
Supporting Information

Synergistic Effects of Ternary PdO-CeO₂-OMS-2 Catalyst Afford High Catalytic Performance and Stability in the Reduction of NO with CO

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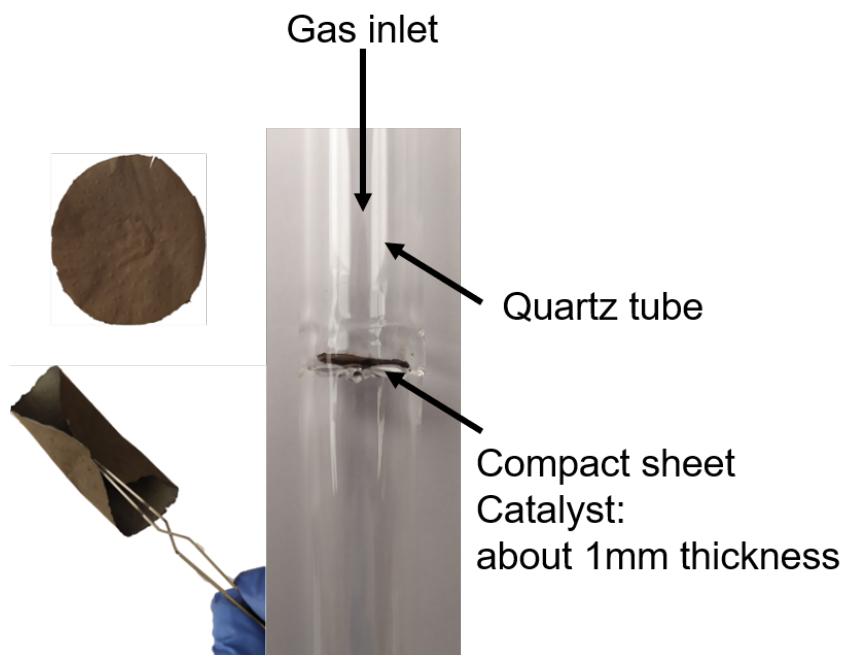


Figure S1. Flexible sheet of the PdO-CeO₂-OMS-2 composite and its arrangement in the reactor tube. The catalyst is packed as a layer of ~1 mm thickness, which is comprised of several flexible sheets.

