

Design and Synthesis of Catalytic Nanoparticles via Area Selective Atomic Layer Deposition

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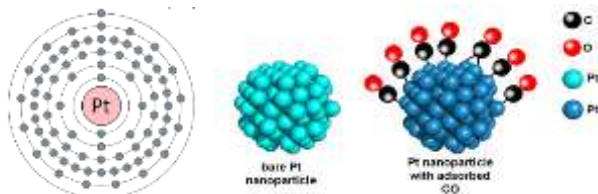


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Outline

- Catalyst challenges and model catalyst design
- Reactivity, Selectivity, and Stability
 1. Core-shell nanoparticles
 2. Nanotrap Pt/CoO_x structures
 3. Nanofence Pt with active oxides coating structures
- Summary and outlook for selective ALD in catalysis applications

Noble Metal Catalysts

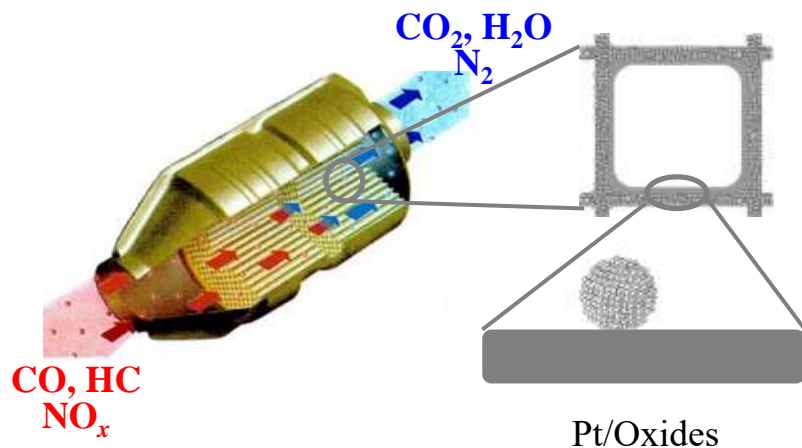


Huge demand for noble metals

-- PGM market report 2016 Nov

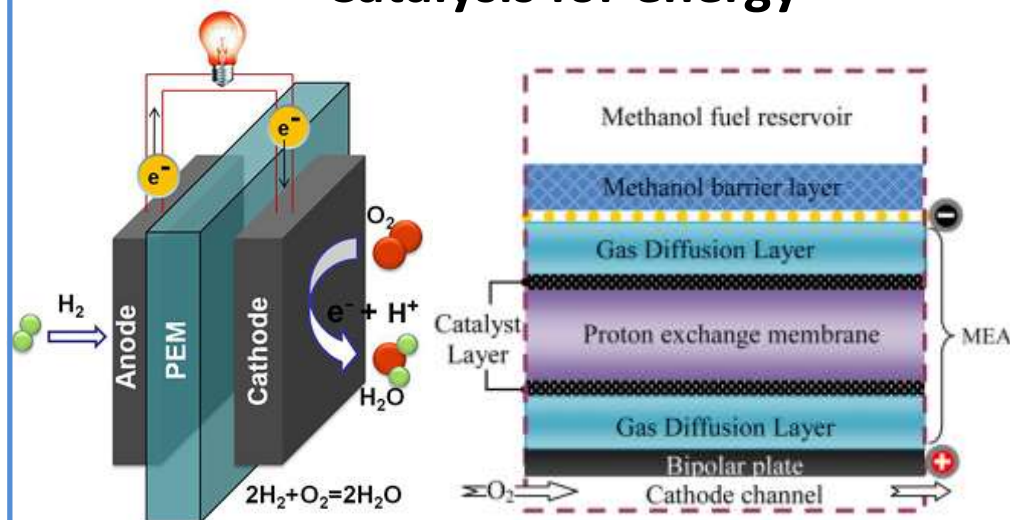
	2014			2015			2016		
	Pt	Pd	Rh	Pt	Pd	Rh	Pt	Pd	Rh
automobile catalyst demand(ton)	97.1	233.2	24.6	101.6	238	23.7	103.3	243.9	24.2
total demand(ton)	186.6	247.9	21.1	204.2	211.6	20.6	199.9	221.9	21
total supply(ton)	160	189.9	19.1	190	200.5	23.5	186.9	201.8	23.1
automobile catalyst percentage(%)	38.7	70	80.4	39.4	82.6	81.4	40	80.9	81.2

Catalysis for environment



CO, HC and NO oxidation

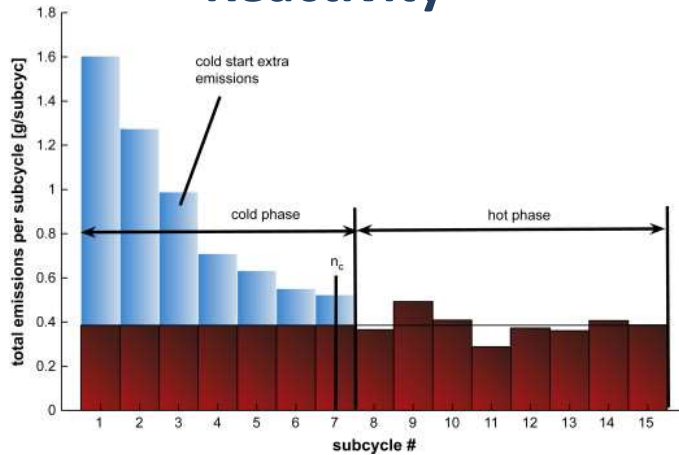
Catalysis for energy



ORR, MOR, OER, HER

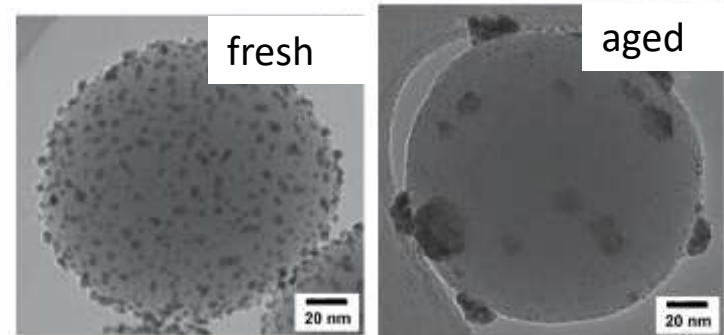
Challenges in catalysis

Reactivity



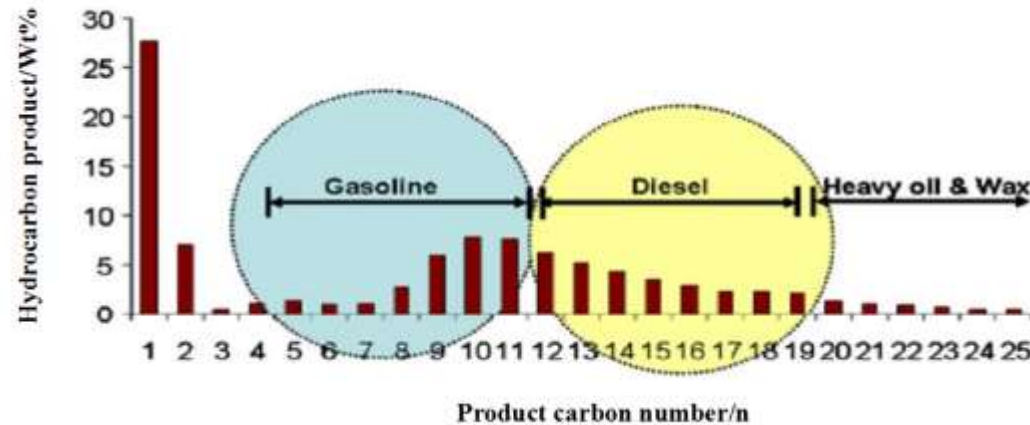
Cold start

Stability



Sintering and coking

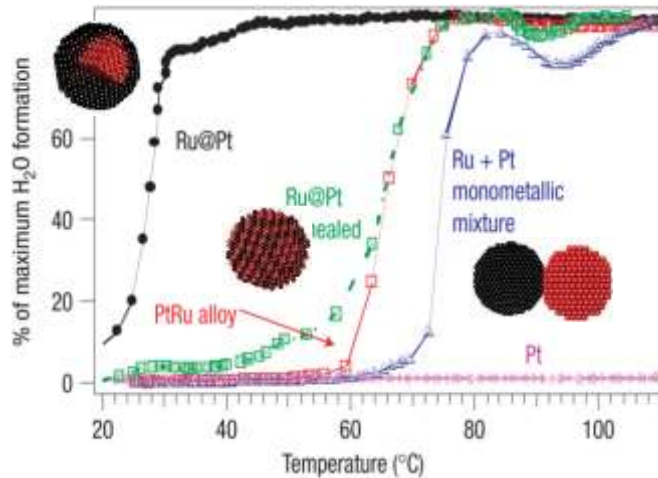
Selectivity



carbon cycling reactions

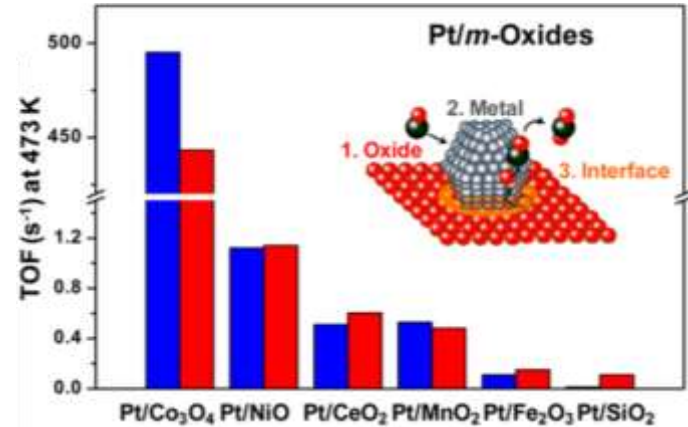
Design for Activity

nanostructures



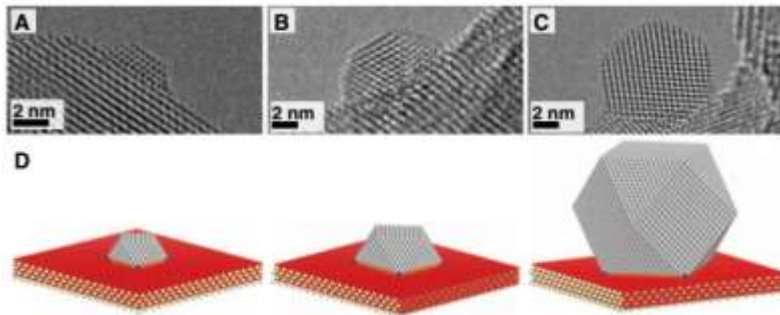
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strong metal-oxide interactions

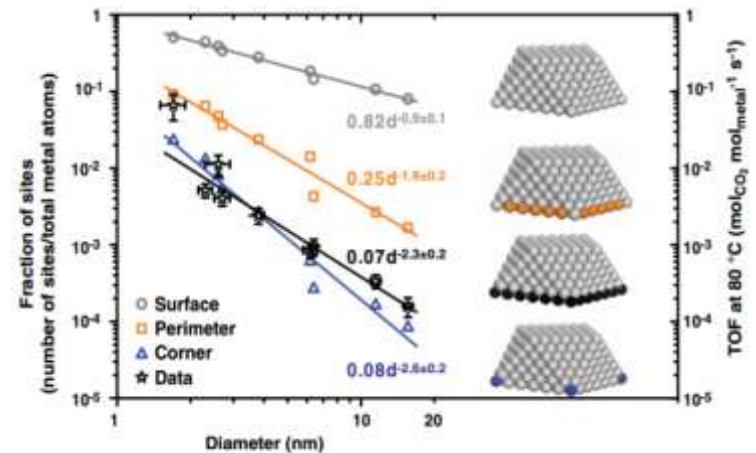


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selective decoration

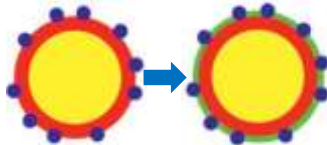
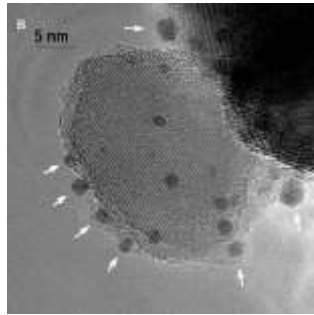


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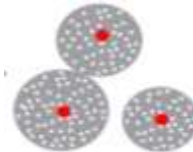
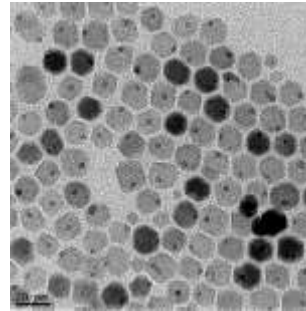


Design for Stability

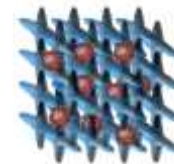
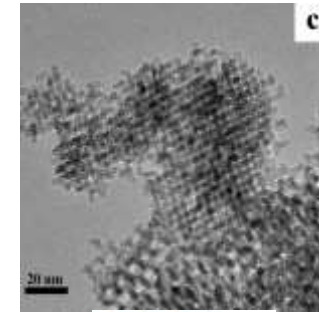
physical separation to eliminate migration



Catal. Lett. 2011

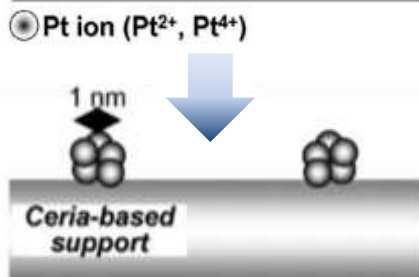
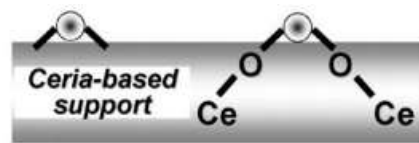
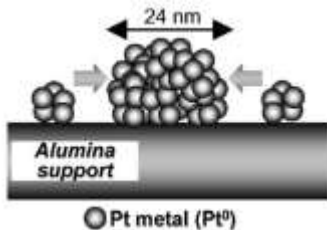


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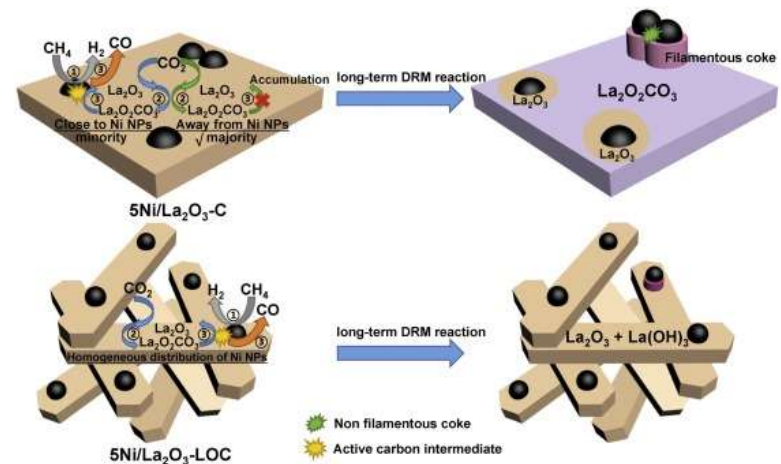
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metal oxide anchoring



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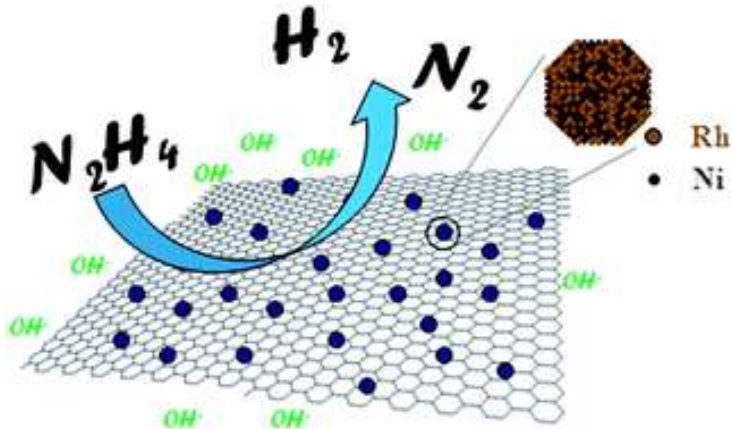
coking inhibition



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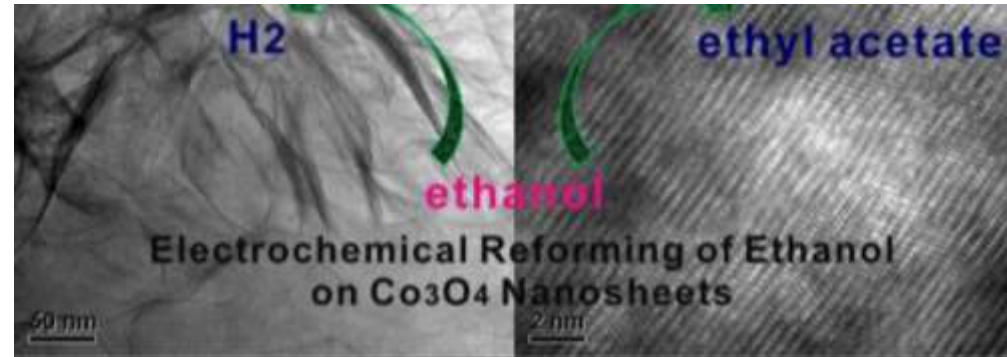
Design for Selectivity

alloys



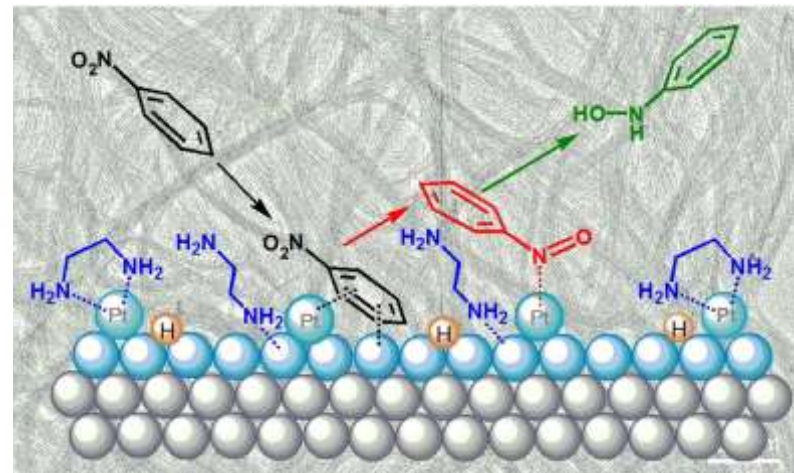
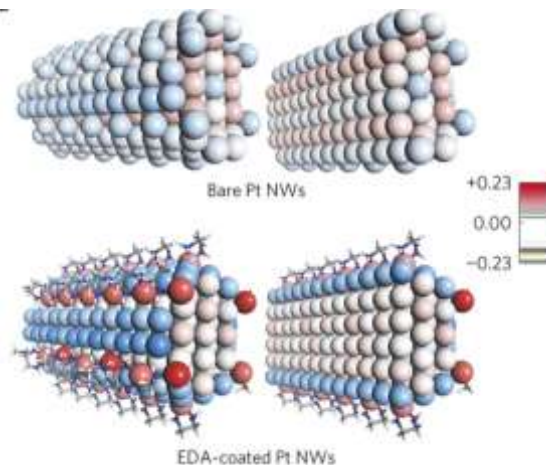
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Facets preference



