

## Green synthesis polypyrrol-supported metal catalysts: application to nitrate removal in water

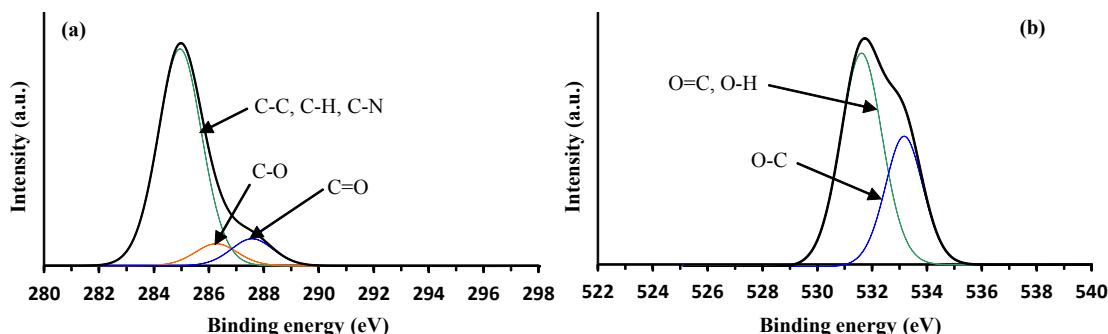
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### Supplementary information

Supplementary information Table 1. XPS surface chemical composition (at.%) of the different samples<sup>[a]</sup>.

Binding energy (eV)	284.5	531.5	398.1	198.5	71.2	487.6	710.9
Element	C 1s	O 1s	N 1s	Cl 2p	Pt 4f	Sn 3d	Fe 2p
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(1:1)	74.21	13.97	4.47	3.76	1.07	2.52	0
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(1:1)-P	65.15	19.12	6.05	4.32	2.07	3.29	0
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(1:1)-P-R	69.24	20.68	6.26	0.49	0.68	2.65	0
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(3:1)	71.67	4.44	12.13	11.32	0.23	0.21	0
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(3:1)-P	68.65	15.40	6.71	3.27	4.21	1.76	0
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(3:1)-P-R	72.42	16.16	7.88	0.61	1.37	1.56	0
PPy-2%Pt	84.15	5.68	4.98	3.53	1.66	-	0
PPy-2%Pt-P	70.36	14.88	8.02	2.96	3.73	-	0.05
PPy-2%Pt-P-R	78.26	12.35	7.75	0.64	1.00	-	0
PPy	77.95	6.52	13.16	2.37	-	-	0
PPy-R	77.52	10.26	11.48	0.37	-	-	0
PPy-Plasma	71.77	14.16	12.37	1.70	-	-	0
PPy-Plasma-R	73.65	13.71	12.18	0.47	-	-	0

[a] P = plasma; R = recovered catalyst after 300 min of nitrate reduction with hydrogen.



Supplementary information Fig. 1. XPS (a) C 1s and (b) O 1s spectra of as-synthesized polypyrrole.

**Supplementary information Table 2.** Atomic percentages of the different surface species estimated from the areas of the contributions to the XPS spectra corresponding to the C 1s level [a].

Element	C 1s						
	Sample	Binding energy (eV)	Species	Composition (at. %)			
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(1:1)		284.9	C - C, C - H, C - N	63.94	50.61	56.92	
		286.6	C - O	6.90	8.04	5.42	
		288.4	C = O	3.37	6.50	6.90	
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(3:1)		285.1	C - C, C - H, C - N	63.73	51.48	61.37	
		287.2	C - O	5.76	10.11	6.32	
		289.1	C = O	2.18	7.06	4.73	
PPy-2%Pt		285.1	C - C, C - H, C - N	73.01	52.87	65.64	
		286.7	C - O	6.96	10.18	9.05	
		288.3	C = O	4.18	7.31	3.57	
PPy		285.0	C - C, C - H, C - N	63.85	57.71	59.70	
		286.3	C - O	6.34	5.26	7.31	
		287.6	C = O	7.76	8.80	6.64	

[a] R = recovered catalyst after 300 min of nitrate reduction with hydrogen.

**Supplementary information Table 3.** Atomic percentages of the different surface species estimated from the areas of the contributions to the XPS spectra corresponding to the O 1s level [a].

Element	O 1s						
	Sample	Binding energy (eV)	Species	Composition (at. %)			
				No Plasma	Plasma	Plasma-R	
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(1:1)		531.7	O = C, O - H	8.37	10.69	13.30	
		533.1	O - C	5.60	8.43	7.38	
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(3:1)		531.8	O = C, O - H	2.43	9.04	9.40	
		533.1	O - C	2.01	6.36	6.76	
PPy-2%Pt		532.0	O = C, O - H	3.44	8.90	8.62	
		533.6	O - C	2.24	5.98	3.73	
PPy		531.6	O = C, O - H	4.20	9.94	9.90	
		533.2	O - C	2.32	4.22	3.81	

[a] R = recovered catalyst after 300 min of nitrate reduction with hydrogen.

**Supplementary information Table 4.** Atomic percentages of the different surface species estimated from the areas of the contributions to the XPS spectra corresponding to the N 1s level [a].

Element	N 1s						
	Sample	Binding energy (eV)	Species	Composition (at. %)			
				No Plasma	Plasma	Plasma-R	
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(1:1)		400.1	-NH-	3.84	4.51	1.95	
		401.8	N <sup>+</sup>	0.63	1.54	4.31	
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(3:1)		400.2	-NH-	5.03	5.68	1.86	
		401.9	N <sup>+</sup>	7.10	1.03	6.02	
PPy-2%Pt		399.3	=N-	1.35	1.75	2.25	
		400.4	-NH-	3.63	6.27	5.50	
PPy		399.7	=N-	4.65	0	3.11	
		400.3	-NH-	8.51	11.24	9.07	
		401.5	N <sup>+</sup>	0	1.13	0	

[a] R = recovered catalysts after 300 min of nitrate reduction with hydrogen.

**Supplementary information Table 5. Atomic percentages of the different surface species estimated from the areas of the contributions to the XPS spectra corresponding to the Pt 4f level<sup>[a]</sup>.**

Element Sample	Pt 4f	
	Species	Composition (at. %)
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(1:1)	Pt <sup>2+</sup>	0.09
	Pt <sup>4+</sup>	0.98
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(1:1)-Plasma	Pt <sup>0</sup>	0.85
	Pt <sup>2+</sup>	1.22
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(1:1)-Plasma-R	Pt <sup>0</sup>	0.22
	Pt <sup>2+</sup>	0.46
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(3:1)	Pt <sup>2+</sup>	0.13
	Pt <sup>4+</sup>	0.10
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(3:1)-Plasma	Pt <sup>0</sup>	3.11
	Pt <sup>2+</sup>	1.11
PPy-2%Pt-(Pt:Sn)(3:1)-Plasma-R	Pt <sup>0</sup>	0.82
	Pt <sup>2+</sup>	0.55
PPy-2%Pt	Pt <sup>2+</sup>	1.50
	Pt <sup>4+</sup>	0.15
PPy-2%Pt-Plasma	Pt <sup>0</sup>	2.28
	Pt <sup>2+</sup>	1.45
PPy-2%Pt-Plasma-R	Pt <sup>2+</sup>	0.43
	Pt <sup>4+</sup>	0.57

[a] R = recovered catalysts after 300 min of nitrate reduction with hydrogen.