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Supporting Information:

Synthesis and application of a MOF-Derived Ni@C catalyst by the guidance from an *in situ* hot stage in TEM

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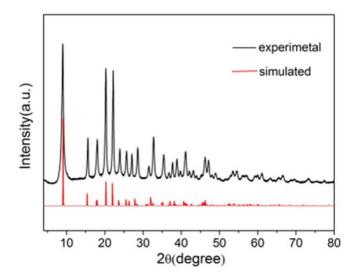


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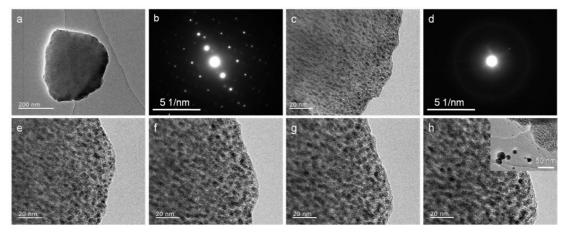


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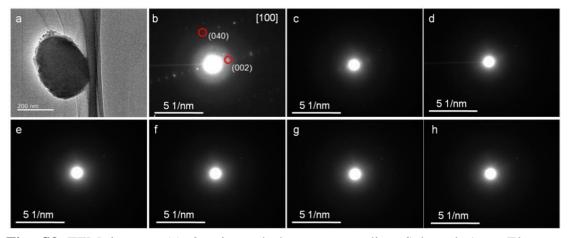


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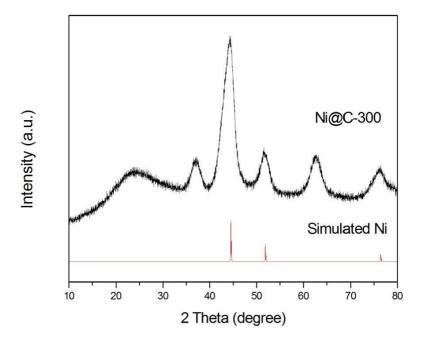


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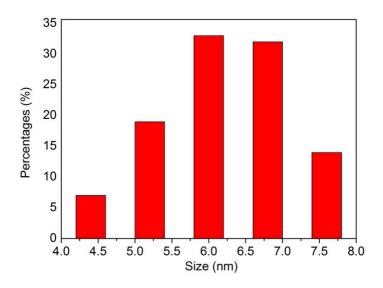


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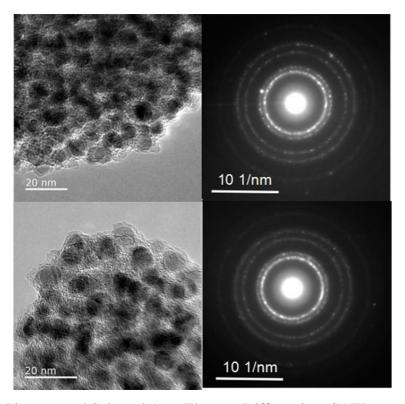


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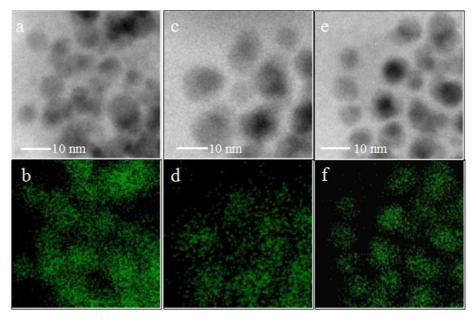


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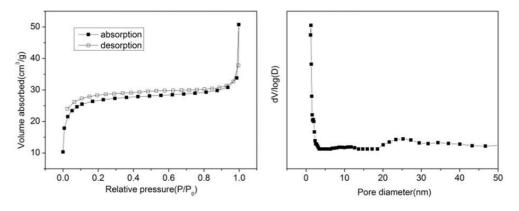


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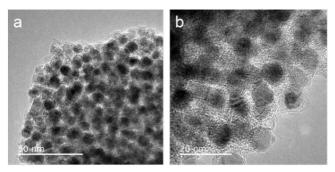


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