

Supporting Information

Photochemical Synthesis of Group 10 Metal Nanoclusters for Electrocatalysis

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Materials and characterizations

Dichloromethane (DCM 99.0%), toluene (Tol, 99.0%), methanol (MeOH, 99.5%), ethanol (EtOH, 99.5%), ethyl acetate (EA, 99.0%), n-hexane (99.0%), petroleum ether (PE, 99.0%) and tetrahydrofuran (THF, 99.0%) were purchased from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co. Ltd. Sodium borohydride (NaBH_4) was purchased from Shanghai Chemical Reagent Co. Ltd. Diphenyl disulfide (PhSSPh) and p-Tolyl disulfide were purchased from Aladdin Co. Ltd. Nickel(II) acetylacetonate, bis(triphenylphosphine)nickel(II)chloride and palladium acetate ($\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$) were purchased from Adamas. All the water used in experiments is ultrapure produced by AIC pure water system. All chemicals were used without further purification. All glassware was thoroughly cleaned with aqua regia (HCl/HNO_3 3/1 v/v), rinsed with copious amounts of pure water, and then dried in an oven prior to use.

The single crystal X-ray diffraction (SCXRD) was carried out on an STOE STADIVARI diffractometer under liquid nitrogen flow at 173 K, using a Mo $\text{K}\alpha$ ($\lambda = 0.71073$) for $\text{Pd}_{10}(\text{SPh})_{20}$ and $\text{Pd}_9(\text{SPh})_{18}$, and a Cu $\text{K}\alpha$ ($\lambda = 1.54186 \text{ \AA}$) for $\text{Ni}_{11}(\text{SPh})_{22}$ and $\text{Ni}_{10}(4\text{-MePhS})_{20}$, respectively. Data reductions and absorption corrections were performed using SAINT (Bruker) and SHELXTL (Bruker, 2008), respectively. The structures were solved by direct methods and refined with full-matrix least-squares on F^2 using the SHELXL-2014/7 (Sheldrick, 2014) suite of programs. The placement of the heteroatoms was ascertained by the method of modifying the disorderly free variables. All UV-vis absorption measurements were performed on a SPECORD 210 PLUS spectrophotometer at room temperature. Electrospray ionization mass spectrum (ESI-MS) was acquired on a Waters Q-TOF mass spectrometer equipped with a Z-spray source. The sample was directly infused into the chamber at 5 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$. CV of metal nanoclusters were performed with an electrochemical workstation (CHI 700E). A glassy carbon electrode was used as the working electrode, which was polished with 0.015 μm Al_2O_3 slurries, ultrasonically rinsed with EtOH for 5 minutes, washed with nanopure water, and carefully dried with a cold air stream. A Pt wire and an Ag/AgCl electrode were used as the counter

electrode and the reference electrode, respectively. The metal nanocluster (3-5 mg) was dissolved in 5 mL DCM containing $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ (0.1 M). After the test, the glassy carbon electrode was re-polished and the rest of the electrodes were washed and dried for the next experiment.

Photochemical synthesis of group 10 metal nanoclusters

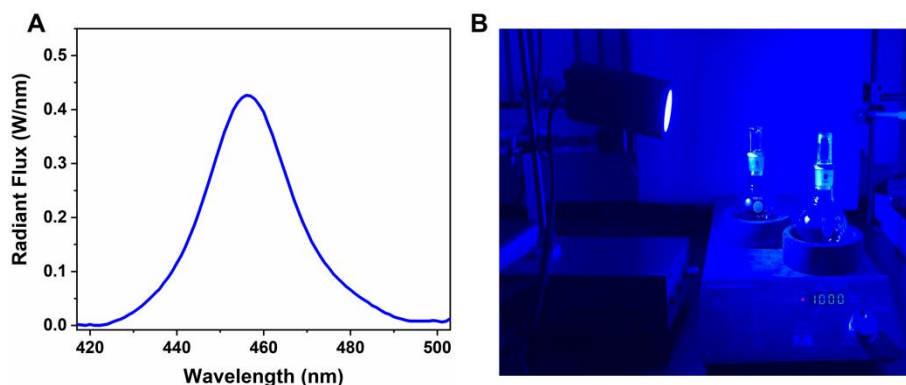
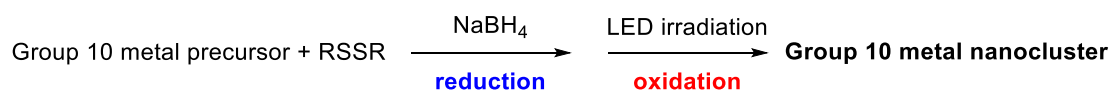


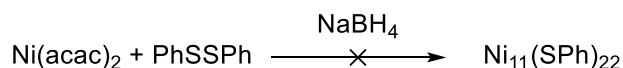
Figure S1. (A) The electroluminescent spectrum of the LED used. (B) The irradiation setup.

(1) Synthesis of $\text{Ni}_{11}(\text{SPh})_{22}$

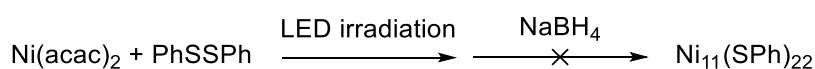
Nickel(II) acetylacetonate and PhSSPh were used as the metal precursor and disulfide, respectively, for the synthesis of $\text{Ni}_{11}(\text{SPh})_{22}$.

