

## **Supplementary Information for:**

### **Cu Supported on Mesoporous Ceria: Water Gas Shift Activity at Low Cu Loadings through Metal-Support Interactions**

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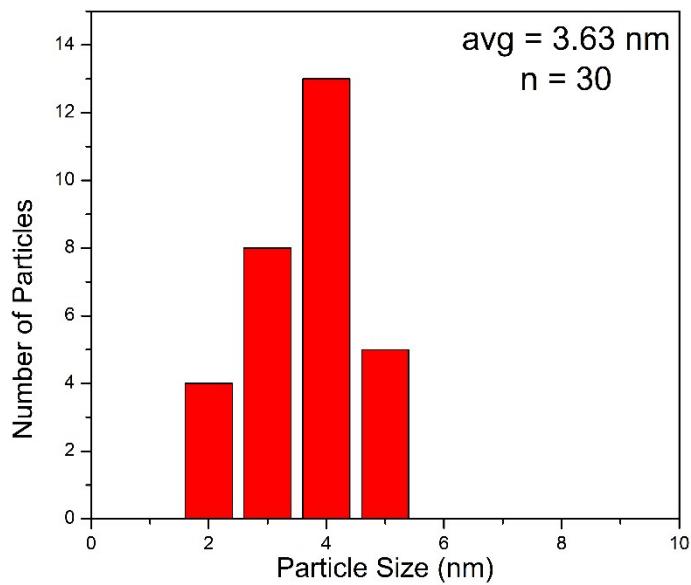


Figure S 1: CuO Particle size distribution for 5CuCe via HRTEM

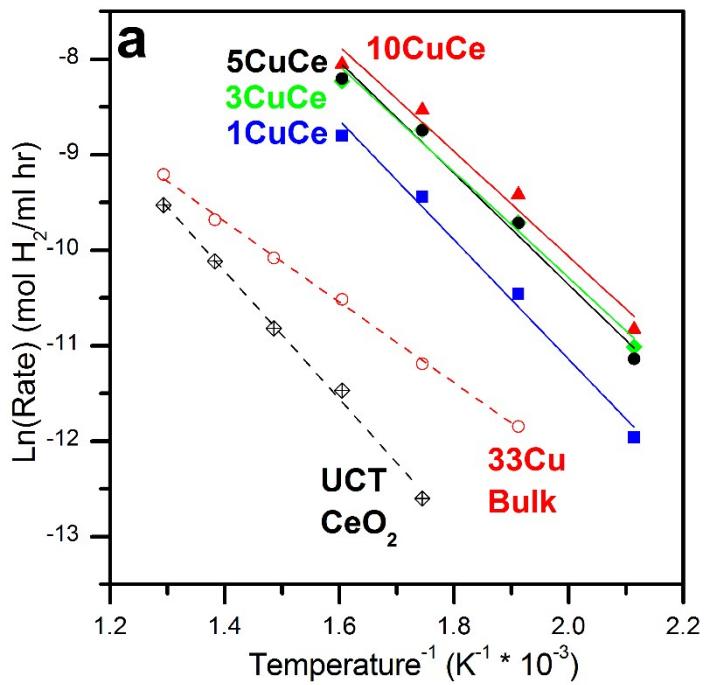


Figure S 2: Arrhenius plot for mesoporous CeO<sub>2</sub> (UCT CeO<sub>2</sub>) and Cu/CeO<sub>2</sub> catalysts, as well as 33% Cu impregnated commercial CeO<sub>2</sub>. Normalized by surface area.

