

Supporting Information

Selective hydrogenolysis of glycerol to 1,3-propanediol over rhenium oxide-modified iridium nanoparticles coating rutile titania support

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Description of EXAFS measurement

The X-ray absorption near edge structure (XANES) and extended X-ray absorption fine structure (EXAFS) spectra measurements were carried out at the BL01B1 and BL14B2 stations at SPring-8. The storage ring was operated at 8 GeV, and a monochromatic X-ray beam was obtained by using a Si (1 1 1) single crystal. For Re L_3 -edge and Ir L_3 -edge measurement, two ion chambers for I_0 and I were filled with 85% N₂ + 15% Ar and 50% N₂ + 50% Ar, respectively. For analysis, the extracted oscillation was obtained using a spline smoothing approach from the original EXAFS data [S1]. A radial distribution function was obtained after Fourier transformation of the k^3 -weighted EXAFS oscillation from the k space to the r space was accomplished. A usual curve fitting approach was used for analyzing the inversely Fourier filtered data [S2, S3]. The empirical phase shift and amplitude functions for the Re–O and Ir–O bonds were extracted from the data of NH₄ReO₄ and IrO₂, respectively. It is very difficult to distinguish between Ir and Re as a scattering atom. Therefore, the empirical phase shift and amplitude functions for the Ir–Ir and Ir–Re bonds were extracted from the data of Ir powder, and for those of Re–Re, and Re–Ir bonds were extracted from the data of Re powder. The Re–Ir and Ir–Ir bonds are represented by the Re–Ir (or –Re) and Ir–Ir (or –Re) in the curve fitting results. Analyses of XANES and EXAFS data were performed using a computer program (REX2000, ver. 2.6; Rigaku Corp.).

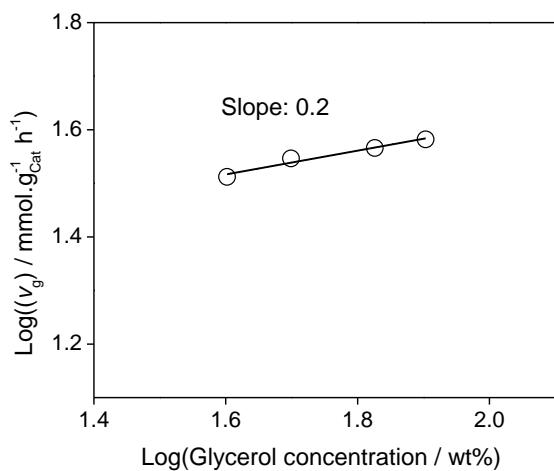


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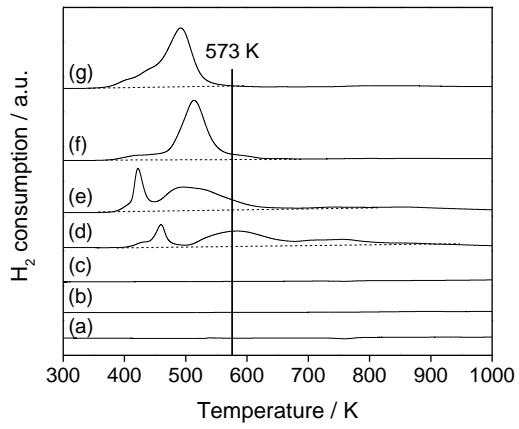


