

Supplementary Information

Table S1. FUR conversion, FOL yield, iPL yield and iPFE yield in the CTH reaction of furfural using Zr, Zr_xAl_y and Al catalysts. (Experimental conditions: 110 °C, 3 h of reaction, 0.1 g of catalyst, 2-propanol/FUR molar ratio: 50, FUR/catalyst mass ratio: 1).

Catalyst	Conv (%)	Y_{FOL} (%)	Y_{iPL} (%)	Y_{iPFE} (%)
Zr	42	36	3	3
Zr ₃ Al ₇	72	66	-	-
Zr ₅ Al ₅	83	78	-	-
Zr ₇ Al ₃	74	68	-	-
Al	63	61	-	-

Table S2. FUR conversion, FOL yield, iPL yield and iPFE yield in the CTH reaction of furfural using Zr, Zr₅Al₅ and Al catalysts. (Experimental conditions: 90-130 °C, 3 h of reaction, 0.1 g of catalyst, 2-propanol/FUR molar ratio: 50, FUR/catalyst mass ratio: 1).

Catalyst	Temperature (°C)	Conv (%)	Y_{FOL} (%)	Y_{iPL} (%)	Y_{iPFE} (%)
Zr	90	26	21	-	-
	110	42	36	3	3
	130	74	52	11	9
Zr ₅ Al ₅	90	48	44	-	-
	110	83	78	-	-
	130	96	89	-	-
Al	90	34	31	-	-
	110	63	61	-	-
	130	85	76	-	-

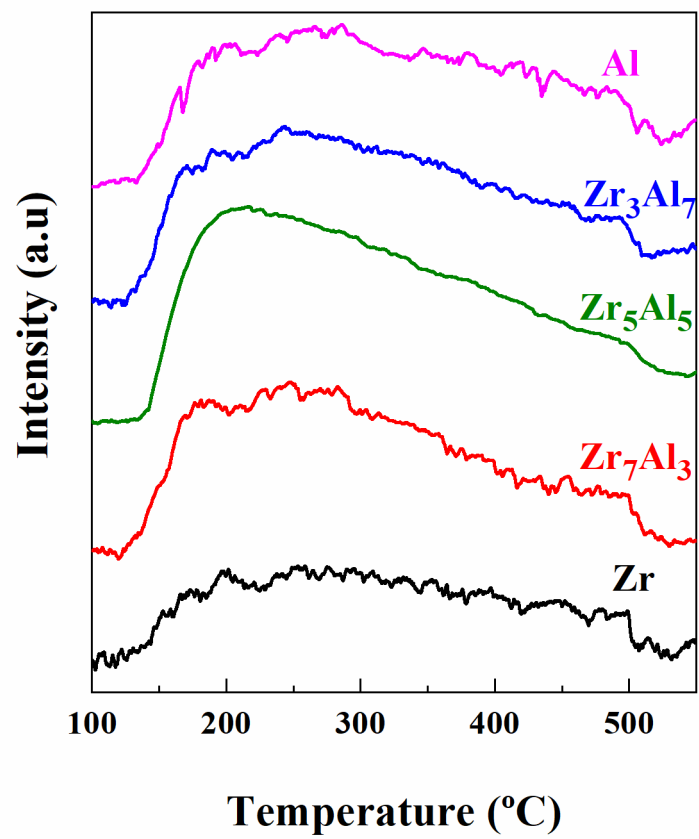


Figure S1. NH₃-TPD profile of Zr, Zr_xAl_y and Al catalysts.

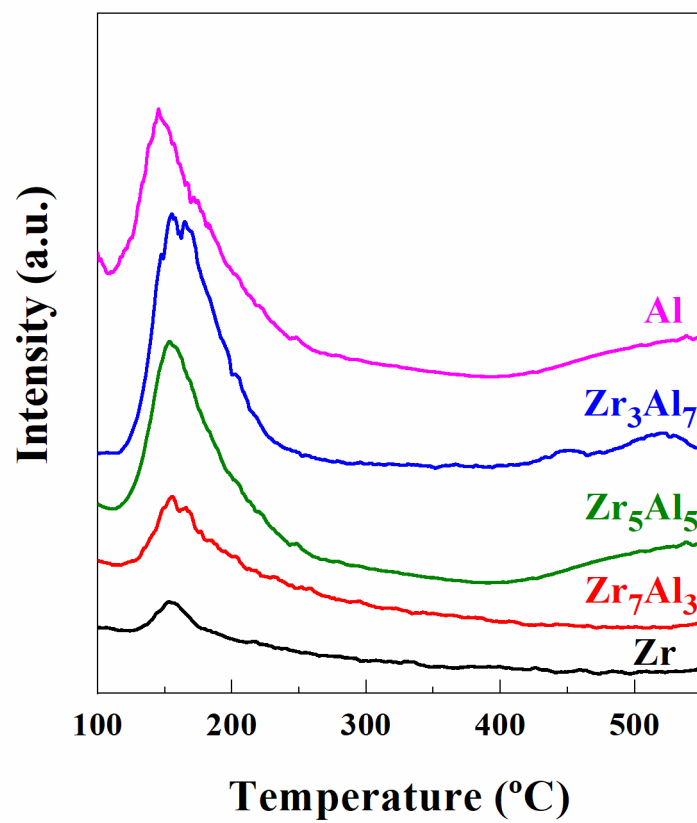


Figure S2. CO₂-TPD profile of Zr, Zr_xAl_y and Al catalysts.