Nickel(II) acetylacetonate (77.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) dissolved in 3 mL methanol was added into a 100 mL round-bottom flask with 15 mL THF under stirring at 1000 rpm. PhSSPh (131 mg, 0.60 mmol) was then added and the mixture was stirred for 20 min. NaBH_4 (56.7 mg, 1.50 mmol) dissolved in 3 mL of ice-cold water was immediately added into the system. The resulted mixture was stirred at room temperature under a 25 W blue LED for 8 h. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The as-obtained residue was washed three times by MeOH to ensure any excess reactants being removed. The crude products were purified by recrystallization to obtain the pure $\text{Ni}_{11}(\text{SPh})_{22}$ (18.3 mg, 22% yield, based on Ni atom). Black rhombic crystals suitable for SCXRD were achieved by slow evaporation of the purified product in DCM/EtOH solution.

(2) Control experiments



Nickel(II) acetylacetonate (77.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) dissolved in 3 mL methanol was added into a 100 mL round-bottom flask with 15 mL THF under stirring at 1000 rpm. PhSSPh (131 mg, 0.60 mmol) was then added and the mixture was stirred for 20 min. NaBH₄ (56.7 mg, 1.50 mmol) dissolved in 3 mL of ice-cold water was immediately added into the system. The resulting solution was stirred for 8 h. Black Ni particles were obtained instead of Ni₁₁(SPh)₂₂, which were not dissolvable in normal solvents, such as DCM, MeOH, EtOH, and toluene.



Nickel(II) acetylacetonate (77.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) dissolved in 3 mL methanol was added into a 100 mL round-bottom flask with 15 mL THF under stirring at 1000 rpm. PhSSPh (131 mg, 0.60 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred under a 25 W blue LED. Afterwards, NaBH₄ (56.7 mg, 1.50 mmol) dissolved in 3 mL of ice-cold water was immediately added into the system. The resulting solution was stirred for 8 h. Black Ni particles were obtained instead of Ni₁₁(SPh)₂₂, which were not dissolvable in normal solvents, such as DCM, MeOH, EtOH, and toluene.

(3) Large-scale synthesis

Nickel(II) acetylacetonate (4.18 g, 16.3 mmol) dissolved in 80 mL methanol was added into 500 mL THF under stirring at 1500 rpm. PhSSPh (7.12 g, 32.6 mmol) was then added and the mixture was stirred for 40 min. NaBH₄ (3.08 g, 81.5 mmol) dissolved in 80 mL of ice-cold water was immediately added into the system. The resulted mixture was stirred at room temperature under a 25 W blue LED for 24 h. After completion of the reaction, insoluble precipitates were removed by centrifugation. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The as-obtained residue was washed three times by MeOH to ensure any excess reactants being removed. The crude products were further purified by recrystallization to obtain pure Ni₁₁(SPh)₂₂ (1.005 g, 22% yield, based on Ni atom).

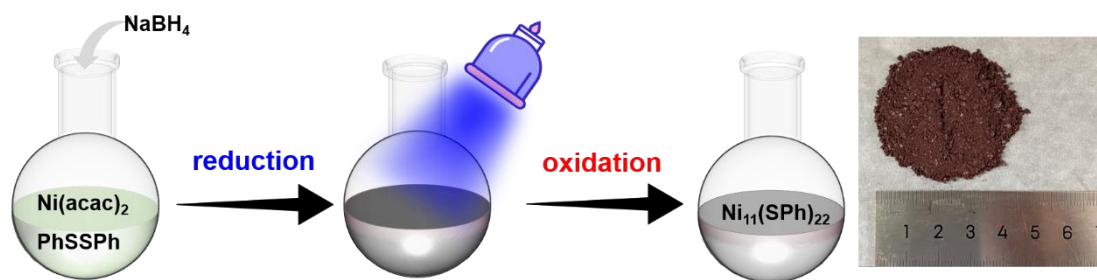


Figure S2. Illustration of the large-scale synthesis, and the photograph of the as-obtained Ni_{11} nanocluster.

(4) Synthesis of $\text{Ni}_{10}(\text{4-MePhS})_{20}$

Nickel(II) acetylacetonate and 4-methylphenyl disulfide were used as the metal precursor and disulfide, respectively, for the synthesis of $\text{Ni}_{10}(\text{4-MePhS})_{20}$.

Nickel(II) acetylacetonate (77.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) dissolved in 3 mL methanol was added into a 100 mL round-bottom flask with 15 mL THF under stirring at 1000 rpm. 4-methylphenyl disulfide (148 mg, 0.60 mmol) was then added and the mixture was stirred for 20 min. NaBH_4 (56.7 mg, 1.50 mmol) dissolved in 3 mL of ice-cold water was immediately added into the system. The resulted mixture was stirred at room temperature under a 25 W blue LED for 8 h. After the completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The as-obtained residue was washed three times by MeOH to ensure any excess reactants being removed. The crude products were purified by recrystallization to obtain the pure $\text{Ni}_{10}(\text{4-MePhS})_{20}$ (23.8 mg, 26% yield, based on Ni atom). Black rhombic crystals suitable for SCXRD were achieved by slow evaporation of the purified product in DCM/EtOH solution.

(5) Synthesis of $\text{Pd}_9(\text{SPh})_{18}$

Palladium acetate and PhSSPh were used as the metal precursor and disulfide, respectively, for the synthesis of $\text{Pd}_9(\text{SPh})_{18}$.

