

Supplementary Materials: Modulating Interfacial Charge Transfer Behavior through the Construction of a Hetero-Interface for Efficient Photoelectrochemical Water Splitting

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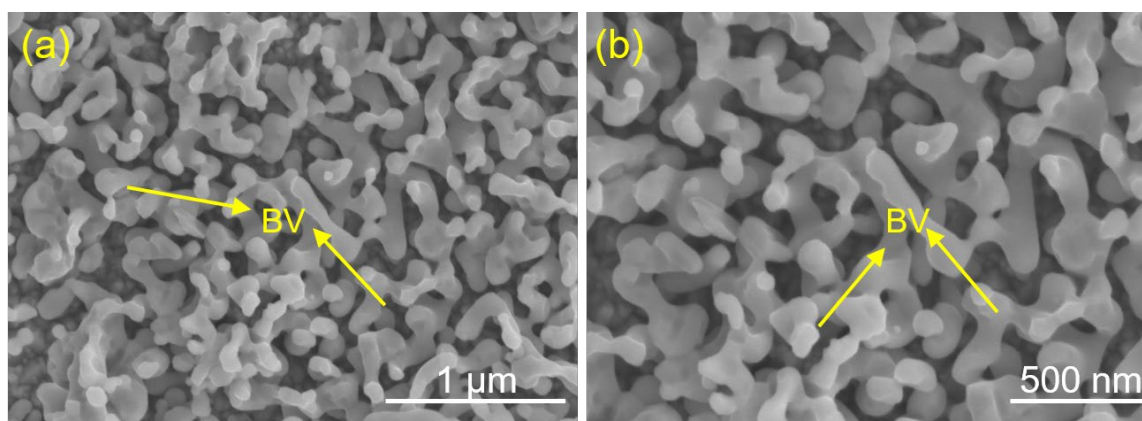


Figure S1. SEM images of the BV.

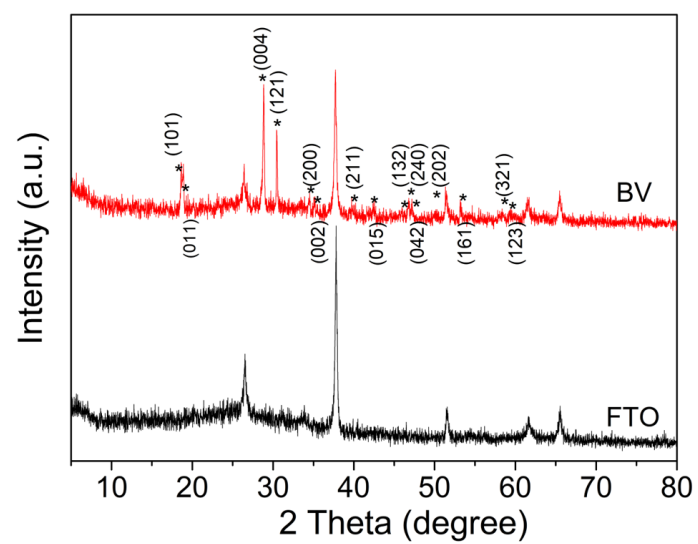


Figure S2. XRD of FTO and BV.

