

Supplementary Information for

Rational design of the fabrication of bulk Ni₃Sn₂ alloy catalysts for the synthesis of 1,4-pentanediol from biomass-derived furfural without acidic co-catalyst

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1. Results of catalyst characterisation

Table S1. Specific surface area BET (S_{BET}) and average crystallite sizes of $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(101)$ alloy phase of bulk Ni-Sn(1.5) alloy synthesized at different parameters

Entry	Catalyst ^a	S_{BET}^b (m ² /g)	D^c (nm)
1	Ni_3Sn_2 (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 8; 573 K/H ₂)	9.7	14.0
2	Ni_3Sn_2 (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 8; 673 K/H ₂)	70.3	17.0
3	Ni_3Sn_2 (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 8; 773 K/H ₂)	1.7	26.5
4	Ni_3Sn_2 (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 8; 873 K/H ₂)	2.9	28.4
5	Ni_3Sn_2 (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 8; HT 12 h; 673 K/H ₂)	21.6	13.7
6	Ni_3Sn_2 (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 8; HT 48 h & 673 K/H ₂)	10.6	19.4
7	Ni_3Sn_2 (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 8; HT 72 h & 673 K/H ₂)	31.4	16.8
8	Ni_3Sn_2 (EG; pH = 8; 673 K/H ₂)	12.0	16.5
9	Ni_3Sn_2 (without polyol; 673 K/H ₂)	6.92	17.4

^aThe samples Ni_3Sn_2 samples were synthesized at different parameters, unless otherwise stated. ^b Specific surface area BET (S_{BET}) was derived from N₂ physisorption at 77 K. ^c Average crystallite sizes of Ni_3Sn_2 (101) alloy phase at $2\theta = 30.1^\circ$ was calculated by using Scherrer's equation.

Table S2. Identified Ni–Sn alloy phases from bulk Ni-Sn(1.5) after reduction with H₂ at 673-873 K for 1.5 h^a

Temperature of H ₂ reduction (K)		
673	773	873
92% Ni_3Sn_2 alloy phase ^c $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(101)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(002)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(102)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(110)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(201)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(112)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(103)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(202)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}(002)$,	89% Ni_3Sn_2 alloy phase ^c $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(101)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(002)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(102)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(110)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(201)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(112)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(103)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(202)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}(002)$,	$\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(101)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(002)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(102)$ $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(110)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(201)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(112)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(103)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}_2(202)$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Sn}(002)$,

The samples Ni-Sn(1.5) were synthesized at pH adjustment of 8, temperature hydrothermal of 423 K for 24 h, unless otherwise stated. ^aBased on the JCPDS-ISSD card of the existing Ni-Sn alloys and JCPDS card number of #06-414 for Ni_3Sn_2 [1,2]. ^bValues in the parenthesis indicate the Ni/Sn molar ratio. ^cThe Mol% of alloy component was calculated by Multi-Rietveld Analysis Program LH-Riet 7.00 method on the Rietica software.

Table S3 Calculated lattice parameters (d/nm) of Ni_3Sn_2 alloy obtained at different pH of Ni-Sn solution. The data referred to the XRD patterns in Fig. 7 (in the text) at $2\theta = \sim 44.2$ (Ni_3Sn_2 (110) phase).

Entry	Sample	d^a (nm)
1	Ni_3Sn_2 (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 6; 673 K/H ₂)	0,2057
2	Ni_3Sn_2 (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 8; 673 K/H ₂)	0,2057
3	Ni_3Sn_2 (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 10; 673 K/H ₂)	0,2055
4	Ni_3Sn_2 (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 12; 673 K/H ₂)	0,2054

^aThe basal spacing was calculated using Bragg's equation at $2\theta = \sim 44.2$ (Ni_3Sn_2 (110) phase).

