

Support Information for  
**Comparative studies in redox behaviors of Pt-Co/SiO<sub>2</sub> and Au-Co/SiO<sub>2</sub>  
catalysts and their activities in CO oxidation**

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Sample	Nominal loading of NM (%)	Nominal loading of TM (%)	Actual loading of NM (%)	Actual loading of TM (%)	Atomic Ratio of NM/TM
Au/SiO <sub>2</sub>	4	--	4.6	--	--
Pt/SiO <sub>2</sub>	4	--	4.5	--	--
AuCo/SiO <sub>2</sub>	4	1.2	4.6	1.3	1.09/1
PtCo/SiO <sub>2</sub>	4	1.2	4.5	1.3	1.07/1
Co/SiO <sub>2</sub>	--	4	--	3.7	--

Table S1 The metal loading and atomic composition of Au-Co/SiO<sub>2</sub> and Pt-Co/SiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts

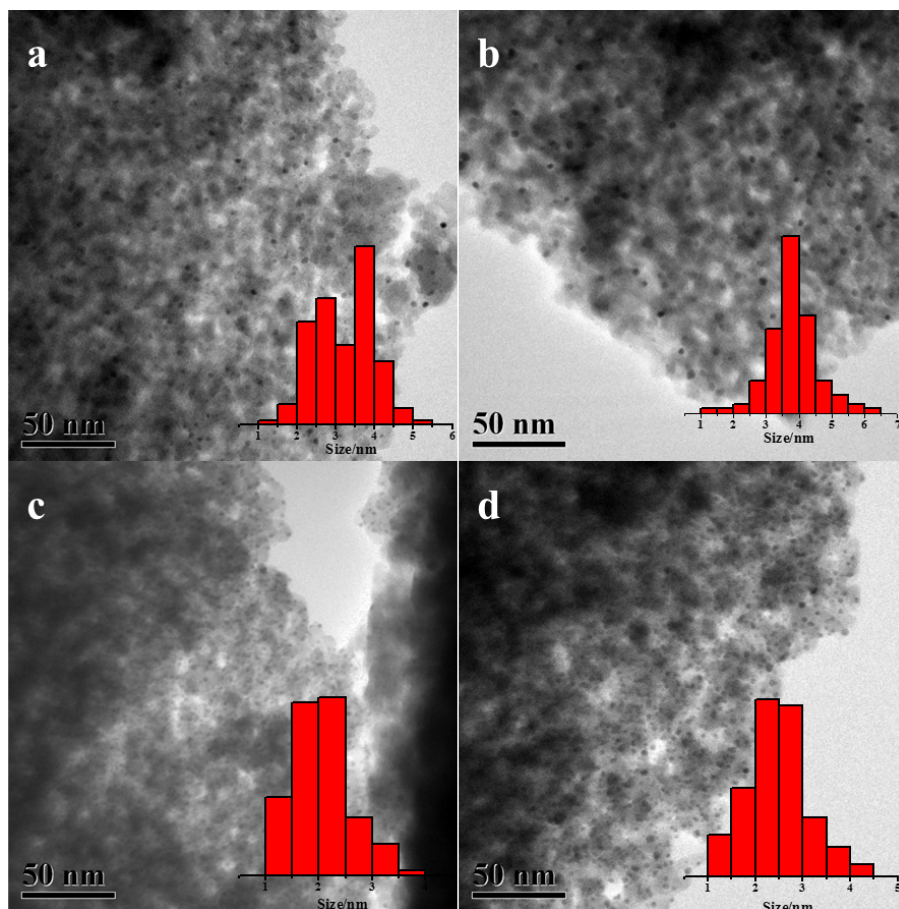


Figure S1 TEM images of a) as-prepared Pt/SiO<sub>2</sub>; b) as-prepared PtCo/SiO<sub>2</sub>; c) as-prepared Au/SiO<sub>2</sub>; d) as-prepared Au-Co/SiO<sub>2</sub>. The size distributions of the NPs are shown in the inset graphs.

