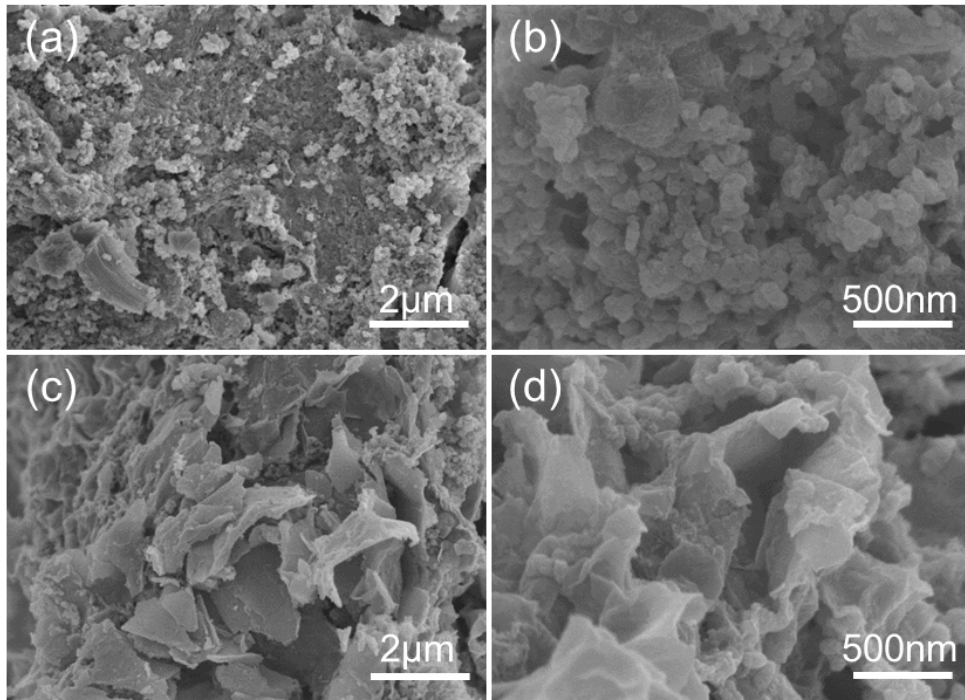




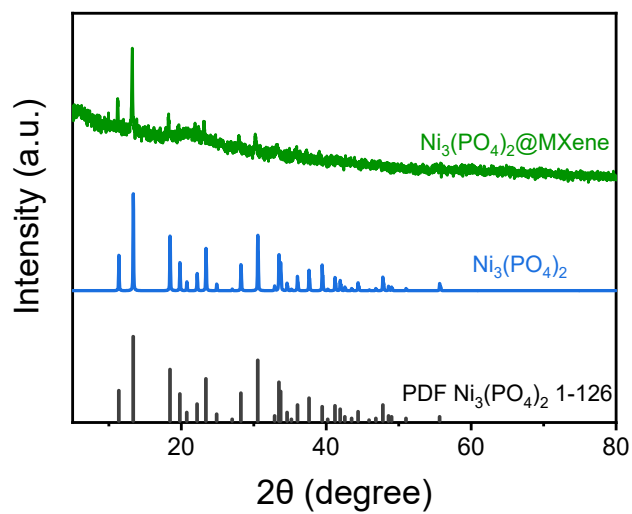
**Fig. S8.** (a) High-power and (b) low-power SEM images of  $\text{Fe}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ . (c) High-power and (d) low-power SEM images of  $\text{Fe}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2@MXene$ .



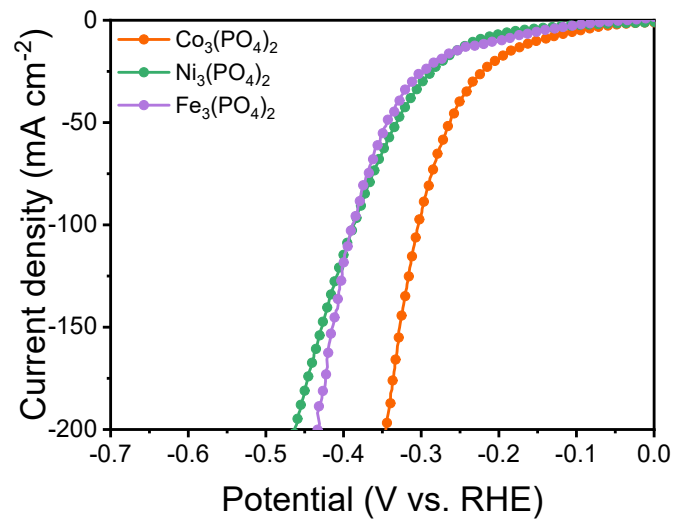
**Fig. S9.** XRD pattern of Fe<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and Fe<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>@MXene.



