

Supporting Information

Enhanced performances of bimetallic PtCo/MCM-41 catalysts for glycerol oxidation in base-free medium

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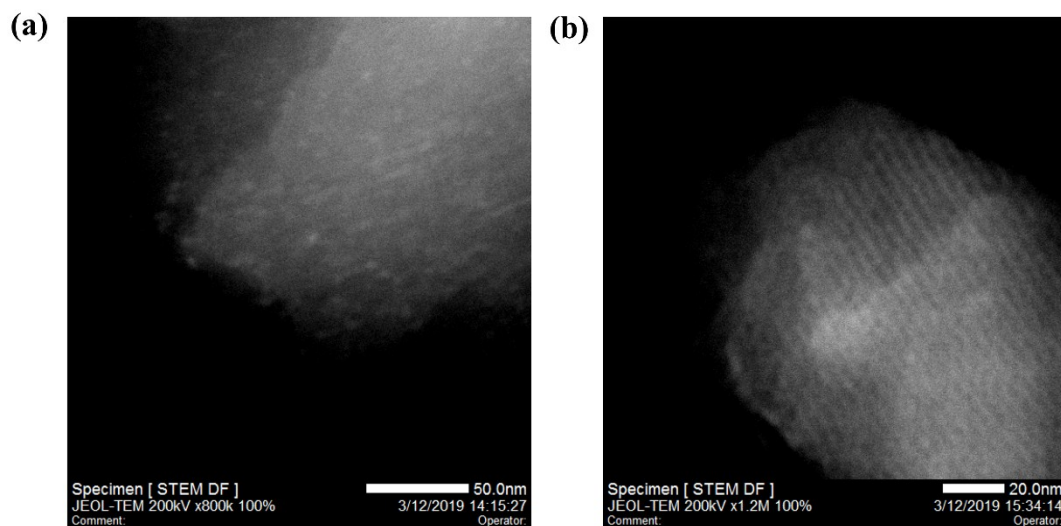


Figure S1. HAADF-STEM images and particle size distribution of (a) Co/MCM-41 (IM) and (b) Co/MCM-41 (200) samples

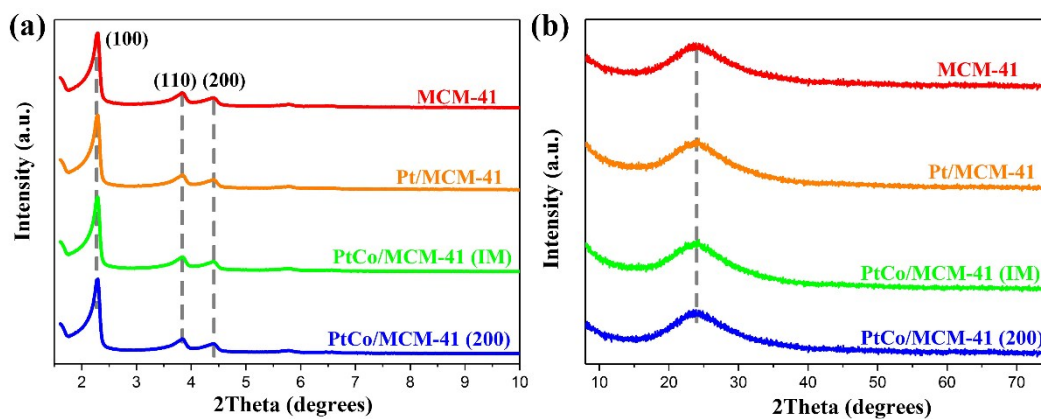


Figure S2. XRD patterns of (a) small-angle and (b) high-angle.

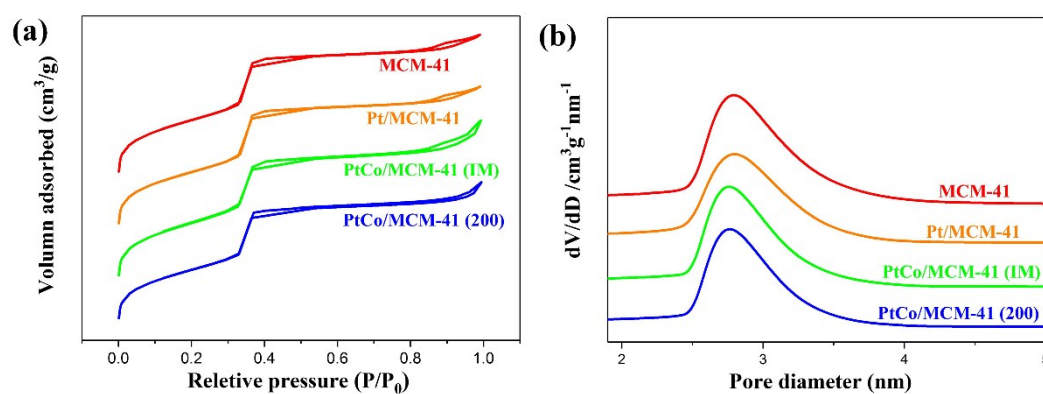


Figure S3. N₂-physorption isotherms (a) and pore size distribution (b) of MCM-41, Pt/MCM-41,

PtCo/MCM-41 (IM) and (b) PtCo/MCM-41 (200) catalyst.

