

## Supporting Information

### Durable Photoelectrochemical CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction with Water Oxidation using a Visible-Light Driven Molecular Photocathode

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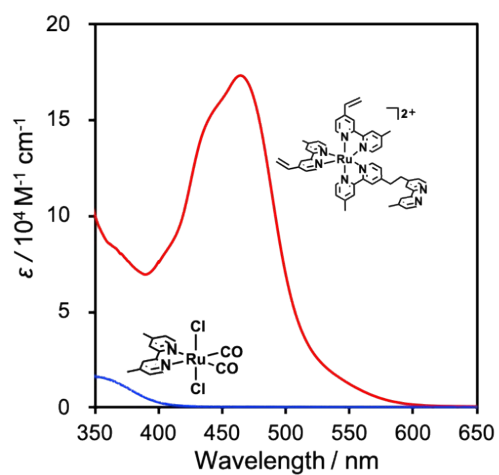
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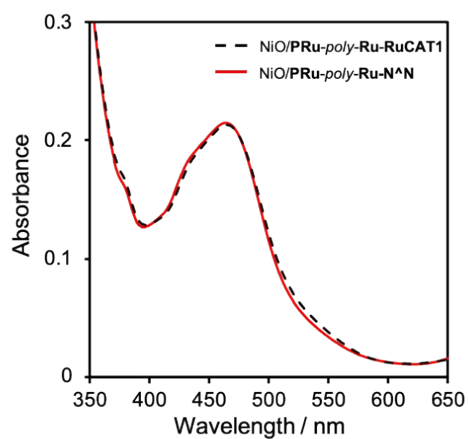
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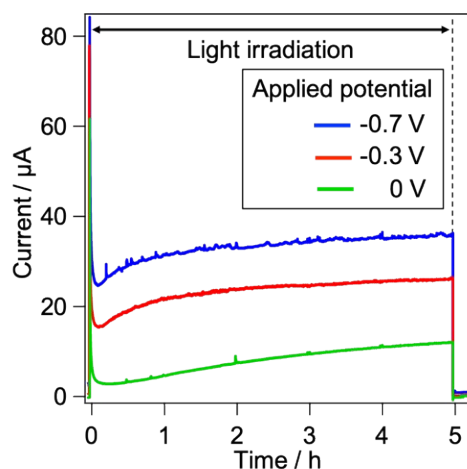
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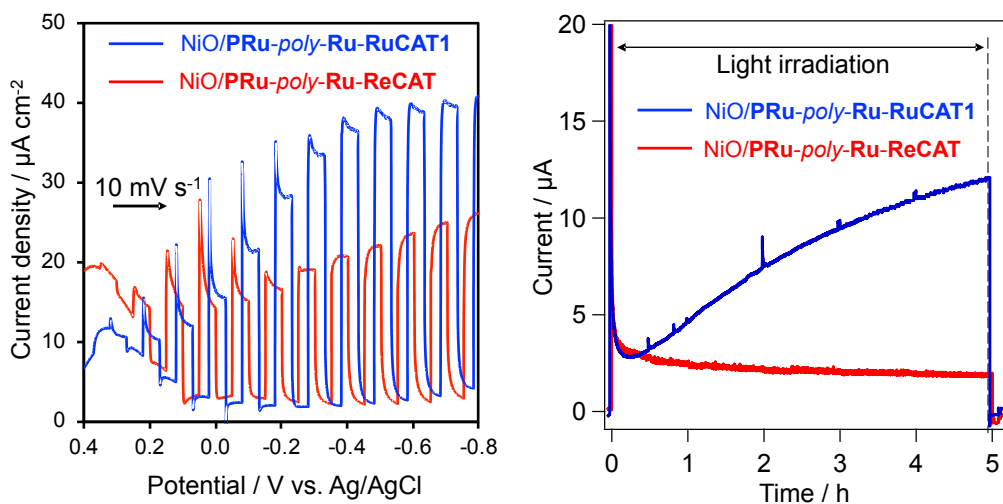
**Figure S1.** Absorption spectra of **VRu-N<sup>N</sup>** (red line) and *cis*-(CO)-*trans*-(Cl)-Ru(dmb)(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (blue line) in MeCN solutions.



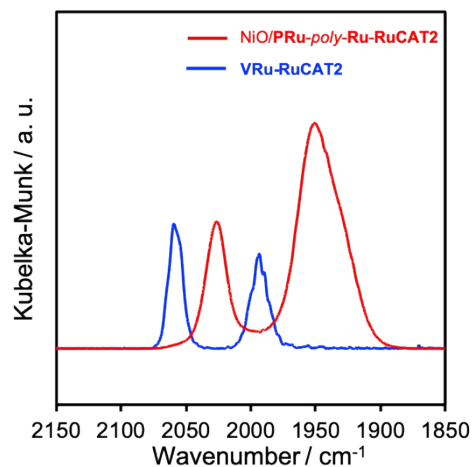
**Figure S2.** UV-vis absorption spectra of NiO/**PRu-poly-Ru-N<sup>N</sup>** (red line), and NiO/**PRu-poly-Ru-RuCAT1** (black dashed line). FTO electrode was employed as the background.



