

## In situ synthesis of silver nanostructures on magnetic Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@organosilicon microparticles for rapid hydrogenation catalysis

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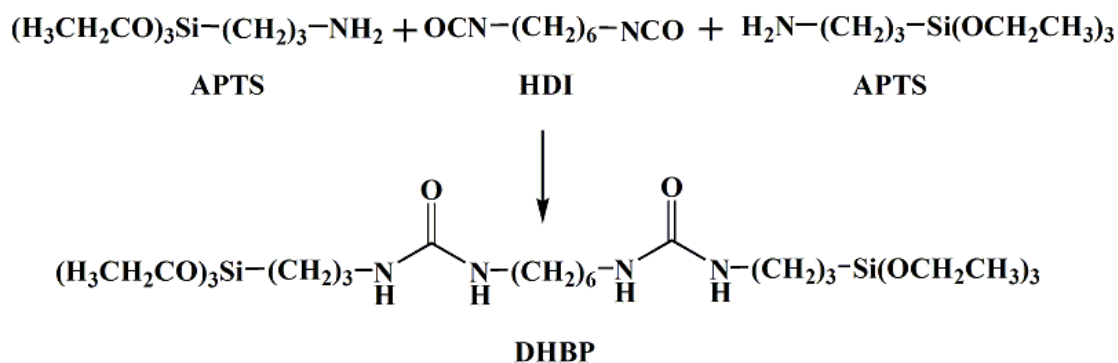
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**Scheme S1.** Synthetic procedure of disilylated hexamethylene-bridged precursor.

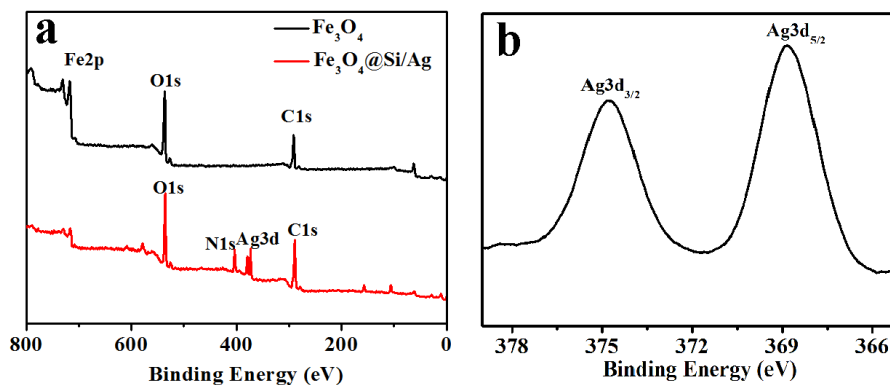


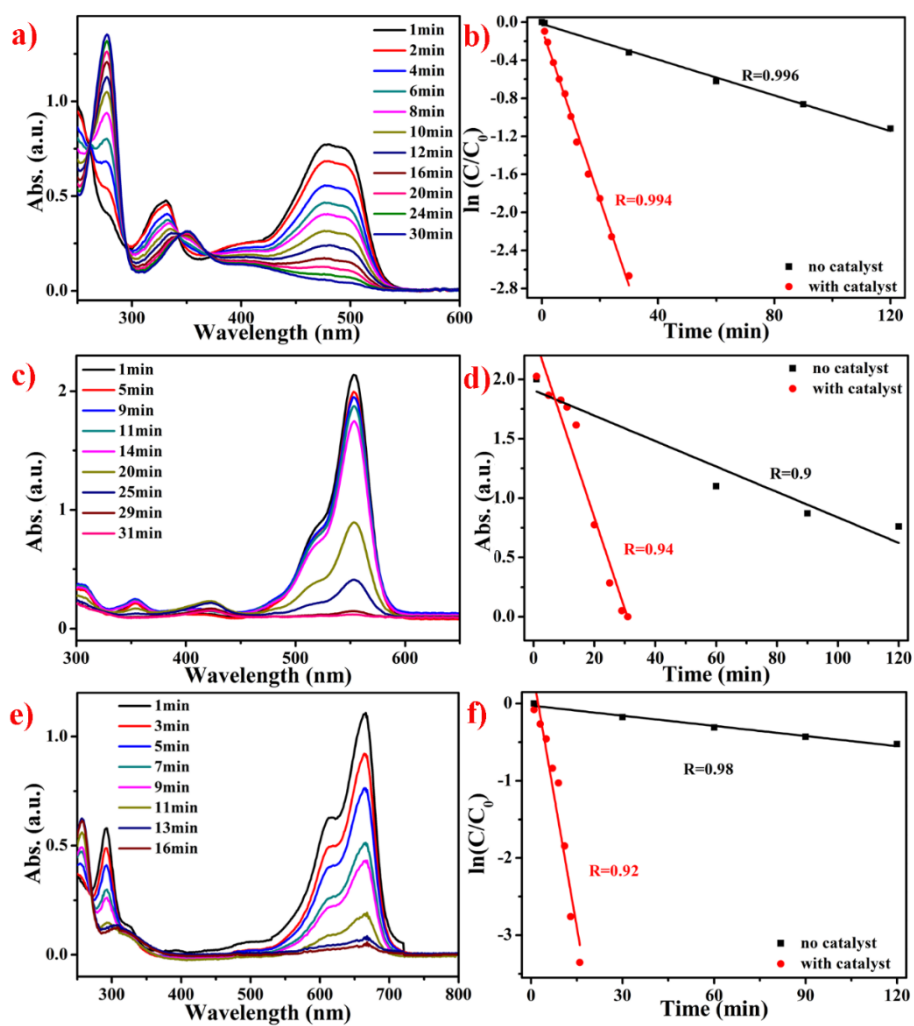
Fig S1. (a) XPS fully scanned spectra of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@Si/Ag, (b) XPS spectra of Ag 3d.

**Table S1.** Surfaces properties of samples Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@Si and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@Si/Ag

Sample	Structural parameters		
	BET surface area (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Pore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Average pore size (nm)
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	20.13	0.036	9.95
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @Si	9.57	0.048	24.7
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @Si/Ag	10.77	0.047	21.31

**Table S2.** Magnetization of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@Si and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@Si/Ag

Sample	Ms (emu/g)	Mr (emu/g)	Hc (Oe)	Sr
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	81.1	5.5	34.9	0.067
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @Si	15.3	0.84	43.8	0.047
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @Si/Ag	11.6	0.63	47.9	0.048



**Fig. S2.** UV-vis absorption spectra of catalytic degradation of (a) OG, (c) RhB, (e) MB by  $\text{NaBH}_4$  with  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{Si}/\text{Ag}$  catalyst; Plots of  $\ln(C/C_0)$  vs. reaction time  $t$  for (b) OG, (f) MB, and plots of  $C/C_0$  vs. reaction time  $t$  for (d) RhB.