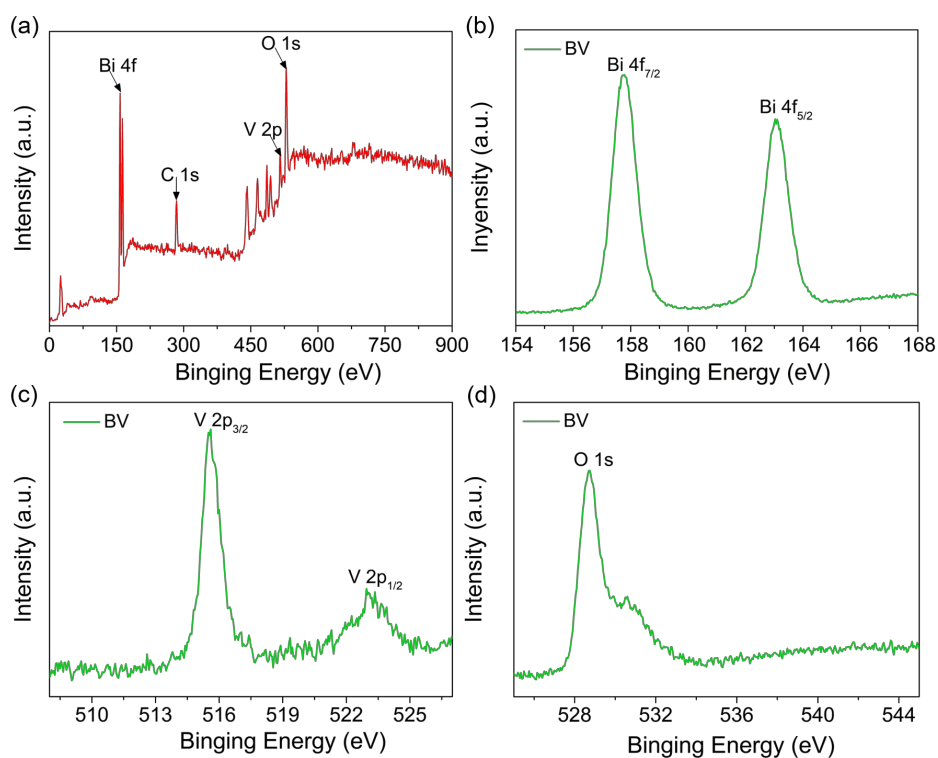


Figure S3. XPS spectra of BV.

As shown in Figure S3, the characteristic peaks of Bi 4f (b), V 2p (c), and O 1s (d) of BV can be detected from XPS results, meaning that the target has been successfully prepared, which are consistent with the previous reports¹⁻².

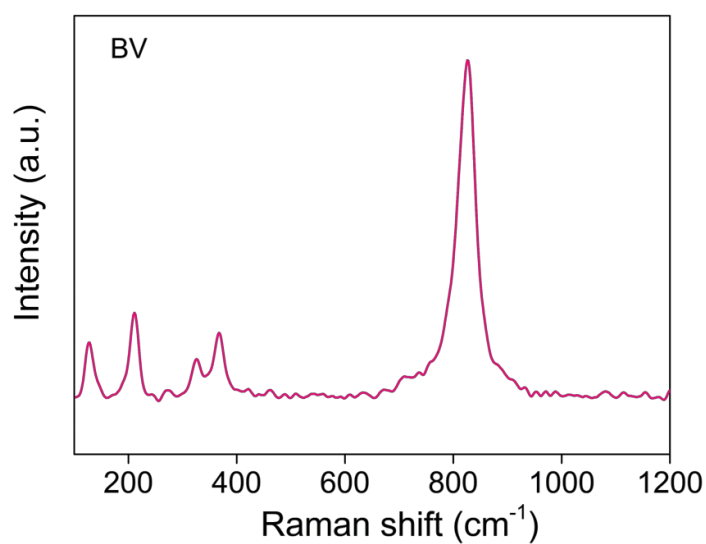


Figure S4. Raman spectra of BV.

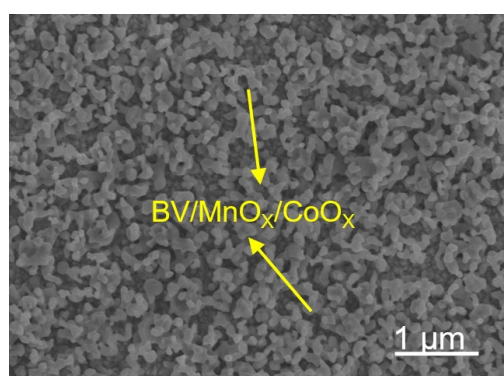


Figure S5. SEM image of BV/MnO_x/CoO_x.

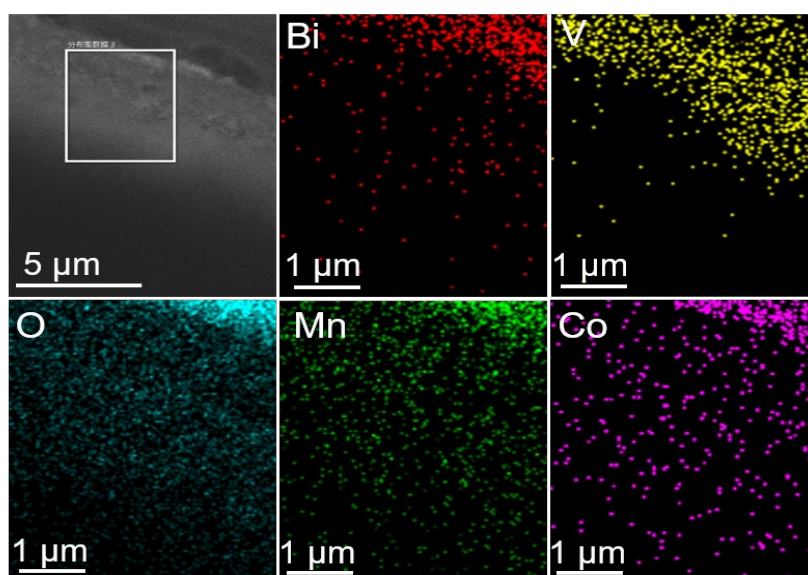


Figure S6. Cross-sectional SEM-Energy disperse spectroscopy (EDS) analysis of the BV/MnO_x/CoO_x.