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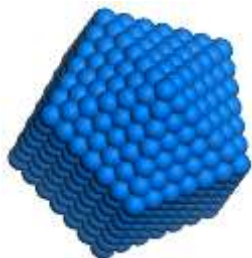
Interfacial electronic transfers



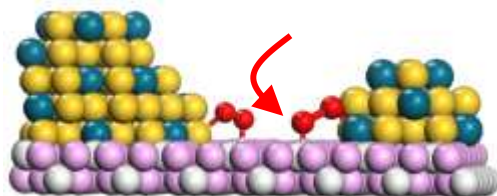
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Precise control of catalyst structures

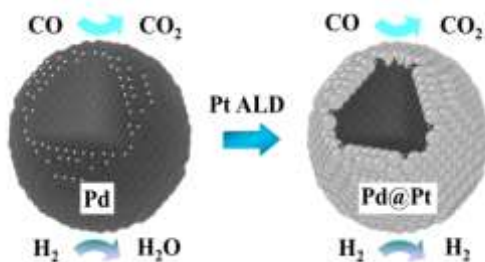
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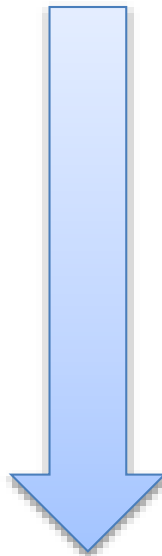
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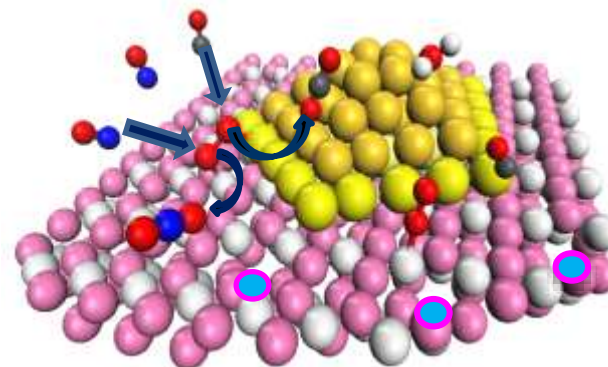
Size and composition



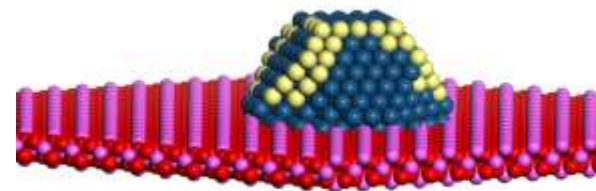
Core shell structure



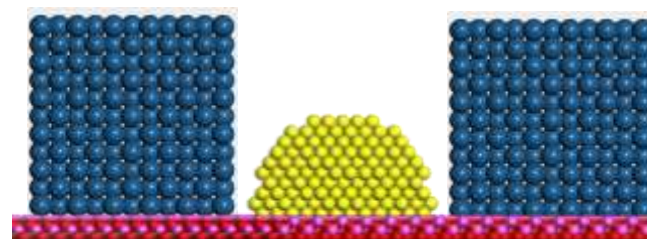
Metal oxides



Active oxide support



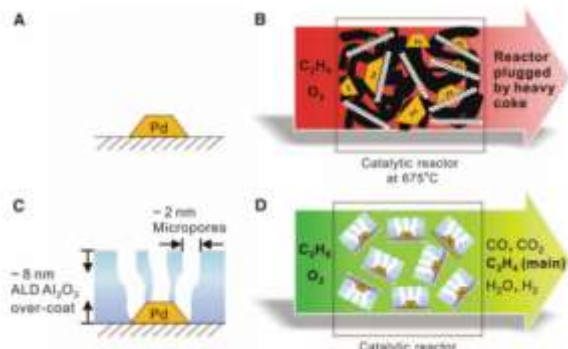
Oxide coating



Interface

Catalysts Design via ALD

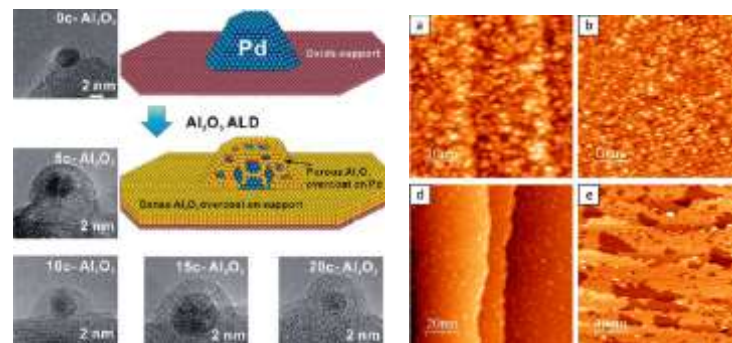
Post thermal treatment



Coking and sintering-resistant enhanced in oxidative dehydrogenation of ethane

Science, 2012,335,1205

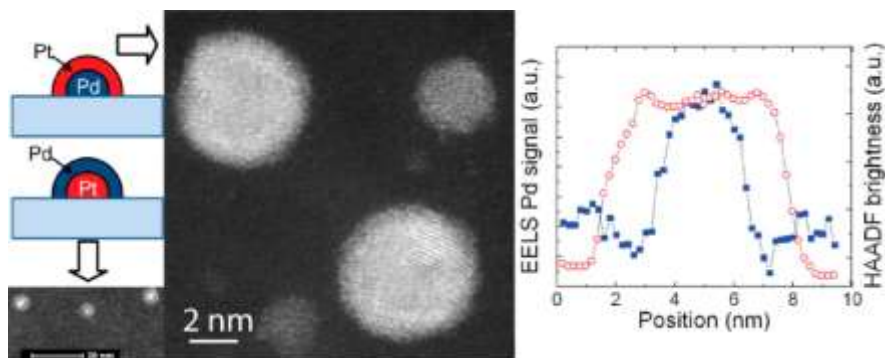
Porous coating



Stabilize the catalysts in methanol decomposition et al.

Chem. Mater. 2012,24,2047 *Chem. Mater.* 2014,26,6752

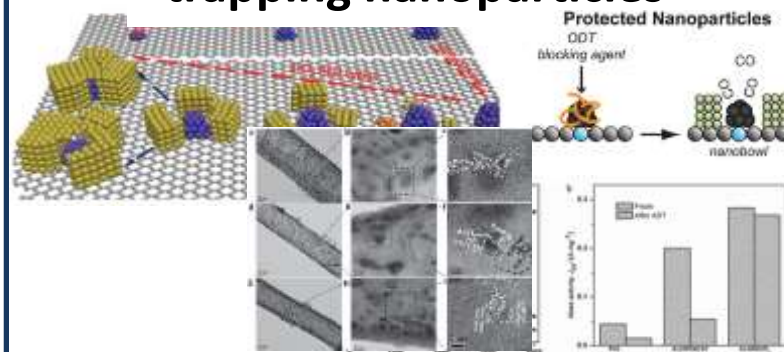
Selective ALD of core-shell structures



Temperature & partial pressure adjustment

Chem. Mater., 2012, 24, 2973

Selective ALD of trapping nanoparticles

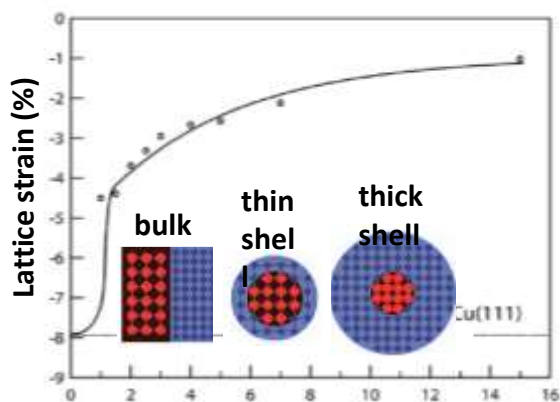


Stabilize Pt catalyst with nanotraps in ORR

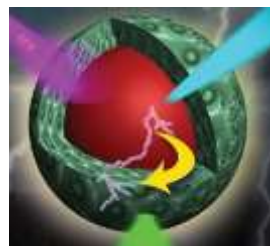
J. Phys. Chem. C, 2012,116,7748, *Adv. Mater.* 2015,27,277

Core-shell Bimetallic Catalysts

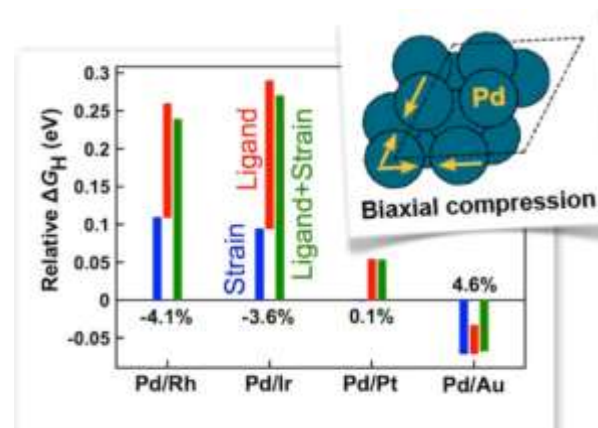
Lattice strains



Alayoglu et al. Nat Mater. 2008

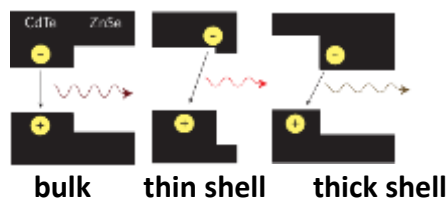


Ligand (Electronic) effect

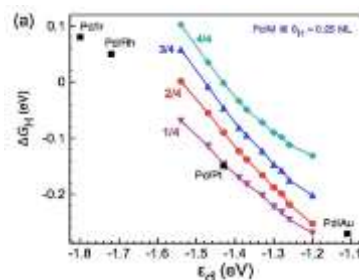


Maark et al. J. Phys. Chem.C. 2014

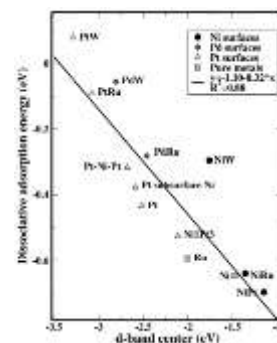
Conduction band
Valence band



Kar et al. Nanoscale. 2012



Norskov et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 2004

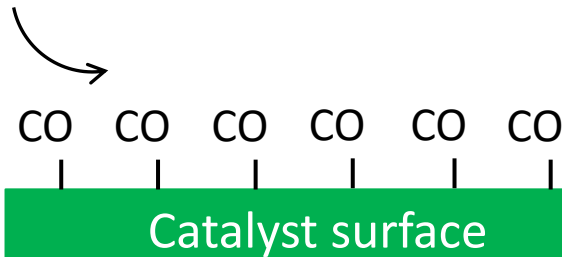


Modification of electronic & chemical properties

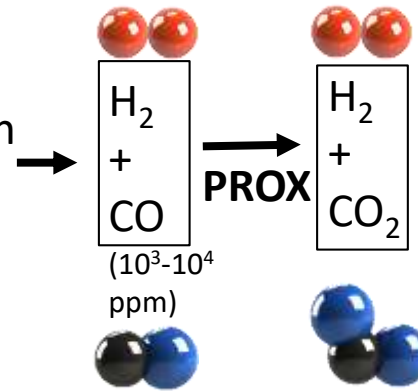
Preferential Oxidation of CO (PROX)

Pt would be poisoned
by CO in fuel cell

CO, H₂ Fuel cell gas



Hydrocarbon
reforming



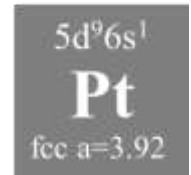
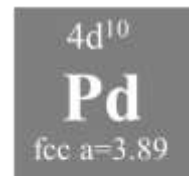
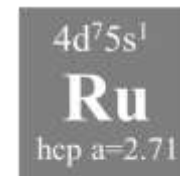
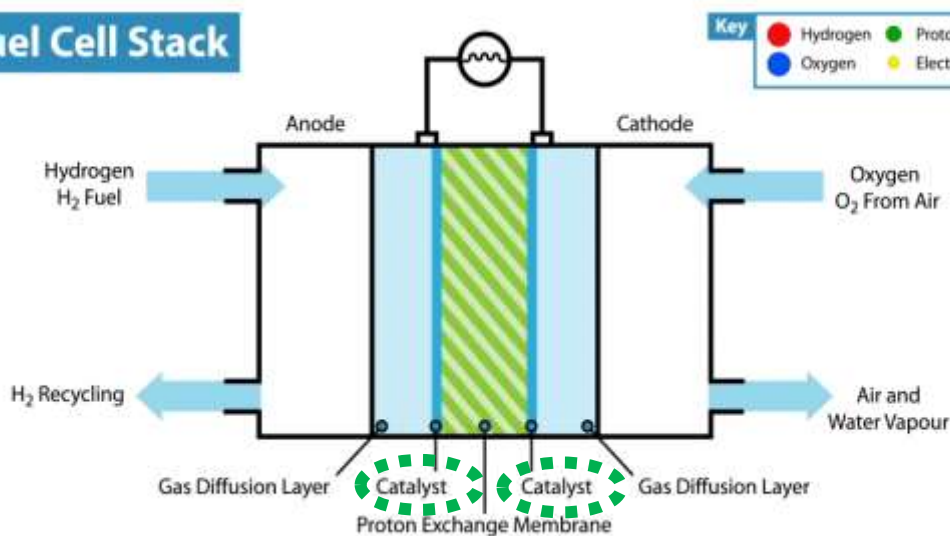
High reactivity

