

Supplementary Information

***In situ* synthesis of metal clusters encapsulated within small-pore zeolite via a dry gel conversion method**

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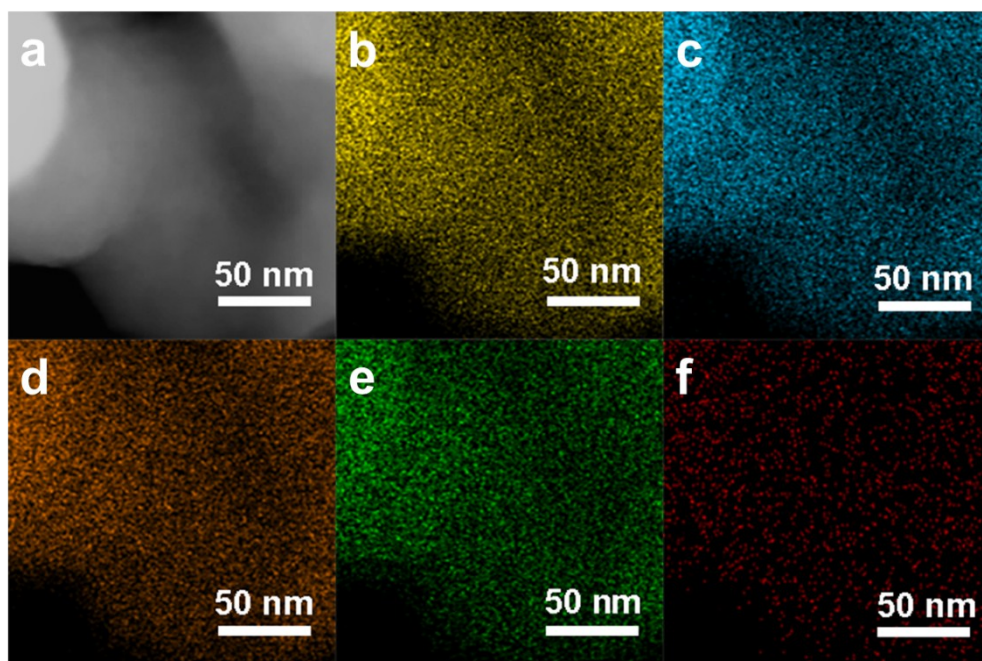


Fig. S1 Elemental maps for the Pt/Schiff-SiO₂ sample, (a) TEM image, (b) Si (yellow), (c) C (blue), (d) O (orange), (e) N (green), (f) Pt (red).

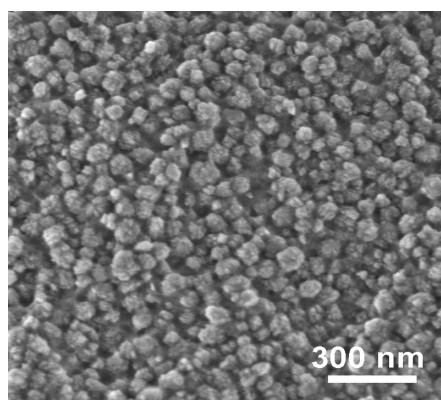


Fig. S2 SEM images of ZSM-5 seed.

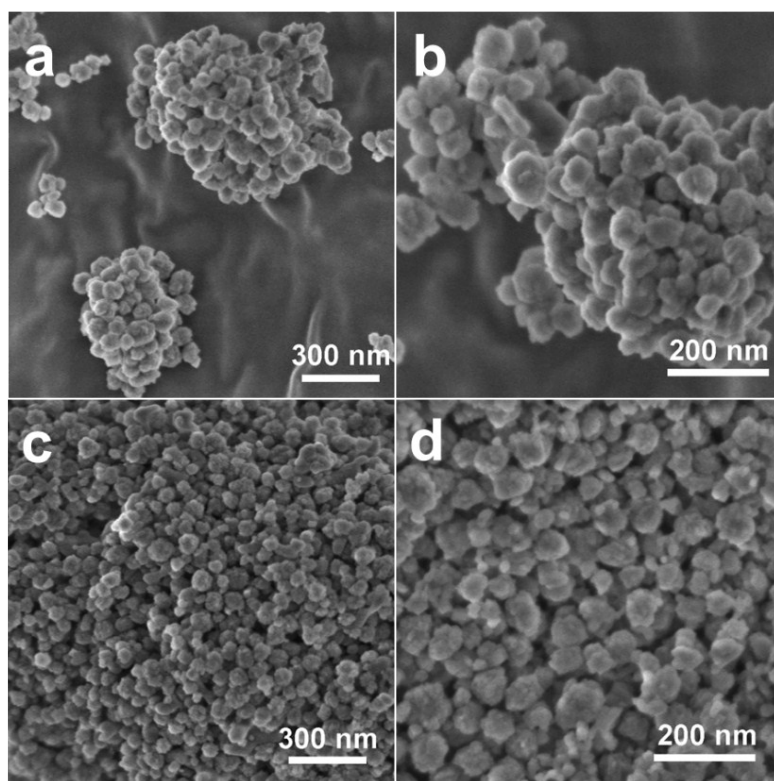


Fig. S3 SEM images of Pt@MFI-a (a-b) and Pt@MFI-b (c-d).