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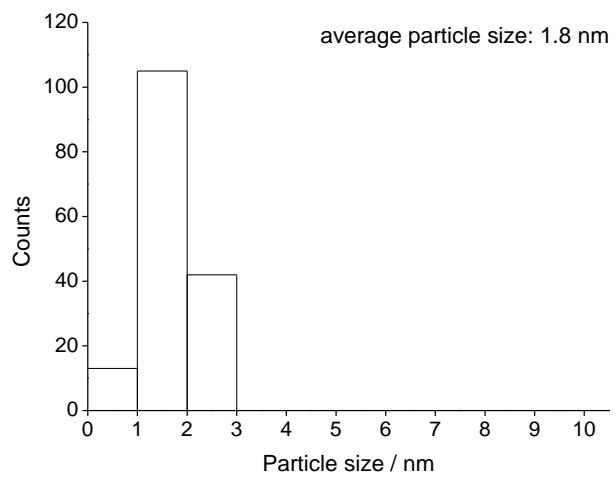
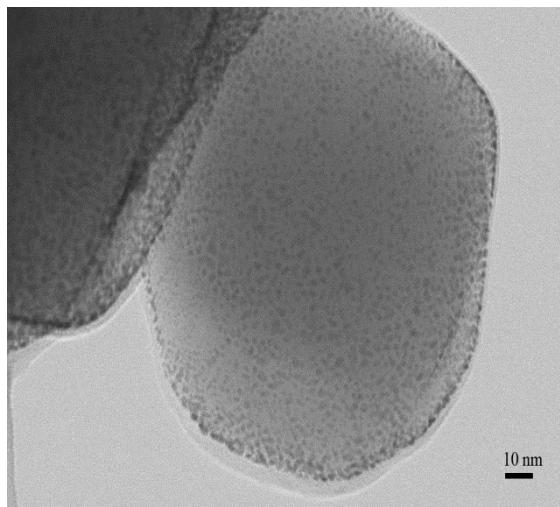
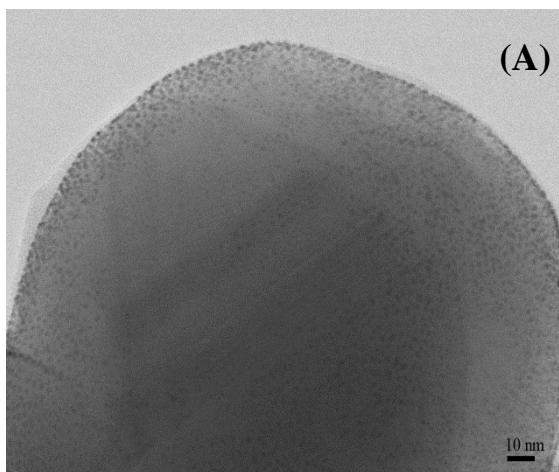
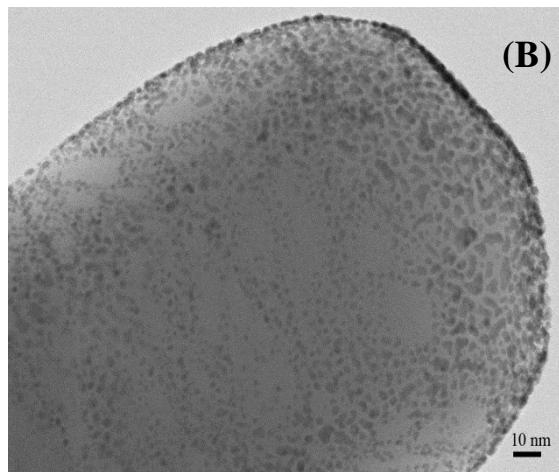
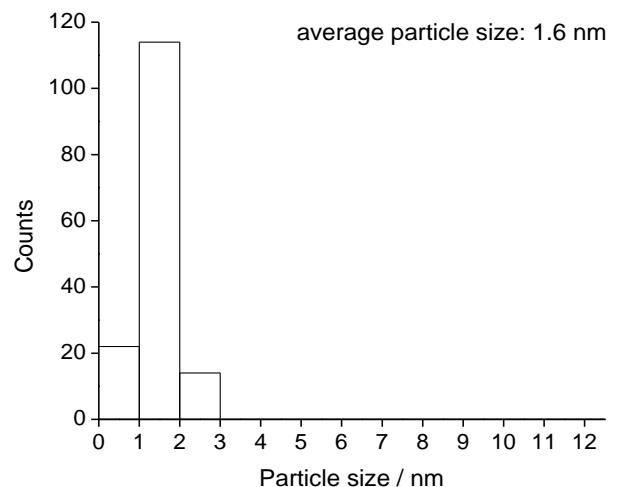


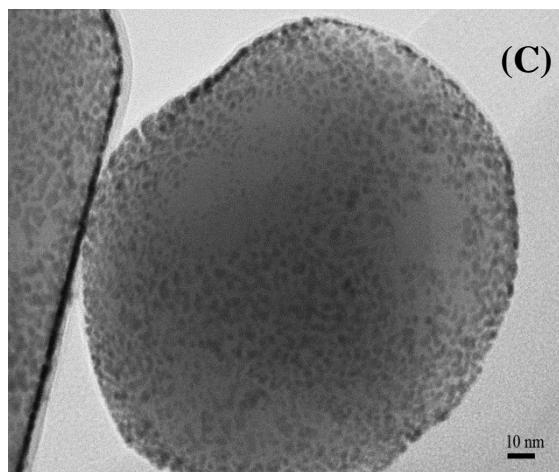
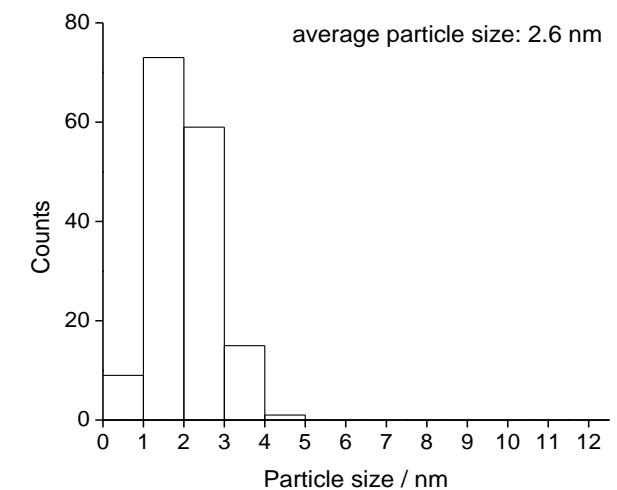
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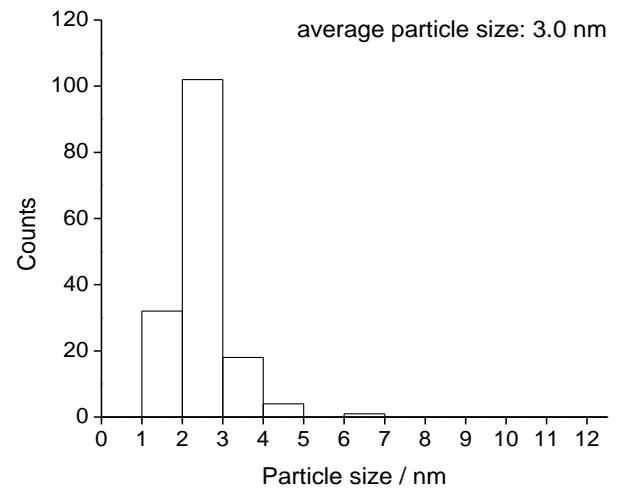


