

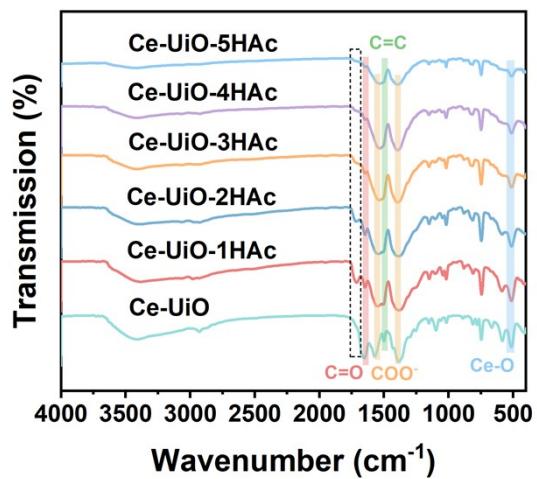
## Supporting Information for

### **Monocarboxylic acid etching strategy: Modulation of chemical environment of Ni nanoparticles in defective Ce-U<sub>x</sub>O<sub>66</sub> to construct heterogeneous interfaces for dicyclopentadiene hydrogenation**

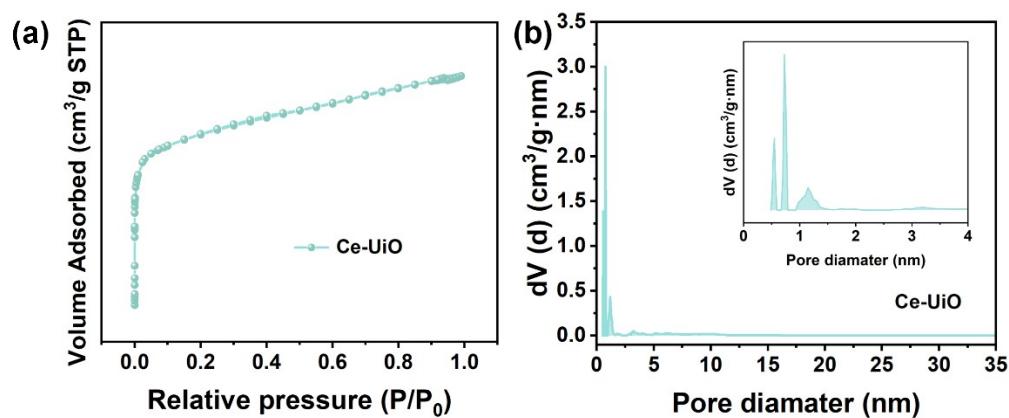
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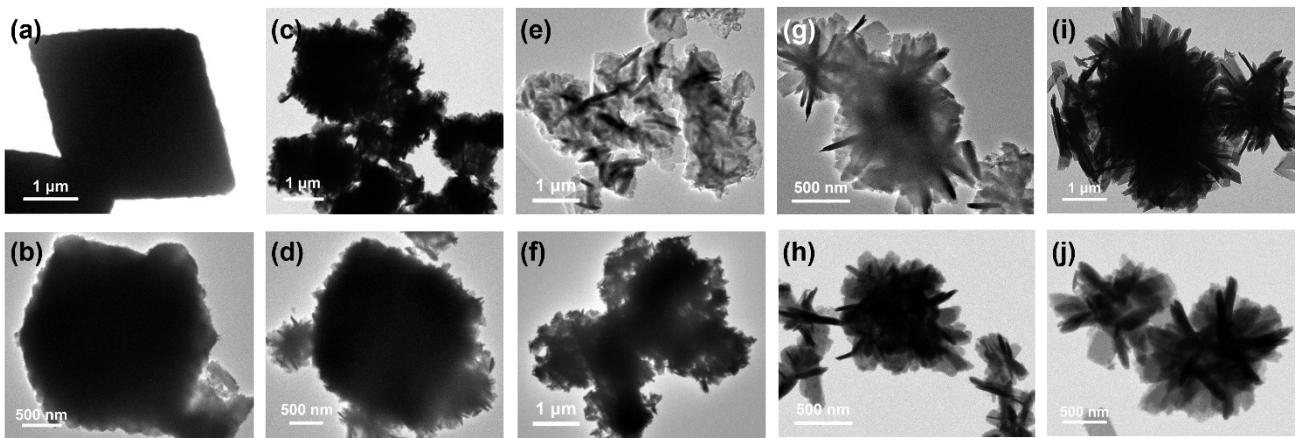
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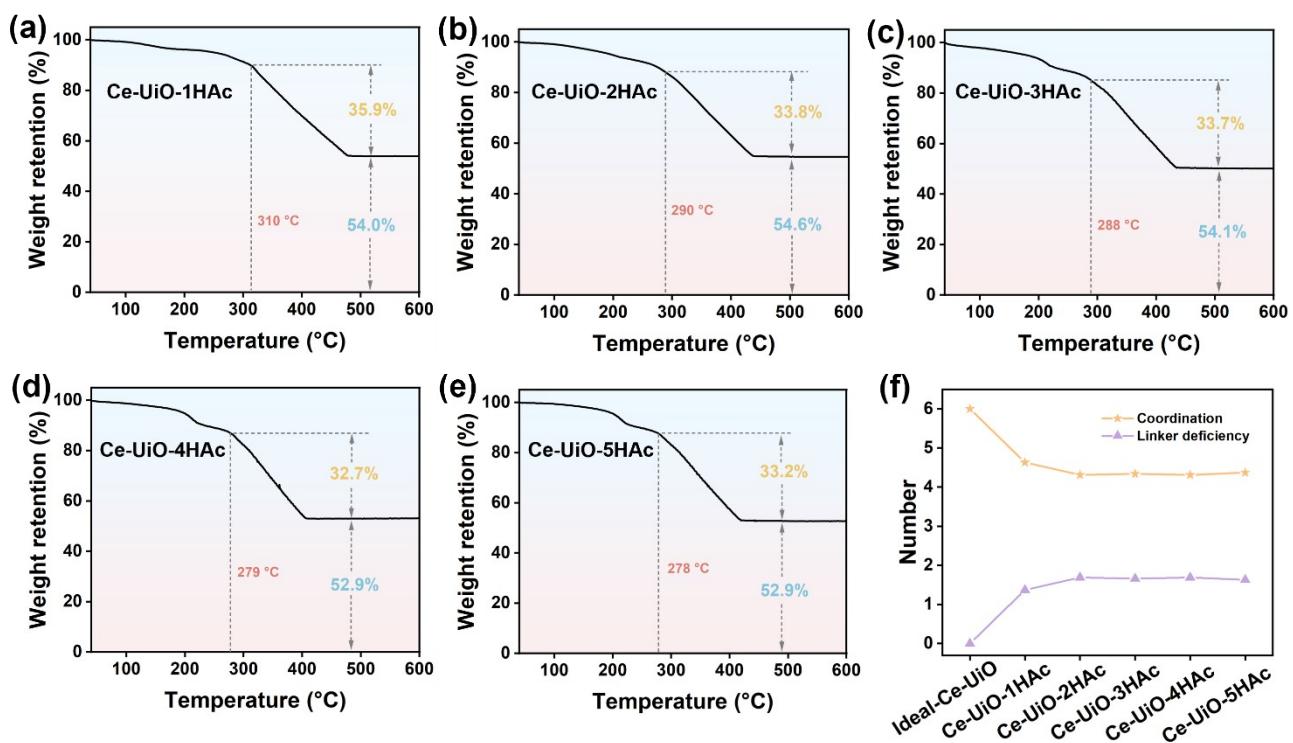
