

# Facile Synthesis of Metal Nanoparticles Decorated Magnetic Hierarchical Carbon Microtubes with Polydopamine-Derived Carbon Layer for Catalytic Applications

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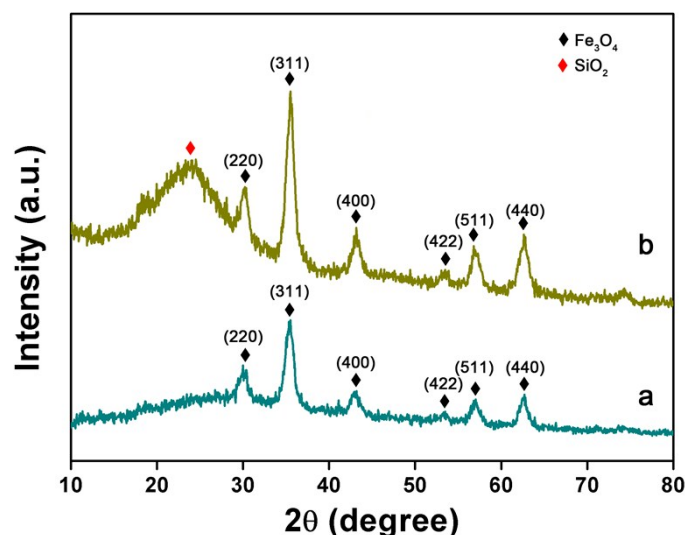


Fig.S1 XRD patterns of NCMTs@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (a) and NCMTs@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> (b).

