**Electronic Supplementary Information** 

## Balancing the galvanic replacement and reduction kinetics for the general formation of bimetallic CuM (M = Ru, Rh, Pd, Os, Ir, Pt) hollow nanostructures

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**Fig. S1** TEM image (a) and HRTEM images (b) of the Cu nanoparticles synthesized in oleylamine at 180°C, which are used as seeds for the formation of bimetallic hollow nanostructures in a galvanic replacement reaction at appropriate temperatures.



**Fig. S2** elemental mapping of a single particle (a–d) of the bimetallic Cu-Pt hollow nanostructures synthesized in oleylamine at a temperature of 160°C.



**Fig. S3** EDX-based element profiles of bimetallic CuPt nanoparticles as-prepared by reacting Pt<sup>4+</sup> ions with the Cu seeds in oleylamine at temperature of 220°C.



**Fig. S4** TEM image (a), HRTEM image (b), and EDX-based element profiles (c) of bimetallic CuPt nanoparticles as-prepared by reacting  $Pt^{4+}$  ions with the Cu seeds in oleylamine at temperature of 250°C.



**Fig. S5** TEM images ( $a_1$ ), elemental mappings ( $a_2-a_5$ ), and STEM-EDX analyses ( $a_6$ ) of binary CuOs nanostructures synthesized by GRR between Cu seeds and Os ion precursors in oleylamine at temperature of 245°C. Inserts in ( $a_1$ ) is HRTEM images of the a single CuOs nanostructure.



**Fig. S6** TEM images carbon-supported hCuPtNSs prepared at temperature of 120°C (a) and 160°C (b) in oleylamine.



Fig. S7 Cyclic voltammograms of hCuPtNSs-120/C, hCuPtNSs-160/C, and E-TEK Pt/C catalysts in argon-purged HClO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 M) at room temperature obtained with scan rate of 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. S8 TEM images of as-prepared hCuRuNSs (a) and hCuO-RuO<sub>2</sub>/CNT (b) supported on the surface of carbon nanotube substrates.