

## Supporting Information for

# Highly active ceria-supported gold clusters for 1,3-butadiene hydrogenation

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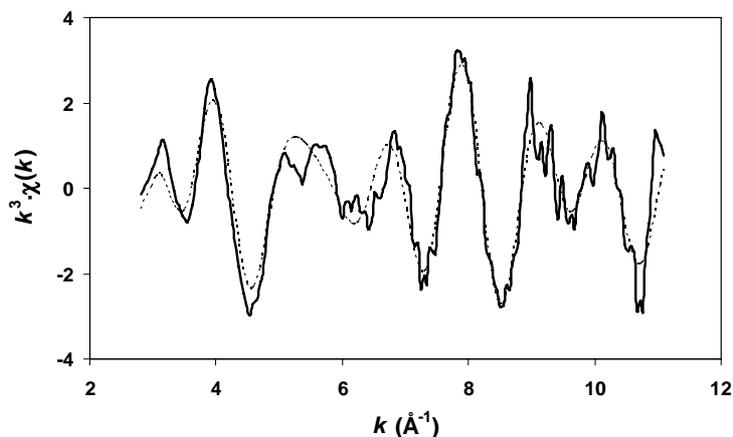
## Results

Table S1. Catalytic performance in 1,3-butadiene hydrogenation, structural parameters from fitted EXAFS spectra and estimate of the fraction of cationic gold from XANES for Au/CeO<sub>2</sub> and Au/CeO<sub>2</sub>-CN as a function of the gas treatment and for a Au foil.

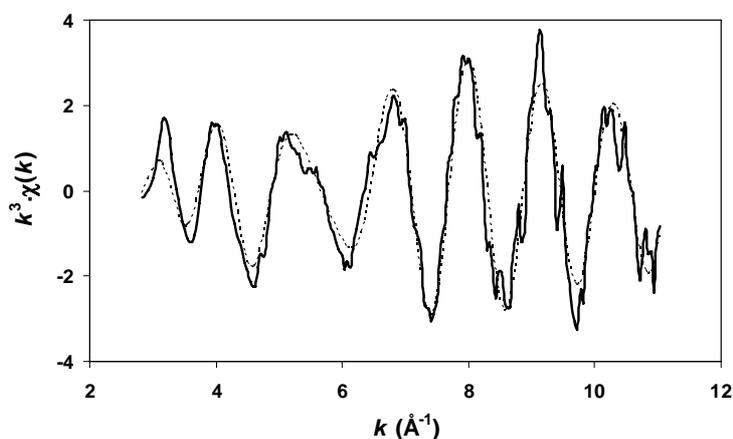
Sample	Treatment	$r$ (mmol/g <sub>Au</sub> .s)	$f_{\text{Au}^{3+}}$ <sup>[a]</sup> (%)	EXAFS analysis <sup>[b]</sup>							TOF <sup>[d]</sup> (s <sup>-1</sup> )
				Shell	$R$ (Å)	CN	$\Delta\sigma^2$ (Å <sup>2</sup> )	$E_0$ (eV)	F (%)	$D$ (%) <sup>[c]</sup>	
Au foil	-	-	0	Au	2.87	12	0.009	-7.2	22	-	
				Au	4.06	4	0.012				
Au/CeO <sub>2</sub>	He, 393 K	0.31	55	O	1.96	0.4	0.001	-7.3	41	37	0.17
				Au	2.84	7.8	0.013				
	H <sub>2</sub> , 393 K	0.35	7				n.d. <sup>[e]</sup>		n.d.	37 <sup>[f]</sup>	0.19
	H <sub>2</sub> , 423 K	0.40	0				n.d.		n.d.	37 <sup>[f]</sup>	0.21
	H <sub>2</sub> , 473 K	0.70	0				n.d.		n.d.	37 <sup>[f]</sup>	0.37
	H <sub>2</sub> , 523 K	3.3	0	Au	2.81	7.1	0.010	-5.8	36	45	1.5
	H <sub>2</sub> , 623 K	1.1	0	Au	2.82	7.0	0.009	-7.2	37	47	0.47
	H <sub>2</sub> , 773 K	0.22	0	Au	2.83	7.0	0.011	-7.4	40	47	0.09
Au/CeO <sub>2</sub> -CN	He, 393 K	2.7 (12) <sup>[g]</sup>	100	O	1.97	3.1	0.003	-8.2	36	100	0.4 (0.7) <sup>[g]</sup>
				Ce	3.23	4.2	0.013				
	H <sub>2</sub> , 393 K	14	72				n.d.		n.d.	100	2.7
	H <sub>2</sub> , 423 K	42	40				n.d.		n.d.	100 <sup>[f]</sup>	8.2
	H <sub>2</sub> , 473 K	91	20				n.d.		n.d.	100 <sup>[f]</sup>	18
	H <sub>2</sub> , 523 K	94	18	O	2.01	0.4	0.001	-3.1	46	100 <sup>[f]</sup>	19
				Au	2.73	3.7	0.013				
	H <sub>2</sub> , 623 K	94	17				n.d.		n.d.	100 <sup>[f]</sup>	19
H <sub>2</sub> , 773 K	5.3	8	O	2.11	0.2	0.001	-5.6	36	65	1.6	
			Au	2.78	5.9	0.013					

