

## *Electronic Supplementary Information*

### **Non-covalent immobilisation of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid in a porous molecular crystal for size-specific acid-catalysed reactions**

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## Abbreviations

XRD: X-ray diffraction, MMF: metal–macrocycle framework, Bn: benzyl, Trt: trityl, NMR: nuclear magnetic resonance, DMSO: dimethyl sulfoxide, ESI-TOF: electrospray ionization-time-of-flight, IR: infrared, ATR: attenuated total reflection, CCDC: Cambridge crystallographic data centre, THF: tetrahydrofuran, HRMS: high-resolution mass spectrometry, HSQC: heteronuclear single quantum coherence, HMBC: heteronuclear multiple bond correlation, GOF: goodness of fit, IUCR: international union of crystallography, ORTEP: Oak Ridge thermal ellipsoid plot.

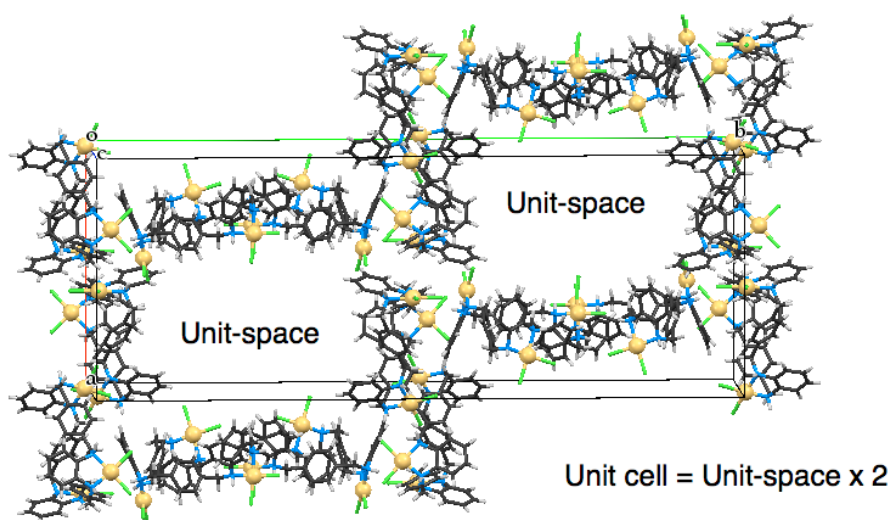
## Materials and methods

MMF crystals were prepared according to our procedure previously reported.<sup>1</sup> BnOTrt (**2**) was synthesized and the analytical data of **2** were referred to a literature.<sup>2</sup> The precursor of compound **5**, 5-(4-carboxymethylphenyl)-10,15,20-triphenylporphyrin, was purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry CO., LTD. *p*-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (**1**·H<sub>2</sub>O) was purchased from Wako Pure Chemicals CO., LTD. and used without further purification. 4-Chlorobenzenesulfonic acid hydrate and *p*-toluenesulfonamide were purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry CO., LTD. and used without further purification. Other chemicals were commercially available and used without further purification. Column chromatography was performed using Merck Silica Gel 60 (230–400 mesh).

NMR spectroscopic measurements were performed using a Bruker AVANCE 500 spectrometer. NMR spectra are calibrated as below; CDCl<sub>3</sub>: Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> = 0 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H, CDCl<sub>3</sub> = 77.16 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C. DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>: (CD<sub>2</sub>H)CD<sub>3</sub>SO = 2.50 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H. ESI-TOF mass spectra were recorded on Micromass LCT and Waters LCT Premier XE spectrometers. Melting points were measured using a Yanaco MP-500D apparatus. IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-4200 spectrometer using a ZnSe ATR method. Water contents were estimated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analyses, and we also confirmed that this result was comparable to a result measured using a Mitsubishi CA-21 Karl Fischer apparatus. Single-crystal X-ray crystallographic analysis was performed using a Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID imaging plate diffractometer with MoK $\alpha$  radiation, and the obtained data were analyzed using a CrystalStructure crystallographic software package except for refinement, which was performed using a SHELXL-2013 program suite.<sup>3</sup> Solvent and guest molecules that are unbound to the molecular binding pockets are highly disordered in all crystal structures. Therefore the contribution of electron density of their highly-disordered molecules was removed by the SQUEEZE function<sup>4</sup> except for the crystal structure of *p*-TsOH@MMF. Several restraints (bond distances, angles and thermal parameters) were applied to [Pd<sub>3</sub>LCl<sub>6</sub>] and guest molecules in all crystal structures. Complexes [Pd<sub>3</sub>LCl<sub>6</sub>] were refined anisotropically except for disordered parts. Solvent and guest molecules were refined isotropically. Hydrogen atoms were placed at the calculated positions and refined using a riding model. On the other hand, hydrogen atoms of water molecules could not be located in the difference electron density maps. High thermal factors of the guest and solvent

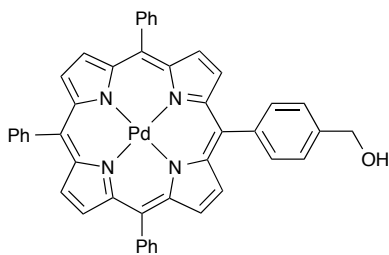
molecules may be due to large thermal vibration arising from weak non-covalent interactions between the trapped molecules and the interior surface. All the crystal structures reported in this paper are not of high quality, and have many Alert B and Cs mainly about thermal parameters using the CheckCIF program. However, there are no serious problems because we do not discuss molecular structures of guests and solvents in detail in terms of their bond distances and angles. The occupancies of guest molecules were refined based on electron densities using free variables in the SHELXL-2013 program, and the resulting moderate occupancies indicate that guest molecules are not entirely bound in each pocket and some pockets should be empty. X-ray structures were displayed using a Mercury program. The electron density maps were displayed using ShelXle.<sup>5</sup> The X-ray crystallographic coordinates for structures reported in this paper have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre under deposition numbers CCDC 1468503 (MMF including *p*-toluenesulfonamide), 1468109 (MMF including 4-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid) and 1468110 (*p*-TsOH@MMF).

In this research, we defined “unit-space” as a half of the unit cell of each crystal structure as below. The unit-space therefore corresponds to one unit of a nano-channel in MMF.



## Syntheses and identification of new compounds

### Synthesis of [5-(4-hydroxymethylphenyl)-10,15,20-triphenylporphyrinato]palladium(II) (**5**)



To a stirred suspension of  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  (18.8 mg, 0.495 mmol, 3.60 eq.) in dry THF (5 mL) was added dropwise a solution of 5-(4-carboxymethylphenyl)-10,15,20-triphenylporphyrin (92.6 mg, 0.138 mmol) in dry THF (14 mL) at room temperature under an  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere. After stirring for 15 min at room temperature, water (100 mL) was carefully added to the reaction mixture. The separated aqueous layer was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  twice. The combined organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated. The residue was used for the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of the residue in dry  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (10 mL) was added  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (61.1 mg, 0.272 mmol, 1.97 eq.) at room temperature under an  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere. After stirring for 68 h at reflux temperature, water (40 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. The separated aqueous layer was extracted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$  twice. The combined organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated to give a crude product (139 mg) as a red solid. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ : 18 g,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) to afford product **5** as a red solid (60.1 mg, 58.6% (2 steps), 80.2  $\mu\text{mol}$ ).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 K):  $\delta$  = 8.81-8.79 (m, 8H), 8.17-8.14 (m, 8H), 7.77-7.70 (m, 11H), 5.04 (d,  $J$  = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.95 (t,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 1H).

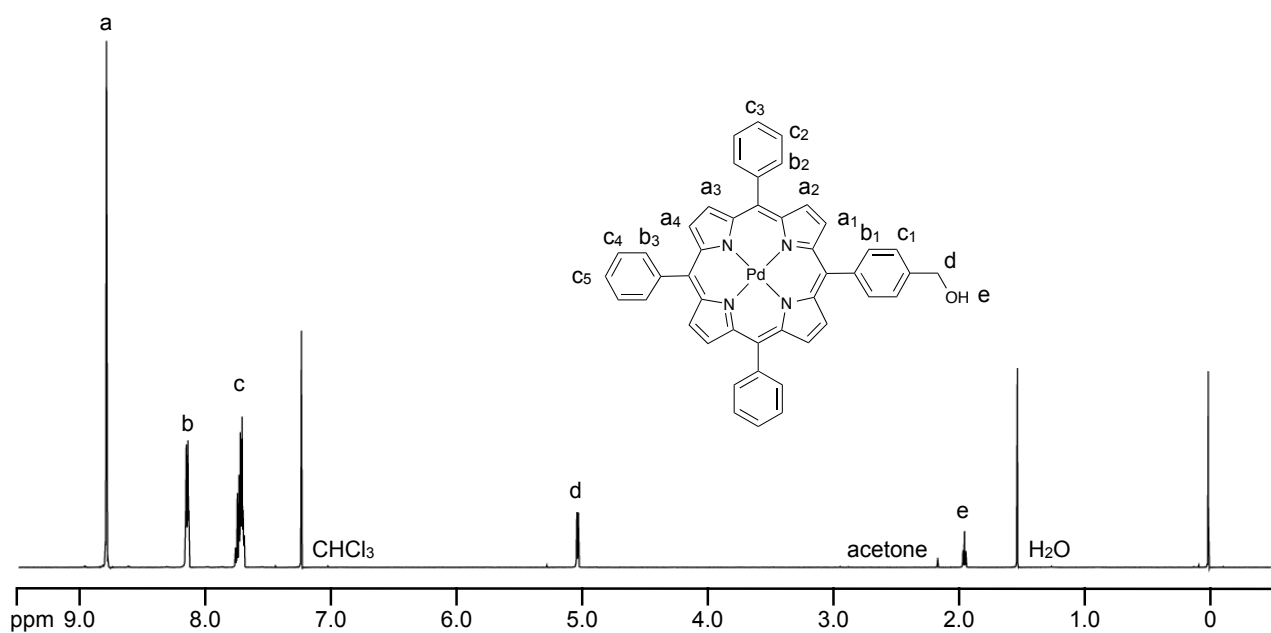
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 K):  $\delta$  = 141.92, 141.75, 141.73, 141.70, 141.32, 140.45, 134.44, 134.25, 131.18, 131.06, 127.92, 126.87, 125.49, 121.95, 121.92, 121.52, 65.56.

\* 7 peaks are overlapped in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR.

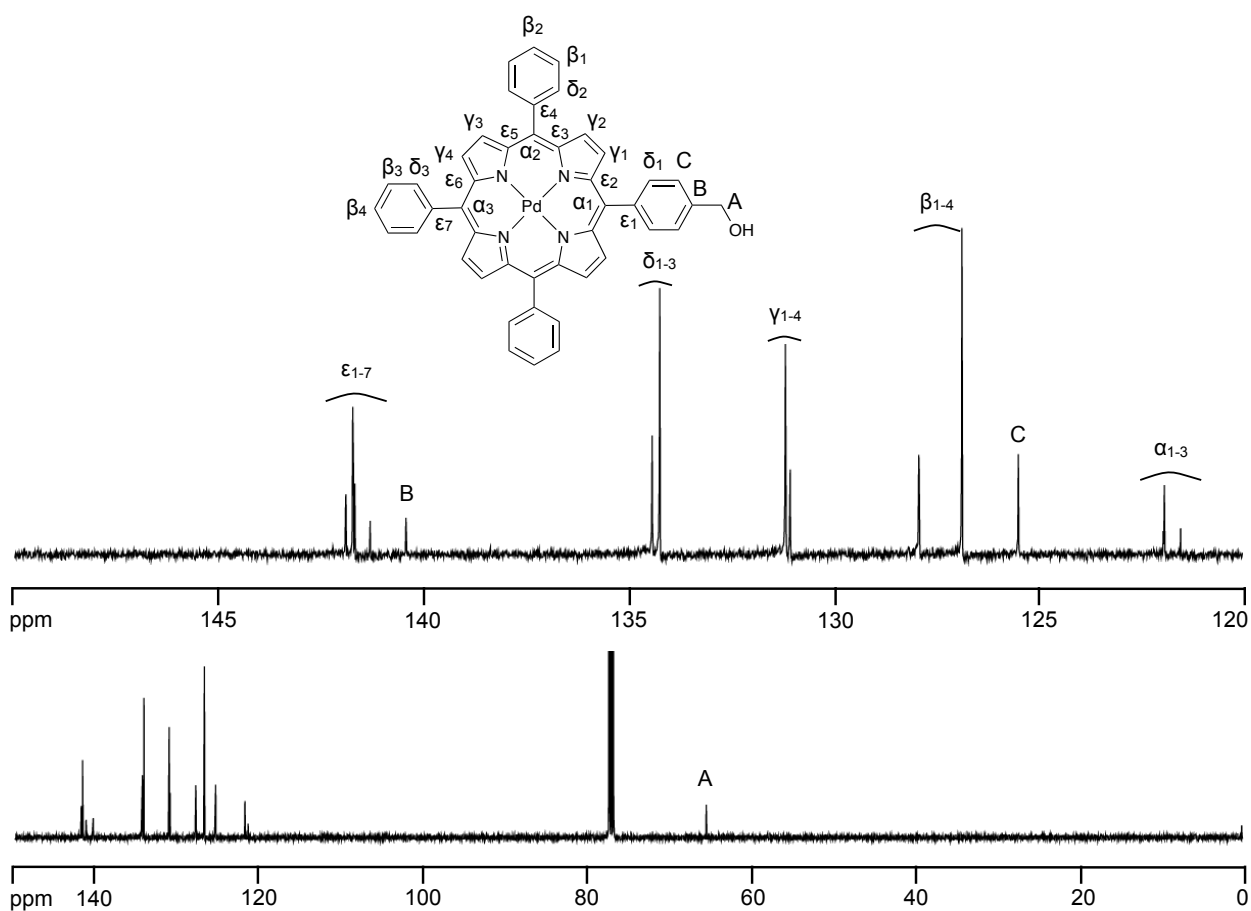
IR (ATR):  $\nu$  = 3050.8, 2918.7, 2852.2, 1597.7, 1540.9, 1440.6, 1352.8, 1236.2, 1086.7, 1013.4.

HRMS (EST-TOF):  $m/z$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_4\text{OPd}]^{++}$  748.1471; found: 748.1489.

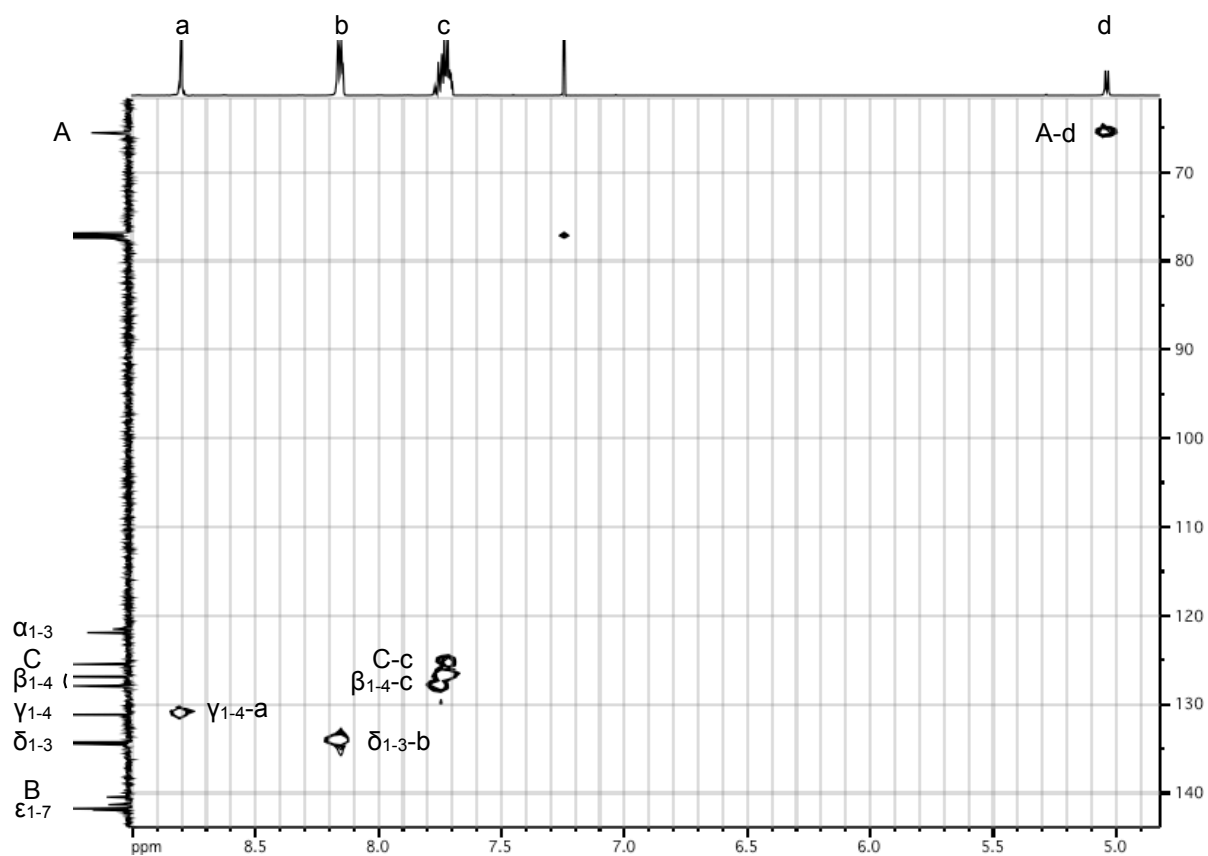
Mp.: > 300  $^\circ\text{C}$ .



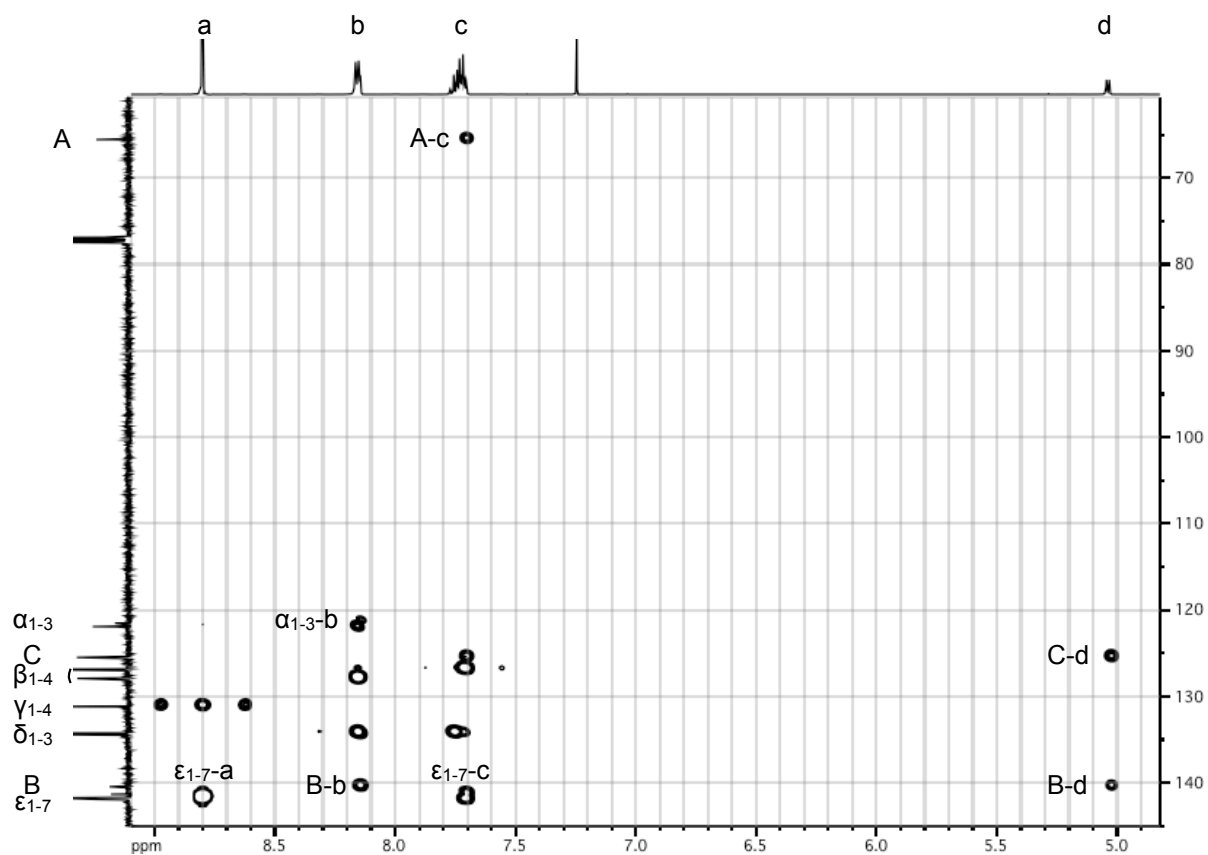
**Fig. S1**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **5** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 K).



