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Impact of Impurities in Covalent Organic Frameworks on Catalytic Properties of Supported Isolated Pd Complexes

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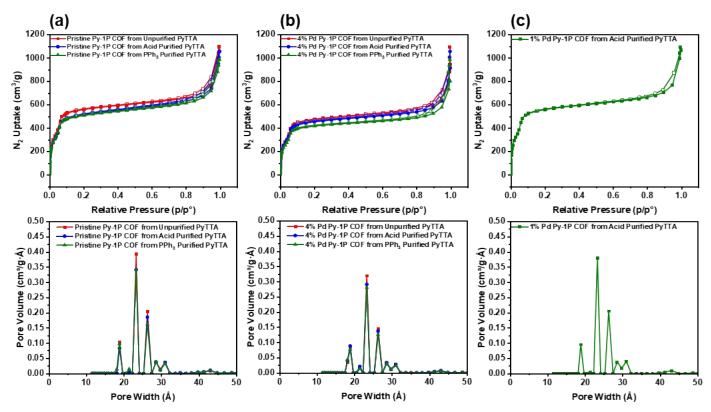


Figure S1: (Top) N₂ absorption isotherm and (bottom) pore size distribution of (a) pristine, (b) 4 wt. % Pd, and (c) 1 wt. % Pd Py-1P COF samples from PyTTA of various purifications.

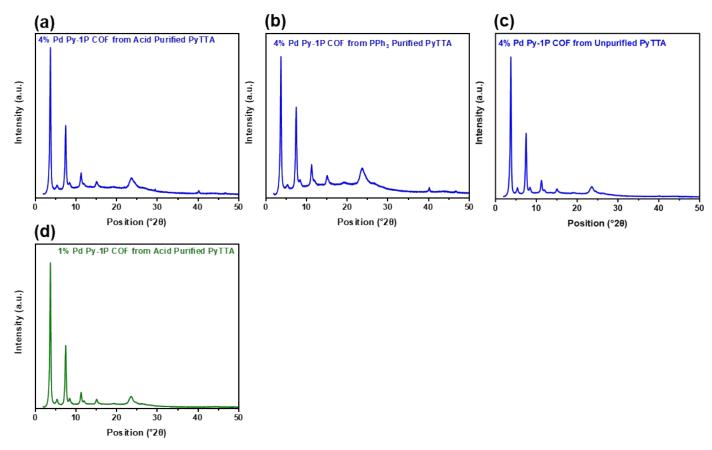


Figure S2: XRD spectra of (left) pristine, (middle) 4 wt. % Pd, and (right) 1 wt. % Pd Py-1P COF from (top) unpurified, (middle) acid purified, and (bottom) PPh₃ purified PyTTA.

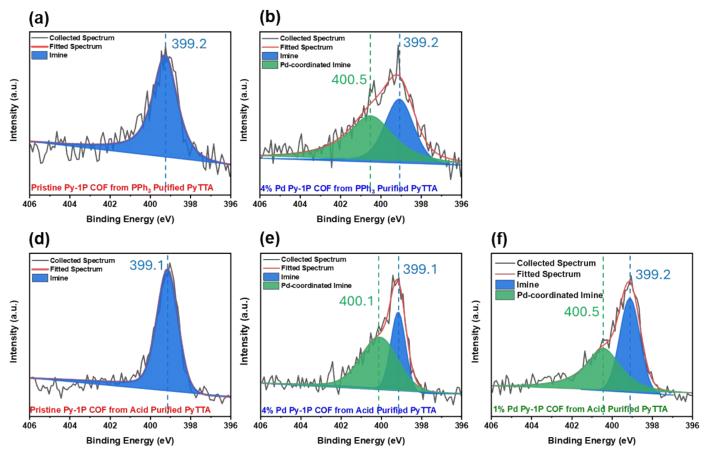


Figure S3: Nitrogen XPS spectra of (left) pristine, (middle) 4 wt. % Pd, and (right) 1 wt. % Pd Py-1P COF from (top) PPh₃ purified and (bottom) acid purified PyTTA.

