

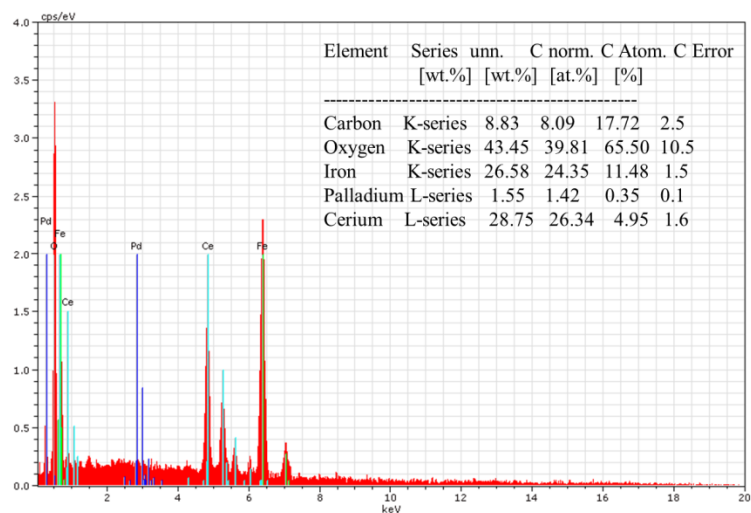
## **Supporting Information**

### **Hierarchical nanospheres based on Pd nanoparticles dispersed on carbon coated magnetite cores with a mesoporous ceria shell: a highly integrated multifunctional catalyst**

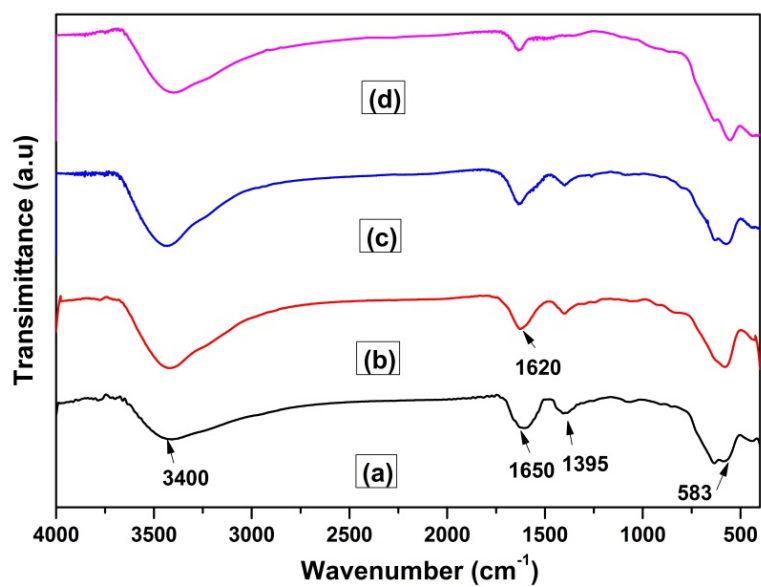
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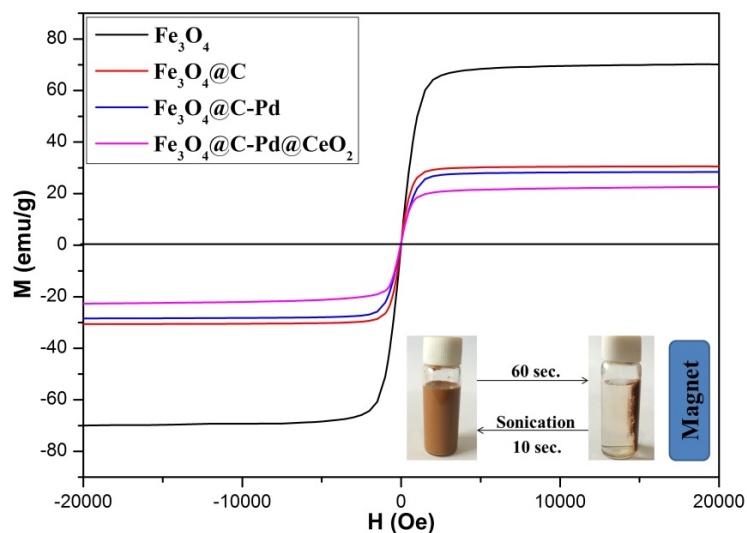
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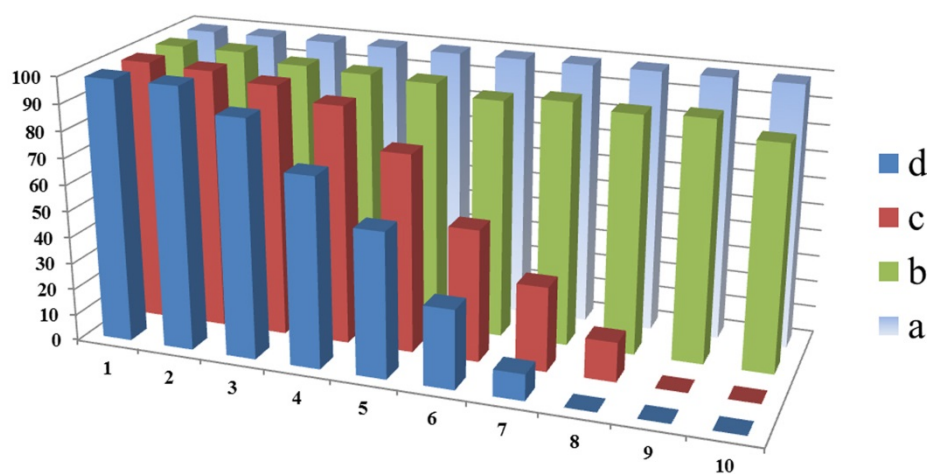
**Figure S1** EDX spectrum of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}-\text{Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$