[a] estimated fraction of Au<sup>3+</sup> from fitting of whiteline of near-edge spectra [b] fitting of  $k^3$ -weighted EXAFS spectra;  $\Delta k=2.8-11.0 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$  for Au/CeO<sub>2</sub>;  $\Delta k=2.8-10.3 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$  for Au/CeO<sub>2</sub>-CN; estimated error in  $R \pm 0.02 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $N \pm 20\%$ ,  $\Delta\sigma^2 \pm 10\%$ ;  $F$  is the normalized residual [c] dispersion from Au-Au coordination number according to Ref. 22 [d] turnover frequency computed from  $D$  [e] not determined [f] assumed equal to dispersion of previous treatment [g] after 12 h time on stream.

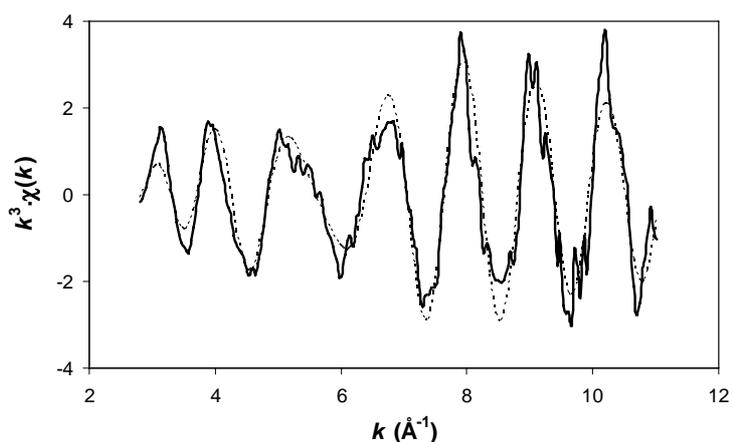
EXAFS analysis - EXAFS functions of the  $k^3$ -weighted data and corresponding fits are given below for Au/CeO<sub>2</sub> and Au/CeO<sub>2</sub>-CN pre-treated under varying conditions.



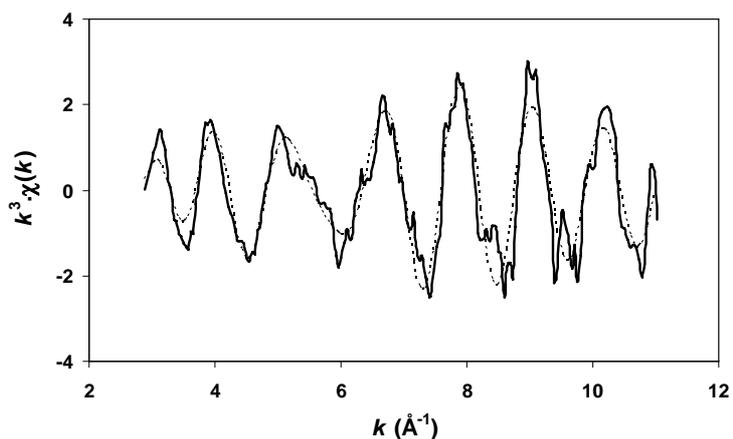
**Figure S1.** Experimental  $k^3$ -weighted EXAFS function (solid line) and fit (dashed line) for Au/CeO<sub>2</sub> dried at 393K.



