

## **Supporting Information:**

### **Selective hydrogenation of high concentration acetylene over the well-defined crystalline sites of Pd<sub>1</sub>Cu<sub>1</sub> and Pd<sub>1</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>**

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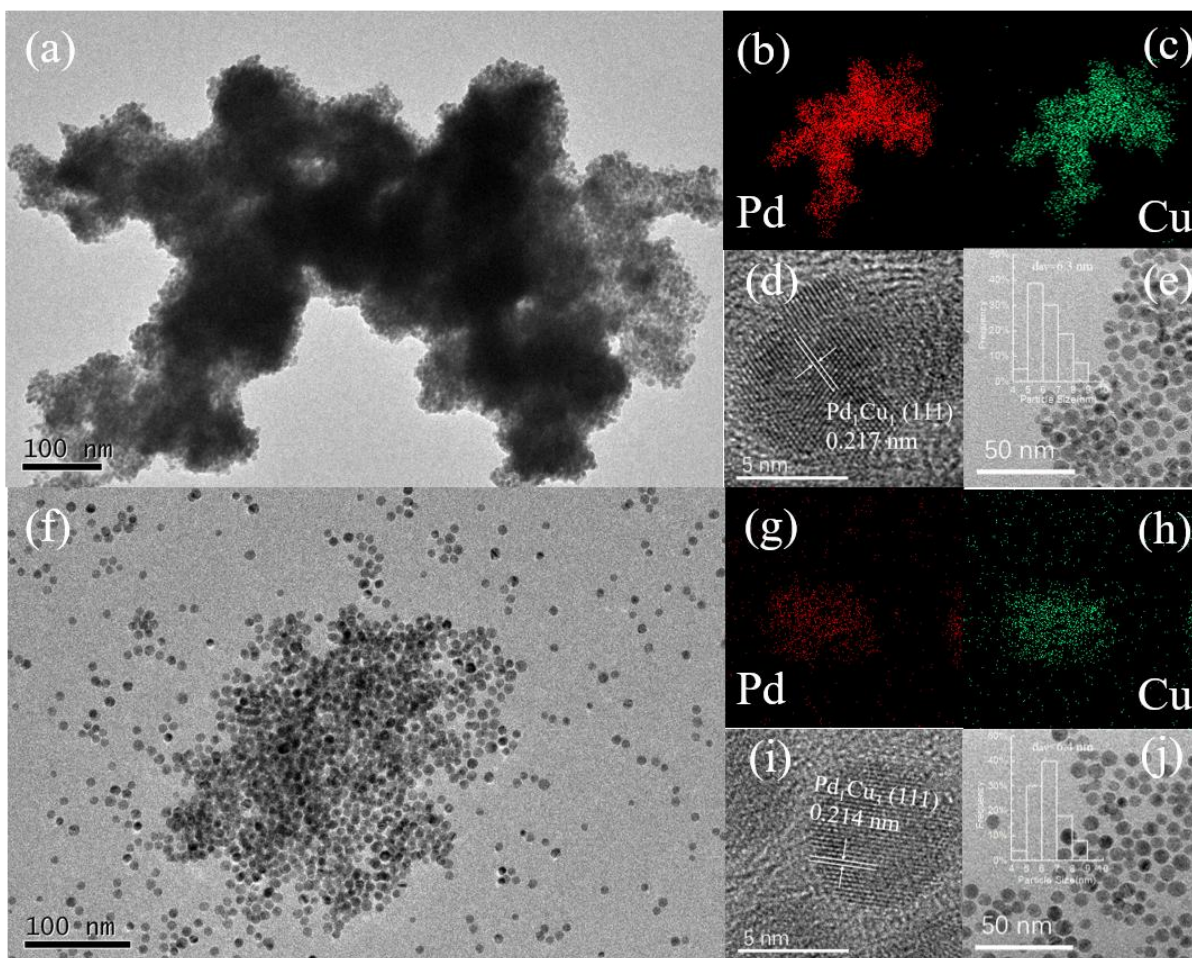