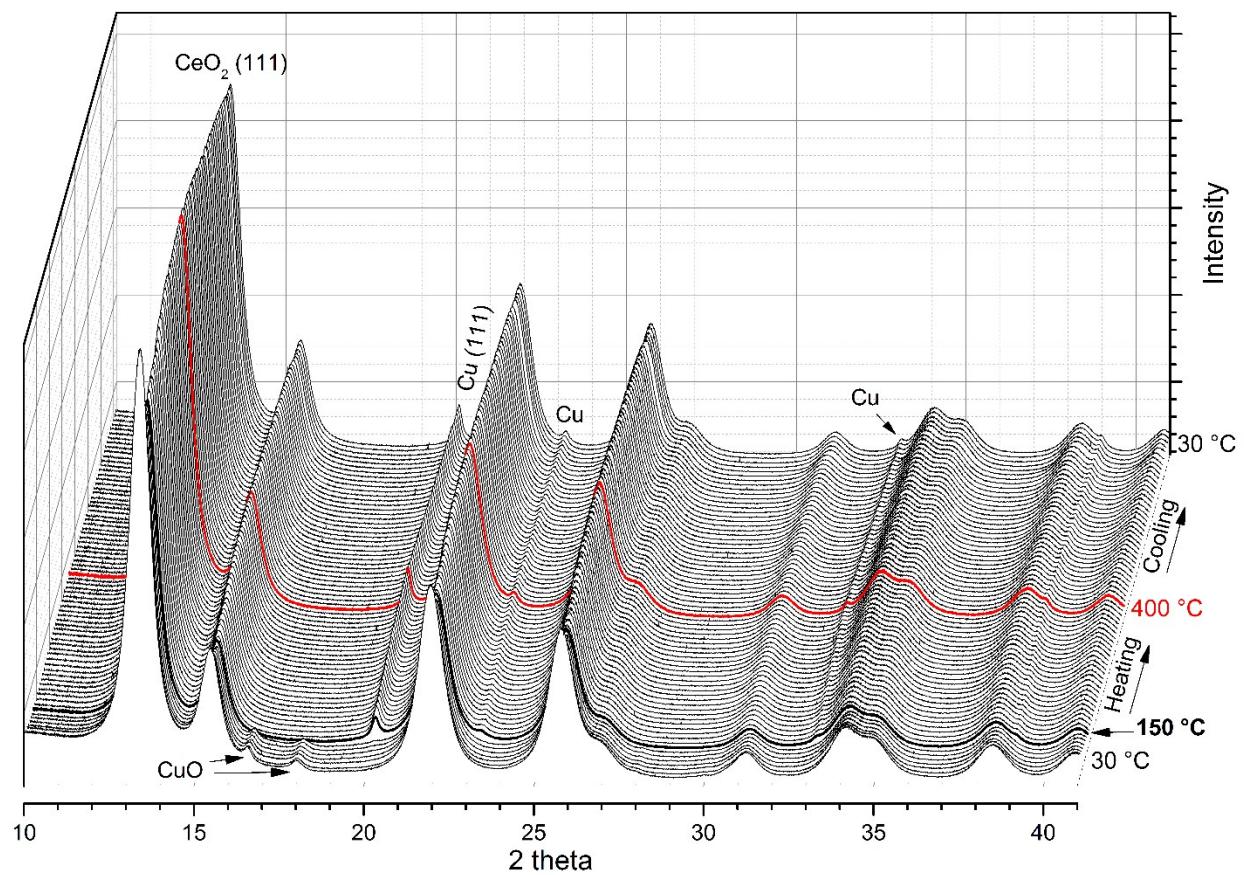


Figure S 3 Operando X-ray Diffraction plot for **10CuCe**.

