

Supplementary Materials

CoP/EEBP/N-FLGS Nanocomposite as an Efficient Electrocatalyst of Hydrogen Evolution Reaction in Alkaline Media

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1. Results

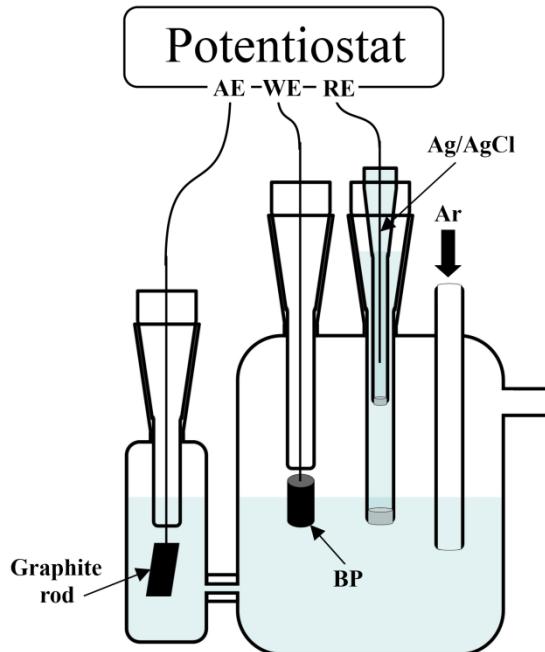


Figure S1. Schematic diagram of the cell for electrochemical expansion of black phosphorus.

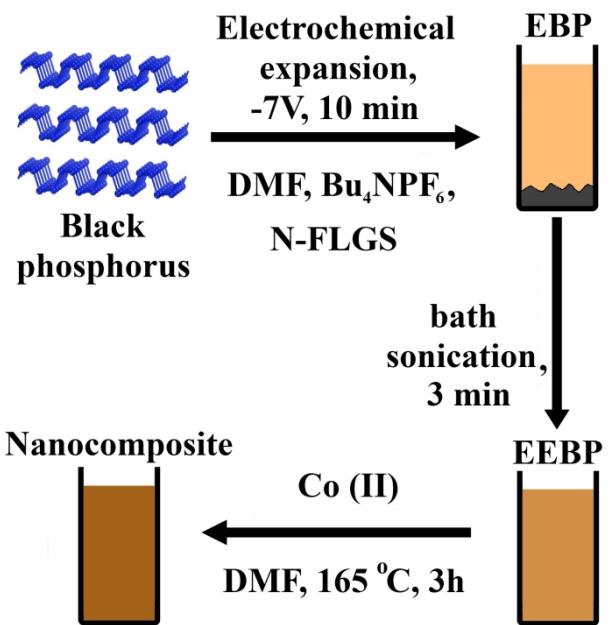


Figure S2. Schematic diagram of the synthesis of CoP/EEBP/N-FLGS nanocomposite.

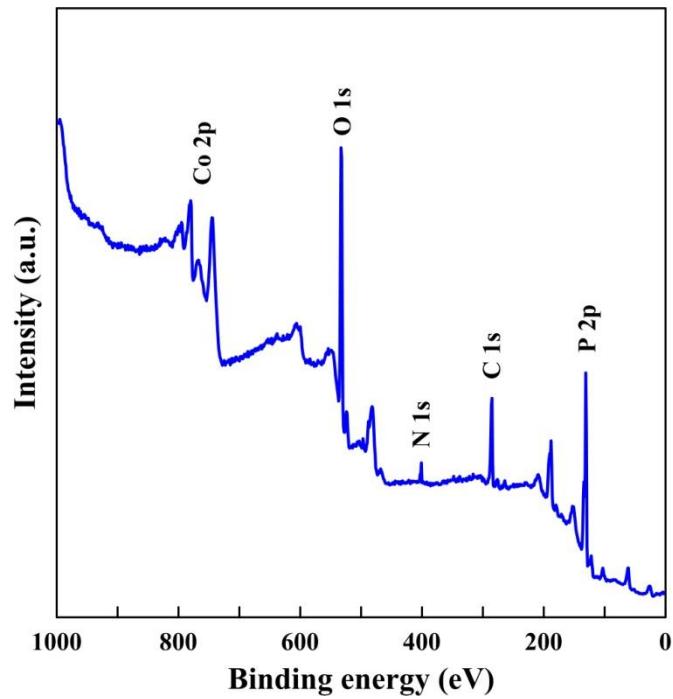


Figure S3. Survey XPS spectrum of CoP/EEBP/N-FLGS nanocomposite.

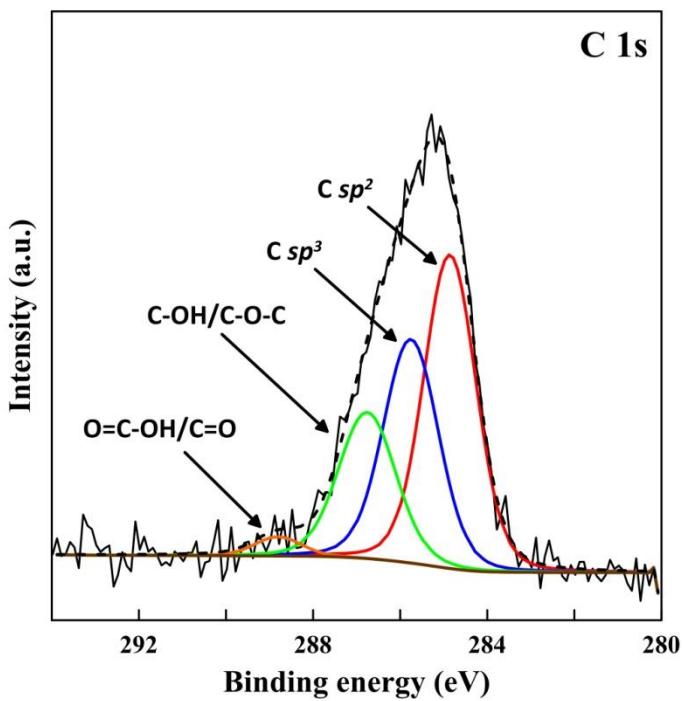


Figure S4. High resolution C 1s XPS spectrum of CoP/EEBP/N-FLGS nanocomposite.

Table S1. Elemental composition of the CoP/EEBP/N-FLGS surface (according to XPS results).

Sample	C, at. %	O, at. %	N, at. %	P, at. %	Co, at. %
CoP/EEBP/N-FLGS	23.3	29.5	1.2	41.9	4.1

Table S2. Comparison of electrocatalytic activity of catalysts based on cobalt phosphides towards HER.

Nº	Catalyst	η_{10}^* , mV	Tafel slope, mV dec ⁻¹	Ref.
1	Co ₂ P/BP	260	72	[36]
2	CoP	209	129	[47]
3	CoP/Co ₂ P	198	82	[48]
4	CoP	275	101	[48]
5	CoP	265	123	[49]
6	CoP	280	94	[50]
7	Co ₂ P	215	78	[51]
8	Co ₂ P	345	128	[52]
9	CoP/Co ₂ P	226	114	[53]
10	CoP	203	65	[54]
11	CoP	215	52	[55]
12	CoP/EEBP/N-FLGS	190	78	This work

* η_{10} is overpotential at current density of 10 mA cm⁻².

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