

Supplemental Information

Solvothermal synthesis of hair-like carbon nanotubes onto sub-micron-sized spherical metal oxide catalyst cores

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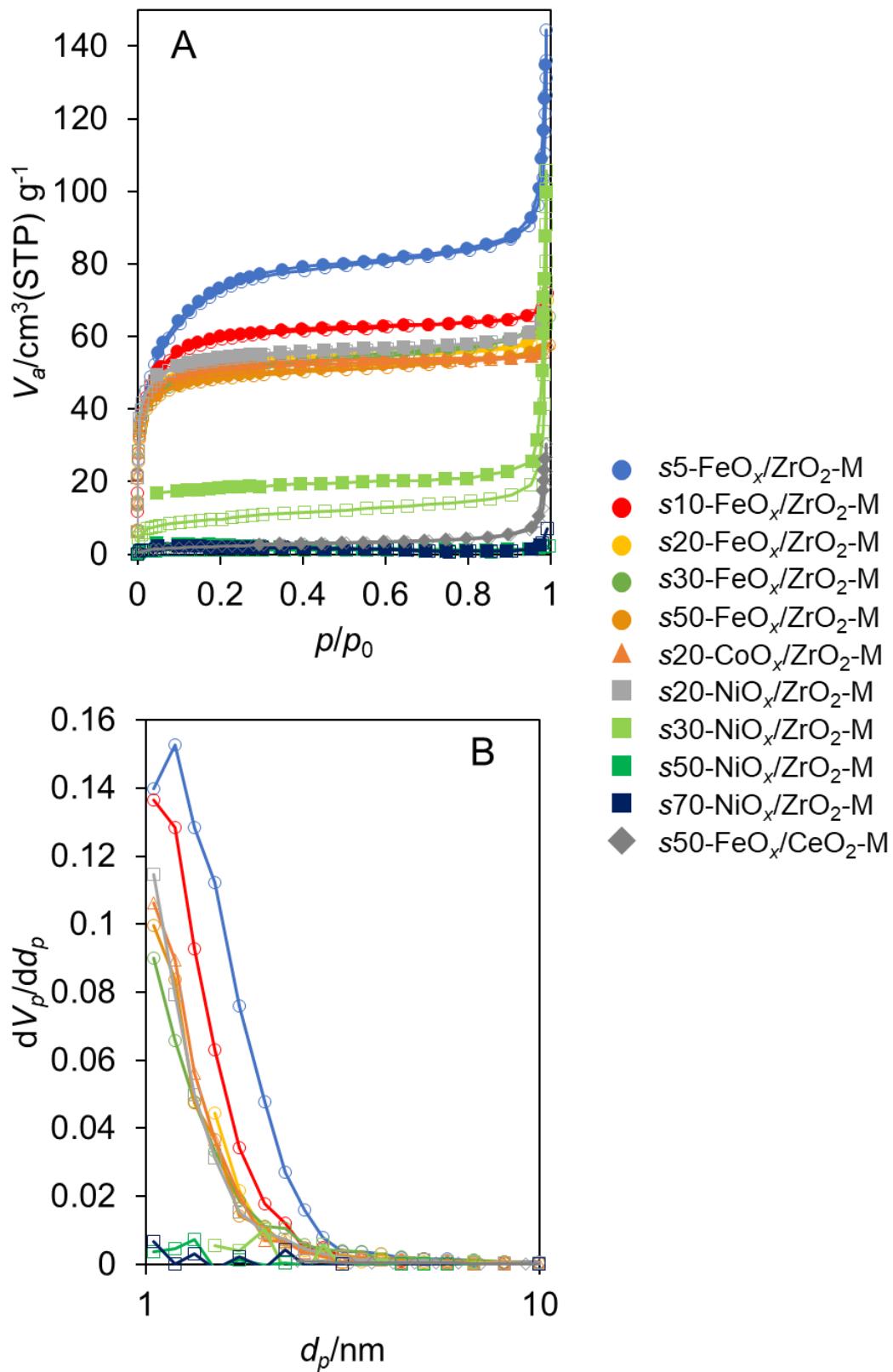


Figure S1. Nitrogen adsorption/desorption isotherms (A) and BJH plots (B) of $s5\text{-FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, $s10\text{-FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, $s20\text{-FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, $s30\text{-FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, $s50\text{-FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, $s20\text{-CoO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, $s20\text{-NiO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, $s30\text{-NiO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, I) $s50\text{-NiO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, $s70\text{-NiO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, and $s50\text{-FeO}_x/\text{CeO}_2\text{-M}$.

