

1 **Supplementary Materials to:**

2 **3D-printed flow-mode atmospheric pressure glow discharge reactor**
3 **for the synthesis of multi-metallic Pt-/ Pd-/ Os-/ Ru-/ Re-/ W-/ Cr-/**
4 **nanocluster catalysts**

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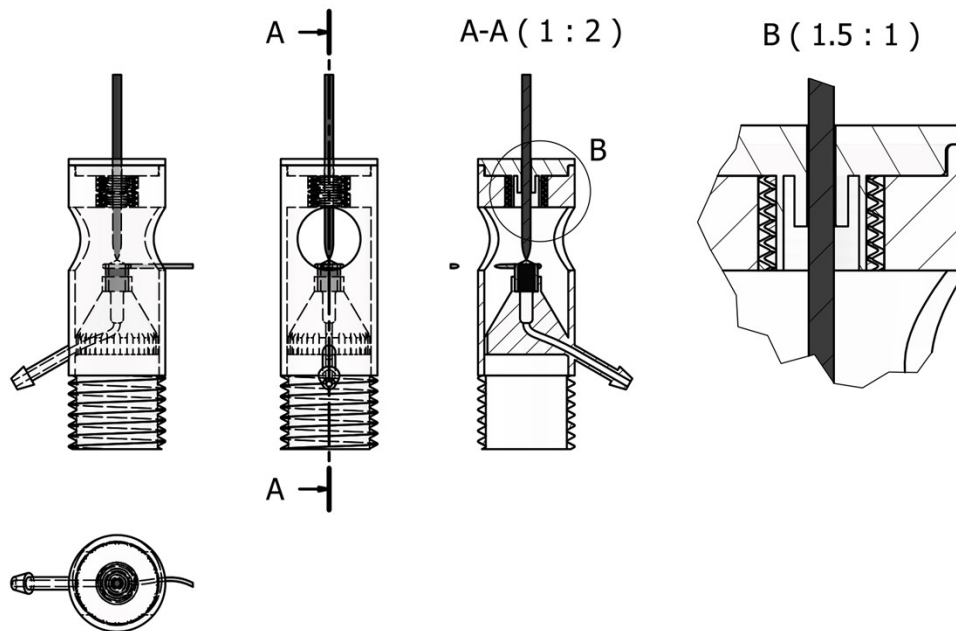
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21 S1. Detailed Methods and Materials

22 S1.1 Plasma reactor design



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24 **Figure S1.** Technical presentation of the applied CAPP system.

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31 **Table S1.** Current-voltage parameters used for nanocluster catalysts (NCs) synthesis by flowing liquid
 32 anode direct-current atmospheric pressure glow discharge (FLA-dc-APGD) and flowing liquid cathode
 33 direct-current atmospheric pressure glow discharge (FLC-dc-APGD).

Synthesized NCs	FLA-dc-APGD		FLC-dc-APGD	
	Voltage [V]	Current [mA]	Voltage [V]	Current [mA]
Pt ^{Os}	1230	40	1150	46
Os ^{Pd/Cr}	1360	55	1160	58
Ru ^W	1350	52	1110	46
W ^{Ru/Os}	-*	-*	1110	46
Re ^{Os}	1300	46	-*	-*

34 *The plasma was unstable, therefore the synthesis was not performed

35 S1.2 Reagents and solutions

36 The reagents used for the NCs synthesis containing Os(IV), Ru(III), Re(VII), W(VI), and Cr(VI)
 37 solutions were obtained from Sigma Aldrich (USA), while for Pt(IV), and Pd(II) from Innovator
 38 (Poland). The precursor solution of 1000 mg L⁻¹ Pt(IV) ions stock solution was prepared from
 39 H₂PtCl₆ (30% solution). The ruthenium precursor solution was a 1000 mg L⁻¹ stock solution of
 40 Ru(III) ions, prepared using RuCl₃, while (NH₄)₂OsCl₆ and Na₂WO₄•2H₂O reagent were used to
 41 1000 mg L⁻¹ Os(IV) and 1000 mg L⁻¹ W(VI), respectively ions stock solution preparation.
 42 Moreover 1000 mg L⁻¹ Re(VII) solution was prepared using NH₄ReO₄ and 1000 mg L⁻¹ Pd(II)
 43 solution using H₂PdCl₄. The potassium dichromate (K₂Cr₂O₇) solution of 1000 mg L⁻¹ Cr(VI) was
 44 also prepared. Sodium tetrahydroborate (THB) and 4-nitrophenol (4-NP) for catalytic activity
 45 analysis were acquired from Sigma-Aldrich (USA). These solutions were freshly prepared in
 46 water.

47 S1.3 Characterization of NCs

48 The size distribution, hydrodynamic diameter (D_h) and polydispersity index (PDI) of NCs
 49 synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD and FLC-dc-APGD were evaluated using dynamic light scattering
 50 (DLS) at temperature of 20°C. Samples were measured in 1-cm polystyrene cuvette. Zeta potential
 51 (ξ) and conductivity (σ) of the NCs synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD and FLC-dc-APGD were

52 examined by electrophoretic light scattering (ELS), to assess samples stability, focusing on
53 aggregation and changes in surface charge. Ru^WNCs synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD and FLC-dc-
54 APGD were diluted tenfold prior to measurements. The evaluation was taken in polycarbonate
55 Omega cuvette at temperature of 25°C. A Litesizer 500 device (Anton Paar GmbH, Austria) was
56 utilized for this purpose, while the obtained data were analyzed using Kalliope software (Anton
57 Paar, Austria).

58 The concentrations of metals in NCs catalysts were determined using inductively coupled
59 plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES) using an Agilent 5110 instrument. The optical
60 characteristics of the NCs synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD and FLC-dc-APGD techniques were
61 evaluated through UV/Vis absorption spectrophotometry utilizing the SPECORD 210 PLUS
62 spectrophotometer (Analytik Jena, Jena AG, Germany). Absorption spectra were recorded across
63 the wavelength range of 190 to 1100 nm with a spectral resolution of 1 nm using 1-cm quartz
64 cuvette.

65 The structural characterization of NCs was performed using a TITAN³ G² 60-300 high-
66 resolution transmission electron microscope HRTEM (FEI Company, now Thermo Fisher
67 Scientific) with selected area electron diffraction (SAED), energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy
68 (EDX) and a high-angle annular dark-field (HAADF) detector. The resulting NCs solutions were
69 placed onto Cu grids (100 mesh, Agar Scientific Ltd., Stansted, Great Britain) and evaporated in
70 air atmosphere. High-resolution TEM images were analyzed using ImageJ 1.54 (National Institutes
71 of Health, Bethesda, MD, USA) software to create histograms representing the average size
72 distribution of observed nanoclusters.