$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (33.0 mg, 0.15 mmol) dissolved in 3 mL methanol was added into a 100 mL round-bottom flask with 15 mL THF under stirring at 1000 rpm. PhSSPh (131 mg, 0.60 mmol) was then added and the mixture was stirred for 20 min. NaBH_4 (28.3 mg, 0.75 mmol) dissolved in 3 mL of ice-cold water was immediately added into the

system. The resulted mixture was stirred at room temperature under a 25 W blue LED for 8 h. After the completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The as-obtained residue was washed three times by MeOH to ensure any excess reactants being removed. The crude products were purified by recrystallization to obtain the pure $\text{Pd}_9(\text{SPh})_{18}$ (7.31 mg, 15% yield, based on Pd atom). Red rhombic crystals suitable for SCXRD were achieved by slow evaporation of the purified product in DCM/EtOH solution.

(6) Synthesis of $\text{Pd}_{10}(\text{SPh})_{20}$

Palladium acetate and PhSSPh were used as the metal precursor and disulfide, respectively, for the synthesis of $\text{Pd}_{10}(\text{SPh})_{20}$.

$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (33.0 mg, 0.15 mmol) was dissolved into 20 mL methanol in a 100 mL round-bottom flask. PhSSPh (65.5 mg, 0.30 mmol) was then added and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. NaBH_4 (28.3 mg, 0.75 mmol) dissolved in 3 mL of ice-cold water was immediately added into the system. The resulted mixture was stirred at room temperature under a 25 W blue LED for 5 h. After the completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The as-obtained residue was washed three times by MeOH to ensure any excess reactants being removed. The crude products were purified by recrystallization to obtain the pure $\text{Pd}_{10}(\text{SPh})_{20}$ (5.36 mg, 11% yield, based on Pd atom). Red rhombic crystals suitable for SCXRD were achieved by slow evaporation of the purified product in DCM/EtOH solution.

Group 10 metal nanoclusters catalyzed ORR

(1) Synthesis of Ni(SR)₂ and Ni₆(SR)₁₂

Nickel chloride hexahydrate (100 mg, 0.42 mmol) dissolved in 3 mL methanol was added into a 100 mL round-bottom flask with 15 mL THF under stirring at 1000 rpm. 2-Phenylethanethiol (280 μ L, 2.03 mmol) was then added and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. Subsequently 50 μ L of triethylamine was added to the system. The resulted mixture was stirred for 2 h. After the completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The as-obtained residue was washed three times by MeOH to ensure any excess reactants being removed. The obtained Ni(SR)₂ complex was used directly.

Nickel chloride hexahydrate (100 mg, 0.42 mmol) dissolved in 3 mL methanol was added into a 100 mL round-bottom flask with 15 mL THF under stirring at 1000 rpm. 2-Phenylethanethiol (280 μ L, 2.03 mmol) was then added and the mixture was stirred for 10 min. NaBH₄ (38.0 mg, 1.00 mmol) dissolved in 3 mL of ice-cold water was immediately added into the system. The resulted mixture was stirred for 3 h. After the completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The as-obtained residue was washed three times by MeOH to ensure any excess reactants being removed. The crude products were purified by recrystallization to obtain the pure Ni₆(SR)₁₂.^[1]

