

## ESI (Electronic Supplementary Information)

### Title

Efficient formation of C<sub>3</sub> and C<sub>4</sub> hydrocarbon from cellulose over Pt/Mg-doped ZrO<sub>2</sub> catalysts without hydrogen addition

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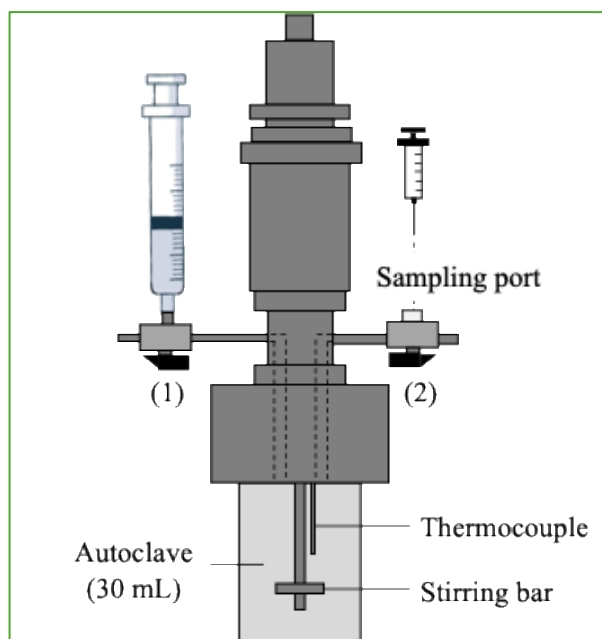
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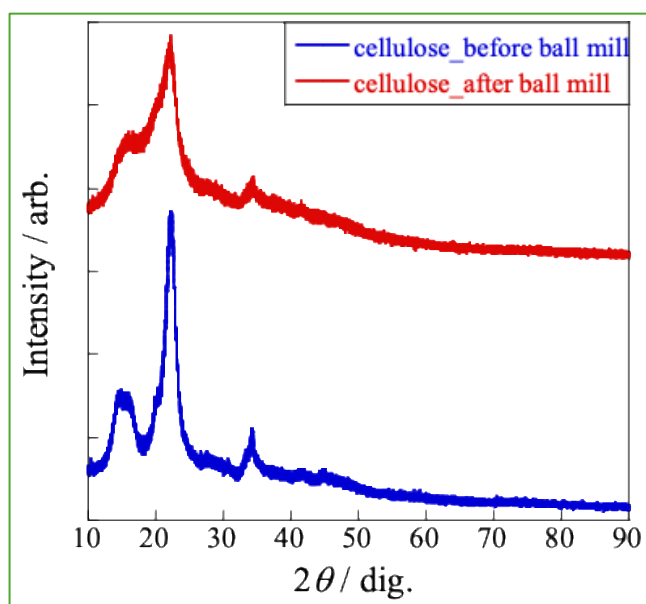
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**Fig. S1 Schematic diagram of the experimental reactor.**



**Fig. S2 XRD patterns for untreated cellulose and ball-milled one.**

**Table S1 Physicochemical properties of catalysts in Pt loading change tests.**

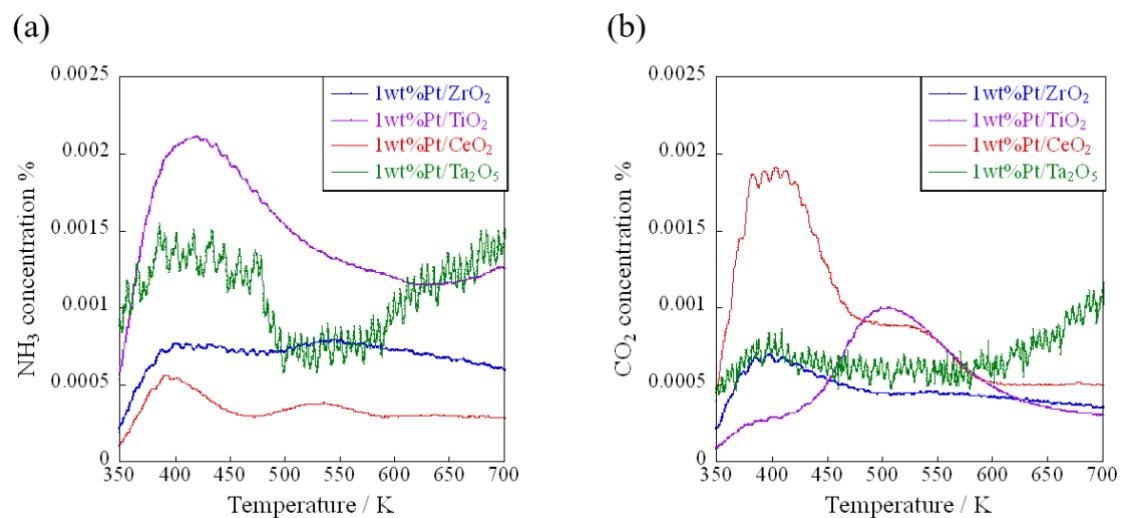
| Catalyst                                                     | Metal Dispersion<br>% | Average particle diameter<br>/ nm |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Mg <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub>  | 22.0                  | 5.1                               |
| 3wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Mg <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub>  | 16.2                  | 7.0                               |
| 5wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Mg <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub>  | 13.4                  | 8.4                               |
| 10wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Mg <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub> | 12.7                  | 8.9                               |

