

Supplementary Materials for
The Lattice oxygen determines the methanol selectivity in CO₂ hydrogenation over
ZnZrO_x catalysts

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Catalyst	CO ₂	Production Selectivity			Yield	
	Conversion (%)	CH ₃ OH (%)	CH ₄ (%)	CO (%)	(mg/(g _{cat} ·h))	(mg/(m ² ·h))
ZZ-200	3.59	45.18	0.35	54.21	137.9	4.4
ZZ-300	5.06	52.90	0.66	46.21	170.8	4.4
ZZ-320	5.18	72.17	0.2	27.48	273.4	5.9
ZZ-350	4.19	55.17	1.75	42.88	170.0	3.9
ZZ-400	4.08	41.42	4.83	53.53	126.2	4.5
ZZ-500	3.98	37.13	2.45	59.91	86.52	3.2
Zr/Zn=19	4.95	32.59	7.08	60.23	114.0	3.9
Zr/Zn=3	3.36	54.9	1.44	43.23	135.2	3.7
ZnO-ZrO ₂	1.14	35.17	3.21	60.46	30.35	-

Table. S2. Catalytic performance of the ZnZrO_x catalysts in literature for CO₂ hydrogenation to methanol.

Catalyst	Temperature (°C)	Pressure (MPa)	GHSV (mL/g ⁻¹ ·h ⁻¹)	H ₂ /CO ₂	CO ₂ Conversion (%)	CH ₃ OH Selectivity (%)
ZZ-320	325	5	24000	3	5.2	72.2
ZnO-ZrO ₂ (Zn/Zr = 1:1) ¹	320	3	24000	3	5.7	70.0
Co ₃ O ₄ -ZrO ₂ (Co/Zr =3:1) ¹	320	3	24000	3	1.9	1.0
CuO-ZrO ₂ (Cu/Zr = 3:1) ¹	320	3	24000	3	14.0	20.3
ZnInO _x ²	300	2	24000	3	4.7	47.0
11.5%GaZrO _x ²	300	2	24000	3	2.4	75.0
15ZnZr-600 ³	340	3	24000	3	7.4	55.8
GaZnZrO _x ⁴	320	5	24000	3	8.8	85.0
ZrZn-15 ⁵	350	3	12000	3	7.0	50.0
20% ZnO-ZrO ₂ (CP) ⁶	320	5.5	24000	3	7.0	87.0
0.8%PdZnZrO _x ⁷	280	5	24000	4	7.8	56.0
ZnZrO _x -RA ⁸	320	5	24000		4.4	94.0
13ZnZrO _x FSP ⁹	320	5	24000	4	7.0	80.0
5.0% Zn-CdZrO _x ¹⁰	320	5	24000	4	8.5	80.8
13%ZnO-ZrO ₂ ¹¹	320	5	24000	4	10.0	86.0

Table. S3. Arrhenius plots of CO₂ hydrogenation over ZZ-320 and ZZ-500.

Catalyst	Ea (KJ/mol)	Correlation factor
Z-200	24.45	0.97
ZZ-320	22.86	0.97
ZZ-500	35.64	0.99

Table. S4. Elemental content of ZZ-320 catalyst from EDS results

Element	Atomic (%)	Error (%)
O	47.07	0.30
Zn	9.41	0.26
Zr	43.52	0.08

Table. S5. d-spacings of catalysts calculated using the Bragg equation from XRD.

Catalyst	The average diameter of grains by XRD (nm)
ZZ-200	6.5
ZZ-300	7.2
ZZ-320	8.3
ZZ-350	7.4
ZZ-400	7.6
ZZ-500	6.3

Table. S6. The BET results from catalysts with various grinding speeds.

