

## Supplementary Information

### **Thermal stable core-shell Ni/nanorod-CeO<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> catalyst for partial oxidation of methane at high temperatures**

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Table S1 Values of TOF<sub>CH<sub>4</sub></sub> for various POM catalysts

Catalysts	Metal loading (wt%)	Reaction temperature (°C)	CH <sub>4</sub> conversion (%)	Amount of H atoms adsorbed (μmol/g)	TOF (s <sup>-1</sup> )	References
Ni/MgAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	10.0	800	79	10.8	37.6	16
Ni-350@meso-SiO <sub>2</sub>	43.3	750	93	7.3	37.9	17
NiO/3HL-ZrO <sub>2</sub> -SiO <sub>2</sub>	9.9	800	92	–	0.035	18
Ni/SiO <sub>2</sub> -GL	4.88	700	95	–	0.095	19
Rh-CeO <sub>2</sub> /MgO	1.0	700	81	6.0	274	20
Rh-Co/MgO	0.3	700	76	3.7	420	21
2Pt-CeO <sub>2</sub> <sup>NP</sup>	2.0	400	92	8.1	770	22

Table S2 Texture parameters of the catalysts according to Ar sorption

catalysts	Surface area / $\text{m}^2\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$	Average pore size /nm
Ni/NR-CeO <sub>2</sub>	76	10.6
Ni/NR-CeO <sub>2</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub>	60	20.3
Ni@SiO <sub>2</sub>	138	18.6

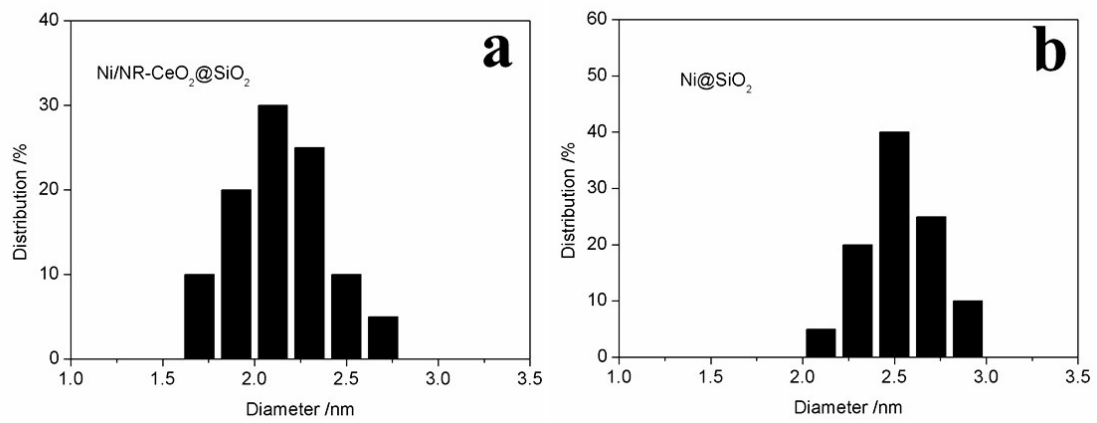


Fig. S1 NiO particle sizes distribution of (a) Ni/NR-CeO<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> and (b) Ni@SiO<sub>2</sub>

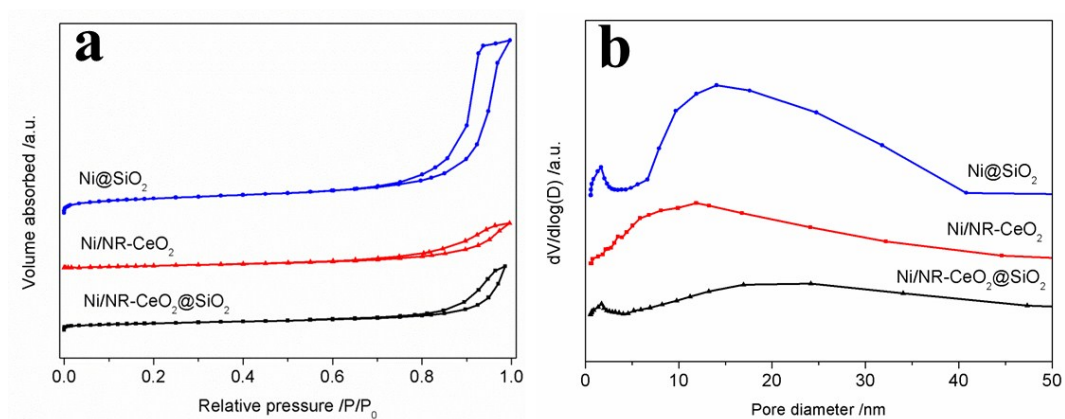


Fig. S2 (a) Ar adsorption-desorption isotherms and (b) pore size distribution curves of the catalysts