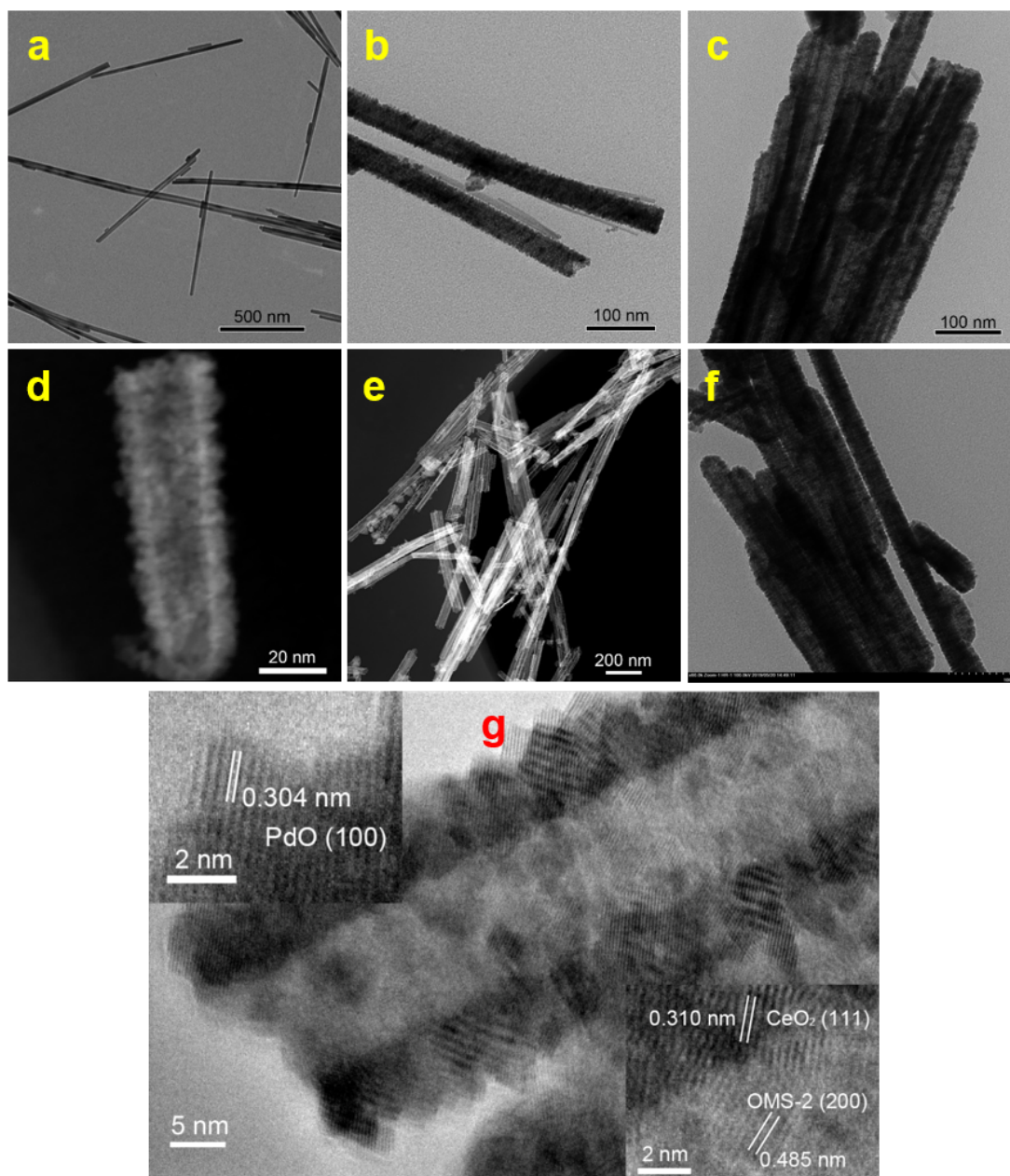


Figure S2. The representative bright field TEM images of (a) OMS-2, (b) CeO₂-OMS and (c) PdO-CeO₂-OMS samples. (d,e) STEM micrographs of PdO-CeO₂-OMS sample. The nanowire-like OMS-2 show a length varying between 500 nm to 2 μ m and a width of \sim 20 nm. (f) The TEM image of the used PdO-CeO₂-OMS catalyst. (g) The HRTEM image of PdO-CeO₂-OMS sample.

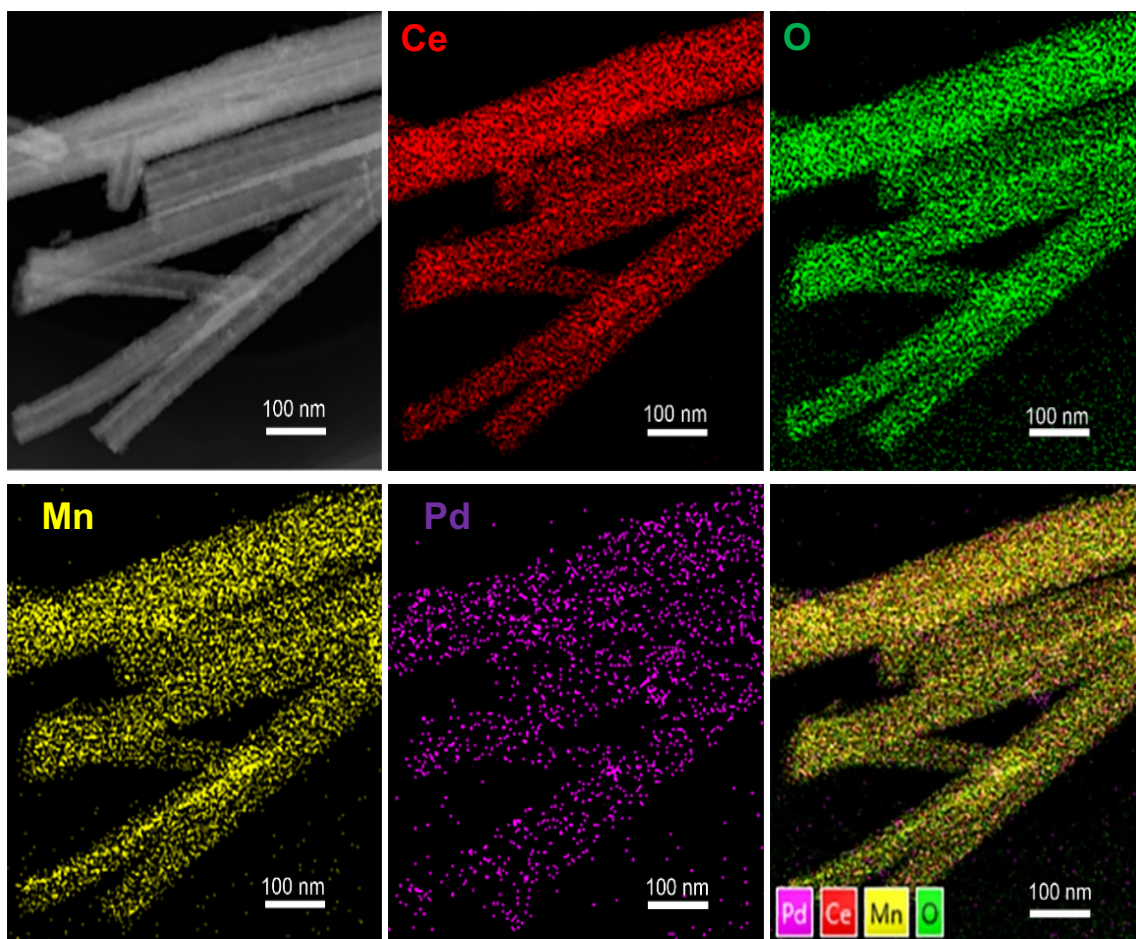


Figure S3. STEM micrograph and the corresponding Pd, Ce, Mn and O elemental mapping of PdO-CeO₂-OMS sample.

