

## Supporting Information

### Ultrafine PdCo bimetallic nanoclusters confined in N-doped porous carbon for the efficient semi-hydrogenation of alkynes

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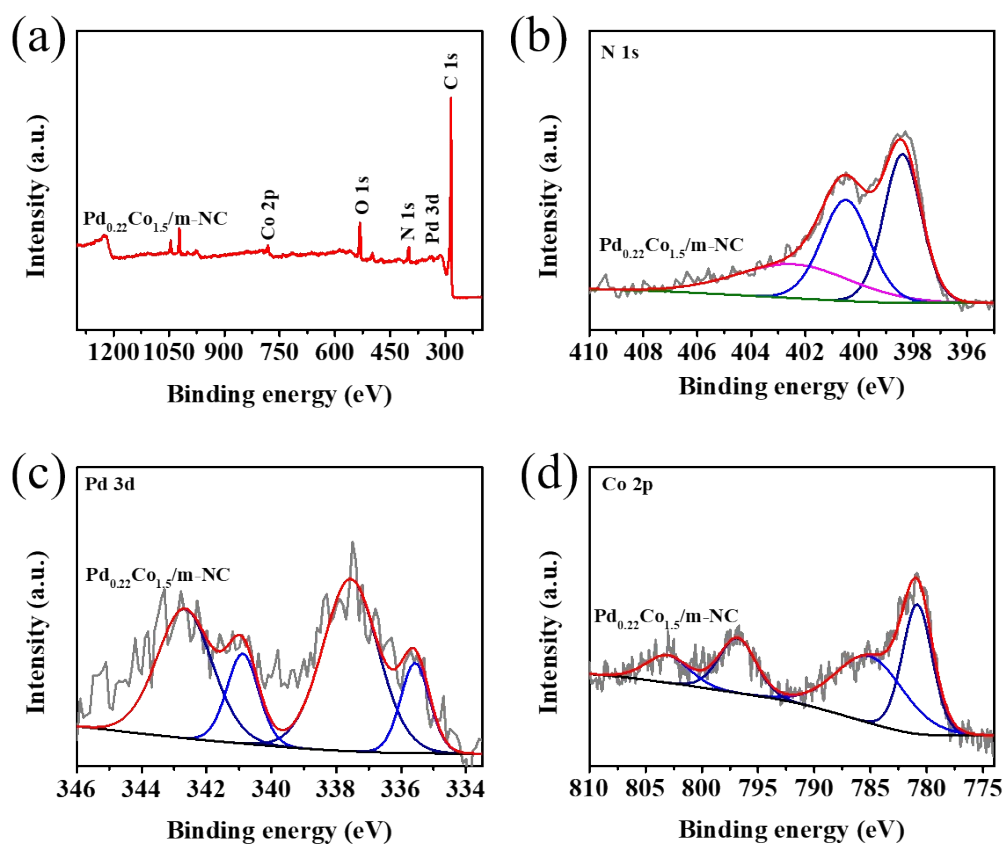
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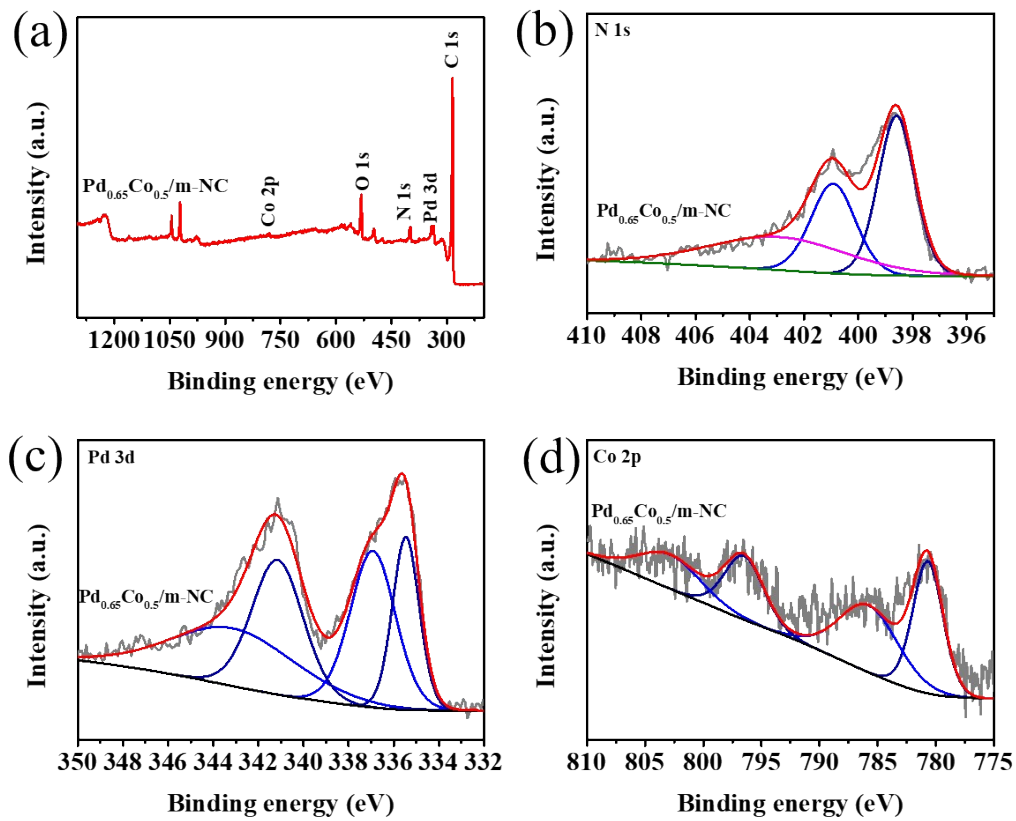
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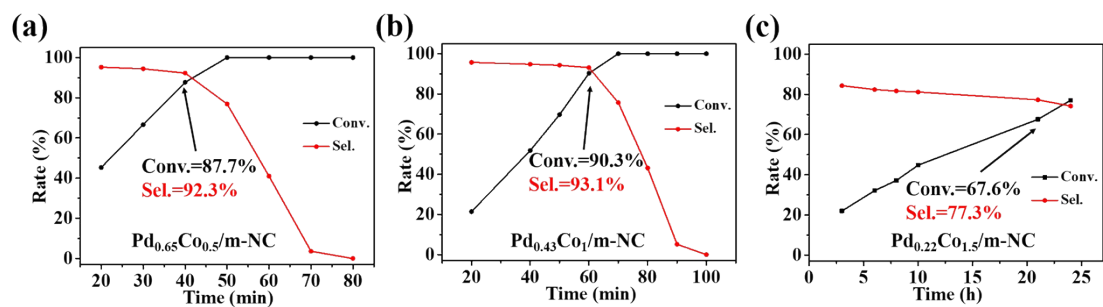
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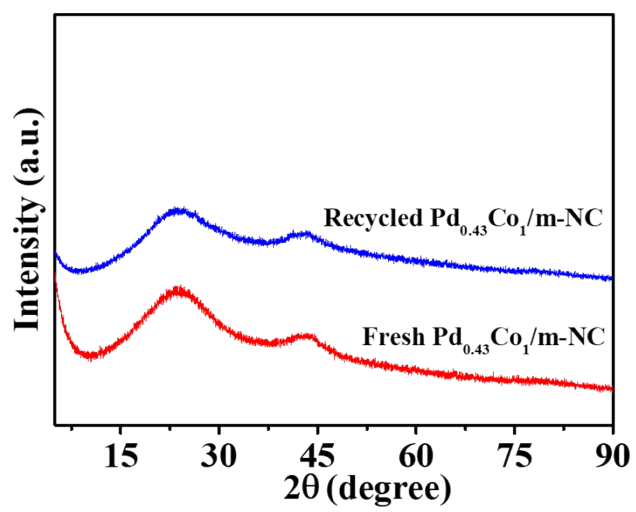
**Figure S1.** (a) The full-range XPS spectrum of  $\text{Pd}_{0.22}\text{Co}_{1.5}/\text{m-NC}$ . The XPS spectra of N 1s (b), Pd 3d (c) and Co 2p (d) of  $\text{Pd}_{0.22}\text{Co}_{1.5}/\text{m-NC}$ .



