Supplementary Material for

Selective Hydrogenolysis of the Csp²–O Bond in the Furan Ring Using

Hydride-Proton Pairs Derived from Hydrogen Spillover

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1. Chemicals

 $H_2PtCl_6 \cdot 6H_2O$ (>99%) was purchased from Alfa Aesar China Co., Ltd. $Fe(NO_3)_3 \cdot 9H_2O$ (>99%), $Ni(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ (>99%), $Co(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ (>99%), $Mg(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ (>99%), Al (NO_3)_3 \cdot 9H_2O (>99%), NaOH (>99%) and Na_2CO_3 (>99%) were obtained from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd. Furan (stabilized with BHT), HMF (>98%), FFR (>99%) and FA (>98%) were provided by Beijing Innochem Science & Technology co., LTD. All the reagents were used without further purification.

2. Material synthesis

2.1 Synthesis of (Mg,Al)O

(Mg,Al)O with Mg/Al molar ratio of 3:1 was synthesized using co-precipitation method.¹ At first, 100 mL of salt solution [1.2 M Mg(NO₃)₂· Θ H₂O + 0.4 M Al (NO₃)₃· Θ H₂O] and 100 mL of NaOH aqueous solution (6 M) were slowly introduced into 50 mL of Na₂CO₃ aqueous solution (0.8 M) under vigorous stirring (800 rpm) at 65 °C for 18 h. The final solid was separated, washed with deionized water for 5 times and dried in vacuo at 60 °C for 24 h.

2.2 Synthesis of PtFe_x/ (Mg,Al)O catalysts

The PtFe_x/(Mg,Al)O catalysts were synthesized by a wet impregnation method. First, 0.6 g of (Mg,Al)O support was dispersed into 10 mL of deionized water and vigorously stirred for 10 min. Then, 2 mL of mixture containing H₂PtCl₆·6H₂O (40.0 mg) and desired amount of Fe (NO₃)₃·9H₂O was slowly dropped into the suspension and stirred at 50 °C for 12 h. The solid was separated, washed with deionized water for 5 times and dried in vacuo at 60 °C for 24 h, and then calcinated at 300 °C for 3 h in air. Finally, the solid was reduced in H₂/Ar (10% H₂) at 300 °C for 3 h in a tube furnace and PtFe_x/(Mg,Al)O catalysts were obtained.

3. Characterizations

3.1 Material characterizations

SEM was conducted on HITACHI S-8020. HRTEM and HAADF-STEM as well as elemental distribution mappings were performed on a JEOL ARM200F. XRD analysis was performed on the X-ray diffraction (Model D/MAX2500, Rigaka) with Cu-K α radiation (λ = 1.54056 Å) and the scattering range of 20 was from 5° to 80°, with a scanning rate of 5° min⁻¹. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) was conducted on an X-ray photoelectron spectrometer (USA, Thermo Fischer, ESCALAB 250Xi) equipped with a monochromatized Al K α excitation source (1486.8 eV), using C1s (284.8 eV) of adventitious carbon as the standard. Quasi-*in situ* XPS experiments were performed by loading the freshly reduced sample (under H₂/Ar flow at 300 °C for 30 min) into the XPS sample holder inside a glove box, followed by transferring it into an ultra-high-vacuum chamber for XPS measurements.² Prior to pre-reduced with H₂/Ar, the PtFe_x/(Mg,Al)O catalysts were hydrothermally treated at 65 °C for 24h. EPR spectra were recorded on Bruker ELEXSYS E500-T X-band spectrometer with an ER-4119HS high-sensitivity probe, microwave power of 0.2 mW, modulation amplitude of 0.2 mT and modulation frequency of 100 kHz. Spectra were acquired at 77 K using a vacuum insulated quartz liquid nitrogen immersion dewar inserted into the EPR resonator.

3.2 XAFS

Pt *L3*-edge, Fe *K*-edge XAFS experiments were carried out on the 1W1B and 4B9A beam line of the Beijing Synchrotron Radiation Facility. Data processing and analysis were performed following standard methods.³ The EO values of 11564 and 7112 eV were used to calibrate all data with respect to the first inflection point of the absorption *L*3-edge of Pt foil and K-edge of Fe foil. The backscattering amplitude and phase shift functions for specific atom pairs were calculated ab initio using the FEFF8 code. X-ray absorption data were analyzed using standard procedures, including pre- and post-edge background subtraction, normalization with respect to edge height, Fourier transformation and non-linear least-squares curve fitting. The normalized k³-weighted EXAFS spectra, k³×(k), were Fourier transformed in a k range from 2.6 to 11.5 Å⁻¹, to evaluate the contribution of each bond pair to the Fourier transform peak. The experimental Fourier spectra were obtained by performing an inverse Fourier transformation with a Hanning window function with r between 1.2–3.0 Å. The S₀² (amplitude reduction factor) value was determined based on the fitting results of metal-foil (1.09 for Pt, 0.75 for Fe).