**Table S2 Specific surface area of catalysts.**

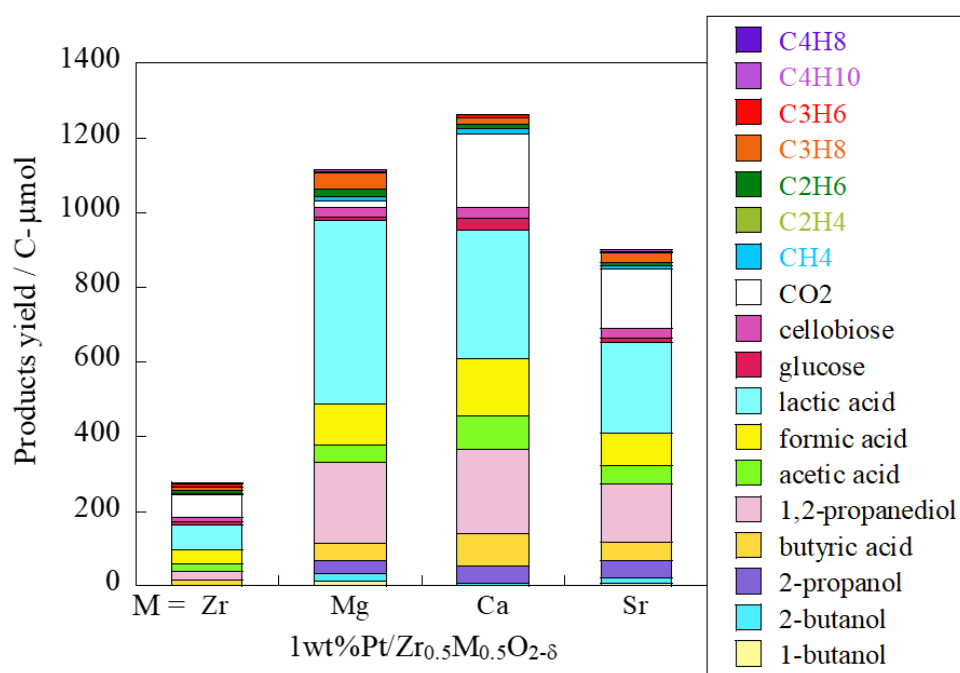
| Catalyst                                                      | Specific surface area / m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1wt%Pt/ZrO <sub>2</sub>                                       | 68.0                                                   |
| 1wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.9</sub> Mg <sub>0.1</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub>   | 51.3                                                   |
| 1wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.7</sub> Mg <sub>0.3</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub>   | 70.4                                                   |
| 1wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Mg <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub>   | 70.9                                                   |
| 1wt%Pt/MgO                                                    | 54.5                                                   |
| 0.1wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Mg <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub> | 76.8                                                   |
| 3wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Mg <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub>   | 51.5                                                   |
| 5wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Mg <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub>   | 50.5                                                   |
| 10wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Mg <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub>  | 73.8                                                   |
| 1wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Ca <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub>   | 37.9                                                   |
| 1wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Sr <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub>   | 37.8                                                   |
| 1wt%Pd/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Mg <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub>   | 70.7                                                   |
| 1wt%Ru/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Mg <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub>   | 74.8                                                   |

**Table S3 Amount of metal in 1wt%Pt/Zr<sub>0.5</sub>Mg<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>2-δ</sub> calculated from ICP-OES.**

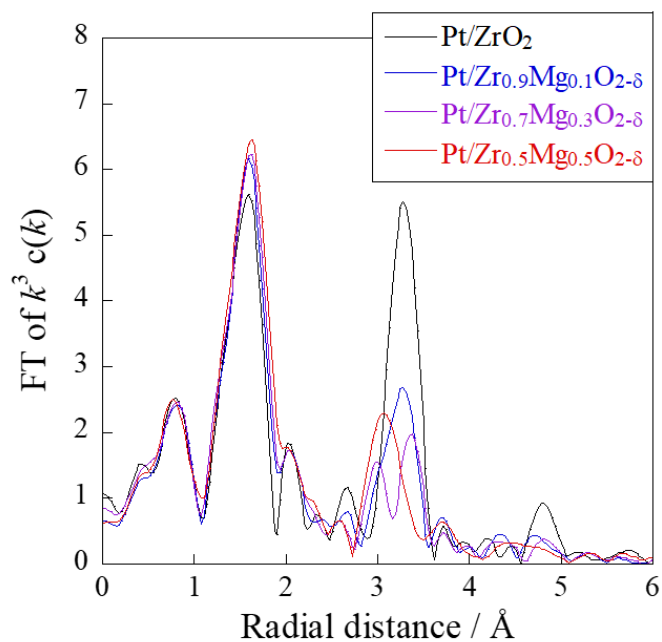
| metal | Theoretical loading<br>amount / wt% | Calculated loading<br>amount / wt% |
|-------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Pt    | 1                                   | 0.66                               |
| Zr    | 55.2                                | 49.7                               |
| Mg    | 14.7                                | 13.9                               |



**Fig. S3. (a) NH<sub>3</sub> TPD (b) CO<sub>2</sub> TPD profiles of 1wt%Pt/support (TiO<sub>2</sub>, ZrO<sub>2</sub>, Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, CeO<sub>2</sub>).**