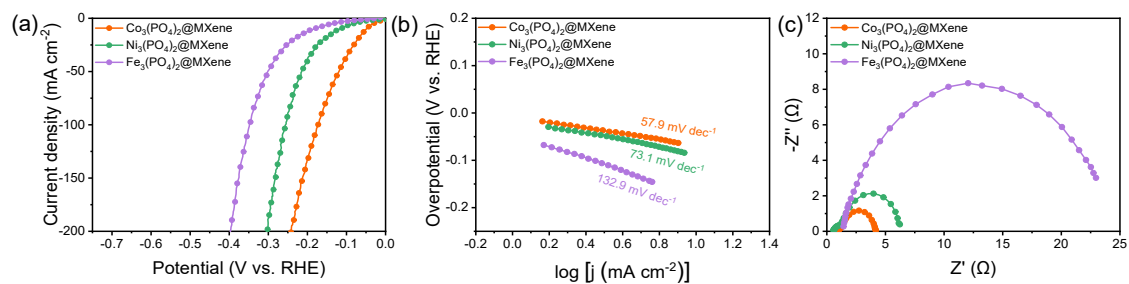
**Fig. S10.** (a) High-power and (b) low-power SEM images of Ni<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. (c) High-power and (d) low-power SEM images of Ni<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>@MXene.



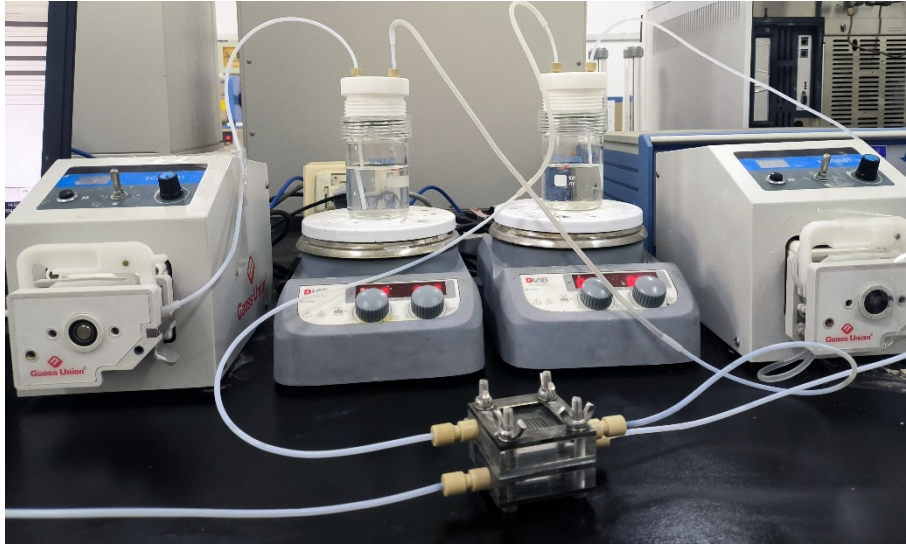
**Fig. S11.** XRD pattern of Ni<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and Ni<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>@MXene.



**Fig. S12.** LSV polarization curve of in of  $\text{M}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Ni}, \text{Co}, \text{Fe}$ ) in 1 M KOH electrolyte.



**Fig. S13.** (a) LSV polarization curve, (b) Tafel slope diagram, and (c) EIS curves of in of  $M_3(\text{PO}_4)_2@MXene$  ( $M = \text{Ni}, \text{Co}, \text{Fe}$ ) in 1 M KOH electrolyte.



**Fig. S14.** The two-electrode AEM water electrolyzer.

**Table S1.** A comparison of HER activity measured for  $\text{Co}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2@\text{MXene}$  with other representative cobalt-based catalysts reported that HER catalysts used 1 M KOH as an electrolyte.

Catalyst	Overpotential (mV) @10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Stability (h)	References
$\text{Co}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2@\text{MXene}$	48	100@10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> (1 M KOH) 165@500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> (1 M KOH seawater)	This work
RuCo-CAT/CC	38	15@10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Adv. Funct. Mater. 2023, 13, 2204177.
Pt@CoN <sub>4</sub> -G	39	12@10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Adv. Funct. Mater. 2023, 33, 2303189.
NiCoVP	42	30@10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	J. Mater. Chem. A 2021, 9, 12203-12213.
Fe@Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> -hcp	44.1	20@600 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Adv. Funct. Mater. 2023, 33, 2210298.
NiCoP-WO <sub>x</sub>	49	60@10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	J. Mater. Chem. A 2021, 9, 10909-10920.
CuCo-CAT	52	10@10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Adv. Mater. 2021, 33, 2106781.
CoNiRu-NT <sub>3</sub>	52	48@10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Adv. Mater. 2022, 34, 2107488.
CoF <sub>2</sub>	54	110@10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Adv. Sci. 2022, 9, 2103567.
CoMo <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	55	24@100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Adv. Funct. Mater. 2021, 31, 2103732.