SEM or STEM Ti, Zr, Sn or Ce Fe, Co, or Ni

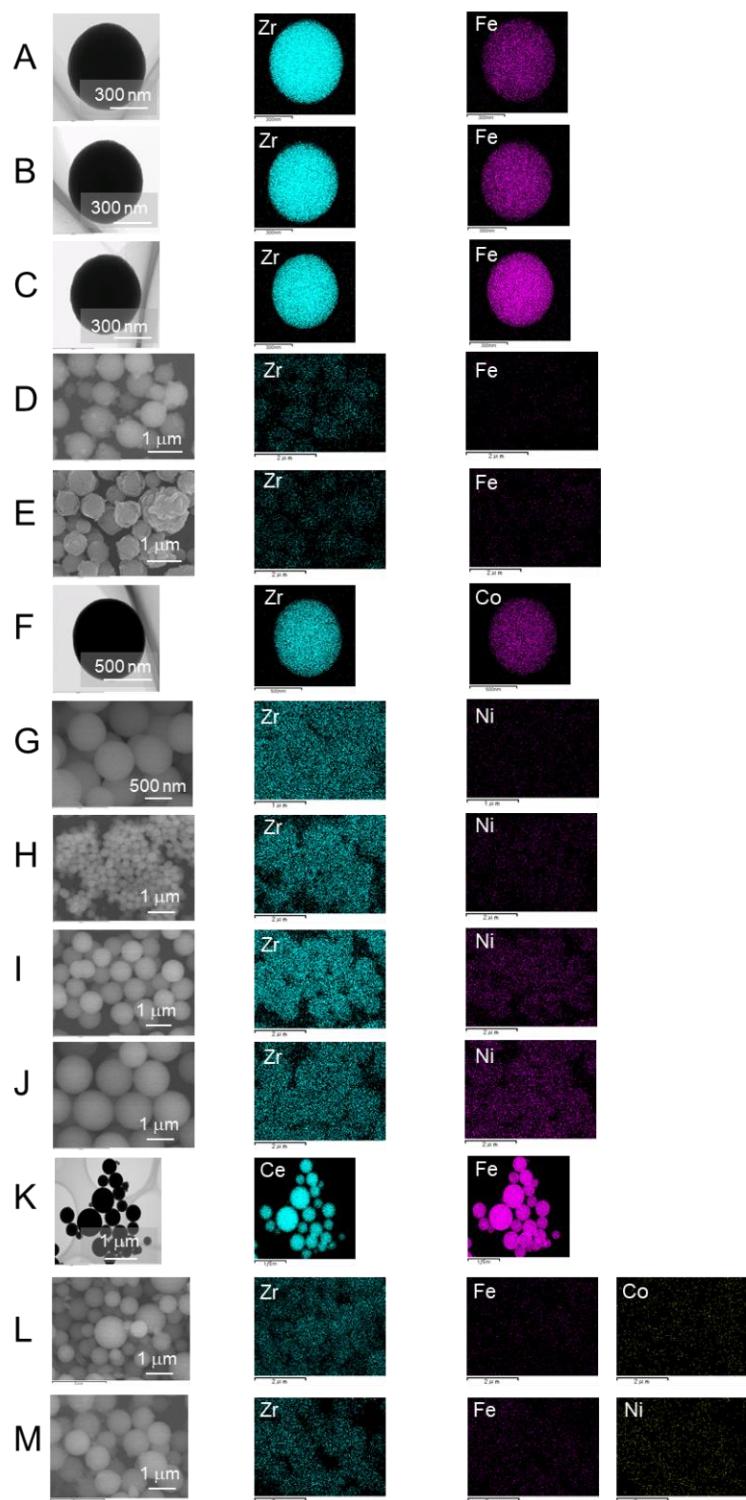


Figure S2. Elemental analysis of catalysts by STEM-EDX or SEM-EDX.

- A) s5- $\text{FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2$ -M, B) s10- $\text{FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2$ -M, C) s20- $\text{FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2$ -M,
- D) s30- $\text{FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2$ -M, E) s50- $\text{FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2$ -M, F) s20- $\text{CoO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2$ -M,
- G) s20- $\text{NiO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2$ -M, H) s30- $\text{NiO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2$ -M, I) s50- $\text{NiO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2$ -M,
- J) s70- $\text{NiO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2$ -M, K) s50- $\text{FeO}_x/\text{CeO}_2$ -M, L) s10- FeO_x -s10- $\text{NiO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2$ -M,
- and M) s10- FeO_x -s10- $\text{CoO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2$ -M.