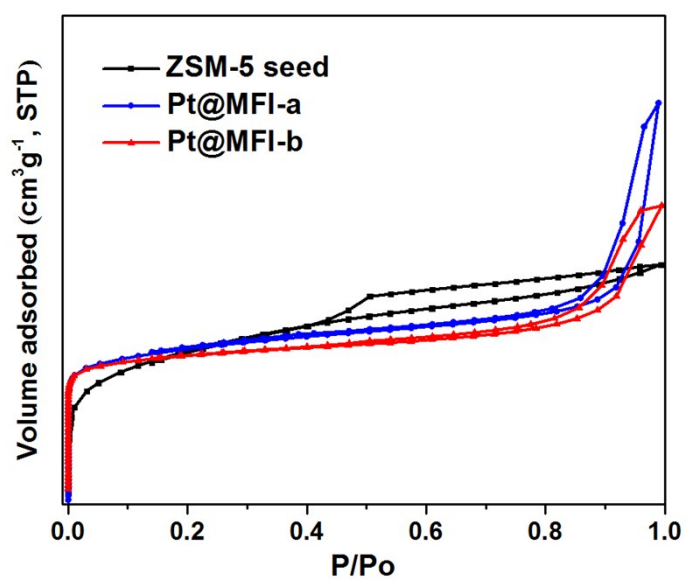


Fig. S4 N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherms of the samples.

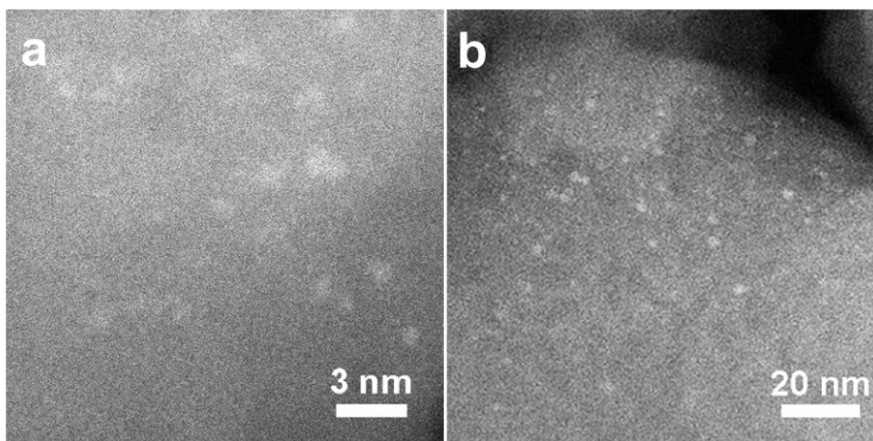


Fig. S5 STEM images of Pt@MFI-b after calcination at 500 °C with the scale bar of (a) 3 nm, (b) 20 nm.

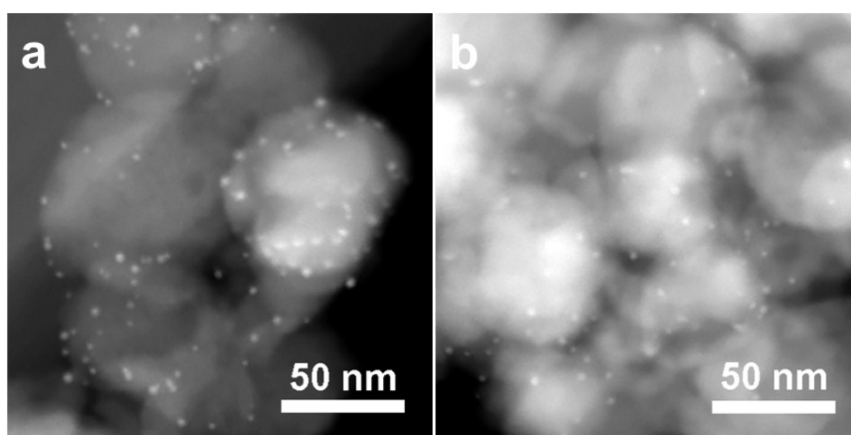


Fig. S6 STEM images of Pt@MFI-b after calcination at 800 °C.