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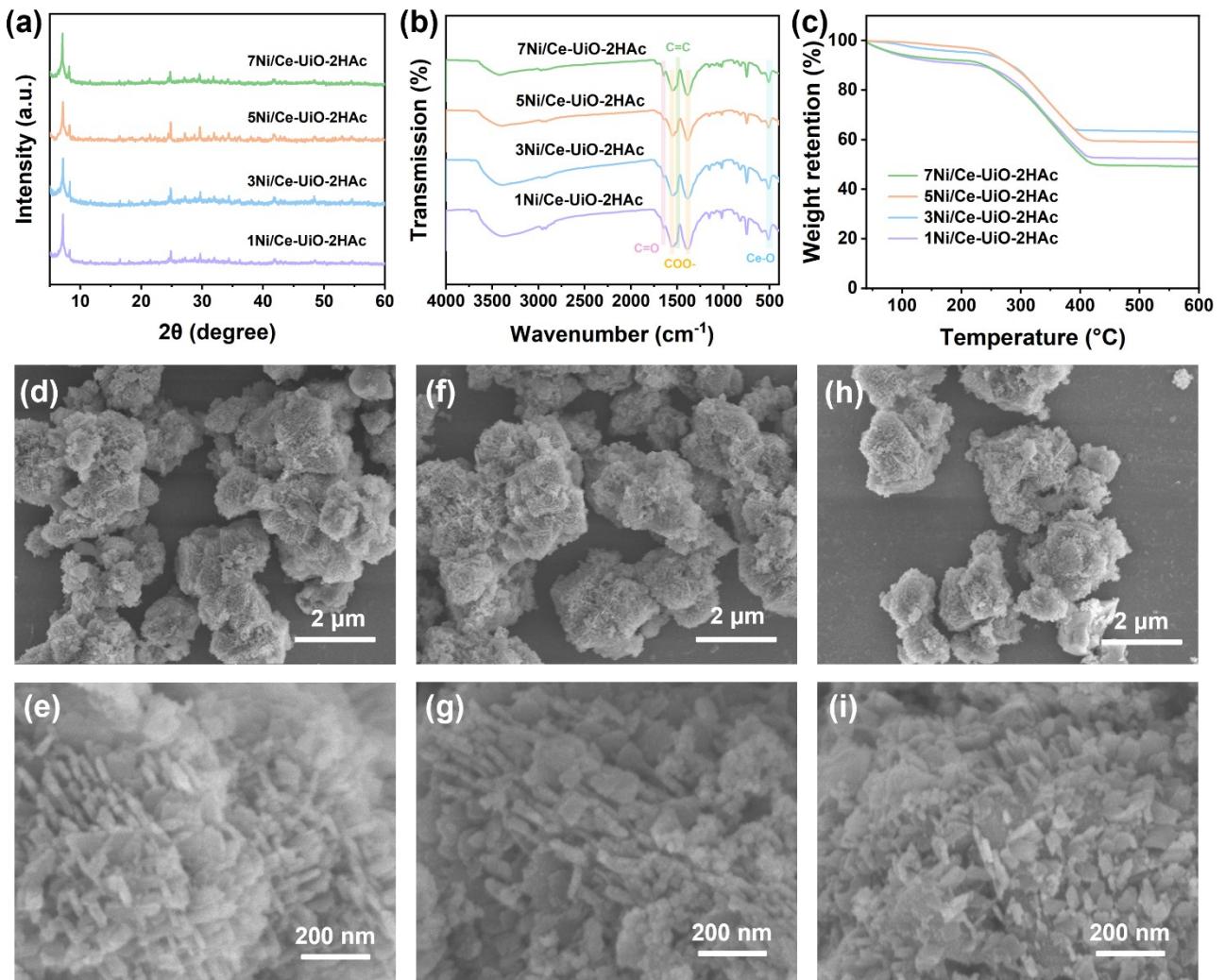
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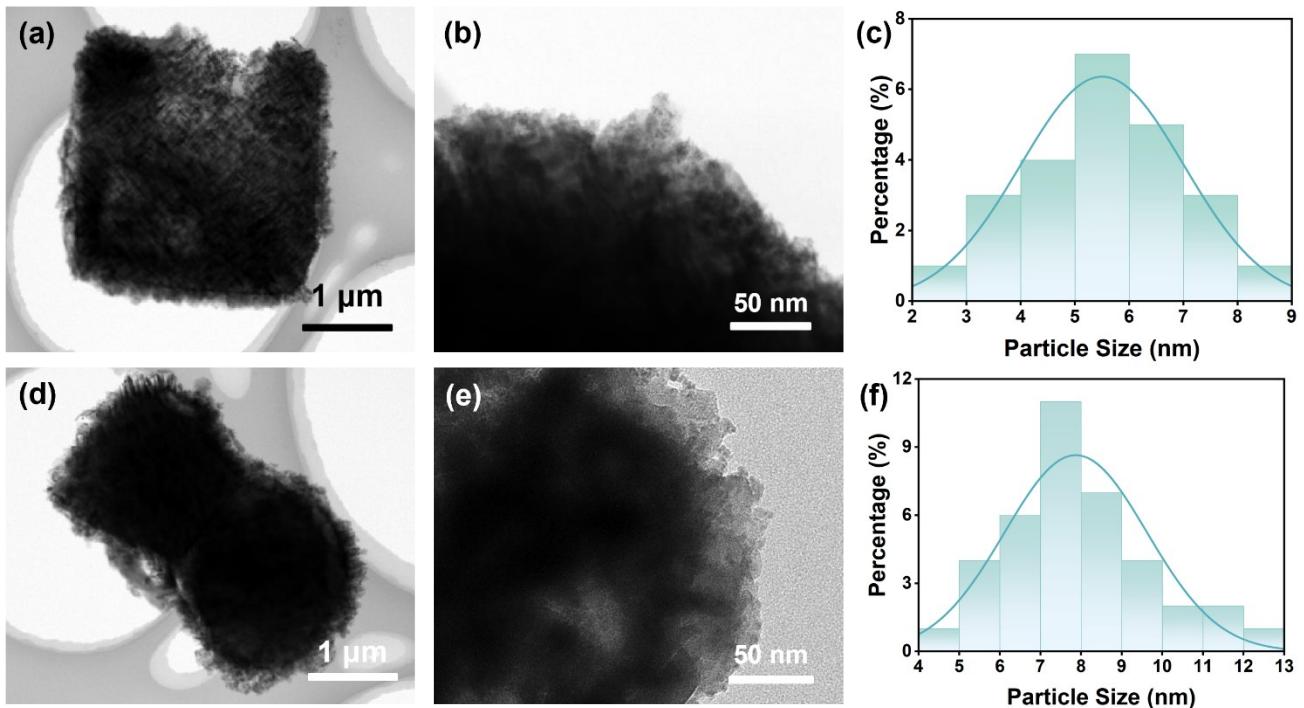
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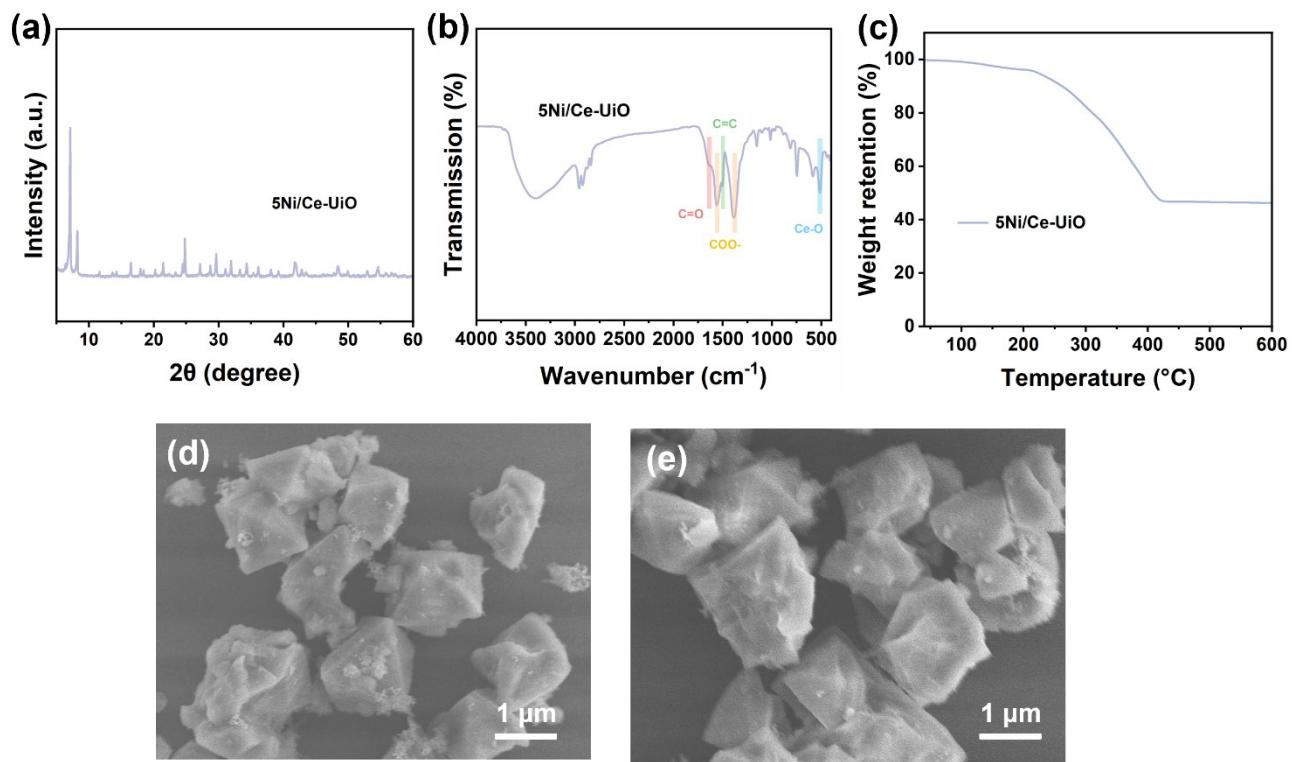