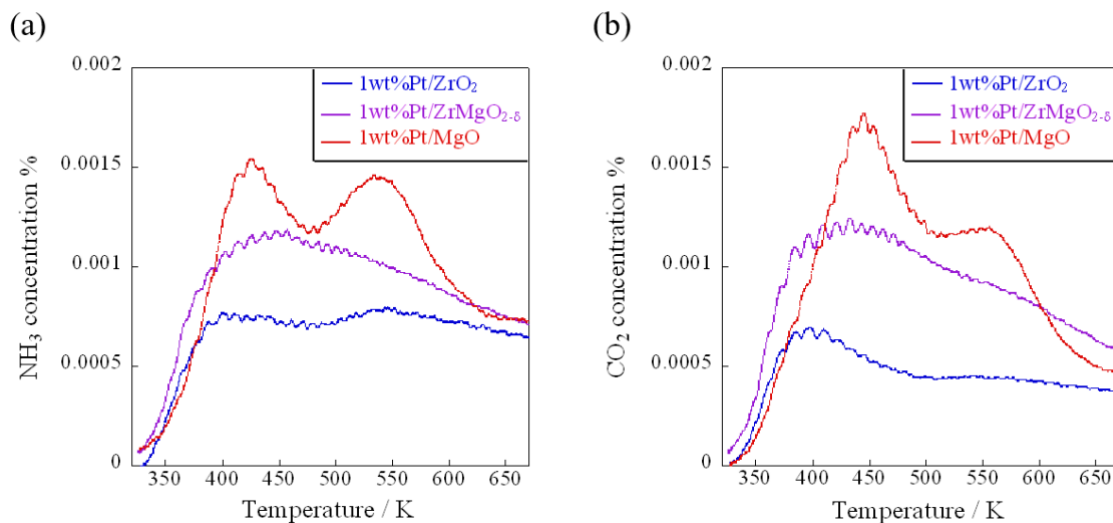


**Fig. S4. The liquid products yield using 1wt%Pt/Zr<sub>0.5</sub>M<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>2-δ</sub> (M = Zr, Mg, Ca, Sr), cellulose, 443 K, 12 h.**

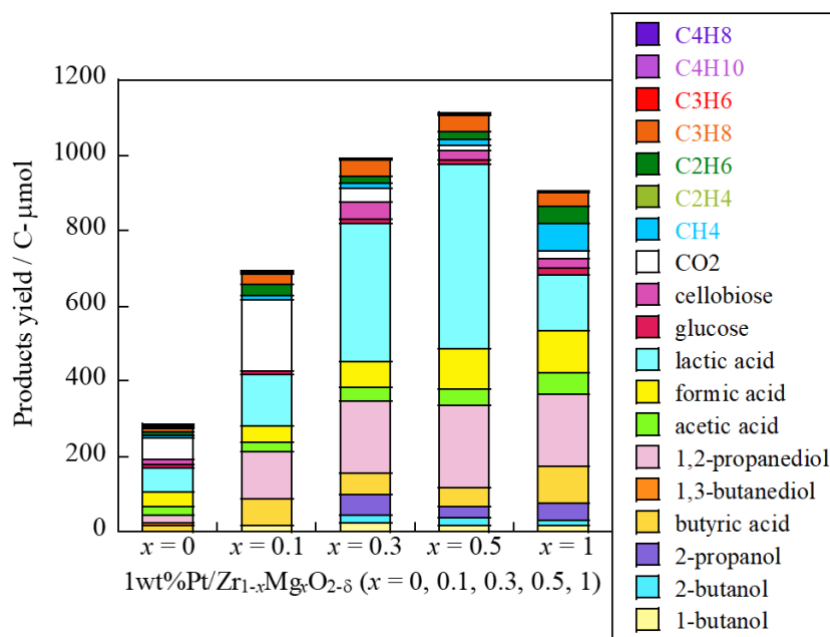


| catalyst                                                    | Radial distance<br>of Zr-O / Å | Coordination number<br>of Zr-O | Radial distance<br>of Zr-Zr or Zr-Mg / Å | Coordination number<br>of Zr-Zr or Zr-Mg |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1wt%Pt/ZrO <sub>2</sub>                                     | 2.06                           | 3.42                           | 3.63                                     | 5.28                                     |
| 1wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.9</sub> Mg <sub>0.1</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub> | 2.08                           | 3.86                           | 3.61                                     | 8.25                                     |
| 1wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.7</sub> Mg <sub>0.3</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub> | 2.09                           | 4.21                           | 3.41, 3.65                               | 4.93, 3.56                               |
| 1wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Mg <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub> | 2.10                           | 4.89                           | 3.46                                     | 9.679                                    |