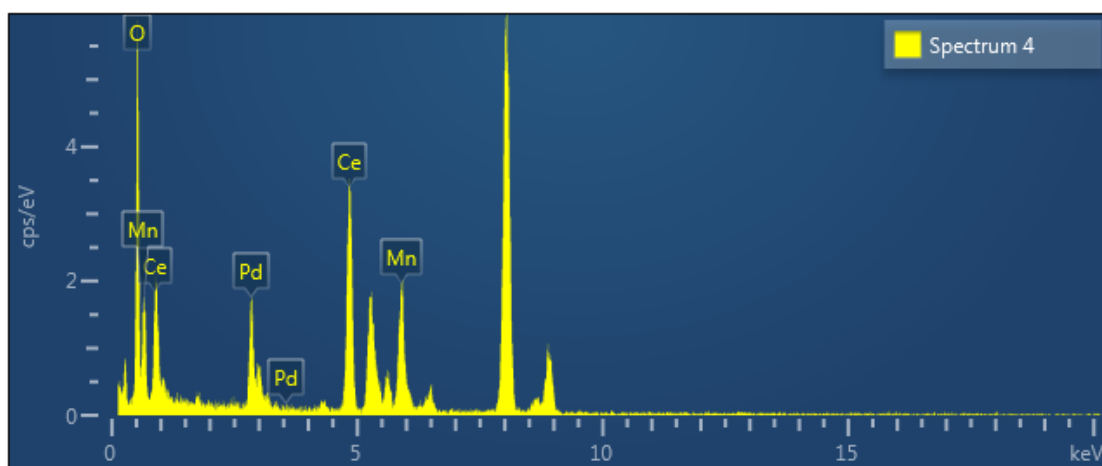
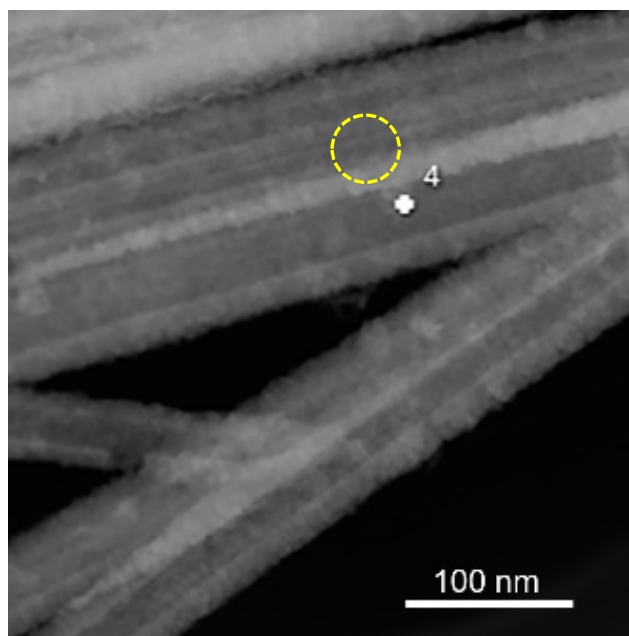


Figure S4. STEM of PdO-CeO₂-OMS catalyst and EDX of area 4.