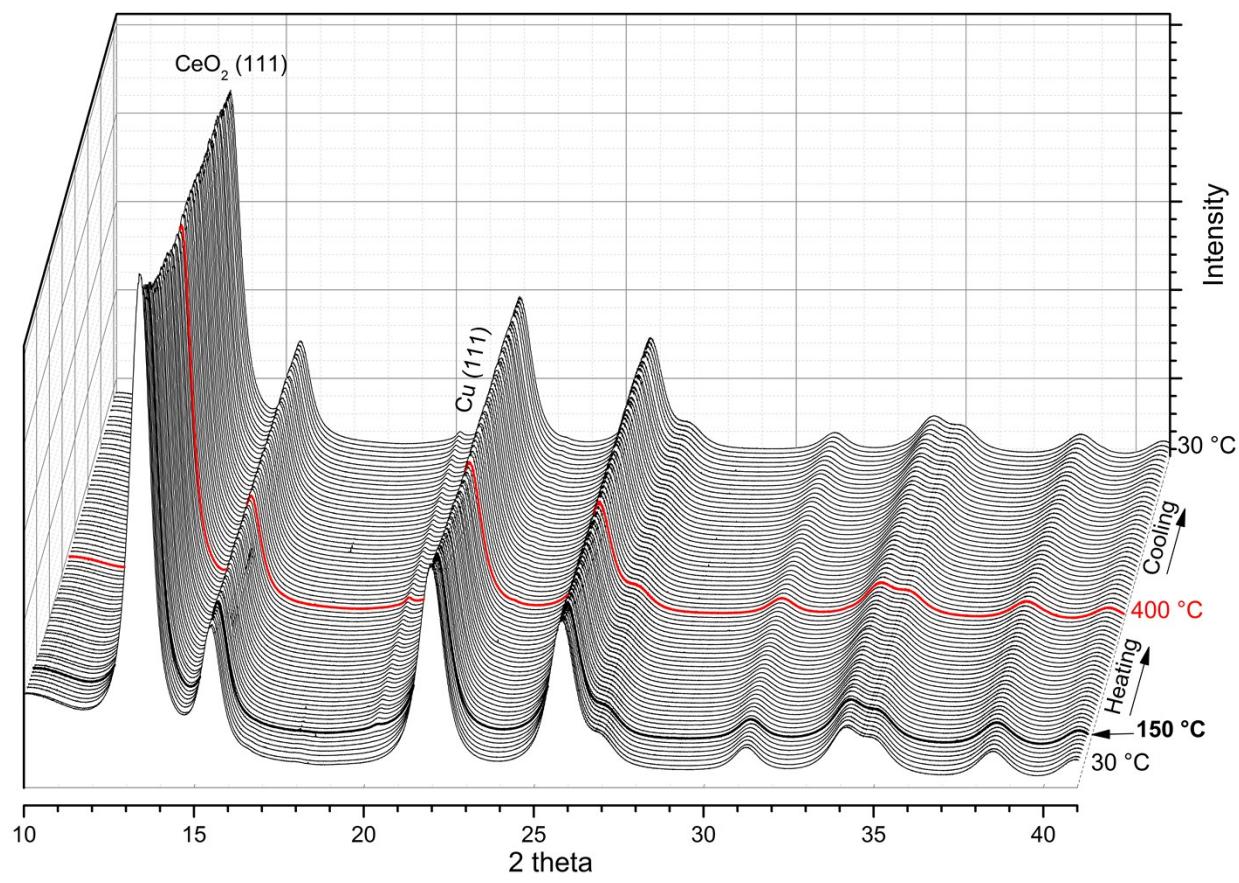


Figure S 4 Operando X-ray Diffraction plot for **3CuCe**.

