

# SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

## Propylene Production via Oxidative Dehydrogenation of Propane with Carbon Dioxide over Composite $M_xO_y$ - $TiO_2$ Catalysts

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**Table S1.** Comparison of literature results for the reaction of the CO<sub>2</sub>-assisted ODP.

Catalyst	CO <sub>2</sub> -assisted ODP reaction conditions (WGHSV; CO <sub>2</sub> :C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ratio)	T (°C)	X <sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub></sub> (%)	S <sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub></sub> (%)	Y <sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub></sub> (%)	Ref.
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -TiO <sub>2</sub>	WGHSV= 6000 mL h <sup>-1</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> :C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> =5:1	700	45	36.2	16.3	This work
Gr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -TiO <sub>2</sub>			45.6	35	16.0	
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -TiO <sub>2</sub>	WGHSV= 6000 mL h <sup>-1</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> :C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> =2:1	600	32	73	23.4	[15]
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>			26	94	24.4	
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -ZrO <sub>2</sub>			30	65	19.5	
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -SiO <sub>2</sub>			6.4	92	5.9	
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -MgO			4.3	29	1.2	
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	WGHSV= 6000 mL h <sup>-1</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> :C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> =3:1	550	35.2	95	33.4	[71]
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	WGHSV= 4500 mL h <sup>-1</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> :C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> =5:1	600	36	82.1	29.6	[29]
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	WGHSV= 3000 mL h <sup>-1</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> :C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> =2:1	500	49.7	91.7	45.6	[75]

CrO <sub>x</sub> /CNTs <sup>a</sup>	WGHSV= 3600 mL h <sup>-1</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> :C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> =2:1	600	13	61.5	8.0	[73]
CrO <sub>x</sub> /GNFs <sup>b</sup>			21	56.2	11.8	
CrO <sub>x</sub> /silicalite-1	WGHSV= 3000 mL h <sup>-1</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> :C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> =5:1	550	50	67	33.5	[74]
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -m <sup>c</sup>	WGHSV= 9000 mL h <sup>-1</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> :C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> =5:1	550	19.0	91.6	17.4	[5]
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>			13.2	95.8	12.6	
Ga/Na-ZSM5	WGHSV= 7200 mL h <sup>-1</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> :C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> =1:1	600	59	44	26.0	[27]
Ga/Na-SSZ-39			38	63	23.9	
5%CrO <sub>x</sub> /MCM-41	WGHSV= 1800 mL h <sup>-1</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> :C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> =2:1	650	21	81	17.0	[8]
5%Cr/Ce <sub>0.1</sub> Zr <sub>0.9</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	WGHSV= 6000 mL h <sup>-1</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> :C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> =2:1	600	75	66.7	50.1	[105]
5%Cr/ZrO <sub>2</sub>			79.8	57.6	45.9	
5%Cr/CeO <sub>2</sub>			20.8	79.8	16.6	

<sup>a</sup>: CNTs: Carbon nanotubes

<sup>b</sup>: GNFs: Carbon nanoflakes

<sup>c</sup>: m: mesoporous

## Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA)