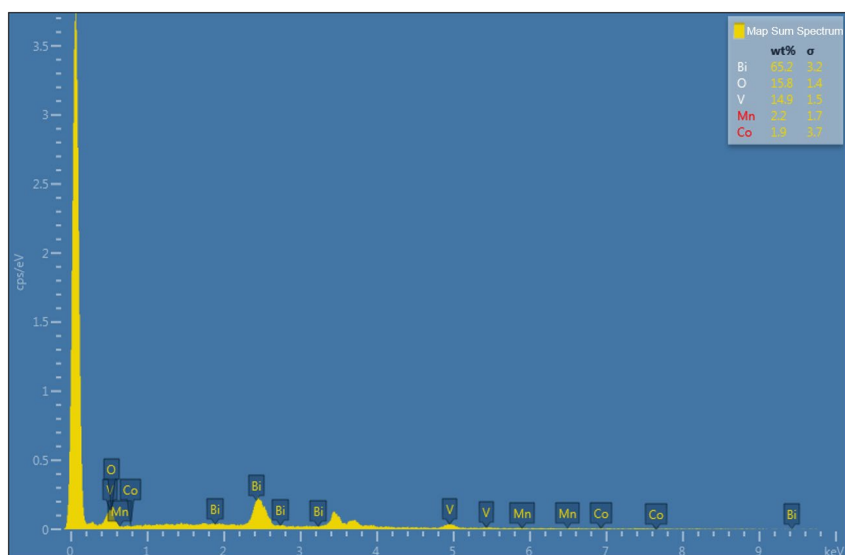


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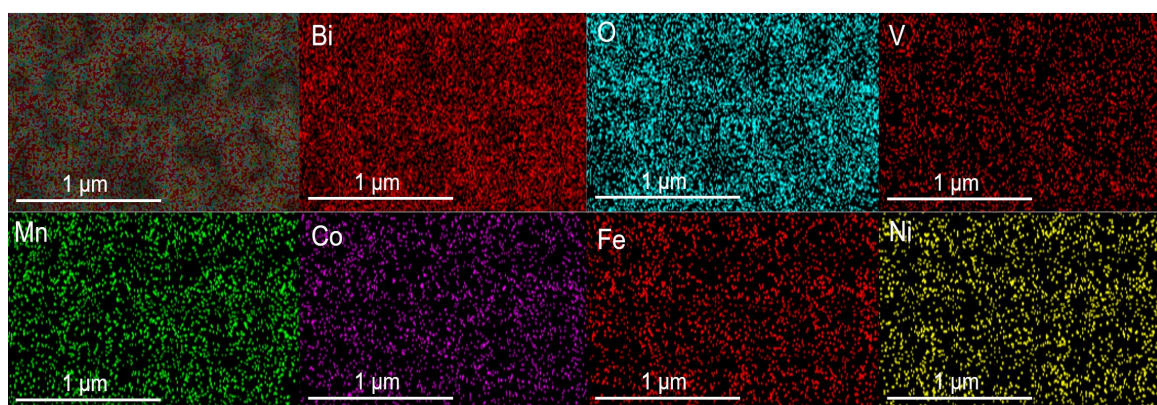


Figure S8. SEM-EDS elemental mapping images of BV/MnO_x/CoO_x/FeNiOOH.

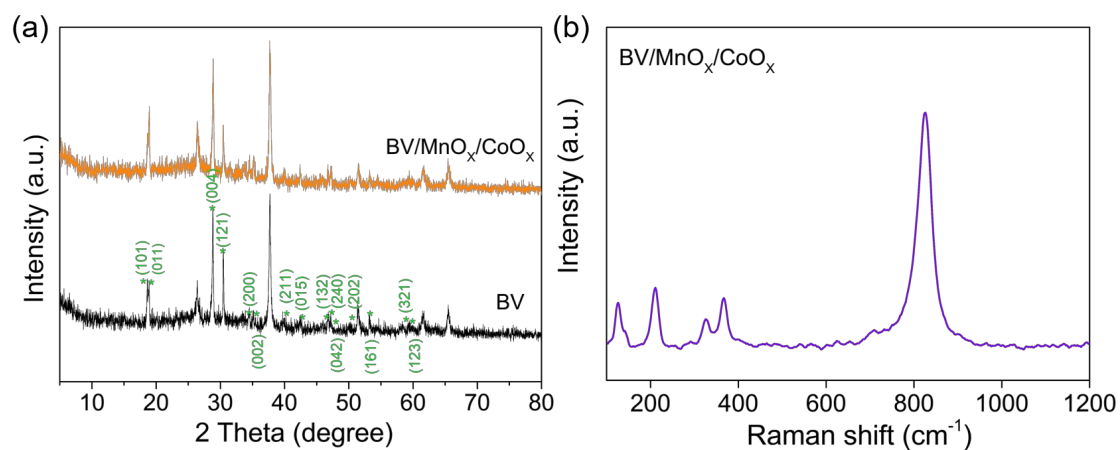


Figure S9. (a) XRD of BV and BV/MnO_x/CoO_x. (b) Raman spectra of BV/MnO_x/CoO_x.