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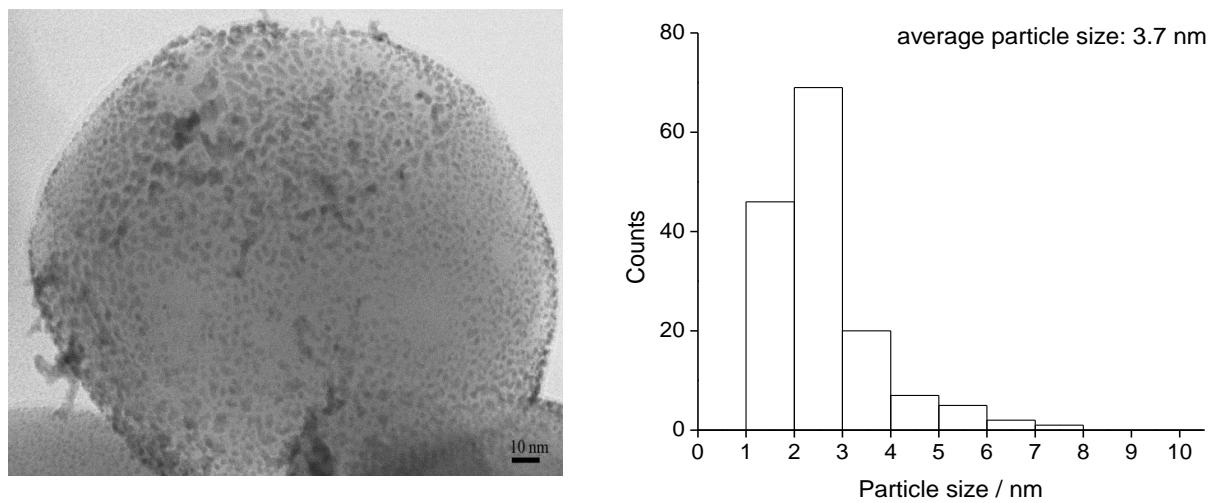


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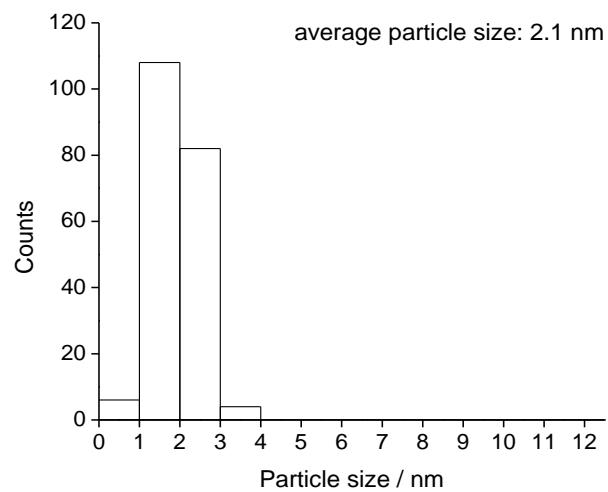
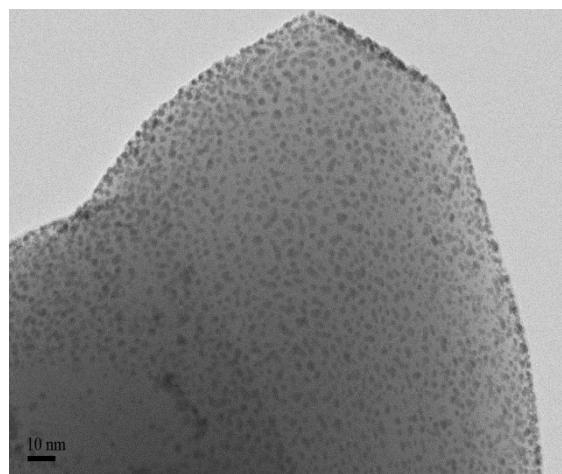


