

## Supporting Information

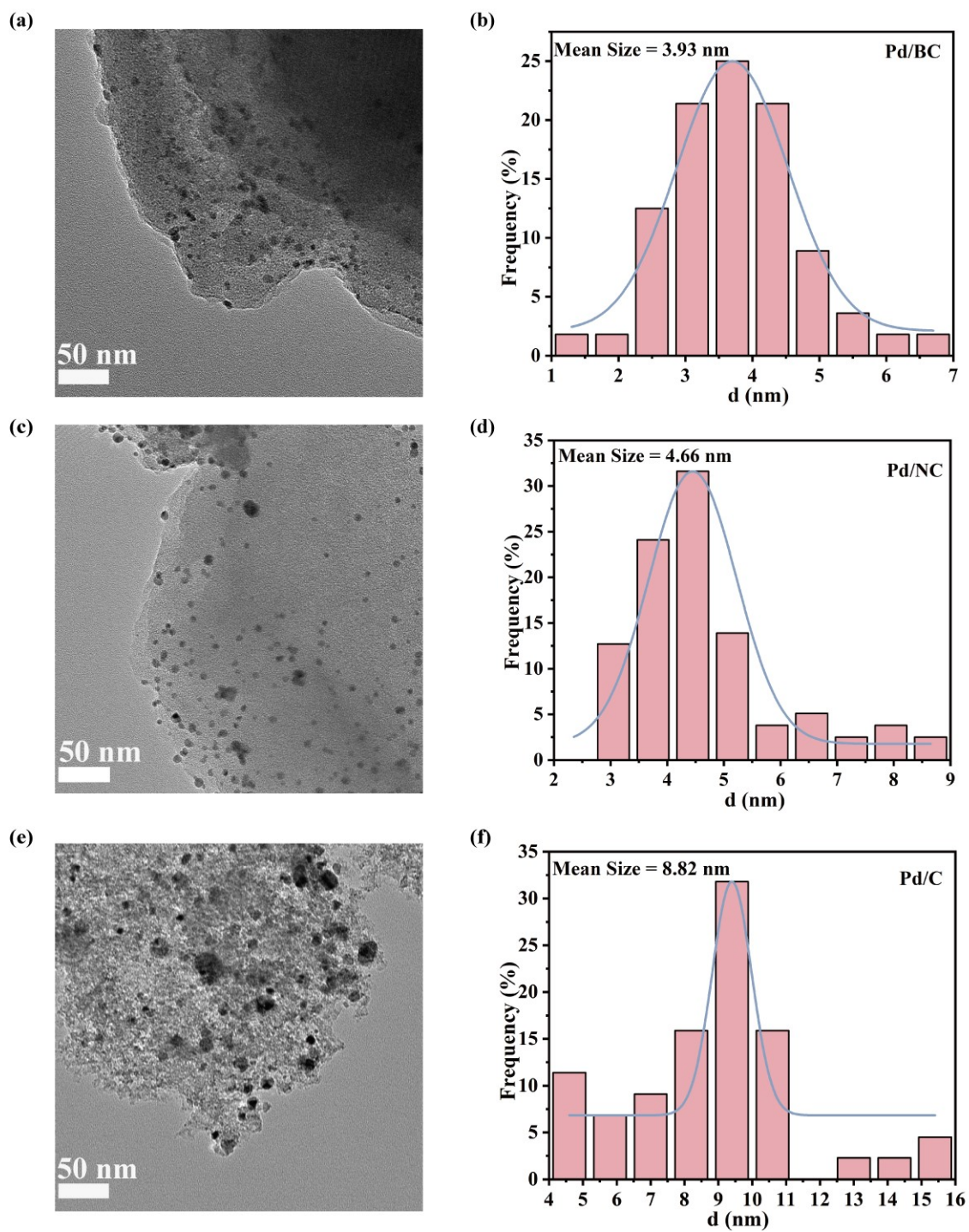
# Tuning the metal valence state of Pd nanoparticles via codoping of B-N for chlorophenol hydrodechlorination

