

Supplementary Information for

Zinc-Induced Ordering in $L1_0$ -Type Platinum-Based Nanoalloys
for the Electrocatalytic Oxygen Reduction Reaction

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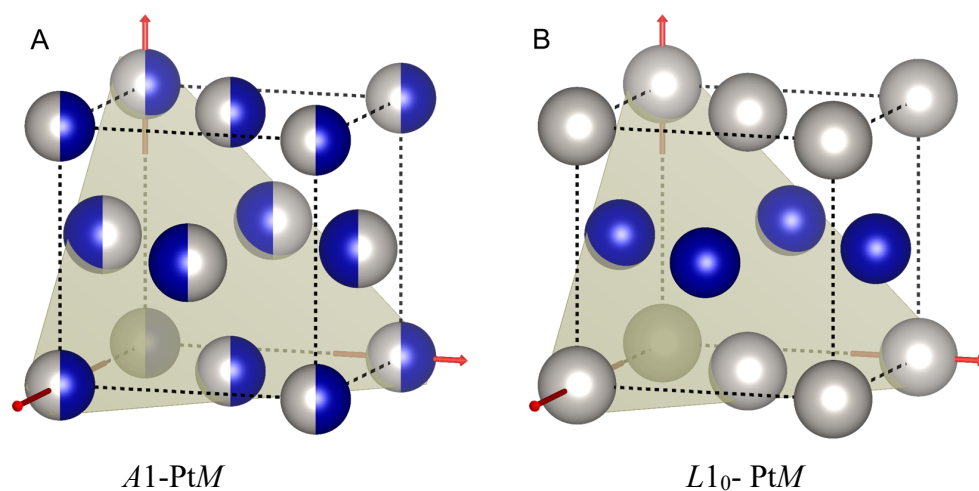


Figure S1. Unit cells of (A) *A1*-PtM and (B) *L1₀*-PtM alloys. The {111} planes are indicated by gray triangles.

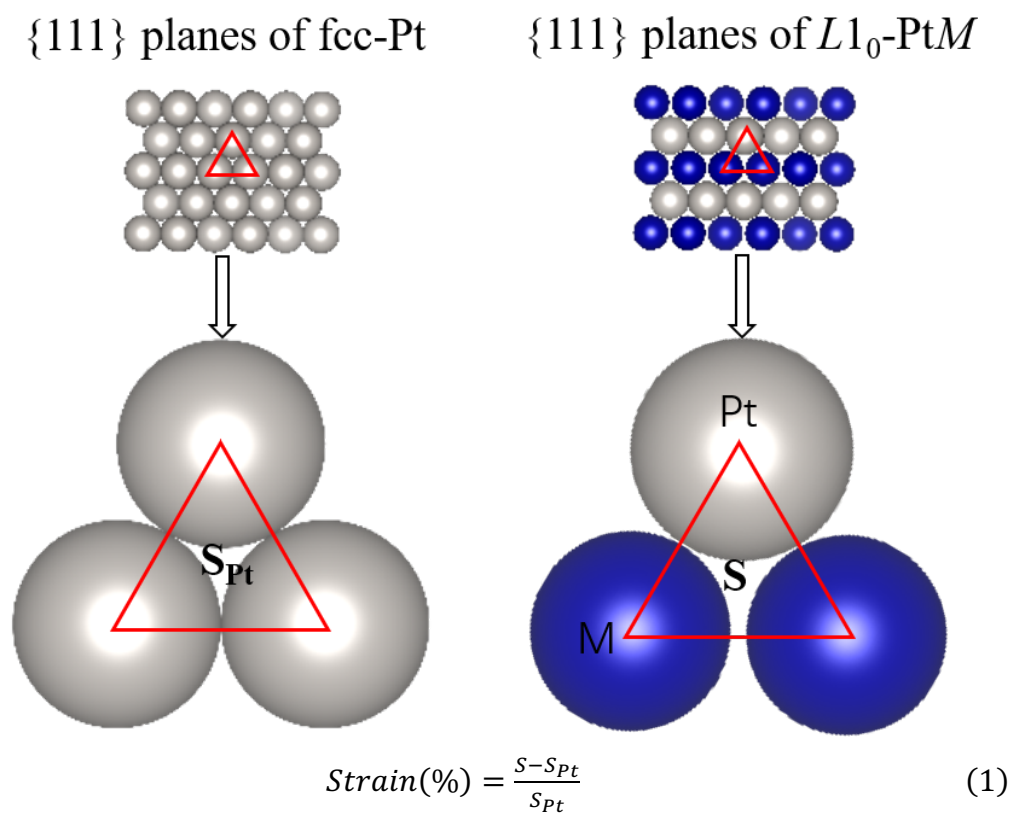


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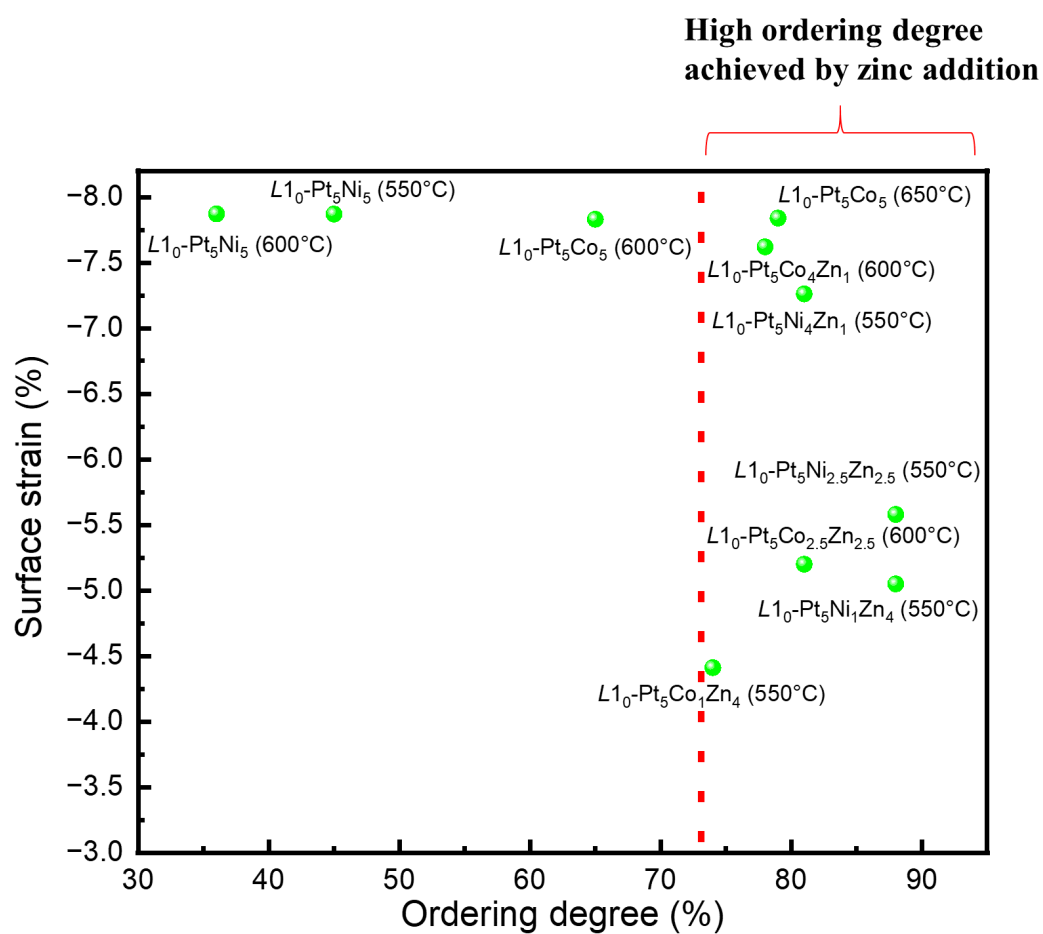


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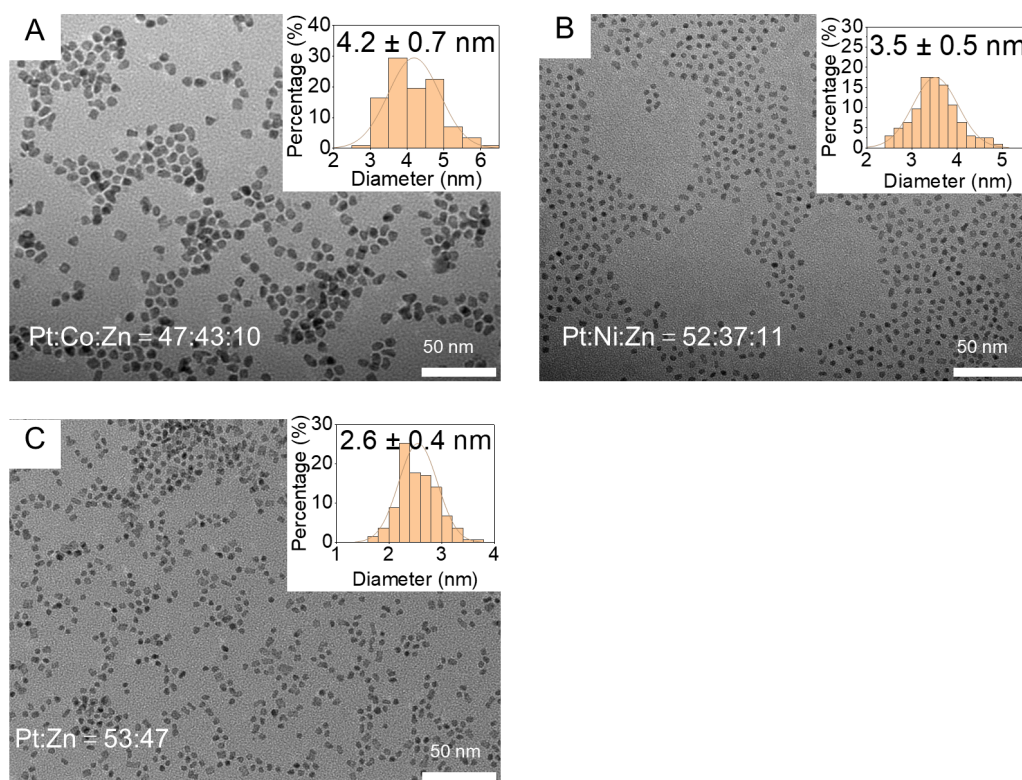