CO: <100ppm

High selectivity

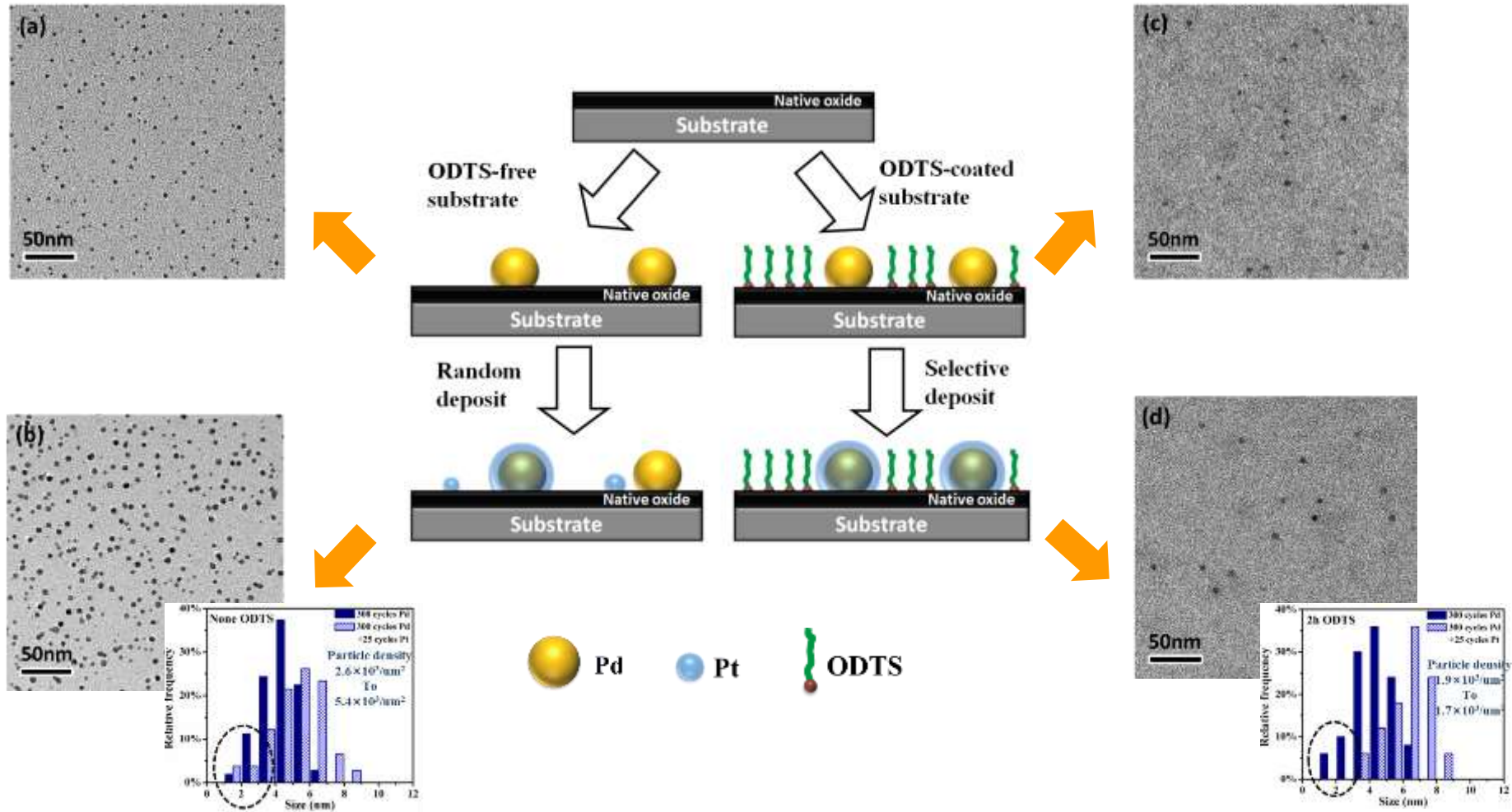
no H₂ consumption

Fuel Cell Stack



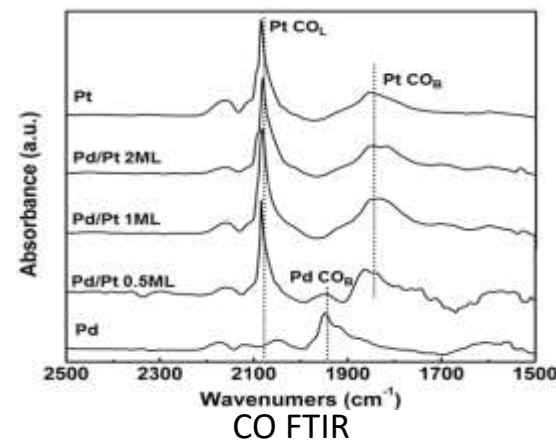
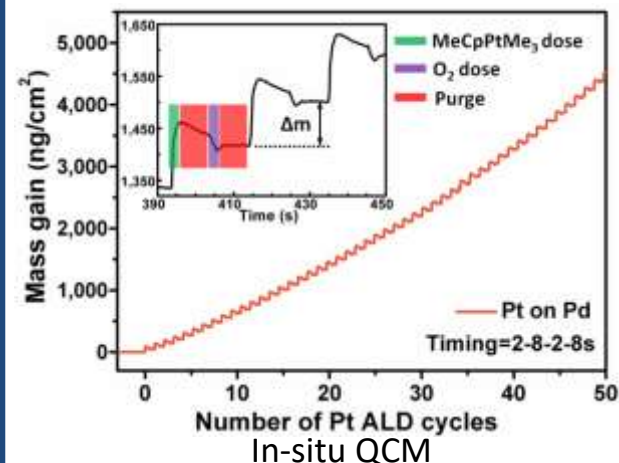
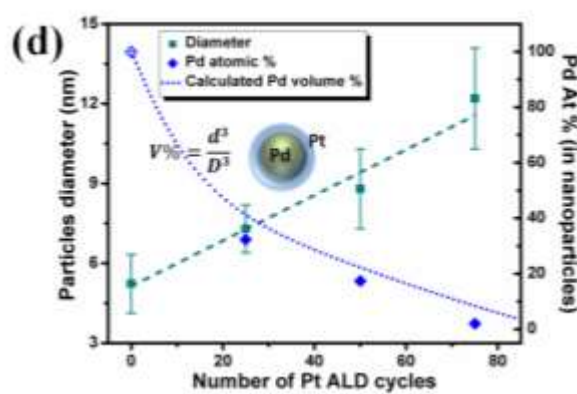
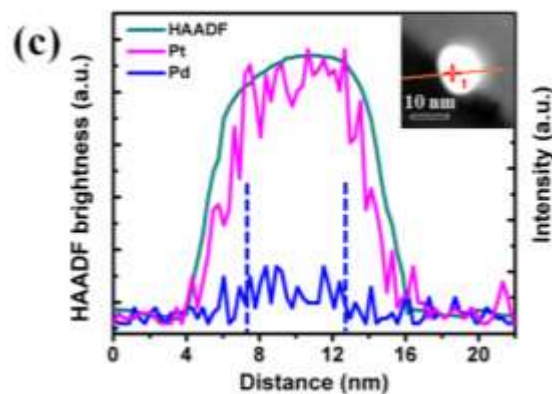
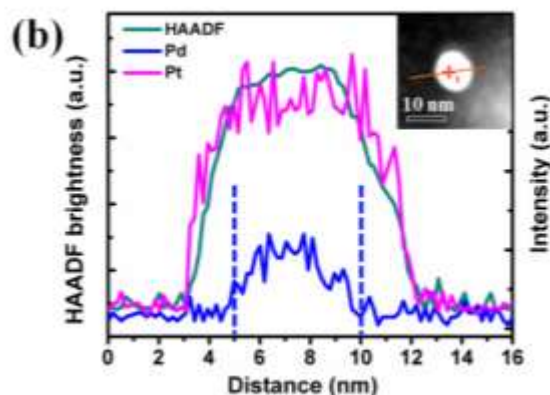
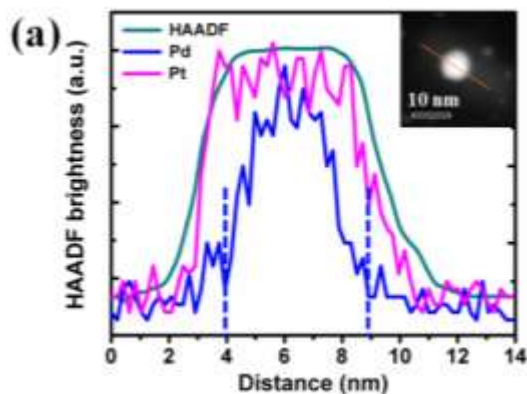
Strategy for fabricating core shell NPs

utilizing area selective ALD to fabricate core shell NPs with regular ALD recipes



Size and composition control

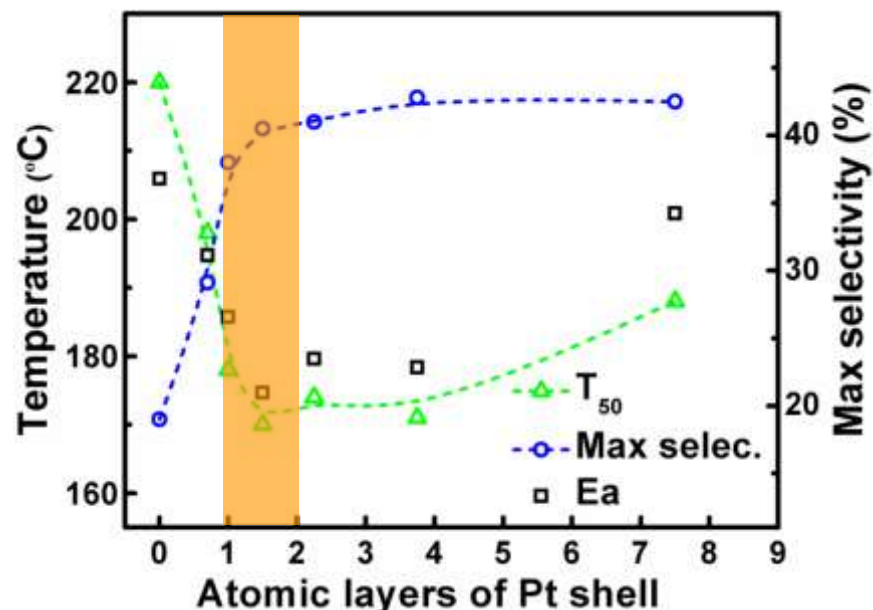
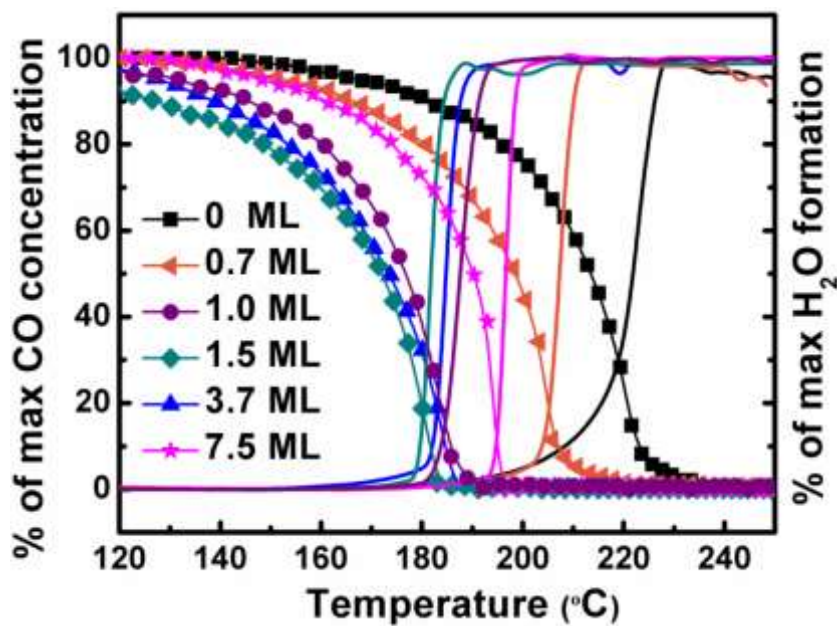
The size and composition of the core shell NPs can be controlled precisely by varying the ALD cycles



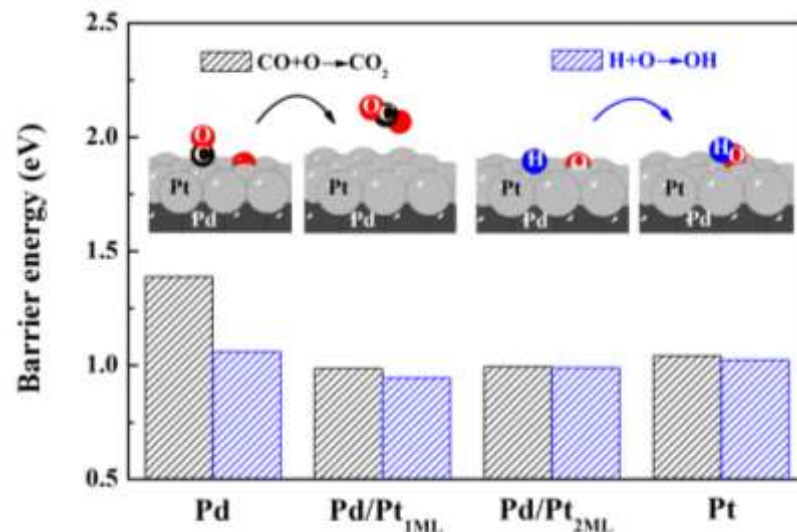
Performance towards PROX reaction

CO-tolerant: $\text{CO} + \text{H}_2 + 1/2 \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

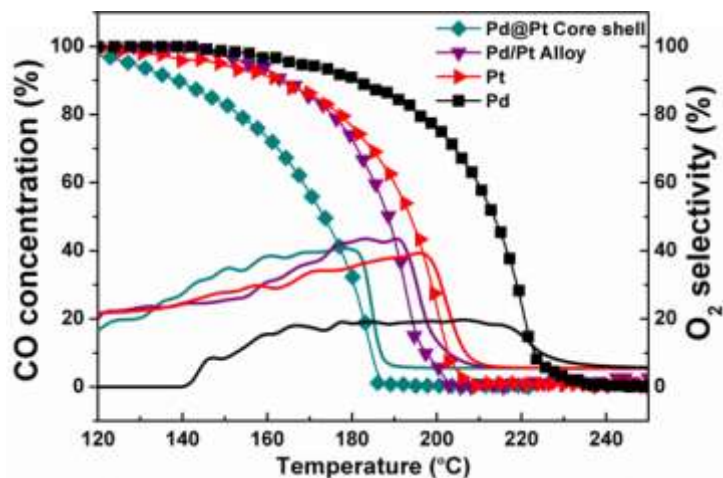
PROX: $\text{CO} + \text{H}_2 + 1/2 \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2$



- A monolayer of Pt shell shows significant improved catalytic performance
- Activation energy for CO oxidation of ~ 1 Pt ML NPs has lowest value, suggesting lower CO oxidation barrier

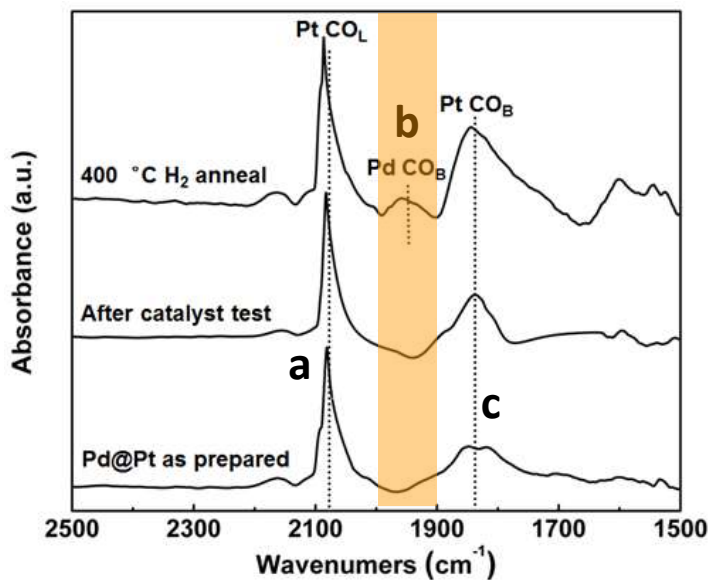
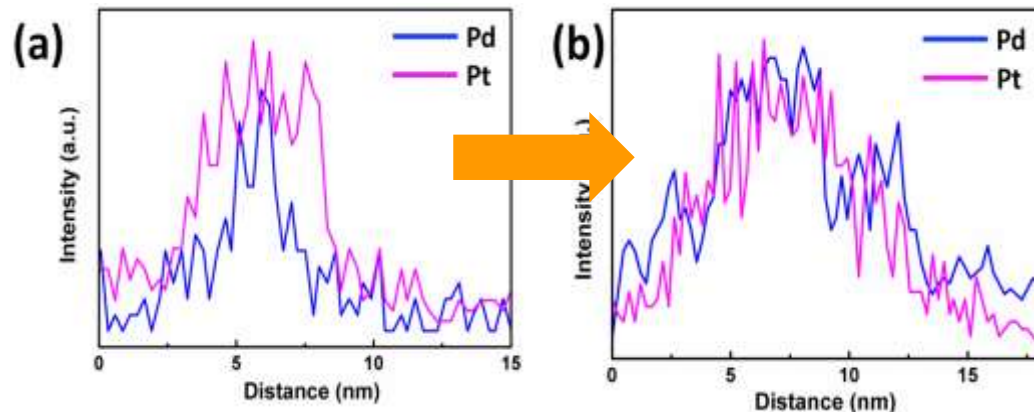


Structure Stability in Redox Environment



As prepared

400°C treatment in H₂ environment



- Desired nanostructure of bimetallic Pd@Pt NPs could promote the performances of PROX reaction
- Pd@Pt structure remains intact after PROX catalytic process

Ru/Pt bimetallic catalysts for PROX

Noble bimetallic core shell nanoparticles

Lattice strain

$4d^7 5s^1$ Ru hcp $a=2.71$	Rh	$4d^{10}$ Pd fcc $a=3.89$
Os	Ir	$5d^9 6s^1$ Pt fcc $a=3.92$

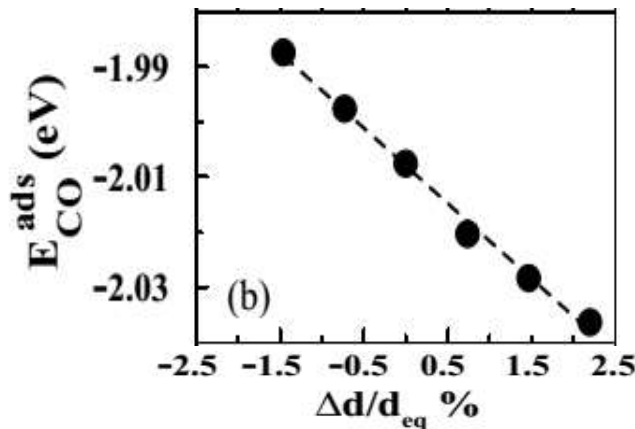


Electronic effect

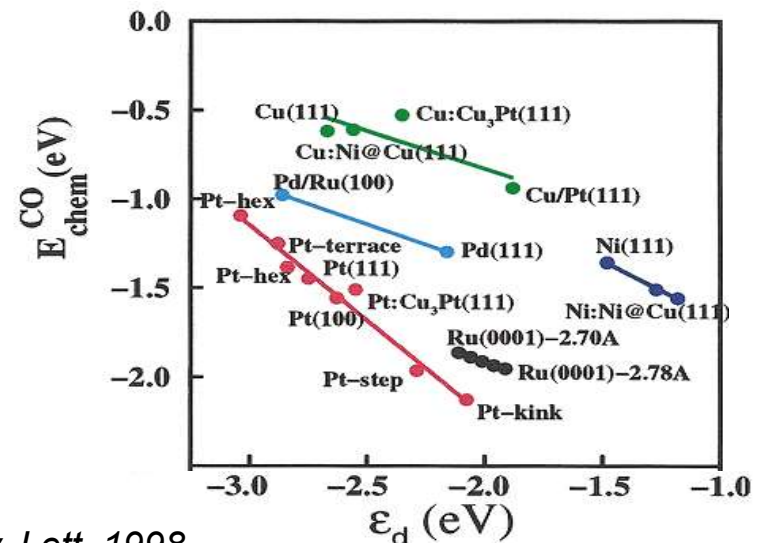


Pd@Pt : lattice matched, core shell interaction

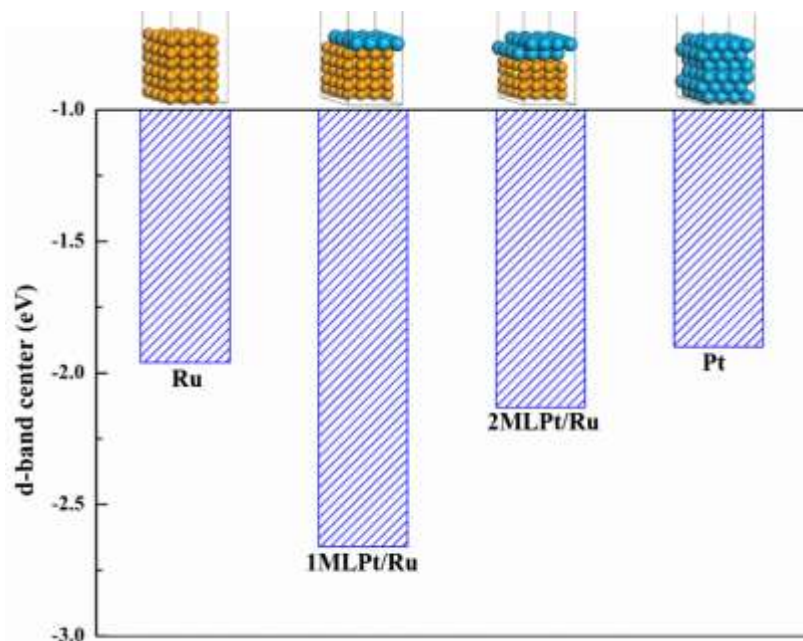
Ru@Pt : mismatched crystal constant, lattice strain factor