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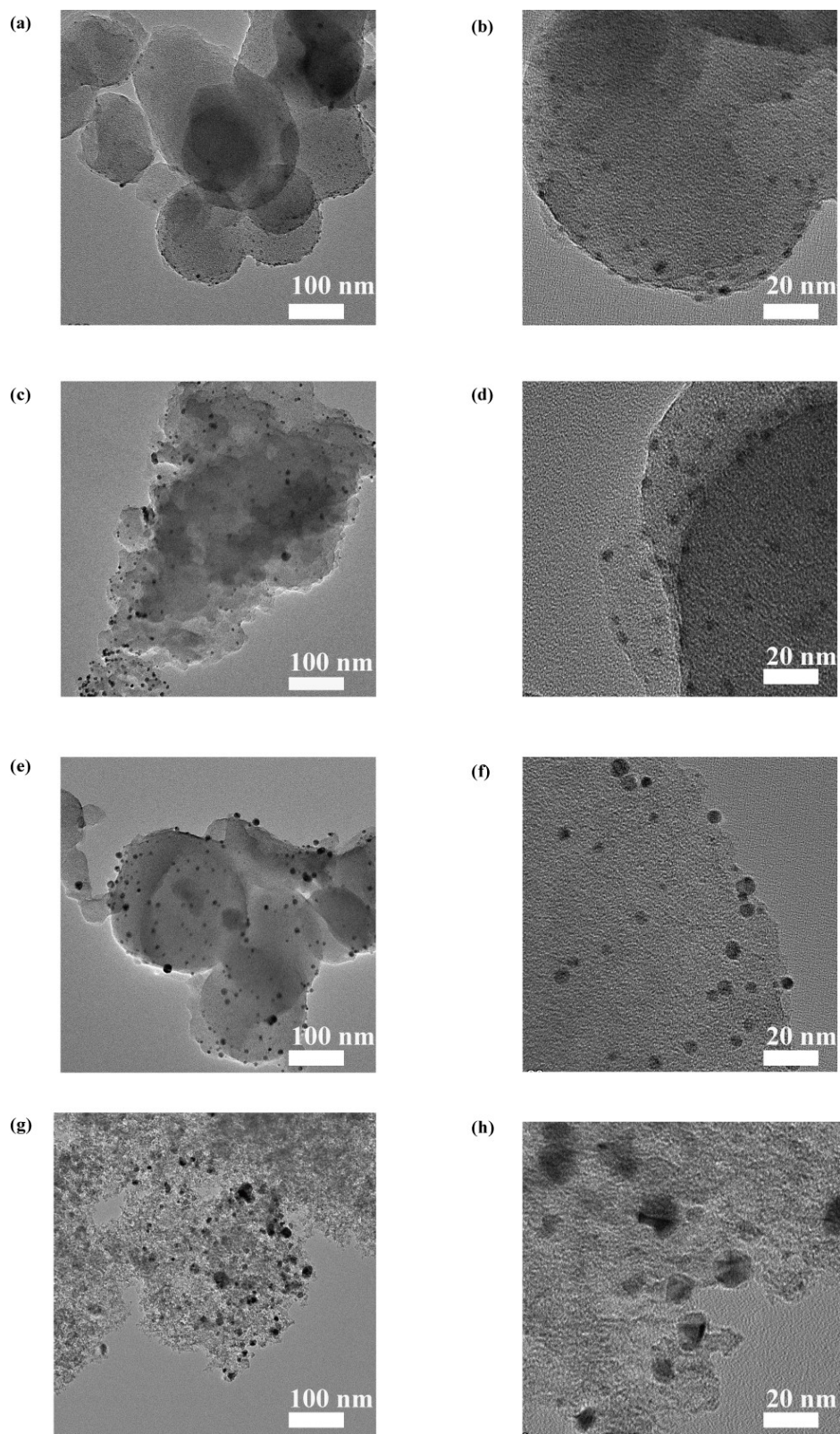
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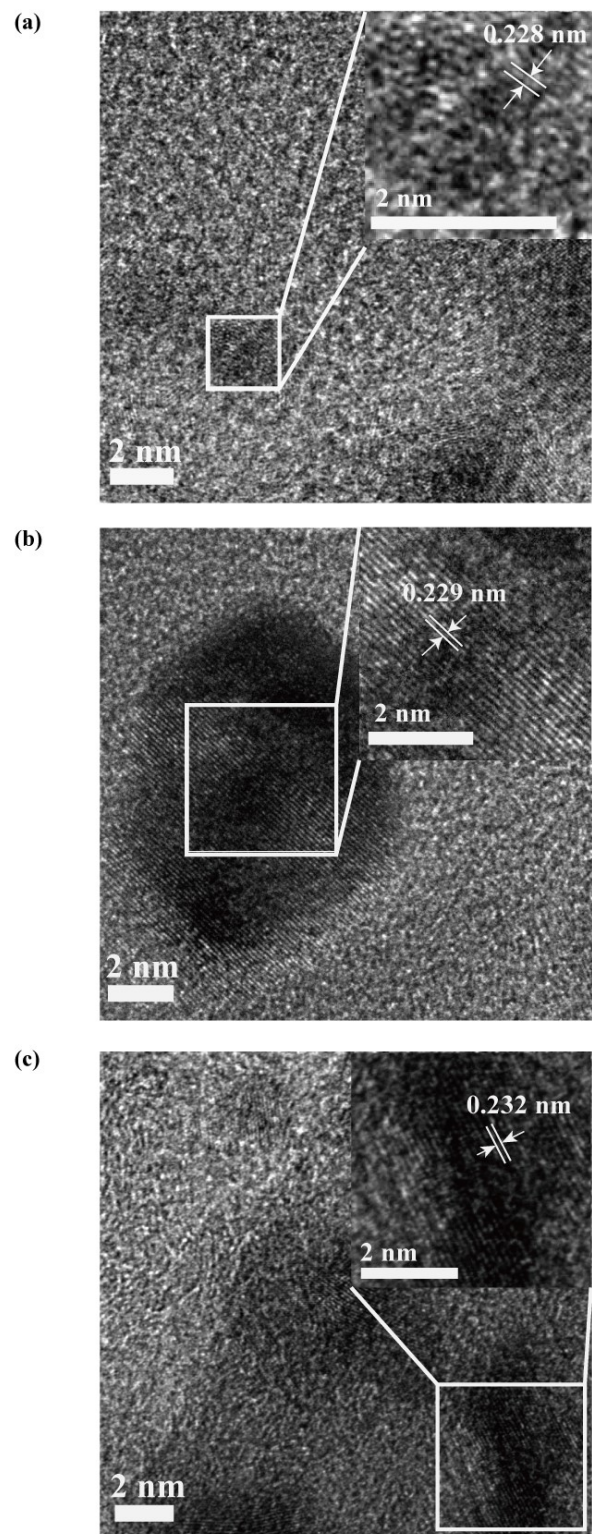


**Figure S1** TEM images of Pd/BC (a), Pd/NC (c), and Pd/C (e) and the corresponding particle size distribution of Pd/BC (b), Pd/NC (d) and Pd/C (f), respectively.



**Figure S2** TEM images of Pd/BNC (a, b), Pd/BC (c, d), Pd/NC (e, f), and Pd/C (g, h) with scale around 100nm and 20nm.





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**Figure S3** HRTEM image of Pd/BC (a), Pd/NC (b), and Pd/C (c), respectively.

