

## Supplementary material

### Enhanced stability of fused iron catalyst under realistic Fischer-Tropsch synthesis conditions: insights into the role of iron phases ( $\chi$ -Fe<sub>5</sub>C<sub>2</sub>, $\theta$ -Fe<sub>3</sub>C and $\alpha$ -Fe)

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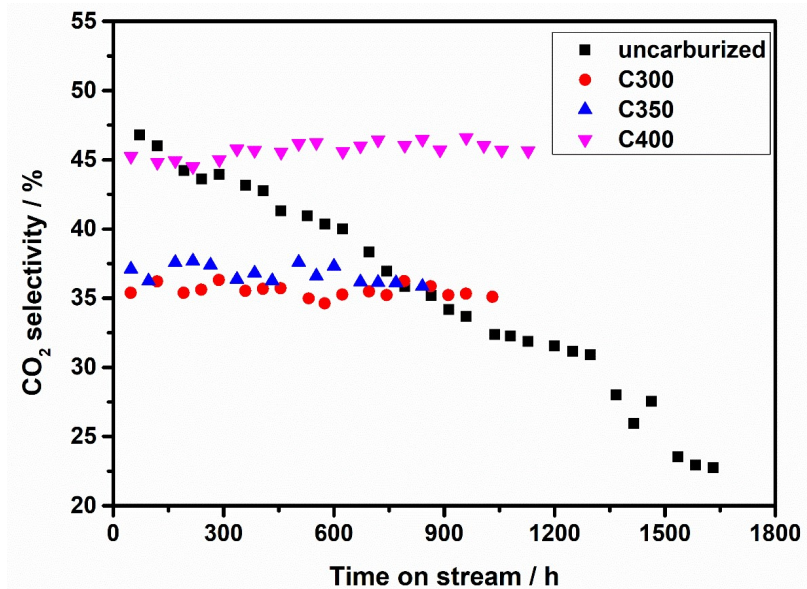


Fig. S1. CO<sub>2</sub> selectivity versus Time on stream for un-carburized and carburized catalysts..

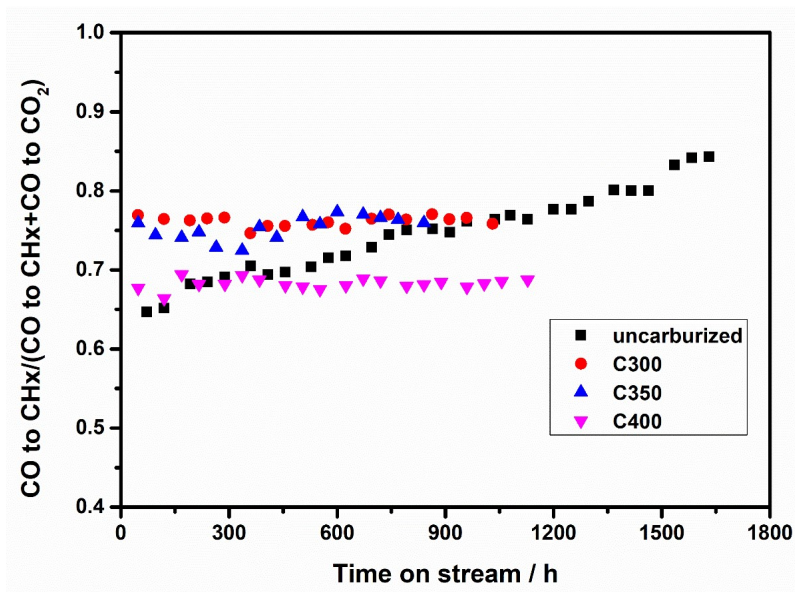


Fig. S2. A correlation curve for the converted CO to hydrocarbons (CH<sub>x</sub>) per the total consumption of CO versus Time on stream for un-carburized and carburized catalysts.