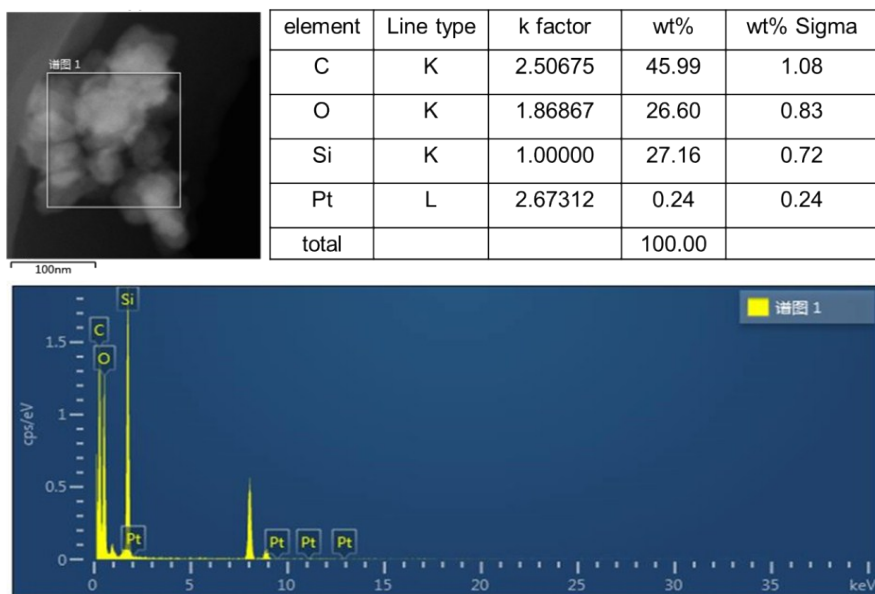


Fig. S7 EDS analysis of Pt@MFI-a without calcination.

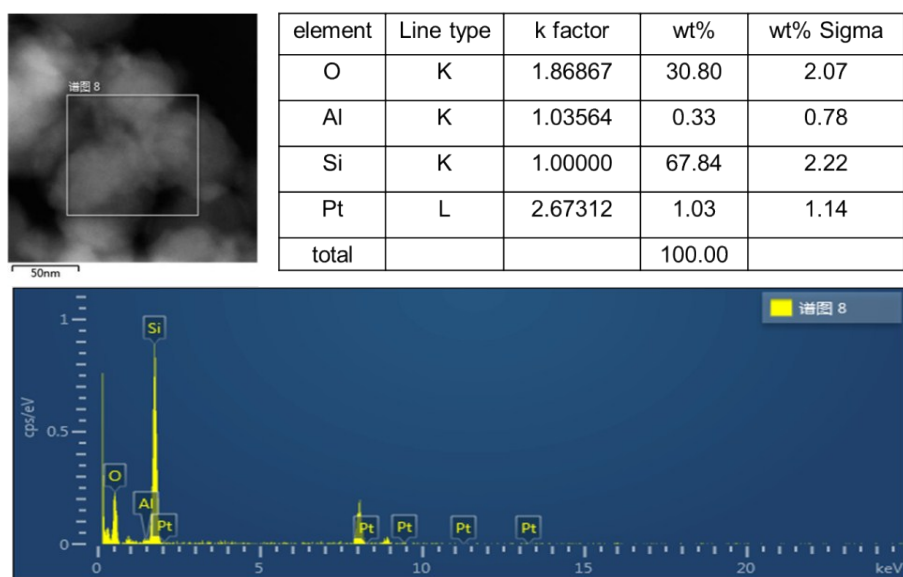


Fig. S8 EDS analysis of Pt@MFI-b without calcination.

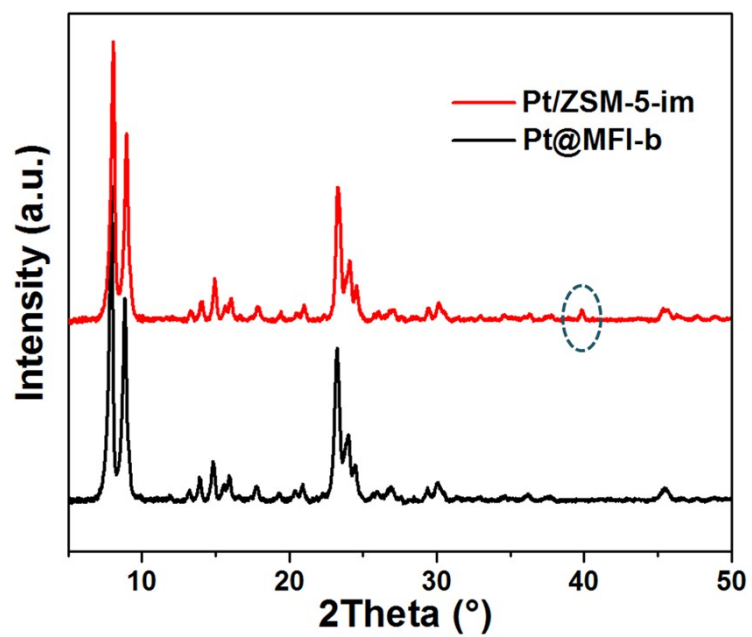


Fig. S9 XRD patterns of Pt/ZSM-5-im and Pt@MFI-b after calcination at 500 °C.

