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Palladium Salt and Functional Reduced Graphene Oxide Complex: An In Situ Preparation of a Generally Applicable Catalyst for C-C Coupling Reaction

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General Information

All reagents were purchased from commercial sources (Aldrich, TCI, Acros, Alfa Aesar, Aladdin, and Nanjing Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd.) Graphite powder was obtained from Alfa Aesar with 99.99995% purity, 100 mesh. All these reagents were used as received. Water was obtained from a Sartorius arium 611DI water purification system.

Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) was conducted on a JEM-1005 instrument (JEOL Co.) at 80 kV. High resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM) was conducted on a JEM-2100 instrument (JEOL Co.) at 200 kV. Energy-dispersive X-ray (EDX) detector type: SUTW-Sapphire, KV: 200.00, Azimuth: 45.00, Elevation: 22.50, AMPT: 102.4. The width of sample cuvette was 10 mm. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) (VG Microtech 2000 ESCA) was performed using a monochromatized Al Kα X-ray source (1486.6 eV). Wide-angle X-ray diffraction (WAXD) patterns were recorded in transmission with a Bruker D8 Advance X-ray diffractometer. The wavelength used was Cu K α (λ = 0.154 nm), and spectra were recorded in the 2 θ range of 4–80 ° (step size 0.01 °). NMR Spectra were obtained with a Bruker AM 400 (¹H, 400 MHz, ¹³C 100.6 MHz) or a Bruker AM 300 (¹H 300 MHz, ¹³C 75.5 MHz) and are reported in δ relative to CHCl₃ (¹H 7.26 ppm, ¹³C 77.23 ppm) as an internal reference. MS Spectra was obtained with EI (Mircomass GC-TOF) or ESI (Thermo LCQ FLEET).

Preparation and Characterization of the FRGO catalysts

GO was firstly prepared by modified Hummers method. The synthesized GO was purified by washing with deionized water and centrifuged successively three times, and suspended in deionized water by ultrasonication. The GO suspension was frozen dried to obtain the GO powders. 0.1 g of GO powders was dispersed in 200 mL of DMF via ultrasonication for 0.5 h. 0.2 g of N-propylethane-1,2-diamine was then added to the GO dispersion and the mixture was stirred at 80 $^{\circ}$ C for 10 h. The resultant was filtrated and washed by DMF successively three times to remove the excess N-propylethane-1,2-diamine. N-propylethane-1,2-diamine-GO suspension was obtained after washing and dispersed in 200 mL of DMF by ultrasonication for another 30 min. 0.2 g of hydrazine hydrate was then added into the dispersion to reduce N-propylethane-1,2-diamine-GO at 90 $^{\circ}$ C for 24 h. Finally the mixture was filtrated and washed by DMF successively three times. The product was dispersed in DMF by ultrasonication with the concentration of 0.3 mg.mL⁻¹.

Characterization of the prepared FRGO



Figure S1. HRTEM image of FRGO



Figure S2. XPS analysis of FRGO



Figure S3. XRD pattern of FRGO

Preparation and characterization of the catalyst: Pd(II)-FRGO

The as-synthesized FRGO (2 mL, 0.3 mg/mL) and a DMF solution of $PdCl_2$ (0.125 ml 0.01 M) were mixed at room temperature to afford the Pd(II)-FRGO catalyst.



Figure S4. TEM images of the catalyst Pd(II)-FRGO complex



Figure S5. XPS result of the catalyst Pd(II)-FRGO complex



Figure S6. XPS result of the catalyst Pd(II)-FRGO complex before (a) or after (b) the reaction

XPS result of the catalyst before (a) and after (b) the reactions had been measured, and shown below, in which palladium remained in the divalent state through the reaction.