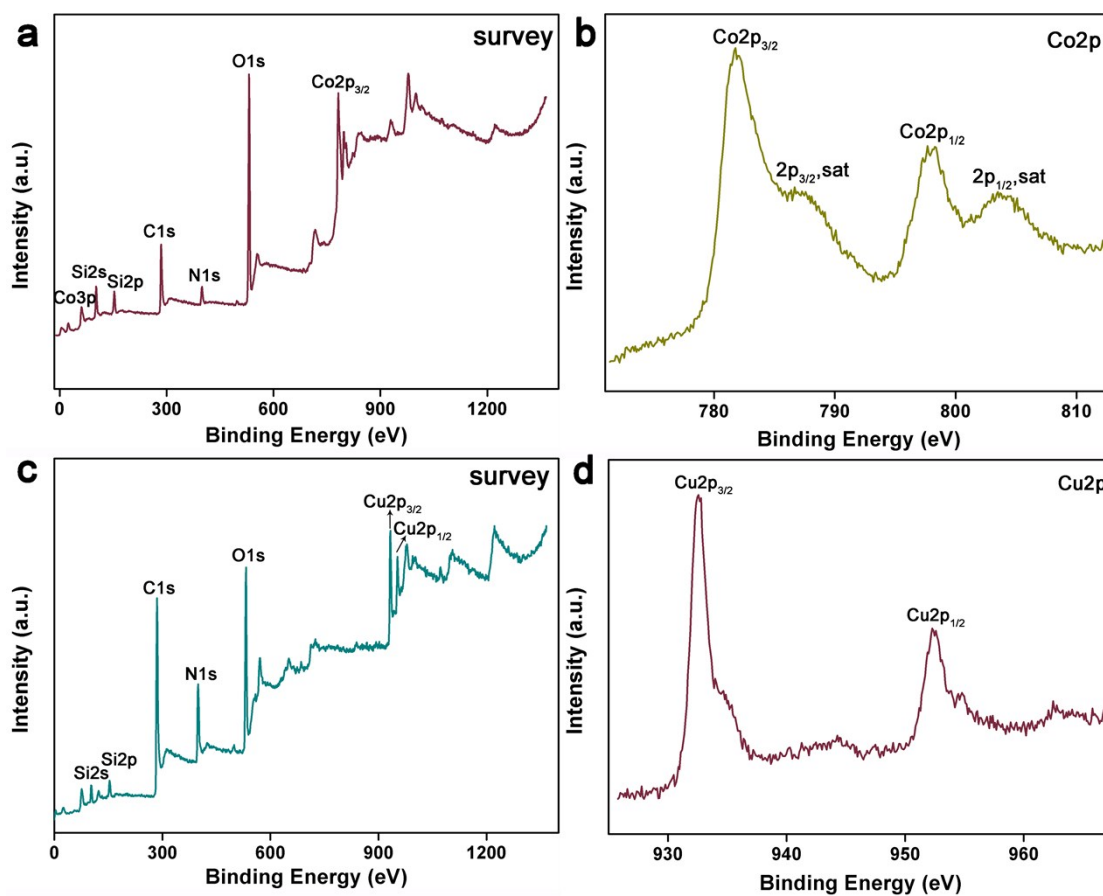
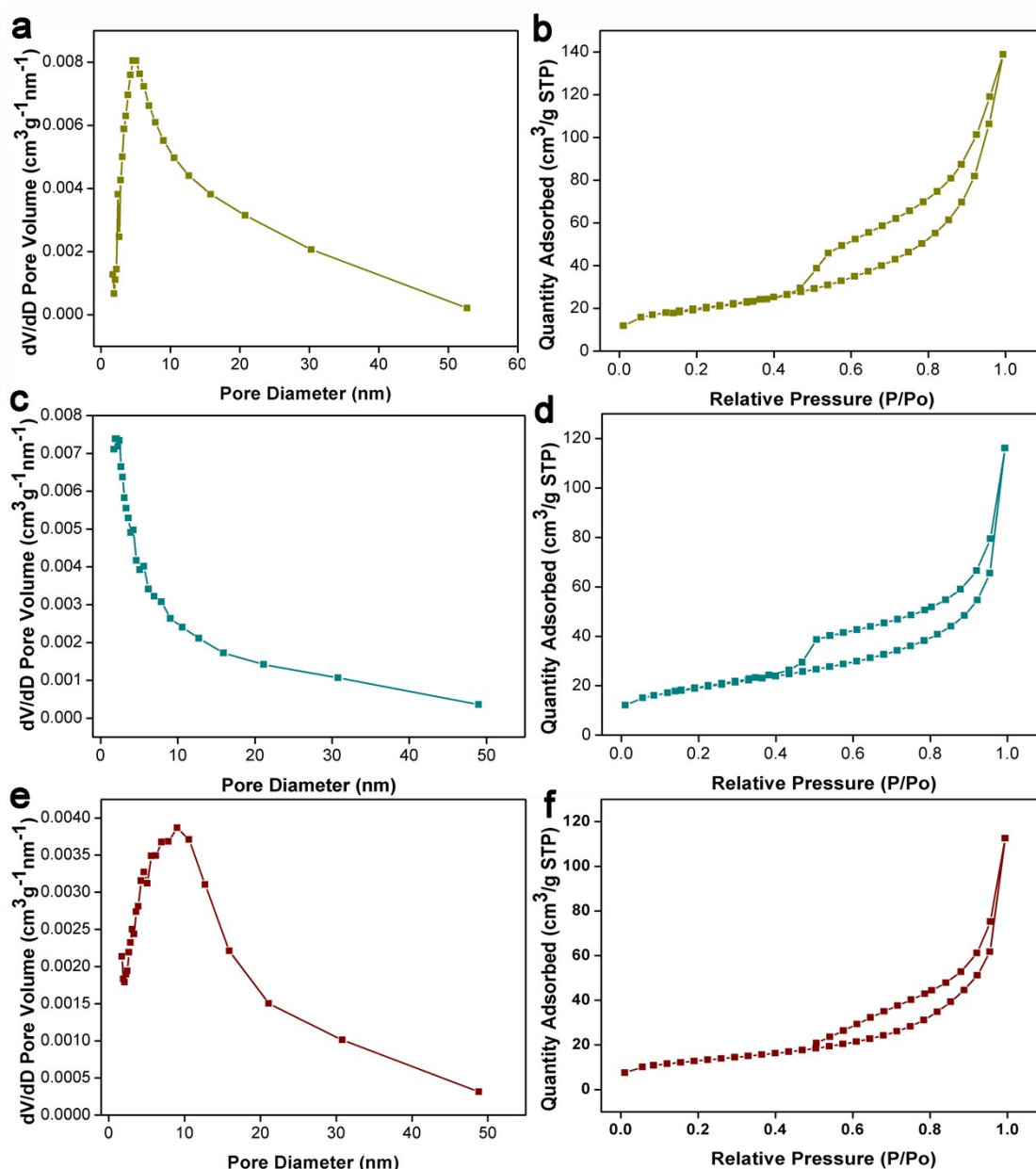