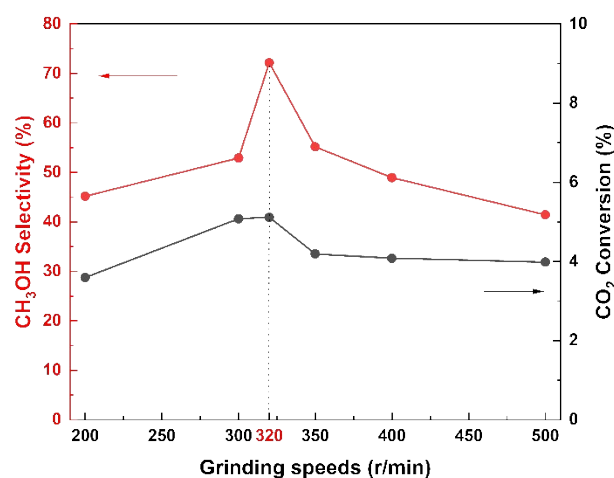
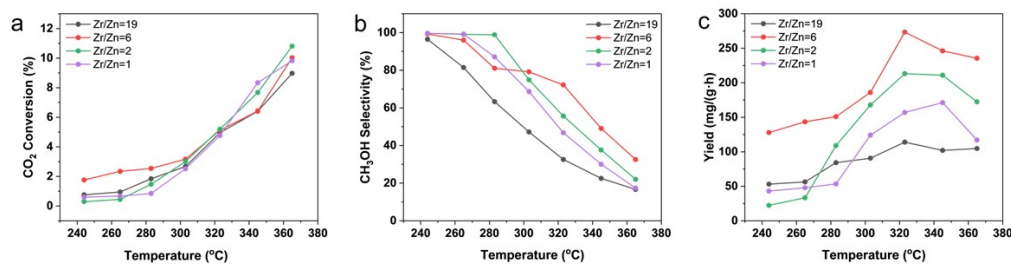
Catalyst	BET Surface Area(m ² /g)	Pore Volume (cm ³ /g)	Pore Size (nm)
ZZ-200	31.2	0.054	5.8
ZZ-300	38.5	0.0632	5.6
ZZ-320	46.5	0.0638	3.9
ZZ-350	43.3	0.0625	5.4
ZZ-400	28.1	0.0460	6.6
ZZ-500	27.1	0.0265	8.2

Table. S7. Deconvolution results of O 1s XPS peaks.

Catalyst	O species (%)		
	O _I	O _{II}	O _{III}
Zr/Zn=19	55.12	34.02	10.86
Zr/Zn=6	71.10	22.10	6.80
Zr/Zn=3	53.83	30.88	15.29

Table. S8. Quantitative results of the H₂-TPR, O₂-TPD, CO₂-TPD.

Catalyst	H ₂ uptake in H ₂ -TPR (mmol/g)		CO ₂ uptake in CO ₂ -TPD (mmol/g)		O ₂ uptake in O ₂ -TPD (mmol/g)		
	332 °C	617 °C	100 °C	408 °C	82 °C	461 °C	658 °C
ZZ-320	0.0041	0.54	0.66	0.35	44.42	72.60	51.65
ZZ-500	0.0017	0.49	0.46	0.12	37.67	0.079	0.087

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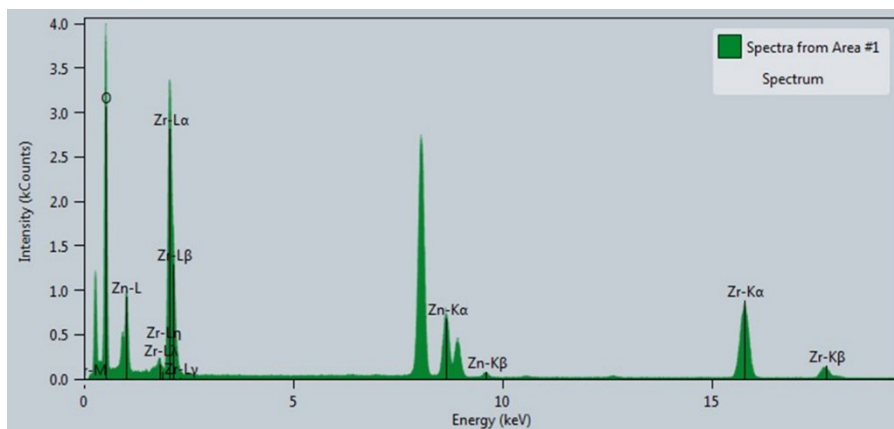