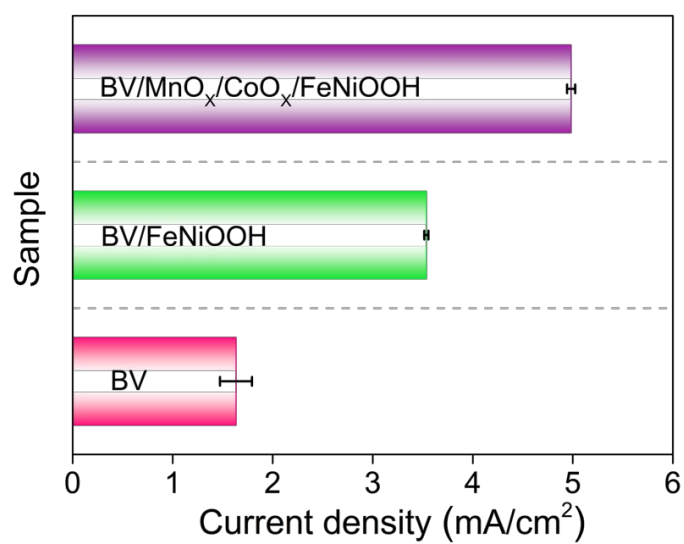


Figure S10. Photocurrent densities of BV/MnO_x/CoO_x/FeNiOOH, BV/FeNiOOH, and BV photoanodes.

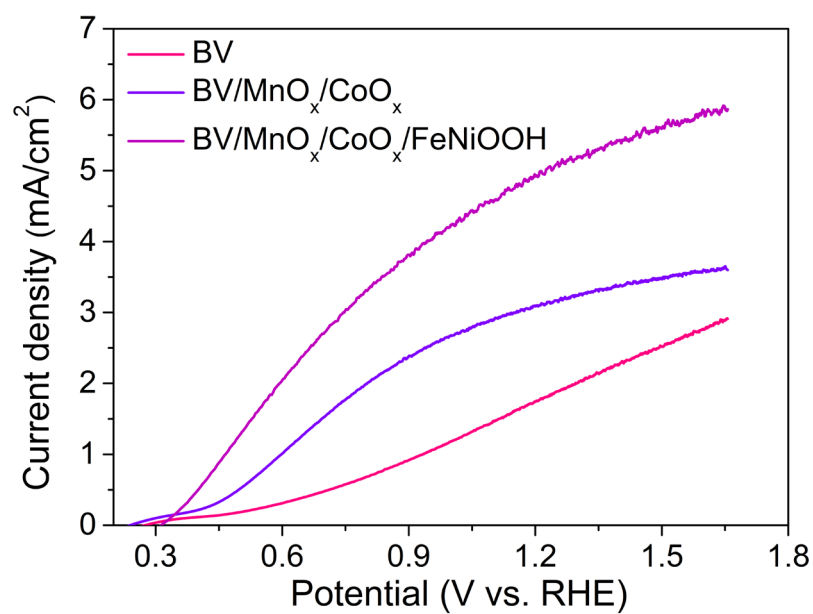


Figure S11. LSV curves of different photoanodes.

