Table 1. Properties of the catalysts after H_2 pretreatment at 773K.

catalysts	BET surface area / $m^2 \cdot g^{-1}$-cat	H_2 consumption[a] / 10^{-3} $mol \cdot g^{-1}$-cat	Ni-based reduction degree[b] / %	H_2 adsorption[c] / 10^{-5} $mol \cdot g^{-1}$-cat	Dispersion[d] / %	Particle size of Ni metal[e] / nm
Ni/CA	17.4	1.40	89	4.1	5.9	16.6
Pt/Ni/CA	18.8	1.51	96	4.2	5.6	17.5
Ni/CMA	17.6	0.46	29	4.1	17.8	5.4
Pt/Ni/CMA	19.2	0.47	30	3.9	16.6	5.9
Ni/MA	9.0	0.16	10	2.6	32.5	3.0
Pt/Ni/MA	9.1	0.24	15	2.4	20.0	4.9

a) H_2 consumption below 773 K in TPR profiles shown in Figure 3.

b) Based on the assumption that $Ni^{2+} + H_2 \rightarrow Ni^0 + 2H^+$, and the reduction of Pt and CeO_2 was neglected.

c) H_2 adsorption is total adsorption at room temperature, and H/Ni = 1 is assumed.

d) 2 × (H_2 adsorption) / (H_2 consumption) × 100.

e) Particle size of Ni metal is calculated by the relation: (particle size / nm) = 9.71 / (dispersion / %) × 10.

Table 2. Curve fitting results of Ni *K*-edge EXAFS of the Pt/Ni/CA and Pt/Ni/CMA catalysts.

Catalyst	Condition	Shells	CN[a)]	R / 10^{-1} nm[b)]	σ / 10^{-1} nm[c)]	ΔE_0 / eV[d)]	R_f / %[e)]
Pt/Ni/CA	reduction	Ni-Ni	10.4±1.5	2.49±0.008	0.073±0.012	-0.5±2.0	0.1
	reaction	Ni-Ni	6.8±1.0	2.49±0.009	0.076±0.012	-5.0±2.0	0.6
	regeneration	Ni-Ni	10.7±1.6	2.49±0.008	0.072±0.012	-0.7±2.0	0.1
Pt/Ni/CMA	reduction	Ni-O	2.1±0.2	2.10±0.007	0.060±0.009	-2.4±0.5	0.9
		Ni-Ni	8.5±0.1	2.49±0.003	0.077±0.001	-1.1±0.1	
		Ni-O-Ni	2.8±0.3	2.93±0.005	0.068±0.013	8.5±0.5	
		Ni-O-Mg	1.4±0.4	2.94±0.018	0.069±0.017	3.4±1.4	
	reaction	Ni-O	1.8±0.2	2.10±0.009	0.072±0.018	-4.7±1.9	0.5
		Ni-Ni	9.1±0.1	2.49±0.001	0.069±0.001	-1.1±0.1	
		Ni-O-Ni	2.3±0.1	2.93±0.004	0.071±0.005	8.0±0.6	
		Ni-O-Mg	1.3±0.2	2.94±0.000	0.071±0.019	-5.3±1.7	
	regeneration	Ni-O	2.1±0.8	2.10±0.018	0.068±0.013	-3.3±1.7	0.9
		Ni-Ni	8.6±0.1	2.49±0.000	0.077±0.001	-0.9±0.2	
		Ni-O-Ni	2.7±0.1	2.93±0.006	0.063±0.004	6.7±0.6	
		Ni-O-Mg	1.4±0.5	2.94±0.017	0.061±0.020	5.1±1.6	
Ni foil	-	Ni-Ni	12	2.49	0.060	0.0	-
NiO	-	Ni-O	6	2.10	0.060	0.0	-
	-	Ni-O-Ni	12	2.94	0.060	0.0	

a) Coordination number. b) Bond distance. c) Debye-Waller factor. d) Difference in the origin of photoelectron energy between the reference and the sample. e) Residual factor.

Fourier transform range: 30-160 nm^{-1}, Fourier filtering range: 0.126-0.292 nm.