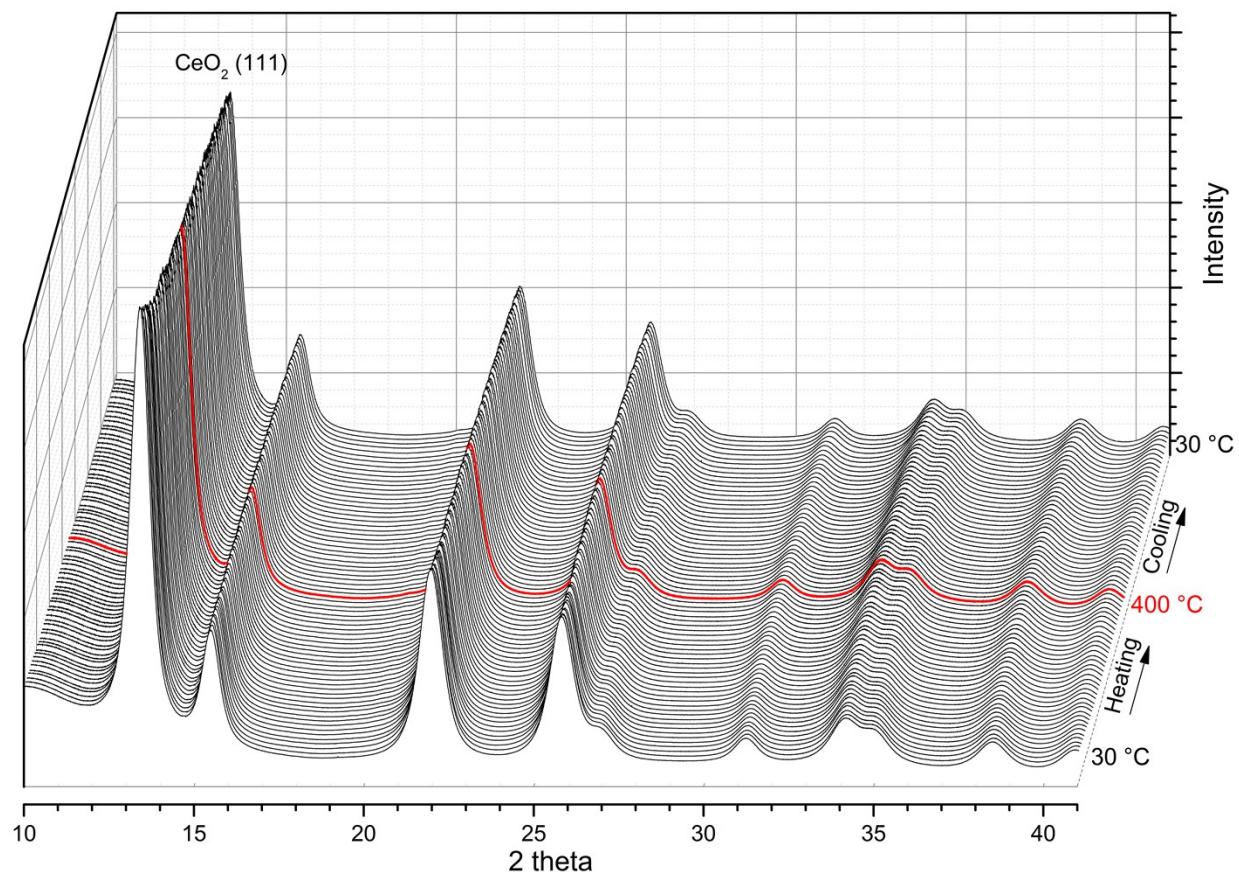


Figure S 5 Operando X-ray Diffraction plot for **1CuCe**.

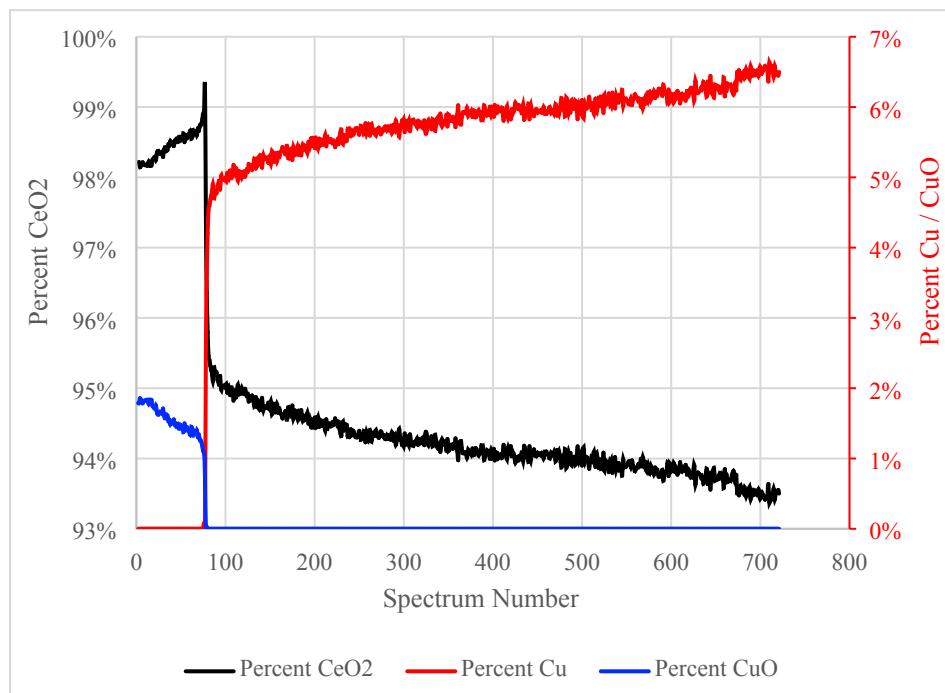


Figure S 6 Phase composition of **5CuCe** on heating and cooling. From Rietveld model of XRD data.