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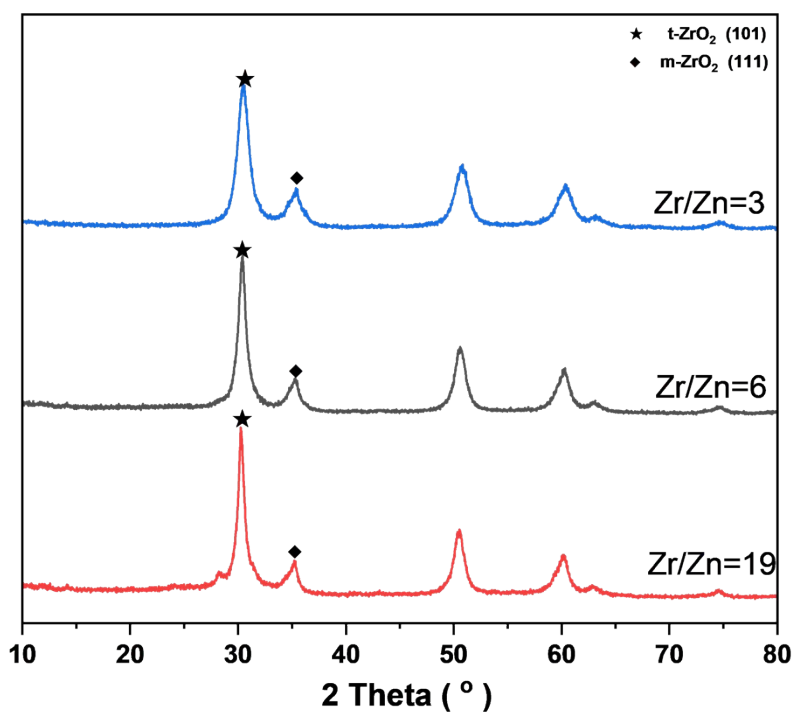


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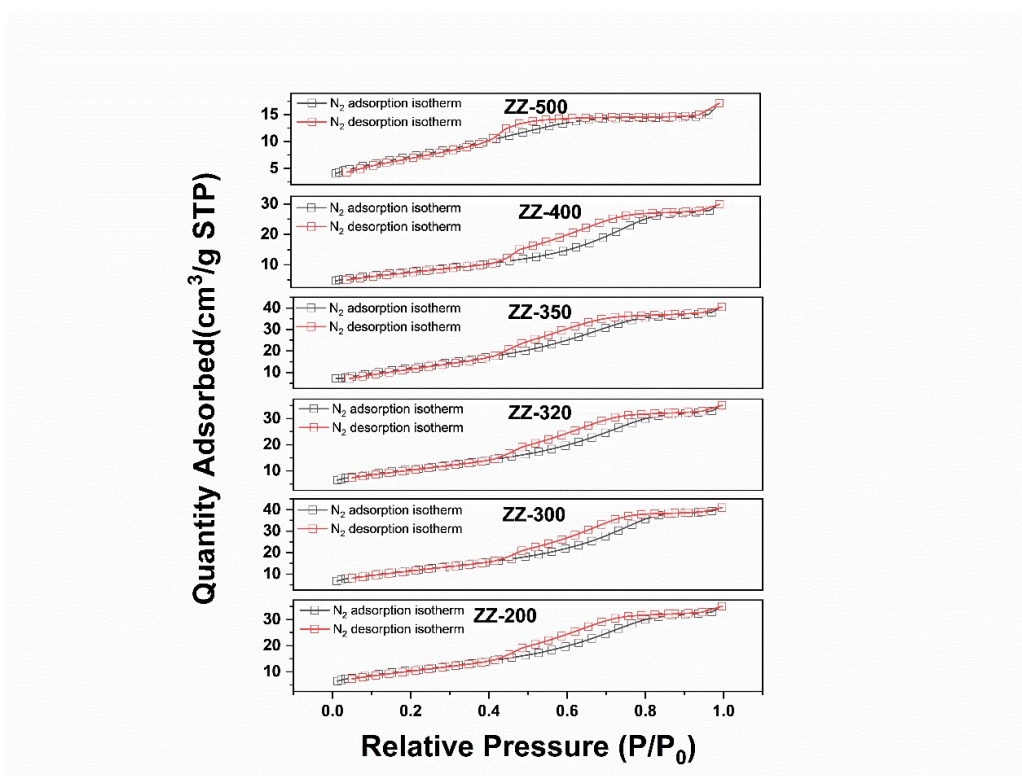