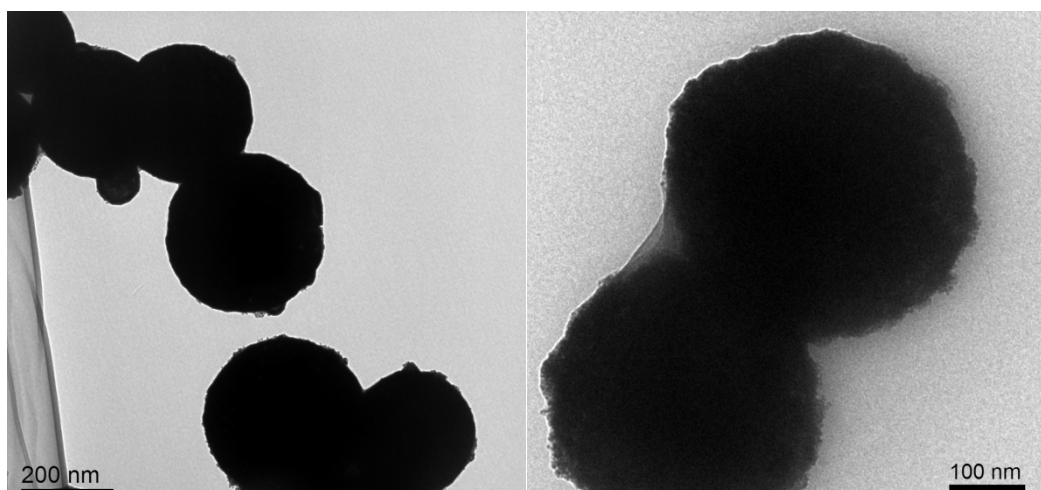
**Fig. S2** FT-IR spectra of (a)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanospheres, (b)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}$  nanospheres, (c)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}-\text{Pd}$  nanospheres, (d)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}-\text{Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$  nanospheres



**Fig. S3** Magnetization curves at 300 K of the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanospheres (black),  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}$  nanospheres (red),  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C-Pd}$  nanospheres (blue),  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C-Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$  nanospheres (pink). Inset show the photograph of the dispersion of 5 mg/mL  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C-Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$  nanospheres in water before and after magnetic separation.



**Fig. S4** (a) and (c): The reusability of the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C-Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$  and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C-Pd}$  as a catalyst for the reduction of 4-NP; (b) and (d): the reusability of the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C-Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$  and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C-Pd}$  as a catalyst for the Suzuki reaction;



**Figure S5** TEM images of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}-\text{Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$  after 10 runs of recycling experiments for the Suzuki reactions

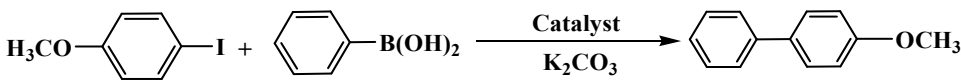
**Table S1** Suzuki reactions catalyzed by different catalyst in different solvent<sup>a</sup>.

$$\text{H}_3\text{CO}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{I} + \text{C}_6\text{H}_5-\text{B}(\text{OH})_2 \xrightarrow[\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3]{\text{Catalyst}} \text{C}_6\text{H}_5-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{OCH}_3$$

Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	Yield <sup>b</sup>
1	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}@m\text{CeO}_2$	ethanol	13
2	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}@m\text{CeO}_2$	ethanol	20 <sup>c</sup>
3	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}@m\text{CeO}_2$	water	N.R.
4	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}-\text{Pd}$	water	75
5	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}-\text{Pd}$	ethanol	90
6	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}-\text{Pd}$	ethanol-water (1:1)	96
7	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}-\text{Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$	water	85
8	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}-\text{Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$	ethanol	95
9	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}-\text{Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$	ethanol-water (1:1)	99

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 4-Iodoanisole (1.0 mmol), phenylboronic acid (1.2 mmol), potassium carbonate (2 mmol), 5 mL solvent, 10 mg catalyst, at 80 °C for 3 h. <sup>b</sup> isolated yields. <sup>c</sup> 24 h.