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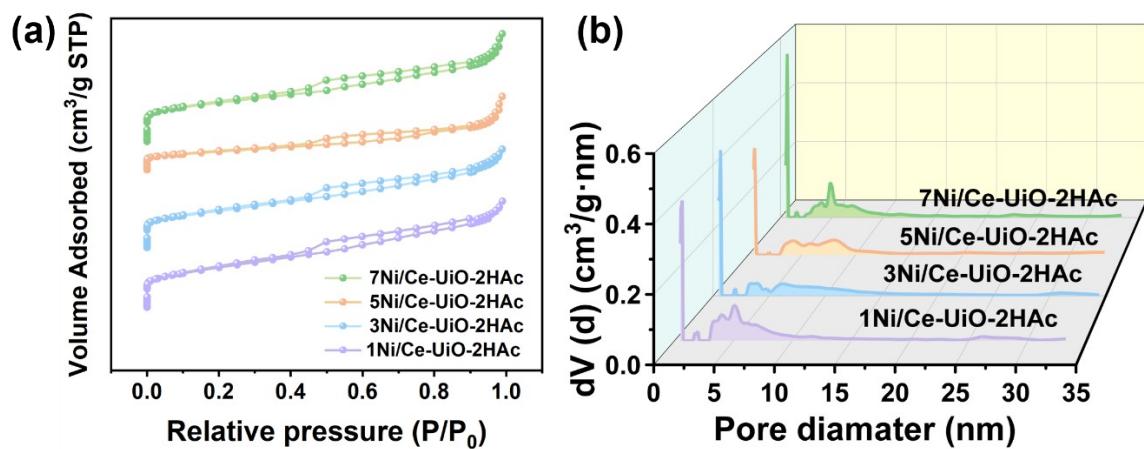
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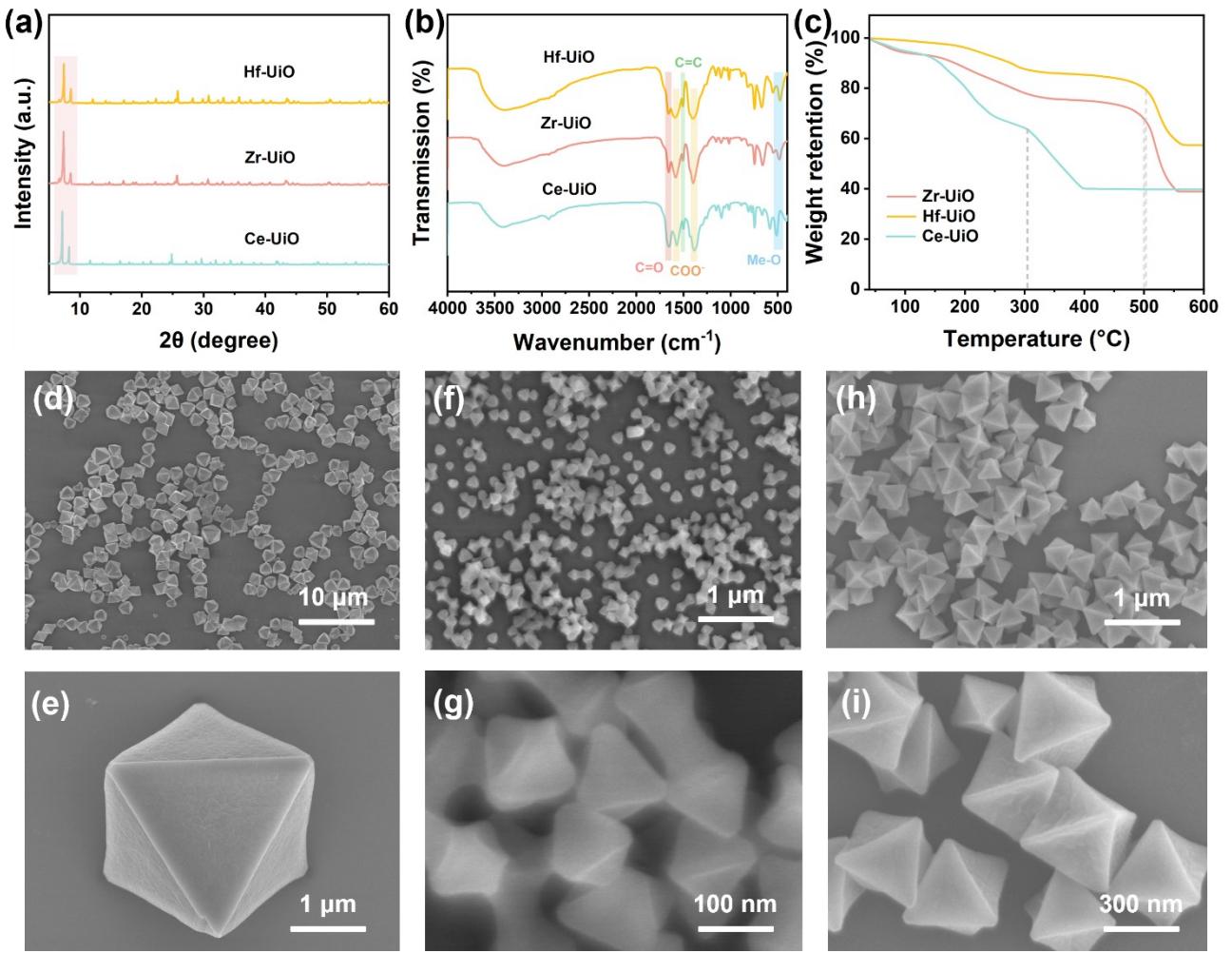
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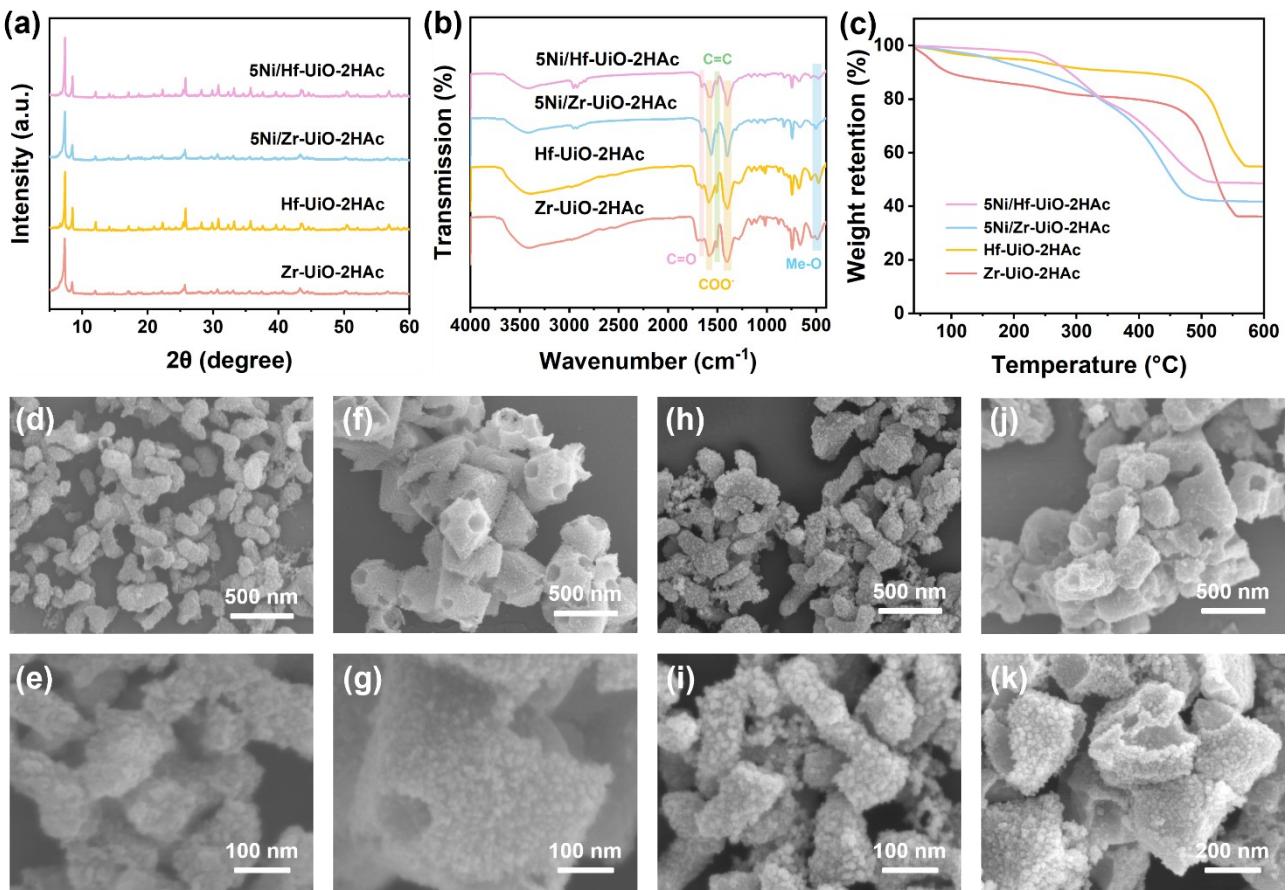
