

## **MoO<sub>3</sub>-modified SAPO-34 for Photocatalytic Nonoxidative Coupling of Methane**

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**Table S1.** Elemental analysis of the catalysts.<sup>[a]</sup>

Samples	Mo (wt%)
1% Mo/SAPO-34	0.74
2% Mo/SAPO-34	1.1
5% Mo/SAPO-34	2.6
10% Mo/SAPO-34	6.1

[a] Analyzed by the ICP-AES method.

**Table S2.** Results of various samples in different temperature for photo-driven methane NOCM conversion.<sup>[a]</sup>

Entry	Samples	Reaction Temperatur e	Conversio n [CH <sub>4</sub> (%)]	Yield (μmol)		Rate (μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> )	Selectivity [C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> (%)]
				C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	H <sub>2</sub>		
1	SAPO-34	298 K	0.684	0.1680	2.3094	0.3490	97.45
2	1%Mo/SAPO-34	298 K	0.949	0.2263	3.3150	0.4841	93.15
3	2%Mo/SAPO-34	298 K	1.758	0.4279	2.2821	0.8962	97.10
4	5%Mo/SAPO-34	298 K	1.764	0.4498	1.4998	0.8997	100
5	10%Mo/SAPO-34	298 K	0.694	0.1769	0.1561	0.3537	100
6	MoO <sub>3</sub>	298 K	0	0	0	0	0
7 <sup>[b]</sup>	5%Mo/SAPO-34	373 K	3.282	0.7139	4.3769	1.6740	90.12
8 <sup>[c]</sup>	5%Mo/SAPO-34	473 K	8.038	1.7563	6.1838	4.1004	90.38

[a] Reaction conditions were as follows: samples, 0.2 g; reaction time, 4 h; reactant, 44.6 μmol of methane; light source, 300 W Xe lamp; reaction temperature, 298 K; quartz reactor, 45 cm<sup>3</sup>. The products were collected directly, then analyzed by gas chromatography with flame-ionization and thermal conductivity detector. [b] Reaction conditions are the same as others, except the reaction temperature is 373 K. [c] Reaction conditions are the same as others, except the reaction temperature is 473 K.

