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## Supporting Information

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## Tables

**Table S1.** Bulk characterization of fresh copper-containing catalysts.

Catalyst	Content (wt.%)						$S_{\text{Cu}}^{\text{c}}$ ( $\text{m}^2 \text{g}_{\text{cat}}^{-1}$ )	$D_{\text{Cu}}^{\text{d}}$ (%)	$d_{\text{CuO,XRD}}^{\text{e}}$ (nm)
	Nominal			Measured <sup>b</sup>					
	Cu	Zn	$M^{\text{a}}$	Cu	Zn	$M^{\text{a}}$			
CuZnAl-JM	50.7	19.8	5.3	44.9	17.8	4.2	24	8	5
CuZnAl-M700	49.5	22.5	5.3	40.9	18.6	3.9	26	10	4
CuZnAl-ox	49.4	25.4	3.5	48.3	24.3	1.7	23	7	8
Cu-ZnO-ZrO <sub>2</sub>	45.1	23.2	10.8	44.5	24.1	10.1	11	4	6

<sup>a</sup> $M$  = Al or Zr. <sup>b</sup>ICP-OES. <sup>c,d</sup>Copper surface area and dispersion ( $D$ ) measured by N<sub>2</sub>O pulsed chemisorption. <sup>e</sup>CuO crystallite size determined using the Scherrer equation, averaging over the characteristic CuO double reflections ((002)/(11-1) and (111)/(200)) in the XRD patterns (Figure 1).

**Table S2.** Bulk composition of ZnO-ZrO<sub>2</sub> and In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-based catalysts.

Catalyst	Content (wt.%)	
	Nominal	Measured <sup>a</sup>
ZnO-ZrO <sub>2</sub>	7.2 <sup>b</sup>	7.1 <sup>b</sup>
In <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> / <i>m</i> -ZrO <sub>2</sub>	10 <sup>c</sup>	8.58 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup>ICP-OES. <sup>b</sup>Zn and <sup>c</sup>In.

**Table S3.** Surface composition of copper-containing catalysts.

Catalyst	Status <sup>a</sup>	Surface metal content <sup>b</sup> (at.%)		Cu/Zn (-)
		Cu	Zn	
CuZnAl-JM	Reduced	59.7	40.3	1.48
	HC	50.4	49.6	1.02
	FC	47.2	52.8	0.89
CuZnAl-M700	Reduced	59.9	40.1	1.49
	HC	57.2	42.8	1.34
	FC	51.4	48.6	1.06
CuZnAl-ox	Reduced	43.2	56.8	0.76
	HC	42.7	57.3	0.75
	FC	44.5	55.5	0.80
Cu-ZnO-ZrO <sub>2</sub>	Reduced	47.9	52.1	0.92
	FC	59.2	40.8	1.45

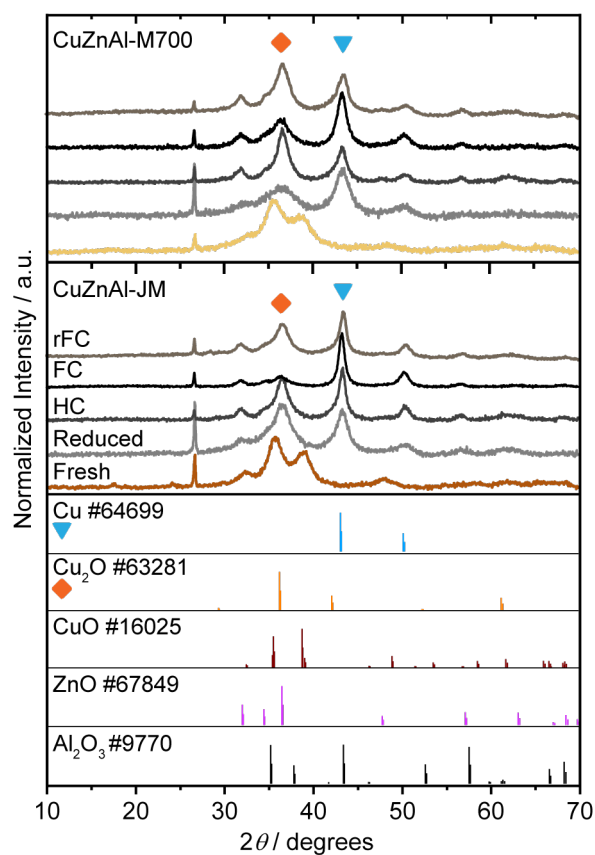
<sup>a</sup>Data relative to catalysts in reduced form and after use in full cycles (FC) and half-cycles (HC). <sup>b</sup>XPS.

**Table S4.** Surface composition of ZnO-ZrO<sub>2</sub> and In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-based catalysts.