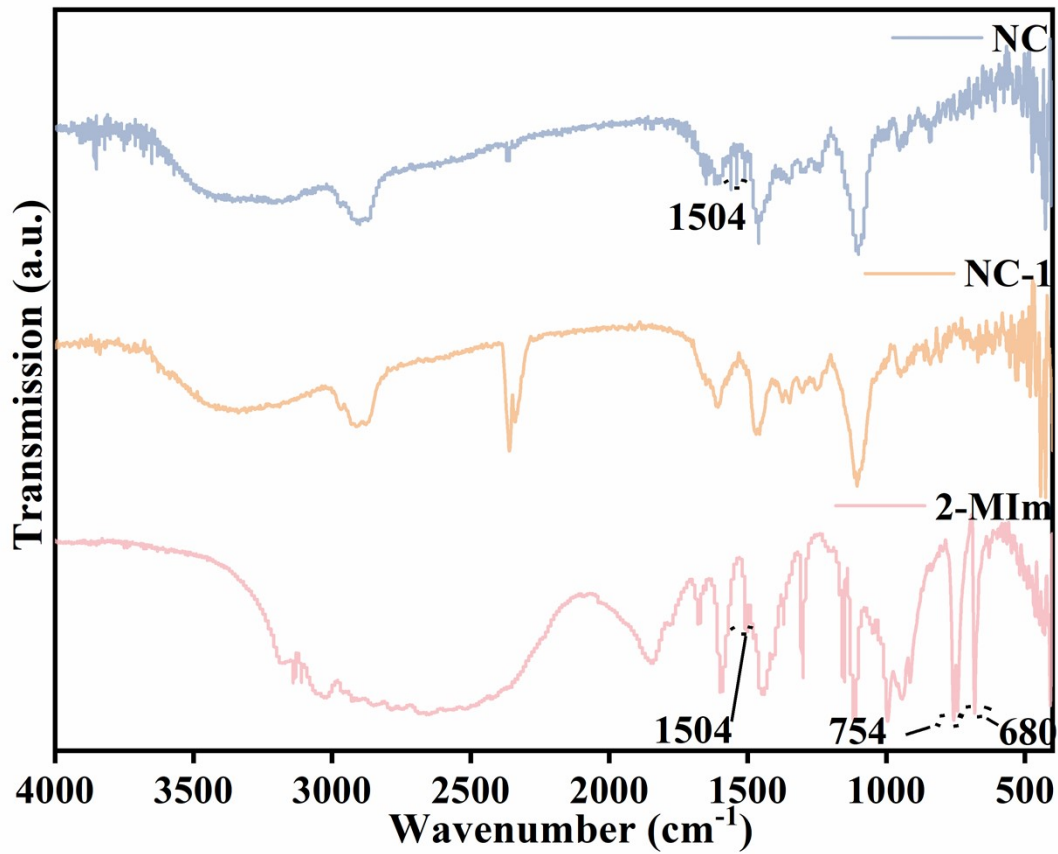
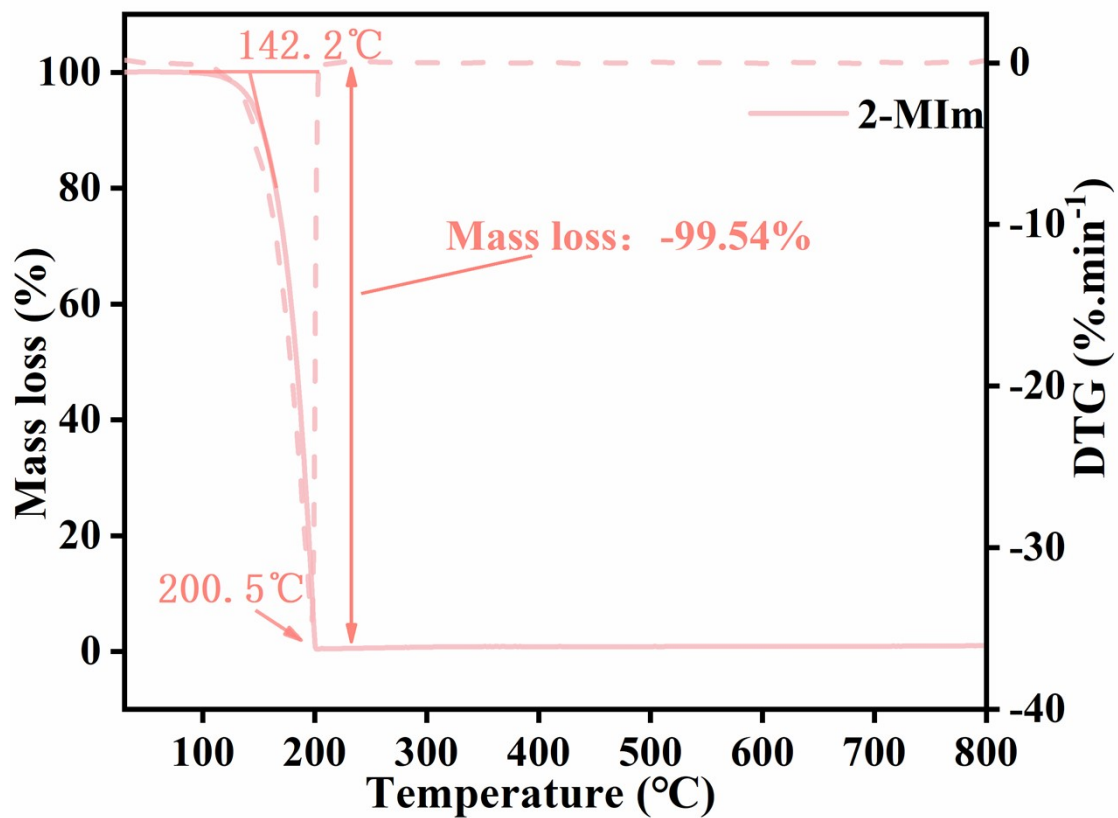
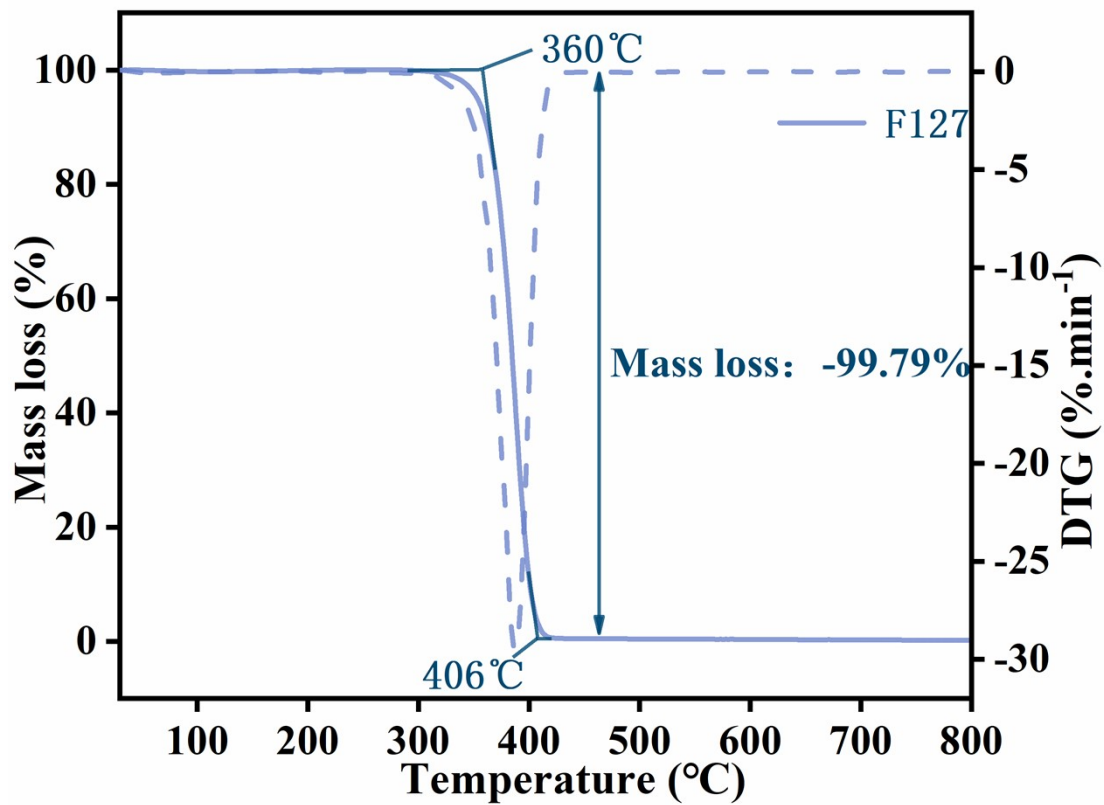