**Fig. S2**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of **5** (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 K).

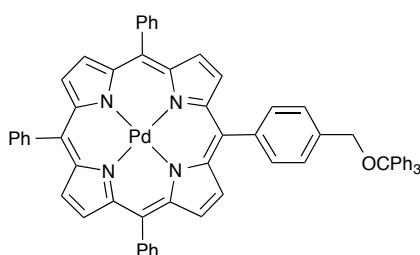


**Fig. S3** HSQC NMR spectrum of **5** (all region) ( $^1\text{H}$ : 500 MHz,  $^{13}\text{C}$ : 126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 K).



**Fig. S4** HMBC NMR spectrum of **5** (all region) ( $^1\text{H}$ : 500 MHz,  $^{13}\text{C}$ : 126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 K).

**Synthesis of [5-(4-triphenylmethoxymethylphenyl)-10,15,20-triphenylporphyrinato]palladium(II) (4)**



To a stirred solution of [5-(4-hydroxymethylphenyl)-10,15,20-triphenylporphyrinato]palladium(II) (**5**) (60.1 mg, 80.2  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (6.0 mL) were added trityl chloride (23.4 mg, 83.9  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 1.05 eq.) and triethylamine (35  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.25 mmol, 3.1 eq.) at room temperature under an  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere. After stirring for 20 h at reflux temperature, trityl chloride (20.0 mg, 71.7  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 0.895 eq.) and triethylamine (35  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.25 mmol, 3.1 eq.) were again added to the mixture at room temperature. After stirring for another 8 h at reflux temperature, saturated aqueous ammonium chloride was added to the reaction mixture. The separated aqueous layer was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  twice. The combined organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated to give a crude product (124 mg) as a red-purple solid. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ : 20 g,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) and reprecipitation ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ - $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ) to afford product **4** as a red-purple solid (32.7 mg, 41.1%, 33.0  $\mu\text{mol}$ ).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 K):  $\delta$  = 8.84 (d,  $J$  = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 8.81 (d,  $J$  = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 8.80 (s, 4H), 8.17 (dt,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 6H), 8.12 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.76-7.71 (m, 11H), 7.68 (dt,  $J$  = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 6H), 7.41 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 6H), 7.32 (tt,  $J$  = 7.3, 1.4 Hz, 3H), 4.56 (s, 2H).

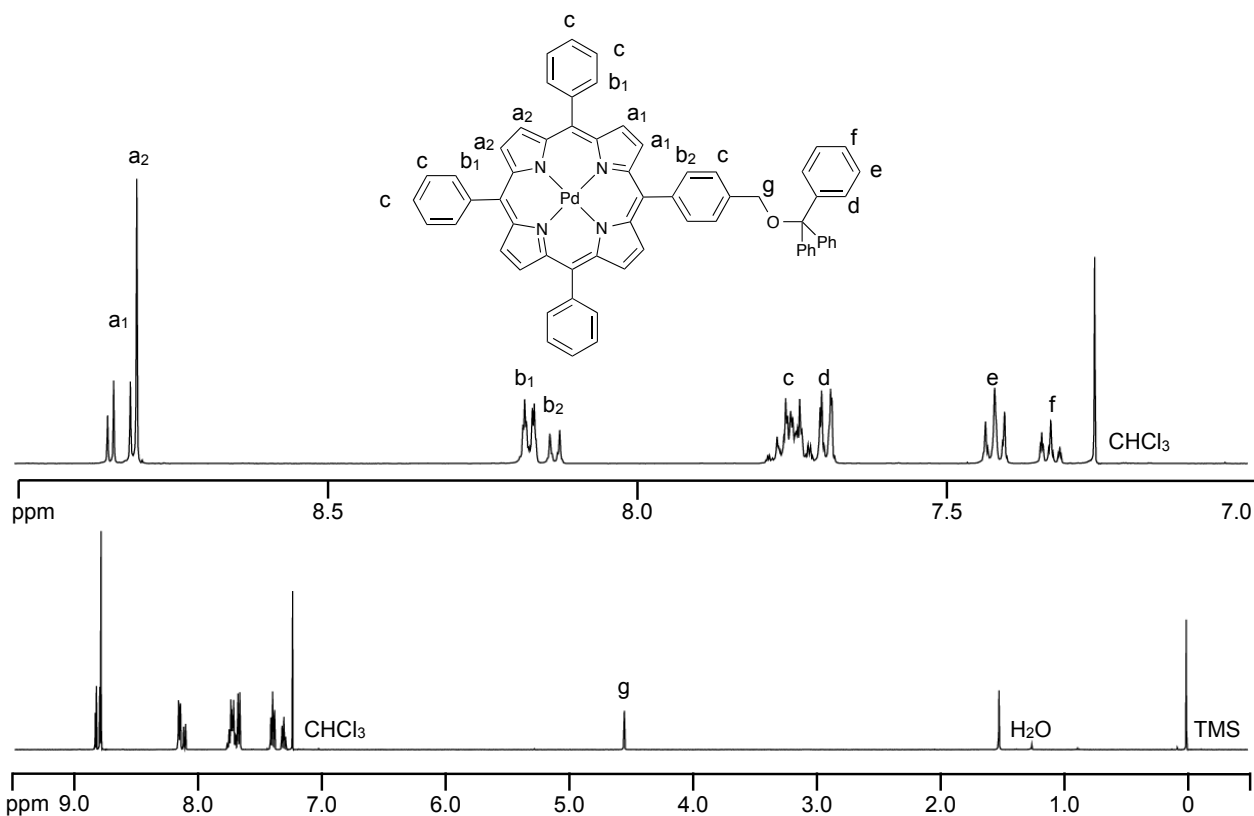
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 K):  $\delta$  = 144.36, 141.96, 141.82, 141.74, 141.72, 140.63, 138.88, 134.27, 134.18, 131.25, 131.13, 131.12, 129.03, 128.15, 127.90, 127.32, 126.86, 125.35, 121.88, 121.86, 87.47, 65.99.

\* 7 peaks are overlapped in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR.

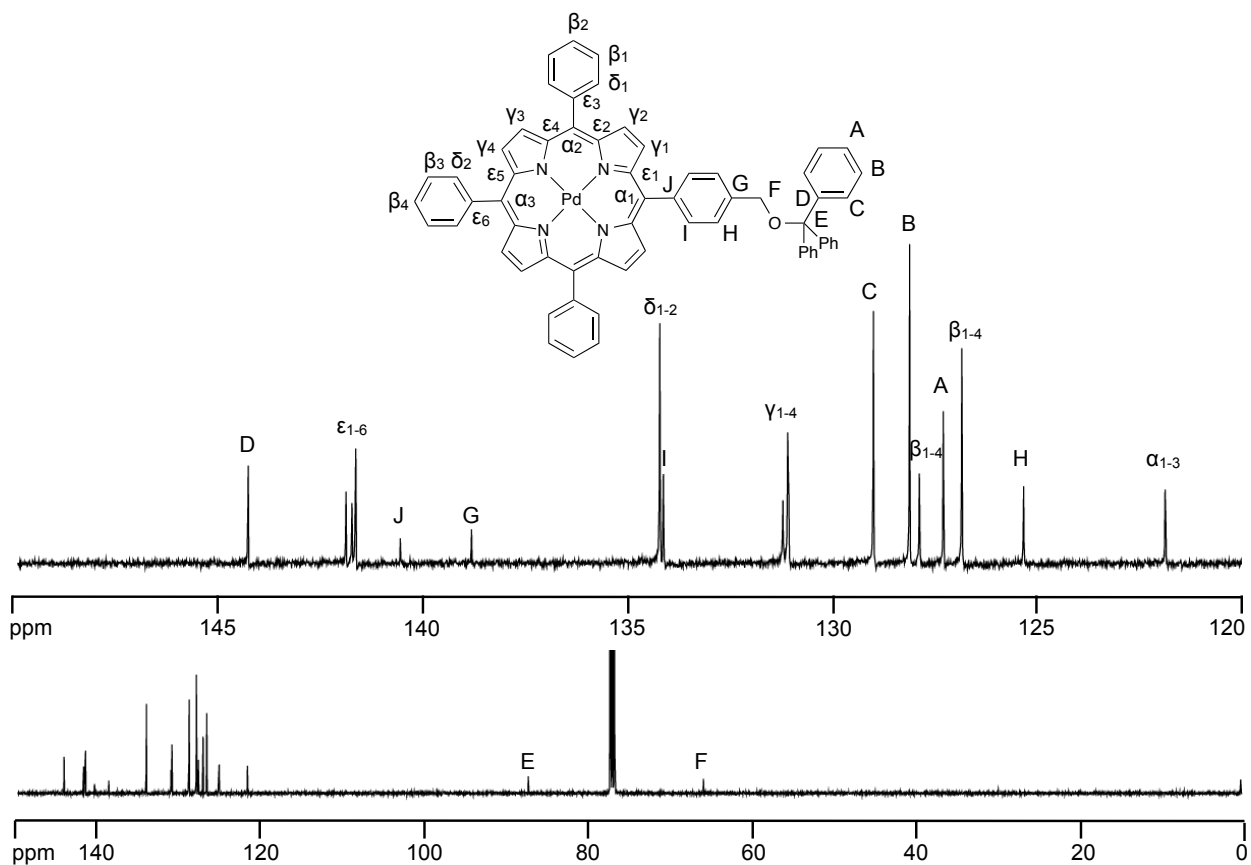
IR (ATR):  $\nu$  = 3054.7, 3024.8, 2922.6, 2851.2, 1953.5, 1809.9, 1597.7, 1490.7, 1447.3, 1352.8, 1311.4, 1074.2, 1013.4.

HRMS (ESI-TOF):  $m/z$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{64}\text{H}_{44}\text{N}_4\text{OPd}]^{++}$  990.2571; found: 990.2612.

Mp.: 250  $^\circ\text{C}$  (decomp.).

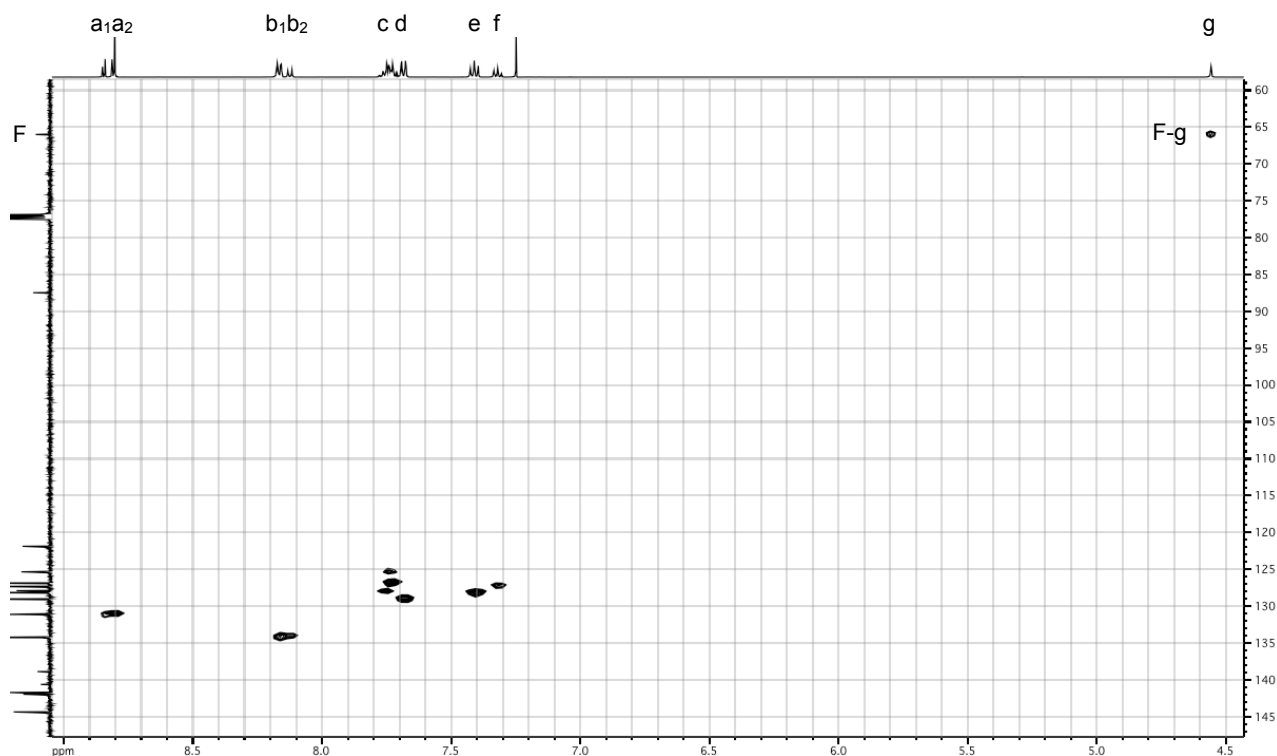


**Fig. S5**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **4** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 K).

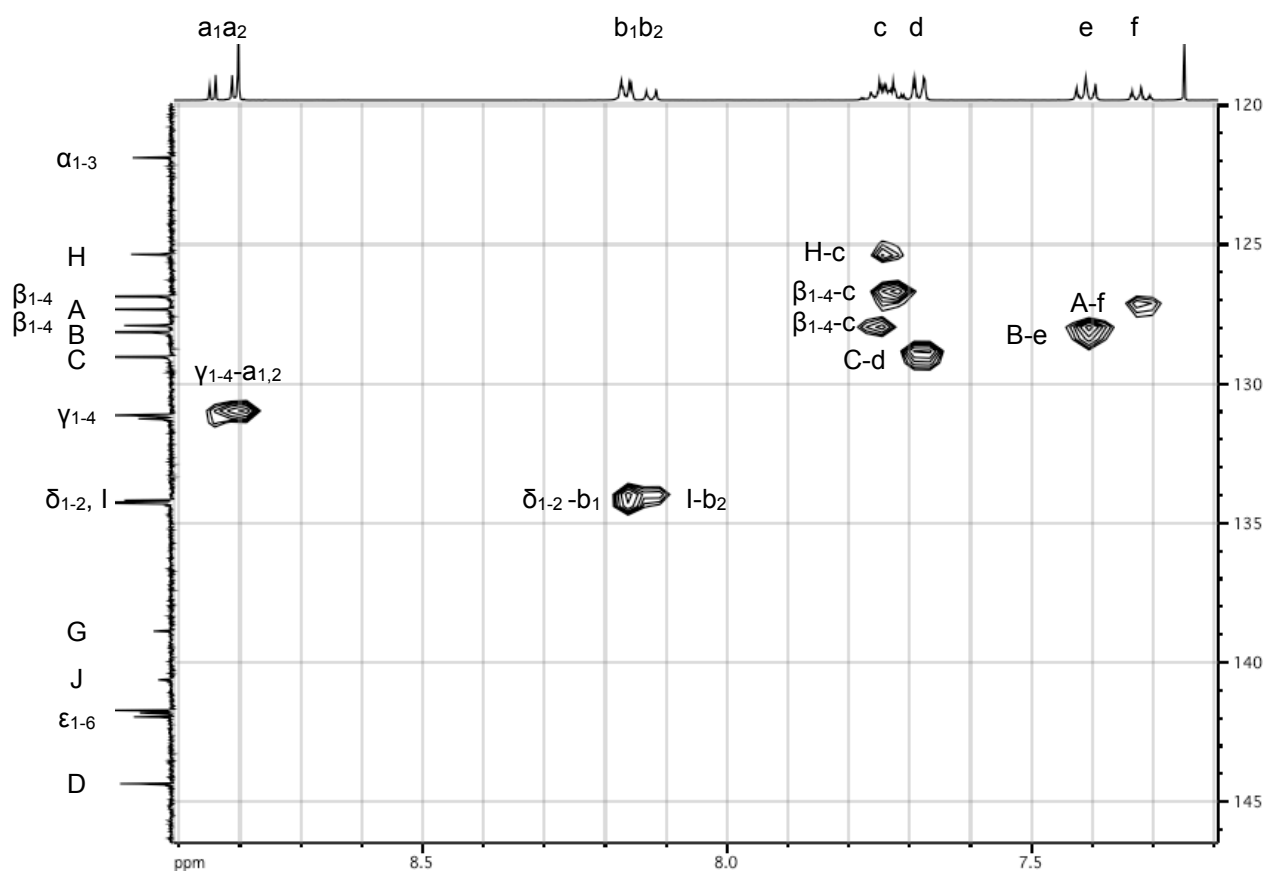


**Fig. S6**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of **4** (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 K).





**Fig. S7** HSQC NMR spectrum of **4** (all region) ( $^1\text{H}$ : 500 MHz,  $^{13}\text{C}$ : 126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 K).



**Fig. S8** HSQC NMR spectrum of **4** (aromatic region) ( $^1\text{H}$ : 500 MHz,  $^{13}\text{C}$ : 126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 K).

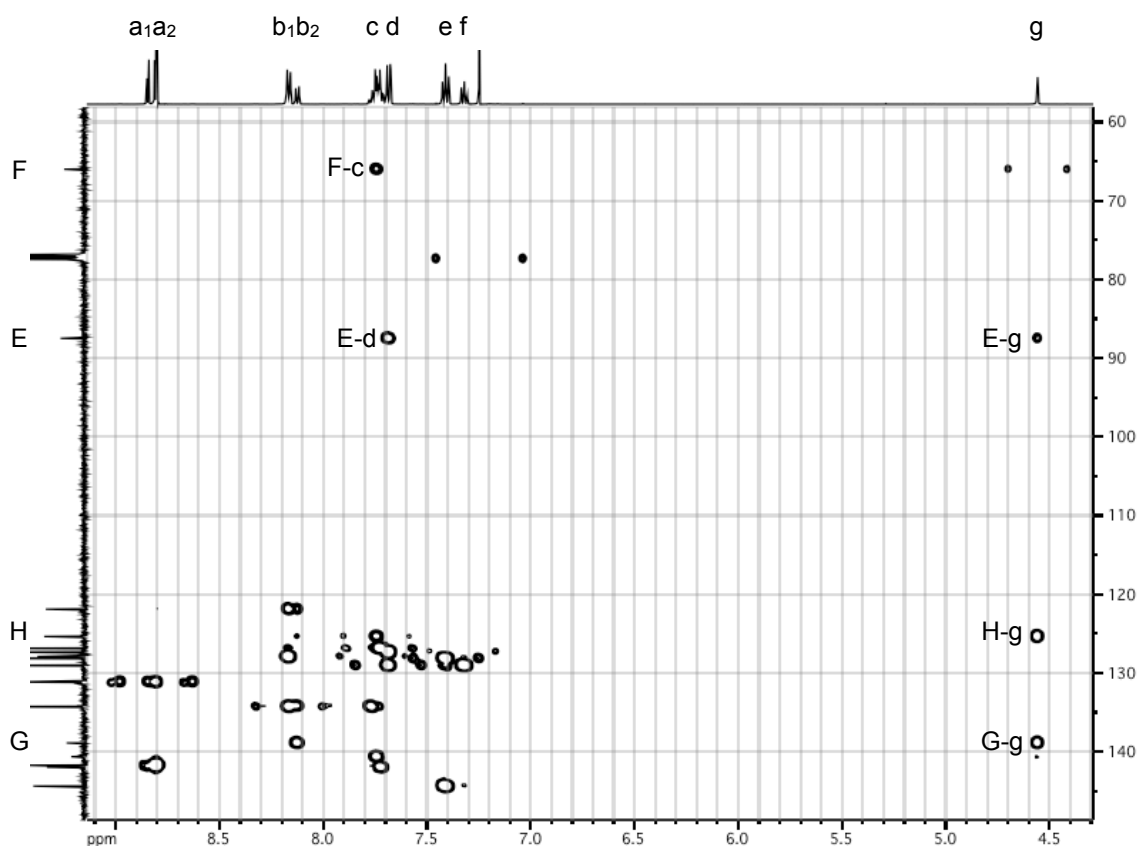


Fig. S9 HMBC NMR spectrum of **4** (all region) ( $^1\text{H}$ : 500 MHz,  $^{13}\text{C}$ : 126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 K).

