

**Supporting information**

Designing MoS<sub>2</sub> nanocatalysts with high exposure of active edge sites for anthracene hydrogenation reaction

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Catalyst	$I_{(100)}$	$I_{(110)}$	SSA( $m^2/g$ )	HP(%)	$S_{AH8}(\%)$
<b>MoS<sub>2</sub>-com.</b>	3055.3	1832.0	4.1	15.7	2.5
<b>MoS<sub>2</sub>-DW</b>	253.3	153.7	23.0	43.0	56.8
<b>MoS<sub>2</sub>-EG</b>	162.4	81.2	20.7	51.0	72.1
<b>MoS<sub>2</sub>-CN</b>	870.4	465.3	8.1	45.1	58.2
<b>MoS<sub>2</sub>-CH</b>	853.0	405.1	20.9	25.7	17.0

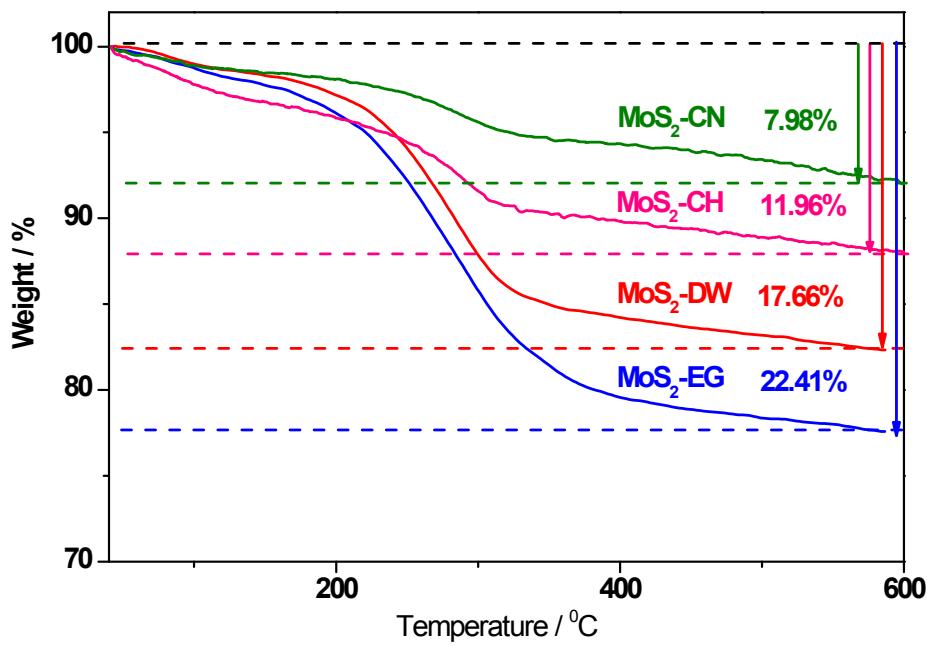


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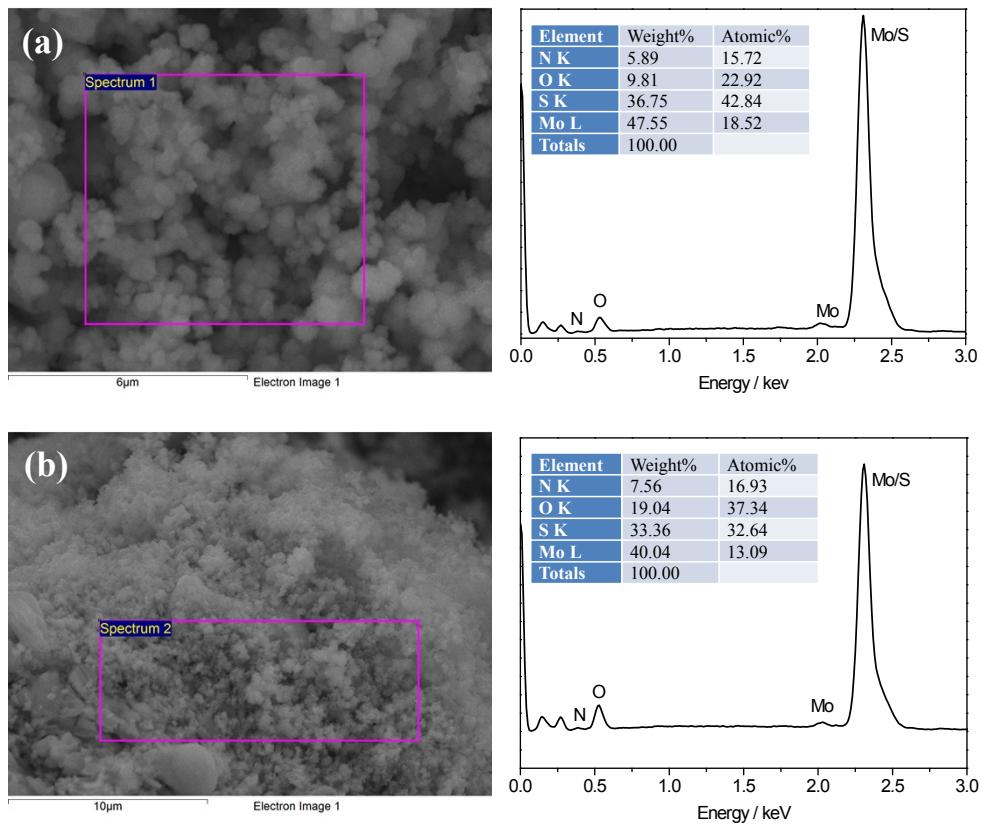