Figure S4 FT-IR spectra of as-NC and as-NC-1 compared with the FT-IR spectra of 2-MIm.



**Figure S5** TGA curve of 2-methylimidazole. The solid line and dashed line represent the curve of mass loss and DTG with temperature, respectively.



**Figure S6** TGA curve of F127. The solid line and dashed line represent the curve of mass loss and DTG with temperature, respectively.

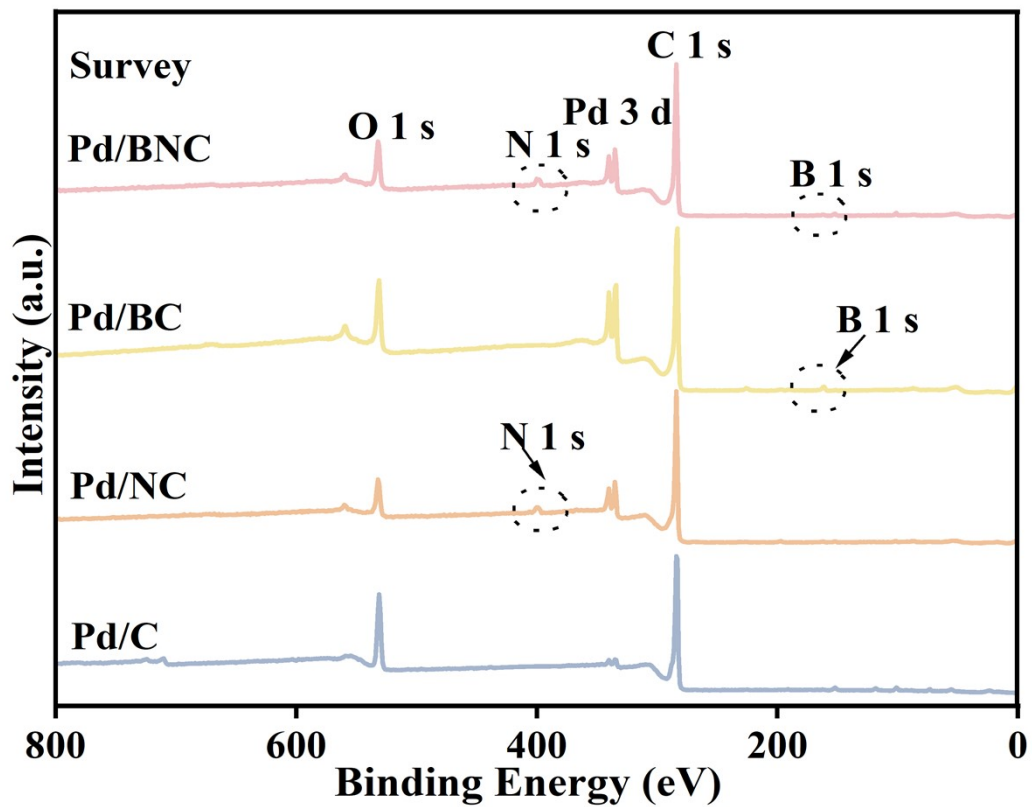


Figure S7 XPS survey spectra of Pd/C, Pd/NC, Pd/BC, and Pd/BNC.