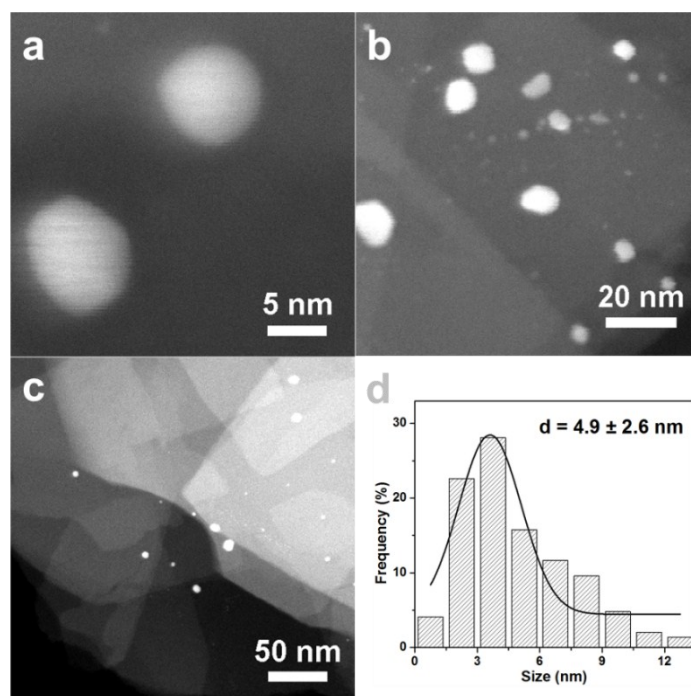


Fig. S10 STEM images of Pt/ZSM-5-im after calcination at 500 °C under the scale bar of (a) 5 nm, (b) 20 nm, (c) 50 nm, (d) the particle size distribution.

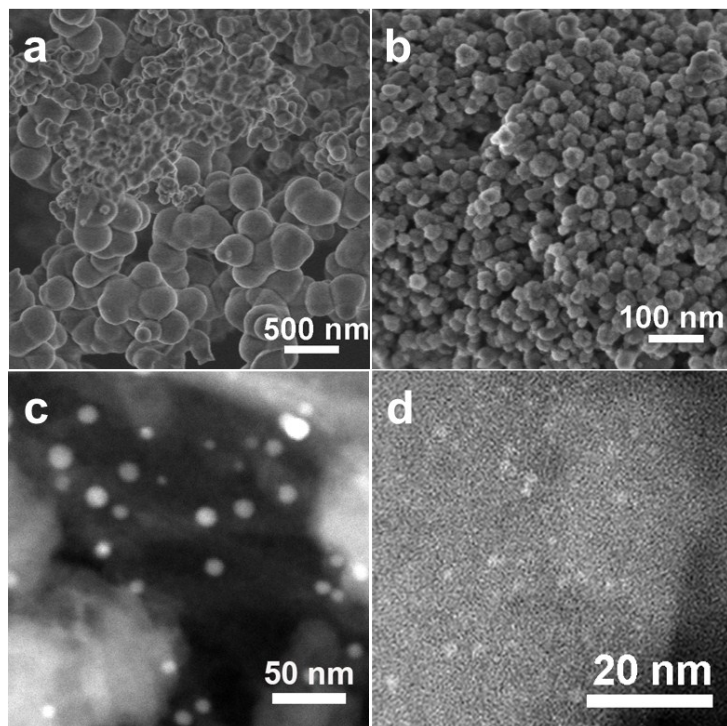


Fig. S11 SEM images of (a) Pt/Schiff-SiO₂&MFI-b and (b) Pt@MFI-b, the corresponding TEM images of (c) Pt/Schiff-SiO₂&MFI-b and (d) Pt@MFI-b after calcination at 500 °C.

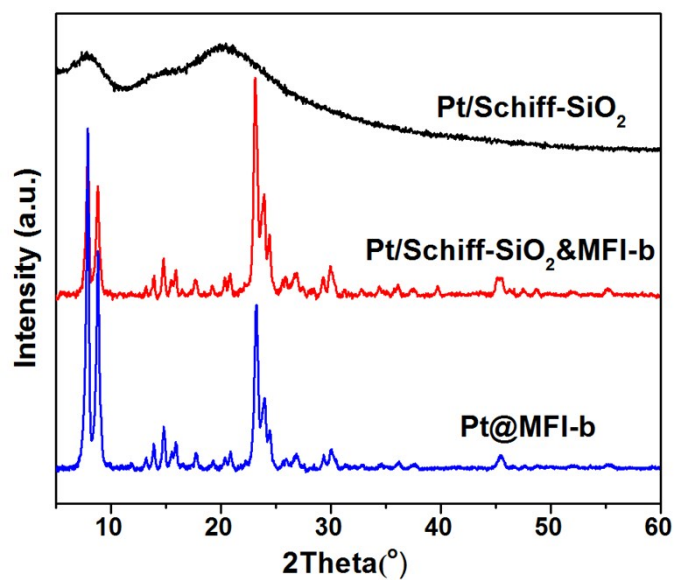


Fig. S12 XRD patterns of Pt/Schiff-SiO₂ before calcination, Pt/Schiff-SiO₂&MFI-b and Pt@MFI-b after calcination at 500 °C.