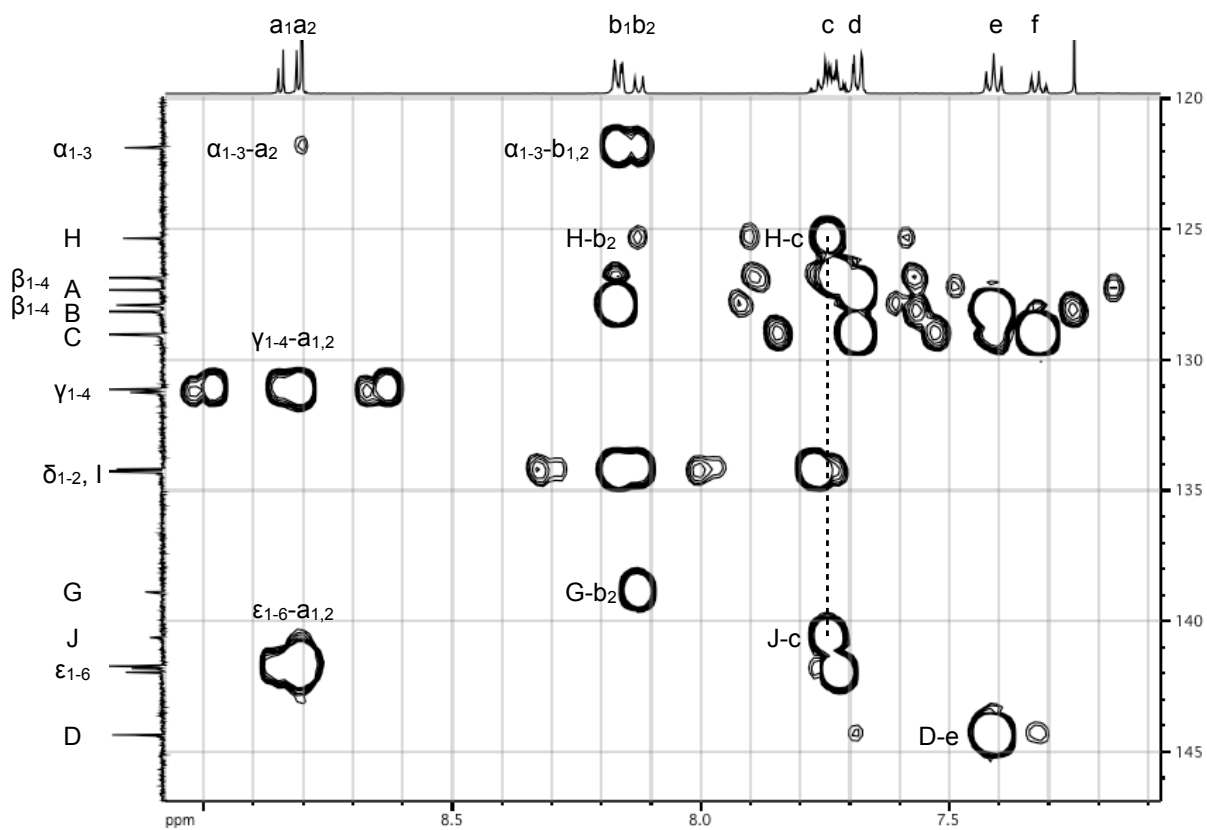


Fig. S10 HMBC NMR spectrum of **4** (aromatic region) ( $^1\text{H}$ : 500 MHz,  $^{13}\text{C}$ : 126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 K).

## Single-crystal XRD analyses of MMF including sulfonic acids

### MMF including *p*-toluenesulfonamide

[Soaking of MMF crystals in a guest solution]

MMF crystals were soaked in a CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution of *p*-toluenesulfonamide (0.50 M) at 20 °C for 10 d. A crystal was then picked up and mixed with fluorolube<sup>®</sup>, then rapidly cooled to -177 °C under cold N<sub>2</sub> flow on a goniometer to subject to a single-crystal X-ray diffraction measurement. The inclusion of *p*-toluenesulfonamide in MMF crystals was also confirmed by IR analysis of the crystals (Fig. S15) and <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of a DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> solution dissolving the crystals (Fig. S14).

Crystal data for (Pd<sub>3</sub>LCl<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·(*p*-toluenesulfonamide)<sub>0.41</sub>·(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3.88</sub>·(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>: C<sub>94.65</sub>H<sub>105.36</sub>Cl<sub>12</sub>N<sub>16.29</sub>O<sub>3.82</sub>Pd<sub>6</sub>S<sub>0.41</sub>,  $F_w = 2609.30$ , crystal dimensions 0.46 × 0.43 × 0.09 mm<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic, space group *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*c*,  $a = 19.5493(9)$ ,  $b = 51.784(3)$ ,  $c = 14.2759(7)$  Å,  $\beta = 90.7569(14)^\circ$ ,  $V = 14450.8(12)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.199$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 9.998$  cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $T = 96$  K,  $\lambda$  (MoK $\alpha$ ) = 0.71075 Å,  $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 55.0^\circ$ , 119637/32140 reflections collected/unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.1299$ ),  $R_1 = 0.1170$  ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ),  $wR_2 = 0.3675$  (for all data), GOF = 1.082, largest diff. peak and hole 1.32/-1.31 eÅ<sup>-3</sup>. CCDC deposit number 1468503. Several restraints were applied to [Pd<sub>3</sub>LCl<sub>6</sub>] and CH<sub>3</sub>CN and guest molecules as described below to avoid collapse of the structures during least-square refinement. The contribution of the electron density (708 electrons/unit cell) caused by severely disordered molecules in the void (4254 Å<sup>3</sup>/unit cell) was removed by the SQUEESE function.

See below for the details of applied restraints.

#### Geometrical restraints

DFIX ( $d = 1.3900$ ,  $s = 0.0500$ ) C57 C58 C58 C59 C59 C60 C60 C61 C61 C62 C62 C57

DFIX ( $d = 2.4080$ ,  $s = 0.0500$ ) C57 C59 C58 C60 C59 C61 C60 C62 C61 C57 C62 C58

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DFIX ( $d = 1.3900$ ,  $s = 0.0200$ ) C85 C86 C86 C87 C87 C88 C88 C89 C89 C90 C90 C85

DFIX ( $d = 2.4080$ ,  $s = 0.0200$ ) C85 C87 C86 C88 C87 C89 C88 C90 C89 C85 C90 C86

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DFIX ( $d = 1.5000$ ,  $s = 0.0200$ ) C7S C7T

DFIX ( $d = 2.6000$ ,  $s = 0.0200$ ) N7S C7T

DFIX ( $d = 1.8000$ ,  $s = 0.0500$ ) S1 O1 S1 O2 S1 N13

SADI ( $s = 0.0200$ ) N7 C43 N8 C48 N9 C57 N10 C62 N11 C71 N12 C76

SADI ( $s = 0.0200$ ) N7 C84 N8 C49 N9 C56 N10 C63 N11 C70 N12 C77

SADI ( $s = 0.0200$ ) C49 C50 C53 C56 C63 C64 C67 C70 C77 C78 C81 C84

SADI ( $s = 0.0200$ ) C86 S1 C90 S1

SADI ( $s = 0.0200$ ) C87 C91 C89 C91

SADI ( $s = 0.0200$ ) S1 O1 S1 O2 S1 N13

SADI ( $s = 0.0200$ ) N13 O1 N13 O2 O1 O2

SADI ( $s = 0.0200$ ) C85 O1 C85 O2 C85 N13

FLAT ( $s = 0.1000$ ) C57 C59 C61 C58 C60 C62

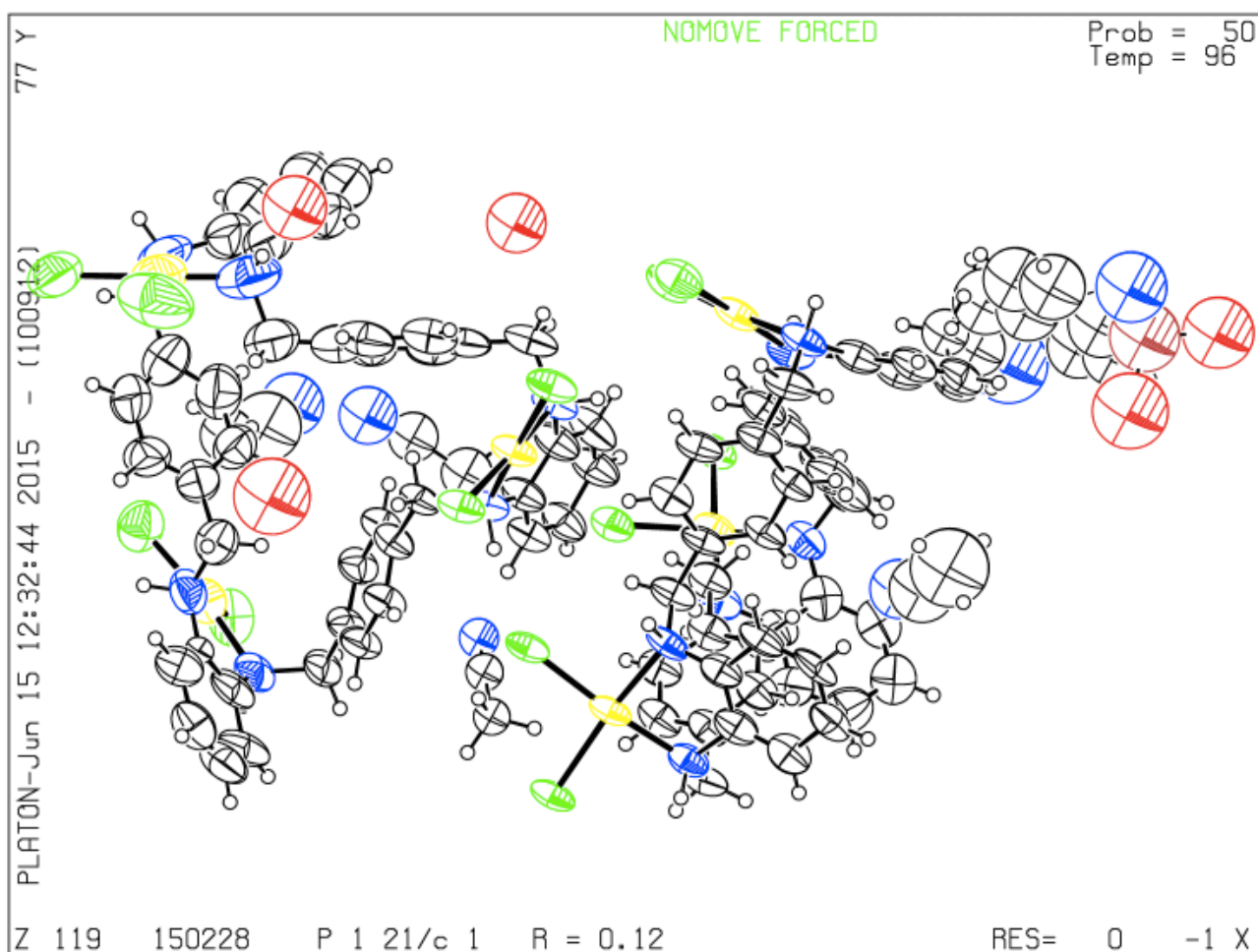
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**Restraints on anisotropic displacement parameters**

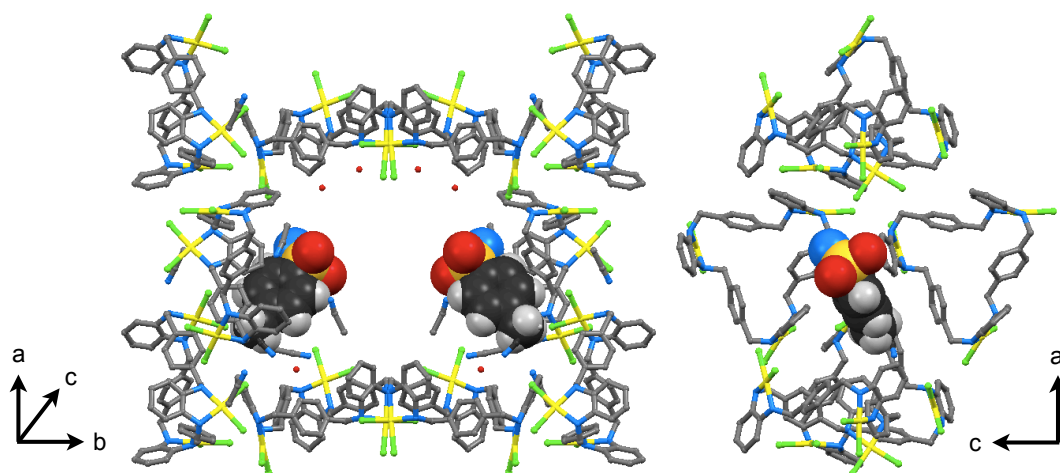
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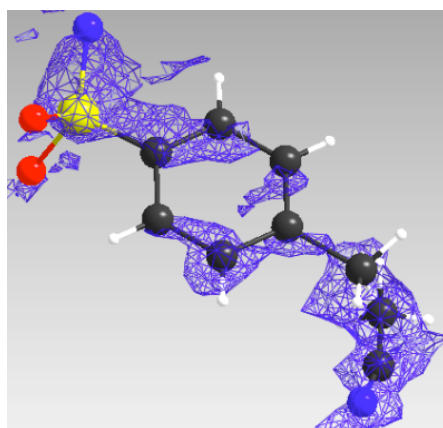
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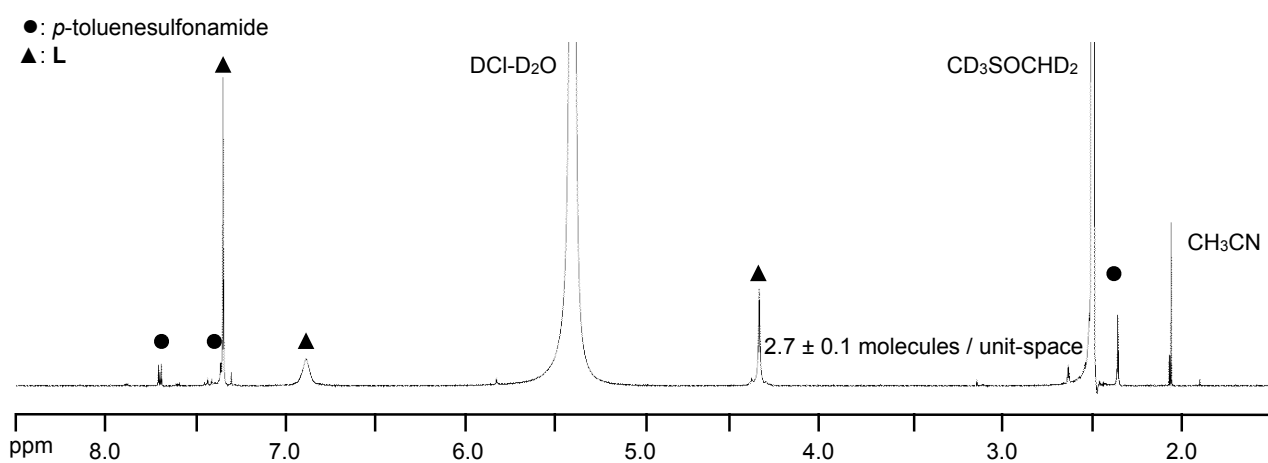
**Fig. S11** ORTEP drawing of MMF including *p*-toluenesulfonamide at 50% probability level. C: black, N: blue, Cl: green, Pd: yellow, O: red, S: brown.



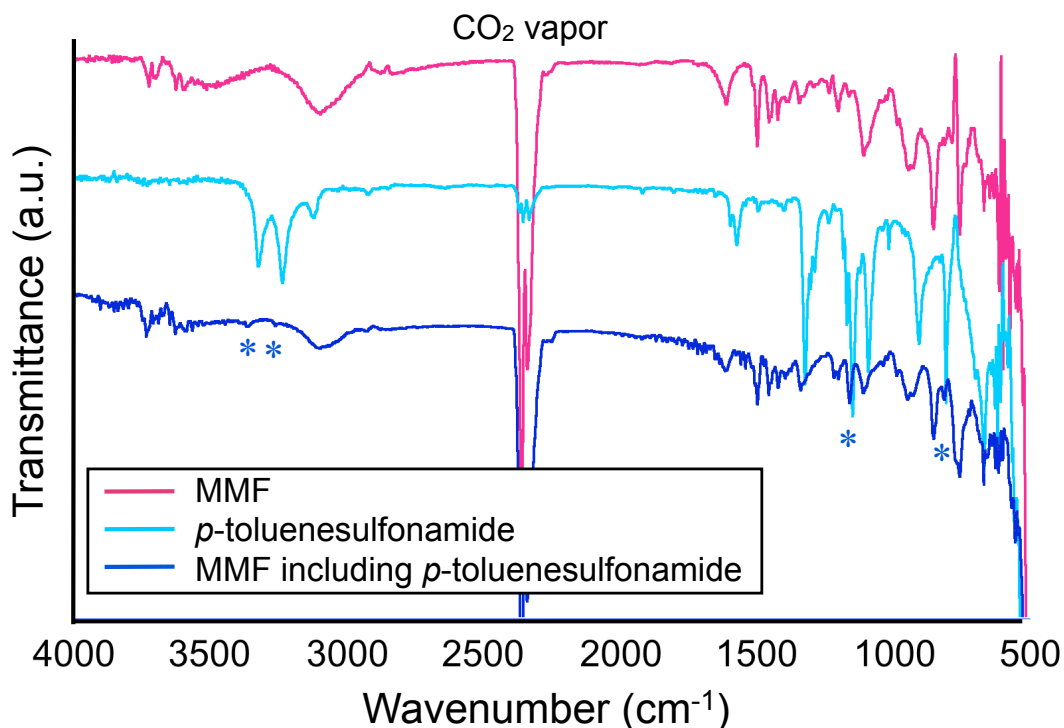
**Fig. S12** Binding structure of *p*-toluenesulfonamide at bottom corners in the crystal structure of MMF including *p*-toluenesulfonamide. MMF and solvents: stick model, guest: space-filling model. C: black, N: blue, Cl: green, Pd: yellow, O: red, S: pale-brown.