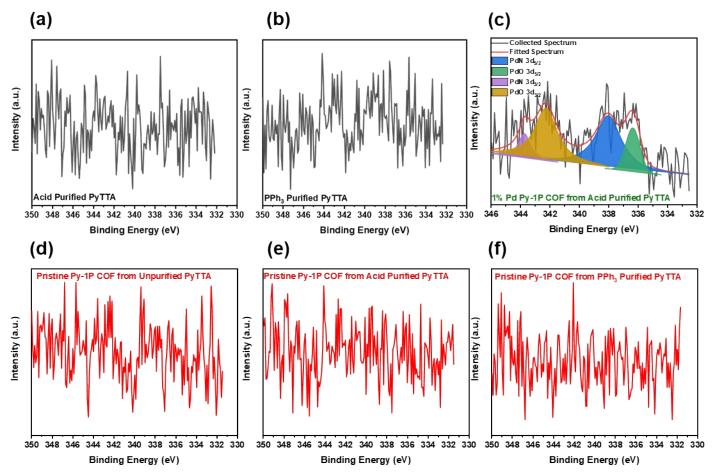


Figure S4: Palladium_{3d} XPS spectra of (a) acid purified PyTTA, (b) PPh₃ purified PyTTA, (c) 1 wt. % Pd Py-1P COF from acid purified PyTTA, (d) pristine Py-1P COF from unpurified PyTTA, (e) pristine Py-1P COF from acid purified PyTTA and (f) pristine Py-1P COF from PPh₃ purified PyTTA.

Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)

The samples were adhered to a stage using a carbon-based tape, coated in gold at 10 mA and 10 Pa for 120 s prior to image capturing, and collected on a Hitachi SU-70 Scanning Electron Microscope.

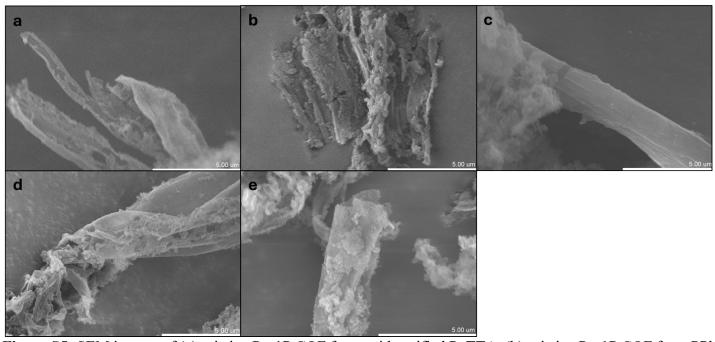


Figure S5: SEM images of (a) pristine Py-1P COF from acid purified PyTTA, (b) pristine Py-1P COF from PPh₃ purified PyTTA, (c) pristine Py-1P COF from unpurified PyTTA, (d) 1 wt. % Pd Py-1P COF from acid purified PyTTA, and (e) 4 wt. % Pd Py-1P COF from PPh₃ purified PyTTA.

Energy-Dispersive X-ray (EDX) Elemental Mapping

The samples were adhered to a stage using a carbon-based tape, coated in gold at 10 mA and 10 Pa for 120 s prior to image capturing, and collected on a Hitachi SU-70 Scanning Electron Microscope.