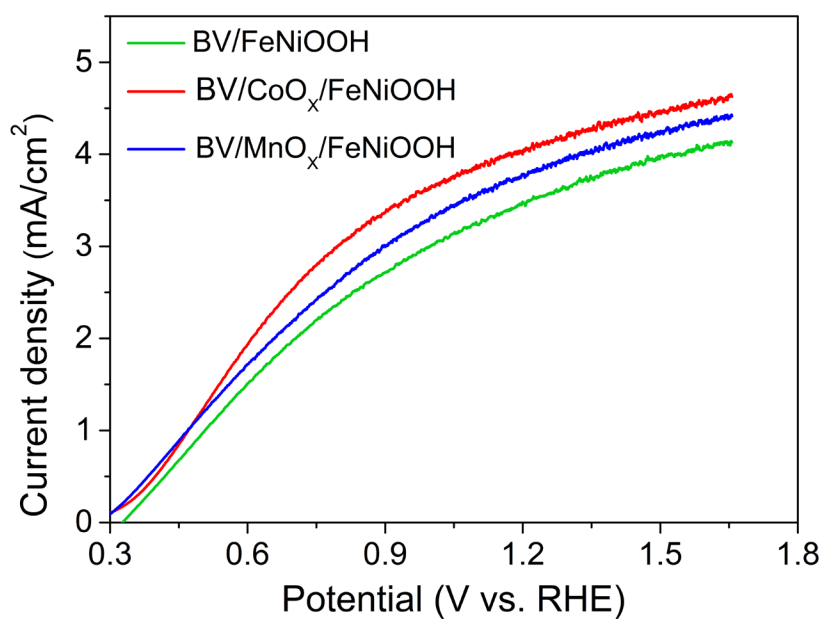


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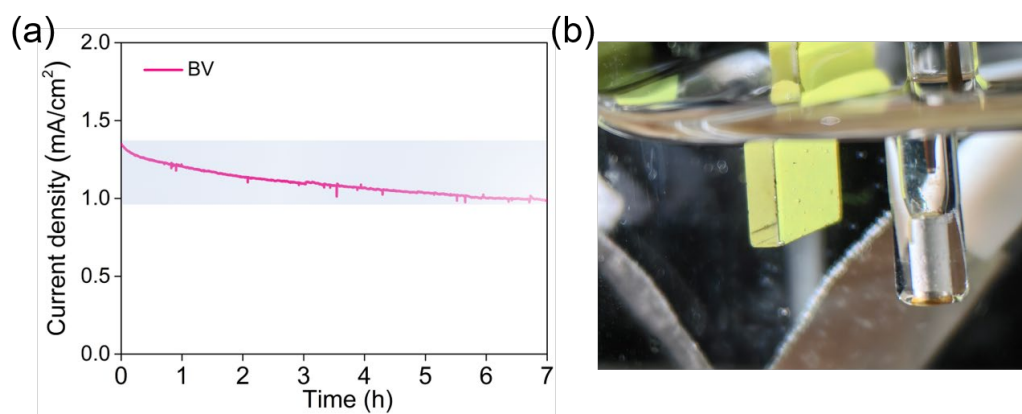


Figure S13. (a) *I-t* curve of the BV photoanode. (b) The picture of oxygen evolution.

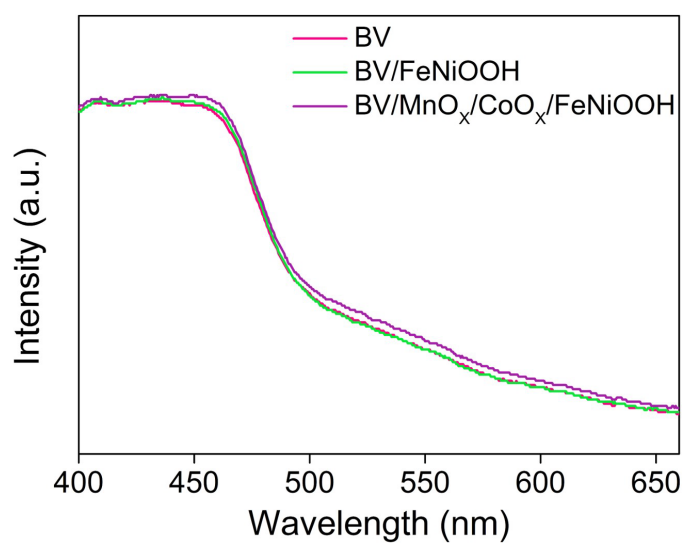


Figure S14. UV/Vis diffuse reflectance spectra of different samples.