General procedure for the Suzuki reactions



A 10 ml tube was charged with boronic acid (0.55 mmol, 1.1 eq.), sodium carbonate (106 mg, 1 mmol, 2 eq.), the bromoaryl (0.5 mmol, 1 eq.) and the Pd(II)-FRGO catalyst (0.25 mol %). Ethanol (2 mL) and water (2 mL) were added, the stirred at room temperature. The reaction was detected by TLC, after the reaction finished, the mixture was filtered over a small column of silica gel, the column washed with DCM (10 mL). The product was extracted into the organic phase (2x10 mL DCM), the united organic phases were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. In some cases purification of the crude product by column chromatography was needed.

Recycling Experiment

The results described below were obtained when centrifugation was applied to separate the catalysts from the reaction mixture and after washing with water and DMF (Table S1). This well cyclic performance anastomosed to the EDX result, as the palladium amount on the surface of the catalyst did not decreased during the reaction, although it might be poisoned slowly.

Table S1	Recycling	Experiment	with Pd()	II)-FRGO
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Run	Yield (%)	
1	95	
2	91	
3	83	
4	68	

Spectroscopic data of the products of the Suzuki reactions



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 7.57-7.61 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.42 (m, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 125.27, 127.09, 127.23, 127.27, 127.84, 128.86, 129.96, 134.62, 139.77, 143.04.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 188(100) [M⁺], 190 (26).

3'-chloro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carbaldehyde $(10a)^2$



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 9.98 (s, 1H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 7.6Hz, 1H), 7.65 (td, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H),

7.43-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.25 (m, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

 $\delta \ 191.75, 144.22, 139.55, 134.44, 133.66, 133.57, 130.59, 129.80, 129.56, 128.31,$

128.27, 128.22, 127.80.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 216 (23) [M⁺], 215 (67) [(M-H)⁺], 181 (46), 152 (100).

4'-chloro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carbaldehyde $(10b)^3$



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 9.96 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dd, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dt, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.32 (m, 2H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 191.77, 144.40, 136.14, 134.37, 133.60, 133.55, 131.18, 130.59, 128.56, 128.05, 127.83.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 216 (16) [M⁺], 215 (76) [(M-H)⁺], 181 (36), 152 (100).

3'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carbaldehyde $(10c)^4$



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 10.0 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dd, J = 1.2 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dt, 1H), 7.44-7. 50 (m,2H), 7.37

(t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91-6.99 (m, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 192.32, 159.44, 145.73, 139.05, 133.65, 133.44, 130.53, 129.33, 127.74, 127.36,

122.62, 115.59, 113.53, 55.24.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 212 (89) [M⁺], 184 (100).

4'-methoxy-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-2-carbaldehyde $(10d)^5$



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 10.0 (s, 1H), 7.99 (dd, J = 1.2 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dt, 1H), 7.40-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.29

(m, 2H), 6.99 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

 δ 192.56, 159.61, 145.56, 133.65, 133.44, 131.21, 130.70, 129.91, 127.51, 127.28,

113.85, 55.29.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 212 (100) [M⁺], 169 (28), 141 (43).

4'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carbaldehyde (10e)



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 9.88 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

 $\delta \ 193.91, 156.37, 146.11, 133.95, 133.33, 131.43, 130.77, 129.51, 127.67, 127.33,$

115.51.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 198 (100) [M⁺], 197 (80) [(M-H)⁺].

3'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carbaldehyde (10f)⁶



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 9.98 (s, 1H), 8.03 (dd, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dt, 1H), 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.17 (m, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 191.83, 163.77, 161.30, 144.41, 144.39, 139.98, 139.90, 133.63, 133.62, 130.56,
129.96, 129.87, 128.22, 127.75, 125.98, 125.96, 116.99, 116.77, 115.16, 114.95.
MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): *m/z* (%) = 200 (22) [M⁺], 199 (100) [(M-H)⁺], 171 (22), 170 (37).

3-chloro-4'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl $(11a)^7$



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 7.6 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.5 (m, 2H), 7.4 (m, 1H), 7.3 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.2 (m, 1H), 7.0 (m, 2H), 3.9 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

 $\delta \ 159.53, 142.60, 134.55, 132.18, 129.90, 128.09, 126.74, 126.57, 124.77, 114.27,$

55.26.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): *m*/*z* (%) =218 (100) [M⁺], 203 (77) [(M-CH₃)⁺], 175 (75), 139 (32).