**Table S3.** Representative works on photocatalytic or thermocatalytic non-oxidative reaction of methane.

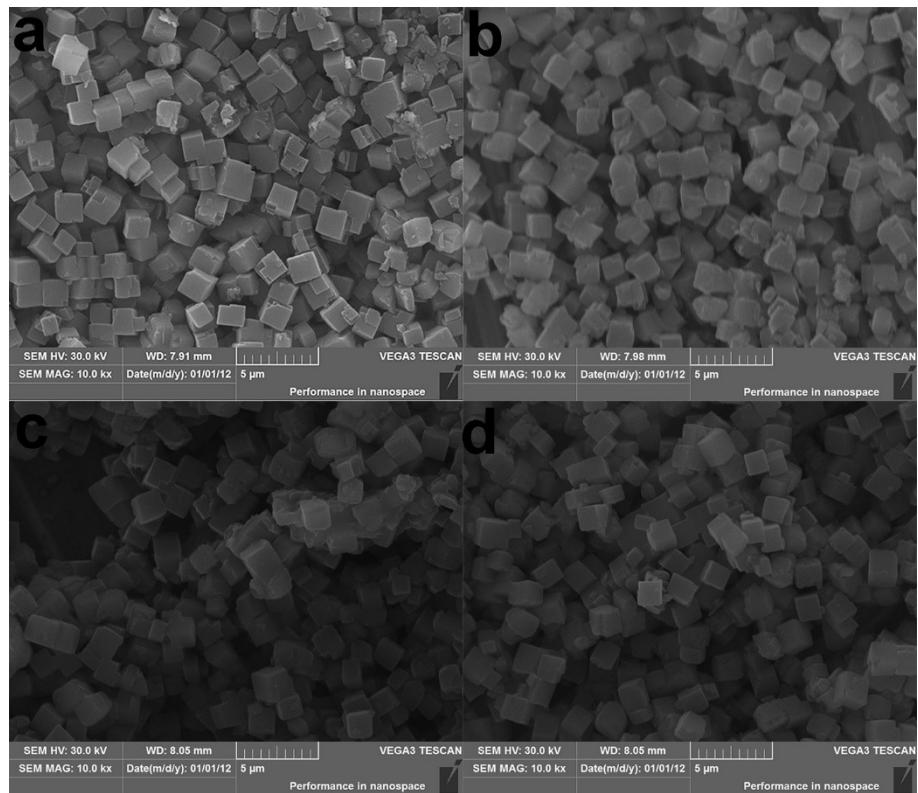
Samples	Conditions	Rate of methane	Main Products	References
(Zn <sup>+</sup> ,Zn <sup>2+</sup> )-ZSM-5-	150 W high-pressure Hg lamp for 8 h; 1 g sample; 200 μmol CH <sub>4</sub>	9.80 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	Ethane (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )	1
Au/m-ZnO-4.8	300 W Xe lamp for 4 h; 1 mg sample; 22.3 μmol CH <sub>4</sub>	23.5 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	Ethane (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )	2
Ga-ETS-10-o.2	150 W high-pressure Hg lamp for 5 h; 0.2 g sample; 200 μmol CH <sub>4</sub>	29.8 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	Ethane (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )	3
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -K	300-W Xe lamp for 3 h, 0.2 g sample; 200 μmol CH <sub>4</sub>	0.17%	Ethane (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )	4
Pt/HGTS (2%)	300 W Xe lamp for 4 h; 0.2 g sample; 44.6 μmol CH <sub>4</sub>	3.48 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	Ethane (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )	5
SiO <sub>2</sub> -Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	250 W Xe lamp for 18 h; 1.0 g sample; 100 μmol CH <sub>4</sub>	0.33 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	Ethane (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )	6
SiO <sub>2</sub> -Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -TiO <sub>2</sub> (0.5 mol % of Ti and 10 mol % of Al)	250 W Xe lamp for 6 h; 1.0 g sample; 200 μmol CH <sub>4</sub>	1.47 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	Ethane (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )	7
0.5% Fe@SiO <sub>2</sub>	1223 K; fixed-bed microreactor; 90 volume percent (vol %) CH <sub>4</sub> /N <sub>2</sub>	48%	53% ethene; 25% naphthalene; 22% benzene	8
PdS/ZrO <sub>2</sub>	0.5 g sample; 1323 K; flow reactor; 5% CH <sub>4</sub> /Ar mixture gas;	18%	ethylene selectivity near 20%	9
5%Mo/ZSM-5/1	0.5 g sample; 973 K for 4h; fixed bed flow quartz; 3600 mL/h g methane	11.3%	Benzene (70%)	10
5%Mo/MCM-22	0.5 g sample; 973 K for 4h; fixed bed flow quartz; 3600 mL/h g methane	6%	Benzene (60%)	10
im-Mo/HZSM-5(H)	0.2 g sample; 973 K; fixed bed flow quartz; 1500 mL/h g 10% N <sub>2</sub> /CH <sub>4</sub>	2.4 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	BTX(benzene, toluene, and xylene) (80%)	11
Fe(5)-Zr(1)-ZSM-5	0.2 g sample; 1023 K for 6h; fixed-bed tubular quartz reactor; 100 sccm of N <sub>2</sub> /CH <sub>4</sub> 90:10 mixture	1.9%	Benzene (48%)	12
Fe(5)-Mo(1)-ZSM-5	0.2 g sample; 1023 K for 6h; fixed-bed tubular quartz reactor; 100 sccm of N <sub>2</sub> /CH <sub>4</sub> 90:10 mixture	0.0%	Coke (95.3%)	12
10%Mo/HMFI-B	1 g sample; 973 K; fixed bed continuous plug-flow microreactor;	7%	Benzene and naphthalene	13
4.7%Mo/lamellar MWW	0.3g sample; 983 K; fixed bed reactor; 1600 mL gcat <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> methane	11%	Benzene (90%)	14
3%Mo/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.3g sample; 973 K; quartz reactor;	7.4%	Benzene (4%)	15

	1440 mL/g h methane 1.0g sample; 923 K; fixed-bed	C <sub>2</sub> (2.1%) Coke (88.9%)	
3%Mo/HSAPO-34	continuous-flow quartz microreactor; 1600 mL/g h methane	Benzene (72.9) C <sub>2</sub> (10.1)	16
Mo/SAPO-34	300 W Xe lamp for 4 h; 0.2 g sample; 44.6 μmol CH <sub>4</sub> 473K	8.04% 4.10μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	Ethane (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> ) This work