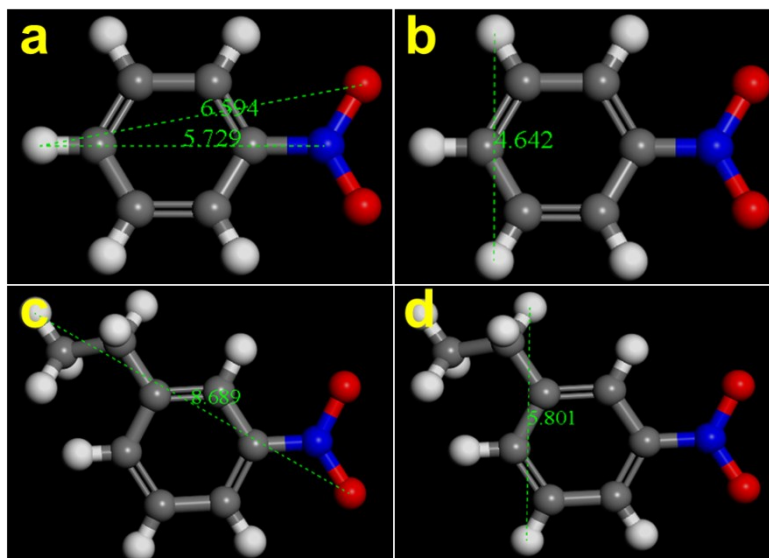


Fig. S13 The dynamic diameter of (a-b) nitrobenzene and (c-d) 3-nitrotoluene.

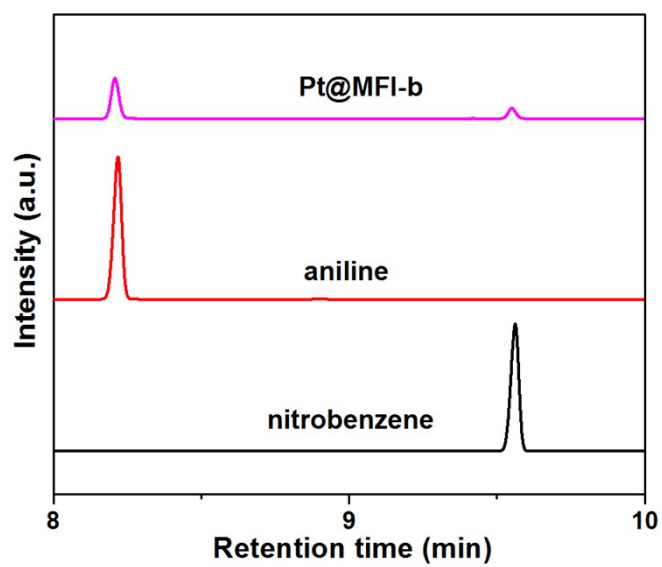


Fig. S14 Gas chromatogram of products after reduction of nitrobenzene over Pt@MFI-b catalysts and the corresponding standard samples.

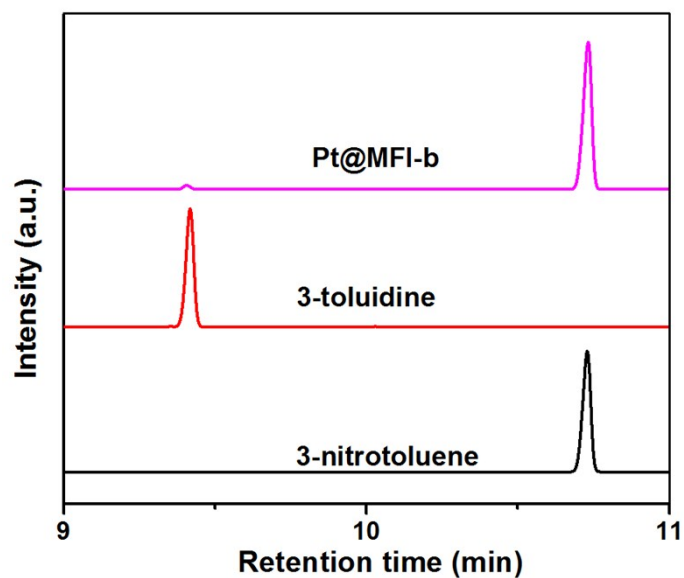


Fig. S15 Gas chromatogram of products after reduction of 3-nitrotoluene over Pt@MFI-b catalysts and the corresponding standard samples.