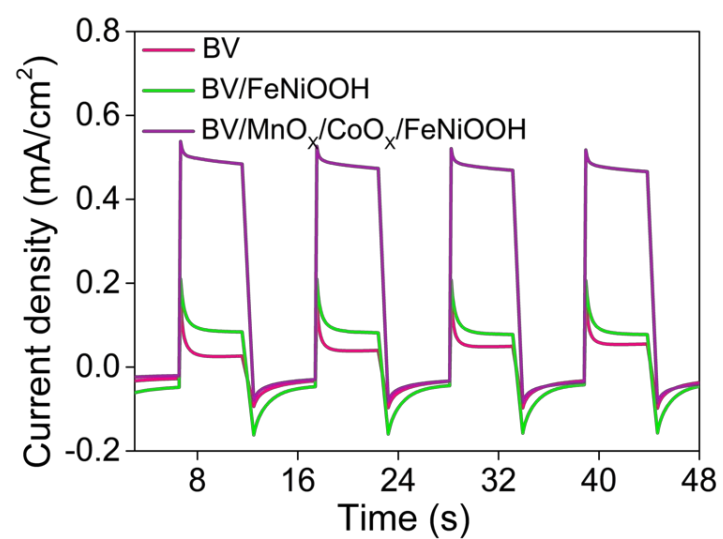


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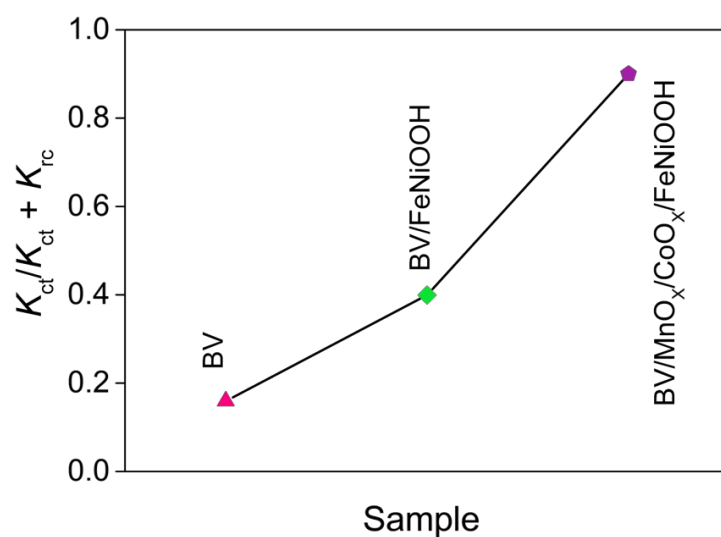


Figure S16. Charge transfer efficiencies for different samples.

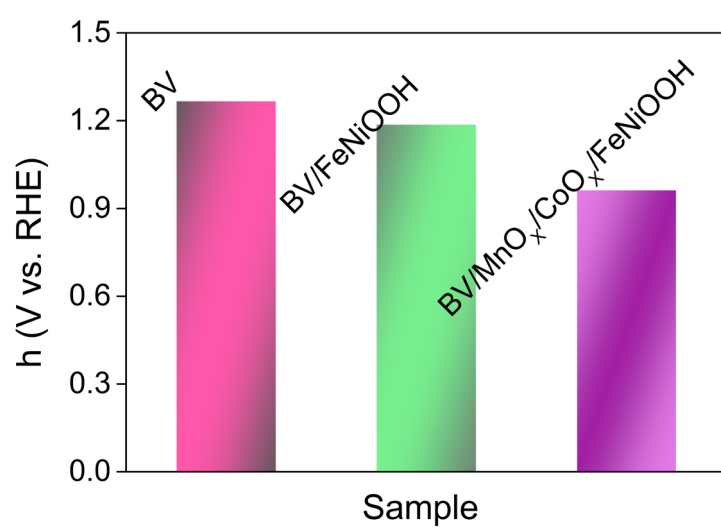


Figure S17. The overpotentials of different samples at 10 mA/cm².

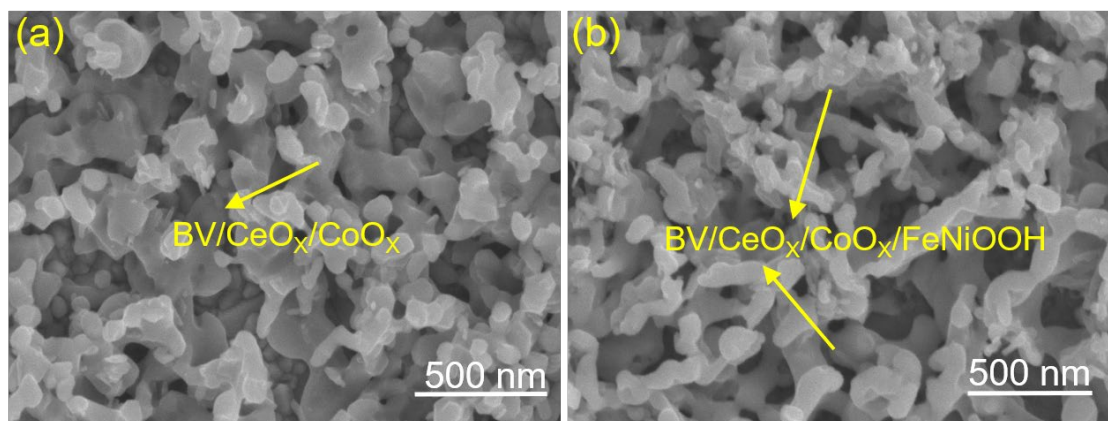


Figure S18. SEM image of (a) BV/CeO_x/CoO_x and (b) BV/CeO_x/CoO_x/FeNiOOH.

