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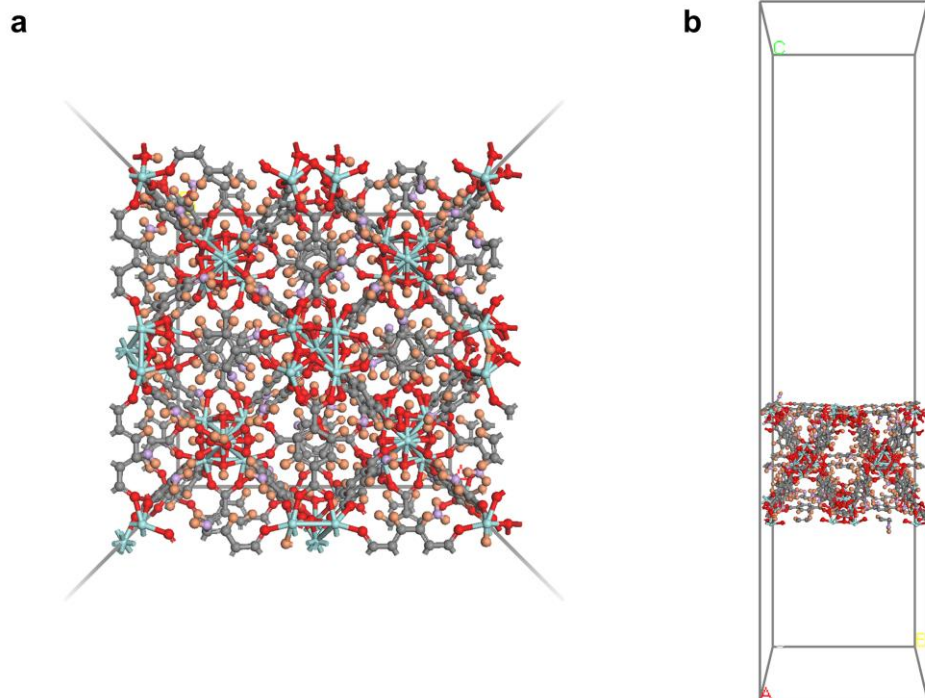
Continuous photo-oxidation of methane to methanol at an atomically tailored reticular gas-solid interface

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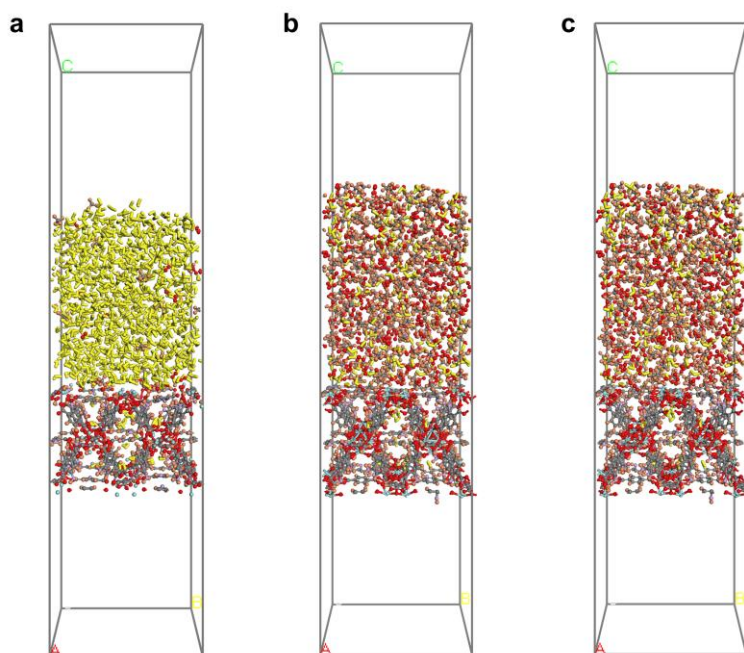
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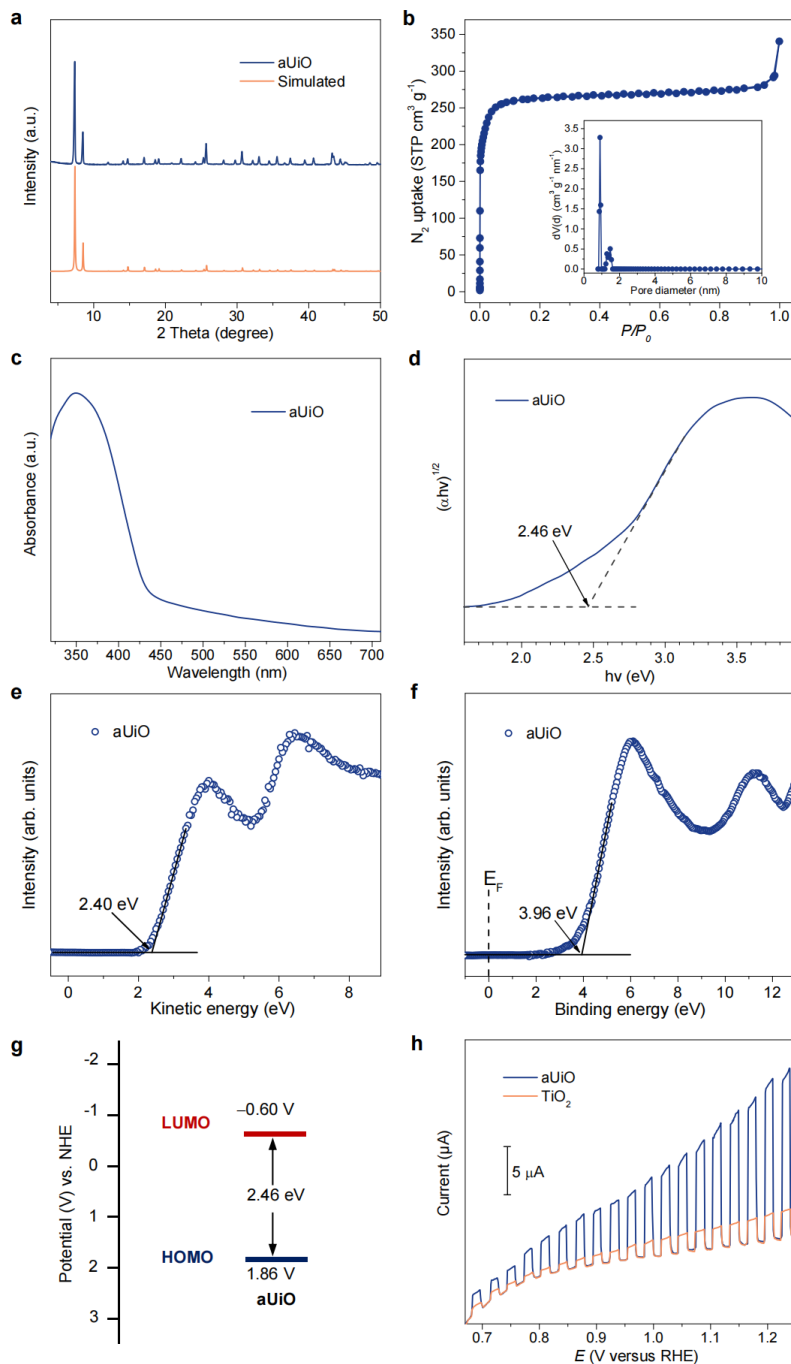
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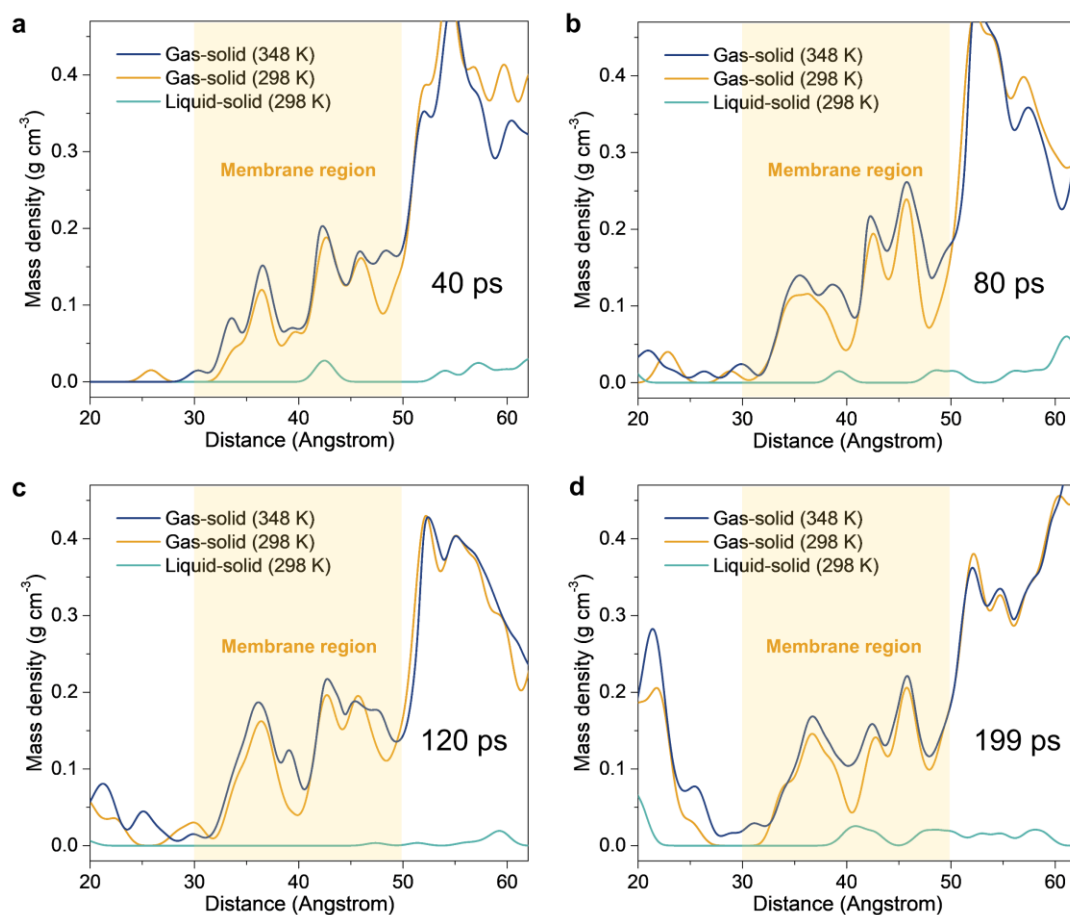
Supplementary Fig. 1: Structural illustrations of the NH₂-UiO-66 (aUiO) membrane considered in this work. NH₂-UiO-66 structures are represented as sticks with color codes of carbon: grey, oxygen: red, hydrogen: orange, zirconium: cyan, and nitrogen: violet.



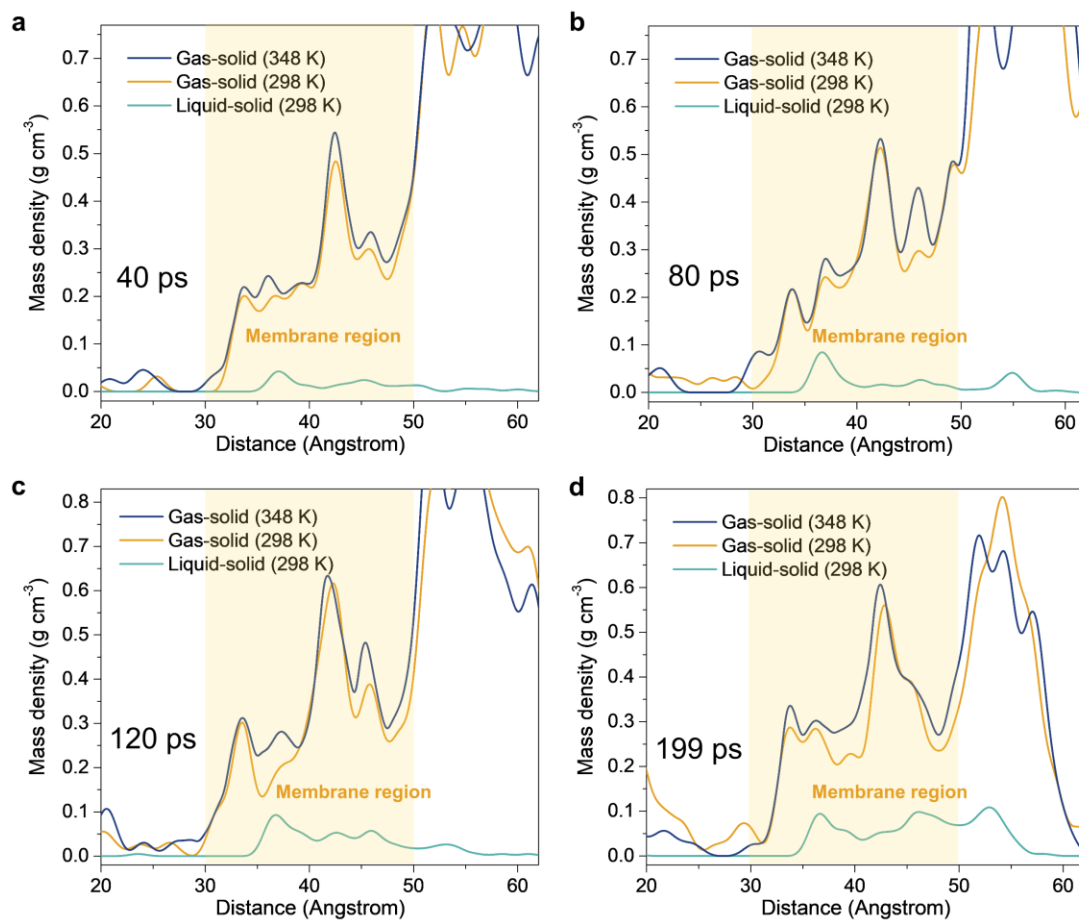
Supplementary Fig. 2: Schematic illustration of the MD simulation system. (a) Liquid-solid system (298 K). **(b)** Gas-solid system (298 K). **(c)** Gas-solid system (348 K).



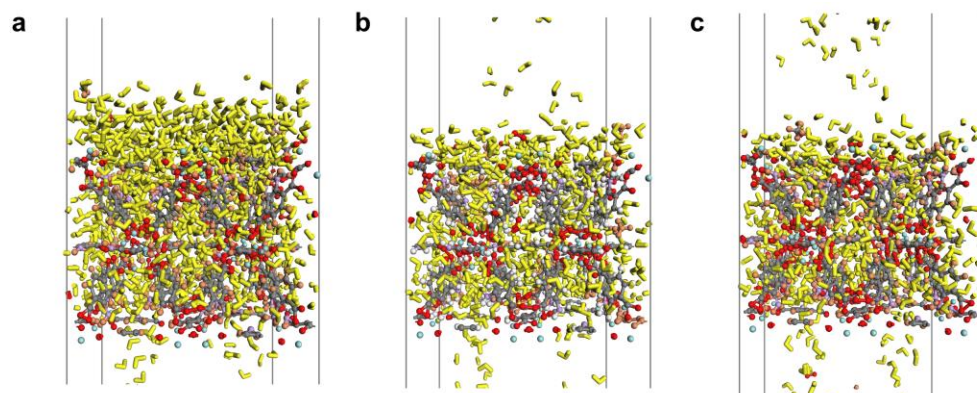
Supplementary Fig. 3: Characterization of NH₂-UiO-66 (aUiO) particles. (a) XRD pattern, (b) N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherms (at 77 K) and pore size distribution (inset), (c) UV-vis diffuse reflectance spectra of aUiO. (d) Optical band gap determined by UV-vis diffuse reflectance, where α and ν represent the absorbance and wavenumber, respectively. (e) Valence-band spectra for aUiO measured by ultraviolet photoelectron spectroscopy (UPS). Au serves as a reference for EF set to 0 eV. (f) Secondary electron cutoff (E_{cutoff}) in the UPS spectra, from which the work function (Φ) can be calculated. (g) Schematic diagrams for conduction band gap of the aUiO. (h) Photocurrent-potential curve for aUiO and commercial TiO₂. The TiO₂ powders were purchased from Energy Chemical (China).