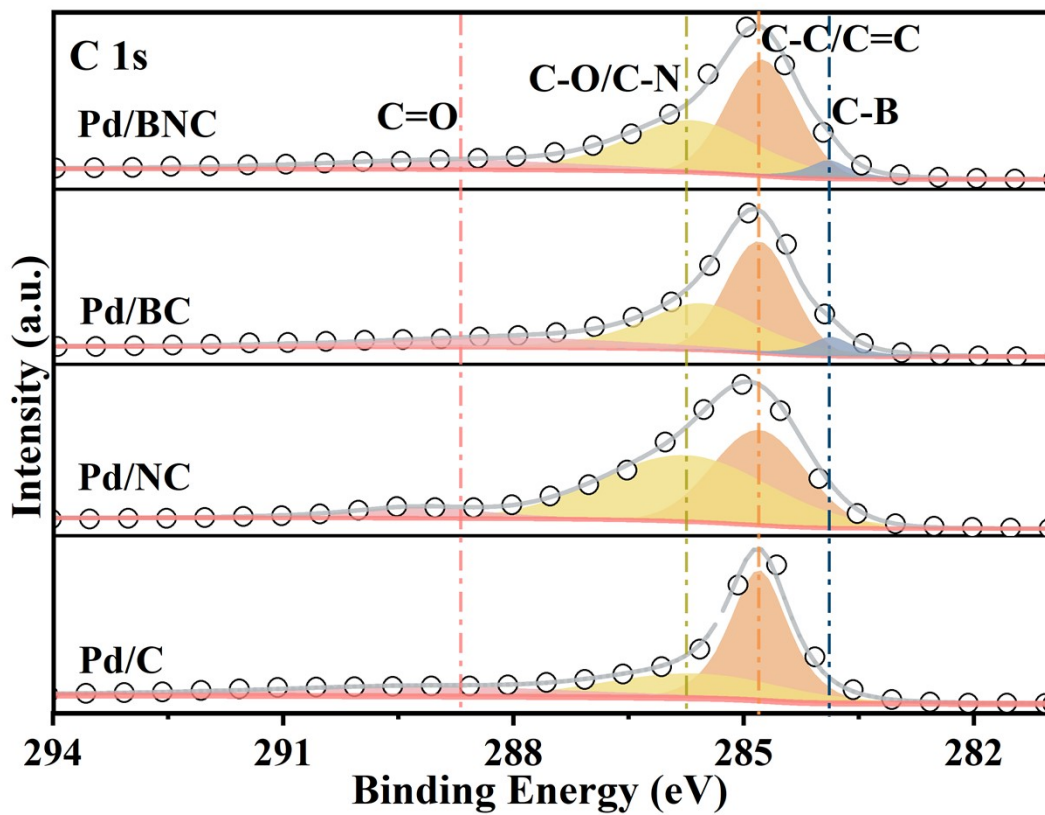
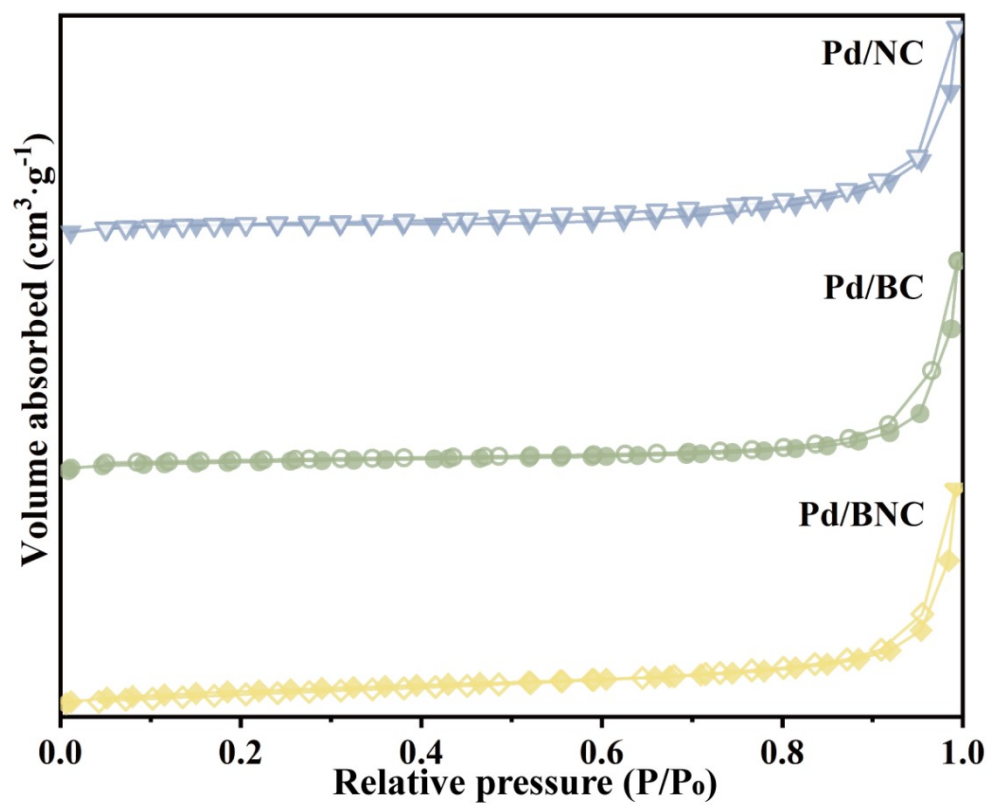
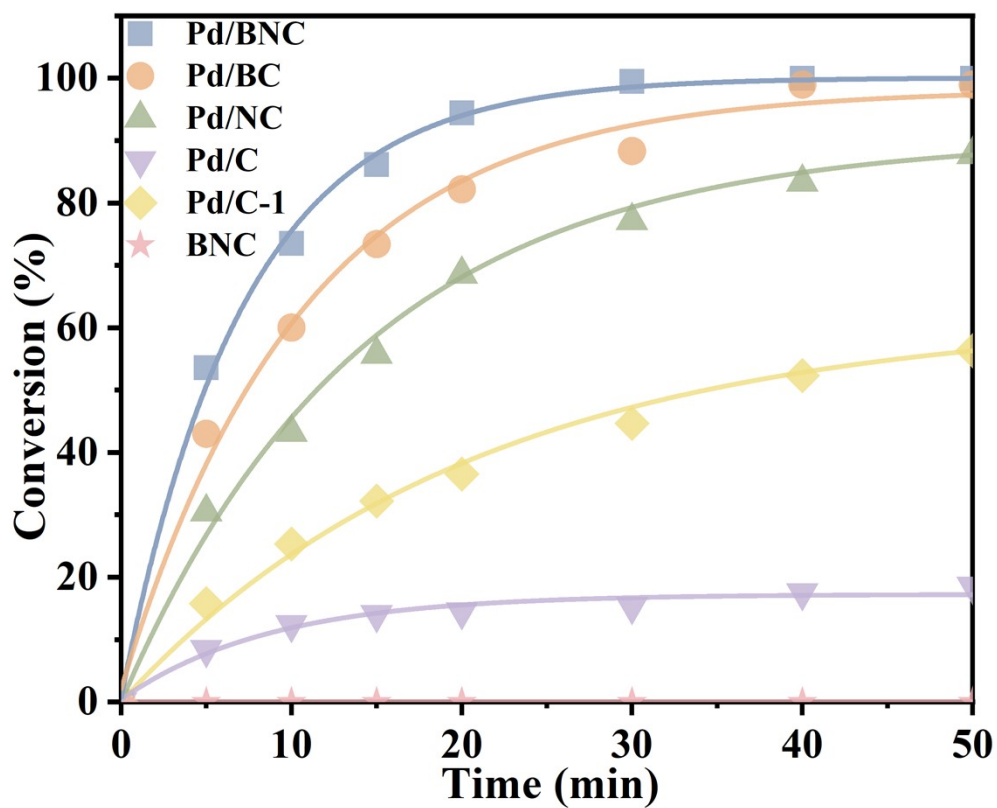


