## **Supporting Information**

## Silver Nanoparticles Supported on Passivated Silica: Preparation and Catalytic Performance in Alkyne Semihydrogenation

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Figure S1: <sup>1</sup>H MAS NMR of Ag(I)@SiO<sub>2</sub> (10 kHz, 400 MHz, ns = 32). Spinning sidebands are denoted by \*



Figure S2: <sup>13</sup>C HPDEC MAS NMR of Ag(I)@SiO<sub>2</sub> (10 kHz, 400 MHz, ns = 30720)



Figure S3: Zoom in of IR spectra of  $Ag_{NP}@SiO_{2-TMS}$  showing N-H vibration region



Figure S4: Conversion (X) of propyne and selectivity (S) towards propene versus a) average particle diameter determined by sieving  $(d_p)$  and b) total flow  $(F_{tot})$ . The influence of the average particle size was studied with 0.2 g of catalyst (sieve fraction = 0.1-0.3 mm, 0.2-0.4 mm, and 0.2-0.6 mm), at T = 200 °C, P = 1 bar, H<sub>2</sub>/C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub> = 25,  $\tau$  (contact time) = 0.07 s. The influence of the flow rate was studied with variable catalyst mass (sieve fraction = 0.2-0.4 mm), keeping  $\tau$  = 0.07 s, at T = 200 °C, P = 1 bar, H<sub>2</sub>/C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub> = 25.



Figure S5: Catalytic activity and selectivity for the semi-hydrogenation of propyne for  $Ag_{NP}@SiO_{2-TMS}$  and  $Ag_{NP}@SiO_{2-OH}$  at 75% propyne conversion



Figure S6: TEM images of a) Ag<sub>NP</sub>@SiO<sub>2-TMS</sub> and b) Ag<sub>NP</sub>@SiO<sub>2-OH</sub> after catalysis

a)

b)



Figure S7: H<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherms at 0 °C for a)  $Ag_{NP}$  ( $asio_{2-OH}$  and b)  $Ag_{NP}$  ( $asio_{2-TMS}$ )



b)



 $\label{eq:second} \begin{array}{l} \mbox{Figure S8: $C_3H_4$ adsorption isotherms at 0 °C for a) $Ag_{NP} @SiO_{2-OH}$ and b)$ $Ag_{NP} @SiO_{2-TMS}$ \end{array}$ 

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