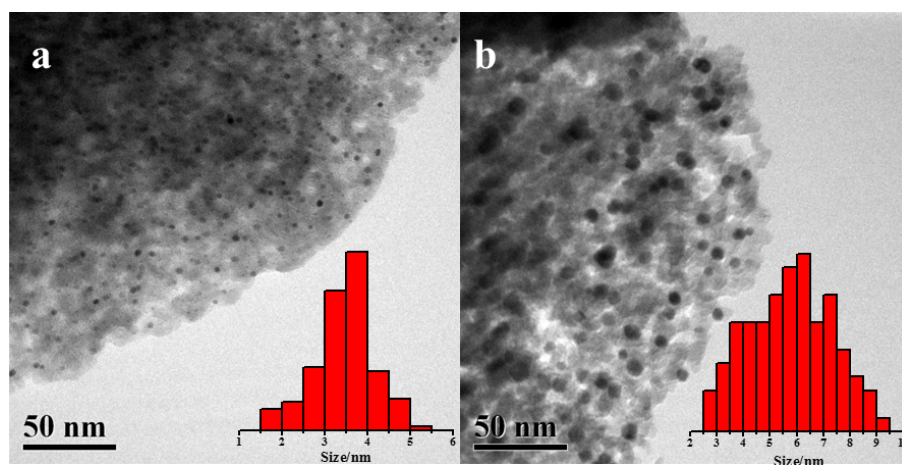


Figure S2 TEM images of a) Pt/SiO<sub>2</sub> reduced at 600 °C; b) Au/SiO<sub>2</sub> reduced at 600 °C. The size distributions of the NPs are shown in the inset graphs.

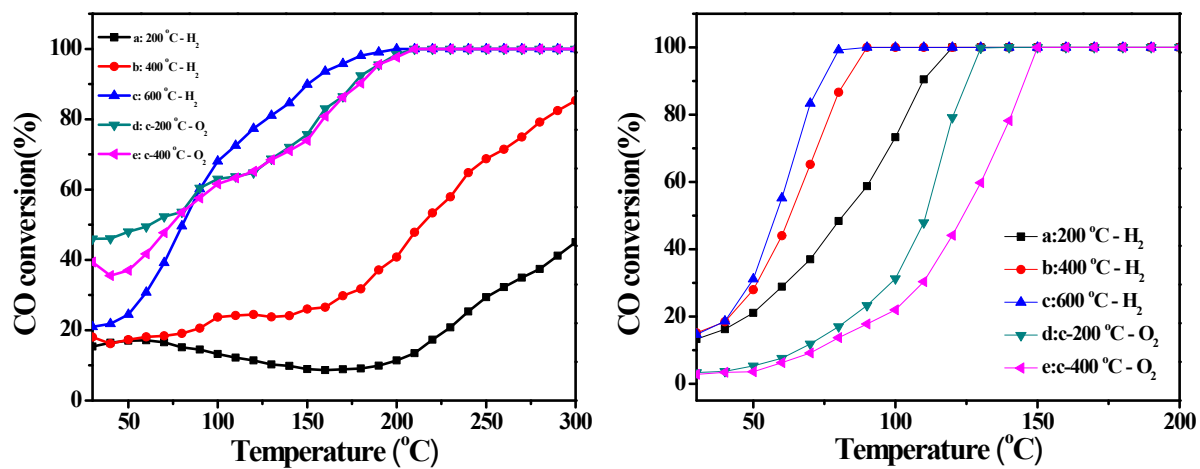


Figure S3 CO conversion light-off curve over the the as-calcined Pt-Co/SiO<sub>2</sub> (A) and Au-Co/SiO<sub>2</sub> (B) samples with different pretreatments. ( Gas composition: 1% CO, 0.5% O<sub>2</sub>, He balance; GHSV: 75000 mL.g<sup>-1</sup>.h<sup>-1</sup>.)

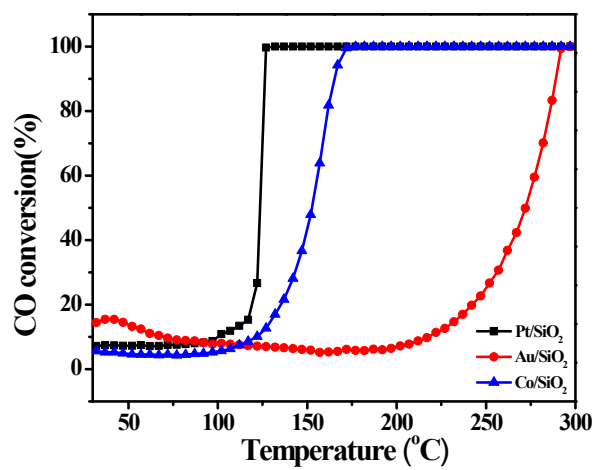


Figure S4 CO conversion light-off curve over the pure Pt/SiO<sub>2</sub>, Au/SiO<sub>2</sub> and Co/SiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts reduced at 600 °C. (Gas composition: 1% CO, 20% O<sub>2</sub>, He balance; GHSV: 75000 mL.g<sup>-1</sup>.h<sup>-1</sup>.)