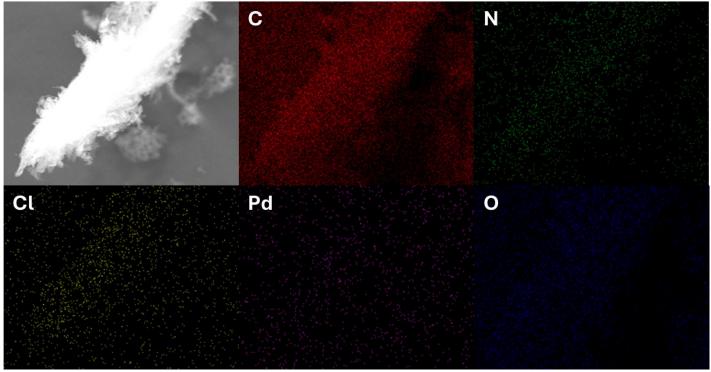


Figure S6: Elemental mapping of pristine Py-1P COF from acid purified PyTTA.

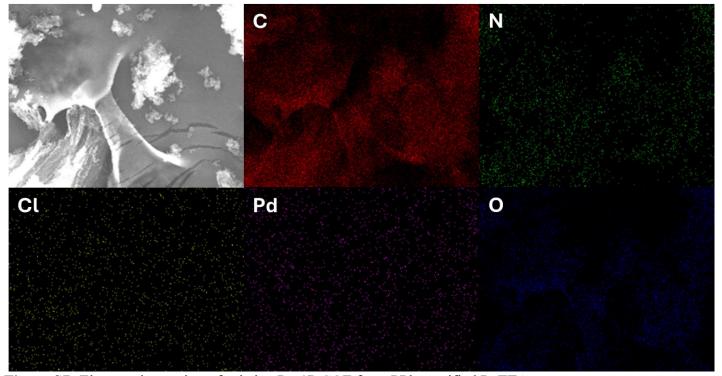


Figure S7: Elemental mapping of pristine Py-1P COF from PPh₃ purified PyTTA.

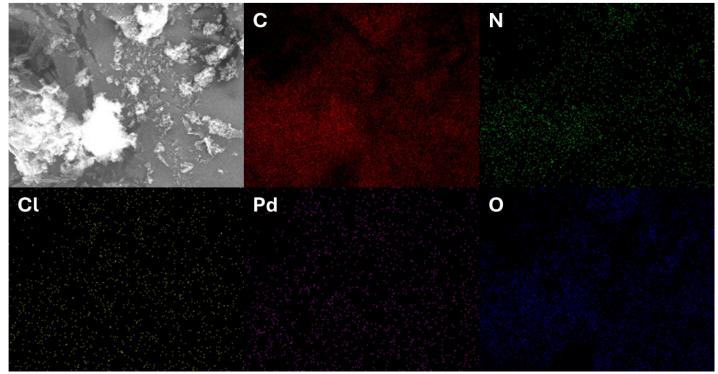


Figure S8: Elemental mapping of pristine Py-1P COF from unpurified PyTTA.

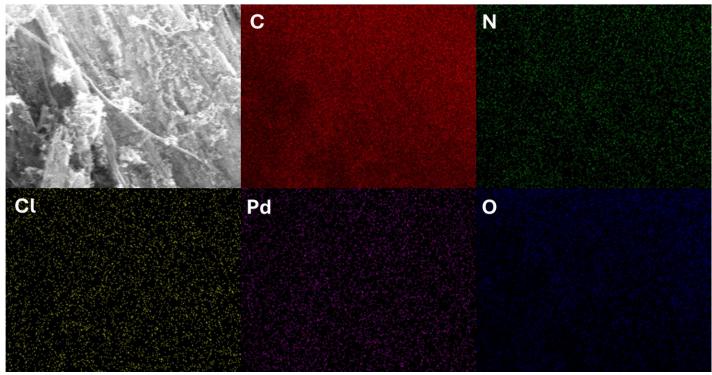


Figure S9: Elemental mapping of 1 wt. % Pd Py-1P COF from acid purified PyTTA.