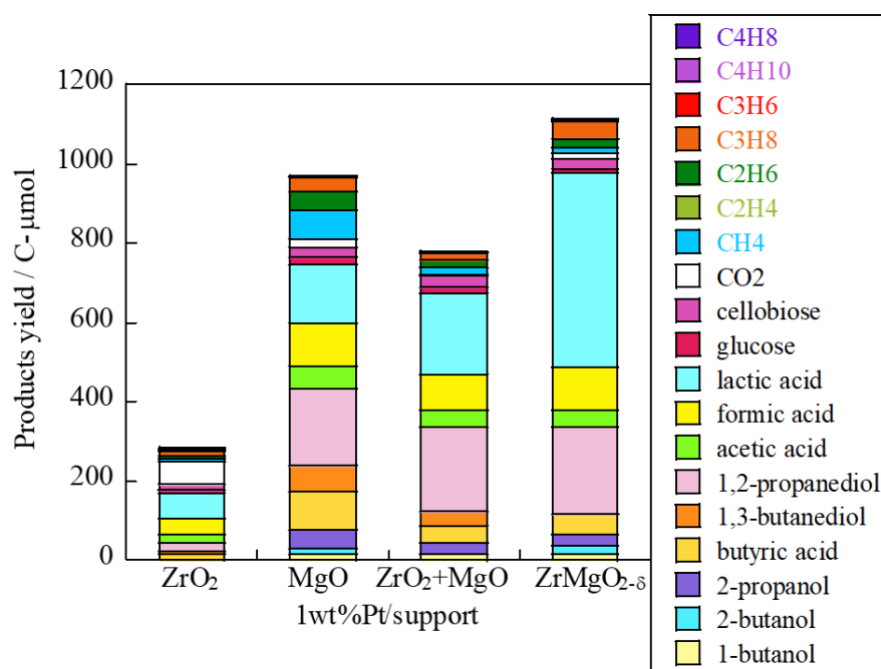
**Fig. S5.** Fourier transform of EXAFS oscillations of 1wt%Pt/Zr<sub>1-x</sub>Mg<sub>x</sub>O<sub>2-δ</sub> ( $x = 0, 0.1, 0.3, 0.5$ ).



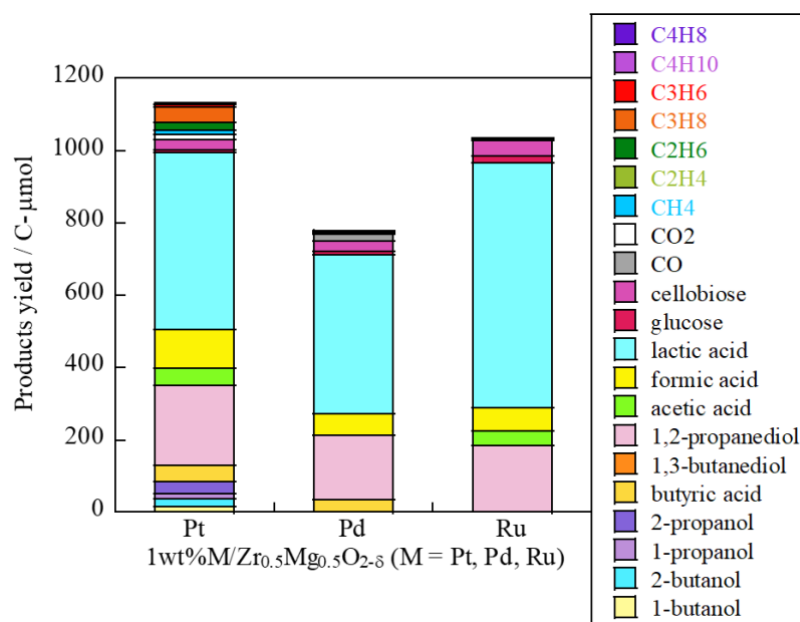
**Fig. S6.** (a) NH<sub>3</sub> TPD (b) CO<sub>2</sub> TPD profiles of 1wt%Pt/support (ZrO<sub>2</sub>, MgO, doped).



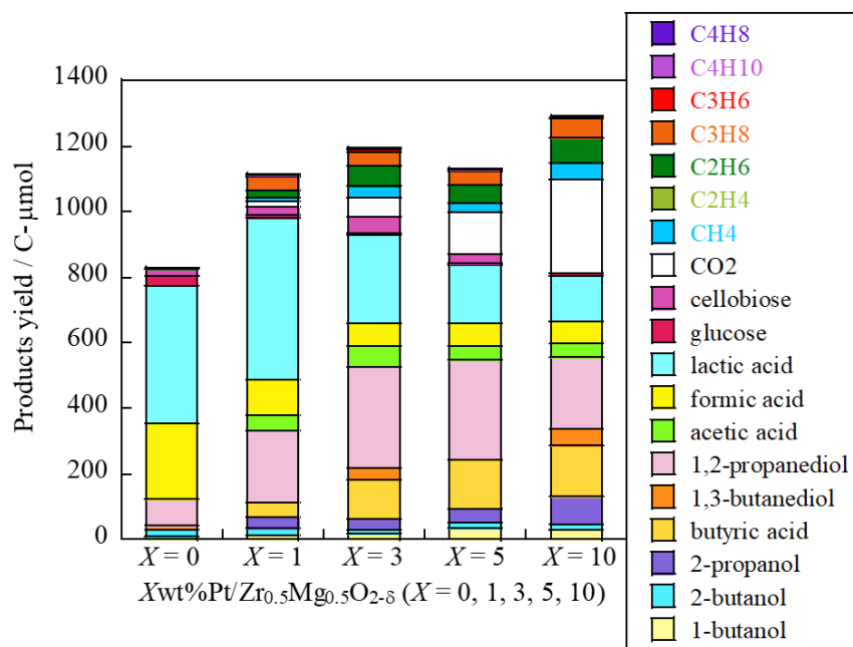
**Fig. S7.** The liquid products yield using 1wt%Pt/Zr<sub>1-x</sub>Mg<sub>x</sub>O<sub>2-δ</sub> (x = 0, 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 1), cellulose, 443 K, 12 h.