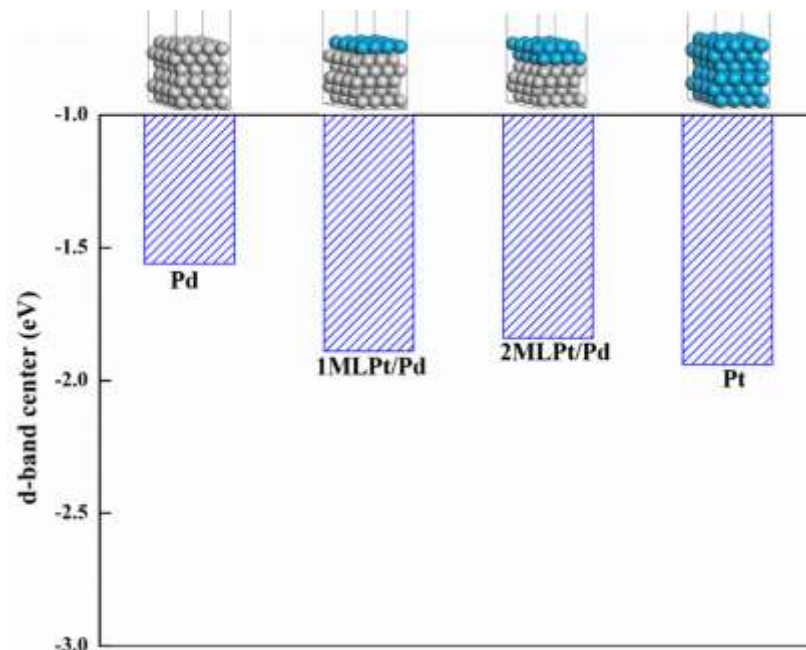
Noskov et al. Phys. Rev. Lett, 1998



d-band Center Comparison

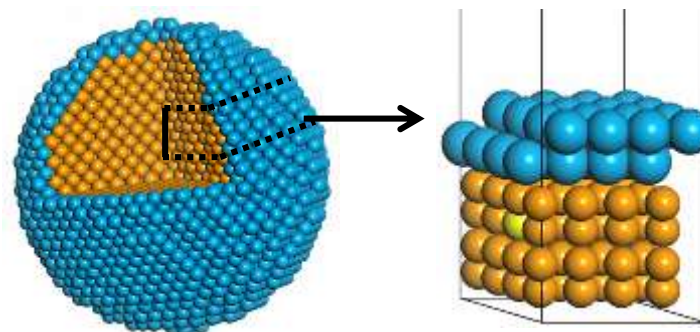


Pt (111) on Ru (001)



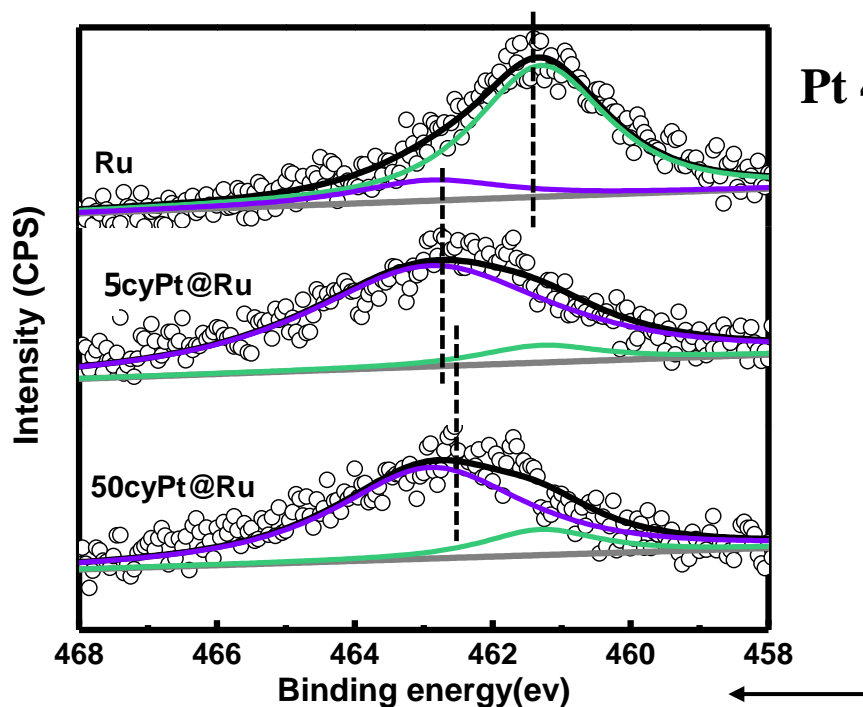
Pt (111) on Pd (111)

- Interaction strength of the catalytic surface with the adsorbates (CO in this reaction) is relevant to the d-band center, negative shift of the d-band center means CO adsorption weakens
- Compared to Pd@Pt, d band center change is significant on Ru with 1 ML of Pt



Electron modification

Ru 3p

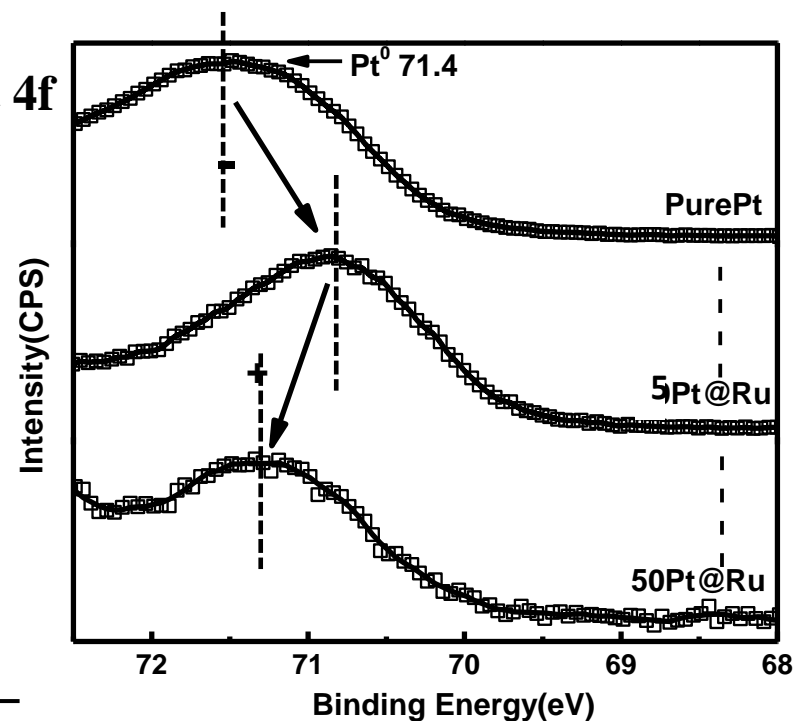


Electron loss of Ru

+ positive shift

- Down shift

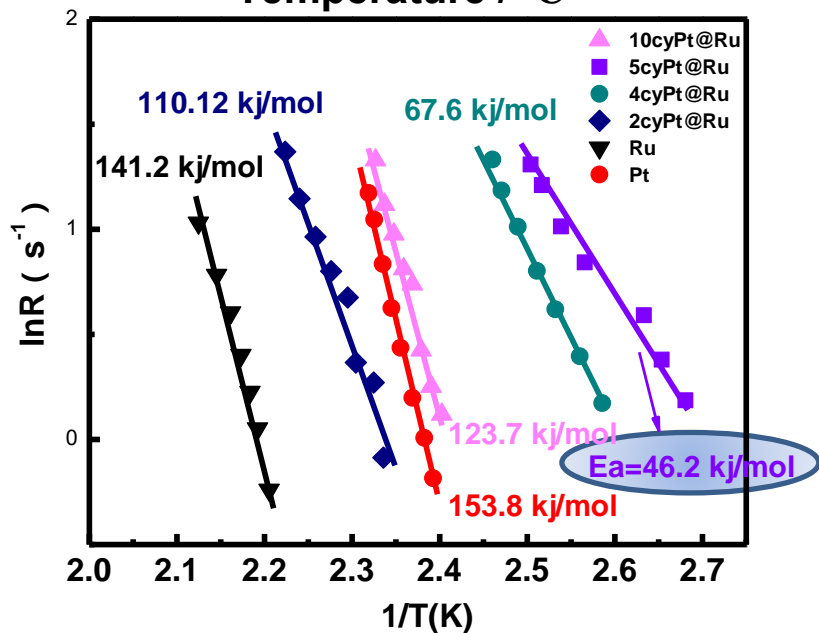
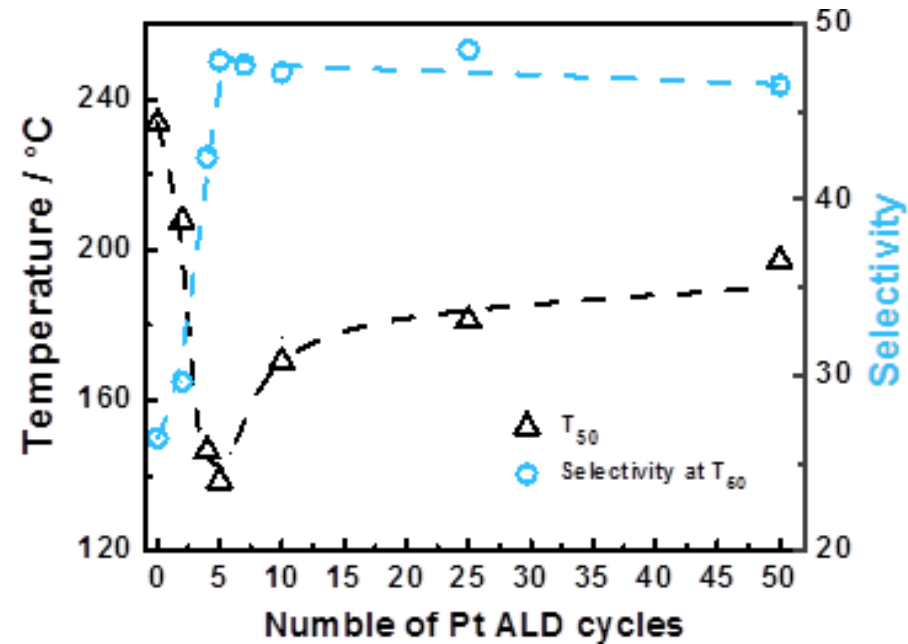
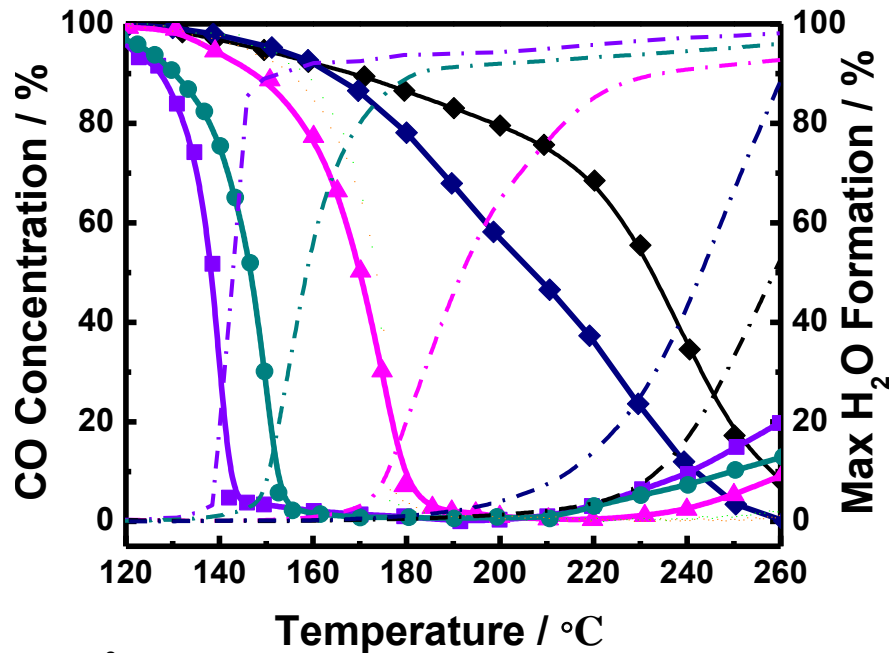
Pt 4f



Surface modification of Pt

- Electron transfer occurs at the interface of Ru/Pt, from Ru to Pt.

Catalytic activity measurement



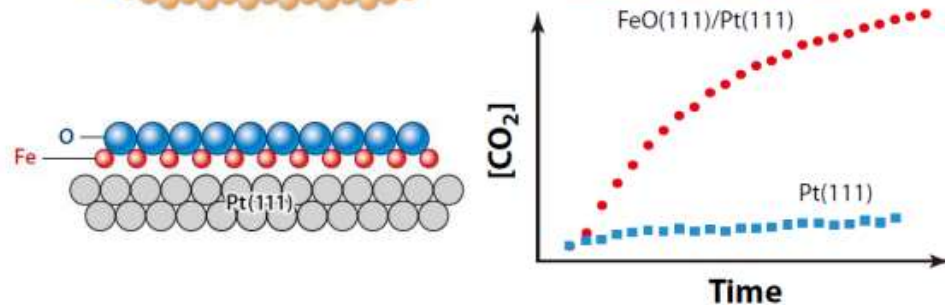
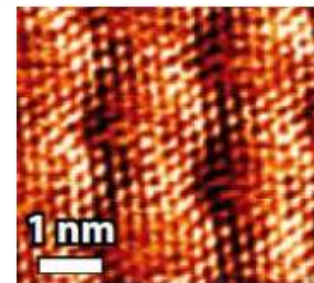
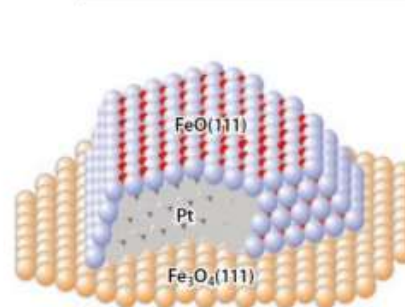
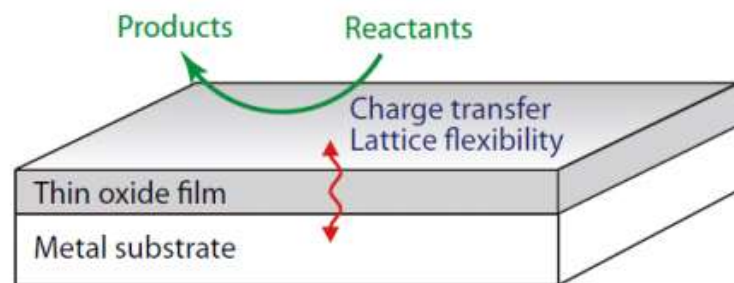
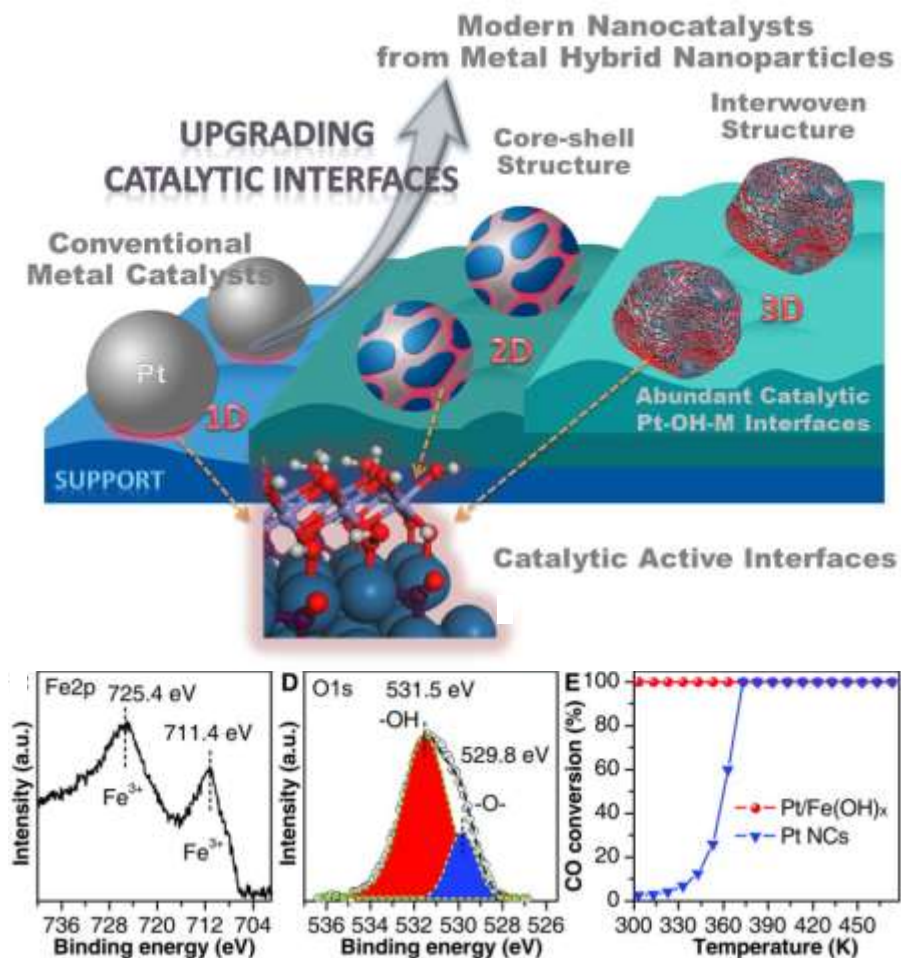
Activation energy calculation

Ref: Nat. Mater., 2008, 7, 333,
Ru@Pt, 1~2 layers E_a=129.4 kJ/mol

~5 cycle of Pt (less than a monolayer) shows
significant improvement of catalytic activity

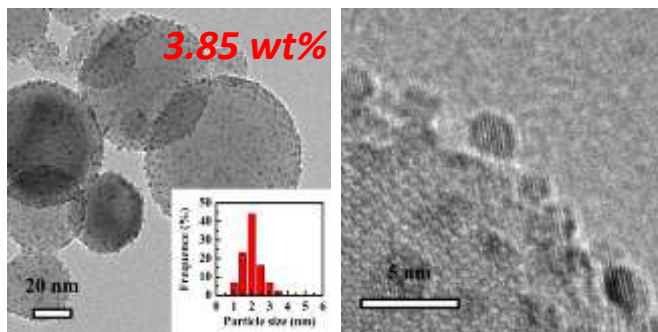
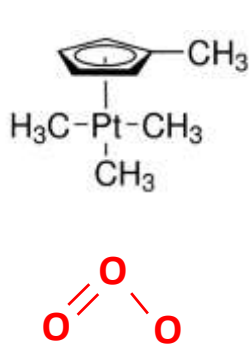
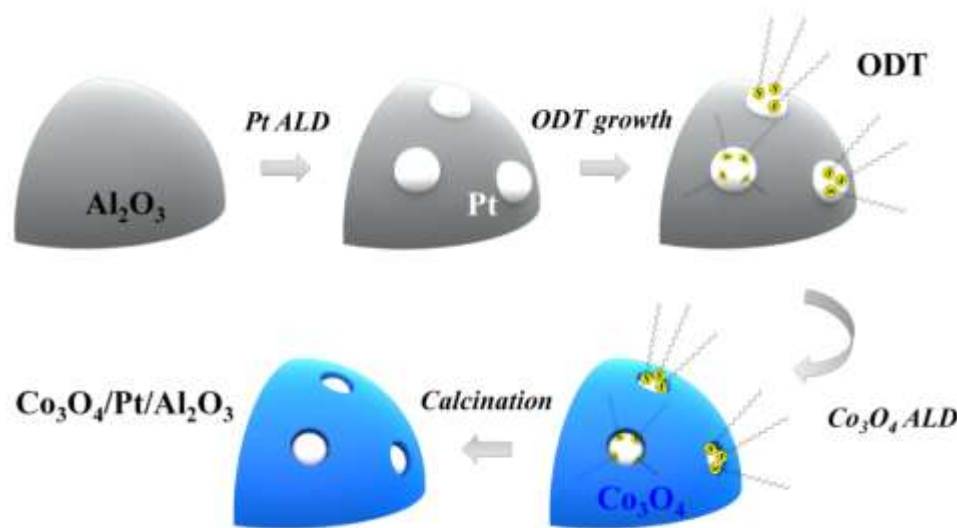
Metal-oxide interaction

