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A  ${\rm MoO}_{\rm x}$ -incorporated RuAu composite electrocatalyst for the hydrogen evolution reaction in proton exchange membrane water electrolysis

Electrocatalytic activity of RuAu for hydrogen evolution reaction (HER) is improved by incorporating MoOx into the electrocatalyst. RuAu-MoO $_x$  composite prepared through facile electrodeposition outperforms Ru and RuAu. Theoretical analyses demonstrate MoO $_x$  finely modulated the H-binding free energy of nearby Ru, which realizes the lowest overpotential. Proton exchange membrane water electrolysis cell with RuAu-MoO $_x$  exhibited a high performance with a superior mass activity of electrocatalyst.

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