

## **Supplementary Materials**

### **Metal-Site Dispersed Zinc-Chromium Oxide Derived from Chromate-Intercalated Layered Hydroxide for Highly Selective Propane Dehydrogenation**

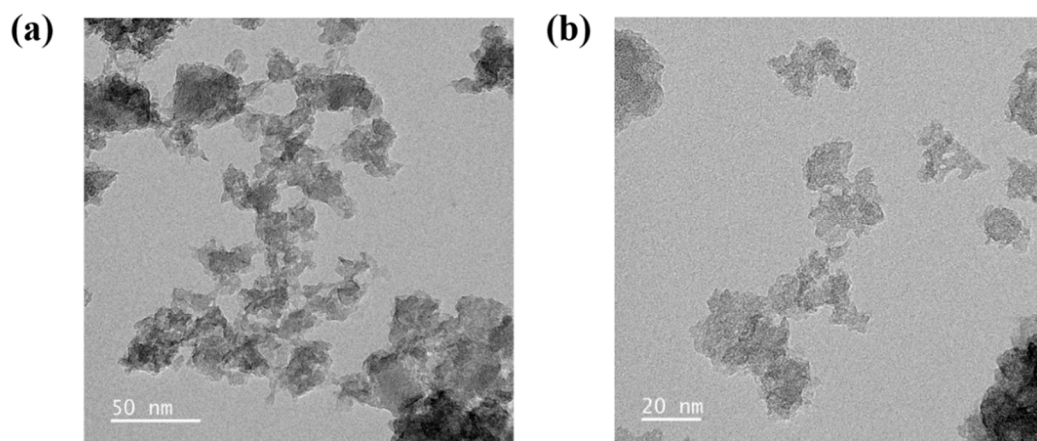