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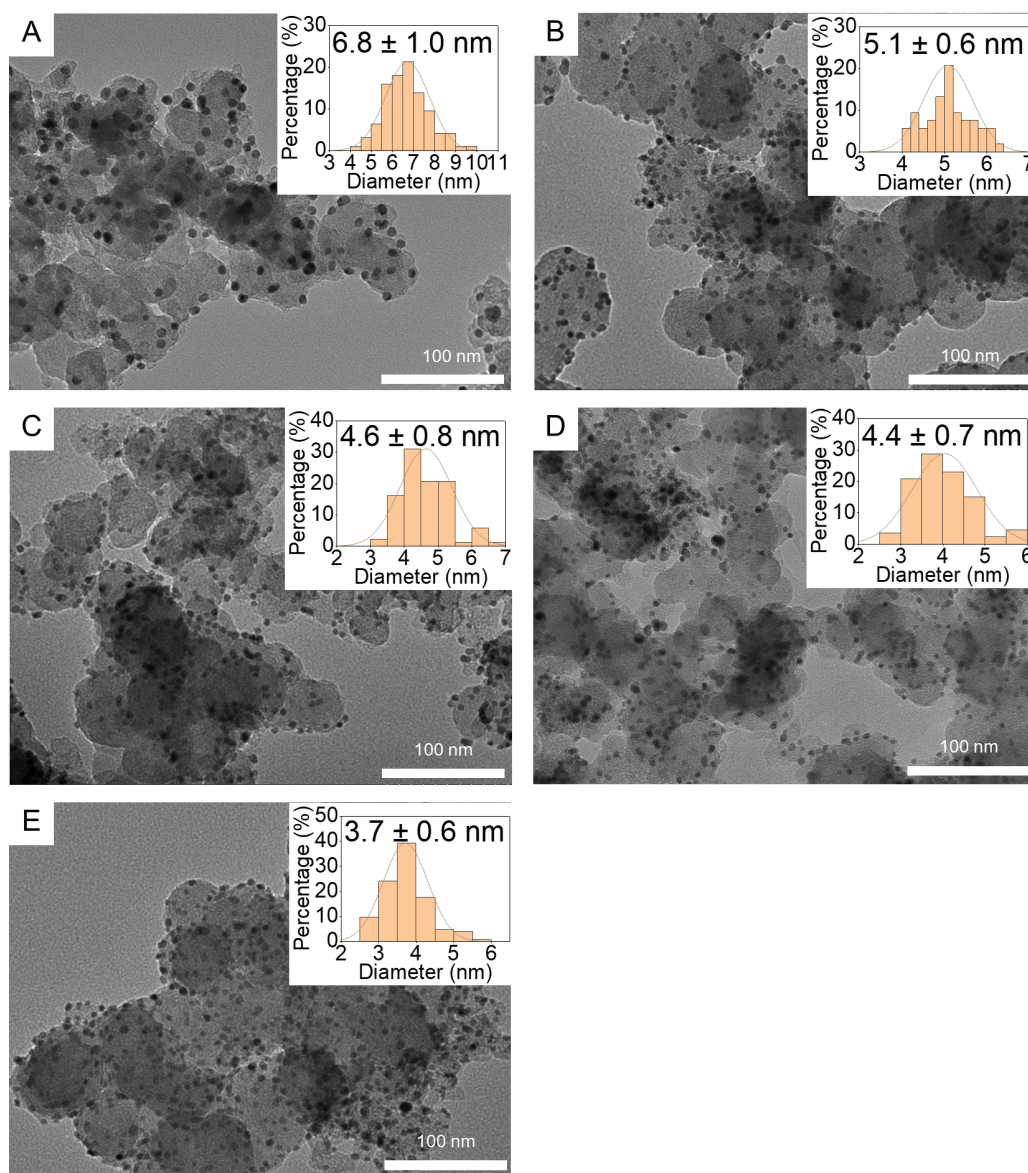


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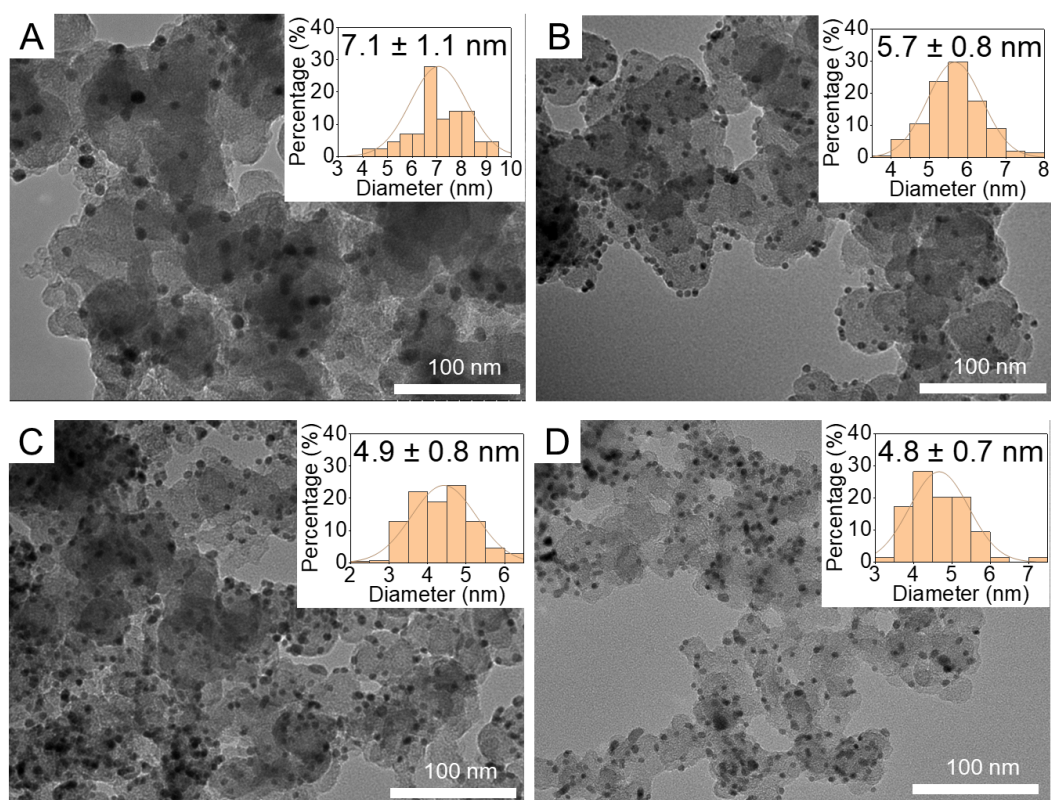


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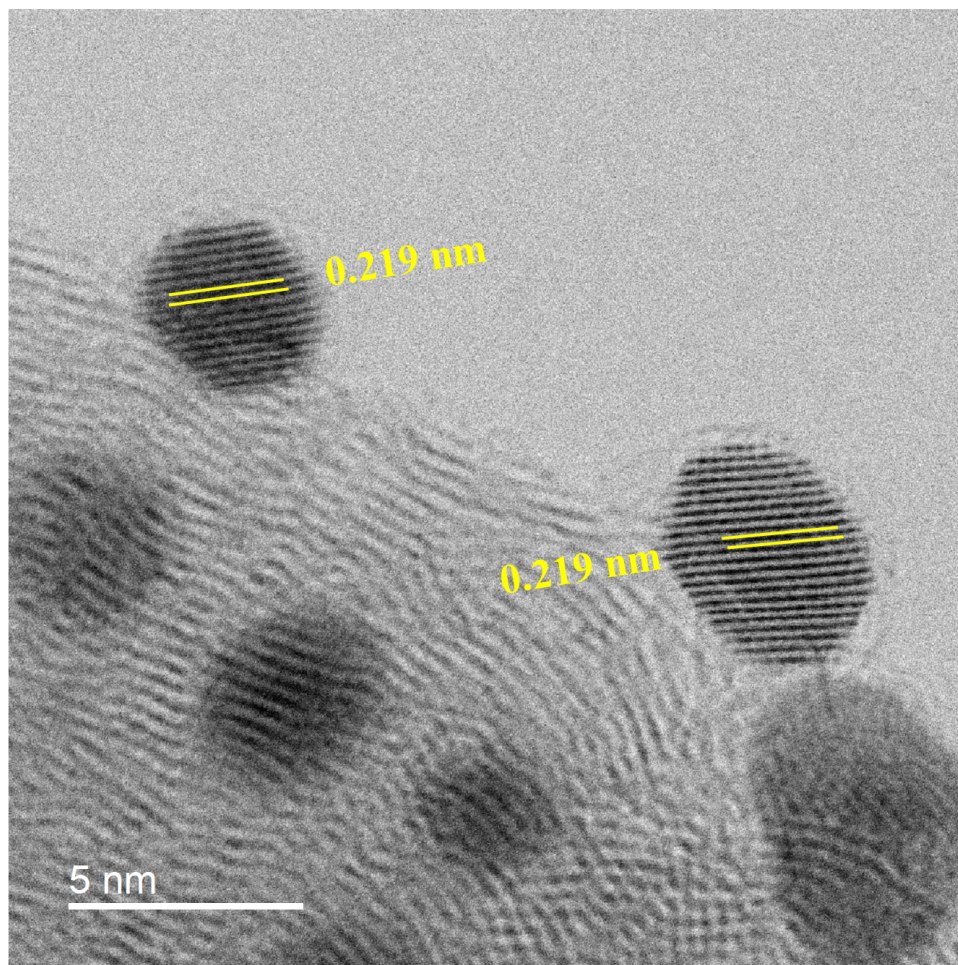