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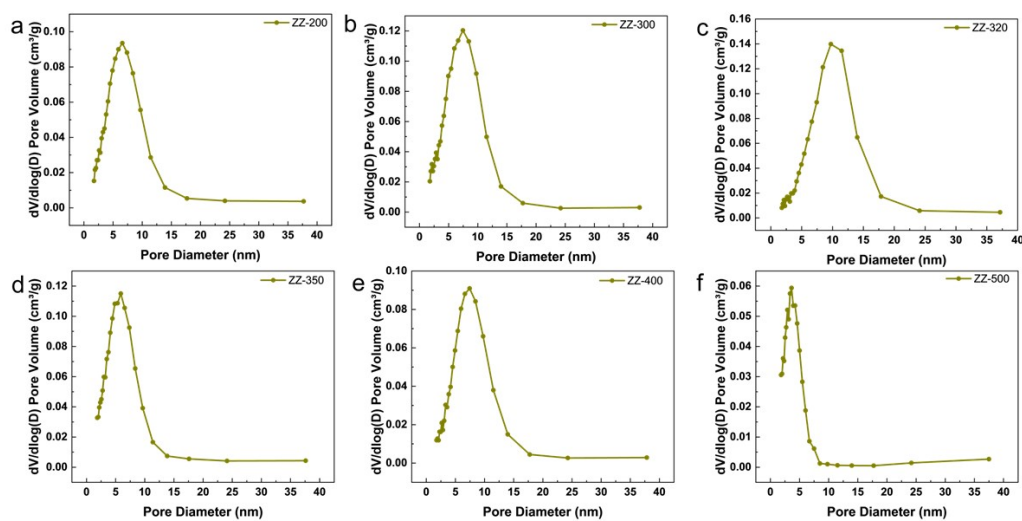


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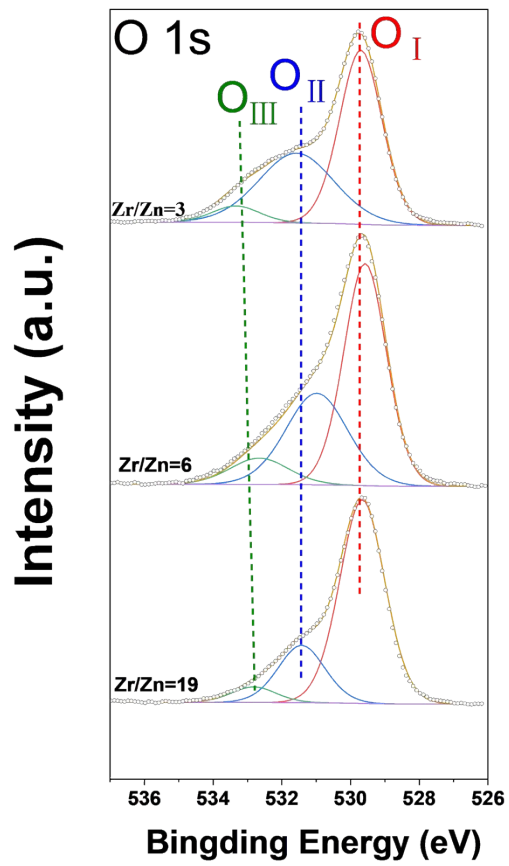