**Fig. S13** Electron density map ( $F_o$ ) of *p*-toluenesulfonamide included at a bottom corner (contour level:  $0.80 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$ ). A disordered acetonitrile molecule is also shown.



**Fig. S14**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6/\text{DCI-}D_2\text{O}$ , 300 K). The estimated number of *p*-toluenesulfonamide molecules included in the unit-space of MMF is denoted on the right side of the spectrum.



**Fig. S15** IR spectra of MMF, *p*-toluenesulfonamide and MMF including *p*-toluenesulfonamide (ATR, neat, 20 °C). Peaks denoted as \* appear to be the evidence of the presence of *p*-toluenesulfonamide.

#### **MMF including 4-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid**

[Soaking of MMF crystals in a guest solution]

MMF crystals were soaked in a CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution of 4-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid hydrate (0.50 M) at 20 °C for 3 d. A crystal was then picked up and mixed with fluorolube<sup>®</sup>, then rapidly cooled to -180 °C under cold N<sub>2</sub> flow on a goniometer to subject to a single-crystal X-ray diffraction measurement. The inclusion of 4-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid in MMF crystals was also confirmed by IR analysis of the crystals (Fig. S20) and <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of a DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> solution dissolving the crystals (Fig. S19).

Crystal data for (Pd<sub>3</sub>LCl<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·(4-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid)<sub>0.48</sub>·(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>2.43</sub>·(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>: C<sub>91.75</sub>H<sub>99.7</sub>Cl<sub>12.48</sub>N<sub>14.43</sub>O<sub>4.45</sub>Pd<sub>6</sub>S<sub>0.48</sub>,  $F_w = 2572.05$ , crystal dimensions 0.63 × 0.20 × 0.15 mm<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic, space group *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*c*,  $a = 19.6264(6)$ ,  $b = 52.3974(15)$ ,  $c = 14.3627(4)$  Å,  $\beta = 90.6803(11)^\circ$ ,  $V = 14769.2(7)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.157$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 9.87$  cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $T = 93$  K,  $\lambda$  (MoK $\alpha$ ) = 0.71075 Å,  $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 55.0^\circ$ , 125162/32946 reflections collected/unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0834$ ),  $R_1 = 0.1043$  ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ),  $wR_2 = 0.3529$  (for all data), GOF = 1.172, largest diff. peak and hole 2.90/-2.29 eÅ<sup>-3</sup>. CCDC deposit number 1468109. Several restraints were applied to [Pd<sub>3</sub>LCl<sub>6</sub>] and CH<sub>3</sub>CN and guest molecules as described below to avoid collapse of the structures during least-square refinement. A

part of the *anti*-form of [Pd<sub>3</sub>LCl<sub>6</sub>] was modeled as a disordered structure based on the electron densities of each atom. The contribution of the electron density (612 electrons/unit cell) caused by severely disordered molecules in the void (4801 Å<sup>3</sup>/unit cell) was removed by the SQUEESE function.

See below for the details of applied restraints, and the responses to alert A pointed out in the IUCR's checkCIF routine.

### ***Geometrical restraints***

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FLAT ( $s = 0.1000$ ) C64B C66B C68B C65B C67B C69B

FLAT ( $s = 0.1000$ ) C85 C87 C89 C86 C88 C90 C113 S1

***Restraints on anisotropic displacement parameters***

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SIMU ( $s = 0.0100, st = 0.0200$ ) N6S C6S C6T

SIMU ( $s = 0.0100, st = 0.0200$ ) C113 C85 C86 C87 C88 C89 C90 S1 O1 O2 O3

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SIMU ( $s = 0.0100, st = 0.0200$ ) C57B C58B C59B C60B C61B C62B

SIMU ( $s = 0.0100, st = 0.0200$ ) C50 C51 C52 C53 C54 C55

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SIMU ( $s = 0.0100, st = 0.0200$ ) PD5B > H70D

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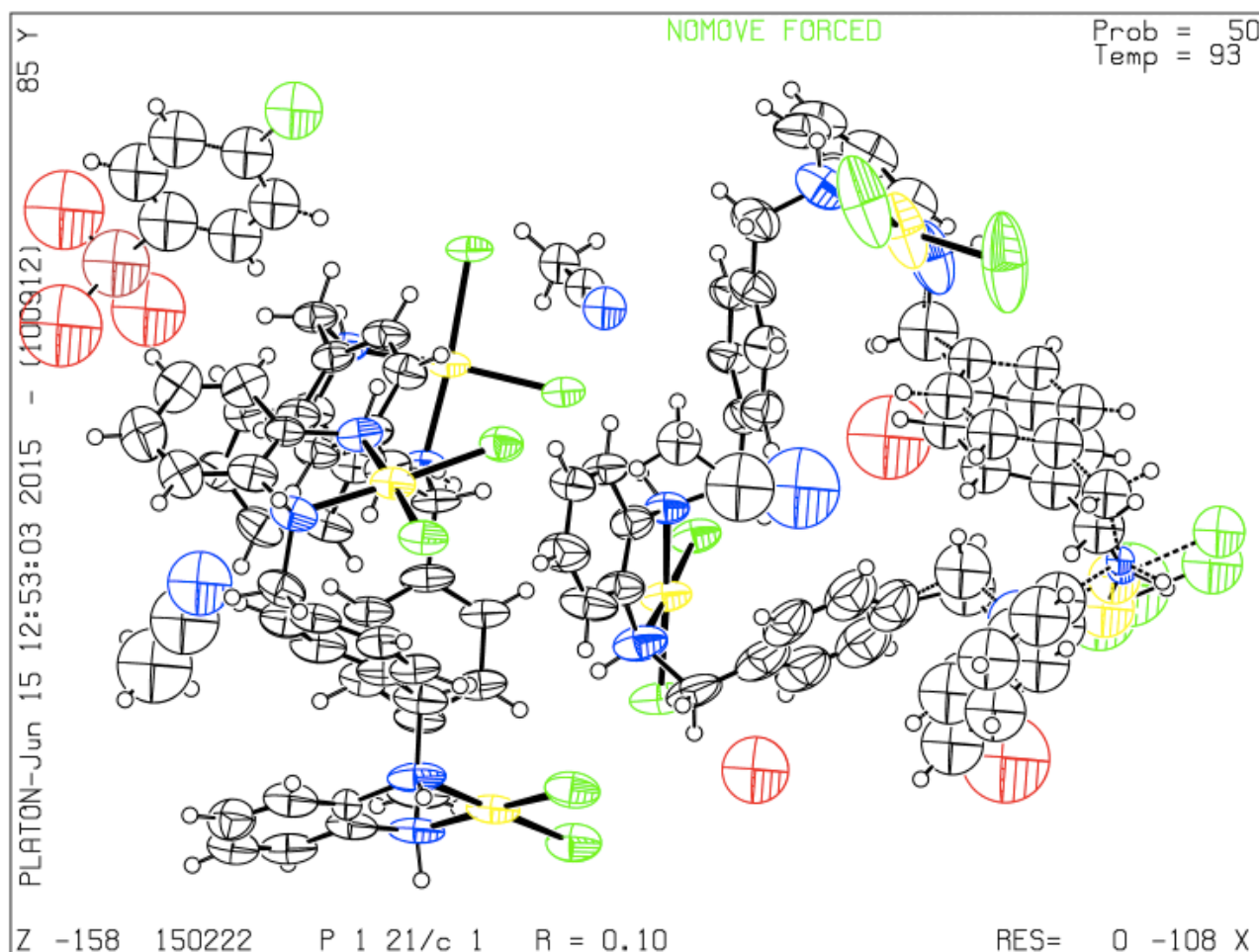
A part of *anti*-isomers of  $[\text{Pd}_3\text{LCl}_6]$  was refined isotropically because of disordering.

**PLAT482\_ALERT\_4\_A Small D-H..A angle rep for N9A..N9B, N10A..N10B**

Response: N9A, N10A and N9B, N10B are atoms of disordered structures. Therefore angles shown in this Alert have no chemical significance.

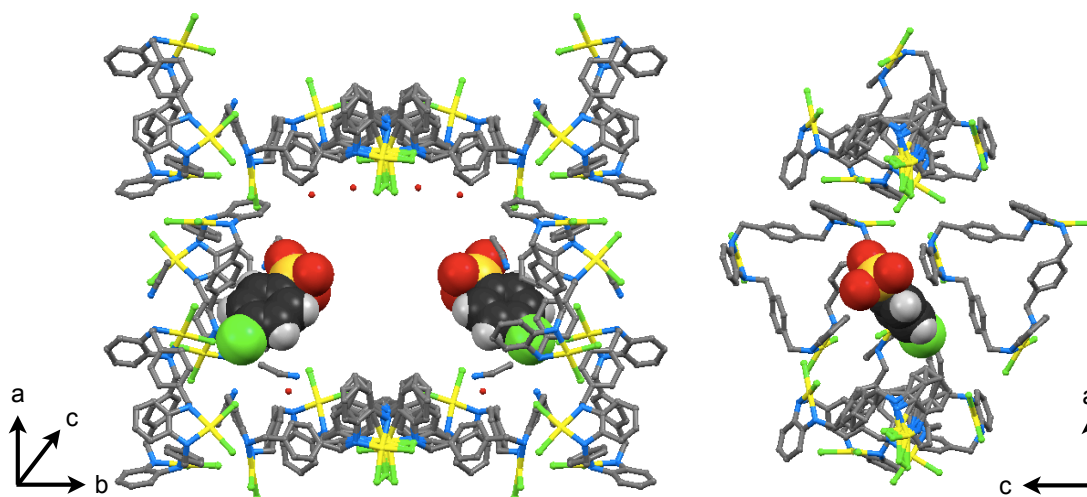
**PLAT973\_ALERT\_2\_A Check calcd positive residual density on Pd2 3.16  $e\text{\AA}^{-3}$**

Response: The atom type is correct and there is no evidence of twinning. The large residual density near Pd atoms may be due to an anomalous dispersion effect and has no chemical significance.

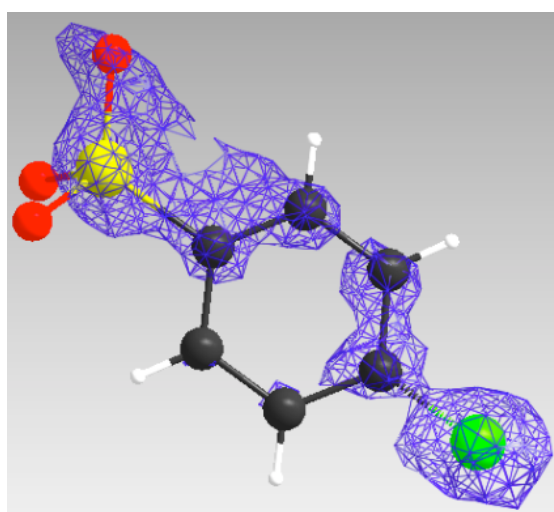


**Fig. S16** ORTEP drawing of MMF including 4-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid at 50% probability level.

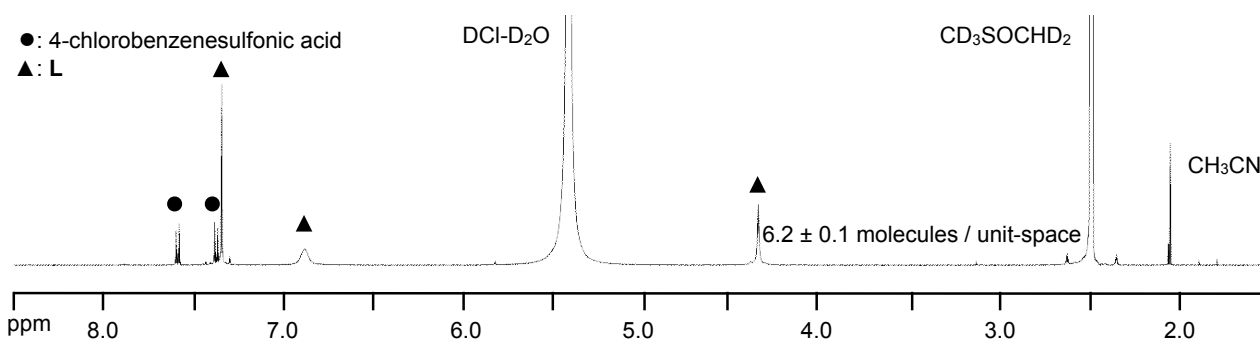
C: black, N: blue, Cl: green, Pd: yellow, O: red, S: brown.



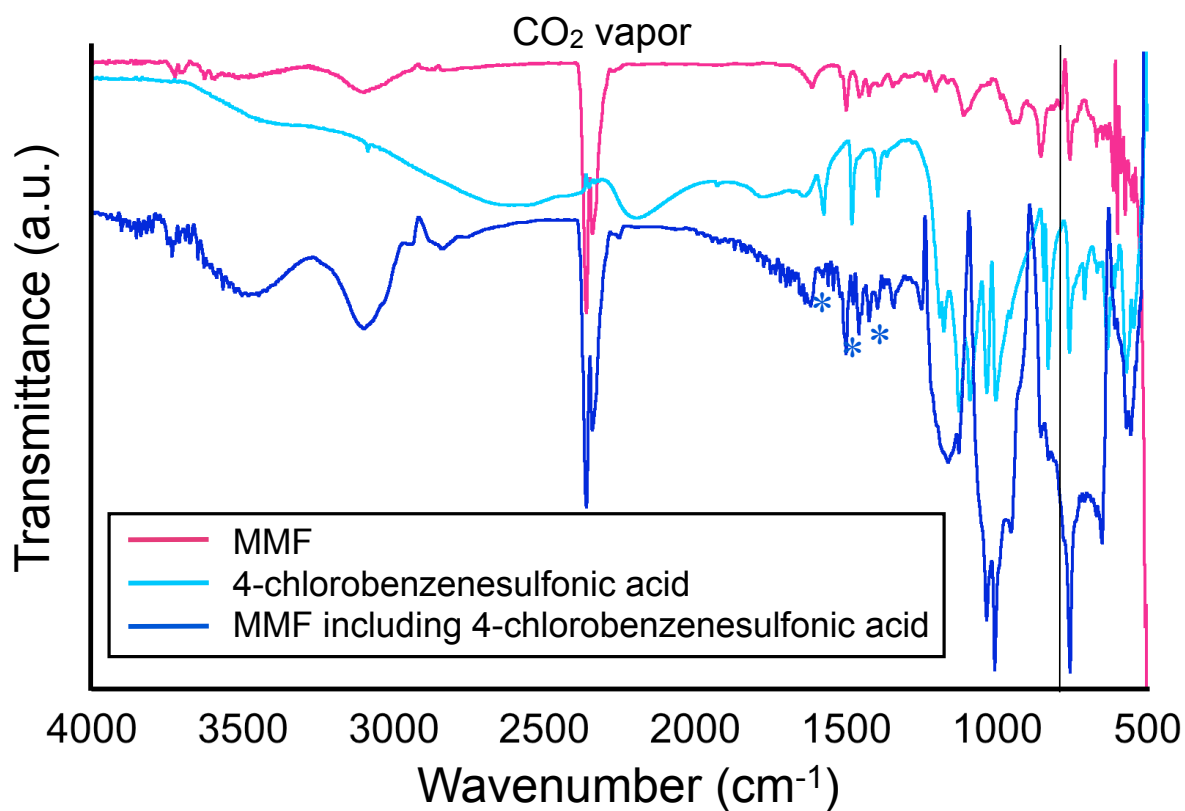
**Fig. S17** Binding structure of 4-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid at the bottom corners in the crystal structure of MMF including 4-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid. MMF and solvents: stick model, guest: space-filling model. C: black, N: blue, Cl: green, Pd: yellow, O: red, S: pale-brown.



**Fig. S18** Electron density map ( $F_o$ ) of 4-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid included at the bottom corners (contour level:  $1.00 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$ ).



**Fig. S19**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6/\text{DCI-D}_2\text{O}$ , 300 K). The estimated number of 4-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid molecules included in the unit-space of MMF is denoted on the right side of the spectrum.



**Fig. S20** IR spectra of MMF, 4-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid and MMF including 4-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid (ATR, neat, 20 °C). Peaks denoted as \* appear to be the evidence of the presence of 4-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid.

## Preparation and characterisation of *p*-TsOH@MMF

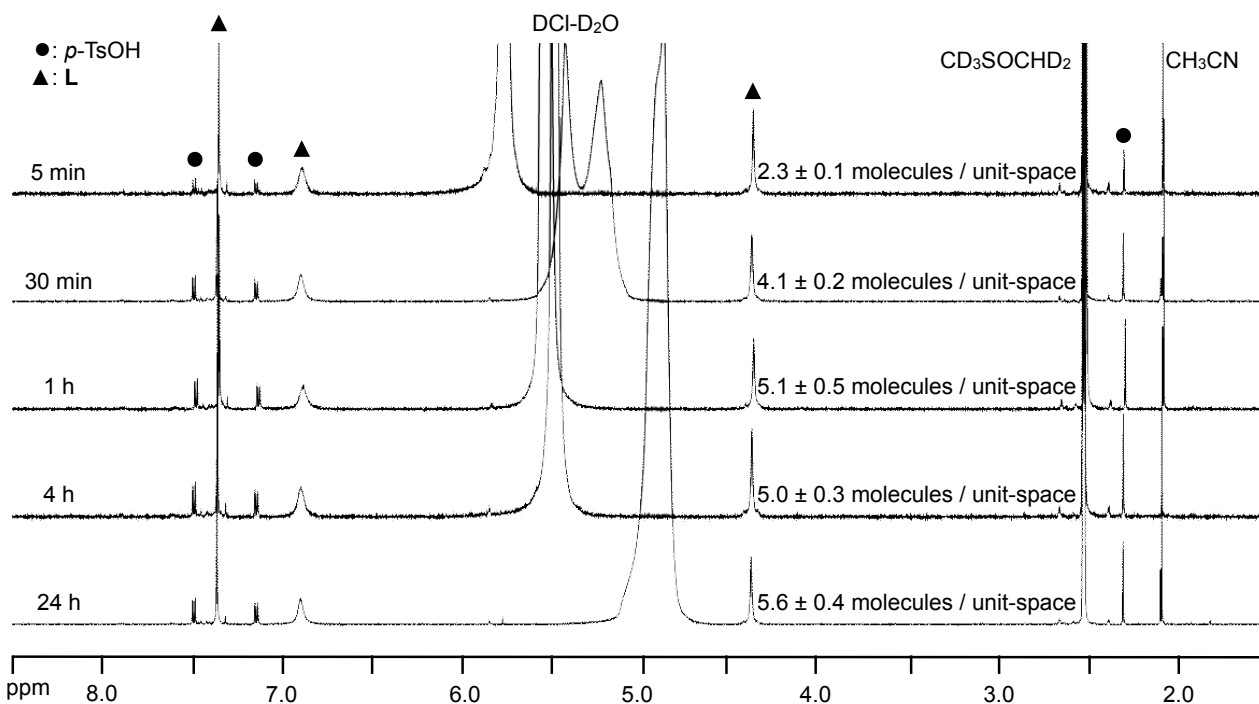
### General remark

A washing solvent  $\text{CHCl}_3$  was washed in advance with water in a separating funnel to remove ethanol, and then dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  just prior to be used for washing MMF crystals.

