

Supporting Information

Polypyrrole Nanostructures Modified with Mono- and Bimetallic Nanoparticles for Photocatalytic H₂ Generation

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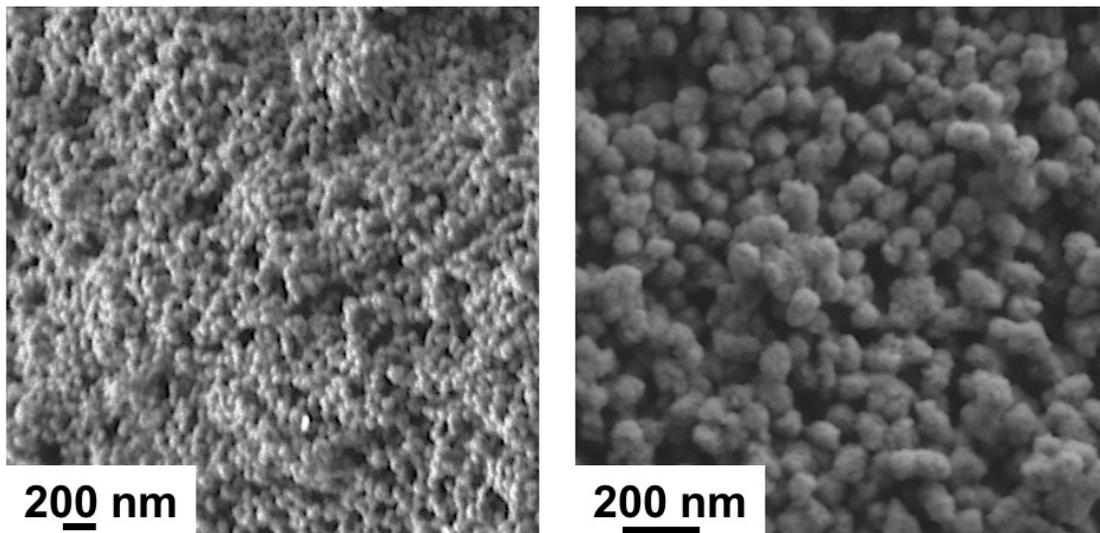


Figure S1. SEM images of PPy NSs.

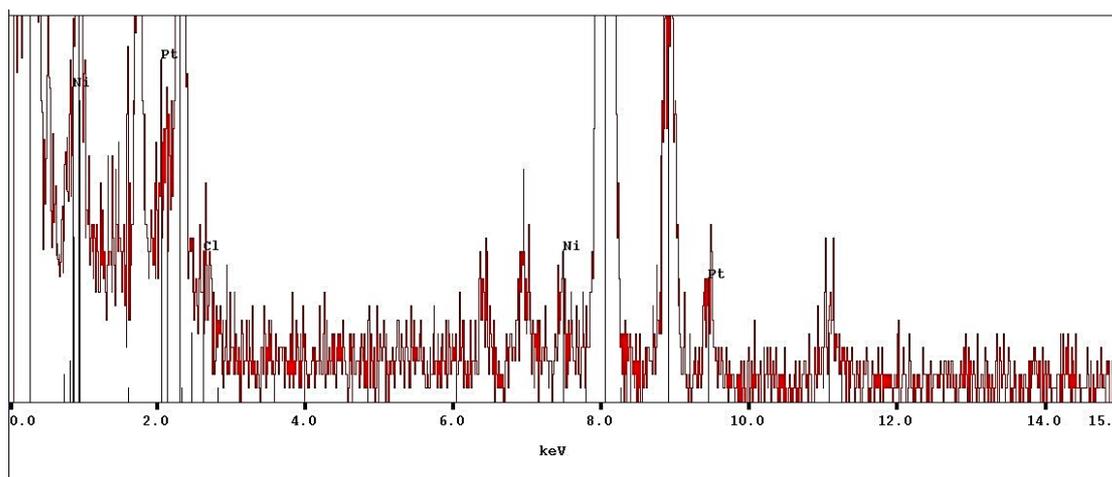


Figure S2. EDS image of 0.05%Ni0.05%Pt-PPy

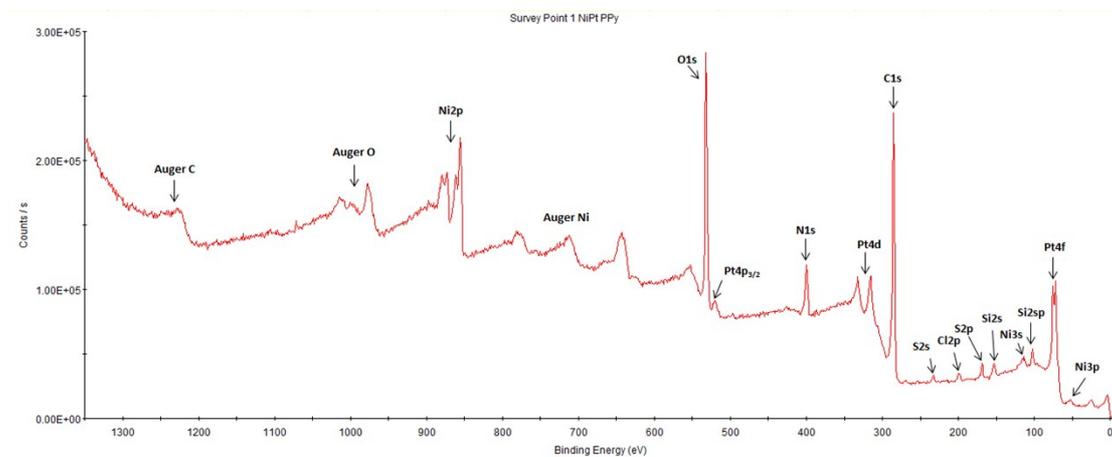


Figure S3. XPS spectra of wide region spectroscopy of PtNi-PPy-NSs.