- metal-oxide interface

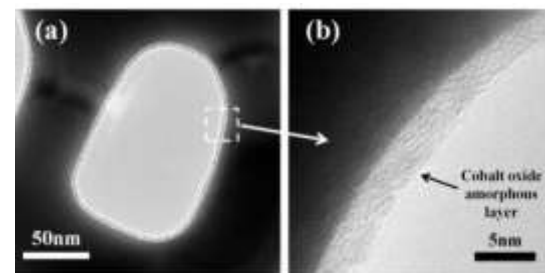


Pt and Co_3O_4 ALD Processes

Home made fluidized ALD reactor for powder ALD



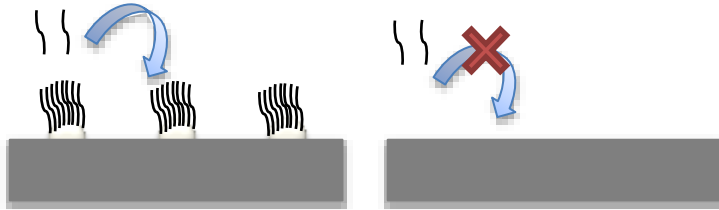
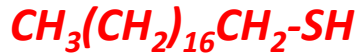
Pt ALD (300 °C)



Co_3O_4 ALD (150 °C)

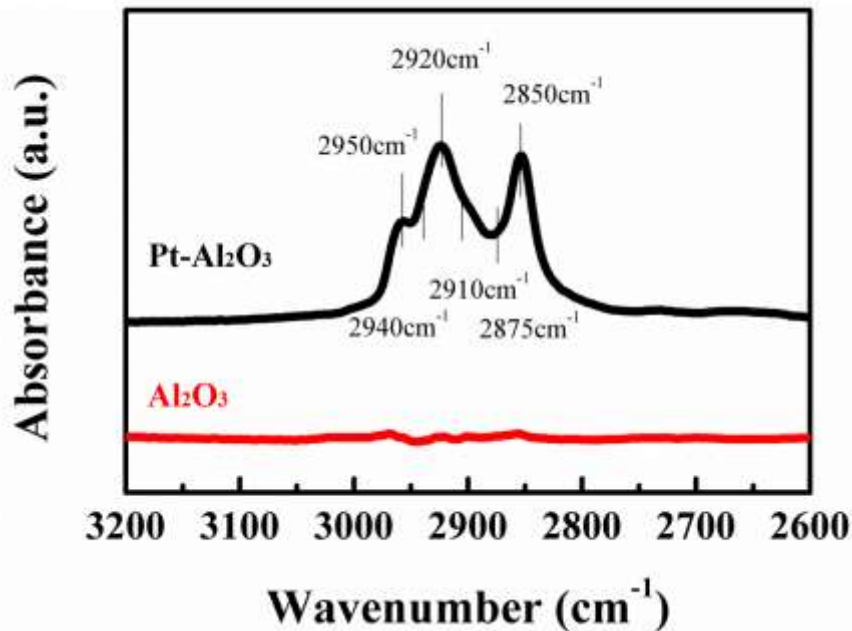
Selective Growth of ODT and Co_3O_4

ODT selective growth

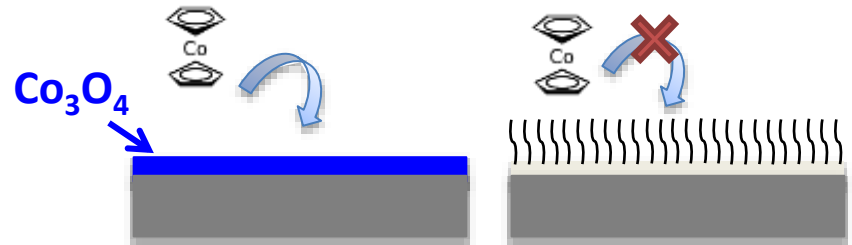


Pt- Al_2O_3

Al_2O_3

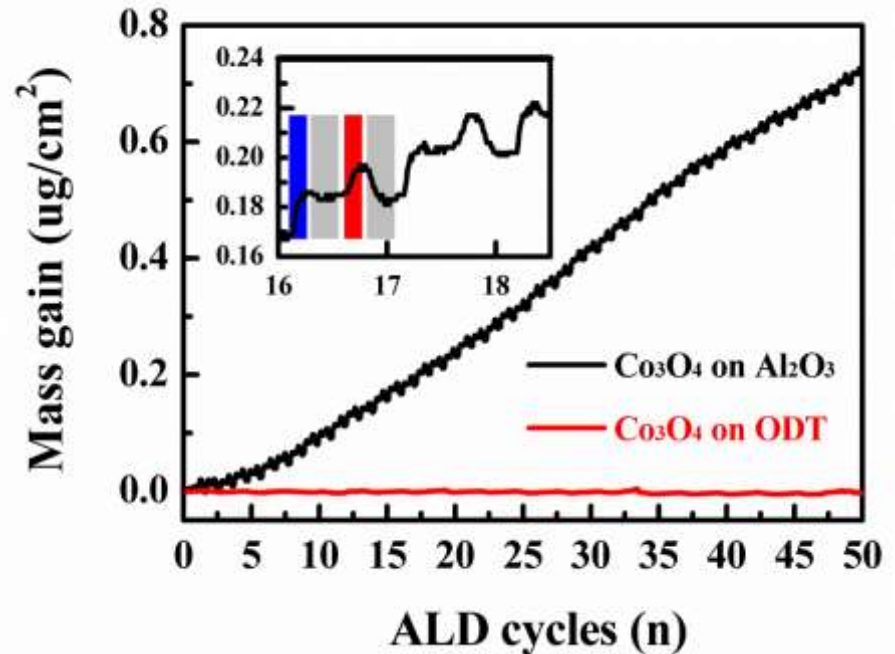


Co_3O_4 ALD growth



Al_2O_3

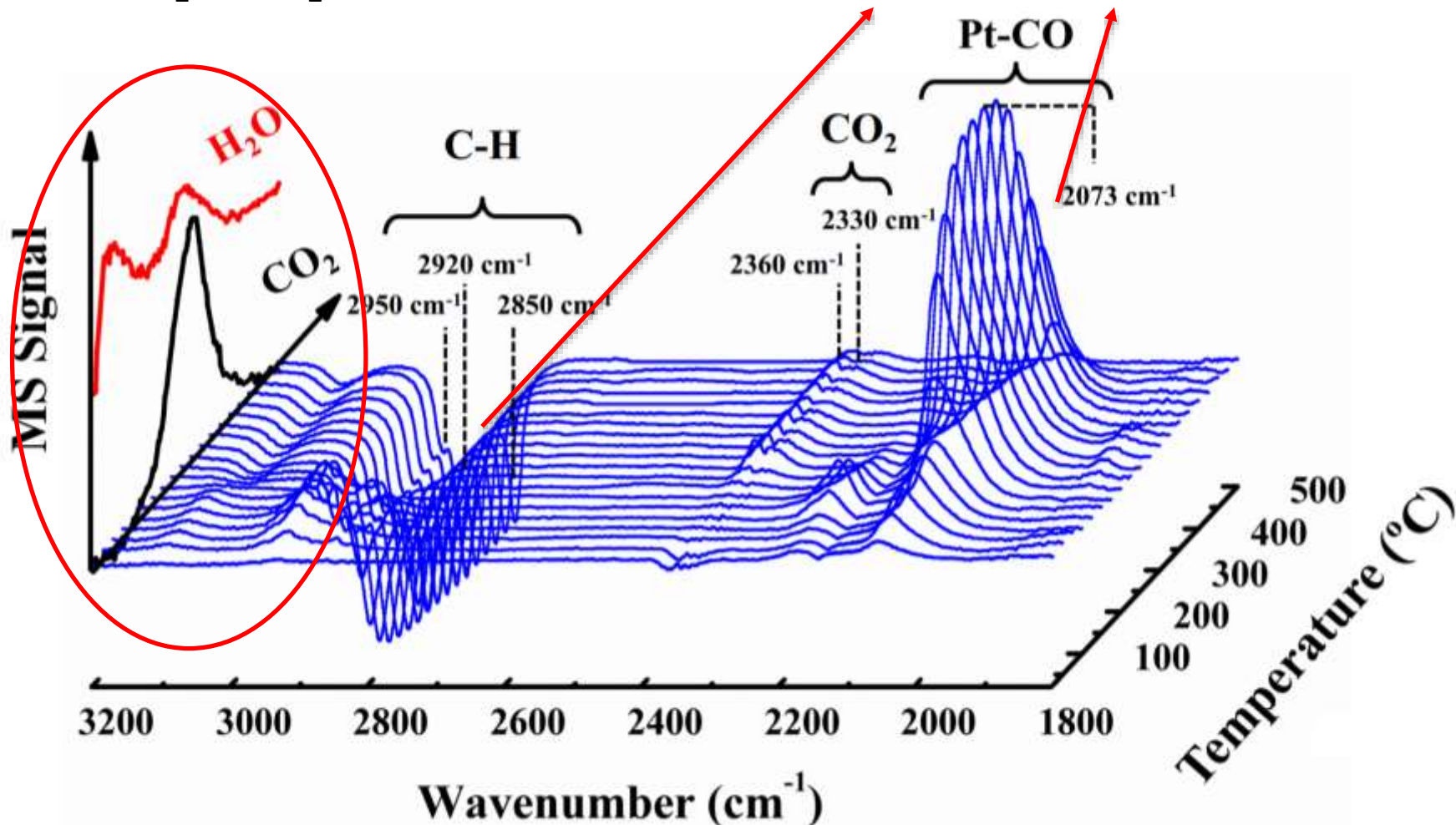
ODT/Pt- Al_2O_3



ODT Removal

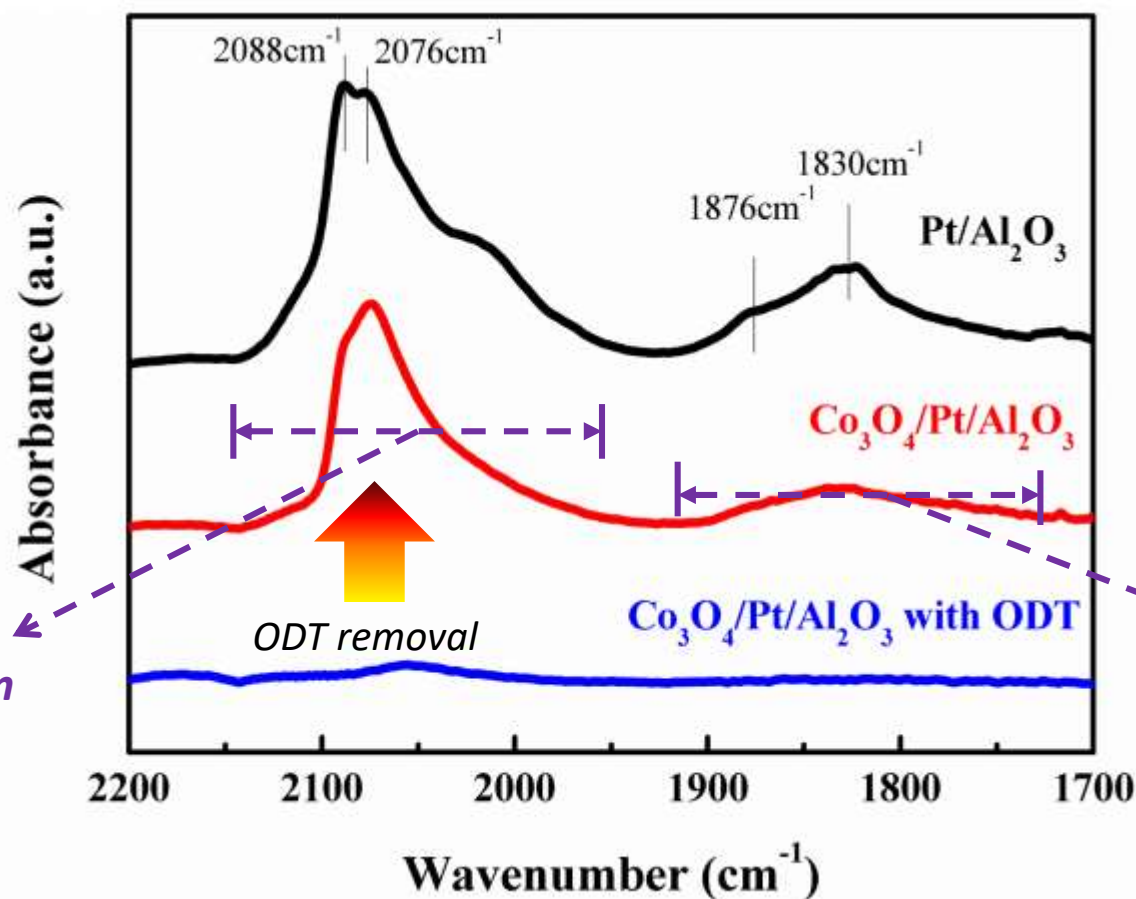
In situ mass spectrometry monitoring signals of CO₂ and H₂O

In situ DRIFTS detecting the stretching bands in C-H and Pt-CO regions



- heating up under oxidative environment with in-situ characterizations

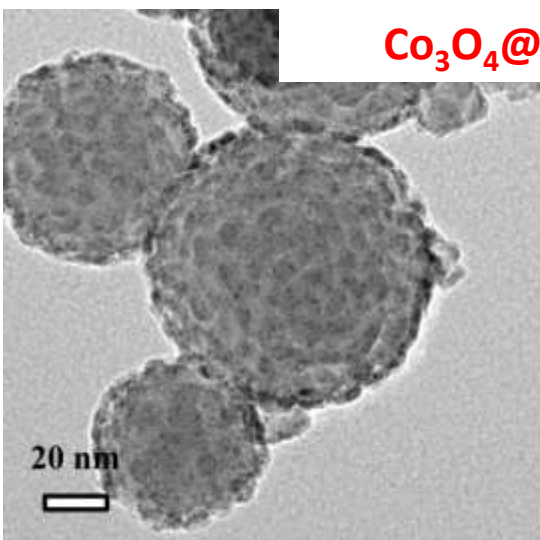
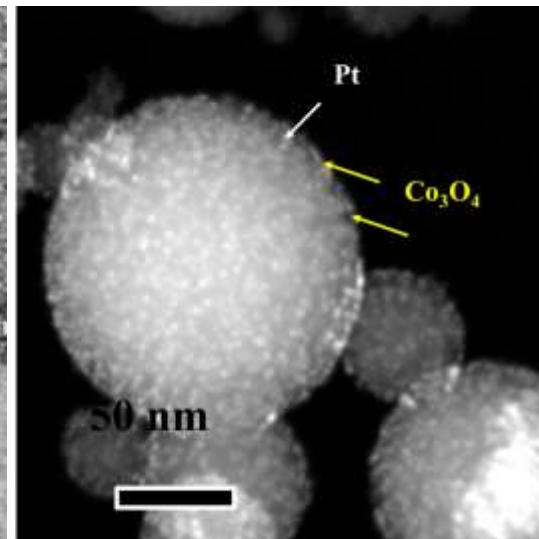
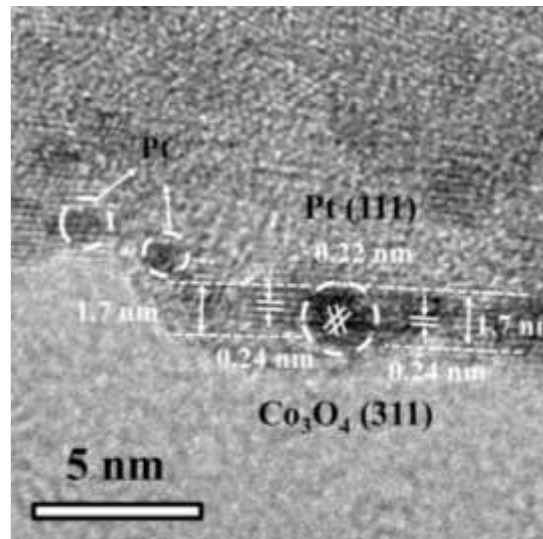
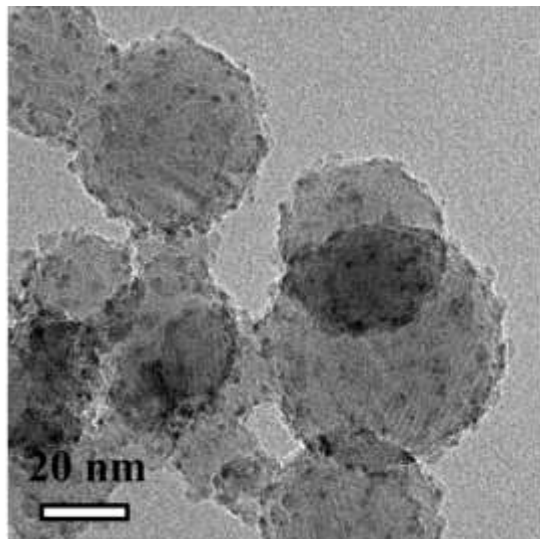
DRIFTS spectra of CO adsorption (RT)



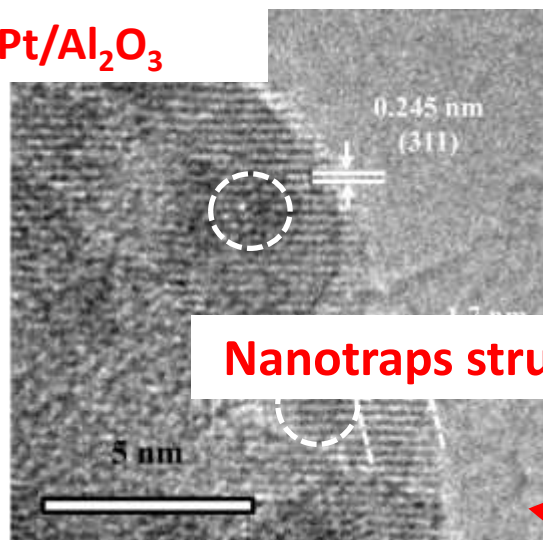
- The blocked adsorption sites on Pt nanoparticles for CO molecule have been exposed after the removal of ODT overlayer.

