

## Supplementary Materials

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# Highly Active Hydrogenation Catalysts Based on Pd Nanoparticles Dispersed along Hierarchical Porous Silica Covered with Polydopamine as Interfacial Glue

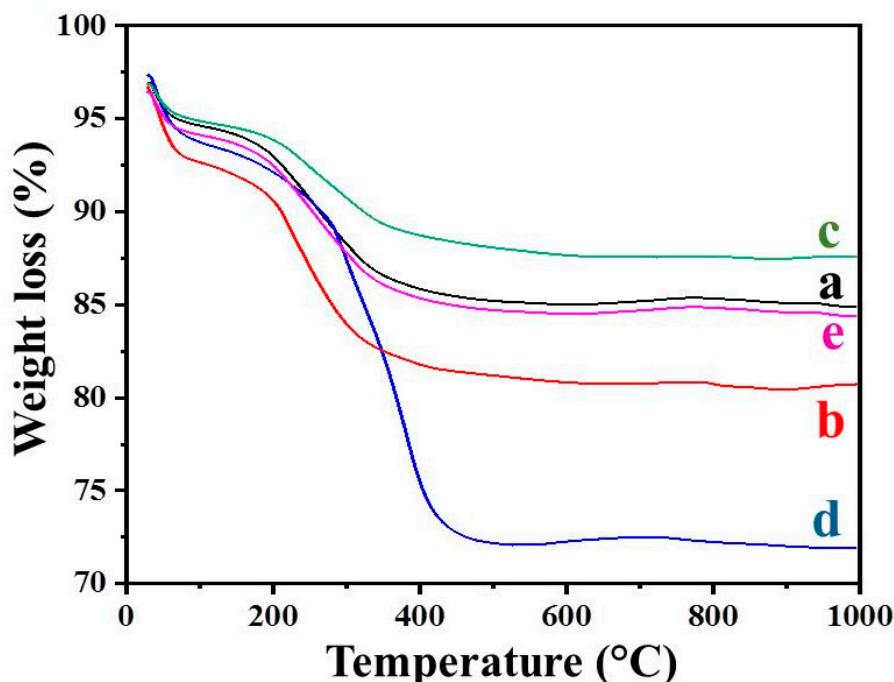
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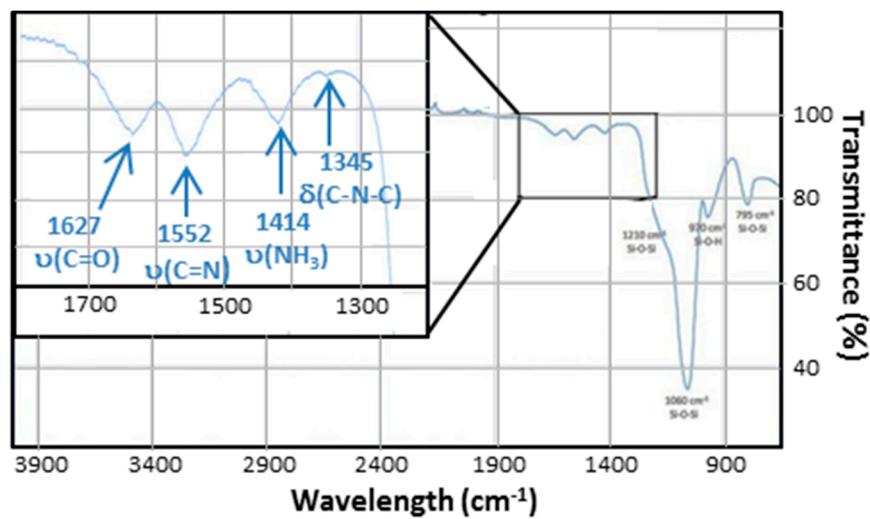
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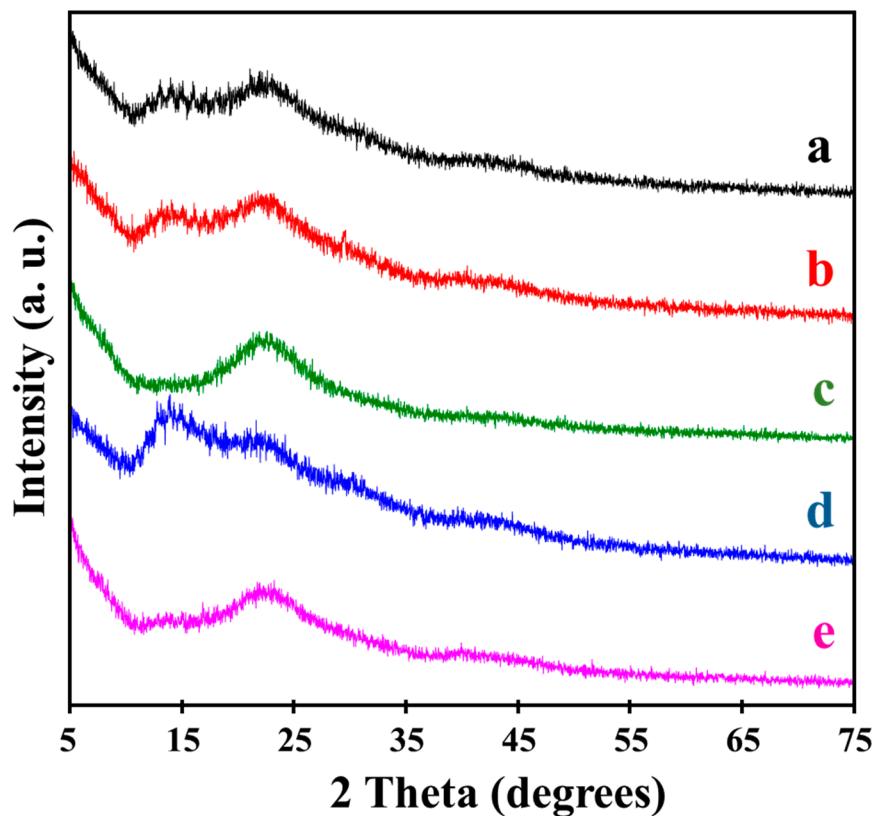
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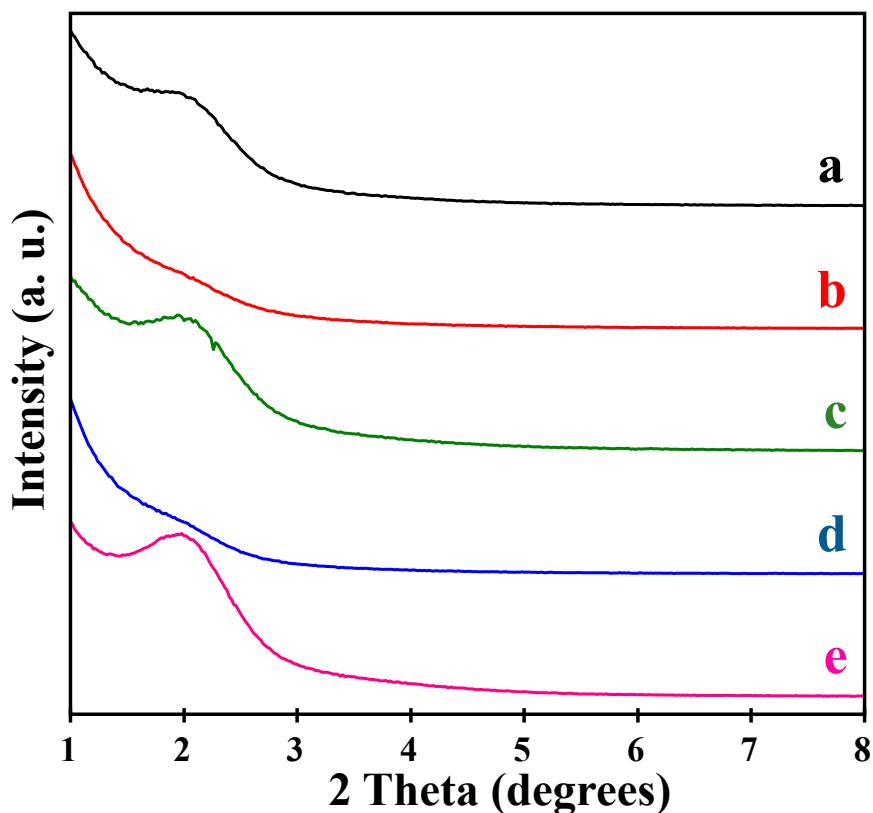
**Figure S1.** TGA curves of the Pd NPs-UVM-7/PDA-n catalysts. (a) n= 1, (b) n= 2, (c) n= 3, (d) n= 4, and (e) n= 5.