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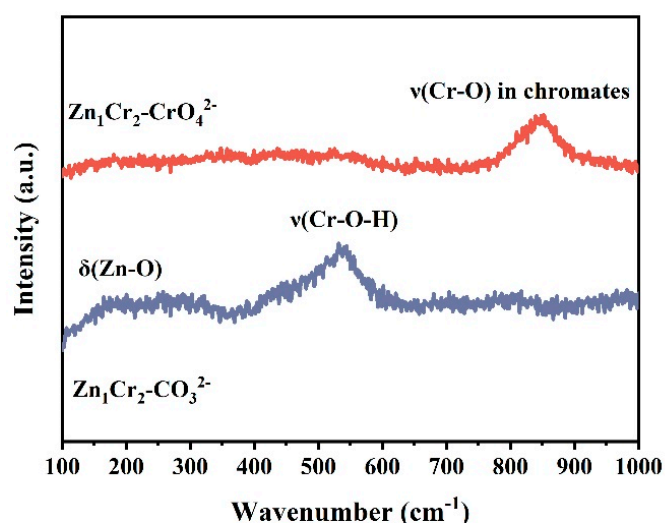
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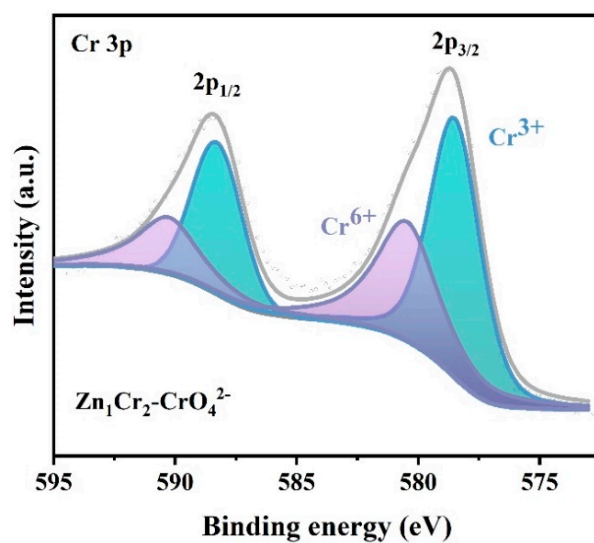
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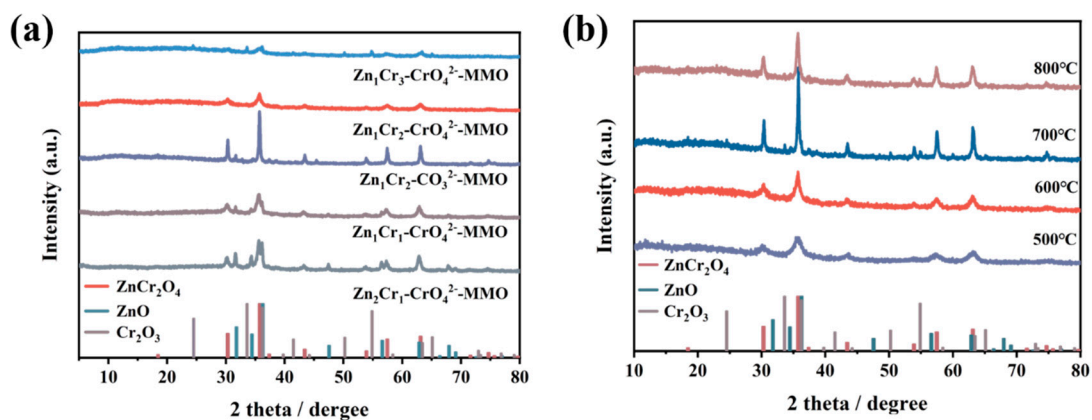