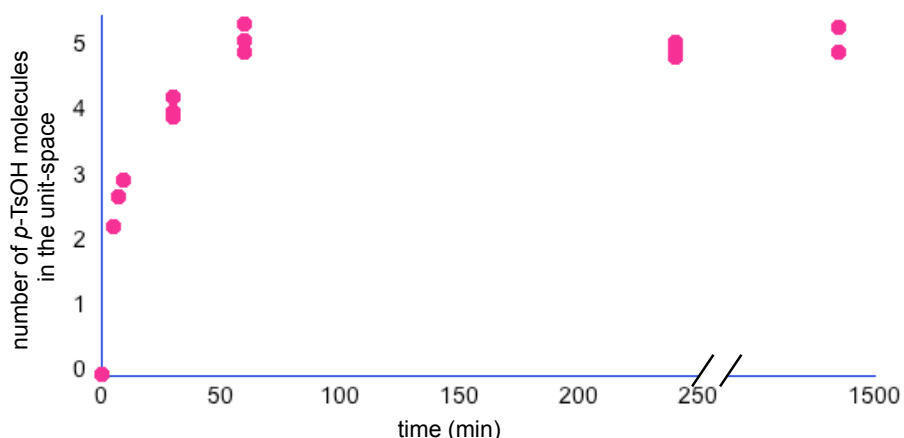
### Time-course $^1\text{H}$ NMR digestion analysis

[General procedure for incorporation of *p*-TsOH· $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  into MMF]

MMF crystals were soaked in a  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution of *p*-TsOH· $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.80 M) at room temperature for a constant time (Figs. S21, S22). The soaked MMF crystals were collected by filtration, washed with a small amount of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (ca. 200  $\mu\text{L}$ ) and air-dried for 10 sec on a filter paper. The resulting crystals were dissolved in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6/\text{DCI-D}_2\text{O}$  ( $[\text{DCI}] = 0.17 \text{ M}$ ) and subjected to  $^1\text{H}$  NMR measurement. The number of *p*-TsOH molecules included in the unit-space of MMF was estimated by the comparison of the signal intensities of *p*-TsOH and protonated **L**. In each time, three NMR samples were independently prepared from the same batch to average the numbers of *p*-TsOH molecules included in the unit-space of MMF.



**Fig. S21**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6/\text{DCI-D}_2\text{O}$ , 300 K). The “time” on the left side of each spectrum indicates the total soaking time. The estimated numbers of *p*-TsOH molecules included in the unit-space of MMF are denoted on the right side of each spectrum.



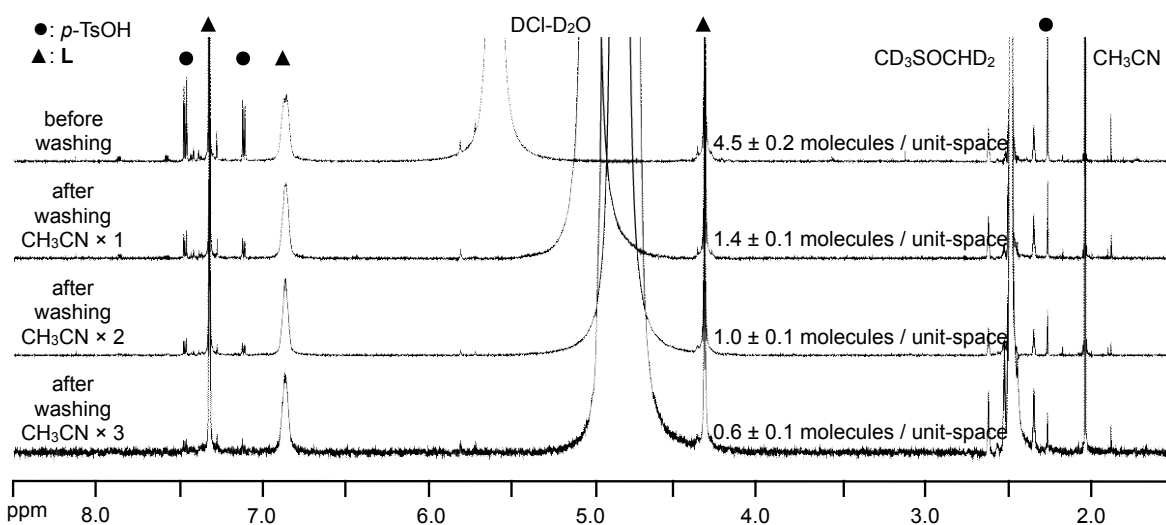
**Fig. S22** Time-course of the number of *p*-TsOH included in the unit-space of MMF crystals. This graph was generated based on the data shown in Fig. S21.

### Screening of washing solvents

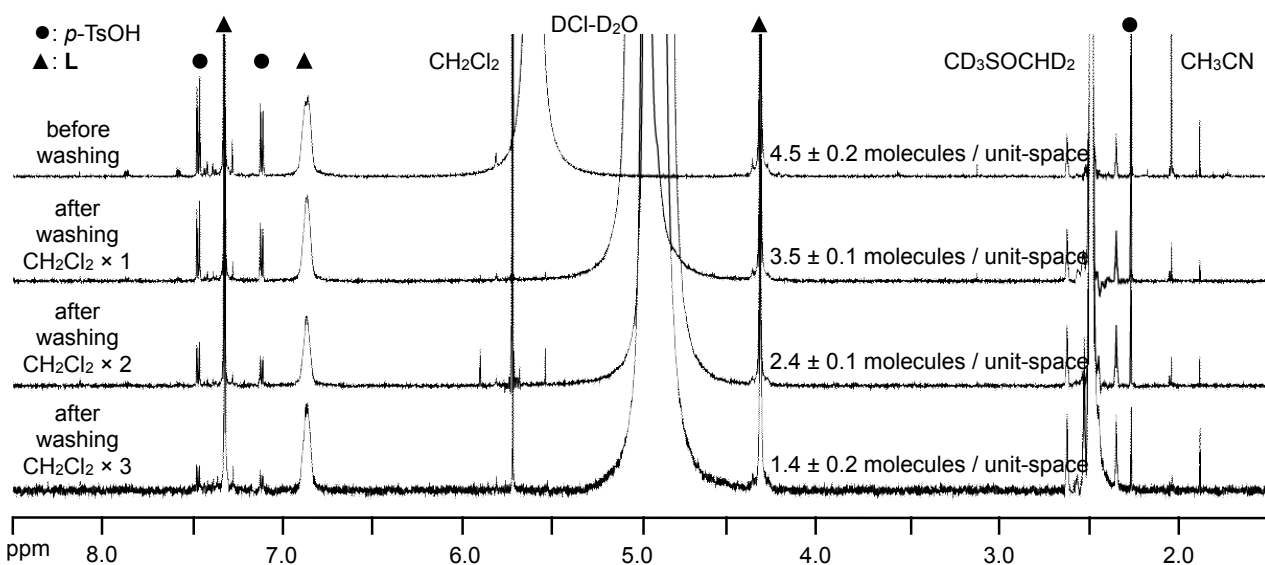
[General procedure for washing]

MMF crystals were soaked in a CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution of *p*-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (0.75 M) at 20 °C for 20 h. The MMF crystals were collected by filtration, washed with a small amount of CH<sub>3</sub>CN (ca. 200 μL) and air-dried for 10 sec on a filter paper. To wash out the excess amount of *p*-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O, the crystals were soaked in each solvent (CH<sub>3</sub>CN, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> or *n*-hexane) at 20 °C for 12 h, and then were collected by filtration, washed with a small amount of the solvent (ca. 200 μL) and air-dried for 10 sec on a filter paper. This washing operation was repeated three times in total.

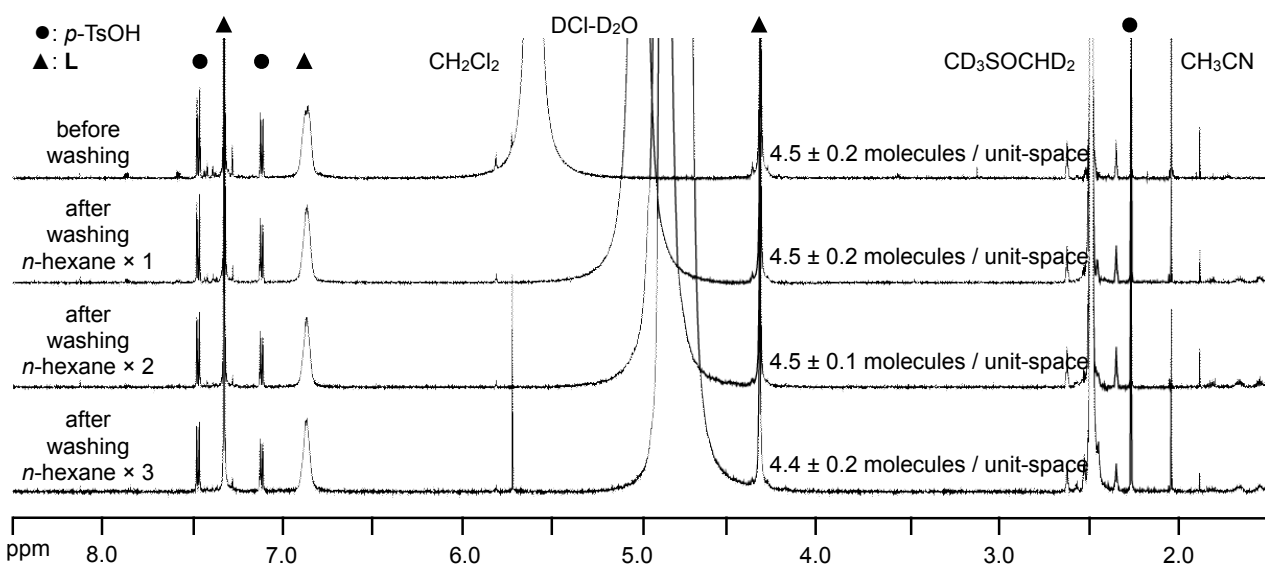
After each step, the amount of *p*-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O remained in the unit-space was estimated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analyses of DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/DCI-D<sub>2</sub>O ([DCI] = 0.17 M) solution dissolving a small part of the crystals. In each measurement, the same NMR sample was repeatedly analyzed three times to average the numbers of *p*-TsOH molecules included in each step.



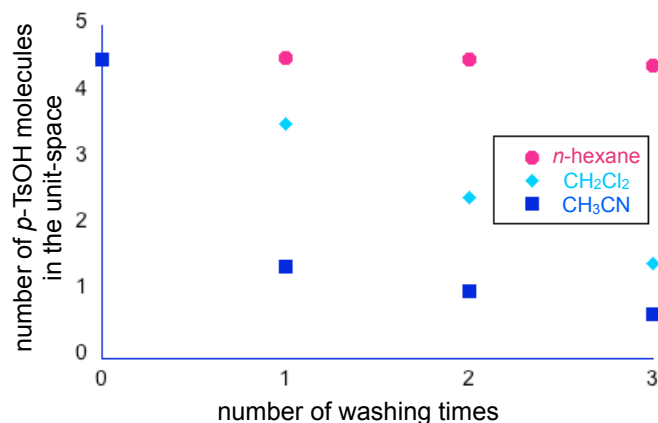
**Fig. S23** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/DCI-D<sub>2</sub>O, 300 K). The estimated numbers of *p*-TsOH remained in the unit-space of MMF are denoted on the right side of each spectrum.



**Fig. S24**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6/\text{DCI-D}_2\text{O}$ , 300 K). The estimated numbers of  $p$ -TsOH molecules remained in the unit-space of MMF are denoted on the right side of each spectrum.



**Fig. S25**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6/\text{DCI-D}_2\text{O}$ , 300 K). The estimated numbers of  $p$ -TsOH molecules remained in the unit-space of MMF are denoted on the right side of each spectrum.



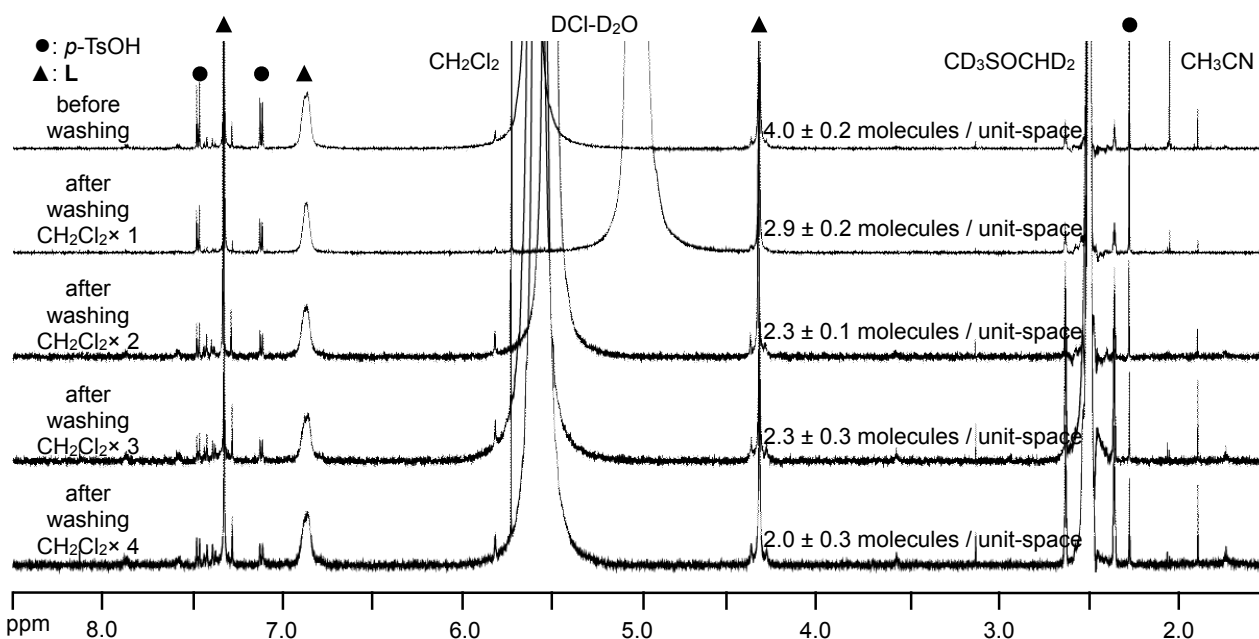
**Fig. S26** The numbers of *p*-TsOH molecules remained in the unit-space of MMF crystals after each washing with several solvents (CH<sub>3</sub>CN, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *n*-hexane). This graph was generated based on the data shown in Figs. S23–S25.

### **Optimization of washing procedure with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>**

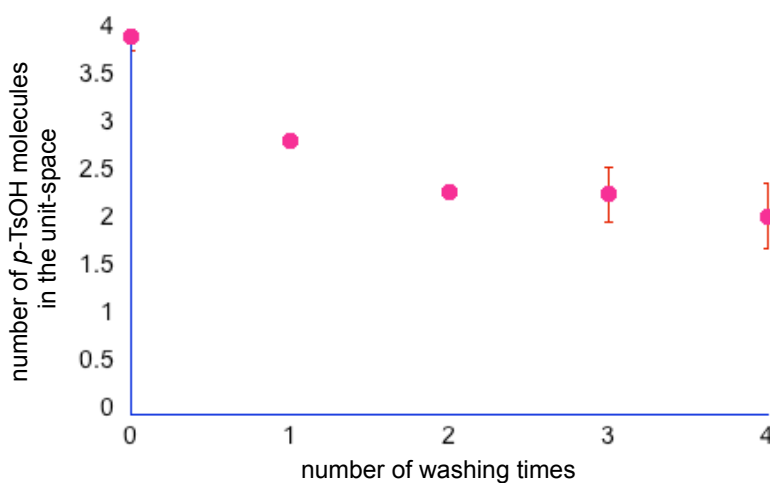
[Procedure for washing]

MMF crystals were soaked in a CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution of *p*-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (0.75 M, MMF/CH<sub>3</sub>CN = 10 mg/mL) at 20 °C for 20 h. Soaked MMF crystals were collected by filtration, washed with a small amount of CH<sub>3</sub>CN (ca. 200 μL) and air-dried for 10 sec on a filter paper. To wash out the excess amount of *p*-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O, the crystals were soaked in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (MMF/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1 mg/mL) at 20 °C for 24 h, and then were collected by filtration, washed with a small amount of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (ca. 200 μL) and air-dried for 10 sec on a filter paper. This washing operation was repeated four times in total.

After each step, the amount of *p*-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O remained in the unit-space was estimated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analyses of DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/DCI-D<sub>2</sub>O ([DCI] = 0.17 M) solution dissolving a small part of the crystals. In each measurement, the same NMR sample was repeatedly analyzed three times to average the numbers of *p*-TsOH molecules included in each step.



**Fig. S27**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6/\text{DCI-D}_2\text{O}$ , 300 K). The estimated numbers of *p*-TsOH molecules remained in the unit-space of MMF are denoted on the right side of each spectrum.



**Fig. S28** The numbers of *p*-TsOH molecules remained in the unit-space of MMF crystals after each washing with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . This graph was generated based on the data shown in Fig. S27.

### **Preparation of *p*-TsOH@MMF**

[Procedure for preparation]

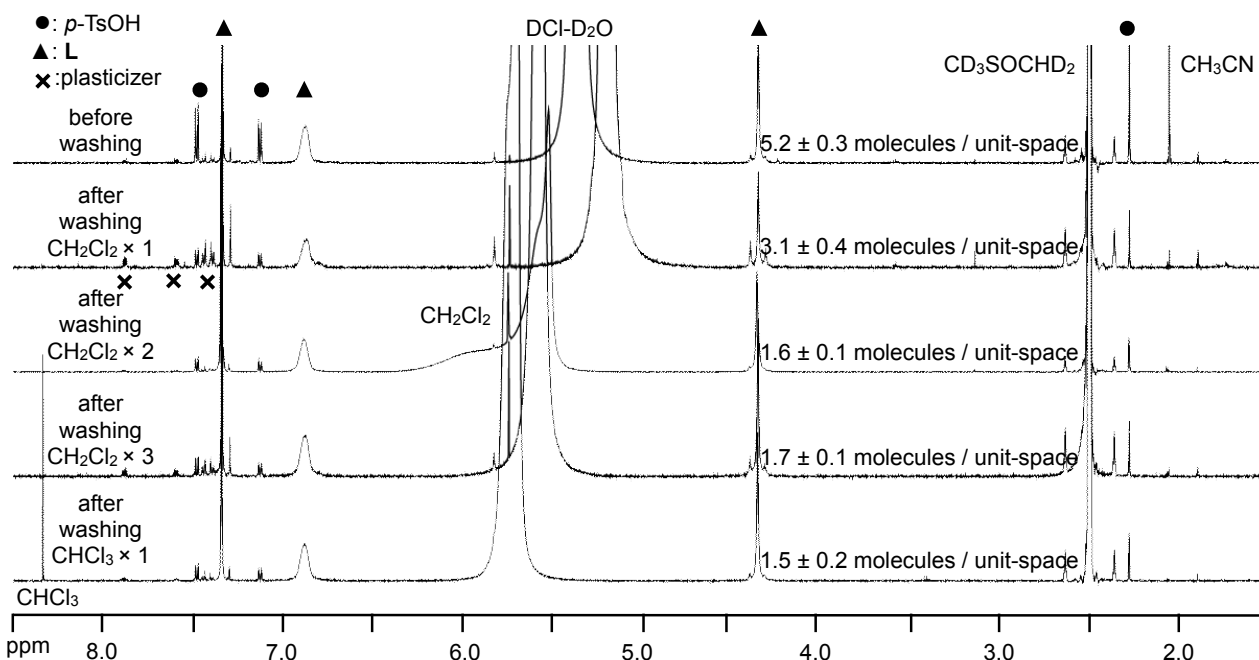
MMF crystals were soaked in a  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution of *p*-TsOH· $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.75 M) at 20 °C for 20 h. The MMF crystals were collected by filtration, washed with a small amount of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (ca. 200  $\mu\text{L}$ ) and air-dried for 10 sec on a filter paper. To wash out the excess amount of *p*-TsOH· $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , the crystals were soaked in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (MMF/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  = 1 mg/mL) at 20 °C for 24 h, separated by decantation and



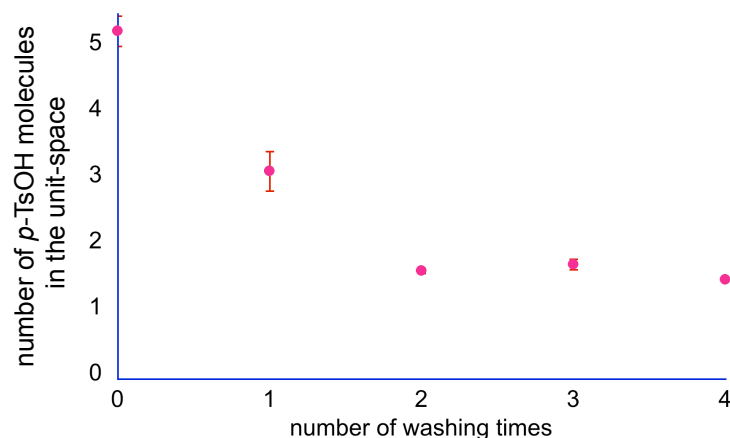
washed with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (ca. 5 mL) twice. This washing operation was repeated three times in total. The resulting crystals were soaked in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  ( $\text{MMF}/\text{CHCl}_3 = 1 \text{ mg/mL}$ ) at  $20^\circ\text{C}$  for 24 h, collected by filtration, washed with a small amount of  $\text{CHCl}_3$  and air-dried for 10 sec on a filter paper to afford  $p\text{-TsOH}@MMF$ . After the preparation, this catalyst was immediately used for catalytic reactions.