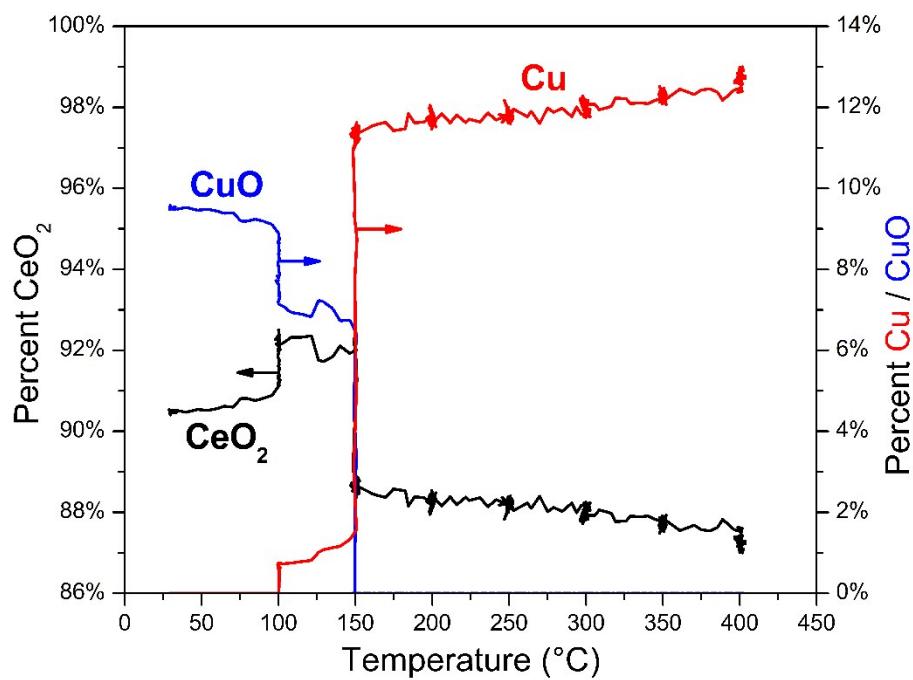


Figure S 7 Phase composition of  $\text{10CuCe}$  on heating. From Rietveld model of XRD data.

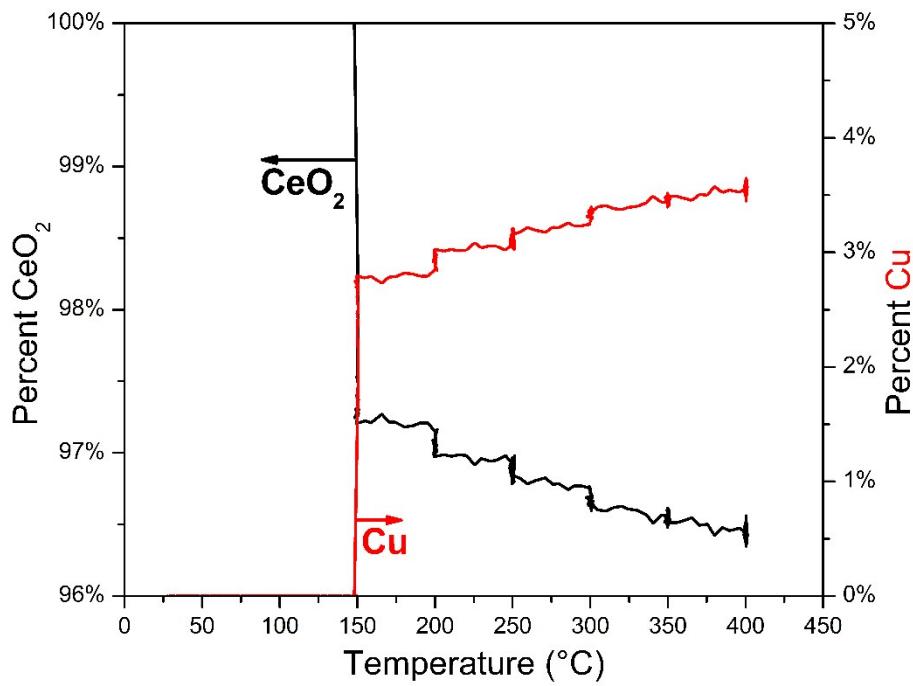


Figure S 8 Phase composition of  $\text{3CuCe}$  on heating. From Rietveld model of XRD data.