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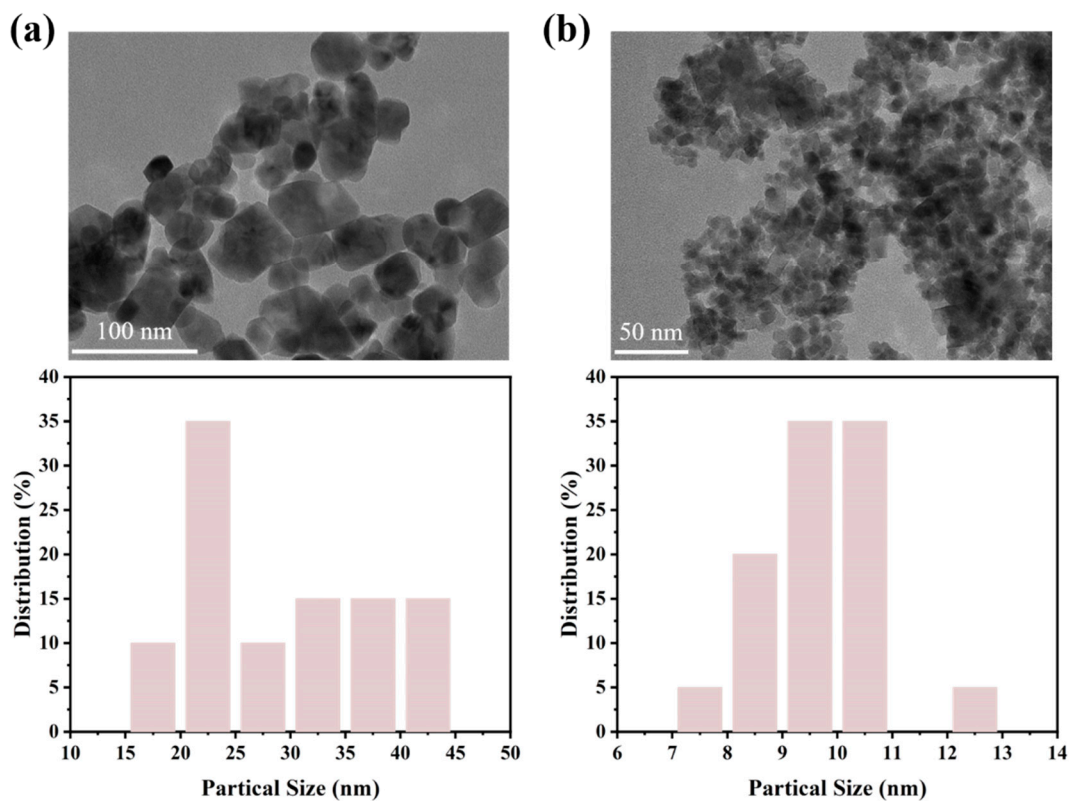
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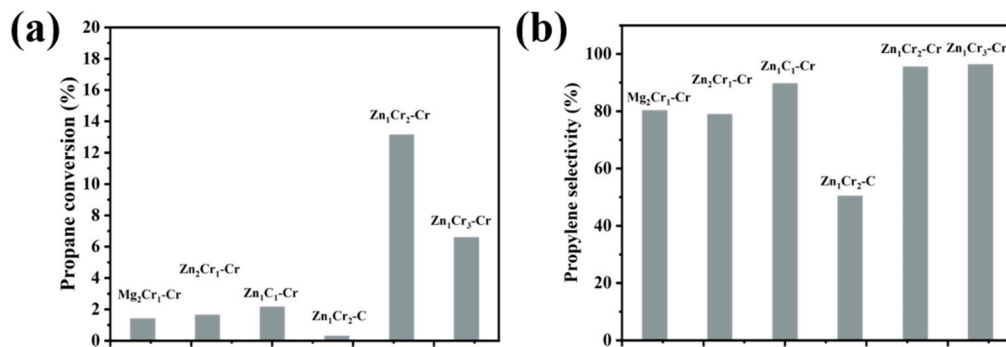
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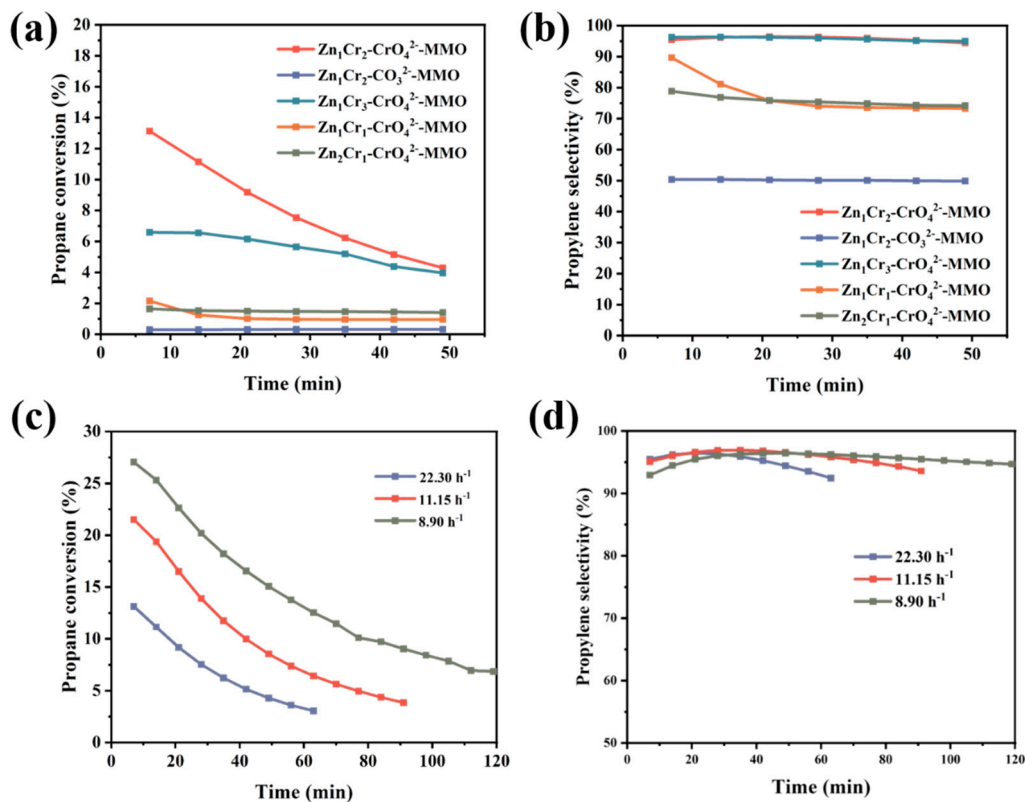
