L-Lysine derived fabrication of Cu@Ni core-satellite nanoassemblies as efficient non-Pt catalysts for methanol oxidation reaction

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Figures



Figure S1. SEM images of Cu@Ni CS-NAs.



Figure S2. Particle size distribution diagram of (a) total size and (b) surface satellites

for Cu@Ni CS-NAs.



Figure S3. (a) ICP-MS analysis of the products reacted for 0.5 h, 1 h, 2 h, and 3 h, respectively. The as-collected products were dissolved in 20 mL aqua regia and then diluted by deionized water with ratio of 1:6. (b) Metal content analysis.



Figure S4. Representative TEM images of products using different dosage of L-lysine.

(a) 0 mg, (b) 10 mg, (c) 20 mg, (d) 30 mg, (e) 40 mg, and (f) 50 mg L-lysine.



Figure S5. TEM images of the products prepared in the absence of (a) TEG and (b) OAm, respectively.



Figure S6. TEM images of (a) pure Cu nanopolyhedrons, and (b) pure Ni nanoparticles.



Figure S7. (a) CV curves of the catalysts in $1.0 \text{ M KOH} + 0.5 \text{ M CH}_3\text{OH}$ solution at a scan rate of 50 mV s⁻¹. (b) Contrast histogram of mass activity at 1.6 V



Figure S8. CV curves in the double layer region at different scan rates for (a) Cu@Ni CS-NAs, (b) pure Cu NPs and (c) pure Ni NPs.

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Nu mb er	Catalyst	Specific activity (mA cm ⁻²)	Applied potential	Electrolyte	Ref
1	Cu@Ni CS- NAs	29.6	1.60 V @RHE	1.0 M KOH + 0.5 M CH ₃ OH	This work
2	Ni-beta- SDS/GC	21	0.77 V @Hg/HgO	0.1 M NaOH + 0.1 M CH ₃ OH	<i>J. Mater. Chem.</i> <i>A</i> , 2015 , <i>3</i> , 5811- 5814
3	NiO/Ni@C NTs	4.5	0.58 V @Hg/HgO	1.0 M KOH + 1.0 M CH ₃ OH	J. Mater. Chem. A, 2017 , 5, 9946- 9951
4	Ni ₂ Sn ₁	10.8	0.49 V @Hg/HgO	0.5 M KOH + 0.5 M CH ₃ OH	<i>Appl. Catal. B:</i> <i>Environ.</i> 2018 , <i>234</i> , 10-18
5	Urchin-like Ni ₁ Co ₂ O ₄	13.5	0.6 V @Ag/AgC 1	0.1 M KOH + 0.5 M CH ₃ OH	Nanoscale, 2014 , 6, 9665-9672
6	Ni ₆₀ Nb ₄₀ nanoglass	9.3	0.8 V @Ag/AgC 1	0.1 M NaOH + 4.0 M CH ₃ OH	ACS Appl. Nano Mater. 2020 , 3, 7252-7259
7	$\begin{array}{c} La_{1.4}Sr_{0.6}Ni\\ O_{4+\delta}\end{array}$	3.34	1.59 V @RHE	0.5 M NaOH + 1.5 M CH ₃ OH	ACS Appl. Energy Mater. 2022 , 5, 503-515
8	CuS	7.7	0.7 V @Ag/AgC 1	0.1 M NaOH + 0.5 M CH ₃ OH	J. Mater. Chem. A, 2016 , 4, 12253-12262
9	NiCo ₂ O ₄ - rGO	16.6	1.66 V @SHE	1.0 M KOH + 0.5 M CH ₃ OH	<i>Electrochim.</i> <i>Acta</i> , 2016 , <i>213</i> , 717-729
10	Ni-MOF/ Ni(OH) ₂ heterocomp osite	24.6	0.85 V @Hg/HgO	0.1 M KOH + 1.0 M CH ₃ OH	ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces, 2021 , 13, 26472-26481
11	Mn doped Ni(OH) ₂	16.7	1.55 V @RHE	1.0 M KOH + 0.5 M CH ₃ OH	<i>Nano Energy</i> , 2019 , <i>55</i> , 37-41

Table S1 Comparison of the MOR performance of Cu@Ni CS-NAs with previously