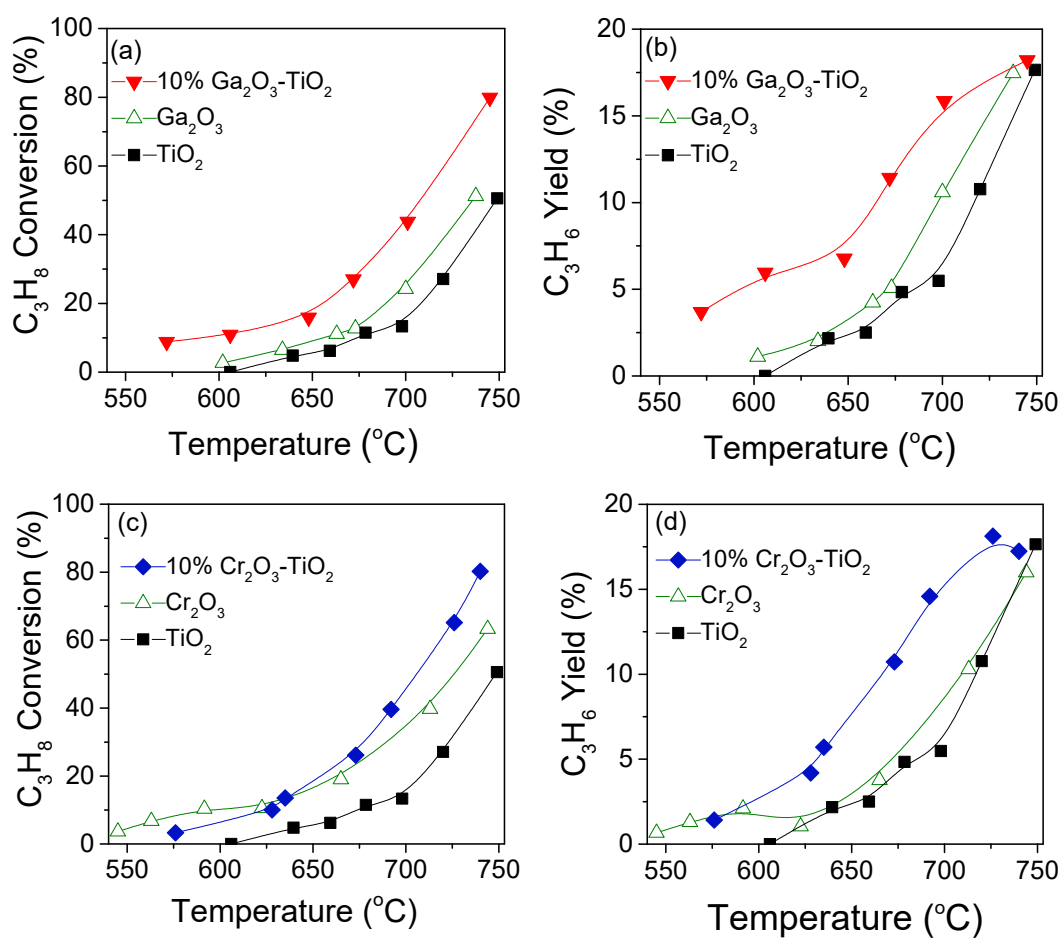
The surface acidity was defined as the micromoles of acid sites per gram of catalyst and calculated by the weight loss obtained from the TGA curves using the following equation (S1) [88].

$$Acidity = \left( \frac{\%Weight\ loss}{100} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{MW_{NH_3}} \right) \cdot 10^6 \quad \left[ \frac{\mu mol}{g} \right] \quad (S1)$$

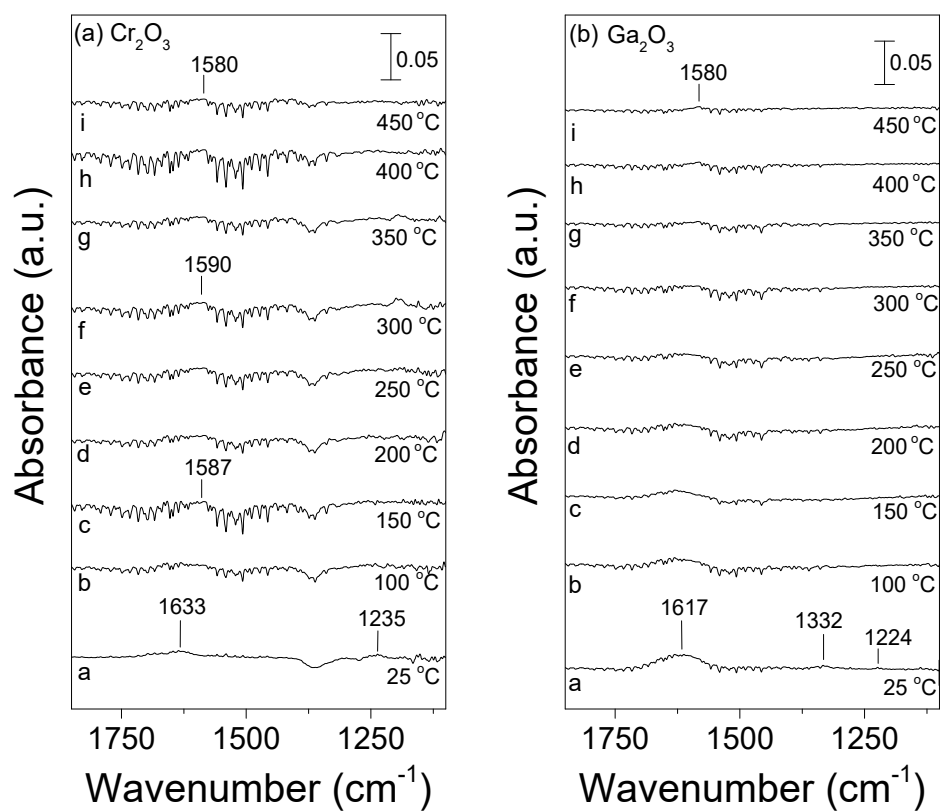
Where  $MW_{NH_3}$  is the molecular weight of ammonia (=17.031 g/mol) and %*Weight loss* is the weight loss obtained from the TGA curve in each weight loss region as indicated with the double arrows in Figure S3. Therefore, we estimated the density of weak/moderate and strong acid sites for the investigated catalysts and results obtained are shown in Table S2.