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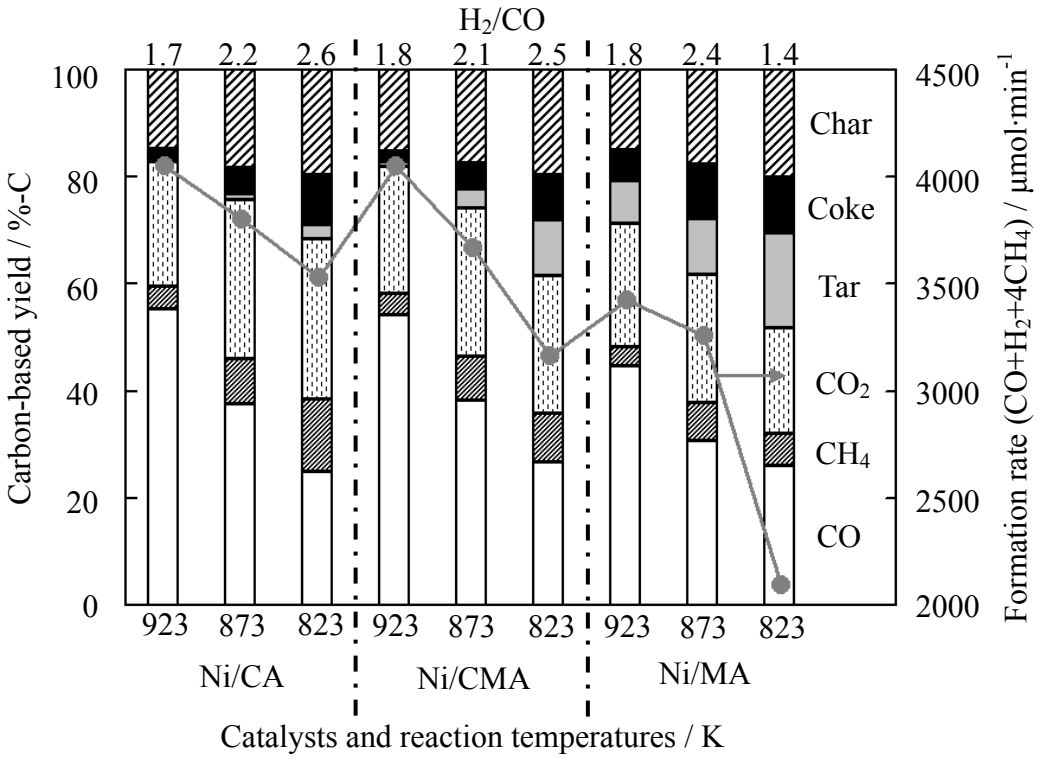