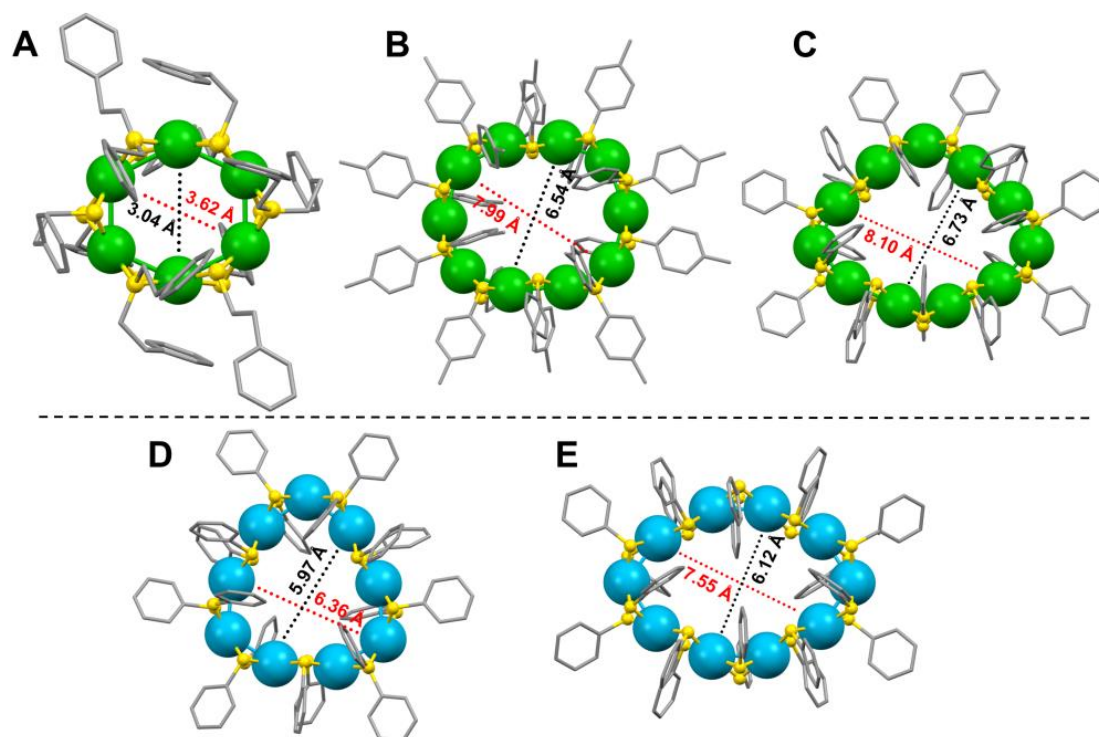


Figure S3. The structure and cavity size of Ni₆, Ni₁₀, Ni₁₁, Pd₉ and Pd₁₀.

(2) Preparation of carbon-supported Ni(SR)₂, Ni₆(SR)₁₂, Ni₁₀(4-MePhS)₂₀, Ni₁₁(SPh)₂₂, Pd₉(SPh)₁₈ and Pd₁₀(SPh)₂₀

45 mg of carbon black was dispersed in 20 mL of DCM and then stirred at 1000 rpm in a 100 mL round bottom flask. 5 mg of each nanocluster mentioned above was dried under N₂ and added into the carbon black solution to form a 10 wt% carbon-supported nanocluster catalyst in 24 h at 1000 rpm. The as-prepared catalyst was dried under a gentle N₂ stream and stored at room temperature for the further use.

(3) Catalytic experiments

10 mg of carbon-supported metal nanocluster was evenly dispersed in a suspension including 300 μL of isopropanol, 700 μL of deionized water and 50 μL of 5 wt% Nafion solutions by ultrasonication. Afterward, 8 μL of the ink was placed on a glassy carbon rotating disk electrode (5 mm in diameter, 0.196 cm²) by using a micro syringe and was thoroughly dried at room temperature.

ORR were carried out on a CHI 660E electrochemical workstation using a three-electrode system, in which a Pt wire was used as the counter electrode, an

Ag/AgCl electrode was employed as the reference electrode (in the saturated state of KCl) and a rotating disk electrode (RDE) containing catalyst ink on the glassy carbon (GC) was used as the working electrode. The electrolyte was an oxygen-saturated 0.1 M KOH solution prepared with nanopure water. Oxygen saturation was achieved by bubbling with O₂ gas for more than 30 min. The measured potentials are referred to the RHE, $E_{\text{RHE}} = E_{\text{Ag/AgCl}} + 0.059 \text{ pH} + E^{\theta}_{\text{Ag/AgCl}}$. The catalyst inks were produced as the following: 10 mg of carbon-supported metal nanocluster catalysts powder were evenly dispersed in a suspension including 300 μL of isopropanol, 700 μL of deionized water and 50 μL of 5 wt% Nafion solutions by ultrasonication. Afterward, 8 μL of the ink was placed on a glassy carbon rotating disk electrode (5 mm in diameter, 0.196 cm²) by using a micro syringe and was thoroughly dried at room temperature.

CV measurements for ORR were performed from -0.77 to 0.03 V at a scan rate of 10 mV s⁻¹ in O₂-saturated electrolyte. In order to measure the electrochemical performances of the carbon-supported nanocluster catalysts for ORR, the LSV curves were observed from -0.8 V to 0.2 V (vs. Ag/AgCl) at a scan rate of 10 mV s⁻¹ at different rotation rates (400-2500 rpm) in O₂-saturated electrolyte. The electron transfer number (n) per O₂ molecule for ORR can be determined by the slopes of the Koutecky-Levich (K-L) plot, as shown in the following formulas:

$$\frac{1}{j} = \frac{1}{j_K} + \frac{1}{j_L} = \frac{1}{j_K} + \frac{1}{B \times \omega^{1/2}}$$

$$B = 0.2 \times n \times F \times C_{\text{O}_2} \times D_{\text{O}_2}^{2/3} \times \nu^{-1/6}$$

In the above, j is the measured current density, j_K is the dynamic current density, j_L is the diffusion limiting, ω is the electrode speed, n is the number of electron transfer in the ORR, F is the Faraday constant (96485 C mol⁻¹), C_{O_2} is the saturated oxygen concentration in the 0.1 M KOH aqueous solution (1.2×10^{-6} mol cm⁻³), D_{O_2} is the oxygen diffusion coefficient (1.9×10^{-5} cm² s⁻¹), and ν is the kinematic viscosity of the solution (0.01 cm² s⁻¹).

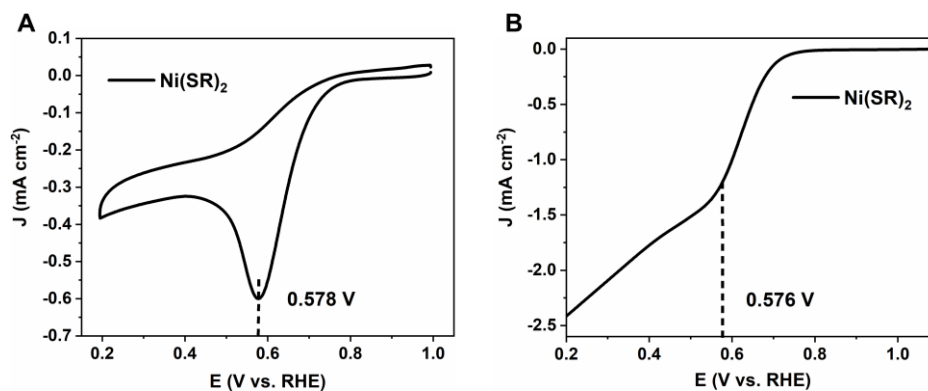


Figure S4. (A) CV curves of Ni(SR)₂ in O₂-saturated 0.1 M KOH. (B) LSV polarization curves of Ni(SR)₂ in 0.1 M KOH solution.