**Table S2:** Acid site density estimated from TGA experiments over TiO<sub>2</sub>, 10%Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-TiO<sub>2</sub> and 10%Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-TiO<sub>2</sub>

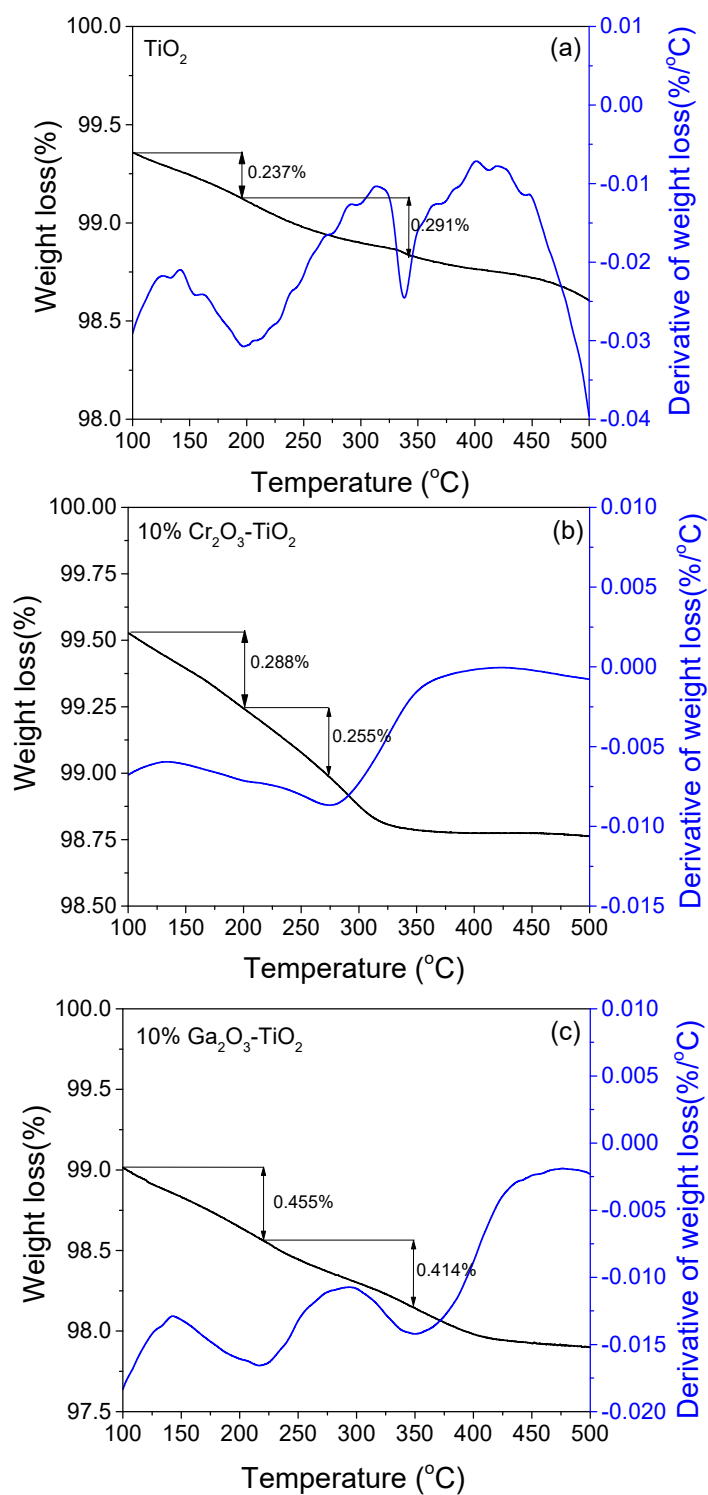
Catalyst	Acid Site Density (μmol/g)		
	Weak/Moderate	Strong	Total
TiO <sub>2</sub>	139.2	170.9	310.1
10%Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -TiO <sub>2</sub>	169.1	149.7	318.8
10%Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -TiO <sub>2</sub>	267.2	243.1	510.3