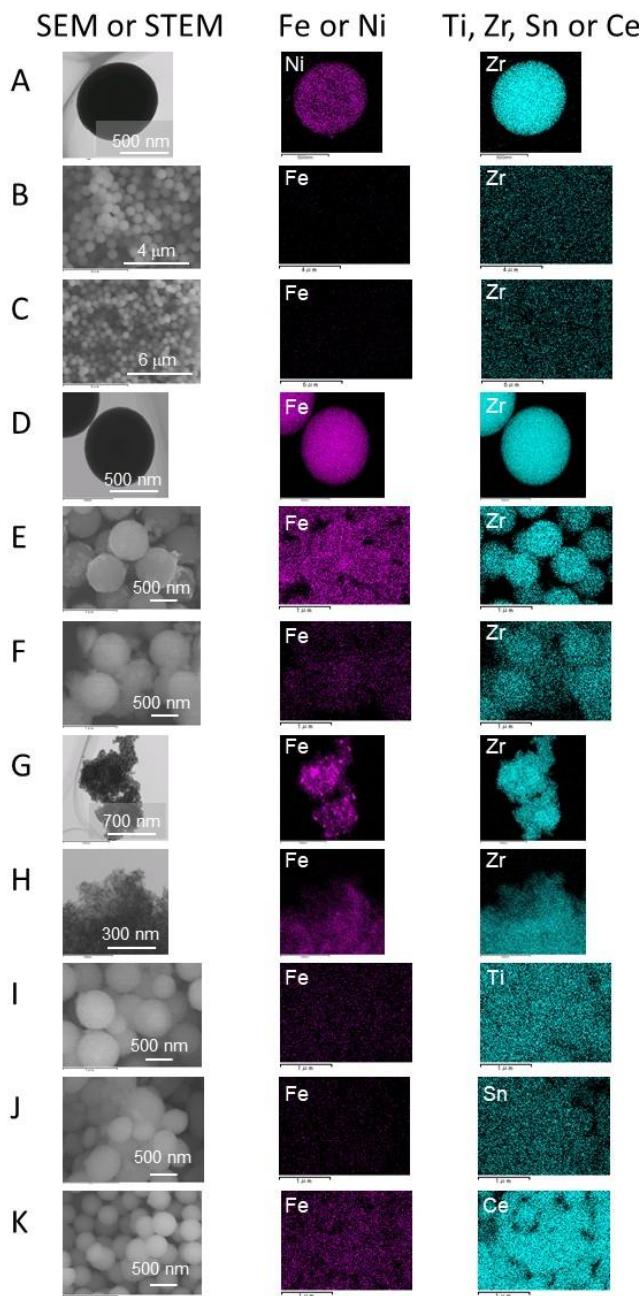


Figure S3. Elemental analysis of catalysts by STEM-EDX or SEM-EDX.

A) *i*8-NiO_x/ZrO₂-M, B) *i*5-FeO_x/ZrO₂-M, C) *i*10-FeO_x/ZrO₂-M, D) *i*20-FeO_x/ZrO₂-M,
E) *i*30-FeO_x/ZrO₂-M, F) *i*50-FeO_x/ZrO₂-M, G) *i*20-FeO_x/ZrO₂-W, H) *i*20-FeO_x/ZrO₂-U,
I) *i*20-FeO_x/TiO₂-M, J) *i*20-FeO_x/SnO₂-M, and K) *i*20-FeO_x/CeO₂-M).

