

Enhancing the Proportion of Three-coordinated Al Active Sites on Co/Al₂O₃ for Efficient CF₄ Decomposition

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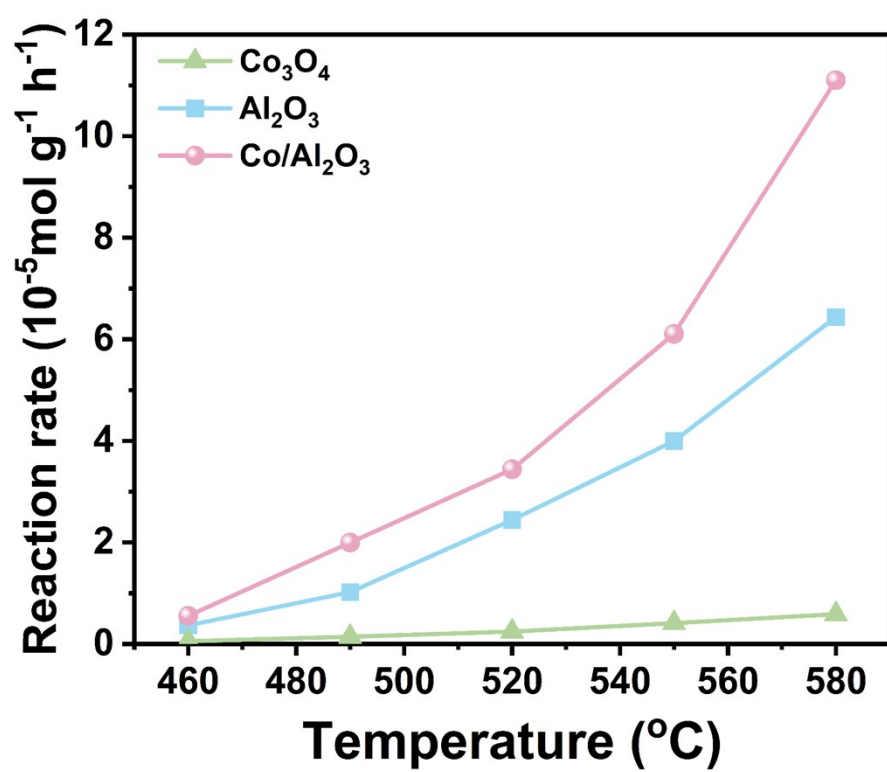


Fig. S1 Reaction rates of Co_3O_4 , Al_2O_3 and $0.1\text{Co}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ catalysts at 460 - 580 $^{\circ}\text{C}$