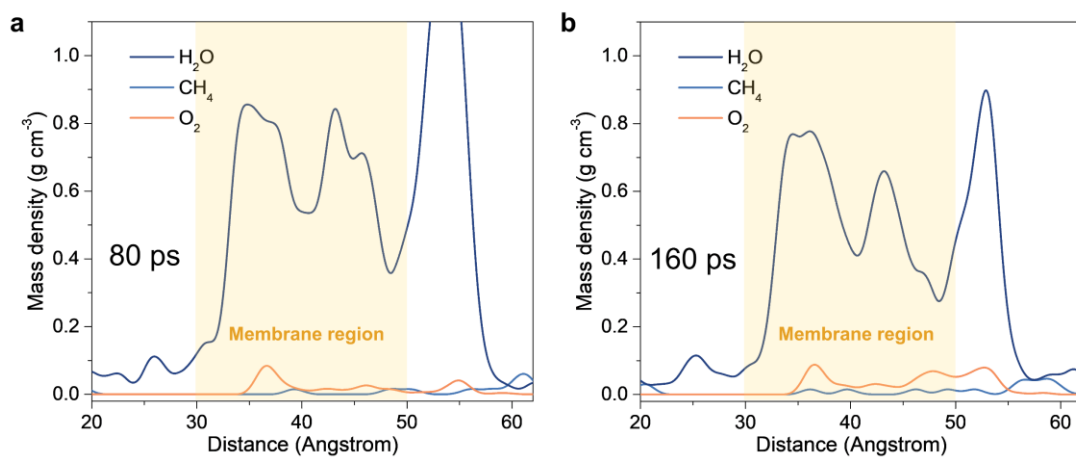
Supplementary Fig. 4: Mass density profiles of CH₄ in the gas-solid (298K and 348K) and liquid-solid (298 K) systems along the gas diffusion (gas-solid system) or water flow (liquid-solid system) direction under different simulation times. (a) 40 ps. (b) 80 ps. (c) 120 ps. (d) 199 ps.



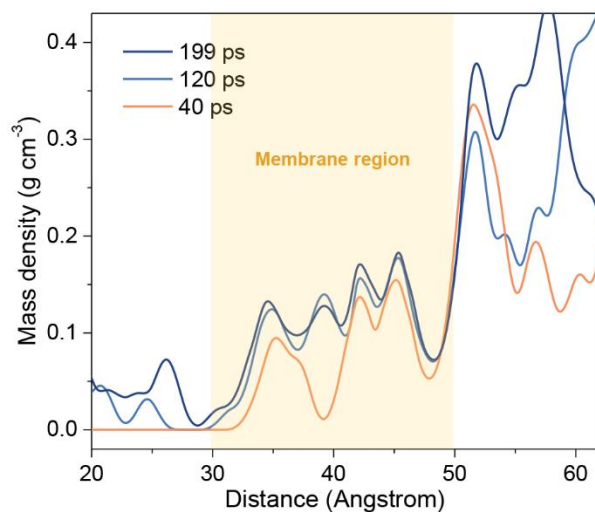
Supplementary Fig. 5: Mass density profiles of O_2 in the gas-solid (298K and 348K) and liquid-solid (298 K) systems along the gas diffusion (gas-solid system) or water flow (liquid-solid system) direction under different simulation times. (a) 40 ps. (b) 80 ps. (c) 120 ps. (d) 199 ps.



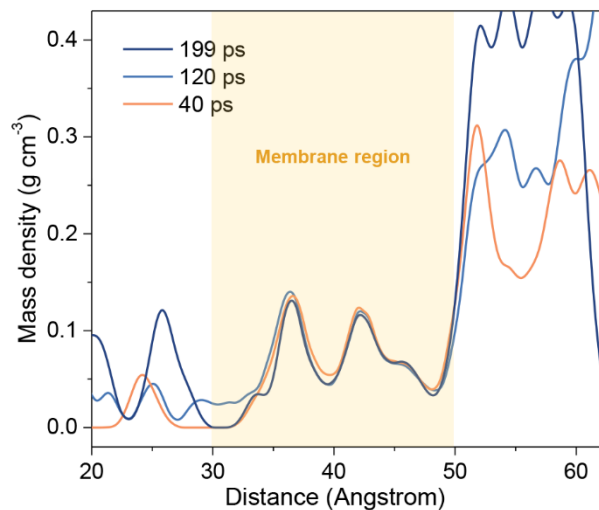
Supplementary Fig. 6: Snapshots of the water molecule distribution in the liquid-solid system (298 K, water molecules are highlighted as the yellow sticks). In the PTMO process, water would flood the pores of the MOF membrane, rapidly diluting the in situ generated H_2O_2 .



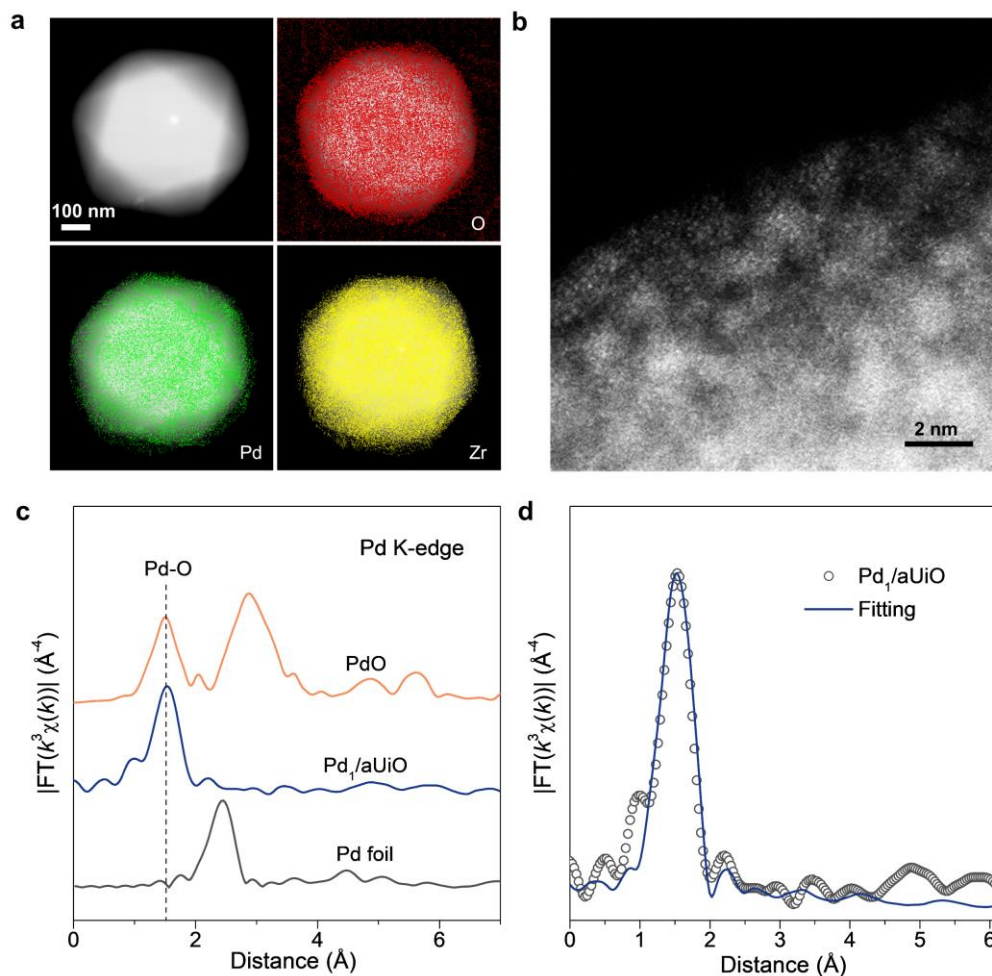
Supplementary Fig. 7: Mass density profiles of H_2O , CH_4 , and O_2 in the liquid-solid system along the water flow direction. (a) Under 80 ps simulation. (b) Under 160 ps simulation.



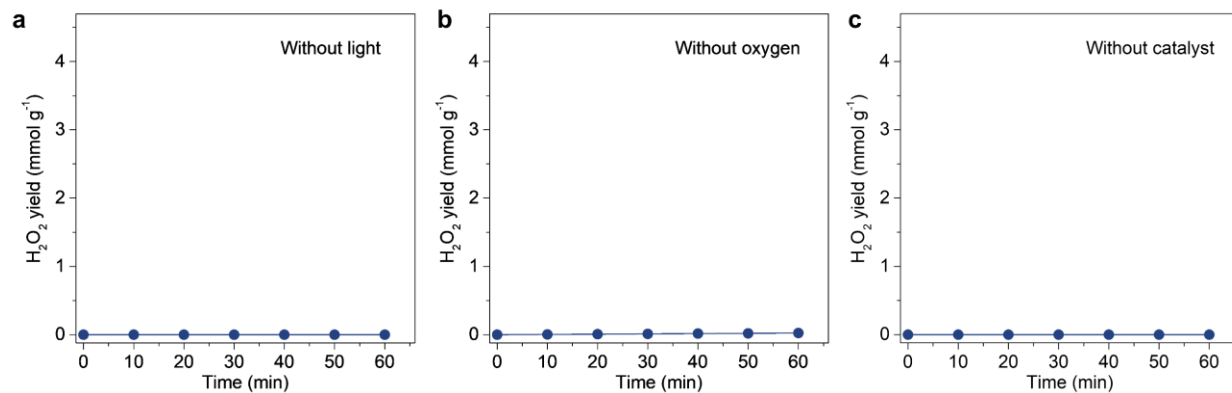
Supplementary Fig. 8: Mass density profiles of water molecules in the gas-solid system (at 298 K) along the gas diffusion direction under different simulation times. With the prolonged operation of the gas-solid PTMO system under ambient temperature (25 °C), water molecules accumulate increasingly within the pores of the aUiO membrane.



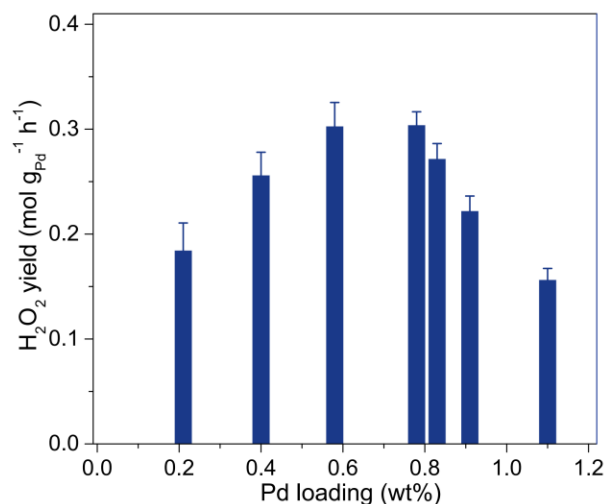
Supplementary Fig. 9: Mass density profiles of water molecules in the gas-solid system (at 348 K) along the gas diffusion direction under different simulation times. Elevating the system temperature can effectively remove stagnant water from the MOF pores, ensuring a clear gas-solid interface without vapor retention and/or condensation during the simulation.



Supplementary Fig. 10: Structural characterization of the as-prepared Pd₁/aUiO particles. (a) STEM image and corresponding EDS maps for Pd₁/aUiO particles. (b) AC-HAADF-STEM image for Pd₁/aUiO particles. (c) Pd K-edge EXAFS spectra of Pd₁/aUiO, PdO, and Pd foil. (d) Pd K-edge EXAFS fitting results for Pd₁/aUiO. The presence of Pd–O coordination but no Pd–Pd signals confirmed the atomic dispersion of Pd species in the 0.78 wt.% Pd₁/aUiO samples.

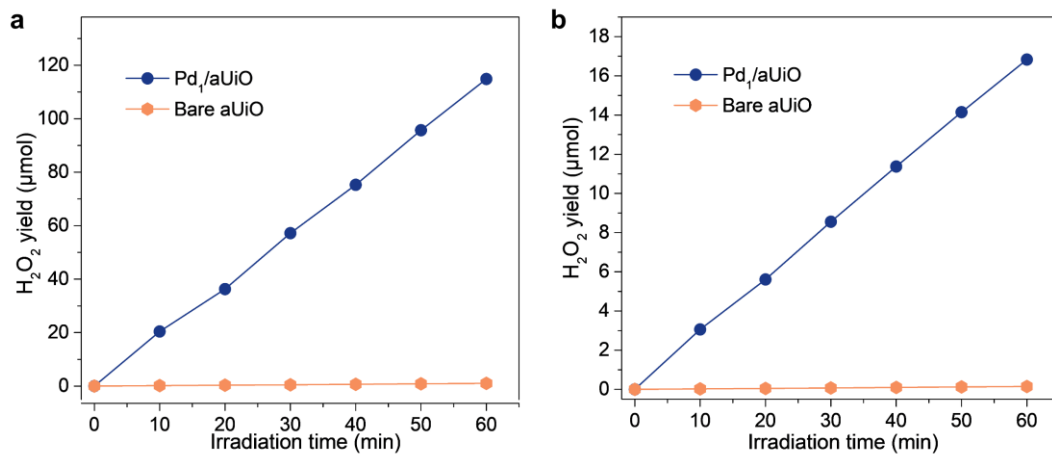


Supplementary Fig. 11: Blank experiments for POR on Pd₁/aUiO powders. No H₂O₂ evolution could be detected in POR experiments without (a) light irradiation, (b) O₂ feed, or (c) photocatalysts.

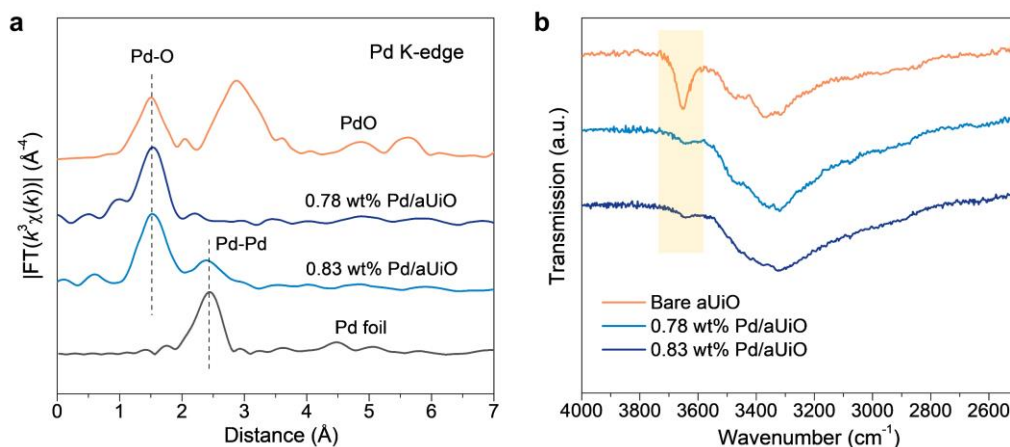


Supplementary Fig. 12: H₂O₂ yield as a function of Pd loadings in Pd/aUiO catalysts (reaction condition: 80 mL min⁻¹ O₂, 25 °C, triethanolamine was used as a scavenger for the photogenerated hole). The error bars correspond to the standard deviation of three independent measurements.

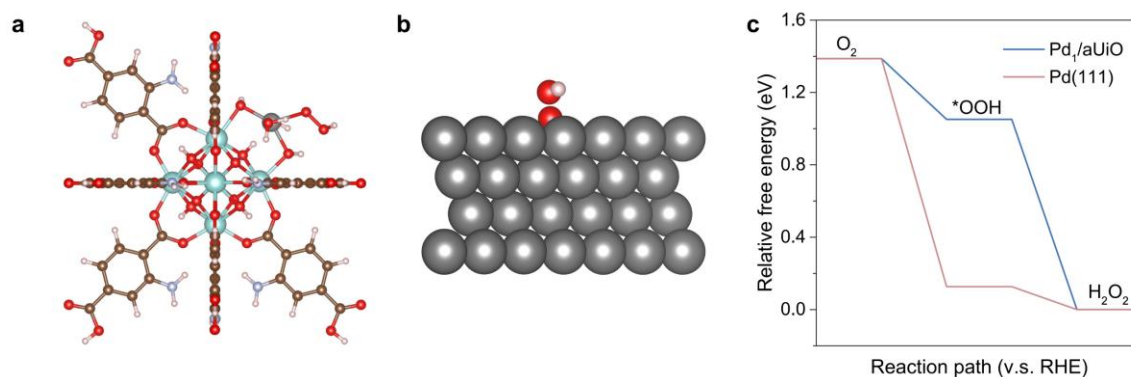
Note: When the Pd loading was below 0.78 wt.%, the photocatalytic activity for H₂O₂ generation increased with higher Pd loading, attributed to the growing number of Pd₁ active sites. However, at higher loading contents of Pd (e.g., 0.83 wt.% or above), Pd atoms aggregated, forming metallic Pd species. These metallic species exhibited significantly reduced intrinsic activity for O₂ reduction to H₂O₂, resulting in a marked decline in H₂O₂ yield.