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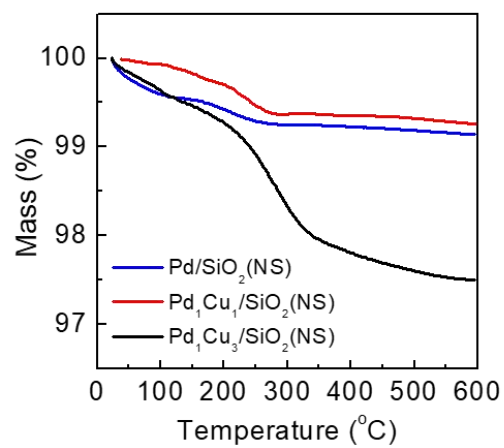


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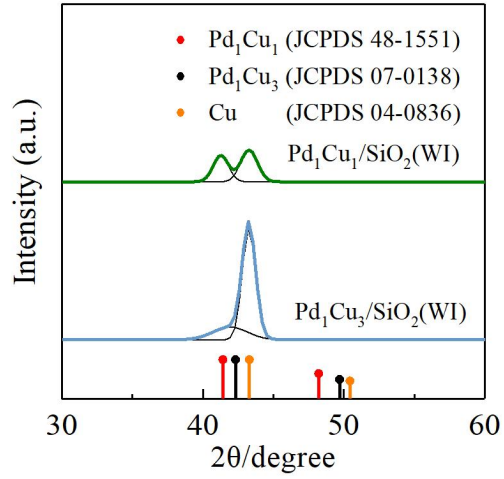


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|                                                        | Alloy phases                            |        | Cu            |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------|---------------|--------|
|                                                        | Peak position                           | Area % | Peak position | Area % |
| Pd <sub>1</sub> Cu <sub>1</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub> (WI) | 41.4 (Pd <sub>1</sub> Cu <sub>1</sub> ) | 43.0   | 43.3          | 57.0   |
| Pd <sub>1</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub> (WI) | 42.3 (Pd <sub>1</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> ) | 23.0   | 43.3          | 77.0   |

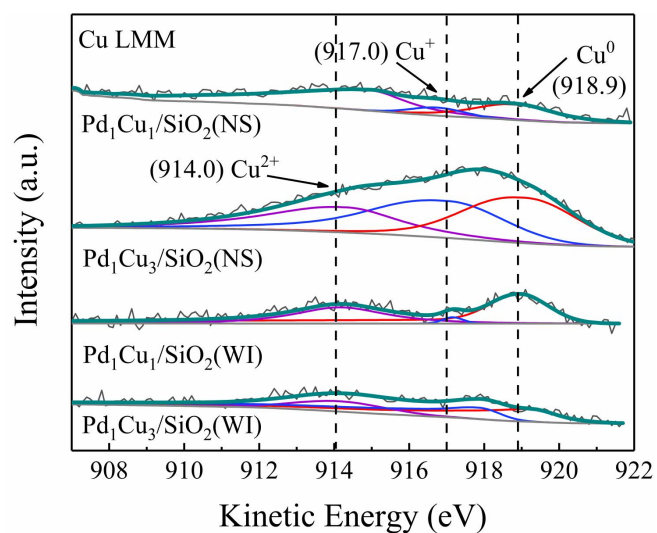


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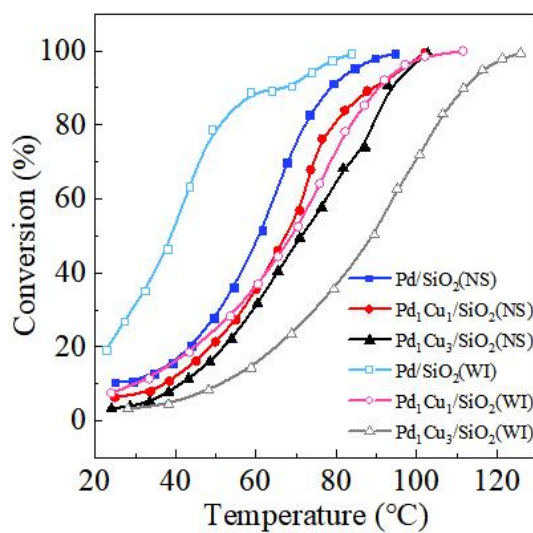


Figure S5. Acetylene conversion as a function of reaction temperature.