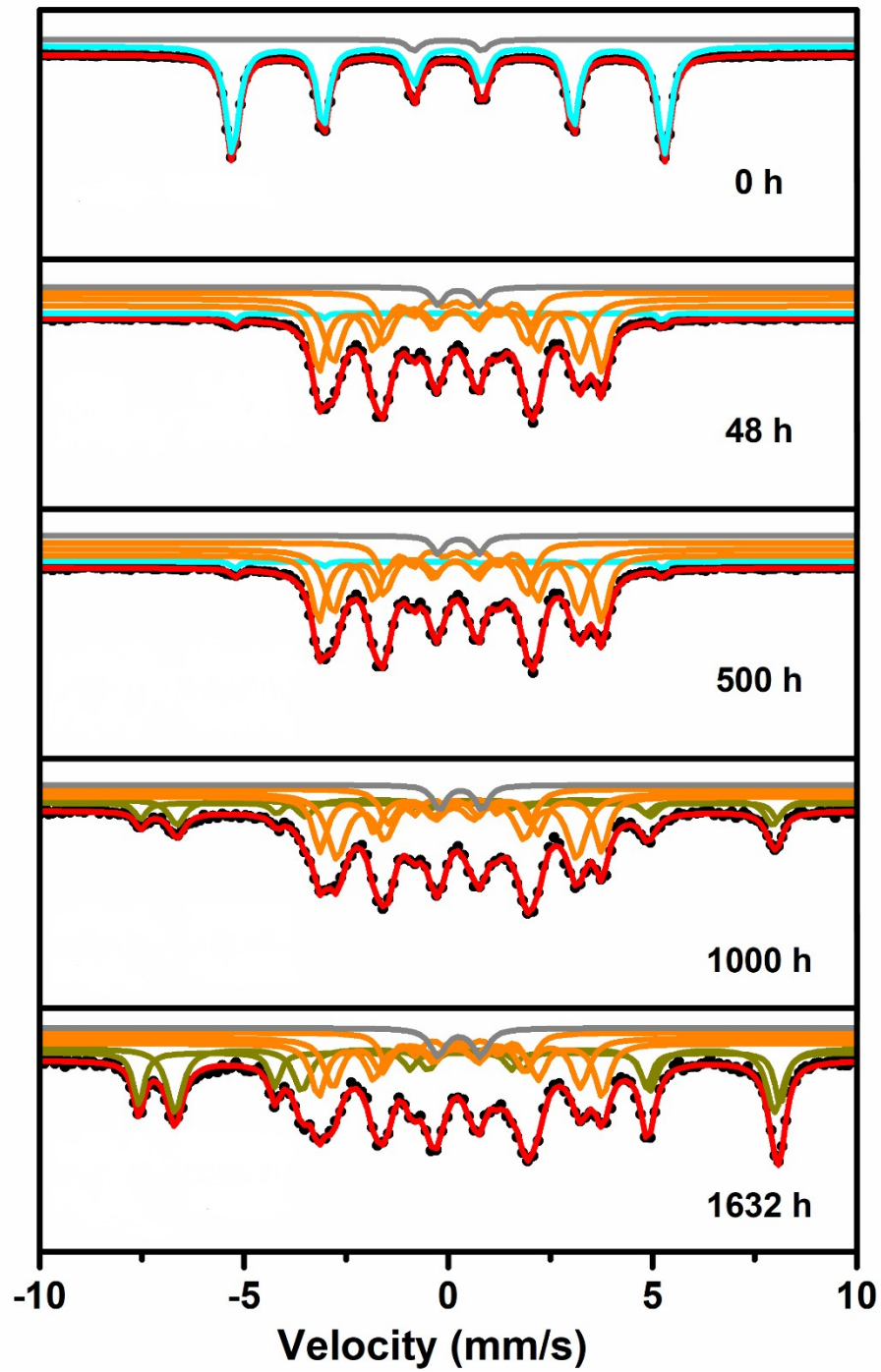


Fig. S3. Mössbauer spectrum of uncarburized sample at different duration of reactions.