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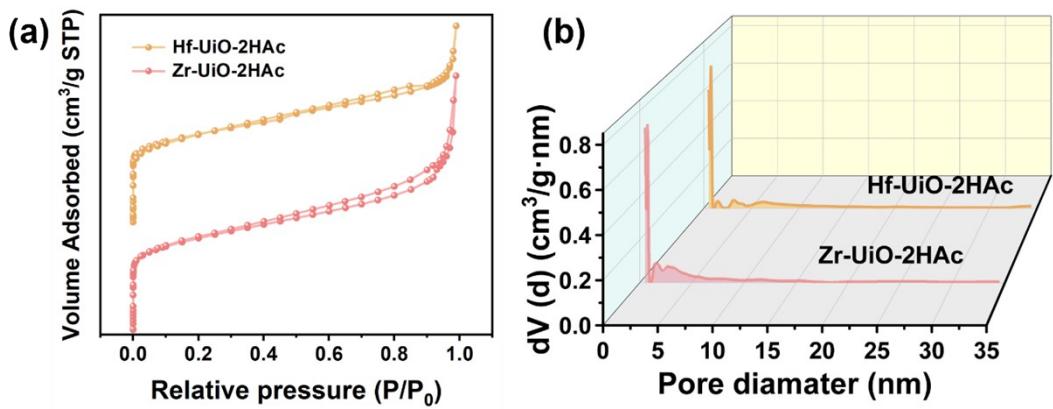
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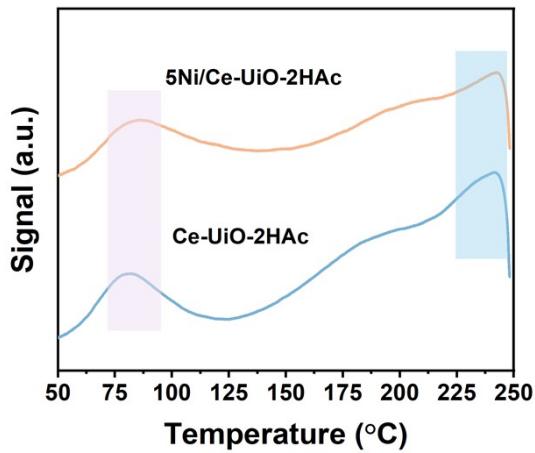
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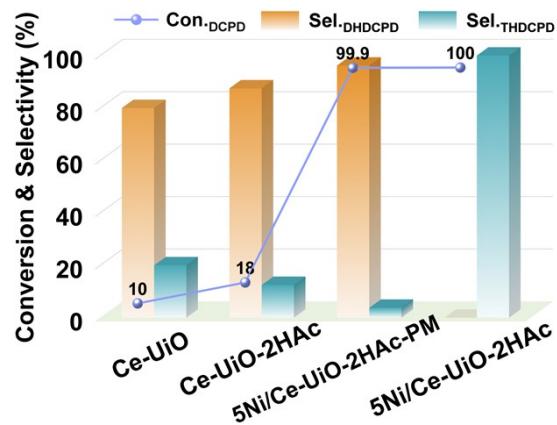
