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Supporting Information

Zeolite Y Nanosheets Assembled Palladium Catalyst with High Catalytic

Activity and Selectivity in the Vinylation of Thiophenes

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1. Material synthesis

1.1 Synthesis of NS-Y

Zeolite Y Nanosheets (NS-Y) was synthesized from self-assembly of zeolite Y seed solution TPOAB silane of N,N-dimethyl-N-octadecyl-N-(3with TPOAB. where the is а triethoxysilylpropyl) ammonium bromide ([(C₂H₅O)₃SiC₃H₆N(CH₃)₂C₁₈H₃₇]Br). The molar ratio of compositions was 1.0Al₂O₃/4.5Na₂O/9.0SiO₂/0.64TPOAB/160.0H₂O. Typically, 29.0 mL water glass and 3.4 mL of zeolite Y seed solution (zeolite Y seed solution was prepared by mixing 1.409 g NaAlO₂, 12.7 mL H₂O, 5.116 g NaOH, and 22.4 mL water glass, followed by aging at room temperature for 40-48 h) were mixed. After stirring at room temperature for 30 min, 6.0 mL of TPOAB was slowly added dropwise. After further stirring for 180 min, 5.7 mL of 0.9 mol/L Al₂(SO₄)₃ aqueous solution, and 5.9 mL aqueous solution of 2.9 mol/L NaAlO₂ and 2.5 mol/L NaOH were added. After stirring at room temperature for 120 min, the obtained aluminosilicate gel was transferred into Teflon-coated stainless-steel autoclave for static crystallization at 100 °C for 4 days. The resultant product was filtered, washed, dried at 120 °C overnight and calcined in air at 550 °C for 5 h. The conventional zeolite Y (Na-form) was synthesized according to our previous work. The H-form zeolite nanosheets (NS-HY) was prepared as followed, the NS-Y sample was ion-exchanged with a NH₄NO₃ solution (1 M) at 80 °C for 4 h, followed by dried at 100 °C for 12 h and calcined 500 °C for 4 h.

1.2. Catalyst preparation

The NS-Y, NS-HY and Y supported Pd catalysts were prepared by ion-exchange method. In a typical preparation, palladium nitride (200 mg) was dissolved in 200 mL deionized water, and then 2 g calcined zeolite powder was added. The suspension was stirred at room temperature for 48 h. After filtration and washing, the obtained solid sample was dried at 50 °C for 48 h in vacuum oven, which was designated as Pd/NS-Y, Pd/NS-HY and Pd/Y. The alumina (γ -Al₂O₃) supported Pd catalyst was prepared by incipient wetness impregnation of the support using palladium nitrate solution. After impregnation, the sample was exposed under ambient condition for 20 h, and further dried at 50 °C for 48 h in vacuum oven, designated as Pd/ γ -Al₂O₃. The palladium content determined by the inductively coupled plasma method (ICP, Perkin-Elmer 3300 DV) is 2.5, 2.1, 2.3 and 2.6 wt.% for the Pd/NS-Y, Pd/NS-HY, Pd/Y and Pd/ γ -Al₂O₃ samples, respectively.

2. Characterization

X-ray powder diffraction (XRD) analysis was conducted on a RIGAKU UltimalV diffractometer, using Cu Ka radiation. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm was obtained on a Micromeritics ASAP2020M apparatus at the temperature of liquid nitrogen (-196 °C). Specific surface area was calculated from the adsorption data, using the Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) equation. The pore size distribution was calculated using the Barrett-Joyner-Halenda (BJH) model. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images were obtained on a field-emission scanning electron microscope (SUPRA55) operating at an acceleration voltage of 5 kV. Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images of the sample were obtained on a JEM-2100F microscope with a limited line resolution capacity of 1.4 Å, under a voltage of 200 kV. Before characterization by the TEM technique, the sample was cut into thin slices and dropped onto a Cu-grid coated with carbon membrane. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopic (XPS) experiments were performed on an ESCALAB MK II system. The acidity of the NS-Y and NS-HY samples was measured using temperature-programmed desorption of ammonia (NH₃-TPD) on a Micromeritics ASAP2920 instrument. 200 mg of sample was placed in a quartz tube and pretreated in a helium stream at 450 °C for 2 h. After the sample was cooled to 120 °C, NH₃-He mixed gas (10 vol% NH₃) was passed over the sample for 30 min. After removal of the physically adsorbed NH₃ by flowing He stream for 2 h at 120 °C, the sample was heated to 800 °C with a heating rate of 10 °C/min.