4-chloro-4'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (11b)⁸



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 7.52-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.36 (m,2H), 6.93 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 159.30, 139.18, 132.58, 132.36, 128.78, 128.93, 127.84, 114.24, 55.25.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) =218 (100) [M⁺], 203 (85) [(M-CH₃)⁺], 175 (71), 139 (21).

4,4'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (11c)⁹



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 7.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 3.85 (s, 6H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 158.66, 133.46, 127.71, 114.14, 55.32.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 214 (95) [M⁺], 199 (100) [(M-CH₃)⁺], 171 (26).

4'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ol (11d)¹⁰



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD):

δ 7.43 (td, 2H), 7.37 (td, 2H) , 6.92 (td, 2H), 6.82 (td, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD):

δ 160.03, 157.56, 135.00, 133.64, 128.57, 128.40, 116.53, 115.11, 55.69.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 200 (100) [M⁺], 185 (91) [(M-CH₃)⁺], 157 (26).

3-fluoro-4'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (11e)¹¹



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 7.39 (td, 2H), 7.11-7.27 (m, 3H), 6.84-6.90 (m, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 164.41, 161.98, 159.52, 143.09, 143.02, 132.37, 132.35, 130.14, 130.06, 128.08,

122.24, 122.21, 114.25, 113.55, 113.44, 113.33, 113.22, 55.26.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 202 (100) [M⁺], 187 (45) [(M-CH₃)⁺], 159 (62).

3'-chloro-3,4-difluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (12a)



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 7.18-7.52 (m, 7H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 151.82, 151.69, 151.53, 151.41, 149.35, 149.22, 149.05, 148.94, 141.55, 140.88,
136.88, 136.84, 136.82, 136.78, 134.85, 134.79, 130.15, 130.10, 127.85, 127.82,
127.20, 127.07, 125.22, 125.07, 123.08, 123.05, 123.02, 122.98, 117.77, 117.75,
117.59, 116.11, 115.93.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 224 (100) [M⁺], 188 (89).

4'-chloro-3,4-difluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (12b)



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 7.17-7.47 (m, 7H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 151.82, 151.69, 151.36, 151.24, 149.35, 149.22, 148.88, 148.76, 138.39, 137.57,

137.54, 137.10, 137.07, 137.05, 137.01, 133.99, 133.72, 129.09, 129.01, 128.16,

122.92, 122.89, 122.86, 122.83, 117.74, 117.56, 115.96, 115.78.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 224 (100) [M⁺], 188 (80).

3,4-difluoro-3'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (12c)



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 7.32-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.09 (td, 1H), 7.03(t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92(m,1H), 3.84(s,3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 160.01, 151.71, 151.59, 151.24, 151.10, 149.24, 149.12, 148.76, 148.64, 140.58, 138.21, 138.16, 138.15, 138.10, 129.94, 123.04, 123.00, 122.97, 122.94, 119.36,

117.49, 117.33, 116.08, 115.90, 113.04, 112.78, 55.24.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 220 (100) [M⁺], 190 (26), 177 (46).

3,4-difluoro-4'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (12d)¹²



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 7.40-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.93-9.96 (m, 2H), 3.82(s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

 $\delta \ 159.48, 151.73, 151.61, 150.75, 150.62, 149.27, 149.14, 148.29, 148.17, 138.00,$

137.96, 137.94, 137.90, 131.59, 127.95, 122.46, 122.43, 122.40, 122.37, 117.45,

117.26, 115.50, 115.32, 114.31, 55.26.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 220 (100) [M⁺], 187 (42) [(M-CH₃)⁺],177 (67).

