

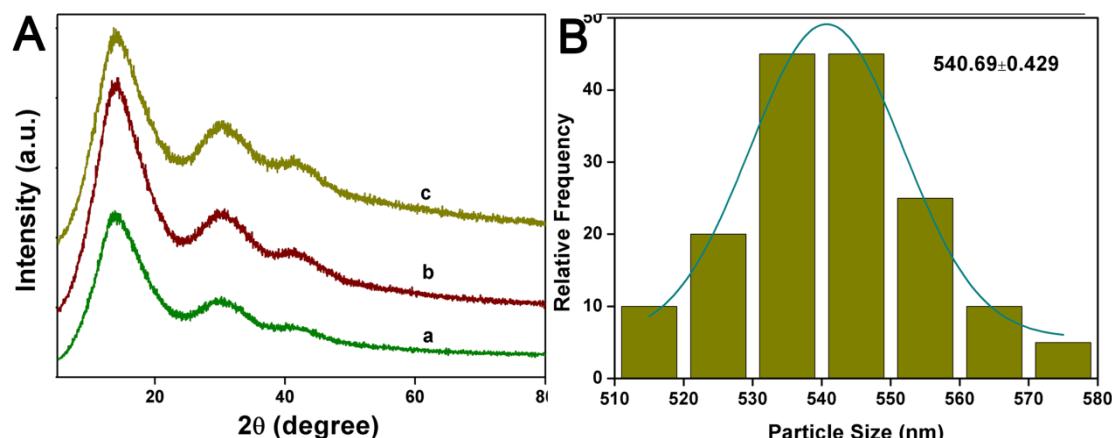
**Anchoring Nickel Nanoparticles on Three-Dimensionally Macro-/mesoporous Titanium Dioxide with Carbon Layer from Polydopamine Using Polymethylmethacrylate Microspheres as Sacrificial Templates**