Fig. S2 XPS spectra of the NCMTs@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@C/Co and NCMTs@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@C/Cu. (a) survey spectrum of NCMTs@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@C/Co, (b) Co 2p spectrum, (c) survey spectrum of

NCMTs@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@C/Co, (d) Cu2p spectrum.

**Table S1.** Metal atomic ratios and binding energies in NCMTs@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@C/Ni, NCMTs@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@C/Co, NCMTs@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@C/Cu, respectively.

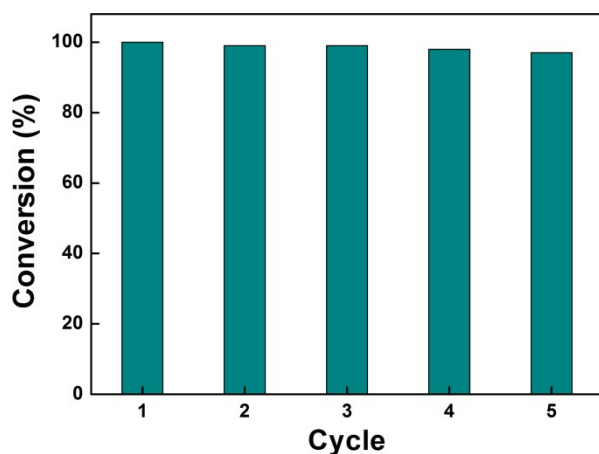
| Name     | Ni2p      | Co2p      | Cu2p      |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Peak BE  | 856.45 eV | 781.91 eV | 932.55 eV |
| Atomic % | 5.95 %    | 10.16 %   | 3.02 %    |



**Fig. S3** The pore size distribution curves and nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms of NCMTs@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@C/Ni (a, b), NCMTs@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@C/Co(c,d), NCMTs@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@C/Cu (e,f).

**Table S2.** Surface Area, Pore Volume and Pore Size of NCMTs@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@C/Ni, NCMTs@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@C/Co, NCMTs@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@C/Cu composite.

| Materials                                                        | Surface Area            | Pore Volume              | Pore Size |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| NCMTs@Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub> @C/<br>Ni | 69.27 m <sup>2</sup> /g | 0.15 cm <sup>3</sup> /g  | 8.91 nm   |
| NCMTs@Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub> @C/<br>Co | 66.62 m <sup>2</sup> /g | 0.09 cm <sup>3</sup> /g  | 5.64 nm   |
| NCMTs@Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub> @C/<br>Cu | 45.01 m <sup>2</sup> /g | 0.088 cm <sup>3</sup> /g | 7.80 nm   |



**Fig. S4** the recyclability of NCMTs@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@C/Ni as the catalyst for 4-NP.

**Table S3.** Comparison of the activity parameter  $\kappa$  of metal catalysts for the reduction of 4-NP

| Samples                                                                | $k(\times 10^{-3} \text{s}^{-1})$ | $\kappa(\times 10^{-3} \text{mg}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1})$ | References |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| NCMTs@Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub> @C/Ni           | 3.43                              | 545.3                                                 | This work  |
| Ni/MC-750                                                              | 6.26                              | 20.9                                                  | 1          |
| C-Ni/500                                                               | 21.7                              | 523                                                   | 2          |
| Ni/C-800                                                               | 17.41                             | 0.0174                                                | 3          |
| Fe@Au-ATPGO                                                            | 1.4                               | 400                                                   | 4          |
| Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub> -Au@mSiO <sub>2</sub> | 7                                 | 105                                                   | 5          |
| Ni/SNTs(23.0 wt%)                                                      | 84                                | 91                                                    | 6          |
| TiO <sub>2</sub> @C-Ni/700                                             | 15.17                             | 173.21                                                | 7          |

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