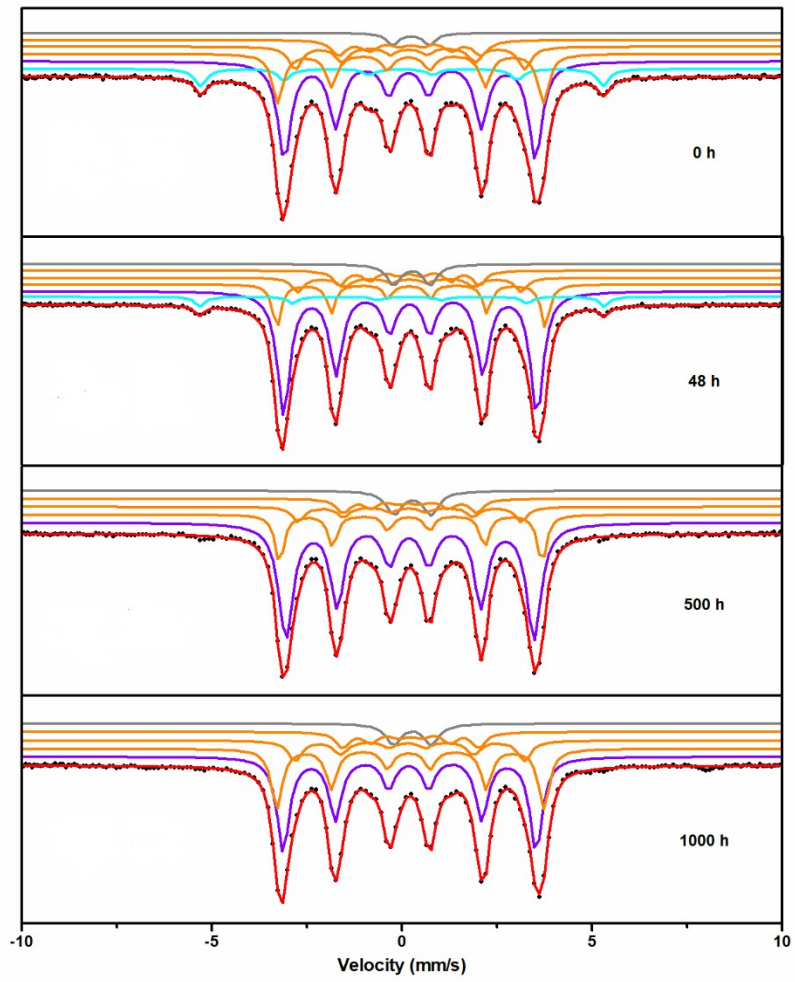


Fig. S4. Mössbauer spectrum of C300 sample at different duration of reactions.