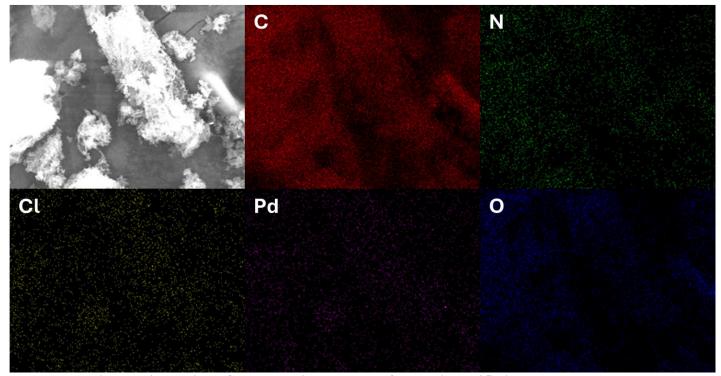


Figure S10: Elemental mapping of 4 wt. % Pd Py-1P COF from PPh₃ purified PyTTA.

<u>Diffuse Reflectance Infrared Fourier Transform Spectroscopy (DRIFTS)</u>

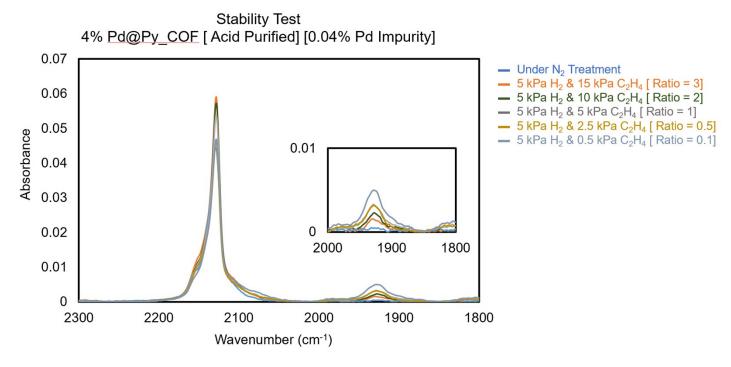


Figure S11: Stability test for 4 wt. % Pd Py-1P COF from acid purified PyTTA by varying hydrogen and ethylene partial pressure ratio.

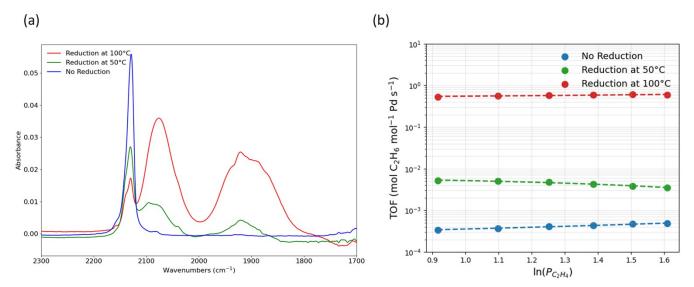


Figure S12: (a) CO-DRIFTS spectra of 1 wt% Pd@Py-COF [PPh₃ Purified] under reduction environment for two different temperatures (50 °C and 100 °C), (b) Corresponding TOF values for ethylene hydrogenation as a function of ethylene partial pressure after each pretreatment.

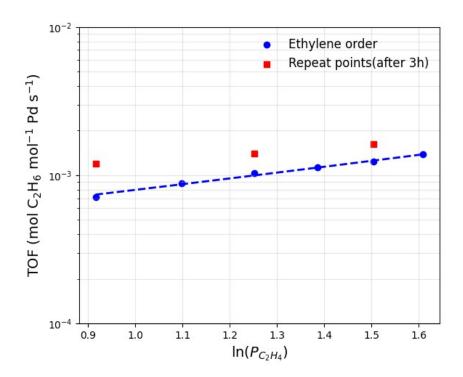


Figure S13: Stability test of the 1% PdCl₂@Py-1P COF. Dependence of TOF on C_2H_4 partial pressure was measured at a constant H_2 partial pressure of 5 kPa. The stability test was performed at the initial condition after ~3 h measurement.