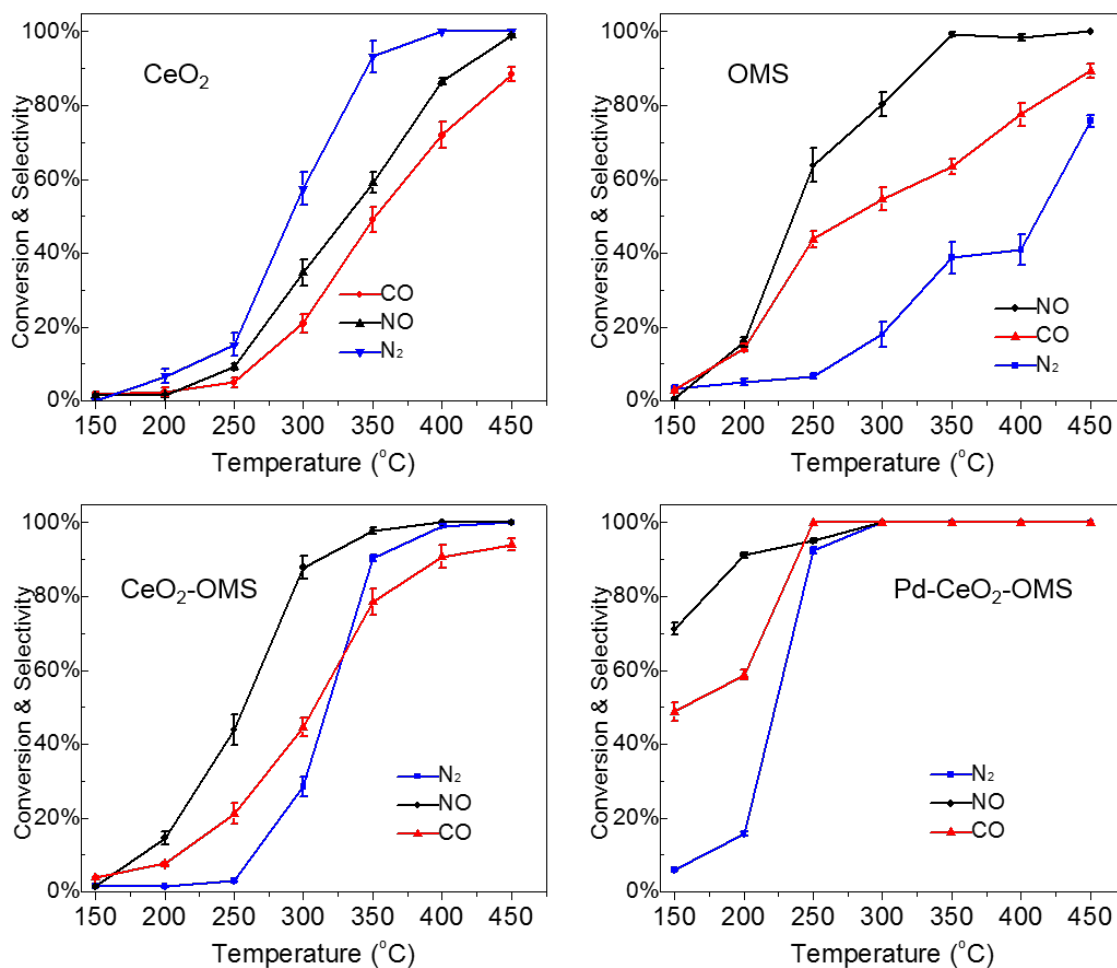


Figure S5. Conversion of CO and NO and selectivity to N₂ over the CeO₂, OMS-2, CeO₂-OMS, and PdO-CeO₂-OMS catalysts. Note that the NO conversion is higher than corresponding CO conversion. Reaction conditions: 100 mg catalysts, GHSV = 30,000 h⁻¹, 1 vol% NO and 1 vol% CO in argon balance.

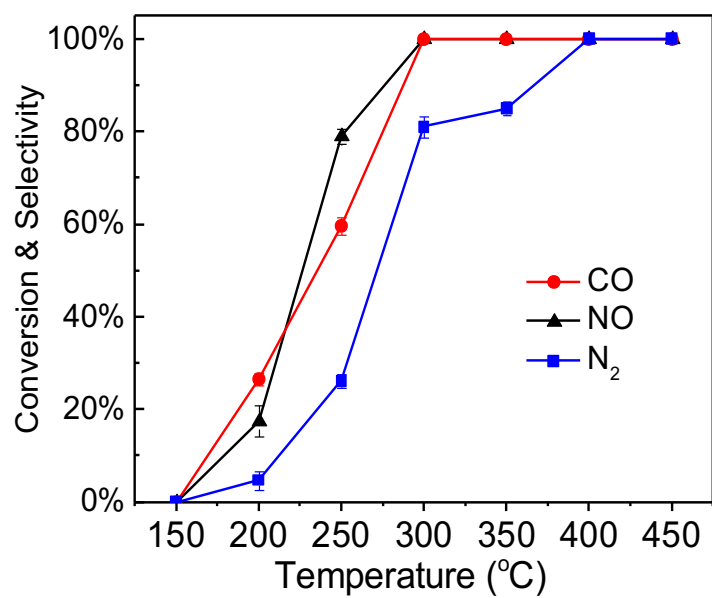


Figure S6. Catalytic performance of PdO-OMS-2 catalysts.

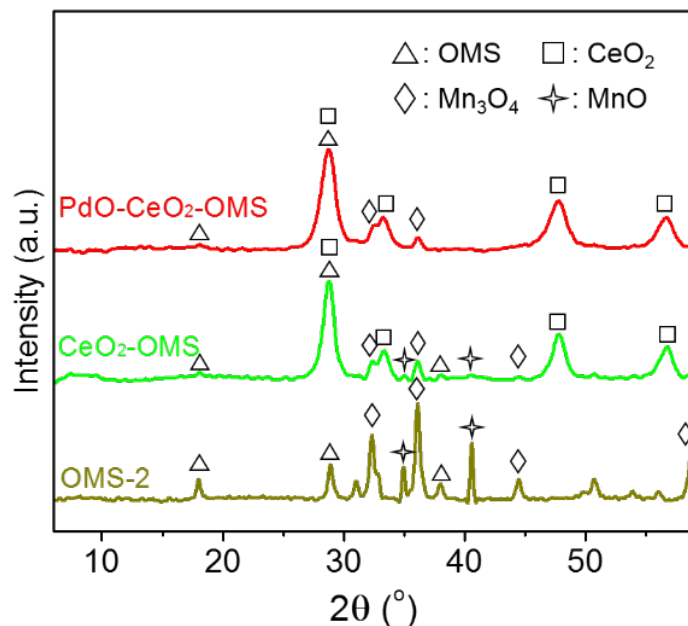


Figure S7. XRD patterns of used OMS-2, CeO₂-OMS and PdO-CeO₂-OMS-2 catalysts after the NO reduction tests.

XRD peaks of the OMS-2 are weakened after the NO-SCR reaction with CO (Figure S7) and two new diffraction peaks appeared at 36.0° and 40.6°, which belong to crystalline phase of Mn₃O₄ (JCPDS 18-0803) and MnO (JCPDS 07-0230), respectively. It indicates that the oxidation state of manganese is reduced from high state to low state during the NO reduction when using the plain OMS-2 as catalyst. For the CeO₂-OMS catalyst, only a very weak new diffraction peak appears at 36.0°, indicating that a minor part of OMS-2 composite was reduced to Mn₃O₄ species after the NO-SCR reactions. Notably, no new diffraction peak is found in the PdO-CeO₂-OMS after the NO reduction, unraveling that PdO largely impedes the reduction of OMS-2 during the NO reduction process and the catalyzed NO+CO reaction should therefore be associated with the PdO component.

