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Modulated excitation extended X-ray absorption fine

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Figure S1. Simulated sinusoidal temporal variation of coordination number N (from 12 to 6) within a modulation period of 100 s.



Figure S2. Simulated sinusoidal temporal variation of Debye-Waller factor σ^2 (from 0.003 Å² to 0.005 Å²) within a period of 100 s.



Figure S3. Effect of variation of Debye-Waller factor σ^2 (according to Fig. S2) of a single Pd-Pd first coordination shell on (left panel) the simulated k²-weighted $\chi(k)$ EXAFS spectra, (central panel) the FT-magnitude $|\chi(R)|$ and (right panel) the FT-real part Re[$\chi(R)$]. Top panels: simulated time-resolved spectra where σ^2 varies from 0.003 Å² (blue curve) to 0.005 Å² (red curve) with a phase lag $\phi = 0^\circ$ (R= 2.758 Å, N= 12, $\Delta E^\circ = 0$ eV). Bottom panels: corresponding phase-resolved spectra, where the red curve corresponds to the "in-phase angle" ($\phi^{PSD} = \phi = 0^\circ$).



Figure S4. Effect of the variation of N (red line) or σ^2 (blue line) on the phase resolved (in-phase demodulation angle) normalized (divided by the maximum value) FT-real part with respect to that of initial state (o). Because N effects only the magnitude of $\chi(k)$ the normalized phase resolved Re[$\chi(R)$] overlaps with that of the initial state. By contrast, because of the k-dependent effect of σ^2 on the amplitude of $\chi(k)$ a variation of σ^2 leads to a distortion of the corresponding phase resolved Re[$\chi(R)$].



Figure S5. Simulated sinusoidal temporal variation of interatomic distance R increasing from 2.7577 Å to 2.8577 Å within a period of 100 s.



Figure S6. Effect of variation of interatomic distance R (according to Fig. S5) of a single Pd-Pd first coordination shell on (left panel) the simulated k²-weighted $\chi(k)$ EXAFS spectra, (central panel) the FT-magnitude $|\chi(R)|$ and (right panel) the FT-real part Re[$\chi(R)$]. Top panels: simulated time-resolved spectra where R varies from 2.7577 Å (blue curve) to 2.8577 Å (red curve) with a phase lag $\phi = 0^{\circ}$ ($\sigma^2 = 0.003 \text{ Å}^2$, N= 12, $\Delta E^{\circ} = 0 \text{ eV}$). Bottom panels: corresponding phase-resolved spectra, where the red curve corresponds to the "in-phase angle" ($\phi^{PSD} = \phi = 0^{\circ}$).



Figure S7. Simulated sinusoidal temporal variation of coordination number N (from 12 to 6) while the interatomic distance R increases from 2.7577 Å to 2.8577 Å, within a period of 100 s. Both parameters have the same phase lag ($\phi_N = \phi_R = 0^\circ$).



Figure S8. Effect of simultaneous variation of coordination number N and interatomic distance R (according to Fig. S7) of a single Pd-Pd first coordination shell on (left panel) the simulated k²-weighted $\chi(k)$ EXAFS spectra, (central panel) the FT-magnitude $|\chi(R)|$ and (right panel) the FT-real part Re[$\chi(R)$]. The upper plots show the simulated time resolved spectra where N and R vary from 12 and 2.7577 Å (red curve) to 6 and 2.8577 Å (blue curve) with a phase lag $\phi = 0^{\circ}$ ($\sigma^2 = 0.003$ Å² and $\Delta E^{\circ} = 0$ eV). The lower plots show the phase resolved spectra, where the red curve corresponds to the "in phase angle" ($\phi^{PSD} = \phi = 0^{\circ}$, in this case).



Figure S9. Simulated sinusoidal temporal variation of coordination number N (from 12 to 6) while the interatomic distance R increases from 2.7577 Å to 2.8577 Å, within a period of 100 s. The two parameters vary with different phase lag ($\phi_N = 0^\circ$, $\phi_R = 320^\circ$).



Figure S10. Effect on the simulated phase-resolved EXAFS spectra of a single Pd-Pd first coordination shell at the Pd K-edge ($0^{\circ} < \varphi^{PSD} < 360^{\circ}$) of the variation of (A) the coordination number N only; (B) coordination number N and interatomic distance R with the same phase lag, (C) coordination number N and interatomic distance R with different phase lag. Left panels: k²-weighted $\chi(k)$. Middle panels: FT-magnitude, $|\chi(R)|$. Right panels: FT real part, Re[$\chi(R)$].



Figure S11. Comparison of the first time-resolved k^3 -weighted FT-EXAFS spectra at the Pd K-edge of 1.6 wt% Pd/Al₂O₃ recorded at the beginning of the modulation experiment at 573 K showing the structure of the catalyst after the heating pre-treatment in 1 vol% O₂/He (green curve) with the last averaged (over 28 cycles, after deleting the first 2 cycles) time-resolved k^3 -weighted FT-EXAFS recorded in 1 vol% H₂/He (reed curve) and in 1 vol% O₂/He (blue curve).



Figure S12. Experimental ME-EXAFS data at the Pd K-edge obtained on 1.6 wt% Pd/Al₂O₃ during a 1 vol% O₂/He to 1 vol% H₂/He modulation experiment at 573 K. (A) k³-weighted χ (k) EXAFS spectra of reference PdO and Pd foil; (B) averaged time-resolved k³-weighted χ (k) EXAFS spectra recorded (blue) in 1 vol% O₂/He and (red) in 1 vol% H₂/He; (C) phase-resolved k³-weighted χ (k) EXAFS spectra (0°< ϕ < 360°; red is ϕ ^{PSD}= ϕ _{Pd-Pd}= 160°; green curves are 170°< ϕ ^{PSD}< 340°, gray curves are remaining angles).