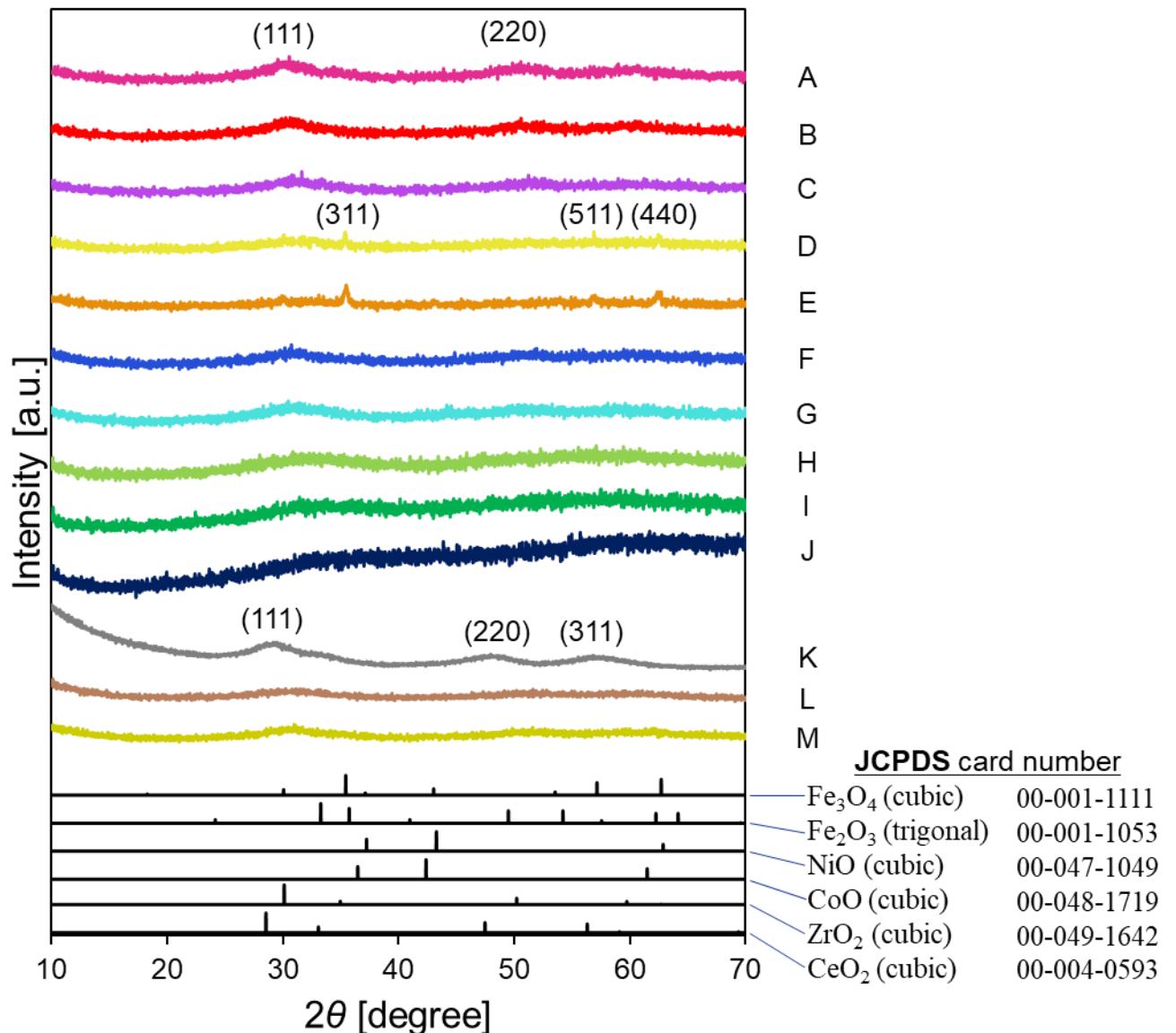


Figure S4. XRD spectra of embedded catalysts. A) $s5\text{-FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, B) $s10\text{-FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, C) $s20\text{-FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, D) $s30\text{-FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, E) $s50\text{-FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, F) $s20\text{-CoO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, G) $s20\text{-NiO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, H) $s30\text{-NiO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, I) $s50\text{-NiO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, J) $s70\text{-NiO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, K) $s50\text{-FeO}_x/\text{CeO}_2\text{-M}$, L) $s10\text{-FeO}_x\text{-}s10\text{-NiO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, and M) $s10\text{-FeO}_x\text{-}s10\text{-CoO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$.

