

Composition Engineered Electrocatalysts for Water Splitting and Metal-ion batteries

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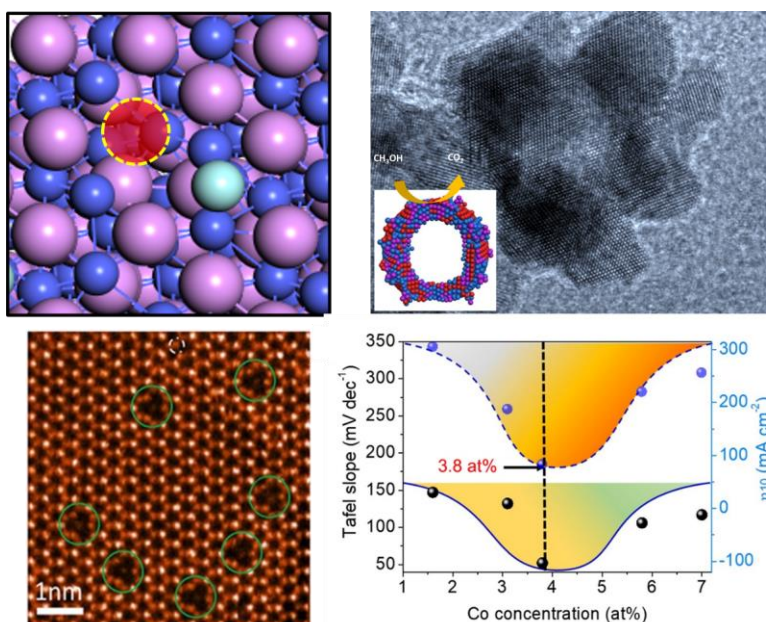
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Graphical Abstract

Doping and composition engineering is effective to tailoring the electronic structure and enhancement in electrocatalytic performance for water splitting and metal ion batteries.



Abstract

Water electrolysis, fuel cells, and metal-air batteries all require efficient and cheap electrocatalysts that can significantly lower the reaction overpotentials. Defects due to doping or alloy are pivotal to tailoring the electrocatalytic activities of the electrode materials. In this talk, I will discuss about effect of composition engineering and doping of electrocatalysts in their performance in water splitting and metal-ion batteries. First, we show dual anion doping, or metal-anion co-doping in alloy compounds can simultaneously modulate key parameters in water dissociation and hydrogen adsorption energies, leading to evident enhancement in both hydrogen and oxygen evolution reactions activities. Second, local configurations in the basal plane of MoS₂ due to atomic doping has triggered the intrinsic HER activity. Finally, some applications in high-power and durable zinc air batteries will also be presented.

Keywords: Water splitting, hydrogen generation reaction, electrocatalysts, metal-ion batteries, defect chemistry.

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