Supporting Information

Ultrafine Pd Nanoparticles Loaded Benzothiazole-linked Covalent Organic Framework for Efficient Photocatalytic Cross-Coupling Reactions

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Section S1 General Information

Materials

4,4',4''-(1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-triyl)trianiline, trifluoromethanesulfonic acid, 4 bromobenzotitrile, 4-cyanophenylhydrazine, butyl lithium, 1,4-dioxane, mesitylene, potassium carbonates, sodium tetrachloropalladate(II) and tributylphenylstannane were purchased from J&K Chemical Co. Ltd. (Beijing, China). Acetone, methanol, ethanol, tetrahydrofuran (THF), sulfur, acetic acid (≥99.5%) were obtained from Sinopharm Chemistry Reagent Co. Ltd. (Beijing, China). Iodobenzene, 4-iodotoluene, 4 iodoanisole, 1-iodo-4-nitrobenzene, phenylboronic acid, styrene, ethynylbenzene and *trans*-stilbene were purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry (TCI). 4,4',4''-(1,3,5 triazine-2,4,6-triyl)tribenzaldehyde were synthesized following published procedures.[1] **Characterization**

Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD, Almelo, Netherlands) using a Cu Ka radiation ranging from 3º to 60º with a resolution of 0.02° was utilized to analysis the crystalline. The microstructures of the catalysts were investigated by field emission scanning electron microscope (FE-SEM, Quattro ESEM, Thermo Fisher) and high-resolution transmission electron microscope (HR-TEM, JEM-2100F, JEOL) at accelerating voltage of 200 kV. Surface analysis by X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) was carried out using Thermo Fisher ESCALAB 250Xi equipment (Waltham, MA), and the X-ray source was Al Kα radiation (1486.6 eV, monochromatic). Fourier transforminfrared (FT-IR) spectra in the 4000–400 cm^{-1} region were recorded on a NEXUS 670 Infrared Fourier Transform Spectrometer (Nicolet Thermo, Waltham, MA). Solid-state nuclear magnetic resonance (ssNMR) spectroscopy was obtained on a JNM-ECZ600R spectrometer (JEOL). Pd element analysis was carried out on the NexION 300 inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) (Perkin Elmer, U.S.A.). Elemental analysis (EA) was conducted on an EA3000 analyzer (EUROVECTOR). Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was carried out on a TGA Q5000 IR thermogravimetric analyzer (TA Instruments, New Castle, U.S.A.) with the heating rate of 10 °C min−1 under N² atmosphere. Surface area and pore volume were measured by Brunauer Emmett-Teller (BET) methods (ASAP2000 V3.01A; Micrometritics, Norcross, GA). The diffuse reflectance spectra (DRS) were collected using a Hitachi U-3900 UV–vis spectrophotometer (BaSO⁴ as a reflectance standard). All contact angles were measured on the OCA20 Contact Angle Measuring System (Dataphysics). The photoluminescence (PL) spectra of samples were detected on an FS5 fluorescence spectrometer (Edinburgh Instruments, England). All the electrochemical properties were investigated on a CHI852D electrochemical analyzer (Chenhua, Shanghai, China) in a standard three-electrode system, using a platinum foil as the counter electrode and Ag/AgCl (saturated KCl) as the reference electrode. The electrolyte was a $0.1 \text{ mol} L^{-1}$ Na2SO⁴ aqueous solution. The working electrodes were prepared as follows: 5 mg of photocatalyst powder was dispersed in 0.5 mL of DMF, which was dip-coated on the surface of indium tin oxide (ITO) glass substrate. Subsequently, 5% Nafion-ethanol solution was dripped onto the sample film and dried at 100 °C. Mott-Schottky curves were measured at a frequency of 1 kHz. The EIS frequency ranged from 10 m to 100 kHz with an AC voltage magnitude of 10 mV. Visible-light irradiation was provided by a CEL-HXF300F3 300 W xenon lamp (CEAULIGHT) with a 420 nm cut-off filter. Gas chromatography-Mass spectrometer (GC-MS) analysis was carried out on an Agilent 7890A/5975C. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer at ambient temperature. Chemical shifts for ¹H NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (chloroform: δ 7.26 ppm). Chemical shifts for ¹³C NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) from tetramethylsilane with the solvent as the internal standard (CDCl₃: δ 77.16 ppm). Data are reported as following: chemical shift, multiplicity ($s = singlet$, $d = doublet$, $dd = doublet$ of doublets, $t = triplet$, $q =$ quartet, $m =$ multiplet, $br =$ broad signal), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. **Synthesis of TTI-COF**

