## **Supporting Information**

## Enhancing Catalytic Activity of Ru NPs Deposited with Carbon Species in Yolk-shell Nanostructures

Miao Guo, Guojun Lan, Juan Peng, Mingrun Li, Qihua Yang, \* and Can Li \*

H <sub>2</sub> uptake	Dispersion
(µmol/g)	(%)
10.9	8.9
27.2	19.9
30.4	21.3
	H <sub>2</sub> uptake (μmol/g) 10.9 27.2 30.4

Table S1. H<sub>2</sub> chemisorption capacity of Ru@C@YSN-T.



Figure S1. TEM image of PAMAM-G4-OH stabilized Ru NPs (PA-Ru).



Figure. S2. SEM images of (a) PA-Ru@YSN, (b) Ru@C@YSN-150, (c) Ru@C@YSN-200 and (d) Ru@C@YSN-500.



Figure S3. Wide angle XRD patterns of (a) PA-Ru@YSN, (b) Ru@C@YSN-150, (c) Ru@C@YSN-200 and (d) Ru@C@YSN-500.



Figure S4.  $N_2$  sorption isotherms and of (a) PA-Ru@YSN, (b) Ru@C@YSN-150, (c) Ru@C@YSN-200 and (d) Ru@C@YSN-500.



Figure S5. Thermogravimetric analysis curves of (a) PA-Ru@YSN, (b) Ru@C@YSN-150, (c)

Ru@C@YSN-200 and (d) Ru@C@YSN-500.



Figure S6. TEM image of Ru@C/SiO<sub>2</sub>-500 (typically XPS test sample).



Figure S7. Graph of toluene comsuption versus time at the condition of 50 °C, 2Mpa  $H_2$ , S/C=10000 by Ru@C@YSN-200.



Figure S8. Catalytic hydrogenation of toluene at S/C=35800, P=3 MPa H<sub>2</sub>, 100 °C by Ru@C@YSN-500.



**Figure S9.** Arrhenius plots of lnk vs. 1/T for Ru@C@YSN-200, Ru@C@YSN-500 and Ru/C in toluene hydrogenation (reaction conditions: P=3 Mpa H<sub>2</sub>, S/C=35800).



Figure S10. Catalytic hydrogenation of toluene by Ru@C@YSN-200 catalyst in the fixed-bed experiment.