

## Electronic Supplementary Information

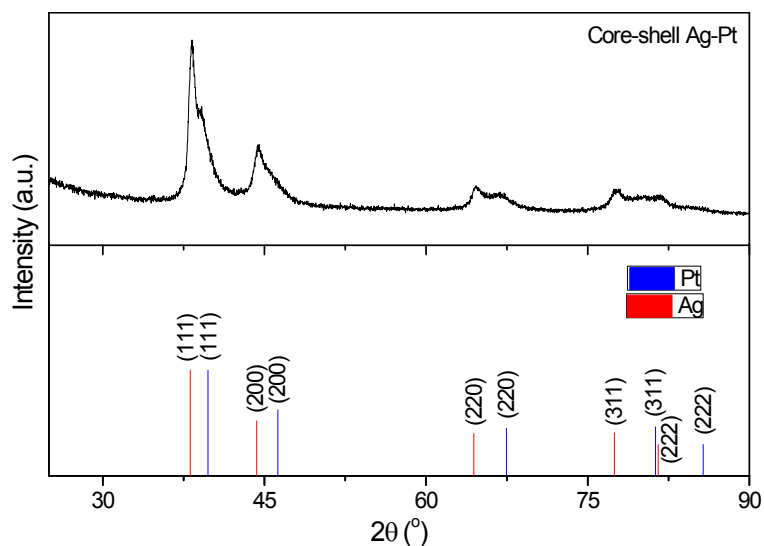
### **One-pot synthesis of noble metal nanoparticles with a core–shell construction**

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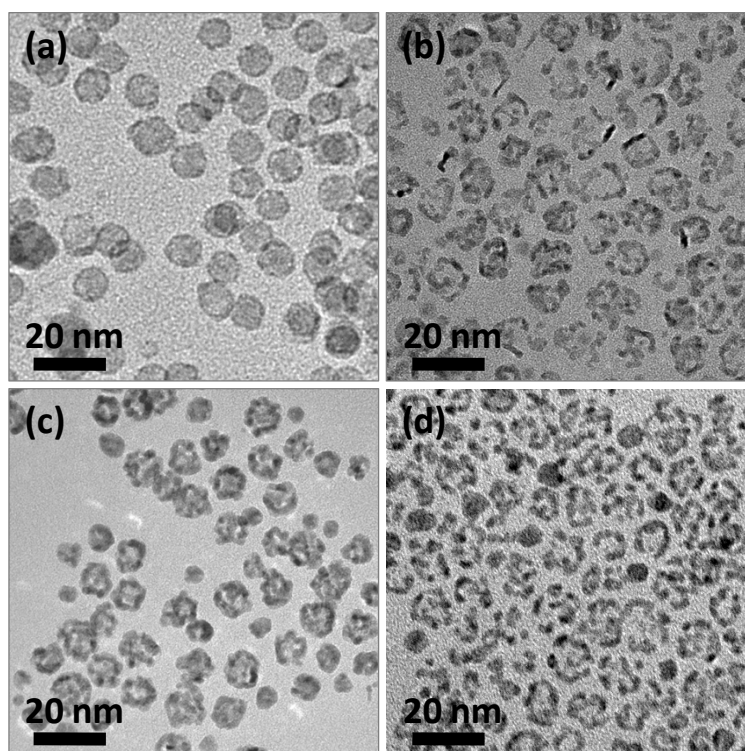
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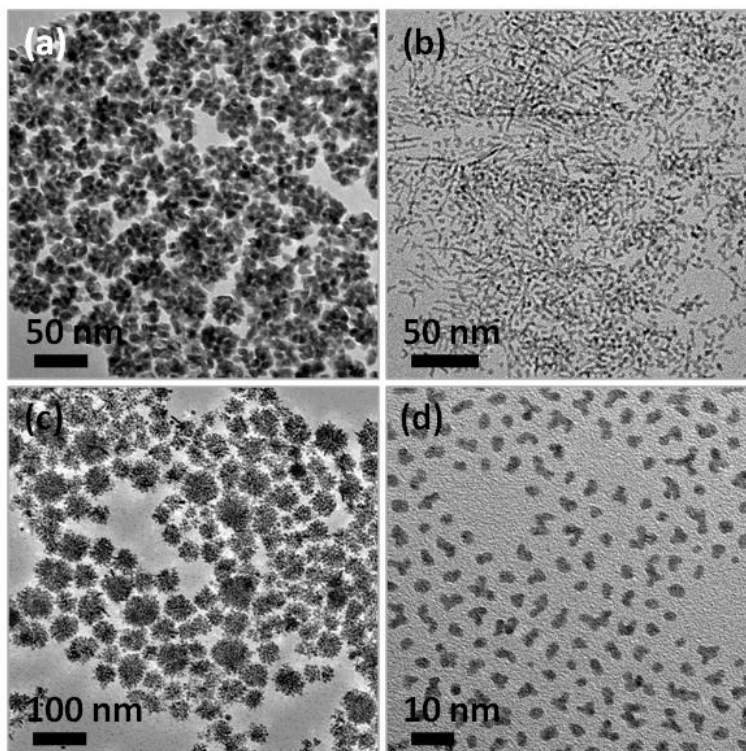
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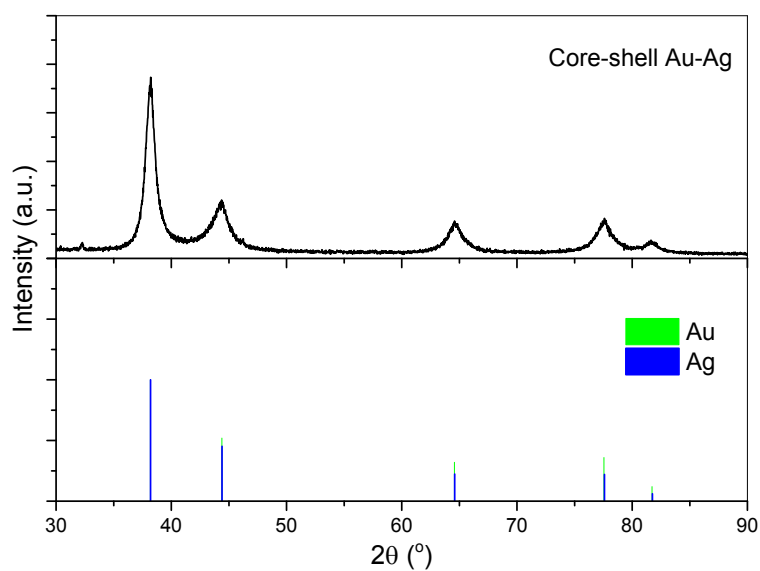
**Fig. S1** XRD pattern of the core-shell Ag-Pt nanoparticles synthesized in an one-pot approach. The references are JCPDS 893722 for Ag and JCPDS 882343 for Pt, respectively.



