

Pt-Rh coexistence effect on bioethanol steam reforming reaction over Pt-Rh/LaAlO₃ catalysts

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Problem in steam reforming reaction of bioethanol (BESR) are low activity at low temperature and deactivation due to coking. We found that some Pt-Rh base catalysts were different behavior for BESR from those of mono metal catalysts¹⁾. In this study, to investigate coexistence effects of Pt and Rh, several Pt-Rh catalysts supported on LaAlO₃ perovskite were prepared, and influences on BESR behavior and on state of noble metals were examined.

LaAlO₃ perovskite support was prepared by the citrate method.²⁾ Pt(n)-Rh(m) catalysts were obtained by impregnation of H₂PtCl₆ and RhCl₃ aqua solutions onto LaAlO₃ support and calcination at 1073K in air, where n and m are Pt and Rh supporting amount(wt%), respectively. EtOH and BioET (ethanol/H₂O mol ratio = 1/9) used as reactant solutions were prepared by dilution of reagent ethanol and real bioethanol (Sanwa Starch, ethanol 74wt%) with distilled water. Reaction tests were carried out at 673-973K at 0.20 mL/min of the reactant solution and 50 mL/min of N₂ carrier with 0.1 g of catalyst.

H₂ yields of Pt(2) and Pt(1)-Rh(0.5) catalysts for EtOH were shown in Fig.1. The yields were higher at higher reaction temperature, but decreased with time on stream at all temperature. The activities of Pt(2) were low, but the activities were significantly improved with addition of Rh. Considering other reaction products (CO₂, CH₄, and acetaldehyde), H₂ on Pt(2) catalyst was mainly produced with acetaldehyde by dehydrogenation reaction of ethanol, whereas on Pt(1)-Rh(0.5) catalyst, steam reforming reaction of ethanol proceeded. Since the Pt particle sizes on Pt(2) and Pt(1)-Rh(0.5) were nearly equal (30~40nm), and the surface area of Pt(1)-Rh(0.5) was smaller than that of Pt(2), the enhancement of H₂ formation activity may be due to coexistence effect of Pt and Rh.

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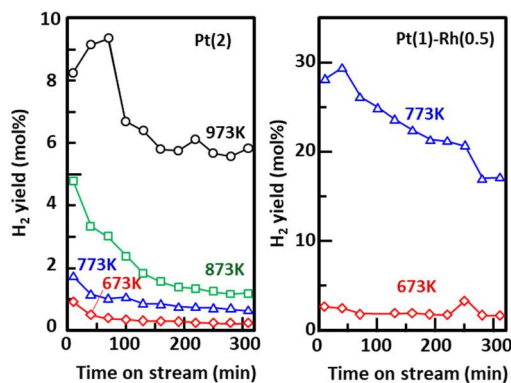


Fig.1 H₂ yields on Pt(2)/LaAlO₃ and Pt(1)-Rh(0.5)/LaAlO₃ catalysts for EtOH