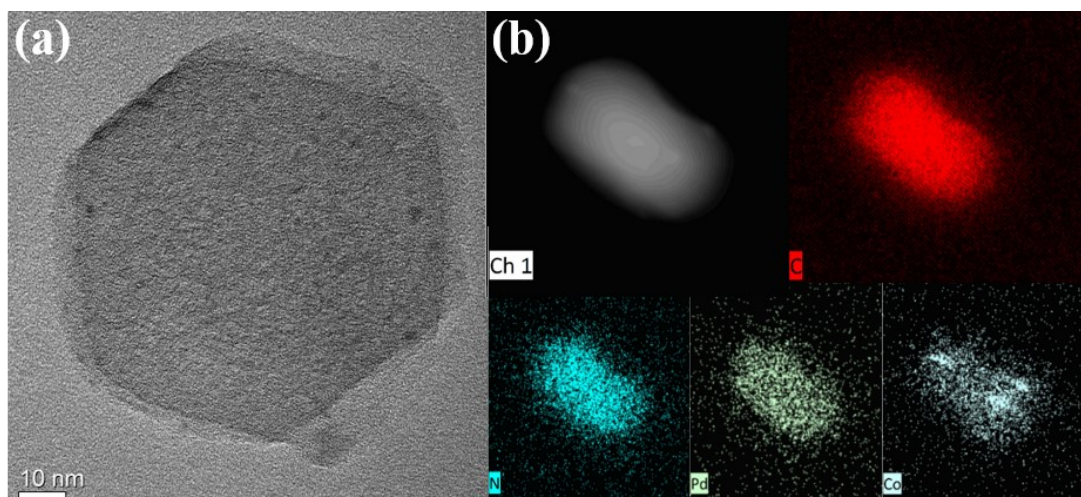
**Figure S2.** (a) The full-range XPS spectrum of  $\text{Pd}_{0.65}\text{Co}_{0.5}/\text{m-NC}$ . The XPS spectra of N 1s (b), Pd 3d (c) and Co 2p (d) of  $\text{Pd}_{0.65}\text{Co}_{0.5}/\text{m-NC}$ .