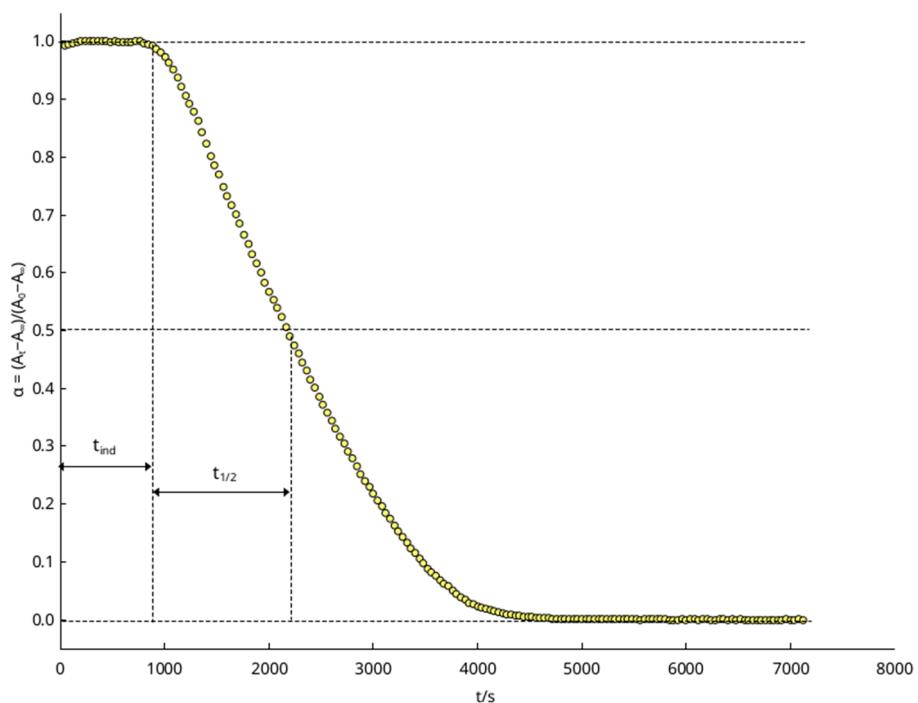
**Figure S2.** Representative FTIR spectrum of the Pd NPs-UVM-7/PDA-1 catalysts.