3',4'-difluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ol (12e)



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

 δ 7.38-7.41 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.14-7.33 (m, 3H), 6.89-6.91(d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.10 (s,

1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 155.36, 151.72, 151.59, 150.79, 150.66, 149.26, 149.13, 148.33, 148.20, 137.90,
137.86, 137.83, 137.80, 131.95, 128.24, 122.48, 122.45, 122.42, 122.39, 117.47,
117.31, 117.29, 115.82, 115.53, 115.35.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 206 (100) [M⁺], 177 (8).

3,3',4-trifluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (12f)



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 7.34-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.4-7.09 (dt, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

 $\delta \ 164.38, \ 161.93, \ 151.83, \ 151.70, \ 151.53, \ 151.41, \ 149.36, \ 149.23, \ 149.06, \ 148.93, \ 149.94, \$

141.38, 141.36, 141.30, 137.04, 137.02, 137.00, 136.98, 136.96, 136.94, 130.51,

130.43, 123.08, 123.05, 123.02, 122.98, 122.73, 122.70, 122.59, 122.57, 117.77,

117.59, 116.15, 115.97, 114.75, 114.54, 114.03, 113.82.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 208 (3) [M⁺], 206 (15), 149 (100).

5-(3-chlorophenyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole (13a)¹³



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 7.48-7.49 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz,1 H), 7.24-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.00-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.87 (m, 1H), 5.99 (s, 2H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 148.20, 147.49, 142.69, 134.55, 134.03, 129.89, 126.95, 126.86, 124.95, 120.69, 108.61, 107.51, 101.24.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 232 (100) [M⁺], 231 (90) [(M-H)⁺], 139 (85).

5-(4-chlorophenyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole (13b)¹⁴



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 7.33-7.43 (m, 4H) ,6.98-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.87 (m, 1H), 5.98(s, 2H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 148.18, 147.28, 139.32, 134.25, 132.90, 128.81, 128.03, 120.49, 108.60, 107.42, 101.20.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 232 (100) [M⁺], 231 (41) [(M-H)⁺], 139 (77).

5-(3-methoxyphenyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole (13c)¹⁵



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 7.29-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.18 (m, 4H), 6.84-6.90 (m, 2H), 5.97 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

 δ 159.86, 148.02, 147.12, 142.40, 135.40, 129.67, 120.62, 119.36, 112.62, 112.26,

108.48, 107.66, 101.11, 55.21.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 228 (100) [M⁺], 227 (73) [(M-H)⁺].

 $5-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole (13d)^{16}$



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 7.45-7.47 (m, 2H), 6.96-7.06 (m, 4H), 6.87-6.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 158.81, 148.00, 146.52, 135.23, 133.49, 127.81, 120.00, 114.10, 108.46, 107.30, 100.99, 55.25.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 228 (100) [M⁺], 213 (66) [(M-CH₃)⁺].

4-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)phenol (13e)¹⁷



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 7.38-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.00-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.88 (m, 3H), 5.98 (s, 2H), 4.95(s, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 157.78, 148.02, 146.58, 135.23, 133.79, 128.11, 120.06, 115.58, 108.51, 107.36, 101.04.

MS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₉O₃ [M-H⁺] 213.06, found: 213.00.

5-(3-fluorophenyl)benzo-[1,3]dioxole(13f)



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

 δ 7.18-7.37 (m, 3H), 6.98-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.86-6.88 (m, 1H), 5.99 (s, 2H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 164.34, 161.90, 148.19, 147.47, 143.18, 143.10, 134.22, 134.20, 130.16, 130.08, 122.43, 122.40, 120.67, 113.79, 113.74, 113.57, 113.52, 108.59, 107.52, 101.23. MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 216 (100) [M⁺], 215 (64) [(M-H)⁺],157 (31).

4'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ol (14a)¹⁸



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD):

δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H),6.93(d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.82(d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.79(s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD):

δ 160.04, 157.58, 135.03, 133.65, 128.57, 128.40, 116.52, 116.11, 55.69.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 200 (99) [M⁺], 185 (100) [(M-CH₃)⁺], 157 (40).