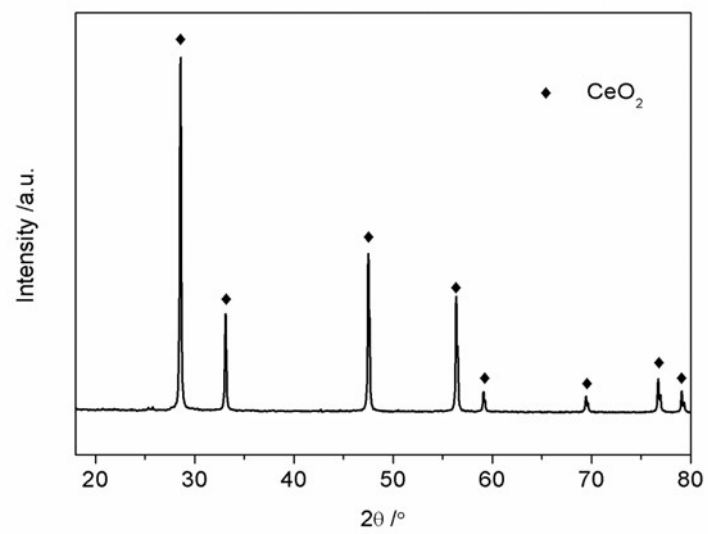


Fig. S3 XRD patterns of the commercial CeO<sub>2</sub>

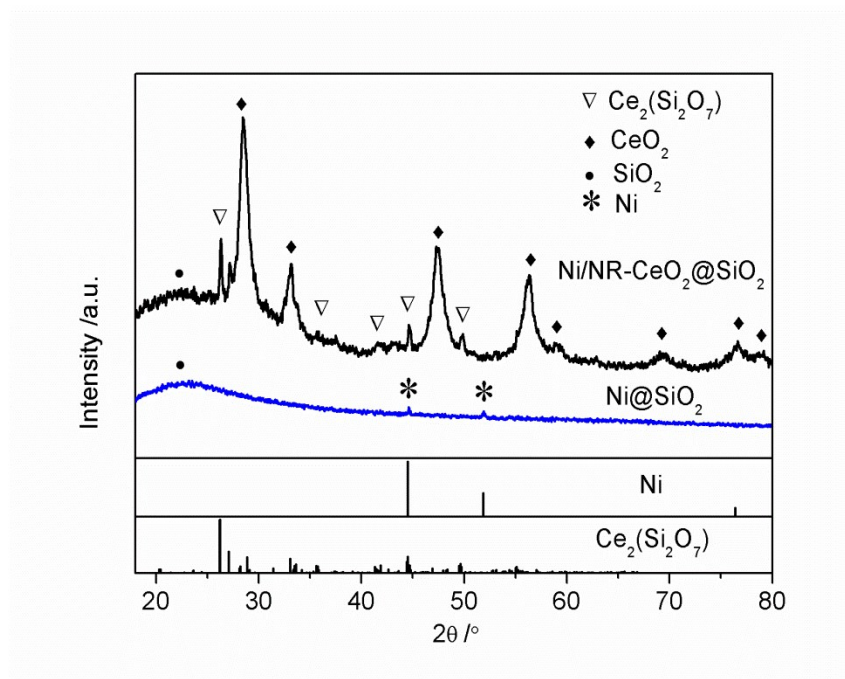


Fig. S4 XRD patterns of the Ni/NR-CeO<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> and Ni@SiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts reduced by H<sub>2</sub> at 750 °C for 1 h

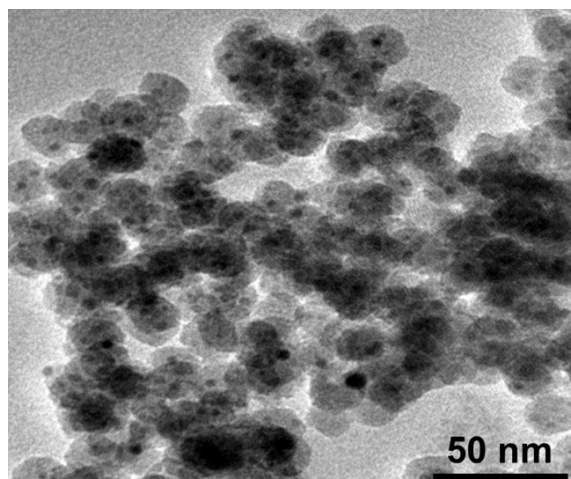


Fig. S5 The TEM image of the Ni@SiO<sub>2</sub> catalyst after the POM reaction



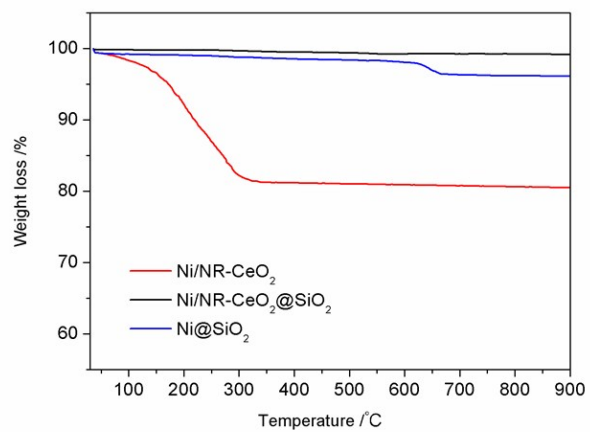


Fig. S6 TG profiles of the Ni/NR-CeO<sub>2</sub> and Ni/NR-CeO<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts after the POM reaction

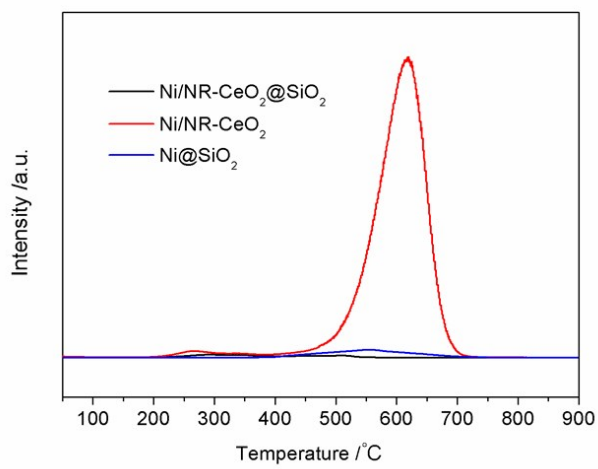


Fig. S7 TPO profiles of the Ni/NR-CeO<sub>2</sub> and Ni/NR-CeO<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts after the POM reaction