

## Supporting Information

### The Effect of Strong Metal-Support Interaction (SMSI) on Pt-Ti/SiO<sub>2</sub>, and Pt-Nb/SiO<sub>2</sub> Catalysts for Propane Dehydrogenation

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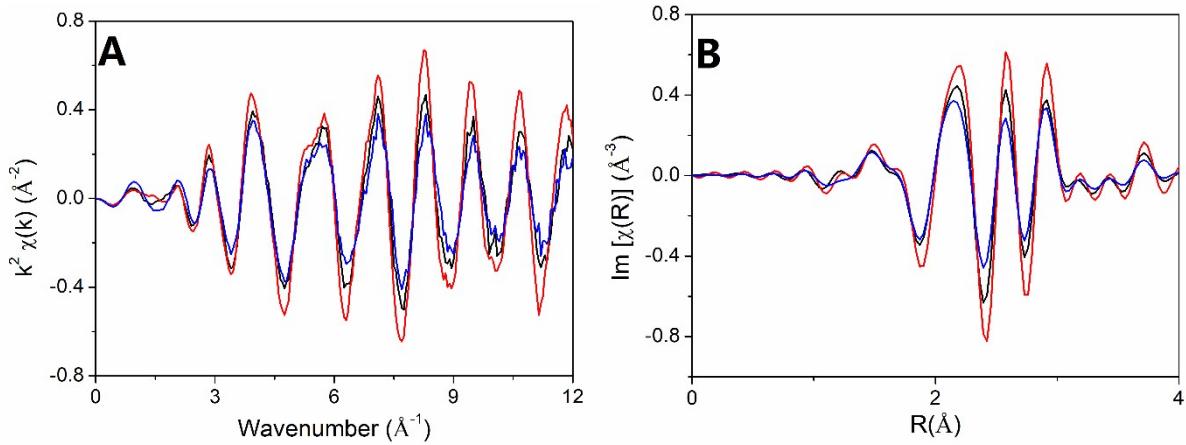
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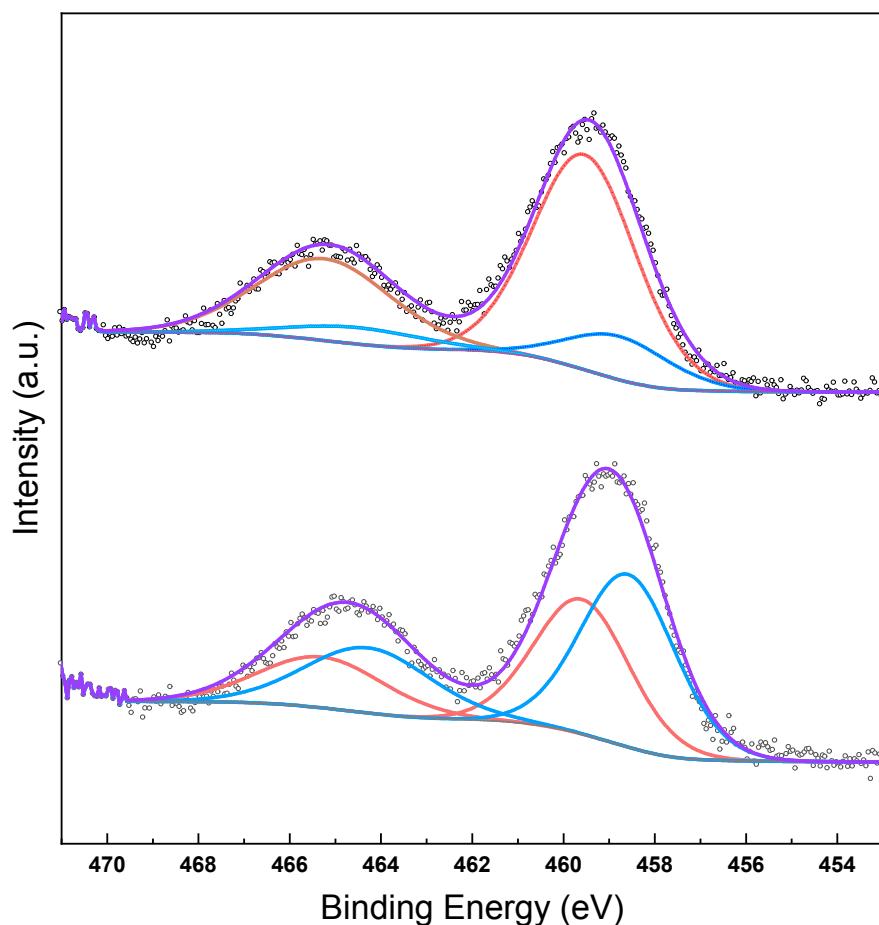
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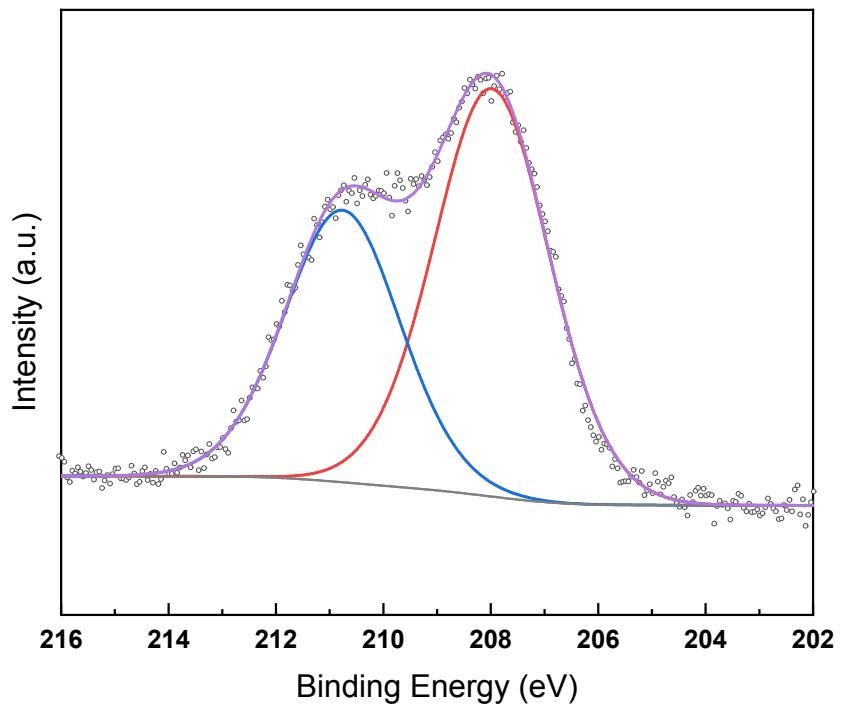