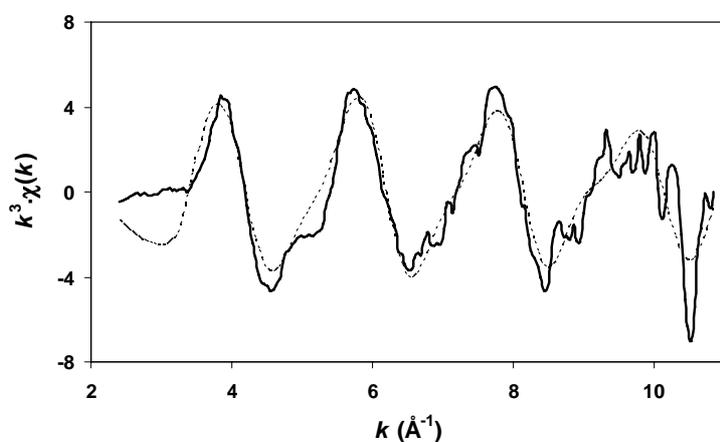
**Figure S2.** Experimental  $k^3$ -weighted EXAFS function (solid line) and fit (dashed line) for Au/CeO<sub>2</sub> reduced at 523 K.



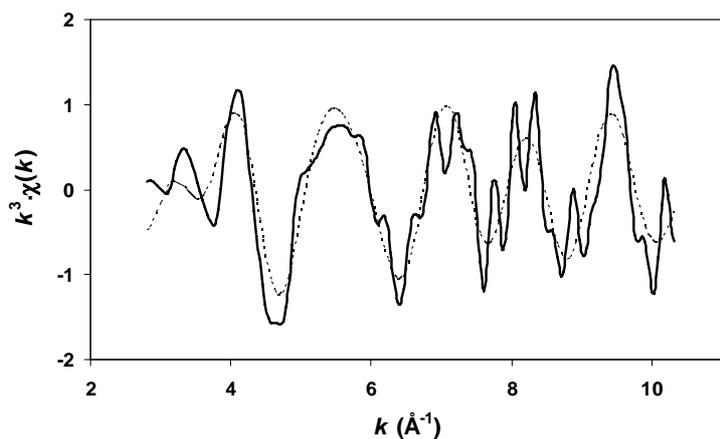
**Figure S3.** Experimental  $k^3$ -weighted EXAFS function (solid line) and fit (dashed line) for Au/CeO<sub>2</sub> reduced at 623 K.



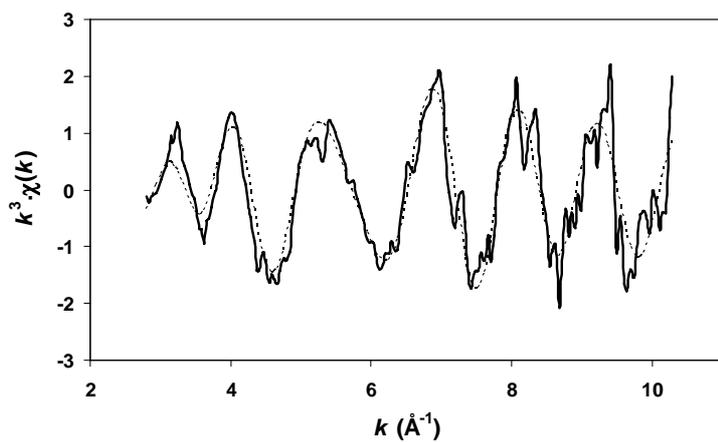
**Figure S4.** Experimental  $k^3$ -weighted EXAFS function (solid line) and fit (dashed line) for Au/CeO<sub>2</sub> reduced at 773 K.



**Figure S5.** Experimental  $k^3$ -weighted EXAFS function (solid line) and fit (dashed line) for Au/CeO<sub>2</sub>-CN dried at 393K.



**Figure S6.** Experimental  $k^3$ -weighted EXAFS function (solid line) and fit (dashed line) for Au/CeO<sub>2</sub>-CN reduced at 523K.



**Figure S7.** Experimental  $k^3$ -weighted EXAFS function (solid line) and fit (dashed line) for Au/CeO<sub>2</sub>-CN reduced at 773K.