TEM images of $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{Pt}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$

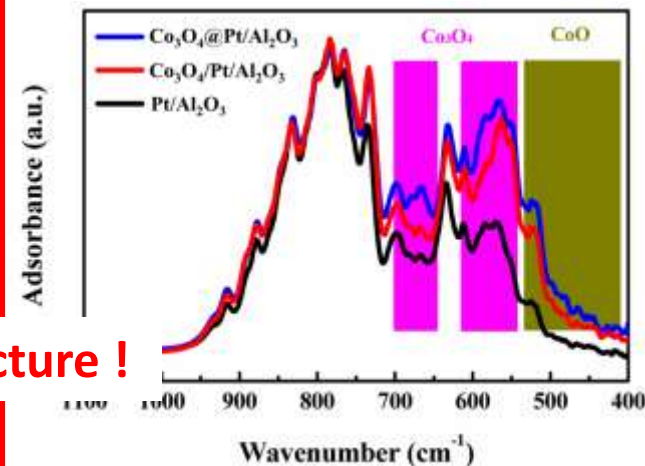
$\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{Pt}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$: Pt are inserted into Co_3O_4 nanotraps



$\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4@\text{Pt}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$

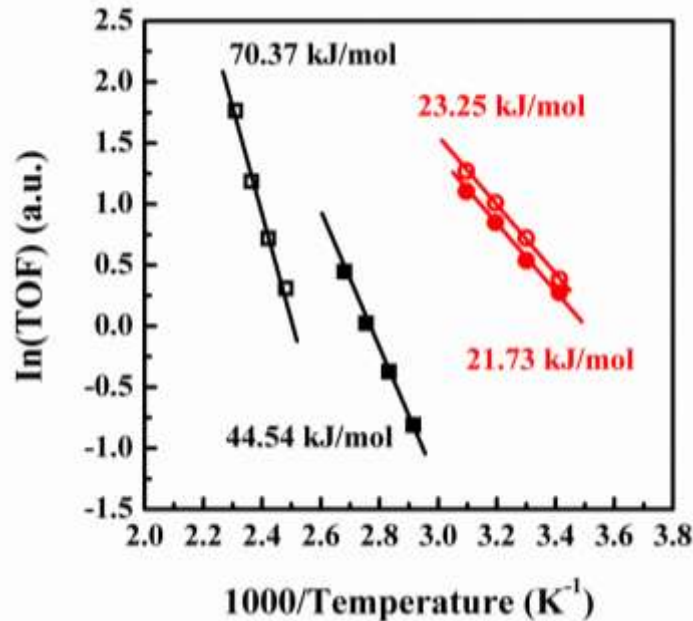
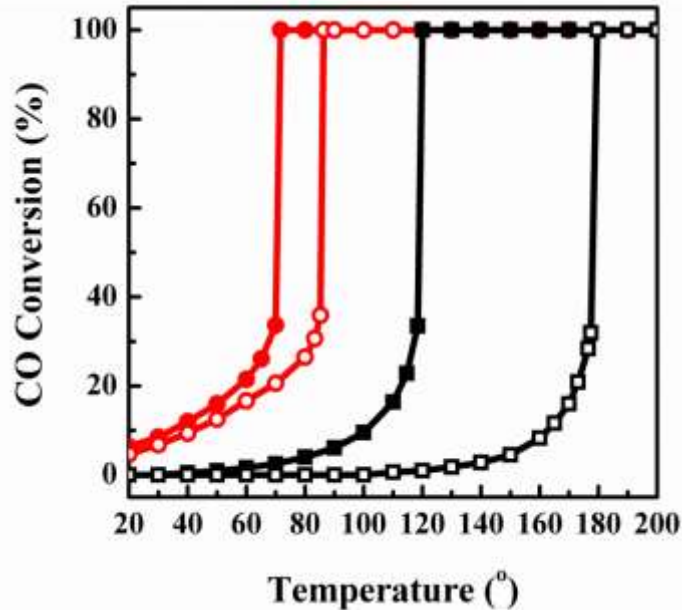


Nanotraps structure !

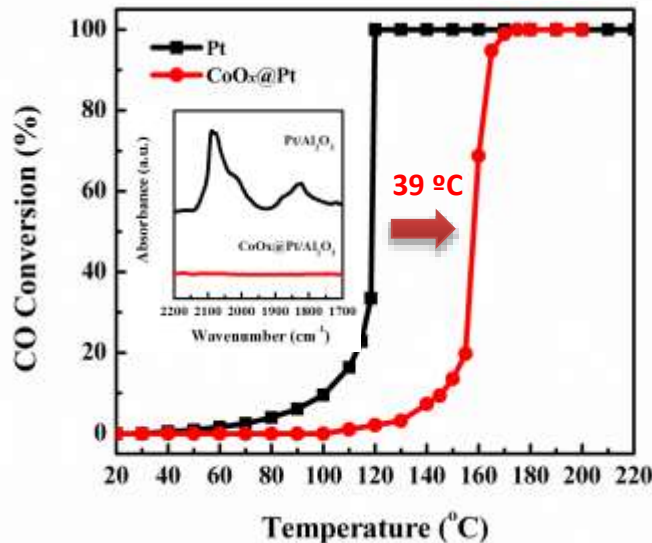


Prepared without ODT pretreatment

CO oxidation performance

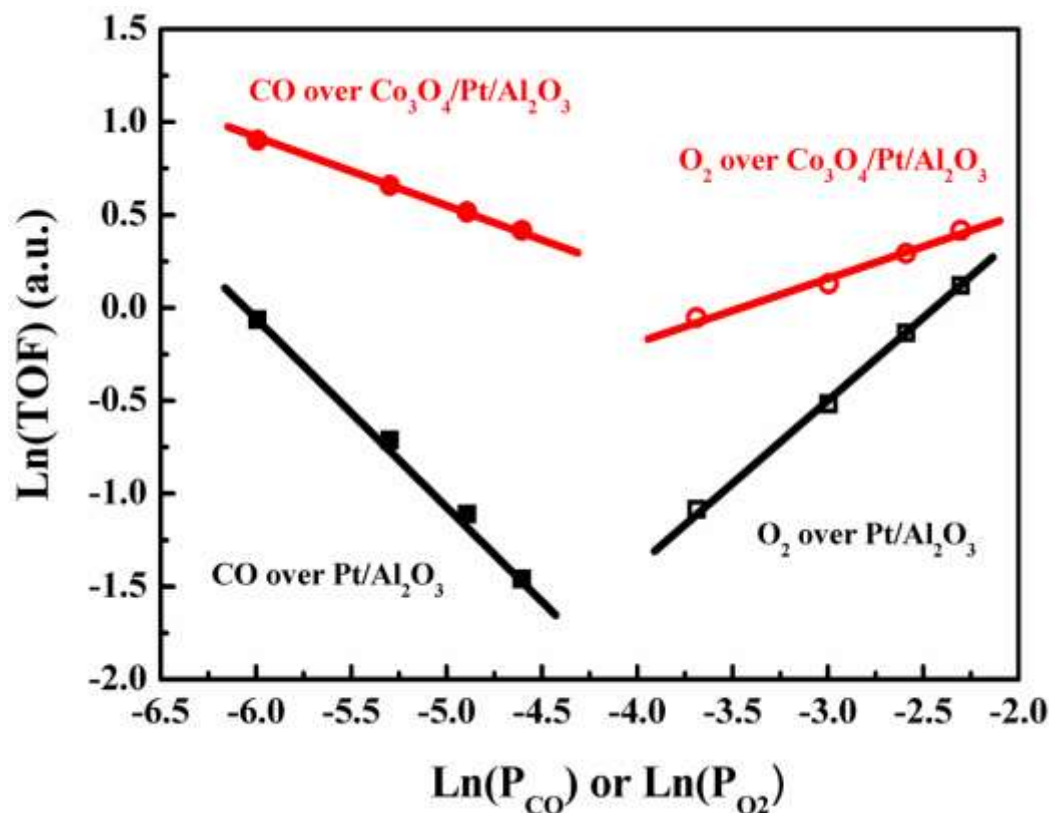


Pt/Al₂O₃ (■), Pt/Al₂O₃-600 (□),
 Co₃O₄/Pt/Al₂O₃ (●),
 Co₃O₄/Pt/Al₂O₃-600 (○)



- Co₃O₄/Pt/Al₂O₃ exhibits outstanding low temperature CO oxidation performance, while Co₃O₄@Pt/Al₂O₃ shows worse activity than pure Pt/Al₂O₃.
- Co₃O₄ nanotraps can greatly enhance the thermal stability of Pt nanoparticles.

Reaction order



$\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{Pt}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$:

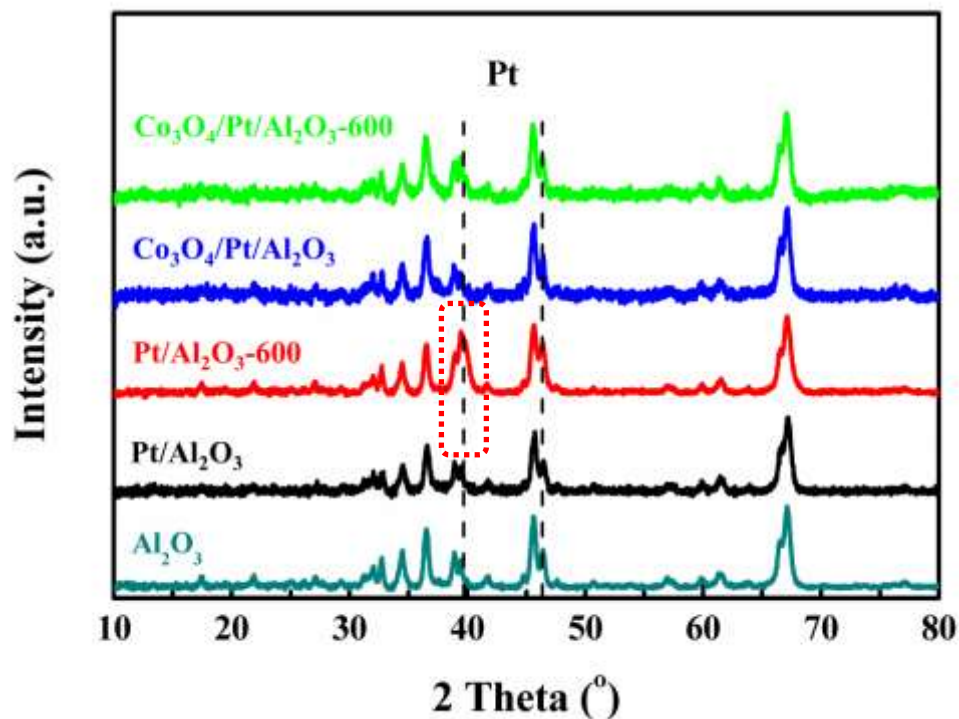
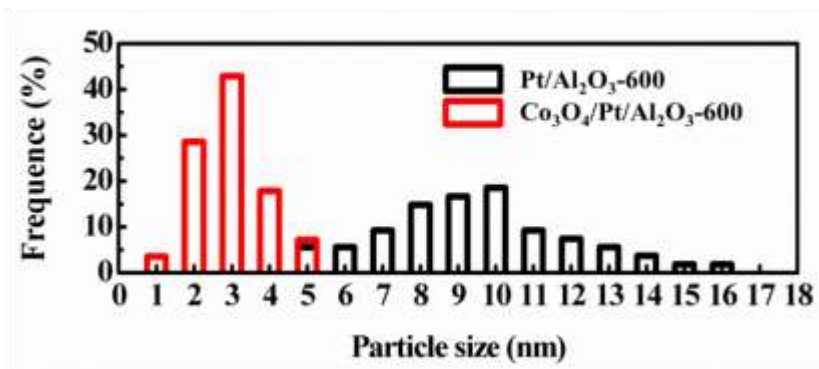
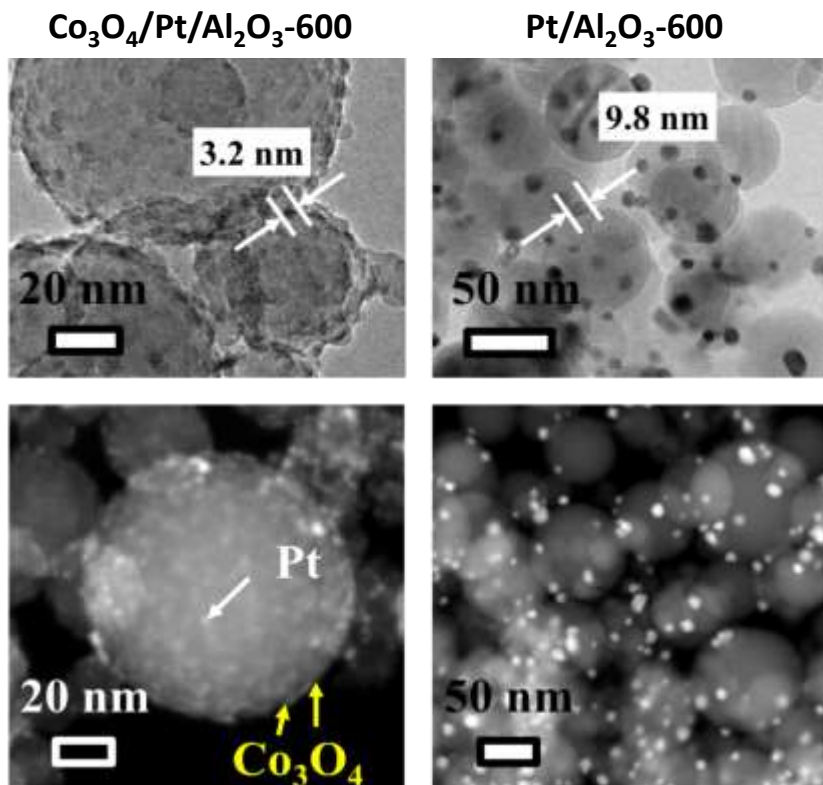
$$[\text{CO}]^{-0.35}[\text{O}_2]^{0.34}$$

$\text{Pt}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$:

$$[\text{CO}]^{-0.98}[\text{O}_2]^{0.87}$$

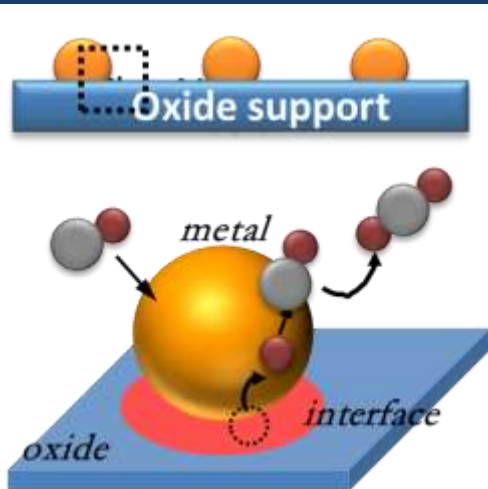
- The larger reaction order of CO and smaller reaction order of O_2 over $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{Pt}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ indicate the weaker CO adsorption energy and lower O_2 activated barrier, which may due to the strong interfacial interaction between Co_3O_4 and Pt.

Characterizations of calcined catalysts

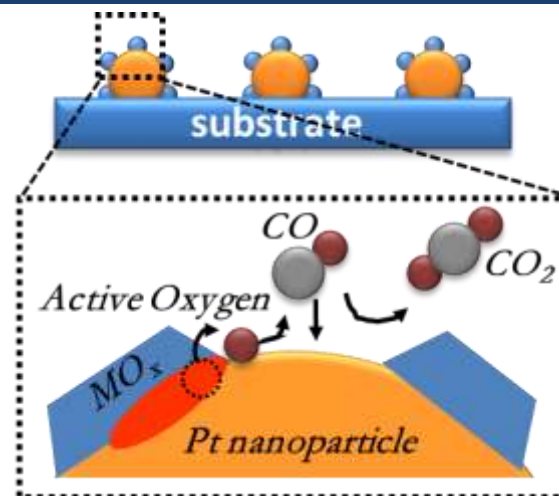
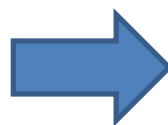


- XRD: Sintering causes Pt crystal size increasing.
- TEM: Pt nanoparticles have been stabilized with Co₃O₄ nanotraps.