**Figure S3.** The trend of conversion and selectivity of phenylacetylene semi-hydrogenation reaction catalyzed by (a) Pd<sub>0.65</sub>Co<sub>0.5</sub>/m-NC, (b) Pd<sub>0.43</sub>Co<sub>1</sub>/m-NC and (c) Pd<sub>0.22</sub>Co<sub>1.5</sub>/m-NC under same conditions (10 mg catalyst, 1 mmol phenylacetylene, 5 mL ethanol, room temperature, 1 atm H<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S4.** PXRD pattern of fresh Pd<sub>0.43</sub>Co<sub>1</sub>/m-NC and recycled Pd<sub>0.43</sub>Co<sub>1</sub>/m-NC.



**Figure S5.** (a) TEM images of the recycled Pd<sub>0.43</sub>Co<sub>1</sub>/m-NC and histogram of the distribution of PdCo NCs. (b) EDX mapping of composition element C, N, Pd and Co in recycled Pd<sub>0.43</sub>Co<sub>1</sub>/m-NC.

**Table S1.** BET surface area and pore structure characterization parameters of materials.

Samples	BET surface area (m <sup>2</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup> )	t-Plot micropore area (m <sup>2</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup> )	Pore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup> )	t-Plot micropore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup> )	Average pore size (nm)
m-NC	1008.93	637.7	0.39	0.32	2.51
Pd <sub>0.43</sub> Co <sub>1</sub> /m-NC	1132.41	727.5	0.49	0.36	2.65

**Table S2.** Fitting data for H<sub>2</sub>-TPD spectra of different materials.

Samples	Peak type	Center Grvty	Area Intg	FWHM
Co <sub>1</sub> /m-NC	Gaussian	432.2	2.6	126.7
	Gaussian	681.9	1.4	55.8
Pd <sub>0.43</sub> /m-NC	Gaussian	484.1	11.2	177.5
Pd <sub>0.43</sub> Co <sub>1</sub> /m-NC	Gaussian	492.7	19.1	196.4

**Table S3.** Comparison the catalytic performance for semi-hydrogenation of alkynes presented in literatures and this work.

Entry	Catalyst	Substrate	T (°C)	P (MPa)	Conv. (%)	Alkene Sel. (%)	Ref.
1	Pd/C	2-Butyne-1,4-diol	65	0.3	65	73	[1]
2	PdCu/ZnO	Dehydroisophytol	80	0.4	99	95-97	[2]
3	PdAg/ZnO	Dehydroisophytol	80	0.4	99	97-98	
4	UiO-67@Pd@UiO-67 (50 nm)	phenylacetylene	10	0.5	>99	93.1	[3]
5	Pd/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	acetylene	200	-	43	17	[4]
6	PdGa	acetylene	200	-	86	75	
7	PdZn/CN@ZnO	Dehydroisophytol	50	1.0	96	>99	[5]
8	PdZn/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2-Methyl-3-butyn-2-ol	100	0.1	25	90	[6]
9	Pd-Ru@ZIF-8	phenylacetylene	100	0.1	98	96	[7]
10	PdIn/MgAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	phenylacetylene	25	0.1	92	97	[8]
11	This work	phenylacetylene	R.T.	0.1	>99	93.6	-

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