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$\text{Co}_{3-x}\text{Ni}_x\text{O}_4$	57	$300@20 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	ACS Catal. 2021, 11, 8174-8182.
$\text{NiCoRu}_{0.2}/\text{SP}$	59	$100@10 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	Appl. Catal. B Environ. 2023, 331, 122710.
10:MoCo-VS <sub>2</sub> /CC	63	$36@10 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	J. Mater. Chem. A 2022, 10, 9067-9079.
V-SRCo	72.3	$57@10 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	Adv. Energy Mater. 2023, 13, 2301779.
$\text{CoTe}_2/\text{CoP}$	80	$20@100 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	Appl. Catal. B Environ. 2023, 329, 122551.
Ce-CoP@CC	81	$25@10 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	Adv. Energy Mater. 2023, 13, 30.
$\text{NiCo}_2\text{S}_4/\text{ReS}_2$	85	$15@10 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	Adv. Funct. Mater. 2022, 33, 2210072.
1T Co-WS <sub>2</sub> /NiTe <sub>2</sub> /Ni	88	$24@50 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	Nano Energy 2022, 102, 107712.
$\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{W}_{0.5}\text{S}_x$	110	$10@10 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	J. Mater. Chem. A. 2021, 9, 11359-11369.
Fe-Co-Ni MOF	116	$48@10 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2022, 144, 3411-3428.
Mo-Co <sub>0.85</sub> SeVSe/NC	151	$12@100 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	Adv. Funct. Mater. 2021, 32, 2109556.
$\text{CoP}_x/\text{CNS}$	171	$60@16 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2020, 59, 21360-21366.

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**Table S2.** Comparison of catalytic performance for alkaline seawater electrolysis

Catalyst	Potential (V)	Stability (h)	References
Co <sub>3</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> @MXene    NiFe LDH	1.81@100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> 2.01@500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	165 @500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	This work
CoFe-Ni <sub>2</sub> P/Ni-felt    CoFe-Ni <sub>2</sub> P/Ni-felt	1.738@100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> 1.891@500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	100 @500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Adv. Energy Mater. 2023, 13, 2301475.
Cr-Co <sub>x</sub> P    Cr-Co <sub>x</sub> P	1.54@10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> 1.85@100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> 2.01@200 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	16 @100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Adv. Funct. Mater. 2023, 33, 2214081.
CoP <sub>x</sub>    CoP <sub>x</sub> @FeOOH	1.71V@100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> 1.867@500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	80 @500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Appl. Catal. B Environ. 2021, 294, 120256.
Ni <sub>2</sub> P-Fe <sub>2</sub> P/NF    Ni <sub>2</sub> P-Fe <sub>2</sub> P/NF	1.811@100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> 2.004@500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	48 @100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> 38 @500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Adv. Funct. Mater. 2020, 31, 2006484.
BDD   Cu <sub>2</sub> S@NiS@Ni/NiMo	1.68@100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> 1.82@500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	2000 @500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Adv. Energy Mater. 2023, 33, 2302263.
NiMoN    S-(Ni,Fe)OOH	1.661@100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> 1.837@500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	100 @100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> 100 @500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Energy Environ. Sci. 2020, 13, 3439-3446.
N-CDs/NiFe    LDH/NF	1.56@100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	20 @10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Nano Res. 2022, 15, 7063-7070.

**Table S3.** Comparison of catalytic performance for alkaline water/seawater electrolysis in  $\text{Co}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2@\text{MXene} \parallel \text{NiFe LDH}$  electrolyzer.

Catalyst	Potential (V)	Stability (h)	References
$\text{Co}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2@\text{MXene} \parallel \text{NiFe LDH}$	1.71@500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> 2.0@1000 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	50 @500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	This work
$\text{CoFe-Ni}_2\text{P/Ni-felt} \parallel \text{CoFe-Ni}_2\text{P/Ni-felt}$	2.25@1 A cm <sup>-2</sup> 2.79@3 A cm <sup>-2</sup> (6 M KOH seawater)	350 @1 A cm <sup>-2</sup>	Adv. Energy Mater. 2023, 13, 2301475.
$\text{NiFe}@\text{DG} \parallel \text{Pt/C}$	1.496@10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> 1.602@100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> (1 M KOH seawater)	1000 @10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	ACS Nano 2023, 17, 18372-18381.
$\text{Ni-MoN} \parallel \text{SSM}$	1.635@100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> 1.783@500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> (1 M KOH seawater)	100 @100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> 100 @500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Adv. Mater 2022, 34, 2201774.
$\text{NiMoN} \parallel \text{NiMoN}@\text{NiFeN}$	1.613@100mA cm <sup>-2</sup> 1.7@500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> (1 M KOH)	/	
$\text{NiMoN} \parallel \text{NiMoN}@\text{NiFeN}$	1.581@100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> 1.77@500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> (1 M KOH seawater)	100 @100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> 100 @500 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Nat. Commun. 2019, 10, 5106.
$\text{NiP}_2\text{-FeP}_2/\text{Cu}_{\text{NW}}/\text{CF} \parallel \text{NiFe-LDH/NF}$	1.76@100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> (1 M KOH) 1.93@100 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> (1 M KOH + 0.6 M NaCl)	/	ACS Energy Lett. 2021, 6, 354.