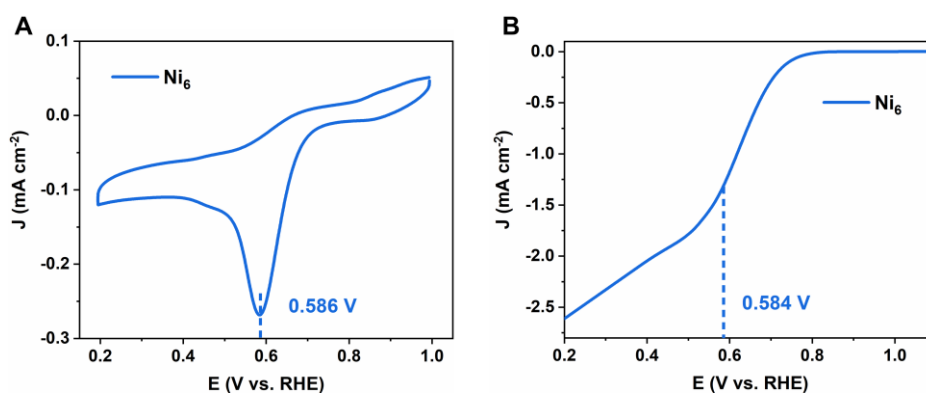


Figure S5. (A) CV curves of Ni₆ in O₂-saturated 0.1 M KOH. (B) LSV polarization curves of Ni₆ in 0.1 M KOH solution.

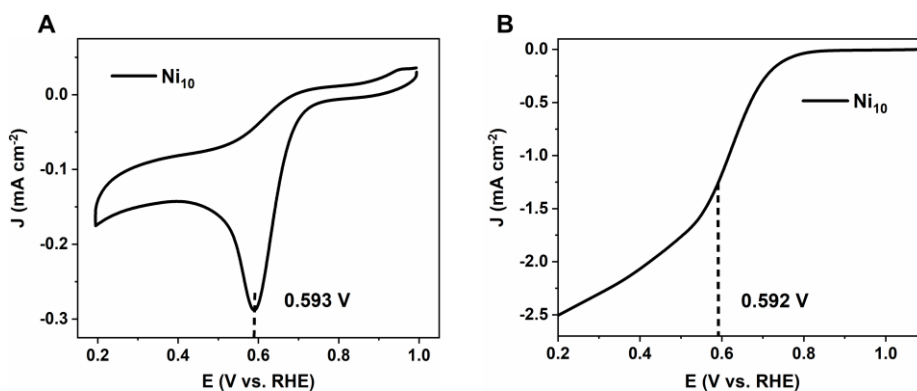


Figure S6. (A) CV curves of Ni₁₀ in O₂-saturated 0.1 M KOH. (B) LSV polarization curves of Ni₁₀ in 0.1 M KOH solution.

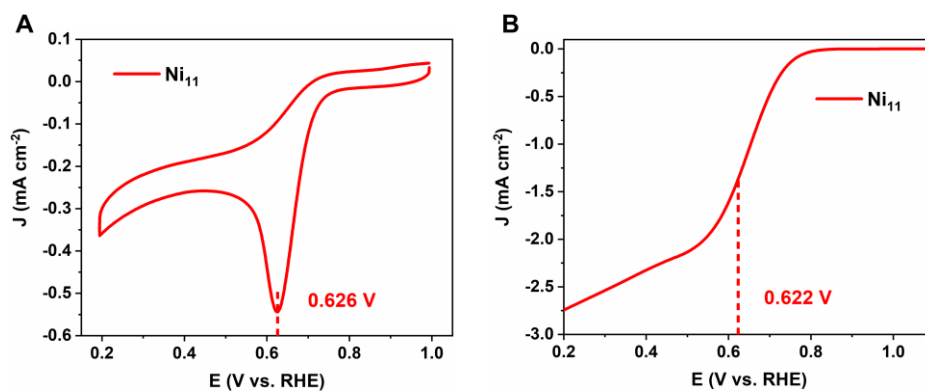


Figure S7. (A) CV curves of Ni₁₁ in O₂-saturated 0.1 M KOH. (B) LSV polarization curves of Ni₁₁ in 0.1 M KOH solution.