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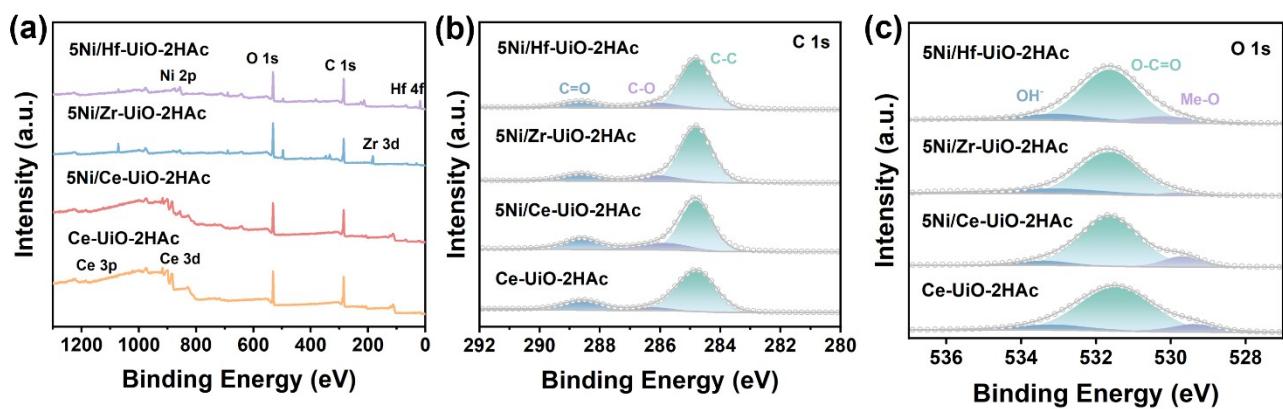
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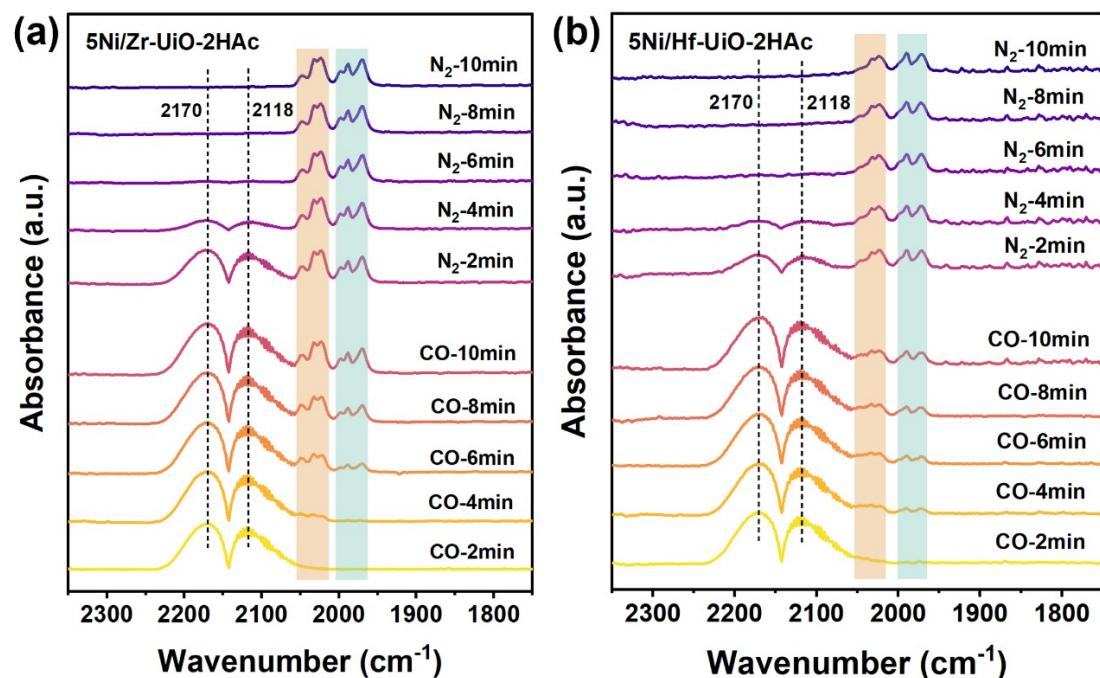
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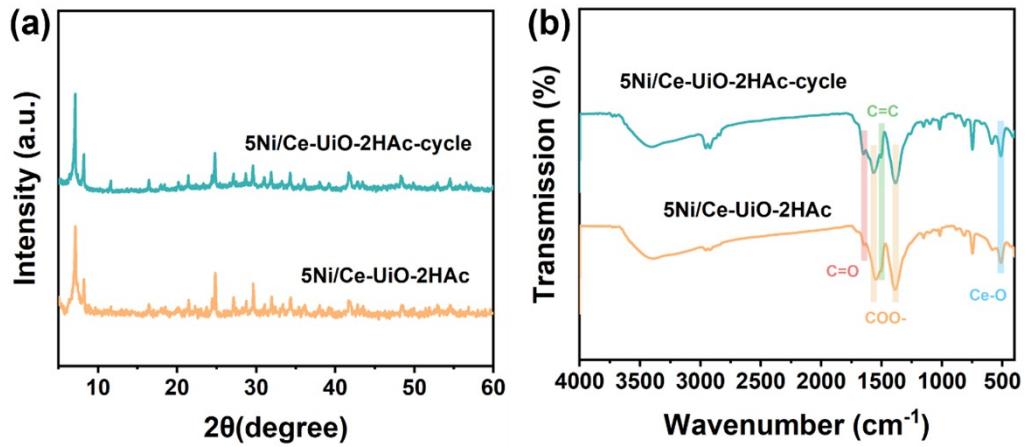