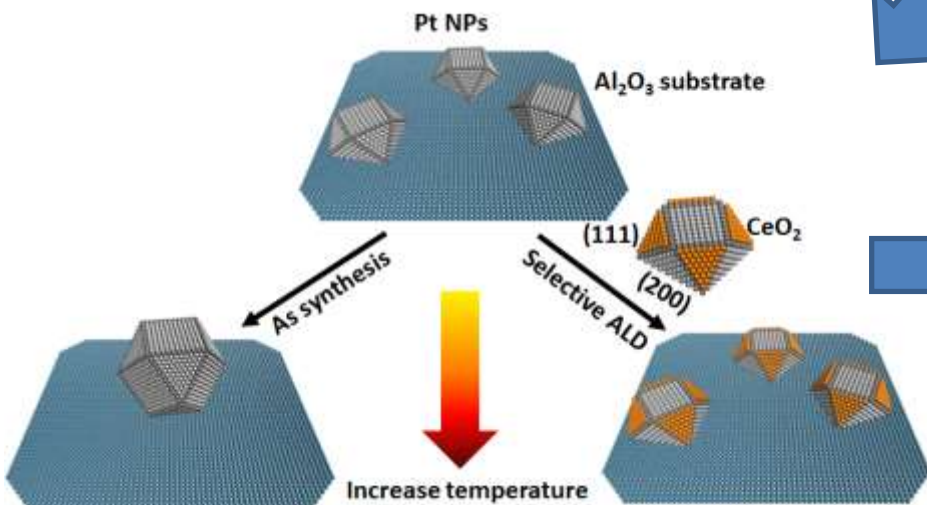
Oxide nanofence coating from facet-selective ALD



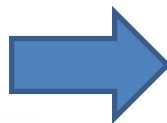
supported metal NPs



Discontinuous coating

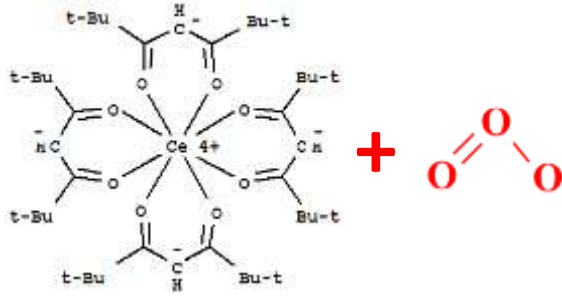


Facet selective ALD

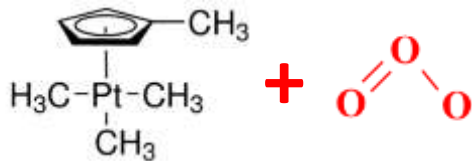


- ✓ Nanofence barrier cage
- ✓ Pt-O-Ce strong anchoring
- ✓ Synergetic effect
- ✓ Facet edge
- ✓ Stable in redox environment

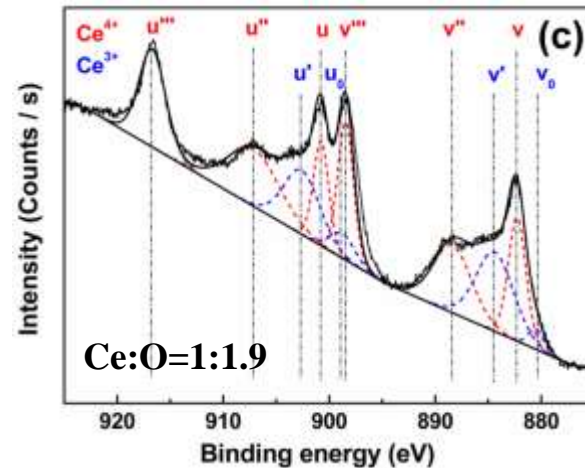
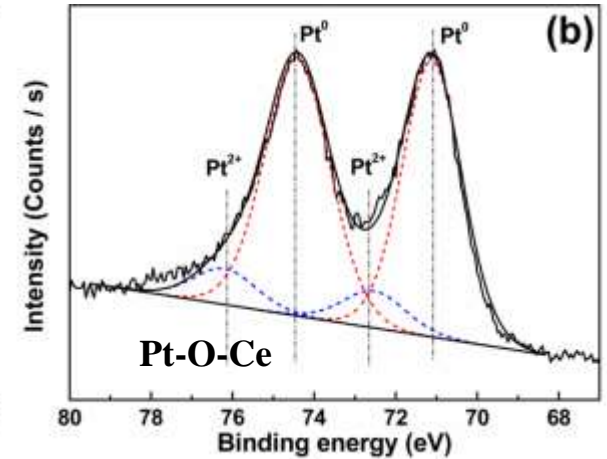
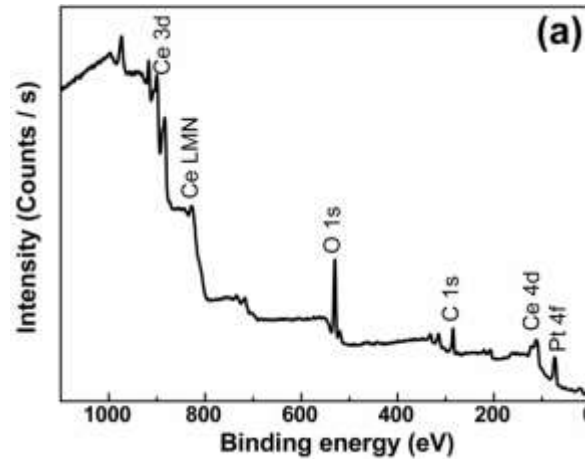
ALD process and XPS of CeO₂ coated Pt



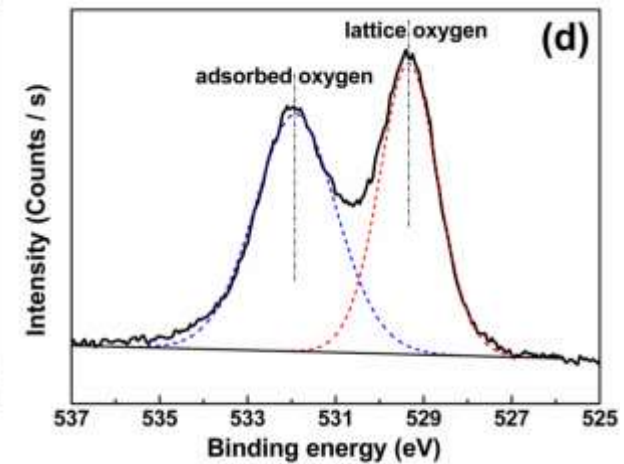
200 °C \ 160 °C



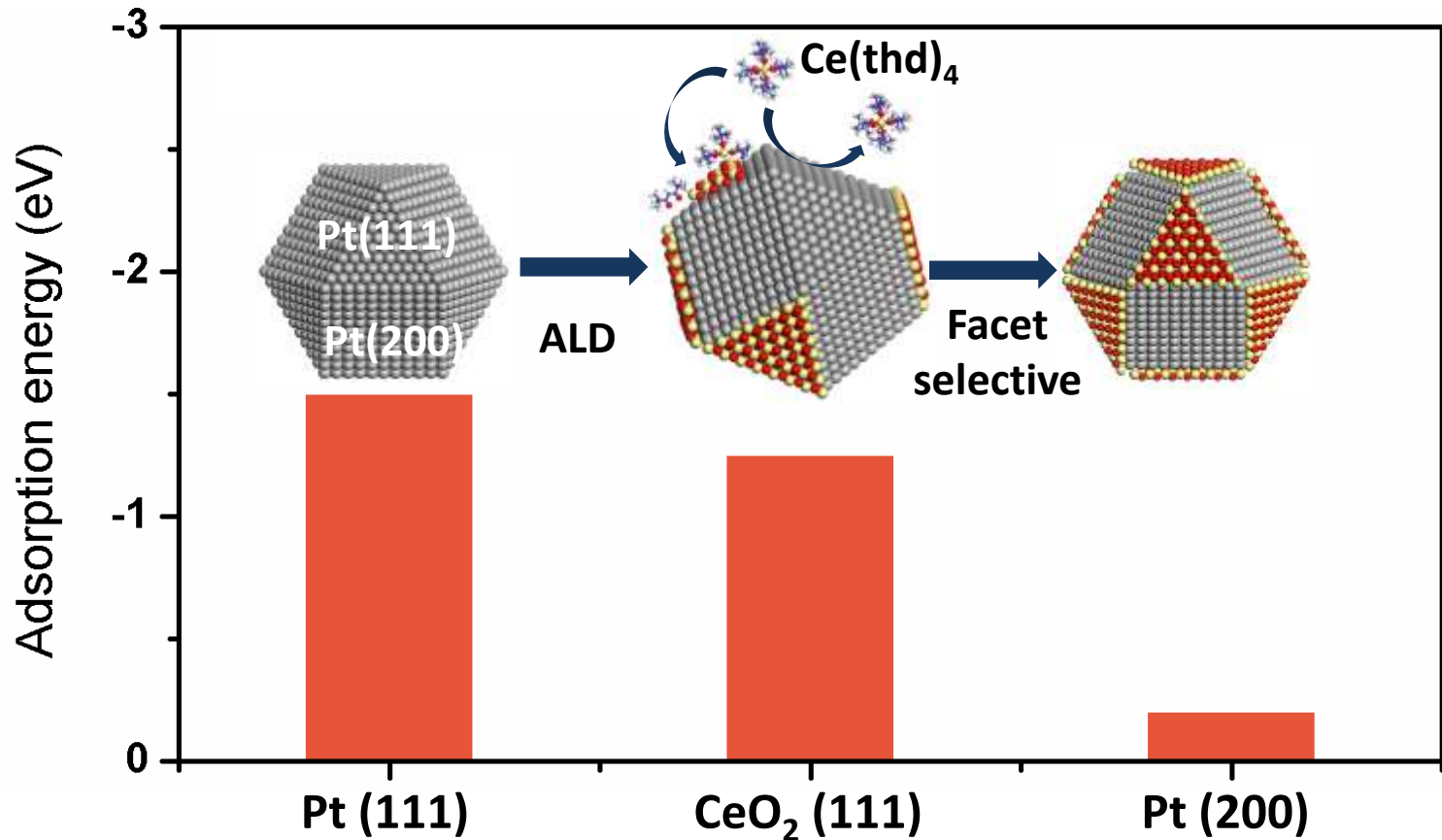
300 °C \ 65 °C



Ce:O=1:1.9

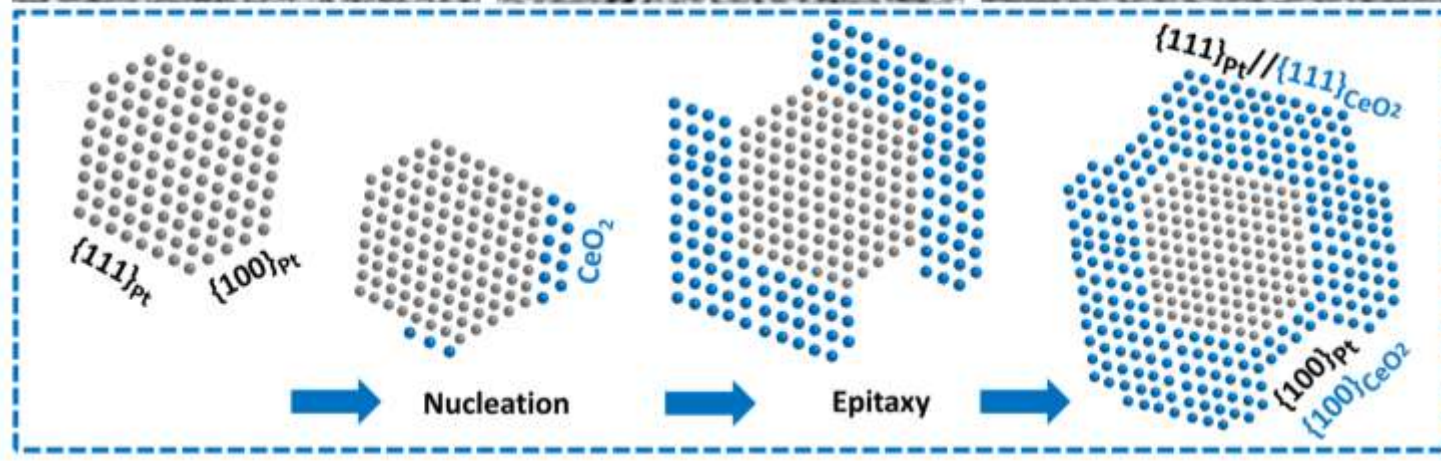
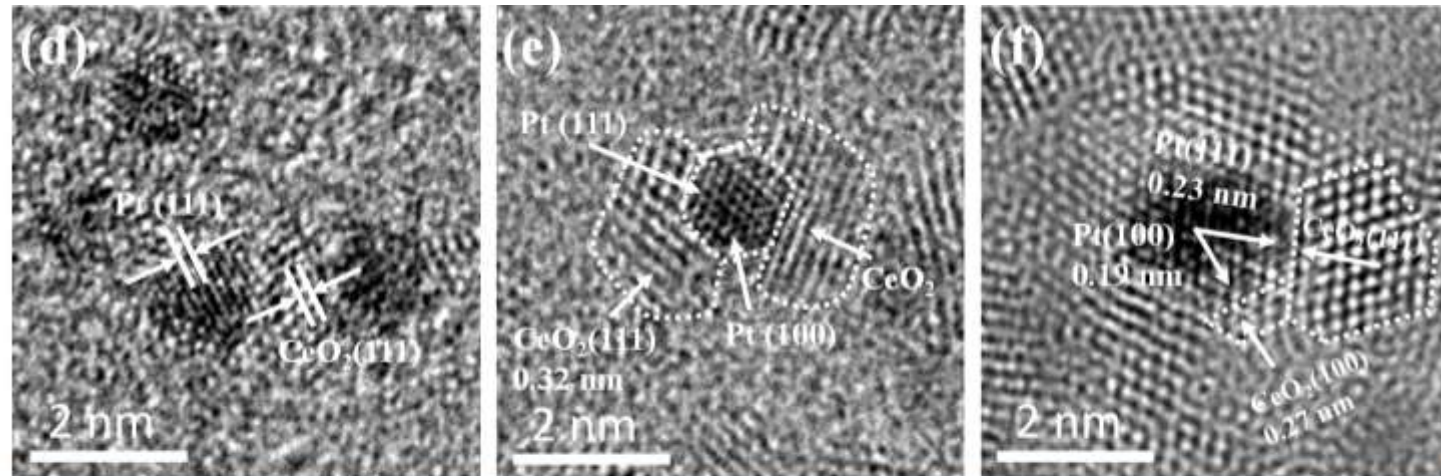


Selective ALD method



- Ce(thd)₄ precursor preferentially adsorb on Pt (111) surface via the ligand exchange mechanism.
- After CeO₂ has formed on Pt (111), epitaxial growth of CeO₂ (111) emerged, Ce(thd)₄ does not like to adsorb on Pt (200).

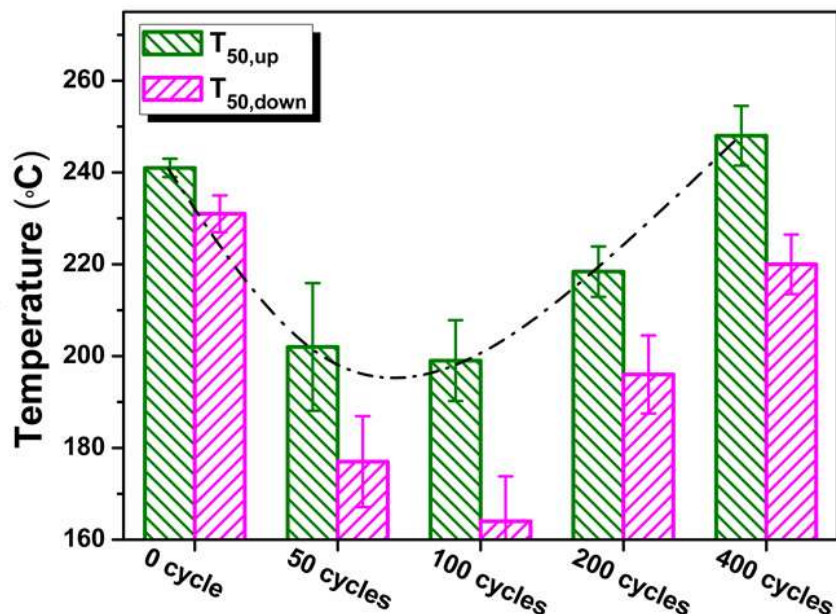
HRTEM Images: Facet Selectivity



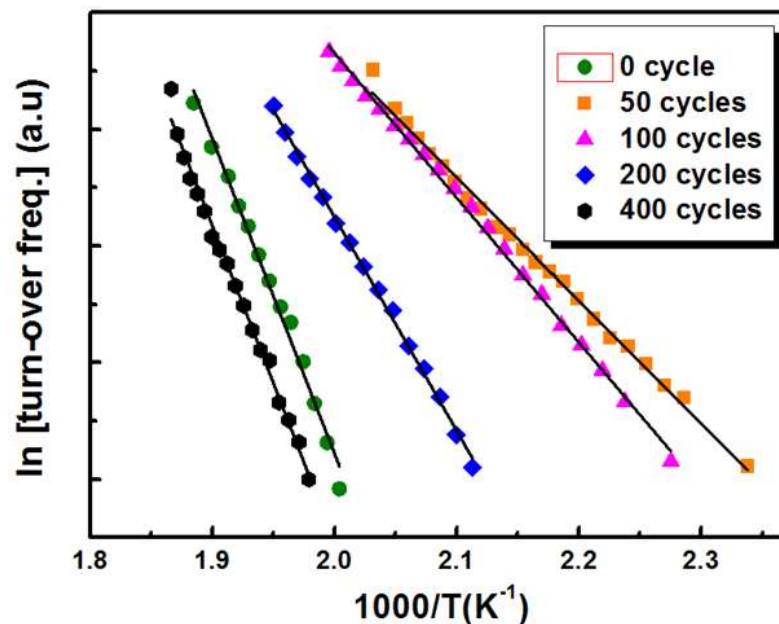
Increasing ALD cycles

- CeO_2 are preferred and selected deposited on Pt (111) direction which forming abundant interface.

Catalysts performance test



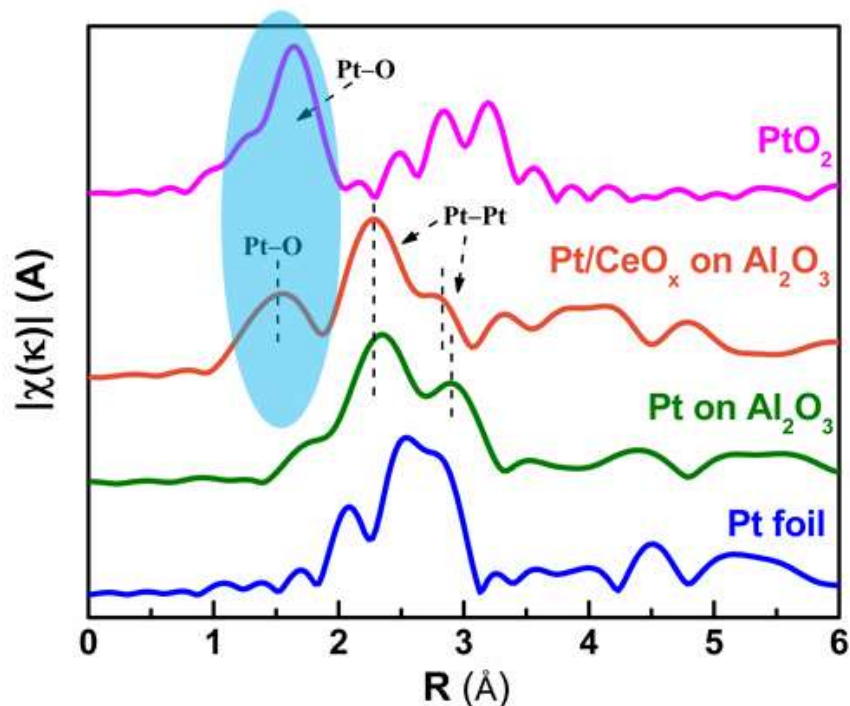
T_{50} vs ALD cycles



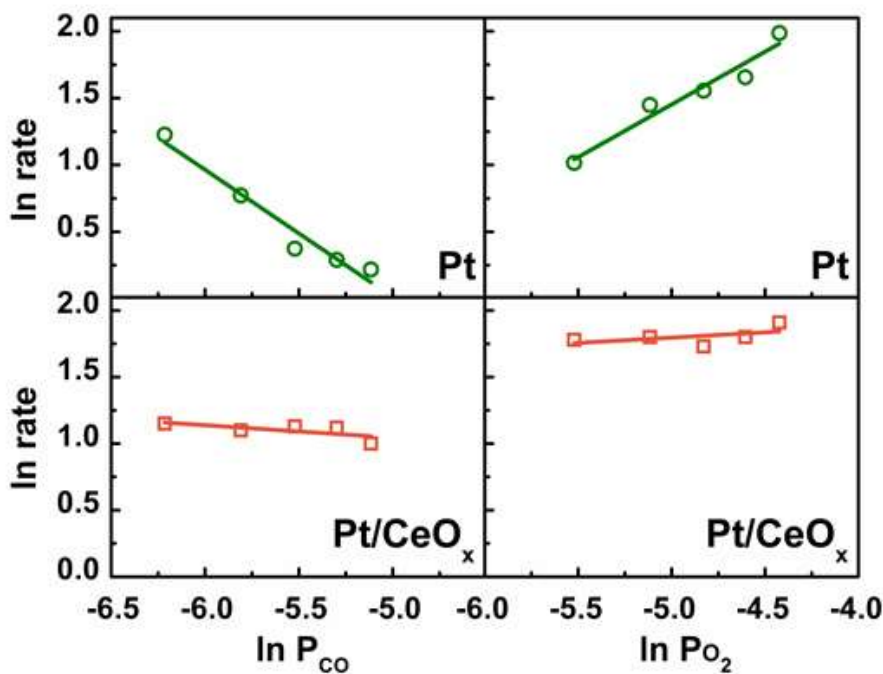
Arrhenius plot of CO conversion

- $T_{50,up}$ decrease as CeO_x coating cycles increase within 100 cycles, after optimization coating cycles, the catalytic activity start to decrease
- The activation energy E_a for $CO+O \rightarrow CO_2$ implies the ability of the surface to remove CO during CO oxidation. E_a around 100 cycles has lowest value.

