

CO₂ reforming of CH₄ by dielectric barrier discharge plasmas with catalyst particles

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The synthesis gas, a mixture of H₂ and CO, is an important raw material in the chemical industry and can be manufactured from natural gas, coal, petroleum, and biomass. In recent years, many kinds of plasmas have been used for CO₂ reforming of CH₄. To reduce the energy consumption of CO₂ reforming of CH₄ by plasmas, the synergistic effects of dielectric barrier discharge plasmas and catalyst particles are investigated in different modes: the dielectric barrier discharge plasma only, the combination of the plasmas and catalyst particles. The specific energy and energy conversion efficiency are calculated under the conditions of CH₄/CO₂ of 1/1, total feed gases of 5 l/min. The gas products are analyzed by a gas chromatograph with pulsed discharge detector.