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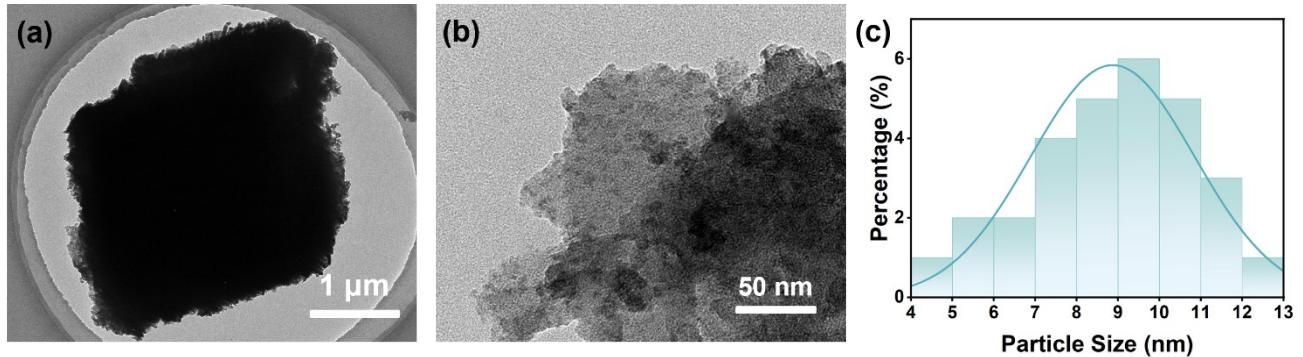
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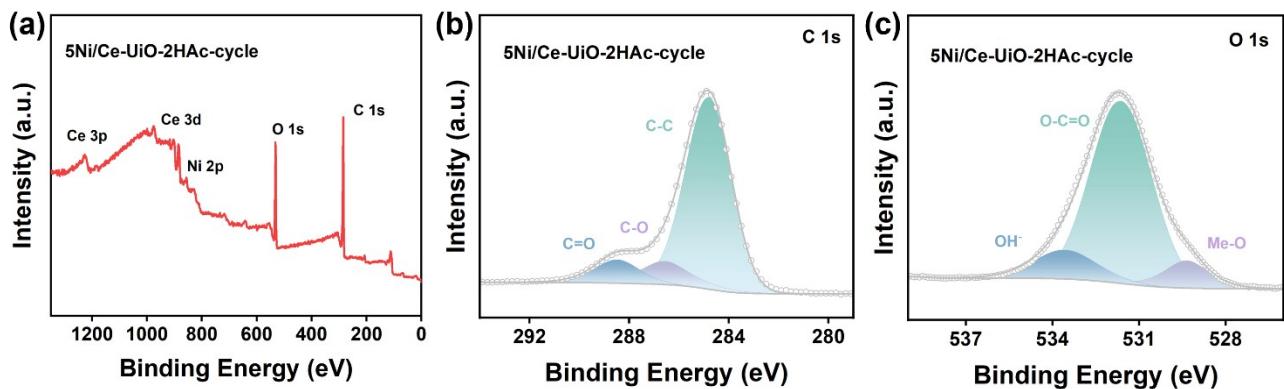
**Figure S15.** CO-DRIFTS of (a) 5Ni/Zr-U<sub>i</sub>O-2HAc, (b) 5Ni/Hf-U<sub>i</sub>O-2HAc.