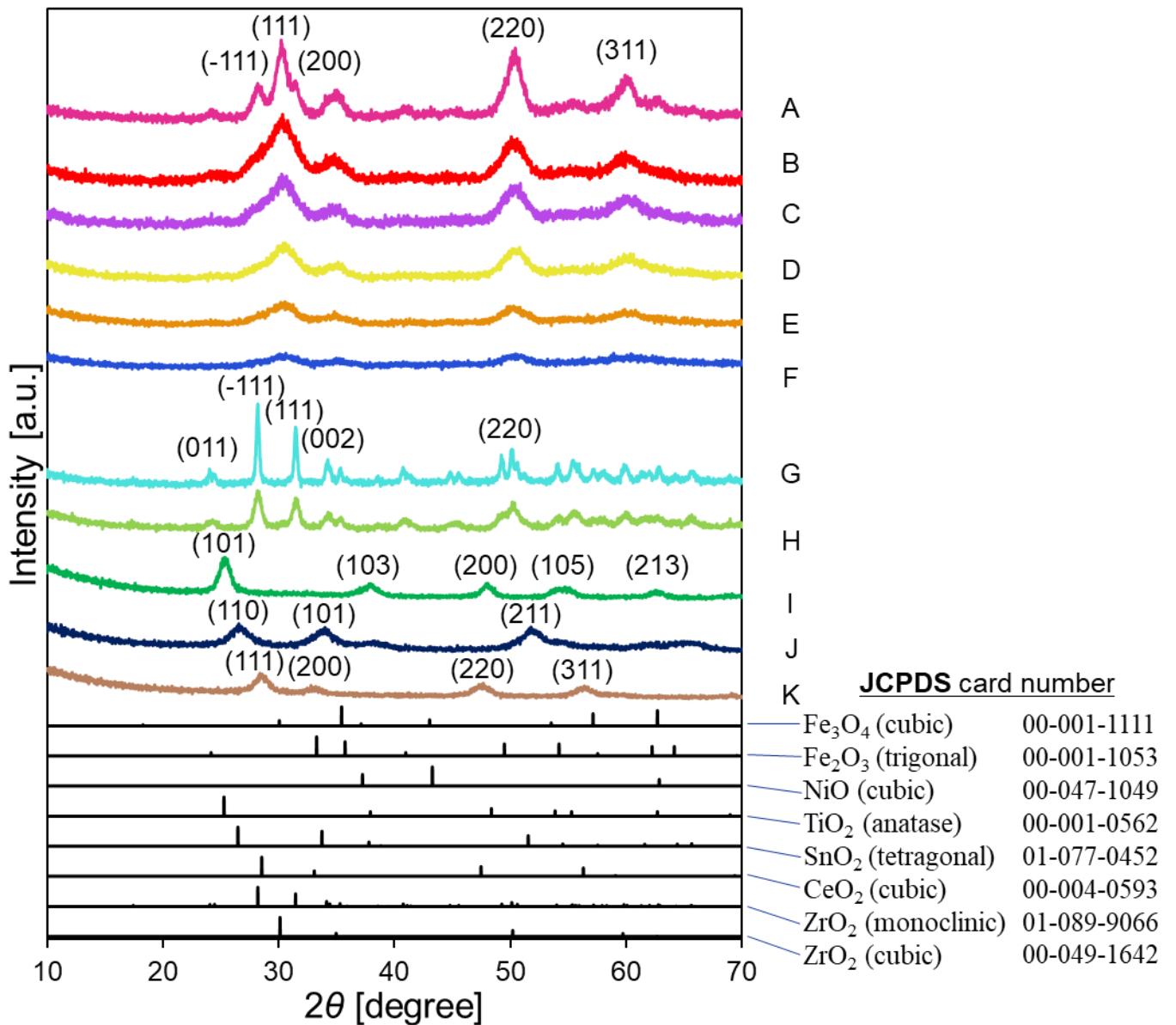


Figure S5. XRD spectra of impregnated catalysts. A) $i8\text{-NiO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, B) $i5\text{-FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, C) $i10\text{-FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, D) $i20\text{-FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, E) $i30\text{-FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, F) $i50\text{-FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$, G) $i20\text{-FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-W}$, H) $i20\text{-FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-U}$, I) $i20\text{-FeO}_x/\text{TiO}_2\text{-M}$, J) $i20\text{-FeO}_x/\text{SnO}_2\text{-M}$, and K) $i20\text{-FeO}_x/\text{CeO}_2\text{-M}$).