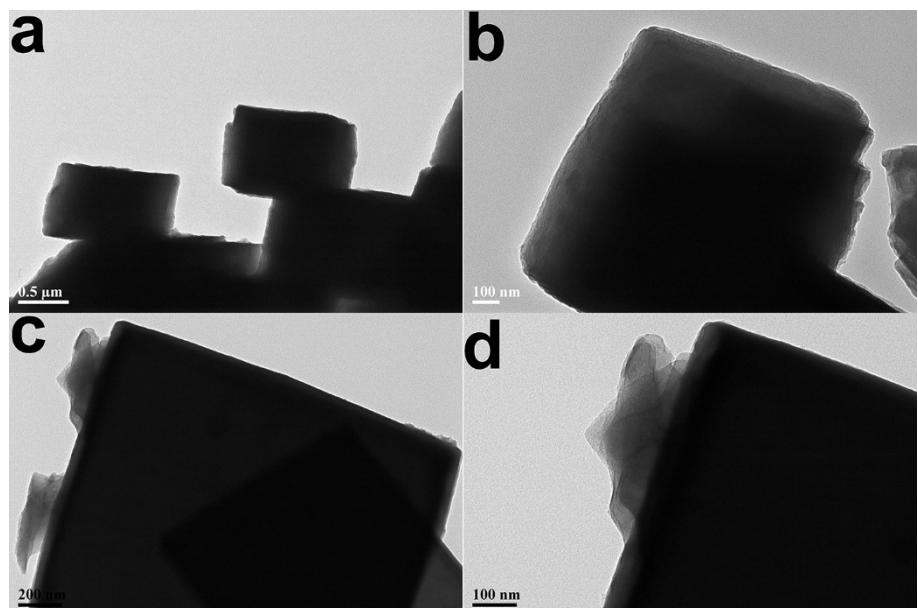
**Table S4.** The Mo<sup>5+</sup>/Mo<sup>6+</sup> and Mo<sup>5+/(Mo<sup>5+</sup>+Mo<sup>6+</sup>) with the different loading.<sup>[a]</sup></sup>

Samples	Mo <sup>5+/(Mo<sup>5+</sup>+Mo<sup>6+</sup>)</sup>	Mo <sup>5+/(Mo<sup>5+</sup>+Mo<sup>6+</sup>)</sup>
1% Mo/SAPO-34	0.406	0.278
2% Mo/SAPO-34	0.614	0.381
5% Mo/SAPO-34	0.577	0.366
10% Mo/SAPO-34	0.427	0.299

[a] The ratio of the Mo<sup>5+</sup> and Mo<sup>6+</sup> was calculated by area ratio, which denotes the integration of corresponding peaks of XPS date.



**Figure S1.** SEM images of (a) SAPO-34, (b) 1% Mo/SAPO-34, (c) 2% Mo/SAPO-34 and (d) 5% Mo/SAPO-34.



**Figure S2.** TEM images of 1% Mo/SAPO-34 with different scale bar: (a) 500 nm and (b) 100 nm; 5% Mo/SAPO-34 with different scale bar: (c) 200 nm and (d) 100 nm.

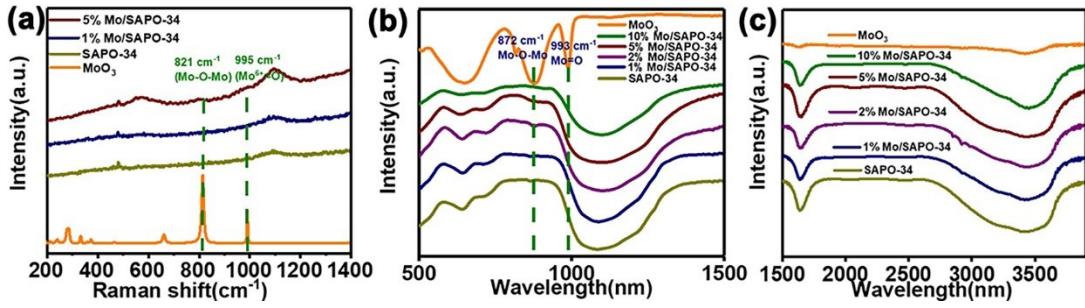


Figure S3. (a) The Raman spectrum, (b) and (c) FTIR spectra of SAPO-34, Mo-SAPO-34 (1%, 2%, 5%, 10%) and  $\text{MoO}_3$ , respectively.