**Figure S16.** (a) XRD patterns, (b) FTIR spectra of 5Ni/Ce-UiO-2HAc and 5Ni/Ce-UiO-2HAc-cycle.



**Figure S17.** (a) and (b) TEM images, (c) Ni NPs size distribution of 5Ni/Ce-UiO-2HAc-cycle.



**Figure S18.** (a) XPS survey, XPS spectra of (b) C 1s and (c) O 1s from 5Ni/Ce-UiO-2HAc-cycle.

**Table S1.** Summary of the TG properties of catalysts.

Catalysts	$\Delta W$ (%)	$W_{\text{End}}$ (%)	Coordination number of each $\text{Ce}_6$	Linker deficiency number of each $\text{Ce}_6$
Ce-UiO-1HAc	35.9	54.0	4.63	1.37
Ce-UiO-2HAc	33.6	54.6	4.31	1.69
Ce-UiO-3HAc	33.7	54.1	4.34	1.66
Ce-UiO-4HAc	32.7	52.9	4.31	1.69
Ce-UiO-5HAc	33.2	52.9	4.37	1.63

**Table S2.** ICP-MS data of catalysts.

Catalysts	Theoretical loadings (wt%)	Experimental loadings (wt%)
5Ni/Ce-U <sub>i</sub> O	5	4.965
1Ni/Ce-U <sub>i</sub> O-2HAc	1	0.754
3Ni/Ce-U <sub>i</sub> O-2HAc	3	2.710
5Ni/Ce-U <sub>i</sub> O-2HAc	5	5.104
7Ni/Ce-U <sub>i</sub> O-2HAc	7	6.898
5Ni/Zr-U <sub>i</sub> O-2HAc	5	5.168
5Ni/Hf-U <sub>i</sub> O-2HAc	5	4.793
5Ni/Ce-U <sub>i</sub> O-2HAc-cycle	5	4.624

**Table S3.** Pore features of catalysts from Nitrogen sorption isotherms.

Catalysts	S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	V <sub>total</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	S <sub>meso</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	V <sub>meso</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	S <sub>micro</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	V <sub>micro</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)
Ce-UiO	1152.674	0.632	/	/	1152.674	0.632
Ce-UiO-1HAc	944.858	0.824	143.385	0.307	801.473	0.517
Ce-UiO-2HAc	623.280	0.572	316.289	0.431	306.991	0.141
Ce-UiO-3HAc	300.762	0.549	245.120	0.422	55.642	0.127
Ce-UiO-4HAc	289.630	0.596	222.373	0.540	67.257	0.056
Ce-UiO-5HAc	90.479	0.367	76.388	0.343	14.091	0.024
1Ni/Ce-UiO-2HAc	613.647	0.571	286.541	0.465	327.106	0.106
3Ni/Ce-UiO-2HAc	581.614	0.510	256.302	0.340	325.312	0.170
5Ni/Ce-UiO-2HAc	568.688	0.506	245.570	0.374	323.118	0.132
7Ni/Ce-UiO-2HAc	567.158	0.517	246.384	0.419	320.774	0.098
Zr-UiO-2HAc	922.513	0.701	219.642	0.216	702.871	0.485
Hf-UiO-2HAc	720.119	0.465	155.436	0.176	564.683	0.289

**Table S4.** The peak-area ratios of Ce 3d and Ni 2p were quantitatively analyzed by XPS.

Catalysts	Ce <sup>3+</sup> /Ce <sup>4+</sup>	Ni <sup>0</sup> /Ni <sup>2+</sup>
Ce-UiO-2HAc	0.48	/
5Ni/Ce-UiO-2HAc	0.61	0.27
5Ni/Zr-UiO-2HAc	/	0.17
5Ni/Hf-UiO-2HAc	/	0.18
5Ni/Ce-UiO-2HAc-cycle	0.55	0.25

**Table S5.** Summary reports of catalysts by H<sub>2</sub>-TPD.

Catalysts	High-Temperature region		Low-Temperature region	
	High Temperature at Maximum (°C)	Quantity (mmol/g)	Low Temperature at Maximum (°C)	Quantity (10 <sup>-2</sup> mmol/g)
1Ni/Ce-UiO-2HAc	189.3	0.239	76.1	6.172
3Ni/Ce-UiO-2HAc	190.4	0.244	81.5	5.238
5Ni/Ce-UiO-2HAc	188.2	0.282	84.8	5.902
7Ni/Ce-UiO-2HAc	189.4	0.230	86.4	4.011