

## コバルト金属ナノ粒子担持 ZrO<sub>2</sub> を用いたエチレン/プロピレンへの CO/CO<sub>2</sub> 光変換反応機構

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 Reaction mechanism of CO/CO<sub>2</sub> photo-conversion into ethylene and propylene using cobalt metal nanoparticles supported on ZrO<sub>2</sub> (<sup>1</sup>*Graduate School of Science, Chiba University*)  
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Cobalt nanoparticles were supported on monoclinic ZrO<sub>2</sub> and the photocatalyst was reduced under H<sub>2</sub> at various temperatures. Using the combination of <sup>13</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>, <sup>13</sup>CO, H<sub>2</sub>, and/or D<sub>2</sub>O and UV-visible light irradiation, ethylene and propylene were major products (Table 1b–d). The reaction mechanism was investigated by in-situ FTIR measurements and DFT calculations using VASP. The results demonstrated that both CO<sub>2</sub> and CO were adsorbed on the ZrO<sub>2</sub> surface, then the H-added COH species transferred onto the metallic Co nanoparticle surface via the interface between them. The CHOH, CH<sub>2</sub>, and CH<sub>3</sub> species were favorable on the metallic Co surface. Furthermore, the CHOH and CH<sub>2</sub> species tend to C–C couple resulting in ethylene and propylene as one of the most favorable reaction pathway. On the other hand, non-adiabatic molecular dynamics calculations revealed that the excited electrons transfer owing to light irradiation transferred from ZrO<sub>2</sub> to CO<sub>2</sub> and/or CO on the femtosecond scale.

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Monoclinic-ZrO<sub>2</sub> にコバルトナノ粒子を担持し、H<sub>2</sub> 雰囲気下での還元温度を変えながら、<sup>13</sup>CO<sub>2</sub> 及び <sup>13</sup>CO、H<sub>2</sub> 及び D<sub>2</sub>O を反応ガスとして用いて、紫外可視光照射したところ、エチレン、プロピレンを主生成物として得た(表 1b–d)。さらに in-situ FTIR 測定、および VASP を用いた DFT 計算により反応機構を調べた。その結果 CO<sub>2</sub> 及び CO いずれも ZrO<sub>2</sub> 表面に吸着し、次に H 付加された COH 種が界面を経由してコバルト金属ナノ粒子表面に移行し、CHOH・CH<sub>2</sub>・CH<sub>3</sub> 種が有利に存在することがわかった。さらに CHOH 種と CH<sub>2</sub> 種とが C–C 結合しやすく、エチレン、プロピレンに至る経路が有力と認められた。また非断熱分子動力学計算により ZrO<sub>2</sub> からの光励起電子は CO<sub>2</sub> や CO へ fs スケールで移行することも明らかとなった。

**Table 1.** Kinetic Data on Photoconversion of CO<sub>2</sub> Using the Co (7.5 wt %)-ZrO<sub>2</sub> Photocatalyst

| entry | catalyst            | reactants   | T <sub>reduction</sub><br>(K) | formation rate (μmol h <sup>-1</sup> g <sub>cat</sub> <sup>-1</sup> ) |                               |   |   |   |   |
|-------|---------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
|       |                     |   |                               | <sup>13</sup> CO  | <sup>13</sup> CH <sub>4</sub> | <sup>13</sup> C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> | <sup>13</sup> C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> | <sup>13</sup> C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> | <sup>13</sup> C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> |
| a     | Co–ZrO <sub>2</sub> | <sup>13</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> (2.3 kPa) + H <sub>2</sub> (21.7 kPa) | –                             | 0.016   | <0.002                        | <0.002                                      | <0.002                                      | <0.002                                      | <0.002                                      |
| b     |                     |   |                               | 11  | 190                           | <0.002                                      | 3.4   | <0.002                                      | 0.25  |
| c     |                     | <sup>13</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> (2.3 kPa) + H <sub>2</sub> (2.3 kPa)  | 973                           | 40  | 52                            | <0.002                                      | 1.1   | <0.002                                      | 0.082                                       |
| d     |                     | <sup>13</sup> CO (2.3 kPa) + H <sub>2</sub> (21.7 kPa)              |                               | –   | 5.2                           | 0.17  | 0.58  | 0.72  | 0.96  |
| e     |                     | <sup>13</sup> CO (2.3 kPa) + H <sub>2</sub> (2.3 kPa)               |                               | –   | 2.2                           | 5.2   | 0.17  | 0.23  | 0.024                                       |