3.3 Hydrogen spillover detection by WO₃

The hydrogen spillover experiments were conducted according to the previous literature.⁴ Initially, 1 g of WO₃ and 0.02 g of catalyst was mixed, and the mixture was placed in a glass reaction tube and held in place with silica wool before being placed into an oven. Then, 10% H₂/Ar mixture was flowed into the tube at the temperature of 30 °C for 10 min. The color change of the powder samples was observed and captured by a digital camera.

3.4 DRIFTS

3.4.1 DRIFTS in CO

The DRIFTS measurements were performed on Bruker v70 spectrometer. A Harrick DRIFTS cell was used with ZnSe windows. Prior to the experiment, the catalysts were pretreated with Ar at 150°C for 30 min. Following that, CO was flowed for 40 min. Upon the saturation of CO, Ar was flowed to remove

CO. The flow rate of Ar or CO was 100 mL min⁻¹. During the whole process, the IR spectra were recorded with a resolution was 4 cm⁻¹.

3.4.2 DRIFTS in H₂

The DRIFTS measurements were performed on Thermo Nicolet IS50 instrument with a Hg-Cd-Te detector. A Harrick DRIFTS cell was used with ZnSe windows. Prior to the experiment, the catalysts were pretreated with Ar at 30 °C for 10 min. Following that, 5% H₂/Ar mixture was flowed for 20 min. The flow rate of Ar or H₂/Ar was 100 mL min⁻¹. During the whole process, the IR spectra were recorded with a resolution of 8 cm⁻¹.

4. Catalytic reaction

4.1 Hydrogenolysis reaction

Hydrogenolysis of furanic compounds was carried out in a stainless-steel autoclave reactor with a PTFE liner (15 mL). In a typical experiment, 0.14 g (80μL) of furanic compound, 30 mg of catalyst and 2.0 mL of water were added to the reactor, which was heated to desired temperature. Then, 1.0 MPa H₂ was charged into the reactor and the stirrer was started with a stirring rate of 800 rpm. After a desired reaction time, the reactor was cooled down to room temperature. The mixture in the reactor was separated by a centrifuge. For the hydrogenolysis of furan, FFR and FA, the liquid mixture was diluted by ethanol and was then quantitatively analyzed by GC (Agilent 7890A) and GC-MS (Agilent 7890B/5977A). For the hydrogenolysis of HMF, the liquid mixture was analyzed and quantified by ¹H-NMR (Bruker 300 and NEO 700), GC-MS (Agilent 7890B/5977A), GC (Agilent 7890A) and LC (LC-10AT, SHIMADZU). The material balance for all runs is higher than 95%.

The mass balance, conversion, selectivity and yield were counted by following equations:

 $Mass \ balance(\%) = \frac{Carbon \ in \ detactable \ products \ (mol)}{Furanic \ compound \ converted \ (mol)} \times 100\%$

 $Selectivity(\%) = \frac{product \ generated}{substrate \ added - substrate \ left} \times 100\%$

 $Conversion(\%) = \frac{substrate\ charged\ -\ substrate\ left}{substrate\ added} \times 100\%$

 $Yield of product(\%) = \frac{product generated}{substrate added} \times 100\%$

5. Isotopic Labeling Experiments

Isotope-labeling kinetic studies were conducted in a batch reactor under conditions similar to regular catalytic hydrogenation reactions, with the exception of substituting D_2 for H_2 or D_2O for H_2O . For testing KIE_{H2/D2}, 30 mg of Pt catalyst and 80 µL of FA were added into 2.0 mL of H_2O , and the reaction was performed at 150 °C with 1 Mpa of D_2 . For calculating KIE_{H2O/D2O}, 30 mg of Pt catalyst and 80 µL of FA were added into 2.0 mL of H2 on H2 of H2 or H2 or

liquid products containing deuterated molecules were analyzed by GC-MS and NMR.

6. DFT calculations

The geometries of furanic compounds were optimized with Gaussian 16 at the B3LYP/Def2TZVP level,⁵ with the SMD solvent model (water as solvent)⁶ and Grimme's D3 dispersion correction.⁷ LUMO energy calculation and Löwdin population analysis on C2 and C5 were performed with ORCA 5.0.4 at the same level.⁸

7. Supplementary Figures



Figure S1 The SEM image of DLH precursor.