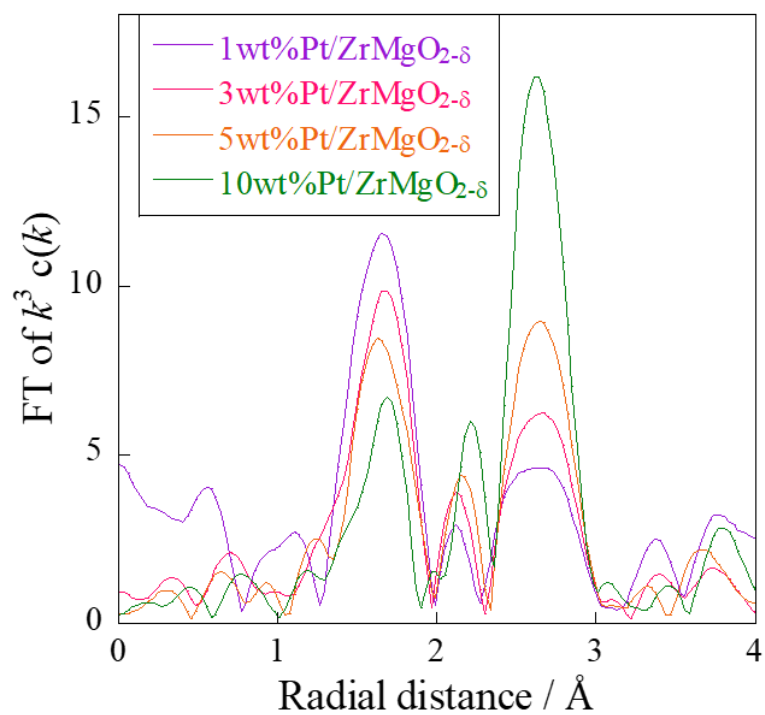
**Fig. S8.** The liquid products yield using 1wt%Pt/support (ZrO<sub>2</sub>, MgO, mixed, doped), cellulose, 443 K, 12 h.



**Fig. S9.** The liquid products yield using 1wt%M/Zr<sub>0.5</sub>Mg<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>2- $\delta$</sub>  (M = Pt, Pd, Ru), cellulose, 443 K, 12 h.



**Fig. S10.** The liquid products yield using Xwt%Pt/Zr<sub>0.5</sub>Mg<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>2- $\delta$</sub>  (X = 0, 1, 3, 5, 10), cellulose, 443 K, 12 h.



| catalyst                                                     | Radial distance<br>of Pt-O / Å | Coordination number<br>of Pt-O | Radial distance<br>of Pt-Pt / Å | Coordination number<br>of Pt-Pt / Å |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1wt%Pt/ZrO <sub>2</sub>                                      | 2.01                           | 3.27                           | 2.78                            | 4.13                                |
| 1wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Mg <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub>  | 2.00                           | 5.47                           | 2.75                            | 3.03                                |
| 1wt%Pt/MgO                                                   | 2.03                           | 4.00                           | 2.79                            | 3.47                                |
| 3wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Mg <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub>  | 2.01                           | 4.03                           | 2.76                            | 3.05                                |
| 5wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Mg <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub>  | 2.01                           | 3.67                           | 2.76                            | 4.36                                |
| 10wt%Pt/Zr <sub>0.5</sub> Mg <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2-δ</sub> | 2.01                           | 2.56                           | 2.76                            | 6.75                                |

**Fig. S11. Fourier transform of EXAFS oscillations of  $X\text{wt}\%\text{Pt}/\text{Zr}_{0.5}\text{Mg}_{0.5}\text{O}_{2-\delta}$  ( $X = 1, 3, 5, 10$ ).**



