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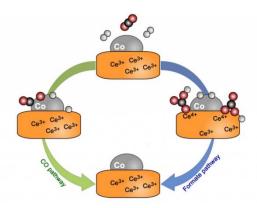
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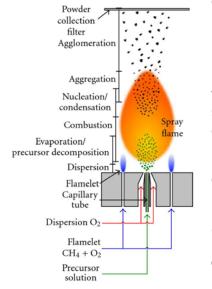
Direct hydrogenation of CO₂ in value-added chemicals(C₁-C₃) over Ce-based catalysts

Background

The development of industrialization leads to the subsequent massive generation of CO₂ has caused many environmental problems such as global warming. Typically, utilization of CO₂ will be produced in two ways: capture and storage or chemical conversion.

Mitigation of CO_2 concentration via producing hydrocarbons is a promising way to covert CO_2 into fuels. The catalytic hydrogenation of CO_2 using H_2 is considered as a potential path forward for the production





of lower olefins, higher hydrocarbons, methanol, and higher alcohols.¹

Among the used catalysts, ceria (CeO₂) and ceria-based materials has received additional attention in the last decade due to unique redox properties and its oxygen storage capacity OSC). Additionally, CeO₂ is widely used reducible oxide support for metal nanoparticles, owing to strong metal-support interaction, which leads to stabilization and high dispersion of active components.

Recent work of our group shows that the presence of very small cobalt clusters on the surface of CeO₂ leads to outstanding activity in CO₂ hydrogenation.² For further understanding of the nature of species responsible for CO2 hydrogenation and the produced product, we are aiming to carry out studies of the catalytic activity of Ce-based catalysts (Co-, Ni-, Fe-), prepared by using Flame Spray Pyrolysis, in the reaction of CO₂ hydrogenation and it's structure.

The project will involve synthesis, advanced characterization (FTIR, XRD, XPS, Raman, FTIR) and testing of CeO₂-based catalysts in the CO₂ hydrogenation.

Techniques used:

Catalytic testing setup equipped with GC and MS; XRD; FTIR; UV-vis; TPR-H₂; XPS; Raman

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