Figure S2 Aberration-corrected HAADF-STEM image of Pt/(Mg,Al)O catalyst.



Figure S3 STEM-EDX line-scanning of the PtFe_{0.7}/(Mg,Al)O catalyst.



Figure S4 (A–B) DRIFTS spectra of CO adsorption and desorption over (Mg,Al)O (A) and Fe/(Mg,Al)O



Figure S5 Quasi-in situ Pt 4f XPS spectra of various PtFe_x/LDH (x=0, 0.7, 3.1) catalysts.



Figure S6 Quasi-in situ Pt 4f XPS spectra of PtFe_{0.7}/(Mg,Al)O and PtFe_{0.7}/LDH.



Figure S7 Ex situ Fe 3p XPS spectra of PtFe_{0.7}/(Mg,AI)O and different FeO_x references.



Figure S8 Fourier transforms of Pt L3-edge EXAFS spectra of PtFe_x/(Mg,Al)O, Pt foil and PtO₂ references.



Figure S9 EXAFS R and K space fitting curves of Pt L-edge EXAFS spectra of PtFe_{0.7}/(Mg,AI)O.



Figure S10 Fourier transforms of Fe *K*-edge EXAFS spectra of PtFe_x/(Mg,Al)O and different FeO_x references.



Figure S11 EXAFS R and K space fitting curves of Fe K-edge EXAFS spectra of PtFe_{0.7}/(Mg,Al)O.





Reaction conditions: 0.22g FA, 70 mg of catalysts, 2.0 mL water, 1.5 MPa H₂, 150 °C, 1.0 h. After the reaction, the catalyst was washed three times with water and then dried under vacuum. Initially, two hydrogenolysis experiments were performed to compensate for any loss during the catalyst treatment process.



Figure S13 Mass spectra of 1,2-PeD obtained from FA hydrogenolysis using H_2/H_2O , D_2/H_2O , and H_2/D_2O . Reaction conditions: 80 µL FA, 30 mg catalyst, 2.0 mL H_2O (or D_2O), 1.0 MPa H_2 (or D_2), 150 °C.



Figure S14 Mass spectra of 1,5-PeD obtained from FA hydrogenolysis using H_2/H_2O , D_2/H_2O and

H₂/D₂O. Reaction conditions: 80 µL FA, 30 mg catalyst, 2.0 mL H₂O (or D₂O), 1.0 MPa H₂ (or D₂), 150 °C.



Figure S15 ¹H and ²H NMR spectra after FA hydrogenolysis at different conditions for KIE study. During the NMR test, no deuterated reagent was added.



Figure S16 Hydrogenolysis of different furanic compounds over $PtFe_{0.7}/(Mg,AI)O$ catalyst. Reaction conditions: 80 µL FA, 30 mg catalyst, 2.0 mL water, 1.0 MPa H₂, 150 °C.



Figure S17 ¹H NMR spectra of the solution after hydrogenolysis of Furan.



Figure S18 ¹H NMR spectra of 1,2,6-hexanetriol and the solution after hydrogenolysis of HMF.



Figure S19 Mass spectra of 1,2-hexanediol obtained from HMF hydrogenolysis.



Figure S20 Product distribution for the FFR hydrogenolysis over $PtFe_{0.7}/(Mg,Al)O$ after 30 min. Reaction conditions: 80 µL FA, 30 mg catalyst, 2.0 mL water, 1.0 MPa H₂, 150 °C, 0.5h.



Figure S21 FA hydrogenolysis over PtFe_{0.7}/(Mg,Al)O in the absence (yellow) and presence (blue) of CO. Reaction conditions: 80 μ L FA, 30 mg catalyst, 2.0 mL water, 1.0 MPa H₂ (or 1.0 MPa H₂+ 0.2 MPa CO), 150 °C, 0.5h.



Figure S22 The LUMO Löwdin populations of C2 and C5 and LUMO energy in protonated and unprotonated of FA.

8. Supplementary Tables

| Sample | Pt (wt%) | M (wt%) | | M/Pt atomic ratio |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|------|-------------------|
| Pt/(Mg,Al)O | 2.12 | / | 1 | 0 |
| PtFe _{0.7} /(Mg,Al)O | 2.16 | Fe | 0.44 | 0.7 |
| PtFe _{1.8} /(Mg,Al)O | 1.99 | Fe | 1.05 | 1.8 |
| PtFe _{3.1} /(Mg,Al)O | 1.85 | Fe | 1.64 | 3.1 |
| PtNi _{0.7} /(Mg,Al)O | 2.02 | Ni | 0.42 | 0.7 |
| PtCo _{0.8} /(Mg,Al)O | 2.12 | Со | 0.52 | 0.8 |
| PtMn _{0.7} /(Mg,Al)O | 2.52 | Mn | 0.48 | 0.7 |

Table S1 Actual metal loadings of PtM_x/(Mg,Al)O catalysts measured by ICP-OES.