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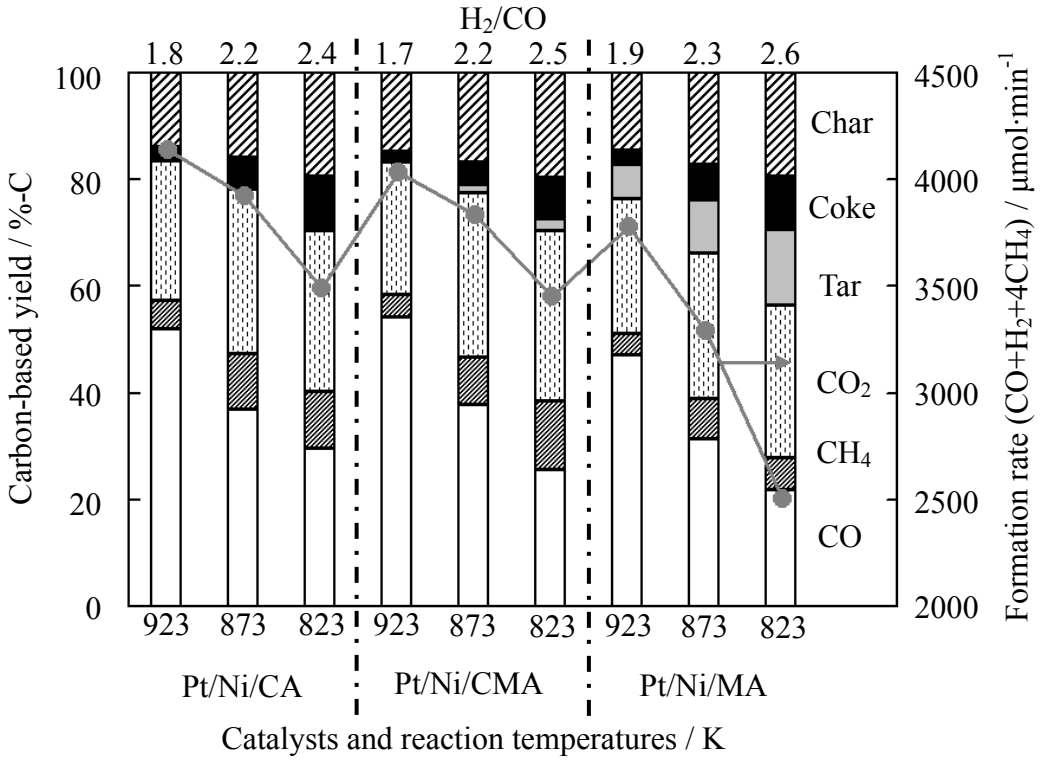

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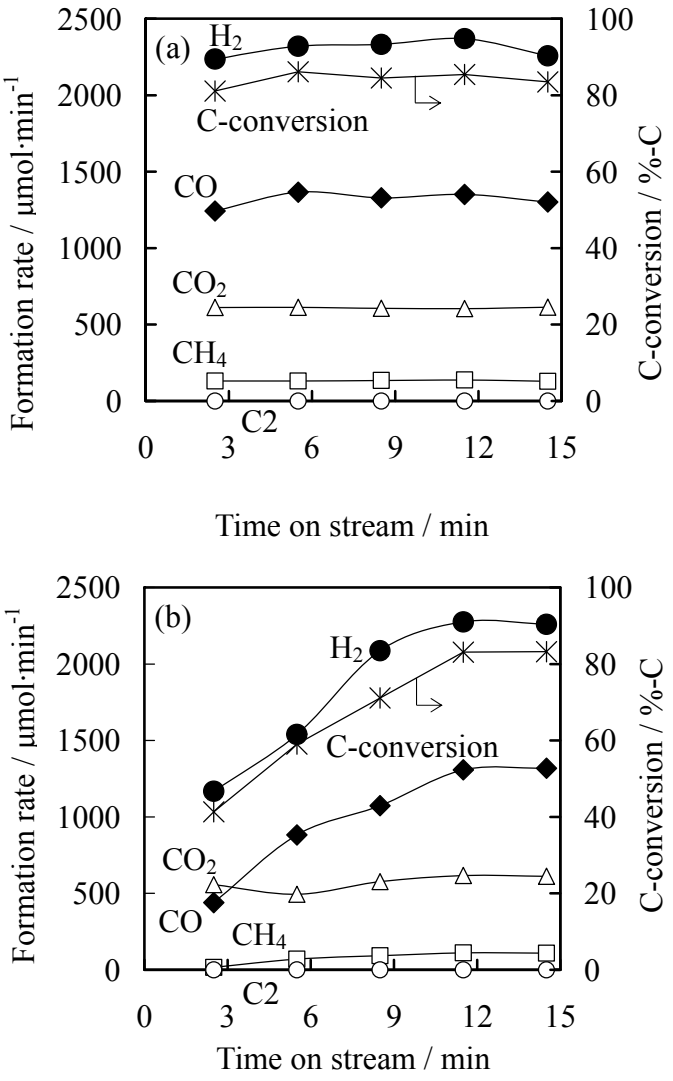