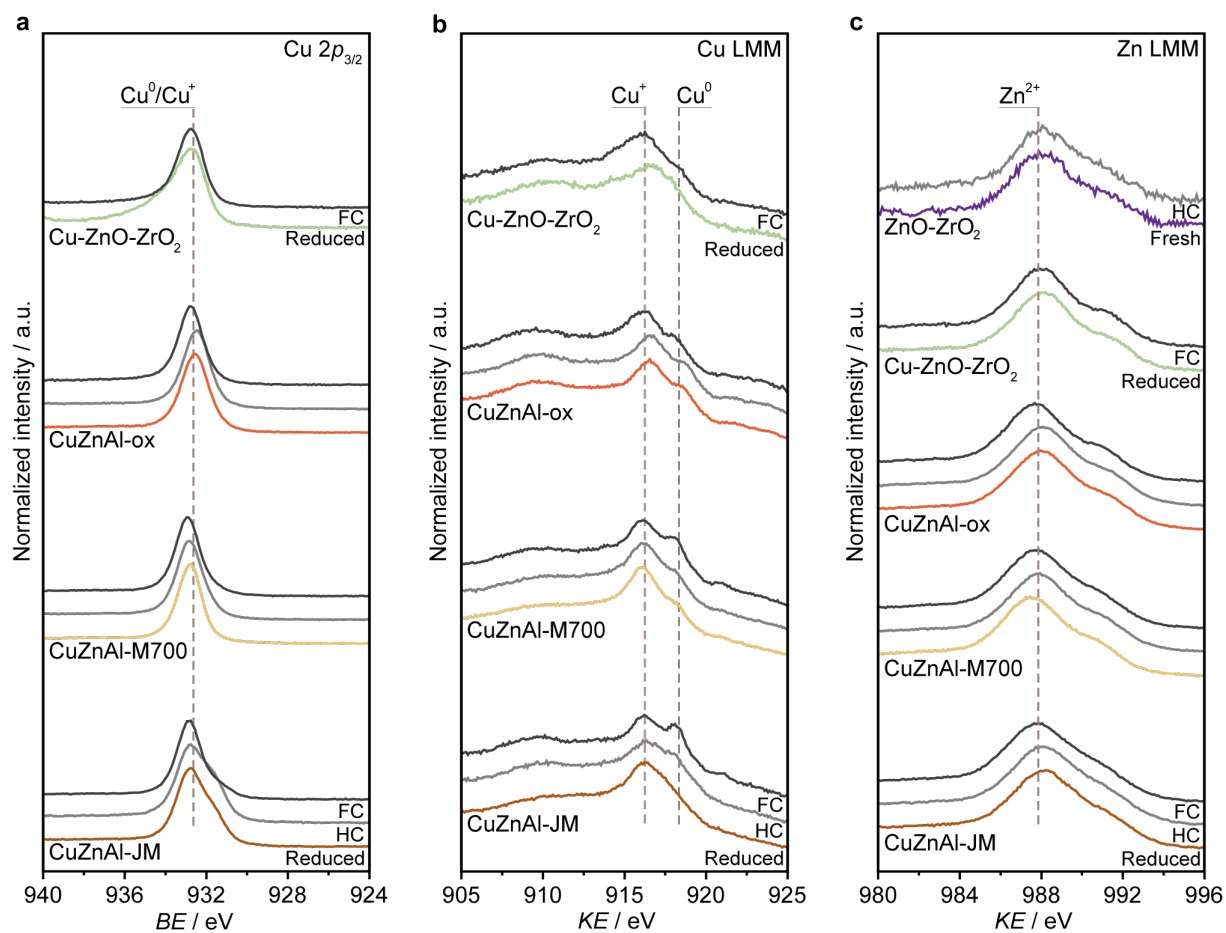
Catalyst	Status <sup>a</sup>	Oxygen relative contributions <sup>b</sup> (%)			Surface metal content <sup>b</sup> (at.%)	
		O <sub>lattice</sub>	O <sub>defect</sub>	OH	In or Zn	Zr
ZnO-ZrO <sub>2</sub>	Fresh	77	14	9	1.6	53.1
	HC	69	21	10	1.8	53.3
In <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> / <i>m</i> -ZrO <sub>2</sub>	Fresh	76	14	10	5.1	24.1
	HC	70	22	8	5.5	31.8
In <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Fresh	64	23	13	48.9	-
	HC	66	22	12	47.9	-

<sup>a</sup>Data relative to catalysts in fresh form and after use in half-cycles (HC). <sup>b</sup>XPS, oxygen relative contributions are determined by peak fitting.

## Figures

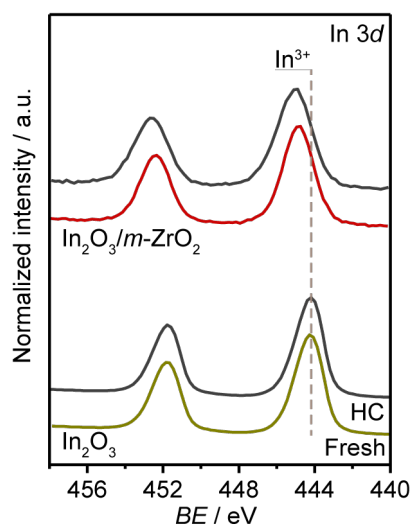


**Figure S1.** XRD patterns of commercial Cu-ZnO-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalysts in fresh and reduced forms and after use in full cycles (FC), half-cycles (HC), and reverse full cycles (rFC). Reference diffractograms of pure phases are shown with vertical lines. The diffractograms indicate the presence of metallic Cu and Cu<sub>2</sub>O phases in all reduced and used samples.



**Figure S2.** (a) Cu  $2p$  core-level XPS (b) Cu LMM, and (c) Zn LMM Auger spectra of Cu-ZnO-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalysts, Cu-ZnO-ZrO<sub>2</sub>, and ZnO-ZrO<sub>2</sub> in reduced or fresh, and used forms. Spectra in (a) and (b) indicate the presence of metallic Cu and Cu<sup>+</sup> and the absence of Cu<sup>2+</sup> species, while those in (c) evidence zinc solely as Zn<sup>2+</sup> cations.





**Figure S3.** In 3d core-level XPS spectra of bulk In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/m-ZrO<sub>2</sub> in fresh from and used in half-cycles (HC). The shift of the signal for In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/m-ZrO<sub>2</sub> towards higher binding energies indicates a more oxidic character of indium species due to their interaction with the support.