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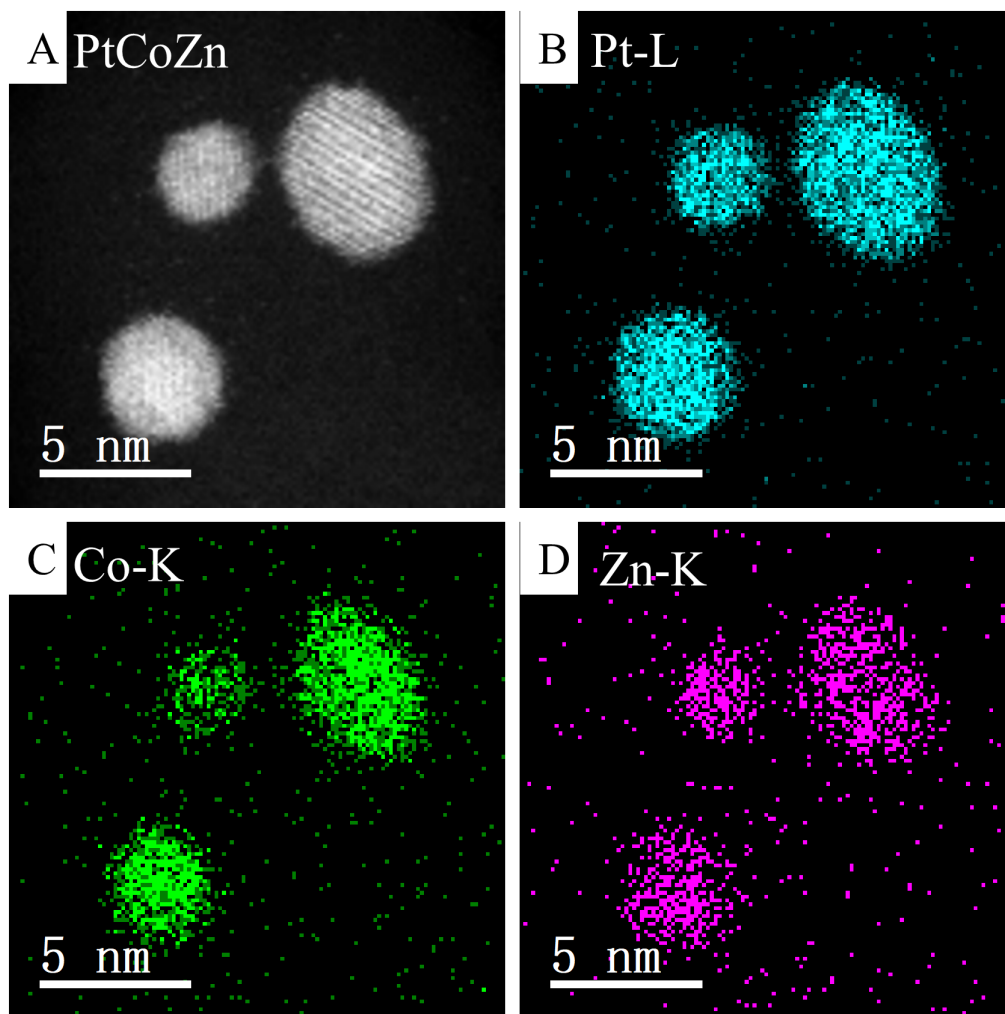


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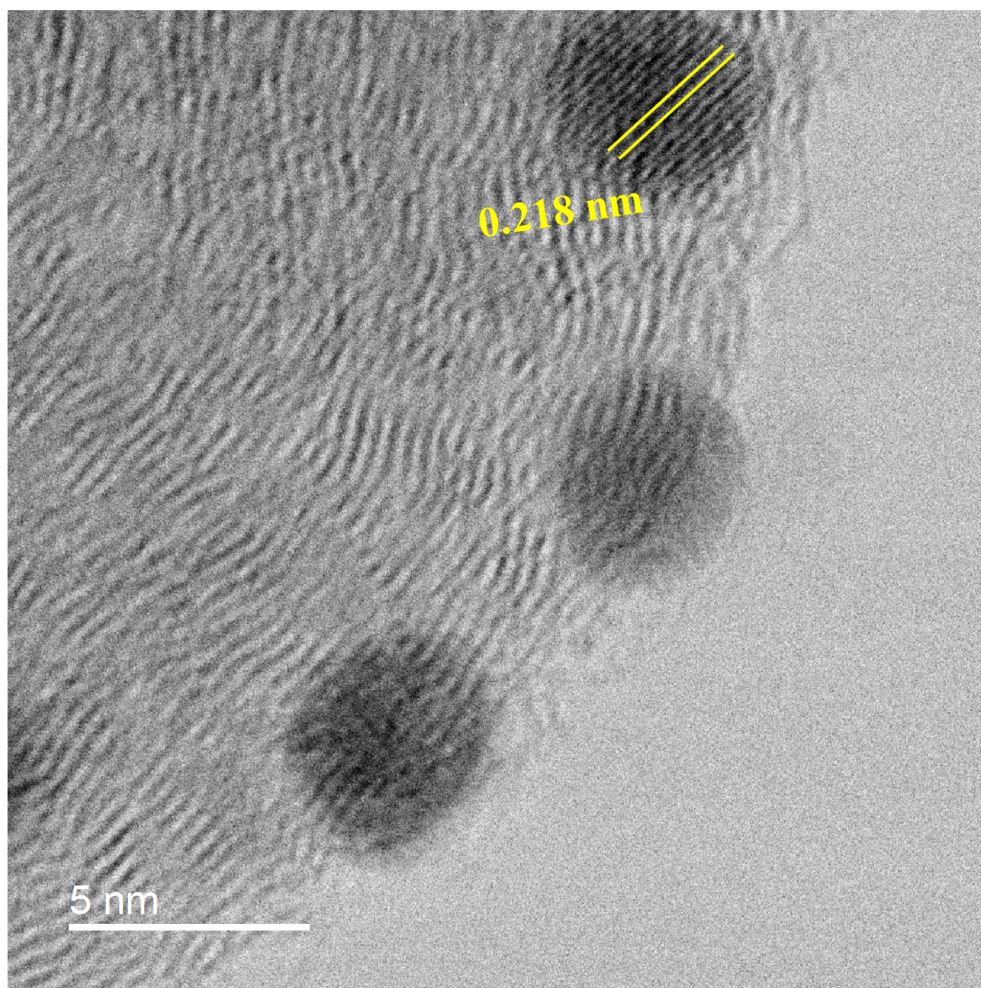


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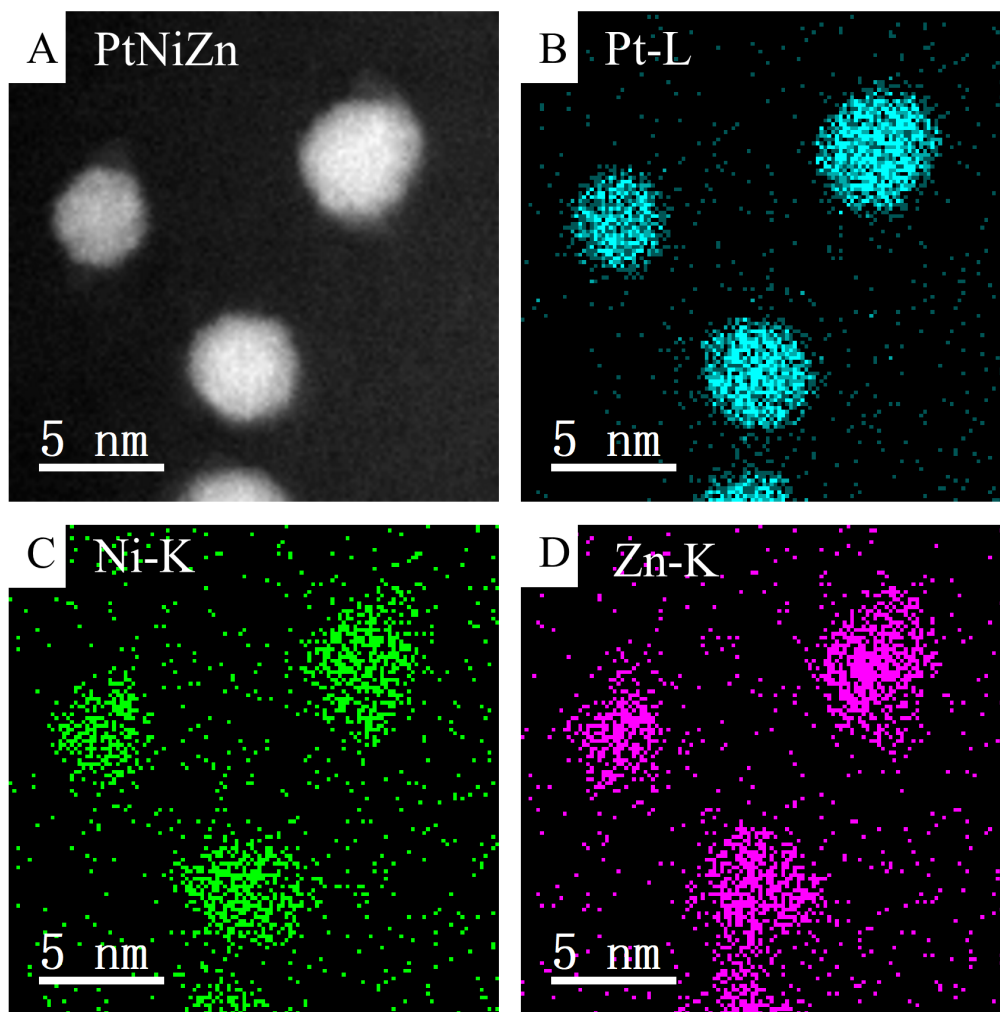


