

## **Supporting information**

**Figure S1** EDS spectra of (a) Cu-Pt BNMNs, (b) Cu-Pd BNMNs, (c) Cu-Au BNMNs, and (d) Cu-Au-Pd trimetallic nanocrystals. The signals of C, O, Si, and Mo are from the carbon coated Mo grid.

<b>Table S1</b> ICP results of Cu- and Ag-based BNMNs $\frac{1}{al}$			
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Cu-Pt	Cu:Pt	1:0.44	Cu: noble metal=1:0.3
Cu-Pd	Cu:Pd	1:0.43	
Cu-Au	Cu:Au	1:0.41	
Cu-Au-Pd	Cu:Au:Pd	1:0.42:0.42	
Ag-Pt	Ag:Pt	1:0.31	Ag: noble metal=1:0.3
Ag-Pd	Ag:Pd	1:0.30	
Ag-Au	Ag:Au	1:0.32	

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**Figure S2** XPS spectra of Pd3d in Cu-Pd BNMNs (a), Au4f in Cu-Au BNMNs (b), Pd3d and Au4f in Cu-Au-Pd trimetallic nanocrystals(c, d).

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Figure S3 Typical TEM image of  $Mg_3Si_2O_5(OH)_4$  nanotubes (J. Phys. Chem. C 2009, 113, 10441).



**Figure S4** Digital images of BNMNs toluene solution before (a) and after (b) the addition of  $Mg_3Si_2O_5(OH)_4$  powder by stirring for 30min.



**Figure S5** TEM image of pure Pt nanoparticles reduced by NaBH<sub>4</sub> without Cu cores. The inset is the size distribution histogram.