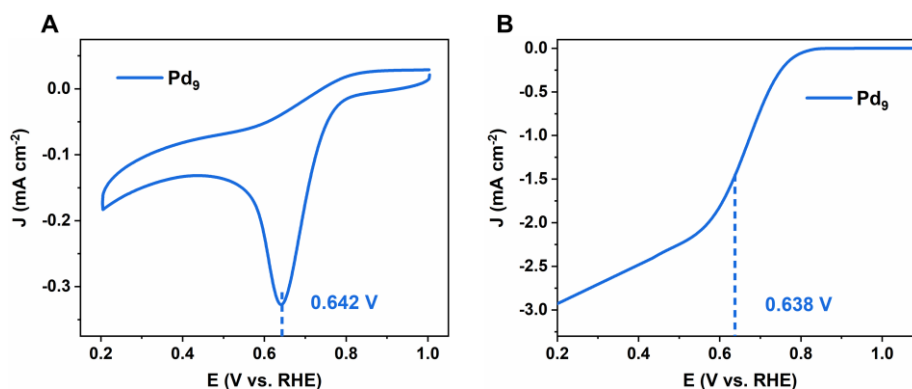


Figure S8. (A) CV curves of Pd₉ in O₂-saturated 0.1 M KOH. (B) LSV polarization curves of Pd₉ in 0.1 M KOH solution.

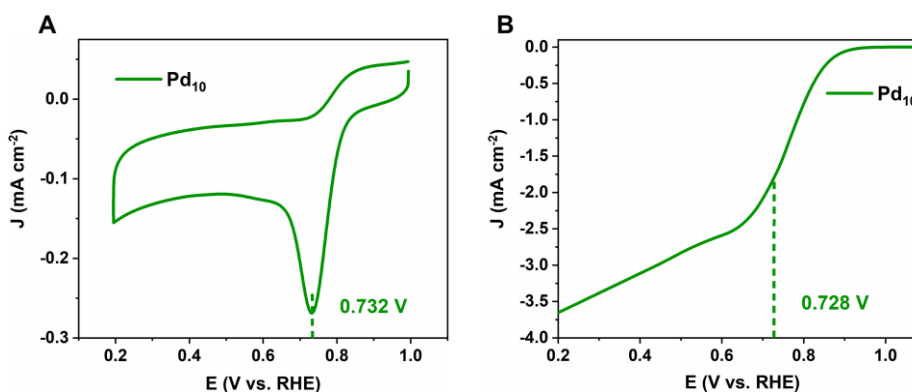


Figure S9. (A) CV curves of Pd₁₀ in O₂-saturated 0.1 M KOH. (B) LSV polarization curves of Pd₁₀ in 0.1 M KOH solution.

(4) Stability of $\text{Ni}_{11}(\text{PhS})_{22}$, $\text{Ni}_{10}(4\text{-MePhS})_{20}$, $\text{Pd}_9(\text{SPh})_{18}$ and $\text{Pd}_{10}(\text{SPh})_{20}$

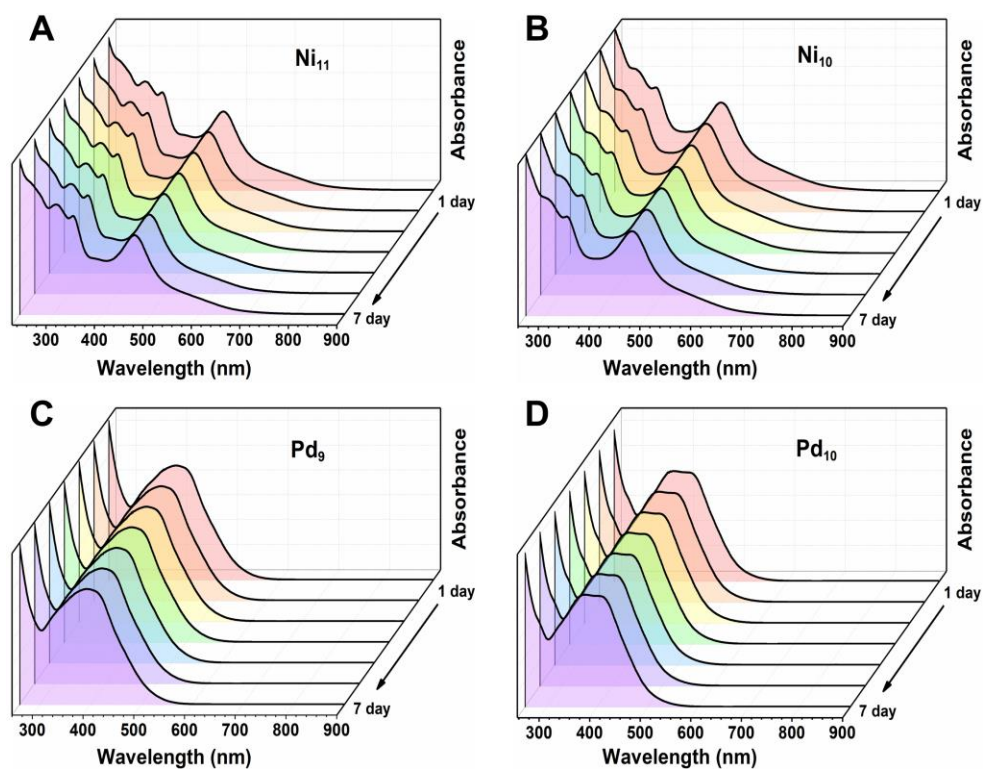


Figure S10. Time-dependent UV-vis spectra of Ni_{11} (A), Ni_{10} (B), Pd_9 (C), Pd_{10} (D).