73 **S1.4 Catalytic activity studies**

74 The study of the catalytic activity of the obtained NCs, synthesized by using dc-APGD was based
75 on the model reaction with 4-NP. Reaction with 4-NP evaluate the catalytic performance of the
76 NCs, moving in the direction of 4-aminophenol (4-AP) formation, with a catalyst being necessary
77 for the reaction to proceed. UV-Vis measurements (Specord 210 Plus, Analytik Jena, Germany)
78 in a 3 mL quartz cuvette were used to monitor NCs catalytic activity. The measurement procedure
79 was performed by recording the spectrum of 2.5 mL of a 4-NP solution (0.1 mmol L⁻¹). The
80 spectrum revealed a distinct absorption band of 4-NP at $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 318$ nm. Adding 0.3 mL of a NaBH₄

81 solution (0.1 mol L⁻¹) to measured 4-NP moved the absorption band to $\lambda_{\max} = 400$ nm, indicating
82 the production of the 4-nitrophenolate anion ¹. Finally, 0.1 mL or 0.01 mL of the suspension of
83 NCs in depending of the sample was added to the cuvette, and the spectra in the 200-600 nm
84 spectra range were recorded. Afterwards, the change in absorbance at 400 nm occurred because of
85 the initiation and continuation of the reduction from 4-NP to 4-AP. The obtained absorbances were
86 then utilized to simulate the pseudo-first order kinetics of the reaction. Therefore the experiment
87 was set in such a way that there was a significant excess of NaBH₄ in the reaction. According to
88 the Lambert-Beer law, it was thought that the ratio of NCs concentrations equals the ratio of their
89 absorbances. Based on the proportionality between concentration and absorbance for the 4-
90 nitrophenolate anion, a plot of $-\ln(A_t/A_0)$ versus time (t) was generated, with A_t being the
91 absorbance at time t and A₀ the absorbance at the start of the reaction. The pseudo-first order rate
92 constant (k_1^b in min⁻¹) and mass normalized rate constant (k_{1m}^b in min⁻¹mg⁻¹) were calculated from
93 the slopes of the resulting plots.

94 To evaluate the efficiency of the catalyst in promoting the conversion of 4-NP to 4-AP,
95 turnover frequency (TOF) which represents the changing conversion percentage (%) of 4-NP over
96 time was calculated, as described Khan et al. ¹. To assess the molar activity of the Pt^{0s}NCs,
97 Os^{Pd/Cr}NCs, Ru^WNCs, W^{Ru/Os}NCs, and Re^{Os}NCs TOFs parameter values were calculated utilizing
98 equation (S1):

$$99 \quad TOF = n_{4-NP} * r * n_{NCs}^{-1} * t^{-1} \quad (S1)$$

100 where n_{4-NP} and n_{NCs} represent the number of moles of 4-NP and NCs, respectively, whereas t
101 stands for the reaction time (in mins), and r corresponds to the yield (%) of the reduction process.

102 **S1.5 XPS analysis**

103 X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS) analyses were conducted using a PHI VersaProbe II
104 Scanning XPS system equipped with a monochromatic Al K α radiation source ($h\nu = 1486.6$ eV).
105 The X-ray beam was focused to a 100 μm spot and rastered over a 400 \times 400 μm^2 area to ensure
106 representative sampling. Spectra were collected at a photoelectron take-off angle of 45° with a
107 pass energy of 46.95 eV and an energy step size of 0.1 eV, providing high-resolution data for the
108 analyzed core levels regions. A dual-beam charge neutralization system, combining 7 eV Ar⁺ ions
109 and 1 eV electrons, was employed to stabilize the surface potential during measurements. All

110 binding energies were calibrated against the C-C component of the C 1s peak at 285.0 eV. The
111 pressure in the analysis chamber was maintained below 4×10^{-9} mbar throughout the
112 measurements. Peak fitting and quantitative analysis were performed using PHI MultiPak software
113 (version 9.9.3). High-resolution XPS spectra were fitted using mixed Gaussian–Lorentzian line
114 shapes (with the Lorentzian contribution limited to 25%), following background subtraction using
115 the Shirley method. For spin–orbit split components (p, d, and f), the peak area ratios were
116 constrained to the theoretical values of 2:1, 3:2, and 4:3, respectively, while the energy separations
117 were fixed according to reference data. The full width at half maximum (FWHM) values were
118 maintained within physically reasonable and consistent ranges for analogous spectral components,
119 except where chemical state dependent broadening or narrowing was expected. Based on the
120 instrument geometry, the information depth of the measurements was estimated to be
121 approximately 5 nm. For the XPS analysis, the solutions containing Pt^{Os}NCs, Os^{Pd/Cr}NCs,
122 Ru^WNCs, W^{Ru/Os}NCs, and Re^{Os}NCs were repeatedly drop-cast and evaporated onto silicon wafer
123 substrates.

