

**MoO<sub>3</sub>****Zirconia****V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>**

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**Spectroscopic Study of V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> Supported on ZrO<sub>2</sub> and Modified with MoO<sub>3</sub>**Si Hyon Kwon, Ki Chul Seo, Young Il Pae<sup>\*</sup>, Jong Rack Sohn

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Vanadium oxides are widely used as catalysts in oxidation reactions, e.g., the oxidation of sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and hydrocarbons[1]. Much research has been done to understand the nature of active sites, the surface structure of catalysts as well as the role played by the promoter of the supported catalysts, using infrared (IR), X-ray diffraction (XRD), electron spin resonance (E.S.R) and Raman spectroscopy[2]. This paper describes spectroscopic study of vanadium oxide supported on zirconia and modified with MoO<sub>3</sub>. The characterization of the samples was performed by means of solid-state <sup>51</sup>V nuclear magnetic resonance(<sup>51</sup>V NMR) and Fourier transform infrared (FTIR).

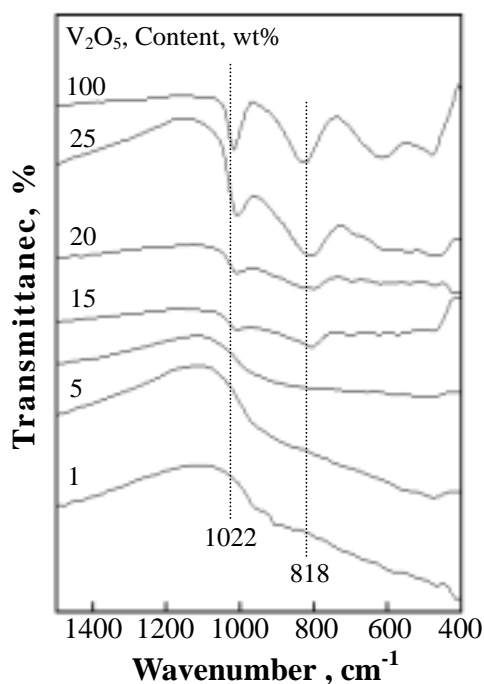
**EXPERIMENTAL**

Precipitate of Zr(OH)<sub>4</sub> was obtained by adding aqueous ammonia slowly into an aqueous solution of zirconium oxychloride(Aldrich) at room temperature with stirring until the pH of mother liquor reached about 8. The catalysts containing various vanadium oxide content and modified with MoO<sub>3</sub> were prepared by adding Zr(OH)<sub>4</sub> powder into a mixed aqueous solution of ammonium metavanadate (NH<sub>4</sub>VO<sub>3</sub>) (Aldrich) and ammonium molybdate [(NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>6</sub>(Mo<sub>7</sub>O<sub>24</sub>)(4H<sub>2</sub>O) (Aldrich) followed by drying and calcining at high temperatures for 1.5 h. 3V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>-15MoO<sub>3</sub>/ZrO<sub>2</sub>(773) indicated the catalyst containing 3 wt% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 15 wt% MoO<sub>3</sub> calcined at 773 K. FTIR absorption spectra of V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>-MoO<sub>3</sub>/ZrO<sub>2</sub> powders were measured by KBr disk method over the range 1200-400 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>51</sup>V NMR spectra were measured by a Varian Unity Inova 300 spectrometer with a static magnetic