3. Activity assessment

All reagents unless otherwise noted were obtained from commercial sources (purity > 99%) and used without further purification. The typical experimental procedure for the cross-coupling reaction was as followed: 50 mg catalyst, 0.5 mmol thiophenes, 0.25 mmol alkenes, 0.5 mmol benzoquinone (BQ), and 2 mL of Co-solvent (1 mL DMSO, 1 mL HOAc) were placed into a 10 mL glass vessel. The reaction was proceeded at setting temperature for desired time. After the reaction finished, the catalyst was separated by centrifugation and filtered to obtain the liquid phase. The liquid products were analyzed by an Agilent 7890B gas chromatograph equipped with a flame ionization detector. The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (60-90 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents. Compounds described in the

literature were characterized by comparing their ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra and MS data to the reported data. The ¹H NMR (500 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (125 MHz) were recorded with spectrometers at 20 °C using CDCl₃ as the solvent. Chemical shifts were given in parts per million relative to TMS as the internal standard at room temperature.

The scale-up experiment was carried out in an autoclave (Parr 5500, 300 mL). The reaction mixture was as follows: 5 g Pd/NS-Y catalyst, 50 mmol 2-methyl thiophene, 25 mmol n-butyl acrylate, 50 mmol benzoquinone (BQ), and 150 mL of Co-solvent (75 mL DMSO, 75 mL HOAc) were placed into an autoclave. The reaction temperature is 60 °C, reaction time is 8 h, and stirring rate is 600 rpm.

4. Tables

Samples	$S_{BET} \left(m^2/g\right)^a$	V_{mic} (cm ³ /g) ^b	$S_{ext} (m^2/g)^c$	$V_{meso} (cm^3/g)^d$
NS-Y	817	0.27	138	0.20
NS-HY	797	0.26	127	0.16
Y	883	0.32	57	0.06
γ-Al ₂ O ₃	322	-	322	0.45

 Table S1 Texture parameters of all the samples

^{*a*} BET surface area. ^{*b*} Microporous pore volume. ^{*c*} External surface area. ^{*d*} Mesoporous pore volume.

Catalyst Thi	Thishana	Alkene	Conversion	Selectivity (%)				
	Thiohene		(%)	S _A (%)	$S_{B}\left(\% ight)$	S _C (%)	S_{D} (%)	Other (%)
$Pd(OAc)_2$	S	S C	95	57	16	15	10	2
Pd/NS-Y			96	85	5	4	1	5
$Pd(OAc)_2$	S	S C	98	79	4	8	5	4
Pd/NS-Y			97	88	2	1	3	6
$Pd(OAc)_2$		CI	96	74	7	9	6	4
Pd/NS-Y			98	93	2	2	1	2

Table S2 The product selectivities of the Pd/NS-Y and Pd(OAc)₂ catalysts in the vinylation of thiophenes

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5. Figures



Fig. S1. (a) Low and (b) high resolution TEM images of the thin-sectioned NS-Y sample (the light dots in the images are the mesoporous with pore size of 3-8 nm).



Fig. S2. The proposed reaction mechanism by the facilitation of the $Pd^{\delta+}$ ($\delta<2$) species in the crosscoupling of 2-methyl thiophene with alkenes.



Fig. S3. The TEM images of the (a), (b) and (c) are the selected different zones for the Pd/γ - Al_2O_3 catalyst.

Discussion: The Pd/γ -Al₂O₃ catalyst was prepared by impregnation of the support using palladium nitrate solution, and further dried at 50 °C for 48 h in vacuum oven. Therefore, the dispersion and average size of Pd particles measured by CO chemisorption technique may be inappropriate. The dispersion and average size of Pd particles on the Pd/ γ -Al₂O₃ catalyst were investigated by TEM technique. The different zone was selected to observe the Pd particles on the

 Pd/γ -Al₂O₃ catalyst, and no distinct Pd particles were observed. This result indicates that the Pd particles are highly dispersed on Pd/ γ -Al₂O₃ catalyst relative to the Pd/NS-Y (Fig. 3d in the text) and Pd/NS-HY (Fig. S6) catalysts.