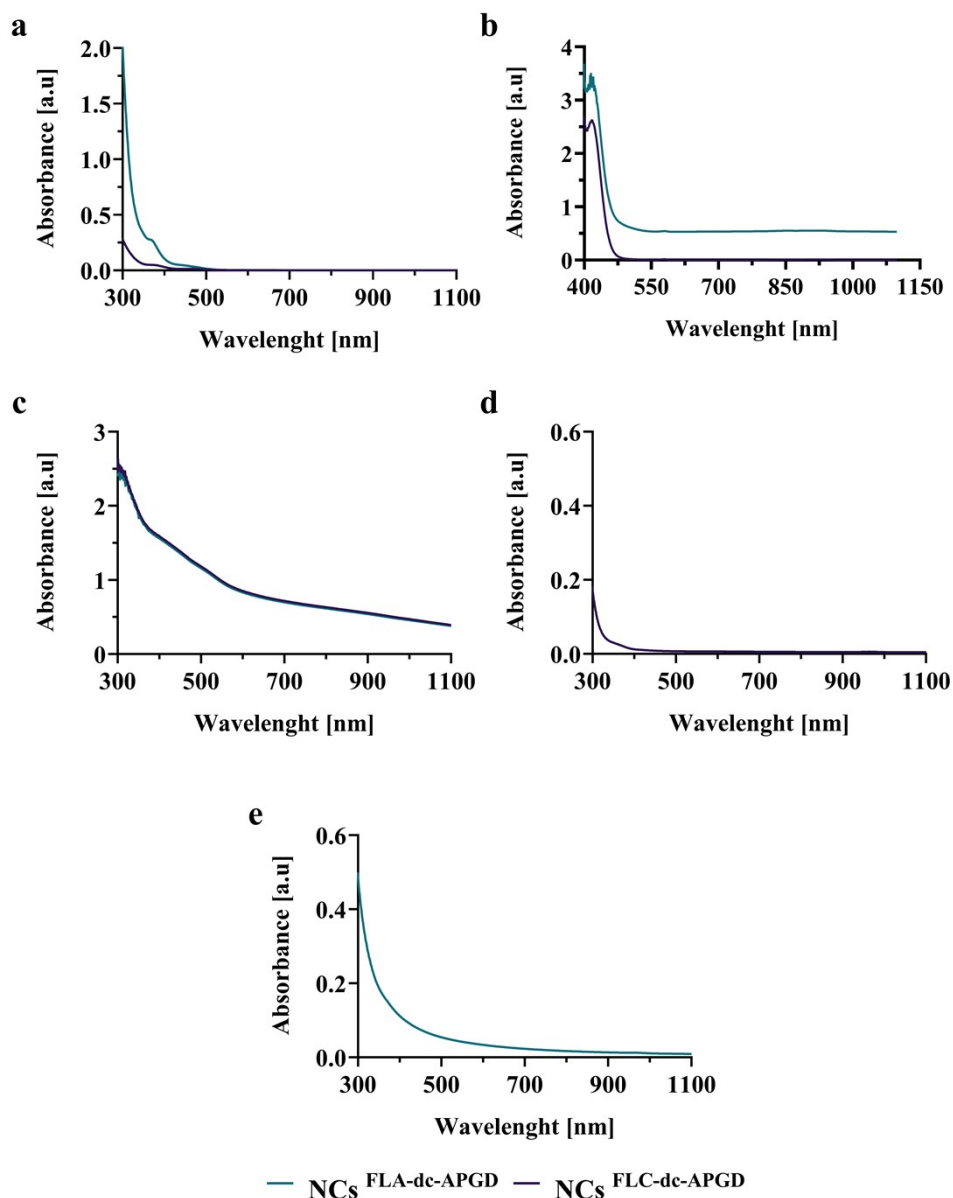
124 **S2. Detailed Results and Discussion**

125 **S2.1 NCs characteristic**

126 The size by number results (Figure 2) indicate a variation in particle diameter as a
127 consequence of cold atmospheric pressure plasma (CAPP) treatment. In the case of Pt, the
128 application of FLA-dc-APGD and FLC-dc-APGD resulted in formation of Pt^{Os}NCs with average
129 particle diameter of 190.0 ± 2.9 nm and 320.0 ± 4.7 nm, respectively. Conversely, Os^{Pd/Cr}NCs
130 exhibited a significantly larger average particle diameter of 3017.7 ± 74.9 nm following FLA-dc-
131 APGD and further to 131.2 ± 2.1 nm after FLC-dc-APGD treatment. In the case of Ru^WNCs, the
132 response to plasma treatment with FLA-dc-APGD resulting in 275.9 ± 4.1 nm, and in case of FLC-
133 dc-APGD it was 1416.0 ± 42.3 nm. For Re^{Os}NCs, the particle size was 134.1 ± 3.4 nm after FLA-
134 dc-APGD treatment, and 110.7 ± 2.8 nm for W^{Ru/Os}NCs upon application of FLC-dc-APGD. A
135 notable increment in average particle size distribution indicates that, upon exiting the plasma zone,
136 individual particles tend to form larger agglomerates, which are subsequently detected and
137 classified as larger particles by DLS device ². Particles within the plasma phase undergo
138 interactions with dc-APGD derived reactive species. In non-thermal plasmas, the high electron

139 temperature and mobility lead to a predominance of electron-particle collisions. This results in the
140 accumulation of negative charge on the particle surfaces, which effectively suppresses particle
141 agglomeration. The selective plasma heating, driven predominantly by the recombination of ions
142 or radicals at the particle surface, leads to a particle temperature exceeding that of the ambient
143 plasma gas, facilitating crystallization processes ³. As reported by Cui et al. ⁴, platinum
144 nanoparticles (PtNPs) with particle size down to 2 nm can be synthesized by microwave discharge
145 plasma, which contrasts with the values obtained in this study. However, there is currently a lack
146 of published studies focusing on the synthesis of OsNCs by CAPP, highlighting a significant gap
147 in the existing nanomaterials research. Nonetheless, literature reports information about OsNPs
148 synthesis by irradiation with electrons, yielding particles with a size ranging of 1.5 to 50 nm ⁵.
149 Following this, RuNPs synthesized by glow discharge ⁶ can be characterized by a narrow size
150 distribution within the 1-2 nm range. Similarly, Müller et al. ² reported substantially smaller
151 particle sizes for WNPs, with diameters as low as 12 nm obtained by a radio-frequency (rf)
152 dielectric barrier discharge in form of plasma jet. Such variations between literature and our
153 research may be attributed to differences in synthesis conditions such as a precursor chemical
154 compound and concentration, plasma type and process parameters.

155 Optical properties of NCs synthesized by CAPP were investigated by UV/Vis absorption
156 spectrophotometry. As shown in Figure S1, the UV/Vis spectra of Pt^{Os}NCs, Os^{Pd/Cr}NCs, and
157 Ru^WNCs synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD and FLC-dc-APGD remain relatively unchanged. The
158 only evident difference is the increased absorbance values for the Pt^{Os}NCs and Os^{Pd/Cr}NCs
159 synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD in comparison to those obtained by FLC-dc-APGD.



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161 **Figure S2.** The UV/Vis spectra for NCs synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD and FLC-dc-APGD for Pt^{Os}NCs
 162 (a), Os^{Pd/Cr}NCs (b), Ru^WNCs (c), W^{Ru/Os}NCs (d), and Re^{Os}NCs (e), where, exceptionally, the Ru^WNCs
 163 analysis was conducted on solutions diluted 10 times.

164 The assessed PDI value of the analyzed NCs suggest uniform size distribution (see Table
 165 S2), with the most close monodisperse population observed for Os^{Pd/Cr}NCs synthesized by FLA-
 166 dc-APGD. As it was observed before NPs of varying sizes and/or velocities can exhibit different
 167 probabilities of becoming charged by the CAPP⁷. Additionally, in nonstationary plasmas, bipolar
 168 charge distributions can lead to attractive Coulomb forces that enhances coagulation process⁸, and

169 therefore resulting in a broader size distribution. In addition, the spherical morphology of NPs can
 170 be achieved through the addition of stabilizing agent ⁹. Data regarding the PDI of NPs synthesized
 171 by CAPP are not reported in the available literature, however PDI values for NPs obtained through
 172 alternative synthesis methods are documented. Previous studies have demonstrated that highly
 173 monodisperse laser-generated PtNPs with a PDI of 0.05 can be achieved by using downstream
 174 centrifugation ¹⁰. Additionally, a PDI=0.18 has been reported for PtNPs synthesized using plant-
 175 based analytes present in the extract of *Sechium edule* ¹¹. Unfortunately, no PDI values for OsNPs
 176 have been provide. El-Sayed et al. ¹² demonstrated a PDI value for imidazolium ionic liquid coated
 177 RuNPs implies uniformity in NPs size (PDI=0.23), suggesting efficient control over the synthesis
 178 process. For WO₃ NPs, a PDI of 0.22 can be achieved through biogenic synthesis employing the
 179 Taguchi method ¹³. Details regarding D_h values can be found in the Table S2.