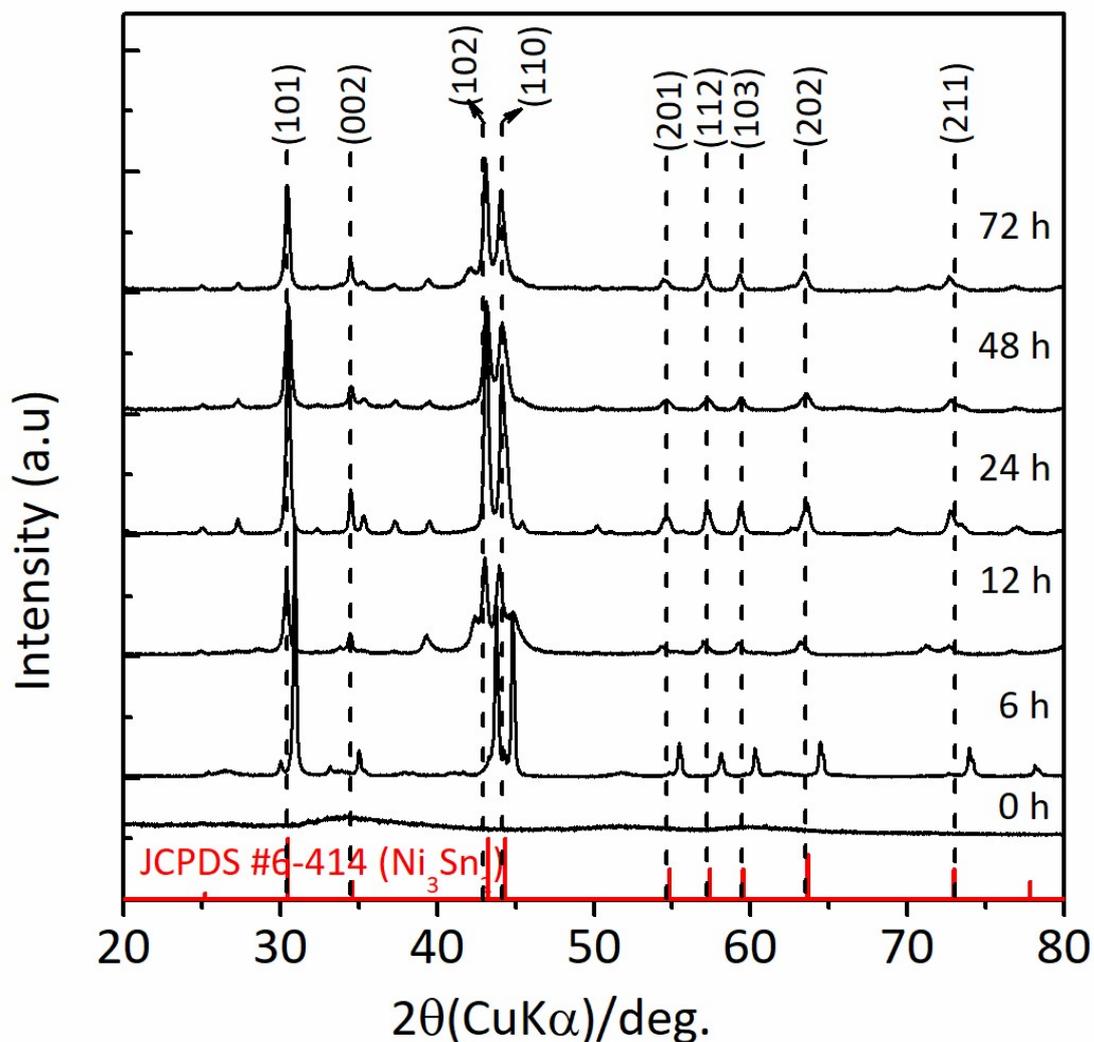


Figure S1. XRD patterns of the bulk Ni-Sn(1.5) synthesized at different hydrothermal time of 0-72 h at 423 K after reduction with H₂ at 673 K for 1.5 h.

Table S4 Calculated lattice parameters (*d*/nm) of Ni₃Sn₂ alloy obtained at different hydrothermal time. The data referred to the XRD patterns in Fig. S1 at $2\theta \approx 44.2$ (Ni₃Sn₂ (110) phase).