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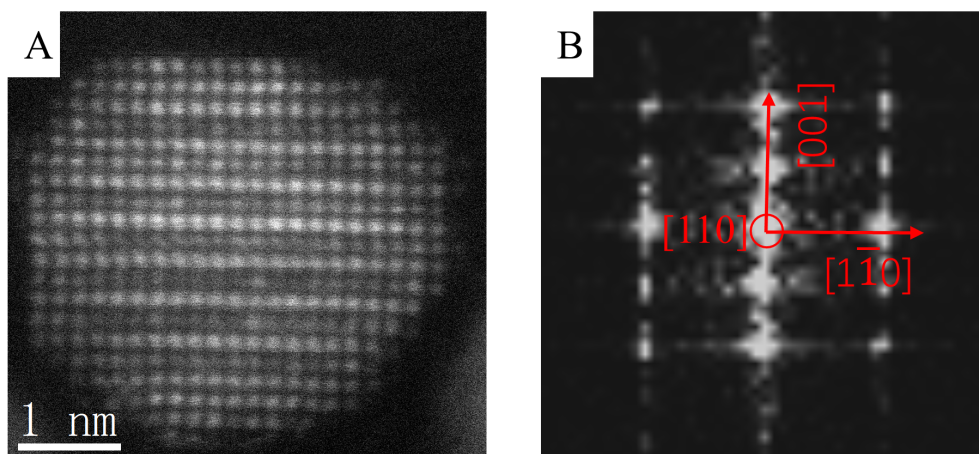


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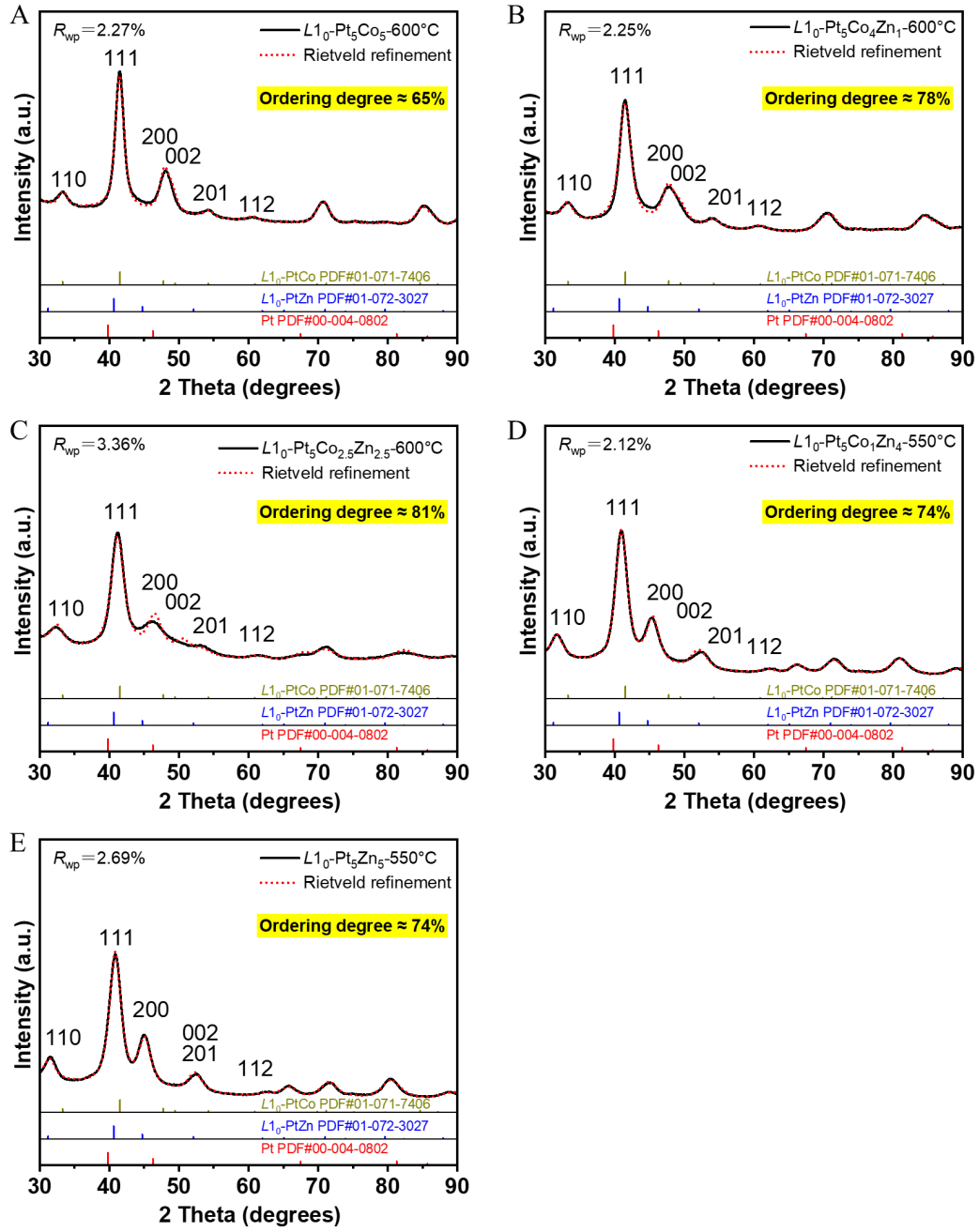


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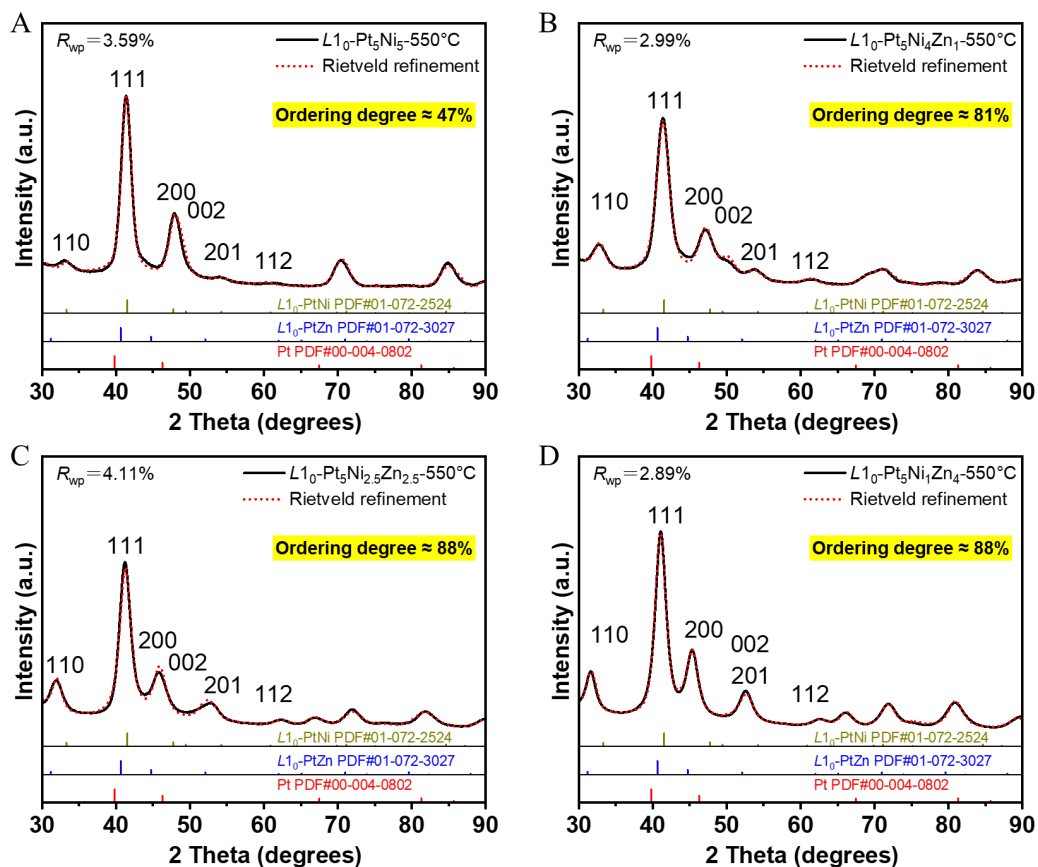


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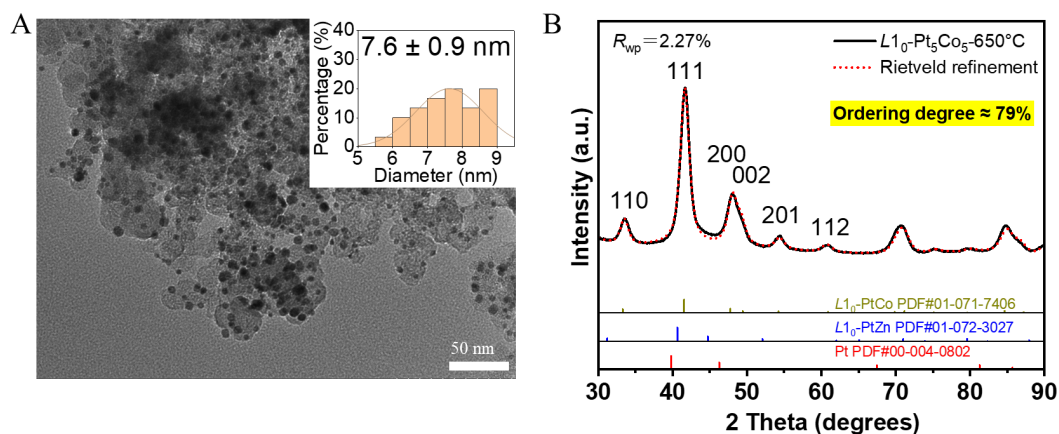


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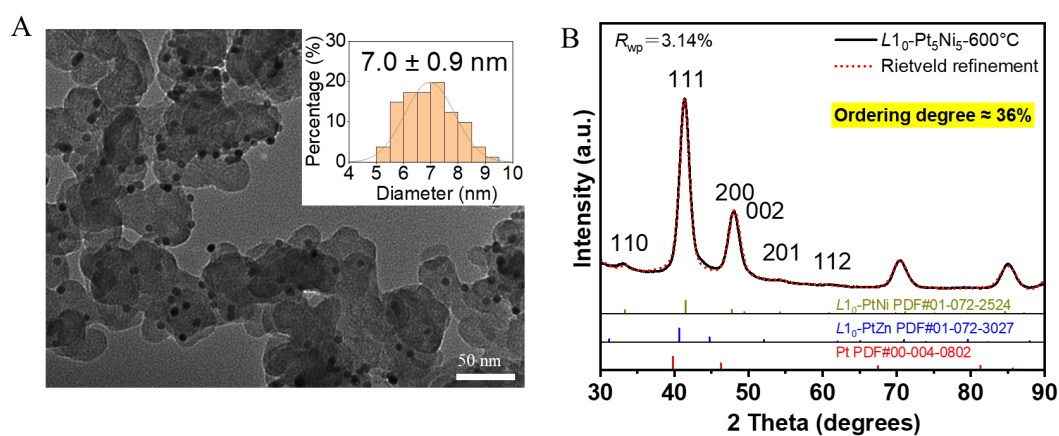