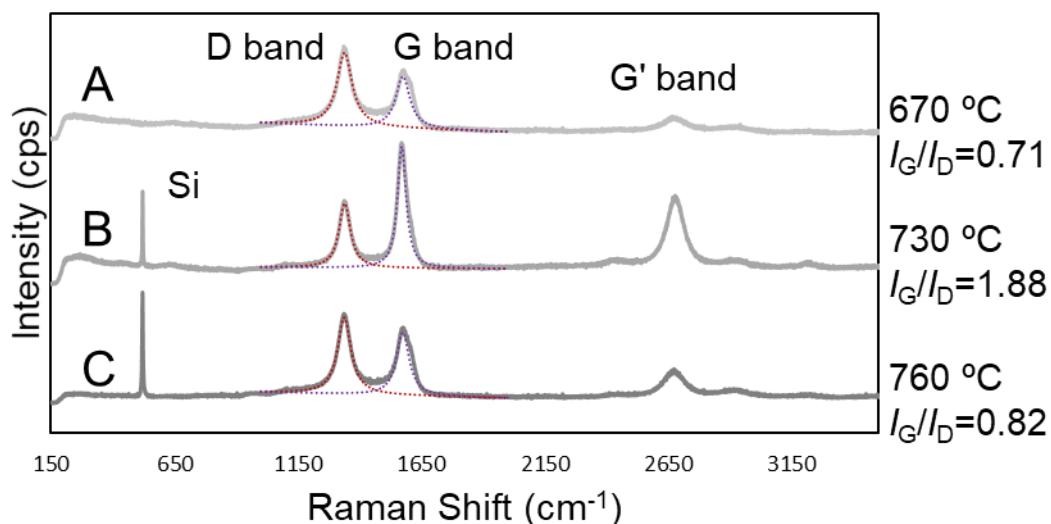


Figure S6. Raman spectra of CNT hair obtained at different temperature of A) 670°C, B) 730°C, and C) 760°C under $<5.0 \times 10^{-4}$ Pa with 10 sccm ethyne gas flow for 10 s. The Si peaks at 520 cm⁻¹ were observed in both samples on the th-SiO₂ substrates on which MARIMO catalysts were drop-cast.

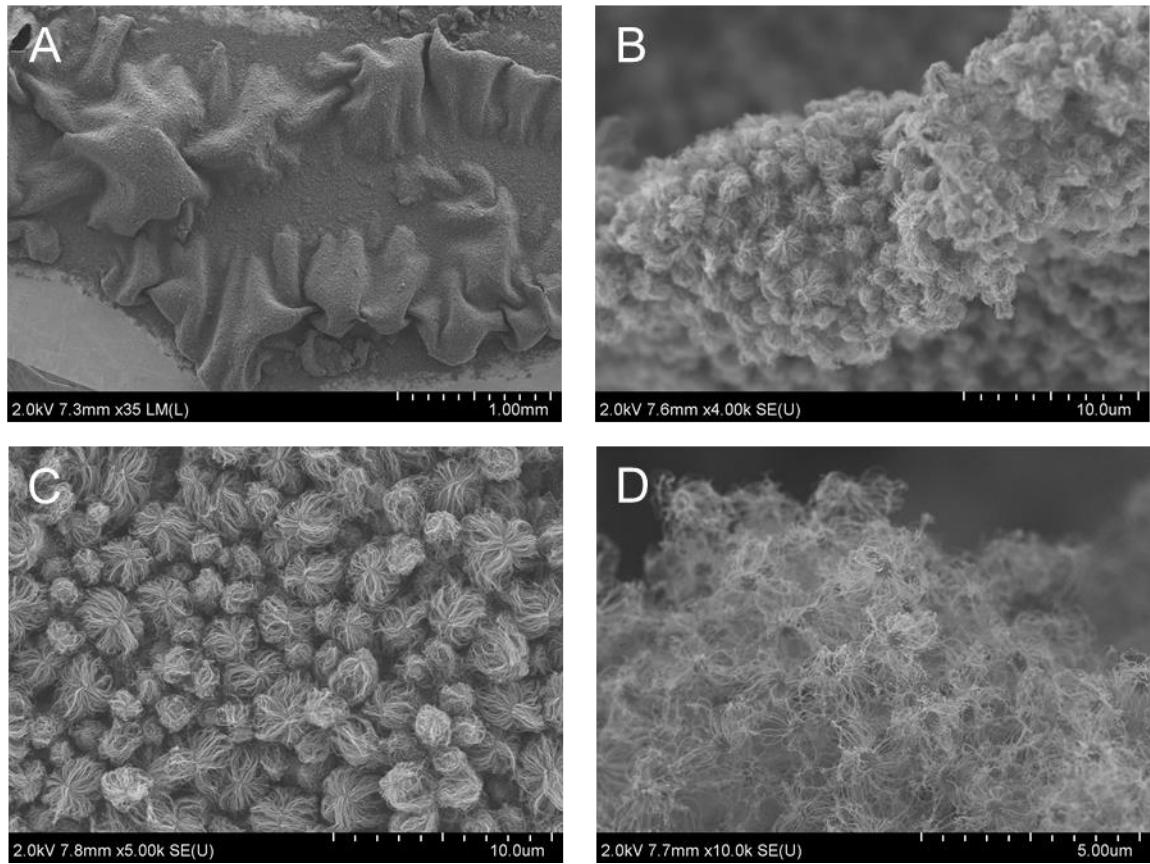


Figure S7. SEM images of CNT hair with different rate of magnification obtained using *s*20-
FeO_x/ZrO₂-M catalyst at 730°C under 65 Pa with 10 sccm ethyne gas flow for 10 s.