Supplementary Fig. 13: Time course of H_2O_2 evolution on Pd_1/aUiO and bare aUiO catalysts under simulated sunlight irradiation (AM 1.5G) with (a) and without (b) triethanolamine (TEA) as the sacrificial agent.

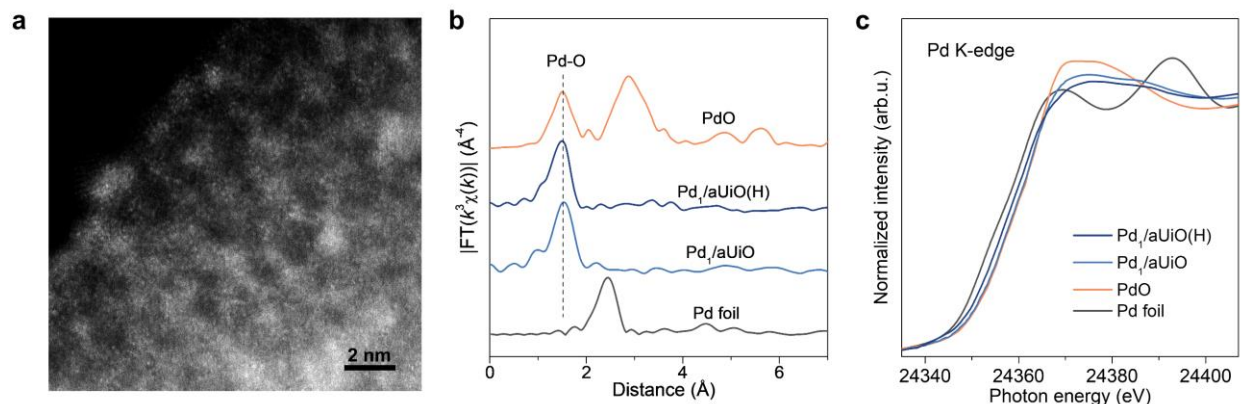


Supplementary Fig. 14: (a) Pd K-edge EXAFS spectra of 0.78 wt.% Pd₁/aUiO, 0.83 wt.% Pd/aUiO, PdO, and bulk Pd foil. (b) DRIFTS spectra of bare aUiO, 0.78 wt.% Pd₁/aUiO and 0.83 wt.% Pd/aUiO catalysts. The presence of $-\text{O}/\text{OH}_x$ vibration in the post-activation aUiO samples suggests the effective removal of coordinated acetates from the Zr–O nodes through a high dynamical vacuum activation process, resulting in aUiO particles with missing linkers and Zr–O nodes with abundant defects terminated by $-\text{O}/-\text{OH}_x$ groups. The significant decrease in peak intensity of $-\text{O}/\text{OH}_x$ groups in DRIFTS spectra following Pd incorporation suggests these Pd species were confined on the defect sites of Zr–O nodes.

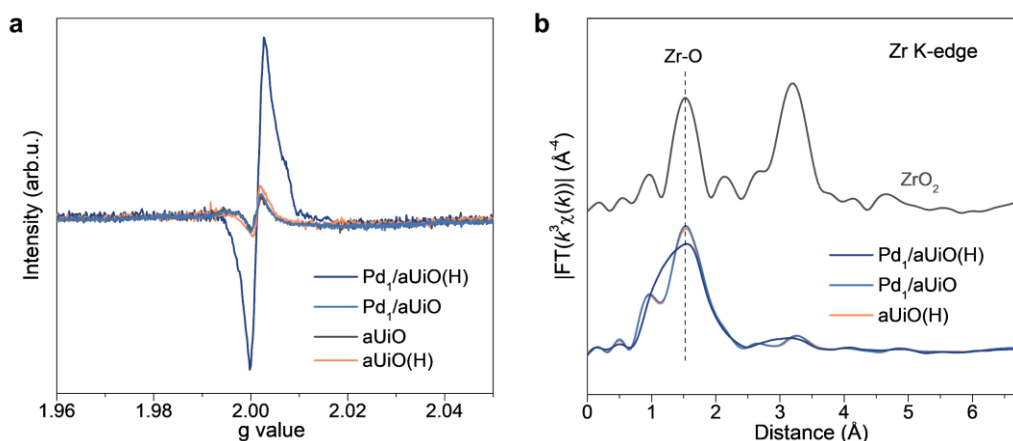


Supplementary Fig. 15: (a, b) Side views of the slab models for Pd₁/aUiO and Pd (111) facets, respectively. (c) Calculated potential energy diagrams for hydrogenation of O₂ to H₂O₂ on Pd₁ sites and Pd (111) surfaces.

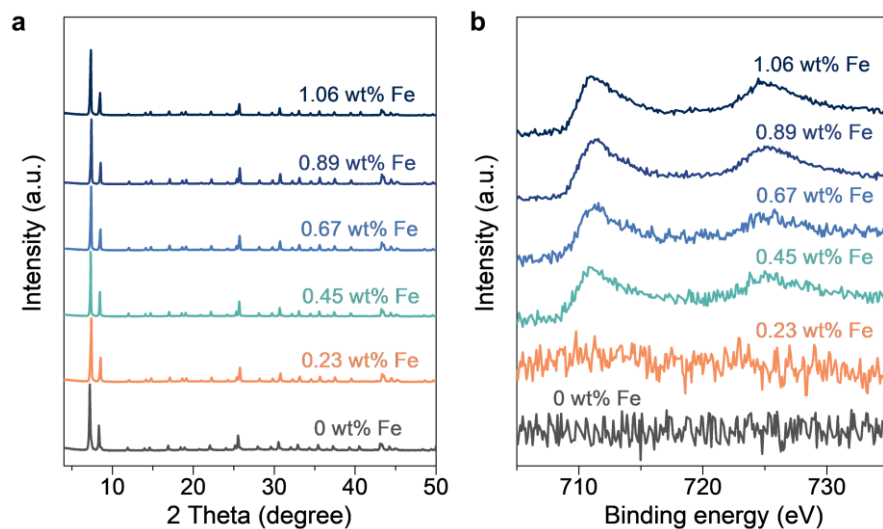
Note: To further elucidate why single-atom Pd (Pd₁) was chosen over conventional Pd nanoparticle as H₂O₂ generation active center, we have performed first-principles calculations to investigate the formation of H₂O₂ over Pd single atom and nanoparticle. The Pd₁/aUiO(H) model is based on the palladium-oxygen coordination number fitted by EXAFS (Supplementary Fig. 15a), and the Pd nanoparticle is extracted from the bulk phase of Pd (111) (Supplementary Fig. 15b). As shown in Supplementary Fig. 15c, the rate-determining step (RDS) for O₂ reduction to generate H₂O₂ on Pd₁ sites of Pd₁/aUiO(H) is the formation of *OOH from adsorbed O₂, with a step free energy drop of 0.336 eV. In contrast, on the surface of Pd nanoparticles, the RDS is the hydrogenation of *OOH, which exhibits a smaller step free energy drop of 0.127 eV. Compared to Pd nanoparticles, Pd₁ sites effectively regulate the free energy differences at each reaction step by weakening the adsorption strength of *OOH, thereby facilitating the reaction. Overall, these calculated results suggest that Pd₁ sites are significantly more favorable than conventional Pd nanoparticles for H₂O₂ generation.



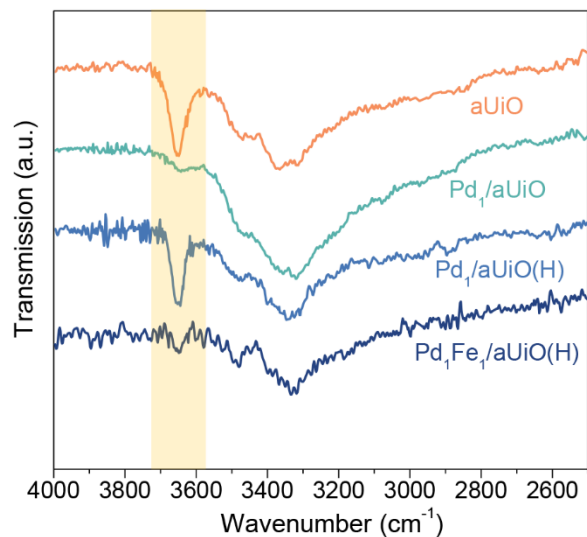
Supplementary Fig. 16: Structural characterization of the as-prepared Pd₁/aUiO(H) particles. (a) AC-HAADF-STEM image for Pd₁/aUiO(H) particles. (b) Pd K-edge EXAFS spectra of Pd₁/aUiO(H), Pd₁/aUiO, PdO, and bulk Pd foil. (c) Pd K-edge XANES spectra of Pd₁/aUiO(H) and Pd₁/aUiO. PdO and Pd foils were used as standard.



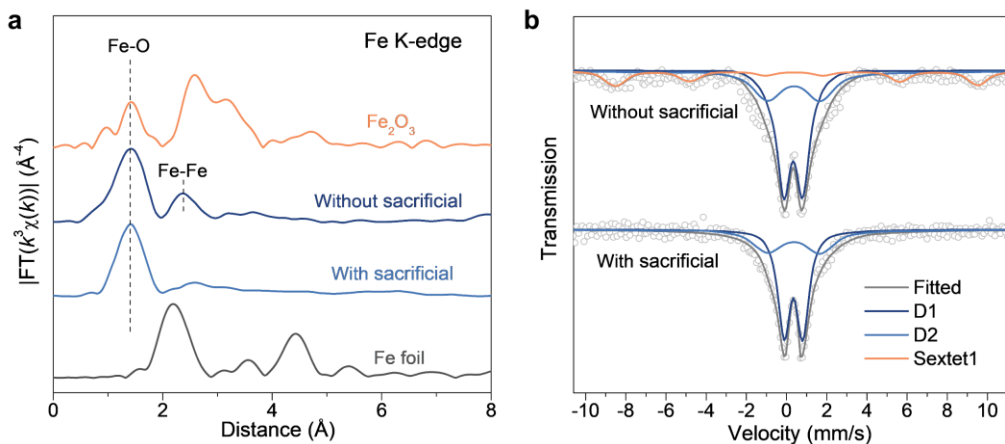
Supplementary Fig. 17: Characterization of the oxygen defects on Zr–O nodes created by Pd₁-catalyzed hydrogenation. (a) Electron spin resonance (ESR) profiles of Pd₁/aUiO(H), Pd₁/aUiO, aUiO(H) and aUiO under Ar atmosphere. A much stronger ESR signal was observed on the Pd₁/aUiO(H) samples, revealing a substantial increase in the density of oxygen defect sites on the Zr–O nodes of the Pd₁/aUiO(H) catalyst. The aUiO(H) catalyst was prepared by treating the as-prepared aUiO powders in H₂ (150 mL min^{−1}) gas flow at 80 °C for 10 min. (b) Zr K-edge FT-EXAFS spectra of Pd₁/aUiO(H), Pd₁/aUiO, aUiO(H), and aUiO, with ZrO₂ as reference. The FT-EXAFS spectrum of the Pd₁/aUiO(H) sample was measured under *Operando* hydrogenation conditions (150 mL min^{−1} H₂, 80 °C) to avoid the impact from adsorption water and/or oxygen. The structural changes in Pd₁/aUiO(H), notably the overall shrinking of the Zr–O path, suggested a diminished Zr coordination number post H₂ treatment owing to the formation of oxygen defects.



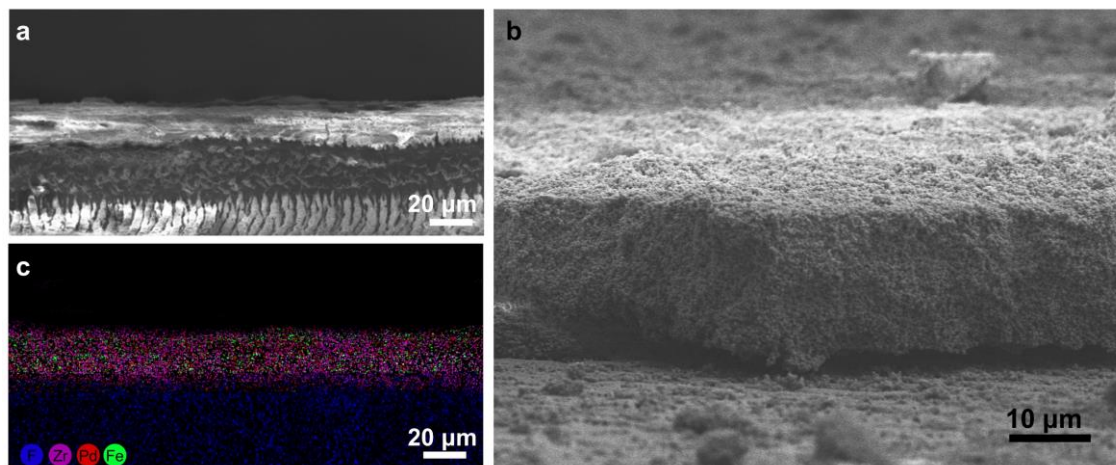
Supplementary Fig. 18: Characterization of Fe species incorporated Pd₁/aUiO(H) catalysts. (a) XRD patterns and (b) Fe 4f core level XPS spectra for Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H) catalysts with different Fe loading contents.



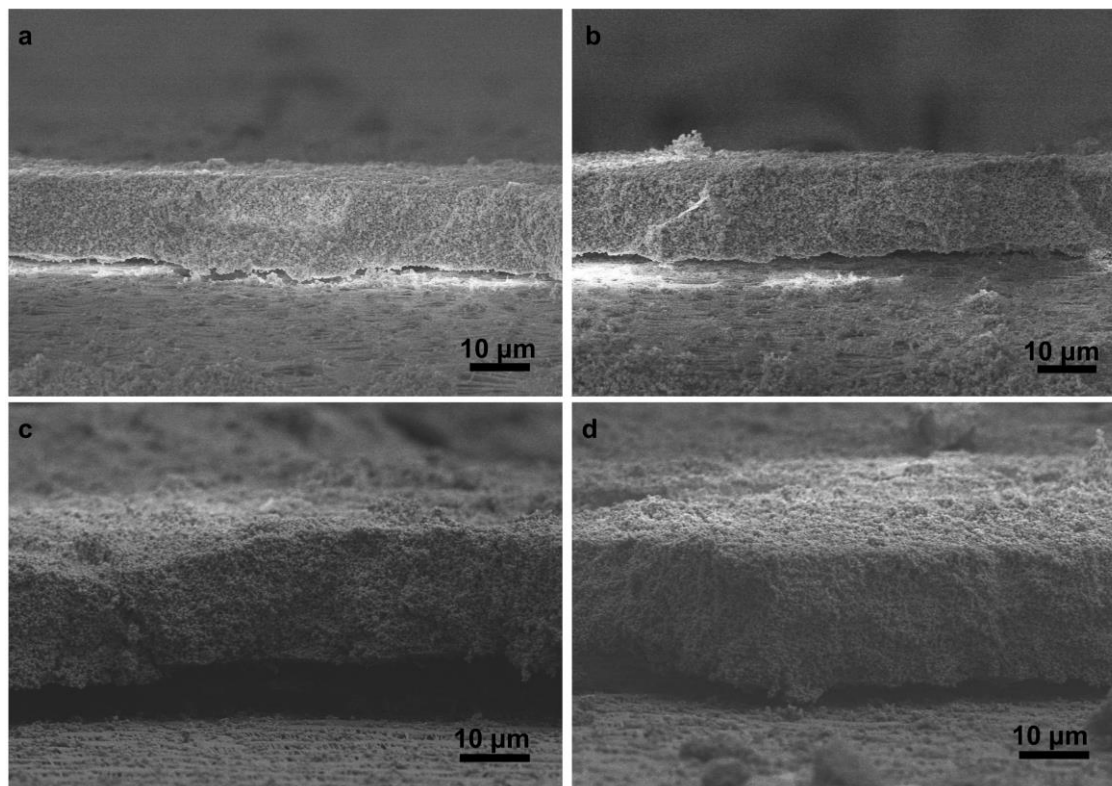
Supplementary Fig. 19: DRIFTS spectra of Pd₁Fe₁/aUiO(H), Pd₁/aUiO(H), Pd₁/aUiO, and aUiO samples. The significant decrease in the peak intensity of -O/OH_x groups in DRIFTS spectra following Fe₁ species incorporation suggests that these Fe₁ were confined on the defect sites of Zr–O nodes created by Pd₁-catalyzed hydrogenation and close to Pd₁.