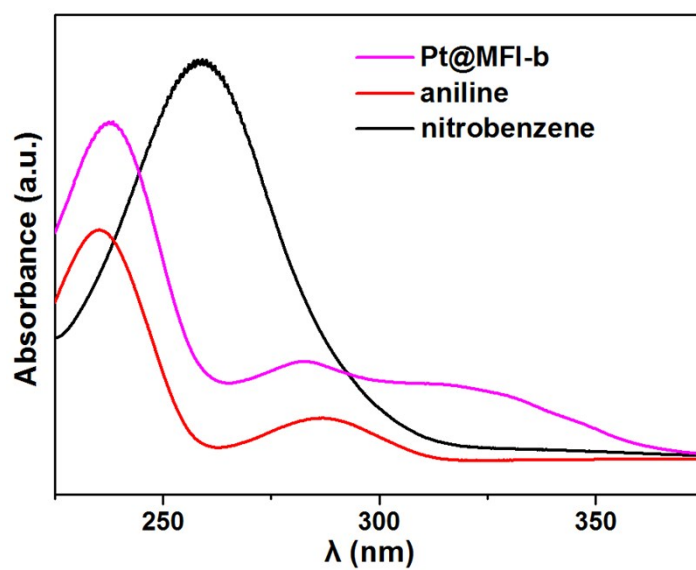


Fig. S16 UV-vis absorption spectra of products after reduction of nitrobenzene over Pt@MFI-b and the corresponding standard substances.

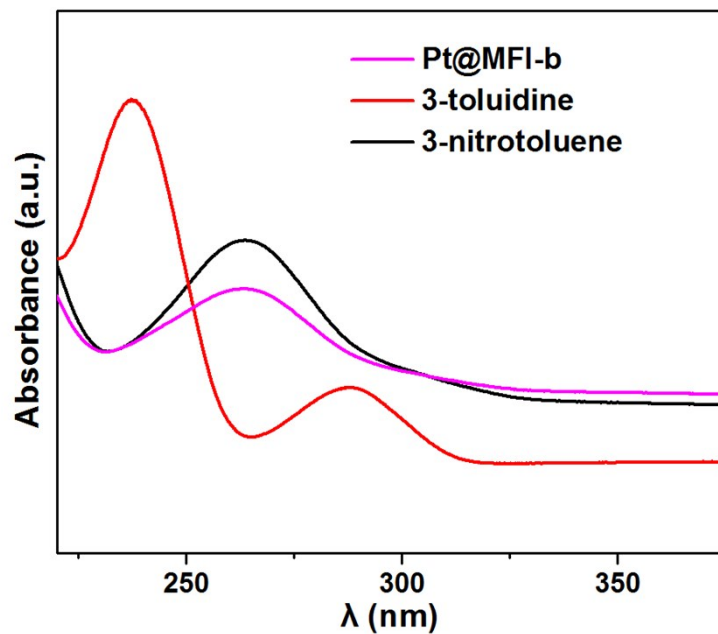


Fig. S17 UV-vis absorption spectra of products after reduction of 3-nitrotoluene over Pt@MFI-b and the corresponding standard substances.

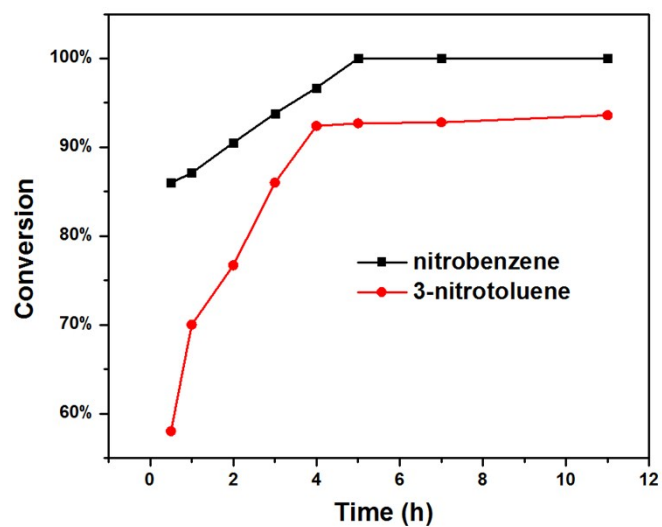


Fig. S18 The hydrogenation of nitrobenzene and 3-nitrotoluene over Pt@MFI-b catalyst.

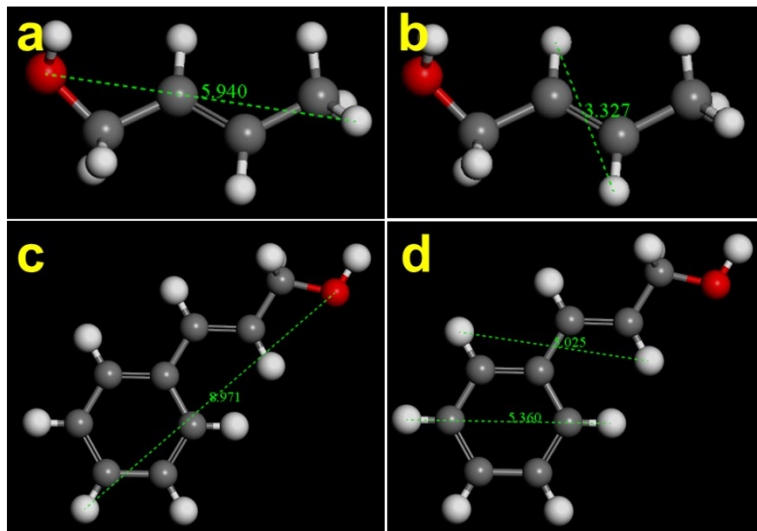


Fig. S19 The dynamic diameter of (a-b) croton alcohol and (c-d) cinnamyl alcohol.

