Supporting Information

Pt-Ni Seed-Core-Frame Hierarchical Nanostructures and Their Conversion to Nanoframes for Enhanced Methanol Electro-Oxidation

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Figure S1. (A) XPS of the samples collected at 0, 1, and 12 h. (B) Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectra of OLA/HDA-capped polyhedral and acetic acid-capped nanoframes.



Figure S2. (A) TEM image of Pt₃Ni nanoparticles with an average diameter of ~6 nm; and (B) XRD patterns of the sample in (A) and its comparison nanoframes as shown in Figure 4.



Figure S3. TEM image of Pt₃Ni nanoframes after 250 cycles. The atomic absorption result indicates a Pt/Ni ratio of 79:21.



Figure S4. Electrochemical characterization of methanol oxidation on Pt_3Ni nanoframes in a solution containing 1 M CH₃OH and 0.1 M HClO₄ at a scan rate of 50 mV/s: (A) cyclic voltammetry (CV), and (B) chromoamperometry (CA). The CA curves were obtained at 0.90 V vs. RHE.