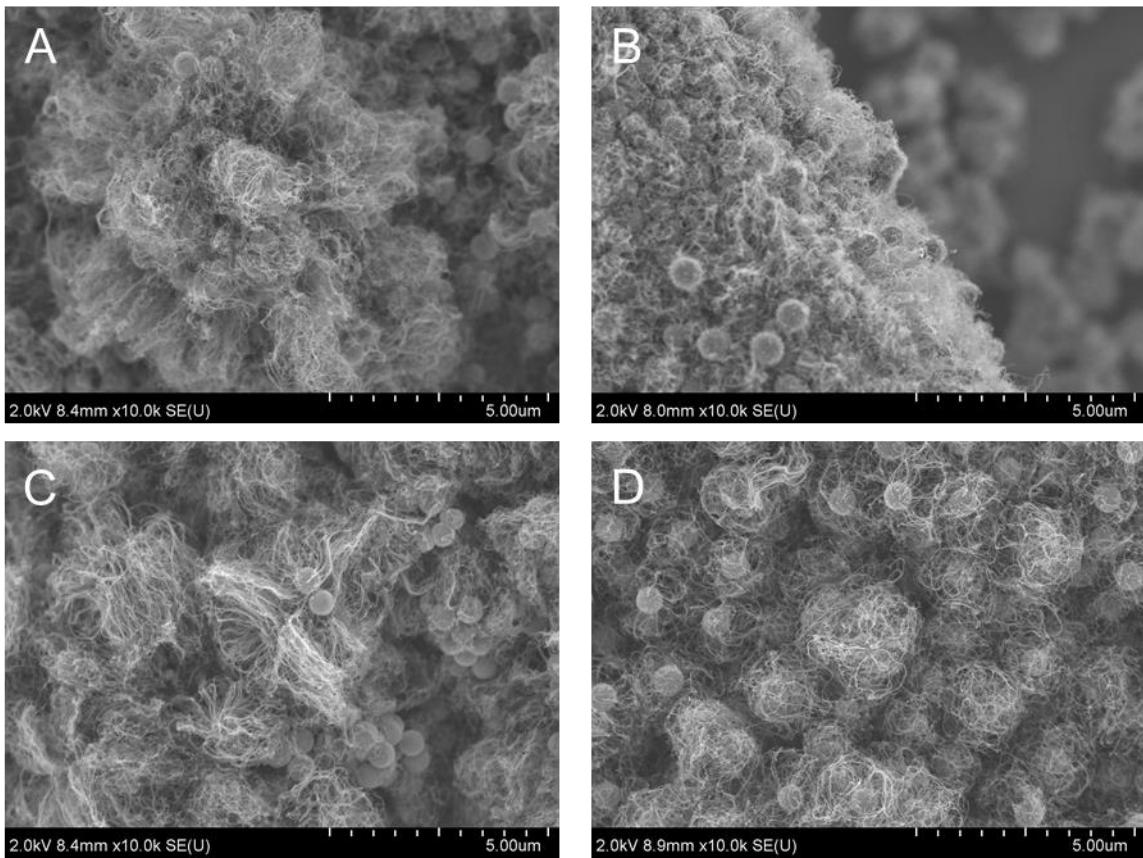


Figure S8. SEM images of CNT hair with different rate of magnification obtained using *i*20- $\text{FeO}_x/\text{ZrO}_2\text{-M}$ catalyst at 730°C under 65 Pa with 10 sccm ethyne gas flow for 10 s.

Table S1. Specific surface area of catalyst supports and catalysts

Support or catalyst	Specific surface area (m ² /g)
MARIMO ZrO ₂	216
UEP-100 ZrO ₂	88
Wako ZrO ₂	20
MARIMO TiO ₂	180
MARIMO SnO ₂	220
MARIMO CeO ₂	152
<i>s</i> 5-FeO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	269
<i>s</i> 10-FeO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	208
<i>s</i> 20-FeO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	198
<i>s</i> 30-FeO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	186
<i>s</i> 50-FeO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	182
<i>s</i> 20-CoO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	196
<i>s</i> 20-NiO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	208
<i>s</i> 30-NiO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	36
<i>s</i> 50-NiO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	9
<i>s</i> 70-NiO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	6
<i>s</i> 50-FeO _x /CeO ₂ -M	8

