## Fabrication of Three Dimensional CeO2 HierarchicalStructures: Precursor Template Synthesis, FormationMechanism and Properties

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## Characterization:

The crystallinity of the products was characterized using a high resolution transmission electron microscope (HRTEM, JEM-2100) with an accelerating voltage of 200 kV.

## Figures



**Fig. S1** SEM images of the Ce(HCOO)<sub>3</sub> urchin-like structures obtained at 150 °C for different reaction times: (a,b) 10 min; (c,d) 30 min; (e,f) 60 min.



**Fig. S2** XRD patterns of the precursors obtained under different reaction conditions: (a) 80 °C for 30 min; (b) 150 °C for 10 min; (c) 150 °C for 30 min; (d) 150 °C for 60 min.



Fig. S3 TEM image of the precursors obtained in the absence of PVP



Fig. S4 HRTEM images of the as-obtained  $CeO_2$  hierarchical structures: (a) urchin-like and (b) coral-like structures. Inset is the corresponding SAED patterns.



Fig. S5 SEM images of the  $CeO_2$  hierarchical structures after catalytic measurement:

(a) urchin-like; (b) coral-like structure.