After each step, the amount of  $p\text{-TsOH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  remained in the unit-space was estimated by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analyses of  $\text{DMSO-}d_6/\text{DCI-D}_2\text{O}$  ( $[\text{DCI}] = 0.17 \text{ M}$ ) solution dissolving a small part of the crystals. In each measurement, the same NMR sample was repeatedly analyzed three times to average the numbers of  $p\text{-TsOH}$  molecules included in each step.

The chemical composition of  $p\text{-TsOH}@MMF$  except for water was estimated to be  $(\text{Pd}_3\text{LCI}_6)_4\cdot(p\text{-TsOH})_{1.5}\cdot(\text{CHCl}_3)_8\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$  based on the integral ratios in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum. The presence of water in  $p\text{-TsOH}@MMF$  was suggested by FT-IR measurement (Fig. S33). The number of water molecules included in  $p\text{-TsOH}@MMF$  was temporarily assumed to be  $n = 20$  ( $M_w = 6224.8$ ). Because the number of water molecules included in as-synthesized MMF crystals was estimated to be 36 by previous elemental analysis  $((\text{Pd}_3\text{LCI}_6)_4\cdot(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{36})$ ,<sup>1</sup> the number  $n$  and the molecular weight  $M_w$  of  $p\text{-TsOH}@MMF$  should fall within  $0 \leq n \leq 36$  and  $5864.5 \leq M_w \leq 6513.0$ , respectively. Therefore the error of catalyst quantity used here ( $n = 20$ ,  $M_w = 6224.8$ ) falls within 10% regardless of water contents.



**Fig. S29**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6/\text{DCI-D}_2\text{O}$ , 300 K). The estimated numbers of  $p\text{-TsOH}$  molecules remained in the unit-space of MMF are denoted on the right side of each spectrum.



**Fig. S30** The numbers of *p*-TsOH molecules remained in the unit-space of MMF crystals after each washing with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. This graph was generated based on the data shown in Fig. S29.

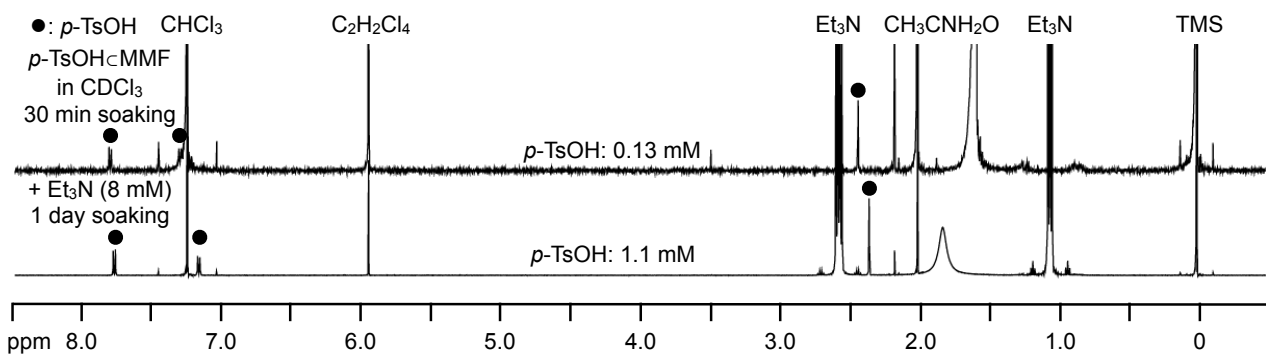
### Acid leaching tests of *p*-TsOH⊂MMF and *p*-TsOH@MMF

[Preparation of *p*-TsOH⊂MMF]

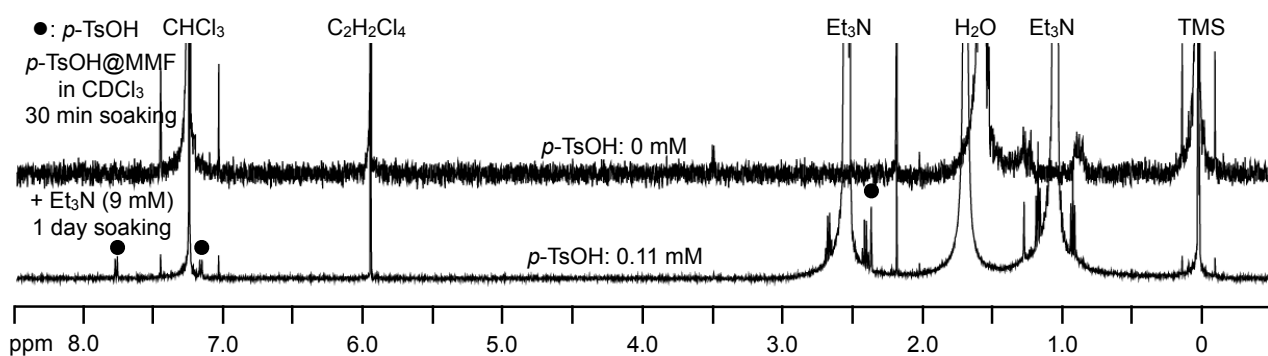
MMF crystals were soaked in a CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution of *p*-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (0.75 M) at 20 °C for 20 h, collected by filtration, washed with a small amount of CH<sub>3</sub>CN (ca. 200 μL) and air-dried for 10 sec on a filter paper to afford *p*-TsOH⊂MMF, which contained excess amount of *p*-TsOH in the channel due to the omission of repetitive washing with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

[Leaching test]

Crystals of *p*-TsOH⊂MMF or *p*-TsOH@MMF were soaked in CDCl<sub>3</sub> respectively (crystals/CDCl<sub>3</sub> = 1.6 mg/mL). After 30 min at room temperature, the suspensions were analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR measurements to check the leaching of *p*-TsOH. In order to forcibly release *p*-TsOH from the crystals, CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions of Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.1 M, 50 μL) were then added to the suspensions, which were stood for 1 day to subject to <sup>1</sup>H NMR measurement.

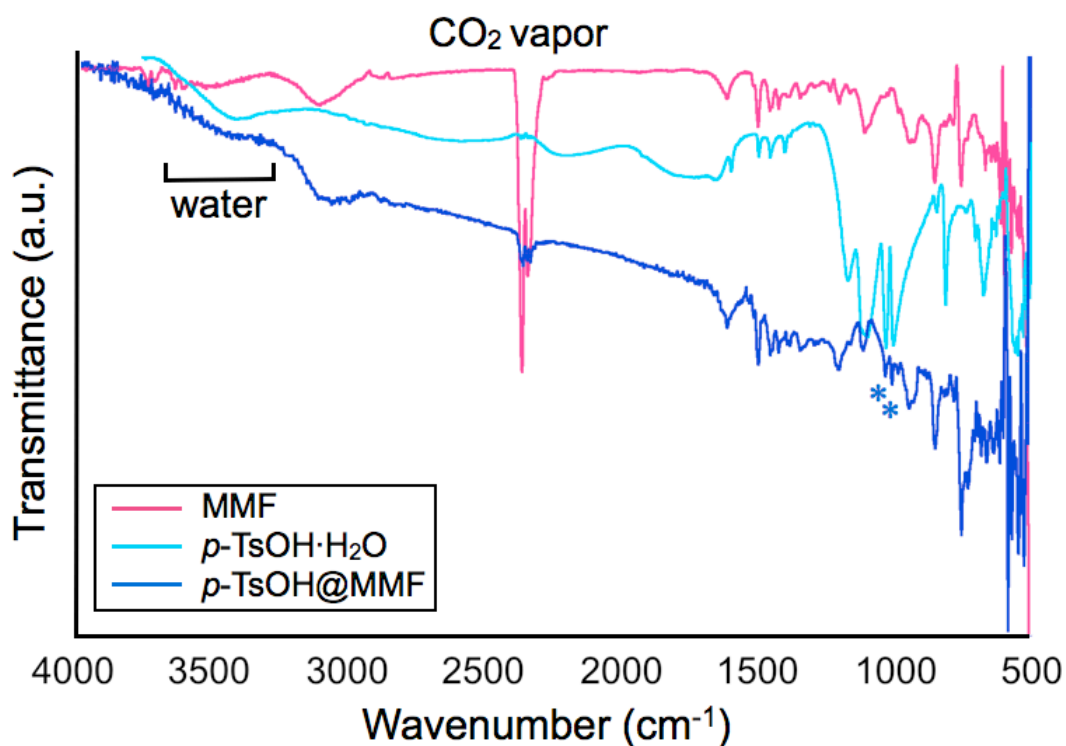


**Fig. S31** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K) of the supernatant of *p*-TsOH⊂MMF. The estimated concentrations of *p*-TsOH in the supernatants are denoted on the middle of each spectrum. 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane was added as an internal standard to estimate concentration of *p*-TsOH.



**Fig. S32**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 K) of the supernatant of  $p\text{-TsOH@MMF}$ . The estimated concentrations of  $p\text{-TsOH}$  in the supernatants are denoted on the middle of each spectrum. 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane was added as an internal standard to estimate concentration of  $p\text{-TsOH}$ .

### IR spectra of $p\text{-TsOH@MMF}$



**Fig. S33** IR spectra of  $p\text{-TsOH@MMF}$ , MMF and  $p\text{-TsOH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (ATR, neat, 20 °C). Peaks denoted as \* and a broad peak around  $3400\text{ cm}^{-1}$  appear to be the evidence of the presence of  $p\text{-TsOH}$  and water molecules in crystals of  $p\text{-TsOH@MMF}$ , respectively.

## **Single-crystal XRD analysis of *p*-TsOH@MMF**

[Preparation of *p*-TsOH@MMF crystals suitable for XRD analysis]

MMF crystals were soaked in a CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution of *p*-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (0.75 M) at 20 °C for 20 h, collected by filtration, washed with a small amount of CH<sub>3</sub>CN (ca. 200 μL) and air-dried for 10 sec on a filter paper. To wash out the excess amount of *p*-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O, the crystals were soaked in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (MMF/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1 mg/mL) at 20 °C for 9 h. After soaking, the solvent was removed by decantation and replaced with pure CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. After soaking at 20 °C for 13 h, the solvent was removed by decantation and replaced with pure CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. After soaking for 17 days, a crystal was picked up and mixed with fluorolube<sup>®</sup>, then rapidly cooled to -180 °C under cold N<sub>2</sub> flow on a goniometer to subject to a single-crystal X-ray diffraction measurement.

Crystal data for (Pd<sub>3</sub>LCl<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>8</sub>: C<sub>86</sub>H<sub>104</sub>Cl<sub>116</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Pd<sub>6</sub>,  $F_w = 2639.49$ , crystal dimensions  $0.29 \times 0.23 \times 0.07$  mm<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic, space group  $P2_1/c$ ,  $a = 19.5796(13)$ ,  $b = 52.142(3)$ ,  $c = 14.2469(10)$  Å,  $\beta = 91.162(2)^\circ$ ,  $V = 14542.0(16)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.206$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 10.607$  cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $T = 93$  K,  $\lambda$  (MoK $\alpha$ ) = 0.71075 Å,  $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 34.0^\circ$ , 35169/7998 reflections collected/unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.1001$ ),  $R_1 = 0.1612$  ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ),  $wR_2 = 0.4455$  (for all data), GOF = 1.124, largest diff. peak and hole 1.20/-0.78 eÅ<sup>-3</sup>. CCDC deposit number 1468110. Several restraints were applied to [Pd<sub>3</sub>LCl<sub>6</sub>] and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> molecules as described below to avoid collapse of the structures during least-square refinement. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and water molecules were refined isotropically. Hydrogen atoms of water molecules could not be located in the difference electron density maps. Refinement was performed using the reflection data of 1.2 Å resolution, since the values of  $R_{\text{merge}}$  and mean  $F^2/\sigma(F^2)$  in the resolution shell between 1.32 and 1.15 Å were 37.7% and 1.58, respectively.

See below for the details of applied restraints, and the responses to alert A pointed out in the IUCR's checkCIF routine.

### ***Geometrical restraints***

SADI ( $s = 0.0200$ ): N7 C43 N8 C48 N9 C57 N10 C62 N11 C71 N12 C76

SADI ( $s = 0.0200$ ): N7 C84 N8 C49 N9 C56 N10 C63 N11 C70 N12 C77

SADI ( $s = 0.0200$ ): C49 C50 C53 C56 C63 C64 C67 C70 C77 C78 C81 C84

DFIX ( $d = 1.3900$ ,  $s = 0.0400$ ): C57 C58 C58 C59 C59 C60 C60 C61 C61 C62 C62 C57

DFIX ( $d = 2.4080$ ,  $s = 0.0400$ ): C57 C59 C58 C60 C59 C61 C60 C62 C61 C57 C62 C58

FLAT ( $s = 0.1000$ ): C57 C59 C61 C58 C60 C62

DFIX ( $d = 1.3900$ ,  $s = 0.0400$ ): C71 C72 C72 C73 C73 C74 C74 C75 C75 C76 C76 C71

DFIX ( $d = 2.4080$ ,  $s = 0.0400$ ): C71 C73 C72 C74 C73 C75 C74 C76 C75 C71 C76 C72

FLAT ( $s = 0.1000$ ): C71 C73 C75 C72 C74 C76

DFIX ( $d = 1.3900$ ,  $s = 0.0400$ ): C64 C65 C65 C66 C66 C67 C67 C68 C68 C69 C69 C64

DFIX ( $d = 2.4080$ ,  $s = 0.0400$ ): C64 C66 C65 C67 C66 C68 C67 C69 C68 C64 C69 C65

FLAT ( $s = 0.1000$ ): C64 C66 C68 C65 C67 C69  
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**Restraints on anisotropic displacement parameters**

SIMU ( $s = 0.0100, st = 0.0100$ ): Pd1 > C42

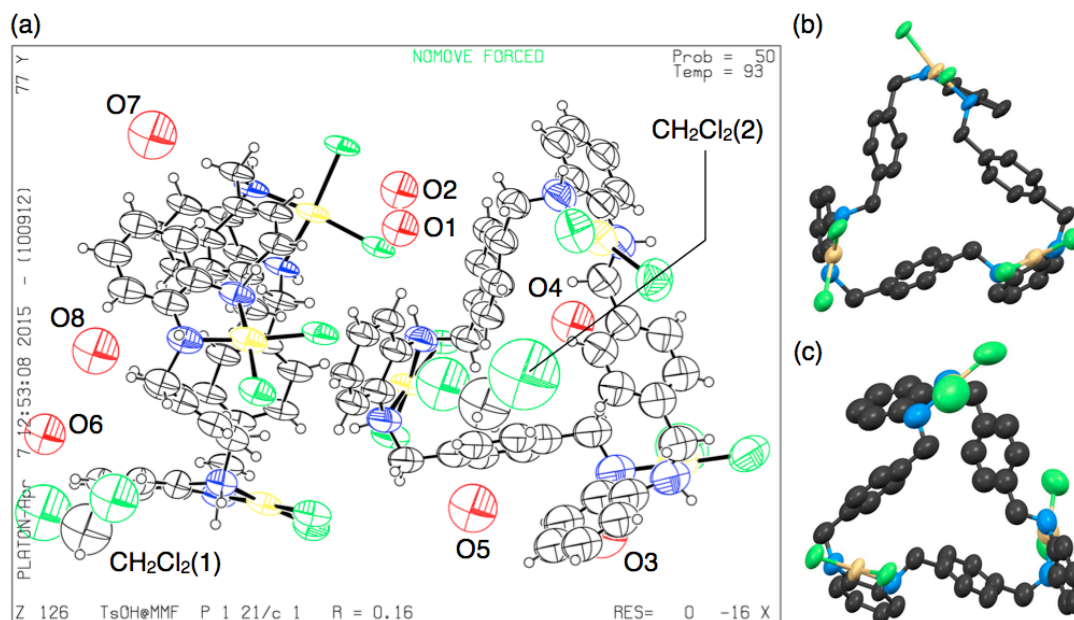
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**THETM01\_ALERT\_3\_A The value of  $\sin\theta_{max}/\text{wavelength}$  is less than 0.550**

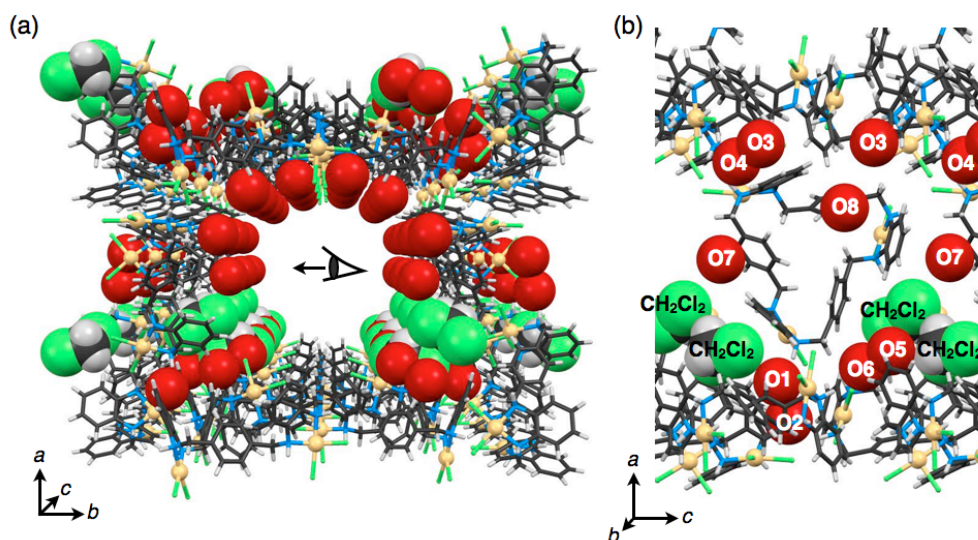
Response: Low-resolution reflection data was used.