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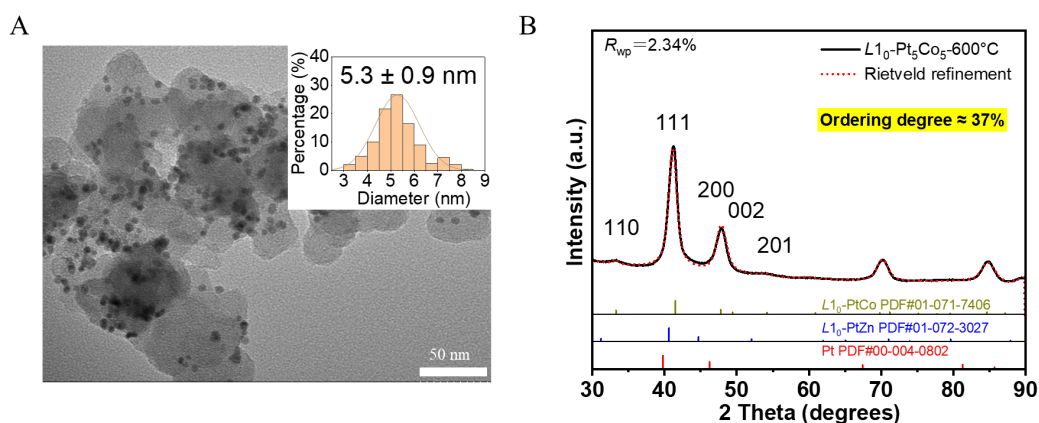


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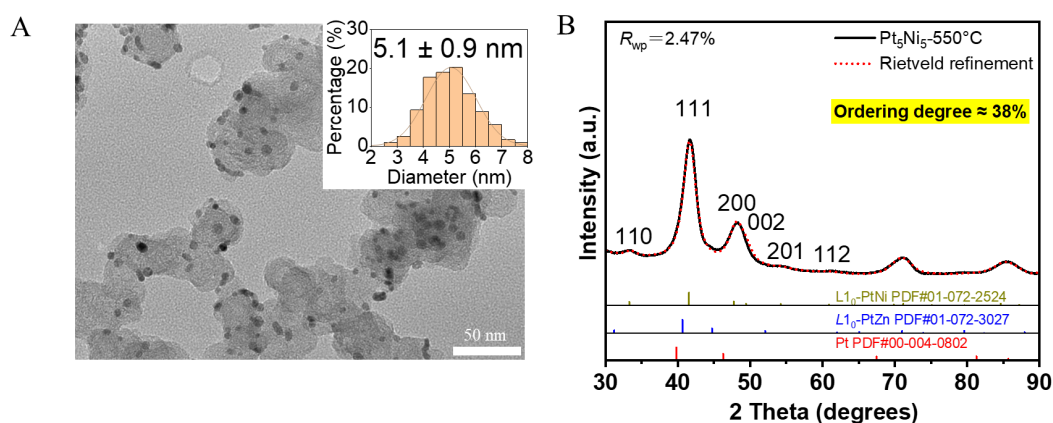


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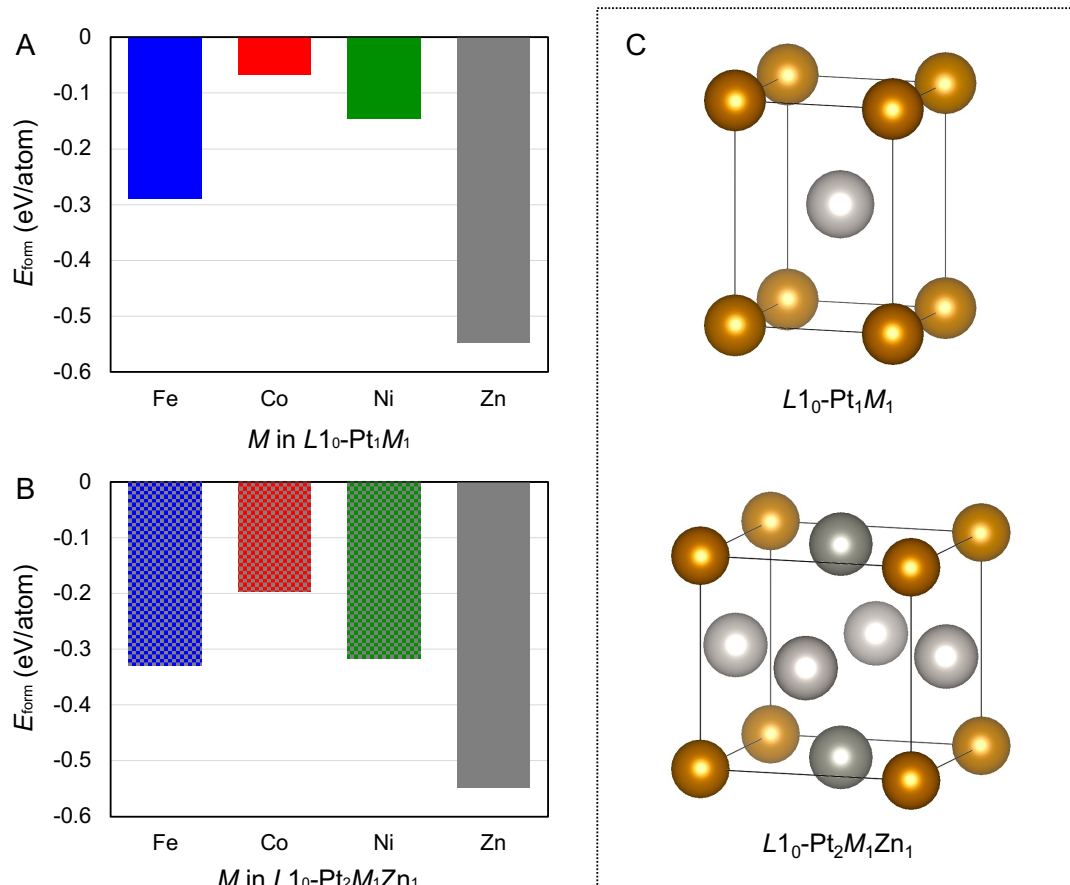


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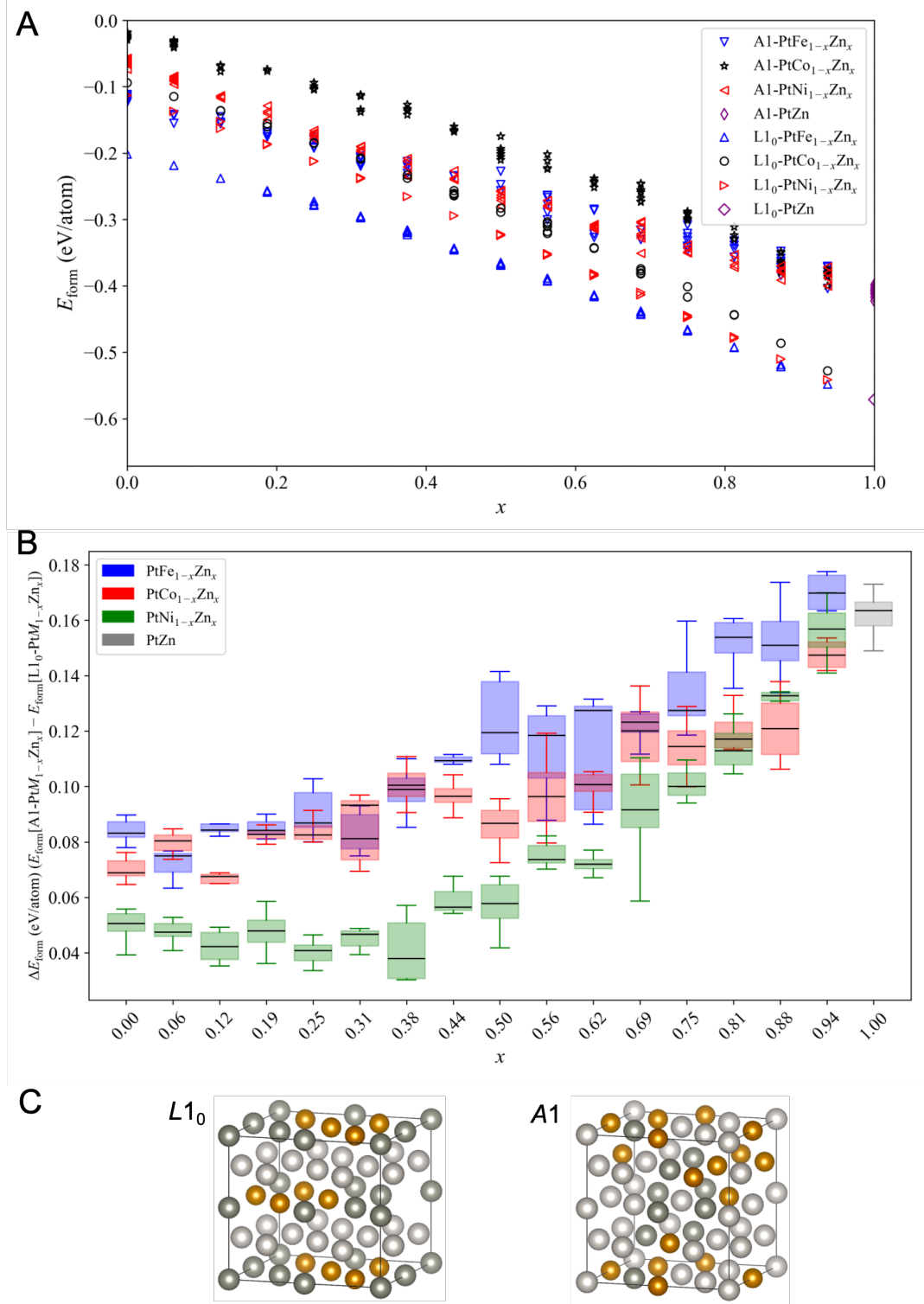