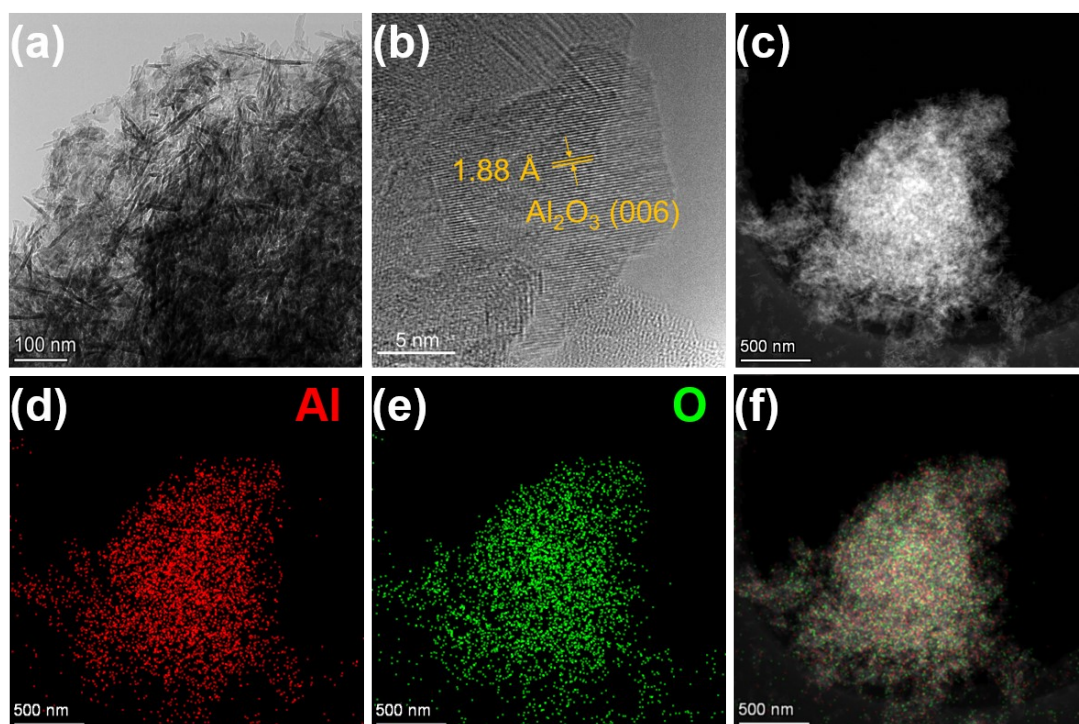


Fig. S2 TEM images and EDS mapping of Al₂O₃ catalyst.

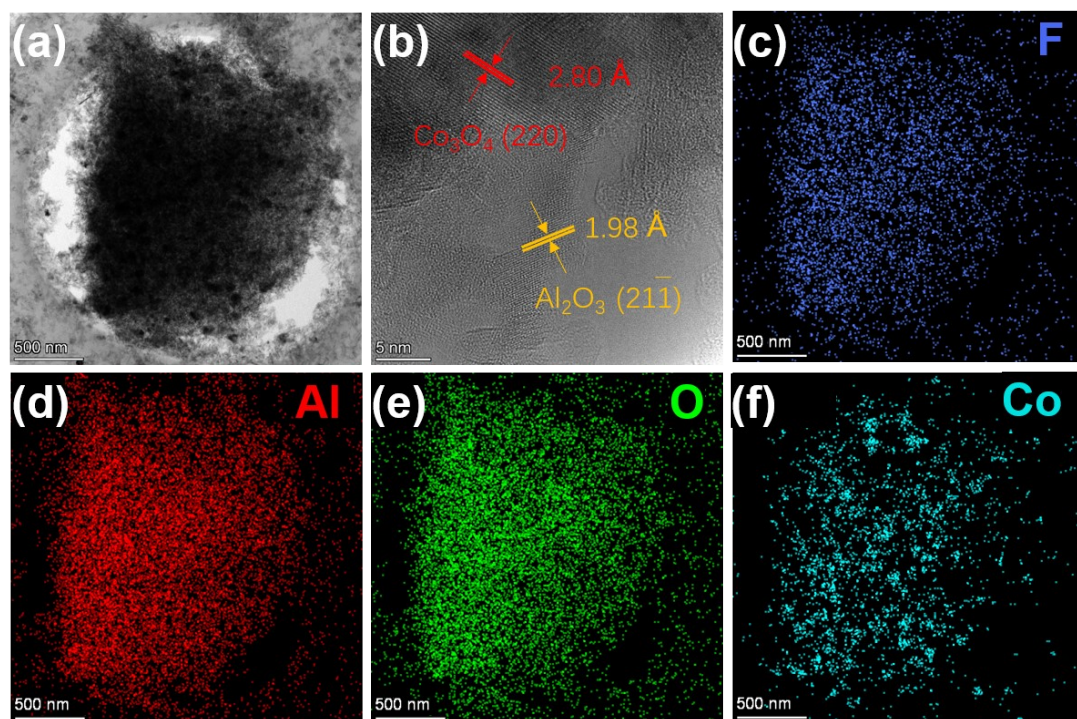


Fig. S3 TEM images and EDS mapping of 0.1Co/Al₂O₃-used catalyst.