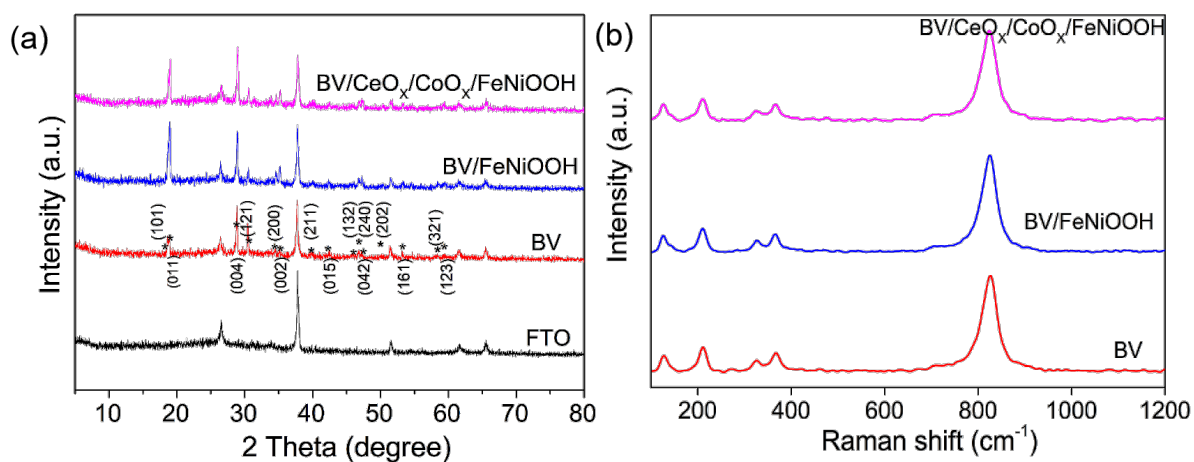


Figure S19. (a) XRD of FTO, BV, BV/FeNiOOH, and BV/CeO_x/CoO_x/FeNiOOH. (b) Raman spectra of different samples.

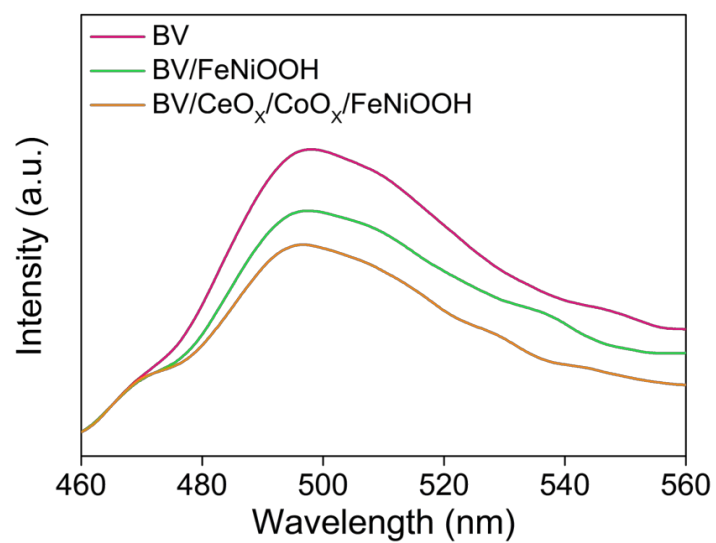


Figure S20. PL spectra of different photoanodes with excitation of 355 nm wavelength.