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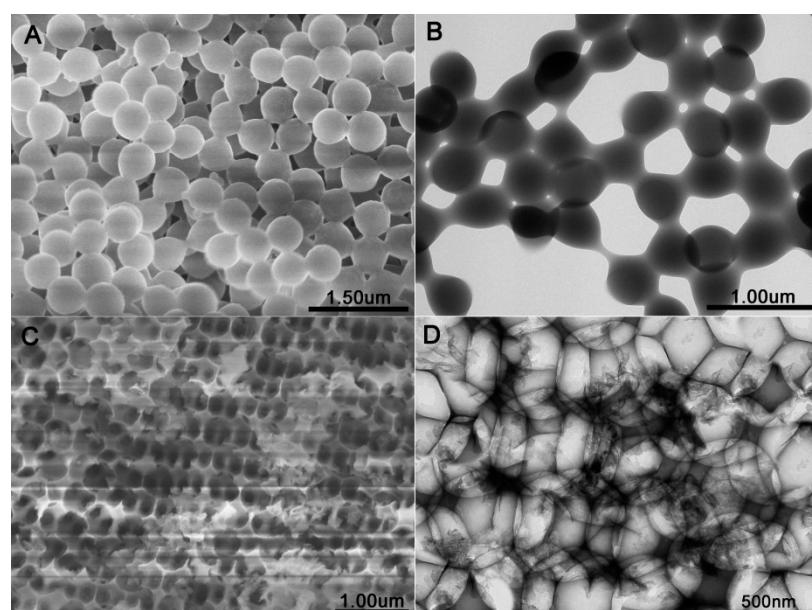
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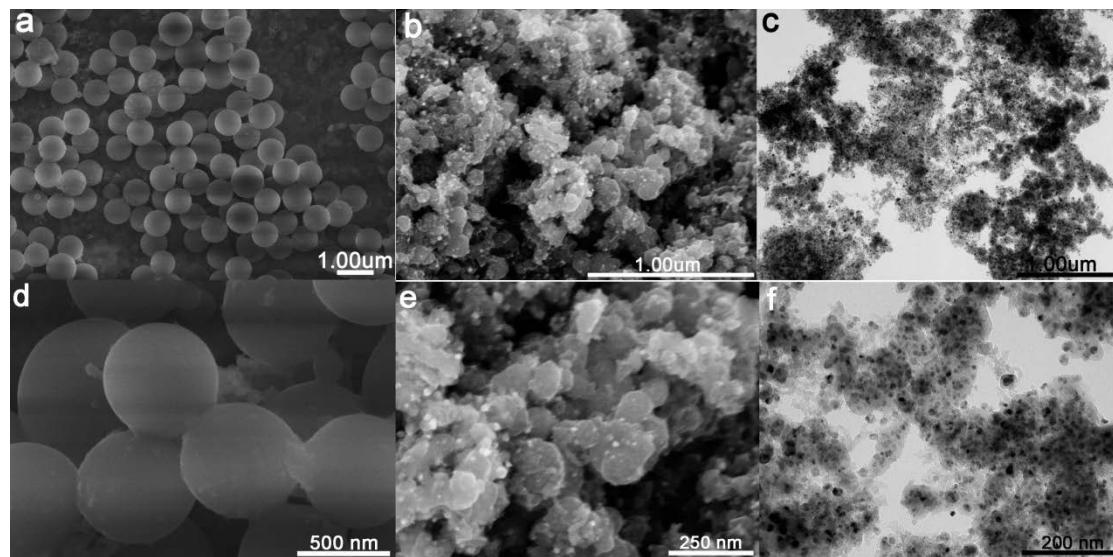
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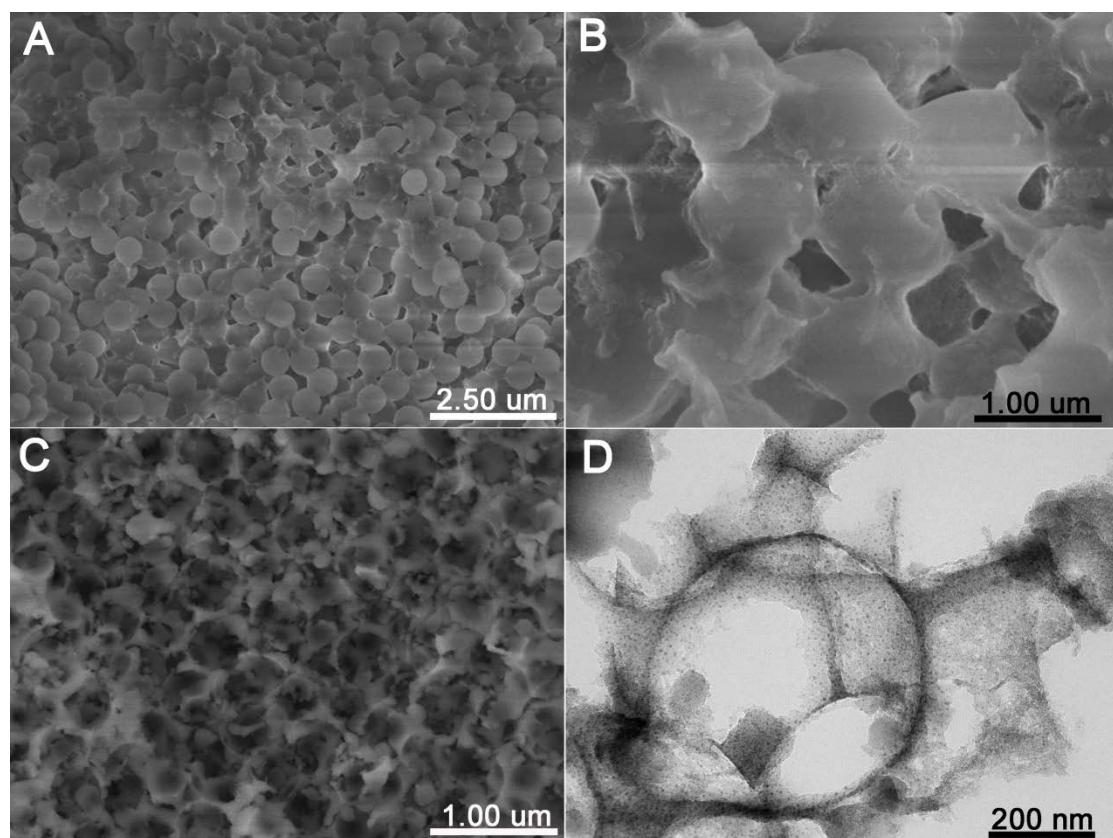
**Figure S1.** A: X-Ray diffraction patterns of PMMA (a), PMMA@TiO<sub>2</sub> (b), PMMA@TiO<sub>2</sub>@PDA-Ni<sup>2+</sup>(c); B: The particle size distribution of PMMA microspheres



