Regenerable Sodium-Based Sorbents for CO₂ Capture at Middle Temperatures

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A novel sodium-based sorbent (NZA85) was developed for CO_2 capture at middle temperature range between 200 and 400°C. The CO_2 capture and regeneration properties of sodium-based sorbents were measured in a fixed bed reactor at the temperature conditions (CO_2 capture at 200°C and regeneration at 400°C) at 1 atm. The sorbent was prepared by the physical mixing of sodium carbonate with zirconium oxide. The NZA85 sorbent showed an excellent CO_2 capture capacity of about 100 mg CO_2 /g sorbent at the first cycle. However, the CO_2 capture capacity of the sorbent was decreased to about 40 mg CO_2 /g sorbent at the second cycle. After 2 cycles, the CO_2 capture capacity was maintained during he multiple tests. The excellent CO_2 capture capacity of sodium-based sorbent was due to the structure effect of active alloy material formed during the preparation of the sorbent. These results were discussed through the analysis of XRD patterns.