

## Revealing chemical ordering in Pt-Co nanoparticles using electronic structure calculations and X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy

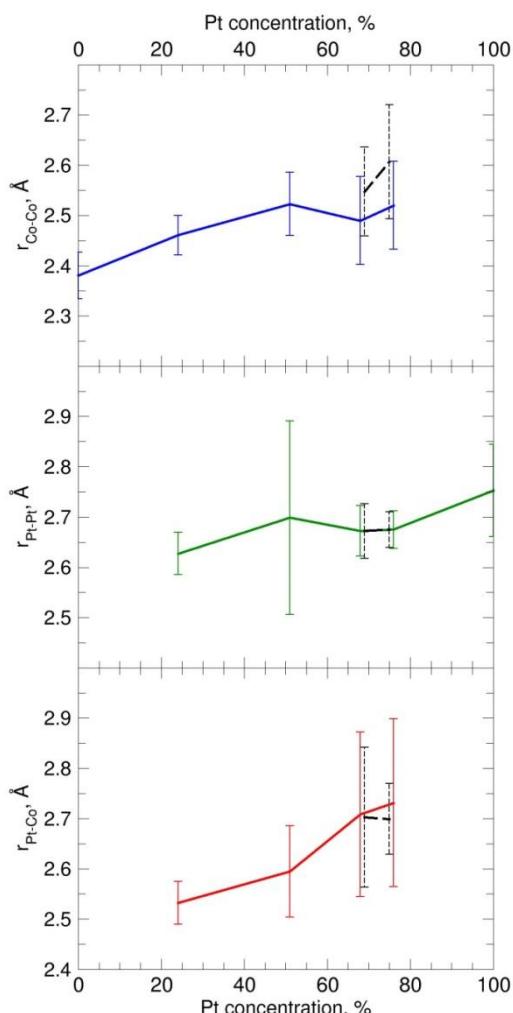
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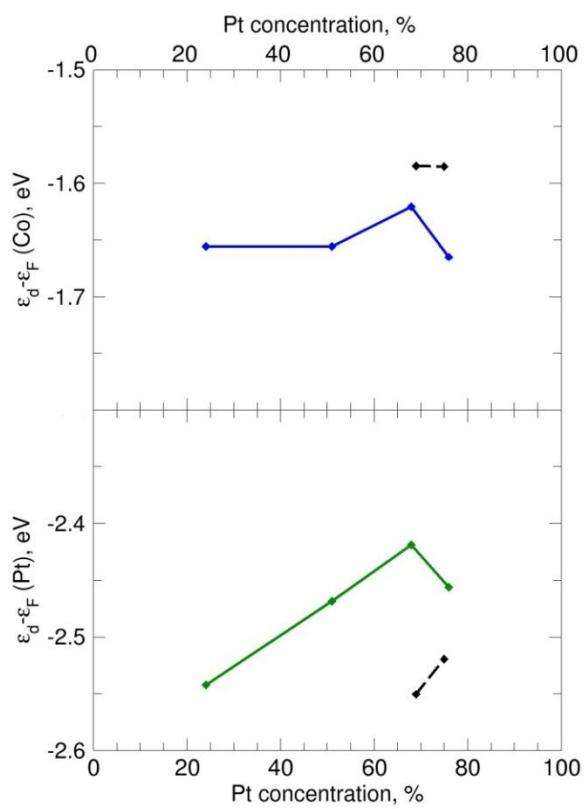
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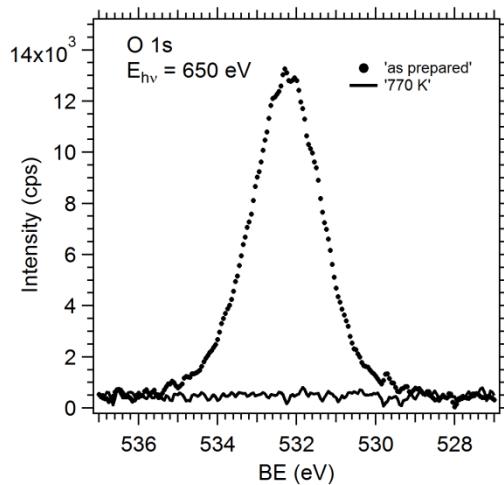
### Supplementary Information



