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Ruthenium Anchored Zirconium Dioxide Derived from Metal-Organic Framework as a Highly Efficient pH-Universal Electrocatalyst for Hydrogen Evolution

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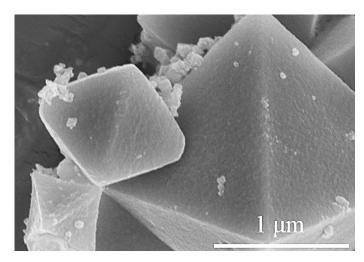


Fig. S1. SEM images of UiO-bpy.

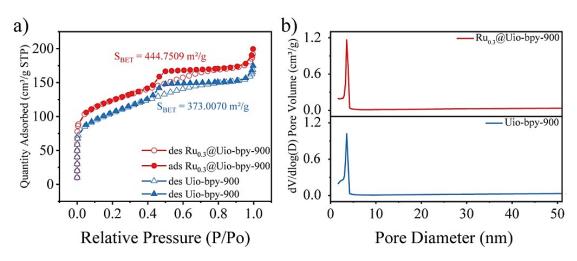


Fig. S2. (a) Nitrogen gas adsorption (solid) and desorption (empty) isothermal curves, (b) Corresponding pore size distribution curves of Ru_{0.3}@UiO-bpy-900 and UiO-bpy-900.

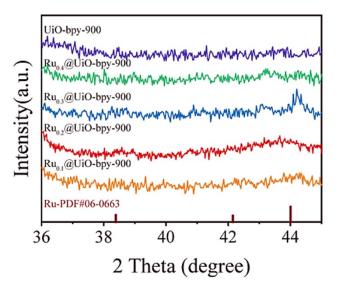


Fig. S3. XRD pattern of $Ru_x@UiO$ -bpy-900 (x = 0.1 \cdot 0.2 \cdot 0.3 and 0.4 mmol) in the diffraction angles from 36 to 45.

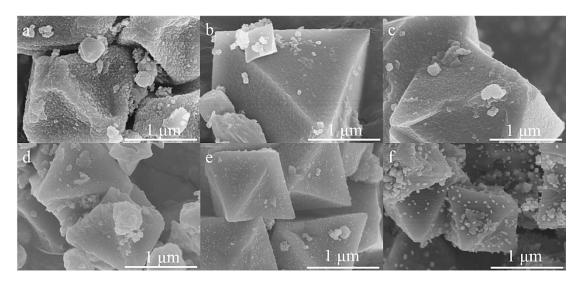


Fig. S4. SEM image of (a-c) $Ru_x@UiO$ -bpy (x=0.1, 0.2, 0.4) and (d-f) $Ru_x@UiO$ -bpy-900(x=0.1, 0.2, 0.4)

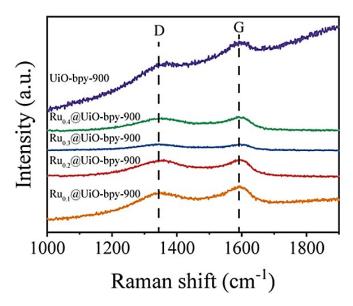


Fig. S5. Raman spectrum of $Ru_x@UiO\text{-bpy-900}$ and UiO-bpy-900

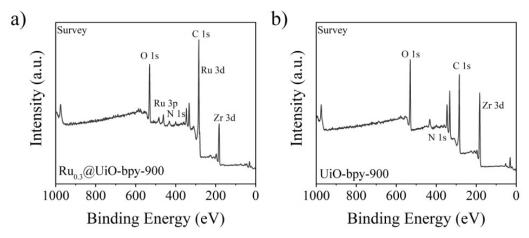


Fig. S6. XPS survey spectra of (a) $Ru_{0.3}$ @UiO-bpy-900 and (b) UiO-bpy-900

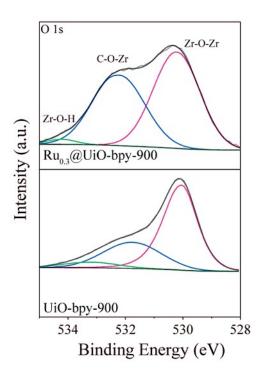


Fig. S7. O 1s of $Ru_{0.3}$ @UiO-bpy-900 and UiO-bpy-900.

