## Supporting Information

## Efficient synthesis of highly dispersed ultrafine Pd nanoparticles on a porous <br> organic polymer for hydrogenation of $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ to formic acid

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Scheme S1. Synthetic route for Pd/AP-POP catalyst.


Figure S1. FT-IR spectra of the AP-POP, 1,3,5-benzenetricarbonyl chloride (TMC) and 2,6-diaminopyridine (DAP). The absorption bands in between $1680 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ correspond to the amide $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ stretching frequency, also known as amide-I band. The band observed in the range $1528 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ corresponds to NH bending vibration, called amide-II band. No acid chloride ( $700 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ) and amine bands corresponding to the starting compounds appear, demonstrating the complete transformation of starting material to polyamide POPs.


Figure S2. The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ CP-MAS solid state NMR spectra of AP-POP. A signal at 164 ppm corresponds to the amide carbonyl. The overlapping signals between 109 and 150 ppm correspond to the aromatic carbons from phenyl and pyridyl moieties. * indicates peaks arising from spinning side bands.


Figure S3. SEM and TEM images of AP-POP.


Figure S4. The X-ray powder diffraction (XRPD) patterns of AP-POP.


Figure S5. $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ adsorption/desorption isotherms of the AP-POP at 77 K (inset: pore size distribution curves of the AP-POP).


Figure S6. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) data of AP-POP. The initial weight loss [ $\sim 8 \%$ ] of AP-POP in TGA corresponds to the loss of trapped solvent as well as the moisture in the pores. The framework decomposition occurs above $300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with a gradual weight loss of $40 \%$.


Figure S7. XRD patterns of $\mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{AP}-\mathrm{POP}, \mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{AC}$ and $\mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$ catalysts.


Figure S8. TEM images of the $\mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{AC}$ and $\mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$ catalysts with the Pd NP size
distribution.


Figure S9. The high-resolution spectrum of O 1 s of AP-POP and Pd/AP-POP.


Figure S10. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of a reaction mixture after $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ reduction (with and without $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ ).


Figure S11. STEM images of the used Pd/AP-POP catalyst and Pd NP size distribution.


Figure S12. Carbon dioxide adsorption isotherms collected at 273 K for AP-POP.

Table S1. Chemical composition and textural properties of different materials.

| Materials | Elemental analysis ${ }^{\mathrm{a}}(\%)$ |  |  |  |  | $S_{\text {BET }^{\mathrm{b}}}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | C | N | H | Pd | $\left(\mathrm{m}^{2} \mathrm{~g}^{-1}\right)$ | $(\mathrm{nm})$ |
|  | 57.96 | 17.75 | 4.22 | none | 43 | 7.8 |
| $\mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{AP}-\mathrm{POP}$ | 56.85 | 16.32 | 3.97 | 3.5 | 16 | 10.7 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$ | 38.59 | 58.83 | 1.02 | none | 99 | 4.0 |
| $\mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$ | 37.2 | 57.14 | 0.94 | 3.3 | 21 | 7.6 |
| AC | 76.5 | 0.65 | 1.9 | none | 631 | 2.8 |
| $\mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{AC}$ | 75.13 | 0.57 | 1.52 | 3.2 | 517 | 2.9 |

[a] Elemental analysis of C, H and N was carried out by using a PerkinElmer 2400 instrument. Pd content was quantified by ICP-OES. [b] Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) method. [c] The average pore sizes calculated from the adsorption branch by using Barrett-Joyner-Halenda (BJH) method.

Table S2. Comparison of the activity in the transformation of $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ to FA in the pure water condition.

| Catalysts | T [ $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right]$ | Time $[\mathrm{h}]$ | Pressure $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} / \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right)$ | TON | TOF | Ref. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{AP}-\mathrm{POP}$ | 80 | 12 | $3.0 / 3.0[\mathrm{MPa}]$ | 128 | 10.7 | This work |
| PdAg/amine-RF10 | 40 | 24 | $2.0 / 2.0[\mathrm{MPa}]$ | 63 | 2.6 | 1 |
| $\mathrm{PdNi} / \mathrm{CNT}$ | 40 | 16 | $25 / 25[\mathrm{bar}]$ | 3 | 0.2 | 2 |
| $0.6 \mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$ | 40 | 16 | $25 / 25[\mathrm{bar}]$ | 24 | 1.5 | 3 |
| $2 \mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{ECN}$ | 40 | 16 | $2.5 / 2.5[\mathrm{MPa}]$ | 35 | 2.2 | 4 |
| $\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{PTA})_{4}$ | 60 | 16 | $25 / 25[\mathrm{bar}]$ | 158 | 9.9 | 5 |

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