

Supplementary Information

Atomic layer deposition of nano-scale molybdenum sulfide within a metal-organic framework for highly efficient hydrodesulfurization

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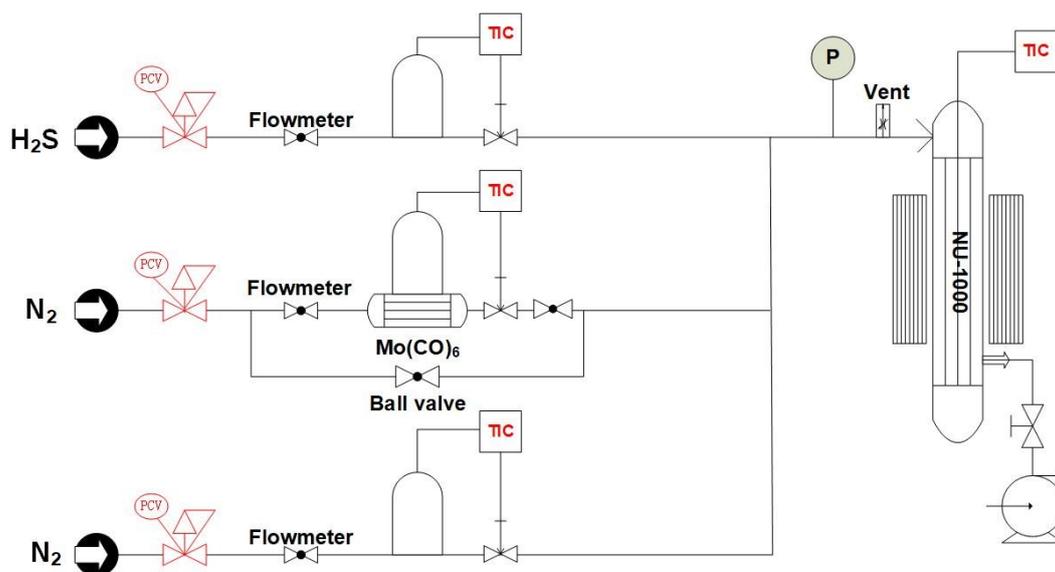


Figure S1. Schematic diagram of the ALD instrument.

Note: ALD runs followed a t_1 - t_2 - t_3 - t_4 timing sequence, where t_1 is the $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$ pulse time, t_2 is the N_2 purge time, t_3 is the H_2S pulse time, and t_4 is the N_2 purge time. The pulse times of $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$ and H_2S were 120 s and 5 s respectively, and the subsequent tests were conducted in the chronological order of 120-600-5-600 s. And it adopts the temperature setting T_1 , T_2 and T_3 , where T_1 is the temperature at which $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$ is heated to generate the vapors, T_2 is pipeline temperature, and T_3 is the deposition chamber temperature. T_1 , T_2 and T_3 were kept fixed at 55, 90 and 170 °C, respectively.

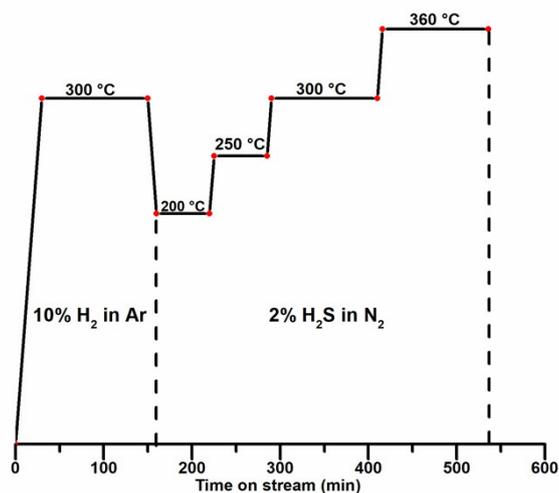


Figure S2. The scheme of the MoS_2 - γ - Al_2O_3 catalyst sulfidation.