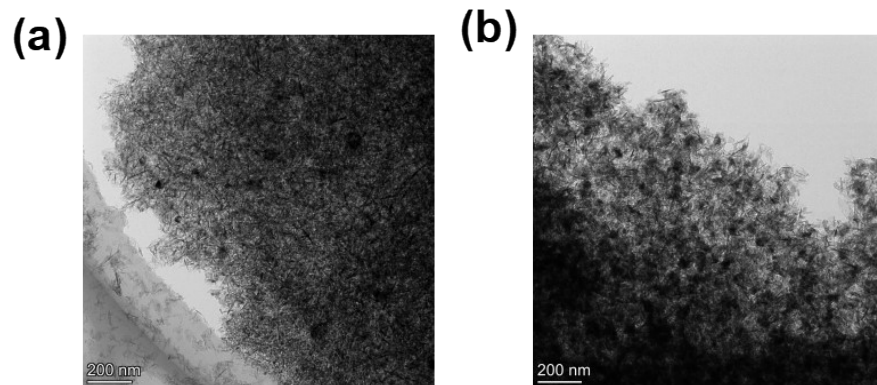


Fig. S4 TEM images of (a) 0.05/Al₂O₃ and (b) 0.3Co/Al₂O₃ catalysts.

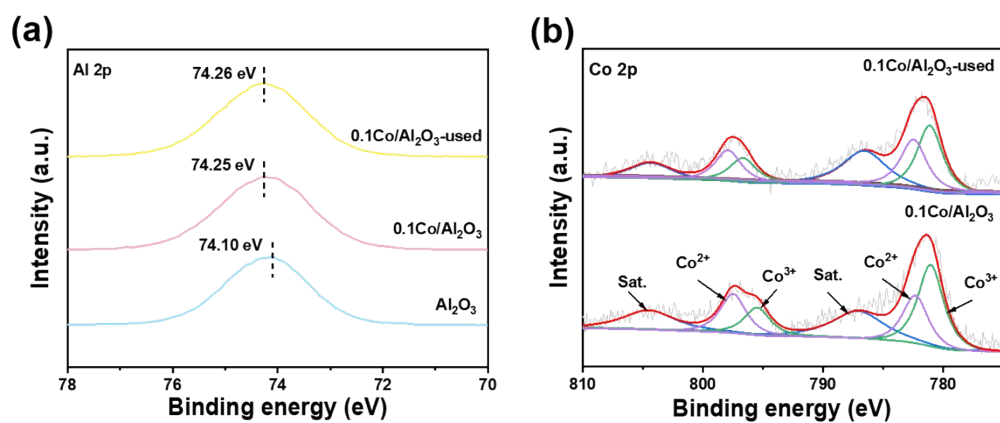


Fig. S5 (a) Al 2p and (b) Co 2p XPS spectra of Al₂O₃, 0.1Co/Al₂O₃ and 0.1Co/Al₂O₃-used.

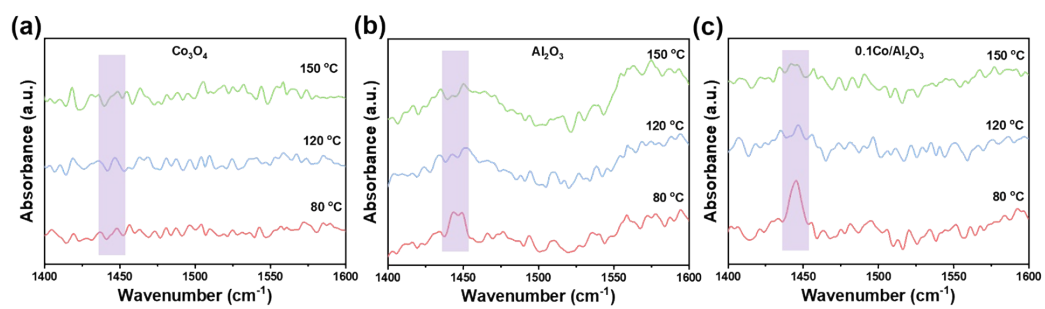


Fig. S6 Py-IR profiles of (a) Co₃O₄, (b) Al₂O₃ and (c) 0.1Co/Al₂O₃ catalysts.