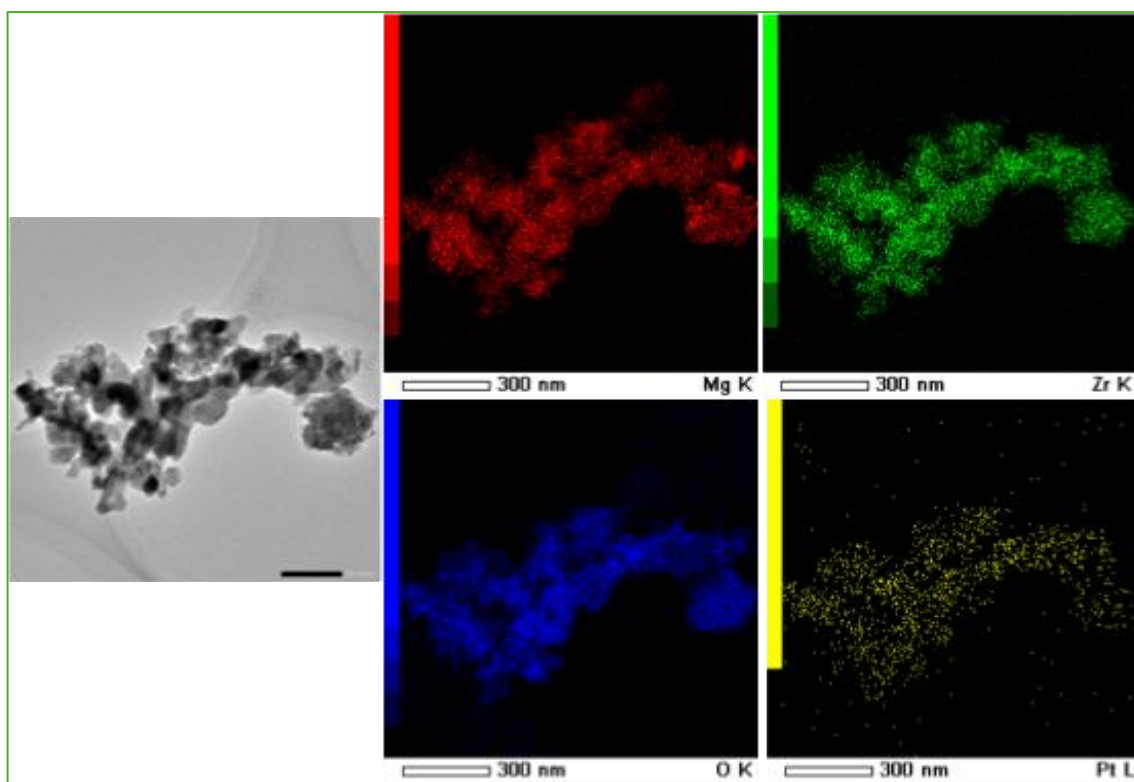


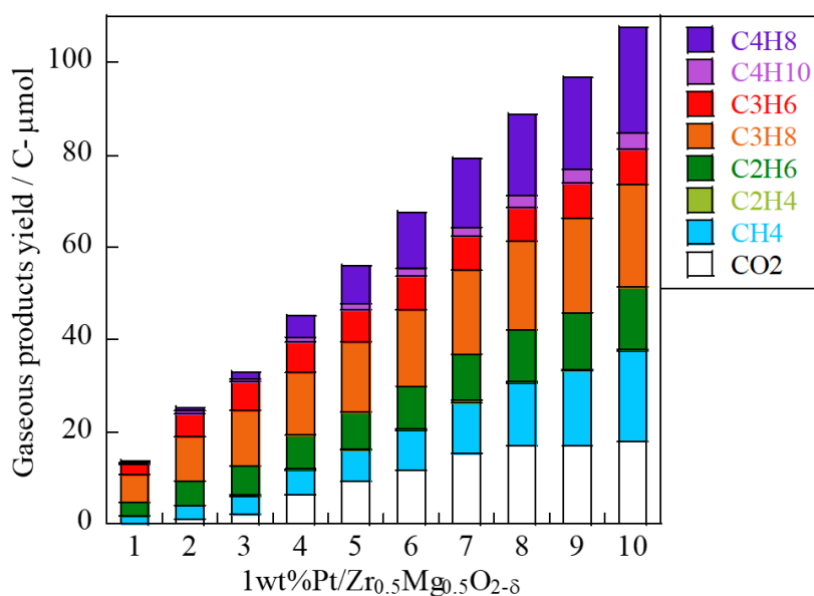
Fig. S12. TEM image and EDS mapping for 1wt%Pt/Zr<sub>0.5</sub>Mg<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>2-δ</sub> (x50k).

Table S4 Results of reaction condition change tests using 1wt%Pt/Zr<sub>0.5</sub>Mg<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>2-δ</sub>.