Note: To keep at 200 °C and 250 °C for 1 h, 300 °C and 360 °C for 2 h, and the heating and cooling rate is 10 °C·min⁻¹.

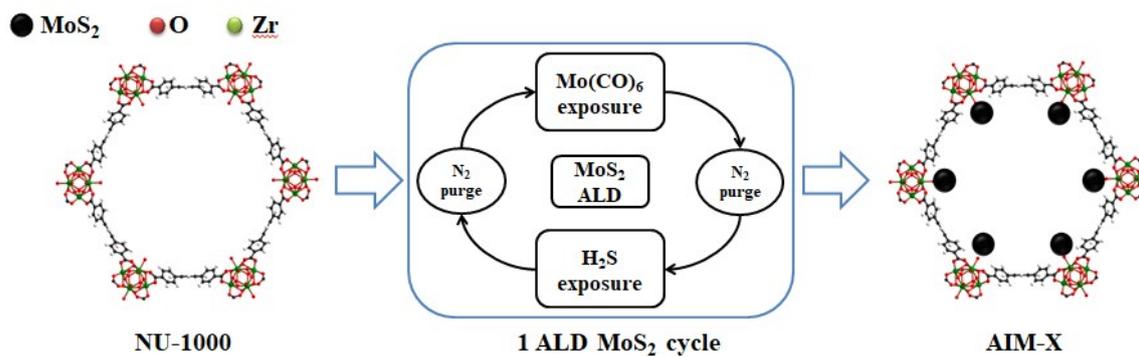


Figure S3. Schematic diagram of the ALD process for preparing AIM-X catalysts.