Table S2 EXAFS fitting parameters at the Pt L3-edge and Fe K-edge for various samples.

| Sample | scatter | CN | R (Å) | Δ <i>E</i> ₀ (eV) | S 0 ² | σ² | R factor | |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| Pt/(Mg,Al)O | Pt–O | 1.65±0.53 | 2.02±0.06 | 9.50±3.58 | 1.09 | 0.0003±0.004 | 0.017 | |
| | Pt–Pt | 1.41±0.32 | 2.67±0.01 | 4.34±15.9 | 1.09 | 0.006±0.003 | 0.017 | |
| Fe/(Mg,Al)O | Fe–O | 4.44±0.75 | 2.05±0.09 | -2.98±2.20 | 0.75 | 0.008±0.003 | 0.012 | |
| | Pt–O | 1.38±0.64 | 2.02±0.05 | 8.42±5.52 | 1.09 | 0.001±0.006 | 0.010 | |
| PtFe _{0.7} /(Mg,Al)O | Pt-Pt | 0.97±0.13 | 2.64±0.02 | 11.8±5.10 | 1.09 | 0.007±0.001 | 0.019 | |
| | Fe–O | 4.32±0.64 | 2.05±0.08 | -2.00±1.93 | 0.75 | 0.006±0.002 | 0.010 | |
| PtFe _{3.1} /(Mg,Al)O | Pt–O | 1.15±0.82 | 2.02±0.06 | 8.53±9.33 | 1.09 | 0.0006±0.009 | 0.019 | |
| | Pt-Pt | 1.82±0.16 | 2.64±0.02 | 0.53±9.18 | 1.09 | 0.0086±0.002 | | |
| | Fe–O | 3.90±0.20 | 2.05±0.09 | -1.93±0.68 | 0.75 | 0.008±0.0009 | 0.001 | |
| Fe foil | Fe-Fe | 8 | 2.52±0.05 | 4.75±1.58 | 0.75 | 0.005±0.001 | 0.009 | |
| Pt foil | Pt-Pt | 12 | 2.77±0.01 | 7.53±0.42 | 1.09 | 0.004±0.0005 | 0.002 | |
| Fo O | Fe-Fe | 4 | 2.89±0.06 | -1.46±1.95 | 0.75 | 0.002±0.001 | 0.000 | |
| Fe ₂ O ₃ | Fe–O | 6 | 2.09±0.08 | -1.46±1.95 | 0.75 | 0.011±0.002 | 0.009 | |
| | Pt–O | 6 | 2.01±0.01 | 9.56±0.75 | 1.09 | 0.002±0.001 | 0.012 | |
| FIU ₂ | Pt–Pt | 2 | 3.08±0.05 | 9.56±0.75 | 1.09 | 0.002±0.001 | 0.015 | |

R: bond distance; σ^2 : Debye-Waller factors; ΔE_0 : the inner potential correction. R factor: goodness of fit.