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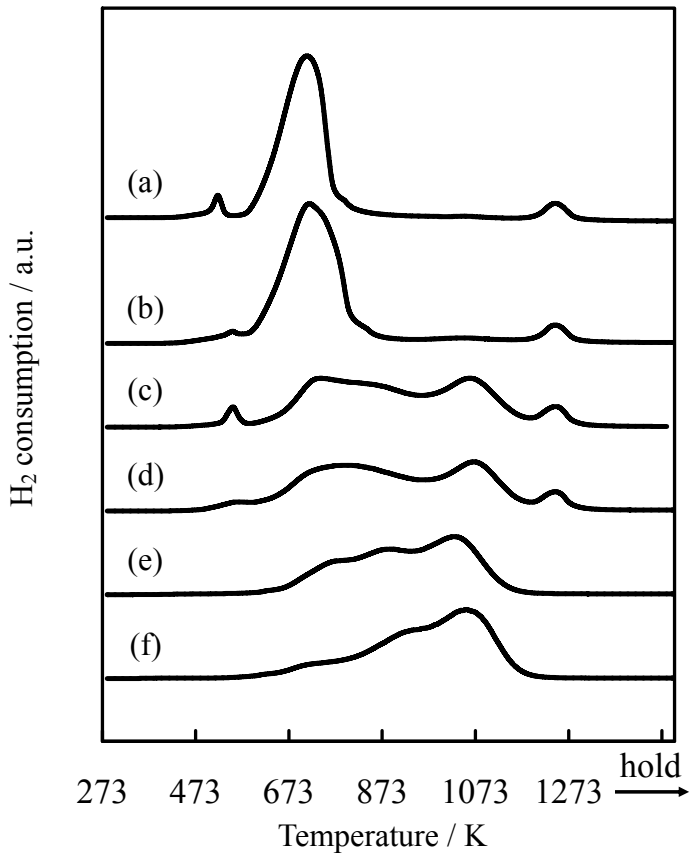

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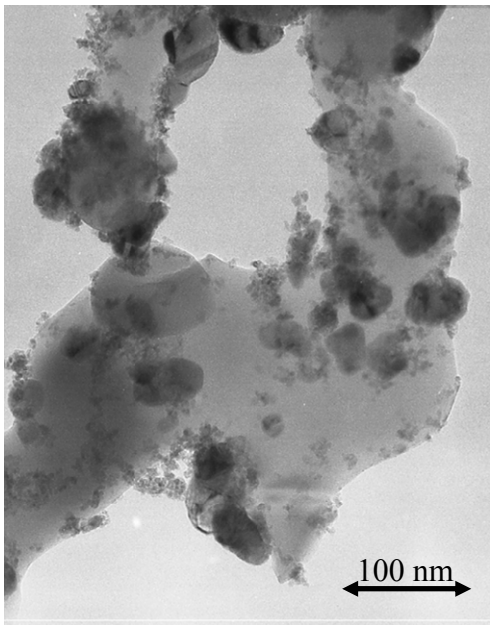

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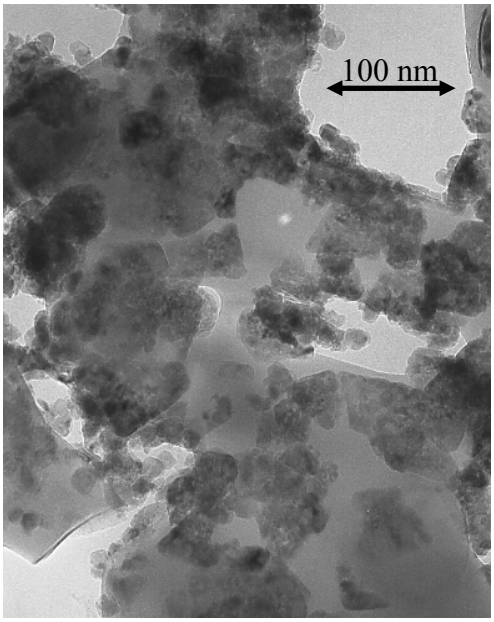