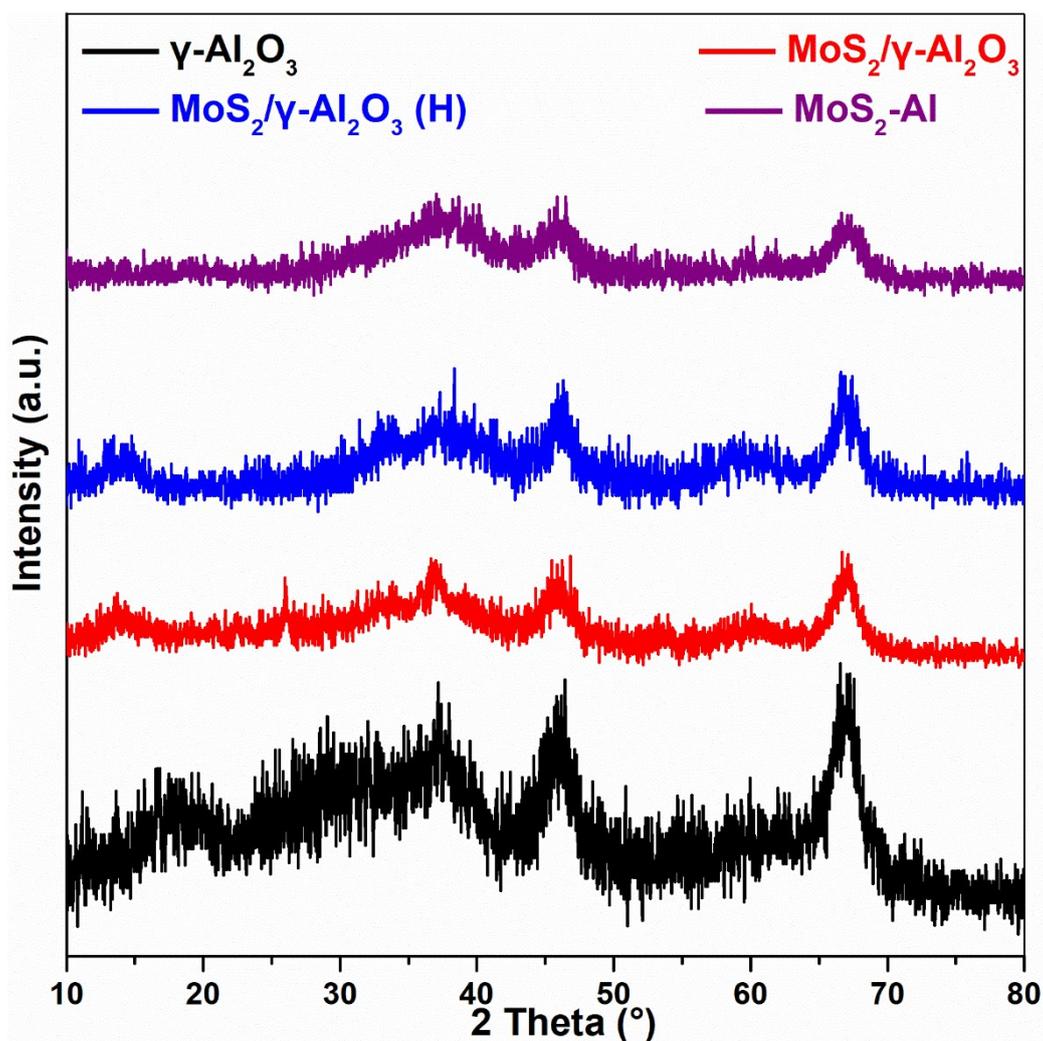


Figure S4. PXRD pattern of as-prepared $\gamma\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ supported catalysts.

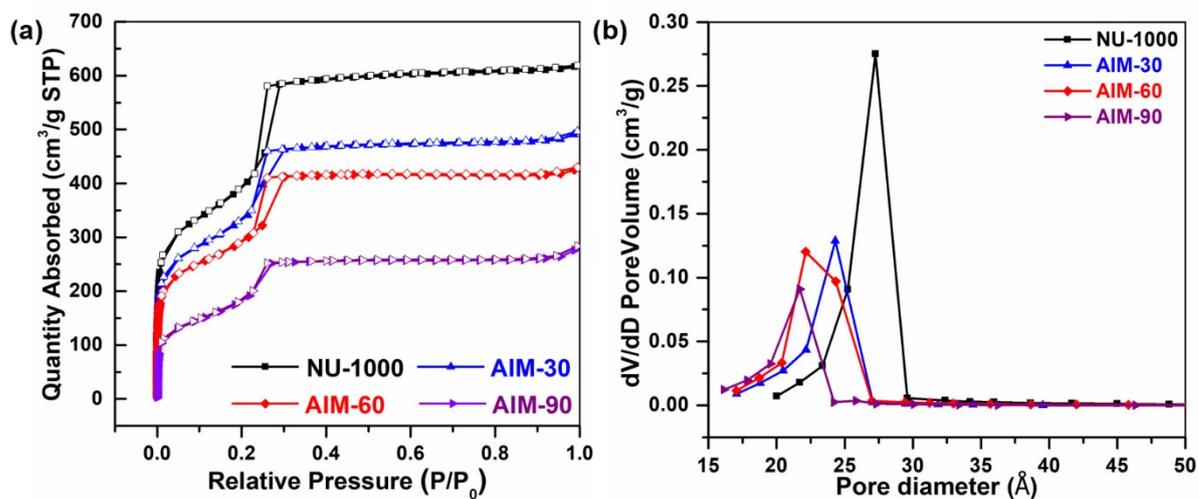


Figure S5. (a) N₂ physical adsorption-desorption isotherms of the synthesized AIM-X at 77 K. (b) Pore size distribution of the synthesized AIM-X.