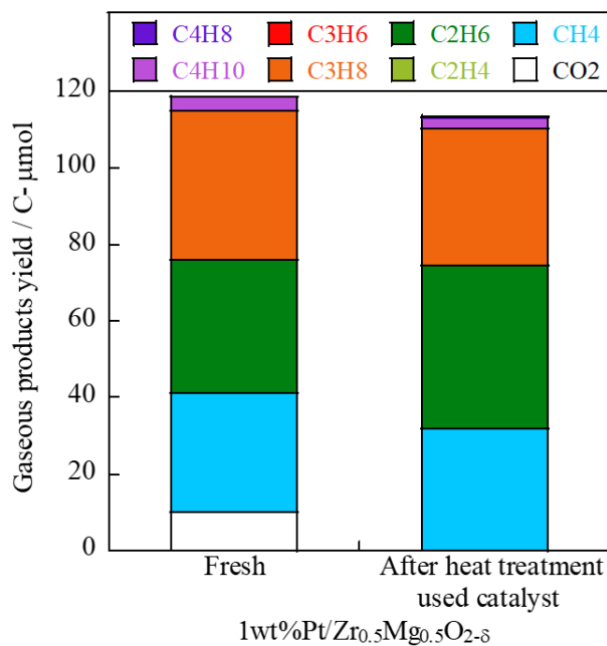
| Cellulose | Water | Pressure<br>(r.t.) | Time | Temp. | Conv. | C <sub>3</sub> +C <sub>4</sub><br>yield | C <sub>3</sub> +C <sub>4</sub><br>selectivity | H <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>4</sub> | C <sub>3</sub> | C <sub>2</sub> | CH <sub>4</sub> | CO <sub>2</sub> | C in<br>liquid |
|-----------|-------|--------------------|------|-------|-------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| / g       | / mL  | / atm              | / h  | / K   | / %   | / %                                     | in gas / %                                    | / μmol         | / μmol         | / μmol         | / μmol         | / μmol          | / μmol          | / μmol         |
| 0.25      | 20    | 1                  | 12   | 443   | 29.7  | 0.352                                   | 65.2                                          | 445            | 2.49           | 29.8           | 10.0           | 7.3             | 0.0             | 3444           |
| 0.25      | 20    | 1                  | 12   | 453   | 49.0  | 0.546                                   | 59.6                                          | 398            | 3.96           | 46.5           | 20.0           | 14.2            | 0.0             | 2351           |
| 0.25      | 20    | 1                  | 12   | 463   | 39.3  | 0.697                                   | 56.6                                          | 436            | 6.24           | 58.2           | 22.2           | 16.6            | 10.6            | 2927           |
| 0.25      | 20    | 1                  | 12   | 473   | 51.6  | 0.820                                   | 16.7                                          | 641            | 10.35          | 65.5           | 23.4           | 26.1            | 328.5           | 3062           |
| 0.25      | 20    | 1                  | 12   | 483   | 72.5  | 1.041                                   | 21.6                                          | 560            | 16.71          | 79.6           | 29.5           | 28.5            | 291.9           | 5617           |
| 0.25      | 20    | 1                  | 12   | 493   | 84.4  | 1.590                                   | 15.1                                          | 1619           | 23.21          | 123.9          | 43.9           | 54.1            | 729.7           | 4894           |
| 0.25      | 20    | 1                  | 48   | 443   | 52.4  | 0.422                                   | 26.9                                          | 392            | 4.19           | 34.7           | 13.2           | 17.5            | 75.6            | 3038           |
| 0.25      | 20    | 1                  | 96   | 443   | 63.6  | 0.593                                   | 33.7                                          | 363            | 7.22           | 47.6           | 16.5           | 20.4            | 70.9            | 3837           |
| 0.25      | 20    | 1                  | 168  | 443   | 82.0  | 1.107                                   | 24.3                                          | 549            | 12.15          | 90.3           | 39.0           | 27.4            | 252.8           | 5192           |
| 0.25      | 20    | 1                  | 12   | 443   | 46.6  | 0.570                                   | 61.1                                          | 403            | 4.22           | 47.9           | 21.5           | 12.0            | 0.0             | 3444           |
| 0.25      | 20    | 1.5                | 12   | 443   | 37.2  | 0.480                                   | 60.8                                          | 149            | 2.78           | 41.6           | 20.3           | 8.3             | 0.0             | 2270           |
| 0.25      | 20    | 2.5                | 12   | 443   | 33.8  | 0.344                                   | 62.7                                          | 185            | 3.01           | 28.8           | 12.6           | 6.4             | 0.0             | 2101           |
| 0.25      | 25    | 1                  | 12   | 443   | 39.2  | 0.287                                   | 68.3                                          | 111            | 2.61           | 23.7           | 7.6            | 2.7             | 2.1             | 7451           |
| 0.25      | 20    | 1                  | 12   | 443   | 30.7  | 0.404                                   | 65.9                                          | 160            | 2.90           | 34.1           | 11.1           | 3.7             | 4.5             | 3165           |
| 0.25      | 15    | 1                  | 12   | 443   | 45.7  | 0.510                                   | 60.4                                          | 184            | 4.84           | 42.1           | 15.0           | 4.4             | 11.5            | 2681           |
| 0.05      | 25    | 1                  | 12   | 443   | 23.4  | 0.686                                   | 38.2                                          | 112            | 1.14           | 11.5           | 10.1           | 6.5             | 3.9             | 1461           |
| 0.05      | 20    | 1                  | 12   | 443   | 70.8  | 0.798                                   | 38.2                                          | 129            | 1.11           | 13.6           | 17.1           | 4.8             | 2.0             | 1243           |
| 0.05      | 15    | 1                  | 12   | 443   | 45.7  | 0.952                                   | 39.7                                          | 140            | 1.69           | 15.9           | 12.0           | 5.0             | 9.7             | 957            |

**Table S5 Amount of Mg eluted from catalyst and Mg ions in solution after reaction.**

| Type of Mg                                            | weight / g |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Mg elution from catalyst                              | 0.00727    |
| Amount of Mg ion dissolved in solution after reaction | 0.00715    |



**Fig. S13. The gaseous products yield using 1wt%Pt/Zr<sub>0.5</sub>Mg<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>2-δ</sub>, cellulose 0.05 g, 453 K, 12 h x 10.**



**Fig. S14. The gaseous products yield using fresh and after heat treatment used 1wt%Pt/Zr<sub>0.5</sub>Mg<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>2-δ</sub>, cellulose, 443 K, 24 h.**

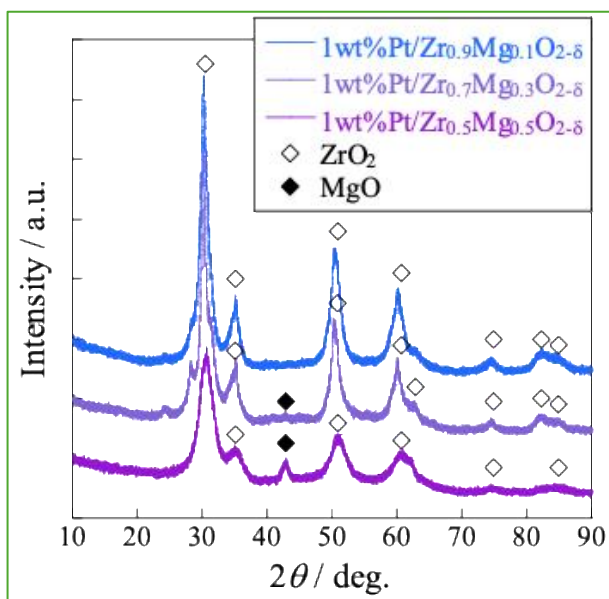


Fig. S15. XRD pattern for 1wt%Pt/Zr<sub>1-x</sub>Mg<sub>x</sub>O<sub>2-δ</sub> (x = 0.1, 0.3, 0.5).