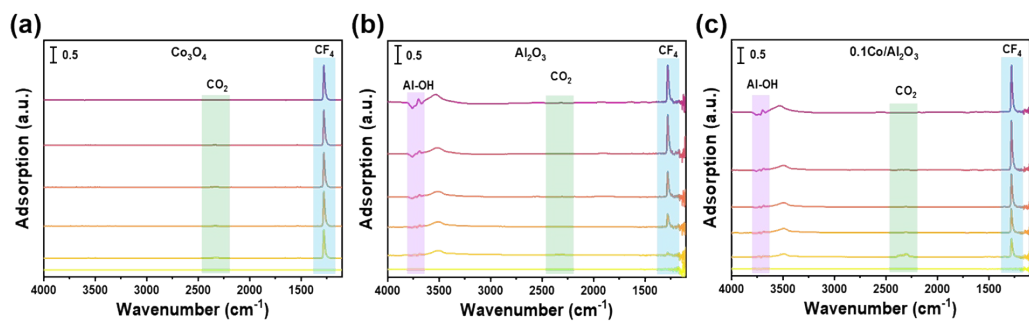


Fig. S7 *in situ* DRIFTS of CF_4 catalytic hydrolysis on (a) Co_3O_4 , (b) Al_2O_3 and (c) $0.1\text{Co}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ catalysts.

Table S1. The comparison of CF₄ catalytic hydrolysis performance on the various Al₂O₃-based catalysts.

Catalysts	Reaction temperatures (°C)	CF ₄ decomposition (%)	Long-term stability (h)	Ref.
Co/Al ₂ O ₃	580	100	170	This work
Zn-Al ₂ O ₃	560	100	250	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2025 , 147, 7391-7399
S-ZrO ₂	650	100	2	<i>Environ. Sci.: Nano</i> 2024 , 11, 881
S-Al ₂ O ₃ @ZrO ₂	580	100	10	<i>Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.</i> 2023 , 120, e2312480120
Ga/θ-Al ₂ O ₃	600	100	1000	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2023 , 62, e202305651
γ-Al ₂ O ₃	650	100	-	<i>Environ. Sci.: Nano</i> , 2022 , 9, 954
S/Ce/γ-Al ₂ O ₃	650	50	45	<i>J. Mol. Catal. A-Chem.</i> 2013 , 370, 50
AlPO ₄ /γ-Al ₂ O ₃	750	100	200	<i>Chem. Lett.</i> 2005 , 34, 364
SO ₄ ²⁻ /Ga/γ-Al ₂ O ₃	630	98	72	<i>Catal. Today</i> 2004 , 90, 283
Ga/γ-Al ₂ O ₃	680	95	20	<i>Appl. Catal. B-Environ.</i> 2003 , 40, 81
Ce10%-AlPO ₄	700	52	50	<i>Chem. lett.</i> 1999 , 28, 417

Table S2. The proportion of three-coordination Al of catalysts.

Samples	The proportion of three-coordination Al (%)
Al ₂ O ₃	2
0.1Co/Al ₂ O ₃	13

Table S3. The relative amount of CF₄ desorption of catalysts.

Samples	CF ₄ adsorption
Co ₃ O ₄	0
Al ₂ O ₃	1
0.1Co/Al ₂ O ₃	2

Table S4. The amount of acid sites by NH₃-TPD and Py-IR of Co₃O₄, Al₂O₃ and 0.1Co/Al₂O₃ catalysts.

samples	Acidity($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$)			
	weak acidity	medium acidity	strong acidity	total acidity
Co ₃ O ₄	-	-	-	-
Al ₂ O ₃	2.45	8.38	4.21	15.04
0.1Co/Al ₂ O ₃	2.29	9.25	5.48	17.02

Determined by the normalized peak areas at 1443 cm⁻¹ and 1540 cm⁻¹ of the Py-IR spectra after desorption at 80 °C.