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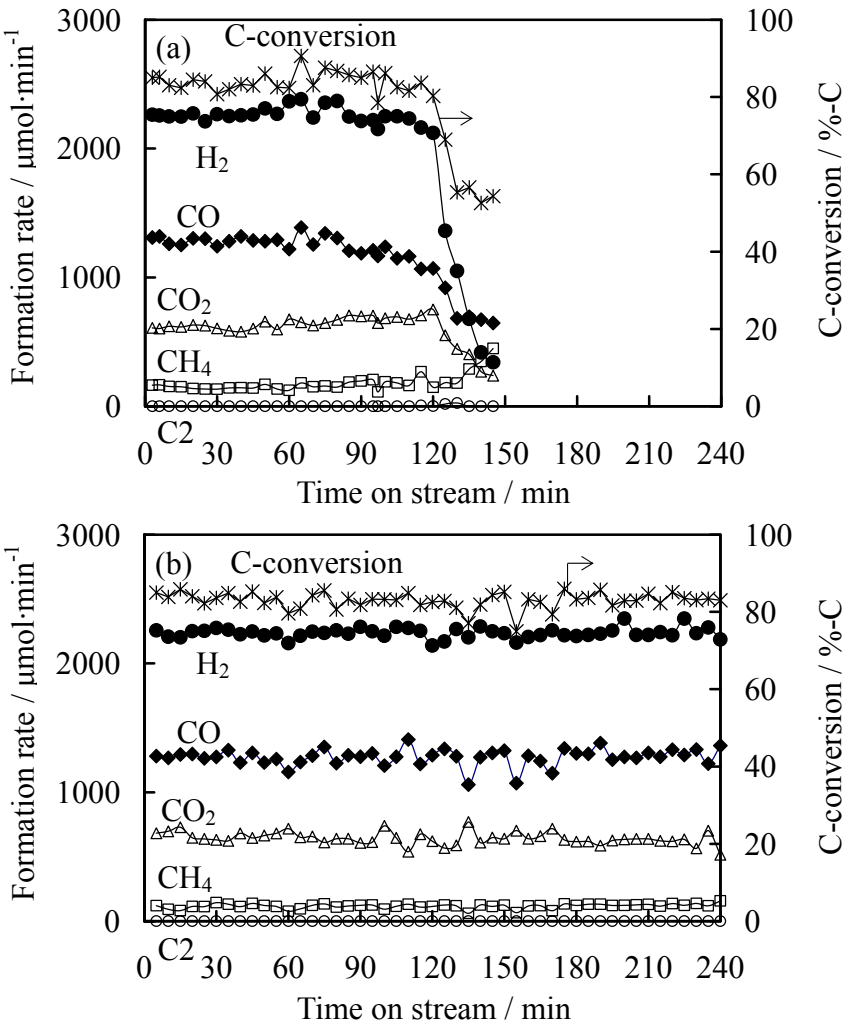