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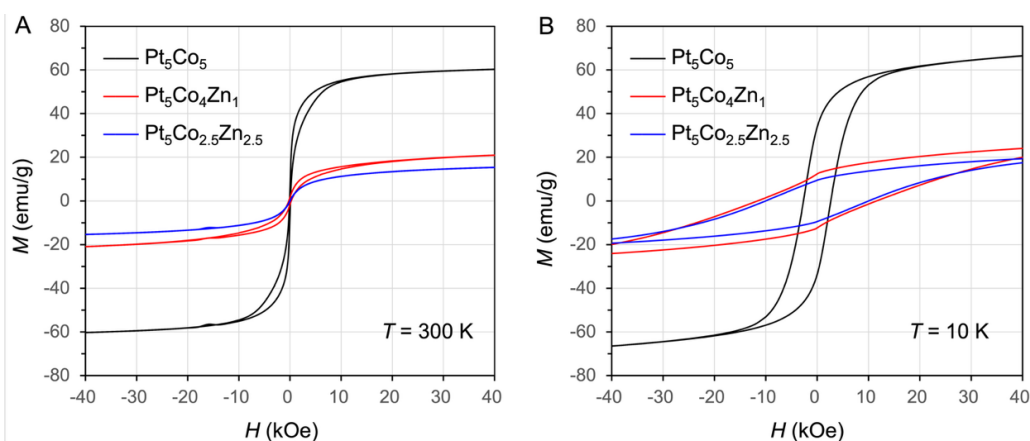


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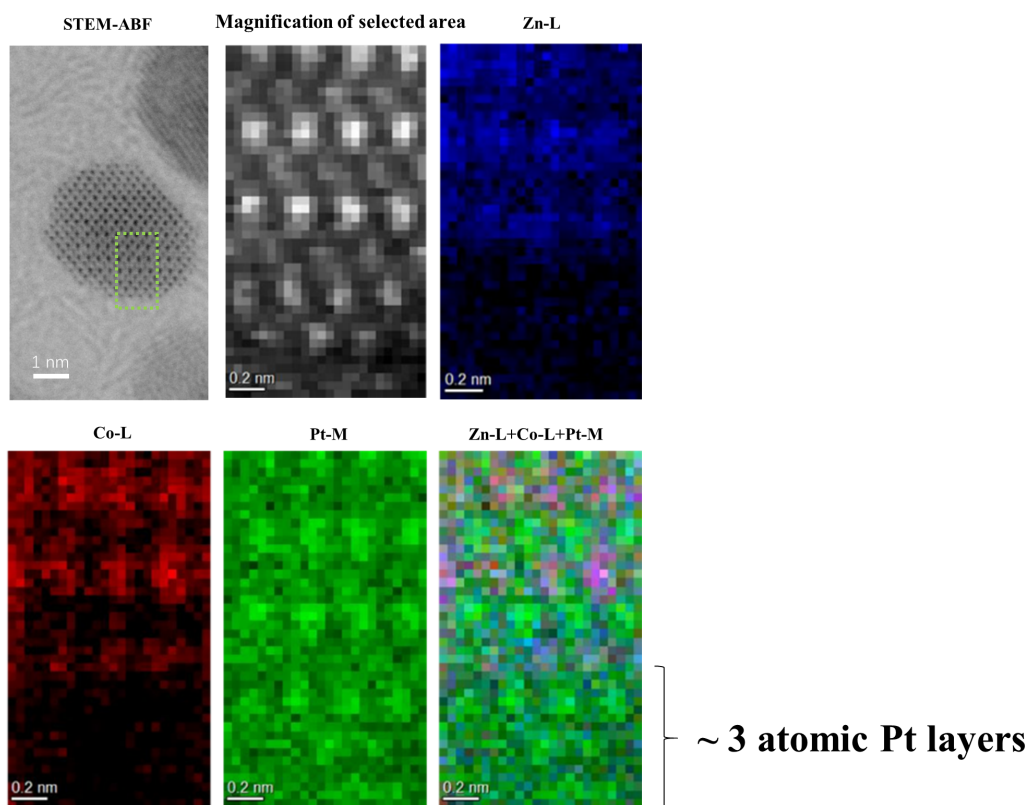


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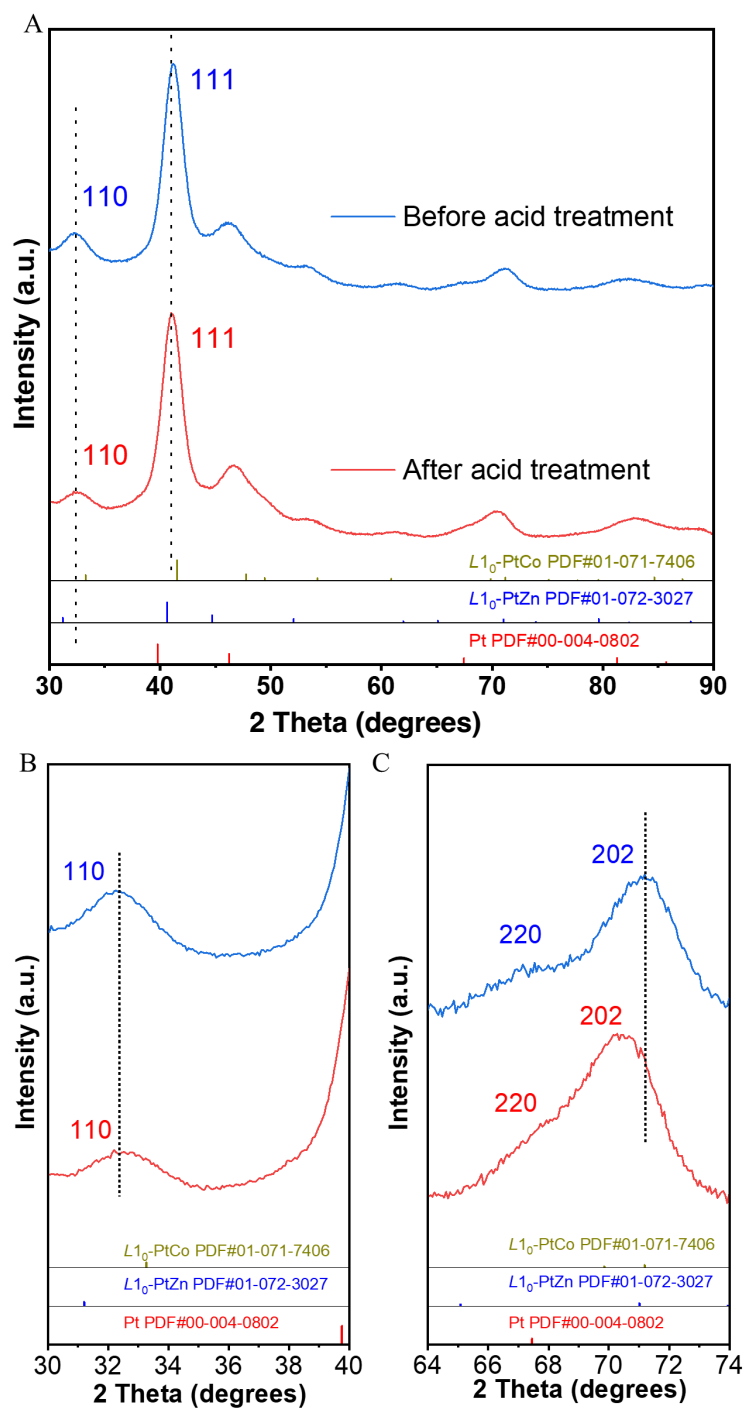


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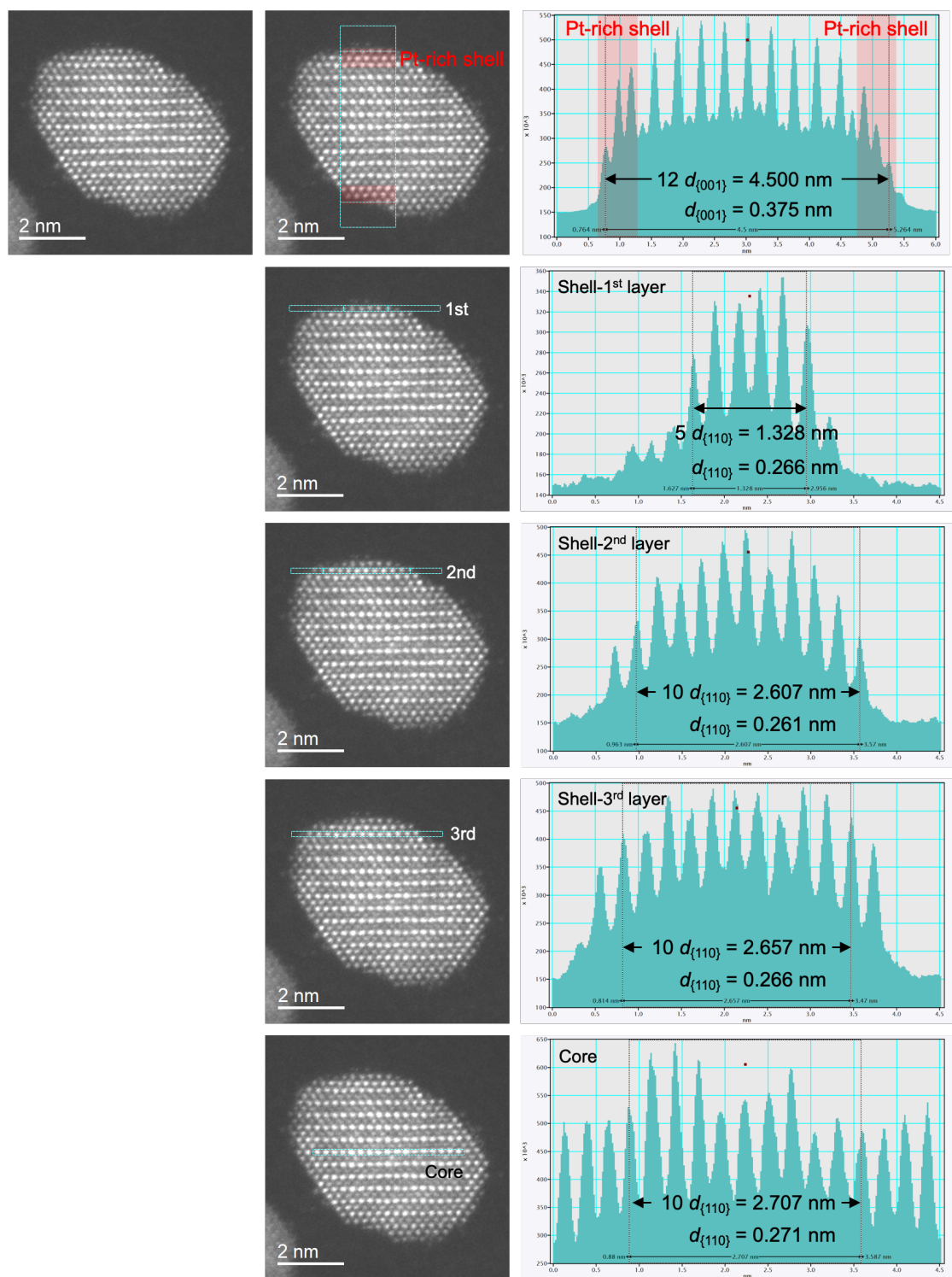