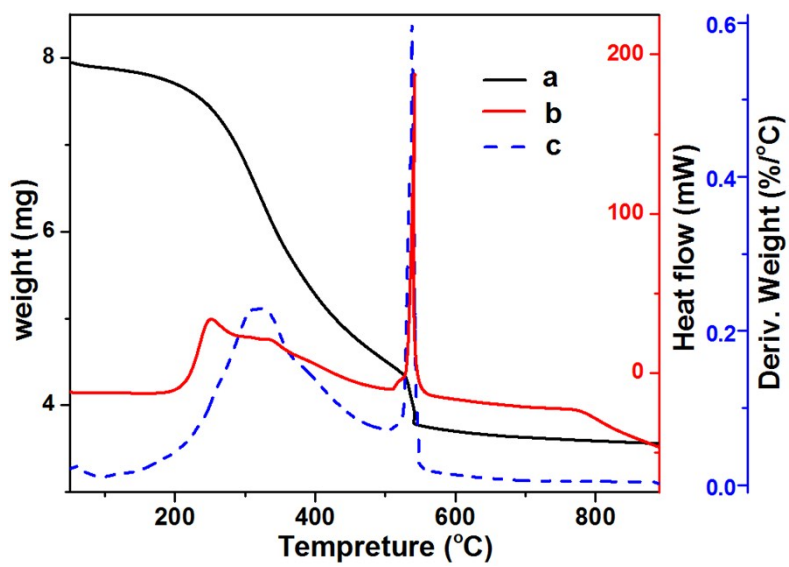


Fig. S20 (a) TG, (b) DTA and (c) DTG curves of Pt/Schiff-SiO₂.

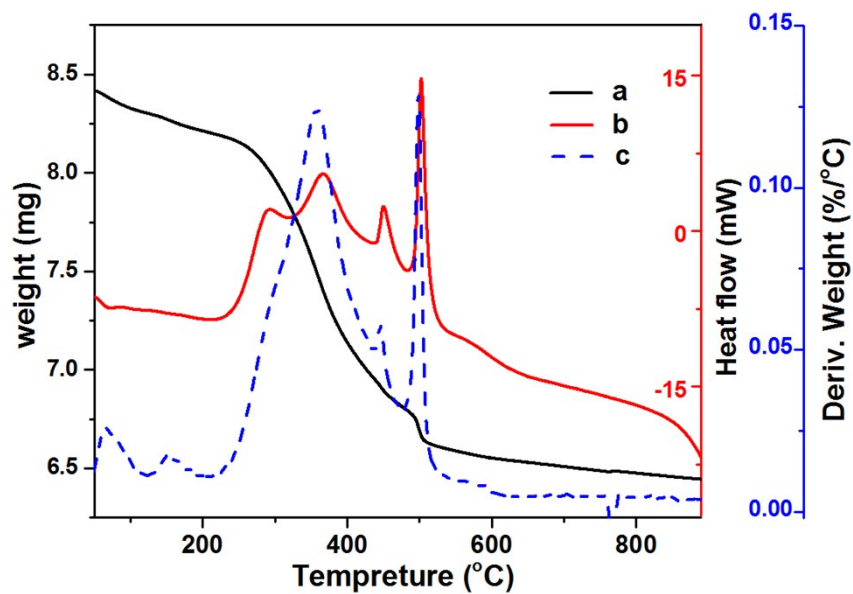


Fig. S21 (a) TG, (b) DTA and (c) DTG curves of Pt@MFI-a.

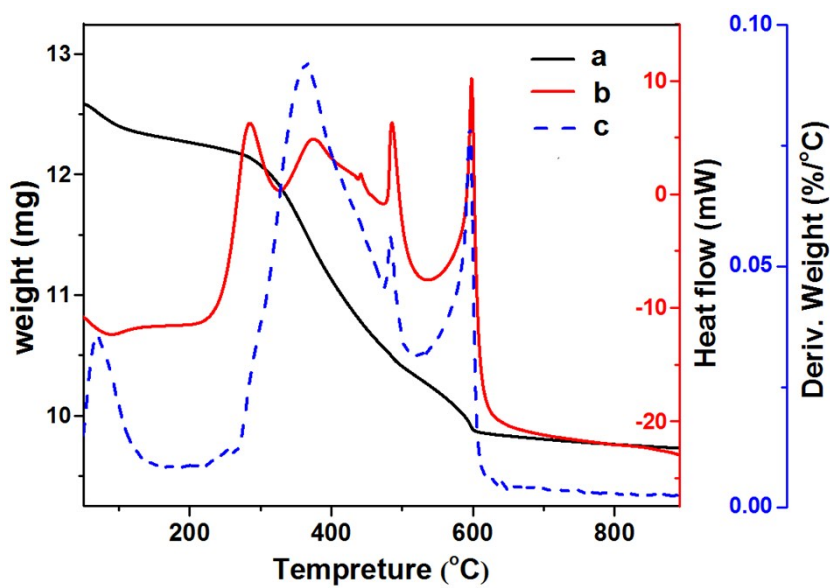


Fig. S22 (a) TG, (b) DTA and (c) DTG curves of Pt@MFI-b.