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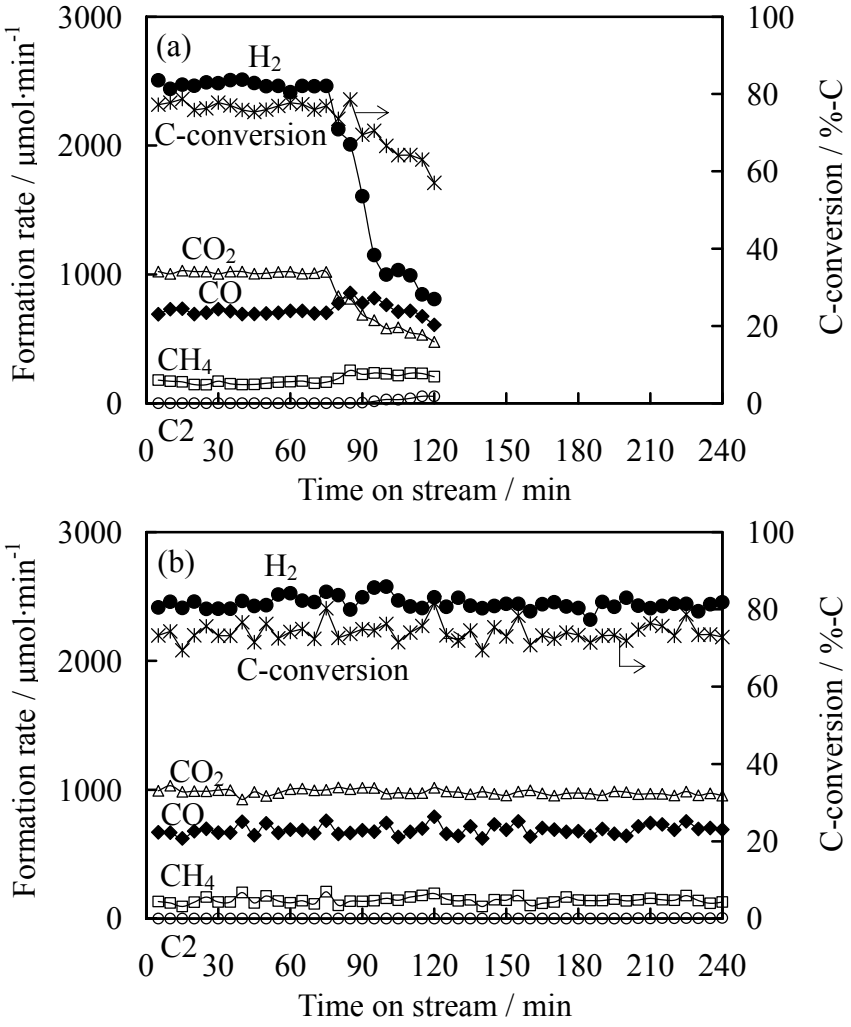

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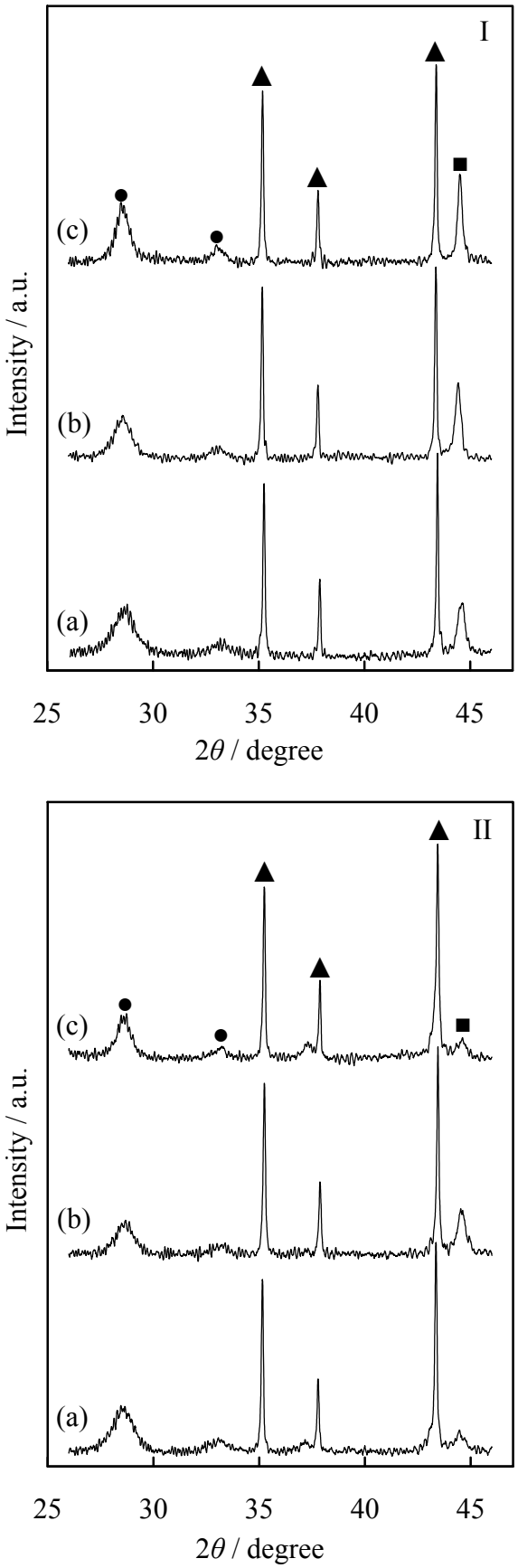