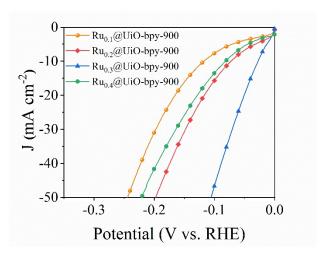


Fig. S8. LSV curve of $Ru_x@UiO$ -bpy-900 (x = 0.1,0.2 ,0.3 and 0.4 mmol) in 1 M KOH

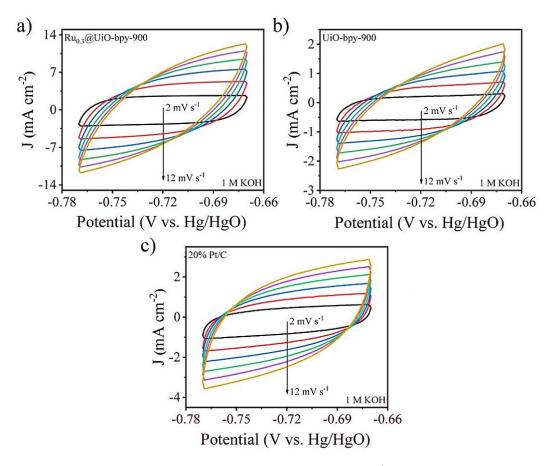


Fig. S9. CV curves with scan rates of 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 mV $\rm s^{-1}$ of a) Ru $_{0.3}$ @UiO-bpy-900, b) UiO-bpy-900, c) 20% Pt/C in 1 M KOH

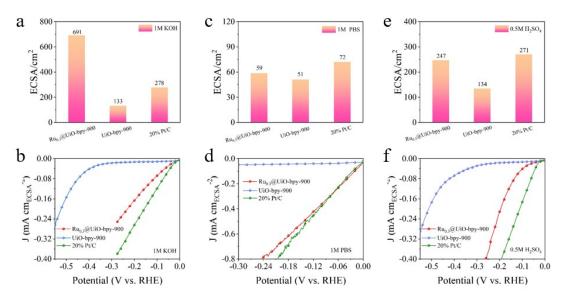


Fig. S10. The electrochemical active specific surface area and the ECSA-normalized LSV of $Ru_{0.3}$ @UiO-bpy-900, UiO-bpy-900 and commercial benchmark 20% Pt/C in different electrolytes. (a, b) 1 M KOH, (c, d) 1 M PBS, (e, f) 0.5 M H_2SO_4 .

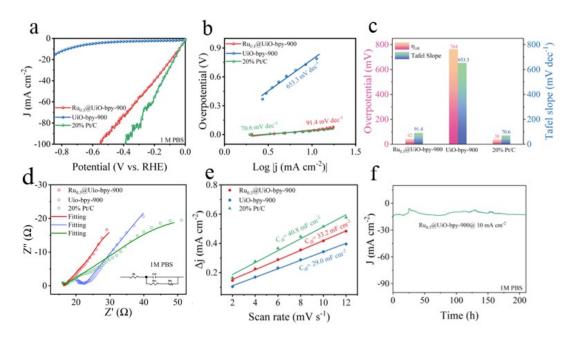


Fig. S11. Electrochemical HER performance in 1.0 M PBS. (a) The LSV curves, (b) Tafel plots, (c) the histograms of overpotential and Tafel slopes, (d) Nyquist plot and the fitting curves, (e) current density difference against scan rate of $Ru_{0.3}@UiO$ -bpy-900, UiO-bpy-900 and the commercial benchmark 20% Pt/C. (f) Long-term chronoamperometric test of $Ru_{0.3}@UiO$ -bpy-900.

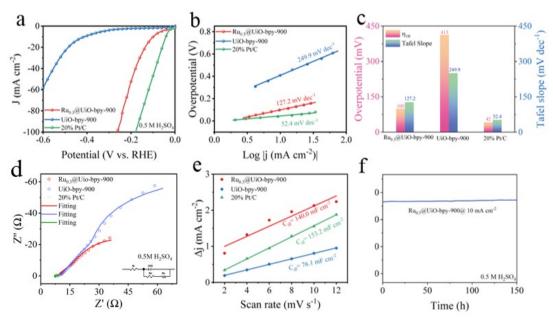


Fig. S12. Electrochemical HER performance in 0.5 M H₂SO₄. (a) The LSV curves, (b) Tafel plots, (c) the histograms of overpotential and Tafel slopes, (d) Nyquist plot and the fitting curves, (e) current density difference against scan rate of Ru_{0.3}@UiO-bpy-900, UiO-bpy-900 and the commercial benchmark 20% Pt/C. (f) Long-term chronoamperometric test of Ru_{0.3}@UiO-bpy-900.

Table S1 EIS fitting parameters for Ru $_{0.3}$ @UiO-bpy-900, UiO-bpy-900, and Commercial 20% Pt/C in 1.0 M KOH

Sample	Element	Value	Error %
Ru _{0.3} @UiO-bpy-900	Rs	1.437	4.964
	Rct	15.32	1.5286
UiO-bpy-900	Rs	1.241	7.0699
	Rct	24	0.56654
20% Pt/C	Rs	1.502	5.282
	Rct	15.89	1.1658