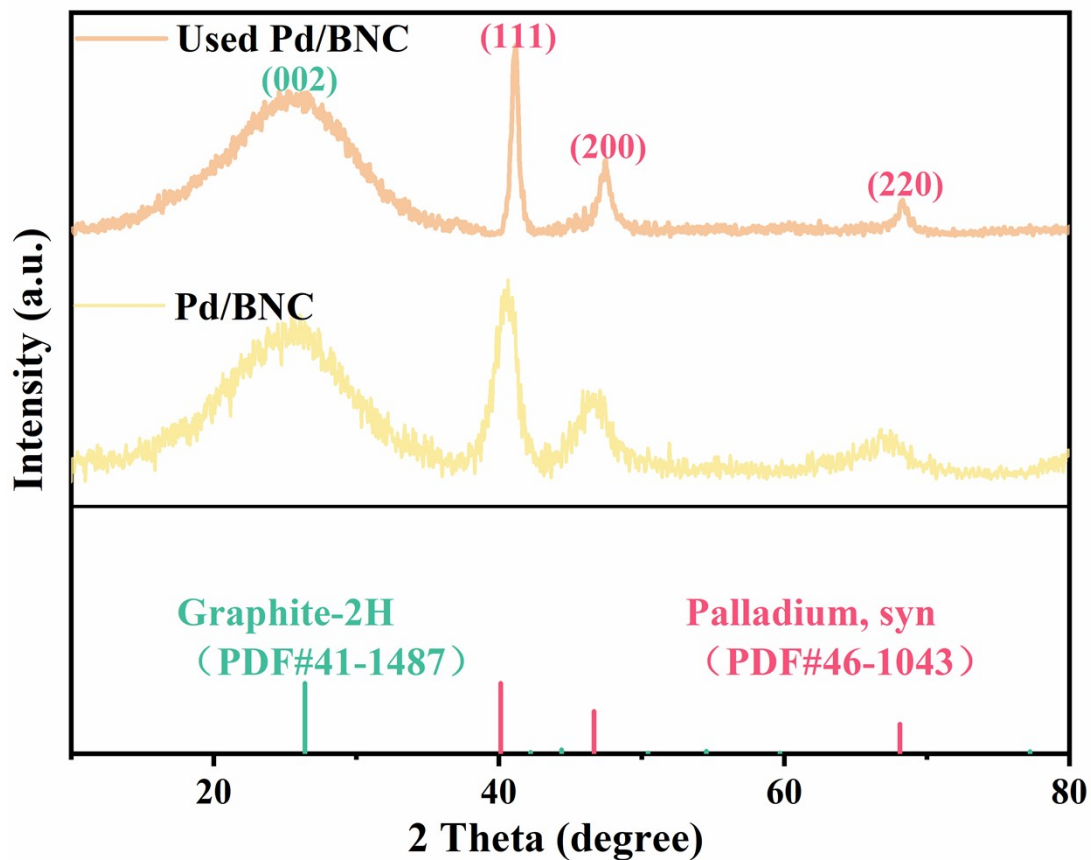
Figure S8 The high-resolution XPS spectra of C 1s in Pd/C, Pd/BC, Pd/NC, and Pd/BNC.



