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Cs-substituted tungstophosphate-supported ruthenium nanoparticles as efficient and robust bifunctional catalysts for the conversions of inulin and cellulose into hexitols in water in the

presence of ${\rm H}_2$

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1. XRD patterns of Cs_xH_{3-x}PW₁₂O₄₀ and Ru/Cs_xH_{3-x}PW₁₂O₄₀ catalysts with different Cs contents



Fig. S1 XRD patterns. (A) $Cs_xH_{3-x}PW_{12}O_{40}$, (B) $Ru/Cs_xH_{3-x}PW_{12}O_{40}$ catalysts.

2. N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherms of Cs_xH_{3-x}PW₁₂O₄₀ samples with different Cs contents



Fig. S2 N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherms of $Cs_xH_{3-x}PW_{12}O_{40}$ samples with different Cs contents at 77 K.

3. Ru 3d XPS spectra for Ru/Cs_xH_{3-x}PW₁₂O₄₀ catalysts with different Cs contents



Fig. S3 Ru 3d XPS spectra for Ru/Cs_xH_{3-x}PW₁₂O₄₀ catalysts with different Cs contents. (a) x = 1.0; (b) x = 1.5; (c) x = 2.0; (d) x = 2.5; (e) x = 3.0.

4. Typical TEM micrograph and particle size distribution for colloidal Ru nanoparticles synthesized by the reduction of RuCl₃ with ascorbic acid



Fig. S4 Typical TEM micrograph and the particle size distribution for the colloidal Ru nanoparticles synthesized by the reduction of RuCl₃ with ascorbic acid.

5. NH₃-TPD profiles and some physicochemical properties for several typical solid acids



Fig. S5 NH₃-TPD profiles for H-ZSM-5, MCM-22 and Al_2O_3 .

Table S1 Some physicochemical properties of solid acids

Catalyst	NH ₃ desorption amount at	NH ₃ desorption amount	Micropore	size	Mesopore	size
	400-600 K (mmol g ⁻¹)	at 600-850 K (mmol g ⁻¹)	(nm)		(nm)	
HZSM-5	0.38	0.35	0.55		-	
MCM-22	0.27	0.15	0.70		-	
Al_2O_3	0.11	0.01	-		7.0	

6. TEM micrographs and particle size distributions for Ru nanoparticles loaded on several supports



Fig. S6 Typical TEM micrographs and particle size distributions for Ru nanoparticles loaded on several supports. (a) HZSM-5, (b) MCM-22, (c) Al₂O₃.

7. XRD patterns, XPS spectra and some properties for the Ru/Cs₃PW₁₂O₄₀ catalyst before and after reaction



Fig. S7 (A) XRD patterns for Ru/Cs₃PW₁₂O₄₀ catalyst. (B) W 4f XPS spectra and (C) Ru 3d XPS spectra for Ru/Cs₃PW₁₂O₄₀ catalyst.

Table S2 Some physicochemical properties of Ru catalyst before and after 5 recycling uses.

Ru/Cs _{3.0} PW ₁₂ O ₄₀	Ru leaching ^a (ppm)	$D(Ru)^b$	$d(\operatorname{Ru})^{c}(\operatorname{nm})$
Fresh	-	0.49	1.9
Used	< 0.1	0.24	3.7

^{*a*}The amounts of Ru leached into the solution were measured by ICP-MS. ^{*b*}D(Ru) denotes the Ru dispersion obtained from CO chemisorption. ^{*c*}d(Ru) denotes the size of Ru particles estimated from D(Ru) by using $d(Ru) = 6V_m/[D(Ru) \times a_m]$ (nm).

8. Pyridine-adsorbed FT-IR spectra for Cs₃PW₁₂O₄₀ under H₂ with different pressures



Wavenumber /cm⁻¹

Fig. S8 Pyridine-adsorbed FT-IR spectra for $Cs_3PW_{12}O_{40}$ under H_2 with different pressures at 323 K. (a) At 323 K after pretreatment in H_2 at 573 K followed by evacuation. (b)-(f) Under H_2 with different pressures: (b)12.8 kPa, (c) 19.2 kPa, (d) 25.6 kPa, (e) 33.3 kPa, (f) 44.8 kPa.

9. Pyridine-adsorbed FT-IR spectra for Ru/Al₂O₃ under H₂ with different pressures



Fig. S9 Pyridine-adsorbed FT-IR spectra for Ru/Al_2O_3 under H_2 with different pressures at 323 K. (a) At 323 K after pretreatment in H_2 at 573 K followed by evacuation. (b)-(f) Under H_2 with different pressures: (b) 12.8 kPa, (c) 19.2 kPa, (d) 25.6 kPa, (e) 33.3 kPa, (f) 44.8 kPa.

10. Raman spectra for $Cs_3PW_{12}O_{40}$ under N_2 and H_2 atmospheres at 423 K



Raman shift /cm⁻

Fig. S10 Raman spectra for $Cs_3PW_{12}O_{40}$ under N_2 and H_2 atmospheres at 423 K.(a) After the introduction of N_2 into the pretreated sample, (b) 10 min after switching to H_2 , (c) 10 min after switching again to N_2 , (d) 10 min after switching again to H_2 , (e) 10 min after switching again to N_2 , (f) 10 min after switching again to H_2 .

11. TEM micrographs and particle size distributions for colloidal Ru nanoparticles synthesized by reducing RuCl₃ with ascorbic acid under different conditions



Fig. S11 TEM micrographs and particle size distributions for colloidal Ru nanoparticles with different mean sizes synthesized by reducing RuCl₃ with ascorbic acid under different conditions. See Table 3 for synthetic conditions.

12. Fructose conversions over the Ru/Cs₃PW₁₂O₄₀catalysts with different mean sizes of Ru particles



Fig. S12 Fructose conversions over the Ru/Cs₃PW₁₂O₄₀ catalysts with different mean sizes of Ru nanoparticles. Reaction conditions: fructose, 110 mmol L⁻¹; H₂O, 10 mL; $P(H_2) = 2$ MPa; T = 363 K.

13. Turnover frequency (TOF) for the hydrogenation of fructose to hexitols over the $Ru/Cs_3PW_{12}O_{40}$ catalysts with different mean sizes of Ru particles



Fig. S13 TOF for the hydrogenation of fructose to hexitols over the $Ru/Cs_3PW_{12}O_{40}$ catalysts with different mean sizes of Ru particles. Reaction conditions: fructose, 110 mmol L⁻¹; H₂O, 10 mL; $P(H_2) = 2$ MPa; T = 363 K.