180 **Table S2.** Polydispersity index (PDI) and mean hydrodynamic diameter (D_h) of NCs synthesized by FLA-
 181 dc-APGD and FLC-dc-APGD.

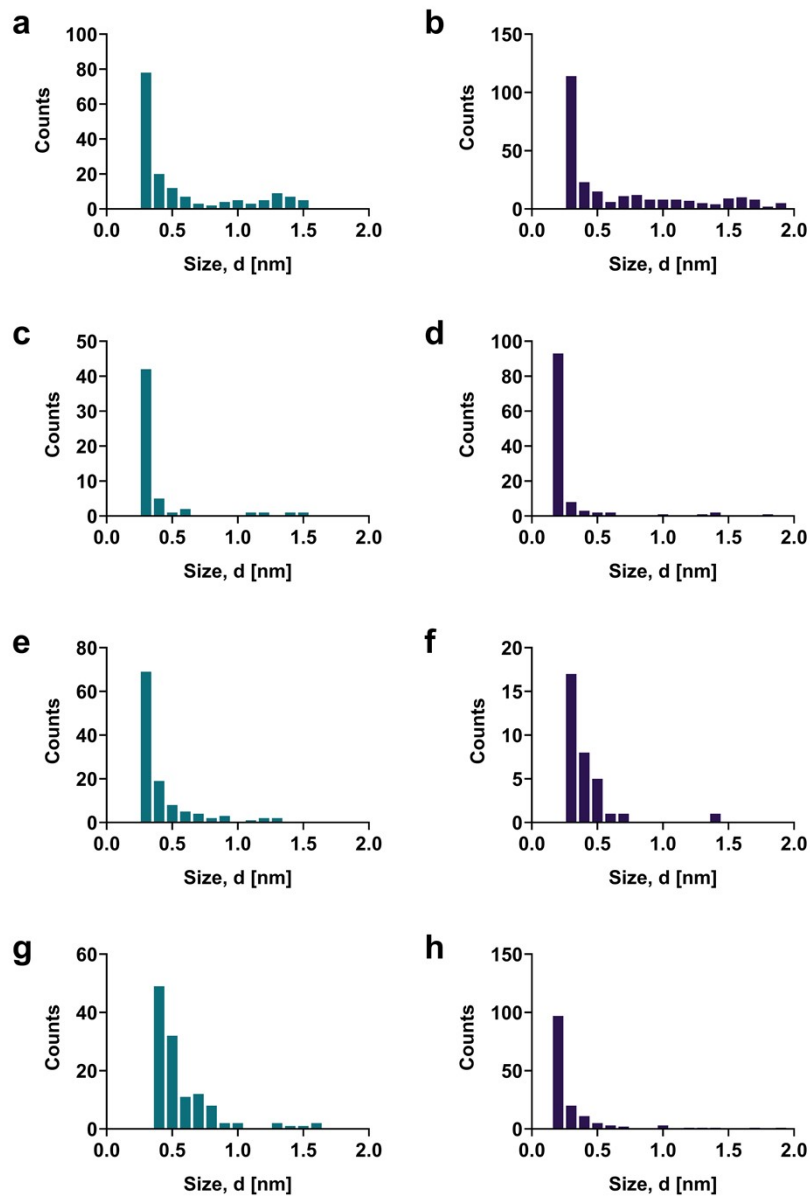
Sample	NCs synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD		NCs synthesized by FLC-dc-APGD	
	PdI [%]	D _h [nm]	PdI [%]	D _h [nm]
Pt ^{Os} NCs	24.0	1921.4	28.3	608.3
Os ^{Pd/Cr} NCs	16.3	3547.1	29.6	647.3
Ru ^W NCs	31.8	2599.2	27.7	3189.3
WRu/OsNCs	-*	-*	21.6	271.1
Re ^{Os} NCs	23.7	174.4	-*	-*

182 *The synthesis was not performed in this study

183 NCs stability is determined by the ξ value, as it indicates the extent of interparticle
 184 electrostatic repulsion ¹⁴. The measured ξ (Table 1) for the Pt^{Os}NCs and Os^{Pd/Cr}NCs synthesized
 185 by FLA-dc-APGD and FLC-dc-APGD suggest colloidal instability. In contrast, the Ru^WNCs,
 186 WRu/OsNCs, and Re^{Os}NCs indicated improved dispersion stability. This was evidenced by ξ values
 187 approaching ± 30 mV, a range typically associated with sufficient electrostatic repulsion to prevent
 188 particle aggregation ¹⁵. Throughout the CAPP treatment, plasma-generated ions are directed
 189 toward the substrate surface, initiating bombardment that triggers a range of surface-related
 190 modifications. An example of this interaction is the formation of hydrophilic functional groups,

191 which is additionally influenced by the characteristics of the treated substrate ¹⁶. Moreover, CAPP
192 treatment results in the generation of reactive oxygen and nitrogen species (RONS), which modify
193 the NPs surface also through the introduction of new functional groups. According to findings
194 presented by Zhao et al. ¹⁷, CAPP treatment time can impact the stability of NPs by modifying
195 their surface charge. In the case of PtNPs, extension of sample treatment time by plasma jet from
196 2 to 5 mins resulted in a ξ change from -56.0 mV to -12.5 mV ¹⁷. A review of the available literature
197 reveals a lack of reported ξ for OsNCs and RuNCs synthesized by CAPP. An example involving
198 WNP includes WO_3 synthesized by underwater impulse discharge, which demonstrate a zeta
199 potential of approximately -30 mV ¹⁸.

200 The differences in σ arise from the application of CAPP as well as from the precursors
201 employed. Specifically, change in conductivity value can be attributed to the presence of RONS
202 generated within the plasma environment ¹⁹. These reactive species are known to interact with the
203 surface, potentially inducing surface modifications ²⁰, thereby resulting in improved electrical
204 conductivity of NCs.



