## **Electronic supplementary information**

## A comparative synthesis of ZSM-5 with ethanol and TPABr template: Distinction of Brönsted/Lewis acidity ratio and its impact on n-hexane cracking

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Scheme S1. Proposed generation of Lewis acid by tri-coordinated A1 "defect" sites and extra silanols

Literature	Bulk Si/Al	T/°Ca	$T/^{\circ}C^{b}$	BAS/µmolg <sup>-1</sup>	LAS/µmolg <sup>-1</sup>	B/L
1	26.8	500	25	450	60	9
1	28.6		25	430	50	8.6
2	36	450	150	250	70	3.6
3	53	500	350	170	19	9.1
4	51	500	150			9.7
5	27	550	150	530	111	4.8
6	42	450	150	249	39	6.4
7°	25	400	150	97	11	8.8
			250	93	11	8.4
			350	80	11	7.3
7 <sup>c</sup>	40	400	150	68	11	6.2
			250	55	11	5
			350	30	11	2.7
8°	25	400	250	220	31	7.1
			350	173	24	7.2
			400	102	16	6.4
8°	40	400	250	173	39	4.4
			350	86	39	2.2
			400	24	24	1

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<sup>a</sup> Temperature of previous activation by outgassing.

<sup>b</sup> Temperature of the pyridine desorption.

<sup>c</sup> The unit of acid site is a.u..

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	EZ-75-0.12	EZ-100-0.12	EZ-100-0.06	TZ-50-0.12	TZ-75-0.12	TZ-100-0.12
BAS <sup>a</sup>	131	98	89		98	84
LAS <sup>a</sup>	2	2	2		13	14
Cov./% <sup>b</sup>	97.35	97.38	96.61	97.47	97.35	96.51
$C_{1-4}$ /%	36.73	35.87	35.38	38.73	36.64	35.58
$C_2^{=/0/0}$	21.97	21.83	20.99	21.38	20.59	20.82
C <sub>3</sub> =/%	27.96	28.83	30.32	25.76	28.64	30.12
$C_4 = -0/0$	7.98	8.63	8.90	7.48	8.45	8.82
BTX/%	3.56	3.18	2.47	5.09	4.01	2.72
P/O <sup>c</sup>	0.63	0.61	0.59	0.71	0.64	0.60

Table S2. Product selectivities over HZSM-5 with similar conversion

 $^a$  BAS and LAS at 350°C,  $\mu molg^{-1}.$ 

<sup>b</sup> Conversion at 0.5h by adjusting WHSV.

<sup>c</sup> P/O stands for paraffin/olefin ratio.