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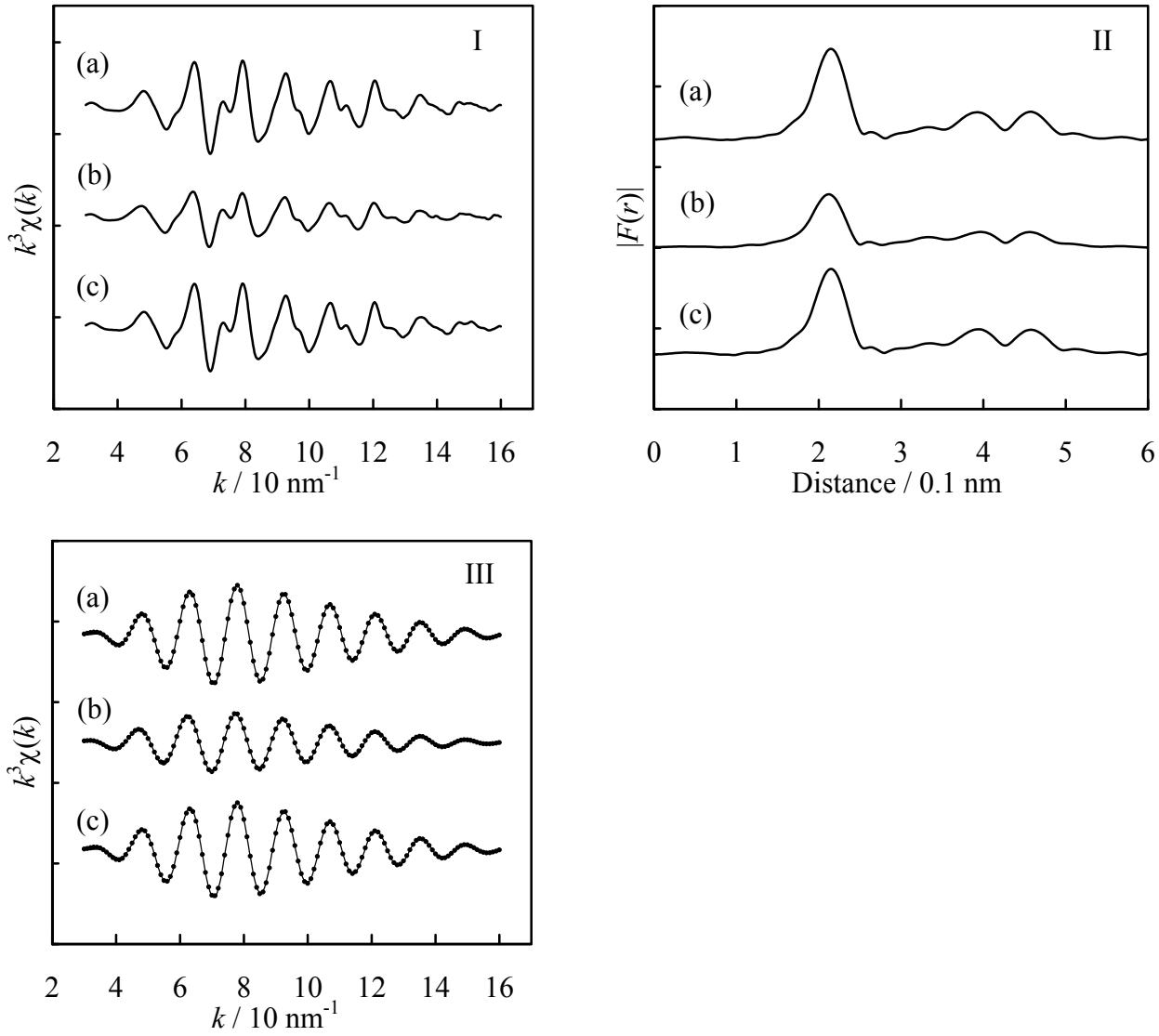