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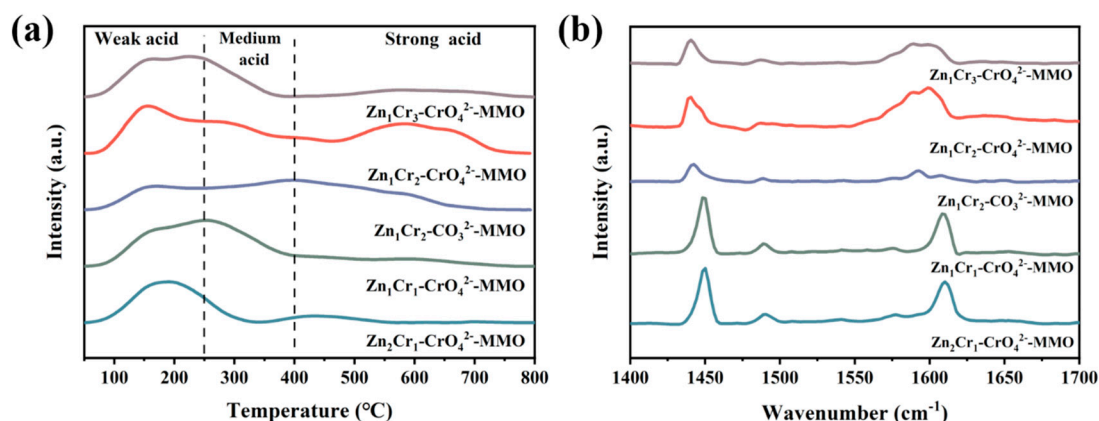


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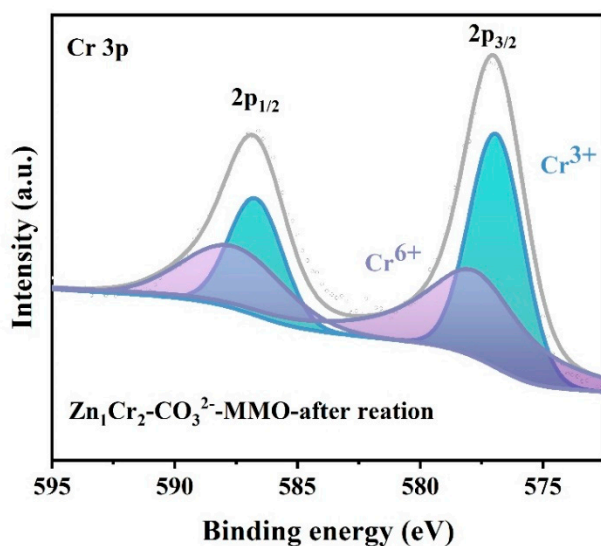


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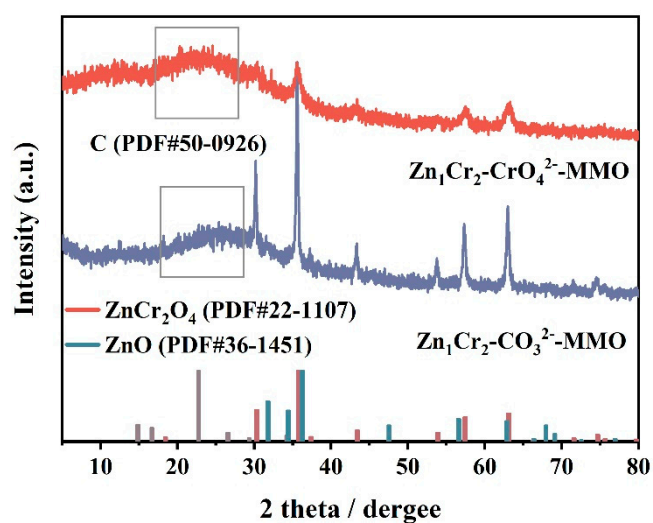