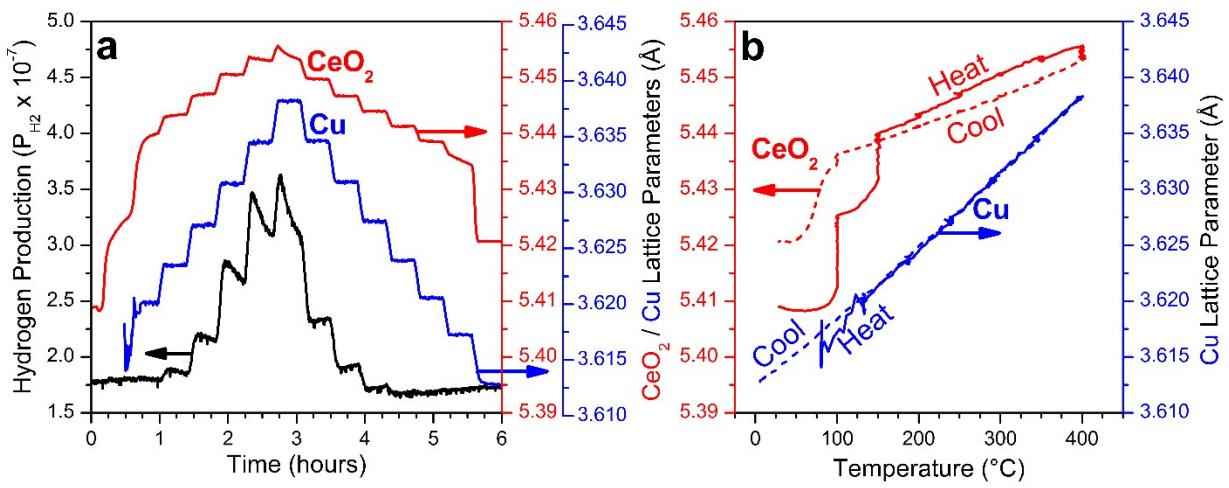


Figure S 9 (a) Cu and  $CeO_2$  lattice parameters from  $10\text{CuCe}$  with  $H_2$  production. (b) Cu and  $CeO_2$  lattice parameters over temperature.

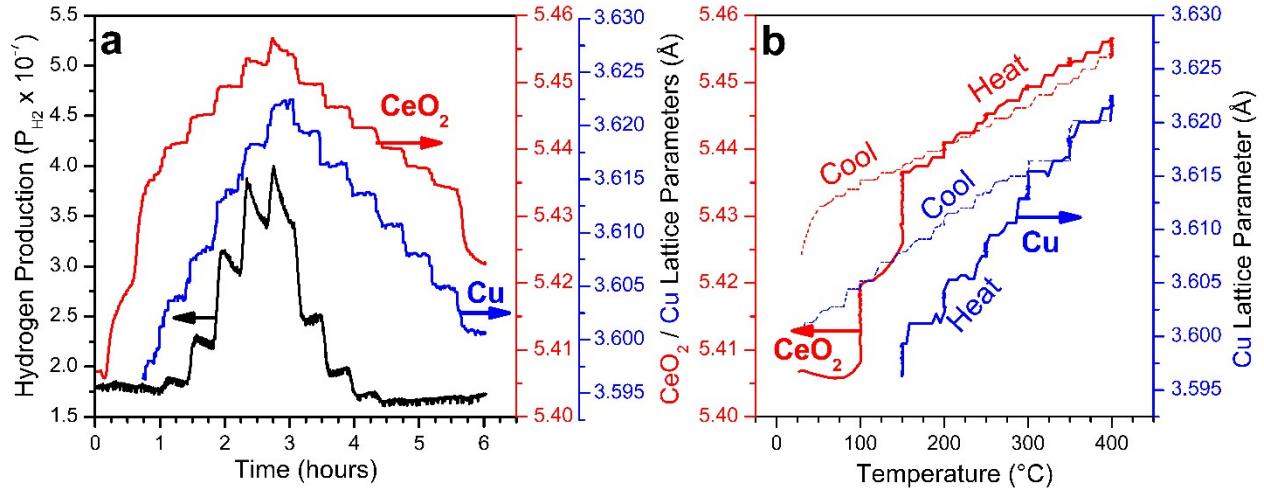


Figure S 10 (a) Cu and  $CeO_2$  lattice parameters from  $3\text{CuCe}$  with  $H_2$  production. (b) Cu and  $CeO_2$  lattice parameters over temperature.