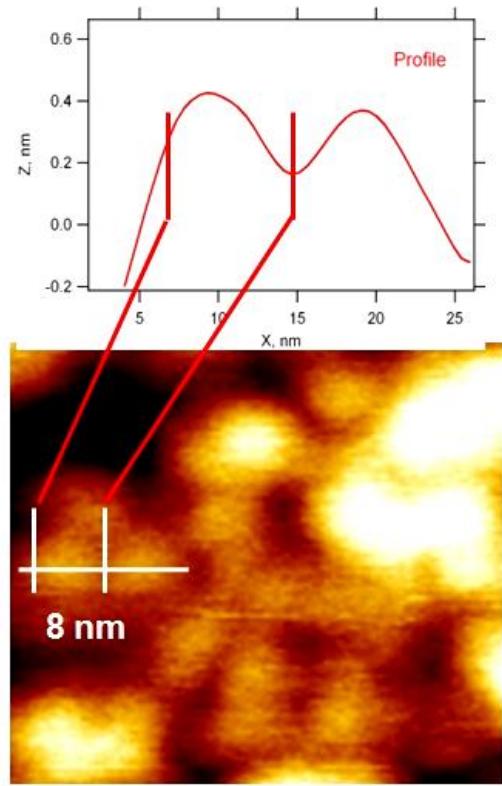
**Figure S1.** Calculated average nearest-neighbor distances ( $r_{\text{Co-Co}}$ ,  $r_{\text{Pt-Pt}}$  and  $r_{\text{Pt-Co}}$ ) in the global minimum structures of the bimetallic nanoparticles as a function of their Pt-Co composition. Colored and black dashed lines represent  $\text{Pt}_x\text{Co}_{79-x}$  and  $\text{Pt}_x\text{Co}_{140-x}$  nanoparticles, respectively. Error bars indicate the corresponding standard deviations ( $\sigma$ ).



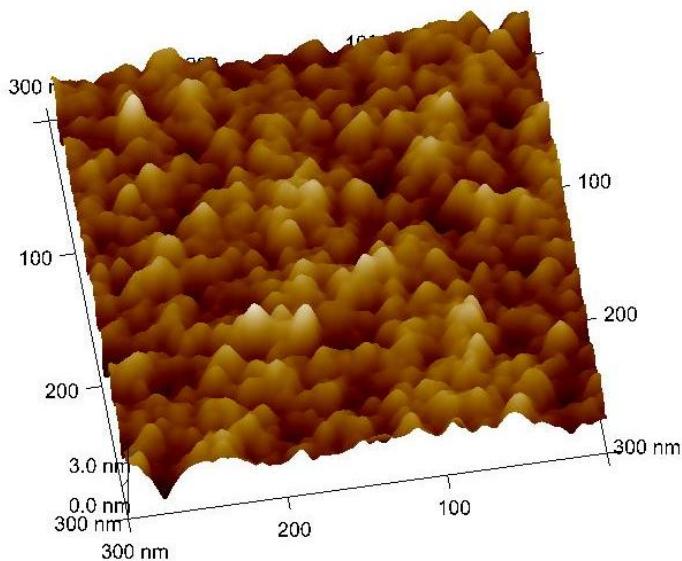
**Figure S2.** Calculated  $d$ -band center energies  $\epsilon_d$  of all Pt and Co atoms in Pt-Co nanoparticles of various size and composition with respect to the corresponding Fermi-level values  $\epsilon_F$ . Colored and black dashed lines show data for  $\text{Pt}_x\text{Co}_{79-x}$  and  $\text{Pt}_x\text{Co}_{140-x}$  nanoparticles, respectively.



**Figure S3.** SXPES O 1s spectra of Pt-Co NP film, dotted line shows the spectrum of the “as prepared” sample, whereas the full line corresponds to the spectrum of the sample “after annealing”.



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**Figure S4.** a) AFM image of the annealed Pt-Co NP film with marked 8 nm particles and height profile; b) AFM image of the annealed PtCo NP film showing 3D structure of the catalyst film.