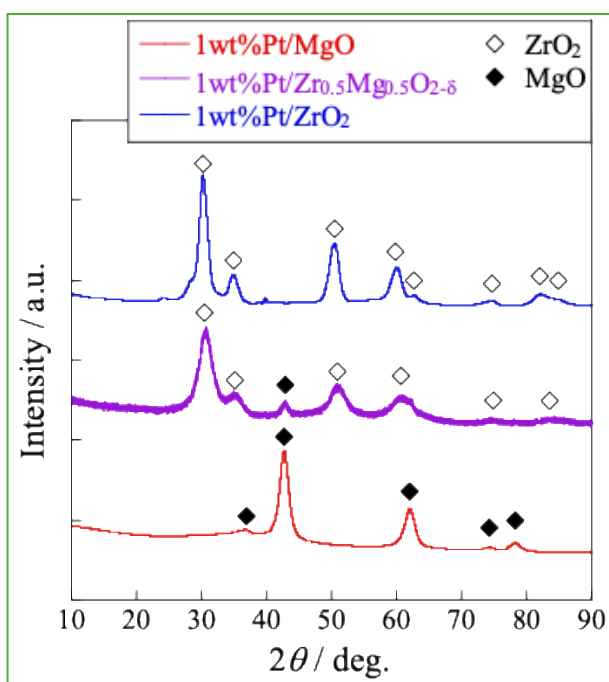


Fig. S16. XRD pattern for 1wt%Pt/Zr<sub>1-x</sub>Mg<sub>x</sub>O<sub>2-δ</sub> (x = 0, 0.5, 1).

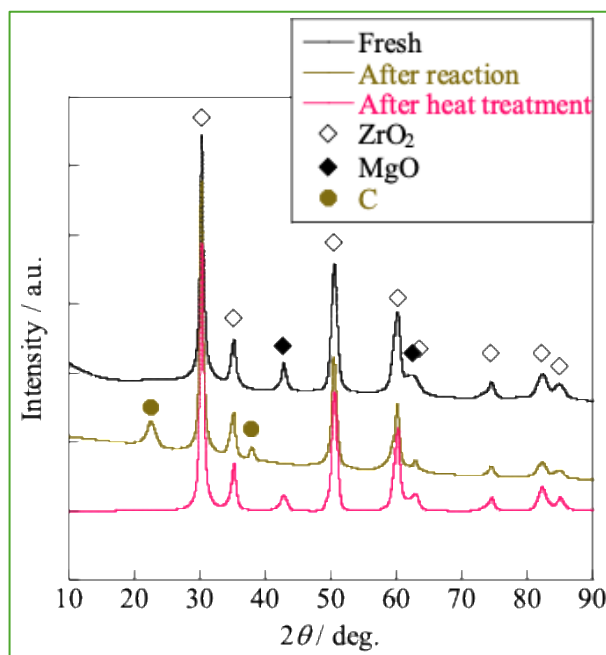


Fig. S17. XRD pattern for 1wt%Pt/Zr<sub>0.5</sub>Mg<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>2-δ</sub> (fresh, after reaction, after heat treatment).

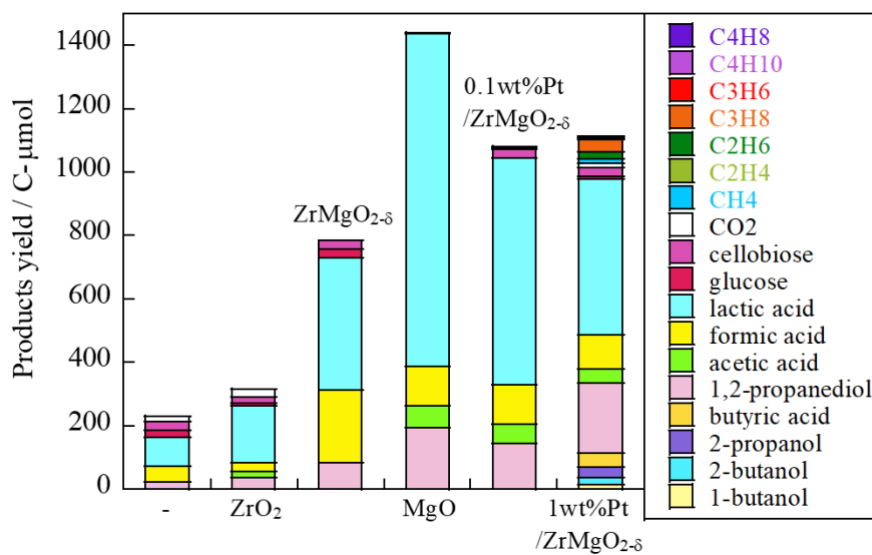


Fig. S18. Gaseous and liquid products yield using  $X\text{wt}\%\text{Pt}/\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{Mg}_x\text{O}_{2-\delta}$  ( $X = 0, 0.1, 1$ ) ( $x = 0, 0.5, 1$ ), cellulose, 443 K, 12 h.