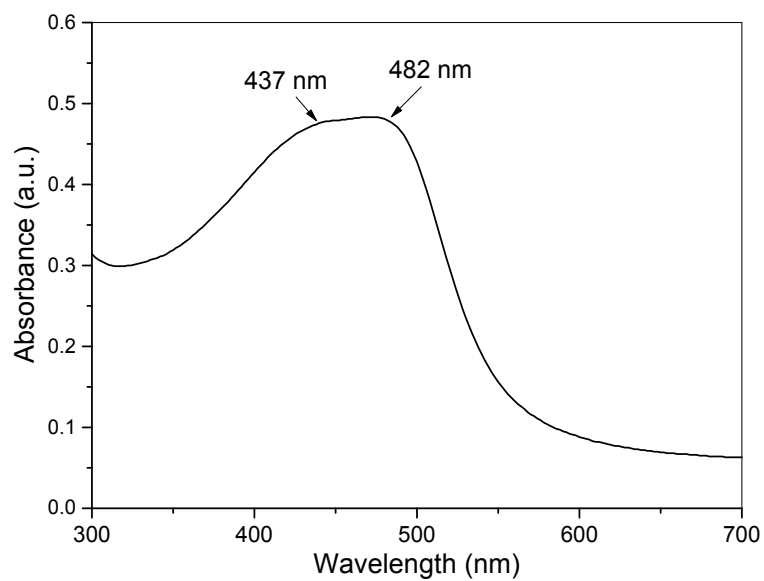
**Fig. S2** TEM images of Ru (a), Rh (b), Os (c), and Ir (d) nanoparticles with hollow interiors prepared by reacting core-shell Ag-Ru, Ag-Rh, Ag-Os, and Ag-Ir nanoparticles with saturated  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}$  aqueous solution.



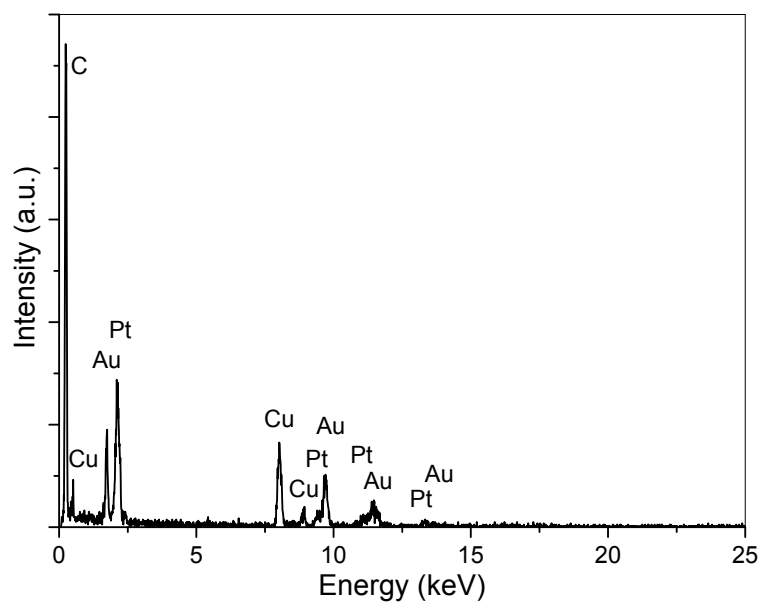
**Fig. S3** TEM images of dendritic Pt (a), wire-like Ru (b), dendritic Rh (c), and worm-like Ir (d) nanoparticles synthesized by solely reducing the corresponding metal precursors in oleylamine.