Table S2. Ethylene selectivity, TOFs and ln(TOFs) (based on Pd loading and surface site normalization) for different catalysts at low conversions.

| Catalyst                                               | Temperature (°C) | Conversion (%) | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> selectivity (%) | TOF/Pd loading (S <sup>-1</sup> ) | TOF/surface site (S <sup>-1</sup> ) | ln(TOF)/Pd loading (S <sup>-1</sup> ) | ln(TOF)/surface site (S <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Pd/SiO <sub>2</sub> (WI)                               | 22.7             | 19.2           | 47.8                                          | 0.1                               | 10.5                                | -1.9                                  | 2.3                                     |
|                                                        | 26.3             | 25.0           | 47.3                                          | 0.2                               | 13.7                                | -1.7                                  | 2.6                                     |
|                                                        | 31.3             | 33.2           | 48.4                                          | 0.3                               | 18.2                                | -1.4                                  | 2.9                                     |
|                                                        | 32.3             | 35.2           | 47.4                                          | 0.3                               | 19.2                                | -1.3                                  | 3.0                                     |
| Pd <sub>1</sub> Cu <sub>1</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub> (WI) | 23.9             | 7.5            | 50.2                                          | 0.06                              | 2.1                                 | -2.8                                  | 0.7                                     |
|                                                        | 33.4             | 11.4           | 50.8                                          | 0.09                              | 3.2                                 | -2.4                                  | 1.2                                     |
|                                                        | 43.4             | 18.5           | 50.3                                          | 0.1                               | 5.2                                 | -1.9                                  | 1.6                                     |
|                                                        | 53.6             | 28.3           | 49.7                                          | 0.2                               | 7.9                                 | -1.5                                  | 2.1                                     |
| Pd <sub>1</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub> (WI) | 38.2             | 4.4            | 50.7                                          | 0.03                              | 1.6                                 | -3.4                                  | 0.5                                     |
|                                                        | 48.2             | 8.2            | 49.5                                          | 0.06                              | 2.9                                 | -2.8                                  | 1.1                                     |
|                                                        | 58.8             | 14.3           | 50.8                                          | 0.1                               | 5.1                                 | -2.2                                  | 1.6                                     |
|                                                        | 68.9             | 23.5           | 49.5                                          | 0.2                               | 8.4                                 | -1.7                                  | 2.1                                     |
| Pd/SiO <sub>2</sub> (NS)                               | 29.3             | 10.5           | 51.3                                          | 0.2                               | 8.4                                 | -1.6                                  | 2.1                                     |
|                                                        | 34.4             | 13.4           | 50.4                                          | 0.3                               | 10.7                                | -1.4                                  | 2.4                                     |
|                                                        | 43.9             | 20.3           | 51.7                                          | 0.4                               | 16.2                                | -0.9                                  | 2.8                                     |
|                                                        | 49.1             | 26.9           | 50.2                                          | 0.5                               | 21.5                                | -0.7                                  | 3.1                                     |
| Pd <sub>1</sub> Cu <sub>1</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub> (NS) | 28.8             | 6.1            | 53.9                                          | 0.1                               | 6.2                                 | -2.4                                  | 1.8                                     |
|                                                        | 38.5             | 10.7           | 51.7                                          | 0.2                               | 10.8                                | -1.8                                  | 2.4                                     |
|                                                        | 45.1             | 16.2           | 50.1                                          | 0.3                               | 16.3                                | -1.4                                  | 2.8                                     |
|                                                        | 55               | 27.3           | 50.2                                          | 0.4                               | 27.6                                | -0.9                                  | 3.3                                     |
| Pd <sub>1</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub> (NS) | 28.6             | 3.9            | 50.8                                          | 0.04                              | 2.0                                 | -3.3                                  | 0.7                                     |
|                                                        | 38.3             | 7.8            | 44.2                                          | 0.08                              | 4.0                                 | -2.6                                  | 1.4                                     |
|                                                        | 48.5             | 16.0           | 41.4                                          | 0.2                               | 8.1                                 | -1.9                                  | 2.1                                     |
|                                                        | 53.9             | 22.1           | 41.8                                          | 0.2                               | 11.2                                | -1.5                                  | 2.4                                     |