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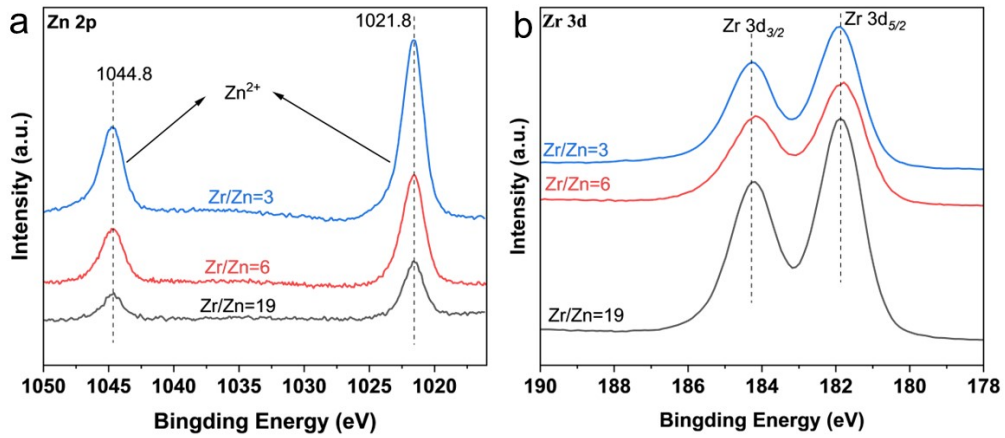


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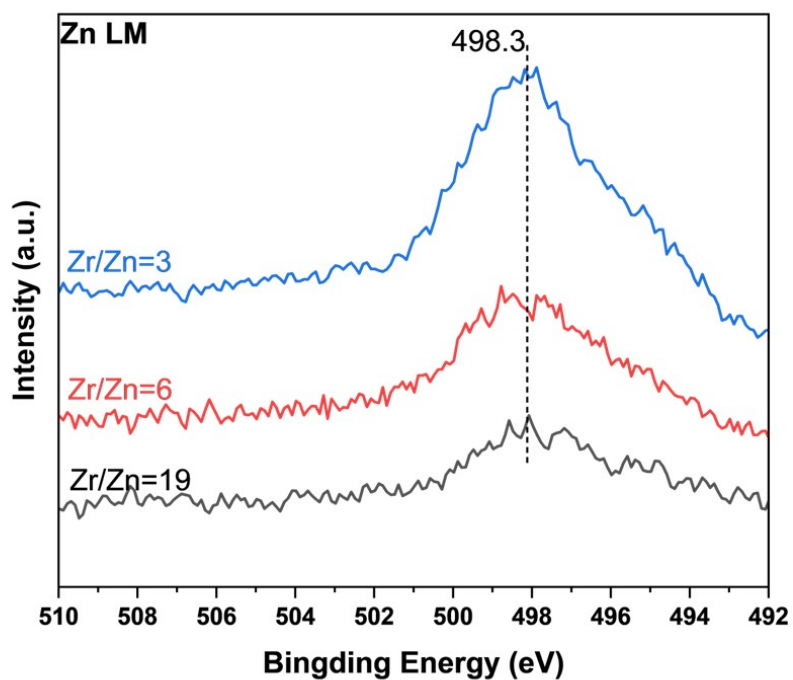


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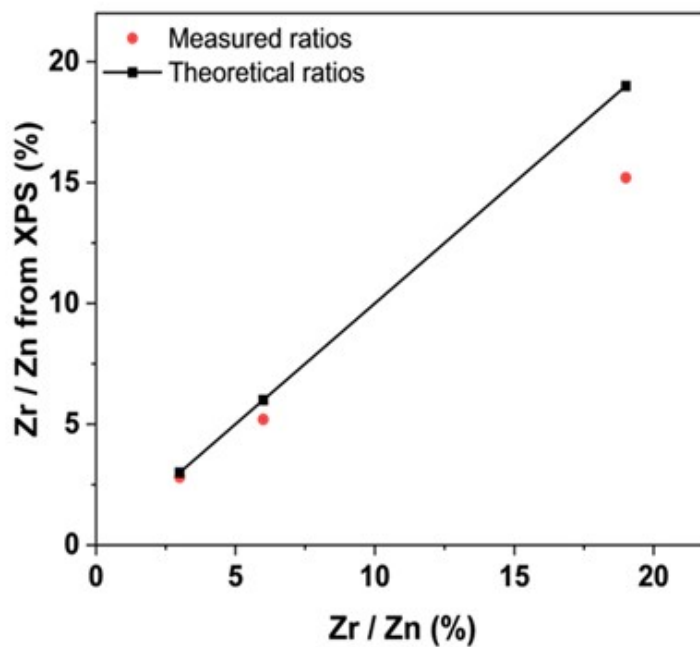