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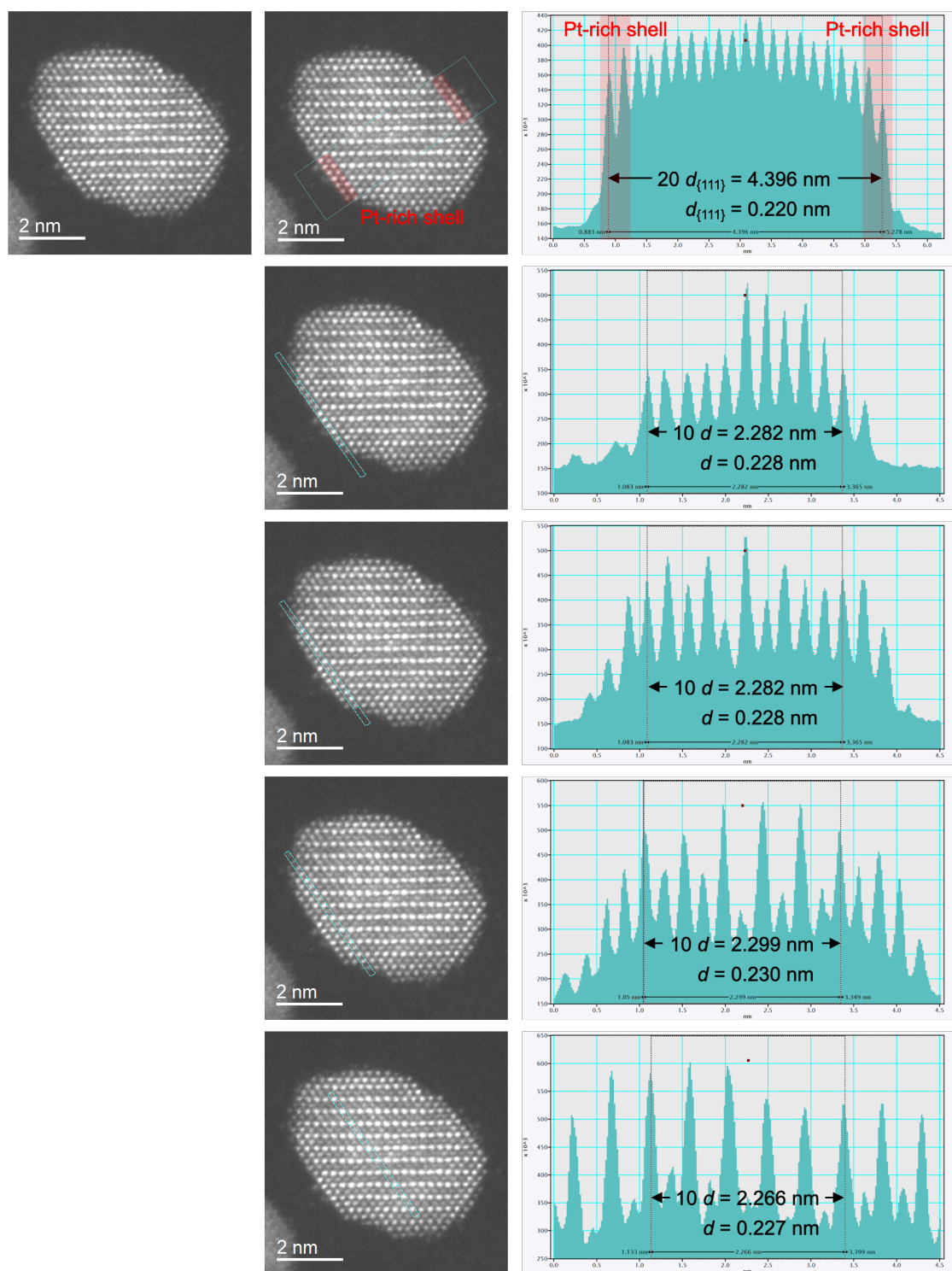


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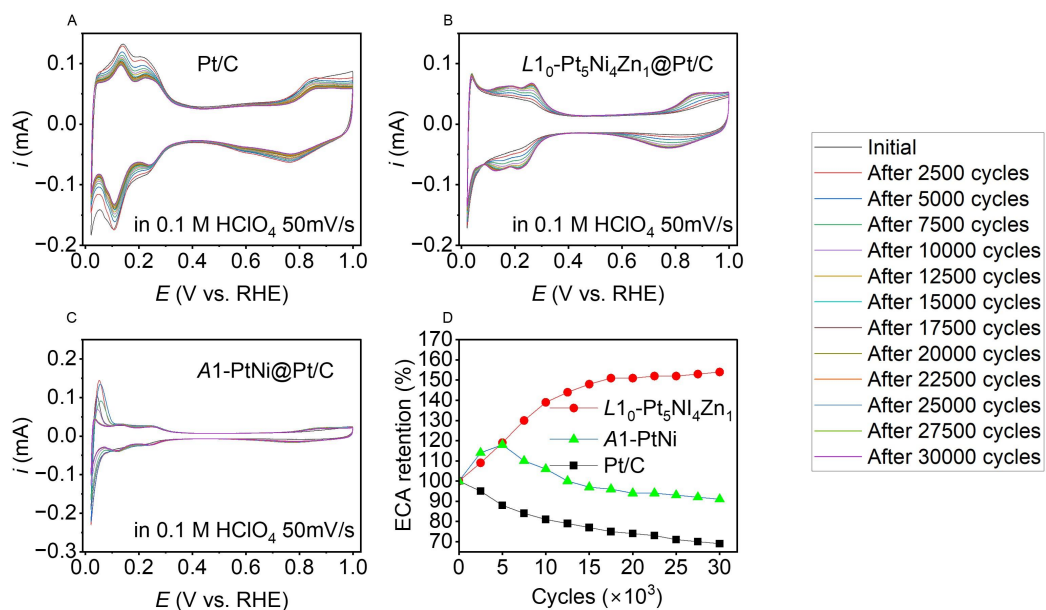


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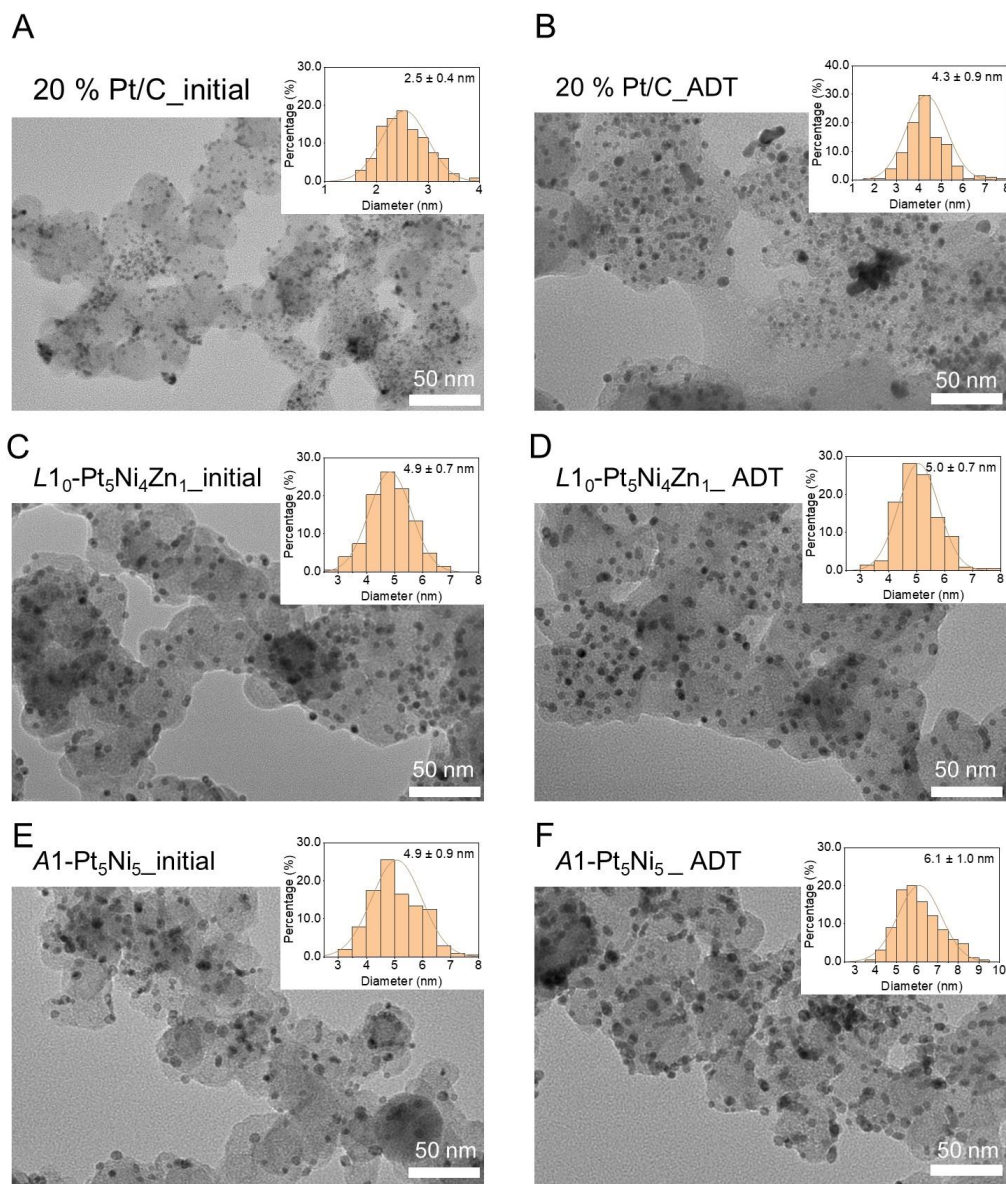


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Supplementary Tables:

Table S1. Literature values of lattice constants of tetragonal ($a = b \neq c$, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$) $L1_0$ -PtM and cubic ($a = b = c$, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$) face-centered cubic (fcc)-Pt.