**Figure S2.** The SEM and TEM images of PMMA@TiO<sub>2</sub> (A, B) and 3D inverse-opal TiO<sub>2</sub> carbonized at 500 °C for 3 h (C,D)

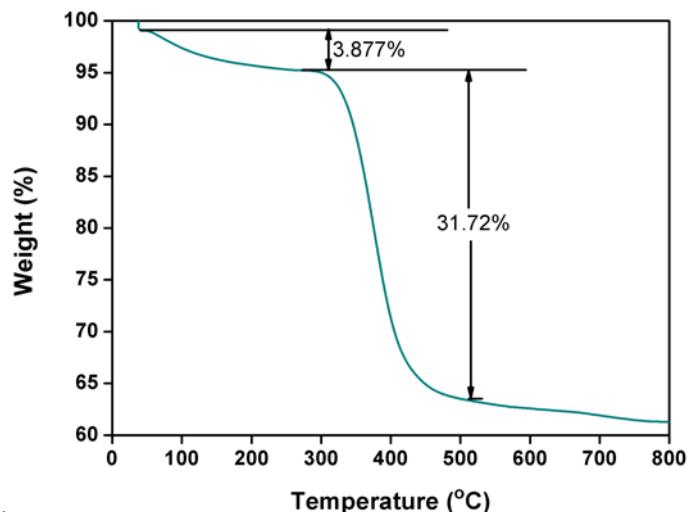


**Figure S3.** (a,d) SEM image of PMMA@PDA-Ni<sup>2+</sup>, and (b,e) SEM and (c,f) TEM images of 3D C-Ni annealed at 500 °C in N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.