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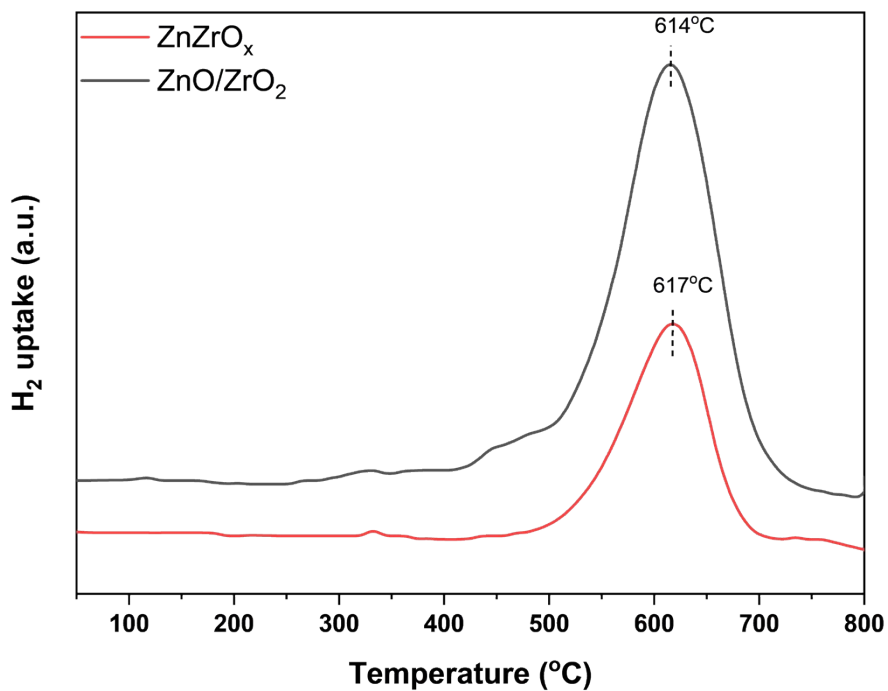


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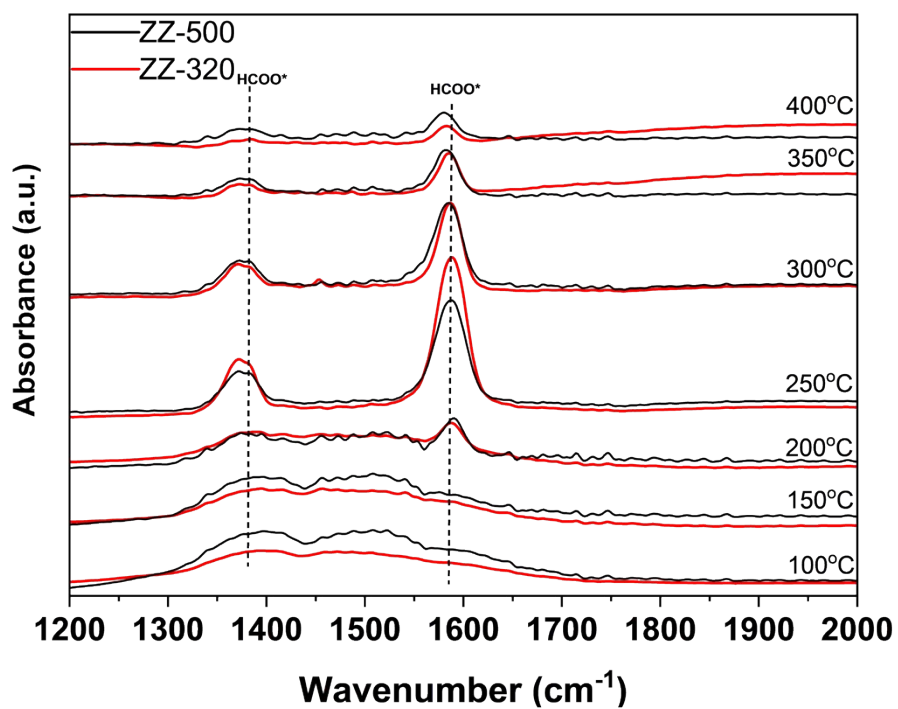


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