Catalysts performance test



EXAFS spectra at Pt L₃-edge

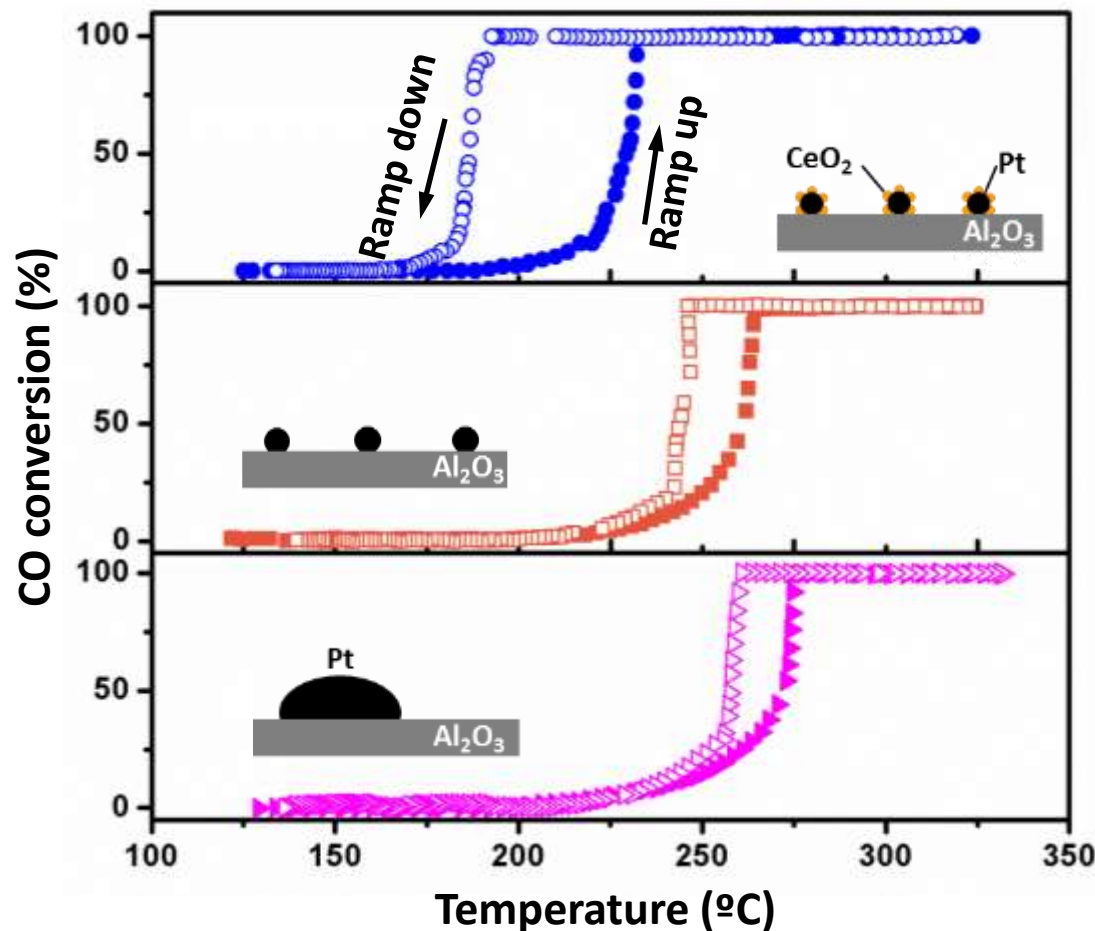
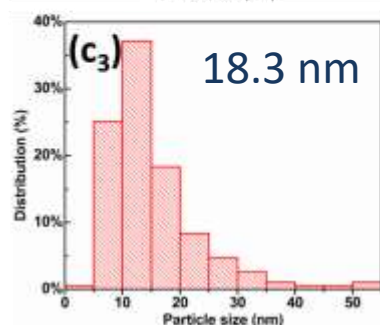
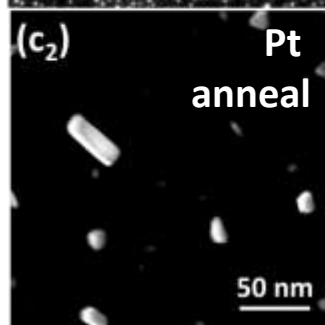
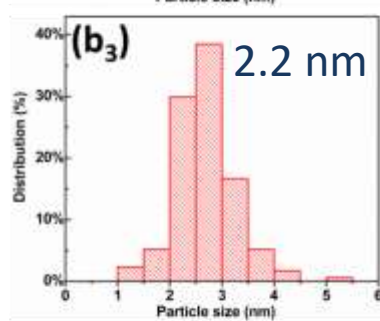
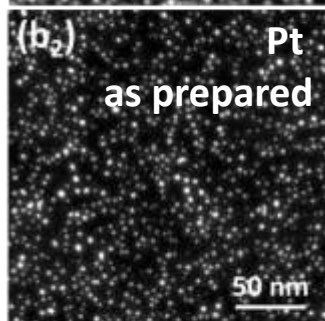
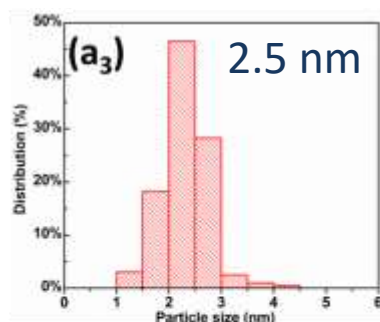
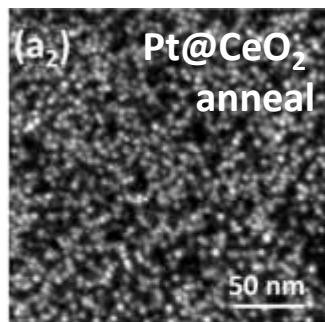


Reaction order test

- Bond length of Pt-Pt in CeO_x coated sample has shifted from 2.73Å to 2.70Å - strong metal oxide interaction effect (SMOI)
- Both CO/O₂ reaction order for Pt/CeO_x is close to 0, indicating the weaker CO adsorption energy and lower O₂ activated barrier

Thermal stability of CeO₂/Pt

With CeO₂ coating layer, the CeO₂/Pt catalysts demonstrate improved thermal stability

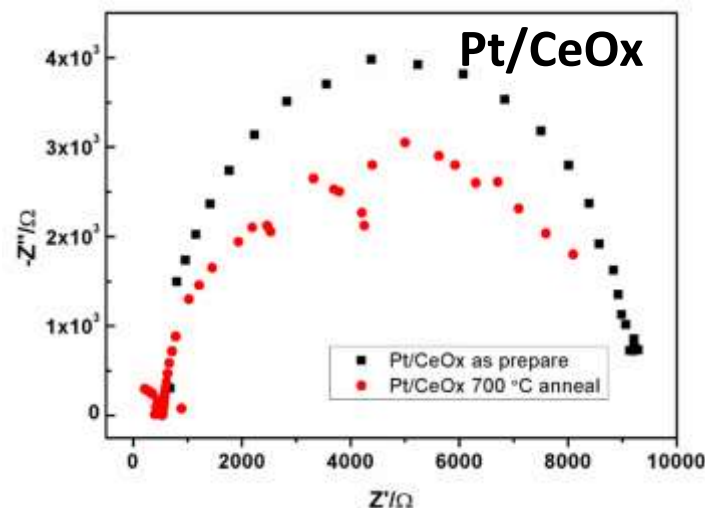
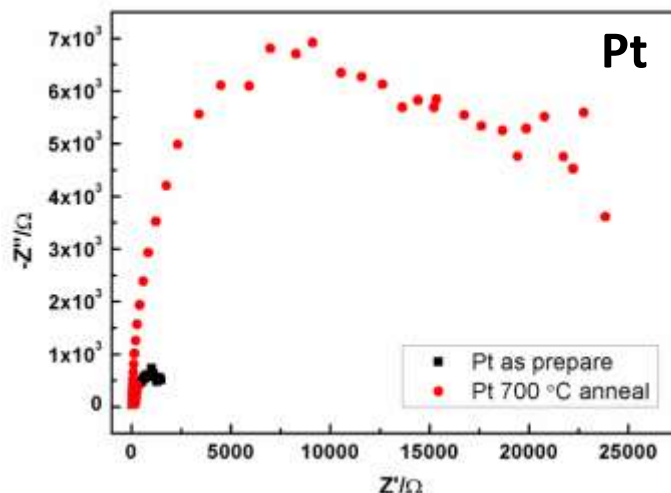


Thermal stability of Pt@CeO₂ catalysts

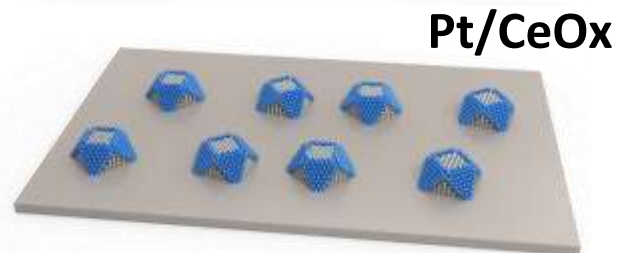
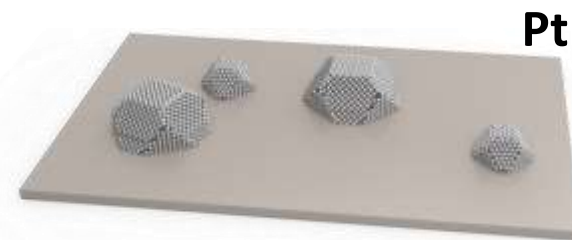
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EIS test

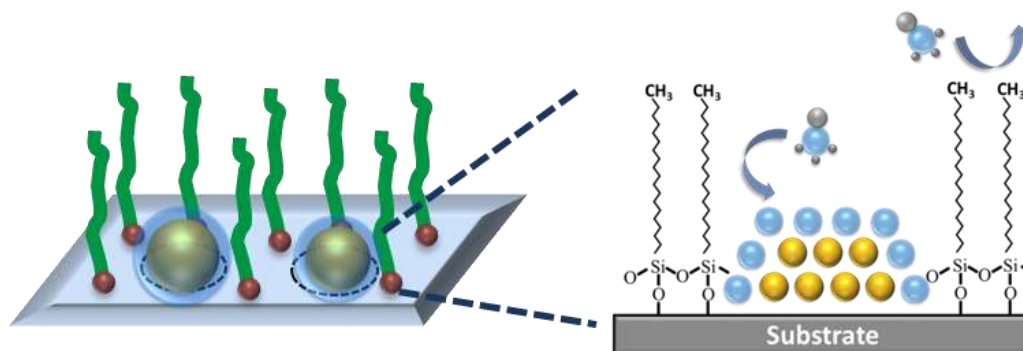


	Pure Pt	50 cyc CeOx	100 cyc CeOx	200 cyc CeOx
fresh	232℃	195℃	188℃	206℃
600℃	245℃	201℃	190℃	207℃
700℃	276℃	206℃	192℃	213℃
750℃	279℃	223℃	219℃	211℃

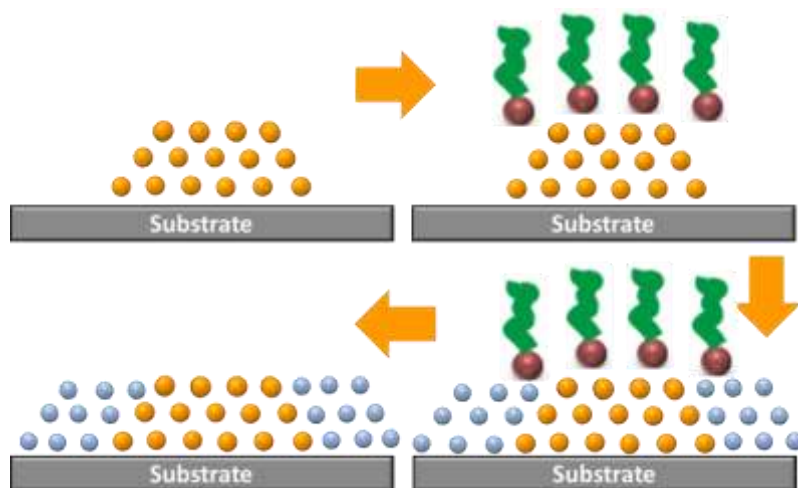


Summary: Selective ALD methods

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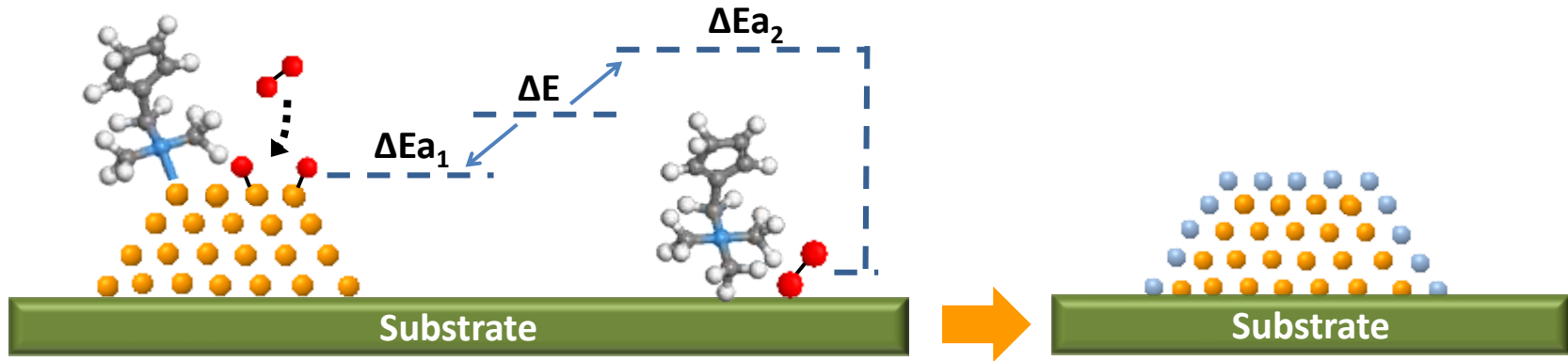
Pd/Pt Core shell nanoparticles



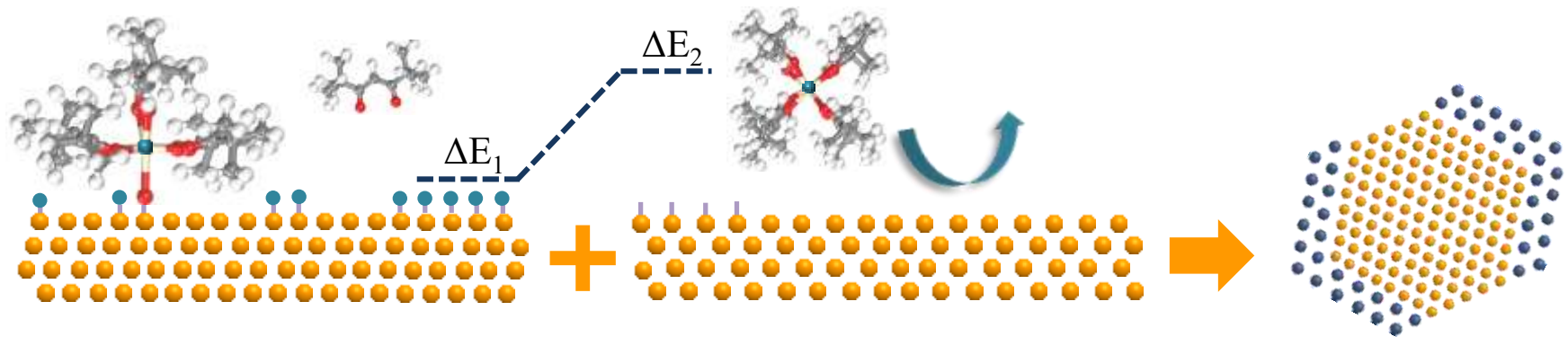
Pt/CoOx Oxide nanotraps

Summary: Selective ALD method

2. Precursor activation energy difference



3. Facet selective ALD-binding energy/lattice constant difference



Summary and Outlook

- Selective ALD is a quite powerful synthesis method to create model catalysis.
- Energy difference between different surfaces to obtain selectivity can be quite subtle.
- Defects can be utilized.

Challenges and Outlooks:

- Tiny structures with enormous surface areas, requires new processes and equipment.
- Bulky ALD precursors with low reactivity for many transition metal oxides, needs better chemicals.
- Surface is not well defined with edges and facets, ideal film theory may not work here.
- Selective deactivation of defects and *in-situ* spectroscopic characterizations required to understand growth mechanism.