

## Supporting Information

### One-pot synthesis of vanadium-containing silica SBA-3 materials and their catalytic activity for propene oxidation

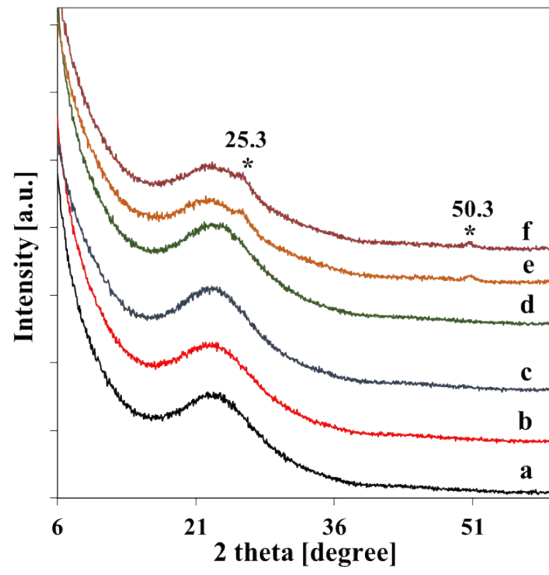
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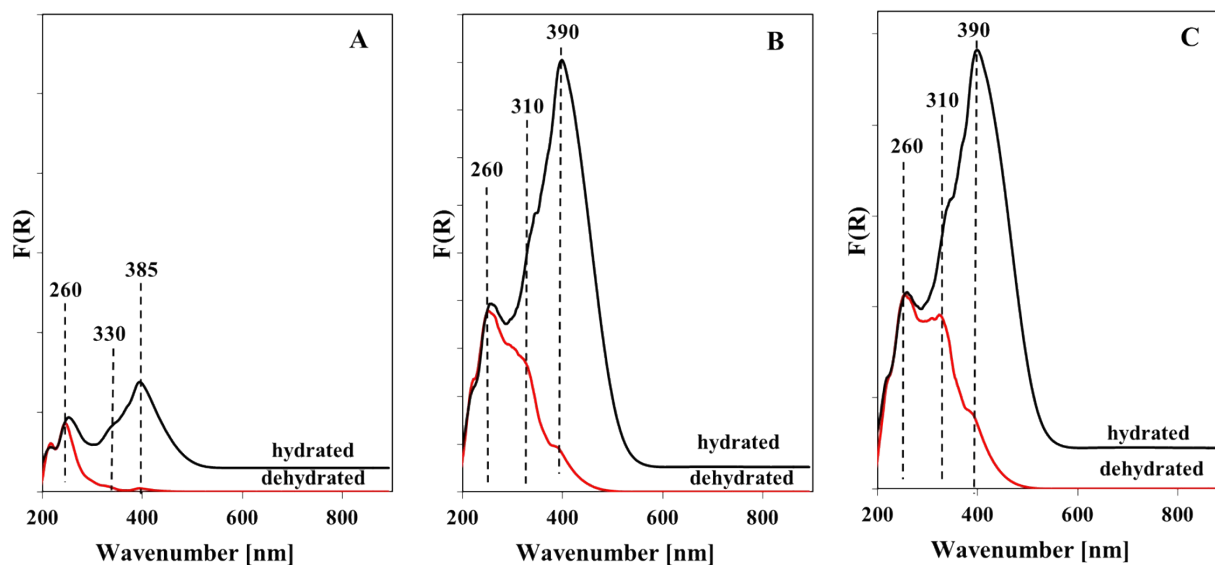
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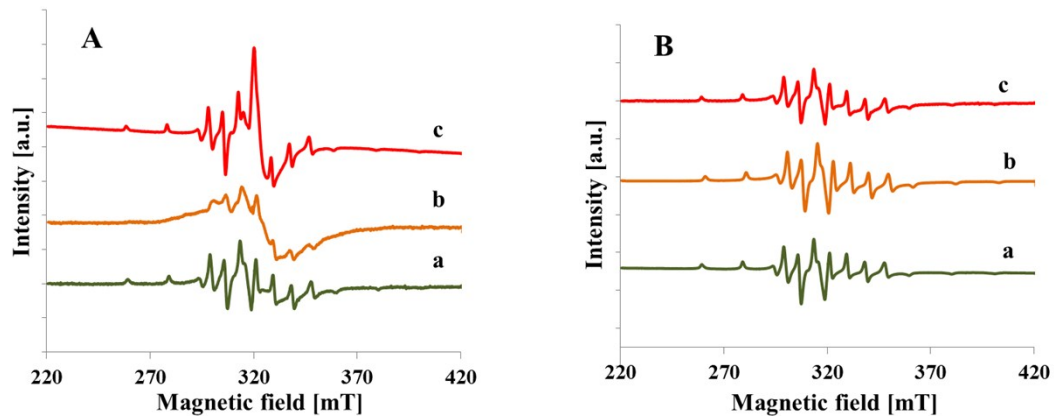
**Fig. S1** XRD patterns of calcined samples: (a)  $V_{s1}$ -SBA-3, (b)  $V_{s2}$ -SBA-3, (c)  $V_{s3}$ -SBA-3, (d)  $V_{m1}$ -SBA-3, (e)  $V_{m2}$ -SBA-3, (f)  $V_{m3}$ -SBA-3.