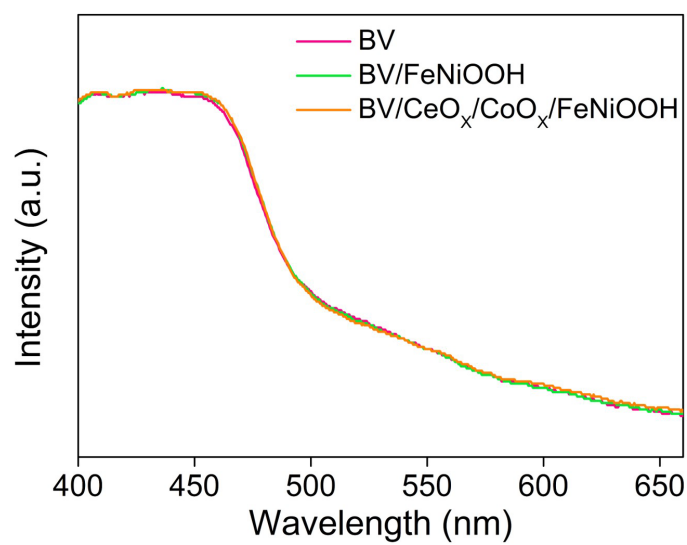


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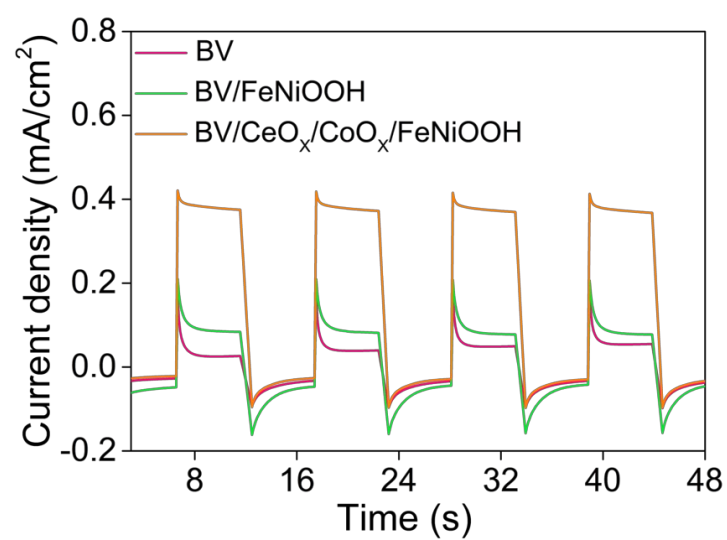


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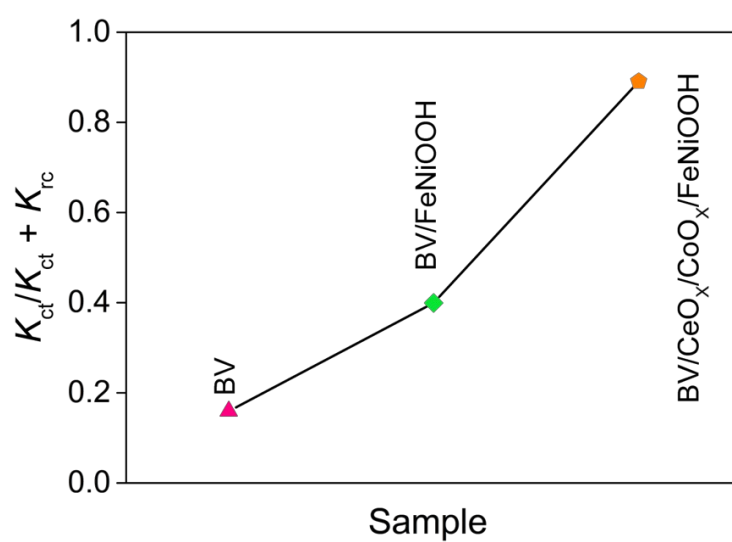


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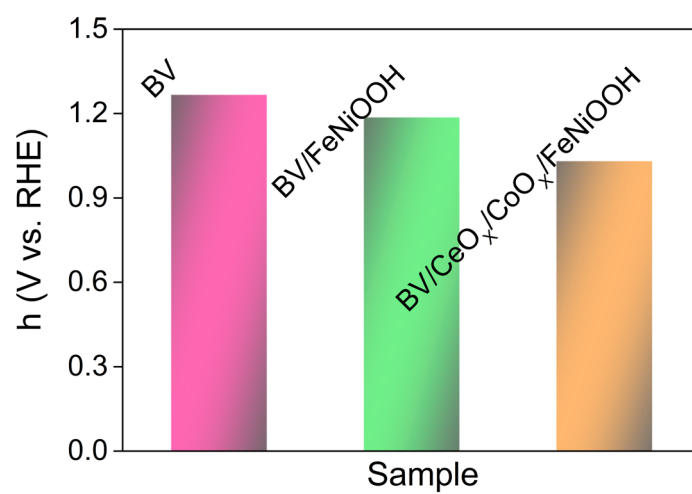


Figure S24. The overpotentials of different samples.

Table S1. EIS of different samples.

Samples	BV	BV/FeNiOOH	BV/MnO _x /CoO _x /FeNiOOH
$R_s / (\Omega)$	41.9	44.4	43.4
$R_{ct} / (\Omega)$	991	852	389

Table S2. Transit time values of different samples.

Samples	BV	BV/FeNiOOH	BV/MnO _x /CoO _x /FeNiOOH
$f_{\text{imps}} / (\text{Hz})$	121.15	316.23	464.16
$\tau_d / (\text{ms})$	1.31	0.50	0.34

Table S3. EIS of different samples.

Samples	BV	BV/FeNiOOH	BV/CeO _x /CoO _x /FeNiOOH
$R_s / (\Omega)$	41.9	44.4	45.4
$R_{ct} / (\Omega)$	991	852	522

Table S4. Transit time values of different samples.

Samples	BV	BV/FeNiOOH	BV/CeO _x /CoO _x /FeNiOOH
$f_{\text{imps}} / (\text{Hz})$	121.15	316.23	383.12
$\tau_d / (\text{ms})$	1.31	0.50	0.42

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