

Fig. S1 XRD pattern of NiFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> catalyst(a) and furfural hydrogenation reaction result with NiFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> catalyst(b).

Table S1 Desorption peak temperature and hydrogen adsorption quantity of 2NaNi, 2NaFe, 0NaNiFe and 2NaNiFe

Sample	Temperature at maximum/°C	Quantity/mmol/g
2NaNi	86.3	0.20887
	289.4	$3.696 \times 10^{-2}$
	382.8	$6.678 \times 10^{-2}$
2NaFe	114.7	0.18650
	716.2	2.16829
0NaNiFe	106.4	0.12948
	318	$2.697 \times 10^{-2}$
	384.6	$9.408 \times 10^{-3}$
	464	$99.370 \times 10^{-2}$
2NaNiFe	136.6	0.30649
	246.7	0.1383
	322.8	$3.880 \times 10^{-2}$
	490.3	0.11348

Table S2 The ratio of Ni and Fe on liner scan, mapping scan and ICP-MS of 2NaNiFe

Test Measure	Ni/%	Fe/%	Ni:Fe
Liner scan	62.68 <sup>a</sup>	15.36 <sup>a</sup>	4.08
Mapping	11.68 <sup>a</sup>	2.74 <sup>a</sup>	4.26
ICP-MS	12.50 <sup>b</sup>	2.89 <sup>b</sup>	4.33

a: the value indicates the atomic percent of element in catalyst

b: the value indicates the element concentration of catalyst, mmol/g.

Table S3 The BE on Na 1s, O 1s, Ni 2p and Fe 2p of 2NaNiFe under Ex XPS and In XPS condition

Entry	Na 1s	O 1s		Ni 2p		Fe 2p	
	Na	Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub>	NiFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Ni <sup>0</sup>	NiFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Fe <sup>0</sup>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Ex XPS	1071.42 <sup>1</sup>	531.6	529.9	852.54	855.4	706.7	711.4
In XPS	1071.95	531.7 <sup>2</sup>	530 <sup>3</sup>	852.78 <sup>4</sup>	855.5(Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub> ) <sup>5</sup>	706.5 <sup>6</sup>	711.6 <sup>7</sup>

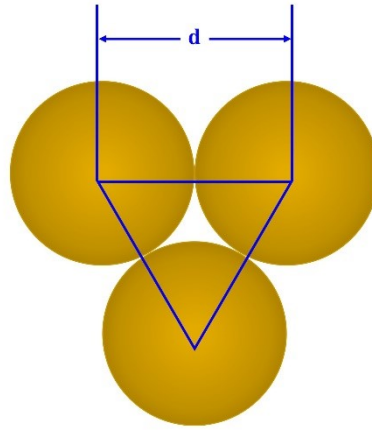
Table S4 Catalytic performance of recently developed catalysts for the hydrogenation reaction of furfural

Entry	Catalyst	Reduction	Reaction condition							Ref.
		before reaction	$m_{\text{furfural}}$ /mg	$m_{\text{catalyst}}$ /mg	Tem. /°C	Pre. /MPa	Time /h	Con. /%	Sel. /%	
1	Ir <sub>1</sub> /mpg-TiO <sub>2</sub>	250°C, 2h	96	120	140	1	6	99	99	8
2	Pt/m-CN-2	No	252	29	70	1	2	99.3	98.5	9
3	Pd/MnO <sub>2</sub>	No	1000	10	180	2	5	83	60	10
4	Pt <sub>1</sub> Cu <sub>20</sub>	300°C, 0.5h	20	30	50	2	7	97	99	11
5	Ni@OMC	No	290	100	180	3	12	92.3	98.6	12
6	CuNi/ <i>rss</i> AC	NaBH <sub>4</sub> , 70°C, 12h	250	25	140	1.5	4	100	84.4	13
7	Ni-Fe(2)CeO <sub>2</sub> HT-573	No	106	50	150	1	0.5	96	95	14
8	NiCoZn@CN-600	400°C, 2h	245	25	160	2	3	100	85.6	15
9	CuCo/Zn@NPC- 600	400°C	245	25	140	2	4	100	100	16
10	2NaNiFe	No	700	25	130	1	1	98.21	98.39	This work

## Turnover frequency (TOF) calculations<sup>17</sup>

Turnover frequency (TOF) can unveil the consumption rate of per number of exposed  $\text{Ni}_3\text{Fe}_1$  sites on the catalyst. TOF should be evaluated under a stable furfural consumption state at low conversion. The  $\text{Ni}_3\text{Fe}_1$  alloy distribution and structure of 2NaNiFe catalyst had been confirmed by XRD and HRTEM.

We supposed that the (111) plane of  $\text{Ni}_3\text{Fe}_1$  phase was bounded on the spherical nanoparticles and defined the lattice distance and the particle diameter as  $d$  and  $d'$ , respectively. It can be known that only face-centered cubic  $\text{Ni}_3\text{Fe}_1$  alloy phase existed in 2NaNiFe catalyst, so the space utilization of closet packing is 74.05%.



$$\text{a. Area of single } \text{Ni}_3\text{Fe}_1 \text{ unit} = 2 \times \frac{1}{2}d \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}d = 0.866d^2$$

$$\text{Superficial area of one spherical nanoparticle} = \pi d'^2$$

$$N_{\text{sa}} \text{ (Number of surface atoms)} = \pi d'^2 / 0.866d^2 = 3.626\pi d'^2 / d^2$$

$$\text{b. Volume of single atom} = \frac{\pi d^3}{6}$$

$$\text{Volume of one spherical nanoparticle} = \frac{\pi d'^3}{6}$$

$$N_{\text{san}} \text{ (Number of surface atoms of one spherical nanoparticle)} = \frac{\pi d'^3}{6} \times 74.05\% / \frac{\pi d^3}{6} = 0.7405 \times d'^3 / d^3$$

$$D \text{ (Dispersion)} = N_{\text{sa}} / N_{\text{san}} = (3.626\pi d'^2 / d^2) / (0.7405 \times d'^3 / d^3) = 4.90 \times d / d'$$

The TOF value of 2NaNiFe catalyst was calculated as follow:  $n_{\text{furfural}} = 700/96.08 =$

7.2856 mmol, Conversion<sub>15min</sub> = 49.57%, n<sub>metal</sub> = (12.5028+2.8863) × 0.025=0.3847

mmol, D<sub>metal</sub> = 4.9×0.205/11.2 = 0.0897, t = 0.25 h.

TOF<sub>2NaNiFe</sub> (h<sup>-1</sup>) = 7.2856×49.57%/(0.3847×0.0897×0.25) = 418.63 h<sup>-1</sup>

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