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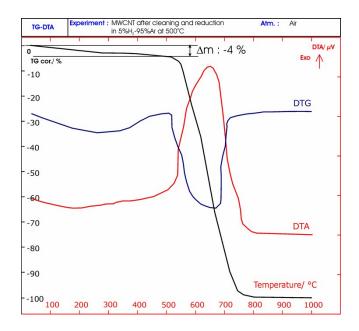


Fig.S1.Decomposition of MWCNT (cleaned with HCl and reduced in $5\%H_2$ -95%Ar at 500 °C) in air atmosphere.

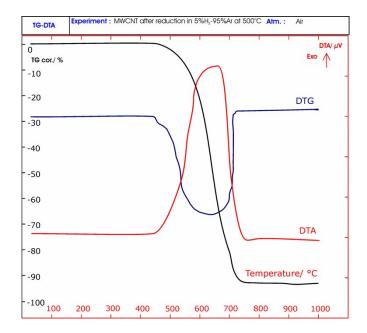


Fig.S2.Decomposition of pristine MWCNT (reduced in a mixture of $5\%H_2$ -95%Ar at 500 °C) in air atmosphere.

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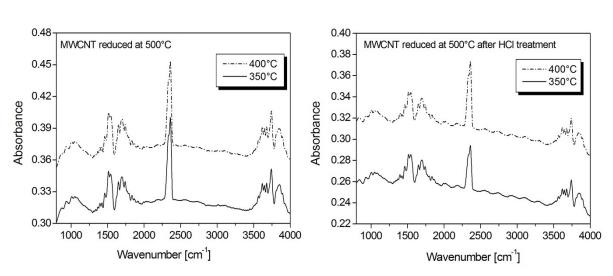


Fig.S3.FTIR spectra of adsorbed species taken after reduction at 500 °C and exposure of the following catalytic systems A) pristine MWCNT B) MWCNT cleaned with HCl to a 1 vol.% methanol-argon mixture at 300 and 400 °C.