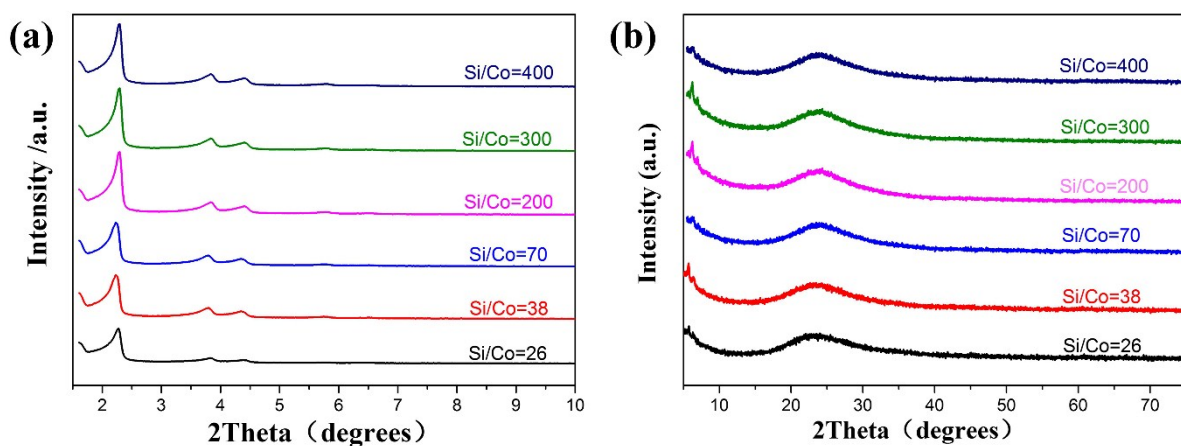


Figure S4. XRD patterns of Co/MCM-41 samples.

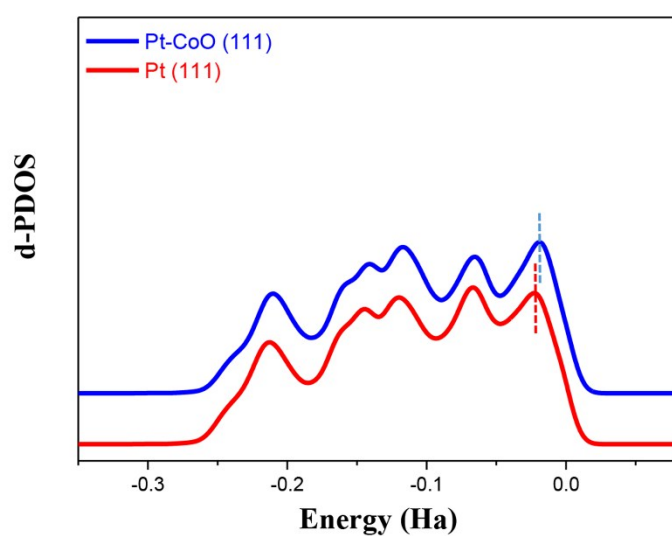


Figure S5. d-partial density of states of Pt (111) and Pt-CoO.

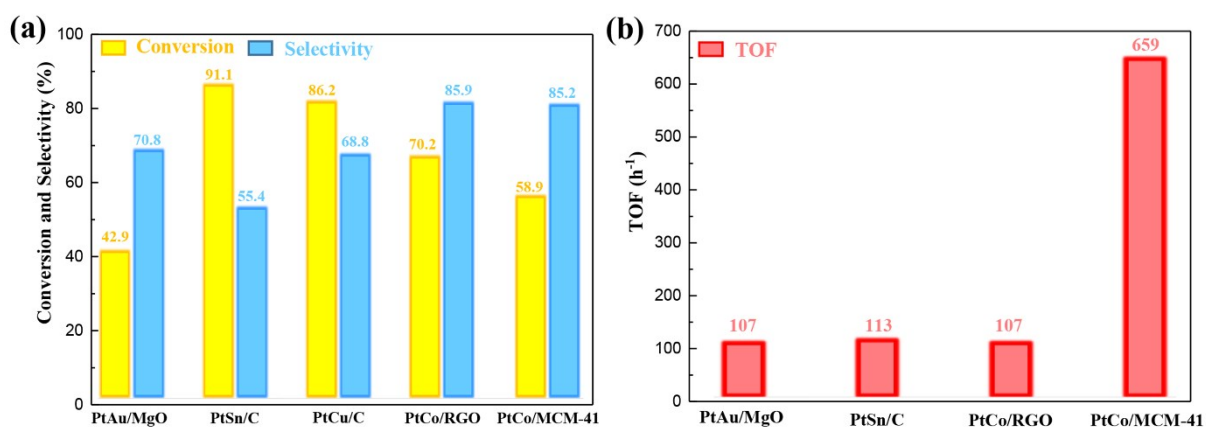


Figure S6. Comparison of PtCo/MCM-41 (200) catalyst with previous work for glycerol oxidation: (a)

Conversion and selectivity and (b) TOF (Conditions: T: 60-80 °C, P_{O_2} : 0.1-1 MPa).