**Figure S9** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms at 77K of Pd/NC, Pd/BC, and Pd/BNC.



**Figure S10** 4-CP transformation (%) versus time (min) on the HDC for BNC, Pd/C, Pd/C-1, Pd/NC, Pd/BC, and Pd/BNC catalyst (a). Reaction conditions: catalyst: 0.01g, 4-CP: 5mL ( $C_{4-CP}$ : 4 mg/mL), Hydrogen source HCOOH/HCOONa:10 mL (HCOOH: 0.8 mol/L with HCOONa: 1 mol/L), temperature = 40 °C, stirring rate = 1000 rpm.



**Figure S11** Structural characterizations of used Pd/BNC catalyst. X-ray powder diffraction patterns for the catalyst before and after 10 cycles used.

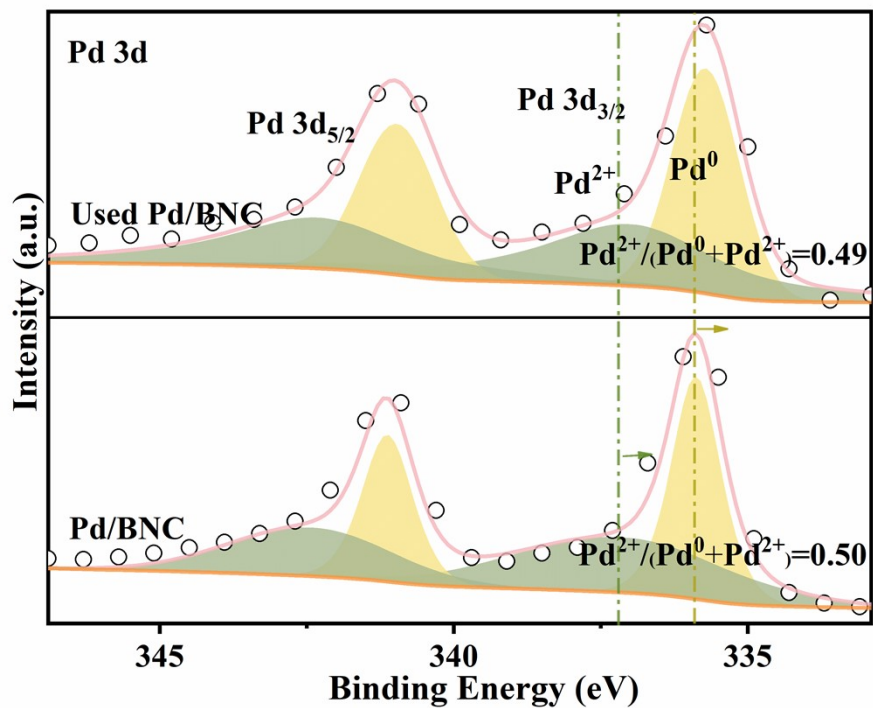


Figure S12 XPS Pd 3d spectra of used Pd/BNC catalyst for 10 run times.