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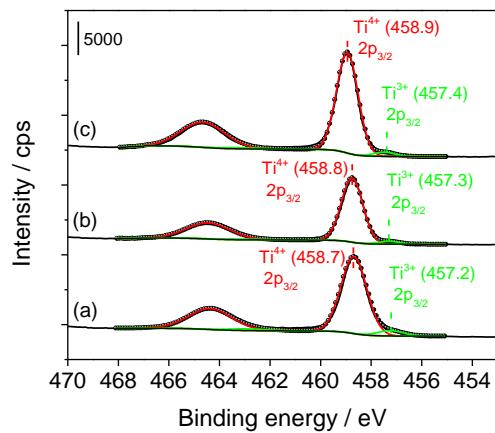


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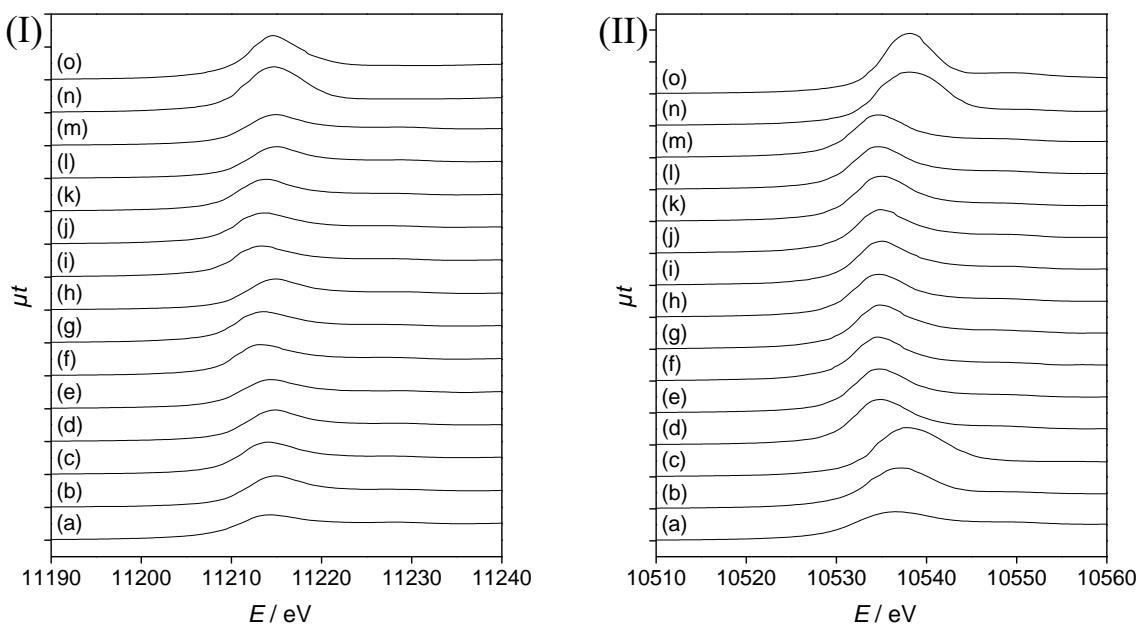


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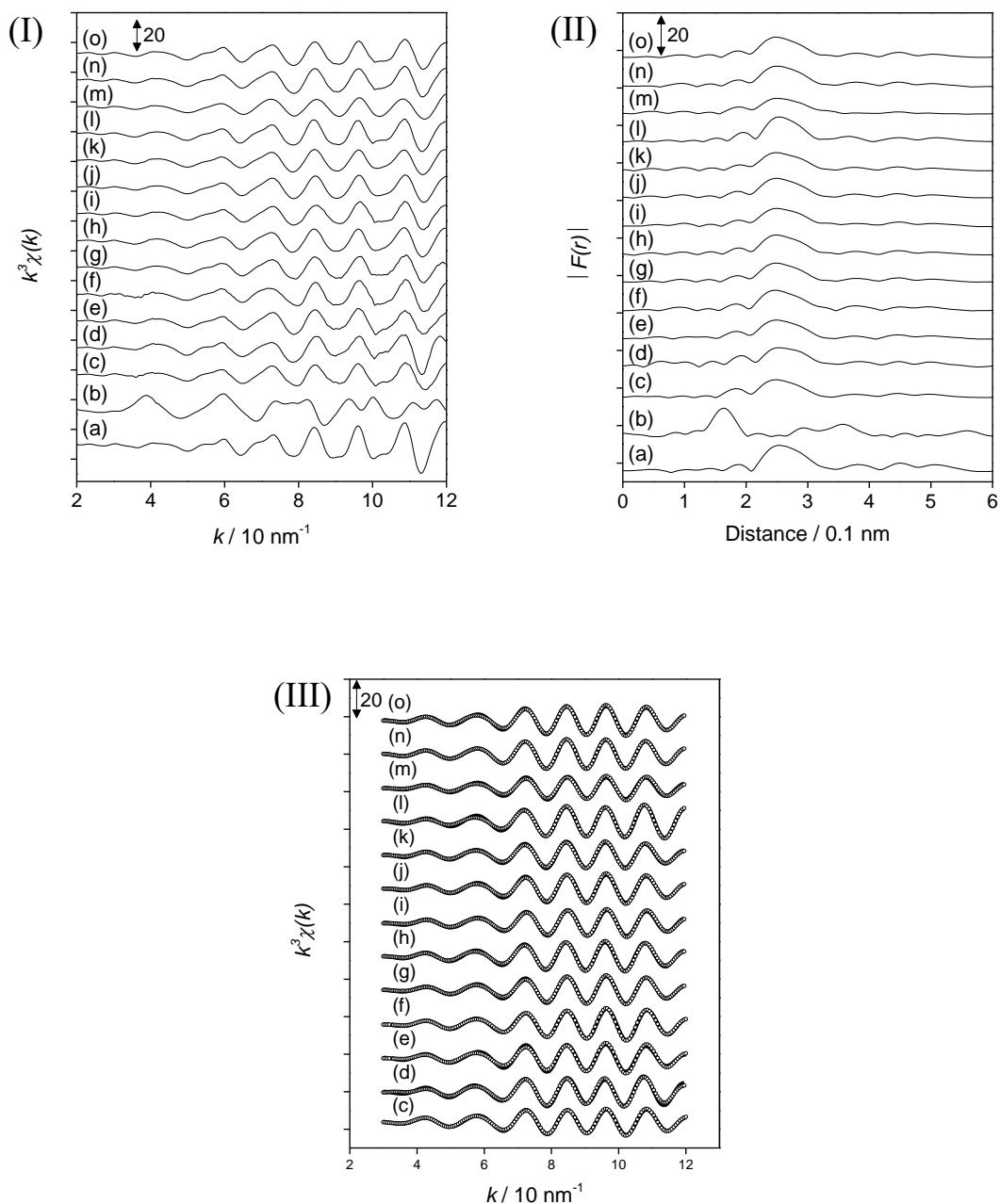