Table S2. Elemental analysis of catalysts by STEM/SEM-EDX

Sample name	Catalyst metal oxide	Support metal	Atomic ratio of catalyst metal/support metal in precursor solution	Atomic ratio in catalyst by STEM/SEM-EDX (%)				
				Fe	Co,	Ni	Zr	Ce
s5-FeO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	FeO _x	ZrO ₂ -M	5/95	4.6 ^{a)}	—	—	95.4 ^{a)}	—
s10-FeO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	FeO _x	ZrO ₂ -M	10/90	9.0 ^{a)}	—	—	91.0 ^{a)}	—
s20-FeO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	FeO _x	ZrO ₂ -M	20/80	17.7 ^{a)}	—	—	82.3 ^{a)}	—
s30-FeO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	FeO _x	ZrO ₂ -M	30/70	27.2 ^{b)}	—	—	72.8 ^{b)}	—
s50-FeO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	FeO _x	ZrO ₂ -M	50/50	47.3 ^{b)}	—	—	52.7 ^{b)}	—
s20-CoO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	CoO _x	ZrO ₂ -M	20/80	—	13.2 ^{a)}	—	86.8 ^{a)}	—
s20-NiO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	NiO _x	ZrO ₂ -M	20/80	—	—	17.9 ^{b)}	82.1 ^{b)}	—
s30-NiO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	NiO _x	ZrO ₂ -M	30/70	—	—	31.5 ^{b)}	68.5 ^{b)}	—
s50-NiO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	NiO _x	ZrO ₂ -M	50/50	—	—	46.4 ^{b)}	53.6 ^{b)}	—
s70-NiO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	NiO _x	ZrO ₂ -M	70/30	—	—	67.4 ^{b)}	32.6 ^{b)}	—
s50-FeO _x /CeO ₂ -M	FeO _x	CeO ₂ -M	50/50	46.0 ^{a)}	—	—	—	54.0 ^{a)}

^{a)} By STEM-EDX^{b)} By SEM-EDX

Table S3. Elemental analysis of catalysts by STEM/SEM-EDX

Sample name	Catalyst metal oxide	Support metal	Atomic ratio of catalyst metal/support metal in precursor solution	Atomic ratio in catalyst by STEM/SEM-EDX (%)					
				Fe	Ni	Zr,	Ti,	Sn	Ce
<i>i</i> 8-NiO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	NiO _x	ZrO ₂ -M	7.6/92.4	—	6.9 ^{a)}	93.1 ^{a)}	—	—	—
<i>i</i> 5-FeO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	FeO _x	ZrO ₂ -M	5/95	4.9 ^{b)}	—	95.1 ^{b)}	—	—	—
<i>i</i> 10-FeO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	FeO _x	ZrO ₂ -M	10/90	11.2 ^{b)}	—	88.8 ^{b)}	—	—	—
<i>i</i> 20-FeO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	FeO _x	ZrO ₂ -M	20/80	15.4 ^{a)}	—	84.6 ^{a)}	—	—	—
<i>i</i> 30-FeO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	FeO _x	ZrO ₂ -M	30/80	27.2 ^{b)}	—	72.8 ^{b)}	—	—	—
<i>i</i> 50-FeO _x /ZrO ₂ -M	FeO _x	ZrO ₂ -M	50/80	47.3 ^{b)}	—	52.7 ^{b)}	—	—	—
<i>i</i> 20-FeO _x /ZrO ₂ -W	FeO _x	ZrO ₂ -W	20/80	14.8 ^{a)}	—	85.2 ^{a)}	—	—	—
<i>i</i> 20-FeO _x /ZrO ₂ -U	FeO _x	ZrO ₂ -U	20/80	13.6 ^{a)}	—	86.4 ^{a)}	—	—	—
<i>i</i> 20-FeO _x /TiO ₂ -M	FeO _x	TiO ₂ -M	20/80	17.6 ^{b)}	—	—	82.4 ^{b)}	—	—
<i>i</i> 20-FeO _x /SnO ₂ -M	FeO _x	SnO ₂ -M	20/80	15.7 ^{b)}	—	—	—	84.3 ^{b)}	—
<i>i</i> 20-FeO _x /CeO ₂ -M	FeO _x	CeO ₂ -M	20/80	16.5 ^{b)}	—	—	—	—	83.5 ^{b)}

^{a)} By STEM-EDX^{b)} By SEM-EDX