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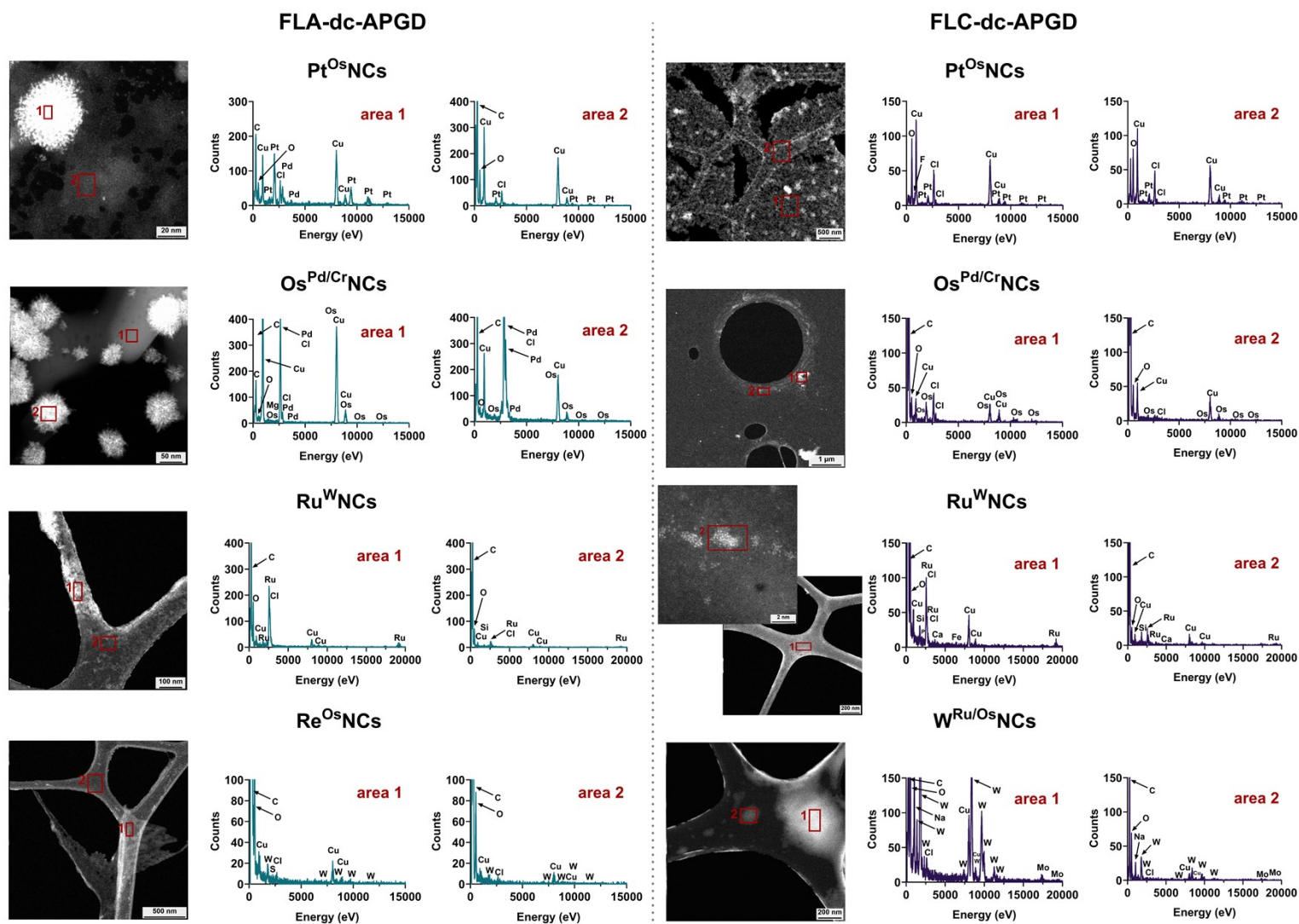
206 **Figure S3.** Size distribution from HRTEM of $\text{Pt}^{\text{Os}}\text{NCs}^{\text{FLA-dc-APGD}}$ (a), $\text{Pt}^{\text{Os}}\text{NCs}^{\text{FLC-dc-APGD}}$ (b),
 207 $\text{Os}^{\text{Pd/Cr}}\text{NCs}^{\text{FLA-dc-APGD}}$ (c), $\text{Os}^{\text{Pd/Cr}}\text{NCs}^{\text{FLC-dc-APGD}}$ (d), $\text{Ru}^{\text{W}}\text{NCs}^{\text{FLA-dc-APGD}}$ (e), $\text{Ru}^{\text{W}}\text{NCs}^{\text{FLC-dc-APGD}}$
 208 (f), and $\text{Re}^{\text{Os}}\text{NCs}^{\text{FLA-dc-APGD}}$ (g), and $\text{W}^{\text{Ru/Os}}\text{NCs}^{\text{FLC-dc-APGD}}$ (h).

209 **Table S3.** ICP-OES results related to the NC catalysts. Mean element concentrations (in mg L⁻¹) with standard deviations (n=3)

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Sample	Os	Pd	Pt	Re	Ru	W	Cr
Pt^{Os}NCs (FLC)	1,2±0,4	<2,2	58,4±0,4	<1,5	<0,5	<1,3	<0,5
Ru^WNCs (FLC)	<0,5	<2,2	<1,1	<1,5	392,7±7,9	6,9±1,1	<0,5
Ru^WNCs (FLA)	<0,5	<2,2	<1,1	<1,5	369,8±1,7	6,0±0,2	<0,5
W^{Ru/Os}NCs (FLC)	0,9±0,1	<2,2	<1,1	<1,5	9,9±0,1	1094,5±6,5	<0,5
W^{Ru/Os}NCs (FLA)	4,3±0,1	<2,2	<1,1	20,4±0,8	<0,5	<1,3	<0,5
Re^{Os}NCs (FLC)	<0,5	<2,2	<1,1	755,5±3,2	<0,5	2,9±1,2	<0,5
Re^{Os}NCs (FLA)	5,3±2,2	1292,9±12,2	<1,1	<1,5	<0,5	<1,3	<0,5
Pd^{Os}NCs (FLC)*	0,7±0,1	1292,5±4,3	<1,1	<1,5	<0,5	<1,3	<0,5
Pd^{Os}NCs (FLA)*	1,7±0,5	<2,2	<1,1	708,8±2,4	<0,5	2,4±0,2	<0,5
Os^{Pd/Cr}NCs (FLC)	454,4±4,2	5,5±0,8	<1,1	<1,5	<0,5	<1,3	1,3±0,1