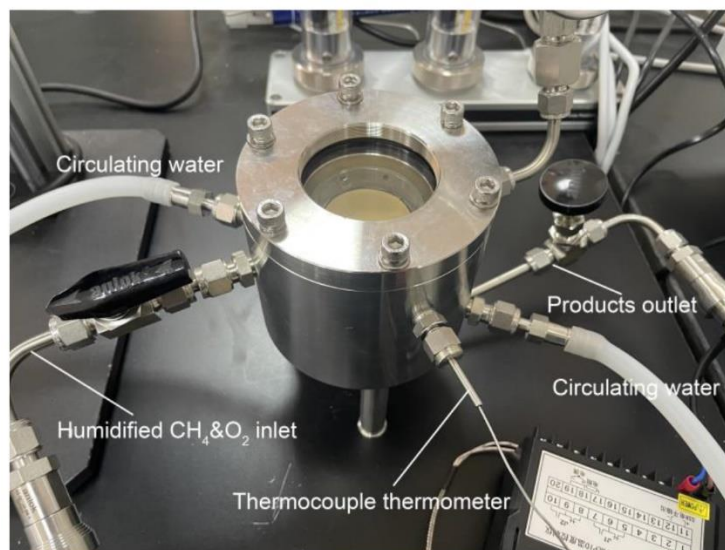
Supplementary Fig. 20: Structural characterization of the Fe species modified $\text{Pd}_1/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ catalysts synthesized with and without adding triethanolamine (TEA) as hole sacrificial. (a) Fe K-edge EXAFS spectra. **(b)** ^{57}Fe Mössbauer spectra. During the photo-deposition process, when triethanolamine (TEA) was used as a hole scavenger, it led to the integration of only atomically dispersed Fe species into aUiO(H), and iron oxide clusters were conspicuously absent in the resultant sample. This suggests that the iron oxide clusters within the $\text{Pd}_1\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}$ catalyst were formed by the photocatalytic oxidation of iron ions.



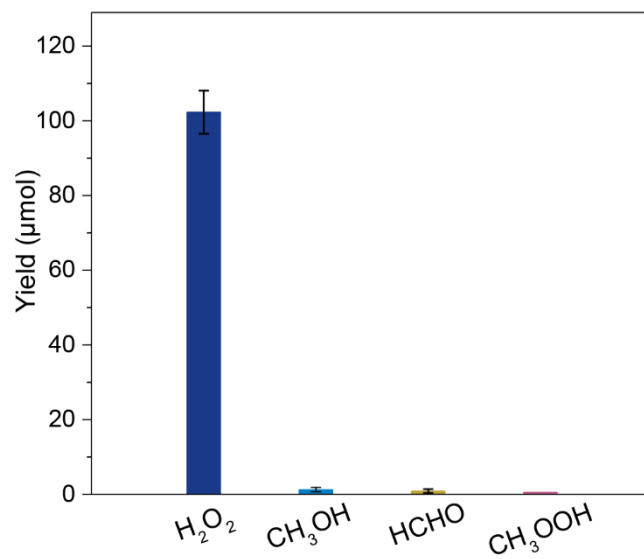
Supplementary Fig. 21: Structural characterization of the Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H) membranes. (a, b) Cross-sectional SEM images of the as-prepared Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO/PTFE membrane. (c) Cross-sectional EDS mapping image of the Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO/PTFE membrane corresponding to (a).



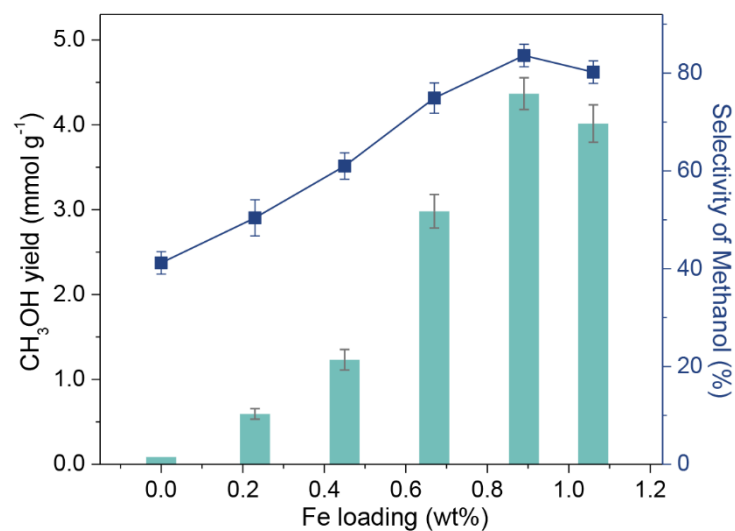
Supplementary Fig. 22: Cross-sectional SEM images of the as-prepared Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO membranes with different Fe loading contents. (a) 0.23 wt.%, (b) 0.45 wt.%, (c) 0.67 wt.% and (d) 0.89 wt.%.



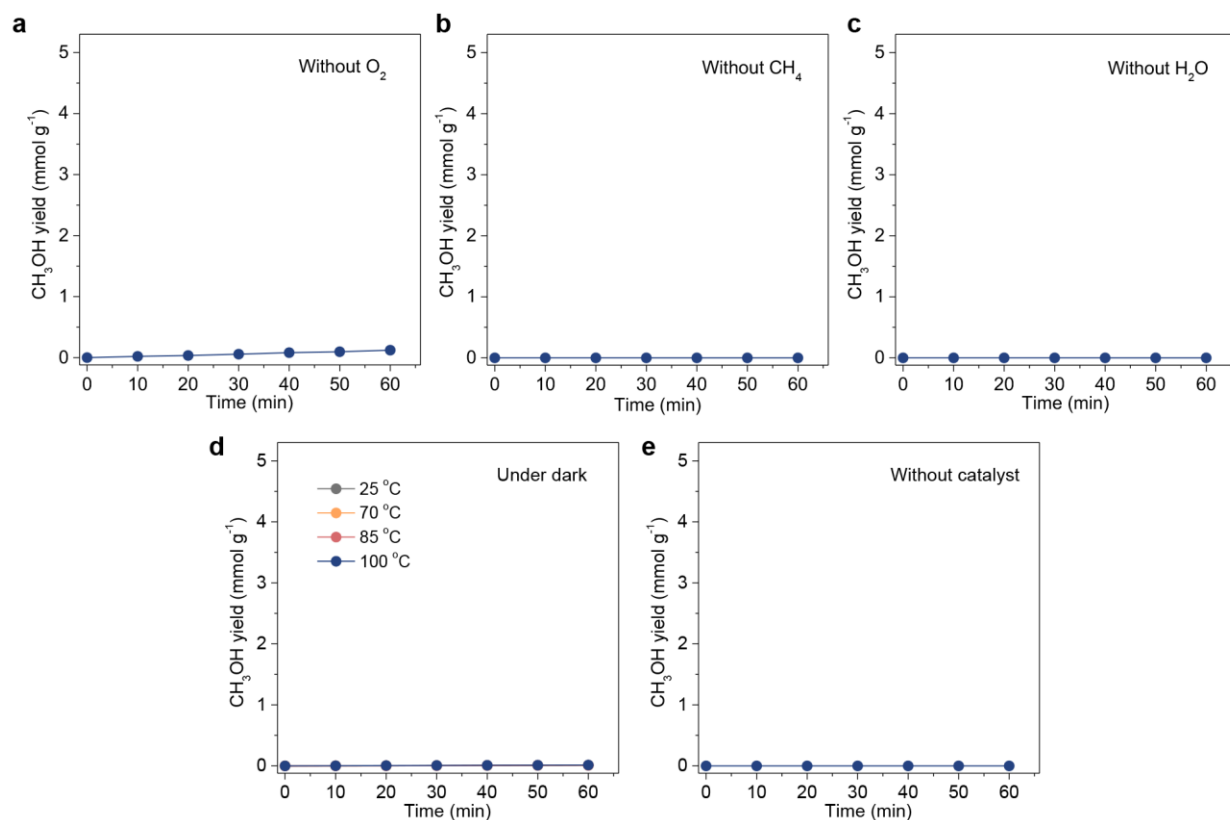
Supplementary Fig. 23: Digital photographs of the gas-flow cell used in the gas-phase PTMO experiments.



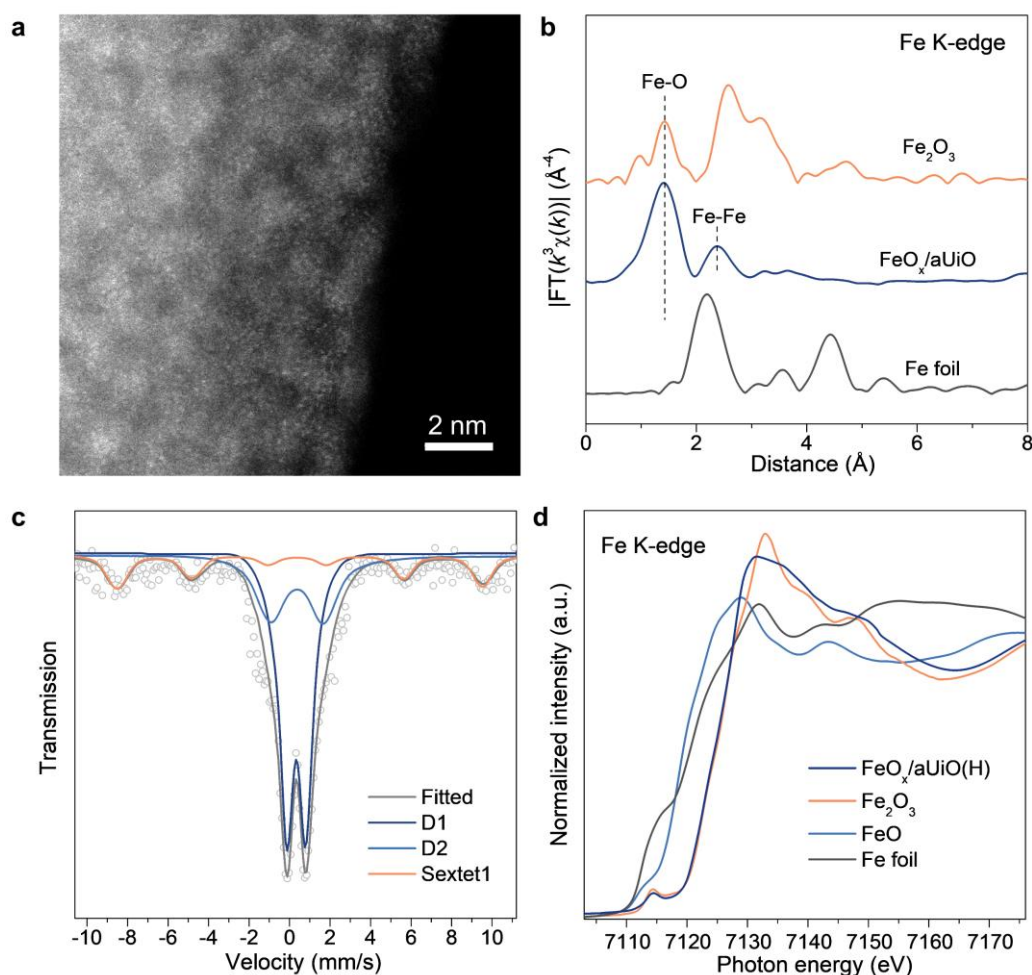
Supplementary Fig. 24: PTMO yields for different products on Pd₁/aUiO(H) membrane (reaction condition: 150 mL min⁻¹ humidified CH₄/O₂ mixture gas, 25 °C, 1 hour). The error bars correspond to the standard deviation of three independent measurements.



Supplementary Fig. 25: Comparison of the catalytic activity (left axis) and selectivity (right axis) for PTMO to CH₃OH on Fe species decorated Pd₁/aUiO(H) catalysts with different Fe loadings (reaction condition: 150 mL min⁻¹ humidified CH₄/O₂ mixture gas, 25 °C, 1 hour). The error bars correspond to the standard deviation of three independent measurements.

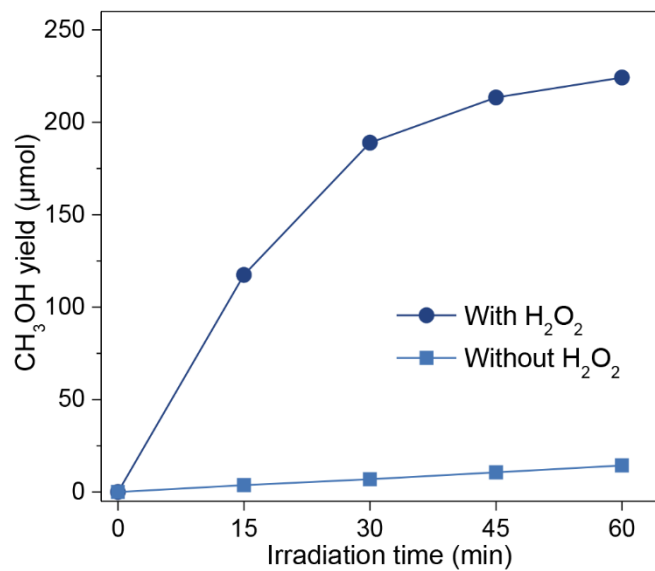


Supplementary Fig. 26: Blank experiments for PTMO on Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO membrane. No obvious CH₃OH evolution could be detected in experiments without (a) O₂ feed, (b) CH₄ feed, (c) water vapour, (d) light irradiation, or (e) catalysts. It is noteworthy that PTMO cannot be triggered under dark even at an elevated temperature of 100 °C, illustrating the light-driven rather than thermal-driven nature of PTMO.

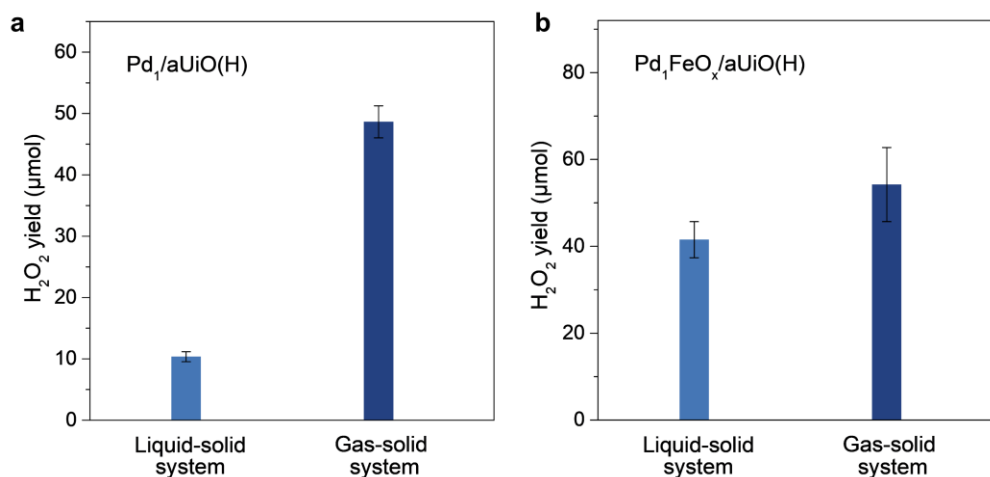


Supplementary Fig. 27: Structural characterization of the as-prepared $\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ particles. (a) AC-HAADF-STEM image for $\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ particles. (b) Fe K-edge EXAFS spectra of $\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$, Fe_2O_3 , and Fe foil. (c) ^{57}Fe Mössbauer spectra of $\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$. (d) Fe K-edge XANES spectra of $\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ catalyst, with Fe_2O_3 , FeO, and Fe foil as references.