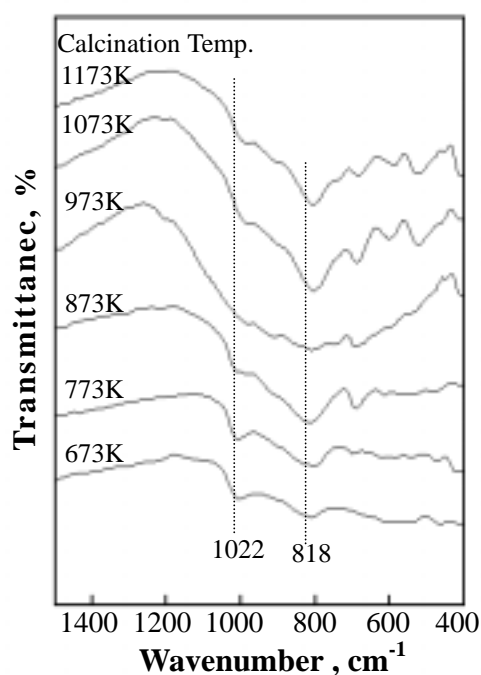
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## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Fig. 1 shows IR spectra of  $V_2O_5$ -15 $MoO_3$ / $ZrO_2$  (773) catalysts with various  $V_2O_5$  content calcined at 773 K for 1.5 h. Although with samples below 15 wt % of  $V_2O_5$ , definite peaks were not observed, the absorption bands at 1022 and 818  $cm^{-1}$  appeared for 15 $V_2O_5$ -15 $MoO_3$ / $ZrO_2$ , 20 $V_2O_5$ -15 $MoO_3$ / $ZrO_2$ , 25 $V_2O_5$ -15 $MoO_3$ / $ZrO_2$  and pure  $V_2O_5$  containing high  $V_2O_5$  content. The band at 1022  $cm^{-1}$  was assigned to the V=O stretching vibration, while that at 818  $cm^{-1}$  was attributable to the coupled vibration between V=O and to V-O-V. Generally, the IR band of V=O in crystalline  $V_2O_5$  showed at 1020-1025  $cm^{-1}$  and the Raman band at 995  $cm^{-1}$  [3]. This observation suggests that vanadium oxide below 15 wt % is in a highly dispersed state.



**Fig. 1.** Infrared spectra of  $V_2O_5$ -15 $MoO_3$ / $ZrO_2$  (773) catalysts with different  $V_2O_5$  contents.



**Fig. 2.** Infrared spectra of 20 $V_2O_5$ -15 $MoO_3$ / $ZrO_2$  catalysts calcined at different temperatures.

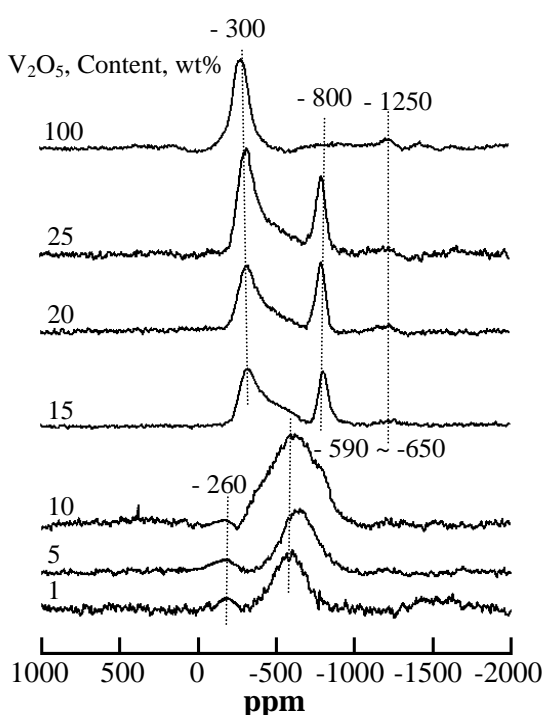
Fig. 2 shows IR spectra of 20 $V_2O_5$ -15 $MoO_3$ / $ZrO_2$  catalysts calcined at 673-1173 K for 1.5h. Unlike 3 $V_2O_5$ -15 $MoO_3$ / $ZrO_2$  and 10 $V_2O_5$ -5 $MoO_3$ / $ZrO_2$  catalysts, for 25 $V_2O_5$ -15 $MoO_3$ / $ZrO_2$  crystalline  $V_2O_5$  appeared at a lower

calcination temperature from 673 K to 873 K and consequently V=O stretching band was observed at  $1022\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . This is because  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  loading exceeding the formation of monolayer on the surface of  $\text{ZrO}_2$  is well crystallized. However, at 973 K all  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  reacted with  $\text{ZrO}_2$  and changed into  $\text{ZrV}_2\text{O}_7$  so that V=O stretching at  $1022\text{ cm}^{-1}$  disappeared completely, as shown in Fig. 2.

