## **Supplementary material**

## Selective production of aromatics from CO<sub>2</sub>

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**Fig. S1.** SEM observations of  $Fe_3O_4$  and HZSM-5 (Si/Al = 12.5).



Fig. S2. NH<sub>3</sub>-TPD profiles of fresh HZSM-5 zeolites.



Fig. S3. XRD patterns of as-received and calcined Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and Na/Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.



**Fig. S4.** Time-dependences of CO<sub>2</sub> conversion and hydrocarbon distribution obtained over (a) Fe, (b) Mn/Fe and (c) Na/Fe catalysts at 340 °C, 1 MPa, 4800 mL g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> and H<sub>2</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> ratio of 3, and (d) Na/Fe catalyst at 320 °C and (e) Na/Fe catalyst at 320 °C and 2400 mL g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. S5. CO-TPD and H<sub>2</sub>-TPD profiles of reduced Fe and Na/Fe catalysts.



Fig. S6. Aromatic distribution obtained at different space velocities over the composite Na/Fe and HZSM-5 (Si/Al = 12.5) catalyst system.



**Fig. S7.** Catalytic hydrogenation of CO (time-dependence of CO conversion and the CO<sub>2</sub>-free selectivities to CH<sub>4</sub>,  $C_2^{=}$ - $C_4^{=}$ ,  $C_2^{0}$ - $C_4^{0}$  and  $C_{5+}$ ) over the composite Na/Fe and HZSM-5 (Si/Al = 12.5) catalyst system at the conditions of 340 °C, 1 MPa, 4800 mL g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> and H<sub>2</sub>/CO = 2.



**Fig. S8.** GC spectrum of liquid hydrocarbon obtained from CO hydrogenation over the composite Na/Fe and HZSM-5 catalyst system at 340 °C, 1 MPa, 4800 mL g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> and H<sub>2</sub>/CO = 2. The numbers of 1-16 present the aromatic hydrocarbons whose names are same with those in Fig. 5 in main text. The inserted figure shows the distribution of hydrocarbons by integration of the GC spectrum.



**Fig. S9.** TG profiles of spent HZSM-5 samples collected from tests over the composite Na/Fe and HZSM-5 (Si/Al = 12.5) catalyst system at different reaction temperatures. The first stage of weight loss is attributed to  $H_2O$  desorption and the second one is the burning of coke which is used to calculate the coke content in sample (wt%).



**Fig. S10.** XRD patterns of fresh HZSM-5 and the spent one collected after 40 h reaction (Fig. 8 in main text).



**Fig. S11.** <sup>27</sup>Al NMR spectrum of fresh HZSM-5 zeolite and the spent one collected from the 40-h reaction (Fig. 8 in main text).



**Fig. S12.** Front and side views of HZSM-5 (a) and (b) and 2HZSM-5 (c) and (d). Red: O atoms; yellow: Si atoms; purple: Al atoms; white: H atoms.



Fig. S13. Calculated energy profiles of isomerization and aromatization reactions over HZSM-5.



**Fig. S14.** Calculated intermediates in the isomerization (black) and aromatization (red) reactions over HZSM-5. Red: O atoms; yellow: Si atoms; purple: Al atoms; grey: C atoms; white: H atoms.



Fig. S15. SEM observation of SiO<sub>2</sub>-coated HZSM-5 (Si/Al = 12.5) zeolite.



Fig. S16. SEM images and EDS analysis of parent HZSM-5 and its SiO<sub>2</sub>-coated sample.



**Fig. S17.** XRD patterns of (a) spent Na/Fe catalyst samples collected from the tests of 10 h and 100 h and (b) fresh HZSM-5 (Si/Al = 12.5), fresh and spent SiO<sub>2</sub>-coated HZSM-5 samples collected from the tests of 10 h and 100 h.



**Fig. S18.** GC spectrum of liquid hydrocarbon product separated by a FFAP capillary column. (a) standard xylenes (black line); (b) sample obtained from the 40-h test over the composite Na/Fe and HZSM-5 catalyst system (orange line); (c) sample obtained from the 10-h test over the Na/Fe and SiO<sub>2</sub>-coated HZSM-5 catalyst system (green line).



**Fig. S19.** GC spectrum of liquid hydrocarbon product separated by a Bentone-34 capillary column under a condition of initial temperature of 50 °C maintaining for 3 min, heating rate of 2 °C min<sup>-1</sup> to final temperature of 90 °C: (a) standard ethyltoluene mixture (black line); (b) sample obtained from the 40-h test over the composite Na/Fe and HZSM-5 catalyst system (orange line); (c) sample obtained from the 10-h test over the composite Na/Fe and SiO<sub>2</sub>-coated HZSM-5 catalyst system (green line).