* Sample not included into the manuscript

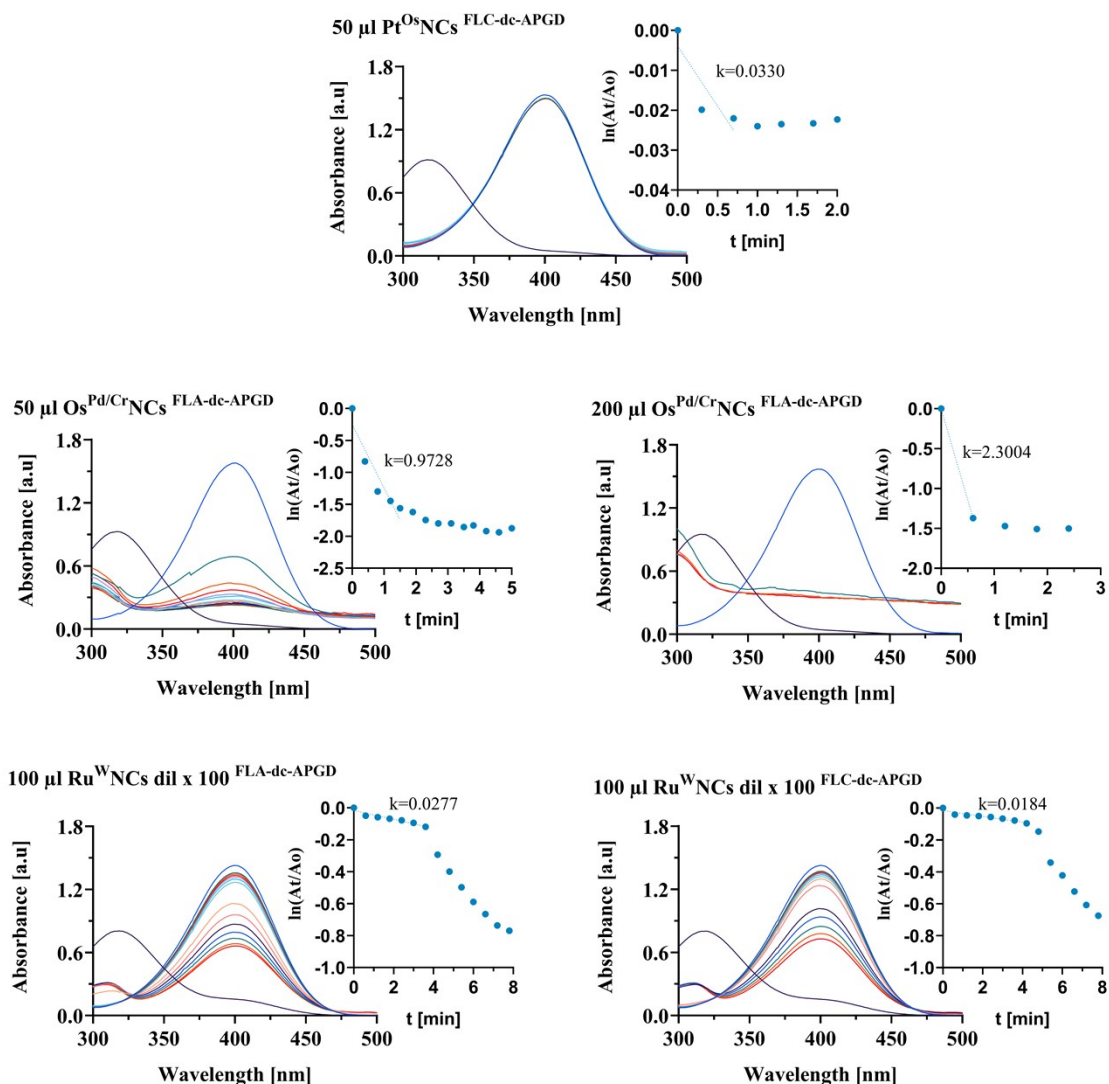


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213 **Figure S4.** HRTEM photomicrographs and EDX spectra of NCs synthesised by FLA-dc-APGD and FLC-dc-APGD. Each panel presents
 214 photomicrograph and corresponding EDX spectra of the highlighted HRTEM areas.

215 S2.2 Catalytic reaction

216 An initial NCs volume of 100 μL was employed in the experiment. However, in the case of
217 Ru^WNCs synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD and FLC-dc-APGD, this volume proved unsuitable due
218 to the excessively rapid reaction rate (catalyst mass= 0.0638 mg), which resulted in a rapid
219 flattening of the UV/Vis spectrum at 400 nm and prevented reliable kinetic analysis. Therefore,
220 additional experiments were conducted using different NCs volumes to identify appropriate
221 volume that still enabled accurate monitoring of the reaction progress as is presented in Figure S5.
222 This approach also enabled plotting of a first-order kinetic plot with a linear dependence, allowing
223 the determination of the reaction rate over the entire measured range. For Ru^WNCs, a catalyst mass
224 of 0.000637 mg was applied, as shown in Figure S5, as well as a mass of 0.00637 mg, presented
225 in Figure 5. The use of the higher catalyst mass resulted in a more uniform first-order kinetic
226 profile (see Figure 5). Accordingly, finally two distinct NCs volumes (100 μL for Pt^{Os}NCs,
227 Os^{Pd/Cr}NCs, W^{Ru/Os}NCs, Re^{Os}NCs and 10 μL for Ru^WNCs) were applied, necessitating the
228 calculation of k_{1m}^b , which are provided in Table 2.