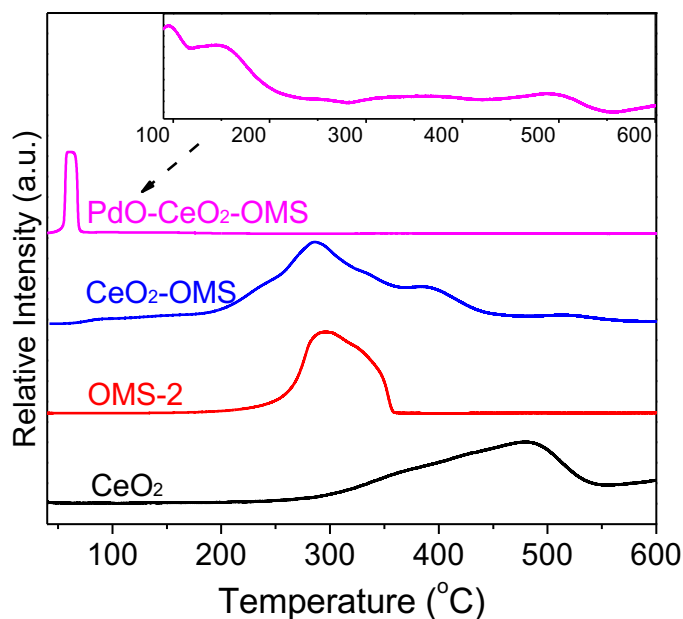


Figure S8. H₂-TPR profiles of CeO₂, OMS-2, CeO₂-OMS-2, and PdO-CeO₂-OMS-2. The inset shows the zoomed-in region beyond 100 °C for the PdO-CeO₂-OMS-2 catalyst.

The redox properties of the catalysts are closely related to the activity in CO+NO reaction. Figure S8 displays the H₂-TPR profiles of CeO₂, OMS-2, CeO₂-OMS components, and the PdO-CeO₂-OMS catalysts. CeO₂ shows a broad reduction peak starting from 290 °C to 530 °C, representing the removal of surface oxygen of CeO₂. OMS-2 gives rise to a strong peak around 300 °C with a shoulder around 325 °C, which is due to the reduction of MnO₂/Mn₂O₃ to Mn₃O₄/MnO. A series of peaks between 200 °C and 420 °C are observed for CeO₂-OMS; the peaks ~300 °C and 400 °C correspond to the OMS-2 reduction and the reduction of surface Ce⁴⁺ to Ce³⁺, respectively. It is worthy to note that the reduction process of OMS-2 is accompanied by the reduction of surface CeO₂ in the range of 330-420 °C, resulting in lower reduction temperature for surface CeO₂. It suggests some interaction between ceria and MnO_x. PdO-CeO₂-OMS-2 shows a sharp reduction peak at 60 °C, which is attributed to reduction of the PdO species at interface to metallic Pd⁰. The other reductive peaks at 100 °C and 150 °C are assigned to the reduction of [O] on the surface of CeO₂-OMS,¹ implying that PdO nanoparticles can promote hydrogen adsorption and electron transfer to the oxide surfaces thereby enhancing the catalytic performance in the NO reduction.^{2,3}

