Performance of LaCoO₃ perovskite catalysts in autothermal reforming of n-hexadecane

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Fuel cell requires hydrogen as its fuel source for generating power. Hydrogen for use in auxiliary power units is produced in a fuel processor by the catalytic reforming of hydrocarbons. Diesel, gasoline, as well as natural gas, are potential fuels that all have existing infrastructure of manufacture and distribution, for hydrogen production for fuel cell applications. In this study, autothermal reforming of n-hexadecane, a main constituent of diesel, over noble metal-LaCoO₃ perovskite catalyst was carried out in a temperature range of $600-900^{\circ}$ C, at an atmospheric pressure.