Table S1. Hydrogen production of 0.2%Pt-PPy and 5%Ni-PPy with different metallic precursors.

Samples	0.2%Pt-PPy	Hydrogen ($\mu\text{mol/h/g}$)	5%Ni-PPy	Hydrogen ($\mu\text{mol/h/g}$)
	Platinum(II) acetylacetonate	1400	Nickel (II) acetylacetonate	289
	Potassium tetrachloroplatinate	398	Nickel formate	200

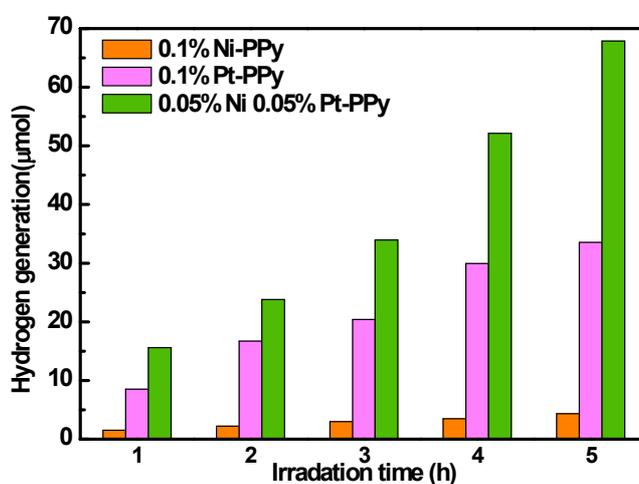


Figure S4. Hydrogen evolution of PtNi-PPy samples with same loading rate.

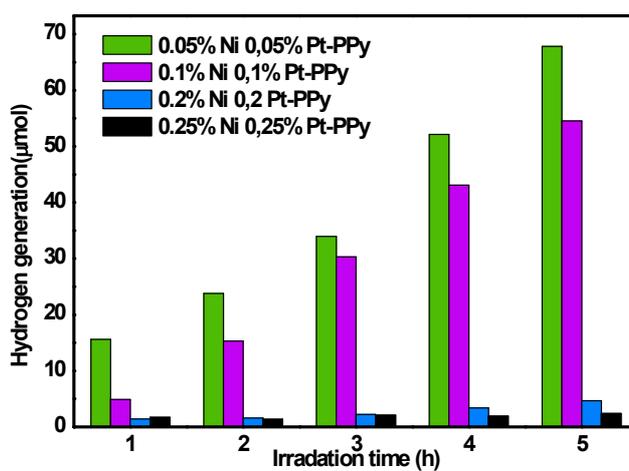


Figure S5. Hydrogen evolution of PtNi-PPy samples with different loading rates.

Table S2. Table 1. Comparison of this work with previously reported materials for H₂ generation

Photocatalyst	Scavenger	Cocatalyst	Light source	hydrogen	Reference
TiO ₂ /ALD-Pt	Ethanol	Pt	300 W Xe lamp	23 μL/h (AM 1.5)	J. Yoo, et al [1]
TiO ₂ /NiS nanofiber	Methanol	NiS	350 W Xe lamp	655 μmol/h/g	F. Xu, et al [2]
2%Au/TiO ₂	Methanol	Au	150 W CERAMICMetal-Halide Lamp	500 μmol/h/g	F. Xu, et al [3]
Ag-TiO ₂ -Graphene	Methanol	Ag	300 W Xe lamp	129.5 μmol/h/g	F. Sheu, et al [4]
10%MoS ₂ /CdS	Acetic acid	MoS ₂	300 W Xe arc lamp	45 mmol/h/g	X. Yin, et al [5]
3%P3HT-g-C ₃ N ₄	S ²⁻ +SO ₂ - 3		300 W Xe lamp	5700 μmol/h/g	X. Zhang, et al [6]
1%Pt/PTh-20	ascorbic acid	Pt	300 W Xe arc lamp	2190 μmol/h/g	X. Zong, et al [7]
C ₃ N ₄ -2%PEDOT-1%Pt	TEA	Pt	300 W Xe lamp	320 μmol/h/g	Z. Xing, et al [8]
Pt/5 wt % g-PAN/g-C ₃ N ₄	TEOA	Pt	300 W Xe lamp	370 μmol/h/g	F. He, et al [9]
0.1%PtNi-PPy	CH ₃ OH	Pt, Ni	300 W Xe lamp	664 μmol/h/g	X. Yuan, et al This work

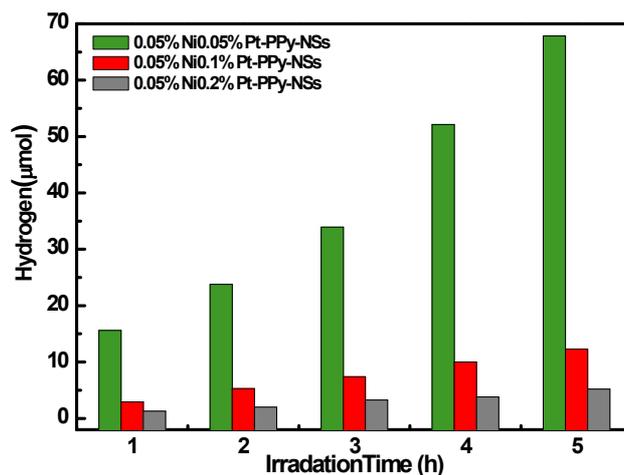


Figure S6. Hydrogen evolution of PtNi-PPy samples with different mass ratio of Pt:Ni.

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