The calculation process of ratio of Si/Co in the Co/MCM-41(200) sample

The ratio of Si to Co is calculated according to the molar ratio of the feed stock. For example, Co/MCM-41 (200) sample means that the amount of Co added is 1/200 of the molar number of Si added. The calculation formula is as follows:

The addition amount of Co:

$$\frac{14.0 \text{ (mL)} \cdot 0.9346 \text{ (g/cm}^3\text{)}}{208.33 \cdot 200} \cdot 291.03 = 0.09 \text{ g [Co(NO}_3\text{)}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O]}$$

14.0 mL is the addition amount of TEOS. 0.9346 and 208.33 are the density and relative molecular weight of TEOS, respectively. 291.03 is the relative molecular weight of $\text{Co(NO}_3\text{)}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

Table S1. Physicochemical properties of Co/MCM-41 samples

| Sample | BET surface area (m ² /g) | Pore volume (cm ³ /g) |
|------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| PtCo/MCM-41(26) | 274.1 | 0.1 |
| PtCo/MCM-41(38) | 322.5 | 0.2 |
| PtCo/MCM-41(70) | 314.7 | 0.2 |
| PtCo/MCM-41(200) | 474.4 | 0.3 |
| PtCo/MCM-41(300) | 585.39 | 0.5 |
| PtCo/MCM-41(400) | 586.25 | 0.5 |
| Pt/MCM-41 | 663.2 | 0.6 |

Table S2. Oxidation of glycerol over PtCo/MCM-41 catalyst^a

| Catalyst | Loading (wt%) ^b | | Disper sion (%) ^c | Selectivity (%) ^d | | | | | Conversati on (%) | TOF ^e (h ⁻¹) |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|------|-------|----------------------|--|
| | Pt | Co | | GLYA D | GLYA | DHA | TA | GLYOA | | |
| PtCo/MCM-41 (26) | 0.51 | 3.25 | 64.0 | 10.97 | 75.06 | 14.78 | 0.1 | 2.62 | 44.59 | 376.8 |
| PtCo/MCM-41 (38) | 0.57 | 2.15 | 69.2 | 9.68 | 76.66 | 13.65 | 0.08 | 2.20 | 45.99 | 395.6 |
| PtCo/MCM-41 (70) | 0.52 | 1.39 | 64.0 | 8.73 | 78.45 | 13.29 | 0.07 | 2.43 | 48.95 | 527.5 |
| PtCo/MCM-41 (200) | 0.58 | 0.56 | 61.0 | 8.16 | 78.96 | 12.41 | 0.09 | 1.19 | 55.37 | 658.6 |
| PtCo/MCM-41 (300) | 0.54 | 0.32 | 60.6 | 16.10 | 67.41 | 13.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 51.54 | 635.8 |
| PtCo/MCM-41 (400) | 0.54 | 0.15 | 52.7 | 20.93 | 66.26 | 13.37 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 42.26 | 469.6 |
| Pt/MCM-41 | 0.55 | 0.00 | 57.3 | 18.69 | 62.75 | 16.41 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 33.33 | 248.5 |

a. Reaction conditions: 0.2 catalyst, 25 mL aqueous solution of glycerol (0.22 M), glycerol/Pt molar ration 530, 60°C, 1MPa O₂, 8h

b. Determined by ICP-OES analysis.

c. Measured from TEM images.

d. Most of the rest of the products are CO₂.

e. TOF was calculated as mole of glycerol molecules converted per mole of surface Pt atoms per hour. And the conversion was all less than 10% to ensure that the average reaction rate is equal to the instantaneous reaction rate.

Table S3. Catalyst properties and reaction conditions of PtCo/MCM-41 (200) catalyst with previous work for glycerol oxidation in base-free medium.

| Catalyst | Pt loading (%) | Nanoparticle size (nm) | Reaction conditions |
|----------|-------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Pt/MCN-5 | 3.1 | 2.3 | glycerol/Pt molar ratio =750, 60°C, 0.3 MPaO ₂ , 4 h |
| PtAu/MgO | 0.75 | 2.0 | glycerol/Pt molar ratio =1000, 60°C, 0.3 MPaO ₂ , 4 h |
| PtSn/AC | 2.0 | 1.8 | glycerol/Pt molar ratio =500, 60°C, oxygen (15 mL/min), 8 h |

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| PtCu/AC | 5.0 | 5.0 | glycerol/Pt molar ratio =420, 60°C, oxygen (150 mL/min) , 6 h |
| PtCo/RGO | 9.6 | 2.4 | glycerol/Pt molar ratio =420, 60°C, oxygen (30 mL/min) , 3 h |
| PtCo/MCM-41 | 0.6 | 1.9 | glycerol/Pt molar ratio =1000, 60°C, 1 MPaO ₂ , 8 h |