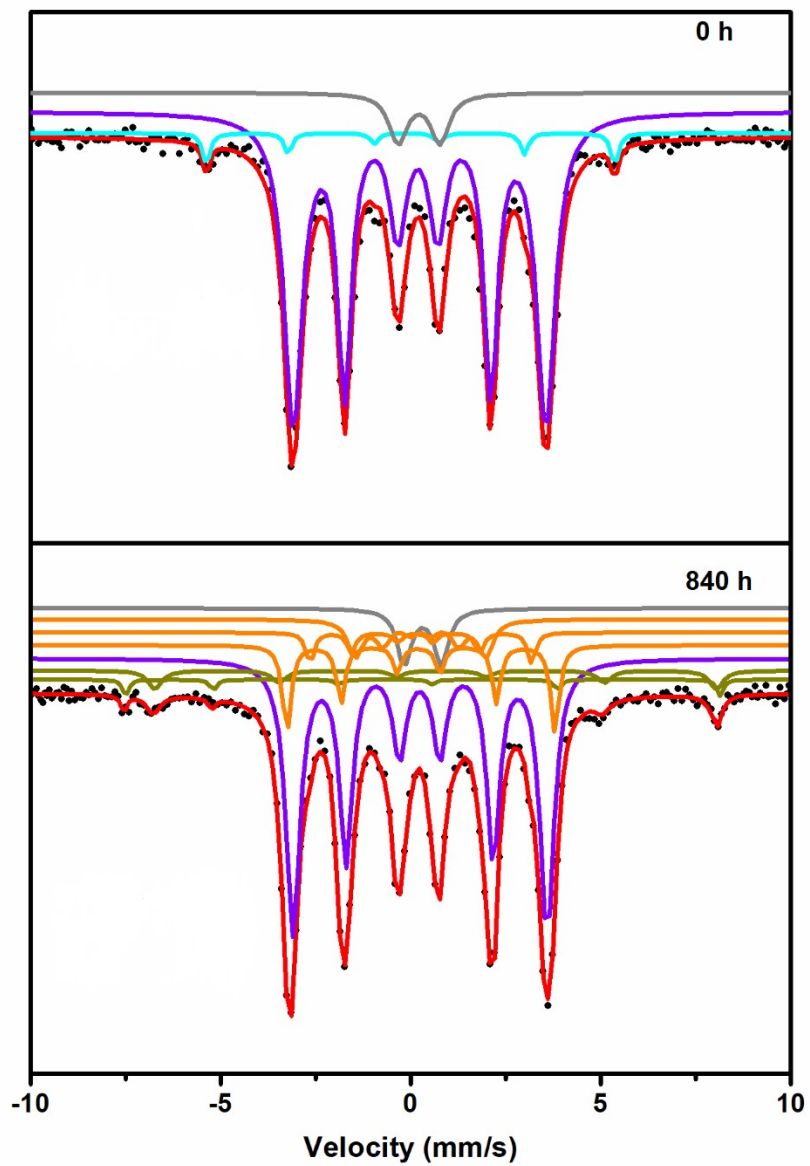


Fig. S5. Mössbauer spectrum of C350 sample at different duration of reactions.

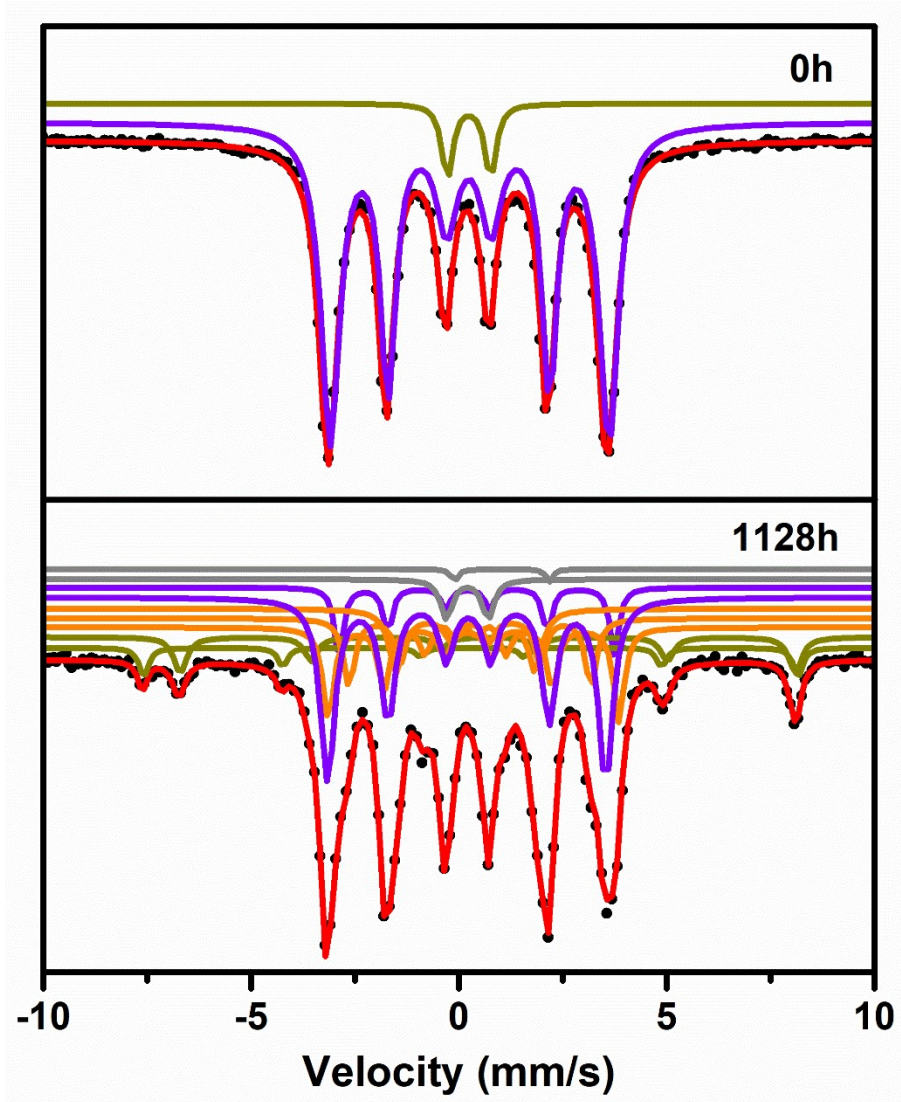


Fig. S6. Mössbauer spectrum of carburized at 400°C sample at different duration of reactions.