	Lattice constant				Reference
	$a = b$ (Å)	c (Å)	Volume V (Å ³)	Tetragonality a/c (–)	PDF #
$L1_0$ -PtFe	3.852	3.713	55.09	1.037	00-043-1359
$L1_0$ -PtCo	3.806	3.684	53.37	1.033	01-071-7406
$L1_0$ -PtNi	3.821	3.591	52.43	1.064	01-072-2524
$L1_0$ -PtZn	4.050	3.510	57.57	1.154	01-072-3027
<i>cf.</i> fcc-Pt	3.923	3.923	60.37	1	00-004-0802

Table S2. Relative integrated intensities of simulated XRD peaks for fully ordered $L1_0$ -Pt(M,Zn) IMCs with various compositions.

Composition	I_{110}^*	I_{111}^*	I_{110}^*/I_{111}^*
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co ₅	24.06	100	0.2406
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co ₄ Zn ₁	23.30	100	0.2330
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co _{2.5} Zn _{2.5}	22.45	100	0.2245
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co ₁ Zn ₄	22.14	100	0.2214
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni ₅	22.50	100	0.2250
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni ₄ Zn ₁	22.50	100	0.2250
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni _{2.5} Zn _{2.5}	22.77	100	0.2277
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni ₁ Zn ₄	22.20	100	0.2220
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Zn ₅	20.99	100	0.2099

Table S3. Average diameters (d_{TEM}) and crystallite sizes (d_{XRD}) of Pt–*M*–Zn NPs before and after reductive annealing obtained from TEM analysis and by applying the Scherrer equation to XRD data, respectively.

Sample	Before annealing	After annealing	
	d_{TEM} (nm)	d_{TEM} (nm)	d_{XRD} (nm)
Pt ₅₁ Co ₄₉ -650°C	6.5	7.6	6.2
Pt ₄₇ Co ₄₃ Zn ₁₀ -600°C	5.4	5.1	4.5
Pt ₅₆ Co ₂₃ Zn ₂₁ -600°C	4.8	4.6	4.2
Pt ₅₃ Co ₁₁ Zn ₃₈ -550°C	4.2	4.4	4.0
Pt ₅₂ Ni ₄₈ -10BBA-550°C	6.7	7.1	5.8
Pt ₅₂ Ni ₃₇ Zn ₁₁ -550°C	5.2	5.7	4.9
Pt ₄₉ Ni ₂₂ Zn ₂₉ -550°C	4.2	4.9	4.6
Pt ₄₉ Ni ₉ Zn ₄₂ -550°C	3.5	4.8	4.2
Pt ₅₃ Zn ₄₇ -550°C	2.6	3.7	3.1

Table S4. Compositions and Pt loadings of $L1_0$ -Pt(*M*,Zn)/C before and after acid treatment obtained by SEM-EDS and TGA, respectively.

Sample	Composition		Pt loading (%)
	Before acid treatment	After acid treatment	
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co ₅ -650°C	Pt ₅₁ Co ₄₉	Pt ₅₆ Co ₄₄	13.8
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co ₄ Zn ₁ -600°C	Pt ₄₇ Co ₄₃ Zn ₁₀	Pt ₆₁ Co ₃₄ Zn ₅	12.5
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co _{2.5} Zn _{2.5} -600°C	Pt ₅₆ Co ₂₃ Zn ₂₀	Pt ₆₆ Co ₁₈ Zn ₁₆	11.2
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co ₁ Zn ₄ -550°C	Pt ₅₃ Co ₁₁ Zn ₃₈	Pt ₆₈ Co ₇ Zn ₂₅	12.3
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni ₅ -550°C	Pt ₅₂ Ni ₄₈	Pt ₅₇ Ni ₄₃	11.6
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni ₄ Zn ₁ -550°C	Pt ₅₂ Ni ₃₇ Zn ₁₁	Pt ₅₇ Ni ₃₄ Zn ₉	12.3
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni _{2.5} Zn _{2.5} -550°C	Pt ₄₈ Ni ₂₂ Zn ₃₀	Pt ₆₅ Ni ₁₄ Zn ₂₁	12.9
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni ₁ Zn ₄ -550°C	Pt ₄₉ Ni ₉ Zn ₄₂	Pt ₆₂ Ni ₈ Zn ₃₀	14.3
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Zn ₅ -550°C	Pt ₅₃ Zn ₄₇	Pt ₆₉ Zn ₃₁	10.9

Table S5. Lattice constants and LRO parameters (S) of $L1_0$ -Pt(M ,Zn) NPs after reductive annealing determined from Rietveld-refined XRD patterns.

Sample	d_{TEM} (nm)	Lattice constant			I_{110}/I_{111}	LRO parameter S (%)
		$a = b$ (Å)	c (Å)	a/c (–)		
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co ₅ - 650°C	7.6	3.793	3.719	1.020	0.1530	79
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co ₅ - 600°C	6.8	3.797	3.711	1.023	0.1078	65 (low)
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co ₅ - 600°C	5.3	3.806	3.727	1.021	0.0322	37
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co ₄ Zn ₁ - 600°C	5.1	3.815	3.688	1.034	0.1409	78
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co _{2.5} Zn _{2.5} - 600°C	4.6	3.893	3.678	1.058	0.1473	81
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co ₁ Zn ₄ - 550°C	4.4	3.992	3.528	1.132	0.1226	74
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni ₅ - 600°C	7.0	3.795	3.749	1.012	0.0255	36
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni ₅ - 550°C	7.1	3.800	3.702	1.026	0.0494	47
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni ₅ - 550°C	5.1	3.785	3.695	1.024	0.0406	38
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni ₄ Zn ₁ - 550°C	5.7	3.844	3.658	1.051	0.1479	81
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni _{2.5} Zn _{2.5} - 550°C	4.9	3.961	3.521	1.125	0.1771	88
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni ₁ Zn ₄ - 550°C	4.8	3.994	3.484	1.146	0.1720	88
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Zn ₅ - 550°C	3.7	4.022	3.474	1.158	0.1156	74

Table S6. ECSA values and catalytic activities of $L1_0$ -Pt(M ,Zn)@Pt/C

Sample	d_{TEM} (nm)	ECSA ($\text{m}^2_{\text{Pt}}/\text{g}_{\text{Pt}}$)	Mass activity ($\text{A}/\text{mg}_{\text{Pt}}$)	Specific activity ($\text{mA}/\text{cm}^2_{\text{Pt}}$)
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co ₅ -650°C	7.6	44	0.752	1.722
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co ₄ Zn ₁ -600°C	5.1	40	0.686	1.711
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co _{2.5} Zn _{2.5} -600°C	4.6	52	0.462	0.881
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Co ₁ Zn ₄ -550°C	4.4	60	0.524	0.876
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni ₅ -550°C	7.1	25	0.122	0.491
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni ₄ Zn ₁ -550°C	5.2	45	0.629	1.403
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni _{2.5} Zn _{2.5} -550°C	4.9	51	0.643	1.261
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Ni ₁ Zn ₄ -550°C	4.8	42	0.418	0.992
$L1_0$ -Pt ₅ Zn ₅ -550°C	3.7	60	0.532	0.891
<i>cf.</i> Pt/C	2–3	67	0.205	0.303

Table S7. Surface strain and ORR specific activities of $L1_0$ -Pt(*M*,Zn)@Pt/C

Sample	Lattice constant		{111} triangle area (Å ³)	{111} surface strain (%)	ORR specific activity (mA cm ⁻²)
	$a = b$ (Å ³)	c (Å ³)			
Pt ₅ Co ₅ -650°C	3.793	3.719	3.074	-7.84	1.722
Pt ₅ Co ₅ -600°C	3.797	3.711	3.074	-7.83	n.d.
Pt ₅ Co ₄ Zn ₁ - 600°C	3.815	3.688	3.081	-7.62	1.711
Pt ₅ Co _{2.5} Zn _{2.5} - 550°C	3.893	3.678	3.162	-5.20	0.881
Pt ₅ Co ₁ Zn ₄ - 550°C	3.992	3.528	3.189	-4.41	0.876
Pt ₅ Ni ₅ -550°C	3.800	3.702	3.073	-7.87	0.491
Pt ₅ Ni ₄ Zn ₁ - 550°C	3.844	3.658	3.098	-7.26	1.403
Pt ₅ Ni _{2.5} Zn _{2.5} - 550°C	3.961	3.521	3.149	-5.58	1.261
Pt ₅ Ni ₁ Zn ₄ - 550°C	3.994	3.484	3.167	-5.05	0.992
Pt ₅ Zn ₅ -550°C	4.022	3.474	3.192	-4.30	0.891
Pt (ref)	3.925	3.925	3.335	0	0.303