**PLAT602\_ALERT\_2\_A Very large solvent accessible void(s) in structure**

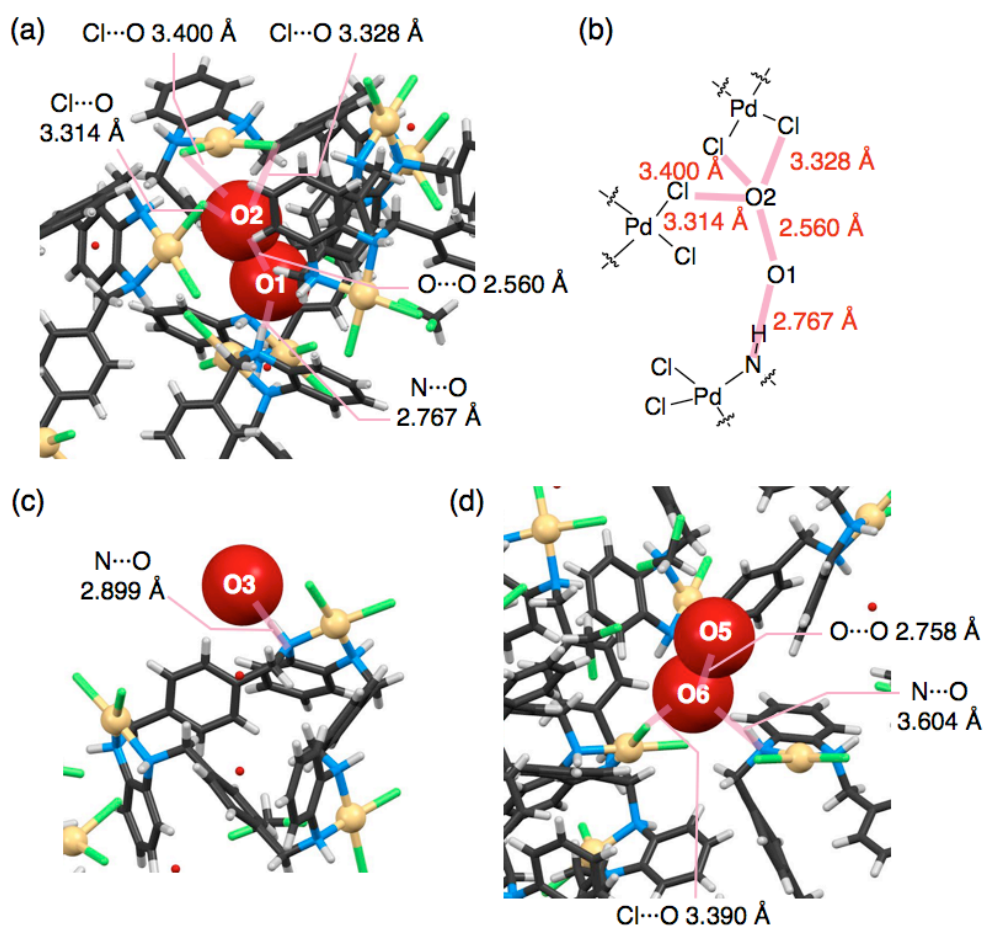
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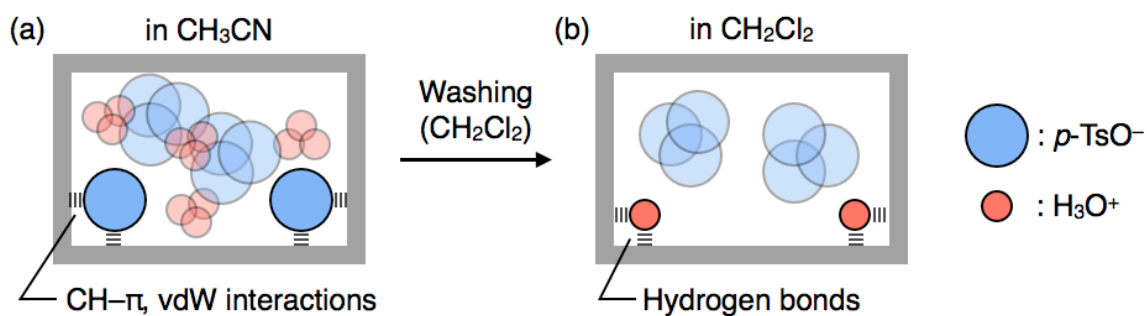
**Fig. S34** (a) ORTEP drawing of the asymmetric unit of *p*-TsOH@MMF (50% probability level). Ellipsoid model (50% probability level) of (b) (*P*)-*syn*- and (c) (*M*)-*anti*-[Pd<sub>3</sub>LCl<sub>6</sub>]. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. C: black, N: blue, Pd: yellow, Cl: green and O: red.



**Fig. S35** Crystal structures of TsOH@MMF (MMF: stick model, solvent: space-filling model). (a) Single nano-channel. (b) Side surface of the nano-channel. C: black, N: blue, Pd: yellow, Cl: green and O: red.



**Fig. S36** Partial crystal structures around water molecules forming hydrogen bonding. (a) O1 and O2. (b) Chemical structures around O1 and O2. (c) O3. (d) O5 and O6. C: black, N: blue, Pd: yellow, Cl: green and O: red.

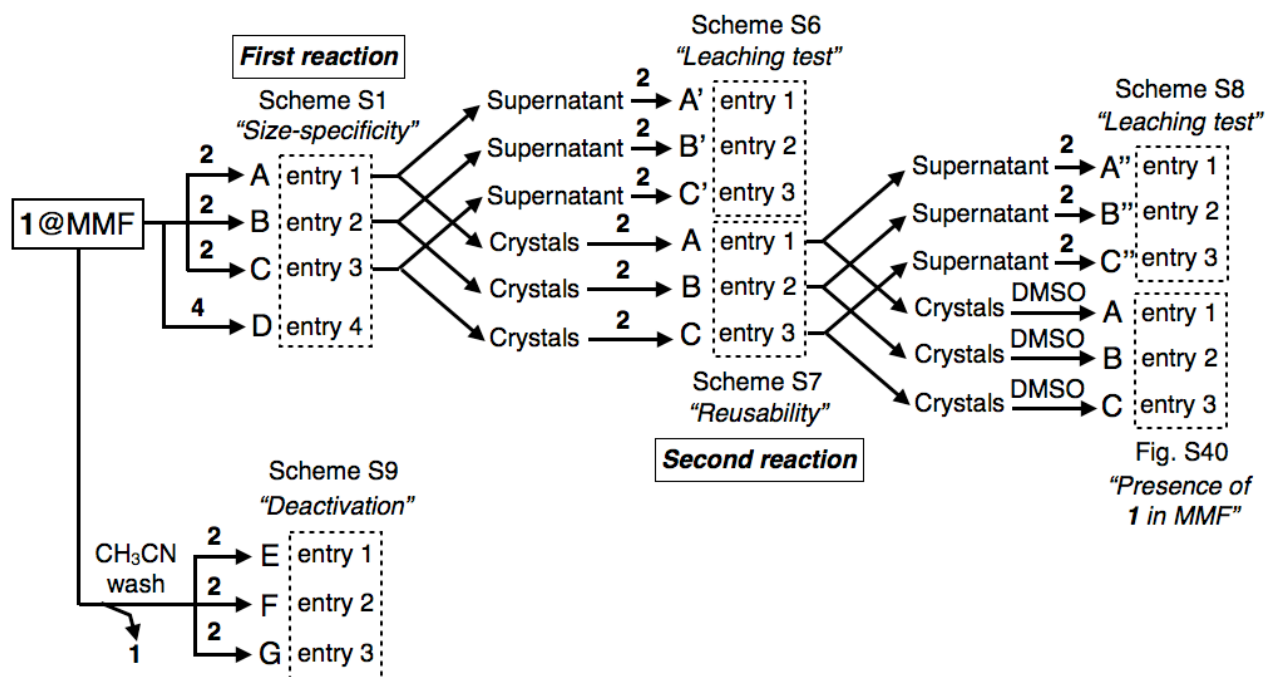


**Fig. S37** Plausible binding modes of  $p\text{-TsOH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in the unit-space of MMF based on the single-crystal XRD analyses. (a) In  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ , some  $p\text{-TsO}^-$  ions are bound at the corner voids of the channel surface.<sup>6</sup> Other  $p\text{-TsO}^-$  ions and solvated  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  ions should be disordered in the channel. (b) After washing with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  ions are likely to be bound on the channel surface through hydrogen bonding with polar functionalities of MMF such as Cl and NH. In contrast, the counter anions,  $p\text{-TsO}^-$ , should be disordered in the channel.

## Deprotection reactions of trityl group with *p*-TsOH@MMF

### General remarks

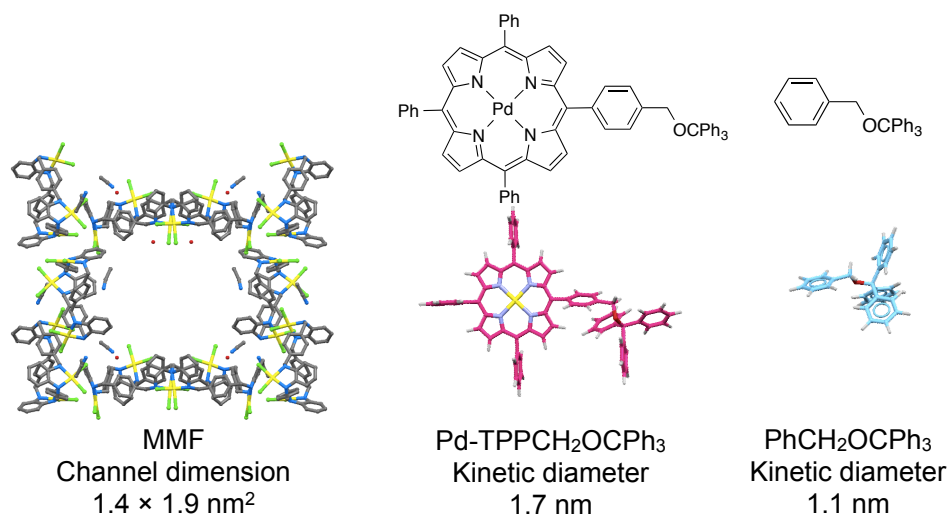
[Outline and general procedures]



Here, we used fresh crystals of *p*-TsOH@MMF collected from the same synthetic batch. Most reactions were conducted in three different batches to confirm the reproducibility. The mole number of the catalyst was calculated based on that of *p*-TsOH included in MMF. CDCl<sub>3</sub> was filtered through an oven-dried alumina (activated basic) column to remove trace amount of acid. A small amount of 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane was added as an internal standard (2 mM) to estimate the concentrations of substrates, products and water in <sup>1</sup>H NMR analyses. The CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution prepared as above was immediately used as reaction solvent. The amount of water in a CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution was estimated from the signal intensity of water in <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis, whose results were comparable to water contents measured by Karl Fischer method. The reaction conversions were estimated by the comparison of the signal intensities of the product and internal standard. Note that the term "0% yield" means that we could not detect the products at all in <sup>1</sup>H NMR analyses.



[Channel dimension of MMF and kinetic diameters of the reaction substrates]



**Fig. S38** Channel dimension of MMF and kinetic diameters of Pd-TPPCH<sub>2</sub>OCPh<sub>3</sub> (**4**) and PhCH<sub>2</sub>OCPh<sub>3</sub> (**2**). The kinetic diameters were estimated by the molecular modeling.<sup>7</sup>

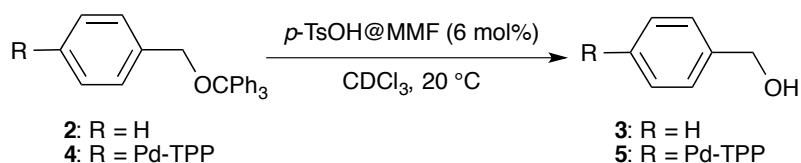
#### **Size-specific reaction (deprotection of 2 or 4)**

[Reaction with PhCH<sub>2</sub>OCPh<sub>3</sub> (**2**)]

In order to confirm the reproducibility of this reaction, we prepared three similar samples as below. To fresh crystals of *p*-TsOH@MMF (0.39, 0.32 and 0.31 mg, 0.094, 0.077 and 0.075 μmol as *p*-TsOH: entry 1, 2 and 3, respectively) were added CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions of PhCH<sub>2</sub>OCPh<sub>3</sub> (**2**) (2.2 mM, 0.78, 0.64 and 0.62 mL, 1.7, 1.4 and 1.4 μmol: entry 1, 2 and 3, respectively). The mixtures were transferred into NMR tubes and stood at 20 °C to pursue the reactions by <sup>1</sup>H NMR measurements. The water contents of entries 1–3 in the initial states were estimated to be 23 mM by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analyses.

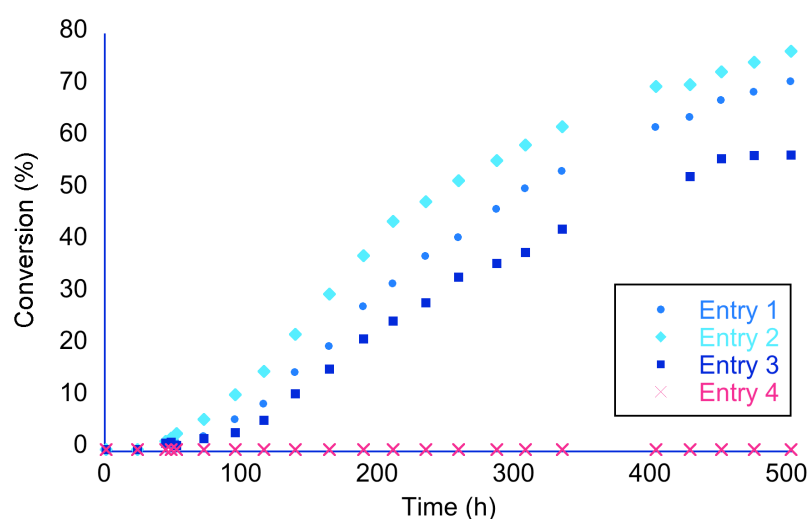
[Reaction with Pd-TPPCH<sub>2</sub>OCPh<sub>3</sub> (**4**)]

To fresh crystals of *p*-TsOH@MMF (0.39 mg, 0.094 μmol as *p*-TsOH: entry 4) was added a CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution of Pd-TPPCH<sub>2</sub>OCPh<sub>3</sub> (**4**) (2.1 mM, 0.78 mL, 1.6 μmol: entry 4). Then, the mixture was transferred into an NMR tube and stood at 20 °C to pursue this reaction by <sup>1</sup>H NMR measurements. As a result, no deprotection of **4** proceeded even after 3 weeks. The water content of entry 4 in the initial state was estimated to be 23 mM by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analyses.



Entry	R	Results
1	H	71% (3 weeks)
2	H	77% (3 weeks)
3	H	59% (3 weeks)
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4	Pd-TPP	0% (3 weeks)

**Scheme S1** Trityl deprotection of **2** ( $[2] = 2.2$  mM) and **4** ( $[4] = 2.1$  mM) with  $p$ -TsOH@MMF (6 mol%) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at  $20$  °C. Each entry corresponds to the samples described above.

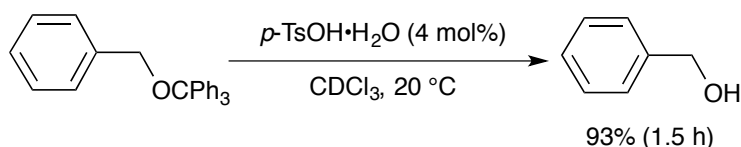


**Fig. S39** Time-course of trityl deprotection reactions of **2** and **4** based on the data of Scheme S1. The conversion rates were estimated by the comparison of the signal intensities of the product and internal standard.

### Control experiments

[Homogeneous deprotection of **2** with  $p$ -TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O]

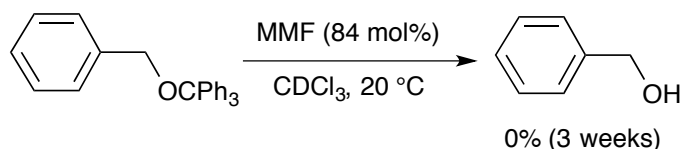
In order to confirm the difference of this deprotection reaction between homogeneous  $p$ -TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O and heterogeneous  $p$ -TsOH@MMF, we prepared a reference sample as below. A  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution of  $\text{PhCH}_2\text{OCPh}_3$  (**2**) (5.2 mM, 0.19 mL, 0.99  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was evaporated in an NMR tube. To this was added a  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution of  $p$ -TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (0.08 mM, 0.50 mL, 0.04  $\mu\text{mol}$ ). The mixture was stood at  $20$  °C to pursue the reaction by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR measurements. As a result, deprotection reaction of **2** was almost completed within 1.5 h (93% conversion). The water content in the initial state was estimated to be 20 mM by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analyses.



**Scheme S2** Trityl deprotection of **2** ( $[\mathbf{2}] = 1.8\text{ mM}$ ; this concentration was estimated from the integral ratio in  $^1\text{H NMR}$ ) with  $p\text{-TsOH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (4 mol%) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at  $20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

[Control reaction with acid-free MMF crystals]

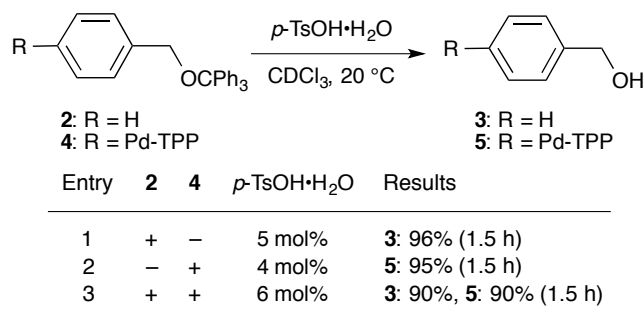
In order to check the catalytic activity of MMF itself, we prepared a control sample as below. To MMF crystals (1.27 mg,  $1.09\text{ }\mu\text{mol}$  as  $[\text{Pd}_3\text{LCl}_6]$ , 84 mol%) freshly prepared was added a  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution of  $\text{PhCH}_2\text{OCPh}_3$  (**2**) (1.9 mM, 0.70 mL,  $1.3\text{ }\mu\text{mol}$ ). Then, the mixture was transferred into an NMR tube and stood at  $20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to pursue the reactions by  $^1\text{H NMR}$  measurements. As a result, no deprotection of **2** proceeded even after 3 weeks. Note that in the cases of the deprotection of **2** with  $p\text{-TsOH@MMF}$  (6 mol% for  $p\text{-TsOH}$ ), the catalytic amount of  $[\text{Pd}_3\text{LCl}_6]$  corresponded to 16 mol%. The water content of the initial state was estimated to be 29 mM by  $^1\text{H NMR}$  analyses.



**Scheme S3** Trityl deprotection of **2** ( $[\mathbf{2}] = 1.9\text{ mM}$ ) with MMF (84 mol% as  $[\text{Pd}_3\text{LCl}_6]$ ) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at  $20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

[Comparison of acid lability between **2** and **4**]

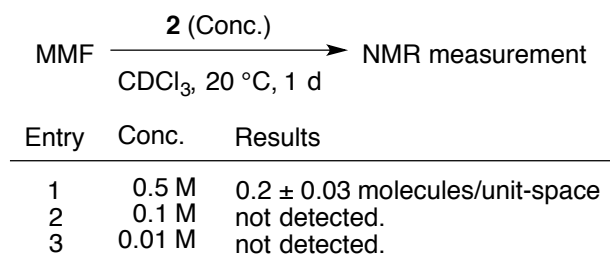
In order to compare the reactivity of reaction substrates **2** and **4**, we prepared three samples (Scheme S4, entry 1-3) as below. To  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solutions of  $\text{PhCH}_2\text{OCPh}_3$  (**2**) (1.2 mM, 0.60 mL,  $0.72\text{ }\mu\text{mol}$ ),  $\text{Pd-TPPCH}_2\text{OCPh}_3$  (**4**) (1.6 mM, 0.60 mL,  $0.96\text{ }\mu\text{mol}$ ) and a mixture of **2** and **4** (0.60 mL,  $[\mathbf{2}] = 1.2\text{ mM}$ ,  $0.72\text{ }\mu\text{mol}$ ,  $[\mathbf{4}] = 1.2\text{ mM}$ ,  $0.72\text{ }\mu\text{mol}$ ),  $\text{CDCl}_3$  suspensions of  $p\text{-TsOH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (50  $\mu\text{L}$ ; entry 1:  $0.04\text{ }\mu\text{mol}$ , entry 2:  $0.06\text{ }\mu\text{mol}$ , entry 3:  $0.04\text{ }\mu\text{mol}$ ) were added. The mixtures were stood at  $20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to pursue the reactions by  $^1\text{H NMR}$  measurements. As a result, both substrates **2** and **4** showed similar reactivity (95–96% conversion after 1.5 h). In addition, any demetalation of **4** was not detected under these conditions. The water contents of entries 1–3 in the initial states were estimated to be 27, 35 and 25 mM, respectively, by  $^1\text{H NMR}$  analyses.