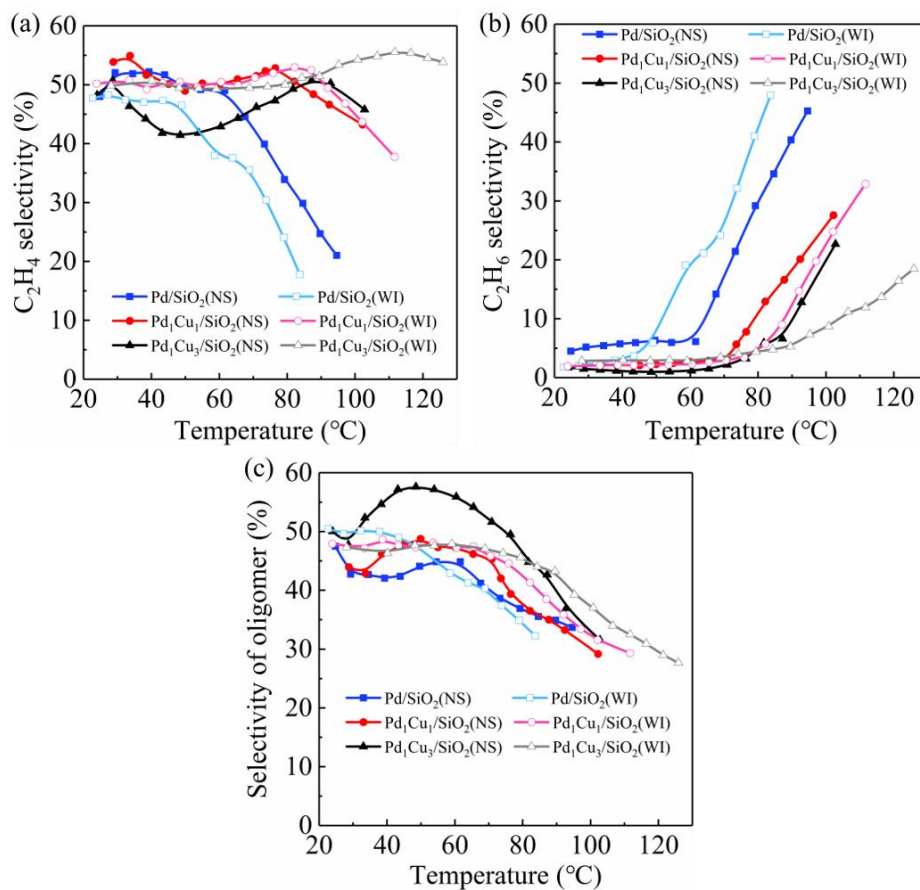


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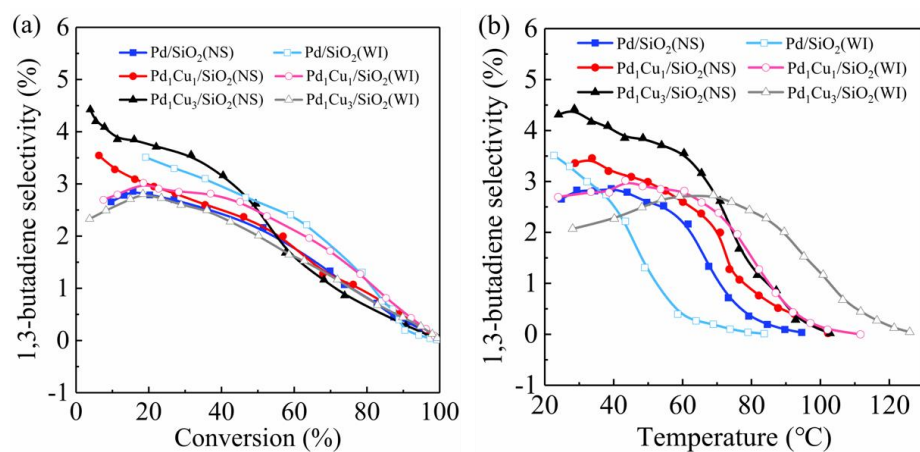


