Carbocatalysis for Freidel-Craft Alkylation Reaction

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Graphene oxide (GO) has been focused as a new material that have rich functional groups to utilize for heterogeneous catalysts. In this view point, "cabocatalysis" is issued as a mild and efficient carbon catalyst for organic synthesis. Here, we demonstrate carbocatalytic Friedel-Craft alkylation using acidic GO without any side reactions. Compared to the conventional solid acids, GO showed excellent catalytic activity than others.