(5) Stability of $\text{Ni}_{11}(\text{PhS})_{22}$ under the alkaline condition

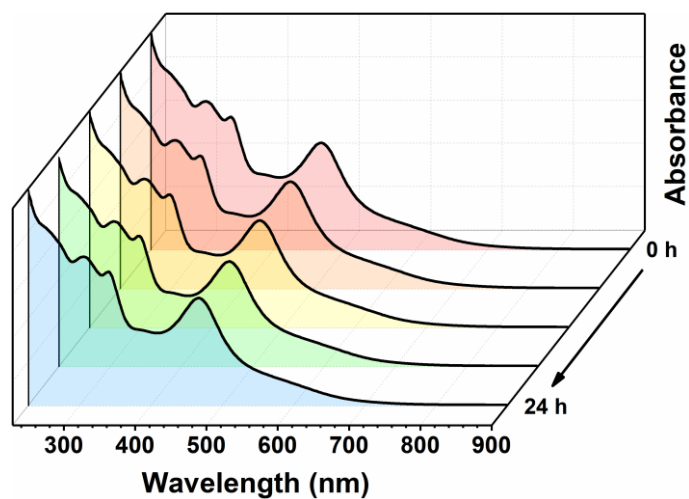


Figure S11. Time-dependent UV-vis spectra of Ni_{11} in aq. KOH (0.1 M).

(6) Structural and catalytic stability of Pd₁₀(SPh)₂₀ during catalysis

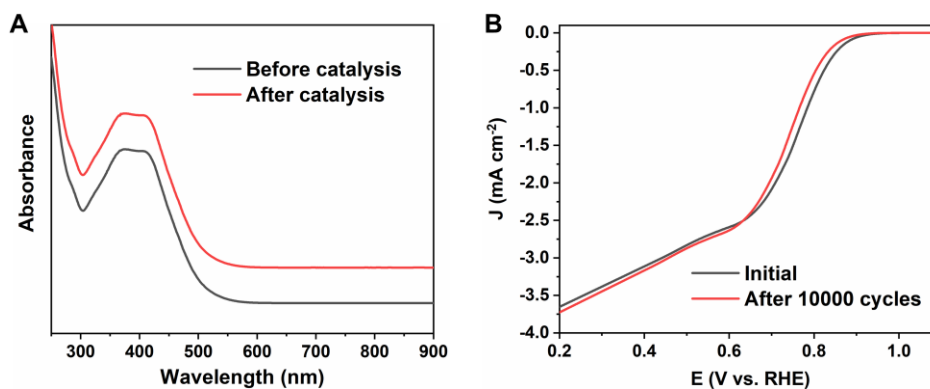


Figure S12. (A) Structural stability tests of Pd₁₀. (B) Catalytic stability tests of Pd₁₀.

(7) Structural and catalytic stability of Ni₁₀(4-MePhS)₂₀ during catalysis

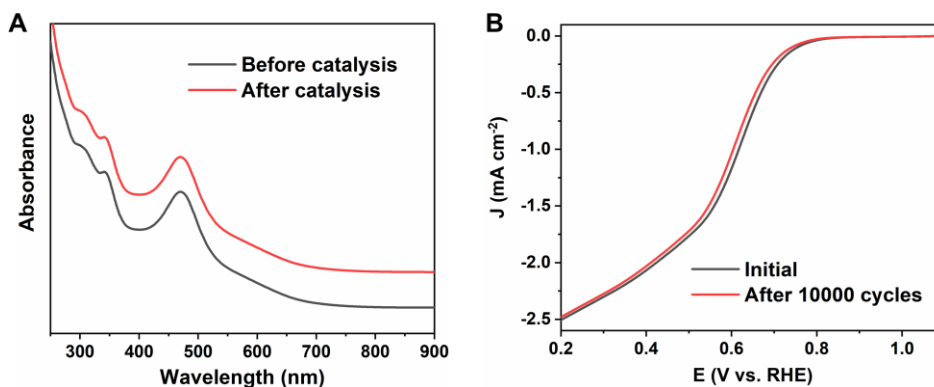


Figure S13. (A) Structural stability tests of Ni₁₀. (B) Catalytic stability tests of Ni₁₀.

(8) Structural and catalytic stability of Pd₉(SPh)₁₈ during catalysis

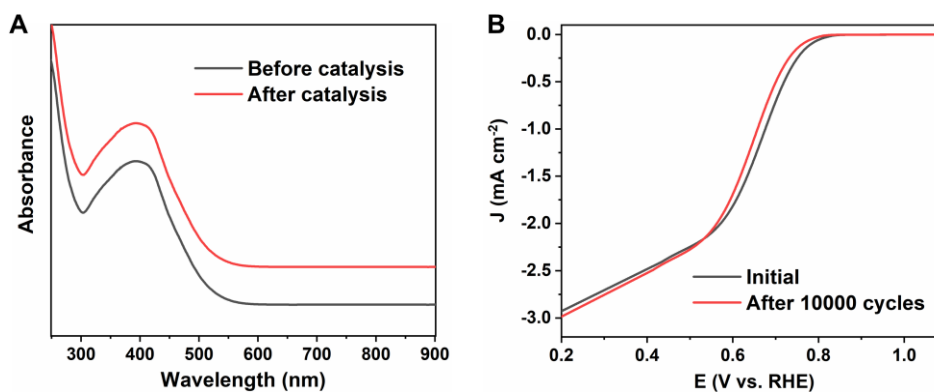


Figure S14. (A) Structural stability tests of Pd₉. (B) Catalytic stability tests of Pd₉.