Fig. S4. XPS spectrum of $Pd3d_{5/2}$ in the Pd/γ -Al₂O₃ catalyst.



Fig. S5. Dependence of the butyl acrylate conversion and the target product selectivity on reaction time over Pd/NS-HY and Pd/NS-Y catalysts.



Fig. S6. The TEM image of the Pd/NS-HY catalyst.



Fig. S7. The NH₃-TPD curves of the NS-HY and NS-Y samples (the number of acidic sites on the NS-HY is larger than NS-Y, and the acidic strength of the NS-HY is stronger than NS-Y).

6. Analytical data

(E)-butyl 3-(5-methylthiophen-2-yl)acrylate (3a)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, *J* = 1.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.64-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.30 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H);

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 143.8, 137.6, 137.3, 131.4, 126.4, 115.6, 64.2, 30.8, 19.1, 15.7, 13.7.



(E)-tert-butyl 3-(5-methylthiophen-2-yl)acrylate (3b)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 1.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.3, 143.3, 137.7, 136.4, 131.0, 126.3, 117.5, 80.2, 28.1, 15.7.



(E)-3-(5-methylthiophen-2-yl)acrylic acid (3c)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H);



(E)-3-(5-methylthiophen-2-yl)acrylamide (3d)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 1.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 143.1, 137.6, 135.4, 131.3, 126.3, 116.9, 15.7.



(E)-butyl 3-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)acrylate (3e)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.64-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.30 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H);

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 138.3, 136.3, 133.1, 130.3, 127.2, 117.1, 64.5, 30.7, 19.1, 13.6.

(E)-butyl 3-(thiophen-2-yl)acrylate (3f)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, J = 3.5, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.72-

1.64 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.38 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H);

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 139.6, 136.9, 130.7, 128.2, 128.0, 117.0, 64.4, 30.7, 19.1, 13.7.



(E)-2-methyl-5-styrylthiophene (3g)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 20.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 20.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65-6.61 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.8, 139.2, 137.1, 128.6, 127.2, 127.0, 126.3, 126.1, 125.7, 122.1, 15.6.



(E)-2-methyl-5-(4-methylstyryl)thiophene (3h)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64-6.61 (m, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.0, 138.9, 137.1, 134.4, 129.3, 127.0, 126.0, 125.9, 125.6, 121.2, 21.2, 15.5.



(E)-2-(4-chlorostyryl)-5-methylthiophene (3i)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.16 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58-6.54 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H);
¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.4, 139.6, 135.7, 132.7, 128.7, 127.2, 126.7, 125.8, 125.6, 122.7, 15.6.



(E)-2-(4-bromostyryl)-5-methylthiophene (3j)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.66-6.62 (m, 1H), 2.47 (s, 1H);

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.4, 139.7, 136.1, 131.7, 127.5, 126.7, 125.8, 125.6, 122.8, 120.8, 15.6.



(E)-2-(3-fluorostyryl)-5-methylthiophene (3k)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.88 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.66-6.62 (m, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.1 (d, *J* = 243.7 Hz), 140.2, 139.8, 139.6 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz),130.0 (d,

J = 8.5 Hz), 127.0, 125.8, 125.7 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 123.4, 122.0 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 114.1 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 112.4 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 15.5.

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(E)-2-(2-chlorostyryl)-5-methylthiophene (3l)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.09 (m, 4H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.67-6.64 (m, 1H), 2.48 (s, 1H);

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.5, 140.1, 135.2, 133.0, 129.8, 128.1, 127.0, 126.8, 126.0, 125.8, 124.5, 122.8, 15.6.



(E)-3-chloro-5-(4-methoxystyryl)-2-methylthiophene (3m)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.85-6.77 (m, 3H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.3, 139.4, 134.7, 129.4, 127.7, 127.5, 126.9, 122.8, 119.3, 114.1, 55.3, 13.5.



(E)-3-chloro-5-(4-chlorostyryl)-2-methylthiophene (3n)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.6, 135.1, 134.9, 133.2, 128.8, 128.0, 127.3, 126.6, 124.0, 121.9, 13.4.

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(E)-2-(4-chlorostyryl)thiophene (30)

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 20.0 Hz, 1H),

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.4, 135.4, 133.0, 128.8, 127.6, 127.4, 126.9, 126.4, 124.6, 122.3.

VI. Spectra of these compounds











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