Entry	Sample	<i>d</i> ^a (nm)
1	Ni ₃ Sn ₂ (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 8; 12 h; 673 K/H ₂)	0,2061
2	Ni ₃ Sn ₂ (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 8; 24 h; 673 K/H ₂)	0,2054
3	Ni ₃ Sn ₂ (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 8; 48 h; 673 K/H ₂)	0,2053
4	Ni ₃ Sn ₂ (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 8; 72 h; 673 K/H ₂)	0,2055

^aThe basal spacing was calculated using Bragg's equation at $2\theta \approx 44.2$ (Ni₃Sn₂ (110) phase).

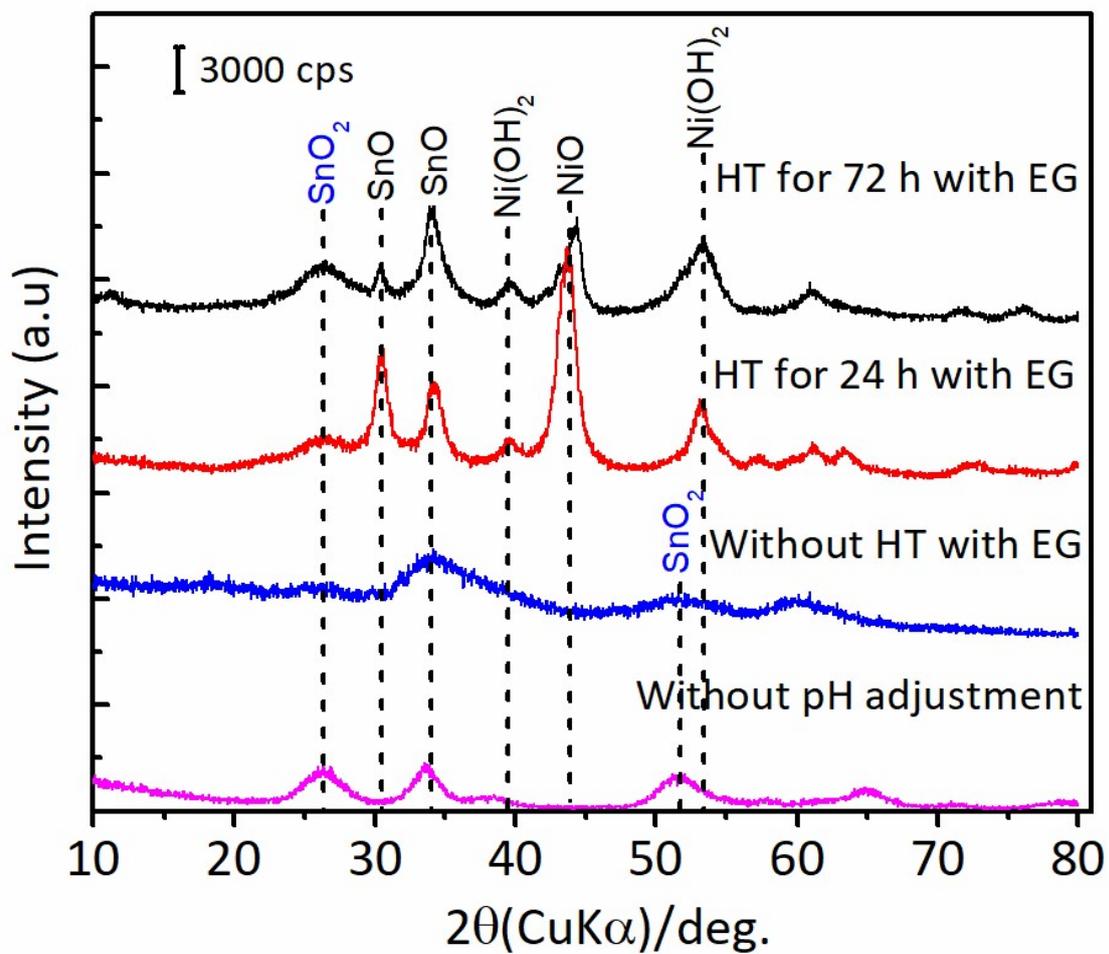


Figure S2. XRD patterns of the as-prepared bulk Ni-Sn(1.5) with different conditions.