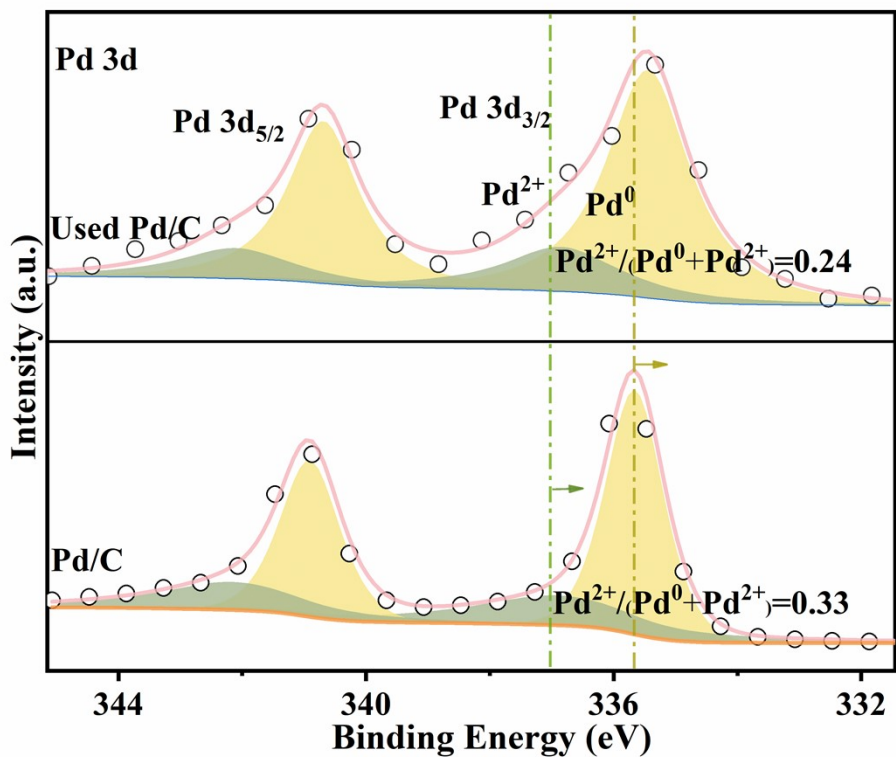
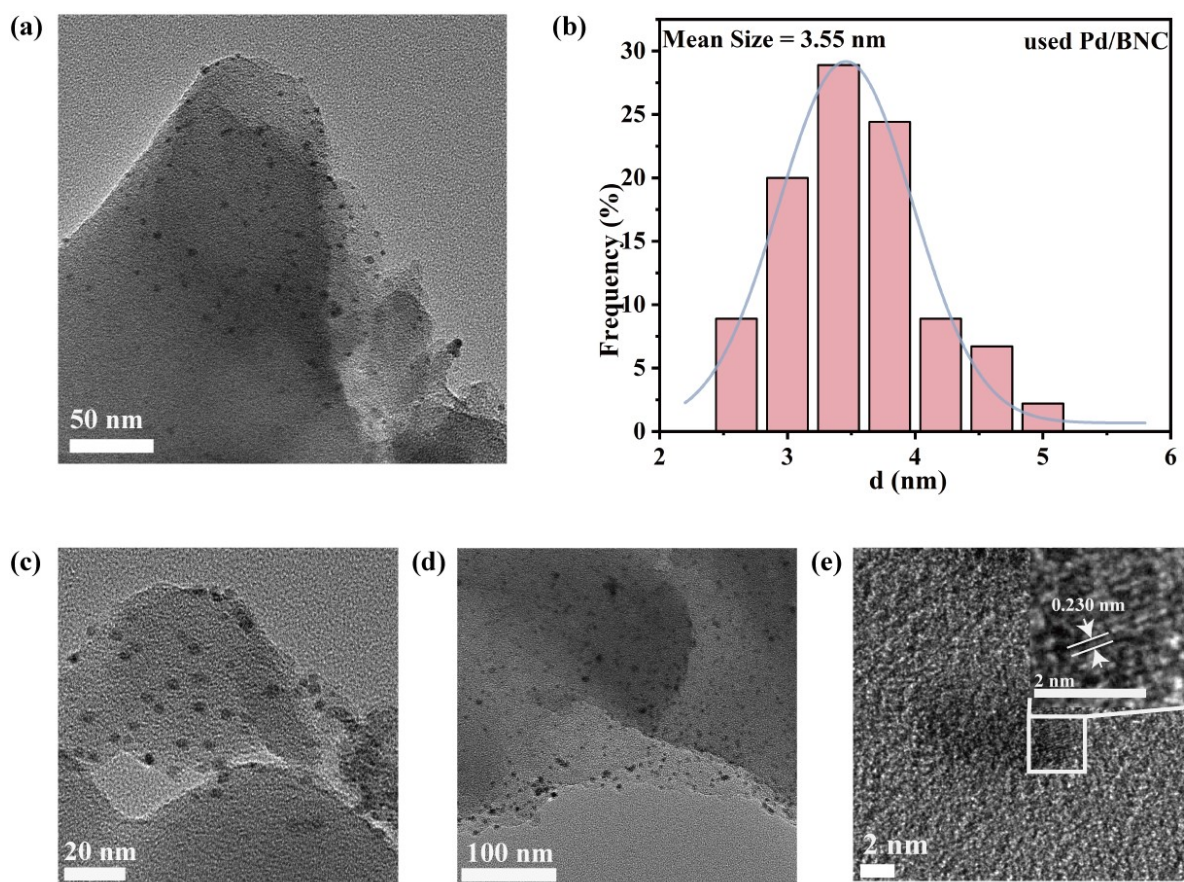


Figure S13 XPS Pd 3d spectra of used Pd/C catalyst for 10 run times.





**Figure S14** TEM image with scale around 50 nm (a), 20 nm (c), and 100 nm (d), the corresponding particle size distribution with scale around 50 nm (b), and HAADF-STEM images of used Pd/BNC catalyst for 10 run times (e).

**Table S1.** Pd NPs size values of these Pd/C, Pd/BC, Pd/NC, Pd/BNC using the Sherrer equation.

Sample	Pd/C	Pd/NC	Pd/BC	Pd/BNC
Pd NPs size/nm	8.2	4.2	3.7	3.5

**Table S2** The surface and bulk contents of N, B, Pd in Pd/C, Pd/C-1, Pd/NC, Pd/BC, Pd/BNC.

Samples	N (w%)		B (w%)		Pd (w%)	
	Bulk	Surface	Bulk	Surface	Bulk	Surface
Pd/C	—	—	—	—	4.98	5.62
Pd/C-1	—	—	—	—	4.98	4.79
Pd/NC	4.74	4.60	—	—	5.00	4.75
Pd/BC	—	—	3.37	3.16	5.01	4.71
Pd/BNC	4.96	4.70	3.40	3.31	4.99	4.82

**Table S3.** Specific Surface Area and Pore Structure Results of synthesized carbon materials.

Sample	$S_{\text{BET}}/\text{m}^2\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$	$S_{\text{mic}}/\text{m}^2\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$	$V/\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$	$V_{\text{mic}}/\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$
Pd/C	408	179	0.495	0.392
Pd/NC	336	119	0.221	0.196
Pd/BC	207	132	0.243	0.162
Pd/BNC	277	123	0.215	0.179

**Table S4** Values of the first-order rate constants of Figure 7a for HDC of 4-CP.

Sample	$k/\text{min}^{-1}$
Pd/C	-0.007
Pd/C-1	-0.023
Pd/NC	-0.055
Pd/BC	-0.084
Pd/BNC	-0.140