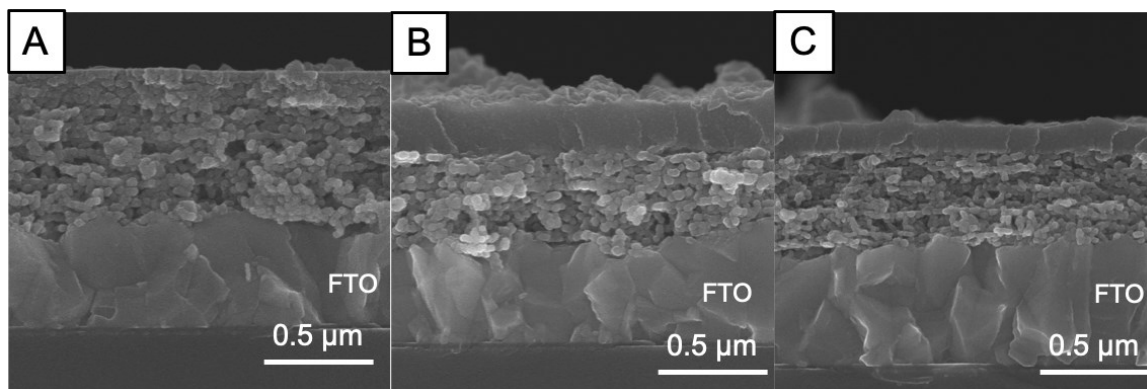
**Figure S3.** Time courses of photocurrent using NiO/PRu-*poly-Ru-RuCAT1* (electrode area: 2.5 cm<sup>-2</sup>) at  $E = -0.7$  (blue line),  $-0.3$  (red line), and  $0$  (green line) V vs. Ag/AgCl under light irradiation ( $460 \text{ nm} < \lambda_{\text{ex}} < 650 \text{ nm}$ ,  $27 \text{ mW cm}^{-2}$ ) in a CO<sub>2</sub>-purged NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mM) aqueous solution (pH = 6.6).



**Figure S4.** Current-potential curves and time courses of photocurrent at  $E = 0$  V vs. Ag/AgCl using NiO/PRu-*poly-Ru-RuCAT1* and the polymer photocathode with Re catalyst (NiO/PRu-*poly-Ru-Re*)<sup>1</sup> under light irradiation ( $460 \text{ nm} < \lambda_{\text{ex}} < 650 \text{ nm}$ ,  $27 \text{ mW cm}^{-2}$ ) in a CO<sub>2</sub>-purged NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mM) aqueous solution (pH = 6.6).



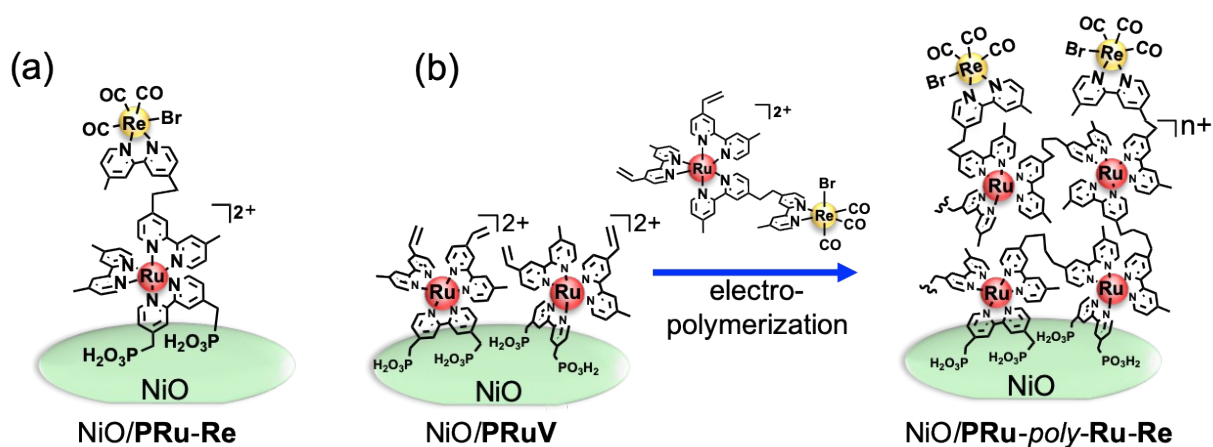
**Figure S5.** FT-IR spectra of NiO/PRu-*poly-Ru-RuCAT2* (red line) and VRu-RuCAT on NiO electrode (blue line). A diffuse reflection unit was used for the measurements and a bare NiO electrode was employed as the background.



**Figure S6.** Cross-sectional scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images of A) NiO/PRu-*poly-Ru-RuCAT1*, B) NiO/PRu-*poly-Ru-RuCAT2* and C) NiO/PRu-*poly-Ru-Re*.

**Table S1.** Value of  $n_{\text{cat}}$ ,  $n_{\text{total}}$ , and  $n_{\text{PRuV}}$ .

| Entry | $n_{\text{PRuV}}$ / nmol | $n_{\text{total}}$ / nmol | $n_{\text{cat}}$ / nmol |
|-------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1     | 11.6                     | 82                        | 35.2                    |
| 2     | 12.9                     | 78                        | 32.6                    |
| 3     | 12.3                     | 87                        | 37.4                    |
| 4     | 13.3                     | 94                        | 40.8                    |



**Scheme S1.** Preparation scheme for (a) **NiO/PRu-ReCAT** and (b) **NiO/PRu-poly-Ru-Re**.

## Reference

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