4-(thiophen-3-yl)phenol (14b)¹⁹



¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD):

δ 7.46(d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (m, 3H), 6.81 (d, J= 7.8 Hz, 2H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD):

δ 157.75, 143.53, 129.00, 128.46, 126.97, 126.84, 119.21, 116.52.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 176 (100) [M⁺].

General procedure for the Heck reactions



To a 15mL glass vessel was added tetrabutylammonium acetate (TBAA, 30.1 mg, 20 mol%), an aryl halide (0.5 mmol), an alkene (1.0 mmol), triethylamine (151.2 mg, 1.5 mmol), and DMF (5 mL). To the mixture was added Pd-FRGO (2 mol% Pd) in

2ml DMF, and the resulting suspension was heated at 120 °C for 20 h(100 °C for 10 h when stilbenes as the alkene). After cooling to 25 °C, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (4 mL), washed with H₂O (2*10 mL) and brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography over silica gel eluting with hexane/EtOAc to afford the corresponding products.

Spectroscopic data of the products of the Heck reactions





¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1H), 7.3-7.5 (m, 5H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (tt, 2H), 1.43 (qt, 2H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 167.02, 144.48, 134.41, 130.13, 128.80, 127.98, 118.23, 64.35, 30.71, 19.14, 13.68. MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): *m/z* (%) = 204 (1) [M⁺], 148 (42) [(M-Bu+H)⁺], 147 (40) [(M-Bu)⁺], 131 (100) [(M-OBu)⁺], 103 (42).



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 10.31 (s, 1H), 8.52 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.90 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.64 (m, 3H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (t, *J*=6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (tt, 2H), 1.45 (qt, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 191.73, 166.28, 140.84, 136.69, 133.87, 133.82, 132.14, 129.84, 127.96, 123.27,

64.69, 30.70, 19.17, 13.72.

MS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C14H16O3Na [M+Na⁺] 255.11, found: 255.33.

n-Butyl-4-methoxy cinnamate $(20b)^{22}$



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.49 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.91 (m, 2H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.69 (tt, 2H), 1.44 (qt, 2H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 167.44, 161.30, 144.18, 129.67, 127.20, 115.76, 114.28, 64.25, 55.34, 30.79, 19.19, 13.74.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 234 (8) [M⁺], 178 (83) [(M-Bu+H)⁺], 161 (100) [(M-OBu)⁺], 133 (11).

*n-butyl 3-(3,4-difluorophenyl)acrylate (20c)*²³



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 7.14-7.37 (m, 3H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.69 (tt, 2H), 1.43 (qt, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 166.53, 152.72, 152.60, 151.86, 151.73, 150.21, 150.08, 149.38, 149.25, 142.13, 142.11, 142.08, 131.73, 131.67, 124.76, 124.72, 124.70, 124.66, 119.42, 119.40, 117.84, 117.67, 116.33, 116.32, 116.16, 116.14, 64.59, 30.69, 19.14, 13.67. MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): *m/z* (%) = 240 (1) [M⁺], 184 (73) [(M-Bu+H)⁺],167 (100)

 $[(M-OBu)^+]$, 139 (24).

*n-butyl 3-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)acrylate (20d)*²⁴



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H) ,6.99-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H),6.26 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H),4.19 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (tt, 2H), 1.43 (qt, 2H,), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 167.24, 149.29, 148.28, 144.19, 128.87, 124.32, 116.19, 108.48, 106.44, 101.49, 64.28, 30.75, 19.16, 13.71.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 248 (21) [M⁺], 192 (100) [(M-Bu+H)⁺], 175 (66) [(M-OBu)⁺],145 (34).

ethyl 4-(3-butoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (20f)²⁵



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (t, *J*= 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (tt, 2H), 1.30-1.57 (m, 5H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 166.42, 165.75, 142.99, 138.44, 131.53, 129.89, 127.69, 120.46, 64.44, 61.00, 30.60, 19.04, 14.14, 13.58.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 276 (2) [M⁺], 220 (53) [(M-Bu+H)⁺], 203 (30) [(M-OBu)⁺], 192 (68) [(M-Bu+H-Et+H)⁺], 175 (100) [(M-OBu-Et+H)⁺], 131 (52).

butyl 3-(2-nitrophenyl)acrylate(20g)²⁶



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 8.03–8.05 (m, 1H), 7.66–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.58 (m, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (t, *J* = 6.8Hz, 2H), 1.66–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.40–1.49 (m,

2H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.6Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 165.76, 148.19, 139.71, 133.44, 130.49, 130.18, 129.02, 124.78, 123.22, 64.71, 30.56, 19.06,13.62.