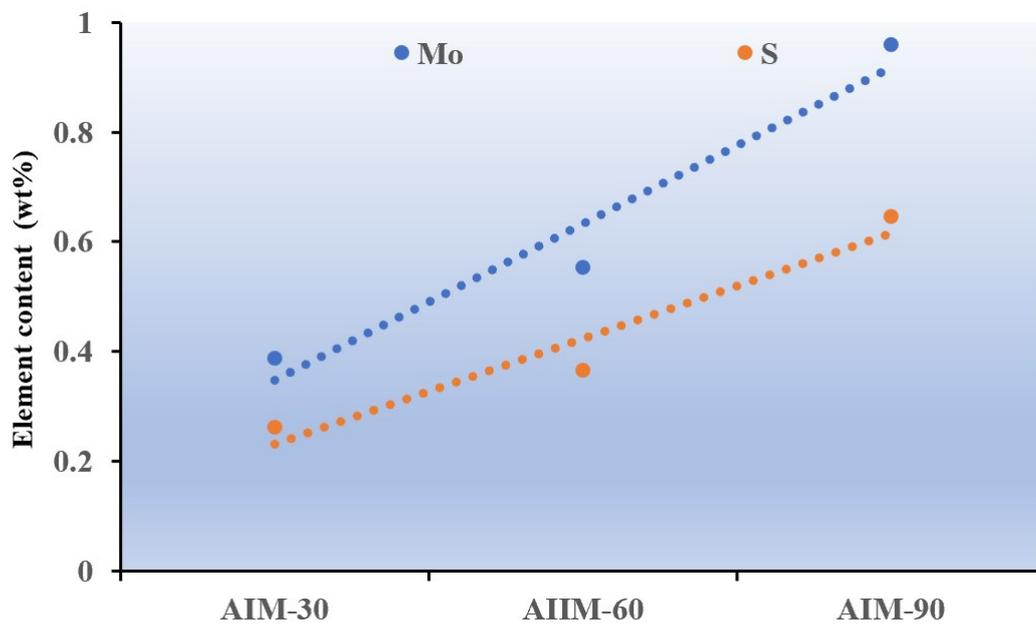


Figure S6. ICP-OES results of the synthesized AIM-X.

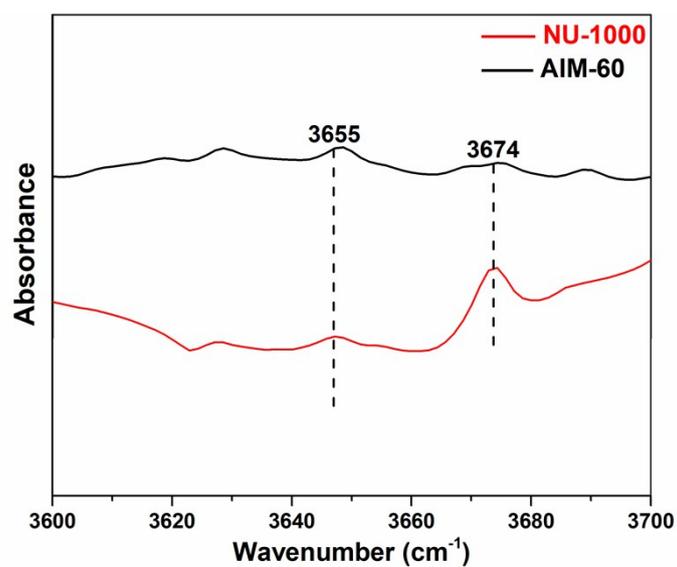


Figure S7. Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy of NU-1000 and AIM-60.