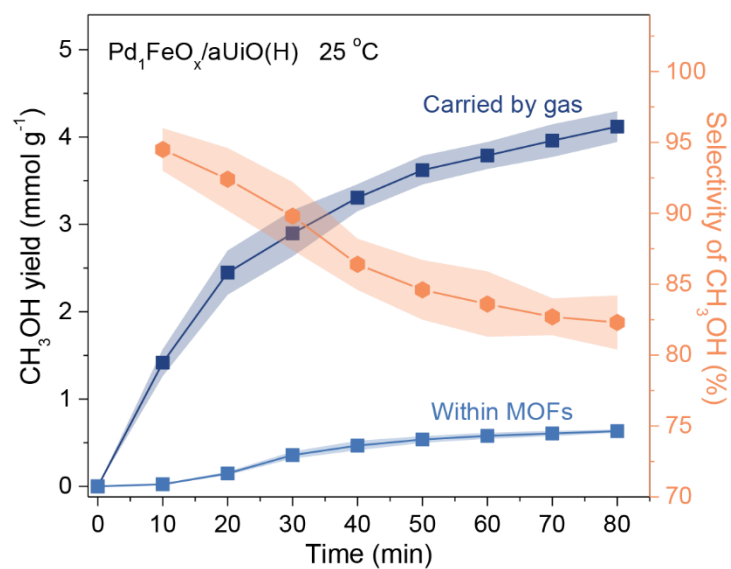
Note: the FeO_x/aUiO designation refers to the aUiO substrate modified with both single-atom Fe (Fe_1) and FeO_x clusters. This structure is comparable to the $\text{Pd}_1\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}$ catalyst, derived from $\text{Pd}_1/\text{UiO}(\text{H})$, but without the modification of Pd_1 active sites.



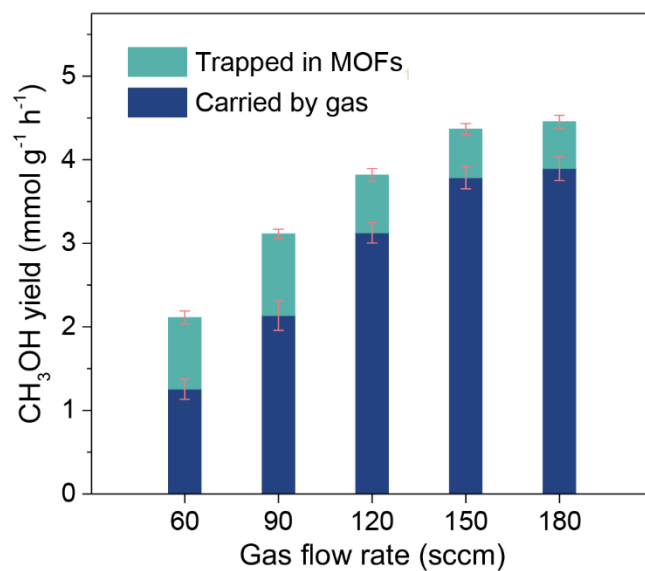
Supplementary Fig. 28: Methanol yield in the FeO_x/aUiO(H) membrane with and without adding H₂O₂ as an initiator.



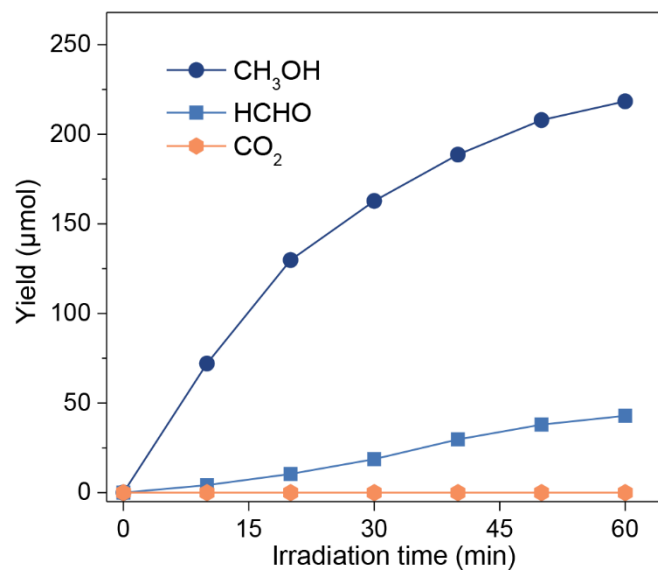
Supplementary Fig. 29: Comparison of the H_2O_2 yield in the liquid-solid and gas-solid systems (reaction condition: $150 \text{ mL min}^{-1} \text{ O}_2$, 25°C , 0.5 hour). (a) Using $\text{Pd}_1/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ as the catalyst. (b) Using $\text{Pd}_1\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ as the catalyst. The error bars correspond to the standard deviation of three independent measurements.



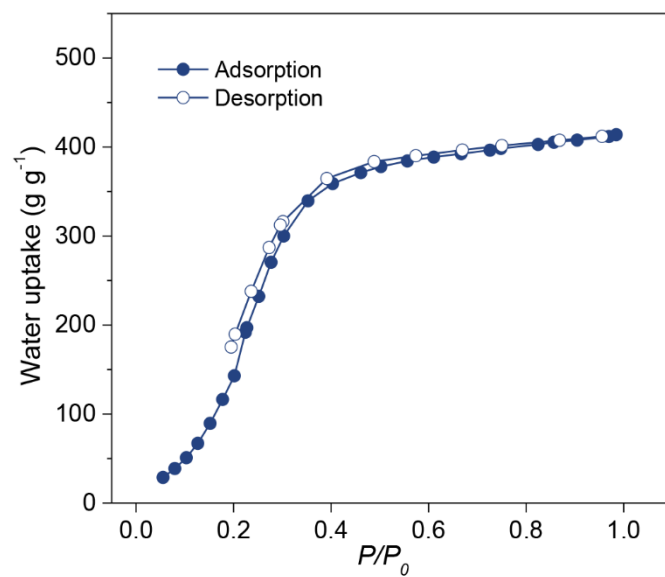
Supplementary Fig. 30: Time-on-line CH₃OH yield (left axis) and selectivity (right axis) on the Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H) membrane (reaction condition: 150 mL min⁻¹ humidified CH₄/O₂ mixture gas, 25 °C). The error bands correspond to the standard deviation of three independent measurements.



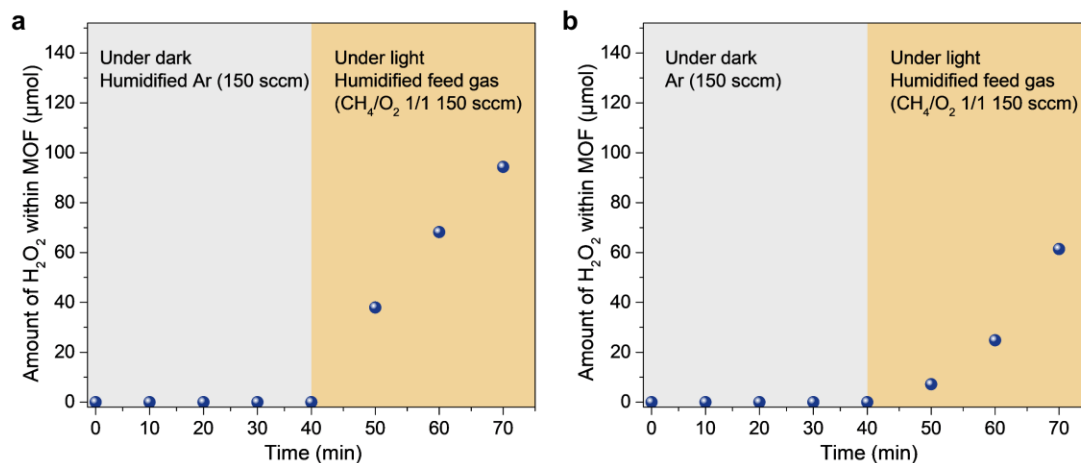
Supplementary Fig. 31: Comparison of the CH₃OH contents within (remained in MOF membrane) and without (carried out by feed gas) the Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H) membrane under different feed gas flow rates (reaction condition: 25 °C, 1 hour). The error bars correspond to the standard deviation of three independent measurements.



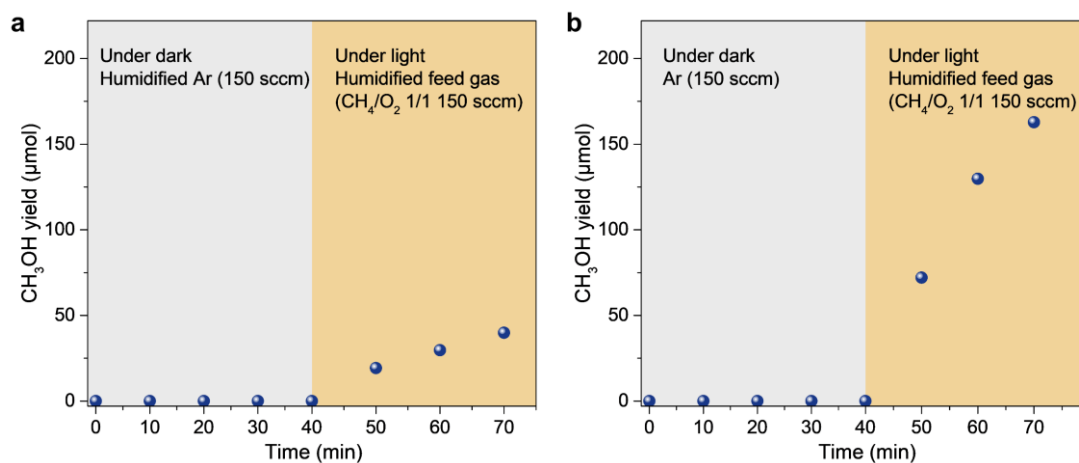
Supplementary Fig. 32: PTMO performance of $\text{Pd}_1\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ membrane in the gas-solid system (reaction condition: 150 mL min^{-1} humidified CH_4/O_2 mixture gas, 25°C).



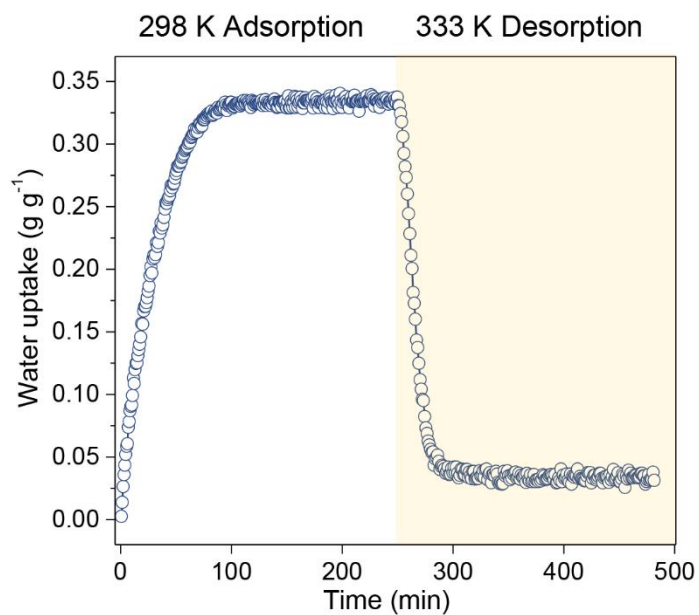
Supplementary Fig. 33: Water isotherm of Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H) powders at 25 °C.



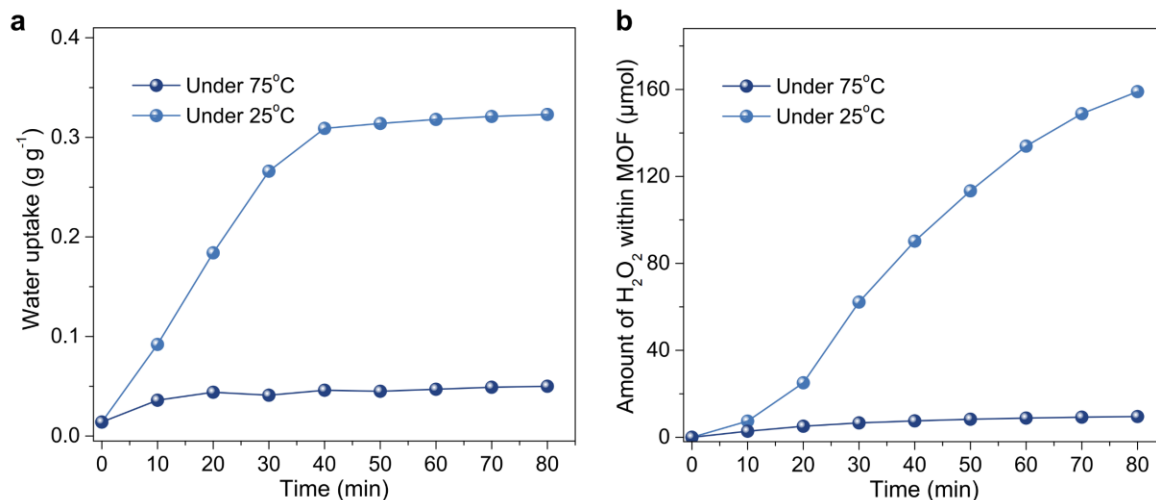
Supplementary Fig. 34: Comparison of the amount of H₂O₂ remained in Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H) membrane during PTMO under different mass transfer conditions (reaction condition: 25 °C) (a) Before the PTMO process, humidified Ar (150 mL min⁻¹) was supplied to the gas-solid system for 40 min so that some water vapor was trapped in the pores of MOF, thereby causing interface water stagnation within the MOF membrane. (b) Compared to the wetted gas diffusion channels (a), a gas-solid interface free from stagnant water could effectively prevent H₂O₂ dilution, thereby enhancing the utilization efficiency of the H₂O₂ intermediate.



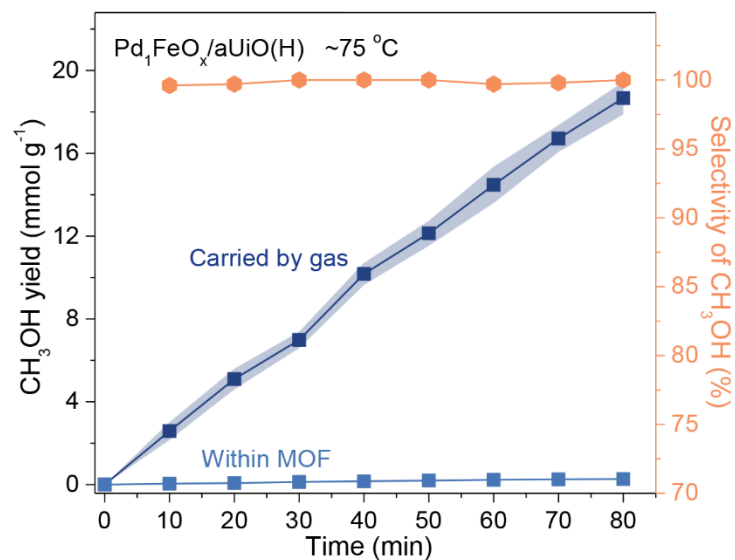
Supplementary Fig. 35: Comparison of the CH₃OH yield in the Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H) membrane under different mass transfer conditions corresponding to Fig. S34. Compared to the wetted gas diffusion channels (a), the gas-solid interface free from stagnant water could efficiently boost gas-phase PTMO (b).