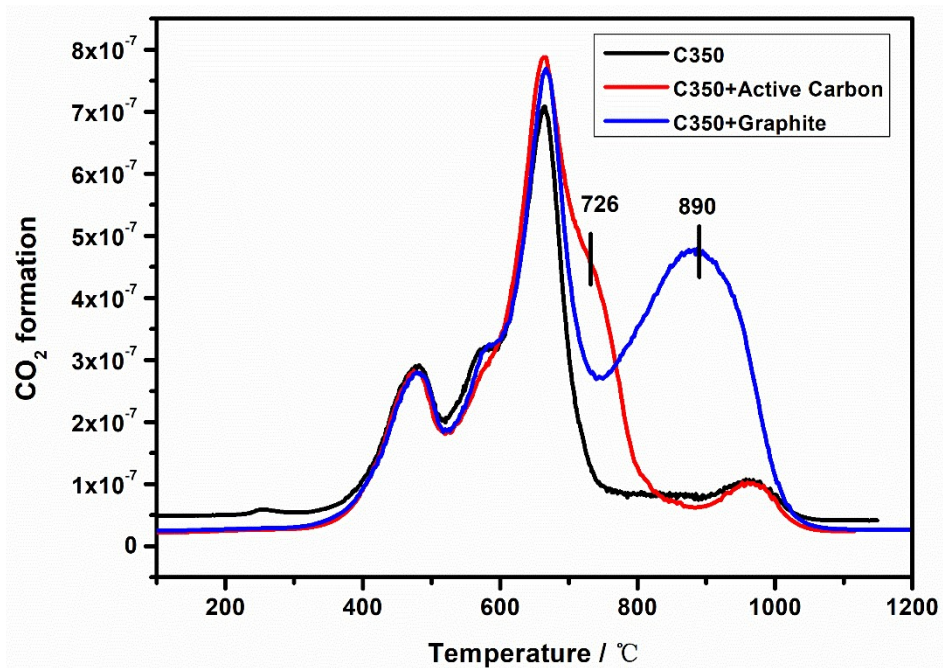


Fig. S7. TPO curves of calibration experiment



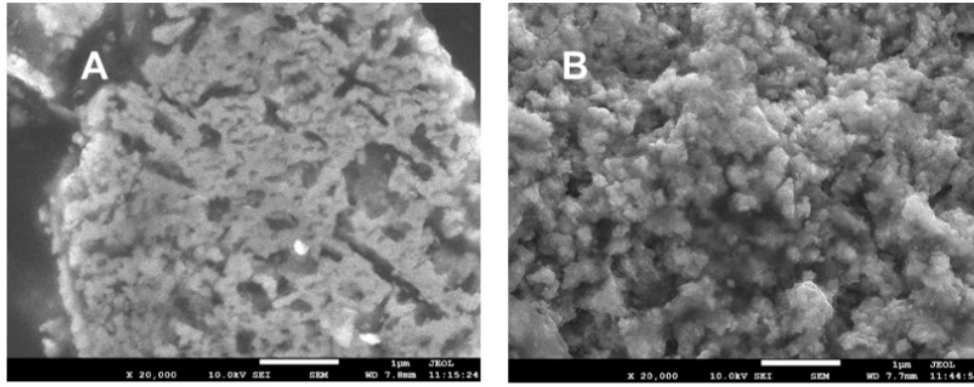


Fig. S8. SEM images of spent/un-carburized sample. (A after 48h for FTS, B after 500h for FTS)

Table S1

Carbonaceous amount quantified by Mössbauer spectrum and TPO.

Sample	Carbon species weight ratio /%			Free carbon increment
	Total C % by TPO	C in Fe <sub>x</sub> C by Mössbauer	Free carbon / %	
Uncarburized-1632h	13.56	4.13	9.43	9.43
C300-1000h	12.62	6.80	5.82	5.82
C350-0h	9.60	6.09	3.51	
C350-840h	17.00	6.15	10.85	7.34
C400-0h	20.16	6.24	13.92	
C400-1128h	14.39	5.12	9.27	-4.65