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#### **Abstract**

CeO<sub>2</sub> modified  $V_2O_5/AC$  catalysts (V-Ce/AC) were synthesized by an ultrasound-assisted impregnation method, and were employed to remove elemental mercury (Hg<sup>0</sup>) from simulated coal combustion flue gas at low temperature (100-200 °C). The effects of several operation conditions, including the loading of CeO<sub>2</sub>, reaction temperature, the role of O<sub>2</sub> and stability of the catalysts were all investigated, respectively. The results showed that 1V-8Ce/AC catalysts had the highest catalytic activity with 98.3 % Hg<sup>0</sup> removal efficiency at 150 °C. There was synergistic effect on Hg<sup>0</sup> oxidation when  $V_2O_5$  and CeO<sub>2</sub> combined. Characterization

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