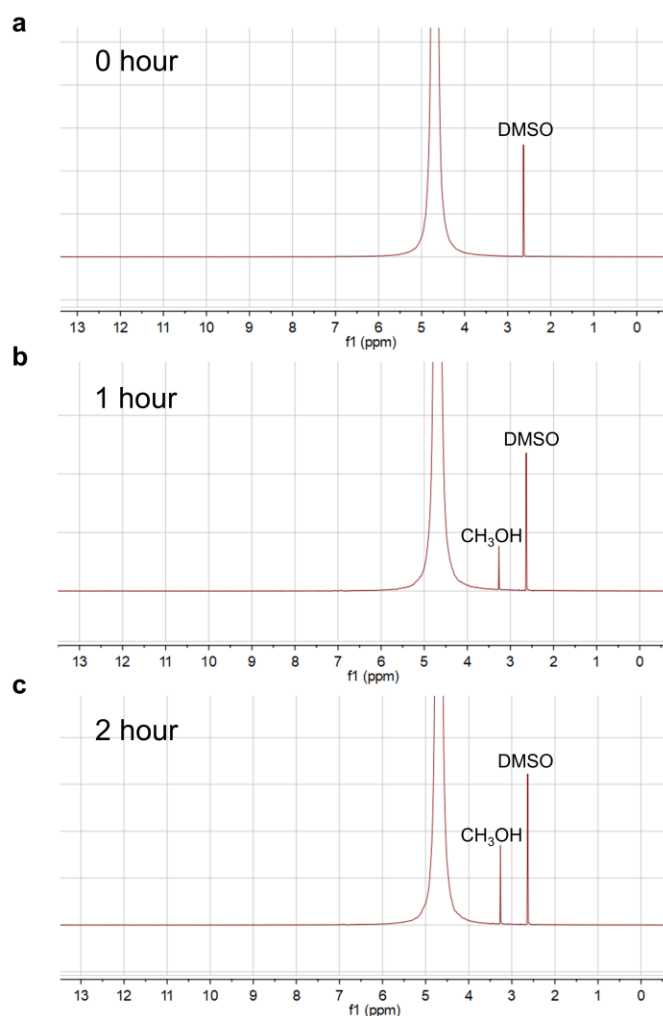
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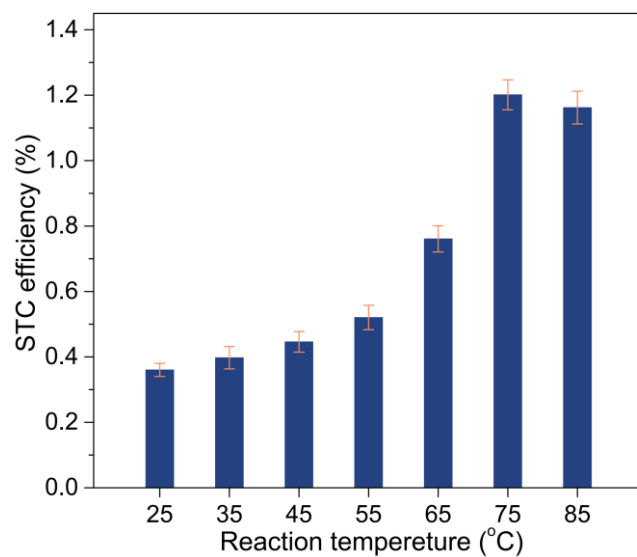
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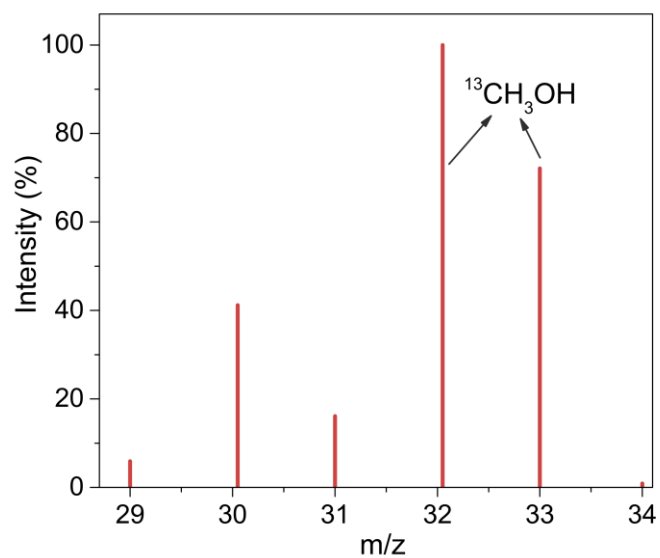
Supplementary Fig. 38: Time-on-line CH₃OH yield (left axis) and selectivity (right axis) for the Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H) membrane under elevated system temperature (reaction condition: 150 mL min⁻¹ humidified CH₄/O₂ mixture gas, 75 °C). The error bands correspond to the standard deviation of three independent measurements.



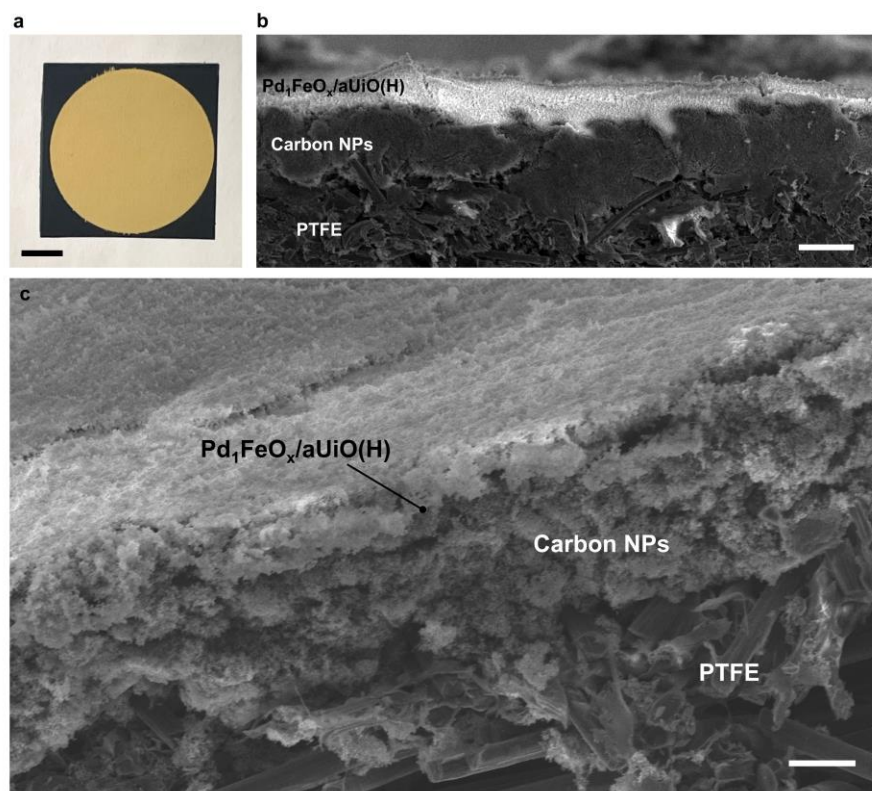
Supplementary Fig. 39: The ^1H NMR spectra for the liquid products of the gas-phase PTMO using $\text{Pd}_1\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}$ membrane as the catalyst after 0 h, 1 h, and 3 h reaction. The peaks at 3.27 and 2.63 ppm in the ^1H NMR can be assigned to CH_3OH (the oxidation product of CH_4) and DMSO (internal standard), respectively.



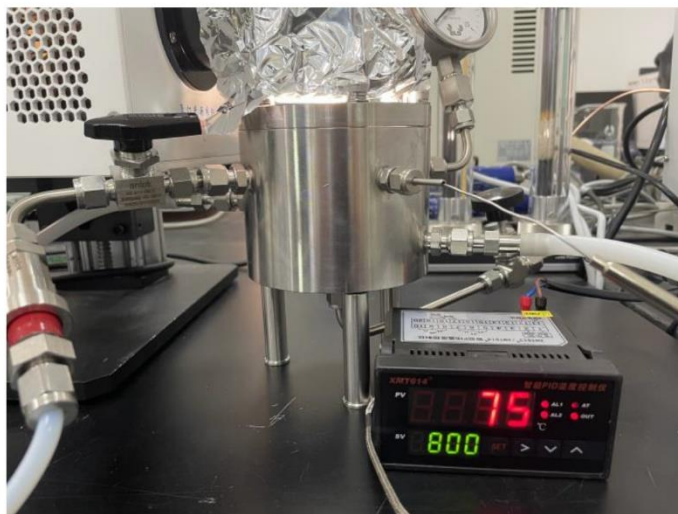
Supplementary Fig. 40: Solar-to-Chemical (STC) conversion efficiency of Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H) membrane under different system temperatures (reaction condition: 150 mL min⁻¹ humidified CH₄/O₂ mixture gas). The error bars correspond to the standard deviation of three independent measurements.



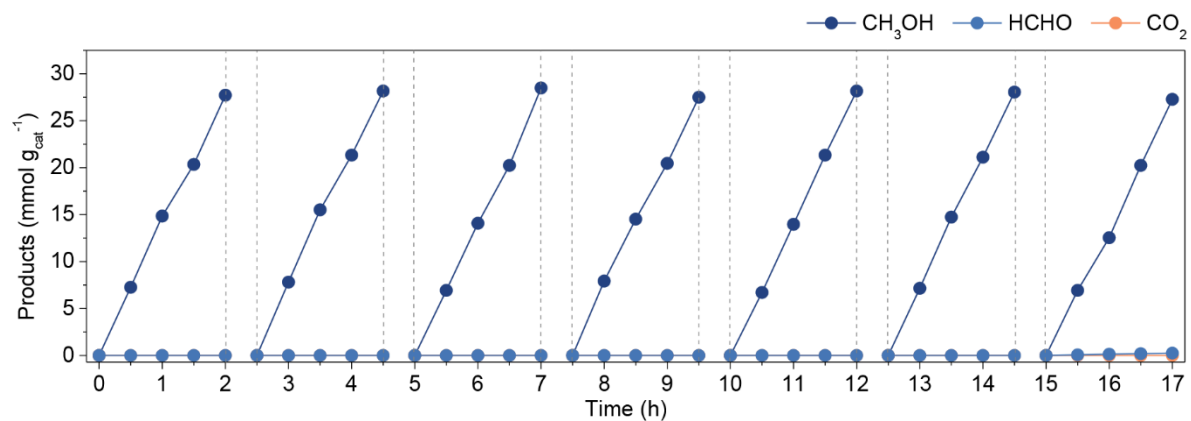
Supplementary Fig. 41: Mass spectra of the product $^{13}\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ from $^{13}\text{CH}_4$ photo-oxidation by the $\text{Pd}_1\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ membrane.



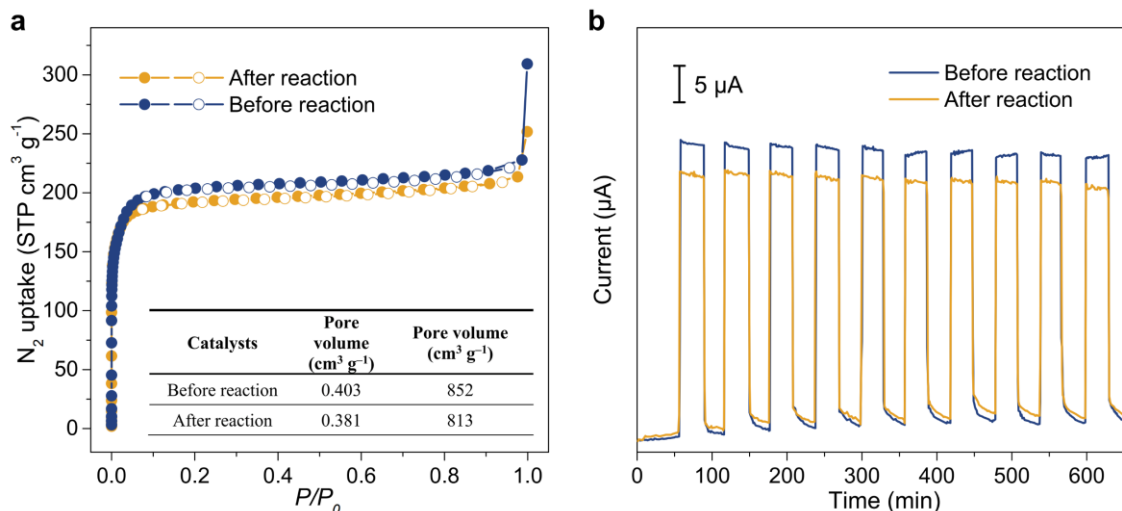
Supplementary Fig. 42: Structural characterization of the as-prepared $\text{Pd}_1\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})/\text{GDL}$ membrane. (a) Digital photograph, (b, c) Cross-sectional SEM images of the $\text{Pd}_1\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})/\text{GDL}$ membrane. Scale bar: (a) 1cm and (b, c) 20 μm .



Supplementary Fig. 43: Characterization of the self-heated hybrid MOF membrane. The surface temperature of the $\text{Pd}_1\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})/\text{GDL}$ membrane was maintained at roughly 75 °C during the PTMO process.

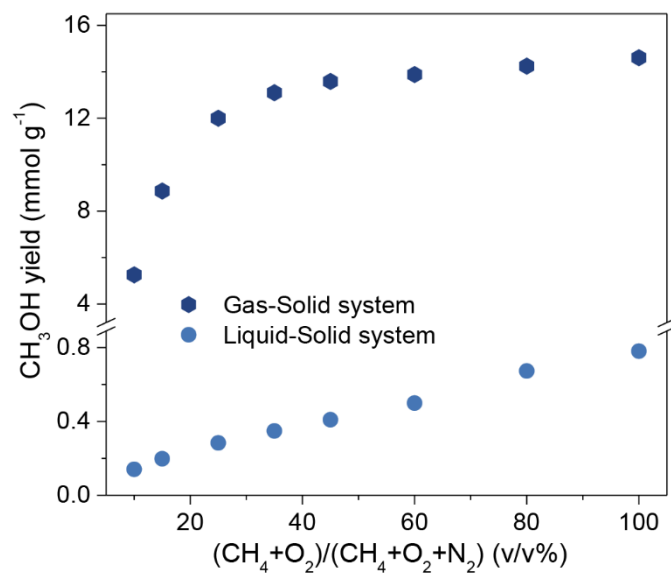


Supplementary Fig. 44: Stability test of the Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H)/GDL membrane under simulated sunlight irradiation (reaction condition: 150 mL min⁻¹ humidified CH₄/O₂ mixture gas). Each cycle: 2 h.

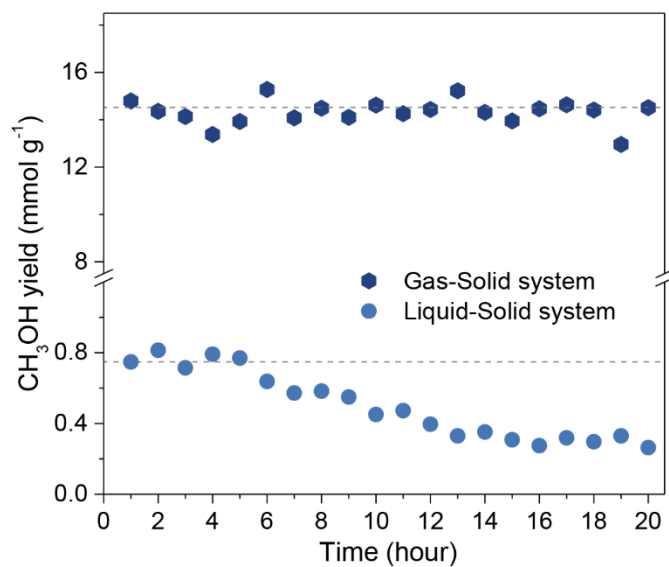


Supplementary Fig. 45: (a) N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherms (at 77 K) and (b) photocurrent-time curves under simulated sunlight irradiation for the Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H) catalyst before and after long-term operation (210 h).