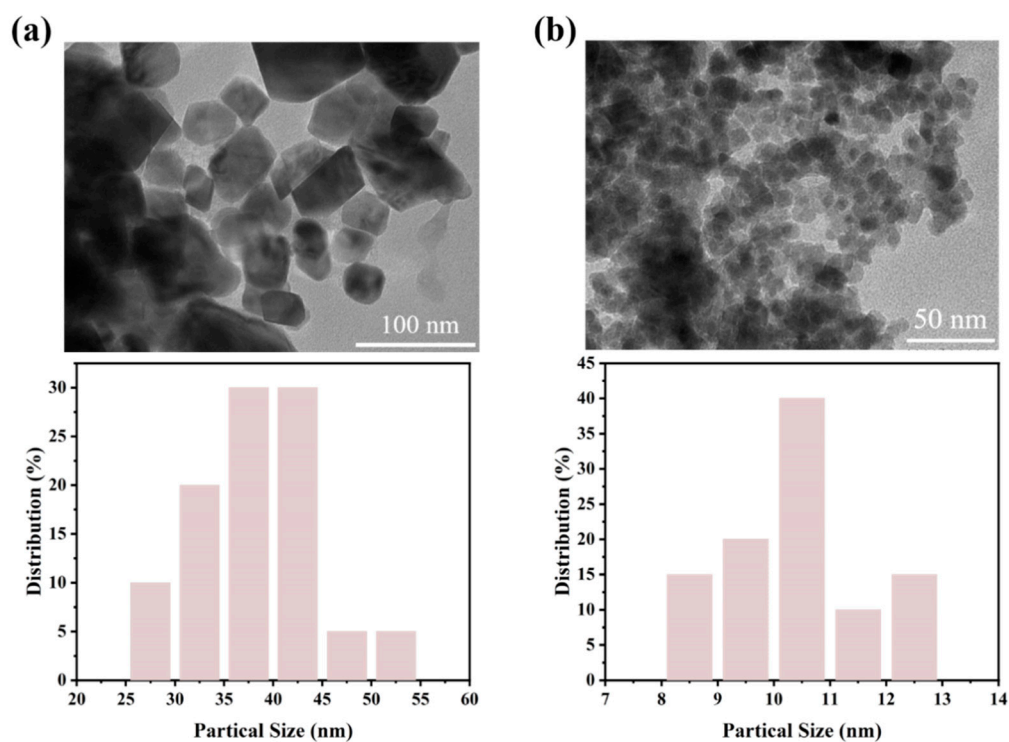
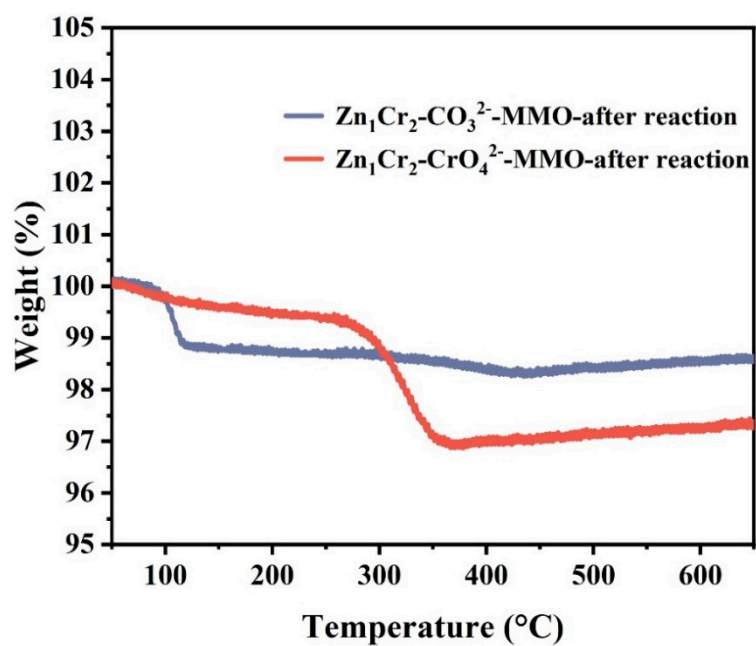


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**Table S1.** Comparison of catalytic performance in this work with previous works.