A quartz tube measuring 10×8 mm (o.d \times i.d) was charged 4,4',4"-(1,3,5-Triazine-2,4,6-triyl)tribenzaldehyde (25.2 mg, 0.064 mmol), 4,4′,4″-(1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6 triyl)trianiline (22.7 mg, 0.064 mmol), mesitylene(1.0 mL), 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) and 6 M aqueous acetic acid(100 μ L). The tube was sonicated for 15 min, then flash frozen at 77 K in liquid N_2 bath, degassed by one freeze-pump-thaw cycle and flame sealed. The reaction was heated at 120 ºC for 3 days yielding yellow precipitate which was isolated by centrifugation, washed with acetone (15 ml \times 3) and THF (15 ml \times 3) and evacuated under vacuum at 120 °C for 10 h to yield activated TTI-COF. Calcd for $[C_{45}N_9H_{27}]_n$: C, 77.91; N, 18.17; H, 3.92%. Found: C, 76.85; N, 18.37; H, 3.79%.

Synthesis of TTT-COF

The activated TTI-COF (100 mg) mixed with sulfur (1 g) in a ball mill. The resulting mixture was transferred to a quartz tube measuring 22×20 mm (o.d \times i.d) and flame sealed under vacuum. The tube was heated at 155°C for 3 hours and then raised to 350°C, kept for 3 hours yielding brown powder. The mixture was washed with toluene (10 ml \times 5) and THF(10 ml \times 3), and evacuated under vacuum at 150 °C for 10 h to yield TTT-COF. Calcd for [C45N9H27S3]n: C, 68.95; N, 16.08; H, 2.70; S, 12.27%. Found: C, 72.15; N, 12.08; H, 1.41; S, 14.36 %.

Synthesis of Pd NPs@COF

In a typical procedure, activated TTT-COF or TTI-COF (100 mg) was dispersed in 5 mL of MeOH under ambient conditions, to which a MeOH solution (2 mL) containing Na2PdCl⁴ (20 mg, 0.07 mmol) was added dropwise under vigorous stirring. The mixture was evaporated until it became mushy. To this solution, 4 mL of MeOH was subsequently added into the slurry, followed by a solution (3 mL) of NaBH⁴ (2 M in MeOH) under vigorous stirring. After 24 hours of aging, the residue was recovered by filtration and thoroughly washed several times with MeOH $(3 \times 10 \text{ mL})$ to remove any impurity.

General procedure for determination of the weight percentage loading of Pd

2 mg Pd NPs@TTT-COF was dissolved in 10 mL aqua regia with sonication for 30 min. After the complete digesting of solid, the solution was filtered through syringe filters $(0.22 \mu m)$ and diluted 1000 times with 1% HNO₃. ICP-MS was used to detect the content of Pd in Pd NPs@TTT-COF.

General procedure for photocatalytic reaction

A 50 mL quartz reactor was used as the reaction container. After the reactants and catalysts are added into the reactor, the reactor was covered with quartz sheets, then degassed and saturated with N_2 for 30 min to remove the dissolved O_2 before the photocatalytic reactions. The reactions were performed under the irradiation of a 300 W Xe lamp equipped with an optical cutoff filter ($\lambda \ge 420$ nm). The temperature of the reaction systems were kept at room temperature by condenser. After the reaction, the solution was extracted with diethyl ether $(5 \text{ mL} \times 2)$ and analyzed by GC-MS and the quantitative analysis of specific analytes was detected by SIM mode in GC-MS. The photocatalysts were recovered, washed with methanol by centrifugation three times, and vacuum dried at 100 °C for 10 h.

Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-Coupling Reactions

Aryl iodide (0.3 or 0.35 mmol) was added to 3 mL ethanol, phenylboronic acid (0.35 or 0.3 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (0.6 mmol) were dissolved in 3 mL H₂O. Ethanol and H₂O solutions were mixed and added to the reactor with sonicating for 15 min. The reaction time was 45 min.

Stille Cross-Coupling Reactions

Aryl iodide (0.3 mmol) and tributylphenylstannane (0.35 mmol) was added to 3 mL ethanol, K_2CO_3 (0.6 mmol) were dissolved in 3 mL H₂O. Ethanol and H₂O solutions were mixed and added to the reactor with sonicating for 15 min. The reaction time was 5 hours.