**Figure S1.** Pt L<sub>3</sub> edge EXAFS spectra: A) k space, and B) R space FT imaginary part.

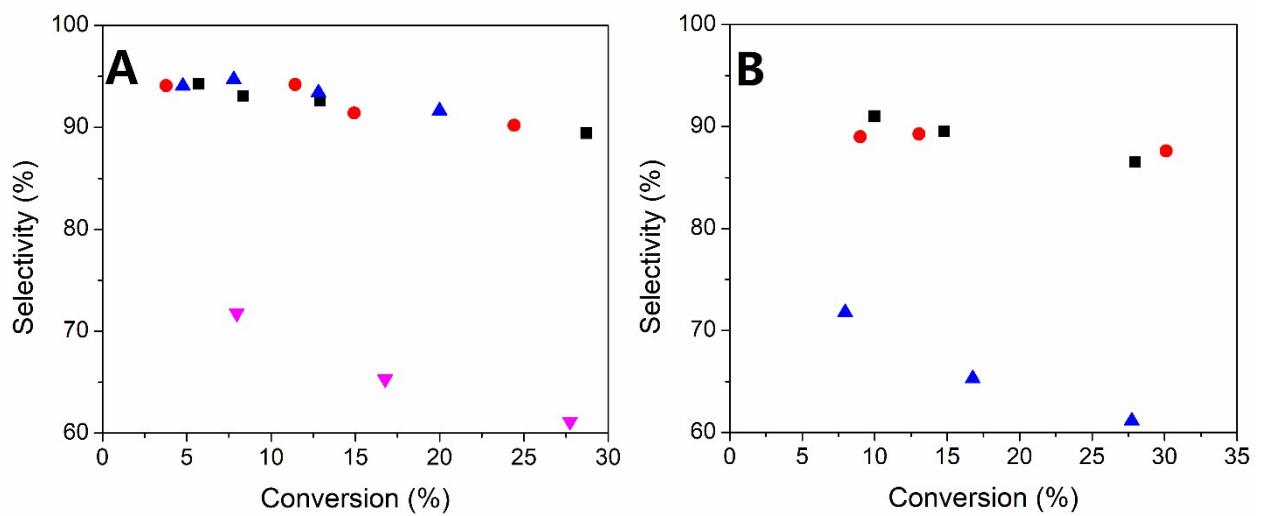
2Pt/SiO<sub>2</sub> (red), 2Pt-6Ti/SiO<sub>2</sub> (black) and 2Pt-8Nb/SiO<sub>2</sub> (blue).



**Figure S2.** Ti 2p XPS spectra of 2Pt-3Ti/SiO<sub>2</sub> (lower) and 2Pt-6Ti/SiO<sub>2</sub> (upper) catalysts. Black dots: experimental data; dash lines: background; solid lines: fitted data.



**Figure S3.** Nb 3d XPS spectrum of 2Pt-8Nb/SiO<sub>2</sub> catalyst. Black dots: experimental data; grey line: background; red line: Nb 3d<sub>5/2</sub> peak, blue line: Nb 3d<sub>3/2</sub> peak; purple line: sum curve.



**Figure S4.** Propylene selectivity at different conversions of (A) 2Pt-3Ti/SiO<sub>2</sub> (black), 2Pt-6Ti/SiO<sub>2</sub> (red), 2Pt-8Ti/SiO<sub>2</sub> (red), 2Pt/SiO<sub>2</sub> (pink), (B) 2Pt-4Nb/SiO<sub>2</sub> (black) and 2Pt-8Nb/SiO<sub>2</sub> (red), 2Pt/SiO<sub>2</sub> (blue). Reaction conditions: 550 °C, 2.5 % C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub> + 2.5 % H<sub>2</sub> balanced with N<sub>2</sub>.