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The effect of different metal oxides on catalytic activity of the Co₃O₄ catalyst for toluene combustion: Importance of structure-property and surface active species

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Figure S1. The XPS spectra of La3d, Mn2p, Zr3d and Ni2p

The La3d peak (Fig. S1a) were deconvoluted into two components, the peak of at 834.7 eV was attributable to La3d_{5/2}, while the La3d_{3/2} was observed at about 851.5 eV. The binding energies and the multiplet splitting were consistent with the reported values for the La³⁺ emissions ^[111].

The Mn $2p_{3/2}$ XPS spectra of the Co-Mn sample were shown in Fig. S1b. The peak could be decomposed into two components at BE = 641.5 and 643.2 eV, which were attributable to the surface Mn³⁺ and Mn⁴⁺ species, respectively ^[222].

As shown in Fig. S1c, it displayed two peaks centered at the binding energies of 181.9 eV and 184.3 eV for Zr $3d_{5/2}$ and Zr $3d_{3/2}$, respectively ^[333].

The peaks of Ni2p_{3/2} and Ni2p_{1/2} core levels were centered at 855.2 and 871.3 eV, respectively, as shown in Fig. S1d, coinciding with the reported values of Ni2p_{3/2} binding energy on metallic Ni ^[444].

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