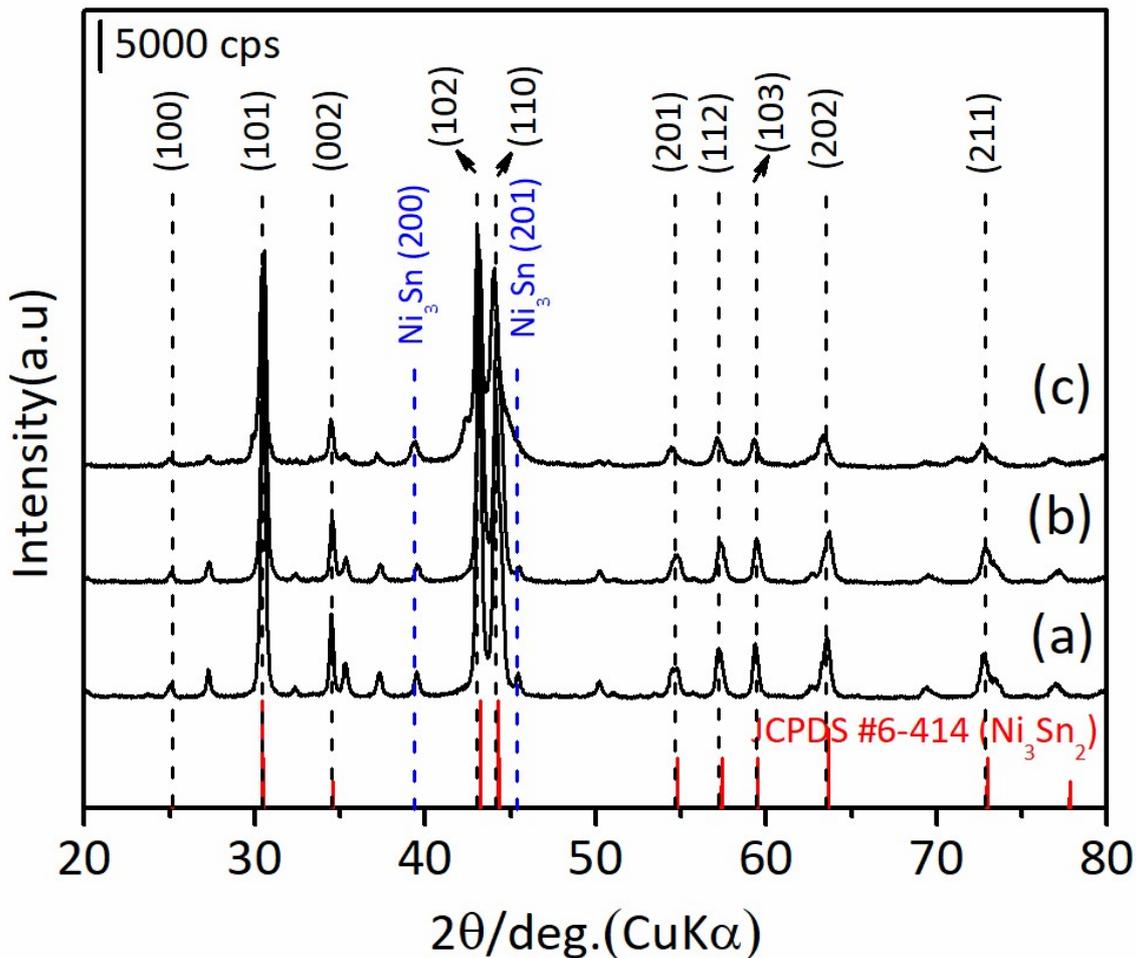


Figure S3. XRD patterns of the bulk Ni-Sn(1.5) synthesized in the presence of polyols (a) ethylene glycol (EG), (b) 2-methoxyethanol, and (c) without the addition of polyols during the hydrothermal at 423 K for 24 h, followed by reduction with H₂ at 673 K for 1.5 h.

