

*Supporting information for*

## **The synergistic effect of Pd, In and Zr on the mechanism of Pd/In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-ZrO<sub>2</sub> for CO<sub>2</sub> hydrogenation to methanol**

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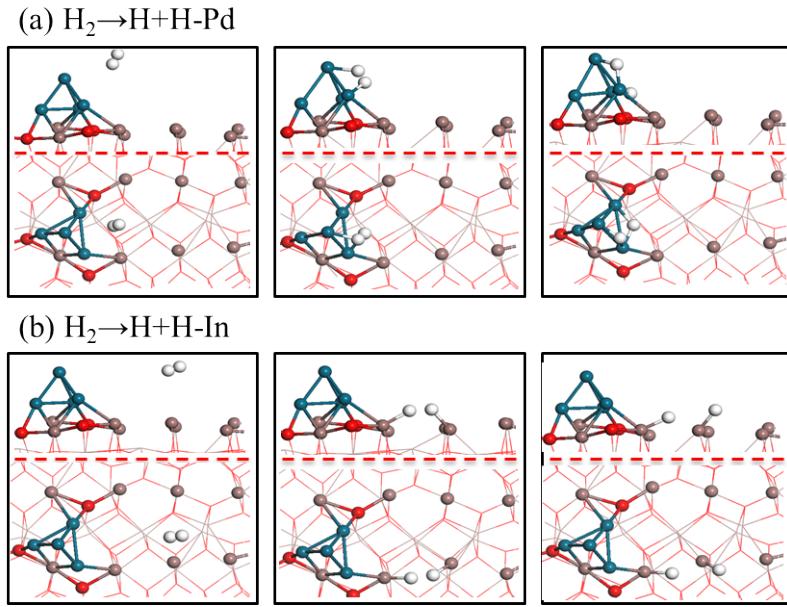


Fig. S1. The initial, transition and final states of  $\text{H}_2$  dissociation on (a)  $\text{Pd}_4$  cluster and (b) In site of  $\text{Pd}_4/\text{In}_2\text{O}_3(110)\text{-3O}$  model

Table S1 Calculated reaction energies,  $E_r$  (eV), and activation barriers,  $E_a$  (eV), of  $\text{H}_2$  dissociations

Reaction site	$E_a$	$E_r$
(a) Pd site on $\text{Pd}_4/\text{In}_2\text{O}_3(110)\text{-3O}$	0.16	-0.75
(b) In site on $\text{Pd}_4/\text{In}_2\text{O}_3(110)\text{-3O}$	0.69	0.46
(c) In site on $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3(110)\text{-In}$	0.96	0.71

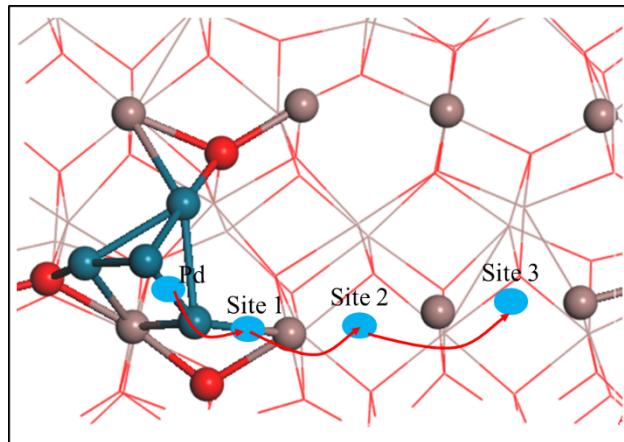


Fig. S2. The transfer pathway of H on  $\text{Pd}_4/\text{In}_2\text{O}_3(110)\text{-3O}$  surface

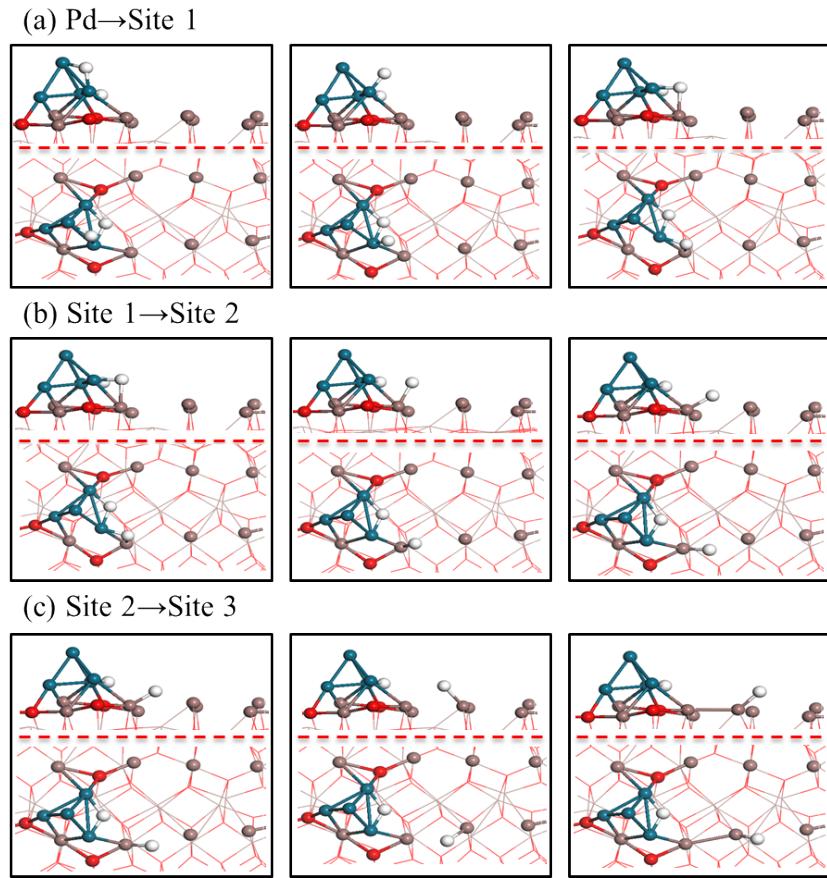


Fig. S3. The initial, transitional and final states of the H transfer on  $\text{Pd}_4/\text{In}_2\text{O}_3(110)\text{-}3\text{O}$  surface

Table S2 Calculated reaction energies,  $E_r$  (eV), and activation barriers,  $E_a$  (eV), of H transfers

Diffusion site	$E_a$	$E_r$
(a) Pd site $\rightarrow$ Site 1	0.63	0.34
(b) Site 1 $\rightarrow$ Site 2	0.55	0.24
(c) Site 2 $\rightarrow$ Site 3	0.66	0.03

Table S3 Calculated reaction energies,  $E_r$  (eV), and activation barriers,  $E_a$  (eV), of elementary reaction steps in  $\text{CO}_2$  conversion on  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3(110)\text{-In}$  surface

Elementary reaction step	$E_a$	$E_r$
(a) $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{HCOO}$	0.76	-0.87
(b) $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{COOH}$	0.99	0.01

Table S4 The adsorption energies of intermediates,  $E_{ab}$  (eV), on Pd<sub>4</sub>/In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(110)-4O/Zr model

Species	$E_{ab}$
b-CO <sub>2</sub>	-0.78
p-CO <sub>2</sub>	-0.62
CO	-1.26
HCOO	-2.99
H <sub>2</sub> COO	-5.42
H <sub>2</sub> COOH	-3.04
H <sub>2</sub> CO	-1.21
H <sub>3</sub> CO	-2.93
H <sub>3</sub> COH	-0.51
COOH	-2.06
HCOOH	-0.71
HCO	-2.13