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## Supporting information material to

## An emission spectroscopy study of $Pt/Al_2O_3$ and $Pt/CeO_2/Al_2O_3$

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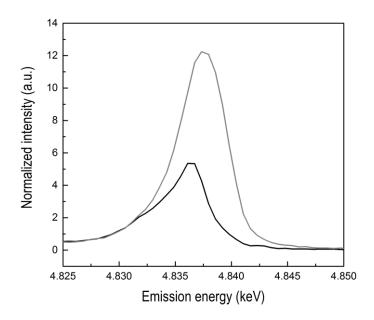
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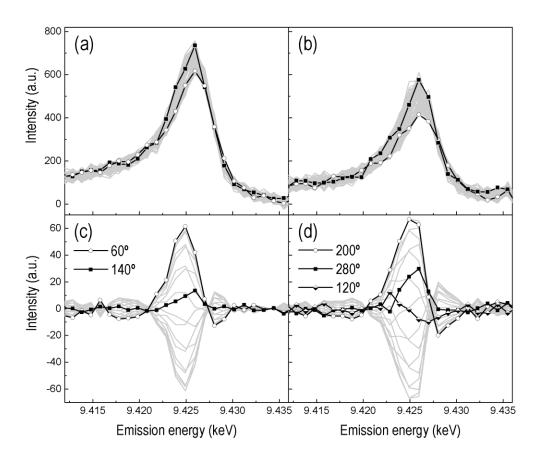
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## Reference spectra for RXES

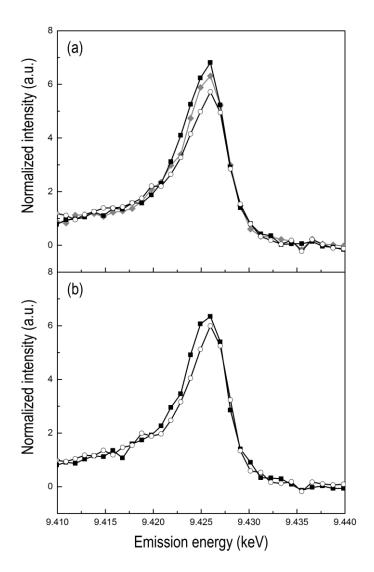


**Figure S1.** RXES spectra of calcined  $Pt/CeO_2/Al_2O_3$  at room temperature in Ar (black, oxidized state) and after the H<sub>2</sub>-TPR in 5 vol% H<sub>2</sub>/Ar at 300°C (grey, reduced state).

Not normalized HEROS spectra collected during 1 vol%  $H_2$  – 1 vol%  $O_2$  modulation experiments

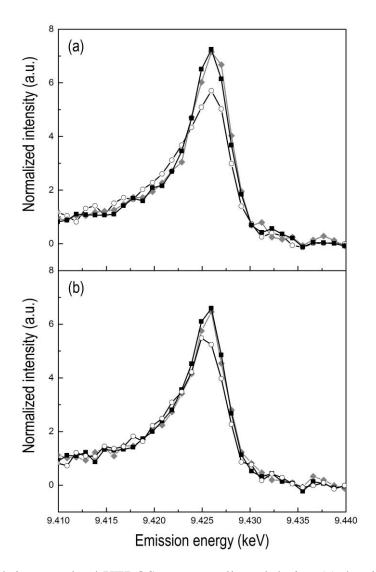


**Figure S2.** (a,b) Time-resolved and (c,d) phase-resolved HEROS spectra collected at the Pt  $L_3$ -edge during the 1 vol%  $H_2$ /He-1 vol%  $O_2$ /He modulation experiment (period 30+30 s, 120 cycles; 500 ms/spectrum) at 300°C on (a,c) Pt/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and (b,d) Pt/CeO<sub>2</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S3.** Selected time-resolved HEROS spectra collected during (a) 4 vol%  $H_2/He - 4$  vol%  $O_2/He$  and (b) 1 vol%  $H_2/He - 1$  vol%  $O_2/He$  modulation experiments on  $Pt/Al_2O_3$  at 300°C. ( $\circ$ ) Final reduced state, ( $\bullet$ ) intermediate oxidized state and ( $\blacksquare$ ) final oxidized state.

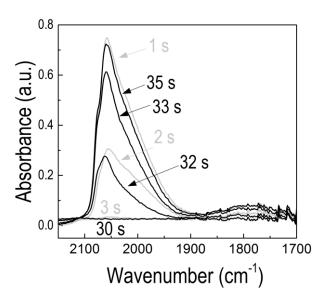
Comparison of 4 vol% CO-4 vol%  $O_2$  and 1 vol% CO-1 vol%  $O_2$  modulation experiments



**Figure S4.** Selected time-resolved HEROS spectra collected during (a) 4 vol% CO/He - 4 vol%  $O_2$ /He and (b) 1 vol% CO/He - 1 vol%  $O_2$ /He modulation experiments on  $Pt/Al_2O_3$  at 300°C. ( $\circ$ ) Final reduced state, ( $\bullet$ ) intermediate oxidized state and ( $\blacksquare$ ) final oxidized state.

## **DRIFTS CO-O<sub>2</sub> modulation experiment**

The 1 vol% CO/He-1 vol% O<sub>2</sub>/He modulation experiment was performed on Pt/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> at 300°C by collecting DRIFT spectra under identical experimental conditions to those discussed in the main manuscript. **Figure S1** shows that in the CO pulse CO adsorbs mainly as linearly bound CO on reduced Pt sites (2060 cm<sup>-1</sup>). Simultaneously, a shoulder appears at 2077 cm<sup>-1</sup> that is due to linearly adsorbed CO on single Pt atoms with higher coordination degree. A third signal grows with some delay at 1999 cm<sup>-1</sup> that is attributed to linearly CO adsorption on poorly coordinated Pt atoms. A smaller fraction of twofold bridged coordinated CO is characterized by the broad band at 1782 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which agrees well with the presence of Pt particles of 2-3 nm diameter (Figure 3a). During the subsequent oxidation pulse, the shoulder at 1999 cm<sup>-1</sup> is the first signal to disappear completely and no adsorbed CO is overserved at the end of the pulse.



**Figure S5.** Selected averaged DRIFT spectra obtained in 1 vol% CO (black) and 1 vol%  $O_2$  (grey) during the modulation experiment on  $Pt/Al_2O_3$  at 300°C.