

Highly active cobalt based catalyst for N₂O decomposition in the presence of NO

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Annually, Greenhouse gas emissions by nature and anthropogenic source have been increased. Among these gases, N₂O has a high global warming potential (GWP) which is 310 times higher than that of CO₂. Therefore it is required to remove N₂O in atmosphere. It is reported that Co₃O₄ is active for N₂O decomposition due to its relatively high redox ability. However, Cobalt spinel synthesized by the co-precipitation method was significantly deactivated by NO at low temperature (below 400 °C). Many researchers reported that competitive adsorption between NO and N₂O inhibit the catalytic activity for N₂O decomposition. In order to overcome this phenomena, Co-Cu catalyst was prepared by co-precipitation method. This catalyst showed high activities in the presence of NO. The modified cobalt catalysts exhibit slightly decreased N₂O conversion compared to that of Co₃O₄ at low temperature when NO is introduced into reactor. To identify this phenomena, the prepared catalysts were characterized by XRD, BET, H₂-TPR, O₂-TPD, NO-TPD and XPS.