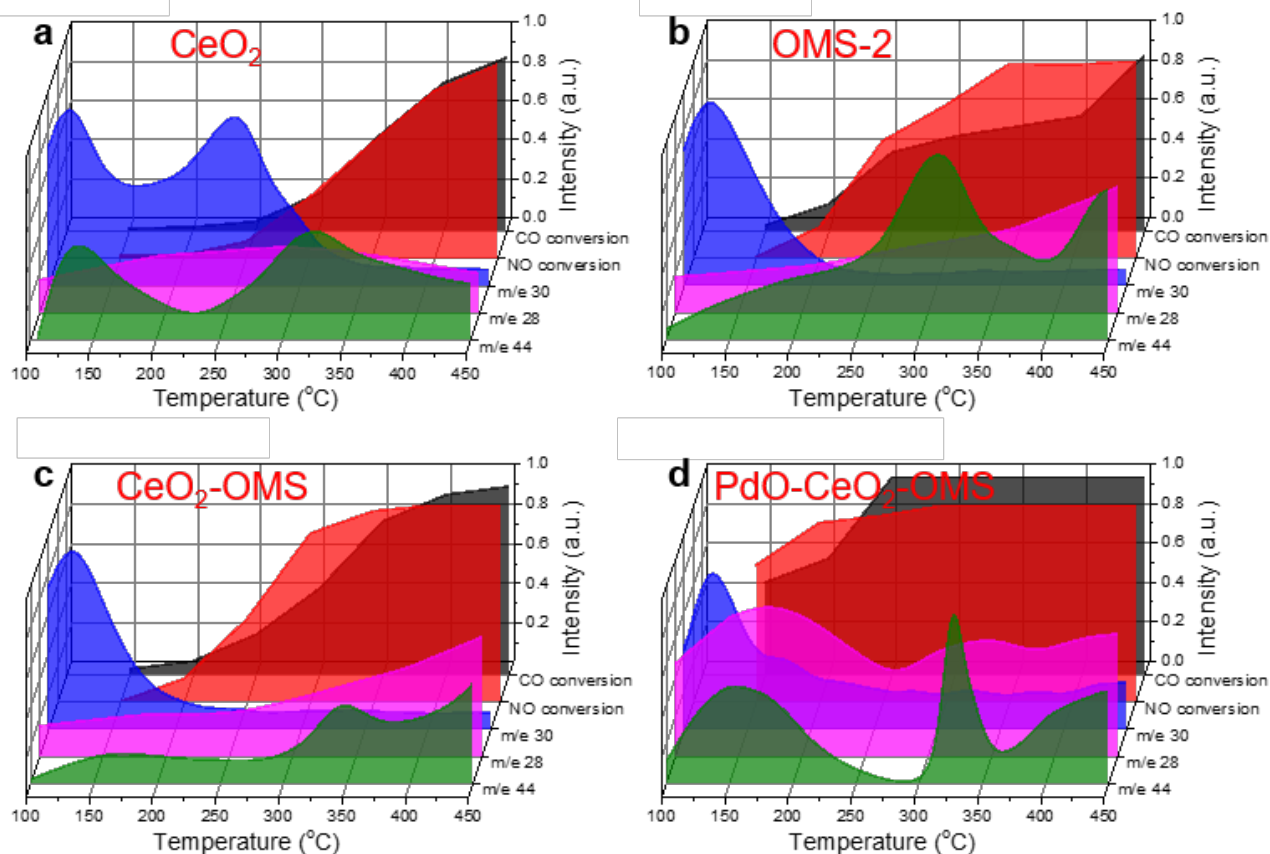


Figure S9. The normalized contrast profiles of (CO+NO)-TPD and conversion of CO and NO on (a) CeO₂, (b) OMS-2, (c) CeO₂-OMS-2 components, and (d) PdO-CeO₂-OMS-2 catalyst. $m/e = 28$, 30 and 44 are assigned to signals of (CO or N₂), NO and (CO₂ and N₂O), respectively. The MS monitoring was supported by GC analyses.

In the CO+NO-TPD experiment, 50 mg catalyst was loaded into a U-shape quartz reactor and purged with N₂ at 300 °C for 2 h to remove adsorbed carbonates and hydrates. Then the system was cooled to room temperature and the N₂ flow of 10 mL min⁻¹ was switched to 1 vol% NO and 1 vol% CO (balance argon) mixed gas flow for 30 mins. After this exposure, the flow was changed to argon with same flowrate and the temperature was ramped from 100 °C to 450 °C at a rate of 10 °C/min. Desorbing gases were monitored by MS and GC analyses.

We correlated the relationship of the normalized (CO+NO)-TPD profiles and conversion curves of CO and NO. In the normalized (CO+NO)-TPD profiles, the signal peaks of m/e 28, 30 and 44 represent CO and N₂, desorption of NO, and N₂O and CO₂ products, respectively. The NO

desorption occurred at ~ 115 °C for OMS-2 and CeO₂-OMS. While, for CeO₂ and PdO-CeO₂-OMS it appeared at ~ 115 °C and >200 °C, which indicates that the NO molecules were strongly bound to the CeO₂ and PdO-CeO₂-OMS. As concerns the signal of m/e 28, CeO₂, OMS-2, and CeO₂-OMS showed no distinct peaks up to 300 °C, demonstrating that the adsorption of CO on these samples is relatively weak. For comparison, the PdO-CeO₂-OMS sample showed a peak at 150 °C, unraveling that CO was selectively adsorbed and activated on the surface of the PdO particles. These results are in line with the XPS analyses of the used PdO-CeO₂-OMS catalysts (Figure 5). Note that the peak of m/e 28 at 150 °C here is assigned to CO, as confirmed by GC and also supported by the fact that the selectivity to N₂ is close to zero in the NO reduction at 150 °C (Figure 4c). The desorption trend of the mass peak m/e 28 (the yield of N₂O and CO₂) is consistent with the observed conversion of CO and NO.