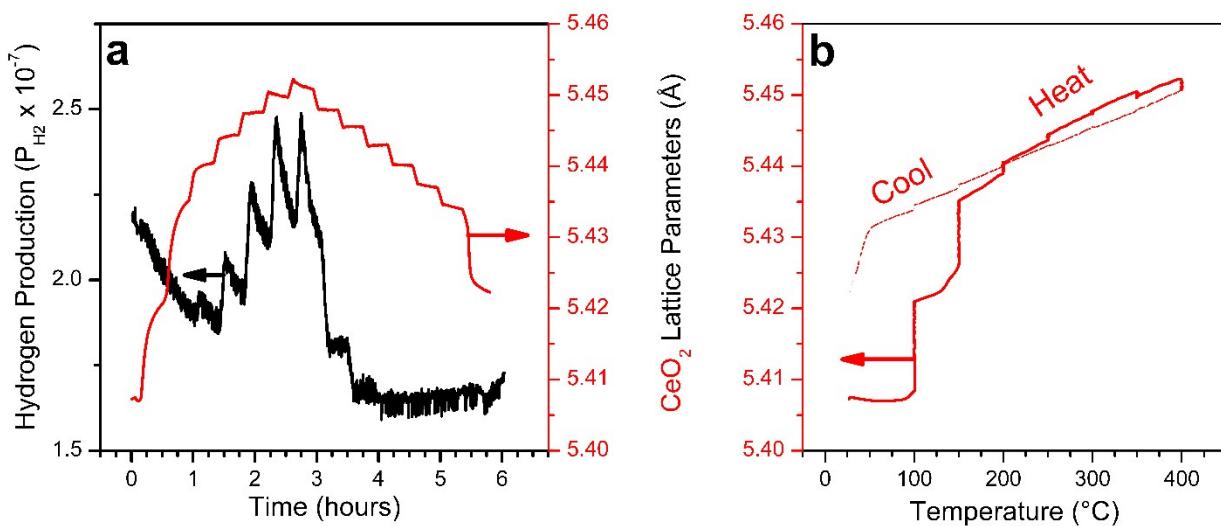


Figure S 11 (a)  $\text{CeO}_2$  lattice parameter from **1CuCe** with  $H_2$  production. (b)  $\text{CeO}_2$  lattice parameter over temperature.

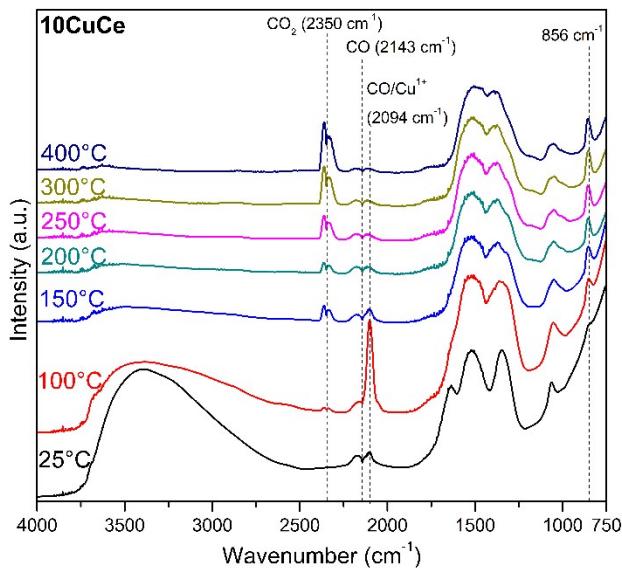


Figure S 12 In-situ DRIFTS: **10CuCe** under WGS conditions.