**Fig. S20.** Distribution of *m*-, *o*- and *p*-ethyltoluene (bar) in total ethyltoluene and the content of the ethyltoluene ( $\bullet$ ) in total aromatics obtained over the composite Na/Fe and HZSM-5 (Si/Al = 12.5) catalyst system (weight ratio of 1:0.5) at 340 °C, 4800 mL g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> = 3 and (a) 1 MPa; (b) 2 MPa; (c) 1 MPa for 40 h; and over the composite Na/Fe and SiO<sub>2</sub>-coated HZSM-5 (Si/Al = 12.5) catalyst system at the same reaction condition (1 MPa) for (e) 10 h and (f) 100 h.



**Fig. S21.** TG profiles of spent SiO<sub>2</sub>-coated HZSM-5 samples collected from 10 h and 100 h tests over the composite Na/Fe and SiO<sub>2</sub>-coated HZSM-5 (Si/Al = 12.5) catalyst system at 340 °C, 1 MPa, 4800 mL g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>.

Feed <sup><i>a</i>)</sup>	Composite Na/Fe and HZSM-5 system and reaction duration	CO <sub>2</sub> or CO conv. /%	CO or CO <sub>2</sub> sel. /C%	Hydroca						
				CH <sub>4</sub>	$C_2^{=}-C_4^{=}$	$n - C_2^{\ 0} - C_4^{\ 0}$	i-C <sub>4</sub> <sup>0</sup>	Liquid phase		Aromatic content in
								$C_{5+}^{\ \ b)}$	Aromatics	C <sub>5+</sub> inquite pliase /C %
$H_2/CO = 2$	Si/Al = 12.5, 10 h	88.2	41.5	13.8	20.8	8.0	0.6	34.2	22.6	39.8
$H_2/CO_2 = 3$	Si/Al = 12.5, 40 h	32.3	21.9	28.7	6.9	12.0	7.3	6.6	38.5	85.3
$H_2/CO_2 = 3$	Si/Al = 150, 10 h	32.0	23.1	20.9	27.1	5.0	0.3	18.4	28.3	60.5
$H_2/CO_2 = 3$	SiO <sub>2</sub> -coated, 10 h	30.9	26.8	22.4	21.9	7.8	2.1	4.1	44.7	91.6
$H_2/CO_2 = 3$	SiO <sub>2</sub> -coated, 100 h	30.6	27.1	34.4	25.4	8.0	0.6	9.4	22.2	70.3

## **Table S1.** Hydrogenation of CO or CO<sub>2</sub> over the composite Na/Fe and HZSM-5 catalyst systems.

<sup>*a*)</sup> Reaction condition: 340 °C, 1 MPa, 4800 mL g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>*b*)</sup> Nonaromatic hydrocarbons including *iso*-paraffins mainly and *cyclo*-paraffins.

## Table S2. Aromatic distribution in total aromatic hydrocarbons (related with Table S1).

	Composite Na/Fe and HZSM-5 system and reaction duration	Aromatic fraction in total aromatic hydrocarbons /C%									
Feed <sup>a)</sup>		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$		$(\mathbf{x})$	3C-branched benzenes	4C-branched benzenes	$\langle \rangle \rangle$	Branched naphthalene	
$H_2/CO = 2$	Si/Al = 12.5, 10 h	4.4	17.7	6.1	24.8	6.3	25.7	12.0	0.7	2.3	
$H_2/CO_2 = 3$	Si/Al = 12.5, 40 h	1.5	17.6	6.1	28.5	8.6	28.2	7.4	0.8	1.3	
$H_2/CO_2 = 3$	Si/Al = 150, 10 h	1.9	7.9	4.0	21.1	3.9	33.5	24.1	2.1	1.5	
$H_2/CO_2 = 3$	SiO <sub>2</sub> -coated, 10 h	0.6	13.8	6.3	35.8	3.3	28.2	8.9	1.2	1.9	
$H_2/CO_2 = 3$	SiO <sub>2</sub> -coated, 100 h	0.9	9.8	6.9	29.5	5.9	30.2	14.3	1.1	1.4	

<sup>*a*)</sup> Reaction condition: 340 °C, 1 MPa, 4800 mL g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>.