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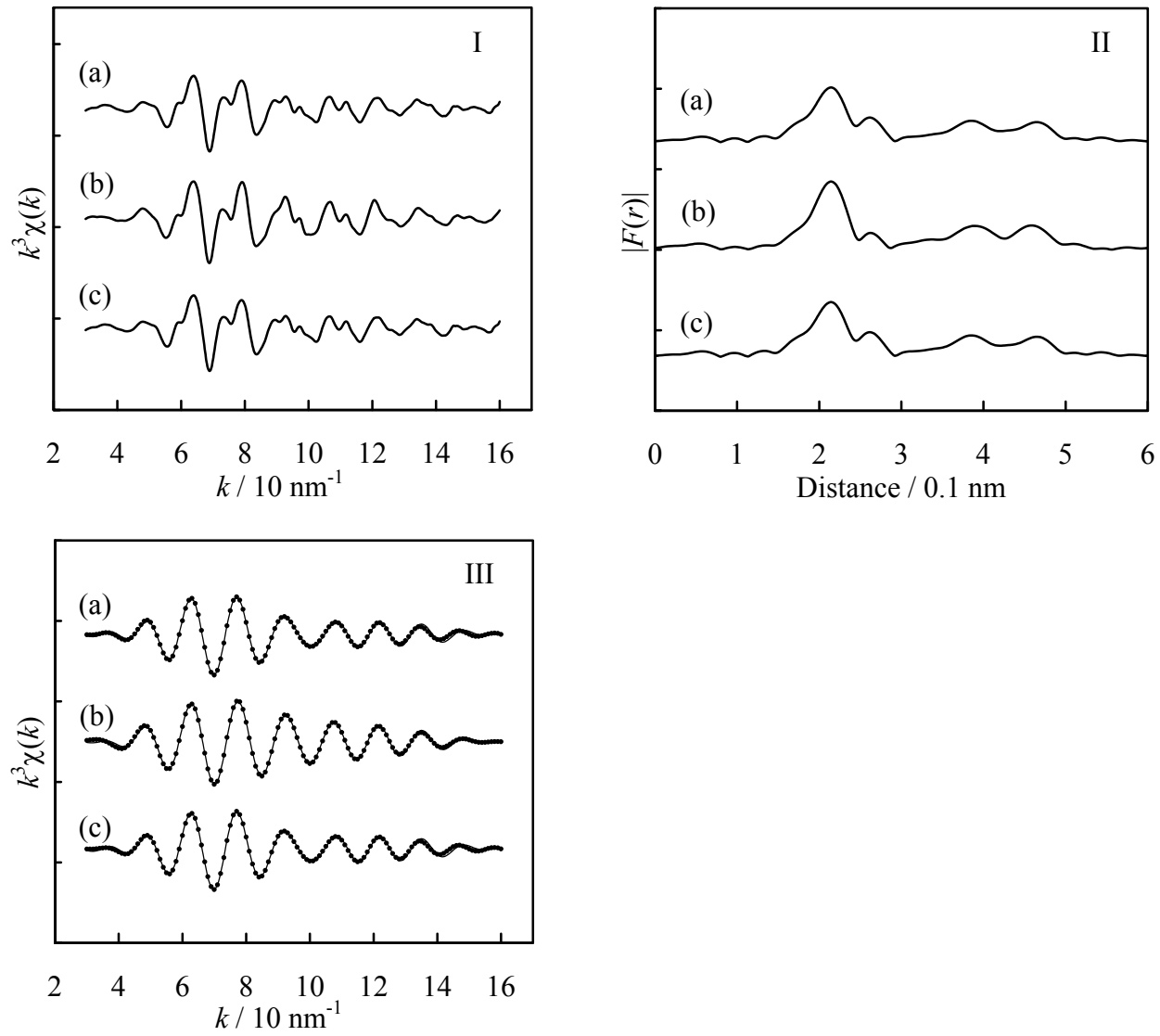

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