| | | <u> </u> | H ₂ Pressure | | Conv. | - | Ref. | | |
|-------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------------------|---------|---------|-------|------|------|-----------|
| Entry Catalysts Solvent | (MPa) | Substrate | (%) | 1,2-PeD | 1,5-PeD | THFA | | | |
| 1 | | ЦО | 1.0 | FA | 100 | 82.0 | 8.9 | 2.3 | This work |
| T | FIFE0.7/(IVIG,AI)O | H ₂ O | 1.0 | FFR | 100 | 80.5 | 7.8 | 1.6 | |
| 2 | Pt/LDH | i-PrOH | 3.0 | FFR | >99 | 73 | 8 | 14 | 9 |
| 3 | Ru-Sn/ZnO | i-PrOH | 3.0 | FFR | 100 | 84.5 | 12.4 | 0 | 10 |
| 4 | Rh/OMS-2 | MeOH | 3.0 | FFR | 99.6 | 87 | - | - | 11 |
| 5 | Pt/CeO ₂ -C | EtOH | 2 | FA | >99.9 | 77.1 | 7.3 | 11.7 | 12 |
| 6 | Pt/CeO ₂ | H ₂ O | 1.0 | FFR | 100 | 65.0 | 8.0 | 17.1 | 13 |
| 7 | Pt/CeO ₂ | i-PrOH | 3 | FFR | > 99.9 | 53.6 | 3.6 | 39.0 | 14 |
| 8 | Cu-Mg ₃ AlO _{4.5} | EtOH | 6 | FA | 63.1 | 50.0 | 30.5 | 3.9 | 15 |
| 9 | Pt@Al ₂ O ₃ | H ₂ O | $NaBH_4$ | FA | >99 | trace | 75.6 | 24.4 | 16 |
| 10 | | | | FFR | >99 | trace | 75.2 | 24.8 | |
| 10 | Rh–Ir–ReOx/SiO ₂ | H₂O | 6.0 | FFR | >99.9 | 0.7 | 72.4 | 11.8 | 17 |
| 11 | Pd–Ir–ReOx/SiO ₂ | H ₂ O | 8 | FFR | >99.9 | 1.4 | 71.4 | 4.4 | 18 |
| | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| 12 | Pt/Co_2AIO_4 | EtOH | 1.5 | FFR | 99.9 | 16.2 | 34.9 | 31.3 | 15 |
| 13 | Ni(0)-La(OH)₃ | i-PrOH | 2 | FFR | 100 | 2.8 | 55.8 | 31.7 | 20 |
| 14 | NiFeMgAl | EtOH | 4 | FA | 99.7 | 25.9 | 31.0 | 23.2 | 21 |
| 15 | Cu-Co-Al | EtOH | 4 | FA | 98.8 | 16.1 | 41.6 | 15.0 | 22 |
| 16 | Cu-LaCO ₃ | EtOH | 6 | FA | 100 | 15.2 | 40.3 | 28.7 | 23 |
| 17 | $Pt/MgAl_2O_4$ | H ₂ O | 4 | FA | 55.4 | 20.3 | 32.1 | 43.1 | 24 |
| 18 | Ru-Mn/CNTs | H₂O | 1.5 | FA | 81.8 | 16.5 | - | 43.7 | 25 |
| 19 | CoAl-spinel | i-PrOH | 4 | FFR | - | 1.8 | 40.3 | 42.1 | 26 |
| 20 | Cu-Al ₂ O ₃ | EtOH | 6 | FA | 85.8 | 48.1 | 22.2 | 2.7 | 27 |
| 21 | CuMgAl | i-PrOH | 6 | FA | 95.2 | 46 | 15.6 | 5.0 | 28 |
| 22 | Pt–Fe/MgTiO ₃ | H ₂ O | 1.0 / fixed- bed reactor | FFR | 100 | 81 | 15 | 2 | 29 |
| 23 | Pt/MgAl- LDHs@Al ₂ O ₃ | EtOH | 3.0/ fixed- bed reactor | FA | 96 | 86 | 6 | 6 | 30 |
| 24 | Cu/MFI | EtOH | 2.5/ fixed- | FA | 99.5 | 16.0 | 69.2 | | 31 |

Table S3 Catalytic performances of various catalysts for the hydrogenolysis of FFR and FA.

| | | | bed reactor | | | | | | |
|----|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|
| 25 | Ni-Sn/ZnO | Isopropanol | 4.0/fixed- bed reactor | FA | 100 | 91 | 8.4 | 0.2 | 32 |
| 26 | LaNiO ₃ | Isopropanol | 3.0 | FA | 100 | | 81 | 19 | 33 |

 Table S4 Catalytic performances of various catalysts for the hydrogenolysis of Tetrahydrofuran-Dimethanol (THFDM) and HMF.

| Entry | Catalysts | | H ₂ Pressure | Substrate | Conv. | Sel. (%) | | | Ref. |
|-------|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| Entry | Caldiysis | Solvent | (MPa) | Substrate | (%) | 1,2,6-Hexanetriol | 1,6-Hexanediol | 1,2-Hexanediol | |
| 1 | PtFe _{0.7} /(Mg,Al)O | H ₂ O | 1.0 | HMF | 100% | 86.8 | 1.1 | 7.3 | This work |
| 2 | 10 wt% Pt-10 wt% WOx/TiO₂ | H ₂ O | 0.8 | THFDM | 6.4 | >96 | 3 | - | 34 |
| 2 | Pd/ZrP(7wt%Pd) | EtOH | formic acid | HMF | 92.5 | - | 37.8 | - | 25 |
| 3 | Pd/ZrP(7wt%Pd) | EtOH | formic acid | HMF | 96.9 | - | 42.5 | | 35 |

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