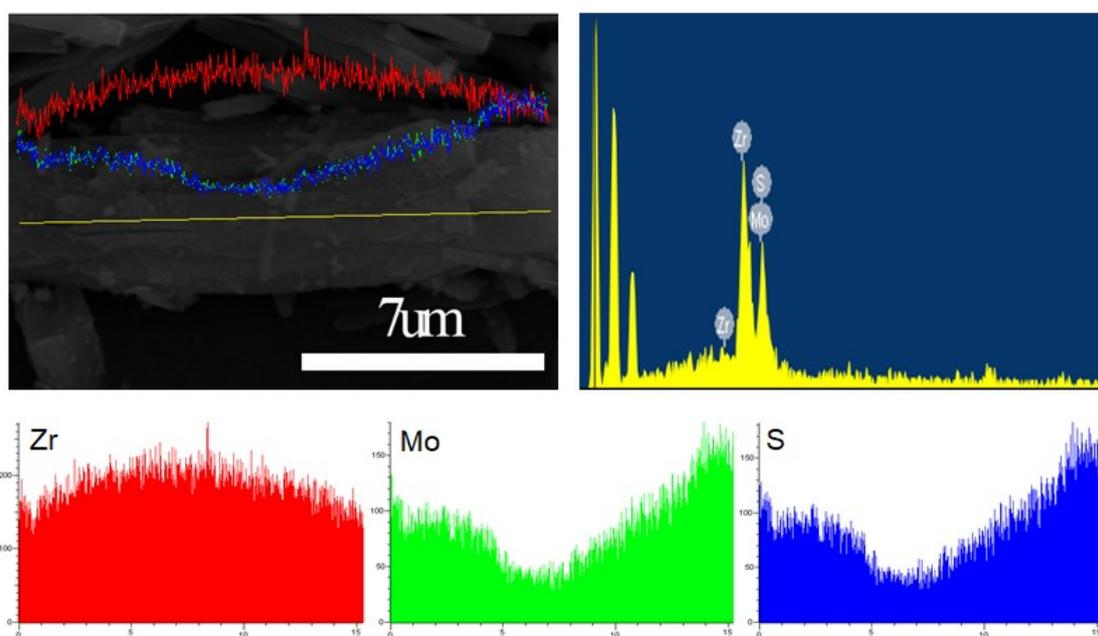


Figure S8. SEM-EDS linescan image of the AIM-60 sample.

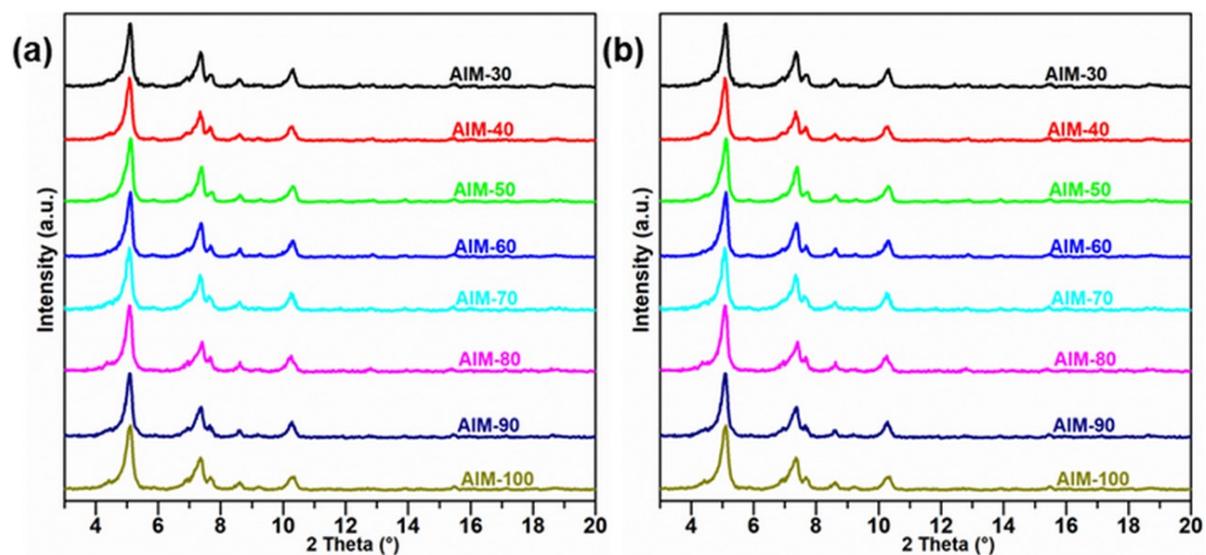


Figure S9. PXRD patterns of the AIM-X series catalysts before (a), and after (b) the HDS reaction.