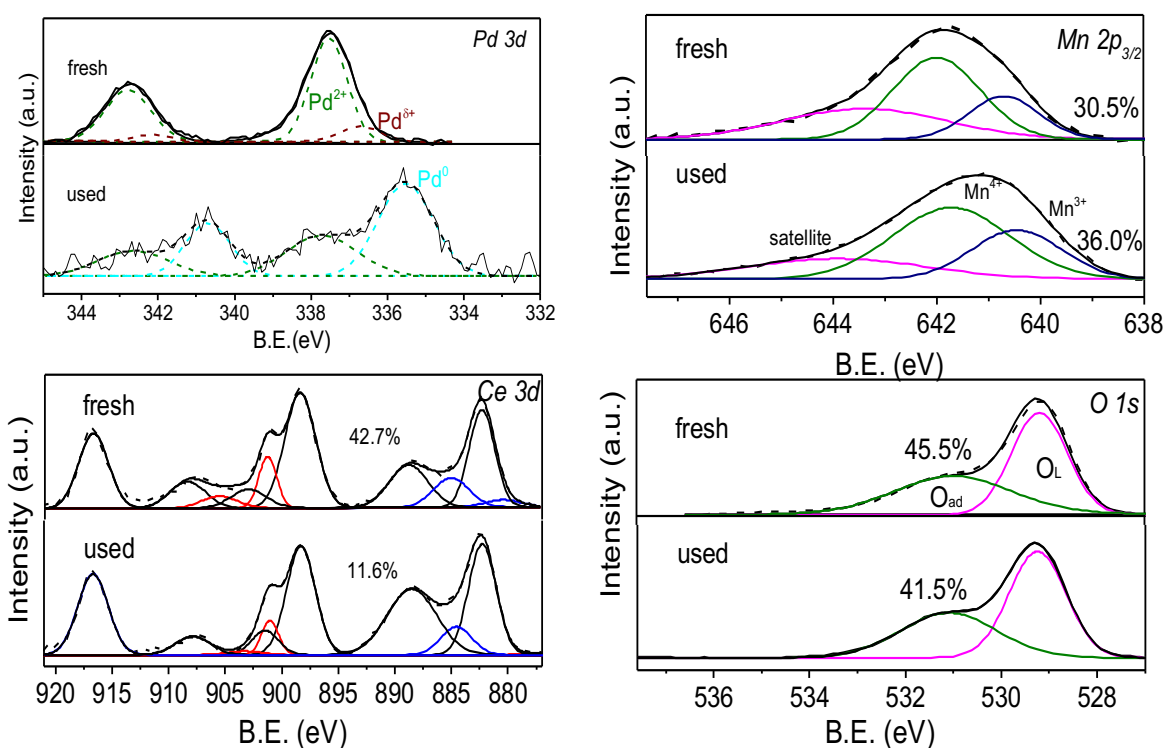


Figure S10. Pd 3d, Mn 2p_{3/2}, Ce 3d and O 1s XPS spectra of fresh and used PdO-CeO₂-OMS-2 catalyst. The red and blue peaks are the B.E. peaks of Ce³⁺ species in Ce 3d.

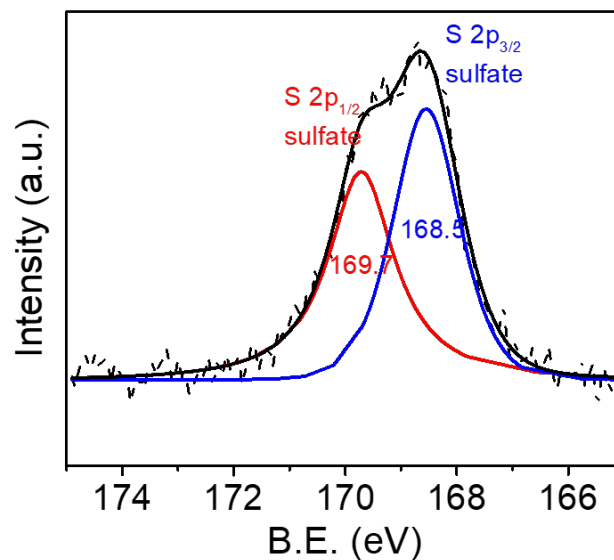


Figure S11. S2p XPS spectrum of the spent PdO-CeO₂-OMS catalyst after experiments shown in Figure 6c with a feed containing 5% H₂O and 100 ppm SO₂.

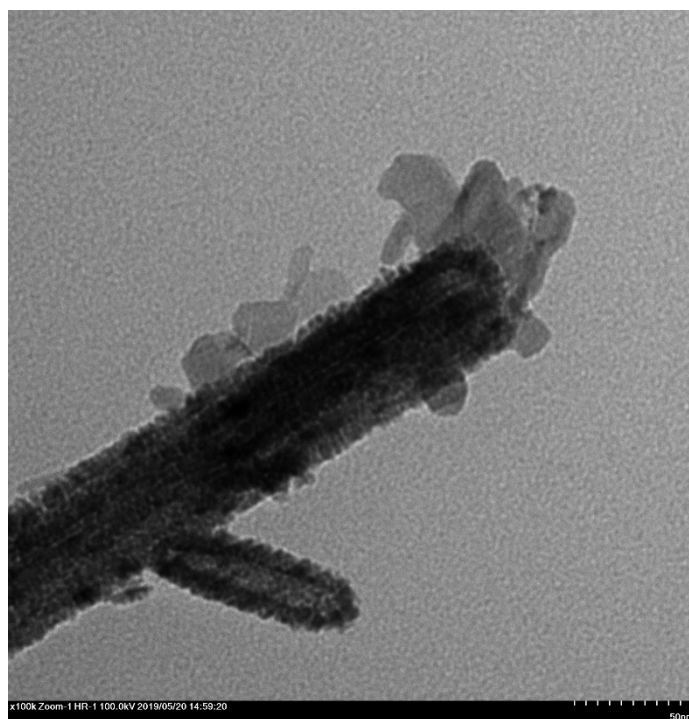
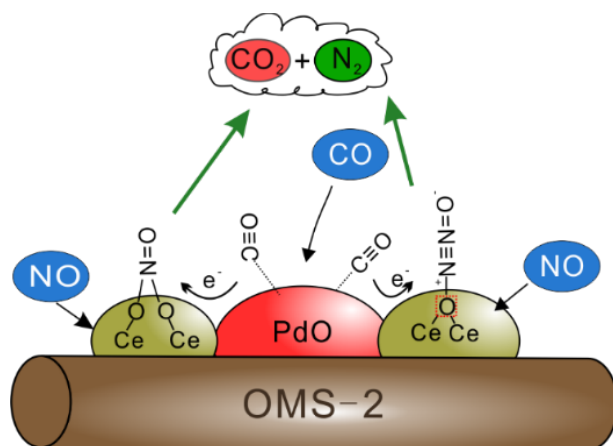


Figure S12. Typical TEM image of the spent PdO-CeO₂-OMS-2 catalyst.



Scheme S1. Proposed mechanism for the reduction of NO with CO over the ternary PdO-CeO₂-OMS-2 catalyst.