Table S5 calculated lattice parameter (d (nm)) of Ni₃Sn₂ samples obtained at the effect of EG, methoxy ethanol, and without polyol additives. The data referred to the XRD patterns in Fig. S3 at $2\theta = \sim 44.2$ (Ni₃Sn₂ (110) phase).

Entry	Sample	d^a (nm)
1	Ni ₃ Sn ₂ (without polyol; 673 K/H ₂)	0,2056
2	Ni ₃ Sn ₂ (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 8; 673 K/H ₂)	0,2054
3	Ni ₃ Sn ₂ (EG; pH = 8; 673 K/H ₂)	0,2050

^aThe basal spacing was calculated using Bragg's equation at $2\theta = \sim 44.2$ (Ni₃Sn₂ (110) phase).

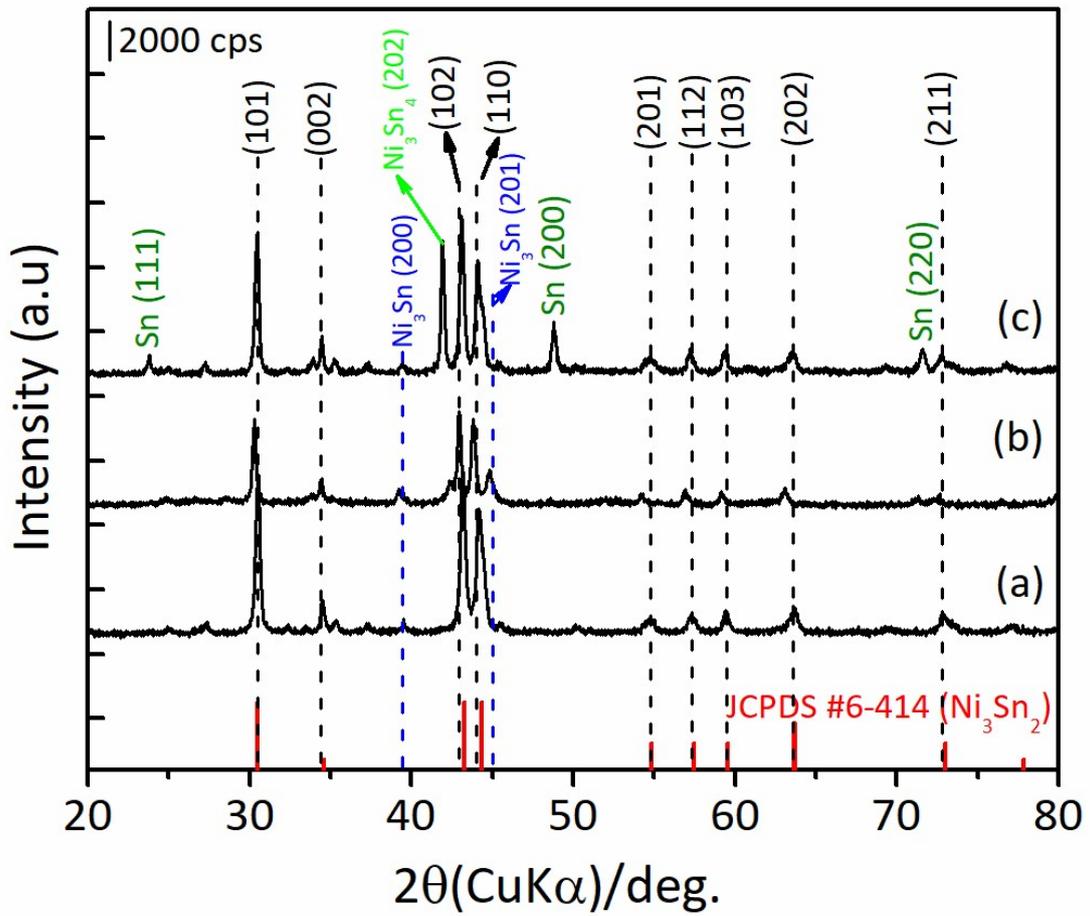


Figure S4. XRD patterns of the bulk Ni-Sn(1.5) synthesized at different temperature of hydrothermal (a) 423 K, (b) 473 K, and (c) 523 K for 24 h followed by reduction with H₂ at 673 K for 1.5 h.