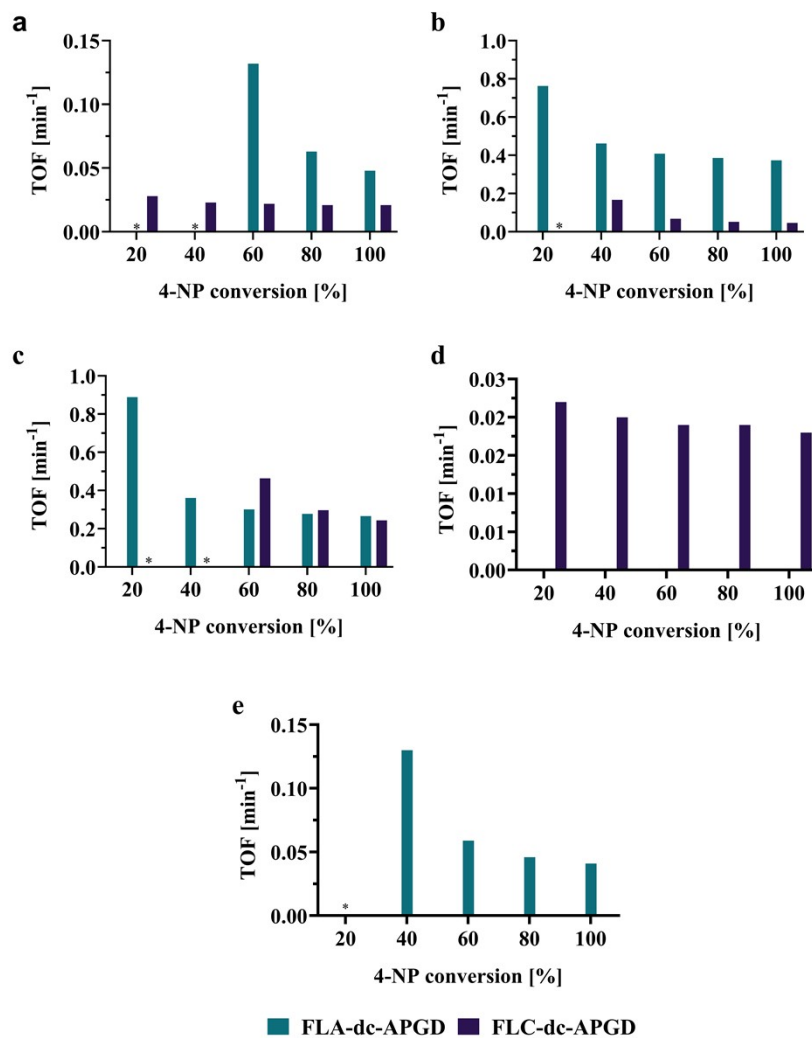


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230 **Figure S5.** UV/Vis absorption spectra and first-order kinetic plots for the reduction of 4-NP using selected
 231 NCs synthesised by FLA-dc-APGD or FLC-dc-APGD at different catalyst volumes to determine the
 232 appropriate catalyst amount.

233 Calculated TOF value represents the number of catalytic reactions occurring per active site
 234 over time. The values of the TOFs for 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100% 4-NP conversions are displayed in
 235 Figure S2. The TOF values for all samples exhibited a decline as the extent of reduction
 236 approached its maximum. The Os^{Pd/Cr}NCs and Ru^WNCs synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD reveal the
 237 greatest values of TOF of 0.76, and 0.89 min⁻¹ for 20%, and 0.37, and 0.27 min⁻¹ for 100% of 4-
 238 NP conversion, respectively. Conversely, the lowest activities were observed for W^{Ru/Os}NCs and
 239 Re^{Os}NCs. It can be observed that the TOF values obtained for NCs synthesized via FLA-dc-APGD

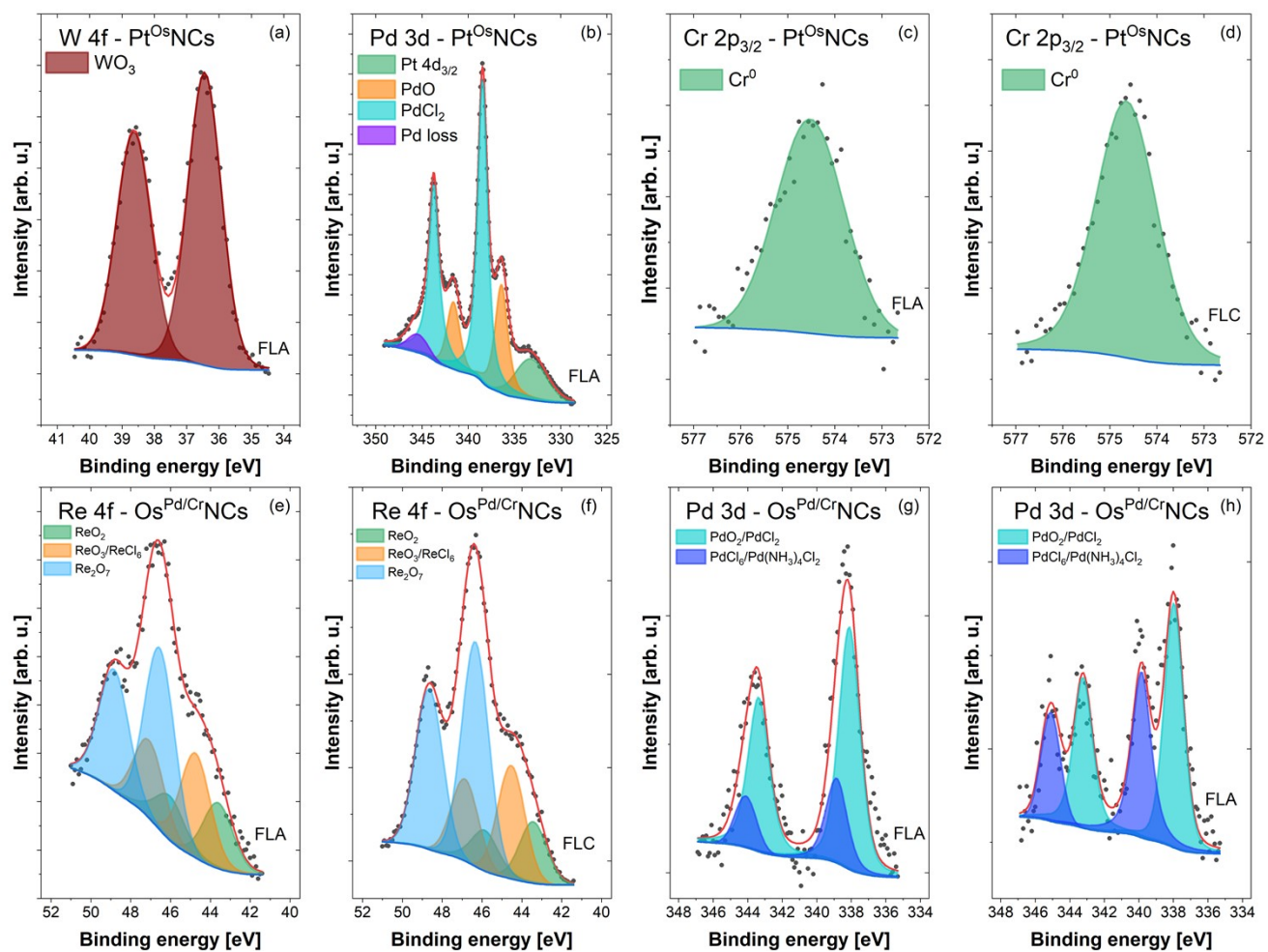
240 were approximately at least two times higher in the case of Pt^{Os}NCs, and Os^{Pd/Cr}NCs in comparison
 241 to those NCs synthesized by FLC-dc-APGD. In contrast, for Ru^WNCs, the TOF values for catalysts
 242 synthesized by both FLA-dc-APGD and FLC-dc-APGD were almost comparable, for instance, the
 243 TOF at 100% conversion was 0.27 min⁻¹ and 0.24 min⁻¹, respectively. This suggests a greater
 244 availability of Os^{Pd/Cr}NCs and Ru^WNCs synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD, what is in pair with
 245 catalytic activity results (see Table 2).



