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# **Supporting information**

### Pt nanoparticles supported on porous sheath TiO<sub>2</sub> wrapped carbon

### nanotubes for selective glycerol electro-oxidation into tartronate

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**Fig. S1** The standard curves and corresponding linear fitting equations with correlation coefficients. (a) Glycerol and (b) FA with RID. (c) FA, (d) GA, (e) OA, (f) LA, (g) GLYA, and (h) TAR with DAD.



Fig. S2 HPLC chromatograms of (a) different products detected by DAD and (b) glycerol detected by RID.



**Fig. S3** XRD patterns of **(a)** different ratios TiO<sub>2</sub>/CNT supports and **(b)** Partial enlarged XRD patterns of Pt-TiO<sub>2</sub>/CNT catalysts with varying ratios of TiO<sub>2</sub>/CNT.



Fig. S4 TEM images of different ratios TiO<sub>2</sub>/CNT supports with different magnification, (**a**,**b**) 1:5, (**c**,**d**) 1:3, (**e**,**f**) 3:1, (**g**,**h**) 5:1.



Fig. S5 N<sub>2</sub>-adsorption-desorption isotherms of the supports with different ratios TiO<sub>2</sub>/CNT.



Fig. S6 The TEM images and corresponding size histograms of Pt nanoparticles of (a,c) Pt/CNT and (b,d) Pt-TiO<sub>2</sub>/CNT.



Fig. S7 (a) The glycerol conversion and (b) Selectivity of TAR after 10 h over Pt-TiO<sub>2</sub>/CNT with different potential. (c) Amperometric i-t curve of Pt particles supported on TiO<sub>2</sub>/CNT with different TiO<sub>2</sub>:CNT ratios. Condition: 0.1 M glycerol with 1.0 M KOH at 60 °C and 0.8 V vs. RHE.



Fig. S8 TEM images of (a) Pt-TiO<sub>2</sub>/CNT and (c) Pt/CNT after the glycerol oxidation reaction, with (b, d) corresponding size histograms of Pt particles. (e) TEM image and (f-i) the corresponding elemental mappings of Pt-TiO<sub>2</sub>/CNT.



Fig. S9 IR spectra of the GLYA treated (a) Pt-TiO<sub>2</sub>/CNT and (b) Pt/CNT



Fig. S10 XPS spectra of different catalysts. (a) Pt 4f, (b) Ti 2p, (c) O 1s.



Fig. S11 Schematic diagram of catalysts with different combination of mechanical mixing. (a) TiO<sub>2</sub> and CNT are fully ground and mixed. (b) The Pt/CNT and Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> are synthesized firstly, then Pt/CNT and Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> are fully ground and mixed. (c) The Pt/CNT is synthesized firstly, then Pt/CNT and TiO<sub>2</sub> are fully ground and mixed. (d) The Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> is synthesized firstly, then CNT and Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> are fully ground and mixed. (d) The Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> is synthesized firstly, then CNT and Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> are fully ground and mixed.



Fig. S12 XRD patterns of catalysts with different combination methods.



Fig. S13 TEM images of different combination catalysts with different magnification. (a-c) (Pt/CNT)+(Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub>), (d-f) (Pt/CNT)+TiO<sub>2</sub>, (g-i) Pt/(TiO<sub>2</sub>+CNT), and (j,k) SEM images of (Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub>)+CNT with different magnification. Note: The dotted boxes of different colors correspond to the solid boxes respectively.



Fig. S14 Performance of different combination catalysts in glycerol oxidation. (a) The conversion of glycerol. (b) The selectivity of TAR after 10 h.

Sample	Pt%
Pt-CNT	18.9
Pt-TiO <sub>2</sub> /CNT	18.8

#### Table S1. ICP date of Pt-CNT and Pt-TiO<sub>2</sub>/CNT

Catalyst	Electrolyte/Temperature	Potential/Time	Conv. (%)	Sel. of TAR. (%)	Ref.
Pt-TiO <sub>2</sub> /CNT	0.1 M glycerol+1.0 M KOH, 60°C	0.8 V vs. RHE, 24h	~100	52.5	This work
Au-P4P/G	0.5 M glycerol +0.5 M KOH, RT*	0.1 V vs. Ag/AgCl, 2h	15	15	1
Au/C	2 M KOH+1 M glycerol,50 °C	0.3 V,1h	7.2	19	2
RA-Au/Ni foam	1 M KOH+0.1 M glycerol	1.0 V vs.RHE,2h	68.7	10.8	3
CuAu/C	0.5 M glycerol +0.5 M KOH, RT	0.1 V vs. Ag/AgCl,2h	-	17.6	4
AuPt	0.5 M glycerol +1.0 M KOH, RT	0.9 V vs. RHE, 12h	55.1	13	5
Pt/C	0.1 M glycerol +2.0 M KOH, 60°C	0.3 V vs. SHE/AEM,2h	63.7	34	6
Pt/FeNC	0.1 M glycerol+1.0 M KOH,60 °C	0.9 V vs. RHE,12h	100	50.8	7
Pt <sub>9</sub> Bi/C	0.5 M glycerol +2.0 M KOH, RT	0.7 V vs.RHE,4h	-	10.9	8
Pt <sub>2</sub> Rh <sub>1</sub> /C	0.1 M glycerol +0.1 MHClO <sub>4</sub> ,60°C	0.45 V vs.SCE,8h	90	40.3	9
Pt <sub>0.95</sub> -Bi <sub>0.05</sub> /TiN/HNWs/CC	1 M KOH+0.05 M glycerol, RT	0.45 V vs.RHE,8h	87	14.1	10
Pd/CNT	5 wt% glycerol +2.0 M KOH,60°C	102 mA, 3.3h	15	15	11
Pd-(Ni-Zn)/C	2 M KOH+5wt% glycerol	20 mA/cm <sup>2</sup> ,10.2h	55.5	28.1	12
PdAg <sub>3</sub> /CNT	1.0 M glycerol +4.0 M KOH,50°C	0.1 V vs.SHE, 2h	43	13.7	13
Au/C-NC	0.1 M glycerol+8.0 M KOH,60 °C	<0.45 V vs. RHE, 12h	89.2	69.3	14
Au/C	1 M glycerol+2 M KOH,60 °C	0.4 V vs. RHE,19h	35	78	15

 Table S2. Glycerol oxidation over noble-metal catalysts

\*: RT—Room Temperature

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