Catalysis	Temperature(°C)	WHSV	Feed composition	Conversion (%)	Selectivity (%)	Ref
Co-Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	590	2.9h <sup>-1</sup>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> :N <sub>2</sub> =1:0.8:3.2	24.8	>97.1	[40]
0.5%Co@Si-BEA	590	3.66 h <sup>-1</sup>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> :N <sub>2</sub> =5:4:5	25	>93	[41]
Mo <sub>2</sub> N	500	/	10 vol% C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> in Ar	~11	95	[37]
Co SAs/SiO <sub>2</sub> NMs	550	2.9 h <sup>-1</sup>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> : N <sub>2</sub> = 2:6.4	25	95	[42]
Na-Sn-Beta-30	630	/	20 mol % C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> /80 mol % N <sub>2</sub>	40	92	[38]
VO <sub>x</sub> /Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	600	3 h <sup>-1</sup>	28 vol% C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> , 28% H <sub>2</sub> in N <sub>2</sub>	32	94	[43]
Cr-Al-800	600	/	/	33.2	90.4	[31]
Zn-4@S-1	600	2.4 h <sup>-1</sup>	10% C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> balanced by He	41	97	[44]
Zn <sub>0.3</sub> Cr	480	5000 ml h <sup>-1</sup> g <sub>cat</sub> <sup>-1</sup>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> :Ar = 5:95.	31.3	94	[45]
CrZrO <sub>x</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub>	550	34.5 h <sup>-1</sup>	40vol% C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> in N <sub>2</sub>	30	85(C=30)	[46]
Rh0.5Sn3.0	600	10.8h <sup>-1</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> :N <sub>2</sub> :C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> = 1:1:1	30.8	96.3	[47]
VO <sub>x</sub> /ZrO <sub>2</sub>	550	2.07h <sup>-1</sup>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> :N <sub>2</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> =7:36:7	~25	>80	[48]
CoO <sub>x</sub> @NC/S-1	600	1.5h <sup>-1</sup>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> :N <sub>2</sub> = 5:19	40	>97	[49]
CrO <sub>x</sub> /HZSM-5	/	0.59h <sup>-1</sup>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> :N <sub>2</sub> = 5:95	~32.6	~94.2	[32]
Zn <sub>1</sub> Cr <sub>2</sub> -Cr-MMO	550	8.9h <sup>-1</sup>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> :N <sub>2</sub> =1:4.32	27	>90	This work



**Table S2.** NH<sub>3</sub> desorption property of the catalysts.

Catalyst	Weak acid site (mmol/g)	Medium acid Site (mmol/g)	Strong acid site (mmol/g)	Total acid site (mmol/g)
Zn <sub>2</sub> Cr <sub>1</sub> -CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> - MMO	0.1847	0.0354	0.0295	0.2496
Zn <sub>1</sub> Cr <sub>1</sub> -CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> - MMO	0.1954	0.1662	0.0824	0.4440
Zn <sub>1</sub> Cr <sub>2</sub> -CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> - MMO	0.1185	0.1450	0.1978	0.4613
Zn <sub>1</sub> Cr <sub>2</sub> -CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> - MMO	0.2157	0.1396	0.2503	0.6056
Zn <sub>1</sub> Cr <sub>3</sub> -CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> - MMO	0.2024	0.0880	0.0567	0.3471