**Table S2** Suzuki reactions catalyzed by the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C-Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$  in different solvents



$\text{H}_3\text{CO}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{I} + \text{C}_6\text{H}_5-\text{B}(\text{OH})_2 \xrightarrow[\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3]{\text{Catalyst}} \text{C}_6\text{H}_5-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{OCH}_3$

Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	Yield <sup>b</sup>
1	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C-Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$	Isopropanol	98
2	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C-Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$	Tetrahydrofuran	88 <sup>c</sup>
3	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C-Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$	N,N-Dimethylformamide	92
4	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C-Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$	1,4-dioxane	85
5	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C-Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$	Dimethyl sulfoxide	90
6	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C-Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$	Dimethylacetamide	92
7	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C-Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$	toulene	95
8	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C-Pd}@m\text{CeO}_2$	dimethylbenzene	91

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 4-Iodoanisole (1.0 mmol), phenylboronic acid (1.2 mmol), potassium carbonate (2.5 mmol), 5 mL solvent, 10 mg catalyst, at 80 °C for 3 h. <sup>b</sup> isolated yields. <sup>c</sup> 65 °C for 3 h.

**Table S3** the Pd leaching test after ten cycles

	Pd loss after ten cycles (%)
Suzuki reactions	1.8
reduction of 4-NP	0.7

**Table S4.** Catalytic Performance of Different Magnetically Pd-Based Catalysts in the Coupling Reaction of Iodobenzene and Phenylboronic Acid

entry	catalyst	solvent	base	temp (°C)	time (h)	Yield (%)	ref
1	Pd/NiFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	DMF	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	90	2	50	1
2	Pd-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	DME <sup>a</sup> /H <sub>2</sub> O = 3:1	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	reflux	48	92	2
3	Pd-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @C	ethanol	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	reflux	2	>99	3
4	Pd@Mag-MSN <sup>b</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	80	6	85	4
5	Xerogel g1-MNPs <sup>c</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	60	2	99	5
6	Pd@MC <sup>d</sup>	EtOH/H <sub>2</sub> O = 1:1	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	80	1	98	6
7	Pd@polymer <sup>e</sup>	EtOH/H <sub>2</sub> O = 1:1	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	50	4	88	7
8	Pd/PS <sup>f</sup>	DMF/H <sub>2</sub> O = 1:1	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	90	12	93	8
9	Pd-SBAM <sup>g</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	60	5	98.3	9
10	Co@C@Pd complexes	THF/H <sub>2</sub> O = 1:2	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	65	2	96	10
11	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @C-Pd@mCeO <sub>2</sub>	EtOH/H <sub>2</sub> O = 1:1	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	60	0.75	>99	This work

<sup>a</sup> DME = 1,2-dimethoxyethane. <sup>b</sup> Mag-MSN = magnetic mesoporous silica nanocomposites. <sup>c</sup> Xerogel g1-MNPs = Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles supported gel nanofibers + Pd<sup>2+</sup>. <sup>d</sup> MC = mesoporous carbon. <sup>e</sup> polymer = (OH)<sub>2</sub>-poly[2-(methacryloyloxy)ethyl phosphorylcholine]<sub>40</sub>-b-PDPAEMA<sub>70</sub>. <sup>f</sup> PS = polystyrene. <sup>g</sup> SBAM = acrylate copolymer monoliths.

**Table S5.** The comparison of the catalytic performance between the catalyst of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@C-Pd@mSiO<sub>2</sub><sup>11</sup> and our Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@C-Pd@mCeO<sub>2</sub>

Entry	Reactant A	Reactant B	Conversion <sup>a</sup>	Conversion <sup>b</sup>
1	Iodobenzene	Phenylboronic Acid	92	>99
2	4-Iodoanisole	Phenylboronic Acid	98	98.5
3	4-Iodonitrobenzene	Phenylboronic Acid	73	96
4	4-Iodoacetophenone	Phenylboronic Acid	99	99.2

<sup>a</sup> phenylboronic acid (1.5 equiv.), aryl halide (1.0 mmol), Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@C-Pd@mSiO<sub>2</sub> with Pd (1.5 mol%), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1 equiv.), 6 h, 70 °C. <sup>b</sup> Reaction conditions: aryl halide (1.0 mmol), phenylboronic acid (1.2 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2 mmol), 5 mL solvent, 10 mg Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@C-Pd@mCeO<sub>2</sub> with Pd (0.3 mol%), at 80 °C for 3 h.

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