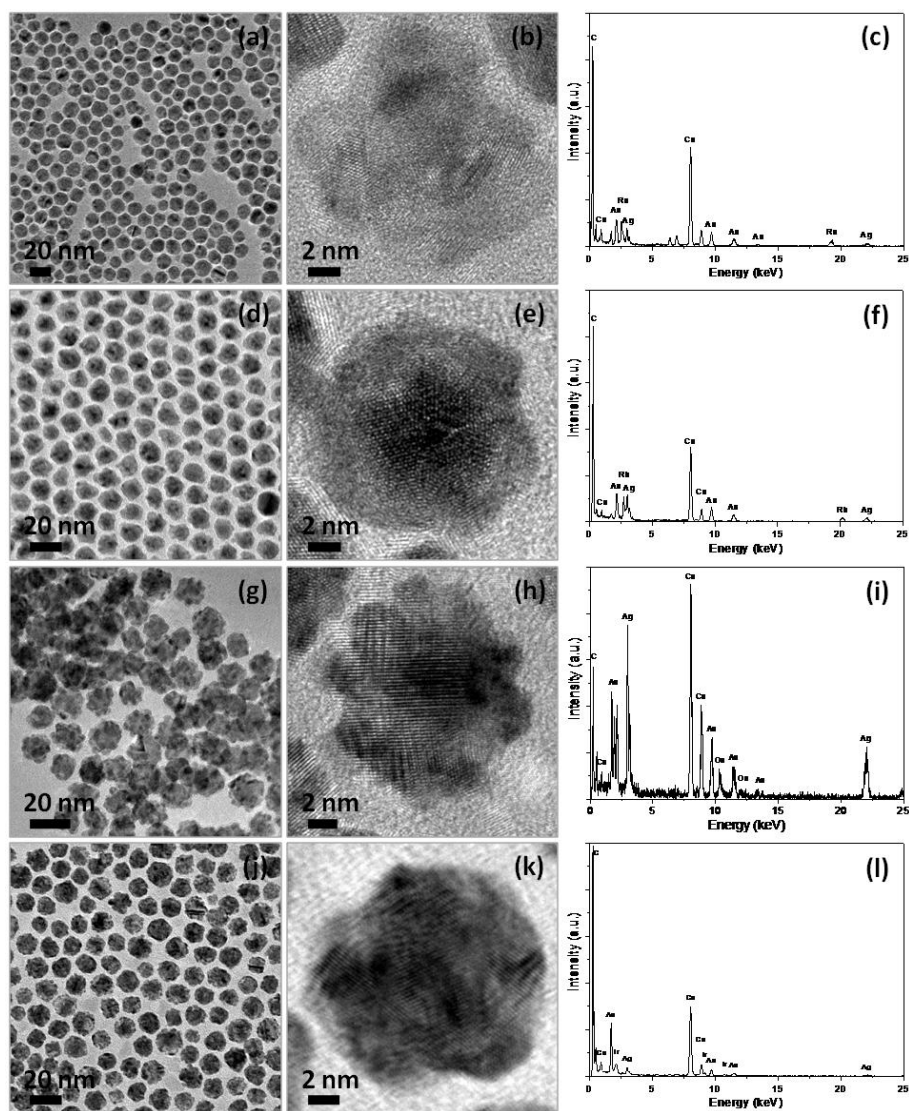
**Fig. S4** XRD pattern of the core-shell Au-Ag nanoparticles synthesized in an one-pot approach. The references are JCPDS 893697 for Au and JCPDS 893722 for Ag, respectively.



**Fig. S5** UV-visible spectrum of core-shell Au-Ag nanoparticles synthesized in oleylamine at elevated temperature by an one-pot approach.



**Fig. S6** EDX analysis of the tri-metallic Au-Ag-Pt nanoparticles after treatment with saturated  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}$  solution.



**Fig. S7** TEM images (a,d,g,j), HRTEM images (b,e,h,k), and EDX analyses (c,f,i,l) of core-shell-shell Au-Ag-Ru (a,b,c), Au-Ag-Rh (d,e,f), Au-Ag-Os (g,h,i), and Au-Ag-Ir (j,k,l) nanoparticles synthesized in oleylamine at elevated temperature by an one-pot approach.