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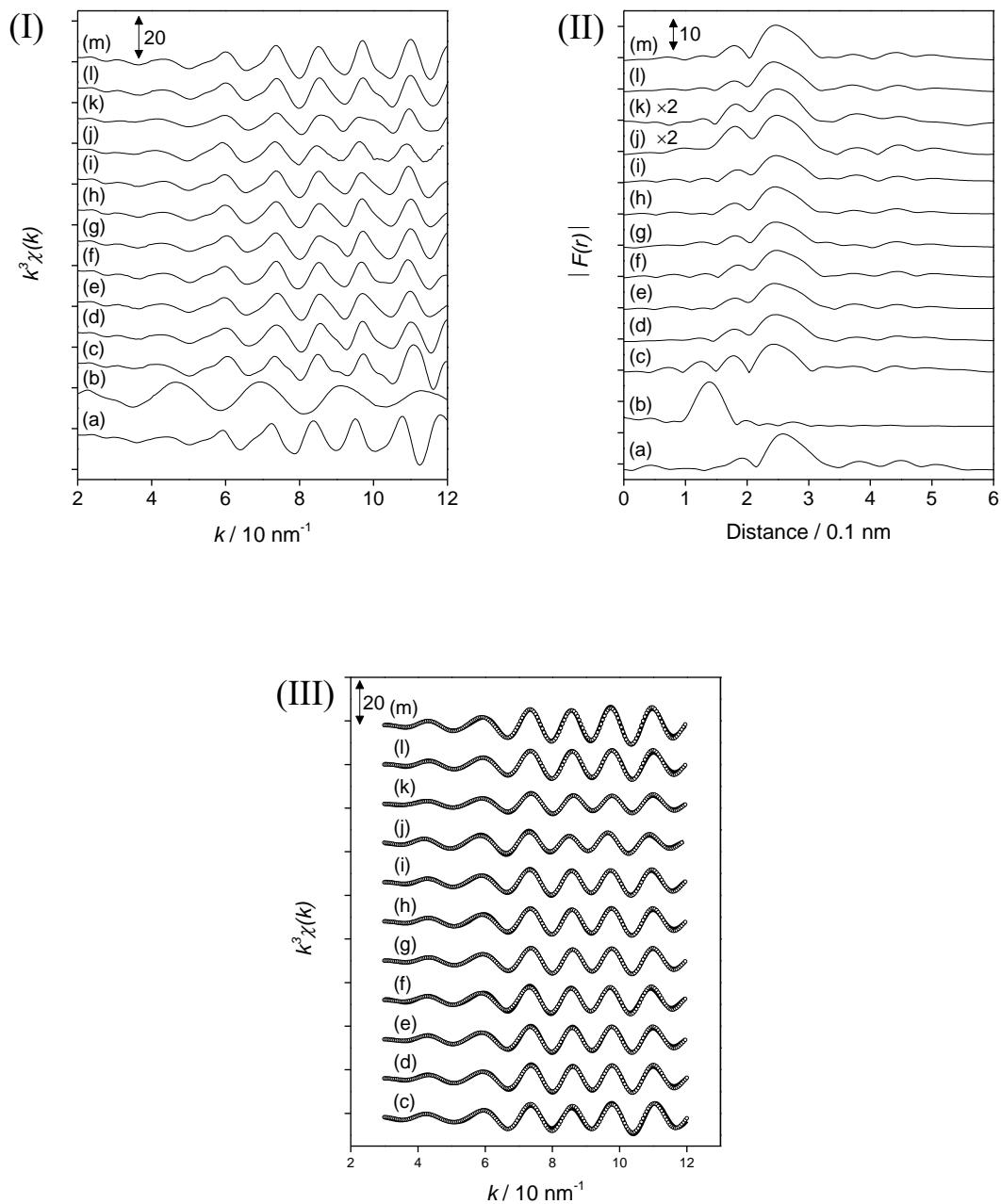