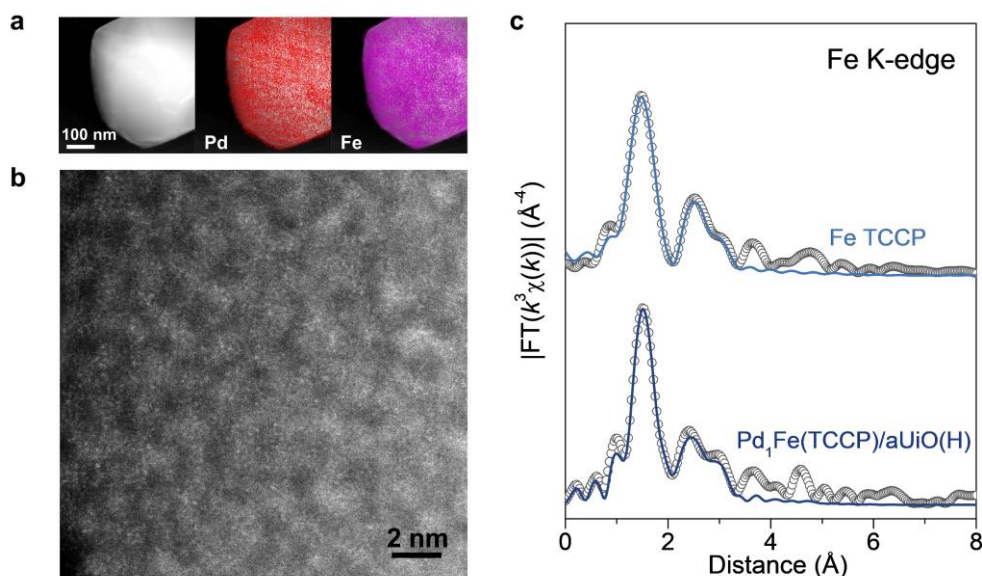
Note: To further explore the reason behind the slight decrease in CH₃OH yield, we have conducted additional characterizations to uncover changes in the structure and photoelectric conversion efficiency of the MOF substrate following long-term reaction periods (210 h). As shown in Supplementary Fig. 45a, N₂ sorption isotherms illustrate a slight decline in both surface areas and pore volumes after long-term reaction, indicating a minor collapse in the MOF substrate's pore structure. This collapse likely diminishes the photoelectric conversion efficiency of the MOF substrate (as shown in Supplementary Fig. 45b), consequently leading to the observed slight decrease in CH₃OH yield.



Supplementary Fig. 46: CH₃OH productivities on Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H) membrane (gas-solid system) and particles (liquid-solid system) under different CH₄ and O₂ concentrations (CH₄/O₂ 1/1, in N₂ mixtures), respectively.

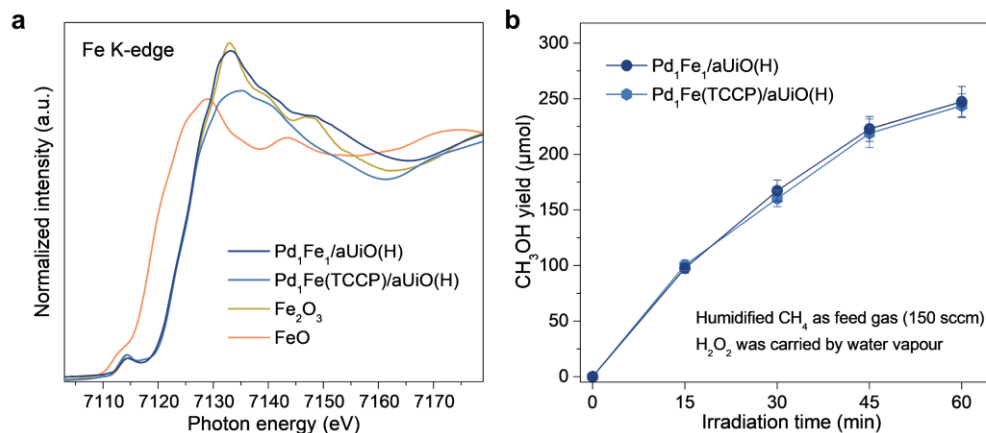


Supplementary Fig. 47: Stability test of Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H) catalyst under gas-solid and liquid-solid systems using tap water as the proton source.

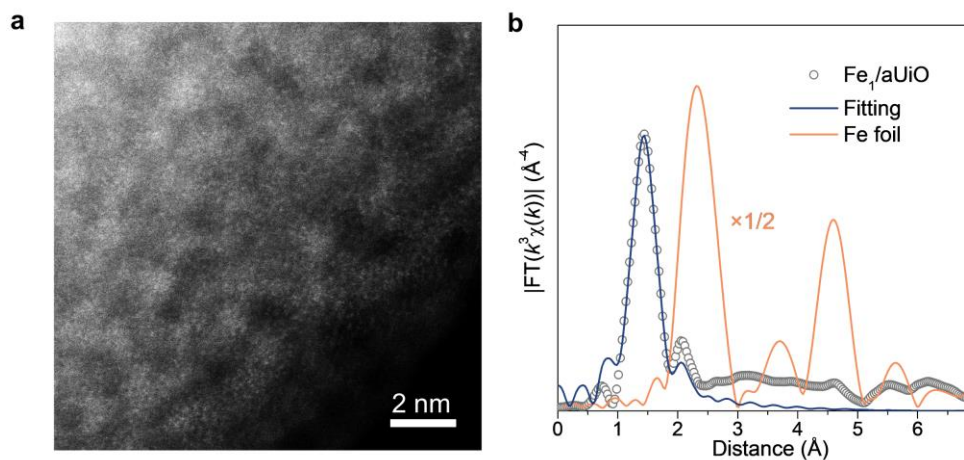


Supplementary Fig. 48: Characterization of the as-prepared $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe(TCCP)/aUiO(H)}$ samples.

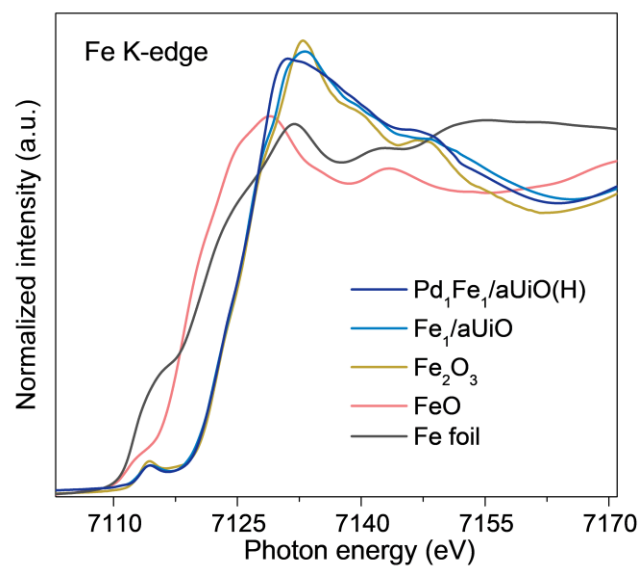
(a) HAADF-STEM image and corresponding EDS maps for $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe(TCCP)/aUiO(H)}$ particles. (b) AC-HAADF-STEM images for $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe(TCCP)/aUiO(H)}$ particles, indicating the high dispersion of metal species in the aUiO(H) matrixes. (c) Fe K-edge EXAFS fitting results for bare Fe TCCP and $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe(TCCP)/aUiO(H)}$ particles. The presence of only one notable peak in the region of 1 to 2 $\text{\AA}$ indicates the existence of only Fe–N contribution, confirming the atomic dispersion of Fe species in the $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe(TCCP)/aUiO(H)}$ samples.



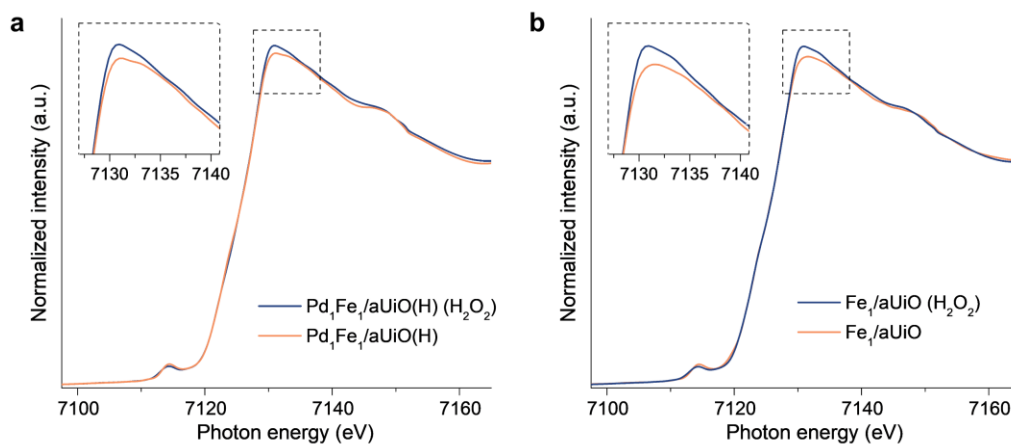
Supplementary Fig. 49: Comparison of the electronic structure and intrinsic HMO activity of the Fe sites in the $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe}(\text{TCCP})/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ and $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe}_1/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ catalysts. (a) Fe K-edge XANES spectra of $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe}(\text{TCCP})/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ and $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe}_1/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ samples, with Fe_2O_3 and FeO as references, highlighting the similar electronic structure of Fe sites in both the $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe}(\text{TCCP})/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ and $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe}_1/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ catalysts. (b) Photocatalytic CH_4 oxidation activity of $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe}(\text{TCCP})/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ and $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe}_1/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ samples under ambient temperature. During the tests, none of the oxygen was introduced. The H_2O_2 , as the initiator of HMO, was carried into the reaction system by the humidified CH_4/Ar ($v/v=1/1$) mixture gas (150 mL min^{-1}). The similar CH_3OH yield in the $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe}(\text{TCCP})/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ and $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe}_1/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ membrane indicates that these two samples possess similar HMO activity.



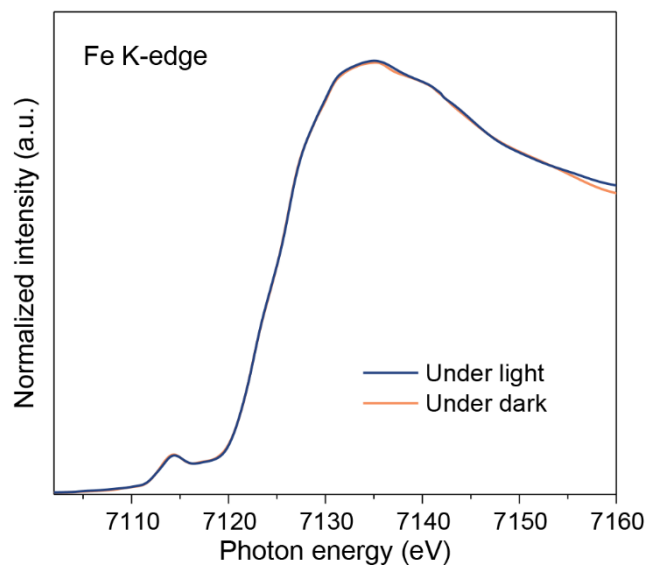
Supplementary Fig. 50: Structural characterization of the as-prepared Fe₁/aUiO catalyst. (a) AC-HAADF-STEM image for Fe₁/aUiO particles. (b) Fe K-edge EXAFS fitting results for Fe₁/aUiO particles. The presence of only one notable peak in the region of 1 to 2 Å indicates the existence of only Fe–O contribution with no Fe–Fe contribution (in the region of 2 to 3 Å), confirming the atomic dispersion of Fe species in the Fe₁/aUiO sample.



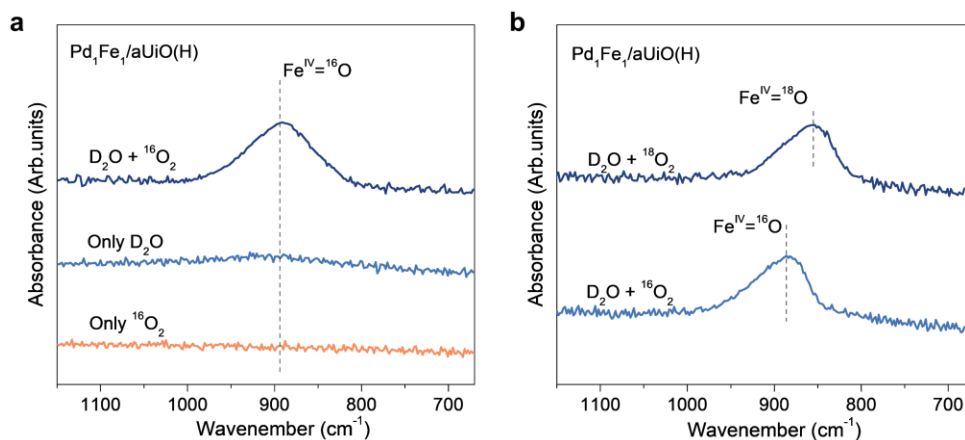
Supplementary Fig. 51: Fe K-edge XANES spectra of $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe}_1/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ and Fe_1/aUiO catalysts, with Fe_2O_3 , FeO , and Fe foil as references.



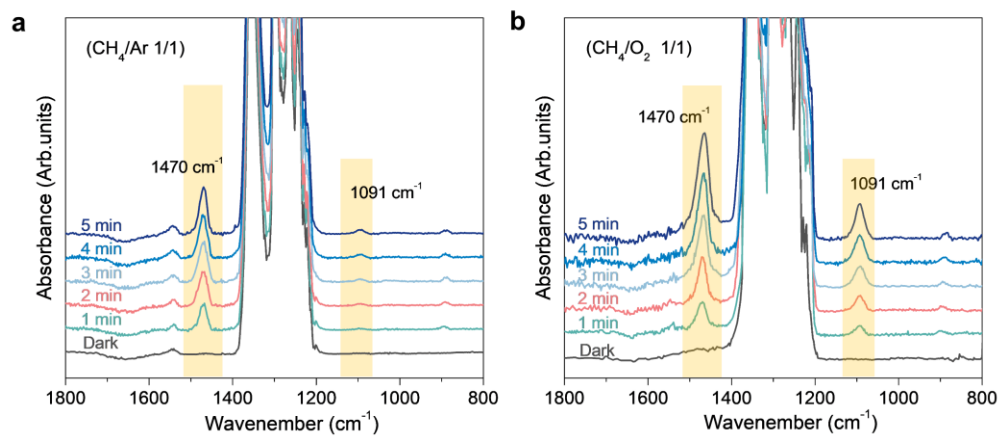
Supplementary Fig. 52: Fe K-edge XANES spectra of pristine and H_2O_2 -treated catalysts. (a) $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe}_1/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$. (b) Fe_1/aUiO .



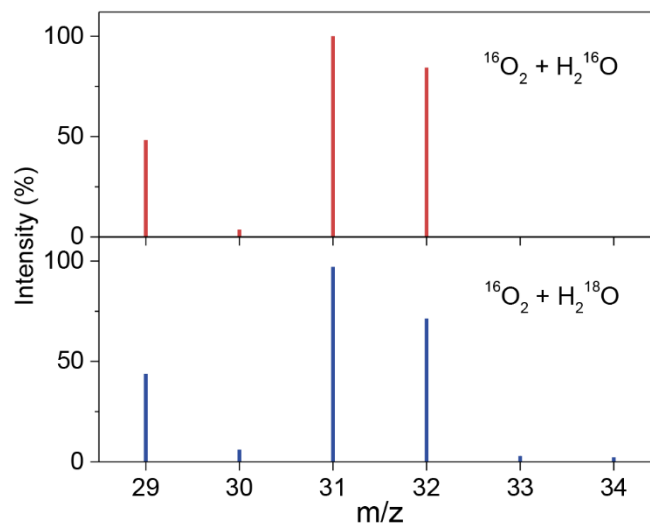
Supplementary Fig. 53: In situ Fe K-edge XANES spectra of Pd₁Fe(TCCP)/aUiO(H) catalyst under PTMO conditions.



