

***Supplementary material for***  
**Tuning the Cu<sup>+</sup> species of Cu-based catalysts for direct  
synthesis of ethanol from syngas**

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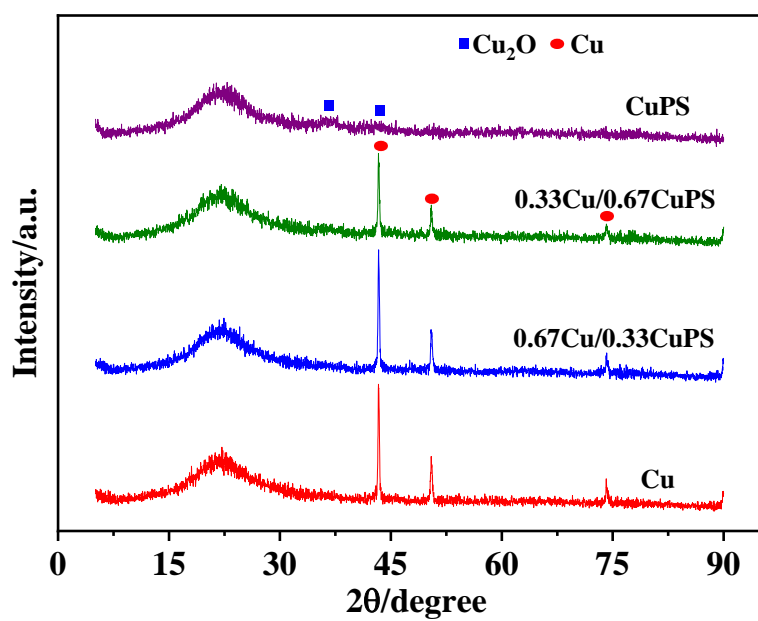


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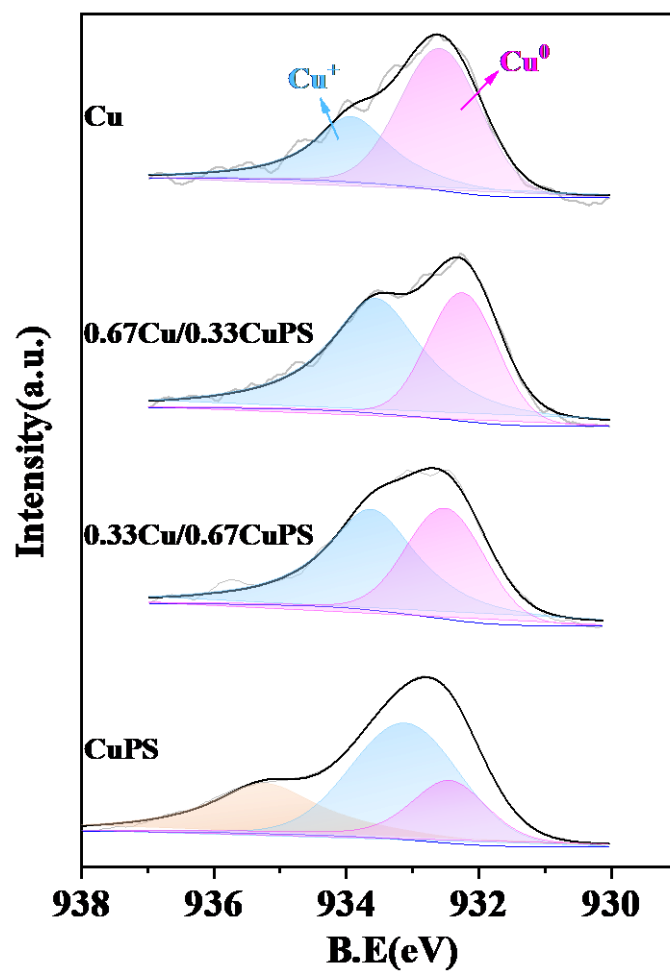
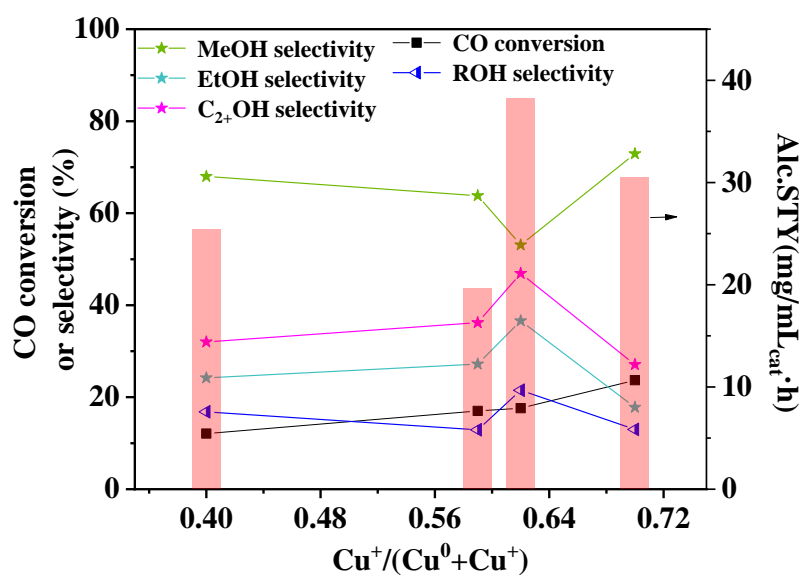
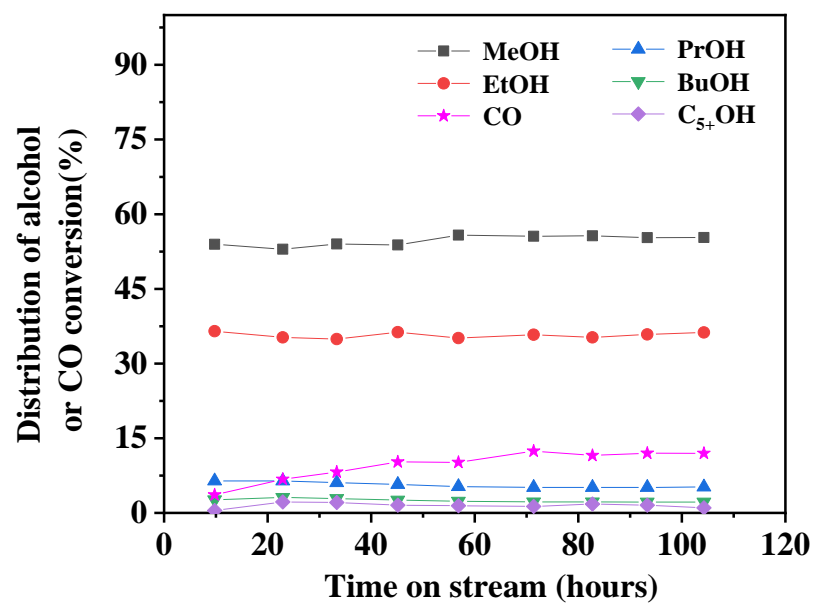


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