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247 **Figure S6.** The TOFs for 20, 40, 60, 80%, and 100% 4-NP conversions for NCs synthesized by FLA-dc-
 248 APGD and FLC-dc-APGD for Pt^{Os}NCs (a), Os^{Pd/Cr}NCs (b), Ru^WNCs (c), W^{Ru/Os}NCs (d), and Re^{Os}NCs (e),
 249 where * means that the TOF value can not be determined because after introducing the catalyst into the
 250 reaction the degree of conversion was already higher than the range assumed in the graph.

251 **S2.3 Oxidation states of d-block elements in NCs morphology**



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253 **Figure S7.** High-resolution XPS spectra of the main core level lines in the Pt⁰sNCs (a,b,c,d) and Os^{Pd/Cr}NCs (e,f,g,h) samples.

254 **Table S4.** Surface compositions (atomic %) determined by fitting XPS spectra for Pt^{0s}NCs synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD and FLC-dc-APGD.

Element	C			N		O	Cl	Cr	Pd			W	Pt
Energy [eV]	285.0	286.7	289.1	400.3	402.3	533.3	199.8	574.6	336.4	338.5	345.6	36.5	73.4
Chemical species	C-C	C-O-C C-OH C-N	O=C-O N-C=O	N-C. N-C=O	NH ₄ ⁺	O-Me. O=C/O-C	Cl- in e.g. PdCl/PtCl ₂	Cr ⁰	PdO	PdCl ₂	Pd _{loss}	WO 3	PtO/PtCl ₂
Pt^{0s}NCs synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD	28.7	6.1	2.0	0.4	1.9	12.8	27.9	1.4	3.4	8.5	0.5	0.7	5.8
Pt^{0s}NCs synthesized by FLC-dc-APGD	33.4	8.5	3.3	0.6	0.7	11.1	25.2	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.6

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256 **Table S5.** Surface compositions (atomic %) determined by fitting XPS spectra for Os^{Pd/Cr}NiCs synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD and FLC-dc-APGD.

Element	C			N		O	Mg	Si		P	Cl	Ca	Pd		Re			Os
Energy [eV]	285.0	286.7	289.3	400.4	402.3	532.6	1304.3	99.3	103.1	133.7	198.6	348.2	338	339.8	43.5	44.6	46.4	53.6
Chemical species	C-C	C-O C-N	O=C-O N-C=O	N-C N-C=O	NH ₄ ⁺	O-Si. O-P O-Re. O-Pd O=C/O-C	Mg ²⁺ in MgCl ₂	Si ⁰	SiO ₂	PO ₄ ³⁻	Cl ⁻ in MgCl ₂ . OsCl ₃ . CaCl ₂ . PdCl ₂	Ca ²⁺ in CaCl ₂	PdO ₂ / PdCl ₂	PdCl ₆ / Pd(NH ₃) ₄ Cl ₂	ReO ₂	ReO ₃ / ReCl ₆	Re ₂ O ₇	OsCl ₃ / OsO ₂
Os ^{Pd/Cr} NiCs synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD	14.1	4.4	0.9	1.2	2.1	34.9	1.7	21.6	7.8	2.8	6.5	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.08	0.13	0.22	0.60
Os ^{Pd/Cr} NiCs synthesized by FLC-dc-APGD	24.3	14.7	5.5	3.5	3.1	30.9	1.3	2.8	4.8	0.4	6.5	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.19	0.33	0.66	0.43

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258 **Table S6.** Surface compositions (atomic %) determined by fitting XPS spectra for Ru^WNCS synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD and FLC-dc-APGD.

Element	C			N		O		Si		Cl			Ru	
	Energy [eV]	285.0	288.0	290.7	400.1	401.7	531.3	533.1	99.8	103.6	197.9	198.9	200.2	463.8
Chemical species	C-C	C=O O-C-O	O-(C=O)-O	N-C	NH ₄ ⁺	O-Ru O=C	O-Si O-C OH	Si ⁰	SiO ₂	Cl ⁻ in e.g. RuCl ₂	Cl ⁻ in e.g. RuCl ₃	C _x -Cl	RuCl ₂ / RuO ₂	RuCl ₃
Ru^WNCS synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD	37.4	7.3	2.1	0.8	1.0	6.8	16.4	0.0	3.9	6.1	7.9	1.4	7.6	1.4
Ru^WNCS synthesized by FLC-dc-APGD	34.8	7.2	1.3	0.9	0.9	4.7	24.9	1.3	8.4	4.5	4.5	1.3	4.4	1.0

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261 **Table S7.** Surface compositions (atomic %) determined by fitting XPS spectra for W^{Ru/Os}NCs synthesized by FLC-dc-APGD.

Element	C				N	O		Na	S	Cl		W
Energy [eV]	285.0	286.2	287.9	289.3	398.9	531.0	532.4	1072.1	168.8	198.7	200.2	35.5
Chemical species		C-OH						Na ⁺	SO ₄ ²⁻ in	Cl ⁻ in		
	C-C	C-O-C	C=O	O=C-O	N-C	O=C	O-C	in e.g. NaCl	e.g.	e.g.	C-	W ⁶⁺
		C-N				SO ₄ ²⁻	OH	Na ₂ SO ₄	Na ₂ SO ₄	NaCl	Cl ₃	
		C-Cl										
W ^{Ru/Os} NCs synthesized by FLC-dc-APGD	13.9	4.5	2.2	1.7	0.4	3.4	2.1	41.8	0.3	21.1	8.4	0.3

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263 **Table S8.** Surface compositions (atomic %) determined by fitting XPS spectra for Re^{Os}NCs synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD.

Element	C				N	O		Na	S	Cl		W
Energy [eV]	285.0	286.2	287.9	289.3	398.9	531.0	532.4	1072.1	168.8	198.7	200.2	35.5
Chemical species		C-OH						Na ⁺	SO ₄ ²⁻ in	Cl ⁻ in		
	C-C	C-O-C	C=O	O=C-O	N-C	O=C	O-C	in e.g. NaCl	e.g.	e.g.	C-	W ⁶⁺
		C-N				SO ₄ ²⁻	OH	Na ₂ SO ₄	Na ₂ SO ₄	NaCl	Cl ₃	
		C-Cl										
Re ^{Os} NCs synthesized by FLA-dc-APGD	13.8	6.2	1.8	1.5	0.3	2.0	2.5	41.5	0.5	22.7	7.2	0.0

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