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## **Supporting Information**

## Fabrication of PdCu@SiO<sub>2</sub>@Cu core-shell-satellite catalyst for the selective

## hydrogenation of acetylene

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Sample	Core size (nm)	Satellite size (nm)	Shell thickness (nm)	Ref.	
Ag@SiO <sub>2</sub> @TiO <sub>2</sub> @Au	30-60	11  imes 40	10-15	1	
Ag@SiO <sub>2</sub> @CeO <sub>2</sub> @Au	30	2-10	15-20	2	
Au@SiO <sub>2</sub> @AgPt	18 × 61 2-5		2-3	3	
Ag@SiO <sub>2</sub> @Ag	60-80	60-80 5 35-45		4	
Ni@SiO <sub>2</sub> @Ni	11.7	3-7	11.2	5	
Ag@SiO <sub>2</sub> @Pt	12/25/50/100	5	8-10	6	
Au@pNIPAM@Ag	50	6/10/14/34	~140	7	
Ag@RF@Ag	45	~3-8	30	8	
	40	8	100		
AuAg@pNIPAM@Ag	64	15	~140	9	
PdCu@SiO <sub>2</sub> @Cu	7	1.4	8	This work	

 Table s1. Structure of the typical core-shell-satellite architectures.



**Figure s1.** TEM/STEM images and particle size distributions of the as-synthesized Pd<sub>25</sub>Cu<sub>75</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>

core-shell (a-c) and PdCu@SiO<sub>2</sub>@Cu core-shell-satellite (d, e) architectures.



Figure s2. XRD patterns of the as-calcined Pd<sub>25</sub>Cu<sub>75</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> and PdCu@SiO<sub>2</sub>@Cu samples.



Figure s3. Semi-quantitative analysis of the core-shell-satellite catalyst by EDS.



Figure s4. XRD patterns of the spent catalysts.



**Figure s5.** HRTEM/STEM images and particle size distributions of the spent  $Pd_{25}Cu_{75}@SiO_2$  coreshell (**a-d**) and PdCu@SiO\_2@Cu core-shell-satellite (**e-h**) catalysts.

Catalyst (wt.)	Temp . (K)	Feed gas (vol.%)	Conv. (%)	Ethylene Sel. (%)	Ref.
0.11%Pd1/ND@G	453	1%C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> /10%H <sub>2</sub> /20%C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> /He	100	>90	10
1.8%Pd <sub>1</sub> /C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	388	$0.5\%C_2H_2/1\%H_2/20\%C_2H_4/Ar$	100	83	11
1.0%Pd/ZnO	423	2% C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> /20%H <sub>2</sub> /He	100	91	12
0.043%Pd <sub>1</sub> /MPNC	383	0.5%C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> /5%H <sub>2</sub> /50%C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> /He	85	83	13
2.0%Pd/MgAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	363	0.5%/5%H <sub>2</sub> /50%C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> /He	100	15	14
1.29%PdCu/TiO <sub>2</sub>	373	1.5%C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> /1.7%H <sub>2</sub> /C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	98	78	15
$0.05\% Pd_{0.006}Cu/SiO_2$	443	1%C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> /20%H <sub>2</sub> /20%C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> /He	100	85	16
1.0%PdCu/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	363	0.5%C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> /3%/H <sub>2</sub> /Ar	100	95.2	17
0.2%Pd <sub>1</sub> /Cu(111)	393	$1\%C_2H_2/20\%H_2/20\%C_2H_4/N_2$	100	85	18
0.058%PdCu <sub>40</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub>	433	1%C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> /20%H <sub>2</sub> /20%C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> /He	100	85	19
PdCu <sub>15</sub> @C	393	0.5%C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> /10%H <sub>2</sub> /N <sub>2</sub>	100	91	20
0.09%Pd <sub>1</sub> Cu <sub>1</sub> /ND@G	383	1%C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> /10%H <sub>2</sub> /20%C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> /He	100	92	21
9.5 wt.%PdCu@SiO₂@Cu	373	1 vol.% C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> , 2 vol.% H <sub>2</sub> , He	72	89	This work

Table s2. Acetylene hydrogenation over Pd and PdCu catalysts.

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