Table S1. The corresponding distances and angles of Ni-Ni, S-S, Ni-S-Ni and S-Ni-S in Ni₁₁(SPh)₂₂ nanocluster.

Ni-Ni distances	S-S distances	Ni-S-Ni angles	S-Ni-S angles
(Å)	(Å)	(°)	(°)
2.955	2.93	84.61	82.95
2.955	2.92	83.63	83.14
3.193	2.917	93.02	82.65
2.834	2.881	93.65	83.35
2.858	2.951	80.18	84
3.215	2.951	79.87	78.61
2.856	2.881	81.07	78.61
3.215	2.917	80.47	84
2.858	2.920	94.24	83.35
2.834	2.930	93.95	82.65
3.193	2.787	80.94	83.14
avg: 2.99	avg: 2.91	80.94	82.95
		93.95	82.78
		94.24	82
		80.47	82.09
		81.07	84.11
		79.87	83.85
		80.18	83.85
		93.65	84.11
		93.02	82.95
		83.63	83.14
		84.61	82.65
		avg: 86.0	avg: 82.7

Crystal data

Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for Ni₁₁(SPh)₂₂

Empirical formula	C ₁₃₂ H ₁₁₀ Ni ₁₁ S ₂₂
CCDC code	2292922
Formula weight	3047.28
Temperature/K	273.15
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
a/Å	18.984(4)
b/Å	28.994(6)
c/Å	28.216(6)
α /°	90
β /°	99.45(3)
γ /°	90
Volume/Å ³	15320(6)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.395
μ/mm^{-1}	5.190
F(000)	6584.0
Radiation	CuK α (λ = 1.54178)
2 θ range for data collection/°	8.808 to 140.622
Index ranges	-21 \leq h \leq 23, -34 \leq k \leq 34, -32 \leq l \leq 12
Reflections collected	45301
Independent reflections	13994 [R_{int} = 0.0226, R_{sigma} = 0.0258]
Data/restraints/parameters	13994/1166/785
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.055
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	R_1 = 0.0681, wR_2 = 0.2096
Final R indexes [all data]	R_1 = 0.0761, wR_2 = 0.2183
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.53/-1.25

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for Pd₁₀(SPh)₂₀

Empirical formula	C ₁₂₀ H ₁₀₀ Pd ₁₀ S ₂₀
CCDC code	2292923
Formula weight	3247.52
Temperature/K	296.15
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	15.8258(18)
b/Å	16.279(2)
c/Å	16.292(2)
$\alpha/^\circ$	64.679(4)
$\beta/^\circ$	77.271(4)
$\gamma/^\circ$	69.706(5)
Volume/Å ³	3545.6(8)
Z	1
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.560
μ/mm^{-1}	1.609
F(000)	1640.0
Radiation	MoK α (λ = 0.71073)
2 θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	4.526 to 55.204
Index ranges	-20 \leq h \leq 20, -19 \leq k \leq 21, -21 \leq l \leq 21
Reflections collected	33637
Independent reflections	16254 [R_{int} = 0.0385, R_{sigma} = 0.0561]
Data/restraints/parameters	16254/1430/676
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.029
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	R_1 = 0.0434, wR_2 = 0.1021
Final R indexes [all data]	R_1 = 0.0600, wR_2 = 0.1110
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	2.51/-1.39

Table S4. Crystal data and structure refinement for Ni₁₀(4-MePhS)₂₀

Empirical formula	C ₁₄₀ H ₁₄₀ Ni ₁₀ S ₂₀
CCDC code	2292924
Formula weight	3050.79
Temperature/K	273.15
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Fddd
a/Å	23.4478(13)
b/Å	30.2351(16)
c/Å	48.070(3)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	90
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
Volume/Å ³	34079(3)
Z	8
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.205
μ/mm^{-1}	3.760
F(000)	12800.0
Radiation	CuK α ($\lambda = 1.54178$)
2 θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	7.294 to 139.85
Index ranges	-28 \leq h \leq 17, -34 \leq k \leq 36, -58 \leq l \leq 47
Reflections collected	60663
Independent reflections	7980 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0778$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0394$]
Data/restraints/parameters	7980/1044/412
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.026
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0487$, $wR_2 = 0.1357$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0688$, $wR_2 = 0.1462$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.45/-0.43

Table S5. Crystal data and structure refinement for Pd₉(SPh)₁₈

Empirical formula	C ₁₀₈ H ₉₀ Pd ₉ S ₁₈
CCDC code	2292925
Formula weight	2922.77
Temperature/K	193.0
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	15.4893(15)
b/Å	17.1391(16)
c/Å	27.979(3)
$\alpha/^\circ$	73.147(4)
$\beta/^\circ$	85.831(5)
$\gamma/^\circ$	88.799(5)
Volume/Å ³	7089.8(12)
Z	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.449
μ/mm^{-1}	1.491
F(000)	3048.0
Radiation	MoK α (λ = 0.71073)
2 θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	2.482 to 51.006
Index ranges	-18 \leq h \leq 18, -20 \leq k \leq 20, -33 \leq l \leq 33
Reflections collected	67310
Independent reflections	25851 [R_{int} = 0.0819, R_{sigma} = 0.0983]
Data/restraints/parameters	25851/0/1223
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.062
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	R_1 = 0.0987, wR_2 = 0.2794
Final R indexes [all data]	R_1 = 0.1555, wR_2 = 0.3172
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	2.20/-1.80

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