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Entry	Catalyst	Composition		Reaction conditions		$P_{1,3\text{-PrD}} / (\text{g g}_{\text{Pt}}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1})$	Ref.
		Pt / wt%	W/Pt molar ratio	T / K	$P(\text{H}_2) / \text{MPa}$		
1	Pt-LiSiW/ZrO ₂	1.0	(20 wt% HSiW) 18.3	453	5.0	0.2	[S5]
2	Pt/WO _x /Al ₂ O ₃	9.0	(8 wt% W) 0.94	493	4.5	0.6	[S6]
3	Pt/WO _x /Al ₂ O ₃	8.9	(8 wt% W) 0.95	493	4.5	1	[S7]
4	Pt/WO ₃ /TiO ₂ /SiO ₂	2.0	(5 wt% WO ₃) 2.1	453	5.5	1	[S8]
5	Pt/Ti ₈₀ W ₂₀	2.0	(W/Ti = 20:80) -	453	5.5	1	[S9]
6	Pt/WO _x /SiO ₂ -ZrO ₂	2.0	(15 wt% WO ₃) 6.3	453	5.0	1	[S10]
7	Pt-WO ₃ /SBA-15	2.0	(10 wt% WO ₃) 4.2	483	0.1	2	[S11]
8	Pt/W-SBA-15	3.0	0.16	423	4	2	[S12]
9	Pt/WO _x /AlOOH	1.8	(8 wt% W) 4.7	453 413	5.0 1.0	2 0.5	[S13]
10	Pt/WO ₃ /ZrO ₂	3.0	(10 wt% W) 3.5	403	4.0	2	[S14]
11	Pt/WO _x /Al ₂ O ₃	6.0	(12.9 wt% W) 2.3	453	5.0	3	[S15]
12	Pt/ <i>meso</i> -WO _x	2.0	-	433 413	1.0 1.0	4 2	[S16]
13	Pt/ZrW38Mn3	2.0	(38 wt% W) 20.2	453	8.0	4	[S17]
14	Pt-WO _x / <i>t</i> -ZrO ₂	2.0	(7.7 wt% W) 4.1	413	8.0	5	[S18]
15	Ir-Re/KIT-6 (Ir-Re alloy)	(Ir) 4.0	(Re/Ir) 1	393	8.0	no data for initial one 7 (g g _{Ir} ⁻¹ h ⁻¹), highest yield	[S19]
16	Ir-ReO _x /SiO ₂ + H ₂ SO ₄	(Ir) 4.0	(Re/Ir) 0.83*	393	8.0	18 (g g _{Ir} ⁻¹ h ⁻¹), initial one 6 (g g _{Ir} ⁻¹ h ⁻¹), highest yield	[S4]
17	Ir-ReO _x /SiO ₂	(Ir) 20.0	(Re/Ir) 0.34*	393	8.0	22 (g g _{Ir} ⁻¹ h ⁻¹), initial one 7 (g g _{Ir} ⁻¹ h ⁻¹), highest yield	[S20]
18	Ir-ReO _x /Rutile	(Ir) 4.0	(Re/Ir) 0.24*	393	8.0	52 (g g _{Ir} ⁻¹ h ⁻¹), initial one 17 (g g _{Ir} ⁻¹ h ⁻¹), highest yield	This work
			0.30*	393	8.0	94 (g g _{Ir} ⁻¹ h ⁻¹), initial one (Table S8)	