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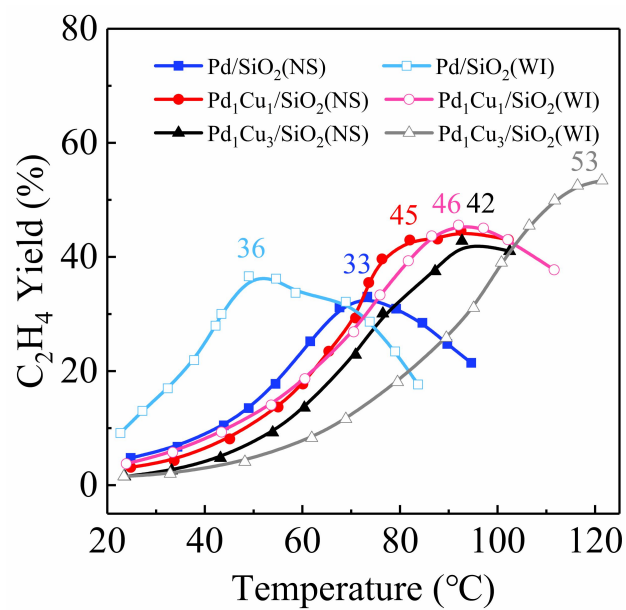
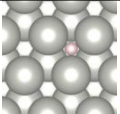
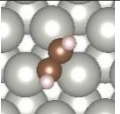
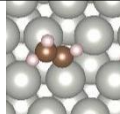
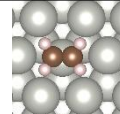
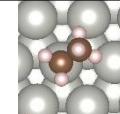
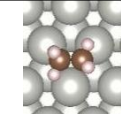
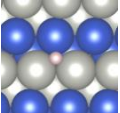
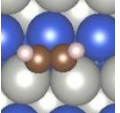
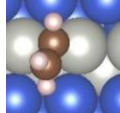
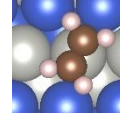
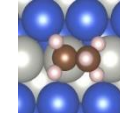
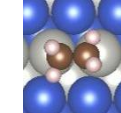
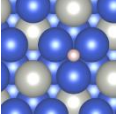
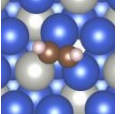
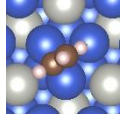
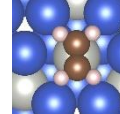
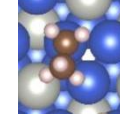
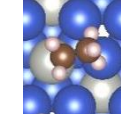


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Table S3. The optimized adsorption patterns of the reaction intermediates on Pd (111), Pd<sub>1</sub>Cu<sub>1</sub>(111), Pd<sub>1</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub> (111) surface.

|                                       | H*                                                                                | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> *                                                   | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> *                                                   | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> *                                                    | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> *                                                     | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> *                                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pd (111)                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <i>E</i> <sub>ads</sub> /eV           | -2.82                                                                             | -1.40                                                                             | -2.37                                                                             | -0.77                                                                              | -1.54                                                                               | 1.09                                                                                |
| Pd <sub>1</sub> Cu <sub>1</sub> (111) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <i>E</i> <sub>ads</sub> /eV           | -2.68                                                                             | -0.78                                                                             | -2.06                                                                             | -0.59                                                                              | -1.56                                                                               | -0.33                                                                               |
| Pd <sub>1</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> (111) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <i>E</i> <sub>ads</sub> /eV           | -2.45                                                                             | -0.50                                                                             | -1.85                                                                             | -0.47                                                                              | -0.98                                                                               | -0.24                                                                               |