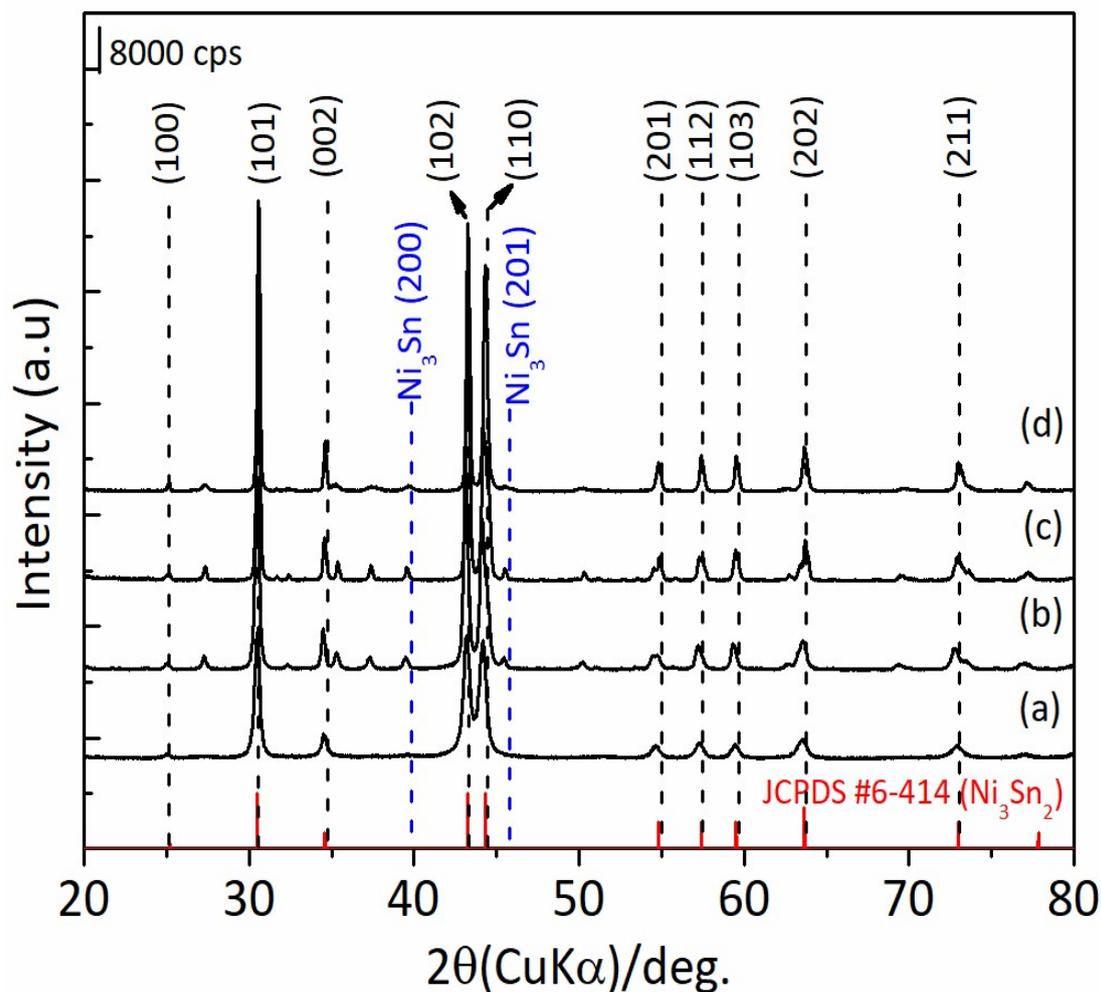


Figure S5. XRD patterns of bulk Ni-Sn(1.5) after reduction with H₂ at (a) 573 K, (b) 673 K, (c) 773 K, and (d) 873 K for 1.5 h. The plotted data were compared with JCPDS card of #06-414 (Ni₃Sn₂).