Heck Cross-Coupling Reactions

Aryl iodide (0.3 mmol) and styrene (0.35 mmol) was added to 3 mL ethanol, K_2CO_3 (0.6 mmol) were dissolved in 3 mL H₂O. Ethanol and H₂O solutions were mixed and added to the reactor with sonicating for 15 min. The reaction time was 5 hours.

Sonogashira Cross-Coupling Reactions

Aryl iodide (0.3 or 0.35 mmol) and ethynylbenzene (0.35 or 0.3 mmol) was added to 3 mL ethanol, K_2CO_3 (0.6 mmol) were dissolved in 3 mL H₂O. Ethanol and H₂O solutions were mixed and added to the reactor with sonicating for 15 min. The reaction time was 5 hours.

Calculation of TOF

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TOF = \frac{[amount of product (mol) · yield (%)]}{[\text{mass of Pd} \cdot \text{reaction time (h)}]}
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Section S2 Structure Modeling and PXRD Refinement of TTI-COF

and TTT-COF

Structural modeling of TTO-COF was generated using the Accelrys Materials Studio 7.0 software package. The space groups were obtained from the Reticular Chemistry Structure Resource. The model was constructed in the initial lattice with the space group of P1. The proposed model was geometry optimized using the MS Forcite molecular dynamics module (Universal force fields, Ewald summations) to obtain the optimized lattice parameters. P6 was suitable for AA stacking model of TTI-COF and TTT-COF. AB stacking of TTO-COF was examined by offsetting the stacked units from the AA model. Pawley refinement was applied to define the lattice parameters by Reflex module, producing the refined PXRD profiles. The simulated PXRD patterns of AA stacking are the best agreement with the experimental patterns of both TTI-COF and TTT-COF.

Figure S1. The simulated model of TTI-COF and TTT-COF as well as the comparison of PXRD patterns. The view of the simulated eclipsed AA-stacking (a), staggered ABstacking (b) model of TTI-COF and eclipsed AA-stacking (d), staggered AB-stacking (e) model of TTT-COF. Simulated PXRD patterns of AA (red) and AB (blue) stacking model compared to experimental pattern (black) of TTI-COF (c) and TTT-COF (f).

Section S3 Characterization of TTI-COF, TTT-COF and Pd

NPs@TTT-COF

Figure S2. PXRD patterns of TTT-COF (black) and Pd NPs@TTT-COF (red).

Figure S3. TGA curves of TTI-COF and TTT-COF under N₂ atmosphere.

Figure S4. Nitrogen adsorption experiment. N₂ adsorption isotherm of TTI-COF (a), TTT-COF (b) and Pd NPs@TTT-COF (c). Inset: pore size distribution of TTI-COF and TTT-COF derived from NLDFT model.

Figure S5. SEM images of TTI-COF (a), TTT-COF (b) and Pd NPs@TTT-COF (c).

Figure S6. SEM image (a) and elemental mapping of nitrogen (b), palldium (c) and sulfur (d) in Pd NPs@TTT-COF.

Figure S7. High-resolution TEM (HR-TEM) images of TTT-COF and Pd NPs@TTT-COF.

Figure S8. XPS Pd 3d spectrum of Pd NPs@TTT-COF.

Figure S9. Comparison of N 1s spectrum before and after Pd NPs loading.

Figure S10. Tauc plot for absorption spectra obtained with Kubelka-Munk function and the linear fit for direct band gaps of TTI-COF and TTT-COF.

Section S3 Photocatalytic C-C Cross-Coupling Reactions by Pd

NPs@TTT-COF

Figure S11. Investigation on reusability of Pd NPs@TTT-COF for photocatalytic model reaction.

Figure S12. Comparison of PXRD patterns of Pd NPs@TTT-COF before and after 4th cycle.

Figure S13. HR-TEM image of Pd NPs@TTT-COF after 4th photocatalytic cycle.