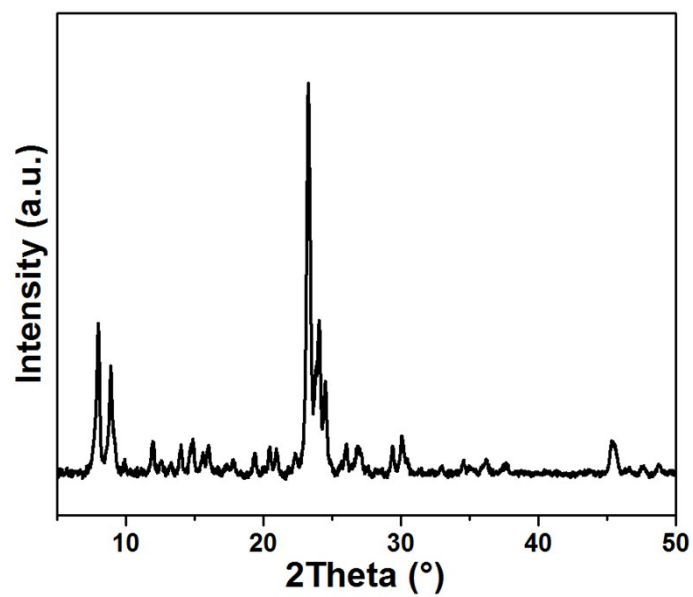


Fig. S23 XRD patterns of Ru@MFI after calcination at 500 °C.

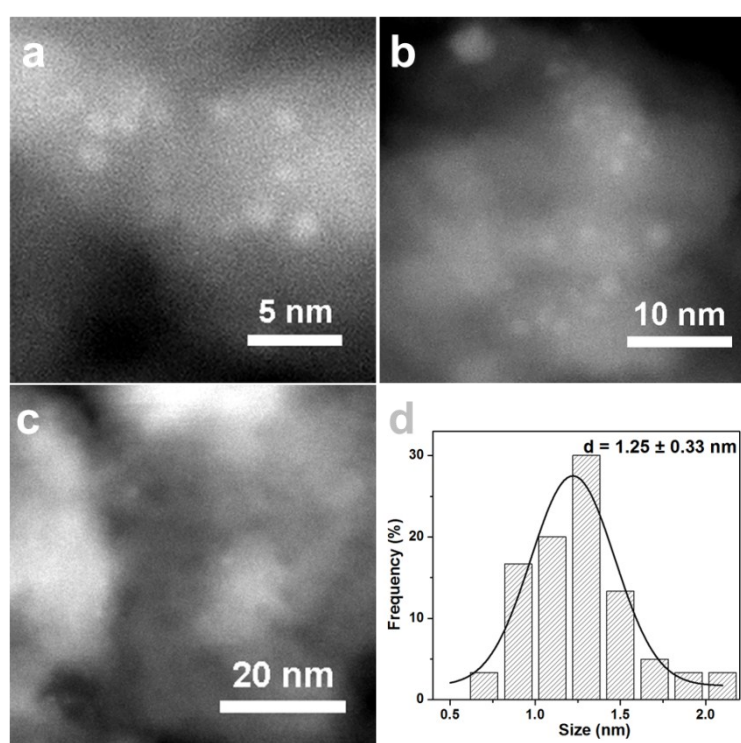


Fig. S24 STEM images of Ru@MFI after calcination at 500 °C under the scale bar of (a) 5 nm, (b) 10 nm, (c) 20 nm, (d) the particle size distribution.

Table S1 The ICP measurement results of the samples

| Samples | Pt | Al |
|----------|--------|--------|
| | /wt. % | /wt. % |
| Pt@MFI-a | 0.25 | _ ND |
| Pt@MFI-b | 0.23 | 4.8 |

ND Not determined.

Table S2 BET surface areas and pore volumes of the samples

| Samples | S _{BET} | S _{micro} | S _{meso} | V _{micro} | V _{meacro} | Medium pore width |
|------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| | /m ² g ⁻¹ | /m ² g ⁻¹ | /m ² g ⁻¹ | /cm ³ g ⁻¹ | /cm ³ g ⁻¹ | /nm |
| ZSM-5 seed | 357 | 10 | 348 | 0.05 | 0.32 | 0.97 |
| Pt@MFI-a | 517 | 346 | 171 | 0.15 | 0.34 | 0.62 |
| Pt@MFI-b | 483 | 371 | 112 | 0.15 | 0.33 | 0.59 |

Table S3 The conversion of hydrogenation reactions over different catalysts

| samples | C ₃ -nitrotoluene/% |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Pt@MFI-b | 58 |
| Pt/ZSM-5-im | 100 |