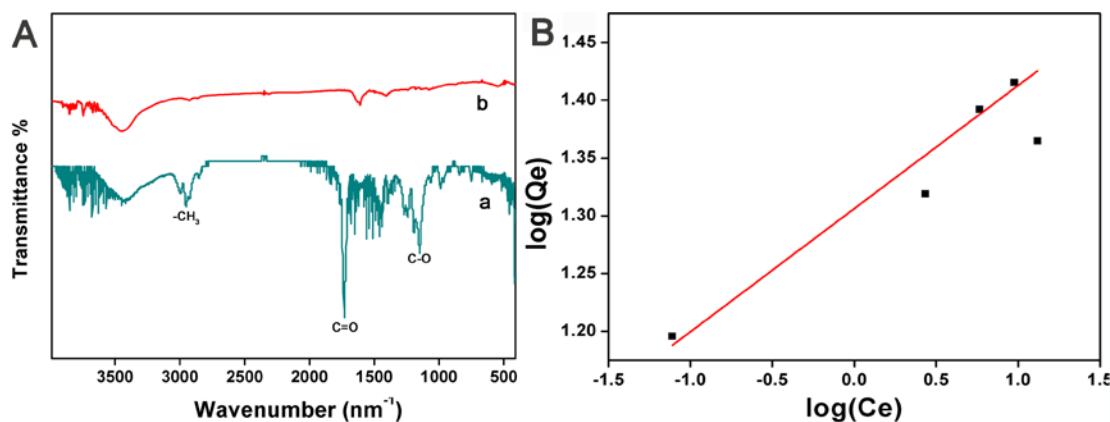


**Figure S4.** (a, b) SEM image of 3D PMMA@SiO<sub>2</sub>@PDA-Ni<sup>2+</sup> composites; (c) SEM image

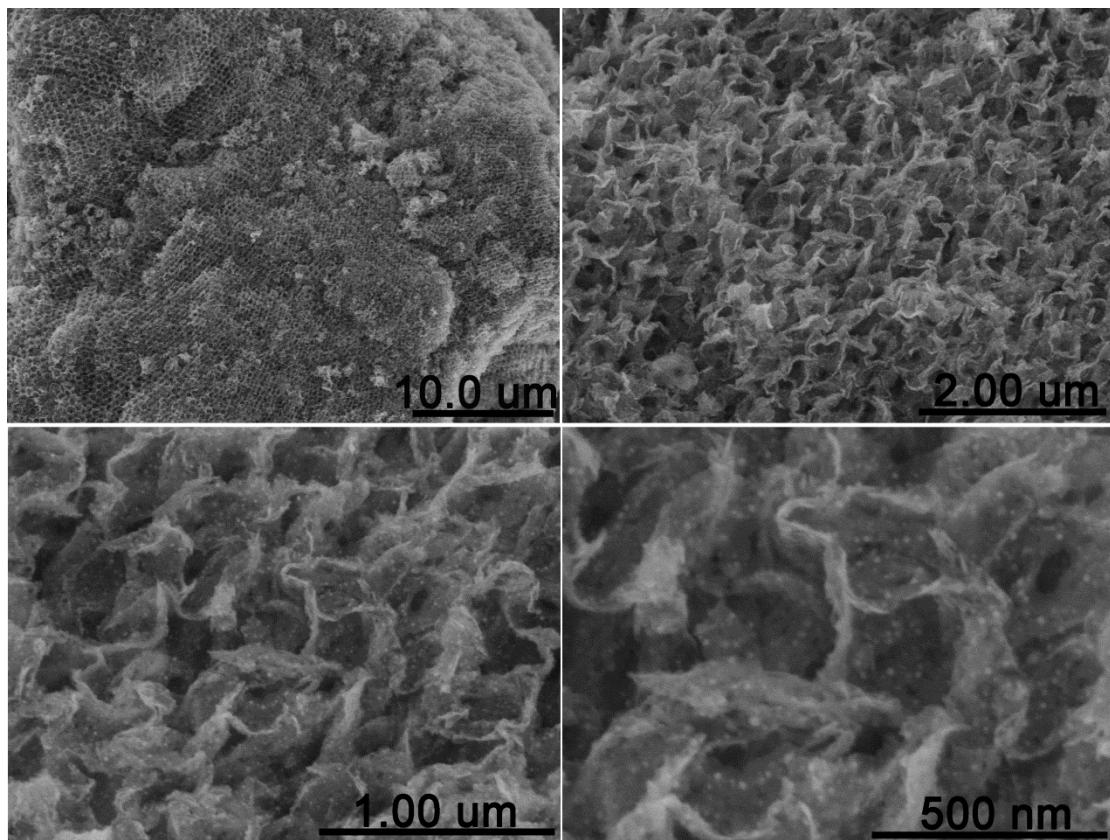
and (d) TEM image of 3D  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{C-Ni}$  annealed at 500 °C in  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere.



**Figure S5.** TGA curves of 3D  $\text{TiO}_2@\text{C-Ni-500}$ .



**Figure S6.** (A) The FT-IR spectra of PMMA@ $\text{TiO}_2@\text{PDA-Ni}^{2+}$ (a) and 3D  $\text{TiO}_2@\text{C-Ni-500}$ (b) composites. (B) The fitting curve of Freundlich model.



**Figure S7.** SEM images of 3D  $\text{TiO}_2@\text{C-Ni-500}$  after seven catalytic reaction.

**Table S1.** 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
$\text{TiO}_2@\text{C-Ni-500}$	17.6	152.0	This work
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2\text{-Au@mSiO}_2$	7	105.0	<sup>1</sup>
$\text{PPAA}$	15.46	38.43	<sup>2</sup>
$\text{C@CoNi/500}$	15.8	100.6	<sup>3</sup>
$\text{C-Ni/400}$	5.9	142.0	<sup>4</sup>
$\text{Ag/Cu}$	6.70	74	<sup>5</sup>
$\text{Ni/SNTs(23.0 wt\%)}$	84	91	<sup>6</sup>
$\text{TiO}_2@\text{C-Ni/700}$	15.17	173.21	<sup>7</sup>

**Table S2.** Comparison of the adsorption capacity of different adsorbents for BHb

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Materials	Adsorption capacity (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	References
TiO <sub>2</sub> @C-Ni-500	1031.27 mg g <sup>-1</sup>	This work
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @C/Ni-500	641.0 mg g <sup>-1</sup>	<sup>8</sup>
CuFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> MNCs	4475 mg g <sup>-1</sup>	<sup>9</sup>
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @ZIF-8	>6000 mg g <sup>-1</sup>	<sup>10</sup>
Anionic PILs	983.4 mg g <sup>-1</sup>	<sup>11</sup>
Polydopamine-coated MIP silica NPs	321.7 mg g <sup>-1</sup>	<sup>12</sup>
C@CoNi	628.93 mg g <sup>-1</sup>	<sup>13</sup>
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @BHb- MIPs	37.58 mg g <sup>-1</sup>	<sup>14</sup>

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