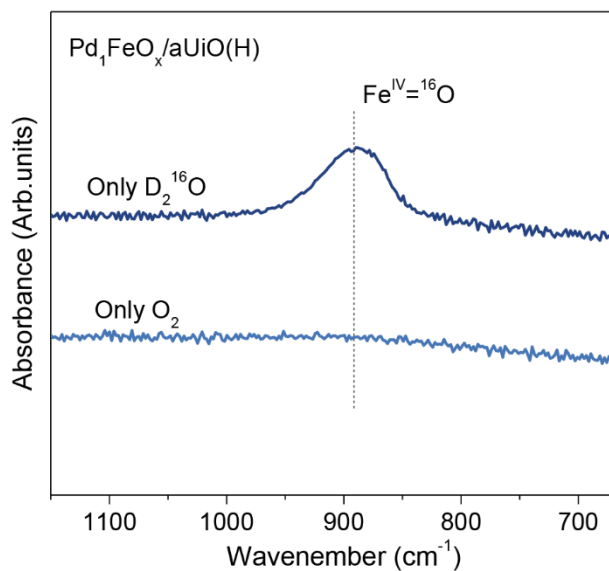
Supplementary Fig. 54: In situ ATR-FTIR spectra of $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe}_1/\text{aUiO}$ catalyst under PTMO conditions. (a) Using $^{16}\text{O}_2$ as the oxygen source. (b) Using $^{18}\text{O}_2$ as the oxygen source. The absorption peaks at 886.3 cm^{-1} and 855.4 cm^{-1} to be assigned to $\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}=^{16}\text{O}$ and $\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}=^{18}\text{O}$ species, respectively. Indicating that the oxidation of Fe_1 sites to $\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}=\text{O}$ active species was induced by the H_2O_2 generated on the Pd_1 sites from oxygen and water.



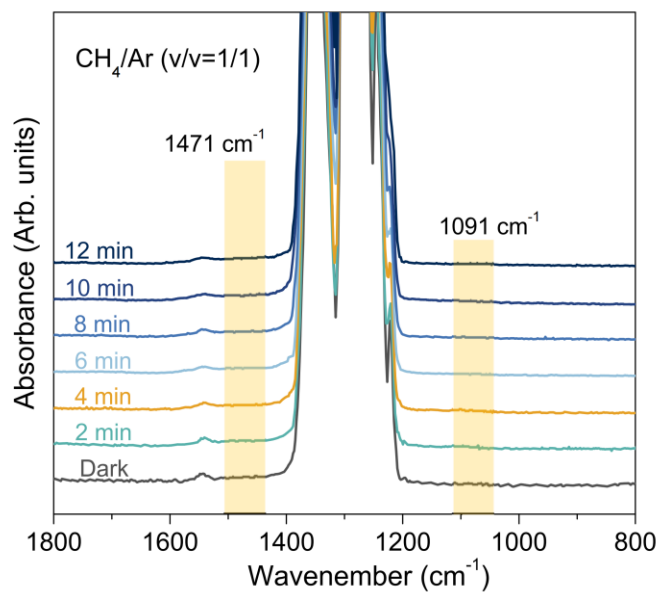
Supplementary Fig. 55: In situ ATR-FTIR spectra of Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H) catalyst under PTMO conditions. (a) Humidified CH₄/Ar (v/v=1/1) mixture as the feed gas. (b) humidified CH₄/O₂ (v/v=1/1) mixture as the feed gas.



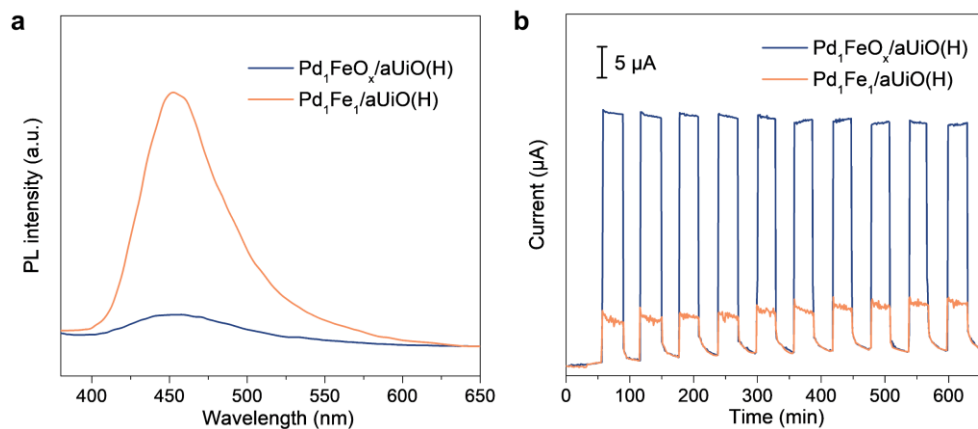
Supplementary Fig. 56: Isotope-labelled experiments for methanol production in the presence of isotope-labelled $\text{H}_2\ ^{18}\text{O}$. Nearly no isotope-labelled $\text{CH}_3\ ^{18}\text{OH}$ ($m/z = 33$ and 34) was detected by GCMS, suggesting O_2 was the only oxygen source for CH_3OH formation.



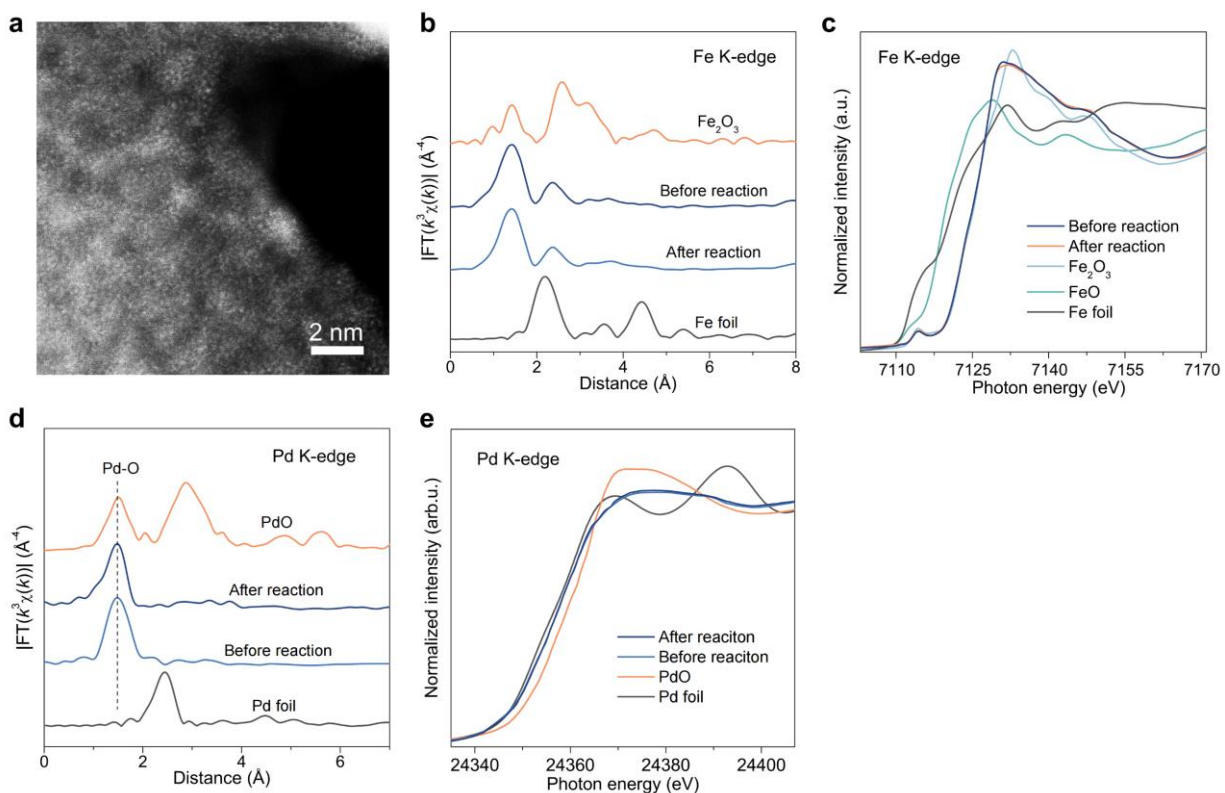
Supplementary Fig. 57: In situ ATR-FTIR spectra of $\text{Pd}_1\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}$ catalyst under PTMO conditions. The absorption peaks at 886.3 cm^{-1} to be assigned to $\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}=\text{O}$ species. Indicating that the $\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}=\text{O}$ active species were formed on the iron oxide clusters through a photo-oxidation process in the presence of water.



Supplementary Fig. 58: In situ ATR-FTIR spectra of $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe}_1/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ catalyst under photocatalytic CH_4 oxidation conditions by using an anhydrous CH_4/Ar mixture as feed gas.



Supplementary Fig. 59: Characterizations of the $\text{Pd}_1\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ and $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe}_1/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ catalysts show the suppression of photogenerated carrier recombination by the FeO_x species. (a, b) Steady-state photoluminescence (PL) spectra (a) and photocurrent-time curves under simulated sunlight irradiation (b) for $\text{Pd}_1\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ and $\text{Pd}_1\text{Fe}_1/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$. The decoration of FeO_x species as the photohole acceptor could effectively boost the separation of photoexcited electron-hole pairs.



Supplementary Fig. 60: Characterization of the $\text{Pd}_1\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ catalyst after long-term operation (210 h). (a) AC-HAADF-STEM image. (b, c) Fe K-edge EXAFS spectra (b) and Fe K-edge XANES spectra (c) of $\text{Pd}_1\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ catalyst before and after long-term operation. (d, e) Pd K-edge EXAFS spectra (d) and XANES spectra (e) of $\text{Pd}_1\text{FeO}_x/\text{aUiO}(\text{H})$ catalyst before and after long-term operation.

Supplementary Table 1: The surface areas and pore volumes of Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H), Pd₁Fe₁/aUiO(H), and Pd₁/aUiO(H) samples. The pore size model is “N₂ at 77 K on carbon (slit pore, NLDT equilibrium model)”.

Catalysts	Pore volume (cm ³ g ⁻¹)	Surface areas (m ² g ⁻¹)
Pd ₁ FeO _x /aUiO(H)	0.403	852
Pd ₁ Fe ₁ /aUiO(H)	0.420	1060
Pd ₁ /aUiO(H)	0.421	1068

Supplementary Table 2: EXAFS fitting results for as-obtained catalysts.

Catalysts	Shell	Coordination number	$R(\text{\AA})$	$\sigma^2/\times 10^{-3}(\text{\AA}^2)$
Pd ₁ FeO _x /aUiO(H)	Pd–O	2.8 ± 0.6	2.02 ± 0.01	3.7 ± 1.0
	Pd–Pd	–	–	–
	Fe–O	6.3 ± 0.5	1.97 ± 0.01	4.2 ± 1.7
	Fe–Fe	3.0 ± 0.3	3.02 ± 0.01	7.0 ± 1.2
Pd ₁ Fe ₁ /aUiO(H)	Pd–O	2.6 ± 0.7	2.52 ± 0.02	2.9 ± 1.1
	Pd–Pd	–	–	–
	Fe–O	6.2 ± 0.7	1.96 ± 0.02	8.0 ± 1.6
	Fe–Fe	–	–	–
Pd ₁ /aUiO(H)	Pd–O	2.8 ± 0.5	2.72 ± 0.02	4.7 ± 1.6
	Pd–Pd	–	–	–
Pd ₁ /aUiO	Pd–O	3.8 ± 0.5	2.04 ± 0.01	2.8 ± 1.2
	Pd–Pd	–	–	–
Fe ₁ /aUiO	Fe–O	6.3 ± 0.5	2.01 ± 0.01	2.4 ± 1.2
	Fe–Fe	–	–	–

σ^2 : Debye-Waller factor (a measure of thermal and static disorder in absorber-scatterer distances). ΔE_0 is the edge energy shift (the difference between the zero kinetic energy value of the sample and that of the theoretical model).

Supplementary Table 3: Comparison of the reported catalysts for photo-oxidation of CH₄ to CH₃OH.

Catalysts	Oxidant	Light intensity (mW cm ⁻²)	Time (h)	CH ₃ OH yield (μmol g _{cat} ⁻¹ h ⁻¹)	CH ₃ OH selectivity (%)	Ref.
Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H) membrane	O₂	100	215	14400	100	This work
PMOF-RuFe(OH) (flow)	O ₂	–	120	8810	100	1
0.1 wt% Au/ZnO	O ₂	100	2	2060	15.7	2
0.1 wt% Pd/ZnO	O ₂	100	2	3035	26.2	
0.1 wt% Pt/ZnO	O ₂	100.	2	2225	19.1	
30CW (C ₃ N ₄ -Cs _{0.33} WO ₃)	O ₂	–	4	4.375	38.1	3
Au ₁ /BP	O ₂	382	2	56.8	99	4
q-BiVO ₄ (10 mL of H ₂ O)	O ₂	170	3	971	62.8	5
	O ₂	170	3	370	96.6	
BiVO ₄	H ₂ O	170	2	21	48	6
BiVO ₄ thick platelet	H ₂ O	–	2	79.2	85.7	
BiVO ₄ bipyramids	H ₂ O	–	2	111.9	85	
Cu-0.5/PCN	H ₂ O	–	1	5.5	12.8	7
commercial V ₂ O ₅	H ₂ O	–	2	2.0	100	8
V-HBEA	H ₂ O	–	2	11.3	85.4	
Bi-V-HBEA	H ₂ O	–	2	10.7	100	
Ag/InGaN	H ₂ O	5000	4	45500	92	9
Au–Pd/TiO ₂	H ₂ O	250	1	12556	42.3	10
WO ₃ /Fe ³⁺ (2mM)	H ₂ O	–	2	55.5	37.4	11
WO ₃ /Cu ²⁺ (0.1mM)	H ₂ O	–	2	46.0	38.4	
WO ₃ /Ag ⁺ (2mM)	H ₂ O	–	2	16.8	11.8	
WO ₃	H ₂ O	–	2	5.1	22	
0.12 _{metal} wt% AuO/TiO ₂	H ₂ O ₂	–	3	53.3	32	12
0.33 _{metal} wt% Cu ₂ O/TiO ₂	H ₂ O ₂	–	3	6.7	3	
0.47 wt% Fe ₂ O ₃ /TiO ₂	H ₂ O ₂	–	3	357	89	
0.33 _{metal} wt% FeO _x /TiO ₂	H ₂ O ₂	–	3	360	79	
0.6 μmol FeCl ₂	H ₂ O ₂	–	3	1.3	20	
pristine m-WO ₃	H ₂ O ₂	82	4	19.8	25	13
1.98% FeOOH/m-WO ₃	H ₂ O ₂	82	4	211.2	91	
g-CN	H ₂ O ₂	100	2	140	63	14

Supplementary Table 4: Comparison of state-of-art thermocatalysts for oxidation of CH₄ to CH₃OH.

Catalysts	Oxidant	T (°C)	Continuous operation time (h)	CH ₃ OH productivity (μmol·h ⁻¹)	CH ₃ OH yield (mmol·g _{metal} ⁻¹ h ⁻¹)	CH ₃ OH selectivity (%)	Ref.
Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H) membrane	O₂	~73^a	215	720	862.3	100	This work
Pd ₃ Au ₁ NS	O ₂	70	0.5	147.8	147.8	98	15
AuPd@ZSM-5-C16	O ₂	70	0.5	127.44	90.0	92	16
PdCu/ZSM-5	H ₂ O ₂	80	0.5	28.35	90	56	17
Au-Pd/TiO ₂	O ₂	50	0.5	15.2	53.6	92	18
Rh/Pt/Ni-MMZ-IMP	O ₂	150	3.0	0.12	1.2	70	19
Rh-ZSM-5	O ₂ +CO	150	6.0	24.48	28.6	55.4	20
AuPd/TiO ₂	O ₂	50	0.5	8.96	1.18	79.4	21
Au-ZSM-5	O ₂	240	2.0	13.7	27.4	44.2	22
Au ₁ /BP	O ₂	90	2.0	11.36	56.75	99	4
Ru _x Cu _{1-x} ILs/SiO ₂ -200	O ₂	50	1.0	0.11	2.25	93.8	23

^a Using infrared light from the solar spectrum to heat the catalyst layer to ~73 °C directly, eliminating all extra energy consumption for maintaining the membrane temperature.

Supplementary Table 5: ICP analysis of Pd₁FeO_x/aUiO(H) photocatalyst membrane before and after PTMO reactions.

Reaction time (hour)	Loading (wt.%)	
	Pd	Fe
0	0.78	0.89
100	0.78	0.89
210	0.78	0.88

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