Entry	Photocatalysts	Reation type (aryl iodides)	TOF/h^{-1}	Reference
1	Pd NPs@TTT- COF	Suzuki (iodotoluene)	344	this work
		Sonogashira (iodobenzene)	20.9	
		Heck (iodobenzene)	19.8	
		Stille (iodobenzene)	20.6	
$\overline{2}$	$B-BO3/Pd$ NPs	Suzuki (iodobenzene)	88.7	$[2]$
3	m-CNR-Pd	Suzuki (iodobenzene)	51.6	$[3]$
$\overline{4}$	Pd@NH2-Uio-	Suzuki (iodotoluene)	296.5	$[4]$
	66(Zr)			
$\overline{4}$	Au-Pd alloy on ZrO ₂	Suzuki (iodotoluene)	17.1	$[5]$
		Sonogashira (iodotoluene)	4.1	[6]
		Stille (iodotoluene)	3.9	
5	Pd/CNC	Heck (iodobenzene)	13.1	$[7]$
6	Pd@TiO ₂	Sonogashira (iodobenzene)	2.4	[8]
	Pd@Nb ₂ O ₅		0.98	

Table S3. Comparison of the photocatalytic activity of Pd NPs@TTT-COF for C-C cross-coupling reactions with other catalysts reported in literature.

Table S4. Control experiments for isomerization of stilbene.

Experiments conditions: 0.3 mmol trans-stilbene dissolved in 3 mL hot ethanol, 3 mL water added to the solution with sonicating 15 min. 5 mg photocatalysts was added and 300W Xe lamp was used as the light source for the 5 hours reaction. After the reaction, the solution was extracted with diethyl ether (5 mL×2) and analyzed by GC-MS.

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NMR Spectra

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 2.30 (s, 3H), 7.15 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, J=7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 20.04, 125.92, 125.94, 127.66, 128.43, 135.95, 137.32, 140.13.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 2.46 (s, 3H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.5, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 8.4, 2H), 7.43-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.5$, 2H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 21.5, 124.3, 127.2, 128.0, 128.7, 138.3, 141.2, 141.4.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 2.26 (s, 3H), 7.21-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.38 $(t, J=7.4 \text{ Hz}, 2H);$

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 20.44, 125.73, 126.72, 127.21, 128.03, 129.15, 129.76, 130.27, 135.28, 141.89, 141.92.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 3.85 (s, 3H), 6.98 (d, J=9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J=7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J=7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51-7.57 (m, 4H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 55.35, 114.20, 126.65, 126.74, 128.15, 128.71, 133.79, 140.84, 159.15.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 7.43-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.62 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J $=8.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, J $=8.8$ Hz, 2H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 124.09, 127.37, 127.78, 128.92, 129.15, 138.73, 147.04, 147.60.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.11 (s, 2H), 7.24-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.49-7.55 (m, 4H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 126.51, 127.62, 128.68, 128.69, 137.33.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 2.33 (s, 3H), 7.04 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.48 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 137.5, 137.4, 134.5, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 127.6, 127.3, 126.4, 126.3, 21.2.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 3.86 (s, 3H), 6.93 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.32(m, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 55.33, 114.1, 126.25, 126.62, 127.25, 127.71, 128.21, 128.64, 130.19, 137.65, 159.30.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.17 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 $(t, J = 7.3 \text{ Hz}, 1H)$, 7.43 $(t, J = 7.4 \text{ Hz}, 2H)$, 7.58 $(d, J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 2H)$, 7.66 $(d, J = 8.8 \text{ Hz})$ Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 124.15, 126.30, 126.86, 127.02, 128.84, 128.90, 133.32, 136.19, 143.88, 146.80.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 2.28 (s, 3H), 6.53 (s, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.26 (m, 7H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 21.2, 126.9, 128.2, 128.74, 128.79, 128.86, 129.5, 130.1, 134.2, 136.8, 137.4.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 3.76 (s, 3H), 6.51 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.51-6.77 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.28 (m, 7H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 55.1, 113.5, 126.8, 128.2, 128.7, 128.8, 129.6, 129.7,

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 6.60 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 12 Hz, 2H), 7.18– 7.21 (m, 2H), $7.24 - 7.26$ m, 3H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 123.64, 128.04, 128.09, 128.65, 128.88, 129.74, 134.03, 136.21, 144.25, 146.62.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.31–7.33 (m, 6H), 7.52–7.54 (m, 4H);

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 2.35 (s, 3H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51–7.53 (m, 2H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 21.5, 88.7, 89.5, 120.2, 123.4, 128.0, 128.3, 129.1, 131.4, 131.5, 138.3.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.88–6.90 (m, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 1.2 Hz,

1H), 7.12–7.14 (m, 1H), 7.23–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.33–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.52–7.55 (m, 2H),; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 159.3, 131.6, 129.4, 128.3, 124.2, 123.2, 116.3, 114.9, 89.3, 89.2, 55.3.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.38–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.55–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.21 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 87.5, 94.7, 122.1, 123.6, 128.5, 129.2, 130.2, 131.8, 132.2, 146.9.