Table S1. Summary of XPS analysis of the fresh and spent catalysts. The values in the parentheses are assigned to the spent catalysts.

| | species | CeO ₂ | OMS-2 | CeO ₂ -OMS | PdO-OMS | PdO-CeO ₂ -OMS |
|------|--|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Mn2p | Mn ³⁺ /mol% | | 23.3 (41.4) | 31.0 (38.6) | 30.9 (47.8) | 30.5 (36.0) |
| | Mn ⁴⁺ /mol% | | 76.7 (58.6) | 69.0 (61.4) | 69.1 (52.2) | 69.5 (64.0) |
| | Mn ⁴⁺ /Mn ³⁺ | | 3.3 (1.4) | 2.2 (1.6) | 2.2 (1.1) | 2.3 (1.8) |
| | | | | | | |
| Ce3d | Ce ³⁺ /mol% | 42.3 (14.3) | | 36.2 (18.8) | | 42.7 (11.6) |
| | Ce ⁴⁺ /mol% | 57.7 (85.7) | | 63.8 (81.2) | | 57.3 (88.4) |
| | Ce ⁴⁺ /Ce ³⁺ | 1.4 (6.0) | | 1.7 (4.3) | | 1.3 (7.6) |
| | | | | | | |
| O1s | O _{latt} /mol% | 36.4 (59.2) | 78.1 (48.7) | 61.2 (57.0) | 65.3 (61.4) | 54.5 (58.5) |
| | O _{ads} /mol% | 25.3 (40.8) | 21.9 (43.2) | 38.8 (43.0) | 34.7 (38.6) | 45.5 (41.5) |
| | CO ₃ ²⁻ /OH ⁻ | 38.3 (0) | 0 (8.1) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) |
| | O _{ads} /O _{latt} | 0.69 (0.69) | 0.28 (0.88) | 0.63 (0.75) | 0.53 (0.63) | 0.83 (0.71) |
| | | | | | | |
| Pd3d | Pd ²⁺ /mol% | | | | | 87.8 (38.5) |
| | Pd ⁰ /mol% | | | | | 12.2 (61.5) |
| | Pd ²⁺ /Pd ⁰ | | | | | 7.2 (0.63) |

Table S2. Comparison of catalytic performances of representative catalysts for the reduction of NO with CO reported in the literature.

| Catalysts | Component | Catalyst usage (mg) | NO vol. (ppm) | Gas flow (h ⁻¹) | 100% conv. T (°C) | Durability (h) | X _{NO} & S _{N2} (%) | Reagent (ppm) | Ref. |
|--|----------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| NiO/CeO ₂ (DP) | Ni, Ce | 100 | 2,500 | 120,000 | 250 | - | 100&100 | CO: 2500 | 4 |
| NiO/CuO | Ni, Cu | 125 | 10,000 | 9600 | 350 | - | 100&90 | CO: 10,000 | 5 |
| Fe ₂ O ₃ /CeO ₂ | Fe, Ce | - | 800 | 30,000 | 200 | - | 100&90 | CO: 1600 | 6 |
| Fe-Co catalyst | Fe, Co | 2,000 | 10,000 | 6000 | 300 | - | 100&100 | CO: 20,000 | 7 |
| Au@Fe ₂ O ₃ /CeO ₂ | Au, Fe, Ce | 50 | 3000 | 3000 | 300 | - | 95&98 | CO:3000; H ₂ :1000 | 8 |
| Ir-Au/Al ₂ O ₃ | Ir, Au, Al | 200 | 2000 | 6000 | 350 | - | 98&- | CO: 2000 | 9 |
| Fe-Zr catalyst | Fe, Zr | 1000 | 1000 | 90,000 | 350 | - | 100&100 | CO: 7000 | 10 |
| Mn ₃ O ₄ @C | Mn, C | 218-872 | 600 | 60,000 | 290 | 8 | 90&90 | NH ₃ : 660 | 11 |
| Fe-V oxide | Fe, V | 25 | 500 | 24,000 | 300 | - | 90&100 | NH ₃ :500 | 12 |
| VO _x /CeO ₂ @MnO _x | V, Ce, Mn | 200 | 500 | 160,000 | 300 | - | 95&100 | NH ₃ :500 | 13 |
| MnO _x /Al ₂ O ₃ | Mn, Al | - | 500 | 35,000 | 300 | - | 95&100 | NH ₃ :500 | 14 |
| CeO ₂ -TiO ₂ | Ce, Ti | - | 500 | 90,000 | 300 | - | 98&95 | NH ₃ :500 | 15 |
| Au-Ce/Al-TiO _x | Au, Ce, Al | 600 | 500 | 9,000 | 300 | 16 | 100&100 | CO:500 | 16 |
| Ce _x Sn _{1-x} O ₂ | Ce, Sn | 50 | 50,000 | 600 | 300 | - | 45&90 | CO:100,000 | 17 |
| CuO@ZrO ₂ -TiO ₂ | Cu, Zr, Ti | 50 | 50,000 | 12,000 | 300 | - | 100&95 | CO:100,000 | 18 |
| CuO/Ce _x Zr _{1-x} O ₂ /Al ₂ O ₃ | Cu, Ce, Zr, Al | 50 | 50,000 | 12,000 | 300 | - | 100&100 | CO: 100,000 | 19 |
| Pt/WO ₃ /CeO ₂ /ZrO ₂ | Pt, W, Ce, Zr | 500 | 5,000 | 40,000 | 300 | - | <20&- | CO: 5,000 | 20 |
| PdO-CeO ₂ -OMS | Pd, Ce, Mn | 100 | 10,000 | 30,000 | 300 | 150 | 100&100 | CO:10,000 | This work |

Table S3. Chemical elemental analysis of catalysts from ICP-OES analysis

| Catalyst | Pd content | Mn content | Ce content |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| PdO-CeO ₂ -OMS-2 | 1.6 wt. % | 15.6 wt. % | 51.1 wt. % |

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