MS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C13H15NO4Na [M+Na⁺] 272.10, found: 272.50.

1,2-diphenylethene (21d)²⁷



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.10 (s, 2H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 137.30, 128.66, 127.60, 126.49.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 180 (84) [M⁺], 179 (100) [(M-H)⁺], 179 (84)

 $[(M-2H)^+]$, 165 (58) $[(M-CH_3)^+]$.

2-styrylbenzaldehyde (21a)²⁸



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 10.32 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.6Hz,

1H), 7.55-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.45 (m, 4H), 7 .04 (d, *J* = 16.4Hz, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 192.62, 139.88, 136.83, 133.93, 133.67, 132.87, 132.29, 128.72, 128.26, 127.56, 127.11, 126.92, 124.71.

MS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₄O [M+H⁺] 209.10, found: 209.50, C₁₅H₁₃ONa [M+Na⁺] 231.10, found: 231.50.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 208 (100) [M⁺], 178 (65).

1-methoxy-4-styrylbenzene (21b)²⁷



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 7.44-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (m,1H), 7.02 (*dd*, J=20.4 Hz, 22 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):

δ 159.29, 137.63, 130.13, 128.62, 128.19, 127.70, 127.20, 126.60, 126.23, 114.11, 55.31.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 210 (100) [M⁺], 195 (12) [(M-CH₃)⁺], 167 (18), 165 (29), 152 (16).

1,2-difluoro-4-styrylbenzene (21c)²⁹



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 7.47-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.11-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.00 (s, 2H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 151.82, 151.69, 151.03, 150.90, 149.36, 149.23, 148.56, 148.43, 136.62, 134.64, 134.60, 134.58, 134.54, 129.73, 129.70, 128.72, 127.99, 126.54, 126.45, 126.43, 126.41, 122.73, 122.70, 122.67, 122.64, 117.43, 117.25, 114.65, 114.48.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 216 (100) [M⁺], 215 (42) [(M-H)⁺], 214 (19) [(M-2H)⁺], 201 (21) [(M-CH₃)⁺].

ethyl 4-styrylbenzoate $(21e)^{30}$



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.58–7.52 (m, 4H), 7.41–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.22 (m, 2H), 4.38 (q, *J* = 7.2Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.6Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 166.36, 141.65, 136.72, 131.07, 129.94, 129.21, 128.73,128.17, 127.56, 126.74, 126.23, 60.87, 14.32.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 252 (71) [M⁺], 207 (67) [(M-OEt)⁺], 179 (70), 178 (100).

1-nitro-2-styrylbenzene (21f)³¹



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 7.98 (dd, *J* = 1.2 Hz,8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.1Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.65(m, 4H), 7.31–

7.45 (m , 4H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 147.92, 136.36, 133.72, 132.99, 132.86, 128.70, 128.50, 128.03, 127.85, 126.98

124.64, 123.35.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 225 (1) [M⁺], 193 (100).

General procedure for the C-H activation reactions

To a 15mL glass vessel was added a 2-ethylthiophene (1 mmol), aryl bromides (0.5 mmol), cesium acetate (192 mg, 1 mmol), and DMF (5 mL). To the mixture was added Pd(II)-FRGO (2mol % Pd) in 2ml DMF. The mixture was heated at 140 $^{\circ}$ C for 20 h. After cooling to 25 $^{\circ}$ C, the mixture was diluted with Et₂O (10 mL). The reaction mixture was washed with H₂O (2*10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography over silica gel eluting with hexane to afford the corresponding products.