Table S2 Summary of precursors, gases, supports and reagents used in this work

Precursor or reagent	Manufacturer
H ₂ IrCl ₆	Furuya Metals Co., Ltd.
Ir(NO ₃) ₄	Furuya Metals Co., Ltd.
NH ₄ ReO ₄	Soekawa Chemical Co., Ltd.
IrO ₂	Kanto Chemical Co., Inc.
ReO ₂	Strem Chemicals, Inc.
H ₂	Nippon Peroxide Co., Ltd., 99.99%
N ₂	Nippon Peroxide Co., Ltd., > 99%
CH ₄	Japan Fine Products Corp., 22.1%, diluted with Ar, standard gas
C ₂ H ₆ + C ₃ H ₈	GL Sciences, C ₂ H ₆ (0.997%) + C ₃ H ₈ (1.00%), diluted with N ₂ , standard gas
SiO ₂	G6, Fuji Silysia, calcined at 973 K for 1 h, S _{BET} 485 m ² g ⁻¹
MgO	Ube Industries, Ltd., 500A, 34 m ² g ⁻¹
CeO ₂	Daiichi Kigenso Co., Ltd., HS, calcined at 873 K for 1 h, 84 m ² g ⁻¹
γ-Al ₂ O ₃	Nippon Aerosil Co., Ltd., calcined at 973 K for 1 h, 100 m ² g ⁻¹
ZrO ₂	Daiichi Kigenso Kogyo Co., Ltd., calcined at 773 K for 1 h, 62 m ² g ⁻¹
Activated carbon	Shirasagi FAC-10, Japan EnviroChemicals, Ltd., 851 m ² g ⁻¹
H-ZSM-5	JRC-Z5-90H(1), Süd-Chemie Catalysts and Catalysis Society of Japan, Si/Al ₂ = 90, 270 m ² g ⁻¹
Anatase TiO ₂	Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd., 11 m ² g ⁻¹
Rutile TiO ₂	Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd., 6 m ² g ⁻¹
P25 TiO ₂	Nippon Aerosil, 50 m ² g ⁻¹
Glycerol	Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd., > 99%
1,3-Propanediol	Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd., > 97%, standard reagent
1,2-Propanediol	Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd., > 99%, standard reagent
1-Propanol	Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd., > 99.5%, standard reagent
2-Propanol	Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd., > 99.7%, standard reagent
1-Butanol	Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd., > 99%, internal standard

Table S3 Effect of H₂ pressure on glycerol hydrogenolysis over 4 wt%-Ir Ir-ReO_x/Rutile (Re/Ir = 0.24*)

<i>t</i> / h	<i>P</i> / MPa	Conv. / %	Selectivity / %					Conversion rate (<i>v_g</i>) / mmol·g-Cat ⁻¹ h ⁻¹
			1,3-PrD	1,2-PrD	1-PrOH	2-PrOH	Others	
0	1	<1	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	2	7	59	2	34	3	2	10.0
4	2	13	54	2	38	4	2	
2	5	16	69	2	24	4	1	22.8
3	5	25	67	1	26	4	2	
1	6	11	73	2	22	2	1	28.1
2	6	20	70	2	24	3	1	
1	8	12	73	1	19	4	3	36.8
2	8	26	71	2	22	4	1	

Reaction conditions: catalyst = 150 mg, glycerol = 4 g, H₂O = 2 g, *T* = 393 K. Reduction conditions: H₂ flow at 573 K (G, 573). PrD, propanediol; PrOH, propanol. Others: ethylene glycol + ethanol + propane + ethane + methane.

Note: The glycerol rate was typically calibrated by considering the glycerol conversion at 0 h with conversion level lower than 25%. The autoclave was pressurized with 1 MPa H₂ at ambient temperature to suppress side reactions during the heating to 393 K.

Table S4 Effect of glycerol concentration on glycerol hydrogenolysis over 4 wt% Ir-ReO_x/Rutile (Re/Ir = 0.24*)

Glycerol concentration / wt%	Catalyst amount / mg	Glycerol amount / g	t / h	Conv. / %	Selectivity / %					Conversion rate (v_g) / mmol·g-Cat ⁻¹ h ⁻¹
					1,3-PrD	1,2-PrD	1-PrOH	2-PrOH	Others	
5	37.5	1	2	6	62	10	13	14	1	8.7*
10	75	2	2	14	69	5	17	9	0	20.3*
20	150	4	2	18	72	4	17	7	0	26.1*
40	150	4	0	<0.5	-	-	-	-	-	
			1	11	74	2	18	2	4	32.5
			2	23	71	3	21	5	0	
50	150	4	0	<0.5	-	-	-	-	-	
			1	13	73	2	19	3	3	35.2
			2	25	70	2	22	5	1	
67	150	4	0	<1	-	-	-	-	-	
			1	12	73	1	19	4	3	36.8
			2	26	71	2	22	4	1	
80	150	4	0	<1	-	-	-	-	-	
			1	14	70	2	21	3	4	38.2
			2	27	67	2	26	4	1	
100	150	4	2	15	63	2	31	3	1	21.7*

Reaction conditions: $T = 393$ K, $P(H_2) = 8$ MPa. Reduction conditions: H_2 flow at 573 K (G, 573). The autoclave was pressurized with 1 MPa H_2 at ambient temperature to suppress side reactions during the heating to 393 K.

Note: Those conversion rate values with a mark (*) were calculated by only the conversion data at 2 h since the conversion at 0 h was negligible and linearity can be assumed to some extent.

Table S5 Reusability of 4 wt%-Ir Ir-ReO_x/Rutile

Re/Ir ratio	Glycerol amount / g	H ₂ O amount / g	Catalyst amount / mg	Usage times	Conv. / %	Selectivity / %					Conversion rate (v_g) / mmol·g-Cat ⁻¹ h ⁻¹
						1,3-PrD	1,2-PrD	1-PrOH	2-PrOH	Others	
0.24*	1.0	19.0	150	1	24	64	5	21	8	2	17.1
0.24*	0.9	17.1	(135) ^a	2	19	64	7	18	10	1	(13.6)
0.24*	0.8	15.2	(121) ^a	3	19	65	7	16	10	2	(14.0)
0.24*	0.7	13.3	113	4	16	62	9	16	12	1	11.5
0.30*	1.0	19.0	150	1	36	59	5	26	9	1	26.3
0.30*	0.9	17.1	(135) ^a	2	30	60	6	23	9	2	(21.6)
0.30*	0.8	15.2	(121) ^a	3	28	59	8	22	9	2	(20.8)
0.30*	0.7	13.3	108	4	25	56	10	22	10	2	19.0

Reaction conditions: $P(H_2) = 8$ MPa, $T = 393$ K, $t = 1$ h. Catalyst of 4 wt%-Ir Ir-ReO_x/Rutile (Re/Ir = 0.24*) was pre-reduced by H₂ flow at 573 K for 1 h (G, 573).