**Figure S3.** High-angle XRD of the Pd NPs-UVM-7/PDA-n catalysts. (a) n= 1, (b) n= 2, (c) n= 3, (d) n= 4 and (e) n= 5.

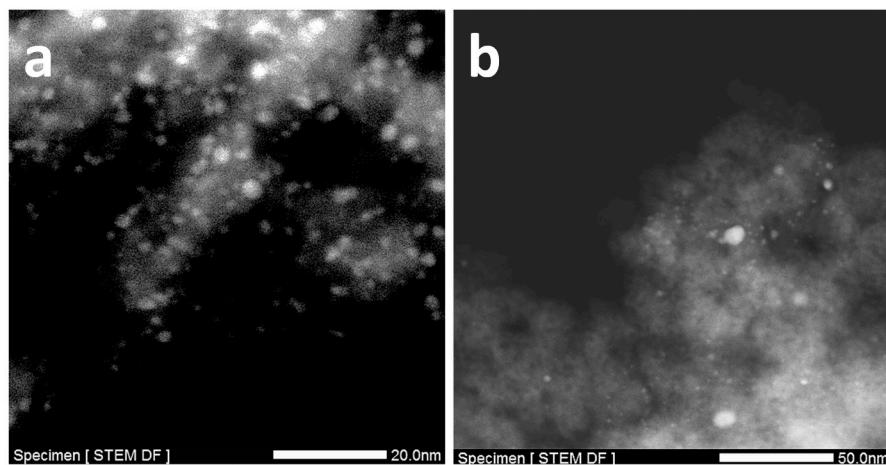


**Figure S4.** Low-angle XRD of the Pd NPs-UVM-7/PDA-n catalysts. (a)  $n=1$ , (b)  $n=2$ , (c)  $n=3$ , (d)  $n=4$ , and (e)  $n=5$ .



**Figure S5.** Graphic explanation of the meaning of the induction, ( $t_{ind}$ ) and half-time ( $t_{1/2}$ ) times cited in the text. The data correspond to the reduction of 4-nitrophenolate catalyzed by material Pd NPs-

UVM-7/PDA-4 in acetonitrile: water 1:1 v/v at room temperature. Absorbance ( $A$ ) measured at 402 nm.  $[NO_2PhO^-] = 5.02 \times 10^{-5} M$ ;  $[(Et_4N)BH_4] = 2 \times 10^{-2} M$ .



**Figure S6.** HAADF-STEM images of the Pd NPs-UVM-7/PDA-1 used catalyst. (a) Pd NPs-rich domain showing the presence of small and homogeneously sized particles. (b) Large domain showing the coexistence of small Pd NPs together with some large aggregates and Pd-free zones.