**Table 1S** Results of the UV-vis spectra data for V-SBA-3 samples.

Sample	pH	V content [%]	Distribution of V-nanospecies							
			~250 nm		~280 nm		~320 nm		~400 nm	
			area %	wt. %	area %	wt. %	area %	wt. %	area %	wt. %
Vs <sub>1</sub> -SBA-3	<1	0.48	60.5	0.29	35.9	0.17	2.5	0.01	1.1	<0.01
Vs <sub>2</sub> -SBA-3	2.2	0.54	62.3	0.34	32.5	0.17	3.4	0.02	1.8	0.01
Vs <sub>3</sub> -SBA-3	3.1	0.49	61.3	0.30	32.7	0.16	2.8	0.01	3.2	0.02
Vm <sub>1</sub> -SBA-3	<1	0.26	63.8	0.17	29.0	0.07	4.3	0.01	2.9	<0.01
Vm <sub>2</sub> -SBA-3	2.2	5.27	30.2	1.59	45.3	2.39	10.8	0.57	13.7	0.72
Vm <sub>3</sub> -SBA-3	3.1	5.97	31.1	1.86	29.2	1.74	12.6	0.75	27.1	1.62



**Fig. S2** UV-vis spectra of hydrated and dehydrated samples: V<sub>m1</sub>-SBA-3 (A), V<sub>m2</sub>-SBA-3 (B), V<sub>m3</sub>-SBA-3 (C).



**Fig. S3** ESR spectra of as synthesized (A) and calcined (B) samples: (a)  $V_{m1}$ -SBA-3, (b)  $V_{m2}$ -SBA-3, (c)  $V_{s2}$ -SBA-3.

**Table 2S** EPR parameters of vanadium species in indicated samples.

Sample	$g_{\parallel}$	$A_{\parallel}$ [Gs]	$g_{\perp}$	$A_{\perp}$ [Gs]	$g_{iso}$
$V_{m1}$ -SBA-3A	1.928	202	1.981	77	1.963
$V_{m1}$ -SBA-3	1.929	203	1.980	77	1.963
$V_{m2}$ -SBA-3A	not resolved	-	-	-	1.960
$V_{m2}$ -SBA-3	1.918	203	1.970	77	1.953
$V_{s2}$ -SBA-3A	1.934	201	1.984	76	1.967
$V_{s2}$ -SBA-3	1.929	202	1.980	78	1.963

A- samples as-synthesized