## Supplementary Information

## New insight into enhanced catalytic performance of ZnPt/HZSM-5 catalysts for direct dehydrogenation of propane to propylene

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**Fig. S1** Propylene yield *vs.* reaction time over 10Zn0.1Pt/HZ catalyst at different reaction temperature. (Reaction conditions: Temperature: 525 °C, WHSV: 0.24 h<sup>-1</sup>)



**Fig. S2** TEM images of 10Zn0.1Pt/HZ (a) and 10Zn1Pt/HZ (d); (b, c) and (e, f) show the corresponding EDX elemental mappings of the 10Zn0.1Pt/HZ and 10Zn1Pt/HZ catalysts, respectively.



Fig. S3 TGA profile of the spent 10Zn0.1Pt/HZ catalyst after 65 h time on stream.



Fig. S4 Zn LMM spectra of the fresh and spent 10Zn0.1Pt/HZ catalysts.



**Fig. S5** Propane conversion (a) and propylene selectivity (b) *vs.* reaction time over the 10Zn0.05Pt/HZ, 5Zn0.1Pt/HZ and 10Zn0.1Pt/HZ catalysts. (Reaction conditions: Temperature: 525 °C, WHSV:  $0.24 \text{ h}^{-1}$ )

Catalyst	10Zn0.1Pt/HZ				
Total Flow (mL/min)	20.0 (5% C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> /N <sub>2</sub> )				
WHSV (h <sup>-1</sup> )	0.24	0.4	2.0	4.0	
Mass Cat. (g)	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.05	
Conversion – Initial (%)	56.2	52.73	46.52	37.28	
Selectivity –Initial (%)	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> - 77.8	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> - 85.3	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> - 91.5	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> - 95.0	
	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> - 7.0	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> - 4.5	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> - 2.3	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> - 3.0	
	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> - 11.6	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> - 8.5	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> - 1.0	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> - 1.0	
	CH <sub>4</sub> - 3.6	CH <sub>4</sub> -1.7	CH <sub>4</sub> - 5.2	CH <sub>4</sub> -1.0	
Conversion - 5 h (%)	54.63	45.1	30.0	25.68	
Selectivity - 5 h (%)	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> - 88.4	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> - 92.3	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> - 95.4	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> - 96.5	
	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> - 6.4	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> - 4.6	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> - 3.0	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> - 2.2	
	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> - 2.9	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> - 2.1	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> - 0.5	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> - 0.1	
	CH <sub>4</sub> - 2.3	CH <sub>4</sub> - 1.0	CH <sub>4</sub> - 1.1	CH <sub>4</sub> - 1.2	

**Table S1** Summary of catalytic propane dehydrogenation at 525 °C utilizing10Zn0.1Pt/HZ at various WHSVs.

Catalysts	RT(°C)	WHSV (h <sup>-1</sup> )	Con.(%) <sup>b</sup>	Sel.(%) <sup>c</sup>	Yie.(%)	Ref.
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PtGa/CeO <sub>2</sub> -Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	600	10	39.4	99.6	39.2	1
PtSn/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Nanosheet	590	9.4	48.7	98.3	47.9	2
PtSn/SAPO-34	600	5.6	25.1	88.4	22.2	3
0.6Pt1.5In/Mg(Al)O-x	620	3.3	61.3	96.0	58.8	4
PtSn/HZSM-5	590	3.0	26.0	75.0	19.5	5
PtSn/mesoporous alumina	590	3.0	30.0	80.1	24.0	6
0.5Pt0.6Sn/TS-1	590	3.0	53.8	92.0	49.5	7
PtSnNa/Ce-ZSM-5	590	3.0	41.8	95.8	40.0	8
PtSnNa/SUZ-4	590	3.0	20.5	92.4	18.9	9
PtZn/Na-Beta	555	2.6	29.0	90.0	26.1	10
0.5Pt1Sn0.2Al/SBA-15	590	2.5	51.2	98.5	50.4	11
Pt/Zn,Na-MCM-22	555	2.3	31.0	82.9	25.7	12
Pt <sup>0</sup> /SiO <sub>2</sub>	550	2.2	19.0	59.2	11.2	13
$Ga^{\delta+}Pt^0/SiO_2$	550	2.0	40.7	63.5	25.8	13
Cu <sub>0.6</sub> Pt <sub>0.1</sub> @S-1	610	1.5	46	93.2	42.9	14
0.1Pt10Zn/HZSM-5	525	2.0	46.8	91.5	42.6	This
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 Table S2 Catalytic performance comparison of various catalysts in PDH.

<sup>*a*</sup> Reaction temperature. <sup>*b*</sup> Conversion of propane. <sup>*c*</sup> Selectivity of propylene. <sup>*d*</sup> Yield of propylene.

Samples	Weak acidity	eak acidity Medium acidity		Total acidity
	$(\text{mmol}_{\text{NH3}}\text{g}^{-1})$	$(\text{mmol}_{\text{NH3}}\text{g}^{-1})$	$(\text{mmol}_{\text{NH3}}\text{g}^{-1})$	$(\text{mmol}_{\text{NH3}}\text{g}^{-1})$
HZ	0.42674	0	0.62258	1.04932
10Zn/HZ	0.17545	0.35868	0.3233	0.85743
10Zn1Pt/HZ	0.09642	0.15104	0.16538	0.41284
10Zn0.5Pt/HZ	0.10027	0.16337	0.09004	0.35368
10Zn0.1Pt/HZ	0.05428	0.18888	0.08264	0.32582

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