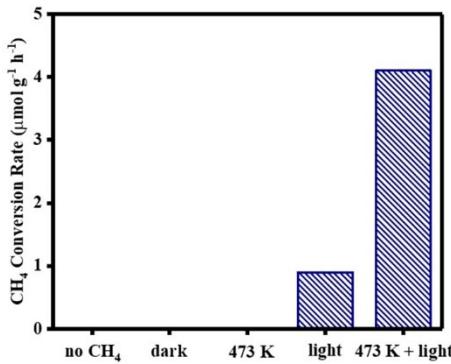


Figure S4. Comparison of experiment condition. The detected conversion of methane with different reaction conditions, conditions from left to right: 0.2 g catalyst with Xe lamp irradiation in a vacuum; 0.2 g catalyst and 1 mL methane without light; 0.2 g catalyst and 1 mL methane heating at 473 K without light for 4 h; 0.2 g catalyst and 1ml methane with Xe lamp irradiation for 4 h; 0.2 g catalyst and 1ml methane heating at 473 K with Xe lamp irradiation for 4 h.

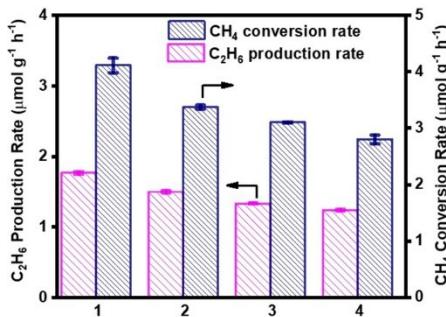


Figure S5. The cycle experiments of Mo/SAPO-34 (5%).

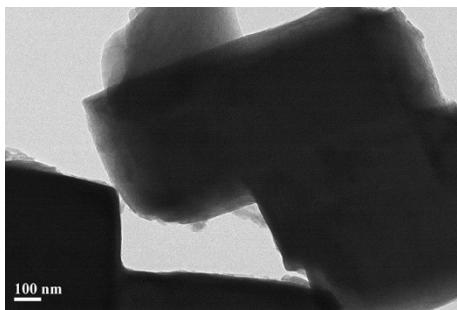


Figure S6. TEM images of recycle 5% Mo/SAPO-34.

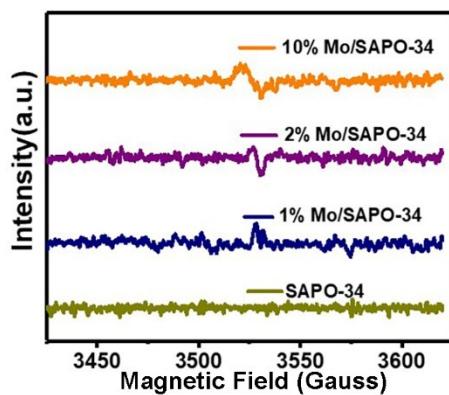


Figure S7. The EPR results of different Mo content of SAPO-34 (0%, 1%, 2% 10%).

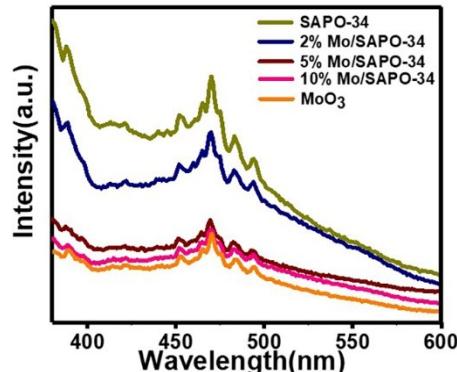


Figure S8. Room-temperature photoluminescence (PL) emission spectra of different samples.

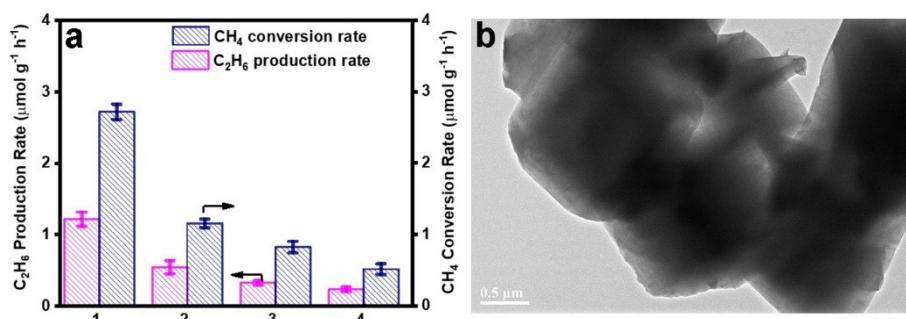


Figure S9. (a)The recycle experiments of 2% Mo/SAPO-34; (b) TEM images of recycle 2% Mo/SAPO-34.

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