Table S6 Calculated lattice parameters (*d*/nm) of Ni₃Sn₂ alloy obtained at reduction temperature. The data referred to the XRD patterns in Fig. S5 at $2\theta = \sim 44.2$ (Ni₃Sn₂ (110) phase).

Entry	Sample	<i>d</i> ^a (nm)
1	Ni ₃ Sn ₂ (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 8; 24 h; 573 K/H ₂)	0,2049
2	Ni ₃ Sn ₂ (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 8; 24 h; 673 K/H ₂)	0,2054
3	Ni ₃ Sn ₂ (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 8; 24 h; 773 K/H ₂)	0,2051
4	Ni ₃ Sn ₂ (2-Me-EtOH; pH = 8; 24 h; 873 K/H ₂)	0,2045

^aThe basal spacing was calculated using Bragg's equation at $2\theta = \sim 44.2$ (Ni₃Sn₂ (110) phase).

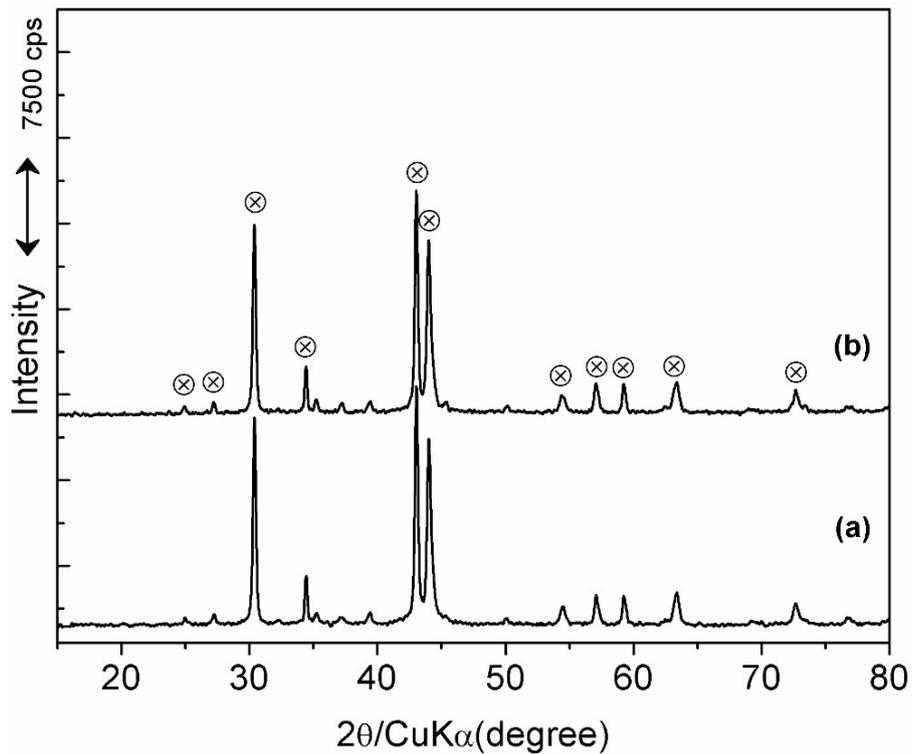


Figure S6. XRD patterns of (a) fresh Ni_3Sn_2 pH = 8 and (b) recovered after the fourth reaction run in batch reactor system after reduction with H_2 at 673 K for 1 h. \otimes Ni_3Sn_2 alloy phase, plotted data were compared with JCPDS card of #06-414 (Ni_3Sn_2).