**Scheme S4** Trityl deprotection of **2** ([**2**] = 1.2 mM), **4** ([**4**] = 1.6 mM) and a mixture ([**2**] = 1.2 mM, [**4**] = 1.2 mM) with *p*-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (4–6 mol%) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 20 °C. The amounts of *p*-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O in this scheme (5, 4 and 6 mol%) were estimated from the integral ratios in <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra.

[Guest uptake of **2** into MMF pore]

To check the accessibility of **2** into MMF pores, MMF crystals were soaked in a CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution of PhCH<sub>2</sub>OCPh<sub>3</sub> (**2**) (0.5, 0.1, 0.01 M) at 20 °C for 1 day. The MMF crystals were collected by filtration, washed with a small amount of CDCl<sub>3</sub> (ca. 200 μL) and air-dried for 10 sec on a filter paper. The amount of **2** included in the unit-space of MMF was estimated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analyses of DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/DCI-D<sub>2</sub>O ([DCI] = 0.17 M) solution dissolving the crystals. In each measurement, the same NMR sample was repeatedly analyzed three times to average the numbers of **2** included in the pore. In the case of [**2**] = 0.5 M (entry 1), 0.2 molecules of **2** were included in the unit-space of MMF.



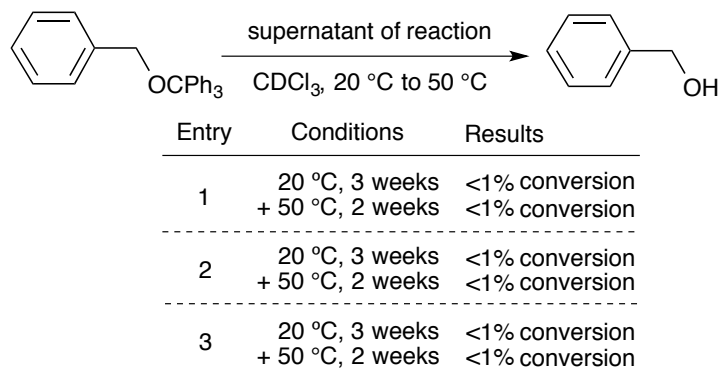
**Scheme S5** Digestion experiments for MMF crystals soaked in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions of **2**.

### **Confirmation of the heterogeneous character of *p*-TsOH@MMF**

[Reactions with supernatants of the first reactions]

After the first reactions, the reaction mixtures were decanted to collect their supernatants. Then the supernatants containing both **2** and **3** were filtered with cotton. To the filtrates were added CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions of PhCH<sub>2</sub>OCPh<sub>3</sub> (**2**) (6.7 mM, 0.23, 0.19 and 0.19 mL, 1.5, 1.3 and 1.3 μmol: entries 1, 2 and 3, respectively) and these mixtures were messed up to 0.78, 0.64 and 0.62 mL with CDCl<sub>3</sub>, respectively. The mixtures were stood at 20 °C to pursue the reactions by <sup>1</sup>H NMR measurements. Because the ratios of **2** and **3** did not change at all even after 3 weeks, the temperature was raised to 50 °C and stood another 2 weeks to pursue the reactions by <sup>1</sup>H NMR

measurements. As a result, no further conversion of **2** proceeded even after 2 weeks at 50 °C. The water contents of entries 1–3 in initial states were estimated to be 25 mM by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analyses.



**Scheme S6** Trityl deprotection of **2** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 20 °C to 50 °C) with supernatants of the first reactions.

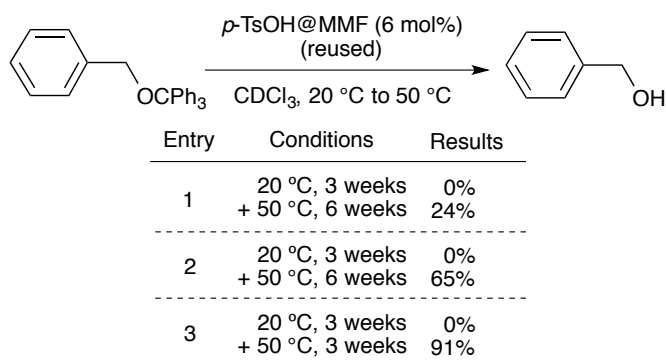
### **Reusability of *p*-TsOH@MMF**

[Preparation of *p*-TsOH@MMF (reused)]

After the first reactions, the reaction mixtures were decanted to remove supernatants. To the remained crystals was added pure CDCl<sub>3</sub> (ca. 100 μL) and the supernatants were removed by careful decantation after 5 min. This washing operation was repeated once more. Then the supernatants were removed by careful decantation to afford *p*-TsOH@MMF (reused). After the preparation, these catalysts were immediately used for deprotection reactions of **2**.

[Reactions with *p*-TsOH@MMF (reused)]

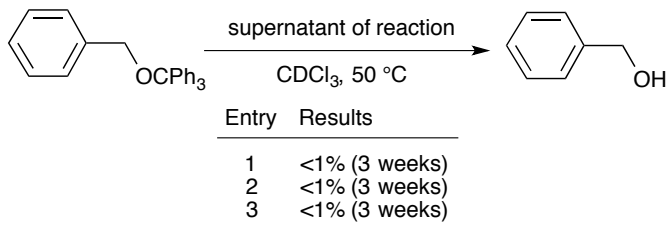
To freshly prepared *p*-TsOH@MMF (reused) (if there was no loss of crystals during preparation of *p*-TsOH@MMF (reused); 0.39, 0.32 and 0.31 mg, 0.094, 0.077 and 0.075 μmol as *p*-TsOH: entries 1, 2 and 3, respectively) were added CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions of PhCH<sub>2</sub>OCPh<sub>3</sub> (**2**) (2.0 mM, 0.78, 0.64 and 0.62 mL, 1.6, 1.3 and 1.2 μmol: entries 1, 2 and 3, respectively). The mixtures were stood at 20 °C to pursue the reactions by <sup>1</sup>H NMR measurements. Because the reaction did not proceed at all even after 3 weeks, the temperature was raised to 50 °C and the mixtures were stood another several weeks to pursue the reactions by <sup>1</sup>H NMR measurements. As a result, deprotection of **2** proceeded to some extent (24–91%) after 3–6 weeks depending on the reaction batches. The water contents of entries 1–3 in initial states were estimated to be 12 mM by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analyses.



**Scheme S7** Trityl deprotection of **2** ([**2**] = 2.0 mM) with *p*-TsOH@MMF (reused) (6 mol%) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 20 °C or 50 °C.

[Reaction with supernatants of the second reactions]

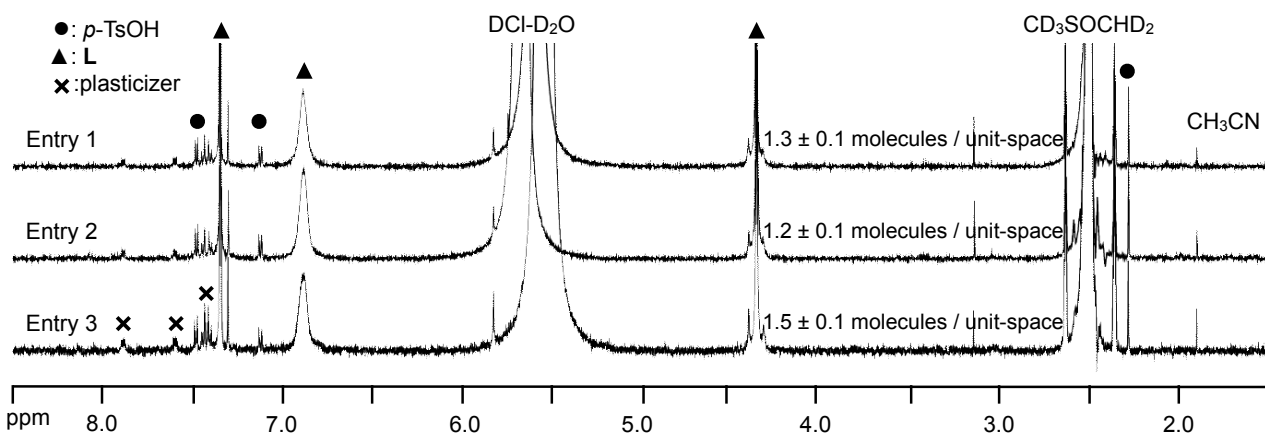
After the second reactions, the reaction mixtures were decanted to collect their supernatants. Then the supernatants containing both **2** and **3** were filtered with cotton. To the filtrates were added PhCH<sub>2</sub>OCPh<sub>3</sub> (**2**) (0.51, 0.43 and 0.41 mg, 1.5, 1.2 and 1.2 μmol: entries 1, 2 and 3, respectively) and these mixtures were messed up to 0.78, 0.64 and 0.62 mL with CDCl<sub>3</sub>, respectively. The mixtures were stood at 50 °C to pursue the reactions by <sup>1</sup>H NMR measurements. As a result, no further conversion of **2** proceeded even after 3 weeks. The water contents of entries 1–3 in the initial states were estimated to be 25 mM by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analyses.



**Scheme S8** Trityl deprotection of **2** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 °C) with supernatants of the second reactions.

[Digestion experiment of *p*-TsOH@MMF after the second reactions]

After the second reactions, the reaction mixtures were decanted to remove supernatants. To the remained crystals was added pure CDCl<sub>3</sub> (ca. 100 μL) and the mixtures were stood for 5 min and then decanted to remove supernatants. This washing operation was repeated once more. The resulting crystals were dried up in vacuo and dissolved in solutions of DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/DCI-D<sub>2</sub>O ([DCI] = 0.17 M) to estimate the numbers of *p*-TsOH molecules included in the unit-spaces by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analyses. In each measurement, the same NMR sample was repeatedly analyzed three times to average the numbers of *p*-TsOH molecules included. As a result, we revealed that most of *p*-TsOH molecules included in the initial *p*-TsOH@MMF crystals (1.5 molecules/unit-space) were remained in crystals even after the second reactions (1.2–1.5 molecules/unit-space).



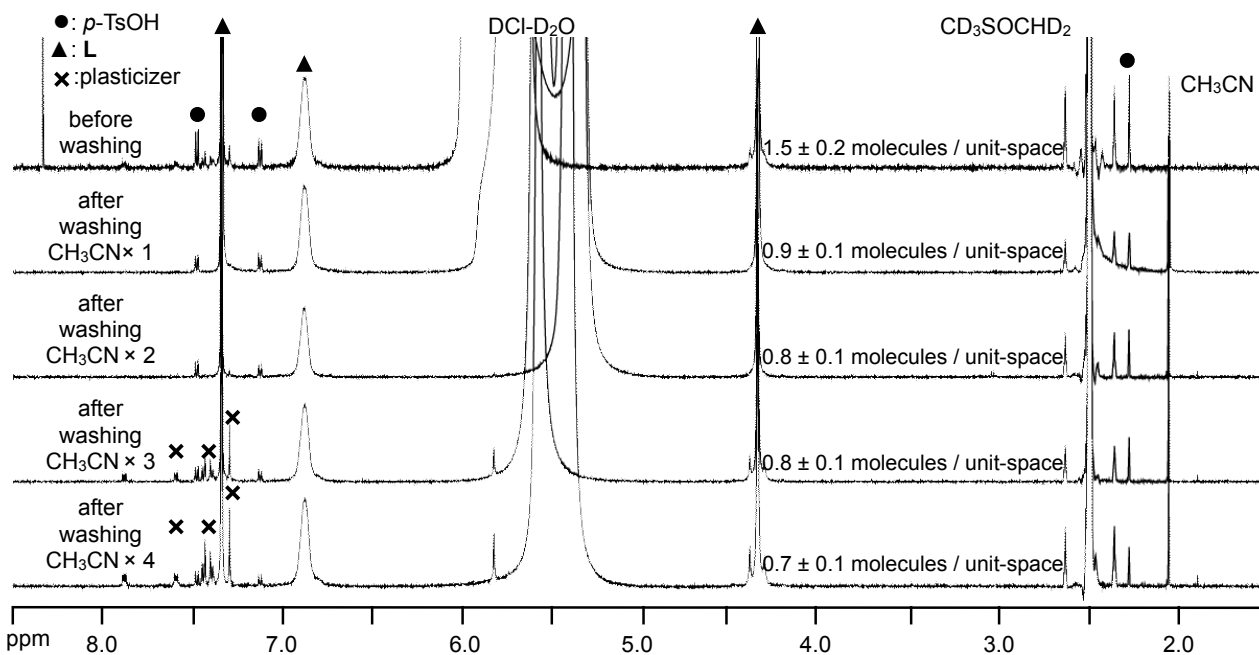
**Fig. S40**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6/\text{DCI-D}_2\text{O}$ , 300 K). The estimated numbers of  $p$ -TsOH molecules remained in the unit-space of MMF are denoted on the right side of each spectrum.

### **Deactivation of $p$ -TsOH@MMF by $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ washing**

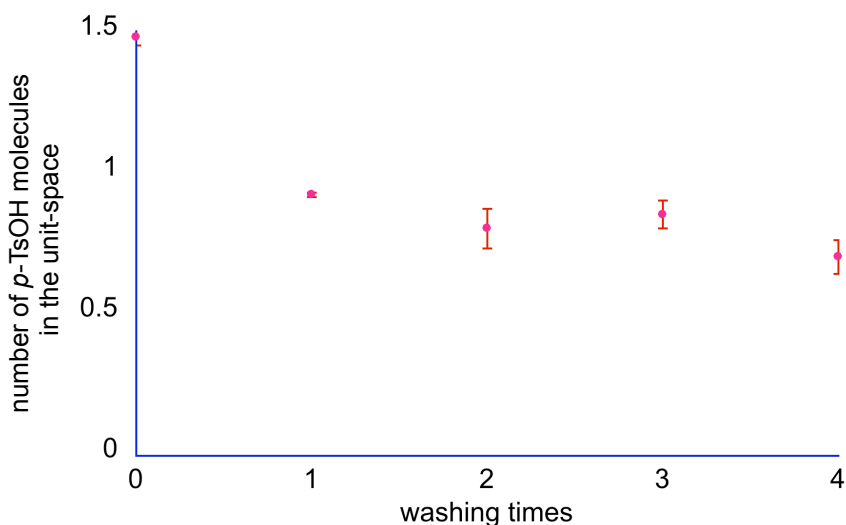
[Preparation of  $p$ -TsOH@MMF (washed)]

To wash out the  $p$ -TsOH molecules adsorbed in the  $p$ -TsOH@MMF crystals, the crystals were soaked in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (MMF/ $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  = 1 mg/mL) at 20 °C for 24 h, separated by decantation and washed with  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (ca. 5 mL). This washing operation was further repeated twice. The resulting crystals were soaked in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (MMF/ $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  = 1 mg/mL) at 20 °C for 24 h, collected by filtration, washed with a small amount of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  and air-dried for 10 sec on a filter paper to afford  $p$ -TsOH@MMF (washed). After the preparation, this catalyst was immediately used for deprotection reactions.

After each step, the amount of  $p$ -TsOH $\cdot$ H $_2$ O remained in the unit-space was estimated by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analyses of  $\text{DMSO-}d_6/\text{DCI-D}_2\text{O}$  ([DCI] = 0.17 M) solution dissolving a small part of the crystals. In each measurement, the same NMR sample was repeatedly analyzed three times to average the numbers of  $p$ -TsOH molecules included in each step.



**Fig. S41** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/DCI-D<sub>2</sub>O, 300 K). The estimated numbers of *p*-TsOH molecules remained in the unit-space of MMF are denoted on the right side of each spectrum.



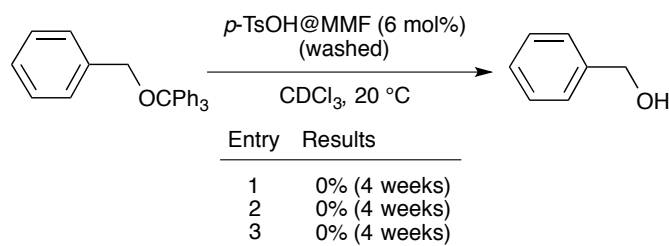
**Fig. S42** The numbers of *p*-TsOH molecules remained in the unit-space of MMF crystals after each washing with CH<sub>3</sub>CN. This graph was generated based on the data shown in Fig. S41.

[Reaction with *p*-TsOH@MMF (washed)]

To freshly prepared *p*-TsOH@MMF (washed) (0.82 mg, 0.72 and 0.70 mg, 0.092, 0.081 and 0.079 μmol as *p*-TsOH: entries 1, 2 and 3, respectively) were added CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions of PhCH<sub>2</sub>OCPPh<sub>3</sub> (**2**) (2.0 mM, 0.82, 0.72 and 0.70 mL, 1.6, 1.4 and 1.4 μmol: entries 1, 2 and 3, respectively). The mixture were stood at 20 °C to pursue the reactions by <sup>1</sup>H NMR measurements. As a result, no deprotection of **2** proceeded even after 4 weeks. The water contents of entries 1–3 in



the initial states were estimated to be 15 mM by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analyses.



**Scheme S9** Trityl deprotection of **2** ( $[\mathbf{2}] = 2.0$  mM) with  $p\text{-TsOH@MMF}$  (washed) (6 mol%) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 20 °C.

### **Stability and catalytic activity of $p\text{-TsOH@MMF}$**

Although MMF crystals are thermally stable up to 220 °C as previously confirmed by thermogravimetric analysis,<sup>1</sup> the crystallinity of MMF is gradually lost by drying or long-time soaking in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ .

For  $p\text{-TsOH@MMF}$ , a decrease in the crystallinity should be a key factor to lower the catalytic activity. For instance, a reused catalyst after the first reaction, which was soaked in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  for 3 weeks, showed a lower catalytic activity than the as-prepared catalyst as described in the main text. However, the most of  $p\text{-TsOH}$  molecules was maintained in the reused crystals (Fig. S40). Therefore the deactivation should be due to the decrease in crystallinity and/or degradation of pore entrances that may inhibit uptake of substrates in the pore. This idea seems reasonable because diffusion of substrate molecules into the pores drastically affects the reaction rate as shown in the main text (e.g. Fig. 3).

A method for acceleration of the reaction speed is heating. We have already demonstrated that heating a reaction mixture with reused  $p\text{-TsOH@MMF}$  at 50 °C accelerates the deprotection of **2** as mentioned in the footnote 11. In addition, the reaction speed is expected to increase when smaller substrates are used, because the molecular size of **2** (1.1 nm) is close to the limit of the pore size ( $1.4 \times 1.9$  nm<sup>2</sup>). This study is now underway towards further application of  $p\text{-TsOH@MMF}$  for various acid-catalytic reactions.

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