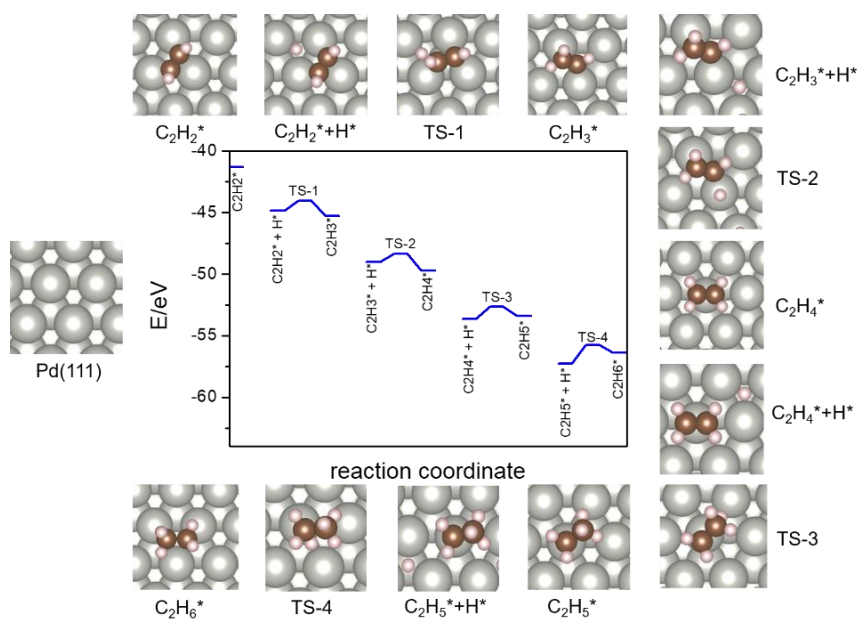


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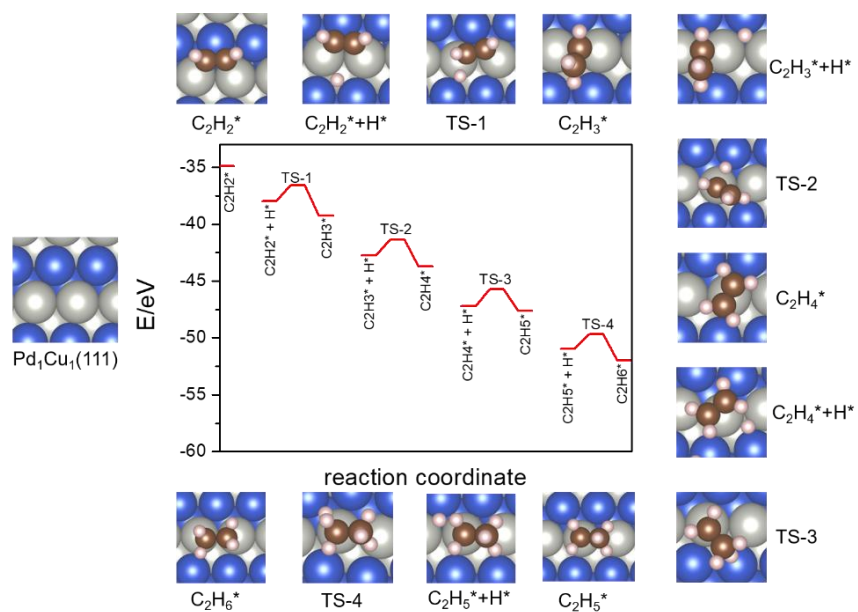


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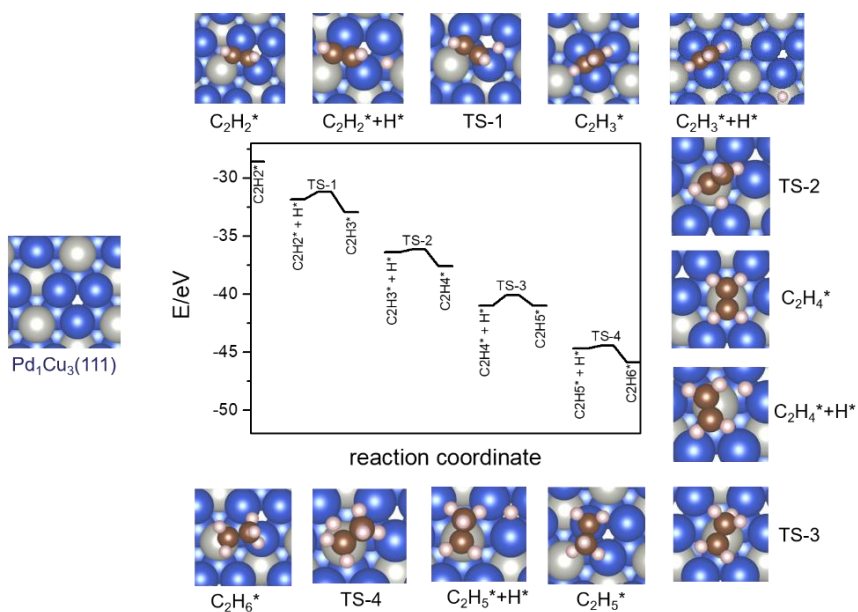


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