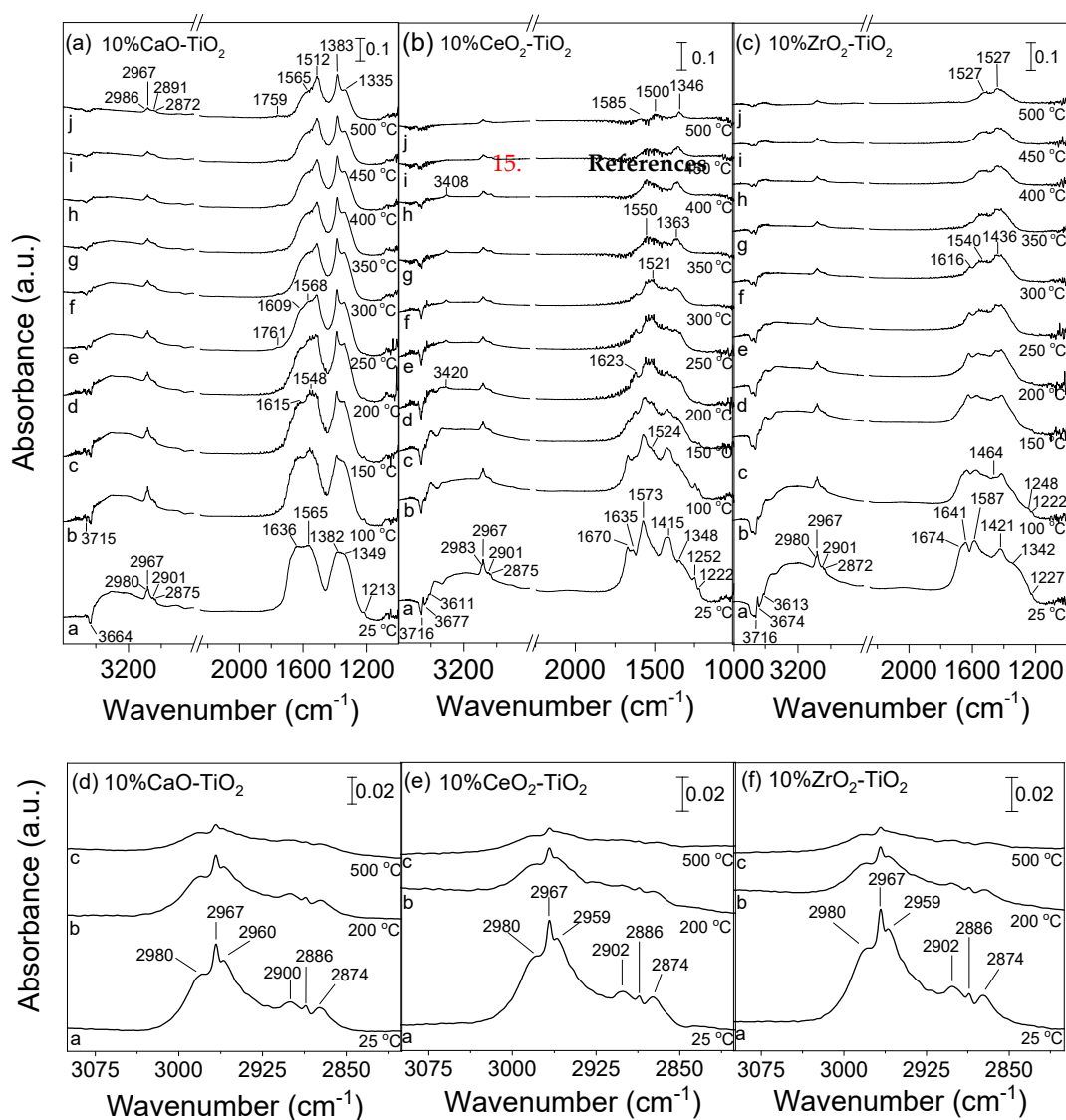
**Figure S1.** (a, c) Conversions of  $C_3H_8$  and (b, d) yields of  $C_3H_6$  as a function of reaction temperature obtained over  $TiO_2$ ,  $Ga_2O_3$ ,  $Cr_2O_3$  and 10% $M_xO_y$ - $TiO_2$  (M: Ga, Cr) catalysts. Experimental conditions same as in Figure 4.



**Figure S2.** DRIFT spectra obtained from (a)  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  and (b)  $\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3$  catalysts following adsorption of  $\text{CO}_2$  at 25 °C for 30 min and subsequent stepwise heating at the indicated temperatures under He flow.



**Figure S3.** TGA derivative curves as a function of temperature obtained from (a)  $\text{TiO}_2$ , (b) 10% $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ - $\text{TiO}_2$  and (c) 10%  $\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3$ - $\text{TiO}_2$  catalysts.



**Figure S4.** DRIFT spectra obtained over (a) CaO-TiO<sub>2</sub>, (b) CeO<sub>2</sub>-TiO<sub>2</sub> and (c) ZrO<sub>2</sub>-TiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts following interaction with 1% C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>+5% CO<sub>2</sub> (in He) at 25 °C for 15 min and subsequent stepwise heating at 500 °C. The corresponding DRIFT spectra obtained in the 3100–2750 cm<sup>-1</sup> region are presented in (d), (e) and (f).