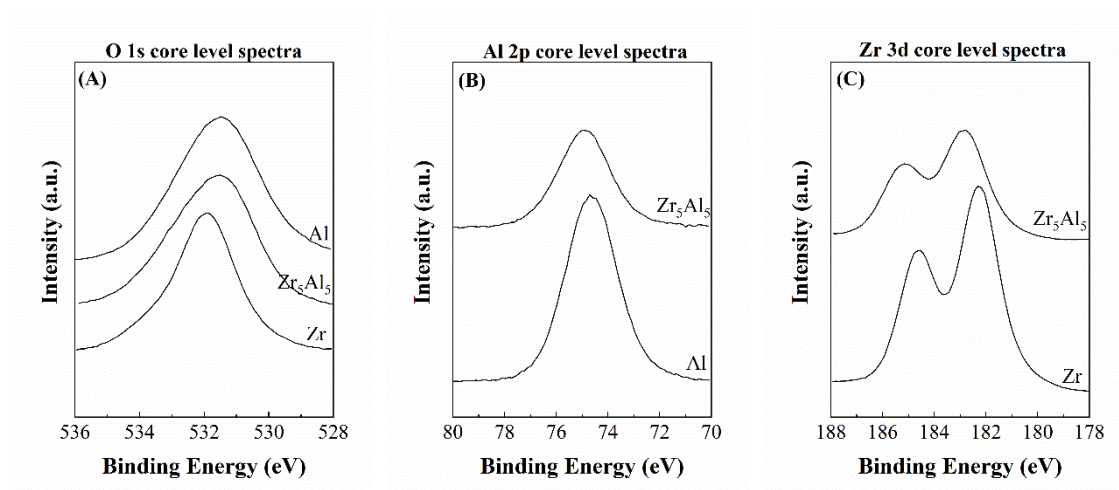


Figure S3. O 1s, Al 2p and Zr 3d core level spectra of Zr and Zr₅Al₅ and Al catalysts.

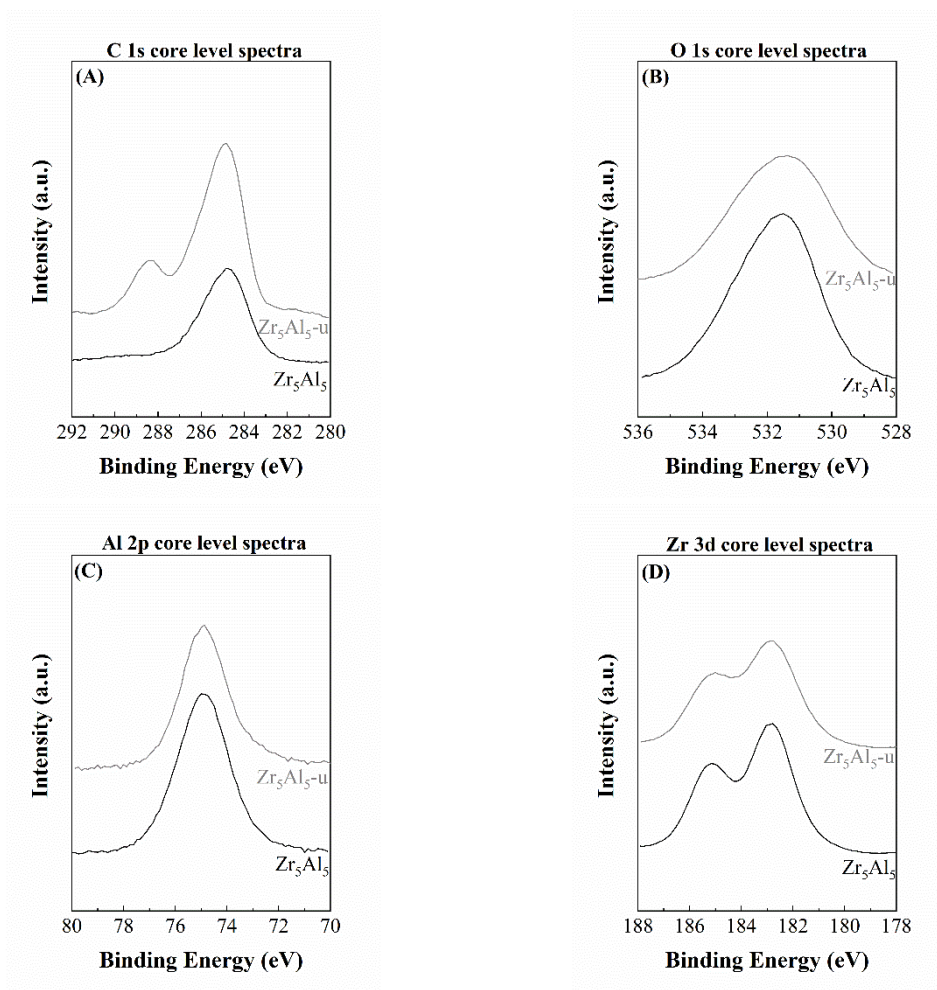


Figure S4. C 1s, O 1s, Al 2p and Zr 3d core level spectra of Zr₅Al₅ catalyst before and after 4 cycles of reaction. (Experimental conditions: 0.1 g of catalyst, temperature reaction: 110 °C, reaction time: 3, 2-propanol/FUR molar ratio: 50, FUR/catalyst mass ratio: 1).