Spectroscopic data of the products of the C-H activation reactions

2-ethyl-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)thiophene (23a)³²



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.84(q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 158.83, 146.20, 141.50, 127.71, 126.78, 124.15, 121.62, 114.19, 55.33, 23.54, 15.92.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 218 (32) [M⁺], 203 (100) [(M-CH₃)⁺].

2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-5-ethylthiophene (23b)



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 7.31-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 3.6Hz, 1H), 6.74-6.76 (m, 1H), 2.85 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 151.75, 150.75, 149.28, 148.28, 148.15, 148.03, 139.20, 132.03, 131.96, 124.47, 123.39, 123.37, 122.66, 121.45, 121.41, 121.39, 121.35, 117.65, 117.49, 117.48, 114.41, 114.22, 23.54, 15.85.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 224 (15) [M⁺], 209 (100) [(M-CH₃)⁺].

ethyl 4-(5-ethylthiophen-2-yl)benzoate (23c)³²



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (m, 1H), 4.37 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 166.29, 148.88, 140.21, 138.85, 130.13, 128.55, 124.88, 124.68, 124.18, 60.85, 23.64, 15.80, 14.31.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 260 (39) [M⁺], 245 (100) [(M-CH₃)⁺], 217 (35).

2-ethyl-5-(2-nitrophenyl)thiophenes (23d)



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 7.66-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.42 (m, 1H), 6.90(d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H),

6.74-6.76 (m, 1H), 2.86 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H),1.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 149.68, 149.22, 134.12, 131.87, 131.69, 128.54, 128.03, 126.84, 124.17, 123.66, 23.37, 15.65.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): *m/z* (%)=233 (12) [M⁺],186 (52),171 (100),115 (79).

General procedure for the terminal alkyne C-H activation and Glaser reactions

A 10 ml tube was charged with alkyne (1 mmol, 1eq.), triethylamine (302 mg, 3 mmol), cuprous iodide (20 mg) and the Pd(II)-FRGO catalyst (0.5 mol %) and DMF (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature. The reaction was detected by TLC, after the reaction finished, the mixture was filtered over a small column of silica gel, the column washed with DCM (10 mL). The product was extracted into the organic phase (2x10 mL DCM), the united organic phases were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The purification of the crude product was manipulated by column chromatography.

Spectroscopic data of the products of the Glaser reactions

1,4-diphenylbuta-1,3-diyne(25)³³

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃):
δ 7.44-7.47 (m,4H), 7.24-7.32 (m,6H).
¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):
δ 132.48, 129.19, 128.42, 121.78, 81.53, 73.89.
MS (GC/MS-EI, 70eV): m/z (%) = 202(100)[M⁺].

hexadeca-7,9-diyne $(27)^{34}$



¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 2.25 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 4H),1.52 (m, 4H),1.24-1.43 (m, 12H), 0.89 (t, J = 6.9 Hz,6H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 77.51, 65.22, 31.28, 28.51, 28.31, 22.50, 19.19, 14.01.

MS (GC/MS-EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 218 (2) [M⁺], 203 (3) [(M-CH₃)⁺], 119 (16), 105 (36), 91 (100), 79 (36).

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NMR spectra of compound 9







NMR spectra of compound 10a







NMR spectra of compound 10b







NMR spectra of compound 10c







NMR spectra of compound 10d






NMR spectra of compound 10e







NMR spectra of compound 10f







NMR spectra of compound 11a







NMR spectra of compound 11b







NMR spectra of compound 11c







NMR spectra of compound 11d







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NMR spectra of compound 12b







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NMR spectra of compound 20f







NMR spectra of compound 20g







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NMR spectra of compound 21b







NMR spectra of compound 21c







NMR spectra of compound 21d







NMR spectra of compound 21e







NMR spectra of compound 21f







NMR spectra of compound 23a







NMR spectra of compound 23b






NMR spectra of compound 23c







NMR spectra of compound 23d





NMR spectra of compound 25









NMR spectra of compound 27

