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Abstract: Cost-effective and efficient oxygen evolving electrocatalysts are urgently required for energy

conversion technology. In this work, nanocrystalline NiS particles were prepared by a facile one-step

mechanical alloying method as a promising oxygen evolution reaction electrocatalyst. The

nanocrystalline NiS catalysts exhibited an overpotential of 354 mV at the current density of 10 mA cm⁻²

after 1000 cycles Cyclic voltammetry scan activation in alkaline electrolyte (1 M KOH). The Tafel slope

reduced 33% to 116 mV/dec after the activation. The working electrode could maintain its 81.3%

catalytic activity after the 10 hours long-term test. The improved OER performance of the nc-NiS

catalysts was benefit from the changes on the morphology and composition, which were induced by the

CV1000 activation.

Keywords: Nanocrystalline; NiS; Oxygen evolution reaction; Electrocatalyst; Electrical properties;

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