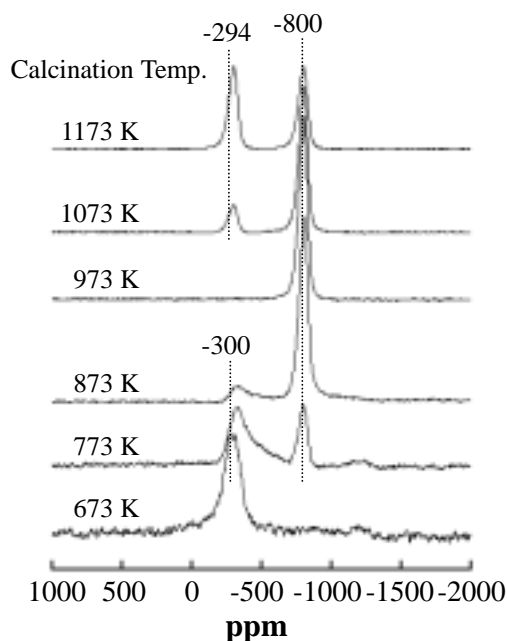
The solid state  $^{51}\text{V}$  NMR spectra of  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5\text{-MoO}_3/\text{ZrO}_2$  catalysts calcined at 773 K followed by exposing to air are shown in Fig. 3. There are three types of signals in the spectra of catalysts with varying intensities depending on  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  content. At low loadings up to 10 wt%  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  a shoulder at about  $-260\text{ ppm}$  and intense peak at  $-590 \sim -650\text{ ppm}$  are observed. The former is assigned to the surface vanadium-oxygen structures surrounded by a distorted octahedron of oxygen atoms, while the latter is attributed to the tetrahedral vanadium-oxygen structures[4,5].

Increasing the  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  content on the zirconia surface changes the shape of the spectrum to a rather intense and sharp peak at about  $-300\text{ ppm}$  and a broad low-intensity peak at about  $-1250\text{ ppm}$ , which are due to the crystalline  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  of square pyramid coordination[4]. These observations of crystalline  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  for samples containing high  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  content above or equal to 15 wt% are in good agreement with the results of the IR spectra in Fig. 1. Moreover, the increase in  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  content resulted in the appearance of an additional signal with a peak at  $-800\text{ ppm}$ . Different peak positions normally indicate the differences of the spectral parameters and are observed due to different local environments of vanadium nuclei[5]. Thus species at  $-590 \sim -650\text{ ppm}$  and  $-800\text{ ppm}$  can be attributed to two types of tetrahedral vanadium complexes with different oxygen environments.

The spectra of  $20\text{V}_2\text{O}_5\text{-15MoO}_3/\text{ZrO}_2$  containing higher vanadium oxide content than monolayer loading and calcined at various temperatures are shown in Fig. 4. Unlike  $3\text{V}_2\text{O}_5\text{-15MoO}_3/\text{ZrO}_2$  for  $20\text{V}_2\text{O}_5\text{-15MoO}_3/\text{ZrO}_2$  calcined even at lower temperatures (773 K) a sharp peak due to crystalline  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  appeared at  $-300\text{ ppm}$  together with peaks at  $-800\text{ ppm}$  due to the tetrahedral surface species. However, for samples calcined at 873 K, in addition to a peak at  $-300\text{ ppm}$  due to crystalline  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ , a sharp peak at  $-800\text{ ppm}$  due to  $\text{ZrV}_2\text{O}_7$  compound appeared.



**Fig. 3.** Solid state  $^{51}\text{V}$  NMR spectra of  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ -15 $\text{MoO}_3$ /  $\text{ZrO}_2$ (773) catalysts with different  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  contents.



**Fig. 4.** Solid state  $^{51}\text{V}$  NMR spectra of 20 $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ -15 $\text{MoO}_3$ /  $\text{ZrO}_2$  catalysts calcined at different temperatures.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

On the basis of the results of FTIR, solid state  $^{51}\text{V}$  NMR and XRD, at low calcination temperature of 773 K vanadium oxide up to 10 wt% was well dispersed on the surface of zirconia. However, high  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  loading (equal to or above 15 wt%) exceeding the formation of monolayer on the surface of zirconia was well crystallized.

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