^aEstimated amount from the final catalyst amount.

Table S6 Valence of Re determined by H₂ consumption and XRF

Catalyst	Re/Ir ratio	Ir / wt% (actual)	Re / wt% (actual)	Temperature range for calculation	Consumed H ₂ / μmol	Re valence
4 wt% Ir/Rutile	-	4.0	-	323–800 K	44.2	(-0.2) ^b
4 wt% Ir/Anatase	-	4.0	-	323–700 K	42.0	(0) ^b
4 wt% Ir/P25	-	3.9	-	323–950 K	40.6	(0) ^b
0.9 wt% ReO _x /Rutile	-	-	0.7	323–550 K	9.4	2.0
4 wt%-Ir Ir-ReO _x /Rutile	0.08*(0.063)	4.0	0.3	323–750 K	44.6	3.5
	0.12*(0.13)	4.2	0.5	323–700 K	47.4	4.4
	0.24*(0.25)	3.9	0.9	323–600 K	51.5	2.5
	0.25*(0.5)	4.1	1.0	323–550 K	55.3	2.4
	0.30*(1)	4.2	1.2	323–550 K	61.7	1.5
4 wt%-Ir Ir-ReO _x /Anatase	0.16*(0.25)	3.7	0.6	323–600 K	48.4	1.0
4 wt%-Ir Ir-ReO _x /P25	0.30*(0.25)	3.9	1.2	323–800 K	49.3	4.3
4 wt%-Ir Ir-ReO _x /Rutile ^a	0.27*(0.25)	4.4	1.2	323–600 K	48.6	6.2

Molar sensitivity is defined by the H₂ consumption of Ir/SiO₂ (IrO₂ + 2H₂ → Ir + 2H₂O). Sample amount of 100 mg. Re valence: 7-2 × [(amount of H₂ consumed, μmol) – 2 × (actual Ir loading amount, μmol)]/(actual Re loading amount, μmol).

^aPrecursor of Ir(NO₃)₄. ^bIr valence: 4-2 × [(amount of H₂ consumed, μmol)/(actual Ir loading amount, μmol)].

Dotted line represents the baseline for H₂ consumption amount calculation.

Table S7 Results of FT-IR of adsorbed CO analysis over Ir/Rutile and Ir-ReO_x/Rutile catalysts

Catalyst	Ir loading amount (nominal) / wt%	Re/Ir ratio	$\frac{\text{Ir}^0}{\text{Wavenumber}} / \text{cm}^{-1}$	Area ratio/%	$\frac{\text{Ir}^{8+} (\text{Ir}^{3+}/\text{Ir}^{4+})}{\text{Wavenumber}} / \text{cm}^{-1}$	Area ratio/%
Ir (G,573)	4	-	2070	65	2083	35
Ir-ReO _x (G,573)	4	0.24* (0.25)	2075	66	2089	34
Ir-ReO _x (G,573)	4	0.30* (1)	2073	68	2087	32
Ir-ReO _x (G,573)	2	0.32* (0.25)	2073	56	2083	44
Ir-ReO _x (G,573)	6	0.18* (0.25)	2074	72	2089	28
Ir-ReO _x (G,573)	8	0.15* (0.25)	2076	75	2089	25

Table S8 Dependency of Re/Ir ratio on glycerol to 1,3-PrD over 4wt%-Ir Ir-ReO_x/Rutile

Re/Ir ratio	<i>t</i> / h	Conv. / %	Selectivity / %					<i>P</i> _{1,3-PrD} / g g _{Ir} ⁻¹ h ⁻¹
			1,3-PrD	1,2-PrD	1-PrOH	2-PrOH	Others	
0.08*	0	<0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	11	73	1	19	5	2	9
	8	18	70	2	18	6	4	
0.12*	0	<0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	21	70	2	20	5	3	21
	6.7	31	67	2	23	6	2	
0.24*	0	<1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	12	73	1	19	4	3	52
	2	26	71	2	22	4	1	
0.25*	0	<1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	18	69	2	24	4	1	67
	2	32	67	2	25	5	1	
0.30*	0	<0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	24	75	3	17	4	1	94

Reaction conditions: catalyst = 150 mg, glycerol = 4 g, H₂O = 2 g, *P*(H₂) = 8 MPa, *T* = 393 K. Reduction conditions: H₂ flow at 573 K (G, 573). The *P*_{1,3-PrD} was calculated at glycerol conversion about 20–25%.

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