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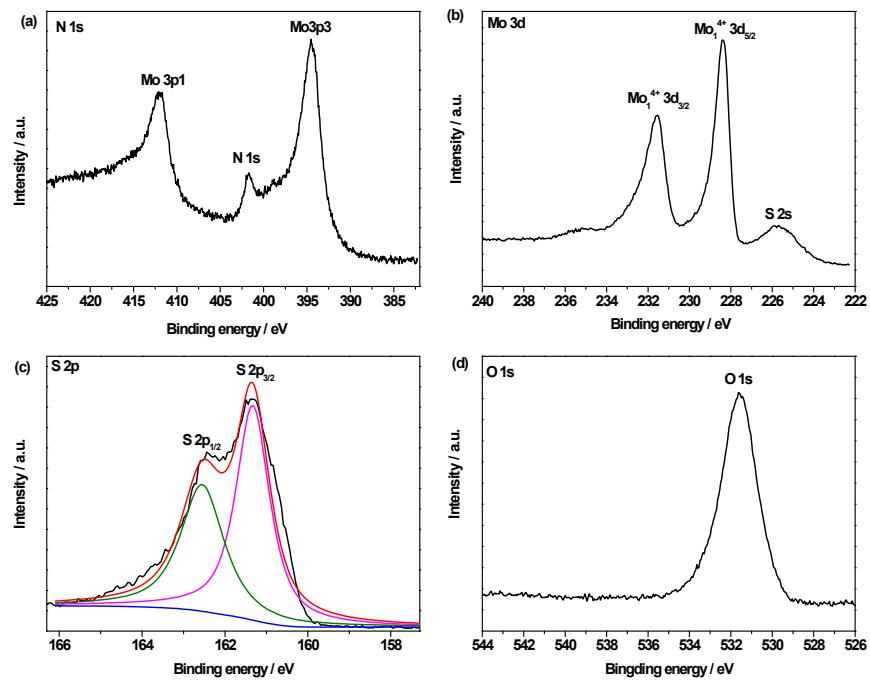


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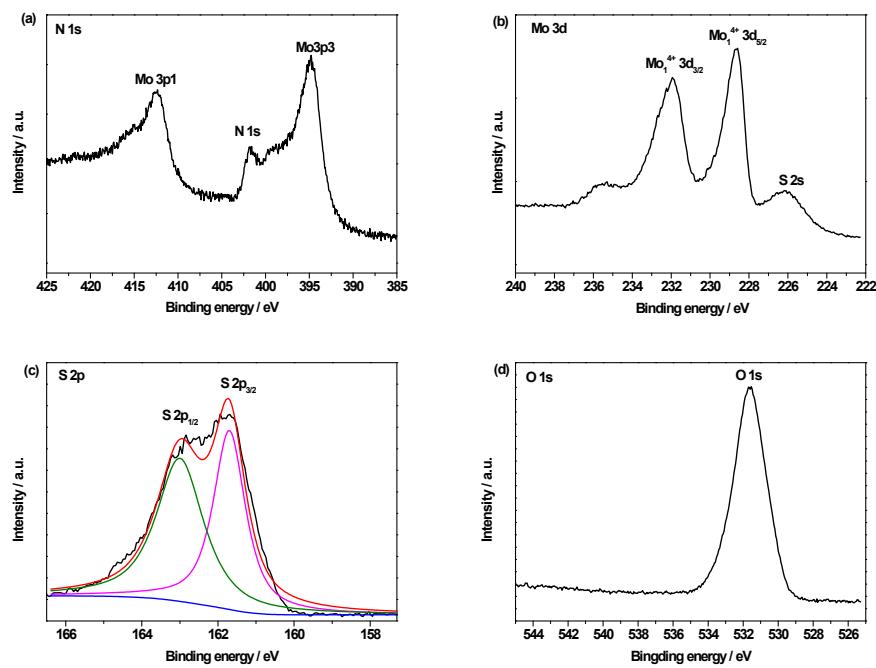


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